

# **Modeling and blind deconvolution via sparse representations**

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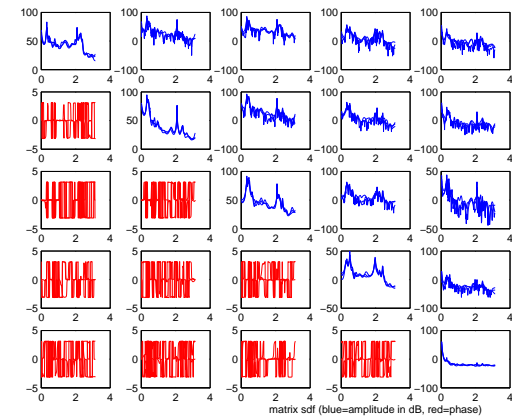
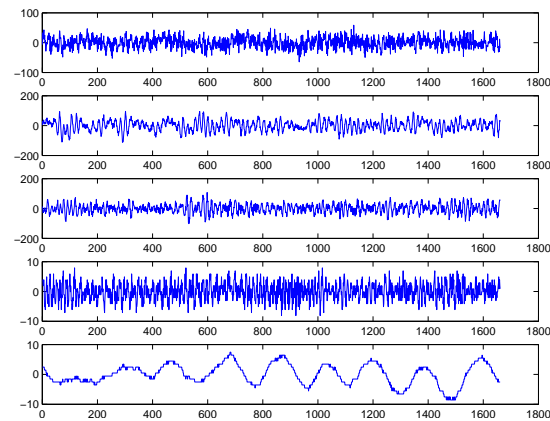
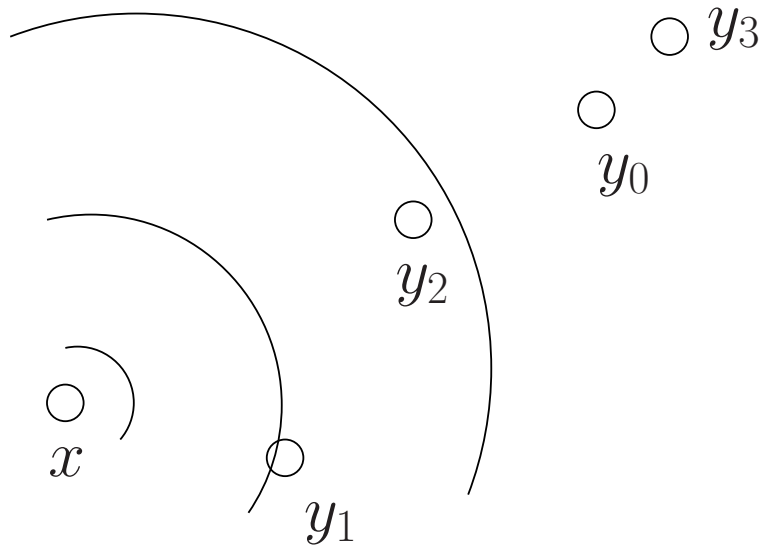
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# Motivation

*disturbance source localization  
sinusoids in noise  
dynamics*



*distributed sensor network*



# Sparsity and L1

*more than 20 years of history. . .*



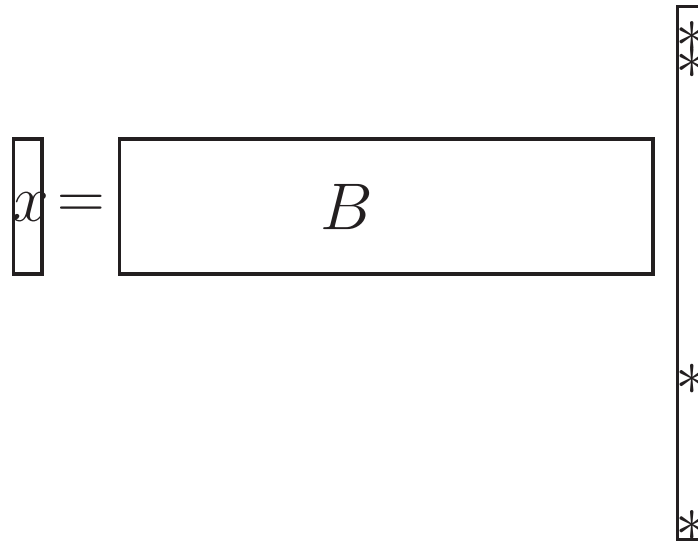
# Sparse representations

$$\|v\|_0 = \# \text{ or nonzero entries}$$

$$\|v\|_1 = \sum_k |v_k|$$

*Problem:*  $\min\{\|v\|_0 \text{ subject to } Bv = x\}$  — a combinatorial problem

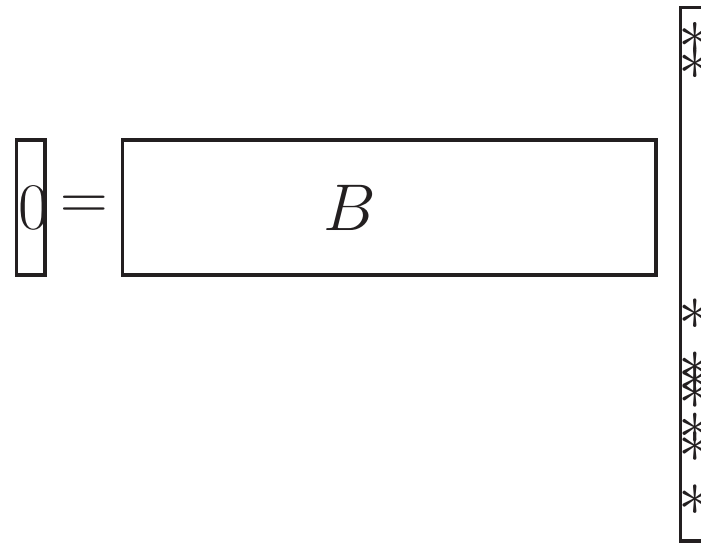
*Relaxation:*  $\min\{\|v\|_1 \text{ subject to } Bv = x\}$  — a convex problem





# Primer on sparsity

*Def (Donoho & Elad):*  $\text{spark}(B) =$  least number of linearly dependent columns



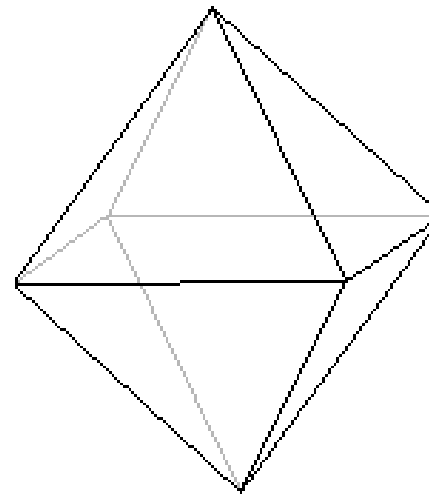
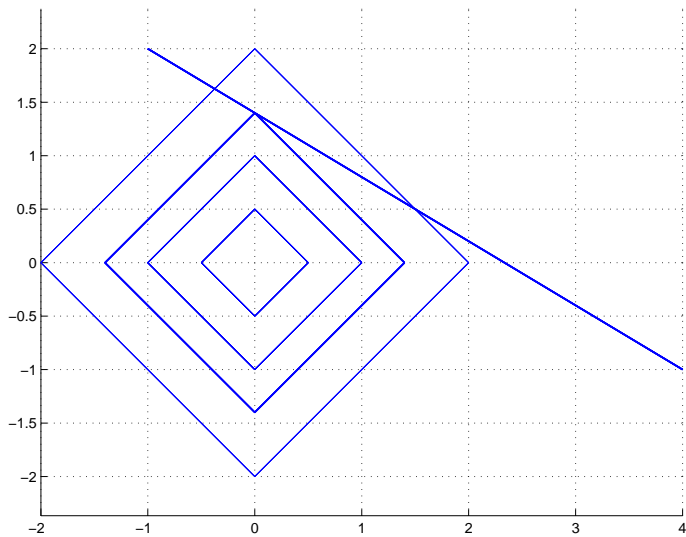
*Proposition:*  $Bv = x$   
if  $\|v\|_0 < \frac{1}{2} \text{spark}(B)$ , then  $v$  is the sparsest solution



# Primer (cont.)

$Bv = x$ , if  $B$  is  $m \times n$  (with  $m < n$ )  
for a general  $x$ ,  $\|v_{\text{optimal}}\|_0 = m$

*But what if  $\|v_{\text{optimal}}\|_0 < m$ ?*



**Observation:** generically  $\operatorname{argmin}\{\|v\|_1 : Bv = x\}$   
will lie on a vertex, or edge, etc.



# Primer (cont.)

*Thm Donoho, Candes & Tao, Elad, Zhang, . . .*

If  $B$  is suitably “well-conditioned”,  
and there is a sufficiently sparse solution  
then:

$$\operatorname{argmin}\{\|v\|_1 : Bv = x\} = \operatorname{argmin}\{\|v\|_0 : Bv = x\}$$

*Approximate solutions, noisy data*

$$\min \{ \|v\|_1 \text{ subject to } \|Bv - x\|_2 \leq \epsilon \} \quad \textit{Basis Pursuit Denoising}$$

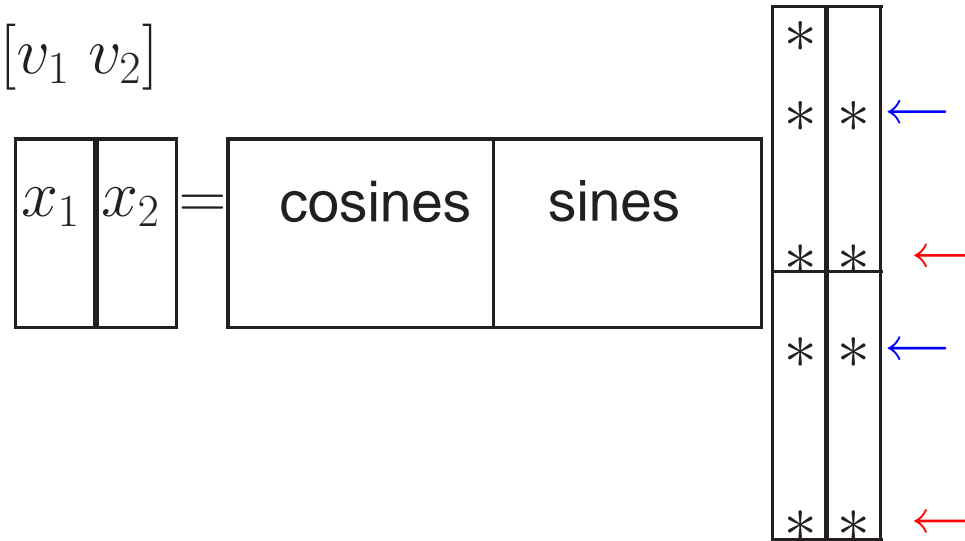
$$\min \{ \|Bv - x\|_2 \text{ subject to } \|v\|_1 \leq \sigma \} \quad \textit{Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO)}$$

$$\min \{ w\|v\|_1 + \|Bv - x\|_2^2 \} \quad \textit{Relaxed Basis Pursuit}$$



# Joint sparsity, etc.

$$[x_1 \ x_2] = [\text{cosines}, \text{sines}][v_1 \ v_2]$$



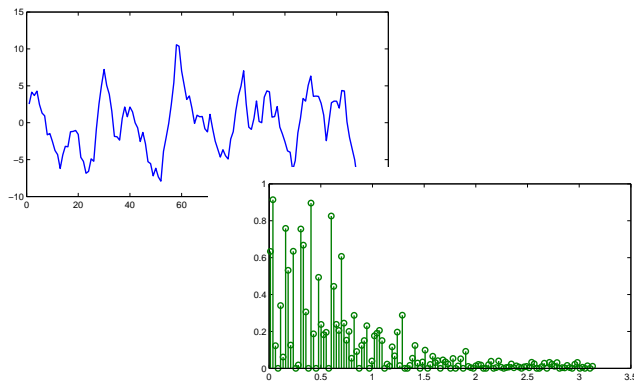
“promote” coherent choices of cosines and sines



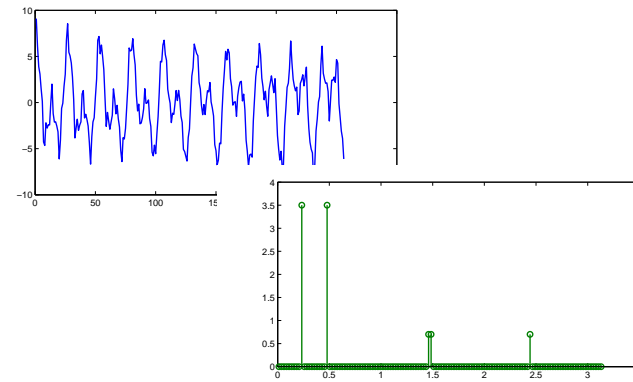


# Identification: signals + dynamics

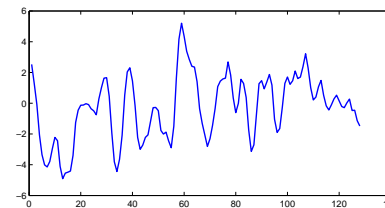
Blind deconvolution, sinusoids in colored noise, etc.



*Signal*



*Noise*





# Sparsity vs. modeling error

$$v^* = \arg \min_v \left\{ w \|v\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|y - Bv\|_2^2 \right\}$$

Dual Problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_v \frac{1}{2} \|Bv\|_2^2 \\ & \text{s.t. } |B^T(y - Bv)|_i \leq w \end{aligned}$$

— minimizer  $v^* = \lambda + n$ ,  $\lambda$  multiplier and  $n \in \text{Null}(B)$ .

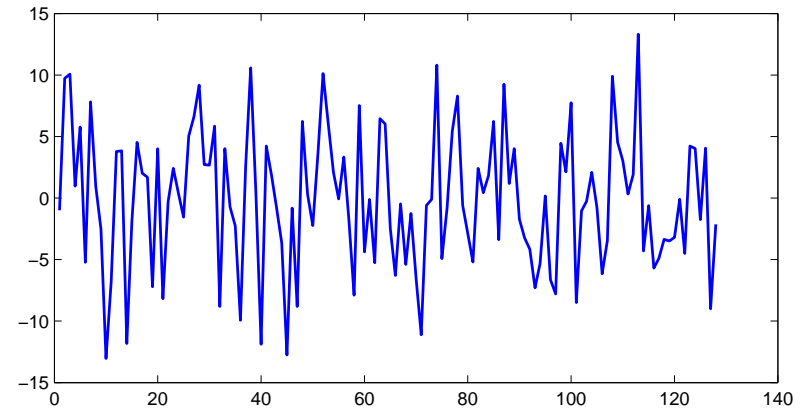
— *if  $w > |B^T y|_\infty$ ,  $v$  is zero*



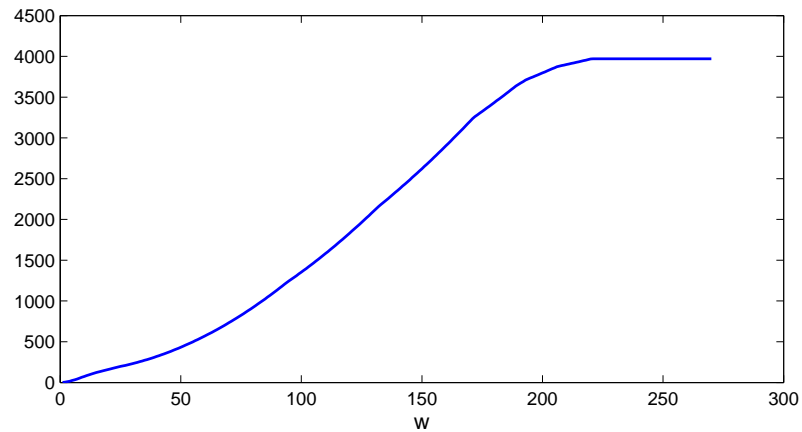
# Sparsity vs. weight

$$\min_v w \|v\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|y - Bv\|_2^2$$

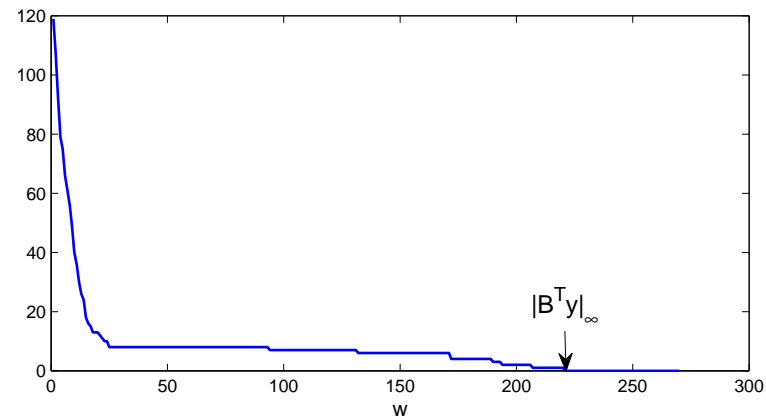
*sinusoids in white noise*



*$\|y - Bv\|^2$  vs. weight*



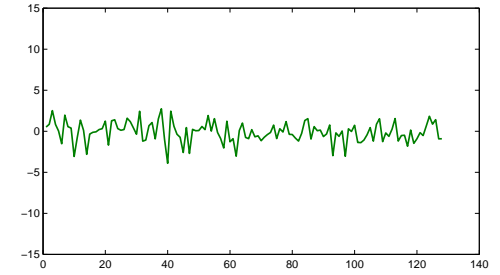
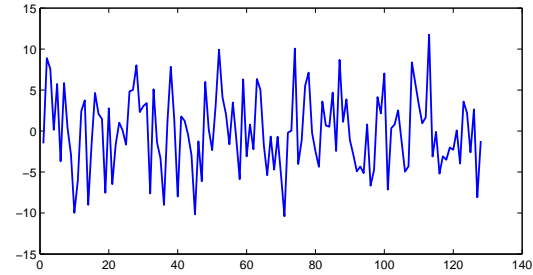
*sparsity vs. weight*



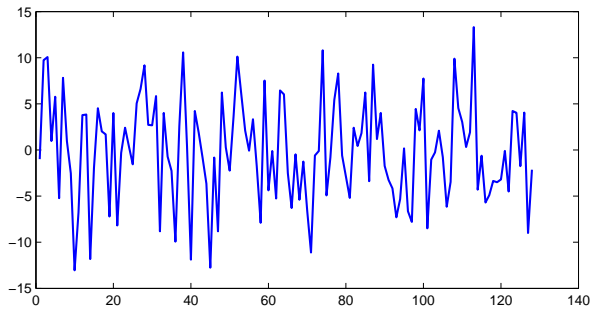


# Signal recovery

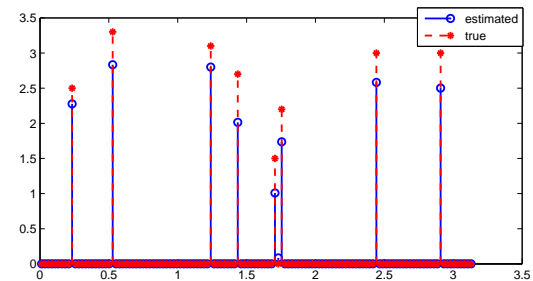
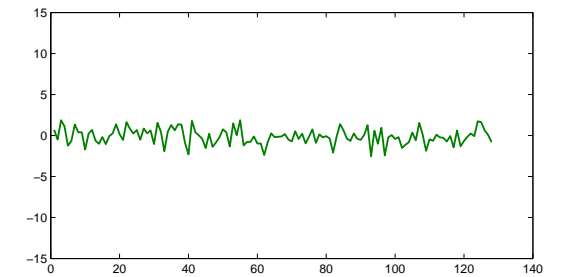
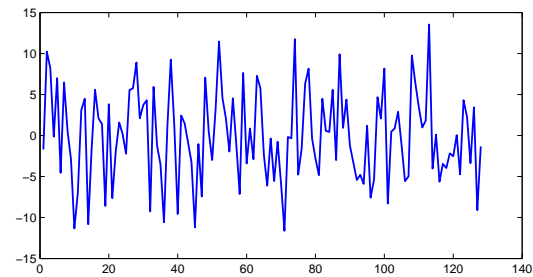
*recovered*



*signal + noise*



*“true”*





# Iterative re-weighting

*Candes, Wakin, Boyd*

$$\min_v \|Wv\|_1 + \frac{1}{2}\|y - Bv\|_2^2$$

with  $W = \text{diag}(w_i)$ , and update

$$w_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{|v_i^k| + \epsilon}$$

in the limit. . .  $\frac{|v_i|}{|v_i| + \epsilon} \approx \begin{cases} 0, & |v_i| \ll \epsilon \\ 1, & |v_i| \gg \epsilon \end{cases}$



# Insight

*Candes, Wakin, Boyd*

— iterative minimization of a surrogate function “interpolating”  $\|v\|_0$  and  $\|v\|_1$

*looking at duality*

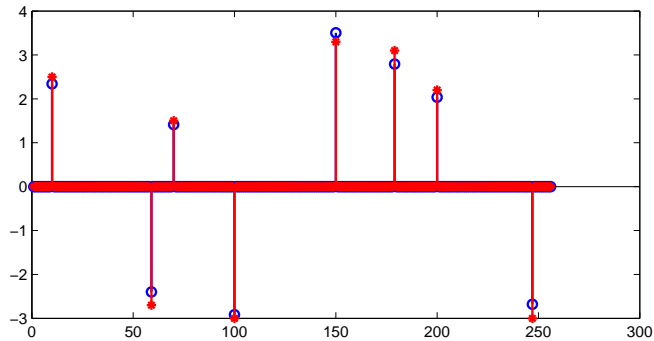
$$\begin{aligned} \min_v \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|Bv\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & |B^T(y - Bv)|_i \leq w_i \end{aligned}$$



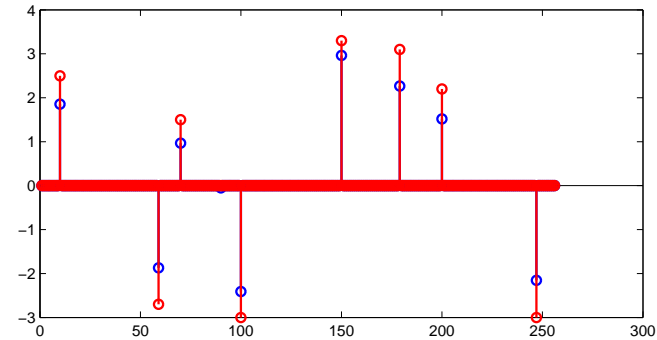
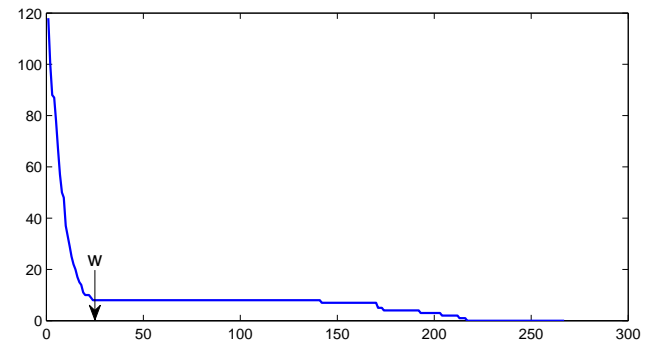
# How well does it do?

for sinusoids in white noise. . . *very well*

*Candes, Wakin, Boyd*  
... in two iterations. . .

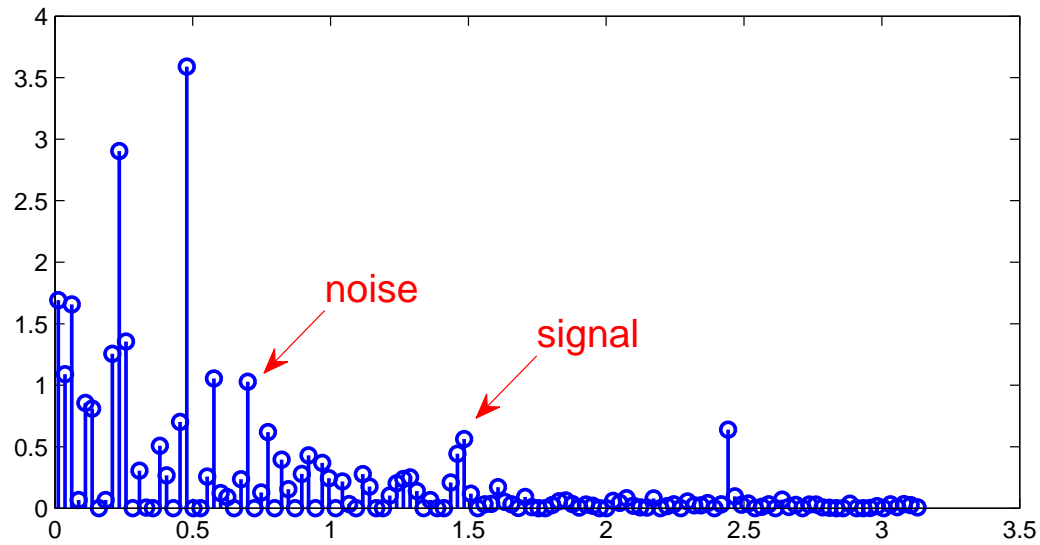


VS.





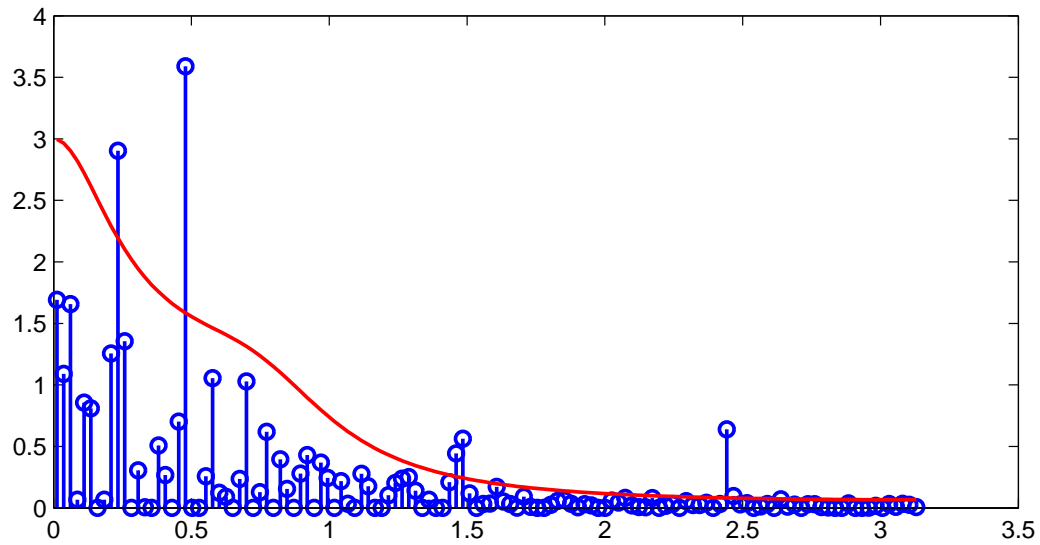
# What if noise is colored?







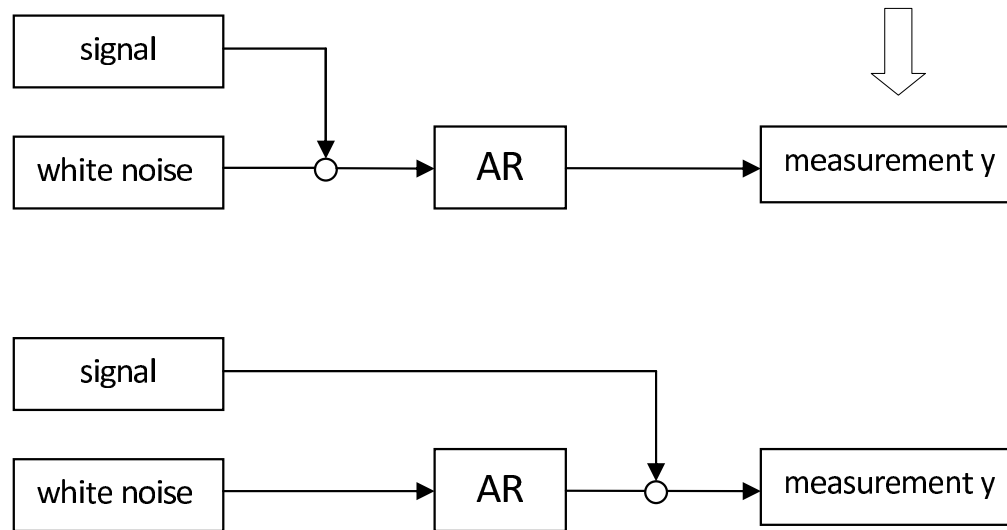
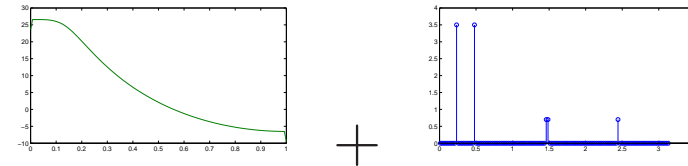
# Insight



e.g., choose  $W$  accordingly...

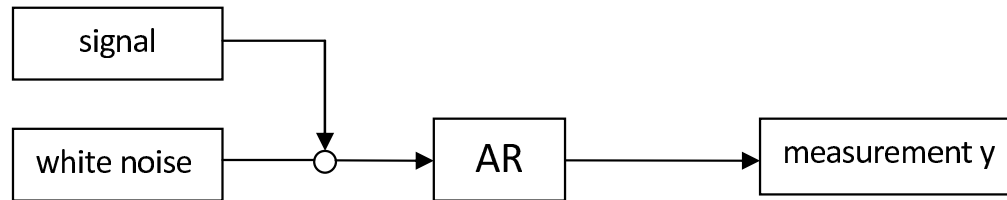


# System identification





# System identification (cont.)



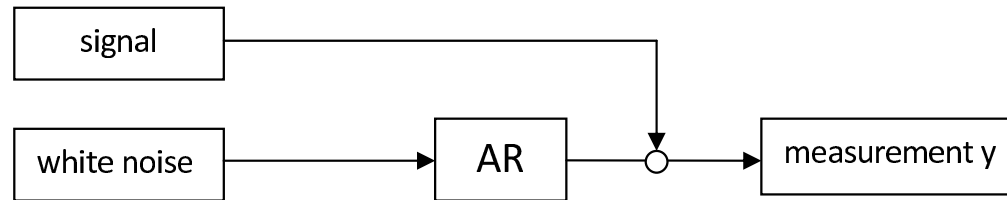
$$\begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ y_{k+1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{k-1} & y_{k-2} & \dots & y_{k-l} \\ y_k & y_{k-1} & \dots & y_{k-l-1} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_l \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ x_{k+1} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} + \text{noise}$$

$$y = H_y a + Bv + \text{noise}$$

$$\min_{a,v} w \|v\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|y - H_y a - Bv\|_2^2$$



# System identification (cont.)



$$\text{noise} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a_1 & \dots & -a_l & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & -a_1 & \dots & -a_l & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \ddots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} y_k \\ y_{k+1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} - Bv \right)$$

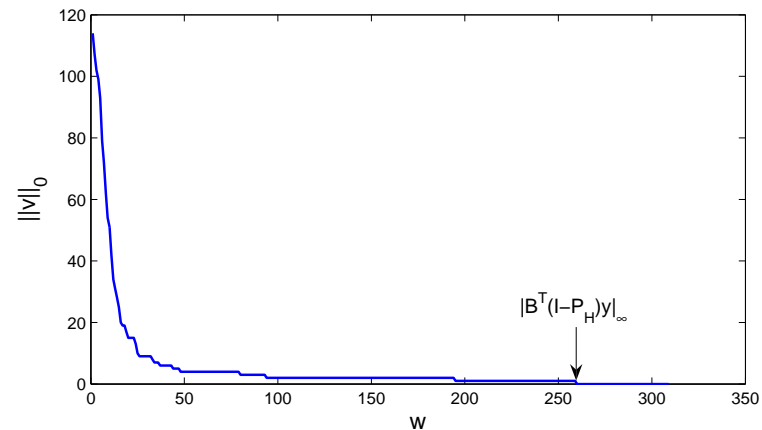
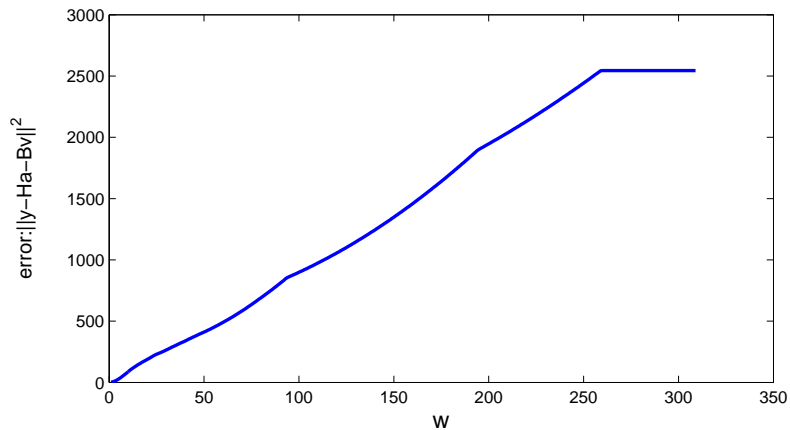
$$\text{noise} = T_a(y - Bv)$$

$$\min_{a,v} \|Wv\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|T_a(y - Bv)\|_2^2$$



# Sparsity vs. weight

$$\min_{a,v} w \|v\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|y - H_y a - Bv\|_2^2$$



— if  $w > \|B^T(I - P_H)y\|_\infty$ ,  $v$  is zero



# Iterative re-weighting *a la Candès et al.*

$$\min_{a,v} \|Wv\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|y - H_y a - Bv\|_2^2$$

— update

$$w_i = \frac{1}{SNNR(i) + \epsilon}$$

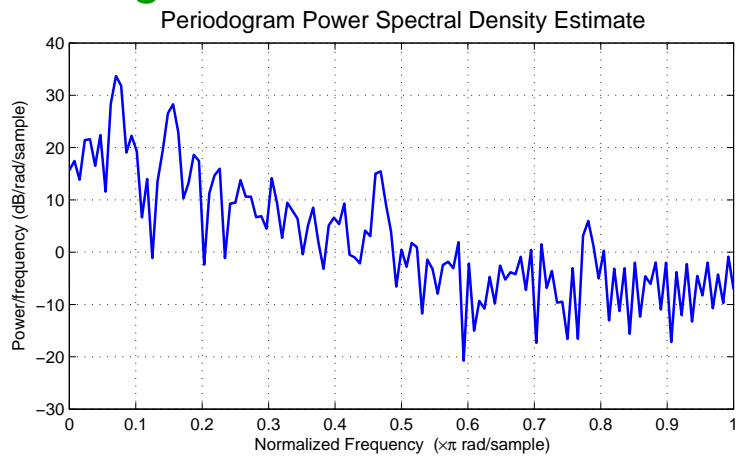
e.g.  $w_i \sim 1/(\|(v_{\sin}, v_{\cos})\| + \epsilon)$

... perio/AR-spectrum

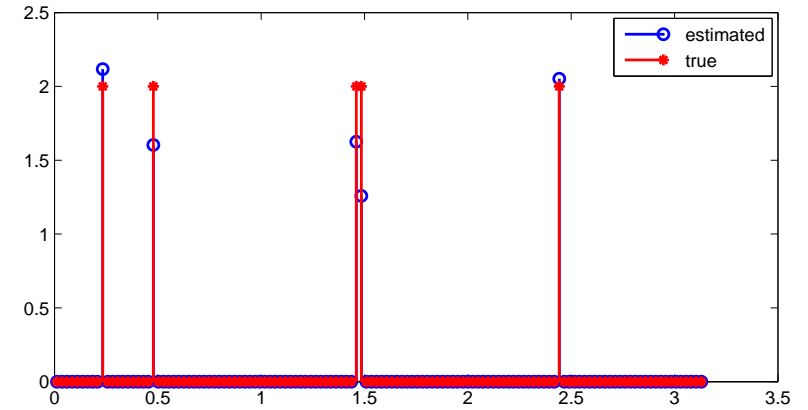


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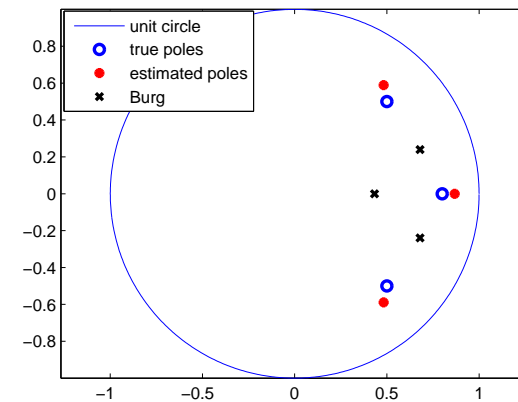
## periodogram



## spectral lines

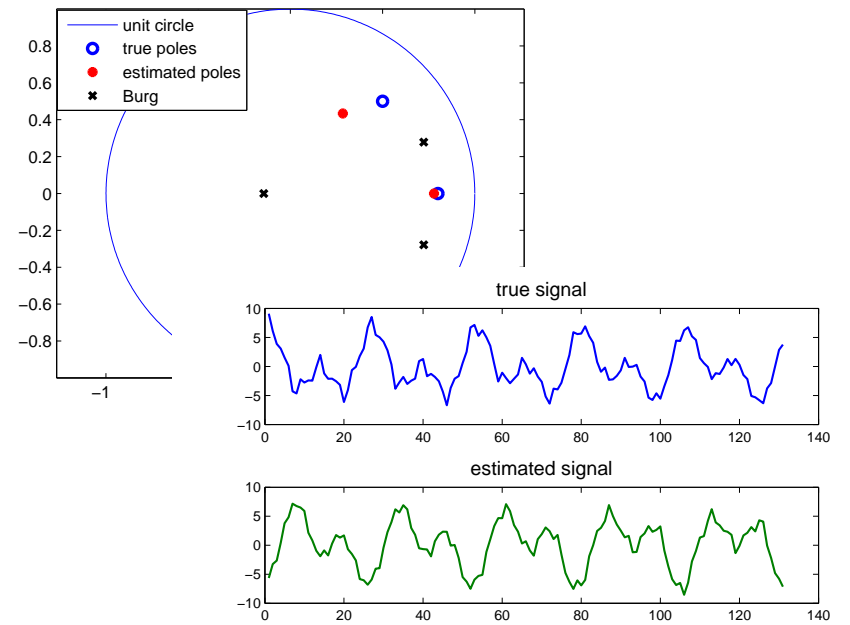
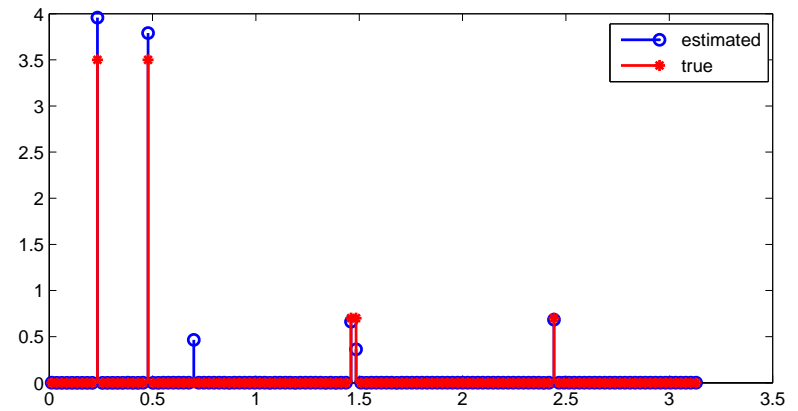
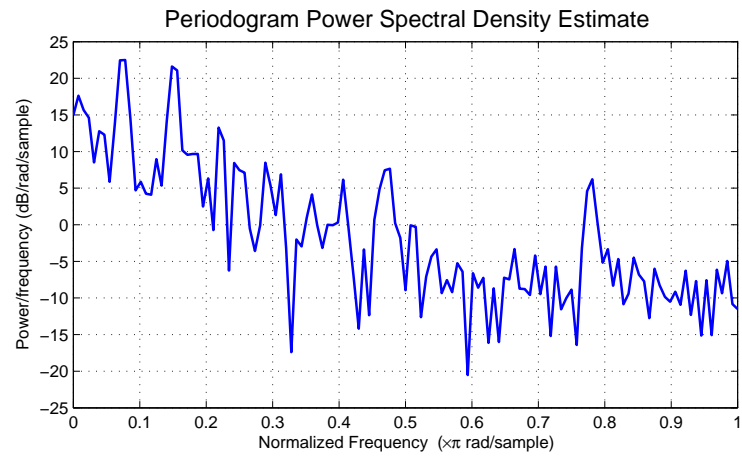


## dynamics





# Example







# Recap

- sparse representations in system identification
  - resolution (limits?)
- interplay between dynamics and sparsity?
  - if  $(v = 0, a)$  satisfy conditions of the dual, then  $v_{\text{opt}}$  is “small”.
  - is there a “uniqueness” result?
  - stability of the AR model?