Compressive Sensing

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1 Interferometry and the Inverse Problem

Single Dish antenna needs to be large. Large is expensive, therefore the radio astronomy builds interferometers that measure the Fourier components of the sky. This leads to it's own set of problems, mainly calibrating the instrument and reconstructing the actual image the instrument has seen. Undersampled Fourier space. Finding the actual image is the Inverse Problem.

At first glance, the image reconstruction does not seem hard. Since the interferometer measures Fourier components, one can calculate the inverse Fourier transform. The Fourier Measures are incomplete, therefore only a "dirty" image can easily be retrieved. The CLEAN [1] algorithm was created to clean up the dirty image and. Over the years the original CLEAN algorithm has been extended and modified, but the general idea stayed the same (Cotton-Schwab-CLEAN [2], MS-CLEAN [3], MS-MFS-CLEAN[4])

Future instruments like SKA produce much more data, the CLEAN class of algorithms does not scale well to the new sizes. Larger Interferometers break simplifying assumptions, like that the Fourier components are in fact 3 Dimensional.

The theory of Compressed Sensing [5] [6] is another way of looking at the problem. It says we can fully reconstruct the true image if the signal is compressible.

The remainder of this chapter will introduce basics in Interferometry, the state of the art image reconstruction and an introduction to compressed sensing. Active research field in radioastronomy. It tries to get an algorithm ready for SKA and different approaches get put forward(Purify, SASIR)

1.1 The UV Plane

From Antenna Configuration to UV-Coverage to Sampled-UV space

The baseline, the distance between two antennas. The bigger the distance the higher the frequency it can measure.

UV plane, how it looks and the earth rotation. Limitations, not in the center (because overlapping antennas), and not outside of earth.

Undersampled by design, results in a Dirty Image.

1.1.1 The W component

(Direction Dependent Effects DDE)

The RIME and Calibration?

1.2 Deconvolution with CLEAN

$$I \star PSF = I_D \tag{1.1}$$

One way of solving the Inverse Problem is to formulate it as a deconvolution as in (1.1). The image I is what the Interferometer would observe if the UV-Space was fully sampled. But since the UV-Space is undersampled, I gets convolved with the Point Spread Function PSF and the Interferometer observes the Fourier of components of the dirty Image I_D . After the Inverse Fourier Transform, the CLEAN algorithms deconvolve I_D with the PSF to find the actual Image.

Major and Minor Cycle,

Good point source localization, trouble with extended sources, works solely in the image domain and does not "scale"

1.3 Why Compressive Sensing

$$x \in \mathcal{R}^{n}$$

$$Fx = y \quad y \in \mathcal{C}^{m}$$

$$2m < n$$
(1.2)

Another way of looking at the inverse problem is to formulate it as the solution to an underdetermined system. (1.2). In our case, y are the observed Fourier components, x is the reconstructed image and F is the Fourier Transform. We try to find x that explain the observations y, but since it is an underdetermined system, there are multiple solutions. The intuitive way to solve it is to increase the number of observations until we have a fully-determined system. However, this is not necessary. With the theory of Compressive Sensing one can find the correct solution by exploiting the fact that x is compressible.

It turns out that many natural signals are compressible. A picture taken by an ordinary camera produces megabytes of data, but after compression only a fraction of the original need to stored. JPEG2000 uses the Wavelet Transform and only needs to store a limited number of Wavelet coefficients. More formally, if W is the Wavelet transform and e a natural Image, $We = \alpha$. α are the wavelet coefficients and since α consists of mostly zeroes, it can be stored using less space than the image e. In other words, the image e is compressible in the wavelet domain.

Coming back to the original underdetermined system (1.2), we introduce a Dictionary D which contains our basis functions. We assume that x is compressible using the Dictionary: $D\alpha = x$ and α has only a few non-zero entries. Instead of solving (1.2) directly, we substitute x with $D\alpha$ and search for the solution that has the fewest non-zero elements in α . We arrive at the minimization problem (1.3), where ind() is the indicator function.

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \underset{\alpha}{argmin} \ ind(D\alpha) \ s.t. \quad FD\alpha = y$$
 (1.3)

Non-convex optimization, real environment has noise. It can be shown that the L1 norm approximates the indicator function.

Formalizing the reconstruction problem, we arrive at the simple Equation ($\ref{eq:construct}$). We want to reconstruct an image x, here represented as a vector of pixels. If we apply the Fourier Transform W on the reconstructed image, we should arrive at the measured Fourier components y. We assume a noiseless environment for now. From linear algebra we know that there exists a unique reconstruction if we have as many Fourier components as pixels. In this case, we want to reconstruct an image from fewer Fourier components, which leads to several possible solutions for ($\ref{eq:construction}$). The reconstruction algorithm therefore has to decide what is the most plausible reconstruction from all possible solutions. The question is therefore: What are the chances that the most plausible reconstruction equals the true image? Surprisingly the answer is, under the right conditions, we are virtually guaranteed to reconstruct the true image. What the conditions are and how one can reconstruct the most plausible image, that is the Theory of Compressive Sensing [5] [6].

$$x \in \mathcal{R}^n$$

$$x = D_{\alpha} \quad , \quad \alpha \in \mathcal{R}^k \quad with \quad n \ll k$$

$$D \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times k}$$
 (1.4)

Plausible Image, sparsity

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \underset{\alpha}{arg \, min} \tag{1.5}$$

- 2 State of the Art
- 2.1 MS-MFS CLEAN
- 2.2 PURIFY Algorithm
- 2.3 Vis-CS

- 3 Benchmark
- 3.1 Simulation Data
- 3.2 Quality Measures

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