

## 4 Precise analysis of compressed sensing

Model:  $y = Ax + z$

$$x \in K_S := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\|_0 \leq S \leq \frac{n}{8}\}$$

Goal: Estimate  $x$ .

Q: Does any method work better than  $\ell_1$  minimization?

A: No.\*

\*Some caveat tbd.

Today: Analyze  $\ell_1$  minimization.

Let  $\hat{x}$  be soln to:

$$\min \|Ax' - y\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|x'\|_1 \leq \|x\|_1$$

Thm Let  $A$  have ind. sub-Gauss. entries satisfying  $\mathbb{E} A_{ij} = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E} A_{ij}^2 = 1$ ,  $\|A_{ij}\|_{\psi_2} \leq C$ . Let  $\|z\|_2 \leq C\sqrt{m}\sigma$ . Suppose  $m \geq C \log(\frac{n}{S})$ . Then, w.p.  $\geq .98$ ,

$$\|\hat{x} - x\|_2^2 \leq \frac{C \log(\frac{n}{S}) \sigma^2}{m}$$

Remarks: ① We assume  $\|z\|_2^2 \leq Cm\sigma^2$ , which, roughly allows  $|z_i| \sim \sigma$ .  $z$  does not have to be random, but if it is, it must be indep. of  $A$ .

②  $s \log\left(\frac{n}{s}\right)$  is dimension of  $k_s \cap B_2^n$  as measured by metric entropy:  $\log(N(k_s \cap B_2^n), \frac{1}{2} B_2^n)$ .

Thus, result states informally " If # of meas. exceeds dimension then error is proportional to  $\frac{\text{dimension} \cdot (\text{noise level})}{\# \text{ of measurements}}$  "

Proof of thm:

Let  $h = \hat{x} - x$ .

Lemma  $h$  satisfies the following two constraints:

①  $\|h\|_1 \leq 2\sqrt{s} \|h\|_2$

②  $\|Ah\|_2^2 \leq 2 \langle Ah, z \rangle$

Proof ① Let  $T \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  be the support of  $x$ ,  $T^c$  be the complement. For vector  $v$ , let  $v_T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be  $v$  restricted to  $T$ .

Note: a)  $\|\hat{x}\|_1 \leq \|x\|_1 = \|x_T\|_1$  (by def)

Also b)  $\|\hat{x}\|_1 = \|h + x\|_1 = \|h_T + x_T\|_1 + \|h_{T^c}\|_1$ .

$$\geq \|x_T\|_1 - \|h_T\|_1 + \|h_{T^c}\|_1$$

Combine a) & b) to give:  $\|h_{T^c}\|_1 \leq \|h_T\|_1$

$$\Rightarrow \|h\|_1 = \|h_{T^c}\|_1 + \|h_T\|_1 \leq 2\|h_T\|_1$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{s} \|h_T\|_2 \quad (\text{By Cauchy-Schwartz})$$

$$\leq 2\sqrt{s} \|h\|_2 \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \|A\hat{x} - y\|_2^2 \leq \|Ax - y\|_2^2 = \|z\|_2^2 \quad \text{by def.}$$

$$\|A\hat{x} - Ax - z\|_2^2 = \|Ah - z\|_2^2 = \langle Ah - z, Ah - z \rangle$$

$$= \|Ah\|_2^2 - 2\langle Ah, z \rangle + \|z\|_2^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

Now we use lemma to prove thm:

$$\text{Let } D = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|v\|_1 \leq 25\|v\|_2\}.$$

Consider LHS of  $\textcircled{2}$ . By master theorem,  $A$  is well conditioned when restricted to  $D$  provided  $m \geq Cw(D \cap B_2^n)^2$  i.e. w.p.  $\geq .99$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad \|Ah\|_2^2 \geq \frac{m}{2}\|h\|_2^2$$

Now, consider the RHS of  $\textcircled{2}$ .

$$\langle Ah, z \rangle = \langle h, A^T z \rangle = \|h\|_2 \cdot \|z\|_2 \cdot \langle \bar{h}, A^T \bar{z} \rangle \quad (*)$$

$$\text{where } \bar{h} = \frac{h}{\|h\|_2}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{z}{\|z\|_2}$$

Note:  $A^T \bar{z}$  is a sub-Gauss vector &

$$\mathbb{E} \langle \bar{h}, A^T \bar{z} \rangle \leq \mathbb{E} \sup_{v \in D \cap B_2^n} \langle v, A^T \bar{z} \rangle \leq Cw(D \cap B_2^n)$$

Gauss. sub-Gauss. comparison

Plug into  $(*)$ , & combine w/ Markov & to give

$$\textcircled{B} \quad \langle Ah, z \rangle \leq C\|h\|_2 \cdot \|z\|_2 \cdot w(D \cap B_2^n) \quad \text{w.p. } \geq .99$$

Combine  $\textcircled{A}$  &  $\textcircled{B}$  w/  $\textcircled{2}$  to give:

$$\frac{m}{2}\|h\|_2^2 \leq \|Ah\|_2^2 \leq C\|h\|_2 \|z\|_2 w(D \cap B_2^n) \quad \text{w.p. } > .98$$

The theorem is completed by controlling the mean width:

$$\text{Lemma } w(D \cap B_2^n) \leq C\sqrt{s \log\left(\frac{n}{s}\right)}$$

Proof: Note:

For  $h \in D \cap B_2^n$ ,  $\|h\|_1 \leq 2\sqrt{n} \|h\|_2 \leq 2\sqrt{n}$

Thus  $D \cap B_2^n \subseteq (2\sqrt{n} B_1^n) \cap B_2^n \subseteq 2 \operatorname{conv}(K_{4\sqrt{n}} \cap B_2^n)$   
↑  
Exercise

$$\Rightarrow w(D \cap B_2^n) \leq 2w(\operatorname{conv}(K_{4\sqrt{n}} \cap B_2^n))$$

$$= 2w(K_{4\sqrt{n}} \cap B_2^n)$$

(by hw)

$$= C \log\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon}\right)$$

(mean width of convex hull is same as that of original set)

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