

# Making Optimistic Gradient Adaptive and Robust to Noise

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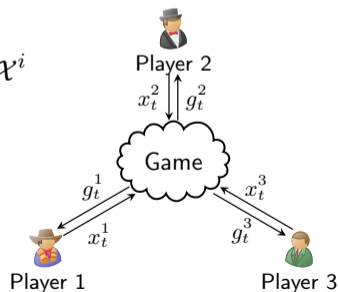
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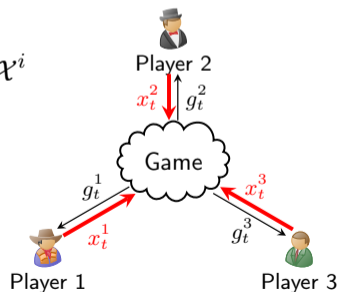


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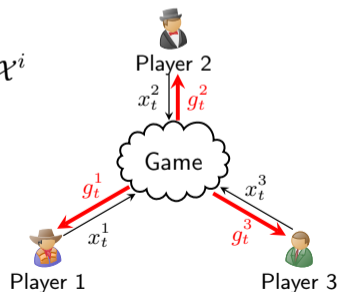


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# Evaluating Learning in Games Algorithms

Two interaction scenarios

- **Self-play**: all the players use the same algorithm
- **Adversarial**: the actions of the other players are arbitrary and even adversarial

Two evaluation criteria

- **Regret** of player  $i$  with respect to comparator set  $\mathcal{P}^i$

$$\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \max_{p^i \in \mathcal{P}^i} \sum_{t=1}^T \underbrace{(\ell^i(x_t^i, \mathbf{x}_t^{-i}) - \ell^i(p^i, \mathbf{x}_t^{-i}))}_{\text{cost of not playing } p^i \text{ in round } t}.$$

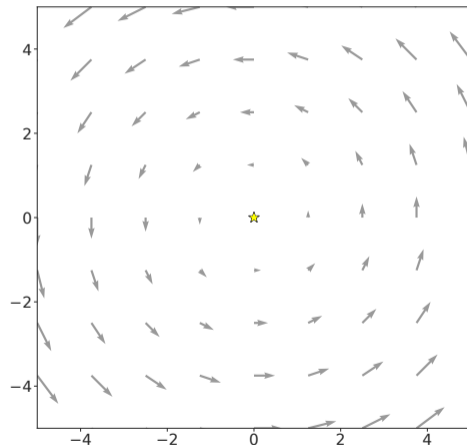
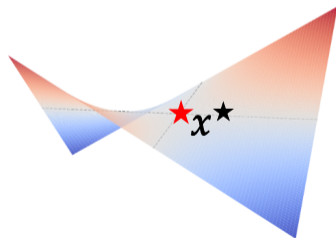
- Whether the sequence of play  $\mathbf{x}_t$  converges to a **Nash equilibrium**  $\mathbf{x}_*$

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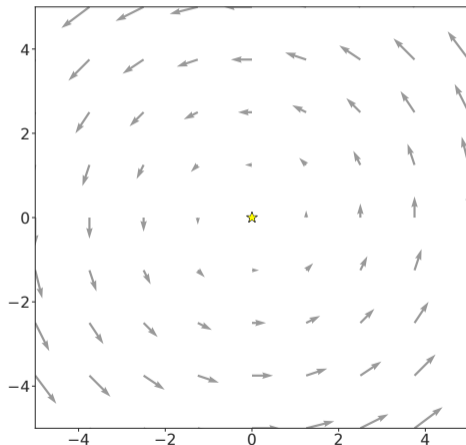
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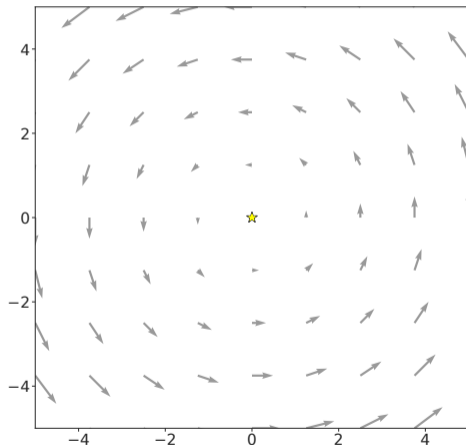
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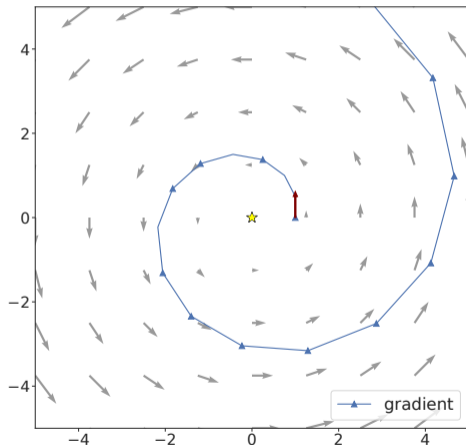
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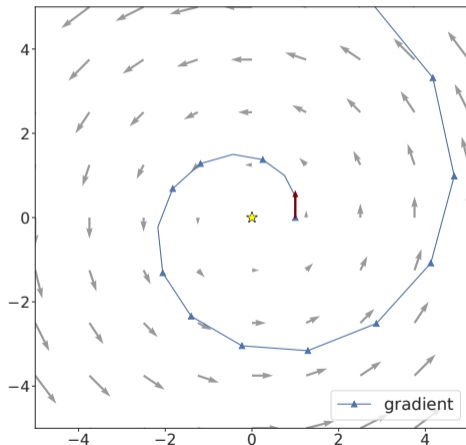
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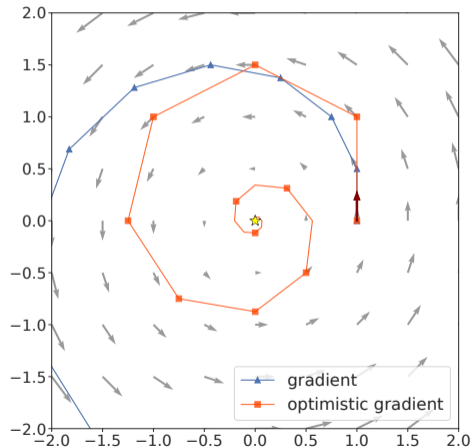
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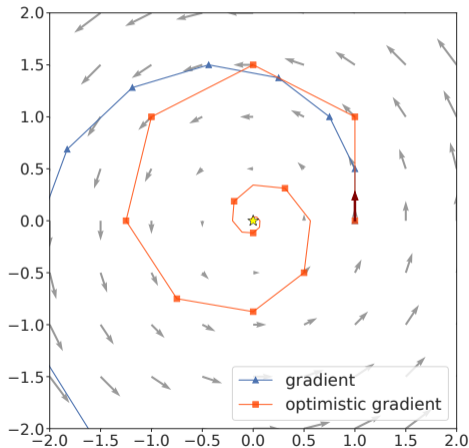
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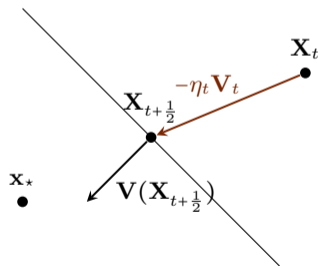
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# Intuitions Behind Optimistic Gradient

- Better discretization of the continuous flow [Lu 21]
- Look into the future, anticipating the landscape
  - ▶ Learning with recency bias [Rakhlin and Sridharan 13, Syrgkanis et al. 15]  
Compare with methods that 'knows the future'
  - ▶ Approximation of proximal point (PP) methods [Mokhtari et al. 20]
- Relaxed projection onto a separating hyperplane [Tseng 00, Facchinei and Pang 03]

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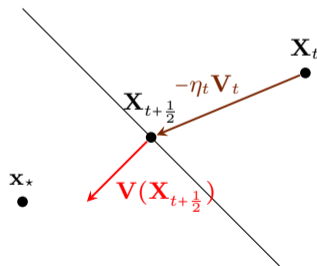


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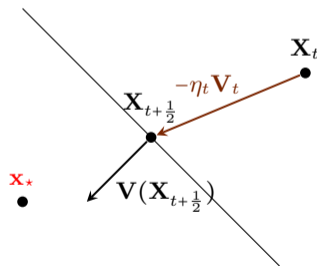
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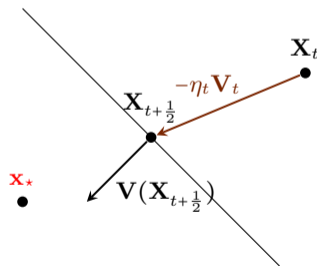
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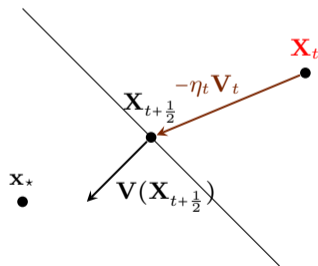
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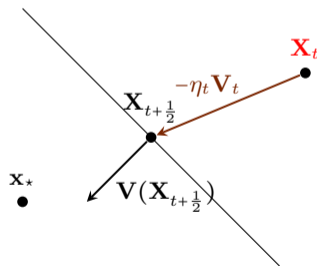
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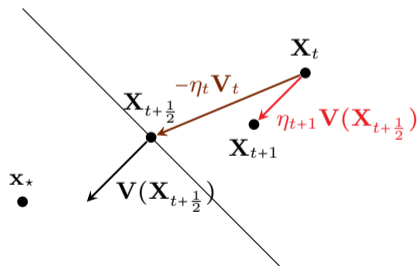
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- The update step moves the iterate closer to the solutions



# Variational Stability

## Definition [Variationally stable games]

Let  $\mathbf{V} = (\nabla_1 \ell^1, \dots, \nabla_M \ell^M)$ . A continuous convex game is **variationally stable (VS)** if the set  $\mathcal{X}_*$  of Nash equilibria of the game is nonempty and

$$\langle \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_* \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \nabla_i \ell^i(\mathbf{x}), x^i - x_*^i \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbf{x}_* \in \mathcal{X}_* \quad (1)$$

The game is **strictly variationally stable** if (1) holds as a strict inequality whenever  $\mathbf{x} \notin \mathcal{X}_*$ .

Especially, a game is variationally stable if  $\mathbf{V}$  is monotone

- Examples:
- Convex-concave zero-sum games
  - Zero-sum polymatrix games
  - Cournot oligopolies
  - Kelly auctions

# Theoretical Guarantees of Optimistic Gradients

- Bounded gradient feedback:  $\exists G > 0, \forall t, g_t^i \leq G$
- Learning rate  $\eta_t = \Theta(1/\sqrt{t})$
- $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{t})$  minimax-optimal regret in the adversarial regime

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- Strongly monotone:  $\exists \alpha > 0, \langle \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}') - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \rangle \geq \alpha \|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}\|^2$
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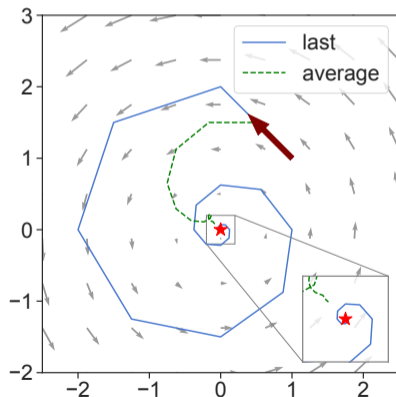
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Property

OG converges in bilinear zero-sum games



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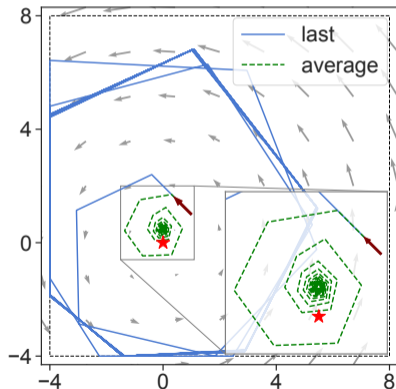
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Problem

This only holds when  $\eta$  is small enough



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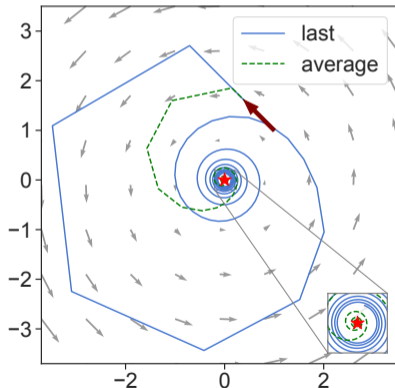
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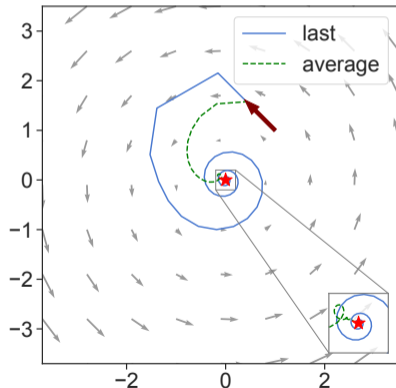
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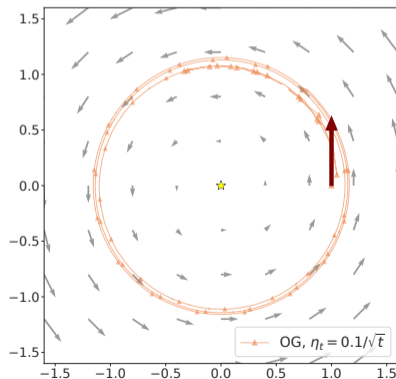
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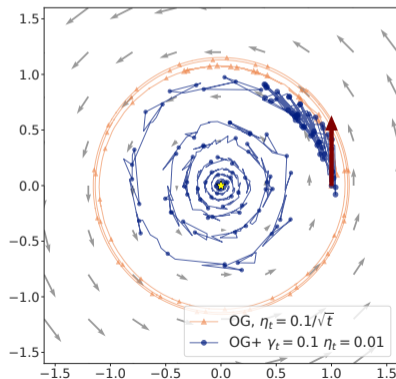
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- The two players play optimistic gradient with **decreasing** stepsize  $\eta_t = 0.1/\sqrt{t}$

Solution

Scale separation  $\rightarrow$  focus of part II



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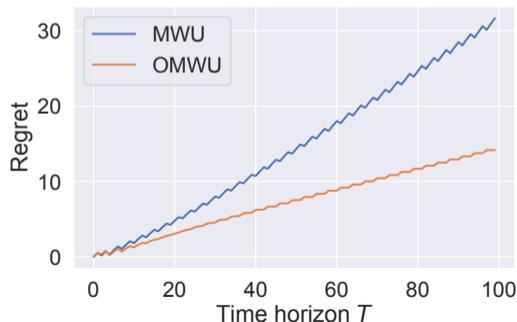
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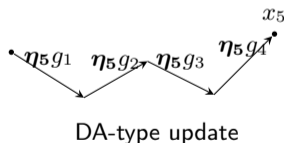
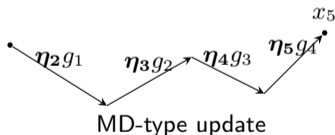
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- Cause: new information enters MD with a **decreasing** weight
- Solution: enter each feedback with **equal** weight  
E.g. **Dual averaging** or **stabilization** technique



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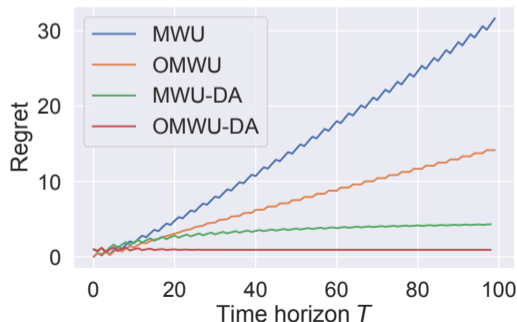
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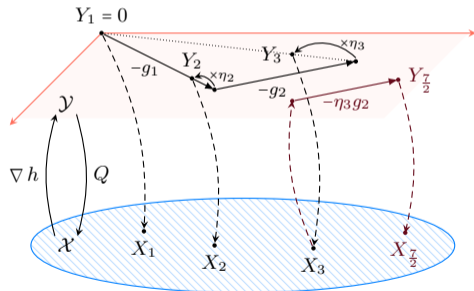
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# Optimistic Dual Averaging (OptDA)

$$X_t^i = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \langle g_s^i, x \rangle + \frac{h^i(x)}{\eta_t^i} = Q\left(\underbrace{-\eta_t^i \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_s^i}_{Y_t^i}\right), \quad X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i = \arg \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \langle g_{t-1}^i, x \rangle + \frac{D^i(x, X_t^i)}{\eta_t^i}$$



Regularizer  $h^i$ : 1-strongly convex and  $C^1$

Mirror map:  $Q^i(y) = \arg \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}^i} \langle y, x \rangle - h^i(x)$

Bregman divergence:

$$D^i(p, x) = h^i(p) - h^i(x) - \langle \nabla h^i(x), p - x \rangle$$

## Optimistic Dual Averaging: Examples

- **OG-OptDA** ▶  $\mathcal{X}^i$  convex closed ▶  $h^i(x) = \frac{\|x\|_2^2}{2}$  ▶  $Q$ : Euclidean projection  $\Pi_{\mathcal{X}}$

$$X_t^i = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}}(-\eta_t^i \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_t^s), \quad X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}}(X_t^i - \eta_t^i g_{t-1}^i)$$

- **Stabilized OMWU** ▶  $\mathcal{X}^i = \Delta^{d^i-1}$  ▶  $h^i(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{d_i} x_{[k]} \log x_{[k]}$  ▶  $Q$ : Softmax

$$X_{t+\frac{1}{2},[k]}^{(i)} = \frac{\exp(-\eta_t^i (\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_{s,[k]} + g_{t-1,[k]}))}{\sum_{l=1}^{d_i} \exp(-\eta_t^i (\sum_{s=1}^{t-1} g_{s,[l]} + g_{t-1,[l]}))}$$

## Energy Inequality

$$\frac{F^i(p^i, Y_{t+1}^i)}{\eta_{t+1}^i} \leq \frac{F^i(p^i, Y_t^i)}{\eta_t^i} - \langle g_t^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle + \left( \frac{1}{\eta_{t+1}^i} - \frac{1}{\eta_t^i} \right) (h^i(p^i) - \min h^i)$$

$$+ \langle g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - X_{t+1}^i \rangle - \frac{D^i(X_{t+1}^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i)}{\eta_t^i} - \frac{D^i(X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i, X_t^i)}{\eta_t^i}$$

$F^i(p, y) = h^i(p) + (h^i)^*(y) - \langle y, p \rangle$  is Fenchel coupling

- ①  $F^i(p, y) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|Q^i(y) - p\|^2$
- ② Reciprocity condition: if  $X_t^i \rightarrow p^i$  then  $F^i(p^i, Y_t^i) \rightarrow 0$

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Sum the energy inequality from  $t = 1$  to  $T$  gives

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle g_t^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle \leq \frac{h^i(p^i) - \min h^i}{\eta_{T+1}^i} + \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^i \|g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i\|_{(i),*}^2 - \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{1}{8\eta_{t-1}^i} \|X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - X_{t-\frac{1}{2}}^i\|_{(i)}^2$$

## Adaptive Learning Rate

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \langle g_t^i, X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle \leq \frac{h^i(p^i) - \min h^i}{\eta_{T+1}^i} + \sum_{t=1}^T \eta_t^i \|g_t^i - g_{t-1}^i\|_{(i),*}^2 - \sum_{t=2}^T \frac{1}{8\eta_{t-1}^i} \|X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - X_{t-\frac{1}{2}}^i\|_{(i)}^2$$

Take the adaptive learning rate

$$\eta_t^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau^i + \sum_{s=1}^{t-1} \|g_s^i - g_{s-1}^i\|_{(i),*}^2}}$$

- $\tau^i > 0$  can be chosen freely by the player
- $\eta_t^i$  is thus computed solely based on **local information** available to each player



# Theoretical Guarantees for General Convex Games

Let player  $i$  plays OptDA or DS-OptMD with (Adapt):

- **No-regret:** If  $\mathcal{P}^i \subseteq \mathcal{X}^i$  is bounded and  $G = \sup_t \|g_t^i\|$ , the regret incurred by the player is bounded as  $\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \mathcal{O}(G\sqrt{T} + G^2)$ .
- **Consistent:** If  $\mathcal{X}^i$  is compact and the action profile  $\mathbf{x}_t^{-i}$  of all other players converges to some limit profile  $\mathbf{x}_\infty^{-i}$ , the trajectory of chosen actions of player  $i$  converges to the best response set  $\arg \min_{x^i \in \mathcal{X}^i} \ell^i(x^i, \mathbf{x}_\infty^{-i})$ .

# Theoretical Guarantees for Variationally Stable Games

If all players use AdaOptDA in a variationally stable game:

- **Constant regret** For all  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  and every bounded comparator set  $\mathcal{P}^i \subseteq \mathcal{X}^i$ , the individual regret of player  $i$  is bounded as  $\text{Reg}_T^i(\mathcal{P}^i) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .
- **Convergence to Nash equilibrium** The induced trajectory of play converges to a Nash equilibrium provided that either of the following is satisfied:
  - a The game is strictly variationally stable
  - b The game is variationally stable and  $h^i$  is (sub)differentiable on all  $\mathcal{X}^i$
  - c The players of a two-player finite zero-sum game follow stabilized OMWU

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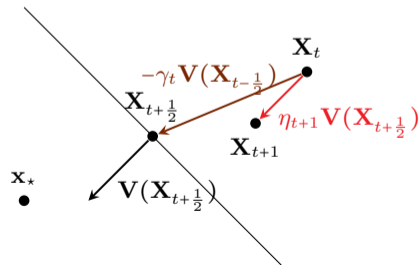
We focus on the unconstrained setup  $\mathcal{X}^i = \mathbb{R}^{d^i}$  in this part

- Stochastic feedback  $g_t^i = V^i(\mathbf{x}_t) + \xi_t^i$  with noise satisfying
  - ① *Zero-mean*: For all  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_t[\xi_t^i] = 0$ .
  - ② *Variance control*: For all  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_t[\|\xi_t^i\|^2] \leq \sigma_A^2 + \sigma_M^2 \|V^i(\mathbf{x}_t)\|^2$ .
- We say that the noise is multiplicative if  $\sigma_A^2 = 0$ :  
 randomized coordinate descent, physical measurement, finite sum of operators whose solution sets intersect

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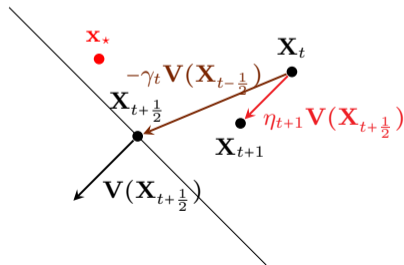
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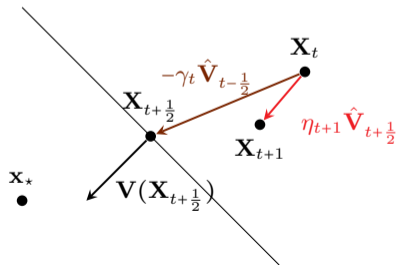
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- Stochastic update: relaxation of an approximate projection step with relaxation factor of the order of  $\eta_{t+1}/\gamma_t \rightarrow$  the ratio  $\eta_{t+1}/\gamma_t$  should go to 0



## Energy Inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}_{t-1} \left[ \frac{\|X_{t+1}^i - p^i\|^2}{\eta_{t+1}^i} \right] &\leq \mathbb{E}_{t-1} \left[ \frac{\|X_t^i - p^i\|^2}{\eta_t^i} + \left( \frac{1}{\eta_{t+1}^i} - \frac{1}{\eta_t^i} \right) \|u_t^i - p^i\|^2 \right. \\
\text{(linearized regret)} &\quad \left. - 2 \langle V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}), X_{t+\frac{1}{2}}^i - p^i \rangle \right. \\
\text{(negative drift)} &\quad \left. - \gamma_t^i (\|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}})\|^2 + \|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t-\frac{1}{2}})\|^2) \right. \\
\text{(use smoothness)} &\quad \left. - \frac{\|X_t^i - X_{t+1}^i\|^2}{2\eta_t^i} + \gamma_t^i \|V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}) - V^i(\mathbf{X}_{t-\frac{1}{2}})\|^2 \right. \\
\text{(noise)} &\quad \left. + (\gamma_t^i)^2 \beta \|\xi_{t-\frac{1}{2}}^i\|^2 + \beta \|\xi_{t-\frac{1}{2}}\|^2 \frac{(\eta_t + \gamma_t)^2}{\eta_t^i} + 2 \eta_t^i \|g_t^i\|^2 \right]
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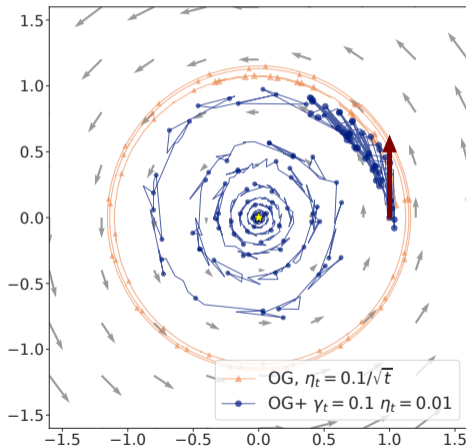
## Last-iterate convergence

- OG+ is guaranteed to converge to Nash equilibrium under VS if

$$\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma_t \eta_{t+1} = +\infty,$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \gamma_t^2 \eta_{t+1} < +\infty, \quad \sum_{t=1}^{+\infty} \eta_t^2 < +\infty$$

- We can take constant learning rates if the noise is multiplicative

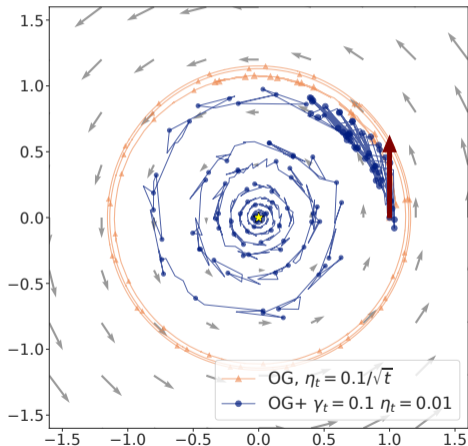


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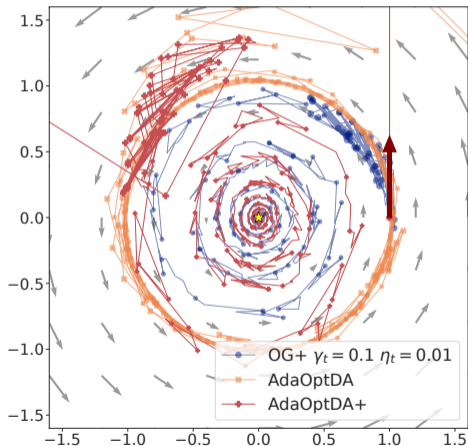


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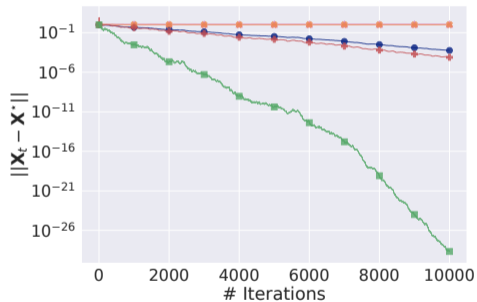
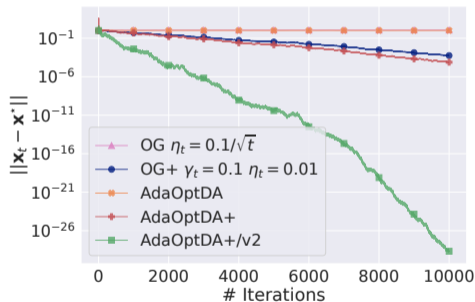
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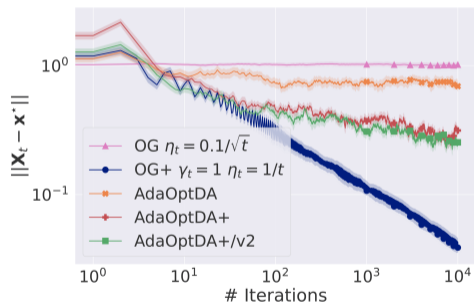
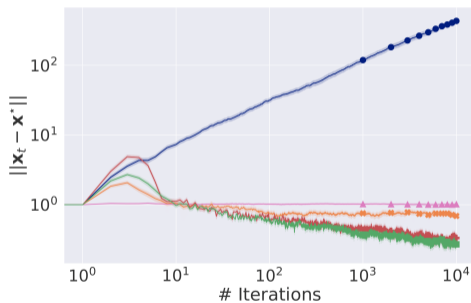
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Base state  $\mathbf{X}_t$ Played action  $\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{X}_{t+\frac{1}{2}}$

## Convergence to Solution Under Additive Noise

- $\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{t+\frac{1}{2}} = (\phi_{t+\frac{1}{2}} + \xi_t^1, -\theta_{t+\frac{1}{2}} + \xi_t^2)$  where  $\xi_t^1, \xi_t^2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

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## Theoretical Guarantees Under Uncertainty (in Expectation)

		Adversarial	Same algorithm + Variational Stability			
		Bounded feedback $\text{Reg}_t/t$	- $\text{Reg}_t/t$	- Cvg?	Strongly M $\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathcal{X}_*)$	Error bound $\text{dist}(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathcal{X}_*)$
OG+	Mul.	$\times$	$1/t$	✓	$e^{-\rho t}$	$e^{-\rho t}$
	Add.		$1/\sqrt{t}$	✓	$1/\sqrt{t}$	$1/t^{1/6}$
OptDA+	Add.	$1/\sqrt{t}$	$1/\sqrt{t}$	-	-	-
AdaOptDA+	Mul.	$1/t^{1/4}$	$1/t$	✓	-	-
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- We can make optimistic gradient effective under noise feedback with scale separation of the optimistic and the update steps
- We can put the previous two points together



# Perspectives

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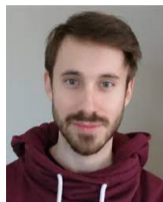
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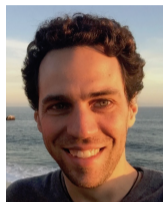
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