

# Bayesian Methods and Uncertainty Quantification for Linear Inverse Problems

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# Outline

- Characteristics of inverse problems.
- Prior Modeling Using Gaussian Markov random fields.
- Hierarchical Models and MCMC
  - The Gibbs sampler and performance characteristics;
  - The partially collapsed Gibbs sampler;
  - The Marginal-then-Conditional sampler.
  - Gradient Scan Gibbs Sampler.

# General Statistical Model

Consider the linear, Gaussian statistical model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon},$$

where

- $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the vector of observations;
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the vector of unknown parameters;
- $\mathbf{A} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ;
- $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda^{-1}\mathbf{I})$ , i.e.,  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  is i.i.d. Gaussian with mean 0 and variance  $\lambda^{-1}$ .

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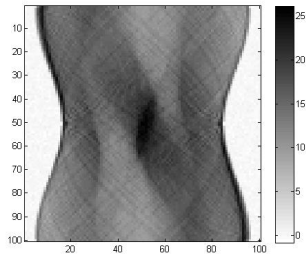
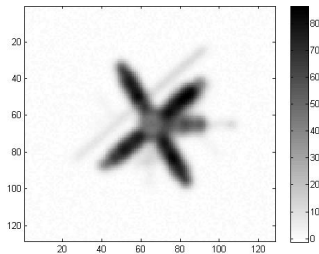
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where  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  or  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , defines the equation

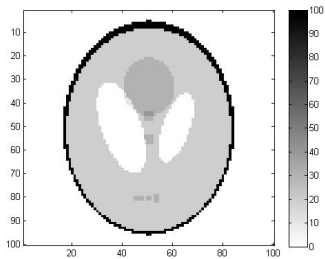
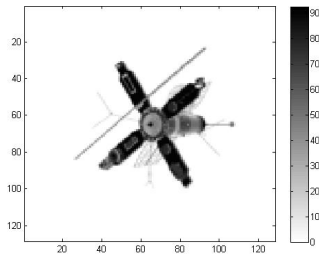
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# Synthetic Examples

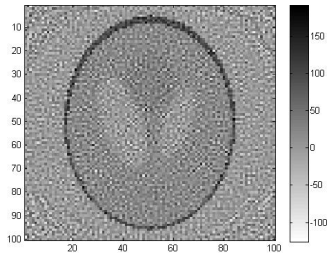
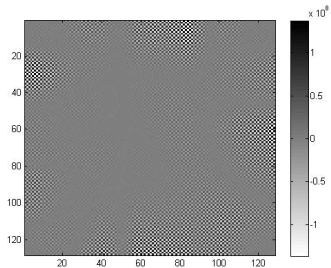
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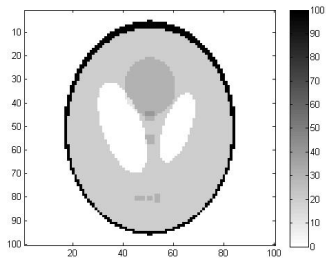
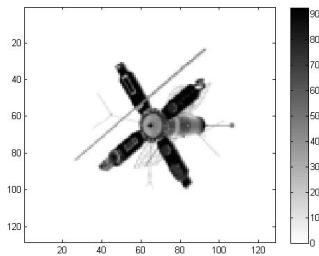
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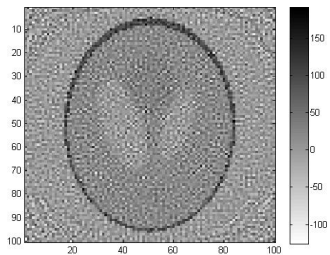
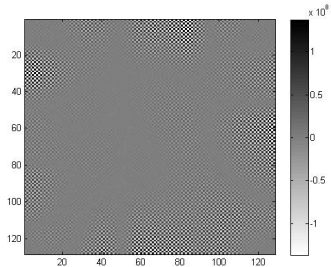
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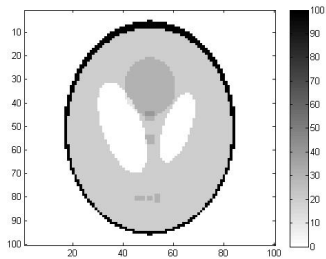
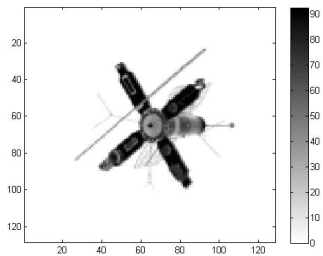
The least squares solution can then be written

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{A}^\dagger (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^r (\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v}_i}_{\text{portion due to signal}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^r \left( \frac{\mathbf{u}_i^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}}{\sigma_i} \right) \mathbf{v}_i}_{\text{portion due to noise}} \end{aligned}$$

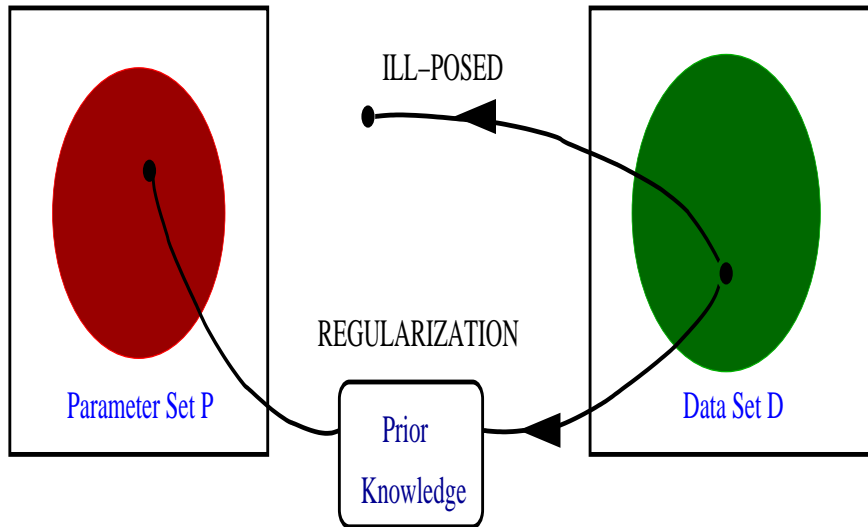
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so that

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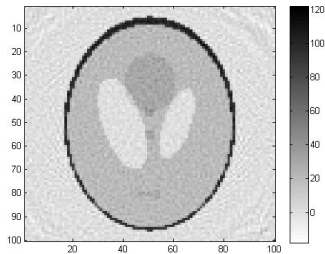
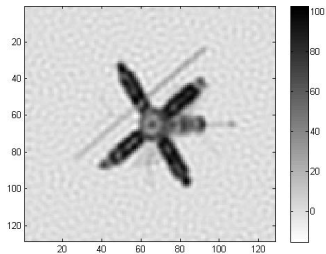
The maximizer of the posterior density is

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} \right\}$$

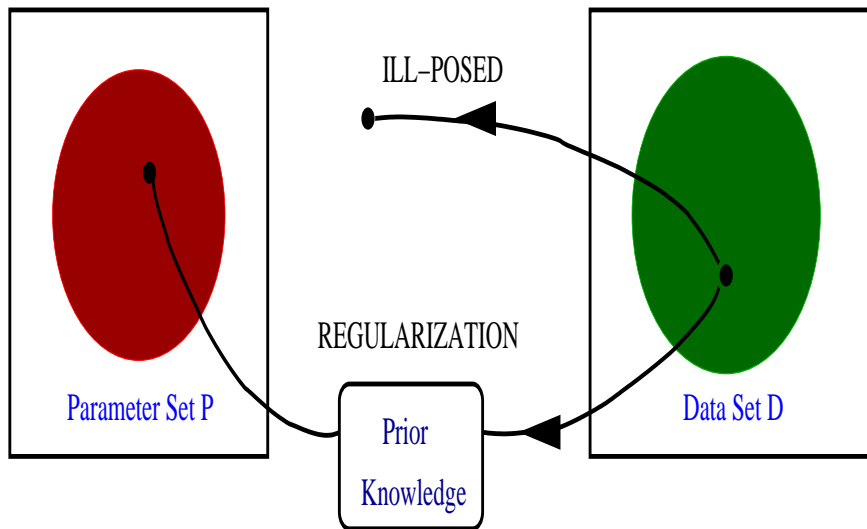
which is the regularized solution  $\mathbf{x}_{\alpha}$  with  $\alpha = \delta/\lambda$ .

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## Modeling the Prior $p(\mathbf{x}|\delta)$



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Then we assume

$$x_{ij} | \mathbf{x}_{\partial_{ij}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{x}_{\partial_{ij}}, (\delta n_{ij})^{-1}),$$

where  $\bar{x}_{\partial_{ij}} = \frac{1}{n_{ij}} \sum_{(r,s) \in \partial_{ij}} x_{rs}$  and  $n_{ij} = |\partial_{ij}|$ .

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This leads to the prior

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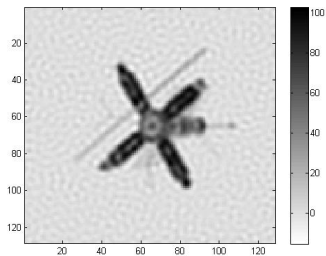
where if  $r = (i, j)$  after column-stacking 2D arrays

$$[\mathbf{L}]_{rs} = \begin{cases} 4 & s = r, \\ -1 & s \in \partial_r, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

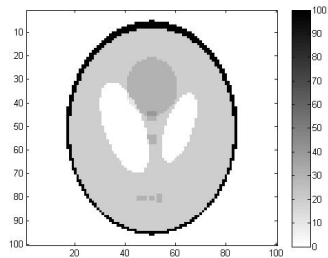
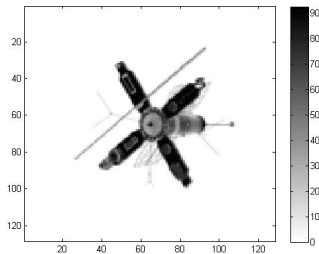
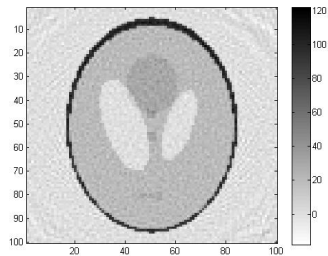
**NOTE:**  $\mathbf{L}$  = 2D discrete **unscaled** neg-Laplacian. Recall the MAP estimator

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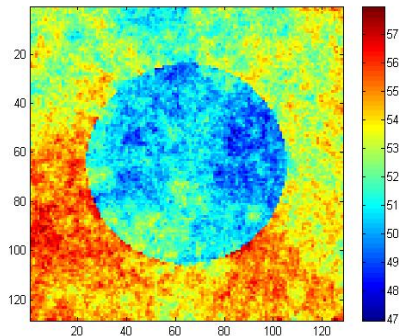
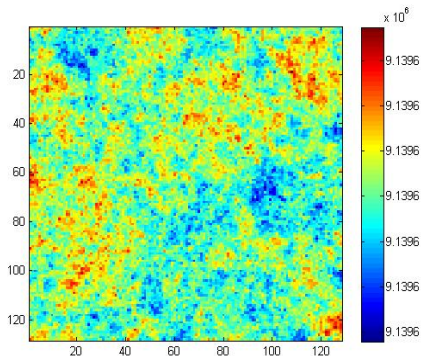
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- $\mathbf{D}_h = \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{D}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_v = \mathbf{D} \otimes \mathbf{I}$ , where  $\mathbf{D} = 1\text{D}$  difference matrix;
- $\mathbf{\Lambda}_h = \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\{w_{ij}^h\}_{ij=1}^{\sqrt{n}}))$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_v = \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\{w_{ij}^v\}_{ij=1}^{\sqrt{n}}))$ .

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$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( w_h(s, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( w_v(s, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$



Left:  $w_{ij}^h = w_{ij}^v = 1$  for all  $ij$ .

Right:  $w_{ij}^h = w_{ij}^v = 0.01$  for  $ij$  on the circle boundary.

# GMRF Edge-Preserving Reconstruction

0. Set  $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \mathbf{I}$ .
1. Define  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D}_h^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}_h + \mathbf{D}_v^T \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{D}_v$ , where
2. Compute

$$\mathbf{x}_\alpha = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

using PCG with  $\alpha$  obtained via L-curve, GCV, etc.

3. Set

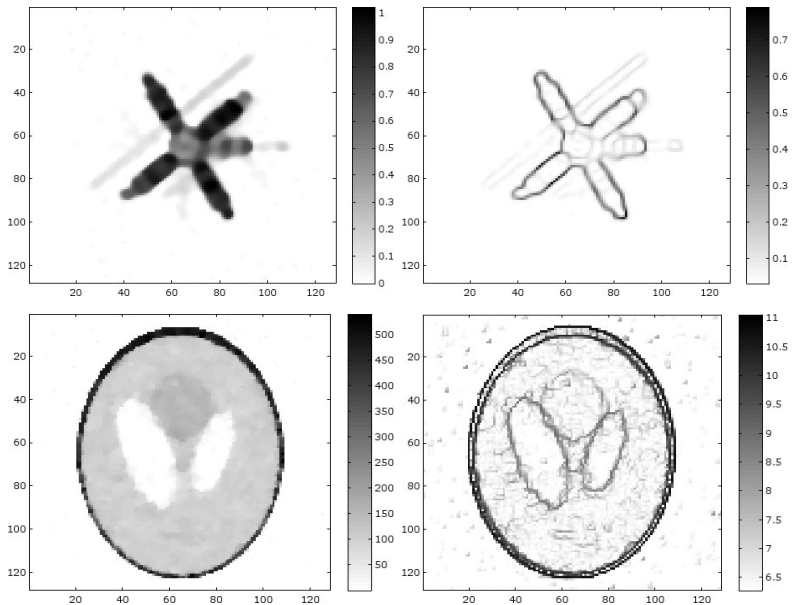
$$\mathbf{\Lambda}(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{D}_h \mathbf{x}_\alpha)^2 + (\mathbf{D}_v \mathbf{x}_\alpha)^2 + \beta \mathbf{1}}} \right),$$

$0 < \beta \ll 1$ , and return to Step 1.

**NOTE:** This is just the lagged-diffusivity iteration.



# Numerical Results



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where

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**Note:**  $\mathcal{A}_m : C^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  or  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , and  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  is the space of smooth functions on  $\Omega$ .

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**Answer [Stuart]:** When  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  is a trace-class operator on  $L^2(\Omega)$ , i.e., when  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle \phi_i, \mathcal{L}^{-1} \phi_i \rangle < \infty$  for any o.n. basis  $\{\phi_i\}$  of  $L^2(\Omega)$ .



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**FIX:** in two-dimensions, use  $\mathcal{L} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}^2$ , which is trace class; note that if  $w_s = w_t = 1$  above, this is called the *biharmonic operator*.

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## An Alternative: Second-Order GMRFs

For a 2D signal, suppose

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- $\mathbf{L}_v = \mathbf{L} \otimes \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_h = \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathbf{L} = 1\text{D discrete neg-Laplacian}$ ;
- $\mathbf{\Lambda}_h = \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\{w_{ij}^h\}_{ij=1}^{\sqrt{n}}))$ ,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_v = \text{diag}(\text{vec}(\{w_{ij}^v\}_{ij=1}^{\sqrt{n}}))$ .

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**NOTE:**  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}$  is trace-class, and the posterior density function

$$p(x|\mathbf{y}, \lambda, \delta) \propto \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathcal{A}_M x - \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \frac{\delta}{2} \langle x, \mathcal{L}x \rangle \right)$$

is a well-defined probability measure on  $\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ .



# Higher-Order GMRF, Edge-Preserving Reconstruction

0. Set  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_h = \mathbf{\Lambda}_v = \mathbf{I}$ .
1. Define  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{L}_h^T \mathbf{\Lambda}_h \mathbf{L}_h + \mathbf{L}_v^T \mathbf{\Lambda}_v \mathbf{L}_v$ , where
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$$\mathbf{x}_\alpha = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \alpha \mathbf{L})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$$

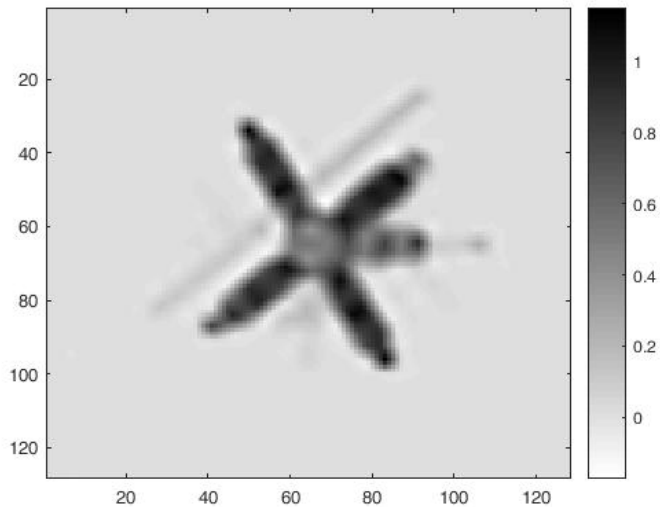
using PCG with  $\alpha$  obtained using GCV.

3. Set

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_h(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{L}_h \mathbf{x}_\alpha)^2 + \beta \mathbf{1}}} \right)$$
$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_v(\mathbf{x}_\alpha) = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{L}_v \mathbf{x}_\alpha)^2 + \beta \mathbf{1}}} \right)$$

$0 < \beta \ll 1$ , and return to Step 1.

## Plot after 10 iterations



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and we choose a GMRF prior and Gamma hyper-priors:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x} | \delta) &\propto \delta^{n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{\delta}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}\right), \\ p(\lambda) &\propto \lambda^{\alpha_\lambda - 1} \exp(-\beta_\lambda \lambda), \\ p(\delta) &\propto \delta^{\alpha_\delta - 1} \exp(-\beta_\delta \delta), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_\lambda = \alpha_\delta = 1$  and  $\beta_\lambda = \beta_\delta = 10^{-4}$ , and hence

$$\text{mean} = \alpha / \beta = 10^4, \quad \text{var} = \alpha / \beta^2 = 10^8.$$

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By conjugacy, the full conditionals are in the same family as the prior/hyper-prior distribution:

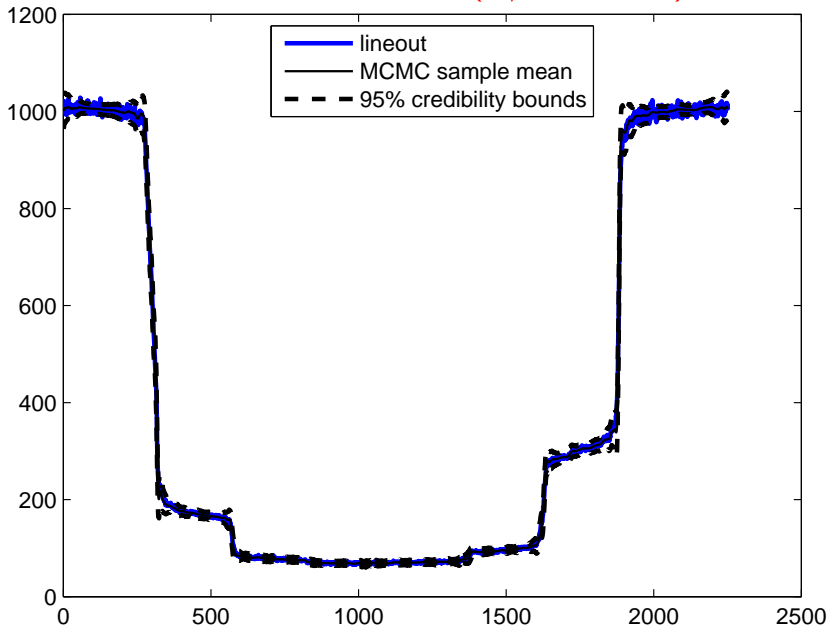
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## The Gibbs sampler for sampling from $p(\mathbf{x}, \lambda, \delta | \mathbf{y})$

0. Choose  $\mathbf{x}^0$ , and set  $k = 0$ ;
1. Compute  $\lambda_{k+1} \sim \Gamma(m/2 + \alpha_\lambda, \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^k - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \beta_\lambda)$ ;
2. Compute  $\delta_{k+1} \sim \Gamma(n/2 + \alpha_\delta, \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}^k)^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}^k + \beta_\delta)$ ;
3. Compute  $\mathbf{x}^{k+1} \sim \mathcal{N}((\lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta_{k+1} \mathbf{L})^{-1} \lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}, (\lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta_{k+1} \mathbf{L})^{-1})$ ;
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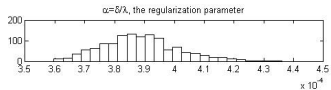
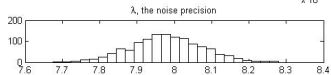
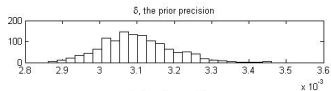
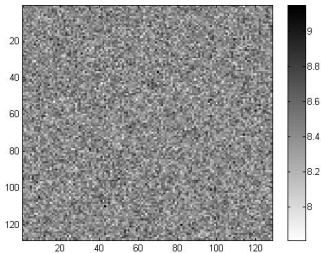
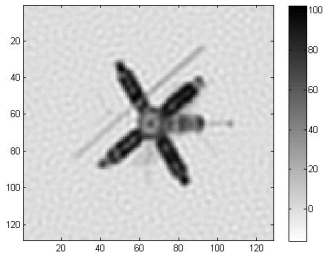
**NOTE:** the Markov chain  $\{(\mathbf{x}_k, \lambda_k, \delta_k)\}$  generated by this Gibbs sampler is guaranteed to converge in distribution to the posterior density function  $p(\mathbf{x}, \lambda, \delta | \mathbf{y})$ .

## An example from X-ray Radiography (w/ Luttman)

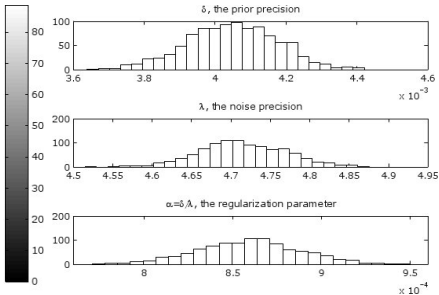
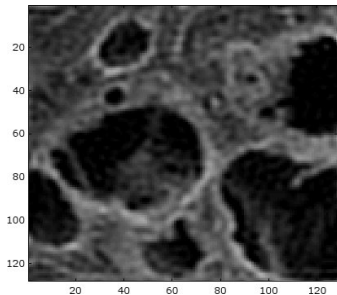
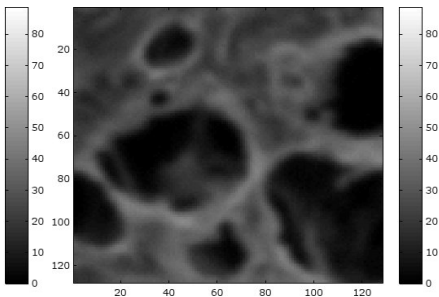
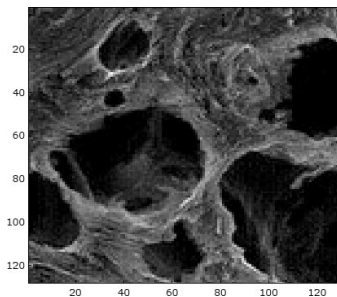




# Deblurring with periodic boundary conditions



# Deblurring with Neumann boundary conditions (w/ Nagy)



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From here on out, we define:

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Note then that

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x} - \bar{\mathbf{y}}\|^2 = \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \frac{\delta}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}.$$

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**QR-rewrite:** if  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$ , with  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , then

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \underbrace{\mathbf{Q}^T (\bar{\mathbf{y}} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon})}_{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{v}}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{v}), \quad \mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{Q}^T \bar{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{I}).$$

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Thus as desired, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &\sim \mathcal{N} \left( (\bar{\mathbf{A}}^T \bar{\mathbf{A}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{A}}^T \bar{\mathbf{y}}, (\bar{\mathbf{A}}^T \bar{\mathbf{A}})^{-1} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{'dist'}}{=} \mathcal{N} \left( (\lambda \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta \mathbf{L})^{-1} \lambda \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}, (\lambda \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta \mathbf{L})^{-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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Thus one can compute an independent sample  $(\mathbf{x}', \lambda', \delta')$  from  $p(\mathbf{x}', \lambda', \delta' | \mathbf{y})$  via:

1.  $(\lambda', \delta') \sim p(\lambda', \delta' | \mathbf{y})$ ,
2.  $\mathbf{x}' \sim p(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{y}, \lambda', \delta')$ .

**Key Observation:** the correlation in the  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -chain drives the correlation in the  $(\mathbf{x}, \lambda, \delta)$ -chain.

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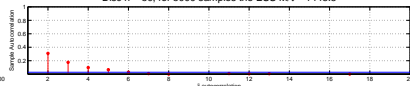
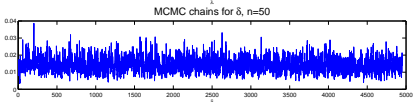
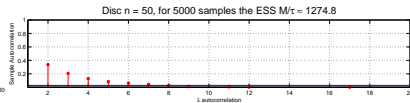
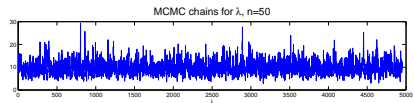
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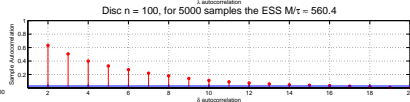
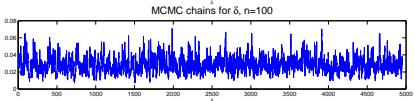
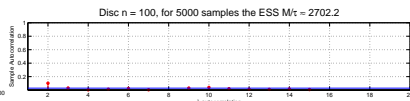
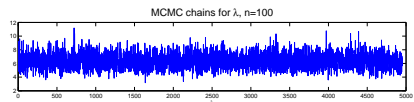
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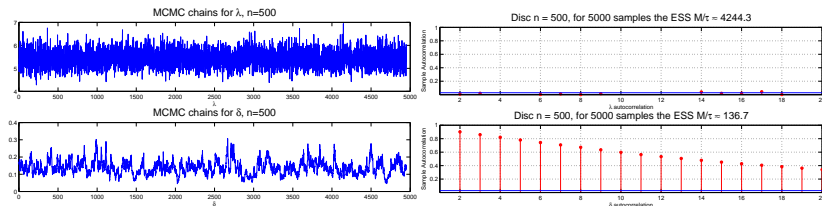
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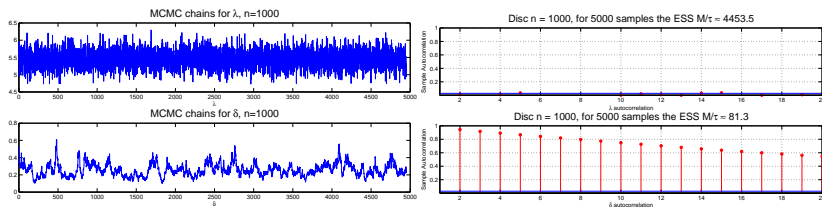


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First ‘reduce the conditioning’ in the problematic step 2 of the Gibbs sampler, which is guaranteed to improve performance.

## Reduce Conditioning in the Gibbs Sampler

0. Choose  $\mathbf{x}^0$ , and set  $k = 0$ ;
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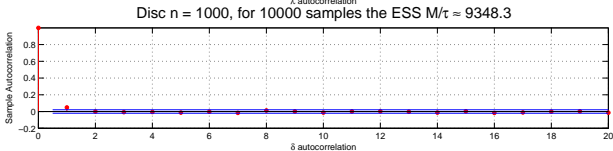
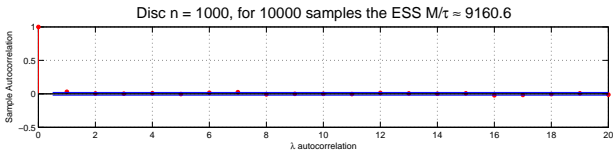
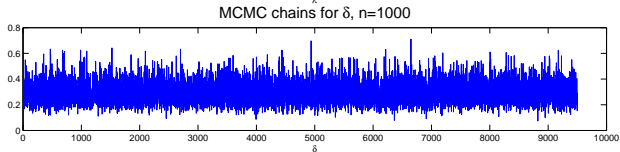
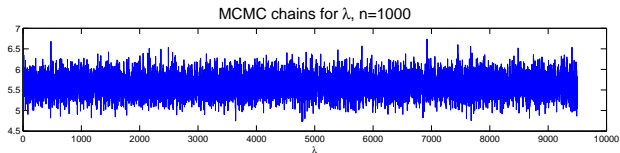
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**NOTE:** if  $n_{\text{MH}}$  is sufficiently large, this will yield essentially independent samples from  $p(\delta|\mathbf{y}, \lambda_{k+1})$ .

# Chain auto-correlation plots for Partially Collapsed Gibbs



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**Observation:** one can use MCMC to compute a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -chain for  $p(\lambda, \delta|\mathbf{y})$  in step 1, then afterwards compute  $\mathbf{x}$ -samples in step 2.

## Sample directly from $p(\lambda, \delta | \mathbf{y})$ using adaptive Metropolis

0. Initialize  $\lambda_0$ ,  $\delta_0$ , and  $\mathbf{C}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ . Set  $k = 1$ . Define  $k_{\text{total}}$ .

1. Compute  $\begin{bmatrix} \rho^* \\ \gamma^* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \ln(\lambda_{k-1}) \\ \ln(\delta_{k-1}) \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C}_{k-1}\right)$  and set  $[\lambda^*, \delta^*]^T = [\exp(\rho^*), \exp(\gamma^*)]^T$ . With probability

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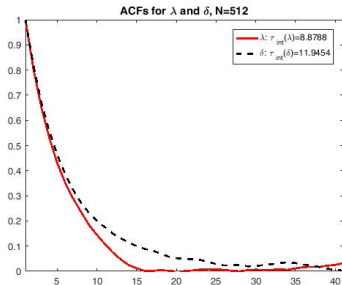
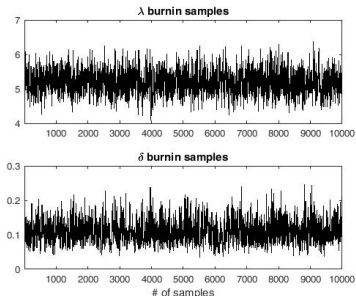
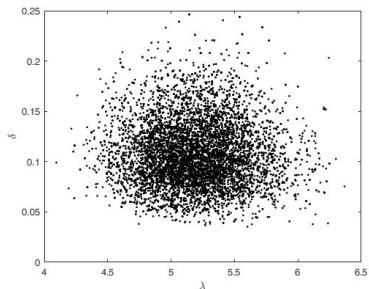
set  $[\lambda_k, \delta_k]^T = [\lambda^*, \delta^*]^T$ , else set  $[\lambda_k, \delta_k]^T = [\lambda_{k-1}, \delta_{k-1}]^T$ .

2. Update the proposal covariance:

$$\mathbf{C}_k = \text{cov} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \ln(\lambda_0) & \ln(\delta_0) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \ln(\lambda_k) & \ln(\delta_k) \end{bmatrix} \right) + \epsilon \mathbf{I}, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1.$$

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# Chain diagnostics for AM applied to $p(\lambda, \delta|\mathbf{y})$





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**NOTE:** For the CT test case, these can only be computed approximately.

## The Gibbs sampler for sampling from $p(\mathbf{x}, \lambda, \delta | \mathbf{y})$

0.  $\delta_0$ , and  $\lambda_0$ , and set  $k = 0$ ;
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4. Set  $k = k + 1$  and return to Step 1.

**NOTE:** step 3 is the computational bottleneck for many large-scale problems, such as computed tomography.

## Gradient Scan Gibbs Sampler

Replace step 3 of the Gibbs sampler

$$\mathbf{x}^{k+1} \sim \mathcal{N}((\lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta_{k+1} \mathbf{L})^{-1} \lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}, (\lambda_{k+1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \delta_{k+1} \mathbf{L})^{-1})$$

with  $j_k$  CG iterations applied to

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where  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_m)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_n)$ , and then define

$$\mathbf{x}^k = \mathbf{x}^{k-1} + \mathbf{p}^{j_k},$$

where  $\mathbf{p}^{j_k}$  is the final CG iterate.

**NOTE:** in exact arithmetic, if  $j_k = n$ , using (1) is equivalent to the original Gibbs sampler.

# Gradient Scan Gibbs Sampler

0. Initialize  $\lambda_0$  and  $\delta_0$ , set  $k = 1$  and define  $k_{\text{total}}$ . Define  $\mathbf{x}^0$  to be the  $j_0^{\text{th}}$  iterate of CG applied to  $(\lambda_0 \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A} + \delta_0 \mathbf{L})\mathbf{x} = \lambda_0 \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{y}$ ;
1. Compute  $\lambda_k \sim \Gamma(M/2 + \alpha_\lambda, \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{k-1} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \beta_\lambda)$ ;
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3. Apply  $j_k$  iterations of CG to

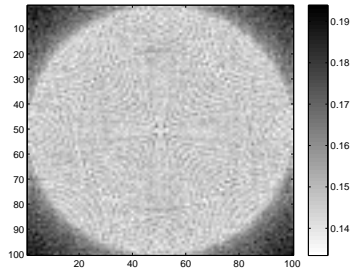
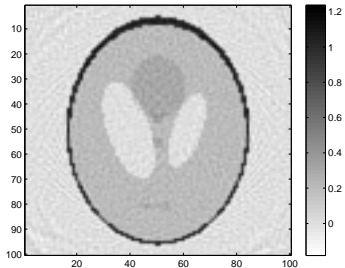
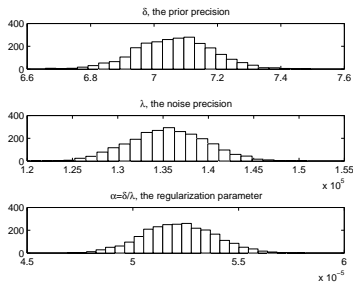
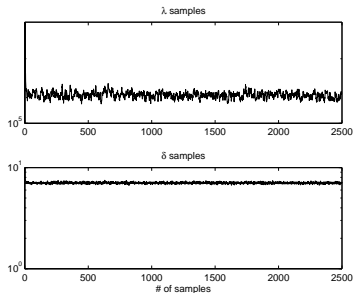
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4. If  $k = k_{\text{total}}$  stop, otherwise, set  $k = k + 1$  and return to Step 1.

**NOTE:** the smaller is  $j_k$ , the more correlated will be the  $\mathbf{x}$ -chain.

# Grad Scan Gibbs Numerical Test: $j_k = 20, n = 128^2$ .



## Conclusions/Takeaways

- Inverse problems have unique characteristics, making the use of Bayesian methods for their solution practical, challenging, and interesting.
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