

a)

Provided in the lecture notes we can derive the following variables used in PCA:

Robust PCA

$$M = L + S$$

- M is the **observed** data matrix
- L is a **low-rank** matrix (to be estimated)
- S is a matrix of **sparse** outliers (to be estimated)

By finding L and S , we can retrieve **low-dimensional linear structure** from non-ideal observations.

The formulation for the minimization problem before convex relaxation can be defined as follows:

$$\min\{\text{rank}(L) + \lambda\|S\|_0\}$$

$$\text{subject to:} \quad M = L + S$$

$$\text{rank}(L) = \#\{\sigma(L) \neq 0\} \quad \|S\|_0 = \#\{S_{ij} \neq 0\}$$

Neither the rank(L) or L0 norm is convex, so we need to relax these attributes to create a valid convex optimization problem:

$$\text{rank}(L) = \# \{ \sigma(L) \neq 0 \}$$



$$\|L\|_* = \sum_i \sigma(L)$$

Nuclear norm: sum of singular values

$$\|S\|_0 = \# \{ S_{ij} \neq 0 \}$$



$$\|S\|_1 = \sum_{i,j} |S_{ij}|$$

L₁ norm: sum of absolute values

Convex Relaxation

b)

Step 1) Given S and Y, and minimizing for L, we can see that the optimization problem gets simplified and we can cancel out terms, then we can derive the frobenius norm of $X - L$. Then with Single value thresholding we can derive L for the next step.

Step 2) Then S get's updated based on the soft-thresholding algorithm.

We then repeat this process until convergence.

- Augmented Langrangian Multiplier form:

$$l(L, S, Y) = \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \langle Y, M - L - S \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L - S\|_F^2.$$

$$l(L, S, Y; \mu) = \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| M - L - S + \frac{Y}{\mu} \right\|_F^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| \frac{Y}{\mu} \right\|_F^2$$

Main Idea:

- Given S and Y, Update L

$$\arg \min_L \|L\|_* + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| M - L - S + \frac{Y}{\mu} \right\|_F^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = L + S - \frac{Y}{\mu} \quad L = D_{1/\mu}(X) = U S_{1/\mu}(\Sigma) V^T$$

- Given L and Y, Update S

$$\arg \min_S \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \left\| M - L - S + \frac{Y}{\mu} \right\|_F^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_{ij} = S_{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}(X) = \text{sgn}(X) \max(|X| - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}, 0)$$

- Given L and S, Update Y

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k + \mu(M - L - S)$$

c)

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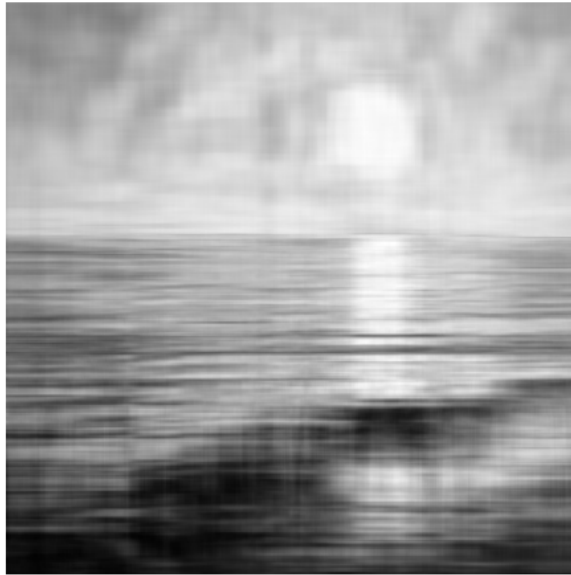


Figure 1: rank(L) Image output

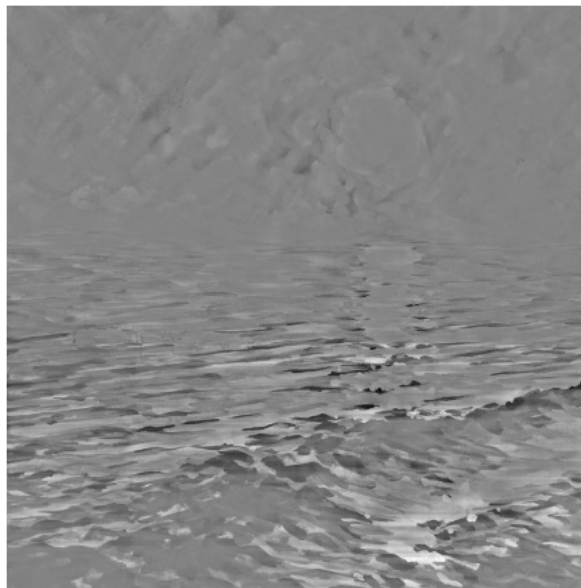


Figure 2: S matrix image for outliers



Figure 3: Original Image

d)

We can see when comparing the outputs, that the low rank L matrix output seemed to be focusing on features related to the following:

- The sun and it's corresponding reflection
- The sky and it's corresponding cloud cover
- The sea and anything realted to the tides

We can see from the Sparse matrix output that a lot of empahsis is places on the darker portion of the images representing the tide. When comparing to previous modules, it seems to have a very similar output compared to edge detection!!

We can see that the L image output seems to create a fairly accurate representation when comparing back to the original image, and accounts for outliers much more effectively than a conventional PCA implementation would yield.