Sparse modal estimation of 2-D NMR signals

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Problem statement

- 2-D modal signal model
- 3 Simultaneous sparse approximation for modal estimation





Modal estimation of 2-D NMR signals



- 2-D NMR spectroscopy
- \Rightarrow detection of complex chemical interactions
- \Rightarrow study of macromolecules

- Superposition of 2-D damped complex sinusoids (2-D case)

- Amplitude spectrum \Rightarrow superposition of 2-D Lorentzian peaks
- Modal estimation : determination of the 2-D frequencies and dampings

- TLS-Prony, MEMP, 2-D Esprit, IMDF

Sparse approximation approach for modal estimation

- Sparse approximations for 1-D modal estimation [Goodwin1999, Malioutov 2005, Stoica 2011]
- (Very) high resolution \Rightarrow (Very) large dictionary
- [Sahnoun 2012] : multigrid sparse approximation + R-D extension 1-D case : very effective approach (accuracy, computation cost) $R \ge 2$: computational burden is untractable for large signals (dictionary size)

How to process large size signals?

- Same idea as TLS-Prony, MEMP
- 2-D estimation = 2×1 -D estimation + mode pairing

2-D modal signal model

Superposition of 2-D exponentially decaying sinusoids in noise

$$y(m_1, m_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{F} c_i a_i^{m_1 - 1} b_i^{m_2 - 1} + e(m_1, m_2)$$

with :

- Number of sample $m_1 = 1, ..., M_1$ (1st dimension), $m_2 = 1, ..., M_2$ (2nd dimension)
- Modes : $a_i = e^{-\alpha_{a,i}+j2\pi f_{a,i}}$ (1st dimension), $b_i = e^{-\alpha_{b,i}+j2\pi f_{b,i}}$ (2nd dimension)
- Complex amplitudes $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^F$
- Noise $e(m_1, m_2)$

Matrix form

 ${\bf Y}$ noise-free data matrix containing the samples $y(m_1,m_2)$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Y} &= [\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \cdots, \mathbf{y}_{M_2}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^F c_i \mathbf{a}_i & \sum_{i=1}^F c_i b_i \mathbf{a}_i & \cdots & \sum_{i=1}^F c_i b_i^{M_2 - 1} \mathbf{a}_i \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{with } \mathbf{a}_i &= [1, a_i, \dots, a_i^{M_1 - 1}]^T. \text{ Defining } \mathbf{h}_i = [c_i, c_i b_i, \cdots, c_i b_i^{M_2 - 1}] \\ \mathbf{Y} &= [\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_F] [\mathbf{h}_1 \cdots \mathbf{h}_F]^T = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{H}_b \end{split}$$

Noisy data :

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{H}_b + \mathbf{E}$$

Important remark :

$$\mathbf{Y}^T = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}_a + \mathbf{E}^T$$

A last writing :

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A} \ diag(\mathbf{c}) \ \mathbf{B}^T + \mathbf{E}$$

Sparse approximation

For each column of the data matrix $\mathbf{y}_{m_2}, m_2 = 1, \dots, M_2$,

Dictionnary \mathbf{Q}_a

$$- \mathbf{a}(\alpha, f) = [1, e^{(-\alpha + j2\pi f)}, \dots, e^{(-\alpha + j2\pi f)(M_1 - 1)}]^T$$

- $-\mathbf{q}(\alpha, f) = \mathbf{a}(\alpha, f) / ||\mathbf{a}(\alpha, f)||_2$
- Discretization of the (α,f) plane

Sparse modal estimation

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{x}_{m_2} &= \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \\ \text{subject to} & \|\mathbf{y}_{m_2} - \mathbf{Q}_a \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \epsilon \end{split}$$



Simultaneous sparse approximation

Each column of the data matrix is a 1-D signal generated by the same modes but with different amplitudes \Rightarrow Simultaneous sparse approximation



where

$$\|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Q}_a \mathbf{X}\|_f^2 = \|\operatorname{vec}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Q}_a \mathbf{X})\|_2^2$$
$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{2,0} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \|\mathbf{X}[1,:]\|_2 & \cdots & \|\mathbf{X}[N,:]\|_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \right\|_0$$

and $\mathbf{X}[n,:]$ stands for the *n*th row of \mathbf{X} .

Algorithm : Simultaneous OMP [Tropp 2006]

Multigrid dictionary

High-resolution modal estimation

- high resolution dictionary \Rightarrow prohibitive computational burden.
- multi-grid scheme [Sahnoun2012]
- signal dependent dictionary



Mode pairing

Simultaneous sparse approximations

$$\mathbf{Y} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_a = [\hat{\mathbf{a}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{a}}_{F_a}]$$

 $\mathbf{Y}^T \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_b = [\hat{\mathbf{b}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{b}}_{F_b}]$

Low dimension dictionary

$$\hat{\mathbf{Q}} = \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_a \otimes \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_b$$



Selection of the pairs of 2-D modes \Rightarrow sparse approximation

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \quad \mathsf{subjet to} \quad \|\mathbf{y} - \hat{\mathbf{Q}}\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Greedy algorithm : OMP, SBR

Algorithm summary

- **Q** Perform the SVD of **Y** and take its low rank approximation
- Apply the multi-grid algorithm combined with S-OMP on matrix Y to obtain the modes a_i (first dimension)
- **Q** Repeat step 2 using \mathbf{Y}^T to estimate the modes b_i (second dimension)
- Sorm the 2-D modes using the pairing procedure

Numerical simulations

Comparison with 2-D ESPRIT and TLS-Prony

- Signal size 30×30
- 3 modes
- Initial dictionary : 40 frequency points uniformly distributed over the interval [0, 1[, and 4 damping factors $\alpha \in \{0, 0.025, 0.05, 1\}$
- 30 levels of resolution



Accuracy similar to 2D-ESPRIT Lower computational burden than TLS-Prony ⇒ processing of large signals possible

Results

2-D NMR signal analysis

- Signal size 64×2024
- Sub-bands decomposition
 [Djermoune 2008]
- Same setting for Multigrid S-OMP





Conclusions

- Sparse modal estimation adapted to large signals
- Performances similar to 2D-ESPRIT
- Computation time lower than TLS-Prony
- Application to other NMR modalities
- Extension to the R>2 case