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Recall our setting:

X is a real Hilbert space with inner product and induced norm.

Notation:

$A: X \rightrightarrows X$ is a possibly set valued operator, i.e., Ax is a subset of X .

That is:

$$Ax \in 2^X = \{S \mid S \text{ is a subset of } X\}$$

power set of X (the collection of subsets of X).

$$A: X \longrightarrow X$$

A is a mapping from X to X single valued.

Let $A : X \Rightarrow X$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gr } A &= \{ (x, x^*) \mid x^* \in Ax \} \\ &\subseteq X \times X \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{dom } A = \{ x \in X \mid Ax \neq \emptyset \}.$$

$$\text{ran } A = \bigcup_{x \in X} Ax$$

$$A^{-1} : X \Rightarrow X$$

$$\text{gr } A^{-1} = \{ (x^*, x) \mid (x, x^*) \in \text{gr } A \}.$$

Definition L2-1:

Let $A : X \Rightarrow X$. Then A is monotone if $(\forall (x, x^*) \in \text{gr } A)$

$$(\forall (y, y^*) \in \text{gr } A)$$

$$\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad Ax &= \begin{cases} [0, 1], & x = 0 \\ \emptyset, & x \neq 0 \end{cases} \\ \text{dom } A &= \{0\}, \quad \text{ran } A = [0, 1] \\ \text{gr } A &= \{0\} \times [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma L2-2:

- ① A is monotone $\Leftrightarrow A^{-1}$ is mono.
- ② $A, B : X \Rightarrow X$ mono.
Then $A+B$ is mono.
- ③ $A : X \rightarrow X$ is mono, $\alpha \geq 0$.
Then αA is monotone.

Proof:

See H W 1.

Optimization break

We like to work with functions

$$f : X \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$$

one useful example is the indicator function of a set S ; i_S .

$$i_S(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in S; \\ +\infty, & x \notin S. \end{cases}$$

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The essential domain of f is
 $\text{dom } f := \{ x \in X \mid f(x) < +\infty \}$.

If we care about minimizing f over a set S , then it is useful to observe the correspondance:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{minimize } f(x) \\ \text{subject to } x \in S \end{array} \iff \begin{array}{l} \text{minimize } f(x) + i_S(x) \\ x \in X \end{array}$$

Let $f: X \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$ be proper, i.e., $\text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$.

Definition L2-3:.

The subdifferential of f at $x \in X$ is defined by:

$$\partial f(x) = \{ x^* \in X \mid (\forall y \in X) f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, y - x \rangle \}$$

$$\partial f: X \rightrightarrows X.$$

Lemma L2-4.:

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$ is proper.
Then $\text{dom } \partial f \subseteq \text{dom } f$.

Proof ..

Suppose that $x \in \text{dom } \partial f$, $x^* \in \partial f(x)$.

Let $z \in \text{dom } f \neq \emptyset$ (f is proper).

Then

$$f(z) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, z - x \rangle$$

Suppose for eventual contradiction that

$$x \notin \text{dom } f \Rightarrow f(x) = +\infty.$$

$$+\infty = f(x) \leq f(z) - \langle x^*, z - x \rangle$$

which is absurd. $< +\infty$,

Hence $x \in \text{dom } f$.



Proposition 12.5 :

Suppose $f: X \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$ is proper.
Then ∂f is monotone.

Proof :

Suppose that $\{(x, x^*), (y, y^*)\} \in \text{gr } \partial f$.

Goal: $\langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0$??

Indeed, observe that ($\forall z \in X$)

$$f(z) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, z - x \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$f(z) \geq f(y) + \langle y^*, z - y \rangle \quad (2)$$

Applying (1) (with z replaced by x)

$$(2) \quad (\text{ " " " by } y)$$

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, y - x \rangle \quad (3)$$

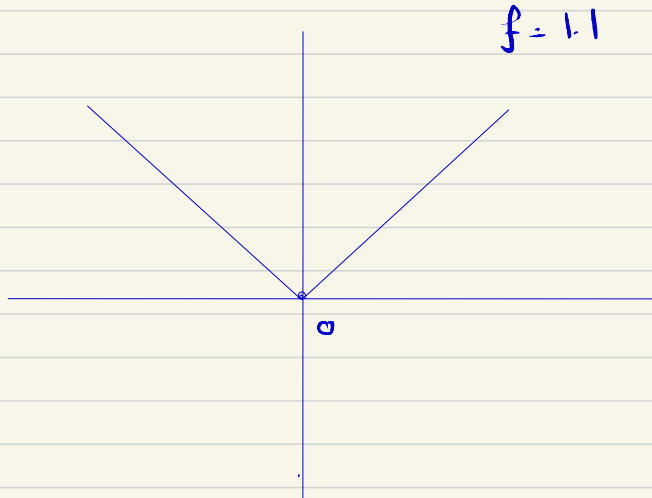
$$f(x) \geq f(y) + \langle y^*, x - y \rangle \quad (4)$$

Adding (3), (4)

$$f(y) + f(x) \geq f(x) + f(y) + \langle x^* - y^*, y - x \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x - y, x^* - y^* \rangle \geq 0. \quad \blacksquare$$

The subdifferential: A geometric intuition.



$$\partial f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0; \\ -1, & x < 0; \\ [-1, 1], & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$u \in \partial f(x) \Leftrightarrow f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle u, y - x \rangle$$

Fix $x \in X$

$$g(y) = f(x) + \langle u, y - x \rangle$$

↳ linear function, linearization

$$\text{of } f \text{ at } x, \quad g(x) = f(x),$$

$$g(y) \leq f(y) \quad \forall y.$$

Zeros of monotone operators :-

Consider $A = \partial f : X \rightrightarrows X$.

$$0 \in \partial f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\forall y \in X) \quad f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle 0, y-x \rangle$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\forall y \in X) \quad f(y) \geq f(x)$$

$\Leftrightarrow x$ is a global minimizer of f .

We now know:

f proper $\Rightarrow \partial f$ is mono.

(not very useful).

f proper not convex yields
a very tiny subdifferential.

Back to monotone operators!

Proposition L2-6:

IF f is differentiable at $x \in X$,
and $x \in \text{dom } \partial f$.

Then $\partial f(x) = \{ \nabla f(x) \}$.

Proof:

Take $x^* \in \partial f(x)$. Then $(\forall z \in X)$
 $f(z) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, z - x \rangle$.
 Fix $h \in X$, consider $z = x + th$, $t > 0$.

$$f(x+th) \geq f(x) + \langle x^*, x+th - x \rangle \\ = f(x) + t \langle x^*, h \rangle.$$

Rearranging

$$\langle x^*, h \rangle \leq \frac{f(x+th) - f(x)}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^*, h \rangle \leq \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{f(x+th) - f(x)}{t} \\ = \langle \nabla f(x), h \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^* - \nabla f(x), h \rangle \leq 0.$$

Setting $h = x^* - \nabla f(x) \Rightarrow \|x^* - \nabla f(x)\| \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla f(x) = x^*$$



Definition L2-7 :

Let $A: X \rightrightarrows X$ be monotone. Then

A is maximally monotone iff :

$B: X \rightrightarrows X$ is monotone
 $\text{gr } A \subseteq \text{gr } B \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} B: X \rightrightarrows X \text{ is monotone} \\ \text{gr } A \subseteq \text{gr } B \end{array}} \right\} \Rightarrow A = B.$

We say that $(x, x^*) \in X \times X$ is monotonically related to $\text{gr } A$ if
 $(\forall (a, a^*) \in \text{gr } A)$

$$\langle x - a, x^* - a^* \rangle \geq 0.$$

Lemma L2-8:

Let $A: X \rightrightarrows X$ be monotone. Then

A is maximally monotone iff

$[(x, x^*)$ is monotonically related to $\text{gr } A$

$\Rightarrow (x, x^*) \in \text{gr } A]$.

Proof:

See HW 1.

Theorem L2-9:

Let $A: X \rightarrow X$ be:

- ① monotone
- ② dem $A = X$
- ③ single-valued
- ④ A Continuous.

Then A is maximally monotone.

Proof:

Let (x, x^*) be mono. related to $\text{gr } A$.

Goal:

$$(x, x^*) \in \text{gr } A \quad ?$$

By ③, ②, ①

$$(\forall y \in X) \quad \langle x - y, x^* - Ay \rangle \geq 0 \quad *$$

Set $(\forall \alpha > 0) \quad y_\alpha = x + \alpha(x^* - Ax)$

$$* \Rightarrow (\forall \alpha > 0) \quad \langle x - y_\alpha, x^* - Ay_\alpha \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\forall \alpha > 0) \quad -\alpha \langle x^* - Ax, x^* - Ay_\alpha \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\alpha > 0 \Rightarrow (\forall \alpha > 0) \quad -\langle x^* - Ax, x^* - Ay_\alpha \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\stackrel{④}{\Rightarrow} -\langle x^* - Ax, x^* - \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} Ay_\alpha \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\langle x^* - Ax, x^* - Ax \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\|x^* - Ax\|^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x^* - Ax\|^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^* = Ax$$

useful to check maximality!

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : x \rightarrow x^3$.

Then f is max. mono.

Example ::

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix.

Suppose that A is monotone.

Show that A is max. mono.

Proof :

See HW 1.