Lecture 6

Resolution and Generalized Inverses

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Purpose of the Lecture

Introduce the idea of a Generalized Inverse, the Data and Model Resolution Matrices and the Unit Covariance Matrix

Quantify the spread of resolution and the size of the covariance

Use the maximization of resolution and/or covariance as the guiding principle for solving inverse problems

Part 1

The Generalized Inverse,

the Data and Model Resolution Matrices

and the Unit Covariance Matrix

all of the solutions

- $\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = [\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{G}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{d}$
- $\mathbf{m}^{est} = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}[\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}]^{-1}\mathbf{d}$
- $\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = [\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{G} + \varepsilon^{2}\mathbf{I}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{d}$
- $\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = [\mathbf{G}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{W}_{e} \mathbf{G} + \varepsilon^{2} \mathbf{W}_{m}]^{-1} [\mathbf{G}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{W}_{e} \mathbf{d} + \varepsilon^{2} \mathbf{W}_{m} \langle \mathbf{m} \rangle]$

of the form

$\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{d} + \mathbf{v}$

$\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{Md} + \mathbf{v}$ $\mathbf{Md} + \mathbf{v}$ let's focus on this matrix

 $\mathbf{m}^{est} = \mathbf{G}^{-g}\mathbf{d} + \mathbf{v}$ rename it the "generalized inverse" and use the symbol \mathbf{G}^{-g} (let's ignore the vector **v** for a moment)

Generalized Inverse G^{-g}

operates on the data to give an estimate of the model parameters if $\mathbf{d}^{\text{pre}} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}}$ then $\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{G}^{\text{-g}} \mathbf{d}^{\text{obs}}$

Generalized Inverse G^{-g}

if $\mathbf{d}^{\text{pre}} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}}$ then $\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{G}^{-\mathbf{g}}\mathbf{d}^{\text{obs}}$

sort of looks like a matrix inverse except

$M \times N$, not square and $GG^{-g} \neq I$ and $G^{-g}G \neq I$

so actually the generalized inverse is not a matrix inverse at all

plug one equation into the other

$$\mathbf{d}^{\mathrm{pre}} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}^{\mathrm{est}}$$
 and $\mathbf{m}^{\mathrm{est}} = \mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}}\mathbf{d}^{\mathrm{obs}}$

 $d^{\text{pre}} = Gm^{\text{est}} = G\left[G^{-g}d^{\text{obs}}\right] = [GG^{-g}]d^{\text{obs}} = Nd^{\text{obs}}$

$$d^{pre} = Nd^{obs}$$
 with $N = GG^{-g}$
"data resolution matrix"

Data Resolution Matrix, N

$\mathbf{d}^{\mathrm{pre}} = \mathbf{N}\mathbf{d}^{\mathrm{obs}}$

How much does d_i^{obs} contribute to its own prediction?

if N=I $d^{pre} = d^{obs}$

 $d_i^{pre} = d_i^{obs}$

 d_i^{obs} completely controls its own prediction

(A)



The closer **N** is to **I**, the more d_i^{obs} controls its own prediction

straight line problem



only the data at the ends control their own prediction

$\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{G}^{-g}\mathbf{d}^{\text{obs}} = \mathbf{G}^{-g}[\mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}^{\text{true}}] = [\mathbf{G}^{-g}\mathbf{G}]\mathbf{m}^{\text{true}} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{m}^{\text{true}}$

Model Resolution Matrix, R

$\mathbf{m}^{\text{est}} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{m}^{\text{true}}$

How much does m_i^{true} contribute to its own estimated value?

if R=I $m^{est} = m^{true}$

$m_i^{est} = m_i^{true}$

 m_i^{est} reflects m_i^{true} only

else if **R≠I**

 $m_i^{est} =$

 $... + R_{i,i-1}m_{i-1}^{true} + R_{i,i}m_{i}^{true} + R_{i,i+1}m_{i+1}^{true} + ...$

m_i^{est} is a weighted average of all the elements of \mathbf{m}^{true}

The closer **R** is to **I**, the more m_i^{est} reflects only m_i^{true}

Discrete version of Laplace Transform

$$d(c) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-cz) m(z) dz \longrightarrow d_i = \sum_{j=1}^M \exp(-c_i z_j) m_j$$

large c: d is "shallow" average of m(z)
small c: d is "deep" average of m(z)

the shallowest model parameters are "best resolved"

Covariance associated with the Generalized Inverse

"unit covariance matrix" divide by σ^2 to remove effect of the overall magnitude of the measurement error

 $[\operatorname{cov}_{u} \mathbf{m}] = \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{G}^{-g} [\operatorname{cov} \mathbf{d}] \mathbf{G}^{-gT} = \mathbf{G}^{-g} \mathbf{G}^{-gT}$

unit covariance for straight line problem

 $[\operatorname{cov}_{u} \mathbf{m}] = \frac{1}{N \sum z_{i}^{2} - (\sum z_{i})^{2}} \begin{vmatrix} N & -\sum z_{i} \\ -\sum z_{i} \end{vmatrix} \sum z_{i}^{2}$ model parameters uncorrelated when this term zero happens when data are centered about the origin

Part 2

The spread of resolution and the size of the covariance

a resolution matrix has small spread if only its main diagonal has large elements

it is close to the identity matrix

"Dirichlet" Spread Functions

spread(**N**) =
$$\|\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{I}\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left[N_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\right]^{2}$$

spread(**R**) =
$$\|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{I}\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{M} \left[R_{ij} - \delta_{ij}\right]^{2}$$

a unit covariance matrix has small size if its diagonal elements are small

error in the data corresponds to only small error in the model parameters

(ignore correlations)

size([cov_um]) =
$$\left\| \left[\operatorname{var}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{m} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \left[\operatorname{cov}_{\mathbf{u}} \mathbf{m} \right]_{ii}$$

Part 3

minimization of spread of resolution and/or size of covariance as the guiding principle for creating a generalized inverse

over-determined case

note that for simple least squares $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = [\mathbf{G}^{T}\mathbf{G}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{T}$

model resolution $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{G}^{-g}\mathbf{G} = [\mathbf{G}^{T}\mathbf{G}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{T}\mathbf{G}=\mathbf{I}$ always the identify matrix suggests that we try to minimize the spread of the data resolution matrix, **N**

find G^{-g} that minimizes spread(N)

spread of the k-th row of N

$$J_{k} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (N_{ki} - \delta_{ki})^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} N_{ki}^{2} - 2\sum_{i=1}^{N} N_{ki} \delta_{ki} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \delta_{ki}^{2}$$

now compute
$$\partial J_k / \partial G_{qr}^{-g} = 0$$

first term

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial G_{qr}^{-g}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{M} G_{kj} G_{ji}^{-g} \right] \left[\sum_{p=1}^{M} G_{kp} G_{pi}^{-g} \right] \right] =$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial G_{qr}^{-g}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{M} \sum_{p=1}^{M} G_{ji}^{-g} G_{pi}^{-g} G_{kj} G_{kp} \right] =$$

 $2\sum_{p=1}^{M}G_{pr}^{-g}G_{kq}G_{kp}$

second term

third term is zero

putting it all together

$\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$

which is just simple least squares $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = [\mathbf{G}^{T}\mathbf{G}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{T}$ the simple least squares solution minimizes the spread of data resolution and has zero spread of the model resolution

under-determined case

note that for minimum length solution $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = \mathbf{G}^{T} [\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{T}]^{-1}$

data resolution $N=GG^{-g} = G G^{T} [GG^{T}]^{-1} = I$ always the identify matrix suggests that we try to minimize the spread of the model resolution matrix, **R**

find **G**^{-g} that minimizes spread(**R**)

minimization leads to

$[\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}]\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{-g}} = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$

which is just minimum length solution $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = \mathbf{G}^{T} [\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{T}]^{-1}$

the minimum length solution minimizes the spread of model resolution and has zero spread of the data resolution

general case

Minimize: α_1 spread(**N**) + α_2 spread(**R**) + α_3 size([cov_u**m**])

leads to

 $\alpha_1 \left[\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{G} \right] \mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} + \left[\mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} \left[\alpha_2 \left[\mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \right] + \alpha_3 \left[\operatorname{cov}_{\mathrm{u}} \mathbf{d} \right] \right] = \left[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \right] \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$

general case

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a Sylvester Equation, so explicit solution in terms of matrices

special case #1

Minimize: α_1 spread(**N**) + α_2 spread(**R**) + α_3 size([cov_u**m**]) $\alpha_1 \left[\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{G} \right] \mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} + \left[\mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} \left[\alpha_2 \left[\mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \right] + \alpha_3 \left[\operatorname{cov}_{\mathrm{u}} \mathbf{d} \right] \right] = \left[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \right] \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$ $[\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{G} + \varepsilon^{2}\mathbf{I}]\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{-g}} = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$ $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = [\mathbf{G}^{T}\mathbf{G} + \varepsilon^{2}\mathbf{I}]^{-1}\mathbf{G}^{T}$ damped least squares

special case #2

Minimize: α_1 spread(N) + α_2 spread(R) + α_3 size([cov_um]) $\alpha_1 \left[\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{G} \right] \mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} + \left[\mathbf{G}^{-\mathrm{g}} \left[\alpha_2 \left[\mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} \right] + \alpha_3 \left[\operatorname{cov}_{\mathrm{u}} \mathbf{d} \right] \right] = \left[\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \right] \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$ $\mathbf{G}^{-g}[\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} + \varepsilon^{2}\mathbf{I}] = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}}$ $\mathbf{G}^{-g} = \mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} [\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^{\mathrm{T}} + \varepsilon^{2}\mathbf{I}]^{-1}$ damped minimum length

no new solutions have arisen ...

... just a reinterpretation of previouslyderived solutions

reinterpretation

instead of solving for estimates of the model parameters

We are solving for estimates of weighted averages of the model parameters,

where the weights are given by the model resolution matrix

criticism of Direchlet *spread()* functions

when **m** represents m(x)

is that they don't capture the sense of "being localized" very well These two rows of the model resolution matrix have the same spread ...

... but the left case is better "localized"

we will take up this issue in the next lecture