A dual certificate analysis of compressive off-the-grid recovery

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Other approaches: « Prony-like » ESPRIT, MUSIC... (but only 1d noiseless Fourier)





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- Neuro-imaging with EEG [Gramfort 2013]
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Questions:

- More general sampling scheme ?
- Multi-dimensional result ?
- Get rid of random signs ?


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Dual certificate (noiseless case)

$$\mu_0$$
 solution of $\min_{\Phi\mu=y}|\mu|(\mathcal{X})$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad \operatorname{Im}(\Phi^*) \cap \partial |\mu_0|(\mathcal{X}) \neq \emptyset$$



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Number of measurements in practice ?

Compressive k-means [Keriven 2017]



Relative number of measurements m/(sd)





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Outlooks

- Other kernels, very different from translation-invariant
- More quantified treatment of dimension
- Other practical applications (eg 1-layer neural networks with continuum of neurons [Bach 2017])



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Code: sketchml.gforge.inria.fr, github: nkeriven

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