



# Lévy NMF for robust nonnegative source separation

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# Source separation

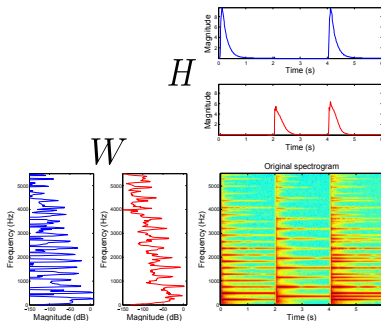
- Problem : extract the  $X_k, k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$  from :

$$X = \sum_k X_k$$

- Nonnegative data : audio spectrograms, images, fluorescence spectra...
- Many methods : PCA, ICA, NMF...



# Nonnegative matrix factorization



- Probabilistic approach : sources as latent variables ;
- Maximum likelihood  $\leftrightarrow$  Minimization of a cost function between  $X$  and  $WH$ .

# Robustness

Traditional distribution are not *heavy-tailed* : no robustness to outliers.

→ Stable distributions :

- Stability and robustness...
- ... not a nonnegative support in general.

Goal : **A robust nonnegative data model for source separation**



# Outline

- 1 Lévy NMF model
- 2 Parameter estimation
- 3 Experimental evaluation



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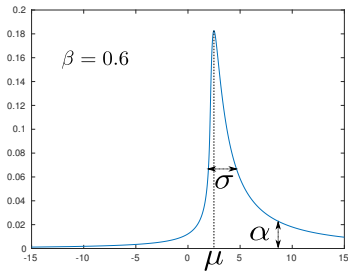


# Stable distributions

A family of **heavy-tailed** distributions

**Symmetric**  $\alpha$ -stable ( $S\alpha S$ ) :  $\beta = 0$ .

**Stability** : a sum of stable variables is stable.



Special cases :

- Gaussian :  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 0$  ;
- Cauchy :  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 0$  ;
- Lévy :  $\alpha = 1/2$  and  $\beta = 1$  ;



## Positive $\alpha$ -stable distributions

In general, the support of the stable distributions is  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

For  $\beta = 1$  and  $\alpha < 1$ , the support is  $[\mu; +\infty[$ .

→ **Positive  $\alpha$ -stable** ( $P\alpha S$ ) distributions :

$$\mathcal{P}\alpha\mathcal{S}(\sigma) = \mathcal{S}(\alpha, 0, \sigma, 1), \text{ with } \alpha < 1.$$

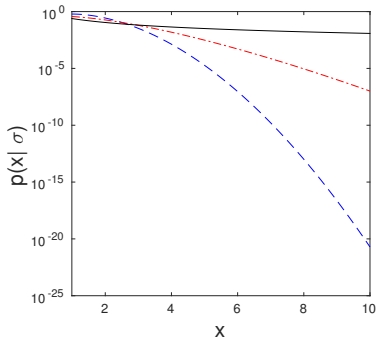
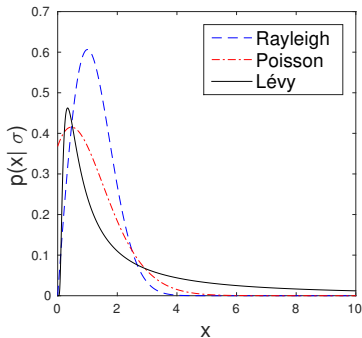
Lévy distribution ( $\alpha=1/2$ ) :

$$p(x | \sigma) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2\pi}} \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{\sigma}{2x}} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$





# Positive $\alpha$ -stable distributions



# Mixture model

- Nonnegative data  $X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{F \times T}$  :  $X = \sum_k X_k$ .
- Independent Lévy coefficients :

$$X_k(f, t) \sim \mathcal{L}(\sigma_k(f, t))$$

$$\rightarrow X \sim \mathcal{L}(\sigma) \text{ with } \sqrt{\sigma} = \sum_k \sqrt{\sigma_k}.$$

- NMF on the dispersion parameters :

$$\sqrt{\sigma} = WH,$$

where  $W \in \mathbb{R}_+^{F \times K}$  and  $H \in \mathbb{R}_+^{K \times T}$ .

→ **Lévy NMF** model.



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# Maximum likelihood (ML)

Log-likelihood of the data :

$$\begin{aligned}L(W, H) &= \sum_{f,t} \log(p(X(f, t); \sigma(f, t))) \\ &\stackrel{c}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{f,t} \log([WH](f, t)^2) - \frac{[WH](f, t)^2}{X(f, t)} \\ &\stackrel{c}{=} -\frac{1}{2} d_{IS}([WH]^{\odot 2}, X),\end{aligned}$$

ML  $\leftrightarrow$  Minimize the Itakura-Saito divergence between  $[WH]^{\odot 2}$  and  $X$



# Heuristic approach

Decomposition of the gradient of  $\mathcal{C}$  w.r.t.  $\theta$  ( $= W$  or  $H$ ) :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{C}}{\partial \theta} = \nabla_{\theta}^{+} - \nabla_{\theta}^{-}, \text{ with } \nabla_{\theta}^{+} > 0 \text{ and } \nabla_{\theta}^{-} > 0.$$

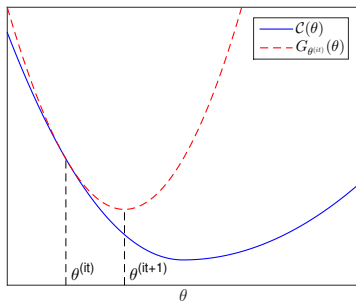
Update rule :

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta \odot \frac{\nabla_{\theta}^{-}}{\nabla_{\theta}^{+}}$$

- No guarantee that the cost function is non-increasing ;
- In practice, it is observed for many NMF models...
- ... but not for the Lévy case.



# Majorize-Minimization



- Auxiliary function  $G$  :

$$\forall(\theta, \bar{\theta}), C(\theta) \leq G_{\bar{\theta}}(\theta), \text{ and } C(\bar{\theta}) = G_{\bar{\theta}}(\bar{\theta})$$

- Update :  $\theta^{(it+1)} = \arg \min_{\theta} G_{\theta^{(it)}}(\theta)$



# Majorize-Minimization

- $G$  is obtained by using convexity inequalities ;
- For Lévy NMF :

$$W \leftarrow W \odot \left( \frac{[WH]^{\odot -1} H^T}{([WH] \odot X^{\odot -1}) H^T} \right)^{\odot 1/2}$$

and

$$H \leftarrow H \odot \left( \frac{W^T [WH]^{\odot -1}}{W^T ([WH] \odot X^{\odot -1})} \right)^{\odot 1/2}$$

- Similar updates to the heuristic approach, with a power  $1/2$ .
- The cost function is non-increasing under these updates.



## Lévy NMF vs. ISNMF

If  $K = 1$  and  $W(f) = 1 \forall f$  :

$$H_{\text{IS}}(t) \leftarrow \frac{1}{F} \sum_f X(f, t), \quad H_{\text{Lévy}}(t) \leftarrow \sqrt{\frac{F}{\sum_f \frac{1}{X(f, t)}}}.$$

- ISNMF  $\rightarrow$  **Arithmetic** mean ;
- Lévy NMF  $\rightarrow$  **Harmonic** mean (and  $\sqrt{\quad}$ ).

If  $F = 10$  and  $X(f, t) = 1$  except for one entry :  $X(f_0, t_0) = 10^8$  :

$$H_{\text{IS}}(t_0) \leftarrow 10^7, \quad H_{\text{Lévy}}(t_0) \leftarrow 1.05.$$

$\rightarrow$  **Robustness of Lévy NMF**





# Source estimation

- Natural estimator :  $\hat{X}_k = \mathbb{E}_{X_k|X}(X_k)$ .
- For **any** P $\alpha$ S distribution :

$$\hat{X}_k = \frac{\sigma_k^\alpha}{\sum_l \sigma_l^\alpha} \odot X \quad (1)$$

→ **Generalized Wiener filtering**

- For Lévy NMF :

$$\hat{X}_k = \frac{W_k H_k}{\sum_l W_l H_l} \odot X \quad (2)$$



1 Lévy NMF model

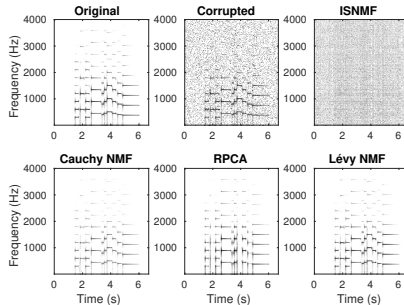
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# Music spectrogram inpainting

- Data : 6 guitar pieces ;
- The spectrograms are corrupted with impulsive noise ;
- The models are learned on the corrupted data ;
- The noise localization is unknown.



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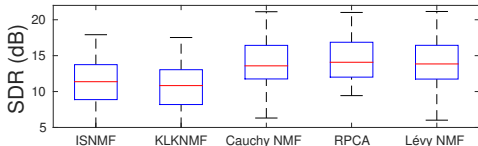
|                | Log(KL)    | SDR (dB)   |   |
|----------------|------------|------------|---|
| ISNMF          | 9.0        | -23.5      |  |
| KLNMF          | 6.2        | -8.9       |   |
| Cauchy NMF     | 3.4        | 7.6        |   |
| RPCA           | 3.6        | 7.4        |  |
| Lévy NMF       | <b>3.2</b> | <b>9.2</b> |  |
| Weighted ISNMF | 3.8        | 4.5        |   |

- Bad results with classical NMFs (IS and KL) ;
- Lévy NMF compares with other methods.



# Musical accompaniment enhancement

- Data : 50 music songs ;
- Musical accompaniment is assumed well-represented by a low-rank NMF model ;
- Voice is assumed to be similar to impulsive noise.



Mix  Music  IS  Lévy 

# Conclusion

## A robust nonnegative data model

- Many areas of application : data mining, applied physics...
- An extension of Wiener filtering to nonnegative data.

## Future work

- MAP estimation : priors on the parameters (sparsity, temporal smoothness...);
- Generalization to  $P\alpha S$  or inverse-Gamma distributions.

