

Inverse Problem of Diffusion

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We consider an inverse problem with a basis in the following differential equation

$$\frac{du(x,t)}{dt} = \frac{d^2u(x,t)}{dx^2}, \quad u(x,0) = h_0(x), \quad x \in (0,1), t \geq 0.$$

Data is $u(x,t) = h_t(x)$ for a given time $t > 0$. The aim of the inverse problem is $h_0(x)$.

The forward model can be written as

$$u(x,t) = h_t(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int e^{-(x-y)^2/(4t)} h_0(y) dy, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Using discretization we get

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \begin{bmatrix} h_t(x_1) \\ h_t(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ h_t(x_N) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} h_0(x_1) \\ h_0(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ h_0(x_N) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{h}_0,$$

where a regular grid of $N = 100$ points is used, such that $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0.01, \dots, x_M = 0.99$.

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x = seq(from = 0, to = 1, by = 0.01)
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The interval (0,1) is made into a circle, i.e. 1 corresponds to 0. The matrix A has elements

$$A(i,j) = \frac{0.01}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-|x_i - x_j|^2/(4t)}.$$

The distance $|x_i - x_j|$ is modular on the circle (0,1).

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create_A <- function(x,t){
  A = diag(0.01/sqrt(4*pi*t), nrow = length(x), ncol = length(x))
  for (i in seq(1,length(x))){
    for (j in seq(i+1,length(x))){
      A[i,j] = 0.01/sqrt(4*pi*t)*exp(-(x[i]-x[j])^2/(4*t))
      A[j,i] = A[i,j]
    }
  }
  A
}
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Measurements $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N)'$ are acquired at time $t = 0.001$ (1ms):

$$y_i = h_t(x_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.025^2), \quad \text{iid.}$$

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y = read.delim2(file = "OppgA.txt", header = F, sep = "\n", dec = ".")[1,]
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Exercise a

Exercise b

Exercise c