

# Generalized SURE for optimal shrinkage of singular values in low-rank matrix denoising

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## Problem of matrix denoising

- Estimate an unknown signal matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  from a noisy data matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  satisfying the model:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W},$$

where  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is a noise matrix.

- $\mathbf{W}_{ij}$  are assumed to be **independent random variables** with

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{W}_{ij}) = 0 \text{ and } \text{Var}(\mathbf{W}_{ij}) = \tau_{ij}^2$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

- Homoscedastic:  $\tau_{ij} = \tau$  constant,
- Heteroscedastic:  $\tau_{ij}$  vary (but dependent on  $\mathbf{X}$ ).

## Assumption (Low-rank signal matrix)

- The signal matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  is assumed to have a **low rank structure**, with singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{k=1}^{r^*} \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^t .$$

- $\mathbf{u}_k$  and  $\mathbf{v}_k$  are the left and right singular vectors associated to the singular value  $\sigma_k > 0$ , for each  $1 \leq k \leq r^*$ , with  $\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \dots > \sigma_{r^*}$ .
- $0 \leq r^* \leq \min(m, n)$  is the rank of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Unlike  $\mathbf{X}$ , the **noisy** data matrix  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W}$  has almost surely full rank

$$\mathbf{Y} = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n, m)} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

where  $\tilde{\sigma}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k$  denotes its SVD (empirical SVD).

## Definition (Spectral estimators)

- Given the SVD of 
$$Y = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$
- A **spectral estimator**: 
$$\hat{X}^f = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

where  $0 \leq f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) \leq \tilde{\sigma}_k$  depends only on the singular value  $\tilde{\sigma}_k$ .

- Examples:
- PCA:  $f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) = \tilde{\sigma}_k$  if  $k \leq r$ , 0 otherwise,
  - Soft-thresholding:  $f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) = (\tilde{\sigma}_k - \lambda)_+$ ,
  - This talk:  $f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) = w_k \tilde{\sigma}_k$

## Goal

Ideally, one would like to select a set of functions  $(f_k)_{1 \leq k \leq \min(n, m)}$  that minimize the mean-squared error (with respect to the noise  $\mathbf{W}$ )

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \left( \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f - \mathbf{X}\|_F^2 \right).$$

**Not feasible since  $\mathbf{X}$  is unknown!**

Two main alternatives in the literature:

- **asymptotic optimal shrinkage** rules (setting  $\min(n, m) \rightarrow \infty$ ) with a noise matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  whose distribution is assumed to be **orthogonally invariant** (e.g., in the Gaussian spiked population model).  
(Gavish & Donoho, 2014), (Nadakuditi, 2014)
- non-asymptotic **soft-thresholding** rules which minimize an **unbiased estimate of the MSE** in the **Gaussian case**.  
(Candès, Sing-Long & Trzasko, 2013), (Donoho & Gavish, 2014)

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## **Asymptotic optimal shrinkage**

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## Definition (Gaussian spiked population model)

$$Y = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t = \sum_{k=1}^{r^*} \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^t + \mathbf{W},$$

where  $1 \leq r^* \leq \min(n, m)$  is fixed and  $\mathbf{W}_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{m})$ .

### Asymptotic setting:

the sequence  $m = m_n \geq n$  is such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n}{m} = c > 0$ .



## Asymptotic behavior of singular values

### Proposition (Bai and Silverstein (2010))

Assume that  $Y$  is sampled from the Gaussian spiked population model. Then, for any fixed  $k \geq 1$ , one has that, almost surely,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \tilde{\sigma}_k = \begin{cases} \rho(\sigma_k) & \text{if } \sigma_k > c^{1/4}, \\ c_+ & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where  $\rho(\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\theta^2)(c+\theta^2)}{\theta^2}}$  for any  $\theta > 0$

and  $c_+ = 1 + \sqrt{c}$  is the so-called **bulk edge**.

## Asymptotic optimal shrinkage (Gavish & Donoho, 2014)

As a consequence, the spectral estimator

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} f(\tilde{\sigma}_k) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

where

$$f(\tilde{\sigma}_k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_k} \sqrt{(\tilde{\sigma}_k^2 - (c+1))^2 - 4c} & \text{if } \tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is **asymptotically optimal** in the sense that it minimizes  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f - \mathbf{X}\|_F^2$  almost surely among the class of continuous spectral shrinkers that collapses the bulk to 0 (i.e.,  $f(\tilde{\sigma}) = 0$  if  $\tilde{\sigma} \leq c_+$ ).

**Remark:** equivalent expression in Nadakuditi (2014) but where the bulk edge constraint  $\tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+$  is replaced by a rank assumption  $k \leq r \leq r^*$ .

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Alternatively, use the principle of **Stein's Unbiased Risk Estimate** *i.e.* find a data-based quantity  $\text{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f)$  satisfying

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f)) = \text{MSE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \left( \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f - \mathbf{X}\|_F^2 \right).$$

### Proposition (SURE, Stein 1981)

Assume  $f$  is differentiable (or at least weakly) and  $\mathbf{W}_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2)$ . If

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \left| \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^f \right| \right) < +\infty, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

then, the quantity

$$\text{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f) = \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 - mn\tau^2 + 2\tau^2 \text{div} \left( \hat{\mathbf{X}}^f \right)$$

is an **unbiased estimator** of  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f, \mathbf{X})$ , where

$$\text{div} \left( \hat{\mathbf{X}}^f \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^f}{\partial \mathbf{Y}_{ij}}$$

## Proposition (Candès, Sing-Long & Trzasko (2013))

If the functions  $f_1, \dots, f_{\min(n,m)}$  (acting on the singular values) are differentiable, then

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f) &= |m - n| \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} \frac{f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k)}{\tilde{\sigma}_k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} f'_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) \sum_{\ell=1; \ell \neq k}^{\min(n,m)} \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_k}{\tilde{\sigma}_k^2 - \tilde{\sigma}_\ell^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In CST (2013), this formula leads to **data-dependent soft-thresholding**

$$f_k(\tilde{\sigma}_k) = (\tilde{\sigma}_k - \lambda)_+, \text{ for all } 1 \leq k \leq \min(n, m),$$

relevant for Gaussian noise and where  $\lambda > 0$  is a parameter chosen to minimize  $\operatorname{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f)$ .

# Non-asymptotic rules in the case of Gaussian noise

We consider the class of spectral estimators of the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r = \sum_{k=1}^r w_k \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

with  $w_k$  non-negative weights and  $1 \leq r \leq \min(n, m)$  a targeted rank.

**Default setting:** Choose  $r$  as the largest integer such that  $\tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+$ .

## Proposition (Bigot, D. and Féral, 2017)

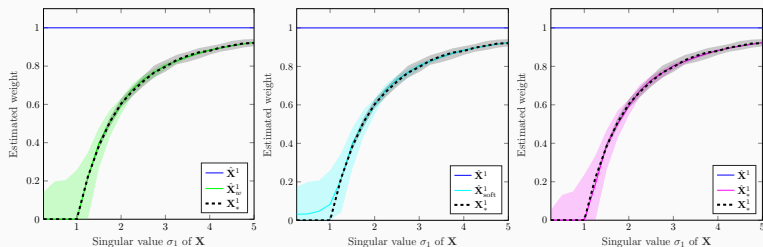
Assume  $W_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \tau^2)$ . Computing the weights minimizing  $\text{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w)$  leads to the choice

$$w_k = \left( 1 - \frac{\tau^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_k^2} \left( 1 + |m - n| + 2 \sum_{\ell=1; \ell \neq k}^{\min(n, m)} \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_k^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_k^2 - \tilde{\sigma}_\ell^2} \right) \right)_+$$

for all  $1 \leq k \leq r$ .

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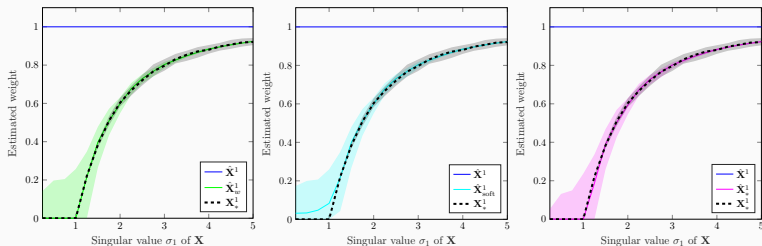


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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=1; \ell \neq k}^n \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_k}{\tilde{\sigma}_k^2 - \tilde{\sigma}_\ell^2} = \frac{1}{\rho(\sigma_k)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_k^2} \right).$$

A direct consequence is that our **spectral estimator is asymptotically optimal** (same limit as in by Gavish & Donoho (2014), Nadakuditi (2014)).

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$$\operatorname{arginf}_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r - \mathbf{X}\|_F^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{arginf}_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r} \operatorname{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r) = \operatorname{arginf}_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{SURE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r)$$

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**No optimal rules for non-Gaussian noise.**  
**Is there instead a non-asymptotic rule in this case?**

## **Generalization to noises in the exponential family**

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# Generalization to noises in the exponential family

## Assumption (Noise in the exponential family)

We assume the noise  $\mathbf{W}$  is such that the distribution of  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W}$  belongs to **the exponential family** (with independent entries) parameterized by  $\mathbf{X}$  and such that  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X}$ .

The random variable  $Y_{ij}$  is sampled from a continuous or discrete exponential family of distributions on  $\mathbb{R}$  with pdf

$$q(y; \mathbf{X}_{ij}) = h(y) \exp(\eta(\mathbf{X}_{ij})y - A(\eta(\mathbf{X}_{ij}))), \quad y \in \mathbb{R},$$

where

- $\eta$  (the link function) is a one-to-one and smooth function,
- $A$  (the log-partition function) is a twice differentiable mapping,
- $h$  is a known function,
- $\mathbf{X}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$  is an unknown real parameter of interest.

**Remark:**  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{X} \Rightarrow A'(\eta(x)) = x$  ( $A'$  should be one-to-one).

## Examples of noise models in the exponential family

- Homoscedastic and **known** variance in the **Gaussian case**

$$q(y; \mathbf{X}_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - \mathbf{X}_{ij})^2}{2\tau^2}\right), \text{ and } \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}_{ij}) = \tau$$

- Heteroscedastic and **unknown** variance (but function of  $\mathbf{X}$ ) in the **Gamma case** (with **known** shape parameter  $L > 0$ )

$$q(y; \mathbf{X}_{ij}) = \frac{L^L y^{L-1}}{\Gamma(L) \mathbf{X}_{ij}^L} \exp\left(-L \frac{y}{\mathbf{X}_{ij}}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(y), \text{ and } \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}_{ij}) = \frac{\mathbf{X}_{ij}^2}{L}$$

## Spectral estimator in the natural parameter space

Consider the pdf of  $Y_{ij}$  in the **canonical form**:

$$p(y; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{ij}) = h(y) \exp(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{ij} y - A(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{ij})) \quad \text{where } \boldsymbol{\theta}_{ij} = \eta(\mathbf{X}_{ij}) \in \Theta$$

**Generalized SURE formula** are available for  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^f \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  whose entries are

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ij}^f = \eta(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^f), \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $f_{ij}(\mathbf{Y})$  is the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of the matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f$ .

(Hudson, 1978), (Stein, 1981), (Raphan and Simoncelli, 2007), (Eldar, 2009)

## Alternative to measuring the risk in the natural parameter space?

### Definition

- The mean-squared error (MSE) risk of  $\hat{\theta}^f$  is defined as

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}^f, \theta) = \mathbb{E} \left( \|\hat{\theta}^f - \theta\|_F^2 \right) = \mathbb{E} \left( \|\eta(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f) - \eta(\mathbf{X})\|_F^2 \right) \neq \text{MSE}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f, \mathbf{X})$$

- The Kullback-Leibler (KL) risk of  $\hat{\theta}^f$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}(\hat{\theta}^f, \theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{E} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log \left( \frac{p(y; \hat{\theta}_{ij}^f)}{p(y; \theta_{ij})} \right) p(y; \hat{\theta}_{ij}^f) dy \right) \\ &= \text{KL}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f, \mathbf{X}) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** KL is invariant to the reparameterization  $\hat{\theta}^f = \eta(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f)$  since it is a discrepancy measure between distributions!

## Stein Unbiased estimator for Kullback Leibler risk

### Proposition (Bigot, D. and Féral (2017))

Assume that the function  $h$  is  $C^1$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that the function  $A$  is  $C^2$  on  $\Theta$ . If the following condition holds

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \left| A'(\hat{\theta}_{ij}^f) \right| \right) < +\infty, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

then, if  $f$  is differentiable, the quantity

$$\text{SUKL}(\hat{\theta}^f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \left( \hat{\theta}_{ij}^f + \frac{h'(\mathbf{Y}_{ij})}{h(\mathbf{Y}_{ij})} \right) A'(\hat{\theta}_{ij}^f) - A(\hat{\theta}_{ij}^f) \right) + \text{div}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f),$$

where

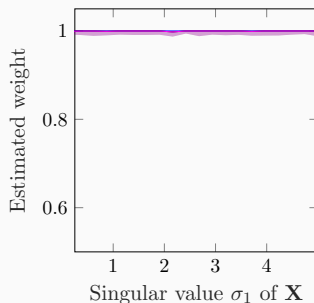
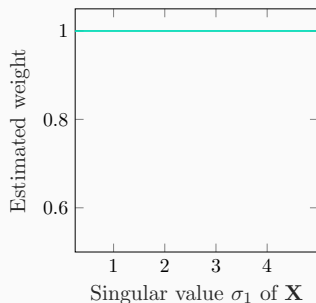
$$\text{div}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^f}{\partial \mathbf{Y}_{ij}}.$$

is an **unbiased estimator** of  $\text{KL}(\hat{\theta}^f, \theta) - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m A(\theta_{ij})$ .

# Generalization to noises in the exponential family

**Gamma distributed measurements:**  $m = n = 100$ ,  $r = r^* = 1$

SUKL (MKL risk) / GSURE (MSE risk)



Optimal data-driven weights

**What if  $r^* > 1$ ?**



## Active set of singular values

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## A problem of model selection

- **Gaussian case:** choose an estimator collapsing the bulk to 0 of the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r = \sum_{k=1}^r w_k \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

where  $r$  is the largest integer such that  $\tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+$ .

- **Non-Gaussian cases:** no notions of bulk edge. We will consider

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_w^s = \sum_{k \in s} w_k \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t$$

for a subset  $s \subseteq \mathcal{I} = \{1, 2, \dots, \min(n, m)\}$ .

**Question:** how to select a relevant subset  $s^*$ ?

## The case of Gaussian noise

In the Gaussian case, the bulk edge constraint leads us to consider:

$$s^* = \{k ; \tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+^{n,m}\} \text{ with } c_+^{n,m} = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}}.$$

### Proposition

Assume that  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{W}$  where the entries of  $\mathbf{W}$  are iid Gaussian variables with zero mean and standard deviation  $\tau = 1/\sqrt{m}$ . Then, we have

$$s^* \in \arg \min_{s \subseteq \mathcal{I}} m \|\mathbf{Y} - \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s\|_F^2 + |s| (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})^2,$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s = \sum_{k \in s} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t$  for  $s \in \mathcal{I} = \{1, 2, \dots, \min(n, m)\}$ , and  $|s|$  is the cardinal of  $s$ .

**Remark:** we have shown that  $|s| (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})^2$  is an upper bound of the degree of freedom (in the sense of Efron (2004)) such that the above rule can be seen as Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) (Akaike, 1974).

### The general case of an exponential family

This allows us to introduce a rule for non-Gaussian noise.

#### Definition

The AIC associated to  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s = \sum_{k \in s} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t$  is

$$\text{AIC}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s) = -2 \log q(\mathbf{Y}; \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s) + |s| (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})^2,$$

where  $|s|$  is the cardinal of  $s$ , and

$$q(\mathbf{Y}; \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m q(\mathbf{Y}_{ij}; \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^s)$$

is the likelihood given the data  $\mathbf{Y}$  are sampled from the exponential family with estimated parameters  $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}^s$ .

## **Evaluation and discussion**

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## Algorithmic approach and numerical optimization

Given an active set  $s^*$  of singular values, we compute a spectral estimator of the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w = \sum_{k \in s^*} w_k \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t,$$

where optimal weights  $w_k$  for  $k \in s^*$  are obtained by (exact or numerical) minimization of an **unbiased risk formula**.

**Remark:** for Gamma noise, numerical optimization has to be used to find the optimal weights with the constraint that the entries of  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w$  remain positive.

Matlab codes available at:

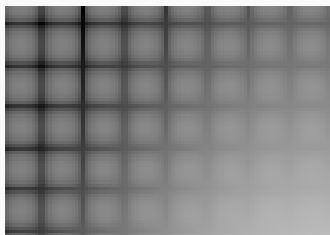
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## Setting of numerical experiments

Consider the setting where  $r^* \geq 2$  is unknown and

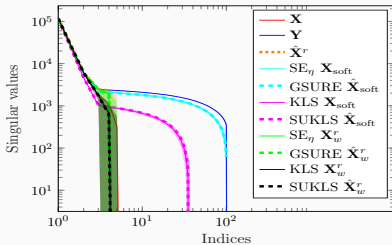
$$\mathbf{X} = \sum_{k=1}^{r^*} \sigma_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{v}_k^t,$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are fixed unit vectors, and  $\sigma_k$  are fixed positive real values (with  $n = 100$  and  $m = 200$ ) such that  $\mathbf{X}_{ij} \geq 0$ .



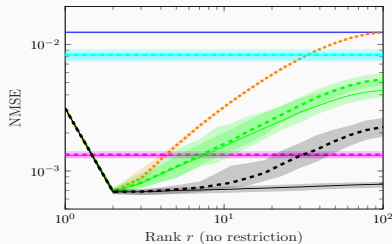
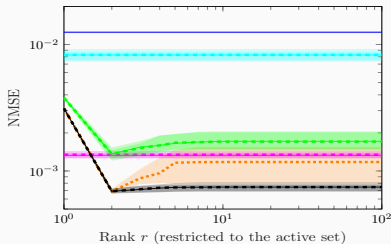
Monte-Carlo simulations with  $M = 200$  repetitions

## The case of Gamma noise - with confidence bands



$\mathbf{X}$  oracle (based on true risk),  
 $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$  based on estimated risk.

$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^r$  PCA of rank  $r$ ,  
 $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{\text{soft}}^r$  soft-thresholding,  
 $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r$  our estimator.



$s^*$  based on AIC versus  $s^* = \{1 \leq k \leq r\}$



### Summary in one slide: a two step procedure

- estimation of an **active set**  $s^* \subseteq \mathcal{I} = \{1, 2, \dots, \min(n, m)\}$  of **singular values** using a criterion inspired by AIC's model selection

$$s^* \in \arg \min_{s \subseteq \mathcal{I}} -2 \log q(\mathbf{Y}; \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s) + |s| (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})^2,$$

- given the knowledge of  $s^*$ , compute a spectral estimator of the form

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where optimal weights  $w_k$  for  $k \in s^*$  are obtained by minimizing an **unbiased estimation formula** of the mean Kullback-Leibler (**MKL**) risk.

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**Open questions:** How to extend the asymptotic analysis to the spiked population model for non-Gaussian noise, and to derive asymptotically optimal shrinkage rules? Beyond the exponential family?

# Thanks for your attention!

- **Further reading:**

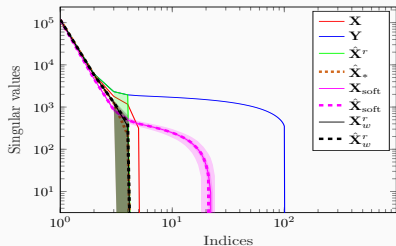
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- **Online code:**

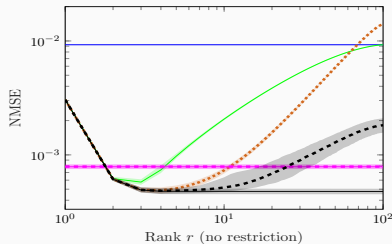
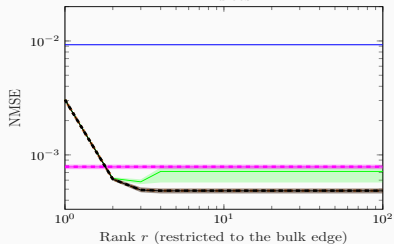
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 $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w^r$  our estimator.



$$s^* = \{1 \leq k \leq r \text{ such that } \tilde{\sigma}_k > c_+^{n,m}\} \text{ versus } s^* = \{1 \leq k \leq r\}$$

**Definition (Efron (2004))**

The degrees of freedom (DOF) of a given estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}$  is defined as

$$\text{DOF}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}) = \frac{1}{\tau^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \text{Cov}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij}, \mathbf{Y}_{ij}) = \frac{1}{\tau^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{E}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij} \mathbf{W}_{ij}).$$

**Proposition (Bigot, D. and Féral (2017))**

Assume that  $\mathbf{Y}$  is sampled from the Gaussian spiked population model. Suppose that  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f$  is a spectral estimator such that each function  $f_k$  is smooth, and that  $\sigma_k > c^{1/4}$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq r \leq r^*$ . Then, one has that a.s.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \text{DOF}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}^f) = \sum_{k=1}^r \frac{f_k(\rho(\sigma_k))}{\rho(\sigma_k)} \left( 1 + c + \frac{2c}{\sigma_k^2} \right).$$

Hence, if  $\sigma_k^2 > \sqrt{c}$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq r \leq r^*$ , it follows that if  $s \subseteq \{1, \dots, r\}$  then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \text{DOF}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s) = |s| \left( 1 + c + \frac{2c}{\sigma_k^2} \right) \leq |s| (1 + \sqrt{c})^2 = |s| c_+^2,$$

where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s = \sum_{k \in s} \tilde{\sigma}_k \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_k \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_k^t.$$

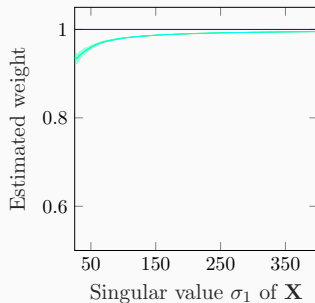
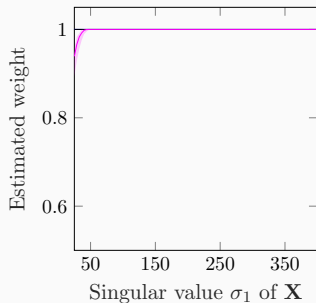
Hence, the quantity

$$2|s|p_{n,m} = |s| (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})^2$$

is asymptotically an upper bound of  $\text{DOF}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^s)$  (when normalized by  $1/m$ ) for any given set  $s \subseteq \{1, \dots, r\}$ .

## SURE formula also available for the case of Poisson noise

PUKL (MKL risk) / PURE (MSE risk)



Optimal data-driven weights

## Example

**Gamma noise with shape parameter**  $L > 0$ :  $\tau_{ij}^2 = \text{Var}(\mathbf{Y}_{ij}) = \frac{\mathbf{X}_{ij}^2}{L}$

Consider rank-one approximation  $r = 1$  with the spectral estimator

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_w = \eta(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_w) \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{\mathbf{X}}_w = w_1 \tilde{\sigma}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_1^t, \text{ for some } w_1 \geq 0.$$

Computing the weights minimizing  $\text{SUKL}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_w)$  leads to the choice

$$w_1(\mathbf{Y}) = \frac{L/mn}{L-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_1 \alpha_{ij}}{\mathbf{Y}_{ij}} + \frac{1}{(L-1)} \left( 1 + |m-n| + 2 \sum_{\ell=2}^{\min(n,m)} \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_1^2 - \tilde{\sigma}_\ell^2} \right) \right)^{-1}$$

where  $\alpha_{ij}$  denotes the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of the  $n \times m$  matrix  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_1^t$ .

**Remark:** no closed-form expressions for the weights minimizing  $\text{SUKL}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_w)$  (neither for  $\text{GSURE}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_w)$ ) beyond the case  $r = 1$ !