

# 3-operator splitting

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## Recall from this class

For the composite optimization problem

$$\min_x f(x) + g(x)$$

- forward-backward splitting
- Douglas-Rachford splitting

## Extend to 3 functions

$$\min_x f(x) + g(x) + h(x)$$

$$\text{Davis-Yin splitting: } \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \text{Prox}_g^\eta(\mathbf{z}_k) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \text{Prox}_f^\eta(2\mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{z}_k - \eta \nabla h(\mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}})) \\ \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_k + \mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

$f, g, h$  convex,  $\nabla h$  Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz  $L$ , and  $\eta < \frac{2}{L}$

## Definitions

The **resolvent** of an operator  $T$  is defined as  $J_T = (I+T)^{-1}$ .

Recall that the proximal point method is:

$$x_{k+1} = (I + \eta \partial f)^{-1}(x_k) = \text{Prox}_f^\eta(x_k).$$

The **reflection** of an operator  $T$  is defined as  
 $R_T = 2J_T - I = 2(I + T)^{-1} - I$ .

## 3-operator splitting problem

find  $x \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $0 \in Ax + Bx + Cx$

$A, B, C$  maximal monotone operators,  $C$  cocoercive with parameter  $\beta$

An operator  $C$  is called  $\beta$ -cocoercive (or  $\beta$ -inverse-strongly monotone), for  $\beta > 0$ , if  $\langle Cx - Cy, x - y \rangle \geq \beta \|Cx - Cy\|^2$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

In particular, if  $h$  is a convex function and its gradient  $\nabla h$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz, then  $\nabla h$  is  $\frac{1}{L}$ -cocoercive.

## The operator

$T := J_{\gamma A} \circ (2J_{\gamma B} - I - \gamma C \circ J_{\gamma B}) + I - J_{\gamma B}$  solves the 3-operator sum problem.

1.  $T = T_{\text{DRS}}$  when  $C = 0$ ;
2.  $T = T_{\text{FBS}}$  when  $B = 0$ .

## Derivation of the operator

$$\begin{aligned}0 \in (\mathbb{A} + \mathbb{B} + \mathbb{C}) &\iff 0 \in (\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{A})x - (\mathbb{I} - \alpha\mathbb{B})x + \alpha\mathbb{C}x \\&\iff 0 \in (\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{A})x - \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}(\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{B})x + \alpha\mathbb{C}x \\&\iff 0 \in (\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{A})x - \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z + \alpha\mathbb{C}x, z \in (\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{B})x \\&\iff (\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}} - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}})z \in (\mathbb{I} + \alpha\mathbb{A})\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z, x = \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z \\&\iff \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{A}}(\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}} - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}})z = \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z, x = \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z \\&\iff (\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{A}}(\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}} - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}) - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}})z = z, x = \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z \\&\iff ((1/2)\mathbb{I} + (1/2)\mathbb{T})z = z, x = \mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}z, \\ \mathbb{T} &= \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{A}}(\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}} - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}) - \alpha\mathbb{C}\mathbb{J}_{\alpha\mathbb{B}}\end{aligned}$$

# The algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** Set an arbitrary point  $z^0 \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$ , and sequence  $(\lambda_j)_{j \geq 0} \in (0, (4\beta - \gamma)/2\beta)$ .

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For  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , iterate:

1. get  $x_B^k = J_{\gamma B}(z^k)$ ;
2. get  $x_A^k = J_{\gamma A}(2x_B^k - z^k - \gamma C x_B^k)$ ;      //comment:  $x_A^k = J_{\gamma A} \circ (2J_{\gamma B} - I - \gamma C \circ J_{\gamma B})z^k$
3. get  $z^{k+1} = z^k + \lambda_k(x_A^k - x_B^k)$ ;      //comment:  $z^{k+1} = (1 - \lambda_k)z^k + \lambda_k T z^k$

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KM iteration

# Averageness property

**Proposition 2.1** (Averageness of  $T$ ) *Suppose that  $T_1, T_2 : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  are firmly nonexpansive and  $C$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive,  $\beta > 0$ . Let  $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$ . Then*

$$T := I - T_2 + T_1 \circ (2T_2 - I - \gamma C \circ T_2)$$

*is  $\alpha$ -averaged with coefficient  $\alpha := \frac{2\beta}{4\beta - \gamma} < 1$ . In particular, the following inequality holds for all  $z, w \in \mathcal{H}$*

$$\|Tz - Tw\|^2 \leq \|z - w\|^2 - \frac{(1-\alpha)}{\alpha} \|(I - T)z - (I - T)w\|^2. \quad (2.2)$$

# Convergence of the Algorithm

**Theorem 1.1 (Convergence of Algorithm 1)** *Suppose that  $\text{Fix } T \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha = 2\beta/(4\beta - \gamma)$  and suppose that  $(\lambda_j)_{j \geq 0}$  satisfies  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - \lambda_j/\alpha) \lambda_j/\alpha = \infty$  (which is true if the sequence is strictly bounded away from 0 and  $1/\alpha$ ). Then the sequences  $(z^j)_{j \geq 0}$ ,  $(x_B^j)_{j \geq 0}$ , and  $(x_A^j)_{j \geq 0}$  generated by Algorithm 1 satisfy the following:*

- 1.  $(z^j)_{j \geq 0}$  converges weakly to a fixed point of  $T$ ; and*
- 2.  $(x_B^j)_{j \geq 0}$  and  $(x_A^j)_{j \geq 0}$  converge weakly to an element of  $\text{zer}(A + B + C)$ .*

**Theorem 2.1** (Main convergence theorem) *Suppose that  $\text{Fix } T \neq \emptyset$ . Set a stepsize  $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta\varepsilon)$ , where  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ . Set  $(\lambda_j)_{j \geq 0} \subseteq (0, 1/\alpha)$  as a sequence of relaxation parameters, where  $\alpha = 1/(2 - \varepsilon) < 2\beta/(4\beta - \gamma)$ , such that for  $\tau_k := (1 - \lambda_k/\alpha)\lambda_k/\alpha$  we have  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \tau_i = \infty$ . Pick any starting point  $z^0 \in \mathcal{H}$ . Let  $(z^j)_{j \geq 0}$  be generated by Algorithm 1. Then the following hold*

1. *Suppose that  $\inf_{j \geq 0} \lambda_j > 0$  and let  $z^*$  be the weak limit of  $z^k$  (which exists by Corollary 2.1). Then the following auxiliary convergence results hold:*
  - (a)  *$(Cx_B^j)_{j \geq 0}$  converges strongly to  $Cx^*$  for any  $x^* \in \text{zer}(A + B + C)$ ;*
  - (b) *the sequence  $(J_{\gamma B}(z^j))_{j \geq 0}$  weakly converges to  $J_{\gamma B}(z^*) \in \text{zer}(A + B + C)$ ;*
  - (c) *the sequence  $(J_{\gamma A \circ (2J_{\gamma B} - I - \gamma C \circ J_{\gamma B})}(z^j))_{j \geq 0}$  weakly converges to  $J_{\gamma B}(z^*) \in \text{zer}(A + B + C)$ .*
2. *Finally, the sequences  $(J_{\gamma B}(z^j))_{j \geq 0}$  and  $(J_{\gamma A \circ (2J_{\gamma B} - I - \gamma C \circ J_{\gamma B})}(z^j))_{j \geq 0}$  converge strongly to a point in  $\text{zer}(A + B + C)$  whenever any of the following holds:*
  - (a)  *$A$  is uniformly monotone<sup>2</sup> on every nonempty bounded subset of  $\text{dom}(A)$ ;*
  - (b)  *$B$  is uniformly monotone on every nonempty bounded subset of  $\text{dom}(B)$ ;*
  - (c)  *$C$  is demiregular at every point  $x \in \text{zer}(A + B + C)$ .<sup>3</sup>*

# Convergence rate (general convex case)

$f, g : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$  closed, proper, convex functions,

$h : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$  convex and differentiable

$\nabla h$  is  $\beta^{-1}$ -Lipschitz continuous.

$$\text{Davis-Yin splitting: } \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \text{Prox}_g^\eta(\mathbf{z}_k) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \text{Prox}_f^\eta(2\mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} - \mathbf{z}_k - \eta \nabla h(\mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}})) \\ \mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_k + \mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_{k+\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose that  $f$  is  $L$ -Lipschitz continuous on the closed ball  $\overline{B\left(0, \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \|z_0 - z^*\|\right)}$ , then,  $(f + g + h)(x_k) - (f + g + h)(x^*) = o\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}}\right)$ .  
for an arbitrary point  $z_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$

## Accelerating the general convex case

if we compute the objective error at the *weighted ergodic iterate*:

$$\overline{x}_g^k := \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)} \sum_{i=0}^k (i+1) x_g^i.$$

then,  $(f + g + h)(\overline{x}_k) - (f + g + h)(x^*) = o\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right).$

## Strongly monotone case

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**Algorithm 3** Algorithm 1 with acceleration

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Choose  $z^0 \in \mathcal{H}$  and stepsizes  $(\gamma_j)_{j \geq 0} \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $x_A^0 \in \mathcal{H}$  and set  $x_B^0 = J_{\gamma_0 B}(x_A^0)$ ,  $u_B^0 = (1/\gamma_0)(I - J_{\gamma_0 B})(x_A^0)$ .

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , iterate

1. get  $x_B^k = J_{\gamma_{k-1} B}(x_A^{k-1} + \gamma_{k-1} u_B^{k-1})$ ;
  2. get  $u_B^k = (1/\gamma_{k-1})(x_A^{k-1} + \gamma_{k-1} u_B^{k-1} - x_B^k)$ ;
  3. get  $x_A^k = J_{\gamma_k A}(x_B^k - \gamma_k u_B^k - \gamma_k C x_B^k)$ ;
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# Accelerated strongly monotone case

**Theorem 3.3** (Accelerated variants of Algorithm 1) *Let  $B$  be  $\mu_B$ -strongly monotone, where we allow the case  $\mu_B = 0$ .*

1. *Suppose that  $C$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive and  $\mu_C$ -strongly monotone. Let  $\eta \in (0, 1)$  and choose  $\gamma_0 \in (0, 2\beta(1 - \eta))$ . In algorithm 3, for all  $k \geq 0$ , let*

$$\gamma_{k+1} := \frac{-2\gamma_k^2\mu_C\eta + \sqrt{(2\gamma_k^2\mu_C\eta)^2 + 4(1 + 2\gamma_k\mu_B)\gamma_k^2}}{2(1 + 2\gamma_k\mu_B)}. \quad (3.6)$$

*Then we have  $\|x_B^k - x^*\|^2 = O(1/(k + 1)^2)$ .*

2. *Suppose that  $C$  is  $L_C$ -Lipschitz, but not necessarily strongly monotone or cocoercive. Suppose that  $\mu_B > 0$ . Let  $\gamma_0 \in (0, 2\mu_B/L_C^2)$ . In Algorithm 3, for all  $k \geq 0$ , let*

$$\gamma_{k+1} := \frac{\gamma_k}{\sqrt{1 + 2\gamma_k(\mu_B - \gamma_k L_C^2/2)}} \quad (3.7)$$

*Then we have  $\|x_B^k - x^*\|^2 = O(1/(k + 1)^2)$ .*

## Application: 3-block extension of ADMM

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & f_1(x_1) + f_2(x_2) + f_3(x_3) \\ \text{subject to} & L_1x_1 + L_2x_2 + L_3x_3 = b\end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ll}d_1(w) := f_1^*(L_1^*w), & d_2(w) := f_2^*(L_2^*w), & d_3(w) := f_3^*(L_3^*w) - \langle w, b \rangle \\ \text{minimize}_w & d_1(w) + d_2(w) + d_3(w) \quad \overline{(4.7)}\end{array}$$

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**Algorithm 6** For problem (4.7)

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Set an arbitrary  $z^0$  and stepsize  $\gamma \in (0, 2\mu/\|L_1\|^2)$ .

For  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , iterate

1. get  $w^k = \mathbf{prox}_{\gamma d_3}(z^k)$ ;
  2. get  $z^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = 2w^k - z^k - \gamma \nabla d_1(w^k)$ ;
  3. get  $z^{k+1} = z^k + \mathbf{prox}_{\gamma d_2}(z^{k+\frac{1}{2}}) - w^k$ .
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To fix the step size problem

$$\min_x d_1(x) + d_2(x) + d_3(x)$$

$$x^{k+\frac{1}{2}} = \text{prox}_{d_3}^{\gamma}(z^k)$$

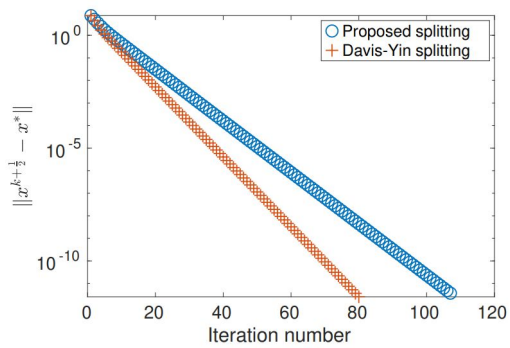
Proposed Splitting :

$$p^{k+1} = \text{prox}_{d_1}^{\gamma}(2x^{k+\frac{1}{2}} - z^k - \gamma \nabla d_2(x^{k+\frac{1}{2}}))$$

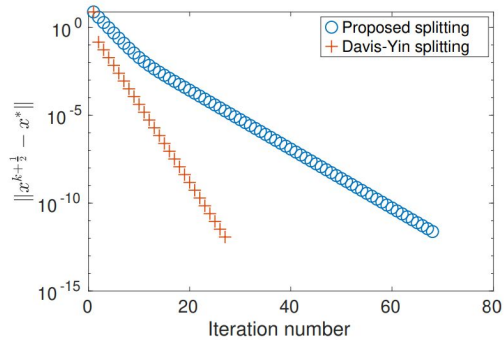
$$x^{k+1} = \text{prox}_{d_2}^{\gamma}(p^{k+1} + \gamma \nabla d_2(x^{k+\frac{1}{2}}))$$

$$z^{k+1} = z^k + (x^{k+1} - x^{k+\frac{1}{2}})$$

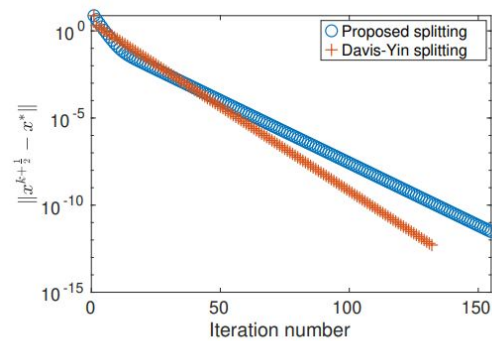
$$T = J_{\gamma C} \circ (J_{\gamma A} \circ (2J_{\gamma B} - I - \gamma C J_{\gamma B}) + \gamma C J_{\gamma B}) + (I - J_{\gamma B})$$



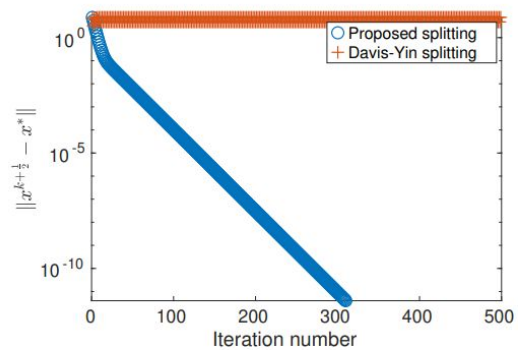
(a)  $\gamma = \frac{0.3}{L}$



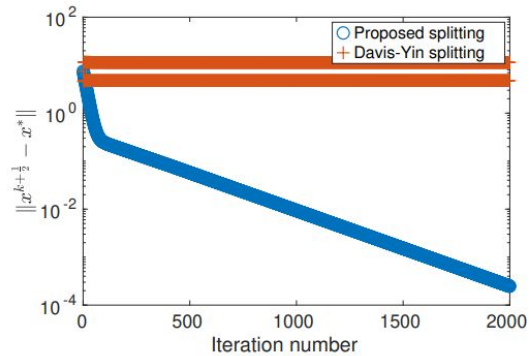
(b)  $\gamma = \frac{1}{L}$



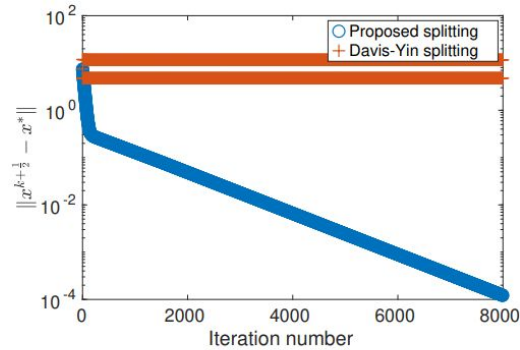
(c)  $\gamma = \frac{1.8}{L}$



(d)  $\gamma = \frac{3}{L}$



(e)  $\gamma = \frac{20}{L}$



(f)  $\gamma = \frac{40}{L}$

Thank you