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We propose a novel way to approximate the inverse Hessian operator by a chain of weights in space and frequency domains. We call this method the Chain of Operator. Fundamentally, we approximate the complex operator (Hessian) via the chain of elementary operators (weights). This method is physically intuitive and provide a simple way to invert for the Inverse Hessian. The method can be applied either for compensating migrated images i.e. applying approximated Inverse Hessian directly to migrated image or in the form of a preconditioner inside iterative least-squares reverse-time migration (LSRTM).

Tests on synthetic and real data shows that this approach provides an effective approximation of the Inverse Hessian while having the minimal cost of forward and inverse FFTs (Fast Fourier Transforms). However, the effectiveness of the methods vary quite greatly from dataset to dataset.

When used for compensating migrated image, the method proves noticeably effective in synthetic Marmousi dataset. With real Viking Graben dataset, the method

has difficulties in estimating weights due to muted area of the data. However, with some adjustments, the method shows that our method moderately improves the image resolution and amplitude balance. Plus, when examining frequency spectrum, compensating the image by an approximated inverse Hessian emulates the effect of iterative LSRTM.

When used the approximated Inverse Hessian to form a preconditioner in LSRTM, the result with Marmousi dataset shows that it can significantly accelerates the convergence of LSRTM and achieves high-quality imaging results in fewer iterations. However, when experimented with the Sigsbee model, the method shows to be marginally effective. Particularly, it appears to have difficulties in solving for weight in frequency domain as migrating the Sigsbee data with RTM tends to produce strong low-frequency noise.

Overall, our experiments can be considered as a proof of concept that we can approximate the complex operator via the chain of elementary operators at least in its the particular application to Least-squares Migration.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### REVIEW OF SEISMIC IMAGING

#### Seismic Migration as a adjoint operator

The seismic data  $\mathbf{d}$  that is acquired in the survey approximately has the linear relationship with the earth reflectivity model  $\mathbf{m}$  as  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Lm}$ . The contrast of the lithology in the subsurface leads to difference in acoustic impedance and hence reflectivity  $\mathbf{m}$ .  $\mathbf{L}$  is the operator that incorporates the physics of seismic wave propagation involved from the source to the subsurface and back to the receivers. In practice, choices of  $\mathbf{L}$  can be classified to 2 categories: ray-based and wave-equation-based. The velocity model of the subsurface embedded in  $\mathbf{L}$  is the crucial parameter that control the structural accuracy of the migrated image. In the subsequent work presented in this thesis, we are dealing exclusively with the situation (i.e the stage of imaging project) where the velocity model is assumed to be accurately estimated and left unchanged throughout. Otherwise, the problem will be non-linear which requires the different optimization approach.

The task of seismic imaging (or migration) is to construct the earth image represented by  $\mathbf{m}$  from the acquired data  $\mathbf{d}$ . It is recognized that seismic migration is an adjoint operator  $\mathbf{L}^T$  of the its associated forward modeling  $\mathbf{L}$  (Claerbout, 1992). In other words, the seismic image is constructed from back-projecting the seismic energy acquired on the surface to the point in the subsurface where that energy comes from.

This process is kinematically equivalent to applying adjoint operator  $\mathbf{L}^T$  to the data  $\mathbf{d}$ .

However, one can see that  $\mathbf{m}_{\text{mig}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}$  is not the solution to the problem  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{Lm}$ . In fact, the least-squares solution is  $\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}$ . The missing term in  $\mathbf{m}_{\text{mig}}$  is  $(\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1}$  which is called Inverse Hessian. In other words, the migrated image is when we assume the inverse Hessian is identity matrix which is not generally true.

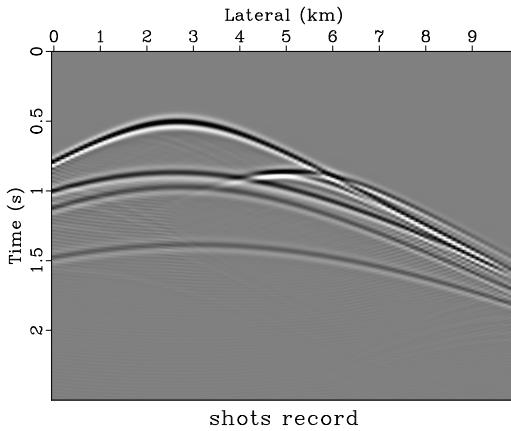


Figure 1.1: Simple Layer - Shot record chapter-intro/..../chapter-intro/intro shots

To illustrate the effect of incorporating the inverse Hessian term, consider the synthetic shot record  $\mathbf{d}$  in Figure 1.1 generated using finite-difference wave propagator. If we apply the migration operator  $\mathbf{L}^T$ , we get the image in Figure 1.2(a). In contrast, the image in Figure 1.2(b) is when we compensated the standard migrated image  $\mathbf{m}_{\text{mig}} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}$  with the Inverse Hessian  $(\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1}$  through the iterative inversion. One can see that both images are structurally similar. This is due to the fact that mentioned earlier that it is only the velocity model that controls the structural accuracy of the migrated image. Here, we do not change or make an update to velocity model through the iterative inversion. One can notice obvious differences

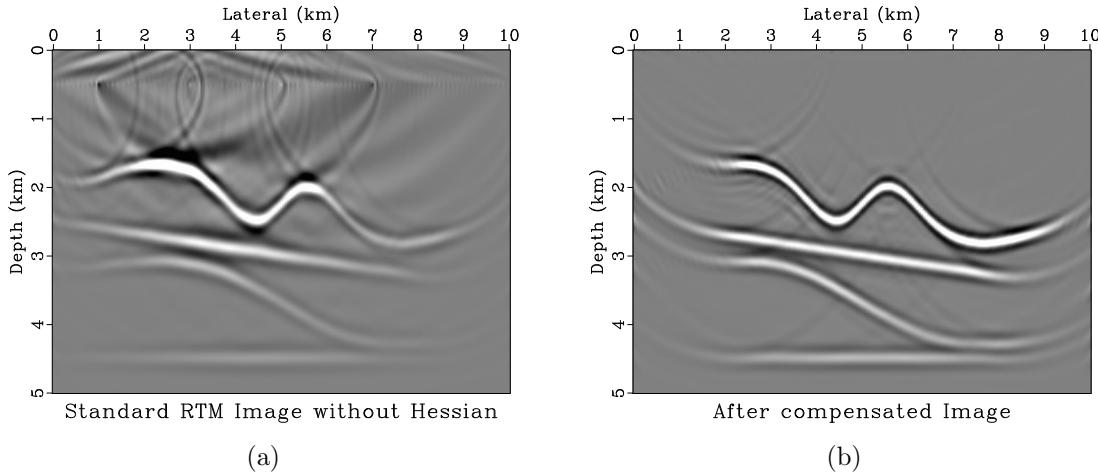


Figure 1.2: Simple Layer - RTM Image(left) without Inverse Hessian (right) with Inverse Hessian chapter-intro/..../chapter-intro/intro mig1,lsrtm

in terms of amplitude balancing and resolutions. The  $\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}$  image has more balancing amplitude and improved resolution. This is the simple illustration that having accurately estimated inverse Hessian is beneficial.

## DEVELOPMENT IN INVERSE HESSIAN ESTIMATION

Least-squares migration (LSM) is a well-established technique for improving the quality of seismic imaging through inversion (Nemeth et al., 1999; Ronen and Liner, 2000). By formulating seismic imaging as a linear estimation problem, least-squares migration utilizes the power of iterative inversion for recovering the reflectivity of subsurface structures. In recent years, least-squares imaging, in particular LSRTM (least-square reverse-time migration) has found many successful applications (Dai et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2016; Wong et al., 2011).

The least-squares formulation involves the inverse Hessian operator. As recog-

nized by previous researchers, the algorithm can be accelerated if the inverse Hessian matrix can be accurately approximated. Normally, the inverse Hessian is replaced by the identity matrix i.e. when only migration is performed, which is not a correct assumption. This is because it is not practical to form the inverse Hessian explicitly as it involves directly inverting an extremely large matrix.

In the conventional approach, the inverse Hessian is approximated by iterative methods, such as conjugate gradients (Tarantola, 1984; Sun et al., 2016; Xue et al., 2016). This raises the cost of LSRTM to the cost of migration and modeling multiplied by the number of iterations. Only a small number of iterations can be affordable in practice.

To reduce this cost or, alternatively, to reduce the number of iterations by accelerating the iterative convergence, a number of methods have been proposed in the literature for approximating the inverse Hessian using relatively inexpensive computations. Rickett (2003) estimated a simple scaling operator to approximate the inverse Hessian with a diagonal matrix. Guitton (2004) and Greer et al. (2018) extended this approach to matching filters, approximating the inverse Hessian with a nonstationary convolution operator. This approach is also known as *migration deconvolution* (Hu et al., 2001; Yu et al., 2006). Aoki and Schuster (2009) approximated inverse Hessian as a deblurring filter for regularization and precondition scheme. Kaur et al. (2020) adopt the deep learning technique and use generative adversarial networks in a conditional setting (CycleGANs) to approximate inverse Hessian.

This work is motivated mainly by an asymptotic theory (Miller et al., 1987; Bleistein, 1987). The theory shows that the inverse Hessian can be represented as a combination of weights in the time domain and the frequency domain. The result

extends to the case of LSRTM (Hou and Symes, 2015, 2016).

## TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We propose to approximate the inverse Hessian by reformulate by simultaneously estimating a chain of weights in the space and frequency domains from initial images. We design this chain to be symmetric to preserve the symmetric property of the Hessian. Our method which has relatively low computational cost compared to the overall Least-squares migration process. Once the weight matrices are estimated, they can efficiently approximate the inverse Hessian. Alternatively, the approximate inverse Hessian can be incorporated in the form of a preconditioner to accelerate the convergence of iterative LSRTM.

## THESIS OUTLINE

This undergraduate thesis organized according to the following outline:

- In Chapter 2, we first present the theory of chain of operators, problem formulation, and an estimation algorithm. In particular, we present the estimation of inverse Hessian applied to the Least-square Migration problem.
- In Chapter 3, we test the accuracy of the proposed approach using zero-offset synthetic data. We start with the synthetic data from the Marmousi model (Versteeg, 1994). Then, we also test with the real data from Viking Graben.
- Subsequently in Chapter 3, we use prestack Marmousi and Sigbee2A data to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed approximation of Inverse Hessian by using it as a preconditioner for LSRTM.

## Chapter 2

### Chain of operator: Theory

## THEORY

#### Motivation of chain of operators

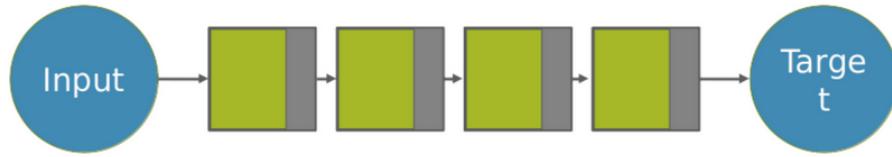


Figure 2.1: Schematic drawing of chain of operators  
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The motivation behind the idea of the chain of operators is that one can approximate the complex operator through the chain of parameterized elementary operators. As illustrated in Figure 2.1, the input source is related to target through the chain of parameterized elementary operator (green). Between each of these elementary operators are predetermined function (grey) chosen appropriately for the domain of application. In this work as motivated by asymptotic theory mentioned earlier, this predetermined function is a Fourier (and Inverse Fourier) Transform.

## Problem formulation

Given surface seismic data  $\mathbf{d}$ , the first migrated image  $\mathbf{m}_1$  is obtained by applying seismic migration as the adjoint of forward linear modeling operator  $\mathbf{L}$ :

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} . \quad (2.1)$$

Next, we can model and migrate again, generating the second image

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{m}_1 \quad (2.2)$$

If we can find an effective approximation for the Hessian operator from equation (2.2)

$$\mathbf{H} \approx \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \quad (2.3)$$

and its inverse, then applying this inverse to the initial image  $\mathbf{m}_1$  will provide an effective approximation for the desired least-squares image

$$\mathbf{m}_3 = \mathbf{H}^{-1} \mathbf{m}_1 \approx (\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d} . \quad (2.4)$$

As discussed earlier that we cannot afford the cost of directly inverting the matrix, it is clear that the desired form of approximated Hessian should be easy, preferably trivial, to invert.

## Chain operator in Least-squares Migration

We propose to approximate the connection between  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{m}_2$  in equation (2.2) using a chain of weights alternating between the original domain and the Fourier domain, as follows:

$$\mathbf{m}_2 \approx \mathbf{W} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_f \mathbf{F} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{m}_1 , \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$  are diagonal matrices, and  $\mathbf{F}$  represents the Fourier transform.  $\mathbf{W}$  represents the weighting factor that match the amplitude of the  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and that of  $\mathbf{m}_2$  in the original domain of the image (time or depth).  $\mathbf{W}_f$  is a weighting factor (or filter) that match the frequency of those two corresponding images. Our goal is to estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$  from the given pairs of  $\mathbf{m}_1$  and  $\mathbf{m}_2$ ,

In the digital filtering terminology, the operation of  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_f\mathbf{F}$  is equivalent to convolution. Therefore, the proposed chain represents a combination of scaling and convolution in a symmetric setting. The symmetry is important because the Hessian operator ( $\mathbf{L}^T\mathbf{L}$ ), which we are approximating using this representation, is symmetric by definition.

Once we obtain  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$ , inverting the chain is straightforward as each weight matrices is a diagonal matrix. The compensated migrated image  $\mathbf{m}_3$  from equation (2.4) becomes

$$\mathbf{m}_3 = \mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_f^{-1}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{m}_1. \quad (2.6)$$

### Solving for $\mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{W}_f$

To solve the nonlinear representation of chain of operators in equation (2.5), we introduce intermediate vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  and treat them as additional unknown variables, splitting the initial condition into three linear equations, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_1 &\approx \mathbf{W}\mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 &\approx \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_f\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 &\approx \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

In the vector notation,

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_f\mathbf{F} & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{W} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \mathbf{0}, \quad (2.8)$$

and the solution is found by minimizing the residual vector  $\mathbf{r}$  while updating  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_f$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ . Linearizing equation (2.8) with respect to perturbations in unknown variables, we arrive at

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \text{diag}[\mathbf{m}_1] & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F}^{-1}\mathbf{W}_f\mathbf{F} & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}^{-1}\text{diag}[\mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}_1] \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{W} & \text{diag}[\mathbf{x}_2] & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{x}_1 \\ \Delta\mathbf{x}_2 \\ \Delta\mathbf{W} \\ \Delta\mathbf{W}_f \end{bmatrix} \approx -\mathbf{r} \quad (2.9)$$

We solve (2.9) using the conjugate-gradient method with shaping regularization that enforces the smoothness of estimated variables (Fomel, 2007b), then update  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_f$ , and recalculate residual  $\mathbf{r}$  in (2.8) iteratively until convergence. This corresponds to a regularized Gauss-Newton approach for solving the original nonlinear system.

Noted that to choose the step size in the updating scheme, we use a simple binary-search of step size. After obtaining the update vector from (2.9), we update the variables using step size = 1.0. Then, we check if the residual decreases or not. If does not, we rollback the variables and update them using step size = 0.5. We repeat this fashion until the residual decreases. See the Appendix for complete code implemtation (chain2dfft.c and Mchain2dfft.c)

It is clear that solving (2.5) is not guaranteed to achieve global minimum as the equation is non-convex with respect to  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$ . To mitigate the problem of being subjected to local minima, the initial guess  $\mathbf{W}_0$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f0$  are supplied to the algorithms. To initialize the initial time/space weight  $\mathbf{W}$ , we use a smooth division

of  $\mathbf{m}_2$  by  $\mathbf{m}_1$  (Fomel, 2007a) and then take a square root. We set the initial frequency weight  $\mathbf{W}_f$  to 1.0.

### Preconditioning with chain weights

To go beyond applying the inverse Hessian in Post-stack image, we propose to apply the weights  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$  to form a preconditioner to speed up the convergence of iterative least-square migration. The original problem is to solve for  $\mathbf{m}$  where  $\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{Lm}$ . We apply the change of variables from  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{y}$  according to  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{Py}$  where  $\mathbf{P}$  is the preconditioning matrix. Then the problem becomes

$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{LPy} \quad (2.10)$$

We then solve this equation for  $\mathbf{y}$  with the least-square objective function

$$J(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2} \|(\mathbf{LP})\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{d}\|_2^2, \quad (2.11)$$

which corresponds to the analytical solution

$$\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{LP})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{d}. \quad (2.12)$$

After iteratively inverting for  $\mathbf{y}$ , we recover the original variable  $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{Py}$ .

The iterative inversion of finding  $\mathbf{y}$  is accelerated because according to the approximation of Hessian operator  $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} \approx \mathbf{WF}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_f \mathbf{F} \mathbf{W}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L} &\approx \mathbf{WF}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_f \mathbf{F} \mathbf{W} \\ &= (\mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^T)^{-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

the preconditioner  $\mathbf{P}$  can be constructed from chain weights as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{W}_f^{-1/2} \mathbf{F}. \quad (2.14)$$

This makes the inverted operator in equation (2.12) close to unitary,

$$(\mathbf{LP})^T \mathbf{LP} \approx \mathbf{I}, \quad (2.15)$$

which accelerates the convergence when the inversion is carried out by an iterative method.

## Chapter 3

### Chain of operators: Experiments

#### ZERO-OFFSET EXPERIMENTS

##### Chain as a Deconvolution Filter: Synthetic Marmousi data

We test the idea of the chain of operators with Marmousi data (Versteeg, 1994). The shot gather volume is shown in Figure 3.1(a) and consists of 45 shots. The migration velocity is shown in Figure 3.1(b) which is obtained from smoothing the stratigraphic slowness. Figure 3.2 shows reverse-time migarted image using a finite-difference wave propagator.

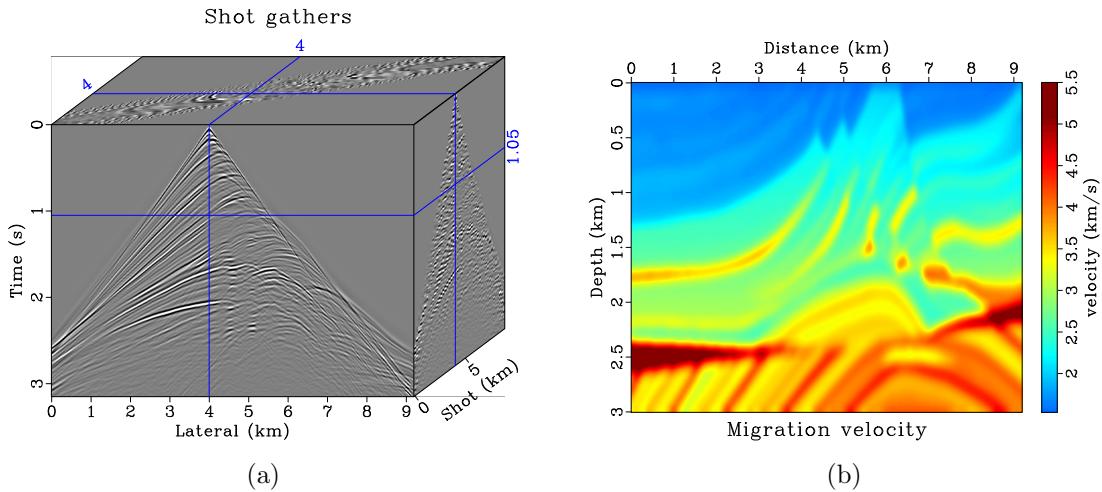


Figure 3.1: (a) Marmousi - Shot gathers (b) Migration velocity for prestack migration  
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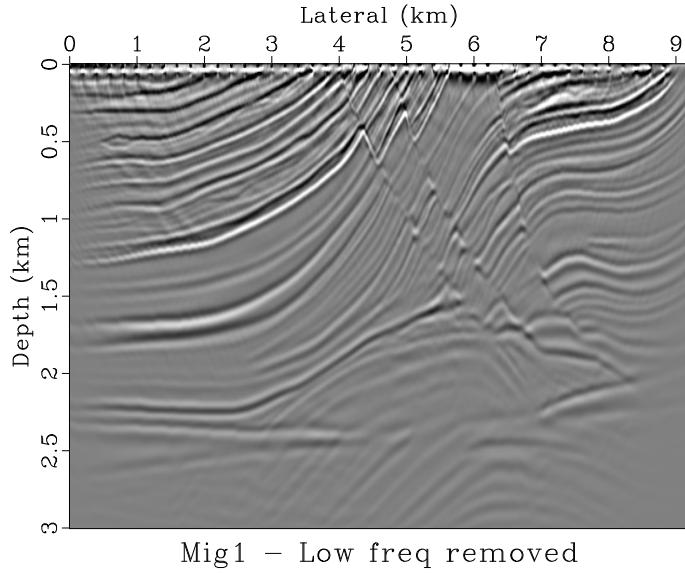


Figure 3.2: Marmousi - RTM Image [chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/pre mmbmig1]

After we obtain the second migrated image  $\mathbf{m}_2$  by remodeling and remigration exercise ( $\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L}$ ) to  $\mathbf{m}_1$ , we form the initial weights  $\mathbf{W}_0$  by taking the square-root of smooth division  $\frac{\mathbf{m}_2}{\mathbf{m}_1}$  as mentioned earlier.

We run the chain solver to estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f$  for different numbers of iterations. The residual is about 1.9 %, 0.23 %, 0.21 % of the zeroth iteration (i.e. with  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W}_0$  and  $\mathbf{W}_f = \mathbf{I}$ ) after 2, 5, 10 iterations respectively. These weights are shown in Figure 3.3 and 3.4. Notice that the weights in space domain  $\mathbf{W}^{-1}$  does not change much after more iterations, contrasting to the behavior of the weight in frequency domain  $\mathbf{W}_f^{-1}$

Subsequently, we used chain weights to perform poststack deconvolution as prescribed in equation (2.6). The result (Figure 3.5) shows an immediate improvement in resolution over that of the initial RTM image. The deconvolved image with 5 iterations has higher resolution compared to the one run with 2 iterations. However,

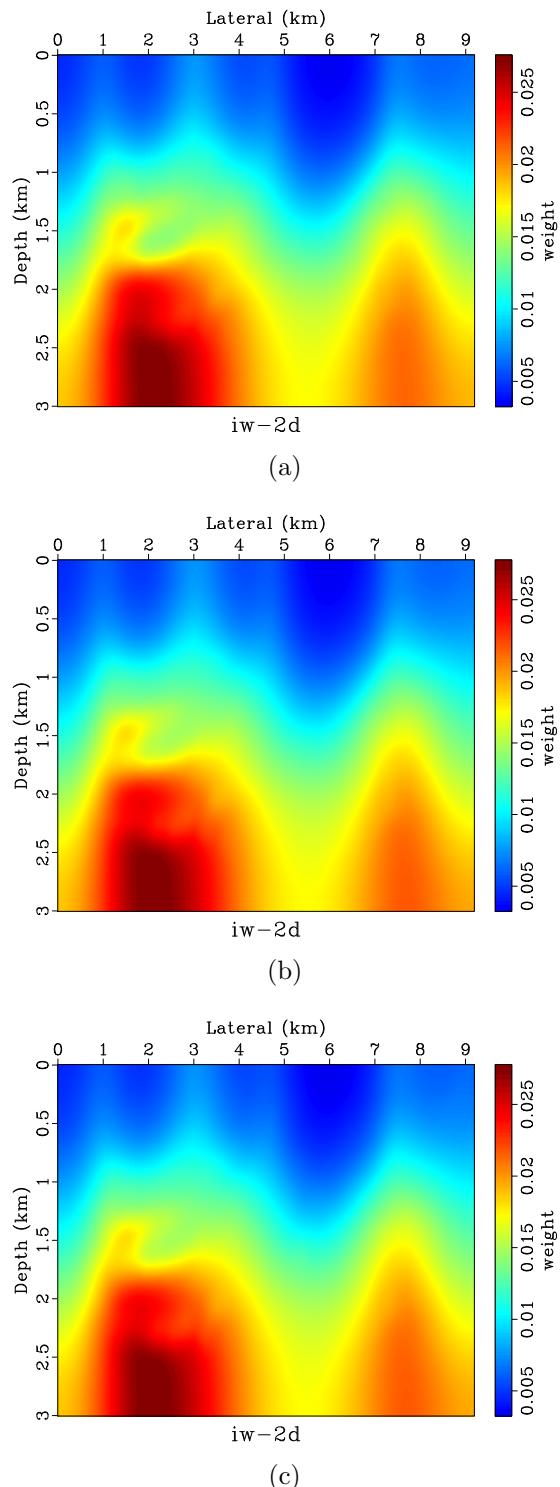


Figure 3.3: Marmousi -  $\mathbf{W}^{-1}$  2, 5, 10 iteration of update  
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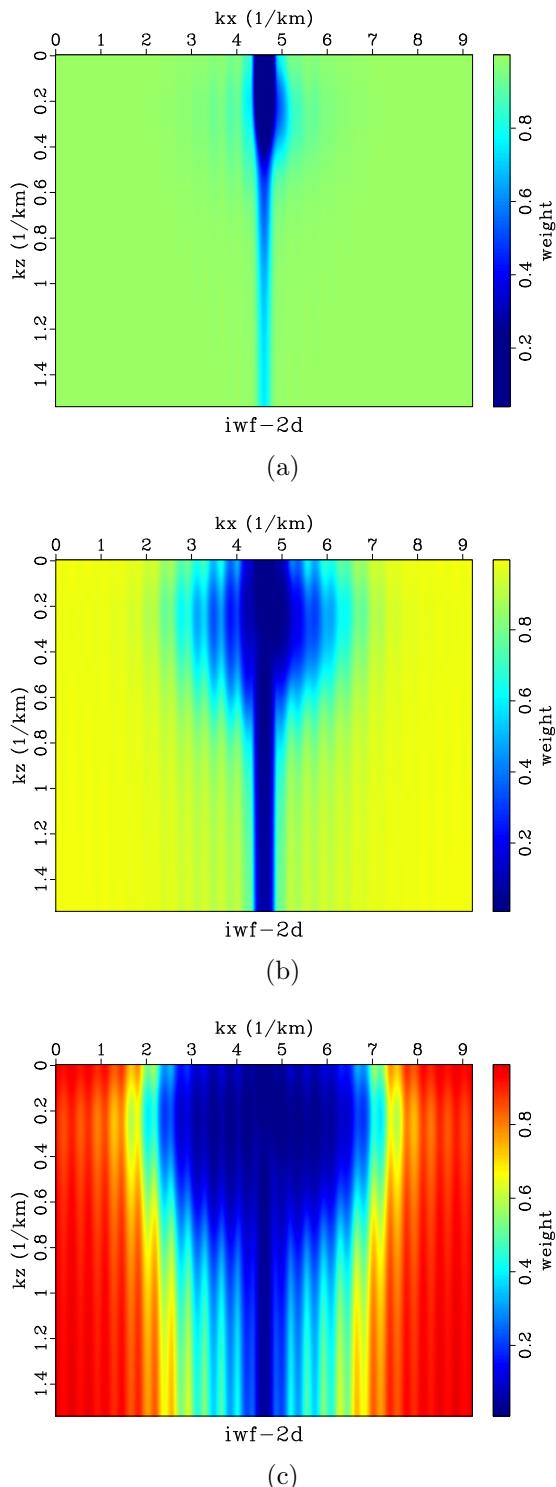


Figure 3.4: Marmousi -  $\mathbf{W}_f^{-1}$  2, 5, 10 iteration of update  
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the image with 5 iterations gives a smoother image. This may be from the fact that we get smoother frequency weight  $\mathbf{Wf}^{-1}$  in the area where data mostly reside in Fourier domain i.e. 90° dip in  $(k_x, k_z)$  space.

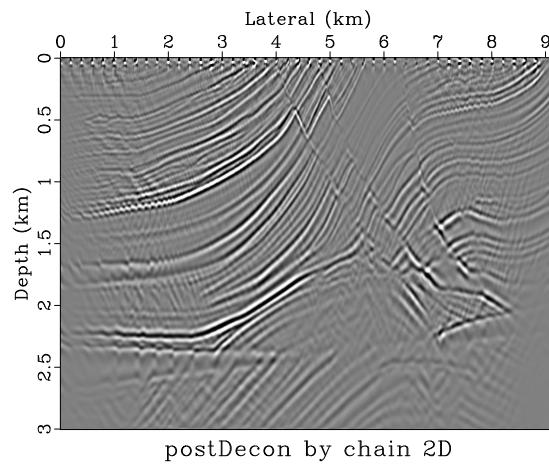
### Chain as a Deconvolution Filter: Real Viking Graben data

In this experiment, we compare the result of using the chain of operator as a deconvolution filter applied to a zero-offset migrated image as in equation (2.6) with the traditional zero-offset iterative least-square migration. The zero-offset data (Fig 3.6(a)) comes from the Viking Graben Field. Its corresponding migration velocity is in (3.6(b)). We migrated the data using zero-offset RTM.

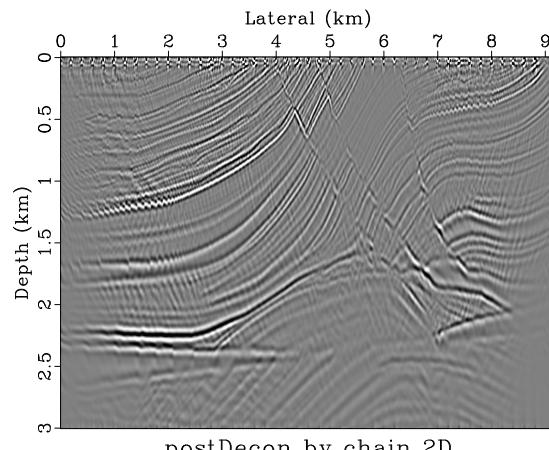
Noted that in the zero-offset data, we have area that we muted during the pre-processing (the area above 0.4s). Thus, the migrated image will have muted area in space domain near the surface too. The experiment shows that if we solve for  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mathbf{Wf}$  using whole image, the result after applied deconvolution operator will have high frequency artifacts in the area where the data was muted originally.

Hence, we will test the effectiveness of deconvolution filter only the area where we have completed image. In other words, the weights are solved using input two windowed stacks of the first and second migrated image. In Fig 3.7(a), 3.7(b), 3.7(c) we show windowed section of the migrated image, deconvolved image by chain weights, and traditional iterative least-square migration respectively. To be clear, the image from iterative LS comes from using the whole image as an input still. We can see the amplitude range of deconvolutioned image and LSM image are about the same while that of standard migrated image is in different range.

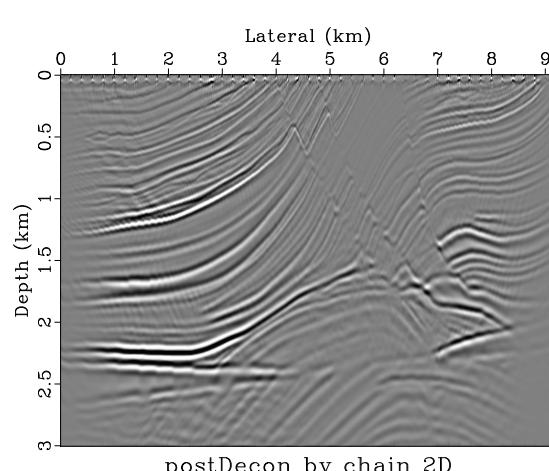
Fig 3.8 shows the zoom-in portion of these images. We can see that the layers



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 3.5: Marmousi - Poststack Deconvolution Image 2, 5, 10 iteration of update  
chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/pre decon2,decon5,decon10

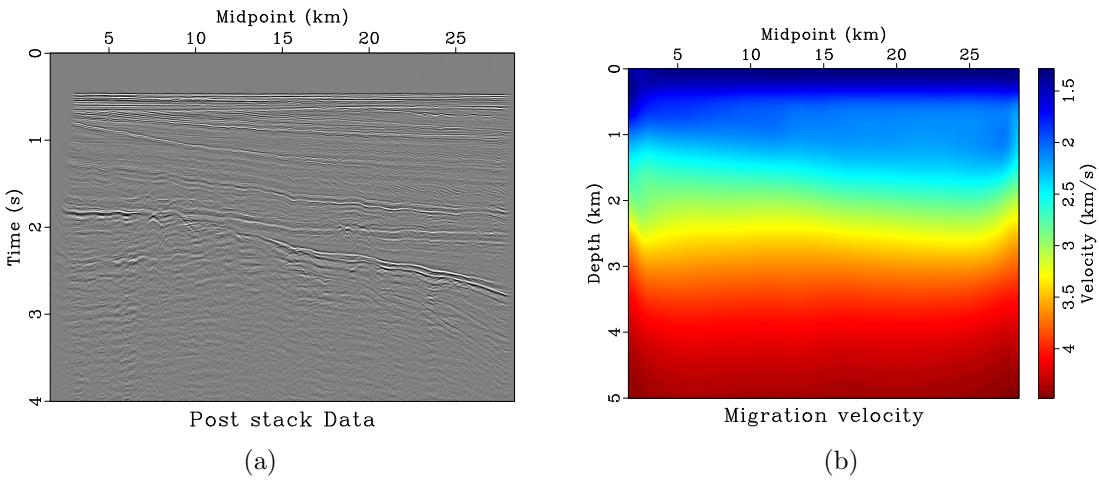


Figure 3.6: (Viking - (a) Zero-offset shot (b) Dix Velocity for Migration  
 chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/vk zodata,veldix

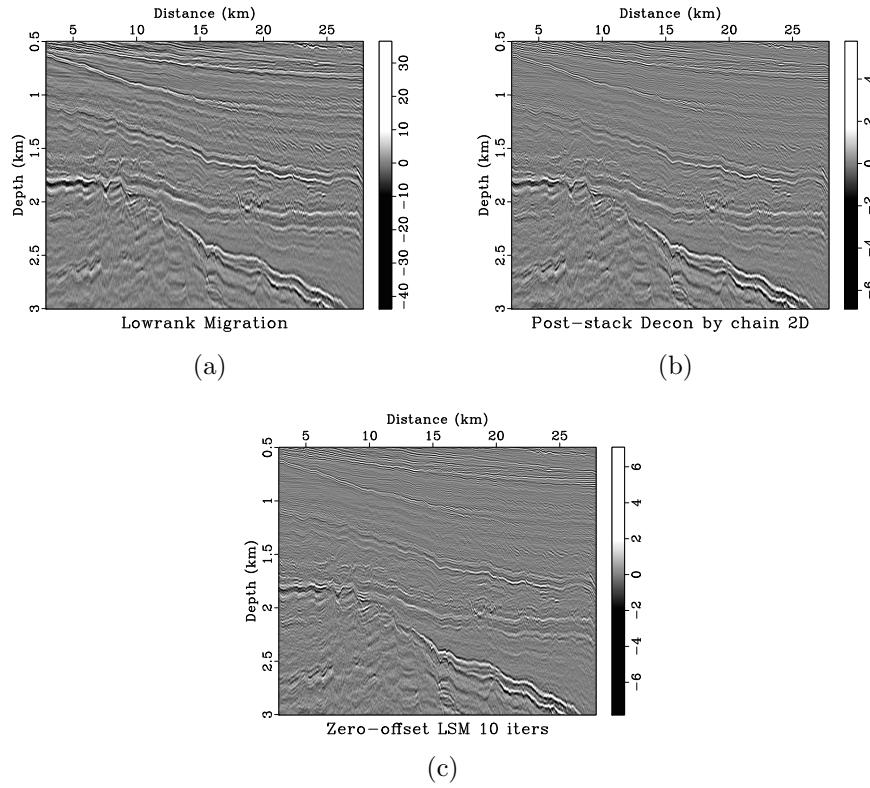


Figure 3.7: Viking - (left) standard Zero-offset migration (mid) Deconvolved image by chain (right) Iterative LSM  
 chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/vk cmig1,cdecon,lsm0

in deconvolutioned image looks more similar to LSM image in terms of amplitude balancing.

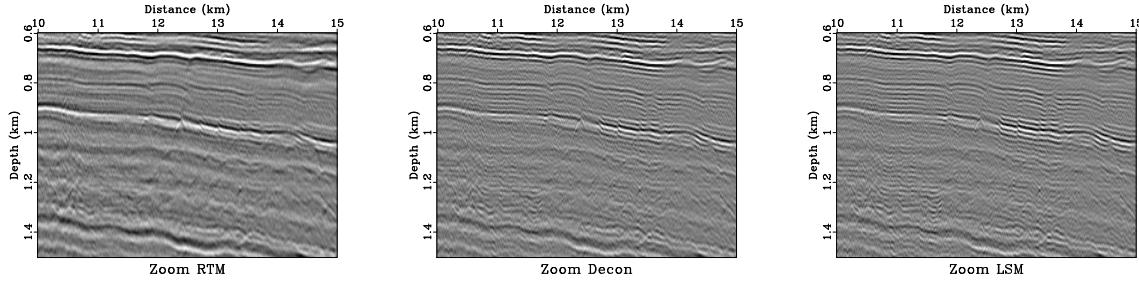


Figure 3.8: Viking - Zoom-in comparison <chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/vk zooms>

In Fig 3.9, we use the average frequency spectrum as one of the available quantitative tools to compare the image resolution. Deconvolution by chain can recover high frequency but not as good as iterative LSM, which has higher computational cost. The the pattern of frequency spectrum of deconvolved image by chain and that of iterative LSM appear similar which suggests that in this case the chain deconvolution filter derived from the chain emulates the inverse Hessian estimated by iterative LSM.

So far, estimating the inverse Hessian operator by chain of operators shows a promising result on the synthetic data. On the real Viking Graben data, we still gain the improvement of the image from using the method. However, the experiment shows that imperfections of the real data can limit the usability of the method.

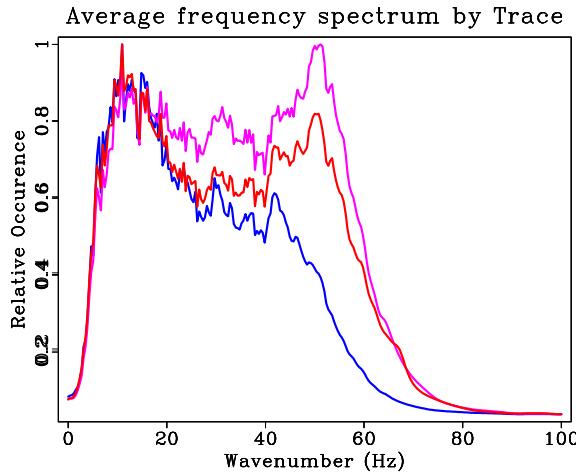


Figure 3.9: Viking - Frequency spectrum of - blue: standard ZORTM, red: Deconvolved by chain, pink: Iterative LSM

## PRE-STACK EXPERIMENTS

### Chain as a Preconditioner for Least-square RTM

We use the weights in Figure 3.3 and 3.4) to form a preconditioner according to equation (2.14). In particular, we chose the weights obtained after 2 update iterations. This choice was not made based on any preference. Rather, it was due to availability of results at that time when this subsequent experiment was performed.

In Figure 3.10, we show the change made to the generic conjugate-gradient algorithms to incorporate the preconditioning matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  according to equation 2.14. The operator  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{L}^T$  can be any modeling/migration pair. In this case, we use Reverse-Time Migration (RTM). The illustration is modified from (Fomel et al., 2013). Here, we can see that incorporating preconditioning operator  $\mathbf{P}$  incurs a negligible cost to the overall cost of LSRTM. In particular, the preconditioner costs 2 FFTs  $O(n\log n)$  while the cost of RTM significantly surpasses that. See the Appendix for the complete code of preconditioner (Mtf2dprec.c).

```

22 def conjgrad(oper,dat,x0,ref,niter):
23     'CG for minimizing |oper x - dat|^2'
24
25     x = x0
26     R = oper(adj=0)[x]-dat
27     for iter in range(niter):
28         g = oper(adj=1)[R] LT
29         g = oper(adj=0)[g] L
30         gn = g.dot2()
31         print "Gradient iter %d: %g" % (iter+1,gn)
32         if 0==iter:
33             s = g
34             S = G
35         else:
36             beta = gn/gnp
37             s = g+s*beta
38             S = G+S*beta
39             gnp = gn
40             alpha = -gn/S.dot2()
41             x = x+s*alpha
42             R = R+S*alpha
43
44
45
46
47     x = prec(adj=0)[p] recover the original variable m = Py
48     return x

```

```

22 def pconjgrad(oper,prec,dat,p0,ref,niter):
23     'Precondition CG for minimizing |oper prec p - dat|'
24
25     p = p0
26     x = prec(adj=0)[p0]
27     R = oper(adj=0)[x]-dat
28     for iter in range(niter):
29         f = oper(adj=1)[R] P^T L^T
30         g = prec(adj=1)[f] P
31         F = prec(adj=0)[g] LP
32         G = oper(adj=0)[f]
33         gn = g.dot2()
34         print "Gradient iter %d: %g" % (iter+1,gn)
35         if 0==iter:
36             s = g
37             S = G
38         else:
39             beta = gn/gnp
40             s = g+s*beta
41             S = G+S*beta
42             gnp = gn
43             alpha = -gn/S.dot2()
44             p = p+s*alpha
45             R = R+S*alpha
46
47     x = prec(adj=0)[p] recover the original variable m = Py
48     return x

```

Figure 3.10: Changes in Conjugate-gradient algorithms to incorporate preconditioner  
chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/pre conj

Once we have all the code ready, we perform least-square reverse time migration using conjugate gradients for 20 iterations. The result without and without preconditioner is shown in Figure 3.11. The LSRTM image with preconditioner leads to a noticeable improvement in resolution. The amplitudes appear more balance, and the reflectors at greater depth are better illuminated.

The resolution improvement can be verified by examining the average frequency spectrum of each image (Figure 3.12). LSRTM with preconditioner (pink curve) has the broadest bandwidth compared to LSRTM without preconditioner (red curve) and RTM image (blue curve).

For closer inspection, the selected zoom-in sections are also provided in Figures 3.13,3.14,3.15,3.16

Subsequently, we run LSRTM for 100 iterations. To quantify the improvement, the misfit in data domain (Figure 3.17) is calculated using the  $L_2$ -norm of data residual  $\|\mathbf{d}_k - \mathbf{d}\|_2$  normalized by  $\|\mathbf{d}\|_2$ . Here we also include the result of using only space

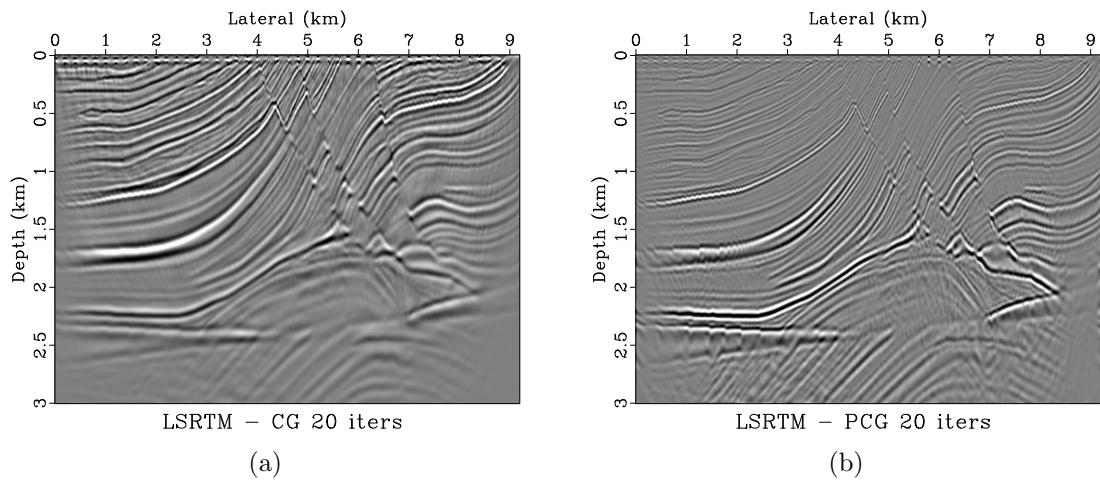


Figure 3.11: Marmousi - (a) LSRTM Image without and (b) with Preconditioner after 20 iterations

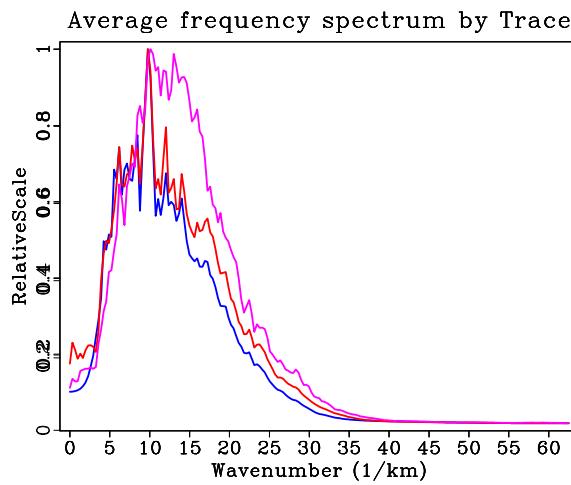


Figure 3.12: Marmousi - Frequency spectrum of migrated image - blue: standard RTM, red: LSRTM, pink: Preconditioned LSRTM

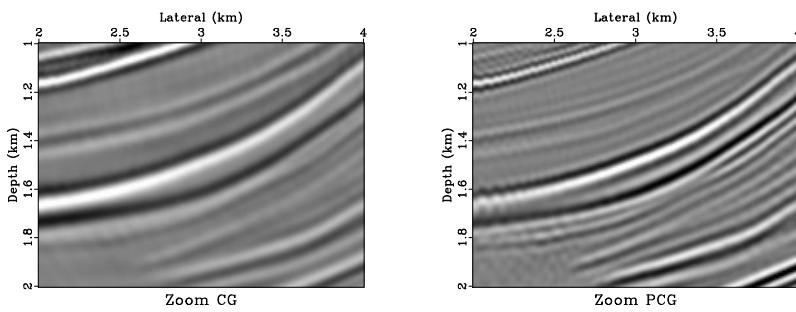


Figure 3.13: Marmousi  
chapter-lsrtm/.../chapter-lsrtm/pre zm1

- Zoom-in comparison 1

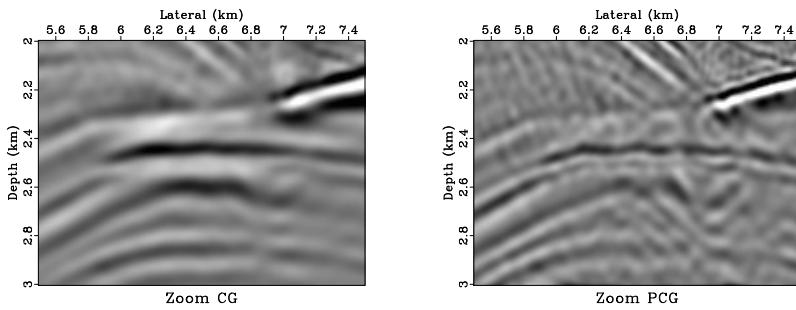


Figure 3.14: Marmousi  
chapter-lsrtm/.../chapter-lsrtm/pre zm2

- Zoom-in comparison 2

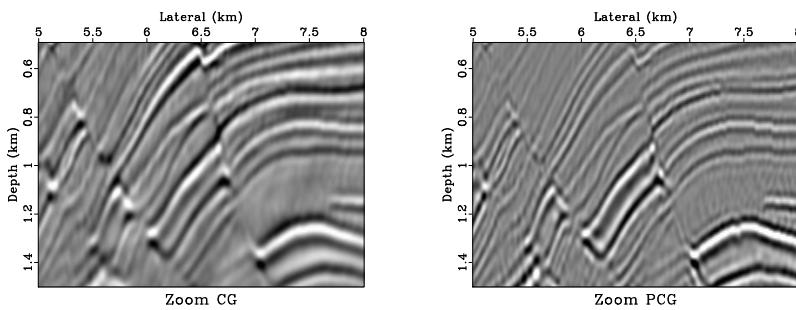


Figure 3.15: Marmousi  
chapter-lsrtm/.../chapter-lsrtm/pre zm3

- Zoom-in comparison 3

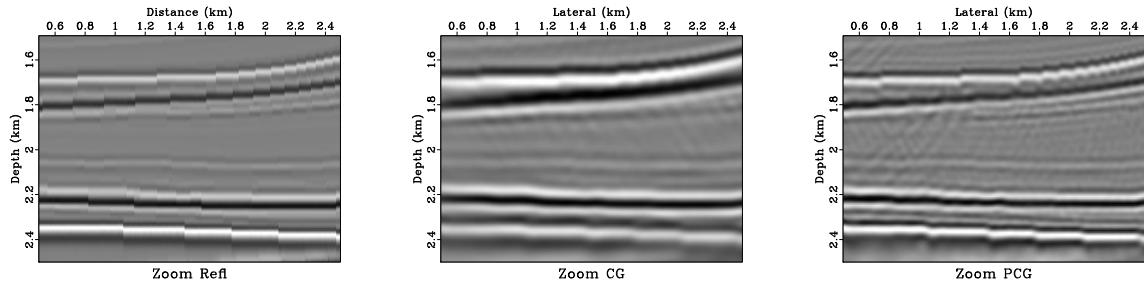


Figure 3.16: Marmousi - Zoom-in comparison 4  
 chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/pre zm4

weight  $\mathbf{W}$  obtained from taking the square root of smooth division of  $\frac{m_2}{m_1}$  while leaving  $\mathbf{W}_f$  as  $\mathbf{I}$  as preconditioner. This is the simplest form of preconditioner one comes up with. The plot confirms that the chain preconditioner leads to faster convergence while using space-only weight shows slight improvement in convergence. The LSRTM images after 100 iteration are shown in Figures 3.18.

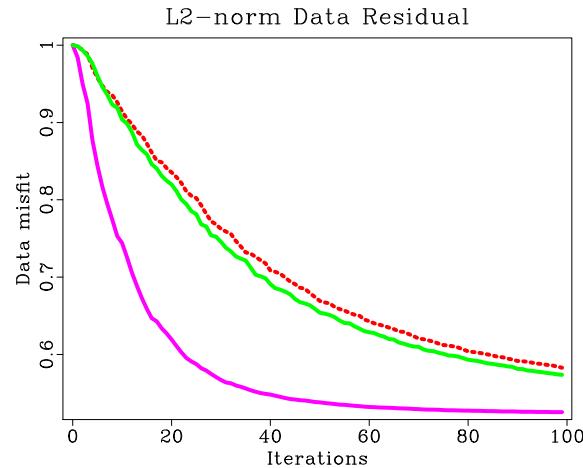


Figure 3.17: Marmousi - Normalized data misfit dash=without preconditioner solid(green)=with weight in space only solid(purple)=with chain preconditioner  
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In terms of amplitude balancing, LSRTM without preconditioner after 100

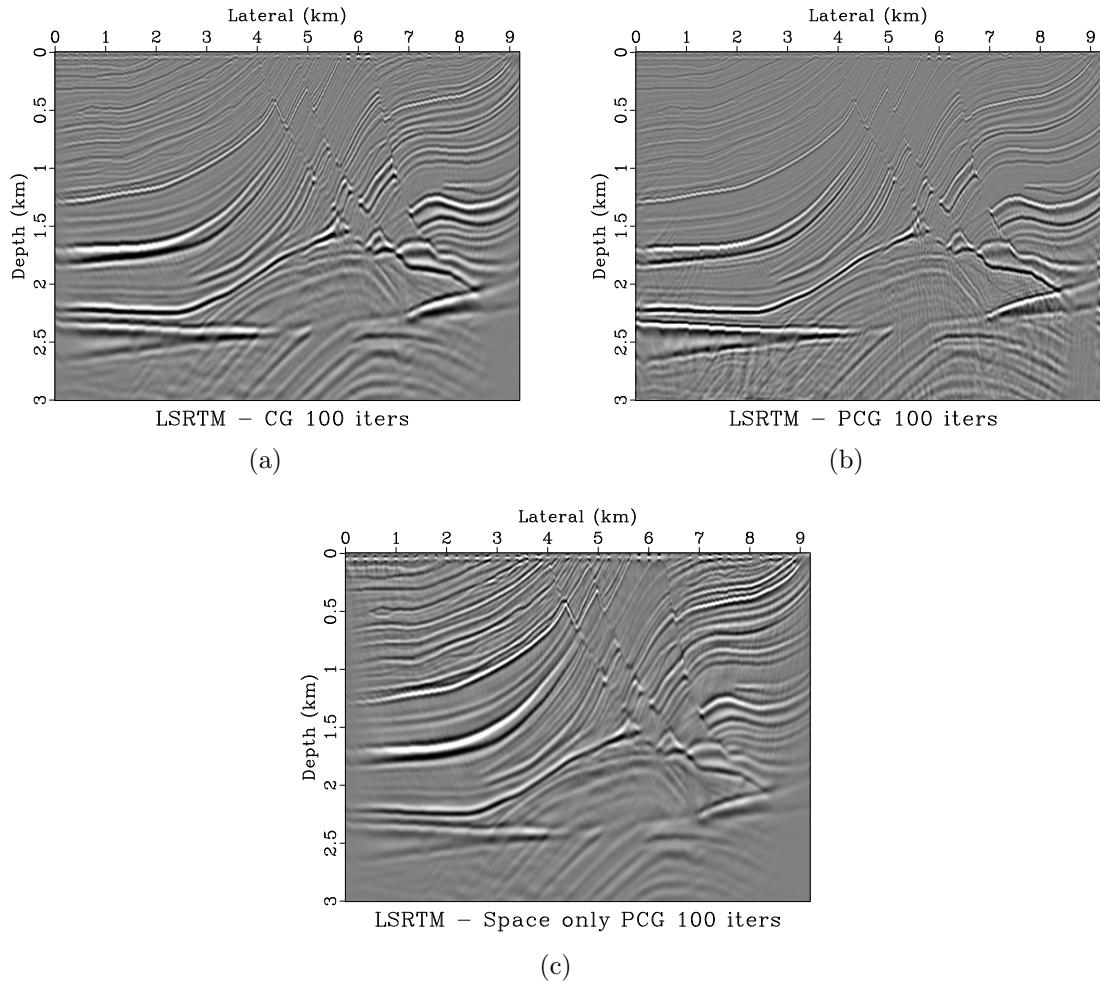


Figure 3.18: Marmousi - (left)LSRTM Image without Preconditioner (mid) with Preconditioner ( $\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Wf}$ ) (right) Preconditioner ( $\mathbf{W}$  only )after 100 iterations  
 chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/pre cgrad100,pgrad100,wwpgrad100

iterations gives similar image to the image from LSRTM with preconditioner after only 20 iterations.

Next, we are still testing our method with synthetic data, but now we are using the data with a different geological setting. In the following experiment, we use the Sigsbee2A model which emulates the geological setting of the Gulf of Mexico. It is characterized by presences of nearly flat layers and a large salt body as shown by the stratigraphic velocity in Fig 3.19. The model was developed by The Subsalt Multiples Attenuation and Reduction Technology Joint Venture(SMAART JV).

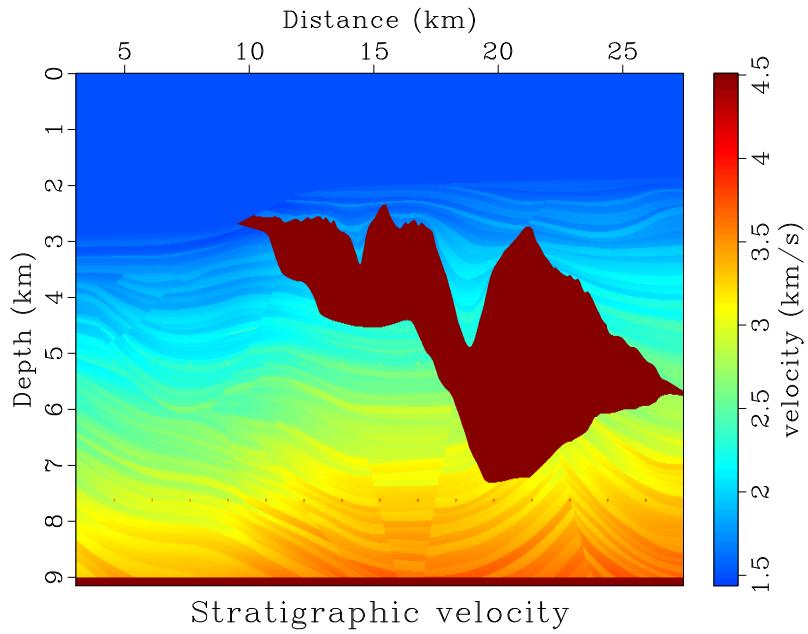


Figure 3.19: Sigsbee - Stratigraphic velocity chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/sigs veltrue

Starting with the shot record in Fig 3.20, we proceed as before by perform the Reverse-Time Migration. The result prior to removing low frequency noise is shown in Fig 3.21(a) while the image after removeing it is shown in Fig 3.21(b) . From this initial assessment, we can expect in this dataset, the low frequency predominates the

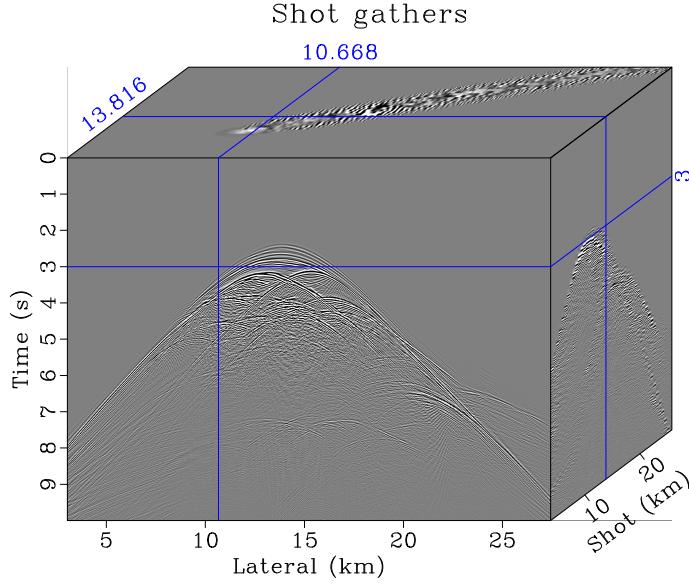


Figure 3.20: Sigsbee - Synthetic shots chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/sigs bshots45

migrated image and likely to cause difficulties to the chain algorithm in later step as we are trying to find the frequency weight  $\mathbf{W}_f$ .

We solve for weight in space domain  $\mathbf{W}$  and frequency domain  $\mathbf{W}_f$  shown in Fig 3.22(a), 3.22(b) respectively. We can see that the weight in frequency domain looks unrealistic because with the presence of flat layers, the output of 2D Fourier Transform of the image should appear to be  $90^\circ$  dip in  $(k_x, k_z)$  domain. In fact, this is what we see in 3.4 in case of Marmousi model. We think this is because the artifacts of RTM (low frequency noise) makes it harder for the algorithms to find the true/resonable weights.

We carry out the experiment and perform Least-square RTM. Noted that in the process of LSRTM, we did not apply low-pass filter to remove low-frequency artifacts in any step of conjugate gradient. The result of LSRTM without preconditioner and with preconditioner is shown in Fig 3.23 and 3.24 respectively.

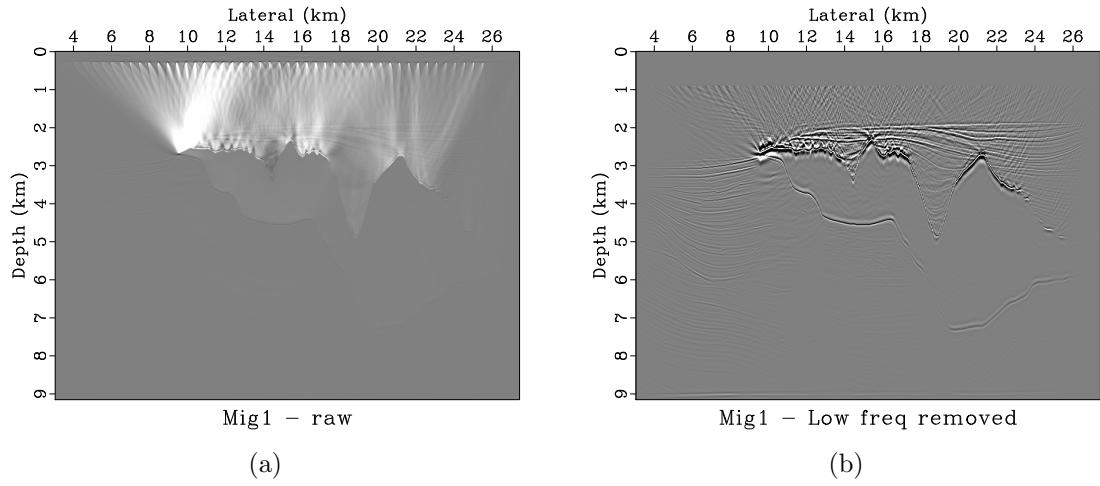


Figure 3.21: Sigsbee - RTM image (a) before remove low-frequency noise (b) after remove low-frequency noise chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/sigs smig1,bmig1

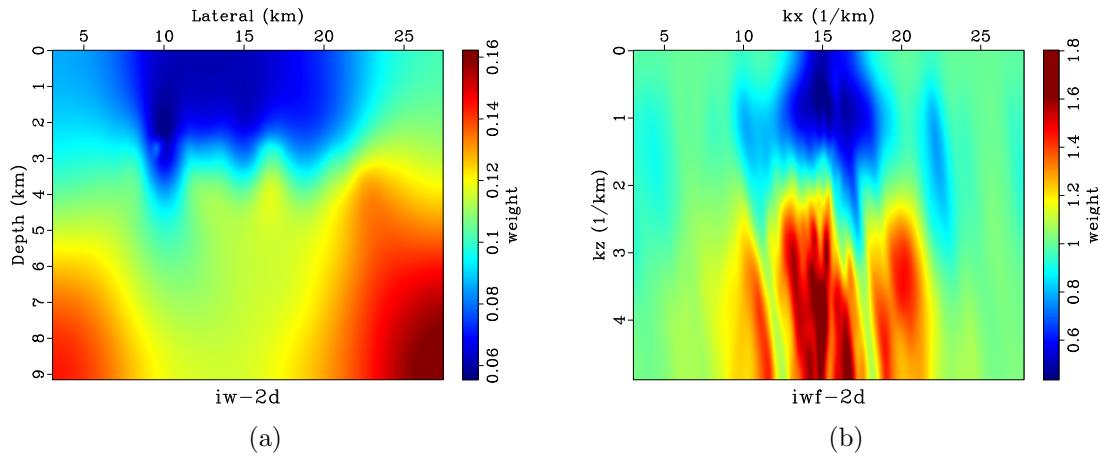


Figure 3.22: Sigsbee - (a) Weight in space domain  $\mathbf{W}$  (b) in Frequency domain  $\mathbf{W}_f$  chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/sigs iw-2d,iwf-2d

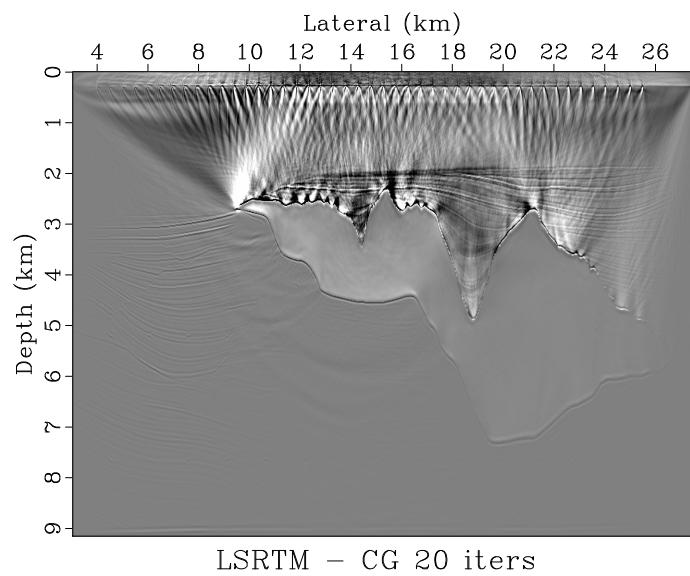


Figure 3.23: Sigsbee - LSRTM image without preconditioner  
chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/sigs cgrad-out0

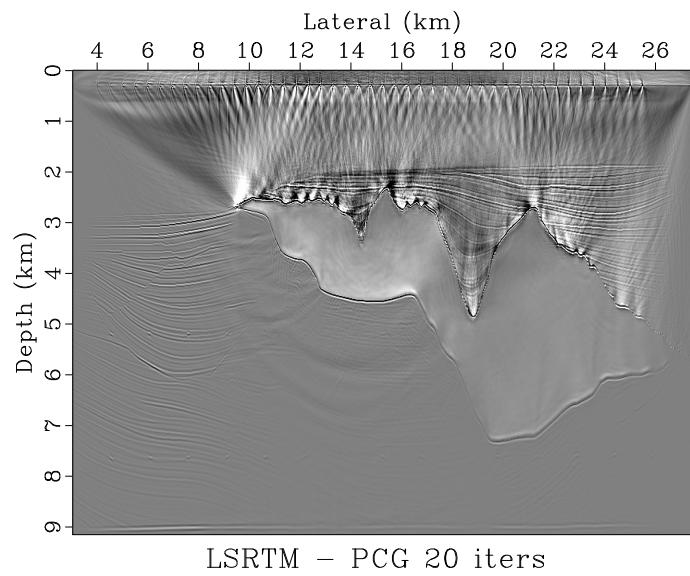


Figure 3.24: Sigsbee - LSRTM image with preconditioner  
chapter-lsrtm/..../chapter-lsrtm/sigs pcgrad-out0

From these Figures 3.23 and 3.24, we can see that Least-squares RTM has trouble getting attenuating the low-frequency noise in the area above the salt body. However, to the left of the image where there is no salt body, LSRTM with preconditioner gives a better illumination. In fact, below the salt body around 12-16 km, preconditioned LSRTM also gives slightly better illuminationation.

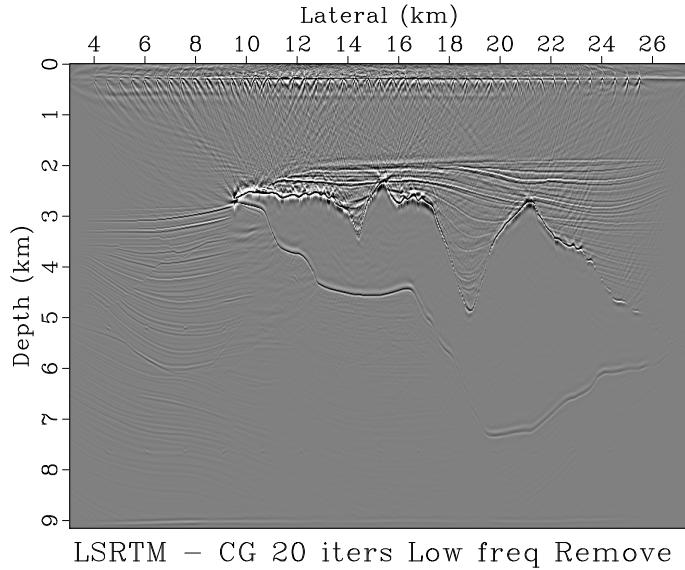


Figure 3.25: Sigsbee - LSRTM image without preconditioner after remove low frequency  
 chapter-lsrtm/..//chapter-lsrtm/sigs lsrtm0

Fig 3.25 and 3.26 show the LSRTM after remove the low frequency noise. Here, we see that the preconditioner has a very small positive effect on the final image, far less effective than the case of Marmousi data set. As mentioned above, we attribute ineffectiveness to the difficult in dealing with low-frequency noise originated from nature of RTM algorithms itself along with the presence of salt body. Given Sigsbee's complex geological setting, we do not practically have any alternatives to RTM as we must rely on two-way wavefield migration to correctly and suffienctly image geological features.

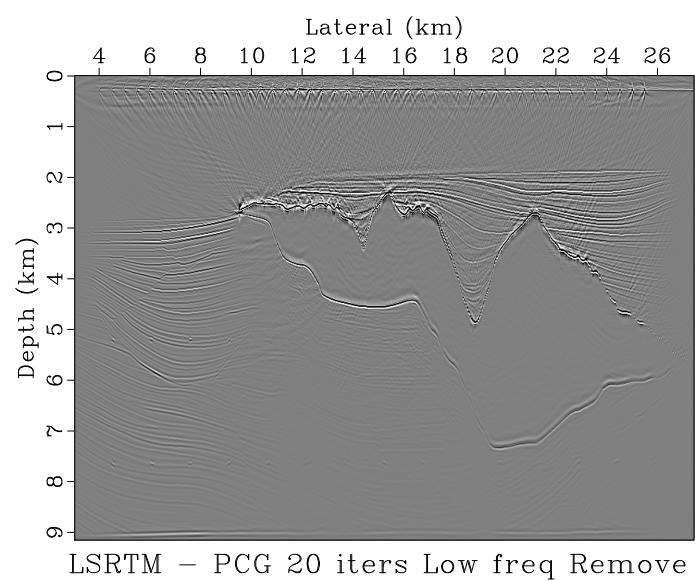


Figure 3.26: Sigsbee - LSRTM image with preconditioner after remove low frequency  
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## Chapter 4

### Conclusions

In this work, we propose a novel approach to approximating the inverse Hessian operator in least-squares migration. The method is data-driven and involves solving for weights in the original and Fourier domains that match two subsequent migrated images using the method called "chain of operators". The approximated inverse Hessian can be apply either as a decovolution filter to the migrated image or used to form a preconditioner for iterative prestack least-squares migration.

Our synthetic example shows the promising results in some cases and also reveals the challenges to the usability and limit of the algorithm. In the case that the algorithm work nicely, the results in the final image have improved resolution, balanced amplitudes, and a better data fit.

Overall, this work serves as a proof of concept of our proposed method "Chain of Operators". In other words, the complex operator can be effectively approximated through the chain of parameterized elementary operators - at least in the application of seismic least-square migration.

## FUTURE WORK

For this particular application, we hope to further investigate the effectiveness of the algorithm with the real field-size prestack dataset. It is also worth studying how we

can come up with other scheme of solving for the chain weights beside the regularized Gauss-Newton approach.

In the field of seismic processing, the idea of chain of operators has many other promising applications. One area is to find the seismic shift between two seismic traces. We can represent a small shift in seismic trace by one elementary operator. Then, the bigger shift will become the chain of this small shift operators. In fact, we can also incorporate this shift to the approximation of the Hessian operator too.

It is also worth emphasizing that the idea of the chain of operators is not limited to the field of seismic processing. As we can see from the motivation and the generality of the hypothesis that "the complex operator can be effectively approximated through the chain of parameterized elementary operators".

## Appendix

## CODE

Below is the code for the code of the programs that are newly developed for this project. In particular, Mchain2dfft.c and chain2dfft.c are the program for solving for weights in space and frequency domain. Mtf2dprec.c and tf2dprec.c are the subroutine that is used to implement a preconditioning in a Conjugate-gradient solver. The library used in those can be found at Madagascar open-source software environment for reproducible computational experiments (Fomel et al., 2013). The package is available at <http://www.ahay.org/>.

Listing 1: chapter-lsrtm/code/Mchain2dfft.c

```
1  /* Find a symmetric chain of 2D-Fourier weighting and scaling with movies*/
2  /*
3   Copyright (C) 2004 University of Texas at Austin
4
5   This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or modify
6   it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by
7   the Free Software Foundation; either version 2 of the License, or
8   (at your option) any later version.
9
10  This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
11  but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of
12  MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the
13  GNU General Public License for more details.
14
15  You should have received a copy of the GNU General Public License
16  along with this program; if not, write to the Free Software
17  Foundation, Inc., 59 Temple Place, Suite 330, Boston, MA 02111-1307 USA
18 */
19
20 #include <rsf.h>
21 #include "chain2dfft.h"
22 #include "twosmooth2.h"
23 #include "fft2.h"
24
25
26
27 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
28 {
29     int i, n, nk, n2, iter, niter, liter, nt, nx, nt1, nt2, nx2;
30     int rect1, rect2, frect1, frect2;
31     float dt, dx, x0;
32     float l2_r, l2_r_new, alpha;
33     float *w, *dw, *x, *y, *r, *p, *r_new, *w_prev;
34     sf_file wht, fwht, src, tgt, mch;
35     sf_file w0, wf0;
36     /* For fft2 */
37     bool isCmplx = false;
38     int pad = 1;
39 }
```

```

41     sf_init(argc,argv);
42     src = sf_input("in");
43     wht = sf_output("out");
44     /* space weight */

45     tgt = sf_input("target");
46     /* target */

47     w0 = sf_input("init_w");
48     wf0 = sf_input("init_wf");

49     fwht = sf_output("fweight");
50     /* frequency weight */
51     mch = sf_output("match");
52     /* matched */

53

54

55

56     if (!sf_histint(src,"n1",&nt)) sf_error("No n1= in input");
57     if (!sf_histint(src,"n2",&nx)) sf_error("No n2= in input");
58     if (!sf_histfloat(src,"d1",&dt)) sf_error("No d1= in input");
59     if (!sf_histfloat(src,"d2",&dx)) sf_error("No d2= in input");
60     if (!sf_histfloat(src,"o2",&x0)) x0=0.;

61

62     if (!sf_getint("niter",&niter)) niter=0;
63     /* number of iterations */
64     if (!sf_getint("liter",&liter)) liter=50;
65     /* number of linear iterations */

66

67

68     n = nt*nx;

69

70     nk = fft2_init(isCmplx, pad, nt, nx, &nt1, &nx2);
71     nt2 = nk/nx2;

72

73     n2 = 3*n+nk;
74     sf_putint(fwht,"n1",nt2);
75     sf_putint(fwht,"n2",nx2);

76

77     w = sf_floatalloc(n2);
78     dw = sf_floatalloc(n2);
79     w_prev = sf_floatalloc(n2);

80

81     x = sf_floatalloc(n);
82     y = sf_floatalloc(n);
83     r = sf_floatalloc(3*n);
84     r_new = sf_floatalloc(3*n);

85

86

87     if (!sf_getint("rect1",&rect1)) rect1=1;
88     /* smoothing in time dim1*/
89     if (!sf_getint("rect2",&rect2)) rect2=1;
90     /* smoothing in time dim2*/
91     if (!sf_getint("frect1",&frect1)) frect1=1;
92     /* smoothing in frequency dim1 */
93     if (!sf_getint("frect2",&frect2)) frect2=1;
94     /* smoothing in frequency dim2 */

95

96     twosmooth2_init(n,nk,nt,nt2,
97                      rect1,rect2,
98                      frect1,frect2,
99                      2*n);

```

```

101    sf_floatread(x,n,src); /* source */
103    sf_floatread(y,n,tgt); /* target */

105    sfchain2d_init(nt,nx,nt1,nx2,nk,
106                    w+2*n,w+3*n,w,w+n,x);
107
109    sf_conjgrad_init(n2, n2, 3*n, 3*n, 1., 1.e-6, true, false);

111    p = sf_floatalloc(n2);

113    /* initialize w [time w and freqz w] */
114    for (i=0; i < 2*n; i++) {
115        w[i] = 0.0f;
116    }

117    sf_floatread(w+2*n, n, w0);
118    sf_floatread(w+3*n, nk, wf0);

119    for (iter=0; iter < niter; iter++) {
120        sf_warning("Start %d", iter);

121        for (i=0; i < n2; i++) {
122            w_prev[i] = w[i];
123        }
124        alpha=1.0;

125        sfchain2d_res(y,r);
126        l2_r = cblas_snrm2(3*n,r,1);
127        sf_warning("(Before update) L2 norm of res: %g", l2_r);

128        sf_warning("Residual %d", iter);

129        sf_conjgrad(NULL, sfchain2d_lop,twosmooth2_lop,p,dw,r,liter);

130        for (i=0; i < n2; i++) {
131            w[i] += alpha*dw[i];
132        }

133        sfchain2d_res(y,r_new);

134        l2_r_new = cblas_snrm2(3*n,r_new,1);

135        sf_warning("(After update) L2 norm of res: %g, alpha = %g", l2_r_new,alpha);

136        while(l2_r_new>l2_r && alpha > 0.00001){
137            sf_warning("Too big step !");
138
139            for (i=0; i < n2; i++) {
140                w[i] = w_prev[i];
141            }

142            alpha *=0.5;

143            for (i=0; i < n2; i++) {
144                w[i] += alpha*dw[i];
145            }
146        }
147    }
148
149    sf_floatwrite(y,n,tgt);
150
151    sf_close(src);
152    sf_close(tgt);
153
154    return 0;
155
156    /* clean up */
157
158    sf_floatfree(p);
159
160    return 0;
161

```

```

163     sfchain2d_res(y,r_new);
164
165     l2_r_new = cblas_snrm2(3*n,r_new,1);
166     sf_warning("(After update) L2 norm of res: %g, alpha = %g", l2_r_new,alpha);
167
168 }
169 sf_warning("Pass now !");
170
171
172
173
174
175 }/* End of iteration */
176
177 sf_floatwrite(w+2*n,n,wht);
178 sf_floatwrite(w+3*n,nk,fwht);
179 sfchain2d_apply(y);
180 sf_floatwrite(y,n,mch);
181
182 exit(0);
183 }
```

Listing 2: chapter-lsrtm/code/chain2dfft.c

```

37         float *y2    /* intermediate [n1*n2] */,
38         float *src   /* source [n1*n2] */
39 /*< initialize >*/
40 {
41     nt = n1;
42     nx = n2;
43     nt1 = n1pad;
44     nx2 = n_fftx;
45     nk = n_out_fft;
46     nt2 = nk/n_fftx;
47     nw = nt2;
48
49     /*Model parameters*/
50     n = n1*n2;
51     w = w1;
52     wf = wf1;
53     x1 = y1;
54     x2 = y2;
55     s = src;
56
56     tmp1 = sf_floatalloc2(nt1, nx2);
57     tmp2 = sf_floatalloc2(nt1, nx2);
58
59     /*for 2D fft*/
60     ctmp1 = sf_complexalloc(nk);
61     ctmp2 = sf_complexalloc(nk);
62
63 }
64
65 void sfchain2d_close(void)
66 /*< clean allocated storage >*/
67 {
68     free(*tmp1);
69     free(*tmp2);
70     free(tmp1);
71     free(tmp2);
72     free(ctmp1);
73     free(ctmp2);
74 }
75
76 void sfchain2d_res(const float *t /* target */,
77                     float *r          /* residual */)
78 /*< apply the chain operator >*/
79
80 {
81     int i, i1, i2, ik;
82
83     /* pad with zeros */
84     for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
85         for (i1=0; i1 < nt; i1++) {
86             tmp2[i2][i1] = x1[i1+i2*nt];
87         }
88         for (i1=nt; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
89             tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
90         }
91     }
92     for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
93         for (i1=0; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
94             tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
95         }
96     }
97 }

```

```

99  /* forward FFT */
101 fft2_allocate(ctmp2);
102 fft2(tmp2[0], ctmp2);
103
104 /* frequency weight */
105 for (ik=0; ik < nk; ik++) {
106 ctmp2[ik] *= wf[ik];
107 }
108 /* inverse FFT */
109 ifft2(tmp2[0], ctmp2);
110 /* Compute residual r */
111 for(i=0; i<nt*nx; i++) {
112 i1 = i%nt;
113 i2 = i/nt;
114
115 r[i] = x1[i]-w[i]*s[i];
116 r[n+i] = x2[i]-tmp2[i2][i1];
117 r[2*n+i] = t[i]-w[i]*x2[i];
118 }
119 }
120
121 void sfchain2d_apply(float *y)
122 /*< apply the chain operator >*/
123 {
124     int i, ik, i1, i2;
125
126     /* pad with zeros */
127     for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
128         for (i1=0; i1 < nt; i1++) {
129             i = i1+i2*nt;
130             tmp2[i2][i1] = w[i]*s[i];
131         }
132         for (i1=nt; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
133             tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
134         }
135     }
136     for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
137         for (i1=0; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
138             tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
139         }
140     }
141
142     /* forward FFT */
143     fft2_allocate(ctmp2);
144     fft2(tmp2[0], ctmp2);
145
146     /* frequency weight */
147     for (ik=0; ik < nk; ik++) {
148 ctmp2[ik] *= wf[ik];
149     }
150     /* inverse FFT */
151     ifft2(tmp2[0], ctmp2);
152
153     for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
154         i1 = i%nt;
155         i2 = i/nt;
156
157         y[i] = w[i]*tmp2[i2][i1];
158     }
159 }

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```

159     }
160 }
161
163
165 void sfchain2d_lop (bool adj, bool add, int nxx, int nyy, float* x, float* y)
166 /*< linear operator >*
167 {
168     int i, ik, i1, i2;
169     int *dc_id, *nyq_id;
170     int id;
171     float scale;
172     dc_id = sf_intalloc(nx);
173     nyq_id = sf_intalloc(nx);
174
175
176     if (nxx != 3*n+nk || nyy != 3*n) sf_error("%s: Wrong size", __FILE__);
177
178     sf_adjnull(adj, add, nxx, nyy, x, y);
179
180     if (adj) {
181         for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
182             i1 = i%nt;
183             i2 = i/nt;
184
185             tmp1[i2][i1] = y[n+i];
186             tmp2[i2][i1] = x1[i];
187
188             x[n+i] += w[i]*y[2*n+i] - y[n+i];
189             x[2*n+i] += x2[i]*y[2*n+i];
190         }
191
192         /* pad with zeros */
193         for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
194             for (i1=nt; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
195                 tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
196                 tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
197             }
198         }
199         for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
200             for (i1=0; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
201                 tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
202                 tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
203             }
204         }
205
206         fft2_allocate(ctmp2);
207         fft2(tmp2[0], ctmp2);
208         fft2_allocate(ctmp1);
209         fft2(tmp1[0], ctmp1);
210
211         for(id = 0; id < nx; id++){
212             dc_id[id] = id*nw;
213             nyq_id[id] = (id+1)*nw - 1;
214         }
215
216         for (ik=0; ik < nk; ik++) {
217             scale = 2.0;
218             for(id=0; id<nx; id++)
219

```

```

221     {
222         if(ik==dc_id[id] || ik == nyq_id[id]){
223             scale = 1.0;
224             break;
225         }
226     }
227
228     x[3*n+ik] += scale*crealf(ctmp1[ik]*conjf(ctmp2[ik])/(nt1*nx2));
229
230     ctmp1[ik] *= wf[ik];
231 }
232 ifft2(tmp1[0],ctmp1);
233
234 for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
235     i1 = i%nt;
236     i2 = i/nt;
237
238     x[2*n+i] += s[i]*y[i];
239     x[i] += tmp1[i2][i1] - y[i];
240 }
241 else { /*Forward*/
242
243     for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
244         i1 = i%nt;
245         i2 = i/nt;
246
247         y[i] += s[i]*x[2*n+i] - x[i];
248         tmp1[i2][i1] = x[i];
249         tmp2[i2][i1] = x1[i];
250     }
251 /* pad with zeros */
252     for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
253         for (i1=nt; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
254             tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
255             tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
256         }
257
258         for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
259             for (i1=0; i1 < nt1; i1++) {
260                 tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
261                 tmp2[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
262             }
263         }
264
265         fft2_allocate(ctmp1);
266         fft2(tmp1[0],ctmp1);
267         for(ik=0; ik<nk;ik++){
268             ctmp1[ik] *=wf[ik];
269         }
270         ifft2(tmp1[0],ctmp1);
271         fft2_allocate(ctmp2);
272         fft2(tmp2[0],ctmp2);
273         for(ik=0; ik<nk;ik++){
274             ctmp2[ik] *=x[3*n+ik];
275         }
276         ifft2(tmp2[0],ctmp2);
277
278         for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
279             i1 = i%nt;
280             i2 = i/nt;

```

```

281     y[n+i] += tmp1[i2][i1] + tmp2[i2][i1] - x[n+i];
282     y[2*n+i] += x2[i]*x[2*n+i] + w[i]*x[n+i];
283   }
284 }
285 }
```

Listing 3: chapter-lsrtm/code/Mtf2dprec.c

```

/* TF Weights Preconditioner for Real input as linear operator*/
/*
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*/
#include <math.h>
#include <rsf.h>
#include "tf2dprec.h"
#include "fft2.h"

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    int nz, nx, nz2, nx2, nk, nzx, n_left, i;
    int nk_rfft, nx_rfft;
    bool adj;
    float *ww, *ff;
    float *pp, *qq;
    sf_file src, out, w, wf;

    sf_init(argc, argv);

    src = sf_input("in");
    out = sf_output("out");
    w = sf_input("w");
    wf = sf_input("wf");

    if (!sf_histint(src, "n1", &nz)) sf_error("No n1= in input");
    if (!sf_histint(src, "n2", &nx)) sf_error("No n2= in input");
    /* dim from frequency weight - derived from real fft2 */
    if (!sf_histint(wf, "n1", &nk_rfft)) sf_error("No n1= in wf");
    if (!sf_histint(wf, "n2", &nx_rfft)) sf_error("No n2= in wf");

    nzx = nz*nx;
    n_left = sf_leftsize(src, 2);

    nk = fft2_init(false, 1, nz, nx, &nz2, &nx2);

    if (nk_rfft*nx_rfft != nk) sf_error("FFT dimension error (nk)");
    if (nx_rfft != nx2) sf_error("FFT dimension error (nx)");
}
```

```

54
56     pp = sf_floatalloc(nzx);
58     qq = sf_floatalloc(nzx);
60     ww = sf_floatalloc(nz*nx);
62     sf_floatread(ww, nzx, w);
64     sf_fileclose(w);
66
68     ff = sf_floatalloc(nk);
70     sf_floatread(ff, nk, wf);
72     sf_fileclose(wf);
74
76     tf2dprec_init(nz, nx, nk, nz2, nx2, ww, ff);
78
80     sf_floatread(pp, nzx, src);
82
84     if (!sf_getbool("adj", &adj)) adj=false;
86
88     for (i=0; i < n_left; i++) {
90         if (adj) {
92             tf2dprec_lop(true, false, nzx, nzx, qq, pp);
94         } else {
96             tf2dprec_lop(false, false, nzx, nzx, pp, qq);
98         }
100    }
102
104    sf_floatwrite(qq, nzx, out);
106
108    exit(0);
110}

```

Listing 4: chapter-lsrtm/code/tf2dprec.c

```

/* TF Weights Preconditioner for Real input as linear oper. */
2 #include <rsf.h>
3 #include "tf2dprec.h"
4 #include "fft2.h"
5
6
7 static int nz, nx, nz2, nx2, nk;
8 static float *w, *wf, **tmp1;
9 static sf_complex *ctmp1; /* for 2D-fft */
10
11 void tf2dprec_init(int n1, /* trace length */
12                     int n2, /* number of length */
13                     int nk_in, /* total Fourier size [n1*n2] */
14                     int nz2_in, /* Fourier dim1 */
15                     int nx2_in, /* Fourier dim2 */
16                     float* ww /* [n1*n2] time weight */,
17                     float* ff /* [nk] frequency weight */)
18 /*< initialize >*/ {
19
20     nz = n1;
21     nx = n2;
22     nk = nk_in;
23     nz2 = nz2_in;
24     nx2 = nx2_in;
25     w = ww;
26

```

```

28     wf = ff;
29     /*for 2D fft*/
30     tmp1 = sf_floatalloc2(nz2, nx2);
31     ctmp1 = sf_complexalloc(nk);
32 }

34

36 void tf2dprec_close(void)
37 /*< clean allocated storage >/
38 {
39     free(*tmp1);
40     free(tmp1);
41     free(ctmp1);
42 }

44 void tf2dprec_lop(bool adj, bool add, int nxx, int nyy, float* x, float* y)
45 /*< linear operator >/
46 {

48     int i, i1, i2, ik;
49     if (nxx != nz*nx || nyy != nz*nx) sf_error("%s: Wrong size", __FILE__);
50
51     sf_adjnull(adj, add, nxx, nyy, x, y);

52     if (adj){ /* Adjoint*/
53
54         /* pad with zeros */
55         for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
56             for (i1=0; i1 < nz; i1++) {
57                 i = i1+i2*nz;
58                 tmp1[i2][i1] = w[i]*y[i];
59             }
60             for (i1=nz; i1 < nz2; i1++) {
61                 tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
62             }
63         }
64         for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
65             for (i1=0; i1 < nz2; i1++) {
66                 tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
67             }
68         }
69
70         /* forward FFT */
71         fft2_allocate(ctmp1);
72         fft2(tmp1[0], ctmp1);

74         /* frequency weight */
75         for (ik=0; ik < nk; ik++) {
76             ctmp1[ik] *= wf[ik];
77         }
78         /* inverse FFT */
79         ifft2(tmp1[0], ctmp1);

82         for (i=0; i < nz*nx; i++) {
83             i1 = i%nz;
84             i2 = i/nz;
85             x[i] += tmp1[i2][i1];
86         }
87     } else{ /* Forward */
88

```

```

90      /* pad with zeros */
91      for (i2=0; i2 < nx; i2++) {
92          for (i1=0; i1 < nz; i1++) {
93              i = i1+i2*nz;
94              tmp1[i2][i1] = x[i];
95          }
96          for (i1=nz; i1 < nz2; i1++) {
97              tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
98          }
99      }
100
101      for (i2=nx; i2 < nx2; i2++) {
102          for (i1=0; i1 < nz2; i1++) {
103              tmp1[i2][i1] = 0.0f;
104          }
105      }
106
107      /* forward FFT */
108      fft2_allocate(ctmp1);
109      fft2(tmp1[0], ctmp1);
110
111      /* frequency weight */
112      for (ik=0; ik < nk; ik++) {
113          ctmp1[ik] *= wf[ik];
114      }
115      /* inverse FFT */
116      ifft2(tmp1[0], ctmp1);
117
118      for (i=0; i < nz*nx; i++) {
119          i1 = i%nz;
120          i2 = i/nz;
121          y[i] += w[i]*tmp1[i2][i1];
122      }
123  }

```

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