

## Low-rank Recovery Problems in Signal Processing

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## Recovering a matrix from limited observations

Suppose we are interested in recovering the values of a matrix $\boldsymbol{X}$

$$
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We are given a series of different linear combinations of the entries

$$
\boldsymbol{y}=\mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})
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... can we "fill in the blanks"?

## Low rank structure



## Agenda

- Many applications of low-rank recovery in machine learning: recommendation systems, covariance estimation, etc.
- This talk: how this theory relates to fundamental problems in signal processing

Topics include:

- sampling large ensembles of correlated signals
- blind deconvolution
- source separation
- super-resolution with unknown spreading function


## Low rank recovery from linear measurements

- We have an underdetermined linear operator $\mathcal{A}$

$$
\mathcal{A}: \mathbb{R}^{K \times N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{M}, \quad M \ll K N, \quad \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\left\{\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{A}_{m}\right\rangle\right\}_{m=1}^{M}
$$

and observe

$$
\boldsymbol{y}=\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right)+\text { noise }
$$

where $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$ has rank $R$

- One recovery technique: nuclear norm relaxation

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \text { subject to } \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

where $\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*}=$ sum of the singular values of $\boldsymbol{X}$

## Recovering low rank matrices

Given $\boldsymbol{y}$, we solve the (convex) optimization program

$$
\text { minimize }\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*}=\sum_{i} \sigma_{i}(\boldsymbol{X}) \quad \text { subject to } \quad \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\boldsymbol{y}
$$



When $\mathcal{A}$ is distance preserving, this is provably effective.

## When can we recover a low rank matrix?

Two main approaches for establishing effectiveness:

- Uniform embeddings: Show $\mathcal{A}$ keeps rank- $R$ matrices separated,

$$
\left\|\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{1}-\boldsymbol{X}_{2}\right)\right\|_{2}^{2} \approx\left\|\boldsymbol{X}_{1}-\boldsymbol{X}_{2}\right\|_{F}^{2} \quad \text { for all rank- } R \boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}
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- Duality theory: show you can construct a dual certificate for

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \quad \text { subject to } \quad \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right)
$$

for a particular $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$.
Result holds for a particular $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$, strong stability harder to establish Works for many $\mathcal{A}$ with structured randomness

## Duality for low rank recovery

The matrix $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$ is a solution to

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \quad \text { subject to } \quad y_{m}=\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{A}_{m}\right\rangle, \quad m=1, \ldots, M
$$

when

$$
\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right)=\boldsymbol{y}, \quad \text { and there is a } \boldsymbol{z} \text { s.t. } \quad \mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{z})=\sum_{m=1}^{M} z_{m} \boldsymbol{A}_{m} \in \partial\left\|\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right\|_{*}
$$

where with $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}=\boldsymbol{U}_{0} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{0} \boldsymbol{V}_{0}^{\mathrm{T}}$,

$$
\partial\left\|\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right\|_{*}=\left\{\boldsymbol{U}_{0} \boldsymbol{V}_{0}^{\mathrm{T}}+\boldsymbol{W}, \quad\|\boldsymbol{W}\| \leq 1\right\}
$$



Matrix Measurements

## Matrix Recovery: random measurements

Take vectorize $\boldsymbol{X}$, stack up vectorized $\boldsymbol{A}_{m}$ as rows of a matrix


Independent subgaussian entries in the $\boldsymbol{A}_{m}$ embeds rank- $R$ matrices when

$$
M \gtrsim R(K+N)
$$

(Recht, Fazel, Parillo, Candes, Plan, ...)

## Matrix Recovery: random measurements



Embedding established in a similar manner as yesterday:

- Concentration: For a fixed $\boldsymbol{X}$,

$$
\mathrm{P}\left(\left|\|\mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})\|_{2}^{2}-\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{F}^{2}\right|>\delta\right) \leq C \cdot e^{-c \delta^{2} M}
$$

- Covering: Rank- $R$ matrices come from an infinite union of subspaces, standard covering bounds allow a net of size $\sim e^{R(K+N)}$ for same order $\delta$


## Matrix Recovery: structured randomness

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$$
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$$

obeys the concentration inequality

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$$

If $\boldsymbol{\Phi}$ is an "efficient" CS matrix, we have for all $\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X}_{2}$ rank- $R$,

$$
\left\|\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{1}\right)\right\|_{2}^{2} \approx\left\|\boldsymbol{X}_{1}-\boldsymbol{X}_{2}\right\|_{F}^{2} \quad \text { when } \quad M \gtrsim R(K+N) \log ^{q}(K N)
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... we can fill them in from

$$
M \gtrsim R(K+N) \cdot \log ^{2}(K N)
$$

randomly chosen samples if $\boldsymbol{X}$ is diffuse.
(Recht, Gross, Candes, Tao, Montenari, Oh, ...)

## Rank 1 inner products

Measurements of the form

$$
y_{m}=\boldsymbol{\nu}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}=\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{m} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}}\right\rangle
$$

inner products with rank 1 matrices

With $\boldsymbol{\nu}=\boldsymbol{\phi}_{k}$, and $\boldsymbol{X}=\boldsymbol{u} \boldsymbol{u}^{\mathrm{T}}$ itself rank 1 and symmetric, this is the "phase retrieval" problem

$$
y_{m}=\boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{u} \boldsymbol{u}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}=\left|\left\langle\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}\right\rangle\right|^{2}
$$

- Recovery for $M \gtrsim N$, based on weak embeddings for rank-1, $\phi$ random
(Candes, Strohmer, Voroninski '12)
- $\ell_{1} / \ell_{2}$ embeddings for rank- $R$ for $M \gtrsim R N$ (Chen, Chi, Goldsmith '13)


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With $\boldsymbol{\nu}, \boldsymbol{\phi}$ different and $\boldsymbol{X}=\boldsymbol{r} \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}}$ rank 1, this is equialent to "blind deconvolution"

$$
y_{m}=\boldsymbol{\nu}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{r} \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}=\left\langle\boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{m}\right\rangle \cdot\left\langle\boldsymbol{c}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}\right\rangle
$$

- $\phi_{m}$ random, $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ incoherent in Fourier domain, Recovery for rank-1 $\boldsymbol{X}$ for $M \gtrsim(N+K) \log ^{3}(N K)$
(Ahmed, R, Recht '12)
Recovery for rank- $R \boldsymbol{X}$ for $M \gtrsim R(N+K) \log ^{3}(N K)$
(Ahmed, R '13)
- $\nu_{m}, \phi_{m}$ both random, strong embedding (RIP) for $M \gtrsim R(N+K) \log (N K)$


## Randomized linear algebra

Given an $N \times K$ matrix $\boldsymbol{X}$ with rank $R$, we can recover the column space from

$$
\boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{1}, \boldsymbol{X} \phi_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{p}
$$

for $p \approx R$, where the $\phi_{i}$ are random vectors


Factor $\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}=\boldsymbol{Q}_{c} \boldsymbol{R}_{c}$ to get an orthobasis for the column space

## Randomized linear algebra

Given an $K \times N$ matrix $\boldsymbol{X}$ with rank $R$, multiplying by a $q \times N$ random projection $\boldsymbol{U}^{\mathrm{T}}$ preserves the row space for $q \approx R$


## Randomized linear algebra

With orthobases for the column space $Q_{c}$ and the row space $Q_{r}$ identified, we can recover $\boldsymbol{m} X$ from the two sets of measurements using a least-squares algorithm

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{A}}\left\|\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}-\boldsymbol{Q}_{c} \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{Q}_{r}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{1}\right\|_{F}^{2}+\left\|\boldsymbol{Y}_{2}-\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{2} \boldsymbol{Q}_{c} \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{Q}_{r}^{\mathrm{T}}\right\|_{F}^{2}
$$



## Randomized Linear algebra and Rank 1

- Measurements $\boldsymbol{Y}_{1}=\boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{\Phi} 1, \boldsymbol{Y}_{2}=\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{2}^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{X}$ can be written as

$$
y_{m}=\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{e}_{i} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k}^{\mathrm{T}}\right\rangle, \quad \text { or } \quad\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{k} \boldsymbol{e}_{i^{\prime}}^{\mathrm{T}}\right\rangle
$$

where $\phi_{k}$ is random and $e_{i}$ are standard basis vectors.

- Recovery us least-squares for

$$
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$$

measurements

- Stability with noise added?


## Sampling ensembles of correlated signals

## Sensor arrays



Caltech multielectrode


MIT nanophotonic array


IBM phased array


UCSD phased

## Neural probes



Up to 100 s of channels sampled at $\sim 100 \mathrm{kHz}$
10s of millions of samples/second
Near Future: 1 million channels, terabits per second

## Array processing of narrowband signals



100 MHz bandwidth, carried at 5 GHz , linear array with 100 elements



## Correlated signals



Nyquist acquisition:
sampling rate $\approx$ (number of signals) $\times$ (bandwith)

$$
=M \cdot W
$$

## Correlated signals



Can we exploit the latent correlation structure to reduce the sampling rate?

## One non-uniform ADC per channel



- $M$ individual nonuniform-ADCs with average rate $\theta$
- Same as choosing $M \theta$ random samples from $M \times W$ matrix


## One non-uniform ADC per channel



- Direct application of matrix completion results: we can recover "incoherent" ensembles when

$$
\text { sampling rate }=\theta \gtrsim \frac{R}{M} W \cdot \log ^{2}(W)
$$

- Incoherent $\Rightarrow$
signal energy is spread out evenly across time and channels


## Analog to digital converters



225 Msps, 2 GHz bandwidth
Many architectures for compressive sampling of spectrally sparse signals based on non-uniform sampling

Bresler, Feng, Candes, R, Tao, ...

## Sampling using the random demodulator



- Instead of running each ADC at rate $\Omega \geq W$, we can take

$$
\Omega \gtrsim \frac{R}{M} W \cdot \log ^{3}(W)
$$

subject to (weaker) incoherence conditions

## Correlated sampling: numerical results

Fixed \# signals $M=100$


Fixed rank $R=10$, bw $W=500$


## Random demodulation


(Architecture of Yoo and Emami)

- Architectures for (compressive) sampling of spectrally sparse signals Tropp, Duarte, Laska, R, Baraniuk '08

Mishali, Eldar '09

- Hardware implementations with 10 s of channels at 5 GHz


## Multiplexing onto one channel

- We can always combine $M$ channels into 1 by multiplexing in either time or frequency

Frequency multiplexer:


- Replace $M$ ADCs running at rate $W$ with 1 ADC at rate $M W$


## Coded multiplexing



Architecture that achieves sampling rate $\approx$ (independent signals) $\times$ (bandwidth)

$$
\gtrsim R W \cdot \log ^{3 / 2} W
$$

## Coded multiplexing: numerical results




## Blind deconvolution and source separation

## Quadratic and bilinear equations



Second-order equations contain unknown terms multiplied by one another

$$
\begin{aligned}
& v_{1}^{2}+3 v_{1} v_{2}-6 v_{1} v_{3}+v_{2}^{2}=7 \\
& u_{1} v_{1}+5 u_{1} v_{2}+7 u_{2} v_{3}=-12 \quad \text { both } u, v \text { unknown } \\
& u_{3} v_{1}-9 u_{2} v_{2}+4 u_{3} v_{2}=2
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$$

Their nonlinearity makes them trickier to solve, and the computational framework is nowhere nearly as strong as for linear equations

## Quadratic and bilinear equations

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Systems of bilinear equations, e. g.

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Compressive (low rank) recovery $\Rightarrow$
"Generic" quadratic/bilinear systems with $c N$ equations and $N$ unknowns can be solved using nuclear norm minimization

## Blind deconvolution


multipath in wireless comm

(image from EngineeringsALL)

We observe

$$
y[\ell]=\sum_{n} s[n] h[\ell-n]
$$

and want to "untangle" $\boldsymbol{s}$ and $\boldsymbol{h}$.
(Recent identifiability results by Choudhary, Mitra)

## Phase retrieval



Observe the magnitude of the Fourier transform $|\hat{x}(\omega)|^{2}$ $\hat{x}(\omega)$ is complex, and its phase carries important information
(Recently analyzed by Candes, Li, Soltanolkotabi, Strohmer, and Voroninski)

## Blind deconvolution as low rank recovery

Each sample of $\boldsymbol{y}=\boldsymbol{s} * \boldsymbol{h}$ is a bilinear combination of the unknowns,

$$
y[\ell]=\sum_{n} s[n] h[\ell-n]
$$

and is a linear combination of $\boldsymbol{s} \boldsymbol{h}^{\mathrm{T}}$ :


## Blind deconvolution as low rank recovery

Given $\boldsymbol{y}=\boldsymbol{s} * \boldsymbol{h}$, it is impossible to untangle $\boldsymbol{s}$ and $\boldsymbol{h}$ unless we make some structural assumptions

Structure: $\boldsymbol{s}$ and $\boldsymbol{h}$ live in known subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^{L}$; we can write

$$
\boldsymbol{s}=\boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{u}, \quad \boldsymbol{h}=\boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{v}, \quad B: L \times K, \quad C: L \times N
$$

where $B$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ are matrices whose columns form bases for these spaces
We can now write blind deconvolution as a linear inverse problem with a rank contraint:

$$
\boldsymbol{y}=\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right), \quad \text { where } \boldsymbol{X}_{0}=\boldsymbol{u} \boldsymbol{v}^{\mathrm{T}} \text { has rank=1 }
$$

The action of $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$ can be broken down into three linear steps:

$$
\boldsymbol{X}_{0} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{X}_{0} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{X}_{0} \boldsymbol{C}^{\mathrm{T}} \rightarrow \text { take skew-diagonal sums }
$$

## Blind deconvolution theoretical results

We observe

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{y} & =\boldsymbol{s} * \boldsymbol{h}, \quad \boldsymbol{h}=\boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{u}, \quad \boldsymbol{s}=\boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{v} \\
& =\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{u} \boldsymbol{v}^{\mathrm{T}}\right), \quad \boldsymbol{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{K}, \quad \boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N},
\end{aligned}
$$

and then solve

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \text { subject to } \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

Ahmed, Recht, R, '13:
If $\boldsymbol{B}$ is "incoherent" in the Fourier domain, and $\boldsymbol{C}$ is randomly chosen, then we will recover $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}=\boldsymbol{s} \boldsymbol{h}^{\mathrm{T}}$ exactly (with high probability) when

$$
L \geq \text { Const } \cdot(K+N) \cdot \log ^{3}(K N)
$$

## Multipath protection



## Numerical results

white $=100 \%$ success, black $=0 \%$ success

$h$ sparse, $s$ randomly coded

$h$ short, $s$ randomly coded

In the cases above, we can take

$$
(N+K) \lesssim L / 3
$$

## Numerical results

Unknown image with known support in the wavelet domain, Unknown blurring kernel with known support in spatial domain

observed

recovered

## Numerical results

## Oracle recovery


observed

recovered image

recovered kernel

## Numerical results

## Adaptive recovery


observed

recovered kernel

## Passive estimation of multiple channels




## Passive imaging of the ocean



## Recovery results

Source / output length: 1000
Number of channels: 100
Channel impulse response length: 50

## Original:




## Realistic (simulated) ocean channels



Sensor Arrays

- Noise signal is in the broad band $400 \sim 600 \mathrm{~Hz}$
- The distance between the noise source and sensor arrays is approximate 1 km



## Realistic (simulated) ocean channels



Build a subspace model using bandwidth and approximate arrival times (about 20 dimensions per channel)

## Simulated recovery



$\sim 100$ channels total, $\sim 2000$ samples per channel, Normalized error $\sim 10^{-4}$ (no noise), robust with noise

## Multiple sources



- Memoryless: structured matrix factorization (SMF) problem ICA, NNMF, dictionary learning, etc.
- Use matrix recovery to make convolutional channels "memoryless": recover rank $M$ matrix, run SMF on column space


## Low-rank recovery + ICA on broadband voice



## "Blind super-resolution" in coded imaging

## Imaging architecture



- Small number of sensors with gaps between them
- Blurring introduced to "fill in" these gaps
- Uncalibrated: blur kernel is unknown



## Masked imaging linear algebra



- Operator coefficients $\boldsymbol{a}$, image $\boldsymbol{x}$ unknown
- Observations: $\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{x}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)$
- Alternative interpretation: structured matrix factorization

$$
\boldsymbol{Y}=(\boldsymbol{G} \boldsymbol{H}) \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{X}) \boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}
$$

## Masked imaging: theoretical results


$L$ pixels, $N$ sensors, $K$ codes
Theorem (Bahimani, R '14):
We can jointly recover the blur $\boldsymbol{H}$ and the image $\boldsymbol{X}$ for a number of codes:

$$
K \gtrsim \mu^{2} \frac{L}{N} \cdot \log ^{3}(L) \log \log N
$$

$\mu^{2} \geq 1$ measures how spread out blur is in frequency

## Masked imaging: numerical results


original

blur

blurred image

blurred, subsampled

- No structural model for the image
- Blur model: build basis from psfs over a range of focal lengths (EPFL PSF Generator, Born and Wolf model)

Masked imaging: numerical results
Recovery results: 16k pixels, 64 sensors, 200 codes

originals
recovery

Notes on computation and extentions

## Computational concerns

Calculating

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \quad \text { subject to } \quad \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

is expensive - it's an optimization program in $K N$ variables.

The solution is low rank, so we would like to keep iterates low-rank as well.

Replace with

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{L}, \boldsymbol{R}}\|\boldsymbol{L}\|_{F}^{2}+\|\boldsymbol{R}\|_{F}^{2} \quad \text { subject to } \quad \mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{L} \boldsymbol{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

with $\boldsymbol{R}: K \times R^{\prime}$ and $\boldsymbol{L}: N \times R^{\prime}$.

## Nonconvex heuristic

$$
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- Requires $\sim R^{\prime}(K+N)$ storage, as opposed to $\sim K N$
- Nonconvex
- Same solution as nuclear norm when $R^{\prime} \geq \operatorname{rank}\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{0}\right)$
- For small enough rank, local minima correspond to global minima (need many measurements for convergence guarantees, though)


## Convexification for rank 1

Given rank-1 measurements of a rank-1 matrix,

$$
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Dual is an SDP:

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}\langle\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \boldsymbol{y}\rangle \quad \text { subject to } \quad\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\mathbf{I} & \sum_{m} \lambda_{m} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{m} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}} \\
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it is natural to solve

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{z}}\|\boldsymbol{w}\|_{2}^{2}+\|\boldsymbol{z}\|_{2}^{2} \quad \text { subject to } \quad\left\langle\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{m}\right\rangle\left\langle\boldsymbol{z}, \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}\right\rangle=y_{m}, \quad m=1, \ldots, M
$$

Dual-of-the-dual is equivalent to

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*} \text { subject to } \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

Nuclear norm minimization is the natural relaxation

## Alternating minimization

A "classical" way to solve a bilinear problem: find $\boldsymbol{U}^{\star}, \boldsymbol{V}^{\star}$ such that

$$
\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{U}^{\star} \boldsymbol{V}^{\star \mathrm{T}}\right)=\boldsymbol{y}
$$

by choosing initial $\boldsymbol{U}_{0}$, then iterating

$$
\begin{aligned}
\boldsymbol{V}_{k} & =\arg \min _{\boldsymbol{V}}\left\|\boldsymbol{y}-\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{U}_{k-1} \boldsymbol{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)\right\|_{2}^{2} \\
\boldsymbol{U}_{k} & =\arg \min _{\boldsymbol{U}}\left\|\boldsymbol{y}-\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{U} \boldsymbol{V}_{k}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)\right\|_{2}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Both of these are linear least-squares problems

Recently, Jain, Netrapalli, and Sanghavi have analyzed the initialization and convergence of this for many types of measurements (random projections, matrix completion, phase retrieval)

Powerful results for rank 1 recovery for phase retrieval in Candes, Li , Soltanolkotabi

## Simultaneous structure

What if the target $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$ is simultaneously sparse and low rank?
There are multiple negative results for convex relaxation; for example

$$
\min _{\boldsymbol{X}} \frac{1}{2}\|\boldsymbol{y}-\mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{X})\|_{F}^{2}+\tau_{1}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{*}+\tau_{2}\|\boldsymbol{X}\|_{1}
$$

where $\mathcal{A}$ is a random projection, is not fundamentally better than using rank alone
(Oymak et al. '12)
For phase retrieval, the number of measurements required for convex relation is large $\left(\sim N^{2}\right)$.
(Li et al '13)

## Simultaneous structure

For alternating minimization, there seems to be more hope: Example: $\boldsymbol{X}_{0}$ is $K \times N$ row $S$-sparse $(S \ll K)$ and low rank $(R<K)$ then iterating

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \boldsymbol{U}_{k}=\operatorname{SparseApprox} \boldsymbol{U}\left(\boldsymbol{y}, \mathcal{A}^{\prime}\right), \quad \mathcal{A}_{k}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{U})=\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{U} \boldsymbol{V}_{k-1}\right) \\
& \boldsymbol{V}_{k}=\arg \min _{\boldsymbol{U}}\left\|\boldsymbol{y}-\mathcal{A}\left(\boldsymbol{U}_{k} \boldsymbol{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)\right\|_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

from a known starting point is effective when $\mathcal{A}$ obeys "SSLR-RIP"
(Lee, Wu, Bresler '13)
Random rank-1 measurements $y_{m}=\left\langle\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{\nu}_{m} \boldsymbol{\phi}_{m}^{\mathrm{T}}\right\rangle$ obey SSLR-RIP for

$$
M \gtrsim(K+N) \log ^{5}(K+N)
$$

(Ahmed, Krahmer, R '15)

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