

A Very Short Introduction to Blind Source Separation

a.k.a. How You Will Definitely Enjoy Differently a Cocktail Party

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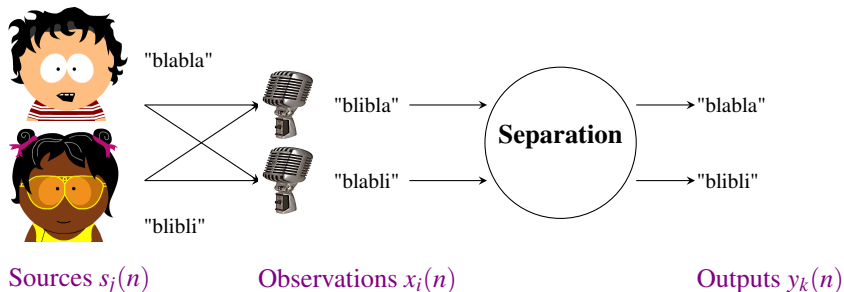
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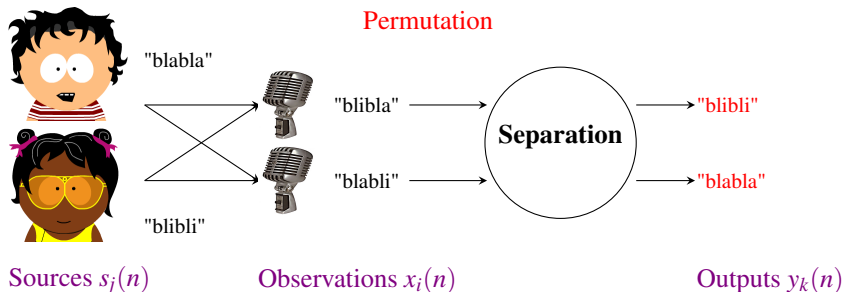


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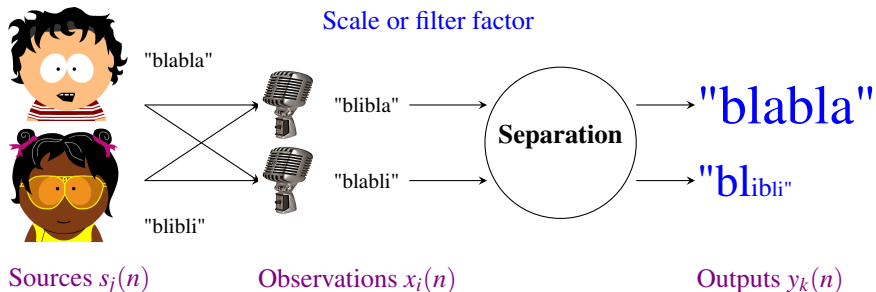


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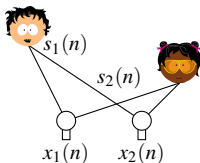


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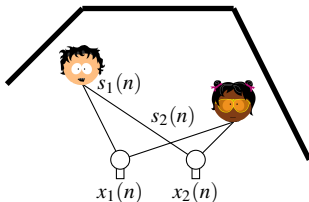
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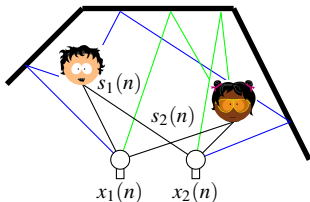
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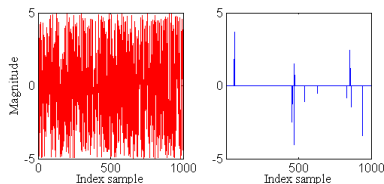
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Three main families of methods:

- ❶ **Independent Component Analysis (ICA):** Sources are statistically independent, stationary and at most one of them is Gaussian (in their basic versions).
- ❷ **Sparse Component Analysis (SCA):** Sparse sources (i.e. most of the samples are null (or close to zero)).
- ❸ **Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF):** Both sources et mixtures are positive, with possibly sparsity constraints.



A bit of history (1)

- BSS problem formulated around 1982, by Hans, Héroult, and Jutten for a biomedical problem and first papers in the mid of the 80's
- Great interest from the community, mainly in France and later in Europe and in Japan, and then in the USA
 - Several special sessions in international conferences (e.g. GRETSI'93, NOLTA'95, etc)
 - First workshop in 1999, in Aussois, France. One conference each 18 months (see <http://research.ics.tkk.fi/ica/links.shtml>) and next one in 2012 in Tel Aviv, Israel
 - *"In June 2009, 22000 scientific papers are recorded by Google Scholar"* (Comon and Jutten, 2010)
 - People with different backgrounds: signal processing, statistics, neural networks, and later machine learning
- Initially, BSS addressed for LI mixtures but
 - convolutive mixtures in the mid of the 90's
 - nonlinear mixtures at the end of the 90's
- Until the end of the 90's, $BSS \simeq ICA$
 - First NMF methods in the mid of the 90's but famous contribution in 1999
 - First SCA approaches around 2000 but massive interest since

A bit of history (2)

- BSS on the web:
 - Mailing list in ICA Central:
<http://www.tsi.enst.fr/icacentral/>
 - Many softwares available in ICA Central, ICALab
(<http://www.bsp.brain.riken.go.jp/ICALAB/>), NMFLab
(www.bsp.brain.riken.go.jp/ICALAB/nmflab.html), etc.
 - International challenges:
 - ① 2006 Speech Separation Challenge (<http://staffwww.dcs.shef.ac.uk/people/M.Cooke/SpeechSeparationChallenge.htm>)
 - ② 2007 MLSP Competition
(<http://mlsp2007.conwiz.dk/index.php?id=43.html>)
 - ③ Signal Separation Evaluation Campaigns in 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2011
(<http://sisec.wiki.irisa.fr/tiki-index.php>)
 - ④ 2011 Pascal CHIME Speech separation and recognition (<http://www.dcs.shef.ac.uk/spandh/chime/challenge.html>)

A “generic” problem

Many applications: biomedical, **audio processing** and audio coding, telecommunications, astrophysics, image classification, underwater acoustics, finance, etc.

Content of the lecture

- 1 Sparse Component Analysis
- 2 Independent Component Analysis
- 3 Non-negative Matrix Factorization?

Some good documents

- P. Comon and C. Jutten: *Handbook of Blind Source Separation. Independent component analysis and applications*. Academic Press (2010)
- A. Hyvärinen, J. Karhunen, and E. Oja: *Independent Component Analysis*. Wiley-Interscience, New York (2001)
- S. Makino, T.W. Lee, and H. Sawada: *Blind Speech Separation*. Signals and Communication Technology, Springer (2007)
- Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blind_signal_separation
- Many online tutorials...

Part I

Sparse Component Analysis

- 3 Sparse Component Analysis
- 4 “Increasing” sparsity of source signals
- 5 Underdetermined case
- 6 Conclusion

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- If we compute the ratio $\frac{x_2(n_0)}{x_1(n_0)}$, we obtain: $\frac{x_2(n_0)}{x_1(n_0)} = \frac{a_{21} \cdot s_1(n_0)}{a_{11} \cdot s_1(n_0)} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$
- Instead of $[a_{11}, a_{21}]^T$, we thus can estimate $\left[1, \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}\right]^T$
- Let us see why!

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- Ratio $\frac{x_2(n)}{x_1(n)}$ for samples n_0 and $n_1 \Rightarrow$ scaled version of A , denoted B :

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- If we express Eq. (2) in matrix form with respect to B , we read:

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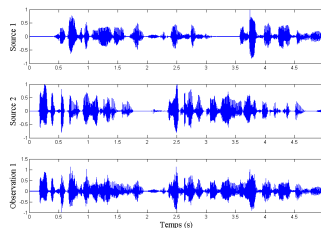
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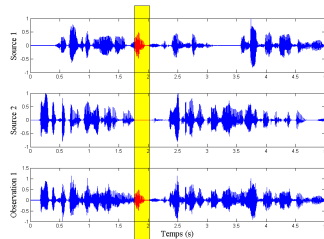
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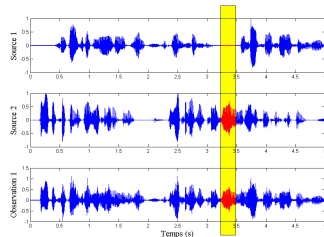
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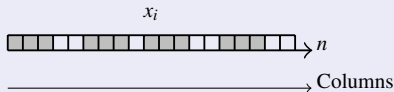
- Let's go back to our problem with 2 sources and 2 observations.
- Imagine that in one zone $T = \{n_1, \dots, n_M\}$, only one source, say s_1 is active.
- According to what we saw, the ratio $\frac{x_2(n)}{x_1(n)}$ on this zone is equal to $\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$ and is thus constant.
- On the contrary, if both sources are active, this ratio varies.
- The **variance** of this ratio over time zones is thus a single-source confidence measure: lowest values correspond to single-source zones!

Steps of detection stage

- 1 Cutting the signals in small temporal zones
- 2 Computing the variance over these zones of the ratio $\frac{x_2(n)}{x_1(n)}$
- 3 Ordering the zones according to increasing variance of the ratio

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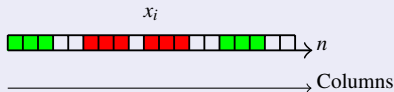
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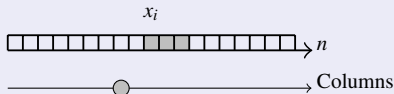
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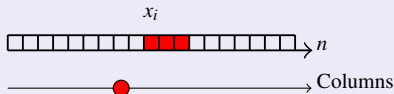
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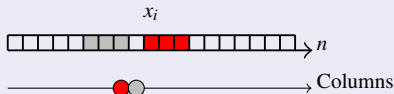
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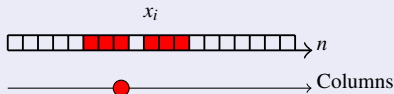
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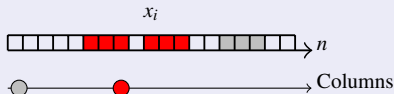
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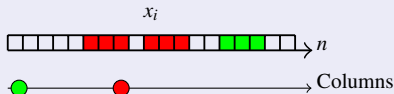
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Increasing sparsity of signals: Frequency analysis

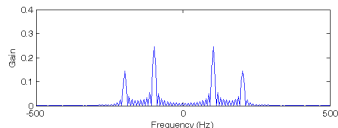
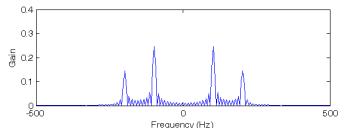
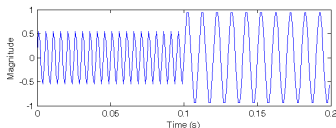
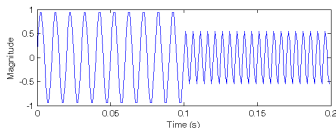
Fourier transform

- Joseph Fourier proposed a mathematical tool for computing the frequency information $X(\omega)$ provided by a signal $x(n)$
- Fourier transform is a linear transform:

$$x_1(n) = a_{11}s_1(n) + a_{12}s_2(n) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier transform}} \quad X_1(\omega) = a_{11}S_1(\omega) + a_{12}S_2(\omega)$$

- Previous TEMPROM approach still applies on Frequency domain.

Limitations of Fourier analysis



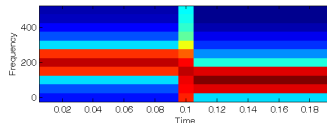
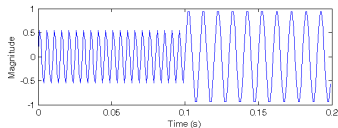
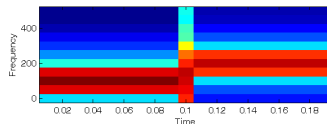
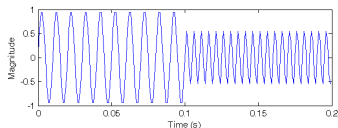
Going further: Time-frequency (TF) analysis

- Musicians are used to TF representations:



- Short-Term Fourier Transform (STFT):

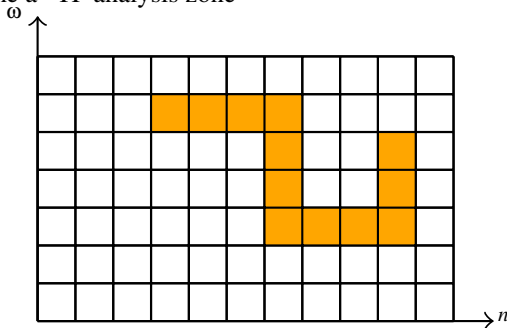
- 1 we cut the signals in small temporal “pieces”
- 2 on which we compute the Fourier transform



$$\bullet \quad x_1(n) = a_{11}s_1(n) + a_{12}s_2(n) \xrightarrow{\text{STFT}} X_1(n, \omega) = a_{11}S_1(n, \omega) + a_{12}S_2(n, \omega)$$

From TEMPROM to TIFROM

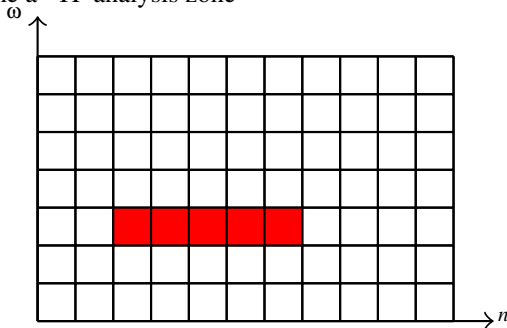
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Audio examples

Simulation

- 4 real English-spoken signals
- Mixed with:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.9 & 0.9^2 & 0.9^3 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 & 0.9^2 \\ 0.9^2 & 0.9 & 1 & 0.9 \\ 0.9^3 & 0.9^2 & 0.9 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Performance measured with signal-to-interference ratio: 49.1 dB

Do you understand something?

[Observation 1](#)

[Observation 2](#)

[Observation 3](#)

[Observation 4](#)

Let us separate them:

[Output 1](#)

[Output 2](#)

[Output 3](#)

[Output 4](#)

And how were the original sources?

[Source 1](#)

[Source 2](#)

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Other sparsifying transforms/approximations

Sparsifying approximation

There exists a **dictionary** Φ such that $s(n)$ is (approximately) decomposed as a linear combination of a few **atoms** ϕ_k of this dictionary, i.e.

$s(n) = \sum_{k=1}^K c(k)\phi_k(n)$ where K is “small”

How to make a dictionary?

- ➊ Fixed basis (wavelets, STFT, (modified) discrete cosine transform (DCT), union of bases (e.g. wavelets + DCT), etc)
- ➋ Adaptive basis, i.e. data-learned “dictionaries” (e.g. K-SVD)

How to select the atoms?

Given $s(n)$ and Φ , find the sparsest vector \underline{c} such that $s(n) \simeq \sum_{k=1}^K c(k)\phi_k(n)$

- ℓ^q -based approaches
- Greedy algorithms (Matching Pursuit and its extensions)

Sparsifying transforms useful and massively studied, with many applications (e.g. denoising, inpainting, coding, compressed sensing, etc).

Have e.g. a look to Sturm (2009)

Underdetermined case: partial separation / cancellation

Configuration when N sources / P observations

- $P = N$: No problem
 - $P > N$: No problem (e.g. dimension reduction thanks to PCA)
 - $P < N$: Underdetermined case (more sources than observations) $\Rightarrow B$ **non-invertible!**
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- Estimation of columns of B : same principle than above.
 - Partial recovering of the sources

Canceling the contribution of one source

Si S_k **isolated** in an analysis zone: $y_i(n) = x_i(n) - \frac{a_{ik}}{a_{1k}} x_1(n)$.

- *Karaoke*-like application:

Observation 1

Observation 2

Output "without singer"

- Many audio examples on:

<http://www.ast.obs-mip.fr/puigt> (Section: Miscellaneous / secondary school students internship)

Underdetermined case: full separation

- B estimated, perform a full separation \Rightarrow additive assumption
- **W-Disjoint Orthogonality (WDO):** in each TF window (n, ω) , one source is active, which is approximately satisfied for LI speech mixtures (Yilmaz and Rickard, 2004)
 - 1 Successively considering observations in each TF window (n, ω) and measuring their distance wrt each column of B (e.g. by computing $\frac{X_i(n, \omega)}{X_1(n, \omega)}$)
 - 2 Associating this TF window with the closest column (i.e. one source)
 - 3 Creating N binary masks and applying them to the observations
 - 4 Computing the inverse STFT of resulting signals
- Locally determined mixtures assumption: in each TF window, at most P sources are active (**inverse problems**)

Example (SiSEC 2008):

Observations

Source 1

Source 2

Source 3

Binary masking separation: Output 1

Output 2

Output 3

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 - ① ℓ^q -norm ($q \in [0, 1]$) minimization problems (Bofill & Zibulevsky, 2001, Vincent, 2007, Mohimani *et al.*, 2009)

$$\min_{\underline{s}} \|\underline{s}\|_q \text{ s.t. } \underline{x} = A\underline{s}$$

- ② statistically sparse decomposition (Xiao *et al.*, 2005): In each zone, at

most P active sources: $R_{\underline{s}}(\tau) \simeq \begin{bmatrix} R_{\underline{s}}^{sub} & 0_{P \times (N-P)} \\ 0_{(N-P) \times P} & 0_{(N-P) \times (N-P)} \end{bmatrix}$ with

$R_{\underline{s}}^{sub} \simeq A_{j_1, \dots, j_P}^{-1} R_{\underline{x}}(\tau) \left(A_{j_1, \dots, j_P}^{-1} \right)^T$. Finding them:

$$[\hat{j}_1, \dots, \hat{j}_P] = \arg \min \frac{\sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{j>i} |R_{\underline{s}}^{sub}(i, j)|}{\sqrt{\prod_{i=1}^P R_{\underline{s}}^{sub}(i, i)}}$$

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ℓ_p -based separation (Vincent, 2007): Output 1

Output 2

Output 3

Conclusion

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- ➊ Introduction to a Sparse Component Analysis method
- ➋ Many methods based on the same stages propose improved criteria for finding single-source zones and estimating the mixing parameters
- ➌ General tendency to relax more and more the joint-sparsity assumption
- ➍ Well suited to non-stationary and/or dependent sources
- ➎ Able to process the underdetermined case

LI-TIFROM BSS softwares

<http://www.ast.obs-mip.fr/li-tifrom>

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Part II

Independent Component Analysis

This part is partly inspired by F. Theis' online tutorials.

<http://www.biologie.uni-regensburg.de/Biophysik/Theis/teaching.html>

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Probability theory: recallings (1)

- main object: **random variable/vector** \underline{x}
 - definition: a measurable function on a probability space
 - determined by its **density** $f_{\underline{x}} : \mathbb{R}^P \rightarrow [0, 1)$
- properties of a **probability density function** (pdf)
 - $\int_{\mathbb{R}^P} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x} = 1$
 - transformation: $f_{A\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) = |\det(A)|^{-1} f_{\underline{x}}(A^{-1}\underline{x})$
- indices derived from densities (**probabilistic quantities**)
 - **expectation** or **mean**: $\mathbb{E}(\underline{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^P} \underline{x} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$
 - **covariance**: $\text{Cov}(\underline{x}) = \mathbb{E} \{ (\underline{x} - \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}\})(\underline{x} - \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}\})^T \}$
- decorrelation and independence
 - \underline{x} is **decorrelated** if $\text{Cov}(\underline{x})$ is diagonal and **white** if $\text{Cov}(\underline{x}) = I$
 - \underline{x} is **independent** if its density factorizes $f_{\underline{x}}(x_1, \dots, x_P) = f_{x_1}(x_1) \dots f_{x_n}(x_n)$
 - independent \Rightarrow decorrelated (but not vice versa in general)

Probability theory: recallings (2)

- higher-order moments
 - **central moment** of a random variable $\underline{x} = x$ ($P = 1$):
 $\mu_j(x) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{(x - \mathbb{E}\{x\})^j\}$
 - $\mu_1(x) = \mathbb{E}\{x\}$ mean and $\mu_2(x) = \text{Cov}(x) \triangleq \text{var}(x)$ variance
 - $\mu_3(x)$ is called **skewness** – measures asymmetry ($\mu_3(x) = 0$ means \underline{x} symmetric)
- kurtosis
 - the combination of moments $\text{kurt}(\underline{x}) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}^4\} - 3(\mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}^2\})^2$ is called **kurtosis** of \underline{x}
 - $\text{kurt}(\underline{x}) = 0$ if \underline{x} Gaussian, < 0 if sub-Gaussian and > 0 if super-Gaussian (speech is usually modeled by a Laplacian distribution = super-Gaussian)
- sampling
 - in practice density is unknown only some **samples** i.e. values of random function are given
 - given independent $(x_i)_{i=1,\dots,P}$ with same density f , then $x_1(\omega), \dots, x_n(\omega)$ for some event ω are called **i.i.d. samples** of f
 - **strong theorem of large numbers**: given a pairwise i.i.d. sequence $(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L^1(\Omega)$, then (for almost all ω)

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{1}{P} \sum_{i=1}^P x_i(\omega) \right) - \mathbb{E}\{x_1\} = 0$$

Information theory recallings

- entropy

- $H(\underline{x}) \triangleq -\mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}}\{(\log f_{\underline{x}})\}$ is called the (differential) **entropy** of \underline{x}
- transformation: $H(A\underline{x}) = H(\underline{x}) + \mathbb{E}_{\underline{x}}\{\log |\det A|\}$
- given \underline{x} let $\underline{x}_{\text{gauss}}$ be the Gaussian with mean $\mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}\}$ and covariance $\text{Cov}(\underline{x})$; then $H(\underline{x}_{\text{gauss}}) \geq H(\underline{x})$

- negentropy

- **negentropy** of \underline{x} is defined by $J(\underline{x}) \triangleq H(\underline{x}_{\text{gauss}}) - H(\underline{x})$
- transformation: $J(A\underline{x}) = J(\underline{x})$
- approximation: $J(\underline{x}) \simeq \frac{1}{12} \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}^3\}^2 + \frac{1}{48} \text{kurt}(\underline{x})^2$

- information

- $I(\underline{x}) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^P (H(x_i)) - H(\underline{x})$ is called **mutual information** of X
- $I(\underline{x}) \geq 0$ and $I(\underline{x}) = 0$ if and only if \underline{x} is independent
- transformation: $I(\Lambda \Delta \underline{x} + \underline{c}) = I(\underline{x})$ for scaling Δ , permutation Λ , and translation $\underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^P$

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- principal component analysis (PCA)
 - also called **Karhunen-Loève transformation**
 - very common multivariate data analysis tools
 - transform data to feature space, where few “main features” (**principal components**) make up most of the data
 - iteratively project into directions of maximal variance \Rightarrow second-order analysis
 - main application: **prewhitening** and **dimension reduction**
- model and algorithm
 - assumption: \underline{x} is decorrelated \Rightarrow without loss of generality white
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- eigenvalue decomposition $\text{Cov}(\underline{x})$:
 $D = V\text{Cov}(\underline{x})V^T$ with diagonal D and orthogonal V
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Algebraic algorithm

- eigenvalue decomposition
- calculate eigenvectors and eigenvalues of $C \triangleq \text{Cov}(\underline{x})$ i.e. search for $\underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^P \setminus \{0\}$ with $C\underline{v} = \lambda\underline{v}$
- there exists an orthonormal basis $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_P\}$ of eigenvectors of C with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_P$

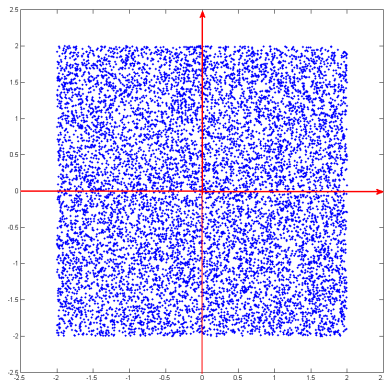
- put together we get $V \triangleq [\underline{v}_1 \dots \underline{v}_P]$ and $D \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_P \end{bmatrix}$

- hence $CV = VD$ or $V^T CV = D$
- algebraic algorithm
 - in the case of symmetric real matrices (covariance!) construct eigenvalue decomposition by **principal axes transformation** (diagonalization)
 - **PCA-matrix** W is given by $W \triangleq D^{-1/2}V$
 - **dimension reduction** by taking only the N -th ($< P$) largest eigenvalues
- other algorithms (online learning, subspace estimation) exist typically based on neural networks e.g. **Oja's rule**

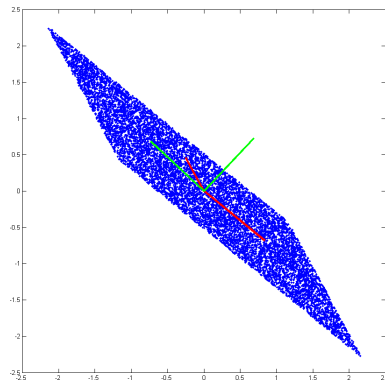
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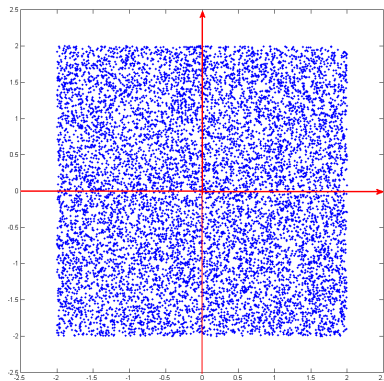


Mixture distributions (green: eigenvectors)

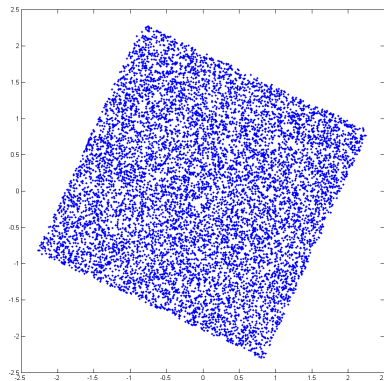
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Output distributions after whitening

- PCA does “half the job” and we need to rotate the data to achieve the separation!

Independent Component Analysis

Additive model assumptions

- in linear ICA, additional model assumptions are possible
- sources can be assumed to be centered i.e. $\mathbb{E}\{\underline{s}\} = 0$ (coordinate transformation $\underline{x}' \triangleq \underline{x} - \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}\}$)
- white sources
 - if $A \triangleq [\underline{a}_1 | \dots | \underline{a}_N]$, then scaling indeterminacy means
$$\underline{x} = A\underline{s} = \sum_{i=1}^P \underline{a}_i s_i = \sum_{i=1}^P \left(\frac{\underline{a}_i}{\alpha_i} \right) (\alpha_i s_i)$$
 - hence **normalization** is possible e.g. $\text{var}(s_i) = 1$
- white mixtures (determined case $P = N$):
 - by assumption $\text{Cov}(\underline{s}) = I$
 - let V be PCA matrix of \underline{x}
 - then $\underline{z} \triangleq V\underline{x}$ is white, and an ICA of \underline{z} gives ICA of \underline{x}
- orthogonal A
 - by assumption $\text{Cov}(\underline{s}) = \text{Cov}(\underline{x}) = I$
 - hence $I = \text{Cov}(\underline{x}) = A\text{Cov}(\underline{s})A^T = AA^T$

ICA algorithms

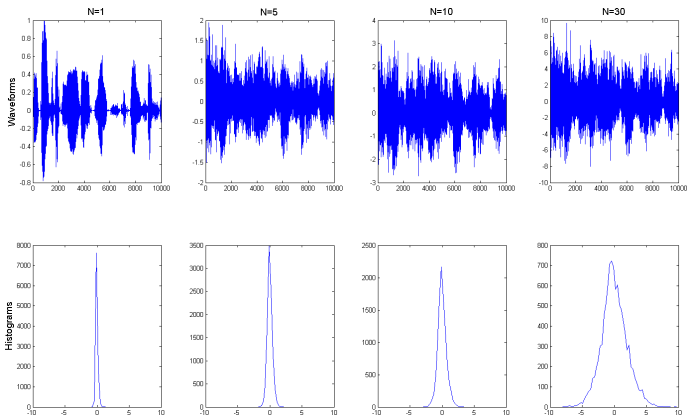
- basic scheme of ICA algorithms (case $P = N$)
- search for invertible $W \in Gl(N)$ that minimizes some **dependence measure** of WX
 - For example minimize **mutual information** $I(W\underline{x})$ (Comon, 1994)
 - Or maximize **neural network output entropy** $H(f(W\underline{x}))$ (Bell and Sejnowski, 1995)
 - Earliest algorithm: extend PCA by performing **nonlinear decorrelation** (Hérault and Jutten, 1986)
 - Geometric approach, seeing the mixture distributions as a parallelogram whose directions are given by the mixing matrix columns (Theis *et al.*, 2003)
 - Etc...
- We are going to see less briefly:
 - ICA based on non-Gaussianity
 - ICA based on second-order statistics

ICA based on non-Gaussianity

- Mix sources \Rightarrow Gaussian observations

Why?

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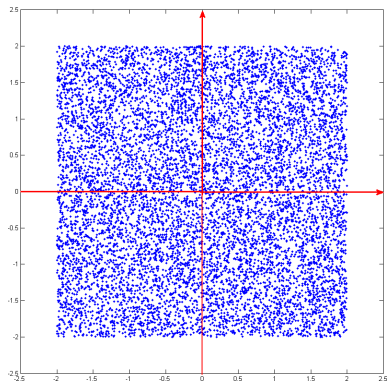
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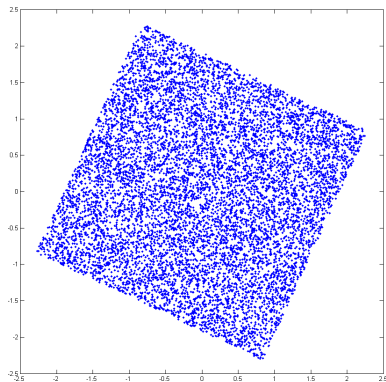
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- Demixing systems \Rightarrow Non-Gaussian output signals (at most one Gaussian source (Comon, 1994))
- Non-Gaussianity measures:
 - Kurtosis ($\text{kurt}(\underline{x}) = 0$ if \underline{x} Gaussian, > 0 if X Laplacian (speech))
 - Neguentropy (always ≥ 0 and $= 0$ when Gaussian)
- Basic idea: given $\underline{x} = A\underline{s}$, construct ICA matrix W , which ideally equals A^{-1}
 - Recover only one source: search for $\underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ with $y = \underline{b}^T \underline{x} = \underline{b}^T A \underline{s} \triangleq \underline{q}^T \underline{s}$
 - Ideally \underline{b} is row of A^{-1} , so $\underline{q} = \underline{e}_i$
 - Thanks to central limit theorem $y = \underline{q}^T \underline{s}$ is more Gaussian than all source components s_i
 - At ICA solutions $y \simeq s_i$, hence solutions are *least Gaussian*
- Algorithm (FastICA): Find \underline{b} with $\underline{b}^T \underline{x}$ is maximal non-Gaussian.

Back to our toy example

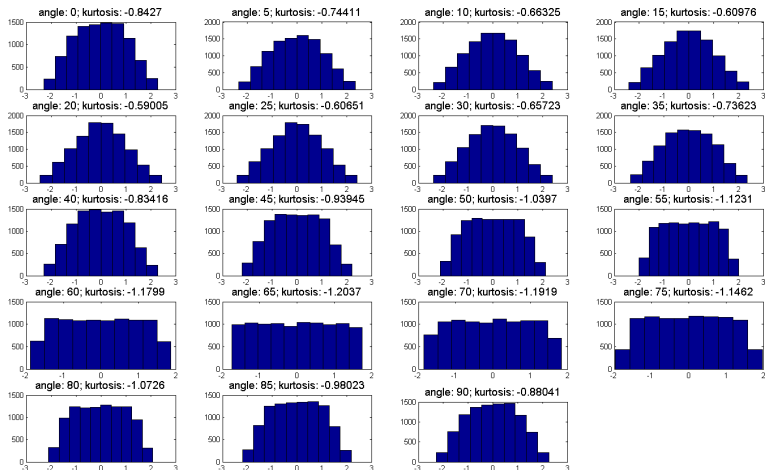


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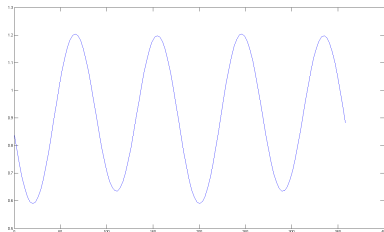


Measuring Gaussianity with kurtosis

- Kurtosis was defined as $\text{kurt}(y) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{y^4\} - 3 (\mathbb{E}\{y^2\})^2$
- If y Gaussian, then $\mathbb{E}\{y^4\} = 3 (\mathbb{E}\{y^2\})^2$, so $\text{kurt}(y) = 0$
- Hence kurtosis (or squared kurtosis) gives a simple measure for the **deviation from Gaussianity**
- Assumption of unit variance, $\mathbb{E}\{y^2\} = 1$: so $\text{kurt}(y) = \mathbb{E}\{y^4\} - 3$
- two-d example: $\underline{q} = A^T \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$
- then $y = \underline{b}^T \underline{x} = \underline{q}^T \underline{s} = q_1 s_1 + q_2 s_2$
- linearity of kurtosis:
 $\text{kurt}(y) = \text{kurt}(q_1 s_1) + \text{kurt}(q_2 s_2) = q_1^4 \text{kurt}(s_1) + q_2^4 \text{kurt}(s_2)$
- normalization: $\mathbb{E}\{s_1^2\} = \mathbb{E}\{s_2^2\} = \mathbb{E}\{y^2\} = 1$, so $q_1^2 + q_2^2 = 1$ i.e. \underline{q} lies on circle

FastICA Algorithm

- \underline{s} is not known \Rightarrow after whitening $\underline{z} = V\underline{x}$ search for $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ with $\underline{w}^T \underline{z}$ maximal non-gaussian
- because of $\underline{q} = (VA)^T \underline{w}$ we get $|\underline{q}|^2 = \underline{q}^T \underline{q} = (\underline{w}^T VA)(A^T V^T \underline{w}) = |\underline{w}|^2$ so if $\underline{q} \in \mathcal{S}^{N-1}$ also $\underline{w} \in \mathcal{S}^{N-1}$
- (**kurtosis maximization**): Maximize $\underline{w} \mapsto |\text{kurt}(\underline{w}^T \underline{z})|$ on \mathcal{S}^{N-1} after whitening.



$$\phi \mapsto |\text{kurt}([\cos(\phi), \sin(\phi)]\underline{z})|$$

Maximization

- Algorithmic maximization by **gradient ascent**:
 - A differentiable function $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can be maximized by local updates in directions of its gradient
 - Sufficiently small **learning rate** $\eta > 0$ and a starting point $\underline{x}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^N$, local maxima of f can be found by iterating $\underline{x}(t+1) = \underline{x}(t) + \eta \underline{\Delta x}(t)$ with $\underline{\Delta x}(t) = \text{grad}f(\underline{x}(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}}(\underline{x}(t))$ the gradient of f at $\underline{x}(t)$
- in our case
$$\text{grad}|\text{kurt}(\underline{w}^T \underline{z})|(\underline{w}) = 4\text{sgn}(\text{kurt}(\underline{w}^T \underline{z}))(\mathbb{E}\{\underline{z}\{\underline{w}^T \underline{z}\}^3\} - 3|\underline{w}|^2 \underline{w})$$
- Algorithm (**gradient ascent kurtosis maximization**):
 - Choose $\eta > 0$ and $\underline{w}(0) \in \mathcal{S}^{N-1}$.
 - Then iterate

$$\underline{\Delta w}(t) \triangleq \text{sgn}(\text{kurt}(\underline{w}(t)^T \underline{z})) \mathbb{E}\{\underline{z}(\underline{w}(t)^T \underline{z})^3\}$$

$$\underline{v}(t+1) \triangleq \underline{w}(t) + \eta \underline{\Delta w}(t)$$

$$\underline{w}(t+1) \triangleq \frac{\underline{v}(t+1)}{|\underline{v}(t+1)|}$$

Fixed-point kurtosis maximization

- Local kurtosis maximization algorithm can be improved by this **fixed-point algorithm**
- any f on \mathcal{S}^{N-1} is extremal at \underline{w} if $\underline{w} \propto \text{grad} f(\underline{w})$
- here: $w \propto \mathbb{E}\{(\underline{w}^T \underline{z})^3 \underline{z}\} - 3|\underline{w}|^2 \underline{w}$
- Algorithm (**fixed-point kurtosis maximization**): Choose $\underline{w}(0) \in \mathcal{S}^{N-1}$. Then iterate

$$\underline{v}(t+1) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{(\underline{w}(t)^T \underline{z})^3 \underline{z}\} - 3\underline{w}(t)$$

$$\underline{w}(t+1) \triangleq \frac{\underline{v}(t+1)}{|\underline{v}(t+1)|}$$

- advantages:
 - higher convergence speed (cubic instead of quadratic)
 - parameter-free algorithm (apart from the starting vector)
 - \Rightarrow **FastICA** (Hyvärinen and Oja, 1997)

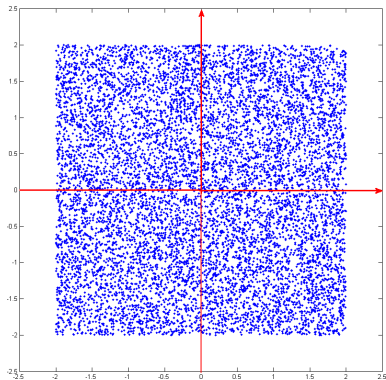
Estimation of more than one component

- By prewhitening, the rows of the whitened demixing W are mutually orthogonal \rightarrow **iterative search** using one-component algorithm
- Algorithm (**deflation FastICA algorithm**): Perform fixed-point kurtosis maximization with additional Gram-Schmidt-orthogonalization with respect to previously found ICs after each iteration.
 - 1 Set $q \triangleq 1$ (current IC).
 - 2 Choose $\underline{w}_q(0) \in \mathcal{S}^{N-1}$.
 - 3 Perform a single kurtosis maximization step (here: fixed-point algorithm):
$$\underline{v}_q(t+1) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{(\underline{w}_q(t)^T \underline{z})^3 \underline{z}\} - 3\underline{w}_q(t)$$
 - 4 Take only the part of \underline{v}_q that is orthogonal to all previously found \underline{w}_j :

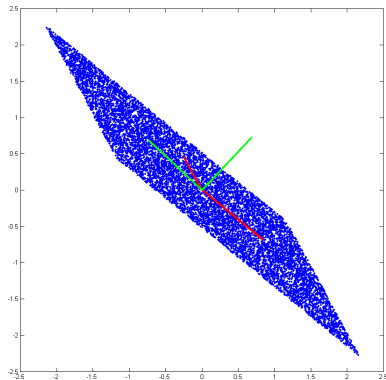
$$\underline{u}_q(t+1) \triangleq \underline{v}_q(t+1) - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} (\underline{v}_q(t) \underline{w}_j) \underline{w}_j$$

- 5 Normalize $\underline{w}_q(t+1) \triangleq \frac{\underline{u}_q(t+1)}{|\underline{u}_q(t+1)|}$
 - 6 If algorithm has not converged go to step 3.
 - 7 Increment q and continue with step 2 if q is less than the desired number of components.
- alternative: **symmetric approach** with simultaneous ICA update steps orthogonalization afterwards

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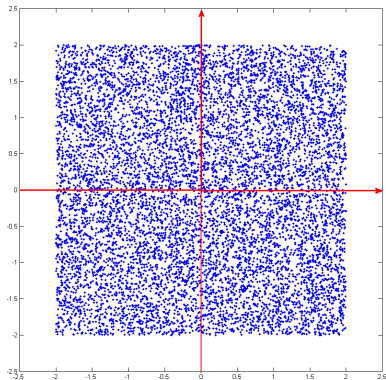


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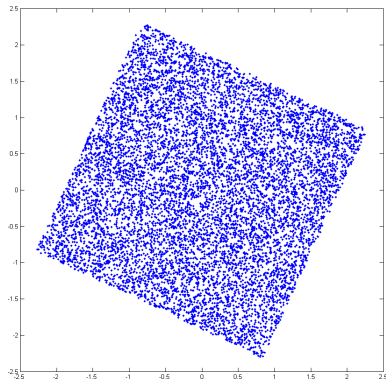


Mixture distributions (green: eigenvectors)

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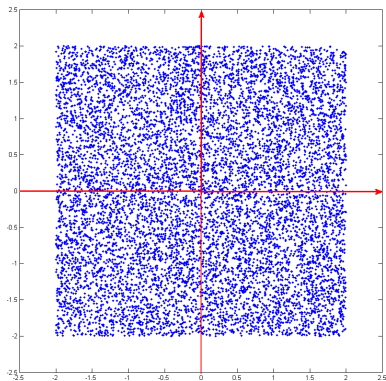


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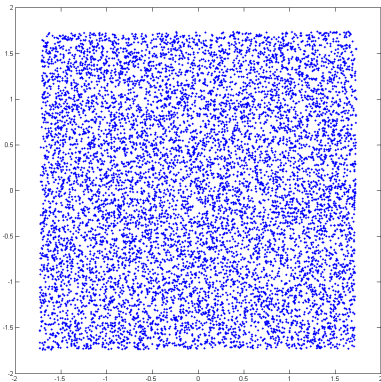


Output distributions after whitening

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Source distributions (red: source directions)



Output distributions after ICA

ICA based on second-order statistics

- instead of non-Gaussianity of the sources assume here:
 - data possesses additional time structure $\underline{s}(t)$
 - source have diagonal **autocovariances**
 $R_{\underline{s}}(\tau) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{(\underline{s}(t+\tau) - \mathbb{E}\{S(t)\})(S(t) - \mathbb{E}\{S(t)\})\}$ for all τ
- goal: find A (then estimate $\underline{s}(t)$ e.g. using regression)
- as before: **centering** and **prewhitening** (by PCA) allow assumptions
 - zero-mean $\underline{x}(t)$ and $\underline{s}(t)$
 - equal source and sensor dimension ($P = N$)
 - orthogonal A
- but hard-prewhitening gives bias...

- bilinearity of autocovariance:

$$R_{\underline{x}}(\tau) = \mathbb{E}\{\underline{x}(t+\tau)\underline{x}(t)^T\} = \begin{cases} AR_{\underline{s}}(0)A^T + \sigma^2 I & \text{if } \tau = 0 \\ AR_{\underline{s}}(\tau)A^T & \text{if } \tau \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- So **symmetrized autocovariance** $\bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} (R_{\underline{x}}(\tau) + R_{\underline{x}}(\tau)^T)$ fulfills (for $\tau \neq 0$)

$$\bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau) = A\bar{R}_{\underline{s}}(\tau)A^T$$

- identifiability:
 - A can only be found up to permutation and scaling (classical BSS indeterminacies)
 - if there exists $\bar{R}_{\underline{s}}(\tau)$ with pairwise different eigenvalues \Rightarrow no more indeterminacies
- **AMUSE** (algorithm for multiple unknown signals extraction) proposed by Tong *et al.* (1991)
 - recover A by eigenvalue decomposition of $\bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau)$ for **one** “well-chosen” τ

Other second-order ICA approaches

- Limitations of AMUSE:
 - choice of τ
 - susceptible to noise or bad estimates of $\bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau)$
- **SOBI** (second-order blind identification)
 - Proposed by Belouchrani *et al.* in 1997
 - identify A by joint-diagonalization of a whole set $\{\bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau_1), \bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau_2), \dots, \bar{R}_{\underline{x}}(\tau_K)\}$ of autocovariance matrices
 - \Rightarrow more robust against noise and choice of τ
- Alternatively, one can assume \underline{s} to be non-stationary
 - hence statistics vary with time
 - joint-diagonalization of **non-whitened** observations for one (Souloumiac, 1995) or several times τ (Pham and Cardoso, 2001)
- ICA as a generalized eigenvalue decomposition (Parra and Sajda, 2003)

- 2 lines Matlab code:

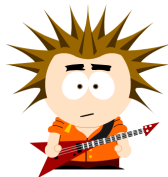
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[W,D] = eig(X*X',R); % compute unmixing matrix W  
S = W'*X; % compute sources S
```

- Discussion about the choice of R on Lucas Parra's [quickiebss.html](http://bme.ccny.cuny.edu/faculty/lparra/publish/quickiebss.html):
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Signal Processing point of view

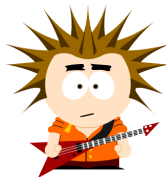
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Dependency measures (1)

Tested dependency measures

- Mutual Information (MILCA software, Kraskov *et al.*, 2004):

$$I\{\underline{s}\} = -\mathbb{E} \left\{ \log \frac{f_{s_1}(s_1) \dots f_{s_N}(s_N)}{f_{\underline{s}}(s_1, \dots, s_N)} \right\}$$

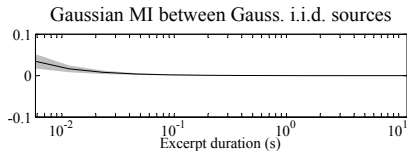
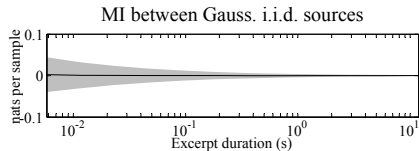
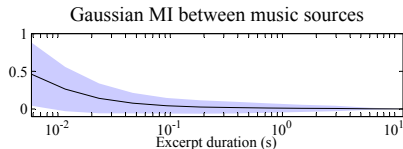
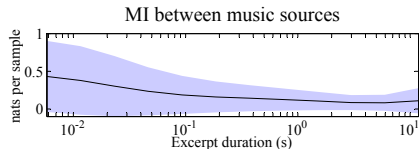
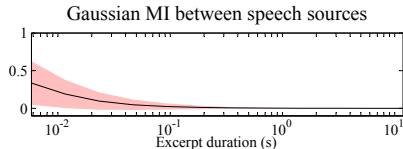
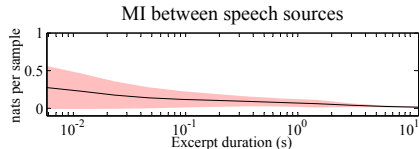
- Gaussian Mutual Information (Pham-Cardoso, 2001):

$$\mathcal{G}I\{\underline{s}\} = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q=1}^Q \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\det \text{diag} \hat{R}_{\underline{s}}(q)}{\det \hat{R}_{\underline{s}}(q)}$$

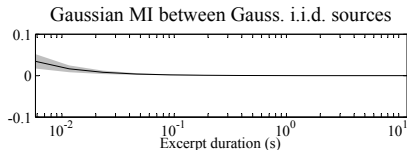
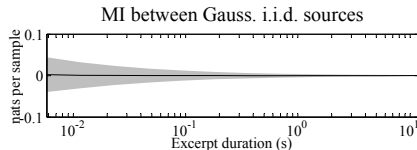
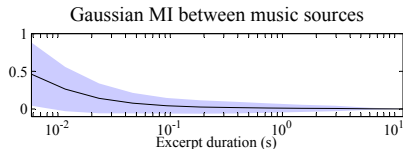
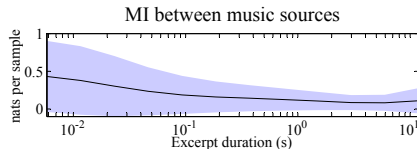
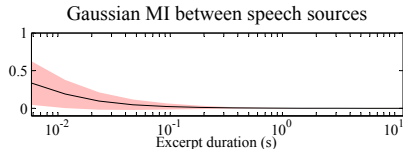
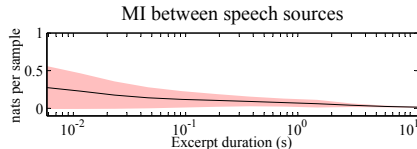
Audio data set

- 90 pairs of signals : 30 pairs of speech + 30 pairs of music + 30 pairs of gaussian i.i.d. signals
- Audio signals cut in time excerpts of 2^7 to 2^{18} samples

Dependency measures (2)



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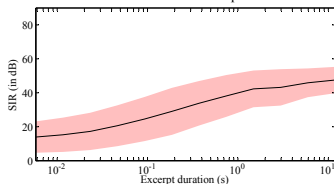


ICA Performance

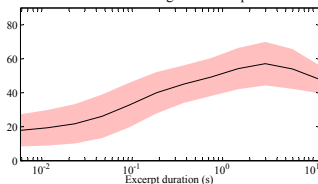
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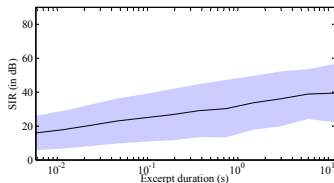
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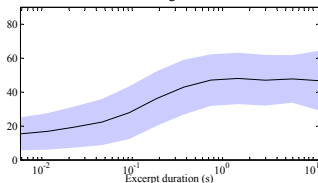
Perf. of Pham-Cardoso algorithm on speech sources



Perf. of Parallel FastICA on music sources



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ICA Performance

Influence of dependency measures on the performance of ICA?

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To conclude: behaviour linked to the size of time excerpt

- 1 High size: same mean behaviour
- 2 Low size: music signals exhibit more dependencies than speech ones

Conclusion

- Introduction to ICA
- Historical and powerful class of methods for solving BSS
- Independence assumption satisfied in many problems (including audio signals if frames long enough)
- Many criteria have been proposed and some of them are more powerful than others
- ICA extended to Independent Subspace Analysis (Cardoso, 1998)
- ICA can use extra-information about the sources \Rightarrow **Sparse ICA** or **Non-negative ICA**
- Some available softwares:
 - FastICA: <http://research.ics.tkk.fi/ica/fastica/>
 - ICALab: <http://www.bsp.brain.riken.go.jp/ICALAB/>
 - ICA Central algorithms:
<http://www.tsi.enst.fr/icacentral/algos.html>
 - many others on personal webpages...

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Part III

Non-negative Matrix Factorization

A really really short introduction to NMF

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What's that?

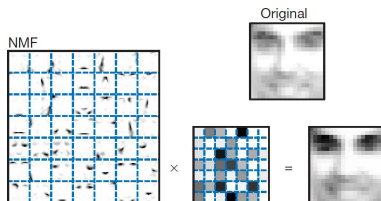
- In many problems, non-negative observations (images, spectra, stocks, etc) \Rightarrow both the sources and the mixing matrix are positive
- Goal of NMF: Decompose a **non-negative** matrix X as the product of two **non-negative** matrices A and S with $X = A \cdot S$
- Earliest methods developed in the mid'90 in Finland, under the name of Positive Matrix Factorization (Paatero and Tapper, 1994).
- Famous method by Lee and Seung (1999, 2000) popularized the topic
 - Iterative approach that minimizes the divergence between X and $A \cdot S$

$$\text{div}(X|AS) = \sum_{i,j} \left\{ X_{ij} \log \left[\frac{X_{ij}}{(AS)_{ij}} \right] - X_{ij} + (AS)_{ij} \right\}.$$

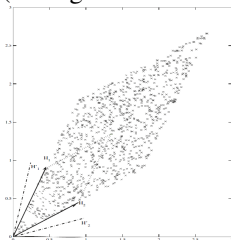
- Non-unique solution, but uniqueness guaranteed if **sparse** sources (see e.g. Hoyer, 2004, or Schachtner *et al.*, 2009)
- Plumbley (2002) showed that **PCA with non-negativity constraints** achieve BSS.

Why is it so popular?

- Face recognition: NMF "recognizes" some natural parts of faces
 - S contains parts-based representation of the data and A is a weight matrix (Lee and Seung, 1999).



- But non-unique solution (see e.g. Schachtner *et al.*, 2009)



Non-negative audio signals? (1)

- If sparsity is assumed, then in each atom, at most one source is active (WDO assumption).
- It then makes sense to apply NMF to audio signals (under the sparsity assumption)

Non-negative audio signals?

- Not in the time domain...
- But OK in the frequency domain, by considering the spectrum of the observations:

$$|\underline{X}(\omega)| = A |\underline{S}(\omega)|$$

or

$$|\underline{X}(n, \omega)| = A |\underline{S}(n, \omega)|$$

Non-negative audio signals? (2)

- Approaches e.g. proposed by Wang and Plumbley (2005), Virtanen (2007), etc...
- Links between image processing and audio processing when NMF is applied:
 - S now contains a base of waveforms (\simeq a dictionary in sparse models)
 - A still contains a matrix of weights
- **Problem:** "real" source signals are usually a sum of different waveforms... \Rightarrow Need to do **classification** after separation (Virtanen, 2007)
- Let us see an example with single observation multiple sources NMF (AudiopianoRoll – <http://www.cs.tut.fi/sgn/arg/music/tuomasv/audiopianoRoll/>)

Conclusion

- Really really short introduction to NMF
- For audio signals, basically consists in working in the Frequency domain
 - Observations decomposed as a linear combination of basic waveforms
 - Need to cluster them then
- Increasing interest of this family of methods by the community.
- Extensions of NMF to Non-negative Tensor Factorizations.
- More information about the topic on T. Virtanen's tutorial:
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bhiksha/courses/mlsp.fall2009/class16/nmf.pdf>
- Softwares:
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Part IV

From cocktail party to the origin of galaxies

From the paper:

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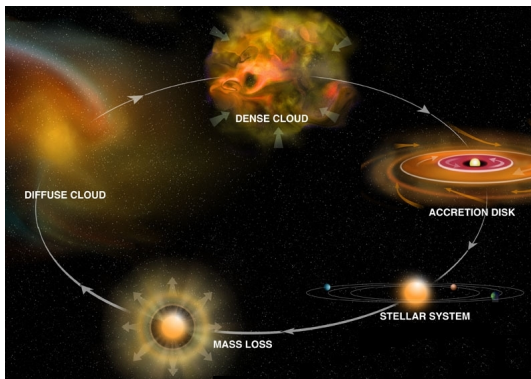
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- So far, we focussed on BSS for audio processing.
- But such approaches are generic and may be applied to a much wider class of signals...
- Let us see an example with real data

Problem Statement (1)

Interstellar medium

- Lies between stars in our galaxy
- Concentrated in dust clouds which play a major role in the evolution of galaxies



Adapted from: <http://www.nrao.edu/pr/2006/gbtmolecules/>, Bill Saxton, NRAO/AUI/NSF

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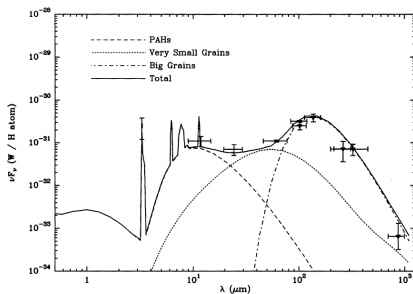
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Interstellar dust

- Absorbs UV light and re-emit it in the IR domain
- **Several grains in Photo-Dissociation Regions (PDRs)**
- Spitzer IR spectrograph provides hyperspectral datacubes

$$x_{(n,m)}(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{(n,m),j} s_j(\lambda)$$

⇒ **Blind Source Separation (BSS)**



- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- Very Small Grains
- Big grains

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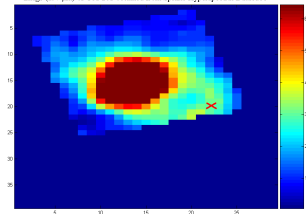
Interstellar dust

- Absorbs UV light and re-emit it in the IR domain
- Several **grains** in Photo-Dissociation Regions (PDRs)
- **Spitzer IR spectrograph provides hyperspectral datacubes**

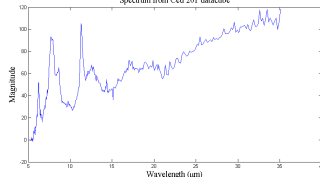
$$x_{(n,m)}(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{(n,m),j} s_j(\lambda)$$

⇒ **Blind Source Separation (BSS)**

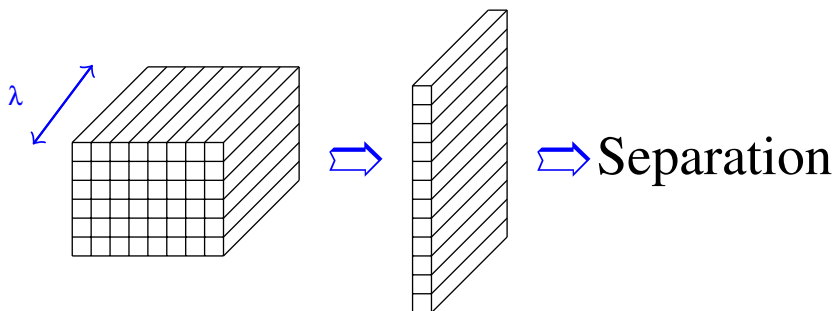
Image (at 7 μm) of Ced 201 obtained from Spitzer Hyperspectral Datacube



Spectrum from Ced 201 datacube



Problem Statement (2)



How to validate the separation of unknown sources?

- Cross-validation of the performance of numerous BSS methods based on different criteria
- Deriving a relevant spatial structure of the emission of grains in PDRs

Blind Source Separation

Three main classes

- **Independent Component Analysis (ICA)**
- **Sparse Component Analysis (SCA)**
- **Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)**

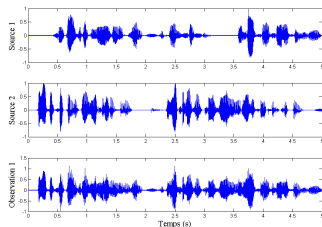
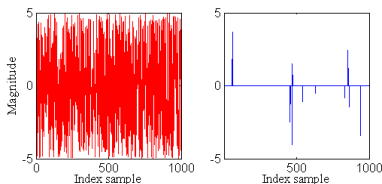
Tested ICA methods

- 1 FastICA:
 - Maximization of non-Gaussianity
 - Sources are stationary
- 2 Guidara *et al.* ICA method:
 - Maximum likelihood
 - Sources are Markovian processes & non-stationary

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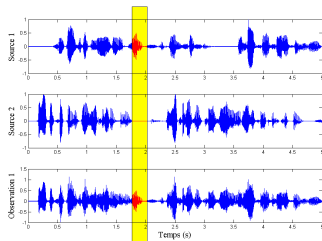
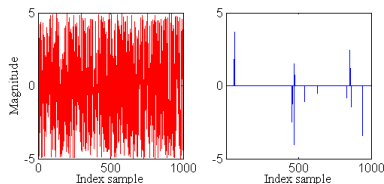
Tested SCA methods

- **Low sparsity assumption**
 - Three methods with the same structure
- 1 LI-TIFROM-S: based on ratios of TF mixtures
 - 2 LI-TIFCORR-C & -NC: based on TF correlation of mixtures

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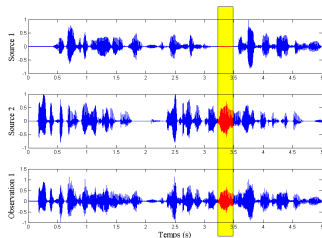
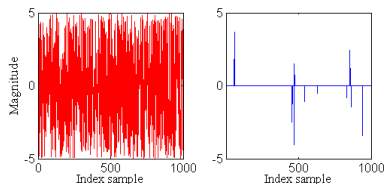
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Tested NMF method

Lee & Seung algorithm:

- Estimate both mixing matrix \hat{A} and source matrix \hat{S} from observation matrix X

Minimization of the divergence between observations and estimated matrices:

$$\text{div} \left(X | \hat{A}\hat{S} \right) = \sum_{i,j} \left\{ X_{ij} \log \left(\frac{X_{ij}}{(\hat{A}\hat{S})_{ij}} \right) - X_{ij} + (\hat{A}\hat{S})_{ij} \right\}$$

Pre-processing stage

- Additive noise not taken into account in the mixing model
- More observations than sources
- ⇒ Pre-processing stage for reducing the noise & the complexity:

For ICA and SCA methods

- 1 Sources centered and normalized
- 2 Principal Component Analysis

For NMF method

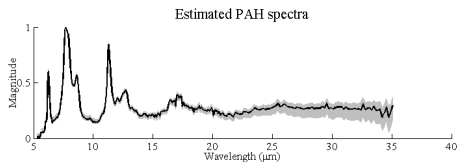
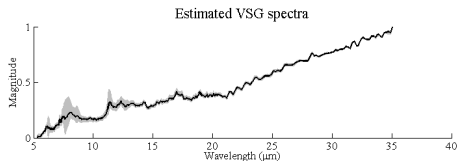
- Above pre-processing stage not possible
- Presence of some rare **negative samples** in observations
- ⇒ Two scenarios
 - 1 Negative values are outliers not taken into account
 - 2 Negativeness due to pipeline: translation of the observations to positive values

Estimated spectra from Ced 201 datacube



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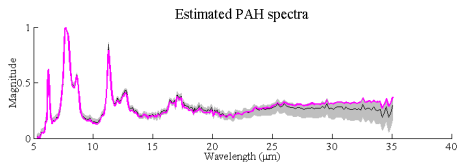
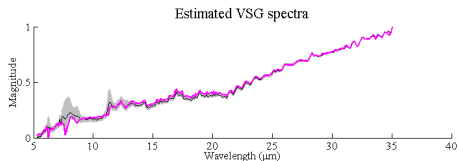
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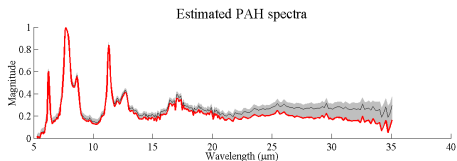
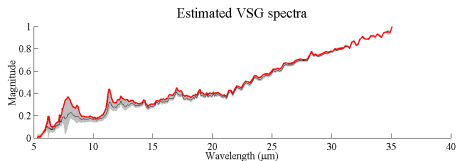


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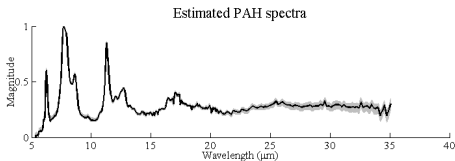
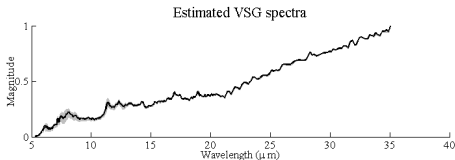
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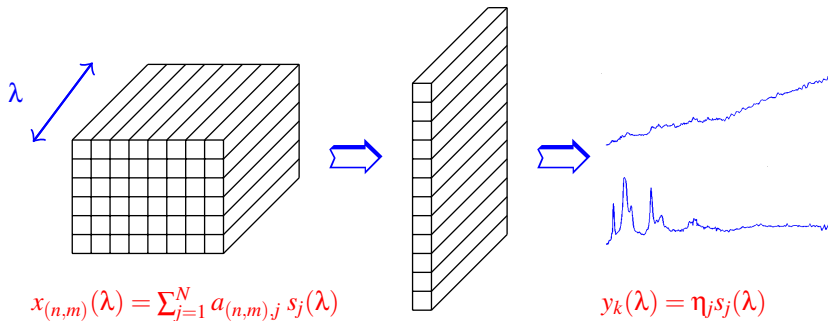
NMF with 1st scenario

FastICA

All other methods



Distribution map of chemical species

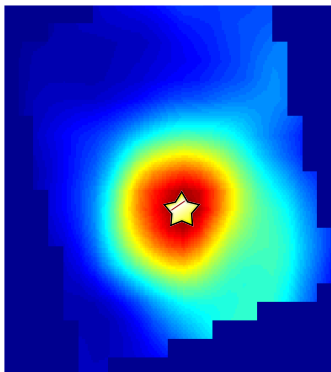


How to compute distribution map of grains?

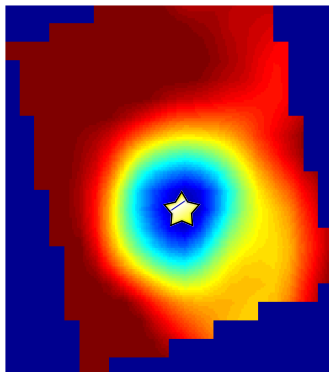
$$c_{n,m,k} = \mathbb{E} \{ x_{(n,m)}(\lambda) y_k(\lambda) \} = \mathbf{a}_{(n,m),j} \eta_j \mathbb{E} \{ s_j(\lambda)^2 \}$$

Distribution map of chemical species

PAH distribution map



VSG distribution map



Conclusion

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- ❶ Cross-validation of separated spectra with various BSS methods
 - Quite the same results with all BSS methods
 - Physically relevant
- ❷ Distribution maps provide another validation of the separation step
 - Spatial distribution not used in the separation step
 - Physically relevant