

# Rethinking Sketching as Sampling: Efficient Approximate Solution to Linear Inverse Problems

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## Example: Approximating the GFT



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- ▶ Signal bandlimited with k = 10 freq. coeff.  $\Rightarrow p = k = 10$



• Error of  $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  reducing computational complexity by 10

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• Error of  $10^{-4}$  reducing computational complexity by 100/24 = 4.167



- Classify images of handwritten digits of the MNIST database
- Linear classifier in the PCA domain  $\Rightarrow$  Expensive linear operation
  - $\Rightarrow$  Subsume PCA and classifier in one linear operator



x (Image)  

$$n = 784$$
 H = y  
PCA+Classif.

Classify images by operating directly on a subset of pixels
 Images of size n = 784 pixels ⇒ Use only p = 20 pixels
 ⇒ Processing costs reduced by 39.2 for each image







(a) EDS norm-1





(b) EDS norm-2





(c) EDS norm- $\infty$ 



(d) Tresholding



(e) Noise-Blind



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(f) Greedy

Sketching and sampling techniques achieve perfect classification







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- Error rate using full image: 4.00%
  - $\Rightarrow$  Greedy approach using 20 pixels: 4.53%



▶ 200 image classification as a function of noise for p = 20 pixels











- Optimal sketch and sampling for processing bandlimited graph signals
   ⇒ Obtain approximate solution by operating only on a few samples
   ⇒ Accelerate processing of a sequence of bandlimited signals
   Joint design of matrix sketch and sampling scheme (prior to processing)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Two-stage optimization  $\ \Rightarrow$  Heuristic solutions for sampling problem
- ► Fast computation of GFT of a bandlimited graph signal
  - $\Rightarrow$  Errors in the order of  $10^{-5}$  reducing the cost 10 times
- ► Classification of images of size 784 pixels of handwritten digits ⇒ Using as few as 20 pixels ⇒ 40 times less computational cost
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