

# Assignment 5: CS 763, Computer Vision

Due 15th April before 11:55 pm (no late submissions will be allowed this time)

**Remember the honor code while submitting this (and every other) assignment. You may discuss broad ideas with other student groups or ask me for any difficulties, but the code you implement and the answers you write must be from members of the group. We will adopt a zero-tolerance policy against any violation.**

**Submission instructions:** You should ideally type out all the answers in Word (with the equation editor) or using LaTeX. In either case, prepare a pdf file. Put the pdf file and the code for the programming parts all in one zip file. The pdf file should contain instructions for running your code. Name the zip file as follows: A5-IdNumberOfFirstStudent-IdNumberOfSecondStudent.zip. If you are doing the assignment alone, the name of the zip file should be A5-IdNumber.zip. Upload the file on moodle BEFORE 11:59 pm on 15th April. **No late submissions will be allowed this time.** Please preserve a copy of all your work until the end of the semester.

1. Answer the following questions pertaining to the essential/fundamental matrix in a binocular stereo system:

- (a) Consider two cameras with parallel optical axes, with the optical center of the second camera at a location  $(a, 0, 0)$  as measured in the first camera's coordinate frame. What is the essential matrix of this stereo system?

**Ans:** The essential matrix is given as  $RS = S$  (as  $R$  is identity) where

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a \\ 0 & a & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

- (b) Suppose I gave you the fundamental matrix of a stereo system, how will you infer the left and right epipoles in pixel coordinates?

**Ans:** The fundamental matrix  $F$  has size  $3 \times 3$  but rank 2. Let the SVD of  $F$  give us  $F = USV^T$ . The left epipole is the column of  $V$  corresponding to the zero singular value. The right epipole is obtained from the column of  $U$  corresponding to the zero singular value. See slides on stereo for more details.

- (c) Prove that any essential matrix will have one singular value which is zero, and that its other two singular values are identical. Derive a relationship between these singular values and the extrinsic parameters of the stereo system (*i.e.*, the rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  and/or the translation vector  $\mathbf{t}$  between the coordinate frames of the two cameras). [Hint: Show that if  $\mathbf{E}$  is the essential matrix, then we can write  $\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{E} = \alpha(\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} - \mathbf{t}_u \mathbf{t}_u^T)$  where  $\alpha$  is some scalar which you should express in terms of  $\mathbf{R}$  and/or  $\mathbf{t}$ ,  $\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3}$  is the identity matrix with 3 rows and 3 columns, and  $\mathbf{t}_u$  is a vector of unit magnitude in the direction of  $\mathbf{t}$ ].

**Ans:** From  $E = RS$ , we can write  $E^T E = S^T S$  as  $R$  is orthonormal. Recall that

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Hence we can write

$$E^T E = \begin{pmatrix} T_y^2 + T_z^2 & -T_x T_y & -T_x T_z \\ -T_x T_y & T_x^2 + T_z^2 & -T_y T_z \\ -T_x T_z & -T_y T_z & T_x^2 + T_y^2 \end{pmatrix} = \|T\|^2 \begin{pmatrix} t_{u,y}^2 + t_{u,z}^2 & -t_{u,x} t_{u,y} & -t_{u,x} t_{u,z} \\ -t_{u,x} t_{u,y} & t_{u,x}^2 + t_{u,z}^2 & -t_{u,y} t_{u,z} \\ -t_{u,x} t_{u,z} & -t_{u,y} t_{u,z} & t_{u,x}^2 + t_{u,y}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$= \|T\|^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 - t_{u,x}^2 & -t_{u,x} t_{u,y} & -t_{u,x} t_{u,z} \\ -t_{u,x} t_{u,y} & 1 - t_{u,y}^2 & -t_{u,y} t_{u,z} \\ -t_{u,x} t_{u,z} & -t_{u,y} t_{u,z} & 1 - t_{u,z}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= \|T\|^2 (\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} - \mathbf{t}_u \mathbf{t}_u^T) \quad (5)$$

Now consider  $E^T E \mathbf{t}_u = \|T\|^2 (\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} - \mathbf{t}_u \mathbf{t}_u^T) \mathbf{t}_u = 0$  (remember that  $\mathbf{t}_u^T \mathbf{t}_u = 1$ ). Hence  $\mathbf{t}_u$  is an eigenvector of  $E^T E$  corresponding to eigenvalue 0 (i.e. a singular vector of  $E$  corresponding to the null singular value). Now consider two mutually perpendicular unit vectors (say  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ ) both lying in the plane perpendicular to  $\mathbf{t}_u$ . Then we can see that  $E^T E \mathbf{a} = \|T\|^2 \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \mathbf{a} = \|T\|^2 \mathbf{a}$  as  $\mathbf{t}_u^T \mathbf{a} = 0$ . Thus  $\mathbf{a}$  is an eigenvector of  $E^T E$  (i.e. a singular vector of  $E$ ) corresponding to the singular value  $\|T\|^2$ . The same applies to vector  $\mathbf{b}$  as well.

Thus we have proved that  $E$  has one zero singular value, with the corresponding singular vector same as  $\mathbf{t}_u$ . We have also proved that it has two singular values equal to  $\|T\|^2$  with the corresponding singular vectors being perpendicular to  $\mathbf{t}_u$ . This also brings out the relationship between these non-zero singular values and the extrinsic parameters.

**Marking scheme:** 2.5 points if you are able to prove that  $\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{E} = \alpha (\mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} - \mathbf{t}_u \mathbf{t}_u^T)$  with the correct value of  $\alpha$ . 1.5 points for concluding that  $\mathbf{t}_u$  is the singular vector with 0 singular value. 1 point for concluding that two vectors perpendicular to  $\mathbf{t}_u$  are the singular vectors with singular value  $\|T\|^2$ .

- (d) In the noiseless case, what is the minimum number of corresponding pairs of points you must know in order to estimate the essential matrix? Or in other words, how many degrees of freedom does an essential matrix have? Justify your answer. (Think carefully).

**Ans:** The eight-point algorithm requires 8 pairs of corresponding points for determining the fundamental matrix. However, that is more than the minimum number of point pairs. The essential matrix is given by  $E = RS$  where  $R$  is the rotation between the two coordinate frames, and  $S$  is a matrix derived from the translation vector  $t$  relating the two camera coordinate frames. The number of degrees of freedom in the essential matrix is 3 (for the rotation matrix) and 3 for the translation vector, i.e. a total of 6. However, considering the relation  $p_1^T E q_1 = 0$  where  $(p_1, q_1)$  is a pair of corresponding points from the two images, the essential matrix can be obtained only upto an unknown scaling factor. Hence the number of degrees of freedom is 5. So we need a minimum of 5 points. There exist algorithms for finding  $E$  with just 5 points, but they are much more complicated than the 8 point algorithm.

- (e) We have studied the eight-point algorithm in class for estimating the essential/fundamental matrix. There exist algorithms that require only 7 pairs of corresponding points. In robust estimation, what main advantage will a 7-point algorithm have over the 8-point version?

**Ans:** There exist algorithms for finding  $E$  with just 7 points instead of 8, but they are much more complicated than the 8 point algorithm. From the point of view of robust estimation, a 7-point algorithm has a major advantage over the 8-point algorithm in the context of incorporation within a RANSAC scheme. The probability that a subset of 7 point pairs contains all inliers is higher than the probability that a subset of 8 point pairs contains all inliers. Consequently, we will need fewer iterations of RANSAC. See lecture slides on RANSAC for some more details.

[1 + 1 + 5 + 1 + 2 = 10 points]

2. A very beautiful aspect of compressive sensing is the rigorous mathematical basis - in the form of concrete error bounds on reconstruction results. While using regularization to solve ill-posed problems is a known

technique in computer vision and image processing, the existence of error bounds is a unique feature for compressive sensing problems. What is more, the proof of these stunning results is actually not super-hard, and any (motivated) graduate or undergraduate student with a basic knowledge of properties of vectors, and (more than) a little bit of patience, can easily follow the proofs. The purpose of this exercise is to take you through the proof of the following theorem proved by Emmanuel Candes: [20 points]

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax} + \eta$  be a vector of noisy compressed measurements where the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $m \ll n$  has restricted isometry constant  $\delta_{2s} < \sqrt{2} - 1$ . Let the noise magnitude be upper bounded as  $\|\eta\|_2 \leq \epsilon$ . Let  $\mathbf{x}^*$  be the solution to the problem  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$  such that  $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}\|_2 \leq \epsilon$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}^*$  obeys  $\|\mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq C_0 s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1 + C_1 \epsilon$  where  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  are small-valued constants and  $\mathbf{x}_s$  is a vector obtained by nullifying all entries of  $\mathbf{x}$  except the  $s$  entries with the largest absolute value.

The proof is given below. Your job is to trace through it, verifying every step, and then answering the questions presented in blue colored font. Ideally, edit the latex file itself and write your answer in blue colored font. You will need to use the triangle inequality ( $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \geq \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_2$ ), the reverse triangle inequality ( $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2 \geq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 - \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$ ), the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality (the dot product  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$ ) for vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , and the restricted isometry property for  $\mathbf{A}$ . Also remember that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_i |x_i|$ ,  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2}$  and  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_i |x_i|$ .

**Proof:**

- (a) We can write the following result:  $\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)\|_2 \leq 2\epsilon$ . (How is this derived?)  
 $\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)\|_2 = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}^* - (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax})\|_2$   
 $\leq \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}^*\|_2 + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}\|_2$  due to triangle inequality  
 $\leq 2\epsilon$  as both are feasible solutions satisfying the noise-based constraint
- (b) Let us define vector  $\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}$ . Let us denote vector  $\mathbf{h}_T$  as the vector equal to  $\mathbf{h}$  only on an index set  $T$  and zero at all other indices. Let  $T_0$  the set of indices containing the  $s$  largest entries of  $\mathbf{x}$  (in terms of absolute value),  $T_1$  be the set of indices of the next  $s$  largest entries of  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $T_2$  be the set of indices of the next  $s$  largest entries of  $\mathbf{x}$  after  $T_1$ , and so on. We will now decompose  $\mathbf{h}$  as the sum of  $\mathbf{h}_{T_0}, \mathbf{h}_{T_1}, \mathbf{h}_{T_2}, \dots$ . We will denote the complement of an index set  $T$  as  $T^c$ . Our aim will be to prove that both  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2$  and  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2$  are upper bounded by sensible and intuitive quantities.
- (c) We will first prove the bound on  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2$ , in the following way, using simple vector properties and the fact that  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}$  is the minimum of the objective function subject to the given constraint.
  - i. We have  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \leq s^{1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty \leq s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_{j-1}}\|_1$ . (Prove both these inequalities. Note that any element of  $T_{j-1}$  is greater than or equal to any element of  $T_j$  for any  $j \geq 1$ ).  
The first inequality holds because  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s h_{T_j,i}^2} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty^2} = s^{1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty$ .  
For the second inequality, notice that  $s^{1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty \leq \frac{s^{1/2}}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty \leq s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_{j-1}}\|_1$ . The very last inequality follows because any element of  $\mathbf{h}_{T_j}$  (including  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_\infty$ ) is less than or equal to any element of  $\mathbf{h}_{T_{j-1}}$ .
  - ii. Therefore  $\sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \leq s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1$ . (Prove this inequality).  
 $\sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \leq s^{-1/2} \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_1 = s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0^c}\|_1$ . The last equality is because  $T_0^c = T_1 \cup T_2 \cup \dots$ .
  - iii. Hence we have  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2 = \|\sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \leq \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \leq s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1$  (Prove both inequalities).  
The first inequality is directly from the triangle inequality. The latter equality comes directly from part (ii).
  - iv. Now it turns out that  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1$  is not very large in value. Why so? As  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is the minimum, we have  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \geq \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}\|_1 = \sum_{i \in T_0} |x_i + h_i| + \sum_{i \in (T_0)^c} |x_i + h_i| \geq \|\mathbf{x}_{T_0}\|_1 - \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_1 + \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1 - \|\mathbf{x}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1$   
Prove the last inequality.  
This is a direct result of the reverse triangle inequality.

- v. Rearranging the terms now gives us  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 + 2\|\mathbf{x}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1 = \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 + 2\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$ .
- vi. Combining everything, we now have  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2 \leq s^{-1/2}(\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 + 2\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1) \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_2 + 2s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$ . (Prove the last inequality).

In part (iii), we already showed that  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2 \leq s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0^c}\|_1 \leq s^{-1/2}(\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 + 2\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1)$ . Our job is done if we show that  $s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_2$  which follows from the Cauchy Schwartz inequality. To see this, realize that you can express  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)}\|_1 = \mathbf{v}_1^t \mathbf{v}_2$ , i.e. the dot product of  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , a vector containing all ones, and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ , a vector containing the absolute value of all elements in  $\mathbf{h}_{T_0}$ . By Cauchy Schwartz inequality, we have  $\mathbf{v}_1^t \mathbf{v}_2 \leq \|\mathbf{v}_1\|_2 \|\mathbf{v}_2\|_2 = \sqrt{s} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2$ . Also note that both  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  have exactly  $s$  elements by definition of  $T_0$ .

(d) We will now prove the bound on  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)}\|_2$ , in the following way.

- i. We observe that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} - \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j}$ .  
Hence  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 = \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle$ .
- ii. Now, we have  $|\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}\|_2 \leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2$  (Prove both these inequalities, one of which uses the restricted isometry property of  $\mathbf{A}$ ).  
The first one is a result of Cauchy Schwartz inequality. The second is a result of part (c)(i) and the RIP since  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2$ .
- iii. We also have  $|\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle| \leq \delta_{2s} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$ . To prove this, observe that  $\mathbf{h}_{T_0}$  and  $\mathbf{h}_{T_j}$  are vectors with disjoint support.  $|\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle| = \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 |\langle \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{h}_{T_0}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle|$  where  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_0}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_j}$  are unit-normalized vectors. This further yields  $|\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle| = \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \frac{\|\mathbf{A}(\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_0} + \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_j})\|^2 - \|\mathbf{A}(\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_0} - \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{T_j})\|^2}{4}$   
 $\leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2 \frac{(1 + \delta_{2s})(\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|^2) - (1 - \delta_{2s})(\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|^2)}{4}$   
 $= \delta_{2s} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$ . Analogously,  $|\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle| \leq \delta_{2s} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_1}\|_2 \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$ .
- iv. Now, we have  $(1 - \delta_{2s}) \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 \leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \delta_{2s} (\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_1}\|_2) \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$ . (Prove this). Furthermore, we can write  $(1 - \delta_{2s}) \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 (2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} + \sqrt{2}\delta_{2s} \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2)$  because  $\mathbf{h}_{T_0}$  and  $\mathbf{h}_{T_1}$  are vectors with disjoint sets of non-zero indices and hence  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_1}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2$ .

We need to show this one very carefully because there are many small details involved. From the RIP of  $\mathbf{A}$  for order  $2s$  with RIC  $\delta_{2s}$ , we know that  $(1 - \delta_{2s}) \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2^2 = \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle$  (as shown in part (d)(i))  $\leq |\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h} \rangle| + |\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle|$   
 $\leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + |\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle|$  from part (d)(ii)  
 $\leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + |\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_1}, \sum_{j \geq 2} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_j} \rangle|$   
(as  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  are disjoint sets and hence  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_0} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}_{T_1}$ )  
 $\leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \delta_{2s} (\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_1}\|_2) \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$  from part (d)(iii)  
 $\leq 2\epsilon\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \delta_{2s} \sqrt{2} (\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2) \sum_{j \geq 2} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_j}\|_2$ .

- v. Rearranging the above equation, and using one of the previous results (which one? part (c)(ii)), we get  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 \leq \frac{2\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}}}{1 - \delta_{2s}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\delta_{2s}}{1 - \delta_{2s}} s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0)^c}\|_1$   
 $\leq \epsilon \frac{2\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}}}{1 - \delta_{2s}} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}\delta_{2s}}{1 - \delta_{2s}} \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}\delta_{2s}}{1 - \delta_{2s}} s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$ . Further rearranging gives us  $\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 \leq C'\epsilon + C''s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$  where  $C'$  and  $C''$  are constants that depend only on  $\delta_{2s}$  (note in particular that they do not depend on  $n$ ).

$$\text{We have } C' = \frac{2\sqrt{1 + \delta_{2s}}}{1 - \delta_{2s}(\sqrt{2} + 1)} \text{ and } C'' = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\delta_{2s}}{1 - \delta_{2s}(\sqrt{2} + 1)}.$$

- (e) Now, we combine the upper bounds on  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)}\|_2$  and  $\|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2$  to yield the final result as follows:  
 $\|\mathbf{h}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 + 2s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$   
 $\leq 2\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + 2s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1 \leq C_0 s^{-1/2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1 + C_1 \epsilon$  (Justify all these inequalities. Write the final expression for  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  and explain where the sufficient condition  $\delta_{2s} \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$  arises).

We have  $\|\mathbf{h}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1} + \mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{(T_0 \cup T_1)^c}\|_2$  by triangle inequality

$$\leq \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + \|\mathbf{h}_{T_0}\|_2 + 2s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1 \text{ by combining parts (c) and (d)}$$

$$\leq 2\|\mathbf{h}_{T_0 \cup T_1}\|_2 + 2s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$$

$$\leq 2C'\epsilon + (2 + 2C'')s^{-1/2}\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$$

which yields us values of constants  $C_0$  and  $C_1$ . The sufficient condition  $\delta_{2s} < \sqrt{2} - 1$  arises right when we derive  $C'$  and  $C''$  - notice the denominator of these constants is  $1 - \delta_{2s}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$  and it should be strictly greater than 0 (if it is equal to zero, these constants shoot off to infinity; if it is negative, then these constants become negative valued as  $\epsilon$  as well as  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s\|_1$  are both strictly non-negative). Hence we must have  $1 > \delta_{2s}(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ , i.e.  $\delta_{2s} < 1/(\sqrt{2} + 1) = \sqrt{2} - 1$ .

3. In this section, you will implement the orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) algorithm for reconstruction from compressive measurements. For this, first extract all overlapping patches of size  $8 \times 8$  from the barbara image in the homework folder. Generate a  $n \times n$  matrix  $\Phi$  where  $n = 64$  with all entries sampled from a zero-mean Gaussian distribution of unit standard deviation. Let  $\Phi_m$  denote a submatrix consisting of the first  $m$  ( $m \leq n$ ) rows of  $\Phi$ .

Generate compressive measurements for each patch in the form  $\mathbf{y}_i = \Phi_m \mathbf{x}_i$  where  $i$  is a patch index. Add zero mean Gaussian noise with standard deviation = 0.05 times the mean absolute value of all elements from the (non-noisy) coded patches. Your job is to recover  $\mathbf{x}_i$  given  $\mathbf{y}_i$  and  $\Phi_m$  for all  $i$  using OMP. Since image patches are not sparse in the spatial domain, but sparse (or compressible) in the DCT domain, we will represent each patch as  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{U}\theta_i$  where  $\mathbf{U}$  is the 2D DCT matrix, and recover  $\theta_i$  first, thereafter reconstructing  $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{U}\theta_i$ . The final image should be reconstructed by averaging the overlapping patches in a sliding window fashion.

You should repeat this experiment for  $m = \text{ceiling}(fn)$  where  $f \in \{0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05\}$  and record the mean squared patch error (MSPE) and mean squared image error (MSIE) each time. MSPE is given as the average of the mean squared error between the original and reconstructed patches. MSIE is the mean squared error between the original and reconstructed image. Plot a graph of both errors w.r.t.  $m$ .

Repeat this experiment but using pseudo-inverse (the backslash operator in MATLAB) instead of OMP and plot the same errors. Comment on your observations. [20 points].

(Important tip: Generate the 2D DCT matrix in MATLAB as follows:  $U = \text{kron}(\text{dctmtx}(8)', \text{dctmtx}(8)')$  and not as  $U = \text{dctmtx}(64)'$ . This is because the latter generates a 1D DCT matrix, and images are not sparse in that basis.)

**Answer:** Please see the code files in the homework folder. The OMP algorithm works very well even for 20% measurements and that too with noise. The backslash operator in MATLAB in the case of underdetermined systems of equations finds a basic, least squares solution with at the most  $m$  non-zero components. The least squares solution does not have the guarantees of typical compressive sensing, and for most measurements, you will see an error that is distinctly higher.