Ergodic basis pursuit induces robust network reconstruction

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Network dynamics

Network dynamics is identified by a triple



The network dynamics $F: M^N \to M^N$ is given by:

$$x \in M^N \mapsto F_i(x) = f(x_i) + \alpha \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} h(x_j, x_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

Sparse representation of the network dynamics

1° assumption (f, G, h):

- The network is *sparse*.
- f and h are in the span \mathcal{L}_0

$$F_i = \sum_{l=1}^m c_i^l \phi_l, \qquad c_i \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

where c_i is a sparse vector.

 \mathcal{L}_0 is basis of homogeneous polynomials

Reconstruction procedure as a linear equation

$$x_{i}(t+1) = \sum_{l=1}^{m} c_{i}^{l} \phi_{l}(x(t)), \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

$$= \left(\phi_{1}(x(t)), \dots, \phi_{m}(x(t))\right) \begin{pmatrix} c_{i}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{i}^{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_{i}(1) \\ \vdots \\ x_{i}(n) \end{pmatrix}}_{x_{i}'} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1}(x(0)) & \phi_{2}(x(0)) & \cdots & \phi_{m}(x(0)) \\ \phi_{1}(x(1)) & \phi_{2}(x(1)) & \cdots & \phi_{m}(x(1)) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_{1}(x(n-1)) & \phi_{2}(x(n-1)) & \cdots & \phi_{m}(x(n-1)) \end{pmatrix}}_{\Phi_{0}(X)} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{i}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{i}^{m} \end{pmatrix}}_{c_{i}}$$

Reconstruction procedure as a linear equation

To obtain the graph structure we solve for the coefficient vector:

$$x'_i = \Phi_0(X)c_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

If we have lots of data n > m: least square solutions

$$\underset{u \in \mathbb{R}^m}{\arg\min} \|x_i' - \Phi_0(X)u\|_2$$

■ Large networks *n* < *m*: short time series



Network dynamics

Reconstruction procedure is done separately

Network reconstruction procedure: Solve the basis pursuit:

$$\min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^m} \|u\|_1 \text{ subject to } \Phi_0(X)u = x'_i.$$





D. Napoletani and T. Sauer - Reconstructing the topology of sparsely connected dynamical networks - Phys. Rev. E (2008).

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ℓ_2 vs. ℓ_1 minimization problem

	ℓ_2 norm	ℓ_1 norm
length of time series	n > m	$n_0 \le n < m$
uniqueness condition	$\Phi_0(X)$ full rank	?

Both are unstable when the time series length is not large

Examples: ℓ_1 reconstruction

- f is the logistic map with b = 3.98 and α = 0.001
 h(x, y) = p(x) − p(y) where p is a cubic monimial
- G is a ring network of 10 nodes

Examples: ℓ_1 reconstruction



Heuristics

How much data?

For ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 length of time series is $O(n^2)$

Determine n_0 to obtain uniqueness of solutions

Uniqueness of sparse solutions depends on Φ

We search a unique s-sparse solution via basis pursuit.

Informal statement: Uniqueness of *s*-sparse solutions ¹

If a set of 2s columns of $\Phi_0(X)$ is nearly orthonormal (RIP), then the basis pursuit has uniqueness of s-sparse solutions.

$$\delta_{2s} := \max_{\mathcal{S} \subset [m], |\mathcal{S}| \le 2s} \| (\Phi)_{\mathcal{S}}^T (\Phi)_{\mathcal{S}} - \mathbf{1}_{2s} \|_2 \le \sqrt{2} - 1.$$

¹ E.J. Candes and T. Tao - Decoding by linear programming. - IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 51(12):4203–4215 (2005). 🚊 🔗 🔍 🖓



• Change the basis \mathcal{L}_0 to a new \mathcal{L}_{new}

$\Phi_{new}(X)$ is RIP with the correct constant

Determine n_0 to obtain uniqueness of solutions

Challenges around the corner

- Guarantee that that solutions are also sparse in the new basis
- Obtain RIP constant for "many" trajectories

Control linear dependence

Controlling linear dependence of pair of $\Phi_0(X)$ columns (*coherence*); for any two columns v_i and v_j of $\Phi_0(X)$

$$\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \phi_i(F^k(x(0))) \phi_j(F^k(x(0)))$$

$$\rightarrow \int \phi_i \cdot \phi_j d\mu$$

Control linear dependence

Ergodicity assumption:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v_i, v_j \rangle &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \phi_i(F^k(x(0))) \phi_j(F^k(x(0))) \\ &\to \int \underbrace{\phi_i \cdot \phi_j}_{\psi} d\mu \end{aligned}$$

Exponential mixing systems

2° assumption: exponential decay of correlations

$$\left|\int_{M^N}\psi\cdot(\varphi\circ F^n)d\mu-\int_{M^N}\psi d\mu\int_{M^N}\varphi d\mu\right|\leq K(\psi,\varphi)e^{-\gamma n},\quad n\geq 0$$

Concentration inequality result²:

$$\mu\Big(x(0) \in M^N : \left|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \psi \circ F^k(x(0))\right| \ge \varepsilon\Big) \le 4e^{-\theta(n,\varepsilon,\psi)}$$

²H. Hang and I. Steinwart - A Bernstein-type inequality for some mixing processes and dynamical systems... The Annals of Statistics (2017). • • • • •

Determine n_0 to obtain uniqueness of solutions

Exponential mixing systems

3° assumption: weak coupling (stochastic stability)

There is a product measure ν close to μ

Ergodic basis pursuit has exact reconstruction

Informal statement: exact reconstruction

F has an s'-sparse representation in \mathcal{L}_0 and (F,μ) is an exponential mixing with $\gamma > 0$ and $d(\nu,\mu) \leq \varepsilon$. Then we construct a set of orthonormal functions w.r.t. ν ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu} = \{ \varphi_i : \int_{M^N} \varphi_i \varphi_j d\nu = \delta_{ij} \}$$

such that

- **1** The map $\mathcal{L}_0 \mapsto \mathcal{L}_{\nu}$ maps s'-sparse to s-sparse representations of the dynamics
- 2 For large network sizes $N(\gamma)$ there is a large set of i.c. such that if

$$n \ge K(2s-1)^2 \ln (m(m-1)),$$

$$\Phi_{\nu}(X) := \Phi(\mathcal{L}_{\nu}, X)$$
 has $\delta_{2s} < \sqrt{2} - 1$.

3 The reconstruction via the ergodic basis pursuit

$$\min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^m} \|u\|_1 \text{ subject to } \Phi_{\nu}(X)u = x'$$

has a unique *s*-sparse solution.

EBP outperforms the classical basis pursuit

• using that ν is a product of Chebchev measures.



EBP (green) does not depend on the network size.

EBP outperforms the classical basis pursuit

Length of time series

$$n_0 \ge K(2s-1)^2 \underbrace{\ln\left(m(m-1)\right)}_{\propto \ln N},$$

Implying

$$n_0 \ge \hat{K}(2s-1)^2 \ln N,$$

• If f and h are in the basis

$$n_0 \ge \bar{K} \Delta^2 \ln N,$$

EBP outperforms the classical basis pursuit

- Estimation of the measure µ from data (weakly coupled networks)
 Kernel density estimator using all data
- Additional computational cost to orthornomalize the initial basis \mathcal{L}_0 .

Robust reconstruction

Ergodic basis pursuit from noisy measurements

$$y(t) = x(t) + z(t),$$

where $(z_n)_{n\geq 0}$ corresponds to an i.i.d. $[-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0]^N$ -valued noise process for $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1)$ with probability measure ρ_{ε_0} .

Noise reconstruction

Informal statement: noise reconstruction

Consider the setting as before. The family $\{c^\star(\epsilon)\}_{\epsilon>0}$ given by

$$c^{\star}(\epsilon) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\tilde{u} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \left\{ \|\tilde{u}\|_1 \text{ subject to } \|\Phi_{\mu_0}(Y)\tilde{u} - y'\|_2 \le \epsilon \right\}$$

satisfies for a constant $K = K(\delta_{2s}) > 0$

$$\|c^{\star}(\epsilon) - c\|_2 \le K\epsilon$$

as long as $\epsilon \geq \varepsilon$.

Searching robust connections

Ergodic basis pursuit



Application: optoelectronic networks (Expts from Raj Roy and Joe Hart).

Optoelectronic experimental data and density estimation

N = 17 lasers diffusively coupled on a given network



Optoelectronic experimental data and density estimation

- Discard some regions of small density
- Look for a product measure that approximates the data



Searching robust connections (Recap)

Ergodic basis pursuit



Robust reconstruction of the optoelectronic network



For $\epsilon \approx 0.3$ excellent stable reconstruction for the whole network

Take Home

Optimization & Ergodic Theory

uniquess of solutions and stability

- Estimating measure from data
- Large deviation and measure approximation for networks (oportunities)
- Find a scheme for large coupling (open)