Mismatches between physics and operators for least squares Kirchhoff and RTM

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- Least squares inversion
- LSRTM: differences between finite differences and reflector modeling
- LS Kirchhoff: the accumulation of noise because of mismatches.
- Mapping operators deficiencies into the residuals and model
- Controlling the gradient by adaptive data and model weights
- Data and model space mappings
- Conclusions





Least squares formulation: modeling vs migration

Undesired features = discrepancy between prediction and data + size of model





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Kirchhoff forward and adjoint operators

Adjoint Operator

$$m(\overrightarrow{x}) = \int W(t, \overrightarrow{x}, vel) d(\overrightarrow{\varepsilon}, t = t_s + t_r) d\overrightarrow{\varepsilon} \qquad \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{d}$$

Forward Operator

$$d(\overrightarrow{\varepsilon}, t = t_s + t_r) = \int W^*(t, \overrightarrow{x}, vel) m(\overrightarrow{x}) d\overrightarrow{x} \qquad \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{m}$$





RTM Forward and adjoint operators

Adjoint Operator

Forward time propagate source wavefield

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial t^2} = f_s$$

Reverse time propagate data

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_r}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_r}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

with
$$\phi_r(x, z = 0, t) = d_{obs}(x, z, t)$$

cross-correlation IC in time

$$I_{croscorr} = \int \phi_s(x, z, t) \phi_r(x, z, T - t) dt$$

 $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{H}} \mathbf{d}$

Forward Operator

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi_s}{\partial t^2} = f_s$$

Born modeling

Smooth model

$$\phi_r(x, z, t) = \int \phi_s(x, z, t) \times I_r(x, z) dt$$

 $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{m}$





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Predicted from smooth model from one shot (1 iteration)

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RTM (25 shots)







LSRTM (9 iterations)









LSRTM of data with surface multiples



LSRTM_WITH_MULTIPLES



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RTM with smooth model



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LSRTM from smooth model



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RTM with wrong operator



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Improving data fitting

In general we solve expressions like

through iterative methods that use residuals



We assume that R contains the data produced by the missing parts of the model, and use a mapping from R to the model.

However, R contains two components.

$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

This is the part we want for inversion

This is the part we don't want because it represents the error in our operator.

The "inverse crime" is helpful because it eliminates R2, but it does not work in real life. Two possible ways to deal with this:

a) To figure out ways to either decrease R2 (make our operator better), by full-physics operators (an-elastic, anisotropic)
b) To eliminate R2 from R, by distinguishing R2 from R, for example by using filtering techniques.

Currently, we try to limit the effect of R2 by stopping inversion to prevent over fitting, using global measures of error. We need to know when to stop inversion using localized measure of error. This requires to detect, selectively for different parts of the data space, what we can invert and what not!

 $R_1 = \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{L}\Delta \mathbf{m}$ $R_2 = -\Delta \mathbf{L}\mathbf{m}$

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Inversion: delicate balance between data-U cross-correlation and mapping. Adjoint: robust balance with wrong amplitude.



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Many parts of the data

are not yet predicted

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zeroed parts have

increasing residuals

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Conclusions

- Noise accumulates because inconsistencies between operator and physics
- In Kirchhoff algorithm inversion noise is more obvious than in RTM
- Often this is hidden if the data fit the operator, instead of the reverse
- Noise control can be achieved by:
 - designing better approximations to physics, either by design and/or optimization
 - filtering mapping errors from model space and data space.
 - eliminating from residuals components we can't predict.



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