

# Suprema of Chaos Processes and the RIP of structured random matrices

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- Compressive Sensing
- Partial Random Circulant Matrices (Random Convolutions)
- Suprema of Chaos Processes
- Time-Frequency Structured Random Matrices

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Preferably we would like to have a **fast** algorithm that performs the reconstruction.

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**Problem:**  $\ell_0$ -minimization is NP hard!

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Alternatives:

Greedy Algorithms (Matching Pursuits)

Iterative Algorithms

# Recovery Conditions for $\ell_1$ -minimization

- **Null space property**: necessary and sufficient for exact recovery of all  $s$ -sparse vectors via  $\ell_1$ -minimization with  $A$ .

$$\|\mathbf{v}_S\|_1 \leq \rho \|\mathbf{v}_{S^c}\|_1 \text{ for all } \mathbf{v} \in \ker A, S \subset [N], |S| = s, \text{ some } \rho < 1.$$

Implies also stability of reconstruction.

- **Restricted isometry property** (RIP): sufficient for exact (and stable) recovery of all  $s$ -sparse vectors via  $\ell_1$ -minimization and other recovery algorithms (see next slide).
- **Dual certificates**: Sufficient (and sometimes necessary) conditions on  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $A$  for exact (and stable) recovery via  $\ell_1$ -minimization.  
Leads to **nonuniform** recovery guarantees (see later).

## Definition

The restricted isometry constant  $\delta_s$  of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  is defined as the smallest  $\delta_s$  such that

$$(1 - \delta_s) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|A\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta_s) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

for all  $s$ -sparse  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ .

Requires that all  $s$ -column submatrices of  $A$  are well-conditioned.

Theorem (Candès, Romberg, Tao 2004 – Candès 2008 – Foucart, Lai 2009 – Foucart 2009 – Li, Mo 2011)

*Assume that the restricted isometry constant of  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  satisfies*

$$\delta_{2s} < 0.4931.$$

*Then  $\ell_1$ -minimization reconstructs every  $s$ -sparse vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  from  $y = A\mathbf{x}$ .*

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Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  with  $\delta_{2s} < 0.4931$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$ , and assume that noisy data are observed,  $y = Ax + \eta$  with  $\|\eta\|_2 \leq \sigma$ . Let  $x^\#$  be a solution of

$$\min_z \|z\|_1 \quad \text{such that} \quad \|Az - y\|_2 \leq \sigma.$$

Then

$$\|x - x^\#\|_2 \leq C \frac{\sigma_s(x)_1}{\sqrt{s}} + D\sigma$$

and

$$\|x - x^\#\|_1 \leq C\sigma_s(x)_1 + D\sqrt{s}\sigma$$

for constants  $C, D > 0$ , that depend only on  $\delta_{2s}$ .

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Way out: consider random matrices.

# RIP for Gaussian and Bernoulli matrices

Gaussian: entries of  $A$  independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  random variables

Bernoulli : entries of  $A$  independent Bernoulli  $\pm 1$  distributed rv

## Theorem

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$  be a Gaussian or Bernoulli random matrix and assume

$$m \geq C\delta^{-2}(s \ln(eN/s) + \ln(2\varepsilon^{-1}))$$

for a universal constant  $C > 0$ . Then with probability at least  $1 - \varepsilon$  the restricted isometry constant of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}A$  satisfies  $\delta_s \leq \delta$ .

Consequence: Recovery via  $\ell_1$ -minimization with probability exceeding  $1 - e^{-cm}$  provided

$$m \geq Cs \ln(eN/s).$$

Bound is optimal as follows from lower bound for Gelfand widths of  $\ell_p$ -balls,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . (Gluskin, Garnaev 1984 — Foucart, Pajor, Rauhut, Ullrich 2010)

## Why structure?

- Applications impose structure due to physical constraints, limited freedom to inject randomness.
- Fast matrix vector multiplies (FFT) in recovery algorithms, unstructured random matrices impracticable for large scale applications.

# Random Partial Fourier Matrices

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$\delta_s = \delta_s(A) \leq \delta$  with probability at least  $1 - N^{-\ln^3 s}$  provided

$$m \geq C\delta^{-2}s \ln^3(s) \ln(N).$$

Generalization to random sampling in bounded orthonormal systems, including Legendre/Jacobi polynomials (Rauhut, Ward 2010).

**Circulant matrix:** For  $\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{N-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^N$  let  $\Phi = \Phi(\mathbf{b}) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$  be the matrix with entries  $\Phi_{i,j} = b_{j-i \bmod N}$ ,

$$\Phi(\mathbf{b}) = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & \cdots & b_{N-1} \\ b_{N-1} & b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_{N-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_{N-1} & b_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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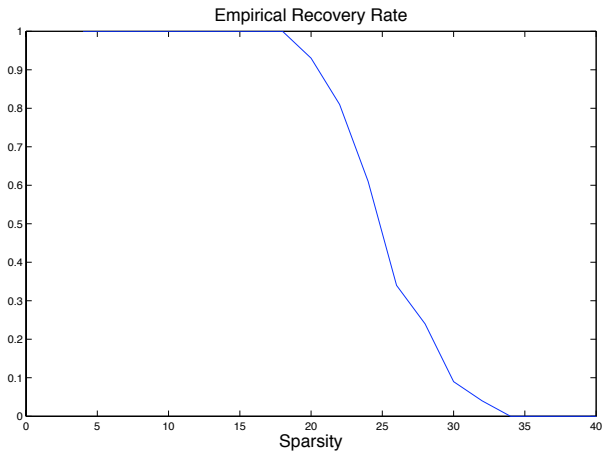
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We choose the vector  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  at random, in particular, as Rademacher sequence  $\mathbf{b} = \epsilon$ , that is,  $\epsilon_\ell = \pm 1$ .

Performance of  $\Phi^\Theta(\epsilon)$  in compressive sensing?

Sparse recovery via  $\ell_1$ -minimization with partial random circulant matrix  $\Phi^\Theta(\epsilon) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ ,  $N = 500$ ,  $m = 100$ .



# Nonuniform recovery result for circulant matrices

## Theorem (Rauhut 2009)

Let  $\Theta \subset [N]$  be an arbitrary (deterministic) set of cardinality  $m$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  be  $s$ -sparse such that the signs of its non-zero entries form a Rademacher (or Steinhaus) sequence. Choose  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N$  to be a Rademacher sequence. Let  $\mathbf{y} = \Phi^\Theta(\epsilon)\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ . If

$$m \geq 57s \ln^2(17N^2/\epsilon)$$

then  $\mathbf{x}$  can be recovered from  $\mathbf{y}$  via  $\ell_1$ -minimization with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon$ .

# RIP estimate for partial random circulant matrices

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Then with probability at least  $1 - N^{-\ln^2(s) \ln(N)}$  the restricted isometry constants of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi^\Theta(\epsilon)$  satisfy  $\delta_s \leq \delta$ .

Generalizes to subgaussian generator.

Previous bounds:

Haupt, Bajwa, Raz (2008):  $m \geq C_\delta s^2 \ln N$ .

Rauhut, Romberg, Tropp (2010):  $m \geq C_\delta s^{3/2} \ln^{3/2}(N)$ .

Random sets  $\Theta$ , Romberg (2009):  $m \geq C_\delta s \ln^6 N$ .

# Consequence for Johnson-Lindenstrauss embeddings

Combination with result of F. Krahermer and R. Ward (2010) connecting the RIP and Johnson-Lindenstrauss embeddings yields:

## Theorem

Fix  $\eta, \delta \in (0, 1)$ , and consider a finite set  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  of cardinality  $|Q| = p$ . Choose

$$m \geq C_\eta \delta^{-2} \log(p) (\log(\log p))^2 (\log N)^2.$$

Let  $\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  be a partial circulant matrix generated by a Rademacher vector. Furthermore, let  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^N$  be a Rademacher vector independent of  $\Phi$ . Then with probability exceeding  $1 - \eta$ ,

$$(1 - \delta) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\Phi D_\epsilon \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in Q.$$

Here  $D_\epsilon$  denotes the diagonal matrix with diagonal  $\epsilon$ .

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For partial random circulant matrices,

$$A\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} R_\Omega(\epsilon * \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} R_\Omega(\mathbf{x} * \epsilon) =: V_{\mathbf{x}}\epsilon$$

with appropriate  $V_{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathbb{E} \|V_{\mathbf{x}}\epsilon\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ .

Therefore,  $\delta_s$  is supremum of a chaos process,

$$\delta_s = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in T_s} \left| \|V_{\mathbf{x}}\epsilon\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E} \|V_{\mathbf{x}}\epsilon\|_2^2 \right|.$$



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Estimate by Dudley-type integral

$$\gamma_\alpha(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|) \leq C \int_0^{d_{\|\cdot\|}(\mathcal{B})} (\log N(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|, u))^{1/\alpha} du,$$

where  $N(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|, u)$  denotes the smallest number of balls of radius  $u$  in the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  required to cover  $\mathcal{B}$ .

## Theorem (Krahmer, Mendelson, Rauhut 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a symmetric set of matrices and  $\epsilon$  a Rademacher vector.  
Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \sup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \left| \|B\epsilon\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E} \|B\epsilon\|_2^2 \right| \\ & \leq C_1 \gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2})^2 + C_2 d_{\|\cdot\|_F}(\mathcal{B}) \gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}). \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\|\cdot\|_F = \sqrt{\text{Tr}(B^*B)}$  denotes the Frobenius norm.

## Theorem (Krahmer, Mendelson, Rauhut 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{B} \subset \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  with  $\mathcal{B} = -\mathcal{B}$  and  $\epsilon$  be a Rademacher vector. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \sup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \left| \|B\epsilon\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E} \|B\epsilon\|_2^2 \right| \geq C_1 E + t \right) \\ & \leq 2 \exp \left( -C_2 \min \left\{ \frac{t^2}{V^2}, \frac{t}{U} \right\} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$E := \gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}) (\gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}) + d_{\|\cdot\|_F}(\mathcal{B}))$$

$$V := d_{\|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}}(\mathcal{B}) (\gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}) + d_{\|\cdot\|_F}(\mathcal{B})), \quad U := d_{\|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2}}^2(\mathcal{B}).$$

Symmetry assumption  $\mathcal{B} = -\mathcal{B}$  only made for convenience.  
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This bound was used in the previous RIP estimate due to Rauhut, Romberg, Tropp (2010). The appearance of the  $\gamma_1$ -functional results in the exponent  $3/2$ .

Bound  $\gamma_2(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{2 \rightarrow 2})$  for  $\mathcal{B} = \{V_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{T}_s\}$ .

Relate to the analysis of random partial Fourier matrices via the convolution theorem, and bound Dudley-type integral using covering number estimates due to Rudelson and Vershynin (2008).



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# Proof sketch for Bound of Chaos Processes

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Tail bound follows from moment estimate, for  $p \geq 1$ ,

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Applications in: Radar, sonar, wireless communications.

Simplified discrete model for radar (Herman, Strohmer 2009)

Emitted signal:  $g \in \mathbb{C}^m$ .

Objects scatters  $g$  and radar device receives the contribution

$$x_\lambda \pi(\lambda) g = x_{k,\ell} M^\ell T^k g.$$

$T^k$  corresponds to delay, i.e., distance of object

$M^\ell$  corresponds to Doppler shift, i.e., speed of the object

$x_{k,\ell}$  reflectivity of object

Received signal is superposition of contribution of all scatterers:

$$y = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} x_\lambda \pi(\lambda) g = \Psi_g x.$$

Usually few scatterers so that  $x \in \mathbb{C}^{m^2}$  can be assumed sparse.

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## Theorem (Pfander, Rauhut 2007)

Let  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$ ,  $N = m^2$ , be  $s$ -sparse. Choose  $g \in \mathbb{C}^m$  as a random Steinhaus sequence. Assume that

$$m \geq Cs \log(N/\epsilon).$$

Then with probability at least  $1 - \epsilon$   $\ell_1$ -minimization recovers  $x$  from  $y = \Psi_g x$ .

## Theorem (Krahmer, Mendelson, Rauhut 2012)

Let  $\Psi_g \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$ ,  $N = m^2$ , be generated by a random draw of a Steinhaus or Rademacher vector. If, for  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$m \geq C\delta^{-2}s \log^2 s \log^2 N,$$

then with probability at least  $1 - N^{-\log N \log^2 s}$  the restricted isometry constant of  $\Psi_g$  satisfies  $\delta_s \leq \delta$ .

Improves previous estimate (Pfander, Rauhut, Tropp – 2011), which roughly requires

$$m \geq C_\delta s^{3/2} \log^3 N.$$

Congratulations Alain!