





Deterministic and Bayesian Sparsity enforcing models in signal and image processing

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Sparsity?

- Signal and image representation and modelling: Many real world signals, sounds, images can be represented by a sparse model.
- Sparse modelling in Inverse problems and Machine learning: Sparsity can be used as regularizer to avoid over fitting in many machine learning problems: Feature selection, SVMs, ...
- Sparsity as a tool for fast algorithms:

Sparsity can be exploited for fast computations Matrix factorisation for recommender systems Sparse solutions in kernel machines

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Sparse signals: Direct sparsity



Sparse signals in a Transform domain



Sparse images in a Transform domain





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Sparse signals and images (Fourier and Wavelets domain)



Finite and Sparse representation: some references

► 1948: Shannon:

Sampling theorem and reconstruction of a band limited signal

- ► 1993-2007:
 - Mallat, Zhang, Candès, Romberg, Tao and Baraniuk: Non linear sampling, Compression and reconstruction,
 - Fuch: Sparse representation
 - Donoho, Elad, Tibshirani, Tropp, Duarte, Laska: Compressive Sampling, Compressive Sensing

► 2007-2016: Deterministic

Algorithms for sparse representation and Compressive Sampling: Matching Pursuit (MP), Projection Pursuit Regression, Pure Greedy Algorithm, OMP, Basis Poursuit (BP), Dantzig Selector (DS), Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO), Iterative Hard Thresholding...

► 2003-2016: Bayesian

Bayesian approach to sparse modeling

Tipping, Bishop: Sparse Bayesian Learning,

Relevance Vector Machine (RVM), Sparsity enforcing priors, a.

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 Modelling via decomposition (basis, codebook, dictionary, Design Matrix)



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Modelling via decomposition

(basis, codebook, dictionary, Design Matrix,...)



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Modelling via a basis (codebook, dictionary, Design Matrix)

$$g(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_j \phi_j(t), \ t = 1, \cdots, T \longrightarrow \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{f}$$

• When $T \ge N$

$$\widehat{f}_{j} = \arg\min_{f_{j}} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left| g(t) - \sum_{j=1}^{N} f_{j} \phi_{j}(t) \right|^{2} \right\} \longrightarrow$$

$$\widehat{f} = \arg\min\left\{ \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}f\|_{2}^{2} \right\} = [\mathbf{\Phi}'\mathbf{\Phi}]^{-1}\mathbf{\Phi}'\mathbf{g}$$

• When orthogonal basis: $\Phi'\Phi = \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \Phi'\mathbf{g}$

$$\widehat{f}_j = \sum_{t=1}^N g(t) \phi_j(t) = \langle g(t), \phi_j(t) \rangle$$

Application in Compression, Transmission and Decompression

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When over complete basis N > T: Infinite number of solutions for Φf = g. We have to select one. Minimum norm solution:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \operatorname{arg\,min}_{\mathbf{f}: \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \right\}$$

or writing differently:

minimize
$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$$
 subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

resulting to:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{\Phi}' [\mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Phi}']^{-1} \mathbf{g}$$

- Again if $\Phi \Phi' = \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \Phi' \mathbf{g}$.
- ▶ No real interest if we have to keep all the *N* coefficients:
- Sparsity:

minimize
$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$$
 subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

or

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

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Sparse decomposition (MP and OMP)

Strict sparsity and exact reconstruction

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$ subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

 $\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$ is the number of non-zero elements of \mathbf{f}

- Matching Pursuit (MP) [Mallat & Zhang, 1993]
 - MP is a greedy algorithm that finds one atom at a time.
 - Find the one atom that best matches the signal;
 Given the previously found atoms, find the next one to best fit, Continue to the end.
- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) [Lin, Huang et al., 1993] The Orthogonal MP (OMP) is an improved version of MP that re-evaluates the coefficients after each round.

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 Sparse decomposition (BP,PPR,BCR,IHT,...)

Sparsity enforcing and exact reconstruction

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

- This problem is convex (linear programming).
- Very efficient solvers has been deployed:
 - Interior point methods [Chen, Donoho & Saunders (95)],
 - Iterated shrinkage [Figuerido & Nowak (03), Daubechies, Defrise, & Demole (04), Elad (05), Elad, Matalon, & Zibulevsky (06), Marvasti et al].
- Basis Pursuit (BP)
- Projection Pursuit Regression
- Block Coordinate Relaxation (BCR)
- Greedy Algorithms
- Iterative Hard Thresholding (IHT)

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Sparse decomposition algorithms

Strict sparsity and exact reconstruction

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$ subject to $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}$

Strict sparsity and approximate reconstruction

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_0$ subject to $\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 < c$

- ► NP-hard. Looking for other solutions:
- Sparsity promoting and exact reconstruction: Basis Pursuit (BP)

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_1$ subject to $\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g}$

Sparsity promoting and approximate reconstruction:

minimize $\|\mathbf{f}\|_1$ subject to $\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 < c$ or equivalently (LASSO):

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg\min \left\{ J(\mathbf{f}) \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad J(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$

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Sparse Decomposition Applications

• Denoising: $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ with $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{z}$

$$J(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$$

When \hat{z} computed, we can compute $\hat{f} = \Phi \hat{z}$.

Compressed Sensing and Linear Inverse problems:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$
 with $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z}$
$$J(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2}$$

When \widehat{z} computed, we can compute $\widehat{f}=\Phi\widehat{z}.$

Linear Inverse problems with piecewise constant prior:

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$
 with $\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{z}$ and $\mathbf{z}_j \sim \mathcal{DE}(\lambda)$ Sparse

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{f}\|_1$$

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Sparse Decomposition algorithms (Unitary decomposition)

$$J(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1$$

• When $\Phi \Phi' = \Phi' \Phi = I$

 $J(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{\Phi}'\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}'\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z}_0 - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 \text{ with } \mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{\Phi}'\mathbf{g}$

which is a separable criterion:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_0\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 = \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{z}_{0j}|^2 + \lambda |\mathbf{z}_j|_1$$

Closed form solution: Shrinkage

$$\mathbf{z}_j = \left\{ egin{array}{cc} 0 & |\mathbf{z}_{0j}| < \lambda \ \mathbf{z}_{0j} - \operatorname{sign}(\mathbf{z}_{0j})\lambda & ext{otherwise} \end{array}
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Sparse Decomposition Algorithms (Lasso and extensions)

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_j |f_j|$$

Other Criteria

$$L_p$$

 $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_j |f_j|^p, \quad 1$

Elastic net

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \sum_j \left(\lambda_1 |\mathbf{f}_j| + \lambda_2 |\mathbf{f}_j|^2\right)$$

Group LASSO

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j| + \lambda_2 \sum_j |\mathbf{f}_j - \mathbf{f}_{j-1}|^2$$

▶ Weighted L1:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_j |w_j \mathbf{f}_j|$$

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Advanced Algorithms

Many optimisation algorithms have been developed based on the facts that: $J(\mathbf{f})$ is composed of a first term which is sum of strictly convex terms and the second term is convex but not derivable at the origin.

- Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM) is based on the splitting variables and augmented Lagrangian [Boyd et al. 2011,...]
- Iterative Shrinkage Thresholding Algorithm (ISTA) and its accelerated version Fast ISTA (FISTA) are based on the duality, convex conjugate property, level set and minmax theorem [Beck and Teboulle 2009, Parikh and Boyd, 2014,...]
- Cyclic or Bloc Coordinate Descent method (CCD or BCD) are based on bloc coordinate optimization of the criterion [Saha and Tewari, 2010].

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Algorithms:

Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM)

 ADMM is based on the splitting variables and augmented Lagrangian [Boyd et al., 2011]

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{z} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \boldsymbol{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 + \boldsymbol{\mu}'(\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{z}) + \frac{\rho}{2})\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2$$

Stationary point of \mathcal{L} can be reached by an alternate optimization with respect to **f**, **z** and μ gives the algorithm.

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{f}^{(k+1)} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{f}} \left\{ Lc(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)}) \right\} \\ \mathbf{z}^{(k+1)} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{z}} \left\{ Lc(\mathbf{f}^{(k)}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)}) \right\} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k+1)} = \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(k)} + \tau(\mathbf{f}^{(k)} - \mathbf{z}^{(k)}) \end{cases}$$

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Algorithms: Iterative Shrinkage Thresholding Algorithm (ISTA)

ISTA and its accelerated version Fast ISTA (FISTA) are based on the duality, convex conjugate property, level set and MinMax theorems and can be summarized in two steps:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = J_0(\mathbf{f}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$
 with $J_0(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2$

Prox Linear approximation:

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1 + \left\langle \nabla J_0(\mathbf{f}^{(k)}), (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}^{(k)}) \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2\delta^{(k)}} \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}^{(k)}\|_2^2$$

Shrinkage:

$$\mathbf{f}^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{S}\left(\mathbf{f}^{(k)} - \delta^{(k)}\nabla J_0(\mathbf{f}), \mathbf{f}^{(k)}, \lambda\delta^{(k)}\right)$$

whre $S(\mathbf{z}_j, t) = max(|\mathbf{z}_j| - t, 0)\operatorname{sign}(\mathbf{z}_j)$

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Other criteria

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_j \phi(\mathbf{f}_j)$$

Convex criteria:

►
$$L_p$$
: $\phi(f_j) = |f_j|^p$, $1 \le p \le 2$
► Hubber: $\phi(f_j) = \begin{cases} f_j^2 & |f_j| < s \\ s^2 + |f_j - s| & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Non Convex criteria:

- ► fractional power: $\phi(f_j) = |f_j|^p$, 0
- ► Truncated quadratic: $\phi(f_j) = \begin{cases} f_j^2 & |f_j| < s \\ s^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

• Cauchy: $\phi(\mathbf{f}_j) = s \ln(1 + |\mathbf{f}_j|/s)$

$$\bullet \phi(\mathbf{f}_j) = |\mathbf{f}_j| + s \ln(1 + |\mathbf{f}_j|/s)$$

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Dictionary learning

• Given a set of training data $(g_k(t), f_{jk})$ related by:

$$g_k(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \phi_j(t) f_{jk}, \ t = 1, \cdots, T, \ k = 1, \cdots, K$$

or equivalently, given

$$\mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{\Phi} \, \mathbf{f}_k, \ k = 1, \cdots, K$$

determine **Φ**.

Objective criterion:

$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{k} \sum_{t} \left| g_{k}(t) - \sum_{j} \phi_{j}(t) f_{jk} \right|^{2} + \lambda \sum_{t} \sum_{j} |\phi_{j}(t)|^{2}$$
$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{k} \|\mathbf{g}_{k} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}_{k}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_{2}^{2}$$

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Dictionary learning

Optimizing

$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{k} \|\mathbf{g}_{k} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}_{k}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_{2}^{2}$$

gives

$$\widehat{\mathbf{\Phi}} = \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{g}_{k} \mathbf{g}'_{k} + \lambda \mathbf{I}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{g}'_{k} \mathbf{f}_{k}$$

Looking for sparse dictionary, we can use

$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{k} \|\mathbf{g}_{k} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}_{k}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_{1}$$

and we can again use an iterative algorithm to find the solution.

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Joint Dictionary learning and sparse reconstruction

• Given a set of data \mathbf{g}_k modelled as

$$\mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{\Phi} \, \mathbf{f}_k, \ k = 1, \cdots, K$$

determine both the dictionary Φ and the compositions f_k . • Joint criterion

$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{f}_k) = \sum_k \|\mathbf{g}_k - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}_k\|_2^2 + \lambda_0 \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \sum_k \|\mathbf{f}_k\|_2^2$$

Alternate optimization:

$$\begin{cases} \widehat{\mathbf{\Phi}} = \left[\sum_{k} \mathbf{g}_{k} \mathbf{g}'_{k} + \lambda_{0} \mathbf{I}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{g}'_{k} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_{k} \\ \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_{k} = \left[\widehat{\mathbf{\Phi}}' \widehat{\mathbf{\Phi}} + \lambda_{1} \mathbf{I}\right]^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{\Phi}}'_{k} \mathbf{g}_{k} \end{cases}$$

 Looking for sparse dictionary and sparse coefficients we can use

$$J(\mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{k} \|\mathbf{g}_{k} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}_{k}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{0} \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_{1} + \lambda_{1} \sum_{k} \|\mathbf{f}_{k}\|_{1}$$

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and we can again use an iterative algorithm to find the

Multi Dimensional signals: PCA, SPCA, BSS, ...

$$g_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \Phi_{ij} f_j(t), \ i = 1, \cdots, M, \ t = 1, \cdots, T$$
$$g(t) = \Phi f(t), \ t = 1, \cdots, T$$
$$= \Phi F, \quad \text{with } \mathbf{G} \ [M \times T], \quad \Phi \ [M \times N], \quad \mathbf{F} \ [N \times T]$$

•
$$f_j(t)$$
 factors, sources, codes

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- Design matrix (Factor Analysis), Mixing matrix (Blind Sources Separation), Design matrix (Sparse coding, Compressed Sensing)
- Objective: Find Φ and $f_j(t)$

$$J(\mathbf{f}(t), \mathbf{\Phi}) = \sum_{t} \|\mathbf{g}(t) - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}(t)\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda_{1} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} |\mathbf{\Phi}_{ij}| + \lambda_{2} \sum_{t} \sum_{j} |\mathbf{f}_{j}(t)|$$

$$J(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{F}\|_1$$

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Matrix Decomposition or Approximation

• Matrix approximation:

Find an approximate matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{G}} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}$ for \mathbf{G} with some degrees of sparsity in the elements of $\mathbf{\Phi}$ and \mathbf{F} .

$$J(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{\Phi}) = \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{\Phi}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{F}\|_1$$

Low rank Matrix decomposition:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{G}} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} d_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}'_k = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}$$

with some degrees of sparsity in the elements of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

$$J(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \|\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{U}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{V}\|_1$$

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Bayesian approach

• Bayesian approach:
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) = rac{p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f})\,p(\mathbf{f})}{p(\mathbf{g})} \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f})\,p(\mathbf{f})$$

▶ Priors: Gaussian noise and Double Exp (DE) for **f**

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^{2}) \propto \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2}}\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_{2}^{2}\right] \\ p(\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{D}\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{f}|\gamma) \propto \exp\left[-\gamma\|\mathbf{f}\|_{1}\right] \end{cases}$$

Maximum A Posteriori (MAP):

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max \left\{ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \right\} = \arg \min \left\{ J(\mathbf{f}) \right\}$$

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$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$
 with $\lambda = 2\gamma \sigma_{\epsilon}^2$

 \blacktriangleright MAP = LASSO

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Sparse decomposition: Regularization or MAP

- Regularization: $J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$
- With fixed λ : Find a good optimization algorithm
- How to choose λ ?
- L-Curve, Cross Validation, adhoc $\lambda = 1, ...$
- ► MAP: $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f})$ $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{f}} \{p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{g})\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \{J(\mathbf{f})\}$ with

$$J(\mathbf{f}) = \|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{f}\|_1$$
 with $\lambda = 2\gamma \sigma_{\epsilon}^2$

- How to estimate γ and σ_{ϵ}^2 ? $\theta = (\gamma, \sigma_{\epsilon}^2)$
- Bayesian: p(f, θ|g) ∝ p(g|f, σ_ε²) p(f|γ)p(γ))p(σ_ε²) Joint MAP, Expectation-Maximization, MCMC, Variational Bayesian Approximation,...
- Advantages of the Bayesian approach:
 - More probabilistic modelling for sparsity enforcing
 - Hyperparameter estimation
 - Uncertainty handling and quantification

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Sparsity enforcing prior models

- Simple heavy tailed models:
 - Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential
 - Student-t, Cauchy
 - Generalized hyperbolic
 - Symmetric Weibull, Symmetric Rayleigh
 - Elastic net

Hierarchical mixture models:

- Mixture of Gaussians
- Bernoulli-Gaussian
- Mixture of Gammas
- Bernoulli-Gamma
- Mixture of Dirichlet
- Bernoulli-Multinomial

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Simple heavy tailed models

• Generalized Gaussian, Double Exponential

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\gamma,eta) = \prod_j \mathcal{GG}(f_j|\gamma,eta) \propto \exp\left[-\gamma\sum_j |f_j|^eta
ight]$$

 $\beta=1$ Double exponential or Laplace. $0<\beta<2$ are of great interest for sparsity enforcing.



Simple heavy tailed models

• Student-t and Cauchy models

$$p(\mathbf{f}|
u) = \prod_{j} \mathcal{S}t(f_{j}|
u) \propto \exp\left[-rac{
u+1}{2}\sum_{j}\log\left(1+f_{j}^{2}/
u
ight)
ight]$$

Cauchy model is obtained when $\nu = 1$.



Simple heavy tailed models

• Generalized hyperbolic (GH) models

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\delta,\nu,\beta) = \prod_{j} (\delta^2 + f_j^2)^{(\nu-1/2)/2} \exp[\beta x] \mathcal{K}_{\nu-1/2}(\alpha \sqrt{\delta^2 + f_j^2})$$



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Mixture models

• Mixture of two Gaussians (MoG2) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\alpha, v_1, v_0) = \prod_j \left[\alpha \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1-\alpha) \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0) \right]$$

• Bernoulli-Gaussian (BG) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\alpha, \mathbf{v}) = \prod_{j} p(f_{j}) = \prod_{j} \left[\alpha \mathcal{N}(f_{j}|0, \mathbf{v}) + (1-\alpha)\delta(f_{j}) \right]$$



• Mixture of Gammas

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_0) = \prod_j \left[\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_1, \beta_1) + (1-\lambda)\mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha_2, \beta_2)\right]$$

• Bernoulli-Gamma model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{j} [\lambda \mathcal{G}(f_j|\alpha, \beta) + (1-\lambda)\delta(f_j)]$$

• Mixture of Dirichlets model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda, \mathbf{\Phi}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1, \mathbf{\Phi}_2, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2) = \prod_j \left[\lambda \mathcal{D}(f_j | \mathbf{H}_1, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{D}(f_j | \mathbf{H}_2, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2)\right]$$

$$\mathcal{D}(f_j|\mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \prod_{k=1}^{K} \frac{\Gamma(\boldsymbol{\alpha})}{\Gamma(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_0)\Gamma(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_K)} a_k^{\alpha_k - 1}, \quad \alpha_k \ge 0, \quad a_k \ge 0$$

where $\mathbf{H} = \{a_1, \cdots, a_K\}$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \{\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_K\}$ with $\sum_k \alpha_k = \alpha$ and $\sum_k a_k = 1$.

• Bernoulli-Multinomial (BMultinomial) model

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\lambda,\mathbf{H},oldsymbollpha) = \prod_j \left[\lambda\delta(f_j) + (1-\lambda)\mathcal{M}ult(f_j|\mathbf{H},oldsymbollpha)
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Hierarchical models and hidden variables

All the mixture models can be modelled via hidden variables z.

$$p(f) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k p_k(f) \longrightarrow \begin{cases} p(f|\mathbf{z}=k) = p_k(f), \\ P(\mathbf{z}=k) = \alpha_k, \quad \sum_k \alpha_k = 1 \end{cases}$$

► Example 1: MoG model: $p_k(f) = \mathcal{N}(f|m_k, v_k)$ 2 Gaussians: $p_0 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_0), p_1 = \mathcal{N}(0, v_1), \alpha_0 = \lambda, \alpha_1 = 1 - \lambda$

$$p(f_j|\lambda, v_1, v_0) = \lambda \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_1) + (1 - \lambda) \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, v_0)$$

Bernouilli-Gaussian model:

$$\begin{cases} p(f_{j}|z_{j} = 0, v_{0}) = \mathcal{N}(f_{j}|0, v_{0}), \\ p(f_{j}|z_{j} = 1, v_{1}) = \mathcal{N}(f_{j}|0, v_{1}), \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} P(z_{j} = 0) = \lambda, \\ P(z_{j} = 1) = 1 - \lambda \end{cases} \\ \begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{j} p(f_{j}|z_{j}) = \prod_{j} \mathcal{N}(f_{j}|0, v_{z_{j}}) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{j} \frac{f_{j}^{2}}{v_{z_{j}}}\right] \\ p(\mathbf{z}) = \lambda^{n_{1}}(1 - \lambda)^{n_{0}}, \quad n_{1} = \sum_{j} \delta(z_{j} - 1), \quad n_{0} = \sum_{j} \delta(z_{j}) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

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Example 2: Student-t model

$$\mathcal{S}t(f|
u) \propto \exp\left[-rac{
u+1}{2}\log\left(1+f^2/
u
ight)
ight]$$

and its Infinite Gaussian Scaled Mixture IGSM model:

$$\mathcal{S}t(f|\nu) \propto = \int_0^\infty \mathcal{N}(f|, 0, 1/z) \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta) \, \mathrm{d}z, \quad \text{with } \alpha = \beta = \nu/2$$

$$p(f|z) = \mathcal{N}(f|0, 1/z), \quad p(z) = \mathcal{G}(z|\alpha, \beta)$$

$$p(f|z) = \prod_j p(f_j|z_j) = \prod_j \mathcal{N}(f_j|0, 1/z_j) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sum_j z_j f_j^2\right]$$

$$p(z|\alpha, \beta) = \prod_j \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta) \propto \prod_j z_j^{(\alpha-1)} \exp\left[-\beta z_j\right]$$

$$\propto \exp\left[\sum_j (\alpha - 1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j\right]$$

$$p(f, z|\alpha, \beta) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sum_j z_j f_j^2 + (\alpha - 1) \ln z_j - \beta z_j\right]$$

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 $p(f_j|z_j) = \mathcal{N}(f|0, 1/z_j), \quad p(z_j) = \mathcal{G}(z_j|\alpha, \beta)$

More general hierarchical models: (BG, IGSM, Gauss-Markov-Potts)

$$\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\Phi\mathbf{f}, \sigma_{\epsilon}^{2}\mathbf{I}) \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{j} p(f_{j}|z_{j}) \text{ or Markovian } \rightarrow p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f})p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z}) \\ p(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i} p(\mathbf{z}_{j}) \text{ or Markovian (Potts)} \end{cases}$$

- With Hyperparameters θ we have:
 - Simple priors

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \ p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \ p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

Hierarchical priors

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \ p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \ p(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) \ p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

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Bayesian Computation and Algorithms

- When the expression of p(f, θ|g) or of p(f, z, θ|g) is obtained, we have following options:
- Joint MAP: (needs optimization algorithms)

$$(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{ heta}}) = rg\max_{\substack{\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{ heta} \\ (\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{ heta})}} \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{ heta} | \mathbf{g}) \}$$

- ► MCMC: Needs the expressions of the conditionals $p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \theta, \mathbf{g}), p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{f}, \theta, \mathbf{g}), \text{ and } p(\theta|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{g})$
- Variational Bayesian Approximation (VBA): Approximate p(f, z, θ|g) by a separable one

$$q(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) = q_1(\mathbf{f}) \, q_2(\mathbf{z}) \, q_3(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

and do any computations with these separable ones.

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Joint MAP

$$p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \ p(\mathbf{f}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) \ p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Objective:

$$(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{oldsymbol{ heta}}) = rg\max_{\substack{\mathbf{f}, oldsymbol{ heta} \ (\mathbf{f}, oldsymbol{ heta})}} \{p(\mathbf{f}, oldsymbol{ heta} | \mathbf{g})\}$$

Alternate optimization:

Uncertainties are not propagated.

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MCMC based algorithm

 $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \, p(\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \, p(\mathbf{z}) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

General scheme (Gibbs Sampling):

• Generate samples from the conditionals:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} \sim p(\mathbf{f} | \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbf{z}} \sim p(\mathbf{z} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{g}) \longrightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim (\boldsymbol{\theta} | \widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{g})$$

- Waite for convergency
- Compute empirical statistics (means, variances, modes, medians)

from the samples $\{\mathbf{f}^{m+1}, \cdots, \mathbf{f}^{m+N}\}$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{f}} = \mathsf{E} \{\mathbf{f}\} \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=m+1}^{m+N} \mathbf{f}^{(n)}$$

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Variational Bayesian Approximation

- ► Approximate p(f, θ|g) by q(f, θ|g) = q₁(f|g) q₂(θ|g) and then continue computations.
- Criterion $KL(q(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) : p(\mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}))$

$$\mathsf{KL}(q:p) = \iint q \ln \frac{q}{p} = \iint q_1 q_2 \ln \frac{q_1 q_2}{p}$$

► Iterative algorithm
$$q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_2, \cdots$$

$$\begin{cases}
q_1(\mathbf{f}) & \propto \exp\left[\langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \theta; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_2(\theta)}\right] \\
q_2(\theta) & \propto \exp\left[\langle \ln p(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{f}, \theta; \mathcal{M}) \rangle_{q_1(\mathbf{f})}\right]
\end{cases}$$

Uncertainties are propagated (Message Passing methods)

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Summary of Bayesian approach

Simple priors

Hyper prior model
$$p(\theta | \alpha, \beta)$$

 $p(\theta_2 | \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ $p(\theta_1 | \alpha_1, \beta_1)$
 $p(\mathbf{f} | \theta_2)$ $\diamond p(\mathbf{g} | \mathbf{f}, \theta_1)$ $p(\mathbf{f}, \theta | \mathbf{g}, \alpha, \beta)$
Prior Likelihood Joint Posterior $\forall BA$

Hierarchical priors

 $\downarrow oldsymbol{lpha},oldsymbol{eta},oldsymbol{\gamma}$



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Advantages of the Bayesian Approach

- More possibilities to model sparsity
- More tools to handle hyperparameters
- More tools to account for uncertainties
- More possibilities to understand and to control many ad hoc deterministic algorithms
- Hierarchical models give still more modelling possibilities
 - Bernouilli-Gaussian: strict sparsity
 - Bernouilli-Gamma: strict sparsity + positivity
 - Bernouilli-Multinomial: strict sparsity + discrete values (finite states)
 - Independent Mixture models: sparsity enforcing
 - Mixture of multivariate models: group sparsity enforcing
 - Gauss-Markov-Potts models: indirect sparsity enforcing

Seeing inside of a body: Computed Tomography

- f(x, y) a section of a real 3D body f(x, y, z)
- $g_{\phi}(r)$ a line of observed radiographe $g_{\phi}(r,z)$
- Forward model:

Line integrals or Radon Transform

$$g_{\phi}(r) = \int_{L_{r,\phi}} f(x, y) \, dl + \epsilon_{\phi}(r)$$

=
$$\iint f(x, y) \, \delta(r - x \cos \phi - y \sin \phi) \, dx \, dy + \epsilon_{\phi}(r)$$

Inverse problem: Image reconstruction

Given the forward model \mathcal{H} (Radon Transform) and a set of data $g_{\phi_i}(r), i = 1, \cdots, M$ find f(x, y)

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2D and 3D Computed Tomography



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Inverse Problems with:

non stationary noise and sparse dictionary prior



 $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\xi}, \quad \mathbf{z}$ sparse $\begin{cases} p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{V}_{\epsilon}), & \mathbf{V}_{\epsilon} = \operatorname{diag}[\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}] \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{z}, v_{\xi}\mathbf{I}), \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{v}_{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}|0, \mathbf{V}_{z}), & \mathbf{V}_{z} = \operatorname{diag}[\mathbf{v}_{z}] \end{cases}$ $\frac{\alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0}}{\mathbf{v}} \begin{cases} p(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) = \prod_i \mathcal{IG}(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon_i} | \alpha_{\epsilon_0}, \beta_{\epsilon_0}) \\ p(\mathbf{v}_z) = \prod_i \mathcal{IG}(\mathbf{v}_{z_i} | \alpha_{z_0}, \beta_{z_0}) \\ p(\mathbf{v}_{\xi}) = \mathcal{IG}(\mathbf{v}_{\xi} | \alpha_{\xi_0}, \beta_{\xi_0}) \end{cases}$ $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}, \mathbf{v}_{z}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}_{f}) p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{v}_{z})$ $p(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) p(\mathbf{v}_{\tau}) p(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon})$ IMAP: $(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{\epsilon}, \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{z}, \widehat{\mathbf{v}}_{\xi}) = \operatorname{arg\,max} \{ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}, \mathbf{v}_{z}, \mathbf{v}_{\xi} | \mathbf{g}) \}$ $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{V}_{\epsilon}, \mathbf{V}_{z}, \mathbf{V}_{\epsilon})$ Alternate optimization. VBA: Approximate $p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}, \mathbf{v}_{z}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon} | \mathbf{g})$ by $q_{1}(\mathbf{f}) q_{2}(\mathbf{z}) q_{3}(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) q_{4}(\mathbf{v}_{z}) q_{5}(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon})$ Alternate optimization.

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Gauss-Markov-Potts prior models for images





$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{n}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\ p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) \neq (\mathbf{f})(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}\mathbf{I})c(\mathbf{r}) = 1 - \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}')) \\ p(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}) = \mathcal{I}\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{v}_{\epsilon}|\alpha_{\epsilon_{0}}, \beta_{\epsilon_{0}}) \\ \begin{cases} p(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k, m_{k}, v_{k}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r})|m_{k}, v_{k}) \\ p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{k} \prod_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}_{k}} a_{k} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r})|m_{k}, v_{k}), \\ \boldsymbol{\theta} = \{(a_{k}, m_{k}, v_{k}), k = 1, \cdots, K\} \\ p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{a}|a_{0})\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{a}|m_{0}, v0)\mathcal{I}\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{v}|\alpha_{0}, \beta_{0}) \\ p(\mathbf{z}|\gamma) \propto \exp\left[\gamma \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \sum_{\mathbf{r}' \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f})} \delta(z(\mathbf{r}) - z(\mathbf{r}'))\right] \text{ Potts} \\ p(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{g}) \propto p(\mathbf{g}|\mathbf{f}, v_{\epsilon}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) p(\mathbf{z}|\gamma) \\ \text{MCMC: Gibbs Sampling} \\ \text{VBA: Alternate optimization.} \end{cases}$$

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Application in Microwave imaging

$$g(\omega) = \int f(\mathbf{r}) \exp[-j(\omega \cdot \mathbf{r})] \, d\mathbf{r} + \epsilon(\omega)$$
$$g(u, v) = \iint f(x, y) \exp[-j(ux + vy)] \, dx \, dy + \epsilon(u, v)$$
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f} + \epsilon$$

60 80 $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$ IFT $\widehat{\mathbf{f}}$ Proposed method f(x, y)g(u, v)

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Images fusion and joint segmentation

(with O. Féron)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}) \end{cases}$$



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Data fusion in medical imaging (with O. Féron)

$$\begin{cases} g_i(\mathbf{r}) = f_i(\mathbf{r}) + \epsilon_i(\mathbf{r}) \\ p(f_i(\mathbf{r})|z(\mathbf{r}) = k) = \mathcal{N}(m_{ik}, \sigma_{ik}^2) \\ p(\underline{\mathbf{f}}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{f}_i|\mathbf{z}) \end{cases}$$



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Conclusions

- Sparsity: a great property to use in signal and image processing
- Origine: Sampling theory and reconstruction, modeling and representation Compressed Sensing, Approximation theory
- Deterministic Algorithms: Optimization of a two termes criterion, penalty term, regularization term
- Probabilistic: Bayesian approach
- Sprasity enforcing priors: Simple heavy tailed and Hierarchical with hidden variables.
- Gauss-Markov-Potts models for images incorporating hidden regions and contours
- Main Bayesian computation tools: JMAP, MCMC and VBA
- Application in different imaging system (X ray CT, Microwaves, PET, ultrasound and microwave imaging)

Current Projects:

- Efficient implementation in 2D and 3D cases
- Comparison between MCMC and VBA methods.

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Questions, Discussions, Open mathematical problems

- Sparsity representation, low rank matrix decomposition
 - Sparsity and positivity or other constraints
 - Group sparsity
 - Algorithmic and implementation issues for great dimensional applications (Big Data)
 - Joint estimation of Dictionary and coefficients
- Optimization of the KL divergence for Variational Bayesian Approximation
 - Convergency of alternate optimization
 - Other possible algorithms
- Properties of the obtained approximation
 - Does the moments of q's corresponds to the moments of p?
 - How about any other statistics: entropy, ...
- Other divergency or Distance measures?
- Using Sparsity as a prior in Inverse Problems
- Applications in Medical imaging, Non Destructive Testing (NDT) Industrial Imaging, Communication, Geophysical imaging, Radio Astronomy, ...

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