

# *An “algebraic” reconstruction of piecewise-smooth functions from integral measurements*

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- A-priori assumptions: "Simple" signals - Signals with a known structure and few degrees of freedom ( $\leq n$ ).
- The Linear measurements should be of a given, known analytic type (e.g: Fourier coefficients, moments, samples of the signal - convolution against a known kernel, some other integral form, etc)
- Using the a - priori knowledge and the given measurements we shall reconstruct the signal with  $\approx n$  measurements ( $n$  is assumed to be small).

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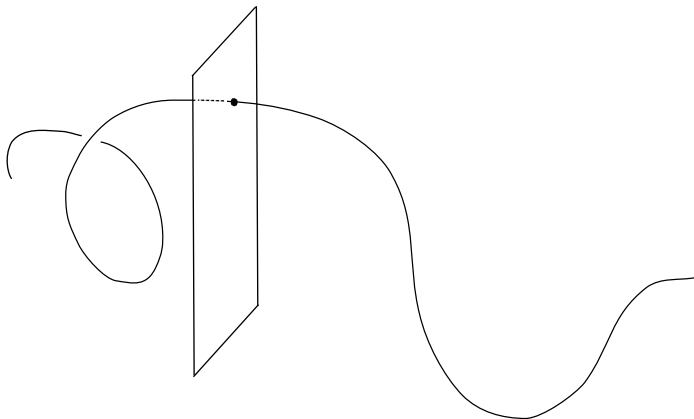
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# Nonlinear reconstruction through linear measurements



Dimension of the signal ( $n$ ) = number of measurements



# Questions

- 1 Can the assumption that the signal has a known “geometric” structure be justified in applications?
- 2 Can the arising systems be solved in a robust and efficient way?

# (One of) The ultimate test(s) - General images

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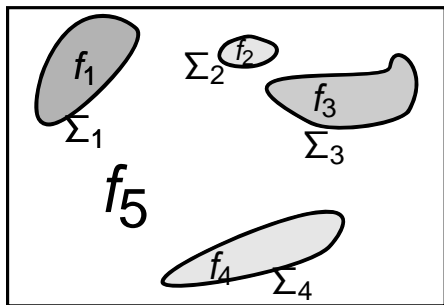
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## Answer

Image representation and compression via geometric models.  
A very difficult problem in image precessing.

# General images

For this lecture, images = Piecewise smooth functions on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



## Question 2

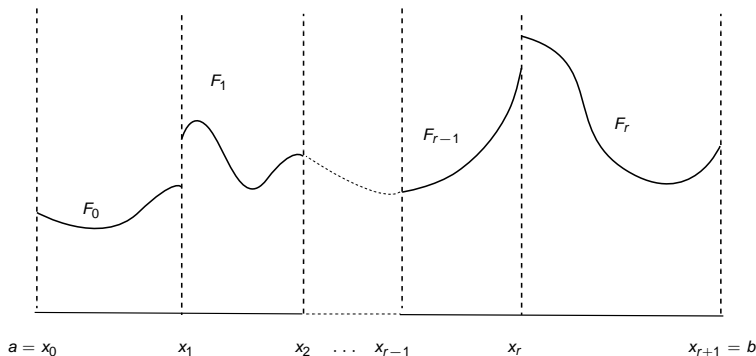
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The rest of the talk will give a partial answer to this question.

# Piecewise-smooth reconstruction: related work

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# Piecewise-smooth model: a-priori information



$$\|F_j\|_{C^k} \leq M < \infty, \quad |x_{j+1} - x_j| \geq \delta > 0$$

$$\max_{l=0, \dots, k} |F_j^{(l)}(x_j) - F_{j-1}^{(l)}(x_j)| \geq \gamma > 0$$

# Reconstruction accuracy

## theorem

*$F$  can be reconstructed from  $N + n(k, r)$  Fourier coefficients with the maximal error  $\leq \frac{C}{N^k}$  both in the positions of the discontinuities and in the pointwise values of the smooth part, where  $C = C(r, M, \delta, \gamma)$ .*

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## Solution of Prony system

- Setting the moments generating function:

$$I(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k(F) z^k.$$

- $I(z) = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{A_j}{1-x_j z}$  is a rational function. Its poles and the residues depend algebraically on the  $x_j$ 's and the  $A_j$ 's.
- Using Padé approximation method we find the poles and the residues of  $I(z)$  from  $2r$  of its Taylor coefficients (Our measurements).



# General measurements for model reconstruction

The Model:

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^r A_j f(x - x_j) \quad \mu_k(F) = \int F(t) \varphi_k(t) dt$$

Given:  $f, \varphi = \{\varphi_k(t)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ , look for  $\psi = \{\psi_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  s.t

$$\psi_k(t) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} C_{i,k} \varphi_i(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \int f(t+x) \psi_k(t) dt = \varphi_k(x)$$

The  $\psi$  is called an “ $f$ -convolution dual” sequence of functions (similar to a bi-orthogonal set of function) with respect to the system  $\varphi$ .

## Theorem

Let a sequence  $\psi = \{\psi_k(t)\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$  be an  $f$ -convolution dual to  $\varphi$ . Define the generalized moments by  $M_k = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k} C_{i,k} \mu_i$ . Then the parameters  $A_j$  and  $x_j$  in the model satisfy the following system of equations (“generalized Prony system”):

$$\sum_{j=1}^r A_j \varphi_k(x_j) = M_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

# The generating function for several cases

## Multi dimensional signal reconstruction.

The model:

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## Adding the derivatives of the given function $f$

The model:

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=0}^s A_{j,l} f^{(l)}(x + x_j).$$

We use the same polynomials  $\psi_k(x)$  as in the previous case.  
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# Reconstruction of a signal built from two functions

The modified model:

$$F(x) = \sum_{j=1}^r a_j f(x + x_j) + \sum_{j=1}^r b_j g(x + y_j)$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are two different given functions and the  $a_j$ 's,  $b_j$ 's,  $x_j$ 's and the  $y_j$ 's are the unknown parameters to be reconstructed from finitely many linear measurements.

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