# Synthesis and analysis type methods for sparse approximation

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# Outline

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- Mathematical Formulation & Methods
- Extensions to other dictionaries
  - ♦ Analysis methods
  - ♦ Signal space methods
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#### The mathematical problem (notation)

- 1. Signal of interest  $f \in \mathbb{C}^d (= \mathbb{C}^{N \times N})$
- 2. Measurement operator  $\mathscr{A} : \mathbb{C}^d \to \mathbb{C}^m$ .
- 3. Measurements  $y = \mathscr{A}f + \xi$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathscr{A} \\ & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \\ & \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ & \end{bmatrix}$
- 4. *Problem:* Reconstruct signal f from measurements y

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Assume *f* is *sparse*:

- ♦ In the coordinate basis:  $||f||_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |\operatorname{supp}(f)| \le s \ll d$
- ♦ In orthonormal basis: f = Bx where  $||x||_0 \le s \ll d$
- ♦ In other dictionary: f = Dx where  $||x||_0 \le s \ll d$

In practice, we encounter *compressible* signals.

### **Digital Cameras**



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## MRI



## MRI



(Candès et.al.)

### **Pediatric MRI**



(a)



(b)



(C)



(d)

(Vasanawala et.al.)

#### Many more...

- Radar, Error Correction
- Computational Biology, Geophysical Data Analysis
- ♦ Data Mining, classification
- ♦ Neuroscience
- ♦ Imaging
- Sparse channel estimation, sparse initial state estimation
- Topology identification of interconnected systems



# Sparsity...

Sparsity in coordinate basis: f=x



# **Reconstructing the signal** *f* **from measurements** *y*

#### $\bullet$ $\ell_1$ -minimization [Candès-Romberg-Tao]

Let A satisfy the *Restricted Isometry Property* and set:

$$\hat{f} = \underset{g}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|g\|_1$$
 such that  $\|\mathscr{A}f - y\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$ ,

where  $\|\xi\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$ . Then we can stably recover the signal *f*:

$$\|f - \hat{f}\|_2 \lesssim \varepsilon + \frac{\|x - x_s\|_1}{\sqrt{s}}$$

This error bound is optimal.

$$(1-\delta) \|f\|_2 \le \|\mathscr{A}f\|_2 \le (1+\delta) \|f\|_2$$
 whenever  $\|f\|_0 \le s$ .

Gaussian or Bernoulli measurement matrices satisfy the RIP with high probability when

 $m \gtrsim s \log d$ .

♦ Random Fourier and others with fast multiply have similar property:  $m \gtrsim s \log^4 d.$ 

# Sparsity...

In orthonormal basis: f = Bx



# **Sparsity in orthonormal basis B**

#### L1-minimization Method

For orthonormal basis *B*, f = Bx with *x* sparse, one may solve the  $\ell_1$ -minimization program:

$$\hat{f} = \underset{\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|B^{-1}\tilde{f}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathscr{A}\tilde{f} - y\|_2 \leq \varepsilon.$$

Same results hold.

### Sparsity...

In arbitrary dictionary: f = Dx





## **Example: Oversampled DFT**

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$$\Rightarrow n \times n \text{ DFT: } d_k(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-2\pi i k t/n}$$

- ♦ Instead, use the oversampled DFT:
- ♦ Then D is an overcomplete frame with highly coherent columns → conventional CS does not apply.

## **Example: Gabor frames**



- ♦ Gabor frame:  $G_k(t) = g(t k_2 a)e^{2\pi i k_1 b t}$
- Radar, sonar, and imaging system applications use Gabor frames and wish to recover signals in this basis.
- ♦ Then D is an overcomplete frame with possibly highly coherent columns  $\rightarrow conventional CS does not apply.$

### **Example: Curvelet frames**



- ♦ A Curvelet frame has some properties of an ONB but is overcomplete.
- Curvelets approximate well the curved singularities in images and are thus used widely in image processing.
- Again, this means *D* is an overcomplete dictionary → *conventional CS does not apply*.

## **Example: UWT**



- The undecimated wavelet transform has a translation invariance property that is missing in the DWT.
- The UWT is overcomplete and this redundancy has been found to be helpful in image processing.
- Again, this means *D* is a redundant dictionary → *conventional CS does not apply*.

## $\ell_1$ -Synthesis Method

+ For arbitrary tight frame D, one may solve the  $\ell_1$ -synthesis program:

$$\hat{f} = D\left( \operatorname*{argmin}_{\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n} \| \tilde{x} \|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \| \mathscr{A} D \tilde{x} - y \|_2 \le \varepsilon \right).$$

Some work on this method [Candès et.al., Rauhut et.al., Elad et.al.,...]

# $\ell_1$ -Analysis Method

+ For arbitrary tight frame D, one may solve the  $\ell_1$ -analysis program:

$$\hat{f} = \underset{\tilde{f} \in \mathbb{C}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|D^* \tilde{f}\|_1$$
 subject to  $\|\mathscr{A} \tilde{f} - y\|_2 \le \varepsilon$ .

# **Condition on A?**

#### D-RIP

We say that the measurement matrix  $\mathscr{A}$  obeys the *restricted isometry* property adapted to D (D-RIP) if there is  $\delta < c$  such that

$$(1-\delta) \|Dx\|_2^2 \le \|\mathscr{A}Dx\|_2^2 \le (1+\delta) \|Dx\|_2^2$$

holds for all *s*-sparse *x*.

◆ Similarly to the RIP, many classes of random matrices satisfy the D-RIP with  $m \approx s \log(d/s)$ .

## **CS** with tight frame dictionaries

#### Theorem [Candès-Eldar-N-Randall]

Let *D* be an arbitrary tight frame and let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a measurement matrix satisfying D-RIP. Then the solution  $\hat{f}$  to  $\ell_1$ -analysis satisfies

$$\|\hat{f} - f\|_2 \lesssim \varepsilon + \frac{\|D^*f - (D^*f)_s\|_1}{\sqrt{s}}.$$

◆ In other words, This result says that  $\ell_1$ -analysis is very accurate when  $D^*f$  has rapidly decaying coefficients and *D* is a tight frame.

#### $\ell_1$ -analysis: Experimental Setup

n = 8192, m = 400, d = 491, 520A:  $m \times n$  Gaussian, D:  $n \times d$  Gabor



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## $\ell_1$ -analysis: Experimental Results



## **Other algorithms**

◆  $\ell_1$ -analysis is very accurate when  $D^*f$  has rapidly decaying coefficients and *D* is a tight frame. This is precisely because this method operates in "analysis" space.

♦ What about operating in signal or coefficient space?

## Is it really a pipe?



(Thanks to M. Davenport for this clever analogy.)

## CoSaMP

COSAMP (N-Tropp)

**input:** Sampling operator *A*, measurements *y*, sparsity level *s*  **initialize:** Set  $x^0 = 0$ , i = 0. **repeat signal proxy:** Set  $p = A^*(y - Ax^i)$ ,  $\Omega = \text{supp}(p_{2s})$ ,  $T = \Omega \cup \text{supp}(x^i)$ . **signal estimation:** Using least-squares, set  $b|_T = A_T^{\dagger}y$  and  $b|_{T^c} = 0$ . **prune and update:** Increment *i* and to obtain the next approximation, set  $x^i = b_s$ . **output:** *s*-sparse reconstructed vector  $\hat{x} = x^i$ 

## Signal Space CoSaMP

SIGNAL SPACE COSAMP (Davenport-N-Wakin) **input:** *A*, *D*, *y*, *s*, stopping criterion initialize:  $\boldsymbol{r} = \boldsymbol{y}, \ \boldsymbol{x}^0 = 0, \ \ell = 0, \ \Gamma = \emptyset$ repeat proxy:  $h = A^*r$ identify:  $\Omega = \mathscr{S}_D(h, 2s)$ **merge:**  $T = \Omega \cup \Gamma$ update:  $\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{z}} \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{z}\|_2$  s.t.  $\boldsymbol{z} \in \mathscr{R}(\boldsymbol{D}_T)$  $\Gamma = \mathscr{S}_{\mathcal{D}}(\widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}, s)$  $\boldsymbol{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathscr{P}_{\Gamma} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$  $r = y - Ax^{\ell+1}$  $\ell = \ell + 1$  $\widehat{oldsymbol{x}}=oldsymbol{x}^\ell$ output:

#### Signal Space CoSaMP

Here we must contend with

$$\Lambda_{\mathsf{opt}}(\boldsymbol{z}, \boldsymbol{s}) := \underset{\Lambda:|\Lambda|=s}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\boldsymbol{z} - \mathscr{P}_{\Lambda} \boldsymbol{z}\|_{2}, \quad \mathscr{P}_{\Lambda}: \mathbb{C}^{n} \to \mathscr{R}(\boldsymbol{D}_{\Lambda}).$$

• Estimate by  $\mathscr{S}_D(z, s)$  with  $|\mathscr{S}_D(z, s)| = s$ , that satisfies

$$\left\|\mathscr{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathsf{opt}}(\boldsymbol{z},s)}\boldsymbol{z} - \mathscr{P}_{\mathscr{P}_{\boldsymbol{D}}(\boldsymbol{z},s)}\boldsymbol{z}\right\|_{2} \le \min\left(\epsilon_{1} \left\|\mathscr{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathsf{opt}}(\boldsymbol{z},s)}\boldsymbol{z}\right\|_{2}, \epsilon_{2} \left\|\boldsymbol{z} - \mathscr{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathsf{opt}}(\boldsymbol{z},s)}\boldsymbol{z}\right\|_{2}\right)$$

for some constants  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 \ge 0$ .

# **Approximate Projection**

- Practical choices for  $\mathscr{S}_D(z,s)$ :
- ♦ Any sparse recovery algorithm!
- ♦ OMP
- ♦ CoSaMP
- $\diamond \ell_1$ -minimization followed by hard thresholding

## Signal Space CoSaMP

✦ Theorem [Davenport-N-Wakin] Let *D* be an arbitrary tight frame, *A* be a measurement matrix satisfying D-RIP, and *f* a sparse signal with respect to *D*. Then the solution  $\hat{f}$  from *Signal Space CoSaMP* satisfies

 $\|\hat{f}-f\|_2 \lesssim \varepsilon.$ 

(And similar results for approximate sparsity.)

#### Signal Space CoSaMP: Experimental Results



Figure 1: Performance in recovering signals having a s = 8 sparse representation in a dictionary D with orthogonal, but not normalized, columns.

#### Signal Space CoSaMP: Experimental Results



Figure 2: Results with s = 8 sparse representation in a 4× overcomplete DFT dictionary: (a) well-separated coefficients, (b) clustered coefficients.

## Signal Space CoSaMP: Relaxing assumptions

SIGNAL SPACE COSAMP (Giryes-N)			
<b>input:</b> $A$ , $D$ , $y$ , $s$ , stopping criterion <b>initialize:</b> $r = y$ , $x^0 = 0$ , $\ell = 0$ , $\Gamma = \emptyset$ <b>repeat</b>			
proxy: identify: merge: update:	$h = A^* r$ $\Omega = \mathscr{S}_{1,D}(h, 2s)$ $T = \Omega \cup \Gamma$ $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{z}} \  \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{z} \ _2$ $\Gamma = \mathscr{S}_{2,D}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}, s)$ $\boldsymbol{x}^{\ell+1} = \mathscr{P}_{\Gamma} \tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}$ $r = \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{x}^{\ell+1}$ $\ell = \ell + 1$	s.t.	$oldsymbol{z} \in \mathscr{R}(oldsymbol{D}_T)$
output:	$\widehat{oldsymbol{x}}=oldsymbol{x}^\ell$		

#### Signal Space CoSaMP: Relaxing Assumptions

◆ A procedure  $\hat{\mathscr{S}}_k$  implies a near-optimal projection  $\mathbf{P}_{\hat{\mathscr{S}}_k(\cdot)}$  with constants  $C_k$  and  $\tilde{C}_k$  if for any  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|\hat{\mathscr{S}}_k(\mathbf{z})| \le k$ , and

 $\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}_{\hat{\mathscr{S}}_{k}(\mathbf{z})}\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2} \leq C_{k} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{P}_{\mathscr{S}_{k}^{*}(\mathbf{z})}\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2} \text{ as well as } \|\mathbf{P}_{\hat{\mathscr{S}}_{k}(\mathbf{z})}\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2} \geq \tilde{C}_{k} \|\mathbf{P}_{\mathscr{S}_{k}^{*}(\mathbf{z})}\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2}.$ 

where  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathscr{S}^*_{\iota}}$  denotes the optimal projection.

### Signal Space CoSaMP: Relaxing Assumptions

**Theorem [Giryes-N]** : Let **M** satisfy the **D**-RIP. Suppose that  $\mathscr{S}_{\zeta k,1}$  and  $\mathscr{S}_{2k,2}$  are near optimal projections with constants  $C_k$ ,  $\tilde{C}_k$  and  $C_{2k}$ ,  $\tilde{C}_{2k}$  respectively. Apply SSCoSaMP and let  $\mathbf{x}^t$  denote the approximation after *t* iterations. If

$$(1+C_k)\left(1-\frac{\tilde{C}_{2k}}{(1+\gamma)^2}\right) < 1,$$
 (1)

then after a constant number of iterations  $t^*$  it holds that

$$\|\mathbf{x}^{t^*} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 \le C \|\mathbf{e}\|_2.$$
(2)

## Signal Space CoSaMP: Relaxing Assumptions

Now, the assumptions of the theorem hold when

- ✤ D is unitary (use thresholding)
- D satisfies the RIP (use CS algorithms)
- ✤ D is incoherent (use CS algorithms)
- D has large correlations between small groups of atoms (use approximate CS algorithms)

## **Super-resolution**



✦ Goal: Produce high-resolution image from low-resolution samples

◆ Challenge: Model becomes y = Ax + e where A is a (non-random) partial DFT. Goal: identify (support T of) sparse x.

## **Super-resolution**

◆ Idea: Partial DFT has *translation invariance*: any restriction of a column  $a_k$  to  $s \le m$  consecutive elements gives rise to the same sequence, up to an overall scalar

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Idea: Pick a number 1 < L < m and juxtaposes translated copies of y into the Hankel matrix Y = Hankel(y), defined as

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 & y_1 & \cdots & y_{m-L-1} \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_{m-L} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{L-1} & y_L & \cdots & y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

• Wonderful fact: Without noise, Ran  $Y = \text{Ran} A_T^L$ 

• Recovery using this idea: Loop over all atoms  $a_k$  and select those for which

$$\angle(a_k^L, \operatorname{Ran} Y) = 0.$$

From this set *T*, recovery by solving

$$A_T \hat{x}_T = y, \qquad \hat{x}_{T^c} = 0.$$

• Theorem [Demanet - N - Nguyen] : If m > 2|T| and y = Ax, then  $\hat{x} = x$ .

## **Super-resolution : Noise?**

• With noise, we no longer have Ran  $Y = \operatorname{Ran} A_T^L$ 

• **Theorem [Demanet - N - Nguyen]** : Let y = Ax + e with  $e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_m)$ . Then with high probability,

 $\sin \angle (a_k^L, \operatorname{Ran} Y) \le c \varepsilon_1$ 

for all indices k in the support set (and  $c\varepsilon_1$  is explicitly computed).

Extension: Choose atoms with small enough angles.

### **Super-resolution : Experimental Results**



**Figure 3:** Probability of recovery, from 1 (white) to 0 (black) for the superset method (left column) and the matrix pencil method (right column). Top row: 2-sparse signal. Middle row: 3-sparse signal. Bottom row: 4-sparse signal. The plots show recovery as a function of the noise level (x-axis,  $\log_{10}\sigma$ ) and the coherence (y-axis,  $\log_{10}(1-\mu)$ ).

Sparse...



 $256 \times 256$  "Boats" image

Sparse wavelet representation...



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The discrete directional derivatives of an image  $f \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  are

$$f_x : \mathbb{C}^{N \times N} \to \mathbb{C}^{(N-1) \times N}, \qquad (f_x)_{j,k} = f_{j,k} - f_{j-1,k},$$
$$f_y : \mathbb{C}^{N \times N} \to \mathbb{C}^{N \times (N-1)}, \qquad (f_y)_{j,k} = f_{j,k} - f_{j,k-1},$$

the discrete gradient operator is

$$\nabla[f] = (f_x, f_y)$$

# **Sparsity in gradient**

#### ♦ CS Theory

The gradient operator  $\nabla$  is not an orthonormal basis or a tight frame.

# Comparison of two compressed sensing reconstruction algorithms

+ Haar-minimization ( $L_1$ -Haar)

 $\hat{f}_{Haar} = \operatorname{argmin} \|H(Z)\|_1$  subject to  $\|\mathscr{A}Z - y\|_2 \le \varepsilon$ 

Total Variation minimization (TV)

 $\hat{f}_{TV} = \operatorname{argmin} \|\nabla[Z]\|_1$  subject to  $\|\mathscr{A}Z - y\|_2 \le \varepsilon$ , where  $\|Z\|_{TV} = \|\nabla[Z]\|_1$  is the *total-variation norm*.



(a) Original



Figure 4: Reconstruction using  $m = .2N^2$ 



(a) Original



(b) TV (c)  $L_1$ -Haar

Figure 5: Reconstruction using  $m = .2N^2$  measurements



(a) Original



Figure 6: Reconstruction using  $m = .2N^2$  measurements.



(a) (Quantization)



(b) TV

(c)  $L_1$ -Haar

Figure 7: Reconstruction using  $m = .2N^2$  measurements

#### InView (Austin TX)



Figure 8: SWIR Reconstruction using  $m = .5N^2$  measurements

InView (Austin TX)



Figure 9: InView SWIR camera

# **Empirical** -> Theoretical?

#### TV Works

Empirically, it has been well known that

$$\hat{f}_{TV} = \operatorname{argmin} \|Z\|_{TV}$$
 subject to  $\|\mathscr{A}Z - y\|_2 \le \varepsilon$ ,  $(TV)$ 

provides quality, stable image recovery.

✤ No provable stability guarantees.

# Stable signal recovery using total-variation minimization

**Theorem 1. [N-Ward]** From  $m \gtrsim s \log(N)$  linear RIP measurements, for any  $f \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ ,

 $\hat{f} = \operatorname{argmin} \|Z\|_{TV}$  such that  $\|\mathscr{A}(Z) - y\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$ ,

satisfies

$$\|f - \hat{f}\|_{TV} \lesssim \|\nabla[f] - \nabla[f]_s\|_1 + \sqrt{s}\varepsilon$$
 (gradient error)

and

$$\|f - \hat{f}\|_2 \lesssim \log(N) \cdot \left[\frac{\|\nabla[f] - \nabla[f]_s\|_1}{\sqrt{s}} + \varepsilon\right]$$
 (signal error)

This error guarantee is optimal up to the log(N) factor

## **Higher dimensional objects**

Movies, higher dimensional objects?

**Theorem 2.** [N-Ward] From  $m \gtrsim s \log(N^d)$  linear RIP measurements, for any  $f \in \mathbb{C}^{N^d}$ ,

 $\hat{f} = \operatorname{argmin} \|Z\|_{TV}$  such that  $\|\mathscr{A}(Z) - y\|_2 \le \varepsilon$ ,

satisfies

$$\|f - \hat{f}\|_{TV} \lesssim \|\nabla[f] - \nabla[f]_s\|_1 + \sqrt{s}\varepsilon$$
 (gradient error)

and

$$\|f - \hat{f}\|_2 \lesssim \log(N^d / s) \cdot \left[\frac{\|\nabla[f] - \nabla[f]_s\|_1}{\sqrt{s}} + \varepsilon\right]$$
 (signal error)

This error guarantee is optimal up to the  $log(N^d/s)$  factor

## **Proof Sketch**

Strengthened Sobolev inequalities for random subspaces

**Proposition 3.** [Sobolev inequality for discrete images] Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  be mean-zero. Then

#### $\|X\|_2 \leq \|X\|_{TV}$

**Proposition 4. [New: Strengthed Sobolev inequality]** With probability  $\geq 1 - e^{-cm}$ , the following holds for all images  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  in the null space of an  $m \times N^2$  random Gaussian matrix

$$\|X\|_2 \lesssim \frac{[\log(N)]^{3/2}}{\sqrt{m}} \|X\|_{TV}$$

## **Strengthened Sobolev inequalities**

Proof ingredients:

♦ [CDPX 99:] Denote the bivariate Haar wavelet coefficients of  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ by  $c_{(1)} \ge c_{(2)} \ge \cdots \ge c_{(N^2)}$ . Then

$$|c_{(k)}| \lesssim \frac{\|X\|_{TV}}{k}$$

That is, the sequence is in weak- $\ell_1$ .

♦ If  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^m$  has (properly normalized) i.i.d. Gaussian entries then with probability exceeding  $1 - e^{-cm}$ ,  $\Phi$  has the RIP of order  $s \sim \frac{m}{\log d}$ :

$$\frac{3}{4} \|f\|_2 \le \|\Phi f\|_2 \le \frac{5}{4} \|f\|_2 \quad \text{for all } s\text{-sparse } f.$$

# Stable signal recovery using total-variation minimization

Method of proof:

- ♦ First prove stable *gradient* recovery
- Translate stable gradient recovery to stable signal recovery using the strengthened Sobolev inequality.

# Thank you!

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