

Rational Krylov methods for inverse problems

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Ill-posed problems

We consider

$$Ax = b$$

where A is a bounded operator between Hilbert spaces \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} .

An **well-posed problem** (Hadamard, 1902) is given whenever

- a solution exists
- the solution is unique
- solution depends continuously on the data ($b \mapsto x$ bounded)

otherwise the problem is termed **ill-posed**.

Inverse problems are typically ill-posed. Often, the term **inverse problem** is used when **ill-posed problem** is meant.

Discrete ill-posed problems

Linear system of equations

$$Ax = b$$

where $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$, $b \in \mathbb{C}^m$.

An **discrete well-posed problem** is given whenever

- a solution exists
- the solution is unique
- computing the solution is well-conditioned

otherwise the problem is termed **discret ill-posed**.

Remarks:

- $\|A\|$ can be scaled to be 1 or at least assumed to be moderate
- $\|\cdot\|$ designates Euclidean norm or spectral matrix norm

Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse

First two conditions of “well-posed” always satisfied with the **minimum norm solution**

$$x^+ = A^+ b \quad \text{of} \quad Ax = b,$$

where A^+ is the **Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse**.

Lemma

With the set of all least-squares solutions

$$L_s := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid A^* Ax = A^* b\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathbb{C}^n} \|b - Ax\|^2$$

the minimum norm solution x^+ can be characterised as

$$x^+ \in L_s \quad \text{and} \quad \|x^+\| = \min_{x \in L_s} \|x\|$$

or

$$x^+ \in L_s \quad \text{and} \quad x^+ \perp \ker(A)$$

The problem with discrete ill-posed problems

Instead of right-hand side b only perturbed data with noise-level δ

$$b^\delta = b + e, \quad \|e\| \leq \delta$$

known. Exact solution

$$x^{\delta,+} = A^+ b^\delta$$

useless due to ill-conditioning.

Deblurring

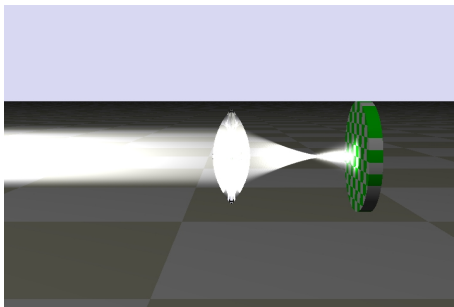
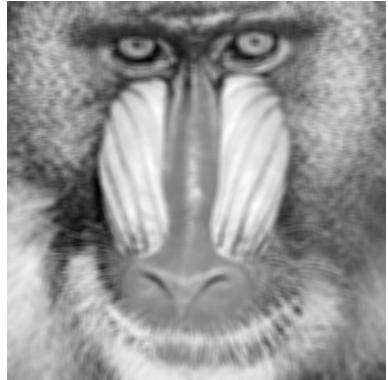
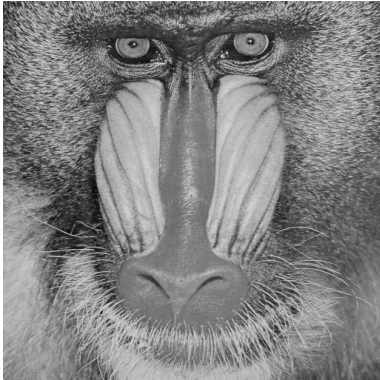
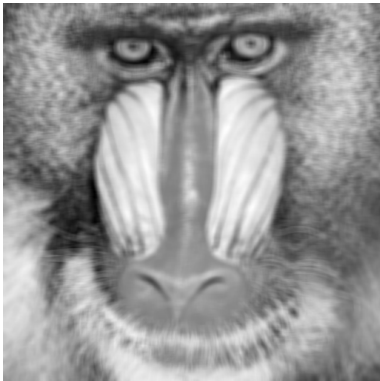


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Blurred image with noiselevel $\delta < 0.01$



Instead of least-squares solution, minimize the **Tikhonov functional**

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{C}^n} \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b^\delta\|^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|x\|^2$$

with regularisation parameter γ . Unique solution is

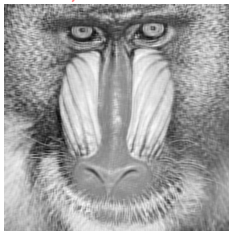
$$x_{\text{Tik}} = (\gamma I + A^*A)^{-1} A^*b$$

Problem: How to choose the regularisation parameter γ ?

$\gamma = 0.0000001$



$\gamma = 0.01$



$\gamma = 100$



Given approximation $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$, iterate

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + (\gamma I + A^*A)^{-1}A^*(b^\delta - Ax_k), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Stop, if **discrepancy principle**

$$\|r_{k+1}\| = \|b^\delta - Ax_{k+1}\| \leq \tau\delta$$

$\tau > 1$, is satisfied.

If we set $x_0 = 0$ (w.l.o.g), then

$$x_{k+1} = \sum_{\ell=0}^k \left(\gamma A^*A(\gamma I + A^*A)^{-1} \right)^\ell (\gamma I + A^*A)^{-1} A^* b$$

Rational Krylov subspace

If we choose $x_0 = (\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1} A^* b$, we have

$$x_m \in \mathcal{K}_m((\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1}, A^* b)$$

The space

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_m &= \mathcal{K}_m((\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1}, A^* b) \\ &= \text{span} \left\{ A^* b, (\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1} A^* b, \dots, (\gamma I + A^* A)^{-m+1} A^* b \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{p_m(A^* A)}{(\gamma + A^* A)^m} A^* b \mid p_m \in \mathcal{P}_m \right\} \end{aligned}$$

is an example of a **rational Krylov subspace**, the **shift-and-invert** or **resolvent** Krylov subspace

Determine

$$x_m \in Q_m \quad \text{such that} \quad \|r_m\| = \|b - Ax_m\| = \min_{x \in Q_m} \|b - Ax\|$$

best choice with respect to Q_m and the discrepancy principle.

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We have

$$\mathcal{Q}_m \subseteq \ker(A)^\perp = \ker(A^* A)^\perp$$

and

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{Q}_m} \|b - Ax\| = \min_{y \in A\mathcal{Q}_m} \|b - y\| = \|b - \Pi_{A\mathcal{Q}_m} b\|$$

Hence, $\Pi_{A\mathcal{Q}_m} b$ is unique, and since $\mathcal{Q}_m \subseteq \ker(A)^\perp$, A is injective on \mathcal{Q}_m and there is a unique x_m such that $Ax_m = \Pi_{A\mathcal{Q}_m} b$.

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If $m = m^*$, we have

$$A^* A \mathcal{Q}_{m^*} \subset \mathcal{Q}_{m^*}$$

and since $\mathcal{Q}_{m^*} \perp \ker(A^* A)$, we can conclude that

$$A^* A \mathcal{Q}_{m^*} = \mathcal{Q}_{m^*}$$

This means, that there is an u_{m^*} such that

$$A^* A u_{m^*} = A^* b$$

Necessarily, $x_{m^*} = u_{m^*} \in \mathcal{L}_s$ is a least-squares solution with $x_{m^*} \in \mathcal{Q}_{m^*} \subset \ker(A)^\perp$. Hence, $x_{m^*} = x^+$.

Computation of x_m

The unique

$$x_m = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in Q_m} \|b - Ax\|$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (b - Ax_m, Au) &= 0 & \forall u \in Q_m \\ (A^*b - A^*Ax_m, u) &= 0 & \forall u \in Q_m \end{aligned}$$

Let V_m be an orthonormal basis of Q_m , then

$$V_m^*(A^*b - A^*AV_my_m) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \beta e_1 = S_my_m$$

where $\beta = \|A^*b\|$. $S_m = V_m^*A^*AV_m$ is positive definite for $m \leq m^*$ (proof necessary) and Hermitian (since A^*A is) and therefore

$$x_m = V_my_m, \quad y_m = \beta S_m^{-1} e_1$$

Standard rational recurrence

$$\begin{aligned}(\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1} V_m &= V_m H_m + h_{m+1,m} v_{m+1} e_m^T \\ S_m &= V_m^* A^* A V_m, \\ x_m &= V_m S_m^{-1} V_m^* A^* b, \quad V_m^* V_m = I_m\end{aligned}$$

CG-like recurrence

$$\begin{aligned}(\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1} W_m &= W_m H_m + h_{m+1,m} w_{m+1} e_m^T \\ x_m &= W_m W_m^* A^* b, \quad W_m^* A^* A W_m = I_m\end{aligned}$$

Reasoning, why $x_m = x_m$

We know

$$x_m = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in Q_m} \|b - Ax\|$$

uniquely determined by

$$(A^*b - A^*Ax_m, u) = 0 \quad \forall u \in Q_m$$

W_m orthonormal basis of Q_m with respect to $(x, y)_{A^*A} = y^*A^*Ax$

$$W_m^*(A^*b - A^*AW_my_m) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad W_m^*A^*b - \underbrace{W_m^*A^*AW_my_m}_{I_m} = 0$$

This leads to

$$x_m = W_my_m = W_mW_m^*A^*b$$

(Since $Q_m \perp \ker(A^*A)$, $(\cdot, \cdot)_{A^*A}$ inner product on Q_m)

Shift-and-invert on the normal equations (SINE)

Set $x_0 = 0$, $r_0 = b - Ax_0$, $w_0 = A^* r_0$.

for $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ **do**

$$q_j = Aw_j$$

$$\delta_j = (q_j, q_j)$$

$$\alpha_j = (r_j, q_j) / \delta_j$$

$$x_{j+1} = x_j + \alpha_j w_j$$

$$r_{j+1} = r_j - \alpha_j q_j$$

If $\|r_{j+1}\| \leq \tau\delta$, stop (discrepancy principle)

$$s_j = A^* q_j$$

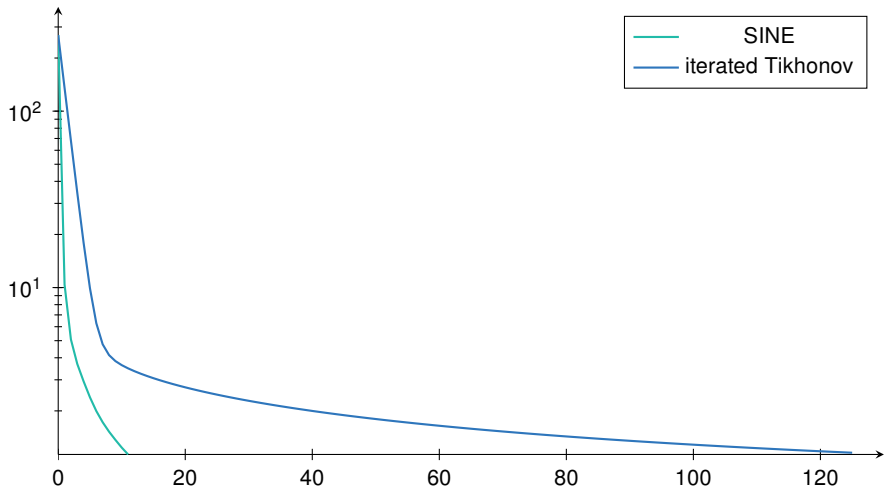
$$t_{j+1} = (\gamma I + A^* A)^{-1} A^* r_{j+1}$$

$$\beta_j = (t_{j+1}, s_j) / \delta_j$$

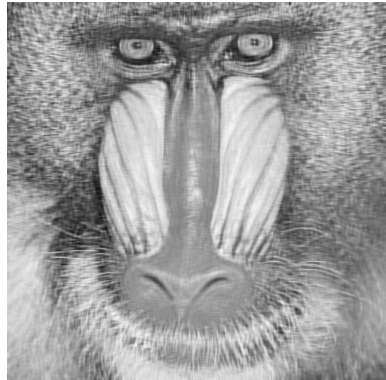
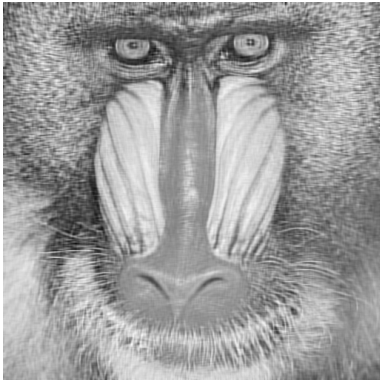
$$w_{j+1} = t_{j+1} - \beta_j w_j$$

end for

Residuum vs steps



SINE and iterated Tikhonov regularisation



- Works similarly for more general rational Krylov subspaces

$$\mathcal{Q}_m = \left\{ \frac{p_m(A^*A)}{q_m(A^*A)} A^* b \mid p_m \in \mathcal{P}_m \right\}, \quad q_m(z) = \prod_{\ell=1}^m (z + c_\ell)$$

$$c_\ell > 0, \ell = 1, \dots, m.$$

- Uniqueness of best approximation in \mathcal{Q}_m
 - Needs to save more vectors, but does not need a continuation vector
 - Acceleration of nonstationary iterated Tikhonov
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- SINE is an optimal order regularisation scheme for ill-posed problems with bounded $A \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} Hilbert spaces.