

Math 440 – Computational Inverse Problems Fall 2017

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Exercise 5

1. Build your own CGLS algorithm. You can probably find easily CGLS codes, but please write your algorithm from scratch so that you think through the order in which the matrix-vector products need to be computed. Recall: you should only have **two** matrix-vector products per iteration.

Test your code with the inverse Laplace transform problem that you implemented for Assignment 4. Run it with two noise levels, a (relatively) high noise (e.g., $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-3}$), and low noise (e.g., $\sigma = 10^{-5}$).

2. Consider the backwards heat equation of Assignment 1. Download the `HeatEquationExample.m` that gives you a forward solver of the heat equation,

$$u_0(x) = u(x, 0) \mapsto u(x, T) = u_T(x),$$

using the ODE solver `ode15s`. Set for simplicity the boundary values at $x = 0, 1$ equal to zero. This solver computes effectively the matrix-vector product,

$$u_T = Au_0,$$

and based on the analysis of the propagation operator, the matrix A is symmetric and positive definite.

- (a) Define an initial value u_0^* in a fine grid ($N = 350$, for instance) as a box car function,

$$u_0^*(t_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 1/3 < t_j < 2/3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Propagate the box-car function for $T = 1$. This function represents the noiseless data for the inverse problem of recovering the initial value. To avoid the infamous inverse crime, as in Assignment 1, choose now the discretization grid ($n = 100$ is a good size), and interpolate the noiseless data from the fine grid ($N = 350$) to the coarse grid ($n = 100$.) You should have the interpolation matrix ready from Assignment 1. Add some noise, e.g., noise level 0.1% of the maximum of the noiseless vector.

- (b) Find an approximation for u_0 using your own matrix-free CGLS algorithm with the stopping rule based on Morozov discrepancy principle.
3. Consider the previous example, but with downsampling of the data. Let P_k be a matrix that downsamples the data, that is, P_k picks every k th data point. For instance, with $k = 2$,

$$P_2 u = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_4 \\ \vdots \\ u_{[n/2]} \end{bmatrix}, \quad [n/s] = \text{integer part of } n/s.$$

Run your CGLS algorithm using the observation model

$$b = P_k A u_0 + \varepsilon,$$

with $k = 2, 5, 10, 20$. In this case, the matrix is no longer symmetric, so the transpose needs to be computed in two phases: Transpose of P_k and transpose of A .

Run also one example in which you pick only very few observation points, e.g., randomly pick five indices out of the $n = 100$ observations in the case of complete data, and run the algorithm. Comment on the performance: Does the result indicate that the null space of the sparsely sampled forward matrix is a problem in this case?