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# On Fundamental Limits of Joint Sparse Support Recovery Using Certain Correlation Priors

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- Goal: Support recovery of jointly  $k$ -sparse signals from multiple measurements:

$$\mathbf{y}_i = A\mathbf{x}_i \quad i \in [L]$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ .

- Contributions

- Analysis of the exhaustive ML-based decoder  
Probability of error for this decoder is at most  $\delta$  provided

$$k \leq \frac{\text{krank}(A \odot A)}{2}$$

$$L \geq \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \log \frac{1}{\delta} + k \log \frac{N}{k} \right)$$

Parameter  $\gamma$  depends on  $(N, m, k)$

■ A covariance identifiability condition

For  $p \in \mathbb{R}_+^k$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ , we have covariance identifiability when

$$R_i = R_j \text{ if and only if } S_i = S_j \quad \forall i, j \in [q]$$

where  $q = \binom{N}{k}$  and  $R_i = A_{S_i} \text{diag}(p) A_{S_i}^\top$ .

- For matrices with iid entries from a continuous distribution, covariance identifiability violated w.h.p. if  $k \geq m^2 + m + 2$  and  $n \geq 2k$

# Phase Transitions and a Model Order Selection Criterion for Spectral Graph Clustering

Pin-Yu Chen, and Alfred O. Hero

- Goal: Automated selection of number of clusters in graph clustering problems
- Contributions
  - Phase transition of spectral clustering on the Random Interconnection Model (RIM)
  - A model order selection method based on the phase transition threshold

## ■ Random Interconnection Model

- Describes a graph on  $n$  nodes with  $k$  clusters, with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  cluster having size  $n_i$ . The adjacency matrix has the following form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & C_{12} & \cdots & C_{1k} \\ C_{21} & A_2 & \cdots & C_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{n1} & C_{n2} & \cdots & A_k \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$A_i$  :  $n_i \times n_i$  represents within cluster connections

$C_{ij}$  :  $n_i \times n_j$  represents connections between clusters  $i$  and  $j$ .

**Under RIM:**  $A_i$  are arbitrary,  $C_{ij}$  are mutually independent and have  $\text{Ber}(p_{ij})$  entries.

- The popular stochastic block model is a special case of RIM where  $A_i$  have iid  $\text{Ber}(p)$  entries

# Global Optimality in Low-Rank Matrix Optimization

Zihui Zhu, Qiuwei Li, Gongguo Tang, and Michael B. Wakin

## ■ Setup

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && f(X) \\ & \text{s.t.} && \text{rank}(X) \leq r \end{aligned}$$

$f$  is smooth

- Factorization approach: decompose  $X$  in terms of two smaller matrices as  $UV^\top$  – reduces computational complexity, introduces non convexity in objective
- Key result: Under certain conditions on  $f$ , factored problem has no spurious local minima

- Simple algorithms like gradient descent can provably solve the factored problem with global convergence
- Key assumption on  $f$ 
  - $f$  is restricted strongly convex and smooth, i.e.,

$$\alpha\|G\|_F^2 \leq [\nabla^2 f(X)](G, G) \leq \beta\|G\|_F^2 \quad (1)$$

for all  $n \times m$   $X$  and  $G$  with rank at most  $r$

# Support Recovery From Noisy Random Measurements via Weighted $\ell_1$ Minimization

Jun Zhang, Urbashi Mitra, Kuan-Wen Huang, and Nicolo Michelusi

- Goal: Analysis of support recovery performance of weighted  $\ell_1$  minimization from compressive measurements

$$\mathbf{y} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}$$

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$  with iid standard normal entries,  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $k$ -sparse,  
 $k < m < N$

- Weighted  $\ell_1$

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^N w_i x_i$$

Weights can incorporate prior information about  $\mathbf{x}$



## ■ Contributions

- Exact support recovery via weighted  $\ell_1$  minimization if  $x_{\min}$  large enough and

$$m \geq 2\eta k \log(N - k) \quad (2)$$

where  $\eta$  is a function of the weights

- An algorithm for support recovery based on iterative weighted  $\ell_1$  minimization

## Other interesting papers

- Efficient Analysis and Synthesis Using a New Factorization of the Gabor Frame Matrix. *S. M. -Picot, F. J. Ferri, M. A.-Herráez, W. D.-Villanueva*
- Spatio-Temporal Structured Sparse Regression With Hierarchical Gaussian Process Priors. *D. Kuzin, O. Isupova, L. Mihaylova*
- Joint Detection and Localization of an Unknown Number of Sources Using the Algebraic Structure of the Noise Subspace. *M. W. Morency, S. A. Vorobyov, G. Leus*
- Mitigating Quantization Effects on Distributed Sensor Fusion: A Least Squares Approach. *S. Zhu, C. Chen, J. Xu, X. Guan, L. Xie, K. H. Johansson*
- A Model Selection Criterion for High-Dimensional Linear Regression. *A. Owrang, M. Jansson*