Posterior consistency for Bayesian inverse Problems with piecewise constant inclusions

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Motivational example: X-ray Computed Tomography



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- Consistency for Bayesian Inverse Problems
- Introduce consistency
- The case of star-shaped inclusions
- Computational results

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Parametrized inverse problem

Observe γ indirectly

 $Y = \mathcal{G}(\gamma) + \varepsilon \xi, \qquad (\mathcal{Y}, \|\cdot\|) \text{ Hilbert}$

with white noise ξ . Distribution of Y is P.

 $\mathcal{G}: L^2 \to \mathcal{Y}$ is non-linear.



Could be handled in parameter domain Θ , but we are more interested in understanding the physical set $\Phi(\Theta)$.

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Change of variables.

$$\pi_{\rm pos} = \Phi \pi'_{\rm pos}$$

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The solution to the BIP is the posterior $\Pi(\cdot|Y)$.

In the spirit of classical regularization we would like

$$\Pi(\gamma: \|\gamma - \gamma_0\|_{L^2(D)} \le C\tilde{r}_n|Y) \to 1 \quad \text{ in } P_n^{\gamma_0}\text{-probability},$$

with rate r_n as $n \to \infty$.

A consequence (under additional assumptions on the prior)

$$\|E[\gamma|Y] - \gamma_0\|_{L^2(D)} \to 0$$
 in $P_n^{\gamma_0}$ -probability,

with rate r_n as $n \to \infty$.

Main result

Model

$$Y = \mathcal{G}(\gamma) + \varepsilon \xi$$

Theorem

Let $\Pi(\cdot|Y)$ be the sequence of posterior distributions $\gamma_0 \in L^2_{\Lambda}(D)$, \mathcal{G} and prior distributions $\Pi = \Pi_n$ satisfying condition (mass, support, covering) for some rate r_n . Then, there exists C such that

$$\Pi(B_{\mathcal{G}}(\gamma_0, Cr_n) \cap A_n | Y) \to 1$$
 in $P_n^{\gamma_0}$ -probability,

with rate $e^{-bnr_n^2}$ for some $0 < b < as n \to \infty$.

Theorem explained

• The first step reduces convergence of $\{\Pi(\tilde{B}_n|Y)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ from sets

$$\tilde{B}_n = \{ \gamma \in L^2_{\Lambda}(D) : \| \gamma - \gamma_0 \|_{L^2(D)} \le C \tilde{r}_n \}$$

to sets

$$B_n = \{\gamma \in L^2_{\Lambda}(D) : \|\mathcal{G}(\gamma) - \mathcal{G}(\gamma_0)\| \leq Cr_n, \gamma \in A_n\}.$$

This involves (conditional) inverse stability estimates

$$\|\gamma_1-\gamma_2\|_{L^2(D)}\leq \|\mathcal{G}(\gamma_1)-\mathcal{G}(\gamma_2)\|^{\nu},$$

for all $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in A_n$ and some $\nu > 0$.

2 The second step involves showing that $\Pi(B_n|Y)$ converges to 1 in $P_n^{\gamma_0}$ -probability as $n \to \infty$. This is posterior consistency on the 'forward level'.

Quantitative Photoacoustic Tomography

Light transport in a scattering medium according to

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot \mu \nabla u + \gamma u &= 0, \text{ in } D, \\ u &= g, \text{ on } \partial D \end{aligned}$$

 μ is the optical diffusion (known) γ is the absorption (unknown)

Forward map:

$$\mathcal{G}: \gamma \mapsto \mathcal{H}:=\gamma u, \quad \mathcal{G}: L^2_{\Lambda}(D) \to L^2(D),$$

Phantom



Figure: Simulated absorption γ_0 (left image) and diffusion μ (right image) distributions.

The data



Figure: Projection of absorbed optical energy density H corresponding to phantom (left image) and of the white noise expansion (right image) projected onto the span of $\{e_k\}_{k=1}^{N_d}$.

Sampling from prior



Results



Figure: Posterior mean estimates of the absorption parameter using the star-shaped set parametrization in different noise regimes. The dotted red line indicates the location of γ_0 . Babak Maboudi Afkham (DTU)

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