

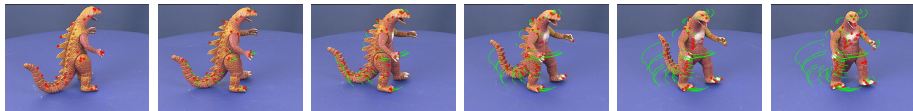
# Non-Convex Relaxations for Rank Regularization

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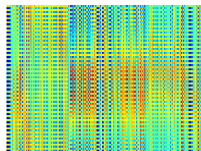
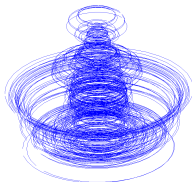
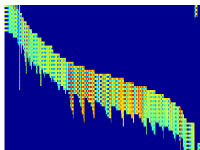
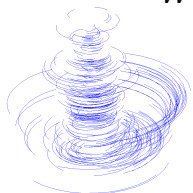


# Structure from Motion and Factorization



$W \odot X$

$X$

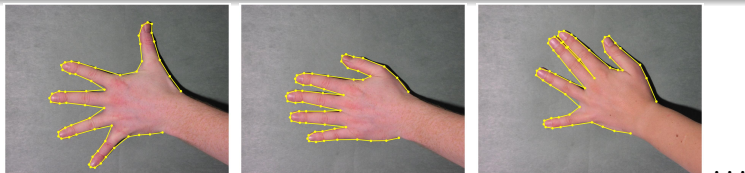


Affine camera model:

$$X = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{camera matrices}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{3D points}}$$



# General Motion/Deformation



Linear shape basis assumption:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.1581 & 0.4714 & -0.9782 & 2.0509 & 1.8610 & -2.4750 \\ -0.0366 & -0.0468 & 0.2511 & 0.0532 & 0.2687 & 0.5076 \\ 0.5402 & -1.9804 & 0.4749 & -0.4343 & 2.0293 & 0.3569 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Hand 1} \\ \text{Hand 2} \\ \text{Hand 3} \\ \text{Hand 4} \\ \text{Hand 5} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Hand 1} \\ \text{Hand 2} \\ \text{Hand 3} \end{pmatrix}$$



# Rank and Factorization

$$X = [\mathbf{x}_1 \quad \mathbf{x}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{x}_n] = \underbrace{[\mathbf{b}_1 \quad \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{b}_r]}_{B \quad (m \times r)} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & \dots \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ c_{1r} & c_{2r} & \dots \end{pmatrix}}_{C^T \quad (r \times n)}.$$

- $\text{rank}(X) = r$
- Factorization not unique:  $X = BC^T = \underbrace{BG}_{\tilde{B}} \underbrace{G^{-1}C^T}_{\tilde{C}^T}$ .
- DOF:  $(m+n)r - r^2 \ll mn$
- Can reconstruct at most  $mn - ((m+n)r - r^2)$  missing elements.

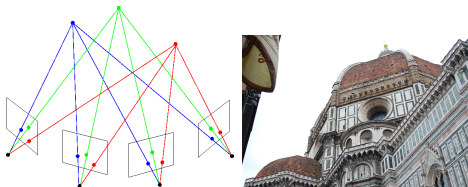
Small DOF desirable!

Incorporate as many constraints as possible.

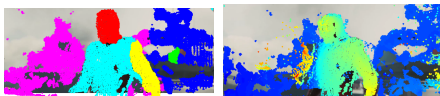


# Structure from Motion

Rigid reconstruction:



Non-rigid version:



# Low Rank Approximation

Find the best rank  $r_0$  approximation of  $X_0$ :

$$\min_{\text{rank}(X)=r_0} \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

Eckart, Young (1936): Closed form solution via SVD:

$$\text{If } X_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(X_0) u_i v_i^T \text{ then } X = \sum_{i=1}^{r_0} \sigma_i(X_0) u_i v_i^T.$$

Alternative formulation:

$$\min_X \mu \text{rank}(X) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

Eckart, Young:

$$\sigma_i(X) = \begin{cases} \sigma_i(X_0) & \text{if } \sigma_i(X_0) \geq \sqrt{\mu} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Low Rank Approximation

Generalizations:

$$\min g(\text{rank}(X)) + \|AX - b\|^2 + C(X)$$

- No closed form solution.
- Non-convex.
- Discontinuous.
- Even local optimization can be difficult.

Goal: Find "flexible, easy to optimize" relaxations.

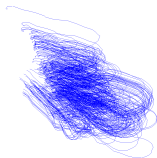


# The Nuclear Norm Approach

Recht, Fazel, Parillo 2008. Replace  $\text{rank}(X)$  with  $\|X\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(X)$ .

$$\min_X \mu \|X\|_* + \|AX - b\|^2$$

- Convex.
- Can be solved optimally.
- Shrinking bias. Not good for SfM!



Closed form solution to  $\min_X \mu \|X\|_* + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$  :

$$\text{If } X_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(X_0) u_i v_i^T \text{ then } X = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\max\left(\sigma_i(X_0) - \frac{\mu}{2}, 0\right)}_{\text{soft thresholding}} u_i v_i^T.$$





# Just a few prior works

## Low rank recovery via Nuclear Norm:

Fazel, Hindi, Boyd. A rank minimization heuristic with application to minimum order system approximation. 2001.

Candès, Recht. Exact matrix completion via convex optimization. 2009.

Candès, Li, Ma, Wright. Robust principal component analysis? 2011.

## Non-convex approaches:

Mohan, Fazel. Iterative reweighted least squares for matrix rank minimization. 2010.

Pinghua, Zhang, Lu, Huang, Ye. A general iterative shrinkage and thresholding algorithm for non-convex regularized optimization problems. 2013.

## Sparse signal recovery using the $\ell_1$ norm:

Tropp. Just relax: Convex programming methods for identifying sparse signals in noise. 2006.

Candès, Romberg, Tao. Stable signal recovery from incomplete and inaccurate measurements. 2006.

Candès, Tao. Near-optimal signal recovery from random projections: Universal encoding strategies? 2006.

## Non-Convex approaches:

Candès, Wakin, Boyd. Enhancing sparsity by reweighted  $\ell_1$  minimization. 2008



# Our Approach

Replace  $\mu\text{rank}(X)$  with  $\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) = \sum_i \mu - \max(\sqrt{\mu} - \sigma_i(X), 0)^2$ .

$$\min_X \mathcal{R}_\mu(X) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$$

- $\mathcal{R}_\mu$  continuous, but non-convex.
- The global minimizer does not change if  $\|\mathcal{A}\| < 1$ .
- $\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$  lower bound on  $\mu\text{rank}(X) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$ .

$f_\mu^{**}(X) = \mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$  is the convex envelope of

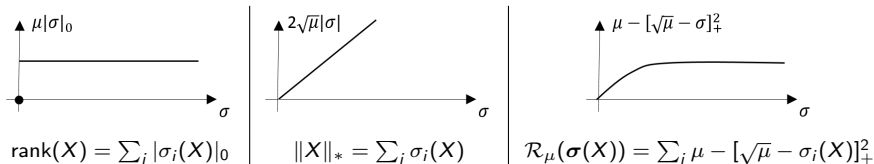
$$f_\mu(X) = \mu\text{rank}(X) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2.$$

Larsson, Olsson. Convex Low Rank Regularization. IJCV 2016.

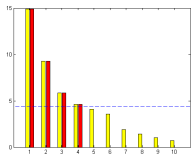


# Shrinking Bias

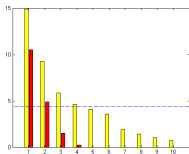
1D versions:



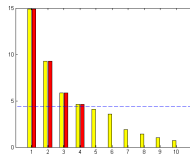
Singular value thresholding:



$$\text{rank}(X) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$



$$2\sqrt{\mu}\|X\|_* + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$



$$\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$



# More General Framework

Computation of the **convex envelopes**

$$f_g^{**}(X) = \mathcal{R}_g(\sigma(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

of

$$f_g(X) = g(\text{rank}(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

where  $g(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i$  and  $0 \leq g_1 \leq g_2 \leq \dots$ . And **proximal operators**.

Another special case:

$$f_{r_0}(X) = \mathbb{I}(\text{rank}(X) \leq r_0) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$



Larsson, Olsson. Convex Low Rank Regularization. IJCV 2016.



## General Case

If

$$f_g(X) = g(\text{rank}(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

then

$$f_g^{**}(X) = \max_{\sigma(Z)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \min(g_i, \sigma_i^2(Z)) - \|\sigma(Z) - \sigma(X)\|^2 \right) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2.$$

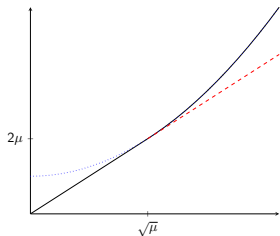
The maximization over  $Z$  reduces to a 1D-search.

(piece-wise quadratic concave objective function)

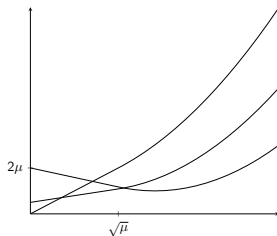
Can be done in  $O(n)$  time ( $n$  = number of singular values).



# Convexity of $f_{\mu}^{**}$



$$\mu - [\sqrt{\mu} - \sigma]_+^2 + \sigma^2$$



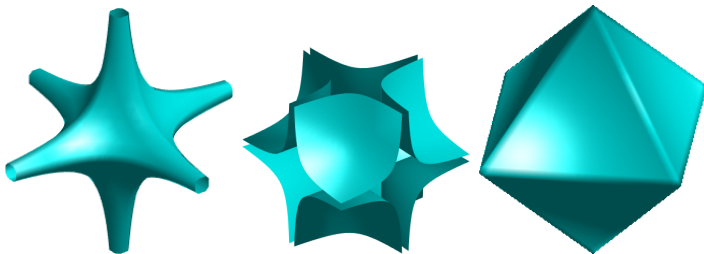
$$\mu - [\sqrt{\mu} - \sigma]_+^2 + (\sigma - \sigma_0)^2 \text{ for } \sigma_0 = 0, 1, 2$$

If  $\sigma_0 = 2$  the function will not try to make  $\sigma = 0$ !



# Interpretations: $f_{r_0}^{**}$

$$f_{r_0}(X) = \mathbb{I}(\text{rank}(X) \leq r_0) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2$$

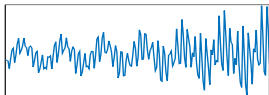


Level set surfaces  $\{X \mid \mathcal{R}_{r_0}(X) = \alpha\}$  for  $X = \text{diag}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  with  $r_0 = 1$  (Left) and  $r_0 = 2$  (Middle). Note that when  $r_0 = 1$  the regularizer promotes solutions where only one of  $x_k$  is non-zero. For  $r_0 = 2$  the regularizer instead favors solutions with two non-zero  $x_k$ . For comparison we also include the level set of the nuclear norm.



# Hankel Matrix Estimation

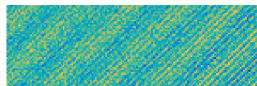
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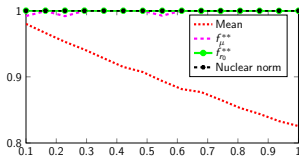
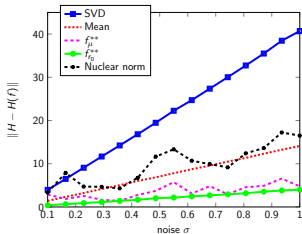
Hankel Matrix



Matrix+Noise



$$\min_{H \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbb{I}(\text{rank}(H) \leq r_0) + \|H - X_0\|_F^2$$

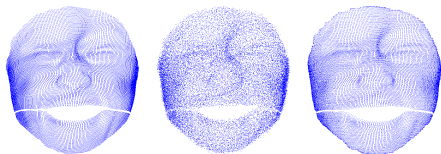
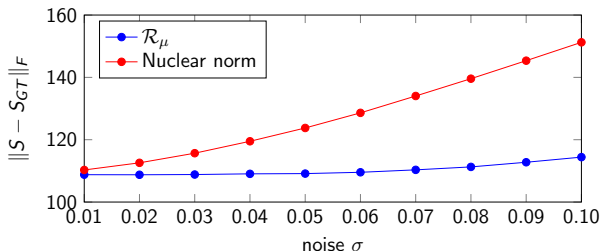




# Smooth Linear Shape Basis

$$f_N(S) = \|S - S_0\|_F^2 + \mu \|P(S)\|_* + \tau \text{TV}(S)$$

$$f_{\mathcal{R}}(S) = \|S - S_0\|_F^2 + \mathcal{R}_\mu(P(S)) + \tau \text{TV}(S)$$



# RIP problems

Linear observations:  $b = \mathcal{A}X_0 + \epsilon$ ,  $\mathcal{A} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $X_0$  low rank,  $\epsilon$  noise.

Recover  $X_0$  using rank-penalties/constraints

$$\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{R}_{r_0}(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$$

Restricted Isometry Property (RIP):

$$(1 - \delta_q)\|X\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathcal{A}X\|^2 \leq (1 + \delta_q)\|X\|_F^2, \quad \text{rank}(X) \leq q$$

Olsson, Carlsson, Andersson, Larsson. Non-Convex Rank/Sparsity Regularization and Local Minima. ICCV 2017.

Olsson, Carlsson, Bylow. A Non-Convex Relaxation for Fixed-Rank Approximation.

RSLOCV 2017.



# Near Convex Rank/Sparsity Estimation

Intuition:

- If RIP holds then  $\|\mathcal{A}X\|^2$  behaves like  $\|X\|_F^2$ .
- $\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|X - X_0\|_F^2 \approx \mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|X\|_F^2 - 2\langle X, X_0 \rangle$  is convex.
- What about  $\mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2 \approx \mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X\|^2 - 2\langle X, \mathcal{A}^*b \rangle$ ?  
Near convex?

1D-example:  $\mathcal{R}_\mu(x) + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x - b\right)^2 \quad (\mu = 1)$

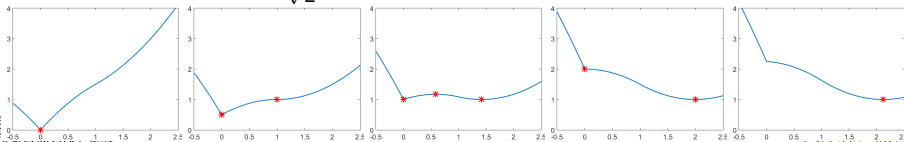
$b = 0$

$b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$b = 1$

$b = \sqrt{2}$

$b = 1.5$



# Main Result (Rank Penalty)

Def.  $F_\mu(X) := \mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$   
 $Z := (I - \mathcal{A}^*\mathcal{A})X_s + \mathcal{A}^*b$

$X_s$  stationary point of  $F_\mu(X) \Leftrightarrow$

$$X_s \in \arg \min_X \mathcal{R}_\mu(\sigma(X)) + \|X - Z\|_F^2.$$

$\|X - Z\|_F^2$  local approximation of  $\|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$  around  $X_s$ .  
 $X_s$  obtained by thresholding SVD of  $Z$ .

## Theorem

*If  $X_s$  is a stationary point of  $F_\mu$ , and the singular values of  $Z$  fulfill  $\sigma_i(Z) \notin [(1 - \delta_r)\sqrt{\mu}, \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{1 - \delta_r}]$ . then for any another stationary point  $X'_s$  we have  $\text{rank}(X'_s - X_s) > r$ .*



# Main Result (Rank Constraint)

Def.  $F_{r_0}(X) := \mathcal{R}_{r_0}(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$   
 $Z := (I - \mathcal{A}^*\mathcal{A})X_s + \mathcal{A}^*b$

$X_s$  stationary point of  $F_{r_0}(X) \Leftrightarrow$

$$X_s \in \arg \min_X \mathcal{R}_{r_0}(\sigma(X)) + \|X - Z\|_F^2.$$

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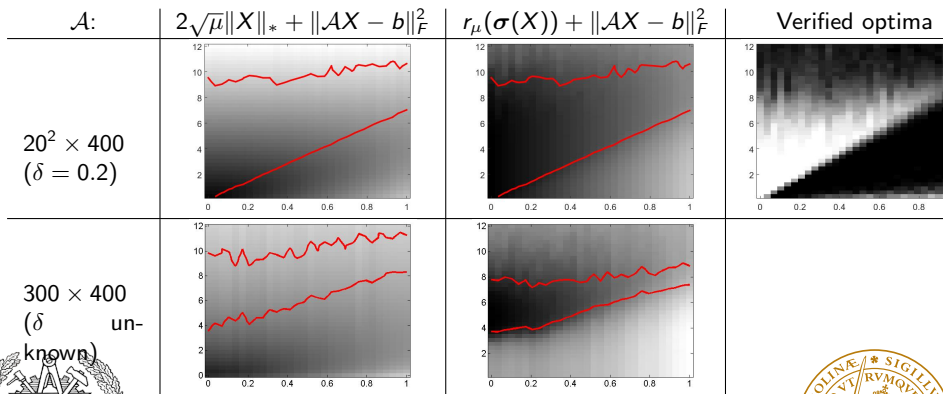
If  $X_s$  is a stationary point of  $F_{r_0}$  with  $\text{rank}(X_s) = r_0$ , and the singular values of  $Z$  fulfill  $\sigma_{r_0+1}(Z) < (1 - 2\delta_{2r_0})\sigma_{r_0}(Z)$  then any other stationary point  $X'_s$  has  $\text{rank}(X'_s) > r_0$ .



# Experiments (Rank Penalty)

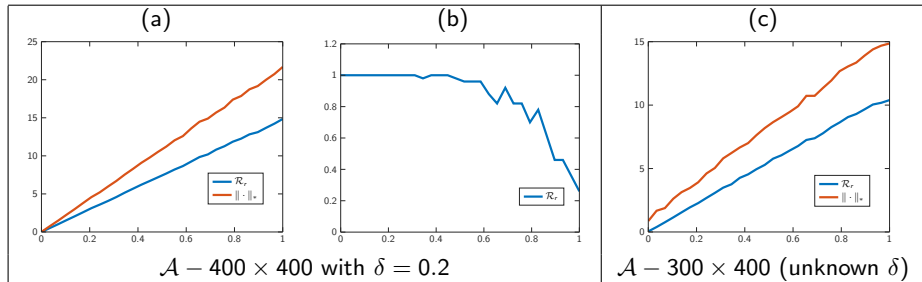
Low rank recovery for varying noise level (x-axis) and regularization strength (y-axis).

$$b = \mathcal{A}X_0 + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon_i \in \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma), \text{ where } \text{rank}(X_0) = 10.$$



# Experiments (Fixed Rank)

$$\mu \|X\|_* + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|_F^2 \text{ vs. } \mathcal{R}_r(\sigma(X)) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|_F^2$$



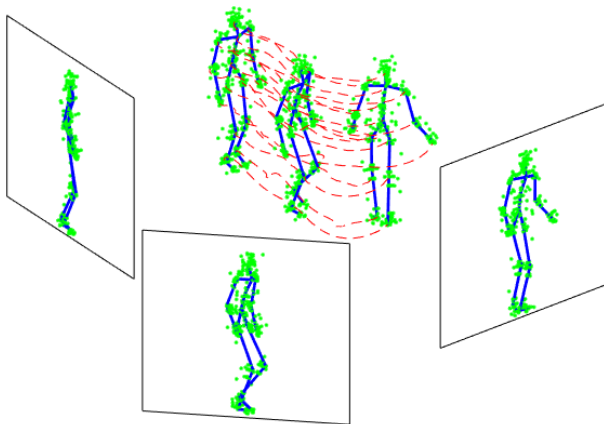
- (a) - Noise level (x-axis) vs. data fit  $\|\mathcal{A}X - \mathbf{b}\|$  (y-axis).  
 (b) - Fraction of instances verified to be globally optimal.  
 (c) - Same as (a).

$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{20 \times 20} \Rightarrow \text{vec}(X) \in \mathbb{R}^{400}$$

(a) and (b) use  $400 \times 400$   $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\delta = 0.2$  while (c) uses  $300 \times 400$   $\mathcal{A}$ .



Reconstruct moving and deforming object from image projections.



CMU Motion capture sequences.





# NRSfM (Dai et al. 2012)

$X_i, Y_i, Z_i$ : x-, y- and z-coordinates in image  $i$ .

$R_i$ :  $2 \times 3$  matrix encoding orientation of camera  $i$  (affine model).

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & R_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & R_F \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_F \\ Y_F \\ Z_F \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } X^\# = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & Y_1 & Z_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ X_F & Y_F & Z_F \end{bmatrix}.$$

Projections:  $M \approx RX$

Linear shape basis assumption:  $\text{rank}(X^\#) \leq r$ .

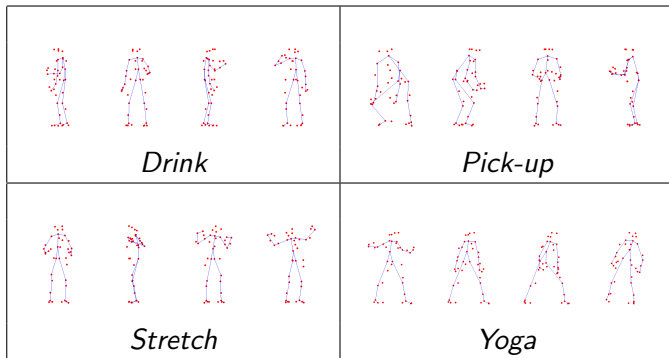
$$\min_{X^\#} \mathcal{I}(\text{rank}(X^\#) \leq r_0) + \|AX^\# - M\|_F^2,$$

$$A: X^\# \mapsto RX.$$



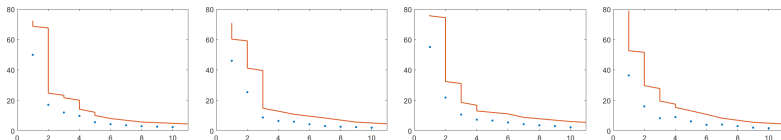
# MOCAP Experiments

CMU Motion capture sequences:



# MOCAP Experiments

$$\mathcal{R}_{r_0}(X^\#) + \|RX - M\|_F^2 \text{ (blue) vs.}$$
$$\mu \|X^\#\|_* + \|RX - M\|_F^2 \text{ (orange)}$$

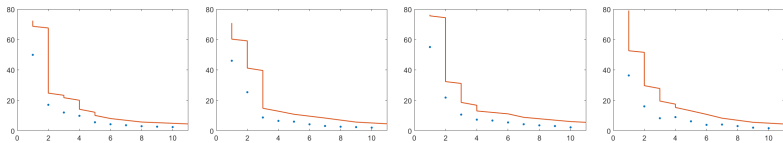


Data fit  $\|RX - M\|_F$  (y-axis) versus  $\text{rank}(X^\#)$  (x-axis).

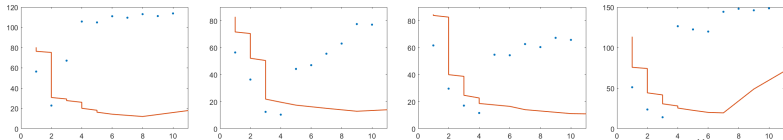


# MOCAP Experiments

$$\mathcal{R}_{r_0}(X^\#) + \|RX - M\|_F^2 \text{ (blue) vs.}$$
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Data fit  $\|RX - M\|_F$  (y-axis) versus  $\text{rank}(X^\#)$  (x-axis).



Distance to ground truth  $\|X - X_{gt}\|_F$  (y-axis) versus  $\text{rank}(X^\#)$  (x-axis)



# MOCAP Experiments

RIP does not hold for  $\mathcal{A}(X^\#) = RX!$

If  $R_i N_i = 0$ ,  $N_i \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$  then  $R_i N_i C_i = 0$ ,  $\forall C_i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$ .

Therefore  $\mathcal{A}(N(C)) = 0$  for any matrix of the form

$$N(C) = \begin{bmatrix} n_{11} C_1 & n_{21} C_1 & n_{31} C_1 \\ n_{12} C_2 & n_{22} C_2 & n_{32} C_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ n_{1F} C_F & n_{2F} C_F & n_{3F} C_F \end{bmatrix},$$

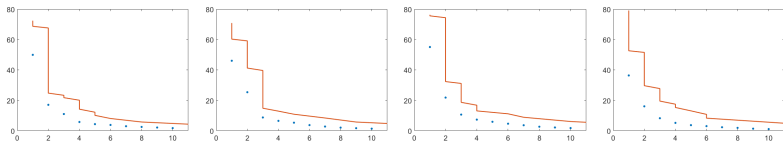
where  $n_{ij}$  are the elements of  $N_i$ .

- $N(C)$  does not affect the projections.
- If the row space of an optimal solution contains  $N(C)$  (for some  $C$ ) the solution is not unique.

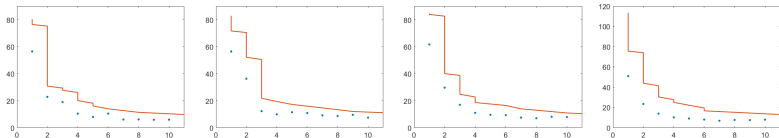


# MOCAP Experiments

$$\mathcal{R}_{r_0}(X^\#) + \|RX - M\|_F^2 + \|DX^\#\|_F^2 \text{ (blue) vs.}$$
$$\mu \|X^\#\|_* + \|RX - M\|_F^2 + \|DX^\#\|_F^2 \text{ (orange)}$$



Data fit  $\|RX - M\|_F$  (y-axis) versus  $\text{rank}(X^\#)$  (x-axis).

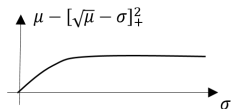


Distance to ground truth  $\|X - X_{gt}\|_F$  (y-axis) versus  $\text{rank}(X^\#)$  (x-axis)



# Optimization via ADMM/Splitting

- $\mathcal{R}_\mu(X)$  not differentiable  $X$ .
- $\mathcal{R}_\mu(X) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2$  (near) convex in  $X$ .
- Proximal operator  
 $\arg \min_X \mathcal{R}_\mu(X) + \rho \|X - X_0\|_F^2$  computable.



Can apply splitting schemes:

$$L(X, Y, \Lambda) = \mathcal{R}_\mu(X) + \rho \|X - Y + \Lambda\|_F^2 + \|\mathcal{A}Y - b\|^2 - \rho \|\Lambda_i\|_F^2.$$

Alternate:

$$X_{t+1} = \arg \min_X \mathcal{R}_\mu(X) + \rho \|X - Y_t + \Lambda_t\|_F^2,$$

$$Y_{t+1} = \arg \min_Y \rho \|X_{t+1} - Y + \Lambda_t\|_F^2 + \|\mathcal{A}Y - b\|^2,$$

$$\Lambda_{t+1} = \Lambda_t + X_{t+1} - Y_{t+1}.$$

First order method.



# Quadratic Approximation

Reformulate into differentiable objective. Bilinear parameterization:

$$\min_{B,C} \tilde{R}_\mu(B, C) + \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2,$$

- $\tilde{R}_\mu(B, C)$  two times differentiable a.e.
- Optimize with 2nd order methods.
- Introduces non-optimal stationary points.

Characterization of local minima under RIP and optimization with VarPro/Wiberg.

Valtonen-Örnthag, Olsson, Heyden. Bilinear Parameterization for Differentiable Rank Regularization, arXiv 2018.





# Bilinear Parameterization

Assumption:  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^r f(\sigma_i(X))$ ,  $f$  concave, non-decreasing on  $[0, \infty)$ .

## Theorem

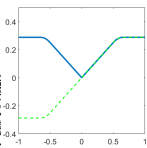
$\mathcal{R}(X) = \min_{BC^T=X} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}(B, C)$ , where

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(B, C) = \sum_{i=1}^k f\left(\frac{\|B_i\|^2 + \|C_i\|^2}{2}\right),$$

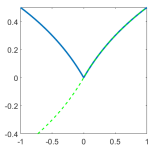
and  $B_i, C_i$  columns of  $B, C$ .

$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}(B, C)$  differentiable if  $f(\sigma) = h(|\sigma|)$  where  $h$  is differentiable.

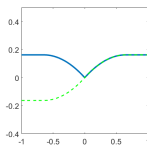
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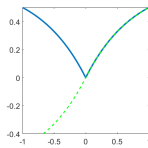
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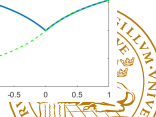
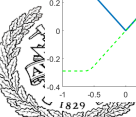
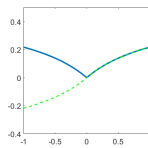
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# Bilinear Parameterization

If  $X = U\Sigma V^T$ ,  $B = U\sqrt{\Sigma}$ ,  $C = V\sqrt{\Sigma}$  then

$$B_i = \sqrt{\sigma_i} U_i$$

and

$$C_i = \sqrt{\sigma_i} V_i.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\|B_i\|^2 + \|C_i\|^2}{2} = \frac{\sigma_i \|U_i\|^2 + \sigma_i \|V_i\|^2}{2} = \sigma_i.$$



# Uniqueness of Low-Rank-Minima

Over parameterization with our relaxation:

## Theorem

Let  $(\bar{B}, \bar{C}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2k} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times 2k}$  be a **local minimizer** of

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu}(B, C) + \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2,$$

with  $\text{rank}(\bar{B}\bar{C}^T) < k$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu}(\bar{B}, \bar{C}) = \mathcal{R}_{\mu}(\bar{B}\bar{C}^T)$ . If the singular values of  $Z = (I - \mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{A})\bar{B}\bar{C}^T + \mathcal{A}^* b$  fulfill  $\sigma_i(Z) \notin [(1 - \delta_{2k})\sqrt{\mu}, \frac{\sqrt{\mu}}{(1 - \delta_{2k})}]$  then

$$\bar{B}\bar{C}^T \in \arg \min_{\text{rank}(X) \leq k} \mathcal{R}_{\mu}(X) + \|\mathcal{A}X - b\|^2.$$



$$\min_{B,C} \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2$$

- Least Squares problem in  $C$  for fixed  $B$ .  $\Rightarrow$  compute (closed form)

$$C^*(B) = \arg \min_C \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2.$$

- Linearize  $\mathcal{A}(BC^*(B)^T) - b \approx \mathcal{L}\delta B + \ell$  at  $B^k$ .
- Solve

$$\begin{aligned} \delta B^k &= \arg \min \|\mathcal{L}\delta B + \ell\|^2 + \lambda \|\delta B\|^2 \\ B^{k+1} &= B^k + \delta B^k. \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic approximation. Rapid convergence.  
Similar to GN/LM.



# Regweighted VarPro

$$\min_{B,C} \sum_i f \left( \frac{\|B_i\|^2 + \|C_i\|^2}{2} \right) + \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2$$

- Taylor:  $f(x) \approx f(x^k) + f'(x^k)(x - x^k) = f'(x^k)x + \text{const}$

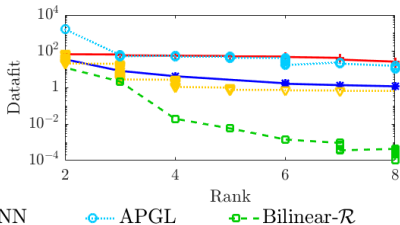
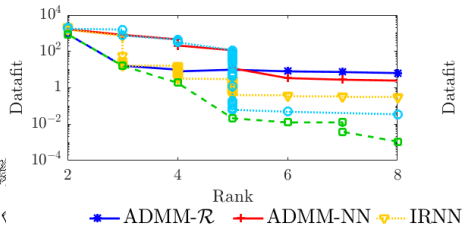
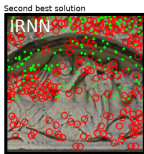
$$\min_{B,C} \sum_i w_i^k \left( \frac{\|B_i\|^2 + \|C_i\|^2}{2} \right) + \|\mathcal{A}(BC^T) - b\|^2,$$

$$w_i^k = f' \left( \frac{\|B_i^k\|^2 + \|C_i^k\|^2}{2} \right).$$

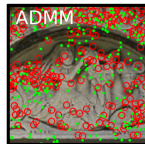
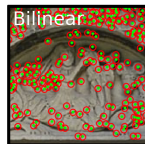
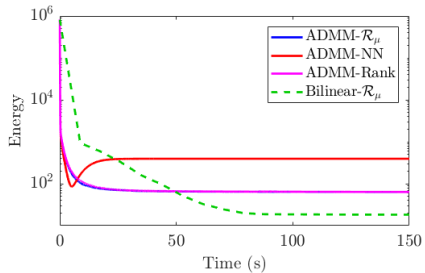
- One iteration of regular VarPro, recompute weights.
- Refactorize into  $B^{k+1}$ ,  $C^{k+1}$  using SVD.



# SfM-results

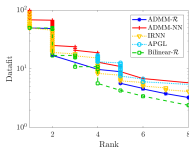


# VarPro vs. ADMM

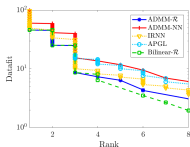


# MOCAP Results

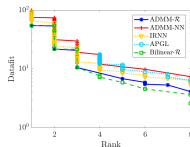
*Drink*



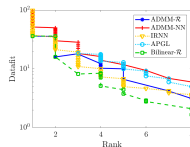
*Pickup*



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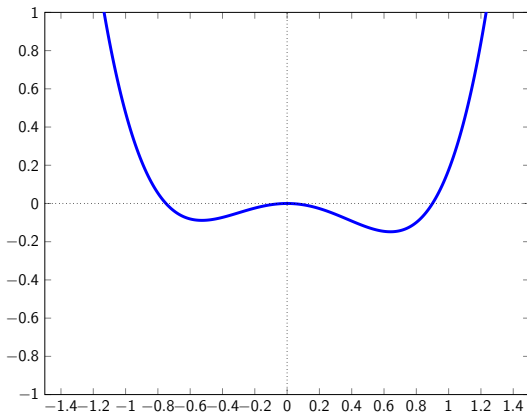




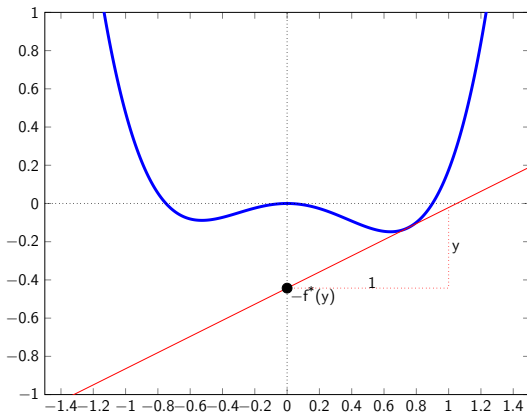
# The End



# Convex Envelopes and Conjugate Functions



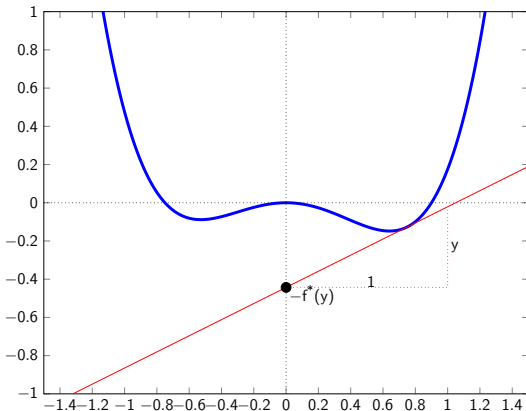
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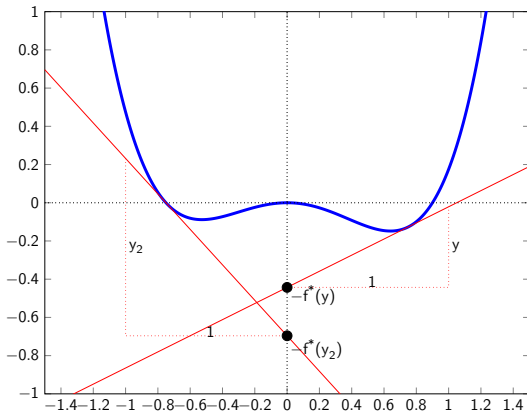
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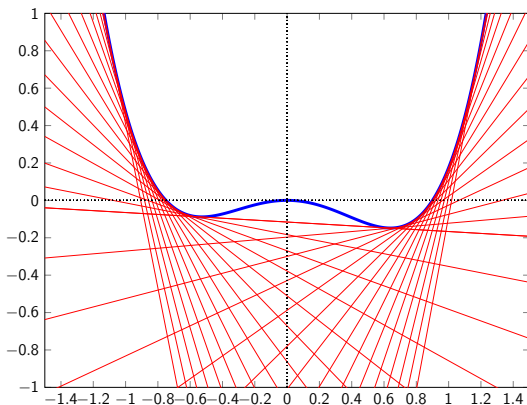
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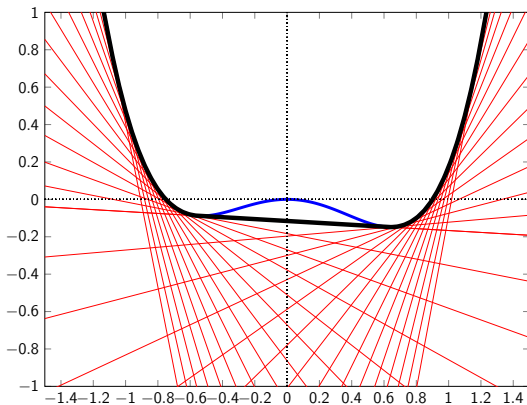
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# Convex Envelopes and Conjugate Functions



$$f^{**}(x) = \max_y xy - f^*(y)$$



# Computing the Conjugate

$$\begin{aligned} f_g^*(X) &= \max_Y \langle X, Y \rangle - f_g(X) \\ &= \max_k - \sum_{i=1}^k g_k + \max_{\text{rank}(Y)=k} \langle X, Y \rangle - \|X - X_0\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

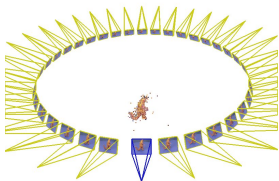
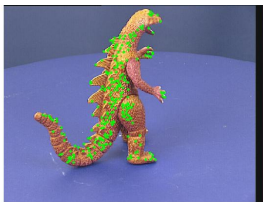
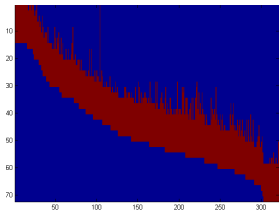
Inner maximization can be solved with SVD (Eckart, Young) and completion of squares.





# The Missing Data Problem

$$\|W \odot (X - M)\|_F^2$$

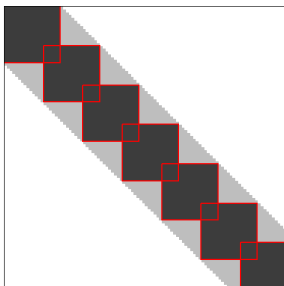


Red - visible element. Blue - missing measurement.  
No known closed for solution.



# A Block Decomposition Approach

Solve the problem on sub-blocks with no missing data:



$$f(X) = \sum_{i=1}^K \mu_i \text{rank}(\mathcal{P}_i(X)) + \|\mathcal{P}_i(X) - \mathcal{P}_i(M)\|_F^2$$

Convex relaxation:

$$\tilde{f}(X) = \sum_{i=1}^K \mathcal{R}_{\mu_i}(\sigma(\mathcal{P}_i(X))) + \|\mathcal{P}_i(X) - \mathcal{P}_i(M)\|_F^2$$



# A Block Decomposition Approach

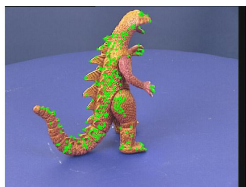
$$X = \begin{array}{|ccc|} \hline X_{11} & X_{12} & ? \\ \hline X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} \\ \hline ? & X_{32} & X_{33} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

## Lemma

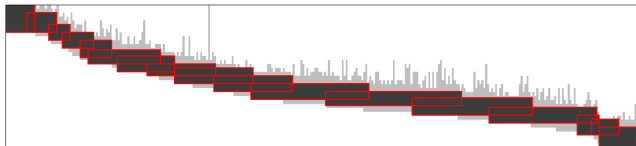
Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two given matrices with overlap matrix  $X_{22}$ , and let  $r_1 = \text{rank}(X_1)$  and  $r_2 = \text{rank}(X_2)$ . Suppose that  $\text{rank}(X_{22}) = \min(r_1, r_2)$ , then there exists a matrix  $X$  with  $\text{rank}(X) = \max(r_1, r_2)$ . Additionally if  $\text{rank}(X_{22}) = r_1 = r_2$  then  $X$  is unique.



# Results



Observed:



Our Solution:

Nuclear Norm:

Ground Truth:

