

# Advanced Machine Learning

Noisy Image



De-noised





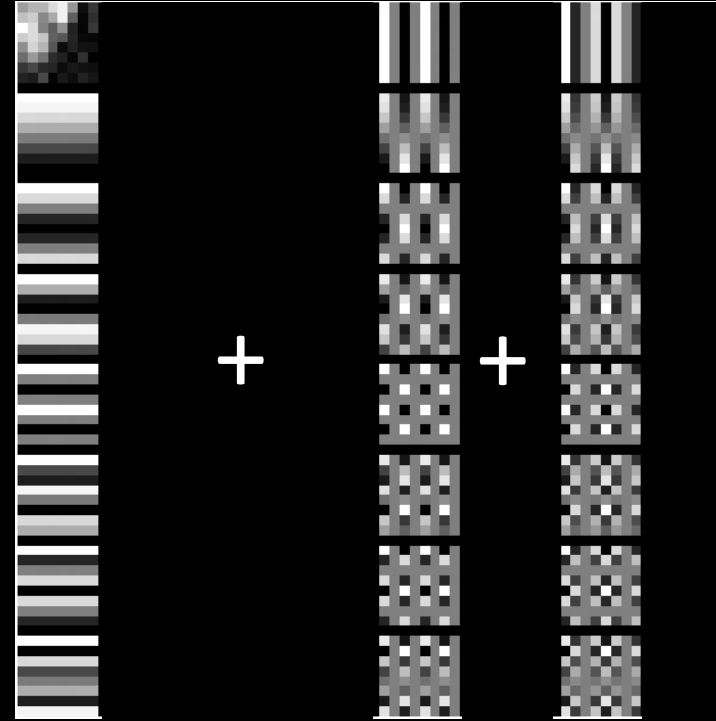
How do you go from noisy to de-noised?



# Dictionary and Sparse Codes



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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ x_5 \\ 0 \\ x_7 \\ 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

# Sparse Coding Techniques for Dictionary Learning in Context of Image De-noising

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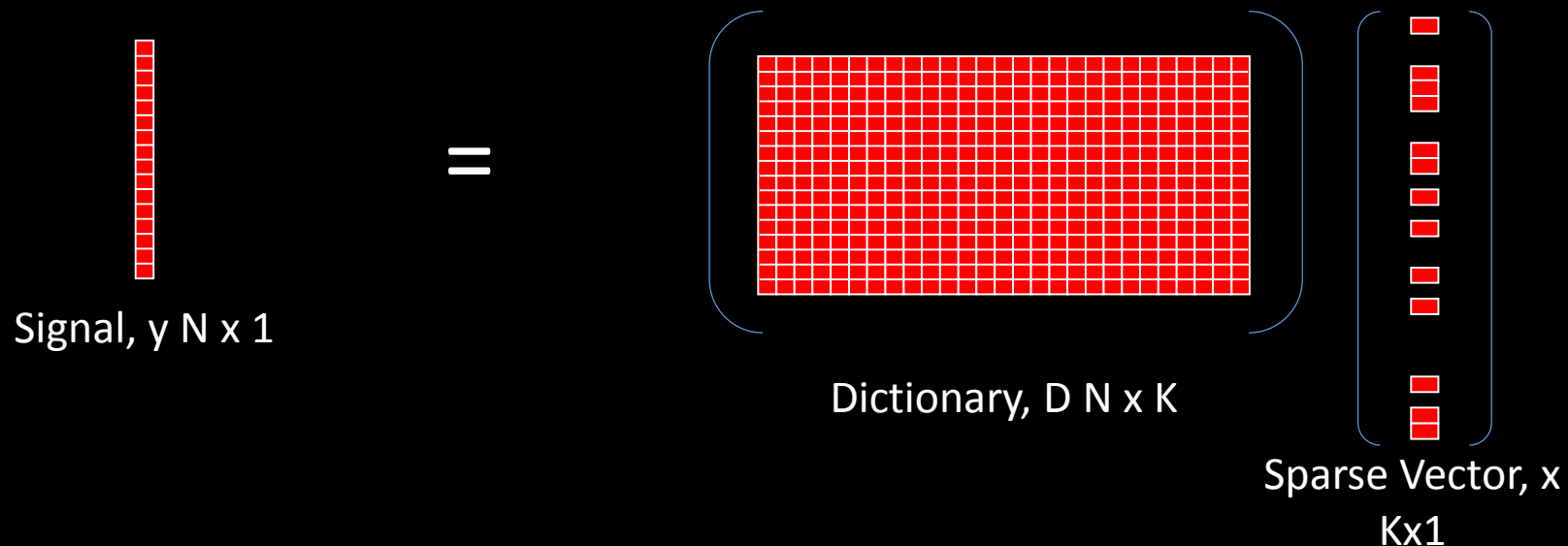
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# Dictionary and Sparse Codes

- A **dictionary**,  $D$  is an  $N \times k$  matrix that contains  $k$  prototype signals called **ATOMS** as columns, such that any given signal  $y$  can be represented as a linear combination of a small number of these atoms.
- For any signal  $y$  and dictionary  $D$ , there must exist a vector  $x$  in  $R^k$ , such that,

$$y = D * x$$



# OK, where do we get the dictionary from?

- Use pre-calculated dictionaries built from a huge dataset of natural images over time.

OR

- **Learn a dictionary from the given set of training signals** : Has proven to dramatically improve signal reconstruction.
- So, here comes the problem of **Dictionary Learning!!**



# Dictionary Learning

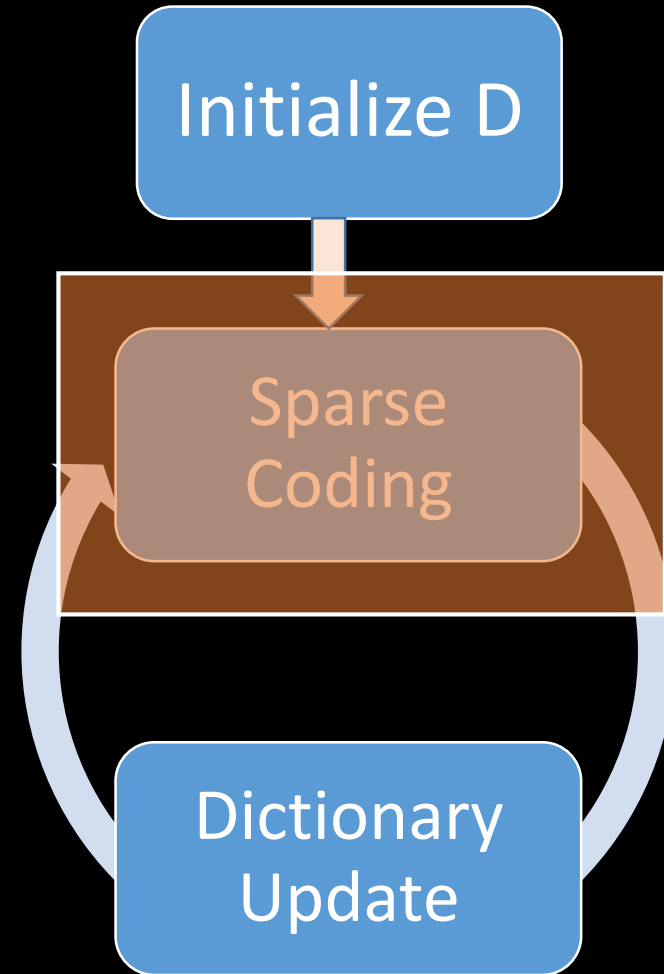
- Classical dictionary learning techniques try to optimize the following empirical cost function, for a training set of signals  $Y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]$

$$L(D) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l(y_i, D)$$

- $l(y, D)$  is a **loss function** that assumes a low value if the dictionary  $D$  is good at representing signal  $y$

# K-SVD

- Sounds Good?
- But  $x$  and  $D$  are unknown...
- Dictionary update Step uses standard K-SVD
- We focus our attention on Sparse Coding



# Sparsity

$$\min \|x\|_0$$

Subject to  $y = D^*x$

- This is the exact representation of the problem.
- But as it turns out, solving the above equation is **NP-Hard**.

# Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \|x\|_0 \\ & \text{Subject to } \|y - Dx\|^2 < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

- But still solving this is hard.
- So what do we do?
- Get Greedy and more Relaxation



# Greedy Approach (Matching Pursuit)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \|x\|_0 \\ & \text{Subject to } \|y - Dx\|^2 < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

- Sequentially selects best Dictionary atoms
- Example Solvers: MP, OMP

# Basis Pursuit

$$\min_x \|y - Dx\|^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

The original equation can be converted to a convex form by relaxing the  $l_0$  norm with  $l_1$  norm.

# Sparse Coding Techniques Used

- Matching Pursuit (MP)
- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP)
- FISTA
- Augmented Lagrangian Method (ALM)
- Feature Sign
- Truncated Newton Interior Point Method (L1LS)

# Matching Pursuit

$$y = \sum_i x_i d_i$$

Input: Signal –  $y$ , dictionary  $D$

Output: List of Coeff:  $(x_i)$

Init:  $R_1 = y$ ,  $x_i = 0$ ,

**Repeat:**

find  $d_i \in D$  with **max inner product**  $|\langle R_n, d_i \rangle|$

$$x_i = x_i + \langle R_n, d_i \rangle$$

$$R_{n+1} = R_n - x_i d_i$$

**Until Stop condition:**  $\|R_n\| < \text{threshold}$ ;



# Orthogonal Matching Pursuit

- Extension to MP.
- Orthogonal Projection of signal onto already selected set of atoms

Input:  $y, D_0$

Init:  $\Gamma \leftarrow \phi, r = y$

**while**  $\|r\| > \text{threshold}$

$i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{\{p=1,\dots,k\}} |d_p^T r|$

$\Gamma \leftarrow \Gamma \cup \{i\}$

*Solve for  $z$ :  $(d'_i * d_i) z_i = (D' * r)[i] \forall i \in \Gamma$*

$x_i = x_i + z_i \forall i \in \Gamma$

$r = y - D(:, \Gamma)' * x(\Gamma)$

# Feature Sign

$$\min_{x,D} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \left\| y^i - \sum_{j=1}^k x_j^i D_j \right\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^k |x_j^i| \right)$$

Input: Signal-  $Y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]$ , dictionary  $D$

Output: List of Coeff:  $(x_j)$

Init:  $x := 0$ ,  $\theta=0$ , active set  $=\{\}$ ;

**Repeat:**

Activate a co-efficient  $x_i$  from non-zero co-efficient of  $x$ , if it locally improved the objective  $(\frac{\partial \|y-D*x\|^2}{\partial x_i})$

**Repeat:**

Let  $D$  be the submatrix of  $D$  that include columns corresponding to active set

Given  $a$  and  $\theta$ ,

$x_{new} = (D^T D)^{-1} (D^T y - \lambda \frac{\theta}{2})$  ....(unconstrained optimization problem, solved analytically )

Perform a discrete line search from  $x$  to  $x_{new}$  and check for points where co-efficient changes sign.

Update  $a$  with the point with the least objective value.

**Until**  $\frac{\partial \|y-D*x\|^2}{\partial x_i} + \lambda \text{sign}(x_i)=0, \forall x_i = 0$  , **not satisfied**

**Until**  $\left| \frac{\partial \|y-D*x\|^2}{\partial x_i} \right| \leq \lambda, \forall x_i \neq 0$  **not satisfied**

# Primal ALM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\xi}(x, \theta) = g(x) + \frac{\xi}{2} \|h(x)\|_2^2 + \theta^T h(x),$$

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**Algorithm 1** Primal Augmented Lagrangian Method (PALM)  
for CAB

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1: Input:  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $e_1 = b$ ,  $\theta_1 = 0$ .  
2: while not converged ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) do  
3:    $e_{k+1} \leftarrow \text{shrink}(b - Ax_k + \frac{1}{\xi}\theta_k, \frac{1}{\xi})$ ;  
4:    $t_1 \leftarrow 1$ ,  $z_1 \leftarrow x_k$ ,  $w_1 \leftarrow x_k$ ;  
5:   while not converged ( $l = 1, 2, \dots$ ) do  
6:      $w_{l+1} \leftarrow \text{shrink}(z_l + \frac{1}{L}A^T(b - Az_l - e_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\xi}\theta_k), \frac{1}{\xi L})$ ;  
7:      $t_{l+1} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 + 4t_l^2})$ ;  
8:      $z_{l+1} \leftarrow w_{l+1} + \frac{t_l - 1}{t_{l+1}}(w_{l+1} - w_l)$ ;  
9:   end while  
10:   $x_{k+1} \leftarrow w_l$ ,  $\theta_{k+1} \leftarrow \theta_k + \xi(b - Ax_{k+1} - e_{k+1})$ ;  
11: end while  
12: Output:  $x^* \leftarrow x_k$ ,  $e^* \leftarrow e_k$ .
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$$\begin{aligned} e_{k+1} &= \arg \min_e \mathcal{L}_{\xi}(x_k, e, \theta_k) \\ x_{k+1} &= \arg \min_x \mathcal{L}_{\xi}(x, e_{k+1}, \theta_k) \\ \theta_{k+1} &= \theta_k + \xi(b - Ax_{k+1} - e_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

# Dual ALM

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} \quad & -\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}^T (\mathbf{z} - A^T \mathbf{y}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - A^T \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \\ \text{subj. to} \quad & \mathbf{z} \in B_1^\infty. \end{aligned}$$

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**Algorithm 2** Dual Augmented Lagrangian Method (DALM)  
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- 1: **Input:**  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $B = [A, I] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (n+m)}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{0}$ .
  - 2: **while** not converged ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) **do**
  - 3:    $\mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{B_1^\infty}(B^T \mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{w}_k / \beta)$ ;
  - 4:    $\mathbf{y}_{k+1} = (BB^T)^{-1}(A\mathbf{z}_{k+1} - (B\mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{b}) / \beta)$ ;
  - 5:    $\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{w}_k - \beta(\mathbf{z}_{k+1} - A^T \mathbf{y}_{k+1})$ ;
  - 6: **end while**
  - 7: **Output:**  $\mathbf{x}^* \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_k[1 : n]$ ,  $\mathbf{e}^* \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_k[n + 1 : n + m]$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^* \leftarrow \mathbf{y}_k$ .
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$$\mathbf{z}_{k+1} = \mathcal{P}_{B_1^\infty}(A^T \mathbf{y}_k + \mathbf{x}_k / \beta),$$

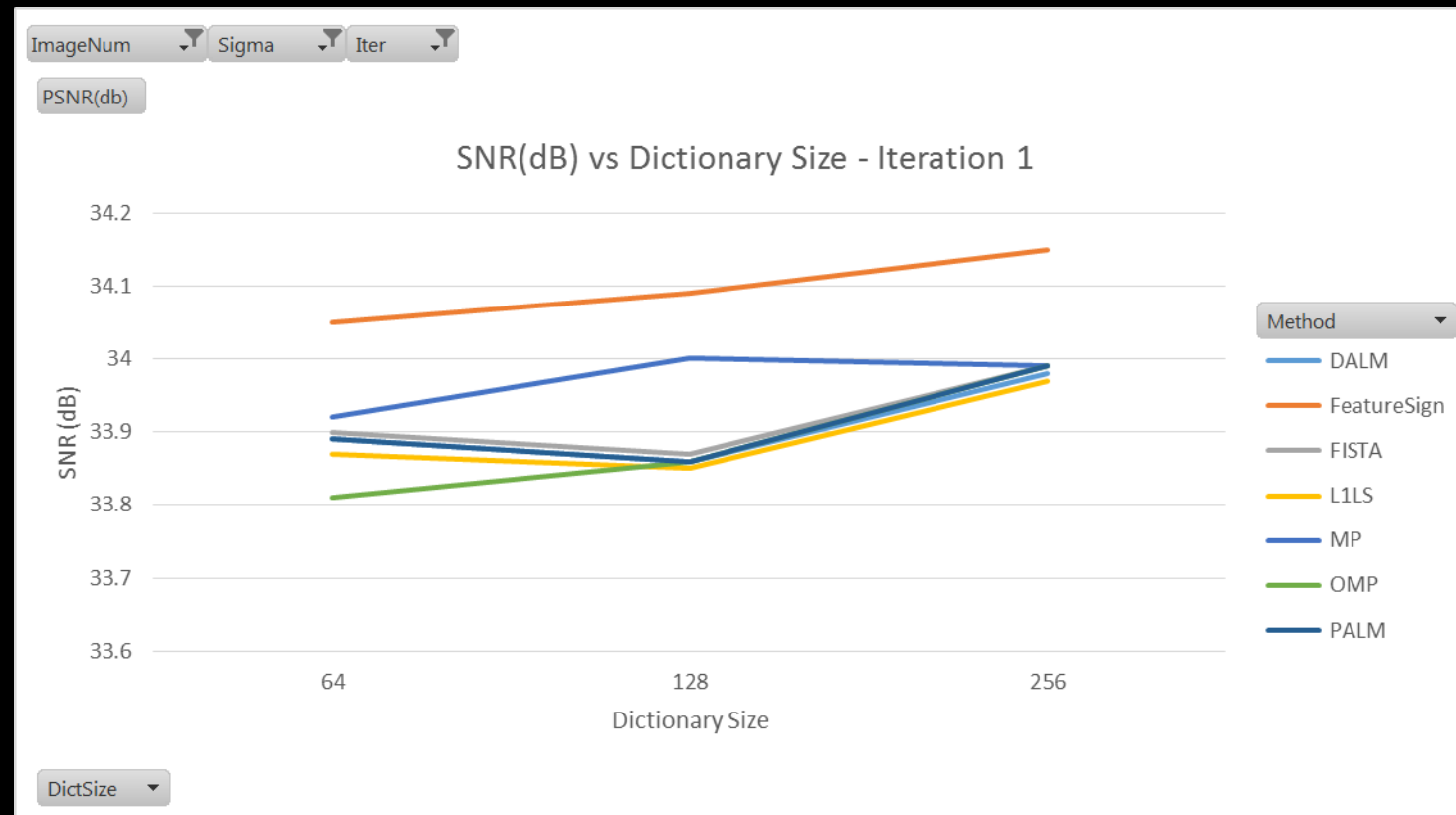
$$\beta AA^T \mathbf{y} = \beta A \mathbf{z}_{k+1} - (A \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{b}).$$



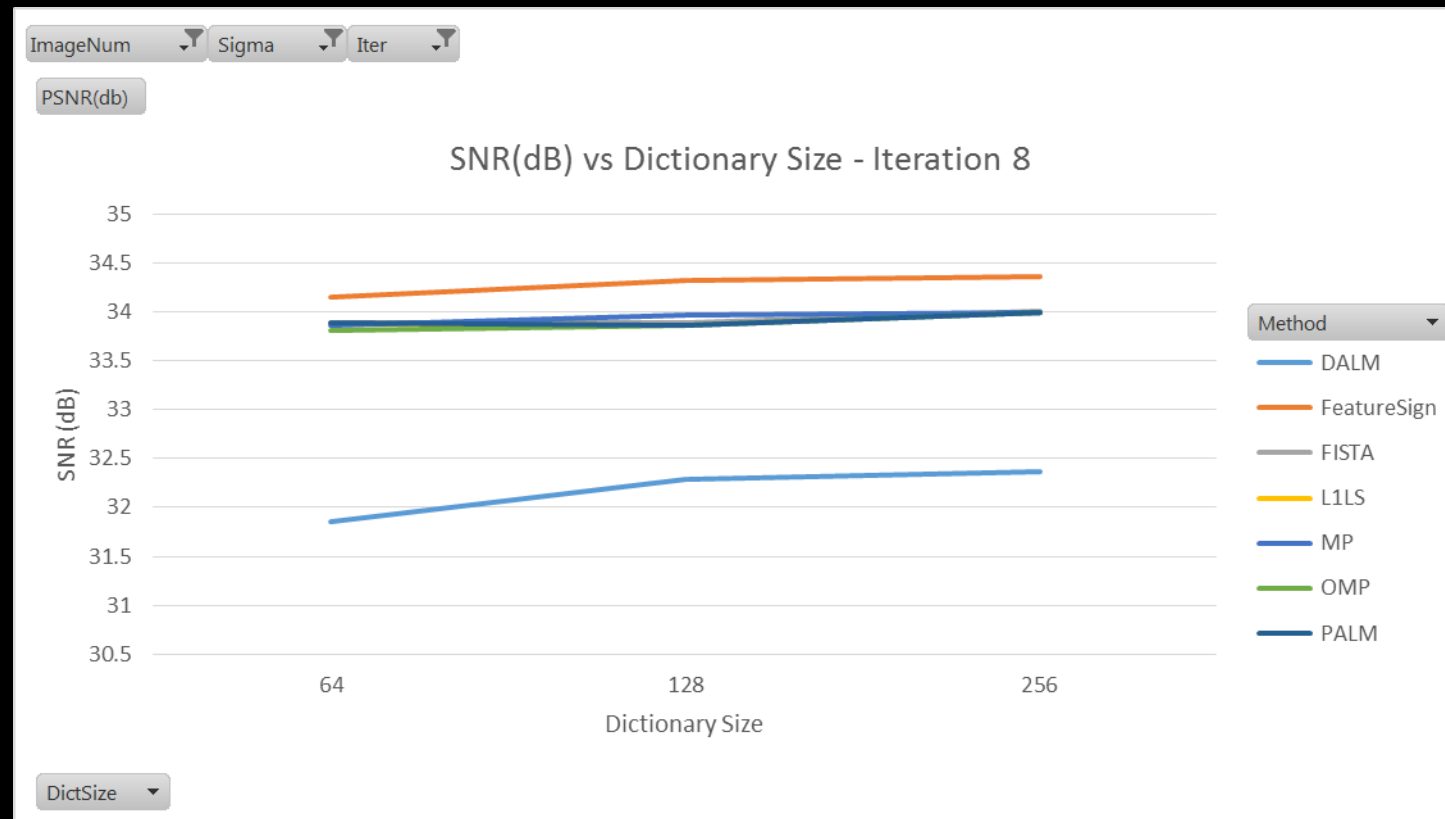
# Experimental Setting

- K-SVD for Dictionary Learning
- Parameters experimented with
  - Image Noise Level
  - Dictionary Size
  - Sparse Coding Techniques
- Evaluation metric
  - Execution Time
  - SNR of de-noised image

# Observations – Variations With Dictionary Size



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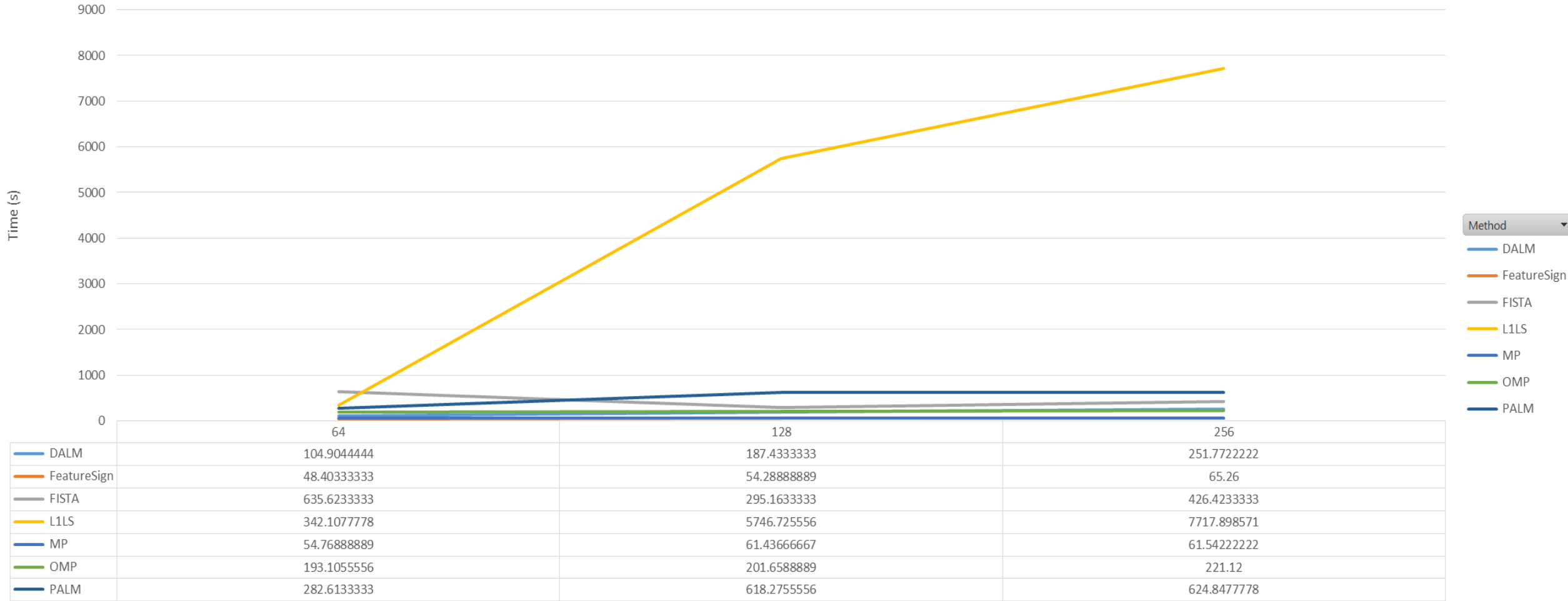
# Observations – Execution Time



ImageNum  Sigma  Iter

Average of Time

Average Time per Iteration

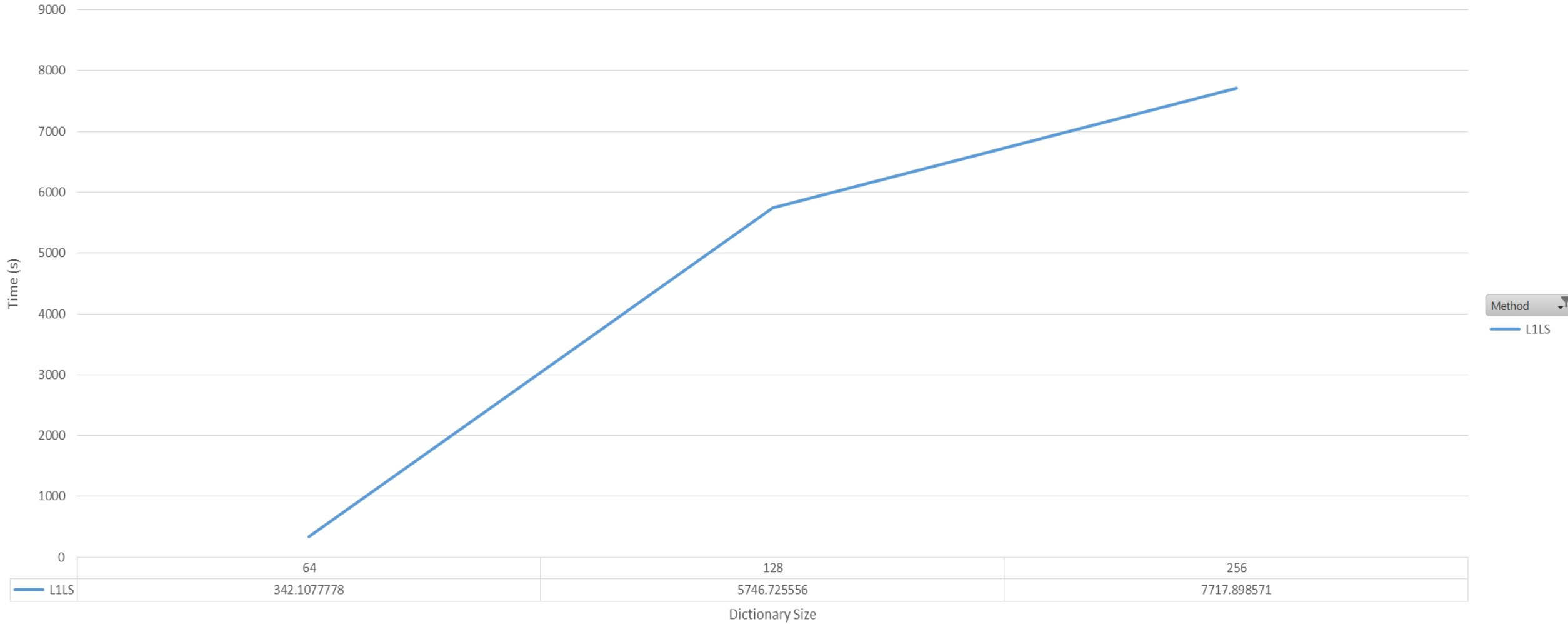


DictSize

ImageNum  Sigma  Iter

Average of Time

Average Time per Iteration



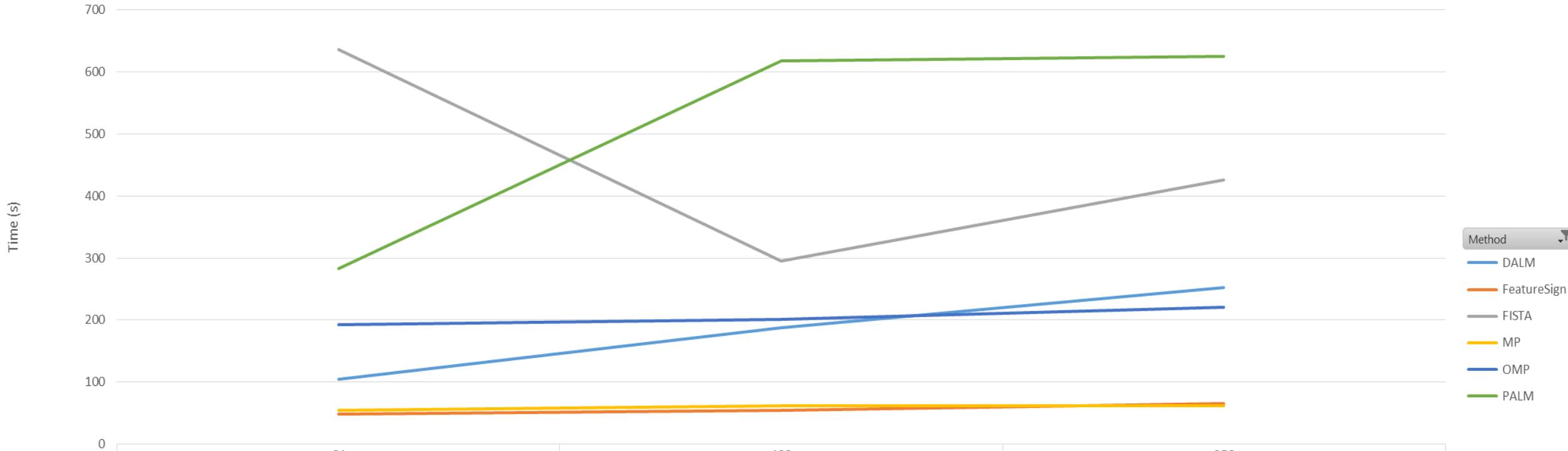
Method   
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DictSize

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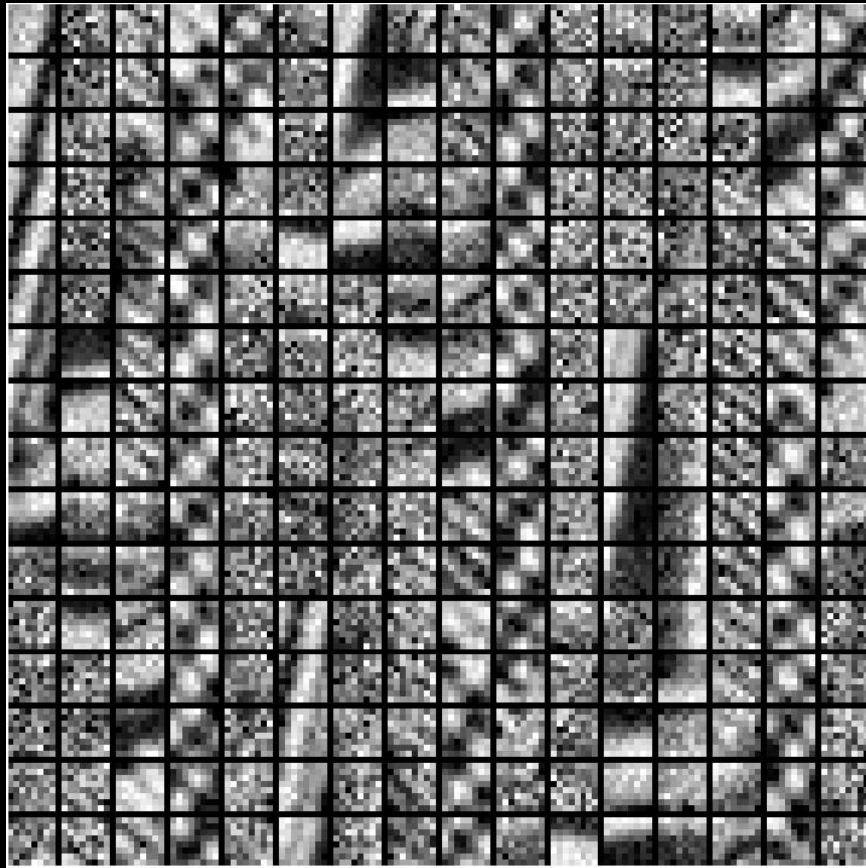


	64	128	256
DALM	104.904444	187.433333	251.772222
FeatureSign	48.403333	54.288889	65.26
FISTA	635.623333	295.163333	426.423333
MP	54.768889	61.436667	61.542222
OMP	193.105556	201.658889	221.12
PALM	282.613333	618.275556	624.847778

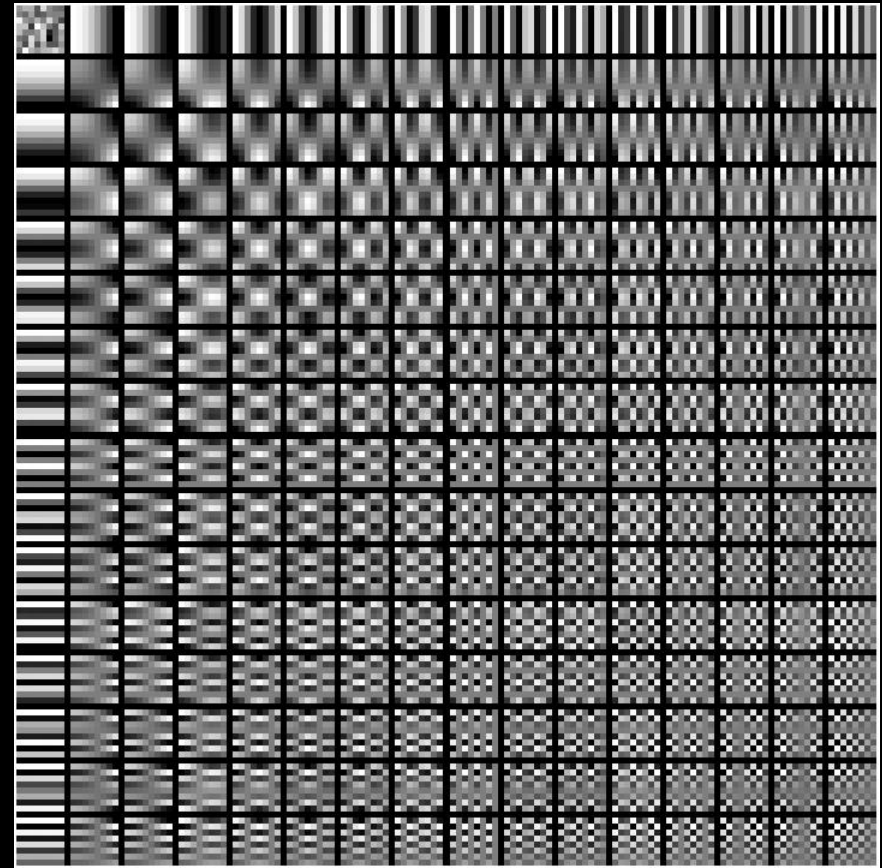
Dictionary Size

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# Trained Dictionaries

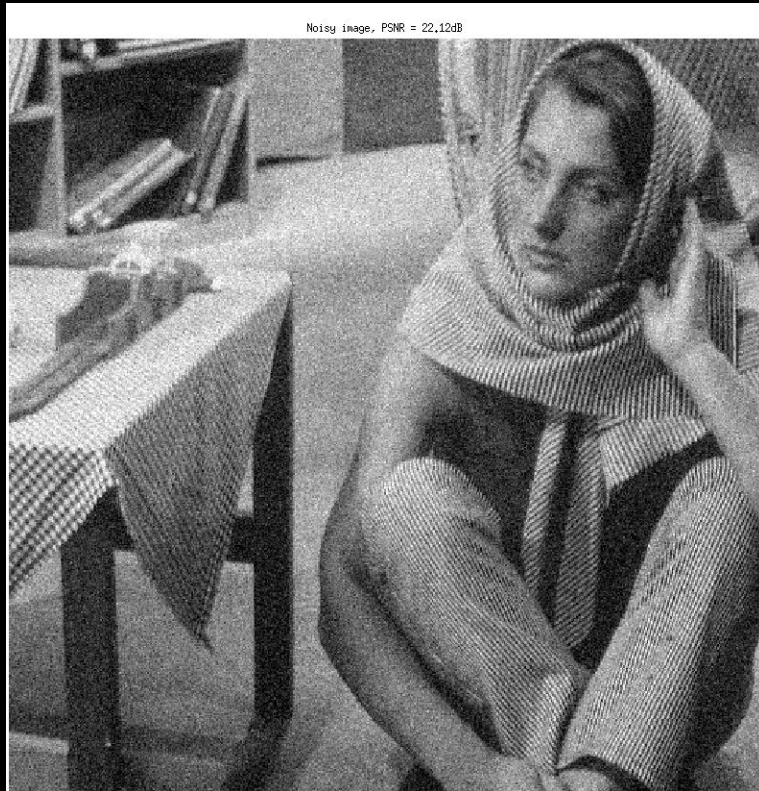


DALM – Sigma -10  
De-noised Image PSNR = 32.36 (dB)



PALM– Sigma -10  
De-noised Image PSNR = 33.99 (dB)

# De-noised Images –DALM, Sigma=20

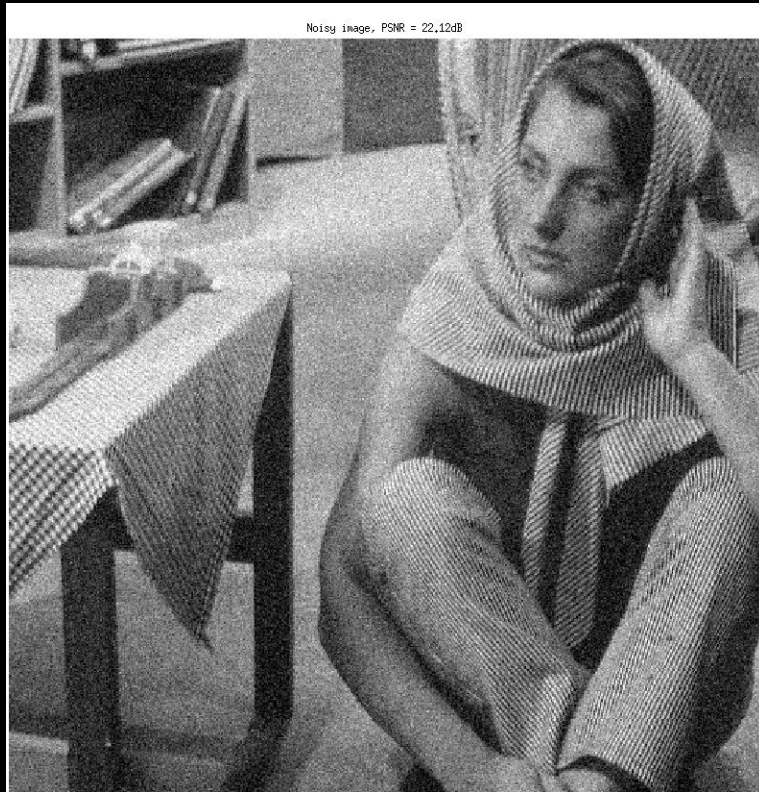


PSNR = 22.12 dB



PSNR = 27.94 dB

# De-noised Images –Feature Sign, Sigma=20



PSNR = 22.12 dB



PSNR = 30.50 dB

# Conclusion

- Performs better as dictionary size increases
- Feature-sign gives best results and converges quicker
- L1LS takes the maximum time per iteration
- DALM learns a poor dictionary

# For more results

- <https://github.com/dkdfirefly/aml>



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