

1 Proof of Theorem 1

Definition 1.1. (Delyon 1996)

Recall our update

$$\mathbf{m}_n - \mathbf{m}_{n-1} = \gamma_n h(\mathbf{m}_n) - \gamma_n \eta_n$$

Let γ_n be a sequence with $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i = \infty$ and $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \gamma_i^2 < \infty$. Let η_n be a perturbation, $\eta_n = e_n + r_n$. A stochastic algorithm is *A-stable* if $\mathbf{m}_n \in K_0$ infinitely often, where K_0 is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n and the series $\sum \gamma_n e_n$ or $\sum \gamma_n e_n \mathbb{1}_{V(\mathbf{m}_n) \leq M}$ converges for all M and $r_n \rightarrow 0$.

For technical reasons, we project our weights down to a reasonable compact set where we know the true parameters lie if they ever become unreasonably large. We note that this set can be made arbitrarily large, and for a sufficiently small initial step size we have found this projection does not need to be done in practice. This ensures that the sequence returns infinitely often to a compact set. We note that biological neurons also have physical limitations on their selectivity, which act as effective projections.

Theorem 1.2. (Delyon 1996) *The vector field h is defined on an open set $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}$. There exists a nonnegative C_1 Lyapunov function V and a finite set $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{O}$ s.t.*

- 1) $V(x)$ tends to $+\infty$ if $x \rightarrow \partial\mathcal{O}$ or $|x| \rightarrow \infty$
- 2) h is continuous and $\langle \nabla V(x), h(x) \rangle < 0$ if $x \notin \mathcal{K}$
- 3) *Conditions for Projection: Let $\pi(x)$ be a continuous projection onto a compact set $\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{O}$ s.t. $\pi(x) = x$ for $x \in \mathcal{Q}$, and $\langle \nabla V(x), \pi(x) - x \rangle < -\delta |\pi(x) - x|$ for some x in $\mathcal{O} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$*

Let $\mathbf{m}_n = \mathbf{m}_{n-1} + \gamma_n h(\mathbf{m}_{n-1}) + \gamma_n \eta_n$. We further require that the stochastic algorithm is *A-stable*. Then, $d(\mathbf{m}_n, \mathcal{K})$ converges to 0.

Theorem 1.3. *For the full rank case, the projected update converges w.p. 1 to the zeros of $\nabla \Phi$*

Proof. Let \mathcal{O} be an open neighborhood of B . We replace our update with its projected version

$$\mathbf{m} = \pi(\gamma_n \phi(c^2, c^3, \theta_{n-1}) \mathbf{d}^1) \quad (1)$$

This projection gives us the first part of the A-stability immediately. Furthermore, the bounded variance of each P_k and the boundedness of \mathbf{m} means each c has bounded variance, so the martingale increment has bounded variance. This, plus the requirement that $\sum \gamma_i^2 < \infty$ means the martingale is bounded in L_2 so it converges. This gives us the A-stability of the sequence.

Let $V = -R$ then conditions 1) and 2) of Delyon are clearly satisfied. The optional projection requirement is satisfied by noting that for some C

$$\frac{1}{C} \mathbf{m}^T M \mathbf{m} < \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 < C \mathbf{m}^T M \mathbf{m}$$

and for large enough \mathbf{m}

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla \Phi, \pi(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{m} \rangle &< C \|\mathbf{m}\|^4) \\ \text{and } \|\pi(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{m}\| &= C'(O(\|\mathbf{m}\|)) \end{aligned}$$

where $C' = \frac{r}{\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{m}} - 1$ so for sufficiently large r the optional projection requirement is satisfied. Therefore the stochastic algorithm converges with probability 1 to the zeros of ∇R . \square