

Linear methods for non-linear inverse problems

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- **Problem:** If \mathcal{A}^{-1} is not continuous, simply inverting Y amplifies noise.
- **Solution:** Bayesian approach.
- **Literature:** Dashti and Stuart (2016), Cotter et al (2013), Helin and Burger (2015), Lassas et al (2009),...etc

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Frequentist Bayes

Investigate Bayesian techniques from frequentist perspective, i.e. assume that there exists a true θ_0 and investigate the behaviour of the posterior $\theta|Y$.

Parametric models

Theorem (Bernstein-von Mises): Under some regularity conditions on the likelihood and prior the posterior is **asymptotically normal** centered around an **efficient estimator** and with covariance matrix equal to the **inverse Fischer information**, i.e.

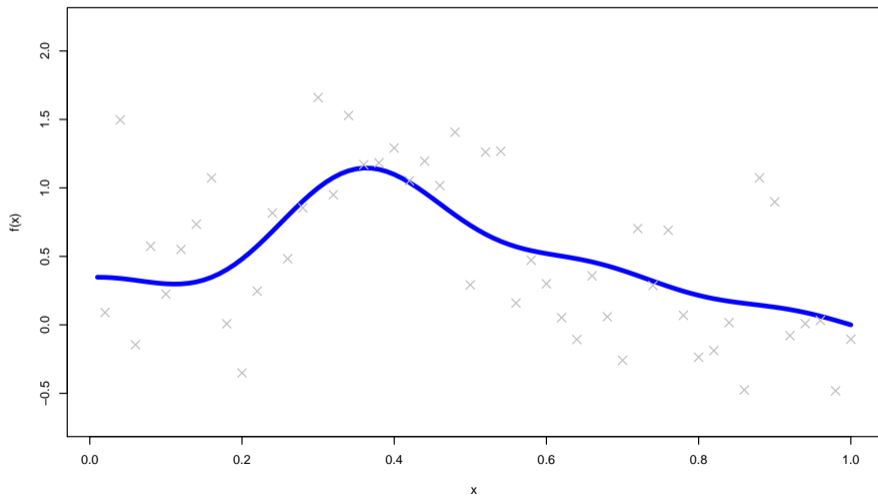
$$\|\Pi(\vartheta \in \cdot | Y_1, Y_2, \dots) - N_d(\hat{\theta}_n, \frac{1}{n} i_{\theta_0}^{-1})\|_{TV} \xrightarrow{P_{\theta_0}} 0,$$

where $\hat{\theta}_n$ is the MLE and i_{θ} the Fischer information matrix.

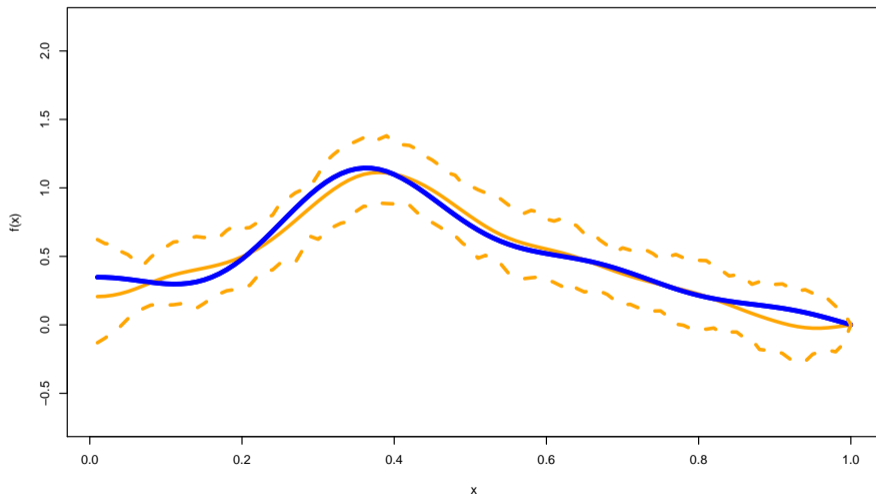
Consequences:

- Posterior mean, median are efficient estimators (asymptotically **UMVU**).
- **Credible** sets are **confidence** sets asymptotically.

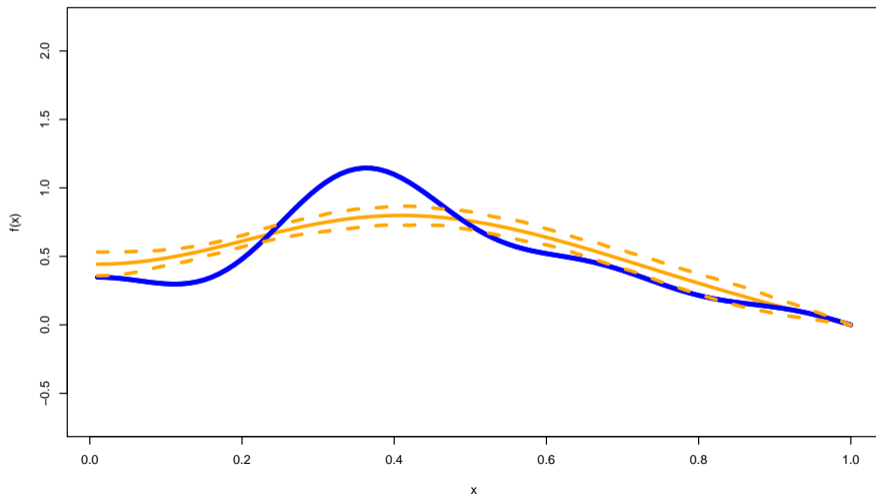
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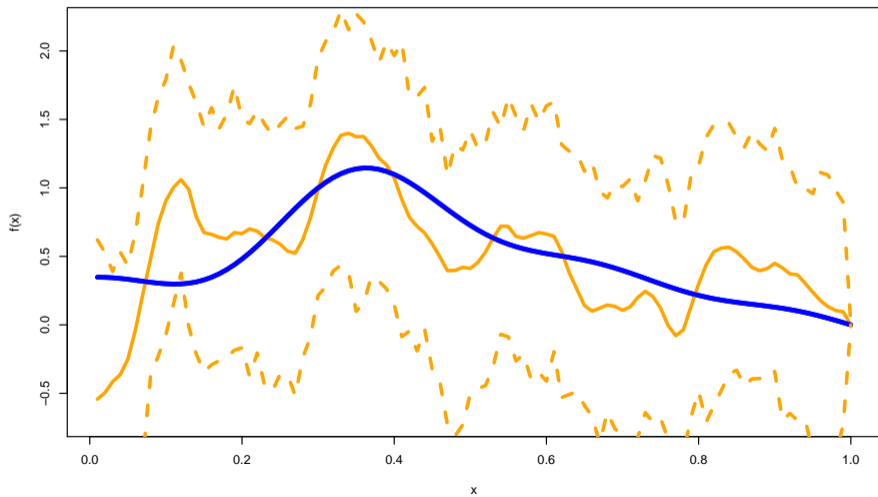
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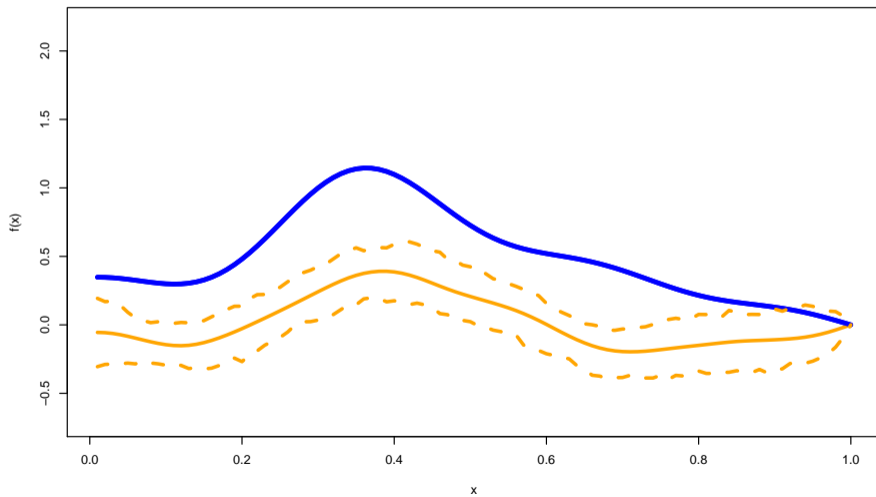
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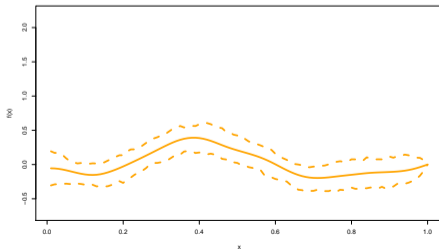
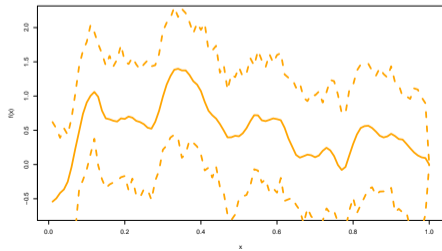
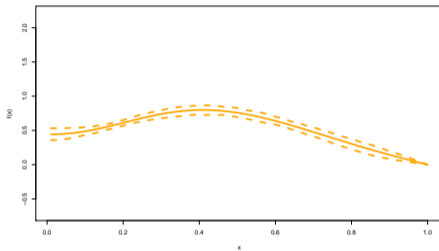
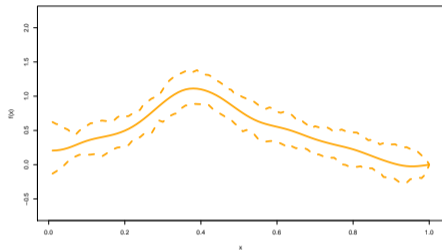
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Posterior IV



Which one is correct?



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Can we get reliable **uncertainty quantification**, i.e. does it hold for $\hat{C} = \{\theta : d(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \leq \rho_n\}$ with $\Pi(\hat{C} | Y^{(n)}) = 0.95$ that

$$\inf_{\theta_0 \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta_0}(\theta_0 \in \hat{C}) \geq 0.95?$$

Literature: linear inverse problems

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Linear inverse problems: assume that \mathcal{A} is a known, continuous, injective, compact, **linear** operator, see for instance Bissantz et al. (2007).

Benchmark model: inverse Gaussian white noise

$$Y^{(n)} = \mathcal{A}f_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z,$$

where $X^{(n)}$ is the observation polluted with the Gaussian white noise Z .

Equivalent sequence formulation

Idea: For compact \mathcal{A} the spectral decomposition of the self-adjoint operator $\mathcal{A}^T \mathcal{A}$ provides a convenient basis.

Equivalent Model: We observe the noisy **sequence**:

$$Y_i = \kappa_i f_{0,i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} Z_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

where κ_i^2 are the eigenvalues of $\mathcal{A}^T \mathcal{A}$, $f_{0,i}$ are the coefficients of f_0 with respect to the eigenbasis of $\mathcal{A}^T \mathcal{A}$ and Z_i are iid $N(0, 1)$.

Assumptions:

- **Mildly ill-posed** inverse problem: $C^{-2} i^{-2p} \leq \kappa_i^2 \leq C^2 i^{-2p}$.
- For $f_0 \in S^\beta(R)$ the minimax rate: $n^{-\beta/(1+2\beta+2p)}$, see Mair and Ruymgaart (1996).

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Uncertainty quantification: **reliable** for $\alpha \approx \beta$ (under slightly under-smoothing), i.e. the $1 - \gamma$ credible ball $\hat{C} = \{f : \|f - \hat{f}_\alpha\|_{L_2} \leq \rho_n\}$ satisfies

$$\inf_{f_0 \in S^\beta(R)} P_{f_0}(f_0 \in \hat{C}) \rightarrow 1.$$

Literature: Cox (1993), Knapik et al. (2011), Florens and Simoni (2012), Agapiou et al. (2013), Ray (2013), Yan et al. (2021).

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Theorem [Adaptive contraction] Both the hierarchical (with $\lambda(\alpha) \asymp \alpha^{-c_1} e^{-c_2 \alpha}$) and the empirical Bayes posterior **contracts** around the truth with **optimal** (adaptive minimax) rate, i.e. for $0 < \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \infty$

$$\inf_{\beta_1 \leq \beta \leq \beta_2} \inf_{f_0 \in S^{\beta}(R)} \Pi_{\hat{\alpha}}(f : \|f - f_0\|_{L_2} \leq L_n n^{-\frac{\beta}{1+2\beta+2p}} | Y^{(n)}) \xrightarrow{P_{f_0}} 1.$$

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Models:

- Time-independent Schrodinger equation Nickl et al (2020, Nickl(2020), Monard et al (2021)
- Non-abelian x-ray transform Monard et al (2021), Monard et al (2021),
- Elliptic PDE in divergence form Giordano and Nickl (2020), Nickl et al (2020),
- Heat equation with an additional absorption Kekkonen (2022)
- Calderón problems Abraham and Nickl (2022)

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Computation:

- No explicit formula for the posterior \Rightarrow approximate sampling methods (standard MCMC - slow)
- Langevin (type) diffusion has polynomial computational time Nickl and Wang (2022+)
- BUT still not practical for medium to large sample size.
- Main problem: solving the forward map at each sampling step.

Consider the PDE (for $u_f = \mathcal{A}f$)

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Observational models:

- **Gaussian white noise:** $Y^{(n)} = u_f + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}Z$,
where Z denotes the Gaussian white noise process. More formally

$$Y^{(n)}(h) = \langle h, u_f \rangle_{L_2} + Z(h),$$

where $\{Z(h) : h \in L_2(\mathcal{O})\}$ is mean zero Gaussian process with covariance function $\text{Cov}(h_1, h_2) = \langle h_1, h_2 \rangle_{L_2}$.

- **Regression:** $Y_i = u_f(X_i) + Z_i$, $Z_i \sim^{iid} N(0, 1)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Examples

- Time-independent Schrödinger equation: $\mathcal{L} = \Delta$, $c(u, f) = 2uf$, $e(v, u) = v/(2u)$.
- Heat equation with an additional absorption: $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta_x/2 + \partial_t$, $c(u, f) = uf$, $e(v, u) = v/u$.
- Exponentiating the Volterra operator: $u_f(t) = e^{\int_0^t f(s)ds}$, $\mathcal{L} = \partial_x$, $c(u, f) = uf$, $e(v, u) = v/u$.
- Darcy's problem in $d = 1$:
 - $\frac{d}{dx}(f \frac{d}{dx} u_f)(x) = g(x)$, $x \in (0, 1]$, $u_f(0) = 0$
 - $f(x) = \frac{Kg(x) + f(0)u_f'(0)}{u_f'(x)}$, where K is the Volterra operator.

Approach

Idea: Remove non-linearity imposed by boundary condition and recover the inverse of \mathcal{L} .

- Let K be the solution operator $u \mapsto Ku$ of

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}Ku = u & \text{on } \mathcal{O}, \\ Ku = 0 & \text{on } \partial\mathcal{O}. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- For the given boundary function g , let $\tilde{g} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}\tilde{g} = 0 & \text{on } \mathcal{O}, \\ \tilde{g} = g & \text{on } \partial\mathcal{O}. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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Bayesian solution:

- Step 1: Solve the linear inverse problem by putting a prior on $\mathcal{L}u_f$
- Step 2: u_f is determined by $\mathcal{L}u_f$ and g .
- Step 3: f is determined by $\mathcal{L}u_f$ and u_f

Demonstration: Schrödinger equation

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Lemma There exists a continuous linear operator K on $L^2(\mathcal{O})$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \Delta Kh = h & \text{on } \mathcal{O}, \\ Kh = 0 & \text{on } \partial\mathcal{O}. \end{cases}$$

If \mathcal{O} is sufficiently regular, and $g : \partial\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then there exists a function $\tilde{g} : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

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In particular, this is true for $\mathcal{O} = [0, 1]^d$.

Demonstration: Schrödinger equation (cont)

Hence $u = Kv + \tilde{g}$ solves the problem

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Method:

- Step 1: We estimate $v = \Delta u_f$ from the observation model with $\tilde{Y}^{(n)} = Y^{(n)} - \tilde{g}$

$$\tilde{Y}^{(n)} = Kv + n^{-1/2}Z$$

- Step 2: Recover $u_f = Kv + \tilde{g}$.
- Step 3: Recover f from $u_f = Kv + \tilde{g}$ and $\Delta u_f = v$

$$f_v := \begin{cases} \frac{v}{2(Kv + \tilde{g})} & \text{if } Kv + \tilde{g} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Adaptation:

- Empirical Bayes:** **plug in** the maximum marginal likelihood estimator (**MMLE**) $\hat{\alpha}$ into the posterior
- Hierarchical Bayes:** endow α with **hyper-prior**

$$c_4^{-1} \alpha^{-c_3} \exp^{-c_2 \alpha} \leq \lambda(\alpha) \leq c_4 \alpha^{-c_3} \exp^{-c_2 \alpha}$$

Posterior contraction

Notations:

- $(H^\beta, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{H^\beta})$: Hilbert scale defined by the SVD basis

Theorem (Contraction SVD) Let $f_0 \in L^2([0, 1]^d)$, with $\mathcal{L}u_{f_0} \in H^\beta$, for $\beta > d/2$. Assume that $\|Kv\|_{L_2} \asymp \|v\|_{H^{-p}}$ and take $c(u, f) = uf$. Then for some large enough $M > 0$,

$$\Pi \left(f : \|f - f_0\|_{L^2} \geq M\epsilon_n \mid Y^{(n)} \right) \xrightarrow{P} 0, \quad (3)$$

where $\epsilon_n = n^{-\alpha \wedge \beta / (d + 2\alpha + 2p)}$ if the regularity of the prior is chosen **deterministically** and $\epsilon_n = L_n n^{-\beta / (d + 2\beta + 2p)}$ for a slowly varying sequence L_n , if α is chosen by the **empirical Bayes** or **hierarchical Bayes** methods.

Proof idea

- By algebraic manipulations:

$$\|f - f_0\|_{L_2} \lesssim (\inf u_{f_0} - \|u_f - u_{f_0}\|_{L_\infty})^{-1} \|v - \mathcal{L}u_{f_0}\|_{L_2}$$

- **L_2 -contraction** rates for v : explicit computations in the sequence model (using the SVD basis), see Knapik et al. (2011)
- **Supremum-norm consistency** for u_f , required for Lipschitz of e , by direct computations.
- **Adaptation**: For EB show that $\hat{\alpha} \in [\underline{\alpha}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n]$ then **uniform** minimax contraction over $[\underline{\alpha}_n, \bar{\alpha}_n]$ using chaining arguments, see Knapik et al. (2016), Rousseau & Sz. (2018). **HB follows from EB.**

Credible sets

Idea: Use the **credible sets** of the posterior for $v = \mathcal{L}u_f$ to construct credible sets for f .

Credible sets:

- Let us consider credible balls

$$\tilde{C}_\gamma = \{v : \|v - \hat{v}\|_2 \leq \rho_n, \|v - \hat{v}\|_{L_\infty} \leq \varepsilon\},$$

where \hat{v} denotes the posterior mean and the radius ρ_n is chosen to be the smallest values such that $\Pi(v : v \in \tilde{C}_\gamma | X^{(n)}) \geq 1 - \gamma$.

- This defines a **credible set** on the **function space**

$$C_\gamma = \{f = e(v, u) : v \in \tilde{C}_\gamma\}$$

Credible set: coverage

Theorem (coverage) Assume that the conditions of Theorem (Contraction SVD) hold and take $\alpha = \beta - C/\log n$, for some large enough $C > 0$. Then

$$P_{f_0}(f_0 \in C_\gamma) \rightarrow 1,$$

and there exist a constant $M > 0$ such that

$$\|C_\gamma\|_{L_2} = \sup_{f, g \in C_\gamma} \|f - g\|_{L_2} \leq O_p(n^{-\beta/(2\beta+2p+d)}).$$

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Theorem (Contraction wavelets): Under the conditions Theorem (Contraction SVD) for the **wavelet prior** given above with $\alpha > d/2$ there exists $M > 0$ large enough, such that for $\varepsilon_n = n^{-\alpha \wedge \beta / (2\alpha + 2p + d)}$

$$\Pi \left(f : \|f - f_0\|_{L_2} > M\varepsilon_n \mid Y^{(n)} \right) \xrightarrow{P_{f_0}} 0.$$

Proof idea I

Problem: The **basis** of the prior and the operator K does **not match** \Rightarrow can **not use analytic** computations in sequence model.

Galerkin projection:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H \ni f & \xrightarrow{K} & Kf \in L_2(\mathcal{O}) \\ & & \downarrow Q_j \\ H \supset V_j \ni f^{(j,n)} & \xleftarrow{K^{-1}} & Q_j Kf \in W_j \subset L_2(\mathcal{O}) \end{array},$$

where $V_j \subset H$ j -dimensional, $W_j = KV_j$, $Q_j : L_2(\mathcal{O}) \mapsto W_j$.

Remark: $K^{-1}Q_jK$ operator is close to P_j , if the operator is K is p -smoothing wrt H^β defined by $\psi_{\ell,k}$.

Proof idea II

- **Linear inverse problem:** ε_n contraction rates using Galerkin approach combined with standard testing arguments, see Yan et al (2021)

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 - By **Sobolev embedding** (assuming that H^γ is equivalent with S^γ , for some $d/2 < \gamma < \beta + p$):

$$\|u_f - u_{f_0}\|_\infty = \|Kv - Kv_0\|_\infty \lesssim \|Kv - Kv_0\|_{S^\gamma} \asymp \|Kv - Kv_0\|_{H^\gamma} \asymp \|v - v_0\|_{H^{\gamma-p}}.$$

- Using **Galerkin** approach to derive **smoothness norm** contraction for v .

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Problem: K acts on **continuous functions**, but we are in **discrete observational** scheme.

Solution: use **interpolation** techniques by mapping discrete signals to continuous domain. Let $\tilde{W}_n \subset L_2$ satisfy

- $\|w\|_{L_2} \asymp \|w\|_{\mathbb{L}_n}$, for $w \in \tilde{W}_n$
- For all $f \in H^s$ there exists $\mathcal{I}_n f \in \tilde{W}_n$, such that

$$\|f - \mathcal{I}_n f\|_{L_2} \leq \delta_{n,s} \|f\|_{H^s}.$$

Contraction rates in regression

Theorem (Contraction regression) Under the conditions of Theorem (Contraction SVD) and the above **interpolation assumptions** with $\delta_{n,\beta} = cn^{-\frac{\beta}{2\alpha+2p+d}}$, there exists large enough $M > 0$, such that for the Gaussian prior with hyper-parameter $\alpha > d/2$,

$$\Pi_n \left(f : \|f - f_0\|_{L_2} > M\epsilon_n \mid \tilde{Y}_1, \dots, \tilde{Y}_n \right) \xrightarrow{P_{f_0}^{(n)}} 0, \quad (4)$$

with $\epsilon_n = n^{-(\alpha \wedge \beta)/(d+2\alpha+2p)}$.

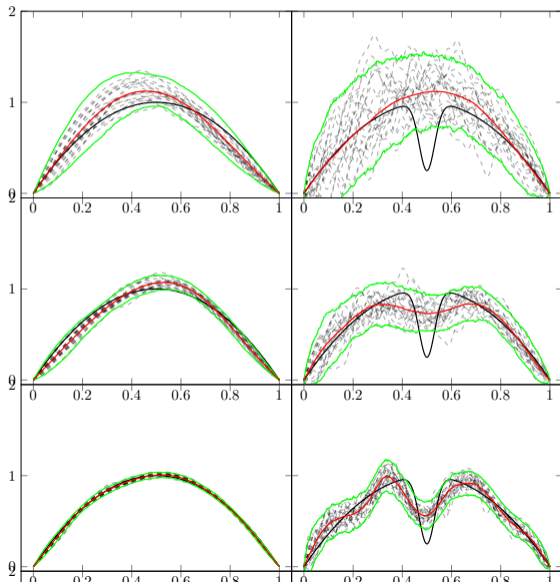
Example: Schrödinger equation

Corollary: Let us consider the time-independent **Schrödinger** equation corrupted with **Gaussian white noise** observations and assume that $f_0 \in \mathcal{S}^\beta$, for $\beta > d/2$. Let us endow Δu_f with the **SVD Gaussian prior**, for $\alpha > d/2$. Then there exists a large enough constant $M > 0$

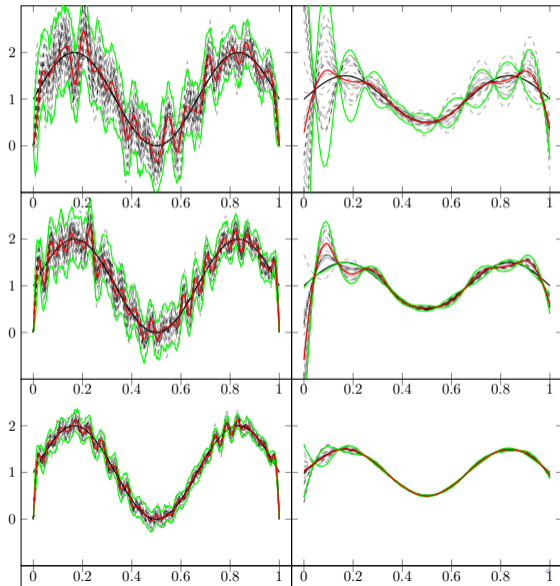
$$\Pi \left(f : \|f - f_0\|_{L_2} \geq M\epsilon_n | Y^{(n)} \right) \xrightarrow{P} 0,$$

where $\epsilon_n = n^{-\alpha \wedge \beta / (d + 2\alpha + 4)}$ if the regularity of the prior is chosen deterministic and equal to $\alpha > d/2$ and $\epsilon_n = L_n n^{-\beta / (d + 2\beta + 4)}$ for a slowly varying sequence L_n , if α is chosen by the **empirical Bayes** or **hierarchical Bayes methods**. Furthermore, the credible set for $\alpha \approx \beta$ has frequentist **coverage tending to one** and minimax optimal radius. The **same contraction** rate results for fixed $\alpha > d/2$ hold in the **discrete observational** scheme or considering the **wavelet prior**.

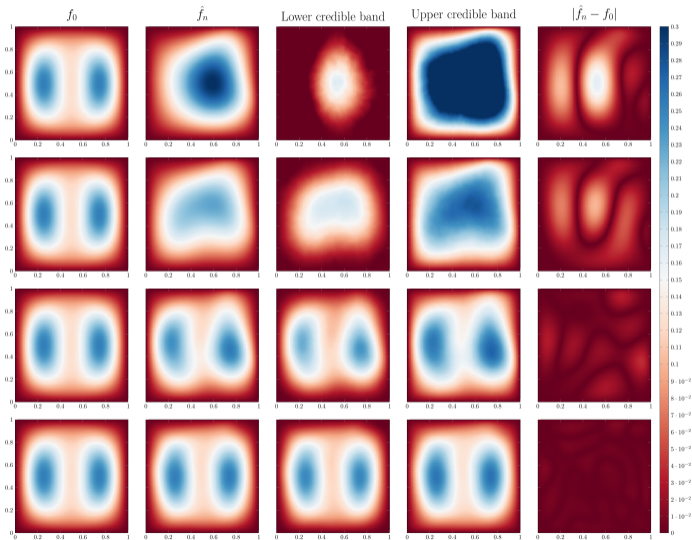
Numerical Analysis I



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Numerical Analysis III



Ongoing/Future work

- Extend to **other** non-linear inverse problems, e.g. Darcy's problem for $d \geq 2$, non Abelian X-ray transform,...
- BvM for **linear functionals**.
- **Scale up** further the algorithm, e.g. variational or distributed algorithms.

Conclusion

- Bayesian methods are becoming increasingly popular for inverse problems.
- Theoretical underpinning start to emerge even for non-linear inverse problems.
- Although polynomial time algorithms are possible, they still do not scale well.
- Proposed a new approach by first solving a linear inverse problem and then transforming the posterior.
- Theoretical guarantees and relatively fast algorithm.
- Number of models are limited, investigate extensions.