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Point source super-resolution via non-convex L_1 based methods. (English) Zbl 1354.65125
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In the super-resolution problem, one has to recover sparse signals $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ consisting only of separated peaks from frequency measurements up to a low frequency cutoff f_c . Then $\lambda_c = 1/f_c$ is called Rayleigh length of x . If the peak separation Δ of x fulfills $\Delta \geq 2\lambda_c N$, then such sparse signal x can be recovered by ℓ_1 minimization (see [E. J. Candès and C. Fernandez-Granda, Commun. Pure Appl. Math. 67, No. 6, 906–956 (2014; Zbl 1350.94011)]).

In this paper, the authors analyze the so-called minimum separation factor $\text{MSF} = \Delta/(\lambda_c N)$. Thus $\text{MSF} \geq 2$ guarantees the exact recovery by ℓ_1 minimization. Numerical tests show that ℓ_1 minimization often fails when $\text{MSF} < 1$. In this case, the authors investigate the recovery of $x = (x_j)_{j=1}^N$ by non-convex ℓ_1 based minimization with the regularization term $R(x) = \|x\|_1 - \|x\|_2$ or

$$R(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \min\{|x_j|, \alpha\}$$

with some $\alpha > 0$. The non-convex ℓ_1 based minimization problem is solved via a difference of convex algorithms such that local minimizers are obtained. The authors show several properties of the local minimizers. Numerical experiments for signals and images are examined.

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- 94A12 Signal theory (characterization, reconstruction, filtering, etc.)
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- 65T40 Numerical methods for trigonometric approximation and interpolation
- 90C26 Nonconvex programming, global optimization

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