Less is More: Compressed Sensing

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Systems to handle big data might be this generation's moon landing

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(https://www.katescomment.com/energy-of-downloads/)

Option 2 : Design more efficient compression methods



Enter the world of : Compressed sensing

Compressed sensing: motivation

Applications are numerous :

- Data storage
- Reliable data transmission
- Collaborative filtering (e.g. Netflix predictions)
- Radar
- DNA array sequencing
- Neuroscience
- Predicting earthquakes
- Restoring damaged artwork
- Crime prediction
- Image compression
- Medical imaging
- Many, many, many more...

Representations of High Dimensional Data

Key Idea :

Modern data is too large-scale. Big data 🚅 Big understanding

Mathematical tools like Compressed Sensing provide rigorous means for representing large data in efficient ways.

This allows for efficient data acquisition, storage, and analysis.

Representations of High Dimensional Data

Key Topics :

Mathematics of sparsity and compressed sensing

- Sampling designs
- Reconstruction methods
- Quantization issues
- Inferential tasks
 - Topic modeling
 - Clustering and classification methods
 - Numerical optimization

Digital Camera (Rice Univ.)





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Hyperspectral camera (InView Corp.)













Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



Less measurements = less time









(a)





(b)



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Original D

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Corruptions

Frame 1

480 × 620 pixels

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How to quantify this?

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In a computer, images are represented by an array of numbers (0=black, 2555=white). Sparse images are those which are mostly zeros (black).

A little bit harder...



This image is NOT sparse...uh oh.

We call an image "compressible" if it is well approximated by a sparse image.

Ok, this one is really hard...



This image is NOT EVEN CLOSE to sparse...uh oh.

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Mathematically, a basis or redundant frame B such that:

x = Bz, z is s-sparse (s << d)

We can thus assume the images of interest are sparse

How do we actually compress them and then how do we reconstruct them from that compression?

Simple ad-hoc methods not feasible for practice. Need sophisticated robust machinery, motivated by applications.

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(Jeff Blanchard)

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Some non-trivial branches

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- 1. Non-orthonormal bases
- 2. Quantization
- 3. Matrix completion (Mark Davenport)

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The One-Bit Sparse reconstruction problem

- Standard: f ∈ ℝⁿ with ||f||₀ ≤ s acquired via nonadaptive linear measurements (a_i, f) + e_i, i = 1,..., m.
- ▶ In practice, measurements need to be quantized.
- One-Bit: extreme quantization as y = sign(Af + e), i.e.,

$$y_i = \operatorname{sign}(\langle a_i, f \rangle + e_i), \qquad i = 1, \dots, m$$

Goal: find reconstruction maps Δ : {±1}^m → ℝⁿ such that, assuming the ℓ₂-normalization of f,

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