

# Facial residual functions and error bounds for cones

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## 1 Introduction

Consider the following feasibility problem.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } x && \text{(Feas)} \\ & \text{subject to } x \in (\mathcal{L} + a) \cap \mathcal{K} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{K}$ : closed convex cone contained in some space  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- $\mathcal{L}$ : subspace contained in  $\mathcal{E}$ .
- $a \in \mathcal{E}$ .

**Goal:** We want to estimate  $\text{dist}(x, (\mathcal{L} + a) \cap \mathcal{K})$  using  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a)$  and  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K})$ .

## 2 Facial residual functions and error bounds

**Proposition 2.1** (An error bound for when a face satisfying a CQ is known).  
Let  $\mathcal{F} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{K}$  be a face such that

- $\mathcal{F} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a) = \mathcal{K} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a)$
- $(\text{ri } \mathcal{F}) \cap (\mathcal{L} + a) \neq \emptyset$

Then, for every bounded set  $B$ , there exists  $\kappa_B > 0$  such that

$$\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a)) \leq \kappa_B (\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{F}) + \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a)), \quad \forall x \in B.$$

**Idea:**

1. Find  $\mathcal{F}$  such that

- $\mathcal{F} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a) = \mathcal{K} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a)$
- $(\text{ri } \mathcal{F}) \cap (\mathcal{L} + a) \neq \emptyset$

Therefore, by Proposition 2.1

$$\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a)) \leq \kappa_B (\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{F}) + \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a)), \quad \forall x \in B. \quad (1)$$

2. Upper bound  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{F})$  using  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K})$  and  $\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a)$ .

3. Plug the upper bound in (1).

**Definition 2.2** (1-FRF for  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $z$ ). A function  $\psi_{\mathcal{K}, z} : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is called a *one-step facial residual function (1-FRF)* for  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $z$  if

- $\psi_{\mathcal{K}, z}$  is nonnegative, monotone nondecreasing in each argument and  $\psi(0, \alpha) = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .
- for  $x \in \text{span } \mathcal{K}$  and  $\epsilon \geq 0$  we have

$$\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K}) \leq \epsilon, \quad \langle x, z \rangle \leq \epsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K} \cap \{z\}^\perp) \leq \psi_{\mathcal{K}, z}(\epsilon, \|x\|).$$

**Theorem 2.3** (Error bound based on 1-FRFs). Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a closed convex cone such that  $\mathcal{K} \cap (\mathcal{L} + a) \neq \emptyset$ . There are  $\ell > 0$ ,  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $M > 0$  such that

$$x \in B, \quad \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{K}) \leq \epsilon, \quad \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a) \leq \epsilon,$$

implies

$$\text{dist}(x, (\mathcal{L} + a) \cap \mathcal{K}) \leq \kappa(\epsilon + \varphi(\epsilon, M)),$$

where  $\varphi = \psi_{\ell-1} \diamond \dots \diamond \psi_1$ , if  $\ell \geq 2$ . If  $\ell = 1$ , we let  $\varphi(\epsilon, \|x\|) := \epsilon$ .

- $\ell$  is such that there is chain of faces of  $\mathcal{K}$  together with  $z_i \in \mathcal{F}_i^* \cap \mathcal{L}^\perp \cap \{a\}^\perp$  such that

$$(\mathcal{L} + a) \cap \text{ri } \mathcal{F}_\ell \neq \emptyset.$$

and  $\mathcal{F}_{i+1} = \mathcal{F}_i \cap \{z_i\}^\perp$  for every  $i$ . This is obtained through **facial reduction** [1, 5]

- The  $\psi_i$ 's are 1-FRFs for  $\mathcal{F}_i$ ,  $z_i$ .

## 3 Examples

**Definition 3.1** (Hölderian error bound).  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$  satisfy a **uniform Hölderian error bound**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  there exists  $\gamma \in (0, 1]$  such that for every bounded set  $B$  there exist  $\theta_B > 0$ , such that

$$\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2) \leq \theta_B (\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{C}_1) + \text{dist}(x, \mathcal{C}_2))^\gamma \quad \forall x \in B.$$

If  $\gamma = 1$ , we call it a **Lipschitzian** error bound.

Suppose that (Feas) is feasible.

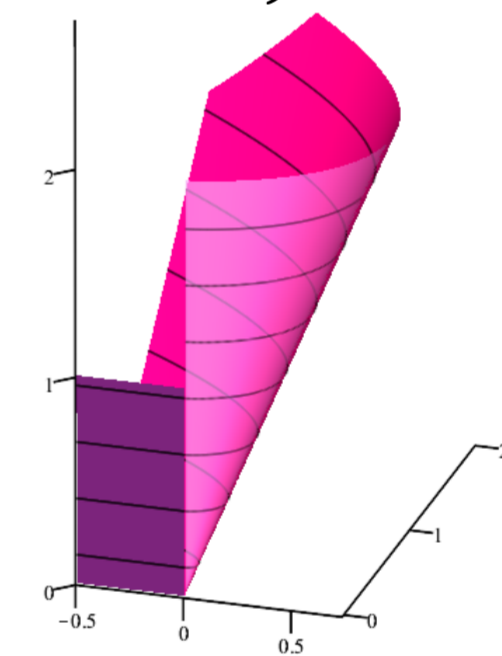
- $\mathcal{K}$ : a symmetric cone (psd matrices, second order cone and etc), the 1-FRFs are of the form  $\psi_{\mathcal{F}, z}(\epsilon, t) = \kappa\epsilon + \kappa\sqrt{\epsilon t} \Rightarrow$  (Feas) satisfy a uniform Hölderian error bound with exponent  $2^{-\ell}$ , see [4]
- $p$ -cone  $\mathcal{K}_p^{n+1} := \{x = (x_0, \bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x_0 \geq \|\bar{x}\|_p\}$ , 1-FRF:  $\psi_{\mathcal{K}_p^{n+1}, z}(\epsilon, t) = \kappa\epsilon + \kappa(\epsilon t)^{\alpha_z}$

$$\alpha_z := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } |\bar{z}|_0 = n, \\ \frac{1}{p} & \text{if } |\bar{z}|_0 = 1 \text{ and } p < 2, \\ \min\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{p}\right\} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

(Feas) satisfy a uniform Hölderian error bound with exponent  $\alpha_z$ , see [3].

### 3.1 The exponential cone case

$$K_{\text{exp}} := \{(x, y, z) \mid y > 0, z \geq ye^{x/y}\} \cup \{(x, y, z) \mid x \leq 0, z \geq 0, y = 0\}.$$



Four types of error bounds are possible. Depending on the the vector  $z$ , besides Lipschitzian and Hölderian error bound with exponent 1/2 we have

- **Entropic error bound:** for every bounded set  $B$ , there exists  $\kappa_B > 0$  such that for  $x \in B$

$$\text{dist}(x, (\mathcal{L} + a) \cap K_{\text{exp}}) \leq \kappa_B g_{-\infty}(\max(\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a), \text{dist}(x, K_{\text{exp}}))),$$

- **Logarithmic error bound:** for every bounded set  $B$ , there exists  $\kappa_B > 0$  such that for  $x \in B$

$$\text{dist}(x, (\mathcal{L} + a) \cap K_{\text{exp}}) \leq \kappa_B g_{\infty}(\max(\text{dist}(x, \mathcal{L} + a), \text{dist}(x, K_{\text{exp}}))),$$

where  $g_{-\infty}(t) := -t \ln(t)$ ,  $g_{\infty}(t) := -\frac{1}{\ln(t)}$ , (for  $t$  small). See [2].

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