



Demixing Sines and Spikes: Spectral Super-resolution in the Presence of Outliers

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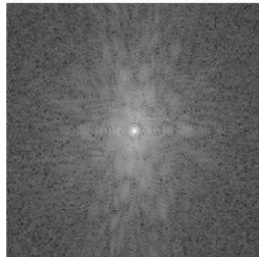
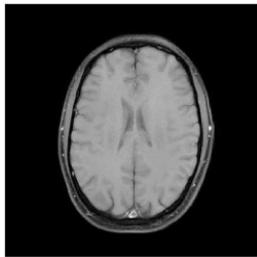
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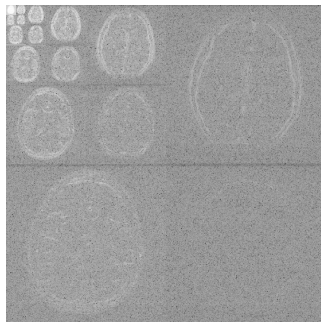
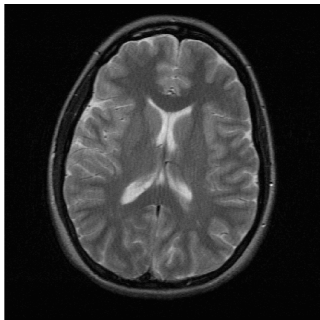
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Magnetic resonance imaging



Images are sparse/compressible

Wavelet coefficients



Magnetic resonance imaging

Data: Samples from spectrum

Problem: Sampling is time consuming (annoying, patient might move)

Images are **compressible** (\approx sparse)

Can we recover compressible signals from less data?

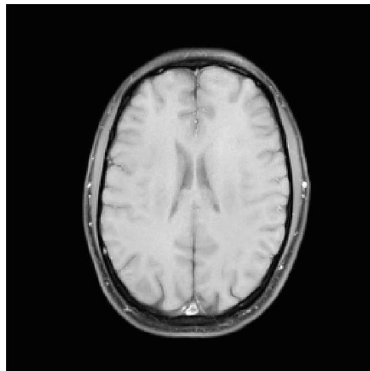
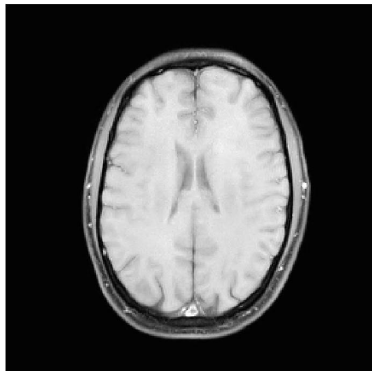
Compressed sensing

1. Undersample data randomly
2. Solve the optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textit{minimize} & ||\text{wavelet transform of estimate}||_1 \\ \textit{subject to} & \text{frequency samples of estimate} = \text{data} \end{array}$$

Compressed sensing in MRI

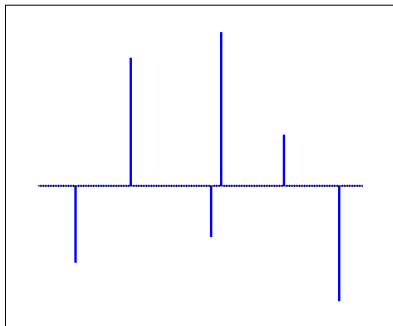
x2 Undersampling



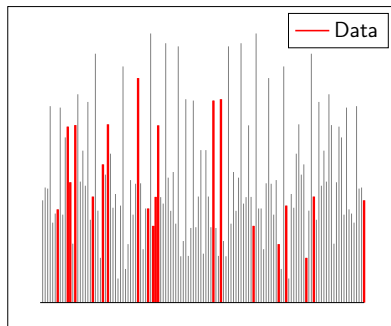
Compressed sensing (basic model)

1. Undersample the spectrum **randomly**

Signal



Spectrum



Compressed sensing (basic model)

2. Solve the optimization problem

minimize $\|\text{estimate}\|_1$

subject to frequency samples of estimate = data

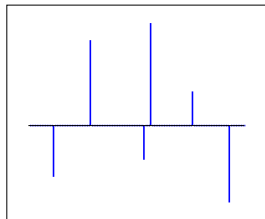
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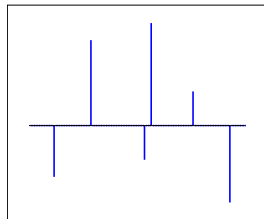
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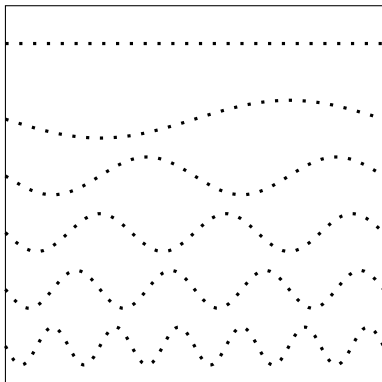
Estimate



Theoretical questions

1. Is the problem well posed?
2. When can we guarantee that ℓ_1 -norm minimization works?

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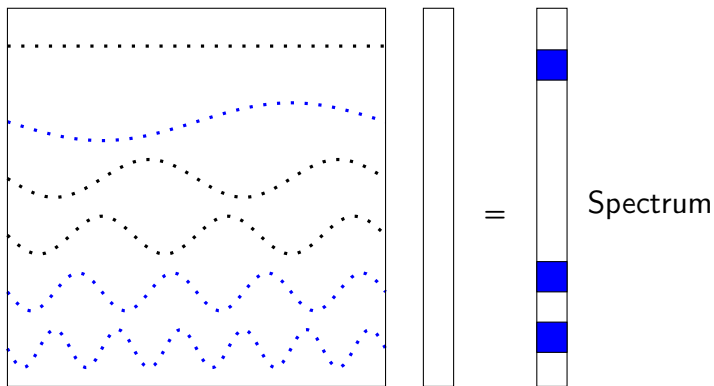


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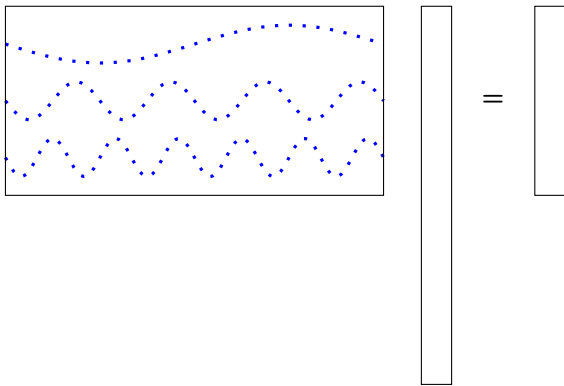
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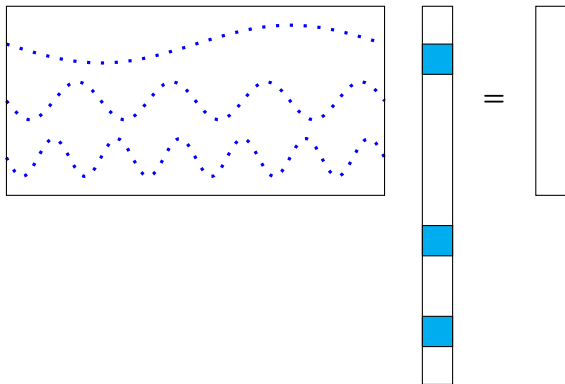
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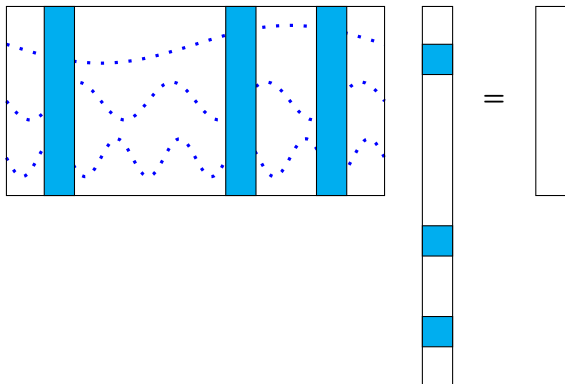
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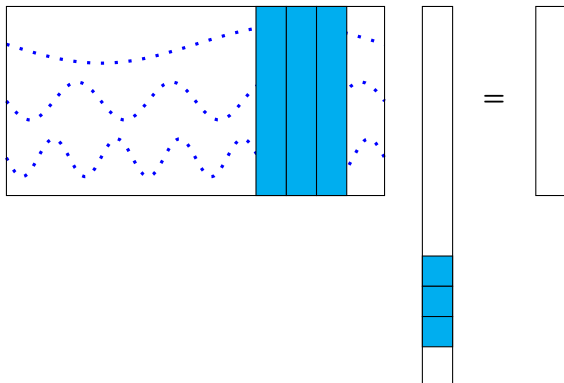
What is the effect of the measurement operator on **sparse** vectors?

Is the problem well posed?



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Restricted isometry property (RIP)

An $m \times n$ matrix A satisfies the **restricted isometry property** if there is $0 < \delta < 1$ such that **for any** s -sparse vector \mathbf{x}

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Random Fourier matrices satisfy the RIP with high probability if s is $\mathcal{O}(\text{measurements})$ up to log factors (Candès, Tao 2006)

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Characterizing the minimum ℓ_1 -norm estimate

- ▶ **Aim:** Show that the original signal \mathbf{x} is the solution of

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \|\mathbf{x}'\|_1 \\ \text{subject to} & A\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{y} \end{array}$$

- ▶ This is guaranteed by the existence of a **dual certificate**

Dual certificate

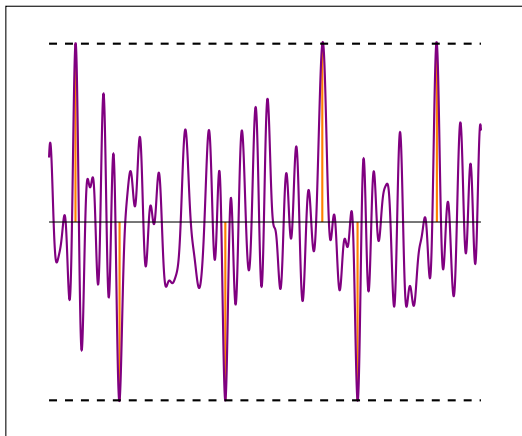
$\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^m$ is a dual certificate associated to \mathbf{x} if

$$\mathbf{v} := A^* \mathbf{q}$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_i &= \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{|\mathbf{x}_i|} && \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i \neq 0 \\ |\mathbf{v}_i| &< 1 && \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example of \mathbf{v}



Linear combination of row vectors that interpolates the sign of the signal

Dual certificate

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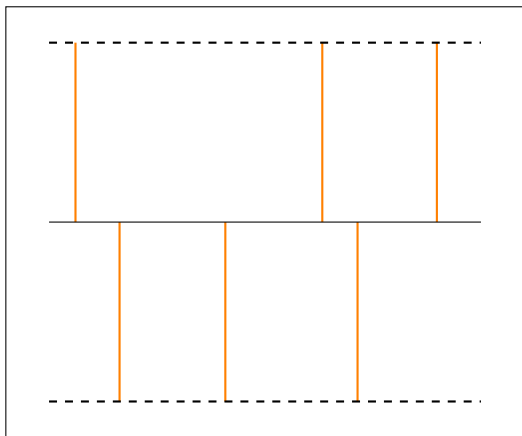
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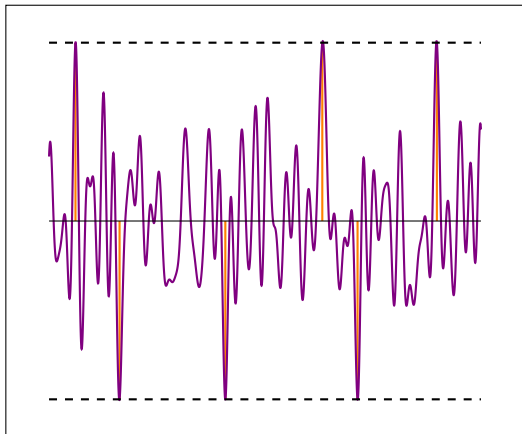
By a (slightly) more complicated argument \mathbf{x} is the **unique** solution

Dual certificate for compressed sensing



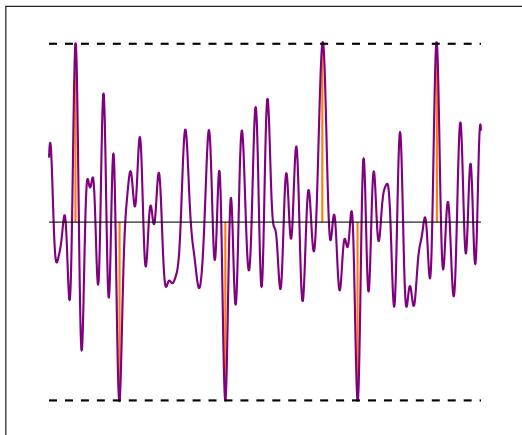
Aim: Show that a dual certificate exists for *any* sparse support and sign pattern

Certificate for compressed sensing



Idea: Minimum-energy interpolator has closed-form solution

Certificate for compressed sensing



Valid certificate if the **sparsity** is \mathcal{O} (measurements) up to log factors
(Candès, Romberg, Tao 2006)

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Spectral super-resolution

Goal: Estimate the spectrum of a multisinusoidal signal from a finite number of samples

Fundamental problem in signal processing

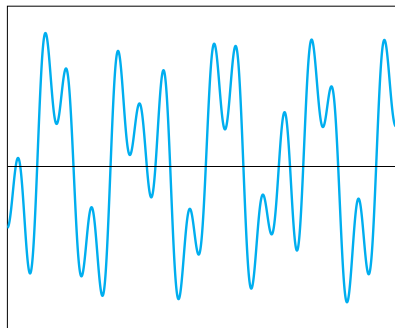
Classic techniques:

- ▶ Linear nonparametric methods: windowed periodogram
- ▶ Prony-based methods: MUSIC, matrix pencil, ESPRIT...

This talk: **optimization-based spectral super-resolution**

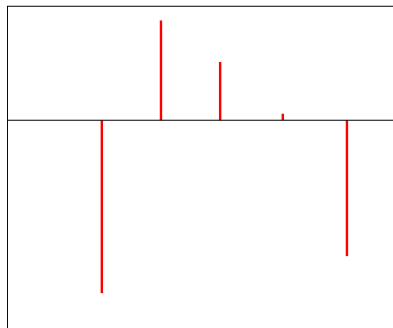
Spectral super-resolution

Signal



$$g(t) := \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \exp(i2\pi f_j t)$$

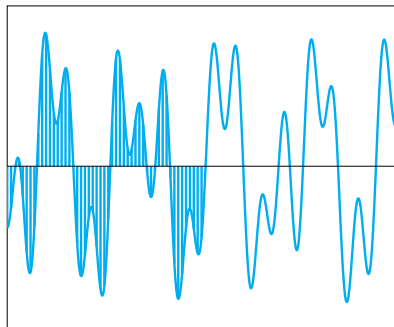
Spectrum



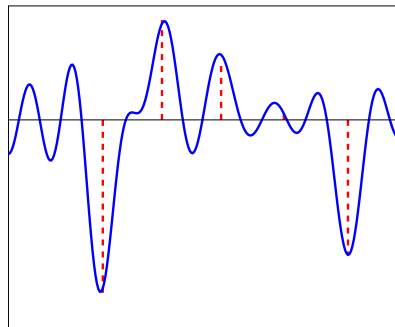
$$\mu := \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \delta(f - f_j)$$

Spectral super-resolution

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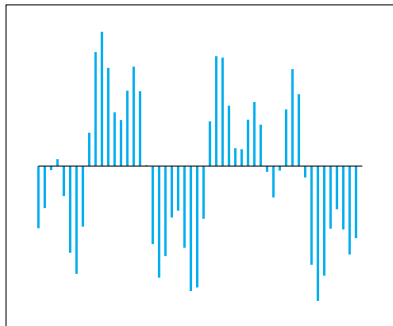
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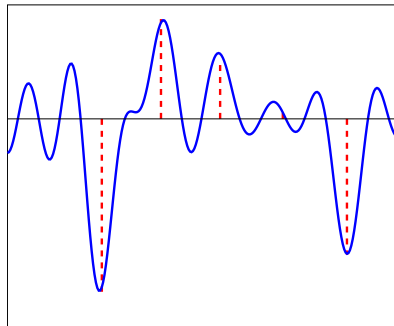
Data: $g(1), g(2), \dots, g(n)$

Spectral super-resolution

Data

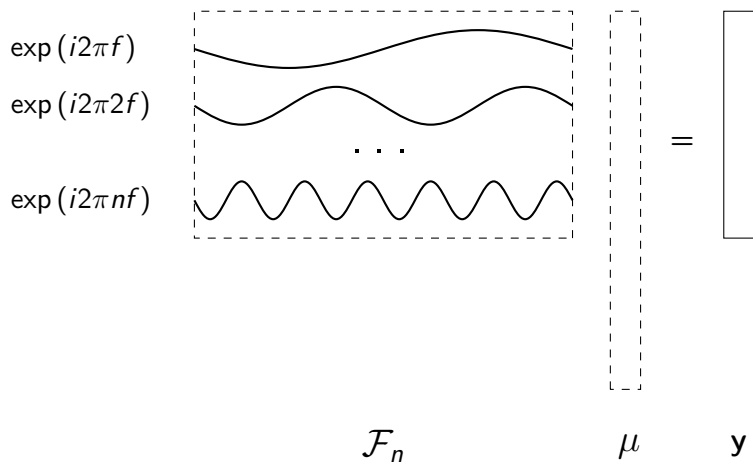


Spectrum



$$\text{Data: } g(l) = \int_0^1 \exp(i2\pi fl) d\mu(f), \quad 1 \leq l \leq n$$

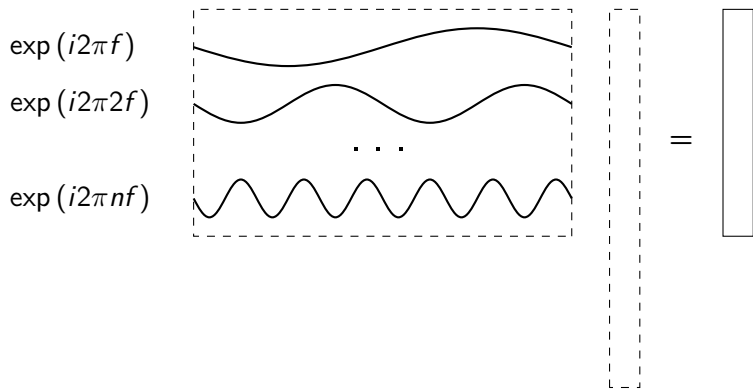
Underdetermined linear system: $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}_n \boldsymbol{\mu}$



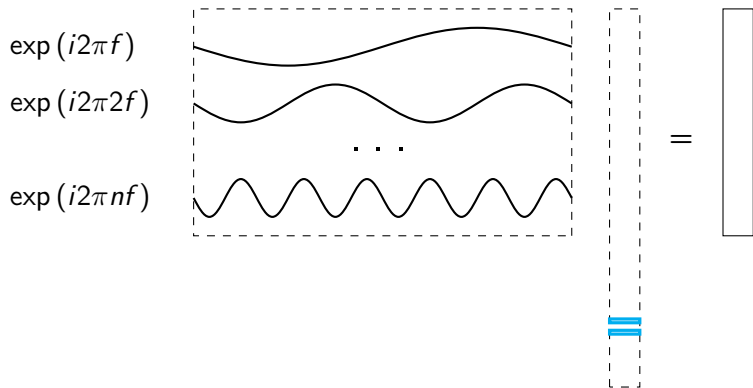
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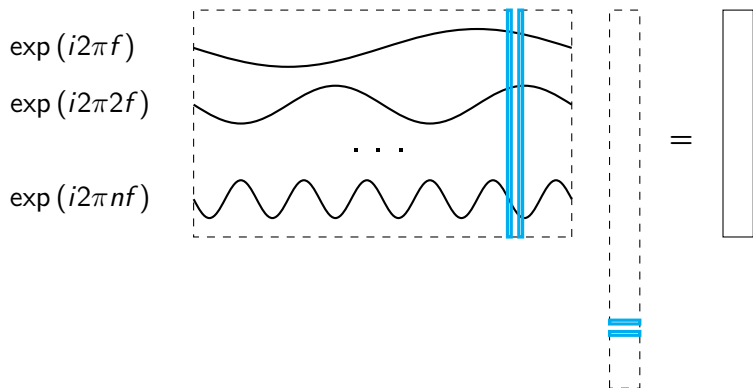


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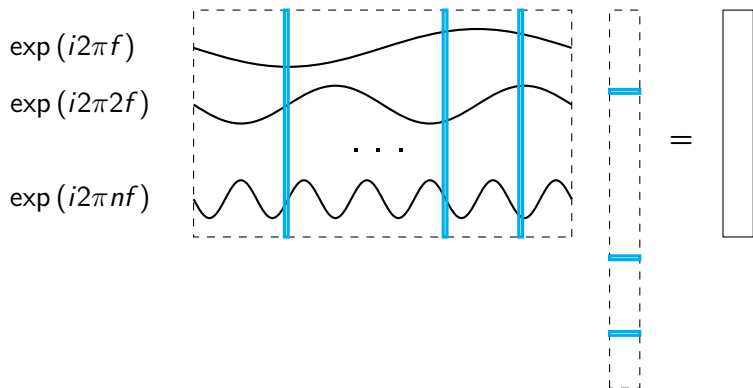
Effect of measurement operator on **sparse** vectors?

Is the problem well posed?



Submatrix can be very ill conditioned!

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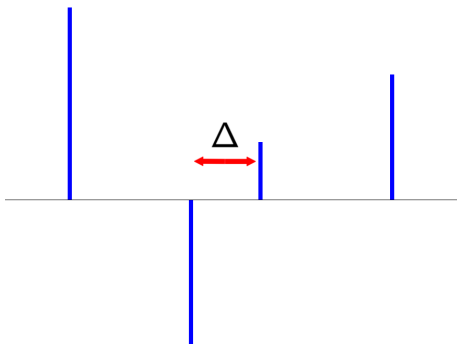


If the support is spread out there is hope

Minimum separation

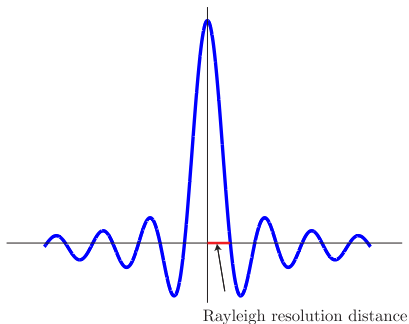
The **minimum separation** Δ of the support T of μ is

$$\Delta = \inf_{(f, f') \in \text{support}(\mu) : f \neq f'} |f - f'|$$



Conditioning of submatrix with respect to Δ

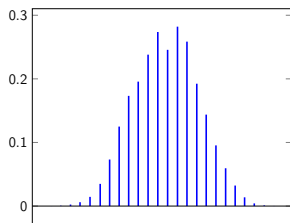
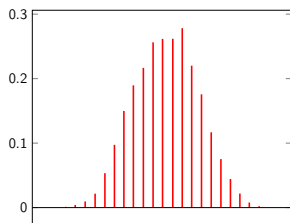
- ▶ If $\Delta < 2/(n - 1)$ the problem is **ill posed**
- ▶ If $\Delta > 2/(n - 1)$ the problem becomes **well posed**
- ▶ Proved asymptotically by Slepian and non-asymptotically by Moitra



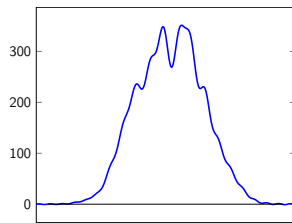
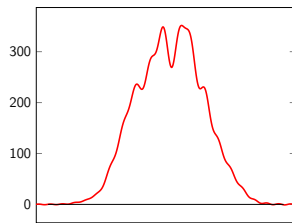
$2/(n - 1)$ is the diameter of the main lobe of the impulse response of the measurement operator (twice the Rayleigh distance in optics)

Example: 25 spectral lines, $n = 2001$, $\Delta = 1.6 / (n - 1)$

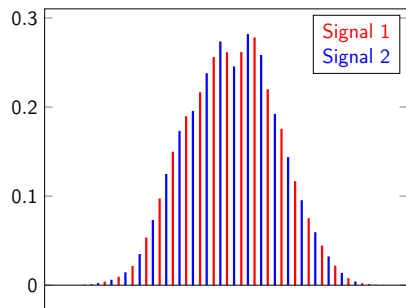
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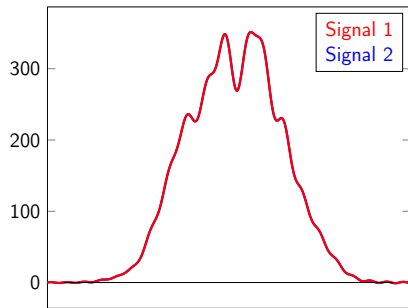
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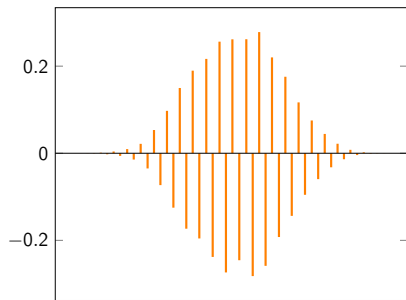
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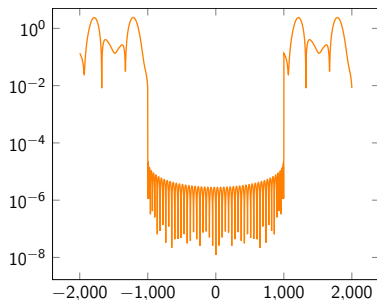
Spectrum of the data

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The difference is almost in the null space of the measurement operator



Difference of signal spectra



Difference of signals

Theoretical questions

1. Is the problem well posed?
2. When can we guarantee that optimization-based approaches work?

Total-variation norm

- ▶ Continuous counterpart of the ℓ_1 norm
- ▶ If $\mu = \sum_j \mathbf{x}_j \delta_{f_j}$ then $\|\mu\|_{\text{TV}} = \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$
- ▶ **Not** the total variation of a piecewise-constant function
- ▶ Formal definition: For a complex measure ν

$$\|\nu\|_{\text{TV}} = \sup \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\nu(B_j)|,$$

(supremum over all finite partitions B_j of $[0, 1]$)

Estimation via convex programming

For data of the form $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}_n \mu$, we solve

$$\min_{\tilde{\mu}} \|\tilde{\mu}\|_{\text{TV}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathcal{F}_n \tilde{\mu} = \mathbf{y},$$

over all finite complex measures $\tilde{\mu}$ supported on $[0, 1]$

Dual certificate

A dual certificate $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ of the TV norm at

$$\mu := \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \delta_{f_j} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^k, f_j \in T$$

satisfies

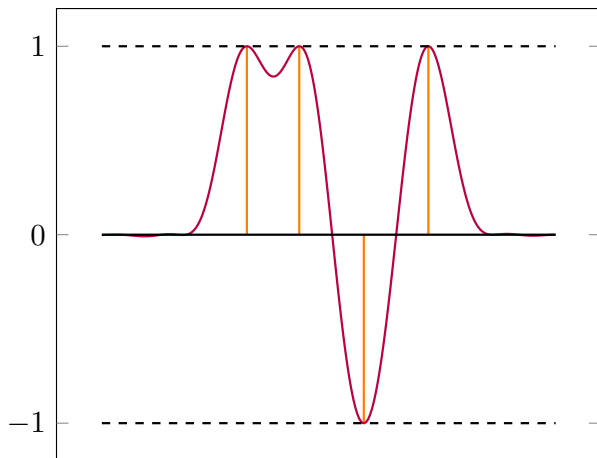
$$Q(f) := \mathcal{F}_n^* \mathbf{q}(f) = \sum_{l=1}^n \mathbf{q}_l e^{-i2\pi lf}$$

$$Q(f_j) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_j|} \quad \text{if } f_j \in T$$

$$|Q(f)| < 1 \quad \text{if } f \notin T$$

We call Q a **dual polynomial**

Dual polynomial



Linear combination of **low-pass sinusoids** interpolating the sign

Dual certificate

Q is a **subgradient** of the TV norm at μ , in the sense that

$$\|\mu + \nu\|_{\text{TV}} \geq \|\mu\|_{\text{TV}} + \langle Q, \nu \rangle, \quad \langle Q, \nu \rangle := \operatorname{Re} \left[\int_{[0,1]} \overline{Q(f)} \, d\nu(f) \right]$$

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Q is a **subgradient** of the TV norm at μ , in the sense that

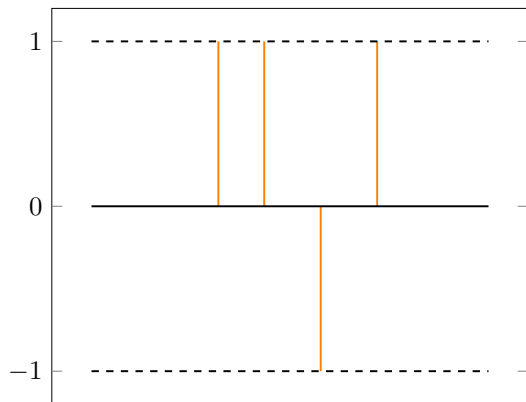
$$\|\mu + \nu\|_{\text{TV}} \geq \|\mu\|_{\text{TV}} + \langle Q, \nu \rangle, \quad \langle Q, \nu \rangle := \operatorname{Re} \left[\int_{[0,1]} \overline{Q(f)} \, d\nu(f) \right]$$

For any $\mu + \nu$ such that $\mathcal{F}_n \nu = 0$

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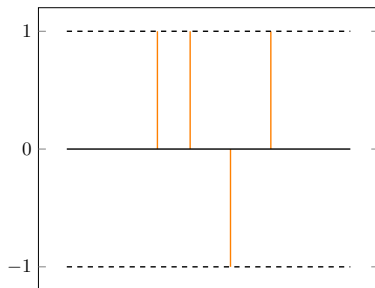
Existence of Q actually implies that μ is the **unique solution**

Certificate for super-resolution



Aim: Show that Q exists for any μ under a min. separation condition

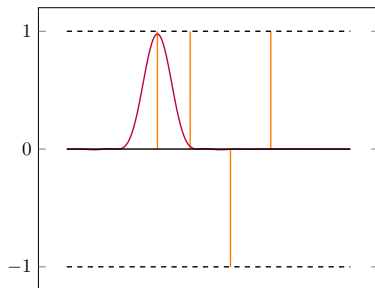
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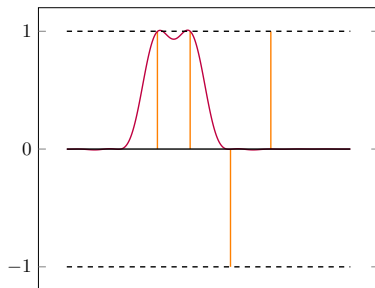
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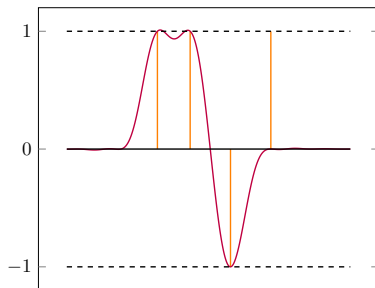
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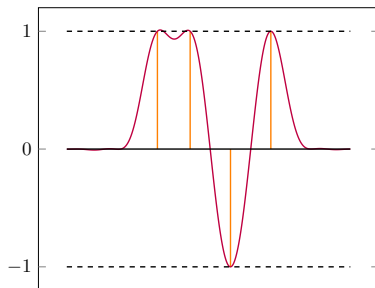
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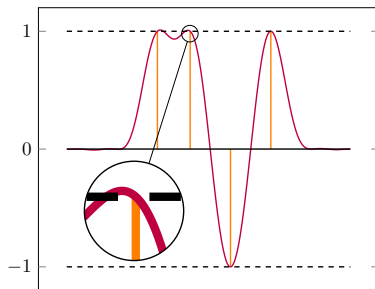
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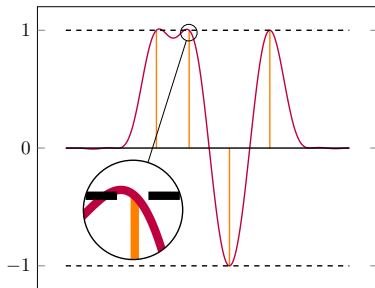
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Certificate for super-resolution



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Certificate for super-resolution

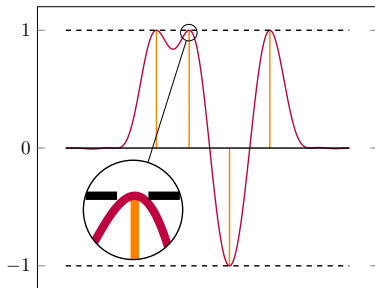


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Spectral super-resolution with missing data

Assume we observe a **random subset** of entries \mathcal{S}

New measurement operator $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}$, for any measure ν

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}} \nu := (\mathcal{F}_n \nu)_{\mathcal{S}}$$

Signal: $\mu := \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \delta(f - f_j)$

Data: $\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{S}} := \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}} \mu$

Can we still recover the signal?

Compressed sensing off the grid (Tang *et al* 2013)

Solving

$$\min_{\tilde{\mu}} \|\tilde{\mu}\|_{\text{TV}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathcal{F}_S \tilde{\mu} := \mathbf{y}_S$$

achieves **exact recovery** with high prob. for $k = \mathcal{O}(|S|)$ up to log factors if

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_1}{|\mathbf{x}_1|}, \frac{\mathbf{x}_2}{|\mathbf{x}_2|}, \dots, \frac{\mathbf{x}_k}{|\mathbf{x}_k|}$$

are independent and uniformly distributed on the unit circle and

$$\Delta \geq \frac{4}{n-1}$$

Dual polynomial for compressed sensing off the grid

The only modification is the adjoint of the measurement operator

$$Q(f) := \mathcal{F}_S^* \mathbf{q}(f) = \sum_{l \in S} \mathbf{q}_l e^{-i2\pi lf}$$

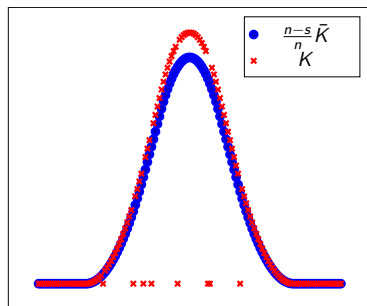
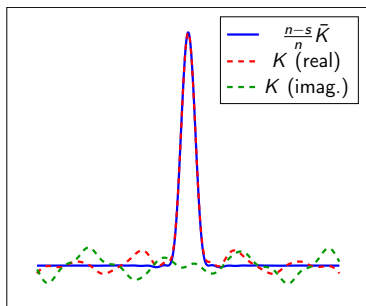
$$Q(f_j) = \text{sign}(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad \text{if } f_j \in T$$

$$|Q(f)| < 1 \quad \text{if } f \notin T$$

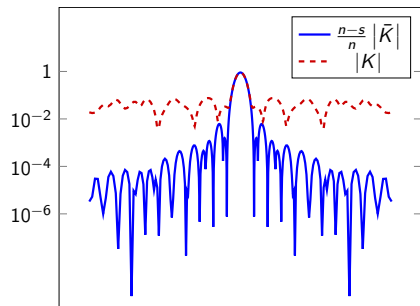
Idea: Interpolate with undersampled kernel

Random interpolation kernel

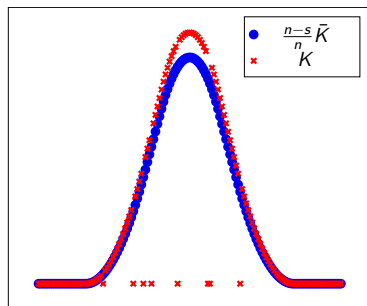
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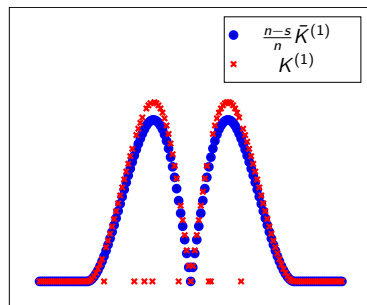
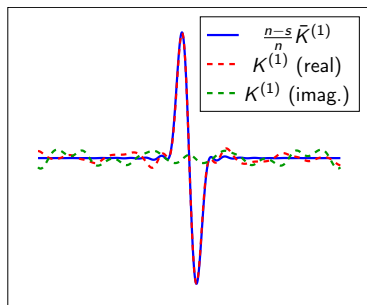


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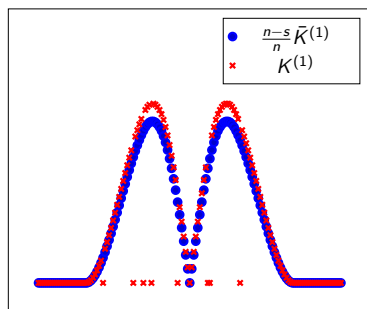
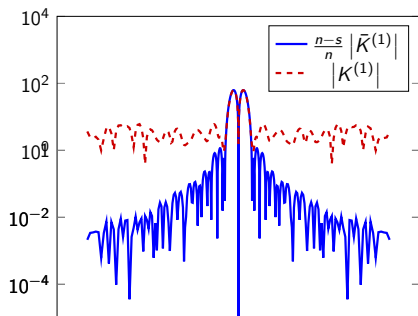
Random interpolation kernel (derivative)

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Dual polynomial for compressed sensing off the grid

Construct dual polynomial via interpolation

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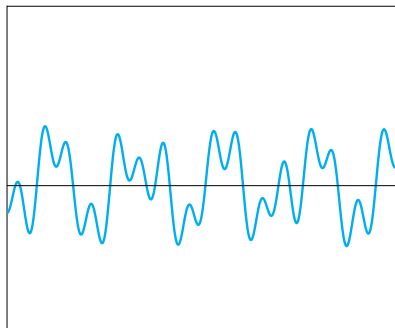
Spectral super-resolution

Spectral super-resolution in the presence of outliers

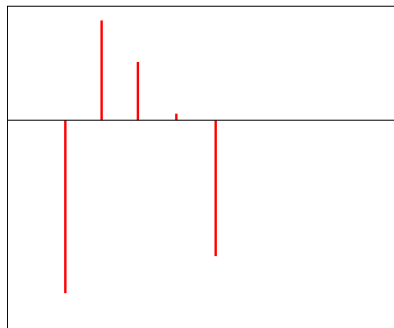
Demixing via semidefinite programming

Greedy demixing + local optimization

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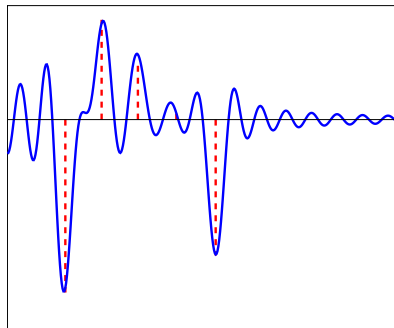
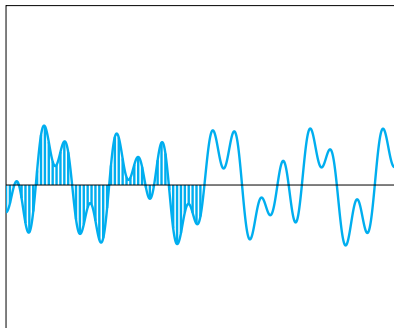


$$g(t) := \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \exp(i2\pi f_j t)$$



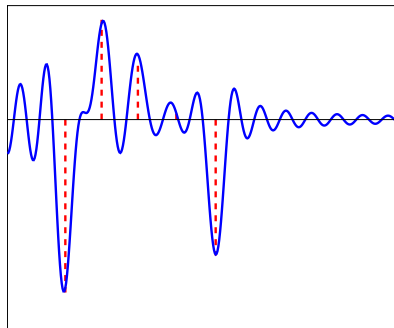
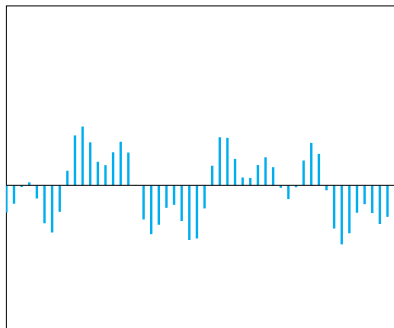
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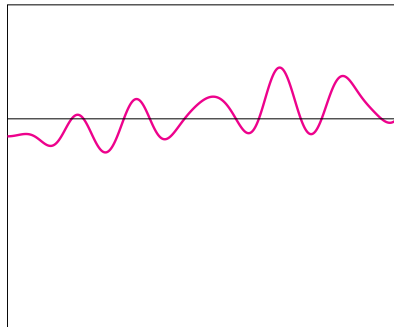
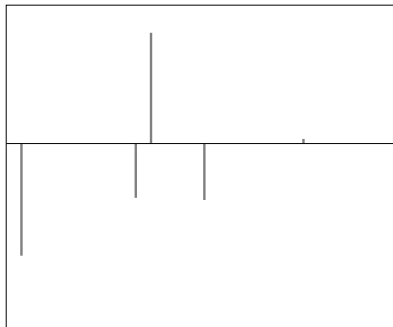
$$\mathcal{F}_n \mu = [g(1) \quad g(2) \quad \cdots \quad g(n)]^T$$

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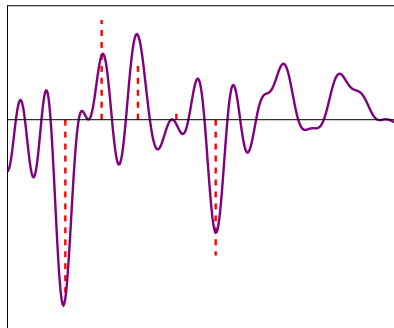
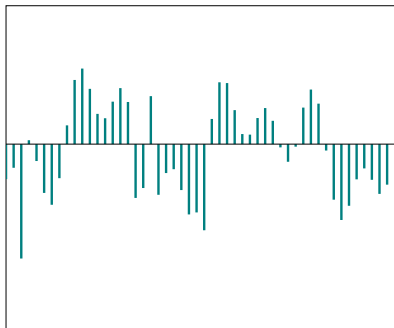
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Some samples are completely corrupted by an s -sparse vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^n$

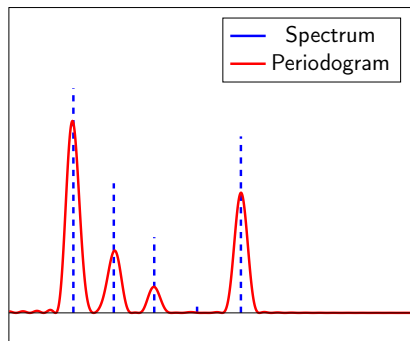
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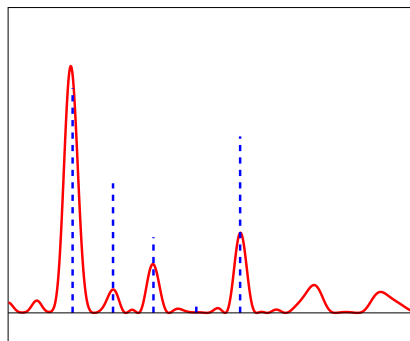
Data: $\mathbf{y} := \mathcal{F}_n \mu + \mathbf{z}$

Linear nonparametric method: Gaussian periodogram

No noise (just *sines*)

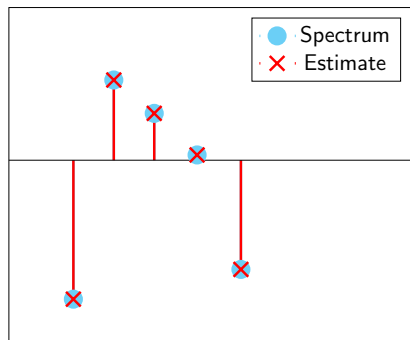


Sparse noise (*sines + spikes*)

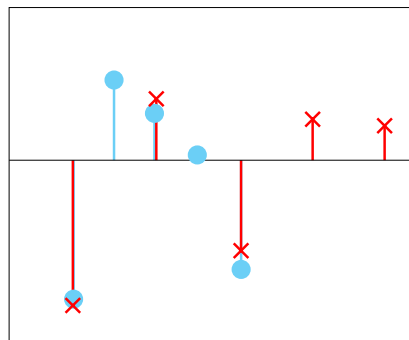


Prony-based method: MUSIC

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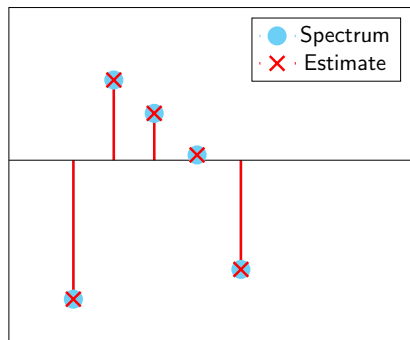


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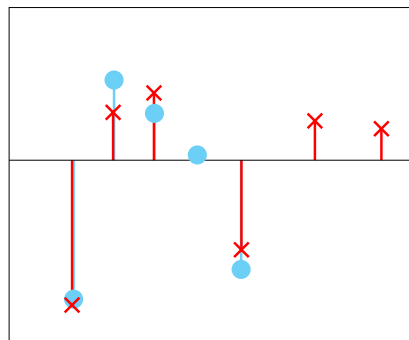


Optimization-based method (dense-noise model)

No noise (just *sines*)



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Optimization-based demixing

We incorporate a variable to model the sparse component

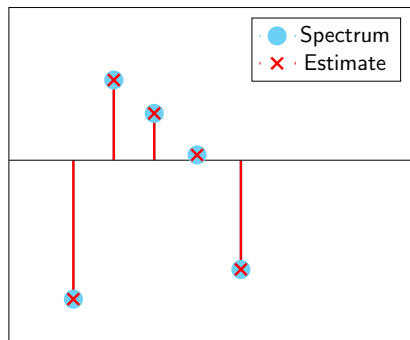
We promote sparsity of this component by penalizing its ℓ_1 norm

$$\min_{\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \|\tilde{\mu}\|_{\text{TV}} + \lambda \|\tilde{\mathbf{z}}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \mathcal{F}_n \tilde{\mu} + \tilde{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{y}$$

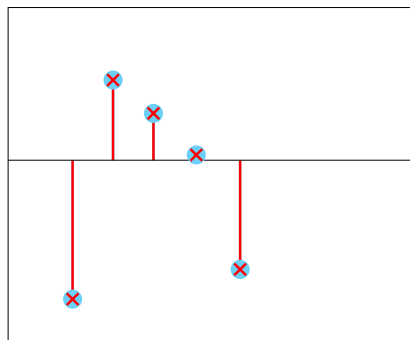
$\lambda > 0$ is a regularization parameter

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Guarantees for demixing

Theorem [F., Tang, Wang, Zheng 2016]

Solving the optimization for $\lambda = 1/\sqrt{n}$ recovers μ and \mathbf{z} exactly with probability $1 - \epsilon$ as long as

$$k \leq C_k \left(\log \frac{n}{\epsilon} \right)^{-2} n,$$

$$s \leq C_s \left(\log \frac{n}{\epsilon} \right)^{-2} n,$$

for fixed numerical constants C_k, C_s

Number of sines and spikes are both $\mathcal{O}(n)$ up to logarithmic factors

Assumptions

- ▶ The minimum separation of the spectrum support obeys

$$\Delta \geq \frac{2.52}{n-1}$$

- ▶ Each entry of \mathbf{z} is nonzero with probability s/n (independently)
- ▶ The phases of \mathbf{x}

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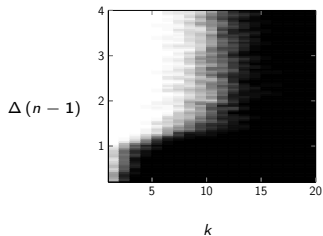
and of the nonzero entries $\{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$ of \mathbf{z}

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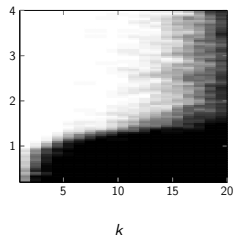
are independent and uniformly distributed on the unit circle

Experiments: $s := 10$

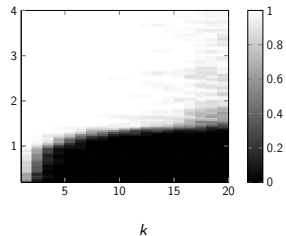
$n = 61$



$n = 81$

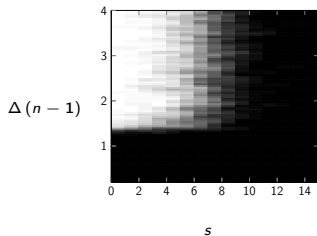


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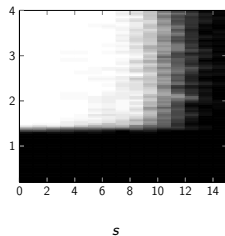


Experiments: $k := 15$

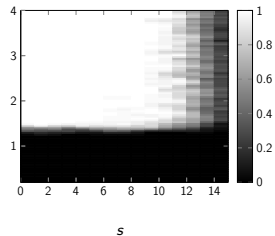
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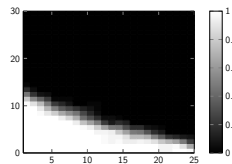
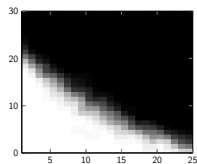
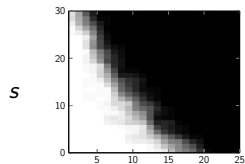


Experiments: $\Delta := 2/(n - 1)$

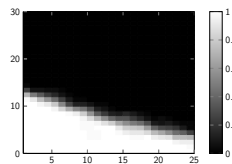
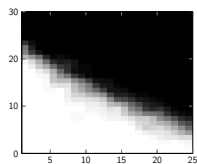
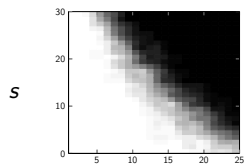
$\lambda = 0.1$

$\lambda = 0.15$

$\lambda = 0.2$



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$n = 81$

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k

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Dual certificate for demixing

Dual certificate $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and corresponding dual polynomial Q

$$Q(f) = \mathcal{F}_n^* \mathbf{q} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{q}_j e^{-i2\pi jf}$$

for a measure μ with support T and sparse noise \mathbf{z} with support Ω

$$Q(f_j) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_j|}, \quad \forall f_j \in T$$

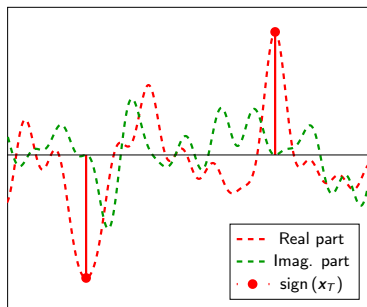
$$|Q(f)| < 1, \quad \forall f \in T^c$$

$$\mathbf{q}_j = \lambda \frac{\mathbf{z}_j}{|\mathbf{z}_j|}, \quad \forall j \in \Omega,$$

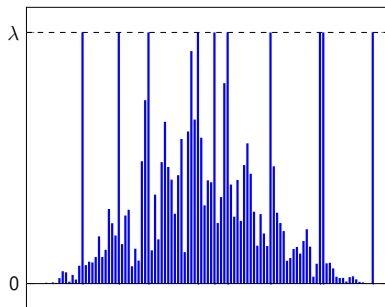
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Dual certificate for demixing

$Q(f)$



$|q|$



Dual certificate for demixing

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For any other feasible pair (μ', \mathbf{z}') such that $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{F}_n \mu' + \mathbf{z}' = \mathcal{F}_n \mu + \mathbf{z}$

$$\|\mu'\|_{\text{TV}} + \lambda \|\mathbf{z}'\|_1$$

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Existence of Q actually implies that (μ, \mathbf{z}) is the unique solution

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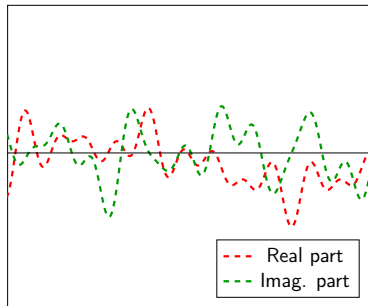
$$Q_{\text{aux}}(f) := \sum_{l \in \Omega^c} \mathbf{q}_l e^{-i2\pi l f}$$

$$R(f) := \lambda \sum_{l \in \Omega} \frac{\mathbf{z}_l}{|\mathbf{z}_l|} e^{-i2\pi l f}$$

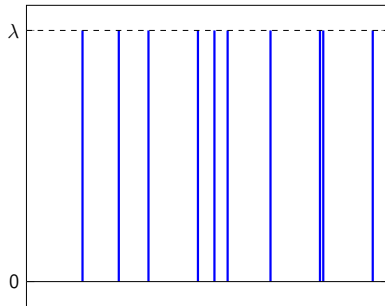
Satisfies condition

$$\mathbf{q}_j = \lambda \frac{\mathbf{z}_j}{|\mathbf{z}_j|} \quad \forall j \in \Omega$$

$R(f)$



Spectrum (magnitude)



Dual certificate for demixing

We construct Q_{aux} via interpolation with a random kernel K (coeffs in Ω^c)

$$Q_{\text{aux}}(f) = \sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j K(f - f_j) + \beta_j K'(f - f_j)$$

To ensure

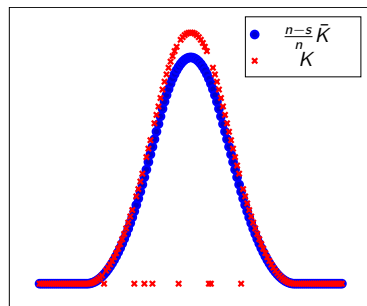
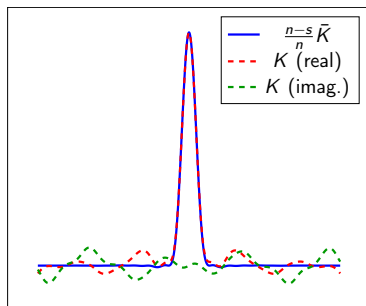
$$Q(f_j) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_j|}, \quad f_j \in T,$$
$$Q'(f_j) = 0, \quad f_j \in T$$

we enforce

$$Q_{\text{aux}}(f_j) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j}{|\mathbf{x}_j|} - R(f_j), \quad f_j \in T$$
$$Q'_{\text{aux}}(f_j) = -R'(f_j), \quad f_j \in T$$

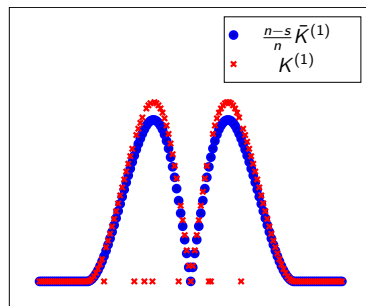
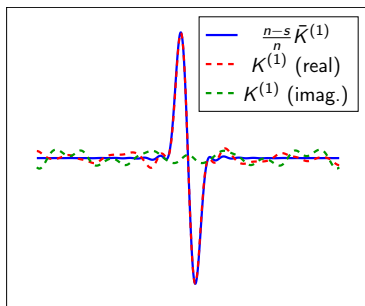
Random interpolation kernel

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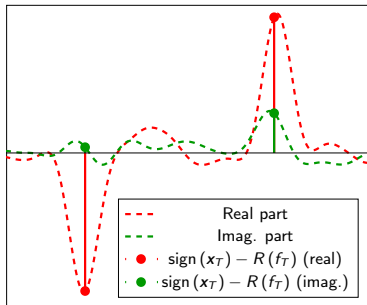


Random interpolation kernel (derivative)

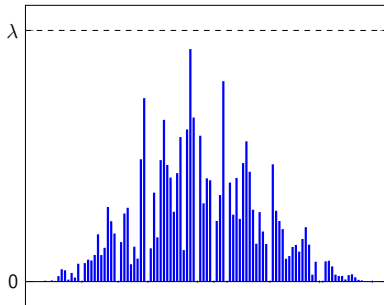
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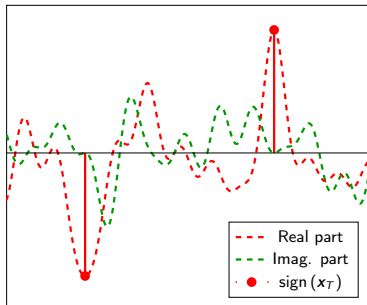
$$Q_{\text{aux}}(f)$$



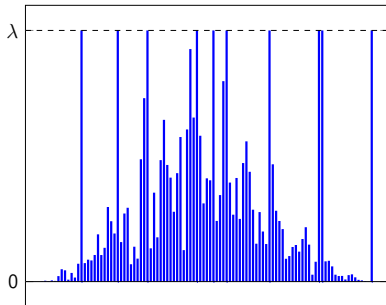
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$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\boldsymbol{\eta} \in \mathbb{C}^n} \langle \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\eta} \rangle \quad \text{subject to} \quad & \|\mathcal{F}_n^* \boldsymbol{\eta}\|_{\infty} \leq 1 \\ & \|\boldsymbol{\eta}\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Finite-dimensional variable $\boldsymbol{\eta}$, but **infinite**-dimensional constraint

$$\mathcal{F}_n^* \boldsymbol{\eta}(f) = \sum_{l=-n}^n \eta_l e^{-i2\pi lf}$$

Second option: Solving the dual problem

Lemma: Semidefinite representation

The Fejér-Riesz Theorem and the semidefinite representation of polynomial sums of squares imply that

$$\|\mathcal{F}_c^* \boldsymbol{\eta}\|_\infty \leq 1$$

is equivalent to

There exists a Hermitian matrix $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & \boldsymbol{\eta} \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}^* & 1 \end{bmatrix} \succeq 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-j} Q_{i,i+j} = \begin{cases} 1, & j = 0, \\ 0, & j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1. \end{cases}$$

Consequence: The dual problem is a tractable semidefinite program

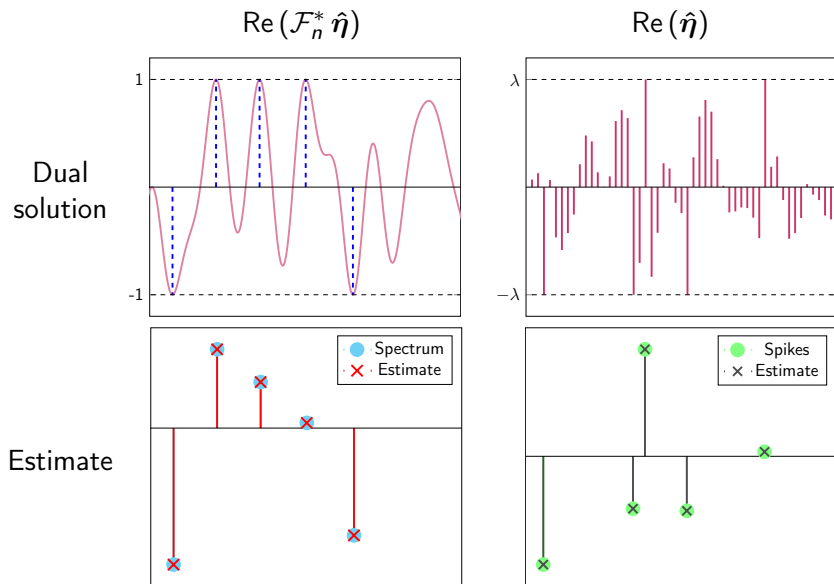
Support-locating polynomial

How do we obtain an estimator from the dual solution?

Dual solution vector: From strong duality

- ▶ $\hat{\eta}$ interpolates the sign of the primal solution \hat{z}
- ▶ $\mathcal{F}_n^* \hat{\eta}$ interpolates the sign of the primal solution $\hat{\mu}$

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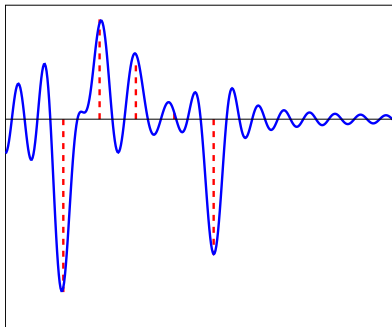
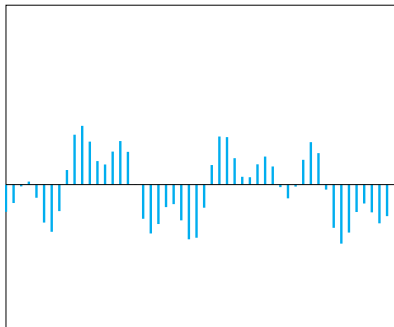
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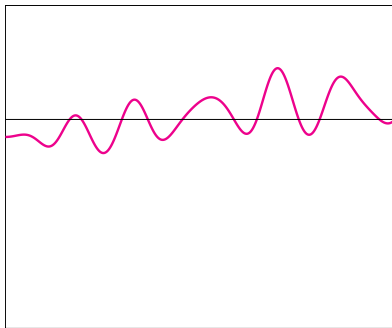
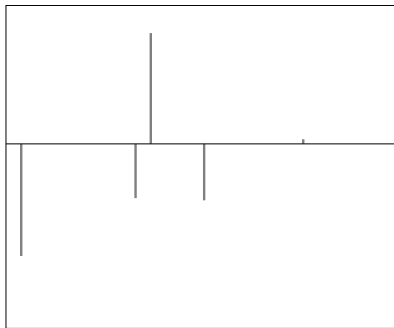
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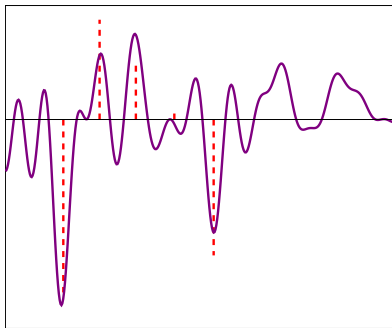
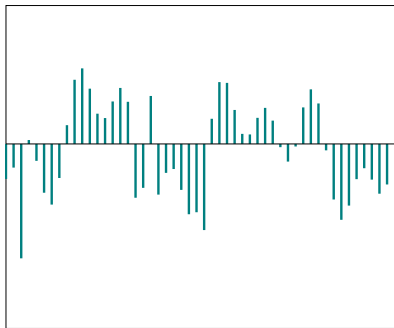
$$\begin{bmatrix} g(1) \\ g(2) \\ \dots \\ g(n) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \exp(i2\pi f_j 1) \\ \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \exp(i2\pi f_j 2) \\ \dots \\ \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \exp(i2\pi f_j n) \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \begin{bmatrix} \exp(i2\pi f_j) \\ \exp(i2\pi 2f_j) \\ \dots \\ \exp(i2\pi n f_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{z} = \sum_{l \in \Omega} \mathbf{z}_l \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \begin{bmatrix} \exp(i2\pi f_j) \\ \exp(i2\pi 2f_j) \\ \dots \\ \exp(i2\pi n f_j) \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{l \in \Omega} z_l \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sinusoidal and spiky atoms

Consider the dictionary

$$\mathcal{D} := \{\mathbf{a}(f, 0), f \in [0, 1]\} \cup \{\mathbf{e}(l), 1 \leq l \leq n\}$$

where

$$\mathbf{a}(f) := \begin{bmatrix} e^{i2\pi f} \\ e^{i2\pi 2f} \\ \dots \\ e^{i2\pi(n-1)f} \\ e^{i2\pi nf} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{e}(l) := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ 1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

According to our assumptions

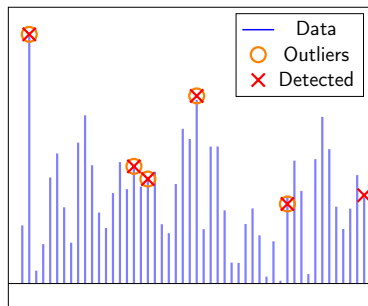
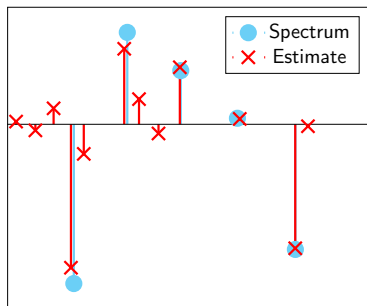
$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{a}(f_j) + \sum_{l \in \Omega} \mathbf{z}_l \mathbf{e}(l)$$

Greedy demixing

Goal: Find sparse decomposition in the dictionary

1. **Initialization:** Set residual equal to the data vector \mathbf{y}
2. **Selection:** Choose atom with higher correlation with residual
3. **Pruning:** Fit the current atoms to the data and discard any with small contributions, then update the residual

Greedy demixing



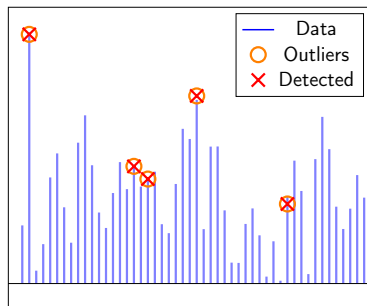
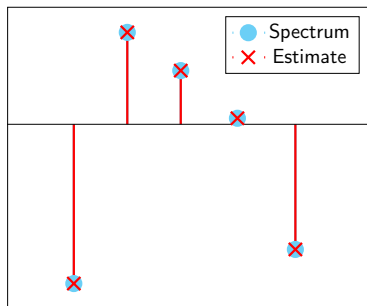
Greedy demixing with local optimization

1. Initialization
2. Selection
3. Pruning
4. Local optimization: Fix the number of sinusoidal atoms \hat{k} and reestimate $f_1, \dots, f_{\hat{k}}$ by minimizing the function

$$L(f_1, \dots, f_{\hat{k}}) := \min_{\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{C}^{\hat{k}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathbb{C}^{|\hat{\Omega}|}} \left\| \mathbf{y} - \sqrt{n} \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{k}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \mathbf{a}(f_j, 0) - \sum_{l \in \hat{\Omega}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}_l \mathbf{e}(l) \right\|_2$$

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Conclusion

- ▶ Convex programming succeeds beyond compressed sensing if we restrict the class of signals of interest
- ▶ A tractable method based on semidefinite programming allows to perform spectral super-resolution in the presence of outliers
- ▶ Fast greedy method combined with nonconvex optimization yields promising results

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