# Derivative-Free Optimization under Adversarial Noise

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# Convex optimization problem

Problem:

$$\min_{x\in\mathcal{X}\subseteq\mathbb{R}^d} \ \{F(x):=\mathbb{E}f(x,\xi)\}.$$

Let

- function  $f(x,\xi)$  is available via a black-box
- the objective function is noisy
- derivative information is unavailable or too expensive

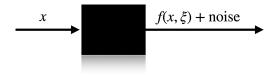
Goal: solve problem with  $\epsilon$ -precision

$$\mathbb{E}[F(\hat{x}^N)] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x) \le \epsilon,$$

where  $\hat{x}^N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x^k$  is the output of an algorithm

### Black-box zero-order oracle model

Available: only noisy zero-order black-box oracle



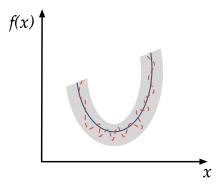
Input: x. Output:  $\varphi(x,\xi) = f(x,\xi) + \delta(x)$ , where

$$\delta(x) = \varphi(x,\xi) - f(x,\xi)$$

is the noise (or accuracy).

### Application to non-convex problem

Red function means the target function (non-convex): it can be seen as convex blue function with some noise



# Contribution and related works

Goal: design an optimal algorithm in terms of its total complexity. Thus, minimize

- 1 number of oracle calls
- **2** maximum value of the noise (accuracy):  $\max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \delta(x)$

Paper	Problem	ORACLE CALLS	Maximum Noise
[Bayandina et al., 2018]	convex	$d/\epsilon^2$	$\epsilon^2/d^{3/2}$
[Beznosikov et al., 2020]	saddle point	$d/\epsilon^2$	$\epsilon^2/d$
[Vasin et al., 2021]	convex	$\operatorname{Poly}\left(d, \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$	$\epsilon^2/\sqrt{d}$
[Risteski and Li, 2016]	convex	Poly $(d, 1/\epsilon)$	$\max\left\{\epsilon^2/\sqrt{d},\epsilon/d\right\}^{(1)}$

(1)  $\epsilon/d \lesssim \epsilon^2/\sqrt{d}$  , in the large-dimension regime as  $\epsilon^{-2} \lesssim d$ 

Color 'green' means optimal due to lower bounds [Risteski and Li, 2016]

**1** number of oracle calls:  $d/\epsilon^2$ 

2 maximum value of the noise:  $\epsilon^2/\sqrt{d}$ 

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# Setup for Mirror Descent Algorithm

The setup

- the  $l_p$ -norm;
- $\blacksquare$  prox-function  $\omega(x),$  that is 1-strongly convex w.r.t. the  $l_p\text{-norm};$
- Bregman divergence associated with  $\omega(x)$ :

$$V_x(y) = \omega(x) - \omega(y) - \langle \nabla \omega(y), x - y \rangle;$$

•  $\omega$ -diameter of  $\mathcal{X}$ :

$$\mathcal{D} = \max_{x,y \in \mathcal{X}} \sqrt{2V_x(y)};$$

prox-mapping

$$\operatorname{Prox}_{x}(\beta) = \arg\min_{y \in \mathcal{X}} \left( V_{x}(y) + \langle \beta, y \rangle \right).$$

## Examples

#### Example (Euclidean setup)

- the  $\ell_2$ -norm in prox-setup
- prox-function  $w(x) = \frac{1}{2} ||x||_2^2$
- Bregman divergence  $V_x(y) = \frac{1}{2} ||x y||_2^2$

$$D^2 = \max_{x,y \in \mathcal{X}} \|x - y\|_2^2$$

■  $\operatorname{Prox}_{x^k}(\gamma g(x^k, \xi^k)) = \pi_{\mathcal{X}}(x^k - \gamma g(x^k, \xi^k)) \leftarrow \text{subgradient}$  descent

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$$\gamma g(x^k, \xi^k)$$
) =  $\pi_{\mathcal{X}} (x^k - \gamma g(x^k, \xi^k)) \leftarrow$  subgradient descent

#### Example (Probability simplex)

- $\mathcal{X} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d_+ : \|x\|_1 = 1\}$ , the  $\ell_1$ -norm in prox-setup
- prox-function  $w(x) = \langle x, \log x \rangle$
- Bregman divergence  $V_x(y) = \operatorname{KL}(x,y) = \langle x, \log(x/y) \rangle$

Algorithm: Gradient-free stochastic mirror descent

**Output:**  $\hat{x}^N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x^k$ 

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Stochastic mirror descent (SMD) [Nemirovski et al., 2009]: Input: iteration number N, starting point  $x^1$ , step size  $\gamma$ for k = 1, ..., N do Sample  $\xi^k$ Calculate  $g(x^k, \xi^k)$ Calculate  $x^{k+1} = \operatorname{Prox}_{x^k}(\gamma g(x^k, \xi^k))$ end Output:  $\hat{x}^N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x^k$ 

Goal: estimate  $g(x^k, \xi^k)$  by zero-order gradient approximation.

### Stochastic mirror descent: convergence rates

#### Theorem ([Nemirovski et al., 2009])

Let  $\mathbb{E}[\|g(\cdot)\|_p^2] \leq M^2$ . Let N be the number of iterations of SMD and step size be

$$\gamma = \frac{D}{M\sqrt{N}}$$

Then it holds

$$\mathbb{E}\left[F(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M\mathcal{D}}{\sqrt{N}}\right).$$

#### Corollary

To fulfill  $\mathbb{E}\left[F(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x) \le \epsilon$ , the number of oracle calls is

$$N = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M^2 \mathcal{D}^2}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

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# Randomized smoothing of non-smooth function f(x). Euclidean case.

Let us consider deterministic convex problem (for simplicity)

$$\min_{x \in X} f(x),$$

where f(x) is M-Lipschitz continuous w.r.t. the  $\ell_2$ -norm.

#### Def.

Function  $f(x,\xi)$  is M-Lipschitz continuous w.r.t. the  $\ell_2$ -norm, i .e., for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ :

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \le M ||x_1 - x_2||_2.$$

#### Randomized smoothing

Let  $B_2^d = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^d : ||u||_2 \le 1\}$  be the  $\ell_2$  unit ball and  $u \in B_2^d$  be a random vector. Then a smooth approximation of a non-smooth function f(x) is

$$f^{\tau}(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[f(x+\tau u) \mid x\right],$$

### Properties of the smoothed approximation

Lemma (properties of  $f^{\tau}(x)$ ). function  $f^{\tau}(x)$  is differentiable with

$$abla f^{\tau}(x) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{d}{\tau}f(x+\tau e)e \mid x
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where  $e \in S_2^d$  and  $S_2^d = \{e \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|e\|_2 = 1\}$  is the  $\ell_2$  unit sphere.

Intuition behind the Lemma: Divergence (Ostrogradsky–Gauss) theorem

$$\int_{B_2^d} \nabla f(x) dV(x) = \int_{S_2^d} f(x) n(x) dS(x),$$

where n(x) is the normal vector to  $S_2^d$ .

### Proof of Lemma.

Let  $e \in S_2^d$  and  $u \in B_2^d$ , and  $\tau > 0$ . Due to Ostrogradsky–Gauss theorem and f(x) is convex

$$\nabla \int_{B_2^d} f(x+\tau u) dV(u) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{S_2^d} f(x+\tau e) e dS(e),$$

Then we rewrite it as

$$\nabla \mathbb{E}\left[f(x+\tau u)\right] = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\operatorname{Vol}(S_2^d)}{\operatorname{Vol}(B_2^d)} \mathbb{E}\left[f(x+\tau e)e\right],$$

As  $\mathsf{Vol}(B_2^d) = d\mathsf{Vol}(S_2^d)$ 

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### Approximation

#### Lemma

Let function f(x) be M-Lipschitz continuous, then for all  $x\in\mathcal{X}$  the following holds

$$|f^{\tau}(x) - f(x)| \le \tau M.$$

Proof. By the definition of  $f^{\tau}(z)$  it holds

$$\begin{split} |f^{\tau}(x) - f(x)| &= |\mathbb{E}\left[f(x + \tau u) \mid x\right] - f(x)| = \mathbb{E}\left[|f(x + \tau u) - f(x)| \mid x\right] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[M\|\tau u\|_2\right] \leq M\tau \quad \text{as } u \in B_2^d. \end{split}$$

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### Relation to initial problem

Let the smooth problem

 $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f^{\tau}(x).$ 

be solved with  $\epsilon/2$ -precision:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f^{\tau}(\hat{x}^{N})\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f^{\tau}(x) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Then the initial problem

 $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x).$ 

will be solved with  $\epsilon$ -precision if  $\tau = \frac{\epsilon}{2M}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x) \le \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \tau M = \epsilon.$$

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#### Zero-order gradient estimate.

Zero-order gradient estimator with two-point feedback:

$$g(x,\xi,e) = \frac{\operatorname{Vol}(S_q^d)}{\operatorname{Vol}(B_q^d)} \left(\varphi(x+\tau e,\xi) - \varphi(x-\tau e,\xi)\right) n(e),$$

where

e is a vector picked uniformly at random from  $S^d_q$ , n(e) is the normal vector to  $S^d_q$ ,  $\tau>0.$ 

#### Intuition behind the gradient estimate:

Let  $u \in B^d_q$  and  $e \in S^d_q$ . Due to Ostrogradsky–Gauss theorem

$$\nabla \int_{B_q^d} f(x+\tau u) dV(u) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{S_q^d} f(x+\tau e) e dS(e),$$

Then we rewrite it as

$$\nabla \mathbb{E}\left[f(x+\tau u)\right] = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\operatorname{Vol}(S_q^d)}{\operatorname{Vol}(B_q^d)} \mathbb{E}\left[f(x+\tau e)n(e)\right].$$

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#### Examples

Gradient estimator ( $\ell_2$ -randmization) [Shamir, 2017]

$$g(x,\xi,e)=\frac{d}{2\tau}\left(\varphi(x+\tau e,\xi)-\varphi(x-\tau e,\xi)\right)e,$$
 where  $e\in S_2^d,\,\tau>0.$ 

Gradient estimator ( $\ell_1$ -randmization) [Gasnikov et al., 2016]  $g(x,\xi,\zeta) = \frac{d}{2\tau} \left(\varphi(x+\tau\zeta,\xi) - \varphi(x-\tau\zeta,\xi)\right) \operatorname{sign}(\zeta),$ where  $\zeta \in S_1^d$ ,  $\tau > 0$ .

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### Why did we smooth?

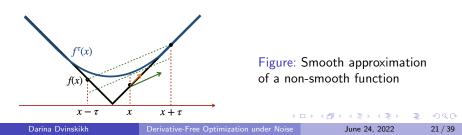
#### Example with $\ell_2$ -randmization:

Let d=1 and f(x)=|x|. Then for  $x\in [-\tau,\tau]$  and e is uniform in  $\{-1,1\}$ 

$$g(x,e) = \frac{1}{2\tau}(f(x+\tau) - f(x-\tau))e = \pm \frac{x}{2\tau}.$$

However,

- $\nabla f(x) = 1$ , for all x > 0,
- $\nabla f(x) = -1$  for all x < 0.



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#### Unbiased estimator

Canceling noise or noise-free setup For all  $x', x'' \in \mathcal{X}$ , it holds  $\delta(x') = \delta(x'') = \delta$  almost surely.

•  $g(x,\xi,e)$  is an unbiased estimation for  $\nabla f^{\tau}(x)$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[g(x,\xi,e) \mid x\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{d}{\tau}f(x+\tau e,\xi) \mid x\right] = \nabla f^{\tau}(x)$$

 $\blacksquare g(x,\xi,e)$  has bounded second moment

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|g(x,\xi,e)\|_{p^*}^2 \mid x\right] = \mathcal{O}\left(d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}\min\{p/(p-1),\log d\}M^2\right),$$
  
where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^*} = 1$  (dual norm)

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#### **Adversarial Noise**

#### Assumption (Boundedness of the noise)

For all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , it holds  $|\delta(x)| \leq \Delta$ .

For all 
$$x \in \mathcal{X}$$
 and  $r \in \{r \in \mathbb{R}^d : ||r||_2 \leq \mathcal{D}\}$   
• 'bias':  
 $\mathbb{E}\left[\langle g(x,\xi, e) - \nabla f^{\tau}(x), r \rangle \mid x\right] \leq \frac{\sqrt{d}\Delta \mathcal{D}}{\tau}$ 

'variance'

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|g(x,\xi,e)\|_{p^*}^2 \mid x\right] = \mathcal{O}\left(d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}\min\{p/(p-1),\log d\}\left(M^2 + d\frac{\Delta^2}{\tau^2}\right)\right)$$

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#### Assumption (Lipschitz continuity of the noise)

Function  $\delta(x)$  is  $M_{\delta}$ -Lipschitz continuous in  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  w.r.t. the  $\ell_2$ -norm.

Let us consider  $\{r \in \mathbb{R}^d : ||r||_2 \leq \mathcal{D}\}$ , then for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ 

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\langle g(x,\xi, e) - \nabla f^{\tau}(x), r \rangle \mid x\right] \le \sqrt{d} M_{\delta} \mathcal{D}$$

•  $g(x,\xi,e)$  has bounded the second moment is

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|g(x,\xi,e)\|_{p^*}^2 \mid x\right] = \mathcal{O}\left(d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}\min\{p/(p-1),\log d\}\left(M^2 + M_{\delta}^2\right)\right).$$

#### $\ell_2$ -randmization in other two points

Let

$$x_1 = x, \ x_2 = x + \tau e,$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is some constant and  $e \in S_2^d$ . Then

$$g(x,\xi,e) = \frac{d}{\tau} \left(\varphi(x+\tau e,\xi) - \varphi(x,\xi)\right) e$$

Issue (the second moment is quadratic in d) [Duchi et al., 2015] Let  $f(x) = ||x||_2$  (non-differentiable function), let  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = \tau e$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[g(x,e)] = \left\| \frac{d}{\tau} \left( f(\tau e) - f(0) \right) e \right\|_{2}^{2} = d^{2} \mathbb{E}[\|e\|_{2}] = d^{2}.$$

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# Randomized smoothing

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#### Approximation

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**Proof.** By the definition of  $f^{\tau}(z)$  it holds

$$|f^{\tau}(x) - f(x)| = |\mathbb{E} [f(x + \tau v) | x] - f(x)| = \mathbb{E} [|f(x + \tau v) - f(x)| | x]$$
  
\$\leq \tau M\mathbb{E} [||v||\_2].

Then we use the next lemma with p = 2Lemma[Akhavan et al., 2022] Let  $q \in [1, \infty)$  and let v be distributed uniformly on  $B_1^d$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|v\|_p\right] \le \frac{pd^{\frac{1}{p}}}{d+1}.$$

### Relation to initial problem

Let the smooth problem

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be solved with  $\epsilon/2$ -precision:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[f^{\tau}(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f^{\tau}(x) \le \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

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$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x).$$

will be solved with  $\epsilon$ -precision if  $\tau = \frac{\sqrt{d}\epsilon}{4M}$ :

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'variance'

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#### Convergence rate

Theorem

Let  $\mathbb{E}[\|g(\cdot)\|_{p^*}^2 \mid x] \leq M_{new}^2$  for all  $x \in X$ . Let N be the number of zero-order SMD and step size be chosen as

$$\gamma = \frac{\mathcal{D}}{M_{\text{new}}\sqrt{N}}.$$

Then it holds

$$\mathbb{E}\left[F(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x) \le \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_{\text{new}}\mathcal{D}}{\sqrt{N}} + \underbrace{\text{`bias'}}_{\le \epsilon} + \underbrace{\text{smooth approx.}}_{\le \epsilon}\right).$$

#### Corollary

To fulfill  $\mathbb{E}\left[F(\hat{x}^N)\right] - \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} F(x) \leq \epsilon$ , the number of oracle calls is

$$N = \mathcal{O}\left(M_{\text{new}}^2 \mathcal{D}^2 / \epsilon^2\right).$$

# Maximal level of noise

Conditions

- **2**  $\Delta$  or  $M_{\delta}$ : 'bias'  $\leq \epsilon$
- 3  $\Delta$  or  $M_{\delta}$ :  $N(\Delta) = N(0) \implies M_{\text{new}}(\Delta) = M_{\text{new}}(0)$ (fulfilled due to 'bias' condition)

randomization	au	Δ	$M_{\delta}$
$\ell_1$ -randomization	$\sqrt{d} \frac{\epsilon}{M}$	$\frac{\epsilon^2}{\sqrt{d}M\mathcal{D}}$	$\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}\mathcal{D}}$
$\ell_2$ -randomization	$\frac{\epsilon}{M}$	$\frac{\epsilon^2}{\sqrt{d}M\mathcal{D}}$	$\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}\mathcal{D}}$

Table: Maximal level of bounded noise and smoothing parameter up to  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$ 

#### Comparison under bounded noise

Randomization	Number of iterations $N$
$\ell_1$	$d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}M^2\mathcal{D}^2/\epsilon^2$
$\ell_2$	$d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}\min\{p/(p-1),\log d\}M^2\mathcal{D}^2/\epsilon^2$

Table: Number of iterations depending on the type of randomization in the  $\ell_p$ - norm of proximal setup up to  $\mathcal{O}(\cdot)$ 

Norm in prox. setup	p = 1	p = 2
$N$ with $\ell_1$ -randomization	$\frac{\frac{M^2}{\epsilon^2}\log(d)\max_{x,y\in\mathcal{X}}\ x-y\ _1^2}{\ x-y\ _1^2}$	$\frac{dM^2}{\epsilon^2} \max_{x,y \in \mathcal{X}} \ x - y\ _2^2$
$N$ with $\ell_2-$ randomization	$\frac{\log(d)M^2}{\epsilon^2}\log(d)\max_{x,y\in\mathcal{X}}\ x-y\ _1^2$	$\frac{dM^2}{\epsilon^2} \max_{x,y \in \mathcal{X}} \ x - y\ _2^2$

Table: Examples of  $\boldsymbol{N}$ 

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What is in article but beyond the lecture?

saddle point problems:

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left[ f(x, y, \xi) \right],$$

infinite noise:

function  $f(x,\xi)$  is M-Lipschitz continuous: for all  $x\in X$  and  $\xi\in \Xi$ ,

 $|f(x,\xi) - f(y,\xi)| \le M(\xi) ||x - y||_2,$ 

and there exists a positive constant  $\tilde{M}_2$ :  $\mathbb{E}\left[M_2(\xi)^{1+\kappa}\right] \leq \tilde{M}_2^{1+\kappa}, \ \kappa \in (0,1].$ 

*r*-growth condition:

there is  $r\geq 1$  and  $\mu_r>0$  such that for all  $x\in \mathcal{X}$ 

$$\frac{\mu_r}{2} \|x - x^\star\|_p^r \le f(x) - f(x^*),$$

where  $x^*$  is problem solution

large deviations

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