What to do if syndroms are corrupted also? Grigory Kabatiansky, IITP RAS, Russia; Serge Vladuts, Aix-Marseille University and IITP RAS

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The Compressed Sensing (CS)Problem is formulated as a problem of reconstructing of *n*-dimensional *t*-sparse vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ by a few, namely, *r* linear measurements $s_i = (h_i, x)$. Denote by *H* an $r \times n$ matrix, whose rows are h_1, \ldots, h_r , and syndrom vector $s = (s_1, \ldots, s_r)$. Then CS problem is how to find vector *x* such that

$$s = Hx^T$$

and its Hamming weight, equals to the number of nonzero coordinates of x and denoted by wt(x) or $||x||_0$, is at most t. All we know how to solve this problem - just take Reed-Solomon code over reals. Then r = 2t and decoding algorithm is polynomial! The main achievement of Compressed Sensing is that the corresponding algorithm(s) can recover a sparse vector x even if measurements are not exact, i.e. if we know (h_i, x) with some errors $e = (e_1, \ldots, e_r)$, what is formulated as solving equation

$$s = Hx^T + e \tag{1}$$

A discrete version of this problem leads us to a new problem of coding theory Now let us consider a new problem of coding theory: To reconstruct the vector x of the Hamming weight $wt(x) \le t$ if some but not more than / of its syndrom coordinates are incorrect.

The corresponding matrix H we call q -ary (t, l)-compressed sensing (CS) matrix.

Definition

A q-ary $r \times n$ matrix H called a (t, l)-CS matrix iff

$$d(Hx^{T}, Hy^{T}) \ge 2l + 1.$$
⁽²⁾

for any two distinct vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ such that $wt(x) \leq t$ and $wt(y) \leq t$.

Proposition A q -ary $r \times n$ matrix H is a (t, l)-CS matrix iff $wt(Hz^T) \ge 2l + 1$ for any nonzero vector $z \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ such that $wt(z) \le 2t$.

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In particular case t = 1, l = 1 we have nonadaptive (or deterministic) version of famous Ulam's problem on searching with lie, and for t = 1 and l arbitrary - a nonadaptive version of Ulam's problem on searching with l lies.

Let us denote: by $V_q(n,d) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=d} C_n^i (q-1)^i = |\{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^n : wt(x) \le d\}|$ the volume of q-ary n dimensional ball of radius d; by $A_q(n, 2t + 1)$ the maximal possible cardinality of q-ary code correcting t errors.

Theorem

(Hamming bound). For any q -ary (t, l)-CS r \times n-matrix

$$A_q(r,2l+1) \ge V_q(n,t). \tag{3}$$

Proof. According to definition the set of syndroms $\{Hx^T : wt(x) \le t\}$ forms a code of length *r* capable to correct *l* errors, in particular, all syndroms are different, and, on the other hand, the number of syndroms cannot be larger than $A_a(r, 2l + 1)$.

For binary case Plotkin bound gives that

$$(2l+1)2^{r-4l} \ge A_2(r,2l+1) \ge V_2(n,t)$$
(4)

or, in asymptotic form,

$$\frac{r}{n} \ge 4\frac{l}{n} + H(t/n) + o(1) \tag{5}$$

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Theorem

(G-V bound). A (t, l)-CS $r \times n$ -matrix exists if

$$V_q(n, 2t-1)V_q(r, 2l) \le q^r.$$
 (6)

Hence $r(n, l) \leq \log_q V_q(n, 2t - 1) + \log_q V_q(r, 2l)$ for $2\tau < \frac{q-1}{q}, 2\lambda < \frac{q-1}{q}$. Ulam's problem with many (*l*) lies corresponds to the case t = 1, q = 2 and both bounds asymptotically coincides, namely, the minimal number of questions is l(4 + o(1)). For arbitrary *q* the answer is $l(\frac{2q}{q-1} + o(1))$. Restricted δ -Isometry Property(RIP) matrix H if

$$(1 - \delta_D)||x||_2 \le ||Hx^{\mathsf{T}}||_2 \le (1 + \delta_D)||x||_2, \tag{7}$$

for any vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$: $||x||_0 \le D$, where $0 < \delta_D < 1$. Typical result looks like this

"if $\delta_{3t} + 3\delta_{4t} < 2$ then the solution x^* of linear programming problem is unique and equal to x"

or, additionally " and $||x^* - x||_2 \le C\varepsilon$ for any perturbation e with $||e||_2 \le \varepsilon$ "

We can rewrite it as $\delta_{4t} < 1/2$ or that for any z s.t. $||z||_0 \leq 4t$

$$\frac{1}{2}||z||_2 \le ||Hz^{\mathsf{T}}||_2 \le \frac{3}{2}||z||_2$$

It was proved that such matrices exist if r = O(tlog(n/t))

Two major questions:

What is O in r = O(tlog(n/t)) for t/n = const, i.e., what is the *capacity* of this channel??? RIP probably is too strong since enough

$$\mu_{2t}||x||_2 \le ||Hx^{T}||_2, \tag{8}$$

If error-correcting codes can "fight" with errors in syndrom? For instance, RS codes?

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