

Inverse Problems in Astrophysics

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Inverse Problems Regularization & Sparsity

Y = HX + N

Between all possible solutions, we want the one which has the sparsest representation in the dictionary Φ . It leads to the following optimization problem:

$$\min_{\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_T} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^T \|\alpha_i\|_p^p \ , 0 \le p < 2$$

 $X = \Phi \alpha$

A sparse model can be interpreted in a Bayesian framework

Assuming the coefficients α of the solution in the dictionary Φ follow a leptokurtic PDF with heavy tails such as the generalized Gaussian distribution form:

$$\operatorname{pdf}_{\alpha}(\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_T) \propto \prod_{i=1}^T \exp\left(-\lambda \|\alpha_i\|_p^p\right) \quad 0 \le p < 2.$$



Denoising using a sparsity model

Denoising using a sparsity prior on the solution:

X is sparse in $\Phi,$ i.e. $X=\Phi\alpha$ where most of α are negligible.

$$\tilde{\alpha} \in \underset{\alpha}{\arg\min} \frac{1}{2} \parallel Y - \Phi \alpha \parallel^2 + t \parallel \alpha \parallel_p^p, \quad 0 \le p \le 1.$$

$$\begin{split} & \overbrace{\alpha} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{P=0} \\ & \widetilde{\alpha} \quad \in \underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \frac{1}{2} \parallel Y - \Phi \alpha \parallel^2 + \frac{t^2}{2} \parallel \alpha \parallel_0 \\ & = > \text{ Solution via Iterative Hard Thresholding} \\ & \widetilde{\alpha}^{(t+1)} = \operatorname{HardThresh}_{\mu t} (\widetilde{\alpha}^{(t)} + \mu \Phi^T (Y - \Phi \widetilde{\alpha}^{(t)})), \mu = 1/ \|\Phi\|^2 . \\ & \widetilde{\alpha}_{j,k} = \operatorname{HardThresh}_t (\alpha_{j,k}) = \begin{cases} \alpha_{j,k} & \text{if } \mid \alpha_{j,k} \mid \geq t, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ & \text{1st iteration solution:} \\ & \widetilde{X} = \Phi \operatorname{HardThresh}_t (\Phi^T Y) = \Delta_{\Phi,t}(Y) \\ & \text{Exact for } \Phi \text{ orthonormal.} \end{split}$$



NOISE MODELING

For a positive coefficient: $P = \Pr{ob(w > w_{j,x,y})}$

For a negative coefficient: $P = \Pr{ob(w < w_{j,x,y})}$

Given a threshold t:

if P > t, the coefficient could be due to the noise.

if P < t, the coefficient cannot be due to the noise, and a **significant coefficient** is detected.



Noise Modeling in the wavelet space

The noise in the data follows a distribution law which can be:

- a White Gaussian Noise
- Correlated Noise
- a Poisson Noise
- a Poisson + Gaussian distribution (noise in the CCD)
- Poisson noise with few events (Galaxies counting, X ray images, ...)
- Speckle noise
- Root Mean Square map: we have a noise standard deviation of each data value.

Gaussian Noise $p(w_{j,l}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j}} e^{-w_{j,l}^2/2\sigma_j^2}$ Rejection of hypothesis \mathcal{H}_l depends (for a positive coefficient value) on: $P = Prob(w_{j,l} > W) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j}} \int_{w_{j,l}}^{+\infty} e^{-W^2/2\sigma_j^2} dW$ and if the coefficient value is negative, it depends on $P = Prob(w_{j,l} < W) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_j}} \int_{-\infty}^{w_{j,l}} e^{-W^2/2\sigma_j^2} dW$ Given stationary Gaussian noise, it suffices to compare $w_{j,l}$ to $k\sigma_j$. if $|w_j| \ge k\sigma_j$ then w_j is significant if $|w_j| < k\sigma_j$ then w_j is not significant

Threshold estimation: Gaussian case

1. k-sigma: $T_j = k \sigma_j$

2. Universal Threshold:
$$T_j = \sqrt{2\log n}\sigma_j$$



3. False Discovery Rate (FDR): compute the p-values for each wavelet coefficient $W_{j,l}$ at scale j and position l using the noise level σ_j . The user parameter α determines the number of false detections as a percentage of the number of true detections. The FDR fixes the threshold.

Poisson Noise

If the noise in the signal *s* is Poisson, the transform

$$t(s_k) = 2\sqrt{s_k + \frac{3}{8}}$$

acts as if the data arose from a Gaussian white noise model (Anscombe, 1948), with $\sigma = 1$, under the assumption that the mean value of I is large.

Poisson Noise + Gaussian

The generalization of the variance stabilizing is:

$$t(s_k) = \frac{2}{\alpha} \sqrt{\alpha s_k + \frac{3}{8}\alpha^2 + \sigma^2 - \alpha g}$$

where α is the gain of the detector, and g and σ are the mean and the standard deviation of the read-out noise.



$$IUWT \quad \begin{cases} a_j = \bar{h}^{\uparrow j-1} \star a_{j-1} \\ w_j = a_{j-1} - a_j \end{cases}$$
$$\implies \frac{MSVST}{IUWT} \quad \begin{cases} a_j = \bar{h}^{\uparrow j-1} \star a_{j-1} \\ w_j = \mathcal{A}_{j-1}(a_{j-1}) - \mathcal{A}_j(a_j) \end{cases}$$
$$\mathcal{A}_j(a_j) = b^{(j)} \sqrt{a_j + c^{(j)}}$$
$$c^{(j)} = \frac{7\tau_2^{(j)}}{8\tau_1^{(j)}} - \frac{\tau_3^{(j)}}{2\tau_2^{(j)}} , \quad b^{(j)} = 2\sqrt{\frac{\tau_1^{(j)}}{\tau_2^{(j)}}} \\ \tau_k^{(j)} = \sum_i \left(h^{(j)}[i]\right)^k$$

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Inverse Problems and Iterative Thresholding Minimizing Algorithm

Iterative thresholding with a varying threshold was proposed in (Starck et al, 2004; Elad et al, 2005) for sparse signal decomposition in order to accelerate the convergence. The idea consists in using a different threshold $\lambda^{(n)}$ at each iteration.

$$\alpha^{(n+1)} = \mathrm{HT}_{\lambda^{(n)}} \left(\alpha^{(n)} + \Phi^T H^T \left(Y - H \Phi \alpha^{(n)} \right) \right)$$
$$\alpha^{(n+1)} = \mathrm{ST}_{\lambda^{(n)}} \left(\alpha^{(n)} + \Phi^T H^T \left(Y - H \Phi \alpha^{(n)} \right) \right)$$

Refs: Vonesch et al, 2007; Elad et al 2008; Wright et al., 2008; Nesterov, 2008 and Beck-Teboulle, 2009; Blumensath, 2008; Maleki et Donoho, 2009, Starck et al, 2010, Raguet, Fadili, and Peyre, 2012; Vu , 2013 ; etc.

Analysis versus Synthesis Formulation

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Analysis: \min_{x} \|Y - HX\|^2 + \lambda \|\Phi^t x\|_p^p
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Synthesis: \min_{\alpha} \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_p^p
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Analysis framework generally gives better results than the synthesis framework.

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 l_0 norm generally gives better results than l_1 norm.

Multiple thresholds

$$Y = HX + N \qquad X = \Phi\alpha \text{ and } \alpha \text{ is sparse}$$

Analysis:
$$\min_{x} \|Y - HX\|^{2} + \lambda \|\Phi^{t}x\|_{p}^{p}$$

Synthesis:
$$\min_{\alpha} \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^{2} + \lambda \|\alpha\|_{p}^{p}$$

The use of a single hyper parameter does not allow us to properly take into account the signal and noise behavior in different bands:

$$\min_{x} \|Y - HX\|^2 + \sum_{j} \lambda_j \|\Phi_j^t x\|_p^p$$
$$\min_{\alpha} \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^2 + \sum_{j} \lambda_j \|\alpha_j\|_p^p$$

Signal driven strategy

Study the statistical distribution of the coefficient of a class of signal in the different bands (amplitude, decay, etc).

Noise driven strategy from MC noise realizations

$$\alpha_{j}^{N^{(i)}} = \Phi_{j}^{t} H^{T} N^{(i)} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{j} = k\sigma(\alpha_{j}^{N^{(i)}})$$
Spatially variant noise
$$\alpha^{R^{(n)}} = \Phi^{t} H^{T} \left(Y - Hx^{(n)}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{j,l}^{N^{(i)}} = \left(\Phi_{j}^{t} H^{T} N^{(i)}\right)_{l} \quad \lambda_{j,l} = k\sigma\left(\alpha_{j,l}^{N^{(i)}}\right)$$
Noise driven strategy from the residual
$$\alpha^{R^{(n)}} = \Phi^{t} H^{T} \left(Y - Hx^{(n)}\right) \quad \lambda_{j} = k\sigma(\alpha_{j}^{R^{(n)}})$$

but no convergence prove anymore

The Moreau Proximal Operator

Moreau (1962) introduced the notion of **proximity operator** as a generalization of a convex projection operator.

The function $\frac{1}{2} ||y - x||^2 + C(x)$ achieves its minimum at a unique point denoted by $\operatorname{prox}_{\mathcal{C}}(x)$.

The operator $\operatorname{prox}_{\mathcal{C}}$ is the proximity operator of \mathcal{C} .

$$\mathcal{C}(x) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \|x\|^2 \to \operatorname{prox}_{\mathcal{C}}(x) = \frac{x}{1+\lambda}.$$

$$\mathcal{C}(x) = \lambda \|x\|_1 \to \operatorname{prox}_{\mathcal{C}}(x) = \operatorname{SoftThreshold}_{\lambda}(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(x) \operatorname{max}(|x| - \lambda, 0).$$

Euclidian projection on convex set $\,\Omega\,$

The indicator function of a closed convex subset Ω is the function defined

$$1_{\Omega}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0, \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ +\infty, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The proximity operator of $1_{\mathcal{C}}$ is the orthogonal projector onto Ω .

Forward-Backward Algorithm

$$\min_{\alpha} \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_p^p$$

Iterative Soft Threshold Algorithm (IST)

$$\alpha^{n+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\Phi,\lambda}(\alpha^n + \mu \Phi^t H^t (Y - H \Phi \alpha^n)).$$

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IST can be seen as a generalization of projected gradient descent.

Drawback: slow convergence, O(1/n)

















Experiment #2: Angular separation

- Simulated LOFAR dataset

* Core stations only (N=24)

* $\Delta T=1h - \Delta F=195 \text{ KHz} - F=150 \text{ MHz}$

* Radial cut in the Fourier (u,v) plane at Ruv=1.6 k λ

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- Filled with simulated data

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Experiment #2: Angular separation Noiseless dataCLEANCLEAN beam = 3.2'x2.			
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<mark>δθ=ι'</mark>	<mark>δθ=2'</mark>	<u>δθ=3'</u>	δθ=4' <mark></mark> δθ=4'
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Sparse recovery			
 Sparse Recovery resolution improved by at least 2 compared the CLEAN beam. Recovered « sub-beam » sources have correct fluxes (~2% error) & positions 			























. Initialize all S_k to zero

. Iterate j=1,...,Niter

- Iterate k=1,..,L

- Update the kth part of the current solution by fixing all other parts and minimizing:

$$J(s_k) = \left\| M(s - \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^{L} s_i - s_k) \right\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \left\| T_k s_k \right\|_{1}$$

Which is obtained by a simple soft thresholding of :

$$s_r = M(s - \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^{L} s_i)$$























Characterized MCA (GMCA)
^{1.} Subin, 1.4. Stark, M.J. Fadi, and Y. Mozden, "Sparsity, Marphological Diversity and Blind Source Separation", IEEE
This on Image Processing, Vul 16, No 11, up 2662, 2674, 2077.
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maging and Electron Physics, Vul 152, pp 221 – 306, 2008.
Source:
$$S = [S_1, ..., S_n]$$
 Data: $X = [x_1, ..., x_m] = AS$
We now assume that the sources are linear combinations of morphological components :
 $S_i = \sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{i,k}$ such that $\alpha_{i,k} = T_{i,k}c_{i,k}$ parse
 \Longrightarrow $X_l = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}S_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}\sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{i,k}$
Source: $M = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}S_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}\sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{i,k}$
 $= \sum M_l = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}S_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}\sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{i,k}$
 $f = [[\phi_{1,1}, ..., \phi_{1,K}], ..., [\phi_{n,1}, ..., \phi_{n,K}],], \alpha = S\phi^t = [[\alpha_{1,1}, ..., \alpha_{1,K}], ..., [\alpha_{n,1}, ..., \alpha_{n,K}]]$
GMCA aims at solving the following minimization:
 $\min_{A, c_{1,1}, ..., c_{1,K}, ..., c_{n,1}, ..., c_{n,K}} = \sum_{l=1}^{m} [X_l - \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i,l}\sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{i,k} [^2_l + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{K} [T_{i,k}c_{i,k}]]_p$

Sparse Component Separation: the GMCA Method

A and S are estimated alternately and iteratively in two steps :

1) Estimate S assuming A is fixed (iterative thresholding) :

$$\{S\} = \operatorname{Argmin}_{S} \sum_{j} \lambda_{j} \|s_{j} \mathbf{W}\|_{1} + \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{AS}\|_{F, \Sigma}^{2}$$

2) Estimate A assuming S is fixed (a simple least square problem) :

$$\{A\} = \operatorname{Argmin}_{A} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{AS}\|_{F, \Sigma}^{2}$$



