



# Unsupervised Learning From Incomplete Measurements for Inverse Problems

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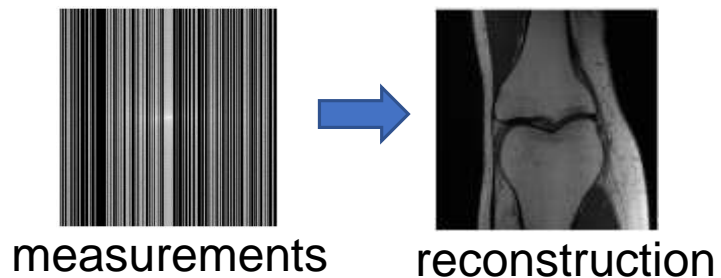
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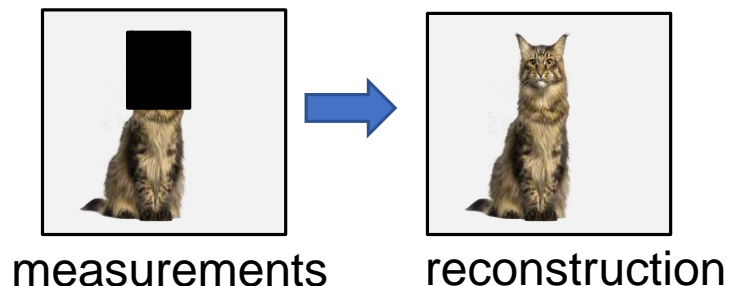
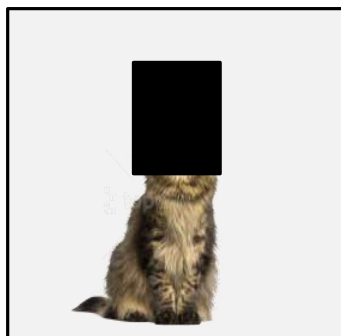
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# Linear Inverse Problems




## Magnetic Resonance Imaging

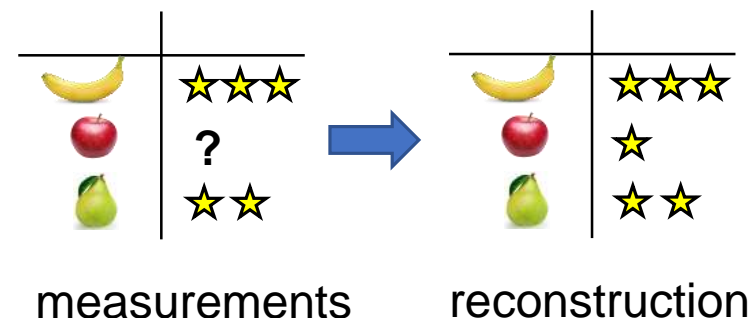


## Image Inpainting



## Recommender Systems

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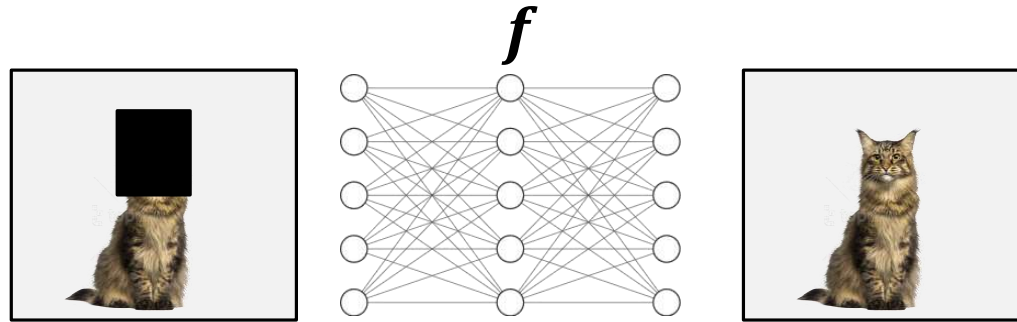


# Linear Inverse Problems

$$y = Ax + \epsilon$$

# Learning Approach

Train with pairs  $(x_i, y_i)$  to directly learn the inversion function



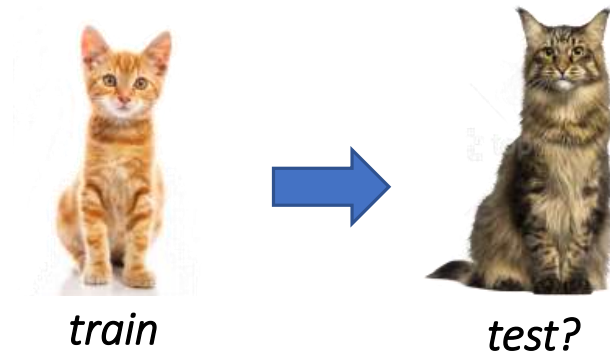
$$\operatorname{argmin}_f \sum_i ||x_i - f(y_i)||^2$$

where  $f: \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$  is parameterized as a deep neural network.

# Pitfalls

**Main disadvantage:** Obtaining training signals  $x_i$  can be expensive or impossible.

- Medical and scientific imaging
- Solves problems which we already solved
- Risk of training with signals from a different distribution

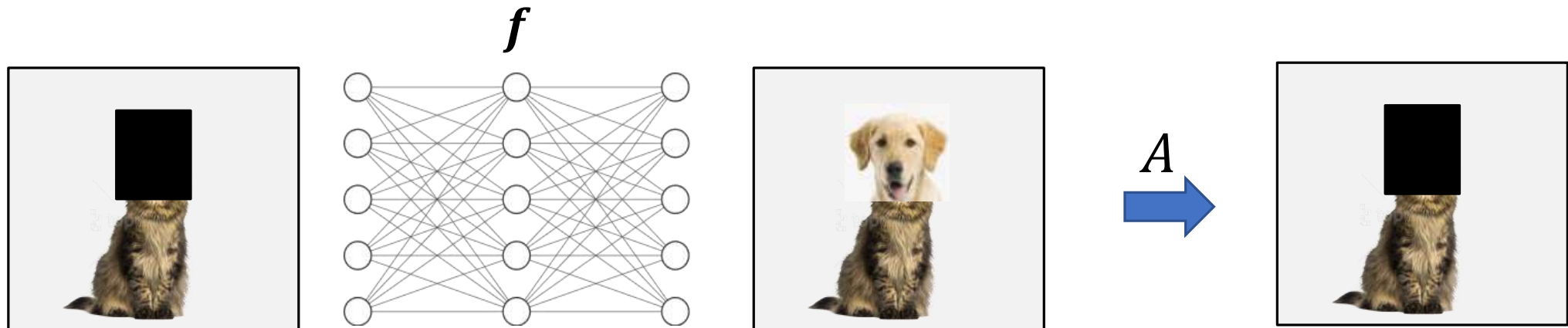


# Learning Approach

Learning from only measurements  $y$ ?

$$\operatorname{argmin}_f \sum_i \|y_i - Af(y_i)\|^2$$

**Proposition:** Any reconstruction function  $f(y) = A^\dagger y + g(y)$  where  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathcal{N}_A$  is any function whose image belongs to the nullspace of  $A$ .

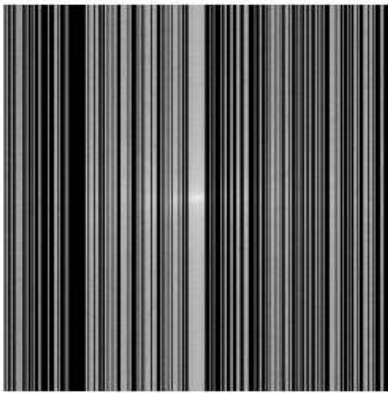


# Learning from Measurements

**How to learn from only  $y$ ?**

- Access multiple operators  $y_i = A_{g_i}x_i$  with  $g \in \{1, \dots, G\}$
- Each  $A_g$  with different nullspace

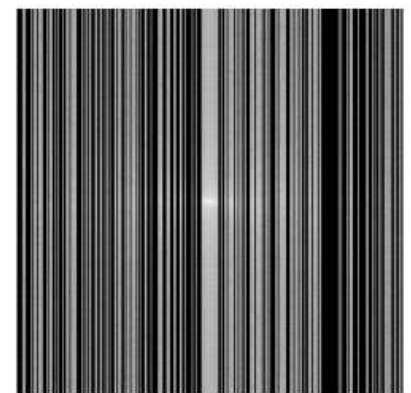
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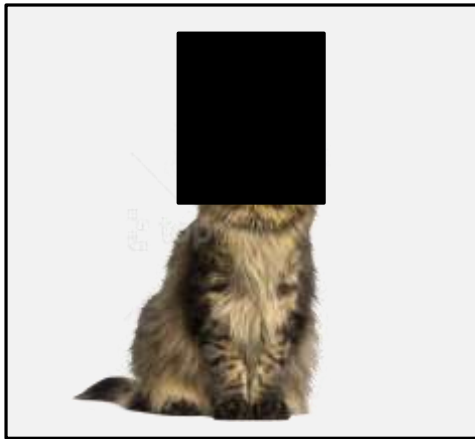


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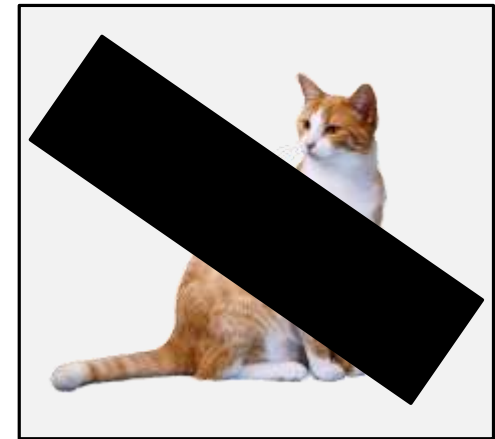
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# Model Identification

Can we *uniquely* identify the set of signals  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  from the observed measurement sets  $\{\mathcal{Y}_g = A_g \mathcal{X}\}_{g=1}^G$ ?

# Necessary Conditions

**Proposition:** Recovering  $\mathcal{X}$  from observed measurement sets  $\{y_g = A_g \mathcal{X}\}_{g=1}^G$  possible only if

$$\text{rank} \left( \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_G \end{bmatrix} \right) = n$$

and thus, if  $m \geq n/G$ .

# Sufficient Conditions

**Additional assumption:** The model is **low-dimensional**

- Box-counting dimension of  $\mathcal{X}$  is  $k \ll n$

*Examples:* Sparse dictionaries, manifold models, generative models, etc.

**Theorem:** Identifying a  $k$ -dimensional  $\mathcal{X}$  from observed sets  $\{y_g = A_g \mathcal{X}\}_{g=1}^G$  is possible by almost every  $A_1, \dots, A_G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  if

$$m > k + \frac{n}{G}$$

# Proposed Objective

**Neural Network:**  $\hat{x} = f(y, A_g)$

- Pseudo-inverse  $f(y, A_g) = f(A_g^\dagger y)$
- Unrolled optimization [Gregor and LeCun, 2010]

**Proposed unsupervised loss:**  $\operatorname{argmin}_f \mathcal{L}_{MOI}(f)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{MOI}(f) = \sum_i \left\| y_i - A_{g_i} f(y_i, A_{g_i}) \right\|^2 + \sum_s \left\| f(A_s \hat{x}_i, A_s) - \hat{x}_i \right\|^2$$

where  $\hat{x}_i = f(y_i, A_{g_i})$

# Inpainting

- U-Net network
- CelebA dataset
- $A_g$  are inpainting masks

Measurements  $y$



Signal  $x$



Supervised



AmbientGAN  
[Bora et al, 2018]



**Proposed**



# Magnetic Resonance Imaging

- Unrolled network
- FastMRI dataset
- $A_g$  are subsets of Fourier measurements (x4 downsampling)

Measurements  $y$

Signal  $x$

Supervised

Measurement Splitting  
[Yaman et al., 2020]

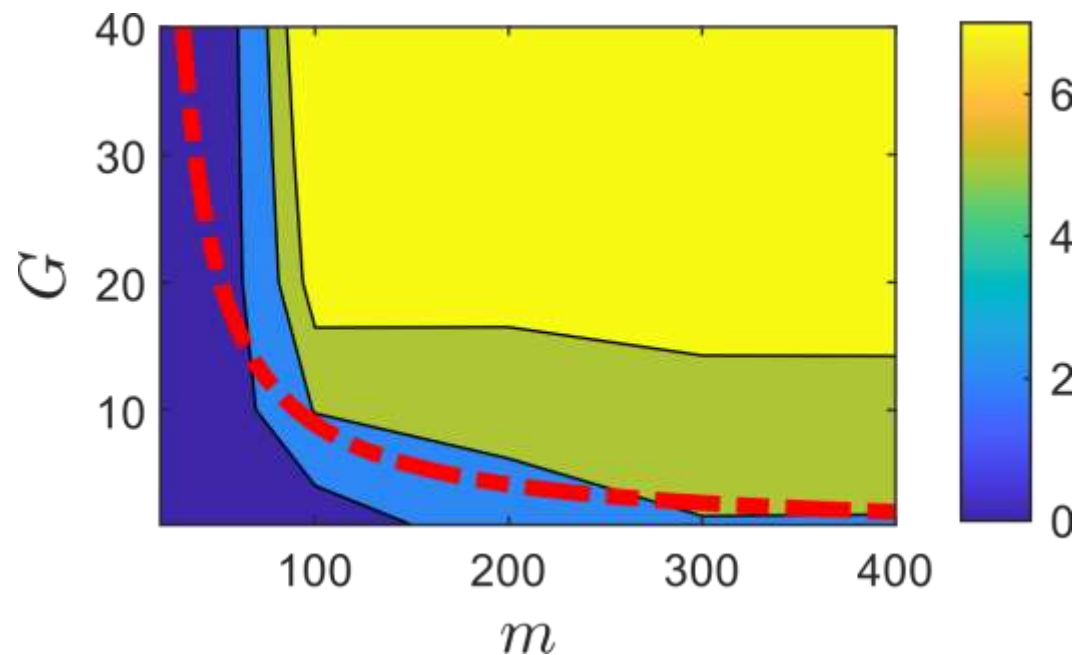
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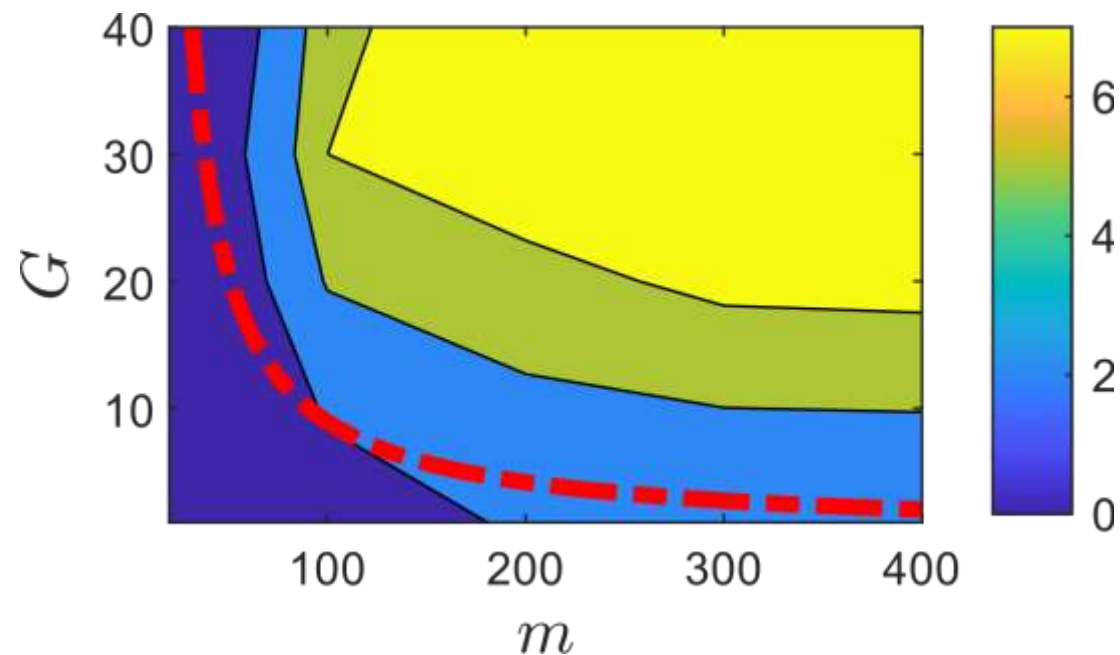
# Verifying Bounds

- MNIST dataset:  $n = 28^2$ ,  $k \approx 12$  [Hein and Audibert, 2005]
- Red line: sufficient condition  $m > k + n/G$

Compressed Sensing



Inpainting





# Thanks for your attention!

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