

Machine Learning for Signal Processing

Sparse and Overcomplete Representations

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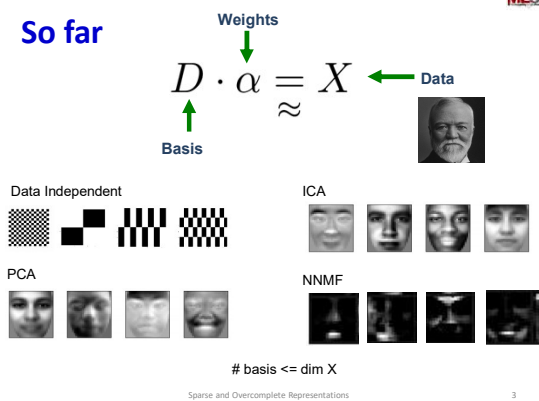
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Can we use linear composition to identify **basic units** that compose the signal?

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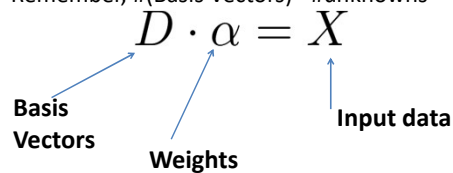


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Just in case you missed it..

- Remember, #(Basis Vectors)= #unknowns



Standard representations: number of bases \leq dimension of data

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A limitation we saw earlier

- Mathematical restrictions on the number of bases have no connection to reality
 - Universe does not respect your mathematical representations of the data
 - In reality: number of building blocks that compose any kind of data is unlimited
- One solution we saw earlier: picking *one* “closest” building block to represent any input
- Today: Learning linear compositional representations without restrictions on the number of basic units

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Key Topics in this Lecture

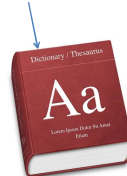
- Basics – Component-based representations
 - **Overcomplete** and Sparse Representations,
 - **Dictionaries**
- Pursuit Algorithms
- How to learn a dictionary
- Why is an overcomplete representation powerful?

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Representing Data

Dictionary (codebook)

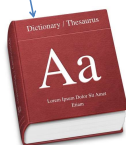


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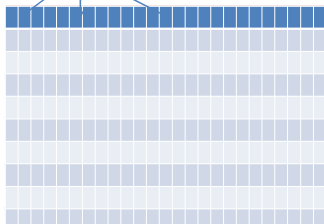
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Representing Data

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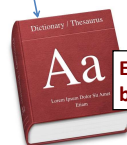


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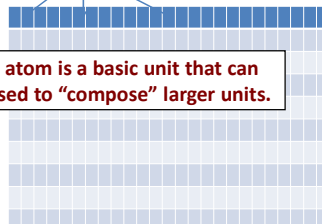
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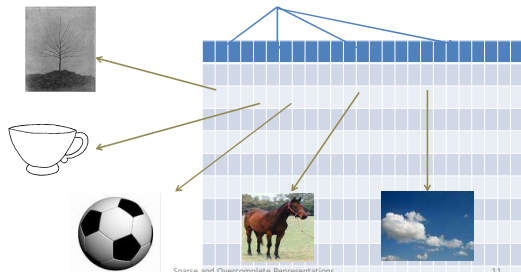
Each atom is a basic unit that can be used to "compose" larger units.

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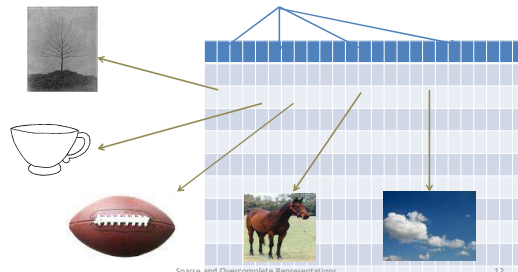


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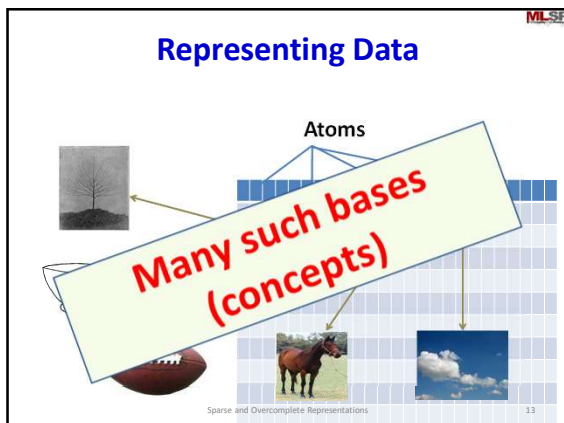
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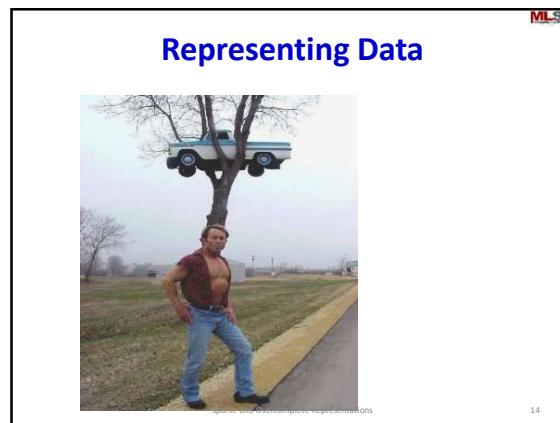


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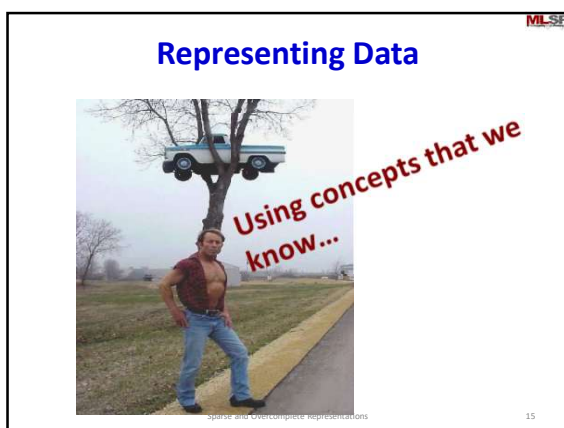
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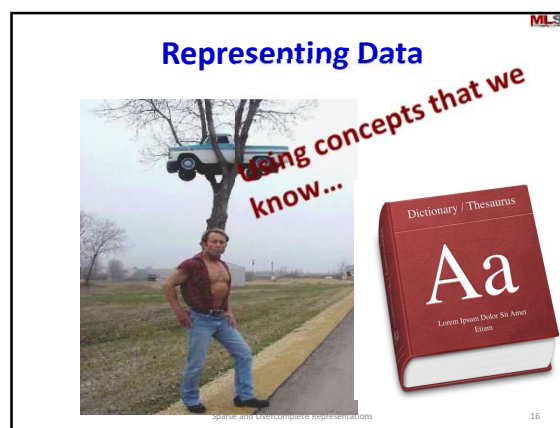
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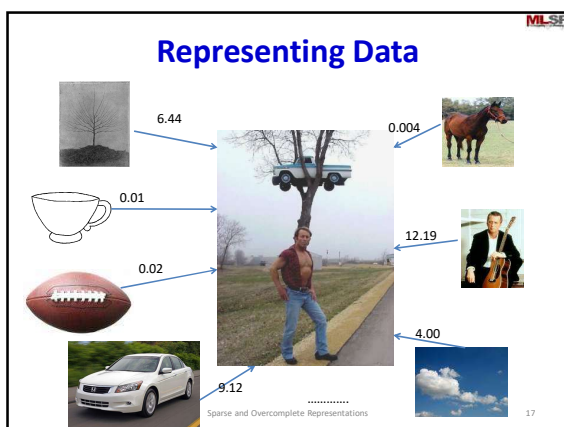
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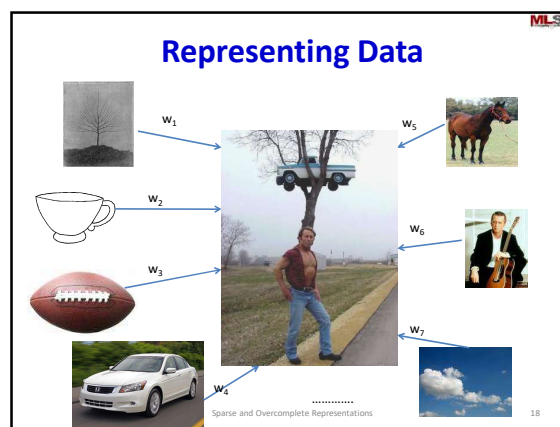
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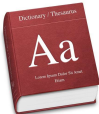


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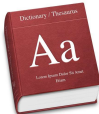
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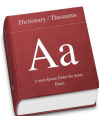
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$D \alpha = X$

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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

- Remember, # (Basis Vectors) = # unknowns

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Basis Vectors (from Dictionary) → D

Weights → α

Input data → X

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Overcomplete Representations

- What is the dimensionality of the input image? (say 64x64 image)
 - 4096
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Overcomplete Representations

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 - If $N > 4096$ (as it likely is) we have an **overcomplete** representation
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Overcomplete Representations

- What is the dimensionality of the input image? (say 64x64 image)
 - More generally:
If $\#(\text{dictionary units}) > \text{dimensions of input}$ we have an **overcomplete** representation
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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

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Diagram labels: Dictionary Units (pointing to D), Weights (pointing to α), Input data (pointing to X)

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Dictionary based Representations

- Overcomplete “dictionary”-based representations are linear-composition-based representations with more “atomic building blocks” than the dimensionality of the data

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Why Dictionary-based Representations?

- Dictionary based representations are semantically more meaningful
- Enable content-based description
 - Bases can capture entire structures in data
 - E.g. notes in music
 - E.g. image structures (such as faces) in images
- Enable content-based processing
 - Reconstructing, separating, denoising, manipulating speech/music signals
 - Coding, compression, etc.
- Statistical reasons: We will get to that shortly..

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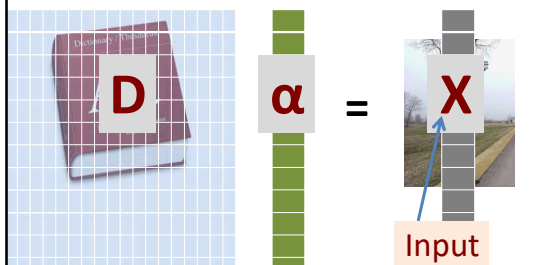
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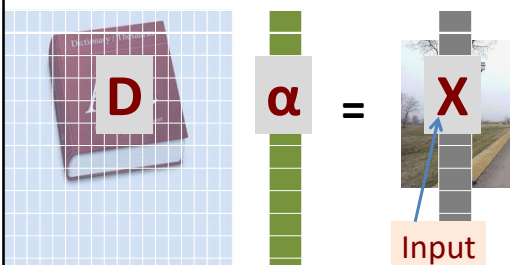
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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

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$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Dictionary entries Weights Input data

When can we solve for α ?

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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

D: full rank

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Unique solution

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Infinite Solutions

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Infinite Solutions **Our Case**

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Using Pseudo-Inverse?

All points on the red line satisfy $D \cdot \alpha = X$

Point with the smallest ℓ_2 norm

This is equivalent to minimize $\|\alpha\|_2$ subject to $D\alpha = X$

α will generally be "dense"

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Overcomplete Representation

Unknown α = X

$\#(\text{Basis Vectors}) > \text{dimensions of the input}$

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Representing Data

Using bases that we know...

But no more than $k=4$ bases

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Alternate view: Recall quantization

$$V = \sum_i w_i d_i$$

$$V = D\mathbf{w} \quad \begin{matrix} |\mathbf{w}| = 1 \\ |\mathbf{w}|_0 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

- d_i are the "representative" vectors of each cluster
- Restriction: only one of the w_i is 1, the rest are 0
 - $\sum_i w_i = 1$
 - \mathbf{w} is unit length and one-sparse
- What if we let more than one entry of \mathbf{w} to be non zero?

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

- To solve an overcomplete system of the type:

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$
- Make assumptions about the data.
- Suppose, we say that X is composed of no more than a fixed number (k) of "bases" from D ($k \leq \dim(X)$)
 - The term "bases" is an abuse of terminology.
- Now, we can find the set of k bases that best fit the data point, X .

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

Atoms

But no more than $k=4$ bases are "active"

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

Atoms

But no more than $k=4$ bases

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No more than 4 bases

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MOST OF α IS ZERO!!

α IS SPARSE

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Sparsity- Definition

- Sparse representations* are representations that account for most or all information of a signal with a linear combination of a small number of atoms.

(from: www.see.ed.ac.uk/~tblumens/Sparse/Sparse.html)

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The Sparsity Problem

- We don't really know k
- You are given a signal \mathbf{X}
- Assuming \mathbf{X} was generated using the dictionary, can we find α that generated it?

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The Sparsity Problem

- We want to use as few dictionary entries as possible to do this.

$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \quad \|\alpha\|_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \underline{X} = \mathbf{D}\alpha \end{array}$$

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Counts the number of non-zero elements in α

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 - Ockham's razor: Choose the simplest explanation invoking the fewest variables

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How can we solve the above?

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Obtaining Sparse Solutions

- We will look at 2 algorithms:
 - Matching Pursuit (MP)
 - Basis Pursuit (BP)

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Matching Pursuit (MP)

- Greedy algorithm
- Finds an atom in the dictionary that best matches the input signal
- Remove the weighted value of this atom from the signal
- Again, find an atom in the dictionary that best matches the remaining signal.
- Continue till a defined stop condition is satisfied.

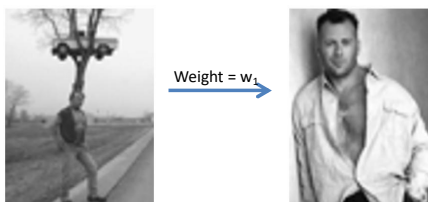
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Matching Pursuit

- Find the dictionary atom that best matches the given signal.



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Matching Pursuit

- Remove weighted image to obtain updated signal



Find best match for
this signal from the
dictionary

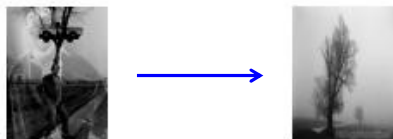
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Matching Pursuit

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Matching Pursuit

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Iterate till you reach a stopping condition,
 $\text{norm}(\text{ResidualInputSignal}) < \text{threshold}$

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Matching Pursuit

Algorithm Matching Pursuit

Input: Signal: $f(t)$.
 Output: List of coefficients: (a_n, g_{γ_n}) .
 Initialization:
 $Rf_1 \leftarrow f(t)$;
 Repeat
 find $g_{\gamma_n} \in D$ with maximum inner product $\langle Rf_n, g_{\gamma_n} \rangle$;
 $a_n \leftarrow \langle Rf_n, g_{\gamma_n} \rangle$;
 $Rf_{n+1} \leftarrow Rf_n - a_n g_{\gamma_n}$;
 $n \leftarrow n+1$;
 Until stop condition (for example: $\|Rf_n\| < \text{threshold}$)

From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matching_pursuit

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Matching Pursuit

- Problems ???

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Matching Pursuit

- Main Problem
 - Computational complexity
 - The entire dictionary has to be searched at every iteration

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Comparing MP and BP

Matching Pursuit	Basis Pursuit
Hard thresholding (remember the equations)	
Greedy optimization at each step	
Weights obtained using greedy rules	

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Basis Pursuit (BP)

- Remember,

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Requires combinatorial optimization

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Basis Pursuit

- Replace the intractable expression by an expression that is solvable

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This will provide identical solutions when \mathbf{D} obeys the **Restricted Isometry Property**.

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Constraint

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λ is a penalty term on the non-zero elements and promotes sparsity

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Basis Pursuit

Equivalent to *LASSO*; for more details, see [this paper by Tibshirani](http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ftp/lasso.ps)
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Basis Pursuit

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \underline{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1 \}$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1}{\partial \alpha_j} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{at } \alpha_j > 0 \\ [-1, 1] & \text{at } \alpha_j = 0 \\ -1 & \text{at } \alpha_j < 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\|\alpha\|_1$ is not differentiable at $\alpha_j = 0$
- Gradient of $\|\alpha\|_1$ for gradient descent update
- At optimum, following conditions hold

$$\nabla_j \|\underline{X} - \underline{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \text{sign}(\alpha_j) = 0, \quad \text{if } |\alpha_j| > 0$$

$$\nabla_j \|\underline{X} - \underline{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 \leq \lambda, \quad \text{if } \alpha_j = 0$$

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Basis Pursuit

- There are efficient ways to solve the LASSO formulation.
 - http://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/glmnet_matlab/
- Simplest solution: Coordinate descent algorithms
 - On webpage..

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L₁ vs L₀

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underline{X} = \underline{D}\underline{\alpha}$$

Overcomplete set of 6 "bases"

- L₀ minimization**
 - Two-sparse solution
 - ANY pair of bases can explain \underline{X} with 0 error

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L₁ vs L₀

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 - All else being equal, the two closest bases are chosen

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Comparing MP and BP

Matching Pursuit	Basis Pursuit
Hard thresholding	Soft thresholding
(remember the equations)	
Greedy optimization at each step	Global optimization
Weights obtained using greedy rules	Can force N-sparsity with appropriately chosen weights

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General Formalisms

- L_0 minimization $\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \|\alpha\|_0$
 $s.t. X = D\alpha$
- L_0 constrained optimization $\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \|X - D\alpha\|_2^2$
 $s.t. \|\alpha\|_0 < C$
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Many Other Methods..

- Iterative Hard Thresholding (IHT)
- CoSAMP
- OMP
- ...

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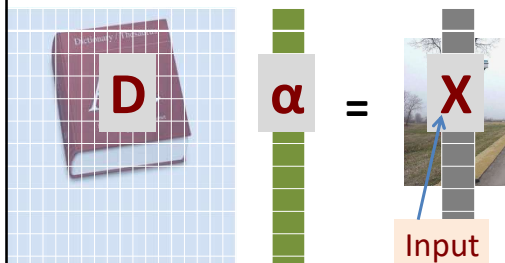
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Trivial Solution

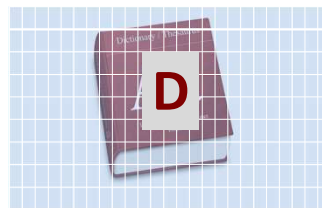
- D = Training data
- Impractical in most situations
 - Popular approach: sample random vectors from training data

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Dictionaries: Compressive Sensing

- Just random vectors!



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More Structured ways of Constructing Dictionaries

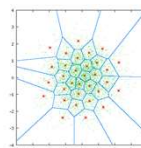
- Dictionary entries must be structurally “meaningful”
 - Represent true compositional units of data
- Have already encountered two ways of building dictionaries
 - NMF for non-negative data
 - K-means ..

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K-Means for Composing Dictionaries



Train the codebook
from training data
using K-means

- Every vector is approximated by the centroid of the cluster it falls into
- Cluster means are “codebook” entries
 - Dictionary entries
 - Also compositional units the compose the data

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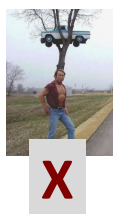
K-Means for Dictionaries

Each column is a codeword (centroid)
from the codebook

D

 α

0
0
0
0
1
0
0
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0
0
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0



- α must be 1 sparse
- Only α entry must 1

$$\|\alpha\|_0 = 1$$

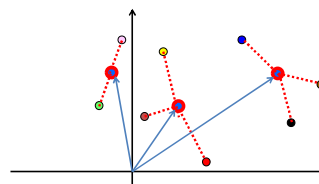
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K-Means



- Learn Codewords to minimize the total squared length of the training vectors from the closest codeword

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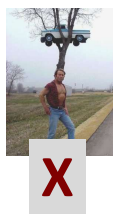
Length-unconstrained K-Means for Dictionaries

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from the codebook

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 α

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- α must be 1 sparse
- No restriction on α value

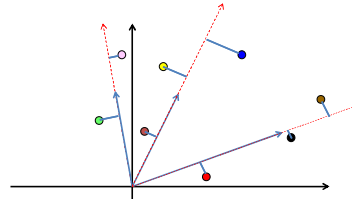
$$\|\alpha\|_0 = 1$$

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SVD K-Means



- Learn Codewords to minimize the total squared *projection* error of the training vectors from the closest codeword

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SVD K-means

1. Initialize a set of centroids randomly
2. For each data point x , find the projection from the centroid for each cluster
 - $p_{cluster} = |x^T m_{cluster}|$
3. Put data point in the cluster of the closest centroid
 - Cluster for which $p_{cluster}$ is *maximum*
4. When all data points are clustered, recompute centroids

$m_{cluster} = \text{Principal Eigenvector}(\{x | x \in cluster\})$

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Problem

- Only represents *Radial* patterns

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What about this pattern?

- Dictionary entries that represent radial patterns will not capture this structure
— 1-sparse representations will not do

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What about this pattern?

- We need **AFFINE** patterns

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- Each vector is modeled by a linear combination of K (here 2) bases

Every line is a (constrained) combination of two bases

2-sparse

Constraint:
Line = $a.b_1 + (1-a)b_2$

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Codebooks for K sparsity?

Each column is a codeword (centroid) from the codebook

D

α

X

- α must be k sparse
- No restriction on α value

$\|\alpha\|_0 = k$

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Formalizing

Given training data

$$\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T\}$$

We want to find a dictionary D , such that

$$D\alpha_i = X_i$$

With α_i sparse

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Formalizing

Two objectives:

- Approximation $\|D\alpha_i - X_i\|$
- Sparsity in coefficients $\|\alpha_i\|_1$

$$\min_{D, \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2 + \|\alpha_i\|_1$$

NON-Convex!!!

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An iterative method

- Given D , estimate α_i to get sparse solution
 - We can use any method
$$\min_{\alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2 + \|\alpha_i\|_1$$
- Given α_i , estimate D

$$\min_D \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2$$

Difficult!

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K SVD

- Initialize Codebook

1. For every vector, compute K -sparse alphas

- Using any pursuit algorithm

$D =$

$\alpha =$

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K -SVD

2. For each codeword (k):

- For each vector x that used k
 - Subtract the contribution of all other codewords to obtain $e_k(x)$
 - Codeword-specific residual
 - Compute the principal Eigen vector of $\{e_k(x)\}$
- Return to step 1

$D_j, j \neq 1$

$D =$

$\alpha_j(x), j \neq 1$

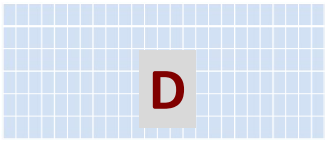
$\alpha =$

$e_k(x) = x - \sum_{j \neq k} \alpha_j D_j$

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K-SVD



- Termination of each iteration: Updated dictionary
- Conclusion: A dictionary where any data vector can be composed of at most K dictionary entries
 - More generally, sparse composition

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K-SVD algorithm (skip)

Initialization : Set the random normalized dictionary matrix $D^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$, Set $J = 1$.
Repeat until convergence,
Sparse Coding Stage: Use any pursuit algorithm to compute \mathbf{x}_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \{ \|\mathbf{y}_i - D\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \leq T_0.$$

Codebook Update Stage: For $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$

- Define the group of examples that use \mathbf{d}_k , $\omega_k = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq N, \mathbf{x}_i(k) \neq 0\}$.
- Compute

$$\mathbf{E}_k = \mathbf{Y} - \sum_{j \neq k} \mathbf{d}_j \mathbf{x}_j^T,$$
- Restrict \mathbf{E}_k by choosing only the columns corresponding to those elements that initially used \mathbf{d}_k in their representation, and obtain \mathbf{E}_k^R .
- Apply SVD decomposition $\mathbf{E}_k^R = \mathbf{U} \Delta \mathbf{V}^T$. Update: $\mathbf{d}_k = \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{x}_k^R = \Delta(1, 1) \cdot \mathbf{v}_1$.

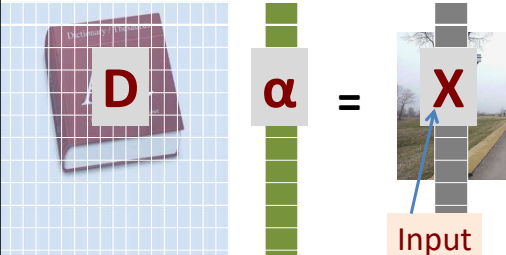
Set $J = J + 1$.

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Problems

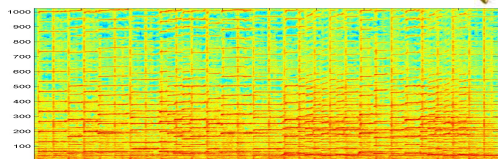
- How to obtain the dictionary
 - Which will give us meaningful representations
- How to compute the weights?



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So how does that work

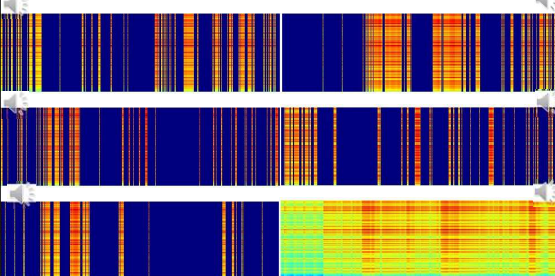


- In case you forgot this music...
- 975 vectors (1025 dimensions)
- $N=12, K=5$

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K-SVD bases



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Applications of Sparse Representations

- Many many applications
 - Signal representation
 - Statistical modelling
 - ..
 - We've seen one: Compressive sensing
- Another popular use
 - Denoising**

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Denoising

- As the name suggests, remove noise!

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Denoising

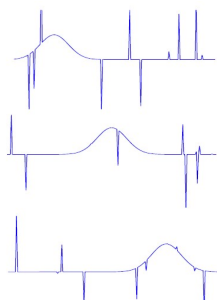
- As the name suggests, remove noise!
- We will look at image denoising as an example

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A toy example



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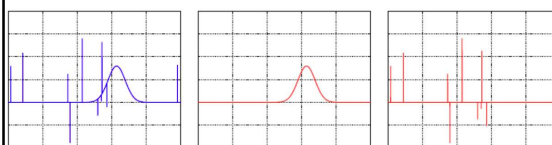
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A toy example

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} I & G \end{bmatrix}$$

I Identity matrix
 G Translation of a Gaussian pulse



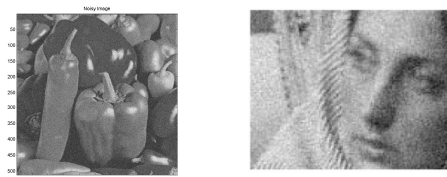
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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want



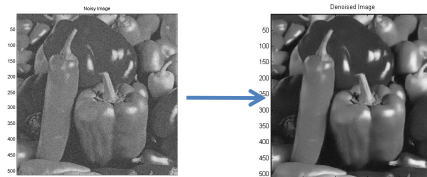
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The Image Denoising Problem

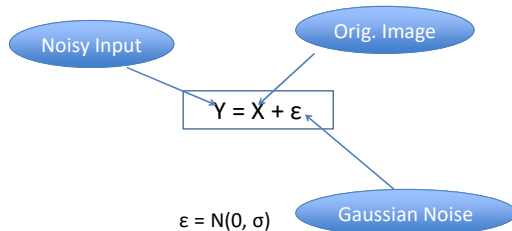
- Given an image
- Remove Gaussian additive noise from it

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from \mathbf{Y} , to obtain \mathbf{X} as best as possible.

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from \mathbf{Y} , to obtain \mathbf{X} as best as possible
- Using sparse representations over learned dictionaries

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Image Denoising

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from \mathbf{Y} , to obtain \mathbf{X} as best as possible
- Using sparse representations over learned dictionaries
- We will *learn* the dictionaries
- What data will we use? *The corrupted image itself!*

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Image Denoising

- We use the data to be denoised to learn the dictionary.
- Training and denoising become an iterated process.
- We use image patches of size $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ pixels (i.e. if the image is 64x64, patches are 8x8)

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Image Denoising

- The data dictionary \mathbf{D}
 - Size = $n \times k$ ($k > n$)
 - This is known and fixed, to start with
 - Every image patch can be sparsely represented using \mathbf{D}

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Image Denoising

- Recall our equations from before.
- We want to find $\underline{\alpha}$ so as to minimize the value of the equation below:

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_0 \}$$

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1 \}$$

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1 \}$$

- In the above, \underline{X} is a patch.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1 \}$$

- In the above, \underline{X} is a patch.
- If the larger image is fully expressed by the every patch in it, how can we go from patches to the image?

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

$(X - Y)$ is the error between the input and denoised image. μ is a penalty on the error.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Error bounding in each patch
 - R_{ij} selects the $(ij)^{\text{th}}$ patch
 - Terms in summation = no. of patches

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

λ forces sparsity

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Image Denoising

- But, we don't **"know"** our dictionary D .
- We want to estimate D as well.

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Image Denoising

- But, we don't **"know"** our dictionary D .
- We want to estimate D as well.

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

We can use the previous equation itself!!!

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{Min} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{Min} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

We cannot estimate them at the same time!

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{Min} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

Fix 2, and find the optimal 3rd.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{Min} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Initialize X = Y

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}}{Min} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Initialize X = Y, initialize D

You know how to solve the remaining portion for α – MP, BP!

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Image Denoising

- Now, update the dictionary D.
- Update D one column at a time, following the [K-SVD algorithm](#)
- K-SVD maintains the sparsity structure

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Image Denoising

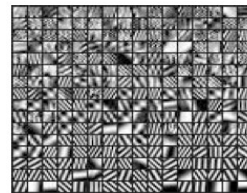
- Now, update the dictionary D .
- Update D one column at a time, following the [K-SVD algorithm](#)
- K-SVD maintains the sparsity structure
- Iteratively update α and D

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Image Denoising



Learned Dictionary for Face Image denoising

From: M. Elad and M. Aharon, *Image denoising via learned dictionaries and sparse representation*, CVPR, 2006.

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$$\underset{\underline{X}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \left\| \underline{X} - Y \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \left\| R_{ij} \underline{X} - D \alpha_{ij} \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \left\| \alpha_{ij} \right\|_0 \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{red arrow}} \text{Const. wrt } X$$

We know D and α

The quadratic term above has a closed-form solution

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\underline{X}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \left\| \underline{X} - Y \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \left\| R_{ij} \underline{X} - D \alpha_{ij} \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \left\| \alpha_{ij} \right\|_0 \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{red arrow}} \text{Const. wrt } X$$

We know D and α

$$X = (\mu I + \sum_{ij} R_{ij}^T R_{ij})^{-1} (\mu Y + \sum_{ij} R_{ij}^T D \alpha_{ij})$$

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Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things

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Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α
 - Dictionary D
 - Denoised Image X

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Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α – Your favorite pursuit algorithm
 - Dictionary D – Using K-SVD
 - Denoised Image X

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Image Denoising

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Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α
 - Dictionary D
 - Denoised Image X - Closed form solution

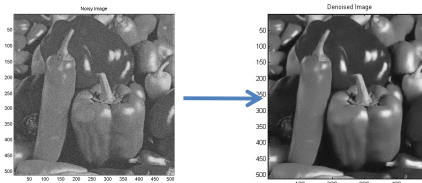
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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want



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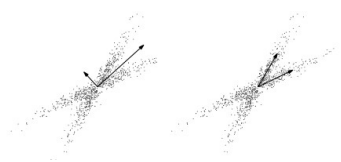
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Comparing to Other Techniques

Non-Gaussian data



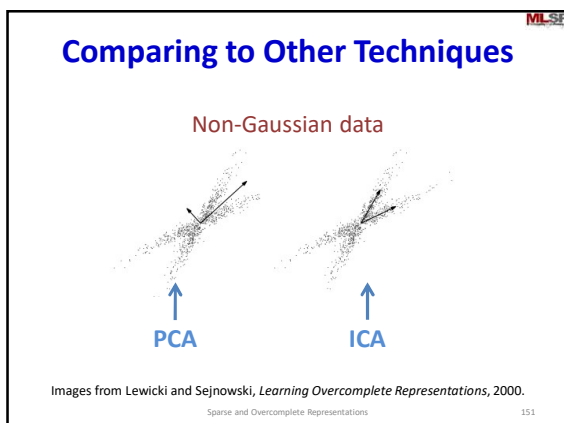
PCA of ICA Which is which?

Images from Lewicki and Sejnowski, *Learning Overcomplete Representations*, 2000.

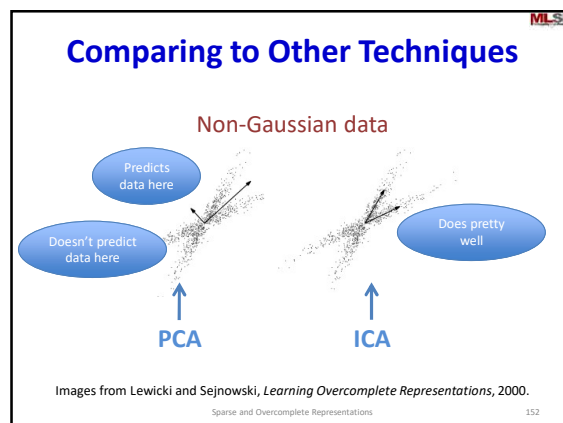
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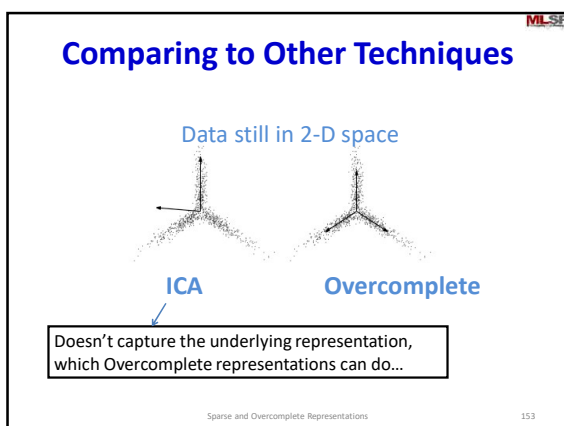
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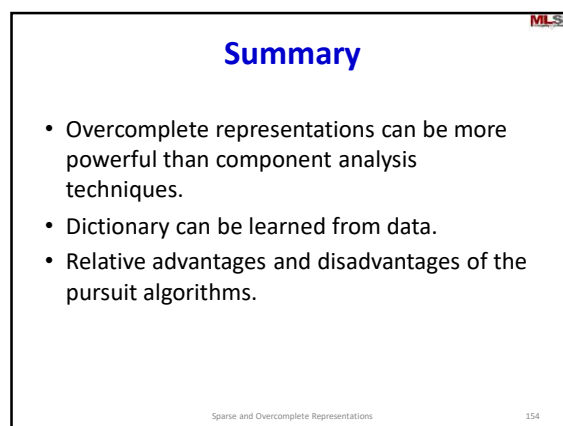
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