Approximation-Tolerant Model-Based Compressive Sensing

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Sampling and recovery of sparse signals ...



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CS : Sampling



• *Random* sub-Gaussian matrix *A* has **RIP** w.h.p. if

$$M = O(K + \log \binom{N}{K}) = O(K \log(N/K))$$

[CRT06], [BDDeVW07]



- *ℓ*₁-optimization
 [CRT04]; [D04]
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- Greedy algorithms
 - iterated thresholding [DDDeM04]; [BD07]
 - CoSaMP [NT09]; Subspace Pursuit [DM09]

Sparsity

• Sparsity doesn't tell the entire story ...



5% sparse image

Structure

• ... since several signals exhibit additional structure



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Also, a 5% sparse image! But the support is highly structured...

Examples of Structure

• Tree-sparsity model (in the wavelet domain) for natural images, piecewise polynomial signals..





(More) Examples of Structure

 Block-sparsity model for wireless transmissions / sensor networks/ speech recordings/ gene expression data, ...



 Δ-separated spikes for neuronal recordings, electrophysiological signals, ...



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Sparse signals

 K-sparse signals comprise signals with all possible supports of size K





Model-sparse signals

• **Def**: A *K*-sparse structured-sparsity model comprises a particular (*reduced*) set of L_K supports







Sampling

• RIP: stable embedding for *K*-sparse signals



Model-Based Sampling

 Model-RIP: embedding for model-sparse signals [B, D]; [B,D,DeV,W]



 $M = O(K + \log(L_K))$

Sparse Recovery

• (IHT) given y = Ax, recover x

iterate: $x_{i+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{thresh}(x_i + A^T(y - Ax_i))$

where:

 $\operatorname{thresh}(x_0, K) \leftarrow K \text{-largest elements of } x_0$

Model-Based Recovery

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, where $\Omega = \arg \min_{\Omega \in \mathcal{M}} \|x - x_{\Omega}\|_2$

 $\mathbb{M}(\cdot)$: Model-projection oracle

Model-Based CS

Theorem [BCDH10]: For *any arbitrary* structured sparsity model, M-IHT rapidly converges to the correct answer, i.e., $\|x - x_{i+1}\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x - x_i\|_2$

Daubechies/CoSaMP - K = 6000 M = 30000



SNR = 13.1361dB

- For tree-sparsity, M = O(K)
- Since M = K measurements are necessary, this scaling is info-theoretic optimal
- Similar gains for other models



SNR = 17.8263dB

Beyond Structured Sparsity

- Along identical lines, this principle can be applied to *virtually any signal model*:
 - Low-rank matrices [LB09],[JMD09]
 - Arbitrary unions-of-subspaces [Blu10]
 - Low-dimensional manifolds [SC10]
 - Mixtures of manifolds [HB11]
 - <insert your favorite model>

• Very general principle for solving inverse problems

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 Idea: Instead of an *exact* optimization, can we use an *approximation algorithm* instead?

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- Extensive body of research in Theory of Computing, Computational Geometry, *et al.*



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In words: the oracle returns T(x) with an error
 close to the minimum possible tail error

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• Unfortunately, this doesn't work 😔 😔

A Negative Result

• **Theorem [HIS14]**: For any **constant** value of *C*, there is an instance of M-IHT that **never** converges

$$x_{i+1} \leftarrow T(x_i + A^T(y - Ax_i))$$

 Proof intuition: Start with the zero signal; if the first signal estimate A^Ty has a really large tail, then M-IHT gets stuck at zero ...



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• Equivalent to the condition:

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 However, an approximation oracle defined in terms of the tail error says nothing about the head

$$\|x - T(x)\|_2 \le C \min_{\Omega \in \mathcal{M}} \|x - x_\Omega\|_2$$

- $||T(x)||_2$ can be arbitrarily small (even zero)
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3. Assume a **second**, also imperfect **head oracle:**

$$||H(x)||_2 \ge C_h \max_{\Omega \in \mathcal{M}} ||x_\Omega||_2$$







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• **Theorem [HIS14]**: If A satisfies the model-RIP with constant δ , then the iterates of AM-IHT satisfy

$$\|x - x_{i+1}\|_{2} \le (1 + c_{T}) \left(\frac{\sqrt{1 - c_{H}^{2}}(1 + \delta) + \delta}{c_{H}} + 2\delta\right) \|x - x_{i}\|_{2}$$

* Extension to CoSaMP [NT08] easy, also works in noise

Putting our work in context

- Approximate oracles have been explored in the literature before
 - Blumensath [11] : Oracles with *additive* approx w.r.t. tail
 - Weak notion of approximation
 - Kyrillidis+Cevher [12]: Oracles with *multiplicative* approx w.r.t. head only
 - Convergence not guaranteed
 - Giryes+Elad [13]: Oracles with *multiplicative* approx w.r.t. tail only
 - Needs an assumption much stronger than RIP
 - Davenport+Needell+Wakin [13]: Oracles with *multiplicative* approx w.r.t. head and tail
 - Similar to ours (but somewhat more stringent)

Approximation-Tolerant Model-Based Compressive Sensing:

A Case Study











What's Common?

• Both images are **column-sparse..**



Seismic shot gathers



Bat-chirps (Time-frequency)

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…and adjacent columns share similar supports.



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Extension to multiple columns is inductively defined

A New Signal Model

- Def: The Constrained-EMD model is the set of 2D signals M_{k,B} of size N = h x w parameterized by:
 - Column sparsity (at most) k (i.e., total sparsity K = k x w)
 - Cumulative Support-EMD (at most)
 B ("EMD-budget")

• Visualization: think of *k paths* in the plane from left to right



Ingredient #1: RIP Matrix

• Boils down to counting the total number of admissible supports in the CEMD model, L_K



• **Theorem [HIS14]**: For not-too-large values of EMD budget *B*, the number of measurements required to satisfy RIP scales as $M = O(K + k \log(B/k))$

Ingredient #2: Tail Oracle

• We want to (approximately) solve the problem

minimize $||X - X_{\Omega}||$, s. t.

 $\operatorname{col-sparsity}(\Omega) \le k, \quad \operatorname{sEMD}(\Omega) \le B$

• Intuition:, consider the *Lagrange relaxation*

minimize
$$||X - X_{\Omega}||_2^2 + \lambda \operatorname{sEMD}(\Omega)$$
, s. t.
col-sparsity $(\Omega) \le k$

indexed by the relaxation parameter λ

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- Each Lagrange relaxation can be embedded into a min-cost flow problem on a specific graph
- Wrap everything up with a Pareto curve argument

• **Theorem [HIS14]**: There exists a poly-time algorithm that, for any arbitrary *X*, returns an estimate that satisfies:

$$|X - X_i||_2^2 \le 2 \min_{X' \in \mathcal{M}_{k,B}} ||X - X'||_2^2$$

Ingredient #3: Head Oracle

- Can be efficiently achieved by a *greedy* approximation algorithm
- Intuition: pick the single dominant path from left to right, subtract, rinse & repeat
- **Theorem [HIS14]** : There exists a poly-time algorithm that, for any arbitrary *X*, returns an estimate that satisfies: $\|V\|^2 > \frac{3}{2} = \|V\|^2$

$$||X_i||_2^2 \ge \frac{5}{4} \max_{\Omega \in \mathcal{M}_{k,B}} ||X_\Omega||_2^2$$

Putting the Dish Together

- RIP matrix + Tail-approximation + Headapproximation = New CS recovery algorithm for Constrained-EMD signals
- Theorem [HIS14] : If M = O(K log log K), and EMD-budget (B) not-too-large, then AM-IHT can stably and rapidly recover any signal in the Constrained EMD model

Numerical Results



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• **Constrained EMD-Model**: A new signal model for sparse signals with spatially-correlated supports





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