# Sparse $\ell_1$ Regularisation of Matrix Valued Models for Acoustic Source Characterisation



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## **Acoustic Source Characterisation**

## **Experimental Setup:**

- *n* microphones at known locations
- m known and fixed possible source locations  $x_i$
- $s \ll m$  unknown sound sources (monopoles)
- sound sources are uncorrelated
- emitted sound is recorded at all microphones **Task:**

• locate all sound emitting sources



### **Physical Model:**

• sound pressure recorded at microphone *j*:

 $c_{j} \coloneqq \sum_{i} \underbrace{\frac{r_{0,j}}{r_{i,j}} \exp\left(\imath \omega \frac{r_{0,j} - r_{i,j}}{c_{0}}\right)}_{=:a_{ij}} x_{i}$ 

• using the cross-spectral matrix  $C \coloneqq \mathsf{E}[cc^{\top}]$ :



## **Our Contributions**

apply popular method from imaging to engineering task

 $\bullet$  combine matrix differential calculus with fast numerics in  $\mathbb C$ 

• new model for the task at hand

Task:

Our Model	Results
We seek a diagonal matrix $X \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m}$ with sparse diagonal that verifies $AXA^{\top} = C,  A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,m},  C \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$ We solve either $\arg\min_{X \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ AXA^{\top} - C\ _{F}^{2} + \lambda \ X\ _{1} \right\} $ (1) $\arg\min_{X \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ AXA^{\top} - C\ _{F}^{2} + \ W \circ X\ _{1} \right\} $ (2) $\int \arg\min_{X \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ AXA^{\top} - C\ _{F}^{2} + \lambda \ X\ _{1} \right\} $ (2)	<ul> <li>3 sources, 1681 possible source locations on regular grid, 64 microphones</li> <li>data can be noisy and wrongly encoded (emitted from positions that shouldn't exist)</li> <li>left figure represents main diagonal of solution X (with clusters)</li> <li>right figure represents microphone array (in blue), correct signal strength (white labels), estimated positions (crosses) and clusters (grey shapes)</li> <li>Model Eq. (2)</li> </ul>
$\begin{cases} X \in \mathbb{C}^{m,m} \left\{ 2^m \right\} & \text{(3)} \\ \text{under the constraint that } X \text{ is a diagonal matrix} \end{cases}$ with parameters $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m,m}$	0.1422

## A Solving Strategy Based on Split Bregman

**Input:** Data A, C, and parameters  $\lambda$ , W,  $\alpha$ ,  $\mu$ **Output:** Optimal Matrix X with sparse diagonal

initialise X = 0, D = 0 and B = 0

#### repeat

set  $\hat{X} = X$  and  $\hat{D} = D$ 

#### repeat

set  $\overline{X} = \hat{X}$ 

#### repeat

compute optimal descent step size  $\alpha$ .

if solving (1) or (2) then  

$$\begin{vmatrix} \overline{X} = \overline{X} - \alpha \left( A^{\top} \left( A \overline{X} A^{\top} - C \right) A + \lambda \left( \overline{X} - \hat{D} + B \right) \right) \\$$
end if  
if solving (3) then

$$\left| \overline{X} = \overline{X} - \alpha \left( A^{\top} \left( A \overline{X} A^{\top} - C \right) A + \lambda \left( \overline{X} - \hat{D} + B \right) \right) \circ I \right|$$
ord if

end if

**until** convergence towards  $\overline{X}^*$ 

**if** solving (1) or (2) **then**  
$$\hat{D} = \operatorname{shrink}_{\frac{\mu W}{\lambda}} \left( \overline{X}^* + B \right)$$

end if

if solving (3) then  $\hat{D} = \operatorname{shrink}_{\underline{\mu}} \left( \overline{X}^* + B \right)$ 

 $\lambda$ 





### Model Eq. (3)





## Conclusions

## end if

until convergence towards  $\hat{X}^*$  and  $\hat{D}^*$ set  $X = \hat{X}^*$ ,  $D = \hat{D}^*$  and B = B - D + Xuntil convergence of X, D and B return X

### Post Processing (for noisy data)

**Input:** main diagonal of optimised matrix X **Output:** clusters where centroid indicates source position and strength

### begin

remap the diagonal entries from X to actual positions in space. apply a k-means clustering to partition data.

use the centroid position of each cluster as source position.

sum up all source strengths from a cluster to obtain the source strength.

#### end

return clustered data

- almost perfect recovery with noise free data
- outperforms competing methods like CMF and Clean-SC on corrupt data
- post processing always yields desired number of sources
- fair convergence speed
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