

The Chi-squared Distribution of the Regularized Least Squares Functional for Regularization Parameter Estimation

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Least Squares for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, (Weighted)

- Consider discrete systems: $A \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}^m$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{e},$$

- \mathbf{e} is the m -vector of random measurement errors with mean 0 and **positive definite covariance** matrix

$$C_{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{e}\mathbf{e}^T).$$

- Assume that $C_{\mathbf{b}}$ is known. (Calculate if given multiple \mathbf{b})
- For **uncorrelated** measurements $C_{\mathbf{b}}$ is **diagonal** matrix of **standard deviations** of the errors. (**Colored noise**)
- For **correlated** measurements, let $W_{\mathbf{b}} = C_{\mathbf{b}}^{-1}$ and $L_{\mathbf{b}}L_{\mathbf{b}}^T = W_{\mathbf{b}}$ be the Choleski factorization of $W_{\mathbf{b}}$ and weight the equation:

$$L_{\mathbf{b}}A\mathbf{x} = L_{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{b} + \tilde{\mathbf{e}},$$

- $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}$ are uncorrelated. (**White noise**).
- $\tilde{\mathbf{e}} \sim N(0, I)$, normally distributed mean 0 and variance I .

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Extension: Statistics of the Regularized Least Squares Problem

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Assume

- \mathbf{W}_b and \mathbf{W}_x are symmetric positive definite.
- Problem is uniquely solvable $\mathcal{N}(A) \cap \mathcal{N}(D) \neq 0$.
- Moore-Penrose generalized inverse of \mathbf{W}_D is \mathbf{C}_D
- Statistics: $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{Ax}) = \mathbf{e} \sim N(0, \mathbf{C}_b)$, $(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{f} \sim N(0, \mathbf{C}_D)$,
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Then

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Algebraic Simplifications: Rewrite functional as quadratic form

- Regularized solution given in terms of **resolution** matrix $R(W_D)$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}_0 + (A^T W_b A + D^T W_x D)^{-1} A^T W_b \mathbf{r}, \quad (5)$$

$$= \mathbf{x}_0 + R(W_D) W_b^{1/2} \mathbf{r}, \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} - A \mathbf{x}_0$$

$$= \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{y}(W_D). \quad (6)$$

$$R(W_D) = (A^T W_b A + D^T W_x D)^{-1} A^T W_b^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

- Functional is given in terms of **influence matrix** $A(W_D)$

$$A(W_D) = W_b^{1/2} A R(W_D) \quad (8)$$

$$J_D(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{r}^T W_b^{1/2} (I_m - A(W_D)) W_b^{1/2} \mathbf{r}, \quad \text{let } \tilde{\mathbf{r}} = W_b^{1/2} \mathbf{r} \quad (9)$$

$$= \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^T (I_m - A(W_D)) \tilde{\mathbf{r}}. \quad (10)$$

Key Aspects of the Proof II : Properties of a Quadratic Form

χ^2 distribution of Quadratic Forms $\mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x}$ for normal variables (Fisher-Cochran Theorem)

- Components x_i are independent normal variables $x_i \sim N(0, 1), i = 1 : n$.
- A necessary and sufficient condition that $\mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x}$ has a **central χ^2 distribution** is that P is **idempotent**, $P^2 = P$. In which case the degrees of freedom of χ^2 is $\text{rank}(P) = \text{trace}(P) = n$.
- When the means of x_i are $\mu_i \neq 0$, $\mathbf{x}^T P \mathbf{x}$ has a **non-central χ^2 distribution**, with **non-centrality parameter** $c = \mu^T P \mu$
- A χ^2 random variable with n degrees of freedom and centrality parameter c has **mean** $n + c$ and **variance** $2(n + 2c)$.

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Then

$$J_D \sim \chi^2(m + p - n, c)$$

$$E(J_D) = m + p - n + c \quad E(J_D J_D^T) = 2(m + p - n) + 4c$$

Requirements of the Theory

To apply the theory we require

- Covariance information \mathbf{C}_b on data parameters \mathbf{b} (or on model parameters \mathbf{x} !)
- A priori information either \mathbf{x}_0 is the mean, or mean value \mathbf{x}_1 .
 - \mathbf{x}_1 and \mathbf{x}_0 are not known.
 - Assume \mathbf{C}_b is calculated from measurement values. Then we can calculate \mathbf{b}_1 the mean of \mathbf{b} , and $E(\mathbf{b}) = A E(\mathbf{x})$ implies $\mathbf{b}_1 = A \mathbf{x}_1$. Hence

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A Newton-line search Algorithm to find λ .

Newton to Solve $F(\sigma) = J_D(\sigma) - \tilde{m} = 0$

- We use $\sigma = 1/\lambda$, and $\mathbf{y}(\sigma^{(k)})$ is the current solution for which

$$\mathbf{x}(\sigma^{(k)}) = \mathbf{y}(\sigma^{(k)}) + \mathbf{x}_0$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} J(\sigma) = -\frac{2}{\sigma^3} \|D\mathbf{y}(\sigma)\|^2 < 0$$

- Hence we have a basic Newton Iteration

$$\sigma^{(k+1)} = \sigma^{(k)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma^{(k)}}{\|D\mathbf{y}\|} \right)^2 (J_D(\sigma^{(k)}) - \tilde{m}) \right).$$

Algorithm Using the GSVD

GSVD

- Use GSVD of $[W_{\mathbf{b}}^{1/2}A, D]$
- For γ_i the generalized singular values, and $\mathbf{s} = U^T W_{\mathbf{b}}^{1/2} \mathbf{r}$
- $\tilde{m} = m - n + p - \sum_{i=1}^p s_i^2 \delta_{\gamma_i 0} - \sum_{i=n+1}^m s_i^2$,
- $\tilde{s}_i = s_i / (\gamma_i^2 \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}^2 + 1)$, $i = 1, \dots, p$ $t_i = \tilde{s}_i \gamma_i$.
- Find root of

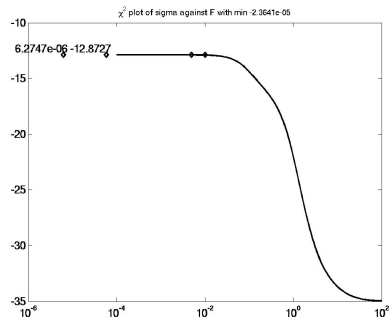
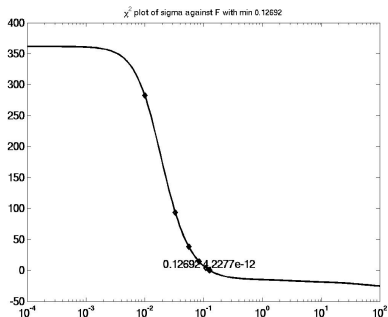
$$F(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_{i=1}^p \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_i^2 \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}^2 + 1} \right) s_i^2 + \sum_{i=n+1}^m s_i^2 - \tilde{m} = 0$$

- Equivalently solve $F = 0$, where

$$F(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{s}^T \tilde{\mathbf{s}} - \tilde{m} \quad \text{and} \quad F'(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}) = -2\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{t}\|_2^2.$$

Discussion on Convergence

- F is **monotonic decreasing** ($F'(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}) = -2\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}\|\mathbf{t}\|_2^2$)
- Solution either exists and is **unique** for positive σ **or no solution exists**
 $F(0) < 0$. implies incorrect statistics of the model.
- Theoretically, $\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} F > 0$ possible.
 Equivalent to $\lambda = 0$. No regularization needed.



Practical Details of Algorithm

Find the parameter

- **Step 1:** Bracket the root by logarithmic search on σ to handle the asymptotes: yields **sigmamax** and **sigmamin**
- **Step 2:** Calculate step, with steepness controlled by tolD. Let $\mathbf{t} = D\mathbf{y}/\sigma^{(k)}$, where \mathbf{y} is the current update, given from the GSVD, then

$$\text{step} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\max \{ \|\mathbf{t}\|, \text{tolD} \}} \right)^2 (J_D(\sigma^{(k)}) - \tilde{m})$$

- **Step 3:** Introduce line search $\alpha^{(k)}$ in Newton

$$\text{sigmanew} = \sigma^{(k)}(1 + \alpha^{(k)}\text{step})$$

$\alpha^{(k)}$ chosen such that sigmanew within bracket.

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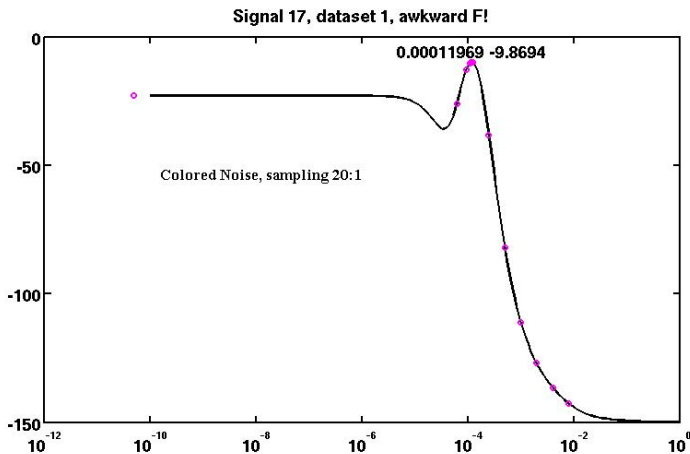
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Difficulties with the Central Case



Functional with centrality parameter need not be monotonic: modify algorithm to solve $\min F(\sigma)^2$.

Real data: Seismic Signal Restoration

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Points	1500	600	300	150	30
- Do results converge? Compare with UPRE and L-Curve.

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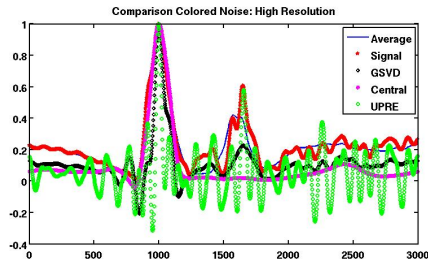
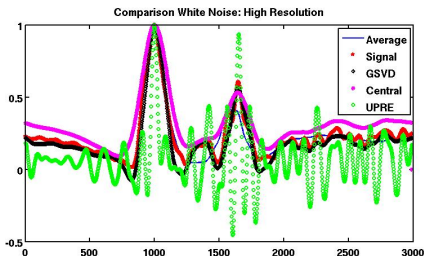
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Points	1500	600	300	150	30
- Do results converge? Compare with UPRE and L-Curve.

Comparison High Resolution White noise (left) and Colored Noise (right)



Greater contrast with χ^2 . UPRE is insufficiently regularized.
 L-curve severely undersmooths (not shown). Parameters not consistent across resolutions

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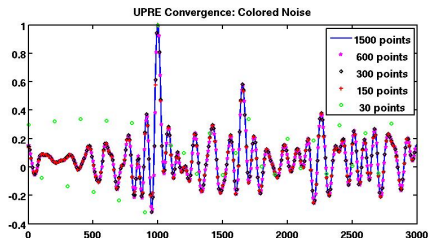
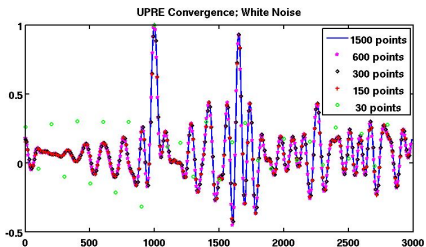
- A new statistical method for estimating regularization parameter
 - Compares favorably with UPRE with respect to performance
- Method can be used for large scale problems, without GSVD (not shown)
- Method is very efficient, Newton method is robust and fast.
- \mathbf{x}_0 is the mean.
 - More problematic for Central version with \mathbf{x}_0 not the mean.
 - σ can be bounded by result of non-central case.
 - Range of σ given by range of γ_i .
 - Appears to oversmooth the solution.
 - Function need not be monotonic

Future Work

Other Results and Future Work

- Degrees of freedom reduced when using the GSVD.
- How to apply Picard condition for GSVD to handle problems with robustness due to conditioning of C_b
- Image deblurring. (Implementation to use minimal storage)
- Diagonal Weighting Schemes
- Edge preserving regularization
- Constraint implementation (with Mead).

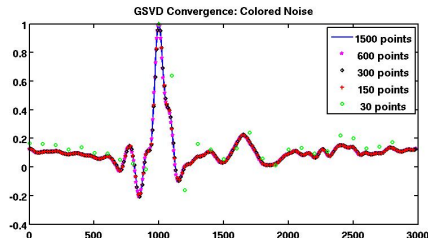
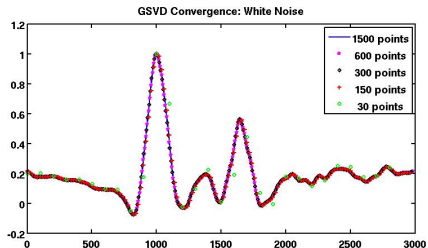
THE UPRE SOLUTION: White Noise and Colored Noise $x_0 = 0$



Regularization Parameters are consistent: $\sigma = 0.01005$ all resolutions

THE GSVD SOLUTION: White Noise (left) and Colored Noise (right)

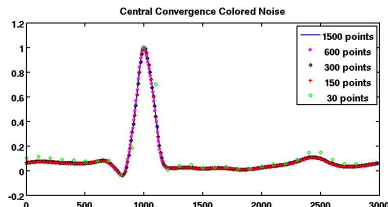
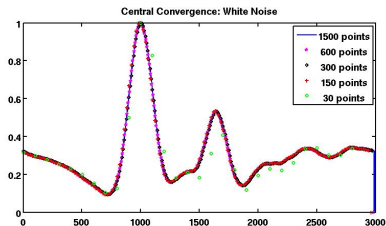
$$\mathbf{x}_0 = 0$$



Regularization Parameters are consistent:

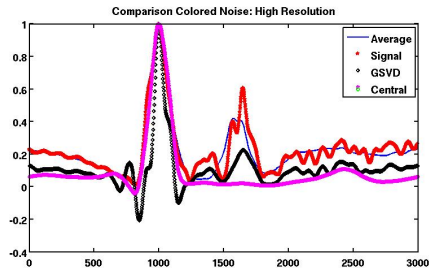
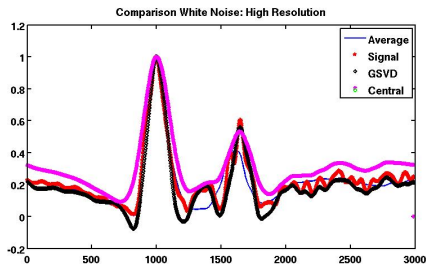
$\sigma = 0.00058$ (left), $\sigma = 0.00069$ (right) all resolutions

THE CENTRAL GSVD SOLUTION: White Noise (left) and Colored Noise (right) $x_0 = 0$



Regularization Parameters less smoothing for low resolution
 $\sigma = 0.0000029, .0000029, .0000029, .0000057, .0000057$ (left)
 $\sigma = 0.00007, .00007, .00007, .00007, .00012$ (right).
 , resolution 2 to 100

Comparison White noise (left) and Colored Noise (right) GSVD and Central GSVD



Non-central shows existence of secondary signal for colored noise
 central scheme is oversmoothed, but white noise shows major second arrival