

# PHASE RETRIEVAL VIA POLARIZATION IN DYNAMICAL SAMPLING

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## Problem Formulation

### Phaseless Dynamical Samples

Recover an unknown vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  that evolves under the action of a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$  from its *phaseless dynamical measurements*

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|, \quad \ell = 0, \dots, L-1, \quad (1)$$

with  $L \geq d$ .

- More precisely, at time  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  the signal becomes  $\mathbf{x}_\ell = (\mathbf{A}^*)^\ell \mathbf{x}$ . Therefore dynamical samples in (1) corresponds to sampling  $\mathbf{x}$  at different times:

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}_\ell, \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle| = |\langle (\mathbf{A}^*)^\ell \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle| = |\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|.$$

- To ensure that we can do phase retrieval, we assume that the sequence  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a frame.

## Dynamical Frames

An arbitrary vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  can be recovered from the set  $\{|\langle \mathbf{A}^\ell \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  in a stable way if there exists  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

$$\alpha \|\mathbf{y}\|^2 \leq \|\{|\langle \mathbf{A}^\ell \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}\|^2 \leq \beta \|\mathbf{y}\|^2, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^d,$$

i.e., when the set  $\{(\mathbf{A}^*)^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a frame for  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .

Consider the Jordan decomposition of the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  into an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$  and the blocked diagonal Jordan matrix  $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$  of the form

$$\mathbf{J} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_0, \dots, \mathbf{J}_{M-1}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{J}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_j & & 1 \\ & \dots & \\ & & \lambda_j \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{m_j \times m_j},$$

where  $\lambda_j$  is the  $j$ th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $m_j$  the corresponding algebraic multiplicity. We say that  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on the  $j$ th Jordan generator if  $(\mathbf{S}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\phi})_{k-1} \neq 0$  where  $k = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} m_i$ .

### Theorem (Characterization Based on Jordan Matrix)

The sequence  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a frame if and only if the eigenvalues of the Jordan blocks of  $\mathbf{A}$  are pairwise distinct and  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on all Jordan generators.

- For a diagonalizable matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$ , the sequence  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a frame if and only if the eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  are pairwise distinct and  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on all eigenvectors.

## Repeated Convolution

Let  $\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  be arbitrary. Then the family

$$\{\underbrace{\mathbf{a} * \dots * \mathbf{a}}_{\ell \text{ times}} * \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$$

is a frame for  $\mathbb{C}^d$  if and only if the coordinates of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$  do not vanish and the coordinates of  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$  are pairwise distinct.

## Full-Spark Dynamical Frames

A frame  $\{\mathbf{f}_k\}_{k=0}^{L-1}$  has full spark if every subset embracing  $d$  elements is again a frame for  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .

### Theorem (Characterization Based on Vandermonde Matrix)

Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}$  be diagonalizable with eigenvalues  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ . For every  $L \geq d$ , the set  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a full spark frame if and only if  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on all eigenvectors and the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}_\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times L}$  generated by  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  has full spark.

Special cases:

- $\mathbf{A}$  has distinct eigenvalues of the form  $\lambda^k$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on all eigenvectors.
- $\mathbf{A}$  has distinct non-negative eigenvalues, and  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  depends on all eigenvectors.

## Phase Retrieval in Dynamical Sampling

### Theorem (Polarization Identity)

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \notin \pi\mathbb{Z}$ . Then, for every  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , the product  $\bar{z}_1 z_2$  is uniquely determined by

$$|z_1|, \quad |z_2|, \quad |z_1 + e^{i\alpha_1} z_2|, \quad |z_1 + e^{i\alpha_2} z_2|.$$

Extending the measurement set and using the above polarization identity allow the extraction of relative phases for almost all vectors.

### Theorem (Recovery Guarantee for Dynamical Frames)

Let  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  be a frame for  $\mathbb{C}^d$ , and let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \notin \pi\mathbb{Z}$ . Then almost all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  can be recovered from

$$\{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \cup \{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell (\boldsymbol{\phi} + e^{i\alpha_k} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\phi}) \rangle|\}_{\ell=0, k=1}^{L-2, 2}$$

up to global phase.

- If  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  is a frame for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}$ , then almost every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  can be recovered from

$$\{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \cup \{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell (\boldsymbol{\phi} + \alpha \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\phi}) \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-2}$$

up to sign.

- The idea of the proof is to use polarization identity to propagate the phase from  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle$  to  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^{\ell+1} \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle$ .

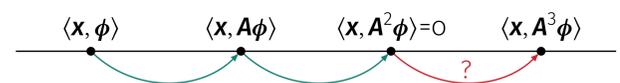


Figure: Main idea: propagating phases between coefficients

- The procedure fails if some of the coefficient  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|$  becomes zero.
- We can resolve this problem by considering full-spark frames.

### Theorem (Recovery Guarantee for Full-Spark Dynamical Frames)

Let  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  be a full-spark frame, and let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \notin \pi\mathbb{Z}$ . If  $L \geq d^2/4 + d/2$ , then every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  can be recovered from the samples

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up to global phase.

Following result provides trade-off between the number of spatial and temporal samples.

### Theorem (Jumping Over Zeros)

Let  $\{\mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi}\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1}$  be a full-spark frame, let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \notin \pi\mathbb{Z}$ , and let  $J \in \{0, \dots, d-2\}$ . If  $L \geq d^2/4(J+1) + d$ , then every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$  can be recovered from the samples

$$\{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell \boldsymbol{\phi} \rangle|\}_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \cup \{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}^\ell (\boldsymbol{\phi} + e^{i\alpha_k} \mathbf{A}^J \boldsymbol{\phi}) \rangle|\}_{\ell=0, k=1, j=1}^{L-2, 2, J+1}$$

up to global phase.

## Conclusion

- We start with one sampling vector  $\boldsymbol{\phi}$  and provide conditions to ensure uniqueness.
- By adding a few more specially designed sampling vectors, almost all signals can be recovered from the phaseless dynamical samples uniquely and stably.
- For full-spark dynamical frames, the reconstruction of all signals is possible.
- A relation between the required number of measurements in time and space is presented.

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