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# **Developing Improved Optimization Algorithms** for Ptychographic Image Reconstruction

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# **Coherent Diffractive Imaging**



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"CDI is a 'lensless' technique that allows imaging of matter at a spatial resolution not limited by lens aberrations. This technique exploits the measured diffraction pattern of a coherent beam scattered by an object to retrieve spatial information"



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**Object** 

"Ptychography is an imaging technique in which a localized illumination scans overlapping regions of an object and generates a set of diffraction intensities used to computationally reconstruct its complex-valued transmission function"



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 $p \in \mathbb{C}^{n \cdot n}$ 





## **Exit Wave**





 $o_j \in \mathbb{C}^{n \cdot n}$ 

### **Exit Wave:**

$$p_j = o_j p$$

by product we mean elementwise multiplication







# Wave Model





#### Wave Model:

$$v_j = F(o_j p)$$

where F is the Discrete Fourier Transform (in 2D)

# Forward Model

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$$|w_j|^2 = |F(o_j p)|^2 \approx i_j$$

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### Reconstruction



Reconstruct object (and probe) from measured intensities:

The choice of error nom here is key (e.g. l<sup>2</sup>, likelihood, etc).



$$\min_{o_j p} \sum_j \left\| |F(o_j p)|^2 - i_j \right\|^2$$

### **Inverse Problem**



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a sum of nonlinear least-squares problems in  $\mathbb{C}^{n \cdot n}$  .

## **Inverse Problem**

Unfortunately the inverse problem is not very well-posed, issues include:

- constant amplitude scaling:
- constant phase offset:  $o_i p = (e^{i\phi}o_j)(e^{-i\phi}p)$
- global probe and object translation
- linear phase ramp (i.e. DFT shift theorem)

However most of these issues can be addressed with suitable constraints.



$$o_j p = (A o_j) (A^{-1} p)$$



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Given a nonlinear least-squares problem

with nonlinear residual  $r: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ , the gradient is given by

 $\nabla^2 f(x) = 2J(x)$ 

However, often in practice the Hessian is too expensive to compute.



### Nonlinear least-squares

 $f(x) = ||r(x)||^2$ 

 $\nabla f(x) = 2J(x)^T r(x)$ 

where  $J(x) = [\partial r_i / \partial x_j]_{ij}$  is the Jacobian matrix, and the Hessian is given by

$$(x)^T J(x) + 2\sum_i r_i(x) \nabla^2 r_i(x)$$

# Gauss-Newton approximation

The first order optimality conditions for unconstrained optimization are:

applying Newton's method to this equation gives the step  $s^k$  from  $x^k$  as

The idea behind Gauss-Newton is to use the approximation

 $\nabla^2 f(x^k) \approx 2J^T(x^k)$ 

In particular this is asymptotically exact for zero residual problems.



 $\nabla f(x) = 0$ 

 $\nabla^2 f(x^k) \ s^k = -\nabla f(x^k)$ 

$$^{k}J(x^{k}) + 2\sum_{i} r_{i}(x^{k}) \nabla^{2}r_{i}(x^{k})$$

# **L-BFGS** Approximation

A BFGS step approximates the Hessian with the matrix  $B^k$ 

$$k^{k+1} = -(1)^{k+1}$$

$$B^{k+1-1} = \left(I - \frac{s^{k}y^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}\right)B^{k-1}\left(I - \frac{y^{k}s^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}\right) + \frac{s^{k}s^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}$$

L-BFGS only uses a fixed number (limited memory) of past  $s^k, y^k$ .



 $s^{k+1} = -(B^{k+1})^{-1}\nabla f(x^{k+1})$ 

using past gradients  $y^k = \nabla f(x^{k+1}) - \nabla f(x^k)$  as the rank-2 update





### Broyden, Fletcher, Goldfarb, Shanno



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### BFGS

## Nonlinear CG

Nonlinear CG is a generalisation of CG to general nonlinear objectives.

Starting from the steepest descent direction

nonlinear CG proceeds along the approximately conjugate directions

 $s^{k+}$ 

 $\beta^k$ 

Many choices of  $\beta^k$  are possible here (Fletcher-Reeves, Polak-Ribière, etc).



- $s^0 = -\nabla f(x^0)$

$${}^{+1} = -\nabla f(x^{k+1}) + \beta^k s^k$$
$$= \frac{\|\nabla f(x^{k+1})\|^2}{\|\nabla f(x^k)\|^2}$$

# **Optimization: least-squares**



Notice that the objective is not analytic (due to the modulus):

hence can only optimize it by identifying  $\,\mathbb{C}\cong\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R}\,$  .



$$\min_{o_j p} \sum_j \left\| |F(o_j p)|^2 - i_j \right\|^2$$

# Wirtinger Derivatives

Wirtinger derivatives neatly extend complex derivatives to  $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ , for  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  define:

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z^*} = \frac{1}{2} \right)$ 

where  $z^*$  denotes complex conjugation. To convert to (x, y)-space derivatives we can then use:

 $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ 

For analytic functions the complex derivative agrees with the first Wirtinger derivative (the second is zero).



$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)^*$$

# Wirtinger Calculus

For example, for the modulus function:

$$s(z) = |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

we have that

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial x} = 2x \qquad \frac{\partial s}{\partial y} = 2y$$

and therefore that

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial z} = x - iy = z^*$$
$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial z^*} = x + iy = z$$



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 $m(z_1, z_2) = z_1 z_2 = x_1 x_2 + i(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) - y_1 y_2$ 

we have that

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial x_1} = x_2 + iy_2 \qquad \frac{\partial m}{\partial y_1} = ix_2 - y_2$$

and therefore that

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial z_1} = x_2 + iy_2 = z_2$$
$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial z_1^*} = 0$$

# Nonlinear Least-squares

Consider the objective for jth scan position:

$$f_j(o_j, p) = \| r_j \|^2 = \| |w_j|^2 - i_j \|^2$$

where 
$$w_j = F(o_j p)$$
 is

$$\nabla_{o_j} f_j = 2J_{o_j}^T r_j = 4F^{-1} \left( w_j r_j \right) p^*$$
$$\nabla_p f_j = 2J_p^T r_j = 4F^{-1} \left( w_j r_j \right) o_j^*$$

are the gradients when viewing  $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ 



is the wave model. Then:

### Gauss-Newton

Approximates Hessian matrix using only first-order terms:

$$\nabla^2 f_j \approx 2 \begin{pmatrix} J_{o_j}^T J_{o_j} & J_{o_j}^T J_p \\ J_p^T J_{o_j} & J_p^T J_p \end{pmatrix}$$

where J are Jacobians. Too big to form, consider Hessian-vector products:

$$\nabla^2 f_j \begin{pmatrix} v_{o_j} \\ v_p \end{pmatrix} \approx 8 \begin{pmatrix} p^* F^{-1} \left( w_j^2 F^{-1}(p^* v_{o_j}) \right) + p^* F^{-1} \left( w_j^2 F^{-1}(o_j^* v_p) \right) \\ o_j^* F^{-1} \left( w_j^2 F^{-1}(p^* v_{o_j}) \right) + o_j^* F^{-1} \left( w_j^2 F^{-1}(o_j^* v_p) \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

unfortunately these turn out to be extremely ill-conditioned.



L-BFGS steps use approximate object and probe Hessians

$$s_o^{k+1} = -\sum_j (B_{o_j}^{k+1})^{-1} \nabla_{o_j} f_j^{k+1}$$
$$s_p^{k+1} = -\sum_j (B_p^{k+1})^{-1} \nabla_p f_j^{k+1}$$

calculated using a two-loop recursion for the BFGS formula:

$$B^{k+1-1} = \left(I - \frac{s^{k}y^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}\right)B^{k-1}\left(I - \frac{y^{k}s^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}\right) + \frac{s^{k}s^{k^{T}}}{y^{k^{T}}s^{k}}$$

which is computationally much more efficient.



### L-BFGS

## Nonlinear CG

Proceed along conjugate directions, starting from steepest descent:

$$s_{o}^{0} = -\sum_{j} \nabla_{o_{j}} f_{j} = -\sum_{j} 4F^{-1} \left( w_{j} r_{j} \right) p^{*}$$
$$s_{p}^{0} = -\sum_{j} \nabla_{p} f_{j} = -\sum_{j} 4F^{-1} \left( w_{j} r_{j} \right) o_{j}^{*}$$

and updating the directions in the standard way (with suitable  $\beta$ ):

$$\begin{split} s_o^{k+1} &= -\sum_{j} \nabla_{o_j} f_j^{k+1} + \beta^k s_o^k \\ s_p^{k+1} &= -\sum_{j} \nabla_p f_j^{k+1} + \beta^k s_p^k \\ \beta^k &= \frac{\sum_{j} \|\nabla_{o_j} f_j^{k+1}\|^2 + \|\nabla_p f_j^{k+1}\|^2}{\sum_{j} \|\nabla_{o_j} f_j^k\|^2 + \|\nabla_p f_j^k\|^2} \end{split}$$



## Exact Linesearch

Taking object and probe steps with step-size  $\alpha$ :

$$o_j(\alpha) =$$

and substituting into objective for jth scan position gives

$$f_{j}(o_{j}(\alpha), p(\alpha)) = \left\| |F(o_{j}(\alpha)p(\alpha))|^{2} - i_{j} \right\|^{2} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{4} c_{n}\alpha^{n}\right)^{2}$$

Thus to find the optimal step length we can solve

$$0 = \sum_{j} \nabla_{\alpha} f_{j}(o_{j}(\alpha), p(\alpha)) = \sum_{j} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{4} nc_{n} \alpha^{n-1} \right)^{2}$$

by finding the smallest real root of this real polynomial.



- $= o_j + \alpha s_o$
- $p(\alpha) = p + \alpha s_p$

# ePIE Algorithm



ePIE algorithm considers more natural amplitude objective:

and performs for each j at random a two-stage optimization.



$$\min_{o_j p} \sum_j \left\| |F(o_j p)| - \sqrt{i_j} \right\|^2$$

## Fourier and Real Spaces

All ptychography algorithms have to satisfy two constraints

Firstly, the modulus constraint in Fourier space:

 $|F(e_j)| =$ 

Secondly, the overlap constraint in real space:

 $e_j =$ 

which is enforced for all j scan positions.



$$=\sqrt{i_j}$$

$$= o_j p$$

# ePIE Algorithm

First, consider amplitude objective for jth scan position:

$$f_j(w_j) = \left\| |w_j| - \sqrt{i_j} \right\|^2$$

$$w_j^{k+1} = w_j^k - \alpha_j \nabla_{w_j} f_j$$

Second, consider the difference between exit waves:

$$g_j(o_j, p) = \left\| o_j p - F^{-1}(w_j^{k+1}) \right\|^2$$

and perform a steepest descent update wrt  $o_j, p$ .



where  $w_j = F(o_j p)$  and perform a wave model update:

# ePIE Algorithm

First update is equivalent to the modulus constraint:

 $\hat{e}_i = F^{-1}$ 

where  $\hat{e}_i$  is the exit wave  $o_j p$  with replaced modulus.

Second update takes a step along the gradients of  $g_j$ :

$$\nabla_{o_j} g_j = 2 \left( o_j p - \hat{e}_j \right) p^*$$
$$\nabla_p g_j = 2 \left( o_j p - \hat{e}_j \right) o_j^*$$



$$\left(\sqrt{i_j}\exp(iArg[w_j])\right)$$

with step-sizes  $1/2|p|_{\text{max}}^2$  and  $1/2|o_j|_{\text{max}}^2$  respectively.

# Example: ePSIC

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## **Example: Graphene Layers**





Graphene dataset courtesy of Chris Allen (ePSIC)





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#### **Object Amplitude**

#### **Object Phase**



## Example: ePIE

#### Probe Amplitude

### FFT(Probe) Amplitude

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### **Object Amplitude**

**Object Phase** 



## **Example: Nonlinear CG**

#### Probe Amplitude

### FFT(Probe) Amplitude

# **Example: L-BFGS**

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### **Object Amplitude**

### **Object Phase**



#### Probe Amplitude

### FFT(Probe) Amplitude

# Example: Log-Likelihood Error







Iterations

# Thank you! Questions?



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