

### A Double Regularization Approach for Inverse Problems with Noisy Data and Inexact Operator

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Inverse problems

"Inverse problems are concerned with determining causes for a desired or an observed effect" [Engl, Hanke, and Neubauer, 2000]

Consider a linear operator equation

 $A\mathbf{x} = y.$ 

*Inverse problems* most oft do not fulfill **Hadamard**'s postulate [1902] of well posedness (**existence, uniqueness** and **stability**).

Computational issues: observed effect has measurement *errors* or perturbations caused by *noise*.

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## 1st Case: noisy data

Solve  $Ax = y_0$  out of the measurement  $y_\delta$  with  $||y_0 - y_\delta|| \le \delta$ . Need apply some **regularization** technique

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \|Ax - y_{\delta}\|^{2} + \alpha \|Lx\|^{2}.$$

#### Tikhonov regularization

- fidelity term (based on LS);
- regularization parameter  $\alpha$ ;
- stabilization term (quadratic).

[Tikhonov, 1963, Phillips, 1962]





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#### Tikhonov-type regularization

- fidelity term (based on LS);
- regularization parameter  $\alpha$ ;
- R is a proper, convex and weakly lower semicontinuous functional.

[Burger and Osher, 2004, Resmerita, 2005]





Subgradient

The Fenchel subdifferential of a functional  $\mathcal{R}:\mathcal{U}\to[0,+\infty]$  at  $\bar{u}\in\mathcal{U}$  is the set

 $\partial^{F} \mathcal{R}\left(\bar{u}\right) = \{\xi \in \mathcal{U}^{*} \ | \ \mathcal{R}(v) - \mathcal{R}(\bar{u}) \geq \left\langle \xi \right. , \ v - \bar{u} \right\rangle \ \forall v \in \mathcal{U} \}.$ 

First in 1960 by Moreau & Rockafellar and extended by Clark 1973.

Optimality condition:

If  $ar{u}$  minimizes  ${\mathfrak R}$  then

 $0\in\partial^{F}\mathcal{R}\left(\bar{u}\right)$ 

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## Example

Consider the function  $\Re(u) = |u|$ 



Figure: Function (left) and its subdifferential (right).

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## 2nd Case: inexact operator and noisy data

Solve  $A_0 x = y_0$  under the assumptions

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R-TLS: Regularized TLS [Golub et al., 1999];
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**LS**:  $y_{\delta}$  and  $A_0$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_y & \left\| y - y_\delta \right\|_2 \\ \text{subject to} & y \in \mathscr{R}(A_0) \end{array}$ 

### **TLS**: $y_{\delta}$ and $A_{\epsilon}$

minimize subject to  $egin{aligned} A, y &= [A_{\epsilon}, y_{\delta}] \ y \in \mathscr{R}(A) \end{aligned}$ 



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subject to	$y \in \mathscr{R}(A)$



Illustration

Solve 1D problem: am = b, find the slope m.

Given:

1.  $b_{\delta}$ ,  $a_{\epsilon}$  (red)

Solution:

- 1. LS solution (blue)
- 2. TLS solution (green)



Example:  $\arctan(1) = 45^{\circ}$  [Van Huffel and Vandewalle, 1991]

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## R-TLS

The R-TLS method [Golub, Hansen, and O'leary, 1999]

minimize 
$$||A - A_{\epsilon}||^{2} + ||y - y_{\delta}||^{2}$$
  
subject to  $\begin{cases} Ax = y \\ ||Lx||^{2} \leq M. \end{cases}$ 

If the inequality constraint is active, then 
$$(A_{\epsilon}^{T}A_{\epsilon} + \alpha L^{T}L + \beta I)\hat{x} = A_{\epsilon}^{T}y_{\delta} \text{ and } ||L\hat{x}|| = M$$
with  $\alpha = \mu(1 + ||\hat{x}||^{2}), \ \beta = -\frac{||A_{\epsilon}\hat{x} - y_{\delta}||^{2}}{1 + ||\hat{x}||^{2}} \text{ and } \mu > 0 \text{ is the Lagrange}$ 
multiplier.

Difficulty: requires a reliable bound M for the norm  $\left\|Lx^{\dagger}\right\|^{2}$ .

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where B is a bilinear operator (nonlinear)

and B is characterized by a function  $k_0$ .

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$$\|B(k_0, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{H}} \leq C \|k_0\|_{\mathcal{U}}; \|B(k, f)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq C \|k\|_{\mathcal{U}} \|f\|_{\mathcal{V}};$$

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We want to solve

 $B(k_0, f) = g_0$ 

out of the measurements  $k_\epsilon$  and  $g_\delta$  with

- (i) noisy data  $\left\|g_0 g_\delta\right\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \delta$  .
- (ii) inexact operator  $\left\|k_0 k_{\epsilon}\right\|_{\mathfrak{U}} \leq \epsilon$  .

We introduce the DBL-RTLS

$$\underset{k,f}{\text{minimize }} J\left(k,f\right) := T(k,f, \textbf{k}_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}, g_{\boldsymbol{\delta}}) + R(k,f)$$

where

- *T* measures of accuracy (closeness/discrepancy)
- $\blacksquare$  *R* promotes stability.

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(1)

where

$$T(k, f, \mathbf{k}_{\epsilon}, g_{\delta}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| B(k, f) - g_{\delta} \right\|_{\mathcal{H}}^{2} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \left\| k - \mathbf{k}_{\epsilon} \right\|_{\mathcal{U}}^{2}$$
$$R(k, f) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left\| Lf \right\|_{\mathcal{V}}^{2} + \beta \mathcal{R}(k)$$

- T is based on TLS method, measures the discrepancy on both data and operator;
- $L: \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{V}$  is a linear bounded operator;
- $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the regularization parameters and  $\gamma$  is a scaling parameter;
- double regularization [You and Kaveh, 1996],

 $\mathcal{R}: U \to [0, +\infty]$  is proper **convex** function and **w-lsc**.



## Main theoretical results

#### Assumption:

(A1) B is strongly continuous, ie, if  $(k^n,f^n)\rightharpoonup (\bar{k},\bar{f})$  then  $B(k^n,f^n)\rightarrow B(\bar{k},\bar{f})$ 

Proposition

Let J be the functional defined on (1) and L be a **bounded** and **positive** operator. Then J is **positive**, weak lower semi-continuous and coercive functional.

#### Theorem (existence)

Let the assumptions of Proposition 1 hold. Then there exists a **global minimum** of

minimize J(k, f).

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# Theorem (stability) $\bullet$ $\delta_i \rightarrow \delta$ and $\epsilon_i \rightarrow \epsilon$ $\blacksquare g_{\delta_i} \to g_{\delta}$ and $k_{\epsilon_i} \to k_{\epsilon}$ $\ \ \, \alpha,\beta>0$ • $(k^j, f^j)$ is a minimizer of J with $g_{\delta_i}$ and $k_{\epsilon_i}$ Then there exists a convergent subsequence of $(k^j, f^j)_i$ $(k^{j_m}, f^{j_m}) \longrightarrow (\bar{k}, \bar{f})$ where $(\bar{k}, \bar{f})$ is a minimizer of J with $g_{\delta}, k_{\epsilon}, \alpha$ and $\beta$ .

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Consider the convex functional

$$\Phi(k,f) := \frac{1}{2} \left\| Lf \right\|^2 + \eta \Re(k)$$

where the parameter  $\eta$  represents the different scaling of f and k.

For convergence results we need to define

Definition

We call  $(k^{\dagger}, f^{\dagger})$  a  $\Phi$ -minimizing solution if

$$(k^{\dagger}, f^{\dagger}) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{(k,f)} \{ \Phi(k,f) \mid B(k,f) = g_0 \}.$$

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### Theorem (convergence)

$$\begin{split} & \delta_j \to 0 \text{ and } \epsilon_j \to 0 \\ & = \left\| g_{\delta_j} - g_0 \right\| \leq \delta_j \text{ and } \left\| k_{\epsilon_j} - k_0 \right\| \leq \epsilon_j \\ & = \alpha_j = \alpha(\epsilon_j, \delta_j) \text{ and } \beta_j = \beta(\epsilon_j, \delta_j), \text{ s.t. } \alpha_j \to 0, \ \beta_j \to 0, \\ & \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\delta_j^2 + \gamma \epsilon_j^2}{\alpha_j} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\beta_j}{\alpha_j} = \eta \\ & = (k^j, f^j) \text{ is a minimizer of } J \text{ with } g_{\delta_j}, \ k_{\epsilon_j}, \ \alpha_j \text{ and } \beta_j \\ & \text{Then there exists } a \text{ convergent subsequence of } (k^j, f^j)_j \\ & (k^{j_m}, f^{j_m}) \longrightarrow (k^{\dagger}, f^{\dagger}) \end{split}$$

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### Optimality condition

If the pair  $(\bar{k}, \bar{f})$  is a minimizer of J(k, f), then  $(0, 0) \in \partial J(\bar{k}, \bar{f})$ .

#### Theorem

Let  $J: \mathfrak{U} \times \mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{R}$  be the functional

$$J(u,v) = \varphi(u) + Q(u,v) + \psi(v)$$

where Q is a nonlinear differentiable term and  $\varphi, \psi$  are lsc convex functions. Then

$$\begin{array}{lll} \partial J(u,v) &=& \{\partial \varphi \left( u \right) + D_u Q(u,v)\} \times \{\partial \psi \left( v \right) + D_v Q(u,v)\} \\ &=& \{\partial_u J(u,v)\} \times \{\partial_v J(u,v)\} \end{array}$$

### Remark:

- is difficult to solve wrt both (k, f)
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- applied alternating minimization method.

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Alternating minimization algorithm

Require: g_{\delta}, k_{\epsilon}, L, \gamma, \alpha, \beta

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## First numerical result

### Convolution in 1D

$$\int_{\Omega} k(s-t)f(t)dt = g(s)$$

- characteristic kernel and hat function;
- space:  $\Omega = [0, 1]$ , discretization: N = 2048 points;
- $\Re(k) = \left\|k\right\|_{w,p}$  with p = 1
- Haar wavelet for  $\{\phi\}_{\lambda}$  and J = 10;
- initial guess:  $k^0 = k_{\epsilon}$ ,  $\tau = 1.0$ ;
  - 1st. relative error: 10% and 10%.
  - 2nd. relative error: 0.1% and 0.1%.



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