

EXTENDED CYCLIC COORDINATE DESCENT FOR ROBUST ROW-SPARSE SIGNAL RECONSTRUCTION IN THE PRESENCE OF OUTLIERS

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- Applications





(b) Through-the-wall radar 3D reconstruction



(c) Sonar imaging



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- $\mathbf{y}(t) \in \mathbb{C}^N$: Measurement data
- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times P}$: Predictor dictionary, N < P
- **s**(t) $\in \mathbb{C}^{P}$: Signal vector
- $\mathbf{e}(t) \in \mathbb{C}^N$: Gaussian noise



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Sparse signal reconstruction using LASSO:

$$\label{eq:min_s_s} \min_{\boldsymbol{S}} \ \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{S}\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{S}\|_{2,1}$$



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 $\begin{cases} q_i(t) \gg 1 : \text{Outlier} \\ q_i(t) = 1 : \text{Non-outlier} \end{cases}$

where $q_i(t)$ is the *i*-th entry of $\mathbf{q}(t)$



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• The problem to be addressed is as follows:

With known **Y** and **A**, recover the row-sparse matrix **S**.



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Proposed Approach Proposed Minimization Problem (1)



$$\min_{\boldsymbol{W},\boldsymbol{S}} \ \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{W} \circ (\boldsymbol{Y} - \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{S})\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda_{1} \|\operatorname{vec}(\boldsymbol{W}_{-1})\|_{1} + \lambda_{2} \|\boldsymbol{S}\|_{2,1}$$







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- The third term: Impose row-sparsity of S



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- Biconvex with respect to W and S





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Comparison with the one using Huber's loss function

$$\min_{\mathbf{S}} \|\rho_{\mathrm{H}}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{AS})\|_{F}^{2} + \mu \|\mathbf{S}\|_{2,1}$$

where

$$\rho_{\mathsf{H}}(x) = \begin{cases} |x|^2, & \text{for } |x| \leq c \text{ (i.e., non-outliers)} \\ 2c|x| - c^2, & \text{for } |x| > c \text{ (i.e., outliers)} \end{cases}$$



Proposed Approach Remarks (2)



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Comparison with the original problem without outliers

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Proposed Approach Extended Cyclic Coordinate Descent Algorithm



$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \min & \frac{1}{2} \| \mathbf{W} \circ (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{AS}) \|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \| \operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{W}_{-1}) \|_1 + \lambda_2 \| \mathbf{S} \|_{2,1} \end{array}$$





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Detailed derivations of the whole algorithm can be found in our paper.



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Outlook:

- The sparsity structure of the weight matrix will be further studied.
- Some state-of-the-art techniques, such as SPARROW¹, will be studied in the framework of row-sparse signal reconstruction.

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