

Blind Deconvolutional Phase Retrieval via Convex Programming

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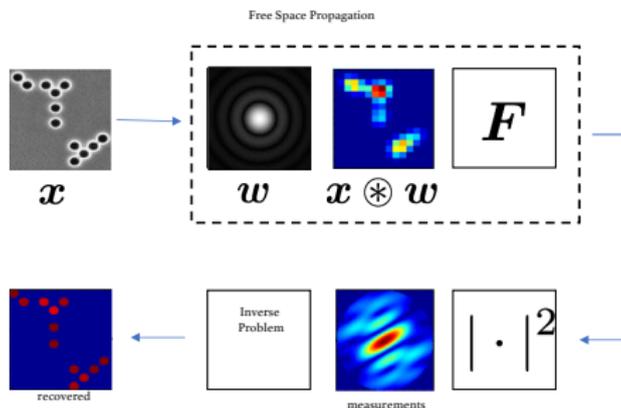
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Motivation: Blind Deconvolutional Phase Retrieval



Observe: $\hat{y} = |F(w \circledast x)|^2$

Find: $x \in \mathbb{R}^L, w \in \mathbb{R}^L$

Assumption: $w = Bh, x = Cm,$
 $B \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times K}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times N}$

Blind Deconvolutional Phase Retrieval (BDPR): Lifting

Observe: $\hat{y}[l] = |\mathbf{b}_\ell^* \mathbf{h}|^2 \cdot |\mathbf{c}_\ell^* \mathbf{m}|^2$

\mathbf{b}_ℓ^* is ℓ th row of \mathbf{FB}

\mathbf{c}_ℓ^* is ℓ th row of \mathbf{FC}

Find: $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^K, \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^N$

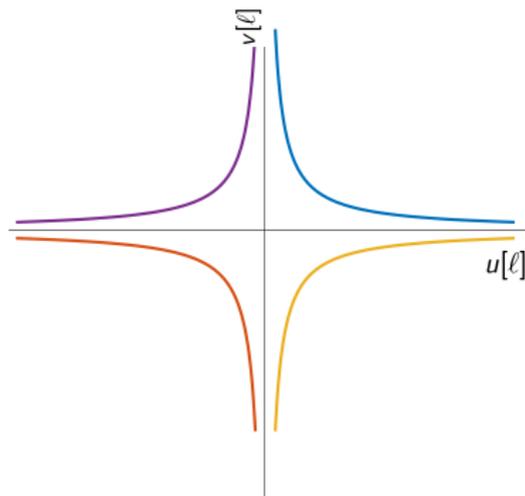
Solve: minimize $\|\mathbf{h}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{m}\|^2$
 \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m}

subject to $\langle \mathbf{b}_\ell \mathbf{b}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{c}_\ell \mathbf{c}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_2 \rangle = \hat{y}[l]$

$\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{h} \mathbf{h}^*, \mathbf{X}_2 = \mathbf{m} \mathbf{m}^*$

Novel Convex Relaxation via BranchHull

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2}{\text{minimize}} \quad \text{trace}(\mathbf{X}_1) + \text{trace}(\mathbf{X}_2) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \langle \mathbf{b}_\ell \mathbf{b}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{c}_\ell \mathbf{c}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_2 \rangle = \hat{y}[\ell] \\ & \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{X}_1 \succeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{X}_2 \succeq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$



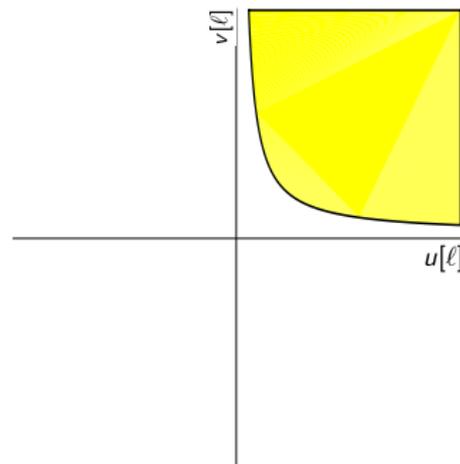
Hyperbolic constraint set

Novel Convex Relaxation via BranchHull

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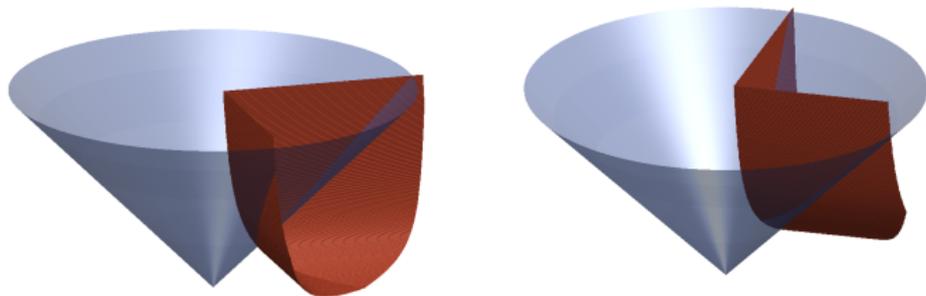
$$\text{subject to} \quad \langle \mathbf{b}_\ell \mathbf{b}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{c}_\ell \mathbf{c}_\ell^*, \mathbf{X}_2 \rangle \geq \hat{y}[\ell]$$

$$\mathbf{X}_1 \succcurlyeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{X}_2 \succcurlyeq \mathbf{0}$$



Hyperbolic constraint set

Cartoon of the BranchHull Geometry



Blue: PSD Cone, Red: Boundary of Hyperbolic Constraint

Point in intersection with smallest trace lives along the ridge
where hyperbolic constraints are satisfied with equalities.

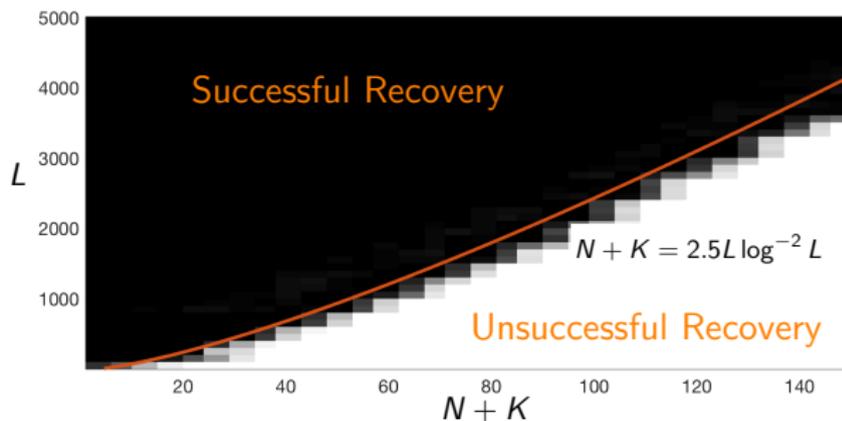
Main Result: Exact Recovery

- Convex program for Blind Deconvolutional Phase Retrieval

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- **Theorem** [Ahmed, Aghasi, Hand]: Choose \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} to have i.i.d. standard normal entries. Then, $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^K$ and $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ can be exactly recovered (up to global rescaling) with high probability if $L \gtrsim (K + N) \log^2 L$.

Phase Portrait for an ADMM Implementation



Convex BDPR succeeds for reasonable constants in sample complexity.

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