

## Lecture Notes: 35

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We want to figure out the amount of samples required to understand a continuous signal in discrete space. We want to discretize a signal without losing information. Given object  $x$ , we can make measurements at discrete points in time  $x(t)$ . What does it mean to extract all information? If we are given the measurement of  $x$  we can perfectly reconstruct  $x$ .

Suppose  $x \in R^n$ . We want to make  $m$  measurements of  $x$  to perfectly reconstruct  $x$ . If nothing is known about  $x$ , then  $m = n$ . If there is a prior information  $m \leq n$ . We want a structure in  $x$ .

Take an example of  $x$  with known structure

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We do not need 5 measurement to know  $x$ , and only need 3. We only need to measure  $a, b, c$  since we know last 2 measurements are 0.

Take a specific example of a line where we know how to draw the line with just 2 points

$$\vec{x} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Given 2 unique measurements of

$$x[1] = y_1, x[3] = y_3$$

How can we figure out  $a, b$ ? We can construct the system of linear equations

$$y_1 = a + b$$

$$y_3 = a + 3b$$

Now lets generalize the above example

$$\vec{x} = a\vec{1} + b\vec{t}$$

For general  $k - 1$ -polynomial we have

$$\vec{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a_i \vec{t}^i$$

This polynomial is defined by  $k$  parameters  $a_i$ . The dimension of this function is  $k$ .

### Theorem

Given  $k$  samples, we can reconstruct a polynomial of at most  $k - 1$  degree.

Explicit algorithm to reconstruct  $\vec{x}$

We know that  $\vec{x}$  is expressible in the  $a_i$  basis. We know  $k$  pairs of measurements  $(t_{ji}, x(t_{ji}))$ . We are going to use Lagrange Interpolation.

### **Goal**

We want to find appropriate basis  $\vec{l}_i$  to represent  $\vec{x}$

$$\vec{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x(t_{ji}) \vec{l}_i$$

### **Sub Goal**

We want  $l_i$  to have the following property

$$\vec{l}_i(t_{ji}) = 1$$

for  $m \neq i$

$$\vec{l}_m(t_{ji}) = 0$$

If this property holds for all  $\vec{l}_i$  then we can reconstruct back the measurements.

We also want the degree of polynomial  $l_i$  to be  $k - 1$ .

$$l_i(t) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (t - t_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (t_i - t_j)}$$

We will continue this proof in next lecture