

From Denoising to Compressed Sensing

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From Compressed Sensing...

$$x_{n \times 1} \in \Sigma_k, \quad y_{m \times 1} = \Phi_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} + w_{m \times 1}, \quad y_{m \times 1} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathbb{P}}_1} x_{n \times 1}$$

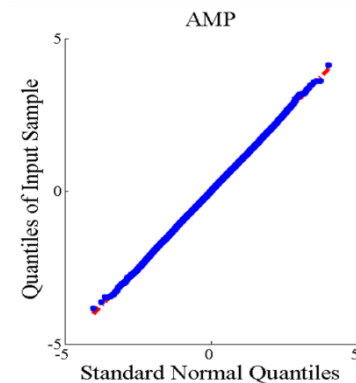
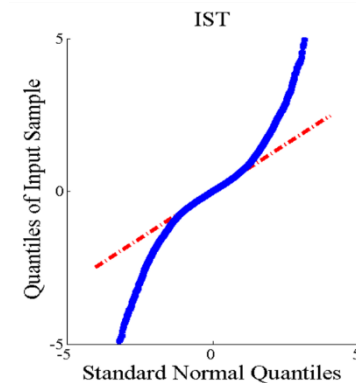
- ISTA

$$\begin{cases} x^{t+1} = \eta_\tau(x^t + \Phi^H z^t) \\ z^t = y - \Phi x^t \end{cases}$$

- AMP

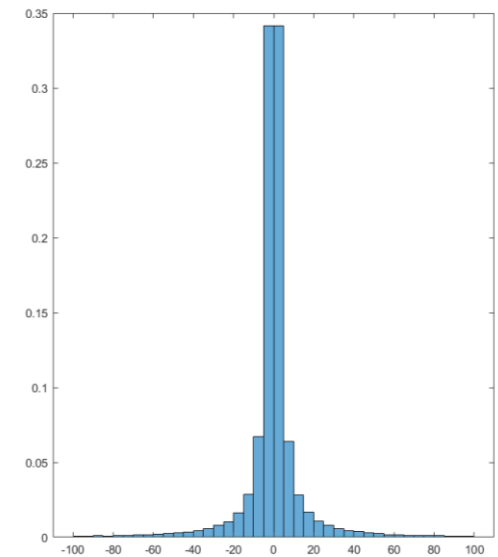
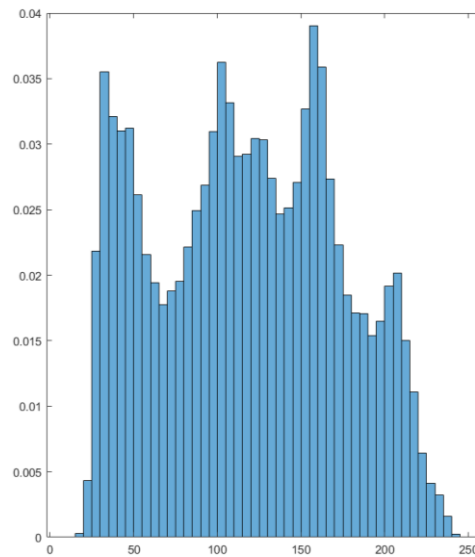
$$\begin{cases} x^{t+1} = \eta_\tau(x^t + \Phi^H z^t) \\ z^t = y - \Phi x^t + \frac{1}{\delta} z^{t-1} \langle \eta'_\tau(x^{t-1} + \Phi^H z^{t-1}) \rangle \end{cases}$$

Onsager correction term
($\delta = \frac{m}{n}$)



... to Denoising

- But, what if x is not sparse?



$$x_{n \times 1} \in \mathcal{C}, \quad y_{m \times 1} = \Phi_{m \times n} x_{n \times 1} + w_{m \times 1}, \quad y_{m \times 1} \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} x_{n \times 1}$$

D-AMP

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- If there exists a family of denoisers $\{D_\sigma: \sigma > 0\}$ for $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$;

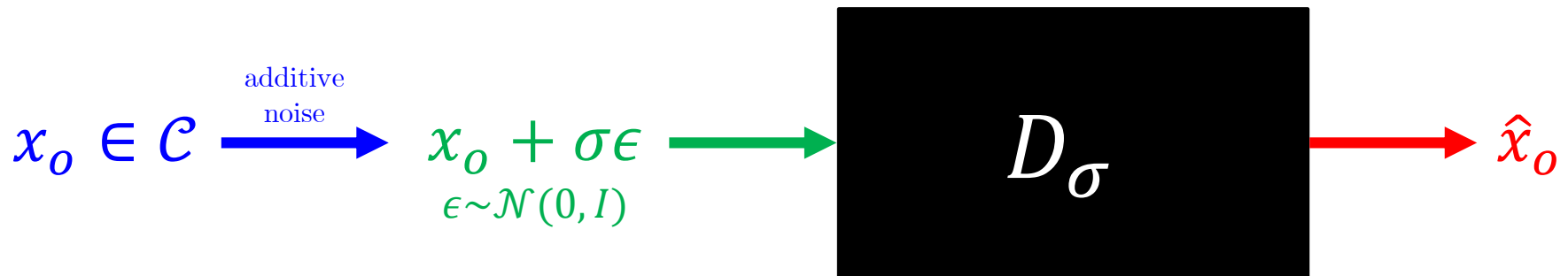
- D-AMP

$$\begin{cases} x^{t+1} = D_{\hat{\sigma}^t}(x^t + \Phi^H z^t) \\ z^t = y - \Phi x^t + z^{t-1} \text{div}[D_{\hat{\sigma}^{t-1}}(x^{t-1} + \Phi^H z^{t-1})]/m \\ (\hat{\sigma}^t)^2 = \frac{\|z^t\|_2^2}{m} \end{cases}$$

will do the work!

$$\text{div } D(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial D(x_i)}{\partial x_i}$$

Denoiser



- $\{D_\sigma\}$ is:

- κ -proper $\Leftrightarrow \forall \sigma > 0: \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \leq \kappa \sigma^2$
- (κ, B) -near proper $\Leftrightarrow \forall \sigma > 0: \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \leq \kappa \sigma^2 + B$
- monotone $\Leftrightarrow \forall x_o \in \mathcal{C}: \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n}$ is non-decreasing in σ^2
- Lipschitz continuous

$\{D_\sigma\}$ can always be modified
to satisfy this

Some Examples

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathbb{R}^n$$

D_σ = ML estimator

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E} \|(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{n\sigma^2}{n} = \sigma^2 \Rightarrow \kappa = 1 \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{C} has no structure \Rightarrow the worst case

\mathcal{C} = k-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

D_σ = projection onto \mathcal{C}

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E} \|P_{\mathcal{C}}(x_o) + \sigma P_{\mathcal{C}}(\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \mathbb{E} \|P_{\mathcal{C}}(\epsilon)\|_2^2 = \frac{k}{n} \sigma^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \kappa = \frac{k}{n} \end{aligned}$$

follows χ^2 distribution with k DOF

The Main Finding

- D-AMP

$$\begin{cases} x^{t+1} = D_{\hat{\sigma}^t}(x^t + \Phi^H z^t) \\ z^t = y - \Phi x^t + z^{t-1} \operatorname{div}[D_{\hat{\sigma}^{t-1}}(x^{t-1} + \Phi^H z^{t-1})]/m \\ (\hat{\sigma}^t)^2 = \frac{\|z^t\|_2^2}{m} \end{cases}$$

▶ $= x_o + \text{effective noise} = x_o + v^t$

- **Assumption: v^t resembles i.i.d. Gaussian noise!**

- No proof. Based on extensive simulations.
- Builds up a framework for theoretical analysis of algorithm.

State Evolution (SE)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta^0 = \frac{\|x^0\|_2^2}{n} \\ \theta^{t+1}(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \|D_{\sigma^t}(x_o + \sigma^t \epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2 \\ (\sigma^t)^2(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2) = \frac{\theta^t}{\delta} + \sigma_w^2 \end{array} \right.$$

D-AMP starts from $x_0 = 0$
 $m, n \gg 1$ while $\frac{m}{n} = \delta$
 $\Phi_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{m^2})$ and independent
 w is i.i.d. Gaussian
 $\{D_\sigma\}$ is Lipschitz continuous

$$\Rightarrow \theta^t \approx \frac{1}{n} \|x^t - x_o\|_2^2$$

SE predicts the
MSE of D-AMP

D-AMP Without Noise

- Noiseless setting: $\sigma_w = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \theta^{t+1}(x_o, \delta, 0) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \|D_{\sigma^t}(x_o + \sigma^t \epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2 \\ (\sigma^t)^2 = \theta^t / \delta \end{cases}$
 - Two scenarios: (i) $\theta^t(x_o, \delta, 0) \rightarrow 0$ D-AMP success
(ii) $\theta^t(x_o, \delta, 0) \nrightarrow 0$ D-AMP failure
 - What are the success and failure regions (in terms of δ)?
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- Lemma 1: For monotone denoisers,

$$\theta^t(x_o, \delta_0, 0) \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \forall \delta > \delta_0: \quad \theta^t(x_o, \delta, 0) \rightarrow 0$$

- $\delta^*(x_o) = \inf_{\delta \in (0,1)} \{\delta: \theta^t(x_o, \delta, 0) \rightarrow 0\}$

kind of Phase Transition 

D-AMP Without Noise

- Minimum of δ for recovery of every $x_o \in \mathcal{C}$?
- Proposition 1: $\{D_\sigma\}$ is κ -proper $\Rightarrow \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \delta^*(x_o) \leq \kappa$.
- What to say about nearly proper denoisers?
 - Perfect recovery may not be possible!
- Lemma 2: If $\{D_\sigma\}$ is (κ, B) -near proper,

$$\delta > \kappa \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sigma^t(x_o, \delta, 0) \right)^2 \leq \frac{B}{\delta - \kappa}$$

D-AMP With Noise

- Noisy setting: $\sigma_w \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ recovery is not exact

$$\Rightarrow \text{D-AMP fixed point} = \underbrace{\theta^\infty(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2)}_{\substack{\text{recovery error} \\ \text{in noisy setting}}} \neq 0$$

- Noise sensitivity: $\text{NS}(\delta, \sigma_w^2) = \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \theta^\infty(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2)$
- Proposition 2: If $\{D_\sigma\}$ is (κ, B) -near proper,

$$\delta > \kappa \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{NS}(\delta, \sigma_w^2) \leq \frac{\kappa \sigma_w^2 + B}{1 - \frac{\kappa}{\delta}}$$


Parameter Tuning

- Practical denoisers have a few free parameters...
 - Example: τ in soft thresholding
- State Evolution also depends on the parameters used in each iteration:

$$\theta^{t+1}(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2; \tau^0, \tau^1, \dots, \tau^t) = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \|D_{\sigma^t, \tau^t}(x_o + \sigma^t \epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2$$
$$(\sigma^t)^2 = \frac{\theta^t}{\delta} + \sigma_w^2$$

- Optimal sequence of parameters at iteration $t + 1$:

$$(\tau_*^0, \tau_*^1, \dots, \tau_*^t) = \arg \min_{\tau^0, \dots, \tau^t} \theta^{t+1}(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2; \tau^0, \tau^1, \dots, \tau^t)$$

 joint optimization

- Lemma 3: Greedy parameter tuning is optimal for D-AMP.
 - No joint optimization. Can be done one by one.

Optimality of D-AMP

- Is there any algorithm that outperforms D-AMP?

- Uniform optimality:

- $\mathcal{E}_\kappa = \left\{ \mathcal{C} : \exists \{D_\sigma^\mathcal{C}\} \sup_{\sigma^2} \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{\mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma \epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{n \sigma^2} \leq \kappa \right\}$

- D-AMP recovers all $x_o \in \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa$ from $\delta > \kappa$ measurements.
- Can it be done with fewer measurements?

- Proposition 3: $\sup_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{E}_\kappa} \frac{m^*(\mathcal{C})}{n} \geq \kappa$.

- D-AMP is uniformly optimal!

Optimality of D-AMP

- Is there any algorithm that outperforms D-AMP?
- Single class optimality:
 - $\{D_\sigma^*\}$ is minimax optimal for D-AMP
 $\Leftrightarrow D_\sigma^* = \arg \min_{D_\sigma} \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \theta_D^\infty(x_o, \delta, \sigma_w^2)$
 - $\{D_\sigma^M\}$ is minimax optimal for \mathcal{C}
 $\Leftrightarrow D_\sigma^M = \arg \min_{D_\sigma} \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2$
- Proposition 4: $\{D_\sigma^*\} = \{D_\sigma^M\} \Rightarrow$ D*-AMP requires at least
$$n\kappa_{MM} = \sup_{\sigma^2} \frac{\min_{D_\sigma} \sup_{x_o \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E} \|D_\sigma(x_o + \sigma\epsilon) - x_o\|_2^2}{\sigma^2} \text{ measurements.}$$
 - Not optimal in this sense.
Some classes enjoy algorithms with fewer measurements.

Onsager Correction Term

- How to calculate $z^{t-1} \text{div}[D_{\hat{\sigma}^{t-1}}(x^{t-1} + \Phi^H z^{t-1})]/m$ for an arbitrary denoiser?
 - Good denoisers don't have an explicit input-output relation!
- Monte Carlo method: If $b \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div } D_{\sigma, \tau}(x) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{E}_b \left\{ b^T \left(\frac{D_{\sigma, \tau}(x + \epsilon b) - D_{\sigma, \tau}(x)}{\epsilon} \right) \right\} \\ &\approx \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_b}_{\substack{\text{in practice, replaced by mean} \\ \text{of values for } b^1, \dots, b^M. \\ M = 1 \text{ would suffice for images.}}} \left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon} b^T (D_{\sigma, \tau}(x + \epsilon b) - D_{\sigma, \tau}(x)) \right\}, \text{ for very small } \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Image Denoising Algorithms

- Gaussian kernel
- Bilateral filter
- Non-local means (NLM)
- Wavelet thresholding
- BLS-GSM
- BM3D
- BM3D-SAPCA

Simulation Results

10% Sampling	Lena	Barbara	Boat	Fingerprint	House	Peppers
AMP	18.47	17.67	18.96	15.87	19.98	17.50
Turbo-AMP	18.35	17.46	18.62	16.30	21.77	17.01
ALSB	25.30	24.01	22.44	16.25	31.09	24.01
NLR-CS	26.74	24.95	23.97	18.11	34.46	25.21
BM3D-IT	5.68	5.97	5.43	4.70	4.93	5.72
NLM-AMP	21.81	20.17	21.43	17.69	24.81	20.42
BLS-GSM-AMP	24.92	23.35	23.98	17.53	30.52	24.09
BM3D-AMP	26.01	24.24	24.07	18.24	34.12	24.41
BM3D-SAPCA-AMP	15.04	24.28	22.62	18.17	32.74	23.99
20% Sampling	Lena	Barbara	Boat	Fingerprint	House	Peppers
AMP	21.26	20.08	21.62	16.86	22.97	20.27
Turbo-AMP	23.48	21.45	23.36	16.31	28.20	21.78
ALSB	28.66	27.98	26.09	17.42	36.28	28.12
NLR-CS	31.88	30.31	26.96	21.10	38.70	30.42
BM3D-IT	25.64	24.38	23.79	6.63	32.92	23.87
NLM-AMP	27.73	24.27	23.97	19.72	31.75	23.70
BLS-GSM-AMP	29.77	28.00	27.06	18.45	35.76	29.14
BM3D-AMP	31.12	29.83	27.58	21.14	38.30	30.00
BM3D-SAPCA-AMP	32.15	30.41	27.35	22.02	38.94	31.09
30% Sampling	Lena	Barbara	Boat	Fingerprint	House	Peppers
AMP	23.90	22.70	23.67	17.57	26.15	23.12
Turbo-AMP	25.88	24.35	24.80	16.33	32.18	24.58
ALSB	31.91	30.69	28.69	22.76	38.51	31.85
NLR-CS	35.86	33.78	30.27	23.01	41.15	34.80
BM3D-IT	28.16	27.21	24.43	18.44	35.48	25.49
NLM-AMP	29.94	29.39	27.67	20.81	36.49	29.92
BLS-GSM-AMP	33.29	31.06	29.95	19.20	39.17	32.73
BM3D-AMP	34.87	33.14	30.60	22.95	40.92	33.83
BM3D-SAPCA-AMP	36.21	34.18	31.22	23.71	41.55	34.91

40% Sampling	Lena	Barbara	Boat	Fingerprint	House	Peppers
AMP	26.35	24.77	25.41	18.65	29.20	25.36
Turbo-AMP	27.91	26.11	26.98	16.65	35.37	26.83
ALSB	34.17	34.19	30.92	24.14	41.13	35.15
NLR-CS	39.07	36.99	32.75	24.78	43.45	37.63
BM3D-IT	29.50	28.22	25.13	19.47	36.94	28.86
NLM-AMP	32.58	32.15	28.94	21.53	38.62	31.47
BLS-GSM-AMP	36.50	34.33	32.41	20.32	40.84	35.86
BM3D-AMP	38.05	35.94	32.77	24.59	42.97	36.77
BM3D-SAPCA-AMP	39.33	37.05	33.56	25.01	43.86	38.06
50% Sampling	Lena	Barbara	Boat	Fingerprint	House	Peppers
AMP	28.12	27.19	27.44	19.84	31.86	27.99
Turbo-AMP	30.64	27.69	28.80	19.24	37.54	29.17
ALSB	36.95	37.10	32.96	25.80	42.76	38.11
NLR-CS	42.05	39.86	35.31	26.26	45.65	40.51
BM3D-IT	30.95	29.18	27.14	20.24	38.19	29.56
NLM-AMP	35.09	34.72	31.45	25.34	39.71	34.10
BLS-GSM-AMP	38.92	36.42	34.72	21.61	42.34	38.72
BM3D-AMP	40.89	38.21	35.07	25.99	44.91	39.38
BM3D-SAPCA-AMP	42.12	39.49	36.05	26.76	45.70	40.61



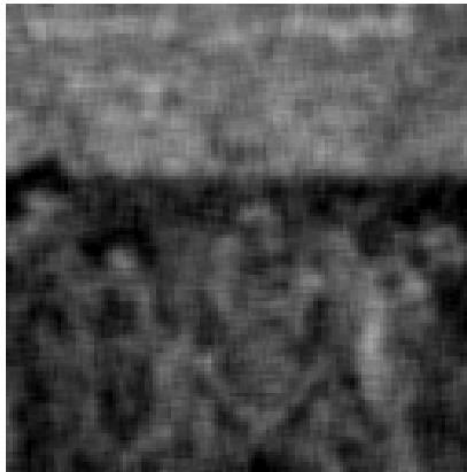
Simulation Results

Original Image



$\delta = 0.1$

Gauss-AMP



PSNR = 23.5822

BM3D-AMP



PSNR = 26.9664

Conclusion

- Generalization of CS problem to arbitrary classes of signals
- SE as an accurate tool for performance prediction
- D-AMP is robust to noise, easy to tune, and optimal
- Potential future works
 - Proof of Gaussianity of \mathbf{v}^t (in high-dimensional problems)
 - Characterizing the classes of signals for which D-AMP is optimal
 - Extension to other measurement matrices such as Fourier matrix