

# Tensor estimation with structured priors

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## Noisy observations of a symmetric rank-one tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \forall 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq n : Y_{ijk} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} X_i X_j X_k + Z_{ijk} & \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Y} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} \mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3} + \mathbf{Z} \\ \forall 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n : Y_{ij} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} X_i X_j + Z_{ij} & \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{Y} &= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T + \mathbf{Z} \end{aligned}$$

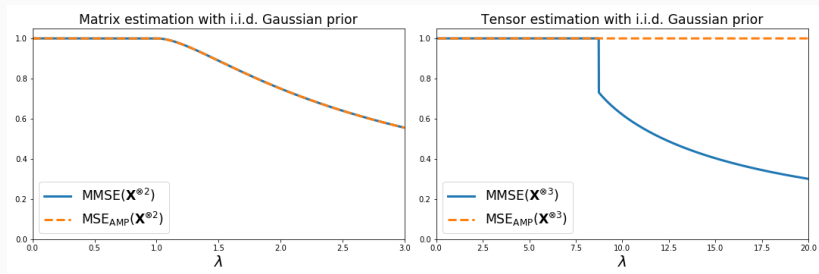
- $n$ -dimensional spike  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $Z_{ij(k)} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  additive white Gaussian noise
- $\lambda > 0 \propto$  signal-to-noise ratio

**Goal:** estimate the spike  $\mathbf{X}$  and/or the underlying rank-one tensor  $\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3}$

# High-dimensional regime for i.i.d. prior

i.i.d. prior on the spike:  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} P_X$

- Precise formula<sup>1</sup> for MMSE :=  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]\|^2$  when  $n \rightarrow +\infty$
- Performance of Approximate Message Passing algorithm precisely tracked<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Lelarge and Miolane, "Fundamental limits of symmetric low-rank matrix estimation".

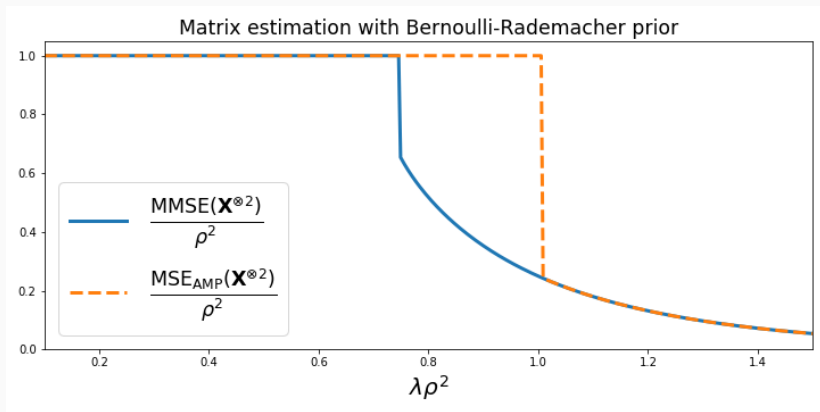
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# Algorithmic gap for low sparsity prior

Bernoulli-Rademacher prior

$$P_X(1) = P_X(-1) = \rho/2 \quad , \quad P_X(0) = 1 - \rho$$

Algorithmic gap even for matrix estimation if low sparsity  $\rho$  (below  $\rho = 0.05$ )



## Data in nature has structure

- Compressed sensing: signal to estimate sparse in some domain
- High-dimensional signal effectively lies on a low-dimensional manifold

Recently<sup>3</sup> use of generative models to encode structure:

$$X_i := \varphi\left(\frac{(\mathbf{WS})_i}{\sqrt{p}}\right)$$

- $\mathbf{S}$   $p$ -dimensional latent vector:  $S_1, \dots, S_p \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} P_S$
- $\mathbf{W}$  sensing matrix:  $W_{ij} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- $\varphi$  (nonlinear) activation functions

Proposed by Aubin et al. in the context of matrix estimation

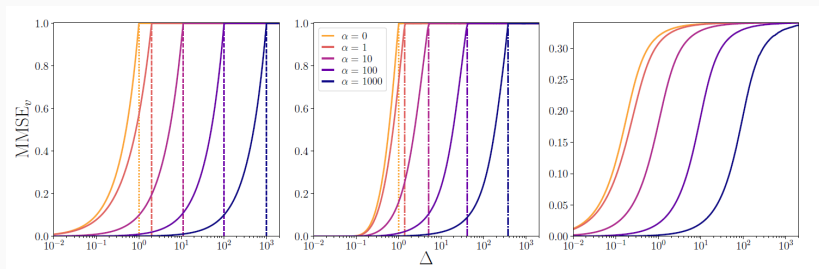
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<sup>3</sup>Aubin et al., “The spiked matrix model with generative priors”.

# Matrix estimation with generative priors

High-dimensional limit  $n \rightarrow +\infty$  with fixed ratio  $\alpha := n/p$

“No algorithmic gap with generative-model priors”<sup>4</sup>



**Figure 1:** MMSE as a function of  $\Delta = 1/\lambda$  for linear (left), sign (centre) and ReLU (right) activations. Figure by Aubin et al.

<sup>4</sup>Aubin et al., “The spiked matrix model with generative priors”.

*Can we leverage generative priors in tensor estimation to have a finite algorithmic gap for a centered prior?*

## In this talk

1. Formulas for asymptotic mutual information & MMSE
2. Visualization of  $\text{MMSE}(\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3})$  for different settings
3. Limit  $\alpha := n/p \rightarrow 0$ : simplified equivalent model with i.i.d. prior

# Asymptotic normalized mutual information

$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq n : Y_{ijk} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} X_i X_j X_k + Z_{ijk} \quad \text{with} \quad \forall i : X_i := \varphi\left(\frac{(WS)_i}{\sqrt{p}}\right)$$

**Theorem: asymptotic normalized mutual information<sup>5</sup>**

$$\lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow +\infty \\ n/p \rightarrow \alpha}} \frac{I(X; Y|W)}{n} = \inf_{q_x \in [0, \rho_x]} \inf_{q_s \in [0, \rho_s]} \sup_{r_s \geq 0} \psi_{\lambda, \alpha}(q_x, q_s, r_s)$$

with potential function

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\lambda, \alpha}(q_x, q_s, r_s) &:= I(U; \sqrt{\lambda q_x^2/2} \varphi(\sqrt{\rho_s - q_s} U + \sqrt{q_s} V) + \tilde{Z} | V) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha} I(S; \sqrt{r_s} S + Z) - \frac{r_s(\rho_s - q_s)}{2\alpha} + \frac{\lambda}{12} (\rho_x - q_x)^2 (\rho_x + 2q_x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $S \sim P_S$ ,  $U, V, Z, \tilde{Z} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\rho_s := \mathbb{E}S^2$ ,  $\rho_x := \mathbb{E}\varphi(\sqrt{\rho_s}U)^2$

<sup>5</sup>Luneau and Macris, Tensor estimation with structured priors.



## Theorem: asymptotic tensor MMSE<sup>6</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_X^*(\lambda) &:= \left\{ q_X^* \in [0, \rho_X] : \inf_{q_S \in [0, \rho_S]} \sup_{r_S \geq 0} \psi_{\lambda, \alpha}(q_X^*, q_S, r_S) \right. \\ &= \left. \inf_{q_X \in [0, \rho_X]} \inf_{q_S \in [0, \rho_S]} \sup_{r_S \geq 0} \psi_{\lambda, \alpha}(q_X, q_S, r_S) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

For almost every  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_X^*(\lambda) = \{q_X^*(\lambda)\}$  is a singleton and

$$\lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow +\infty \\ n/p \rightarrow \alpha}} \frac{\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3} | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{W}]\|^2}{n^3} = \rho_X^3 - (q_X^*(\lambda))^3$$

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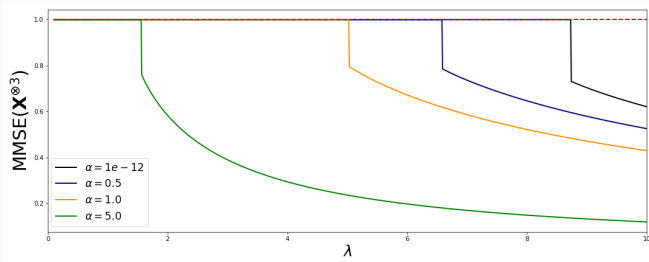
# Algorithmic gap

critical point equation  $\nabla\psi_{\lambda,\alpha}(q_x, q_s, r_s) = 0$

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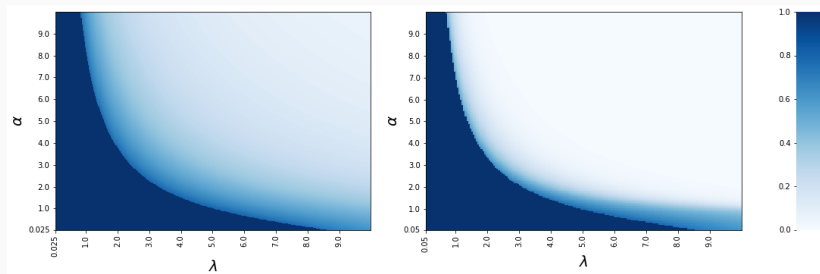
fixed point equation  $(q_x, q_s, r_s) = F_{\lambda,\alpha}(q_x, q_s, r_s)$

- Fixed point with lowest potential  $\psi_{\lambda,\alpha}(q_x, q_s, r_s)$  used to compute asymptotic MMSE
- Uninformative fixed point  $q_x = 0$  iff  $\varphi$  odd function,  $P_S$  centered  
Strongly stable fixed point  $\Rightarrow$  infinite algorithmic gap persists



# Asymptotic MMSE in the plane $(\alpha, \lambda)$

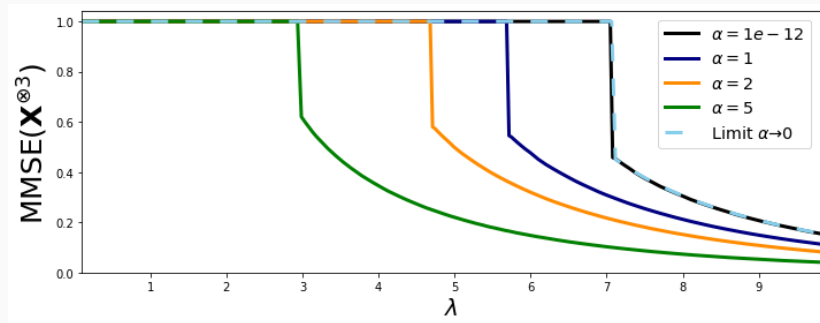
Information theoretic threshold  $\lambda_{IT}$  decreases with the ratio  $\alpha$  of signal-to-latent space dimensions



**Figure 2:** Asymptotic  $\text{MMSE}(X^{\otimes 3})$  as a function of  $(\alpha, \lambda)$  for  $\varphi(x) = x$ . Left:  $P_S \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Right:  $P_S \sim \frac{(\delta_1 + \delta_{-1})}{2}$ .

# Asymptotic MMSE

Information theoretic threshold  $\lambda_{IT}$  decreases with the ratio  $\alpha$  of signal-to-latent space dimensions



**Figure 3:** Asymptotic  $\text{MMSE}(\mathbf{X}^{\otimes 3})$  as a function of  $\lambda$  for  $\varphi(x) = \text{sign}(x)$ ,  $P_S \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and different values of  $\alpha$ . Limit  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$  given by tensor estimation problem with i.i.d. Rademacher prior.

# Limit of vanishing signal-to-latent space dimensions

## Limit $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$ of the asymptotic mutual information

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \lim_{\substack{n \rightarrow +\infty \\ n/\rho \rightarrow \alpha}} \frac{I(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{W})}{n} = \inf_{q_x \in [0, \rho_x]} \frac{\lambda}{12} (\rho_x - q_x)^2 (\rho_x + 2q_x) \\ + I\left(U; \sqrt{\frac{\lambda q_x^2}{2}} \varphi\left(\sqrt{\rho_s - (\mathbb{E}S)^2} U + |\mathbb{E}S| V\right) + \tilde{Z} \mid V\right)$$

Same asymptotic mutual information than

$$\tilde{Y}_{ijk} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{n} \tilde{X}_i \tilde{X}_j \tilde{X}_k + \tilde{Z}_{ijk}, 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq n,$$

with  $\tilde{X}_i = \varphi(\sqrt{\rho_s - (\mathbb{E}S)^2} U_i + |\mathbb{E}S| V_i)$ ;  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ ;  $\mathbf{V}$  known

- $\mathbb{E}_{S \sim P_S} S = 0$  : i.i.d. prior  $\tilde{X}_1, \dots, \tilde{X}_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \varphi(\mathcal{N}(0, \rho_s))$
- $\mathbb{E}_{S \sim P_S} S \neq 0$  : side information  $\mathbf{V}$ , proof in<sup>7</sup> easily adapted

<sup>7</sup>Lelarge and Miolane, "Fundamental limits of symmetric low-rank matrix estimation".

# Limit of vanishing signal-to-latent space dimensions

“No algorithmic gap with generative-model priors”<sup>8</sup>?

1. Similar behavior for matrix estimation with generative priors
2. We can choose  $\varphi$  to obtain any equivalent i.i.d. prior  $\varphi(\mathcal{N}(0, \rho_S))$  when  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$  **including** a prior exhibiting an algorithmic gap

## Algorithmic gap for matrix estimation with generative prior

$\mathbf{X} = \varphi(\mathbf{WS}/\sqrt{\rho})$  with  $S_1, \dots, S_p \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} P_S$  centered unit-variance and

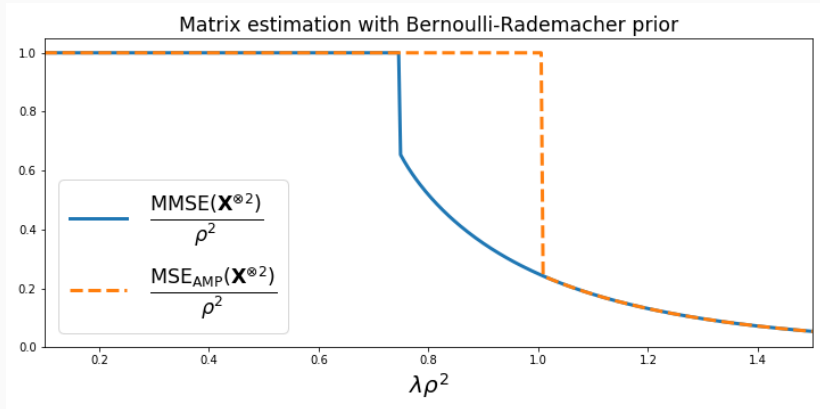
$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x < -\epsilon \\ 0 & \text{if } -\epsilon < x < \epsilon \\ +1 & \text{if } x > \epsilon \end{cases} \quad ; \quad \int_{-\infty}^{-\epsilon} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \frac{\rho}{2}$$

Equivalent to i.i.d. Bernoulli-Rademacher prior when  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\varphi(\mathcal{N}(0, \rho_S)) \sim (1 - \rho)\delta_0 + \frac{\rho}{2}\delta_1 + \frac{\rho}{2}\delta_{-1}$$

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# Limit of vanishing signal-to-latent space dimensions



However regime  $\alpha \rightarrow 0^+$  does not correspond to a high-dimensional signal  $\mathbf{X}$  lying on a lower  $p$ -dimensional space

*Does the algorithmic gap vanishes/disappears when  $\alpha$  increases?*

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