

Part 2 - Inverse Problems in a Nutshell

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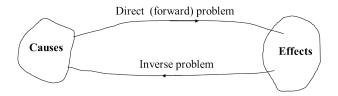
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Part 2

- Direct (forward) and inverse problems
- Classes of direct problems. Examples
- Well-posed, ill-posed, and ill-conditioned inverse problems
- Curing ill-conditioned/ill-posed inverse problems
- The Bayesian philosophy. Bayesian estimators
- The regularization framework
- Widely used (convex) regularizers
- Proximity operators and proximity algorithms

Direct/Inverse problems



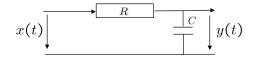
Example

Direct problem: the computation of the trajectories of bodies from the knowledge of the forces

Inverse problem: determination of the forces from the knowledge of the trajectories

Newton solved the first direct/inverse problem: the determintion of the gravitation force from the Kepler laws describing the trajectories of planets

Example: a linear time invariant (LTI) system

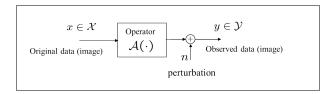


- Direct problem: $y(t) = x \star h(t) = \int x(t')h(t-t')dt'$ Fourier domain: $\widetilde{y}(\omega) = \widetilde{h}(\omega)\widetilde{x}(\omega) \Rightarrow \widetilde{h}(\omega) = (1+j\omega\tau)^{-1}, \quad \tau = RC$ • Inverse problem $\widetilde{x}(\omega) = \widetilde{y}(\omega)/h(\widetilde{\omega})$
- Source or dificulties: \widetilde{h}^{-1} is unbounded: $|\widetilde{h}^{-1}(\omega)| \to \infty$ as $|\omega| \to \infty$
 - \Rightarrow A perturbation on \widetilde{y} leads to a perturbation on \widetilde{x} given by

$$\widetilde{\Delta}x(\omega) = \widetilde{\Delta}y(\omega)(1+j\omega\tau)$$

high frequencies of the perturbation are amplified, degrading the estimate of \tilde{x}

Classes of direct (forward) problems: linear operators



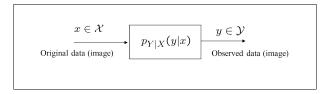
• Linear operators in Euclidean spaces

 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \ \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

• Applications:

- image denoising, deconvolution, deblurring
- X-ray tomography, MR imaging, radar imaging
- imaging compressive sensing
- image deblurring, superresolution, fusion
- hyperspectral unmixing

Classes of direct problems: statistical observation models

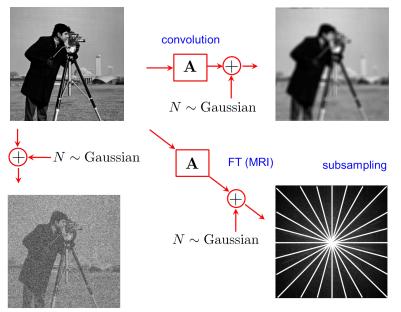


Examples: $(\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n})$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Ax}) = -\log p_{Y|X}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$$
 where $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{m} \xi(z_i, y_i)$

- Gaussian observations: $\xi_G(z, y) = \frac{1}{2}(z y)^2$ (widely used in image restoration)
- Poissonian observations: $\xi_{\mathsf{P}}(z, y) = z + \iota_{\mathbb{R}_+}(z) y \log(z_+)$ (noise in photo-electric conversion, SPET (single photon emission tomography, PET (positron emission tomography))
- Multiplicative noise: $\xi_{M}(z, y) = L(z + e^{y-z})$ (radar, sonar)

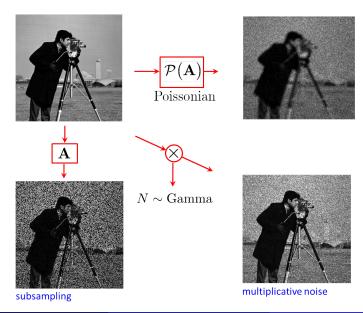
Examples



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Part 1 - IPs in Hyperspectral Imaging

Examples



Example: hyperspectral pansharpening

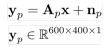
 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{600 \times 400 \times 100}$

original HS

 $\mathbf{y}_h = \mathbf{A}_h \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}_h$ $\mathbf{y}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{150 imes 100 imes 100}$



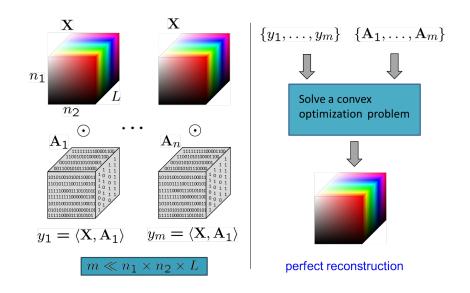
spatially blurred and downsampled HS





spectrally blurred HS

Example: hyperspectral compressive sensing



Definition

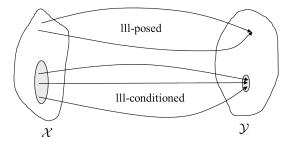
Let $\mathcal{A}:\mathcal{X}\to\mathcal{Y}$ be a (possible nonlinear) operator

The inverse problem of solving $\mathcal{A}(x) = y$ is well-posed in the Hadamard sense if:

- 1) A solution exists for any y in the observed data space
- 2) The solution is unique
- 3) The inverse mapping $y \mapsto x$ is continuous

- An inverse problem that is not well-posed is termed ill-posed
- The operator ${\cal A}$ of an inverse well/ill-posed problem is termed well/ill-posed

Ill-conditioned inverse problems

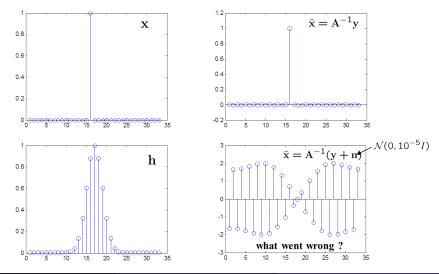


• Many well-posed inverse problems are ill-conditioned, in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \gg \frac{\|\Delta y\|}{\|y\|} \\ \bullet \text{ for linear operators } \frac{\|\Delta x\|}{\|x\|} \leq \operatorname{cond}(\mathcal{A}) \frac{\|\Delta y\|}{\|y\|} \text{ (tight bound)} \\ \operatorname{cond}(\mathcal{A}) \equiv \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \end{aligned}$$

An ill-conditioned IP: discrete deconvolution

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$, where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ represents a cyclic convolution with a Gaussian convolution kernel.



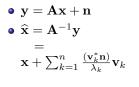
An ill-conditioned IP: 1D discrete deconvolution

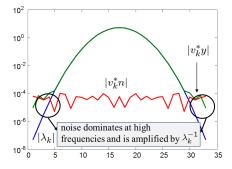
Eigen-decomposition of cyclic matrices

• $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^*$, $\mathbf{V}^* \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^* = \mathbf{I}$, (unitary)

 $\mathbf{V}
ightarrow$ eigenvector (Fourier) matrix, $\mathbf{\Lambda}
ightarrow$ eigenvalue matrix (diagonal) matrix

•
$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_k \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^*$$
, $(\lambda_k \neq 0, k = 1, \dots, n) \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{v}_k^*$





Example: 1D discrete deconvolution

• Regularization by filtering

$$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_k^{-1} w_{\alpha}(|\lambda_k|) \mathbf{v}_k(\mathbf{v}_k^* \mathbf{y})$$

such that

$$\underbrace{ \mathbf{0}}_{\alpha} w_{\alpha}(|\lambda|) \lambda^{-1} \to 0 \text{ as } \lambda \to 0$$

2 The larger eigenvalues are retained

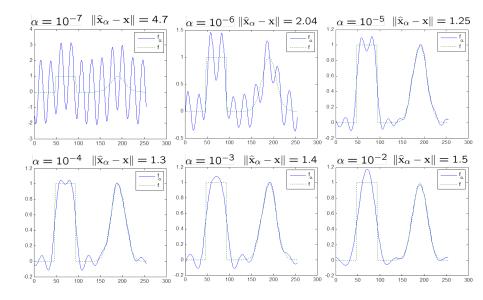
• Wiener filter

$$w_{\alpha}(|\lambda|) = \frac{|\lambda|^2}{|\lambda|^2 + \alpha} \qquad \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\lambda_k^*}{|\lambda_k|^2 + \alpha} \, \mathbf{v}_k(\mathbf{v}_k^* \mathbf{y})$$

• Equivalent variational formulation (Tikhonov regularization)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\alpha} = \arg\min_{x} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2} + \alpha \|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2}$$
$$= (\mathbf{A}^{*}\mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{*}\mathbf{y}$$

Example: 1D Discrete deconvolution



Example: 2D Discrete deconvolution

• convolution kernel h: uniform 9×9 , $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 = 0.56^2)$

• $\operatorname{cond}(\mathbf{A}) = 2.2 \times 10^5$, $\operatorname{SNR} = \frac{\operatorname{var}(\mathbf{y})}{\sigma^2} = 40 \operatorname{dB}$



y = Ax + n



Example: 2D Discrete deconvolution

 $\alpha = 10^{-3}$ ISNR = -16dB



$\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-2}$ ISNR = 5.6dB



$$lpha=5 imes10^{-3}$$
 ISNR = -5dB



 $\alpha = 10^{-1}$ ISNR = 3.2 dB



Golden rule for solving ill-posed/ill-conditioned inverse problems

Search for solutions which are:

- compatible with the observed data
- satisfy additional constraints (a priori or prior information) coming from the (physics) problem

Frameworks to solve inverse problems

- Bayesian inference: the causes are inferred by minimizing the Bayesian risk
- Regularization theory: the causes are inferred by minimizing a cost function

Bayesian Inference

- Probabilities describe degrees of belief, not limiting relative frequencies
- We can make probability statements about parameters, even though they are fixed quantities
- Any inference should be based on the posterior

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p_{Y|X}(y|x)p_X(x)}{p_Y(y)}$$

where $p_X(x)$ is the prior (or a priori) distribution that expresses our belief about x before we see any data and $p_Y(y)$ is the marginal on y

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Bayesian estimators

Optimal Bayes estimator:

$$\widehat{x}_{\text{Bayes}} \in \arg\min_{\widehat{x}} \mathcal{R}(\widehat{x}|y)$$

where $\mathcal{R}(\widehat{x}|y)$ is the a posteriori expected loss

$$\mathcal{R}(\widehat{x}|y) = E[L(x,\widehat{x})|y] = \int L(x,\widehat{x})p(x|y) \, dx$$

and $L(x, \widehat{x})$ is a loss function that measures the discrepancy between x and \widehat{x}

• Zero-one loss function (Maximum Aposteriori Probability):

$$L_{\varepsilon}(x,\widehat{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \|x - \widehat{x}\|_{2} \le \varepsilon \\ 1 & \|x - \widehat{x}\| > \varepsilon \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \widehat{x}_{\mathsf{MAP}} &= \arg\max_{x} p(x|y) \\ &= \arg\max_{x} p(y|x)p(x) \end{cases}$$

• Quadratic loss(Posterior Mean):

$$L(x,\widehat{x}) = (x - \widehat{x})^T Q(x - \widehat{x}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \widehat{x}_{\mathsf{PM}} = \mathbb{E}[x|y]$$

Regularization framework

- $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow \text{data fidelity term:}$ measures the compatibility between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} (data-term, loss function, observation model, log-likelihood, ...)
- $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \text{regularizer}$: expresses prior information about \mathbf{x}
- $\tau \rightarrow$ regularization parameter: sets the relative weight between the data term and the regularizer

Unconstrained and constrained formulations

1) Tickonov regularization: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \tau \phi(\mathbf{x})$ 2) Morozov regularization: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \phi(\mathbf{x})$ subject to: $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \le \varepsilon$ 3) Ivanov regularization: $\min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ subject to: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \le \delta$

These formulations are equivalent under mild conditions [Lorenz & Worlicze, 13]. 2) and 3) may take an unconstrained form using indicator functions

Widely used (convex) regularizers

Typical (sparseness-inducing) regularizer:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

x contains representation coefficients (e.g., wavelet coeficients)

Typical frame-based analysis regularizer:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

 ${\bf P}$ is an analysis operator

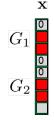
Group regularization (structured sparsity):

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \lambda_i \, \phi_i(\mathbf{x}_{G_i}), \quad G_i \subseteq \{1, ..., n\}$$

 ϕ_i is the ℓ_1 , ℓ_2 , or ℓ_∞ norm (groups G_i may overlap)

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Total variation regularization

Total variation regularization (promotes localized step gradients) ([Rudin, Osher, Fatemi, 92])

$$\mathsf{TV}_p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(|x_i - x_{h_i}|^p + |x_i - x_{v_i}|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

where $h_i, v_i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ are the horizontal/vertical neighbors of i

Nonlocal total variation regularization (improved fine detail preservation) ([Osher et al., 05], [Elmoataz at al., 08])

$$\mathsf{NLTV}_p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \omega_{i,j}^p |x_i - x_j|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

where $\mathcal{N}_i \subset \{1, \ldots, n\} \setminus \{i\}$

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Regularization oriented to matrices

Mixed norms (structured sparseness-inducing) regularizers

Schatten p-norm ($p \ge 1$)

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathcal{S}_p} = \left(\sum_i (\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}))^p\right)^{1/p}$$

where $\sigma_i(\mathbf{X})$ is the *i*th singular value of \mathbf{X} .

$$\begin{split} \|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathcal{S}_1} &\equiv \|\mathbf{X}\|_* \text{ (nuclear norm, promotes low rank)} \\ \|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathcal{S}_2} &\equiv \|\mathbf{X}\|_F \text{ (Frobenious norm)} \\ \|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathcal{S}_{\infty}} &= \sigma_1(\mathbf{X}) \text{ (spectral norm)} \end{split}$$

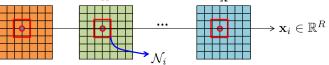
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Regularization oriented to hyperspectral (multiband) images

Let $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times N}$ denote an hyperspectral image with R spectral bands and N pixels per band

 $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^{R} \end{bmatrix} (R \text{ band images}) \qquad \mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N}] (N \text{ spectral vectors})$ $\mathbf{x}^{1} \qquad \mathbf{x}^{2} \qquad \mathbf{x}^{R}$



 $\mathbf{X}_i = [\mathbf{x}_i \, i \in \mathcal{N}_i]$

Structured tensor regularization

$$\phi_{\mathsf{ST}_p}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \tau_i \| \mathbf{G}_i \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{H} \|_{\mathcal{S}_p}$$

Instances of structured tensor regularization

• ST-TV (other names: Vector TV, Hyperspectral TV) ([Bressom, Chan, 2008], [Yuan et al., 2012])

$$\phi_{\mathsf{ST-TV}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \tau_i \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{h_i}, \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{v_i}\|_F$$

 $\mathsf{ST}\text{-}\mathsf{TV}$ promotes localized step gradients within the image bands and aligns the "discontinuities" across the bands

• ST-NLTV_p (other names: Multichannel-NLTV) ([Gilboa, Osher, 2009], [Cheng et al., 2009])

$$\phi_{\mathsf{ST-NLTV}_p}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \tau_i \left\| \left[(\omega_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j), j \in \mathcal{N}_i \right] \right\|_{\mathcal{S}_p}$$

ST-NLTV combines the characteristics of ST-TV and of NLTV

Hyperspectral imaging inverse problems are challenging

- Hyperspectral imaging inverse problems are usually very large and often non-smooth
- Gradient-based algorithms cannot be used (e.g., nonlinear conjugate gradient or quasi-Newton)

Proximal algorithms: [Parikh et al., 13], [Komodakis & Pesquet, 14]

- new class of iterative methods suited to solve large scale non-smooth convex optimization problems
- replace a difficult problem with a sequence of simpler ones
- proximity operators, which may be interpreted as implicit subgradients, plays a central role in the proximal algorithms

Convex optimization and proximal algorithms

Proximity Operators ([Moreau 62], [Combettes, Wajs, 05], [Combettes, Pesquet, 07, 11], [Parikh, Boyd, 2013])

Moreau proximity operator (shrinkage/thresholding/denoising function

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{u}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}} \ (1/2) \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \tau\phi(\mathbf{x})$$

Projection onto a convex set

 $(\phi^*$

$$\iota_C(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \mathbf{x} \in C \\ +\infty & \mathbf{x} \notin C \end{cases} \qquad \qquad \mathsf{prox}_{\tau\iota_C}(\mathbf{u}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x} \in C} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{u}\|_2^2$$

Proximity operators generalize projections onto convex sets

Proximity operators have the flavor of gradient steps

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$$

Fixed points: \mathbf{u}^* minimizes if and only if $\mathbf{u}^* = \operatorname{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{u}^*)$
Moreau decomposition : $\mathbf{u} = \operatorname{prox}_{\phi}(\mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{prox}_{\phi^*}(\mathbf{u})$
 $(\phi^* \text{ is the convex conjugate of } \phi)$
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Proximity Operators of widely used convex regularizers

$$\ell_1 \text{-norm} \ \ \phi(\mathbf{z}) = \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathsf{soft}(\mathbf{u},\tau) := (|\mathbf{u}| - \tau)_+ \mathsf{sign}(\mathbf{u})$$

 $\ell_2 \text{-norm: } \phi(\mathbf{z}) = \|\mathbf{z}\|_2 \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathsf{vect-soft}(\mathbf{u},\tau) := (\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 - \tau)_+ (\mathbf{u}/\|\mathbf{u}\|_2)$

 $\ell_{\infty}\text{-norm: } \phi(\mathbf{z}) = \|\mathbf{z}\|_{\infty} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} - P_{B_{\ell_1(\tau)}}(\mathbf{u})$

nuclear-norm:
$$\phi(\mathbf{Z}) = \|\mathbf{Z}\|_* \Rightarrow \operatorname{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{U}\mathcal{D}_{\tau}(\sigma)\mathbf{V}^{\mathbf{T}}$$

 $[\mathbf{U}, \Sigma, \mathbf{V}] = \operatorname{svd}(\mathbf{X}), \qquad \sigma = \operatorname{diag}(\Sigma), \qquad \mathcal{D}_{\tau}(\Sigma) = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_i - \tau)_+$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Schatten p-norm ($p \geq 1$): $\phi(\mathbf{Z}) = \|\mathbf{Z}\|_{\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{P}}} \ \Rightarrow \ \mathsf{prox}_{\tau\phi}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{U}\mathcal{D}_{\tau}(\mathbf{\Sigma})\mathbf{V}^{\mathbf{T}} \end{array} \end{array}$

$$[\mathbf{U}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}] = \mathsf{svd}(\mathbf{X}), \qquad \mathcal{D}_{\tau}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \mathsf{diag}(\mathsf{prox}_{\tau \| \cdot \|_p}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}))$$

Proximal algorithms: SALSA ([Afonso, B-D, Figueiredo, 09, 10])

SALSA - (split augmented Lagrangian shrinkage algorithm) solves the optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{R}^n}\sum_{j=1}^J g_j(\mathbf{H}^j\mathbf{x}),$$

 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\mathbf{H}^j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j imes n}$

 $g_j: \mathbb{R}^{n_j} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ convex, closed, proper

Algorithm 1: SALSA

initialization:

choose
$$(\mathbf{u}_0^j, \mathbf{d}_0^j) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times n_j}$$
, $j = 1, \dots, J$
define $\mathbf{G} = \sum_{j=1}^J (\mathbf{H}^j)^T \mathbf{H}^j$
set $\mu \in]0, +\infty[$

for
$$k = 0, 1, ...$$
 do

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{G}^{-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} \mathbf{H}^{j} \left(\mathbf{u}_{k}^{j} + \mathbf{d}_{k}^{j} \right) \right)$$

for $j = 1$ to J do

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_{k+1}^{j} & \mathbf{H}^{j} \mathbf{g}_{j/\mu} (\mathbf{d}_{k+1}^{j} \mathbf{u}_{k+1}^{j}) \\ \mathbf{d}_{k+1}^{j} & \mathbf{d}_{k}^{j} - (\mathbf{H}^{j} \mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_{k+1}^{j}) \end{bmatrix}$$

return \mathbf{x}_{k+1}

Distinctive features

- Minimizes sums of convex terms
- The computation of proximity operators is parallelizable
- Offers flexibility in the choice of splittings
- Conditions for easy applicability:
 - inexpensive proximity operators
 - inexpensive matrix inversion
- Related algorithms: PPXA [Combettes, Pesquet, 08] SDMM [Setzer, et al., 10]

Proximal algorithms: FBPD ([Condat, 13], [Vü,13])

FBPD - (Forward Backward Primal Dual) solves the optimization

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{x}) + h(\mathbf{G}\mathbf{x})$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ f, h : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R} \quad \text{convex, closed, proper} \\ g : \mathbb{R}^n \mapsto \mathbb{R} \quad \text{convex, } \beta\text{-Lipschitz continuous gradient} \end{split}$$

Algorithm 2: FBPD

initialization:

choose
$$(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

set $\tau > 0, \sigma > 0$ such that
 $\tau(\beta/2 + \sigma \|G\|^2) < 1$
for $k = 0, 1, \dots$ do
 $\begin{bmatrix} \overline{\mathbf{x}}_k = \nabla g(\mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{u}_k) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\tau f}(\mathbf{x}_k - \tau \overline{\mathbf{x}}_k) \\ \overline{\mathbf{u}}_k = \mathbf{G}(2\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_k) \\ \mathbf{u}_{k+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\sigma h^*}(\mathbf{u}_k + \sigma \overline{\mathbf{u}}_k) \end{bmatrix}$
return \mathbf{x}_{k+1}

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