

# Compressed sensing of low-rank plus sparse matrices

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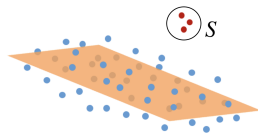
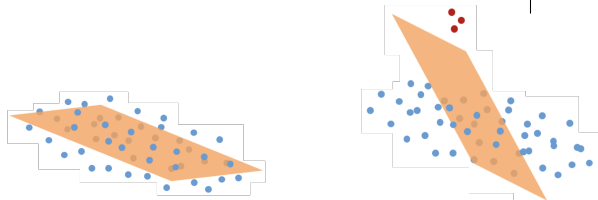
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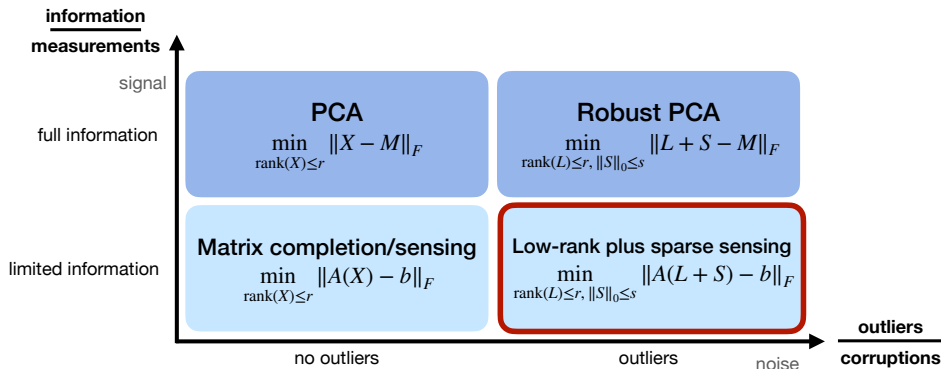


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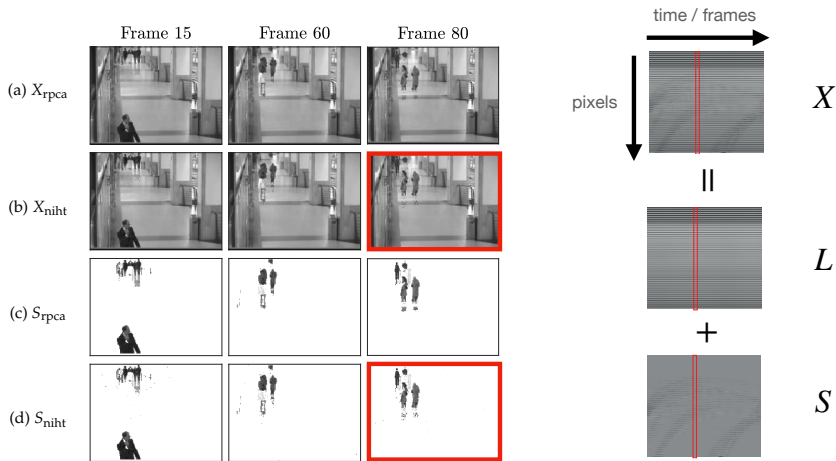
Let  $b = \mathcal{A}(L_0 + S_0) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , where

- $\text{rank}(L_0) \leq r$  and  $\|S_0\|_0 \leq s$ ,
- $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is a linear subsampling.

Recover  $L_0$  and  $S_0$  only from  $b = \mathcal{A}(M)$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$ ?



# Subsampled dynamic-foreground/static-background seperation



**Figure 1:** Recovery of a  $190 \times 140 \times 150$  video sequence. The video is shaped into  $26600 \times 150$  and recovered using FJLT from  $\delta = 1/3$  using  $r = 1$  and  $s = 197505$ .

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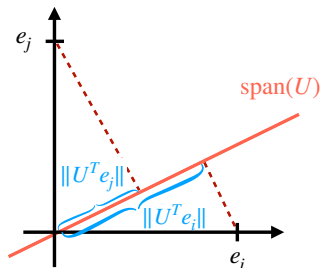


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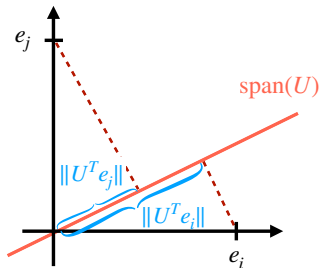


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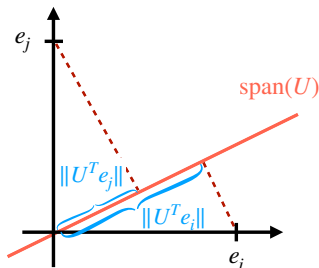
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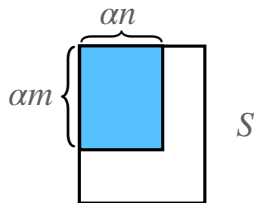


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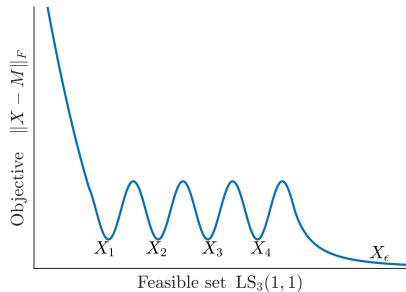
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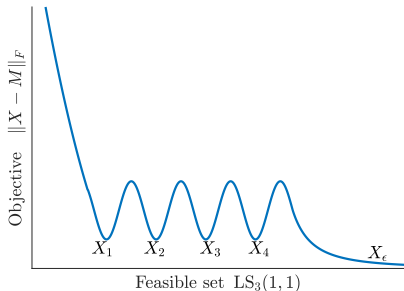


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- However,  $X_\varepsilon$  converges to  $M$  which is outside of the feasible set  $\text{LS}_{3,3}(1,1)$ .
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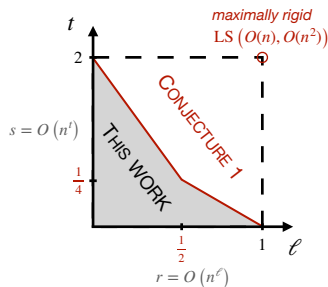
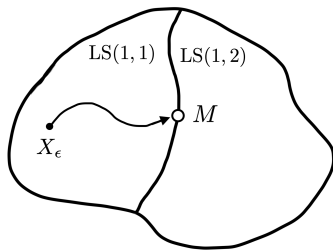
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# Non-closedness generalization

Theorem ( $\text{LS}_{n,n}(r, s)$  is not closed for a range of  $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$ )<sup>1</sup>

The set of low-rank plus sparse matrices  $\text{LS}_{n,n}(r, s)$  is not closed for  $r \geq 1, s \geq 1$  provided  $(r+1)(s+2) \leq n$ , or provided  $(r+2)^{3/2}s^{1/2} \leq n$  where  $s$  is of the form  $s = p^2r$  for an integer  $p \geq 1$ .

As a consequence, there are matrices  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  for which Robust PCA and low-rank matrix completion are ill-posed in the sense that they have no global minimum.



<sup>1</sup>Tanner, Thompson, V. (2019). Matrix rigidity and the ill-posedness of Robust PCA and matrix completion

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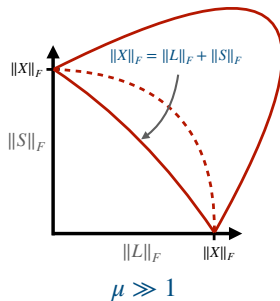
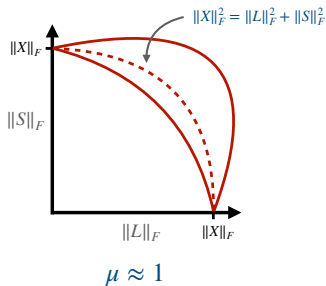


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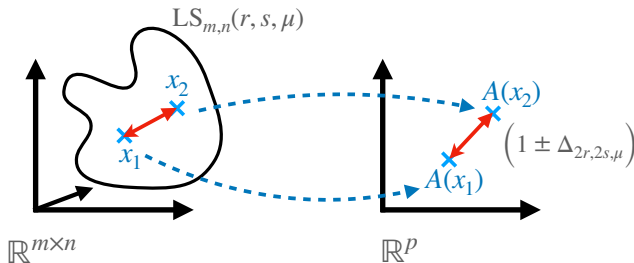
# Recoverability via the restricted isometry property

**Definition (Restricted isometry property of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\text{LS}_{m,n}(r, s, \mu)$ ):**

For a linear subsampling  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ , there exists  $\Delta_{r,s,\mu} \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$(1 - \Delta_{r,s,\mu}) \|X\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathcal{A}(X)\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \Delta_{r,s,\mu}) \|X\|_F^2, \quad (3)$$

for all matrices  $X \in \text{LS}_{m,n}(r, s, \mu)$  whose low-rank component has bounded coherence by  $\mu$ .



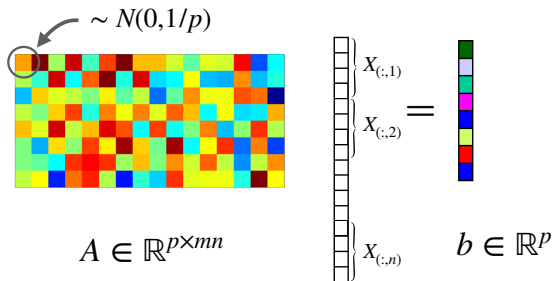
**Recoverability:** For which  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$  can we recover  $(L, S)$  from  $b = \mathcal{A}(b)$ ?

**Theorem (Bound on the RICs for  $LS_{m,n}(r, s, \mu)$ ):**

For given  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Delta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $s < mn/(\mu^2 r^2)$ , and a Gaussian subsampling  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  there exist constants  $c_0, c_1 > 0$  such that  $\Delta_{r,s,\mu} \leq \Delta$  when

$$p > c_0(\Delta) (r(m + n - r) + s) \log \left( (1 - \gamma^2)^{-1/2} \frac{mn}{s} \right), \quad (4)$$

with probability at least  $1 - \exp(-c_1 p)$ , where  $\gamma := \mu \frac{r\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{mn}}$ .



# Recovery by the convex relaxation

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## Theorem (Guaranteed convex recovery):

Let  $b = \mathcal{A}(M)$  and suppose that  $r, s \geq 1$  and  $s < mn/(32\mu^2 r^2)$  are such that the restricted isometry constant  $\Delta_{4r, 2s, 2\mu}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \frac{1}{7} - 2\gamma$  where  $\gamma := \mu \frac{4r\sqrt{2s}}{\sqrt{mn}}$ . Let  $X^* = L^* + S^*$  be the solution of  $(\star)$  with  $\lambda = \sqrt{2r/s}$ , then  $\|X^* - M\|_F \leq 42\epsilon_b$ .

# Non-convex algorithm: Normalized Alternating Hard Thresholding

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$$\min_{X \in \text{LS}_{m,n}(r,s,\mu)} \|\mathcal{A}(X) - b\|_F. \quad (\star\star)$$

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## Algorithm 1 NAHT

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- 1: **while** not converged **do**
  - 2:   Compute the residual  $R_L^j = \mathcal{A}^* (\mathcal{A}(X^j) - b)$
  - 3:   Set  $V^j = L^j - \alpha_j^L R_L^j$
  - 4:   Set  $L^{j+1} = \text{HT}(V^j; r)$
  - 5:   Set  $X^{j+\frac{1}{2}} = L^{j+1} + S^j$
  - 6:   Compute the residual  $R_S^j = \mathcal{A}^* (\mathcal{A}(X^{j+\frac{1}{2}}) - b)$
  - 7:   Set  $W^j = S^j - \alpha_j^S R_S^j$
  - 8:   Set  $S^{j+1} = \text{HT}(W^j; s)$
  - 9:   Set  $X^{j+1} = L^{j+1} + S^{j+1}$
  - 10:    $j = j + 1$
  - 11: **end while**
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## Non-convex algorithm: Normalized Alternating Hard Thresholding

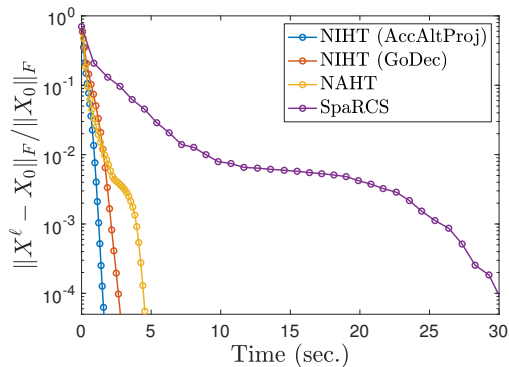
### Theorem (Guaranteed recovery by NAHT):

Suppose that  $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $s < mn / (8\mu^2 r^2)$  are such that the restricted isometry constant  $\Delta_3 := \Delta_{3r, 3s, \mu}(\mathcal{A}) < \frac{1}{9} - \gamma_2$  where  $\gamma_2 := \mu \frac{2r\sqrt{2s}}{\sqrt{mn}}$ . Then

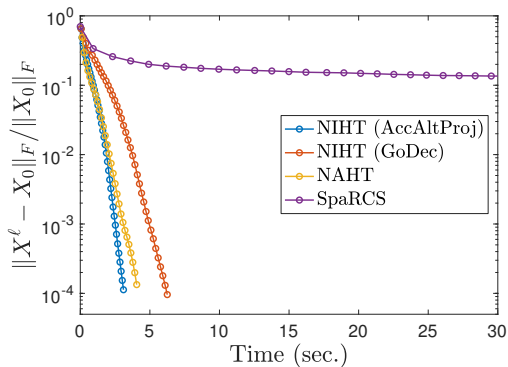
$$\|L^{j+1} - L_0\|_F + \|S^{j+1} - S_0\|_F \leq \frac{6\Delta_3 + \frac{9}{8}\gamma_2}{1 - 3\Delta_3 - \frac{9}{8}\gamma_2} (\|L^j - L_0\|_F + \|S^j - S_0\|_F). \quad (5)$$



# Linear convergence of non-convex recovery



(a)  $\rho_r = \rho_s = 0.05$



(b)  $\rho_r = \rho_s = 0.1$

**Figure 2:** Relative error in the approximate  $\|X^\ell\|_F$  for  $m = n = 100$  and  $p = (1/2)100^2$ ,  $\delta = 1/2$  and Gaussian  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $\mu \approx 3$ . In (b), SpaRCS (Waters et al., 2011) converged in 171 sec. (45 iterations).

1. Non-convex optimisation problems can have no solutions<sup>1</sup>.
2. For  $\text{LS}_{m,n}(r, s, \mu)$  to have  $s < mn/(\mu^2 r^2)$  closes the set.
3. We do not need structure for the  $\text{supp}(S)$  in Robust PCA and similar problems.
4. Restricted isometry constants, guaranteed convex and non-convex solution of the subsampled low-rank plus sparse problem<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Tanner, Thompson, V. (2019). Matrix rigidity and the ill-posedness of Robust PCA and matrix completion

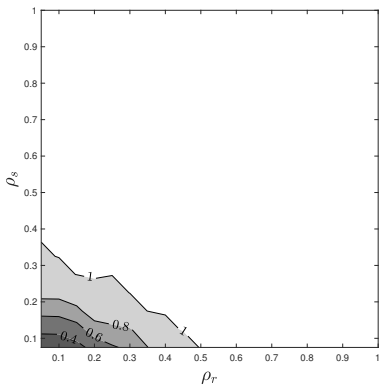
<sup>2</sup>Tanner & V. (2020). Compressed sensing of low-rank plus sparse matrices

Thank you for your attention.

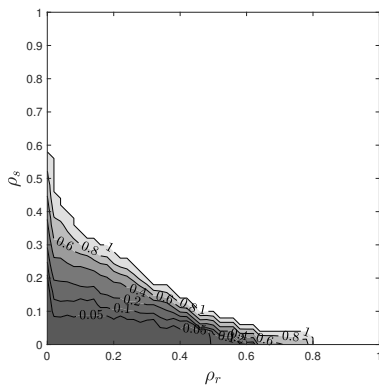
# Numerical phase transition: Convex relaxation and NAHT

Phase transition  $\delta^*$  above which recovery is possible, where

$$\text{subsampling: } \delta = \frac{p}{mn}, \quad \text{rank: } \rho_r = \frac{r(m+n-r)}{p}, \quad \text{sparsity: } \rho_s = s/p$$



(a) Convex recovery for  $30 \times 30$  matrix,  
 $\mu \approx 3$ .



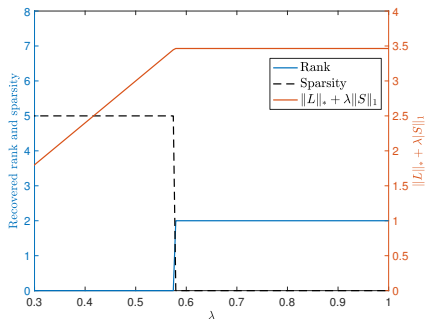
(b) NAHT recovery for  $100 \times 100$  matrix,  
 $\mu \approx 3$ .



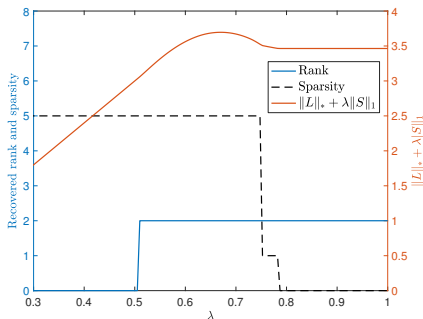
# Problems with convex Robust PCA and non-closedness

$$\min_{L \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad M = L + S,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is the nuclear norm (sum of the singular values of  $L$ ) and  $\|\cdot\|_1$  denotes the  $\ell_1$ -norm (sum of the absolute values of the entries of  $S$ ).



(a) PCP (?) for  $M^{(1)}$



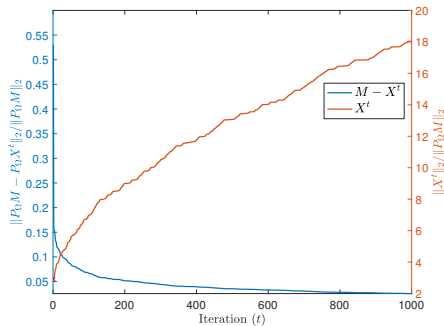
(b) IALM (?) for  $M^{(1)}$

# Divergence of non-convex low-rank matrix completion

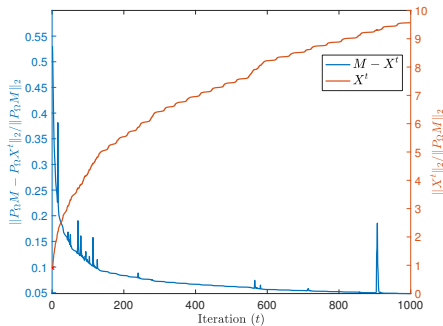
We are given only entries of  $M$  at indices  $\Omega$  in the form of  $b = P_{\Omega}(M)$ . Solving

$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \|P_{\Omega}(X) - b\|_F, \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{rank}(X) \leq r$$

recovers  $M$  for many  $r$  and an entry-wise subsampling operator  $P_{\Omega} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ .



(a) ASD (?) for  $M^{(1)}$



(b) CGIHT (?) for  $M^{(1)}$