Spatial-Slepian Transform on the Sphere

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Signals on the Sphere

In the surface of a unit sphere is defined as \mathbb{S}^2 .

Orthonormal basis functions called spherical harmonics

$$Y_l^m(\theta,\phi) = \sqrt{\frac{2l+1}{4\pi} \frac{(l-m)!}{(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

Any signal $f \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^2)$ can be expanded as

$$f(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_{l,m}^{\infty} (f)_l^m Y_n^m(\widehat{\mathbf{x}})$$

where

$$(f)_l^m = \langle f, Y_l^m \rangle_{\mathbb{S}^2}$$

Signal Rotation on the Sphere

Rotation matrices

 $\mathbf{R} \equiv \mathbf{R}_{z}(\varphi)\mathbf{R}_{y}(\vartheta)\mathbf{R}_{z}(\omega)$

where $\mathbf{R}_{y}(\vartheta)$ rotate by angles ϑ around y-axis.

- Rotation operator of Euler angles $\rho = (\varphi, \vartheta, \omega)$ is $\mathcal{D}_{\rho} \equiv \mathcal{D}(\varphi, \vartheta, \omega)$
- Signal Rotation on the Sphere

$$(\mathcal{D}_{\rho}f)(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}) = f(\mathbf{R}^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{x}}).$$

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Signal Rotation on the Sphere

Signal rotation on the sphere

$$(\mathcal{D}_{\rho}f)(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}) = f(\mathbf{R}^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_{l,m}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{m'=-l}^{l} \mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}(\rho)(f)_{l}^{m'}\right)}_{Spectral \ coefficients} Y_{l}^{m}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}})$$

where $\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}$ is the Wigner *D*-function. $\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}(\rho) = e^{-im\varphi} d_{m,m'}^{l}(\vartheta) e^{-im'\omega}$

and $d_{m,m'}^{l}$ is the Wigner's (small) *d*-function.

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Signals on the SO(3) Rotation Group

All rotations by $\rho = (\varphi, \vartheta, \omega)$ is called the $\underbrace{\text{Special}}_{det=1}$ Orthogonal $\underbrace{\text{group}}_{\text{closure,}}$ $\mathbb{SO}(3)$.

Wigner *D*-functions form the basis functions on the SO(3), since the orthogonality

$$\left\langle \mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}, \mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{p} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{SO}(3)} = \left(\frac{8\pi^2}{2l+1} \right) \delta_{l,p} \delta_{m,q} \delta_{m',q'}$$

Any signal $v \in L^2(SO(3))$ can be expanded as

$$v(\rho) = \sum_{l,m}^{\infty} (v)_{m,m'}^{l} \overline{\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}(\rho)}$$

where

$$(v)_{m,m'}^{l} = \left(\frac{8\pi^2}{2l+1}\right) \left\langle v, \overline{\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{SO}(3)}$$

Spatial-Spectral Concentration on the Sphere

A bandlimited $(l = L_g)$ signal g in $R \subset \mathbb{S}^2$.

Spatial energy concentration

$$\lambda = \frac{\|g\|_{R}^{2}}{\|g\|_{\mathbb{S}^{2}}^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{l,m}^{L_{g}-1} \sum_{p,q}^{L_{g}-1} \overline{(g)_{l}^{m}}(g)_{p}^{q} K_{lm,pq}}{\sum_{l,m}^{L_{g}-1} |(g)_{l}^{m}|^{2}} = \frac{\mathbf{g}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{g}}{\mathbf{g}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{g}}$$

where

$$K_{lm,pq} = \int_{R} \overline{Y_{l}^{m}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}})} Y_{p}^{q}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \, ds$$

is called spherical harmonics double product.

K is Hermitian and positive definite, the eigenvalues λ are real and eigenvectors g are orthogonal.

Slepian functions

Eigenvalues

 $1 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \cdots > \lambda_{L_g^2} > 0.$

Slepian functions (eigenvectors)

$$g_1(\widehat{x}), g_2(\widehat{x}), \cdots, g_{L_g^2}(\widehat{x}).$$

Any signal $f \in BL_{L_g}$ can be expanded as

$$f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{L_g^2} (f)_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

where

$$(f)_{\alpha} = \langle h, g_{\alpha} \rangle_{\mathbb{S}^2} = \mathbf{g}_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{H}} \mathbf{h}.$$

Clustering Behavior of the Eigenvalues

The corresponding eigenvalues $1 > \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \cdots > \lambda_{L_g^2} > 0$.

Most of eigenvalues are either nearly 1 or nearly 0.

Spherical Shannon number (sum of eigenvalues)

$$N_R \triangleq \sum_{\alpha=1}^{L_g^2} \lambda_{\alpha} = trace(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{A_R}{4\pi} L_g^2$$

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where $A_R \triangleq ||1||_R$ is the surface area of the spatial region *R*.

The first N_R concentrated Slepian functions form a localized basis set of bandlimited signals in the spatial region R.

Example: Slepian functions



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Spatial-Slepian Transform

Well-optimally concentrated Slepian functions $g_{\alpha}(\hat{x}), \alpha = 1, 2, \cdots, N_R$.

Spatial-Slepian Transform

$$F_{g_{\alpha}}(\rho) \triangleq \left\langle f, \mathcal{D}_{\rho}g_{\alpha} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{2}} f(\widehat{x}) \overline{\mathcal{D}_{\rho}g_{\alpha}(\widehat{x})} \, ds(\widehat{x})$$
$$= \sum_{l,m}^{\min\{L_{f}-1,L_{g}-1\}} (f)_{l}^{m} \overline{(g_{\alpha})_{l}^{m'} \mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}(\rho)}$$

Inverse Spatial-Slepian Transform

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$$(F_{g_{\alpha}})_{m,m'}^{l} \triangleq \left(\frac{2l+1}{8\pi^{2}}\right) \left\langle F_{g_{\alpha}}, \overline{\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{SO}(3)} = (f)_{l}^{m} \overline{(g_{\alpha})_{l}^{m'}}$$

$$(f)_{l}^{m} = \left(\frac{2l+1}{8\pi^{2}}\right) \frac{\left\langle F_{g_{\alpha}}, \overline{\mathcal{D}_{m,m'}^{l}} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{SO}(3)}}{\overline{(g_{\alpha})_{l}^{m'}}}$$

Example: Spatial-Slepian Transform



Complexity

$$F_{g_{\alpha}}(\rho) = \sum_{m,n,k=-(L_f-1)}^{L_f-1} C_{m,n,k}^{\alpha} e^{i(m\varphi+n\vartheta+k\omega)}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \quad O(L_f^3 log_2 L_f)$$

where

$$C_{m,n,k}^{\alpha} = i^{m-n} \sum_{l=max\{|m|,|n|,|k|\}}^{L_f - 1} (f)_l^m \overline{(g_{\alpha})_l^n} d_{k,m}^l (\pi/2) d_{k,n}^l (\pi/2)$$

 $\blacktriangleright O(L_f^4)$

Conclusion

New Approach provide

- Bandlimited and spatially limited Slepian functions on the sphere.
- > The first N_R (spherical Shannon number) concentrated Slepian functions.

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