# Sub-string/Pattern Matching in Sub-linear Time Using a Sparse Fourier Transform Approach

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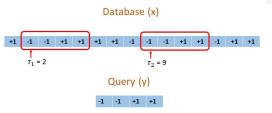


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Determine all the L locations  $\tau = [\tau_1, \tau_2, \cdots \tau_L]$  with high probability where

- Exact Matching: y appears exactly in  $\underline{x}$ 
  - $-y := x[\tau : \tau + M 1]$
- 2 Approximate Matching: y is a noisy substring of  $\underline{x}$ 
  - $-y := \underline{x}[\tau : \tau + M 1] \odot \underline{b}$
  - $\underline{b}$  is a noise sequence with  $d_H(y,\underline{x}[\tau:\tau+M-1])\leq K$

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#### Note

Particularly when L=O(1) or  $L<\frac{N}{M}$  (i.e.  $\lambda<1-\mu)$  our algorithm has a sub-linear time complexity.

# Some Prior Work

## **Exact Matching**

- Boyer and Moore 1977: First occurrence of the match (only  $\tau_1$ )
  - Average complexity  $O(N^{1-\mu} \log N)$  (sublinear)
  - Worst case complexity  $O(N \log N)$

### Approximate Matching

- Chang and Marr 1994: Generalization of Boyer and Moore 1977
  - Average complexity  $O(NK/M\log N)$  (sub-linear only when  $K\ll M$  )
- Andoni et al. 2013:  $O(N/M^{0.359})$  (sub-linear even when K=O(M))
  - Combinatorial in nature

#### Sparse Fourier Transform Approach

- Hassanieh et al. 2012: Faster GPS receiver
  - Exploited sparsity in Correlation function  $R_{XY}$
- Pawar and Ramchandran 2014: Robust Sparse Fourier Transform
  - Sparse Graph code Approach
  - Computational complexity :  $O(N \log N)$

# Motivation

• Cross-correlation (<u>r</u>):

$$r[m] = (\underline{x} * \underline{y})[m] \triangleq \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} x[m+i]y[i], \quad 0 \le m \le N-1$$

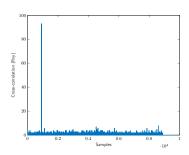
- Naive implementation:  $O(MN) = O(N^{1+\mu})$  (super-linear complexity)
- Fourier Transform Approach:  $O(N \log N)$  complexity

$$\underline{r} = \mathcal{F}_N^{-1} \{ \mathcal{F}_N \{ \underline{x} \} \odot \mathcal{F}_N \{ \underline{y}' \} \}, \quad \underline{y}' = \underline{y}^* [-n]$$

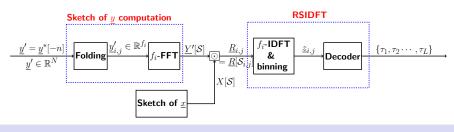
## **Key Observation**

•  $\underline{r}$  is Sparse with some noise.

$$r[m] \ = \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} & M, & \text{if } m \in \mathcal{T} \\ & n_m, & m \in [N] - \mathcal{T} \end{array} \right.$$



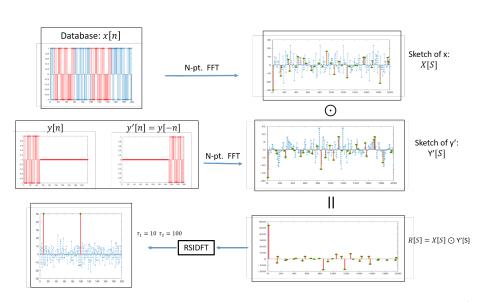
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- 1. Sketch of  $\underline{x}$ : Assume  $\underline{X}[l] = \mathcal{F}\{\underline{x}\}$  is precomputed at positions  $l \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- 2. Sketch of y:
  - Compute  $\underline{Y}'[l] = \mathcal{F}\{y'\}$  for  $l \in \mathcal{S}$ .
  - Only M non-zero values in  $y^\prime$  Efficient computation (folding and adding)
- 3. Sparse  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}$ :
  - Robust Sparse Inverse Fourier Transform (RSIDFT)
  - Efficient Implementation- sublinear time and sampling complexity

# Example



# Robust Sparse Inverse Fourier Transform(RSIDFT)

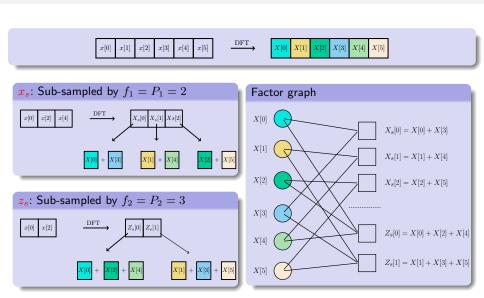
#### Main Idea

- Sub-sampling in time corresponds to aliasing in frequency
- Aliased coefficients ⇔ parity check constraints of GLDPC codes
- CRT guided sub-sampling induces a code good for Peeling decoder
- R-FFAST- proposed by Pawar and Ramchandran 2014

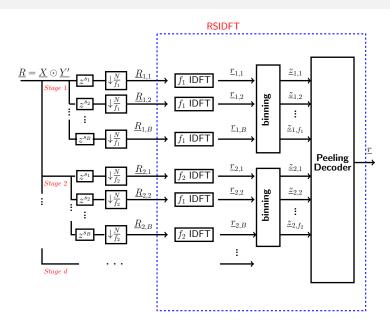
#### Key modifications

- Optimized for the induced noise model
- Correlation peak is always positive
- Take advantage in decoding algorithm sub-linear time complexity

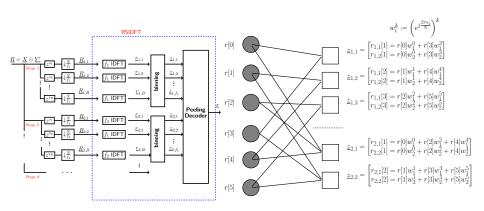
# Aliasing and Sparse Graph Codes



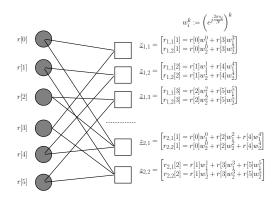
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# RSIDFT-Decoding (Peeling Decoder)



- Observations:  $\underline{z}_{i,k} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{i,1}[k], r_{i,2}[k], \cdots, r_{i,B}[k] \end{bmatrix}^T$
- Decoding- 3 steps
  - Bin Classification
  - Position Identification
  - Peeling Process

# Decoder

#### Bin Classification

- Classify each check-node Zero-ton / Single-ton / Multi-ton
- Threshold constraints on first observation  $z_{i,k}[1] = z$
- Threshold varies with  $\eta$ 
  - different for  $exact(\eta = 0)$  and approximate matching

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}_z & z/M < \gamma_1 \\ \mathcal{H}_s & \gamma_1 < z/M < \gamma_2 \\ \mathcal{H}_d & \gamma_2 < z/M < \gamma_3 \\ \mathcal{H}_m & z/M > \gamma_3 \end{cases}$$

where 
$$(\gamma_1,\gamma_2,\gamma_3)=(\frac{1-2\eta}{2},\frac{3-4\eta}{2},\frac{5-6\eta}{2})$$

## Decoder

#### Position Identification

Observation:

$$\underline{z}_{i,k} = \mathbb{W}_{i,k} \times \begin{bmatrix} r[k+(0)f_i] \\ r[k+(1)f_i] \\ \vdots \\ r[k+(g_i-1)f_i] \end{bmatrix}$$

Sensing Matrix:

$$\mathbb{W}_{i,k} = \left[\underline{w}^k, \underline{w}^{k+f_i}, \dots, \underline{w}^{k+(g_i-1)f_i}\right] \text{ where } \underline{w}^k = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\frac{j2\pi k s_1}{N}} \\ e^{\frac{j2\pi k s_2}{N}} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\frac{j2\pi k s_B}{N}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad g_i = \frac{N}{f_i}$$

Column that gives maximum correlation with the observation

$$\hat{k} = \underset{k \in \{j+lg_i\}}{\operatorname{arg\,max}} \ \underline{z}_{i,j}^{\dagger} \underline{w}^k$$

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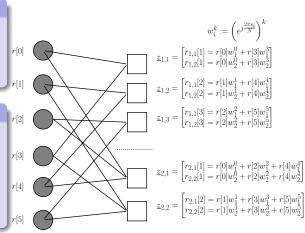
# Peeling Process:

## **Exact Matching**

 Remove a decoded variable node's contribution from all participating bin nodes

## Approximate Matching

- Remove a decoded variable node's contribution only from neighboring single-tons and double-tons
- Avoid error propagation



# Simulation Results

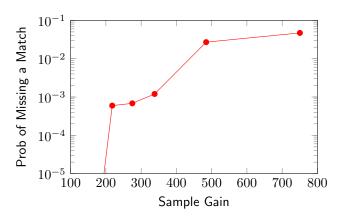


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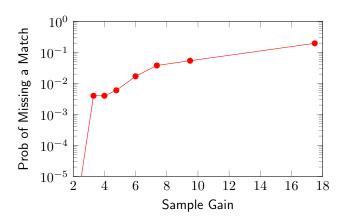


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# Questions?



Thank you!