



# Optimization flows landing on the Stiefel manifold

## continuous-time flows, deterministic and stochastic algorithms

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## Optimization on the Stiefel manifold

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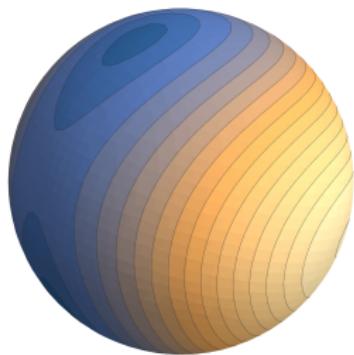
# Optimization over the Stiefel manifold

## General form

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & f(X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X^\top X = I_p \quad (p \ll n) \end{aligned}$$

- $f : \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , continuously differentiable
- $p(p + 1)/2$  constraints: nonconvex
- *Stiefel manifold*:

$$\text{St}(p, n) := \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^\top X = I_p\}$$



## Challenges

- nonconvex constraints
- NP-hard (special  $f$ )
- preserving feasibility (large scale)
- parallel scalability

$$f(x, y, z) = x^2 + 5y^2 - 3z^2 + 5x$$

# Existing methods

## ♣ Optimization on matrix manifolds

- Steepest descent: [Helmke-Moore'94; Udriste'94]
- Conjugate gradient: [Edelman-Arias-Smith'98; Brace-Manton'06; Smith'94; Gallivan-Absil'10];
- Newton: [Smith'94; Edelman-Arias-Smith'98; Hu-Wen-Milzarek-Yuan'17; Zhao-Bai'22]
- Quasi-Newton: [Edelman-Arias-Smith'98; Brace-Manton'06; Gallivan-Absil'10; Huang-Gallivan-Absil'15]
- Trust region: [Absil-Baker-Gallivan'07]
- Geodesic search in canonical metric: [Abrudan-Eriksson-Koivunen'08]
- Cayley transformation: [Nishimori-Akaho'05]

## ♣ Searching in tangent space

- Projection-based method: [Manton'02; Absil-Mahony-Sepulchre'08]
- Constraint preserving update scheme: [Wen-Yin'12; Jiang-Dai '14]

## ♣ Other types of work

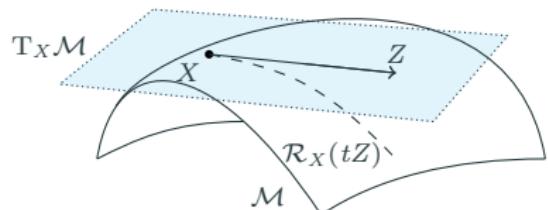
- Splitting and alternating: [Lai-Osher'14]
- Non-retraction based framework: [G.-Liu-Chen-Yuan'18; Wang-G.-Liu'21]
- Vector transport-free SVRG: [Liu-So-Wu'15; Jiang-Ma-So-Zhang'17]
- Constraint dissolving optimization: [Xiao-Liu-Toh'21-24]
- Gradient flows and PCG in DFT: [Dai-Zhou'14-'23]

■ Optimization algorithms on matrix manifolds [Absil-Mahony-Sepulchre'08]

■ An introduction to optimization on smooth manifolds [Boumal'23]

## ⌚ Riemannian gradient method

- 1 Choose search direction  
 $Z^k = -\text{grad}f(X^k)$
- 2 Perform a line search scheme  
and choose a suitable step size  $t_k$
- 3 Retraction:  $X^{k+1} = \mathcal{R}_{X^k}(t_k Z^k)$



**Retraction:** For all  $X \in \mathcal{M}$  in general, it is globally defined

- 1)  $\mathcal{R}_X(0_X) = X$ , where  $0_X$  is the origin of  $T_X \mathcal{M}$ ;
- 2)  $\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{R}_X(tZ)|_{t=0} = Z$  for all  $Z \in T_X \mathcal{M}$

★ How to construct a retraction map for  $\mathcal{M}$ ?

⌚ Stiefel manifold: **SVD, QR, Polar, Cayley...**



New challenges emerging from applications!

# Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

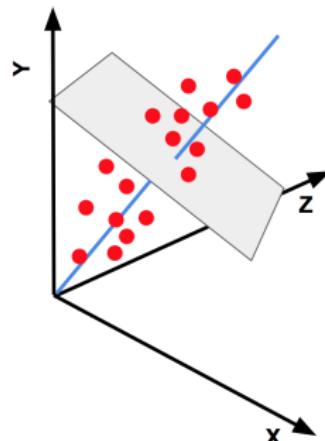
Dimensionality reduction:  $\mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$

[Pearson'01; Jolliffe'86; Oja'01; Zou'10-...]

- sample size:  $n$
- feature space:  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- observation data matrix:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & -\frac{1}{m} \operatorname{tr} (X^\top (A - \bar{A})(A - \bar{A})^\top X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \operatorname{St}(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

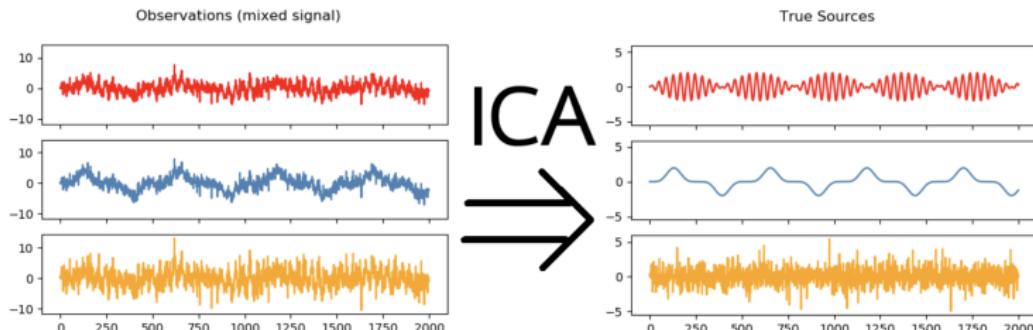
where  $\bar{A} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \mathbf{1}^\top$



~~~ Large sample size  $n$

- online PCA?
- GPU acceleration?

# Independent Component Analysis (ICA)



Separation of a mixture of signals [Hyvarinen'99]

- data matrix:  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}$
- scalar function:  $\sigma(x) = \log(\cosh(x))$

$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma([AX]_{ij})$$

s. t.  $X \in \text{St}(n, n)$

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Average of  $N$  functions

- mini-batch?

## Generalized eigenvalue problem

$$Ax = \lambda Bx$$

Rayleigh-Ritz trace minimization [Shustin-Avron'23]

- $B$ : symmetric positive definite
- generalized Stiefel manifold:  $\text{St}_B(p, n) := \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^\top BX = I_p\}$

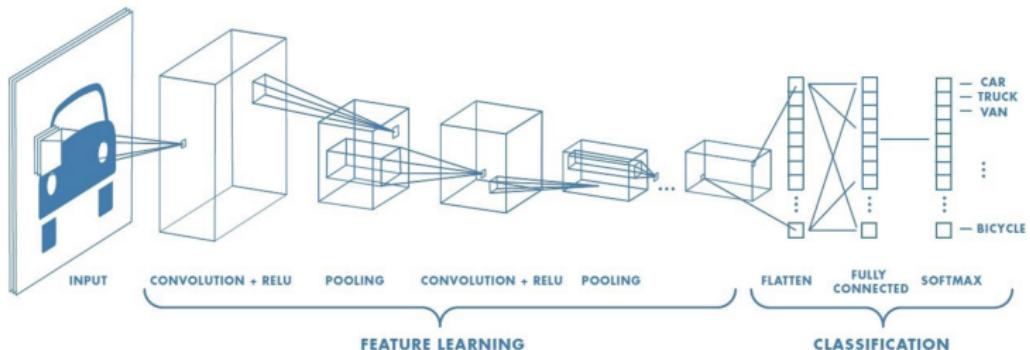
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} & \text{tr}(X^\top AX) \\ \text{s. t.} & X \in \text{St}_B(p, n) \end{array}$$

$\leadsto$

Generalized Stiefel manifold

- matrix decomposition for  $B$ ?

# Orthogonal weights in deep learning



**Neural networks with Stiefel manifold** [Bansal-Chen-Wang'18; Wang-Chen-Chakraborty-Yu'20]

- random variable:  $\xi$

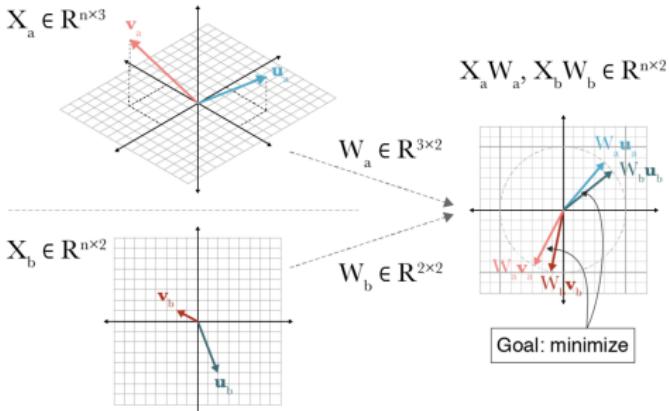
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} & \mathbb{E}_{\xi}[f(X, \xi)] \\ \text{s. t.} & X \in \text{St}(p, n) \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \text{Stochastic gradient}$$

- variance reduction?

# Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)

## Measuring similarity between datasets [Raghu et al.'17]

- sample size:  $N$
- datasets:  $D_1 = (d_1^1, \dots, d_1^N)$ ,  $D_2 = (d_2^1, \dots, d_2^N) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times N}$
- the top- $p$  most correlated principal components:  
 $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

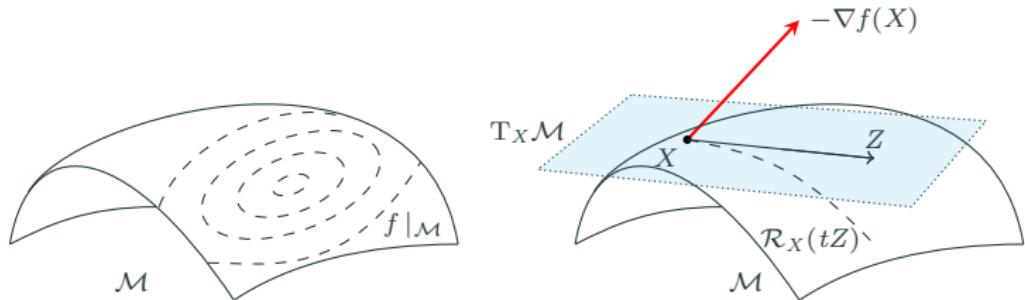


$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} && \mathbb{E}_i [-\text{tr}(X^\top d_1^i (d_2^i)^\top Y)] \\ \text{s. t. } & && X^\top \mathbb{E}_i[d_1^i (d_1^i)^\top] X = I_p \text{ and } Y^\top \mathbb{E}_i[d_2^i (d_2^i)^\top] Y = I_p \end{aligned}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Random manifold

- rank-deficient? *mini-batch*
- storage of  $B$ ?  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}_i[d_1^i (d_1^i)^\top] & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{E}_i[d_2^i (d_2^i)^\top] \end{bmatrix}$

## Can we still resort to geometric methods?



- choose search direction on the tangent space  $Z = -\text{grad}f(X)$ 
  - depends on the Riemannian metric  $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ , thus projection
- line search with a suitable step size  $t$
- $X + tZ$ ?
  - retraction:  $X^+ = \mathcal{R}_X(tZ)$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Intractable geometry with noisy

## Landing field and landing flows

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# One-shot algorithm attempts to resolve all challenges



## Desirable one-shot algorithm

- retraction-free *orthonormalization-free*
- stochastic gradient *variance reduction*
- random manifold with noisy *generalized manifold*
- mini-batch *rank-deficient covariance*
- online data *storage of manifold*
- GPU acceleration *parallel scalability*

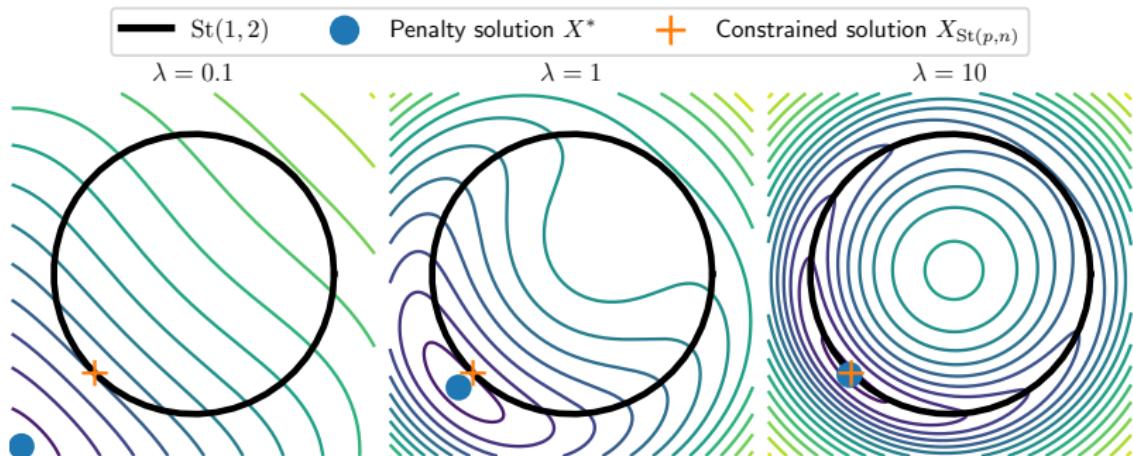
# Penalty methods

## Penalty *inexact penalty*

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & f(X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(X) = \frac{1}{4} \|X^\top X - I_p\|_F^2$$

- **Quadratic penalty:**  $f(X) + \lambda \mathcal{N}(X)$  [Xie-Xiong-Pu'17; Balestrieri'18; Bansal-Chen-Wang'18]



- $\lambda$  is small: minimizer is far from manifold
- $\lambda$  is large: bad condition

## Infeasible methods

Penalty → augmented Lagrangian *exact penalty*

- augmented Lagrangian function [Powell'69; Hestenes'69]

$$f(X) - \frac{1}{2} \langle \Lambda, X^\top X - I_p \rangle + \lambda \mathcal{N}(X)$$

- Fletcher's augmented Lagrangian [Fletcher'70]

$$f(X) - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle X^\dagger \nabla f(x), X^\top X - I_p \right\rangle + \lambda \mathcal{N}(X)$$

- modified augmented Lagrangian function [G.-Liu-Yuan'19]

$$f(X) - \frac{1}{2} \langle \text{sym}(\nabla f(X)^\top X), X^\top X - I_p \rangle + \lambda \mathcal{N}(X)$$

- constraint dissolving function [Xiao-Liu-Toh'23]

$$f \left( X \left( \frac{3}{2} I_p - \frac{1}{2} X^\top X \right) \right) + \lambda \mathcal{N}(X)$$

~~~ performance is sensitive to the penalty parameter  $\lambda \geq \lambda^* > 0$

# Landing field

## Landing system continuous-time

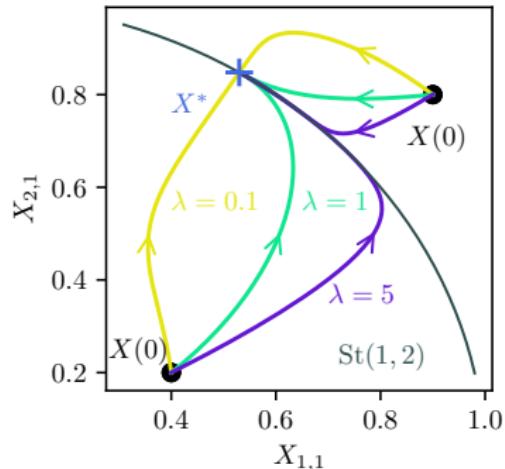
$$\dot{X}(t) = -\Lambda(X(t))$$

- landing field:

$$\Lambda(X) := \psi(X)X + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(X)$$

- relative gradient:  $\psi(X)X$

$$\psi(X) := 2 \operatorname{skew}(\nabla f(X)X^\top)$$



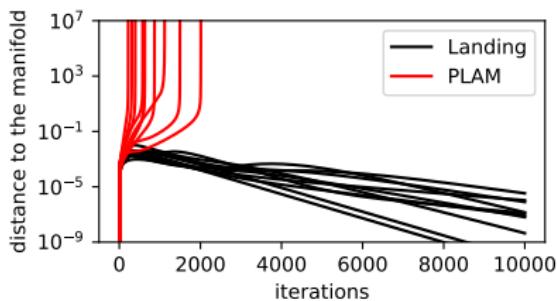
## A cool feature

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \psi(X)X, \nabla \mathcal{N}(X) \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \psi(X), X^\top (X^\top X - I)X \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

- always orthogonal  $\rightsquigarrow \lambda > 0$
- PLAM: [G.-Liu-Yuan'19]

$$\nabla f(X) - X \operatorname{sym}(\nabla f(X)^\top X) + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(X)$$

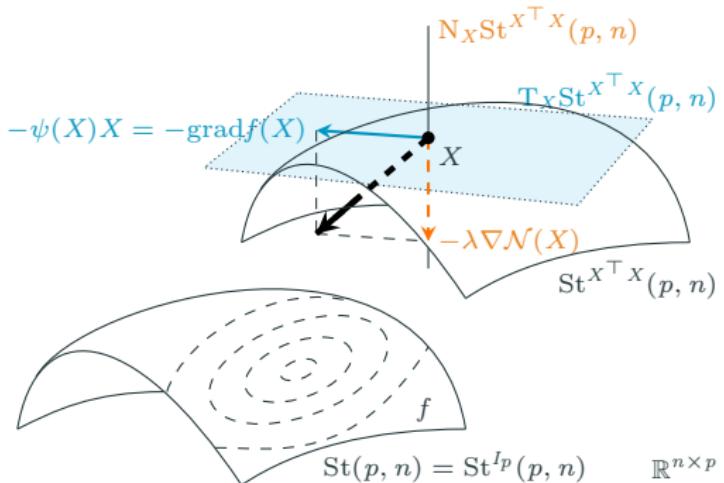


# Geometric interpretation of the landing

**Geometry:**  $X \notin \text{St}(p, n)$

$$\text{St}^M(p, n) = \{ Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : Y^\top Y = M \}$$

- diffeomorphism from  $\text{St}(p, n)$  to  $\text{St}^M(p, n)$ :  $\Phi_M : \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  :  
 $X \mapsto Y = X M^{\frac{1}{2}}$
- metric:  $g_Y(\xi, \zeta) = \langle \xi, (I_n - \frac{1}{2} Y(Y^\top Y)^{-1} Y^\top) \zeta (Y^\top Y)^{-1} \rangle$ .
- tangent space:  $T_Y \text{St}^M(p, n) = \{ WY : W \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{skew}}^n \}$
- normal space:  $N_Y \text{St}^M(p, n) = \{ Y(Y^\top Y)^{-1} S : S \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{sym}}^p \}$
- Riemannian gradient:  
 $\text{grad}f(X) = \psi(X)X$



$$\Lambda(X) = \underbrace{\psi(X)X}_{\text{Riemannian gradient}} + \underbrace{\lambda \nabla N(X)}_{\text{normal vector}}$$

## Continuous-time convergence: stability

$$\dot{X}(t) = -\Lambda(X(t))$$

- solutions (landing flow) exist and are unique:  
 $\varphi_t(X_0)$  starting from  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}_*^{n \times p}$
- penalty is nonincreasing:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{N}(X(t)) = -\lambda \|\nabla \mathcal{N}(X(t))\|_{\text{F}}^2 \leq 0$$

- convergence to the Stiefel manifold:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{N}(\varphi_t(X_0)) = 0$$

- convergence to the set of critical points:

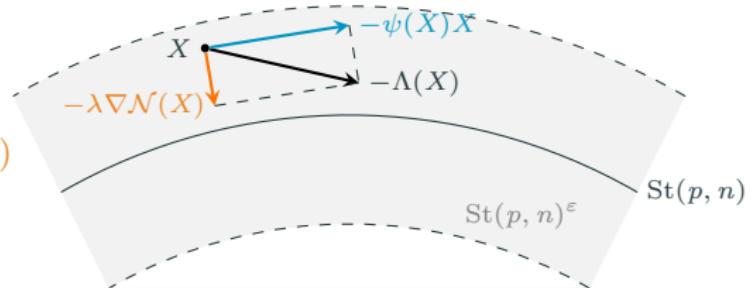
$$X^* \in \{X^* \in \text{St}(p, n) : \psi(X^*)X^* = 0\} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \Lambda(X^*) = 0$$

- asymptotic stability: For all  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}_*^{n \times p}$ , if  $X^*$  is a local minimum and isolated critical point of  $f$  relative to  $\text{St}(p, n)$ , and if  $X^*$  is an  $\omega$ -limit point of  $\varphi_t(X_0)$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_t(X_0) = X^*$

## Discrete-time convergence: safe step size

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - \eta_k \Lambda(X_k)$$

$$\Lambda(X_k) = \psi(X_k)X_k + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(X_k)$$



### Sage region and step size

$$\text{St}(p, n)^\varepsilon = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} \mid \mathcal{N}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^2\}$$

Let  $\mathcal{N}(X_k) = d^2 \leq \varepsilon^2$  and  $g = \|\Lambda(X_k)\|_F$ , then if

$$\eta_k \leq \eta(X_k) := \min \left\{ \frac{\lambda d(1-d) + \sqrt{\lambda^2 d^2(1-d)^2 + g^2(\varepsilon-d)}}{g^2}, \frac{1}{2\lambda} \right\},$$

the next iterate stays within the  $\varepsilon$ -region:  $\mathcal{N}(X_{k+1}) \in \text{St}(p, n)^\varepsilon$

### Lower bound for step size

$$\eta(X_k) \geq \eta^* := \min \left\{ \frac{\lambda(1-\varepsilon)\varepsilon}{a^2 + \lambda^2(1+\varepsilon)\varepsilon^2}, \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{2a^2}}, \frac{1}{2\lambda} \right\}$$

where  $a = \sup_{X \in \text{St}^\varepsilon(p, n)} \|\psi(X)X\|_F$

# Discrete-time convergence: global convergence

Merit function [G.-Liu-Yuan'19]

$$\mathcal{L}(X) = f(X) - \frac{1}{2} \langle \text{sym}(\nabla f(X)^\top X), X^\top X - I_p \rangle + \mu \mathcal{N}(X)$$

for suitably chosen  $\mu > \frac{1}{2} \max_{X \in \text{St}^\varepsilon(p, n)} \|\nabla f(X)\|_F$

## Global convergence

For iterations from  $X_0 \in \text{St}^\varepsilon(p, n)$  with bounded  $\eta \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{2L_g}, \frac{\mu}{4\lambda L_g \sqrt{1+\varepsilon}}, \eta^*\right)$

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\text{grad}f(X_k)\|^2 \leq \frac{4(\mathcal{L}(X_0) - \mathcal{L}^*)}{\eta K} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathcal{N}(X_k) \leq \frac{2(\mathcal{L}(X_0) - \mathcal{L}^*)}{\eta \lambda \mu K},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}^* = \min_{X \in \text{St}^\varepsilon(p, n)} \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $L_g$  is Lipschitz constant of  $\mathcal{L}$

Worst-case complexity  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$  iterations to  $\epsilon$ -stationary point

$$\inf_{k \leq K} \|\text{grad}f(X_k)\| = \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{K}) \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{k \leq K} \|X_k^\top X_k - I_p\|_F = \mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{K})$$

## Deterministic and stochastic algorithms

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# A family of landing algorithms

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

Landing gradient descent: a prototype

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - \eta_k \Lambda(X_k)$$

- $\Lambda(X) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \Lambda_i(X)$
- $\Lambda_i(X) = \psi_i(X) + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(X)$
- $\psi_i(X) = 2 \text{skew}(\nabla f_i(X) X^\top)$

## Landing stochastic gradient descent (Landing-SGD)

Assume  $\mathbb{E}_i[\Lambda_i(X)] = \Lambda(X)$

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - \eta_k \textcolor{red}{\Lambda}_{i_k}(X_k)$$

### Decreasing step size

$$\eta_k = \eta_0 \times (1 + k)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } \eta_0 = \min\left(\frac{1}{2L_g}, \frac{\nu}{4\lambda^2 L_g(1+\varepsilon)}, \eta^*\right)$$

$$\inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\text{grad}f(X_k)\|^2] = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log(K)}{\sqrt{K}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathcal{N}(X_k)\|^2] = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\log(K)}{\sqrt{K}}\right)$$

### Constant step size

$$\eta = \eta_0 \times (1 + K)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } \eta_0 = \min\left(\frac{1}{2L_g}, \frac{\nu}{4\lambda^2 L_g(1+\varepsilon)}, \eta^*\right)$$

$$\inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\text{grad}f(X_k)\|^2] = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathcal{N}(X_k)\|^2] = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\right)$$

**Sample complexity:**  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$  which matches the classic Riemannian SGD

## Landing-SAGA: variance reduction

Assume  $\mathbb{E}_i[\Lambda_k^{i_k}] = \Lambda(X)$

$$X_{k+1} = X_k - \eta \Lambda_k^{i_k}(X_k)$$

- batch size:  $m$
- $\Lambda_k^{i_k}(X_k) = \text{gradf}_{i_k}(X_k) - \text{skew}(\Phi_k^{i_k} X_k^\top) X_k + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \text{skew}(\Phi_k^j X_k^\top) X_k + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(X)$
- $\Phi_{k+1}^{i_k} = \nabla f_{i_k}(X_k)$  and  $\Phi_{k+1}^j = \Phi_k^j$  for all  $j \neq i_k$

### Constant step size

Assume

$$\eta \leq \min \left( \eta^*, \frac{\rho}{L_g}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{8N(1+\varepsilon)L_f}}, \left( \frac{\rho}{4N(4N+2)L_g L_f^2(1+\varepsilon)} \right)^{1/3} \right)$$

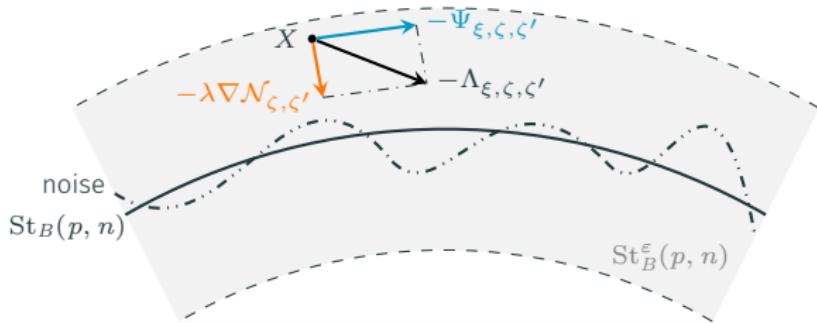
Then, we have

$$\inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\text{gradf}(X_k)\|^2] = O\left(\frac{1}{K}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{k \leq K} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathcal{N}(X_k)\|^2] = O\left(\frac{1}{K}\right)$$

**Sample complexity:**  $\mathcal{O}(N^{\frac{2}{3}}\varepsilon^{-1})$  which matches the Euclidean SAGA

# Landing on random Stiefel manifolds

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \mathbb{E}[f_\xi(X)] \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}_B(p, n) := \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} | X^\top BX = I_p\} \text{ and } B = \mathbb{E}[B_\zeta] \end{aligned}$$



## Stochastic landing

$$X^{k+1} = X^k - \eta_k \Lambda_{\xi^k, \zeta^k, \zeta'^k}(X^k)$$

- $\Lambda_{\xi, \zeta, \zeta'}(X) = \Psi_{\xi, \zeta, \zeta'}(X) + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}_{\zeta, \zeta'}(X)$
- $\Psi_{\xi, \zeta, \zeta'}(X) = 2 \text{ skew}(\nabla f_\xi(X) X^\top B_\zeta) B_{\zeta'} X$
- $\nabla \mathcal{N}_{\zeta, \zeta'}(X) = 2 B_{\zeta'} X (X^\top B_\zeta X - I_p)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(X) = \frac{1}{4} \|X^\top BX - I_p\|_F^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \quad & f(X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \mathcal{M} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : h(x) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

## General landing

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta_k \Lambda(x_k)$$

$$\Lambda(x_k) = \Psi(x) + \lambda \nabla \mathcal{N}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{N}(X) = \frac{1}{2} \|h(x)\|^2 \quad (\text{stochastic } [\Lambda(x^k) + \tilde{E}(x^k, \Xi^k)])$$

## Relative descent direction

A relative descent direction  $\Psi(x) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , with a parameter  $\rho > 0$  that may depend on  $\varepsilon$  satisfies:

- 1 (orthogonality)  $\forall x \in \mathcal{M}^\varepsilon, \quad \forall v \in \text{span}(\text{D}h(x)^*) : \langle \Psi(x), v \rangle = 0$ ;
- 2 (gradient-related)  $\forall x \in \mathcal{M}^\varepsilon$  we have that  $\langle \Psi(x), \nabla f(x) \rangle \geq \rho \|\Psi(x)\|^2$ ;
- 3 (optimality) For  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ , we have that  $\langle \Psi(x), \nabla f(x) \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $x$  is a critical point of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{M}$

# Convergence of general landing

## Sage region and step size

$$\mathcal{M}^\varepsilon = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|h(x)\| \leq \varepsilon \right\}$$

If

$$\eta \leq \eta(x) := \frac{\lambda \|\nabla \mathcal{N}(x)\|^2 + \sqrt{\lambda^2 \|\nabla \mathcal{N}(x)\|^4 + L_{\mathcal{N}} \|\Lambda(x)\|^2 (\varepsilon^2 - \|h(x)\|^2)}}{L_{\mathcal{N}} \|\Lambda(x)\|^2},$$

the next iterate stays within the  $\varepsilon$ -region:  $x_{k+1} \in \mathcal{M}^\varepsilon$

## Lower bound for step size

$$\eta(x) \geq \min \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2L_{\mathcal{N}}} C_{\Psi}}, \frac{\lambda \bar{C}_h^2 \varepsilon^2}{L_{\mathcal{N}} (C_{\Psi}^2 + \lambda^2 C_h \varepsilon^2)} \right\}$$

## Convergence

The landing iteration starting from  $x_0 \in \mathcal{M}^\varepsilon$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\Psi(x_k)\|^2 \leq 4 \frac{\mathcal{L}(x^0) - \mathcal{L}^*}{\eta \rho K} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \|h(x_k)\|^2 \leq 4 \frac{\mathcal{L}(x^0) - \mathcal{L}^*}{\eta \rho \lambda^2 K}$$

for a constant step size  $\eta \leq \min \left\{ \frac{\rho}{2L_{\mathcal{L}}}, \frac{\rho}{2L_{\mathcal{L}} C_h^2}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2L_{\mathcal{N}}} C_{\Psi}}, \frac{\lambda \bar{C}_h^2 \varepsilon^2}{L_{\mathcal{N}} (C_{\Psi}^2 + \lambda^2 C_h \varepsilon^2)} \right\}$

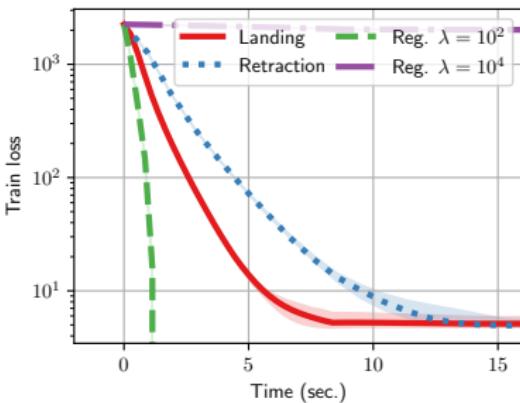
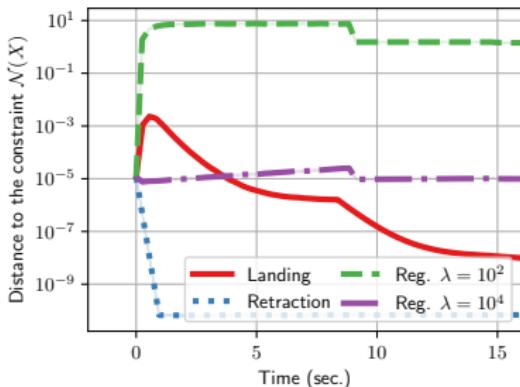
## Numerical experiments

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## Principal component analysis

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & -\frac{1}{2} \|AX\|_F^2 \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

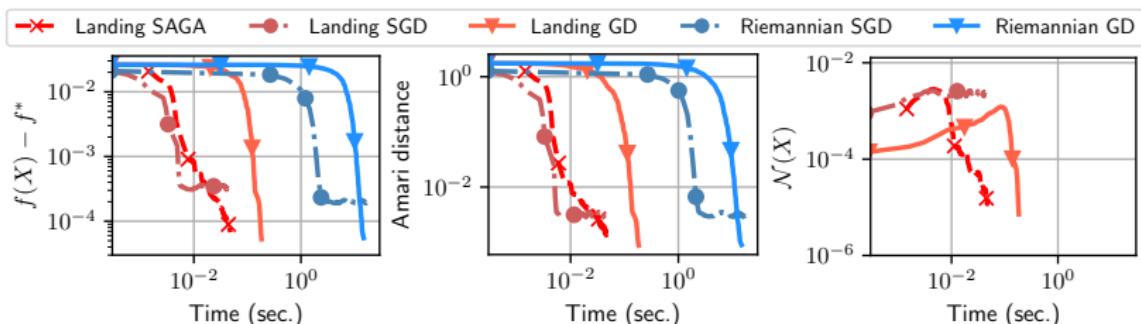
- dimension:  $n = 5000$
- sample size:  $N = 15000$
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}$
- batch size: 128
- subspace dimension:  $p = 500$



## Independent component analysis

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \quad & \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma([AX]_{ij}) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}(n, n) \end{aligned}$$

- dimension:  $n = 10$
- sample size:  $N = 10000$
- $A = SB^\top$  and  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}$

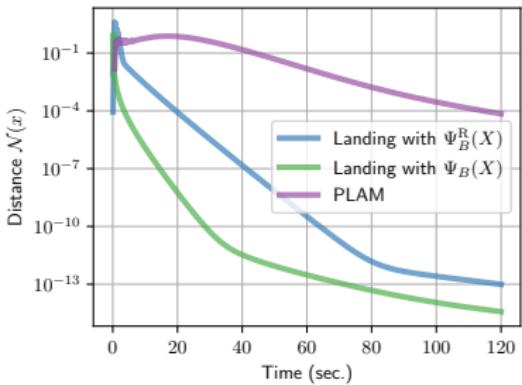
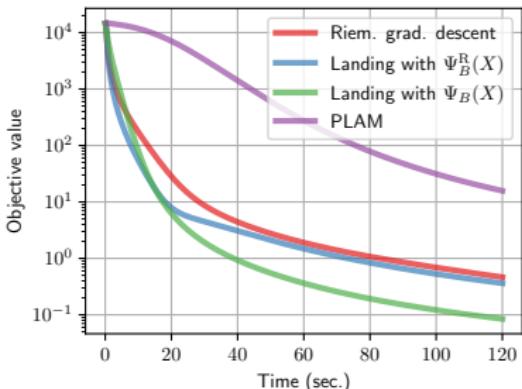


# Numerical test on generalized eigenvalue problem

## Generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \text{tr}(X^\top A X) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X \in \text{St}_B(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

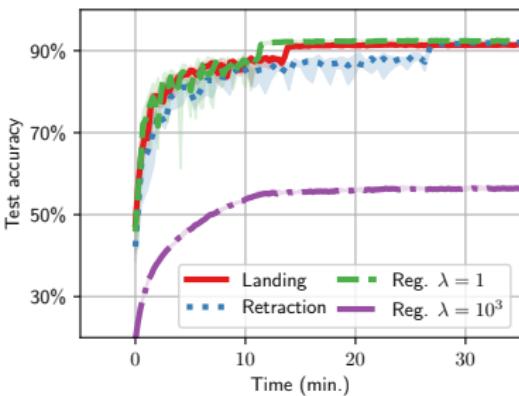
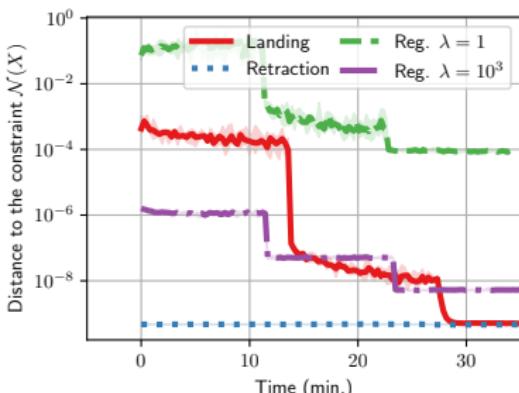
- condition number:  $\kappa = 100$
- dimension:  $n = 1000$  and  $p = 500$
- $\lambda(A)_i \in [1/\kappa, 1]$
- $\lambda(B)_i \in [1/\kappa, 1]$ .
- GPU acceleration: CUDA



## Orthogonal CNN

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\theta} \quad & \sum_i^N \ell(f_{\Theta}(x_i), y_i) \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & \theta \in \Theta_{\text{orth}} : \theta_i \in \text{St}(p, n) \end{aligned}$$

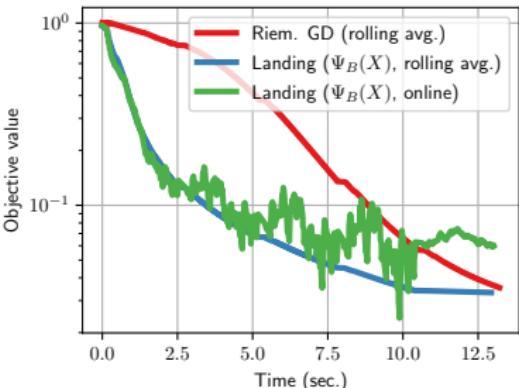
- $f_{\Theta}(\cdot)$  is VGG16 convolutional neural network,
- $\Theta_{\text{orth}}$  includes 13 matrices of size  $\approx 1000^2$ ,
- $(x_i, y_i)$  samples from CIFAR-10, with a batch size of 128 samples, fixed stepsize (decreasing every 50 epochs)



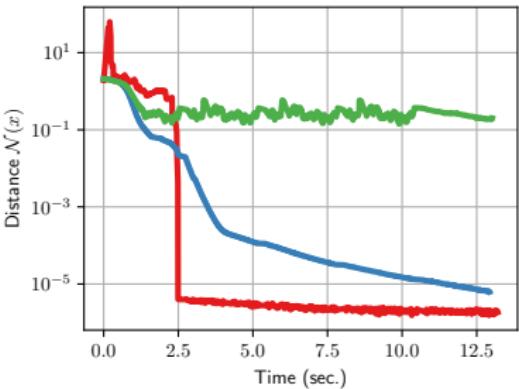
# Numerical test on stochastic CCA

## Stochastic CCA

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \mathbb{E}_i \left[ -\text{tr}(X^\top d_1^i (d_2^i)^\top Y) \right] \\ \text{s. t.} \quad & X^\top \mathbb{E}_i[d_1^i (d_1^i)^\top] X = I_p \\ & Y^\top \mathbb{E}_i[d_2^i (d_2^i)^\top] Y = I_p \end{aligned}$$



- online
- dimension:  $p = 5$
- batch size: 512



# Conclusion and perspectives

## Take-home notes

- retraction-free algorithms  
*decomposition-free; parallel scalability; BLAS operation*
- stochastic gradient + noisy manifold
- generalized stiefel + general manifolds
  - higher-order landing flow
  - other manifolds

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