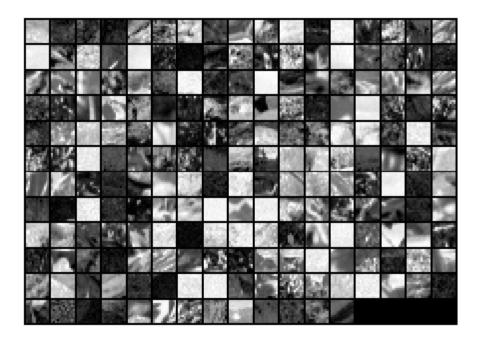
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## Step 0a: Load data

Here we provide the code to load natural image data into x. x will be a 144 \* 10000 matrix, where the kth column x(:, k) corresponds to the raw image data from the kth 12x12 image patch sampled. You do not need to change the code below.



## Step 0b: Zero-mean the data (by row)

You can make use of the mean and repmat/bsxfun functions.

# Step 1a: Implement PCA to obtain xRot

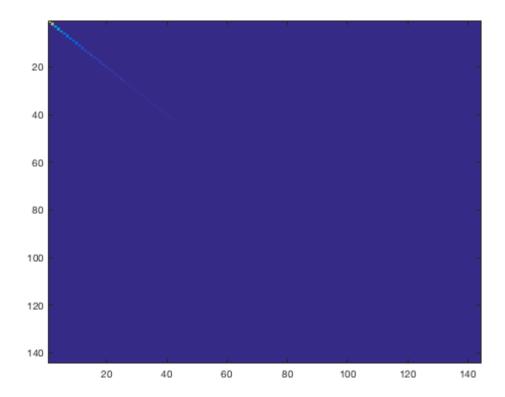
Implement PCA to obtain xRot, the matrix in which the data is expressed with respect to the eigenbasis of sigma, which is the matrix U.

## Step 1b: Check your implementation of PCA

The covariance matrix for the data expressed with respect to the basis U should be a diagonal matrix with non-zero entries only along the main diagonal. We will verify this here.

Write code to compute the covariance matrix, covar.

When visualised as an image, you should see a straight line across the diagonal (non-zero entries) against a blue background (zero entries).



## Step 2: Find k, the number of components to retain

Write code to determine k, the number of components to retain in order to retain at least 99% of the variance.

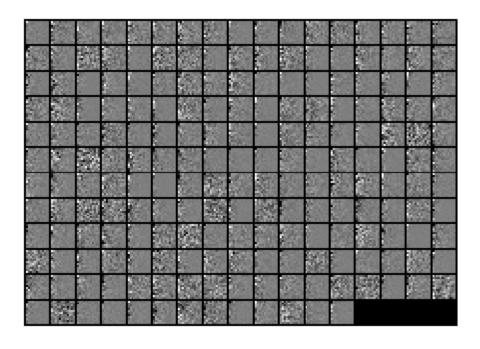
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if perc < .99
    k = (sqrt_k + 1) ^ 2;
    break;
    end
end</pre>
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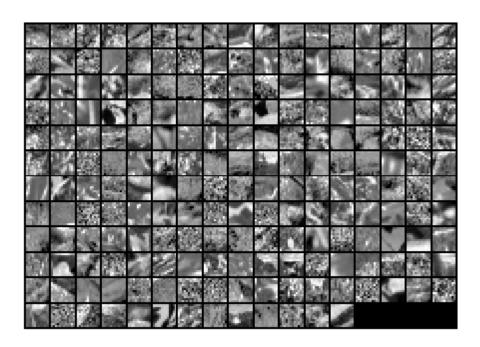
Variance ratio for 121 is 0.078062

#### Step 3: Implement PCA with dimension reduction

Now that you have found k, you can reduce the dimension of the data by discarding the remaining dimensions. In this way, you can represent the data in k dimensions instead of the original 144, which will save you computational time when running learning algorithms on the reduced representation.

Following the dimension reduction, invert the PCA transformation to produce the matrix xHat, the dimension-reduced data with respect to the original basis. Visualise the data and compare it to the raw data. You will observe that there is little loss due to throwing away the principal components that correspond to dimensions with low variation.





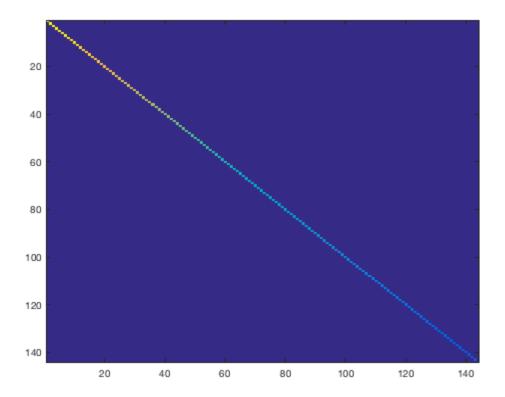
Step 4a: Implement PCA with whitening and regularisation

Implement PCA with whitening and regularisation to produce the matrix xPCAWhite.

#### Step 4b: Check your implementation of PCA whitening

Check your implementation of PCA whitening with and without regularisation. PCA whitening without regularisation results a covariance matrix that is equal to the identity matrix. PCA whitening with regularisation results in a covariance matrix with diagonal entries starting close to 1 and gradually becoming smaller. We will verify these properties here. Write code to compute the covariance matrix, covar.

Without regularisation (set epsilon to 0 or close to 0), when visualised as an image, you should see a red line across the diagonal (one entries) against a blue background (zero entries). With regularisation, you should see a red line that slowly turns blue across the diagonal, corresponding to the one entries slowly becoming smaller.



## Step 5: Implement ZCA whitening

Now implement ZCA whitening to produce the matrix xZCAWhite. Visualise the data and compare it to the raw data. You should observe that whitening results in, among other things, enhanced edges.

