

- The size of this image is  $1000 \times 1000$  pixels.
- The color of each pixel is represented by an integer between 0 (black) and 255 (white).
- The whole image is described by a (symmetric) matrix  $A$  consisting of  $1000 \times 1000 = 1,000,000$  numbers
- Each number is stored in 1 byte, so the image file size is 1,000,000 bytes ( $\approx 1$  MB).

**How to make the image file smaller:**

1) Find the spectral decomposition of the matrix  $A$ :

$$A = \lambda_1(\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T) + \lambda_2(\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T) + \dots + \lambda_{1000}(\mathbf{u}_{1000}\mathbf{u}_{1000}^T)$$

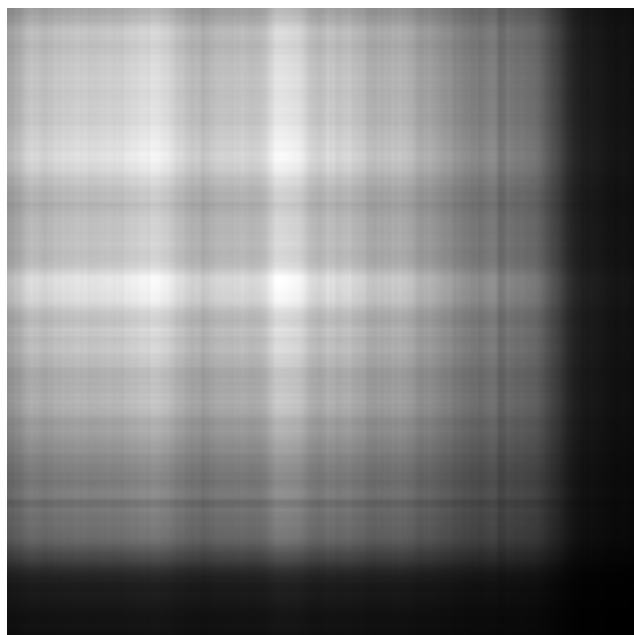
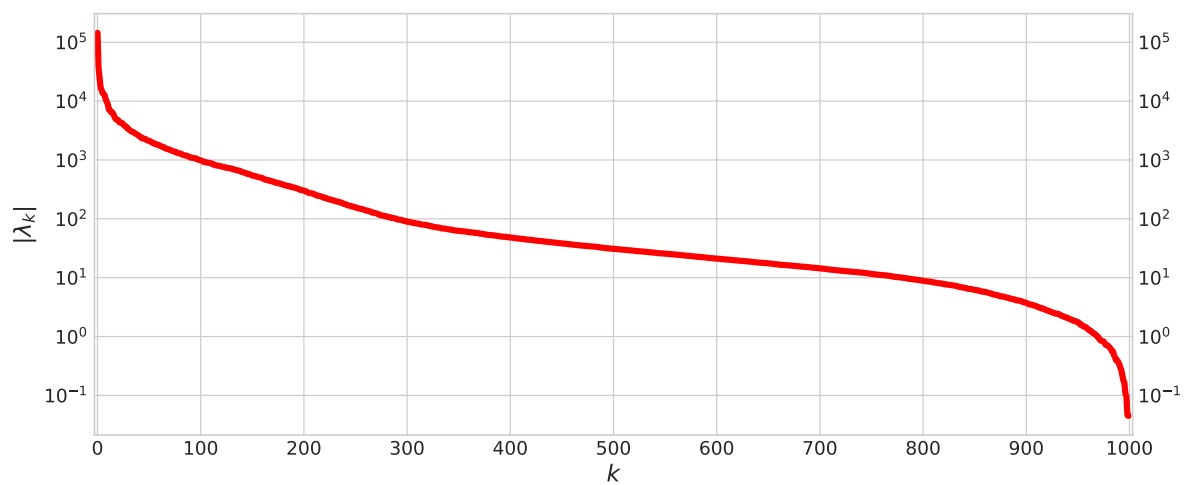
where  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_{1000}|$ .

2) For  $k = 1, \dots, 1000$  define:

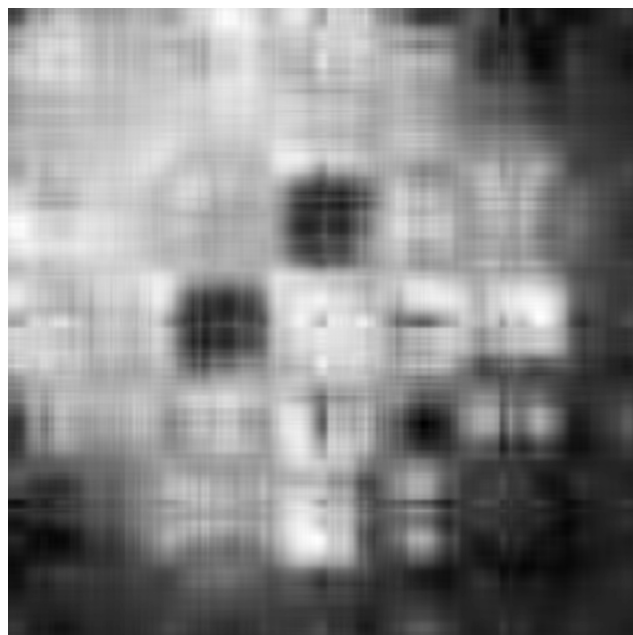
$$B_k = \lambda_1(\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{u}_1^T) + \lambda_2(\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{u}_2^T) + \dots + \lambda_k(\mathbf{u}_k\mathbf{u}_k^T)$$

This matrix approximates the matrix  $A$  and can be stored using  $k \cdot (1000 + 1)$  numbers (i.e.  $k \cdot (1000 + 1)$  bytes).

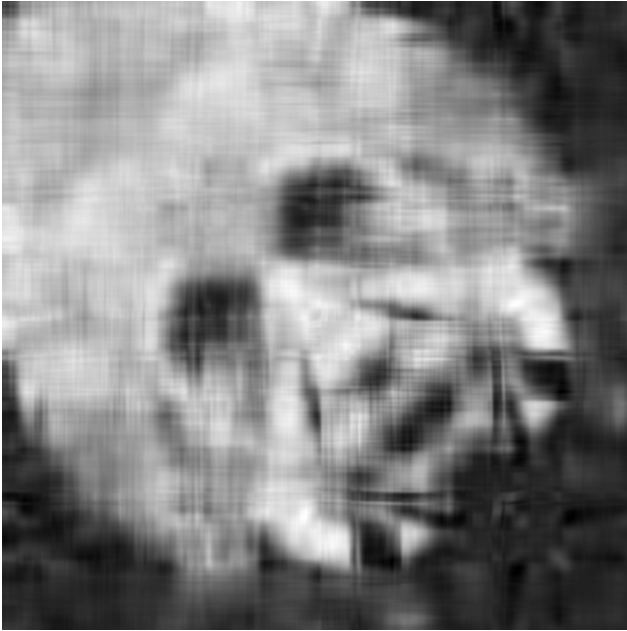
## Eigenvalues of the matrix A



**matrix  $B_1$**   
1001 bytes  
compression 1000:1



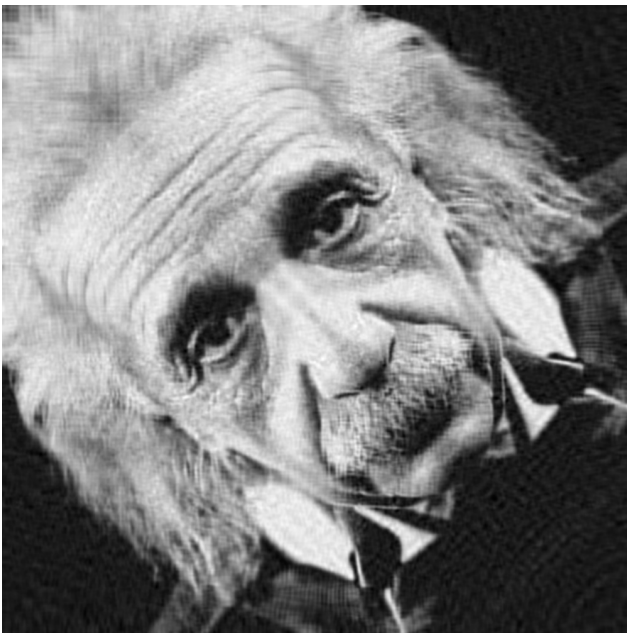
**matrix  $B_5$**   
5005 bytes  
compression 200:1



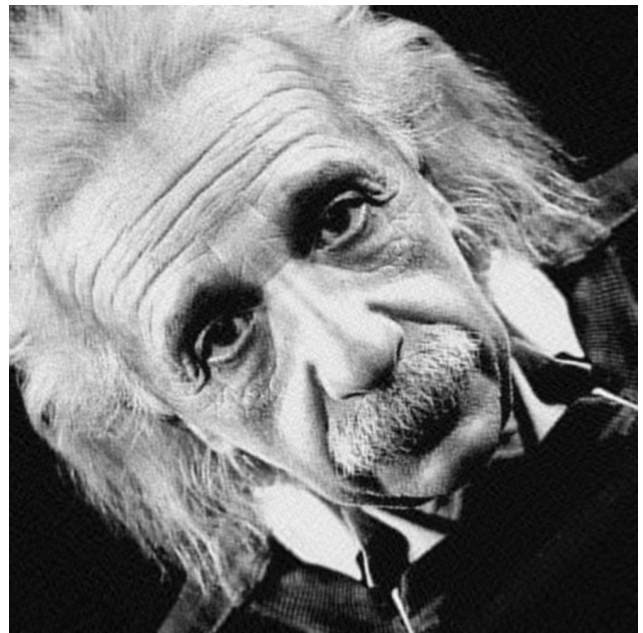
**matrix  $B_{10}$**   
 10,010 bytes  
 compression 100:1



**matrix  $B_{20}$**   
 20,020 bytes  
 compression 50:1



**matrix  $B_{50}$**   
 50,050 bytes  
 compression 20:1



**matrix  $B_{100}$**   
 100,100 bytes  
 compression 10:1