

1 Kurtosis optimization

Two statistically independent sources with $\langle s_i s_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$
Extraction from observations (one source)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{s}} &= \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{s} \\ &= z_1 s_1 + z_2 s_2\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned}\text{kurt}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) &\stackrel{!}{=} \max_{\mathbf{z}} \\ z_1^2 + z_2^2 &\stackrel{!}{=} 1\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

method of lagrange multiplies

$$\text{kurt}(\hat{\mathbf{s}}) = z_1^4 \underbrace{\text{kurt}(s_1)}_{=a} + z_2^2 \underbrace{\text{kurt}(s_2)}_{=b}\tag{3}$$

let $a, b > 0$ (special case)

$$az_1^4 + bz_2^4 - \lambda(z_1^2 + z_2^2) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{exts.}\tag{4}$$

$$4az_1^3 - 2\lambda z_1 = 0 \rightsquigarrow z_1(4az_1^2 - 2\lambda) = 0 \rightsquigarrow z_1 = \pm \frac{\lambda}{2a}, 0\tag{5}$$

$$4bz_2^3 - 2\lambda z_2 = 0 \rightsquigarrow z_2(4az_2^2 - 2\lambda) = 0 \rightsquigarrow z_2 = \pm \frac{\lambda}{2b}, 0$$

matrix of second derivatives

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} 12az_1^2 - 2\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 12bz_2^2 - 2\lambda \end{pmatrix} \right| = (12az_1^2 - 2\lambda)(12bz_2^2 - 2\lambda)\tag{6}$$

solutions

| z_1 | z_2 | λ | 1%1 | $az_1^4 + bz_2^4$ |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 0 | ± 1 | $2b$ | $-32b^2$ | b |
| ± 1 | 0 | $2a$ | $-32a^2$ | a |
| $\pm \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$ | $\pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$ | $\frac{2ab}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$ | depending on values for a, b | at most local optima: $\frac{ab}{(a^2+b^2)^2}(a^3+b^3)$ |