
Accelerating Proximal Gradient Descent via Silver Stepsizes

This notebook verifies the algebraic identities in Appendix B of the paper
“Accelerating Proximal Gradient Descent via Silver Stepsizes”
by Jinho Bok and Jason M. Altschuler [arXiv:2412.05497]

Definition

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In[*]:= (* Silver ratio *)  
rho = 1 + Sqrt[2];
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Verification of identity: certificate of (g, s) (Proposition B.9)

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In[*]:= (* Left hand side of identity in Proposition B.9 *)  
LHSgs = (G1) (S2 - S1) +  
  rho (G3) (2 S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 + S4) +  
  (G1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) G2 + G3) ((rho - 1 - 1 / rho ^ k) S4 + (rho + 1) S5) +  
  (rho ^ k) (G2) (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 + S4) +  
  (rho ^ k (rho + 1)) (G4) (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 + S4) -  
  (G1 + (rho ^ k) G2) (S2) -  
  rho ^ 2 (G1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) G2) (S5) -  
  rho ^ 2 (G3 + (rho ^ k) G4) (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3) -  
  rho ^ 2 (G3 + (rho ^ k) G4) (S5) -  
  (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (G2) (S1) -  
  (1 + 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (G1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) G2) (S3) -  
  rho (G4) ((rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 + S4) -  
  rho ^ k (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (G2) (S3) +  
  (rho - 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (G3) (S3) +  
  rho ^ k (G2) (S2 - S1) -  
  rho (G3) (S4) -  
  (rho ^ k) (G2) (S4);  
  
(* Right hand side of identity in Proposition B.9 *)  
RHSgs = - (G1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) G2 + G3 + (rho ^ (k + 1)) G4)  
  (S1 + (1 + 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 - (rho - 1 - 1 / rho ^ k) S4 + (rho) S5);  
  
(* Verifying identity *)  
LHSgs - RHSgs // FullSimplify  
  
Out[*]=  
0
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Verification of identity: certificate of (s, s) (Proposition B.10)

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In[*]:= (* Left hand side of identity in Proposition B.10 *)
LHSss = S1 (S2 - S1) +
  (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 + S4) ((rho - 1 - 1 / rho ^ k) S4 + (rho + 1) S5) -
  (1 / 2) (S2) ^ 2 -
  rho ^ 2 (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3) (S5) -
  (rho ^ 2 / 2) (S5) ^ 2 -
  (1 + 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (S3) (S1 + (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3) -
  rho ^ k (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (S3) ^ 2 +
  (rho - 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (S3) (S4) +
  rho ^ k (S3) (S2 - S1) -
  rho (S4) ^ 2 -
  rho ^ k (S3) (S4) +
  (1 / 2) (S2 - S1) ^ 2 +
  (rho ^ 2 / 2) (S5 - S4) ^ 2 +
  (1 / 2) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) (rho ^ (k + 1) + 1) (S3) ^ 2 -
  rho ^ k (S3) (S2 - S1) -
  rho (S3) (S4) -
  (1 / 2) (((rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) / rho ^ k) S3 - (rho - 1 / rho ^ k) S4 + (rho) S5) ^ 2;

(* Right hand side of identity in Proposition B.10 *)
RHSss =
  - (1 / 2) (S1 + (1 + 1 / rho ^ k) (rho ^ (k - 1) + 1) S3 - (rho - 1 - 1 / rho ^ k) S4 + (rho) S5) ^ 2;

(* Verifying identity *)
LHSss - RHSss // FullSimplify

Out[*]=
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