### Numerical methods and machine learning algorithms for solution of Inverse problems

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#### Methods of regularization of inverse problems: outline

- Tikhonov's regularization functional
- Regularized solution and accuracy of it
- A-priori iterative rules for the regularization parameter
- A-posteriori rules (Morozov's, Balancing)

#### Used literature

In this lecture is used material from the following books:

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[TGSY] Tikhonov, A.N., Goncharsky, A., Stepanov, V.V., Yagola, A.G., *Numerical Methods for the Solution of Ill-Posed Problems*, ISBN 978-94-015-8480-7, 1995.



#### Regularization

To solve ill-posed problems, regularization methods should be used. In this section we present main ideas of the regularization.

**Definition** Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two Banach spaces and  $G \subset B_1$  be a set. Let the operator  $F: G \to B_2$  be one-to-one. Consider the equation

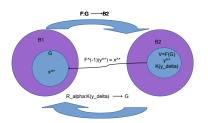
$$F(x) = y. (1)$$

Let  $y^*$  be the ideal noiseless right hand side of equation (2) and  $x^*$  be the ideal noiseless solution corresponding to  $y^*$ ,  $F(x^*) = y^*$ . For every  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$ ,  $\delta_0 \in (0, 1)$  denote

$$K_{\delta}(y^*) = \{z \in B_2 : ||z - y^*||_{B_2} \le \delta\}.$$



#### Regularization



Let  $\alpha > 0$  be a parameter and  $R_{\alpha} : \mathcal{K}_{\delta_0}(y^*) \to G$  be a continuous operator depending on the parameter  $\alpha$ . The operator  $R_{\alpha}$  is called the *regularization operator* for

$$F(x) = y \tag{2}$$

if there exists a function  $\alpha(\delta)$  defined for  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$  such that

$$\lim_{\delta\to 0}\left\|R_{\alpha(\delta)}\left(y_{\delta}\right)-x^{*}\right\|_{B_{1}}=0.$$



#### Regularization

The parameter  $\alpha$  is called the regularization parameter. The procedure of constructing the approximate solution  $x_{\alpha(\delta)} = R_{\alpha(\delta)}(y_{\delta})$  is called the regularization procedure, or simply regularization.

There might be several regularization procedures for the same problem. In the case of CIPs, usually  $\alpha\left(\delta\right)$  is a vector of regularization parameters, such as, e.g. the number of iterations, the truncation value of the parameter of the Laplace transform, the number of finite elements, etc..

Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two Banach spaces. Let Q be another space,  $Q \subset B_1$  as a set and  $\overline{Q} = B_1$ . In addition, we assume that Q is compactly embedded in  $B_1$ . Let  $G \subset B_1$  be the closure of an open set. Consider a continuous one-to-one operator  $F: G \to B_2$ . Our goal is to solve

$$F(x) = y, \quad x \in G. \tag{3}$$

Let  $y^*$  be the ideal noiseless right hand side corresponding to the ideal exact solution  $x^*$ ,

$$F(x^*) = y^*, \quad ||y - y^*||_{B_2} < \delta.$$
 (4)

To find an approximate solution of equation (3), we minimize the Tikhonov regularization functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$ ,

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \psi(x), \tag{5}$$

$$J_{\alpha}: G \to \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta) > 0$  is a small regularization parameter.



- The regularization term  $\frac{\alpha}{2}\psi(x)$  encodes a priori available information about the unknown solution such that sparcity, smoothness, monotonicity
- Regularization term can be chosen as follows [IJ]:
  - $\bullet \ \frac{\alpha}{2}||x||_{L^p}^p, \ 1 \le p \le 2$
  - $\frac{\alpha}{2} ||x||_{TV}$ , TV means total variation,  $||x||_{TV} = \int_G ||\nabla x||_2 dx$
  - $\frac{\alpha}{2}||x||_{BV}$ , BV means bounded variation, a real-valued function whose TV is bounded (finite).
  - $\bullet$   $\frac{\alpha}{2}||X||_{H^1}$
  - $\frac{\alpha}{2}(||x||_{L^1} + ||x||_{L^2}^2)$
  - $\bullet \quad \frac{\alpha}{2}||X||_{H^{1,2}}$
  - combination of  $\frac{\alpha}{2}||x||_{H^1}$  and  $\frac{\alpha}{2}||x||_{L_2}$ .
  - specific choices appearing in analyzing of big data [Z]

[IJ] K. Ito, B. Jin, Inverse Problems: Tikhonov theory and algorithms, Series on Applied Mathematics, V.22, World Scientific, 2015.

[Z] G. Zickert, Analytic and data-driven methods for 3D electron microscopy, PhD thesis, 2020.

We will consider the Tikhonov regularization functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  in the form

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x - x_{0}\|_{Q}^{2}, \quad x_{0} \in G$$
 (6)

- Usually  $x_0$  is a good first approximation for the exact solution  $x^*$ , it is sometimes called the *first guess* or the *first approximation*.
- The term  $\alpha ||x x_0||_Q^2$  is called the *Tikhonov regularization term* or simply the *regularization term*.
- Consider a sequence  $\{\delta_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\delta_k > 0$ ,  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \delta_k = 0$ . Our goal is to construct sequences  $\{\alpha\left(\delta_k\right)\}$ ,  $\{x_{\alpha\left(\delta_k\right)}\}$  in a stable way such that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta_k)} - x^* \right\|_{B_1} = 0.$$



Hence, by (6)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\| F(x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}) - y \right\|_{B_2}^2 + \frac{\alpha(\delta_k)}{2} \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta_k)} - x_0 \right\|_Q^2 = J_\alpha(x_{\alpha(\delta_k)})$$
 (7)

and thus,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)}\left\|F(x_{\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)})-y\right\|_{B_{2}}^{2}+\left\|x_{\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)}-x_{0}\right\|_{Q}^{2}=\frac{2}{\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)}J_{\alpha}\left(x_{\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)}\right),$$

or

$$\frac{1}{\alpha(\delta_k)} \left\| F(x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}) - y \right\|_{B_2}^2 \le \frac{2}{\alpha(\delta_k)} J_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha(\delta_k)})$$

and

$$\left\|\mathbf{x}_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\right\|_{Q}^{2} \leq \frac{2}{\alpha(\delta_{k})} J_{\alpha}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha(\delta_{k})}\right) \leq \frac{2}{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \cdot \left[\frac{\delta_{k}^{2}}{2} + \frac{\alpha(\delta_{k})}{2} \left\|\mathbf{x}^{*} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\right\|_{Q}^{2}\right]. \tag{8}$$



From (8) follows that

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta_k)} - x_0\|_Q^2 \le \frac{\delta_k^2}{\alpha(\delta_k)} + \|x^* - x_0\|_Q^2.$$
 (9)

Suppose that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \alpha(\delta_k) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\delta_k^2}{\alpha(\delta_k)} = 0.$$
 (10)

Then (9) implies that the sequence  $\left\{x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\right\} \subset G \subseteq Q$  is bounded in the norm of the space Q. Since Q is compactly embedded in  $B_1$ , then there exists a subsequence of the sequence  $\left\{x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\right\}$  which converges in the norm of the space  $B_1$ .

We assume that the sequence  $\{x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\}$  itself converges to a point  $\overline{x} \in B_1$ ,

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta_k)} - \overline{x} \right\|_{B_1} = 0.$$

Then (??) and (10) imply that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} J_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\left(x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\right) = 0. \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, by the definition of Tikhonov's functional,

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} J_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \left( x_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \left[ \left\| F \left( x_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \right) - y \right\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \left( \delta_{k} \right) \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} - x_{0} \right\|_{Q}^{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \left[ \left\| F \left( x_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \right) - y^{*} + y^{*} - y \right\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \left( \delta_{k} \right) \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} - x_{0} \right\|_{Q}^{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| F \left( \overline{x} \right) - y^{*} \right\|_{B_{2}}^{2}.$$

Hence, by (11) and the above equation  $\|F(\overline{x}) - y^*\|_{B_2} = 0$ , which means that  $F(\overline{x}) = y^*$ . Since the operator F is one-to-one, then  $\overline{x} = x^*$ . Thus, we have constructed the sequence of regularization parameters  $\{\alpha(\delta_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and the sequence  $\{x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty} : \lim_{k \to \infty} \|x_{\alpha(\delta_k)} - x^*\|_{B_k} = 0$ .

To ensure (10)

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \alpha \left( \delta_k \right) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\delta_k^2}{\alpha \left( \delta_k \right)} = 0. \tag{12}$$

one can choose, for example  $\alpha\left(\delta_{k}\right)=C\delta_{k}^{\mu}, \mu\in\left(0,2\right)$ .

- The sequence  $\{x_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is called *minimizing sequence*.
- There are two inconveniences in the above construction:
  - First, it is unclear how to find the minimizing sequence computationally.
  - Second, the problem of multiple local minima and ravines of the functional (6) presents a significant complicating factor in the goal of the construction of such a sequence.



#### Regularized Solution

- The considered process of the construction of the regularized sequence does not guarantee that the functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  indeed achieves it minimal value.
- Suppose now that the functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  does achieve its minimal value,  $J_{\alpha}(x_{\alpha}) = \min_{G} J_{\alpha}(x)$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$ . Then  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  is called a *regularized solution* of equation (3) for this specific value  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$  of the regularization parameter.
- Let  $\delta_0 > 0$  be a sufficiently small number. Suppose that for each  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$  there exists an  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  such that  $J_{\alpha(\delta)}\left(x_{\alpha(\delta)}\right) = \min_{G} J_{\alpha(\delta)}\left(x\right)$ .
- Even though one might have several points  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$ , we select a single one of them for each  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$ .



#### Regularized Solution

- It follows from the construction of the minimizing sequence that all points  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  are close to the exact solution  $x^*$ , as long as  $\delta$  is sufficiently small.
- It makes sense now to relax a little bit the definition of the regularization operator

$$\lim_{\delta\to 0}\left\|R_{\alpha(\delta)}\left(y_{\delta}\right)-x^{*}\right\|_{B_{1}}=0.$$

• Thus, instead of the existence of a function  $\alpha(\delta)$ , we now require the existence of a sequence  $\{\delta_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset (0,1)$  such that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\delta_k=0 \text{ and } \lim_{k\to\infty}\left\|R_{\alpha(\delta_k)}\left(y_{\delta_k}\right)-x^*\right\|_{B_1}=0.$$

### Regularized Solution

- For every  $\delta \in (0, \delta_0)$  and  $y_\delta$  such that  $\|y_\delta y^*\|_{B_2} \le \delta$  we define the operator  $R_{\alpha(\delta)}(y) = x_{\alpha(\delta)}$ , where  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  is a regularized solution. Then it follows from the construction of the regularized sequence that  $R_{\alpha(\delta)}(y)$  is a regularization operator.
- Consider now the case when the space  $B_1$  is a finite dimensional space. Since all norms in finite dimensional spaces are equivalent, we can set  $Q=B_1=\mathbb{R}^n$ . We denote the standard euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as  $\|\cdot\|$ . Hence, we assume now that  $G\subset\mathbb{R}^n$  is the closure of an open bounded domain and G is a compact set.
- Let  $x^* \in G$  and  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$ . We have

$$J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| F(x) - y \right\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \frac{\alpha(\delta)}{2} \left\| x - x_{0} \right\|^{2},$$
  
$$J_{\alpha(\delta)}: G \to \mathbb{R}, \ x_{0} \in G.$$

• By the Weierstrass' theorem the functional  $J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x)$  achieves its minimal value on the set G. Let  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  be a minimizer of the functional  $J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x)$  on G (there might be several minimizers).

$$J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) \le J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x^*) - y\|_{B_2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|^2$$
$$\le \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha(\delta)}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|^2.$$

Hence, using

$$\left\|\mathbf{x}_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\right\|_{Q}^{2} \leq \frac{2}{\alpha(\delta_{k})} J_{\alpha}\left(\mathbf{x}_{\alpha(\delta_{k})}\right) \leq \frac{2}{\alpha(\delta_{k})} \left(\frac{\delta_{k}^{2}}{2} + \frac{\alpha(\delta_{k})}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{*} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\|^{2}\right). \tag{13}$$

for  $||x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x_0||_Q^2$  we get

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x_0\| \le \sqrt{\frac{\delta^2}{\alpha} + \|x^* - x_0\|^2} \le \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \|x^* - x_0\|.$$
 (14)



We obtain from (14)

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x^* \right\| &= \left\| x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x_0 + x_0 - x^* \right\| \le \| x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x_0 \| + \| x_0 - x^* \| \\ &\le \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + 2 \| x^* - x_0 \|. \end{aligned}$$
 (15)

An important conclusion from (15) is that for a given pair  $(\delta, \alpha(\delta))$  the accuracy of the regularized solution is determined by the accuracy of the first guess  $x_0$ .

Consider again the equation

$$F(x) = y, \ x \in G. \tag{16}$$

Let  $y^*$  be the ideal noiseless data corresponding to the ideal solution  $x^*$ ,

$$F(x^*) = y^*, \quad ||y - y^*||_{B_2} \le \delta.$$
 (17)

To find an approximate solution of equation (16), we minimize

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_2}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x - x_0\|_Q^2,$$
 (18)

- One can not a better accuracy of the solution than  $\delta$ , Thus, it is usually acceptable that all other parameters are much larger than  $\delta$ .
- For example, let the number  $\mu \in (0,1)$ . Since  $\lim_{\delta \to 0} \left( \frac{\delta^{2\mu}}{\delta^2} \right) = \infty$ , then there exists a sufficiently small number  $\delta_0 \left( \mu \right) \in (0,1)$  such that  $\delta^{2\mu} > \delta^2$ ,  $\forall \delta \in \left( 0, \delta_0 \left( \mu \right) \right)$ .
- Hence, we can choose

$$\alpha\left(\delta\right) = \delta^{2\mu}, \mu \in (0,1). \tag{19}$$

We introduce the dependence

$$\alpha\left(\delta\right) = \delta^{2\mu}, \mu \in (0,1). \tag{20}$$

for the sake of definiteness only. In fact other dependencies  $\alpha\left(\delta\right)$  are also possible.

• Let  $m_{\alpha(\delta)} = \inf_{G} J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x)$ . Then

$$m_{\alpha(\delta)} \le J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x^*).$$
 (21)

- We cannot prove the existence of a minimizer of the functional  $J_{\alpha}$  when  $\dim B_1 = \infty$ .
- Thus, we work now with the minimizing sequence. It follows from (18) and (21) that there exists a sequence {x<sub>n</sub>}<sub>n=1</sub><sup>∞</sup> ⊂ G such that

$$m_{\alpha(\delta)} \le J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x_n) \le \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x^* - x_0\|_Q^2 \text{ and } \lim_{n \to \infty} J_{\alpha(\delta)}(x_n) = m(\delta).$$
 (22)



By

$$\|\mathbf{x}_{\alpha(\delta_{k})} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\|_{Q}^{2} \le \frac{\delta_{k}^{2}}{\alpha(\delta_{k})} + \|\mathbf{x}^{*} - \mathbf{x}_{0}\|_{Q}^{2}.$$
 (23)

and (22)

$$||x_n||_Q \le \left(\frac{\delta^2}{\alpha} + ||x^* - x_0||_Q^2\right)^{1/2} + ||x_0||_Q.$$
 (24)

• Thus, it follows from (20) and (24) that  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset K(\delta, x_0)$ , where  $K(\delta, x_0) \subset Q$  is a precompact set in  $B_1$  defined as

$$K(\delta, x_0) = \left\{ x \in Q : \|x\|_Q \le \sqrt{\delta^{2(1-\mu)} + \|x^* - x_0\|_Q^2} + \|x_0\|_Q \right\}.$$
 (25)

- Note that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  depends on  $\delta$ .
- Let  $\overline{K}(\delta, x_0)$  be the closure of the set  $K(\delta, x_0)$  in the norm of the space  $B_1$ . Hence,  $\overline{K}(\delta, x_0)$  is a closed compact set in  $B_1$ .



**Theorem [BeK]** Let  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be two Banach spaces. Let  $Q \subset B_1$  as a set. Assume that  $\overline{Q} = B_1$  and Q is compactly embedded in  $B_1$ . Let  $G \subseteq Q$  be a convex set and  $F : G \to B_2$  be a one-to-one operator, continuous in terms of norms  $\|\cdot\|_{B_1}$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{B_2}$ . Consider the Tikhonov functional (18), assume that  $(20) \ \alpha(\delta) = \delta^{2\mu}, \mu \in (0,1)$  holds and that  $x_0 \neq x^*$ . Let  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset K(\delta, x_0) \subseteq \overline{K}(\delta, x_0)$  be a minimizing sequence of the functional (18). Let  $\xi \in (0,1)$  be an arbitrary number. Then there exists a sufficiently small number  $\delta_0 = \delta_0(\xi) \in (0,1)$  such that for all  $\delta \in (0,\delta_0)$  the following inequality holds

$$||x_n - x^*||_{B_1} \le \xi ||x_0 - x^*||_Q, \forall n.$$
 (26)

In particular, if dim  $B_1 < \infty$ , then all norms in  $B_1$  are equivalent. In this case we set  $Q = B_1$ . Then a regularized solution  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  exists and (26) becomes

$$\|x_{\alpha(\delta)} - x^*\|_{B_1} \le \xi \|x_0 - x^*\|_{B_1}.$$
 (27)

In the case of noiseless data with  $\delta=0$  the assertion of this theorem remains true if one replaces above  $\delta\in(0,\delta_0)$  with  $\alpha\in(0,\alpha_0)$ , where  $\alpha_0=\alpha_0\left(\xi\right)\in(0,1)$  is sufficiently small.

**Proof.** Note that if  $x_0 = x^*$ , then the exact solution is found and all  $x_n = x^*$ . So, this is not an interesting case to consider. By (17), (18) and (21)

$$\left\|F\left(x_{n}\right)-y\right\|_{B_{2}}\leq\sqrt{\delta^{2}+\alpha\left\|x_{0}-x^{*}\right\|_{Q}^{2}}\;=\;\sqrt{\delta^{2}+\delta^{2\mu}\left\|x_{0}-x^{*}\right\|_{Q}^{2}}\;.$$

Hence,

$$||F(x_n) - F(x^*)||_{B_2} = ||(F(x_n) - y) + (y - F(x^*))||_{B_2}$$

$$= ||(F(x_n) - y) + (y - y^*)||_{B_2}$$

$$\leq ||F(x_n) - y||_{B_2} + ||y - y^*||_{B_2} \leq \sqrt{\delta^2 + \delta^{2\mu} ||x^* - x_0||_1^2} + \delta,$$
(28)

By Theorem about existence of the modulus of the continuity  $\omega_F(z)$  of the operator we have

$$F^{-1}: F\left(\overline{K}\left(\delta, x_{0}\right)\right) \to \overline{K}\left(\delta, x_{0}\right).$$

By (28)

$$\|x_n - x^*\|_{B_1} \le \omega_F \left(\sqrt{\delta^2 + \delta^{2\mu} \|x_0 - x^*\|_Q^2} + \delta\right).$$
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 (30)

Consider an arbitrary  $\xi \in (0,1)$ . Then one can choose the number  $\delta_0 = \delta_0(\xi)$  so small that

$$\omega_{F}\left(\sqrt{\delta^{2} + \delta^{2\mu} \|x^{*} - x_{0}\|_{Q}^{2}} + \delta\right) \leq \xi \|x_{0} - x^{*}\|_{Q}, \forall \delta \in (0, \delta_{0}).$$
 (31)

The estimate (26) follows from (30) and (31). The proof for the case  $\delta = 0$  is almost identical with the above.  $\Box$ 



### Rules for choice of the regularization parameter

Rules for choosing  $\alpha$  in the Tikhonov functional

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \psi(x). \tag{32}$$

A-priori rules. Let  $\eta = (\delta, h)$ ,  $||F - F_h|| \le h$ ,  $||y - y^*|| \le \delta$ .

- $\alpha(\eta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  [BaK, BeK, IJ, TGSY]
- $\frac{\delta^2}{a(\delta)} \to 0$ . Example:  $\alpha(\delta) = C\delta^{\mu}, \mu \in (0,2), C = const. > 0$ . [BaK, BeK]
- $\frac{(\delta+h)^2}{\eta} \to 0$  as  $\eta \to 0$ . [BaK, TGSY]

#### A-posteriori rules:

- Morozov's discrepancy principle [IJ, TGSY]
- Balancing principle [IJ]
- Quasi-optimality [IJ]
- L-curve, S-curve [IJ]



#### How to estimate noise in data?

- Test first algorithm for solution of the inverse problem on simulated data which have the same set-up as the set-up for generation of your experimental data. Simulated data can be obtained by reconstructing of already known object with known properties (dielectric permittivity, conductivity and so on).
- Solve the inverse problem to obtain  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  and compute discrepancy, then the noise will be approximately

$$||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y|| \approx \delta, \tag{33}$$

• We can say that the simulated data (for the known object to be reconstructed) is approximately exact data  $y^*$ , then noisy data  $y_\delta$  can be obtained as

$$y_{\delta} = y(1 + \delta\alpha), \tag{34}$$

where y is simulated "exact" data,  $\alpha \in (-1,1)$  is randomly distributed number and  $\delta \in [0,1]$  is the noise level. For example, if noise in data is 5%, then  $\delta = 0.05$ .

### Different models for generation of noise in data

 You can use several Matlab's functions to test adding of the noise. Below is an example of the Matlab code which shows how to add noise for solution of Poisson's equation (example of section 8.4.4 of the book [BKK]) (the Figure 28 illustrates different type of noise):

```
r = randi([-1 1],size(u),1)
for j=1:n
    i =i:n
    udelta(n*(i-1)+j) = u(n*(i-1)+j)*(1 + 0.1*r(n*(i-1)+j));
    end
end
```

 Another models for generation of noisy data are also possible. For example, normally distributed Gaussian noisy data is obtained using normally distributed Gaussian noise

$$N(y|\mu,\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{\frac{-(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}.$$

Here,  $\mu$  is mean,  $\sigma^2$  is variance,  $\sigma$  is standard deviation.

Here is an example how to add Gaussian noise  $N(y|\mu,\sigma^2)$  with mean  $\mu=0$  and variance  $\sigma^2=0.01$  to matrix A in MATLAB:

Anoise = 
$$A + 0.01*randn(size(A)) + 0$$
;



#### Different models for generation of noise in data

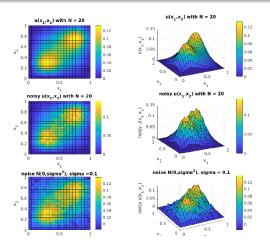


Figure 1: Top figures: Solution of Poisson's equation (example of section 8.4.4 of the book [BKK]). Middle figures: Noisy solution obtained via (34) with  $\sigma=0.1$ . Bottom figures: noisy solution obtained via adding normally distributed Gaussian noise N(y|0,0.01),  $\sigma=0.1$ .

#### Morozov's discrepancy principle

- $\bullet$  If the estimate of the noise level  $\sigma$  is available then the discrepancy principle is most popular.
- ullet The principle determines the reg.parameter  $lpha=lpha(\delta)$  such that

$$||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y|| = c_m \delta, \tag{35}$$

where  $c_m \ge 1$  is a constant.

Relaxed version of a discrepancy principle is:

$$c_{m,1}\delta \leq ||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y|| \leq c_{m,2}\delta, \tag{36}$$

for some constants  $1 \le c_{m,1} \le c_{m,2}$ 

- The main feature of the principle is that the computed solution  $x_{\alpha(\delta)}$  can't be more accurate than the residual  $||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) y||$ .
- Main methods for solution of (35) are the model function approach and a quasi-Newton method.



#### Morozov's discrepancy principle

For the Tikhonov functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  defined as

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \alpha \psi(x), \tag{37}$$

the value function  $F(\alpha): \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}$  is defined accordingly to [TA] as

$$F(\alpha) = \inf_{\mathbf{x}} J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \tag{38}$$

If there exists  $F'(\alpha)$  at  $\alpha > 0$  then from (37) and (38) follows that

$$F(\alpha) = \inf_{\mathbf{x}} J_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\varphi'(\mathbf{x})}_{\bar{\varphi}(\alpha)} + \alpha \underbrace{\psi'(\mathbf{x})}_{\bar{\psi}(\alpha)}. \tag{39}$$

Since  $F'_{\alpha}(\alpha) = \psi'(x) = \bar{\psi}(\alpha)$  then from (39) follows

$$\bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F'(\alpha), \ \ \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)$$
 (40)

[TA] A.N.Tikhonov, V. Y. Arsenin, Solutions of ill-posed problems, John Wiley Sons, New-York, 1977.



The main idea is to compute discrepancy  $\bar{\varphi}(\alpha)$  using the value function  $F(\alpha)$  and then approximate  $F(\alpha)$  using rational functions like Padé approximations which are called model functions.

We note that

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| F(x) - y \right\|^2; \overline{\varphi}(\alpha) = \varphi'(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) = \left\| F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y \right\| F'(x_{\alpha(\delta)}). \tag{41}$$

If  $\bar{\psi}(\alpha) \in C(\alpha)$  then the discrepancy equation

$$||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y|| = c_m \delta \tag{42}$$

can be used in (41) to obtain  $\bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ . Combining this with (40) we get

$$\bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}.$$
 (43)

Our goal is to solve (43) for  $\alpha$ . The value function is very nonlinear and it is used the model function which approximates the value function.

$$F(\alpha) \approx m(\alpha) = b + \frac{c}{t + \alpha},$$
 (44)

where b, c, t are constants to be determined.

Usually, b is determined using asymptotics of  $m(0^+)$  or  $m(+\infty)$ , for example, as

$$b = \lim_{\alpha \to \infty} F(\alpha). \tag{45}$$

Then the formula (44) can be written in the iterative form as

$$F_k(\alpha) \approx m_k(\alpha) = b + \frac{c_k}{t_k + \alpha_k},$$
 (46)

The next step is to enforce the Hermite interpolation conditions at  $\alpha_k$  such that

$$m_k(\alpha_k) = F(\alpha_k), \quad m'_k(\alpha_k) = F'(\alpha_k)$$
 (47)



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 (48)

what gives

$$m_{k}(\alpha_{k}) = b + \frac{c_{k}}{t_{k} + \alpha_{k}} = F(\alpha_{k}) \rightarrow c_{k} = (F(\alpha_{k}) - b)(t_{k} + \alpha_{k}),$$

$$m'_{k}(\alpha_{k}) = \frac{-c_{k}}{(t_{k} + \alpha_{k})^{2}} = F'(\alpha_{k}) \rightarrow F'(\alpha_{k}) = \frac{-(F(\alpha_{k}) - b)(t_{k} + \alpha_{k})}{(t_{k} + \alpha_{k})^{2}}$$

$$(49)$$

From the first equation of (49) we get

$$c_k = (F(\alpha_k) - b)(t_k + \alpha_k), \tag{50}$$

and from the second equation of (49) we have

$$t_k + \alpha_k = \frac{-(F(\alpha_k) - b)}{F'(\alpha_k)} \tag{51}$$

Recall that

$$\bar{\psi}(\alpha_k) = F'(\alpha_k), \ \ \bar{\varphi}(\alpha_k) = F(\alpha_k) - \alpha_k F'(\alpha_k)$$
 (52)

Substituting (51) into (50) we obtain

$$c_k = \frac{-(F(\alpha_k) - b)^2}{F'(\alpha_k)} = \frac{-(F(\alpha_k) - b)^2}{\bar{\psi}(\alpha_k)}$$
 (53)



From the second equation of (49) we get

$$F'(\alpha_k) = \frac{b - F(\alpha_k)}{t_k + \alpha_k} \to t_k = \frac{b - F(\alpha_k)}{F'(\alpha_k)} - \alpha_k. \tag{54}$$

Then

$$t_{k} = \frac{(b - F(\alpha_{k}))}{\bar{\psi}(\alpha_{k})} - \alpha_{k}. \tag{55}$$

The sign of  $t_k$  is positive only if

$$b - F(\alpha_k) - \bar{\psi}(\alpha_k)\alpha_k > 0 \tag{56}$$

which holds only for the same reg.parameter  $\alpha_k$ . If  $t_k > 0$  then the model function  $m_k(\alpha)$  preserves the monotonicity, concavity and the asymptotic behaviour of  $F(\alpha)$ .



The the discrepancy equation

$$F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2} \tag{57}$$

can be approximated as

$$m_k(\alpha) - \alpha m_k'(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}$$
 (58)

The equation (58) is nonlinear and can be solved vis Newton's method noting that

$$g(\alpha) = m_k(\alpha) - \alpha m'_k(\alpha) - \frac{\delta^2}{2} = 0.$$
 (59)

# Morozov's discrepancy principle: the model function approach

Then the Newton's method to solve  $g(\alpha) = 0$  is:

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k - \frac{g(\alpha_k)}{g'(\alpha_k)},\tag{60}$$

where

$$g(\alpha_k) = m_k(\alpha_k) - \alpha_k m'_k(\alpha_k) - \frac{\delta^2}{2}$$

and

$$g'(\alpha_{k}) = (m_{k}(\alpha) - \alpha m_{k}'(\alpha) - \frac{\delta^{2}}{2})_{\alpha}'(\alpha_{k})$$

$$= (m_{k}'(\alpha) - [m_{k}'(\alpha) + \alpha m_{k}''(\alpha)])(\alpha_{k})$$

$$= (-\alpha m_{k}''(\alpha))(\alpha_{k}) = -\alpha_{k} m_{k}''(\alpha_{k}).$$
(61)

#### The model function approach

For the model function  $m_k(\alpha)$  we have:

$$m_{k}(\alpha) = b + \frac{c_{k}}{t_{k} + \alpha},$$

$$m'_{k}(\alpha) = \frac{-c_{k}}{(t_{k} + \alpha)^{2}},$$

$$m''_{k}(\alpha) = \frac{2c_{k}(t_{k} + \alpha)}{(t_{k} + \alpha)^{4}} = \frac{2c_{k}}{(t_{k} + \alpha)^{3}}.$$
(62)

Then we can use following formulas

$$g(\alpha_{k}) = m_{k}(\alpha_{k}) - \alpha_{k}m'_{k}(\alpha_{k}) - \frac{\delta^{2}}{2} = b + \frac{c_{k}}{t_{k} + \alpha_{k}} + \alpha_{k}\frac{c_{k}}{(t_{k} + \alpha_{k})^{2}} - \frac{\delta^{2}}{2},$$

$$g'(\alpha_{k}) = \left(m_{k}(\alpha_{k}) - \alpha_{k}m'_{k}(\alpha_{k}) - \frac{\delta^{2}}{2}\right)'_{\alpha}(\alpha_{k}) = -\alpha_{k}m''_{k}(\alpha_{k}) = -\frac{2c_{k}\alpha_{k}}{(t_{k} + \alpha_{k})^{3}}$$
(63)

in the Newton's method (60) to get update of the coefficients  $\alpha_k$  until convergence in  $\alpha_k$  is achieved.

# Algorithm: Morozov's discrepancy principle, the model function approach

- Start with the initial approximations  $\alpha_0$  (take large value because of (45)) and compute the sequence of  $\alpha_k$  in the following steps.
- ② Compute the value function  $F(\alpha_k) = \inf_x J_{\alpha_k}(x)$ , b as in (45),  $c_k$  and  $t_k$  as in (53), (55), correspondingly.
- **1** Update the reg. parameter  $\alpha := \alpha_{k+1}$  via Newton's method

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \alpha_k - \frac{g(\alpha_k)}{g'(\alpha_k)},$$

where  $g(\alpha_k)$ ,  $g'(\alpha_k)$  are computed as in (63), respectively.

**③** For the tolerance  $0 < \theta < 1$  chosen by the user, stop computing reg.parameters  $\alpha_k$  if computed  $\alpha_k$  are stabilized, or  $|\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| \le \theta$ . Otherwise, set k := k + 1 and go to Step 2.



#### The model function approach: study of convergence

We will show the the above algorithm is locally convergent. Let us define

$$G_k(\alpha) = m_k(\alpha) - \alpha m'_k(\alpha). \tag{64}$$

and assume  $G_k(\alpha_k) > \delta^2/2$ ,  $G_k(\alpha) \le G_k(\alpha_k) \ \forall \alpha \in [0, \alpha_k]$ . Using Taylor's expansion of  $G_k(\alpha)$  we get approximation of it,  $\overline{G}_k(\alpha) \approx G_k(\alpha)$ , as

$$\bar{G}_k(\alpha) = G_k(\alpha) + G'_k(\alpha)(\alpha - \alpha_k) = G_k(\alpha) + \bar{\alpha}_k(G_k(\alpha) - G_k(\alpha_k)). \tag{65}$$

Since  $F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}$  then

$$\bar{G}_k(\alpha) \approx G_k(\alpha) = m_k(\alpha) - \alpha m'_k(\alpha) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}.$$
 (66)

Assuming  $\bar{G}_k(0) < \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ , equation (66) has a unique solution. For example, one can choose  $\bar{G}_k(0) = \gamma \delta^2 \ \forall \gamma \in [0, 0.5]$ , then from (65)

$$\bar{\alpha}_k = \frac{\gamma \delta^2 - G_k(0)}{G_k(0) - G_k(\alpha_k)}$$



#### The model function approach: study of convergence

#### Theorem [K. Ito, B. Jin]

Let  $\bar{\varphi}(\alpha)$  and  $\bar{\psi}(\alpha)$  be continuous functions in  $\alpha$ , then the solution  $\alpha^*$  of the discrepancy equation

$$||F(x_{\alpha(\delta)}) - y|| = c_m \delta, \tag{67}$$

is unique with  $\alpha_0$  satisfying  $G(\alpha_0)>\frac{\delta^2}{2}$ . The sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  generated by the Algorithm is well-defined, it is finite and terminates at  $\alpha_k$  satisfying  $G(\alpha_k)\leq \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ , or it is infinite and converges to the solution  $\alpha^*$  strictly monotonically decreasingly.

**Proof.** It is suffices to show that if  $\bar{G}_k(\alpha_k) \leq \frac{\delta^2}{2}$  is never reached then  $\alpha_k$  converges to  $\alpha^*$ . Let us assume  $\bar{G}_k(\alpha_k) > \frac{\delta^2}{2}$ , then by monotonicity of  $\bar{G}_k(\alpha_k)$  we get  $\alpha_{k+1} < \alpha_k$ . Since

$$\bar{G}_k(\alpha_k) = G_k(\alpha_k) = G(\alpha_k), \ \bar{G}_k(\alpha_k) > \frac{\delta^2}{2}$$
 (68)

means that  $\alpha_k > \alpha^*$ . Thus, the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  converges to some  $\bar{\alpha} > \alpha^*$  by the monotonne convergence theorem. Let is show that  $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha^*$ .

Now take limit in  $\alpha_k$ , sequences  $\{c_k\}, \{t_k\}$  are also converging. Then

$$G(\bar{\alpha}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} G(\alpha_{k+1}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} G_{k+1}(\alpha_{k+1}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} G_k(\alpha_{k+1}).$$
 (69)

Here we have used the Lemma 3.10 in [K. Ito, B. Jin] that if the sequence  $\alpha_k$  is converging to  $\bar{\alpha}$ , then

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} G_{k+1}(\alpha_{k+1}) = \lim_{k \to \infty} G_k(\alpha_{k+1}). \tag{70}$$

Then from the equation

$$\bar{G}_k(\alpha_{k+1}) = G_k(\alpha_{k+1}) + \bar{\alpha}_k(G_k(\alpha_{k+1}) - G_k(\alpha_k)) = \frac{\delta^2}{2}.$$
 (71)

and (69), by the definition of  $G_k(\alpha)$  and  $\bar{\alpha}_k$  and the convergence of  $\alpha_k$  we see that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty} \left( G_{k+1}(\alpha_{k+1}) - G_k(\alpha_k) \right) = 0. \tag{72}$$

Thus,  $\bar{\alpha}_k$  are convergent, taking  $\lim_{k\to\infty}$  in (71)  $G(\bar{\alpha})=\frac{\delta^2}{2}$ . By the uniqueness assumption of the solution of the discrepancy equation  $\bar{\alpha}=\alpha^*$ .  $\square$ 

For the Tikhonov functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  defined as

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \alpha \psi(x), \tag{73}$$

$$\bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F'(\alpha), \ \ \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)$$

balancing principle (or Lepskii, see [LLP, M]) finds  $\alpha > 0$  such that following expression is fullfilled

$$\bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha) \tag{74}$$

where  $\gamma = a_0/a_1$  is determined by the statistical a priori knowledge from shape parameters in Gamma distributions. When  $\gamma = 1$  the method is called zero crossing method, see [JG].

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Let us show that the balancing rule

$$\bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha) \tag{75}$$

finds optimal  $\alpha > 0$  minimizing the function

$$\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) = \frac{F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha}$$

From

$$\bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F'(\alpha), \ \ \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)$$
 (76)

follows that

$$0 = \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) - \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha) - \gamma \alpha F'(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)(1 + \gamma)$$

or

$$F(\alpha) = \alpha F'(\alpha)(1+\gamma). \tag{77}$$



The equation

$$F(\alpha) = \alpha F'(\alpha)(1 + \gamma).$$

can be written as

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{F'(\alpha)}{F(\alpha)}(1+\gamma) = \frac{dF/d\alpha}{F(\alpha)}(1+\gamma)$$

or

$$\frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{dF}{F(\alpha)}(1+\gamma).$$

Integrating both sides of the above equation we get

$$\ln \alpha + C_1 = (1 + \gamma) \ln F(\alpha) + C_2$$

or taking  $C_1 = C_2$  we get

$$\alpha = \exp^{(1+\gamma)\ln F(\alpha)} = F(\alpha)^{1+\gamma}$$

which can be rewritten as the function to be minimized in the balancing principle

$$\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) = \frac{F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha} = 1.$$



We can check that the minimum of  $\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha)$  is achieved at

$$0 = (\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha))'_{\alpha} = \frac{(1+\gamma)F'(\alpha)F^{\gamma}(\alpha)\alpha - F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha^2}$$

From the above equation we get

$$(1+\gamma)F'(\alpha)F^{\gamma}(\alpha)\alpha = F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha) \to (1+\gamma)F'(\alpha)\alpha = F(\alpha)$$

This equation is the same as the equation (77) which gives the balancing principle

$$\bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha) \tag{78}$$

Thus, the balancing principle computes optimal value of  $\alpha$  where  $(\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha))'_{\alpha}=0$ .

#### Balancing principle: fixed point algorithm

For the Tikhonov functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  defined as

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \alpha \psi(x), \tag{79}$$

the following fixed point algorithm for computing  $\alpha$  is proposed.

- Start with the initial approximations  $\alpha_0 = \delta^{\mu}, \mu \in (0, 2)$  and compute the sequence of  $\alpha_k$  in the following steps.
- ② Compute the value function  $F(\alpha_k) = \inf_x J_{\alpha_k}(x)$  and get  $x_{\alpha_k}$ .
- **1** Update the reg. parameter  $\alpha := \alpha_{k+1}$  as

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\bar{\varphi}(x_{\alpha_k})}{\bar{\psi}(x_{\alpha_k})}$$

For the tolerance  $0 < \theta < 1$  chosen by the user, stop computing reg.parameters  $\alpha_k$  if computed  $\alpha_k$  are stabilized, or  $|\alpha_k - \alpha_{k-1}| \le \theta$ . Otherwise, set k := k + 1 and go to Step 2.



The local convergence of the fixed point algorithm is developed under the following assumptions for the Tikhonov functional  $J_{\alpha}(x)$  defined as

$$J_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|F(x) - y\|_{B_{2}}^{2} + \alpha \psi(x) = \varphi(x) + \alpha \psi(x), \tag{80}$$

Let the interval  $[\alpha_l, \alpha_r]$  is such that

- 1.  $\bar{\psi}(\alpha_r) > 0 > \bar{\psi}(\alpha) > 0$  for  $\forall \alpha \in [0, \alpha_r]$ .
- 2. Then  $\exists \alpha_b \in [\alpha_l, \alpha_r] : D^{\pm} \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) < 0$  for  $\alpha \in [\alpha_l, \alpha_b]$  and  $D^{\pm} \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) > 0$  for  $\alpha \in [\alpha_b, \alpha_r]$ .

Assumption 1 guarantees well-posedness of the algorithm which is valid for a broad class of ill-posed problems ( $L^2 - I^1$ ,  $L^2$ -TV).

Assumption 2 guarantees that there exists only one local minimizer  $\alpha_b$  for  $\Phi_{\gamma}$  on  $[\alpha_l, \alpha_r]$ .

$$D^{+}F(\alpha) = \lim_{h \to 0-} \frac{F(\alpha) - F(\alpha - h)}{h},$$
$$D^{-}F(\alpha) = \lim_{h \to 0+} \frac{F(\alpha + h) - F(\alpha)}{h}$$

Let us define the residual

$$r(\alpha) = \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) - \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha). \tag{81}$$

The following Lemma will be used in the convergence theorem.

#### Lemma 3.15 [K. Ito, B, Jin]

Under above assumptions with  $\alpha_0 = [\alpha_l, \alpha_r]$  the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  generated by the fixed point algorithm is such that

- It is either finite or infinite and strictly monotone, and increasing if  $r(\alpha) > 0$  and decreasing if  $r(\alpha) < 0$ .
- If  $r(\alpha) > 0$ , then the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\} \in [\alpha_l, \alpha_b]$
- if  $r(\alpha) < 0$ , then the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\} \in [\alpha_b, \alpha_r]$ .



#### Theorem [K. Ito, B, Jin]

Under above assumptions with  $\alpha_0 = [\alpha_l, \alpha_r]$  the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  generated by the fixed point algorithm is such that

• The sequence  $\{\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k)\}$  generated by the function

$$\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha) = \frac{F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha}$$

is monotonically decreasing.

• The sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  converges to the local minimizer  $\alpha_b$ .

**Proof** Let us consider the case  $r(\alpha_0) > 0$ , then the sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}$  is increasing and we consider the case  $\alpha_k < \alpha_{k+1}$ . The function F is concave and thus Lipschitz continuous and thus  $\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha)$  is locally Lipschitz continuous and there exists  $\Phi'_{\gamma}(\alpha)$  such that

$$\Phi_{\gamma}'(\alpha) = \frac{(1+\gamma)F^{\gamma}(\alpha)F'(\alpha)\alpha - F^{1+\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{F^{\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha^{2}}((1+\gamma)F'(\alpha)\alpha - F(\alpha)) = \frac{F^{\gamma}(\alpha)}{\alpha^{2}}(-r(\alpha)) < 0$$
(82)

Let us check that

$$-r(\alpha) = (1+\gamma)F'(\alpha)\alpha - F(\alpha)$$
 (83)

Since

$$\bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F'(\alpha), \ \ \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)$$
 (84)

and using the balancing principle we have

$$r(\alpha) = \bar{\varphi}(\alpha) - \gamma \alpha \bar{\psi}(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha) - \gamma \alpha F'(\alpha) = F(\alpha) - \alpha F'(\alpha)(1 + \gamma).$$

Thus,  $-r(\alpha)$  is given by (83). Next, the function  $\Phi'_{\gamma}(\alpha)$  is locally integrable and

$$\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_{k+1}) = \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k) + \int_{\alpha_k}^{\alpha_{k+1}} \Phi'_{\gamma}(\alpha) \, d\alpha \tag{85}$$

and since  $\Phi'_{\gamma}(\alpha) < 0$  then from (85) follows that  $\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_{k+1}) < \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k)$ . Thus, the sequence  $\{\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k)\}$  is monotonically decreasing.



By Lemma 3.15 there exists a limit  $\alpha^* \in [\alpha_l, \alpha_r]$ . If  $\alpha_k < \alpha_{k+1}, \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_{k+1}) < \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k)$  we have for the finite sequence  $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=1}^{k_0}$ 

$$\lim_{k \to k_0} D^+ \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k) \le \lim_{k \to k_0} \frac{F^{\gamma}(\alpha_k)}{\alpha_k^2} (-r(\alpha_k)) \le \lim_{k \to k_0} D^- \Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_k) \tag{86}$$

then  $D^{\pm}\Phi_{\gamma}(\alpha_{k_0})=0$  since  $-r(\alpha_{k_0})=0$ . By our assumption, this local minimizer  $\alpha_{k_0}=\alpha_b$ . Now from iterations in the fixed point algorithm we have

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{F(\alpha_k) - \alpha_k D^- F(\alpha_k)}{D^- F(\alpha_k)} \le \alpha_{k+1} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\bar{\varphi}(\alpha_k)}{\bar{\psi}(\alpha_k)} \le \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{F(\alpha_k) - \alpha_k D^+ F(\alpha_k)}{D^+ F(\alpha_k)}$$
(87)

Since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} D^\pm F(\alpha_k) = D^- F(\alpha^*)$  and the local minimizer  $\alpha_b = \alpha^*$ 

$$\alpha^* = \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{F(\alpha^*) - \alpha^* D^- F(\alpha^*)}{D^- F(\alpha^*)}.$$
 (88)

