

Online Structured Signals' Recovery and Applications in Bio-Imaging

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Background

Recursive/Online Recovery of Sparse Signal Sequences

- The Problem

- Modified-CS and exact recovery result

- Noisy Modified-CS and error stability (over time)

Online Sparse + Low-rank Matrix Recovery

- The Problem

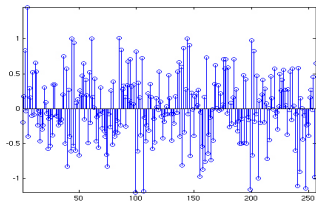
- Proposed online Robust PCA solution: ReProCS

- Performance guarantees

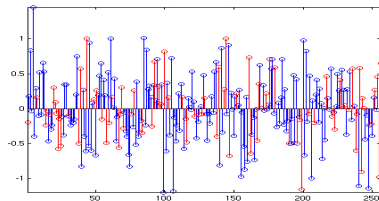
- Proof Outline

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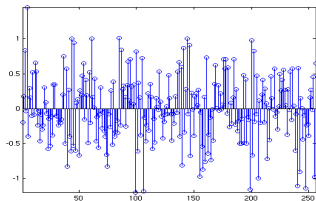
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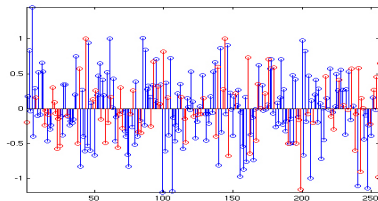
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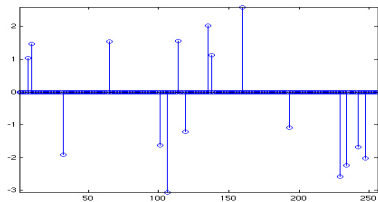
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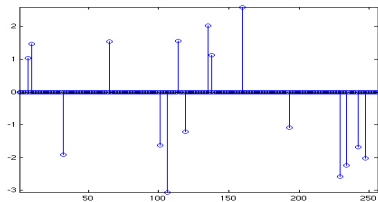
- ▶ If the signal has some structure: YES, e.g.,
 - ▶ if it is bandlimited – use a low-pass filter
 - ▶ if it is a weighted sum of only a few sinusoids – use sparsity

- ▶ This signal is Fourier sparse

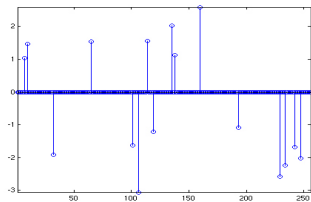


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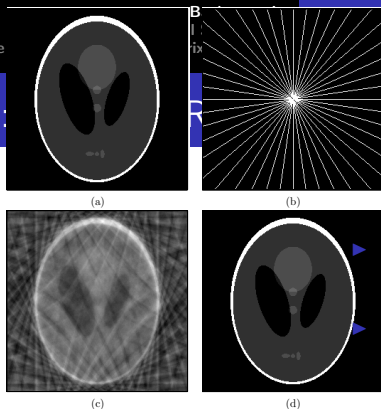


(h) recovered DFT: exact!

- ▶ Use its sparsity and ℓ_1 minimization to recover its DFT exactly!
 - ▶ one-to-one mapping between a signal and its DFT

Example taken from L1-Magic webpage of Candes, Romberg, Tao

Example 2:



Imaging (MRI)

- ▶ (a) Shepp-Logan phantom:
256 \times 256 image
- ▶ (b) MR imaging pattern:
256-point DFT along 22 radial
lines
- ▶ (c) Inverse-DFT
(min ℓ_2 norm soln)
- ▶ (d) Basis Pursuit soln
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 - ▶ but exponential complexity – $O(m^s)$
- ▶ Practical (polynomial complexity) approaches
 - ▶ convex relaxation approaches
 - ▶ ℓ_1 minimization: replace ℓ_0 norm by ℓ_1 norm
 - ▶ greedy methods [Mallat,Zhang'93], [Pati et al'93], [Dai,Milenkovic'09], [Needell,Tropp'09]
 - ▶ many more ...

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- ▶ Sparse Recovery \Leftrightarrow CS $\Leftrightarrow \ell_1$ minimization

Structured Signals' Recovery

- ▶ Sparse recovery is one example
- ▶ Other examples
 - ▶ Block sparse signals' recovery
 - ▶ Low-rank matrix completion: recover a low-rank matrix from a subset of its entries [Recht et al,2009],...
 - ▶ Sparse matrix plus low-rank matrix recovery / robust PCA: recover S , L from $M := S + L$ or from undersampled measurements [Candes et al,2011,Chandrasekharan et al,2011],...
- ▶ Applications: MRI, Netflix problem, foreground-background separation in video or functional MRI, ...

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- ▶ Option 3: design recursive algorithms (our work)
 - ▶ use previous recovered signal(s) and current measurements' vector to recover current signal

Problem 1: Recursive Recovery of Sparse Signal Sequences [Vaswani, ICIP'08]¹

► Given measurements

$$y_t := Ax_t + w_t, \quad \|w_t\|_2 \leq \epsilon, \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- $A = H\Phi$ (given): $n \times m$, $n < m$
 - H : measurement matrix, Φ : sparsity basis matrix
 - e.g., in MRI: H = partial Fourier, Φ = inverse wavelet
 - y_t : measurements (given)
 - x_t : sparsity basis vector
 - N_t : support set of x_t
 - w_t : noise ($\epsilon = 0$: noise-free, $\epsilon \ll \|x_t\|$: small noise)
- Goal: recursively reconstruct x_t from y_0, y_1, \dots, y_t ,
- i.e. use only y_t and \hat{x}_{t-1} for recovering x_t

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Key attributes we look for

1. measurements'-efficient: **always needed**
 - ▶ use less meas's than simple CS solutions for a given accuracy
 - ▶ *simple CS: recover each sparse signal separately at each time*
2. fast and memory-efficient: **always needed**
 - ▶ computational & memory complexity \sim simple CS solutions
3. causal: needed for real-time applications
4. meaningful performance guarantees: desirable
 - ▶ provably exact recovery with fewer meas's: noise-free case
 - ▶ time-invariant error bounds: noisy case

Batch methods don't satisfy 2. and 3., sometimes not 1. either

Existing Work

- ▶ In 2008: almost none
- ▶ Only batch methods
 - ▶ [Wakin et al'06(video)],[Gamper et al'08 (MRI)]: exploit Fourier sparsity along time axis
 - ▶ multiple measurements' vectors (MMV) approaches: assume support does not change with time
- ▶ Limitations
 - ▶ not causal
 - ▶ slow and memory-intensive even for offline apps
 - ▶ above assumptions may not hold

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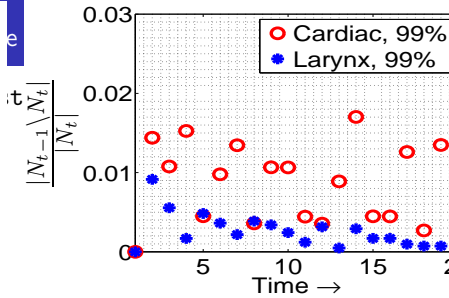
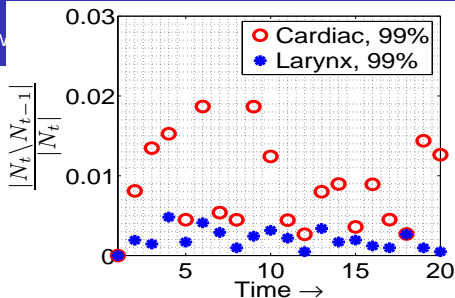
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- ▶ Slow signal value change (use when valid):

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- ▶ commonly used in all tracking algo's, adaptive filtering, etc

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Slow



(a) slow support changes (adds)

(b) slow support changes (removals)

- ▶ x_t : wavelet transform of cardiac or larynx image at time t
- ▶ N_t : 99%-energy support set of x_t
- ▶ All support changes are less than 2% of support size

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- ▶ Other parallel, somewhat related work:
 - ▶ CS-diff [Cevher-et-al,ECCV'08]: meas-efficient only if difference signal sparser (not valid mostly); CS-time-varying [Angelosante et al,ICASSP'09]: not fast (batch and causal); homotopies for dynamic- ℓ_1 [Asif-Romberg'09]: not measurements-efficient

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- ▶ T : erroneous support estimate (use $T = \hat{N}_{t-1}$ at time t)
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- ▶ Exact recovery condition: every set of $(|N| + |\Delta_e| + |\Delta|)$ columns of A are linearly independent
 - ▶ Compare: simple- ℓ_0 needs this to hold for every set of $2|N|$ columns of A
 - ▶ Slow support change $\Rightarrow |\Delta| \ll |N|$ and $|\Delta_e| \ll |N|$:
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▶ Other related parallel work:

- ▶ [Khajenejad et al, ISIT'09]: probab. prior on support, studies exact recon for weighted ℓ_1
- ▶ [vonBorries et al, TSP'09]: no exact recon conditions or expts

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Proof Outline: motivated by [Candes, Tao, Decoding by LP, T-IT, Dec'05]

- ▶ Obtain conditions on the Lagrange multiplier, w , to ensure that x is a *unique* minimizer
- ▶ Find sufficient conditions under which such a w can be found
 - ▶ key lemma: create a w that satisfies most conditions; apply

Comparison

- ▶ CS (ℓ_1 min) gives exact recon if [Candes'08, Candes-Tao'06]

$$\delta_{2|N|} < \sqrt{2} - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \delta_{2|N|} + \delta_{3|N|} < 1$$

- ▶ If $|\Delta| = |\Delta_e| = 0.02|N|$ (typical in medical sequences),
 - ▶ **sufficient condition for CS** to achieve exact recovery:

$$\delta_{0.04|N|} < 0.004$$

- ▶ **sufficient condition for Mod-CS** to achieve exact recovery:

$$\delta_{0.04|N|} < 0.008$$

- ▶ **Mod-CS sufficient condition is weaker (needs fewer meas's)**

Simulations: exact reconstruction probability

Simulation setup:

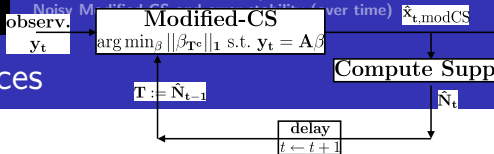
- ▶ signal length, $m = 256$, supp size, $|N| = 0.1m$
- ▶ supp error sizes, $|\Delta| = |\Delta_e| = 0.08|N|$
- ▶ used random-Gaussian A , varied n
- ▶ we say “works” (gives exact recon) if $\|x - \hat{x}\|_2 < 10^{-5}\|x\|_2$

Conclusions:

- ▶ **With 19% measurements:**
 - ▶ mod-CS “works” w.p. 99.8%, CS “works” w.p. 0
- ▶ **With 25% measurements:**
 - ▶ mod-CS “works” w.p. 100%, CS “works” w.p. 0.2%
- ▶ **CS needs 40% measurements to “work” w.p. 98%**

recall: Δ : errors (misses) in T , Δ_e : errors (extras) in T

Modified-CS for time sequences



Support Estimation: use thresholding

$$\hat{N}_t := \{i : |(\hat{x}_{t,\text{modCS}})_i| > \alpha\}$$

Initial time ($t = 0$):

- ▶ use T_0 from prior knowledge, e.g. wavelet approximation coeff's
- ▶ may need more measurements at $t = 0$

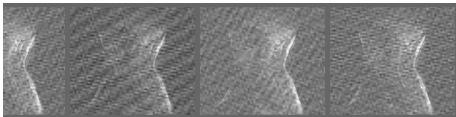
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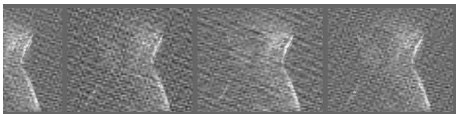
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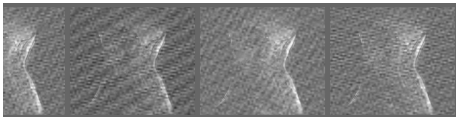
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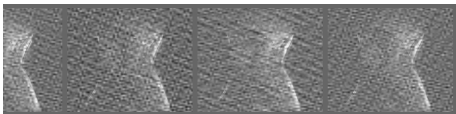
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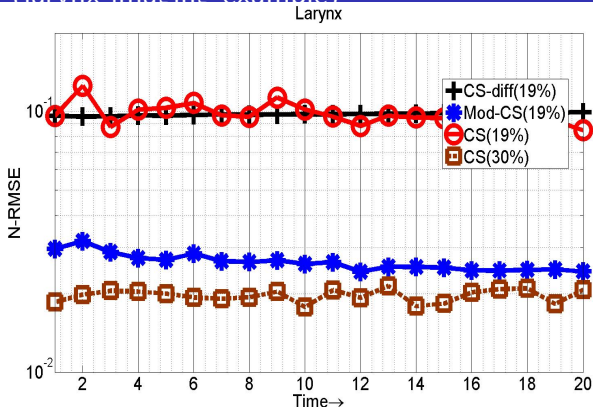


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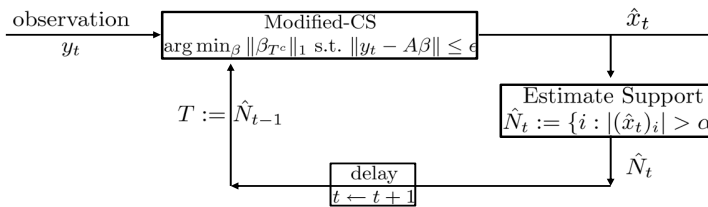
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Dynamic MRI (larynx imaging example)



- ▶ With only $n = 19\%$ measurements, modified-CS error is small and stable below 3%
- ▶ Simple ℓ_1 needs $n = 30\%$ for same error

Modified-CS for



- ▶ Difficulty with one step support estimation:
 - ▶ along T^c : solution is biased towards zero
 - ▶ along T : no cost and only data constraint – solution can be biased away from zero
 - ▶ the misses' set $\Delta_t \subset T^c$, while the extras' set, $\Delta_{e,t} \subset T$
- ▶ Partial solutions: mod-CS-add-LS-del, regularized-mod-CS

Error stability over time (time-invariant error bounds) [Vaswani,T-SP, Aug'10]⁶

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(recall: $\Delta_t := N_t \setminus \hat{N}_{t-1}$, $\Delta_{e,t} := \hat{N}_{t-1} \setminus N_t$)
- ▶ Key question for a recursive algorithm: when can we get a time-invariant and small bound on the error?
 - ▶ our work provides answers for modified-CS and modified-CS-add-LS-del

⁶N. Vaswani, "LS-CS-residual (LS-CS): Compressive Sensing on the Least Squares Residual", IEEE Trans. Sig. Proc., Aug. 2010

Main idea [Vaswani, Allerton'10], [Zhan, Vaswani, ISIT'13]

- ▶ Bound modified-CS error at time, t , in terms of $|\Delta_t|$, $|\Delta_{e,t}|$
 - ▶ require: number of support changes bounded by $S_a \ll S$ where S is upper bound on $|N_t|$
- ▶ Ensure: within a finite delay d_0 , all newly added elements detected; all decreasing elements get deleted from \hat{N}_t
 - ▶ require: either every newly added support element is added at a large enough value or added small, but increases to a large enough value within a finite delay;
 - ▶ and decreasing elements become zero within a finite delay

Signal Change Model

1. $S_{a,t}$ additions and $S_{r,t}$ removals from support at time t
2. a new element j gets added at an initial magnitude $a_{j,t}$ and its magnitude increases at rate $r_{j,\tau}$ (at time τ) for the next $d_{j,t} \geq d_{\min}$ time units
3. $S_{d,t}$ elements out of the “large elements” set \mathcal{L}_t leave the set and begin to decrease at time t
4. elements in \mathcal{L}_t either remain in \mathcal{L}_{t+1} (while increasing /decreasing /constant) or decrease enough to leave it
5. all decreasing elements that have left \mathcal{L}_t get removed from support in at most b time units
6. $0 \leq S_{a,t} \leq S_a, 0 \leq S_{r,t} \leq S_a, 0 \leq S_{d,t} \leq S_a, |N_t| \leq S.$

$$\mathcal{L}_t := \{j \mid |x_j| \geq \rho\}$$

Theorem (Modified-CS)

Assume signal model. If there exists a $d_0 \leq d_{\min}$ s.t.

1. support estimation threshold, $\alpha = 7.50\epsilon$
2. RIP condition: $\delta_{S+kS_a}(A_t) \leq 0.207$, $k := 3\left(\frac{(b+1)}{2} + d_0 + 1\right)$
3. new elements' initial mag or mag incr rate large enough

$$\min\{\ell, \min_{j:\mathbf{t}_j \neq \emptyset} \min_{t \in \mathbf{t}_j} (a_{j,t} + \sum_{\tau=t+1}^{t+d_0} r_{j,\tau})\} > \alpha + 7.50\epsilon,$$

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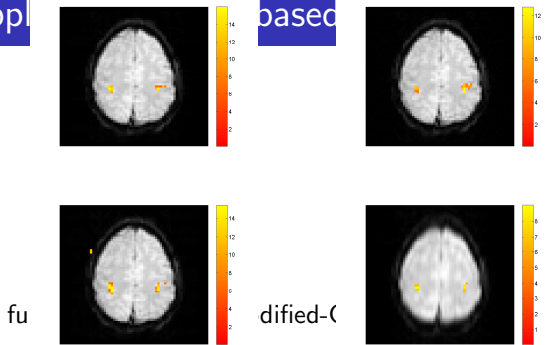
then, for all times, t ,

1. $|\tilde{\Delta}_t| \leq k'S_a$, $|\tilde{\Delta}_{e,t}| = 0$, (with $k' := \frac{(b+1)}{2} + d_0$)
2. and $\|x_t - \hat{x}_{t,modcs}\|_2 \leq 7.50\epsilon$

Time-invariant Error Bounds: Summary

- ▶ Support recovery error is bounded by a small and time-invariant value (small w.r.t. support size). Same true for recons error
- ▶ **Results need weaker RIP conditions than simple ℓ_1**
 - ▶ modified-CS needs $\delta_{S+kS_a}(A) \leq 0.2$, ℓ_1 needs $\delta_{2S}(A) \leq 0.2$,
- ▶ **Other assumptions needed**
 1. support threshold(s) appropriately set
 2. support size below S , support change size below S_a
 3. for any new element that is added to the support, either its initial magnitude is large enough or for the first few time instants, its magnitude increases at a large enough rate;
 4. a decreasing element decreases to zero within a short delay
 5. stronger RIP assumptions at $t = 0$

Application: fMRI-based brain activation detection



- ▶ Activation maps
- ▶ Used modified-CS for reconstructing the fMRI sequence; standard tools for active region detection
- ▶ Actual MRI scanner data; retrospective undersampling w/ $n_0 = 100\%$, $n = 30\%$,
- ▶ Ongoing joint work with Dr. Ian Atkinson (UIC)

k-t-FOCUSS

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- ▶ PCP (convex opt sol): [Candes et al, Chandrasekharan et al, 2011]

$$\min_{\tilde{X}, \tilde{L}} \|\tilde{L}\|_* + \lambda \|\tilde{X}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } Y = \tilde{X} + \tilde{L}$$

- ▶ If (a) left and right singular vectors of L dense enough; (b) rank of L small; (c) support of X generated uniformly at random; then PCP gives exact recovery w.h.p.

The need for a recursive / online solution

- ▶ Causal: needed for video surveillance, Netflix problem, ...
- ▶ Fast and memory efficient compared to batch solutions
- ▶ Exploit temporal dependencies in the dataset; sometimes no practical (polynomial complexity) way to do this in a batch fashion w/o putting (Bayesian) priors

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- ▶ Various interpretations:
 - ▶ Recursive sparse recovery in large but structured noise
 - ▶ large noise: $\|\ell_t\|$ can be much larger than $\|x_t\|$
 - ▶ extension to the $y_t := Ax_t + B\ell_t$ is easy
 - ▶ Recursive robust PCA:
 - ▶ x_t is outlier, recover ℓ_t and $\text{span}([\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_t])$
 - ▶ Recursive matrix completion: simpler special case of above
- ▶ Applications: fg and bg extraction in video (e.g. for surveillance apps), brain activity detection in fMRI, dynamic Netflix problem, ...
- ▶ **Almost all existing work with performance guarantees: batch solutions.**

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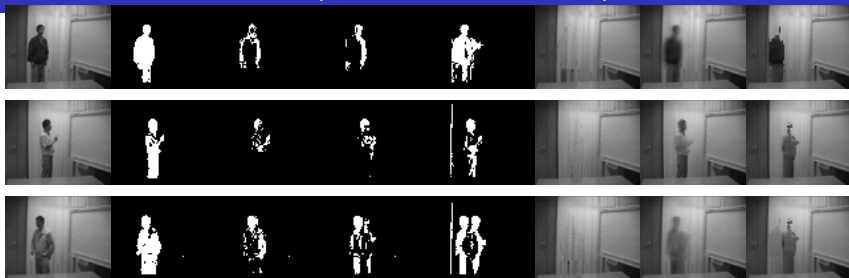
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projection-PCA or its practical version
 - ▶ simple PCA not work: $e_t := \hat{\ell}_t - \ell_t = x_t - \hat{x}_t$ correlated with ℓ_t

Application: Video Layering (Fg and Bg extraction)



original	ReProCS	PCP	RSL	GRASTA	ReProCS	PCP	RSL
video	fg	fg	fg	fg	bg	bg	bg

- ▶ Separating fg and bg layers in a real video seq: bg is window curtains moving due to wind
- ▶ Proposed algorithm: ReProCS; RSL: [de la Torre et al, 2003], GRASTA:

[Balzano et al, CVPR 2012]

Quantifying Denseness of $\text{span}(B)$ [Qiu, Vaswani, ISIT'2013, ICASSP 2013]¹⁰

- Define the denseness coefficient for a matrix/vector B as

$$\kappa_s(B) = \kappa_s(\text{span}(B)) := \max_{|T| \leq s} \|I_T' Q(B)\|_2$$

where $Q(B)$ is an ortho basis for $\text{span}(B)$

- intuition: if B is a vector, then $Q = B/\|B\|_2$, κ_s small means B is a dense vector

Lemma (relation to RIC)

Let $\Phi := I - Q(B)Q(B)'$. Then $\delta_s(\Phi) = \kappa_s(B)^2$.

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No bound needed on f or on γ_* : allow large but structured ℓ_t

Subspace update: Projection PCA

Assume $t_{j+1} - t_j > K\alpha$; recall: t_j : subspace change times

at $t = t_j + k\alpha$, compute $\hat{P}_{j,\text{new},k}$ as the c “top” left singular vectors of $(I - \hat{P}_{j-1}\hat{P}'_{j-1})[\hat{\ell}_{t_j+(k-1)\alpha}, \dots, \hat{\ell}_{t_j+k\alpha-1}]$; update $\hat{P}_{(t)} = [\hat{P}_{j-1}, \hat{P}_{j,\text{new},k}]$

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then, w.p. $> 1 - n^{-10}$, $\hat{T}_t = T_t$ and $\|x_t - \hat{x}_t\|_2 \leq \mathbf{b} \ll \|x_t\|_2$

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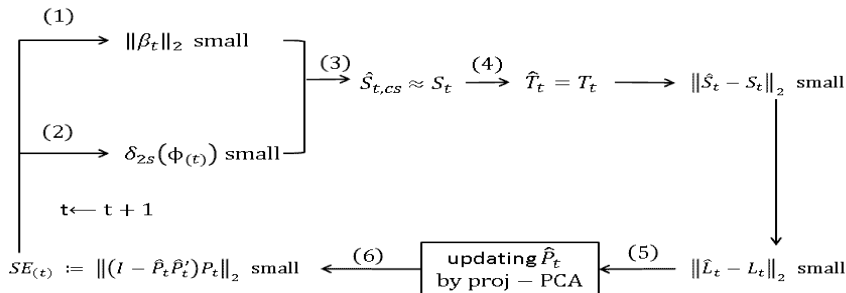
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Proof Outline: Overall idea



In the figure: $S_t \equiv x_t$, $L_t \equiv l_t$

Let $\Phi := (I - \hat{P}_{(t-1)} \hat{P}'_{(t-1)})$, $\beta_t := \Phi l_t$ (noise seen by l_1 step)

Proof Outline: Key steps

- ▶ Define subspace error, $SE(P, \hat{P}) := \|(I - \hat{P}\hat{P}')P\|_2$.
- ▶ Start with $SE(P_{j-1}, \hat{P}_{j-1}) \leq r_{j-1}\zeta \ll 1$.
- ▶ Key steps
 1. Analyze projected sparse recovery for $t \in [t_j, t_j + \alpha)$
 2. Analyze projection-PCA at $t = t_j + \alpha - 1$
 3. Repeat for each of the K projection-PCA intervals: show that $SE(P_{\text{new}}, \hat{P}_{\text{new},k}) \leq 0.6^k + 0.4c\zeta$
 4. Pick K so that $0.6^k + 0.4c\zeta \leq c\zeta$
- ▶ Thus,
$$SE(P_j, \hat{P}_j) \leq SE(P_{j-1}, \hat{P}_{j-1}) + SE(P_{\text{new}}, \hat{P}_{\text{new},K}) \leq r_{j-1}\zeta + c\zeta = r_j\zeta$$

Proof Outline: Projected sparse recovery for $t \in [t_j, t_j + \alpha)$

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2. Using slow subspace change,

$$\|\beta_t\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\zeta} + \sqrt{c} \gamma_{\text{new}}$$

3. Using denseness,

$$\delta_s(\Phi) = \kappa_s(\hat{P}_{j-1})^2 \leq \kappa_s(P_{j-1})^2 + r\zeta \leq 0.1$$

4. Thus, $\|\hat{x}_{t,cs} - x_t\| \leq 7\sqrt{c} \gamma_{\text{new}}$

5. Appropriate support threshold & γ_{new} small $\Rightarrow \hat{T}_t = T_t$

6. LS step: get exact expression for $e_t := x_t - \hat{x}_t = \hat{\ell}_t - \ell_t$

$$e_t = I_{T_t} [\Phi_{T_t}' \Phi_{T_t}]^{-1} I_{T_t}' \Phi \ell_t$$

Proof Outline: Projection-PCA at $t = t_j + \alpha - 1$

1. Bound $SE(P_{\text{new}}, \hat{P}_{\text{new},1})$ in terms of minimum eigenvalue of the signal subspace part of the true data matrix, $\sum_t \Phi_{j,0} l_t l_t' \Phi_0'$, and the maximum eigenvalue of the perturbation matrix, $\sum_t \Phi_0 (l_t l_t' - \hat{l}_t \hat{l}_t') \Phi_0'$
 - ▶ use $\sin \theta$ theorem: 1970s linear algebra result of Kahan, Davis
2. Get high probability bounds on each of the terms in this bound
 - ▶ use the matrix Hoeffding inequality: Tropp 2012
3. Simplify using denseness of $D_{\text{new}} := (I - \hat{P}_{j-1} \hat{P}_{j-1}') P_{\text{new}}$ to get $SE(P_{\text{new}}, \hat{P}_{\text{new},1}) \leq 0.6$
 - ▶ easy to see $\kappa_s(D_{\text{new}}) \leq 1.01 \kappa_s(P_{\text{new}}) + 0.01 \leq 0.153$

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Conclusions and Future Directions I

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Conclusions and Future Directions II

- ▶ ReProCS has significantly improved performance compared w/ existing robust PCA solutions for difficult videos
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 - ▶ ReProCS for other “big-data” applications
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