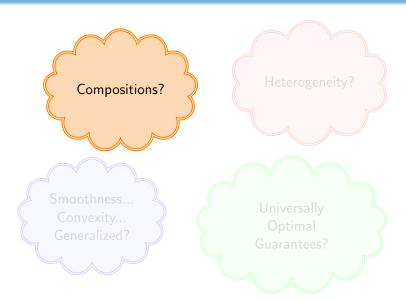
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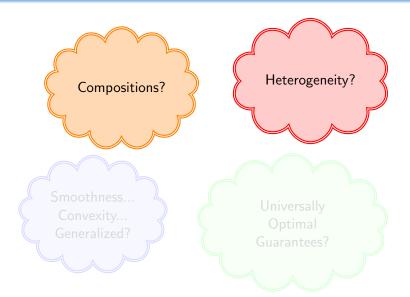
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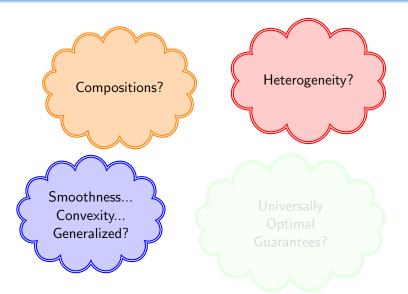
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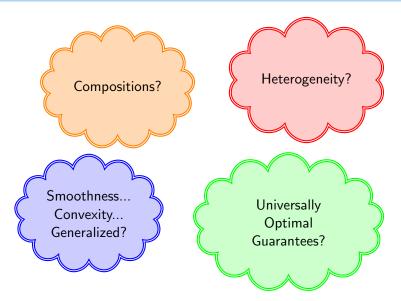
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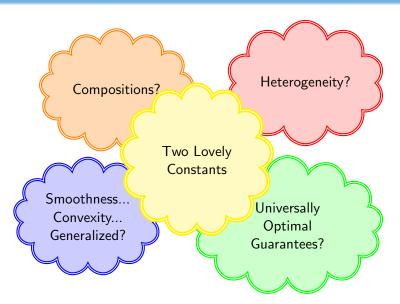








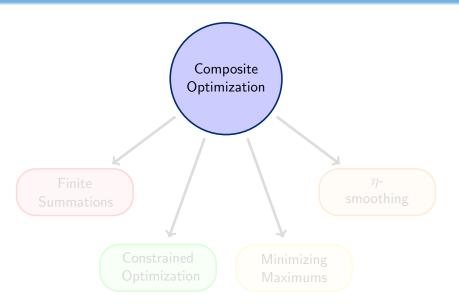




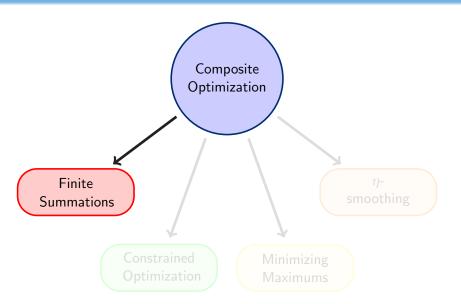
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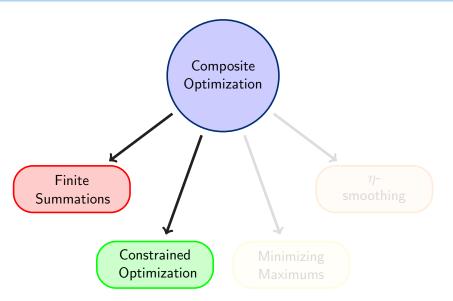
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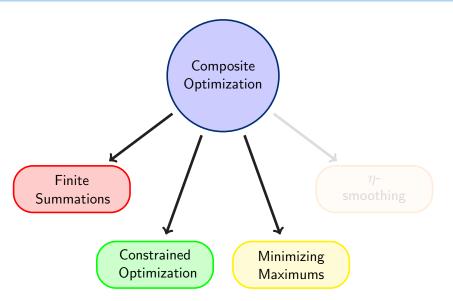
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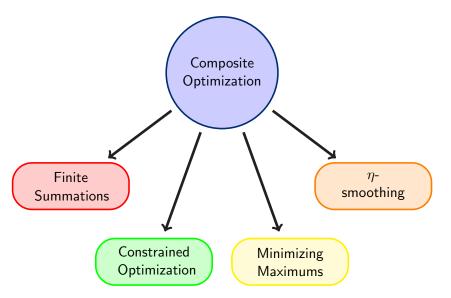


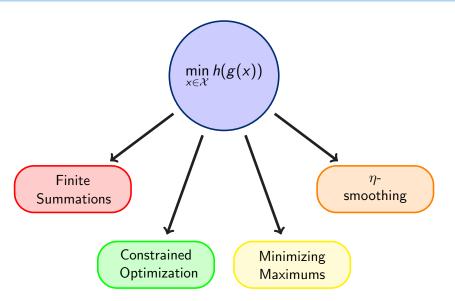
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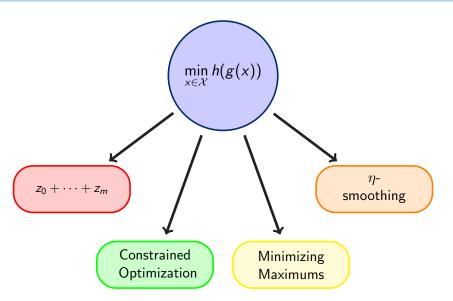




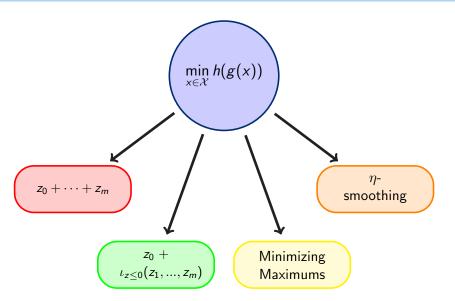




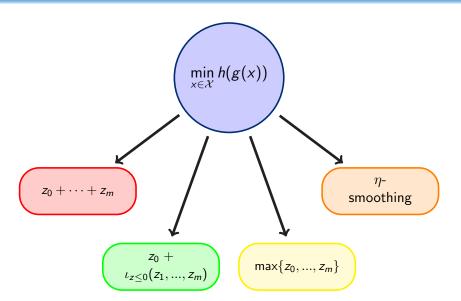




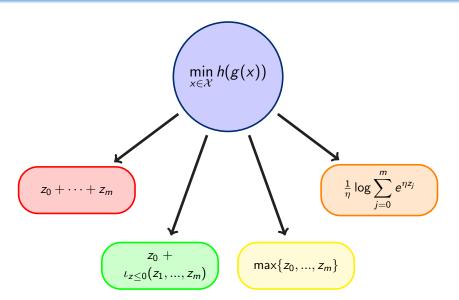
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We may have some adversarial type problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \max_{p \in \{1, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{3}{2}, 2\}} \left\{ \|Ax - b\|_{p}^{p} \right\}$$



Perhaps we're analyzing a mixture model or log-likelihood

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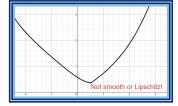
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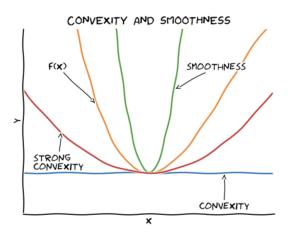
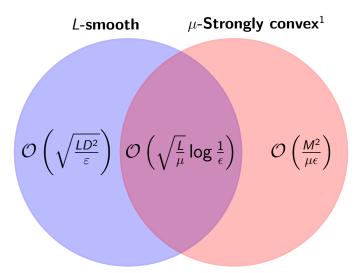


Figure: [2] Smoothness and Strong Convexity Visualized



Smooth and Strong Convexity Rates



In the nonsmooth case, we assume f is Lipschitz with rank $M_0 \mapsto A_0 \mapsto A_0$

Generalizing Smoothness



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(L, p)-Hölder Smoothness

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Visual Interlude

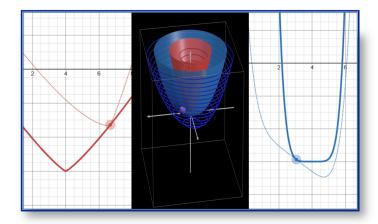


Figure: 2-dim plot and 3-dim plot

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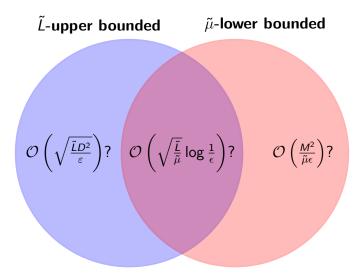
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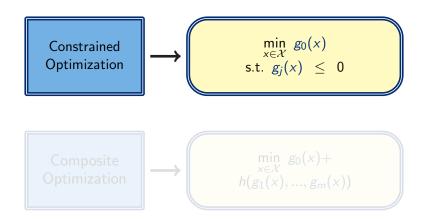
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Aggregated Smooth and Strong Convexity Rates?

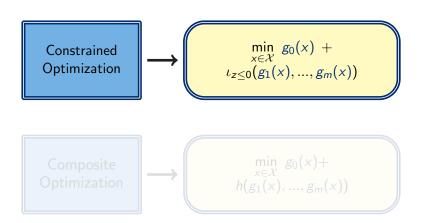


Motivating our Lovely Constants

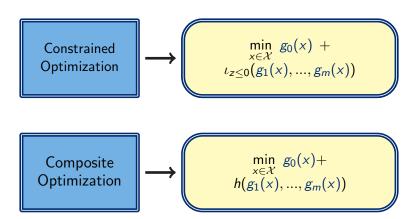
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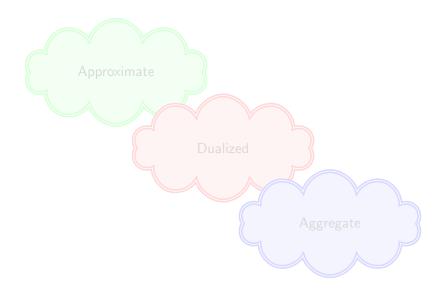
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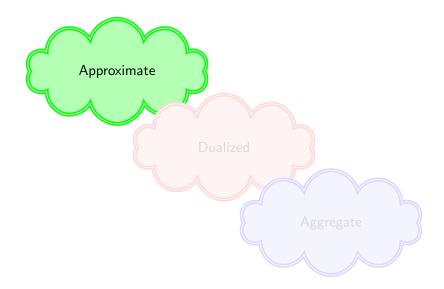
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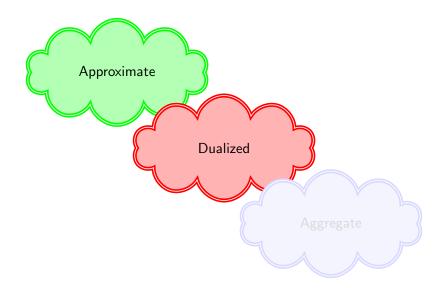
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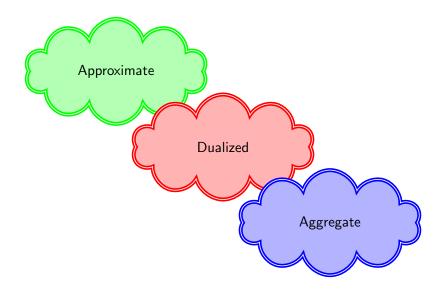
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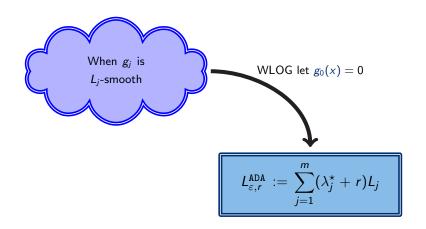
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Defining Our Constants

Approximate Dualized Aggregate Smoothness Constant I



Tool 2: Nesterov-Style Quadratic Upper Bounds

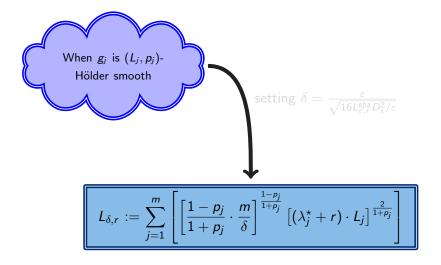
Lemma (Lemma 1, Nesterov [1])

Fix
$$\delta > 0$$
 and (L, p) -Hölder smooth, with $L_{\delta} \geq \left[\frac{1-p}{1+p}\frac{1}{\delta}\right]^{\frac{1-p}{1+p}}L^{\frac{2}{1+p}}$,

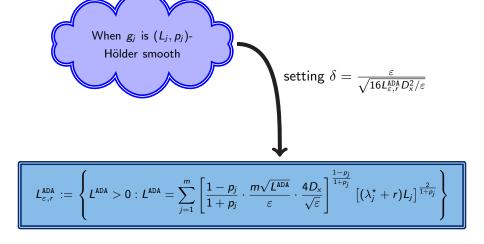
$$f(y) \le f(x) + \langle \nabla f(x), y - x \rangle + \frac{L_{\delta}}{2} \|y - x\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2}, \ \forall x, y \in dom \ f \ .$$

$$\tag{1}$$

Approximate Dualized Aggregate Smoothness Constant II



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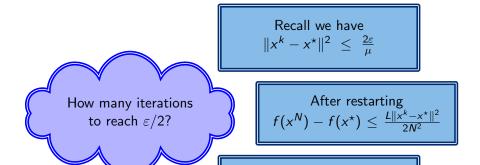
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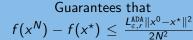
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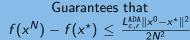
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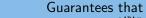
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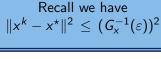
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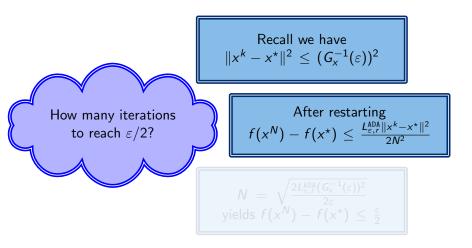
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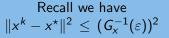


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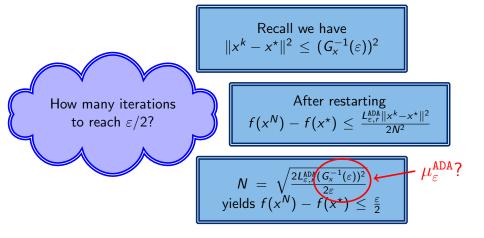


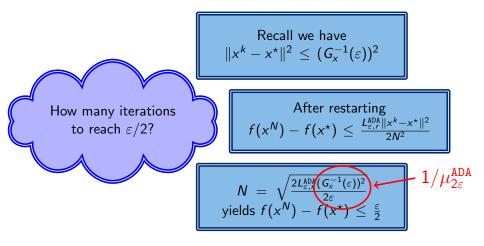


How many iterations to reach $\varepsilon/2$?

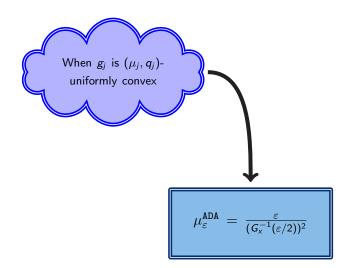
After restarting
$$f(x^N) - f(x^*) \le \frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{ADA} ||x^k - x^*||^2}{2N^2}$$

$$N = \sqrt{\frac{2L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\mathrm{ADA}}(G_{\mathrm{x}}^{-1}(\varepsilon))^2}{2\varepsilon}}$$
 yields $f(x^N) - f(x^\star) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

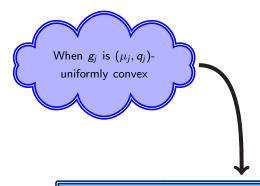




Approximate Dualized Aggregate Convexity Constant

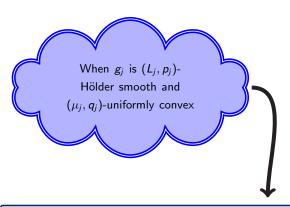


Approximate Dualized Aggregate Convexity Constant



$$\mu_arepsilon^{\mathtt{ADA}} := \left\{ \mu^{\mathtt{ADA}} > 0 : rac{\mu^{\mathtt{ADA}}}{2} = \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j^\star rac{\mu_j}{q_j + 1} (arepsilon/\mu^{\mathtt{ADA}})^{rac{q_j - 1}{2}}
ight\}$$

Approximate Dualized Aggregate Smoothness Constant III



$$\boxed{ L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}} := \left\{ L^{\text{ADA}} > 0 : L^{\text{ADA}} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left[\frac{1 - p_{j}}{1 + p_{j}} \cdot \frac{m\sqrt{L^{\text{ADA}}}}{\varepsilon} \cdot \min\left\{ \frac{4D_{x}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}}} \right\} \right]^{\frac{1 - p_{j}}{1 + p_{j}}} \left[(\lambda_{j}^{\star} + r)L_{j} \right]^{\frac{2}{1 + p_{j}}} \right\} }$$

Algorithms and Analysis

$$F(x) = h(\underbrace{g_1(x), ..., g_m(x)}_{g(x)}) + u(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x;\lambda) := \langle \lambda, g(x) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) + u(x)$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(x;\lambda,\nu) := \langle \lambda, \nu x - g^*(\nu) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) + u(x)$$

$$\text{conjugate of g}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x; \lambda, \nu) := \langle \lambda, \underbrace{\nu x - g^*(\nu)}_{\text{conjugate of g}} \rangle - h^*(\lambda) + u(x)$$

Gap Function

$$Q(z,\hat{z}) = \mathcal{L}(x;\hat{\lambda},\hat{\nu}) - \mathcal{L}(\hat{x};\lambda,\nu)$$

$$Q(z^t;z) = Q_{\nu}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z) + Q_{x}(z^t;z)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda, \nu) - \mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda, \nu^t)$$

$$= \langle \lambda, \nu x^t - g^*(\nu) \rangle \boxed{-\langle \lambda, \nu^t x^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

$$= \langle \lambda, \nu^t x^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) \left[- \left[\langle \lambda^t, \nu^t x^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda^t) \right] \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^t \nu_i^t, x^t \right\rangle + u(x^t) - \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^t \nu_i^t, x \right\rangle - f(x)$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(x^{t}; \lambda, \nu^{t}) - \mathcal{L}(x^{t}; \lambda^{t}, \nu^{t})$$

$$= \langle \lambda, \nu^{t} x^{t} - g^{*}(\nu^{t}) \rangle - h^{*}(\lambda) \left[- \left[\langle \lambda^{t}, \nu^{t} x^{t} - g^{*}(\nu^{t}) \rangle - h^{*}(\lambda^{t}) \right] \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

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$$Q(z^t;z) = Q_{\nu}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z)$$

$$\nu_j^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\nu_j \in V_j} \langle \nu, \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}^t \rangle - \boldsymbol{g}_j^*(\nu) - \tau_t U_{\boldsymbol{g}_j^*}(\nu_j; \nu_j^{t-1})$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

$$= \langle \lambda, \nu^t x^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) \left[- \left[\langle \lambda^t, \nu^t x^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda^t) \right] \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

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$$Q(z^t;z) = Q_{\nu}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z)$$

$$u_j^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\nu_j \in V_j} \langle \nu, \tilde{x}^t \rangle - g_j^*(\nu) - \tau_t U_{g_j^*}(\nu_j; \nu_j^{t-1})$$

$$\lambda^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \lambda, \nu^t \tilde{x}^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) - \frac{\gamma_t}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda^{t-1}\|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x^t; \lambda^t, \nu^t) - \mathcal{L}(x; \lambda^t, \nu^t)$$

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$$x^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \langle \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^t \nu_i^t, x \rangle + u(x) + \frac{\eta_t}{2} \|x - x^{t-1}\|^2$$

$$Q(z^t;z) = Q_{\nu}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z) + Q_{\lambda}(z^t;z)$$

$$u^t \leftarrow \nabla g(\underline{x}^t), \ \underline{x}^t \leftarrow \frac{\tau_t \underline{x}^{t-1} + \widetilde{x}^t}{1 + \tau_t} \text{ with } \widetilde{x}^t = x^{t-1} + \theta_t(x^{t-1} - x^{t-2})$$

$$\lambda^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle \lambda, \nu^t \tilde{x}^t - g^*(\nu^t) \rangle - h^*(\lambda) - \frac{\gamma_t}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda^{t-1}\|^2$$

$$x^t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \langle \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i^t \nu_i^t, x \rangle + u(x) + \frac{\eta_t}{2} ||x - x^{t-1}||^2$$

The Universal Fast Composite Method (UFCM)

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Algorithm 1 Universal Fast Composite Method (UFCM)
  Input z^0 \in \mathcal{X} \times \Lambda, outer loop iteration count T, and smoothness constant L_{\varepsilon,r}^{ADA}
     Initialize x^{-1} = \underline{x}^0 = y_0^{(1)} = x^0 \in \mathcal{X}, \ \lambda_{-1}^{(1)} = \lambda_0^{(1)} = \lambda^0 \in \Lambda, \text{ and parameters } \{\theta_t\}, \{\eta_t\}, \{\tau_t\}, \{\omega_t\} \text{ as } \{\eta_t\}, \{
  a function of L_{\varepsilon,r}^{ADA}
           \begin{array}{l} \text{1: Set } \nu^0 = \nabla \overline{g}(x^0). \\ \text{2: for } t = 1, \ 2, \ 3, \ \dots, \ T \ \mathbf{do} \\ \text{3: } \qquad \text{Set } \underline{x}^t \leftarrow (\tau_t \underline{x}^{t-1} + \tilde{x}^t)/(1 + \tau_t) \text{ where } \tilde{x}^t = x^{t-1} + \theta_t(x^{t-1} - x^{t-2}) \end{array}
                                            Calculate inner loop iteration limit S_t, paramters \beta^{(t)}, \gamma^{(t)}, and \rho^{(t)}
        7: Set \tilde{h}^{(t),s} = \begin{cases} (\nu^t)^T \lambda_0^{(t)} + \rho^{(t)}(\nu^{t-1})^T (\lambda_0^{(t)} - \lambda_{-1}^{(t)}) & \text{if } s = 1, \\ (\nu^t)^T \lambda_{s-1}^{(t)} + (\nu^t)^T (\lambda_{s-1}^{(t)} - \lambda_{s-2}^{(t)}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}

8: Solve y_s^{(t)} \leftarrow \underset{y \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\langle \tilde{h}^{(t),s}, y \right\rangle + u(y) + \frac{\eta_t}{2} \|y - x^{t-1}\|^2 + \frac{\beta^{(t)}}{2} \|y - y_{s-1}^{(t)}\|^2

9: Solve \lambda_s^{(t)} \leftarrow \underset{\lambda \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\langle \lambda, \nu^t (y_s^{(t)} - x^t) + g(\underline{x}^t) \right\rangle - h^*(\lambda) - \frac{\gamma^{(t)}}{2} \|\lambda - \lambda_{s-1}^{(t)}\|^2
 \begin{array}{ll} \text{10:} & \quad \textbf{end for} \\ \text{11:} & \quad \text{Set } \lambda_0^{(t+1)} = \lambda_{S_t}^{(t)}, \, \lambda_{-1}^{(t+1)} = \lambda_{S_{t-1}}^{(t)}, \, y_0^{(t+1)} = y_{S_t}^{(t)} \\ \text{12:} & \quad \text{Set } x^t = \sum_{s=1}^{S_{t-1}} y_s^{(t)}/S_t \text{ and } \bar{\lambda}^t = \sum_{s=1}^{S_t} \lambda_s^{(t)}/S_t \\ \end{array} 
        14: return (\bar{x}^T, \bar{\lambda}^T) := \sum_{t=1}^T \omega_t (x^t, \tilde{\lambda}^t) / (\sum_{t=1}^T \omega_t)
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Figure: Modified from [3]

Restarted-UFCM

Algorithm 2 Restarted Universal Fast Composite Method (R-UFCM)

Input $z^0 \in \mathcal{X} \times \Lambda$, distance bounds D_x and D_λ , target accuracy $\varepsilon > 0$, constants $L_{\varepsilon,r}^{ADA}$ and μ_{ε}^{ADA} , and UFCM execution count $K = \left[\log_2\left(\frac{Q(\tilde{z}^0, \hat{z}) + \varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right)\right]$

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1: Set D_x^{(0)}, D_x^{(0)} and \{T_k\} according to (5.3)
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2: **for**
$$k = 0, 1, \dots, K - 1$$
 do

3: Run UFCM(
$$z^k$$
, $\lceil T_k \rceil$, $L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\mathtt{ADA}}$) returning output $(\bar{x}^{T_k,k}, \bar{\lambda}^{T_k,k})$

4: Set
$$(x^{k+1}, D_x^{(k+1)}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{x}^{T_k k}, \sqrt{2^{K-k} \varepsilon / \mu_{\varepsilon}^{\mathsf{ADA}}}) & \text{if } \mu_{\varepsilon}^{\mathsf{ADA}} \ge 4\varepsilon / D_x^2 \\ (x^0, D_x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

5: Set $(\lambda^{k+1}, D_{\lambda}^{(k+1)}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{\lambda}^{T_k k}, \sqrt{2^{K-k} \varepsilon L_h}) & \text{if } L_h \le D_{\lambda}^2 / \varepsilon \\ (\lambda^0, D_{\lambda}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

5: Set
$$(\lambda^{k+1}, D_{\lambda}^{(k+1)}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{\lambda}^{T_k, k}, \sqrt{2^{K-k}\varepsilon L_h}) & \text{if } L_h \leq D_{\lambda}^2 \end{cases}$$

of Set
$$(A, D_{\lambda}) = (\lambda^{0}, D_{\lambda})$$
 otherwise

6: Set
$$z^{k+1} = (x^{k+1}, \lambda^{k+1})$$

7: end for

Figure: Restarted Variant



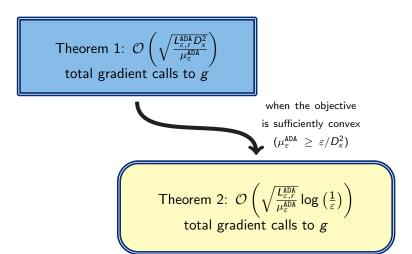
Universally Optimal Guarantees

Theorem 1: $\mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}}D_x^2}{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}}}\right)$ total gradient calls to g

when the objective is sufficiently convex $(\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}} \geq \varepsilon/D_{\text{x}}^2)$

Theorem 2:
$$\mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}}}{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}}}\log\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)$$
 total gradient calls to g

Universally Optimal Guarantees



Suppose g is (L, p)-Hölder smooth

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{L}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{2}{1+3p}} \|x^0 - x^*\|^{\frac{2+2p}{1+3p}}\right)$$
total gradient calls to g

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 total gradient calls to g

$$L_{arepsilon,r}^{ ext{ADA}} = (1+r)^{rac{4}{1+3p}} \left[rac{1-p}{1+p} \cdot rac{4D_{ ext{X}}}{arepsilon\sqrt{arepsilon}}
ight]^{rac{2-2p}{1+3p}} L^{rac{4}{1+3p}}$$

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}}D_{x}^{2}}{\varepsilon}}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_{x}}{\varepsilon\sqrt{\varepsilon}}\right)^{\frac{2-2p}{1+3p}}\frac{L^{\frac{4}{1+3p}}D_{x}^{2}}{\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{L}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{2}{1+3p}}D_{x}^{\frac{2+2p}{1+3p}}\right)$$

$$L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}} = (1+r)^{\frac{4}{1+3p}} \left[\frac{1-p}{1+p} \cdot \frac{4D_x}{\varepsilon\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \right]^{\frac{2-2p}{1+3p}} L^{\frac{4}{1+3p}}$$

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\mathtt{ADA}}D_{\mathsf{x}}^{2}}{\varepsilon}}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{D_{\mathsf{x}}}{\varepsilon\sqrt{\varepsilon}}\right)^{\frac{2-2\rho}{1+3\rho}}\frac{L^{\frac{4}{1+3\rho}}D_{\mathsf{x}}^{2}}{\varepsilon}}\right)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{L}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{2}{1+3\rho}}D_{\mathsf{x}}^{\frac{2+2\rho}{1+3\rho}}\right)$$

Suppose g is (L, p)-Hölder smooth and (μ, q) -uniformly convex

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{L^{1+q}}{\mu^{1+p}\varepsilon^{q-p}}\right)^{\frac{2}{(1+3p)(1+q)}}\right) & \text{if } q>p \ , \\ \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{L^{1+q}}{\mu^{1+p}}\right)^{\frac{2}{(1+q)(1+3p)}}\log\left(\frac{G(x^0)-G^*}{\varepsilon}\right)\right) & \text{if } q=p \\ & \text{total gradient calls to } g \end{cases}$$

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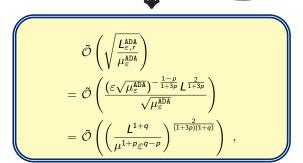
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$$\mu_{arepsilon}^{\mathtt{ADA}} \, = \, 2 \left(rac{\mu}{1+q}
ight)^{rac{2}{1+q}} \, arepsilon^{rac{q-1}{q+1}}$$

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\sqrt{\frac{L_{\varepsilon,r}^{\text{ADA}}}{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}}}\right) \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{(\varepsilon\sqrt{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}})^{-\frac{1-p}{1+3p}}L^{\frac{2}{1+3p}}}{\sqrt{\mu_{\varepsilon}^{\text{ADA}}}}\right) \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\left(\frac{L^{1+q}}{\mu^{1+p}\varepsilon^{q-p}}\right)^{\frac{2}{(1+3p)(1+q)}}\right) \;, \end{split}$$

$$L_{arepsilon,r}^{ ext{ADA}} = \left[rac{1-p}{1+p} \cdot rac{8}{arepsilon\sqrt{\mu_{arepsilon}^{ ext{ADA}}}}
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