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# Sublinear Algorithms

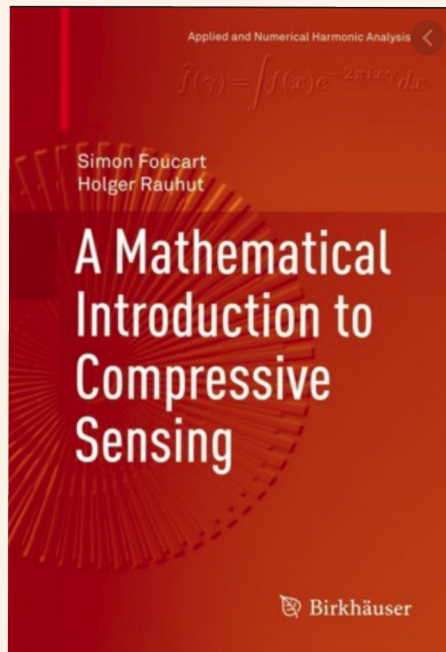
## Lecture 05: Measurements II



Previous lecture:  
*Combinatorial Group Testing*  
*or*  
*Sparse Recovery from Disjunctive Measurements*

This lecture  
Sparse Recovery from Linear Measurements

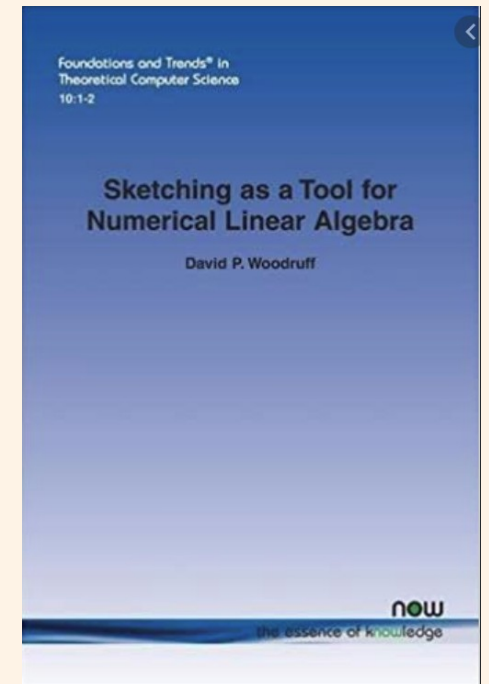
# Linear Sparse Recovery



Design a matrix (linear sketch)  $M$ ,  
such that given

$$y = Mx, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

You may recover  $x$  if it is  $k$ -sparse



*Constraints:*

- Belong to a specific ensemble (signal processing)
  - Have a compact representation (streaming)
- Allow fast matrix-vector multiplication (numerical linear algebra)

This lecture  
Exactly  $k$ -sparse  
and  
Unconstrained Case

# Guarantees

(similarly to Group Testing)

$$\text{supp}(x) = \{i \in [n] : x_i \neq 0\} \quad \Sigma_{k,n} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\text{supp}(x)| \leq k\}$$

$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$y = Mx, x \in \Sigma_{k,n}$$

Uniform Sparse Recovery  $\longrightarrow$  One Matrix to rule them all

$$\Pr \{ \exists x \in \Sigma_{k,n} : \text{FIND}(y) \neq x \} \leq \delta$$

Non-Uniform Sparse Recovery  $\longrightarrow$  One Matrix with high probability for each

$$\forall x \in \Sigma_{k,n} : \Pr \{ \text{FIND}(y) \neq x \} \leq \delta$$

# Uniform Sparse Recovery

When  $M$  does **not** suffice for sparse recovery?

Let  $x, x'$  be  $k$ -sparse:

$$Mx = Mx' \longrightarrow M(x - x') = 0 \longrightarrow \underbrace{x - x'}_{2k\text{-sparse}} \in \ker(M)$$

Suffices that every  $m$  by  $2k$  submatrix is invertible

Vandermonde matrix: 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b & c \\ 1 & a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \\ 1 & a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \\ 1 & a^4 & b^4 & c^4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$a, b, c$  are different : Vandermonde matrix is invertible

Pick an invertible  $n \times n$  Vandermonde matrix

Keep the first  $2k$  rows

$2k \times 2k$  submatrix is invertible:  $2k$  measurements suffice

- Beyond the  $k \log n$  bound, in contrast to group testing
- entries of  $M$  might need way too many bits to write down!

# Non-Uniform Guarantee

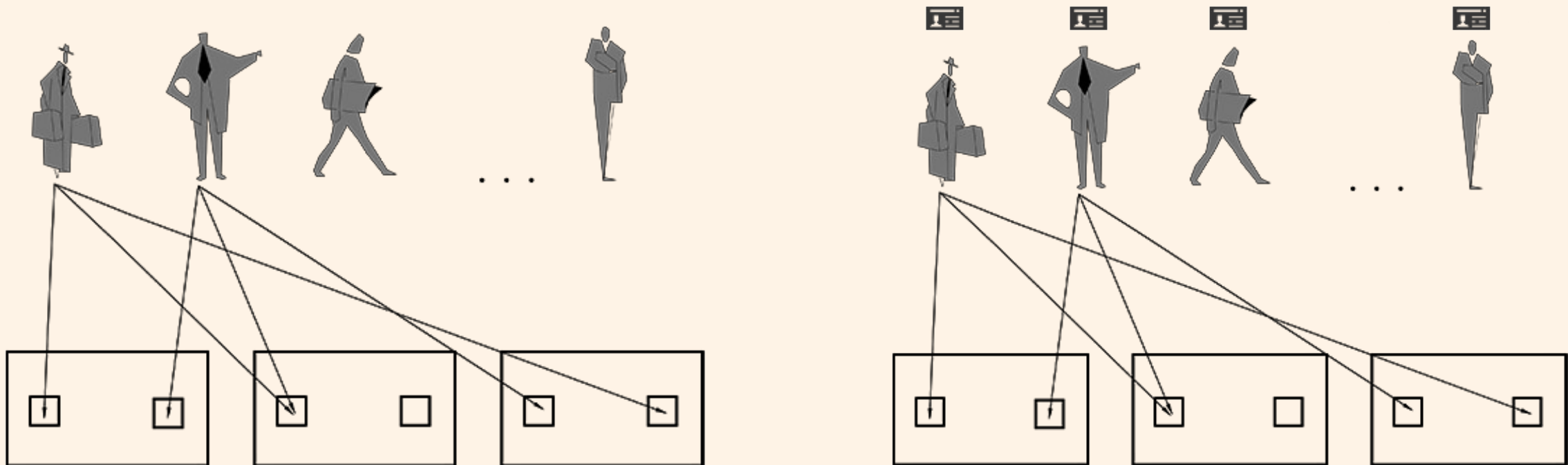
Pick (random) hash functions  $h_r : [n] \rightarrow [4k]$  for  $r \in [R]$

$$\forall (b, r) \in [4k] \times [R]$$

perform measurements

Incorporate the identity of each element  $\sum_{i:h_r(i)=b} x_i$

$$\sum_{i:h_r(i)=b} i \cdot x_i$$



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$$\sum_{i:h_r(i)=b} x_i, \quad \sum_{i:h_r(i)=b} i \cdot x_i$$

1-sparse at  $i^*$   $\longrightarrow$

Dividing the values of the measurements in which is hashed to:

$$\frac{i^* \cdot x_{i^*}}{x_{i^*}} = i^*$$

Reduce  $k$ -sparse to 1-sparse case

Fix  $i$  with non-zero  $x_i$ .

$$\Pr\{h_r(i) = h_r(i')\} = \frac{1}{4k}$$



Probability of  $i$  participating in

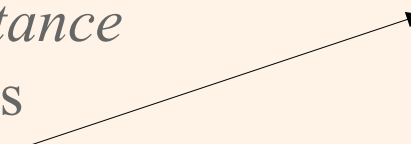
a non-1-sparse instance:  $\frac{k}{4k} = \frac{1}{4}$



Probability  $i$  participating in a non-1-sparse instance in most repetitions

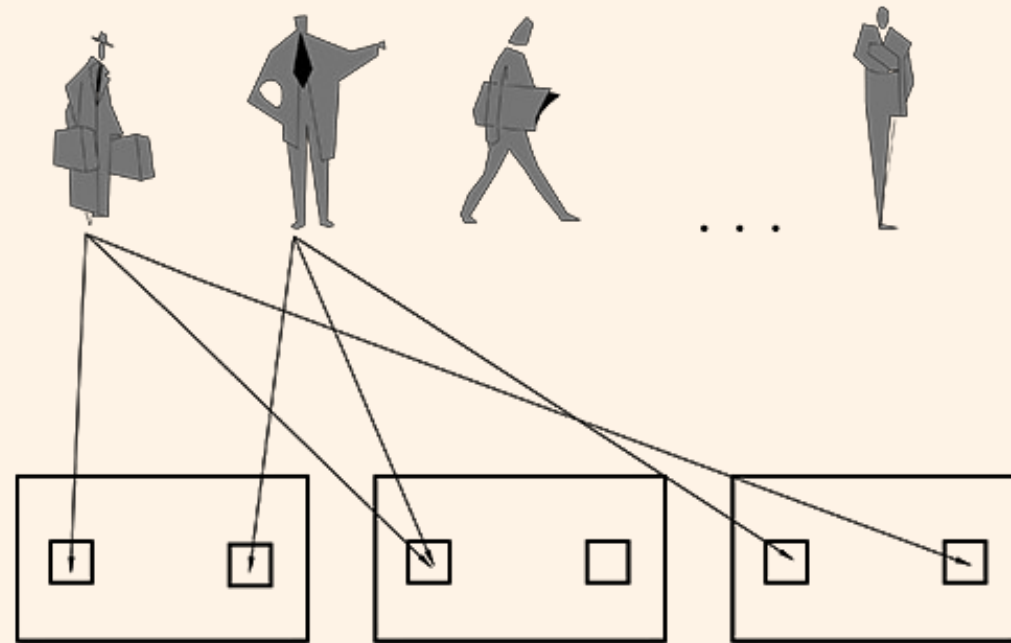
$$\frac{1}{\text{poly}(k)}$$

$R = \Theta(\log k)$



All elements in the support will be recovered in at least half of reps

# What about false positives?



$$x_2 + x_4, 2 \cdot x_2 + 4 \cdot x_4$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot x_2 + 4 \cdot x_4}{x_2 + x_4} = \frac{2 + 4}{1 + 1} = 3$$

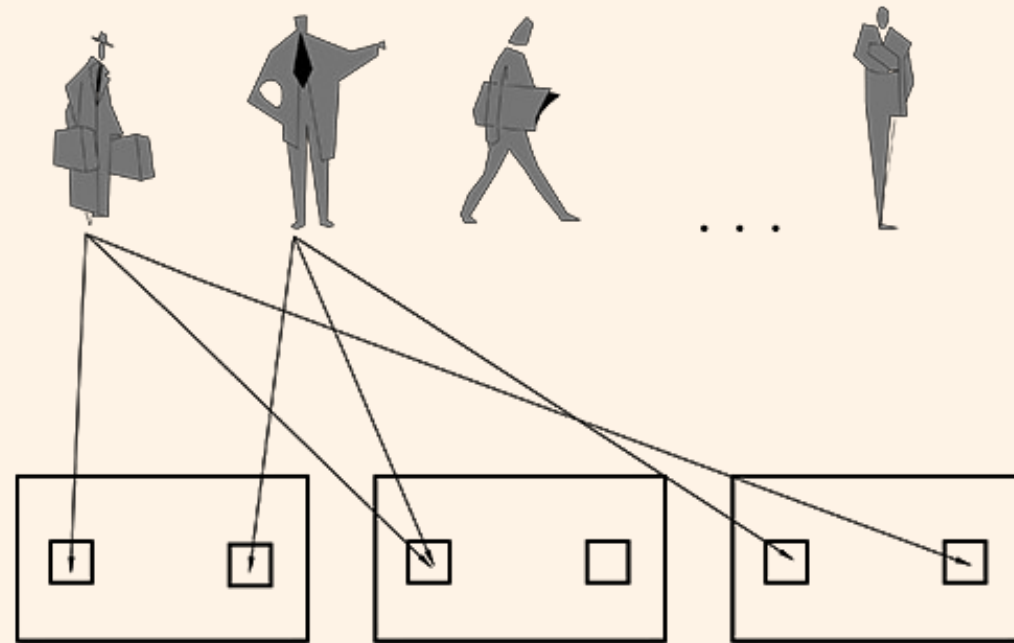
At the end, at most  $8k$  elements  $i$  in hand:  
A superset of the support

Keep on the side another linear sketch:  
Count-Min with  $R = \Theta(\log k)$

Query only those  $8k$  elements  
(in the problem set?)



# Putting it together



#Measurements:  $O(k \log k)$

Running Time:  $O(k \log k)$

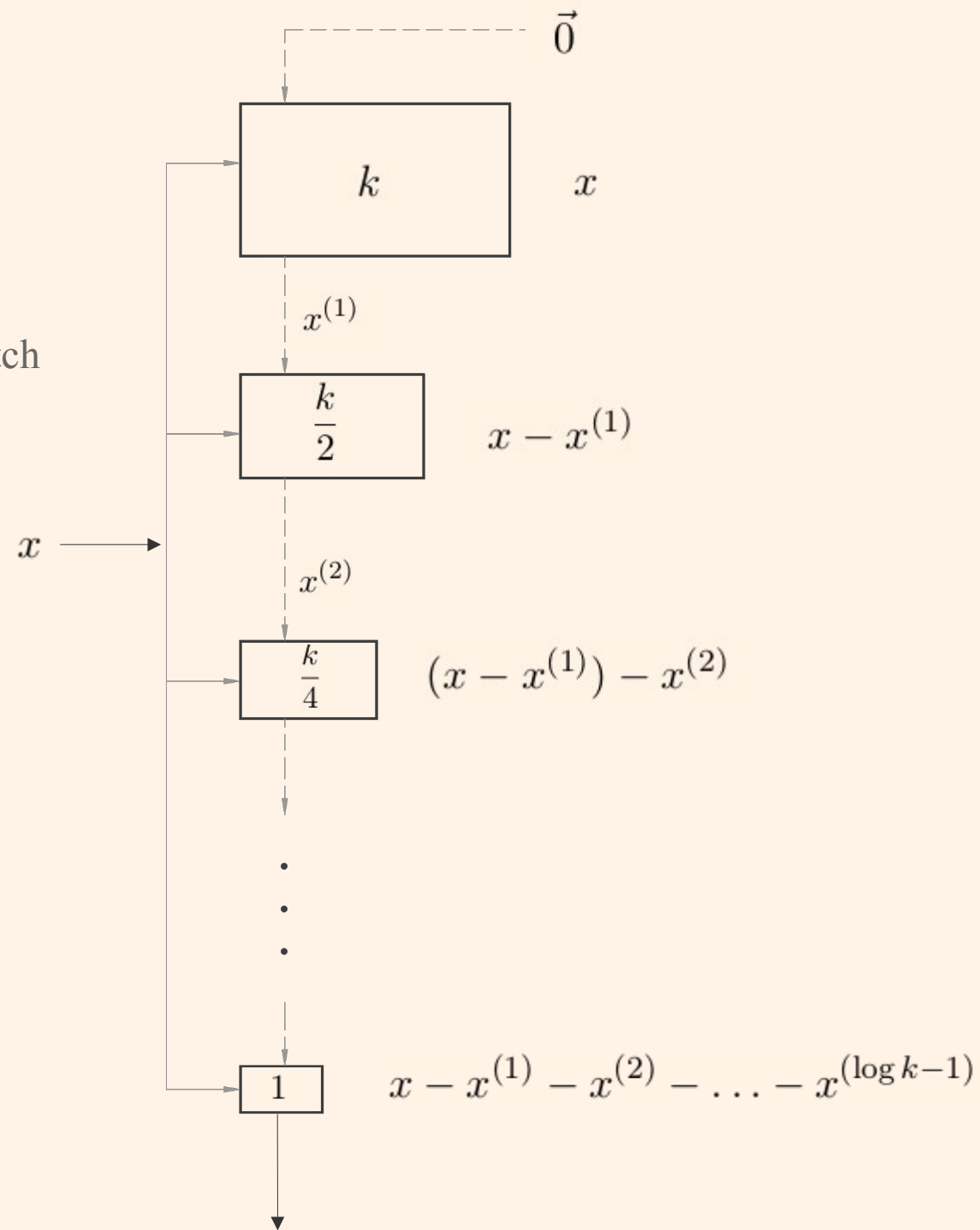
Storing down the hash functions:  $O(\log k)$  words  
(pairwise independence suffices)

Update Time/Column Sparsity:  $O(\log k)$

# $O(k)$ measurements suffice (quick overview)

Set  $R = O(1)$  instead of  $\Theta(\log k)$

Feed the output of every linear sketch to the next one



*Thank you*