

# Sparse SR

$$\sum_{j=1}^d c_j \delta(t-t_j) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sum_{j=1}^d c_j e^{it_j \omega} \xrightarrow{\text{unif. sample}} \sum_{j=1}^d c_j z_j^k$$

Measurement model  
 $z_j = e^{it_j}$

$$\omega = k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$(2d \cdot \Delta \omega) \leftarrow \omega = \Delta \omega \cdot k \dots$$

• "Imaging of point sources"

• Line Spectrum estimation  $\sum_{j=1}^d c_j \delta(\omega - \omega_j) \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^d c_j e^{i\omega_j t}$

• Sparse Fourier transform

• Hidden periodicities

• Sparse representations / compressed sensing  $\star$ .

• Moment problems  
(Classical)

$\mu$ -Borel measure  
 Given:  $\int x^k d\mu = m_k$   
 $\{m_0, m_1, \dots\} \rightarrow \text{recover } \mu.$

Problem: Given  $\{m_0, \dots, m_{2d-1}\}$ , find  $\{c_j, z_j\}_{j=1}^d$  s.t.

$$(*) \quad m_k = \sum_{j=1}^d c_j z_j^k, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, 2d-1$$

find  $c_1, z_1, \dots, c_d, z_d$  s.t.

$$2d \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_d = m_0 \\ c_1 z_1 + c_2 z_2 + \dots + c_d z_d = m_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_1 z_1^{2d-1} + \dots + c_d z_d^{2d-1} = m_{2d-1} \end{array} \right.$$

I) Existence

II) Uniqueness

### Uniqueness

Theorem If the solution, if exists, is unique, up to permutations

We associate  $\{c_j, z_j\}_{j=1}^d$  with point measure

$$\mu = \sum_{j=1}^d c_j \delta(z - z_j)$$

(\*) is equivalent to the moment problem:

Find  $\mu$ , with  $|\text{supp } \mu| \leq d$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \int z^k d\mu = m_k, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, 2d-1$$

Suppose  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  solutions to (\*)

$\rho = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  is a point measure,  $|\text{supp } \rho| \leq 2d$   
s.t.  $\int z^k d\rho = 0, k=0, 1, \dots, 2d-1.$

Let  $p = |\text{supp } \rho|$

• if  $p=0 \Rightarrow$  we are done

• else,  $\rho = \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \delta(z - w_j)$

$$V(w_1, \dots, w_p) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ w_1 & \dots & w_p \\ w_1^2 & \dots & w_p^2 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ w_1^{p-1} & \dots & w_p^{p-1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$$

Vandermonde matrix

Known:  $|V| = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (w_j - w_i) \leftarrow$  (induction),

$$\sum_{j=1}^p b_j w_j^k = 0 \quad k=0, 1, \dots, 2p-1 \quad p \leq d$$

$$V \cdot \underline{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho = 0.$$

$$\underline{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_p)$$

# Existence.

Example:  $m_0 = m_1 = \dots = m_{d-1} = 0$  but  $m_k \neq 0$  for some  $d \leq k \leq 2d-1$

Example:  $m_k = a \cdot z^k = 2 \cdot m_{k-1} \quad \forall k \neq 0,$

$$d=1$$

$$z = \frac{m_k}{m_{k-1}}$$

Example:

$$d=2$$

$$m_k = az^k + bw^k$$

$$m_{k+1} = az^{k+1} + bw^{k+1}$$

$$m_{k+2} = az^{k+2} + bw^{k+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{zw m_k - (z+w) m_{k+1} + m_{k+2} = 0}$$

$$zw \quad -(z+w) \quad 1$$

$$(x-z)(x-w)$$

Claim 1 Let  $\mu$  be a solution,  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^d c_j \delta(z - z_j)$

Define  $P(z) = \prod_{j=1}^d (z - z_j) = p_0 + p_1 z + \dots + p_{d-1} z^{d-1} + p_d z^d,$   
 $p_d = 1$

Then:  $\sum_{j=0}^d p_j m_{k+j} = 0.$   
 $k \geq 0$

pf:  $\sum_{j=0}^d p_j m_{k+j} = \sum_{j=0}^d p_j \sum_{i=1}^d c_i z_i^{k+j} = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i z_i^k \sum_{j=0}^d p_j z_i^j$  (\*\*)  
 $= \sum_{i=1}^d c_i z_i^k P(z_i) = 0.$

Write this as a homogeneous system

$$d \begin{pmatrix} m_0 & m_1 & \dots & m_d \\ m_1 & m_2 & \dots & m_{d+1} \\ m_2 & \dots & & \\ \vdots & & & \\ m_{d-1} & \dots & & m_{2d-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_d \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Claim 2 If  $\mu$  is a solution, and  $(g_0, \dots, g_d)$  is a non-trivial solution of (1),

and  $Q(z) = g_0 + g_1 z + \dots + g_d z^d$

then  $Q(z_i) = 0 \quad \forall z_i \in \text{supp } \mu$ .

Pf.: by (\*)  $\sum_{i=1}^d c_i z_i^k Q(z_i) = \sum_{j=0}^d g_j m_{k+j} = 0 \quad k=0, 1, \dots, d-1$

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^d c_i Q(z_i) \delta(z-z_i) \Rightarrow \int z^k dP = 0, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, d-1$$

$\Rightarrow$  we have already seen that  $P=0$

$$\Rightarrow Q(z_i) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Def:  $\mu$  is called a regular solution to (\*) if  $|\text{supp } \mu| = d$ .

Let  $\mu$  be a solution,

$$H_d := \begin{bmatrix} m_0 & \dots & m_{d-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ m_{d-1} & \dots & m_{2d-2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mu = \sum_{j=1}^d c_j \delta(z - z_j)$$

Claim 3:  $H_d = \underset{\uparrow}{V} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & c_d \end{bmatrix} \underset{\downarrow}{V}^T$       pf by inspection

$\downarrow (z_1, \dots, z_d)$

Corollary: if  $\mu$  is a solution then

$$|\text{supp } \mu| = \text{rank } H_d.$$


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Suppose  $\text{rank } H_d = d$ . Then  $\exists$  unique solution to

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_d & \begin{matrix} m_d \\ \vdots \\ m_{2d-1} \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ \vdots \\ q_{d-1} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow H_d \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ \vdots \\ q_{d-1} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} m_d \\ \vdots \\ m_{2d-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q(z) = z^d + q_{d-1} z^{d-1} + \dots + q_0$$

Assume  $Q(z)$  does not have multiple roots,

$$\{w_1, \dots, w_d\}$$

$$V(w_1, \dots, w_d) \cdot \tilde{c} = \begin{pmatrix} m_0 \\ \vdots \\ m_{d-1} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{find } \tilde{c}.$$

$$\tilde{M} = \sum_{j=1}^d \tilde{c}_j \delta(z - w_j)$$

Need to prove that  $\int z^k d\tilde{M} = m_k, \quad k = d, d+1, \dots, 2d-1.$

(already shown for  $k = 0, \dots, d-1$ ).

$$\text{Define } n_k = \sum \tilde{c}_j w_j^k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 2d-1$$

Need to show  $n_k = m_k, \quad k = d, \dots, 2d-1.$

$\tilde{M}$  is a solution to  $(*)$  with data  $\{n_0, \dots, n_{2d-1}\}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sum_{j=0}^d n_{k+j} g_j = 0, & k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1. \\ \sum_{j=0}^d m_{k+j} g_j = 0, & k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1 \end{cases}$$

by construction.

$$\text{Consider } \sum_{j=0}^d a_{k+j} g_j = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$f_d = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Given "initial condition"  $\{a_0, \dots, a_{d-1}\} \Rightarrow m_k = n_k \forall k.$   
the solution is determined uniquely

Th 2: (\*) has a regular solution iff

$$|H_d| \neq 0$$

and  $Q(z)$  has no multiple roots.

What about singular solutions

Suppose  $\mu$  is a solution with  $|\text{supp } \mu| = p < d$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } H_d = p.$$

But of course  $\mu$  solves  $(*)_p$   
 $(*)$  with  $\rightarrow 2p-1$  equations

$\Rightarrow |H_p| \neq 0$ ,  $Q_p(z)$  has no multiple roots.

Theorem 3 This is also sufficient, i.e.  
 $\text{rank } H_d = p$ .

$|H_p| \neq 0$ ,  $Q_p(z)$  has no multiple roots  $\Rightarrow$

$\exists$  a solution  $\mu$  to  $(*)_d$  with  $|\text{supp } \mu| = p$ .

pf: Let  $\mu$  be a solution to  $(*)_p$  (by Th 2).

$$\Rightarrow \int z^k d\mu = m_k, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, 2p-1.$$



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$\{h_k\}$  - moments of  $\mu$ .  $h_k = m_k$

Complete this (exercise).

$\{m_0, \dots, m_{d-1}\}$

"Unsolvability set" is a set of measure zero

in  $\mathbb{C}^{2d}$ .

- Noiseless SR problem can achieve "infinite resolution".

Prony's method. 1795

$$\sum c_j e^{\lambda_j t}$$

Sylvester

Ramanujan

Sylvester-Ramanujan

# Padé approximation

Define

$$R(z) = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{a_j}{1 - z z_j} = \sum_{j=1}^d a_j \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (z z_j)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} m_k z^k \quad \left( \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \right)$$

(moment-generating function).

$$R(z) = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{a_j}{z - z_j} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m_k}{z^{k+1}} = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} \quad \text{Convergence for } z \gg 1$$

From  $2d$  Taylor coefficients we would like to

get an approx.  $\approx \frac{1}{z^{2d}}$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \deg P \leq d-1 \\ \deg Q \leq d \end{array} \right.$$

$$P(z) = b_0 + \dots + b_{d-1} z^{d-1} \quad d$$

$$Q(z) = c_0 + \dots + c_d z^d \quad d+1$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right\} 2d \text{ independent coeffs}$

$\Rightarrow$  Solving (\*) is reduced to finding a rational f.n whose first  $2d$  Taylor coeffs at  $z=0$  are given.