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1. For any  $q, p > 0$  and any  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , the inequality

$$\|x\|_q \leq \frac{q}{q-p} \|x\|_p$$

holds, with  $c_{p,q} = \left[ \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq 1$ .

2. Minimal # meas.

$$y = Ax, \quad y \in \mathbb{C}^m, A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}, x \in \mathbb{C}^N \text{ and } s\text{-sparse, } m < N.$$

- (a) Recover all  $s$ -sparse vecs.
- (b) Given  $x$ ,  $\exists A$  s.t.  $x$  is the unique soln. to  $(P_s)$ .

$$(P_s): \min \|z\|_0 \text{ s.t. } Az = y \quad (\text{where } y = Ax).$$

3. Property  $\Theta$ : Any  $z \in \mathcal{N}(A)$  has at least  $2s+1$  nonzero entries.

When  $\Theta$  holds, if  $Az = b$  has a soln. with at most  $s$  nonzero entries, it is necessarily the unique sparsest soln.

- Every  $s$ -sparse vec.  $x_0$  is uniquely recoverable by solving  $(P_s)$ .
- The mapping  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^N, \|x\|_0 \leq s\} \rightarrow Y = \{y \in \mathbb{C}^m, y = Ax\}$  is one-to-one but not onto (injective but not surjective).
- Cannot infer whether  $\Theta$  is satisfied using simple rank properties.

Ex. 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Any 2 cols are LI  $\Rightarrow$  any  $x' \in \mathcal{N}(A)$  must have 3 nonzero entries.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \Rightarrow A$  can uniquely recover 1-sparse vecs.

Suppose  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  unique sparsest soln.

Suppose  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$  No 1-sparse soln.

$\Rightarrow$  Not all  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  will have a corresp. 1-sparse  $x$  s.t.  $Ax = b$ .

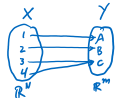
- Different 1-sparse vecs map to different  $b$ s
- There are  $b$  s.t.  $b \neq Ax$  for any 1-sparse  $x$ .

Set theory:

$$x \rightarrow Ax \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N \text{ to } Ax \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad m < N.$$

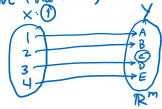
suppose  $A$  has rank  $m$ .

The mapping is not one-to-one (non-injective) and surjective (onto):



The mapping from  $x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \|x\|_0 \leq s\}$  to  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  via  $y = Ax$ .

[If  $\Theta$  is satisfied (every  $z \in \mathcal{N}(A)$  has at least  $2s+1$  nonzero)] is injective (one to one) and not surjective (onto).



The mapping from  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^N, x \text{ is a rank-}m \text{ subspace of } \mathbb{R}^N\}$  (and  $\text{rank}(A) = m$ ) to  $Ax$  is injective and surjective (1-1 and onto).



Recovery of all  $s$ -sparse vecs.

$$A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}, \quad S \subset [N]$$

$A_S \triangleq$  Column submatrix of  $A$  (cols. indexed by  $S$ )  $m \times |S|$ .

$x \in \mathbb{C}^N$  can mean  $\begin{cases} \in \mathbb{C}^{|S|} \text{ shortened vec.} \\ \in \mathbb{C}^N, (x)_k = x_k \text{ for } k \in S \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Thm. Given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$ , the foll. are equivalent:

- (a) Every  $s$ -sparse  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$  is the unique  $s$ -sparse soln. of  $Az = Ax$ .
- (b) The null space  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  does not contain any  $2s$ -sparse vecs. except  $\{0\}$ .
- (c) For every  $S \subset [N], |S| \leq 2s$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(A) \cap \{z \in \mathbb{C}^N : \|z\|_0 \leq 2s\} = \{0\}$ .
- (d) For every  $S \subset [N], |S| \leq 2s$ ,  $A_S$  is injective as a map from  $\mathbb{C}^{|S|} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ .
- (e) Every set of  $2s$  cols of  $A$  is LI.

Thus, if it is possible to reconstruct every  $s$ -sparse vec  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$  from  $y = Ax \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , then (a) holds  $\Leftrightarrow$  (e) holds. This  $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) \geq 2s$ .

$$\text{rank}(A) \leq m \Rightarrow m \geq 2s.$$

Thus  $m \geq 2s$  is necessary. But is it sufficient?

Thm. [2.14]: For any  $N \geq 2s, \exists A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  with  $m = 2s$ .

s.t. every  $s$ -sparse  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$  can be recovered from  $y = Ax$  by solving  $(P_0)$ .

Proof: Fix  $t_N > t_{N-1} > \dots > t_2 > t_1 > 0$  and consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 & \dots & t_1^{m-1} \\ t_2 & t_2^2 & t_2^3 & \dots & t_2^{m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_N & t_N^2 & t_N^3 & \dots & t_N^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$$

Let  $S = \{j_1 < \dots < j_{2s}\}$  be an index set  $|S| = 2s$ .

Then  $A_S \in \mathbb{C}^{2s \times 2s}$  is (Vandermonde matrix)<sup>T</sup>:

$$\det A_S = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & t_{j_1}^{2s-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_{j_2} & \dots & t_{j_2}^{2s-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ t_{j_{2s}} & \dots & t_{j_{2s}}^{2s-1} \end{bmatrix} = \prod_{k < l} (t_{j_k} - t_{j_l}) > 0.$$

$A_S$  is nonsingular  $\forall S \Rightarrow A_S$  is injective, i.e.,

(c) of the prev. thm. holds.

$\Rightarrow$  Every  $s$ -sparse  $x$  is the unique  $s$ -sparse soln. to  $A_S x = Ax$ , so it can be uniquely recovered by solving  $(P_0)$ .  $\square$

$$(P_0) : \min \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s.t. } y = Ax$$

$m \leq N, m < N$

For a genie that can solve  $(P_0)$  to succeed for all possible  $s$ -sparse vecs in  $\mathbb{C}^N$ ,  $m \geq 2s$  is necessary and sufficient.