





# Bayesian inference framework for Inverse problems

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# Inverse Problems examples

Example 1:

Instrumentation: Measuring the temperature with a thermometer Deconvolution

- f(t) input of the instrument
- g(t) output of the instrument
- ► Example 2: Seeing outside of a body: Making an image using
  - a camera, a microscope or a telescope: Image restoration
    - ► f(x, y) real scene
    - ▶ g(x, y) observed image

Example 3: Seeing inside of a body: Computed Tomography usng X rays, US, Microwave, etc.: Image reconstruction

- f(x, y) a section of a real 3D body f(x, y, z)
- $g_{\phi}(r)$  a line of observed radiographe  $g_{\phi}(r, z)$
- Example 4: Seeing differently: MRI, Radar, SAR, Infrared, etc.: Fourier Synthesis
  - f(x, y) a section of body or a scene
  - g(u, v) partial data in the Fourier domain

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# Measuring variation of temperature with a therometer

- f(t) variation of temperature over time
- g(t) variation of length of the liquid in thermometer
- Forward model: Convolution

$$g(t) = \int f(t') h(t - t') dt' + \epsilon(t)$$

h(t): impulse response of the measurement system

► Inverse problem: Deconvolution

Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (impulse response h(t))) and a set of data  $g(t_i), i = 1, \dots, M$ find f(t)



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# Measuring variation of temperature with a therometer

Forward model: Convolution

$$g(t) = \int f(t') h(t-t') dt' + \epsilon(t)$$



Inversion: Deconvolution



Seeing outside of a body: Making an image with a camera, a microscope or a telescope

- f(x, y) real scene
- ▶ g(x, y) observed image
- ► Forward model: Convolution



$$g(x,y) = \iint f(x',y') h(x-x',y-y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x,y)$$

h(x, y): Point Spread Function (PSF) of the imaging system

Inverse problem: Image restoration

Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (PSF h(x, y))) and a set of data  $g(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, M$ find f(x, y)

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# Making an image with an unfocused camera Forward model: 2D Convolution

$$g(x,y) = \iint f(x',y') h(x-x',y-y') dx' dy' + \epsilon(x,y)$$



#### Inversion: Image Deconvolution or Restoration



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# Seeing inside of a body: Computed Tomography

- f(x, y) a section of a real 3D body f(x, y, z)
- $g_{\phi}(r)$  a line of observed radiography  $g_{\phi}(r,z)$
- Forward model:

Line integrals or Radon Transform

$$g_{\phi}(r) = \int_{L_{r,\phi}} f(x, y) \, dl + \epsilon_{\phi}(r)$$
  
= 
$$\iint f(x, y) \, \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) \, dx \, dy + \epsilon_{\phi}(r)$$

#### Inverse problem: Image reconstruction

Given the forward model  $\mathcal{H}$  (Radon Transform) and a set of data  $g_{\phi_i}(r), i = 1, \cdots, M$ find f(x, y)

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# 2D and 3D Computed Tomography



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# Computed Tomography: Radon Transform



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# Microwave or ultrasound imaging

Measures: diffracted wave by the object  $g(\mathbf{r}_i)$ Unknown quantity:  $f(\mathbf{r}) = k_0^2(n^2(\mathbf{r}) - 1)$ Intermediate quantity :  $\phi(\mathbf{r})$ 

$$g(\mathbf{r}_i) = \iint_D G_m(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}')\phi(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \ \mathbf{r}_i \in S$$
  
$$\phi(\mathbf{r}) = \phi_0(\mathbf{r}) + \iint_D G_o(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')\phi(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \ \mathbf{r} \in S$$

Born approximation  $(\phi(\mathbf{r}') \simeq \phi_0(\mathbf{r}'))$  ):  $g(\mathbf{r}_i) = \iint_D G_m(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}')\phi_0(\mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}', \ \mathbf{r}_i \in S$ 

**Discretization:** 

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{G}_m \mathbf{F} \phi \\ \phi = \phi_0 + \mathbf{G}_o \mathbf{F} \phi \end{cases} \begin{cases} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}) \\ \text{with } \mathbf{F} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{f}) \\ \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f}) = \mathbf{G}_m \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{G}_o \mathbf{F})^{-1} \phi \end{cases}$$

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Fourier Synthesis in X ray Tomography



Fourier Synthesis in X ray tomography

$$G(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp\left[-j\left(ux + vy\right)\right] dx dy$$



**Forward problem:** Given f(x, y) compute G(u, v)**Inverse problem:** Given G(u, v) on those lines estimate f(x, y)

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### Fourier Synthesis in Diffraction tomography



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### Fourier Synthesis in Diffraction tomography

$$G(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp\left[-j(ux + vy)\right] dx dy$$



Forward problem: Given f(x, y) compute G(u, v)Inverse problem : Given G(u, v) on those semi cercles estimate f(x, y)

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# Fourier Synthesis in different imaging systems



**Forward problem:** Given f(x, y) compute G(u, v)**Inverse problem :** Given G(u, v) on those algebraic lines, cercles or curves, estimate f(x, y)

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### Linear inverse problems

Deconvolution

$$g(t) = \int f(\tau) h(t-\tau) \,\mathrm{d} au$$

Image restoration

$$g(x,y) = \int f(x',y')h(x-x',y-y')\,\mathrm{d}x\,\mathrm{d}y$$

Image reconstruction in X ray CT

$$g(r,\phi) = \int f(x,y)\delta(r-x\cos\phi - y\sin\phi) \,\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}y$$

Fourier synthesis

$$g(u, v) = \int f(x, y) \exp\left[-j(ux + vy)\right] dx dy$$

Unified linear relation

$$g(\mathbf{s}) = \int f(\mathbf{r}) h(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}$$

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Linear Inverse Problems

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$$g(\mathbf{s}_i) = \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(\mathbf{s}_i), \quad i = 1, \cdots, M$$

f(r) is assumed to be well approximated by

$$f(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_j \phi_j(\mathbf{r})$$

with  $\{\phi_j(\mathbf{r})\}$  a basis or any other set of known functions

$$g(\mathbf{s}_i) = g_i \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_j \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}, \quad i = 1, \cdots, M$$
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \text{with} \quad H_{ij} = \int h(\mathbf{s}_i, \mathbf{r}) \phi_j(\mathbf{r}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}$$

H is huge dimensional

▶ 1D:  $10^3 \times 10^3$ , 2D:  $10^6 \times 10^6$ , 3D:  $10^9 \times 10^9$ 

• Due to ill-posedness of the inverse problems, Least squares (LS) methods:  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\}$  with  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2$ do not give satisfactory result. Need for regularization methods:  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|^2$ 

### Regularization theory

Inverse problems = III posed problems

 $\longrightarrow$  Need for prior information Functional space (Tikhonov):  $\mathbf{g} = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{f}) + \epsilon$ 

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = ||\mathbf{g} - \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{f})||_2^2 + \lambda ||\mathcal{D}\mathbf{f}||_2^2$$

Finite dimensional space (Philips & Towmey):  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ 

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|^2$$

- Minimum norme LS (MNLS):  $J(\mathbf{f}) = ||\mathbf{g} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})||^2 + \lambda ||\mathbf{f}||^2$  $J(\mathbf{f}) = ||\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})||^2 + \lambda ||\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}||^2$
- Classical regularization:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f})$$

or

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \Delta_1(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{f})) + \lambda \Delta_2(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}_0)$$

#### Limitations:

- Errors are considered implicitly white and Gaussian
- Limited prior information on the solution
- Lack of tools for the determination of the hyperparameters

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# Inversion: Probabilistic methods

Taking account of errors and uncertainties  $\longrightarrow \mathsf{Probability}$  theory

- Maximum Likelihood (ML)
- Minimum Inaccuracy (MI)
- Probability Distribution Matching (PDM)
- Maximum Entropy (ME) and Information Theory (IT)
- ► Bayesian Inference (BAYES)

#### Advantages:

- Explicit account of the errors and noise
- A large class of priors via explicit or implicit modeling
- A coherent approach to combine information content of the data and priors

#### Limitations:

Practical implementation and cost of calculation

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### Bayesian estimation approach

$$\mathcal{M}$$
 :  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ 

- $\blacktriangleright$  Observation model  $\mathcal{M}+\mathsf{Hypothesis}$  on the noise  $\epsilon\longrightarrow$ 
  - $p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}; \mathcal{M}) = p_{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\mathbf{g} \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f})$  $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathcal{M})$
- A priori information
- ► Bayes :  $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathcal{M})}{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M})}$

#### Link with regularization :

Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) :  $\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max \{ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \} = \arg \max \{ p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) \ p(\mathbf{f}) \}$   $= \arg \min \{ J(\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) - \ln p(\mathbf{f}) \}$ 

Regularization:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg\min \{ J(\mathbf{f}) = Q(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f}) \}$$
  
with  $Q(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f})$  and  $\lambda \Omega(\mathbf{f}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{f})$ 

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# Case of linear models and Gaussian priors

 $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ 

Prior knowledge on the noise:

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^{2} \mathbf{I}) 
ightarrow p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[-rac{1}{2\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2}}\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^{2}
ight]$$

Prior knowledge on f:

$$\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_f^2 (\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D})^{-1}) o p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[-rac{1}{2\sigma_f^2} \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2
ight]$$

A posteriori:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \propto \exp\left[-rac{1}{2\sigma_{\epsilon}^2}\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 - rac{1}{2\sigma_{f}^2}\|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2
ight]$$

• MAP :  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{ J(\mathbf{f}) \}$ with  $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|^2$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_e^2}$ 

Advantage : characterization of the solution

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) = \mathcal{N}(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{P}}) \text{ with } \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \widehat{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{g}, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{P}} = \left(\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H} + \lambda \mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D}\right)^{-1}$$

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#### Regularization versus Bayesian



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# Main advantages of the Bayesian approach

- MAP = Regularization
- Posterior mean ? Marginal MAP ?
- More information in the posterior law than only its mode or its mean
- Tools for estimating hyper parameters
- Tools for model selection
- More specific and specialized priors, particularly through the hidden variables and hierarchical models
- More computational tools:
  - Expectation-Maximization for computing the maximum likelihood parameters
  - MCMC for posterior exploration
  - Variational Bayes for analytical computation of the posterior marginals
  - ▶ ...

# Bayesian Estimation: Simple priors

- Linear model:  $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$
- Gaussian case:

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \theta_1) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \theta_1 \mathbf{I}) \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\theta_2) = \mathcal{N}(0, \theta_2 \mathbf{I}) \end{cases} \rightarrow p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{P}})$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\mathbf{P}} = (\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{H} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} \\ \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \widehat{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{H}'\mathbf{g} \end{cases}$$

 $\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \underset{\mathbf{f}}{\arg\min} \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$ 

Generalized Gaussian prior & MAP:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg\min\left\{J(\mathbf{f})\right\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_{\beta}$$

• Double Exponential ( $\beta = 1$ ):

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg\min \{J(\mathbf{f})\} \text{ with } J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$

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# Full (Unsupervised) Bayesian approach $\mathcal{M}$ : $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{Hf} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$

- Forward & errors model:  $\longrightarrow p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1; \mathcal{M})$
- Prior models  $\longrightarrow p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2; \mathcal{M})$
- Hyperparameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \longrightarrow p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{M})$
- ► Bayes:  $\longrightarrow p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathcal{M})}{p(\mathbf{g} | \mathcal{M})}$
- ► Joint MAP:  $(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \}$
- Marginalization:  $\begin{cases}
  p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta} \\
  p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{f}
  \end{cases}$ Posterior means:  $\begin{cases}
  \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \int \int \mathbf{f} \, p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta} \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{f} \\
  \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \int \int \boldsymbol{\theta} \, p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{f} \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta}
  \end{cases}$
- Evidence of the model:

$$p(\mathbf{g}|\mathcal{M}) = \iint p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathcal{M}) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathcal{M}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{f} \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

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# Hierarchical models

Simple case (1 layer):



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{g} &= \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \, p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \\ \text{Objective: Infer on } \mathbf{f} \\ \text{MAP: } \widehat{\mathbf{f}} &= \arg\max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right\} \\ \text{Posterior Mean (PM): } \widehat{\mathbf{f}} &= \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \, d\mathbf{f} \end{split}$$

Unsupervised case (2 layers):



$$\begin{split} p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) &\propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \, p(\mathbf{f} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \text{Objective: Infer on } \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} \\ \text{JMAP: } (\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) &= \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \right\} \\ \text{Marginalization: } p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \, d\mathbf{f} \\ \text{VBA: Approximate } p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \text{ by } q_1(\mathbf{f}) \, q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{split}$$

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# Two main steps in the Bayesian approach

- Prior modeling
  - Separable:
    - Gaussian, Gamma,

Sparsity enforcing: Generalized Gaussian, mixture of Gaussians, mixture of Gammas, ...

Markovian:

Gauss-Markov, GGM, ...

 Markovian with hidden variables (contours, region labels)

Choice of the estimator and computational aspects

- MAP, Posterior mean, Marginal MAP
- MAP needs optimization algorithms
- Posterior mean needs integration methods
- Marginal MAP and Hyperparameter estimation need integration and optimization
- Approximations:
  - Gaussian approximation (Laplace)
  - Numerical exploration MCMC
  - Variational Bayes (Separable approximation)

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# Sparsity enforcing prior models

Sparse signals: Direct sparsity



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# Sparsity enforcing prior models

- Simple heavy tailed models:
  - Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential
  - Symmetric Weibull, Symmetric Rayleigh
  - Student-t, Cauchy
  - Generalized hyperbolic
  - Elastic net

#### Hierarchical mixture models:

- Mixture of Gaussians
- Bernoulli-Gaussian
- Mixture of Gammas
- Bernoulli-Gamma
- Mixture of Dirichlet
- Bernoulli-Multinomial

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# Which images I am looking for?



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# Which image I am looking for?



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# Different prior models for signals and images: Separable

Simple Gaussian, Gamma, Generalized Gaussian

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[\sum_{j} \phi(\mathbf{f}_{j})\right]$$

 Simple Markovian models: Gauss-Markov, Generalized Gauss-Markov

$$p(\mathbf{f}) \propto \exp\left[\sum_{j} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \phi(\mathbf{f}_j - \mathbf{f}_i)\right]$$

 Hierarchical models with hidden variables: Bernouilli-Gaussian, Gaussian-Gamma

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) \propto \exp\left[\sum_{j} p(f_j|\mathbf{z}_j)\right]$$
 and  $p(\mathbf{z}) \propto \exp\left[\sum_{j} p(\mathbf{z}_j)\right]$ 

with different choices for  $p(f_j|z_j)$  and  $p(z_j)$ 

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### Hierarchical models and hidden variables

Student-t model

$$\mathcal{S}t(\mathbf{f}|\nu) \propto \exp\left[-rac{
u+1}{2}\log\left(1+\mathbf{f}^2/
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ight)
ight]$$

Infinite Scaled Gaussian Mixture (ISGM) equivalence

$$\mathcal{S}t(\mathbf{f}|\nu) \propto = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|, 0, 1/z) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) d\mathbf{z}, \text{ with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) &= \prod_{j} p(f_{j}|z_{j}) = \prod_{j} \mathcal{N}(f_{j}|0, 1/z_{j}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j} z_{j} f_{j}^{2}\right] \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{j} \mathcal{G}(z_{j}|\alpha, \beta) \propto \prod_{j} z_{j}^{(\alpha-1)} \exp\left[-\beta z_{j}\right] \\ &\propto \exp\left[\sum_{j} (\alpha-1) \ln z_{j} - \beta z_{j}\right] \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\alpha, \beta) &\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j} z_{j} f_{j}^{2} + (\alpha-1) \ln z_{j} - \beta z_{j}\right] \end{cases}$$

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### Gauss-Markov-Potts prior models for images



$$p(f(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k, m_k, v_k) = \mathcal{N}(m_k, v_k)$$
  
 $p(f(\mathbf{r})) = \sum_k P(z(\mathbf{r}) = k) \mathcal{N}(m_k, v_k)$  Mixture of Gaussians

Separable iid hidden variables:  $p(z) = \prod_{\mathbf{r}} p(z(\mathbf{r}))$   $p(z(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}'), \mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})) \propto \exp \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \end{bmatrix}$   $p(z) \propto \exp \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{r})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \end{bmatrix}$ 

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# Four different cases

To each pixel of the image is associated 2 variables  $f(\mathbf{r})$  and  $z(\mathbf{r})$ 

- ► f | z Gaussian iid, z iid : Mixture of Gaussians
- ► f | z Gauss-Markov, z iid : Mixture of Gauss-Markov
- f|z Gaussian iid, z Potts-Markov : Mixture of Independent Gaussians (MIG with Hidden Potts)
- f|z Markov, z Potts-Markov : Mixture of Gauss-Markov (MGM with hidden Potts)





# Hierarchical models (3 layers)



 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 | \alpha_0) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 | \beta_0) p(\boldsymbol{\theta}_3 | \gamma_0)$ Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$ JMAP:  $(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \operatorname{arg\,max}_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \}$ Marginalization:  $p(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) = \int p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{f}$  $p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) = \int p(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{z}$ or  $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) = \int \int p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{z} \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta}$ 

VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{z}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

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# JMAP, Marginalization, VBA

$$\begin{array}{c} p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \\ \text{optimization} \end{array} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} \\ \longrightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \end{array}$$

Marginalization

JMAP:

$$\boxed{p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})} \longrightarrow \boxed{p(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})} \longrightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longrightarrow \boxed{p(\mathbf{f} | \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g})} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}}$$

Joint Posterior Marginalize over **f** 

#### Variational Bayesian Approximation

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{Variational} & \longrightarrow q_1(\mathbf{f}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} \\ & \mathsf{Bayesian} \\ & \mathsf{Approximation} & \longrightarrow q_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \end{array}$$

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VBA: Choice of family of laws  $q_1$  and  $q_2$ 

• Case 1 :  $\longrightarrow$  Joint MAP

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f}|\widetilde{\mathbf{f}}) &= \delta(\mathbf{f} - \widetilde{\mathbf{f}}) \\ \widehat{q}_{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) &= \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{cases} \begin{cases} \widetilde{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \\ \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ p(\widetilde{\mathbf{f}}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

• Case 2 : 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 EM

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f}) & \propto p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{g}) \\ \widehat{q}_{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) &= \delta(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \end{cases} \begin{cases} Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \langle \ln p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_{1}}(\mathbf{f}|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \\ \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right\} \end{cases}$$

Appropriate choice for inverse problems

 $\begin{cases} \widehat{q}_1(\mathbf{f}) \propto p(\mathbf{f}|\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \\ \widehat{q}_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\widetilde{\mathbf{f}}, \mathbf{g}; \mathcal{M}) \end{cases} \begin{cases} \text{Accounts for the uncertainties of} \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{ for } \widehat{\mathbf{f}} \text{ and vise versa.} \end{cases}$ 

#### Exponential families, Conjugate priors

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### JMAP, EM and VBA

JMAP Alternate optimization Algorithm:

$$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longrightarrow \overbrace{\mathbf{f}}^{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} | \mathbf{g}) \right\} \longrightarrow \widetilde{\mathbf{f}} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} \\ & \stackrel{\uparrow}{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longleftarrow \overbrace{\mathbf{\theta}}^{\mathbf{f}} \longleftarrow \overbrace{\mathbf{\theta}}^{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ p(\widetilde{\mathbf{f}}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \right\} \longleftrightarrow \overbrace{\mathbf{f}}^{\mathbf{f}} \end{array}$$

EM:

$$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)} \longrightarrow \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longrightarrow & \boldsymbol{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f}) = p(\mathbf{f} | \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) & \longrightarrow \boldsymbol{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longleftarrow & \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \longleftarrow & \boldsymbol{Q}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \langle \ln p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \rangle_{\boldsymbol{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f})} & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left\{ \boldsymbol{Q}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right\} & \longleftarrow & \boldsymbol{q}_{1}(\mathbf{f}) \end{array}$$

VBA:

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# Computed Tomography: Discretization



$$g(r,\phi) = \int_{L} f(x,y) dl$$
  

$$f(x,y) = \sum_{j} f_{j} b_{j}(x,y)$$
  

$$b_{j}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x,y) \in \text{ pixel } j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
  

$$g_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} H_{ij} f_{j} + \epsilon_{i}$$
  

$$g = \mathbf{Hf} + \epsilon$$

Case study: Reconstruction from 2 projections  $g_1(x) = \int f(x, y) \,\mathrm{d}y,$  $g_2(y) = \int f(x, y) dx$ Very ill-posed inverse problem  $f(x, y) = g_1(x) g_2(y) \Omega(x, y)$  $\Omega(x, y)$  is a Copula:  $\int \Omega(x, y) dx = 1$  $\int \Omega(x, y) \, \mathrm{d}y = 1$ 

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# Simple example



- $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$  if  $\mathbf{H}$  invertible.
- ▶ **H** is rank deficient: rank(**H**) = 3
- Problem has infinite number of solutions.
- How to find all those solutions ?
- Which one is the good one? Needs prior information.
- To find an unique solution, one needs either more data or prior information.

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# Application in CT: Reconstruction from 2 projections



g∣f	f z	Z	С
$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$	iid Gaussian	iid	$q(\mathbf{r}) \in \{0,1\}$
$\mathbf{g} \mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 \mathbf{I})$	or	or	$1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}'))$
Gaussian	Gauss-Markov	Potts	binary

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \, p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \, p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

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### Application in Acoustic source localization

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### Microwave Imaging for Breast Cancer detection

CSI: Contrast Source Inversion, VBA: Variational Bayesian Approach,



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# Images fusion and joint segmentation

(with O. Féron)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}) \end{cases}$$



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# Data fusion in medical imaging (with O. Féron)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}) \end{cases}$$



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# Conclusions

- Inverse problems arise in many science and engineering applications
- Deterministic Algorithms: Optimization of a two terms criterion, penalty term, regularization term
- Probabilistic: Bayesian approach
- Hierarchical prior model with hidden variables are very powerful tools for Bayesian approach to inverse problems.
- Gauss-Markov-Potts models for images incorporating hidden regions and contours
- Main Bayesian computation tools: JMAP, MCMC and VBA
- Application in different imaging system (X ray CT, Microwaves, PET, Ultrasound, Optical Diffusion Tomography (ODT), Acoustic source localization,...)

Current Projects:

#### Efficient implementation in 2D and 3D cases

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# Bayesian Blind deconvolution



 $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ 

Simple priors:

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{g}, \theta) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \theta_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\theta_2) p(\mathbf{h}|\theta_3)$ Objective: Infer on  $\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}$ 

JMAP:  $(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z})} \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z} | \mathbf{g}) \}$ VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{h})$ 

Unsupervised:

$$\begin{split} p(\mathbf{f},\mathbf{h},\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f},\mathbf{h},\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \, p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \, p(\mathbf{h}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \text{Objective: Infer on } \mathbf{f},\mathbf{h},\boldsymbol{\theta} \end{split}$$

JMAP:  $(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \arg \max_{(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})} \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \}$ VBA: Approximate  $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g})$  by  $q_1(\mathbf{f}) q_2(\mathbf{h}) q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ 

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#### Bayesian Blind deconvolution with hierarchial models $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{h} * \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{h} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$

Simple priors:

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{h}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) p(\mathbf{h}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3)$ 

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