

# Optimisation Combinatoire et Convexe

## First Order Methods: Part II

## First Order Methods: Part Two.

- **Centering.** Solve a centering problem at each iteration and compute a subgradient at the center to localize the solution.
- **Affine maximization.** Solve an affine maximization problem over the feasible set.
- **Partial optimization.** Solve the minimization problem over a subset of the variables.

# Centering: Localization Methods

# Localization methods

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- Function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  convex (and for now, differentiable)
- **problem:** minimize  $f$
- **oracle model:** for any  $x$  we can evaluate  $f$  and  $\nabla f(x)$  (at some cost)

Main assumption: **evaluating the gradient is very expensive.**

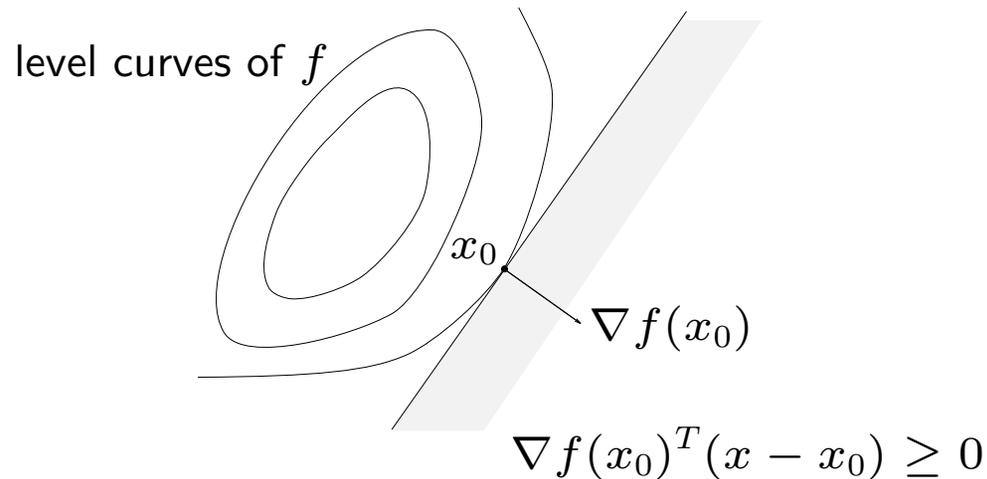
from  $f(x) \geq f(x_0) + \nabla f(x_0)^T(x - x_0)$  we conclude

$$\nabla f(x_0)^T(x - x_0) \geq 0 \quad \implies \quad f(x) \geq f(x_0)$$

*i.e.*, all points in halfspace  $\nabla f(x_0)^T(x - x_0) \geq 0$  are **worse** than  $x_0$

# Localization methods

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- by evaluating  $\nabla f$  we rule out a halfspace in our search for  $x^*$ :

$$x^* \in \{x \mid \nabla f(x_0)^T(x - x_0) \leq 0\}$$

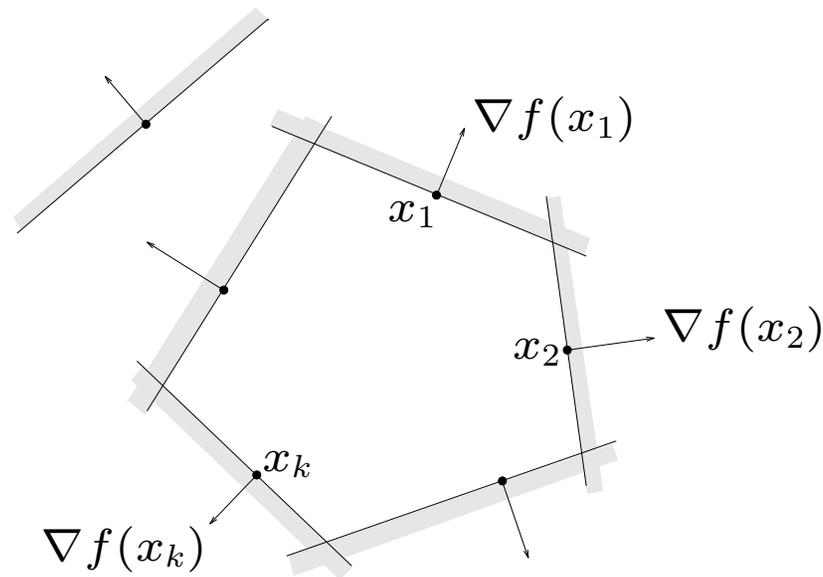
- **idea:** get one bit of info (on location of  $x^*$ ) by evaluating  $\nabla f$
- for nondifferentiable  $f$ , can replace  $\nabla f(x_0)$  with any subgradient  $g \in \partial f(x_0)$

# Localization methods

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suppose we have evaluated  $\nabla f(x_1), \dots, \nabla f(x_k)$  then we know

$$x^* \in \{x \mid \nabla f(x_i)^T (x - x_i) \leq 0\}$$



on the basis of  $\nabla f(x_1), \dots, \nabla f(x_k)$ , we have **localized**  $x^*$  to a polyhedron

**question:** what is a 'good' point  $x_{k+1}$  at which to evaluate  $\nabla f$ ?

# Localization methods

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Basic **localization** (or cutting-plane) algorithm:

1. after iteration  $k - 1$  we know  $x^* \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}$ :

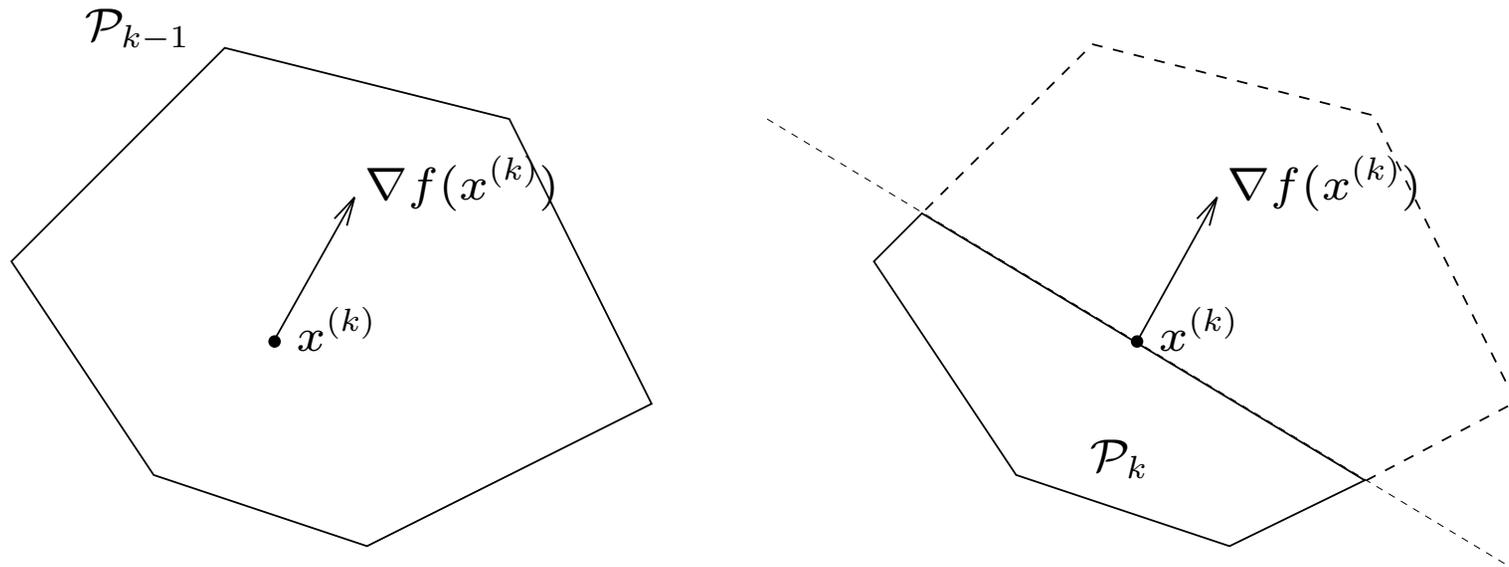
$$\mathcal{P}_{k-1} = \{x \mid \nabla f(x^{(i)})^T (x - x^{(i)}) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k - 1\}$$

2. evaluate  $\nabla f(x^{(k)})$  (or  $g \in \partial f(x^{(k)})$ ) for some  $x^{(k)} \in \mathcal{P}_{k-1}$

3.  $\mathcal{P}_k := \mathcal{P}_{k-1} \cap \{x \mid \nabla f(x^{(k)})^T (x - x^{(k)}) \leq 0\}$

# Localization methods

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- $\mathcal{P}_k$  gives our uncertainty of  $x^*$  at iteration  $k$
- want to pick  $x^{(k)}$  so that  $\mathcal{P}_{k+1}$  is as small as possible
- clearly want  $x^{(k)}$  near center of  $C^{(k)}$

## Example: bisection on $\mathbb{R}$

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- $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{P}_k$  is interval
- obvious choice:  $x^{(k+1)} := \text{midpoint}(\mathcal{P}_k)$

### bisection algorithm

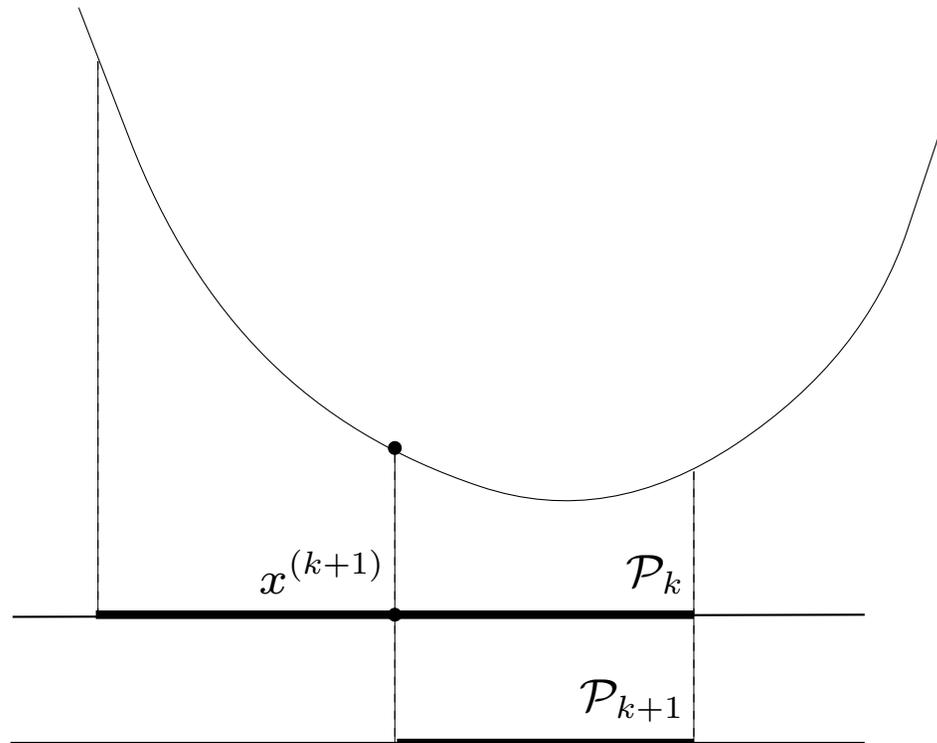
**given** interval  $C = [l, u]$  containing  $x^*$

repeat

1.  $x := (l + u)/2$
2. evaluate  $f'(x)$
3. if  $f'(x) < 0$ ,  $l := x$ ; else  $u := x$

## Example: bisection on $\mathbb{R}$

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$$\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_{k+1}) = u_{k+1} - l_{k+1} = \frac{u_k - l_k}{2} = (1/2)\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_k)$$

and so  $\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_k) = 2^{-k}\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_0)$

## Example: bisection on $\mathbb{R}$

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### interpretation:

- $\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_k)$  measures our uncertainty in  $x^*$
- uncertainty is halved at each iteration; get exactly one bit of info about  $x^*$  per iteration
- # steps required for uncertainty (in  $x^*$ )  $\leq \epsilon$ :

$$\log_2 \frac{\text{length}(\mathcal{P}_0)}{\epsilon} = \log_2 \frac{\text{initial uncertainty}}{\text{final uncertainty}}$$

### question:

- can bisection be extended to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
- or is it special since  $\mathbb{R}$  is linear ordering?

# Center of gravity algorithm

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Take  $x^{(k+1)} = \text{CG}(\mathcal{P}_k)$  (center of gravity)

$$\text{CG}(\mathcal{P}_k) = \int_{\mathcal{P}_k} x \, dx \Big/ \int_{\mathcal{P}_k} dx$$

**theorem.** if  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  convex,  $x_{\text{cg}} = \text{CG}(C)$ ,  $g \neq 0$ ,

$$\text{vol}(C \cap \{x \mid g^T(x - x_{\text{cg}}) \leq 0\}) \leq (1 - 1/e) \text{vol}(C) \approx 0.63 \text{vol}(C)$$

(independent of dimension  $n$ )

hence in CG algorithm,  $\text{vol}(\mathcal{P}_k) \leq 0.63^k \text{vol}(\mathcal{P}_0)$

# Center of gravity algorithm

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- $\text{vol}(\mathcal{P}_k)^{1/n}$  measures uncertainty (in  $x^*$ ) at iteration  $k$
- uncertainty reduced at least by  $0.63^{1/n}$  each iteration
- from this can prove  $f(x^{(k)}) \rightarrow f(x^*)$  (later)
- max. # steps required for uncertainty  $\leq \epsilon$ :

$$1.51n \log_2 \frac{\text{initial uncertainty}}{\text{final uncertainty}}$$

(cf. bisection on  $\mathbb{R}$ )

# Center of gravity algorithm

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## advantages of CG-method

- guaranteed convergence
- number of steps proportional to dimension  $n$ , log of uncertainty reduction

## disadvantages

- finding  $x^{(k+1)} = \text{CG}(\mathcal{P}_k)$  is **harder** than original problem
- $\mathcal{P}_k$  becomes more complex as  $k$  increases  
(removing redundant constraints is harder than solving original problem)

(but, can modify CG-method to work)

# Analytic center cutting-plane method

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**analytic center** of polyhedron  $\mathcal{P} = \{z \mid a_i^T z \preceq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$  is

$$\text{AC}(\mathcal{P}) = \underset{z}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^m \log(b_i - a_i^T z)$$

**ACCPM** is localization method with next query point  $x^{(k+1)} = \text{AC}(\mathcal{P}_k)$  (found by Newton's method)

# Outer ellipsoid from analytic center

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- let  $x^*$  be analytic center of  $\mathcal{P} = \{z \mid a_i^T z \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$
- let  $H^*$  be Hessian of barrier at  $x^*$ ,

$$H^* = -\nabla^2 \sum_{i=1}^m \log(b_i - a_i^T z) \Big|_{z=x^*} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{a_i a_i^T}{(b_i - a_i^T x^*)^2}$$

- then,  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{E} = \{z \mid (z - x^*)^T H^* (z - x^*) \leq m^2\}$  (not hard to show)

# Lower bound in ACCPM

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- let  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$  be outer ellipsoid associated with  $x^{(k)}$
- a lower bound on optimal value  $p^*$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p^* &\geq \inf_{z \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)}} \left( f(x^{(k)}) + g^{(k)T} (z - x^{(k)}) \right) \\ &= f(x^{(k)}) - m_k \sqrt{g^{(k)T} H^{(k)-1} g^{(k)}} \end{aligned}$$

( $m_k$  is number of inequalities in  $\mathcal{P}_k$ )

- gives simple stopping criterion  $\sqrt{g^{(k)T} H^{(k)-1} g^{(k)}} \leq \epsilon / m_k$

# Best objective and lower bound

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since ACCPM isn't a descent method, we keep track of best point found, and best lower bound

**best function value** so far:  $u_k = \min_{i=1,\dots,k} f(x^{(k)})$

**best lower bound** so far:  $l_k = \max_{i=1,\dots,k} f(x^{(k)}) - m_k \sqrt{g^{(k)T} H^{(k)-1} g^{(k)}}$

can stop when  $u_k - l_k \leq \epsilon$

**given** polyhedron  $\mathcal{P}$  containing  $x^*$

**repeat**

1. compute  $x^*$ , the analytic center of  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $H^*$

2. compute  $f(x^*)$  and  $g \in \partial f(x^*)$

3.  $u := \min\{u, f(x^*)\}$

$l := \max\{l, f(x^*) - m\sqrt{g^T H^{*-1} g}\}$

4. add inequality  $g^T(z - x^*) \leq 0$  to  $\mathcal{P}$

**until**  $u - l < \epsilon$

here  $m$  is number of inequalities in  $\mathcal{P}$

# Dropping constraints

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ACCPM adds an inequality to  $\mathcal{P}$  each iteration, so centering gets harder, more storage as algorithm progresses

schemes for **dropping constraints** from  $\mathcal{P}^{(k)}$ :

- remove all redundant constraints (expensive)
- remove some constraints known to be redundant
- remove constraints based on some relevance ranking

# Dropping constraints in ACCPM

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$x^*$  is AC of  $\mathcal{P} = \{x \mid a_i^T x \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $H^*$  is barrier Hessian at  $x^*$

define **(ir)relevance measure**  $\eta_i = \frac{b_i - a_i^T x^*}{\sqrt{a_i^T H^{*-1} a_i}}$

- $\eta_i/m$  is normalized distance from hyperplane  $a_i^T x = b_i$  to outer ellipsoid
- if  $\eta_i \geq m$ , then constraint  $a_i^T x \leq b_i$  is redundant

common ACCPM constraint dropping schemes:

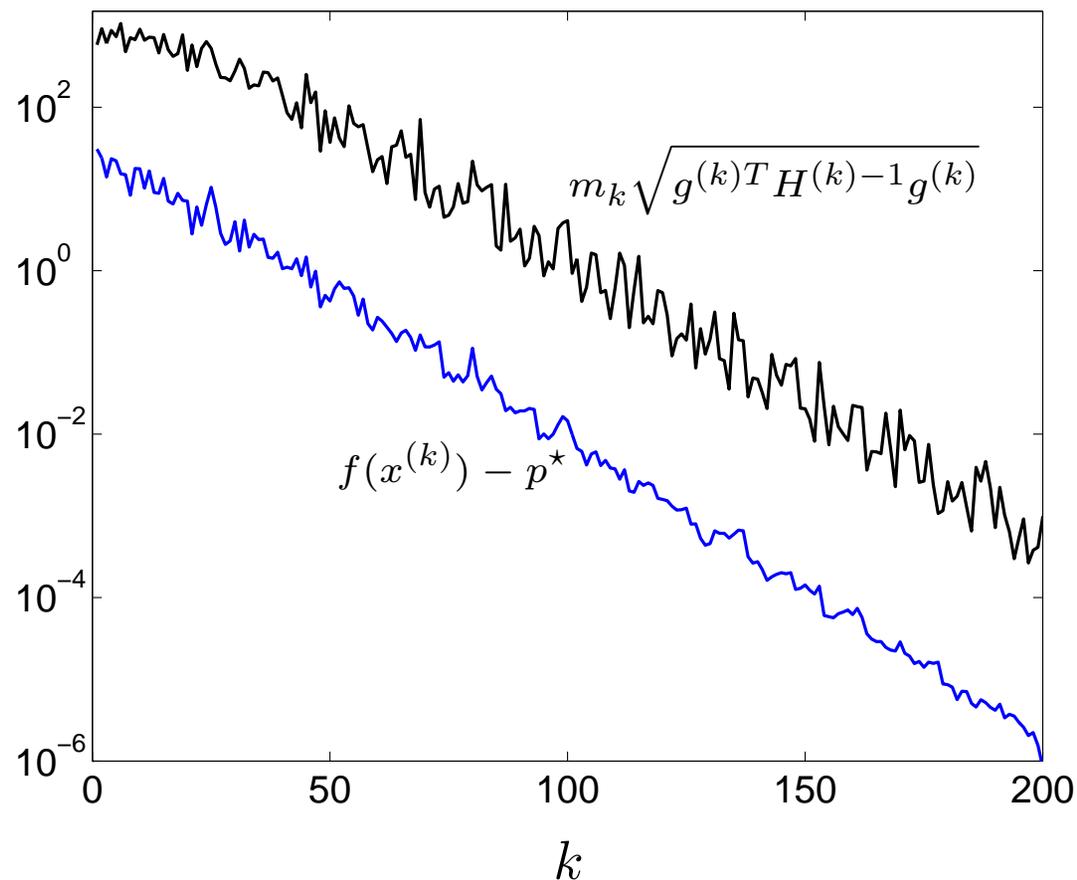
- drop all constraints with  $\eta_i \geq m$  (guaranteed to not change  $\mathcal{P}$ )
- drop constraints in order of irrelevance, keeping constant number, usually  $3n - 5n$

# Example

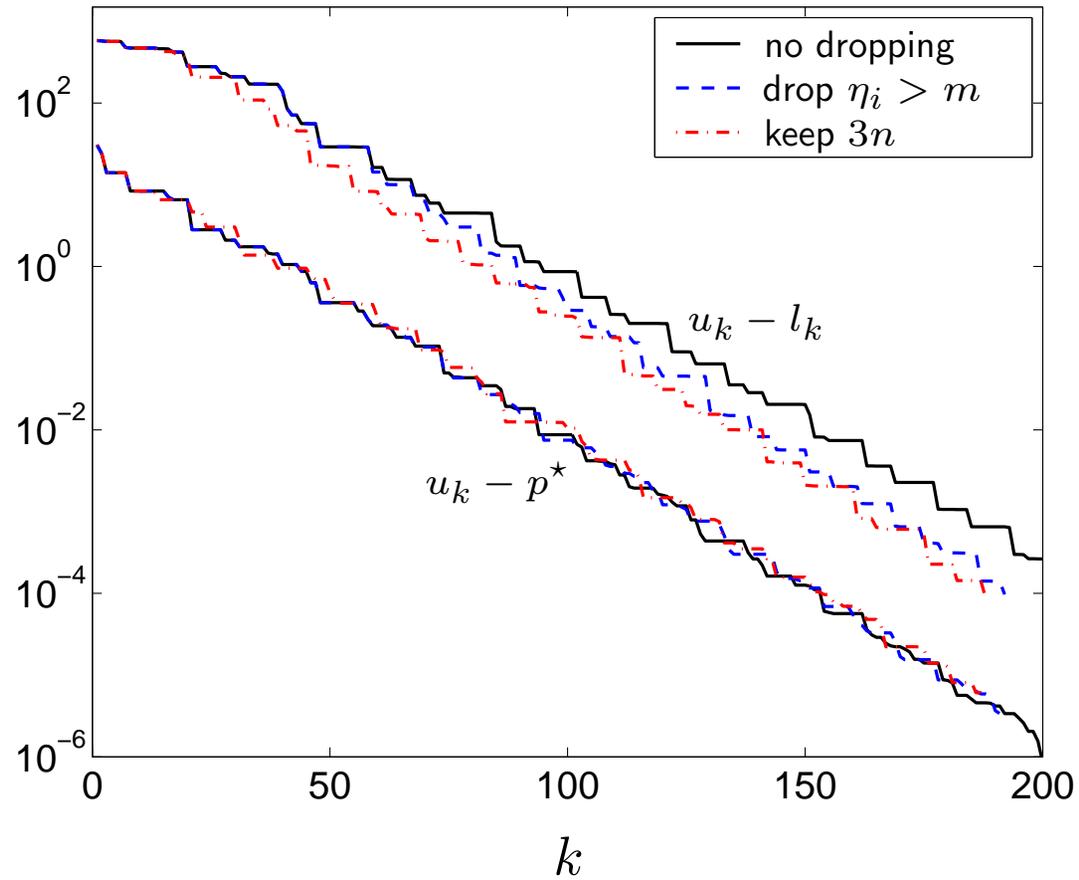
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PWL objective,  $n = 10$  variables,  $m = 100$  terms

simple ACCPM:  $f(x^{(k)})$  and lower bound  $f(x^{(k)}) - m\sqrt{g^{(k)T}H^{(k)-1}g^{(k)}}$

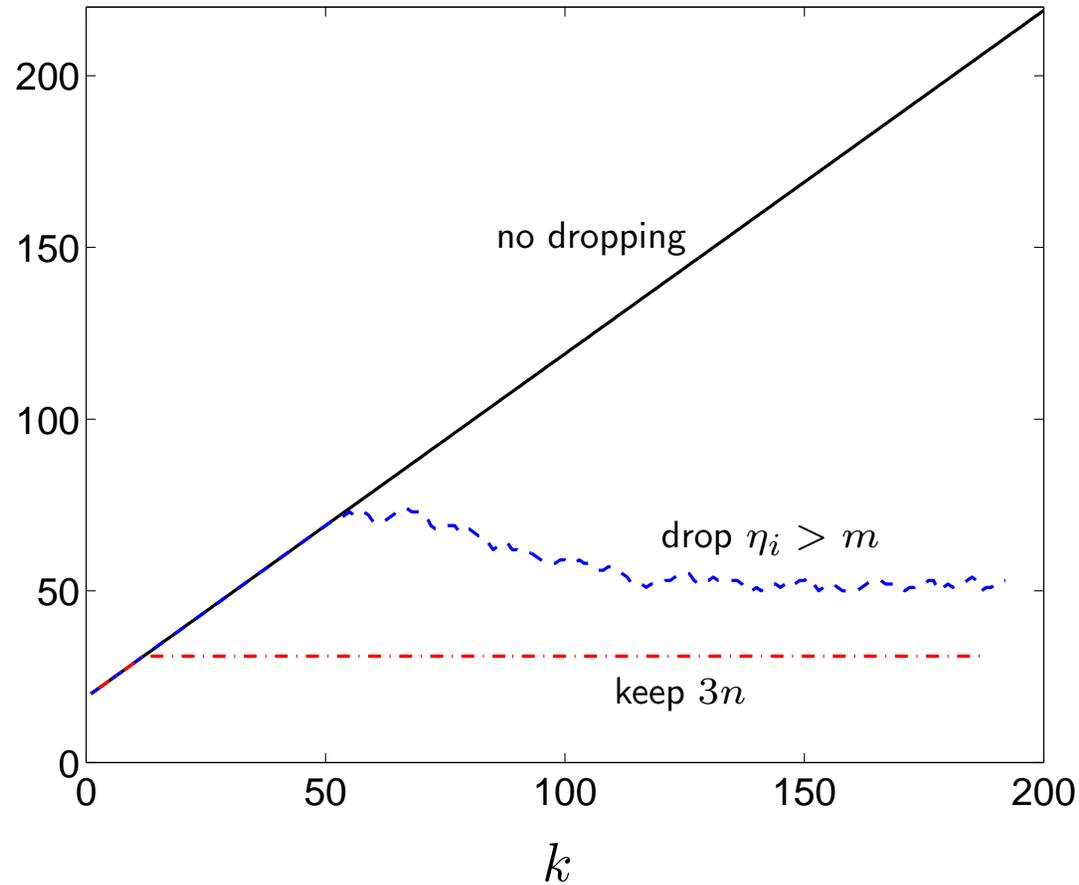


# ACCPM with constraint dropping



# ACCPM with constraint dropping

number of inequalities in  $\mathcal{P}$ :



. . . constraint dropping actually **improves** convergence (!)

# The Ellipsoid Method

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Challenges in cutting-plane methods:

- can be difficult to compute appropriate next query point
- localization polyhedron grows in complexity as algorithm progresses

can get around these challenges . . .

**ellipsoid method** is another approach

- developed in 70s by Shor and Yudin
- used in 1979 by Khachian to give polynomial time algorithm for LP

# Ellipsoid algorithm

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**idea:** localize  $x^*$  in an **ellipsoid** instead of a **polyhedron**

1. at iteration  $k$  we know  $x^* \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)}$
2. set  $x^{(k+1)} := \text{center}(\mathcal{E}^{(k)})$ ; evaluate  $\nabla f(x^{(k+1)})$  (or  $g^{(k)} \in \partial f(x^{(k+1)})$ )
3. hence we know

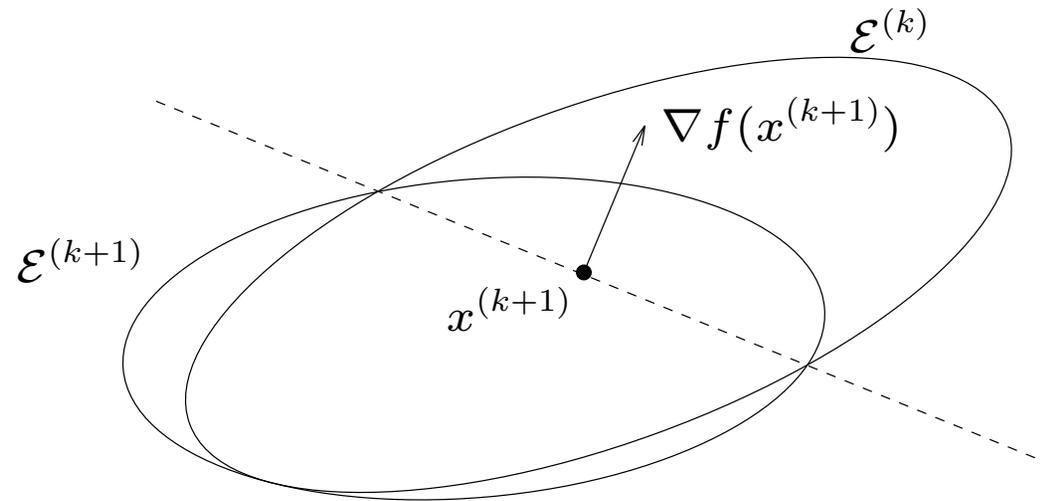
$$x^* \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)} \cap \{z \mid \nabla f(x^{(k+1)})^T (z - x^{(k+1)}) \leq 0\}$$

(a half-ellipsoid)

4. set  $\mathcal{E}^{(k+1)} :=$  minimum volume ellipsoid covering  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)} \cap \{z \mid \nabla f(x^{(k+1)})^T (z - x^{(k+1)}) \leq 0\}$

# Ellipsoid algorithm

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compared to cutting-plane method:

- localization set doesn't grow more complicated
- easy to compute query point
- but, we add unnecessary points in step 4

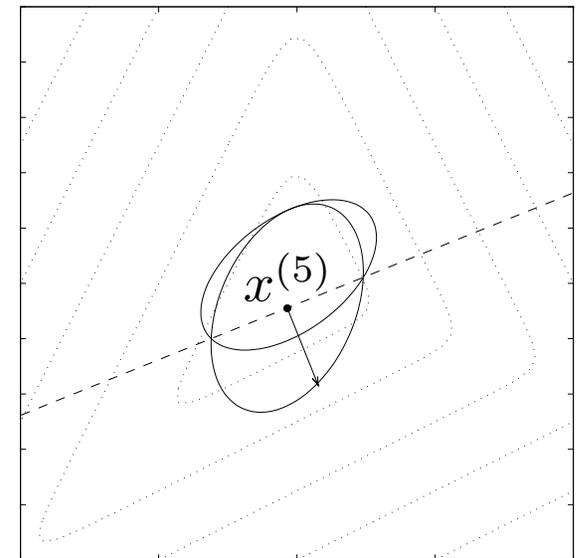
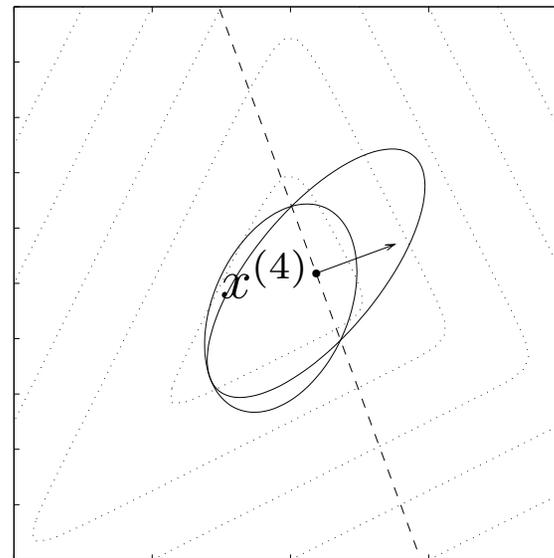
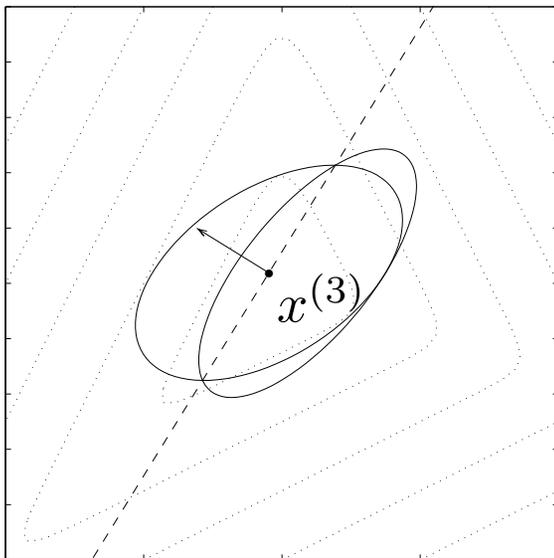
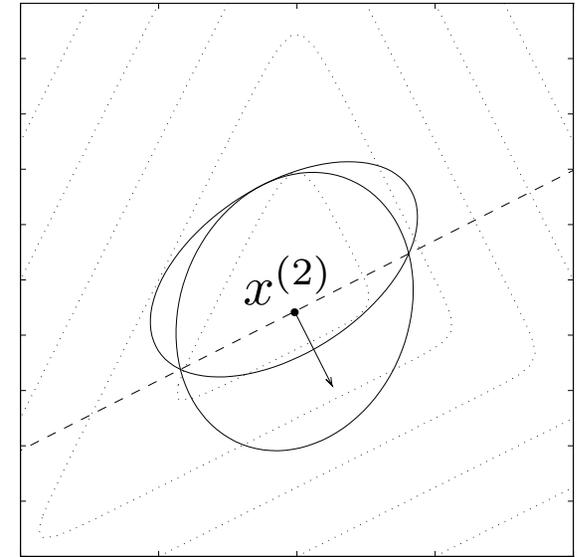
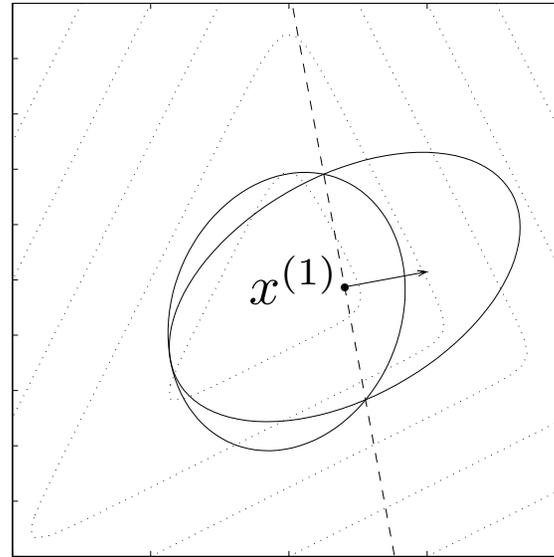
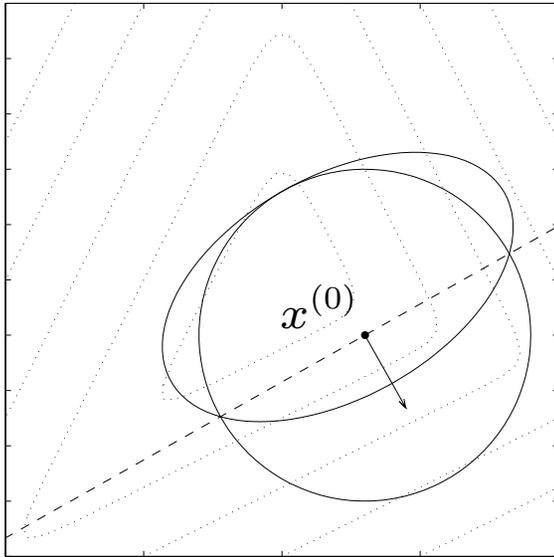
# Properties of ellipsoid method

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- reduces to bisection for  $n = 1$
- simple formula for  $\mathcal{E}^{(k+1)}$  given  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$ ,  $\nabla f(x^{(k+1)})$
- $\mathcal{E}^{(k+1)}$  can be larger than  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$  in diameter (max semi-axis length), but is always smaller in volume
- $\text{vol}(\mathcal{E}^{(k+1)}) < e^{-\frac{1}{2n}} \text{vol}(\mathcal{E}^{(k)})$   
(note that volume reduction factor depends on  $n$ )

# Example

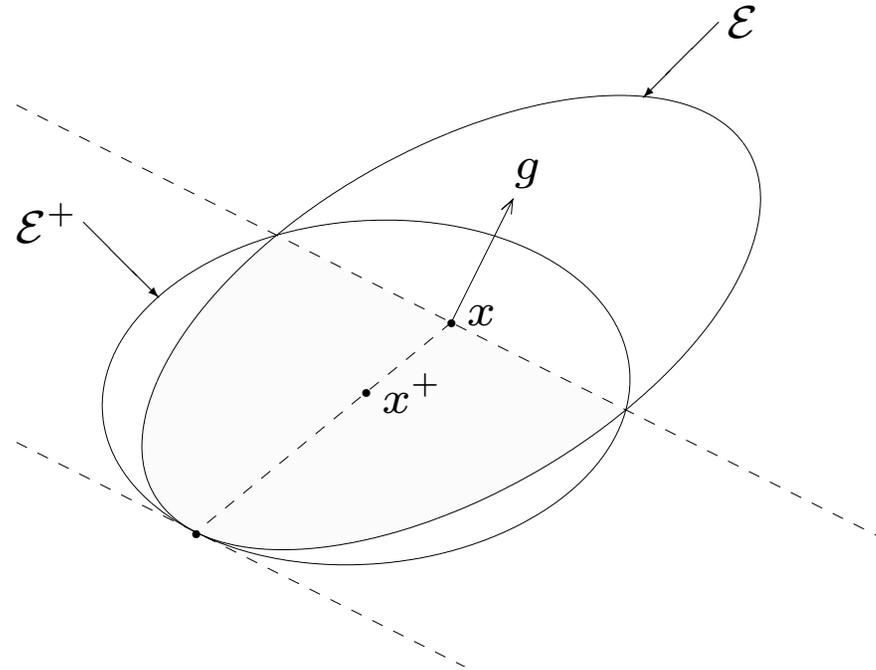
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# Updating the ellipsoid

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$$\mathcal{E}(x, A) = \{z \mid (z - x)^T A^{-1} (z - x) \leq 1\}$$



# Updating the ellipsoid

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(for  $n > 1$ ) minimum volume ellipsoid containing

$$\mathcal{E} \cap \{z \mid g^T(z - x) \leq 0\}$$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned}x^+ &= x - \frac{1}{n+1}A\tilde{g} \\A^+ &= \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} \left( A - \frac{2}{n+1}A\tilde{g}\tilde{g}^T A \right)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{g} \triangleq g / \sqrt{g^T A g}$

# Stopping criterion

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As in the ACCPM case, we can get **error bounds** on the current iterate.

$x^* \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , so

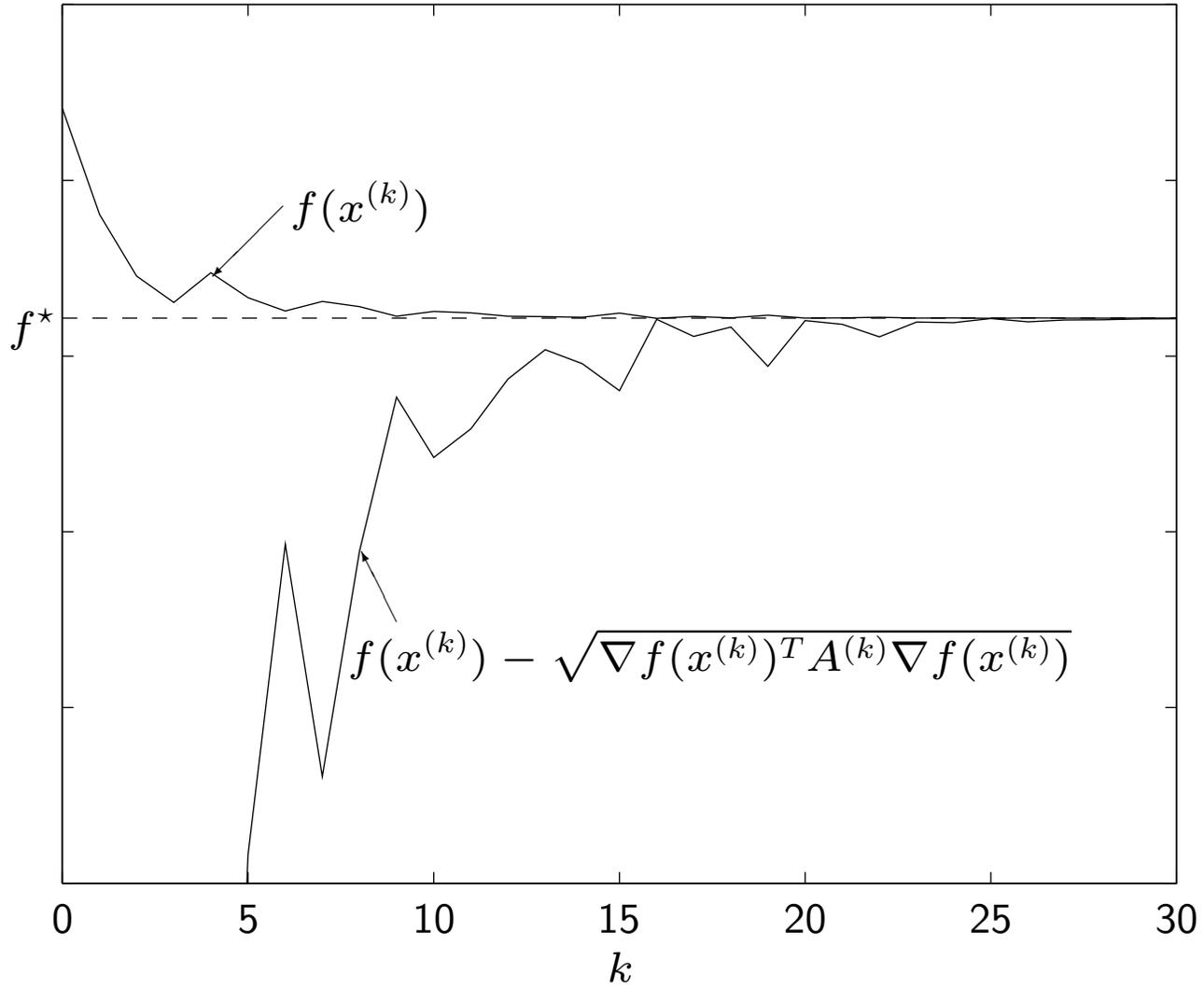
$$\begin{aligned} f(x^*) &\geq f(x^{(k)}) + \nabla f(x^{(k)})^T (x^* - x^{(k)}) \\ &\geq f(x^{(k)}) + \inf_{x \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)}} \nabla f(x^{(k)})^T (x - x^{(k)}) \\ &= f(x^{(k)}) - \sqrt{\nabla f(x^{(k)})^T A^{(k)} \nabla f(x^{(k)})} \end{aligned}$$

simple stopping criterion:

$$\sqrt{\nabla f(x^{(k)})^T A^{(k)} \nabla f(x^{(k)})} \leq \epsilon$$

# Stopping criterion

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# Basic ellipsoid algorithm

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ellipsoid described as  $\mathcal{E}(x, A) = \{ z \mid (z - x)^T A^{-1} (z - x) \leq 1 \}$

**given** ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(x, A)$  containing  $x^*$ , accuracy  $\epsilon > 0$

repeat

1. evaluate  $\nabla f(x)$  (or  $g \in \partial f(x)$ )
2. if  $\sqrt{\nabla f(x)^T A \nabla f(x)} \leq \epsilon$ , return( $x$ )
3. update ellipsoid
  - 3a.  $\tilde{g} := \nabla f(x) / \sqrt{\nabla f(x)^T A \nabla f(x)}$
  - 3b.  $x := x - \frac{1}{n+1} A \tilde{g}$
  - 3c.  $A := \frac{n^2}{n^2-1} \left( A - \frac{2}{n+1} A \tilde{g} \tilde{g}^T A \right)$

**properties:**

- can propagate Cholesky factor of  $A$ ; get  $O(n^2)$  update
- **not** a descent method
- often slow but robust in practice

# Interpretation

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- change coordinates so uncertainty ( $\mathcal{E}$ ) is unit ball
- take gradient (or subgradient) step with fixed length  $1/(n + 1)$

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# Proof of convergence

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## assumptions:

- $f$  is Lipschitz:  $|f(y) - f(x)| \leq G\|y - x\|$
- $\mathcal{E}^{(0)}$  is ball with radius  $R$

suppose  $f(x^{(i)}) > f^* + \epsilon$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, k$ , then

$$f(x) \leq f^* + \epsilon \implies x \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)}$$

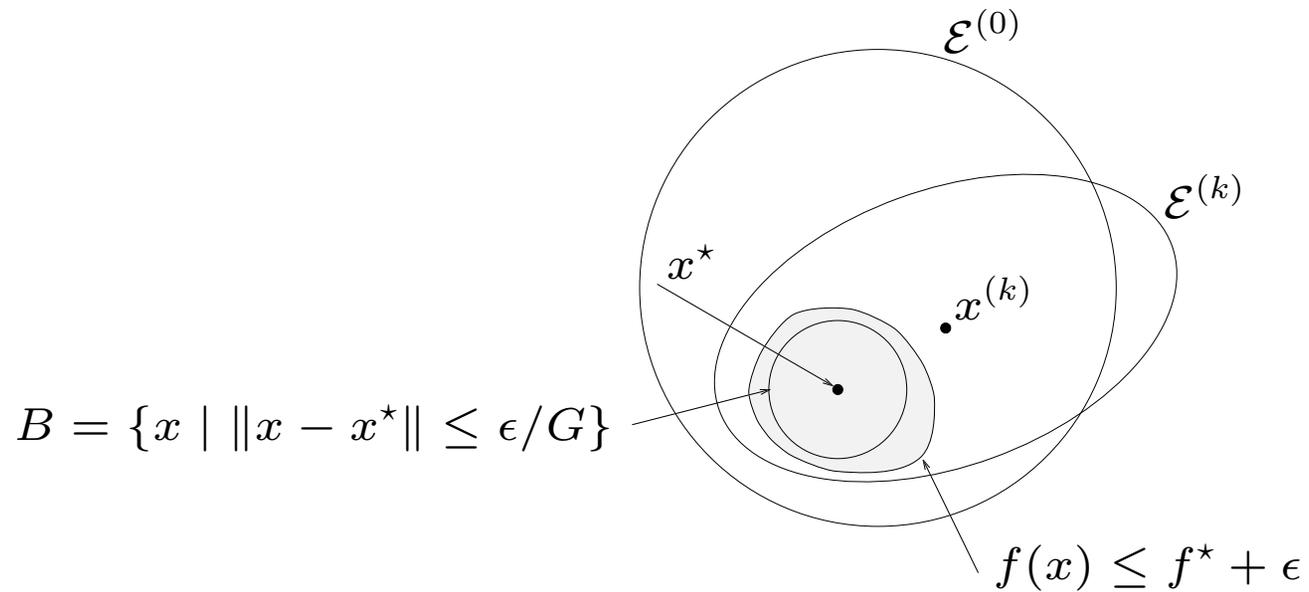
since at iteration  $i$  we only discard points with  $f \geq f(x^{(i)})$ , then from Lipschitz condition,

$$\|x - x^*\| \leq \epsilon/G \implies f(x) \leq f^* + \epsilon \implies x \in \mathcal{E}^{(k)}$$

so  $B = \{x \mid \|x - x^*\| \leq \epsilon/G\} \subseteq \mathcal{E}^{(k)}$ , hence  $\mathbf{vol}(B) \leq \mathbf{vol}(\mathcal{E}^{(k)})$ , so

$$\beta_n(\epsilon/G)^n \leq e^{-k/2n} \mathbf{vol}(\mathcal{E}^{(0)}) = e^{-k/2n} \beta_n R^n$$

( $\beta_n$  is volume of unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), therefore  $k \leq 2n^2 \log(RG/\epsilon)$



**conclusion:** for  $K > 2n^2 \log(RG/\epsilon)$ ,

$$\min_{i=0, \dots, K} f(x^{(i)}) \leq f^* + \epsilon$$

# Interpretation of complexity

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since  $x^* \in \mathcal{E}_0 = \{x \mid \|x - x^{(0)}\| \leq R\}$ , our prior knowledge of  $f^*$  is

$$f^* \in [f(x^{(0)}) - GR, f(x^{(0)})]$$

our prior uncertainty in  $f^*$  is  $GR$

after  $k$  iterations our knowledge of  $f^*$  is

$$f^* \in \left[ \min_{i=0,\dots,k} f(x^{(i)}) - \epsilon, \min_{i=0,\dots,k} f(x^{(i)}) \right]$$

posterior uncertainty in  $f^*$  is  $\leq \epsilon$

**iterations required:**

$$2n^2 \log \frac{RG}{\epsilon} = 2n^2 \log \frac{\text{prior uncertainty}}{\text{posterior uncertainty}}$$

**efficiency:**  $0.72/n^2$  bits per gradient evaluation (degrades with  $n$ )

# Inequality constrained problems

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f_0(x) \\ \text{subject to} & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \end{array}$$

**same idea:** maintain ellipsoids  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$  that

- contain  $x^*$
- decrease in volume to zero

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**case 1:**  $x^{(k)}$  feasible, *i.e.*,  $f_i(x^{(k)}) \leq 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$

- then do usual update of  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$  based on  $\nabla f_0(x^{(k)})$
- rules out halfspace of points with larger function value than current point

**case 2:**  $x^{(k)}$  infeasible, say,  $f_j(x^{(k)}) > 0$ ;

- then  $\nabla f_j(x^{(k)})^T (x - x^{(k)}) \geq 0 \implies f_j(x) > 0 \implies x$  infeasible so update  $\mathcal{E}^{(k)}$  based on  $\nabla f_j(x^{(k)})$
- rules out halfspace of infeasible points

# Affine Maximization: Frank-Wolfe

- Classical first order methods for solving

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C, \end{array}$$

in  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  convex, relied on the assumption that the following subproblem could be solved efficiently

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & y^T x + d(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C, \end{array}$$

in the variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $d(x)$  is a strongly convex function.

- The method detailed here assumes instead that the **affine minimization subproblem**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & d^T x \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C \end{array}$$

can be solved efficiently for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Algorithm.

- Choose  $x_0 \in C$ .
- **For**  $k = 1, \dots, k^{max}$  **iterate**

1. Compute  $\nabla f(x_k)$

2. Solve

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & x^T \nabla f(y_k) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C \end{array}$$

in  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , call the solution  $x_d$ .

3. Update the current point

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{2}{k+2}(x_d - x_k)$$

Note that all iterates are feasible.

- **Complexity.** Assume that  $f$  is differentiable. Define the curvature  $C_f$  of the function  $f(x)$  as

$$C_f \triangleq \sup_{\substack{s, x \in \mathcal{M}, \\ y = x + \alpha(s - x), \\ \alpha \in [0, 1]}} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} (f(y) - f(x) - \langle y - x, \nabla f(x) \rangle).$$

The Franke-Wolfe algorithm will then produce an  $\epsilon$  solution after

$$N_{\max} = \frac{4C_f}{\epsilon}$$

iterations.

- **Stopping criterion.** At each iteration, we get a lower bound on the optimum as a byproduct of the affine minimization step. By convexity

$$f(x_k) + \nabla f(x_k)^T (x_d - x_k) \leq f(x), \quad \text{for all } x \in C$$

and finally, calling  $f^*$  the optimal value of problem, we obtain

$$f(x_k) - f^* \leq \nabla f(x_k)^T (x_k - x_d).$$

This allows us to bound the suboptimality of iterate at no additional cost.

# Partial Minimization: Coordinate Descent

# Coordinate Descent

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We seek to solve

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(x) \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C \end{array}$$

in the variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  convex.

- Our main assumption here is that  **$C$  is a product of simpler sets**. We rewrite the problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(x_1, \dots, x_p) \\ \text{subject to} & x_i \in C_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \end{array}$$

where  $C = C_1 \times \dots \times C_p$ .

- This helps if the minimization subproblems

$$\min_{x_i \in C_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_p)$$

can be solved very efficiently (or in closed-form).

# Coordinate Descent

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**Algorithm.** The algorithm simply computes the iterates  $x^{(k+1)}$  as

$$x_i^{(k+1)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x_i \in C_i} f(x_1^{(k)}, \dots, x_i^{(k)}, \dots, x_p^{(k)})$$
$$x_j^{(k+1)} = x_j^{(k)}, \quad j \neq i$$

for a certain  $i \in [1, p]$ , cycling over all indices in  $[1, p]$ .

## Convergence.

- Complexity analysis similar to coordinate-wise gradient descent (or steepest descent in  $\ell_1$  norm).
- Need  $f(x)$  strongly convex to get linear complexity bound.
- Few clean results outside of this setting.

# Coordinate Descent

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## Example.

- Consider the box constrained minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && x^T A x + b^T x \\ & \text{subject to} && \|x\|_\infty \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

in the variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We assume  $A \succ 0$ .

- The set  $\|x\|_\infty \leq 1$  is a box, i.e. a product of intervals.
- Each minimization subproblem means solving a second order equation.
- The dual is

$$\min_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} (b + y)^T A^{-1} (b + y) - 4\|y\|_1$$

which can be interpreted as a penalized regression problem in the variable  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

# Partial Minimization: Dykstra, alternating projection

# Dykstra, alternating projection

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We focus on a simple **feasibility problem**

$$\text{find } x \in C_1 \cap C_2$$

in the variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $C_1, C_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  two convex sets.

We assume now that the projection problems on  $C_i$  are easier to solve

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \|x - y\|_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x \in C_i \end{array}$$

in  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

# Dykstra, alternating projection

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## Algorithm (alternating projection)

- Choose  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- **For**  $k = 1, \dots, k^{max}$  **iterate**

1. Project on  $C_1$

$$x_{k+1/2} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in C_1} \|x - x_k\|_2$$

2. Project on  $C_2$

$$x_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in C_2} \|x - x_{k+1/2}\|_2$$

**Convergence.** We can show  $\operatorname{dist}(x_k, C_1 \cap C_2) \rightarrow 0$ . Linear convergence provided some additional regularity assumptions.

# Dykstra, alternating projection

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## Algorithm (Dykstra)

- Choose  $x_0, z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- For  $k = 1, \dots, k^{max}$  iterate

1. Project on  $C_1$

$$x_{k+1/2} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in C_1} \|x - z_k\|_2$$

2. Update

$$z_{k+1/2} = 2x_{k+1/2} - z_k$$

3. Project on  $C_2$

$$x_{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in C_2} \|x - z_{k+1/2}\|_2$$

4. Update

$$z_{k+1} = z_k + x_{k+1} - x_{k+1/2}$$

**Convergence.** Usually faster than simple alternating projection.