Optimization for Data Science Lec 14: Randomized Smoothing

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Problem

Constrained minimization:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w} \in C \subset \mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{w})$$

- C is closed convex and f is (non)convex
- Can only evaluate the function value $f(\mathbf{w})$ but not the (sub)gradient
- Zero-th order method (a.k.a. gradient-free or derivative-free)
- For most (if not all) functions in practice, computing the function value (a scalar) costs as much as computing a (sub)gradient (a vector)!
- But only when we have direct access to the inner workings of f

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$$\min_{x \in [a,b]} f(x)$$
, where f is strictly quasiconvex

Algorithm 1: Golden-section search

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Input: a < b, q = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \text{tol}
1 x_1 = a + (b-a)/q
2 x_2 = b - (b - a)/q
3 while x_2 - x_1 > tol do
4 | if f(x_2) > f(x_1) then
5 b = x_2 x_2 = a + (b - a)/g
      else
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Fix the number of evaluations. Is there an "optimal" alg?

 $\inf_{\mathcal{A}} \sup_{f} \text{ length of returned interval}$

Key idea: recycle!

$$\min_{\lambda_2 \le 1/2} \prod_{i=2}^{N} (1 - \lambda_i), \quad \text{s.t. } \lambda_{n+1} = \frac{\lambda_n}{1 - \lambda_n} \wedge \frac{1 - 2\lambda_n}{1 - \lambda_n}$$

Solution: $\lambda_n = \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n-1}}$

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Uniform Grid Search

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Algorithm 2: Random pursuit

Input: \mathbf{w}_0 such that $[f \leq f(\mathbf{w}_0)]$ is compact

- 1 for t = 1, 2, ... do
- 2 choose normalized direction \mathbf{d}_t randomly
 - $\eta_t \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{n \in \mathbb{R}} f(\mathbf{w}_t + \eta \mathbf{d}_t)$
 - $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_t + \eta_t \mathbf{d}_t$

// line search on chosen direction

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If f is L_1 -smooth, then

$$f(\mathbf{w}_t + \eta_t \mathbf{d}_t) \leq f(\mathbf{w}_t) + \eta_t \langle \mathbf{d}_t, \nabla f(\mathbf{w}_t) \rangle + \frac{\mathsf{L}_1}{2} \eta_t^2$$

$$\leq f(\mathbf{w}_t) + \eta(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t)^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{d}_t^{\mathsf{T}} \nabla f(\mathbf{w}_t) + \frac{\mathsf{L}_1}{2} \eta^2 (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t)^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{d}_t \mathbf{d}_t^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t)^{\mathsf{T}}$$

- The above inequality is due to setting $\eta_t = \eta (\mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}_t)^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{d}_t$ for some $\eta > 0$
- Using $\mathbb{E}\mathbf{d}_t\mathbf{d}_t^{\top} = \frac{1}{d}\mathbb{I}$ and assuming f is convex:

$$\mathbb{E}f(\mathbf{w}_t + \eta_t \mathbf{d}_t) \le f(\mathbf{w}_t) + \frac{\eta}{d} \langle \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t, \nabla f(\mathbf{w}_t) \rangle + \frac{\eta^2 \mathbf{L}_1}{2d} \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t\|_2^2$$

$$\le f(\mathbf{w}_t) + \frac{\eta}{d} [f(\mathbf{w}) - f(\mathbf{w}_t)] + (\frac{\eta}{d})^2 \frac{d\mathbf{L}_1}{2} \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_t\|_2^2$$

A simple induction (as in conditional gradient) yields:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w}_t) - f(\mathbf{w})] \le O\left(\frac{d\mathsf{L}_1}{t+1}\right)$$

• A factor of dimension d worse

Finite Difference Approximation

$$\partial_j f(\mathbf{w}) = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{w} + t\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{w})}{t}$$

- ullet Choose small t often is enough, barring numerical cares
- Need to avoid doing this for every dimension
- Randomization may help!

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Convolution

Definition: Convolution and Fourier transform

The convolution of two functions f and g is defined through integration:

$$(f * g)(\mathbf{w}) := \int_{\mathbf{z}} f(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z}) g(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \int_{\mathbf{z}} f(\mathbf{z}) g(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} =: (g * f)(\mathbf{w}).$$

Recall the Fourier transform and its inverse:

$$(\mathscr{F}f)(\mathbf{w}^*) = \mathscr{F}f(\mathbf{w}^*) = \int_{\mathbf{w}} \exp(-2\pi i \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}^* \rangle) f(\mathbf{w}) \, d\mathbf{w}$$
$$(\mathscr{F}^{-1}g)(\mathbf{w}) = \int_{\mathbf{w}^*} \exp(2\pi i \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w}^* \rangle) g(\mathbf{w}^*) \, d\mathbf{w}^*$$

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$$\mathscr{F}(f*g) = \mathscr{F}f \cdot \mathscr{F}g, \quad \mathscr{F}\mathscr{F}^{-1} = \mathscr{F}^{-1}\mathscr{F} = \mathrm{Id}, \quad \mathscr{F}f^{(\mathbf{k})} = (-2\pi i \mathbf{w}^*)^{\mathbf{k}} \mathscr{F}f$$

Applying Fourier transform to the derivative of convolution:

$$\mathscr{F}(f * g)^{(\mathbf{k})} = (-2\pi i \mathbf{w}^*)^{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathscr{F}(f * g) = [(-2\pi i \mathbf{w}^*)^{\mathbf{k}} \mathscr{F} f] \mathscr{F} g = \mathscr{F}(f^{(\mathbf{k})} * g)$$
$$= \mathscr{F}(f * g^{(\mathbf{k})})$$

 Applying the inverse transform we obtain the formula of differentiating under the integral:

$$(f * g)^{(\mathbf{k})} = f^{(\mathbf{k})} * \mathbf{g} = f * g^{(\mathbf{k})}$$

• This can in fact be the definition of the derivative (distribution) of f, using the derivative of some super smooth functions g!

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Randomized Smoothing

Definition:

For a (vector-valued) function $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^c$ we define its randomized smoothing as

$$\mathbf{f}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}),$$

where ε is some symmetric random noise with zero mean and identity covariance.

- Let p be the probability density function (pdf) of ϵ
- Dilated density: $p_{\gamma}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{\gamma^d} p(\frac{1}{\gamma}\mathbf{z})$
- We have point-wise convergence:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\gamma} = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{f} * p_{\gamma}, \text{ hence } \mathbf{f}_{\gamma} \to \mathbf{f} \text{ as } \gamma \to 0$$

• Intuitively expected, as the noise shrinks to 0, i.e. $p_{\gamma} \to \delta_{\mathbf{0}}'$

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Calculus for Randomized Smoothing

- The map $\mathbf{f} \mapsto \mathbf{f}_{\gamma}$ is linear
- If f is convex/concave, so is f_{γ}
- If f is convex, then $f_{\gamma} \geq f$
- If f is L₀-Lipschitz continuous (w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$ say), so is \mathbf{f}_{γ} . Moreover,

$$\|\mathbf{f}_{\gamma} - \mathbf{f}\|_{2} \le \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2} \le \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2}^{2}} = \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \sqrt{d}$$

• If f is L_1 -smooth (w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$ say), so is f_{γ} . Moreover,

$$\|f_{\gamma} - f \le \frac{\gamma^2 \mathsf{L}_1}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2^2 = \frac{\gamma^2 \mathsf{L}_1 d}{2},$$

whereas a two-sided bound holds if both $\pm f$ are L_1 -smooth.

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Gradient approximation

• If $\pm f$ is L₁-smooth, then $\|\nabla f_{\gamma} - \nabla f\|_{\circ} \leq \gamma \mathsf{L}_{1} \sqrt{d}$.

– in fact,
$$\nabla f_{\gamma}=(\nabla f)_{\gamma}$$
, and $\|\nabla f\|_{\circ}\leq \|\nabla f_{\gamma}\|_{\circ}+\gamma\mathsf{L}_{1}\sqrt{d}$

• If $\pm f$ is L₂-smooth, then $\|\nabla f_{\gamma} - \nabla f\|_{\circ} \leq \gamma^{2} \mathsf{L}_{2} d/2$.

– in fact,
$$\nabla f_{\gamma}=(\nabla f)_{\gamma}$$
 and $\nabla^2 f_{\gamma}=(\nabla^2 f)_{\gamma}$

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Justifying the Name

Differentiating under the integral we obtain

$$f_{\gamma}^{(\mathbf{k})} := [f * p_{\gamma}]^{(\mathbf{k})} = f^{(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{l})} * p_{\gamma}^{(\mathbf{l})}, \quad \nabla^k f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = \int \nabla^{k-1} f(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z}) \otimes \nabla p_{\gamma}(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z}.$$

Therefore, if f is L_{k-1} -smooth, then f_{γ} is L_k -smooth, where

$$\mathsf{L}_k \le \mathsf{L}_{k-1} \int \|\nabla p_{\gamma}(\mathbf{z})\|_2 \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{z} = \frac{\mathsf{L}_{k-1}}{\gamma} \int \|\nabla p(\mathbf{z})\|_2 \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{z} = \frac{s\mathsf{L}_{k-1}}{\gamma}$$

- $s := \mathbb{E} \|\nabla \ln \overline{p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}\|_2, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \overline{p}$
- f_{γ} is (at least) 1 degree more smoother than f

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$$\nabla f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = \int f(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{z}) \nabla p_{\gamma}(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})]$$

$$= -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma} \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\right]$$

$$= -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}{2\gamma} \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\right]$$

When f is e.g. convex or an envelope function, we have the limit:

$$\begin{split} \nabla f_0(\mathbf{w}) &:= -\mathbb{E}[f'(\mathbf{w}; \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})], \quad \text{where} \quad f'(\mathbf{w}; \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) := \lim_{\gamma \downarrow 0} [f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w})] / \gamma \\ &= -\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{\partial f(\mathbf{w})}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})] \end{split}$$

Needless to say, when f is actually differentiable, we have $\nabla f_0 = \nabla f$.

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Gaussian Smoothing

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbb{I}), \quad i.e. \quad p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = (2\pi)^{d/2} \exp(-\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2^2/2)$$

- $-\nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and $s = \mathbb{E} \|\nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\|_2 \leq \sqrt{d}$
- ullet Conveniently, f_{γ} is in fact infinitely many times differentiable, e.g.

$$\nabla f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})}{2\gamma} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right]$$

• Requires f to be defined on entire \mathbb{R}^d

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Uniform Smoothing

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathrm{Uniform}(K), \quad i.e. \quad p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \begin{cases} 1/v_d, & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \in K \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- v_d is the volume of the (symmetric, isotropic, i.e. $\mathbb{E} \varepsilon \varepsilon^{\top} = \mathbb{I}$) compact set K
- Applying Stokes' theorem, $\nabla p(\varepsilon) = \mathbf{1}_{\partial K} \cdot \mathsf{n}(\varepsilon)/v_d$, where $\mathsf{n}(\varepsilon)$ is the normal vector
- $s = u_{d-1}/v_d$ where u_{d-1} is the surface area of ∂K ; choose $\delta \sim \mathrm{Uniform}(\partial K)$:

$$\begin{split} \nabla f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) &= -\frac{s}{\gamma} \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\delta}) \mathsf{n}(\boldsymbol{\delta})] = -s \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\delta}) - f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma} \mathsf{n}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right] \\ &= -s \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\delta}) - f(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\delta})}{2\gamma} \mathsf{n}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right] \end{split}$$

- Requires f to be defined (and bounded) over $C + \gamma K$.
- Let $K = \mathsf{B}_2(\mathbf{0}, \sqrt{d})$ we have $\mathsf{n}(\boldsymbol{\delta}) = -\sqrt{d}\boldsymbol{\delta}/\|\boldsymbol{\delta}\|_2$ and $s = \sqrt{d}$

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Put Everything Together

- ullet We optimize f_{γ} as a smoothed approximation of f
- ullet We compute an unbiased, stochastic (sub)gradient of f_{γ} by

1.
$$\hat{\partial}^{1} f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{\gamma} f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \cdot \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$$

2. $\hat{\partial}^{1,0} f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma} \cdot \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$
3. $\hat{\partial}^{1,1} f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{f(\mathbf{w} + \gamma \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) - f(\mathbf{w} - \gamma \boldsymbol{\epsilon})}{2\gamma} \cdot \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$
4. $\hat{\partial} f_{0}(\mathbf{w}) = -f'(\mathbf{w}; \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \cdot \nabla \ln p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon})$

- Eexcept the last choice, only require 1 or 2 evaluations of the function
- ullet Except the last choice, these stochastic (sub)gradients in general are biased for f
- We bound the second moment of the stochastic (sub)gradient
- ullet We apply the stochastic GDA algorithm and obtain convergence towards f_γ
- We set γ appropriately so that we obtain convergence towards f

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L₀-Lipschitz Continuous and Convex

- If f is convex, then $f_{\gamma} \geq f$
- If f is L_0 -Lipschitz continuous (w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$ say), so is f_{γ} . Moreover,

$$\|\mathbf{f}_{\gamma} - \mathbf{f}\|_{2} \leq \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2} \leq \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2}^{2}} = \gamma \mathsf{L}_{0} \sqrt{d}$$

• Thus, we obtain the approximation bound:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f(\mathbf{w})] - \gamma \mathsf{L}_0 \sqrt{d} \le \mathbb{E}[f_{\gamma}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})]$$

• Using $\hat{\partial}^{1,0} f_{\gamma}$ we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[f_{\gamma}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})] \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_0 - \mathbf{w}\|_2^2 + \sum_{k=0}^t \eta_k^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,0} f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})\|_2^2}{2H_t}$$

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• If f is L_0 -Lipschitz continuous, then using Gaussian smoothing:

$$\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,0}f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2} = \mathbb{E}\left\|-\frac{f(\mathbf{w}+\gamma\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})-f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma}\cdot\nabla\ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\right\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\leq \mathsf{L}_{0}^{2}\cdot\mathbb{E}\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2}^{4}$$

$$\leq \mathsf{L}_{0}^{2}\cdot d(d+2) \leq \mathsf{L}_{0}^{2}(d+1)^{2}$$

• Setting $\gamma=rac{\epsilon}{2\mathsf{L}_0\sqrt{d}}, \ \ \eta_t=rac{\mathrm{diam}(C)}{(d+1)\mathsf{L}_0\sqrt{t+1}}$ we have

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f(\mathbf{w})] \le \epsilon, \quad \text{if } t > \frac{4(d+1)^2}{\epsilon^2} [\text{diam}(C)\mathsf{L}_0]^2,$$

which is d^2 times slower than running subgradient directly on f.

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L₁-smooth and convex

- If f is convex, then $f_{\gamma} \geq f$
- If f is L₁-smooth (w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$ say), so is f_{γ} . Moreover,

$$|f_{\gamma} - f| \le \frac{\gamma^2 \mathsf{L}_1}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2^2 = \frac{\gamma^2 \mathsf{L}_1 d}{2}$$

• Thus, we obtain the approximation bound:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f(\mathbf{w})] - \frac{\gamma^2 \mathbf{L}_1 d}{2} \le \mathbb{E}[f_{\gamma}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})]$$

• Using again $\hat{\partial}^{1,0} f_{\gamma}$ we obtain similarly

$$\mathbb{E}[f_{\gamma}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_t) - f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})] \le \frac{\|\mathbf{w}_0 - \mathbf{w}\|_2^2 + \sum_{k=0}^t \eta_k^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,0} f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w}_k)\|_2^2}{2H_t}$$

• If ∇f is L_1 -Lipschitz continuous:

$$\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,0}f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2} = \mathbb{E}\left\|-\frac{f(\mathbf{w}+\gamma\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})-f(\mathbf{w})}{\gamma}\cdot\nabla\ln p(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\right\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\langle\nabla f(\mathbf{w}),\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\rangle + \frac{\mathsf{L}_{1}\gamma\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2}^{2}}{2}\right]^{2}\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_{2}^{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{\gamma^{2}\mathsf{L}_{1}^{2}}{2}d(d+2)(d+4) + 2(d+2)\|\nabla f(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2}$$

- With $\gamma = O\left(\frac{1}{d}\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mathsf{L}_1}}\right)$ and $\eta_t \equiv O\left(\frac{1}{d\mathsf{L}_1}\right)$, need $O\left(\frac{d}{\epsilon}\mathsf{L}_1\operatorname{diam}^2(C)\right)$ many steps to obtain an ϵ -minimizer of f
- \bullet d times slower than running (projected) gradient directly on f

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More Moment Bounds for Gaussian Smoothing

• If *f* is differentiable:

$$\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}f_0(\mathbf{w})\|_2^2 = \mathbb{E}\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2^4 \left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2}, \nabla f(\mathbf{w}) \right\rangle^2$$
$$= \mathbb{E}\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2^4 \cdot \mathbb{E}\left\langle \frac{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}{\|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\|_2}, \nabla f(\mathbf{w}) \right\rangle^2 = (d+2)\|\nabla f(\mathbf{w})\|_2^2$$

• If $\pm f$ is L_1^{\pm} -smooth:

$$\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,1}f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2} \leq \frac{\gamma^{2}(\mathsf{L}_{1}^{+}+\mathsf{L}_{1}^{-})^{2}}{8}d(d+2)(d+4) + 2(d+2)\|\nabla f(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2}$$

• If $\nabla^2 f$ is L_2 -Lipschitz continuous

$$\mathbb{E}\|\hat{\partial}^{1,1}f_{\gamma}(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2} \leq \frac{\gamma^{4}L_{2}^{2}}{18}d(d+2)(d+4)(d+6) + 2(d+2)\|\nabla f(\mathbf{w})\|_{2}^{2}$$

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