

Computer-aided worst-case analyses for operator splitting

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DR contraction factors

Table: Contraction factors for DR: assumptions beyond max. monotonicity.

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M4	str. mono.	Lipschitz	[4]	✗	3.

1. sharp rates for some parameter choices in [3]
2. Lions and Mercier [5] provided conservative rate in this setting
3. sharp rate when B is skew linear in [4]

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“Performance Estimation Toolbox (PESTO): automated worst-case analysis of first-order optimization methods” (CDC 2017)

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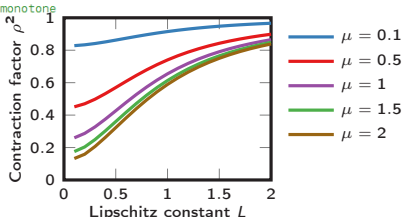
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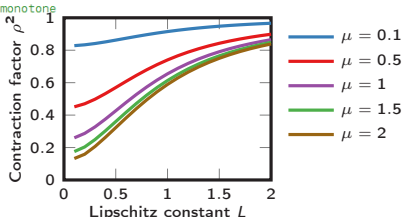
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Convex indicator functions (poss. bounded domain)	✓
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Smooth strongly convex functions	✓
Smooth (possibly nonconvex) functions	✓
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Strongly convex functions (poss. bounded domain)	✓
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Operator class	
Monotone (maximally)	✓
Strongly monotone (maximally)	✓
Cocoercive	✓
Lipschitz	✓
Cocoercive and strongly monotone*	✗
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