

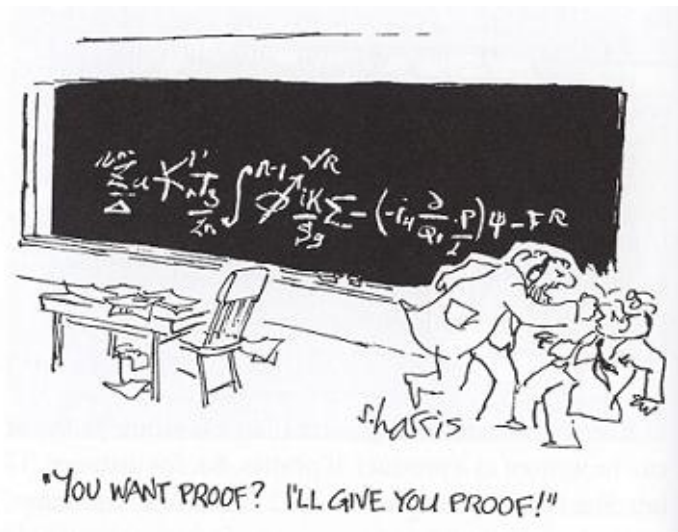
# Statistical Inverse Problems : Theory II.2 (Spectral Regularisation)

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$\mathbb{H}_1, \mathbb{H}_2$  separabel,  $K : \mathbb{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_2$ , linear, injective, bounded

$$Y = Kf + \delta_{det} \xi_{det} + \delta_{ran} \xi_{ran}$$

**Deterministic error:**  $\|\xi_{det}\| = 1$ ,  $\delta_{det}$  noise level

**Random noise:**  $\xi_{ran}$  H-valued r.v. (H-space process), centered.

$$\|\mathbf{COV}_{\xi_{ran}}\| = 1, \delta_{ran}^2 \text{ variance.}$$

## Example

$$Y_i = Kf(X_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad (X_i, \epsilon_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad i.i.d.$$
$$\mathbf{E}[Y|X] = Kf(X), \quad K \text{ lin. integral operator}$$

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unbiased for  $q = (K^*K)f$ ,  $\sqrt{n}$ -consistent.  $\xi_{ran}$  ist defined as

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$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim X = F + W$$

$F, W$  independent with densities  $f, w \in L^2$ , ( $w$  known).

Goal: Estimate  $f$

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Generalized LSE (Moore–Penrose inverse):

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**Regularised inverse:** Approximate  $K^\dagger$  by a sequence of **bounded** operators  $R_\alpha, \alpha > 0$ .

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In multiplicative form (Halmos):

- $\Sigma$  counting measure on  $S = \mathbb{N}$
- multiplier operator:  $\rho_i = \rho(i)$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$
- unitary operator:  $U(f)(i) = \langle f, \phi_i \rangle$

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## Definition (regularised inverse)

Approximate  $K^\dagger$  by  $\Phi_\alpha(K^*K)K^*$ .

Requires conditions:

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \Phi_\alpha(t) = 1/t, \quad t \in \sigma(A)$$
$$\sup_{t \in \sigma(A)} |t\Phi_\alpha(t)| \leq C \quad \text{unif. in } \alpha$$

This implies

$$\|\Phi_\alpha(K^*K)K^*Kf - f\| \rightarrow 0, \quad \alpha \searrow 0.$$

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Approximation error for exact data  $g = Kf$ :

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$$\sup_{t \in \sigma(A)} |t^\nu (1 - t\Phi_\alpha(t))| \leq \gamma_\nu \alpha^\nu, \quad \text{for all } \alpha \text{ and } 0 \leq \nu \leq \nu_0.$$

This measures the maximal degree of smoothness for which a method converges of optimal order.

More general assumptions: (Hohage'00, Mathé/Pereverzev'03, exp. ill posed problems)

$$\sup_{t \in \sigma(A)} |\Lambda(t)(1 - t\Phi_\alpha(t))| \leq \gamma_\Lambda \Lambda(\alpha), \quad \alpha \searrow 0.$$

# Linear regularisation methods

method of regularisation	$\Phi_\alpha(t)$	$1 - t\Phi_\alpha(t)$	$\nu_0$
spectral cut-off	$\begin{cases} t^{-1}, & t \geq \alpha \\ 0, & t < \alpha \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} 0, & t \geq \alpha \\ 1, & t < \alpha \end{cases}$	$\infty$
Tikhonov regularization	$\frac{1}{t+\alpha}$	$\frac{\alpha}{t+\alpha}$	1
iterated Tikhonov, $k \geq 1$	$\frac{(t+\alpha)^k - \alpha^k}{t(t+\alpha)^k}$	$\left(\frac{\alpha}{t+\alpha}\right)^k$	$k$
Landweber iteration	$\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (1-t)^j$	$(1-t)^k$	$\infty$
$\nu$ -method ( $\nu > 0$ )	$\in P_{k-1}$	$\in P_k$	$\nu$
Pinsker filter	$(1 - \kappa(t))_+ / t$	$1 - (1 - \kappa(t))_+$	$\beta$

Table: Spectral methods of regularization

Mean Integrated Square Error:

$$\mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha - f\|^2 = \underbrace{\mathbf{B}^2(\hat{f}_{\alpha,\delta})}_{\text{bias}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha - \mathbf{E} \hat{f}_\alpha\|^2}_{\text{variance}},$$

Deterministic error:

$$\mathbf{B}(\hat{f}_\alpha) := \|\mathbf{E} \hat{f}_\alpha - f\| \leq \underbrace{\|\Phi_\alpha(A)Af - f\|}_{\text{approx. error}} + \delta_{\text{det}} \underbrace{\|\Phi_\alpha(A)K^*\xi_{\text{det}}\|}_{\text{propag. det. noise}} \leq \sqrt{C/\alpha}$$

Approx. error  $\leq \gamma_\Lambda \Lambda(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ .

Statistical noise: variance

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha - \mathbf{E} \hat{f}_\alpha\|^2 &= \delta_{ran}^2 \mathbf{E} \|\Phi_\alpha(\rho) UK^* \xi_{ran}\|^2 \\ &\leq \delta_{ran}^2 C \int_{\mathbb{S}} \Phi_\alpha^2(\rho) \rho \, d\Sigma.\end{aligned}$$

if

$$C_1 \rho(s) \leq \text{Var}(UK^* \xi_{ran}(s)) \leq C_2 \rho(s).$$

Assumption:

$$\Sigma\{\rho \geq \alpha\} \sim S(\alpha), \quad \alpha \searrow 0$$

for  $S$  decreasing, smooth.

This yields

$$\mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha - \mathbf{E} \hat{f}_\alpha\|^2 \leq \frac{C_2 \delta_{ran}^2}{\alpha^2} \int_0^\alpha S(\beta) d\beta, \quad \alpha \searrow 0.$$

Theorem (Bissantz, Hohage, M., Ruymgaart'07, SIAM Num. Anal.)

$$\mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_{\alpha,\delta} - f\|^2 \lesssim \left( \gamma_\Lambda \Lambda(\alpha) + \sqrt{\frac{C_1}{\alpha}} \delta_{det} \right)^2 + \frac{C_2 \delta_{ran}^2}{\alpha^2} \int_0^\alpha S(\beta) d\beta, \quad \alpha \searrow 0$$

*uniformly in  $f \in \mathcal{F}_\Lambda$ .*

## Theorem (BHMR'07)

Let  $\delta_{det} = 0$ . Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  s.t.

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda} \mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha - f\|^2 \leq C \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}_\lambda} \mathbf{E} \|\hat{f}_\alpha^{SC} - f\|^2$$

for all  $\delta_{ran} > 0$  and all  $\alpha > 0$  sufficiently small.

## Corollary

Spectral cut off achieves *statistical* minimax rates (Mair, Ruymgaart'96) and hence *all spectral methods* achieve statistical minimax rates *within its qualification!*  $\alpha$  has to be chosen s.t. the r.h.s of the upper bound is minimized (balanced).

Weak learner (smoothing spline operator)

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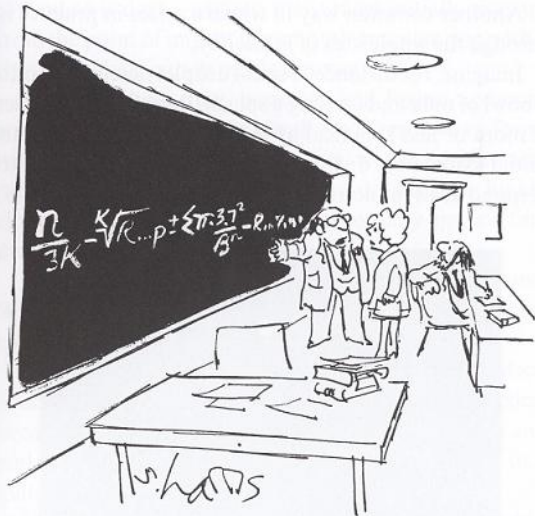
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