

Automatic parameter setting for Arnoldi-Tikhonov methods

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in which the matrix A is assumed to have singular values that rapidly decay and cluster near zero¹.

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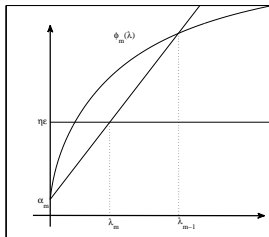
We know that $\phi_m(\lambda)$ is a monotonically increasing function such that

$$\phi_m(0) = \alpha_m.$$

Hence, the linear function

$$f(\lambda) = \alpha_m + \lambda \left(\frac{\phi_m(\lambda_{m-1}) - \alpha_m}{\lambda_{m-1}} \right),$$

interpolates $\phi_m(\lambda)$ at 0 and λ_{m-1} , and the new parameter λ_m is obtained by solving $f(\lambda) = \eta\varepsilon$.



secant update method.

- The method is just a secant method in which the leftmost point is $(0, \alpha_m)$.
- In the very first steps we may have $\alpha_m > \eta\varepsilon$. In this situation the result of the method may be negative and therefore we use

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Examples

Test problem shaw⁵

■ $A \in \mathbb{R}^{200 \times 200}$ symmetric;
 $\text{cond}(A) \simeq 10^{20}$;

■ noise level
 $\tilde{\varepsilon} = \|e\|/\|\bar{b}\| = 10^{-3}$;

■ $L = I_{200}$;

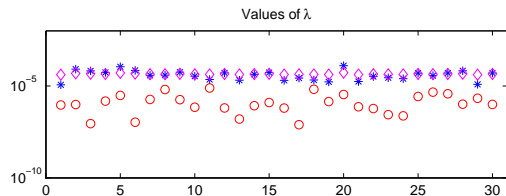
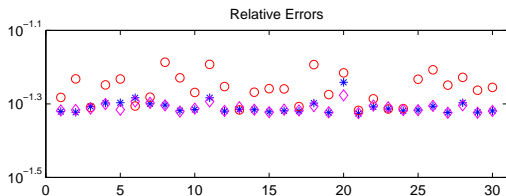
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* new method

○ L_m -curve method

◇ $\phi_8(\lambda) = \eta\varepsilon$
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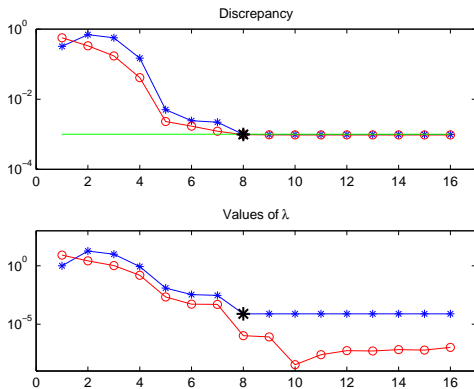


$$x_{m,\lambda} \in \mathcal{K}_8(A, b).$$

⁵HANSEN(1994), *Regularization Tools*

Comparison of the L_m -curve method and of the secant update approach at each iteration.

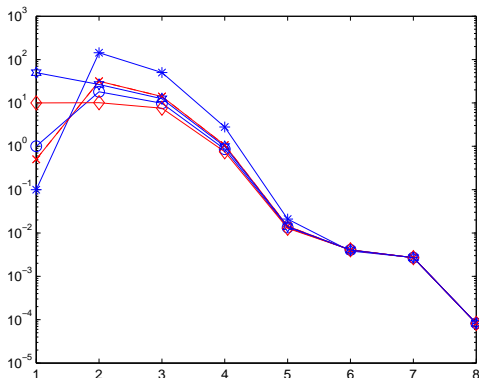
Discrepancy principle satisfied after 8 iterations; we compute 8 extra iterations. The secant approach exhibits a very stable behavior.



○- is the L_m -curve method, *- is the new method.

Stability with respect to the choice of the initial value λ_0 .

We choose $\lambda_0 = 0.1, 0.5, 1, 10, 50$.

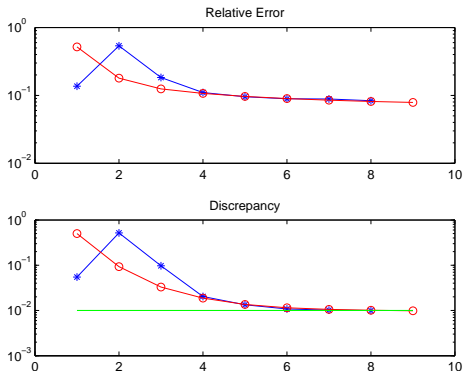


Remark: at the beginning we just force λ_m to be positive; after a few iterations (when $\alpha_m < \eta\varepsilon$) the new approach is a zero-finder.

Image restoration

- Test image: `peppers.png`, size 256×256 pixels; $N = 65536$.
- Noise level: $\tilde{\varepsilon} = 10^{-2}$.
- Gaussian blur: $\sigma = 2.5$, $q = 6$.
- Regularization matrix: $D_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-2) \times N}$.

- L_m method
- *- secant update





(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

(a) original image

(b) blurred and noisy image

(c) restored with L_m -curve approach

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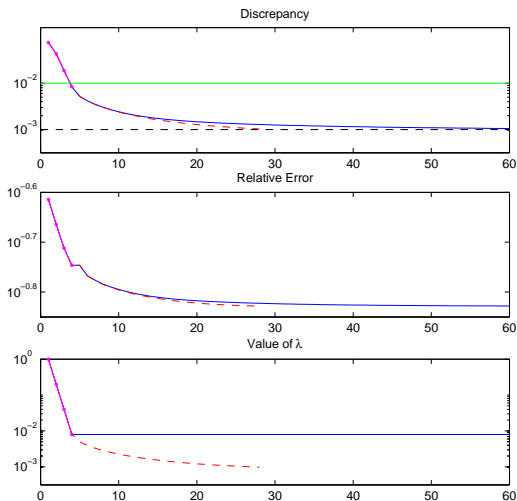
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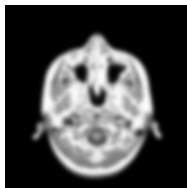
Example

- test image `mri.tif`,
128 pixels.
 - Gaussian blurring,
 $\sigma = 1.5$ and $q = 6$.
 - $\varepsilon / \|b\| = 10^{-3}$
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 - $\delta = 0.01$
 - Regularization matrix:
 D_1 .
- without step 3;
56 restarts,
 $\varepsilon_{24} / \|b\| = 1.03 \cdot 10^{-3}$.
- - with step 3;
24 restarts,
 $\varepsilon_{56} / \|b\| = 1.05 \cdot 10^{-3}$.





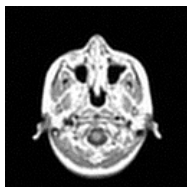
(i)



(ii)



(iii)



(iv)

(i) original; (ii) noisy and blurred; (iii) after 4 steps; (iv) after 24 restarts.

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