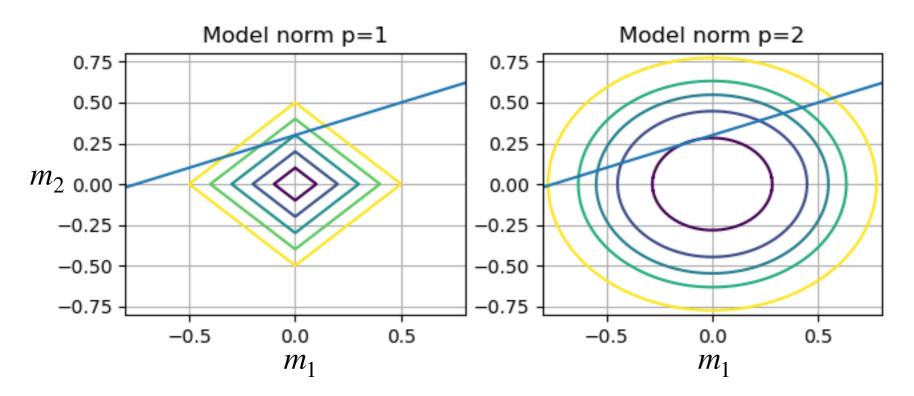
Sparsity, IRLS and Radon Example

Mauricio D Sacchi
SAIG and University of Alberta

msacchi@ualberta.ca

Changing the norm to obtain sparse solutions (lp-norm)

minimize
$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_p^p = |m_1|^p + |m_2|^p$$
 suject to $a_1m_1 + a_2m_2 = 1$

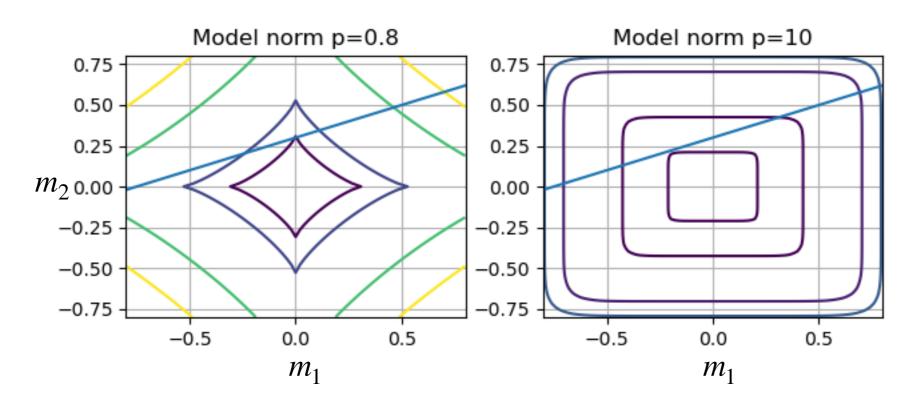


Sparse solution

non-sparse solution

Changing the norm to obtain sparse solutions (lp-norm)

minimize
$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_p^p = |m_1|^p + |m_2|^p$$
 suject to $a_1m_1 + a_2m_2 = 1$

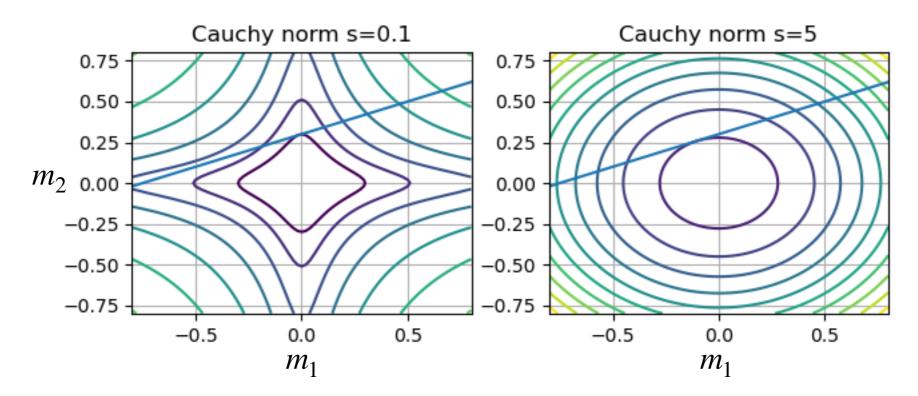


Sparse solution

non-sparse solution

Changing the norm to obtain sparse solutions: Cauchy Criterion (not really a norm)

minimize
$$\mathcal{R}_c(\mathbf{m}) = \log(m_1^2 + s^2) + \log(m_2^2 + s^2)$$
 suject to $a_1 m_1 + a_2 m_2 = 1$



Sparse solution

non-sparse solution

Lp-norm, Cauchy and Hyperbolic regulatization

We can produce sparse solution by using regularization terms of the form

$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_{p}^{p} = \sum_{i} |m_{i}|^{p} = \sum_{i} f(m_{i}) \to f(u) = |u|^{p}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{c}(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{i} \log(m_{i}^{2} + s^{2}) = \sum_{i} f(m_{i}) \to f(u) = \log(u^{2} + s^{2})$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{h}(\mathbf{m}) = \sum_{i} \sqrt{m_{i}^{2} + s^{2}} = \sum_{i} f(m_{i}) \to f(u) = \sqrt{u^{2} + s^{2}}$$

- For Lp-norm, p close to 1 produce sparse solutions. The other two criteria resemble the L2-norm when the scale parameter s is large.
- Other functions/norms: Huber, Geman-Geman,......

Linear inverse problem with sparsity constraint

 We use sparsity to regularize the problem and produce sparse solutions. We find the solution m that minimizes

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Lm} - \mathbf{d}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{m}\|_{1}$$

 There are many ways of minimizing the regularized cost function above: IRLS, ISTA are two methods that can be easily derived.

- Iterative re-weighted least-squares method
- First proposed for robust regression problems but then adopted to find sparse solutions

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} + \mu \frac{\partial \|\mathbf{m}\|_1}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} + \mu \mathbf{v} = 0, \text{ with } v_i = sign(m_i) \approx \frac{m_i}{|m_i| + \epsilon}$$

Iterative re-weighted least-squares method

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} + \mu \mathbf{v} = 0, \text{ with } v_i = sign(m_i) \approx \frac{m_i}{|m_i| + \epsilon}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{m} \text{ with } Q_{ii} = \frac{1}{|m_i| + \epsilon}$$
Diagonal Matrix

Condition for minimum

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} + \mu \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{m} = 0$$

The algorithm (explicit-form solution)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Q} &= \mathbf{I} \\ & \text{for } \nu = 1 \text{ to } \textit{MaxIter} \\ & \mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} + \mu \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} \\ & \mathbf{Q} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{m}| + \epsilon)}) \end{aligned} \qquad \text{Element-wise operation}$$
 end

Condition for minimum

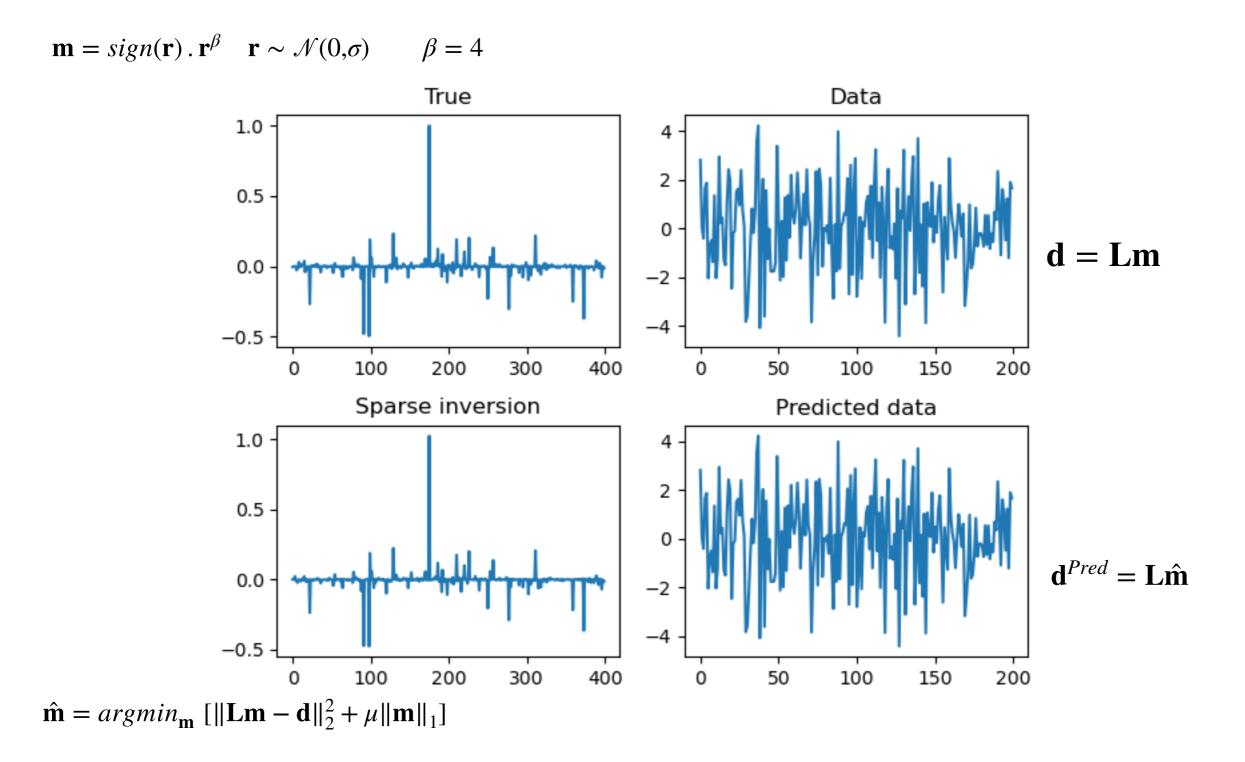
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} + \mu \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{m} = 0$$

 But, the diagonal matrix depends on the solution m, so we don't have a closed-form solution. We have an iterative solution:

$$\mathbf{L}^{T}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{m} + \mu\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{L}^{T}\mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathbf{m}^{\nu} = (\mathbf{L}^{T}\mathbf{L} + \mu\mathbf{Q}^{\nu-1})^{-1}\mathbf{L}^{T}\mathbf{d}$$

$$Q_{ii}^{\nu-1} = \frac{1}{|m_i^{\nu-1}| + \epsilon}$$

IRLS_tests.ipynb



IRLS via preconditioning

• The solution $\mathbf{m}^{\nu} = (\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{Q}^{\nu-1})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}$ can be interpreted as the minimum of the cost

$$J = \|\mathbf{Lm} - \mathbf{d}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{m}\|_{2}^{2}$$

 Where I considered Q independent of m. The cost function can be written as follows:

$$J = \|\mathbf{LPu} - \mathbf{d}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{u}\|_{2}^{2}, \quad \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{Pu} \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{m}$$

$$P_{ii} = \sqrt{|m_i| + \epsilon}$$

The algorithm (implicit-form solution)

```
\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{I} \\ &\text{for } \nu = 1 \text{ to } \textit{MaxIter} \\ &\mathbf{u} = \text{argmin}(\|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \mu \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2) \\ &\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} \\ &\mathbf{P} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\|\mathbf{m}\| + \epsilon}) \quad \longleftarrow \text{Element-wise operation} \\ &\text{end} \end{aligned}
```

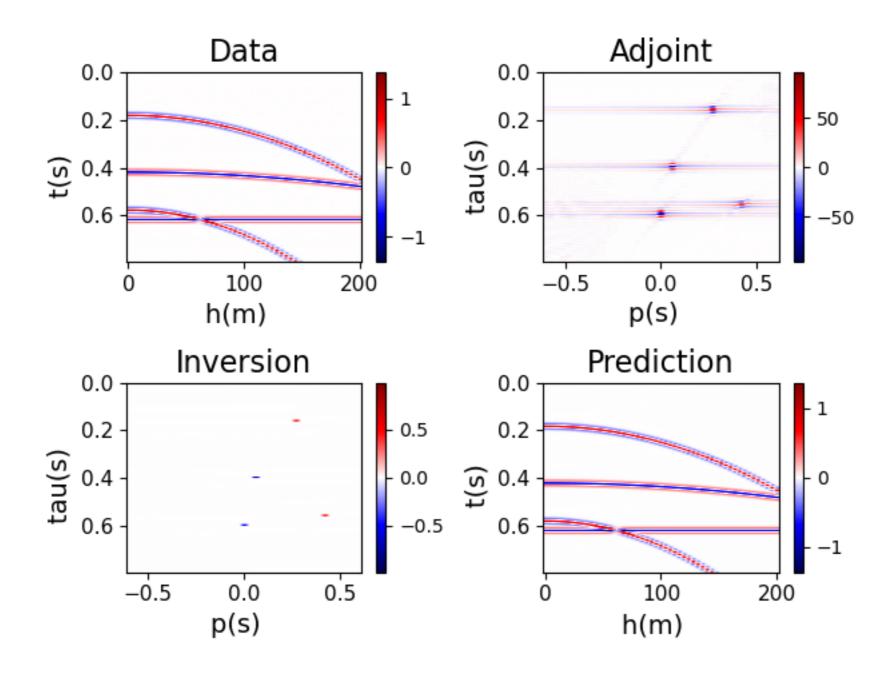
 The algorithm (implicit-form solution where you only need forward and adjoint operators:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{I} \\ &\text{for } \nu = 1 \text{ to } \textit{MaxIter} \\ &\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{CGLS}(\mathbf{d}, [\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{P}], \mu) &\longleftarrow \text{CGLS with lenient stopping criteria} \\ &\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{Pu} \\ &\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{diag}(\sqrt{|\mathbf{m}| + \epsilon}) \\ &\text{end} \end{aligned}$$

 We have two iteration loops. For practical problems, the main idea is to reduce as much as possible the internal iteration and do a small number of external updates. The latter requires some experimentation (example: high-res Radon transforms)

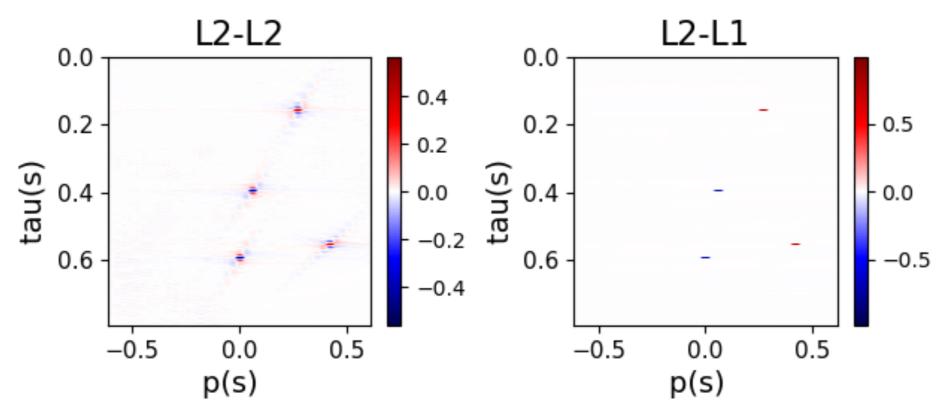
IRLS with implicit Radon operator

IRLS_tests.ipynb



Comparison of sparse vs non-sparse solution

CGLS and IRLS solutions



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{I} \\ \text{for } \nu = 1 \text{ to } \textit{MaxIter} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \text{argmin}(\|\mathbf{LP} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2 + \mu \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2) \\ \mathbf{m} &= \mathbf{P}\mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{P} &= \text{diag}(\sqrt{|\mathbf{m}| + \epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

L2-L2 (non-sparse) corresponds to *MaxIter*=1 L2-L1 (sparse) corresponds to *MaxIter*=4

IRLS_tests.ipynb

end

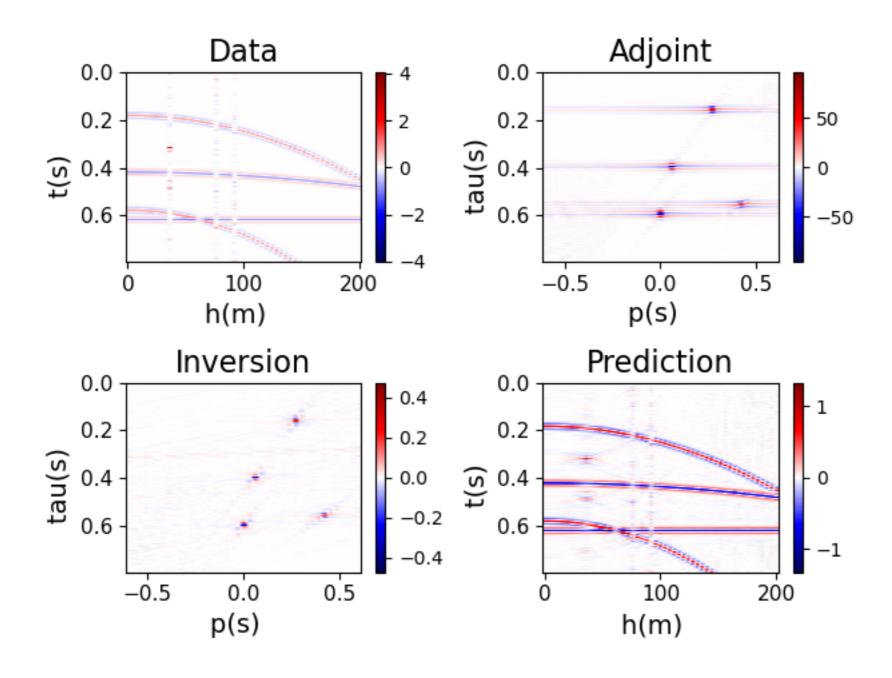
Robust Solutions

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Lm} - \mathbf{d}\|_1 + \mu \|\mathbf{m}\|_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P} &= \mathbf{I} \\ \text{for } \nu = 1 \text{ to } \textit{MaxIter} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \text{argmin} \| \mathbf{Q} [\mathbf{LPu-d}] \|_2^2 + \mu \| \mathbf{u} \|_2^2 \\ \mathbf{m} &= \mathbf{Pu} \\ \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{Lm} \\ \mathbf{P} &= \text{diag}(\sqrt{|\mathbf{m}| + \epsilon_1}) \\ \mathbf{Q} &= \text{diag}(1/\sqrt{|\mathbf{r}| + \epsilon_2}) \end{aligned}$$
 end

Non-robust inversion

$$J = \|\mathbf{Lm} - \mathbf{d}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{m}\|_{2}^{2}$$



Robust and Sparse Inversion

$$J = \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{d}\|_1^1 + \mu \|\mathbf{m}\|_1$$

