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# Simultaneous Bayesian Sparse Approximation with Structured Sparse Models

W. Chen, D. Wipf, Y. Wang, Y. Liu and I. J. Wassell

- Goal: Joint sparse recovery with statistically related supports
- Setup:  $\Phi_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times m}$ ,  $w_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

$$y_k = \Phi_k x_k + w_k, \quad k \in [L].$$

Structured sparsity models



- Convex methods (by relaxing the following formulations)

$$\min_X \sum_{k=1}^L \|\Phi_k x_k - y_k\|_2^2 + \alpha_1 \sum_{k=1}^L \|x_k\|_0 + \alpha_2 \|X\|_{0,\text{row}} \quad \text{SSM-1}$$

$$\min_{C,S} \sum_{k=1}^L \|\Phi_k (c_k + s_k) - y_k\|_2^2 + \beta_1 \sum_{k=1}^L \|s_k\|_0 + \beta_2 \|C\|_{0,\text{row}} \quad \text{SSM-2}$$

- Contributions

- SBL for structured sparsity models using a dual-space view of the convex penalties. For e.g.,

$$\|x_k\|_1 = \min_{\gamma_{kj}^a \geq 0} \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{x_{kj}^2}{\gamma_{kj}^a} + \gamma_{kj}^a.$$

- Centralized and decentralized algorithms for solving the SSM recovery problem

# Robust Volume Minimization-Based Matrix Factorization for Remote Sensing and Document Clustering

X. Fu, K. Huang, B. Yang, W. K. Ma and N. D. Sidiropoulos

- Goal: Structured matrix factorization (SMF) using volume minimization
- Background, Setup
  - Data matrix=Basis matrix  $\times$  Coefficient matrix  
Columns of one factor matrix lie on the unit simplex
  - Applications in document clustering, remote sensing
  - Key question: Identifiability of factor matrices
  - Model:

$$x_i = As_i + v_i, \quad i \in [L]$$

with  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}$ , noise  $v_i$ ,  $s_i \geq 0$ , and  $\mathbf{1}^\top s_i = 1$ .

- SMF: Factor  $X$  into  $A$  and  $S$ .

VolMin criterion:

$$(A, s_i) = \arg \min_{B, c_i} \text{vol}(B)$$

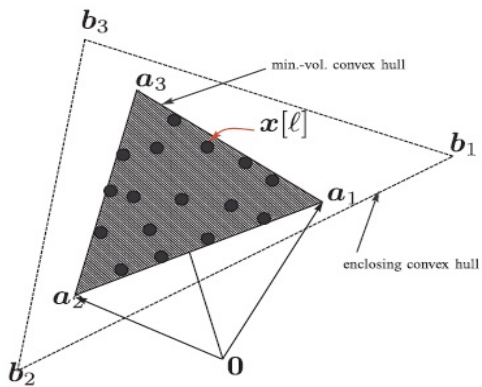
$$\text{s.t. } x_i = Bc_i,$$

$$\mathbf{1}^\top c_i = 1, c_i \geq 0.$$

Find minimum-volume simplex that encloses all columns of data matrix

- Contributions

- Proposed an algorithm based on alternating minimization to solve VolMin
- Showed equivalence of two previously known conditions for identifiability



# Orthogonal Sparse PCA and Covariance Estimation via Procrustes Reformulation

K. Benidis, Y. Sung, P. Babu and D. Palomar

- Goal: Estimate sparse eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix
- Setup: Orthogonal sparse PCA problem
  - Data matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , sample covariance  $S = A^\top A$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{u}{\text{maximize}} \quad u^\top S u - \rho \|u\|_0 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad u^\top u = 1 \end{aligned}$$

To extract multiple eigenvectors,

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{U}{\text{maximize}} \quad \text{Tr}(U^\top S U D) - \sum_{i=1}^q \rho \|u_i\|_0 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad U^\top U = I_q \end{aligned}$$

- Non convex objective, non convex feasible set
  - Convexify objective, use minorization-maximization
  - Solve a sequence of Procrustes problems

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|X - Y\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad X^\top X = I \end{aligned}$$

- Contributions
  - New method to estimate dominant sparse eigenvectors, under orthogonality constraint
  - An algorithm for estimating the covariance matrix when its eigenvectors are known to be sparse



## Other interesting papers

- Noisy Compressive Sampling Based on Block-Sparse Tensors: Performance Limits and Beamforming Techniques. *R. Boyer and M. Haardt*
- Learning Laplacian Matrix in Smooth Graph Signal Representations. *X. Dong, D. Thanou, P. Frossard, and P. Vandergheynst*
- Proximal Multitask Learning Over Networks With Sparsity-Inducing Coregularization. *R. Nassif, C. Richard, A. Ferrari, and A. H. Sayed*