

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

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 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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