# **Alias Codes** for **Sparse Fourier Transforms**

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### Cognitive Radio



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### Speech & audio



Astronomy



Ultrasound



GPS

Images

## Outline

- Part I: Noiseless Recovery
  - Sparse-Graph Alias Codes
- Part II: Noisy Recovery
  - Sample-Optimal Recovery with Near Linear Run-time
  - Near Sample-Optimal Recovery with Sub-linear Run-time

# PART I: Noiseless Recovery

#### **Computing Sparse DFT** | **Problem Formulation**

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- Classical solution: FFT algorithm
  - Sample cost = N
  - Computational cost =  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
- With sparsity, what are the fundamental bounds for support recovery ?
  - Sample cost?
  - Computational cost?

#### **Computing Sparse DFT** | **Numerical Phantoms for Cardiovascular MR**



### http://www.biomed.ee.ethz.ch/research/bioimaging/cardiac/mrxcat

#### Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

 $336 = 16 \times 21$  $323 = 17 \times 19$ 

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temporal difference across different frames of the phantom

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### Assumptions and caveats:

- X[k] is from a finite constellation.
- Sparsity  $K = |\mathcal{K}| = \mathcal{O}(N^{\delta})$  is sub-linear for some  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ .
- Noise w[n] is independent complex Gaussian  $\mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2)$
- Recovery guarantees are probabilistic.

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### Computing Sparse DFT | Related Work

#### Statistical Signal Processing

- Frequency estimation
  - Prony [1795]
  - Pisarenko ['73]
  - Vetterli et al. ['02]
  - more  $\cdots$
- Subspace methods ['86]
  - MUSIC, ESPRIT etc.

#### Compressed Sensing

- Feng and Bresler [1996]
- Candes et. al [2006]
- Rauhut [2008]
- Wainwright [2009]
- Tang et. al [2012]
- more  $\cdots$

#### Sparse DFT

- Gilbert et. al [2002-2008]
- Mishali and Eldar [2010]
- Iwen [2010]
- Indyk et al. [2012]
- more  $\cdots$

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## SFFT: Sparse Fast Fourier Transform



Sparse Fast Fourier Transform (DFT) is one of the most important and widely used

The Faster-than-Fast Fourie Transform

#### Computing Sparse DFT | Related Work

- More recent work on computing sparse DFT
  - http://groups.csail.mit.edu/netmit/sFFT/paper.html
- Recent advances in compressed sensing and sketching methods
- Our method:
  - targets support recovery instead of  $\ell_2/\ell_1$  approximation
  - uses the design and analysis of sparse-graph codes
  - leverages harmonic retrieval methods in statistical signal processing

#### Computing Sparse DFT | Insights

- Computes an exactly K-sparse N-length DFT using  $\mathcal{O}(K)$  samples with  $\mathcal{O}(K \log K)$  computations.
- A common framework for noiseless and noisy observations.



#### Computing Sparse DFT | Insights

sub-sampling below Nyquist rate



clever sub-sampling (for **sparse** case)



Chinese-Remainder-Theorem guided subsampling



Aliasing in the frequency domain

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#### Coding-theoretic tools



□ Randomized constructions of good sparse-graph codes.

#### > Analysis:

- Density evolution
- Martingale
- □ Expander graph theory

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shift & subsample by 5






































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#### **Sparse DFT Computation = Decoding over Sparse Graphs**



- Explicit graph: design well-understood.
- (N-K) correctly received packets.
- K erased packets.
- Peeling decoder recovers values.



- Implicit graph induced by careful sub-sampling
- (N K) zero DFT coefficients.
- K unknown non-zero DFT coefficients.
- Peeling decoder recovers values & locations.

#### **CRT-guided Subsampling Induces Good Graphs**



A number between 0-19 is uniquely represented by its remainders modulo (4,5).

> Two graph ensembles are equivalent.

Chinese Remainder Theorem

Signal sparsity  $K = N^{\delta}$  with N = 124950

- $\delta = 1/3$  such that  $K \approx 50$ 
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## Algorithm Analysis | A Hitchhiker's Guide



Goal: prove that the algorithm finishes Kd steps





• Pick an arbitrary edge in the graph (c, v).



• Examine its directed neighborhood at depth- $2\ell$ 

# Algorithm Analysis | A Hitchhiker's Guide



• Examine its directed neighborhood at depth- $2\ell$ 

1

2

mod 4

mod 5







 $p_{\ell} = \text{probability of being present at depth-}2\ell$ 







 $p_{\ell} =$ 

### **Density Evolution** | **A Hitchhiker's Guide**











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$$\mathbf{p}_{\ell} = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2Kd}{M}\mathbf{p}_{\ell-1}}\right)^{d-1}$$

- K =sparsity
- M = # of samples
- d = # of stages





#### **Sampling Rate** | Noiseless Setting: Theory versus Practice

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• Performance Concentration

- overall average analysis  $p_{\ell}^{\star}$  without tree assumption

$$|\boldsymbol{p}_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}^{\star} - \boldsymbol{p}_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}| < \epsilon_1, \ \forall \epsilon_1 > 0$$

- actual performance concentrates around overall average analysis

 $\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\# \text{ of actual remaining edges} - Kdp_{\ell}^{\star}\right| > \epsilon_2\right) \to 0, \quad \forall \epsilon_2 > 0$ 





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#### • Expander Graph

- the remaining  $Kdp_{\ell}$  edges form an **expander graph**
- expander graphs guarantee steady supplies of **single-tons**

success with high probability!

 $Kd(1-p_{\ell})$  edges removed



Kd edges to be removed

 $Kdp_{\ell}$  edges remain

#### **Peeling Performance** | Numerical Examples



### $600\times493$



#### **Peeling Performance** | Numerical Examples



- $N = 600 \times 493 \approx 300$  (thousand)
- $K \approx 25$  (thousand)
- $M \approx 65$  (thousand)





















# PART II: Noisy Recovery

#### Noisy Setting: R-FFAST | Signal Model



• y[n] = x[n] + w[n], where  $w[n] \in \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

- There are K non-zero X[k], where X[k] is from a finite constellation
- SNR is  $\mathbb{E}|x[n]|^2/\mathbb{E}|w[n]|^2$  (e.g., SNR=0 dB)

Noiseless - FFAST



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Noisy - R-FFAST



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  - sub-linear run-time $M = O(K \log^{2.3} N)$

Noisy - R-FFAST



#### Architecture | Recap on FFAST Sampling





each DFT coefficient represents a distinct **frequency** 

#### Architecture | Recap on FFAST Sampling



• The key is to pinpoint **single-tons** in terms of

- location
- value
- Equivalent to the parameters of a discrete sinusoid
  - frequency
  - amplitude

1	1	1	• • •	1
1	W	$W^2$	•••	$W^{19}$
1	$W^2$	$W^4$	•••	$W^{2 \times 19}$
• •	•••	•	••••	•
1	$W^{19}$	$W^{19  imes 2}$	•••	$W^{19 \times 19}$

 $N \times N$  DFT matrix  $W = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{N}}$  with N = 20

#### Architecture | From Noiseless to Noisy





matching 2 points of a noiseless sinusoid

1	1	1	• • •	1
1	W	$W^2$	• • •	$W^{19}$
1	$W^2$	$W^4$	•••	$W^{2 \times 19}$
•	••••	••••	••••	:
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Noiseless







matching  $O(\log N)$  random points of a noisy sinusoid

[1	1	1	•••	1
1	W	$W^2$	•••	$W^{19}$
1	$W^2$	$W^4$	• • •	$W^{2 \times 19}$
1	$W^3$	$W^6$	•••	$W^{3 \times 19}$
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	•	••••	•.	:
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#### Noisy Setting: R-FFAST | Sample-Optimal Recovery with Near Linear Time

**Theorem:** R-FFAST algorithm computes the K-sparse DFT of  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ ,

- using M noisy samples, where  $M = O(K \log N)$ , (order optimal)
- with probability at least 1 O(1/M),
- in  $O(N \log N)$  computations.
- for a finite SNR.

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- in  $O(K \log^{2.33} N)$  computations,
- for a finite and sufficiently high SNR.

#### **Noiseless**

#### Noisy



matching  $O(\log N)$  random points of a noisy sinusoid



#### Noisy

#### Noisy (sub-linear)

matching  $O(\log N)$  random points of a noisy sinusoid

1	1	1	•••	1
1	W	$W^2$	•••	$W^{19}$
1	$W^2$	$W^4$	• • •	$W^{2 \times 19}$
1	$W^3$	$W^6$	•••	$W^{3 \times 19}$
:	••••	•••	·	:
1	$W^k$	$W^{2k}$	•••	$W^{k \times 19}$
•	•	••••	••••	•
1	$W^{19}$	$W^{19 \times 2}$		$W^{19 \times 19}$

matching  $O(\log N)$  random pieces of a noisy sinusoid

1	1	1	• • •	1
1	W	$W^2$	•••	$W^{19}$
1	$W^2$	$W^4$	•••	$W^{2 \times 19}$
1	$W^3$	$W^6$	•••	$W^{3 \times 19}$
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•	•	•	•	•
1	$W^k$	$W^{2k}$	•••	$W^{k \times 19}$
	•••	•	·	:
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each piece is of length  $O(\log^{0.3} N)$ 





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	Noisy O(log N) random starts
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- $O(\log^{1/3} N)$  consecutive rows are sufficient for matching each piece



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### Noisy Setting: R-FFAST | Near Sample-Optimal Recovery with Sub-linear Time

- accuracy improves dyadically  $2^i$
- each piece provides 1 information bit
- $\log N$  pieces  $\implies N$  locations

### **Computing Sparse DFT** | **Some Concrete Examples of FFAST**



### Original Brain image



Fourier domain of the Brain Image



Brain image reconstructed by FFAST

### **Computing Sparse DFT** | **Numerical Comparisons**



Sub-linear time performance:

- Signal length increased 15 fold.
- Processing time less than 3 fold.

#### Sample Complexity:

 This verifies the sample overhead of fast search over the slow search

## **Discussions**:

# Sparse WHT Compressed Sensing

Walsh-Hadamard Transform | What is it?

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING, VOL. 41, NO. 3, MARCH 1993

### The Poorman's Transform: Approximating the Fourier Transform without Multiplication

Michael P. Lamoureux



### Walsh-Hadamard Transform |

- Noiseless results [2013'Scheibler *et al*] Scheibler, R., Haghighatshoar, S., Vetterli, M., 2013 51st Annual Allerton Conf. on Communication, Control, and Computing (pp. 1250-1257).

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Sparse Iterative Graph-based Hadamard Transform (SPRIGHT)

### Conclusion

• FFAST algorithm for computing K-sparse DFTs

C++ code available!

- exploits coding-theory principle (i.e., sparse-graph alias codes)
- Noiseless:

\* M = O(K) samples and  $T = O(K \log K)$  run-time

- Noisy:
  - \* sample-optimal recovery  $M = O(K \log N)$ with near-linear run-time  $T = O(N \log N)$
  - \* near sample-optimal recovery  $M = O(K \log^{1.3} N)$ with sub-linear run-time  $T = O(K \log^{2.3} N)$
- Extensions to **sparse WHT** and **compressed sensing** 
  - Sparse WHT
    - $https://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~kannanr/assets/project_ffft/WHT_noisy.pdf$
  - Compressed sensing using sparse-graph codes http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~xiaoli/FR\_CS\_SGC.pdf

### **Future Directions**

- More general sparsity and signal models
- Off-grid frequency estimation
- Practical applications in
  - MRI
  - Optical imaging such as Fourier Ptychography
  - Phase retrieval  $\implies$  "PhaseCode" design http://arxiv.org/abs/1408.0034