Sampling and Recovery of Sparse Signals and its Application to Image Feature Extraction

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Classical Sampling Theorem

 Whittaker (1915), Kotelnikov (1933), Someya (1948), and Shannon (1948)



Nyquist Interval







Surface Profiling by WLI

WLI (White-Light Interferometry): Technique for surface profiling of semiconductors, LCD, Plastic films, etc...

 $1[pixel] = 5.9[\mu m] \times 5.9[\mu m]$

http://www.scn.tv/user/torayins/SP-500.html

White-Light Interferometer

White-Light Interferogram

Nyquist Sampling for WLI

Bandlimitation of Bandpass Type⇒Kohlenberg (1953)

Interval of Our Algorithm

Surface Profiler SP500

Toray Engineering, Co. Ltd.

http://www.scn.tv/user/torayins/SP-500.html

New Class of Signals

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Sampling Signals With Finite Rate of Innovation

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Abstract—Consider classes of signals that have a finite number of degrees of freedom per unit of time and call this number the rate of innovation. Examples of signals with a finite rate of innovation include streams of Diracs (e.g., the Poisson process), nonuniform splines, and piecewise polynomials.

Even though these signals are not bandlimited, we show that they can be sampled uniformly at (or above) the rate of innovation using an appropriate kernel and then be perfectly reconstructed. Thus, we prove sampling theorems for classes of signals and kernels that generalize the classic "bandlimited and sinc kernel" case. In particular, we show how to sample and reconstruct periodic and finite-length streams of Diracs, nonuniform splines, and piecewise polynomials using sinc and Gaussian kernels. For infinite-length signals with finite local rate of innovation, we show local sampling and reconstruction based on spline kernels.

The key in all constructions is to identify the innovative part of a signal (e.g., time instants and weights of Diracs) using an annihilating or locator filter: a device well known in spectral analysis and error-correction coding. This leads to standard computational procedures for solving the sampling problem, which we show through experimental results.

Applications of these new sampling results can be found in signal processing, communications systems, and biological systems.

Index Terms—Analog-to-digital conversion, annihilating filters, generalized sampling, nonbandlimited signals, nonuniform splines, piecewise polynomials, poisson processes, sampling.

Fig. 1. Sampling setup: x(t) is the continuous-time signal; $\bar{h}(t) = h(-t)$ is the smoothing kernel; y(t) is the filtered signal; T is the sampling interval; $y_s(t)$ is the sampled version of y(t); and $y(nT), n \in \mathbb{Z}$ are the sample values. The box C/D stands for continuous-to-discrete transformation and corresponds to reading out the sample values y(nT) from $y_s(t)$.

The intermediate signal $y_s(t)$ corresponding to an idealized sampling is given by

$$y_s(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} y(nT) \,\delta(t - nT). \tag{2}$$

This setup is shown in Fig. 1.

When no smoothing kernel is used, we simply have y(nT) = x(nT), which is equivalent to (1) with $h(t) = \delta(t)$. This simple model for having access to the continuous-time world is typical for acquisition devices in many areas of science and technology, including scientific measurements, medical and biological signal processing, and analog-to-digital converters.

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Extension of Classical Samp. Th.

$$f(t) = \frac{2\omega_c}{\omega_s} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{k}{\omega_s}\right) \frac{\sin 2\pi\omega_c (t - k/\omega_s)}{2\pi\omega_c (t - k/\omega_s)}$$
$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k s(t - k\Delta t)$$
$$s(t): \text{ given function with FT } \hat{s}(\omega)$$
$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k s(t - t_k)$$

Rate of Innovation

Vetterli et al. (2002)

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty} c_k s(t - t_k) \quad s(t): \text{ given function}$$

Unknown parameters: (t_k, c_k)

$$C_f(t_a, t_b)$$
 = number of $t_k \in [t_a, t_b]$ & corresponding c_k
Rate of innovation: $\rho = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} C_f(-\tau/2, \tau/2)$

If $\rho < \infty$, f(t) is called

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Signals with Finite Rate of Innovation

More General Case

Vetterli et al. (2002)

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{K-1} c_{k,r} s_r(t-t_k) \quad s_r(t): \text{ given function}$$

Unknown parameters: $(t_k, c_{k,r})$

 $C_{f}(t_{a},t_{b}) = \text{number of } t_{k} \in [t_{a},t_{b}] \text{ & corresponding } c_{k,r}$ Rate of innovation: $\rho = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} C_{f}(-\tau/2,\tau/2)$

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Signals with Finite Rate of Innovation

Local Rate of Innovation

For a fixed τ , a local rate of innovation at time *t* is defined by $\frac{1}{C} \left(t - \frac{\tau}{2} t + \frac{\tau}{2} \right)$

$$\rho(t) = \frac{1}{\tau} C_f (t - \tau / 2, t + \tau / 2).$$

Then, a local rate of innovation is defined by

$$\rho = \max_t \rho(t).$$

(Vetterli et al.,2002)

Echo Imaging

Neuron Pulses

Stream of Diracs

The most important signal with FRI is

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \,\delta(t-t_k),$$

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where
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_k) \phi(t) dt = \phi(t_k).$$

This is because the convolution generates

$$g(t) = (s * f)(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k s(t - t_k).$$
$$\hat{g}(\omega) = \hat{s}(\omega) \hat{f}(\omega)$$

Stream of Derivative of Diracs

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} c_{k,r} \,\delta^{(r)} (t - t_k)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta^{(r)} \left(t - t_k \right) \phi(t) dt = (-1)^r \phi^{(r)}(t_k)$$

$$g(t) = (s * f)(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} (-1)^r c_{k,r} s^{(r)} (t - t_k)$$

: special case of
$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} c_{k,r} s_r(t-t_k)$$
 with $s_r(t) = s^{(r)}(t)$.

Stream of Diracs

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Periodic Stream of Diracs

$$f_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} C_k \delta(t - t_k)$$

Sampling f(t)
(non-bandlimited)
$$f(t) \xrightarrow{\text{Sampling filter } \psi(t)} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}(t)} \xrightarrow{\text{Sampling filter } \psi(t)} (n = 0, ..., N-1)$$

$$d_n = \langle f(t), \psi(t - nT) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \overline{\psi(t - nT)} dt$$

$$T = \tau / N$$

Proposed sampling filters

| | Support | Number of pulse |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Sinc (Vetterli et al., 2002) | Infinite | > 10 |
| Spline (Dragotti et al., 2007) | Finite | <10 |
| Sum of Sinc (Tur et al., 2011) | Finite | >10 |

Sampling
f(t) Sampling
f(t) Sampling
filter
$$\psi(t)$$

 $f(t)$ $f(t)$ $f(t)$ $f(t)$ $\phi(t = 0, ..., N - 1)$
 $d_n = \langle f(t), \psi(t - nT) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \overline{\psi(t - nT)} dt$
 $T = \tau / N$
 $\psi(t) = B \text{sinc}(Bt)$, where $B \ge \rho = \frac{2K}{2}$

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Sinc Samples

$$d_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \overline{\psi(t - nT)} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{k'=-\infty}^{\infty} f_0(t-k'\tau) \right\} B\operatorname{sinc}(t-nT) dt$$

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$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \sum_{k'=-\infty}^{\infty} f_0(t) B \operatorname{sinc}(t - nT + k'\tau) \right\} dt$$

Poisson Sum Form.

$$= \int_0^\tau f_0(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{p=-P}^P \exp \frac{-i2p\pi(t-nT)}{\tau} \right\} dt \qquad \left(P = \left\lfloor \frac{B\tau}{2} \right\rfloor \le \frac{B\tau}{2} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{p=-P}^{P} \left\{ \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{0}^{\tau} f_{0}(t) \exp \frac{-i2p\pi t}{\tau} dt \right\} \exp \frac{i2pn\pi}{N}$$
Fourier coefficient of $f(t)$

Fourier coefficient of J(t)

Sinc Samples vs. Fourier Coef.

 $N \ge 2P + 1$

Fourier Coefficients

$$\hat{d}_{p} = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{0}^{\tau} f_{0}(t) \exp \frac{-i2p\pi t}{\tau} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau} \int_{0}^{\tau} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{k} \delta(t - t_{k}) \right\} \exp \frac{-i2p\pi t}{\tau} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{k} \exp \frac{-i2p\pi t_{k}}{\tau}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_{k} u_{k}^{p} \qquad u_{k} = \exp \frac{-i2p\pi t_{k}}{\tau}$$

$$d_n \rightarrow \overrightarrow{\text{DFT}} \rightarrow \hat{d}_p = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_k u_k^p \qquad (u_k = e^{-i2\pi t_k/\tau})$$

Cf) Spectral Estimation, Direction of Arrival (DoA)

| Problem | FRI theory | Spectral | DoA |
|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Parameters | Time delay | Frequency | Direction |
| К | # of pulse | # of component | # of object |
| Sampling | ? | Nyquist | Nyquist |

Annihilation in case of K=1

Sequence of Fourier Coef.

$$\hat{d}_{-P} = c_0 u_0^{-P}$$

$$\hat{d}_{-P+1} = c_0 u_0^{-P+1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_0 = c_0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_{P-1} = c_0 u_0^{P-1}$$

$$\hat{d}_P = c_0 u_0^P$$

Filter:

$$a = [a_0, a_1] = [1, -u_0]$$

 $(u_0 = e^{-i2\pi t_0/\tau}$

Convolution:

$$(a * \hat{d})_{p} = \sum_{q=0}^{1} a_{q} \hat{d}_{p-q}$$

= $a_{0} \hat{d}_{p} + a_{1} \hat{d}_{p-1}$
= $c_{0} u_{0}^{p} + (-u_{0}) c_{0} u_{0}^{p-1}$
= 0

Annihilation in case of K=2

Sequence of Fourier Coef.

$$\hat{d}_{-P} = c_0 u_0^{-P} + c_1 u_1^{-P}$$

$$\hat{d}_{-P+1} = c_0 u_0^{-P+1} + c_1 u_1^{-P+1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_0 = c_0 + c_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_{P-1} = c_0 u_0^{P-1} + c_1 u_1^{P-1}$$

$$\hat{d}_P = c_0 u_0^P + c_1 u_1^P$$

Filter:

$$a = [a_0, a_1, a_2]$$

= [1, -(u_0 + u_1), u_0 u_1]
= [1, -u_0] * [1, -u_1]

 $(u_k = e^{-i2\pi t_k/\tau})$

Convolution:

$$\begin{aligned} a * \hat{d} \Big|_{p} &= a_{0} \hat{d}_{p} + a_{1} \hat{d}_{p-1} + a_{2} \hat{d}_{p-2} \\ &= c_{0} u_{0}^{p} (1 - u_{0} z^{-1}) (1 - u_{1} z^{-1}) \Big|_{z=u_{0}} \\ &+ c_{1} u_{1}^{p} (1 - u_{0} z^{-1}) (1 - u_{1} z^{-1}) \Big|_{z=u_{1}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Annihilating Filter
(Vetterli et al.,2002)
$$d_n \rightarrow \text{DFT} \rightarrow \hat{d}_p \rightarrow \text{Annihilating filter} \rightarrow a_k$$

$$\hat{d}_p + a_1 \hat{d}_{p-1} + \dots + a_K \hat{d}_{p-K} = 0 \ (p = 0, 1, \dots, K-1)$$

: Annihilating relation

$$1 + a_1 z^{-1} + \dots + a_K z^{-K} = \prod_{k=0}^{K-1} (1 - u_k z^{-1})$$
$$u_k = e^{-i2\pi t_k/\tau}$$

Th. 1 Stream of Diracs (Vetterli et al., 2002)

Assume that B in $\psi(t) = B \operatorname{sinc}(Bt)$ satisfies

$$B \ge \frac{2K}{\tau} \left(=\rho\right)$$

and that

 $N \ge 2P + 1$

with $P = \lfloor B\tau/2 \rfloor$. Then, the sinc kernel samples $\{d_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ are a sufficient characterization of the τ -periodic stream of Diracs.

Periodic Derivative of Diracs

$$f_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} c_{k,r} \,\delta^{(r)}(t-t_k)$$

Degree of freedom in a period:

K from time instants, and KR from coef.

Rate of innovation:

$$\rho = \frac{K + KR}{\tau} = \frac{K(R+1)}{\tau}$$

Fourier Coefficients

Annihilation in Case of K=1 & R=2

Sequence of Fourier Coef.

$$\hat{d}_{-P} = \tilde{c}_{0,0}u_0^{-P} + \tilde{c}_{0,1}(-P)u_0^{-P}$$

$$\hat{d}_{-P+1} = \tilde{c}_{0,0}u_0^{-P+1} + \tilde{c}_{0,1}(-P+1)u_0^{-P+1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_0 = \tilde{c}_{0,0}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{d}_{P-1} = \tilde{c}_{0,0}u_0^{P-1} + \tilde{c}_{0,1}(P-1)u_0^{P-1}$$

$$\hat{d}_P = \tilde{c}_{0,0}u_0^P + \tilde{c}_{0,1}(P)u_0^P$$

Filter:

 $(u_0 = e^{-i2\pi t_0/\tau}$

$$a = [a_0, a_1, a_2]$$

= [1, -u_0] * [1, -u_0]
= [1, -2u_0, u_0^2]

Convolution:

$$(a * \hat{d})_p = 0$$

Annihilation in General Case

Sequence of Fourier Coef.

Filter:

$$\hat{d}_{p} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} \tilde{c}_{k,r} p^{r} u_{k}^{p}$$

Convolution:

$$(a * \hat{d})_p = 0$$

$$a = [a_0, a_1, ..., a_{KR}]$$

$$= \underbrace{[1, -u_0] * ... * [1, -u_0]}_{R \text{ times}}$$

$$* \underbrace{[1, -u_1] * ... * [1, -u_1]}_{R \text{ times}}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$* \underbrace{[1, -u_{K-1}] * ... * [1, -u_{K-1}]}_{R \text{ times}}$$

 $(u_k = e^{-i2\pi t_k/\tau})$

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Th. 2 Derivative of Diracs (Hirabayashi, 2012)

Assume that B in $\psi(t) = B \operatorname{sinc}(Bt)$ satisfies

$$B \ge \frac{2KR}{\tau} \left(> \rho = \frac{K(R+1)}{\tau} \right)$$

and that

 $N \ge 2P + 1$

with $P = \lfloor B\tau/2 \rfloor$. Then, the sinc kernel samples $\{d_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ are a sufficient characterization of the τ -periodic stream of differentiated Diracs.

Original Statement in 2002

Theorem 3: Consider a periodic stream of differentiated Diracs x(t) with period τ , as in (32). Take as a sampling kernel $h_B(t) = B \operatorname{sinc}(Bt)$, where <u>B</u> is greater or equal to the rate of innovation ρ given by (33), and sample $(h_B * x)(t)$ at N uniform locations $t = nT, n = 0, \dots, N - 1$, where $N \ge 2M + 1$ and $M = \lfloor B\tau/2 \rfloor$. Then, the samples

$$y_n = \langle h_B(t - nT), x(t) \rangle, \quad n = 0, \dots, N - 1$$
(37)

are a sufficient characterization of x(t).

$$\rho = \frac{K + \tilde{K}}{\tau}.$$
(33)

Derivative of General Pulses

$$g_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{r=0}^{R_k-1} c_{k,r} s^{(r)} (t-t_k),$$

Since

$$g(t) = \sum_{k'=-\infty}^{\infty} g_0(t - k'\tau) = (s * f)(t),$$

where f(t) is the stream of derivative of Diracs,

$$\hat{d}_p(g) = \hat{s}\left(\frac{2p\pi}{\tau}\right)\hat{d}_p(f)$$

Th. 3 Derivative of General Pulses

Assume that B in $\psi(t) = B \operatorname{sinc}(Bt)$ satisfies

$$B \ge \frac{2KR}{\tau} \left(> \rho = \frac{K(R+1)}{\tau} \right)$$

and that

 $N \geq 2P+1$

with $P = \lfloor B\tau/2 \rfloor$. If s(t) satisfies $\hat{s}(2p\pi/\tau) \neq 0$ for $p = -P \sim P$, then the samples $\{d_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ using the sinc kernel are a sufficient characterization of the τ -periodic stream of derivative of general pulses.

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Cadzow Denoizing if insufficient

Toward Maximum Likelihood Estimation (cnt'd) $\hat{d}_p = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} s(t) e^{-i2p\pi t/\tau} dt = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} c_k u_k^p$ $\hat{\mathbf{d}} = U_t \mathbf{c}$ $u_k = e^{-i2\pi t_k/\tau}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{d}_{-P} \\ \hat{d}_{-P+1} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{d}_{P} \end{pmatrix} U_{t} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{0}^{-P} & u_{1}^{-P} & \dots & u_{K-1}^{-P} \\ u_{0}^{-P+1} & u_{1}^{-P+1} & \dots & u_{K-1}^{-P+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ u_{0}^{P} & u_{1}^{P} & \dots & u_{K-1}^{P} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{c} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{0} \\ c_{1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{K-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Gaussian Distribution $\frac{\|\mathbf{y} - F^{-1}U_t \mathbf{c}\|^2}{2\sigma^2} + \text{Constant}$ $l(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{c}) =$ Minimization of $\|\mathbf{y} - F^{-1}U_t \mathbf{c}\|^2$ F: unitary Minimization of $f_0(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{c}) = \|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - U_t \mathbf{c}\|^2$ $\hat{\mathbf{v}} = F\mathbf{v}$

Reduction of Parameters

For a fixed t, $f_0(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{c}) = \|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - U_t \mathbf{c}\|^2$

is minimized by

 $\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{t}) = U_t^{\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{y}}.$

Hence, minimizer is obtained by

$$f_0(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{t})) = \left\| \hat{\mathbf{y}} - U_t U_t^{\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \right\|^2.$$

Values of Likelihood Function

Coarse to Fine Search

Particle Swarm Optimization

Mean Squared Error for tk

SNR [dB]

Mean Squared Error for ck

SNR [dB]

