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Abstract

This paper explores the application of the generic Tikhonov regularization used to stabilize large scale ill-posed problems in deblurring, hyper resolution and other applicable situations. Recently, a new solver for the generic Tikhonov regularization, called the GKB-GCV method was proposed by D. Togashi et al. [GSTF JMSR, Vol. 3, No. 2, pp. 53–58]. This paper, analyzes the convergence properties of the GKB-GCV method.

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1 Introduction

The stable approximate solution for a large scale ill-posed problem of the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{LS}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2, \quad (1)$$

is computed, where matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $m \geq n$, is ill-conditioned. The right-hand vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ contains the following error:

$$\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}_{\text{exact}} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{x}_{\text{exact}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the exact solution, and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is the unknown noise. A matrix of this form sometimes comes from image resolutions, e.g. image deblurring or hyper resolution. Because matrix A is ill-conditioned, \mathbf{x}_{LS} is dependent on noise. The Tikhonov regularization [7] constructs stable approximations of $\mathbf{x}_{\text{exact}}$ by solving the least squares problem of the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{\|\mathbf{b} - A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|L\mathbf{x}\|_2^2\}, \quad (3)$$

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where $L \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ is the regularization matrix, and $\lambda > 0$ is the regularization parameter. The standard form of the Tikhonov regularization is when $L = I_n$, where I_n is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. The general form of the Tikhonov regularization is when $L \neq I_n$. When the common space between the null spaces of A and L is the zero space, the regularization problem (3) has a unique solution. To obtain a good approximate solution for (3), an appropriate regularization parameter is required. There are many methods for determining the regularization parameter without identifying the norm of the noise: $\|\epsilon\|_2$, [1, 5].

For $L = I_n$, there are two hybrid methods, called GKB-FP [2] and W-GCV [4]. These methods do not require identifying the norm $\|\epsilon\|_2$, and contain a projection over the Krylov subspace generated by the Golub-Kahan Bidiagonalization (GKB) method. The difference between these two methods is in the approach, i.e. in terms of determining the regularization parameter. The GKB-FP uses the FP scheme, whereas the W-GCV uses the weighed GCV. Bazán et al. [3] proposed an approach without identifying norm ϵ , which is created by the extension of the GKB-FP method. In a recent study, the W-GCV method was extended to a general form of the Tikhonov regularization. This was called the GKB-GCV method [8].

This paper explores the uses of the GKB-GCV method which is a solver for a large scale general form of the Tikhonov regularization. A convergence property of the GKB-GCV was analyzed, and it was proven that when the norm of the noise converged to 0, the GKB-GCV method converged to produce the exact solution at most n iterations.

This paper is organized as follows: After the introduction, Section 2 summarizes the framework of the GKB-GCV method. In Section 3, the convergence analysis of the GKB-GCV is described succinctly. The conclusions are summed-up in Section 4.

2 The GKB-GCV method

The GKB-GCV is one of the algorithms for a general form of the Tikhonov regularization, which is based on the GKB and GCV. When $k < n$ GKB steps are applied to matrix A with the initial vector $\mathbf{b}/\|\mathbf{b}\|_2$, it results in two matrices $Y_{k+1} = [\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k+1}] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+1)}$ and $W_k = [\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ with orthonormal columns, and a lower bidiagonal matrix as follows:

$$B_k = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & & & \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & & & \\ & \beta_3 & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \alpha_k & \\ & & & \beta_{k+1} & \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+1) \times k},$$

such that,

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 Y_{k+1} \mathbf{e}_1 &= \mathbf{b} = \beta_1 \mathbf{y}_1, \\ AW_k &= Y_{k+1} B_k, \\ A^T Y_{k+1} &= W_k B_k^T + \alpha_{k+1} \mathbf{w}_{k+1} \mathbf{e}_{k+1}^T, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{e}_i denotes the i -th unit vector in \mathbb{R}^{k+1} . Columns of W_k are the orthonormal basis for the generalized Krylov subspace $\mathcal{K}_k(A^T A, A^T \mathbf{b})$. The general form of regularization

over the generated Krylov subspace is as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda^{(k)} = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_k(A^T A, A^T \mathbf{b})}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|L\mathbf{x}\|_2^2\}. \quad (4)$$

Since the columns of W_k are the orthonormal basis for the generated Krylov subspace, equation (4) is rewritten as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}_\lambda^{(k)} = W_k \mathbf{y}_\lambda^{(k)}, \quad \mathbf{y}_\lambda^{(k)} = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{\|B_k \mathbf{y} - \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1\|_2^2 + \lambda\|LW_k \mathbf{y}\|_2^2\}. \quad (5)$$

GKB-GCV uses the same reduction to PROJ-L when solving the general form of the Tikhonov regularization of Bazán [3]. By using the reduction QR factorization for matrix products LW_k , equation (5) is rewritten as follows:

$$\mathbf{y}_\lambda^{(k)} = \underset{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{\|B_k \mathbf{y} - \beta_1 \mathbf{e}_1\|_2^2 + \lambda\|R_k \mathbf{y}\|_2^2\}. \quad (6)$$

where $Q_k R_k = LW_k$ and Q_k has orthogonal columns. To increase k , the QR factorization can be updated computing $k + 1$ elements by using the summation and a product of the vectors. This reduction technique is a good choice for large scale problems, because this approach reduces the size of the least squares problem: $(m + p) \times n$ to $(2k + 1) \times k$.

The GCV determines the regularization parameter for equation (3) by searching for the minimum point of function as follows:

$$G(\lambda) = \frac{\|(I_m - AA_{\lambda,L}^+)b\|_2^2}{(\operatorname{trace}(I_m - AA_{\lambda,L}^+))^2}, \quad (7)$$

where $A_{\lambda,L}^+ = (A^T A + \lambda L^T L)^{-1} A^T$. Using the GSVD for the matrix pair (A, L) , equation (7) is written as follows:

$$G(\lambda) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{c_i^2 \lambda \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{b}}{s_i^2 + c_i^2 \lambda} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=n+1}^m (\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{b})^2}{\left(m - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + c_i^2 \lambda} \right)^2}. \quad (8)$$

where $A = USZ^{-1}$, $L = VCZ^{-1}$. At the k step, the GKB-GCV uses the same approach as AT-GCV [6] for determining λ . The regularization parameter λ is chosen to minimize the following function:

$$\begin{aligned} G_k(\lambda) &= \frac{\|(I_m - AW_k(B_k)_{\lambda, R_k}^+ Y_{k+1}^T) \mathbf{b}\|_2^2}{(\operatorname{trace}(I_m - AW_k(B_k)_{\lambda, R_k}^+ Y_{k+1}^T))^2}, \\ &= \frac{\beta_1^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{\lambda_k \mathbf{u}_{i(k)}^T \mathbf{e}_1}{\sigma_{i(k)}^2 + \lambda_k} \right)^2 + (\mathbf{u}_{k+1(k)}^T \mathbf{e}_1)^2 \right)}{\left(m - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\sigma_{i(k)}^2}{\sigma_{i(k)}^2 + \lambda_k} \right)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

where $B_k = U_k S_k Z_k^{-1}$, $R_k = V_k C_k Z_k^{-1}$ by using the reduction GSVD(B_k, R_k).

The GKB-GCV method is compactly summarized in Algorithm 1.

From the triangle inequality, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{r}_{q,\lambda}\|_2 &= \|(I_m - Y_q \hat{B}_q (\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T Y_q^T) \mathbf{b}\|_2, \\ &= \|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) \mathbf{b}\|_2, \\ &\leq \|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) A \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &\quad + \|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2.\end{aligned}$$

Since $Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T$ is an orthogonal projection from $Y_q^T Y_q = \tilde{U}_q^T \tilde{U}_q = I_q$, the following inequality is approved:

$$\begin{aligned}&\|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 \\ &\leq \|(I_q - \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1}) \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 + \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2, \\ &= \|\lambda \tilde{C}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 + \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2, \\ &= \|\lambda D_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 + \|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2, \\ &\leq 2\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2.\end{aligned}$$

The last inequality comes from $\|\lambda D_q \mathbf{f}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_2$. This follows for all λ and \mathbf{f} from the definition of the D_q .

From $A = Y_q \hat{B}_q W_q^T$, and $Y_q^T Y_q = \tilde{U}_q^T \tilde{U}_q = I_q$,

$$\begin{aligned}&\|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) A \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &= \|(I_m - Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T) Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &= \|Y_q \tilde{U}_q (I_q - \tilde{S}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1}) \tilde{S}_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &= \|\lambda \tilde{C}_q^2 (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &= \|\lambda D_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T Y_q \tilde{U}_q \tilde{S}_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &= \lambda \|D_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T A \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2.\end{aligned}$$

Note that since $\|D_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T A \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2 > 0$ from the assumption and the definition of the matrices, it has a minimum value 0 at $\lambda = 0$. Therefore, from $G_k(\lambda) \geq 0$ for all k and $\text{trace}(A(A^T A)^+ A^T) = m - q > 0$,

$$(\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{r}_{q,0}\|_2 \leq 2\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow (\lambda_q \rightarrow 0).$$

Theorem 3.2 Assume that $\text{rank}(A) = q < m$, $\mathbf{x}_{\text{exact}} \in (\text{Ker}(A))^\perp$. Then, if the $\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\| \rightarrow 0$, GKB-GCV method converges to a true solution at most q iterations. That is:

$$(\|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2 \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{x}_{q,\lambda_q} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}).$$

Proof: 2 At the q step, from the triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{x}_{q,\lambda_q} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2 &\leq \|(W_q (\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda_q R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T Y_q^T A - I_n) \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\ &\quad + \|W_q (\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda_q R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T Y_q^T \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|_2.\end{aligned}$$

From $A = Y_q \hat{B}_q W_q^T$, and $W_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}} = \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}$, the first term in the inequality rewrites:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(W_q(\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda_q R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T Y_q^T A - I_n) \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\
& = \|(W_q(\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda_q R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q W_q^T - I_n) \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\
& = \|(W_q \tilde{X}_q^{-1} (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda_q \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q^2 \tilde{X}_q W_q^T - I_n) \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\
& = \|\tilde{X}_q^{-1} ((\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda_q \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q^2 - I_q) \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\
& = \|\lambda_q \tilde{X}_q^{-1} D_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2, \\
& = \lambda_q \|\tilde{X}_q^{-1} D_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2.
\end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 3.1: $(\|\epsilon\|_2 \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow (\lambda_q \rightarrow 0)$. So,

$$\lambda_q \|\tilde{X}_q^{-1} D_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad (\|\epsilon\|_2 \rightarrow 0)$$

From the property of the norm, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|W_q(\hat{B}_q^T \hat{B}_q + \lambda_q R_q^T R_q)^{-1} \hat{B}_q^T Y_q^T \epsilon\|_2, \\
& = \|W_q \tilde{X}_q^{-1} (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda_q \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T \epsilon\|_2, \\
& = \|\hat{B}_q^{-1} \tilde{U}_q (\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda_q \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q \tilde{U}_q^T Y_q^T \epsilon\|_2, \\
& \leq \|\hat{B}_q^{-1}\|_2 \cdot \|(\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda_q \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q\|_2 \cdot \|\epsilon\|_2 \rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

In the last limits, this is used since \hat{B}_q is a full rank and in Theorem 3.1: $\|(\tilde{S}_q^2 + \lambda \tilde{C}_q^2)^{-1} \tilde{S}_q\|_2 \rightarrow 1$. From the above,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{x}_{q,\lambda} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2 & \leq \lambda_q \|\tilde{X}_q^{-1} D_q \tilde{X}_q W_q^T \mathbf{x}_{\text{exa}}\|_2 + \|B_q^{-1}\|_2 \cdot \|\epsilon\|_2, \\
& \rightarrow 0 \quad (\|\epsilon\|_2 \rightarrow 0).
\end{aligned}$$

4 Conclusion

The GKB-GCV algorithm was explored and the convergence property of the GKB-GCV algorithm was analyzed. As a result, it was proven that when $\text{rank}(A)$ is less than m , the norm of the noise converged to 0 and the true solution is orthogonal to the kernel of A , then the GKB-GCV algorithm converges to produce the true solution at most matrix size iterations. The results show that if the GKB-GCV is applied to well-posed problems, the computed solution converges to a true solution.

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