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Nonsmooth Optimization on Riemannian Manifolds

We are looking for **numerical algorithms** to find

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} f(p)$$

where

- ▶ \mathcal{M} is a Riemannian manifold
- ▶ $f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is a function
- ⚠ f might be **nonsmooth** and/or **nonconvex**
- ⚠ \mathcal{M} might be **high-dimensional**

A Riemannian Manifold \mathcal{M}

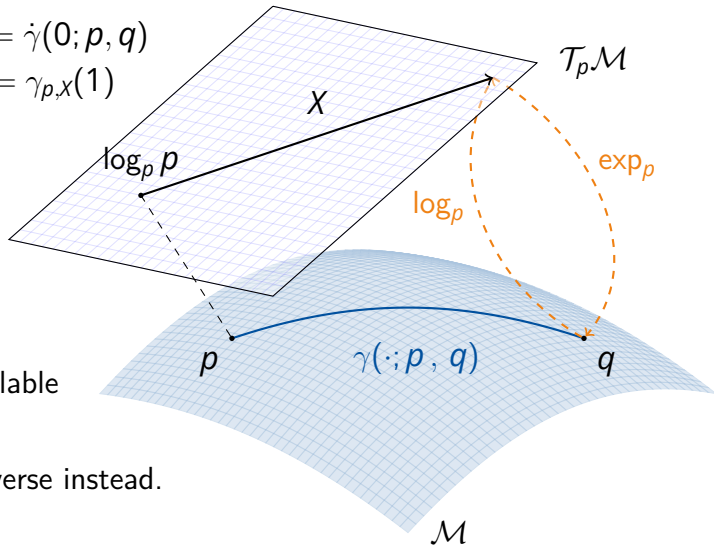
A d -dimensional Riemannian manifold can be informally defined as a set \mathcal{M} covered with a “suitable” collection of charts, that identify subsets of \mathcal{M} with open subsets of \mathbb{R}^d and a continuously varying inner product on the tangent spaces.

[Absil, Mahony, and Sepulchre 2008]

A Riemannian Manifold \mathcal{M}

Notation.

- ▶ Logarithmic map $\log_p q = \dot{\gamma}(0; p, q)$
- ▶ Exponential map $\exp_p X = \gamma_{p,X}(1)$
- ▶ Geodesic $\gamma(\cdot; p, q)$
- ▶ Tangent space $\mathcal{T}_p\mathcal{M}$
- ▶ inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_p$



Numerics.

\exp_p and \log_p maybe not available efficiently/ in closed form

\Rightarrow use a retraction and its inverse instead.

(Geodesic) Convexity

[Sakai 1996; Udriște 1994]

A set $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{M}$ is called (strongly geodesically) **convex** if for all $p, q \in \mathcal{C}$ the geodesic $\gamma(\cdot; p, q)$ is unique and lies in \mathcal{C} .

A function $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is called (geodesically) **convex** if for all $p, q \in \mathcal{C}$ the composition $f(\gamma(t; p, q)), t \in [0, 1]$, is convex.

The Riemannian Subdifferential

Let \mathcal{C} be a convex set.

The **subdifferential** of f at $p \in \mathcal{C}$ is given by [O. Ferreira and Oliveira 2002; Lee 2003; Udriște 1994]

$$\partial_{\mathcal{M}}f(p) := \{\xi \in \mathcal{T}_p^*\mathcal{M} \mid f(q) \geq f(p) + \langle \xi, \log_p q \rangle_p \text{ for } q \in \mathcal{C}\},$$

where

- ▶ $\mathcal{T}_p^*\mathcal{M}$ is the dual space of $\mathcal{T}_p\mathcal{M}$, also called **cotangent space**
- ▶ $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_p$ denotes the duality pairing on $\mathcal{T}_p^*\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}_p\mathcal{M}$

The Riemannian Convex Bundle Method

The ε -Subdifferential

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

The ε -subdifferential of a convex function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ reads

$$\partial_\varepsilon f(x) = \{s \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(y) \geq f(x) + s^\top(y - x) - \varepsilon \text{ for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{M}$ be a convex set.

The ε -subdifferential of a convex function $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ reads

$$\partial_\varepsilon f(x) = \{X \in \mathcal{T}_p \mathcal{M} \mid f(q) \geq f(p) + (X, \log_p q) - \varepsilon \text{ for all } q \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Clearly in both cases $\partial f(x) = \partial_0 f(x) \subset \partial_\varepsilon f(x)$

The Riemannian Convex Bundle Method

[RB, Herzog, and Jasa 2024]

- ▶ Given $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ on a (geodesically) convex set $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{M}$
- ▶ collect
 - ▶ subgradients $X_{q^{(k)}} \in \partial f(q^{(k)})$
 - ▶ stabilisation centers $p^{(k)}$ (“best” iterates)
- ▶ use this information to
 - ▶ determine the next descent direction $d^{(k)} \in \mathcal{T}_{p^{(k)}}\mathcal{M}$ by solving a QP in $\mathcal{T}_{p^{(k)}}\mathcal{M}$
 - ▶ where $d^{(k)} \in \partial_{\mathcal{C}^{(k)}}f(p^{(k)})$
- ▶ we stop when both
 - ▶ the approximation $\partial_{\mathcal{C}^{(k)}}f(p^{(k)})$ of $\partial f(p^{(k)})$ is “good enough”
 - ▶ $\|d^{(k)}\|$ is “small enough”

Aproximating the ε -Subdifferential

For $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, given $x^{(0)}, \dots, x^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $s^{(j)} \in \partial f(x^{(j)})$, define the **linearization errors**

$$e_j^{(k)} := f(x^{(k)}) - f(x^{(j)}) - (s^{(j)})^T(x^{(k)} - x^{(j)}), \quad j = 0, \dots, k.$$

Then (Geiger and Kanzow 2002, Theorem 6.68)

$$s^{(j)} \in \partial_{e_j^{(k)}} f(x^{(k)})$$

and we can characterize an inner approximation $G_\varepsilon^{(k)} \subseteq \partial_\varepsilon f(x^{(k)})$ as

$$G_\varepsilon^{(k)} := \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j s^{(j)} \mid \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j e_j^{(k)} \leq \varepsilon, \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j = 1, \lambda_j \geq 0 \text{ for all } j = 0, \dots, k \right\}$$

Challenge on manifolds.

How can we take into account curvature in the error terms?

Curvature Correction

Let $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}$ be an upper bound on the curvature. Define

[RB, Herzog, and Jasa 2024]

$$c_j^{(k)} := f(p^{(k)}) - f(p^{(j)}) - \left(X_{p^{(j)}}, \log_{p^{(j)}} p^{(k)} \right) \quad \text{if } \Omega \leq 0,$$

$$c_j^{(k)} := f(p^{(k)}) - f(p^{(j)}) + \|X_{p^{(j)}}\| \|\log_{p^{(j)}} p^{(k)}\| \quad \text{if } \Omega > 0.$$

Then we get

$$G_\varepsilon^{(k)} := \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow p^{(j)}} X_{p^{(j)}} \mid \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j e_j^{(k)} \leq \varepsilon, \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j = 1, \lambda_j \geq 0, j = 0, \dots, k \right\}$$

with $G_\varepsilon^{(k)} \subseteq \partial_\varepsilon f(p^{(k)})$, and $P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow p^{(j)}} X_{p^{(j)}} \in \partial_{c_j^{(k)}} f(p^{(k)})$.

The Riemannian Subproblem

Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $j \in \{0, \dots, k\} = J^{(k)}$ and $X_{p^{(j)}} \in \partial f(p^{(j)})$, $p^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

For a coefficients $\lambda_j \geq 0$ with $\sum_j \lambda_j = 1$, we have

$$\sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow p^{(j)}} X_{p^{(j)}} \in \partial_\varepsilon f(p^{(k)}) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j c_j^{(k)} \leq \varepsilon$$

Solving the constrained quadratic problem

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{|J^{(k)}|}} & \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow p^{(j)}} X_{p^{(j)}} \right\|^2 + \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j e_j^{(k)} c_j^{(k)} \\ \text{s. t.} & \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j = 1, \quad \lambda_j \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } j \in J^{(k)} \end{aligned}$$

yields the new search direction

$$d^{(k)} := - \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow p^{(j)}} X_{p^{(j)}}.$$

The Riemannian Convex Bundle Method

Input: $p^{(0)} = q^{(0)} \in \mathcal{C}$, $g^{(0)} = X_{p_0} \in \partial f(p^{(0)})$, $m \in (0, 1)$,
 $\varepsilon^{(0)} = e^{(0)}$, $c^{(0)} = 0$, $J^{(0)} = \{0\}$, and $k = 0$.

1: **while** not converged **do**

2: Set $k = k + 1$

3: Compute a solution $\lambda^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{|J^{(k)}|}$ of the subproblem.

4: Set $g^{(k)} := \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j^{(k)} P_{p^{(k)} \leftarrow q^{(j)}} X_{q^{(j)}}$, $\varepsilon^{(k)} := \sum_{j \in J^{(k)}} \lambda_j^{(k)} e_j^{(k)} c_j^{(k)}$,

$d^{(k)} := -g^{(k)}$, $\xi^{(k)} := -\|g^{(k)}\|^2 - \varepsilon^{(k)}$,

5: Set $q^{(k+1)} = \exp_{p^{(k)}} d^{(k)}$ ¹ and take $X_{q^{(k+1)}} \in \partial f(q^{(k+1)})$,

6: If $f(q^{(k+1)}) \leq f(p^{(k)}) + m\xi^{(k)}$ set $p^{(k+1)} = q^{(k+1)}$ else $p^{(k+1)} = p^{(k)}$

7: Update $J^{(k+1)} = \{j \in J^{(k)} \mid \lambda_j^{(k)} > 0\} \cup \{k+1\}$, and $c_j^{(k+1)}$

8: **end while**

Output: $p^{(k_*)}$ from the final $k_* \in \mathbb{N}$.

¹Perform a backtracking if $q^{(k+1)} \notin \text{int}(\text{dom } f)$ or equal to $p^{(k)}$

Convergence

Theorem (Geiger and Kanzow 2002, Theorem 6.80)

Let the solution set $S = \{x^ \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid f(x^*) = \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(x)\}$ of the minimization problem be nonempty. Then every sequence $\{x^{(k)}\}$ generated by the bundle method algorithm converges to a minimizer of f .*

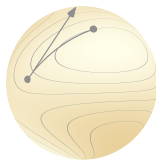
On Hadamard manifolds ($\Omega \leq 0$) we have the analogous, if

[RB, Herzog, and Jasa 2024]

1. the backtracking step size $t^{(k)} > m$ for all $k \geq k_*$, if a finite number of serious steps k_* occur
2. no accumulation point of $p^{(k)}$ is allowed to lie on the boundary of \mathcal{C}

Numerical Examples

Manopt.jl



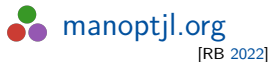
Goal. Provide optimization algorithms on Riemannian manifolds.

Features. Given a `Problem p` and a `SolverState s`, implement `initialize_solver!(p, s)` and `step_solver!(p, s, i)` \Rightarrow an algorithm in the `Manopt.jl` interface

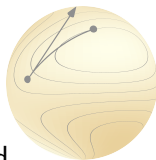
Highlevel interfaces like `gradient_descent(M, f, grad_f)` on any manifold `M` from `Manifolds.jl`.

All provide `debug` output, `recording`, `cache` & `counting` capabilities, as well as a library of `step sizes` and `stopping criteria`.

Manopt family.



List of Algorithms in Manopt.jl



Derivative Free Nelder-Mead, Particle Swarm, CMA-ES

Subgradient-based Subgradient Method, Convex Bundle Method, Proximal Bundle Method

Gradient-based Gradient Descent, Conjugate Gradient, Stochastic, Momentum, Nesterov, Averaged, ...
Quasi-Newton with (L-)BFGS, DFP, Broyden, SR1, ...
Levenberg-Marquard

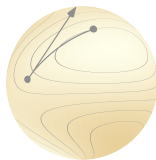
Hessian-based Trust Regions, Adaptive Regularized Cubics (ARC)

nonsmooth Chambolle-Pock, Douglas-Rachford, Cyclic Proximal Point

constrained Augmented Lagrangian, Exact Penalty, Frank-Wolfe

nonconvex Difference of Convex Algorithm, DCPA

The Convex Bundle Method in Manopt.jl



In `Manopt.jl` a solver call looks like²

```
p = convex_bundle_method(M, f, ∂f, p0;  
    diameter = δ, k_max = Ω, m = 10-3, kwargs...  
)
```

where

- ▶ M is a Riemannian manifold
- ▶ f is the objective function
- ▶ ∂f is a subgradient of the objective function
- ▶ p_0 is an initial point on the manifold

The default stopping criterion for the algorithm is set to

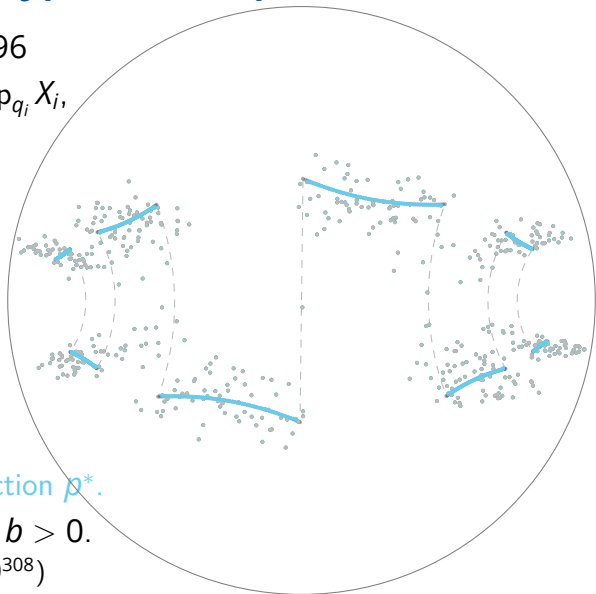
$$-\xi^{(k)} \leq 10^{-8}.$$

Denoising a Signal on Hyperbolic Space \mathcal{H}^2

- ▶ signal $q \in \mathcal{M}$, $(\mathcal{H}^2)^n$, $n = 496$
- ▶ noisy signal $\bar{q} \in \mathcal{M}$, $\bar{q}_i = \exp_{q_i} X_i$,
 $\sigma = 0.1$
- ▶ ROF Model:

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{n} d_{\mathcal{M}}(p, q)^2 + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} d_{\mathcal{H}^2}(p_i, p_{i+1})$$

- ▶ Setting $\alpha = 0.05$ yields
reconstruction p^* .
- ▶ in RCBM: set $\text{diam}(\text{dom } f) = b > 0$.
(in practice: $b = \text{floatmax}() \approx 10^{308}$)



Algorithms for Denoising a Signal

- ▶ Riemannian Convex Bundle Method (RCBM) [RB, Herzog, and Jasa 2024]
- ▶ Proximal Bundle Algorithm (PBA) [Hoseini Monjezi, Nobakhtian, and Pouryayevali 2021]
- ▶ Subgradient Method (SGM) [O. Ferreira and Oliveira 1998]
- ▶ Cyclic Proximal Point Algorithm (CPPA) [Bačák 2014]

Algorithm	Iter.	Time (sec.)	Objective	Error
RCBM	3417	51.393	1.7929×10^{-3}	3.3194×10^{-4}
PBA	15 000	102.387	1.8153×10^{-3}	4.3874×10^{-4}
SGM	15 000	99.604	1.7920×10^{-3}	3.3080×10^{-4}
CPPA	15 000	94.200	1.7928×10^{-3}	3.3230×10^{-4}

The Riemannian Median on \mathcal{S}^d

- ▶ Consider the d -dimensional sphere $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{S}^d$
- ▶ \bar{p} north pole
- ▶ $B_r(p)$ (geodesic) ball around p with radius r .
- ▶ $n = 1000$ Gaussian random data points $q^{(1)}, \dots, q^{(n)} \in B_{\frac{\pi}{8}}(\bar{p})$
- ▶ Riemannian median on $B_{\frac{\pi}{8}}(\bar{p})$:

$$f(p) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n d_{\mathcal{M}}(p, q^{(j)}) & \text{if } p \in B_{\frac{\pi}{8}}(\bar{p}), \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

 Solve

$$p^* := \arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{S}^d} f(p)$$

for different manifold-dimensions d .

Algorithms for the Riemannian Median on \mathcal{S}^d

Dimension	RCBM			PBA		
	Iter.	Time (sec.)	Objective	Iter.	Time (sec.)	Objective
2	19	6.50×10^{-3}	0.19289	20	5.30×10^{-3}	0.19289
4	28	1.01×10^{-2}	0.19881	23	5.99×10^{-3}	0.19881
32	58	2.29×10^{-2}	0.19576	28	1.13×10^{-2}	0.19576
1024	48	3.91×10^{-1}	0.19775	40	3.31×10^{-1}	0.19775
32768	43	7.54	0.19290	21	4.16	0.19290

Dimension	SGM		
	Iter.	Time (sec.)	Objective
2	5000	1.14	0.19289
4	3270	8.09×10^{-1}	0.19881
32	5000	2.18	0.19576
1024	122	9.75×10^{-1}	0.19775
32768	172	5.25×10^1	0.19290

The Riemannian Difference of Convex Algorithm

Difference of Convex

We aim to solve

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} f(p)$$

where

- ▶ \mathcal{M} is a Riemannian manifold
- ▶ $f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a difference of convex function, i. e. of the form

$$f(p) = g(p) - h(p)$$

- ▶ $g, h: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ are convex, lower semicontinuous, and proper

The Euclidean DCA

Idea 1. At x_k , approximate $h(x)$ by its affine minorization

$$h_k(x) := h(x^{(k)}) + \langle x - x^{(k)}, y^{(k)} \rangle \text{ for some } y^{(k)} \in \partial h(x^{(k)})$$

\Rightarrow iteratively minimize $g(x) - h_k(x) = g(x) - h(x^{(k)}) - \langle x - x^{(k)}, y^{(k)} \rangle$

Idea 2. Using duality theory finding a new $y^{(k)} \in \partial h(x^{(k)})$ is equivalent to

$$y^{(k)} \in \arg \min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ h^*(y) - g^*(y^{(k-1)}) - \langle y - y^{(k-1)}, x^{(k)} \rangle \right\}$$

Idea 3. Reformulate 2 using a proximal map \Rightarrow DCP

on manifolds this was done in

[Almeida, Neto, Oliveira, and Souza 2020; Souza and Oliveira 2015]

In the Euclidean case, all three models are equivalent.

A Fenchel Duality on a Hadamard Manifold

Let

- ▶ $T\mathcal{M} = \dot{\bigcup}_p T_p\mathcal{M}$ denote the **tangent bundle**
- ▶ analogously $T^*\mathcal{M}$ denotes the **cotangent bundle**
- ▶ \mathcal{M} be a Hadamard manifold (non-positive sectional curvature).

Definition

[Silva Louzeiro, RB, and Herzog 2022]

Let $f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$.

The **Fenchel conjugate** of f is the function $f^*: T^*\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ defined by

$$f^*(p, \xi) := \sup_{q \in \mathcal{M}} \left\{ \langle \xi, \log_p q \rangle - f(q) \right\}, \quad (p, \xi) \in T^*\mathcal{M}.$$

The Dual Difference of Convex Problem

Given the Difference of Convex problem

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} g(p) - h(p)$$

and the Fenchel duals g^* and h^* ,

we can state the dual difference of convex problem as

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

$$\arg \min_{(p, \xi) \in \mathcal{T}^* \mathcal{M}} h^*(p, \xi) - g^*(p, \xi).$$

On $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^n$ this indeed simplifies to the classical dual problem.

Theorem.

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

$$\inf_{(q, X) \in \mathcal{T}^* \mathcal{M}} \{h^*(q, X) - g^*(q, X)\} = \inf_{p \in \mathcal{M}} \{g(p) - h(p)\}.$$

The Dual Difference of Convex Problem

The primal and dual Difference of Convex problem

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} g(p) - h(p) \quad \text{and} \quad \arg \min_{(p, \xi) \in T^* \mathcal{M}} h^*(p, \xi) - g^*(p, \xi)$$

are equivalent in the following sense.

Theorem.

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

If p^* is a solution of the primal problem, then $(p^*, \xi^*) \in T^* \mathcal{M}$ is a solution for the dual problem for all $\xi^* \in \partial_{\mathcal{M}} h(p^*) \cap \partial_{\mathcal{M}} g(p^*)$.

If $(p^*, \xi^*) \in T^* \mathcal{M}$ is a solution of the dual problem for some $\xi^* \in \partial_{\mathcal{M}} h(p^*) \cap \partial_{\mathcal{M}} g(p^*)$, then p^* is a solution of the primal problem.

Derivation of the Riemannian DCA

We consider the first order Taylor approximation of h at some point $p^{(k)}$:
 With $\xi \in \partial h(p^{(k)})$ we set

$$h_k(p) := h(p^{(k)}) + \langle \xi, \log_{p^{(k)}} p \rangle_{p^{(k)}}$$

Using **musical isomorphisms** we identify $X = \xi^\sharp \in T_p \mathcal{M}$,
 where we call X a subgradient. **Locally** h_k **minorizes** h , i. e.

$$h_k(q) \leq h(q) \quad \text{locally around } p^{(k)}$$

\Rightarrow Use $-h_k(p)$ as **upper bound** for $-h(p)$ in $f = g - h$.

Note. On \mathbb{R}^n the function h_k is linear.

On a manifold h_k is nonlinear and not even necessarily **convex**, even on a Hadamard manifold.

The Riemannian DC Algorithm

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

Input: An initial point $p^{(0)} \in \text{dom}(g)$, g and $\partial_{\mathcal{M}}h$

1: Set $k = 0$.

2: **while** not converged **do**

3: Take $X^{(k)} \in \partial_{\mathcal{M}}h(p^{(k)})$

4: Compute the next iterate $p^{(k+1)}$ as

$$p^{(k+1)} \in \arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} g(p) - (X^{(k)}, \log_{p^{(k)}} p)_{p^{(k)}}. \quad (*)$$

5: Set $k \leftarrow k + 1$

6: **end while**

Note. In general the subproblem $(*)$ can not be solved in closed form. But an approximate solution yields a good candidate.

For example: Given g , $p^{(k)}$, and $X^{(k)}$ and $\text{grad } g \Rightarrow$ Gradient descent.

Convergence of the Riemannian DCA

Let $\{p^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{X^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the iterates and subgradients of the RDCA.

Theorem.

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

If \bar{p} is a cluster point of $\{p^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, then $\bar{p} \in \text{dom}(g)$ and there exists a cluster point \bar{X} of $\{X^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ s. t. $\bar{X} \in \partial g(\bar{p}) \cap \partial h(\bar{p})$.

\Rightarrow Every cluster point of $\{p^{(k)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, if any, is a critical point of f .

Proposition.

[RB, O. P. Ferreira, Santos, and Souza 2024]

Let g be σ -strongly (geodesically) convex. Then

$$f(p^{(k+1)}) \leq f(p^{(k)}) - \frac{\sigma}{2} d^2(p^{(k)}, p^{(k+1)})$$

and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d^2(p^{(k)}, p^{(k+1)}) < \infty$, so in particular $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(p^{(k)}, p^{(k+1)}) = 0$.

A Numerical Example

The Difference of Convex Algorithm in Manopt.jl

The algorithm is implemented and released in Julia using `Manopt.jl`³.
It can be used with any manifold from `Manifolds.jl`

A solver call looks like

```
q = difference_of_convex_algorithm(M, f, g, ∂h, p0)
```

where one has to implement $f(M, p)$, $g(M, p)$, and $\partial h(M, p)$.

- ▶ a sub problem is generated if keyword `grad_g=` is set
- ▶ an efficient version of its cost and gradient is provided
- ▶ you can specify the sub-solver using `sub_state=`
to also set up the specific parameters of your favourite algorithm

³see https://manoptjl.org/stable/solvers/difference_of_convex/

Rosenbrock and First Order Methods

Problem. We consider the classical Rosenbrock example⁴

$$\arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} a(x_1^2 - x_2)^2 + (x_1 - b)^2,$$

where $a, b > 0$, usually $b = 1$ and $a \gg b$, here: $a = 2 \cdot 10^5$.

Known Minimizer $x^* = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ b^2 \end{pmatrix}$ with cost $f(x^*) = 0$.

Goal. Compare first-order methods, e. g. using the (Euclidean) gradient

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 4a(x_1^2 - x_2) \\ -2a(x_1^2 - x_2) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2(x_1 - b) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A “Rosenbrock-Metric” on \mathbb{R}^2

In our Riemannian framework, we can introduce a new metric on \mathbb{R}^2 as

$$G_p := \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 4p_1^2 & -2p_1 \\ -2p_1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with inverse } G_p^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2p_1 \\ 2p_1 & 1 + 4p_1^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain $(X, Y)_p = X^T G_p Y$

The exponential and logarithmic map are given as

$$\exp_p(X) = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 + X_1 \\ p_2 + X_2 + X_1^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \log_p(q) = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 - p_1 \\ q_2 - p_2 - (q_1 - p_1)^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[Manifolds.jl](#):

Implement these functions on `MetricManifold(\mathbb{R}^2 , RosenbrockMetric())`.

The Riemannian Gradient w.r.t. the new Metric

Let $f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Given the Euclidean gradient $\nabla f(p)$, its Riemannian gradient $\text{grad} f: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow T\mathcal{M}$ is given by

$$\text{grad} f(p) = G_p^{-1} \nabla f(p).$$

While we could implement this denoting $\nabla f(p) = (f'_1(p) \ f'_2(p))^T$ using

$$\left\langle \text{grad} f(q), \log_q p \right\rangle_q = (p_1 - q_1) f'_1(q) + (p_2 - q_2 - (p_1 - q_1)^2) f'_2(q),$$

but it is [automatically](#) done in `Manopt.jl`.

The Experiment Setup

Algorithms. We now compare

1. The Euclidean gradient descent algorithm on \mathbb{R}^2 ,
2. The Riemannian gradient descent algorithm on \mathcal{M} ,
3. The Difference of Convex Algorithm on \mathbb{R}^2 ,
4. The Difference of Convex Algorithm on \mathcal{M} .

For DCA third we split f into $f(x) = g(x) - h(x)$ with

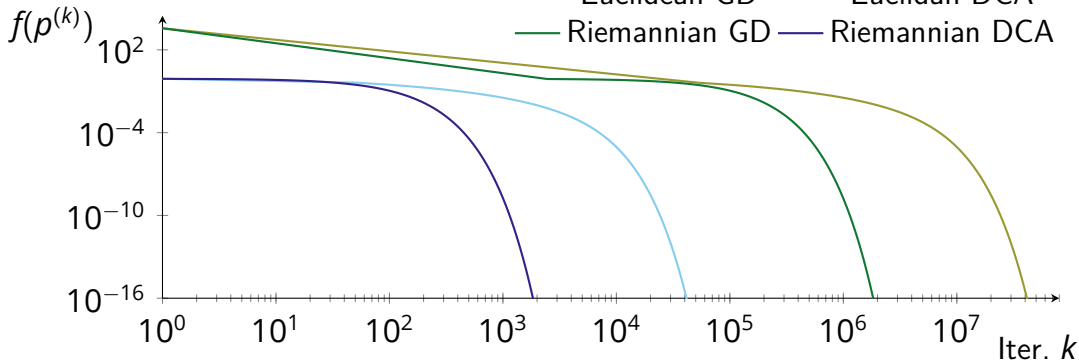
$$g(x) = a(x_1^2 - x_2)^2 + 2(x_1 - b)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad h(x) = (x_1 - b)^2.$$

Initial point. $p_0 = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ with cost $f(p_0) \approx 7220.81$.

Stopping Criterion.

$$d_{\mathcal{M}}(p^{(k)}, p^{(k-1)}) < 10^{-16} \quad \text{or} \quad \|\text{grad} f(p^{(k)})\|_p < 10^{-16}.$$

Results



Algorithm	Runtime (sec.)	# Iterations
Euclidean GD	305.567	53 073 227
Euclidean DCA	58.268	50 588
Riemannian GD	18.894	2 454 017
Riemannian DCA	7.704	2 459

Summary

- ▶ Introduced the **Convex Bundle Method** on manifolds to solve






$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} f(p)$$

- ➔ Provide an inner approximation of $\partial_\varepsilon f(p)$
- ➔ A quadratic sub problem in a tangent space
- ➔ Convergence of the Method on Hadamard manifolds
- ▶ Introduced the **Difference of Convex Algorithm** to solve

$$\arg \min_{p \in \mathcal{M}} g(p) - h(p)$$

- ➔ Relation to Fenchel Duality on Hadamard manifolds
- ➔ Convergence on Hadamard manifolds

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