



# Topics in Numerical Analysis II

## Computational Inverse Problems

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# Outline

## 1 Tikhonov regularization



## Review of previous lecture

**The truncated SVD solution:** for  $\mathbb{N} \ni k \leq \text{rank}(A)$ , there exists a unique  $x_k \in X$  s.t.

$$Ax_k = P_k y, \quad x_k \perp \ker(A)$$

with  $P_k : Y \rightarrow \text{span}(u_i)_{i=1}^k$  is the orthogonal projection. This solution can be given as

$$x_k = \sum_{j=1}^k s_j^{-1}(y, u_j) v_j$$

- the method is convergence with proper choice of  $k$
- the index  $k$  by Morozov's discrepancy principle



For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , the SVD is usually written as

$$A = USV^T$$

with  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has nonnegative singular values on its diagonal, and the columns of  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are orthonormal basis. The truncated SVD solution of order  $k$  is given by

$$x_k = VS_k^\dagger U^T y, \quad S_k^\dagger = \text{diag}(s_1^{-1}, \dots, s_k^{-1}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}.$$

pseudo-inverse:  $k = \text{rank}(A)$

- an approximate SVD is viable using randomized SVD, if the singular values decay rapidly



# Motivation of Tikhonov regularization

The norm of the residual

$$\|Ax - y\|$$

is minimized by the sequence of truncated SVD solutions  $(x_k)$  as  $k$  tends to  $\text{rank}(A)$ . Unfortunately, for inverse problems, we typically also have

$$\|x_k\| \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \text{rank}(A)$$

and it seems well motivated to minimize the residual and the norm of the solution simultaneously



# Tikhonov(-Phillips) regularization

A. Tikhonov 1943, 1963, D. Phillips 1962 (linear integral equations)

## Tikhonov's lemma

Let  $F$  be a *continuous injective* mapping from a nonempty *compact* set  $A$  onto the **compact** set  $C$ . Then the inverse  $F^{-1}$  is continuous.

a general strategy: restrict the solution to a smaller set (often with better Sobolev regularity), impose the constraint by a penalty, i.e.,

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \|Ax - y\|^2 + \alpha\|x\|^2$$

and take the minimizer (if it exists) as an approximation



## Tikhonov regularization

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \|Ax - y\|^2 + \alpha\|x\|^2$$

- like  $k$ ,  $\alpha$  has to be specified (a priori / a posteriori)
- intuition: look for a solution with small  $\|x\| \Rightarrow$  weak compactness  
...
- can incorporate a differential operator  $L$
- the penalty term often induces a (weak) compact subset

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A. N. Tikhonov. Doklady Akademii Nauk SSSR 151: 501–504, 1963.

D. L. Phillips. J. ACM 9: 84, 1962



## What is nice about Tikhonov regularization?

- $J_\alpha$  is strictly convex

$$J_\alpha(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tJ_\alpha(x_1) + (1-t)J_\alpha(x_2) \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$$

with strict inequality when  $t \in (0, 1)$

- $J_\alpha$  amounts to solve a linear system (if a solution exists)

$$(A^t A + \alpha I)x = A^t y$$

hence it avoids SVD ...  $\Rightarrow$  (hopefully) cheaper than SVD  
efficient solvers for dense SPD linear systems

- can handle box constraint easily ...

$$\min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} J_\alpha(x)$$

nearly impossible with truncated SVD





There are a number of **basic** questions on the approach

**existence** Is there a solution to the Tikhonov model?

**stability** Does it depend stably on the perturbation of model parameters etc so that it is numerically tractable ?

**accuracy** How good is it as an approximation ?

**a. choice** How to choose the regularization parameter  $\alpha$  ?

**solver** Is it efficiently solvable ? (Not easy for large linear systems!)

**discret.** (for PDE related): Is the discretization convergent, and can quantify the reconstruction error ?

...



*existence* of Tikhonov minimizer:

let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be linear and bounded,  $X$  and  $Y$  are Hilbert spaces.  
Consider the functional

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \|Ax - y\|_Y^2 + \alpha \|x\|_X^2$$

### existence/uniqueness

For any  $\alpha > 0$ , there exists one and only one solution to  $J_{\alpha}$ .

proof by direct method of calculus of variations (later)



A Tikhonov regularized solution  $x_\alpha \in X$  is a minimizer of the functional

$$J_\alpha(x) = \|Ax - y\|^2 + \alpha\|x\|^2$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is called the regularization parameter.

### Theorem

A Tikhonov regularized solution exists, is unique and is given by

$$x_\alpha = (A^*A + \alpha I)^{-1}A^*y = \sum_i \frac{s_i}{s_i^2 + \alpha}(y, u_i)v_i$$



simple case:  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$ . The general case follows the same idea but requires some functional analysis. Note that

$$x^\top (A^\top A + \alpha I)x = \|Ax\|^2 + \alpha \|x\|^2 \geq \alpha \|x\|^2 > 0$$

if  $x \neq 0$ . In particular,  $A^\top A + \alpha I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is injective, i.e., it is invertible due to fundamental theorem of linear algebra. Hence

$$x_\alpha = (A^\top A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^\top y \in X$$

is well defined.



Let  $(s_j)_{j=1}^r$  be the positive singular values of  $A$ , and  $(v_j)_{j=1}^r$  and  $(u_j)_{j=1}^r$  the corresponding sets of singular vectors that span  $\ker(A)^\perp$  and  $\text{range}(A)$ , respectively. Then we expand  $x_\alpha$  by

$$x_\alpha = \sum_j (x_\alpha, v_j) v_j + Qx_\alpha,$$

where  $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \ker(A)$  is an orthogonal projection. Then

$$(A^\top A + \alpha I)x_\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^r (s_j^2 + \alpha)(x_\alpha, v_j) v_j + \alpha Qx_\alpha$$

and similarly

$$A^\top y = \sum_{j=1}^r s_j(y, u_j) v_j$$



equating these two expression results in

$$(x_\alpha, v_j) = \frac{s_j}{s_j^2 + \alpha} (y, u_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, r$$

and  $Qx_\alpha = 0$ , i.e.,

$$x_\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{s_j}{s_j^2 + \alpha} (y, u_j) v_j$$



Finally, consider  $x = x_\alpha + z$ , where  $z$  is arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned} J_\alpha(x) &= \|(A(x_\alpha + z) - y)\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha + z\|^2 \\ &= \|Ax_\alpha - y\|^2 + 2(Ax_\alpha - y, Az) + \|Az\|^2 \\ &\quad + \alpha\|x_\alpha\|^2 + 2\alpha(x, z) + \alpha\|z\|^2 \\ &= J_\alpha(x_\alpha) + \|Az\|^2 + \alpha\|z\|^2 + 2(z, (A^\top A + \alpha I)x_\alpha - A^\top y) \\ &= J_\alpha(x_\alpha) + \|Az\|^2 + \alpha\|z\|^2 \geq J_\alpha(z) \end{aligned}$$

where the equality holds iff  $z = 0$ . Thus,  $x_\alpha = (A^\top A + \alpha I)^{-1} A^\top y$  is the unique minimizer of the Tikhonov functional.



What does SVD say about Tikhonov ?

$$(V\Sigma^T U^T U\Sigma V^T + \alpha I)x_{tikh} = V\Sigma U^T y,$$

i.e.,

$$x_{tikh} = \sum_{s_i > 0} \frac{s_i(y, u_i)}{s_i^2 + \alpha} v_i \quad \text{v.s.} \quad x_{lsq} = \sum_{s_i > 0} \frac{(y, u_i)}{s_i} v_i$$

so we approximate  $1/s_i$  by  $s_i/(s_i^2 + \alpha)$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{s_i}{s_i^2 + \alpha} \approx \frac{1}{s_i}, & \text{for } s_i \gg \alpha, \\ \frac{s_i}{s_i^2 + \alpha} \approx \frac{s_i}{\alpha}, & \text{for } s_i \ll \alpha \end{cases}$$

it damps high-freq. modes like the TSVD (almost similar manner)





practical implementation:  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Y = \mathbb{R}^m$ . The Tikhonov functional can be written as

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\alpha}I \end{bmatrix} x - \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|, \quad I \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, 0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

The normal equation corresponding to this least-squares problem is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\alpha}I \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\alpha}I \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\alpha}I \end{bmatrix}^{\top} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.

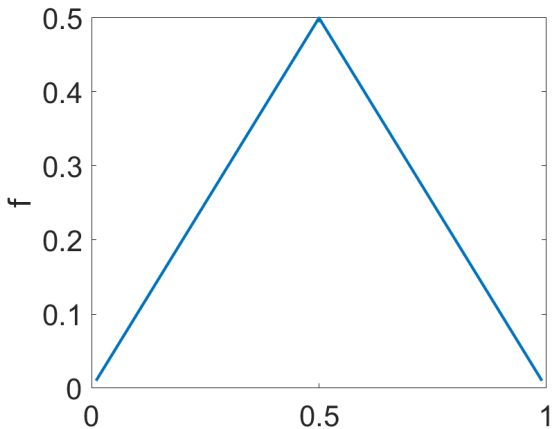
$$(A^{\top}A + \alpha I)x = A^{\top}y$$



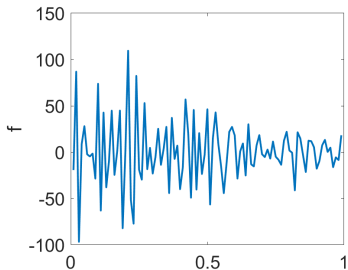
One actually does not need to form the normal equation when using Tikhonov regularization. Let

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \sqrt{\alpha}I \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+m) \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

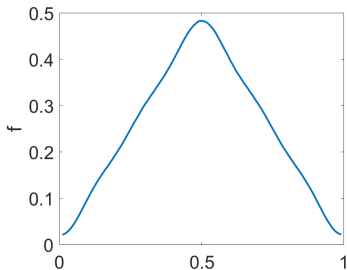
the command  $x = K \backslash z$  computes the Tikhonov regularized solution



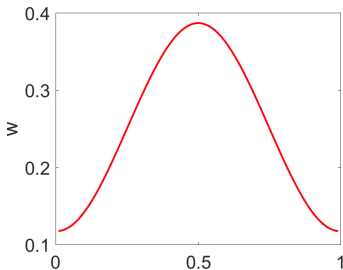
backward heat problem with wedge initial data



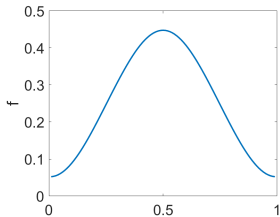
least-squares  
reconstruction for exact data



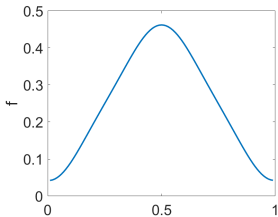
$\alpha = 1\text{e-}13$



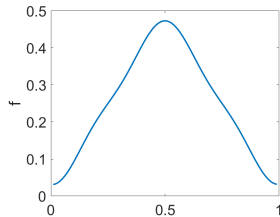
noisy data, with a small amount of noise ( $\epsilon = 1e-4$ )



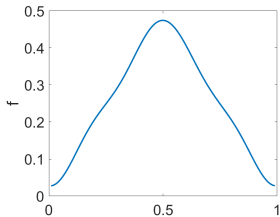
$\alpha = 1\text{e-}2$



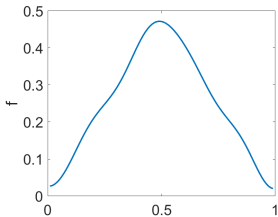
$\alpha = 1\text{e-}3$



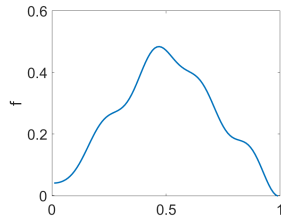
$\alpha = 1\text{e-}4$



$\alpha = 1e-5$



$\alpha = 1e-6$



$\alpha = 1e-7$



main messages:

- with *proper*  $\alpha$ , the Tikhonov solution is good.
- The solution is generally smooth (and almost nowhere zero)
- tend to have big errors near the boundary / nonsmooth points (kinks) ...





proof technique (using functional analysis)

- $J_\alpha(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  there exists a minimizing sequence  $\{x^n\}$

$$\inf_{x \in X} J_\alpha(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_\alpha(x^n)$$

- The minimizing seq. is uniformly bdd:  $\{x^n\}$  is uniformly bdd. in  $X$
- There exists a subseq.  $\{x^{n_k}\}$  converges weakly to  $x^*$  in  $X$
- $Ax^{n_k} \rightarrow Ax^*$  weakly (weak continuous)

$$\langle Ax^{n_k}, \bar{y} \rangle_{Y, Y^*} = \langle x^{n_k}, A^* \bar{y} \rangle_{X, X^*} \rightarrow \langle x^*, A^* \bar{y} \rangle_{X, X^*} = \langle Ax^*, \bar{y} \rangle_{Y, Y^*}$$

- weak lower semicontinuity  $\|x^*\| \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x^{n_k}\|$
- $x^*$  satisfies  $J_\alpha(x^*) \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} J_\alpha(x^{n_k}) = \inf_X J_\alpha(x)$



ingredients: coercivity, weak continuity, weak lower semicontinuity

comments

- the proof is valid for any reflexive Banach space
- also valid for nonreflexive spaces with minor changes
- for nonlinear operators, the weak continuity of  $A$  can be delicate
- the w.l.s.c. is challenging for nonconvex functionals ...



# consistency

setting: given a sequence of noisy data  $\{y^\delta\}_{\delta>0}$ , with

$$\|y^\delta - y^\dagger\| = \delta$$

for each  $y^\delta$ , construct an approximation  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta$  by Tikhonov regularization

$$x_\alpha^\delta = \arg \min \|Ax - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x\|^2.$$

Question: Does  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta$  converge to  $x^\dagger$  ?

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - x^\dagger\| = 0??$$



essentially the same argument  $\Rightarrow$

### consistency

$$\alpha(\delta) \rightarrow 0 + \frac{\delta^2}{\alpha(\delta)} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta \rightarrow x^\dagger \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

recover the exact solution as the data tends to the exact one ...

The choice balances the approx. error with data error !

characterization of least-squares solution  $x^\dagger$  (for exact data  $y^\dagger$ ):

$$x^\dagger = \arg \min_{x \in X: Ax=y^\dagger} \|x\|$$



The minimum norm solution  $x^\dagger$  exists and is unique.

- $y^\dagger \in \text{range}(A) \Rightarrow$  the set  $\mathcal{S} = \{x : Ax = y^\dagger\}$  is nonempty
- The set  $\mathcal{S}$  is (weakly) closed.
- The functional  $\|x\|$  is nonnegative, there exists a minimizing sequence  $(x^n)_n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x^n\| = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \|x\|$$

- a subsequence converges weakly  $(x^n)_n$  to some  $x^*$
- weak lower semicontinuity

$$\|x^*\| \leq \liminf \|x^n\| = \inf_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \|x\|$$

- existence of a minimum-norm solution
- uniqueness via strict convexity of  $\|\cdot\|^2$



By the minimizing property of  $x_\alpha^\delta$ :  $J_\alpha(x_\alpha^\delta) \leq J_\alpha(x^\dagger)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 &\leq \|Ax^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x^\dagger\|^2 \\ &\leq \delta^2 + \alpha\|x^\dagger\|^2\end{aligned}$$

implication:

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 &\leq \alpha^{-1}\delta^2 + \|x^\dagger\|^2, \\ \|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 &\leq \delta^2 + \alpha\|x^\dagger\|^2\end{aligned}$$

- condition  $\alpha(\delta)^{-1}\delta^2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  the sequence  $(x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta)_\delta$  is uniformly bdd
- $\exists$  a subsequence  $(x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta)_\delta$  converges weakly to  $x^*$  in  $X$
- by weak lower semi-continuity of norms

$$\|x^*\|^2 \leq \liminf \|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta\|^2 \leq \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(\delta)^{-1}\delta^2 + \|x^\dagger\|^2 = \|x^\dagger\|^2$$



- $Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} \rightarrow Ax^*$  weakly in  $Y$
- $Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - y^{\delta} \rightarrow Ax^* - y^{\dagger}$  weakly
- weak lower semi-continuity of norms

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax^* - y^{\dagger}\|^2 &\leq \liminf \|Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - y^{\delta}\|^2 \\ &\leq \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \delta^2 + \alpha(\delta) \|x^{\dagger}\|^2 = 0\end{aligned}$$

under the condition  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(\delta) = 0$



- the limit  $x^*$  satisfies

$$\|x^*\| \leq \|x^\dagger\|, \quad \|Ax^* - y^\dagger\| = 0$$

$x^*$  is the unique least-squares solution  $x^\dagger$

- $\|x^\dagger\| \leq \|x^*\| \leq \limsup \|x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq \|x^\dagger\|$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \|x_\alpha^\delta\| = \|x^\dagger\|$$

+ weak convergence of  $x_\alpha^\delta \Rightarrow$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \|x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger\| = 0$$

- the standard subsequence argument implies the whole sequence converges weakly to  $x^\dagger$





## stability

- For any  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $x_\alpha(y^n) \rightarrow x_\alpha(y)$  in  $X$  as  $y^n \rightarrow y$  in  $Y$ .
- Let  $\alpha > 0$ , for any  $y \in Y$ ,  $x_{\alpha_n} \rightarrow x_\alpha$  in  $X$  as  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$ .

the regularized scheme is stable  $\Rightarrow$  numerically feasible ...  
proof is left as an exercise.



What about the quality of approximation ? e.g., for some  $\gamma > 0$

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - x^\dagger\| \leq c\delta^\gamma \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0?$$

- No extra conditions on  $x^\dagger$ , there can be **no convergence rate** !
- Under suitable conditions, we have **sublinear** rate,  $0 < \gamma < 1$   
by ill-posedness, we ALWAYS lose something !

The first point is not surprising: FEM/FDM have no convergence rate if no extra regularity is available.



canonical source condition

$$x^\dagger = A^* w, \quad w \in Y$$

### Theorem

*Under canonical source condition and  $\alpha \sim \delta$ ,  $\|x^\dagger - x_\alpha^\delta\| \leq c\delta^{1/2}$ .*

proof follows by means of **completing squares**



By the minimizing property  $J_\alpha(x_\alpha^\delta) \leq J_\alpha(x^\dagger)$

$$\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 \leq \|Ax^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x^\dagger\|^2$$

completing the square

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger\|^2 &\leq \|Ax^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle x^\dagger, x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger \rangle \\ &= \|y^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle A^*w, x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger \rangle \\ &= \|y^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle w, A(x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

completing the square again

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta + \alpha w\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger\|^2 \\ \leq \|y^\delta - y^\dagger\|^2 - 2\alpha\langle w, y^\delta - y^\dagger \rangle + \alpha^2\|w\|^2 \\ \leq (\alpha\|w\| + \delta)^2\end{aligned}$$

the role of source condition is to link  $X$  and  $Y$  spaces

the choice  $\alpha \sim \delta \Rightarrow O(\delta^{1/2})$  rate



- there are more general conditions,  
e.g.,  $(A^*A)^\mu w = x^\dagger$ , or logarithmic type ...  
H.W. Engl, M. Hanke, A. Neubauer. Regularization of Inverse Problems. Kluwer, 1996
- these are related to conditional stability estimates (in PDEs)  
Cheng-Yamamoto Inverse Problems 2000  
 $\Rightarrow$  Carleman estimates M Yamamoto. Inverse Problems 2009
- variational inequality approach T. Schuster, B. Kaltenbacher, B. Hofmann and K. Kazimierski, Regularization Methods in Banach spaces, De Gruyter, Berlin, 2012.
- Kurdyka–Lojasiewicz inequality (very popular in optimization)  
Gerth-Kindermann 2019

Generally, the verification of such a condition is very hard !



# Morozov's discrepancy principle

How to determine  $\alpha$  ?

Given the data  $y^\delta \in Y$  is a noisy version of the exact data  $y^\dagger \in Y$  and

$$\|y^\delta - y^\dagger\| \approx \delta > 0$$

For Tikhonov regularization, Morozov's discrepancy principle chooses  $\alpha$  s.t.

$$\|y^\delta - Ax_\alpha^\delta\| = \delta.$$

Such a regularization parameter exists if

$$\|y^\delta - Py^\delta\| < \delta < \|y^\delta\|$$



## well-definedness of discrepancy principle

The function  $\phi(\alpha) = \|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2$  is continuous in  $\alpha$ , strictly monotone in  $\alpha$ , and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(\alpha) = \|y^\delta - Py^\delta\|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\alpha) = \|y^\delta\|^2.$$

Implication: there is a unique  $\alpha$  satisfying the discrepancy principle, if

$$\|y^\delta - Py^\delta\| < \delta < \|y^\delta\|$$

By the representation

$$x_{\alpha}^{\delta} = \sum_i \frac{s_i}{s_i^2 + \alpha} (y^{\delta}, u_i) v_i$$

and thus, the residual

$$\begin{aligned} Ax_{\alpha}^{\delta} - y^{\delta} &= \sum_i \frac{s_i}{s_i^2 + \alpha} (y^{\delta}, u_i) Av_i - y^{\delta} \\ &= \sum_i \frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \alpha} (y^{\delta}, u_i) u_i - y^{\delta} \\ &= \sum_i \left( \frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \alpha} - 1 \right) (y^{\delta}, u_i) u_i - (I - P)y^{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\phi(\alpha) = \|Ax_{\alpha}^{\delta} - y^{\delta}\|^2 = \sum_i \frac{\alpha^2}{(s_i^2 + \alpha)^2} (y^{\delta}, u_i)^2 + \|(I - P)y^{\delta}\|^2$$





strictly monotone:

$$\phi'(\alpha) = \sum_i \frac{2\alpha s_i^2}{(s_i^2 + \alpha)^3} (y^\delta, u_i)^2 > 0$$

limit relation

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(\alpha) &= \sum_i \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\alpha^2}{(s_i^2 + \alpha)^2} (y^\delta, u_i)^2 + \|(I - P)y^\delta\|^2 \\ &= \|(I - P)y^\delta\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\alpha) &= \sum_i \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha^2}{(s_i^2 + \alpha)^2} (y^\delta, u_i)^2 + \|(I - P)y^\delta\|^2 \\ &= \sum_i (y^\delta, u_i)^2 + \|(I - P)y^\delta\|^2 = \|y^\delta\|^2. \end{aligned}$$



## regularizing property of the discrepancy principle

### Theorem

- *Tikhonov regularization equipped with DP is consistent!*
- *Under the canonical source condition,*

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta} - x^{\dagger}\| \leq c\delta^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

*(i.e., the approximation  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}$  converges at a rate  $O(\delta^{\frac{1}{2}})$ )*



By the minimizing property of  $x_\alpha^\delta$ :  $J_\alpha(x_\alpha^\delta) \leq J_\alpha(x^\dagger)$ :

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discrepancy principle:  $\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 = \delta^2 \Rightarrow \|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 \leq \|x^\dagger\|^2$

- convergent subsequence to  $x^*$ , with wlsc:  $\|x^*\| \leq \|x^\dagger\|$
- $Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta$  converges weakly to  $Ax^* - y^\dagger$
- the residual also converges to zero

$$\|Ax^* - y^\dagger\| \leq \liminf \|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\| = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \delta = 0$$

$x^*$  is the minimum norm solution



By the minimizing property  $J_\alpha(x_\alpha^\delta) \leq J_\alpha(x^\dagger)$

$$\|Ax_\alpha^\delta - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 \leq \|Ax^\dagger - y^\delta\|^2 + \alpha\|x^\dagger\|^2$$

+ DP  $\Rightarrow \|x_\alpha^\delta\|^2 \leq \|x^\dagger\|^2$  + source condition  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}\|x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger\|^2 &\leq 2\langle x^\dagger, x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger \rangle = -2\langle A^*w, x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger \rangle \\ &= -2\langle w, A(x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger) \rangle \leq 2\|w\|\|Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - y^\dagger\|\end{aligned}$$

DP + triangle inequality  $\Rightarrow$

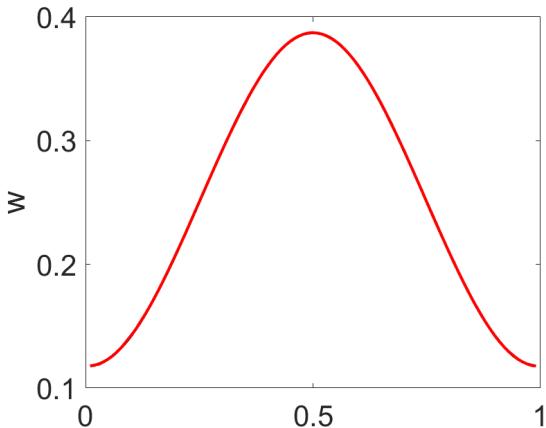
$$\|Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - y^\dagger\| \leq \|Ax_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta - y^\delta\| + \|y^\delta - y^\dagger\| \leq 2\delta$$

convergence rate

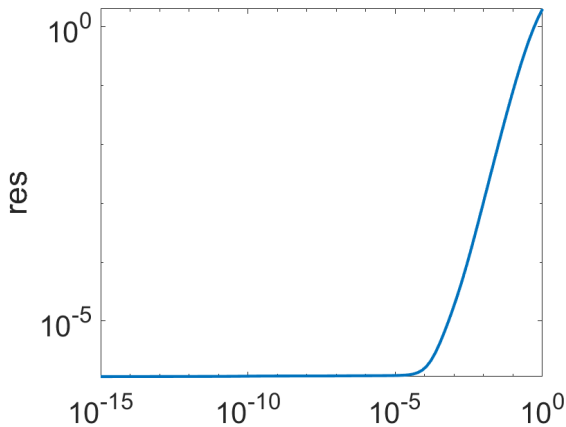
$$\|x_\alpha^\delta - x^\dagger\| \leq 2\|w\|^{\frac{1}{2}}\delta^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

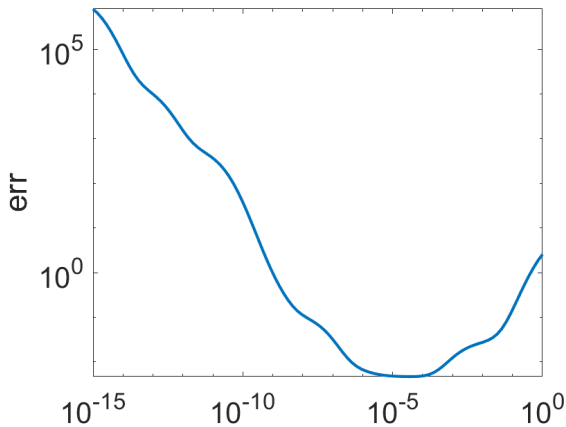


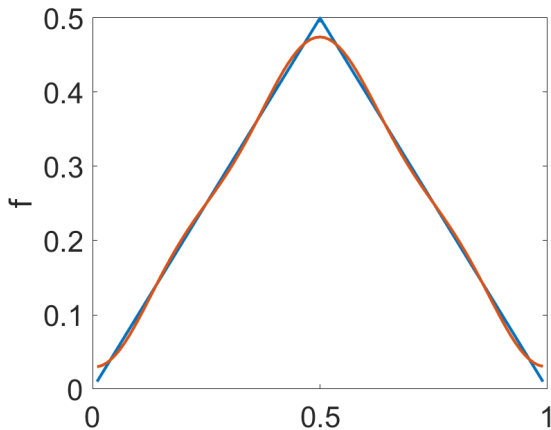
## discrepancy principle in action



noisy data, with a small amount of noise ( $\epsilon = 1e-4$ )











(generalized) Tikhonov regularization

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \|Ax - y\|^2 + \alpha \|Lx\|^2$$

- $L$ : differential operator
- intuition: look for a solution with small derivative  $\|x\| \Rightarrow$  weak compactness ...
- the penalty term often induces a (weak) compact subset in Sobolev spaces

