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# *Compressed Sensing*

LECTURE #12

Nonparametric function learning

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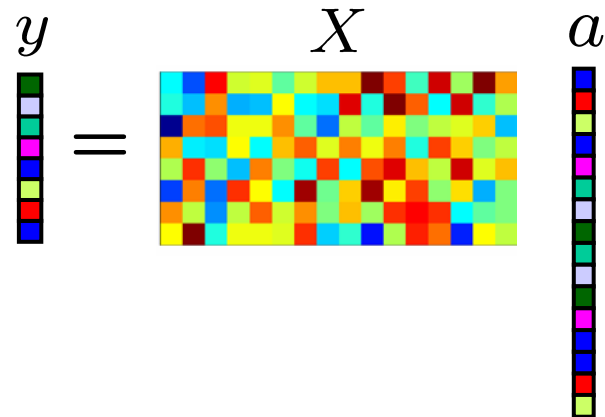
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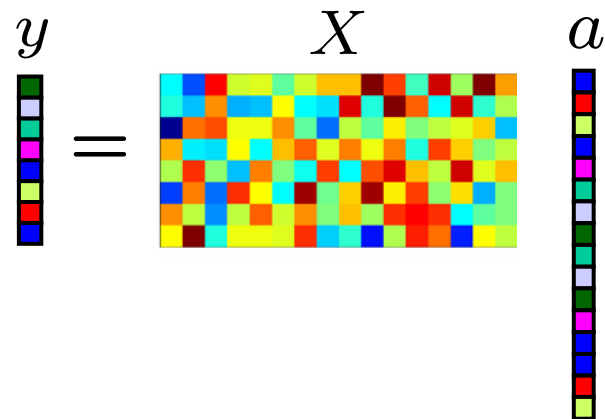
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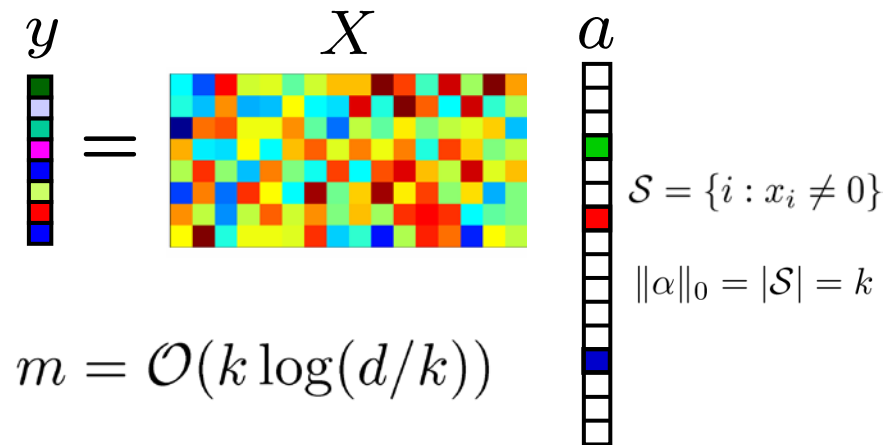
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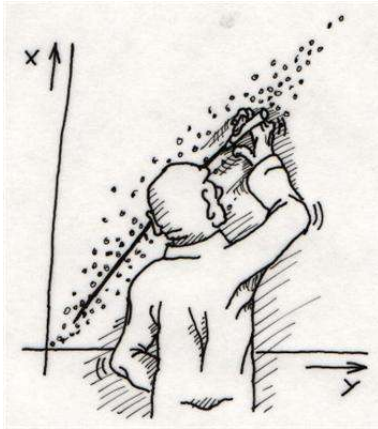
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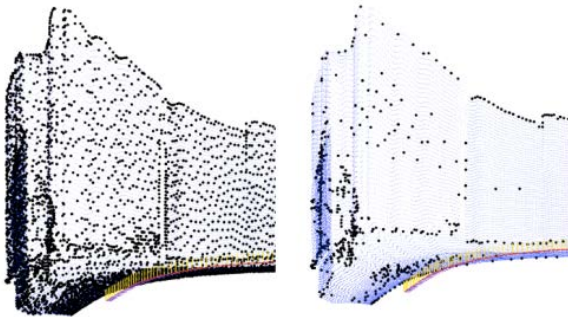


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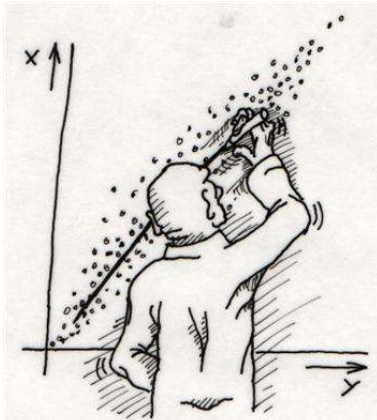
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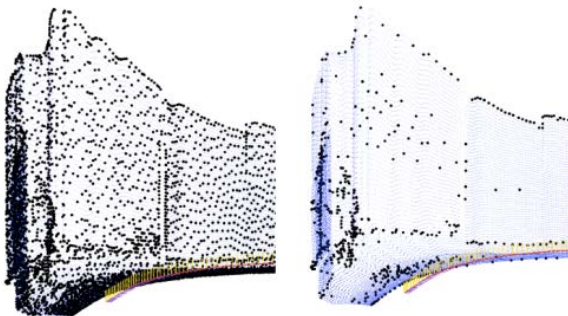
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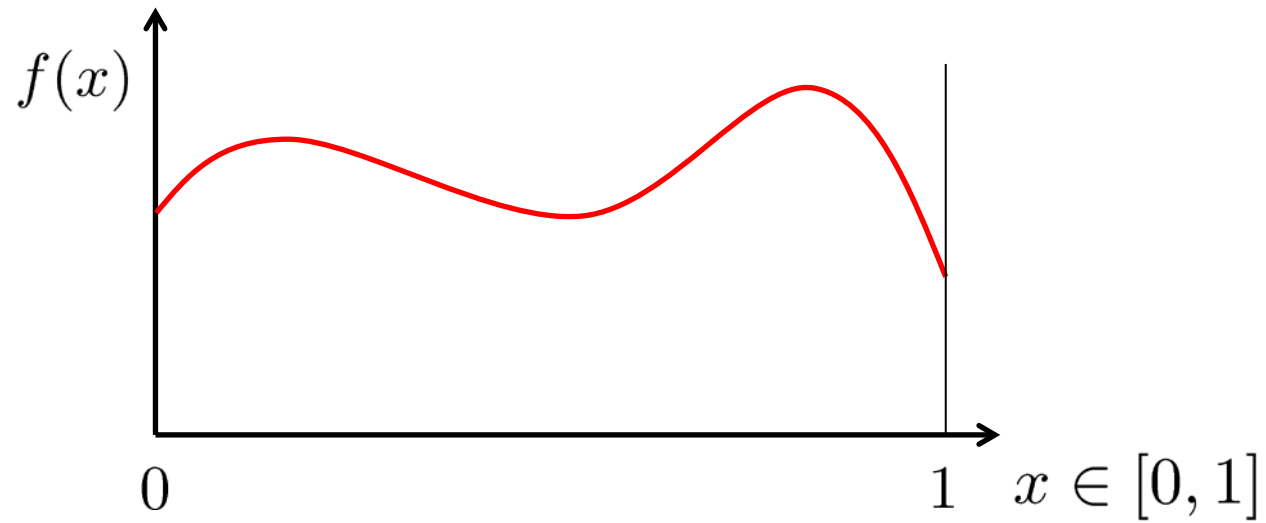
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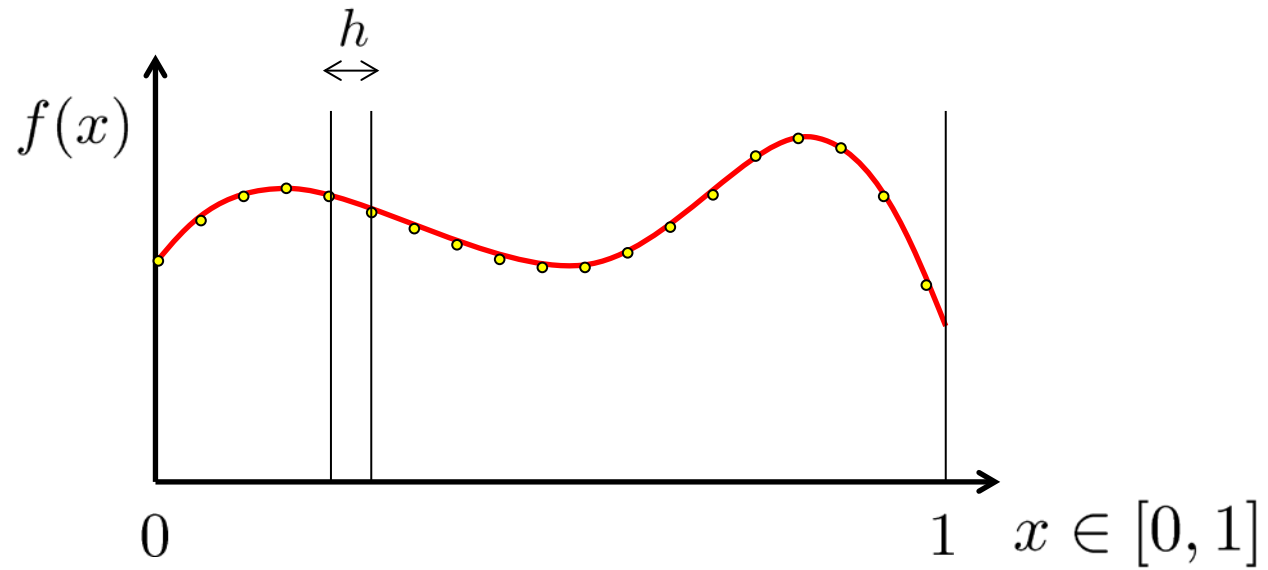
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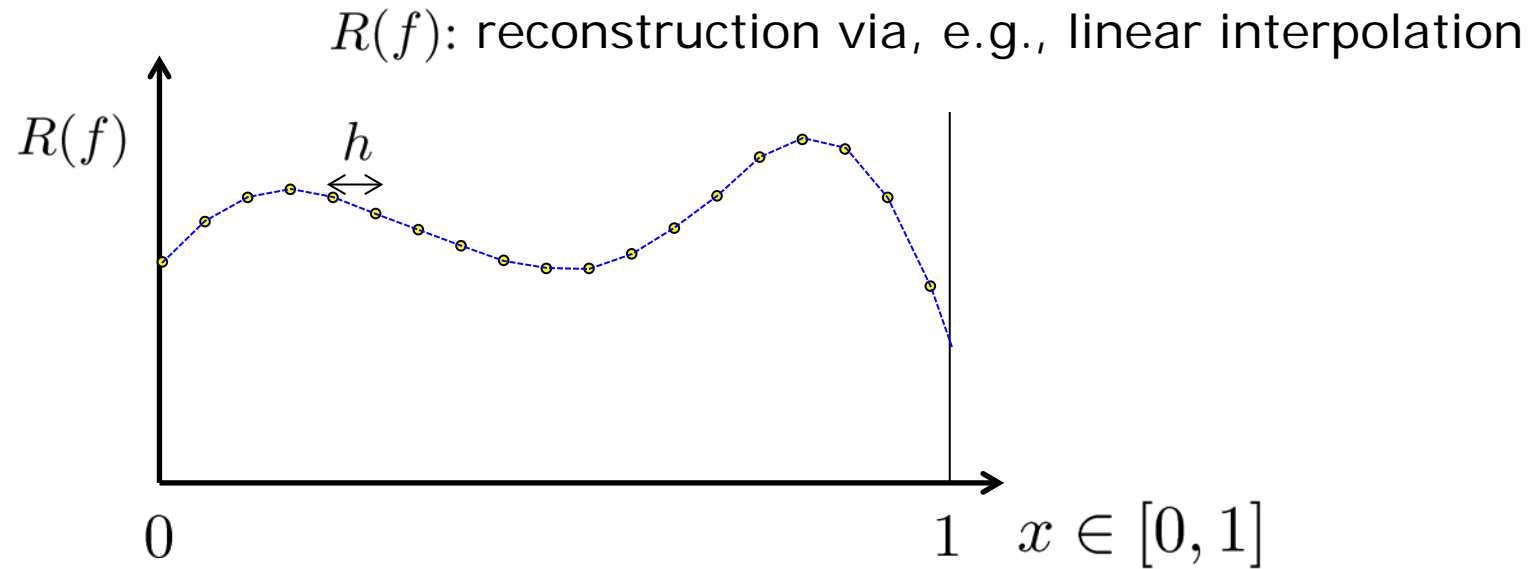
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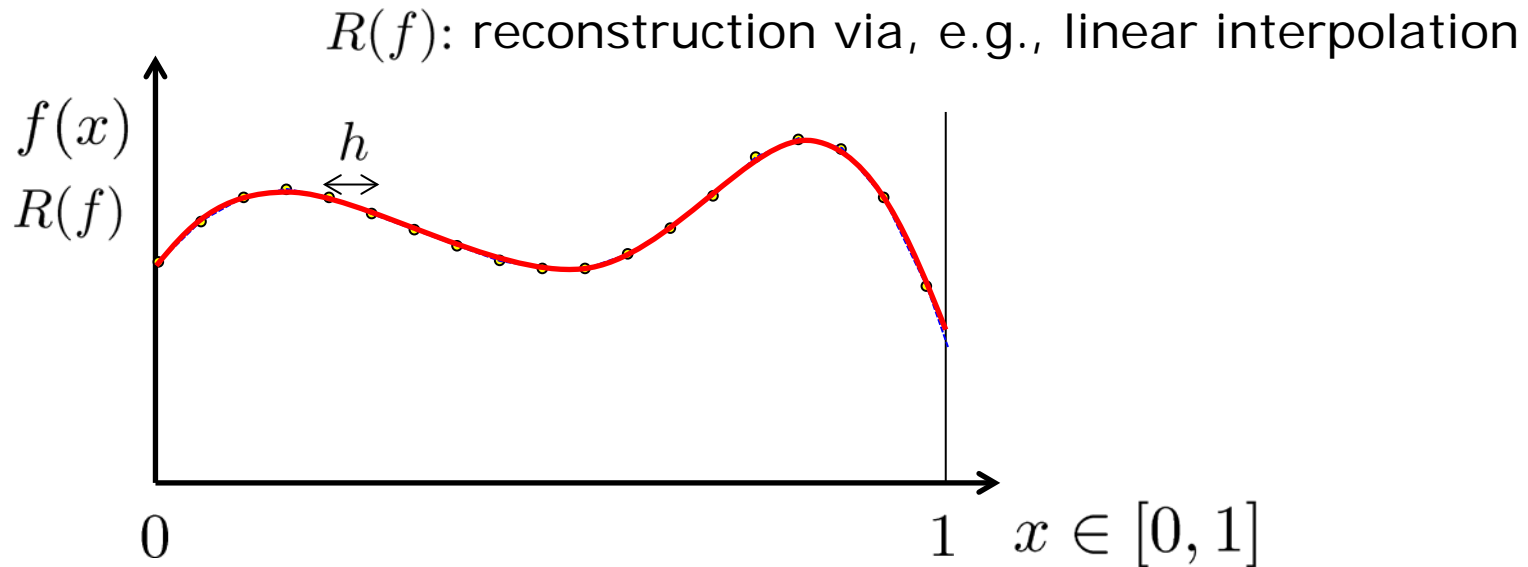
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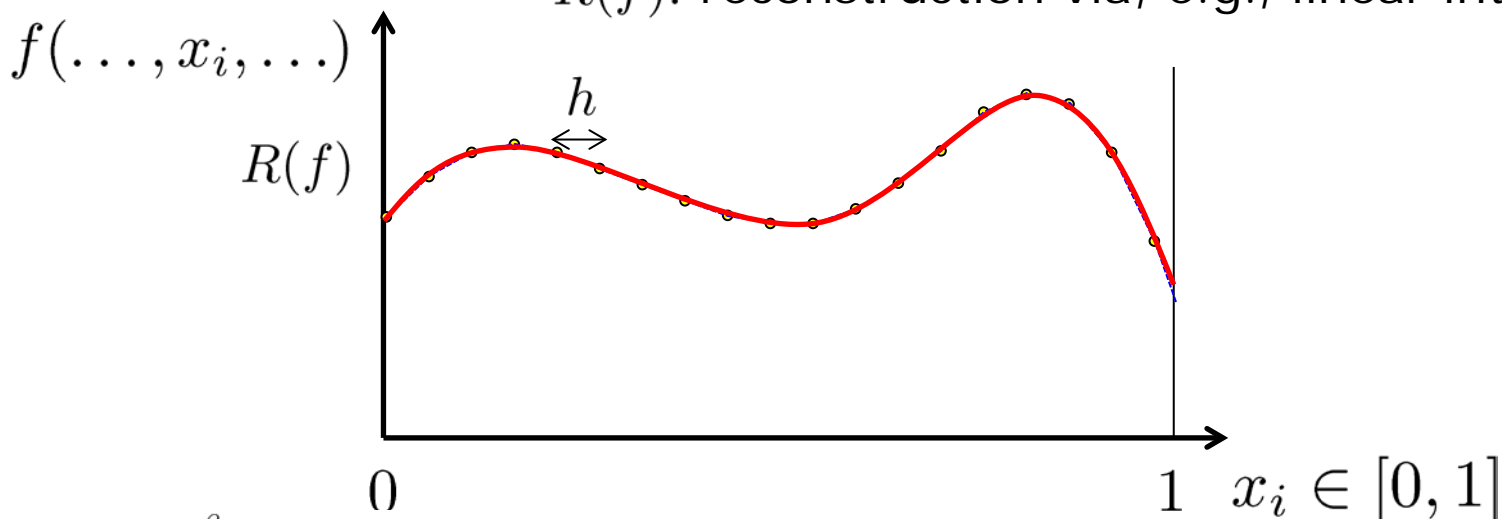
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$R(f)$ : reconstruction via, e.g., linear interpolation



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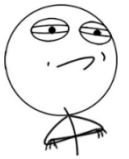
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- Take home message

**smoothness-only >> intractability in sample complexity**

**need additional assumptions on the problem structure!!!**

[Traub et al., 1988; Devore, Howard, and Micchelli 1989; Nowak and Wosniakowski 2009]



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other names: multi-index models  
 partially linear single/multi index models  
 generalized additive model  
 sparse additive models...

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3. leverage samples to obtain the hessian via local **K/N-N/S...**

$$H^f := \mathbf{A}^T H^g \mathbf{A}$$

required: rank- $k$   $H^g$

Key observation #2:  
 *$k$ - principal components of  $H^f$  leads to  $\mathbf{A}$*

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extends on the same ***local observation model*** in regression

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon\phi) \stackrel{\text{Taylor series}}{=} f(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon \langle \phi, \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \rangle + \epsilon E(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon, \phi) \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi, A^T \nabla g(A\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (f(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon\phi) - f(\mathbf{x})) - E(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon, \phi)$$

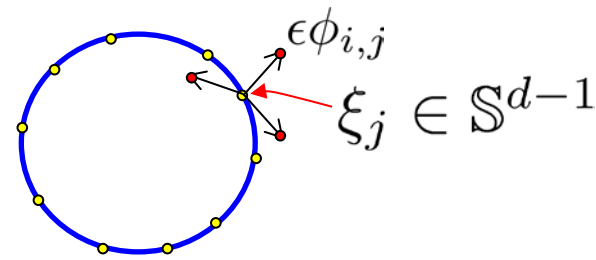
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- A *sparse* observation model  $f(\mathbf{x}) = g(A\mathbf{x})$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \phi_{i,j}, A^T \nabla g(A\xi_j) \rangle = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (f(\xi_j + \epsilon\phi_{i,j}) - f(\xi_j)) - E(\xi_j, \epsilon, \phi_{i,j})$$


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curvature effect  $E(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon, \phi) = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \phi^T \nabla^2 f(\zeta(\mathbf{x}, \phi)) \phi$   
 $\zeta(\mathbf{x}, \phi) \in [\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \epsilon\phi]$



with two ingredients

**sampling centers**  $\mathcal{X} = \{\xi_j \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}; j = 1, \dots, m_{\mathcal{X}}\}$

**sampling directions** at each center  $\Phi_j = [\phi_{1,j} | \dots | \phi_{m_{\Phi},j}]^T$

**leads to**  $\mathbf{y} = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) + E(\mathcal{X}, \epsilon, \Phi)$   $\underbrace{\mathbf{X}_i := \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{G}_i}_{\text{approximately sparse}}$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{\mathcal{X}}} \left[ \frac{f(\xi_j + \epsilon\phi_{i,j}) - f(\xi_j)}{\epsilon} \right] \quad \mathbf{G} := [\nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_1) | \nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_2) | \dots | \nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_{m_{\mathcal{X}}})]_{k \times m_{\mathcal{X}}}$$

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- Key contribution: restricted “Hessian” property

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$$\underline{\sigma_1(H^f) \geq \sigma_2(H^f) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_k(H^f) \geq \alpha > 0 \text{ for some } \alpha}$$

**recall**      **G** needs to span a k-dim subspace for identifiability of **A**

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- Two major issues remains to be addressed over FSV'11

1. validity of orthogonal sparse/compressible directions  
*need a basis independent model*

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{A}\Psi^T\Psi\mathbf{x}) = g(A\Psi\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{one } \Psi \text{ for all orthogonal directions?}$$

2. analysis of  $H^f$  for anything other than radial functions  
*need a new analysis tool*

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$$\text{(Model 1): } m = \mathcal{O} \left( \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{k/2} + \frac{k^{\frac{4-q}{2-q}} d^{\frac{q}{2-q}} \log(k)}{\alpha} \right) \Rightarrow \|f - \hat{f}\|_{L_\infty} \leq \epsilon$$

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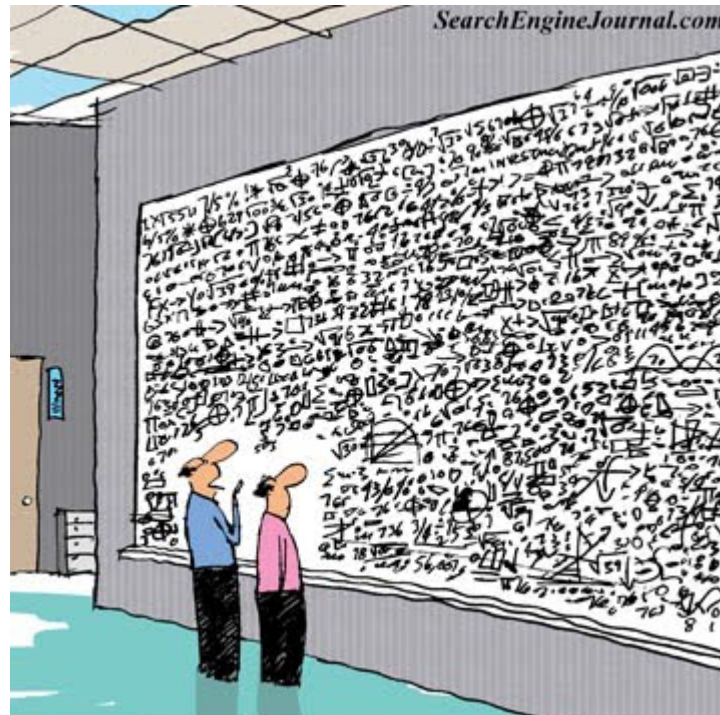
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[Fornasier, Schnass, Vybiral, 2011]

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# Learning Multi-Ridge Functions



*...And, this is how you learn non-parametric basis independent models from point-queries via low-rank methods*

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**Given 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> contribution:**  
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**Our 3<sup>th</sup> contribution:**  
**impact of iid noise  $f+Z$**

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# Non-sparse directions **A**

- A **low-rank** observation model

$$\langle \phi, A^T \nabla g(A\mathbf{x}) \rangle = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (f(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon\phi) - f(\mathbf{x})) - E(\mathbf{x}, \epsilon, \phi)$$

along with two ingredients

– sampling centers  $\mathcal{X} = \{\xi_j \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}; j = 1, \dots, m_{\mathcal{X}}\}$

– sampling directions at each center  $\Phi_j = [\phi_{1,j} | \dots | \phi_{m_{\Phi},j}]^T$

**leads to**

$$\mathbf{y} = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) + E(\mathcal{X}, \epsilon, \Phi)$$

$$\mathbf{X} := \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \mathbf{A}^T & \mathbf{G} \\ \hline n \times k & k \times m_{\mathcal{X}} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{\mathcal{X}}} \left[ \frac{f(\xi_j + \epsilon\phi_{i,j}) - f(\xi_j)}{\epsilon} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{G} := [\nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_1) | \nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_2) | \dots | \nabla g(\mathbf{A}\xi_{m_{\mathcal{X}}})]_{k \times m_{\mathcal{X}}}$$

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$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \Delta(\mathbf{y}, \Phi): \text{decoder}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}: \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}) \leq k} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}\|_{\text{F}}$$

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## Matrix restricted isometry property (RIP):

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[Plan 2011]

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# Active sampling for RIP

$$y = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) + E(\mathcal{X}, \epsilon, \Phi)$$

$$\mathbf{X} := \begin{matrix} \text{yellow box} & \text{blue box } \mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{A}^T & \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} : \text{low rank} \\ k \times m_{\mathcal{X}} \\ n \times k \end{matrix}$$

- Recall the two ingredients
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- Matrix RIP  $\langle \rangle$  uniform sampling on the sphere

$$\Phi = \left\{ \phi_{i,j} \in B_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \sqrt{d/m_{\Phi}} \right) : [\phi_{i,j}]_l = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_{\Phi}}} \text{ with probability } 1/2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \kappa_r < \kappa < 1 \text{ with probability}$$

$$1 - 2e^{-m_{\Phi}q(\kappa) + r(d+m_{\mathcal{X}}+1)u(\kappa)}, \text{ where } q(\kappa) = \frac{1}{144} \left( \kappa^2 - \frac{\kappa^3}{9} \right) \text{ and } u(\kappa) = \log \left( \frac{36\sqrt{2}}{\kappa} \right)$$

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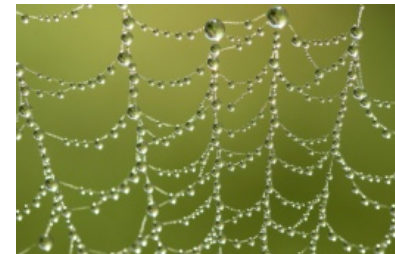
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| – collateral damage:                    |     | additive noise amplification by $\epsilon^{-1}$   |

**solution:** resample the **same** points  $d^{3/2+\epsilon}$ -times

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**Corollary 1** Denoting  $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_{DS}$  to be the solution of the matrix Danzig selector, if  $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_{DS}^{(k)}$  is the best rank- $k$  approximation to  $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_{DS}$  in the sense of  $\|\cdot\|_F$ , and if  $\kappa_{4k} < \kappa < \sqrt{2} - 1$ , then we have

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then with probability at least  $1 - k \exp\left\{-\frac{m_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha \rho^2}{2k C_2^2}\right\} - 2 \exp\{-m_{\Phi} q(\kappa) + 4k(d + m_{\mathcal{X}} + 1)u(\kappa)\}$

we have

$$\left\| \mathbf{A} \widehat{\mathbf{A}}^T \right\|_F \geq \left( k - \frac{2\tau^2}{(\sqrt{(1-\rho)m_{\mathcal{X}}\alpha} - \tau)^2} \right)^{1/2},$$

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***This is precisely where the restricted Hessian property is used...***

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First observe that:  $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = f(\hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x})$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left| f(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \right| = \left| g(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}) - g(\mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{x}) \right| \leq C_2 \sqrt{k} \left\| (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}}) \mathbf{x} \right\|_{\ell_2^k} \leq C_2 \sqrt{k} \left\| \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \right\|_F \|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell_2^d}.$$

Now it is easy to verify that:

$$\left\| \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \right\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}((\mathbf{A}^T - \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A}^T)(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \hat{\mathbf{A}})) = k - \left\| \mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{A}}^T \right\|_F^2.$$

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$$\Rightarrow m = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\sqrt{d}}{\alpha}\right) m_\mathcal{X} (m_\Phi + 1)$$

**We resample the same data points  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$ -times and average.**

# Learning a logistic function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}), \text{ where } g(y) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}}$$

$$\alpha = \int |g'(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x})|^2 d\mu_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \approx |g'(0)|^2 = (1/16)$$

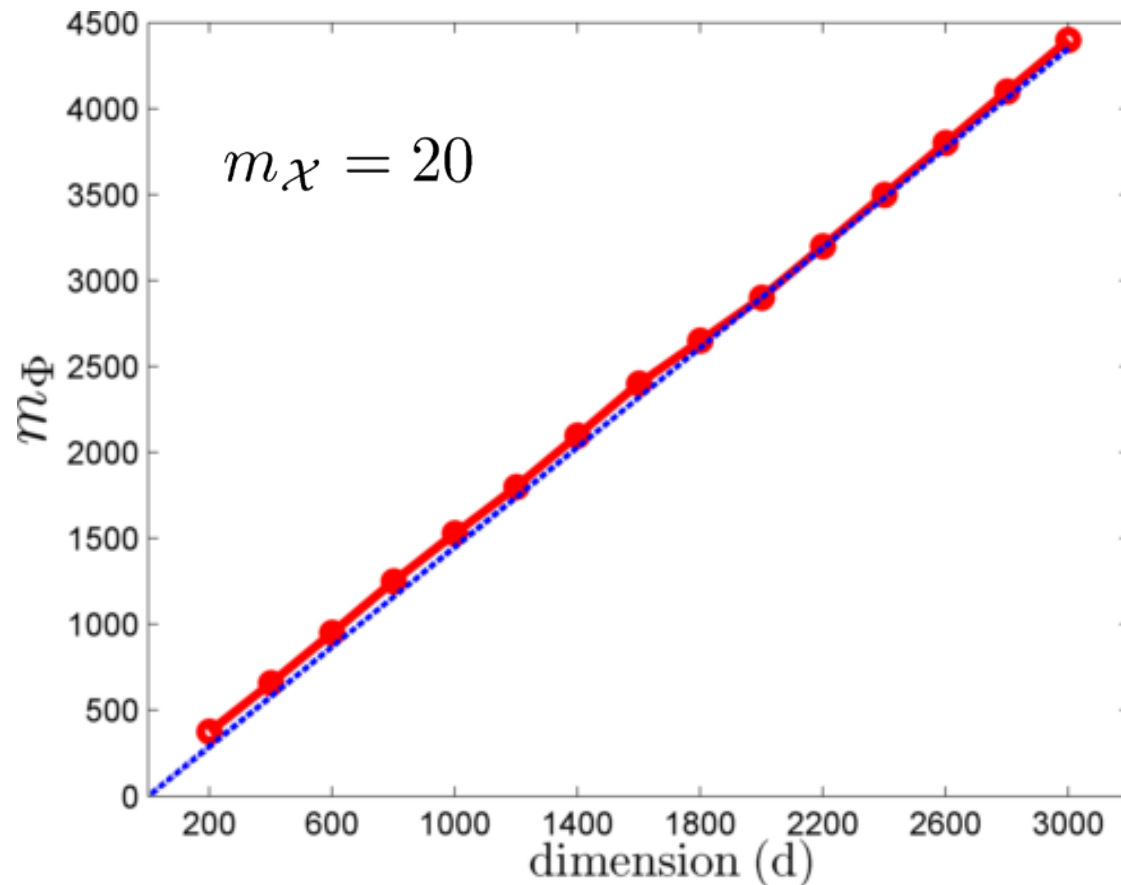
$$C_2 = \sup_{|\beta| \leq 2} |g^{(\beta)}(y)| = 1$$

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$$|\langle \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{a} \rangle| \geq 0.99$$

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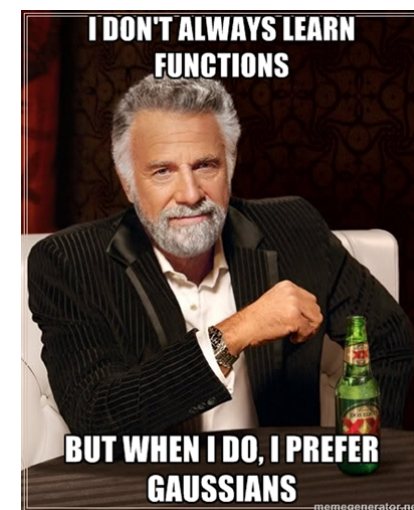
practice:  $m_{\Phi} = 1.45d$



# Learning sum of Gaussian functions

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(a_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i)$$

$$d = 100$$
$$\epsilon = 10^{-3}$$
$$m_{\mathcal{X}} = 100$$
$$g_i(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y+b_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right)$$

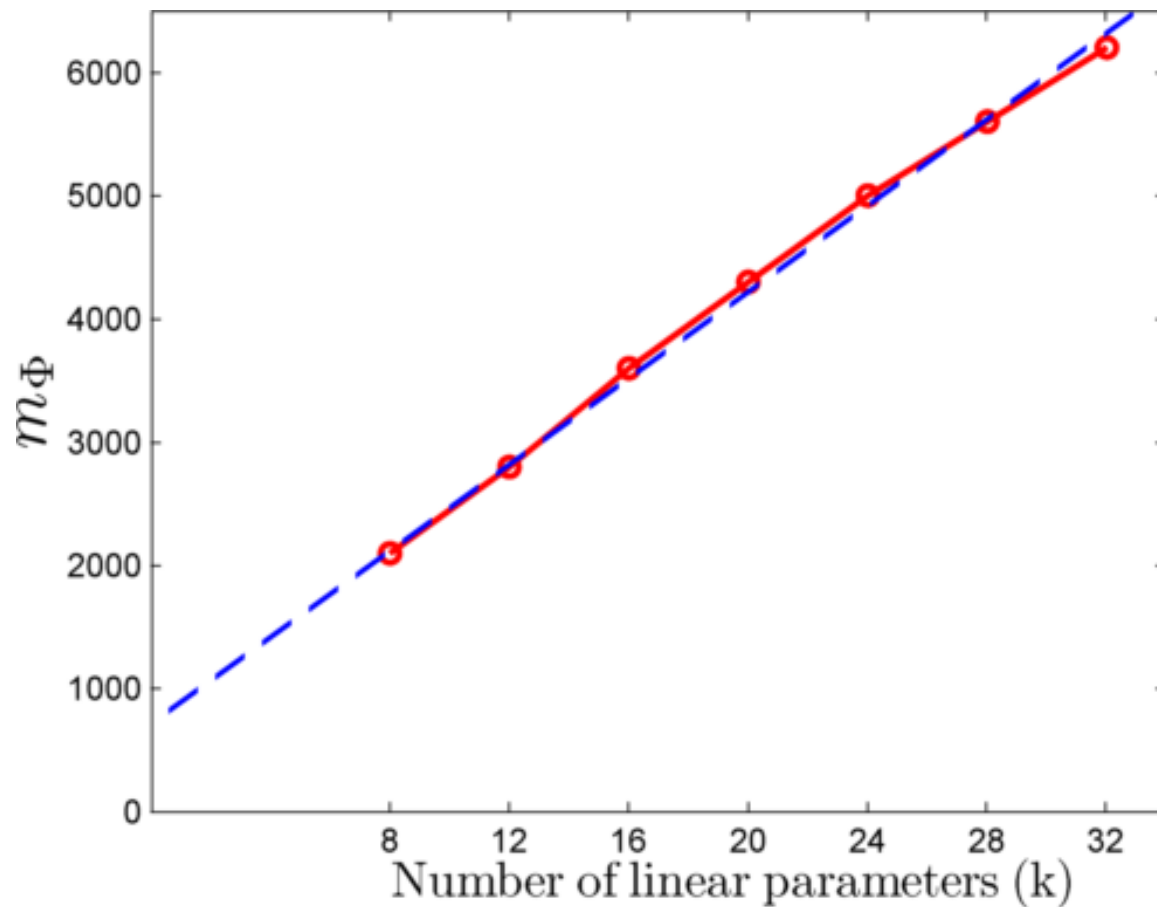


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$$\sigma \sim \mathcal{U}[0.1, 0.5]$$
$$b_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0.2\mathbb{S}^{k-1})$$

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# Stability example with the quadratic

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{Ax}) = \|\mathbf{Ax} - b\|^2$$

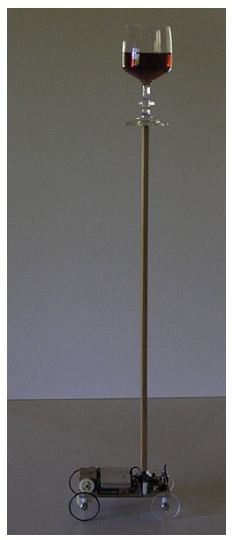
$$\tilde{f}(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \sigma \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$k = 5$$

$$\epsilon = 10^{-1}$$

$$m_{\mathcal{X}} = 30$$

$$\sigma = 0.01$$

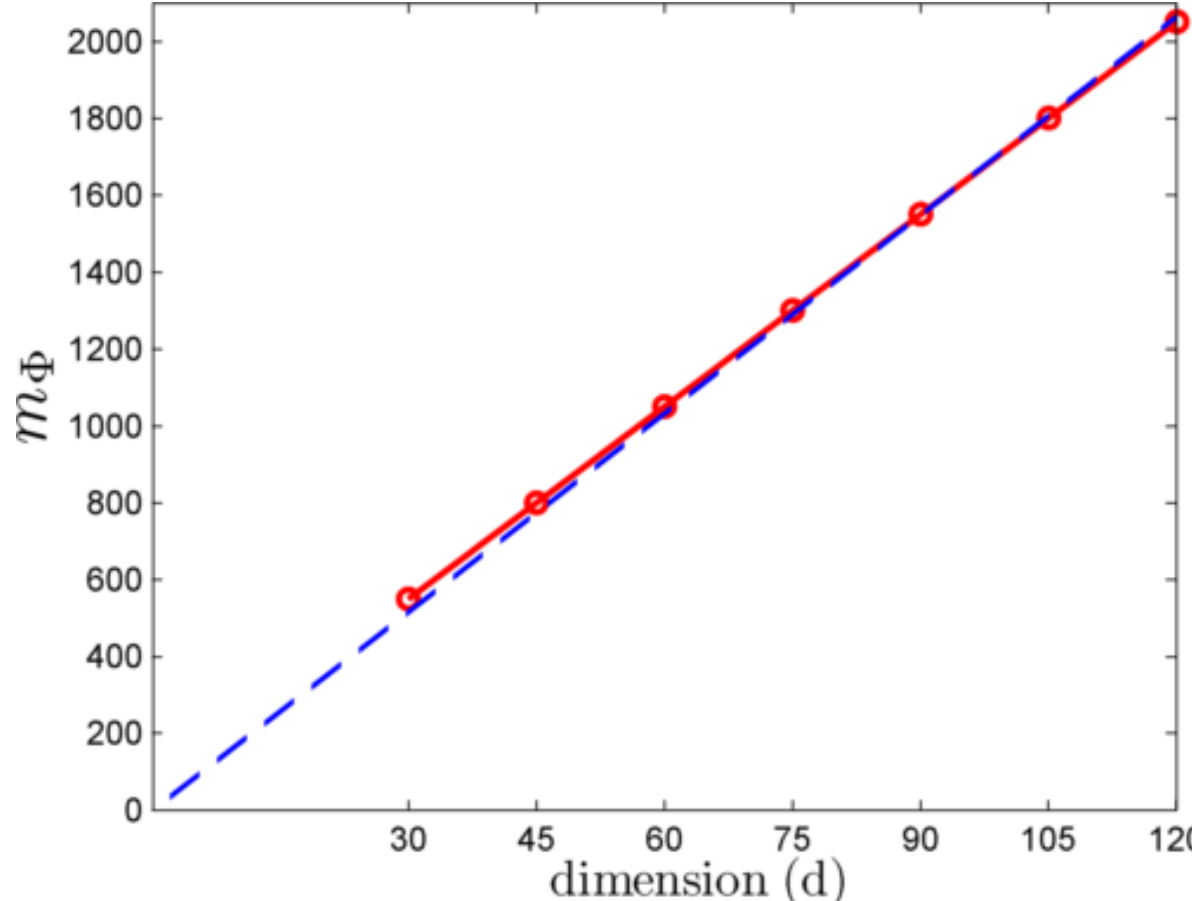


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theory:  $\frac{\tilde{m}_{\Phi}}{d^{3/2}} = \mathcal{O}(d)$

$$b_i \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{k-1})$$





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model building, cluster analysis, variable selection...
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