

Iterated $\ell^2 - \ell^q$ regularization

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In numerous fields of science and engineering we are faced with problems of the form $Ax + \eta = b^\delta$, where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a large and severely ill-conditioned matrix, i.e., such that its singular values σ_i satisfy $\sigma_1 \gg \sigma_n$, and $b^\delta \in \mathbb{R}^m$ represents the measured and perturbed data. We will assume that the noise η is discrete ℓ^1 -posed inverse problems. Due to the ill-conditioning of A and the presence of the noise η , the naive

To reduce the sensitivity of the problem to the presence of noise, we consider the $\ell^2 - \ell^q$ regularization $\arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - b^\delta\|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{q} \|Lx\|_q^q$, where $0 < q \leq 2$, $\mu > 0$ is the so-called regularization parameter, L in $\mathbb{R}^{s \times n}$ is referred to as regularization operator, and $\|z\|_q = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^q \right)^{1/q}$. We refer to latter quantity as ℓ^q -norm for any $0 < q \leq 2$, even though for $q < 1$ it is not a norm as it does not satisfy the triangular inequality; see, e.g., [2] for a discussion on $\ell^p - \ell^q$ regularization and [1] for a software implementation.

To further improve the quality of the computed solutions and to provide a theoretically sound convergence analysis, we consider the refinement strategy

$$\begin{cases} r^{(k)} = b^\delta - Ax^{(k)}, \\ h^{(k)} = \arg \min_h \frac{1}{2} \|Ah - r^{(k)}\|_2^2 + \frac{\mu}{q} \|Lh\|_q^q, \\ x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + h^{(k)}. \end{cases}$$

We show that, under reasonable assumptions, the iterations are stopped after finitely many steps, if the Discrepancy Principle is employed as stopping criterion, and that the resulting method is a regularization method. Selected numerical results show the good performances of the proposed approach.

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