





Distributed optimisation: a subgradient averaging algorithm with convergence rates

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About the speaker

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Abstract

In this talk, I will present a new distributed algorithm to solve non-smooth optimisation problems where agents possess possibly different constraint sets. More specifically, I will discuss the following results: (1) asymptotic convergence of the generated iterates to a point in the optimal set for general time-varying step-sizes; (2) sublinear convergence rate for a step-size proportional to the inverse of the square-root of the iteration counter. This last result recovers standard rates for non-smooth optimisation (distributed) algorithms to the scenario of different constraint sets.