

# L-Lip: Convergence Guaranteed

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## L-Lip is a Property of Function

How many iter should we do GD:  $f(x^t) - f(x^*) = 0$

Def: A function  $f: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is **L-Lipschitz** if  $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{R}$

$$\frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{\text{dist between } f \text{ value}} \leq L \frac{\|x - y\|}{\text{dist between points}}$$

L that is not  $\infty$ , minimal one is the true description ( $\uparrow L$ , the less tight the theorem)

Bound on the derivatives, this holds in **differential geometry**, if you step one step in  $x$ , the function only step by  $L$  or less

Ex:  $f(x) = |x|$   $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$   $f$  is 1-Lip  $\ominus \ominus \oplus \oplus$   
When we say L-Lipschitz, we say the minimum Lip  $\oplus \oplus \oplus \ominus$

Ex:  $f(x) = x^2$   $|x^2 - y^2| \leq (x+y)|x-y| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$   
Unbounded:  $x^2$  is not Lip  
Constant depends on  $x, y$

## L-Lipschitz Bound $\nabla f(x)$

Lemma: If  $f$  is L-Lip, convex, and diff, then the  $\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq L \quad \forall x$   
(technically doesn't need to be here)

pf:  $\forall x, y, f(x) - f(y) \geq \nabla f(x)^T (y - x)$  convexity definition (function always  $\geq$  Tangent Plain)

$$L \|x - y\| \geq |f(x) - f(y)| \geq |\nabla f(x)^T (y - x)|$$

L-Lip                      convex

Pick  $y = x + \nabla f(x)$

$$L \|\nabla f(x)\| \geq \dots \geq |\nabla f(x)^T \nabla f(x)| = \|\nabla f(x)\|^2 \Rightarrow \|\nabla f(x)\| \leq L$$

L-Lip is the least complex optimization

## Reverse is True

Theorem:  $\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq L \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $f$  is L-Lip

Proof: Taylor Theorem

$$f(x) - f(y) = \nabla f(\tau x + (1-\tau)y)^T (x - y) \quad \text{for some } \tau \in (0, 1)$$

$$|f(x) - f(y)| = |\nabla f(\tau x + (1-\tau)y)^T (x - y)|$$

Cauchy-Schwartz:  $|w^T z| = \|w\| \|z\| \cos \theta \leq \|w\| \|z\|$

$$L\text{-Lip: } |f(x) - f(y)| \leq \|\nabla f(\dots)\| \|x - y\| \leq L \|x - y\|$$

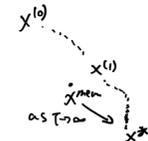
## Convergence Guarantee

Thm: Let  $f$  be convex, diff, and L-Lip

- assume  $\|x^{(0)} - x^*\| < R \rightarrow$  quality of first guess ( $R$  is abstract, can be whole domain)
- fix num of iteration of GD at  $T$
- choose learning rate that is  $\mu = \frac{R}{L^2 T} \rightarrow$  Fixed learning rate of all

Does it guarantee to go to zero?  
Do we know if zero exist at all?

Then  $f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} x^{(s)}\right) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{RL}{T}$   
 (Function value at the average of iteration)      (Average error on the order of  $\frac{1}{T}$ )  
 Convergence Rate: How fast does function  $\rightarrow$  zero as a function of  $T$



Ex:  $f$  is 2-Lip,  $x^{(0)}$  is  $\|x^{(0)} - x^*\| \leq 10$ ,  $T = 10,000$   
Then,  $\mu = 10/200 = 1/20$

The avg of all iteration gives that  $f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} x^{(s)}\right) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{20}{10,000} = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$   
( $L$  can be higher, but it would just not be tight bound)

## Proof

B/c  $f$  is convex:  $f(x^*) - f(x^{(s)}) \geq \nabla f(x^{(s)})^T (x^* - x^{(s)})$  ①  
Any other point has a tangent plain

B/c  $x^{(s+1)} = x^{(s)} - \mu \nabla f(x^{(s)})$   
 $\nabla f(x^{(s)}) = \frac{x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)}}{\mu}$  ②

From ① and ②:  $f(x^*) - f(x^{(s)}) \geq \frac{1}{\mu} \langle x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)}, x^* - x^{(s)} \rangle$   
 multiply by -1:  $f(x^{(s)}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \langle x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)}, x^{(s)} - x^* \rangle$  ③  
 (where you are      How far from  $x^*$ )  
 These 2 are pointing at opposite direction, equation stopped sustained

from LA:  $\langle a, b \rangle = \frac{\|a\|^2 + \|b\|^2 - \|a-b\|^2}{2}$

$$f(x^{(s)}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \|x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)}\|^2 + \|x^{(s)} - x^*\|^2 - \|x^{(s+1)} - x^*\|^2 \right)$$

the same

From GD:  $x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)} = \mu \nabla f(x^{(s)})$  ④

$$f(x^{(s)}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \|x^{(s)} - x^{(s+1)}\|^2 - \|x^{(s+1)} - x^*\|^2 \right) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\nabla f(x^{(s)})\|^2$$

S term                      S+1 term

Telescoping Theory: Sum from  $0 \rightarrow T-1$ , there are  $T$  equation here, all middle ones cancel, only 1st and last term exist

$$\sum_{s=0}^{T-1} (f(x^{(s)}) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu} (\|x^{(0)} - x^*\|^2 - \|x^{(T)} - x^*\|^2) + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} \|\nabla f(x^{(s)})\|^2$$

$R^2$  since it's quality  $\geq 0$  value (don't care)  $L^2$  since  $\|\nabla f(x^{(s)})\| \leq L$  for L-Lip  $f$  of guess

$$\dots \leq \frac{R^2}{2\mu} + \frac{\mu}{2} T L^2$$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} (f(x^{(s)}) - f(x^*)) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu T} R^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} L^2$$

Convex  $f \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} x^{(s)}\right) \leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} f(x^{(s)})$  ⑤

Convexity for a bunch of point, Proof by induction:  $1V, T-1V, TV$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} x^{(s)}\right) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{1}{2\mu T} R^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} L^2$$

Choose a min  $\mu$ ,  $\mu = \frac{R}{L^2 T}$  Tightest (Choosing a  $\mu$  so 2 terms are equal to each other)

$$\text{Then } f\left(\frac{1}{T} \sum_{s=0}^{T-1} x^{(s)}\right) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{RL}{T}$$

GD Converges and we know it for sure it works in  $T$  iteration when initial guess is in  $R$  and the function is convex, differentiable, and L-Lip