

Source Separation

for under-determined sound mixtures

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Analysis of Sound Mixture

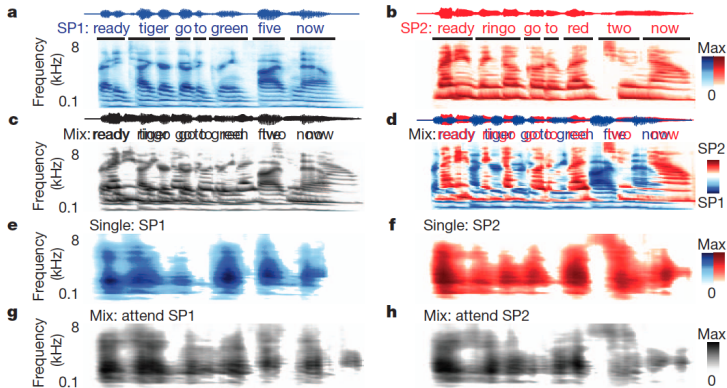
We aim at performing

- ⌞ Computational Auditory Scene Analysis
- ⌞ Humans focus on one source

Tasks:

- ⌞ Source separation ?
- ⌞ Source classification ?
- ⌞ Something in-between ?

Human separate sounds, really ?

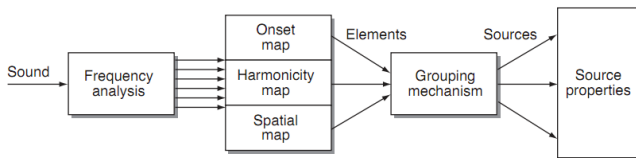


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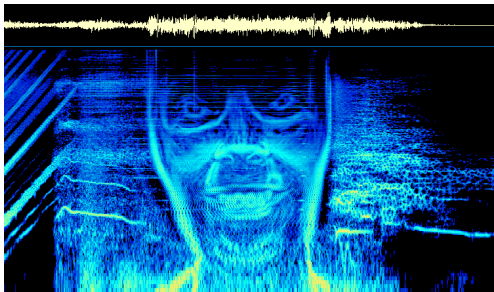
Computational Auditory Scene Analysis (CASA)

- ⌘ How do people analyze sound mixtures ?
- ⌘ break mixture into small elements (in time-freq)
- ⌘ elements are grouped in to sources using cues
- ⌘ sources have aggregate attributes

Computational Auditory Scene Analysis (CASA)



Frequency Analysis



Grouping by masking

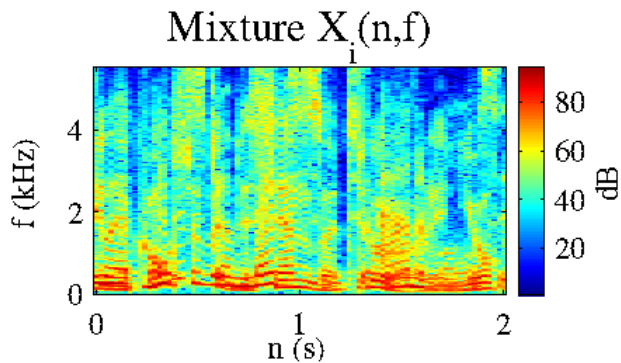
- ⌞ Formulate the source separation problem as a masking one in the time / frequency domain
- ⌞ Goal: find a mask M that retrieves one source when used to filter a given time-frequency representation.

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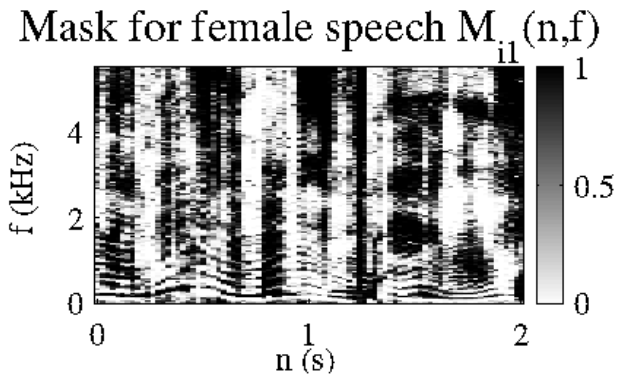
$$\hat{S}_n(r, k) = M_{mn}(r, k) \circ X_m(r, k)$$

- ⌞ Keep the phase of the mixture

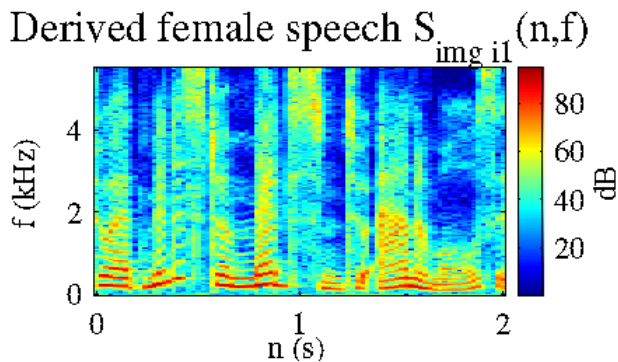
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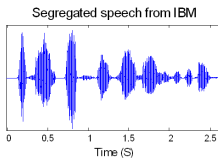
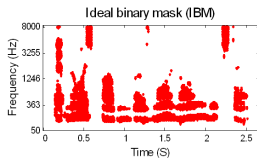
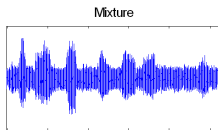
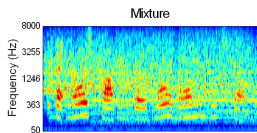
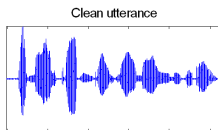
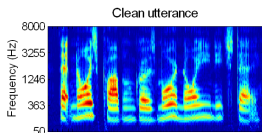
The IBM is an "oracle" separation method, that is we know something (everything ?) we need for separating the sources. It provides

- ⌘ An upper bound for masking based approaches
- ⌘ A way to understand issues with the front end
- ⌘ like Time/frequency resolution tradeoff and phase issues

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- ⌘ Utterance: "That noise problem grows more annoying each day"
- ⌘ Interference: Crowd noise with music (0 SNR)

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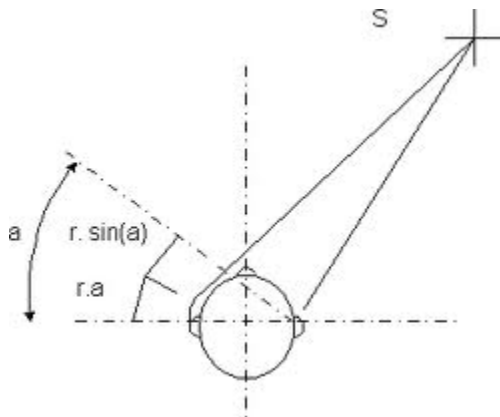


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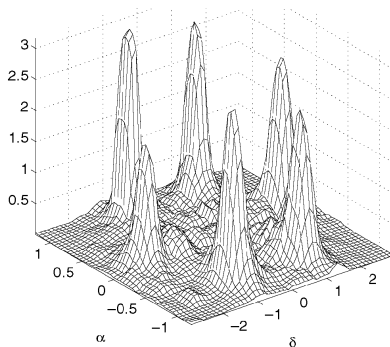
Stereo recording have spatial location cues

- ⌘ Termed Interchannel or Interaural
- ⌘ Encoded as Phase and Intensity Differences: IPD and IID
- ⌘ Warning: professionally mastered audio does not preserve them.

Binaural Cues



DUET (Degenerate Unmixing Estimation Technique)



- ⌘ Histogram of IPD and IID
- ⌘ Binary Mask created by selecting bins around histogram peaks.



Yilmaz and Rickard [Blind Separation of Speech Mixtures via Time-Frequency Masking](#) IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing 2004

Human-assisted time-frequency masking

- ⌘ Human-assisted selection of the time-frequency bins out of the DUET- like histogram for creating the unmixing mask
- ⌘ Implementation as a VST plugin: the Audio Scanner



M.Vinyes, J. Bonada and A. Loscos. [Demixing Commercial Music Productions via Human-Assisted Time-Frequency Masking](#). 120th AES convention, Paris, France, 2006.

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 - We will use audio spectrogram data as \mathbf{V}

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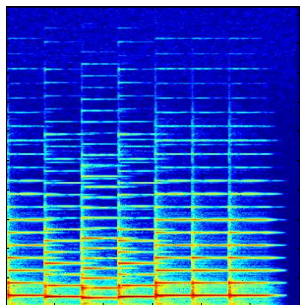
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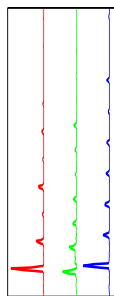
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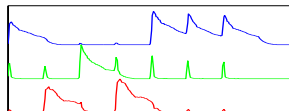


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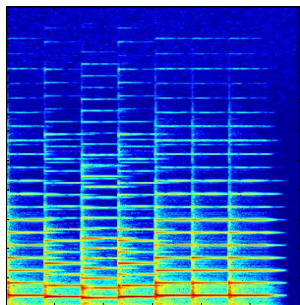


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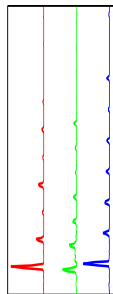
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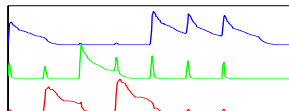


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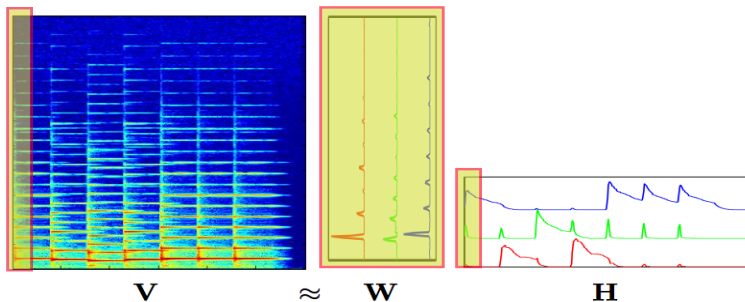
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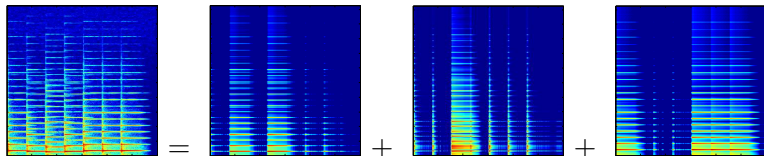
Columns of $\mathbf{V} \approx$ as a weighted sum (mixture) of basis vectors



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Factorization Interpretation II

\mathbf{V} is approximated as sum of matrix “layers”



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$$\mathbf{V} \approx \mathbf{w}_1 \mathbf{h}_1^T + \mathbf{w}_2 \mathbf{h}_2^T + \dots + \mathbf{w}_K \mathbf{h}_K^T$$

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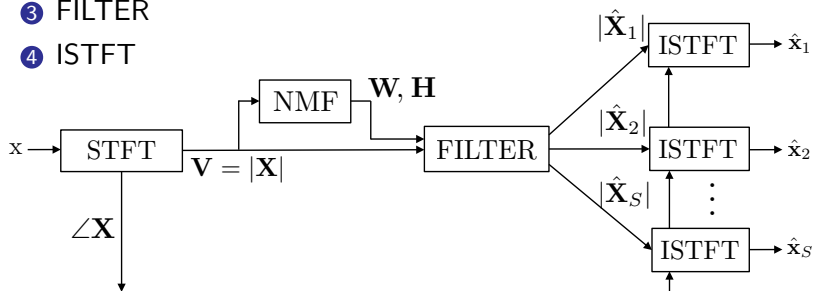
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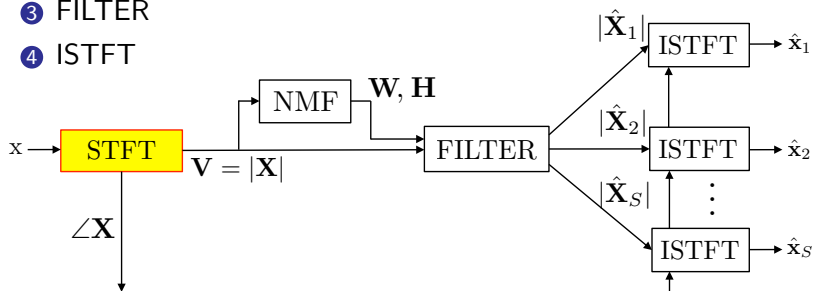
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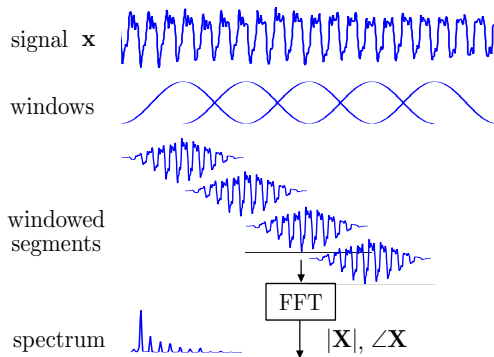


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Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT)



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Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT)

$$X_m(\omega_k) = e^{-j\omega_k mR} \sum_{n=-N/2}^{N/2-1} x(n+mR)w(n)e^{-j\omega_k n}$$

$x(n)$ = input signal at time n

$w(n)$ = length M window function (e.g. Hann, etc.)

N = DFT size, in samples

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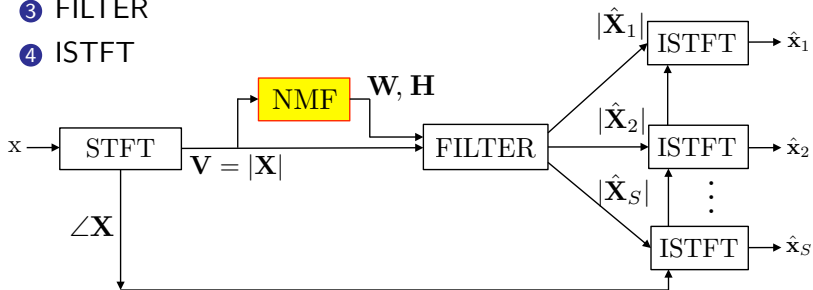
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$w_k = 2\pi k/N, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

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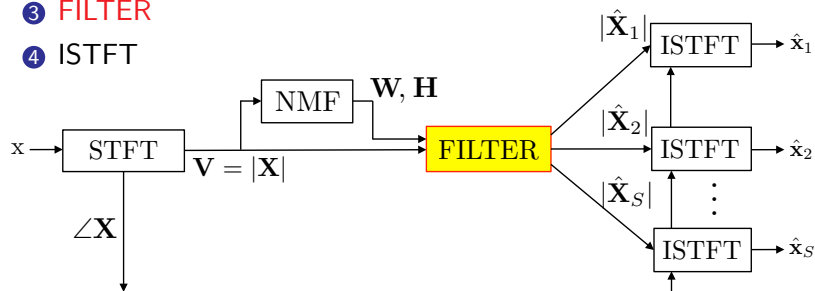


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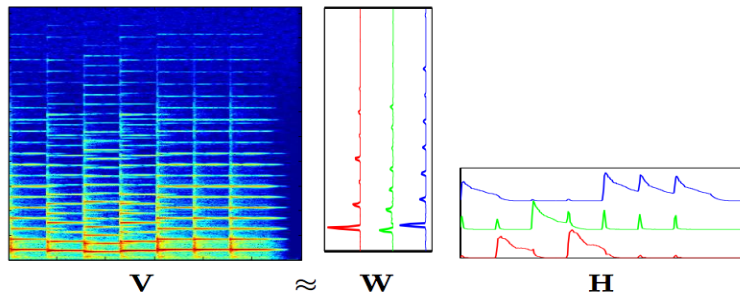
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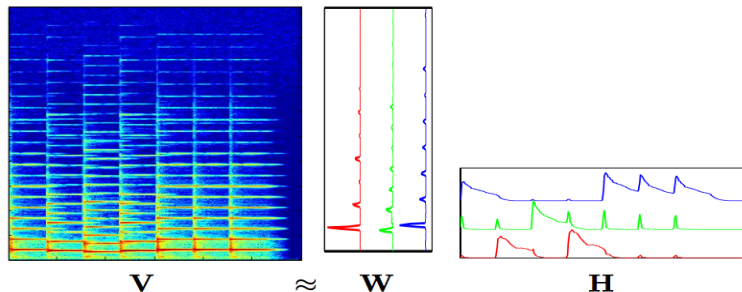
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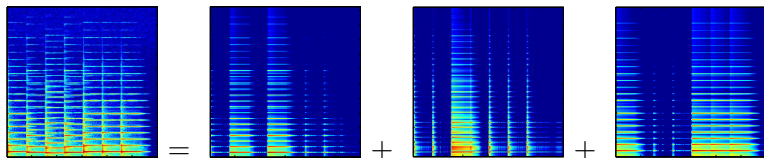


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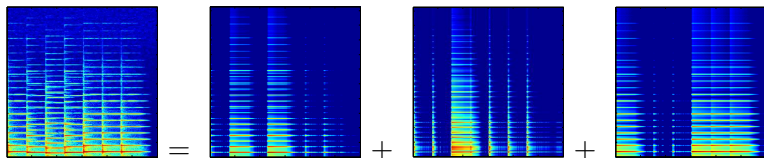


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Source Synthesis III

Example 2: “D” and “E” pitches as a source



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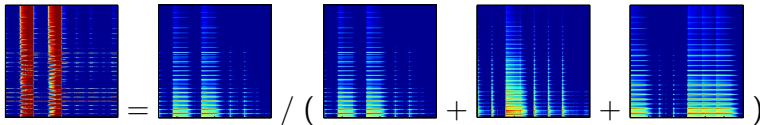
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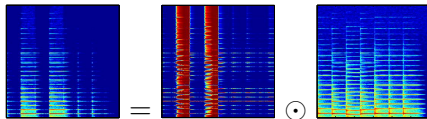
Source Filtering II

Example: Choose “D” pitches as a single source w/one basis vector

- ① Compute filter $\mathbf{M}_s = \frac{\mathbf{w}_1 \mathbf{h}_1^T}{\sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{h}_i^T}$, with $\alpha = 1$



- ② Multiply with $|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_s| = \mathbf{M}_s \odot |\mathbf{X}|$

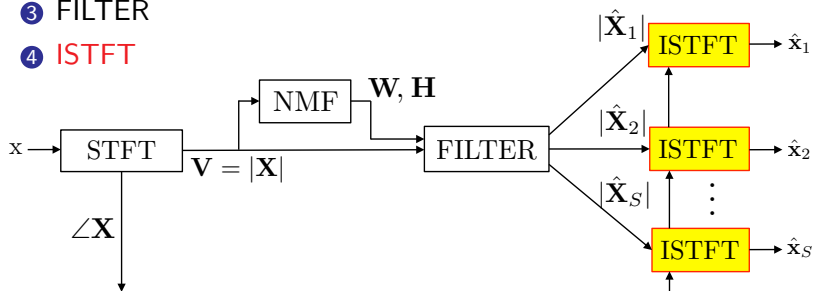


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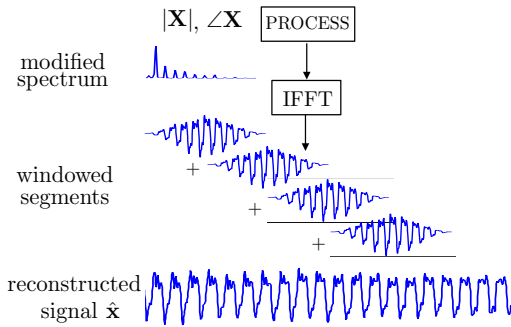
- The filter \mathbf{M} is referred to as a *masking filter* or *soft mask*
- Tends to perform better than the reconstruction method
- Similar to Wiener filtering discussed in Talk 1

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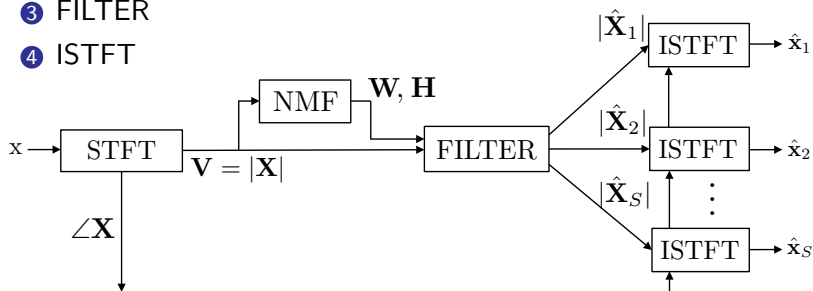
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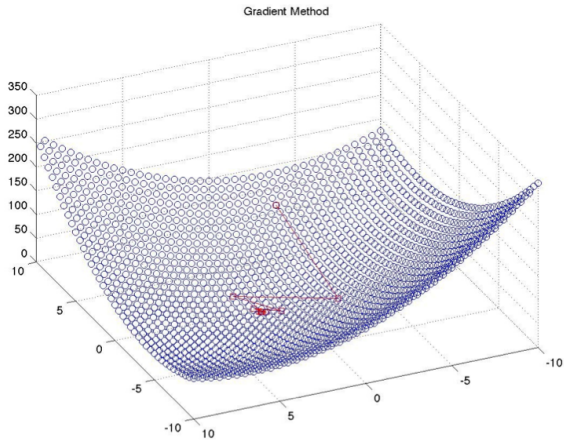
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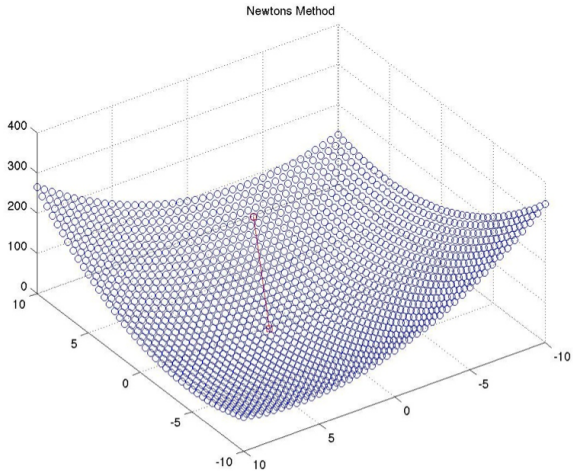
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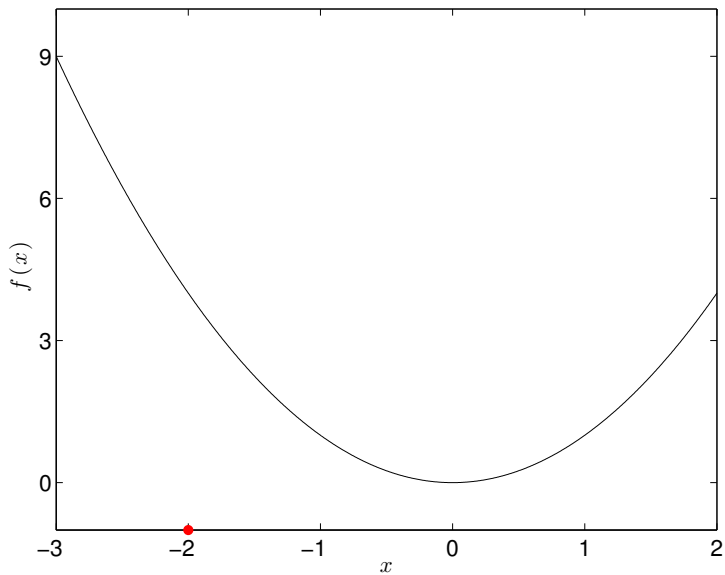
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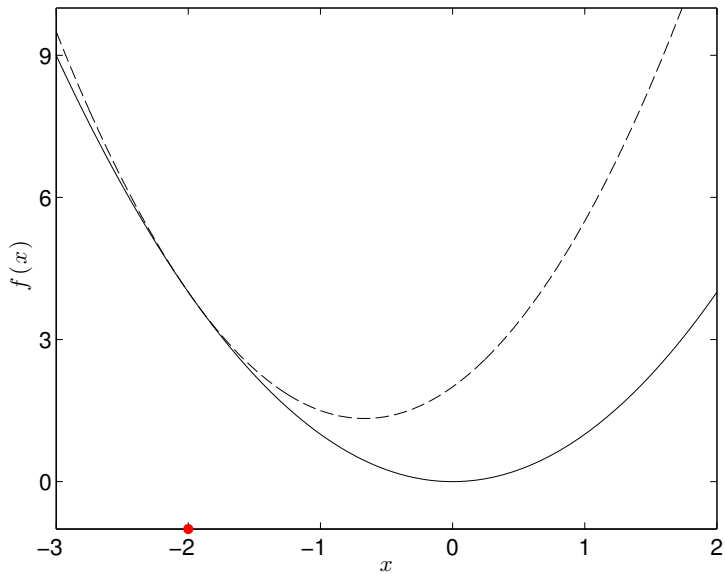
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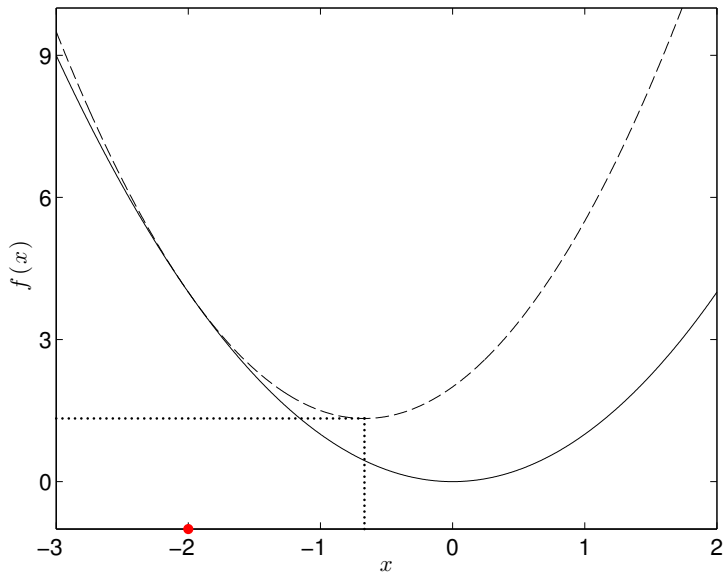
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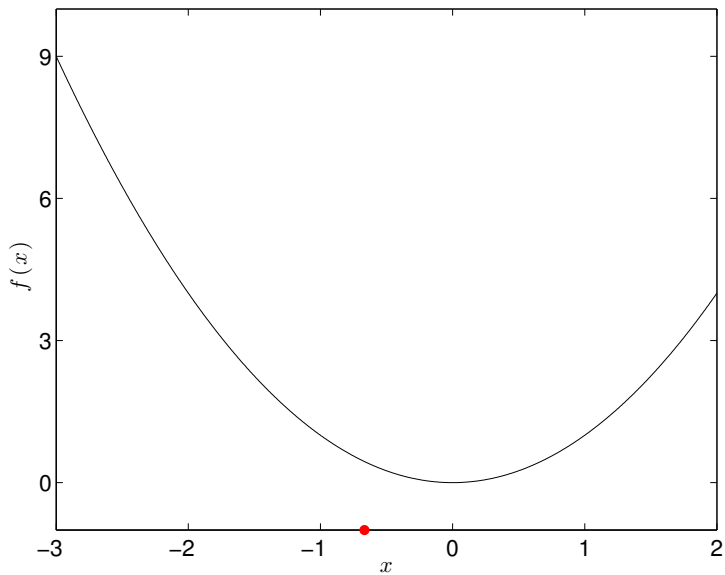
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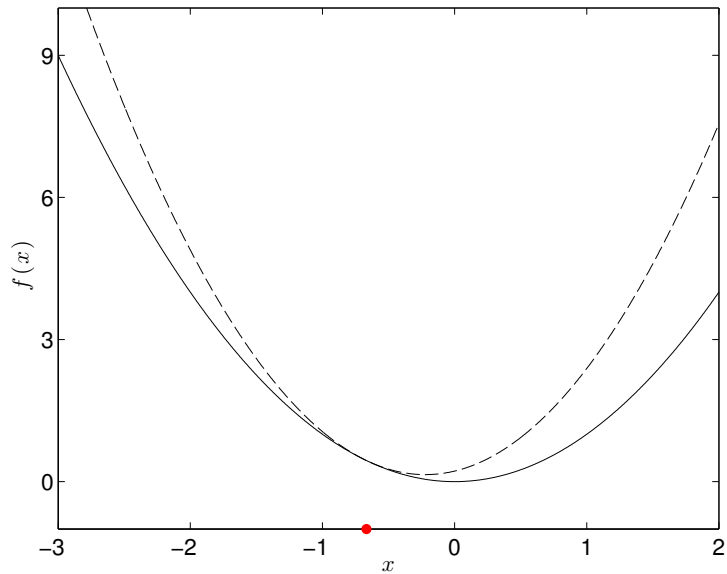
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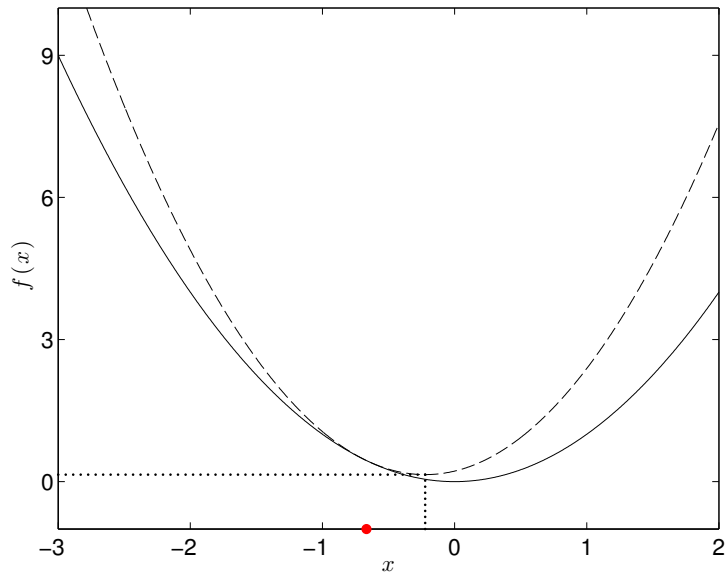
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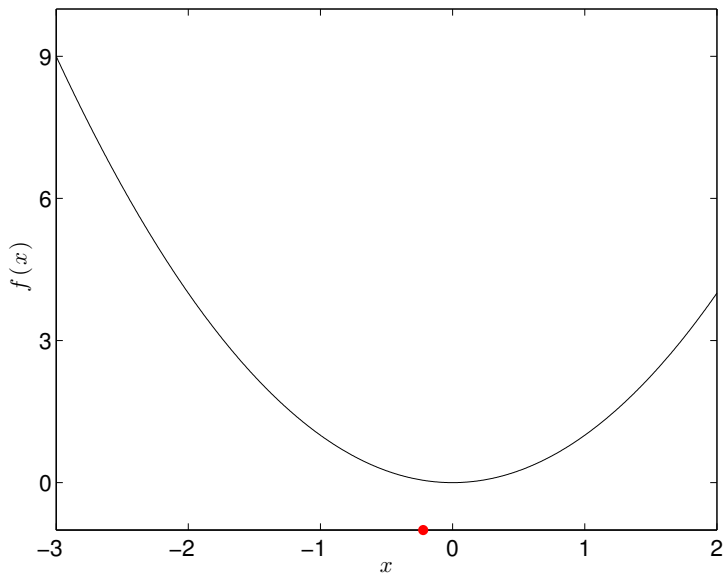
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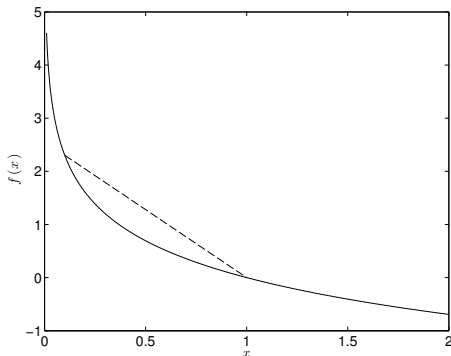
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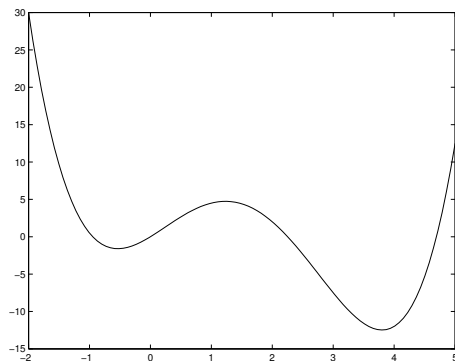
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Caveats

- The NMF problem is **non-convex**.







- The algorithm is only guaranteed to find a local optimum.
- The algorithm is sensitive to choice of initialization.

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