Data inference: fitting (regression)

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inverse problems



- discrete $\underbrace{\mathbf{G}}_{\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}} \underbrace{\mathbf{m}}_{\mathbb{R}^m} + \underbrace{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \underbrace{\mathbf{d}}_{\mathbb{R}^n}$ or continuous $\int G(\psi, x)m(x)dx + e = d(\psi)$ or a combination
- linear (as above) or nonlinear
- i.e. convolution, Fourier transform, Abel transform, Radon transform, or full ISR theory
- need to estimate m with only statistical information on e
- generally cannot and do not want to simply evaluate G^{-1}
- "Riemann-Lebesque Lemma"
- existence, uniqueness, stability of estimator?

gravity anomaly



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discrete linear inverse methods

Consider forward problem

$$G(m - m_{\circ}) + e = d - Gm_{\circ}$$

Seeking morel estimate of form



Problem could be under determined, over deterined, or both (mixed) as well as possibly unstable ...

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Fundamental theorem of linear algebra; SVD

vector spaces:
$$Gx = y$$
 $x^tG = y^t$ $Gx = 0$ $x^tG = 0$

$$G = U\Lambda V^{t}, \quad d = Gm$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \text{column} & \text{left} \\ \text{space} & \text{null space} \end{pmatrix}}_{\overline{\text{null space}}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{pxp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\overline{\text{(row space)}}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \text{row space} \\ \text{null space} \end{pmatrix}}_{\overline{\text{(row space)}}} \tilde{G}$$

$$\tilde{G} = V\Lambda^{-1}U^{t}, \quad m \approx \tilde{G}d$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \text{row} & \text{null} \\ \text{space} & \text{space} \end{pmatrix}}_{mxm} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{pxp}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{mxn}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \text{column space} \\ \text{left null space} \end{pmatrix}}_{nxn}$$

$$= V_{mxp}\Lambda_{pxp}^{-1}U_{pxn}^{t}$$

- condition no. $\equiv \Lambda_{\rm max} / \Lambda_{\rm min}$

– introduce damping $f_i = \Lambda_i^2/(\Lambda_i^2 + \alpha^2)$ or "regularization"

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linear optimization strategies

Optimize some combination of:

• model prediction error (χ^2) :

$$(Gm-d)^T C_d^{-1}(Gm-d)$$

 $\bullet\,$ model length

$$(m-m_{\circ})^{T}L^{T}L(m-m_{\circ})$$

• spread of model (R_m) or data (R_d) resolution

$$Gm \approx d, \ \tilde{G}d = m^{\text{est}} \to \underbrace{\tilde{G}G}_{R_m} m \approx m^{\text{est}}, \ \underbrace{G\tilde{G}}_{R_d} d \approx d^{\text{pred}}$$

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• model error covariance

$$C_m = \tilde{G}C_d \tilde{G}^T$$

• Bayesian model probability

$$P(m|d) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[(m^{\text{est}} - m_{\circ})^T C_m^{-1} (m^{\text{est}} - m_{\circ}) + (Gm - d)^T C_d^{-1} (Gm - d) \right]}$$

All (including pseudoinverse) yield same estimate:

$$m^{\text{est}} = m_{\circ} + (G^T C_d^{-1} G + C_m^{-1})^{-1} G^T C_d^{-1} (d - G m_{\circ})$$

which is the weighted damped least squares estimate (also the Kalman gain)

illustrative example - least squares

$$m = \arg\min_{m} ||Gm - d||_2^2$$

$$G^{t}(Gm - d) = 0$$

$$G^{t}Gm = G^{t}d$$

$$m^{\text{est}} = (G^{t}G)^{-1}G^{t}d$$

now add weights:

$$m = \arg\min_{m} (Gm - d)^{t} C_{d}^{-1} (Gm - d)$$

= $\arg\min_{m} \left\| C_{d}^{-1/2} Gm - C_{d}^{-1/2} d \right\|_{2}^{2}$
 $\approx (G^{t} C_{d}^{-1} G)^{-1} G^{t} C_{d}^{-1} d$

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$$\begin{split} m &= \arg\min_{m} \, (Gm-d)^{t} C_{d}^{-1} (Gm-d) + \alpha^{2} m^{t} C_{m}^{-1} m \\ &= \arg\min_{m} \, \left\| \left(\begin{array}{c} C_{d}^{-1/2} G \\ \alpha C_{m}^{-1/2} \end{array} \right) m - \left(\begin{array}{c} C_{d}^{-1/2} d \\ 0 \end{array} \right) \right\|_{2}^{2} \\ &\approx \, (G^{t} C_{d}^{-1} G + \alpha^{2} C_{m}^{-1})^{-1} G^{t} C_{d}^{-1} d \end{split}$$

- used normal equations again
- have defined $C_m^{-1} = C_m^{-1/2t} C_m^{-1/2}$ for real symmetric C_m
- large α guarantees existence of inverse
- this is called 'weighted damped least squares'
- expensive!

- consider constraint of form Fm h = 0:
- can include this by augmenting original forward problem:

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc} G^t G & F^t \\ F & 0 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} m \\ \lambda \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} G^t d \\ h \end{array}\right)$$

... where λ is an undetermined (Lagrange) multiplier – invert LHS for solution, if possible

optimization problem: iterative methods



– solve this linear system of equations iteratively using **conjugate gradients**

- for overdetermined problems, A positive definite, problem has unique solution

– for mixed-determined problems, A positive with a ridge, solutoin depends on initial guess for \boldsymbol{x}

- if x_{\circ} is the zero vector, method converges on damped solution
- convergence in m iterations guaranteed but for roundoff error
- early termination tantemount to increased α
- nothing worse than matrix-vector multiply involved
- suitable for sparse math

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nonlinear problem - Newton's minimization method

- consider a scalar cost function c(x) of a parameter vector x:

$$c(x_{\circ} + \delta x) \approx c(x_{\circ}) + \underbrace{\nabla c}_{\text{gradient}} (x_{\circ})^{t} \delta x + \frac{1}{2} \delta x^{t} \underbrace{\nabla^{2} c}_{\text{Hessian}} (x_{\circ}) \delta x + \cdots$$
$$\nabla c(x_{\circ} + \delta x) \approx \nabla c(x_{\circ}) + \nabla^{2} c(x_{\circ}) \delta x + \cdots$$

- at cost-function minimum, gradient term vanishes, and

$$\nabla^2 c(x_\circ) \delta x \quad \approx \quad -\nabla c(x_\circ)$$

... which is the foundation for Newton's minimization method, with $x_{\circ} \rightarrow x_{\circ} + \delta x$ – never calculate Hessian (2nd derivative) matrix in practice!

quadratic optimization and the Jacobian

- consider specifically a quadratic cost function of least-squares form (with data covariances absorbed here)

$$c(m) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (G(m)_i - d_i)^2$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(m)^2$$

$$J \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial m_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial m_m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial m_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial m_m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nabla c = 2J(m)^t f$$

$$\nabla^2 c \approx 2J^t J$$

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steepest descent



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Levenberg Marquardt

– use J in Newton's method, iterate ...

$$J(m)^t J(m) \delta m = -J(m)^t f(m)$$

– improve iteration with some added damping ...

$$(J^t J + \Lambda I)\delta m = -J^t f$$

- adjust Λ parameter to assure convergence
- for large Λ , this is the method of steepest descent
- for small Λ , this is Newton's method
- error propagation (assuming $C_d = I$)

$$\operatorname{cov} m \approx (J^t J)^{-1}$$

- iterate until either $\|\nabla c(m)\|^2$ or changes to it are small
- improve convergence by factoring A matrix

augmented problem with weights, damping

– calculate Jacobian analytically if possible, with finite differences otherwise

- weights, damping, and constraints included through augmentation of A matrix, as in linear problem, e.g.

$$c(m) = \left\| \begin{array}{c} G(m) - d \\ \alpha C_m^{-1/2} m \end{array} \right\|_2^2$$
$$K(m) \equiv \left(\begin{array}{c} J(m) \\ \alpha C_m^{-1/2} \end{array} \right)$$
$$K^t K + \Lambda I) \delta m = -K^t \left(\begin{array}{c} Gm - d \\ \alpha C_m^{-1/2} m \end{array} \right)$$

- always use NETLIB (never Numerical Recipes)
- consider non-negative least squares (NNLS)



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