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Exact velocity model to recover



Initial velocity model






































































Comparison: observed and initial data, residuals



Remember the direct formula for the gradient

$$\nabla f(m)_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} J_{ij}^{T} \Delta d_{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} J_{ji} \Delta d_{j} = \sum_{r=1}^{N_{r}} \int_{0}^{T} \frac{\partial d_{cal}}{\partial m_{i}}(x_{r}, t) \Delta d(x_{r}, t)$$
(1)

In addition we have

$$A(m)u = \varphi, \tag{2}$$

which if we derive with respect to a single parameter m_i gives

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial m_i}u + A(m)\frac{\partial u}{\partial m_i} = 0 \tag{3}$$

Therefore we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial m_i} = -A(m)^{-1} \frac{\partial A}{\partial m_i} u. \tag{4}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial d_{cal}}{\partial m_i}(x_r, t) = -RA(m)^{-1} \frac{\partial A}{\partial m_i} u \simeq -RA(m)^{-1} u_i(t)$$
(5)

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Correlation with the actual residuals : constructive correlation, the gradient will be non-zero for the center point



























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Correlation with the actual residuals : non-constructive correlation, the gradient will be zero for this point



Gradient building through the Jacobian matrix: final gradient

After scanning all the point and computing the correlation between the scattering response and the residuals, we obtain the following gradient



We have a strong anomaly at the correct position, and artifacts coming from the usage of a single source in this experiment.

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The method is not practicable.

• It requires to solve one wave propagation problem per discrete point of the medium to compute the diffracted wavefield

Yet it provides a good understanding what the gradient means.

• Basically, all the points of the medium are scanned and the scattering response is recorded for each of them and correlated with the residuals. Strong gradient thus means positioning a diffracting point such that the diffraction patterns correlates well with the residuals (and thus decreases the misfit between calculated and observed data)

The construction pattern is

- from the source to the diffracting point
- from the diffracting point to the receivers

Next we analyze the gradient building through the adjoint state strategy

Remember the formula for the gradient is

$$-\frac{2}{V_P^3} \int_0^T \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} \lambda(x,t) dt$$
(6)

where u(x, t) is the incident wavefield satisfying

$$\frac{1}{V_P^2} \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \varphi(x,t)$$
(7)

with homogeneous initial conditions and $\lambda(x, t)$ is the adjoint wavefield satisfying

$$\frac{1}{V_{\rho}^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}\lambda(x,t)}{\partial t^{2}} - \frac{\partial^{2}\lambda(x,t)}{\partial x^{2}} = -\sum_{r=1}^{N_{r}} \left(d_{cal}(x_{r},t) - d_{obs}(x_{r},t)\right)\delta(x-x_{r})$$
(8)

with homogeneous final conditions.



































The method is practicable.

• It requires to solve two wave propagation problems for one gradient: 1 incident field and 1 adjoint field have to be computed only

The method can be seen as a more clever way to assemble the gradient

• Instead of scanning all the points of the medium, the residuals are backpropagated to the location of the diffracting point, and correlated with the incident field.

The construction pattern is

- from the source to the diffracting point
- from the receivers to the diffracting point

The gradient is thus assembled globally for each discrete point, instead of being built for each discrete point independently.

Remember the misfit function in FWI is a built as a summation over sources

$$f(m) = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} f_s(m) \tag{9}$$

where

$$f_s(m) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \int_0^T d_{cal,s}[m](x_r, t) - d_{obs,s}(x_r, t) dt.$$
(10)

Therefore, the gradient of the misfit function is also built as a summation over sources

$$\nabla f(m) = \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \nabla f_s(m) \tag{11}$$

Gradient building: summation on sources



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Sum with 11 source positions: x_S =125 m, 375 m, 625 m, 850 m, 1125 m, 1250 m, 1375 m, 1625 m, 1875 m, 2125 m

- The summation over sources is also called "stacking" in seismic processing.
- The effect is to emphasize the information on the perturbation and remove artifacts through constructive and destructive interferences
- We obtained finally in the gradient a "finite-frequency view" of the Gaussian anomaly in the exact model
Gradient building: summation on sources

• The oscillations around the anomaly are typical of band pass filtered of a step function or a Dirac function



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