COMPUTATIONAL METHODS IN APPLIED INVERSE PROBLEMS

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- Calibration and simulation of deformable objects
- Data manipulation and completion
- Estimating the trace of a large implicit matrix and applications
- Numerical analysis in visual computing: not too little, not too much

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Trace estimators

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WHICH PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION?

Can choose from several:

- Gaussian: normal distribution
- Hutchinson: Rademacher distribution for $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_s)^T$, $Pr(w_j = 1) = Pr(w_j = -1) = 1/2$
- Random subset (RS) of scaled columns of the identity matrix.

Selling features:

- Hutchinson (1990) showed that Rademacher has smaller variance than normal distribution. This made the Hutchinson choice popular in industry, too.
- RS applies to general matrices, unlike the other two. On the other hand, for SPSD matrices, RS is somewhat slower than the other two.

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PROBABILISTIC BOUNDS, ROOSTA & A.

[Roosta-Khorasani & A., 2015; Avron & Toledo, 2011] following [Achlioptas, 2001], want *n* smallest for a desired quality, look for probabilistic bounds.

- Given pair (ε, δ) positive and small
- Probability distribution Δ
- Want lower bound on n such that

$$Pr(|tr^{n}_{\Delta}(A) - tr(A)| \le \varepsilon \ tr(A)) \ge 1 - \delta$$
$$tr^{n}_{\Delta}(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbf{w}_{j}^{T} A \mathbf{w}_{j}$$

with \mathbf{w}_j drawn from probability distribution Δ

GENERAL SUFFICIENT BOUNDS

Given a pair (ε, δ) , denote

$$c = c(\varepsilon, \delta) = \varepsilon^{-2} \ln(2/\delta).$$

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Note that these bounds are independent of matrix properties! They are interesting for large size s and mild tolerance ε .

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More specific sufficient bounds

• **Theorem 1b.** Using Gaussian probability distribution, let $\mathcal{K}_G = \frac{\|A\|}{tr(A)}$. Then the probabilistic bound holds if

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• Theorem 3. Let $\mathcal{K}_U = \max_{\substack{1 \leq i, j \leq s \\ i \neq i}} \frac{s}{tr(A)} |a_{ii} - a_{jj}|.$

Then, using RS distribution, the probabilistic bound holds with U_1 if

$$n > \frac{\mathcal{K}_U^2}{2} c(\varepsilon, \delta) \equiv \mathcal{F}$$

and with U_2 if

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EXAMPLE (s = 1000, $\varepsilon = \delta = 0.2$)

Consider $A = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T / ||\mathbf{x}||^2$, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^s$, and for some $\theta > 0$, $x_i = \exp(-i\theta)$, $1 \le i \le s$. Then (denoting r = rank(A))

$$tr(A) = 1, r = 1.$$



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[A. & Roosta, 2016]

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EXAMPLE: ELECTROMAGNETIC DATA INVERSION IN MINING EXPLORATION

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- Assuming $\eta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$, the maximum likelihood (ML) data misfit function is

 $\phi(\mathbf{m}) = \|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2$

• The discrepancy principle yields the stopping criterion

 $\phi(\mathbf{m}) \leq \rho$, where $\rho = \sigma^2 l_{\text{B}}$ is the set of σ

STOPPING CRITERION ASSESSMENT

• Here we have a meaningful tolerance for an interesting class of problems!

However:

- Idealized statistical assumptions often do not quite hold in practice.
- In computations, under these possibly unrealistic assumptions, wanting to fit data but not noise, we typically reduce $\phi(\mathbf{m})$ to about $\approx 1.5\rho$.
- Importantly, we are really after minimizing ||m^{*} m||, not φ(m).
 It's just that the latter is what we have to work with.
- So, assuming that a known tolerance ρ must be satisfied could be too rigid.

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FOR THE EM DATA INVERSION EXAMPLE

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REGULARIZATION AND CONSTRAINED FORMULATIONS

• Typically, solve iteratively and approximately a regularized problem

$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{m}) + \beta R(\mathbf{m}),$

where $R(\mathbf{m}) \ge 0$ is a **prior**, $\beta > 0$ a parameter.

• Equivalent constrained formulation:

 $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{m}), \quad \text{s.t. } R(\mathbf{m}) \leq \tau.$

• Another equivalent constrained formulation:

 $\min_{\mathbf{m}} R(\mathbf{m}), \quad \text{s.t. } \phi(\mathbf{m}) \leq \rho.$

The non-negative parameters ρ , τ , β are related to one another in a nontrivial manner.

• In the above context we may know ρ to a higher certainty level than the other two!

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PDE inverse problems & many data sets

- Nonlinear parameter function estimation problems involving partial differential equation (PDE) constraints
- Many measurements for obtaining credible reconstructions
- Applications
 - Electromagnetic data inversion in mining exploration
 - Seismic data inversion in oil exploration
 - Direct current (DC) resistivity
 - Electrical impedance tomography (EIT)
 - Diffuse optical tomography (DOT)
 - Quantitative photoacoustic tomography (QPAT)

EXAMPLE: FULL WAVEFORM INVERSION



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EXAMPLE: EIT





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INVERSE PROBLEM WITH *s* DATA SETS

After discretization and for our problems of interest:

 $\mathbf{d}_{i} = \mathbf{f}_{i}(\mathbf{m}) + \eta_{i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ $\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{m}) = P\mathbf{u}_i = PG(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{q}_i$

Calculating " $G(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{q}_i$ " for each *i* is costly!

- $\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathbb{R}^l$ is the measurement obtained in the *i*th experiment
- \mathbf{f}_i is the known forward operator for the i^{th} experiment
- $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^{l_m}$ is the sought-after model
- η_i is the noise incurred in the i^{th} experiment
- s is the total number of experiments
- $\mathbf{u}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{l_u}$ is the *i*th field
- $\mathbf{q}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{l_u}$ is the *i*th source
- G^{-1} is a square matrix discretizing the PDE with the BC
- $P = P_i$ is the projection matrix for the *i*th experiment

MERIT FUNCTION

- Assume $\eta_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I)$
- Maximum Likelihood (ML) data misfit:

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{i=1}^{s} \|\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}_i\|_2^2 = \|F(\mathbf{m}) - D\|_F^2$$

- $F \in \mathbb{R}^{l imes s}$ with $\mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{m})$ for i^{th} column
- $D \in \mathbb{R}^{l imes s}$ with \mathbf{d}_i for i^{th} column
- Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) merit function:

 $\phi_{R,\beta}(\mathbf{m}) = \phi(\mathbf{m}) + \beta R(\mathbf{m})$

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EXAMPLE: DC RESISTIVITY

• PDE with multiple sources

$$abla \cdot (\mu(\mathbf{x}) \nabla u_i) = q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s,$$

 $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial \Omega} = 0.$

- Conductivity $\mu(\mathbf{x})$ is expressed as a point-wise function of $m(\mathbf{x})$.
- The operator $G(\mathbf{m})$ is the inverse of the above PDE discretized on a staggered grid.
- Use different selections of sources q_i, yielding corresponding fields u_i.
- Data is measured only on part of the domain's boundary.
- Use any prior we may have for this very difficult problem!

DC RESISTIVITY EXPERIMENT SETUP

 $\bullet\,$ Domain Ω is the unit square. Sources are of the form

$$q_i(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1^i) - \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2^i)$$

with \mathbf{x}_1 positive unit point source on west boundary, \mathbf{x}_2 negative unit point source on east boundary. Vary p boundary wall locations to get $s = p^2$ data sets.

- Receivers are all grid points on north and south walls. No sources or receivers at corners.
- Uniform 64×64 mesh
- For bounds set $\mu_{\max} = 1.2 \max \mu(\mathbf{x}), \ \mu_{\min} = 1.2^{-1} \min \mu(\mathbf{x})$
- PCG inner iteration limit $\tilde{r} = 20$; cgtol = 1.e-3.

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APPROXIMATING MISFIT FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY

- Look for inexpensive approximations for $\phi(\mathbf{m})$
- Define $B = F(\mathbf{m}) D$ and $A = B^T B$ SPSD. Then

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}) = \|B\|_F^2 = tr(A) = \mathbb{E}(\|B\mathbf{w}\|_2^2),$$

where tr(A) is the trace of A, \mathbb{E} is expectation, and \mathbf{w} is random vector drawn from any distribution satisfying $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{ww}^{T}) = I$.

• So, apply Monte Carlo sampling to the expectation:

$$\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{m},n) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \|B(\mathbf{m})\mathbf{w}_{j}\|_{2}^{2} \approx \phi(\mathbf{m}).$$

• Can achieve this in only *n* forward operator evaluations because $\sum_{i=1}^{s} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{q}_{i}) w_{i}^{(j)} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m}, \sum_{i=1}^{s} w_{i}^{(j)} \mathbf{q}_{i}) \text{ for each random vector realization } \mathbf{w}_{j} = (w_{1}^{(j)}, \dots, w_{s}^{(j)})^{T}.$

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How LARGE SHOULD n BE?

- Obviously, probabilistically the larger *n*, the closer is $\phi(\mathbf{m}, n)$ to $\phi(\mathbf{m})$.
- This brings again the question how important it is to evaluate φ(m) exactly, which in turn depends on the certainty we have in the error model and the corresponding stopping criterion.
- Here it is natural to satisfy our original stopping criterion only within some probability range.
- We simplify discussion by assuming that ρ is given and the error model is approximately valid.

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- Define $Q(n) := \frac{1}{n}Q_n$, where $Q_n \sim \chi_n^2$ denotes a chi-squared r.v of degree *n*. Note that $Q(n) \sim Gamma(n/2, n/2)$.
- Consider satisfying

$$\Pr\left(tr_n(A) \ge (1-\varepsilon)tr(A)\right) \ge 1-\delta.$$
(1)

• Theorem 4.

(I) Sufficient condition: there exists some integer $n_0 \ge 1$ such that

$$\Pr\left(Q(n_0) < (1-\varepsilon)\right) \leq \delta.$$

Furthermore, (1) holds for all $n \ge n_0$.

(II) **Necessary condition:** if (1) holds for some $n_0 \ge 1$, then for all $n \ge n_0$

$$P^-_{\varepsilon,r}(n) := \Pr\left(Q(nr) < (1-\varepsilon)\right) \le \delta, \quad r = \operatorname{rank}(A).$$

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Refined necessary & sufficient bounds for Gaussian probability distribution II

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$$\Pr\left(tr_n(A) \le (1+\varepsilon)tr(A)\right) \ge 1-\delta.$$
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STABILIZED GAUSS-NEWTON METHOD

- So, apply a few conjugate gradient (CG) inner iterations, preconditioned with a Laplacian.
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 $J^{T}(J\delta \mathbf{m}_{k}) \approx -\nabla \phi(\mathbf{m}_{k})$ $\gamma_k \approx \operatorname{argmin}_{\gamma} \phi(\mathbf{m}_k + \gamma \delta \mathbf{m}_k)$ $\mathbf{m}_{k+1} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_k + \gamma_k \delta \mathbf{m}_k.$

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Algorithm

- Given: Q, D, ρ , m_0 , sufficient decrease indicator $\kappa \leq 1$.
- Initialize: $m = m_0$, $s_0 = 1$.
- for $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ until termination
 - Draw $W_k^f \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s_k}$.
 - **2** Fitting: Perform one nonlinear iteration, with $W = W_k^f$.
 - **3** Draw $W_k^c \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times n_c}, W_k^u \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times n_u}, W_k^t \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times n_t}$ as needed.
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 - Uncertainty Check: if $\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{m}_{k+1}, W_k^u) \leq \rho$, then
 - Stopping Criterion: terminate if φ̂(m_{k+1}, W^t_k) ≤ ρ; otherwise set s_{k+1} = s_k.
 - 6 else
 - Sample size Increase: For example set $s_{k+1} = \min(2s_k, s)$.

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• For instance, consider replacing the termination condition

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}_{k+1}) \leq \rho$$
, by either (3a)

$$\widehat{\phi}(\mathbf{m}_{k+1}, n_t) \leq (1 - \varepsilon)\rho, \text{ or }$$
(3b)

$$\phi(\mathbf{m}_{k+1}, n_t) \leq (1+\varepsilon)\rho, \qquad (3c)$$

for a suitable $n = n_t$, given $(\varepsilon = \varepsilon_t, \delta = \delta_t)$.

- If (3b) holds, then (3a) holds with probability of at least (1 δ).
 If (3c) does *not* hold, then (3a) does not hold with a probability of at least (1 δ).
- Higher uncertainty in value of ρ is reflected by choosing larger δ .
- The probability of false positive/negative is governed by ε .

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DC RESISTIVITY EXPERIMENTS

• PDE with multiple sources

$$abla \cdot (\mu(\mathbf{x}) \nabla u_i) = q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, s,$$

 $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial \nu}|_{\partial \Omega} = 0.$

- Conductivity $\mu(\mathbf{x})$ is expressed as a pointwise function of $m(\mathbf{x})$.
- Domain Ω is unit square. Sources are of the form
 q_i(x) = δ(x - x₁ⁱ) - δ(x - x₂ⁱ) with x₁ positive unit point source on
 west boundary, x₂ negative unit point source on east boundary. Vary
 p boundary wall locations to get s = p² data sets.
- Receivers are all grid points on north and south walls. No sources or receivers at corners.
- Uniform 64×64 grid with s = 3,969.
- For bounds set $\mu_{\max} = 1.2 \max \mu(\mathbf{x}), \ \mu_{\min} = 1.2^{-1} \min \mu(\mathbf{x}).$
- PCG inner iteration limit $\tilde{r} = 20$; cgtol = 1.e-3.

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EXAMPLE: $\mu_I = .1, \ \mu_{II} = 1, \ \mu_{III} = .01, \ \text{NOISE} \ 2\%$

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Our algorithm delivers much better reconstructions for the price!



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SAME WITH TOTAL VARIATION (TV) ADDED

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Sharper reconstruction with randomized s = 3,969, poorer with vanilla s = 49! Thus, even with added info that true solution is piecewise constant, TV can be worse without "sufficient data".


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- Mais *applications*, por favor.