

# Patch-Based Dictionary Learning for Sparse Image Approximation

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## Sparsity promoting model:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}} \left( \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_0 \right),$$

$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}$  matrix of sparse coefficient vectors

$\|\mathbf{X}\|_0$  counts the number of non-zero entries of  $\mathbf{X}$

$\lambda$  regularization parameter

# Relaxed optimization problem

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is “NP-hard”.

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where  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_1 := \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{x}_i\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^k |x_{i,j}|$ .

For algorithms see e.g.

[BECK & TEOULLE ('09), NEEDELL & VERSHYNIN ('10),  
CHAMBOLLE & POCK ('11)]

# Model extension I: Dictionary learning

Consider

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times k}} \left( \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{X}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_* \right)$$

with  $\|\cdot\|_*$  being either  $\|\cdot\|_0$  or  $\|\cdot\|_1$ .

Dictionary learning by K-SVD

[AHARON ('06), ELAD & AHARON ('06), DONG ('13)]

Idea based on alternating optimization:

- 1 For fixed  $\mathbf{D}$  find improved  $\mathbf{X}$ .
- 2 For fixed  $\mathbf{X}$  update the dictionary  $\mathbf{D}$ .

Structured dictionaries: [CAI ET AL. ('14), LIU ET AL. ('17)]

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**Choice of the weight matrix  $\mathbf{W} = (W_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^m \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ :**

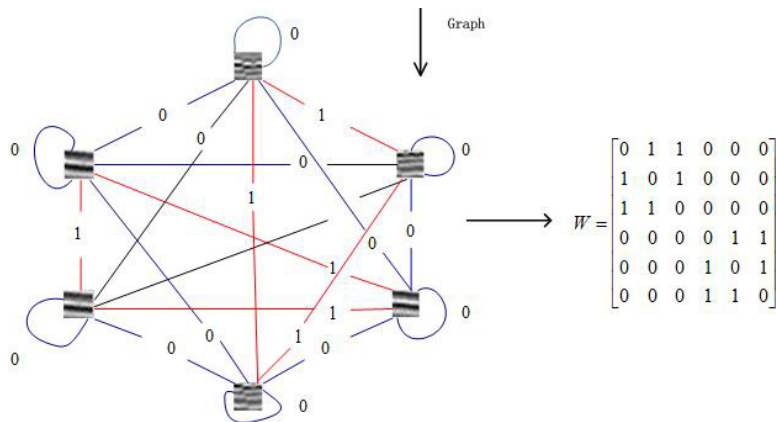
- 1 Find the  $K$  nearest neighbors of  $\mathbf{I}_j$  by inspecting these distances  $\|\mathbf{I}_i - \mathbf{I}_k\|_F^2$  for  $k \in \{1, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, m\}$ .
- 2 Define the symmetric weight matrix  $\mathbf{W} = (W_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^m$  by

$$W_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{I}_j \text{ is among the } K \text{ nearest neighbors of } \mathbf{I}_i \\ & \text{or } \mathbf{I}_i \text{ is among the } K \text{ nearest neighbors of } \mathbf{I}_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- 3 Introduce  $\Delta = \text{diag}(\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  with  $\Delta_i = \sum_{j=1}^m W_{i,j}$ .
- 4 Define the Laplacian matrix of the graph  $G$ :  $\mathbf{L} = \Delta - \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ .



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Then

$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{YLY}^T) = \sum_{i,j=1}^m W_{i,j} \|\mathbf{l}_i - \mathbf{l}_j\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^m W_{i,j} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|_2^2 = \sum_{\mathbf{l}_i \sim \mathbf{l}_j} \|\mathbf{l}_i - \mathbf{l}_j\|_F^2$$

where  $\mathbf{l}_i \sim \mathbf{l}_j$  if  $W_{i,j} = 1$ .

We suppose that the dictionary atoms  $\mathbf{x}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$  possess a similar topological structure as  $\mathbf{y}_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , and introduce

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**Model generalization:**

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{DX}\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(\mathbf{XLY}^T) + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_1 \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

See also Yankelevsky & Elad (2016).

# Method for dictionary learning

## Dictionary construction.

- 1 Construct of a partition tree (similar to [ZENG ('15)])
- 2 Determine the dictionary from the partition tree

### Step 1. Construct of a partition tree

- Compute the mean of all training patches

$$\mathbf{C} := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{I}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

and the covariance matrices

$$\mathbf{C}_L := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{I}_i - \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{I}_i - \mathbf{C})^T, \quad \mathbf{C}_R := \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{I}_i - \mathbf{C})^T(\mathbf{I}_i - \mathbf{C}).$$

# Construct a partition tree

- Compute the normalized eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

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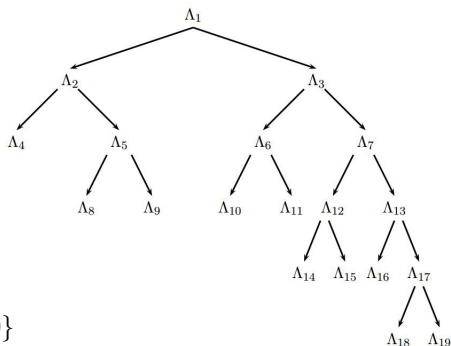
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- Compute

$$\hat{\kappa} := \operatorname{argmin}_{1 \leq \kappa \leq m-1} \left[ \sum_{r=1}^{\kappa} \left( s_{\ell_r} - \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\kappa} s_{\ell_\nu} \right)^2 + \sum_{r=\kappa+1}^m \left( s_{\ell_r} - \frac{1}{m-\kappa} \sum_{\nu=\kappa+1}^m s_{\ell_\nu} \right)^2 \right].$$

to derive the partition  $\{\mathbf{l}_{\ell_1}, \dots, \mathbf{l}_{\ell_{\hat{\kappa}}}\} \cup \{\mathbf{l}_{\ell_{\hat{\kappa}+1}}, \dots, \mathbf{l}_{\ell_m}\}$ .

- Partition the two obtained subsets further using the same scheme.

# Example of a partition tree



$$\Lambda_1 = \{1, \dots, 10\}$$

$$\Lambda_2 = \{5, 8, 9\}, \quad \Lambda_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10\},$$

$$\Lambda_4 = \{8\}, \quad \Lambda_5 = \{5, 9\}, \quad \Lambda_6 = \{3, 6\}, \quad \Lambda_7 = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 10\}$$

$$\Lambda_8 = \{5\}, \quad \Lambda_9 = \{9\}, \quad \Lambda_{10} = \{3\}, \quad \Lambda_{11} = \{6\}, \quad \Lambda_{12} = \{1, 7\}, \quad \Lambda_{13} = \{2, 4, 10\}$$

$$\Lambda_{14} = \{1\}, \quad \Lambda_{15} = \{7\}, \quad \Lambda_{16} = \{2\}, \quad \Lambda_{17} = \{4, 10\},$$

$$\Lambda_{18} = \{4\}, \quad \Lambda_{19} = \{0\}.$$

# Determine the dictionary from the partition tree

Each node in the tree is associated with a subset  $\{\mathbf{I}_j\}_{j \in \Lambda_k}$ .

For each index set  $\Lambda_k$ , compute

$$\mathbf{C}_k := \frac{1}{|\Lambda_k|} \sum_{i \in \Lambda_k} \mathbf{I}_i$$

and

$$\mathbf{u}_k := \operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \mathbf{C}_k \mathbf{C}_k^T \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{v}_k := \operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2=1} \mathbf{C}_k^T \mathbf{C}_k \mathbf{x}.$$

First dictionary element:

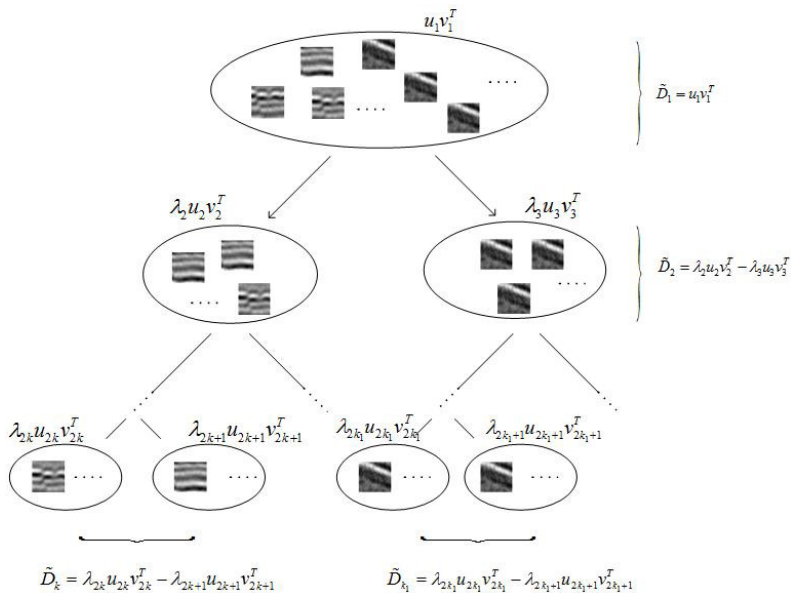
$$\mathbf{D}_1 := \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T$$

**Further dictionary elements:** For each pair of children nodes with index sets  $\Lambda_{2k}$ ,  $\Lambda_{2k+1}$  and center matrices  $\mathbf{C}_{2k}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_{2k+1}$  let

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_k := \lambda_{2k} \mathbf{u}_{2k} \mathbf{v}_{2k}^T - \lambda_{2k+1} \mathbf{u}_{2k+1} \mathbf{v}_{2k+1}^T, \quad \mathbf{D}_k := \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_k}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_k\|_F},$$



# Determine the dictionary from the partition tree



# Application for denoising

## Denoising algorithm with dictionary learning and graph regularization

**Input:** Noisy training data  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m]$

Number of iterations

Parameters  $K$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$

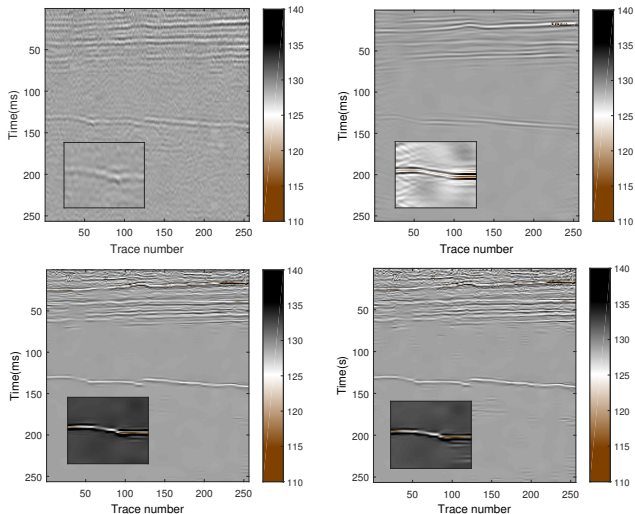
- 1 Set  $\mathbf{Y}_D := \mathbf{Y}$ . Loop through steps 2-5 until the given number of iterations is achieved:
- 2 Compute the Laplacian matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  for the given training set  $\mathbf{Y}_D$ .
- 3 Determine the dictionary  $\mathbf{D}$  by a dictionary learning algorithm based on  $\mathbf{Y}_D$ .
- 4 Solve the minimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{DX}\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{X}^T) + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_1.$$

- 5 Reconstruct the data  $\mathbf{Y}_D := \mathbf{DX}$ .

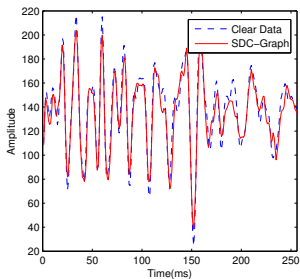
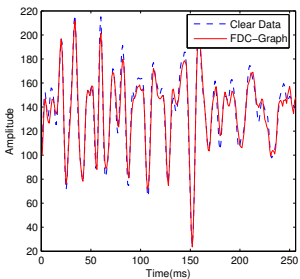
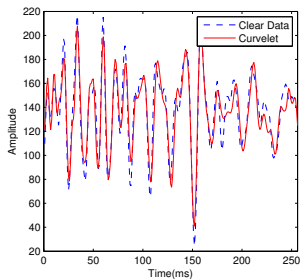
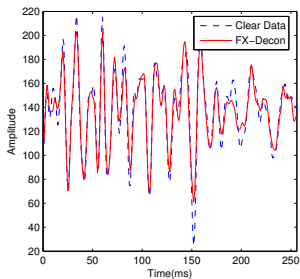
**Output:** Denoised data  $\mathbf{Y}_D$ .

# Denoising results for field data



Denoising using FX-Decon, Curvelets, FDC-Graph and SDC-Graph

# Denoising results: Single trace comparison



# Summary

- We have considered a generalized model

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{DX}\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(\mathbf{XLX}^T) + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_1 \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

including a learned dictionary and a graph regularization term.

- Dictionary learning is based on a partition tree.
- The partition of training patches uses SVD of patches.
- This method exploits two-dimensional geometric structure of the training data.
- The dictionary learning method is essentially cheaper than K-SVD.
- See the talk by Renato Budinich: Clustering based dictionary learning, Thursday, 9:50, CP6.

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