## A SURVEY OF RESULTS ON LINEAR CONVERGENCE FOR ITERATIVE PROXIMAL ALGORITHMS IN NONCONVEX SETTINGS

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## Goals

Solve

$$0 \in F(x)$$

for  $F : \mathbb{E} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{E}$  with  $\mathbb{E}$  a Euclidean space.

► #1. Convergence (with rates and radii) of Picard iterations:

$$x^{k+1} \in Tx^k$$

► #2. Algorithms:

- Feasibility: alternating projections
- Optimization: Douglas-Rachford
- ► #2. Applications:
  - Ptychography/Phase retrieval
  - Rank constrained affine feasibility
  - Optimization with high-dimensional structured constraints

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#### **Building blocks**

- Resolvent:  $(Id + \lambda F)^{-1}$
- Prox operator: for a function  $f: X \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , define

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\eta f}(x) := \operatorname{argmin}_{y} f(y) + \frac{1}{2\eta} \|y - x\|^{2}$$

- Proximal reflector:  $R_{\eta f} := 2 \operatorname{prox}_{\eta f} \operatorname{Id}$
- ▶ Projector: if  $f = \iota_{\Omega}$  for  $\Omega \subset X$  closed and nonempty, then prox<sub>nf</sub>( $\overline{x}$ ) =  $P_{\Omega}\overline{x}$  where

$$P_{\Omega}x := \{\overline{x} \in \Omega \mid ||x - \overline{x}|| = \operatorname{dist}(x, \Omega)\}$$
  
dist $(x, \Omega) := \inf_{y \in \Omega} ||x - y||.$ 

▶ Reflector: if  $f = \iota_{\Omega}$  for some closed, nonempty set  $\Omega \subset X$ , then  $R_{\Omega} := 2P_{\Omega} - Id$ 

### Algorithms

• Proximal point:  $T_{PP} := (Id + \lambda F)^{-1}$  (fixed step length)

and for  $F = \partial f_1 + \partial f_2$ , splitting algorithms:

- Forward-backward/Projected (sub)gradients:
   *T<sub>FB</sub>* := prox<sub>f1</sub> (Id -λ∂f<sub>2</sub>)
- Backward-backward/Alternating projections: T<sub>AP</sub> := prox<sub>f1</sub> prox<sub>f2</sub>

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Douglas-Rachford (ADMM):

 $\mathit{T_{DR}} := \mathsf{prox}_{\mathit{f_1}} \left( 2 \, \mathsf{prox}_{\mathit{f_2}} - \mathsf{Id} \right) - \mathsf{prox}_{\mathit{f_2}} + \mathsf{Id}$ 

## **Convergence analysis**

### Monotone/Convex

- Monotone proximal point: Martinet, Rokafellar
- Convex forward-backward: Eckstein, Combettes-Wajs, Combettes-Pesquet, Combettes-Dung-Vu, Nesterov, Beck-Teboulle
- Convex alternating projections: von Neumann, Aronszajn, Cheney-Goldstein, Bregman, Gubin-Polyak-Raik
- Convex Douglas-Rachford/ADMM: Lions-Mercier, Gabay

### Nonmonotone/Nonconvex

- Nonmonotone proximal point: Spingarn, Pennanen, Combettes-Pennanen, Iusem-Pennanen-Svaiter, Aragón-Geoffroy, Aragón-Dontchev-Geoffroy, Attouch-Bolte
- Nonconvex alternating projections: Combettes-Trussell, Lewis-Malick, Lewis-L.-Malick, Bauschke-L.-Phan-Wang, Hesse-L., Hesse-L.-Neumann, Noll-Rondepierre
- Nonconvex forward-backward: Attouch-Bolte-Redont-Soubeyran
- Nonconvex Douglas-Rachford: Borwein-Sims, Hesse-L., Hesse-L.Neumann, Phan, Bauschke-Noll

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## **Ambient regularity**

## $(S,\epsilon)$ -nonexpansive mappings

Let *D* and *S* be nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{E}$  and let *T* be a (multi-valued) mapping from *D* to  $\mathbb{E}$ .

T is called (S, ε)-nonexpansive on D if, at each x̄ ∈ S, for all x ∈ D

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{+} - \overline{x}_{+}\| &\leq \sqrt{1 + \varepsilon} \, \|x - \overline{x}\| \\ \forall \, \overline{x}_{+} &\in T\overline{x} \text{ and } \forall \, x_{+} \in Tx. \end{aligned}$$

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- If this holds with  $\epsilon = 0$  then T is called <u>S-nonexpansive</u> on D.
- If this holds with *ϵ* = 0 and *S* = *D* then *T* is called nonexpansive on *D*.

### $(S, \epsilon)$ -firmly nonexpansive mappings

Let *D* and *S* be nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{E}$  and let *T* be a (multi-valued) mapping from *D* to  $\mathbb{E}$ .

T is called (S, ε)-firmly nonexpansive on D if, at each x̄ ∈ S, for all x ∈ D

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{+} - \overline{x}_{+}\|^{2} + \|(x - x_{+}) - (\overline{x} - \overline{x}_{+})\|^{2} &\leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|x - \overline{x}\|^{2} \\ \forall \ \overline{x}_{+} \in T\overline{x} \text{ and } \forall x_{+} \in Tx. \end{aligned}$$

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- If this holds with  $\epsilon = 0$  then T is called S-firmly nonexpansive on D.
- If this holds with *ϵ* = 0 and *S* = *D* then *T* is called firmly nonexpansive on *D*.

### Fixed points of set-valued mappings

The set of fixed points of a set-valued mapping  $T : X \rightrightarrows X$  is defined by

$$\{x\in X\mid x\in T(x)\}.$$

When  $T := P_A P_B$  this includes the point  $\{(1, 1)\}$  in



### Alternating Projections: $T = P_A P_B$

(i) IS NOT (Fix  $T, \epsilon$ )-firmly nonexpansive on A for any  $\epsilon$ 





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(ii) IS  $(S, \epsilon)$ -firmly nonexpansive on A for



## Regularity at the fixed point set

#### **Basic Lemma**

- Let  $T : D \rightrightarrows \mathbb{E}$  for  $D \subset \mathbb{E}$  and let  $S \subset Fix T \subset ri D$ . Define  $S_{\delta} := \delta \mathbb{B} + S \subset D$  for  $\delta \in [0, \overline{\delta})$  fixed. Suppose
- (a) T is  $(S, \epsilon)$ -firmly nonexpansive on  $S_{\overline{\delta}}$ , and
- (b) there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that T satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - x_+\| &\geq \lambda \operatorname{dist}(x, S) \quad \forall \ x_+ \in Tx, \ \forall \ x \in S_{\overline{\delta}} \setminus \left(S_{\overline{\delta}} \cap (\operatorname{Fix} \ T + \delta \mathbb{B})\right). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$
Then, for all  $x \in S_{\overline{\delta}} \setminus \left(S_{\overline{\delta}} \cap (\operatorname{Fix} \ T + \delta \mathbb{B})\right)$ 

$$\operatorname{dist}(x_+,\operatorname{Fix} T) \leq \sqrt{1+\epsilon-\lambda^2}\operatorname{dist}(x,S) \quad \forall \ x_+ \in Tx.$$
 (2)

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#### (sub) Linear Convergence

Let  $T: D \Rightarrow D$  for  $D \subset \mathbb{E}$  and let  $S \subset \text{Fix } T \subset \text{ri } D$  be closed and nonempty. Define  $S_{\delta} := (\delta \mathbb{B} + S) \cap D$ . Suppose that for  $\gamma \in [0, 1)$ fixed and for all  $\overline{\delta} > 0$  small enough, there is a triplet  $(\epsilon, \delta, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \gamma \overline{\delta}] \times (\sqrt{\epsilon}, \sqrt{\epsilon + 1}]$  such that

(a) T is  $(S, \epsilon)$ -firmly nonexpansive on  $S_{\overline{\delta}}$  and

(b)  $||x - x_+|| \ge \lambda \operatorname{dist}(x, S) \quad \forall x_+ \in Tx, \ \forall x \in S_{\overline{\delta}} \setminus (S_{\overline{\delta}} \cap (\operatorname{Fix} T + \delta \mathbb{B})).$ Then for any  $x^0$  close enough to *S* the iterates  $x^{k+1} \in T(x^k)$  satisfy  $\operatorname{dist}(x^k, \operatorname{Fix} T) \to 0$  as  $k \to \infty$ .

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Condition (a) is relatively easy to verify. What about (b)?

The key insight into condition (b) is the connection to metric SUBregularity of set-valued mappings. This approach to the study of algorithms has been advanced by several authors [Pennanen, Klatte&Kummer, Aragón&Geoffroy, Dontchev&Rockafellar]

(strong) Metric (sub)-Regularity

(i) The mapping Φ : E ⇒ Y is called metrically regular at of order w x for y if there is a constant κ > 0 together with neighborhood U of x and V of y such that

 $dist(x, \Phi^{-1}(y)) \le \kappa \operatorname{dist}^{\mathsf{w}}(y, \Phi(x)) \quad \forall (x, y) \in U \times V.$  (3)

The regularity modulus is the infimum of those constants  $\kappa > 0$  such that (3) holds.

(ii) The mapping  $\Phi : \mathbb{E} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{Y}$  is called metrically subregular of order *w* at  $\overline{x}$  for  $\overline{y}$  if  $(\overline{x}, \overline{y}) \in \operatorname{gph} \Phi$  and there is a constant  $\kappa > 0$  and neighborhoods U of  $\overline{x}$  and V of  $\overline{y}$  such that

 $\mathsf{dist}\left(x,\Phi^{-1}(\overline{y})\right) \leq \kappa \,\mathsf{dist}^{\mathsf{w}}\left(\overline{y},\Phi(x)\cap V\right) \quad \forall \ x\in U. \tag{4}$ 

The subregularity modulus is the infimum of those constants  $\kappa > 0$  such that (4) holds.

(sub) Linear Convergence with Metric Subregularity Let  $T: D \Rightarrow D$  for  $D \subset \mathbb{E}$ ,  $\Phi := T - Id$  and let  $S \subset Fix T \subset ri D$  be closed and nonempty. Suppose that, for any  $\overline{\delta} > 0$  small enough, there are  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ ,  $w \in (0, 1]$ , a nonnegative sequence of scalars  $(\epsilon_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a constant  $\kappa > 0$ , such that, for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S_{\overline{\delta}} := (\overline{\delta}\mathbb{B} + S) \cap D$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{i}+1}} \leq \kappa \inf_{x \in S_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \setminus \left( \left( \mathsf{Fix} \ T+\gamma^{i+1}\overline{\delta}\mathbb{B} \right) \cap S_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \right)} \left\{ \inf_{x_{+} \in \mathcal{T}x} \|x_{+} - x\|^{w-1} \right\} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{i}}},$$
(5)

and

(a) T is  $(S, \epsilon_i)$ -firmly nonexpansive on  $S_{\gamma^i \overline{\delta}}$  and (b) dist  $(x, \Phi^{-1}(0)) \leq \kappa \operatorname{dist}^w (0, \Phi(x)) \quad \forall x \in S_{\gamma^i \overline{\delta}} \setminus \left( (\operatorname{Fix} T + \gamma^{i+1} \overline{\delta} \mathbb{B}) \cap S_{\gamma^i \overline{\delta}} \right).$ 

## (sub) Linear Convergence with Metric Subregularity Then, for any $x^0 \in S_{\overline{\delta}}$ , the iterates $x^{j+1} \in T(x^j)$ converge to Fix T with

dist 
$$\left(x^{j+1}, \operatorname{Fix} T\right) \leq \sqrt{1 + \epsilon_i - \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_i}\right)^2} \operatorname{dist}\left(x^j, S\right)$$
 (6)

for all  $\mathbf{x}^{j} \in \mathcal{S}_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \setminus \left( \left( \mathsf{Fix} \ T + \gamma^{i+1}\overline{\delta}\mathbb{B} \right) \cap \mathcal{S}_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \right)$  where

$$\kappa_{i} := \kappa \inf_{x \in S_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \setminus \left( \left( \mathsf{Fix} \ T + \gamma^{i+1}\overline{\delta}\mathbb{B} \right) \cap S_{\gamma^{i}\overline{\delta}} \right)} \left\{ \inf_{x_{+} \in \mathcal{T}x} \|x_{+} - x\|^{w-1} \right\}.$$
(7)

In particular, if w = 1, then convergence is at least linear with rate bounded above by  $\sqrt{1 + \overline{\epsilon} - (\frac{1}{\kappa})^2}$  where  $\overline{\epsilon} := \sup_k {\epsilon_k}$ .

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## Projection algorithms for feasibility

### **Regularity of sets**

(i) A nonempty set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{E}$  is  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -subregular at  $\widehat{x}$  with respect to  $S \subset \mathbb{E}$  if

$$\langle \mathbf{v}, \overline{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \le \varepsilon \|\mathbf{v}\| \|\overline{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{y}\|$$
 (8)

holds for all  $y \in \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x}) \cap \Omega$ ,  $\overline{x} \in S \cap \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x})$ ,  $v \in N_{\Omega}^{\text{prox}}(y)$ . The set  $\Omega$  is said to be  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -subregular at  $\widehat{x}$  if  $S = \{\widehat{x}\}$ .

- (ii) If  $S = \Omega$  in (i) then the set  $\Omega$  is said to be  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -regular at  $\hat{x}$ .
- (iii) A nonempty (locally) closed set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{E}$  is *Clarke regular* at a point  $\overline{x} \in \Omega$ if, for all  $\epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $z \in \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x})$  and  $x \in \Omega \cap \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x})$ , and any  $y \in P_{\Omega}(z)$ ,  $\langle x - \widehat{x}, z - y \rangle \leq \epsilon ||x - \widehat{x}|| ||z - y||.$
- (iv) If, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that (8) holds for all  $y, \overline{x} \in \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x}) \cap \Omega$  and  $v \in N_{\Omega}^{prox}(y)$ , then  $\Omega$  is said to be *super-regular*.
- (v) A nonempty (locally) closed set Ω ⊂ E is *prox-regular* at a point x̄ ∈ Ω if the projector P<sub>Ω</sub> is single-valued in a vicinity of x̄.

#### Set regularity relations

(i)  $\{(\epsilon, \delta) - \text{subregular sets}\} \supset \{(\epsilon, \delta) - \text{regular sets}\}$ 

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- (ii)  $\{(\epsilon, \delta) \text{regular sets}\} \supset \{\text{Clarke regular sets}\}$
- (iii) {Clarke regular sets}  $\supset$  {super-regular sets}
- (iv) {super-regular sets }  $\supset$  {prox-regular sets}
- (v) {prox-regular sets }  $\supset$  {closed convex sets}

A more recent definition of 0-Hölder regular sets (relative to some other set) developed by Noll&Rondepierre (2015) satisfies

 $\{0\text{-H\"older regular sets}\} \supset \{(\epsilon, \delta) - \text{regular sets}\}$ 

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but haven't worked out the relation to  $\{(\epsilon, \delta)\}$ -subregular sets yet.

#### **Projectors and reflectors onto (** $\varepsilon$ , $\delta$ **)-subregular sets**

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{E}$  be nonempty closed and  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -subregular at  $\hat{x}$  with respect to  $S \subseteq \Omega \cap \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\hat{x})$  and define

$$U := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{E} \mid P_{\Omega} x \subset \mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\widehat{x}) \right\}.$$
(9)

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- (i) The projector  $P_{\Omega}$  is  $(S, \tilde{\varepsilon}_1)$ -nonexpansive on U where  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_1 := 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2$ .
- (ii) The projector  $P_{\Omega}$  is  $(S, \tilde{\varepsilon}_2)$ -firmly nonexpansive on  $\mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\hat{x})$  where  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_2 := 2\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon^2$ .
- (iii) The reflector  $R_{\Omega}$  is  $(S, \tilde{\varepsilon}_3)$ -nonexpansive on  $\mathbb{B}_{\delta}(\hat{x})$  where  $\tilde{\varepsilon}_3 := 4\varepsilon + 4\varepsilon^2$ .

## **Regularity of collections of sets**

#### Linearly focusing collections of sets

The collection  $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  of closed subsets of  $\mathbb{E}$  is said to be  $\Omega_1$ -weakly linearly focusing at  $\overline{x}$  when  $P_{\Omega_1}P_{\Omega_2}\overline{x} \ni \overline{x}$  and there is a neighborhood U of  $\overline{x}$  and a constant  $\kappa$  such that, for all  $x \in U$ ,

$$dist(x, E_1) \le \kappa dist(x, P_{\Omega_1} P_{\Omega_2} x)$$
(10)

where  $E_1 := \{e \in \Omega_1 \mid P_{\Omega_1}P_{\Omega_2}e \ni e\}$ . The collection is said to be *weakly linearly focusing* (no mention of  $\Omega_1$  or  $\Omega_2$ ) at  $(\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2)$  when  $(P_{\Omega_1}P_{\Omega_2}\overline{x}_1, P_{\Omega_2}P_{\Omega_1}\overline{x}_2) \ni (\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2)$  and there is a neighborhood U of  $(\overline{x}_1, \overline{x}_2)$ and a constant  $\kappa$  such that, for all  $(x_1, x_2) \in U$ ,

 $dist((x_1, x_2), (E_1, E_2)) \le \kappa \|dist(x_1, P_{\Omega_1} P_{\Omega_2} x), dist(x_2, P_{\Omega_2} P_{\Omega_1} x)\|.$ (11)

where  $E_2 := \{ f \in \Omega_2 \mid P_{\Omega_2} P_{\Omega_1} e \ni e \}.$ 

The collection is said to be *strongly linearly focusing* at  $\overline{x}$  when  $\overline{x} \in \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$ and there is a neighborhood U of  $(\overline{x}, \overline{x})$  and a constant  $\kappa$  such that, for all  $x \in U$  (11) holds. The infimum of all  $\kappa$  such that (11) holds is called the *(weak/strong) focusing modulus.* 

 $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  intersect transversally  $\implies$  $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  is linearly regular at  $\overline{x} \in \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$  $\implies$  $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  is locally linearly regular at  $\overline{x} \in \Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2$  $\Leftrightarrow$  $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  is strongly linearly focusing at  $\overline{x}$  $\Leftrightarrow$  $\psi := \mathbf{T} - \mathbf{Id}$  is metrically subregular at  $(\overline{x}, \overline{x}, 0, 0) \in \mathbf{gph} \psi(\overline{x}, \overline{x})$  $\Phi := T - Id$  is metrically subregular at  $(\overline{x}, 0) \in gph \Phi(\overline{x}, \overline{x})$  $\Leftrightarrow$  $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$  is  $\Omega_1$ -weakly linearly focusing at  $\overline{x}$ where  $\mathbf{T} := (P_{\Omega_1} P_{\Omega_2}, P_{\Omega_2} P_{\Omega_1})$  and  $T := P_{\Omega_1} P_{\Omega_2}$ .

(sub) Linear Convergence of Alternating Projections Let  $T_{AP}: A \Rightarrow A := P_A P_B$  for A, B closed,  $\Phi_{AP} := T_{AP} - Id$  and let  $\overline{x} \in E := \{e \in A \mid P_A P_B e \ni e\}$ . Suppose that, for any  $\overline{\delta} > 0$  small enough, there are  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  and a pair  $(\epsilon, \kappa) > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon+1}} \le \kappa < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon}},\tag{12}$$

and

(a) *T* is  $(\{\overline{x}\}, \epsilon)$ -firmly nonexpansive on  $\overline{\delta}\mathbb{B}(\overline{x}) \cap A$  and (b) (A, B) is *A*-weakly linearly focusing at  $\overline{x}$ . Then, for any  $x^0 \in \overline{\delta}\mathbb{B}(\overline{x}) \cap A$ , the iterates  $x^{j+1} \in Tx^j$  converge linearly to *E* with rate  $\sqrt{1 + \epsilon - (\frac{1}{\kappa})^2}$ .

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## Alternating Projections: $T_{AP} := P_A P_B$

Alternating projections converges locally linearly to Fix  $T_{AP}$ , with quantifiable rates and regions, in the following instances:

(i) any two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  whether they intersect or not.



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## Optimization

## **Douglas-Rachford:** $T_{DR} := \text{prox}_{f_1} \left( 2 \text{ prox}_{f_2} - \text{Id} \right) - \text{prox}_{f_2} + \text{Id}$

Let  $W := aff\{x^k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . The Douglas-Rachford algorithm converges locally linearly to Fix  $T_{DR} \cap W$  with quantifiable rates and regions, in the following instances:

- (i)  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are the indicator functions of sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with super-regular boundaries and the sets intersect essentially transversally:  $T_1(\overline{x}) + T_2(\overline{x}) = W$ . (For example, any two intersecting lines in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .)
- (ii)  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are convex, piecewise linear-quadratic functions and that Fix  $T_{DR} \cap W \cap \mathcal{O} = \{\overline{x}\}$ , i.e. is an isolated point. The rate of linear convergence is bounded above by  $\sqrt{1-\kappa}$ , where  $\kappa = c^{-2} > 0$ , for *c* a constant of metric subregularity of  $T_{DR} \text{Id}$  at  $\overline{x}$  for the neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$ .



## **Proof logic.**

convex, plc  $\implies$  single-valued polyhedral prox-operators  $\implies$   $T_{DR}$  is polyhedral.

 $T_{DR}$  polyhedral + Fix  $T_{DR} \cap W \cap O$  an isolated point  $\implies$  metric subregularity [Dontchev& Rockafellar, Propositions 3I.1 and 3I.2].  $\Box$ 

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## **Application: phase retrieval**



### **Phase retrieval**

Given

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$$|(Ax)_j|^2 = b_j$$
 for  $b_j \in \mathbb{R}_+$   $(j = 1, 2, ..., m)$  given by



► some qualitative constraint ( $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}$  or supp  $x \subset D$ ) Find



## **Application: phase retrieval**



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**Phase retrieval** 



## Application: sparse affine feasibility [Hesse-L.-Neumann, 2014]



$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{x \in A_s}{\text{minimize}} \ \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{dist} \left( x, B \right)^2 \\ \text{where } A_s := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \big| \ \|x\|_0 \leq s \right\} \text{ and } B := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \big| \ Mx = p \right\}. \end{array}$$

- Local convergence of alternating projections and Douglas-Rachford
- Global convergence of alternating projections under the assumption:

$$\begin{array}{l} M \text{ is full rank and} \\ (1 - \delta_{2s}) \left\| x \right\|_2^2 \leq \left\| M^{\dagger} M x \right\|_2^2 \quad \forall \ x \in \mathcal{A}_{2s} \end{array}$$

$$(13)$$

Denote  $A_J := \operatorname{span} \{e_i | i \in J\}$  for  $J \in \mathcal{J}_{2s} := \left\{ J \in 2^{\{1,2,\ldots,n\}} \middle| J \text{ has } 2s \text{ elements} \right\}$ . Then M satisfies (13) with  $\delta_{2s} \in [0, \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha})$  for some fixed s > 0 and  $\alpha > 1 \implies$  $(\forall J \in \mathcal{J}_{2s}) \qquad A_J \cap \ker(M) = \{0\}.$ 

## Image denoising/deconvolution

minimize  $J(u) + \rho \max\{F_{\epsilon}(Au)\}.$ 

where *J* is convex, piecewise linear-quadratic,  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ , and

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\epsilon}: \mathbb{R}^{n} \to \boldsymbol{2}^{\mathbb{R}^{n}} := \boldsymbol{v} \mapsto \left(f_{1}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{1}, f_{2}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{2}, \dots, f_{M}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{M}\right)^{T} \quad (14)$$

is convex quadratic.



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Solve with ADMM = Douglas-Rachford on the dual.

minimize 
$$J(u) + \rho \max\{F_{\epsilon}(Au)\}$$
.

where *J* is convex, piecewise linear-quadratic,  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ , and

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\epsilon}: \mathbb{R}^{n} \to \boldsymbol{2}^{\mathbb{R}^{n}} := \boldsymbol{v} \mapsto \left(f_{1}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{1}, f_{2}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{2}, \dots, f_{M}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \epsilon_{M}\right)^{T} \quad (15)$$

is convex quadratic.



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