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**tvopt**

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## TVOPT PACKAGE

### 1.1 Submodules

### 1.2 `tvopt.costs` module

Cost template definition and examples.

**class** `tvopt.costs.AbsoluteValue(weight=1)`

Bases: `Cost`

Scalar absolute value function.

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, *penalty=1*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See `compute_proximal` for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.

- **penalty** (*float*, *optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.Constant(*dom*, *c*)

Bases: *Cost*

Constant cost.

This class defines a constant, whose value is stored in the attribute *c*. The *gradient* and *hessian* methods return 0, while the proximal acts as an identity.

**dom**

The given cost domain, for compatibility with other costs.

**Type**

*sets.Set*

**c**

The constant value.

**Type**

float

**smooth**

The smoothness degree, set to 2.

**Type**

int

**function**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost.

Returns the constant value.

**gradient**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient.

Returns 0.

**hessian**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian.

Returns 0.

**proximal**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

Acts as the identity, returning *x*.

**class** tvopt.costs.Cost(*dom*, *time=None*, *prox\_solver=None*)

Bases: *object*

Template for a cost function.

This class defines the template for a cost function

$$f : \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

which depends on the unknown  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots}$  and, optionally, on the time  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

*Cost* objects support the following operations:

- negation
- sum (by another cost or with a scalar),
- product (by another cost or with a scalar),
- division and power with a scalar.

A *Cost* object should expose, compatibly with the smoothness degree, the methods *function*, *gradient*, *hessian*, *proximal*. The convention for these methods is that the first positional argument is  $\mathbf{x}$ , and only a second positional argument is allowed, for  $t$ . Any other argument should be passed as a keyword argument.

If the cost is time-varying, then it should expose the methods *time\_derivative* and *sample*, as well; see methods' documentation for the default behavior.

#### **dom**

The x domain  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots}$ .

##### **Type**

*sets.Set*

#### **time**

The time domain  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . If the cost is static this is None.

##### **Type**

*sets.T*

#### **is\_dynamic**

Attribute to check if the cost is static or dynamic.

##### **Type**

bool

#### **smooth**

This attribute stores the smoothness degree of the cost, for example it is 0 if the cost is continuous, 1 if the cost is differentiable, *etc.* By convention it is  $-1$  if the cost is discontinuous.

##### **Type**

int

#### **\_prox\_solver**

This attribute specifies the method (gradient or Newton) that should be used to compute the proximal

$$\text{prox}_{\rho f(\cdot; t)}(\mathbf{x}) = \underset{\mathbf{y}}{\text{argmin}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{y}; t) + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \right\}$$

of the cost, if a closed form is not available. See also the auxiliary function *compute\_proximal*.

##### **Type**

str or None

## **Notes**

Not all operations preserve convexity.

#### **function**( $x$ , *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

##### **Parameters**

- $\mathbf{x}$  (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the cost should be evaluated.

- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, \*args, *penalty=1*, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**sample**(*t*)

Sample the cost.

This method returns a *SampledCost* object which exposes the same methods of the cost but fixing the time argument to *t*.

If the cost is static, the cost itself is returned.

**Parameters**

- **t** (*float*) – The time at which the cost should be sampled.

**Returns**

The sampled cost or, if static, the cost itself.

**Return type**

*Cost*



**time\_derivative**( $x, t, der='tx', **kwargs$ )

A derivative w.r.t. time of the cost.

This method computes derivatives w.r.t. time of the cost, or mixed derivatives w.r.t. both time and  $x$  (e.g. the derivative in time of the gradient).

If this method is not overwritten, it computes the derivative by default using *backward finite differences*. See *backward\_finite\_difference* for details.

If the cost is static, 0 is returned.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the derivative should be evaluated.
- **t** (*float*) – The time at which the derivative should be evaluated.
- **der** (*str, optional*) – A sequence of “x” and “t” that chooses which derivative should be computed. For example, the default “tx” denotes the derivative w.r.t. time of the cost’s (sub-)gradient.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

#### Raises

**ValueError** – If the number of “x” characters in *der* exceeds 2.

#### Returns

The required derivative or 0.

#### Return type

*array\_like*

**class** tvopt.costs.**DiscreteDynamicCost**(*costs, t\_s=1*)

Bases: *Cost*

Dynamic cost from a sequence of static costs.

This class creates a dynamic cost from a list of static costs. That is, given a sampling time  $T_s$ , the cost at time  $t_k = kT_s$  is:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; t_k) = f_k(\mathbf{x})$$

with  $f_k$  the  $k$ -th static cost in the list.

**function**( $x, t, **kwargs$ )

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**( $x, t, **kwargs$ )

An evaluation of the cost’s gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.

- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*, *t*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, *t*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float*, *optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**sample**(*t*)

Sample the cost.

The difference with the default *Cost* method is that it returns a cost in the list rather than a *SampledCost*.

**Parameters**

- **t** (*float*) – The time at which the cost should be sampled.

**Returns**

The closest cost in the list.

**Return type**

*Cost*

**class** tvopt.costs.**DynamicExample\_1D**(*t\_s*, *t\_max*, *omega*=0.06283185307179587, *kappa*=7.5, *mu*=1.75)

Bases: *Cost*

Scalar benchmark dynamic cost.

The dynamic cost was proposed in<sup>2</sup> and is defined as:

$$f(x; t) = \frac{1}{2}(x - \cos(\omega t))^2 + \kappa \log(1 + \exp(\mu x))$$

with default parameters  $\omega = 0.02\pi$ ,  $\kappa = 7.5$  and  $\mu = 1.75$ .

**approximate\_time\_derivative**(*x*, *t*, *der*='tx')

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<sup>2</sup> A. Simonetto, A. Mokhtari, A. Koppel, G. Leus, and A. Ribeiro, "A Class of Prediction-Correction Methods for Time-Varying Convex Optimization," IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 64, no. 17, pp. 4576–4591, Sep. 2016.

**function**(*x*, *t*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*, *t*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*, *t=None*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**time\_derivative**(*x*, *t*, *der='tx'*)

A derivative w.r.t. time of the cost.

This method computes derivatives w.r.t. time of the cost, or mixed derivatives w.r.t. both time and *x* (e.g. the derivative in time of the gradient).

If this method is not overwritten, it computes the derivative by default using *backward finite differences*. See *backward\_finite\_difference* for details.

If the cost is static, 0 is returned.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the derivative should be evaluated.
- **t** (*float*) – The time at which the derivative should be evaluated.
- **der** (*str*, *optional*) – A sequence of “x” and “t” that chooses which derivative should be computed. For example, the default “tx” denotes the derivative w.r.t. time of the cost's (sub-)gradient.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If the number of “x” characters in *der* exceeds 2.

**Returns**

The required derivative or 0.

**Return type**

*array\_like*

**class** tvopt.costs.DynamicExample\_2D(*t\_s, t\_max*)

Bases: `Cost`

Bi-dimensional benchmark dynamic cost.

The dynamic cost was proposed in<sup>3</sup> and is defined as:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; t) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 - \exp(\cos(t)))^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_2 - x_1 \tanh(t))^2$$

where we used the notation  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]^\top$ .

**approximate\_time\_derivative**(*x, t, der='tx'*)

**function**(*x, t*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x, t*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x=None, t=None*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**time\_derivative**(*x, t, der='tx'*)

A derivative w.r.t. time of the cost.

This method computes derivatives w.r.t. time of the cost, or mixed derivatives w.r.t. both time and x (*e.g.* the derivative in time of the gradient).

If this method is not overwritten, it computes the derivative by default using *backward finite differences*. See *backward\_finite\_difference* for details.

If the cost is static, 0 is returned.

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<sup>3</sup> Y. Zhang, Z. Qi, B. Qiu, M. Yang, and M. Xiao, "Zeroing Neural Dynamics and Models for Various Time-Varying Problems Solving with ZLSF Models as Minimization-Type and Euler-Type Special Cases [Research Frontier]," IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine, vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 52–60, Aug. 2019.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the derivative should be evaluated.
- **t** (*float*) – The time at which the derivative should be evaluated.
- **der** (*str, optional*) – A sequence of “x” and “t” that chooses which derivative should be computed. For example, the default “tx” denotes the derivative w.r.t. time of the cost’s (sub-)gradient.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If the number of “x” characters in *der* exceeds 2.

**Returns**

The required derivative or 0.

**Return type**

*array\_like*

**class** tvopt.costs.Huber(*n, threshold*)

Bases: *Cost*

Vector Huber loss.

The cost is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2/2 & \text{if } \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \theta \\ \theta(\|\mathbf{x}\| - \theta/2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is a given threshold.

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost’s gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost’s Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.

- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, *penalty=1*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.Huber\_1D(*threshold*)

Bases: *Cost*

Huber loss.

The cost is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 & \text{if } |x| \leq \theta \\ \theta(|x| - \theta/2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is a given threshold.

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**( $x$ , *penalty=1*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.Indicator( $s$ )

Bases: *Cost*

Indicator function of a given set.

This objects implements the indicator function of a given *Set* object. That is, given the set  $\mathbb{S}$  we define:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{S} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The proximal operator of the cost is the projection onto the set.

**function**( $x$ )

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**projection**( $x$ , *\*\*kwargs*)

**proximal**( $x$ , *\*args, penalty=1, \*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.

- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.Linear(*b, c=0*)

Bases: *Cost*

Linear cost.

The function is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b} \rangle + c.$$

**class** tvopt.costs.LinearRegression(*A, b*)

Bases: *Cost*

Cost for linear regression.

The cost is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|^2.$$

**class** tvopt.costs.Logistic

Bases: *Cost*

Logistic function.

The function is defined as

$$f(x) = \log(1 + \exp(x)).$$

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.



### **hessian**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

#### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

### **proximal**(*x*, *penalty=1*, *max\_iter=50*, *tol=1e-08*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

#### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float*, *optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

### **class** tvopt.costs.LogisticRegression(*A*, *b*, *weight=0*)

Bases: *Cost*

Cost for logistic regression.

The cost is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \log(1 + \exp(-b_i \langle \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle + x_0))$$

where  $b_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_i$  are classifier and feature vector, and  $x_0$  is the intercept. An optional  $\ell_2$  regularization can be added defining its weight *penalty*.

### **function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

### **gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

#### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.

- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, *penalty=1*, *tol=1e-05*, *max\_iter=100*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float*, *optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.**Norm\_1**(*n=1*, *weight=1*)

Bases: *Cost*

Class for  $\ell_1$  norm.

The function is defined as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = w\|\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $w > 0$ .

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.

- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**( $x$ , *penalty=1*)

Proximal evaluation of  $\ell_1$  norm, a.k.a. soft-thresholding.

**See also:**

`utils.soft_thresholding`

**class** `tvopt.costs.Norm_2`( $n=1$ , *weight=1*)

Bases: `Cost`

Square 2-norm.

**class** `tvopt.costs.Norm_inf`( $n=1$ , *weight=1*)

Bases: `Cost`

Class for  $\ell_\infty$  norm.

**function**( $x$ )

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**( $x$ , *penalty=1*, *tol=1e-05*)

Proximal evaluation of  $\ell_\infty$  norm.

See<sup>4</sup> for the formula.

## References

**class** `tvopt.costs.PowerCost`(*cost*,  $p$ )

Bases: `Cost`

Power cost.

This class defines a cost as the given power of a cost. It is used for implementing the  $*$  operation.

**function**(*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the power cost.

**gradient**(*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the power cost (sub-)gradient.

**hessian**(*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the power cost Hessian.

**class** `tvopt.costs.ProductCost`( $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ )

Bases: `Cost`

Product of two costs.

This class defines a cost from the product of two given costs. Derivatives are computed using the chain rule.

<sup>4</sup> A. Beck, First-Order Methods in Optimization. Philadelphia, PA: Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2017.

**function**( $x$ , *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the product cost.

**gradient**( $x$ , *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the product cost (sub-)gradient.

**hessian**( $x$ , *\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An evaluation of the product cost Hessian.

**class** tvopt.costs.Quadratic( $A$ ,  $b$ ,  $c=0$ )

Bases: [Cost](#)

Quadratic cost.

The function is defined as

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b} \rangle + c$$

with the given matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**function**( $x$ )

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**( $x$ )

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**( $x=None$ )

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**( $x$ , *penalty=1*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.Quadratic\_1D(*a, b, c=0*)

Bases: *Cost*

Scalar quadratic cost.

The cost is defined as

$$f(x) = ax^2/2 + bx + c.$$

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x=None*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x, penalty=1*)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the proximal should be evaluated.

- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.**RobustLinearRegression**(*A, b, threshold*)

Bases: [Cost](#)

Cost for robust linear regression.

Let  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the Huber loss, then the cost is defined as:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m h(a_i \mathbf{x} - b_i)$$

where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  are the rows of the data matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , and  $b_i$  the elements of the data vector  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**function**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $\mathbf{x}$  where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.**SampledCost**(*cost, t*)

Bases: [Cost](#)

Sampled cost.

This class defines a *static* cost by sampling a *dynamic* cost at a given time.

**function**( $x$ , **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**( $x$ , **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**( $x$ , **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**( $x$ , **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The  $x$  where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.ScaledCost(*cost, s*)

Bases: *Cost*

Scaled cost.

This class defines a cost scaled by a constant. That is, given the cost  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  it defines:

$$g(\mathbf{x}; t) = cf(\mathbf{x}; t).$$

The class is used for the product and division by a constant.

**function**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**class** tvopt.costs.SeparableCost(costs)

Bases: [Cost](#)

Separable cost function.

This class defines a separable cost, that is

$$f(\mathbf{x}; t) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(x_i; t)$$



where  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots}$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Each of the component functions  $f_i$  can be either static or dynamic. This is useful for defining distributed optimization problems.

The overall dimension of the domain is  $n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times N$ , meaning that the last dimension indexes the components.

The class exposes the same methods as any *Cost*, with the difference that the keyword argument *i* can be used to evaluate only a single component. If all components are evaluated, an ndarray is returned with the last dimension indexing the components.

The class has the *Cost* attributes, with the following additions or differences.

#### **costs**

The component costs.

**Type**  
list

#### **N**

The number of components.

**Type**  
int

#### **is\_dynamic**

True if at least one component is dynamic.

**Type**  
bool

#### **smooth**

This is the minimum of the smoothness degrees of all components.

**Type**  
int

#### **function**(*x*, \**args*, *i=None*, \*\**kwargs*)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

##### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

#### **gradient**(*x*, \**args*, *i=None*, \*\**kwargs*)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

##### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

#### **hessian**(*x*, \**args*, *i=None*, \*\**kwargs*)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

##### **Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.

- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, \*args, penalty=1, i=None, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost(s) proximal(s).

This is the same as calling `_evaluate` with “proximal”, with the difference that is customized to handle the penalty parameter. In particular, the penalty can either be a scalar, in which case the same penalty is used for all components, or a list of component-wise penalties.

**class** tvopt.costs.SumCost(\*costs)

Bases: `Cost`

Sum of costs.

This class defines a cost as the sum of an arbitrary number of costs. That is, given the costs  $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  with  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , the class defines:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; t) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(\mathbf{x}; t)$$

The *function*, *gradient* and *hessian* are defined from the components’ methods using the sum rule, while the proximal by default is computed recursively.

**function**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost’s gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

An evaluation of the cost’s Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The x where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

`tvopt.costs.backward_finite_difference(signal, t, order=1, step=1)`

Compute the backward finite difference of a signal.

This function computes an approximate derivative of a given signal using backward finite differences. Given the signal  $s(t)$ , it computes:

$$s^o(t) = \sum_{i=0}^o (-1)^i \binom{o}{i} s(t - iT_s) / T_s^o$$

where  $o \in \mathbb{N}$  is the derivative order and  $T_s$  is the sampling time, see<sup>5</sup> for more details.

Notice that if samples before  $t = 0$  are required, they are set to zero.

#### Parameters

- **signal** – A function of a single scalar argument that represents the signal.
- **t** (*float*) – The time where the derivative should be evaluated.
- **order** (*int*, *optional*) – The derivative order, defaults to 1.
- **step** (*float*, *optional*) – The sampling time, defaults to 1.

#### Raises

**ValueError** – For invalid *order* or *step* arguments.

#### Returns

The approximate derivative.

#### Return type

ndarray

## References

`tvopt.costs.compute_proximal(f, x, penalty, solver=None, **kwargs)`

Compute the proximal of a cost.

This function (approximately) computes the proximal of a given cost if there is no closed form solution. The function uses either a Newton method or a gradient method, both with backtracking line search.

#### Parameters

- **f** (*Cost*) – The static cost whose proximal is required.
- **x** (*array\_like*) – Where the proximal has to be evaluated.
- **penalty** (*float*) – The penalty of the proximal.
- **solver** (*str*, *optional*) – The method to use for computing the proximal, Newton or gradient. If not specified, Newton is used for twice differentiable function, gradient otherwise.
- **\*\*kwargs** (*dict*) – Parameters for the Newton or gradient method.

#### Returns

**y** – The proximal.

#### Return type

ndarray

<sup>5</sup> A. Quarteroni, R. Sacco, and F. Saleri, Numerical mathematics, 2nd ed. Berlin; New York: Springer, 2007.

See also:

`solvers.backtracking_gradient`, `solvers.newton`

## 1.3 tvopt.distributed\_solvers module

Distributed solvers.

`tvopt.distributed_solvers.admm(problem, penalty, rel, w_0=0, num_iter=100)`

Distributed relaxed alternating direction method of multipliers (ADMM).

This function implements the distributed ADMM, see<sup>6</sup> and references therein. The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$x_i^\ell = \text{prox}_{f_i/(\rho d_i)}([A^\top z^\ell]_i/(\rho d_i))$$

$$z_{ij}^{\ell+1} = (1 - \alpha)z_{ij}^\ell - \alpha z_{ji}^\ell + 2\alpha \rho x_j^\ell$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $d_i$  is node  $i$ 's degree,  $\rho$  and  $\alpha$  are the penalty and relaxation parameters, and  $A$  is the arc incidence matrix. The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the cost describing the problem.
- **penalty** (*float*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  of the algorithm (convergence is guaranteed for any positive value).
- **rel** (*float*) – The relaxation parameter  $\alpha$  of the algorithm (convergence is guaranteed for values in  $(0, 1)$ ).
- **w\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial value of the dual nodes' states. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

### Returns

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The dual variables of the nodes after *num\_iter* iterations.

### References

`tvopt.distributed_solvers.aug_dgm(problem, step, x_0=0, num_iter=100)`

Augmented distributed gradient method (Aug-DGM).

This function implements the Aug-DGM algorithm (see<sup>7</sup>). The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{y}^{\ell-1} + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^\ell) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell-1})) \\ \mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{W} (\mathbf{x}^\ell - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{y}^\ell) \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

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<sup>6</sup> N. Bastianello, R. Carli, L. Schenato, and M. Todescato, "Asynchronous Distributed Optimization over Lossy Networks via Relaxed ADMM: Stability and Linear Convergence," IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control.

<sup>7</sup> J. Xu, S. Zhu, Y. C. Soh, and L. Xie, "Augmented distributed gradient methods for multi-agent optimization under uncoordinated constant stepsizes," in 2015 54th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Osaka, Japan, Dec. 2015, pp. 2055–2060.

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a diagonal matrix of uncoordinated step-sizes. The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the cost describing the problem.
- **step** (*float*) – A common step-size or a list of local step-sizes, one for each node.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

#### Returns

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

### References

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.average\_consensus(*net, x\_0, num\_iter=100*)

Average consensus.

Compute the average consensus over the network *net* with initial states *x\_0*.

#### Parameters

- **net** (*networks.Network*) – The network describing the multi-agent system.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray*) – The initial states in a ndarray, with the last dimension indexing the nodes.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

#### Returns

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.dpgm(*problem, step, x\_0=0, num\_iter=100*)

Distributed proximal gradient method (DPGM).

This function implements the DPGM algorithm proposed in<sup>8</sup> (see also<sup>9</sup> for the gradient-only version). The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}^\ell - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^\ell) \\ \mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} &= \text{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{y}^\ell) \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ . The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to a neighborhood of the optimal solution.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the costs describing the (possibly composite) problem. The dictionary should contain *f* and the network, and optionally *g*.

<sup>8</sup> Bastianello, N., Ajalloeian, A., & Dall'Anese, E. (2020). Distributed and Inexact Proximal Gradient Method for Online Convex Optimization. arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.00870.

<sup>9</sup> Yuan, K., Ling, Q., & Yin, W. (2016). On the convergence of decentralized gradient descent. SIAM Journal on Optimization, 26(3), 1835-1854.

- **step** (*float*) – The step-size.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

**Returns**

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

**References**

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.**dual\_ascent**(*problem, step, w\_0=0, num\_iter=100*)

Distributed dual ascent a.k.a. dual decomposition (DD).

This function implements the DD algorithm<sup>10</sup>. The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^\ell &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \{ f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}^\ell \rangle \} \\ \mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{w}^\ell - \alpha(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})\mathbf{x}^\ell \end{aligned}$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\mathbf{w}$  is the vector of Lagrange multipliers. The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

**Parameters**

- **system** (*A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent*) – and the cost describing the problem.
- **step** (*float*) – The step-size.
- **w\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial value of the dual nodes' states. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

**Returns**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The dual variables of the nodes after *num\_iter* iterations.

**References**

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.**gossip\_consensus**(*net, x\_0, num\_iter=100, q=0.5*)

Average consensus.

Compute the average consensus over the network *net* with initial states *x\_0* using the symmetric gossip protocol.

**Parameters**

- **net** (*networks.Network*) – The network describing the multi-agent system.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray*) – The initial states in a ndarray, with the last dimension indexing the nodes.

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<sup>10</sup> Simonetto, A. (2018). Dual Prediction–Correction Methods for Linearly Constrained Time-Varying Convex Programs. IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 64(8), 3355-3361.

- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **q** (*float, optional*) – The weight used in the convex combination of the nodes that communicate at each iteration.

**Returns**

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.distributed_solvers.max_consensus(net, x_0, num_iter=100)`

Max consensus.

Compute the maximum of the nodes' states *x\_0*.

**Parameters**

- **net** (`networks.Network`) – The network describing the multi-agent system.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray*) – The initial states in a ndarray, with the last dimension indexing the nodes.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

**Returns**

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.distributed_solvers.nids(problem, step, x_0=0, num_iter=100)`

Network InDependent Step-size algorithm (NIDS).

This function implements the NIDS algorithm proposed in<sup>11</sup>. The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{y}^{\ell-1} - \mathbf{x}^\ell - \tilde{\mathbf{W}}(2\mathbf{x}^\ell - \mathbf{x}^{\ell-1} - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^\ell) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell-1}))) \\ \mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} &= \text{prox}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}g}(\mathbf{y}^\ell) \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is a column vector containing the independent step-sizes of the nodes, and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{I} + c \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})(\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{I})$$

with  $c = 0.5 / \max_i \{\alpha_i\}$ . The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the costs describing the (possibly composite) problem. The dictionary should contain *f* and the network, and optionally *g*.
- **step** (*float or list*) – A common step-size or a list of local step-sizes, one for each node.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

<sup>11</sup> Li, Z., Shi, W., & Yan, M. (2019). A decentralized proximal-gradient method with network independent step-sizes and separated convergence rates. IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, 67(17), 4494-4506.

**Returns**

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

**References**

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.**pg\_extra**(*problem, step, x\_0=0, num\_iter=100*)

Proximal gradient exact first-order algorithm (PG-EXTRA).

This function implements the PG-EXTRA algorithm proposed in<sup>12</sup> (see also<sup>13</sup> for the gradient-only version, EXTRA). The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{y}^{\ell-1} + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}^\ell - \tilde{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{x}^{\ell-1} - \alpha(\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^\ell) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell-1})) \\ \mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} &= \text{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{y}^\ell) \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{W})/2$ . The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the costs describing the (possibly composite) problem. The dictionary should contain *f* and the network, and optionally *g*.
- **step** (*float*) – The step-size.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

**Returns**

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

**References**

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.**prox\_aac**(*problem, step, x\_0=0, num\_iter=100, consensus\_steps=[True, True, True]*)

Proximal adapt-and-combine (Prox-AAC).

This function implements the Prox-AAC algorithm (see<sup>1</sup> for the gradient only version). The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}^\ell &= \mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x}^\ell \\ \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{z}^\ell - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{z}^\ell) \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>12</sup> Shi, W., Ling, Q., Wu, G., & Yin, W. (2015). A proximal gradient algorithm for decentralized composite optimization. IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, 63(22), 6013-6023.

<sup>13</sup> Shi, W., Ling, Q., Wu, G., & Yin, W. (2015). Extra: An exact first-order algorithm for decentralized consensus optimization. SIAM Journal on Optimization, 25(2), 944-966.

<sup>1</sup> Chen, J., & Sayed, A. H. (2013). Distributed Pareto optimization via diffusion strategies. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, 7(2), 205-220.



$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathbf{W}_3 \text{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{W}_2 \mathbf{y}^\ell)$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\mathbf{W}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_2$  and  $\mathbf{W}_3$  are doubly stochastic matrices (or the identity).

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the costs describing the (possibly composite) problem. The dictionary should contain  $f$  and the network, and optionally  $g$ .
- **step** (*float or list*) – A common step-size or a list of local step-sizes, one for each node.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **consensus\_steps** (*list*) – A list specifying which consensus steps to perform; the list must have three elements that can be interpreted as bools.

#### Returns

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

#### References

tvopt.distributed\_solvers.**prox\_ed**(*problem, step, x\_0=0, num\_iter=100*)

Proximal exact diffusion (Prox-ED).

This function implements the Prox-ED algorithm<sup>14</sup>. The algorithm is characterized by the following updates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \mathbf{x}^\ell - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^\ell) \\ \mathbf{u}^\ell &= \mathbf{z}^{\ell-1} + \mathbf{y}^\ell - (\mathbf{y}^\ell \mathbf{1}^\top) \\ \mathbf{z}^\ell &= (\tilde{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{u}^\ell) \\ \mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} &= \text{prox}_{\alpha g}(\mathbf{z}^\ell) \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

for  $\ell = 0, 1, \dots$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{W})/2$ . The algorithm is guaranteed to converge to the optimal solution.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the network describing the multi-agent system and the costs describing the (possibly composite) problem. The dictionary should contain  $f$  and the network, and optionally  $g$ .
- **step** (*float*) – The step-size.
- **x\_0** (*ndarray, optional*) – The initial states of the nodes. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size with the last dimension indexing the nodes, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of the states.
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

#### Returns

**x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.

<sup>14</sup> S. A. Alghunaim, E. Ryu, K. Yuan, and A. H. Sayed, "Decentralized Proximal Gradient Algorithms with Linear Convergence Rates," IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 2020.

**Return type**

ndarray

**References**`tvopt.distributed_solvers.ratio_consensus(net, x_0, num_iter=100)`

Ratio consensus.

Compute the average consensus over the network *net* with initial states *x\_0* using the ratio consensus protocol.**Parameters**

- **net** (`networks.Network`) – The network describing the multi-agent system.
- **x\_0** (`ndarray`) – The initial states in a ndarray, with the last dimension indexing the nodes.
- **num\_iter** (`int`, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

**Returns****x** – The nodes' states after *num\_iter* iterations.**Return type**

ndarray

## 1.4 tvopt.networks module

Network tools.

**class** `tvopt.networks.DynamicNetwork(nets, t_s=1)`Bases: `Network`

Time-varying network.

This class creates a time-varying network from a list of network objects, and possibly a sampling time that specifies how often the network changes.

**broadcast**(*t*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Broadcast transmission.

This method implements a broadcast transmission in which a node sends the same packet to all its neighbors. The packet is also transmitted to the node itself. The method is implemented using the *send* method.**Parameters**

- **sender** (`int`) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **packet** (`array_like`) – The packet to be communicated.

**consensus**(*t*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Consensus mixing.

This method implements a consensus step over the network, mixing the given nodes' states using the weight matrix of the network or a different one.

**Parameters**

- **x** (`array_like`) – The nodes' local states in an array with the last dimension indexing the nodes.
- **weights** (`ndarray`, *optional*) – The consensus weight matrix to be used instead of the one created at initialization.

**Returns**

**y** – The local states after a consensus step.

**Return type**

ndarray

**max\_consensus**(*t*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Max-consensus.

This method implements a step of max-consensus, where each node selects the (element-wise) maximum between the packets received from its neighbors and its own state. See<sup>15</sup> for a reference on max-consensus.

**Parameters**

**x** (*array\_like*) – The nodes' local states in an array with the last dimension indexing the nodes.

**Returns**

**x** – The local states after a max-consensus step.

**Return type**

ndarray

**References**

**sample**(*t*)

Sample the dynamic network.

This method returns the network object that is active at time *t*.

**Parameters**

**t** (*float*) – The time when the network should be sampled.

**Returns**

The sampled network.

**Return type**

*Network*

**send**(*t*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Node-to-node transmission (sender phase).

This method simulates a node-to-node transmission by storing the packet to be communicated in the *buffer*. In particular, if *i* is the sender and *j* the receiver, then the packet is introduced in *buffer* with keyword (*j*, *i*).

Note that older information (if any) in the *buffer* is overwritten whenever *send* is called.

**Parameters**

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

**class** tvopt.networks.LossyNetwork(*adj\_mat*, *loss\_prob*, *weights=None*)

Bases: *Network*

Network with random communication failures.

<sup>15</sup> F. Iutzeler, P. Ciblat, and J. Jakubowicz, "Analysis of Max-Consensus Algorithms in Wireless Channels," IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 60, no. 11, pp. 6103–6107, Nov. 2012.

Representation of a connected, undirected network, whose communication protocol is subject to packet losses. Packet sent from a node to another may be lost with a certain probability.

**send**(*sender, receiver, packet*)

Node-to-node transmission (sender phase).

This method simulates a node-to-node transmission by storing the packet to be communicated in the *buffer*. In particular, if *i* is the sender and *j* the receiver, then the packet is introduced in *buffer* with keyword (*j, i*).

Note that older information (if any) in the *buffer* is overwritten whenever *send* is called.

#### Parameters

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

**class** tvopt.networks.**Network**(*adj\_mat, weights=None*)

Bases: object

Representation of an undirected network.

The class implements an undirected network defined from the adjacency matrix. The class provides methods for different communication protocols, such as node-to-node and broadcast.

Transmissions are implemented via the *buffer* attribute of the network: the sender stores the packet to be transmitted in the *buffer* dictionary, specifying the recipient, which can then access the packet.

By convention, the nodes in the network are indexed from 0 to  $N - 1$ , where  $N$  is the total number of nodes.

**adj\_mat**

The adjacency matrix of the network.

**Type**

ndarray

**N**

The number of nodes in the network.

**Type**

ndarray

**weights**

The consensus weight matrix, if not specified in the constructor this is the Metropolis-Hastings weight matrix.

**Type**

ndarray

**neighbors**

A list whose *i*-th element is a list of node *i*'s neighbors.

**Type**

list

**degrees**

The number of neighbors of each node.

**Type**

list

**buffer**

The dictionary used for node-to-node transmissions.

**Type**

dict

**broadcast**(*sender, packet*)

Broadcast transmission.

This method implements a broadcast transmission in which a node sends the same packet to all its neighbors. The packet is also transmitted to the node itself. The method is implemented using the *send* method.

**Parameters**

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

**consensus**(*x, weights=None*)

Consensus mixing.

This method implements a consensus step over the network, mixing the given nodes' states using the weight matrix of the network or a different one.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The nodes' local states in an array with the last dimension indexing the nodes.
- **weights** (*ndarray, optional*) – The consensus weight matrix to be used instead of the one created at initialization.

**Returns**

y – The local states after a consensus step.

**Return type**

ndarray

**max\_consensus**(*x*)

Max-consensus.

This method implements a step of max-consensus, where each node selects the (element-wise) maximum between the packets received from its neighbors and its own state. See<sup>16</sup> for a reference on max-consensus.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The nodes' local states in an array with the last dimension indexing the nodes.

**Returns**

x – The local states after a max-consensus step.

**Return type**

ndarray

<sup>16</sup> F. Iutzeler, P. Ciblat, and J. Jakubowicz, "Analysis of Max-Consensus Algorithms in Wireless Channels," IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 60, no. 11, pp. 6103–6107, Nov. 2012.

## References

**receive**(*receiver*, *sender*, *default*=0, *destructive*=True)

Node-to-node transmission (receiver phase).

This method simulates the reception of a packet previously transmitted using the *send* method. In particular, the method accesses the packet in the *buffer* dictionary. If the packet is not present, a default value is returned.

Reads from the *buffer* can be destructive, meaning that the packet is read and removed, which is the default, or not.

### Parameters

- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **default** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The value returned when a packet from *sender* to *receiver* is not found in the *buffer*.
- **destructive** (*bool*, *optional*) – Specifies if the packet should be removed from the *buffer* after being read (which is the default) or not.

### Returns

The packet or a default value.

### Return type

array\_like

**send**(*sender*, *receiver*, *packet*)

Node-to-node transmission (sender phase).

This method simulates a node-to-node transmission by storing the packet to be communicated in the *buffer*. In particular, if *i* is the sender and *j* the receiver, then the packet is introduced in *buffer* with keyword (*j*, *i*).

Note that older information (if any) in the *buffer* is overwritten whenever *send* is called.

### Parameters

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

**class** tvopt.networks.NoisyNetwork(*adj\_mat*, *noise\_var*, *weights*=None)

Bases: [Network](#)

Network with Gaussian communication noise.

Representation of a connected, undirected network, whose communication protocol is subject to additive white Gaussian noise. The network's transmission methods add normal noise to all packets (unless they are sent from a node to itself).

**send**(*sender*, *receiver*, *packet*)

Node-to-node transmission (sender phase).

This method simulates a node-to-node transmission by storing the packet to be communicated in the *buffer*. In particular, if *i* is the sender and *j* the receiver, then the packet is introduced in *buffer* with keyword (*j*, *i*).

Note that older information (if any) in the *buffer* is overwritten whenever *send* is called.

### Parameters

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

**class** tvopt.networks.**QuantizedNetwork**(*adj\_mat, step, thresholds=None, weights=None*)

Bases: [Network](#)

Network with quantized communications.

Representation of a connected, undirected network, whose communications are quantized. The network's transmission methods quantize all packets (unless they are sent from a node to itself).

**send**(*sender, receiver, packet*)

Node-to-node transmission (sender phase).

This method simulates a node-to-node transmission by storing the packet to be communicated in the *buffer*. In particular, if *i* is the sender and *j* the receiver, then the packet is introduced in *buffer* with keyword (*j, i*).

Note that older information (if any) in the *buffer* is overwritten whenever *send* is called.

#### Parameters

- **sender** (*int*) – The index of the transmitting node.
- **receiver** (*int*) – The index of the recipient.
- **packet** (*array\_like*) – The packet to be communicated.

tvopt.networks.**circle\_graph**(*N*)

Generate a circle graph.

#### Parameters

**N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.

#### Returns

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

#### Return type

ndarray

See also:

[circulant\\_graph](#)

Circulant graph generator

tvopt.networks.**circulant\_graph**(*N, num\_conn*)

Generate a circulant graph.

#### Parameters

- **N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.
- **num\_conn** (*int*) – Number of neighbors on each side of a node.

#### Returns

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

#### Return type

ndarray

## Notes

If *num\_conn* is larger than  $N / 2$  a complete graph is returned.

`tvopt.networks.complete_graph(N)`

Generate a complete graph.

### Parameters

**N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.

### Returns

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

### Return type

ndarray

See also:

[\*circulant\\_graph\*](#)

Circulant graph generator

`tvopt.networks.erdos_renyi(N, prob)`

Generate a random Erdos-Renyi graph.

### Parameters

- **N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.
- **prob** (*float*) – The probability of adding an edge between any two nodes.

### Returns

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

### Return type

ndarray

### Raises

**ValueError.** –

`tvopt.networks.incidence_matrix(adj_mat, n=1)`

Build the incidence matrix.

The edges  $e = (i, j)$  are ordered with  $i \leq j$ , so that in the  $e$ -th column the  $i$ -th element is 1 and the  $j$ -th is  $-1$  (the remaining are of course 0).

### Parameters

- **adj\_mat** (*ndarray*) – Adjacency matrix describing the graph.
- **n** (*int, optional*) – Size of the local states.

### Returns

**incid\_mat** – The incidence matrix.

### Return type

ndarray

`tvopt.networks.is_connected(adj_mat)`

Verify if a graph is connected.

### Parameters

**adj\_mat** (*ndarray*) – Adjacency matrix describing the graph.



**Returns**

True if the graph is connected, False otherwise.

**Return type**

bool

**Notes**

The connectedness of the graph is checked by verifying whether the  $N$ -th power of the adjacency matrix plus the identity is a full matrix (no zero elements), with  $N$  the number of nodes.

`tvopt.networks.metropolis_hastings(adj_mat)`

Compute a consensus matrix based on the Metropolis-Hastings rule.

The Metropolis-Hastings rule generates a matrix  $W$  with off-diagonal elements equal to:

$$w_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + \max\{d_i, d_j\}}$$

where  $i$  is a node index and  $j \neq i$  the index of one of its neighbors, and  $d_i, d_j$  are their respective degrees. The diagonal elements are assigned as:

$$w_{ii} = 1 - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} w_{ij}$$

to guarantee double stochasticity.

**Parameters**

**adj\_mat** (*ndarray*) – Adjacency matrix describing the graph.

**Returns**

**mh\_mat** – Metropolis-Hastings consensus matrix.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.networks.random_graph(N, radius)`

Generate a random geometric graph.

**Parameters**

- **N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.
- **radius** (*float*) – Radius of each node's neighborhood, must be in  $[0, 1)$ .

**Returns**

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

**Return type**

ndarray

**Raises**

**ValueError.** –

## Notes

The function recursively generates random positions for the nodes on the  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  square, and then builds the graph by setting as neighbors each pair of nodes within a distance no larger than *radius*. The process is repeated until the result is a connected graph. For this reason, combinations of small  $N$  and *radius* can yield exceedingly long computation times. If the computation does not succeed after 2500 iterations, an error is raised.

`tvopt.networks.star_graph(N)`

Generate a star graph.

**Parameters**

**N** (*int*) – Number of nodes in the graph.

**Returns**

**adj\_mat** – Adjacency matrix of the generated graph.

**Return type**

ndarray

## 1.5 tvopt.prediction module

Cost prediction tools.

**class** `tvopt.prediction.ExtrapolationPrediction(cost, order=2)`

Bases: *Prediction*

Extrapolation-based prediction.

This prediction strategy, proposed in<sup>17</sup>, predicts the cost at time  $t_{k+1}$  as:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}; t_{k+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^I \ell_i f(\mathbf{x}; t_{k-i+1})$$

where  $I \in \mathbb{N}$  denotes the order, that is, the number of past functions to use, and with coefficients:

$$\ell_i = \prod_{1 \leq j \leq I, j \neq i} \frac{j}{j-i}.$$

**update(t)**

Update the current prediction.

This method updates the current prediction by building a new predicted cost using the samples observed up to time  $t$ . By default this method samples the dynamic cost, and should be overwritten when implementing a custom prediction strategy.

**Parameters**

**t** (*float*) – The time of the last sampled cost.

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<sup>17</sup> N. Bastianello, A. Simonetto, and R. Carli, “Primal and Dual Prediction-Correction Methods for Time-Varying Convex Optimization,” arXiv:2004.11709 [cs, math], Oct. 2020. Available: <http://arxiv.org/abs/2004.11709>.

**class** tvopt.prediction.Prediction(*cost*)

Bases: [Cost](#)

Prediction of a dynamic cost.

This class creates a cost object that predicts a given dynamic function. The object stores a dynamic cost and a predicted cost, which can be modified using new information through the method *update*.

**function**(*x*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the cost should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the cost should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**gradient**(*x*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's gradient or sub-gradient. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the (sub-)gradient should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**hessian**(*x*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's Hessian. *Implement if needed.*

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the Hessian should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the Hessian should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**proximal**(*x*, *penalty=1*, **\*\*kwargs**)

An evaluation of the cost's proximal.

If this method is not overwritten, the default behavior is to recursively compute the proximal via a gradient or Newton backtracking algorithm. See *compute\_proximal* for the function that is used for this purpose.

#### Parameters

- **x** (*array\_like*) – The *x* where the proximal should be evaluated.
- **\*args** – The time at which the proximal should be evaluated. Not required if the cost is static.
- **penalty** (*float, optional*) – The penalty parameter  $\rho$  for the proximal evaluation. Defaults to 1.
- **\*\*kwargs** – Any other required argument.

**update**(*t*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Update the current prediction.

This method updates the current prediction by building a new predicted cost using the samples observed up to time *t*. By default this method samples the dynamic cost, and should be overwritten when implementing a custom prediction strategy.

**Parameters**

**t** (*float*) – The time of the last sampled cost.

**class** tvopt.prediction.**TaylorPrediction**(*cost*)

Bases: *Prediction*

Taylor expansion-based prediction.

This prediction strategy, proposed in<sup>18</sup> and see also<sup>19</sup>, predicts the cost at time  $t_{k+1}$  using its Taylor expansion around  $t_k$  and a given  $\mathbf{x}_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}; t_{k+1}) = & f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k) + \langle \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k \rangle + T_s \nabla_t f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k) + (T_s^2/2) \nabla_{tt} f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k) + \\ & + T_s \langle \nabla_{tx} f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k)^\top \nabla_{xx} f(\mathbf{x}_k; t_k) (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_s$  is the sampling time.

## References

**update**(*t*, *x*, *gradient\_only=True*, \*\*kwargs)

Update the current prediction.

This method updates the current prediction by building a new predicted cost using the samples observed up to time *t*. By default this method samples the dynamic cost, and should be overwritten when implementing a custom prediction strategy.

**Parameters**

**t** (*float*) – The time of the last sampled cost.

## 1.6 tvopt.sets module

Set template and examples.

**class** tvopt.sets.**AffineSet**(*A*, *b*)

Bases: *Set*

Affine set.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = b\}$$

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<sup>18</sup> A. Simonetto, A. Mokhtari, A. Koppel, G. Leus, and A. Ribeiro, “A Class of Prediction-Correction Methods for Time-Varying Convex Optimization,” IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, vol. 64, no. 17, pp. 4576–4591, Sep. 2016.

<sup>19</sup> N. Bastianello, A. Simonetto, and R. Carli, “Primal and Dual Prediction-Correction Methods for Time-Varying Convex Optimization,” arXiv:2004.11709 [cs, math], Oct. 2020. Available: <http://arxiv.org/abs/2004.11709>.

for given matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and vector  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**Ball**(*center, radius*)

Bases: [Set](#)

Ball set.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - c\| \leq r\}$$

for a center  $c$  and radius  $r > 0$ .

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**Ball\_l1**(*center, radius*)

Bases: [Set](#)

$\ell_1$ -ball set.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - c\|_1 \leq r\}$$

for a center  $c$  and radius  $r > 0$ .

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ , *tol=1e-05*)

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**Box**(*l, u, n=1*)

Bases: [Set](#)

Box set.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid l \leq x \leq u\}$$

with bounds  $l, u$  either scalar (applied element-wise) or vectors.

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.Halfspace( $a, b$ )

Bases: [Set](#)

Halfspace.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle a, x \rangle \leq b\}$$

for given vector  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and scalar  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.IntersectionSet(\*sets)

Bases: [Set](#)

Intersection of sets.

Given the sets  $S_i, i = 1, \dots, N$  this class implements

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^N S_i.$$

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x, *args, **kwargs$ )

Projection onto the intersection.

This method returns an approximate projection onto the intersection of sets, computed using the method of alternating projections.

**See also:**

[\*alternating\\_projections\*](#)

method of alternating projection

**class** tvopt.sets.NonnegativeOrthant( $n$ )

Bases: [Set](#)

Non-negative orthant.

This class implements:

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x \geq 0\}$$

where  $x \geq 0$  if  $x$  is component-wise non-negative.

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**R**(\*dims)

Bases: [Set](#)

The underlying space.

This class implements the underlying space  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots}$ .

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**ScaledSet**( $s, c$ )

Bases: [Set](#)

Scaled set.

Given a set  $\mathbb{S}$  and a scalar  $c$ , this class defines

$$\{cx \mid x \in \mathbb{S}\}.$$

**contains**( $x$ )

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection**( $x, *args, **kwargs$ )

Project the input onto the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.**Set**(\*dims)

Bases: `object`

Template for a set.

This class defines a non-empty, closed, convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots}$ . These objects are defined by a *contains* method (to check if an input belongs to the set) and a *projection* method.

Sets can be translated and scaled (via the respective methods). The *contains* method can also be accessed via the built-in *in* operator. Using  $+$  it is possible to intersect sets.

**shape**

The dimensions of the underlying space.

**Type**

tuple

**ndim**

The number of dimensions of the underlying space.

**Type**

int

**size**

The product of each dimension's size.

**Type**

int

**check\_input(*x*)**

Check dimension of input.

This method verifies if the argument *x* belong to the space underlying the set, possibly reshaping it. If it is not compatible or cannot be reshaped (using numpy's broadcasting rules), and exception is raised.

**Parameters**

***x*** (*array\_like*) – The input to be checked.

**Returns**

The (possibly reshaped) input if it is compatible with the space.

**Return type**

ndarray

**contains(*x*)**

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection(*x*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)**

Project the input onto the set.

**scale(*c*)**

Scale the set.

**translate(*x*)**

Translate the set.

**class tvopt.sets.T(*t\_s*, *t\_min*=0, *t\_max*=inf)**

Bases: [Set](#)

Set of sampling times.

This class implements the set of sampling times:

$$\{t_k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

with  $t_{k+1} - t_k = T_s$  for a sampling time  $T_s$ .

**check\_input(*t*)**

Check dimension of input.

This method verifies if the argument *x* belong to the space underlying the set, possibly reshaping it. If it is not compatible or cannot be reshaped (using numpy's broadcasting rules), and exception is raised.

**Parameters**

***x*** (*array\_like*) – The input to be checked.



**Returns**

The (possibly reshaped) input if it is compatible with the space.

**Return type**

ndarray

**contains(*t*)**

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection(*t*)**

Project the input onto the set.

**scale(*c*)**

Scale the set.

**translate(*t*)**

Translate the set.

**class** tvopt.sets.TranslatedSet(*s*, *t*)

Bases: [Set](#)

Translated set.

Given a set  $\mathbb{S}$  and a vector  $t$ , this class defines

$$\{x + t \mid x \in \mathbb{S}\}.$$

**contains(*x*)**

Check if the input belongs to the set.

**projection(*x*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)**

Project the input onto the set.

tvopt.sets.alternating\_projections(*sets*, *x*, *tol*=1e-10, *num\_iter*=10)

Method of alternating projections.

This function returns a point in the intersection of the given convex sets, computed using the method of alternating projections (MAP)<sup>20</sup>.

**Parameters**

- **sets** (*list*) – The list of sets.
- **x** (*array\_like*) – The starting point.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The stopping condition. If the difference between consecutive iterates is smaller than or equal to *tol*, then the function returns. Defaults to  $10^{-10}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The maximum number of iterations of the projection algorithm. Defaults to 1000. This stopping condition is enacted if the algorithm does not reach *tol*.

**Returns**

**x** – A point in the intersection.

**Return type**

ndarray

<sup>20</sup> H. Bauschke and V. Koch, “Projection Methods: Swiss Army Knives for Solving Feasibility and Best Approximation Problems with Halfs-paces,” in Contemporary Mathematics, vol. 636, S. Reich and A. Zaslavski, Eds. Providence, Rhode Island: American Mathematical Society, 2015, pp. 1–40.

## References

## 1.7 tvopt.solvers module

Solvers.

`tvopt.solvers.admm(problem, penalty, rel=1, w_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Alternating direction method of multipliers (ADMM).

This function implements the ADMM to solve the constrained problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \{ & f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}) \} \\ \text{s.t. } & \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{By} = \mathbf{c} \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

The algorithm is characterized by the updates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^\ell &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathbf{z}^\ell, \mathbf{Ax} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{c}\|^2 \right\} \\ \mathbf{w}^\ell &= \mathbf{z}^\ell - \rho(\mathbf{Ax}^\ell - \mathbf{c}) \\ \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \left\{ g(\mathbf{y}) - \langle 2\mathbf{w}^\ell - \mathbf{z}^\ell, \mathbf{By} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{By}\|^2 \right\} \\ \mathbf{u}^\ell &= 2\mathbf{w}^\ell - \mathbf{z}^\ell \\ \mathbf{z}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{z}^\ell + 2\alpha(\mathbf{u}^\ell - \mathbf{w}^\ell) \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

for a given penalty  $\rho > 0$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  is the relaxation constant.

## Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the costs  $f$  and  $g$ , and the constraints  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $c$ .
- **penalty** (*float*) – The algorithm's penalty.
- **rel** (*float, optional*) – The relaxation constant.
- **w\_0** (*array\_like, optional*) – The dual initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float, optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the dual stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{w}^\ell\| \leq t$ .

## Returns

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution  $\mathbf{x}$  after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **y** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution  $\mathbf{y}$  after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The approximate dual solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

`tvopt.solvers.backtracking_gradient(problem, r=0.2, c=0.5, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Gradient method with backtracking line search.

This function implements the gradient method

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha^{\ell} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})$$

where  $\alpha^{\ell}$  is chosen via a backtracking line search. In particular, at each iteration we start with  $\alpha^{\ell} = 1$  and, while

$$f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha^{\ell} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})) > f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell}) - c\alpha^{\ell} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})\|^2$$

we set  $\alpha^{\ell} = r\alpha^{\ell}$  until a suitable step is found.

Note that the backtracking line search does not stop until a suitable step-size is found; this means that large  $r$  parameters may result in big computation times.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ .
- **r** (*float, optional*) – The value by which a candidate step-size is multiplied if it does not satisfy the descent condition.  $r$  should be in  $(0, 1)$ .
- **c** (*float, optional*) – The parameter defining the descent condition that a candidate step must satisfy.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like, optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float, optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

#### Returns

**x** – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.dual_ascent(problem, penalty, w_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Dual ascent.

This function implements the dual ascent to solve the constrained problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{c}.$$

The algorithm is characterized by the updates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{\ell} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \{f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathbf{w}^{\ell}, \mathbf{Ax} \rangle\} \\ \mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{w}^{\ell} - \rho(\mathbf{Ax}^{\ell} - \mathbf{c}) \end{aligned} \tag{1.20}$$

for a given penalty  $\rho > 0$ .

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ , and the constraints  $A$  and  $c$ .

- **penalty** (*float*) – The algorithm’s penalty.
- **w\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The dual initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $w$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the dual stopping condition  $\|w^{\ell+1} - w^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The approximate dual solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

`tvopt.solvers.dual_fbs(problem, penalty, rel=1, w_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Dual forward-backward splitting.

This function implements the dual FBS to solve the constrained problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} \{ & f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}) \} \\ \text{s.t. } & \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{By} = \mathbf{c} \end{aligned} \quad (1.22)$$

The algorithm is characterized by the updates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{\ell} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \{ f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{Ax} \rangle \} \\ \mathbf{u}^{\ell} &= \mathbf{w}^{\ell} - \rho(\mathbf{Ax}^{\ell} - \mathbf{c}) \\ \mathbf{y}^{\ell} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \left\{ g(\mathbf{y}) - \langle \mathbf{u}^{\ell}, \mathbf{By} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{By} - \mathbf{c}\|^2 \right\} \\ \mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} &= (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{w}^{\ell} + \alpha(\mathbf{u}^{\ell} - \rho\mathbf{By}^{\ell}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.24)$$

for a given penalty  $\rho > 0$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  is the relaxation constant.

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the costs  $f$  and  $g$ , and the constraints  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $c$ .
- **penalty** (*float*) – The algorithm’s penalty.
- **rel** (*float*, *optional*) – The relaxation constant.
- **w\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The dual initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $w$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the dual stopping condition  $\|w^{\ell+1} - w^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution  $\mathbf{x}$  after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **y** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution  $\mathbf{y}$  after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The approximate dual solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

`tvopt.solvers.fbs(problem, step, rel=1, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Forward-backward splitting (FBS).

This function implements the forward-backward splitting (a.k.a. proximal gradient method) to solve the composite problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \{f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{x})\}.$$

The algorithm is characterized by the update:

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = (1 - \alpha)\mathbf{x}^{\ell} + \alpha \operatorname{prox}_{\rho g}(\mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \rho \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell}))$$

where  $\rho > 0$  is the step-size and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  is the relaxation constant.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the costs  $f$  and  $g$ .
- **step** (*float*) – The algorithm’s step-size.
- **rel** (*float*, *optional*) – The relaxation constant.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

#### Returns

**x** – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.gradient(problem, step, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Gradient method.

This function implements the gradient method

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})$$

for a given step-size  $\alpha > 0$ .

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ .
- **step** (*float*) – The algorithm’s step-size.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.

- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

**x** – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.mm(problem, penalty, w_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Method of multipliers (MM).

This function implements the method of multipliers to solve the constrained problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{c}.$$

The algorithm is characterized by the updates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{\ell} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \mathbf{w}^{\ell}, \mathbf{Ax} \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{c}\|^2 \right\} \\ \mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{w}^{\ell} - \rho(\mathbf{Ax}^{\ell} - \mathbf{c}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.28)$$

for a given penalty  $\rho > 0$ .

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ , and the constraints  $A$  and  $c$ .
- **penalty** (*float*) – The algorithm's penalty.
- **w\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The dual initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the dual stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{w}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{w}^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The approximate primal solution after *num\_iter* iterations.
- **w** (*ndarray*) – The approximate dual solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

`tvopt.solvers.newton(problem, r=0.2, c=0.5, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Newton method with backtracking line search.

This function implements the Newton method

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha^{\ell} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})$$

where  $\alpha^{\ell}$  is chosen via a backtracking line search. In particular, at each iteration we start with  $\alpha^{\ell} = 1$  and, while

$$f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha^{\ell} \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})) > f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell}) - c \alpha^{\ell} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})\|^2$$

we set  $\alpha^\ell = r\alpha^\ell$  until a suitable step is found.

Note that the backtracking line search does not stop until a suitable step-size is found; this means that large  $r$  parameters may result in big computation times.

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ .
- **r** (*float, optional*) – The value by which a candidate step-size is multiplied if it does not satisfy the descent condition.  $r$  should be in  $(0, 1)$ .
- **c** (*float, optional*) – The parameter defining the descent condition that a candidate step must satisfy.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like, optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float, optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^\ell\| \leq t$ .

#### Returns

**x** – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

#### Return type

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.ppa(problem, penalty, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Proximal point algorithm (PPA).

This function implements the proximal point algorithm

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \text{prox}_{\rho f}(\mathbf{x}^\ell)$$

where  $\rho > 0$  is the penalty parameter and we recall that

$$\text{prox}_{\rho f}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \left\{ f(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{1}{2\rho} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \right\}.$$

#### Parameters

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ .
- **penalty** (*float*) – The penalty parameter for the proximal evaluation.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like, optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float, optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^\ell\| \leq t$ .

#### Returns

**x** – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.prs(problem, penalty, rel=1, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Peaceman-Rachford splitting (PRS).

This function implements the Peaceman-Rachford splitting to solve the composite problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \{f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{x})\}.$$

The algorithm is characterized by the updates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^\ell &= \text{prox}_{\rho f}(\mathbf{z}^\ell) \\ \mathbf{y}^\ell &= \text{prox}_{\rho g}(2\mathbf{x}^\ell) \\ \mathbf{z}^{\ell+1} &= \mathbf{z}^\ell + 2\alpha(\mathbf{y}^\ell - \mathbf{x}^\ell) \end{aligned} \tag{1.30}$$

where  $\rho > 0$  is the penalty and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  is the relaxation constant.

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the costs  $f$  and  $g$ .
- **penalty** (*float*) – The algorithm’s penalty parameter.
- **rel** (*float, optional*) – The relaxation constant.
- **x\_0** (*array\_like, optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int, optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float, optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^\ell\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

$\mathbf{x}$  – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.solvers.stop(x, x_old, tol=None)`

Stopping condition.

This function checks the stopping condition

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^\ell\| \leq t$$

if  $t$  is specified.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The current iterate.
- **x\_old** (*ndarray*) – The previous iterate.



- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The tolerance in the stopping condition.

**Returns**

True if *tol* is given and the stopping condition is verified, False otherwise.

**Return type**

bool

`tvopt.solvers.subgradient(problem, x_0=0, num_iter=100, tol=None)`

Sub-gradient method.

This function implements the sub-gradient method

$$\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathbf{x}^{\ell} - \alpha^{\ell} \tilde{\nabla} f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})$$

where  $\tilde{\nabla} f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell}) \in \partial f(\mathbf{x}^{\ell})$  is a sub-differential and  $\alpha^{\ell} = 1/(\ell + 1)$ .

**Parameters**

- **problem** (*dict*) – Problem dictionary defining the cost  $f$ .
- **x\_0** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The initial condition. This can be either an ndarray of suitable size, or a scalar. If it is a scalar then the same initial value is used for all components of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **num\_iter** (*int*, *optional*) – The number of iterations to be performed.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – If given, this argument specifies the tolerance  $t$  in the stopping condition  $\|\mathbf{x}^{\ell+1} - \mathbf{x}^{\ell}\| \leq t$ .

**Returns**

$\mathbf{x}$  – The approximate solution after *num\_iter* iterations.

**Return type**

ndarray

## 1.8 tvopt.utils module

Utility tools.

`tvopt.utils.bisection_method(f, a, b, tol=1e-05)`

Minimize using the bisection method.

This function minimizes a function  $f$  using the bisection method, stopping when  $a - b \leq t$  for some threshold  $t$ .

**Parameters**

- **f** – The scalar function to be minimized.
- **a** (*float*) – The lower bound of the initial interval.
- **b** (*float*) – the upper bound of the initial interval.
- **tol** (*float*, *optional*) – The stopping condition, defaults to 1e-5.

**Returns**

$\mathbf{x}$  – The approximate minimizer.

**Return type**

float

`tvopt.utils.dist(s, r, ord=2)`

Distance of a signal from a reference.

This function computes the distance of a signal  $s$  from a reference  $r$ . The reference can be either constant or a signal itself. Different norm orders can be used, that can be specified using the `numpy.linalg.norm` argument `ord`.

**Parameters**

- **s** (*array\_like*) – The signal, with the last dimension indexing time.
- **r** (*array\_like*) – The reference, either a single array or a signal with the last dimension indexing time.
- **ord** (*optional*) – Norm order, see `numpy.linalg.norm`.

**Raises**

**ValueError** – For incompatible dimensions of signal and reference.

**Returns**

The distance of the signal from the reference as an array with length equal to the last dimension of  $s$ .

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.utils.fpr(s, ord=2)`

Fixed point residual.

This function computes the fixed point residual of a signal  $s$ , that is

$$\{\|s^\ell - s^{\ell-1}\|_i\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

Different norm orders can be used, that can be specified using the `numpy.linalg.norm` argument `ord`.

**Parameters**

- **s** (*array\_like*) – The signal, with the last dimension indexing time.
- **ord** (*optional*) – Norm order, see `numpy.linalg.norm`.

**Returns**

The fixed point residual.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.utils.initialize_trajectory(x_0, shape, num_iter)`

`tvopt.utils.is_scalar(c)`

Check if scalar.

`tvopt.utils.is_square(mat)`

Check if the matrix is 2-D and square.

**Parameters**

**mat** (*ndarray*) – The given matrix.

**Returns**

True if the matrix is 2-D and square, False otherwise.

**Return type**

bool

`tvopt.utils.is_stochastic(mat, row=True, col=True)`

Verify if a given matrix is row, column or doubly stochastic.

**Parameters**

- **mat** (*ndarray*) – The given matrix.
- **row** (*bool, optional*) – Check for row stochasticity, default True.
- **col** (*bool, optional*) – Check for column stochasticity, default True.

**Returns**

True if the matrix is stochastic (row, column or doubly, as specified by the arguments).

**Return type**

bool

**Raises**

**ValueError** – If neither *row* nor *col* are True.

`tvopt.utils.norm(x)`

Compute the norm of the given vector.

**Parameters**

**x** (*array\_like*) – The vector array.

**Returns**

The square norm.

**Return type**

ndarray

**See also:**

[\*square\\_norm\*](#)

Square norm

**Notes**

The function reshapes *x* to a column vector, so it does not correctly handle n-dimensional arrays. For n-dim arrays use *numpy.linalg.norm*.

`tvopt.utils.normalize(x)`

Normalize a vector to unit vector.

**Parameters**

**x** (*array\_like*) – The vector array.

**Returns**

The normalized vector.

**Return type**

ndarray

## Notes

The function reshapes  $x$  to a column vector, so it does not correctly handle n-dimensional arrays. For n-dim arrays use `numpy.linalg.norm`.

`tvopt.utils.orthonormal_matrix(dim)`

Generate a random orthonormal matrix.

This function generates uniformly distributed random orthonormal matrices using Householder reflections (see Section 7 of [this paper](#)).

### Parameters

**dim** (*int*) – Size of the matrix.

### Returns

**orth\_mat** – The random orthonormal matrix.

### Return type

ndarray

### Raises

**ValueError** – For invalid *dim*.

`tvopt.utils.positive_semidefinite_matrix(dim, max_eig=None, min_eig=None)`

Generate a random positive semi-definite matrix.

The matrix is generated as

$$M = O \text{diag}\{\lambda_i\} O^T$$

where  $O$  is a random orthonormal matrix and  $\lambda_i$  are random eigenvalues uniformly drawn between *min\_eig* and *max\_eig*. If *dim* is larger than or equal to two, *min\_eig* and *max\_eig* are included in the eigenvalues list.

### Parameters

- **dim** (*int*) – Size of the matrix.
- **eigs** (*array-like, optional*) – The list of eigenvalues for the matrix; if None, the eigenvalues are uniformly drawn from  $[10^{-2}, 10^2]$ .

### Returns

The random positive semi-definite matrix.

### Return type

ndarray

### Raises

**ValueError.** –

See also:

### [random\\_matrix](#)

Random matrix generator.

`tvopt.utils.print_progress(i, num_iter, bar_length=80, decimals=2)`

Print the progress to command line.

### Parameters

- **i** (*int*) – Current iteration.

- **num\_iter** (*int*) – Total number of iterations.
- **bar\_length** (*int*, *optional*) – Length of progress bar.
- **decimals** (*int*, *optional*) – Decimal places of the progress percent.

## Notes

Adapted from [here](#).

`tvopt.utils.random_matrix(eigs)`

Generate a random matrix.

The matrix is generated as

$$M = O \text{diag}\{\lambda_i\} O^\top$$

where  $O$  is a random orthonormal matrix and  $\lambda_i$  are the specified eigenvalues.

### Parameters

**eigs** (*array-like*) – The list of eigenvalues for the matrix.

### Returns

The random positive semi-definite matrix.

### Return type

ndarray

See also:

### [orthonormal\\_matrix](#)

Orthonormal matrix generator.

`tvopt.utils.regret(f, s, r=None)`

Cost over time or regret.

This function computes the cost evaluated using  $f$  incurred by an approximate minimizer  $s$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f(s^j) \right\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}}$$

or, if a reference  $r$  is specified, then the function computes the regret

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} f(s^j) - f(r^j) \right\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}}$$

where  $r$  is either a constant array or a signal.

### Parameters

- **f** (`costs.Cost`) – The cost to evaluate in the signal.
- **s** (*array-like*) – The sequence of approximate minimizers.

- **r** (*array\_like*, *optional*) – The reference, either a single array or a signal with the last dimension indexing time.

**Returns**

The sequence of cost evaluations or regret.

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.utils.soft_thresholding(x, penalty)`

Soft-thresholding.

The function computes the element-wise soft-trhesholding defined as

$$\text{sign}(x) \max\{|x| - \rho, 0\}$$

where  $\rho$  is a positive penalty parameter.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*array\_like*) – Where to evaluate the soft-thresholding.
- **penalty** (*float*) – The positive penalty parameter  $\rho$ .

**Returns**

The soft-thresholding of  $x$ .

**Return type**

ndarray

`tvopt.utils.solve(a, b)`

`tvopt.utils.square_norm(x)`

Compute the square norm of the given vector.

**Parameters**

**x** (*array\_like*) – The vector array.

**Returns**

The square norm.

**Return type**

ndarray

**Notes**

The function reshapes  $x$  to a column vector, so it does not correctly handle n-dimensional arrays. For n-dim arrays use *numpy.linalg.norm*.

`tvopt.utils.uniform_quantizer(x, step, thresholds=None)`

Function to perform uniform quantization.

The function applies the uniform quantization

$$q(x) = \Delta \text{floor} \left( \frac{x}{\Delta} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the given step. Moreover, a saturation to upper and lower thresholds is performed if given as argument.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*ndarray*) – The array to be quantized.
- **step** (*float*) – The step of the quantizer.
- **thresholds** (*list, optional*) – The upper and lower saturation thresholds.

**Returns**

The quantized array.

**Return type**

*ndarray*

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