

**Homework 3** due in class on 02/28

In your write-ups, please provide clear explanations of the models chosen, of the equations used, and of the findings, with figures where necessary.

Datasets are available at [http://spot.colorado.edu/~henzed/MCEN5228\\_s2014/hw.html](http://spot.colorado.edu/~henzed/MCEN5228_s2014/hw.html).

1. For this problem we will solve a variation on problem 3.5 from Aster. Data values  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{d}$ , and  $\mathbf{m}^0$  are available online.
  - (a) Estimate  $\mathbf{m}$  using 1st order Tikhonov regularization, finding your value of  $\alpha^2$  from an L-curve. Note: you may have to explore a very large range of  $\alpha$ 's to find the corner for this problem
  - (b) Assume that you have a prior estimate of  $\mathbf{m}^0$  with a constant standard deviation of 2000, and assume the errors are uncorrelated. Find  $\mathbf{m}$  from minimizing

$$\mathcal{J} = \|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \|(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}^0)^T \mathbf{C}_{m0}^{-1/2}\|_2^2$$

- (c) Repeat part (b), but now include strong correlations across groups of  $\mathbf{m}^0$  as a surrogate for aggregation, using a 4x4 block diagonal format for  $\mathbf{C}_{m0}$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{C}_{m0} = 2000^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.9 & 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.90 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 & 0.9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 0.9 & 1 \\ & & & & & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Make a plot showing  $\mathbf{m}$  estimated from parts (a), (b), and (c), along with  $\mathbf{m}^0$ .
2. In this problem the goal is to fit a 2D surface to a set of observed data points (p2\_obs.txt) at locations p2\_xy.txt. We will use a thin plate spline interpolation to fit the data. This method minimizes the following function

$$J = \alpha \|G(\mathbf{m}) - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + (1 - \alpha)R(\mathbf{m})$$

where  $G$  is the thin plate spline function using coefficients  $\mathbf{m}$ ,  $R$  is a roughness measure related to the partial derivatives of  $G(\mathbf{m})$ , and  $\alpha$  is a regularization parameter that has a value between 0 and 1.

Use leave-one-out cross validation to find the optimal thin plate spline fit to the data. Make a plot of  $f(\alpha)$  vs  $\alpha$ . Also make plots of the optimal surface, the surface corresponding to the  $\alpha = 0$  solution and the surface corresponding to the  $\alpha = 1$  solution. In each of these plots, show the surface as well as the data.

The MATLAB function for finding the thin plate spline function is

```
st = tpaps(xy, d, p)
```

This function takes as inputs the  $x - y$  coordinate matrix (2 rows,  $m$  columns), the  $m$  column data vector, and the regularization parameter, respectively. It returns an object, `st`, that contains the  $\mathbf{m}$  which minimizes the equation above. To find the values of  $G(\mathbf{m})$  at coordinate  $x_1, y_1$ , use

```
fval(st, [x1; y1])
```

To plot the surface, use `fnplt(st)`. To plot the data,

```
plot3(xy(1,:), xy(2,:), d)
```

Another MATLAB command that might come in handy is that you can eliminate a column of a matrix, for example the third column, using

```
A(:,3) = []
```

3. Aster 6.1, part (a), and write the Kaczmarz's code yourself.