Mathematical Foundations of Data Sciences



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Chapter 15

Compressed Sensing

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15.1 Motivation and Potential Applications

15.2 Dual Certificate Theory and Non-Uniform Guarantees

Polytopes, descent cone and Gaussian width.

15.3 RIP Theory for Uniform Guarantees

15.3.1 RIP Constants

The RIP constant δ_s of a matrix $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$ is defined as

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad \|z\|_0 \leqslant s \quad \Longrightarrow \quad (1 - \delta_s) \|z\|^2 \leqslant \|\Phi z\|^2 \leqslant (1 + \delta_s) \|z\|^2 \tag{15.1}$$

15.3.2 RIP implies stable recovery

RIP implies dual certificate guarantees.

In the following, we fixe a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and denote $y = \Phi x + w$ the measurement, with $||w|| \leq \varepsilon$. We denote $x_s \in \mathbb{R}^N$ the best s-term approximation of x, obtained by only keeping the s largest coefficients in magnitude from x and setting the others to 0.

We consider a solution x^* of

$$\min_{\|\Phi \tilde{x} - y\| \leqslant \varepsilon} \|\tilde{x}\|_1.$$

This note recall the proof from [7] of the following theorem

Theorem 45 ([7]). If $\delta_{2s} \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$ then there exists C_0, C_1 such that

$$||x^* - x||_1 \le \frac{C_0}{\sqrt{s}} ||x_s - x|| + C_1 \varepsilon.$$

The remaining of this section is devoted to proving this theorem.

Notations. We denote in the following $h = x^* - x$ and denote T_0 the largest s coefficients of x in magnitude (so that $x_s = x_{T_0}$), T_1 the s largest coefficients of $h_{T_0^c}$, T_2 the following s largest coefficients of $h_{T_0^c}$ and so on. We denote $T = T_0 \cup T_1$ which is an index set of size 2s.

Lemma 4. One has

$$\sum_{j \ge 2} \|h_{T_j}\| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1$$

Proof. By the definition of T_j for $j \ge 2$, one has, for all $j \ge 2$

$$\forall i \in T_{i-1}, \quad ||h_{T_i}||_{\infty} \leqslant h_i,$$

and hence

$$||h_{T_j}||_{\infty} \leqslant \frac{1}{s} ||h_{T_{j-1}}||_1.$$

This proves that

$$||h_{T_j}|| \leqslant \sqrt{s} ||h_{T_j}||_{\infty} \leqslant \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} ||h_{T_{j-1}}||_1$$

and thus

$$\sum_{j\geqslant 2} \|h_{T_j}\| \leqslant \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sum_{j\geqslant 1} \|h_{T_j}\|_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1.$$

Lemma 5. One has

$$\|h_{T_0^c}\|_1 \leqslant \|h_{T_0}\|_1 + 2\|x_{T_0^c}\|_1$$

Proof. One has

$$||x||_1 \ge ||x+h||$$
 because x^* is a minimizer
$$= ||(x+h)_{T_0}||_1 + ||(x+h)_{T_0^c}||_1$$

$$\ge ||x_{T_0}||_1 - ||h_{T_0}||_1 + ||h_{T_0^c}||_1 - ||x_{T_0^c}||_1$$
 using the triangular inequality.

Decomposing the left hand size $||x||_1 = ||x_{T_0}||_1 + ||x_{T_0^c}||_1$, one obtains the result.

Lemma 6. If z and z' have disjoints supports and $||z|| \le s$ and $||z'||_0 \le s$,

$$|\langle \Phi z, \Phi z' \rangle| \leqslant \delta_{2s} ||z|| ||z'||.$$

Proof. Using the RIP (15.1) since $z \pm z'$ has support of size 2s and the fact that $||z \pm z'||^2 = ||z||^2 + ||z'||^2$, one has

$$(1 - \delta_{2s}) (\|z\|^2 + \|z'\|^2) \leqslant \|\Phi z \pm \Phi z'\|^2 \leqslant (1 + \delta_{2s}) (\|z\|^2 + \|z'\|^2).$$

One thus has using the parallelogram equality

$$|\langle \Phi z, \Phi z' \rangle| = \frac{1}{4} |\| \Phi z + \Phi z' \|^2 - \| \Phi z - \Phi z' \|^2 |^2 \leqslant \delta_{2s} \|z\| \|z'\|.$$

Theorem 45 requires bounding ||h||. We bound separately $||h_T||$ and $||h_{T^c}||$.

Part 1: bounding $||h_T||$. One has

$$\begin{split} \|h_{T^c}\| &= \|\sum_{j\geqslant 2} h_{T_j}\| \leqslant \sum_{j\geqslant 2} \|h_{T_j}\| & \text{using the triangular inequality} \\ &\leqslant \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1 & \text{using Lemma 4} \\ &\leqslant \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0}\|_1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{s}} \|x_{T_0^c}\|_1 & \text{using Lemma 5} \\ &\leqslant \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0}\|_1 + 2e_0 & \text{denoting } e_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \|x_{T_0^c}\|_1 \\ &\leqslant \|h_{T_0}\|_1 + 2e_0 & \text{using Cauchy-Schwartz} \\ &\leqslant \|h_T\|_1 + 2e_0 & \text{because } T_0 \subset T. \end{split}$$

The final bound reads

$$||h_{T^c}|| \leqslant ||h_T|| + 2e_0. \tag{15.2}$$

Part 2: bounding $||h_{T^c}||$. One has

$$\|h_T\|^2 \leqslant \frac{1}{1 - \delta_{2s}} \|\Phi h_T\|^2$$
 using the RIP (15.1)
= $\frac{A - B}{1 - \delta_{2s}}$ using $\Phi h_T = \Phi h - \sum_{j \geqslant 2} \Phi h_{T_j}$,

where we have introduced

$$A = \langle \Phi h_T, \, \Phi h \rangle$$
 and $B = \langle \Phi h_T, \, \sum_{j \geqslant 2} \Phi h_{T_j} \rangle.$

One has

$$\begin{split} |A| &\leqslant \|\Phi h_T\| \|\Phi h\| & \text{using Cauchy-Schwartz} \\ &\leqslant \sqrt{1+\delta_{2s}} \|h_T\| \|\Phi h\| & \text{using the RIP (15.1)} \\ &\leqslant \sqrt{1+\delta_{2s}} \|h_T\| 2\varepsilon & \text{using } \|\Phi h\| \leqslant \|\Phi x-y\| + \|\Phi x^\star -y\| \leqslant 2\varepsilon \end{split}$$

The final bound reads

$$|A| \leqslant 2\varepsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|h_T\| \tag{15.3}$$

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$$|B| \leqslant \frac{\sqrt{2} \, \delta_{2s}}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_T\| \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1. \tag{15.4}$$

Putting together (15.3) and (15.4) one obtains

$$\|h_T\|^2 \leqslant \frac{\|h_T\|}{1 - \delta_{2s}} \left(\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} 2\varepsilon + \frac{2}{\sqrt{s}} \delta_{2s} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1 \right)$$

thus

$$\begin{split} \|h_T\| &\leqslant \alpha \varepsilon + \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_1 & \text{denoting} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 2 \frac{\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}}}{1 - \delta_{2s}}, \\ \rho = \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2s}}{1 - \delta_{2s}}. \end{array} \right. \\ &\leqslant \alpha \varepsilon + \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{s}} \|h_{T_0}\|_1 + \frac{2\rho}{\sqrt{s}} \|x_{T_0^c}\|_1 & \text{using Lemma 5} \\ &\leqslant \alpha \varepsilon + \rho \|h_{T_0}\| + 2\rho e_0 & \text{using Cauchy-Schwartz} \\ &\leqslant \alpha \varepsilon + \rho \|h_T\| + 2\rho e_0 & \text{because } T_0 \subset T. \end{split}$$

Note that since $\delta_{2s} < \sqrt{2} - 1$, one has $\rho < 1$. This implies

$$||h_T|| \leqslant \frac{\alpha}{1-\rho}\varepsilon + \frac{2\rho}{1-\rho}e_0. \tag{15.5}$$

Conclusion. One has

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\| &\leq \|h_T\| + \|h_{T^c}\| & \text{using the triangular inequality} \\ &\leq 2\|h_T\| + 2e_0 & \text{using (15.2)} \\ &\leq \frac{2\alpha}{1-\rho}\varepsilon + 2\frac{1+\rho}{1-\rho}e_0 & \text{using (15.5)} \end{aligned}$$

which proves the theorem.

15.3.3 Gaussian Matrices RIP

15.3.4 Fourier sampling RIP

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