Approximating atomic measures from trigonometric moments

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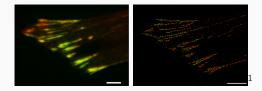
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Motivations

Sparse super-resolution. Estimate $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^s \lambda_j \delta_{\mathbf{x}_j}$ (with $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbb{T}^d$) from

$$c_k = \int \mathrm{e}^{-2\imath\pi\langle k,x\rangle} \mathrm{d}\mu(x)$$

for k such that $||k||_{\infty} \leqslant n$.



- ubiquitous problem in image processing (low-pass filtering)
- relevant model for compressed sensing, mixture estimation, ...
- sharp recovery algorithms / computational tractability

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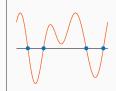
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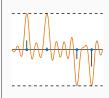
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In this work.

- ightarrow computationally efficient polynomial approximation of μ , with rate
- ightarrow polynomial approximation of unweighted counterpart $\mu^1 = \sum \delta_{\mathsf{x}_{\!j}}$

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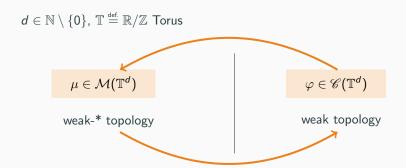
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Preliminaries

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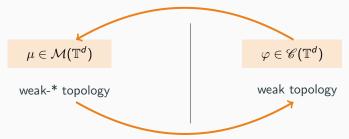
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$$\langle \varphi, \, \mu \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varphi(x) \mathrm{d}\mu(x)$$

Def. (Weak-* convergence of measures)

$$\mu_n \rightharpoonup \mu \iff \langle \varphi, \mu_n - \mu \rangle \to 0$$

Moment Matrix

$$\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{T}^d), \ k \in \mathbb{Z}^d,$$
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Singular value decomposition. $T_n = \sum_{j=1}^s \sigma_j u_j v_j^* = U \Sigma V^*$, where $U, V \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times s}$ and $\Sigma \in \mathbb{C}^{s \times s}$

Polynomial estimates

Weighted approximation

Let

$$p_n(x) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def.}}{=} \frac{1}{N} a(x)^* T_n a(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^s \sigma_i u_i(x) \overline{v_i(x)}$$

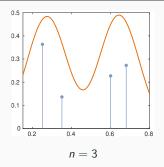
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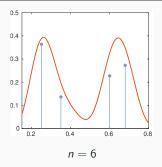
Lemma. (Weighted sum of kernels) One has

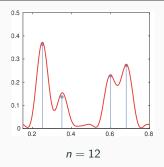
$$p_n(x) = \sum_j \lambda_j F_n(x - x_j),$$

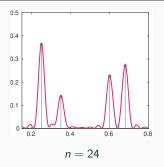
where F_n is the Fejér kernel, i.e. $F_n(y) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{1}{N} \prod_{i=1}^d \frac{\sin((n+1)\pi y_i)}{\sin(\pi y_i)}$.

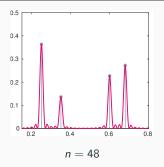
Rem. Since $p_n = F_n * \mu$, it can be evaluated very efficiently using Fast Fourier Transforms.

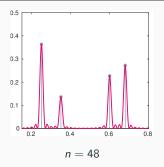










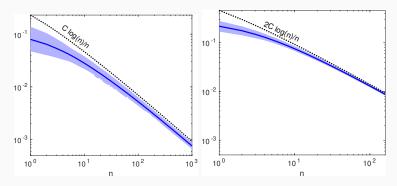


Thm. (Weak-* convergence) Let μ_n be the measure with density p_n . Then $\mu_n \rightharpoonup \mu$.

Thm. (Wasserstein-1 convergence) We have

$$\mathcal{W}_1(\mu_n,\mu) = O\left(rac{d\log(n)}{n}
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Numerics



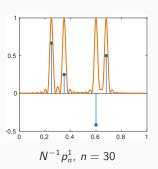
Wasserstein-1 distance between μ_n and μ , averaged over 100 randomly generated measures with sparsity $2\leqslant s\leqslant 20$, in 1D (left) and 2D (right).

Unweighted approximation

$$\rho_n^1(x) = a(x)^* UU^* a(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r |u_i(x)|^2$$

Rem. UU^* is **not** the moment matrix of $\mu^1 \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \sum_j \delta_{x_j}$

Prop. (Support identification) For n large enough, $0 \le p_n^1 \le N$ and $p_n^1(x) = N$ if and only if $x \in \text{Supp } \mu$.



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Then, for φ Lipschitz,

$$\left| \int \varphi(x) p_n^1(x) dx - \sum \varphi(x_j) \right| \leq ||a - q||_1 ||\varphi||_{\infty} + C \int F_n(x) |x| dx$$

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Summary.

New tools to estimate discrete measures from moments Computationally efficient polynomial approximations Convergence with respect to Wasserstein-1 distances

Outlook.

Extend results to non-discrete measures

Derive convergence rate for Christoffel in the discrete case

Thank you for your attention!

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