

INVERSE PROBLEMSPart I: Linear inverse problems1.1 Examples1.1.1: Preface: Ill-posed linear operator equations $X, Y \cong$  Banach spaces, even Hilbert spaces $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  bounded linear operator  
called forward operator, its evaluation  
is the forward problem / direct problem.Operator equation: seek  $f \in X$ :

$$Tf = g \quad (1.1.1.A)$$

for given  $g \in Y$  (the data)often (1.1.1.A) will be ill-posed  
(Hadamard)= not well posed

- existence of solution for all data
- uniqueness of solution
- ~~no~~ the solution depends continuously on data

$$(\|g - \tilde{g}\|_Y \text{ small} \Rightarrow \|f - \tilde{f}\|_X \text{ small})$$

If (1.1.A) is well-posed, then

- $T$  surjective
  - $T$  injective
  - $T^{-1}$  is bounded
- (because continuous linear)

$T$  linear and bounded between Banach spaces  
by open mapping theorem\*

\* <sup>injective</sup> surjective bounded linear ops. between Banach spaces are open $\Rightarrow$  For ill-posed operator equations  $T$  will fail to be surjective and fail to possess a bounded inverse.Remark

Injective linear mapping  $T: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  
introduce a norm on  $R(T) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \in X: y = Tx\}$   
range (image space)

according to  $\|y\|_* = \|x\|_X$  where  $y = Tx$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{Y} = (R(T), \|\cdot\|_*)$  is a Banach space

(completeness: Cauchy sequence in  $\tilde{Y}$   $\{y_n\}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  preimage of Cauchy sequence in  $X$

$$\Rightarrow y \hat{=} \lim_n T(x_n)$$

Banach space

$T: X \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  is surjective,  $T^{-1}$  is bounded:

$$\|T^{-1}y\|_X \stackrel{\text{def. of } \|\cdot\|_*}{=} \|T(T^{-1}\hat{y})\|_* = \|\hat{y}\|_*$$

$$\Rightarrow \|T^{-1}\| = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  the spaces (together with the norms) are really crucial to the problem to be ill-posed or not.

Ill-posed = posed on "wrong" spaces

but: (i)  $\|\cdot\|_*$  may be awkward (not computable, not accessible)

(ii) norms  $\|\cdot\|_X, \|\cdot\|_Y$  imposed by application context

(iii) perturbations of data  $y$  can be estimated (controlled) in particular norms only

### 1.1.2 Differentiation

Data:  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  l-periodic

Sought:  $f = g'$  (\*)

Associated operator

$$(Tf)(x) = \int_0^x f(\tau) d\tau \quad (1.1.2A)$$

(\*)  $\Leftrightarrow$  operator equation  $Tf = g$

$$[(Tf)' = f] \Rightarrow T \text{ injective}$$

~~Function space framework~~

~~(i)  $X = C^0$  periodic  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{sup}}$  norm~~

~~$Y = C^1$   $[0, 1]$  (sup norm + sup norm derivative)~~

~~$T$  not surjective~~

~~$T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$~~

$$(i) X = \{ f \in C^0_{\text{per}}([0,1]), \int_0^1 f dx = 0 \}$$

$$Y = \{ g \in C^1_{\text{per}}([0,1]), g(0) = 0 \}$$

$\Rightarrow T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ , bijective

$\Rightarrow$  (1.1.2 A) well posed

(ii) ~~If the~~ However, perturbations in  $g$  can be controlled in the maximum norm only

$$Y = \{ g \in C^0_{\text{per}}([0,1]), g(0) = 0 \}$$

Then  $T$  may fail to be surjective

$\Rightarrow$  ill-posed problem.

Impact of perturbations in (this)  $Y$

switch to  $g \rightarrow g^\delta$   $g^\delta(x) = g(x) + \delta \sin(m\pi x)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 noisy data  $\delta > 0, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|g - g^\delta\|_Y \leq \delta \ll 1$$

$\uparrow$   
noise level

Solution of  $Tf^\delta = g^\delta$

$$f^\delta = g'(x) + \delta m\pi \cos(m\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f - f^\delta\|_X = m\delta\pi$$

exact solution  $f = g'$

Choose  $m \approx \delta^{-2}$  (very large if  $\delta \ll 1$ )  $\Rightarrow \|f - f^\delta\|_X \approx \delta^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$   
 for  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow$  no continuous dependence of solution from the data  
 $\Rightarrow$  ill-posed operator equation.

### 1.1.2 Numerical differentiation

Apply central difference quotient,  $h > 0$

$$(R_h g)(x) := \frac{g(x+h) - g(x-h)}{2h} \quad (1.1.2.B)$$

In setting (ii)  $R_h \in \mathcal{L}(Y, X)$ , for all  $h > 0$ .

( $h \hat{=}$  "discretization parameter")

$R_h \hat{=}$  reconstruction operator

$\Rightarrow$  reconstructed solution of  $Tf=g$ ,  $\hat{f}_a = R_a g$

Inevitable reconstruction error

$$R_a T f - f = R_a g - g' \quad \text{for } g \in R(T)$$

Estimate of reconstruction error:

Smoothness assumption  $g \in C^2([0,1])$

$$g(x \pm h) = g(x) \pm g'(x)h + \frac{h^2}{2} g''(\xi) \quad \xi \in [x-h, x+h]$$

plug into  $R_a$   
 $\Rightarrow R_a g(x) - g'(x) = \frac{1}{4} h (g''(\xi_1) + g''(\xi_2))$

$$\Rightarrow \|R_a g - g'\|_x \leq \frac{1}{2} h \|g''\|_\infty \quad \text{bounded by hp. on } g$$

Total error (with perturbations)

$$R_a g^\delta - g' \stackrel{=}{=} \underbrace{R_a (g^\delta - g)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{linear data} \\ \text{noise} \\ \text{error}}} + \underbrace{(R_a g - g')}_{\substack{\text{reconstruction} \\ \text{error}}}$$