



Iterated Spherical Means in Linearized Inverse Problems

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Abstract. We consider a representation of the function

$$f(x) = \int_{S^{n-1}} \hat{F}(p) dp$$

in terms of the iterated spherical mean of $\hat{F}(p)$. Here, n is the dimension of the space. We also review applications of such a representation to linearized inverse problems and present

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If the support of $\hat{F}(p)$ is not restricted to the ball B_{2k} in (3.2), then (3.4) defines the

and

$$Q_{LP}(x) = \frac{k^3}{\pi^2} \int_{\omega} \int_{\mu} |\nu - \mu| |f(k, \nu, \mu)|^2 e^{i(k\nu - k\mu) \cdot x} d\omega_{\nu} d\omega_{\mu}. \quad (4.6)$$

Thus we obtain that

where

$$\Psi(p, k, \nu) = \int U(x, k) e^{-ip \cdot x} dx,$$

$s(\alpha, k_0)$ represents the incident plane wave, n is a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 , ν is a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^2 and

$$O_{LP}(x) = \frac{ik}{4\pi^3} \int_{|\nu|=1} \int_{|\mu|=1} (1-(\mu \cdot \nu)^2)^{1/2} |\mu \cdot \nu| e^{-ik|\mu \cdot \nu|y} \Psi_{sc}^b(y, \mu, k, \nu) e^{i(k\nu - k\mu) \cdot x} d\omega_\nu d\omega_\mu. \quad (5.9)$$

The formula (5.9) is a backpropagation inversion formula which was first obtained by A. J. Devaney [1] and is presented here in a slightly different form.

The case of Rytov approximation is analogous to Born approximation and can be found