

ENEE 739E
Advanced Topics in Signal Processing: Sparse Statistical Signal Processing and Learning
Spring Semester, 2015

Handout # 1: General Information

- Lecture:** Monday and Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm in CHE 2136
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- Grading:** Project: 85 %
Written Paper Reviews: 15 % (about 2 or 3)

Course Objectives and Syllabus: ENEE 739E is a graduate level special topics course in modern signal processing, which introduces the fundamentals of sparse statistical signal processing. Theoretical topics will include signal representation in terms of frames and bases, Compressive Sampling, Matching Pursuit and Basis Pursuit algorithms, analysis of linear programming techniques for sparse reconstruction, LASSO, Restricted Isometry Property, Random matrices, low rank matrix recovery, Lifting techniques, Robust Principal Component Analysis (PCA), and special topics in statistical learning such as Bayesian Compressed sensing, Sparse Subspace Clustering, Blind Deconvolution, Non Negative Matrix Factorization, and so forth. You will be able to find application of these theoretical tools in a number of areas such as image and video processing, computer vision and machine learning, data analysis. The core topics of this course consist of:

1. Signal Representation and Sparsity:

Reading: [1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]

Lectures (tentative): Feb. 2-Feb. 11

- Frames and Bases.
- Coherence, Welch Bound and Grassmannian Frames.
- Greedy Pursuit Algorithms.

- Denoising.

2. Compressed Sensing and Sparse Reconstruction

Reading: [4, 12, 13, 14, 19, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29]

Lectures (tentative): Feb 16 - March 11

- Geometry of l_1 minimization and relation to sparse solutions.
- Null Space Property.
- Restricted Isometry Property (RIP) and the JL Lemma.
- Analysis of Basis Pursuit
- Compressive Sampling : Random and Deterministic matrices. Scaling laws for sample size.
- Robust and Stable Recovery via LASSO
- Thresholding algorithms.

3. Low Rank Matrix recovery

Reading: [30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37]

Lectures (tentative): March 23-April 6

- Nuclear Norm Minimization.
- Robust Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
- Lifting techniques and rank-1 solutions.

4. Special Topics

Reading: Will be provided

Lectures (tentative): April 8-20

Topics may include some of the following

- Bayesian Compressed Sensing.
- Sparse Subspace Clustering.
- Dictionary Learning.
- Non Negative Matrix Factorizations.
- Blind Deconvolution.

Evaluation Policy: The evaluation policy of this advanced graduate course will be based on a project and occasional paper reviews. The students are encouraged to propose a topic for the project which is aligned with their own research area and apply the theoretical concepts and algorithms learnt from this course to address the question of interest. For the project, you can either develop theoretical results, or work on real data. Project proposals are due by March 4. Each student will be required to deliver a 15 minute oral presentation of his/her work towards the end of the semester (tentatively between April 22 and May 12). Furthermore, to receive credit for the course, students must submit a final report, due in the week of May 11 (exact date to be announced).

Additionally, the students will be occasionally asked to read relevant research papers and write a short report reviewing the paper.

Academic Integrity: As a student of this course, you are responsible for abiding by the Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. You should be fully aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, and plagiarism. Please visit <http://www.shc.umd.edu> for more information on the Code of Academic Integrity.

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