

# Antireflective boundary conditions for deblurring problems

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# The model problem

- **Problem:** to approximate  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  from a blurred  $g : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$g(x) = \int_{\mathcal{I}} k(x-y)f(y)dy, \quad x \in \mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{R},$$

the point spread function (PSF)  $k$  has compact support.

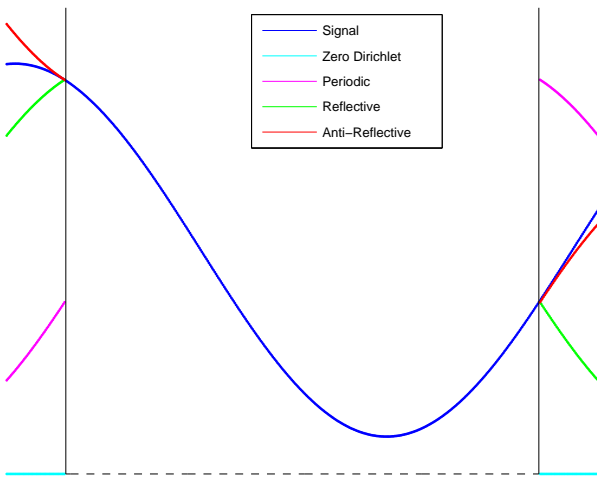
- **Discretizing** the integral by a rectangular quadrature rule and imposing boundary conditions:

$$A\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} + \text{noise}.$$

- The structure of  $A$  depends on  $k$  and the imposed boundary conditions.



# Boundary conditions



Structure of the coefficient matrix  $A$ 

Type	Generic PSF	Symmetric PSF
Zero Dirichlet	Toeplitz	Toeplitz
Periodic	Circulant	Circulant
Reflective	Toeplitz + Hankel	Cosine
Antireflective	Toeplitz + Hankel + rank 2	Sine + ... =

## Requests:

- ① fast transforms
- ② precise model

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# Definition of antireflective BCs

- The **1D antireflection** is obtained by

$$f_{1-j} = 2f_1 - f_{j+1}$$

$$f_{n+j} = 2f_n - f_{n-j}$$

[Serra-Capizzano, 2003]

- In the **multidimensional case** we perform an antireflection with respect to every edge  $\implies$  Tensor structure in the multidimensional case.





# Approximation property

The reflective BCs assure the continuity at the boundary,  
while the antireflective BCs assure also the  
continuity of the first derivative.



# Structural properties

- $A = \text{Toeplitz} + \text{Hankel} + \text{rank } 2$ .
- Matrix vector product in  $O(n \log(n))$  ops.

## Symmetric PSF

- $S \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-2) \times (n-2)}$  diagonalizable by discrete sine transforms (DST)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ * & & & * \\ \vdots & S & \vdots & \\ * & & * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Spectral decomposition

## Theorem

Let  $h$  be a cosine real-valued polynomial of degree at most  $n-3$ . Then

$$A = AR_n(h) = T_n \text{diag}(h(\hat{\mathbf{x}})) T_n^{-1},$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = [0, \mathbf{x}^T, 0]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = [\frac{j\pi}{n-1}]_{j=1}^{n-2}$  and

$$T_n = \left( 1 - \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}{\pi}, \sin(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \dots, \sin((n-2)\tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}{\pi} \right),$$

with  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = [0, \mathbf{x}^T, \pi]^T$ .

[Aricò, D., Nagy, and Serra-Capizzano, 2008]



# Algebraic interpretation

## Eigenvalues:

- $h(0)$  with multiplicity 2
- DST of the first column of  $\tau_{n-2}(h)$

## Eigenvectors:

A uniform sampling in  $[0, \pi]$  of some special functions

- ① **fast transform**:  $\sin(k\mathbf{x})$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, n - 2$  (DST)
- ② **model precision**:  $\pi - \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are associated to  $h(0) = 1 \implies$  preserve linear functions.

Inverse antireflective transform  $T_n^{-1}$  has a structure analogous to  $T_n$ .



# Spectral properties

- Large eigenvalues are associated to lower frequencies.
- $h(0)$  is the largest eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector is the sampling of a linear function.
- [Hanke and Christiansen \(2008\)](#) firstly compute the components of the solution related to the two linear eigenvectors and then regularize the inner part that is diagonalized by DST.



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# Regularization by filtering

- $A = T_n D_n T_n^{-1}$  where  $\mathbf{d} = h(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$  and

$$T_n = [ \mathbf{t}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{t}_n ], \quad D_n = \text{diag}(\mathbf{d}), \quad T_n^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{t}}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mathbf{t}}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- A **spectral filter solution** is given by

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{reg}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{t}}_i^T \mathbf{g}}{d_i} \mathbf{t}_i, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{g}$  is the observed image and  $\phi_i$  are the filter factors.



# Filter factors

- Truncated spectral value decomposition (**TSVD**)

$$\phi_i^{\text{tsvd}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d_i \geq \delta \\ 0 & \text{if } d_i < \delta \end{cases}$$

- **Tikhonov regularization**

$$\phi_i^{\text{tik}} = \frac{d_i^2}{d_i^2 + \alpha}, \quad \alpha > 0,$$

- Imposing  $\phi_1 = \phi_n = 1$ , the solution  $\mathbf{f}_{\text{reg}}$  is exactly that obtained by homogeneous antireflective BCs in [Hanke and Christiansen 2008].





# Reblurring

Filtering with the **Tikhonov** filter  $\phi_i^{\text{tik}}$  is equivalent to solve

$$(A^2 + \alpha I) \mathbf{f}_{\text{reg}} = A\mathbf{g}$$

- This is the **reblurring** approach where for a symmetric PSF  $A^T$  is replaced by  $A$  itself [D. and Serra-Capizzano, 2005].
- In the general case (nonsymmetric PSF), the reblurring replace the transposition with the correlation.
- Reblurring is equivalent to regularize the continuous problem and then to discretize imposing the boundary conditions.



# Convergence

From the SVD of the matrix  $T_n$  [D. and Hanke, 2010]

## Theorem

$$\|T_n\|_2 \|T_n^{-1}\|_2 \doteq \sqrt{2n}.$$

## Theorem

*The reblurring with antireflective boundary conditions and a symmetric PSF is a **regularization method**.*



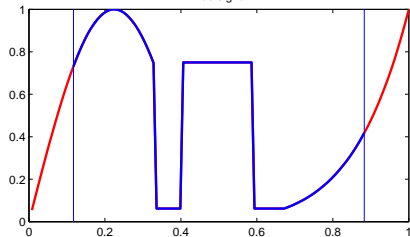
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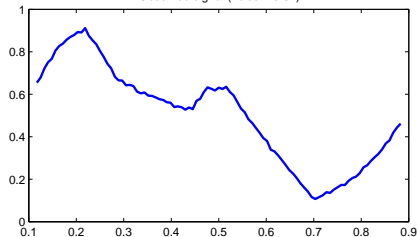


# 1D Example (Tikhonov with Laplacian)

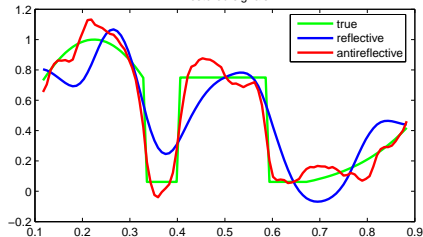
True signal



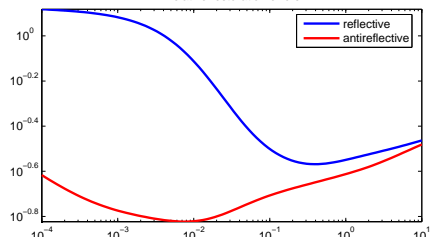
Observed signal (noise = 0.01)



Restored signals



Relative restoration errors



# Tikhonov regularization

- Gaussian blur
- 1% of white Gaussian noise



True image



Observed image

# Restored images.



Reflective



Antireflective

# Best restoration errors

Relative restoration error defined as  $\|\hat{\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{f}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{f}\|_2$ ,  
where  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  is the computed approximation of the true image  $\mathbf{f}$ .

noise	Reflective	Antireflective
10%	0.1284	0.1261
1%	0.1188	0.1034
0.1%	0.1186	0.0989



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# Algebraic BC with cosine basis

Let  $h$  be a cosine real-valued polynomial of degree at most  $n-3$ . Then

$$A_C(h) = C_n \text{diag}(h(\hat{\mathbf{x}})) C_n^{-1},$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = [0, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T, 0]^T$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \left[ \frac{(j-1)\pi}{n-2} \right]_{j=1}^{n-2}$  and

$$C_n = \left[ \left( \frac{(2n-3)\pi}{2n-4} - \mathbf{x} \right)^2, \cos(0\mathbf{x}), \dots, \cos((n-3)\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}^2 \right],$$

with  $\mathbf{x} = \left[ \frac{(2i-1)\pi}{2n-4} \right]_{i=0}^{n-1}$ .

[D., 2010]



# Notes on high order BC

- 1 The first and the last rows are not separable (otherwise we introduce a discontinuity).
- 2 When the PSF is nonsymmetric it is possible to use the exponential basis (DFT).
- 3 Some a-priori knowledge on the true object can be included as an eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue 1.



# Tikhonov regularization

- Out of focus blur
- 0.1% of Gaussian noise



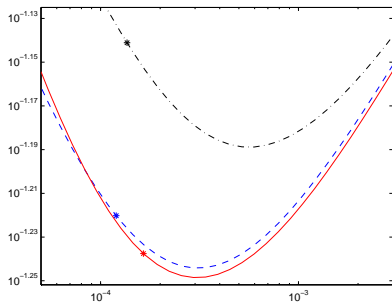
True image



Observed image

# Restoration errors

Relative restoration error (RRE) defined as  $\|\hat{\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{f}\|_2 / \|\mathbf{f}\|_2$ ,  
 where  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  is the computed approximation of the true image  $\mathbf{f}$ .



RRE: —  $A_C$ , - - - antireflective,  
 - · - reflective (\* is  $\mu_{GCV}$ )

	$\mu_{opt}$	$\mu_{GCV}$
reflective	0.064	0.072
antirefl.	0.057	0.060
$A_C$	0.056	0.057



## Restored images.



Reflective



Antireflective

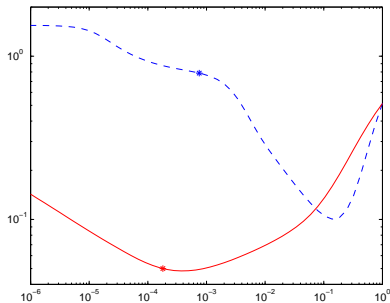
 $A_C$

# Nonsymmetric PSF.

Out of focus + motion blur



Observed image



RRE: —  $A_F$ , - - - periodic  
 (\* is  $\mu_{GCV}$ ).

# Restored images.



periodic with  $\mu_{opt}$



$A_F$  with  $\mu_{opt}$



$A_F$  with  $\mu_{GCV}$

# Summarizing

The importance of good boundary conditions increases when the PSF has a large support and the noise is not huge.

## High order BC:

- Filtering in  $O(n \log(n))$  by few fast transforms.
- Work both for symmetric and nonsymmetric PSF.
- Can include some a-priori knowledge on the true object.

