
Samplelet basis pursuit

Multiresolution scattered data approximation with sparsity constraints

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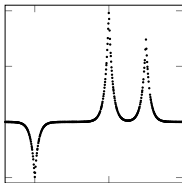


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Scattered data



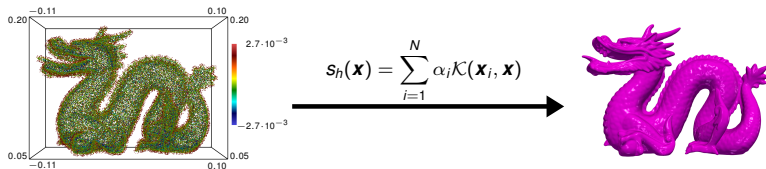
- In many applications, we are given a set of data points.
- Examples are measurements or sample values.
- We denote the set of *data sites* by

$$X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- If the data sites have no regular structure, we refer to them as *scattered data*.



Scattered data



- Given *data values* $f(\mathbf{x}_i)$, $\mathbf{x}_i \in X$, we want to detect features or compress them.
- To make predictions, we want to interpolate or fit the data values.
- In this talk, we consider a dictionary of reproducing kernels to sparsely approximate data.
- To this end, we consider the RKHS embeddings of samplet bases.



Functional analytic setting

■ Let $X := \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ denote a set of data sites.

■ We introduce the Dirac- δ -distributions

$$\delta_{\mathbf{x}_1}, \dots, \delta_{\mathbf{x}_N} \in [C(\Omega)]'.$$

■ The Dirac- δ -distributions satisfy $(f, \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i})_{\Omega} := \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}(f) = f(\mathbf{x}_i)$ for all $f \in C(\Omega)$.

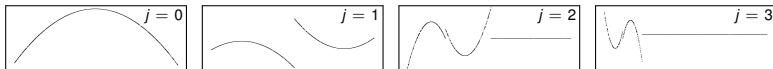
■ The *data values* $f_i := (f, \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i})_{\Omega}$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, amount to the available information of the function $f \in C(\Omega)$.

■ We define the Hilbert space $\mathcal{X} := \text{span}\{\delta_{\mathbf{x}_1}, \dots, \delta_{\mathbf{x}_N}\} \subset [C(\Omega)]'$ with inner product given by

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} := \sum_{i=1}^N u_i v_i, \quad \text{where } u = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}, \quad v = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i}.$$



Samplets



■ Let $\mathcal{X}_0 \subset \mathcal{X}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{X}_J := \mathcal{X}$ be a multiresolution analysis with

$$\mathcal{X}_j := \text{span } \Phi_j, \quad \Phi_j := \{\varphi_{j,k}\}_k.$$

■ Each distribution $\varphi_{j,k}$ is a linear combination of Dirac- δ -distributions.

■ Since $\mathcal{X}_j \subset \mathcal{X}_{j+1}$, we can (orthogonally) decompose $\mathcal{X}_{j+1} = \mathcal{X}_j \oplus \mathcal{S}_j$.

■ For $\mathcal{S}_j$, we introduce the orthonormal bases $\Sigma_j := \{\sigma_{j,k}\}_k$.

■ Recursively applying the decomposition, the set $\Sigma_J = \Phi_0 \cup \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} \Sigma_j$ is a basis of $\mathcal{X}_J$, which we call *samplet basis*.

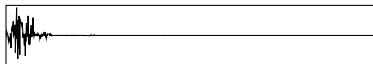
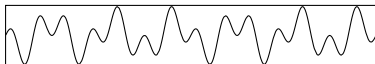
■ For data compression, we may construct samplets with vanishing moments

$$(p, \sigma_{j,k})_\Omega = 0 \quad \text{for all } p \in \mathcal{P}_q(\Omega).$$



Properties of samplets

[Harbrecht-M. '22]



- The samplet basis can be constructed with cost $\mathcal{O}(N)$.
- The number of all samplets on level j scales like 2^j .
- They are orthonormal and have vanishing moments of order $q + 1$.
- For $f \in C^{q+1}(O)$, $\tau \subset O$, where τ is the support of a samplet $\sigma_{j,k}$, there holds

$$|(f, \sigma_{j,k})_{\Omega}| \leq \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{q+1} \frac{\text{diam}(\tau)^{q+1}}{(q+1)!} \|f\|_{C^{q+1}(O)} \|\omega_{j,k}\|_1.$$

- Herein, $\omega_{j,k}$ is the coefficient vector of the measure $\sigma_{j,k}$.
- For quasi-uniform data sets X , we have $\text{diam}(\tau) \sim 2^{-j/d}$.



Properties of samplets II

- The mapping $f \mapsto If := [(f, \delta_{x_1})_\Omega, \dots, (f, \delta_{x_N})_\Omega]^\top$ defines an operator $I: C(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$.
- Samplets represent $\mathbf{f} = If$ in a multiresolution fashion, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{f}^\Sigma = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{f},$$

where $\mathbf{f}^\Sigma := [(f, \sigma_{j,k})_\Omega]^\top$ and $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is orthogonal.

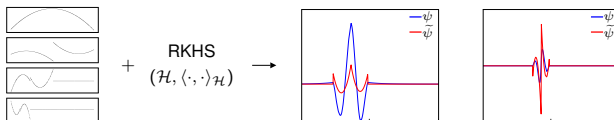
- The cost for the fast samplet transform is $\mathcal{O}(N)$.
- If $\mathcal{K} \in C(\Omega \times \Omega)$ is *asymptotically smooth* and X is quasi-uniform, we can approximate the samplet representation of $\mathbf{K} := (I \otimes I)\mathcal{K}$ with cost $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$.
- Setting all entries of $\mathbf{K}^\Sigma$ whose corresponding samplets' supports τ, τ' satisfy $\text{dist}(\tau, \tau') \geq \eta \max\{\text{diam}(\tau), \text{diam}(\tau')\}$ to zero yields

$$\|\mathbf{K}^\Sigma - \mathbf{K}_\varepsilon^\Sigma\|_F \lesssim m_q(\rho\eta/d)^{-2(q+1)} \|\mathbf{K}^\Sigma\|_F.$$



Samplets in RKHS

[Baroli-Harbrecht-M. '24]



Let $\mathcal{H} \subset C(\Omega)$ be a Hilbert space with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Then, $\mathcal{H}$ is a *reproducing kernel Hilbert space* (RKHS) with reproducing kernel

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := (R\delta_{\mathbf{x}})(\mathbf{y}),$$

by the Riesz representation theorem.

Given a subspace $\mathcal{H}_X := \text{span}\{\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_1, \cdot), \dots, \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_N, \cdot)\} \subset \mathcal{H}$, samplets induce a multiresolution basis for $\mathcal{H}_X$ via the embedding

$$\sigma_{j,k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_{j,k,i} \delta_{\mathbf{x}_i} \mapsto \psi_{j,k} = R\sigma_{j,k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_{j,k,i} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot).$$

There holds $\langle \psi_{j,k}, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = 0$ if $h|_O \in \mathcal{P}_q(O)$.



Dual samplets in RKHS

- The dual basis is characterized by

$$\tilde{\psi}_{j,k} = \sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{\omega}_{j,k,i} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot), \quad \tilde{\omega}_{j,k} := \mathbf{K}^{-1} \omega_{j,k}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{K} = [\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)]_{i,j=1}^N.$$

- For $h \in \mathcal{H}$, the orthogonal projection onto $\mathcal{H}_X$ is given by

$$s_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle \tilde{\psi}_i, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \psi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot), \quad \alpha = \mathbf{T}^\top [\langle \tilde{\psi}_i, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}]_{i=1}^N.$$

- It satisfies $s_h(\mathbf{x}_i) = h(\mathbf{x}_i)$ for all $\mathbf{x}_i \in X$.

- There holds

$$\langle \tilde{\psi}_{j,k}, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \quad \text{if } \alpha_i = p(\mathbf{x}_i) \text{ for some } p|_O \in \mathcal{P}_q(O).$$

- If a signal is sparse in the kernel basis, it is also sparse in the samplet basis.
- This means that sparsity in the samplet basis is the more general concept.



Samplet basis pursuit

- For data $\mathbf{h} := [h(\mathbf{x}_i)]_{i=1}^N$, and a dictionary of kernels $\mathcal{K}_1, \dots, \mathcal{K}_L$ we are looking for a sparse approximation

$$s_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i^{(j)} \psi_i^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}).$$

- To this end, we solve the underdetermined least squares problem

$$\min_{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{L \cdot N}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{K}\alpha\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{L \cdot N} w_i |\beta_i|,$$

where $\mathbf{K} := [\mathbf{K}_1, \dots, \mathbf{K}_L]$, $\alpha^\top := [\alpha_1^\top, \dots, \alpha_L^\top]$ and $\beta^\top := [(\mathbf{T}\alpha_1)^\top, \dots, (\mathbf{T}\alpha_L)^\top]$ (we set $w_i = \lambda$).

- Note that the Euclidean norm is invariant under the samplet transform.
- Computations can efficiently be carried out in samplet coordinates.



Numerical solution

[Griesse-Lorenz '08]

- Numerical algorithms to solve the ℓ^1 -regularized minimization problem are based on soft-thresholding.
- The optimal coefficient can be retrieved from the root finding problem

$$\mathbf{0} = \beta^* - SS_{\gamma \mathbf{w}}(\beta^* + \gamma(\mathbf{K}^\Sigma)^\top(\mathbf{h}^\Sigma - \mathbf{K}^\Sigma \beta^*)) \quad \text{for any } \gamma > 0.$$

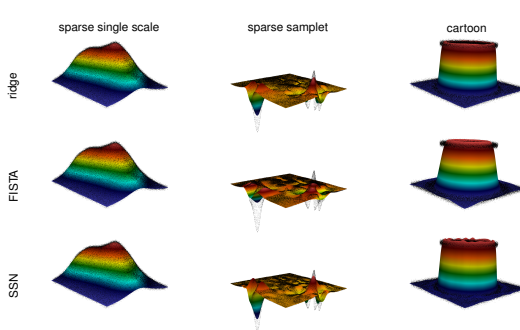
- Herein, the soft-shrinkage operator is given by

$$SS_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{v}) := \text{sign}(\mathbf{v}) \max\{\mathbf{0}, |\mathbf{v}| - \mathbf{w}\}.$$

- The root finding problem is solved by the semi-smooth Newton method (with iterative regularization).



Sparse reconstruction



- The kernel is a Matérn-3/2 kernel.
- We employ samplets with $q + 1 = 4$ vanishing moments.
- Examples 1 and 2 have 10 non vanishing coefficients each.



sparse single scale

	ridge	FISTA	MRSSN
iterations	103	10 000	411
comp. time	4.51s	1 777.42s	58.48s
final $\ A\ $	973 731	32 963	101
residual	$8.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$

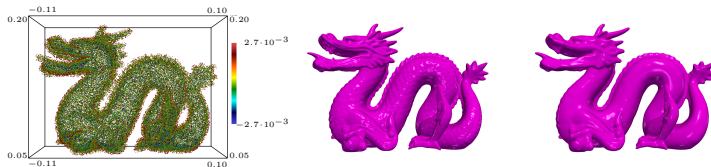
sparse samplet

	ridge	FISTA	MRSSN
iterations	170	10 000	422
comp. time	11.3s	1 857.19s	57.86s
final $\ A\ $	827 864	35 194	163
residual	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$

cartoon

	ridge	FISTA	MRSSN
iterations	118	10 000	646
comp. time	5.17s	1970.76s	80.46s
final $\ A\ $	978 740	218 570	261
residual	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$7.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{-7}$

Surface reconstruction



- We consider $N = 10^6$ values of the signed distance function.
- The same regularization parameter for ridge- and ℓ^1 -regularization is used.
- The kernel is a scaled exponential kernel.
- The approximate signed distance function is evaluated on a grid with $400 \times 400 \times 400$ points.
- For ℓ^1 -regularization, we obtain $\|\beta\|_0 = 6\,233$ non-zero coefficients.



Setup

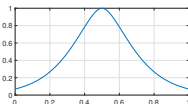
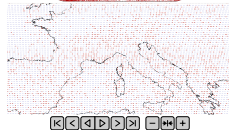
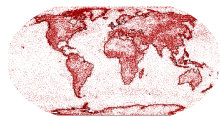
[Contains modified Copernicus Climate Change Service information 2022]

- We approximate an adaptive subsample ($N = 1.2 \cdot 10^6$) of the ERA5 monthly temperature data set of 2022.
- We set $q + 1 = 4$ and $\lambda = 10^{-6}$.
- The data are rescaled to $[0, 1]^3$. We employ the kernels

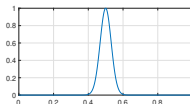
$$\mathcal{K}_1((\mathbf{x}, t), (\mathbf{y}, t')) := k_{3/2}(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2) k_{\text{per}}(|t - t'|)$$

and

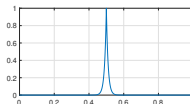
$$\mathcal{K}_2(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}') := k_{\text{exp}}(\|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}'\|_2), \quad \mathbf{z} := (\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{z}' := (\mathbf{y}, t').$$



$$k_{3/2}(r) := (1 + 5\sqrt{3})e^{-5\sqrt{3}r}$$



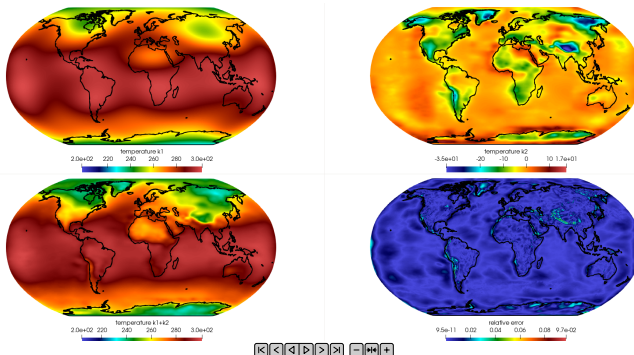
$$k_{\text{per}}(r) := e^{-50 \sin^2(\pi r)}$$



$$k_{\text{exp}}(r) := e^{-100r}$$



Reconstruction

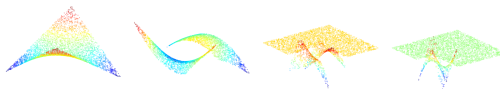


■ We obtain $\|\beta\|_0 = 6554$ with $\|\beta_1\|_0 = 671$ and $\|\beta_2\|_0 = 5883$.

■ The relative error is computed at all ($\approx 12M$) points of the data set and smaller than 9.73% for all time steps.



Conclusion



- Samplets are a multiresolution analysis of discrete signed measures with vanishing moments.
- Samplets can be constructed on general scattered data sets.
- The embedding of samplets into RKHS is straightforward.
- Samplets compress kernel matrices of asymptotically smooth kernels to $N \log N$ relevant entries.
- Samplet basis pursuit facilitates the retrieval of sparse representations.
- Code (C++ with pybind11) is available on github.com/muchip/fmca.



Thank you

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