Sensor Optimisation in Seismic Imaging Via Bilevel Learning

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• Part I

- Seismic Imaging

• Part II

- Sensor Placement Optimisation

Part I: Seismic Imaging



Figure: Seismic Acquisition

- A **source** creates a disturbance in the form of a wave.
- Wave travels through earth and reflects off material properties interfaces.
- Sensors record the returning wave.

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Method: Full Waveform Inversion

- Goal: Estimation of subsurface properties (model m)
- <u>How?</u> Minimising the *data misfit* Δ**d**
- Data Misfit Δd = difference between measured data (d) and modelled data (d^{mod})

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Multiple source, multiple frequency problem

Find the model \mathbf{m}^{FWI} such that $\mathbf{m}^{FWI}(\mathbf{p}) = \underset{\mathbf{m}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \phi(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{p}, s, \omega)$ $= \underset{\mathbf{m}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{s} \sum_{\omega} \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{d}(s, \omega) - R(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{m}, s, \omega)||_{2}^{2} + \text{Regularisation}$

Forward Modelling

- Solving wave equation to compute modelled data Ru
- Model acoustic waves in the frequency domain \implies Helmholtz Equation

$$\left(-\omega^2 m - \nabla^2\right) u = q$$

- Model $\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{wavespeed}^2}$
- Solve discretised equation numerically $A(\mathbf{m},\omega)\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{m},\omega) = \mathbf{q}$



Initial model

Forward Modelling

Find u(m) by solving the wave equation











Example



(a) Ground Truth



(b) FWI Reconstruction

- $\bullet = \mathsf{Sources}$
- $\bullet = \mathsf{Sensors}$



Goal

Optimise the placement of sensors in the seismic imaging process



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Bilevel Optimisation

- 2 levels of optimisation
- Upper Level: Sensor Placement Optimisation
- Lower Level: Seismic Imaging (FWI)

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- $(\nabla_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{p}}\phi(\mathbf{m}^{FWI}))^T \delta(\mathbf{m}^{FWI})$: # PDEs independent of $\dim \times \#$ sensors

Example 1



Example 2 - Setup

- Learn optimal sensor positions AND level of regularisation
- Set of **training models** of certain class smooth circles of different size, wavespeeds and positions along diagonal
- Subset of training models:











Example 2 - Results



Reconstruction Without Optimisation mFWI(p_n)



Reconstruction With Optimisation mFWI(pmin)



Example 2 - Testing

- How well do these results work on other models in this class?
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- Improvement factor $= rac{\psi_{start}}{\psi_{optim}}$
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 - Range of improvement factors = 287 842

Example 2 - Further Testing

- How well do these results work on models outside this class?
- Subset of 150 random testing models:



- Over 150 testing models:
 - Average improvement factor = 533
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Future Work

- Extend current bilevel framework to learn the optimal source placement and the number of sensors and sources
- Preliminary Results:
- Starting Setup \implies 110 sensors



- Reconstruction



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- Preliminary Results:
- Optimised Weights \implies 62 sensors



- Reconstruction $\approx 5\%$ worse



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- Preliminary Results:
- Larger Sparsity Parameter \implies 33 sensors



- Reconstruction $\approx 22\%$ worse



- Seismic Imaging can be performed with Full Waveform Inversion
- Sensor placement can be optimised using a bilevel learning framework
- Bilevel learning results in significant improvements in FWI images

