Fast Phase Retrieval for High-Dimensions

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The Phase Retrieval Problem

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Applications of Phase Retrieval

Important applications of Phase Retrieval

- X-ray crystallography
- Diffraction imaging
- Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

In many molecular imaging applications, the detectors only capture intensity measurements.
Objectives

• Computational Efficiency – Can the recovery algorithm $\mathcal{A}$ be computed in $O(d \log^c d)$-time? Here, $c$ is a small constant.

• Computational Robustness: The recovery algorithm, $\mathcal{A}$, should be robust to additive measurement errors (i.e., noise).

• Minimal Measurements: The number of linear measurements, $D$, should be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
Some Previous Approaches

• Alternating Projection Methods [Gerchberg and Saxton, 1972] and [Fienup, 1978]
  • Work well in practice, not well understood theoretically

• PhaseLift [Candes et. al., 2012]
  • Recovery guarantees for random measurements
  • Requires $O(d)$ measurements
  • Requires solving a SDP – $O(d^3)$-time

• Phase Retrieval with Polarization [Alexeev et. al. 2014]
  • Graph-theoretic frame-based approach
  • Requires $O(d \log d)$ measurements
  • Error guarantee similar to PhaseLift
Overview of the Our Computational Framework

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Correlations with Support-Limited Functions

• Let \( x = [x_0 \ x_1 \ \ldots \ x_{d-1}]^T \in \mathbb{C}^d \) be the unknown signal.

• Let \( w = [w_0 \ w_1 \ \ldots \ w_\delta \ 0 \ \ldots \ 0]^T \) denote a support-limited mask. It has \( \delta + 1 \) non-zero entries.

• We are given the (squared) magnitude measurements
  \[
  (b^m)^2 = |\text{Circ}(w^m)x|^2, \quad m = 0, \ldots, L
  \]
  corresponding to \( L + 1 \) distinct masks.
Explicitly writing out each measurement, we have

\[
(b_m^k)^2 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\delta} w_j^m \cdot x_{k+j} \right|^2
\]

\[
= \sum_{i,j=0}^{\delta} w_i^m w_j^m x_{k+j} \overline{x}_{k+i}
\]

We can also lift these equations to a set of linear equations!
Solving for Phase Differences

Ordering $x_n \bar{x}_{n+l}$ lexicographically, we obtain a linear system of equations for the phase differences.

Example: $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d, d = 4, \delta = 1$

$$
M_0' = \begin{pmatrix}
(w_0^0)^2 & 2w_0^0w_1^0 & (w_0^1)^2 & 0 \\
(w_0^1)^2 & 2w_0^1w_1^1 & (w_1^1)^2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & (w_0^0)^2 & 2w_0^0w_1^0 \\
0 & 0 & (w_0^1)^2 & 2w_0^1w_1^1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
(w_1^0)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
(w_1^1)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix},
M_1' = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
(w_0^0)^2 & 2w_0^0w_1^0 & (w_0^1)^2 & 0 \\
(w_1^1)^2 & 2w_0^1w_1^1 & (w_1^1)^2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
(y_0^0)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
(y_1^1)^2 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}
$$

The system matrix $M'$ is block circulant!

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
M_0' \\
M_1'
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
x_0 \bar{x}_0 \\
x_0 \bar{x}_1 \\
x_1 \bar{x}_1 \\
x_1 \bar{x}_2 \\
x_2 \bar{x}_2 \\
x_2 \bar{x}_3 \\
x_3 \bar{x}_3 \\
x_3 \bar{x}_0
\end{pmatrix} =
\begin{pmatrix}
(b_0^0) \\
(b_0^1) \\
(b_0^1) \\
(b_1^0) \\
(b_1^1) \\
(b_2^0) \\
(b_2^1) \\
(b_3^0)
\end{pmatrix}
$$
Some Entries of the Measurement Matrix

Two strategies

- Random entries (Gaussian, Uniform, Bernoulli, ...)
- Structured measurements, e.g.,

$$w_i^\ell = \begin{cases} 
\frac{e^{-i/a}}{\sqrt{2\delta+1}} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot i \cdot \ell}{2\delta+1}}, & i \leq \delta \\
0, & i > \delta
\end{cases}$$

where $a := \max \left\{ 4, \frac{\delta-1}{2} \right\}$, and $0 \leq \ell \leq L$. 

Structured Measurements

Theorem (Iwen, V., Wang 2015)

Choose entries of the measurement mask $w^m$ as follows:

$$w^l_i = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-i/a}}{\sqrt[4]{2\delta+1}} \cdot e^{2\pi i \cdot i \cdot \ell} , & i \leq \delta \\ 0 , & i > \delta \end{cases}, \quad a := \max \left\{ 4, \frac{\delta - 1}{2} \right\}, \quad \ell \in [0, L].$$

Then, the resulting system matrix for the phase differences, $M'$, has condition number

$$\kappa(M') < \max \left\{ 144e^2, \frac{9e^2}{4} \cdot (\delta - 1)^2 \right\}.$$

Note:

- $w^l_i$ are scaled entries of a DFT matrix.
- $\delta$ is typically chosen to be 6–12.
Angular Synchronization

The Angular Synchronization Problem

Estimate $d$ unknown angles $\theta_1, \theta_2, \ldots, \theta_d \in [0, 2\pi)$ from $d(\delta + 1)$ noisy measurements of their differences

$$\Delta \theta_{ij} := \angle x_i - \angle x_j = \angle \left( \frac{x_i \overline{x}_j}{\sqrt{x_i \overline{x}_i x_j \overline{x}_j}} \right) \mod 2\pi.$$
Angular Synchronization

The unknown phases (modulo a global phase offset) may be obtained by solving a simple greedy algorithm.

1. Set the largest magnitude component to have zero phase angle; i.e.,

$$\angle x_k = 0, \quad k := \arg\max_i x_i \bar{x}_i.$$

2. Use this entry to set the phase angles of the next \(\delta\) entries; i.e.,

$$\angle x_j = \angle x_k - \Delta \theta_{k,j}, \quad j = 1, \ldots, \delta.$$

3. Use the next largest magnitude component from these \(\delta\) entries and repeat the process.
Recovering Arbitrary Vectors

• **Recall**: Due to compact support of our masks, only "flat" vectors can be recovered

• Arbitrary vectors can be "flattened" by multiplication with a random unitary matrix such as \( W = PFB \), where
  
  • \( P \in \{0, 1\}^{d \times d} \) is a permutation matrix selected uniformly at random from the set of all \( d \times d \) permutation matrices
  
  • \( F \) is the unitary \( d \times d \) discrete Fourier transform matrix
  
  • \( B \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^{d \times d} \) is a random diagonal matrix with i.i.d. symmetric Bernoulli entries on its diagonal
A Noiseless Recovery Result

Theorem (Iwen, V., Wang 2015)

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$ with $d$ sufficiently large. Then, one can select a random measurement matrix $\tilde{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times d}$ such that the following holds with probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{c \cdot \ln^2(d) \cdot \ln^3 \ln d}$: Our algorithm will recover an $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{C}^d$ with

$$\min_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} \left\| \mathbf{x} - e^{i\theta} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \right\|_2 = 0$$

when given the noiseless magnitude measurements $|\tilde{M}\mathbf{x}|^2 \in \mathbb{R}^D$. Here $D$ can be chosen to be $\mathcal{O}(d \cdot \ln^2(d) \cdot \ln^3 \ln d)$. Furthermore, the algorithm will run in $\mathcal{O}(d \cdot \ln^3(d) \cdot \ln^3 \ln d)$-time in that case.

To do: Robustness to measurement noise...
Efficiency

- iid Complex Gaussian signal
- High SNR applications
- 5d measurements
- 64k problem in ~ 20 s in Matlab!
Robustness

- iid complex Gaussian signal
- $d = 64$
- $7d$ measurements
- Deterministic (windowed Fourier-like) measurements
Robustness

- iid complex Gaussian signal
- $d = 2048$
- Not computationally feasible using PhaseLift (on a laptop in Matlab)
- Deterministic (windowed Fourier-like) measurements
The *Sparse* Phase Retrieval Problem

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The sparse phase retrieval problem involves designing measurement matrix and recovery method pairs.
Sublinear-time Results

Theorem (Iwen, V., Wang 2015)

There exists a deterministic algorithm $A : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$ for which the following holds: Let $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$, $x \in \mathbb{C}^d$ with $d$ sufficiently large, and $s \in [d]$. Then, one can select a random measurement matrix $\tilde{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times d}$ such that

$$\min_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} \left\| e^{i\theta} x - A \left( |\tilde{M}x|^2 \right) \right\|_2 \leq \left\| x - x_{s \text{ opt}} \right\|_2 + \frac{22\epsilon \left\| x - x_{s \text{ opt}} \right\|_1}{\sqrt{s}}$$

is true with probability at least $1 - \frac{1}{C \cdot \ln^2(d) \cdot \ln^3(\ln d)}$. Here $D$ can be chosen to be $O \left( \frac{s}{\epsilon} \cdot \ln^3 \left( \frac{s}{\epsilon} \right) \cdot \ln^3 \left( \ln \frac{s}{\epsilon} \right) \cdot \ln d \right)$. Furthermore, the algorithm will run in $O \left( \frac{s}{\epsilon} \cdot \ln^4 \left( \frac{s}{\epsilon} \right) \cdot \ln^3 \left( \ln \frac{s}{\epsilon} \right) \cdot \ln d \right)$-time in that case.

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$^a$Here $C \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is a fixed absolute constant.

$^b$For the sake of simplicity, we assume $s = \Omega(\log d)$ when stating the measurement and runtime bounds above.
References – Phase Retrieval


References – Sparse Phase Retrieval


Software Repository
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SparsePR: Matlab Software for Sparse Phase Retrieval

This repository contains Matlab code for solving the sparse phase retrieval problem. Details of the method, theoretical guarantees and representative numerical results can be found in

Robust Sparse Phase Retrieval Made Easy
Mark Iwen, Aditya Viswanathan and Yang Wang
arXiv
2014

This software was developed at the Department of Mathematics, Michigan State University and is released under the MIT license.

The software was developed and tested using Matlab R2014a and uses TFOCS, a Matlab software package for the efficient construction and solution of convex optimization problems. A copy of the TFOCS package is included under the third party software directory at third/ A selection of scripts also uses the CVX optimization software, which can be downloaded here.