

Nonlinear Compressed Sensing

- Goal: recover structured $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ from $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ from $y_i = f_i(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x})$, $i = 1, \dots, m$
- Result: Under Gaussian matrix and fairly mild condition on $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^m$, we can **ignore the nonlinearity** and use G-Lasso

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{GLasso}} = \arg \min \frac{1}{2m} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 \quad (2)$$

to recover k -sparse \mathbf{x} to ℓ_2 error [PV16]¹

$$\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{GLasso}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 = \tilde{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}\right)$$

- In general, we cannot do better without knowing f_i !
Just think of noisy linear regression $y = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \epsilon$ with $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_m)$

¹The generalized lasso with non-linear observations. Y. Plan & R. Vershynin, 2016, TIT.

Quantizer

- An L -level quantizer Q which quantizes $q \in \mathbb{R}$ to

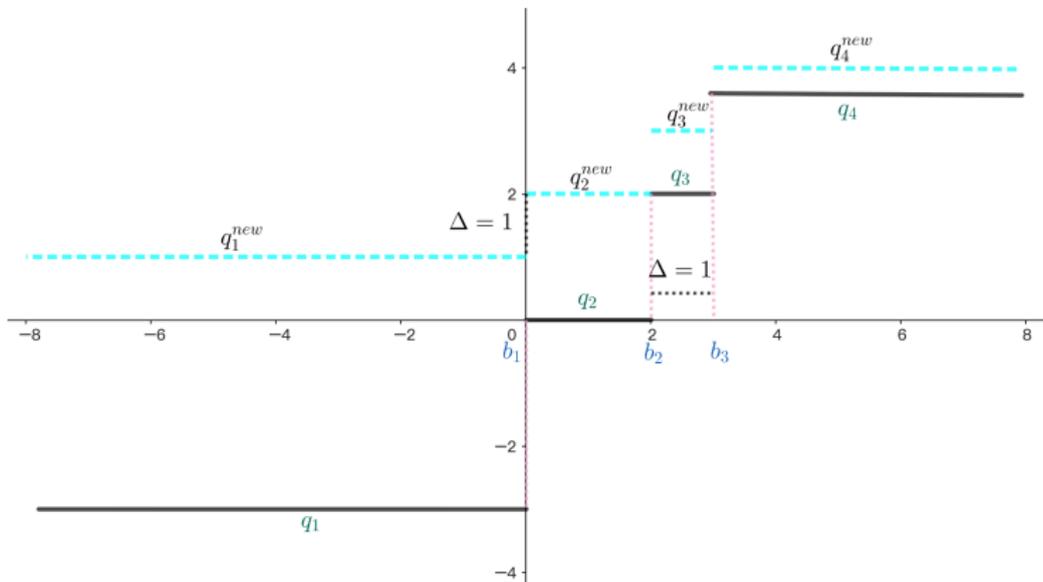
$$Q(q) = \begin{cases} q_1, & \text{if } q < b_1 \\ q_2, & \text{if } b_1 \leq q < b_2 \\ \dots & \\ q_{L-1}, & \text{if } b_{L-2} \leq q < b_{L-1} \\ q_L, & \text{if } q \geq b_{L-1} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

- for some quantization thresholds $b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_{L-1}$
- and some quantized values $q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_L$.
- Resolution: If $L \geq 3$, we define

$$\Delta := \min_{j=1, \dots, L-2} |b_{j+1} - b_j|; \quad (4)$$

If $L = 2$, we define $\Delta := 2$ (just a convention).

Quantizer



The values $(q_i)_{i=1}^{L-1}$ are not important, so we could assume

$$q_{i+1} = q_i + \Delta, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, L-1. \quad (5)$$

Quantized Compressed Sensing

An important instance of nonlinear CS:

- Goal of Quantized CS: recover *structured* signal $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ from

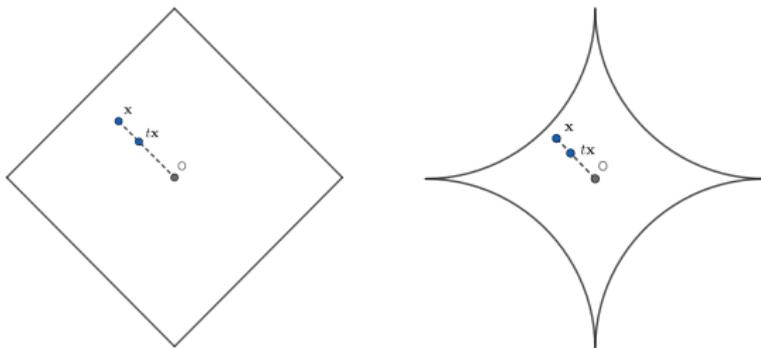
$$\mathbf{y} = Q(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\tau}) = \begin{bmatrix} Q(\mathbf{a}_1^\top \mathbf{x} - \tau_1) \\ Q(\mathbf{a}_2^\top \mathbf{x} - \tau_2) \\ \vdots \\ Q(\mathbf{a}_m^\top \mathbf{x} - \tau_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$: we focus on *sub-Gaussian* matrix
- $\boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^m$: dithering noise helps reconstruction [JR72]²
- we focus on $\boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \mathcal{U}[-\Lambda, \Lambda]^m$ **independent of \mathbf{A}**
- $\Lambda = 0$ reduces to the non-dithered case

²The application of dither to the quantization of speech signals. N. Jayant, L. Rabiner, 1972.

Signal Structure

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}$ for star-shaped set \mathcal{K} (Definition: $\forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{K}, t\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{K}$ for any $t \in [0, 1]$)

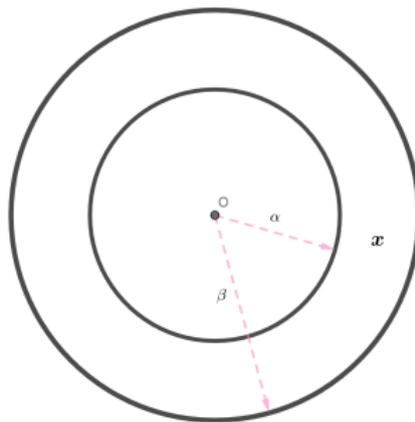


- Examples:

- k -sparse signals $\Sigma_k^n = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{u}\|_0 \leq k\}$;
- low-rank matrices $M_r^{n_1, n_2} = \{\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2} : \text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) \leq r\}$;
- effectively sparse signals $\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 \leq \sqrt{k}\}$.

Signal Norm

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{A}_\alpha^\beta = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \alpha \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \leq \beta\}$.



Signal space: Taken collectively, we consider the recovery of the signals in

$$\mathcal{X} := \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{A}_\alpha^\beta \quad (6)$$

One-Bit Compressed Sensing (1bCS)

Problem setup

- Recover \mathbf{x} from $\mathbf{y} = \text{sign}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) = (\text{sign}(\mathbf{a}_1^\top \mathbf{x}), \dots, \text{sign}(\mathbf{a}_m^\top \mathbf{x}))^\top$, with $\mathbf{A} \sim \mathcal{N}^{m \times n}(0, 1)$
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1} \rightarrow$ we cannot distinguish \mathbf{x} and $2\mathbf{x}$

Optimal rate

- Hamming distance $d_H(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}(u_i \neq v_i)$
- Hamming distance minimization (HDM):

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{hdm} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}} d_H(\text{sign}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{y}) \quad (7)$$

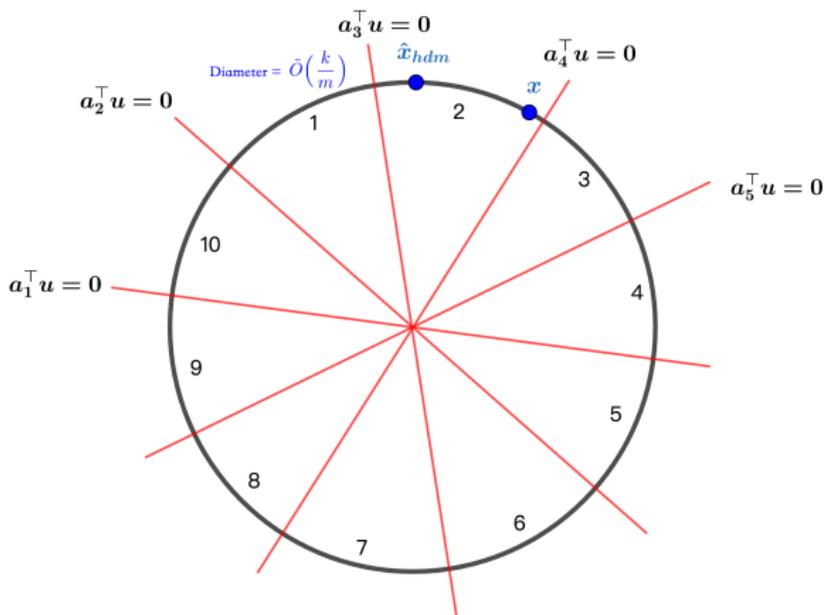
- $\mathcal{K} = \Sigma_k^n$: $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{hdm} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 = \tilde{O}(\frac{k}{m})$ [JLBB13]³ (Optimal rate)
- This is sharper than $\Theta(\sqrt{k/m})$ for noisy regression
- $\mathcal{K} = \sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n$: $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{hdm} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 = \tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$ [OR15]⁴ (Fastest rate)

³Robust 1-Bit Compressive Sensing via Binary Stable Embeddings of Sparse Vectors. L. Jacques, J. Laska, P.T. Boufounos; R. Baraniuk, 13 TIT.

⁴Near-optimal bounds for binary embeddings of arbitrary sets. S. Oymak & B. Recht, Arxiv, 2015.

Hyperplane Tessellation - 1bCS

1bCS \iff hyperplane tessellation of a subset of \mathbb{S}^{n-1} [PV14]⁵

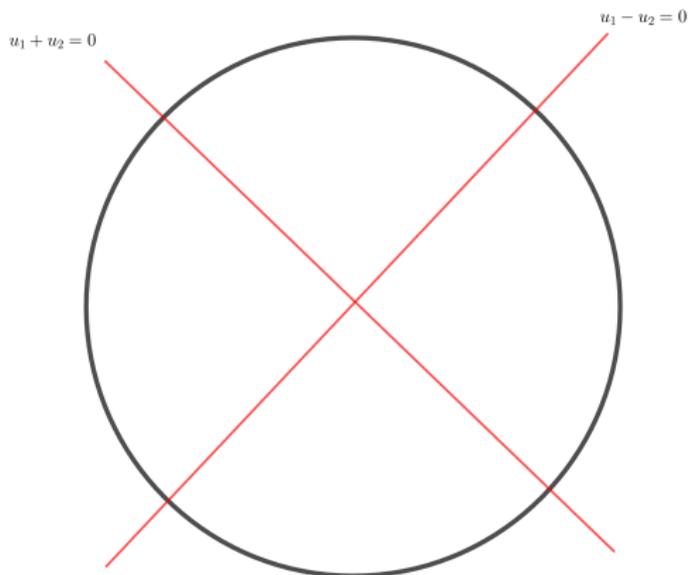


⁵Dimension reduction by random hyperplane tessellations, Y. Plan & R. Vershynin, 2014 Discrete & Computational Geometry

Geometry of 1bCS - Gaussian Hyperplane Tessellation

Go beyond Gaussian design? [ALPV14];⁶

$\{-1, 1\}$ -valued \mathbf{A} (e.g., Bernoulli design) does not work:



⁶One-bit compressed sensing with non-Gaussian measurements, A. Ai, A. Lapanowski, Y. Plan, R. Vershynin, *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 2014.

Efficient Algorithms for 1bCS

algorithm	error rate	signal space	uniformity
Linear Program [PV13] ⁷	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/5})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✓
Convex Relaxation [PV12] ⁸	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/4})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✗
Generalized Lasso [PV16]	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/2})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✗
PBP [PVY17] ⁹	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/2})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✗
Adaboost [CKLG22] ¹⁰	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✓
NBIHT [MM24] ¹¹	$\tilde{O}(\frac{k}{m})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✓
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}(\frac{\tilde{r}(n_1+n_2)}{m})$	$M_{\tilde{r}}^{n_1, n_2} \cap \{\ \mathbf{U}\ _F = 1\}$	✓
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$	✓

⁷ One-bit compressed sensing by linear programming, Y. Plan & R. Vershynin, CPAM, 2013.

⁸ Robust 1-bit compressed sensing and sparse logistic regression: A convex programming approach, Y. Plan & R. Vershynin, 12 TIT.

⁹ High-dimensional estimation with geometric constraints, Y. Plan, R. Vershynin & E. Yudovina, 17 inf. inference.

¹⁰ Adaboost and robust one-bit compressed sensing, G. Chinot, F. Kuchelmeister, M. Löffler, S. Geer, 22 MSL.

¹¹ Binary iterative hard thresholding converges with optimal number of measurements for 1-bit compressed sensing, N. Matsumoto & A. Mazumdar, 24 JACM

Dithered One-Bit Compressed Sensing (D1bCS)

Downsides of 1bCS

- hard to go beyond Gaussian design;
- unable to recover signal norm (see a fix by Gaussian dither [KSW16]¹²)

D1bCS Problem Setup

- using *uniform dither* $\boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \mathcal{U}[-\lambda, \lambda]^m$ addresses both issues [DM21],¹³ [TR20]¹⁴
- Model: recover $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$ from

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{sign}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\tau})$$

under *sub-Gaussian* \mathbf{A}

¹²One-bit compressive sensing with norm estimation, K. Knudson, R. Saab, R. Ward, 16 TIT.

¹³Non-Gaussian hyperplane tessellations and robust one-bit compressed sensing, S. Dirksen & S. Mendelson, 2021 JEMS

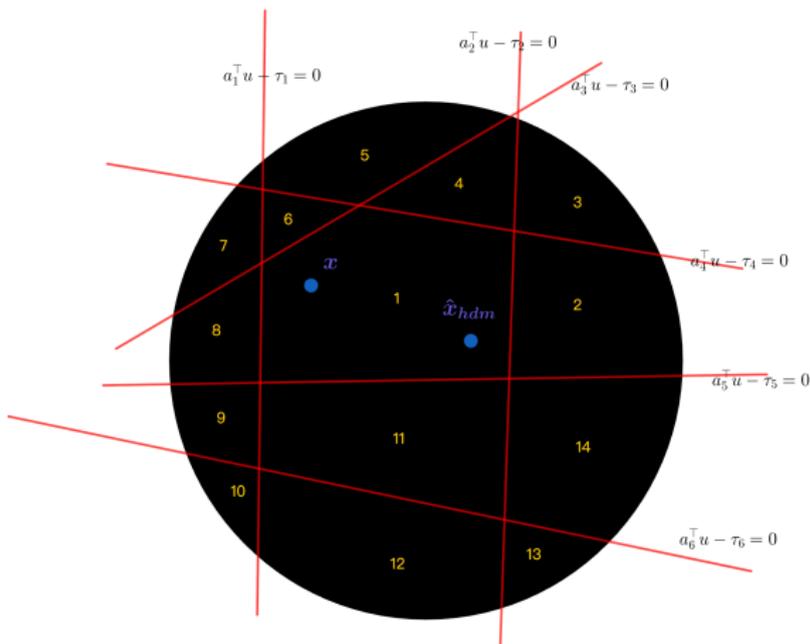
¹⁴The generalized lasso for sub-gaussian measurements with dithered quantization, C. Thrampoulidis & A. S. Rayat, 20 TIT.

Geometric of D1bCS - Non-Gaussian Hyperplane Tessellation

- Theorem 1.9 in [DM21]: HDM

$$\hat{x}_{hdm} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n} d_H(\text{sign}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \boldsymbol{\tau}), \mathbf{y}) \quad (8)$$

achieves the optimal rate $\tilde{O}(\frac{k}{m})$ if $\mathcal{K} = \Sigma_k^n$, and the fastest rate $\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$ if $\mathcal{K} = \sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n$



Efficient Algorithms for D1bCS

algorithm	error rate	signal space	uniformity
Convex Relaxation [DM21]	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/4})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	✓
Con. Rel. (one-sided ℓ_1) [JMPS21] ¹⁵	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	✓
Generalized Lasso [TR20]	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/2})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	✗
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}(\frac{k}{m})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	✓
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{m})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	✓

¹⁵Quantized Compressed Sensing by Rectified Linear Units, H. C. Jung, J. Maly, L. Palzer, A. Stollenwerk, 21:TIT. 

Dithered Multi-Bit Compressed Sensing (DMbCS)

- Another benefit of dithering: *generalization to multi-bit sensing*
- We consider the uniform quantizer

$$Q_\delta(a) = \delta \left(\left\lfloor \frac{a}{\delta} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \begin{cases} \dots \\ -\frac{3\delta}{2}, & \text{if } a \in (-2\delta, -\delta) \\ -\frac{\delta}{2}, & \text{if } a \in (-\delta, 0) \\ \frac{\delta}{2}, & \text{if } a \in (0, \delta) \\ \frac{3\delta}{2}, & \text{if } a \in (\delta, 2\delta) \\ \dots \end{cases} . \quad (9)$$

- **QCS with Dithered Uniform Quantizer:** Under $\boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \mathcal{U}([-\frac{\delta}{2}, \frac{\delta}{2}]^m)$ and *sub-Gaussian* \mathbf{A} , we can accurately recover structured signals $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$ from [TR20], [XJ20]¹⁶

$$\mathbf{y} = Q_\delta(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\tau}). \quad (10)$$

¹⁶Quantized compressive sensing with rip matrices: The benefit of dithering, C. Xu & L. Jacques, 2020 Inf. inference. 

Dithered Multi-Bit Compressed Sensing (DMbCS)

- Q_δ does not immediately sample finite bits
- For some even integer $L \geq 4$, we consider Q_δ with *saturation* when $\{a \in \mathbb{R} : |a| \geq \frac{L\delta}{2}\}$:

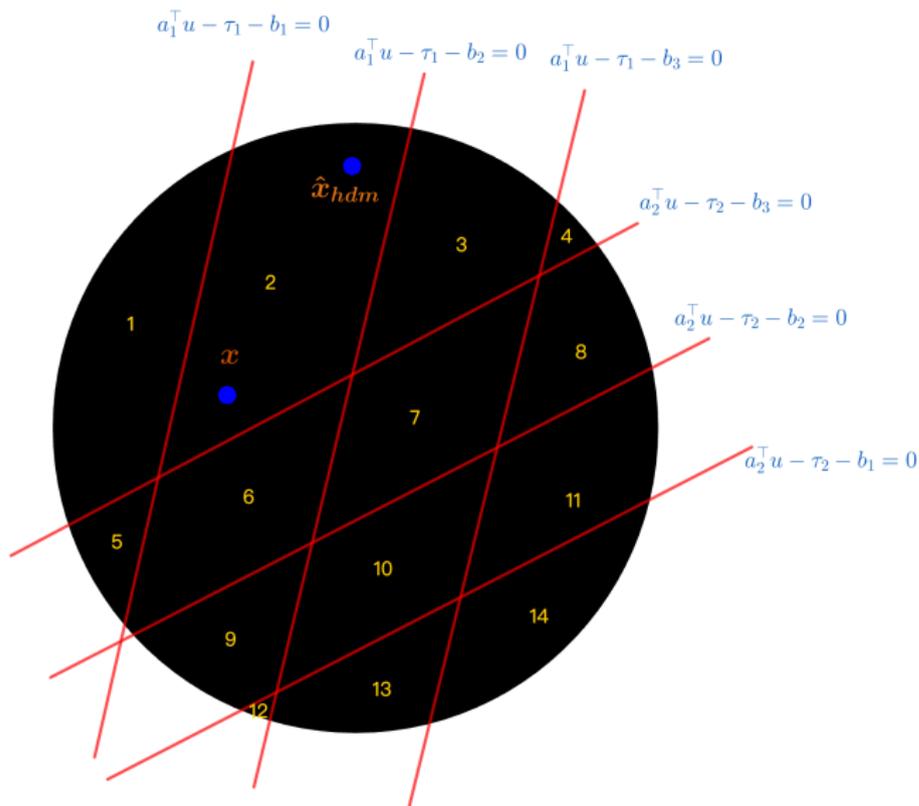
$$Q_{\delta,L}(a) = Q_\delta(a) \cdot \mathbb{1}\left(|a| < \frac{L\delta}{2}\right) + \frac{(L-1)\delta}{2} \mathbb{1}\left(a \geq \frac{L\delta}{2}\right) + \frac{(1-L)\delta}{2} \mathbb{1}\left(a \leq -\frac{L\delta}{2}\right) \quad (11)$$

- **DMbCS**: recover $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$ from $\mathbf{y} = Q_{\delta,L}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\tau})$
- $\mathcal{K} = \Sigma_k^n$: optimal rate $\Omega\left(\frac{k}{mL}\right)$ [BJKS15]¹⁷
- $\mathcal{K} = \sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n$: the fastest rate $\tilde{O}\left(\left(\frac{k}{mL}\right)^{1/3}\right)$ [JMPS21]
- Additional challenge - **nail down the role of quantization level L**

¹⁷Quantization and Compressive Sensing, P. T. Boufounos, L. Jacques, F. Krahmer, R. Saab, 2015.

Geometric of DMbCS - Parallel Non-Gaussian Hyperplanes

$L = 4$



Efficient Algorithms for DMbCS

algorithm	error rate	signal space	uniformity
Con. Rel. (one-sided ℓ_1) [JMPS21]	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{mL})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	$\checkmark, Q_{\delta,L}$
Generalized Lasso [TR20]	$\tilde{O}(\frac{1}{L}(\frac{k}{m})^{1/2})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	\times, Q_{δ}
PBP [XJ20]	$\tilde{O}((1+\delta)(\frac{k}{m})^{1/2})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	\checkmark, Q_{δ}
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}(\frac{k}{mL})$	$\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	$\checkmark, Q_{\delta,L}$
PGD (our work)	$\tilde{O}((\frac{k}{mL})^{1/3})$	$\sqrt{k}\mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n$	$\checkmark, Q_{\delta,L}$

Complexity of Arbitrary Set

How to capture complexity of an arbitrary set?

$\omega(\mathcal{U}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{g} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_n)} \sup_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{U}} \langle \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$: Gaussian width

$\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{U}, r)$: covering number at scale r

$\log \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{U}, r)$: metric entropy at scale r

Examples:

- $\omega(\mathbb{B}_2^n) \asymp \sqrt{n}$ and $\log \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{B}_2^n, r) \leq n \log(\frac{C}{r})$
- $\omega(\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n) \asymp \sqrt{k \log(\frac{en}{k})}$ and $\log \mathcal{N}(\Sigma_k^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n, r) \lesssim k \log(\frac{en}{rk})$
- $\omega(\sqrt{k} \mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n) \asymp \sqrt{k \log(\frac{en}{k})}$ and $\log \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{k} \mathbb{B}_1^n \cap \mathbb{B}_2^n, r) \lesssim \frac{k}{r^2} \log(\frac{en}{rk})$

Separation

Separation Probability:

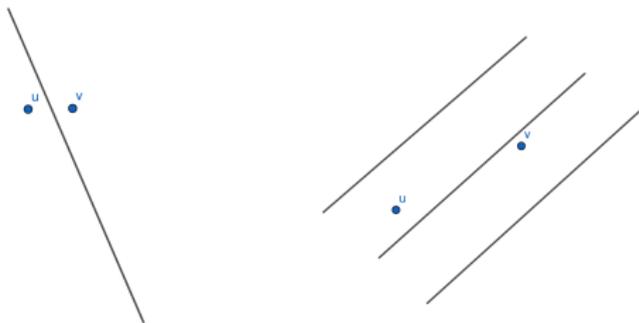
$$P_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} := \mathbb{P}\left(Q(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{u} - \tau_i) \neq Q(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{v} - \tau_i)\right)$$

Separation Set:

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} = \left\{i \in [m] : Q(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{u} - \tau_i) \neq Q(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{v} - \tau_i)\right\}$$

Separation Event:

$$E_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}}^{(i)} := \{i \in \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}}\}$$



Our Result - HDM Bound

HDM Bound: Under

- sub-Gaussian \mathbf{A} ,
- a small-ball probability,
- a separation probability estimate,

(Informal) Theorem 1: Performance bound for the infeasible program - HDM

For small $r > 0$ and $r' \asymp \frac{r}{\log^{1/2}(r-1)}$, if

$$m \geq C_2(\Delta \vee \Lambda) \left(\frac{\omega^2(\mathcal{K}(r'))}{r^3} + \frac{\log \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}, r')}{r} \right) \quad (12)$$

then $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{hdm}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq 2r$.

- $\mathcal{K}(\phi) := (\mathcal{K} - \mathcal{K}) \cap \phi \mathbb{B}_2^n$

Our Main Result - PGD Bound

PGD Bound: Under

- sub-Gaussian \mathbf{A} ,
- small-ball probability,
- separation probability estimate,
- and **additionally a number of moment bounds** (that convey a weak type of independence between the sensing vector marginals and the separation event),

(Informal) Theorem 2: Performance bound for the efficient algorithm PGD

For small $r > 0$, if

$$m \geq C_2(\Delta \vee \Lambda) \left(\frac{\omega^2(\mathcal{X}(r))}{r^3} + \frac{\log \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}, r/2)}{r} \right) \quad (13)$$

then $\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{pgd}} - \mathbf{x}\|_2 = \tilde{O}(r)$.

Takeaway: Under some assumptions, PGD achieves the same rates as HDM.

Bound $|T_2^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}|$

$$T_2^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} := \eta \cdot \langle \hat{\mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}), \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \rangle = \frac{\eta \Delta}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{sign}(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_1) (\mathbf{a}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_2) \mathbb{1}(E_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}^{(i)}),$$

Assumption 5: Moment Bound II

For any $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{X}$ obeying $0 < \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2 \leq 2\mu_4$, we suppose

$$\mathbb{E} \left(|\mathbf{a}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_2|^p \mathbb{1}(E_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}^{(i)}) \right) \leq c^{(7)} P_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \cdot \frac{p!}{2}, \quad \forall p \geq 2 \quad (37a)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\text{sign}(\mathbf{a}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_1) \mathbf{a}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 \mathbb{1}(E_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}^{(i)}) \right) \approx 0, \quad (37b)$$

hold for some $c^{(7)} > 0$

Bernstein's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |T_2^{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}}| &\lesssim \sqrt{\frac{[\Delta \vee \Lambda] \log(\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}, r)) \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2}{m}} + \frac{[\Delta \vee \Lambda] \log(\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}, r))}{m} \\ &\stackrel{(27)}{\leq} \sqrt{O(r) \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_2} + O(r) \end{aligned}$$

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