

# Efficient Solution Methods for Inverse Problems with Application to Tomography

## Inverse Problems and Regularization

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Physical Map of the World, April 2007

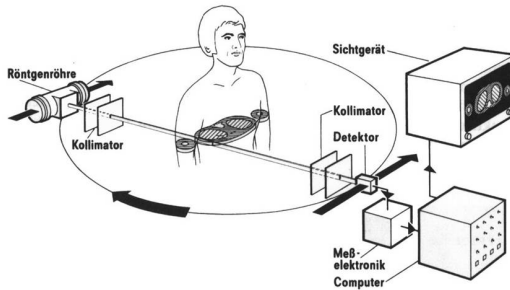
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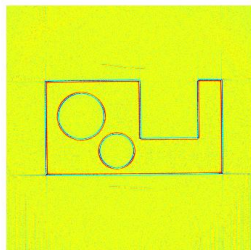
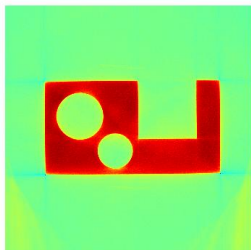
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# Application in Tomography



# Dimensioning from Real Data



Cone-Beam Data provided by Maisl, Schorr, 2011



# Movie from Siemens, 2008

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OBSERVATION  $g \rightsquigarrow$  SEARCHED-FOR DISTRIBUTION  $f$

$$Af = g$$

$A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  Integral - or Differential - Operator

Difficulties:

- Solution does not exist
- Solution is not unique
- Solution does not depend continuously on  $g$

$\Rightarrow$  Problem **ill - posed ( mal posé )** ( Hadamard, 1923 )

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$$A^+g = \sum_{\sigma_\mu > 0} \sigma_\mu^{-1} \langle g, u_\mu \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} v_\mu$$

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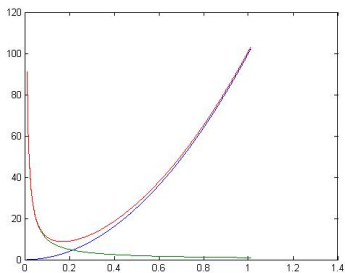
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# Typical Behaviour of Reconstruction Error for Inexact Data

$$\|f_\gamma^\mathcal{E} - f\| \leq \|f_\gamma^\mathcal{E} - f_\gamma\| + \|f_\gamma - f\|$$



# Order Optimality

Method **order optimal** if there exists regularization parameter  $\gamma = \gamma(\varepsilon, \rho)$  such that

$$\|R_\gamma g^\varepsilon - A^+ g\| \leq c \varepsilon^{\nu/(\nu+1)} \rho^{1/(\nu+1)}$$

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Miller, 70

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- $V = \{f \geq 0\}$   
Convex optimization problem
- $V = \{f : \Omega(f) \leq \rho\}$   
Use Lagrangian multiplier

$$\min_f \left( \|Af - g\|^2 + \gamma \Omega(f) \right)$$

- Generalized Tikhonov - Phillips - Regularization

If  $\Omega(f) = \|Bf\|^2$  and  $B$  linear:

$$(A^*A + \gamma B^*B)f = A^*g$$

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$$\Omega(f) = \|f\|_{\ell_0}^2$$

**Sparse Reconstruction**

Computationally feasible:  $\Omega(f) = \|f\|_{\ell_1}^2$

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Relation between Kaczmarz and SOR : Björck - Elving, 1979



# Projection Methods

Regularization parameter : step size  
Natterer, 78

# Selection of regularization parameter

- trial and error
- 1 / signal -to - noise ratio
- ( Generalized ) cross validation
- Discrepancy Prinzip:  $\|AT_{\gamma}g^{\varepsilon} - g^{\varepsilon}\| \simeq \varepsilon$
- L - curve ( Hansen )

# Deterministic vs. Stochastic ?

$$\left( A^* C A + \gamma^2 B^* B \right) f_\gamma = A^* C g$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\min_f \left\{ \|A f - g\|_C^2 + \gamma^2 \|f\|_B^2 \right\}$$

$$C = R_{\xi\xi}$$

Covariance Op. for  $f$

$C$  weight resp. data error

$$B = R_{\zeta\zeta}$$

Covariance Op. for  $g$

$B$  weight for additional info.

Best linear estimator

Bayes estimate

Tikhonov-Phillips

( Marquardt-Levenberg )

# Nonlinear Regularization Methods

$$\|Af - g\|^2 + \gamma^2 \Omega(f)$$

- $\Omega(f) = - \int f(x) \ln f(x) dx$  Entropy Maximization
- $\Omega(f) = \|\nabla f\|_{L_1}$  Total Variation
- Higher order total variation: Yu, Yang, Jiang, Wang, Inverse Problems, 2010

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Approximate Inverse: choose **mollifier**  $\delta_x^\gamma \approx \delta_x, \delta_x^\gamma \in \mathcal{X}^*$  and solve with dual operator  $A^*$  the auxiliary problem

$$A^* \psi_x^\gamma = \delta_x^\gamma$$

Solve with precomputed reconstruction kernel  $\psi_x^\gamma \in \mathcal{Y}^*$

$$f_\gamma(x) := E_\gamma f(x) := \delta_x^\gamma f = \psi_x^\gamma g$$

$S_\gamma g(x) := \psi_x^\gamma g$  is called **Approximate Inverse**.

# Example 1:

Consider

$$A : L_2(0, 1) \rightarrow L_2(0, 1)$$

with

$$Af(x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy = g(x)$$

Then

$$f = g'$$

Mollifier

$$\delta_x^\gamma(y) = \frac{1}{2\gamma} \chi_{[x-\gamma, x+\gamma]}(y)$$

# Example 1 continued

Auxiliary Equation:

$$A^* \psi_x^\gamma(y) = \int_y^1 \psi_x^\gamma(t) dt = \delta_x^\gamma(y)$$

leading to

$$\psi_x^\gamma(y) = \frac{1}{2\gamma} (\delta_{x+\gamma} - \delta_{x-\gamma})(y)$$

and

$$S_\gamma g(x) = \frac{g(x + \gamma) - g(x - \gamma)}{2\gamma}$$



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# Realization

- Filter Methods:

$$M_\gamma f(x) = \sum_n F_\gamma(\sigma_n) \langle f, v_n \rangle v_n(x)$$

$$\tilde{M}_\gamma g(x) = \sum_n F_\gamma(\sigma_n) \langle g, u_n \rangle u_n(x)$$

- Linear Functionals

$$M_\gamma f(x) = \delta_x^\gamma f$$

# Filter Methods are special Cases of Regularization with Linear Functionals

Put

$$\delta_x^\gamma(y) = \sum F_\gamma(\sigma_n) v_n(x) v_n(y)$$

then

$$R_\gamma g(x) = \sum F_\gamma(\sigma_n) \sigma_n^{-1} \langle g, u_n \rangle v_n(x)$$

can be written as

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The other direction is not always possible !

# Least Squares is a special Approximate Inverse

$X_N \subset X$  finite dimensional space,  $X_N = \text{span}\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N\}$ .

Then

$$f_N = \sum_{\nu=1}^N \alpha_\nu \varphi_\nu$$

where

$$B\alpha = b, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \langle A\varphi_\mu, A\varphi_\nu \rangle, \quad b_\mu = \langle g, \varphi_\mu \rangle$$

Let  $\Phi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N)^\top$  and  $C = B^{-1}$ . Then the reconstruction kernel is

$$\psi_x^N(y) = (A\Phi(y))^\top C^\top \Phi(x)$$

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$$S_\gamma g(x) := \langle g, \psi_x^\gamma \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_2, \mu_2)}$$

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If  $g \in \mathcal{D}(A^+)$ ,  $\psi_x^\gamma \in \mathcal{N}(A^*)^\perp$ , then

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The approximate Inverse is a

Regularization Method



# Invariances

## Theorem (L, 1997)

Let the operators  $T_1, T_2$  intertwine with  $A^*$ ; i.e.,

$$T_1 A^* = A^* T_2$$

and solve for a reference mollifier  $E^\gamma$  the equation

$$A^* \Psi^\gamma = E^\gamma$$

Then the general reconstruction kernel for the general mollifier

$$\delta^\gamma = T_1 E^\gamma \text{ is}$$

$$\psi^\gamma = T_2 \Psi^\gamma$$

## Example: Convolution Equation

Consider  $A : L_2(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}^N)$  as

$$Af(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} k(x-y)f(y)dy$$

Let  $T_1^x = T_2^x = T^x$  be the translation  $T^x f(y) = f(y-x)$ . Then

$$T^x A^* = A^* T^x$$

Consequence: Solve for the fixed mollifier  $E_\gamma(y)$  the equation  $A^* \Psi_\gamma = E_\gamma$  and put

$$\psi_x^\gamma(y) = T^x \Psi^\gamma(y) = \Psi^\gamma(y-x)$$

# Example: Tomography

Mollifier

$$\delta_x^\gamma(y) = E_\gamma(\|x - y\|)$$

Then the reconstruction kernel is

$$\psi_x^\gamma(\omega, \mathbf{s}) = \Psi_\gamma(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{x}^\top \omega)$$