Recent results in curvelet-based primary-multiple separation

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Introduction

- Problems with WE-based multiple elimination
 - imperfect multiple predictions
 - amplitude
 - phase
 - timing
 - failure of direct subtraction after matched filtering

Exploit the ability of curvelets to

- sparsify the to-be-separated signal components
- separation based on the curvelet parameterization
 - location
 - angle
 - scale



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Forward model

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2 + \mathbf{n}$$

Soft thresholding $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}^T \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{C}})$

$$\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{C}^T S_w(\mathbf{Cs})$$

- \mathbf{s}_1 : primaries
- $\mathbf{s}_2: \text{ multiples}$

where

$$S_w(x) := \operatorname{sgn}(x) \cdot \max(0, |x| - w)$$

and $w := |\mathbf{C}\breve{\mathbf{s}}_2|$

predictions may contain moderate
 amplitude, phase
 and sign errors

Nonlinear optimization from a Bayesian perspective

Forward model

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2 + \mathbf{n} \quad \text{(total data)} \\ \mathbf{b}_1 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{n}_1 \quad \text{(predicted primaries)} \\ \mathbf{b}_2 &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{n}_2 \quad \text{(predicted multiples)} \end{split}$$

where

- $\mathbf{X}_1 \ \ \text{curvelet coefficients of primaries}$
- \mathbf{X}_2 curvelet coefficients of multiples
- ${f A}$ inverse curvelet transform

Saab et. al. 2007 & Wang et al,2008



Separate by solving the nonlinear problem

$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{w}}: \begin{cases} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{X}} \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{x}_1\|_{1,\mathbf{w}_1} + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{x}_2\|_{1,\mathbf{w}_2} + \\ \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{b}_2\|_2^2 + \eta \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2) - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_1 = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_2 = \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_2. \end{cases}$$

where

- \mathbf{b}_2 predicted multiples
- A inverse discrete curvelet transforms $ilde{\mathbf{S}}_{1,2}$ estimated primaries(1)and multiples(2) $\lambda_{1,2}$ and η are control parameters

Can be solved by iterative soft thresholding.



Given initial estimates of \mathbf{x}_1^0 and \mathbf{x}_2^0 , the n^{th} iteration of the algorithm proceeds as follows

$$\mathbf{x}_{1}^{n+1} = \mathbf{T}_{\frac{\lambda_{1}\mathbf{W}_{1}}{2\eta}} \left[\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}_{2} - \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{2}^{n} + \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}_{1} - \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{1}^{n} + \mathbf{x}_{1}^{n} \right]$$
$$\mathbf{x}_{2}^{n+1} = \mathbf{T}_{\frac{\lambda_{2}\mathbf{W}_{2}}{2(1+\eta)}} \left[\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}_{2} - \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{2}^{n} + \mathbf{x}_{2}^{n} + \frac{\eta}{\eta+1} \left(\mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{b}_{1} - \mathbf{A}^{T}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{1}^{n} \right) \right]$$

where $T_u: \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{M}|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{M}|}$ is the elementwise soft-thresholding operator

(Rayan Saab et al., 2007 and his presentation this meeting)





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Example 1

Synthetic data:

361 shots

361 traces/shot 501 samples/trace



Geology model



























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Sensitivity analysis for the performance of Bayesian

SNR (dB)	$\{\lambda_1^*,\lambda_2^*\}$	$\{2\cdot\lambda_1^*,\lambda_2^*\}$	$\{\lambda_1^*, 2 \cdot \lambda_2^*\}$	$100 \cdot \{\lambda_1^*, \lambda_2^*\}$
η^*	12.13	11.21	11.46	_
$rac{1}{2}\cdot\eta^*$	11.36	9.43	11.46	_
$2\cdot\eta^*$	11.44	12.13	9.92	_
$100 \cdot \eta^*$	_	_	_	10.65

with $\lambda_1^* = 0.7, \lambda_2^* = 2.0, \eta^* = 0.5$

SNRs are computed with respect to the "true" primaries are relative robust against changes. The inclusion of control on the estimated multiples adds $1.48\,{\rm dB}$. (SRME :9.82 ${\rm dB}$)

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Example 2

Saga data:

261 shots 126 traces/shot 1024 samples/trace

The original data contains many strong surface-related multiples







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Discussion and conclusions

- Curvelets represent the *ideal* domain for primarymultiple separation. It'
- The curvelet's multi-angular parameterization helps the separation, even for *erroneous* predictions.
- The nonlinear optimization algorithm shows a clear improvement in the primary-multiple separation and is robust against parameters changes.
- The convergence and the quality of the separation results both follow from the ability of curvelets to sparsely represent each signal component
- Results application to synthetic and *real* data are encouraging.



Discussion and conclusions

Future plans:

- Multi-term Bayesian signal separation (in collaboration with Eric Verschuur)
- Parallellization using SLIMPy
- Automatic parameter selection



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