Optimization and curve fitting on manifolds

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A book http://press.princeton.edu/titles/8586.html



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A toolbox http://www.manopt.org/



Ref: Nicolas Boumal et al, *Manopt, a Matlab toolbox for optimization on manifolds*, JMLR 15(Apr) 1455-1459, 2014.

Motivation and problem formulation

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Motivation and problem formulation

Why general manifolds? - Motivating examples

Given $A = A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $N = \text{diag}(p, p - 1, \dots, 1)$,

 $\min f(X) = -\operatorname{trace}(X^T A X N)$

subj. to $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$: $X^T X = I$



Feasible set: St(p, n)= { $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T X = I$ }

Embedded submanifold

Given $A = A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, min f(Y) = - trace $((Y^T Y)^{-1}(Y^T A Y))$ subj. to $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_*$ (i.e., Y full rank)



Feasible set: Gr(p, n)= $\left\{ \{YM : M \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}_*\} : Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_* \right\}$

Quotient manifold

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Specific manifolds, and where they appear

▶ Stiefel manifold St(p, n) and orthogonal group $O_p = St(n, n)$

$$\mathsf{St}(p,n) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T X = I_p\}$$

Applications: computer vision; principal component analysis; independent component analysis...

► Grassmann manifold Gr(p, n)

Set of all *p*-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

Applications: various dimension reduction problems...

Set of fixed-rank PSD matrices $S_+(p, n)$. A quotient representation:

$$X \sim Y \Leftrightarrow \exists Q \in O_p : Y = XQ$$

Applications: Low-rank approximation of symmetric matrices; algorithms for (large-scale) semidefinite programming...

Specific manifolds, and where they appear

• Low-rank manifold $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}_{\mathsf{rkp}}$

$$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}_{\mathsf{rk}p} = \{ M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \mathsf{rk}(M) = p \}$$

Applications: dimensionality reduction; model for matrix completion...

• Shape manifold $O_n \setminus \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_*$

$$Y \sim X \Leftrightarrow \exists U \in O_n : Y = UX$$

Applications: shape analysis

• Oblique manifold $\mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_* / \mathcal{S}_{diag+}$

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_* / \mathcal{S}_{\mathsf{diag}+} \simeq \{ Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}_* : \mathsf{diag}(Y^T Y) = I_p \}$$

Applications: blind source separation; factor analysis (oblique Procrustes problem)...

Smooth optimization problems on general manifolds



Optimization on manifolds in its most abstract formulation



Given:

- ► A set *M* endowed (explicitly or implicitly) with a manifold structure (i.e., a collection of compatible charts).
- A function f : M → ℝ, smooth in the sense of the manifold structure.

Task: Compute a local minimizer of f.

Algorithms formulated on abstract manifolds

Steepest-descent

Needs: Riemannian structure and retraction

Newton

Needs: affine connection and retraction

Conjugate Gradients

Needs: Riemannian structure, retraction, and vector transport

BFGS

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Trust Region

Needs: Riemannian structure and retraction

Steepest descent on abstract manifolds

Required: Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} ; retraction R on \mathcal{M} . Iteration $x_k \in \mathcal{M} \mapsto x_{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}$ defined by

1. Compute steepest-descent direction in $T_{x_k}\mathcal{M}$:

$$\eta_k = -\operatorname{grad} f(x_k).$$

2. Set

$$x_{k+1} := R_{x_k}(t_k \eta_k)$$

where t_k is chosen using a line-search method.



Newton on abstract manifolds

Required: Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} ; retraction R on \mathcal{M} ; affine connection ∇ on \mathcal{M} ; real-valued function f on \mathcal{M} . Iteration $x_k \in \mathcal{M} \mapsto x_{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}$ defined by

1. Solve the Newton equation

Hess $f(x_k)\eta_k = -\operatorname{grad} f(x_k)$

for the unknown $\eta_k \in \mathcal{T}_{x_k}\mathcal{M}$, where

Hess
$$f(x_k)\eta_k := \nabla_{\eta_k}$$
 grad f .

$$x_{k+1} := R_{x_k}(\eta_k).$$

Newton on submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^n

Required: Riemannian submanifold \mathcal{M} of \mathbb{R}^n ; retraction R on \mathcal{M} ; real-valued function f on \mathcal{M} .

Iteration $x_k \in \mathcal{M} \mapsto x_{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}$ defined by

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for the unknown $\eta_k \in \mathcal{T}_{x_k}\mathcal{M}$, where

Hess
$$f(x_k)\eta_k := \mathsf{P}_{\mathcal{T}_{x_k}\mathcal{M}}\mathsf{D} \operatorname{grad} f(x_k)[\eta_k].$$

$$x_{k+1} := R_{x_k}(\eta_k).$$

Algorithms on abstract manifolds

Newton on the unit sphere S^{n-1}

Required: real-valued function f on S^{n-1} . Iteration $x_k \in S^{n-1} \mapsto x_{k+1} \in S^{n-1}$ defined by

1. Solve the Newton equation

$$\begin{cases} \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{x}_k} \, \mathsf{D}(\mathsf{grad} \,\, f)(\mathsf{x}_k)[\eta_k] = - \, \mathsf{grad} \,\, f(\mathsf{x}_k) \\ \mathsf{x}^{\mathsf{T}} \eta_k = \mathbf{0}, \end{cases}$$

for the unknown $\eta_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where

$$\mathsf{P}_{x_k} = (I - x_k x_k^T).$$

$$x_{k+1} := \frac{x_k + \eta_k}{\|x_k + \eta_k\|}.$$

Newton for Rayleigh quotient optimization on unit sphere

Iteration
$$x_k \in S^{n-1} \mapsto x_{k+1} \in S^{n-1}$$
 defined by

1. Solve the Newton equation

$$\begin{cases} \mathsf{P}_{x_k} A \, \mathsf{P}_{x_k} \eta_k - \eta_k x_k^{\mathsf{T}} A x_k = - \, \mathsf{P}_{x_k} \, A x_k, \\ x_k^{\mathsf{T}} \eta_k = 0, \end{cases}$$

for the unknown $\eta_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where

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$$x_{k+1} := \frac{x_k + \eta_k}{\|x_k + \eta_k\|}.$$

Conjugate Gradients on abstract manifolds

- **Require:** Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} ; vector transport \mathcal{T} on \mathcal{M} with associated retraction R; real-valued function f on \mathcal{M} ; initial iterate $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}$.
 - 1: Set $\eta_0 = \operatorname{grad} f(x_0)$.
 - 2: for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ do

Compute a step size α_k and set

$$x_{k+1} = R_{x_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k). \tag{1}$$

Compute β_{k+1} and set

$$\eta_{k+1} = -\operatorname{grad} f(x_{k+1}) + \beta_{k+1} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha_k \eta_k}(\eta_k).$$
(2)

5: end for

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Fletcher-Reeves:} \ \ \beta_{k+1} = \frac{\langle \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_{k+1}), \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_{k+1}) \rangle}{\langle \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k), \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k) \rangle}.\\ \mathsf{Polak-Ribière:} \ \ \beta_{k+1} = \frac{\langle \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_{k+1}), \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_{k+1}) - \mathcal{T}_{\alpha_k \eta_k}(\mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k)) \rangle}{\langle \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k), \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k), \mathsf{grad} \ f(x_k) \rangle}\\ \mathsf{Ref:} \ \mathsf{PAA} \ \mathsf{et} \ \mathsf{al} \ [\mathsf{AMS08}, \ \S8.3], \ \mathsf{Sato} \ \& \ \mathsf{Iwai} \ [\mathsf{SI13}]. \end{array}$$

BFGS on abstract manifolds

- 1: Given: Riemannian manifold M with Riemannian metric g; vector transport \mathcal{T} on M with associated retraction R; smooth real-valued function f on M; initial iterate $\mathbf{x}_0 \in M$; initial Hessian approximation \mathcal{B}_0 .
- 2: for $k=0,\,1,\,2,\,\ldots$ do
- 3: Obtain $\eta_k \in T_{\mathbf{x}_k} M$ by solving $\mathcal{B}_k \eta_k = \operatorname{grad} f(\mathbf{x}_k)$.
- 4: Compute step size α_k and set $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = R_{\mathbf{x}_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k)$.
- 5: Define $s_k = \mathcal{T}_{\alpha \eta_k}(\alpha \eta_k)$ and $y_k = \text{grad } f(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) \mathcal{T}_{\alpha \eta_k}(\text{grad } f(\mathbf{x}_k))$.
- 6: Define the linear operator $\mathcal{B}_{k+1}: \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}}M o \mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}}M$ by

$$\mathcal{B}_{k+1}p = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k p - \frac{g(s_k, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k p)}{g(s_k, \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k s_k)} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k s_k + \frac{g(y_k, p)}{g(y_k, s_k)} y_k \quad \text{for all } p \in T_{\mathbf{x}_{k+1}} M,$$
(3)

with

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k = \mathcal{T}_{\alpha\eta_k} \circ \mathcal{B}_k \circ (\mathcal{T}_{\alpha\eta_k})^{-1}.$$
 (4)

7: end for

Ref: Qi et al [QGA10], Ring & Wirth [RW12].

Trust region on abstract manifolds



Refs: PAA et al [ABG07], Huang et al [HAG14].

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Some classics on Optimization On Manifolds (I)



Luenberger (1973), Introduction to linear and nonlinear programming. Luenberger mentions the idea of performing line search along geodesics, "which we would use if it were computationally feasible (which it definitely is not)".

Some classics on Optimization On Manifolds (II)

Gabay (1982), *Minimizing a differentiable function over a differential manifold*. Stepest descent along geodesics; Newton's method along geodesics; Quasi-Newton methods along geodesics.

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$$x_{k+1} = \frac{x_k + \eta_k}{\|x_k + \eta_k\|}$$

then we obtain the Rayleigh quotient iteration.

Some classics on Optimization On Manifolds (III)

Manton (2002), Optimization algorithms exploiting unitary constraints "The present paper breaks with tradition by not moving along geodesics". The geodesic update $\text{Exp}_{\chi}\eta$ is replaced by a projective update $\pi(x + \eta)$, the projection of the point $x + \eta$ onto the manifold.

Adler, Dedieu, Shub, et al. (2002), Newton's method on Riemannian manifolds and a geometric model for the human spine. The exponential update is relaxed to the general notion of *retraction*. The geodesic can be replaced by any (smoothly prescribed) curve tangent to the search direction.

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An Application: Curve Fitting

Sources

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Curve fitting on manifolds



Curve fitting on manifolds: application to morphing



Curve fitting on manifolds: possible applications



Applications in noise reduction, resampling, and trajectory generation.

- Evolution of the paleomagnetic north pole, as in Jupp and Kent [JK87]: M = S², the sphere.
- Rigid body motion: $\mathcal{M} = SE(3)$, the special Euclidean group.
- ▶ Diffusion-Tensor MRI: M = S₃⁺⁺, the set of all 3 × 3 symmetric positive-definite matrices.
- Morphing: \mathcal{M} is a shape manifold.

Curve fitting on manifolds: problem considered



Given: Riemannian manifold \mathcal{M} ; $p_0, \ldots, p_N \in \mathcal{M}$; $0 = t_0 < \cdots < t_N = 1$.

Goal: find the curve $\gamma : [0,1] \mapsto \mathcal{M}$ that minimizes

$$\begin{split} E_2: \Gamma_2 \to \mathbb{R}: E_2(\gamma) &= E_{\mathrm{d}}(\gamma) + \lambda E_{\mathrm{s},2}(\gamma) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N d^2(\gamma(t_i), p_i) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \frac{\mathsf{D}^2 \gamma}{\mathsf{d} t^2}, \frac{\mathsf{D}^2 \gamma}{\mathsf{d} t^2} \rangle \, \mathsf{d} t, \end{split}$$

where Γ_2 is the Sobolev space $H^2([0,1],\mathcal{M})$.

Previous work

Machado and Silva Leite [ML06, Mac06] consider

$$E_2: \Gamma_2 \to \mathbb{R}: E_2(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N d^2(\gamma(t_i), p_i) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \frac{\mathsf{D}^2 \gamma}{\mathsf{d} t^2}, \frac{\mathsf{D}^2 \gamma}{\mathsf{d} t^2} \rangle \, \mathsf{d} t,$$

and obtain the Euler-Lagrange equations (stationarity conditions): On each subinterval,

$$\frac{\mathsf{D}^4\gamma}{\mathsf{d}t^4} + R\left(\frac{\mathsf{D}^2\gamma}{\mathsf{d}t^2},\dot{\gamma}\right)\dot{\gamma} = 0,$$

and at the knot points,

$$\frac{\mathsf{D}^{k}\gamma}{\mathsf{d}t^{k}}(t_{i}^{+}) - \frac{\mathsf{D}^{k}\gamma}{\mathsf{d}t^{k}}(t_{i}^{-}) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 0, 1, \quad (i = 1, \dots, N-1) \\ 0, & k = 2, \quad (i = 0, \dots, N) \\ \frac{1}{\lambda} \operatorname{Exp}_{\gamma(t_{i})}^{-1}(p_{i}), & k = 3, \quad (i = 0, \dots, N) \end{cases},$$

with

$$\frac{D^2\gamma}{dt^2}(t_0^-) = \frac{D^3\gamma}{dt^3}(t_0^-) = \frac{D^2\gamma}{dt^2}(t_N^+) = \frac{D^3\gamma}{dt^3}(t_N^+) = 0.$$

Gradient-descent for discretized E_2

Objective: $E_2(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N d^2(\gamma(t_i), p_i) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \frac{D^2 \gamma}{dt^2}, \frac{D^2 \gamma}{dt^2} \rangle dt.$

Finite differences in \mathbb{R}^n :

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Finite differences on a manifold:

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Discretized E₂:

$$\hat{E}_2: \mathcal{M}^{N_{\mathsf{d}}} \to \mathbb{R}: \hat{E}_2(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{N} d^2(p_i, \gamma_{s_i}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathsf{d}}} \beta_i \|a_i\|_{\gamma_i}^2$$

Previous work

Illustrations on the sphere

Objective: $E_2(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^N d^2(\gamma(t_i), p_i) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \frac{D^2 \gamma}{dt^2}, \frac{D^2 \gamma}{dt^2} \rangle dt.$

 $\lambda = 10^{-4}$ $\lambda = 10^{-3}$ $\lambda = 10^{0}$



Curve fitting on manifolds



Curve fitting on manifolds: application to morphing Shape manifold R Ε Г

Polynomial interpolation on manifolds

▶ Polynomial interpolation reminder: Given (t₀, x₀),...,(t_n, x_n) in ℝ^d, there is one and only one polynomial p_n of degree at most n such that p(t_k) = x_k, k = 0,..., n.

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- *p_n(t)* can be computed with Neville's algorithm, based on the formula

$$P_{i,j}(t) = P_{i,j-1}(t) + \frac{t - t_i}{t_j - t_i} \left(P_{i+1,j}(t) - P_{i,j-1}(t) \right), \quad (7)$$

where $P_{i,j}$ stands for the polynomial of degree at most j - i that interpolates $(t_i, x_i), \ldots, (t_j, x_j)$. We have $p_n(t) = P_{0,n}(t)$.

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• When x_0, \ldots, x_n are on a manifold, (7) readily generalizes to

$$P_{i,j}(t) = \operatorname{Exp}_{P_{i,j-1}(t)} \left(\frac{t-t_i}{t_j-t_i} \operatorname{Log}_{P_{i,j-1}(t)} P_{i+1,j}(t) \right).$$

Piecewise-polynomial interpolation on manifolds

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- Polynomial interpolation on manifolds is also prone to a Runge-like effect!
- Remedy: Piecewise-polynomial interpolation on manifolds.
- See Pierre-Yves Gousenbourger's talk later today.

Conclusion

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