On compressed sensing with generative neural networks and Fourier measurements

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Some motivation

FDA Clears Compressed Sensing MRI Acceleration Technology From Siemens Healthineers

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- New technology employs iterative reconstruction to produce high-quality MR images at a rapid rate with zero diagnostic information loss

- Compressed Sensing Cardiac Cine – the technology’s first application – enables diagnostic cardiac imaging of patients with arrhythmias or respiratory problems

Siemens Healthineers has announced that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cleared the company’s revolutionary Compressed Sensing technology, which slashes the long acquisition times associated with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to enable dramatically shortened scans. For example, cardiac cine imaging with Compressed Sensing can be completed in just 16 seconds rather than the traditional four minutes, courtesy of an algorithm that reduces the required amount of data.¹ With products and solutions such as Compressed Sensing, as well as a new name that underscores the company's pioneering spirit and engineering expertise, Siemens Healthineers – the separately managed healthcare business of Siemens AG – is helping to enable healthcare providers worldwide to meet current challenges and excel in their respective environments.

Figure: FDA approval for Siemens CS-MRI; acquisition time ca. 2017: 4 minutes → 16 seconds (15× speed-up)
Standard set-up

In standard compressed sensing

- $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, m \ll n$, "incoherent rows"
  - $\rightarrow$ random measurements: e.g., $A$ has iid Gaussian entries
- $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is sparse (in a basis) and unknown
  - $\rightarrow$ structural proxy: $\ell_1$ norm
- $A$ and $b$ are known:

\[ b = Ax_0 + \eta, \quad \eta \in \mathbb{C}^m \]

**Goal:** optimize to recover $x_0$ from $(b, A)$. 
Practical sensing matrices

CS has a clean, well-developed theory for Gaussian sensing matrices, which are **impractical** for applications like MRI.
Practical sensing matrices

At the least, we want \textit{structured} random matrices, like \textit{subsampling isometries}.

\[ A \]

\[ m \]

\[ n \]

\[ x \]

\[ b \]
Practical sensing matrices

The best known sample complexity for **structured** random matrices is $m \gtrsim s \log s \log^2 n$ (due to Bourgain [4]).

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Candès et al. [5], Donoho [6], Rauhut [11], Rudelson and Vershynin [12]
Practical sensing matrices

Further developments and theory for even more realistic sensing matrices exists (e.g., see Adcock and Hansen [1]).

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The most common structural assumption is that the vector $x^\ast$ is $k$-sparse in some known basis (or approximately $k$-sparse). Finding the sparsest solution to an underdetermined system of linear equations is NP-hard, but still convex optimization can provably recover the true sparse vector.
Compressed sensing with generative models

These networks characterize structure by mapping low-dimensional latent codes to high-dimensional signals.
Why use GNNs?

GNNs are effective at capturing the intrinsic structure of natural images.

Figure: Bora et al. [3, Figure 3]: $m = 500, n = 12288$
Why use GNNs?

Applications to:

- inpainting
- compressed sensing
- super-resolution

Promising empirical success in:

- Image modeling applications
  (Goodfellow et al. [7], Kingma and Welling [9])
- MRI applications
  (Jalal et al. [8])
- parametric PDE
  (Wentz and Doostan [15])
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Figure: Created via Ryu et al. [13, Section 6]
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However, their [3] sample complexity guarantee for CS with GNNs effectively requires $A$ to be Gaussian.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let $G : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a generative model from a $d$-layer neural network using ReLU activations. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a random Gaussian matrix for $m = \mathcal{O}(kd \log n)$, scaled so $A_{i,j} \sim N(0, 1/m)$. For any $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and any observation $y = Ax^* + \eta$, let $\tilde{z}$ minimize $\|y - AG(z)\|_2$ to within additive $\epsilon$ of the optimum. Then with $1 - e^{-\Omega(m)}$ probability,

$$\|G(\tilde{z}) - x^*\|_2 \leq 6 \min_{z^* \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|G(z^*) - x^*\|_2 + 3\|\eta\|_2 + 2\epsilon.$$
CS with GNNs and structured random matrices

**Setup:** For \( b = Ax_0 + \eta \) and \( G : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n \) a ReLU GNN, find \( \hat{x} \in \mathcal{R}(G) \) approximately solving
\[
\min_{x \in \mathcal{R}(G)} \|Ax - b\|_2 \quad \iff \quad \min_{z \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|AG(z) - b\|_2.
\]

**Goal:**
Sample complexity for theoretical recovery guarantee with realistic sampling matrix
A coherence parameter characterizing generative compressed sensing with Fourier measurements

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Abstract—In [1], a mathematical framework was developed for compressed sensing guarantees in the setting where the measurement matrix is Gaussian and the signal structure is the range of a generative neural network (GNN). The problem of compressed sensing with GNNs has since been extensively analyzed when the measurement matrix and/or network weights follow a subgaussian distribution. We move beyond the subgaussian assumption, (e.g., sparsity) [5], [7]. Moreover, this recovery is effected using an order-optimal number of random measurements [7]. In applications like medical imaging [5], the measurement matrices under consideration are derived from a bounded orthonormal system (a unitary matrix with bounded entries), which complicates the theoretical analysis. Furthermore, for

(AB, Brugiapaglia, Joshi, Plan, Scott, and Yilmaz, 2022 [2])
Theorem 1: Subsampled isometry GCS

Let \( G : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n \) be a \((k, d, n)\)-generative network with layer widths \( k = k_0 \leq k_1, \ldots, k_d \) where \( k_d := n \), \( \varepsilon, \hat{\varepsilon} > 0 \), \( G := \mathcal{R}(G) - \mathcal{R}(G') \) and \( A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n} \) a subsampled isometry associated with a unitary matrix \( U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \). If \( \Delta(G) \) is \( \alpha \)-coherent with respect to \( \| \cdot \|_U \), and

\[
m \gtrsim \alpha^2 n \left( 2k \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \log \left( \frac{2e k_i}{k} \right) + \log \frac{4k}{\varepsilon} \right),
\]

then, with probability at least \( 1 - \varepsilon \) on the realization of \( A \):

For any \( x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n \), let \( b := Ax_0 + \eta \) where \( \eta \in \mathbb{C}^m \). Let \( \hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \) satisfy \( \|A\hat{x} - b\|_2 \leq \min_{x \in \mathcal{R}(G)} \|Ax - b\|_2 + \hat{\varepsilon} \). Then,

\[
\|\hat{x} - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x^\perp\|_2 + 3\|A x^\perp\|_2 + 3\|\eta\|_2 + \frac{3}{2} \hat{\varepsilon}.
\]

(\( \text{where } x^\perp := x_0 - \Pi_{\mathcal{R}(G)}(x_0) \))

(AB, Brugiapaglia, Joshi, Plan, Scott, and Yilmaz, 2022 [2])
Subsampled isometries

Definition (subsampled isometry)

Let \( n \geq m \geq 2 \) be integers and \( U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \) a unitary matrix. Let \( \theta := (\theta_i)_{i \in [n]}, \theta_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Ber}(m/n) \). Define a subsampled isometry as \( A := \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{m}} \text{rowstack} [U_i : \theta_i = 1] \).
Generative networks

**Definition (Generative network)**

Let $G : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}^n$ with $k < n$. Call $G$ a generative network (GNN) with depth $d \in \mathbb{N}$ if, for $u \in \mathbb{R}^k$,

$$G(u) := W^{(d)} \sigma \left( W^{(d-1)} \sigma \left( \cdots W^{(1)} u \right) \right).$$

Here, $W^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{k_i \times k_{i-1}}$ with $k = k_0 \leq k_1, \ldots, k_d = n$ and $\sigma(u) := \max(u, 0)$ element-wise.
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- \( W^{(i)} \) are weight matrices and \( \sigma \) is the activation function.
- It’s mild to consider no biases — one can write \( \tilde{W}^{(i)} \tilde{z}^{(i)} := \begin{bmatrix} W^{(i)} & b^{(i)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z^{(i)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = W^{(i)} z^{(i)} + b^{(i)} \).
- The approach requires piece-wise linear \( \sigma \).
Assumption: (in)coherence

Definition (measurement norm)

Let $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a unitary matrix. Define the norm $\| \cdot \|_U : \mathbb{C}^n \to [0, \infty)$ by

$$\|x\|_U := \|Ux\|_\infty = \max_{i \in [n]} |\langle U_i, x \rangle|$$

Definition (coherence)

Let $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a set and $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ a unitary matrix. For $\alpha > 0$ say that $T$ is $\alpha$-coherent with respect to $\| \cdot \|_U$ if

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- Bounds for $\alpha$ should depend on:
  - Complexity of low-dimensional objects comprising $T$
  - Geometry between $\| \cdot \|_U$ and $T$. 

**Piecewise linear expansion**

**Definition**

Let $\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} C_i$ be the union of $N$ convex cones. Define

$$\Delta(\mathcal{C}) := \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \text{span}(C_i) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} C_i - C_i.$$ 

- If $\mathcal{C}$ is a union of $N$ cones then $\Delta \mathcal{C}$ is a union of at most $N$ at-most $k$-dimensional subspaces.
- $\Delta(\mathcal{C})$ satisfies
  $$C \subseteq \Delta \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{C}.$$ 

- Note $\Delta(\mathcal{C})$ is uniquely defined.
- If $G$ is a generative network, then $\mathcal{R}(G)$ is a union of polyhedral cones.
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$$m \gtrsim \alpha^2 n \left(2k \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \log \left(\frac{2ck_i}{k'}\right) + \log \frac{4k}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

then, with probability at least $1 - \varepsilon$ on the realization of $A$:

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$$\|\hat{x} - x_0\|_2 \leq \|x_\perp\|_2 + 3\|Ax_\perp\|_2 + 3\|\eta\|_2 + \frac{3}{2}\hat{\varepsilon}. $$

(where $x_\perp := x_0 - \Pi_{\mathcal{R}(G)}(x_0)$)

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Proof outline 1

**Restricted Isometry Property** for GNNs: when $\Delta(G)$ is $\alpha$-coherent wrt $\| \cdot \|_U$ and $m = \tilde{\Omega}(\alpha^2 n \delta^{-2} kd)$, then with high probability on $A$,

$$\sup_{x \in \Delta(G) \cap S^{n-1}} \|Ax\|_2 - 1 \leq \delta$$

**RIP proof strategy**

$G = \mathcal{R}(G) - \mathcal{R}(G)$ is a union of cones. Apply **matrix Bernstein inequality** to control deviation on each minimal containing subspace. Augment to a **subgaussian tail bound** as in Vershynin [14, Theorem 3.1.1]. **Union bound** over components of $\Delta(G)$. 
Proof outline II

The number of components $N$ in $\Delta(G)$ is nicely controlled (e.g., see Naderi and Plan [10]).

Lemma

Let $G$ be a generative network. Then $\mathcal{R}(G)$ is a union of no more than $N$ at-most $k$-dimensional polyhedral cones where

$$N := \prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} l(k_\ell, k) \leq \left(\frac{2e\bar{k}}{k}\right)^{k(d-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{k} := \left(\prod_{\ell=1}^{d-1} k_\ell\right)^{1/(d-1)}.$$
Typical coherence I

Proposition

Let $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a unitary matrix. Any $k$-dimensional subspace $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is at least $\sqrt{\frac{k}{n}}$-coherent with respect to $\| \cdot \|_U$. Furthermore, this lower bound is tight.

Remark

The sample complexity for the main result is $m = \tilde{\Omega}(k^2)$. 
Typical coherence II

**Theorem**

Let $U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be a unitary matrix and $G$ be a $(k, d, n)$-generative network. Let the last weight matrix of $G$, $W^{(d)}$, be iid Gaussian: $W^{(d)}_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, $i \in [k_d], j \in [k_d-1]$. Let all other weights be arbitrary and fixed. Then, with probability at least $1 - 2 \exp(-\gamma^2)$, $\Delta(\mathcal{R}(G) - \mathcal{R}(G))$ is $\alpha$-coherent with respect to $\| \cdot \|_U$, where

$$
\alpha \lesssim \sqrt{\frac{k}{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n}} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \log \frac{2ek_i}{k}} + \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{n}}.
$$
Remark

Under mild simplifying assumptions this expression gives

$$\alpha = O \left( \sqrt{\frac{kd}{n}} \right)$$

Thus, the sample complexity for the main result for a GNN with Gaussian weights may be bounded as

$$m \gtrsim \frac{2k^2 d}{\delta^2} \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \log \left( \frac{2ek_i}{k} \right) + \frac{kd}{\delta^2} \log \frac{4k}{\varepsilon}.$$
Method: coherence upper bound I

Proposition

Let $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be an orthogonal matrix. Let $W = W^{(d)}$ be the final weight matrix of a generative network $G : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and let

$$W = QR; \quad Q := \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R := \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

be its QR decomposition. If $\mathcal{G} := \mathcal{R}(G) \cap \mathcal{R}(G)$ and $\mathcal{W} := \mathcal{R}(W) \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$, then

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{G} \cap \mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \| Ux \|_\infty \leq \sup_{x \in \mathcal{W}} \| Ux \|_\infty = \| UQ_1 \|_{2 \rightarrow \infty}$$
Define the following regularizer used to promote low coherence during training:

\[
\rho(W) := \|UW\|_{2\rightarrow\infty} + \lambda\|W^\top W - I\|_F.
\]
(a) Empirical recovery probability as a function of coherence and $m$. Each block corresponds to the average from 20 independent trials. White corresponds with 20 successful recoveries ($\text{rre} \leq 10^{-5}$); black with no successful recoveries.

(b) Empirical rre as a function of coherence for $m = 100$. Each dot corresponds to one of 20 trials at each coherence level. The solid line shows the empirical geometric mean rre vs. coherence upper bound. The envelope shows 1 geometric standard deviation.
Numerical results II

Figure: Recovery comparison of MNIST images for various measurement sizes $m$ (denoted by column heading) for a low coherence network, high-coherence network and network with final sigmoid activation. In each block: the top row corresponds to $G^{(3)}$ ($\alpha = 0.82$); middle row $G^{(2)}$ ($\alpha = 0.96$); bottom row $G^{(1)}$ (labelled Sig). The leftmost column, signal, corresponds to the target image $x_0^{(i)} \in \mathcal{R}(G^{(i)})$. 

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Numerical results III

Figure: Performance comparison for three GNNs trained on the MNIST dataset — one with low coherence, another with high coherence, the last with sigmoid activation on the last layer. Plotting $m$ vs. $rre$. For each value of $m$, each dot corresponds to one of 10 trials.
Contributions

- **First theory for GCS with subsampled isometries and non-random weights**
- Introduce *coherence* for characterizing recovery efficacy via alignment of the network’s range and the measurement matrix
- Establish a restricted isometry property for ReLU GNNs with subsampled isometries
- Prove sample complexity and recovery bounds in this setting
- Propose regularization strategy for training GNNs with low coherence; demonstrate improved sample complexity for recovery
- Our theory and compelling numerical simulations support coherence as a natural quantity of interest linked to favourable deep generative recovery.
Future directions

- Optimal sample complexity *
  - Coherence-free argument
- Realism:
  - Guarantees for non-ReLU networks
  - Yet more realistic measurement matrices *
  - Optimal sampling strategy for given GNN
  - Incorporate knowledge of optimization strategy *
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