The Theoretical analysis of Trust-Region Methods in Derivative-Free Optimization

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DFO Problems

black-box optimization / derivative-free optimization / zeroth-order optimization

 $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f(x)$



Applications:

- simulation-based optimization
- hyperparameter tuning
- $\bullet\,$ neural network adversarial attack $\ldots\,$

Difficulties:

- only zeroth-order information, possibly very expensive to obtain and/or noisy
- $\bullet\,$ unknown structure of $f\colon$ smoothness, convexity, noise level, type of constraints, etc...

DFO Algorithms

- grid search and direct/pattern search
 - simplex methods (Nelder-Mead ...)
 - directional direct-search
 - mesh adaptive direct search
 - DIviding RECTangles (DIRECT) ...
- meta-heuristics
 - simulated annealing
 - particle swarm optimization
 - genetic algorithm ...
- derivative-based methods with derivatives estimated by finite difference
 - finite difference + gradient descent or Newton's method
 - implicit filtering
 - Nesterov's gradient free method ...
- Bayesian optimization
- evolutionary strategies (e.g. CMA-ES)
- Powell's DFO algorithms

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Powell's DFO algorithms

The objective function f is

- (pretty much) smooth,
- (almost) noiseless,
- very expensive to evaluate.

Algorithm: The Skeleton of Powell's DFO algorithms

Inputs: starting point x_0 , starting trust-region radius δ_0 , and other hyperparameters

for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ do

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Sample set management:

Choose a sample set $\mathcal{Y}_k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

(reuse) Most points in \mathcal{Y}_k are evaluated in the previous iterations.

Evaluate f(y) for all $y \in \mathcal{Y}_k$ that has not been evaluated.

2 Polynomial interpolation:

Use a linear or quadratic function m_k to interpolate f on \mathcal{Y}_k .

3 Trust-region method:

Calculate $x^+ = \arg \min\{m_k(x) : ||x - x_k|| \le \delta_k\}$ and evaluate $f(x^+)$. Assign values to x_{k+1} and δ_{k+1} accordingly.

Powell's DFO algorithms

COBYLA Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximation

M. J. D. Powell. A direct search optimization method that models the objective and constraint functions by linear interpolation. In S. Gomez and J. P. Hennart, editors, *Advances in Optimization and Numerical Analysis*, pages 51–67, Dordrecht, NL, 1994. Springer.

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LINCOA LINearly Constrained Optimization Algorithm

Powell's DFO algorithms



An outline of the NEWUOA algorithm

DFO-TR

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Algorithm: DFO-TR: a Simple Derivative-Free Trust-Region Method

Inputs: starting $x_0, \mathcal{Y}_0, \delta_0$, and $0 < \gamma_1 < 1 < \gamma_2$ and $0 < \eta_1 < \eta_2 < 1$. for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ do

Sample set management:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{k} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{Y}_{0} & \text{if } k = 0, \\ \mathcal{Y}_{k-1} \cup \{x_{k-1}^{+}\} & \text{if } |\mathcal{Y}_{k-1}| < (n+2)(n+1)/2, \\ \mathcal{Y}_{k-1} \setminus \underset{y \in \mathcal{Y}_{k-1}}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \{ \|y - x_{k}\| \} \cup \{x_{k-1}^{+}\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Polynomial interpolation: Build a quadratic model $m_k(x_k + s) = f_k + g_k^{\mathsf{T}}s + s^{\mathsf{T}}H_ks/2$ by solving $\min_{f_k,q_k,H_k} ||H_k||_F$ s.t. $m_k(y) = f(y)$ for all $y \in \mathcal{Y}_k$.

Trust-region method:

Calculate $x_k^+ = \arg\min\{m_k(x) : \|x - x_k\| \le \delta_k\}$ and evaluate $f(x_k^+)$. Calculate $\rho_k = (f(x_k) - f(x_k^+))/(m_k(x_k) - m_k(x_k^+))$.

$$(x_{k+1}, \delta_{k+1}) = \begin{cases} (x_k, \gamma_1 \delta_k) & \text{if } \rho_k < \eta_1, \\ (x^+, \delta_k) & \text{if } \eta_1 \le \rho_k < \eta_2, \\ (x^+, \gamma_2 \delta_k) & \text{if } \rho_k \ge \eta_2. \end{cases}$$

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f follows common assumptions

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$$\begin{cases} f_k = f(x_k) + e(x_k) \\ g_k = \nabla m_k(x_k) & \text{instead of} \\ H_k = \nabla^2 m_k(x_k) & \nabla^2 f(x). \end{cases}$$

Definition (fully linear model)

A function m_k is a $(\kappa_{eg}, \kappa_{ef})$ -fully linear model of f on $B(x_k, \delta_k)$, if for every $x \in B(x_k, \delta_k)$, $\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla m_k(x)\| \le \kappa_{eg} \delta_k$, $|f(x) - m_k(x)| \le \kappa_{ef} \delta_k^2$.

Definition (fully quadratic model)

A function m_k is a $(\kappa_{eh}, \kappa_{eg}, \kappa_{ef})$ -fully quadratic model of f on $B(x_k, \delta_k)$, if for every $x \in B(x_k, \delta_k)$, $\|\nabla^2 f(x) - \nabla^2 m_k(x)\| \le \kappa_{eh} \delta_k$, $\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla m_k(x)\| \le \kappa_{eg} \delta_k^2$, $|f(x) - m_k(x)| \le \kappa_{ef} \delta_k^3$.

Definition (probabilistically sufficiently accurate model)

A sequence of random models $\{M_k\}$ is *p*-probabilistically fully linear/quadratic for a corresponding sequence $\{B(X_k, \Delta_k)\}$ if it satisfies the following submartingale condition

 $\mathbb{P}\left\{M_k \text{ is a fully linear/quadratic model of } f \text{ on } B(X_k, \Delta_k) | \mathcal{F}_k\right\} \geq p.$

History: the Origin

A.S. Bandeira, K. Scheinberg, L.N. Vicente. Computation of sparse low degree interpolating polynomials and their application to derivative-free optimization. *Mathematical programming.* 2012 Aug;134(1):223-57.

Applying compressive sensing to trust-region DFO:

$$\min_{f_k, g_k, H_k} \|\operatorname{vec}(H_k)\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^p (m_k(y_i) - f(y_i))^2 \le \eta.$$

Theorem

Assume f is twice differentiable, and its Hessian is Lipschitz continuous and h-sparse. Given x, δ , and a set of p random points $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, \ldots, y_p\}$ chosen with respect to the uniform measure in $B_{\infty}(x; \delta)$ with

$$\frac{p}{\log p} \ge 9c_1(h+n+1)(\log(h+n+1))^2\log q,$$

the solution to the above problem provides a $(\kappa_{ef}, \kappa_{eg}, \kappa_{eh})$ -fully quadratic model of f on $B_{\infty}(x; \delta)$ with probability larger than $1 - n^{-c_2 \log p}$. The constants c_1 and c_2 are universal and $(\kappa_{ef}, \kappa_{eg}, \kappa_{eh})$ do not depend on x or δ .

On the Convergence of Stochastic TR

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Build a quadratic model $m_k(x_k + s) = f(x_k) + \langle g_k, s \rangle + 0.5 \langle H_k s, s \rangle$ 1

Compute s_k by approximately minimizing m_k in $B(x_k, \delta_k)$ so that it satisfies 2 the Cauchy decrease condition

$$m_k(x_k) - m_k(x_k + s_k) \ge \frac{1}{2} \|g_k\| \min\left\{\frac{\|g_k\|}{\|H_k\|}, \delta_k\right\}.$$

Compute 3

$$\rho_{k} = \frac{f_{k} - f_{k}^{+} + r}{m_{k}(x_{k}) - m_{k}(x_{k} + s_{k})}$$

 $\eta_2 \delta_k$ $n_2\delta_k$

4 if
$$\rho_k \ge \eta_1$$
 then
Set $x_{k+1} = x_k + s_k$ and
 $\delta_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \gamma^{-1} \delta_k & \text{if } \|g_k\| \ge 0 \\ \gamma \delta_k, & \text{if } \|g_k\| \le 0 \end{cases}$

Set
$$x_{k+1} = x_k$$
 and $\delta_{k+1} = \gamma \delta_k$

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Stochastic Oracles

Let $\varphi^{(j)}\left(x_k, \xi_k^{(j)}, \mathcal{S}_k^{(j)}\right)$ be the *j*th-order oracle that returns an estimate of $\nabla^j f(x_k)$ such that $\mathbb{P}_{\varepsilon^{(j)}}\left\{ \|\varphi^{(j)}\left(x_k, \xi_k^{(j)}, \mathcal{S}^{(j)}\right) - \nabla^j f(x_k)\| \le e \Big| \mathcal{F}_k \right\} \ge p$

for all

 $(e,p) \in \mathcal{S}_k^{(j)} \subset [0,\infty) \times [0,1].$



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Assumption

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- **2** The sequence of random models $\{M_k\}$ is p_m -probabilistically $(\kappa_{ef}, \kappa_{eg})$ -fully linear for sufficiently large p_m , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\|\nabla f(X_k) - \nabla M_k(X_k)\| \le \kappa_{eg}\Delta_k \text{ and }}{|f(x) - M_k(x)| \le \kappa_{ef}\Delta_k^2 \ \forall x \in B(X_k, \Delta_k)} \middle| \mathcal{F}_k\right) \ge p_m.$$

2 The sequence of random estimates $\{(F_k, F_k^+)\}$ is p_0 -probabilistically ϵ_f -accurate for sufficiently large p_0 and sufficiently small ϵ_f , *i.e.*,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{|f(X_k) - F_k| \le \epsilon_f \text{ and }}{|f(X_k^+) - F_k^+| \le \epsilon_f} \middle| \mathcal{F}_k\right) \ge p_0.$$



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 $\mathbb{P}\left\{\left\|\nabla M_k(X_k) - \nabla f(X_k)\right\| \le \kappa_{\rm eg}\Delta_k + \epsilon_g |\mathcal{F}_k\right\} \ge p_1.$

• The sequence of random estimates $\{(F_k, F_k^+)\}$ is (ϵ_f, a) -subexponentially distributed, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{ |F_k - f(X_k)| \le e |\mathcal{F}_k \right\} \\ \mathbb{P}\left\{ |F_k^+ - f(X_k^+)| \le e |\mathcal{F}_k \right\}$$

$$\geq \exp(a(\epsilon_f - e)).$$



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Lemma

If
$$||g_k - \nabla f(x_k)|| \le \kappa_{eg} \delta_k + \epsilon_g$$
 holds, then

$$|m_k(x) - f(x)| \le (L_1 + \kappa_{\text{bhm}} + 2\kappa_{\text{eg}})\delta_k^2/2 + \epsilon_g \delta_k$$

for all $x \in B(x_k, \delta_k)$.

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© convergence

 $\liminf_{k \to \infty} \|\nabla f(x_k)\| \le \epsilon$

(e) expected complexity

$$\mathbb{E}\min\{k: \|\nabla f(X_k)\| \le \epsilon\} = \mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon^2)$$

(h) high probability convergence

 $\mathbb{P} \{\min\{\|\nabla f(X_k)\|: 0 \le k \le T - 1\} < \epsilon\}$ \ge a function of T the converges to 1 as T increase

for $T \geq \mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon^2)$ and some sufficiently large ϵ .

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subexponential zeroth-order noise and $\epsilon_f \geq 0$ and $\mathcal{S}^{(1)} = (0, \infty) \times [0, \bar{p}_1]$ for sufficiently large \bar{p}_1 :

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random variables:	X_k	X_k^+	\mathcal{E}_k	\mathcal{E}_k^+	
realizations:	x_k	$x_k + s_k$	$ f_k - f(x_k) $	$ f_k^+ - f(x_k + s_k) $	
random variables:	M_k	∇M_k	$\nabla^2 M_k$	Δ_k	ρ_k
realizations:	m_k	g_k	H_k	δ_k	ρ_k

Define

$$I_{k} = \mathbb{1}\{\|\nabla M_{k} - \nabla f(X_{k})\| \leq \kappa_{\text{eg}}\Delta_{k} + \epsilon_{g}\}$$

$$J_{k} = \mathbb{1}\{\mathcal{E}_{k} + \mathcal{E}_{k}^{+} \leq r\}$$

$$\Lambda_{k} = \mathbb{1}\{\Delta_{k} > \bar{\Delta}\}$$

$$\Theta_{k} = \mathbb{1}\{\rho_{k} \geq \eta_{1} \text{ and } \|\nabla M_{k}\| \geq \eta_{2}\Delta_{k}\}$$

$$\Theta_{k}' = \mathbb{1}\{\rho_{k} \geq \eta_{1}\}$$

where $\overline{\Delta} = C_1 \min_{0 \le k \le T-1} \|\nabla f(X_k)\| - C_2 \epsilon_g.$

gradient sufficiently accurate zeroth-order noise compensated large TR radius successful step accepted step

Classification of Iterations

	$I_k = 1, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 1, J_k = 0$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 0$		
	*	1	x	*	1	x	*	1	×	*	1	X
$\Delta_k \in (\bar{\Delta},\infty)$	1	4	5	6	9	11	13	16	18	20	23	25
$\Delta_k \in (\gamma \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\Delta}]$	2			7			14			21		
$\Delta_k \in (0, \gamma \bar{\Delta}]$	3			8	10	12	15	17	19	22	24	26

Lemma (sufficient condition for successful step)

If $I_k J_k = 1$ and $\Lambda_k = 0$ then $\Theta_k = 1$.

Lemma (progress made in each iteration)

Let $h(\delta) = C_3 \delta^2$. Then we have

$$f(X_k) - f(X_{k+1}) \ge \begin{cases} h(\Delta_k) - \mathcal{E}_k - \mathcal{E}_k^+ - r & \text{if } \Theta_k = 1 \text{ (successful)} \\ -\mathcal{E}_k - \mathcal{E}_k^+ - r & \text{if } \Theta_k' = 1 \text{ (accepted)} \\ 0 & \text{if } \Theta_k' = 0 \text{ (rejected)}. \end{cases}$$

Lemma (total progress)

$$h(\gamma\bar{\Delta})\sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta_k\Lambda_k \le f(x_0) - f_* + \sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta'_k\left(\mathcal{E}_k + \mathcal{E}_k^+ + r\right).$$

Lemma of Total Progress

Lemma (total loss)

For any $t \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \left(\mathcal{E}_k + \mathcal{E}_k^+ + r\right) \ge T(4/a + 2\epsilon_f + r) + t\right\} \le \exp\left(-\frac{a}{4}t\right).$$

Let t = rT.

Lemma (total progress)

$$h(\gamma\bar{\Delta})\sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta_k\Lambda_k \le f(x_0) - f_* + \sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta'_k \left(\mathcal{E}_k + \mathcal{E}_k^+ + r\right)$$

< $f(x_0) - f_* + T(4/a + 2\epsilon_f + 2r)$

with probability at least $1 - \exp\left(-\frac{ar}{4}T\right)$.

$$h(\gamma\bar{\Delta}) = \gamma^2 C_3 \left(C_1 \min_{0 \le k \le T-1} \|\nabla f(X_k)\| - C_2 \epsilon_g \right)^2$$

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Classification of Iterations

	$I_k = 1, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 1, J_k = 0$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 0$		
	*	~	×	*	1	×	*	1	×	*	1	x
$\Delta_k \in (\bar{\Delta}, \infty)$	1	4	5	6	9	11	13	16	18	20	23	25
$\Delta_k \in (\gamma \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\Delta}]$	2			7			14			21		
$\Delta_k \in (0, \gamma \bar{\Delta}]$	3			8	10	12	15	17	19	22	24	26

Lemma (total progress)

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{h(\gamma\bar{\Delta})\sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta_k\Lambda_k \le f(x_0) - f_* + T(4/a + 2\epsilon_f + 2r)\right\} \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{ar}{4}T\right).$$

Ups and Downs of the Radius



Downs and Ups of the Radius

	$I_k = 1, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 1, J_k = 0$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 0, J_k = 0$		
	*	1	×	*	1	×	*	1	×	*	1	×
$\Delta_k \in (\bar{\Delta},\infty)$	1	4	5	6	9	11	13	16	18	20	23	25
$\Delta_k \in (\gamma \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\Delta}]$	2			7			14			21		
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Trust-Region Methods in DFO

Iterations with Sufficiently Accurate Gradient Estimate



Lemma

Assume $\mathbb{P}\{I_k = 1 \mid \mathcal{F}_k\} \ge p_1$ holds. By Azuma-Hoeffding inequality, for any positive integer T and any $\hat{p}_1 \in [0, p_1]$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} I_k > \hat{p}_1 T\right\} \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_1/p_1)^2}{2}T\right).$$

Iterations with Sufficiently Accurate Function Evaluation

	$I_k = 1, J_k = 1$			$I_k = 1, J_k = 0$			I_k	$= 0, J_k =$	= 1	$I_k = 0, J_k = 0$		
	*	~	×	*	~	×	*	~	×	*	~	x
$\Delta_k \in (\bar{\Delta}, \infty)$	1	4	5	6	9	11	13	16	18	20	23	25
$\Delta_k \in (\gamma \bar{\Delta}, \bar{\Delta}]$	2			7			14			21		
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Lemma

Assume both $\mathbb{P}\{\mathcal{E}_k > t\}$ and $\mathbb{P}\{\mathcal{E}_k^+ > t\}$ are $\leq \exp(a(\epsilon_f - t))$. Let $p_0 = 1 - 2\exp(a[\epsilon_f - r/2])$. For any positive integer T and any $\hat{p}_0 \in [0, p_0]$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} J_k > \hat{p}_0 T\right\} \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_0/p_0)^2}{2}T\right).$$

Analysis

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} (1-\Theta_k)\Lambda_k &< \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \Theta_k\Lambda_k + \min\left\{\log_\gamma\left(\frac{\delta_0}{\bar{\Delta}}\right), 0\right\} + 1\\ \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \Theta_k (1-\Lambda_k) &< \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} (1-\Theta_k)(1-\Lambda_k) + \min\left\{\log_\gamma\left(\frac{\bar{\Delta}}{\delta_0}\right), 0\right\} + 1\\ \mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} I_k > \hat{p}_1 T\right\} &\geq 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_1/p_1)^2}{2}T\right)\\ \mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} J_k > \hat{p}_0 T\right\} &\geq 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_0/p_0)^2}{2}T\right)\\ &\Downarrow \end{split}$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \Theta_k \Lambda_k > \left(\hat{p}_0 + \hat{p}_1 - \frac{3}{2}\right) T - \frac{1}{2} \left| \log_\gamma \frac{\bar{\Delta}}{\delta_0} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \right\} \\ \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_1/p_1)^2}{2}T\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_0/p_0)^2}{2}T\right)$$

Main Result

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{h(\gamma\bar{\Delta})\sum_{k=0}^{T-1}\Theta_k\Lambda_k \le f(x_0) - f_* + T(4/a + 2\epsilon_f + 2r)\right\} \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{ar}{4}T\right).$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \Theta_k \Lambda_k > \left(\hat{p}_0 + \hat{p}_1 - \frac{3}{2}\right) T - \frac{1}{2} \left| \log_\gamma \frac{\bar{\Delta}}{\delta_0} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$
$$\geq 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_1/p_1)^2}{2}T\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_0/p_0)^2}{2}T\right)$$

Lemma

When the modified 1st-order TR method is applied to L_1 -Lipschitz smooth functions, it holds that

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{h(\gamma\bar{\Delta})\left[\left(\hat{p}_{0}+\hat{p}_{1}-\frac{3}{2}\right)T-\frac{1}{2}\left|\log_{\gamma}\frac{\bar{\Delta}}{\delta_{0}}\right|-\frac{1}{2}\right] < f(x_{0})-f_{*}+(2\epsilon_{f}+4/a+2r)T\right\}$$

$$\geq 1-\exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_{1}/p_{1})^{2}}{2}T\right)-\exp\left(-\frac{(1-\hat{p}_{0}/p_{0})^{2}}{2}T\right)-\exp\left(-\frac{ar}{4}T\right).$$

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Theorem

Let assumptions hold. Given any
$$\epsilon > \sqrt{\frac{4\epsilon_f + 8/a + 2r}{C_3\gamma^2 C_1^2(2p_0 + 2p_1 - 3)}} + \frac{C_2}{C_1}\epsilon_g$$
, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\min\{\|\nabla f(X_k)\|: \ 0 \le k \le T - 1\} \le \epsilon\} \ge 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_1/p_1)^2}{2}T\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{(1 - \hat{p}_0/p_0)^2}{2}T\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{ar}{4}T\right)$$

for any \hat{p}_0 and \hat{p}_1 such that $\hat{p}_0 + \hat{p}_1 \in \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2\epsilon_f + 4/a + r}{C_3\gamma^2(C_1\epsilon - C_2\epsilon_g)^2}, p_0 + p_1\right]$, any $t \ge 0$, and any

$$T \ge \left(\hat{p}_0 + \hat{p}_1 - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{2\epsilon_f + 4/a + 2r}{C_3\gamma^2(C_1\epsilon - C_2\epsilon_g)^2}\right)^{-1} \\ \left[\frac{f(x_0) - f_*}{C_3\gamma^2(C_1\epsilon - C_2\epsilon_g)^2} + \frac{1}{2}\left|\log_\gamma \frac{C_1\epsilon - C_2\epsilon_g}{\delta_0}\right| + \frac{1}{2}\right] = \bar{\mathcal{O}}(\epsilon^{-2}).$$

- Analyses under bounded noise assumption.
- Second-order TR method and analysis.
- Numerically testing the strength of the theoretical results.
- Experimenting with different values for r.