

Module – 3.6

# EXAMPLES OF STATIC INVERSE PROBLEMS

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# THREE EXAMPLES

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- Recovery of vertical temperature profile of the atmosphere from satellite radiance measurement – linear problem
- 1-D Spatial linear and 2-D bilinear interpolation – linear problem
- A nonlinear least squares problem

# VERTICAL TEMPERATURE PROFILE

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- Problem is to retrieve the vertical temperature profile of the atmosphere from satellite radiance measurements

# PROBLEM 1: SATELLITE RADIANCE – A MODEL

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- Energy  $R_f$  received by a satellite at a frequency,  $f$  is related to the vertical temperature profile,  $T(p)$  at the pressure level  $p$  of the atmosphere through a formula given by

$$R_f = \exp[-\gamma_f] + \int_0^1 T(p)W(p, \gamma_f)dp \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

where  $W(p, \gamma_f)$  is the weight function given by

$$W(p, \gamma_f) = p\gamma_f \exp(\gamma_f p) \quad \rightarrow (2)$$

and  $\gamma_f$  is a constant that depends on  $f$

# INPUT DATA

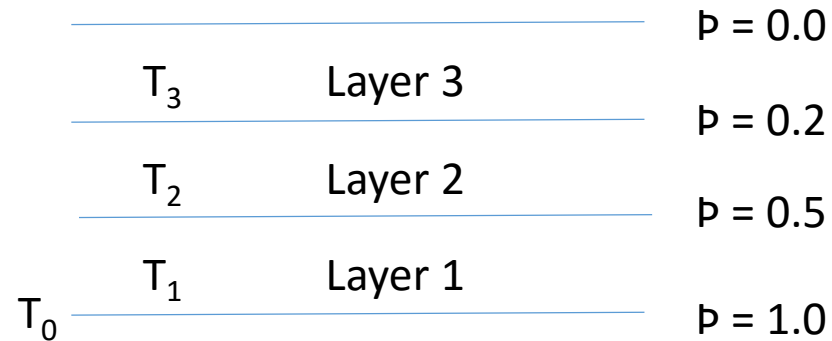
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- The values of  $f$  and  $\gamma_f$  relevant to the problem are given by

$i$	1	2	3	4	5
$f_i$	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
$\gamma_{f_i}$	$\frac{1}{0.9}$	$\frac{1}{0.7}$	$\frac{1}{0.5}$	$\frac{1}{0.3}$	$\frac{1}{0.2}$

# A DISCRETE MODEL

- The problem is to recover the function  $T(p)$  from a set of discrete measurements of  $R_{f_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  – an underdetermined system
- We discretize the atmosphere by considering it as a 3-layered system



- $T_0$  is the temperature of the earth's surface
- $T_i$  is the average temperature of the layer  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$
- Layers are bounded by isobaric surfaces at  $p = 1.0, 0.5, 0.2$ , and  $0.0$

# A DISCRETE RELATION

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- Discretizing (1) for the frequency  $f_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  using the 3-layer approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_i &= R_{f_i} \exp[-\gamma_{f_i}] \\ &= T_1 \int_{0.5}^{1.0} p \gamma_{f_i} \exp[-p \gamma_{f_i}] dp = T_1 a_{i1} \\ &\quad + T_2 \int_{0.2}^{0.5} p \gamma_{f_i} \exp[-p \gamma_{f_i}] dp + T_2 a_{i2} \\ &\quad + T_3 \int_{0.0}^{0.2} p \gamma_{f_i} \exp[-p \gamma_{f_i}] dp + T_3 a_{i3} \end{aligned}$$

where the constant  $a_{i1}$ ,  $a_{i2}$ ,  $a_{i3}$  are the numerical values of the respective integrals obtained using the input data and by integration by parts

# A LINEAR MODEL

- By collating the five linear relations between  $Z_i$  and  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , for each frequency  $f_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ , we get a linear model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ Z_3 \\ Z_4 \\ Z_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\text{Or } Z = HT, Z \in \mathbb{R}^5, H \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 3}, T \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \rightarrow (4)$$



# A TWIN EXPERIMENT – COMPUTER PROJECT: GENERATE OBSERVATION

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- Set  $T_1 = 0.9$ ,  $T_2 = 0.85$ ,  $T_3 = 0.875$ , set  $\bar{x} = (T_1, T_2, T_3)^T$
- Evaluate  $a_{i1}$ ,  $a_{i2}$ ,  $a_{i3}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  using the input data
- This gives the matrix  $H$
- Compute  $\bar{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^5$  using (3) as  $\bar{Z} = H\bar{x}$
- Now generate an observation noise vector  $V \in \mathbb{R}^5$  such that  $V \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_5)$  where  $I_5$  is the identity matrix of order 5 and  $\sigma^2$  is the common variance of the radiance measurement
- Let  $Z = \bar{Z} + V$ , be the noisy observation

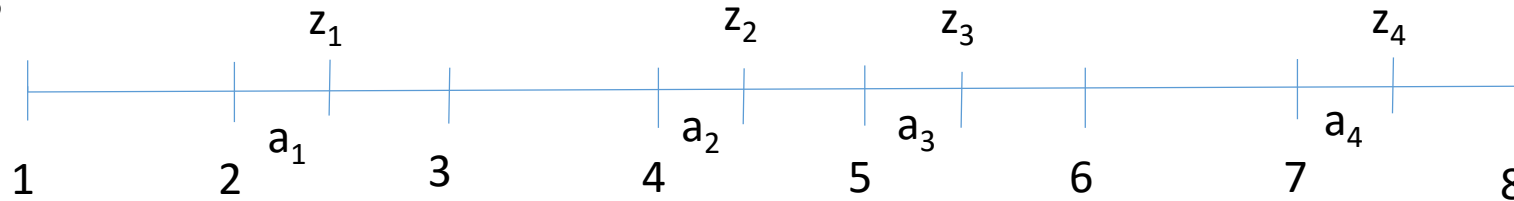
## A TWIN EXPERIMENT – RECOVER T FROM NOISY OBSERVATION

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- Using this noisy observation vector  $Z$ , now solve the overdetermined linear least squares problem  $Z = Hx$  and recover  $x$
- Compute the  $\|x - x_{LS}\|_2$  and plot it as a function of  $\sigma^2$  by repeatedly solving the problem for  $\sigma^2 = 0.0, 0.1, 0.4, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2$
- Comment on your result

# PROBLEM 2: SPATIAL INTERPOLATION – 1-D

- Consider a uniform spatial computational grid in 1-D with  $n$  points:  
 $n = 8$



- The grid interval is assumed to be unity
- Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the unknown state vector
- Let  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  be the  $m$  observations of a scalar field variable such as, say temperature, concentration of a pollutant, to name a few, where  $m < n$

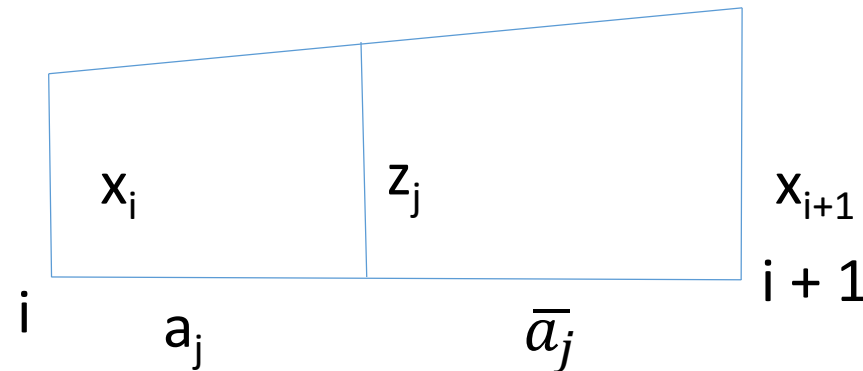
# DISTRIBUTION OF THE OBSERVATIONS

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- Let the  $j^{\text{th}}$  observation  $z_j$  be contained in the interval  $[i, i + 1]$
- Referring to the Figure above,  $m = 4$ ,  $n = 8$ ,  $z_1$  is in  $[2, 3]$ ,  $z_2$  is in  $[4, 5]$ ,  $z_3$  is in  $[5, 6]$  and  $z_4$  is in  $[7, 8]$
- Problem: Given  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , find  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $Z$  and  $x$  refer to the same quantities such as temperature, concentration, etc

# A LINEAR INTERPOLATION

- Consider the interval  $[i, i + 1]$  containing  $z_j$



$$a_j + \bar{a}_j = 1$$

- $a_j$  is the distance of  $z_j$  from the left and  $i$
- Relate  $x_i$ ,  $x_{i+1}$  and  $z_j$  using a simple linear relation as:

$$\frac{z_j - x_i}{a_j} = \frac{x_{i+1} - z_j}{\bar{a}_j} \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

- That is,  $z_j = \bar{a}_j x_i + a_j x_{i+1} \quad \rightarrow (5)$

# A LINEAR INVERSE PROBLEM: UNDERDETERMINED CASE

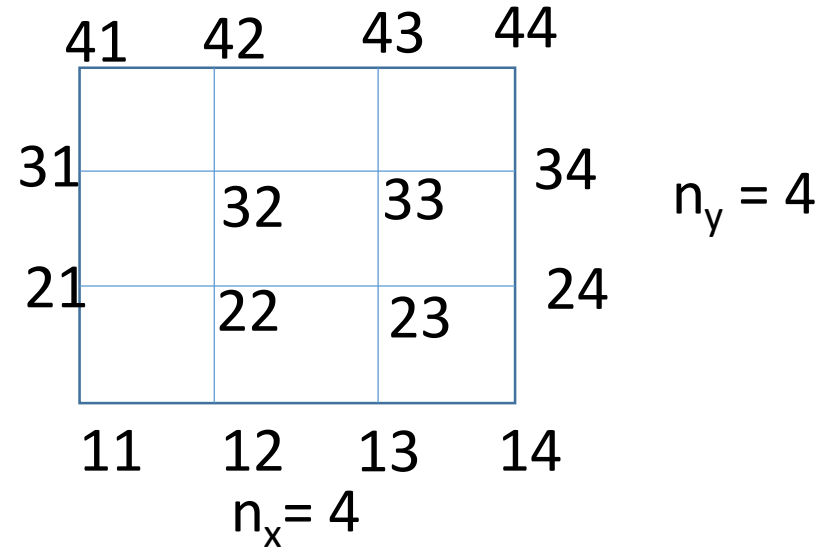
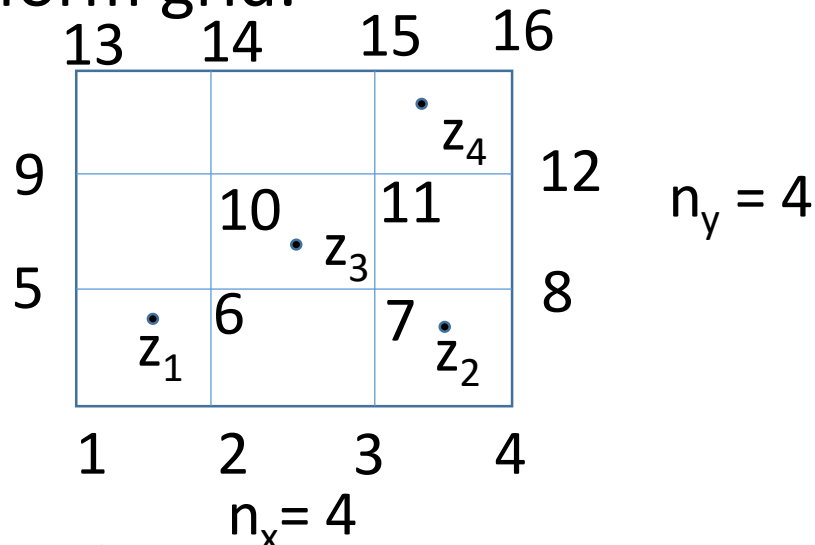
- Applying (5) to each of the  $m = 4$  observations on the uniform grid with  $n = 8$  points:

$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & \bar{a}_1 & a_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{a}_2 & a_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{a}_3 & a_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \bar{a}_4 & a_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \\ x_8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow (7)$$

- That is, 1-D interpolation matrix  $H$  is such that row sum is 1 and  $Z = Hx$
- We can solve for  $x_{LS} = H^T(HH^T)^{-1}Z$
- We can estimate the temperature, concentration at the computational grid from the observation

# SPATIAL INTERPOLATION – 2D

- Consider 2-D version with  $n = n_x n_y$  grid points arranged in an  $n_x$  by  $n_y$  uniform grid:



- The left numbering is row major order scheme and the right is the standard (i, j) notation

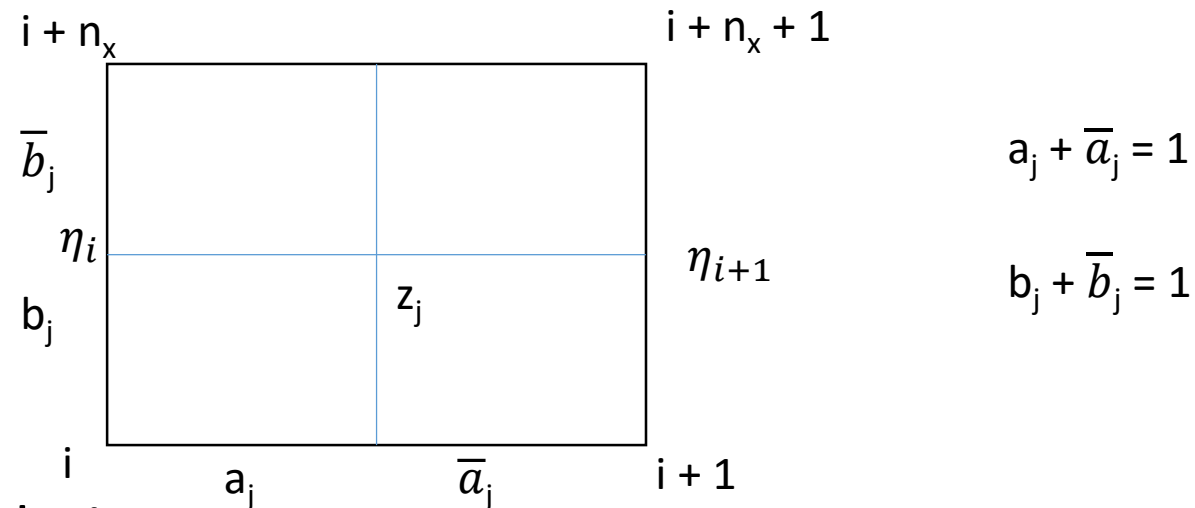
- The node label  $k$  in row major order related to the (i, j) scheme as

$$k = (i - 1)n_x + j$$

- With  $n_x = 4$ , the node label 7 correspond to (2,3) since  $7 = (2-1)*4+3$

# A BILINEAR INTERPOLATION

- Let the  $j^{\text{th}}$  observation  $z_j$  be contained in the 2D-grid box whose south-east corner node has label  $i$ :



- By 1-D linear interpolation:

$$z_j = \bar{a}_j \eta_i + a_j \eta_{i+1} \quad \rightarrow (7)$$

- Again, by 1-D linear interpolation

$$\eta_i = x_i \bar{b}_j + x_{i+n_x} b_j \quad \rightarrow (8)$$

$$\eta_{i+1} = x_{i+1} \bar{b}_j + x_{i+n_x+1} b_j \quad \rightarrow (9)$$



# A LINEAR INVERSE PROBLEM

- Substituting (8) – (9) in (7) and simplifying

$$z_j = \bar{a}_j \bar{b}_j x_i + a_j \bar{b}_j x_{i+1} + \bar{a}_j b_j x_{i+n} + a_j b_j x_{i+n+1} \quad \rightarrow (10)$$

- By collating the four relations for the four observation in the 2-D and:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_1 \\ Z_2 \\ Z_3 \\ Z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \\ * & * & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & 0 & * & * \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ \vdots \\ x_8 \\ x_9 \\ \vdots \\ x_{12} \\ x_{13} \\ \vdots \\ x_{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

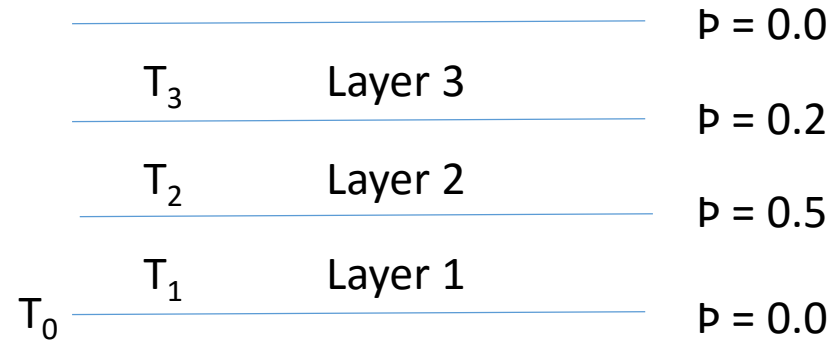
\* - represents non-zero element based on (10)

- The 2-D interpolation matrix is such that the row sum is 1 and  $Z = Hx$
- Hence  $x_{LS} = H^T(HH^T)^{-1}Z$  is the optimal estimate

# PROBLEM 3: A NON LINEAR PROBLEM

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- Consider a three layered atmosphere



- Let  $T(p) = x_1(p - x_2)^2 + x_3$ ,  $0 \leq p \leq 1$   $\rightarrow$  (9)

- Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$  be the unknown

# RELATION BETWEEN TEMPERATURE AND RADIANCE

- The observations are measures of overlapping fractions of the area under the curve:

$$\overline{Z}_{ij} = \int_{p_i}^{p_j} T(p) dp \quad \rightarrow (10)$$

- The observations are given by

$p_i$	$p_j$	$\overline{Z}_{ij}$
0.00	0.25	0.21
0.20	0.50	0.15
0.30	0.70	0.51
0.6	0.80	0.11

# THE MODEL EQUATIONS

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- After integration:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{Z}_{ij} &= \int_{p_i}^{p_j} [x_1(p - x_2)^2 + x_3] dp \\ &= \frac{x_1}{3} [(p_j - x_2)^3 - (p_i - x_2)^3] + x_3(p_j - p_i)\end{aligned}$$

- Referring to the Table in slide 19:

$$z_1 = 0.21 = \frac{x_1}{3} [(0.25 - x_2)^3 - x_2^3] + 0.25x_3 = h_1(x)$$

$$z_2 = 0.15 = \frac{x_1}{3} [(0.5 - x_2)^3 - (0.2 - x_2)^3] + 0.3x_3 = h_2(x)$$

$$z_3 = 0.51 = \frac{x_1}{3} [(0.7 - x_2)^3 - (0.3 - x_2)^3] + 0.4x_3 = h_3(x)$$

$$z_4 = 0.11 = \frac{x_1}{3} [(0.8 - x_2)^3 - (0.6 - x_2)^3] + 0.2x_3 = h_4(x)$$

# NONLINEAR INVERSE PROBLEM

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- Let  $Z = h(x)$  with  $Z = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)^T$   
$$h(x) = (h_1(x), h_2(x), h_3(x), h_4(x))^T$$
- Compute  $r(x) = Z - h(x)$
- compute  $f(x) = (Z - h(x))^T(Z - h(x))$
- Set  $\nabla_x f(x) = 0$  and solve for  $x$
- Check if  $\nabla_x^2 f(x)$  is PD

# APPROXIMATIONS

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- Compute the Jacobian  $D_x(h)$  and  $D_x^2(h, y)$
- Build first and second order approximation to  $h(x)$
- Solve the minimization arising from the first and second-order approximation

# EXERCISES

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11.1) (a) Compute the solution of  $\nabla_x f(x) = 0$  for the non linear problem described in slides 18-21, by using the nonlinear solvers in MATLAB

(b) Evaluate the Hessian  $\nabla_x^2 f(x)$  at each of the solution obtained in (a) and find the maxima and minima of  $f(x)$

11.2) (a) Compute the Jacobian and the Hessian of  $h(x)$  described in slide 21

(b) Using these develop a first order and second order approximation to  $f(x)$

(c) Starting from  $x_c = (1, 1, 1)^T$ , iterate twice and comment on the progress of your algorithm

# REFERENCES

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- This module follows closely chapters 5 through 7 of LLD (2006)