Sparse Sensing for Distributed Gaussian Detection



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Thermal map of a processor



Design sparse space/time samplers

- Why sparse sensing?
 - Economical constraints (hardware cost)
 - Limited physical space
 - Limited data storage space
 - Reduce communications bandwidth
 - Reduce processing overhead

What is sparse sensing?

Select the "best" subset of sensors out of the candidate sensors that guarantee a certain desired global detection probability.

Sensor selection - prior art:

- Estimation
 - **convex optimization:** design $\{0,1\}^M$ selection vector

[Joshi-Boyd-09], [Chepuri-Leus-13]

Detection

- likely to lead to a local optimum

[Cambanis-Masry-83], [Yu-Varshney-97], [Bajovic-Sinopoli-Xavier-11]

Distributed detection

• Observations are related to

$$\mathcal{H}_0: \quad x_m \sim p_m(x|\mathcal{H}_0), \ m = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1$$
: $x_m \sim p_m(x|\mathcal{H}_1), m = 1, 2, \dots, M$



 $\operatorname{diagr}(\cdot)$ - diagonal matrix with the argument on its diagonal but with the zero rows removed.

Sparse sensing for distributed detection

	Classical setting
arg w	$\min_{\mathbf{v}\in\{0,1\}^M} \ \mathbf{w}\ _0$
s.to	$P_f(\mathbf{w}) \leq \alpha, P_m(\mathbf{w}) \leq \beta$

Bayesian setting
$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \{0,1\}^M} \|\mathbf{w}\|_0$$
s.to $P_e(\mathbf{w}) \leq e$

 $\begin{aligned} P_m &= 1 - P(\widehat{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{H}_1 | \mathcal{H}_1) & \pi_0, \pi_1 \quad \text{prior probabilities} \\ P_f &= P(\widehat{\mathcal{H}} = \mathcal{H}_1 | \mathcal{H}_0) & P_e &= \pi_0 P_f + \pi_1 P_m \end{aligned}$

Error probabilities (in general) do not admit expressions suitable for numerical optimization.

- Weaker measures can be used instead
- Kullback-Liebler distance for the classical setting $\rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{H}_1 || \mathcal{H}_0) = \mathbb{E}_{|\mathcal{H}_1} \{ \log I(\mathbf{y}) \}$ $\rightarrow \text{upper } \& \text{ lower bounds } P_m \text{ for fixed } P_f$
- Bhattacharyya distance (a special case of Chernoff inform.) for the Bayesian setting

• These distances are suitable for offline designs

Independent observations

• Assuming conditionally independent observations

KL distance:

$$D(\mathcal{H}_1 || \mathcal{H}_0) = \mathbb{E}_{|\mathcal{H}_1} \{ \log I(\mathbf{y}) \}$$
$$= \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_m \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{|\mathcal{H}_1} \{ \log I_m(x) \}}_{\mathcal{D}_m}$$

Bhattacharyya distance:

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1 \| \mathcal{H}_0) = -\log \mathbb{E}_{|\mathcal{H}_0} \{ \sqrt{I(\mathbf{y})} \}$$
$$= \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_m \underbrace{\left(-\log \mathbb{E}_{|\mathcal{H}_0} \{ \sqrt{I_m(y)} \} \right)}_{\mathcal{B}_m}$$

 $I_m(x) = \frac{p_m(x|\mathcal{H}_1)}{p_m(x|\mathcal{H}_0)}$ local likelihood ratio

Solver

• Linear program with explicit solution

arg min
w
$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_{0}$$
s.to
$$\sum_{m=1}^{M} w_{m}d_{m} \geq \lambda,$$

$$w_{m} \in \{0, 1\}, m = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

Hint: sorting

- Classical setting $d_m := \{\mathcal{D}_m\}_{m=1}^M$ Bayesian setting $d_m := \{\mathcal{B}_m\}_{m=1}^M$
- The best subset of sensors: sensors with largest average log/root local likelihood ratio.

Suppose

$$\mathcal{H}_0: \mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$
 vs. $\mathcal{H}_1: \mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$

- Kullback-Leibler and Bhattacharyya distance measures are the same up to a constant.
- Distance measure

$$d(\mathbf{w}) = rac{1}{\sigma^2} (\mathbf{ heta}_1 - \mathbf{ heta}_0)^T \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{w}) (\mathbf{ heta}_1 - \mathbf{ heta}_0)^T$$

is simply the scaled signal-to-noise ratio

Illustration – Gaussian detection

• Sensor selection is optimal in terms of error probabilities



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Suppose

$$\mathcal{H}_0$$
: $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{ heta}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma})$ vs. \mathcal{H}_1 : $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{ heta}_1, \mathbf{\Sigma})$

• Distance measure

$$d(\mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{w})(\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{m})$$

is no more linear in w.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{\Phi} &= \operatorname{diagr}(\mathbf{w}) \\ \mathbf{m} &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \\ \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}) &= \left(\mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Phi}^T\right)^{-1} \end{split}$$

• Express

 $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = a \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{S}$ for any $a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\mathbf{S} \succ \mathbf{0}$ • Constraint

 $d(\mathbf{w}) \geq \lambda$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^{-1} + a^{-1} \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{w}) & \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{m} \\ \\ \mathbf{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{S}^{-1} & \mathbf{m}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{m} - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0},$$

an LMI —linear/convex in w.

Hint: use matrix inversion lemma and $\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\Phi} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{w})$

Solver – dependent case

• SDP problem based on ℓ_1 -norm heuristics:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \arg\min_{\mathbf{w}} & \mathbf{1}^{T}\mathbf{w} \\ \text{s.to} & \left[\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S}^{-1} + \mathbf{a}^{-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) & \mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{m} \\ & \mathbf{m}^{T}\mathbf{S}^{-1} & \mathbf{m}^{T}\mathbf{S}^{-1}\mathbf{m} - \lambda \end{array} \right] \succeq \mathbf{0}, \\ & \mathbf{0} \leq w_{m} \leq 1, \quad m = 1, \dots, M. \end{array}$$

Is correlation good or bad?





Required # of sensors reduce significantly as they become more coherent

• Design space/time sparse samplers

extend Nyquist-based classical sensing techniques

- Fundamental statistical inference problems: Estimation, filtering, and detection
- Applications in networks:

environmental monitoring, location-aware services, spectrum sensing,...



Thank You!!

For more on sparse sensing for statistical inference, see: $\label{eq:http://cas.et.tudelft.nl/~sundeep}$