

⑥ If errors are uncorrelated, then the covariance is ideally zero, (clocking error)

If errors are correlated (systematic bias in phase picking), then the covariance is non-zero.

⑦ The data are inverted using the generalized inverse solution

$$m_j = \sum_i G_{ji}^{-g} d_i \quad (31)$$

Covariance of the model parameter

$$\sigma_m^2 = \sigma_{m_{ji}}^2 = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K (m_j^{(k)} - \tilde{m}_j) (m_i^{(k)} - \tilde{m}_i)$$

$$= \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K} \left(\sum_p G_{jp}^{-g} (d_p^{(k)} - \tilde{d}_p) \right) \left(\sum_s G_{is}^{-g} (d_s^{(k)} - \tilde{d}_s) \right)$$

$$= \sum_p G_{jp}^{-g} \sum_s G_{is}^{-g} \left[\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K (d_p^{(k)} - \tilde{d}_p) (d_s^{(k)} - \tilde{d}_s) \right]$$

$$= \sum_p G_{jp}^{-g} \sum_s G_{is}^{-g} \sigma_{d_{ps}}^2 \quad (32)$$

Or in matrix form. $\sigma_m^2 = G^{-g} \sigma_d^2 (G^{-g})^T \quad (33)$

If we assume that the data errors are uncorrelated and equal, then $\sigma_d^2 = \sigma^2 \delta_{ij} \quad (34)$

So the model variance-covariance matrix is

$$\sigma_m^2 = \sigma^2 (G^T G)^{-1} \quad (35)$$

⑦

1) Show Tabel 7.2.2. EQ location example with errors

2) In table 7.2.2, depth is less well constrained than the epicenter. Why?

3) The off-diagonal elements are non-zero, which means?

ANS: the uncertainties in the model parameter estimates are correlated
E.g. A trade-off between focal depth & origin time.

4) Error ellipse,

diagonalize it by finding the eigenvalues $\lambda^{(1)}$ and $\lambda^{(2)}$ and associated eigenvectors.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx}^2 & \sigma_{xy}^2 \\ \sigma_{yx}^2 & \sigma_{yy}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

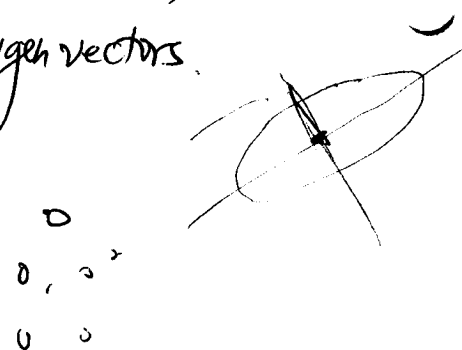
5) Behavior of the misfit function

around its minimum

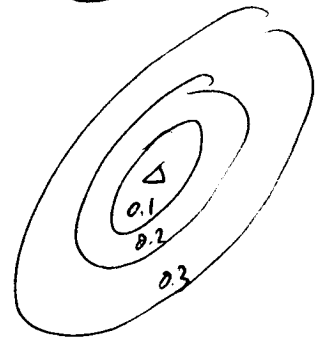
$$\epsilon = \sum_{i=1}^n [t_i - t_i^p]^2$$

~~Depends on how ϵ grows~~

If ϵ grows rapidly as we move away from the minimum point, we can resolve the location better than a slow growth.



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To quantify this

We define

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[t_i - t_i^*]^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

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σ_i is the expected standard deviation of the i th residual due to random measurement error.

The expected value of χ^2 is \approx the number of degrees of freedom
 $\text{ndf} = \text{number of observations} - \text{number of parameters}$

Percentage points of the χ^2 distribution

ndf	$\chi^2(95\%)$	$\chi^2(50\%)$	$\chi^2(5\%)$
5	1.15	4.35	11.07
10	3.94	9.34	18.31
20	10.85	19.34	31.41
50	34.76	49.33	67.50
100	77.93	99.33	124.34

The key is to get σ_i , sometimes the information is not available for a real experiment.

(9)

We could then estimate the standard deviation of the data from the misfit between the data and the best fitting model.

$$\sigma^2(m_{\text{best}}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [t_i - t_i^p(m_{\text{best}})]^2}{\text{ndf}} \quad (38)$$

Where m_{best} is the best-fitting location.

Then eq (37) becomes.

$$\chi^2(m) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [t_i - t_i^p(m)]^2}{\sigma^2} \quad (39)$$

Note that $\chi^2(m_{\text{best}}) = \text{ndf}$ so that the χ^2 -value at the best-fitting hypocenter is close to the 50% point in the χ^2 distribution. By contouring $\chi^2(m)$, we can then estimate the 95% confidence ellipse.