Sparse Fourier Transforms

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The Fourier Transform

Conversion between time and frequency domains

Time Domain

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Displacement of Air

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Goal of this talk: *sparse* Fourier transforms *Faster* Fourier Transform on sparse data.

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Faster GPS ... Fourier ... Hassanieh et al. MOBICOM'12



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Light ... Continuous Fourier... Shi et al. SIGGRAPH'15



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 Optimal samples [IK '14] OR optimal time [HIKP '12] OR log^c log n-competitive mixture [IKP '14].

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-sparse \widehat{x}_{k}





DFT preserve the ℓ_2 norm







Guarantee

- Sample from x(t), which is approximated by a *k*-Fourier sparse $x_k(t)$ with η frequency separation.
- We recover an x'(t) such that

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$$\mathbb{E}_{t \in [0,T]} |x'(t) - x(t)|^2 \lesssim \mathbb{E}_{t \in [0,T]} |x(t) - x_k(t)|^2$$

- As long as:
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- Improve our constant approximation result to (1 ± ε) approximation by increasing the sample duration *T*?

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- DFT setting: log^d log *n* far from optimal in *d* dimensions.
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