# Parcimonie en traitement du signal et des images Partie 4: au delà de la parcimonie 

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## Back to last session: well-posedness

A shorter, easy to memorize formulation of the previous theorem is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\forall \mathbf{X}_{0}, \mathbf{X}_{1} \in \Sigma_{r}, \mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right)=\mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{X}_{1}\right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{0}=\mathbf{X}_{1} \\
\Leftrightarrow \\
\operatorname{Ker}(\mathcal{M}) \cap \Sigma_{2 r}=\{\mathbf{0}\}
\end{gathered}
$$

Problem (Homework): consequence for Matrix Completion

- what is the measurement operator $\mathcal{M}$ ?
- give an upper bound on the rank of an $s$-sparse matrix $\mathbf{X}$
- for what rank $r$ is the problem well-posed ?


## Targeted guarantees

- Convergence of algorithms (convergence of cost function and/or of the iterates, to a local or global minimum...),
- Equivalence between solutions provided by different algorithms / principles
- Successful recovery for a given algorithm, i.e. equivalence with the solution of the ideal low-rank approximation problem


## Convergence guarantees

Singular Value Thresholding (SVT) addresses the problem

$$
\min _{\mathbf{X}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})-\mathbf{y}\|_{2}^{2}+\lambda\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\star}
$$

with proximal gradient iterations, using the proximal operator
$\operatorname{prox}_{\lambda\|\cdot\|_{\star}}(\mathbf{Y}) \triangleq \arg \min _{\mathbf{Z}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{Z}-\mathbf{Y}\|_{F}^{2}+\lambda\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{\star}=\mathbf{U} \operatorname{prox}_{\lambda\|\cdot\|_{1}}(\operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})) \mathbf{V}^{T}$
with $\mathbf{Y}=\mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{T}$ the SVD of $\mathbf{Y} ; \operatorname{prox}_{\lambda\|\cdot\|_{1}}(\cdot)$ is soft-thresholding.
Homework 2 (using course on proximal gradient iterations)
Prove the convergence SVT in the sense of the objective function

$$
\frac{1}{2}\left\|\mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{X}_{n}\right)-\mathbf{y}\right\|_{2}^{2}+\lambda\left\|\mathbf{X}_{n}\right\|_{\star} \leq \frac{C}{n}+\inf _{\mathbf{X}} \frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})-\mathbf{y}\|_{2}^{2}+\lambda\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\star} .
$$

## Equivalence guarantees: a Null Space Property

Equivalence (definition): the two problems

$$
\begin{array}{rlr}
\min _{\mathbf{X}}\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\star} \text { s.t. } \mathbf{y} & =\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) & \text { trace }- \text { norm minimization } \\
\min _{\mathbf{X}} \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) \text { s.t. } \mathbf{y} & =\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) & \text { rank }- \text { minimization }
\end{array}
$$

are equivalent iff: whenever $\mathbf{y} \triangleq \mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right)$ with $\operatorname{rank}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right) \leq r$, their solutions are unique and identical (equal to $\mathbf{X}_{0}$ ).
This holds iff the following Null Space Property holds:
Null Space Property (NSP) - low rank matrix recovery
For all $p \times q$ matrix $\mathbf{W} \in \operatorname{Ker}(\mathcal{M}) \backslash\{0\}$ with singular values $s_{1}(\mathbf{W}) \geq \ldots \geq s_{n}(\mathbf{W}) \geq 0$ where $n \triangleq \min (p, q)$, we have

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{r} s_{j}(\mathbf{V})<\sum_{j=r+1}^{n} s_{j}(\mathbf{V})
$$

## Demonstration



Step 1 (see course on NSP for sparse recovery)
Prove that equivalence $\Rightarrow$ NSP.

## Step 2

Prove that NSP $\Rightarrow$ equivalence.
Hint (see [Foucart \& Rauhut 2014, Le A.20]): for any X, Y, $\ell$ :
$\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} s_{j}(\mathbf{X}-\mathbf{Y}) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{\ell}\left|s_{j}(\mathbf{X})-s_{j}(\mathbf{Y})\right|$

## Stability guarantees: the Restricted Isometry Property

## Restricted Isometry Property (RIP)- for low rank matrices

$\mathcal{M}$ satisfies the restricted isometry property (RIP) of order $s$ (low-rank version) with constant $\delta \in(0,1)$ iff:

$$
\forall \mathbf{Z} \in \Sigma_{s}, \quad(1-\delta)\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{F}^{2} \leq\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{Z})\|_{2}^{2} \leq(1+\delta)\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{F}^{2} .
$$

- The smallest possible $\delta$ is denoted $\delta_{s}(\mathcal{M})$.
- Fully parallel to definition of RIP for $s$-sparse vectors
- Alternate formulations exist in the litterature: asymetric and/or non-squares. E.g.

$$
\alpha \leq \frac{\|\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{Z})\|_{2}}{\|\mathbf{Z}\|_{F}} \leq \beta
$$

- Informally: preserves the "size" of rank-s matrices

Intuition/link with well-posedness, for $s=2 r$
RIP $=$ preservation of distance between matrices in $\Sigma_{r}$

$$
\text { consider } \quad \mathbf{Z}=\mathbf{X}_{0}-\mathbf{X}_{1}, \quad \mathbf{X}_{0}, \mathbf{X}_{1} \in \Sigma_{r}
$$

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## Theorem - Stable Low-rank Recovery assuming the RIP

Assume that $\delta \triangleq \delta_{2 r}(\mathcal{M})<1 / \sqrt{2}$. Then, for any $p \times q$ matrix $\mathbf{X}_{0}$, considering $\mathbf{y} \triangleq \mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right)+\mathbf{e}, \epsilon \geq\|\mathbf{e}\|_{2}$, and

$$
\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\epsilon} \triangleq \arg \min _{\mathbf{X}}\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\star} \text { s.t. }\|\mathbf{y}-\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})\|_{2} \leq \epsilon
$$

we have

$$
\left\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\epsilon}-\mathbf{X}_{0}\right\|_{2} \leq C(\delta) \frac{\sigma_{r}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right)_{\star}}{\sqrt{r}}+C^{\prime}(\delta)\left(\epsilon+\|\mathbf{e}\|_{2}\right)
$$

- Even when $\mathbf{X}_{0}$ is not low-rank
- Reminder: $\sigma_{r}\left(\mathbf{X}_{0}\right)_{\star} \triangleq \inf \left\{\left\|\mathbf{X}_{0}-\mathbf{Z}\right\|_{\star}, \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq r\right\}$;
- Explicit expressions for constants $C(\delta), C^{\prime}(\delta)$
- Fully parallel to result for $\ell_{1}$ and sparse recovery; same dependency of the constants with $\delta$;
- Many successive improvements to bound $\delta$. Bound $\delta<1 / \sqrt{2}$ is "sharp" [Cai and Zhang 2013]

The RIP implies

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- Implies exact-recovery: when $\mathbf{X}_{0} \in \Sigma_{r}$ and $\epsilon=\|\mathbf{e}\|_{2}=0$


## The Restricted Isometry Property implies the Null Space Property

RIP $\Rightarrow$ NSP $\Leftrightarrow$ exact recovery with trace-norm minimization
$\Rightarrow$ RIP does not hold in the Matrix Completion setting

- Given an operator $\mathcal{M}$, its RIP constant is hard to compute
$\Rightarrow$ design operator $\mathcal{M}$ with small RIP constant (\& small $m$ )


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- Example: from PCA to compressive PCA
- Randomly measuring matrices


## Lessons learned from inverse problems

(1) Goal: given $\mathcal{M}$, to address inverse problem $\mathbf{y} \approx \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$
(2) Model: $\mathbf{X}$ is sparse/low-rank, often reasonable assumption
(3) Approach: greedy / iterative / convex algorithms
(9) Guarantees: well-posedness, recovery, stability (NSP, RIP)

Necessary dimension

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m \geq \operatorname{dim}\left(\Sigma_{2 r}\right)
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## Example: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Input data: collection of vectors $\mathbf{z}_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$,
$1 \leq i \leq n$

$$
\mathbf{Z}=\left[\mathbf{z}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{n}\right] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}
$$

- Goal: find an $r$-dimensional subspace $V \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ minimizing the average squared approximation error

$$
\min _{\operatorname{dim}(V) \leq r} \operatorname{Cost}(V) \triangleq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\|\mathbf{z}_{i}-P_{V} \mathbf{z}_{i}\right\|_{2}^{2}
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with $P_{V}$ orthoprojection onto $V$.

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