

# Probabilistic Inverse Theory

## Lecture 12

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## Resolution/Error/Uncertainty analysis

A very important aspect of application of the inverse theory is a widely understood uncertainty analysis including such issue as *a posteriori* error analysis, data appraisal, sensitivity analysis, model selection, experiment planning to name a few.

## Resolution/Error/Uncertainty analysis

Within probabilistic formalism all such tasks can be systematically (at least in theory) treated provided *a posteriori* pdf can be constructed and sampled. Depending on a task in hand various characteristic of the *a posteriori* pdf can be examined.

## Point-characteristics of a *posteriori* pdf

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- ◆ Absolute maximum position
- ◆ Absolute maximum value
- ◆ Average (expected) value
- ◆ Covariance (resolution) matrix
- ◆ Skewness
- ◆ Curtosis

## Meta-characteristics of *a posteriori* pdf

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- ◆ Evidence
- ◆ Entropy
- ◆ Relative Entropy
- ◆ Fisher Matrix

## Evidence - (Z)

### ♦ Evidence :

$$Z[\sigma] = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{Z} \bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{m})$$

## Evidence

$$\bar{\sigma}(m) = \exp\left(-\frac{m^2}{2C_p^2}\right)$$

$$Z[\sigma] = \sqrt{(2\pi C_p^2)}$$

## Entropy (H)

### ♦ Entropy:

$$H[\sigma] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln(\sigma(\mathbf{m})) \sigma(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

$$H[\sigma] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{m})}{\mu(\mathbf{m})} \right) \sigma(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

## Entropy cd ...

$$\sigma(m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi C_p^2)}} \exp\left(-\frac{m^2}{2C_p^2}\right)$$

$$\mu(m) = 1$$

$$H[\sigma] = \frac{1}{2} \ln (2\pi e C_p^2)$$

## Entropy cd ...

$$\sigma(m) = \frac{1}{Z} f(\mathbf{m}) L(\mathbf{m})$$

$$H[\sigma] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln(\sigma(\mathbf{m})) \sigma(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

$$\ln(\sigma(m)) = -\ln(Z) + \ln(f(\mathbf{m})) + \ln(L(\mathbf{m}))$$

$$H[\sigma] = H[f] + H[L] - \ln(Z)$$

## Kullback-Leibler divergence measure

♦ (Relative entropy)

$$H_{\psi}[\sigma] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{m})}{\psi(\mathbf{m})} \right) \psi(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

## Relative entropy - example

$$\sigma(m) = \frac{1}{Z} f(\mathbf{m}) L(\mathbf{m})$$

$$H_f[\sigma] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln \left( \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{m})}{f(\mathbf{m})} \right) f(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

$$H_\sigma[f] = - \int_{\mathbf{M}} \ln \left( \frac{f(\mathbf{m})}{\sigma(\mathbf{m})} \right) \sigma(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}$$

Quantification information gain in inversion procedure

## Resolution/Error/Uncertainty analysis within

Above discussed meta-characteristics of a *a posteriori* distribution allows virtually any analysis including error (resolution, sensitivity, etc.) analysis with respect to  $\mathbf{m}$  parameters, make data appraisal (extended inversion over  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{D}$  space) or relation between  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  (theory selection), etc. However, in all cases a full knowledge of  $\sigma(\mathbf{m})$  is required.

Sometimes we cannot afford to calculate it even with very modern samplers. !!!

## Resolution/Error/Uncertainty analysis within

We have to come back to a simpler but versatile **optimization approach** and try to incorporate to inversion an approximate and simplified error analysis.

## Optimization approach - direct search for best $m$

# Optimization approach

$$S(\mathbf{m}) = \|\mathbf{d}^{obs} - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m})\| + \|\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}^{apr}\|$$

solution: search for  $\mathbf{m}^{ml}$  minimizing  $S(\mathbf{m})$

$$S(\mathbf{m}^{ml}) = \min$$

## Inversion errors - Bayesian orientated

$$\|\mathbf{d}^{obs} - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m}^{est})\|_D + \|\mathbf{m}^{est} - \mathbf{m}^{apr}\|_M = \min$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\mathbf{d}^{obs} - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m}^{est}) + \epsilon^{obs} + \epsilon^{th}(\mathbf{m})\|_D + \\ & \|\mathbf{m}^{est} - \mathbf{m}^{apr} + \epsilon^{apr}\|_M = \min \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{m}_{ijk}^{est} = \mathbf{m}^{est} (\epsilon_i^{obs}, \epsilon_j^{th}(\mathbf{m}^{est}), \epsilon_k^{apr})$$

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$$\sigma(\mathbf{m}_{ijk}) = \frac{N_{ijk}}{N_{all}}$$

## Maksimum Likelihood Method - frequentist orientated

In case when only observational errors are considered (e.g. in case when data comes from repeated measurements of the same physical parameter and are treated as a stochastic ( $\mathbf{d}^i$ ) parameter

$$\|\mathbf{d}^{true} - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m}^{est}) + \epsilon^{obs}\|_D + \|\mathbf{m}^{est} - \mathbf{m}^{apr}\|_M = \min$$

$$\|\mathbf{d}^i - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m}^{est})\|_D + \|\mathbf{m}^{est} - \mathbf{m}^{apr}\|_M = \min$$

One can construct

$$P(\mathbf{d}^i | \mathbf{m}) = \exp(-\|\mathbf{d}^i - \mathbf{d}^{th}(\mathbf{m})\|)$$

# Maksimum Likelihood Method

## Double interpretation of $P(\mathbf{d}^i|\mathbf{m})$

- ◆ Data errors (noise) function (conditioned on  $\mathbf{m}$ )

$$N(\mathbf{d}^i) = P(\mathbf{d}^i|\mathbf{m})$$

- ◆ Likelihood function (conditional probability)

$$\Psi(\mathbf{m}) = P(\mathbf{d}^i|\mathbf{m})$$

## Solution

$$\Psi(\mathbf{m}^{est}) = \max$$

is a model which most likelihood reproduce all  $\mathbf{d}^i$

## How to estimate errors for MLL approach ?

Let us consider  $N(X|\mathbf{m})$  distribution where  $X$  represents stochastic variable and  $\mathbf{m}$  is a set of “fixed” parameters.

Let us define **score**:

$$S(X) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \log N(X|\mathbf{m})$$

$$\langle S \rangle_X = \int_X S(X)N(X)dX = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \int_X N(X)dX = 0$$

## Fisher information

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{m}) = \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \log N(X|\mathbf{m}) \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{m}) = \int_X \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \log N(X|\mathbf{m}) \right)^2 N(X) dX$$

$\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{m})$  express amount of information about unknown  $\mathbf{m}$  carried out by random variable  $X$

## Cramer-Rao bound

Inverse of Fisher information is a lower bound on the variance of unbiased estimator of  $\mathbf{m}$

$$\langle \bar{\mathbf{m}}(X) - \mathbf{m} \rangle = \int (\bar{\mathbf{m}}(X) - \mathbf{m}) N(X) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \int (\bar{\mathbf{m}}(X) - \mathbf{m}) N(X) = 0$$

$$\int (\bar{\mathbf{m}} - \mathbf{m})^2 N(X) dX \cdot \int \left( \frac{\partial \log N}{\partial \mathbf{m}} \right)^2 N(X) dX \geq 1$$



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Continuation:  
Hands on Advanced Inverse Issues