# On Duality, Encryption, Sampling and Learning: the power of *codes*

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## Shannon's incredible legacy

- A mathematical theory of communication
- Channel capacity
- Source coding
- Channel coding
- Cryptography
- Sampling theory



(1916-2001)

### And many more...

- Boolean logic for switching circuits (MS thesis 1937)
- Juggling theorem:
   H(F+D) =N(V+D)

F: the time a ball spends in the air, D: the time a ball spends in a hand, V: the time a hand is vacant, N: the number of balls juggled, H: the number of hands.



(1916-2001)

### Story: Shannon meets Einstein

#### As narrated by Arthur Lewbel (2001)

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The story is that Claude was in the middle of giving a lecture to mathematicians in Princeton, when the door in the back of the room opens, and in walks **Albert Einstein**.

Einstein stands listening for a few minutes, whispers something in the ear of someone in the back of the room, and leaves. At the end of the lecture, Claude hurries to the back of the room to find the person that Einstein had whispered too, to find out what the great man had to say about his work.

The answer: Einstein had asked directions to the men's room.





## Outline

Five "personal" Shannon-inspired research threads:

**Chapter 1:** Duality between source coding and channel coding – with side-information (2003)

**Chapter 2:** Encryption and Compression – swapping the order (2003)

**Chapter 3:** Sampling below Nyquist rate and efficient reconstruction (2014)

**Chapter 4:** Learning and inference exploiting sparsity – sub-linear time algorithms (2015-Present)

**Chapter 5:** Codes for distributed computing & machine learning (2017-Present)

### Chapter 1

### **Duality**

- source & channel coding
- with side-information



Sandeep Pradhan

Jim Chou

### Shannon's celebrated 1948 paper

#### The Bell System Technical Journal

Vol. XXVII July, 1948

No. 3

#### A Mathematical Theory of Communication

By C. E. SHANNON

#### INTRODUCTION

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m HE}$  recent development of various methods of modulation such as PCM and PPM which exchange bandwidth for signal-to-noise ratio has intensified the interest in a general theory of communication. A basis for such a theory is contained in the important papers of Nyquist<sup>1</sup> and Hartlev<sup>2</sup> on this subject. In the present paper we will extend the theory to include a number of new factors, in particular the effect of noise in the channel, and the savings possible due to the statistical structure of the original message and due to the nature of the final destination of the information.

The fundamental problem of communication is that of reproducing at one point either exactly or approximately a message selected at another point. Frequently the messages have *meaning*; that is they refer to or are correlated according to some system with certain physical or conceptual entities. These semantic aspects of communication are irrelevant to the engineering problem. The significant aspect is that the actual message is one selected from a set of possible messages. The system must be designed to operate for each possible selection, not just the one which will actually be chosen since this is unknown at the time of design.

If the number of messages in the set is finite then this number or any monotonic function of this number can be regarded as a measure of the information produced when one message is chosen from the set, all choices being equally likely. As was pointed out by Hartley the most natural choice is the logarithmic function. Although this definition must be generalized considerably when we consider the influence of the statistics of the message and when we have a continuous range of messages, we will in all cases use an essentially logarithmic measure.

The logarithmic measure is more convenient for various reasons:

1. It is practically more useful. Parameters of engineering importance

1 Nyquist, H., "Certain Factors Affecting Telegraph Speed," Bell System Technical Journal, April 1924, p. 324; "Certain Topics in Telegraph Transmission Theory," A. I. E. E. Trans., v. 47, April 1928, p. 617.

<sup>2</sup> Hartley, R. V. L., "Transmission of Information," Bell System Technical Journal, July 1928, p. 535. 379

general theory of communication

communication system as source/channel/destination

abstraction of the concept of message



Fig. 1-Schematic diagram of a general communication system.

### Source coding



Entropy of a random variable

= minimum number of bits required to represent the source

### Rate-distortion theory - 1948

#### Trade-off between compression rate and the distortion

#### PART V: THE RATE FOR A CONTINUOUS SOURCE

27. FIDELITY EVALUATION FUNCTIONS

In the case of a discrete source of information we were able to determine a definite rate of generating information, namely the entropy of the underlying stochastic process. With a continuous source the situation is considerably more involved. In the first place a continuously variable quantity can assume an infinite number of values and requires, therefore, an infinite number of binary digits for exact specification. This means that to transmit the output of a continuous source with *exact recovery* at the receiving point requires, in general, a channel of infinite capacity (in bits per second). Since, ordinarily, channels have a certain amount of noise, and therefore a finite capacity, exact transmission is impossible.

This, however, evades the real issue. Practically, we are not interested in exact transmission when we have a continuous source, but only in transmission to within a certain tolerance. The question is, can we assign a definite rate to a continuous source when we require only a certain fidelity of recovery, measured in a suitable way. Of course, as the fidelity requireMutual information:  $\mathcal{H}(X)$ - $\mathcal{H}(X|Y)$ 

$$R(D) = \min_{\substack{P_{Y|X}(y|x)}} I(X;Y)$$
  
subject to  $\mathbb{E}[d(X,Y)] \le D$   
distortion measure

### **Channel coding**



Fig. 1-Schematic diagram of a general communication system.

- For rates *R* < *C*, can achieve arbitrary small error probabilities
- Used to be thought one needs
   *R* → 0

capacity  

$$C(W) = \max_{P_X(x)} I(X;Y)$$
subject to  $\mathbb{E}[w(X)] \le W$ 
cost measure

## Shannon's breakthrough

- Communication before Shannon:
  - Linear filtering (Wiener) at receiver to remove noise
- Communication after Shannon:
  - Designing codebooks
  - Non-linear estimation (MLE) at receiver

Reliable transmission at rates approaching channel capacity

## Shannon (1959)

"There is a curious and provocative duality between the properties of a source with a distortion measure and those of a channel. This duality is enhanced if we consider channels in which there is a **cost** associated with the different input letters, and it is desired to find the capacity subject to the constraint that the expected cost not exceed a certain quantity.....

### Shannon (1959)

...This duality can be pursued further and is related to a duality between past and future and the notions of control and knowledge. **Thus, we may have knowledge of the past but cannot control it; we may control the future but not have knowledge of it**."

### **Functional duality**

When is the *optimal encoder* for one problem functionally identical to the *optimal decoder* for the dual problem?



### **Duality example: Channel coding**



You want to send *m* Jage m: how big can you make R?



Shannon's result: C<sub>BEC</sub>=(1-p) bits per channel use

$$p = 0.2$$
  
**Cost** (0) = 1; **Cost** (1) = 1  
**Total budget**  $\leq 10,000$ 

### What is the Shannon capacity?



#### Surprise: the encoder does not need to know which bits are erased!

### Shannon's prescription: random coding



1) Encoder & Decoder agree on a random codebook

Shannon's random coding argument

#### 2) Encoder encodes message

*Output the codeword corresponding to the index* 

#### 3) Decoder decodes message

*Output the index corresponding to the closest codeword* 



### Source Coding Dual to the BEC: BEQ

(Binary Erasure Quantization)



Martinian and Yedidia, 2004

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Surprise: the decoder does not need to know which symbols are '\*'!

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#### closest codeword

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### Knowledge of the erasure pattern



#### **Duality between source and channel coding:**



Given a source coding problem with source distr.  $\overline{p}(X)$ , optimal quantizer  $p^*(\hat{X} | X)$  distortion measure  $d(x, \hat{x})$  and distortion constraint **D**, (left),

 $\exists$  a dual channel coding problem with channel  $p^*(x \mid \hat{x})$ , cost measure  $w(\hat{x})$ , and cost constraint W (right) s.t.:

and

(i)  $R(\mathbf{D})=C(\mathbf{W});$ 

(ii) 
$$p^*(\hat{x}) = \underset{p(\hat{x}):X|\hat{X} \sim p^*(x|\hat{x}), Ew \leq W}{\arg \max} I(X; \hat{X}),$$

 $w(\hat{x}) = c_1 D(p^*(x \mid \hat{x}) \parallel \overline{p}(x)) + \theta$ 

$$W = E_{p^*(\hat{x})} w(\hat{X}).$$

where

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There is a *dual channel coding problem* with channel  $p^*(x|\hat{x})$  cost measure  $w(\hat{x})$  and cost constraint **W** such that

 $\boldsymbol{R}(\boldsymbol{D}) = \boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{W})$ 

 $w(\hat{x}) = c_1 D(p^*(x|\hat{x}) || q(x)) + \theta$   $W = E_{p^*(\hat{x})} w(\hat{X}).$ 

Pradhan, Chou and Ramchandran, 2003

## Interpretation of functional duality

For *any* given source coding problem, there is a *dual* channel coding problem such that:

- both problems induce the *same optimal joint distribution*
- the *optimal encoder* for one is *functionally identical* to the *optimal decoder* for the other
- an appropriate *channel-cost measure* is associated

#### Key takeaway

Source coding

distortion measure is as important as the source distribution

**Channel coding** 

channel cost measure is as important as the channel conditional distribution

## Duality between source coding with side information and channel coding with side information

### Source coding with side information (SCSI):



• (Only) decoder has access to side-information S

• Studied by Slepian-Wolf '73, Wyner-Ziv '76, Berger '77

•Applications: sensor networks (IoT), digital upgrade, secure compression.

•No performance loss in some important cases

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### SCSI: binary example of noiseless compression

- X and S=> length-3 binary data (equally likely),
- Correlation: Hamming distance between X and S at most 1
- E.g.: when X=[0 1 0], S => [0 1 0], [0 1 1], [0 0 0], [1 1 0].





Example: X=010, S=110 => Encoder sends message 10

CCSI: illustrative example (*Binary data-embedding/watermarking*)



•S: 3-bit (uniformly random) host signal (e.g. binary fax)

•m: message bits to be embedded in the host signal

•Max. allowed distortion between **S** and embedded host X is **1**:  $d_H(X,S) \le 1$ 

•Clean channel (no attack) model: (**Z=0**); received signal **Y=X** 

Case: 1: Both encoder and decoder have access to host signal

• Q) How many bits can m be?

• A) **2 bits** 





Q) Can we still embed a 2 bit message in S while satisfying  $d_H(S, X) \le 1$ ?

•Codebook: partition U into 4 cosets

• Each of 4 messages indexes a coset in U.

•Encoder "nudges" S to closest entry X in desired coset of U:  $d_H(S, X) \le 1$ 

•Decoder receives Y=X and declares coset index of Y as message sent.

Messages index one of 4 cosets of U:



#### Toy example of duality between SCSI and CCSI




### **Duality (loose sense)**

### <u>CCSI</u>

- Side information at encoder only
- Channel code is "partitioned" into a bank of source codes
- No performance loss in some important cases w.r.t. presence of side information at both ends

### <u>SCSI</u>

- Side info. at decoder only
- Source code is "partitioned" into a bank of channel codes
- No performance loss in some important cases
   w.r.t. presence of side
   information at both ends

### Markov chains, duality and rate loss





### Duality between *source coding* & *channel coding with side information*



Pradhan, Chou and Ramchandan, 2003



## Cryptography – 1949

- Foundations of *modern cryptography*
- All theoretically unbreakable ciphers must have the properties of one-time pad

#### Communication Theory of Secrecy Systems\*

#### By C. E. SHANNON

#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

THE problems of cryptography and secrecy systems furnish an interesting application of communication theory.<sup>1</sup> In this paper a theory of secrecy systems is developed. The approach is on a theoretical level and is intended to complement the treatment found in standard works on cryptography.<sup>2</sup> There, a detailed study is made of the many standard types of codes and ciphers, and of the ways of breaking them. We will be more concerned with the general mathematical structure and properties of secrecy systems.

## **Compression of Encrypted Data**

#### "Correct" order



Johnson, Ishwar, Prabhakaran, Schonberg & Ramchandran, 2004

### Example







- Y = X + K where X is independent of K
- Slepian-Wolf theorem: can send X at rate H(Y|K) = H(X)

### SCSI: binary example of noiseless compression

(Slepian-Wolf '73)

- **X** is uniformly chosen from {[000], [001], [010], [100]}
- **K** is a length-3 random key (equally likely in  $\{0,1\}^3$ )
- Correlation: Hamming distance between **Y** and **K** at most 1
- Example: when K=[010]. Y => [010]. [011]. [000]. [110]



- Encoder computes X=Y+K (mod 2)
- Encoder represents X using 2 bits
- Decoder outputs X (mod 2)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
00 \rightarrow & 000 \\
01 \rightarrow & 001 \\
10 \rightarrow & 010 \\
11 \rightarrow & 100
\end{array} = \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{K}$$



- Transmission at 2 bits/sample
- Encoder => send index of the coset containing X.
- Decoder => find a codeword in given coset closest to K

Example: Y=010 (K=110) => Encoder sends message 10

## **Geometric illustration**





# **Practical Code Constructions**

- Use a linear transformation (hash/bin)
- Design cosets to have maximal spacing
  - State of the art linear codes (LDPC codes)
- Distributed Source Coding Using Syndromes (DISCUS)\*

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*Pradhan & Ramchandran, '03
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# Sampling theorem



#### **Communication in the Presence of Noise**

CLAUDE E. SHANNON, MEMBER, IRE

Theorem 1: If a function f(t) contains no frequencies higher than W cps, it is completely determined by giving its ordinates at a series of points spaced 1/2 W seconds apart. pointwise sampling!

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Mathematically, this process can be described as follows. Let  $x_n$  be the *n*th sample. Then the function f(t) is represented by

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_n \frac{\sin \pi (2Wt - n)}{\pi (2Wt - n)}.$$
(7)
**linear interpolation!**

# Aliasing phenomenon



### But what if the spectrum is sparsely occupied?



#### Henry Landau, 1967

- Know the frequency support
- Sample at rate *"occupied bandwidth"* foce *(Landau rate)*

#### When you do not know the support?

- Feng and Bresler, 1996
- Lu and Do, 2008
- Mishali, Eldar, Dounaevsky and Shoshan, 2011
- Lim and Franceschetti, 2017

# Filter bank approach



Requires 2 foce. *Can we design a constructive scheme? Lu and Do, 2008* 

# Puzzle: Gold thief



- One unknown thief
- Steals unknown but fixed amount from each coin
- What is min. no. of weighings needed ?
  - 2 are enough!



**Ratio-test identifies the location** 

# 4-thieves among 12-treasurers



Key Ideas:

- 1. Randomly group the treasurers.
- 2. If there is a single thief problem
  - ✓ Ratio test
  - ✓ Iterate.

#### **Questions:**

- 1. How many groups needed?
- 2. How to form groups?
- 3. How to identify if a group has a single thief?

# Main result

Any bandlimited signal  $x(t) \in \mathbb{C}$  whose spectrum has occupancy  $f_{occ}$  can be sampled asymptotically at rate  $f_s = 2f_{occ}$  by a randomized "sparse-graph-coded filter bank" with probability 1 using  $O(f_{occ})$  operations per unit time.

#### Remarks

- Computational cost  $O(f_{\text{occ}})$  independent of bandwidth
- Requires mild assumptions (genericity)
- Can be made robust to sampling noise

### Key insight for spectrum-blind sampling

• To reduce sampling rate, *subsample judiciously* 



- Introduces aliasing (*structured noise*)
- Filter bank derived from capacity-achieving codes for the BEC: (irregular LDPC codes)
- Non-linear recovery instead of linear interpolation

### Filter bank for sampling



• Sample the signal at rate B





• Filter and then sample at rate B



### Filter bank for sampling



Aggregate sampling rate: 
$$N \frac{f_M}{N} = f_M = Nyquist$$
 rate for  $x(t)$ 

### 'Sparse-graph-coded' filter bank



 $m \times N$  matrix

### Example — sparse graph underlying the measurements



N = 10

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visual cleaning for presentation: remove edges that connect to non-active bands







#### mechanism:

identifies which channels have no aliasing and maps them to which bands they came from

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#### mechanism:

identifies which channels have no aliasing and maps them to which bands they came from signal is completely recovered!

### Realizing the *mechanism*

#### Identify which channels have no aliasing and map them to bands



identifies dark blue band as a singleton
### Construction of the sparse-graph code



Luby et al. 2001

- Designed through capacityapproaching sparse-graph codes
- Connect each *band* to *channels* at random according to a carefully chosen degree distribution.
- Asymptotically, *number of channels* is  $(1 + \epsilon)$  times the *number of active bands*



### Construction of the sparse-graph code





**Regular graph construction:** Connect every variable node to d check nodes chosen uniformly at random

### **Density evolution**



example: d = 4

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• Examine its directed neighborhood at depth- $2\ell$ 



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Power 3 is because the check node has 3 variable nodes as children











$$p_{\ell} = \left(1 - e^{-\frac{Kd}{M}p_{\ell-1}}\right)^{d-1}$$

- Need  $p_{\ell} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\ell \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Choose K, M and d so that *p*<sub>ℓ</sub> goes to zero!



Stephan ten Brink '99 Richardson & Urbanke '08 d= left degree (# of edges from bands to channels)



Set:

- $M = (1 + \epsilon)K$
- $D > 1/\epsilon$
- Node degree distribution P(degree = j) =  $\frac{D+1}{D} \frac{1}{j(j-1)}$ , for j = 2, ..., D + 1

$$p_{\ell} = \frac{1}{H(D)} \sum_{j=2}^{D+1} \frac{1}{j-1} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{\overline{d}}{1+\epsilon}p_{\ell-1}} \right) \qquad p_{\ell} \text{ goes to zero!}$$

### **Density evolution**



 $p_\ell$ 

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#### • Density Evolution

- assumes that the directed neighborhood is a tree
- tree-based average analysis

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 $Kd(1 - p_{\ell})$  edges removed



Performance concentration:

- Actual performance concentrated around the density evolution
- $P(|\text{#of actual remaining edges} Kdp_{\ell}| > \epsilon_2) \rightarrow 0, \forall \epsilon_2 > 0$







#### • Expander Graph

- the remaining  $Kdp_{\ell}$  edges form an **expander graph**
- expander graphs guarantee steady supplies of **single-tons**

**ALL** non-zero coefficients recovered w.h.p.



### Back to sub-Nyquist sampling: Numerical experiment



- Lebesgue measure  $f_L = 0.1$
- Number of slices N = 1000
- Number of channels M = 284
- Sampling rate  $f_S = 0.284$

I true signal  $\bigcirc$  estimates



### Interesting connection



- Minimum-rate spectrum-blind sampling
- Coding theory and sampling theory
  - Capacity-approaching codes for erasure channels
  - Filter banks that approach Landau rate for sampling











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Speeding up learning and sparse recovery



**Orhan Ocal** 

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Problem Dimension N

#### What if

we can actively choose training data
the model has sublinear d.o.f.

Can we achieve fast & robust learning with active sampling + coding theory?

## Applications









Machine Learning

**Computational Imaging** 

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#### Learning polynomials: HS algebra edition

• Given 
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F_n x^n$$

• Find coefficients  $\{F_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ 



Q.How many evaluations do we need? A.N evaluations





#### Recovering the coefficients



#### What if only **K** of **N** coeffs. non-zero?







Example: Degree N= 1 million Sparsity K = 200

(spoiler alert) # evalulations = 616 (≈ 3K) computations = O(K log K)

### **Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)**

Compute the DFT of  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$ :

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}, \qquad n = 0, \cdots, N-1$$



#### FFT Algorithm

Sample complexity:	Ν
Computational cost:	O(N log N)

What if only K out of N Fourier coefficients are non-zero?

#### Example:

Length N = 1 million Sparsity K = 200 (spoiler alert) # evalulations = 616 ( $\approx$  3K) computations = O(K logK)

#### Problem Formulation / Results

Compute the K-sparse DFT of  $x \in \mathbb{C}^N$  with  $K \ll N$ :

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} X[k] e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{N}n} \qquad n = 0, \cdots, N-1$$

Support  $\mathcal{K}$  chosen from [N] uniformly at random

**FFAST** (Fast Fourier Aliasing-Based Sparse Transform)

- *Noiseless*: For K sublinear in N
  - Uses fewer than 4K samples
  - O(K log K) computation time
- Robust to noise: O(K log<sup>4/3</sup> N) samples in O(K log<sup>7/3</sup> N) time

#### Sub-linear time recovery when d.o.f. sublinear!

Pawar, R, IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory , 2018

# Aliasing



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# Insights

**Sub-sampling** below Nyquist rate



Clever sub-sampling (for **sparse** case)

Good "alias" code

**Aliasing** in the

frequency domain

Chinese-Remainder-Theorem guided subsampling

Sparse graph codes

#### We use coding-theoretic tools

Design:

- Randomized constructions of good sparse-graph codes *Analysis:*
- Density evolution, Martingales, Expander graph theory...





subsample by 5











































#### peeling decoder





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#### Main Idea





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#### **Sparse DFT Computation = Decoding over Sparse Graphs**



#### CRT-guided Subsampling Induces Good Graphs



#### **Chinese-Remainder-Theorem:**

A number between 0-19 is uniquely represented by its remainders modulo (4,5)

> The two graph ensembles are **identical.** 









# Sparse polynomial learning

$$x_i \longrightarrow f(x) \longrightarrow f(x_i)$$
 E.g. deg. N=1 million  
Sparsity K= 200



What if only (very few) K of the N polynomial coeffs.{ $F_n$ } are non-zero?

## Noiseless setting: Theory vs. practice



Theory is by using *density evolution equations* 

### From Noiseless to Noisy





Noisy - R-FFAST





#### **Numerical Phantoms for Cardiovascular MR**



http://www.biomed.ee.ethz.ch/research/bioimaging/cardiac/mrxcat

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

 $336 = 16 \times 21$  $323 = 17 \times 19$ 

#### **Numerical Phantoms for Cardiovascular MR**



temporal difference across different frames of the phantom

#### Real Time Reconstruction in MATLAB on a Macbook

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Measurements: 35.33% of Nyquist rate

# MRI Viewfinder



Kodak*,* 1975



Viewing the photograph



Canon, 2000



#### **Real-time MRI with viewfinder**







Sameer Pawar

Simon Li



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Chapter 4 (part 2)

Speeding up learning and recovery of pseudo-Boolean functions

# Walsh-Hadamard Transform (WHT)

• N-point Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

$$f[m] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F[k] e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{N}m}, \quad m = 0, \cdots, N-1$$



- N-point Walsh-Hadamard (WHT) with  $N = 2^n$  $f[\mathbf{m}] = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{0,1\}^n} F[\mathbf{k}](-1)^{\langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m} \rangle}, \quad \mathbf{m} \in \{0,1\}^n \text{ Equivalent to a high-dim. DFT}$ over the hyper-cube
- *F*[k] is sparse in many machine learning applications:
  - Decision tree and regression tree
  - Evolutionary biology
  - Hypergraph sketching



# WHT: polynomial interpretation

$$f[\mathbf{m}] = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \{0,1\}^n} F[\mathbf{k}](-1)^{\langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m} \rangle}, \quad \mathbf{m} \in \{0,1\}^n$$

• Set  $x_i = (-1)^{m_i}$  to get a multlinear polynomial  $f: \{-1,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ 

Ex. n = 2:  $f(x_1, x_2) = F_0 1 + F_1 x_1 + F_2 x_2 + F_3 x_1 x_2$ Ex. n = 3:  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = F_0 1 + F_1 x_1 + F_2 x_2 + F_3 x_1 x_2 + F_4 x_3 + F_5 x_1 x_3 + F_6 x_2 x_3 + F_7 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

1-1 mapping between WHT coeffs.  $F_i$ 's and the evaluations of  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  at  $x_i = (-1)^{m_i}$ 

### **Recovering the function**



### Polynomial recovery

Recover the polynomial  $f: \{-1,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ 

Example for n = 3:  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = F_0 1 + F_1 x_1 + F_2 x_2 + F_3 x_1 x_2 + F_4 x_3 + F_5 x_1 x_3 + F_6 x_2 x_3 + F_7 x_1 x_2 x_3$ 

input	f
(1,1,,1)	f(1,1,,1)
(1,1,,-1)	f(1,1,,-1)
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**Evaluate the function at every point** 

Sample complexity: 
$$N = 2^n$$

Ex:No. of variablesn = 30No. of input combinationsN= 1 billionSparsityK = 64

# evalulations = 2600 ( $\approx$  1.23Kn)

## Main Result

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We can learn  $f: \{-1,1\}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  whose spectrum is *K*-sparse:

- with a sample complexity of O(nK)
- with a computational complexity of **O**(**nK logK**)

$$n = log(N)$$

can be made robust to noise



Li, Pawar, Bradley, Ramchandran, 2015

Equivalent to a high-dim. DFT over the hyper-cube

 $C_7$ 

 $C_3$ 



"time" domain

WH domain





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# Open source implementations

- Sparse FFT and Sparse WHT implemented in C++
- Publicly available on GitHub <u>https://github.com/ucbasics</u>
- Hardware implementation of sparse FFT



IEEE JSSC, 2019 A Real-Time, 1.89-GHz Bandwidth, 175-kHz Resolution Sparse Spectral Analysis RISC-V SoC in 16-nm FinFET A. Wang , W. Bae , J. Han , S. Bailey , O. Ocal , P. Rigge , Z. Wang , K. Ramchandran , E. Alon , B. Nikolic





### **Compressed** sensing

Estimate the K-sparse signal  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ , which has only  $K \ll N$  non-zero coefficients, from linear measurements in the presence of noise

$$y = Ax + w$$

Methods based on convex relaxation

- Measurement matrix A has random design (e.g., random Gaussian matrix)
- Solve the the convex optimization problem Minimize  $||Ax - y|| + \lambda ||x||_1$
- Measurements:  $O\left(K\log\frac{N}{K}\right)$
- Computations: O(poly(N))



#### Candes 2006, Donoho 2006

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Li, Pawar, R., 2014 – Yin et al., 2019

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It is *not* robust to encode the **location** information in the relative phase! Alt. choice?

Represent each element by its binary index string: (log N)
Encode it using an error correcting code matched to the noise of the channel: (C<sub>1</sub> log N)
Add a unique random signature vector to each column to identify the element the column represents: (C<sub>2</sub> log N).
Total cost (per measurement bin) is O(log N).
No. of measurement bins is O(K) (using sparse graph codes).
Total measurement cost is O(K log N).

**A. Guess** that a received bin measurement corresponds to a **singleton**.

- B. Find ML estimate of singleton value and location index (using coded representation).
- C. Verify using signature vector if singleton hypothesis is correct.

**D. If yes**, "peel" singleton node from the other measurement bins it belongs to, and continue.

E. If no, continue to next measurement bin.



# Compressive Phase Retrieval (CPR)

Recover a *K-sparse* signal  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$  from *m magnitude* measurements: y = |Ax| + w, where  $A \in \mathcal{C}^{m \times n}$  is the measurement matrix





## Main Results

- **Sparse-graph** codes for Compressive Phase Retrieval: **PhaseCode**
- Fast & efficient: first 'capacity-approaching' results

	Sample complexity	Computational complexity
Noiseless	<b>4K</b> (or 14K)	<i>O(K)</i>
Noisy (almost-linear)	$O(K \log n)$	$O(N \log n)$
Noisy (sub-linear)	$O(K \log^3 n)$	$O(K \log^3 n)$

- Design can be made 'Optics-Friendly'
- Extensive *simulations* validate close tie between theory & practice

Pedarsani, Yin, Lee, R., 2014



#### **Iteration 0**



coefficients

Color of balls

#### **Iteration 1**



#### Some balls are colored!

### Iteration 2



#### More balls are colored!















#### Iteration 10



#### **GREEN** becomes dominant?

#### Iteration 11



#### Most balls are **GREEN**

#### Iteration 12



#### All but 1 ball are **GREEN**

#### **Iteration 13**



#### All balls are **GREEN!**



# Group testing

#### Find K defective from n items using 'group' measurements







Jack Keil Wolf

[85] Principles of **group testing** and an application of the design and analysis of multi-access protocols

[85] Born again group testing: multi-access communications[84] Random multiple-access communications and group testing[81] An Application of Group Testing to the Design of Multi-UserProtocols

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\* 0.5

\* 0.9

\* 0.1





### **SAFFRON**

### (Sparse-grAph codes Framework For gROup testiNg)

Thm: With  $6C(\epsilon)K \log_2 n$  tests, SAFFRON recovers at least  $(1 - \epsilon)K$  defective items with probability  $1 - O\left(\frac{K}{n^2}\right)$  by performing  $O(K \log n)$  computations.

Example: SAFFRON ( $\epsilon = 10^{-6}, C(\epsilon) = 11.3$ )

With  $68K \log_2 n$  tests, SAFFRON recovers at least  $(1 - 10^{-6})K$  defective items with probability  $1 - O\left(\frac{K}{n^2}\right)$  with a decoding time complexity of  $O(K \log n)$ .

Lee, Pedarsani, Chandrasekher, R., 2015

### SAFFRON

### (Sparse-grAph codes Framework For gROup testiNg)



regular MacBook Air laptop!
# Peeling with OR operation



# Challenge: Peeling with OR operation



Find singleton measurement/test and recover the value

# Peeling with OR operation



Nonlinearity makes peeling challenging

#### Solution – high level idea



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## **Motivation**

- > Compressive sensing: a powerful tool for sparse recovery.
- > What if we have a *mixture* of sparse signals?
- > Applications: Neuroscience, experiment design in biology...



- $\succ$  *L*-class mixture of sparse linear regressions.
- ▷ Sparse parameter vectors  $\beta^{(1)}, \beta^{(2)}, ..., \beta^{(L)} \in \mathbb{C}^n$
- > Total number of non-zero elements  $K (\ll Ln)$
- ➤ Design query vectors  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_m \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- > Obtain measurements  $y_i = \langle x_i, \beta^{(\ell)} \rangle + w_i$  with probability  $q_{\ell}$ .
- > No knowledge of which  $\beta^{(\ell)}$  is associated with each measurement.

## Simultaneous *de-mixing* and sparse parameter *estimation* problem!















**Goal:** > Output accurate estimates  $\hat{\beta}^{(1)}, \hat{\beta}^{(2)}, ..., \hat{\beta}^{(L)}$ . > Minimize sample and time complexities.

Can we get sample and time complexities sublinear in *n*?

## Related Work (incomplete list)

- Tensor decomposing: Chaganty, and Liang. "Spectral Experts for Estimating Mixtures of Linear Regressions." *ICML* 2013.
- Convex relaxation: Chen, Yi, and Caramanis. "A Convex Formulation for Mixed Regression with Two Components: Minimax Optimal Rates." COLT. 2014.
- Alternating minimization (EM): Yi, Caramanis, and Sanghavi. "Alternating Minimization for Mixed Linear Regression." *ICML*. 2014. Städler, Bühlmann, and van de Geer. "L\_1 Penalization for Mixture Regression Models." *TEST*, 2012.

# Sparse mixed linear regression: main results

## **Mixed-Coloring** algorithm

For any fixed  $p^* \in (0,1)$ , for  $m = \theta(K)$ , the Mixed-Coloring algorithm satisfies these properties for each  $\ell \in [L]$ :

- No false discovery
- Recover  $1 p^*$  fraction of the support of each  $\beta^{(\ell)}$  w.p. 1 O(1/K).
- Recovered support is uniform
- Time complexity:  $\Theta(K)$  (optimal)

Yin, Pedarsani, Chen, R., 2017

## Main Results

## Precise characterization of the constants in the sample

complexity.

L	2	3	4
$p^*$	$5.1  imes 10^{-6}$	$8.8  imes 10^{-6}$	$8.1 \times 10^{-6}$
m = CK	33.39K	37.80K	40.32K

L: # of parameter vectors
K: sparsity
p\* : error floor
m: # of measurements

 $\succ$  Time complexity:  $\Theta(K)$  (optimal)

$$\succ C = \Theta(\log \frac{1}{r}).$$

# Primitives

#### Summation check:

- Goal: find measurements generated by the same  $\beta^{(\ell)}$
- Generate  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  from some continuous distribution
- Generate the third vector of the form  $x_3 = x_1 + x_2$
- Get measurements  $y_1, y_2, y_3$
- $y_3 = y_1 + y_2$ ?
- If so, the three measurements come from the same  $\beta^{(\ell)}$
- Consistent pair  $(y_1, y_2)$

#### Ratio test

• Find location of a singleton

#### Peeling

Remove contribution to other measurements

• Find consistent pairs





- Find consistent pairs
- Find singletons
- Find strong doubletons



- Strong doubletons: consistent pairs that are only associated with two singleton balls found in the first stage.
- $\succ$  Can be found by guess-and-check.
- The two singleton balls must be in the same parameter vector.

- Find consistent pairs
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- Find strong doubletons

Theorem: As long as M/K > const., the L largest connected components of the graph are of size O(K), and correspond to different parameter vectors. Other connected components are of size O(log K).

[Follows from E-R (n,p) random graphs: if np>1, then component size is O(n), else it is O(log n).]

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Recall:



#### **Iterative decoding:**



Guess-and-check: try to subtract *a* and *b* from bin 1, and *v* from bin 3.

### **Iterative decoding:**



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The remaining measurements pass ratio test. Recover *c* using bin 1 and recover *w* using bin 3.

## Iterative decoding:



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Iterate this procedure and recover all the non-zero elements.

## **Density evolution:**



1 - δ 1

0.8

0.2

0.4

0.6

 $\succ p_j$  can converge to an arbitrarily small constant.

# **Experimental Results**

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## Noiseless setting: sample and time complexities:

- > Optimal parameters (d, R, V) computed from density evolution.
- Success: exact recovery of all non-zero elements.
- > Empirical success probability/average running time over 100 trials.



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## Robust Mixed-Coloring Algorithm

 $\begin{vmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

It is not robust to encode the location information in the relative phase! Alternative choice?

 $\succ$ We can also encode the lg

$$\succ \text{What if } \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + w_1 \\ b + w_2 \\ b + w_3 \end{bmatrix}?$$

It is still possible to recover the binary pattern of the measurements by a simple thresholding.
Of course we may make mistakes.
This procedure can be robustified by simply

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repeating each bit or using an error correcting code.

## **Experimental Results**

### Noisy setting: sample and time complexities:

 $\geq \Delta = 1, \sigma = 0.2.$ 

Record the minimum number of measurements to achieve 100 consecutive success.

 $\succ$  Sublinear sample and time complexities.





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### **Chapter 5**

Speeding up distributed computing on the cloud

#### System Noise



Network bottlenecks



HW failures



Maintenance, etc.

## System Noise = Latency Variability



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 $A \times b$ 











## **Straggler Problem**





### Why Do We Have Stragglers?



## **Coded Matrix-Vector Multiplication**



#### Coded Computation for Linear Operations

#### Assumptions:

- n workers
- k subtasks
- Computing time of each worker: constant + exponential RV (i.i.d.)
- Average computing time is proportional to 1/k

Theorem: 
$$E[T_{uncoded}] = \Theta\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right) \quad E[T_{replication}^{\star}] = \Theta\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$$
  
 $E[T_{MDS-coded}^{\star}] = \Theta\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ 



Lee, Lam, Pedarsani, Papailiopoulos, R. 2015

### **MDS-Coded Matrix-Vector Multiplication**



opt. MDS

# Under exponential latency model

#### On Amazon AWS

Codes provide 30% speedup compared uncoded and replicated jobs for fixed number of workers

[LLPP**R**, NIPS workshop'15] [LLPP**R**, T-IT'18]

## Applications

- Distributed linear regression
- Distributed non-linear function computation
- Reducing communication in data shuffling by network coding

### Has attracted lots of interest:

- Coded Matrix Multiplication in MapReduce setup
- Coded Computation for *Logistic Regression*
- Coded Computation + *Distributed Gradient Computing*
- Approximation: SVD + Coded Matrix Multiplication, Sketching, Second order methods...

### Coded Computation [LLPPR, NIPS W'15] [LLPPR, ToIT'18]

- A new interface between ML systems and information & coding theory
- Codes can be used to speed up distributed computation & distributed ML
  - Matrix-vector multiplication [LLPPR, ToIT'18],
  - Matrix-matrix multiplication [LSR, ISIT'17], [BLOR, ISIT'18], [GWCR, BG'19]
  - Gradient accumulation [LPPR, ISIT'17], [GKCMR, ICML Workshop'19]
  - Data shuffling [CLPPR, NeurIPS W'17], [CLPPR, SysML'18]
- Works in practice (Amazon EC2 experiments on real data)



## Coded Computation [LLPPR, NIPS W'15] [LLPPR, ToIT'18]

- Matrix-vector multiplication [LLPPR, ToIT'18]
  - [Ferdinand and Draper, Allerton'16]
  - [Reisizadeh et al., ISIT'17]
  - [Mallick, Chaudhari, Joshi, '18]
  - [Wang, Liu, Shroff, ICML'18]
  - [Maity, Rawat, Mazumdar, SysML'18]

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  - [Halbawi, Azizan, Salehi, Hassibi, ISIT'18]
  - [Ye and Abbe, ICML'18]
  - [Charles and Papailiopoulos, ISIT'18]

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- Data shuffling [CLPPR, NeurIPS W'17], [CLPPR, SysML'18]
  - [Song et al., ISIT'17]
  - [Attia and Tandon, Globecom'16]

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### Scalable computing: Serverless platform!

- A decade ago, **cloud servers** abstracted away **physical servers**.
- Future: "serverless" computing will abstract away cloud servers.
- "Function as a Service (FaaS)"
  - Run my function "somewhere"
  - AWS, Google, IBM, Microsoft, etc.

#### Why Serverless computing?

- Simple abstraction for user
  - Cluster management hidden
- Tremendous scale
  - 16,000 machines in 10 seconds
  - Cloud storage as infinite RAM
- Reduced Costs
  - Pay only for the time you use
- Significant interest from the cloud computing community





#### Serverless Systems: Characteristics

- Massive scale of low quality workers
- Workers do not communicate
  - Read/write data through a single data storage entity
- Workers are short-lived
- Stragglers and faults!



A single run snapshot





Average Runtimes over 10 trials

Can have up to 16,000 workers on AWS Lambda

## What are we optimizing for?



- Matrix multiplication is a black box
  - MDS is beneficial, but target only T<sub>comp</sub>
  - End to end latency is desired metric

**Product Codes:** a good tradeoff between near-MDS and local enc./dec.

#### Product-coded (a.k.a. G-LDPC coded) Mat.-Mat. Mult.

G-LDPC codes [Tanner '81, Lentmaier-Z'99, Boutros et al. '99], Product codes [Elias '54, Justeson '07, JENR '15]



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## **Product-Coded MM: Performance**

**<u>Result:</u>** (Baharav & R'18) In a d-dimensional productcoded matrix multiplication scheme with (n, k, r+1) component codes, the output will be decodable w.h.p. after  $K' = N - \frac{N-K}{\eta(d,r)}$  nodes have completed their subtasks.

• Can tolerate 
$$rac{N-K}{\eta(d,r)}$$
 stragglers

r	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	1.2218	1.2880	1.3797	1.4564	1.5202	1.5741
4	1.2949	1.4998	1.6568	1.7781	1.8760	1.9575
5	1.4250	1.7275	1.9409	2.1031	2.2327	2.3406
6	1.5697	1.9577	2.2244	2.4256	2.5864	2.7199
7	1.7189	2.1869	2.5051	2.7446	2.9361	3.0953

TABLE II: Thresholds:  $\eta(d, r)$ 

## Kernel Ridge Regression using Conjugate Gradient on AWS Lambda

On a real-world dataset with n = 0.4 million examples and 400 workers

#### Problem:

Solve for x in  $(K + \lambda I)x = y$ , K: Kernel matrix of dim. n

#### Initialization:

$$x_0 = 1^{n \times 1}, r_0 = y - (K + \lambda I) x_0, p_0 = r_0, k = 0$$







(First iteration includes the one-time encoding cost)

## Power Iteration on serverless AWS Lambda

- Goal: Find the largest eigenvalue and eigenvector of a diagonalizable matrix A of dimension 0.5 *million* with 1000 workers
- Applications: PCA, PageRank; Twitter recos. on whom to follow
- Each iteration: a matrix-vector multiplication  $b_{k+1} = \frac{Ab_k}{\|Ab_k\|}$





## Matrix Multiplication: Sketching

- Exact computation is not necessary, especially if input data has redundancies
- Randomized sketching is an important technique to reduce comp. complexity
- To compute  $AA^T$



- S is a random matrix such that  $SS^T$  is close to identity
- Multiply the smaller matrices  $\tilde{A}$  and  $\tilde{A}^T$

Mahoney, M. W., 2011; Woodruff, D. P., 2014; Drineas et al., 2016; .....

### Large-scale Convex Optimization on Serverless Systems

Recall the challenges in serverless systems:

- Slow communication
- Ephemeral workers
- Persistent stragglers

#### Hence, reducing the number of iterations is paramount

- Second-order methods are a natural fit for serverless systems
  - Reduce the number of iterations considerably
  - Exploit the tremendous compute power per iteration
- OverSketched Newton: Tailored to serverless systems

## **OverSketched** Newton

Key Observation: For many common convex optimization problems

- Gradient can be written as a few large matrix-vector mults.
- Hessian can be written as a large matrix-matrix multiplication

Example problems:

- Logistic and linear regression,
- Softmax regression,
- SVMs,
- Linear program,
- Semidefinite programs,
- Lasso (in dual formulation), etc.

#### **Example: Logistic Regression**

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} \left\{ f(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left( 1 + e^{-y_i w^T x_i} \right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|^2 \right\}$$

- $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  is the matrix containing training examples
- $y = [y_1, \dots, y_n] \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is vector containing training labels
- Gradient is given by •

$$\nabla f(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{-y_i x_i}{1 + e^{y_i w^T x_i}} + \lambda w$$

- Can be written as matrix-vector ۲ products
- Hessian is given by
  - Requires computation of  $(AA^T)$

## **OverSketched** Newton

- Compute the gradient using classical coded computing
- Compute the Hessian approximately by "over sketching"



 $A_1 + A_2$ 

- Model update:  $w^{t+1} = w^t \hat{H}^{-1}g$ 
  - Can be done locally if *d* small enough

We prove convergence guarantees for OverSketched Newton when the objective is both strongly and weakly convex
#### Comparison with existing second-order methods

Experiments with n = 0.3 million examples and d = 3000 features on **AWS Lambda** 



- GIANT: Linear-quadratic convergence when  $n \gg d$
- 60 workers used for Gradient
- 3600 workers used to compute the exact Hessian
- 600 workers used to compute the sketched Hessian

Wang, Shusen, et al. "GIANT: Globally improved approximate newton method for distributed optimization." *NeurIPS*. 2018.

#### Coded computing vs Recomputing Stragglers

Experiments on logistic regression with n = 0.4 million and d = 2000





## First order vs Second order on AWS Lambda

Experiments on a EPSILON dataset with **n = 0.4 million** ex. and **d = 2000 features** 

- 100 workers used for Gradient computation
- 1500 workers used to compute the sketched Hessian



### MPI (server-based) vs Serverless computing

Experiments on logistic regression with **n** = **0.3 million** and **d** = **3000** 



# **Concluding Remarks**

Shannon-inspired research threads on the power of codes in:

• Duality:

- "exchangability" of enc. and dec. functions in source/channel coding
- Encryption:
  - "exchangability" of encryption & compression modules w/o perf. loss
- Sampling:
  - unexplored connections between sampling theory and coding theory

### • Learning:

- sparse-graph code based "peeling" core powerful in many sparse learning settings with sub-linear time complexity
- Distributed computing:
  - straggler-proofing with codes speeds up distributed machine learning

## Conclusion: Shannon's incredible legacy

- A mathematical theory of communication
- Channel capacity
- Source coding
- Channel coding
- Cryptography
- Sampling theory

His legacy will last many more centuries!



(1916-2001)

Thank you!