

*A Fast First-Order Optimization Approach  
to Quasistatic Elastoplastic Analysis  
with von Mises Yield Criterion*

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- application to  $\ell_1$ -regularized least squares (LASSO)
  - ISTA (iterative shrinkage-thresholding algorithms)  
[Chambolle, DeVore, Lee, & Lucier '98], [Daubechies, Defrise, & Mol '04]
    - $O(1/k)$  convergence in obj. value ( $k$ : iteration counter)
  - acceleration: FISTA (fast ISTA) [Beck & Teboulle '09]
    - $O(1/k^2)$
  - restart of acceleration [O'Donoghue & Candes '15]
    - monotonic decrease of obj. value

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- iteration:

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- def. of proximal mapping:

$$\mathbf{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \left\{ \alpha g(\mathbf{z}) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \right\}$$

- $\alpha \in (0, 1/L]$  : step size                      ( $L$  : Lipschitz constant of  $\nabla f$ )
- useful    if computation of  $\mathbf{prox}_{\alpha g}$  is easy  
     $\simeq$  if  $g$  has a simple form

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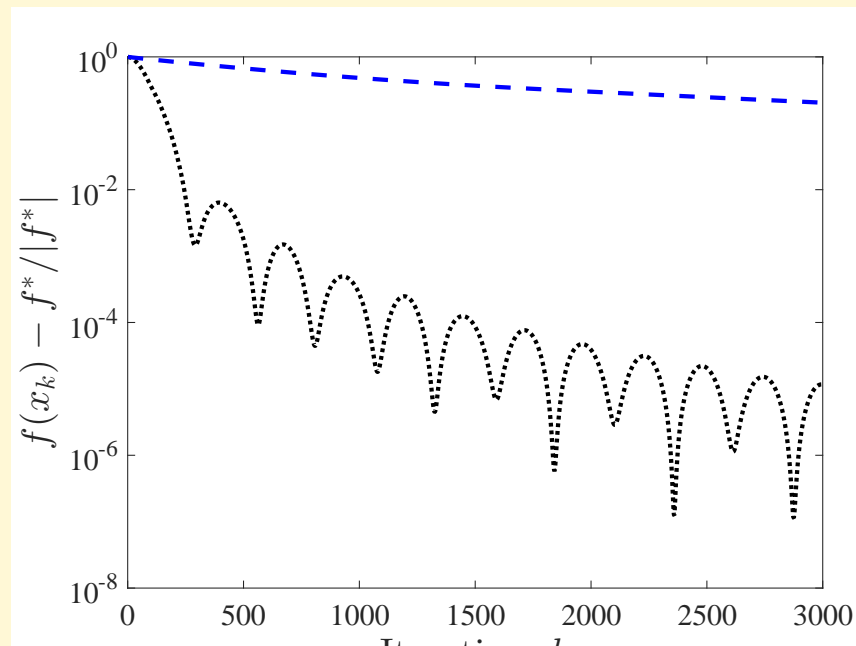
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- e.g.,  $\omega^{(k)} := k/(k+3)$





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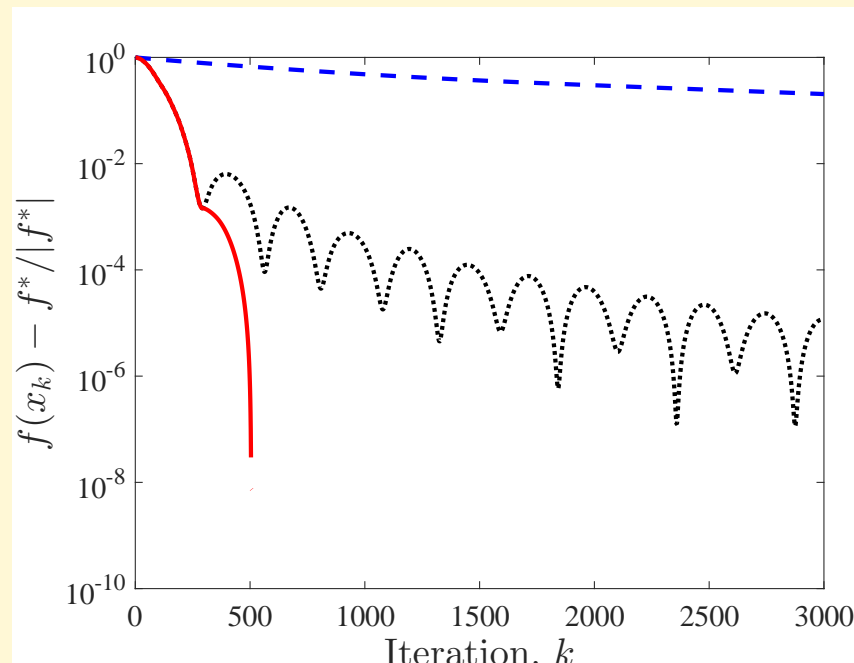
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- easy to implement
- fast convergence
- applicable to large-scale problems
  - most of computation: matrix-vector products  
no system of linear eqs.

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- “Unfortunately, it is very difficult to obtain strong intuition about the mechanism by which this remarkable phenomenon occurs.”

D. P. Bertsekas: *Convex Optimization Algorithms*, p. 322.

# LASSO (least absolute shrinkage and selection operator)

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- ISTA = a proximal gradient method for LASSO:

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- $\mathbf{prox}_{\alpha g}$  is easily computed as

$$\mathbf{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{s}) = (\mathbf{s} - \alpha \mathbf{1})_+ - (-\mathbf{s} - \alpha \mathbf{1})_+$$

- FISTA (fast ISTA) = accelerated ISTA

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- group LASSO ( $\simeq$  von Mises):

[Yuan & Lin '06]

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{l=1}^m \|\mathbf{x}_l\|_2$$

- attempts to zero many sub-vectors  $\mathbf{x}_l$
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- proximal grad. meth. for group LASSO

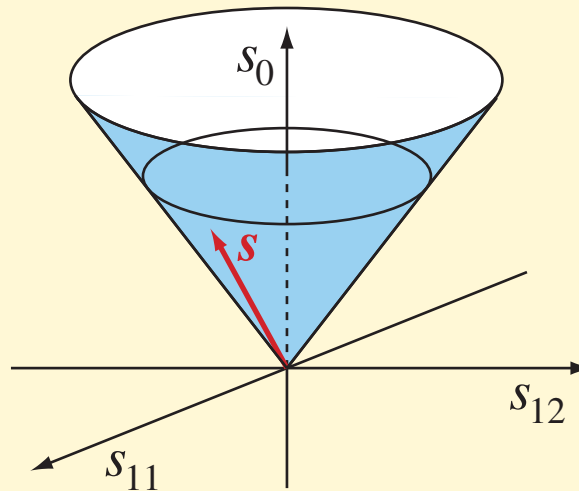
[Mosci, Rosasco, & Santoro '10]

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Minimize (nonsmooth convex fcn.)

- unconstrained optimization
- suitable for an accelerated proximal gradient method
  - (potentially) efficient for large-scale problems



# basic assumptions

- small deformation
  - strain decomposition  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p$
- strain hardening
  - linear isotropic
  - linear kinematic
- incremental problem

# a formulation of incremental problem

- convex, nonsmooth, unconstrained optimization:

$$\text{Min.} \quad \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^e : \mathbf{C}_i : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^e}_{\text{elastic energy}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} R_i \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^p\|_F + \frac{1}{3} \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^p\|_F^2 \right)}_{\text{plastic dissipation}} - \mathbf{f}^\top \mathbf{u} \quad (\spadesuit)$$

- variables:  $\mathbf{u}$  (inc. disp.),  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^p$  (inc. plastic strain)
- $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^e$  (inc. elastic strain) can be eliminated.
  - substitute  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^e = \mathbf{B}_i \cdot \mathbf{u} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^p$

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- apply proximal gradient method to:

$$(\spadesuit) \Leftrightarrow \text{Min.} \quad f(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p) + g(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p) \quad \text{w/} \quad g(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} R_i \|\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^p\|_F$$

- $f$  : convex quadratic  $g$  : convex, nonsmooth, & simple
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# sketch of algorithm

- iteration of prox. grad. meth.:

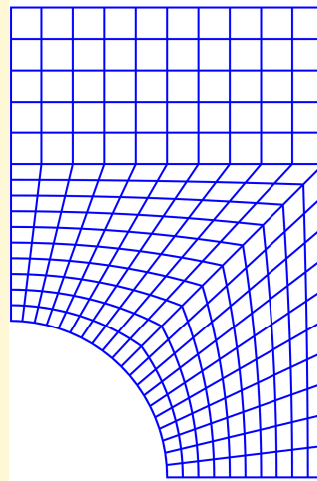
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(k+1)} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(k)} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{p}^{(k)}} \end{bmatrix} - \alpha \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^{(k)} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\mathbf{p}^{(k)}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i^{\mathbf{p}^{(k+1)}} := \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } \|\mathbf{p}_i\| \leq \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} R_i \\ \left( \|\mathbf{p}_i\| - \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} R_i \right) \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{\|\mathbf{p}_i\|} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\forall i)$$

- $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})$  : a sparse constant matrix
- $\mathbf{p}$  : intermediate variable (for notational simplicity)
- very cheap computation per iteration
- only small modification to achieve acceleration

# preliminary numerical experiments

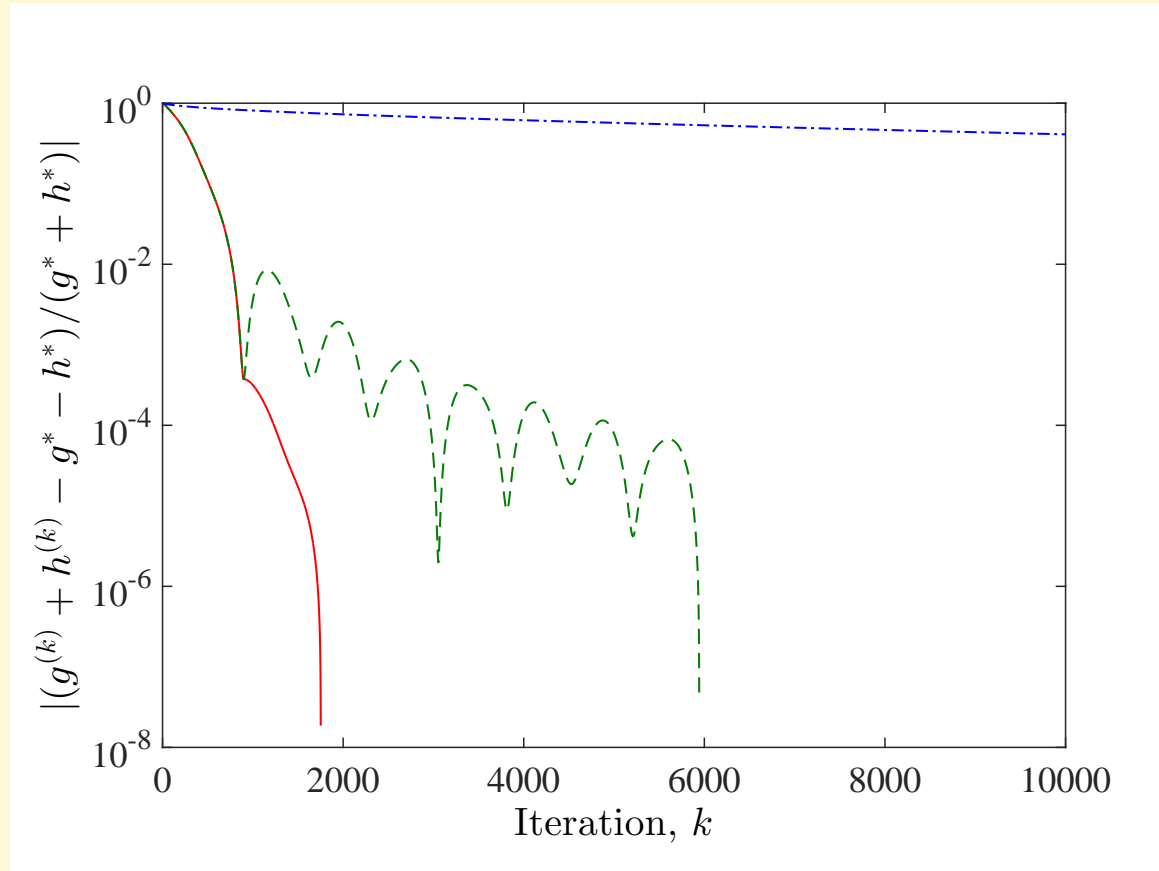
- perforated plate in 3D



- comparison
  - primal-dual interior-point method [\[Tütüncü, Toh, & Todd '09\]](#)  
for second-order cone programming (SOCP): SDPT3 (ver. 4)
    - solves standard form of SOCP.
  - proposed method
    - solves unconstrained nonsmooth convex opt.
    - Matlab implementation

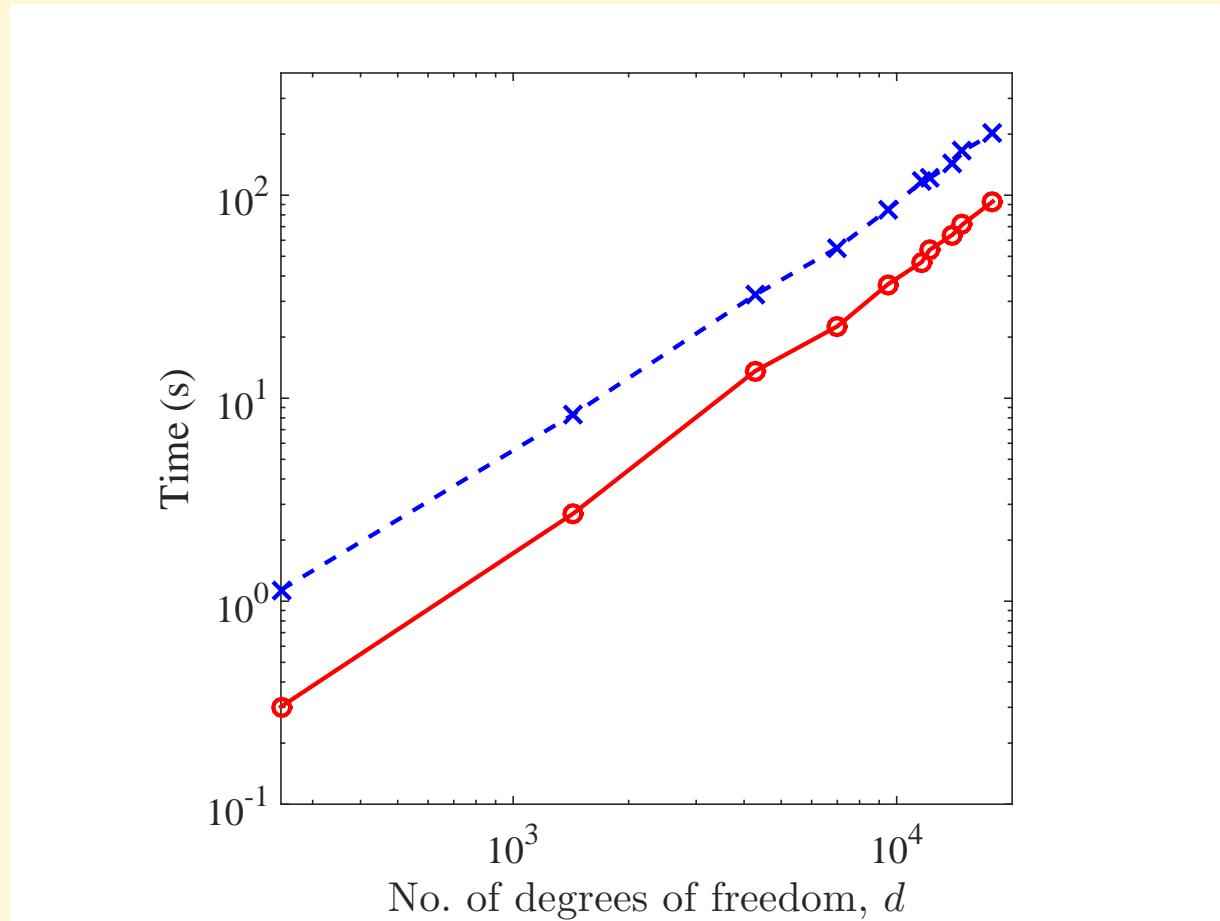
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- proximal gradient methods



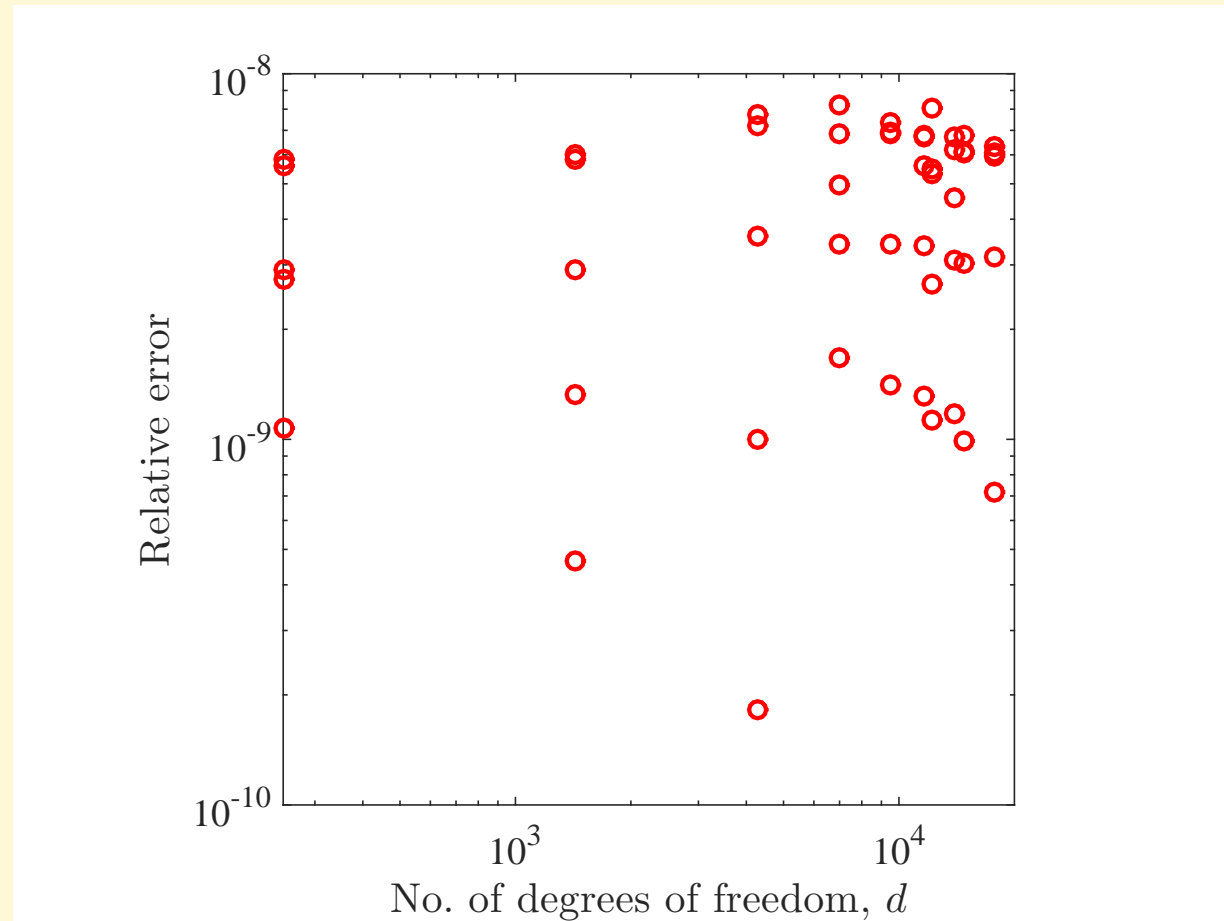
- “- - -” unaccelerated
- “.....” accelerated, w/o restart
- “—” accelerated, w/ restart

## ex.) computational time



- time vs. DOF
- “x” SDPT3 (interior-point method)
- “o” proposed method

## ex.) computational accuracy



- objective value
  - (APGM: proposed) < (SDPT3)
- relative difference = 
$$\frac{(\text{SDPT3}) - (\text{APGM})}{(\text{SDPT3})}$$



# conclusions

- incremental elastoplastic analysis w/ von Mises criterion
  - 2nd-order cone prog. (SOCP) + intr.-point meth. (IPM) (exist)
  - unconstrained nonsmooth convex optimization (new)
    - (convex quadratic fcn.) + (sum of  $\ell_2$ -norms)
    - $\simeq$  group LASSO (a regularized least squares)
- accelerated proximal gradient method
  - fast convergence:  $O(1/k^2)$
  - cheap computational cost (no system of linear eqs.)
    - fut. wrk.: interpret update & acceleration schemes
  - faster than a standard IPM
    - fut. wrk.: comparison with, e.g., a return-mapping meth.