

Off-the-grid learning of mixtures

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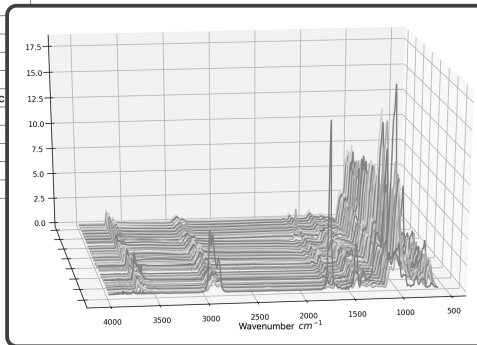
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Wave numbers (cm-1)	Peak assignment
3690-3400-3364-3200-3014	-OH
2952-2920-2850	$\nu - CH_2, CH_3$ Aliphatic
1731	$\nu - C = O$
1647	$\nu - C = C$ de $HC = CH_2$
1540	$\nu - C = C$ de R-CR=CH-R, δ CH ₂ Aliphatic
1419	$\delta CH_2, \delta$ -CH Aliphatic
1160-1082	ν Si-O (SiO_2)
1009-909	ν Si-O (Si-OH)
825	C-Cl
664	CH Aromatic

Figure: Table of the location of peaks and their corresponding bonds for the polychloroprene samples ([Tchalla, 2017]).



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We assume

$$y = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k^* \cdot \phi_T(\theta_k^*) + w_T,$$

where

- w_T is a centered Gaussian element of H_T ,
- β^* in \mathbb{R}^K , s -sparse,
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Remark: -the solution to the problem $\mathcal{P}(\kappa)$ is not necessarily a discrete measure; if $N := \dim(\text{Im}(\Phi))$ is finite then a solution which is a discrete measure with at most N atoms can be found.

Therefore, we proceed with a slightly different optimization problem so that we recover a discrete mixture as solution.

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$$g_T(\theta) = \partial_{xy}^2 \mathcal{K}_T(\theta, \theta),$$

defining an intrinsic **Riemannian metric** on Θ^2 :

$$\mathfrak{d}_T(\theta, \theta') = |G_T(\theta) - G_T(\theta')|,$$

where G_T is a primitive of $\sqrt{g_T}$.

In particular, we use Taylor expansion in θ wrt the metric \mathfrak{d}_T and covariant derivatives.

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3.1 Results - Assumptions

Assume we observe the random element y of H_T under the regression model β^* and $\vartheta^* = (\theta_1^*, \dots, \theta_K^*)$ a vector with entries in Θ_T , a compact interval of \mathbb{R} , such that:

- 1 **Admissible noise:** For any f in H_T , for a noise level $\sigma > 0$ and a decay rate for the noise variance $\Delta_T > 0$:

$$\text{Var}(\langle f, w_T \rangle_T) \leq \sigma^2 \Delta_T \|f\|_T^2.$$

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- 3 **Regularity of the limit kernel:** The kernel \mathcal{K}_∞ and the functions g_∞ and h_∞ , defined on an interval $\Theta_\infty \subset \Theta$ satisfy the smoothness conditions .
- 4 **Proximity to the limit kernel:** The kernel \mathcal{K}_T is sufficiently close to the limit kernel \mathcal{K}_∞ .
- 5 **Existence of certificates:** The set of unknown parameters $\mathcal{Q}^* = \{\theta_k^*, k \in S^*\}$, with $S^* = \text{Supp}(\beta^*)$, satisfies Assumptions for existence of certificates with the same $r > 0$.

Then, there exist finite positive constants $\mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{C}_3$ depending on the kernel \mathcal{K}_∞ defined on Θ_∞ and on r such that for any $\tau > 0$ and a tuning parameter:

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We assumed existence of certificates! Next we construct such certificates under separation conditions of the non-linear parameters (of order s in theory, can be reduced to constant for location models)!

For the location models (deconvolution):

- the spread of the features can help to reduce the euclidean distance between the location parameters!

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then use a certificate and probabilistic bounds, etc.

3.2 Sufficient conditions for constructing the certificates

For α, ξ in \mathbb{R}^s , we construct the family

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In the example 'mixture of Gaussian features':

$$\varepsilon_\infty(r) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}r^2\right), \quad \nu_\infty(r) = (1 - r^2) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}r^2\right).$$

We define the set $\Theta_{T,\delta}^s \subset \Theta_T^s$ of vector of parameters of dimension $s \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and separation $\delta > 0$ as:

$$\Theta_{T,\delta}^s = \left\{ (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_s) \in \Theta_T^s : \mathfrak{d}_T(\theta_\ell, \theta_k) > \delta \text{ for all distinct } k, \ell \in \{1, \dots, s\} \right\}.$$

and, for $u > 0$, a measure of the **decoherence of the features**:

$$\delta_T(u, s) = \inf \left\{ \delta > 0 : \max_{1 \leq \ell \leq s} \sum_{k=1, k \neq \ell}^s |\mathcal{K}_T^{[i,j]}(\theta_\ell, \theta_k)| \leq u \right. \\ \left. \text{for all } (i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2\} \text{ and } (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_s) \in \Theta_{T,\delta}^s \right\}.$$

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Testing the goodness-of-fit of such a signal,
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