

# Operator Properties

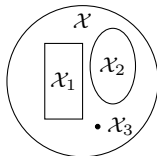
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# Today's lecture

- properties of *set-valued operators*:
  - monotonicity
  - maximal monotonicity
  - strong monotonicity
- properties of *single-valued operators*
  - Lipschitz continuity (contractiveness, nonexpansiveness)
  - averagedness
  - cocoercivity

## Power set

- the *power set* of the set  $\mathcal{X}$  is the set of all subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- our notation:  $2^{\mathcal{X}}$ 
  - background: if number of elements in  $\mathcal{X}$  is finite ( $n$ ), then number of elements in the power set is  $2^n$
- other notations exist:  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ ,  $\wp(\mathcal{X})$ , etc
- example:



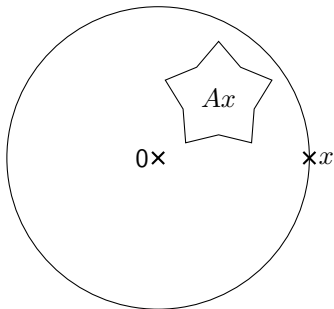
we have:  $\mathcal{X}_1 \in 2^{\mathcal{X}}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_2 \in 2^{\mathcal{X}}$ ,  $\mathcal{X}_3 \in 2^{\mathcal{X}}$ ,  $\emptyset \in 2^{\mathcal{X}}$ ,  $\mathcal{X} \in 2^{\mathcal{X}}$

# Operators

- an operator  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  maps each point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- called *set-valued operator*
- $Ax$  (or  $A(x)$ ) means  $A$  operates on  $x$  (and gives a set back)
- if  $Ax$  is a singleton for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $A$  *single-valued*
  - can construct  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\{Tx\} = Ax$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
  - with slight abuse of notation, we treat these to be the same
- examples:
  - the subdifferential operator  $\partial f$  is a set-valued operator
  - the gradient operator  $\nabla f$  is a single-valued operator

## Graphical representation

- a set-valued operator  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$



- depending on where the set  $Ax$  is,  $A$  has different properties

# Graph

- the graph of an operator  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  is defined as

$$\text{gph}A = \{(x, y) \mid y \in Ax\}$$

- the graph consists of all pairs of points  $(x, y)$  such that  $y \in Ax$
- $\text{gph}A$  is a set, it is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e.,  $\text{gph}A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$

## Special operators

- the identity operator is denoted  $\text{Id}$  and is defined as

$$x = \text{Id}(x)$$

- inverse of an operator, defined through its graph:

$$\text{gph}A^{-1} = \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in \text{gph}A\}$$

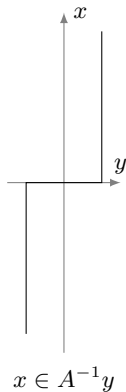
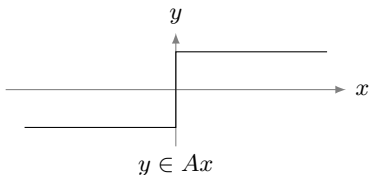
(therefore  $y \in Ax$  if and only if  $x \in A^{-1}y$ )

## Graphical representation – Inverse operators

- we have the following equivalence

$$y \in Ax \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x \in A^{-1}y$$

- therefore  $y \in A(A^{-1}y)$  and  $x \in A^{-1}(Ax)$
- $A$  and  $A^{-1}$  are each others images under mapping  $(x, y) \mapsto (y, x)$
- example:  $A$  in figure, draw  $A^{-1}$





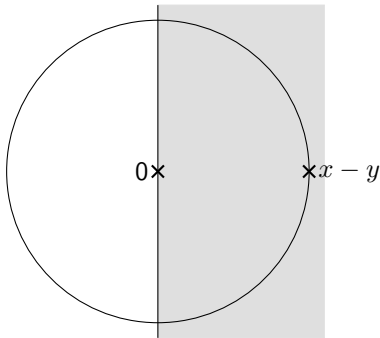
## Monotone operators

- an operator  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  is monotone if

$$\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $(x, u) \in \text{gph}A$  and  $(y, v) \in \text{gph}A$

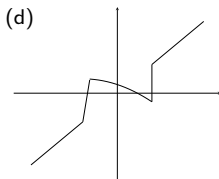
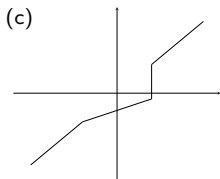
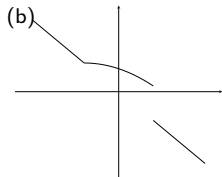
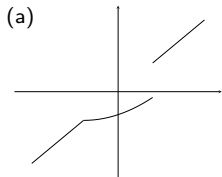
- graphical representation



then  $u - v$  in gray area (since scalar product positive)  
(or set  $Ax - Ay$  in gray area)

# Monotonicity 1D

- which of the following operators  $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  are monotone?



(a) and (c):  $(y - x > 0 \text{ implies } v - u \geq 0 \text{ for } (x, u), (y, v) \in \text{gph}(A))$

## Examples of monotone mappings

- the subdifferential  $\partial f$  of  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$
- proof: let  $u \in \partial f(x)$  and  $v \in \partial f(y)$  and subdifferential definitions

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \langle u, y - x \rangle$$

$$f(x) \geq f(y) + \langle v, x - y \rangle$$

to get that

$$\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \geq 0$$

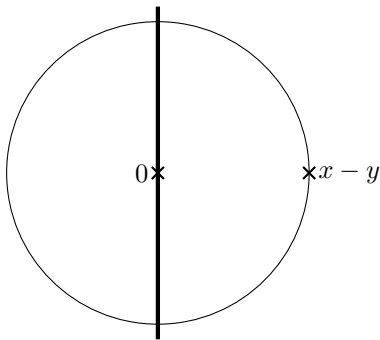
holds for all  $(x, u), (y, v) \in \text{gph} \partial f$

## Examples of monotone mappings

- a (linear) skew-symmetric mapping (i.e.,  $A = -A^*$ )
- proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Ax - Ay, x - y \rangle &= \langle x - y, A^*(x - y) \rangle = -\langle x - y, A(x - y) \rangle \\ &= -\langle A(x - y), x - y \rangle = 0\end{aligned}$$

- graphical representation:



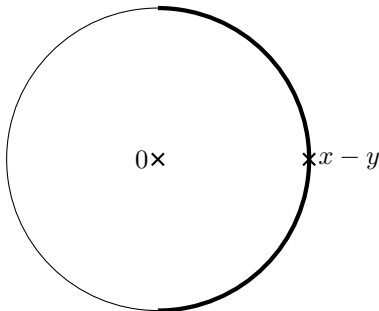
then  $Ax - Ay$  on thick black line

## Examples of monotone mappings

- rotation  $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $|\theta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
- proof: let  $z = x - y$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle R_\theta x - R_\theta y, x - y \rangle &= \langle R_\theta z, z \rangle = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} z, z \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \cos \theta - z_2 \sin \theta \\ z_1 \sin \theta + z_2 \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, z \right\rangle = z_1^2 \cos \theta + z_2^2 \cos \theta \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

- graphical representation



then  $R_\theta(x - y)$  on thick semi-circle (depending on  $\theta$ )

## Maximal monotonicity

- let  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  be monotone
- $A$  is maximal monotone if no pair  $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}) \notin \text{gph}A$  exists such that

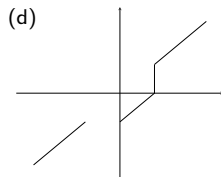
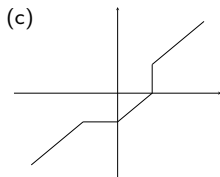
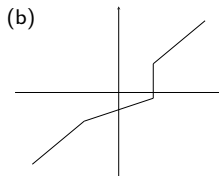
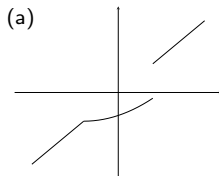
$$\langle \bar{u} - u, \bar{x} - x \rangle \geq 0$$

for all  $(x, u) \in \text{gph}A$

- equivalently: no monotone operator  $B$  exists with  $\text{gph}A \subset \text{gph}B$  (strict subset)

## Graphical interpretation

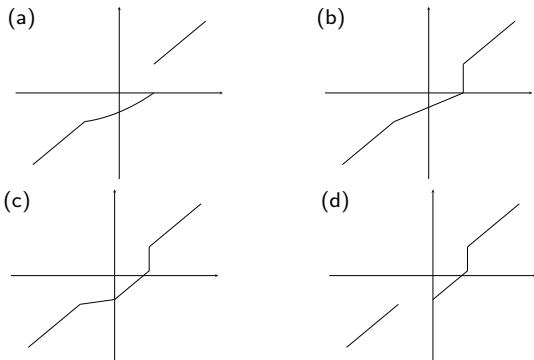
- which of the following  $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}}$  are maximal monotone?



- (b) and (c) are maximally monotone

## Minty's theorem

- let  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$  be monotone
- $A$  is maximal monotone iff  $\text{ran}(A + \alpha \text{Id}) = \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\alpha > 0$
- shifted previous figures with  $0.2\text{Id}$  (and re-scaled):



- “holes” in horizontal regions give holes in range due to  $+\alpha \text{Id}$
- “holes” in nonhorizontal regions give holes in range due to  $+\alpha \text{Id}$



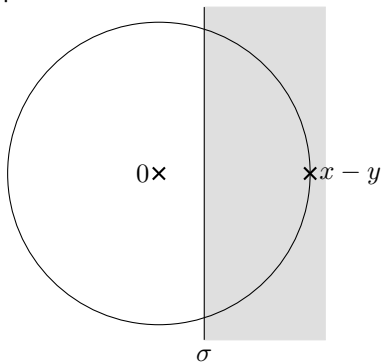
## Strongly monotone operators

- an operator  $A$  is  $\sigma$ -strongly monotone if

$$\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \geq \sigma \|x - y\|^2$$

for all  $(x, u) \in \text{gph}A$  and  $(y, v) \in \text{gph}A$

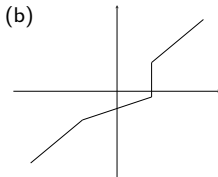
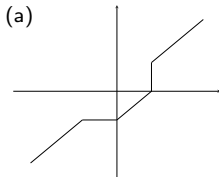
- 2D-graphical representation



then  $u - v$  in gray area (or complete set  $Ax - Ay$ )

## 1D Graphical interpretation

- strong monotonicity  $\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \geq \sigma \|x - y\|^2$  ( $\sigma > 0$ )
- which of the following are strongly monotone?



- (b):  $((u - v) \geq \sigma(x - y))$
- that is, slope is at least  $\sigma$

## Examples of strongly monotone operators

- assume that  $f$  is proper closed and  $\sigma$ -strongly convex
- then  $\partial f$  is  $\sigma$ -strongly monotone
- proof:
  - assumption equivalent to that  $g = f - \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\cdot\|^2$  is convex
  - therefore  $f = g + \frac{\sigma}{2} \|\cdot\|^2$
  - since  $g$  convex,  $\partial f = \partial g + \sigma \text{Id}$  and  $\partial g(x) = \partial f(x) - \sigma x$
  - therefore, subgradients of  $g$  satisfy

$$g(y) \geq g(x) + \langle u - \sigma x, y - x \rangle$$

$$g(x) \geq g(y) + \langle v - \sigma y, x - y \rangle$$

where  $u \in \partial f(x)$  and  $v \in \partial f(y)$

- add to get

$$0 \geq \langle u - \sigma x, y - x \rangle + \langle v - \sigma y, x - y \rangle$$

and rearrange to get

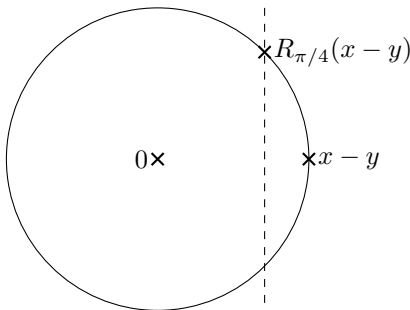
$$\langle u - v, x - y \rangle \geq \sigma \|x - y\|^2$$

## Examples of strongly monotone operators

- rotation operator  $R_\theta$  with  $|\theta| < \frac{\pi}{2}$  (from before)

$$\langle R_\theta x - R_\theta y, x - y \rangle \geq \cos \theta \|x - y\|^2$$

- $R_\theta$  is  $\cos \theta$ -strongly monotone
- graphical representation ( $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ )



## Single-valued operators

- so far, have considered set-valued operators  $A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{R}^n}$ 
  - monotonicity
  - maximal monotonicity
  - strong monotonicity
- now, we will consider single-valued operators  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- we assume that  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is nonempty
- if  $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T$  has full domain
- a fixed-point  $y$  to the operator  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies  $y = Ty$
- the set of fixed-points to  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted  $\text{fix}T$

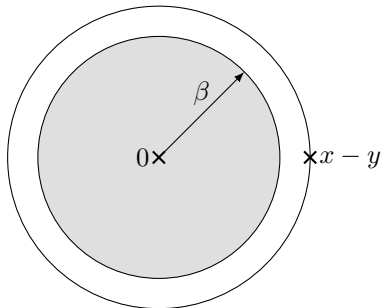
## Lipschitz continuous operator

- an operator  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\beta$ -Lipschitz continuous if

$$\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \beta \|x - y\|$$

holds for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$

- $T$  is single-valued (show by letting  $y = x$  and use contradiction)
- graphical representation

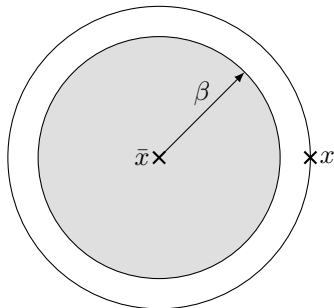


then  $Tx - Ty$  is in gray area

## Alternative graphical representation

- assume  $T$  has a fixed point  $\bar{x} = T\bar{x}$  then

$$\|Tx - \bar{x}\| = \|Tx - T\bar{x}\| \leq \beta \|x - \bar{x}\|$$



then  $Tx$  in gray area

- interpretation:  $\beta$  relates to distance to fixed-point
- $\beta < 1$  : contractive
- $\beta = 1$  : nonexpansive

## Examples of Lipschitz continuous mappings

- a rotation is 1-Lipschitz continuous (nonexpansive)
- a linear mapping  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\|T\|$ -Lipschitz continuous since

$$\|Tx - Ty\| = \|T(x - y)\| \leq \|T\| \|x - y\|$$

by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

- compositions: assume that  $T_1, T_2 : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  are  $\beta_1, \beta_2$ -Lipschitz, then  $T_1T_2$  is  $\beta_1\beta_2$ -Lipschitz

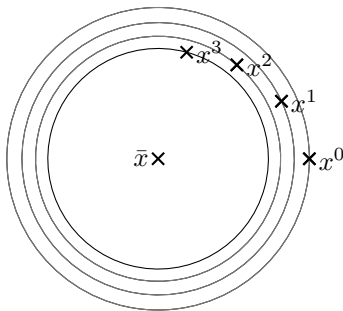
$$\|T_1T_2x - T_1T_2y\| \leq \beta_1 \|T_2x - T_2y\| \leq \beta_1\beta_2 \|x - y\|$$



## Iterating a contractive operator

- a contractive ( $\beta < 1$ ) operator  $T$  has a unique fixed-point  $\bar{x}$
- the iteration  $x^{k+1} = Tx^k$  converges linearly to the fixed-point ( $\bar{x}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\|x^{k+1} - \bar{x}\| &= \|Tx^k - T\bar{x}\| \leq \beta\|x^k - \bar{x}\| \\ &= \beta\|Tx^{k-1} - T\bar{x}\| \leq \dots \leq \beta^{k+1}\|x^0 - \bar{x}\|\end{aligned}$$



## Fixed-points of nonexpansive operator

- a nonexpansive operator  $T$  need not have a fixed-point
- example:  $Tx = x + 2$

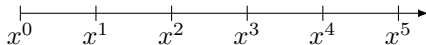
$$Tx = x + 2 = x$$

does not hold for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

- it is nonexpansive (1-Lipschitz continuous)

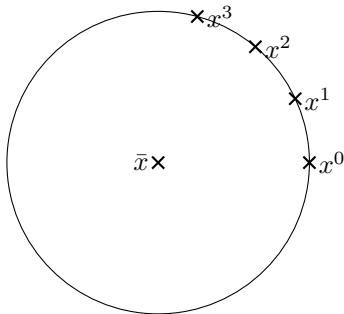
$$\|Tx - Ty\| = \|x + 2 - y - 2\| = \|x - y\|$$

- iteration  $x^{k+1} = Tx^k$ :



## Iteration of nonexpansive operator

- if fixed-point  $\bar{x}$  exists, iteration  $x^{k+1} = Tx^k$  must not converge
- example: rotation by  $25^\circ$



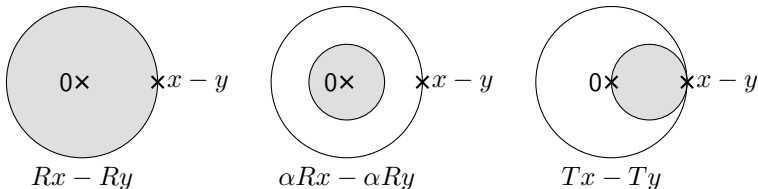
(however, the iterates are bounded)

## Averaged operators

- let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $R : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be some nonexpansive operator
- an operator  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged if:

$$T = (1 - \alpha)\text{Id} + \alpha R$$

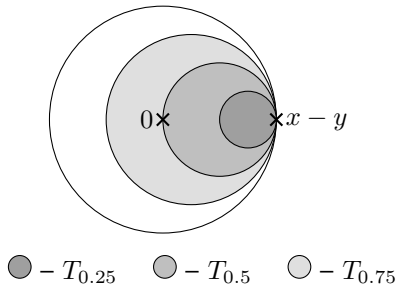
- graphical representation for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ :



- draw similar figures for  $\alpha = 0.25$  and  $\alpha = 0.75$

## Averaged operators

- $T_\alpha$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged with  $\alpha = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$
- graphical representation:



## Fixed-points

- assume that  $\text{fix}R$  is nonempty and that  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$
- the fixed-points of  $T = (1 - \alpha)\text{Id} + \alpha R$  and  $R$  coincide
- proof:
  - a fixed point  $\bar{x}$  to  $R$  is a fixed-point to  $T$ :

$$T\bar{x} = (1 - \alpha)\bar{x} + \alpha R\bar{x} = (1 - \alpha + \alpha)\bar{x} = \bar{x}$$

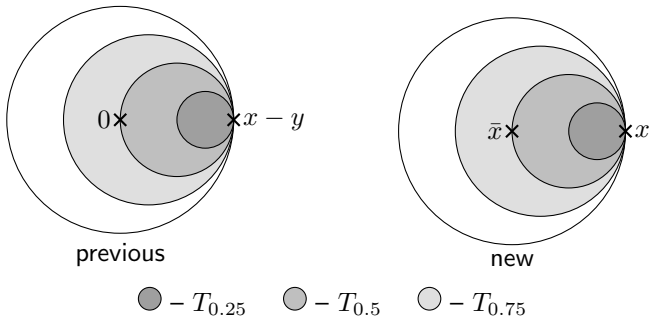
- a fixed-point  $\bar{x}$  to  $T$  is a fixed-point to  $R$ :

$$R\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha}(T + (\alpha - 1)\text{Id})\bar{x} = \frac{1}{\alpha}(1 + \alpha - 1)\bar{x} = \bar{x}$$

(where  $R = \frac{1}{\alpha}T - \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\text{Id}$  is used)

## Additional graphical representation

- assume that  $T_\alpha$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged and that  $\bar{x} \in \text{fix}T_\alpha$
- then  $T_\alpha$  for  $\alpha = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$  can be represented as:



- why?
  - figure on left holds for all  $y$
  - let  $y$  be a fixed-point, i.e.,  $y = \bar{x}$
  - shift left figure by  $y = \bar{x}$  to get right figure:  
 $(0 \rightarrow \bar{x}, x - \bar{x} \rightarrow x, T_\alpha x - T_\alpha \bar{x} \rightarrow T_\alpha x - T_\alpha \bar{x} + \bar{x} = T_\alpha x)$
- for  $x \notin \text{fix}T_\alpha$ , distance to fixed-point strictly decreased

## Averaged operator formula

- let
  - $\alpha \in (0, 1)$
  - $R : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be nonexpansive
  - $T = (1 - \alpha)\text{Id} + \alpha R$
- the following are equivalent (show in exercise):
  - $T$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged
  - $(1 - 1/\alpha)\text{Id} + \frac{1}{\alpha}T (= R)$  is nonexpansive
  - the following holds for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$

$$\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \|(\text{Id} - T)x - (\text{Id} - T)y\|^2 + \|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2$$

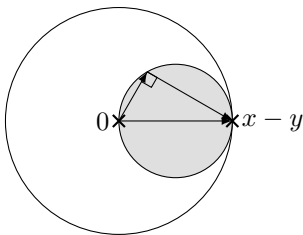


## Averaged operator formula

- (previous slide)  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged iff for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$

$$\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \|(\text{Id} - T)x - (\text{Id} - T)y\|^2 + \|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2$$

- graphical representation for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  (then  $\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} = 1$ ):



- $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged operators are also called *firmly nonexpansive*

## Iterating averaged operators

- assume  $R$  is nonexpansive, want to find fixed-point  $\bar{x} \in \text{fix}R \neq \emptyset$
- iterate the averaged map  $T = (1 - \alpha)\text{Id} + \alpha R$  ( $\alpha$  design param)
- the iteration  $x^{k+1} = Tx^k$  converges to some  $\bar{x} \in \text{fix}R = \text{fix}T$
- proof: note that

$$x^k - x^{k+1} = (\text{Id} - T)x^k = (\text{Id} - T)x^k - (\text{Id} - T)\bar{x}$$

use  $\alpha$ -averagedness formula with  $x = x^k$  and  $y = \bar{x}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \|x^k - x^{k+1}\|^2 &= \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \|(\text{Id} - T)x^k - (\text{Id} - T)\bar{x}\|^2 \\ &\leq \|x^k - \bar{x}\|^2 - \|Tx^k - T\bar{x}\|^2 \\ &= \|x^k - \bar{x}\|^2 - \|x^{k+1} - \bar{x}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- what to do with this?

## Iterating averaged operators cont'd

- multiply by  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$  and sum over  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^n \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 &\leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^n (\|x^k - \bar{x}\|^2 - \|x^{k+1} - \bar{x}\|^2) \\ &= \frac{\alpha \|x^0 - \bar{x}\|^2}{1-\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

- since  $T$  is nonexpansive

$$\|x^{k+1} - x^k\| = \|Tx^k - Tx^{k-1}\| \leq \|x^k - x^{k-1}\|$$

i.e.

$$(n+1)\|x^{n+1} - x^n\|^2 \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 \leq \frac{\alpha \|x^0 - \bar{x}\|^2}{(1-\alpha)}$$

or

$$\|x^{n+1} - x^n\|^2 \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \|x^{k+1} - x^k\|^2 \leq \frac{\alpha \|x^0 - \bar{x}\|^2}{(n+1)(1-\alpha)}$$

- not very informative since might not want  $\|x^{n+1} - x^n\|$  small (compare to algorithm  $x^{k+1} = x^k$ )

## Iterating averaged operators cont'd

- current distance to fixed-point of  $R$  is  $\|Rx^n - x^n\|$
- can we bound this?
- yes, proof: (remember  $T = (1 - \alpha) + \alpha R$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\|x^{n+1} - x^n\|^2 &= \|Tx^n - x^n\|^2 = \|(1 - \alpha)x^n + \alpha Rx^n - x^n\|^2 \\ &= \|\alpha(Rx^n - x^n)\|^2 = \alpha^2 \|Rx^n - x^n\|^2\end{aligned}$$

- therefore

$$\|Rx^n - x^n\|^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \|x^{n+1} - x^n\|^2 \leq \frac{\|x^0 - x^*\|^2}{(n+1)(1-\alpha)\alpha}$$

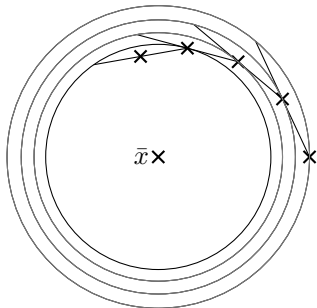
- that is  $\|Rx^n - x^n\| \rightarrow 0$  (i.e., approach fixed-point) as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- optimal  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\|Rx^n - x^n\|^2 \leq \frac{4\|x^0 - x^*\|^2}{(n+1)}$$

sublinear convergence

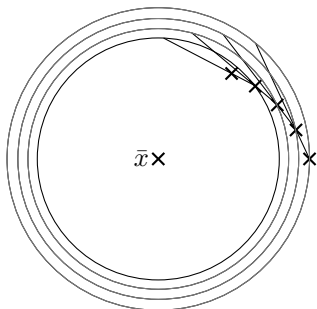
## Iteration example - $\alpha = 0.5$

- rotation operator  $R_\theta$  with  $\theta = 50^\circ$  (nonexpansive)
- fixed-point  $\bar{x}$  at origin
- iterate 0.5-averaged operator



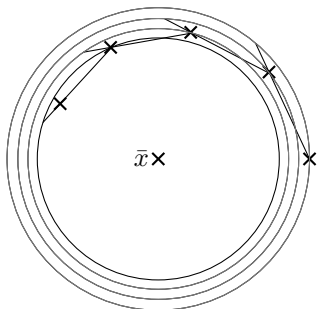
## Iteration example - $\alpha = 0.25$

- rotation operator  $R_\theta$  with  $\theta = 50^\circ$
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- iterate 0.25-averaged operator



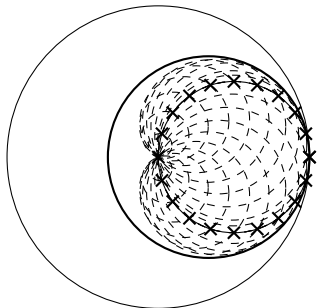
## Iteration example - $\alpha = 0.75$

- rotation operator  $R_\theta$  with  $\theta = 50^\circ$
- fixed-point  $\bar{x}$  at origin
- iterate 0.75-averaged operator



## Composition of averaged operators

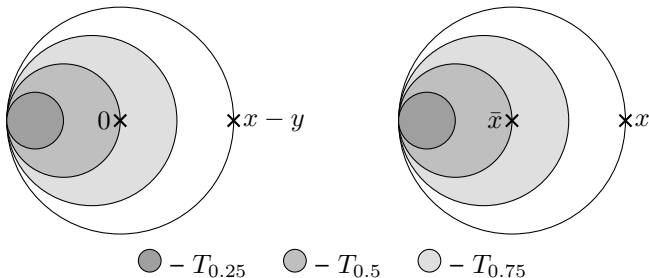
- composition of averaged operators is averaged
- assume that  $T_1$  is  $\alpha_1$ -averaged and  $T_2$  is  $\alpha_2$ -averaged,  $\alpha_i \in (0, 1)$
- then  $T_1T_2$  is  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}$ -averaged with  $\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1}{1-\alpha_1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{1-\alpha_2}$
- example  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0.5 \Rightarrow T_1T_2$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ -averaged





## Negatively averaged operators

- let  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$
- then  $T$  is  $\alpha$ -negatively averaged if  $-T$  is averaged
- $T_\alpha$  are  $\alpha$ -negatively averaged,  $\alpha = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \text{fix}T_\alpha$
- then  $T_\alpha$  for  $\alpha = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75$  can be represented as:



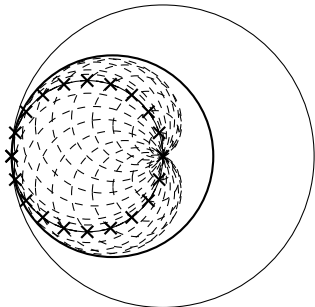
- averaged map of negatively averaged operator

$$(1 - \beta)\text{Id} + \beta T_\alpha$$

is contractive (prove in exercise)

## Composition of (negatively) averaged operators

- assume that  $\alpha_1 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha_2 \in (0, 1)$
- assume that  $T_1$  is  $\alpha_1$ -negatively averaged and  $T_2$  is  $\alpha_2$ -averaged
- then  $T_1T_2$  is  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}$ -negatively averaged with  $\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1}{1-\alpha_1} + \frac{\alpha_2}{1-\alpha_2}$
- example  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0.5 \Rightarrow T_1T_2$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ -negatively averaged



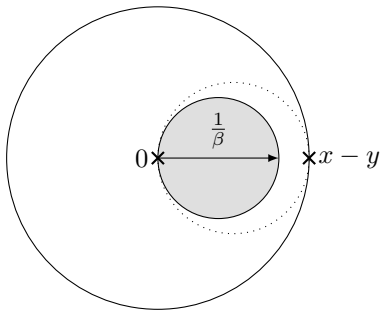
- what happens if  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are negatively averaged?

# Devise optimization algorithms

- look for mappings:
  - that are nonexpansive, averaged, or contractive
  - whose fixed-points can be used to solve optimization problem
- we know from previous discussion that we get:
  - linear convergence for contractive mappings
  - sublinear convergence for averaged mappings
  - sublinear convergence for nonexpansive mappings by iterating averaged map
- almost all algorithms in course boil down to this!

## Cocoercive operators

- assume that  $T : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
- $T$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive if  $\beta T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged
- draw a graphical representation in 2D?:



- $Tx - Ty$  in gray area
- (dotted area shows that  $\beta T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged, or firmly nonexpansive)

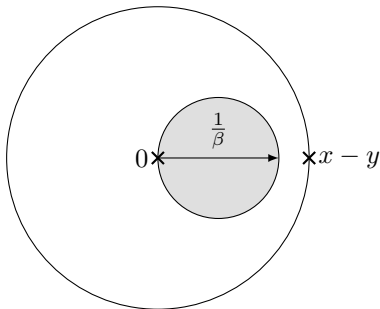
## Cocoercive operator properties

- an operator  $T$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive if  $\beta T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged, i.e.

$$\|(I - \beta T)x - (I - \beta T)y\|^2 + \|\beta Tx - \beta Ty\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2$$

- equivalently (by expanding the first square and div. by  $2\beta$ )

$$\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq \beta \|Tx - Ty\|^2$$

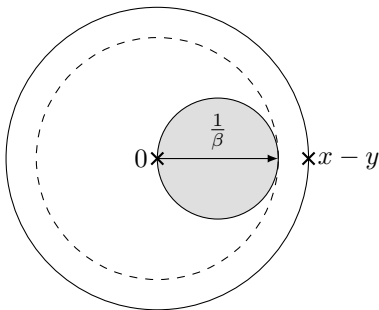


# Properties

- $\beta$ -cocoercivity of  $T$  implies  $\gamma$ -Lipschitz continuity of  $T$ :
- estimate  $\gamma$
- $\gamma = \frac{1}{\beta}$ :

$$\beta \|Tx - Ty\|^2 \leq \langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \leq \|x - y\| \|Tx - Ty\|$$

(then divide by  $\beta \|Tx - Ty\|$ )



## Graphical representation in 1D

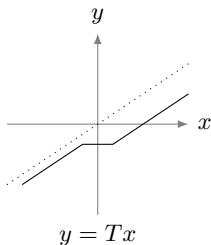
- $\beta$ -cocoercivity of  $T$

$$\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq \beta \|Tx - Ty\|^2$$

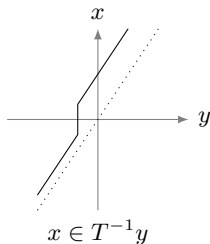
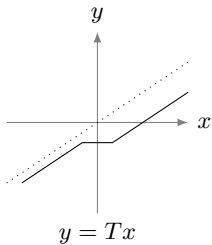
- what are bounds on slope in 1D?

$$(Tx - Ty)(x - y) \geq 0 \quad (\text{nonnegative slope})$$

$$|Tx - Ty| \leq \frac{1}{\beta} |x - y| \quad \text{slope less than } \frac{1}{\beta}$$



## Inverse strongly monotone



Relationship:

- maximum slope  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  of  $T \Leftrightarrow$  minimum slope  $\beta$  of  $T^{-1}$
- nonnegative slope of  $T \Leftrightarrow$  “at most” vertical slope of  $T^{-1}$
- we have  $\beta$ -cocoercivity of  $T \Leftrightarrow \beta$ -strong monotonicity of  $T^{-1}$



## Inverse strong monotonicity

- proof:

- $\beta$ -cocoercivity:

$$\langle Tx - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq \beta \|Tx - Ty\|^2$$

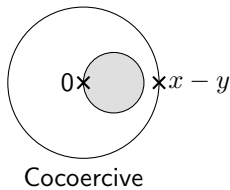
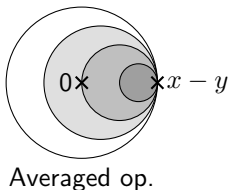
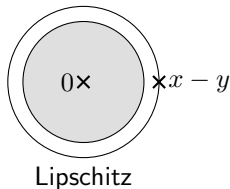
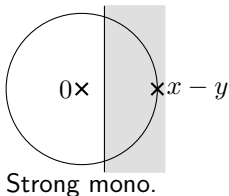
- inverse:  $u = Tx$  and  $v = Ty$  iff  $x \in T^{-1}u$  and  $y \in T^{-1}v$ :

$$\langle u - v, T^{-1}u - T^{-1}v \rangle \geq \beta \|u - v\|^2$$

- i.e.,  $T$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive iff  $T^{-1}$  is  $\beta$ -strongly monotone
- sometimes  $\beta$ -cocoercivity is called  $\beta$ -inverse strong monotonicity

## Summary

- we have discussed operators  $T$  with the following properties



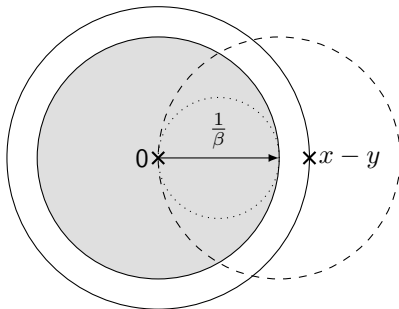
- the set (or point)  $Tx - Ty$  is in the respective gray areas

## Exercise I

- assume that  $T$  is  $\beta$ -cocoercive
- estimate a small Lipschitz constant to  $2T - \frac{1}{\beta}\text{Id}$
- a Lipschitz constant is  $\frac{1}{\beta}$

“proof”:

1. due to cocoercivity of  $T$  we have  $Tx - Ty$  in dotted circle
2. multiply by 2 ( $2Tx - 2Ty$  in dashed)
3. shift by  $-\frac{1}{\beta}\text{Id}$  ( $(2T - \frac{1}{\beta}\text{Id})x - (2T - \frac{1}{\beta}\text{Id})y$  in gray)

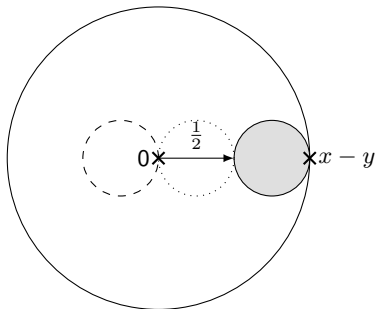


## Exercise II

- assume that  $T$  is 2-cocoercive
- $\text{Id} - T$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged, compute  $\alpha$
- $\text{Id} - T$  is 0.25-averaged

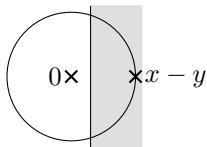
“proof”:

1. due to 2-cocoercivity of  $T$ , we have  $Tx - Ty$  in dotted circle
2. multiply by -1 ( $-Tx + Ty$  in dashed)
3. shift by  $\text{Id}$  ( $(\text{Id} - T)x - (\text{Id} - T)y$  in gray)

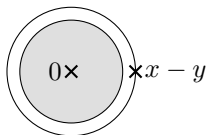


## Relation to (strong) monotonicity?

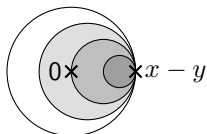
- can relate Lipschitz continuity, cocoercivity, and averagedness by scaling and shifting (they are all circles)
- cannot directly relate to (strong) monotonicity
- since  $\beta$ -cocoercivity is  $\beta$ -inverse strong monotonicity, can relate to strong monotonicity via inverse



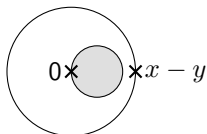
Strong mono.



Lipschitz



Averaged op.



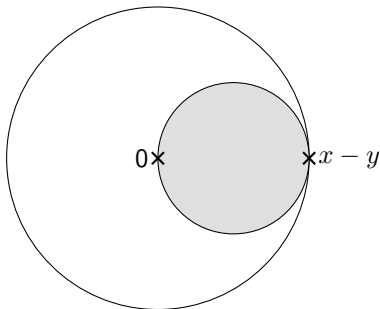
Cocoercive

## Exercise III

- $T^{-1}$  is 1-strongly monotone
- $T$  is  $\alpha$ -averaged, compute  $\alpha$
- $T$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -averaged

“proof”:

1. since  $T^{-1}$  is 1-inverse strongly monotone,  $T$  is 1-cocoercive ( $Tx - Ty$  in gray)
2. 1-cocoercivity defined as  $\frac{1}{2}$ -averagedness



# Summary

- we have discussed the following operator properties
  1. (strong) monotonicity
  2. Lipschitz continuity (nonexpansiveness, contractiveness)
  3. averaged operators
  4. cocoercive operators
- 2., 3., and 4. are related to each other by scaling and translating
- 2., 3., and 4. are related to 1. through the inverse operator
- iteration of averaged operators converge (sublinearly)
- iteration of contractive operators converge linearly