Distributed learning of joint sparse signals in wireless sensor networks

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Problem Statement

• Consider a WSN consisting of *L* sensor nodes $(s_0, s_1 \dots s_L)$.

- Sensor node s_i wants to estimate signal vector $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - x_i are sparse.
 - x_j share common support (joint sparsity model-2¹)
 - For $j \neq k$, non zero entries of $\mathbf{x}_j \& \mathbf{x}_k$ are uncorrelated.

Sensor node s_j, j ∈ (1, 2...L) takes m noisy linear measurements of signal vector of interest x_i.

$$\mathbf{y}_j = \Phi_j \mathbf{x}_j + \mathbf{w}_j$$

•
$$\Phi_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

• $\mathbf{w}_j \sim N(0, \sigma_j^2 I)$

Sensor node s_j, j ∈ (1, 2...L) takes m noisy linear measurements of signal vector of interest x_i.

Goal: Estimate joint sparse signal vectors x₁, x₂...x_L from y₁, y₂...y_L.

1 Distributed Compressed Sensing, Duarte, Sarvotham, Baron, Wakin & Baranuik, 2005 🕢 🗄 🖌 🛓 🖉 🖓 🤇 🖓

Centralized and distributed schemes in WSNs



Centralized scheme

- Each sensor node s_j transmits its local measurement vector \mathbf{y}_j and measurement matrix Φ_i to fusion center (FC).
- FC runs joint sparse signal recovery algorithm to estimate $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L$.
- FC transmits recovered sparse vector x_i to sensor node s_i.
- Advantages:
 - Sensor node design is simplified, computationally intensive recovery algorithm offloaded to FC

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- Number of messages exchanged is low.
- Disadvantages:
 - If FC breaks down, WSN collapses.
 - Less sensing range.

Centralized and distributed schemes in WSNs



Each sensor node s_j can perform computations needed for recovering x_j from local measurement y_i and then some more..

- *Question:* Can the WSN converge to centralized solution while ensuring:
 - processing at each sensor node is kept as simple as possible.
 - sensor nodes exchange messages with only single-hop neighbours.
 - no exchange of $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_L$ and local estimates $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2, \dots \hat{\mathbf{x}}_L$.

Goal:

Estimate joint sparse vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L$ from measurements across the network $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_L$.

Measurement model:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W}$$

• $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_L], \mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L], \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \dots \mathbf{w}_L]$

• We assume $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L$ are i.i.d and $N(0, \Gamma^{-1})$, where $\Gamma = diag(\gamma), \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$.

• If $\gamma(i) = \infty$, then $\mathbf{x}_1(i) = \mathbf{x}_1(i) \cdots = \mathbf{x}_L(i) = 0$.

• For fixed Γ , then LMMSE estimate of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \sim N(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$.

$$\Sigma_j = (\Gamma + \frac{\Phi^T \Phi}{\sigma_j^2})^{-1}$$
$$\mu_j = \sigma_j^{-2} \Sigma_j \Phi^T \mathbf{y}_j$$

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• If we find γ , we can find $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L$.

• We find ML estimate of γ .

$$\gamma^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\gamma} p(\mathbf{Y}/\gamma)$$

$$p(\mathbf{Y}/\gamma) = \int_{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2...\mathbf{x}_L} p(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 ... \mathbf{y}_L, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 ... \mathbf{x}_L/\gamma)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2... \mathbf{x}_L} \prod_{j=1}^L p(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}_j/\gamma)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^L \int_{\mathbf{x}_j} p(\mathbf{y}_j/\mathbf{x}_j) \cdot p(\mathbf{x}_j/\gamma)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^L N(\mathbf{y}_j; 0, (\sigma_j^2 I + \Phi_j \Gamma^{-1} \Phi_j^T))$$

- No closed form expression for γ^* exists.
- How do we find γ^* ?
 - METHOD 1: Find γ^* using fixed point iterations (iterative re-estimation)
 - METHOD 2: Use EM algorithm to maximize $p(\mathbf{Y}/\gamma)$ by treating $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_L$ as hidden variables.

• EM formulation for ML estimation of γ

• Observed variables: $y_1, y_2 \dots y_L$ • Hidden variables: $x_1, x_2 \dots x_L$ • Complete data: $\{Y, X\}$ • To be estimated: γ

• E-Step:

$$Q(oldsymbol{\gamma},oldsymbol{\gamma}^{(k)}) = extsf{E}_{[X/Y,oldsymbol{\gamma}^{(k)}]} \log p(Y,X/oldsymbol{\gamma})$$

M-Step:

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• Simplification of E-step cost function $Q(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)})$

$$\begin{split} Q(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)}) &= E_{[X/Y, \gamma^{(k)}]} \log p(Y, X/\gamma) \\ &= E_{[X/Y, \gamma^{(k)}]} [\log p(Y/X) + \log p(X/\gamma)] \\ &= E_{[X/Y, \gamma^{(k)}]} [\log p(X/\gamma)] \quad (first term independent of \gamma) \\ &= E_{[X/Y, \gamma^{(k)}]} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \log p(\mathbf{x}_j/\gamma) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{L} E_{\mathbf{x}_j/\mathbf{y}_j, \gamma^{(k)}]} \log p(\mathbf{x}_j/\gamma) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{L} E_{[\mathbf{x}_j/\mathbf{y}_j, \gamma^{(k)}]} [\frac{-n}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Gamma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_j^T \Gamma \mathbf{x}_j] \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \log |\Gamma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L} E_{[\mathbf{x}_j/\mathbf{y}_j, \gamma^{(k)}]} [\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log |\Gamma^{-1}| - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_j^T \Gamma \mathbf{x}_j] \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \log |\Gamma| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L} E_{[\mathbf{x}_j/\mathbf{y}_j, \gamma^{(k)}]} \mathbf{x}_j^T \Gamma \mathbf{x}_j \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \gamma(i) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma(i) (E_{[\mathbf{x}_j(i)/\mathbf{y}_j(i), \gamma^{(k)}]} \mathbf{x}_j^2) \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \gamma(i) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \gamma(i) (\Sigma_j^{(k)}(i, i) + \mu_j^{(k)}(i)^2) \end{split}$$

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EM-iteration in centralized algorithm

E-Step:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{j}^{(k)} &= (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}^{(k)} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{j}^{T}\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{j}}{\sigma_{j}^{2}})^{-1} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j}^{(k)} &= \sigma_{j}^{-2}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{j}^{(k)}\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{j}^{T}\boldsymbol{y}_{j} \end{split}$$

M-Step:

$$\gamma^{(k+1)}(i) = \frac{L}{\sum_{j=1}^{L} \Sigma_j^{(k)}(i, i) + \mu_j^{(k)}(i)^2} \quad \forall i = 1 \text{ to } n$$

Upon convergence, it is observed that most of γ(i) → ∞, leading to sparse LMMSE estimates x̂₁, x̂₁... x̂_L.



Figure: Average MSE vs SNR

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Figure: Average MSE vs SNR for highly undersampled case

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• Rewrite the objective function $Q(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)})$ in M-step.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^{(k+1)} &= \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmax}} \quad \mathcal{Q}(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)}) \\ &= \underset{\gamma}{\operatorname{argmax}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log \gamma(i) - \gamma(i) (\Sigma_{j}^{(k)}(i,i) + \mu_{j}^{(k)}(i)^{2}) \end{aligned}$$

•
$$Q(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)})$$
 is separable in $\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_L$!

• $Q(\gamma, \gamma^{(k)})$ can be split as

$$Q(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(k)}) = \sum_{j=1}^{L} f_j(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \mathbf{y}_j)$$

$$f_j(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \mathbf{y}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \boldsymbol{\gamma}(i) - \boldsymbol{\gamma}(i) (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_j^{(k)}(i, i) + \boldsymbol{\mu}_j^{(k)}(i)^2)$$

We re-write the optimization problem in M-step as

$$\begin{split} & \underset{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{\min} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{n} -\log \gamma_{j}(i) + \gamma_{j}(i) (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{j}^{(k)}(i,i) + \mu_{j}^{(k)}(i)^{2}) \\ & \text{such that } \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{j} = \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{b} \quad \forall \ b \in B_{j} \ , \ j \in J \end{split}$$

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- γ_b are auxilliary parameters used to establish consensus among $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_L$.
- γ_b is maintained by a bridge node s_b .
- B_i denotes the set of bridge nodes connected to s_i.
- $\vec{B} = \bigcup_{j \in J} B_j$ is the set of all bridge nodes in WSN.
- N_b is the set of sensor node s_j connected to bridge node s_b.

Selection of bridge nodes in WSN

Rule-1: Each node in the network must be connected to atleast one bridge node in B, i.e., $B_j \neq \phi$.

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Rule-2: If two nodes s_{j_1} and s_{j_2} are single hop connected neighbours, then $B_{j_1} \bigcap B_{j_2} \neq \phi$.

• For a connected WSN, if conditions (1) and (2) hold then $\gamma_i = \gamma_b \quad \forall \ b \in B_i$, $j \in J$ implies that all γ_i are equal.

Alternating directions method of multipliers

ADMM problem form (with f, g convex)

minimize $f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{z})$ subject to $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{c}$

Augmented Lagrangian

$$L_{
ho}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{z},oldsymbol{\lambda}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{z}) + oldsymbol{\lambda}^{ op}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c}) + rac{
ho}{2} ||\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c}||_2^2$$

ADMM iterations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ L_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}^{k}, \lambda^{k}) & (x-\text{minimization}) \\ \mathbf{z}^{k+1} &= \underset{\mathbf{z}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ L_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}^{k+1}, \mathbf{z}, \lambda^{k}) & (z-\text{minimization}) \\ \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \lambda^{k} + \rho(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c}) & (\text{dual update}) \end{aligned}$$

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ADMM for distributed scheme

• Augmented Lagrangian $L_{\rho}(\gamma_{j\in J}, \gamma_{b\in B}, \lambda_{j\in J})$.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{i=1}^{n} -\log \gamma_{j}(i) + \gamma_{j}(i)(\Sigma_{j}^{(k)}(i,i) + (\mu_{j}^{(k)}(i))^{2})$$

+
$$\sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{b \in B_{j}} (\lambda_{j}^{b})^{T} (\gamma_{j} - \gamma_{b})$$

+
$$\frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L} \sum_{b \in B_{j}} ||\gamma_{j} - \gamma_{b}||_{2}^{2}$$

ADMM iterations

$$\begin{aligned} (\gamma_{j\in J})^{k+1} &= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\gamma_{j\in J}} L_{\rho}(\gamma_{j\in J}, \gamma_{b\in B}^{k}, \lambda_{j\in J}^{k}) \\ (\gamma_{b\in B})^{k+1} &= \operatorname*{argmin}_{\gamma_{b\in B}} L_{\rho}(\gamma_{j\in J}^{k+1}, \gamma_{b\in B}, \lambda_{j\in J}^{k}) \\ (\lambda_{j}^{b})^{k+1} &= (\lambda_{j}^{b})^{k} + \rho(\gamma_{j}^{k+1} - \gamma_{b}^{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

ADMM iterations

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j}^{b})^{k+1} = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j}^{b})^{k} + \rho(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{j}^{k} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{b}^{k}) \qquad \forall j \in J, \ b \in B_{j}$$
(1)

$$(\gamma_j)^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\gamma_{j\in J}} L_{\rho}(\gamma_{j\in J}, \gamma_{b\in B}^k, \lambda_{j\in J}^{k+1}) \qquad \forall j \in J$$
(2)

$$(\gamma_b)^{k+1} = \frac{\sum_{j \in N_b} (\rho \gamma_j^{k+1} + (\lambda_j^b)^{k+1})}{\sum_{j \in N_b} \rho} \qquad \forall b \in B$$
(3)

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EM iterations in WSN

Initialization

- λ_i^b and γ_b seeded with zero
- y_i seeded with random values.

Each iteration of EM algorithm comprises of:

COMM ROUND1: Each bridge node b ∈ B transmits its γ_b to all nodes in N_b.

● Each node j ∈ J updates its set of lagrangian variables according to

$$(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j}^{b})^{k+1} = (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j}^{b})^{k} + \rho(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{j}^{k} - \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{b}^{k}) \qquad \forall b \in B_{j}$$

COMM ROUND2: Each node j ∈ J transmits λ^b_i to all bridge nodes in B_i

Each node j ∈ J updates its estimate of hyperparameters γ_i according to

$$\gamma_{j}^{k+1}(i) = \frac{\sqrt{P^{2} + 4\rho|B_{j}| - P}}{2\rho|B_{j}|} \qquad \text{where } P = \Sigma^{k}(i,i) + \mu^{k}(i)^{2} + \sum_{b \in B_{j}} (\lambda_{j}^{bk+1}(i) - \rho\gamma_{b}^{k}(i))$$

COMM ROUND3: each node j ∈ J transmits its γ_i to all bridge nodes in B_j.

● Each node b ∈ B updates its estimate of bridge parameter γ_b according to

$$(\boldsymbol{\gamma}_b)^{k+1} = \frac{\sum_{j \in N_b} (\rho \boldsymbol{\gamma}_j^{k+1} + (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_j^b)^{k+1})}{\sum_{j \in N_b} \rho}$$

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Figure: Average MSE vs SNR

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Figure: Average MSE vs SNR for undersampled case



Figure: Comparison of convergence rate at SNR = 20 dB

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- Suppose a sequence *x_k* converges to *L*.
- x_k is said to be *Q*-linearly convergent to *L*, if there exists $\mu \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}\frac{|x_{k+1}-L|}{|x_k-L|}=\mu$$

 x_k is said to be *R-linearly* convergent to L, if there exists Q-linearly convergent sequence y_k which converges to zero such that

$$\lim_{k\to\infty}|x_k-L|\leq y_k$$

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Main convergence result

For the convex minimization problem (f is convex),

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{minimize} & f({\bm x}) \\ \mbox{subject to} & {\bm E}_1 {\bm x} + {\bm E}_2 {\bm z} = 0 \end{array}$

let \mathbf{x}^* and \mathbf{z}^* denote the unique optimal values which minimize the primal problem. Also let λ^* denote the unique maximizer of dual problem with dual variable λ . If we perform the following iterations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{k+1} &= \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ L_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}^{k}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k}) \\ \mathbf{z}^{k+1} &= \underset{\mathbf{z}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \ L_{\rho}(\mathbf{x}^{k+1}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k}) \\ \mathbf{\lambda}^{k+1} &= \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k} + \rho(\mathbf{E}_{1}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{E}_{2}\mathbf{z}) \end{aligned}$$

then, we have Q-linear convergence of $\mathbf{u}^k = [\mathbf{E}_2 \mathbf{z}^k \ \lambda^k]^T$ to $\mathbf{u}^* = [\mathbf{E}_2 \mathbf{z}^* \ \lambda^*]^T$ and R-linear convergence of \mathbf{x}^k to \mathbf{x}^* .

$$\begin{aligned} ||\mathbf{u}^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}^*||_G^2 &\leq \frac{1}{1+\delta} ||\mathbf{u}^k - \mathbf{u}^*||_G^2 \\ ||\mathbf{x}^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}^*||^2 &\leq \frac{1}{2m_f} ||\mathbf{u}^k - \mathbf{u}^*||_G^2 \end{aligned}$$

Main convergence result

Where *m_f* is such that

$$\langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_1) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_2), \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 \rangle \ge m_f ||\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2||_2^2 \qquad \forall \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$$

• $||.||_G$ is a vector norm defined as

$$||\mathbf{w}||_G^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \begin{bmatrix} \rho I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}$$

• $\delta > 0$ and is given by

$$\delta = \min\{\frac{2m_f}{\mu\rho\sigma_{max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1) + \frac{\nu M_f^2}{(\nu-1)\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}}, \quad \frac{\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}{\rho\nu\sigma_{max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}, \quad \frac{(\mu-1)\rho}{\mu}\}$$

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where μ and ν are auxilliary variables greater than one.

• M_f is Lipshitz constant of ∇f .

Optimizing the convergence rate

• For fast convergence, we select ρ which maximizes δ ,

$$\delta = \min\{\frac{2m_f}{\mu\rho\sigma_{max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1) + \frac{\nu M_f^2}{(\nu-1)\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}}, \frac{\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}{\rho\nu\sigma_{max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}, \frac{(\mu-1)\rho}{\mu}\}$$

$$\beta_1 \qquad \beta_2 \qquad \beta_3$$

- For fixed ρ , δ is maximized when $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3$
- Let $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3$ hold when $\mu = \mu^*$ and $\nu = \nu^*$.

• Define
$$\nu_o = \frac{\rho \nu^* \sigma_{max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}{\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}$$
, then ν_o must satisfy:

$$(2m_{f}\rho)\nu_{o}^{2} - (2m_{f} + 2m_{f}\rho^{2}K + \rho^{2}K\sigma_{min}^{2} + \frac{\rho M_{f}^{2}}{\sigma_{min}^{2}})\nu_{o} + (2m_{f}\rho K + \rho^{3}K^{2}\sigma_{min}^{2} + \frac{M_{f}^{2}}{\sigma_{min}^{2}}) = 0$$

$$K = \frac{\sigma_{\min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}{\sigma_{\max}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)} = \frac{Max \text{ connections per node}}{Min \text{ connections per node}}$$

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• Since $\nu_o = \frac{1}{\delta}$, we want the larger root of this quadratic equation to be as small.

Root analysis of quadratic equation in ρ

$$(2m_{f}\rho)\nu_{o}^{2} - (2m_{f} + 2m_{f}\rho^{2}K + \rho^{2}K\sigma_{min}^{2} + \frac{\rho M_{f}^{2}}{\sigma_{min}^{2}})\nu_{o} + (2m_{f}\rho K + \rho^{3}K^{2}\sigma_{min}^{2} + \frac{M_{f}^{2}}{\sigma_{min}^{2}}) = 0$$

- Both roots are positive.
- In order to minimize larger root (maximize δ), we select ρ which minimizes the sum of roots.

$$\rho_{optimal} = \sqrt{\frac{2m_f}{2m_f K + K\sigma_{min}^2(\mathbf{E}_1)}}$$

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Optimizing the convergence rate



Figure: Optimal ρ selection with respect to no. of iterations

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Optimizing the convergence rate



Figure: Optimal ρ selection with respect to average MSE

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• Check the robustness of algorithm under following cases:

- Messages exchanged between sensor nodes is quantized
- Different types of connected graphs
- Non-zero entries of x₁, x₂... x_L are distributed according to multi-mode pdfs and other non-Gaussian pdfs.

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- Large variations in SNR at each sensor node
- Bias in noise variance estimates

Possible extensions:

- Exploit inter vector correlation in JSM-2 model
- Reduction in messages exchanged between sensor nodes
- Tracking time varying sparse vectors (under JSM-2 paradigm)
- Study convergence rate for noisy and fading channel/links.

Thank You !!!

