

Nearly Optimal Robust Matrix Completion

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Robust Matrix Completion

1		3		5		5		4	
		5	4			4		2	1
2	4		1	2		3		4	3
	2	4		5		4			2
		4	3	4	2			2	5
1		3		3		2		4	

$P_{\Omega}(M)$

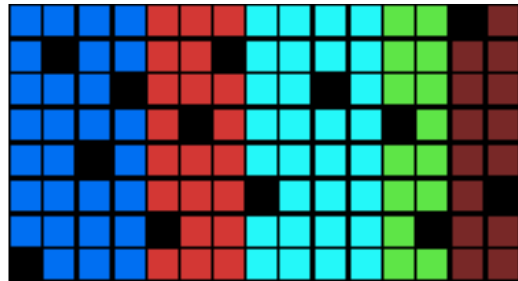
$$M \in R^{m \times n}$$

$$P_{\Omega}(M) \in R^{m \times n}$$

$$\bullet (P_{\Omega}(M))_{ij} = M_{ij}, \quad (i, j) \in \Omega$$

$$\bullet (P_{\Omega}(M))_{ij} = 0, \quad (i, j) \notin \Omega$$

GOAL: Decompose M as a sum of a low-rank (L^*) and a sparse matrix (S^*)



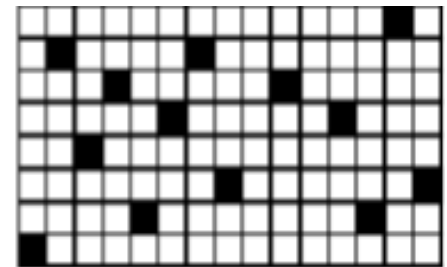
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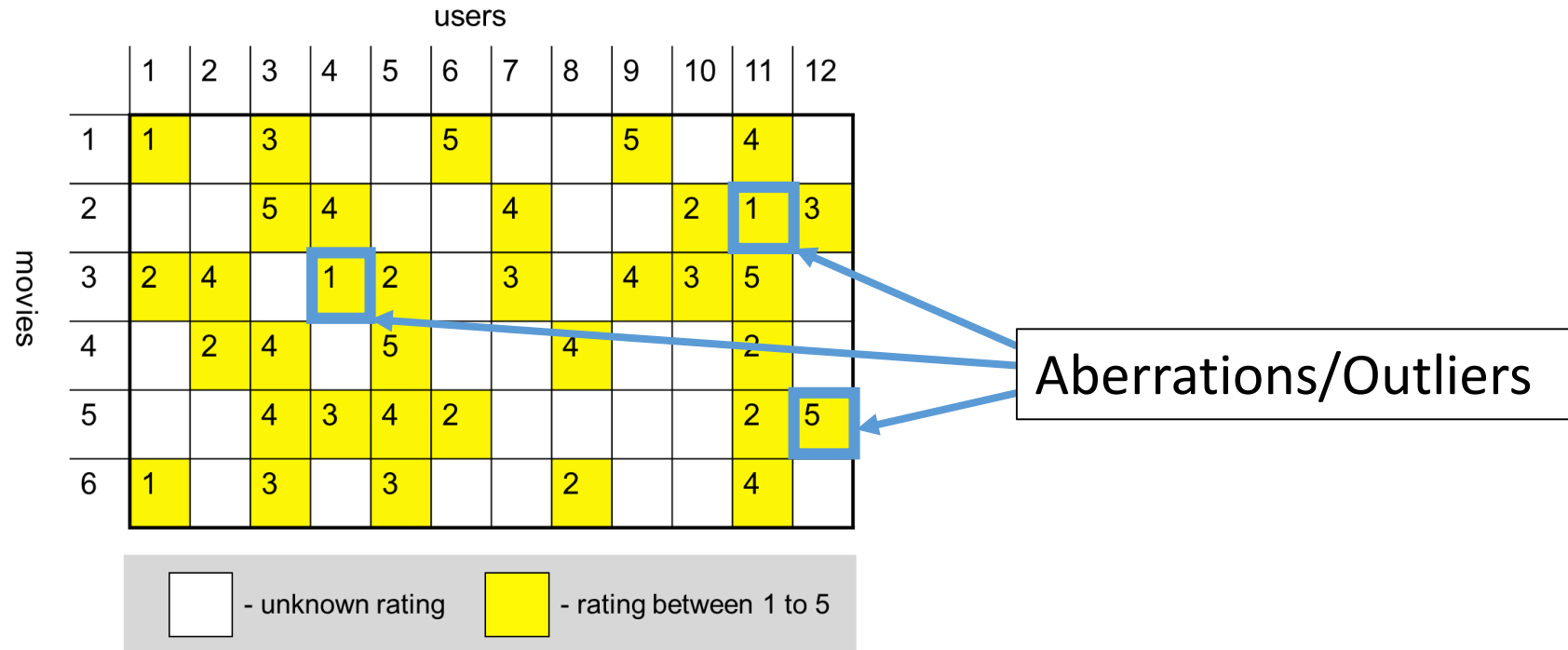
L^*

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S^*

Motivating Application 1: Robust Recommender System



- Random aberrations
- Adversarial outliers: merchant tries to bias ratings towards his products

Motivating Application 2: Background Extraction



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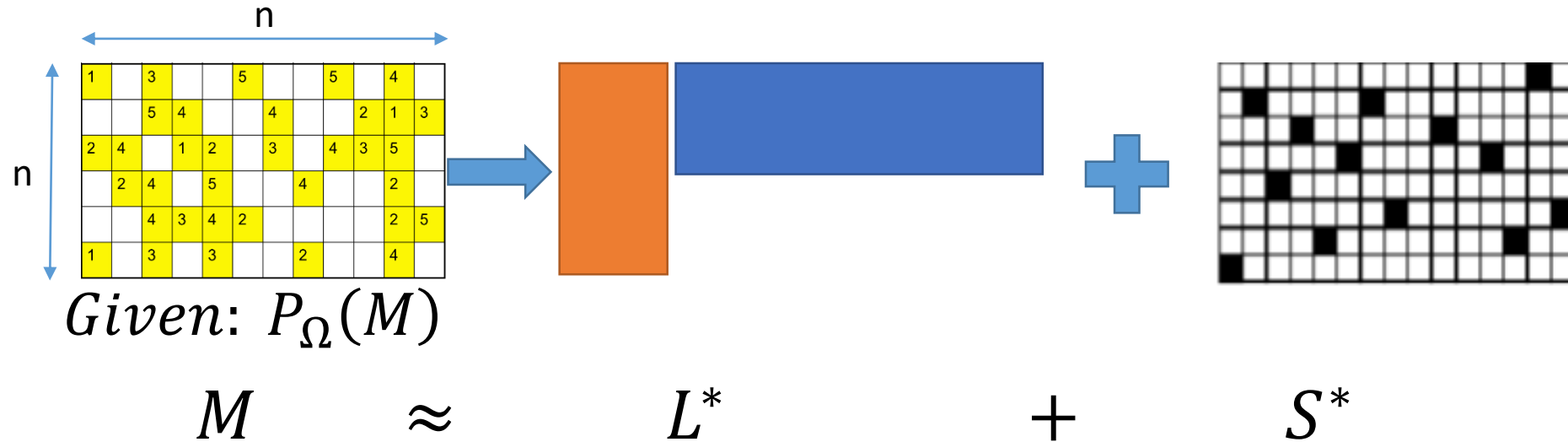
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Background

Sparse Foreground

Robust Matrix Completion



- $(P_{\Omega}(M))_{ij} = M_{ij}, (i, j) \in \Omega$
- $(P_{\Omega}(M))_{ij} = 0, (i, j) \notin \Omega$
- Naturally, $S^* = P_{\Omega}(S^*)$

$$\min_{L, S} ||P_{\Omega}(M) - P_{\Omega}(L + S)||_F^2$$

s. t. $rank(L) \leq r, |supp(S)| \leq s$

Non-convex Sets

Existing Method

$$\min_{L, S} ||P_{\Omega}(M) - P_{\Omega}(L + S)||_F^2$$

$$s.t. \text{rank}(L) \leq r, |supp(S)| \leq s$$

- $||L||_* = \sum_i \sigma_i(L), ||S||_1 = \sum_i |S_{ii}|$
- Assumption (I^*)
 - $||S^*||_0$
- Robust Matrix Completion in:
 - a) nearly linear time (in n) ?
 - b) With nearly weakest assumptions?
- Issues:
 - Convex program solving (n^3)
 - Requirement of $||S^*||_0$ significantly worse than “optimal” (info. theoretically)

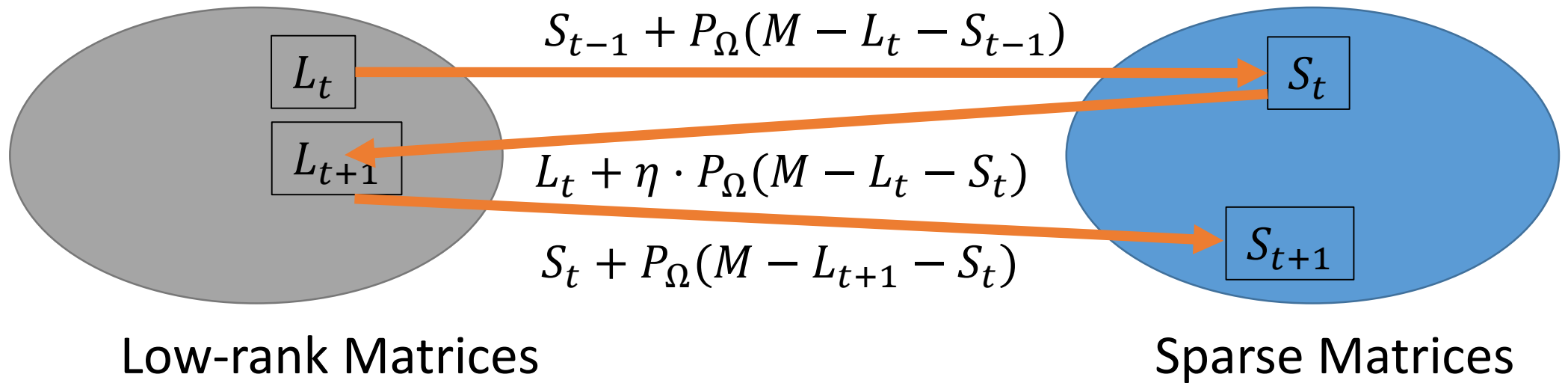
Our Contribution

- Simple algorithm that runs in nearly optimal time
 - Based on simple proj. grad. method with projection on non-convex set
 - Scales well to very large problems
- Provable convergence to **Global Optima** in Linear time
 - Requires:
 - No. of observed entries is “large” enough
 - No. of corruptions is “small” enough
 - Randomness in observations
 - But allows adversarial corruptions

Our Approach: Projected Gradient Descent

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{L, S} & ||P_{\Omega}(M - L - S)||_F^2 \\ \text{s.t. } & \text{rank}(L) \leq r, ||S||_0 \leq s \end{aligned}$$

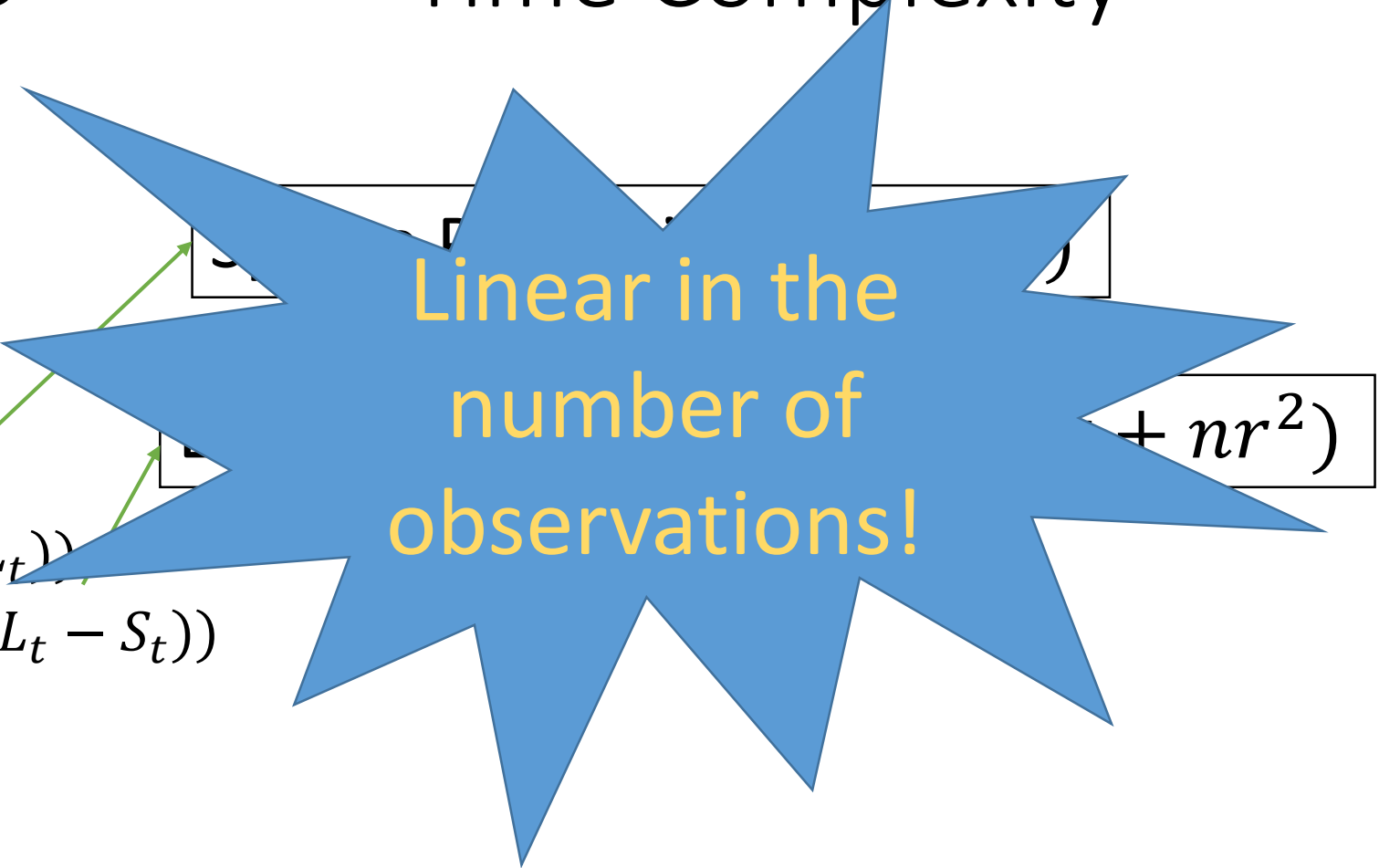
- Block projected gradient (L, S)
- Gradient: $G = -P_{\Omega}(M - L_t - S_{t-1})$
 - Given: L_t, S_{t-1}



Non-convex RMC

Time Complexity

- $L_0 \rightarrow 0$
- $\zeta = \mu^2 r / n$
- For $t=1, 2, \dots, T$
 - $\zeta = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \zeta$
 - $S_t = HT_{\zeta}(P_{\Omega}(M) - P_{\Omega}(L_t))$
 - $L_{t+1} = P_r(L_t + P_{\Omega}(M - L_t - S_t))$
- Output, L_T, S_T



Linear in the
number of
observations!

Main Result

Assumptions

- L^* : low-rank matrix
 - $\text{rank}(L^*) \leq r, L^* \in R^{n \times n}$
 - L^* is μ -incoherent, $\kappa = \sigma_{\max}(L^*)/\sigma_{\min}(L^*)$
- Ω : set of known entries, random entries
 - $|\Omega| \geq n\mu^4 r^2 \log^3 \frac{n}{\epsilon}$ (optimal: $|\Omega| \geq n\mu^2 r \log n$)
- S^* : corruption matrix
 - $\|S_i^*\|_0 \leq \frac{n}{\mu^2 r}$ (optimal $\|S_i^*\|_0 \leq \frac{n}{\mu^2 r}$)

Independent result [Yi et al'2016]:

$$|\Omega| \geq c \cdot n \kappa^4 \mu^2 r^2 \log n,$$

$$\|S_i^*\|_0 \leq n \cdot \min \left\{ \frac{1}{\mu \sqrt{\kappa} r^3}, \frac{1}{\mu \kappa^2 r} \right\}$$

Result [CGJ-ICML'17]

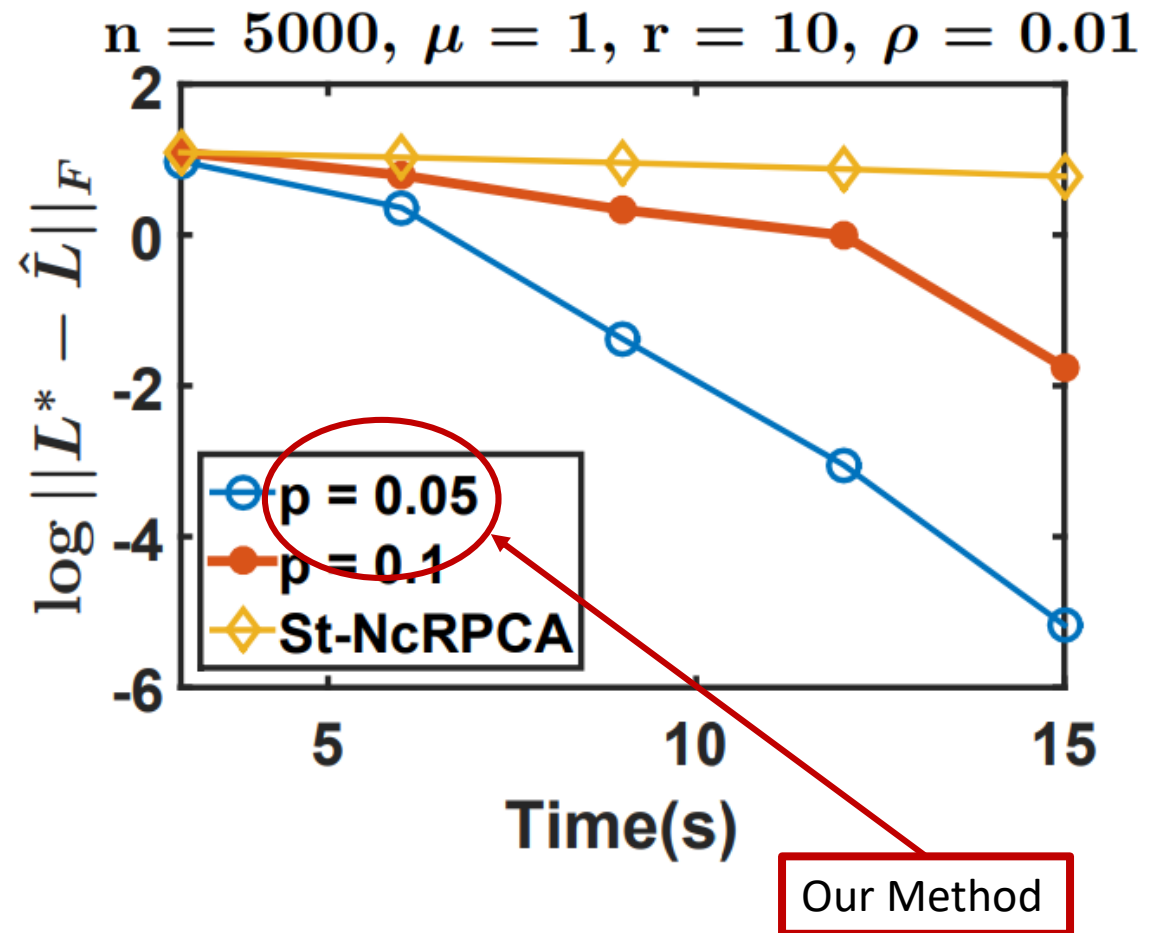
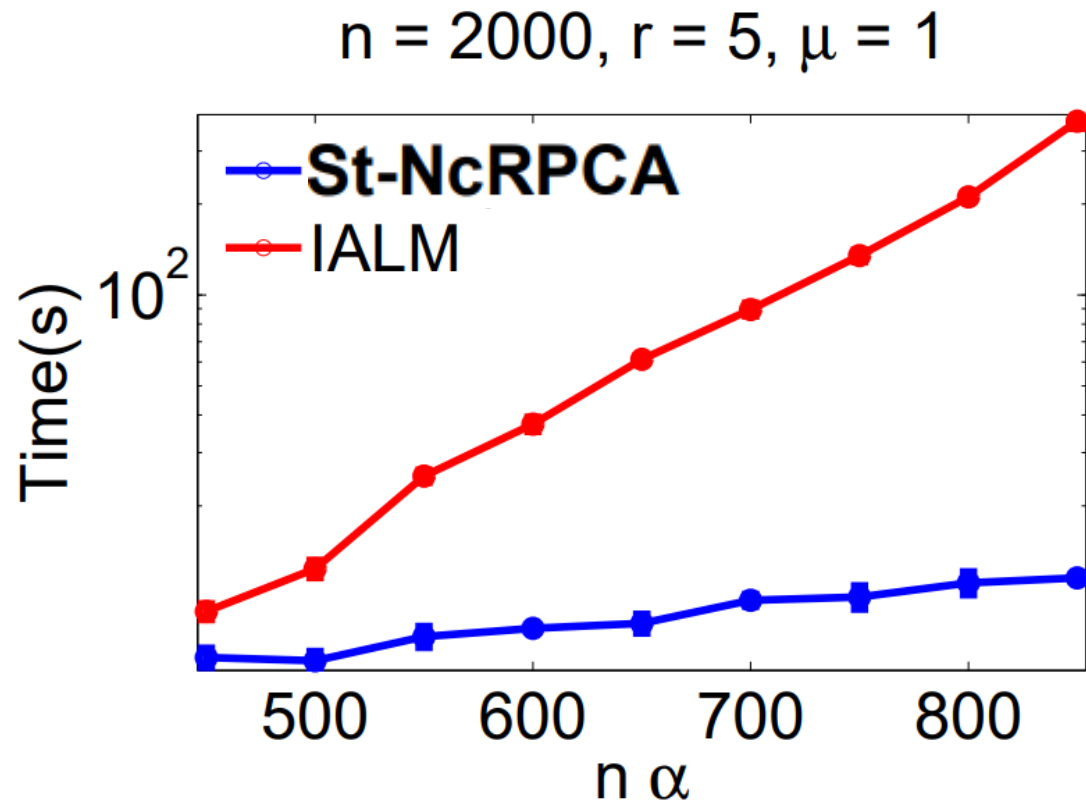
- $T = \log \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)$

$$\|L_T - L^*\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$$

- Total running time:

$$O\left((|\Omega| \cdot r + nr^2) \cdot \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot \log \kappa\right)$$

Empirical Results (Synthetic Datasets)



Empirical Results

Convex Method Runtime: 1700 sec

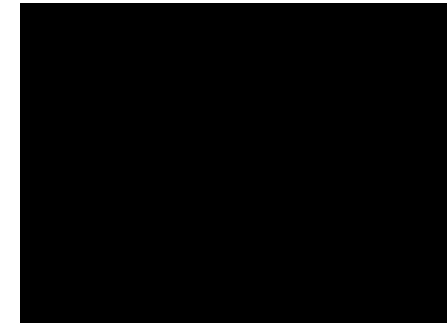
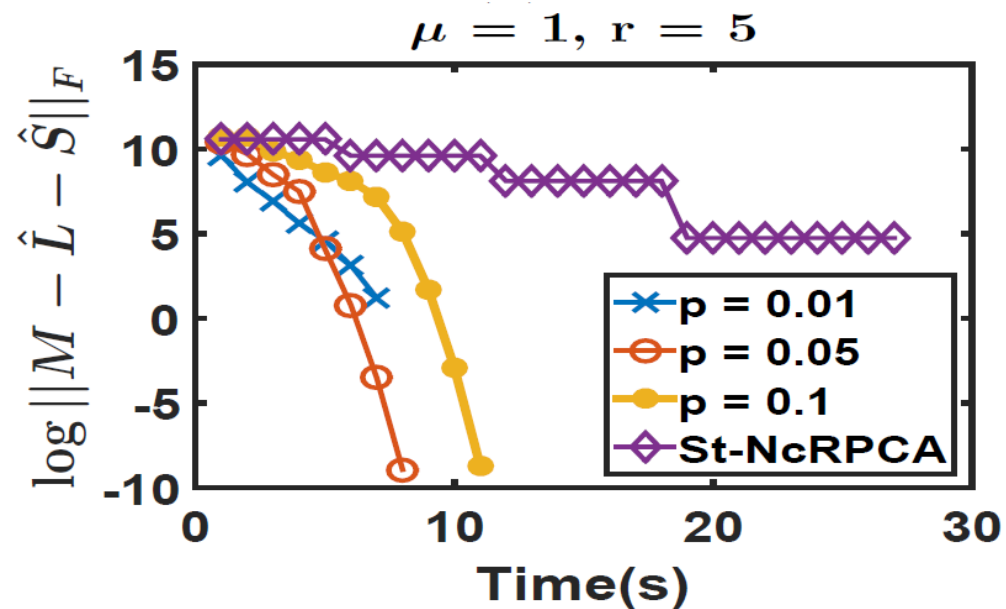


Non-Convex Method [\[NUSAJ-NIPS'14\]](#) Runtime: 28 sec



Empirical Results

New Non-Convex Method. Runtime: 8 sec



Foreground Extraction methods from Open CV
Runtime: 6 sec, 4 sec

Summary

- Robust Matrix Completion
 - Low-rank+Sparse Decomposition with Missing Entries
- Projected Gradient Based Method to solve Robust Matrix Completion
- Almost linear convergence rate under standard assumption
- Near optimal run-time, sample complexity, number of corruptions

Future Directions

- Exploit more information about the corruption
 - Corruptions are zero mean with random support?
- General Problem: learning in high-dimensions
 - Design algorithms that are robust to outliers/corruptions
 - General theory of provable non-convex optimization

Questions?

Projection onto Low-rank Matrices

- Non-convex projections: NP-hard in general
- But $P_r(Z)$ can be computed efficiently:

$$Z = U\Sigma V^T$$

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- $P_r(Z) = U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T$


$P_1(Z) = U_1 \Sigma_1 V^T$

- Time complexity: $O(n^2 r)$
 - Using special structure in our updates: $O(|\Omega| r + n r^2)$

Projection onto Sparse Matrices

- Non-convex projection
- $HT_{\zeta}(Z)$: removes all elements with magnitude smaller than ζ

1	0.1	0.22
0.1	0.01	.9
0.11	0.02	0.12

$HT_{0.5}$ 

1	0	0
0	0	.9
0	0	0