

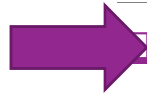
# Approximate Message Passing Tutorial

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# Linear Inverse Problems

## □ Model:

$$y = Ax + w$$

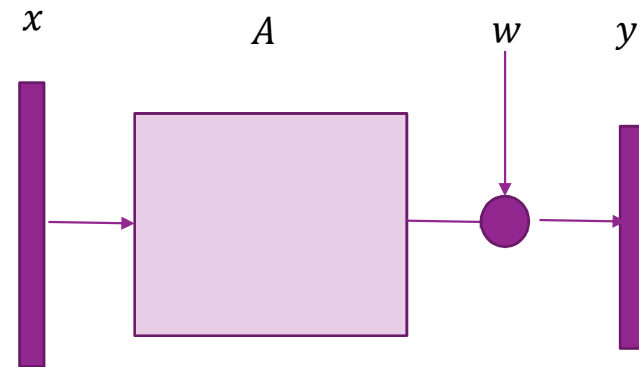
- $x$  = unknown vector
- $w$  = “noise”

## □ Problem: Estimate $x$ from $A$ and $y$

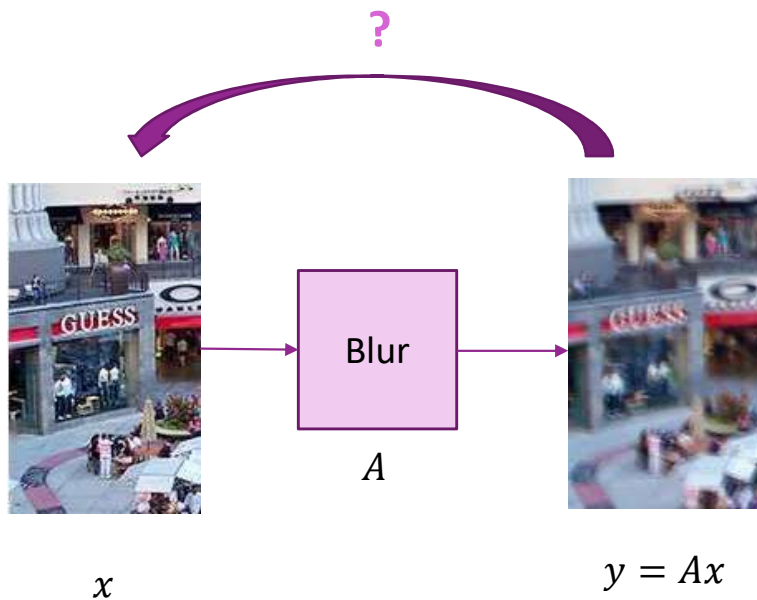
## □ Many applications:

- Linear regression with prior on weights
- Compressed sensing
- Image processing
- ...

## □ Will look at this problem and more complex variants



# Example 1: Image Reconstruction



<http://www.digitalphotopix.com/unbelievable/photo-deblur/>  
Article on Photoshop

- ❑ Recover original image  $x$
- ❑  $y$  = degraded / transformed image
- ❑ Operator  $A$  represents
  - Blurring
  - Measurement distortion
  - ...
- ❑ **Problem:** Recover original  $x$  from  $y$

# Example 2: Multiple Linear Regression

- Given data samples  $(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, N$ 
  - Vector data:  $x_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{id}), d = \text{number of features}$

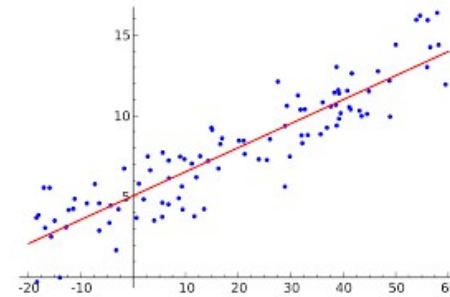
- Problem:** Fit a linear model

$$y_i = w_0 + w_1 x_{i1} + \dots + w_d x_{id} + \epsilon_i$$

- Write in matrix form

$$y = Aw + \epsilon, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{Nd} & \cdots & x_{Nd} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Estimate weight vector  $w$  from data



# Unconstrained Least Squares Estimation

- Most common method for linear inverse problems is **least squares estimation**:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$

- Computationally simple, easy to analyze, interpretable results
- Standard LS is **unconstrained**: Minimization above is all possible  $x$
- But, in many problems, we have prior knowledge on  $x$ 
  - Example:  $x$  is a natural image
- How do we incorporate prior knowledge?

# Regularized Least Squares Estimation

□ **Regularized LS:** Add a penalty term:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \phi(x)$$

□  $\phi(x)$  = **Regularization function:**

- Penalizes values that are less likely or desirable as solutions

□ **Two common simple regularization functions:**

- L2 (called ridge regression in statistics):  $\phi(x) = \lambda \|x\|_2^2 = \lambda \sum |x_j|^2$
- L1 (called LASSO in statistics):  $\phi(x) = \lambda \|x\|_1 = \lambda \sum |x_j|$

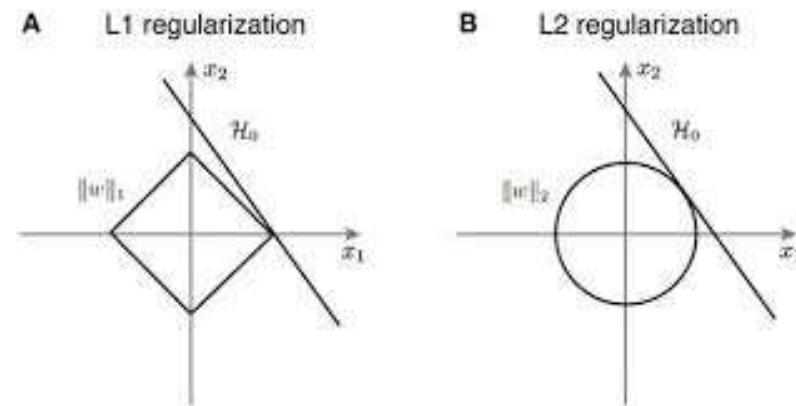
□ Both functions force  $x$  to be close to zero (or some mean value if known)

# L1 Regularization and Sparsity

- L1 regularized least-squares:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

- L1 regularization favors **sparse**  $x$
- Makes many coefficients exactly zero





# L1 Regularization for Model Selection

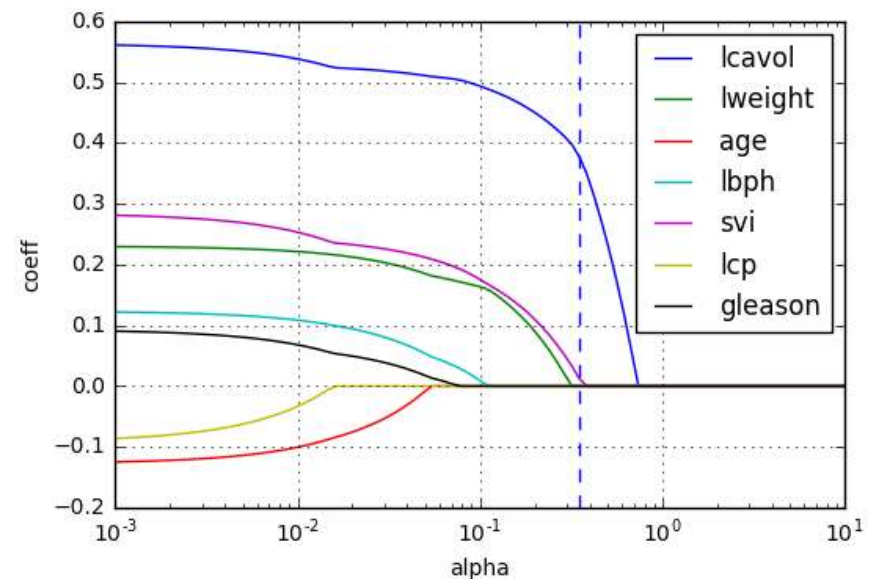
Linear regression: Find weights  $w$  for  
$$y_i = w_0 + w_1 x_{i1} + \dots + w_d x_{id} + \epsilon_i$$

- Often need to perform **model selection**:
- Number of features may be large
  - Only a few features are likely to be relevant
  - But, don't know which ones a priori

Use LASSO estimation to find relevant features

$$\hat{w} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Aw\|^2 + \lambda \|w\|_1$$

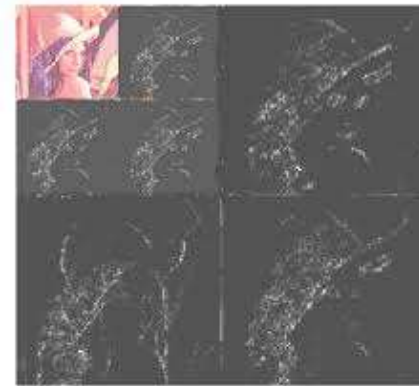
- Regularization tries to find a **sparse** weight vector
- Many coefficients can be set to zero



LASSO solutions for PSA level prediction  
Path as a function of  $\alpha = \lambda N$

# L1 Estimation in Image Recovery

- Image  $x$  is often sparse in a **transform** domain
  - $u = Tx$  is sparse
  - Many transforms: Gradient operators, wavelet, ...
  - All exploit that edges are sparse in natural images
- Use L1-regularization on transform components:
$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \lambda \|Tx\|_1$$
- Example: Total variation (TV) denoising
  - $T$  = horizontal and vertical difference in pixels



Wavelet transform  
Transform is sparse



# Compressed Sensing

## □ Revival of interest in L1 methods

- [Donoho 06], [Candes, Romberg, Tao 06]

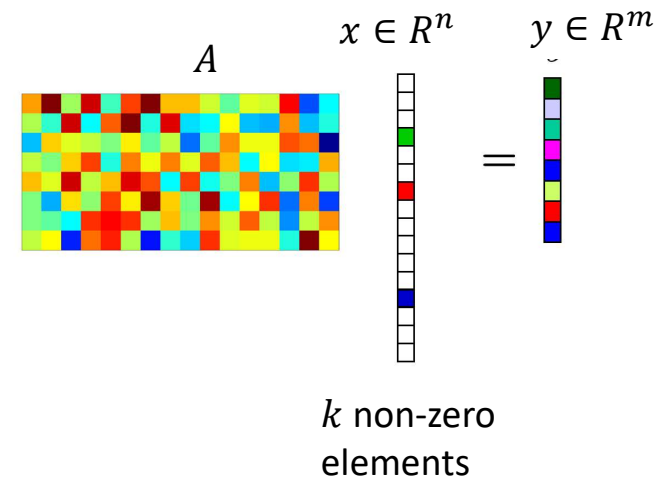
## □ Key observation:

- Suppose  $x$  is sparse (e.g.  $\|x\|_0 \leq k \ll n$ )
- Can recover  $x$  from underdetermined  $y = Ax$
- More unknowns than measurements (i.e.  $A$  is fat)

## □ Typical scaling of measurements:

$$m \geq Ck \log n$$

- Requires incoherence of matrix with vector
- Satisfied with random matrices with high probability



# Compressed Sensing and its Challenges

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## □ Significant work beginning 2006:

- Scaling laws on measurements to recover “true” sparse vector
- Fast algorithms
- Successful applications, esp. in MRI

## □ Challenges:

- Most analyses could only provide bounds. May be conservative.
- Methods were often specific to L1 recovery. Difficult to generalize to other inverse problems
- Hard to find theoretical optimal estimates
- Ex: What is the minimum MSE:  $E \|\hat{x} - x_0\|^2$  for a true vector  $x_0$  with some noise model?
- When can we achieve the optimal estimate and how?

# Approximate Message Passing

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## □ Benefits: For certain random matrices:

- Very fast convergence
- Can be precisely analyzed
- Testable conditions for optimality
- Can be extended to more complex models (parametric uncertainty, multilayer models, ...)

## □ Problems / research questions: For general problems

- Algorithm can diverge
- Requires significant tuning
- Requires precise specification of problem (partially solved)

## □ Arose out of study in compressed sensing

- But, theory may provide insights to more complex models in inference today

# AMP History

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## □ Early work in CDMA detection for wireless

- Boutros, Caire 02; Kabashima 02,03; Montanari & Tse (06), Guo & Wang (06), Tanaka & Okada (06)

## □ AMP re-discovered for compressed sensing

- Donoho, Maleki, Montanari 09; Bayati-Montanari 10

## □ Connections to the replica method in statistical physics

- Tanaka 04; Guo-Verdu 05;
- Krzakala, F., Mézard, M., Sausset, F., Sun, Y. F., & Zdeborová, L. (2012)
- Rangan, Fletcher, Goyal 09


# AMP Extensions

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- ❑ Since original paper, there have vast number of extensions
- ❑ GAMP: Generalized AMP for GLMs
- ❑ EM-(G)AMP: AMP with EM for parameter estimation
- ❑ BiGAMP: Bilinear AMP
- ❑ VAMP: Vector AMP that provides better convergence (end of this tutorial)
- ❑ ML-AMP and ML-VAMP: Multi-layer models
- ❑ Many more...

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# Proximal Operators

□ **Denoising** problem: Given measurement  $y = x + w$  estimate  $x$

□ Suppose we use a regularized estimator:

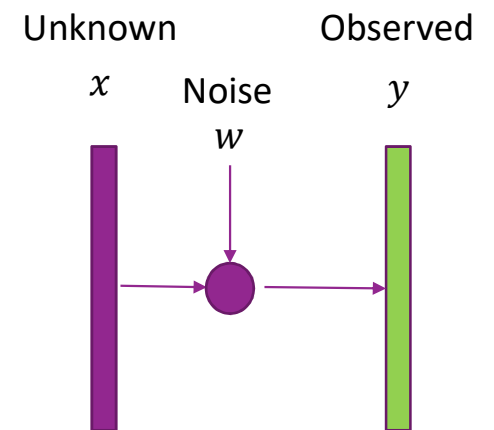
$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2\tau} \|y - x\|^2 + \phi(x)$$

□ Special case of regularized LS with  $A = I$

- We will look at adding general  $A$  matrix later

□ The solution to this denoising problem is called the **proximal operator**

$$\text{Prox}_\phi(y, \tau) := \arg \min_x \left[ \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x - y\|^2 + \phi(x) \right]$$



# Ex 1: Projections

□ Proximal operators are generalizations of projections

□ Suppose for some set  $C$ :

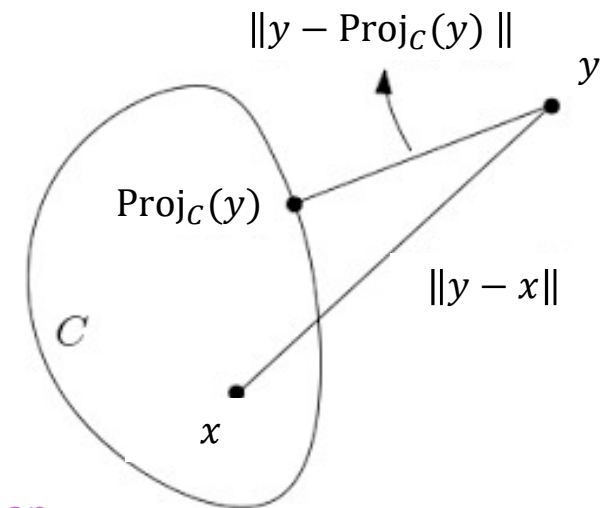
$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \in C \\ \infty & x \notin C \end{cases}$$

□ Then, proximal operator is a **projection**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prox}_{\phi}(y, \tau) &:= \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|x - y\|^2 \right] \\ &= \arg \min_{x \in C} \|x - y\|^2 = \text{Proj}_C(y) \end{aligned}$$

□ For general  $\phi(\cdot)$ , proximal operator  $\text{Prox}_{\phi}(y, \tau)$  is a **“soft” projection**

- Finds points close to  $y$  where  $\phi(x)$  is small



## Ex 2: Scalar L2 / Quadratic Penalty

□ Consider a quadratic penalty  $\phi(x) := \frac{1}{2\tau_0} (x - x_0)^2$

- Denoising is equivalent to a Gaussian prior

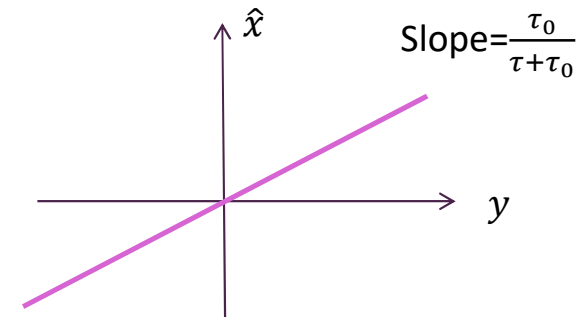
□ Then, proximal operator is a linear function:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Prox}_\phi(y, \tau) &:= \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \frac{1}{2\tau} (x - y)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau + \tau_0} [\tau x_0 + \tau_0 y]\end{aligned}$$

- Convex combination of observed  $y$  and prior  $x_0$

□ When  $x_0 = 0$ , get a shrinkage to zero:

$$\text{Prox}_\phi(y, \tau) = \frac{\tau_0}{\tau + \tau_0} y$$



# Ex 3: Scalar L1 Penalty

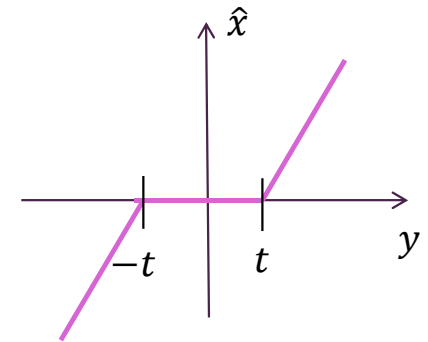
□ L1 penalty:  $\phi(x) = \lambda|x|$

- Scalar LASSO problem

□ Proximal operator is a **soft-threshold**

$$\text{Prox}_{\phi}(y, \tau) = \begin{cases} y - t & y > t \\ 0 & |y| \leq t \\ y + t & y < -t \end{cases}, \quad t = \tau\lambda$$

□ Can result in exactly zero solutions



# Ex 4: Separable Penalties

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□ Suppose  $\phi(x)$  is **separable**:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i(x_i)$$

□ Example: L1 and L2 penalties

- $\phi(x) = \|x\|_2^2 = \sum |x_i|^2$
- $\phi(x) = \|x\|_1 = \sum |x_i|$

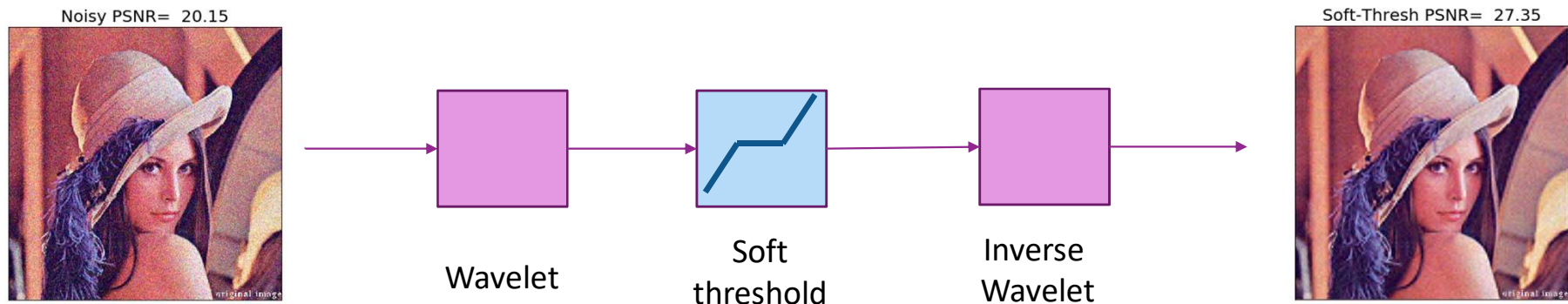
□ Then, proximal operator applies **componentwise**

$$\hat{x} = \text{Prox}_{\phi}(y, \tau) \Leftrightarrow \hat{x}_i = \text{Prox}_{\phi_i}(y_i, \tau)$$

- Apply proximal operator on each component

# Ex 5: Wavelet Image Soft-Thresholding

- Suppose penalty is applied in wavelet domain:  $\phi(x) = h(Wx)$ ,
  - $W$  = orthogonal wavelet transform
- Often use L1 penalty:  $h(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z_n \text{ is a scale coefficient} \\ \lambda|z_n| & \text{if } z_n \text{ is a detail coefficient} \end{cases}$
- Proximal operator can be applied in wavelet domain:  $\text{Prox}_\phi(y, \tau) = W^{-1}\text{Prox}_h(Wy, \tau)$ 
  - Use fact that  $W$  is orthogonal



# Regularized LS Estimation

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□ Now, return to regularized LS problem:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \phi(x)$$

- For LASSO:  $\phi(x) = \lambda \|x\|_1$

□ Challenges:

- No closed form solution when  $A \neq I$
- Objective is non-smooth
- Cannot directly apply gradient descent

□ ISTA: Iterative Soft Thresholding Algorithm

- Key idea: Break problems into sequence of proximal problems
- Based on majorization minimization (next slide)

# Majorization-Minimization

□ Suppose minimizing  $f(x)$  is hard to minimize directly

□ At each  $x_k$ , find a **majorizing function**  $Q(x, x_k)$ :

- $Q(x, x_k) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x$
- $Q(x_k, x_k) = f(x_k)$

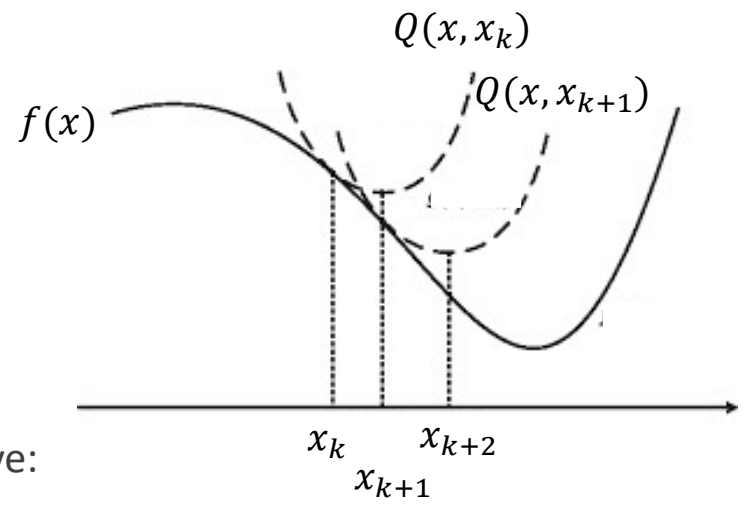
□ **Majorization-Minimization** algorithm:

Iteratively minimize the majorizing function:

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_x Q(x, x_k)$$

□ **Theorem**: MM monotonically decreases the true objective:

$$f(x_k) = Q(x_k, x_k) \geq Q(x_{k+1}, x_k) \geq f(x_{k+1})$$





# MM for Regularized LS

□ Rewrite regularized LS with two components:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x [g(x) + \phi(x)]$$

- Smooth component:  $g(x) := \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2$
- Non-smooth but separable component:  $\phi(x) = \lambda \|x\|_1$

□ Define majorizing function:

$$Q(x, x_k) := g(x_k) + \nabla g(x_k) \cdot (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|x - x_k\|^2 + \phi(x)$$

□ Easy to verify two properties:

- $Q(x_k, x_k) = g(x_k) + h(x_k) = f(x_k)$
- If  $\alpha$  is sufficiently small,  $Q(x, x_k) \geq F(x_k)$  for all  $x$

□ MM Algorithm:

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_x Q(x, x_k) = \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \nabla g(x_k) \cdot (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|x - x_k\|^2 \right]$$

# ISTA Algorithm

□ From previous slide, MM algorithm is:

$$x_{k+1} = \arg \min_x Q(x, x_k) = \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \nabla g(x_k) \cdot (x - x_k) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|x - x_k\|^2 \right]$$

□ Completing squares of MM Algorithm, we obtain two step algorithm

□ **Iterative Soft Threshold Algorithm:**

- Gradient step:  $r_k = x_k - \alpha \nabla g(x_k) = r_k - \alpha A^T (Ax_k - y)$
- Proximal step:  $x_{k+1} = \text{Prox}_\phi(r_k, \alpha)$

□ Estimation is performed by sequence of proximal operators

- For L1 / LASSO minimization, proximal operators are soft thresholds

# Simple Compressed Sensing Example

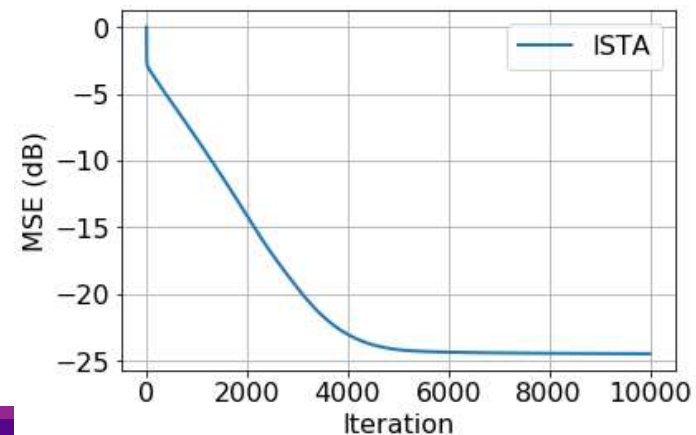
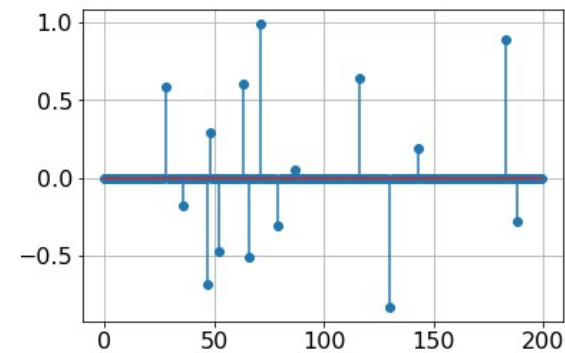
## □ Synthetic sparse signal:

- $x_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob } 1 - \rho = 0.9 \\ N(0,1) & \text{with prob } \rho = 0.1 \end{cases}$

## □ Random measurement matrix $A \in R^{100 \times 200}$

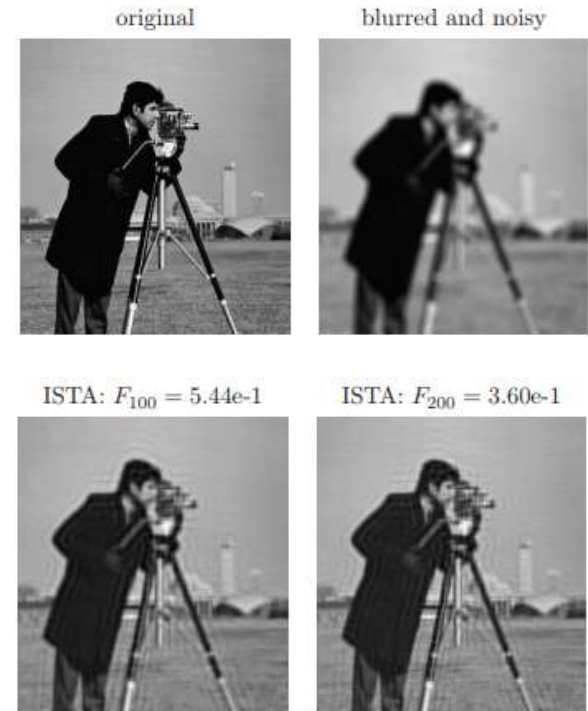
- $A_{ij} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{N}\right)$ ,  $N = 200$
- Underdetermined
- SNR = 30 dB noise

## □ Use LASSO estimate with $\lambda = 10$



# Wavelet Image Deblurring with ISTA

- Measurements:  $y = Ax + w$ 
  - $A$  = Gaussian blur
  - $w$  = Gaussian noise
- Denoiser uses 3 level Haar wavelet
- Decent results after 200 iterations



Beck, Amir, and Marc Teboulle. "A fast iterative shrinkage-thresholding algorithm for linear inverse problems." *SIAM journal on imaging sciences* 2.1 (2009): 183-202.

# ADMM

□ Proximal operators also appear in Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM)

□ Consider cost function:  $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$

□ **Variable splitting:** Equivalent constrained minimization:

$$\min_{x,y} g(x) + h(y) \quad \text{s.t. } x = y$$

□ Define augmented Lagrangian:

$$L(x, y, s) := g(x) + h(y) + \alpha s^T (x - y) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|x - y\|^2$$

□ **ADMM algorithm:**

- $\hat{x} = \arg \min_x L(x, \hat{y}, s)$
- $\hat{y} = \arg \min_y L(\hat{x}, y, s)$
- $s = s + x - y$

# ADMM with Proximal Operators

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□ Complete squares as before

□ ADMM can be rewritten with two proximal operators

- $\hat{x} = \arg \min_x L(x, \hat{y}, s) = \text{Prox}_g(\hat{y} - s; \alpha^{-1})$
- $\hat{y} = \arg \min_y L(\hat{x}, y, s) = \text{Prox}_h(\hat{x} + s; \alpha^{-1})$
- $s = s + x - y$

□ For LASSO problem:

- $g(x) := \frac{1}{2} \|b - Ax\|^2 \Rightarrow \text{Prox}_g(u; \alpha^{-1}) = (A^T A + \alpha I)^{-1} (A^T b + \alpha u)$
- $h(y) := \lambda \|y\|_1 \Rightarrow \text{Prox}_h(u; \alpha^{-1}) = T_t(u)$


# Questions

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- ❑ Proximal operator methods can guarantee convergence to a local minima
  - Appears to work in well in several key problems, esp. L1 regularized LS
  - Can be applied to non-smooth optimization
- ❑ Tremendous additional work (not covered here)
  - Rates of convergence
  - Interesting denoisers (low rank matrix recovery)
  - ...
- ❑ But, several open questions:
  - How close are the resulting solutions to the correct value?
  - What is the “optimal” estimate?
  - Can we converge faster?
  - Describe this more...

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# ISTA

□ Consider regularized LS problem:

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \phi(x) \right]$$

- For LASSO,  $\phi(x) = \lambda_1 \|x\|_1$

□ ISTA algorithm from previous section:

- $d_k = y - A\hat{x}_k$
- $r_k = \hat{x}_k + \tau A^T d_k$
- $\hat{x}_{k+1} = \text{Prox}_\phi(r_k, \tau)$

□ Can we do better?

# Approximate Message Passing

## AMP

$$d_k = y - A\hat{x}_k + \frac{N}{M}\alpha_k d_{k-1}$$

$$r_k = \hat{x}_k + A^T d_k$$

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = g_{in}(r_k, \theta^k)$$

$$\alpha_{k+1} = \langle g'_{in}(r_k, \theta^k) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{\partial g_{in}(r_k, \theta^k)}{\partial r_{ki}}$$

Note:  $A$  and  $y$  must be scaled such that:

$$\|A\|_F^2 = N$$

## ISTA

$$\begin{aligned} d_k &= y - A\hat{x}_k \\ r_k &= \hat{x}_k + \tau A^T d_k \\ \hat{x}_{k+1} &= \text{Prox}_\phi(r_k, \tau) \end{aligned}$$

## Key modifications for AMP

### ❑ Memory term in the residual update $\alpha_k d_{k-1}$

- Acts as a momentum
- Called the “Onsager term” in statistical physics
- More on this soon

### ❑ Proximal operator replaced by general estimator

- $\theta^k$  is an arbitrary parameter of the estimator

# Fixed Points

□ **Theorem:** At any fixed point of AMP with a proximal denoiser  $\hat{x} = \text{Prox}_\phi(r, \tau)$

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x [\lambda \phi(x) + g(x)], \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2, \quad \lambda = (1 - \alpha)\tau$$

□ **Proof:** For any fixed point:

- $d = y - A\hat{x} + \alpha d \Rightarrow d = \frac{y - A\hat{x}}{1 - \alpha}$
- $r = \hat{x} + A^T d = \hat{x} - \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \nabla g(\hat{x})$

□ If we use a proximal denoiser:  $\hat{x} = \text{Prox}_\phi(r, \tau)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|r - x\|^2 \right] \\ &= \arg \min_x \left[ \phi(x) + \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)\tau} \nabla g(\hat{x})^T (x - \hat{x}) + \frac{1}{2\tau} \|\hat{x} - x\|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Selecting the AMP step size

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□ AMP “solves” the regularized LS problem (when it converges):

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x \left[ \lambda \phi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 \right]$$

□ But, regularization parameter is computed **implicitly**:  $\lambda = (1 - \alpha)\theta$

□ For LASSO problem:

- Typically select threshold directly  $t = c \frac{\|d_k\|}{\sqrt{N}}$  for some constant  $c$
- Constant  $c$  is larger when sparsity is greater
- Tune  $c$  instead of  $\lambda$

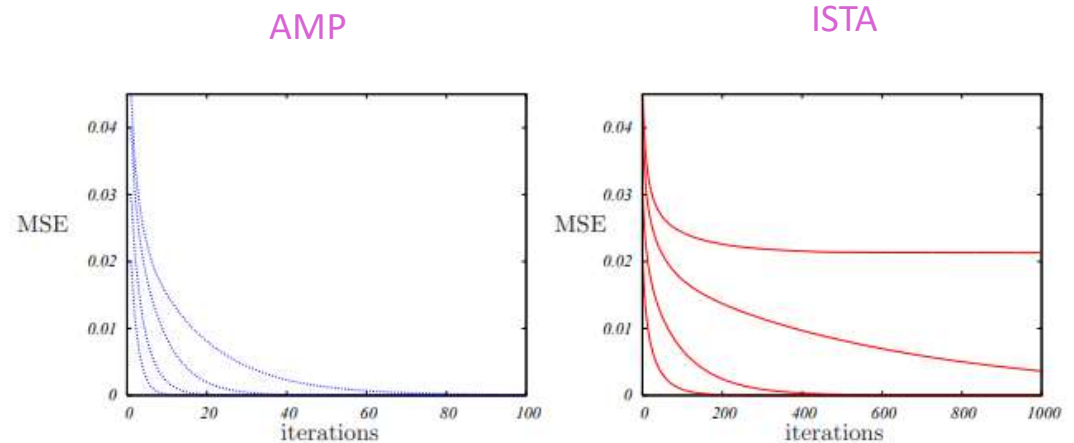
# Compressed Sensing Example

## □ Sparse random vector example

- $N = 8000, M = 1600$
- $\|x\|_0 = \{800, 1200, 1600, 1800\}$
- $A_{ij} \sim N(0, \frac{1}{M})$

## □ AMP: Much faster convergence

- Look at axes!



Montanari, "Graphical models concepts in compressed sensing." *Compressed Sensing: Theory and Applications* (2012)

# Large System Limit

- ❑ When does AMP work so well? Why?
- ❑ Analysis of AMP is generally in a **large system limit**
- ❑ Sequence of problems  $N \rightarrow \infty$  with  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{N} = \beta$
- ❑ **Assumptions:** For every  $N$ :
  - There is a true vector  $x_0$  and noise  $w$  with  $y = Ax_0 + w$
  - Random matrix:  $A \in R^{M \times N}$ ,  $A_{ij} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{M}\right)$
  - Estimator  $g(r, \tau)$  is Lipschitz in  $r$  and acts componentwise:  $g(r, \tau)_i = g(r_i, \tau)$
  - Vectors  $x_0$ ,  $\hat{x}_j^0$  and  $w$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $A$ :  $x_{0j} \sim X_0$ ,  $w_i \sim W$ ,  $\hat{x}_j^0 \sim \hat{X}^0$
- ❑ Note that due to normalization:  $\|A\|_F^2 \approx N$

# Scalar MSE Function

□ Want to predict the **asymptotic MSE** in each iteration:

$$\eta^k := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \|\hat{x}^k - x_0\|^2$$

□ Define the **scalar MSE function**:

$$MSE(\nu, \theta) := E|g(X_0 + N(0, \nu), \theta) - X_0|^2,$$

- Average error on a **single component** of the estimate  $\hat{X} = g(R, \theta)$  with  $R = X_0 + N(0, \nu)$
- Estimation error under Gaussian noise

□ Can be computed via scalar integrals  $\Rightarrow$  Easy!

□ We will show:  $\eta^k = MSE(\nu^k, \theta^k)$  where  $\nu^k$  can be computed recursively

# Ex 1: MSE Function for an L2 Penalty

- Suppose that estimator is linear:  $g(r, \theta) = \theta r$ 
  - Proximal estimator corresponding to a L2 / quadratic penalty

- Then MSE is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\nu, \theta) &= E|g(X_0 + N(0, \nu), \theta) - X_0|^2 \\ &= E|\theta(X_0 + V) - X_0|^2 = (1 - \theta)^2 E|X_0|^2 + \theta^2 \nu \end{aligned}$$

- If  $E|X_0|^2$  and  $\nu$  were known, we could optimize  $\theta$ :

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{E|X_0|^2}{E|X_0|^2 + \nu}, \quad \min_{\theta} \text{MSE}(\nu, \theta) = \frac{\nu E|X_0|^2}{E|X_0|^2 + \nu}$$

- Called the **linear minimum MSE estimator (LMMSE)** in signal processing

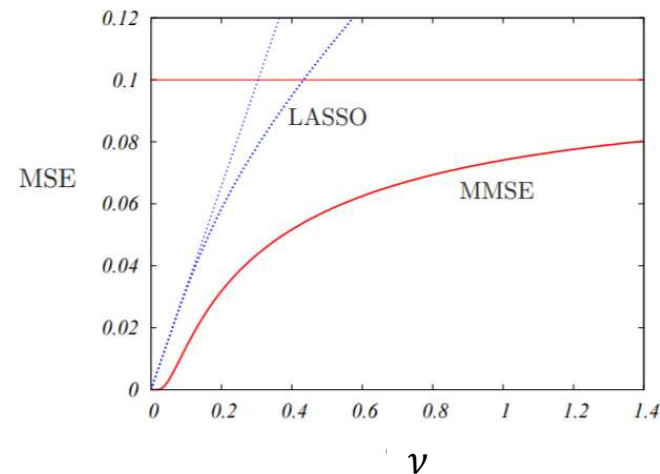


## Ex 2: MSE Function for an L1 Penalty

□ Suppose true signal is 3-point sparse  $P(X_0 = x) = \begin{cases} \rho/2 & x = 1 \\ 1 - \rho & x = 0 \\ \rho/2 & x = -1 \end{cases} \quad \rho = 0.1$

□ Two estimators:

- LASSO with optimized  $\lambda$
- MMSE:  $\hat{X} = E(X_0 | R = X_0 + N(0, \nu))$



Montanari, "Graphical models concepts in compressed sensing." *Compressed Sensing: Theory and Applications* (2012)

# State Evolution

□ **Theorem:** In the large system limit, the asymptotic MSE evolves as:

$$\eta^{k+1} = \text{MSE} \left( \frac{N}{M} \eta^k + E|W|^2, \theta^k \right), \quad \eta^0 = E|\hat{X}^0 - X_0|^2$$

□ In the LSL, MSE can be exactly predicted!

□ Result is very general:

- All i.i.d. densities on the true signal  $x_0$
- Separable Lipschitz estimators  $\hat{x}^k = g(r^k, \theta^k)$  with any parameters  $\theta^k$
- Can account for estimators of non-convex functions

# State Evolution Example 1

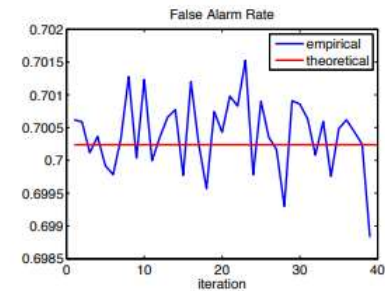
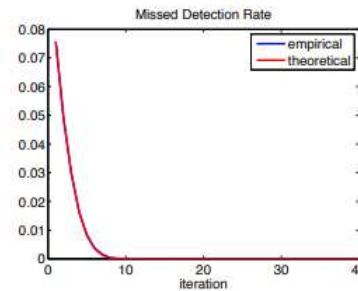
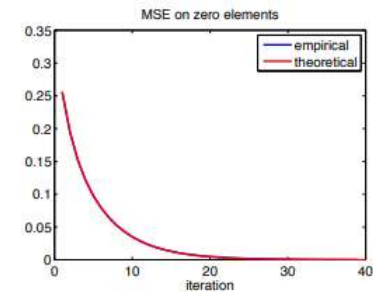
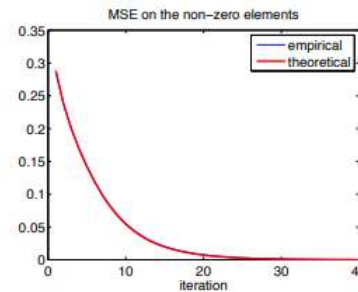
Can predict the MSE per component exactly!

Can also predict various statistics

- eg. Missed detection, false alarm rate
- Will show how to do this later

Simulation parameters:

- $x_{0j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Prob} = \rho \\ 0 & \text{Prob} = 1 - \rho \end{cases}, \rho = 0.045$
- $N = 5000, \frac{M}{N} = 0.3$
- No noise



Donoho, Maleki, Montanari. "Message passing algorithms for compressed sensing: I. motivation and construction." *ITW 2010*

# State Evolution Example 2

## Comparison of predicted limit of SE

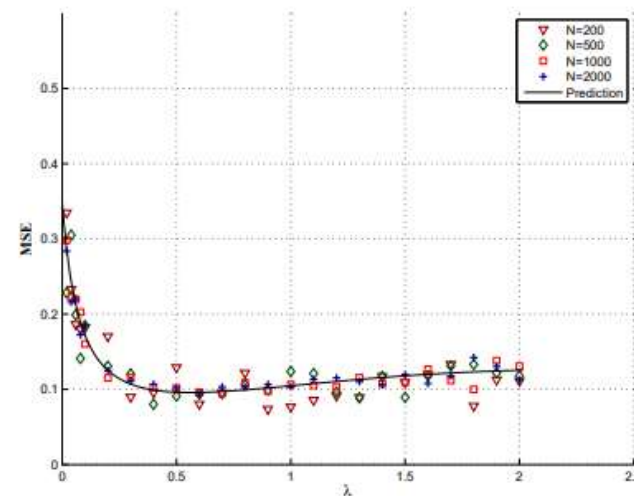
- Predicted =  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \eta^k$
- Simulated = measured MSE

## We obtain close to an exact match

- Match improves as  $N$  increases

## Simulation parameters

- $x$  iid three point density
- $N$  varies,  $\frac{M}{N} = 0.64$



# Error Vectors

□ Proof of the SE requires that we track certain error quantities

□ AMP algorithm:

- $d_k = y - A\hat{x}_k + \frac{N}{M}\alpha_k d_{k-1}$
- $r_k = \hat{x}_k + A^T d_k$
- $\hat{x}_{k+1} = g_{in}(r_k, \theta^k), \alpha_{k+1} = \langle g'_{in}(r_k, \theta^k) \rangle$

□ Define the error vectors:

- $u^k = \hat{x}^k - x_0$ : Error after estimator
- $q^k = r^k - x_0$ : Error before estimator
- $v^k = d^k$ : Output error with noise
- $p^k = d^k - w = A(\hat{x}^k - x_0) - \alpha^k d^{k-1}$ : Output prediction without noise

□ Scalar error functions:

- Output:  $G_p(p, w, \tau) := w - p$
- Input:  $G_q(q, w, \tau) := g(q + x_0, \tau) - x_0$

# Error System

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□ Simple algebra shows that error vectors evolve as the general recursion:

- $p^k = Au^k - \lambda_u^k v^{k-1}$
- $v^k = G_p(p^k, w_p, \theta_p^k), \lambda_v^k = \langle G'_p(p^k, w_p, \theta_p^k) \rangle$
- $q^k = A^T v^k - \lambda_v^k u^k$
- $u^{k+1} = G_q(q^k, w_q, \theta_q^k), \lambda_u^k = \langle G'_q(q^k, w_q, \theta_q^k) \rangle$

□ Simple structure: Each iteration involves:

- Multiplication by  $A$  and  $A^T$
- Componentwise nonlinearities

# Main Result: Scalar Equivalence

## Error system:

- $p^k = Au^k - \lambda_u^k v^{k-1},$
- $v^k = G_p(p^k, w_p, \theta_p^k), \lambda_v^k = \langle G'_p(p^k, w_p, \theta_p^k) \rangle$
- $q^k = A^T v^k - \lambda_v^k u^k,$
- $u^{k+1} = G_q(q^k, w_q, \theta_q^k), \lambda_u^k = \langle G'_q(q^k, w_q, \theta_q^k) \rangle$

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## Scalar system

- $P^k \sim N(0, \tau_p^k), \tau_p^k = \frac{N}{M} E|U^k|^2$
- $V^k = G_p(P^k, W_p, \theta_p^k)$
- $Q^k \sim N(0, \tau_q^k), \tau_q^k = E|V^k|^2$
- $U^{k+1} = G_q(Q^k, W_q, \theta_q^k)$

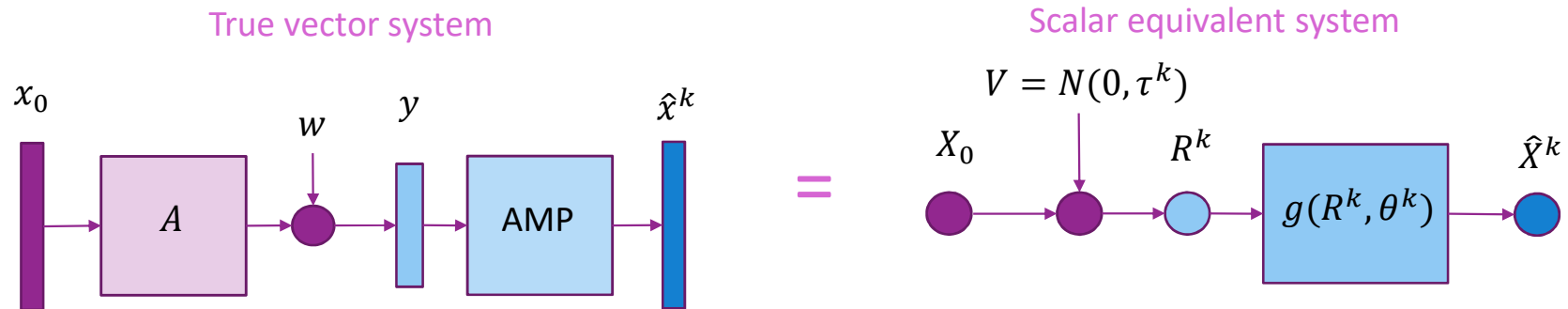
□ **Theorem** [Bayati-Montanari 2010]: In the large system limit:

- Distribution of components error system vectors = distribution of scalar random variables

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p^k = P^k, \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} q^k = Q^k, \dots$$

- Formal definition of convergence given below
- Shows errors are Gaussian
- AMP SE follows as special case

# Scalar Equivalent Model



- ❑ Each component of the vector system behaves like a simple scalar model
- ❑ Equivalent to estimating component in Gaussian noise
- ❑ Level of Gaussian noise accounts for “interference” between components from  $A$
- ❑ Also called a **decoupling principle** or **single letter model**



# Convergence Formalities

□ In what sense do vectors “converge empirically” in Bayati-Monananari result?

□ Consider a sequence of vectors  $x = x(N) \in R^N$

- Dimension of vector grows with  $N$ . Vector can be deterministic

□ **Definition:** A function  $\phi \in PL(k)$  if:

$$\|\phi(x) - \phi(y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|[1 + \|x - y\|^{k-1}]$$

- For  $k = 1$ , this is the standard Lipschitz continuity

□ **Definition:** Sequence  $x = x(N)$  converges empirically  $PL(k)$  to a scalar  $X$  if:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \phi(x_n) = E(\phi(X)) < \infty \text{ for all } \phi \in PL(k)$$

- Satisfied for  $x_n \sim X$  i.i.d. if  $E|X|^k < \infty$

# Metrics

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□ Scalar equivalent model can be used to measure any **separable** metric

□ Ex: MSE. Take  $\phi(x_0, \hat{x}^k) := |\hat{x}^k - x_0|^2$ . Then,

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \|x_0 - \hat{x}^k\|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \phi(x_{0j}, \hat{x}_j^k) = E\phi(X_0, \hat{X}^k) = |\hat{X}^k - X_0|^2$$

□ Can also other separable metrics:

- False alarm, missed detection
- Error thresholds ...

# Proof of SE: First Half Iteration

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□ For  $k = 0$ :  $p^0 = Au^0$

$$p_i^0 = \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} u_j^0$$

□ Since  $A$  is i.i.d.  $A_{ij} = N(0, \frac{1}{M})$ , and  $u_j^0$  are i.i.d. independent of one another:

$$p_i^0 \rightarrow N\left(0, \frac{N}{M} E|U^0|^2\right)$$

□ Components are Gaussian

□ But, this argument doesn't work for  $k > 0$

- $A_{ij}$  becomes dependent on  $u_j^k$

# Intuition for $k > 0$ . Part I

□ Now consider subsequent iteration:

$$q_j^k = \sum_{i=1}^M A_{ij} G_q(p_i^k, w_{pi}) - \lambda_u^k u_j^k, \quad p_i^k = \sum A_{i\ell} u_\ell^k$$

□ Problems for analysis:

- Variables are no longer independent

□ Idea: Remove dependence between  $A_{ij}$  and  $A_{ij}u_j^k$

□ Define  $p_{i\setminus j}^k = p_i^k - A_{ij}u_j^k = \sum_{\ell \neq j} A_{i\ell} u_\ell^k$

□ Then:

$$q_j^k \approx \sum_{i=1}^M \left[ A_{ij} G_q(p_{i\setminus j}^k, w_{pi}) + A_{ij}^2 u_j^k G_q'(p_{i\setminus j}^k, w_{pi}) \right] - \lambda_u^k u_j^k$$

# Intuition for $k > 0$ . Part 2

□ From before:  $q_j^k \approx \sum_{i=1}^M \left[ A_{ij} G_p(p_{i \setminus j}^k, w_{pi}) + A_{ij}^2 u_j^k G'_p(p_{i \setminus j}, w_{pi}) \right] - \lambda_u^k u_j^k$

□ Now assume  $A_{ij}$  is independent of  $p_{i \setminus j}^k$

- We have subtracted the term  $A_{ij} u_j^k$

□ Since  $A_{ij} = N(0, \frac{1}{M})$ :

$$\sum_i A_{ij}^2 G'_p(p_{i \setminus j}, w_{pi}) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_i G'_q(p_{i \setminus j}, w_{pi}) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_i G'_q(p_i, w_{pi}) = \lambda_u^k$$

□ Also, by CLT:  $\sum_i A_{ij} G_q(p_{i \setminus j}^k, w_{pi}) \approx N(0, \tau_q^k)$

$$\tau_p^k = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i G_p^2(p_{i \setminus j}, w_{pi}) \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_i G_p^2(p_i^k, w_{pi}) = E G_p^2(P^k, W_p)$$

# Bolthausen Conditioning 1

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□ How do we make above argument rigorous?

□ Key idea of Bayati-Montanari 10

◦ Credited to Erwin Bolthausen 14

□ Consider conditional distribution of  $A$  after  $k$  iterations

□ After  $k$  iterations, we know:

$$p^j = Au^j - \lambda_u^j v^{j-1}, \quad q^j = A^T v^j - \lambda_u^j u^j, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, k$$

□ Each iteration reveals actions on vectors  $u^k$  and  $v^k$

# Bolthausen Conditioning 2

□ Want the conditional distribution of  $A$  subject to linear constraints

- $X = AU$ ,  $U = [u^0 \ u^1 \ \dots \ u^k]$ ,  $X = [p^0, p^1 + \lambda_v^0 u^0, \dots, p^k + \lambda_v^{k-1} u^{k-1}]$
- $Y = A^T V$ ,  $V = [v^0 \ v^1 \ \dots \ v^k]$ ,  $Y = [q^0, q^1 + \lambda_u^0 v^0, \dots, q^{k-1} + \lambda_u^{k-2} v^{k-2}]$

□ This is just conditional distribution of a Gaussian subject to linear constraints

□ Can show, conditional distribution is:

$$A = E + P_V^\perp \tilde{A} P_U^\perp$$

- $E$  is a deterministic matrix with from  $U, X, V, Y$
- $P_U^\perp, P_V^\perp$  are projection operators
- $\tilde{A}$  is independent of  $U, X, V, Y$


# Bolthausen Conditioning 3

- We have  $A = E + P_V^\perp \tilde{A} P_U^\perp$
- Consider action:  $A v^k = E v^k + P_V^\perp \tilde{A} P_U^\perp v^k$
- Second term:  $P_V^\perp \tilde{A} P_U^\perp v^k \approx \tilde{A} v^k = \text{i.i.d. Gaussian}$ 
  - Uses independence of  $\tilde{A}$
  - Projections remove only  $k$  of  $N$  components. So, their effect is small as  $N \rightarrow \infty$
- First term:  $E v^k$ 
  - Can write in terms of inner products  $\langle p^j, v^k \rangle = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i p_i^j v_i^k = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i p_i^j G_p(p_i^j, w_{pi})$
  - Induction hypothesis:  $\langle p^j, v^k \rangle = E \left( P^j G_p(P^k, W_p) \right)$
  - By Gaussianity and Stein's Lemma:  $\langle p^j, v^k \rangle = E \left( G_p'(P^k, W_p) \right) E(P^j P^k)$
  - With lots of algebra, this shows:  $E v^k \approx \lambda_u^k u^{k-1}$



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# Optimizing the MSE

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□ SE shows:  $\eta^{k+1} = \text{MSE} \left( \frac{N}{M} \eta^k + E|W|^2, \theta^k \right)$

□ MSE function depends on the estimator:

$$\text{MSE}(\nu, \theta) := E|g(X_0 + N(0, \nu), \theta) - X_0|^2$$

□ Suppose that distribution on  $X_0$  is known

- Equivalent to known the statistics on the unknown vector exactly

□ Idea: Select  $g(\cdot)$  to minimize the MSE.

□ Optimal estimator is:  $g(r) = E(X_0 | R = r, R = X_0 + N(0, \nu))$

□ Minimum MSE is:

$$\text{MSE}^*(\nu) := \text{Var}(X_0 | X_0 + N(0, \nu))$$

# Implementing the MMSE Estimator

□ Implementation is possible if:

- $x_0$  is well-modeled as i.i.d. and
- Distribution of components  $x_{0j} \sim X_0$  is known

□ MMSE estimator can often be analytically for many densities

- Ex:  $X_0$  is a Gaussian-Mixture Model (GMM):

$$p(X_0|Z = i) = N(\mu_i, \tau_i), \quad P(Z = i) = q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, L$$

- Then

$$g(r) = E(X_0|R = X_0 + N(0, \nu)) = \sum_i E(X_0|R, Z = i)P(Z = i|R)$$

□ General densities can be done with numerical integration

- Or some approximation

# Optimality

- With MMSE estimator, SE is:  $\eta^{k+1} = MSE^* \left( \frac{N}{M} \eta^k + E|W|^2 \right)$
- Can show this converges to a fixed point:  $\eta = MSE^* \left( \frac{N}{M} \eta + E|W|^2 \right)$
- Optimal MMSE for the original vector problem:  $\eta_{opt} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \|x_0 - E(x_0|y)\|^2$
- **Theorem:** In the Large System Limit, the true optimal MMSE satisfies:
$$\eta_{opt} = MSE^* \left( \frac{N}{M} \eta_{opt} + E|W|^2 \right)$$
  - Conjectured originally by the replica method in statistical physics [Guo-Verdu 05]
  - Proven rigorously by [Reeves, Pfister 16], [Barbier, Dia, Macris, Krzakala 16]
- **Conclusion:** If the fixed point is unique, MMSE-AMP is optimal!


# Story So Far

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- ❑ AMP is computationally simple:
  - Multiplication by  $A$  and  $A^T$  and scalar estimators
- ❑ Applies to general class of problem: Any i.i.d. prior
- ❑ For large i.i.d. Gaussian matrix  $A$ :
  - Can be exactly analyzed via state evolution
  - Gives optimal performance when SE equations have unique fixed point
  - Holds true even in non-convex multi-modal problems
  
- ❑ Up soon: What happens outside the i.i.d. Gaussian matrix  $A$  case?

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# Belief Propagation and AMP



- ❑ AMP was originally “derived” as an approximation to Belief Propagation
- ❑ But, BP proof techniques do not generally apply to AMP problems
- ❑ So we use BP to derive algorithms
  - Use other methods to analyze them
- ❑ Here, we present BP to derive a generalization of AMP called GAMP

# Estimation in High Dimensions

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- ❑ Belief propagation is for problems in **high dimensions**
- ❑ Consider random vector  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$  with posterior density  $p(y|x)$  and
- ❑ Want to estimate  $x$  from  $y$ :
  - ML:  $\hat{x} = \arg \max_x p(y|x)$
  - MAP:  $\hat{x} = \arg \max_x p(x|y)$
  - Posterior mean / MMSE:  $\hat{x} = E(x|y)$
- ❑ **Curse of Dimensionality**: Estimate complexity grows exponentially in  $N$ 
  - Brute force summation / maximization are not possible at moderate  $N$
  - Need approximate methods or some other structure
- ❑ Explain a little more



# Belief Propagation: Divide and Conquer

- ❑ AMP methods are based on belief propagation (next section)
- ❑ **Key idea** in BP: Many densities have a **factorizable** structure
- ❑ Posterior density  $p(x|y)$  on vector  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$  can be written as:

$$p(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} \exp[-H(x, y)], \quad H(x, y) = \sum_i f_i(x, y)$$

- $H(x, y)$  is called the **energy function**
- Each **factor**  $f_i(x, y)$  assumed to depend only small number of components of  $x$  and  $y$
- ❑ **Belief propagation**: Reduces estimation problem on  $x$  onto sub-problems of each factor
  - If factors have small numbers of components, estimation is tractable
  - May be approximate...

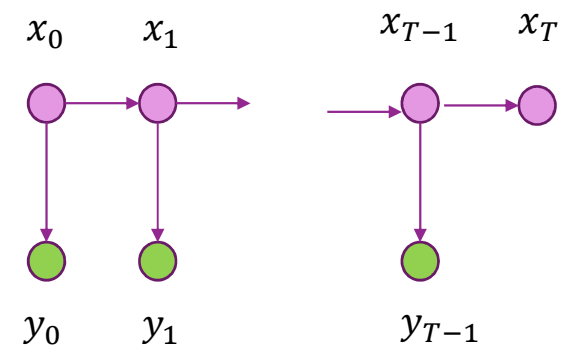
# Ex 1: Estimation in a Hidden Markov Chain

- Markov chain:  $x = (x_0, \dots, x_T), x_t \in R^d$
- Observations  $y = (y_0, \dots, y_{T-1})$
- **Problem:** Estimate sequence  $x$  from  $y$ 
  - Applications: Dynamical systems, control, time series, ...

- By Markov property:

$$\ln p(x, y) = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \ln p(x_{t+1}|x_t) + \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \ln p(y_t|x_t)$$

- Energy function  $H(x, y) = -\ln p(x, y)$  factorizes:
  - Total dimension of  $x = d(T + 1)$
  - $T$  factors of dimension  $2d$  and  $T$  factors of dimension  $d$



## Ex 2: TV Image Denoising

□ Image denoising: Estimate image  $x = (x_{ij})$  from noisy version  $y = x + w$

□ TV denoising: Minimize prediction + gradients

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x H(x, y), \quad H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - x\|^2 + \lambda \|G_1 x\|_1 + \lambda \|G_2 x\|_1$$

□ Cost function is factorizable:

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} |y_{ij} - x_{ij}|^2 + \lambda \sum_{ij} |x_{i+1,j} - x_{ij}|^2 + \lambda \sum_{ij} |x_{i,j+1} - x_{ij}|^2$$

- Unknown  $x$  is typically high-dimensional (e.g.  $512 \times 512 = 2^{18}$  components)
- But, each factor involves only 1 or 2 pixels
- Differences between neighboring pixels
- Differences with true pixel value  $x_{ij}$  and observed  $y_{ij}$

# Factor Graphs

□ Assume  $x \in R^N, y \in R^L$

□ Assume energy function factorizes:

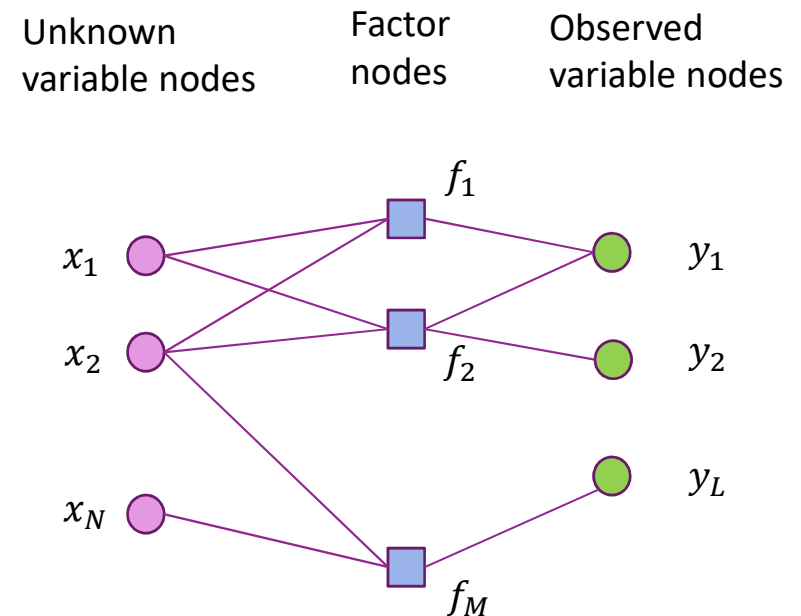
$$H(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^M f_i(x_{a(i)}, y_{b(i)})$$

- Factors  $f_i(\cdot), i = 1, \dots, M$
- $a(i) \subset \{1, \dots, N\}, b(i) \subset \{1, \dots, L\}$  components in factor  $i$

□ **Factor graph:**

- Graphical representation of dependencies
- Undirected, bipartite graph
- Edge  $(i, j)$  in graph  $\Leftrightarrow j \in a(i), (i, \ell)$  in graph  $\Leftrightarrow \ell \in b(i)$
- Let  $d(j)$  = neighbors of  $x_j$

□ Note: Add example on next slide



# Max-Sum and Sum-Product BP

- Consider factorizable posterior density:

$$p(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} \exp[-H(x)], \quad H(x) = \sum_{i=1}^M f_i(x_{a(i)}), \quad \psi_i(x_{a(i)}) := e^{-f_i(x_{a(i)})}$$

- Suppressed dependence on observed variables  $y$

- Two variants of BP, depending on problem

- Sum-product:** Estimates posterior marginals  $p(x_j|y)$

- Can compute posterior mean / MMSE estimate  $E(x|y)$  from the marginals

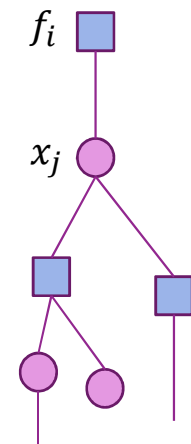
- Max-sum:** MAP estimation  $\hat{x} = \arg \max_x p(x|y) = \arg \min_x H(x)$

- Can also be viewed as function minimization with no probabilistic interpretation

- Will focus on sum-product

# Acyclic Factor Graphs

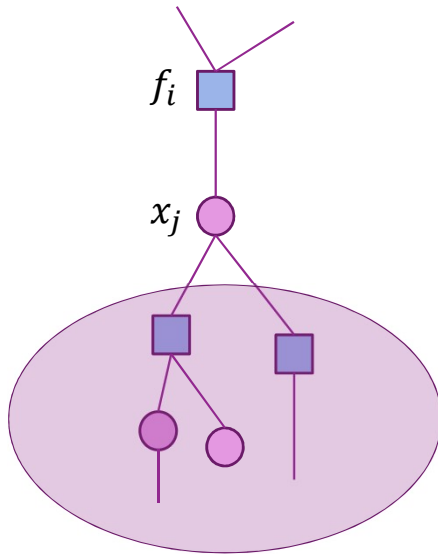
- ❑ Suppose factor graph is acyclic (i.e. no loops) and connected
- ❑ Acyclic, connected graph can be written as a **tree**.
  - Can select any node as root.
- ❑ Belief propagation on a tree: Max-sum and sum-product are exact!
- ❑ Based on **message passing**
  - Messages from variables to factor nodes
  - Messages from factor to variable nodes
  - Each message is a partial MAP or density estimate
- ❑ Will illustrate for sum-product



# Sum-Product Messages on the Factor Graph

Variable  $x_j$  to factor  $f_i$ :

$$b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in T_{i \leftarrow j}} \psi_k(x_{a(k)})$$

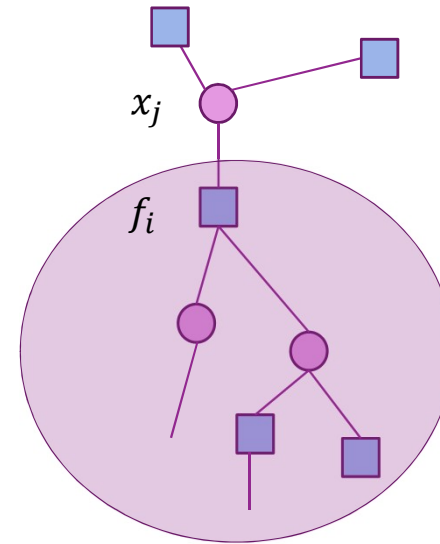


$T_{i \leftarrow j}$  Subtree:

Nodes connected to  $x_j$  w/o going via  $f_i$

Factor  $f_i$  to variable  $x_j$ :

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# Recursive Formula for Sum-Product

□ Easy to verify properties on a tree:

- For any leaf node:  $b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) = 1$  and  $b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) = \psi_i(x_j)$
- For all messages from variable nodes:

$$b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in d(j) \setminus i} b_{k \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$

- For all messages from factor nodes:

$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto \sum_{x_k, k \in a(i) \setminus j} \psi_i(x_{a(i)}) \prod_{k \in a(i) \setminus j} b_{i \leftarrow k}(x_k)$$

- Final posterior marginal can be computed from:

$$b(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in d(j)} b_{k \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$



# BP on a Tree

□ Recursive equations enables simple algorithm for exact inference

□ Select any root node and form a tree

- For all leaf nodes, set messages:  $b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) = 1$  and  $b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) = \psi_i(x_j)$

□ Compute messages recursively from leaf nodes to root:

$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto \sum_{x_k, k \in a(i) \setminus j} \psi_i(x_{a(i)}) \prod_{k \in a(i) \setminus j} b_{i \leftarrow k}(x_k), \quad b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in d(j) \setminus i} b_{k \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$

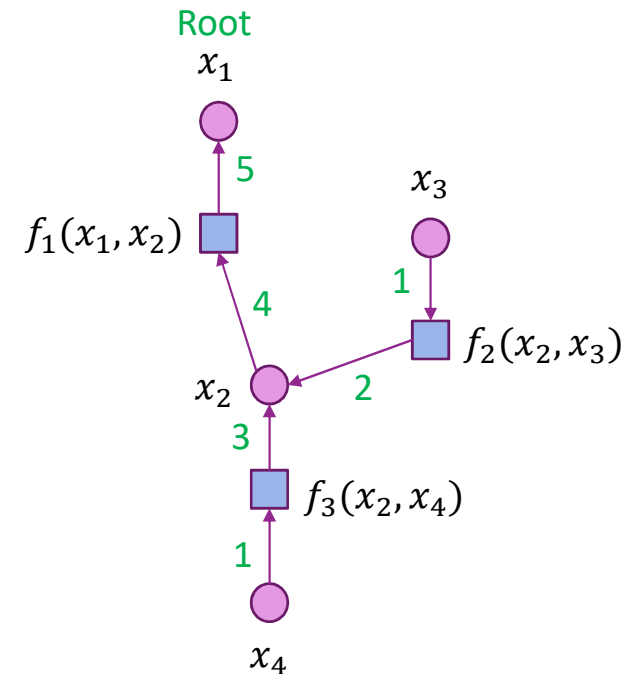
□ Then, compute messages from root back to leaves

□ Compute final estimates

$$b(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in d(j)} b_{k \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$

# Example: Messages to Root Node

- Pick root node  $x_1$  (you can pick any node)
- Recursively compute message to root:
  1. Initialize  $\mu_{3 \leftarrow 4}(x_4) = 0, \mu_{2 \leftarrow 3}(x_3) = 0$
  2. Compute  $\mu_{2 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$  from  $\mu_{2 \leftarrow 3}(x_3)$  and  $f_2(x_2, x_3)$
  3. Compute  $\mu_{3 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$  from  $\mu_{3 \leftarrow 4}(x_4)$  and  $f_3(x_2, x_4)$
  4. Compute  $\mu_{1 \leftarrow 2}(x_2) = \mu_{2 \rightarrow 2}(x_2) + \mu_{3 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$
  5. Compute  $\mu_{1 \rightarrow 1}(x_1)$  from  $\mu_{1 \leftarrow 2}(x_2)$  and  $f_1(x_1, x_2)$



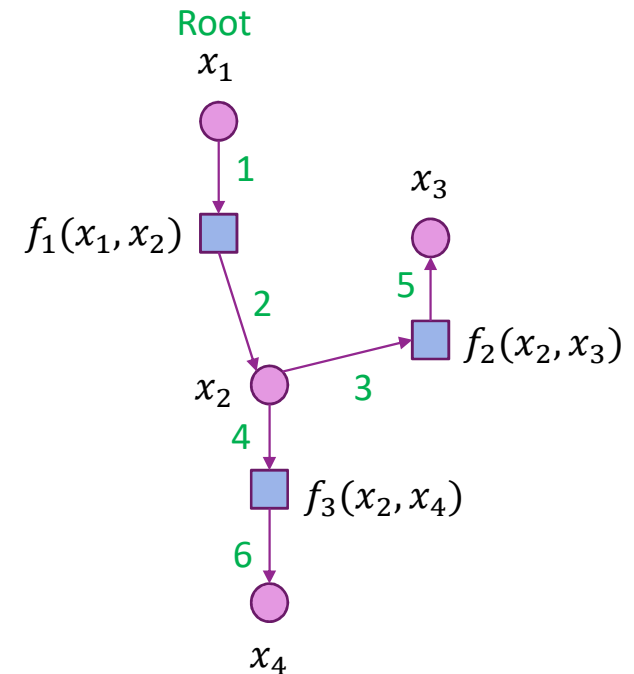
# Example: Messages to Leaf Nodes

## □ Recursively compute messages to leaf nodes:

1. Initialize  $\mu_{1 \leftarrow 1}(x_1) = 0$ ,
2. Compute  $\mu_{1 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$  from  $\mu_{1 \leftarrow 1}(x_1)$  and  $f_1(x_1, x_2)$
3. Compute  $\mu_{2 \leftarrow 2}(x_2) = \mu_{1 \rightarrow 2}(x_2) + \mu_{3 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$
4. Compute  $\mu_{3 \leftarrow 2}(x_2) = \mu_{1 \rightarrow 2}(x_2) + \mu_{2 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$
5. Compute  $\mu_{2 \rightarrow 3}(x_3)$  from  $\mu_{2 \leftarrow 2}(x_2)$  and  $f_2(x_2, x_3)$
6. Compute  $\mu_{3 \rightarrow 4}(x_4)$  from  $\mu_{3 \leftarrow 2}(x_2)$  and  $f_3(x_2, x_4)$

## □ Compute estimates:

- $\hat{x}_1 = \arg \min_{x_1} \mu_{1 \rightarrow 1}(x_1)$
- $\hat{x}_2 = \arg \min \mu_{1 \rightarrow 2}(x_2) + \mu_{2 \rightarrow 2}(x_2) + \mu_{3 \rightarrow 2}(x_2)$
- $\hat{x}_3 = \arg \min \mu_{2 \rightarrow 3}(x_3)$
- $\hat{x}_4 = \arg \min \mu_{3 \rightarrow 4}(x_4)$



# Graphs with Loops

- ❑ **Problem:** In many problems, graph has loops
  - Ex: For TV denoising, graph is a lattice structure
- ❑ **Loopy belief propagation:** Approximate solution
  - Apply same recursions as BP with trees for messages

- ❑ **Typically iterations:**

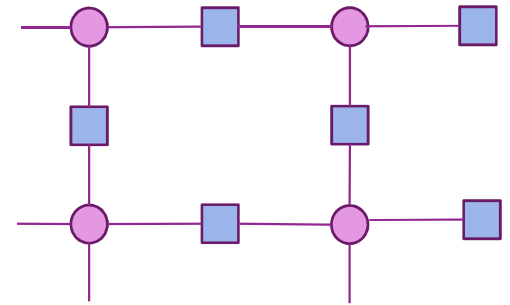
1. Initialize  $b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) = 1$
2. Factor node update:

$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto \sum_{x_k, k \in a(i) \setminus j} \psi_i(x_{a(i)}) \prod_{k \in a(i) \setminus j} b_{i \leftarrow k}(x_k)$$

3. Variable node update:

$$b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) \propto \prod_{k \in d(j) \setminus i} b_{k \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$

4. Repeat Step 2 and 3 until convergence



# Loopy Belief Propagation Issues

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## ❑ Potential shortcomings:

- Loopy BP may diverge
- When it converges, no guarantee that estimate is correct

## ❑ Considerable work to find convergence guarantees / approximation bounds


- Locally tree like conditions
- Dobrushin condition (weak coupling)

## ❑ AMP will be derived from loopy BP

- But, we prove its convergence via state evolution

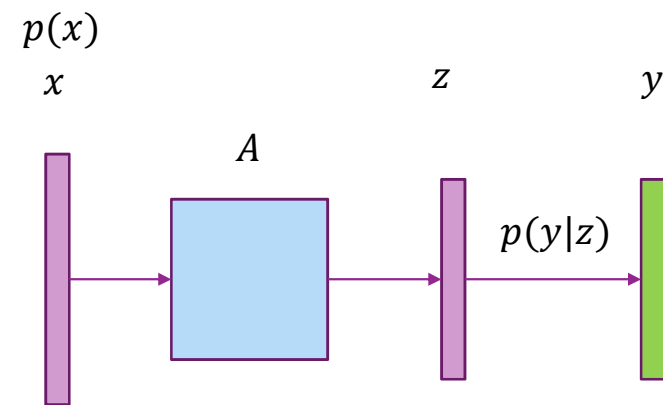
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# GLM Estimation

- ❑ Will look at AMP in a more general setting
- ❑ Bayesian **Generalized linear model (GLM)**:
  - IID prior  $p(x) = \prod_j p(x_j)$
  - Linear transform:  $z = Ax$
  - Componentwise likelihood:  $p(y|z) = \prod_i p(y_i|z_i)$
- ❑ **Problem**: Estimate  $x$  and  $z$  from  $A$  and  $y$
- ❑ Linear inverse problem is a special case:  
 $y = z + w, \quad w \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$
- ❑ But, GLM can incorporate:
  - Nonlinearities in outputs
  - Outputs can be discrete
  - Non-Gaussian noise



# Factor Graph for a GLM

□ Posterior density factors as:

$$p(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} \prod_j p(x_j) \prod_i p(y_i|z_i),$$

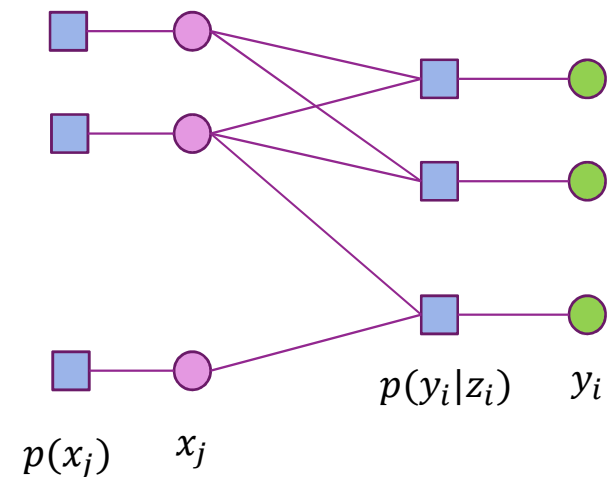
$$z_i = A_i^T x = \sum_j A_{ij} x_j$$

□ Problem applying BP directly:

- Factor graph has loops
- Graph is dense if  $A$  is dense
- Messages must be over variables  $x_j$

□ Can we still get approximate inference using BP?

- Will it converge?
- Can it be optimal?





# Sum-Product BP for GLM

- Consider sum-product (Loopy) BP for the GLM problem
- With slight rearrangement, updates can be written in two stages

- Output node updates:**

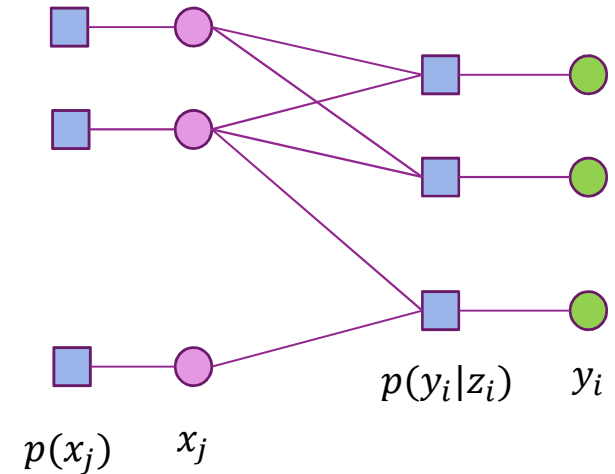
$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto E\{p(y_i|z_i)|x_j, x_k \sim b_{i \leftarrow k}(x_k)\}, \quad z_i = \sum_j A_{ij}x_j$$

- Message from factors  $p(y_i|z_i)$  to variables  $x_j$

- Input node updates:**

$$b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) \propto p(x_j) \prod_i b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j)$$

- Message from variables  $x_j$  to factors  $p(y_i|z_i)$



# GAMP Approximations

- Assume that each  $A_{ij}$  is relatively small

$$\frac{|A_{ij}|^2}{\sum_k |A_{ik}|^2} = o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right), \quad \frac{|A_{ij}|^2}{\sum_k |A_{kj}|^2} = o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

- Applies to dense matrices where all components are roughly same value
- Under this assumption:
  - Apply a Central Limit Theorem approximation in the output update
  - A second order approximation of the messages in the input update
- The approximation is heuristic
  - No rigorous bound for discrepancy between full BP and AMP
  - Full BP is approximate anyway (since graph has loops)
- Used as motivation for the algorithm
- Can analyze rigorously via state evolution

# Output Node Approximation

## □ Output update

$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto E\{p(y_i|z_i)|x_j, x_k \sim b_{i \leftarrow k}(x_k)\}, \quad z_i = \sum_j A_{ij}x_j$$

## □ Define mean and variance of each incoming msg: $\hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j} = E(x_j|b_{i \leftarrow j})$ , $\tau_{i \leftarrow j}^x := \text{var}(x_j|b_{i \leftarrow j})$

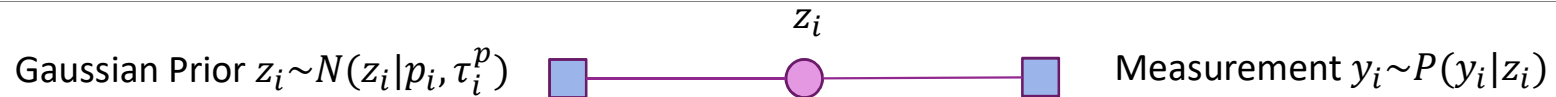
## □ Apply Central Limit Theorem: Since incoming messages are independent:

$$b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \approx \frac{1}{Z} E\{p(y_i|z_i) | z_i \sim N(p_{i \rightarrow j}, \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p)\}$$

## □ Mean and variance on $z_i$ given by:

- $p_{i \rightarrow j} := p_i + A_{ij}(x_j - \hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j})$ ,  $p_i := \sum_k A_{ik} \hat{x}_{i \leftarrow k}$ ,
- $\tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p = \sum_{k \neq j} A_{ik}^2 \tau_{i \leftarrow k}^p$

# Scalar Output Channel



□ **Scalar output estimation problem:** Estimate  $z_i$ , Gaussian prior on  $z_i$ , measurement  $y_i$

□ Posterior density is:

$$b_i^z(z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p) := \frac{1}{Z(p_i, \tau_i^p, y_i)} p(y_i | z_i) N(z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p)$$

□ Log likelihood of  $y_i$  is  $G_i(p_i, \tau_i^p, y_i) := \ln E\{p(y_i | z_i) | z_i \sim N(p_i, \tau_i^p)\} = \ln Z_i(p_i, \tau_i^p, y_i)$

□ Using properties of exponential families, can show:

$$G_i'(p_i, \tau_i^p) = E[z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p], \quad G_i''(p_i, \tau_i^p) = -\frac{1}{\tau_i^p} \left[ 1 - \frac{\text{var}[z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p]}{\tau_i^p} \right]$$

- Derivatives are with respect to  $p_i$

# Input Node Approximation

□ Consider logarithmic message:  $\mu_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) = -\ln b_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j)$

□ By output update:

$$\mu_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) = -\ln E \left\{ p(y_i | z_i) \middle| z_i \sim N(p_{i \rightarrow j}, \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p) \right\} \approx -G_i(p_i + A_{ij}(x_j - \hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j}), \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p, y_i)$$

□ If  $A_{ij}$  is small:

$$\mu_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \approx -G_i(p_i, \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p) - G'_i(p_i, \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p) A_{ij}(x_j - \hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j}) - \frac{1}{2} G''_i(p_i, \tau_{i \rightarrow j}^p) A_{ij}^2(x_j - \hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j})^2$$

□ Input node update:

$$b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) = \frac{1}{Z} p(x_j) \exp \left[ - \sum_{k \neq i} \mu_{i \rightarrow k}(x_j) \right] \approx \frac{1}{Z} p(x_j) \exp \left[ - \frac{(x_j - r_{i \leftarrow j})^2}{2\tau_{i \leftarrow j}^r} \right]$$

# Scalar Input Channel



□ **Scalar input estimation problem:** Estimate  $x_j$  with prior on  $p(x_j)$  and Gaussian measurement  $r_j$

□ Posterior density is:

$$b_j^x(x_j | r_j, \tau_j^r) := \frac{1}{Z(r_j, \tau_j^r)} p(x_j) N(r_j | x_j, \tau_j^r)$$

□ Message to output nodes are:  $b_{i \leftarrow j}(x_j) = b_j^x(x_j | r_{i \leftarrow j}, \tau_{i \leftarrow j}^r)$

□ For the output node update, we need to compute mean and variance under this density:

$$\hat{x}_{i \leftarrow j} = E(x_j | r_{i \leftarrow j}, \tau_{i \leftarrow j}^r), \quad \tau_{i \leftarrow j}^x := \text{var}(x_j | r_{i \leftarrow j}, \tau_{i \leftarrow j}^r)$$

# Sum-Product GAMP Algorithm

□ Combining terms with some more algebra results in simple algorithm

GAMP (Generalized AMP) [Rangan 10]

□ Initialization:  $\hat{x}_j = E(x_j)$ ,  $\tau_j^x = \text{var}(x_j)$  from prior  $p(x_j)$

□ Repeat until convergence:

- Forward linear transform:  $p_i = \sum_j A_{ij} \hat{x}_j - \tau_i^p s_i$ ,  $\tau_i^p = \sum_j |A_{ij}|^2 \tau_j^x$
- Output estimation:  $\hat{z}_i = E(z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p)$ ,  $\tau_i^z = \text{var}(z_i | p_i, \tau_i^p)$
- Reverse nonlinear transform:  $s_i = \frac{1}{\tau_i^p} [\hat{z}_i - p_i]$ ,  $\tau_i^s = \frac{1}{\tau_i^p} \left[ 1 - \frac{\tau_i^z}{\tau_i^p} \right]$
- Reverse linear transform:  $r_j = \hat{x}_j - \tau_j^r \sum_i A_{ij} s_i$ ,  $\tau_j^r = (\sum_i |A_{ij}|^2 \tau_i^s)^{-1}$
- Input node estimation:  $\hat{x}_j = E(x_j | r_j, \tau_j^r)$ ,  $\tau_j^x = \text{var}(x_j | r_j, \tau_j^r)$

# Scalar Variance GAMP

□ Make approximation that all variances are constant: e.g.  $\tau_j^x \approx \tau^x$

□ Resulting algorithm:

- Forward linear transform:  $p = A\hat{x} - \tau^p s$ ,  $\tau^p = \frac{1}{M} \|A\|_F^2 \tau^x$
- Output estimation:  $\hat{z} = g_{out}(p, \tau_p)$ ,  $\tau^z = \tau^p \langle g'_{out}(p, \tau_p) \rangle$
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- Reverse linear transform:  $r = \hat{x} - \tau^r A^T s$ ,  $\tau^r = N(\|A\|_F^2 \tau^s)^{-1}$
- Input node estimation:  $\hat{x} = g_{in}(r, \tau_r)$ ,  $\tau^r = \tau^r \langle g'_{in}(r, \tau_r) \rangle$



# From GAMP to AMP

□ Special case of an AWGN output:  $y = z + w$ ,  $w \sim N(0, \tau_w I)$

□ Output estimator:


$$\circ g_{out}(p, \tau^p) = \frac{1}{\tau_p + \tau_w} (\tau_w p + \tau_p y), \quad g'_{out}(p, \tau^p) = \frac{\tau_p \tau_w}{\tau_p + \tau_w}$$

□ Then, we obtain AMP with specific choice of thresholding

- Forward linear transform:  $p = A\hat{x} - \tau^p s$ ,  $\tau^p = \frac{1}{M} \|A\|_F^2 \tau^x$
- Residual:  $s = \frac{1}{\tau^p + \tau^w} (y - p)$ ,  $\tau^s = \frac{1}{\tau^p + \tau^w}$
- Reverse linear transform:  $r = \hat{x} - \frac{N}{\|A\|_F^2} A^T (y - p)$ ,  $\tau^r = \frac{N}{\|A\|_F^2} (\tau^p + \tau^w)$
- Input node estimation:  $\hat{x} = g_{in}(r, \tau_r)$ ,  $\tau^r = \tau^r \langle g'_{in}(r, \tau_r) \rangle$

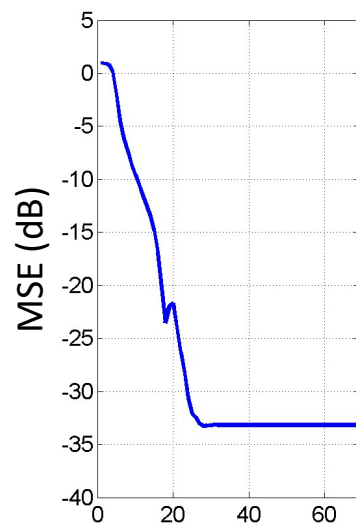
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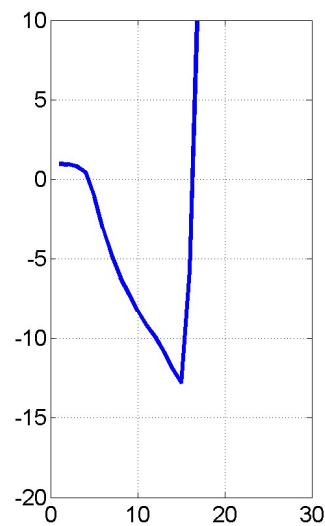
# Problems with AMP for Non-IID A

$A = \text{iid}, N(0,1)$



Converges  
rapidly

$A = \text{iid } N(0.5,1)$



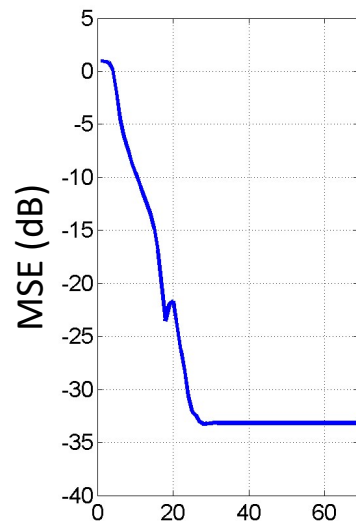
Diverges

□ Evidently, this promise comes with the caveat that message-passing algorithms are specifically designed to solve sparse-recovery problems for Gaussian matrices...”, Felix Herman, Nuit Blanche blog, 2012

- AMP can diverge for non-iid A
- Even non-pathological matrices
- See [FZK14]

# Questions for This Section

$\mathbf{A} = \text{iid}, \mathcal{N}(0,1)$



Converges  
rapidly

$\mathbf{A} = \text{iid } \mathcal{N}(0.5,1)$



Diverges

- ☐ When exactly does AMP converge?
- ☐ What does it converge to, if it does?
- ☐ Can convergence be improved?

# GAMP on a Gaussian Problem

- Consider simple Gaussian problem:

- $x \sim N(0, \tau_x I)$ ,  $y = Ax + w$ ,  $w \sim N(0, \tau_w I)$

- Question: When does AMP/GAMP converge for this problem?

- Convergence of second-order / variance terms
- Convergence of first-order / mean terms

- GAMP is not the best solution for Gaussian problem

- MMSE solution has explicit solution:  $\hat{x} = \tau_x (\tau_x A^T A + \tau_w I)^{-1} A^T y$

- Look at Gaussian problem since:

- Can derive exact conditions for convergence
- Convergence conditions are easy to interpret

Rangan, Schniter, Fletcher. "On the convergence of approximate message passing with arbitrary matrices." *Proc IEEE ISIT 2014*

# Variance Convergence

□ AWGN vector-valued variance updates:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_p^t &= S\tau_x^t, & \tau_s^t &= \frac{1}{\tau_p^t + \tau_w}, \\ \tau_r^t &= \frac{1}{S^*\tau_s^t}, & \tau_x^{t+1} &= \frac{\tau_r^t\tau_0}{\tau_r^t + \tau_0}\end{aligned}$$

- $S = |A|^2$  = componentwise magnitude squared

□ **Theorem**: For any  $\tau_w$  and  $\tau_0$ , the AWGN variance updates converge to unique fixed points

□ Subsequent results will consider algorithm with **fixed** variance vectors.

# Proof of the Variance Convergence

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□ Define vector valued functions:

$$g_s: \tau_x^t \mapsto \tau_s^t, \quad g_x: \tau_s^t \mapsto \tau_x^{t+1}, \quad g = g_x \circ g_s$$

□ Verify  $g$  satisfies:

- Monotonically increasing
- $g(\alpha \tau_s) \leq \alpha g(\tau_s)$  for  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

□ Convergence now follows from R. D. Yates, “A framework for uplink power control in cellular radio systems”, 1995

- Used for convergence of power control loops

# Convergence of the Means

## Uniform Variance Update

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### □ Consider constant case:

- Constant variances:  $\tau_{0j} = \tau_0$ ,  $\tau_{wi} = \tau_w$ .
- Uniform variance updates in GAMP

□ **Theorem:** The means of the AWGN GAMP will converge for all  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_w$  if and only if

$$\sigma_{max}^2(A) < \frac{2(m+n)}{mn} \|A\|_F^2$$

- $\sigma_{max}(A)$ : maximum singular value
- $\|A\|_F^2$  = Frobenius norm = sum of singular values



# Some Matrices Work...

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$$\sigma_{max}^2(A) < \frac{2(m+n)}{mn} \|A\|_F^2$$

□ Convergence depends on bounded spread of singular values.

□ Examples of convergent matrices:

- Random iid: Converges due to Marcenko-Pastur
- Subsampled unitary:  $\sigma_{max}^2(A)=1$ ,  $\|A\|_F^2 = \min(m, n)$
- Total variation operator:  $(Ax)_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$
- Walk summable matrices: Generalizes result by Maliutov, Johnson and Willsky (2006)

# But, Many Matrices Diverge

$$\sigma_{\max}^2(A) < \frac{2(m+n)}{mn} \|A\|_F^2$$

□ Examples of matrices that **do not converge**:

- Low rank: If  $A$  has  $r$  equal singular values and other are zero:  
$$2r(m+n) > mn \Rightarrow r > \min(m, n) / 2$$
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is a linear filter:  $Ax = h * x$  for some filter  $h$   
$$\sup_{\theta} |H(e^{i\theta})| < \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |H(e^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta$$
- Some matrices with large non-zero means:  $A = A_0 + \mu 1^T$

# Proof of Convergence

□ With constant variances system is linear:

$$\begin{bmatrix} s^t \\ x^{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = G \begin{bmatrix} s^{t-1} \\ x^t \end{bmatrix} + b$$

- $G = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ D(\tau_x)A^* & D(\tau_x\tau_r^{-1}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D(\tau_p\tau_s) & -D(\tau_s)A \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$
- $D(\tau) = \text{diag}(\tau)$

□ System is stable if and only if  $\lambda_{\max}(G) < 1$

□ Eigenvalue condition related to singular values of

$$F = D(\tau_s^{1/2}) A D(\tau_x^{1/2})$$

# Improving Stability

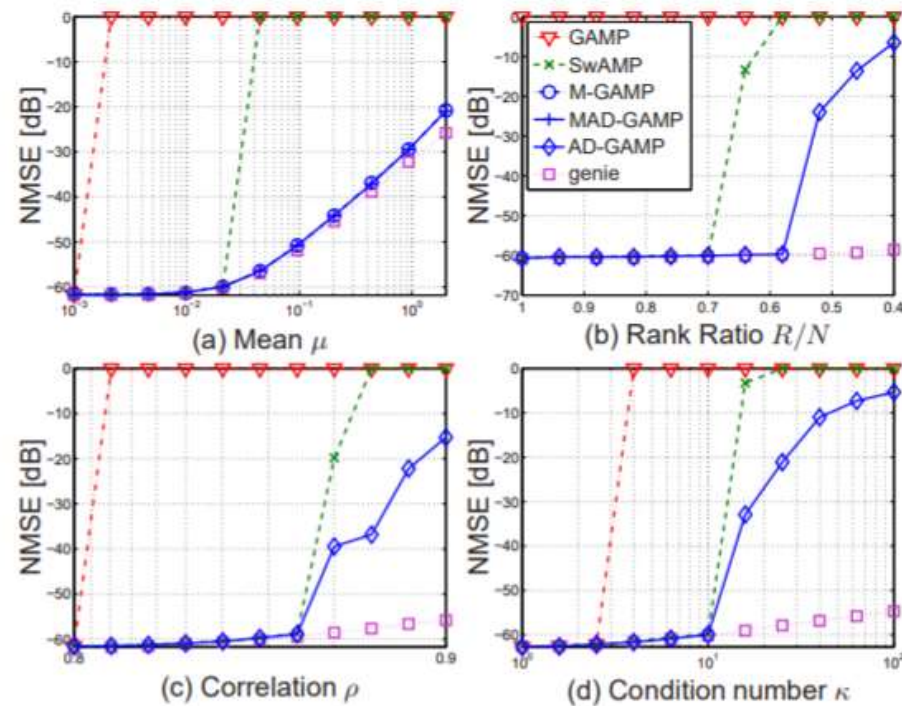
## Many methods

- Coordinate-wise descent [MKTZ14, CKZ14]
- Damping [VSR+14, JBD09]
- Double loop / ADMM [RSF17]

## Slow rate with improved robustness


## But:

- May still fail
- Often needs tuning



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# Story So Far

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## ❑ Benefits of AMP: For large Gaussian i.i.d. $A$

- Fast convergence
- Can be analyzed rigorously via state evolution
- Testable conditions for optimality

## ❑ But, outside Gaussian i.i.d. $A$ :

- Can diverge.
- Stability techniques are only partially successful
- Loses key properties

## ❑ Is there a better way?

# A Vector Valued Factor Graph



□ Consider simpler factor graph for linear inverse problem:

- Single **vector** variable node for  $x$
- One factor for prior  $\psi_1(x) := p(x)$  (separable)
- One factor for likelihood  $\psi_2(x) := p(y|x)$  (Gaussian)

□ Posterior density factors as:

$$p(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} \psi_1(x) \psi_2(x)$$

□ Insight due to [Cakmak, Winther, Fleury, 14, 15]

# Variational Inference

- Write posterior as:

$$p(x|y) = \frac{1}{Z(y)} \psi_1(x) \psi_2(x), \quad \psi_1(x) = p(x), \quad \psi_2(x) = p(y|x)$$

- Variational inference:

$$\hat{b} = \arg \min_b D(b(\cdot) || p(\cdot | y)) = \arg \min_b [D(b || \psi_1) + D(b || \psi_2) + H(b)]$$

- Apply variable splitting:

$$\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2 = \arg \min_{b_1, b_2} \max_q J(b_1, b_2, q), \quad J(b_1, b_2, q) = D(b_1 || \psi_2) + D(b_2 || \psi_1) + H(q)$$

- Subject to constraints  $b_1 = b_2 = q$

- Problem is intractable.

- Must optimize over  $N$  dimensional densities



# EC Inference

□ Desired optimization is too hard:

$$\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2 = \arg \min_{b_1, b_2} \max_q J(b_1, b_2, q), \quad J(b_1, b_2, q) = D(\psi_1 \| b) + D(\psi_2 \| b) + H(b)$$

- Subject to constraints  $b_1 = b_2 = q$

□ Expectation consistent inference: Replace constraints by moment matching conditions:

- $E(x|b_1) = E(x|b_2) = E(x|q)$
- $E(\|x\|^2|b_1) = E(\|x\|^2|b_2) = E(\|x\|^2|q)$
- Proposed by Oppor-Winther 04, 05

□ At EC stationary points:

- $b_i(x) \propto \psi_i(x) N(x|r_i, \gamma_i^{-1}I), \quad q(x) = N(x|\hat{x}, \eta^{-1}I)$
- $E(x|b_1) = E(x|b_2) = E(x|q) = \hat{x}$
- $E(\|x\|^2|b_1) = E(\|x\|^2|b_2) = E(\|x\|^2|q) = \frac{N}{\eta}$

# Vector AMP

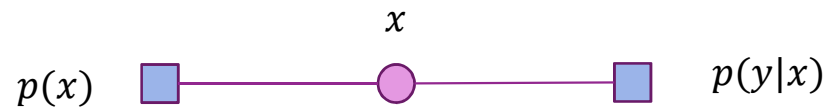
□ Use Expectation Propagation to find stationary points

□ Input Denoising

- $\hat{x}_1 = g_1(r_1, \gamma_1)$
- $\eta_1 = \gamma_1 / \alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \langle g'_1(r_1, \gamma_1) \rangle$
- $\gamma_2 = \eta_1 - \gamma_1$ ,  $r_2 = (\eta_1 \hat{x}_1 - \gamma_1 r_1) / \gamma_2$

□ Output Denoising

- $\hat{x}_2 = g_2(r_2, \gamma_2)$
- $\eta_2 = \gamma_2 / \alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \langle g'_2(r_2, \gamma_2) \rangle$
- $\gamma_1 = \eta_2 - \gamma_2$ ,  $r_1 = (\eta_2 \hat{x}_2 - \gamma_2 r_2) / \gamma_1$



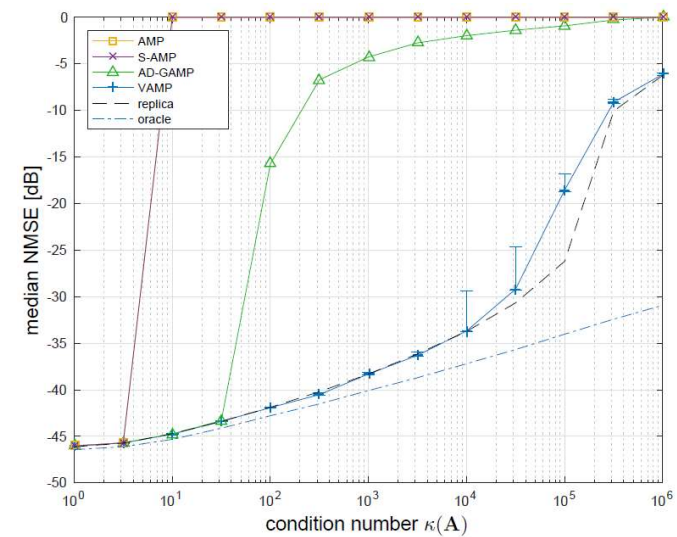
□ Denoisers:

- $g_1(r_1, \gamma_1) = E(x | r_1 = x + N(0, \gamma_1^{-1}), x \sim p(x))$
- $g_2(r_2, \gamma_2) = E(x | r_2 = Ax + w, x \sim N(0, \gamma_2^{-1}I))$

Rangan, Schniter, Fletcher, "Vector Approximate Message Passing", Proc IEEE ISIT 2017

# Why Use VAMP?

- ❑ Computationally efficient
  - Though harder than AMP.
  - Requires SVD or matrix inverse
- ❑ Numerically stable over ill-conditioned matrices
  - Overcomes major problem with AMP
- ❑ Performance matches state evolution
  - Achieves replica prediction for optimality
- ❑ Extensions: EM, image processing, ...



# Right-Rotationally Invariant Matrices

- ❑ Measurement Model:  $y = Ax^0 + w$ ,  $w \sim N(0, \gamma_w^{-1}I)$
- ❑ Take SVD:  $A = U \text{diag}(s) V^T \in R^{N \times N}$ ,  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_N)$ 
  - WLOG assume  $A$  is square (otherwise add zero singular values)
- ❑ Left factor  $U$  is arbitrary
  - Will assume  $U = I$  (Otherwise, look at  $U^T y$ ).
- ❑ Right rotationally invariant  $A$  :
  - $V$  Haar, uniform on the orthogonal matrices
  - $S$  has limiting distribution
- ❑ Includes  $A$  Gaussian iid. But, much more general
- ❑ New model:  $y = \text{diag}(s) V^T x^0 + w$ ,  $w \sim N(0, \gamma_w^{-1}I)$

# State Evolution

## Two key error quantities:

- $p_k = r_{1k} - x^0$ : Error on the input to the input denoiser
- $v_k = r_{2k} - x^0$ : Error on the input to the LMMSE denoiser

## Transformed errors: $u_k = V^T p_k$ , $q_k = V^T v_k$

## Theorem: In large system limit:

$$p_k \rightarrow P_k \sim N(0, \tau_k^p), \quad q_k \rightarrow Q_k \sim N(0, \tau_k^q),$$

- Variances  $\tau_k^p, \tau_k^q$  can be calculated via state evolution

## Shows errors are Gaussian

## Fixed points of SE equations match predictions for optimality from the replica method

- [Takeda, Uda, Kabishma 06], [Tulino, Caire, Verdu, Shamai 13]
- Rigorously shown for large subclass in [Barbier, Macris, Maillard, Krzakala 17]

# Proof of the SE

## □ Error recursion

- $p_k = Vu_k$
- $v_k = C_1(\alpha_{1k})[f_p(p_k, w^p, \gamma_{1k}) - \alpha_{1k}p_k], \alpha_{1k} = \langle f'_p(p_k, w^p, \gamma_{1k}) \rangle$
- $q_k = V^T v_k$
- $u_{k+1} = C_2(\alpha_{2k})[f_q(q_k, w^q, \gamma_{2k}) - \alpha_{2k}q_k], \alpha_{2k} = \langle f'_q(q_k, w^q, \gamma_{2k}) \rangle$

## □ Similar to Bayati-Montanari recursion but:

- Gaussian iid  $A$  replaced by Haar matrix  $V$

## □ Can apply Bolthausen conditioning

- Conditional distribution of Haar matrix  $V$  subject to linear constraints  $A = VB$   
$$V|_G = A(A^T A)^{-1}B^T + U_{A^\perp} \tilde{V} U_{B^\perp}$$

# EM VAMP

□ Suppose densities have unknown parameters:

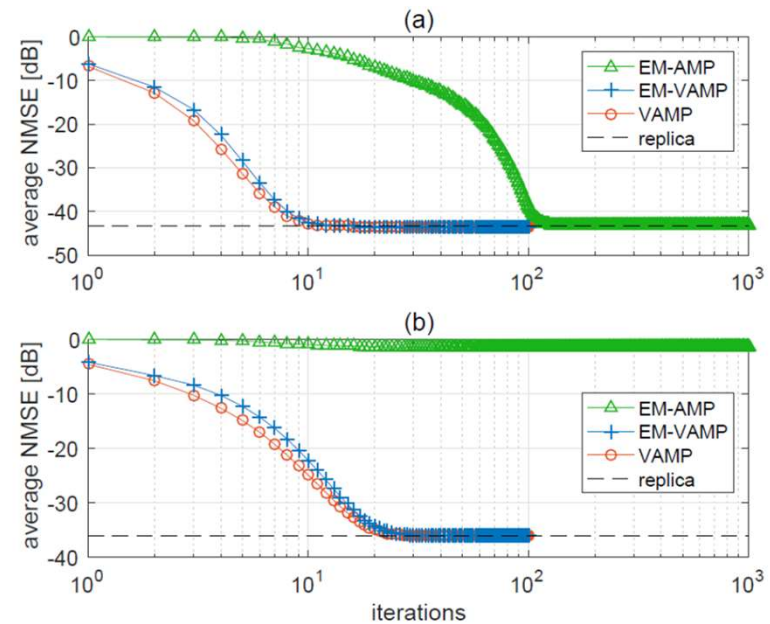
- $x \sim p(x|\theta_1)$
- $y = Ax + w, w \sim N(0, \theta_2^{-1}I)$

□ Problem: Estimate  $x$  and  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$

□ EM-VAMP:

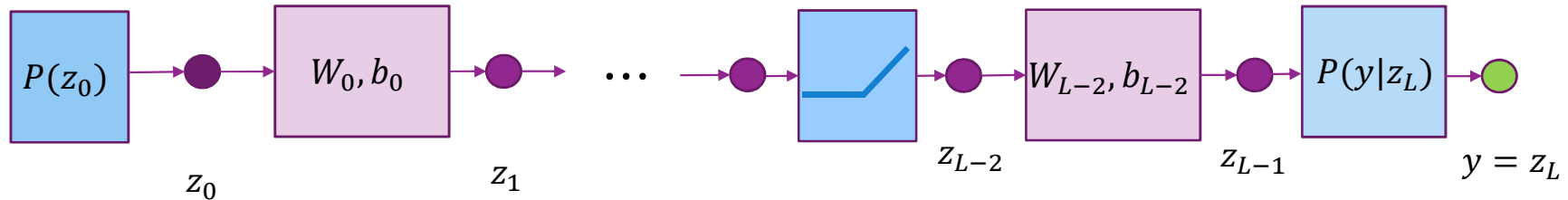
- E-Step: Use VAMP to estimate  $p(x|y, \hat{\theta})$
- M-Step:  $\hat{\theta}^{new} = \arg \max_{\theta} E[p(x, y|\theta)|\hat{\theta}]$

□ Similar ideas in AMP  
[KrzMSSZ12, VS12]



Fletcher, Schniter. "Learning and free energies for vector approximate message passing." *Proc. IEEE ICASSP 2017*

# Inference in Deep Networks



## □ Model:

- A multi-layer neural network with known weights and biases, activations
- Distribution on network input  $P(z_0)$
- Network is already trained. Not a learning problem!

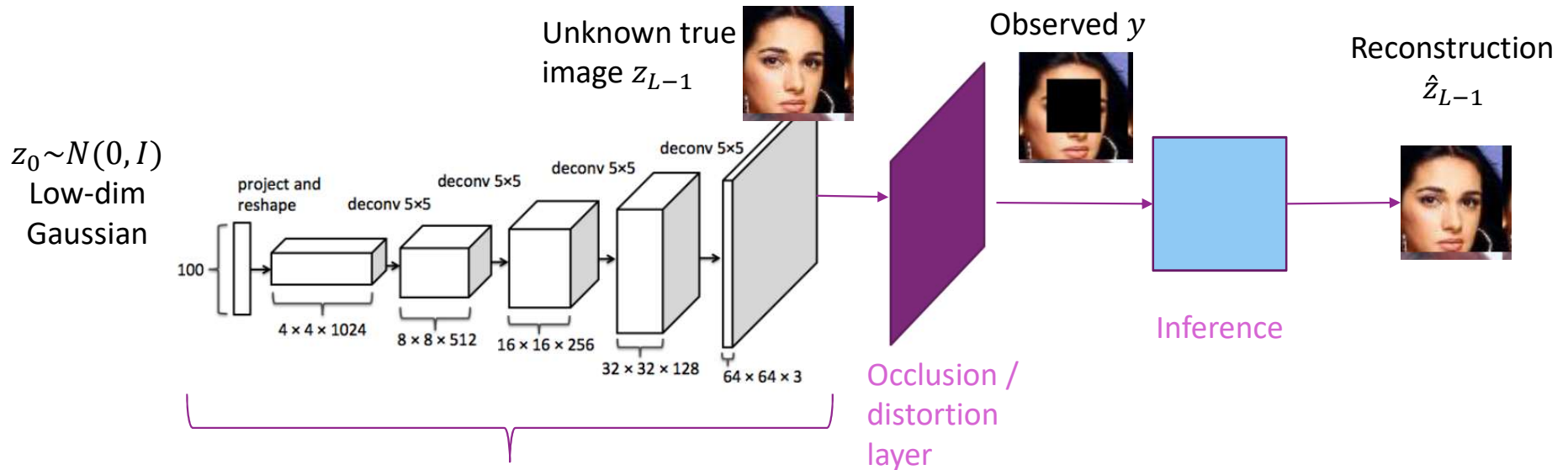
## □ Inference problem: Given observed output $z_L = y$ and network, estimate:

- Input  $z_0$  and hidden layers  $z_1, \dots, z_{L-1}$

## □ Network is already trained. Not a learning problem



# Motivation: Image Reconstruction



Generative model layers for image

Trained on ensemble of images

Variational autoencoder, Kingma & Welling (2016)

Generative adversarial nets, Goodfellow et al (2014)

Deep convolutional GAN, Radford et al (2015)

# Example Results



Yeh et al, Semantic Image Inpainting with Perceptual and Contextual Losses, 2016

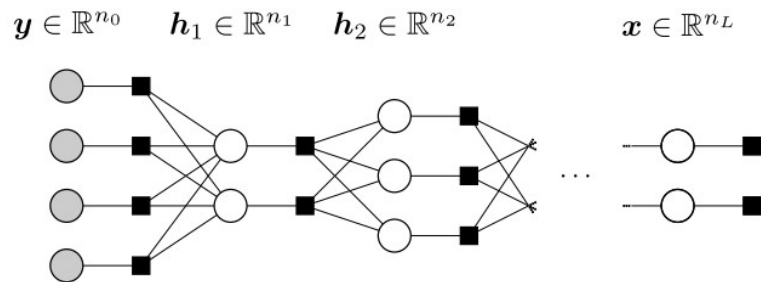
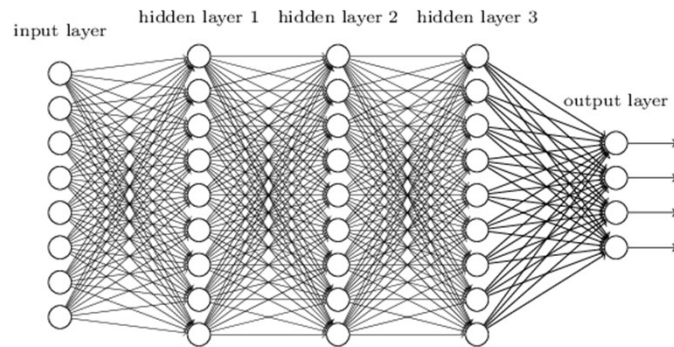
## □ Example above:

- Use DCGAN to train generative model:  $x = G(z_0)$  and a discriminator cost  $\log(1 - D(G(z_0)))$
- Loss minimized via gradient descent

## □ Works well in practice, but...

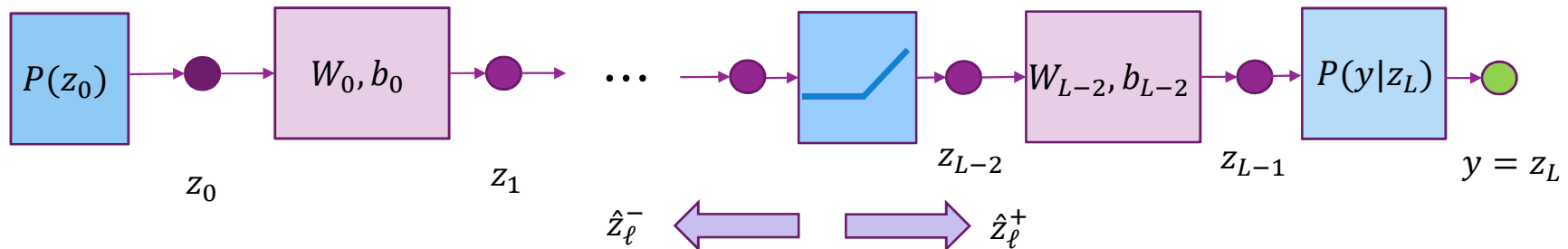
- Difficult to analyze rigorously
- Few theoretical guarantees
- What are the limits on which this works?

# AMP for Multi-Layer Inference



- Use AMP for multi-layer inference
- Proposed by [Manoel, Krzakala, Mezard, Zdeborova, 2017]:
  - Derives simple AMP algorithm
  - Postulates state evolution, free energy, ...
  - See also [Gabrié et al, 2016]
- But, limited to Gaussian iid
- Can VAMP do better?

# Multi-Layer VAMP



❑ **Multi-layer VAMP**: message passing method for multi-layer model

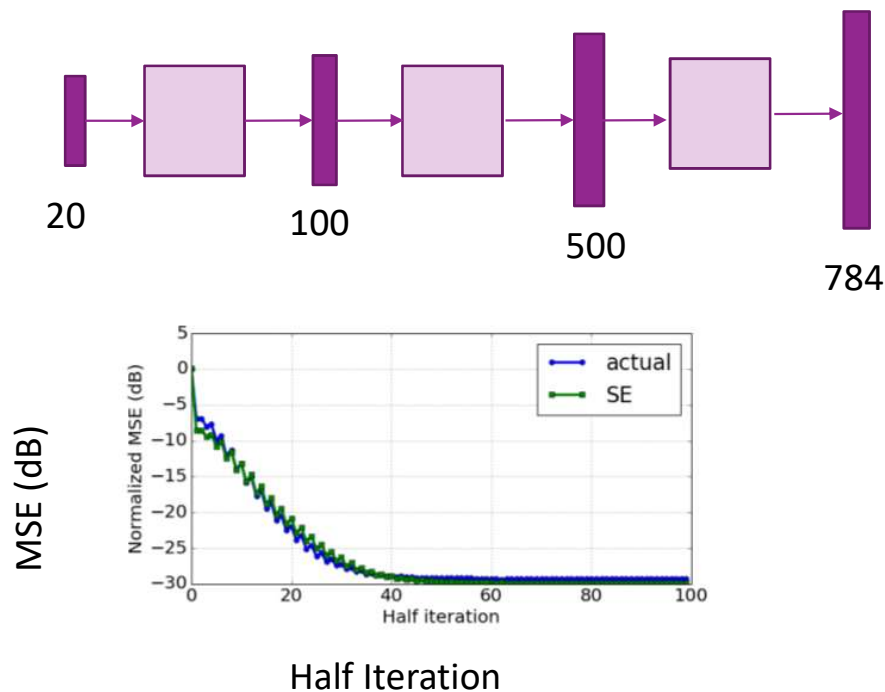
- Derive with similar EC method as VAMP
- Extension of [HeWenJin 2017] in GLM model
- Updates have forward-backward iterations

❑ Applies to rotationally invariant weight matrices & separable activations

❑ Can rigorously prove state evolution

Fletcher, Rangan, Schniter. "Inference in deep networks in high dimensions." *Proc IEEE ISIT 2018*

# Synthetic Data Example



## Simple network

- $M = 3$  fully-connected layers
- ReLU activations  $z_{2m+1} = \max(z_{2m}, 0)$

## Random parameters

- Gaussian iid  $W_0, W_1$ . Rotationally invariant  $W_2$
- Biases selected for sparsity at ReLU output

## Output AWGN at SNR=20 dB

## Good final estimate of posterior variance

# Toy MNIST Inpainting

## □ Train network via VAE

- Fully connected layers + ReLUs
- 20 input variables
- 400 hidden units
- 784 dim output

## □ Perform ML-VAMP for inference

- Need damping for stability

## □ Faster convergence:

- MAP with ADAM optimizer: ~400 iterations
- SGLD: ~20000 iterations
- ML-VAMP: ~20 iterations

Original	Erased	MAP	SGLD	ML-VAMP
8		8	8	8
3		3	3	3
4		4	4	4
5		5	5	5
6		6	6	6
6		6	6	6
2		2	2	2
1		1	1	1
5		5	5	5
9		9	9	9


# What is Known

Model	Iid Gaussian		Orthogonally Invariant	
	Algorithmic SE	Fundamental limit	Algorithmic SE	Fundamental limit
Linear	[DMM10,BM09]	[GV05, <b>RP16</b> , <b>BDMK16</b> ]	[CVF14,RSF16]	[TUK06,TCVS13, BMMK17]
GLM	[Ran10,JavMon13]	[MKMZ17, <b>BKMMZ17</b> ]	[SRF16,HWJ17]	[Reeves17,GML18+]
Multi-layer	[MKMZ17]	[MKMZ17]	[FRS18]	[Reeves17,GML18+]

- [Reeves17]: Reeves, “Additivity of Information in Multilayer Networks via Additive Gaussian Noise Transforms”
  - Postulates SE for ML-VAMP and rigorously proves this for Gaussian case
- [GML18+] Gabri , Manoel, Luneau, Barbier, Macris, Krzakala, Zdeborov . "Entropy and mutual information in models of deep neural networks." 2018:
  - Proves multi-layer model rigorously for large class of matrices and L=2 layers

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# Summary and Challenges

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## ■ Benefits of AMP

- Enables rigorous analysis of complex inference problems in random settings
- Computationally tractable
- Identifies hard and easy regimes. Optimality guarantees
- Can be extended to many complex problems

## ■ Algorithmic issues: Still unstable. Requires damping, other tweaks

## ■ Many models unsolved

- Deep network model today covers inference, not learning
- Can AMP understand learning multi-layer networks
- Other key algorithms: VAE, GANs, ...

# Vampyre

- ❑ A new python package
- ❑ Thanks to Eric Tramel and others
- ❑ Modular, flexible, ...
- ❑ Try it out!

## Multi-Layer Perceptron Inpainting with MNIST

In the [MLP demo](#), we saw how to use the multi-layer VAMP (ML-VAMP) method for denoising with the perceptron. We illustrated the method on synthetic data generated from a random MLP with the MNIST data. Specifically, we consider the problem of estimating an MNIST digit in the form,

$$y = Ax,$$

where  $A$  is a sub-sampling operation. The sub-sampling operation outputs a subset of the occluded area. This problem of reconstructing an image  $x$  with a portion of the image requires a prior on the image. In this demo, we will use an MLP generative model for that purpose.

## Importing the Package

We first import the vampyre and other packages as in the [sparse linear inverse demo](#).

```
# Add the vampyre path to the system path
import os
import sys
vp_path = os.path.abspath('../..')
if not vp_path in sys.path:
    sys.path.append(vp_path)
import vampyre as vp

# Load the other packages
import numpy as np
import matplotlib
```

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