# Fast greedy algorithms for dictionary selection with generalized sparsity constraints

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### Our contributions

- We propose a fast greedy algorithm for dictionary selection, named Replacement OMP.
- We propose a novel class of sparsity constraints, *p*-replacement sparsity families.
- We empirically show that in a smaller time, Replacement OMP returns a solution competitive with ones obtained by dictionary learning methods.
- We extend the algorithms to the online setting.

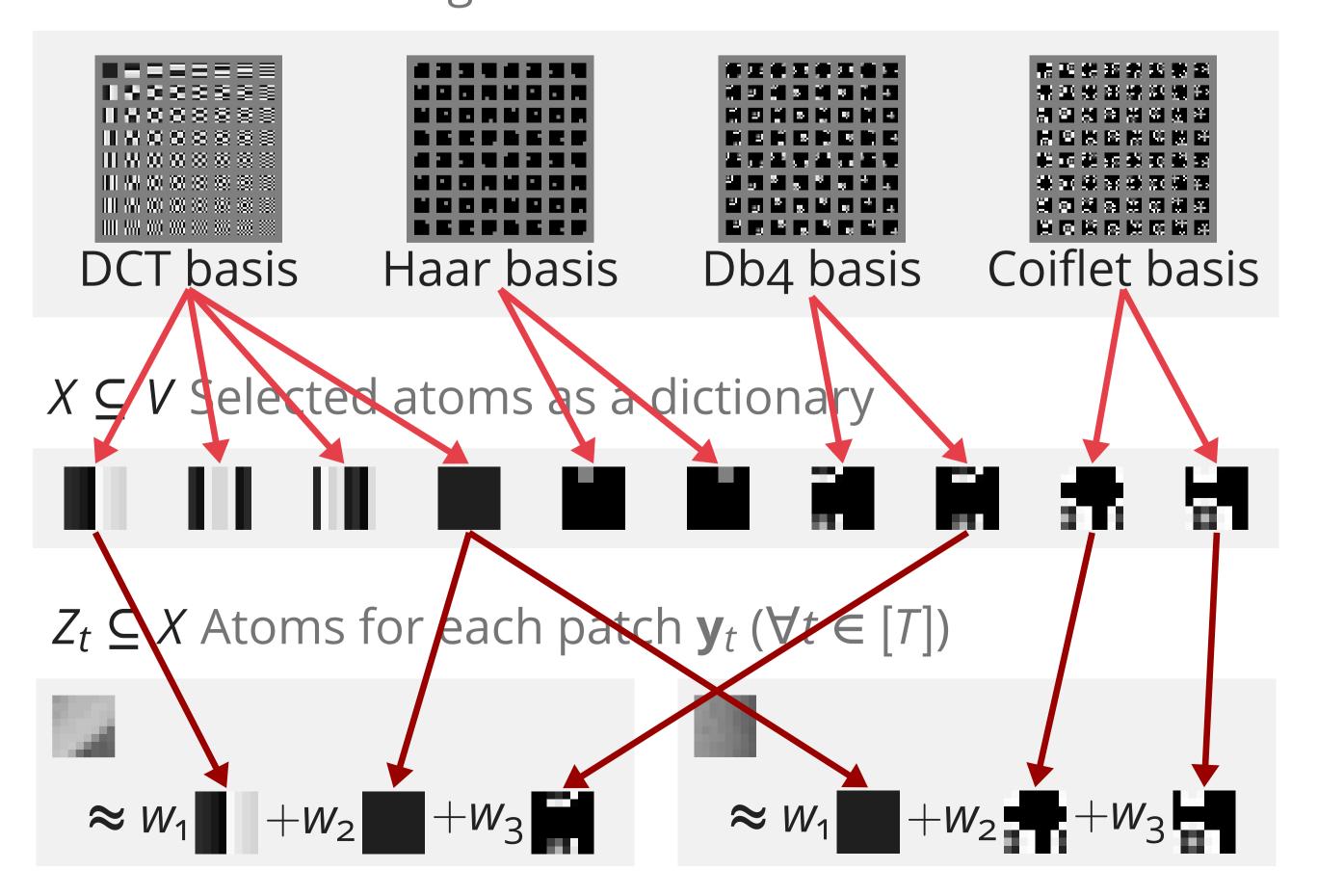
# Dictionary selection

sparsity constraint e.g. 
$$\mathcal{I} = \{(Z_1, \cdots, Z_T) : |Z_t| \leq s\}$$

Maximize  $\max_{X \subseteq V} \sum_{t=1}^T f_t(Z_t)$  subject to  $|X| \leq k$ 

set function representing the quality of  $Z_t$  for patch  $\mathbf{y}_t$ 
 $f_t(Z_t) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \max_{\mathbf{w}_t: \text{ supp}(\mathbf{w}_t) \subseteq Z_t} u_t(\mathbf{w}_t)$  e.g.  $u_t(\mathbf{w}_t) = ||\mathbf{y}_t||^2 - ||\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_t||^2$ 

### V Union of existing dictionaries



## Replacement Greedy & Replacement OMP

#### Assumption

 $u_t$  is  $m_{2s}$ -strongly concave on  $\Omega_{2s} = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) : ||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||_0 \le 2s\}$  and  $M_{s,2}$ -smooth on  $\Omega_{s,2} = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}): \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \le s, \|\mathbf{y}\|_0 \le s, \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_0 \le 2\}$ 

- Initialize  $X := \emptyset$ ,  $Z_t := \emptyset$  ( $\forall t \in [T]$ )
- Greedy atom selection (Repeat *k* times)

Pick 
$$a^* \in V$$
 that maximizes
$$\begin{cases} \max_{(Z'_1, \cdots, Z'_T) \in \mathcal{F}_{a^*}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\{ f_t(Z'_t) - f_t(Z_t) \right\} & \text{(Replacement Greedy)} \\ \max_{(Z'_1, \cdots, Z'_T) \in \mathcal{F}_{a^*}} \left\{ \frac{1}{M_{S,2}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\| \nabla u_t \left( \mathbf{w}_t^{(Z_t)} \right)_{Z'_t \setminus Z_t} \right\|^2 \\ -M_{S,2} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left\| \left( \mathbf{w}_t^{(Z_t)} \right)_{Z_t \setminus Z'_t} \right\|^2 \right\} & \text{(Replacement OMP)} \\ \text{and let } X \leftarrow X + a^* \text{ and } Z_t \leftarrow Z'_t \text{ } (\forall t \in [T]) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_a(Z_1, \cdots, Z_T) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \left\{ (Z'_1, \cdots, Z'_T) \in \mathcal{I} \mid Z'_t \subseteq Z_T + a, \mid Z_t \setminus Z'_t \mid \leq 1 \text{ } (\forall t \in [T]) \right\}$$

$$\text{feasible replacements}$$

$$\mathbf{w}_t^{(Z_t)} \in \text{argmax } u_t(\mathbf{w}) \text{ optimal vector for } u_t \text{ with support } Z_t$$

### Theoretical results for standard dictionary selection

algorithm	approximation ratio	running time
SDS <sub>MA</sub> [Krause–Cevher'10]	$\frac{m_1 m_s}{M_1 M_s} \left( 1 - 1/e \right)$	O((k+d)nT)
SDS <sub>OMP</sub> [Krause-Cevher'10]	O(1/k)	O((s+k)sdknT)
Replacement Greedy	$\frac{m_{2S}^2}{M_{S,2}^2} \left( 1 - \exp\left( -\frac{M_{S,2}}{m_{2S}} \right) \right)$	$O(s^2dknT)$
Replacement OMP		O((n+ds)kT)

- Replacement Greedy was originally proposed for two-stage submodular maxization in [Stan+'17]
- $lue{}$  We extend SDS<sub>MA</sub>, Replacement Greedy, and Replacement OMP to the online setting

## p-Replacement sparsity families

A generalized class of sparsity constraints including average/block sparsity [Cevher-Krause'11]

#### Theorem

Replacement OMP is  $\frac{m_{2s}^2}{M_{5s}^2} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{k M_{5,2}}{p m_{2s}}\right)\right)$ -approx. if  $\mathcal{I}$  is p-replacement sparse

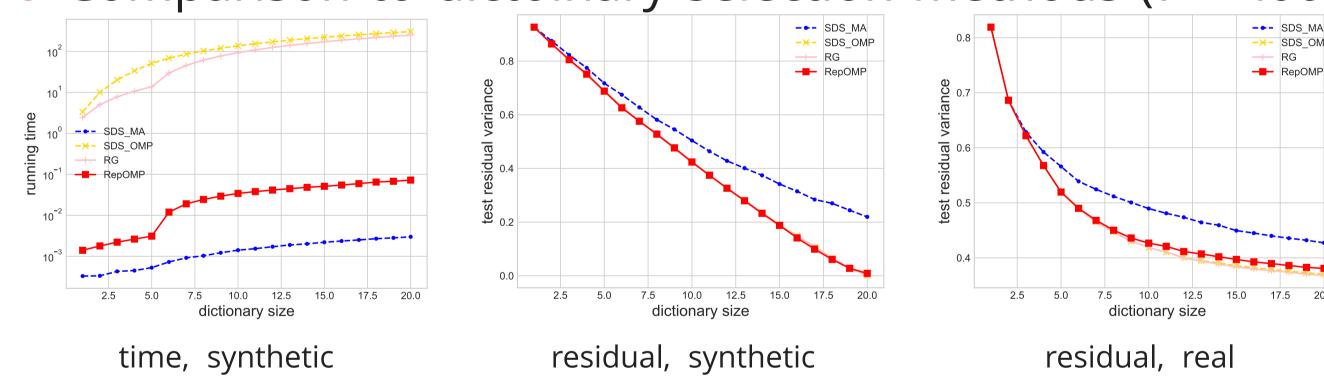
$$\forall (Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{T}), (Z_{1}^{*}, \dots, Z_{T}^{*}) \in \mathcal{I},$$

$$\exists (Z_{1}^{p'}, \dots, Z_{T}^{p'}) \in \bigcup_{a \in V} \mathcal{F}_{a}(Z_{1}, \dots, Z_{T}) (p' \in [p]) \text{ s.t.}$$

- each atom in  $Z_t^* \setminus Z_t$  appears at least once in  $(Z_t^{p'} \setminus Z_t)_{p'=1}^p$
- each atom in  $Z_t \setminus Z_t^*$  appears at most once in  $(Z_t \setminus Z_t^{p'})_{p'=1}^p$

# **Experimental results**

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lacktriangle Comparison to dictionary learning methods (T=1000)

