

# Inertia in Optimization: Acceleration and Adaptivity

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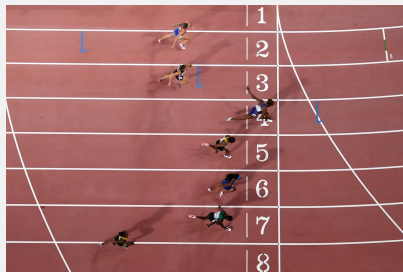
# Framework and motivations

## Optimization, what is this?

→ Find **a set of parameters** that minimizes **a quantity**.



Find **the route** that minimizes **journey time**.



Find **the training** that leads to the best **100-meter time**.

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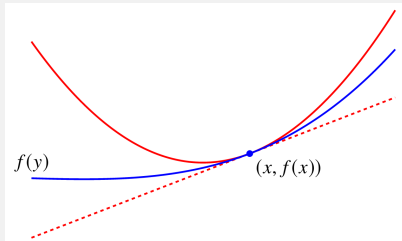
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## Minimization problem

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} F(x) = f(x) + h(x),$$

where:

- $f$  is a convex differentiable function having a  $L$ -Lipschitz gradient,



- $h$  is a convex proper lower semicontinuous function,
- $F$  has a non-empty set of minimizers  $X^*$ .

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## Motivations

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} F(x),$$

Which algorithm is the most efficient according to the **assumptions** satisfied by  $F$  and the **expected accuracy**?

→ **Convergence analysis** of the numerical schemes:

How fast does  $F(x_k) - F^*$  decreases?

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## Convergence guarantees

If  $F$  is convex and  $s$  is sufficiently small:

$$F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}(k^{-1})$$

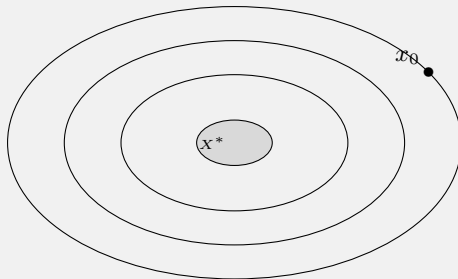
→ Simple but slow!

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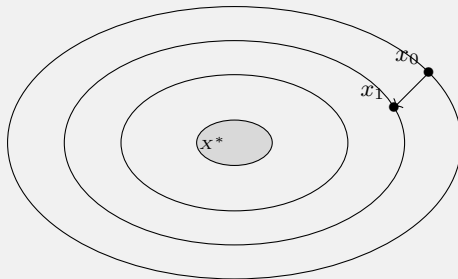


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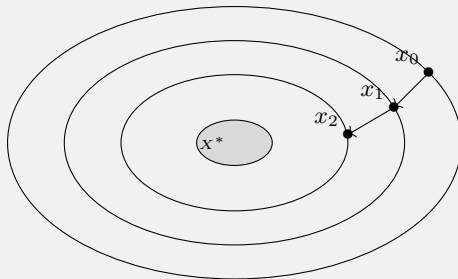
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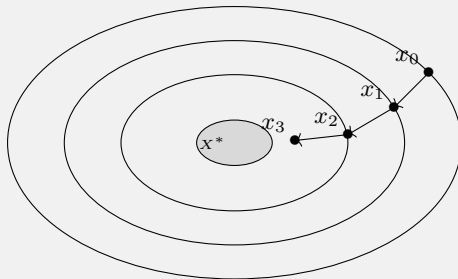
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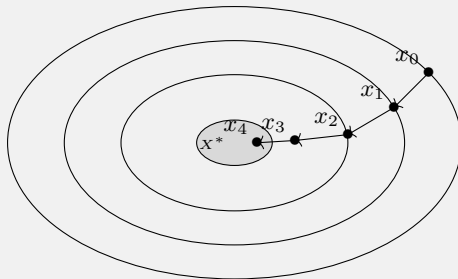
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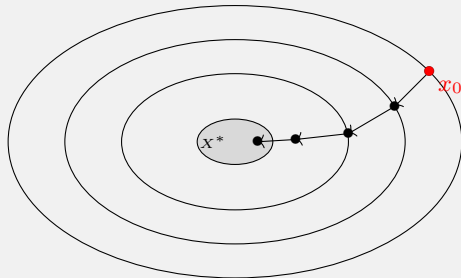
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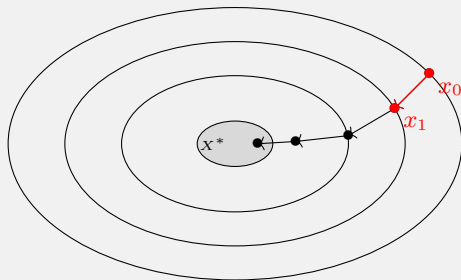
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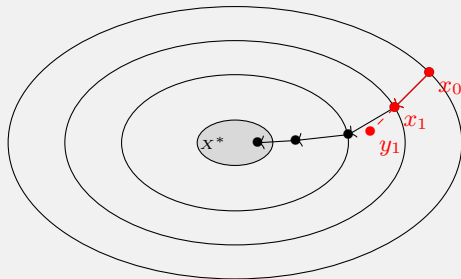
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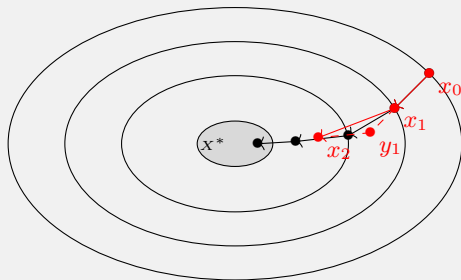
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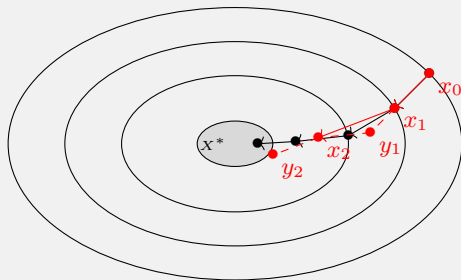
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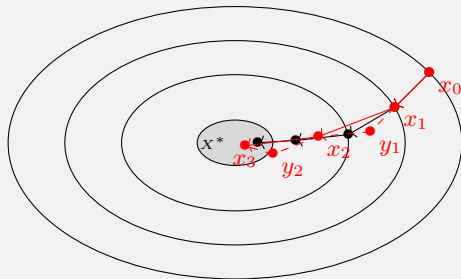
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- **Heavy-Ball schemes** (Polyak,'64, Nesterov,'03, ...): constant friction  $\rightarrow \alpha_k = \alpha$ .
- **FISTA** (Beck and Teboulle,'09, Nesterov,'83): vanishing friction  $\rightarrow \alpha_k = \frac{k-1}{k+\alpha-1}$ .

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## Strong convexity ( $\mathcal{SC}_\mu$ )

$F$  is  $\mu$ -strongly convex if for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $g : x \mapsto F(x) - \frac{\mu}{2}\|x\|^2$  is convex.

## Convergence rate of $F(x_k) - F^*$

Algorithm	Convex	$\mathcal{SC}_\mu$
Proximal gradient method	$\mathcal{O}(k^{-1})$	$\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\mu}{L}k}\right)$
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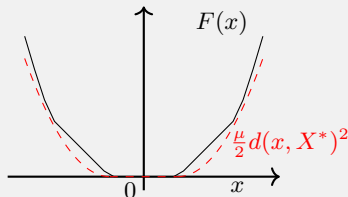
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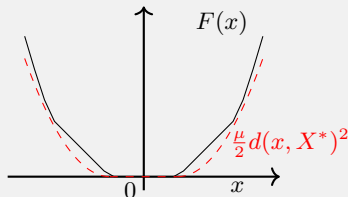
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- **Hölderian error bound ( $\mathcal{H}^\gamma$ ):**

$F$  has a  $\gamma$ -Hölderian growth around its set of minimizers (with  $\gamma > 2$ ) if

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→ No assumption on  $X^*$  required!

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## Main results: V-FISTA

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$$F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}\right)$$

- Uniqueness of the minimizer is not required.
- Theoretical guarantees for non optimal values of  $\alpha$ .
- Better worst-case bound than any FISTA restart scheme:  $\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{1}{e}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}\right)$ .
- $\alpha$  depends on  $\frac{\mu}{L}$ !

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- $\alpha$  can be parametrized according to the expected accuracy to get improved performance.

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$$F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(k^{-\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}}\right) \text{ and } \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| = \mathcal{O}\left(k^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}}\right)$$

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$$F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(k^{-\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}}\right) \text{ and } \|x_k - x_{k-1}\| = \mathcal{O}\left(k^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}}\right)$$

**Corollary:** Under the same assumptions, for any  $\alpha > 5$ , the sequence  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges **strongly** to a minimizer of  $F$ .

# Inertia between convexity and strong convexity

## What do we know now?

Algorithm	$SC_\mu$	$\mathcal{G}_\mu^2$	$\mathcal{H}^\gamma$	Convexity
PGD	$e^{-\frac{\mu}{L}k}$	$e^{-\frac{\mu}{L}k}$	$k^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}}$	$k^{-1}$
Heavy-Ball	$e^{-2\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}$	$e^{-\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}$	$k^{-\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-2}}$	$k^{-1}$
FISTA	$k^{-\frac{2\alpha}{3}}$	$k^{-\frac{2\alpha}{3}}$	$k^{-\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-2}}$	$k^{-2}$

## Take-away message

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## Framework

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^N} F(x),$$

where  $F$  satisfies a growth condition ( $SC_\mu$  or  $\mathcal{G}_\mu^2$ ) and the growth parameter  $\mu$  is not known.

## First-order methods

In this setting:

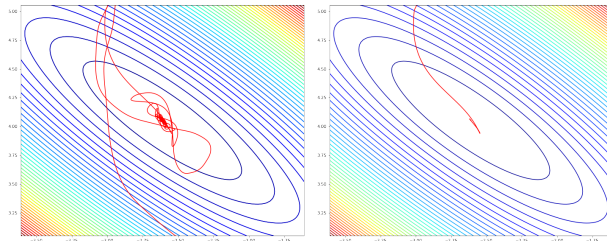
- **proximal gradient method:**  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\mu}{L}k}\right)$ ,
- **Heavy-Ball methods:**  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-K\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}k}}\right)$  if  $\mu$  is known,
- **FISTA** (Beck and Teboulle, '09, Nesterov, '83):

$$\forall k > 0, \begin{cases} x_k = \text{prox}_{sh}(y_{k-1} - s\nabla f(y_{k-1})), \\ y_k = x_k + \frac{k-1}{k+2}(x_k - x_{k-1}) \end{cases}$$
$$\rightarrow F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}(k^{-2})$$

# Restart strategies

## Restarting FISTA, why?

- to take advantage of inertia,
- to avoid oscillations.



**Figure:** Projection of the trajectory of the iterates of FISTA (left) and FISTA restart (right) for a least-squares problem ( $N = 20$ ).

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## Restarting FISTA, how?

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### Algorithm 1 : FISTA restart

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**Require:**  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $y_0 = x_0$ ,  $k = 0$ ,  $i = 0$ .

**repeat**

$$k = k + 1, i = i + 1$$

$$x_k = \text{prox}_{sh}(y_{k-1} - s\nabla f(y_{k-1}))$$

**if** Restart condition is *True* **then**

$$i = 1$$

**end if**

$$y_k = x_k + \frac{i-1}{i+2}(x_k - x_{k-1})$$

**until** Exit condition is *True*

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→ Cutting inertia is equivalent to restarting the algorithm from the last iterate.



## Heuristic FISTA restart (O'Donoghue and Candès, '15, Beck and Teboulle, '09)

→ Restarting when detecting an oscillation

- via  $F$ :

$$F(x_k) > F(x_{k-1}),$$

- via  $\nabla F$ :

$$\langle \nabla F(y_k), x_k - x_{k-1} \rangle > 0.$$

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## Fixed FISTA restart (Nesterov, '13, O'Donoghue and Candès, '15...)

Restart every  $k^*$  iterations where  $k^*$  is defined according to the growth parameter  $\mu$ . If

$$k^* = \left\lceil 2e\sqrt{\frac{L}{\mu}} \right\rceil:$$

$$F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{1}{e}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}k}}\right).$$

Generalization: Scheduled restarts, Roulet and D'Aspremont '17.

## Adaptive FISTA restart

Restart according to the geometry of  $F$  and previous iterations.

- Fercoq and Qu, '19:  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(\exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{e}\left(2-\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\mu_0}}\right)}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k\right)\right)$ .
- Alamo et al., '19:  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{1}{16}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}\right)$ .
- Alamo et al., '22:  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\ln(15)}{4e}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}\right)$ , where  $\frac{\ln(15)}{4e} \approx \frac{1}{4}$ .
- Renegar and Grimmer, '22:  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k}\right)$ .

## Introduction of an automatic restart scheme (Aujol, Dossal, L., Rondepierre, '21)

### Features: a restart condition that

- does not require to know the growth parameter  $\mu$ ,
- ensures a fast convergence of the method:  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}(e^{-\frac{1}{12}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}}k})$ ,
- is not computationnaly expensive,
- is easy to implement.

### Strategy

- to estimate  $\mu$  at each restart,
- to adapt the number of iterations of the following restart according to this estimation.

Jean-François Aujol, Charles Dossal, [Hippolyte Labarrière](#), Aude Rondepierre. FISTA restart using an automatic estimation of the growth parameter, 2021, (hal-03153525v4).

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## Algorithm 2 : Automatic FISTA restart

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**Require:**  $r_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $j = 1$ ,  $C = 6.38$ .

$$n_0 = \lfloor 2C \rfloor$$

$$r_1 = \text{FISTA}(r_0, n_0)$$

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**repeat**

$$j = j + 1$$

$$r_j = \text{FISTA}(r_{j-1}, n_{j-1})$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_j = \min_{\substack{i \in \mathbb{N}^* \\ i < j}} \frac{4L}{(n_{i-1} + 1)^2} \frac{F(r_{i-1}) - F(r_j)}{F(r_i) - F(r_j)}$$

Estimation of the parameter  $\mu$ .

**if**  $n_{j-1} \leq C \sqrt{\frac{L}{\tilde{\mu}_j}}$  **then**

$$n_j = 2n_{j-1}$$

Update of the number of iterations per restart.

**end if**

**until** *exit condition is satisfied*

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# Restart strategies

## Summary:

Algorithm	Convergence rate
Forward-Backward	$\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\mu}{L}k}\right)$
V-FISTA	$\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{9}{20}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}k}}\right)$
Optimal FISTA restart	$\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{1}{e}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}k}}\right)$
Heuristic FISTA restart	$\mathcal{O}(k^{-2})$
Fercoq and Qu '19	$\mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2\sqrt{e}(2-\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\mu_0}})}\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}k}}\right)$
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## Image inpainting:

$$\min_x F(x) := \frac{1}{2} \|Mx - y\|^2 + \lambda \|Tx\|_1,$$

where  $M$  is a mask operator and  $T$  is an orthogonal transformation ensuring that  $Tx^0$  is sparse.



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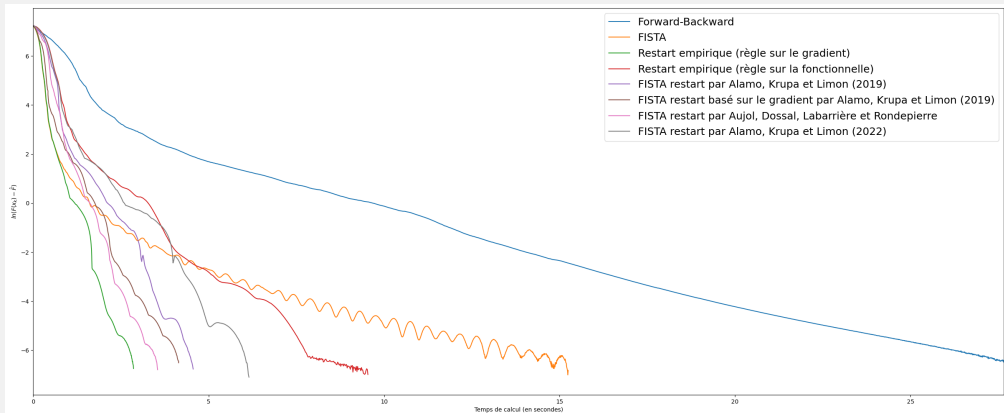
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What if the Lipschitz constant  $L$  is not known?

## Combining backtracking and restarting: Free-FISTA (Aujol, Calatroni, Dossal, L., Rondepierre, '24)

By combining a **backtracking strategy** and a **restarting strategy**, Free-FISTA automatically estimates  $\mu$  and  $L$ .

- Still efficient if  $L$  is not known.
- Adaptation to the **local geometry of  $F$** .
- **Convergence guarantees:**  $F(x_k) - F^* = \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\rho}}{12}} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L} k}\right)$ .

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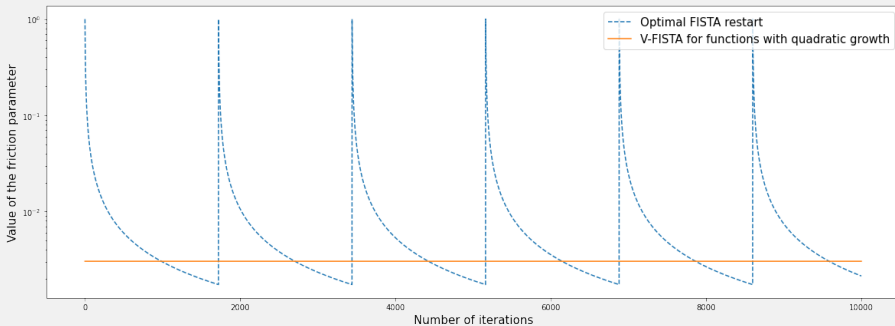
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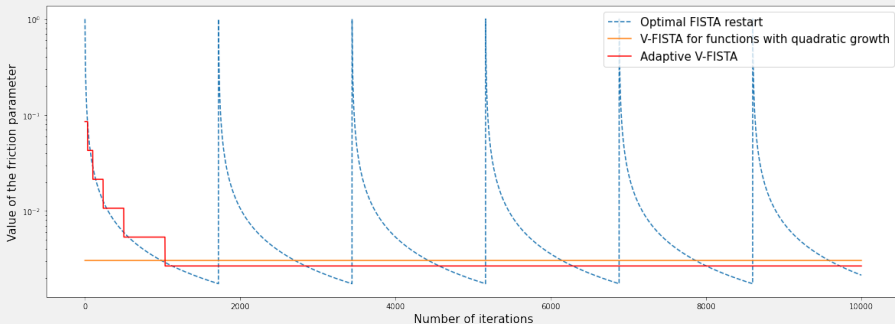
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Keep piecewise constant friction to be faster!

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## An adaptive procedure for fast methods (L., 2024)

Consider a method  $\mathcal{A}$  generating  $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$F(x_k) - F^* \leq A e^{-B \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{L}} k} (F(x_0) - F^*)$$

for some  $A, B > 0$  if  $\frac{\mu}{L}$  is available.

→ An adaptive scheme:

- that allows to apply  $\mathcal{A}$  when  $\frac{\mu}{L}$  is not known with **theoretical guarantees**.
- that can be combined with heuristic techniques (O'Donoghue and Candès, '15) for improved performance.
- which can be extended for methods involving backtracking on  $L$  (losing the theoretical guarantees).

Hippolyte Labarrière. Adaptive techniques for linearly fast methods with unknown condition number, currently in writing.

## Take-away messages

- Inertia is **not impacted** by the non uniqueness of the minimizers.

	$\mathcal{SC}_\mu$	$\mathcal{G}_\mu^2$	$\mathcal{H}^\gamma$	Convexity
Best option	HB	HB	FISTA	FISTA

- If the condition number is not known  $\rightarrow$  FISTA restart... or Adaptive V-FISTA!

## Pending questions:

- Could the Performance Estimation Problem (PEP) approach (Drori and Teboulle,'14, Taylor, Hendrickx and Glineur,'17, Taylor and Drori,'22 ...) allow to find tighter bounds?
- Then, could it help to build faster adaptive schemes?
- Can we obtain better convergence guarantees for adaptive step-size methods (Malitsky and Mishchenko,'20,'24, Barzilai-Borwein stepsize) under growth conditions?

**Thank you for your attention!**

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## The continuous setting

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**Nesterov's accelerated gradient** → **Asymptotic vanishing damping system** (Su, Boyd and Candès, '14)

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**Heavy-Ball schemes** → **Heavy-Ball Friction system**

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## Why is this relevant?

- easier computations (derivatives),
- most of the time, convergence properties of the trajectories can be extended to the iterates of the related scheme.

## Back to the discrete setting

Challenging for the following reasons:

- no more derivative,
- several possible discretization choices,
- which condition on the stepsize?

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Consider the **Heavy-Ball friction system**:

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \alpha\dot{x}(t) + \nabla F(x(t)) = 0$$

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→ The differentiability of  $\mathcal{E}$  depends on the regularity of  $X^*$ !

If  $X^*$  is **sufficiently regular** (e.g. polyhedral), several convergence results can be extended **without the uniqueness assumption** (e.g. Siegel, '19, Aujol, Dossal and Rondepierre, '23).

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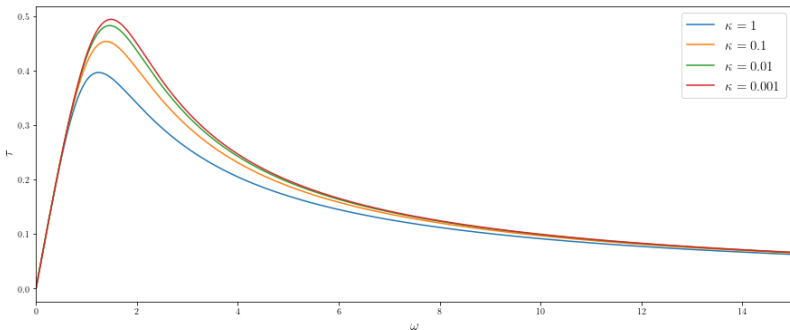
## Main results: V-FISTA

If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{G}_\mu^2$ ,  $s = \frac{1}{L}$   $\alpha = 1 - \omega\sqrt{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa = \frac{\mu}{L}$ ,  $\omega \in \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\kappa}}\right)$ . Then, for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$F(x_k) - F^* \leq (1 + (\omega - \tau)^2 + (\omega - \tau)\omega\tau\sqrt{\kappa}) (1 - \tau\sqrt{\kappa} + \tau^2\kappa)^k (F(x_0) - F^*),$$

if

$$(1 - \omega\sqrt{\kappa})\tau^3 - \omega(2 - \omega\sqrt{\kappa})\tau^2 + (\omega^2 + 2)\tau - \omega \leq 0.$$



## An other ugly bound

### Main results: FISTA

If  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{G}_\mu^2$ ,  $s = \frac{1}{L}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 3 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then

$$\forall k \geq \frac{3\alpha}{\sqrt{\kappa}}, F(x_k) - F^* \leq \frac{9}{4} e^{-2} M_0 \left( \frac{8e}{3\sqrt{\kappa}} \alpha \right)^{\frac{2\alpha}{3}} k^{-\frac{2\alpha}{3}},$$

where  $M_0 = F(x_0) - F^*$  denotes the potential energy of the system at initial time.