

# Regularization by inexact Krylov methods

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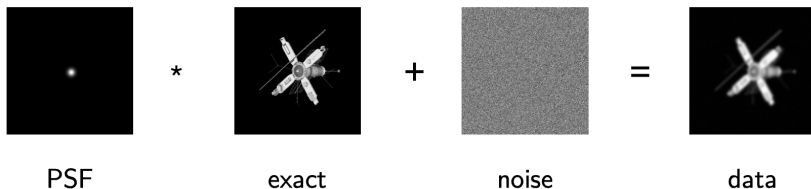
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Example: [image deblurring](#)



Here  $m = n = 65536$ .

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$A(y) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$	ill-conditioned matrix models forward process
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Example: [image \(semi-\)blind deblurring](#), with Gaussian PSF  $P(y)$

$$[P(y)]_{i,j} = c(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \rho) \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} i - \chi_1 \\ j - \chi_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho^2 \\ \rho^2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} i - \chi_1 \\ j - \chi_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Note:  $\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2 - \rho^4 > 0$ ;  $\sum_{i,j=1}^N [P(y)]_{i,j} = 1$ .

Here  $y = [\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \rho]^T \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . For illustrations:  $y_{\text{true}} = [2.5, 2.5, 0]^T$ .

# Dealing with ill-posedness: introducing regularization

- For (large-scale) **linear inverse problems**
  - early termination of Krylov methods (LSQR, CGLS...), applied to

$$\min_x \|Ax - b\| \quad (\text{from now on, } \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2)$$

- combining variational (e.g., Tikhonov) regularization methods

$$z_\lambda = \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|Az - r_0\|^2 + \lambda^2 \|z\|^2, \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} r_0 &= b - Ax_0 \\ x_\lambda &= x_0 + z_\lambda \end{aligned}$$

and Krylov methods... equivalently

- first project then regularize
- first regularize then project

Main ingredient (for **hybrid solvers**): **shift-invariance of Krylov subspaces**

$$\mathcal{K}_k(A^T A, A^T r_0) = \mathcal{K}_k(A^T A + \lambda^2 I, A^T r_0)$$

See papers by: Bjorck, Buccini, Calvetti, Chung, Donatelli, Espanol, Fenu, G., Hansen, Hanke, Hnetyukova, Hochstenbach, Kilmer, Morigi, Nagy, Novati, O'Leary, Renaut, Reichel, Sgallari

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- **In this talk:**

- introduce inexact Krylov methods (iLSQR, iCGLS) for regularization
- introducing hybrid iLSQR and hybrid iCGLS for regularization
- adopting inexact solvers within the variable projection method (application to blind deblurring)

# Transitioning from exact to inexact Golub–Kahan

Inspired by: [Simoncini and Szyld, *SIMAX*, 2003], [Gaaf and Simoncini, *Appl.Num.Math.*, 2017]

## exact (GKB)

## inexact (iGK)

### 'iteration-wise'

$$u_1 = r_0/\beta, \quad v_1 = A^T u_1/\alpha_1$$

$$u_{i+1} = (Av_i - \alpha_i u_i)/\beta_{i+1}$$

$$v_{i+1} = (A^T u_{i+1} - \beta_{i+1} v_i)/\alpha_{i+1}$$

$$u_1 = r_0/\beta, \quad v_1 = (A + F_1)^T u_1/[L_{k+1}]_{1,1}$$

$$u_{i+1} = (I - U_i U_i^T)(A + E_i) v_i/[M_k]_{i+1,i+1}$$

$$v_{i+1} = (I - V_i V_i^T)(A + F_{i+1})^T u_{i+1}/[L_{k+1}]_{i+1,i+1}$$

### 'factorization-wise'

$$AV_k = U_{k+1} \bar{B}_k$$

$$A^T U_{k+1} = V_{k+1} B_{k+1}^T$$

$$\text{where } V_{k+1} = [v_1, \dots, v_{k+1}], \quad U_{k+1} = [u_1, \dots, u_{k+1}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} [(A + E_1)v_1, \dots, (A + E_k)v_k] &= U_{k+1} M_k \\ [(A + F_1)^T u_1, \dots, (A + F_{k+1})^T u_{k+1}] &= V_{k+1} L_{k+1}^T \end{aligned}$$

### 'compactly factorization-wise'

$$(A + E_k) V_k = U_{k+1} M_k$$

$$(A + F_{k+1})^T U_{k+1} = V_{k+1} L_{k+1}^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } E_k &= \sum_{i=1}^k E_i v_i v_i^T \\ F_{k+1} &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (u_i u_i^T) F_i \end{aligned}$$

### links with symmetric Lanczos

$$A^T A V_k = V_{k+1} B_{k+1}^T \bar{B}_k$$

$$(A^T A + F_{k+1}^T A + A^T E_k + F_{k+1}^T E_k) V_k = V_{k+1} L_{k+1}^T M_k$$



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not orthogonal to the true NE residual!

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Focusing on:

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'A priori' bounds,  $\epsilon$  desired accuracy:

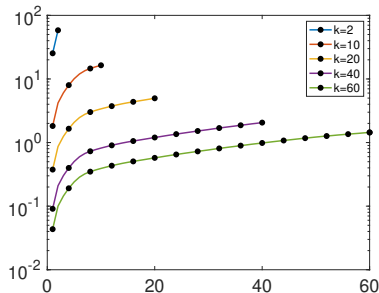
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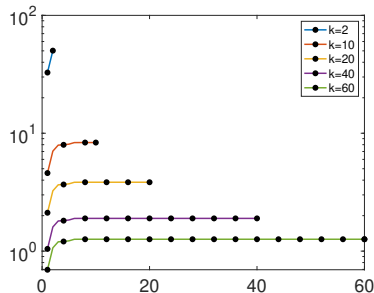
# An illustration

satellite blind deblurring example, with  $\lambda = 0.5$

$$\frac{\sigma_k(M_k)}{k} \frac{1}{\|r_{j-1}\|} \text{ vs. } j$$



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# Recap on separable NLLS and VarPro

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## ■ Problem to be solved

$$z_\lambda = \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^p} g(z, y), \text{ where } \begin{aligned} g(z, y) &= \|F(z, y)\|^2 \\ F(z, y) &= \tilde{A}_\lambda(y)z - \tilde{r}_0 \\ \tilde{A}_\lambda(y) &= [A^T(y), \lambda I]^T, \tilde{r}_0 = [r_0^T, 0^T]^T \\ x_\lambda &= x_0 + z_\lambda \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Consider the reduced cost functional

$$h(y) := g(z_\lambda(y), y), \quad \text{where } \begin{aligned} z_\lambda(y) &= \arg \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(z, y) \\ &= (A^T(y)A(y) + \lambda^2 I)^{-1} A^T(y)r_0 \end{aligned}$$

Take  $x_\lambda(y) = x_0 + z_\lambda(y)$

## ■ Apply Gauss-Newton to minimize the reduced cost functional

$$y_l = y_{l-1} + \gamma_l d_{l-1} \quad (\text{setting the steplength } \gamma_l)$$

Note that

$$d_{l-1} = \arg \min_d \|\hat{J}_h d - r_{l-1}\|, \quad J_h = \begin{bmatrix} d(A(y)z_\lambda)/dy \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{J}_h \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_h^T F(z_\lambda, y) = \nabla_y g(z_\lambda, y)$$

(computationally convenient analytical expression of  $d(A(y)z_\lambda)/dy$  for blind deblurring)

# Towards an iGK-based algorithm for separable nonlinear least squares problems

[Chung and Nagy, *SISC*, 2010]

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**Algorithm**      Variable projection with Gauss-Newton and *hybrid-iLSQR* solver

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  - 2: for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$  until a stopping criterion is satisfied do
  - 3:   for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  until inexactness exceeds the bound  $\varepsilon$  do
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# A few details

## ■ Defining inexactness, with some pragmatism:

consider as exact matrix the latest computed approximation of  $A(y)$ , i.e.,

after  $j - 1$  iterations,  $A(y_{i-1}) = A(y_{j-1}) + E_i^j$ , where  $E_i^j := A(y_{i-1}) - A(y_{j-1})$ ,

iGK being expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} (A(y_{j-1}) + \mathcal{E}_j^j) V_j &= U_{j+1} M_j, & \mathcal{E}_j^j &= \sum_{i=1}^j E_i^j v_i v_i^T \\ (A(y_{j-1}) + \mathcal{F}_{j+1}^j)^T U_{j+1} &= V_{j+1} L_{j+1}^T, & \mathcal{F}_{j+1}^j &= \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} u_i u_i^T E_{i-1}^j \end{aligned}$$

## ■ Setting the Gauss-Newton stepsize:

$$y_j = y_{j-1} + \gamma_j d_{j-1}, \quad \text{where} \quad \gamma_j = \arg \min_{\gamma \geq 0} g(z_\lambda(y_{j-1}), y_{j-1} + \gamma d_{j-1})$$

We get

$$\|\tilde{A}_\lambda(y_j) z_{\lambda,j+1} - \tilde{r}_0\| \leq \|\tilde{A}_\lambda(y_{j-1}) z_{\lambda,j} - \tilde{r}_0\| + 2\tilde{\varepsilon},$$

instead of

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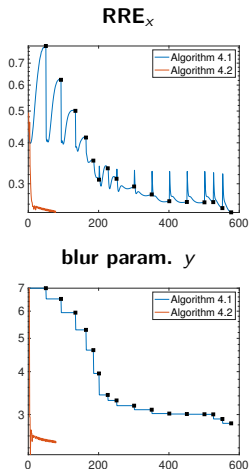


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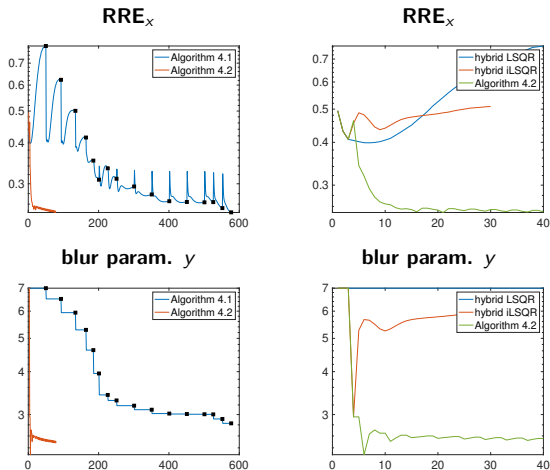
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## Hybrid-iLSQR

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exact

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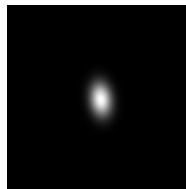
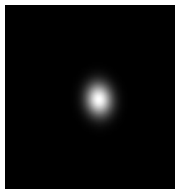
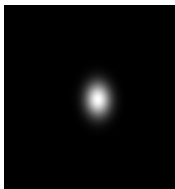
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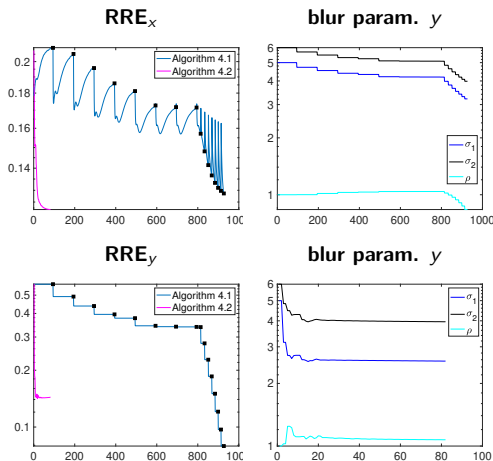
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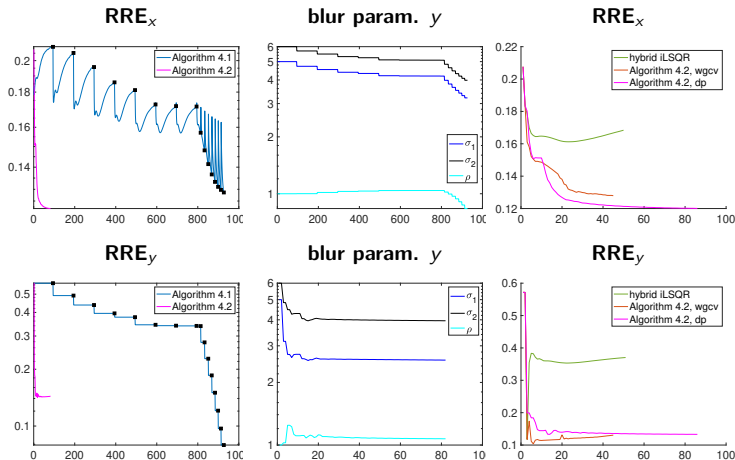
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