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# LSSC

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## Abstract

## 1 Overview

## 2 Theoretical Description

### 2.1 Notations

In order to keep coherence with [3], the notations used are the same. A picture of  $n$  pixels is seen as a column vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The noisy picture is noted  $\mathbf{y}$  and the denoised one  $\mathbf{x}$ . The  $i$ -th pixel of  $\mathbf{x}$  is noted  $\mathbf{x}[i]$  and the patch centered in  $\mathbf{x}[i]$  and of size  $m$  is noted  $\mathbf{x}_i$ .

### 2.2 Learned Sparse Coding

The idea behind this method is to assume that the denoised picture is a signal that can be approximated by a sparse linear combinations of elements from a basis set. The basis set is called a dictionary  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$  and is composed of  $k$  elements. The denoised patches are then computed from  $\mathbf{D}$  with:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_p \quad s.t. \quad \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 \leq \epsilon \quad (1)$$

$\mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  is the estimate of the denoised patch and  $\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_p$  is a regularization term that impose sparsity for  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ .

$p$  is usually 0 or 1. Eq. 1 becomes NP-hard to solve when  $p = 0$  and a greedy algorithm such as Orthogonal Matching Pursuit [5] can give an approximation. With  $p = 1$ , the problem is convex and solved efficiently with the LARS algorithm [6]. Experimental observations [7] have shown that the learning part is better with  $p = 1$  and the recomposition part with  $p = 0$ .

$\epsilon$  can be chosen according to the value of the estimated standard deviation of the noise.

## 2.3 Simultaneous Sparse Coding

# 3 Algorithm Description

## 3.1 Algorithm Overview

The first part consists in initializing a dictionary that will denoise roughly the picture.

Once the picture is denoised a first time, a clustering is made in order to regroup similar patches for further treatment.

Then, iteratively for each clusters, the dictionary is updated using simultaneous sparse coding and the cluster is denoised.

## 3.2 Dictionnary Initialization

The initial dictionnary is first learned offline on the 10 000 images of the PASCAL VOC'07 database using the online dictionary learning procedure of [2]. This procedure is then used on the noisy picture in order to improve the dictionary efficiency.

In fact, only a fixed number  $T$  of patches in the picture are used to update the dictionary. However they are chosen so that they are independently and identically distributed in the picture.

The algorithm corresponds then to the minimization of eq.1 on the  $T$  patches with the  $l_1$  norm using the LARS [6] algorithm.

**Input** : number of iterations  $T$ , i.i.d. sampling of  $T$  patches of the noisy picture  $\mathbf{Y}_T$ , initial dictionary  $\mathbf{D}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ , regularization parameter  $\lambda$

**Output** : learned dictionary  $\mathbf{D}$

**Initialization** :  $\mathbf{A}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k} \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\mathbf{B}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k} \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $t = 1..T$  **do**

$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{Y}_T[t]$

    Sparse coding: compute with LARS algorithm:

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^t = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^k} \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{D}^{t-1} \boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 \leq \lambda$$

$$\mathbf{A}^t \leftarrow \mathbf{A}^{t-1} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^t \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{tT}$$

$$\mathbf{B}^t \leftarrow \mathbf{B}^{t-1} + \mathbf{y}_t \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{tT}$$

    Update dictionary from  $\mathbf{D}^{t-1}$  to  $\mathbf{D}^t$  so that:

$$\mathbf{D}^t = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^t \left( \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_t^i - \mathbf{D} \boldsymbol{\alpha}^i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}^i\|_1 \right)$$

**end**

**return**  $\mathbf{D}^T$

#### Algorithm 1: Online Dictionary Learning

**Input** :input dictionary  $\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{d}^1, \dots, \mathbf{d}^k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ ,

$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}^1, \dots, \mathbf{a}^k] \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}^1, \dots, \mathbf{b}^k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$

**Output** : updated dictionary  $\mathbf{D}$

**repeat**

**for**  $j = 1..k$  **do**

        update the  $j^{th}$  column:

**if**  $\mathbf{A}(j,j) = 0$  **then**

$$\mathbf{d}^j \leftarrow 0$$

**end**

**else**

$$\mathbf{u}^j \leftarrow \frac{1}{\mathbf{A}(j,j)} (\mathbf{b}^j - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{a}^j) + \mathbf{d}^j$$

$$\mathbf{d}^j \leftarrow \frac{1}{\max(\|\mathbf{u}^j\|_2, 1)} \mathbf{u}^j$$

**end**

**end**

**until** convergence *Marc: apparemment, dans le code on a une boucle sur*

*params.updateIteration = 1. Est-ce qu'il ne vaudrait mieux pas calculer l'argmin à chaque*

*boucle et s'arrêter lorsque c'est plus petit qu'une certaine valeur ?Yohann: je n'ai pas trop*

*compris ce que tu voulais faire. Ca c'est le pseudo code prsent par Mairal, qui est donc une*

*sorte de descente de gradient. Ce genre d'algo converge en thorie l'infini, en pratique on*

*prend un grand nombre d'itration. Cependant, dans ce cas on fait une minimisation alterne*

*d'un problme plus global (selon D puis selon alpha et on itre). Du coup, et surement cause de*

*contraintes de temps, Mairal a fix le nombre d'itration 1 mais permet de le changer en*

*paramtre dans son algo. Du coup j'ai voulu faire pareil que Mairal. ;*

**return**  $\mathbf{D}$

**Algorithm 2:** Dictionary Update *updateDictionary* *Marc: Algo validé*

Marc: TODO : choisir entre les indices ou les crochets pour les indices

**Input** : Input dictionary  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$ , noisy patch  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , constraint  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

**Output** : code  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^k$

—INITIALIZATION—

$\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k} \leftarrow \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D}$

$\text{normPatch} \in \mathbb{R}^+ \leftarrow \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2$

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^k \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

$\mathcal{A} \in [0; k]^k \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

*Most correlated element*

$\hat{\mathbf{c}} \in \mathbb{R}^k \leftarrow \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{y}$

$C \in \mathbb{R}^+ \leftarrow \max_{j=1..k}(|\hat{\mathbf{c}}_j|)$

$\text{currentInd} \leftarrow j \text{ s.t. } \hat{\mathbf{c}}_j = C$

$\text{newAtom} \leftarrow \mathbf{True}$

TODO: explain the condition

**if**  $\text{normPatch} > \lambda$  **then**

  | **return**  $\mathbf{0}$

**end**

**for**  $i = 1..k$  **do**

  | LOOP, see below

**end**

**return**  $\alpha$

**Algorithm 3:** LARS algorithm - Mairal Version `computeLars`

—NEW ATOM—

**if** *newAtom* **then**

$\mathcal{A}[i] \leftarrow \text{currentInd}$   
     $G_A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times i}, G_S \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$   
     $G_A[i^{\text{th}} \text{ column}] \leftarrow G[\text{currentInd}^{\text{th}} \text{ line}]$   
     $G_S[i^{\text{th}} \text{ line}] \leftarrow G_A[\text{currentInd}^{\text{th}} \text{ line}]$   
    symmetrize  $G_S$   
    UPDATE  $G_S^{-1}$

**end**

—VARIABLES UPDATES—

$u \in \mathbb{R}^i \leftarrow G_S^{-1}(\text{sgn}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}_{\mathcal{A}[j]}))_{j \in [1; i]}$

$\text{ratio} \in \mathbb{R}^i \leftarrow \left( -\frac{\alpha[\mathcal{A}[j]]}{u_j} \right)_{j \in [1; i]}$

$\text{stepMAX} \in \mathbb{R}_*^+ \leftarrow \min^+(\text{ratio})$  ( $\min^+$  is the minimum between strictly positive values only)

$\text{criticalInd} \in [1; k] \leftarrow \mathcal{A}[j] \text{ s.t. } \text{ratio}[j] = \text{stepMAX}$

$C \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{c}}[\mathcal{A}[1]] = \max_{j=1..k}(|\hat{\mathbf{c}}_j|)$  **Marc :** ça ne devrait pas être  $C = \max \hat{\mathbf{c}}[j]$  ? **Yohann :** c est pareil (apres correction)

$\gamma \in \mathbb{R}_*^+ \leftarrow \min^+ \left( \frac{C \pm \hat{\mathbf{c}}_j}{1 \pm (G_A u)[j]} \right)_{j \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}[j]=0}$  **Marc :** ça fait 2 possibilités ou bien 4 avec les  $\pm$

**?Yohann :** 4 possibilités

—POLYNOMIAL RESOLUTION—

$a \in \mathbb{R} \leftarrow \sum_{j \in [1; i]} \text{sgn}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}[\mathcal{A}[j]]) u[j]$

$b \in \mathbb{R} \leftarrow \sum_{j \in [1; i]} \hat{\mathbf{c}}[\mathcal{A}[j]] u[j]$

$c \in \mathbb{R} \leftarrow \text{normPatch} - \lambda$

$\Delta \in \mathbb{R} \leftarrow b^2 - ac$

$\text{stepMAX2} \in \mathbb{R}^+ \leftarrow \min(\frac{b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{a}, C)$

—FINAL STEP & BREAK—

$\gamma \leftarrow \min(\gamma, \text{stepMAX}, \text{stepMAX2})$

**for**  $j = 1..i$  **do**

$\alpha[\mathcal{A}[j]] \leftarrow \alpha[\mathcal{A}[j]] + \gamma u[j]$

**end**

$\hat{\mathbf{c}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{c}} - \gamma G_A u$

$\text{normPatch} \leftarrow \text{normPatch} + a\gamma^2 - 2b\gamma$

**if**  $|\gamma| < 1e^{-6} \parallel \gamma = \text{stepMAX2} \parallel \text{normPatch} < 1e^{-6} \parallel \text{normPatch} - \lambda < 1e^{-6}$  **then**  
    **break**

**end**

**if**  $\gamma = \text{stepMAX}$  **then**

    DOWNDATE  $G_S^{-1}$  w.r.t criticalInd

$\mathcal{A}[\text{criticalInd}] \leftarrow 0$

$\alpha[\text{criticalInd}] \leftarrow 0$

    newAtom  $\leftarrow$  **False**

$i \leftarrow i-2$  **Marc** c'est possible que i devienne négatif ? Ça risque de poser problème non

**?Yohann** non car quand  $i=1$  stepMAX n'est pas dfini (car il vaut  $\min^+(\{0\}) = \emptyset$ ) et pour  $i=2$  ou plus on fait  $i=i-2$  puis on rincrmente la fin de la boucle soit  $i=i-1$

**end**

**else**

    newAtom  $\leftarrow$  **True**

**end**

**Algorithm 4:** LARS algorithm - Mairal Version **computeLars** - LOOP

**Input** : Gram matrix  $G_S \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$ , and its former inverse to update  $G_S^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{i-1 \times i-1}$

**Output** : updated  $G_S^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$

**if**  $i = 1$  **then**

**return**  $\frac{1}{G_S}$

**end**

$u \leftarrow G_S^{-1} G_S[i^{th} \text{ line}]$

$\sigma \leftarrow \frac{1}{G_S(i,i) - u \cdot G_S[i^{th} \text{ line}]}$

$G_S^{-1}(i, i) \leftarrow \sigma$

$G_S^{-1}[i^{th} \text{ line}] \leftarrow -\sigma u$

**return**  $G_S^{-1} \leftarrow G_S^{-1} + \sigma u u^T$

**Algorithm 5:** Update invert algorithm **updateGram** Marc: Algo correspondant, mais à valider.

**Input** : pseudo-Gram matrix  $G_A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times i}$  Gram matrix  $G_S \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$ , and its inverse  $G_S^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times i}$ , criticalInd  $\in [1; k]$ , current iteration  $i$

**Output** : downdated matrices  $G_A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times i-1}$ ,  $G_S, G_S^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{i-1 \times i-1}$

$\sigma \leftarrow \frac{1}{G_S^{-1}(\text{criticalInd}, \text{criticalInd})}$

$u \leftarrow G_S^{-1}[\text{criticalInd}^{th} \text{ line}]$  without its criticalInd<sup>th</sup> coefficient

**for**  $j = \text{criticalInd} : i-1$  **do**

$G_A[j^{th} \text{ column}] \leftarrow G_A[(j+1)^{th} \text{ column}]$

**for**  $k = 1 : \text{criticalInd}-1$  **do**

$G_S(j, k) \leftarrow G_S(j+1, k)$

$G_S^{-1}(j, k) \leftarrow G_S^{-1}(j+1, k)$

**end**

**for**  $k = \text{criticalInd} : i$  **do**

$G_S(j, k) \leftarrow G_S(j+1, k+1)$

$G_S^{-1}(j, k) \leftarrow G_S^{-1}(j+1, k+1)$

**end**

**end**

$G_S^{-1} \leftarrow G_S^{-1} - \sigma u u^T$

**Algorithm 6:** Downdate invert algorithm **downdateGram** Marc: Algo ne correspondant pas, j'ai créé une nouvelle fonction **downdateGramBis** dont je pense est une meilleure version. Il faudra la tester et la valider.

## Glossary

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