

# Fast Computations for Approximation and Compression in Slepian Spaces

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# Spectral Leakage

Suppose we take  $N$  equispaced samples of a bandlimited signal.

$$x_c(t) = \int_{-W/T}^{W/T} X_c(F) e^{j2\pi Ft} dF, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbf{x}[n] = x_c(nT), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

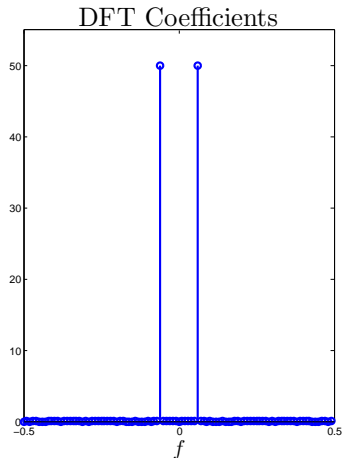
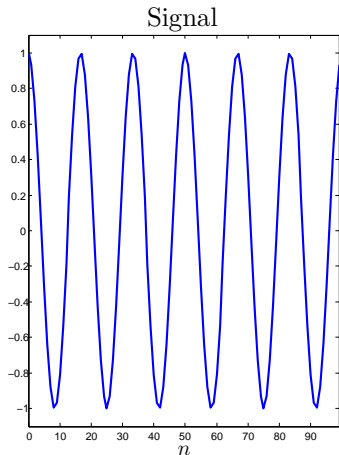
If  $W = \frac{1}{2}$ , we are sampling at the Nyquist rate. We expect  $N$  degrees of freedom in  $\mathbf{x}$ .

If  $0 < W < \frac{1}{2}$ , we are sampling faster than the Nyquist rate. We expect  $\approx 2NW$  degrees of freedom in  $\mathbf{x}$ .

What basis yields a sparse representation for  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

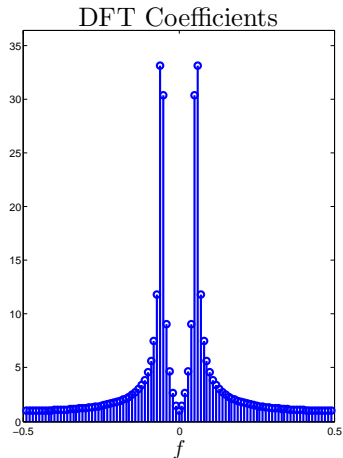
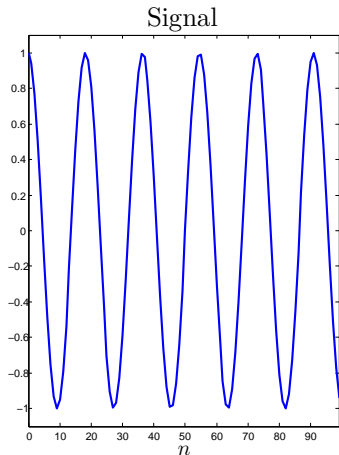
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# Motivation

The relationship between a discrete signal  $x \in \ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and its discrete time Fourier transform (DTFT)  $\tilde{x} \in L_2([-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}])$  is given by

$$\tilde{x}(f) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j2\pi fn},$$

$$x[n] = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \tilde{x}(f)e^{j2\pi fn} df.$$

For a given positive integer  $N$  and bandlimit  $0 < W < \frac{1}{2}$ , the only signal which is both bandlimited to  $f \in [-W, W]$  and timelimited to  $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$  is the zero signal.

Can we find timelimited signals whose energy is maximally concentrated in the frequency interval  $[-W, W]$ ?

# Definition

For any length  $N$  signal,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ ,

$$\frac{\int_{-W}^W |\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(f)|^2 df}{\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} |\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(f)|^2 df} = \frac{\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{B}_{N,W} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^* \mathbf{x}},$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix with entries

$$\mathbf{B}_{N,W}[m, n] = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(2\pi W(m-n))}{\pi(m-n)} & \text{if } m \neq n \\ 2W & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}.$$

The Slepian basis vectors  $\mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(0)}, \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(N-1)}$  are defined as the eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$ , where the respective eigenvalues  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(0)}, \lambda_{N,W}^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda_{N,W}^{(N-1)}$  are sorted in decreasing order [1].

# Slepian Basis Vector Plots

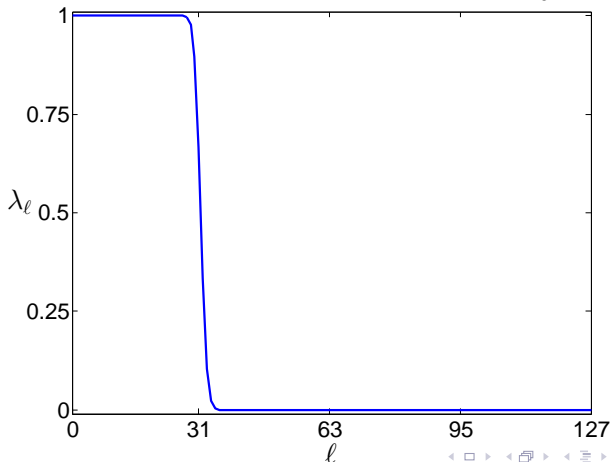
Signal Length:  $N = 128$ , Bandlimit:  $W = \frac{1}{8}$



# Eigenvalue Behavior

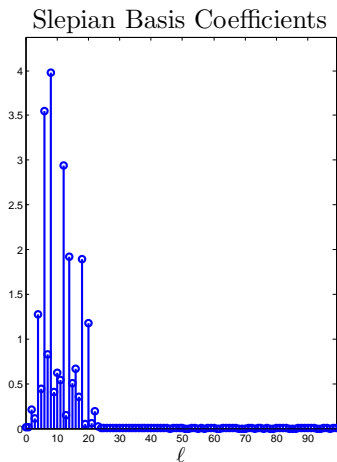
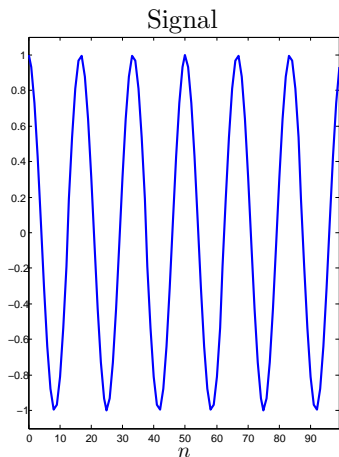
Slightly less than  $2NW$  eigenvalues are close to 1, and slightly less than  $N - 2NW$  eigenvalues are close to 0. For a fixed  $\epsilon > 0$ , roughly  $O(\log N)$  eigenvalues are between  $\epsilon$  and  $1 - \epsilon$ .

DPSS Eigenvalues:  $N = 128$ ,  $W = \frac{1}{8}$



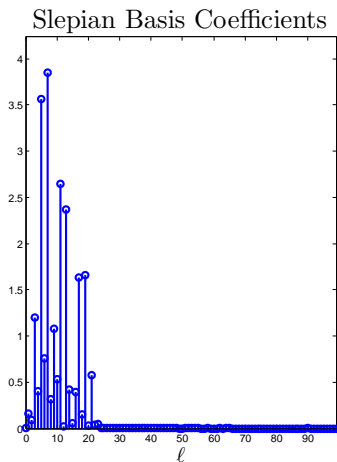
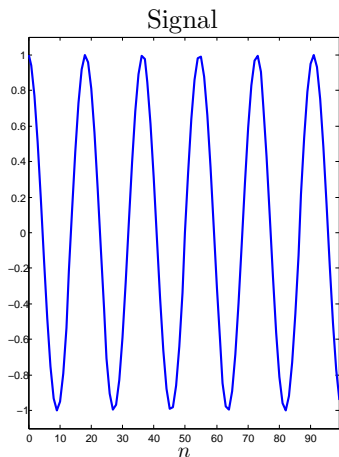
# Slepian Transform

$$\mathbf{x}[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot 6}{100} n\right), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, 99, \quad W = \frac{1}{10}$$



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$$x[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot 5.5}{100} n\right), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, 99, \quad W = \frac{1}{10}$$



# Goals

- A fast method to compress  $N$  dimensional data into  $K \approx 2NW$  dimensional data, and still be able to recover the original data if it lies in the span of the first  $K$  Slepian basis vectors.
- A fast method to project a vector in  $\mathbb{C}^N$  onto the span of the first  $K \approx 2NW$  Slepian basis vectors.
- A fast method to apply the rank  $K \approx 2NW$  pseudoinverse of  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$  to a vector in  $\mathbb{C}^N$ .

# Prolate Matrix vs. Partial Fourier Matrix

Let  $\mathbf{F}_{N,W}$  be an  $N \times 2NW'$  matrix whose columns are the lowest  $2NW'$  frequency DFT vectors of length  $N$ .

## Theorem 1

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $W \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , there exist  $N \times R_L$  matrices  $\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_2$  and an  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathbf{E}_F$  such that

$$\mathbf{B}_{N,W} = \mathbf{F}_{N,W} \mathbf{F}_{N,W}^* + \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_2^* + \mathbf{E}_F$$

where

$$R_L \leq \left( \frac{4}{\pi^2} \log(8N) + 6 \right) \log \left( \frac{15}{\epsilon} \right) \text{ and } \|\mathbf{E}_F\| \leq \epsilon.$$

Due to the length limitations, we have included the proof in Section 2 of “The Fast Slepian Transform”. A preprint available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.04950>.

# Number of Eigenvalues in Transition Region

Slepian [1] showed that for a fixed  $W$  and  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\#\{\ell : \epsilon \leq \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} \leq 1 - \epsilon\} \sim \frac{2}{\pi^2} \log N \log \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 1 \right).$$

Zhu and Wakin [2] showed that for any  $N$ ,  $W$ , and  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\#\{\ell : \epsilon \leq \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} \leq 1 - \epsilon\} \leq \frac{\frac{2}{\pi^2} \log(N-1) + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{2N-1}{N-1}}{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}.$$

Using the previous theorem, and the Courant-Fischer-Weyl min-max principle, we can improve this bound.

## Theorem 2

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $W \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,

$$\#\{\ell : \epsilon < \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} < 1 - \epsilon\} \leq \left( \frac{8}{\pi^2} \log(8N) + 12 \right) \log \left( \frac{15}{\epsilon} \right).$$

# Fast Projection

Define  $\mathbf{S}_{[K]} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(0)} & \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(1)} & \cdots & \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(K-1)} \end{bmatrix}$ .

## Theorem 3

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $W \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , pick  $K$  such that  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K-1)} > \epsilon$  and  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K)} < 1 - \epsilon$ . Then, there exist  $N \times R_U$  matrices  $\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2$  and an  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathbf{E}_S$  such that

$$\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^* = \mathbf{B}_{N,W} + \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_2^* + \mathbf{E}_S$$

where

$$R_U \leq \left( \frac{8}{\pi^2} \log(8N) + 12 \right) \log \left( \frac{15}{\epsilon} \right) \text{ and } \|\mathbf{E}_S\| \leq \epsilon.$$

Idea:  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^*$  have the same eigenvectors, and most of the eigenvalues are almost the same.

# Fast Projection

Define

$$\mathcal{I}_1 = \{\ell < K : 1 - \epsilon \leq \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} \leq 1\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_2 = \{\ell < K : \epsilon < \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} < 1 - \epsilon\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_3 = \{\ell \geq K : \epsilon < \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} < 1 - \epsilon\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_4 = \{\ell \geq K : 0 \leq \lambda_{N,W}^{(\ell)} \leq \epsilon\},$$

and accordingly partition

$$\mathbf{S}_{N,W} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(0)} & \cdots & \mathbf{s}_{N,W}^{(N-1)} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{S}_1 \quad \mathbf{S}_2 \quad \mathbf{S}_3 \quad \mathbf{S}_4]$$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda}_{N,W} := \text{diag}(\lambda_{N,W}^{(0)}, \dots, \lambda_{N,W}^{(N-1)}) = \text{blockdiag}(\mathbf{\Lambda}_1, \mathbf{\Lambda}_2, \mathbf{\Lambda}_3, \mathbf{\Lambda}_4).$$



# Fast Projection

So,  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W} = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 \mathbf{S}_1^* + \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \mathbf{S}_2^* + \mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3 \mathbf{S}_3^* + \mathbf{S}_4 \mathbf{\Lambda}_4 \mathbf{S}_4^*$ ,  
and  $\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^* = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{S}_1^* + \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{S}_2^*$ .

Then, if we define

$$\mathbf{U}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Lambda}_2)^{1/2} & \mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3^{1/2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{U}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Lambda}_2)^{1/2} & -\mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3^{1/2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{E}_S = \mathbf{S}_1 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\Lambda}_1) \mathbf{S}_1^* - \mathbf{S}_4 \mathbf{\Lambda}_4 \mathbf{S}_4^*,$$

we have

$$\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^* = \underbrace{\mathbf{B}_{N,W}}_{\text{Toeplitz}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_2^*}_{\text{Low Rank}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{E}_S}_{\text{Small}}.$$

So,  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W} + \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_2^*$  is an approximation for  $\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^*$  which can be applied to a vector in  $O(N \log N \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$  operations.

## Theorem 4

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $W \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , pick  $K$  such that  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K-1)} > \epsilon$  and  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K)} < 1 - \epsilon$ . Then, there exist  $N \times K'$  matrices  $\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2$  where

$$K' \leq \lceil 2NW \rceil + \left( \frac{12}{\pi^2} \log(8N) + 18 \right) \log \left( \frac{15}{\epsilon} \right)$$

such that  $\|\mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{T}_2^* - \mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^*\| \leq 2\epsilon$ , and  $\mathbf{T}_1$  and  $\mathbf{T}_2^*$  can be applied to a vector in  $O(N \log N \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$  operations.

Idea: Combine Theorem 1 and Theorem 3 to get

$$\mathbf{S}_{[K]} \mathbf{S}_{[K]}^* = \mathbf{F}_{N,W} \mathbf{F}_{N,W}^* + \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_2^* + \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{U}_2^* + \mathbf{E}_F + \mathbf{E}_S.$$

Then, set  $\mathbf{T}_1 = [\mathbf{F}_{N,W} \quad \mathbf{L}_1 \quad \mathbf{U}_1]$  and  $\mathbf{T}_2 = [\mathbf{F}_{N,W} \quad \mathbf{L}_2 \quad \mathbf{U}_2]$ .

# Fast Pseudoinverse

Let  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}^\dagger$  be the rank- $K$  truncated pseudoinverse of  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$ .

## Theorem 5

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $W \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , and  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , pick  $K$  such that  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K-1)} > \epsilon$  and  $\lambda_{N,W}^{(K)} < 1 - \epsilon$ . Then, there exist  $N \times R_V$  matrices  $\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2$  and an  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathbf{E}_B$  such that

$$\mathbf{B}_{N,W}^\dagger = \mathbf{B}_{N,W} + \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{V}_2^* + \mathbf{E}_B$$

where

$$R_V \leq \left( \frac{8}{\pi^2} \log(8N) + 12 \right) \log \left( \frac{15}{\epsilon} \right) \text{ and } \|\mathbf{E}_B\| \leq 3\epsilon.$$

Idea:  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}^\dagger$  and  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}$  have the same eigenvectors, and most of the eigenvalues are almost the same.

# Fast Pseudoinverse

So,  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W} = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 \mathbf{S}_1^* + \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \mathbf{S}_2^* + \mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3 \mathbf{S}_3^* + \mathbf{S}_4 \mathbf{\Lambda}_4 \mathbf{S}_4^*$ ,  
and  $\mathbf{B}_{N,W}^\dagger = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{\Lambda}_1^{-1} \mathbf{S}_1^* + \mathbf{S}_2 \mathbf{\Lambda}_2^{-1} \mathbf{S}_2^*$ .

Then, if we set

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2 (\mathbf{\Lambda}_2^{-1} - \mathbf{\Lambda}_2)^{1/2} & \mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3^{1/2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_2 (\mathbf{\Lambda}_2^{-1} - \mathbf{\Lambda}_2)^{1/2} & -\mathbf{S}_3 \mathbf{\Lambda}_3^{1/2} \end{bmatrix},$$

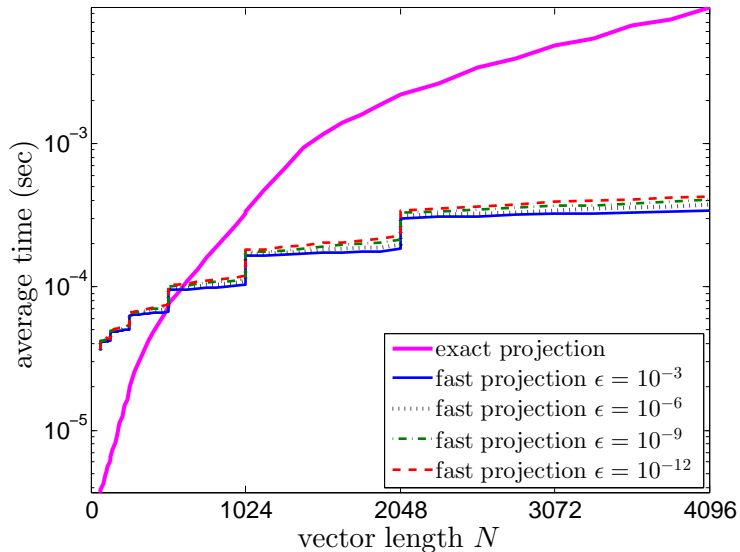
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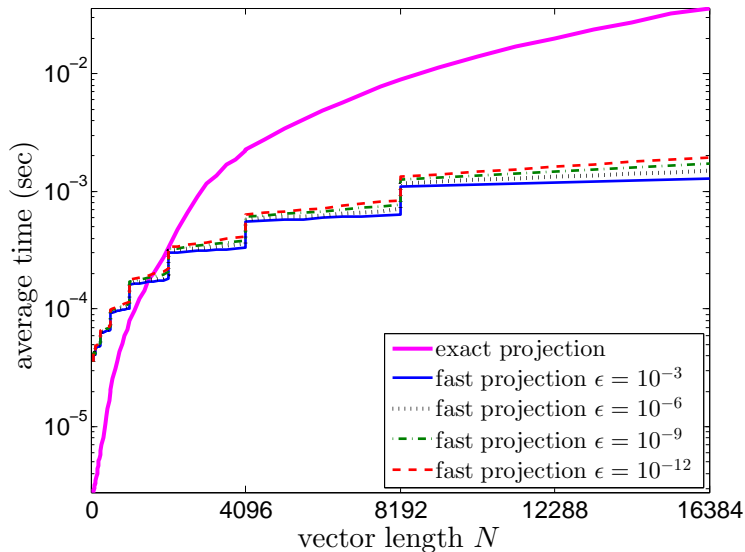
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Slepian Projection: Average Time ( $W = \frac{1}{4}$ )






# Simulations

Slepian Projection: Average Time ( $W = \frac{1}{16}$ )



# Conclusions

- The Slepian basis is a good choice of basis for working with samples of a bandlimited signal.
- We now have fast (approximate) algorithms for working with the Slepian basis, whose complexity scales comparably to the FFT.

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