

# Homework 1

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## 1 Problem

Block compress sensing aims to solve such a problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} & \|x\|_{l_2, I} \\ \text{subject to} & \|y - \Phi x\|_{l_2} \leq \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where, block  $l_2/l_1$  norm is defined as:

$$\|x\|_{l_2, I} = \sum_{|i|=k} \|x[i]\|_{l_2} \quad (2)$$

In addition,  $\Phi$  satisfies block-RIP condition.

**Definition 1 (block-RIP)** *Restricted isometry constant  $\delta_k$  is the smallest number s.t.*

$$(1 - \delta_k) \|x\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \|\Phi x\|_{l_2}^2 \leq (1 + \delta_k) \|x\|_{l_2}^2$$

We want to prove the following conclusion.

**Theorem 1 (Noisy recovery)** *With  $\delta_{2k} < \sqrt{2} - 1$ , the optimal solution  $x^*$  to (1) is close to a feasible solution  $x$  :*

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^* - x\|_{l_2} & \leq \frac{2[1 - (1 - \sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}]}{1 - (1 + \sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}} e_0 + \frac{4\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - (1 + \sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}} \epsilon \\ e_0 & = k^{-1/2} \|x - x_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In next section, we will prove theorem 1.

## 2 Prove

First, we will assume that there is a gap  $h = x^* - x$  between  $x^*$  and  $x$ . Our goal is to find the bound of  $\|h\|_{l_2}$ .

The key trick is to split  $h$  into several disjoint group with size of  $k$  as the descending order measured by the magnitude of  $x$ . It is easy to show that

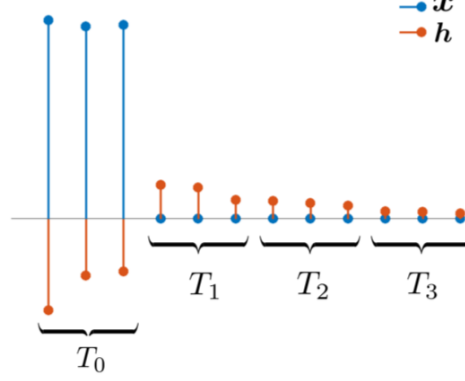


Figure 1:  $h = h_{T_0} + h_{T_1} + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|_{l_2} &= \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1} + h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2} \\ &\leq \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + \|h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

In the following, we will show:

- Step1:  $\|h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2}$  is bounded by  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}$
- Step2: the exact bound of  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}$ .

## 2.1 Step1

For the first step, we note that for each  $j \geq 2$ ,

$$\|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \leq k^{1/2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{\infty} \leq k^{-1/2} \|h_{T_{j-1}}\|_{l_2, I}$$

and thus,

$$\sum_{j \geq 2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \leq k^{-1/2} (\|h_{T_1}\|_{l_2, I} + \|h_{T_1}\|_{l_2, I} + \dots) = k^{-1/2} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \quad (5)$$

In practice, this gives the estimate for

$$\|h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2} = \left\| \sum_{j \geq 2} h_{T_j} \right\|_{l_2} \leq \sum_{j \geq 2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \leq k^{-1/2} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \quad (6)$$

To complete step1, we need to find the relationship between  $\|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I}$  and  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2, I}$ . Since  $x^*$  is the optimal solution, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{l_2, I} &\geq \|x + h\|_{l_2, I} \\ &\geq \|x_{T_0} + h_{T_0} + x_{T_0^c} + h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \\ &\geq \|x_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} - \|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} - \|x_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Remove the  $\|x_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I}$  to the left hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{l_2, I} - \|x_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} &\geq -\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} - \|x_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \\ \|x_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} &\geq -\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} - \|x_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Thus,

$$\|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \leq \|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + 2\|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \quad (9)$$

Combine (6) and (9), using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to bound  $\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} \leq k^{1/2}\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2} &\leq k^{-1/2}\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + 2k^{-1/2}\|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I} \\ &\leq \|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2} + 2\|x - x_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} \\ &\leq \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + 2e_0 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where,

$$e_0 = k^{-1/2}\|x - x_{I_0}\|_{l_2, I}$$

Take  $e_0$  back to (4), we can test our goal,

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|_{l_2} &\leq \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + \|h_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_{l_2} \\ &\leq 2\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + 2e_0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Therefore, we are going to the step2 to find the bound of  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}$ .

## 2.2 Step2

Before we start to find the bound, we firstly introduce a useful lemma.

**Lemma 1** *We have*

$$|\langle \Phi x, \Phi x' \rangle| \leq \delta_{k+k'} \|x\|_{l_2} \|x'\|_{l_2}$$

for all  $x, x'$  supported on disjoint subsets  $T, T'$  with  $|T| \leq k, |T'| \leq k'$ .

To prove lemma 1, just use RIP and inner-product inequality,

$$2(1 - \delta_{k+k'}) \|x\|_{l_2} \|x'\|_{l_2} \leq \|\Phi x \pm \Phi x'\|_{l_2}^2 \leq 2(1 + \delta_{k+k'}) \|x\|_{l_2} \|x'\|_{l_2}$$

Then,

$$|\langle \Phi x, \Phi x' \rangle| = \frac{1}{4} \| \|\Phi + \Phi x'\|_{l_2}^2 - \|\Phi x - \Phi x'\|_{l_2}^2 \| \leq (\delta_{k+k'}) \|x\|_{l_2}^2 \|x'\|_{l_2}^2$$

Now, we begin to find the bound  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}$ . To do this, observe that

$$\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1} = \Phi h - \sum_{j \geq 2} \Phi h_{T_j}$$

Then,

$$\|\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}^2 = \langle \Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \Phi h \rangle - \langle \Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \Phi h_{T_j} \rangle \quad (12)$$

Look at the first term,

$$\langle \Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \Phi h \rangle \leq \|\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} \|\Phi h\|_{l_2} \quad (13)$$

Accord to the equality restriction,

$$\|\Phi h\|_{l_2} = \|\Phi(x^* - x)\|_{l_2} \leq \|\Phi x^* - y\|_{l_2} + \|y - \Phi x\|_{l_2} \leq 2\epsilon \quad (14)$$

Apply (14) and RIP to (13)

$$\langle \Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \Phi h \rangle \leq 2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}} \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} \quad (15)$$

Return back to look at the second term in (12), for  $j \leq 2$ , using RIP,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \Phi h_{T_j} \rangle &\leq \langle \Phi h_{T_0}, \Phi h_{T_j} \rangle + \langle \Phi h_{T_1}, \Phi h_{T_j} \rangle \\ &\leq \delta_{2k} \|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} + \delta_{2k} \|h_{T_1}\|_{l_2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \\ &\leq \delta_{2k} (\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2} + \|h_{T_1}\|_{l_2}) \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The last inequality in (16) follows  $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \leq \sqrt{2ab}$ . Now apply (15) and (16) to (12),

$$\|\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} (2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}} + \sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} \sum_{j \geq 2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2})$$

Using (5) to further bound  $\sum_{j \geq 2} \|h_{T_j}\|_{l_2}$ ,

$$\|\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} (2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}} + \sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} k^{-1/2} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I}) \quad (17)$$

For another thing, the low bound of (17) can be found using RIP,

$$(1 - \delta_{2k}) \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \|\Phi h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}^2$$

Dividing  $\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2}$  on the two hand,

$$\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} \leq \frac{2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} k^{-1/2} \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \quad (18)$$

To further bound  $\|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I}$ , use (9),

$$\begin{aligned} \|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} &\leq \frac{2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} k^{-1/2} (\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2, I} + 2 \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2, I})}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \\ &\leq \frac{2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} (\|h_{T_0}\|_{l_2} + 2 \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2})}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \\ &\leq \frac{2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} (\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + 2 \|h_{T_0^c}\|_{l_2})}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \\ &= \frac{2\epsilon \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2k}}}{1 - \delta_{2k}} + \frac{\sqrt{2} \delta_{2k} (\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + 2e_0)}{1 - \delta_{2k}} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The second inequality in (19) is suggested by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. By algebra, from (19), we conclude that

$$\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} \leq \frac{2\epsilon\sqrt{1+\delta_{2k}}}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}\delta_{2k}e_0}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}} \quad (20)$$

Finally, we complete the step2. Return (20) to (11),

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|_{l_2} &\leq 2\|h_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_{l_2} + 2e_0 \\ &\leq \frac{4\sqrt{1+\delta_{2k}}}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}}\epsilon + \frac{4\sqrt{2}\delta_{2k}}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}}e_0 + 2e_0 \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{1+\delta_{2k}}}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}}\epsilon + \frac{2[1-(1-\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}]}{1-(1+\sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}}e_0 \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Now we complete the prove of theorem 1. To ensure the denominator is positive, we get the premise  $\delta_{2k} \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$ .