

## Hypercomplex Algebras for Dictionary Learning

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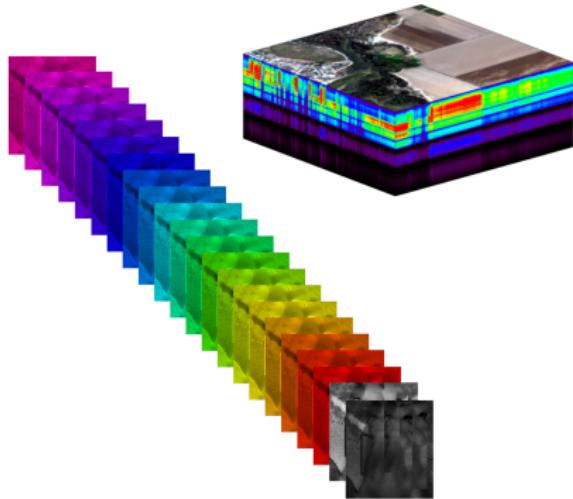
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# Highdimensional data

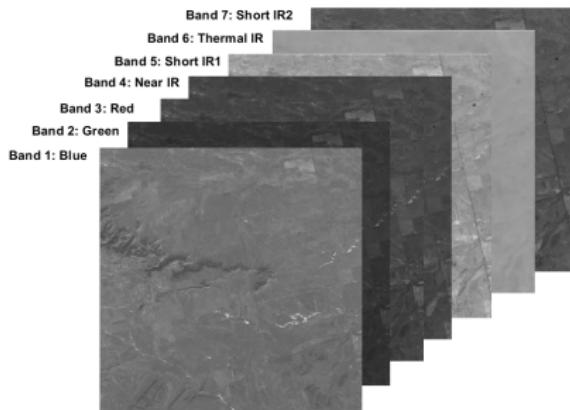


Remote-sensing data  
(hyperspectral, multispectral, visible...)



Multimodal images  
(infrared, X-ray, visible ...)

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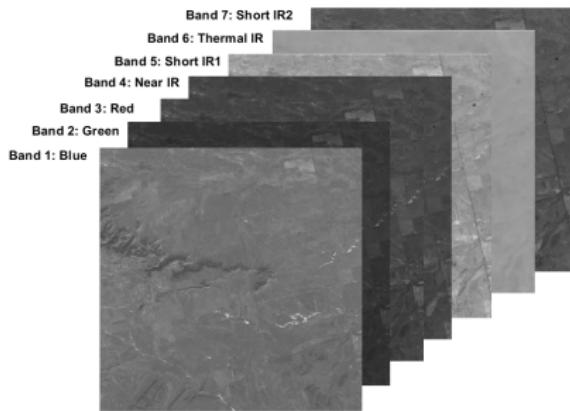


LANDSAT 7 multispectral image

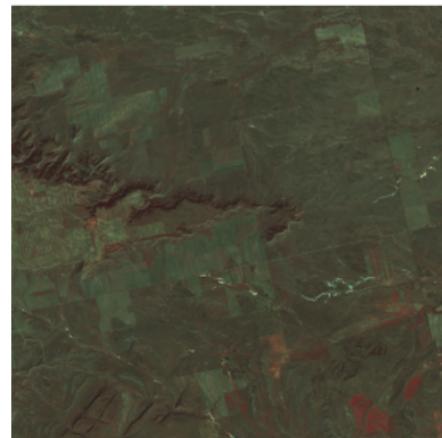


Contrast adjusted RGB image

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LANDSAT 7 multispectral image



Near infrared image

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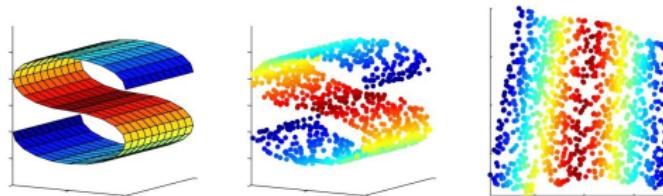
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- High-dimensional data are often not truly high-dimensional
  - Points of high-dimensional data usually reside on a much low-dimensional manifold (**manifold learning**)

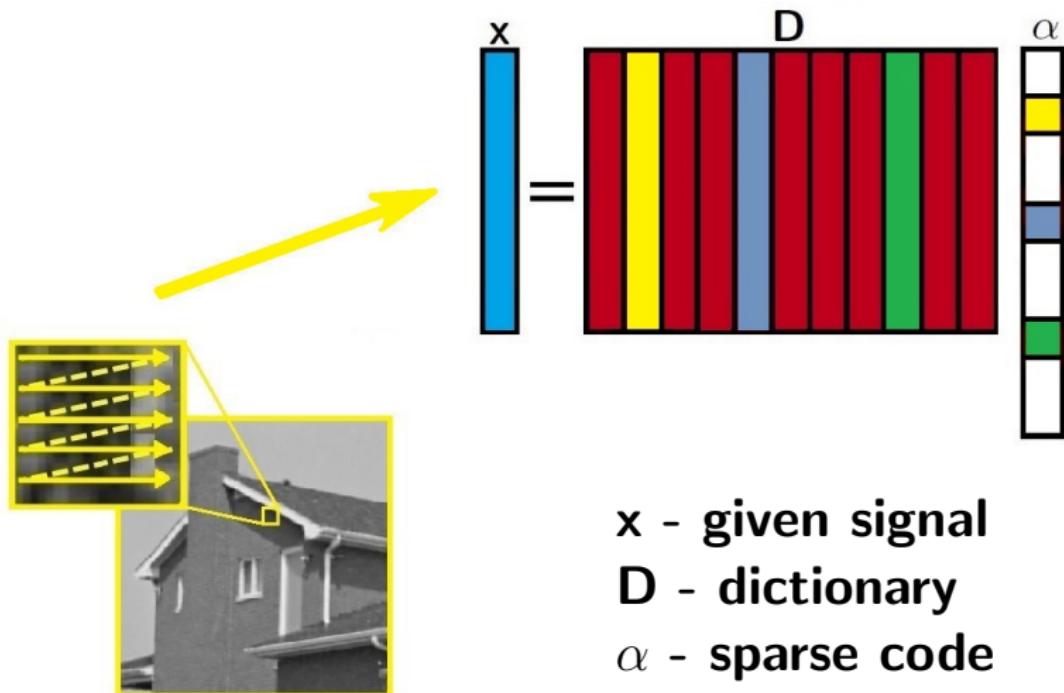


L.K. Saul, S.T. Roweis,

*Think Globally, Fit Locally: Unsupervised Learning of Low Dimensional Manifolds*,  
Journal of Machine Learning Research, v4, pp. 119-155, 2003.

- High-dimensional data inherently has a **sparse representation** with respect to some basis (usually called dictionary)

## Sparse representation

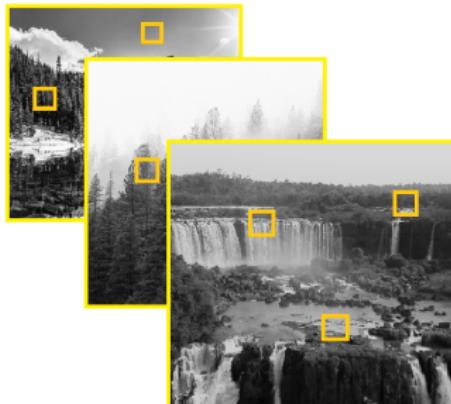


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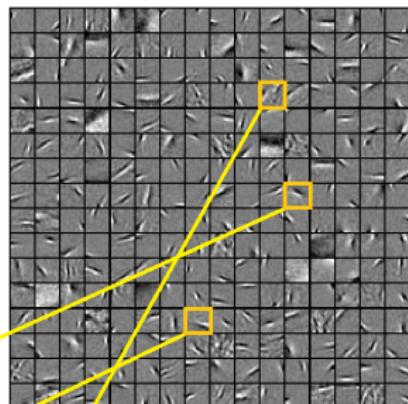
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## Natural images:



## Dictionary $[d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{256}]$



## Example:

$$\begin{matrix} \text{[Forest Image]} \end{matrix} \approx 0.2 * \begin{matrix} \text{[Patch 1]} \end{matrix} + 0.5 * \begin{matrix} \text{[Patch 2]} \end{matrix} + 0.8 * \begin{matrix} \text{[Patch 3]} \end{matrix}$$

$$\approx 0.2 * d_{200} + 0.5 * d_{124} + 0.8 * d_{59}$$



Y. LeCun, Y. Bengio, and G. Hinton, *Deep Learning*,

Nature, 521(7553), p. 436, 2015.

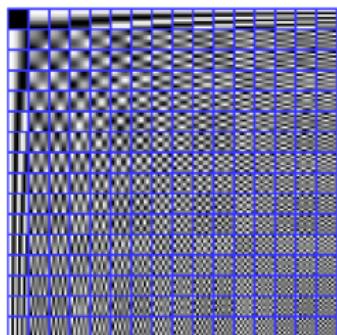
# The quest for a dictionary

- **Predetermined dictionaries:** wavelets, curvelets, shearlets . . .

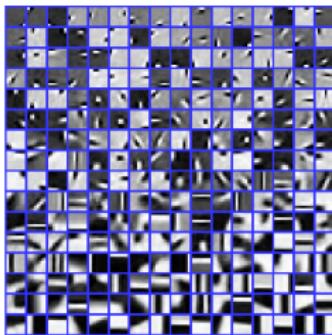
- lead to sparse representation of signals and images
- simple and fast algorithms for sparse representation

- **Learned dictionaries:**

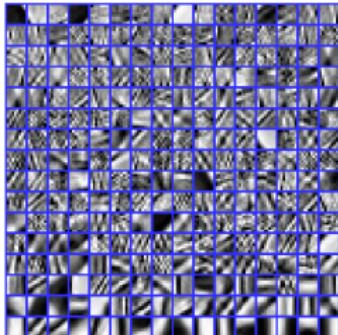
- trained on a set of representative examples
- outperform the use of predetermined dictionaries
- **goal:** optimally sparse representation for a given class of signals



Discrete cosine transform  
dictionary

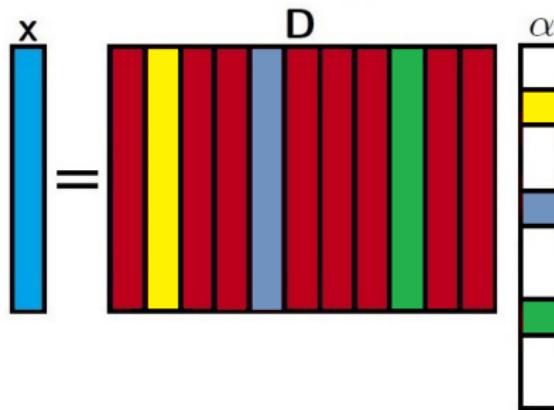


Dictionary based on  
natural images



Dictionary trained on a  
noisy image

## Sparse coding: $\ell_0$ -minimization

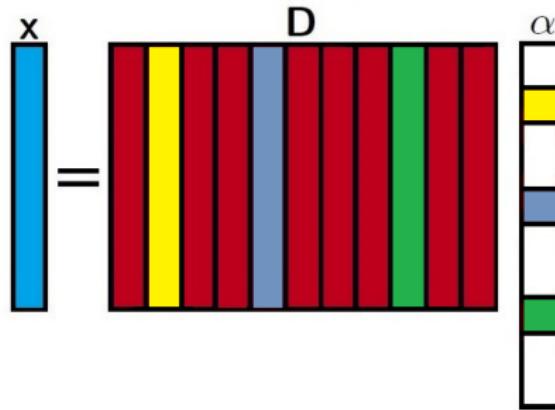


$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\alpha\|_0 \leq K$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\alpha\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$$

### Greedy algorithms:

- Matching Pursuit (MP) [Mallat and Zhang, '93]
- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) [Tropp, '04]



$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\alpha\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_1$$

### Convex relaxation techniques:

- LASSO [Tibshirani, '96]
- Basis Pursuit Denoising (BPDN) [Chen et al, '01]

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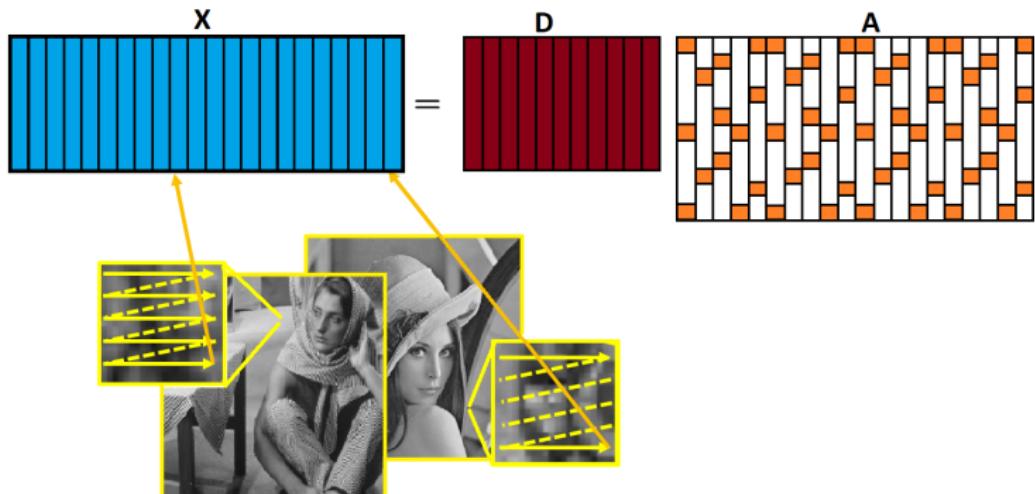
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# (Unsupervised) dictionary learning

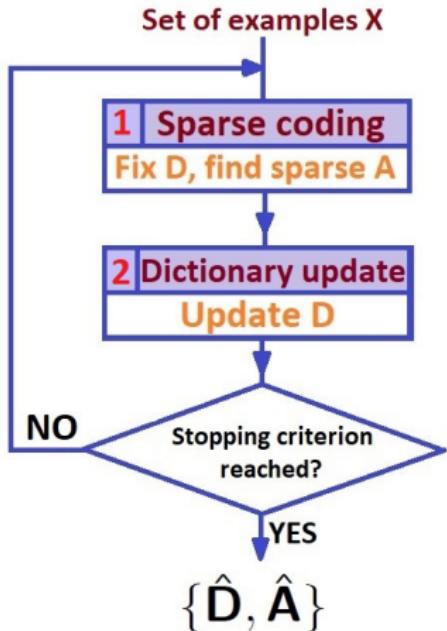


$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}} \{\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{DA}\|_F^2\} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \forall i : \|\alpha_i\|_0 \leq K$$

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}} \sum_i \|\alpha_i\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{DA}\|_F \leq \varepsilon$$



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## Sparse coding step:

- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) [Tropp, '04]
- Basis Pursuit Denoising (BPDN) [Chen et al, '01]

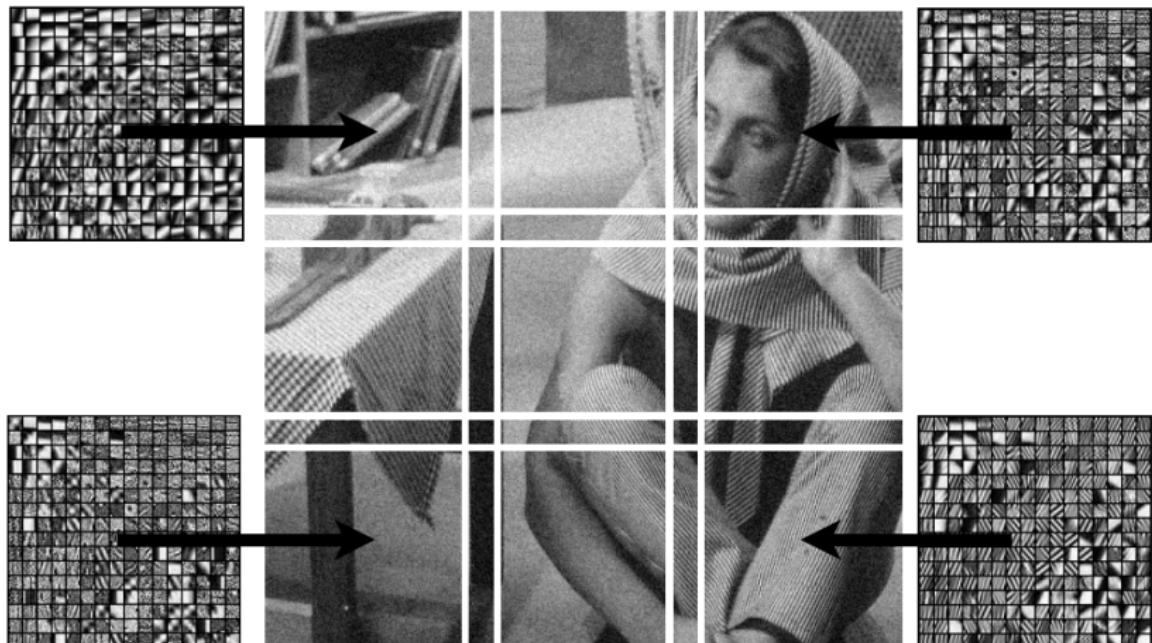
## Dictionary update step:

- MOD [Engan, Aase and Hakon-Husoy, '99]
- K-SVD [Aharon, Elad and Bruckstein, '06]



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## Learned dictionaries



Dictionaries learned on different parts of the Barbara image



J. Mairal, G. Sapiro, and M. Elad,

*Learning multiscale sparse representations for image and video restoration,  
Multiscale Modeling & Simulation, 7(1), 214-241, 2008.*

# Image restoration



Damaged image (75% missing)



Restored image



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# Unsupervised VS. supervised dictionary learning

- **Unsupervised** dictionary learning

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- minimizes the reconstruction error
- inverse problems (restoration, inpainting...)

- **Supervised** dictionary learning (task-driven)

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{C}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}} \{\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{DA}\|_F^2 + \eta \|\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{CA}\|_F^2 + \mu \|\mathbf{C}\|_F^2\}$$

s.t.       $\forall i : \|\alpha_i\|_0 \leq K$

- classification problems (**H** - label information, **C** - classifier parameters)



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# Ghent Altarpiece - Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, Hubert and Jan Van Eyck - 1432.

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A. Pižurica, Lj. Platiša, T. Ružić, B. Cornelis, A. Dooms, M. Martens, H. Dubois,  
B. Devolder, M. De Mey, and I. Daubechies,  
*Digital image processing of the Ghent altarpiece: supporting the painting's study  
and conservation treatment,*  
IEEE Signal Processing Magazine 32 (4): 112122, 2015.

# Central panel enlarged

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# Automatic paint loss detection

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S. Huang, W. Liao, H. Zhang, and A. Pižurica,

*Paint Loss Detection in Old Paintings by Sparse Representation Classification*,  
iTWIST 2016, pp. 62-64.

# Virtual restoration results

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T. Ružić and A. Pižurica,

*Context-Aware Patch-Based Image Inpainting Using Markov Random Field Modeling,*  
IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 2015.



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## TWO REPRESENTATIVES

- **Cayley-Dickson algebras:** obtained by doubling a smaller algebra and adding an additional imaginary unit

- Examples:

- $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}i$

- $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}j$

- $\mathbb{O} = \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}\ell$

- **Real Clifford algebras:** a real associative algebra with identity 1, with generators  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$  satisfying

$$e_i^2 = -1,$$

$$e_i e_j = -e_j e_i, \quad i \neq j.$$

- Examples:

- $\mathbb{R}_1 \cong \mathbb{C}$

- $\mathbb{R}_2 \cong \mathbb{H}$

- $\mathbb{R}_3 \cong \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$

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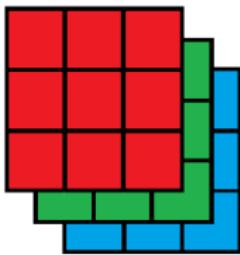
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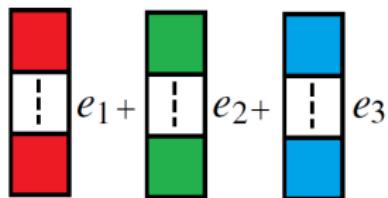
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Three color channels



Concatenated model



Quaternion based model

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## Vectorized model

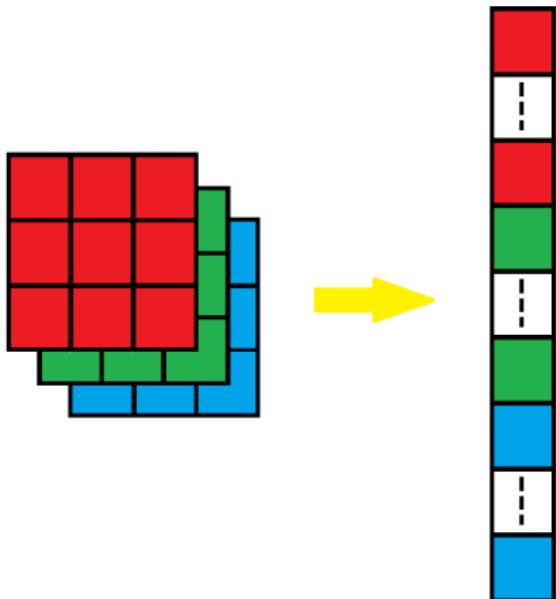


Image patch:

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_g, \mathbf{x}_b] \in \mathbb{R}^{3n}$$

Dictionary:

$$\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{D}_r, \mathbf{D}_g, \mathbf{D}_b] \in \mathbb{R}^{3n \times N}$$

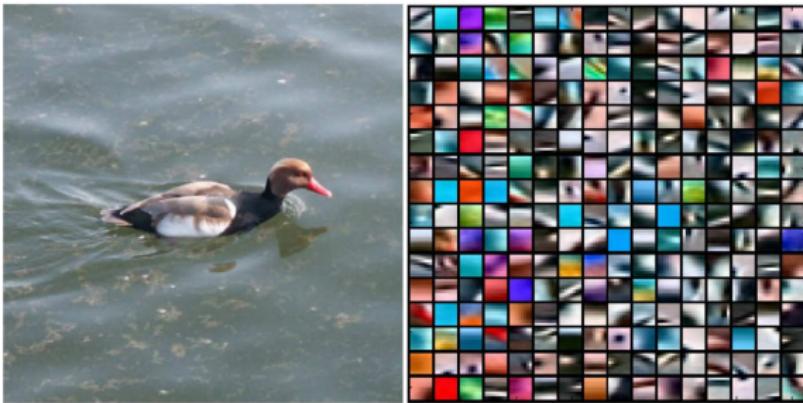
Sparse code:

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

**Representation model:**

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{d}_i \alpha_i$$

## Vectorized model



Dictionary learned on the image on the left

### ■ Shortcomings:

gray atoms introduce artifacts (lack of color saturation, washing effects . . . )



J. Mairal, M. Elad and G. Sapiro,  
*Sparse representation for color image restoration*,  
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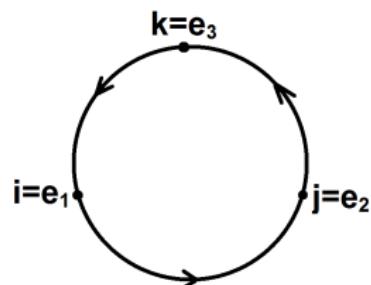
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- The quaternion algebra  $\mathbb{H} := \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}j$

For two quaternions



Quaternion multiplication

and

$$a = a_0 + a_1 e_1 + a_2 e_2 + a_3 e_3$$

then

$$b = b_0 + b_1 e_1 + b_2 e_2 + b_3 e_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{ab} &= \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 \\ a_1 & a_0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_0 & -a_1 \\ a_3 & -a_2 & a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= L_q(a) \overrightarrow{b}\end{aligned}$$

## Quaternion representation of an image patch



Color channels as quaternion imaginary units

- The color patch is defined as a quaternionic vector

$$\mathbf{x} = 0 + \mathbf{x}_r e_1 + \mathbf{x}_g e_2 + \mathbf{x}_b e_3$$

and the quaternionic dictionary as a quaternionic matrix

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}_s + \mathbf{D}_r e_1 + \mathbf{D}_g e_2 + \mathbf{D}_b e_3$$

- Quaternion representation model learns the representation vector

$$\alpha = \alpha_s + \alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \alpha_3 e_3$$

for  $\mathbf{x}$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}\alpha$$



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*Vector Sparse Representation of Color Image Using Quaternion Matrix Analysis*,  
IEEE Trans. Image Process., vol. 24, no. 4, pp. 1315-1329, Apr. 2015.

## Quaternion representation of an image patch

- The expression can be written as

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{x}_r \\ \mathbf{x}_g \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}_s\alpha_0 - \mathbf{D}_r\alpha_1 - \mathbf{D}_g\alpha_2 - \mathbf{D}_b\alpha_3 \\ \mathbf{D}_r\alpha_0 + \mathbf{D}_s\alpha_1 - \mathbf{D}_b\alpha_2 + \mathbf{D}_g\alpha_3 \\ \mathbf{D}_g\alpha_0 + \mathbf{D}_b\alpha_1 + \mathbf{D}_s\alpha_2 - \mathbf{D}_r\alpha_3 \\ \mathbf{D}_b\alpha_0 - \mathbf{D}_g\alpha_1 + \mathbf{D}_r\alpha_2 + \mathbf{D}_s\alpha_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{D}\alpha$$

- Equivalently

$$[0 \ \mathbf{x}_r \ \mathbf{x}_g \ \mathbf{x}_b] = [\mathbf{D}_s \ \mathbf{D}_r \ \mathbf{D}_g \ \mathbf{D}_b] \mathbf{C}_Q$$

- The coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{C}_Q$  is obtained as

$$\mathbf{C}_Q = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_3 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_3 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 \\ \alpha_3 & -\alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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## ■ Quaternion-based learning algorithm K-QSVD

- Generalization of the classical K-SVD method to the quaternion setting
- Key role: SVD decomposition of quaternion matrices

## ■ Advantages:

- The coefficient matrix preserves the correlation among the channels
- The orthogonality property of the coefficient matrix is obtained
- Each color channel is linearly correlated with other channels



C. Zou, K. I. Kou and Y. Wang,

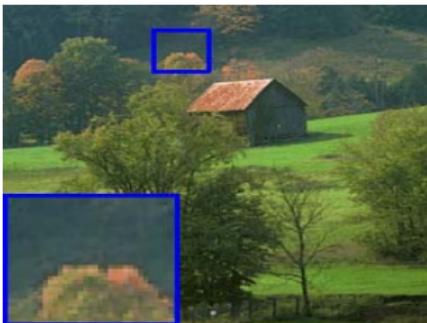
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# Comparison of the previous methods for image denoising



(a) Original image



(b) Noisy image  $\sigma = 25$



(c) K-SVD denoising result



(d) K-QSVD denoising result



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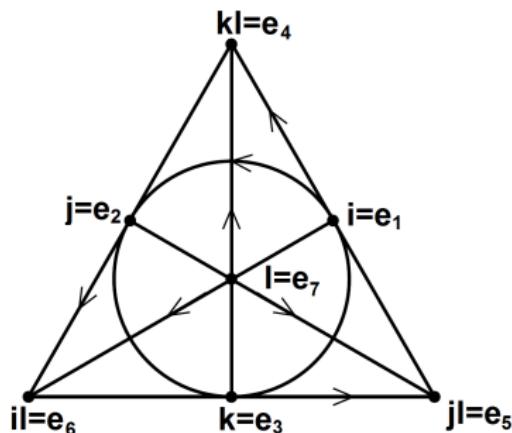
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# Octonions

- The octonion algebra  $\mathbb{O} := \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}\ell$
- Every element  $a \in \mathbb{O}$  can be written as

$$a = a_0 + a_1 e_1 + a_2 e_2 + \cdots + a_7 e_7 = \sum_{i=0}^7 a_i e_i$$



Octonionic multiplication

# Octonionic multiplication

For two octonions

$$a = a_0 + a_1 e_1 + a_2 e_2 + a_3 e_3 + a_4 e_4 + a_5 e_5 + a_6 e_6 + a_7 e_7$$

and

$$b = b_0 + b_1 e_1 + b_2 e_2 + b_3 e_3 + b_4 e_4 + b_5 e_5 + b_6 e_6 + b_7 e_7$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{ab} &= \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 & -a_4 & -a_5 & -a_6 & -a_7 \\ a_1 & a_0 & -a_3 & a_2 & -a_5 & a_4 & a_7 & -a_6 \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_0 & -a_1 & -a_6 & -a_7 & a_4 & a_5 \\ a_3 & -a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & -a_7 & a_6 & -a_5 & a_4 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 & a_7 & a_0 & -a_1 & -a_2 & -a_3 \\ a_5 & -a_4 & a_7 & -a_6 & a_1 & a_0 & a_3 & -a_2 \\ a_6 & -a_7 & -a_4 & a_5 & a_2 & -a_3 & a_0 & a_1 \\ a_7 & a_6 & -a_5 & -a_4 & a_3 & a_2 & -a_1 & a_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{bmatrix} . \\ &= L_o(a) \overrightarrow{b} \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{O}^{m \times 1}$  be an  $\sqrt{m} \times \sqrt{m}$  image patch, then it can be represented as

$$\mathbf{x} = 0 + \mathbf{x}_1 e_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{x}_7 e_7, \quad \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}.$$

**The goal:** find a dictionary  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{O}^{m \times n}$  and a sparse code  $\alpha \in \mathbb{O}^{n \times 1}$  such that

$$\mathbf{x} \approx \mathbf{D}\alpha.$$

As before, **the coefficient matrix** is obtained as

$$\mathbf{C}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_3 & -\alpha_4 & -\alpha_5 & -\alpha_6 & -\alpha_7 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & -\alpha_5 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_7 & -\alpha_6 \\ \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 & -\alpha_6 & -\alpha_7 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_5 \\ \alpha_3 & -\alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_7 & \alpha_6 & -\alpha_5 & \alpha_4 \\ \alpha_4 & \alpha_5 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_0 & -\alpha_1 & -\alpha_2 & -\alpha_3 \\ \alpha_5 & -\alpha_4 & \alpha_7 & -\alpha_6 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_0 & \alpha_3 & -\alpha_2 \\ \alpha_6 & -\alpha_7 & -\alpha_4 & \alpha_5 & \alpha_2 & -\alpha_3 & \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_7 & \alpha_6 & -\alpha_5 & -\alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & -\alpha_1 & \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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s.t.

- $\|\alpha\|_2^2 = \|\nu(\alpha)\|_2^2$
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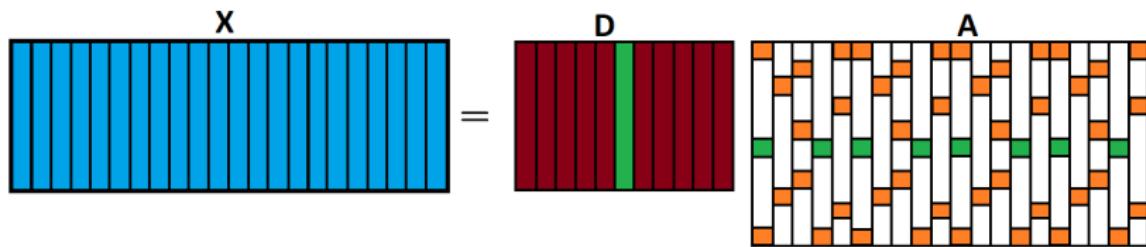
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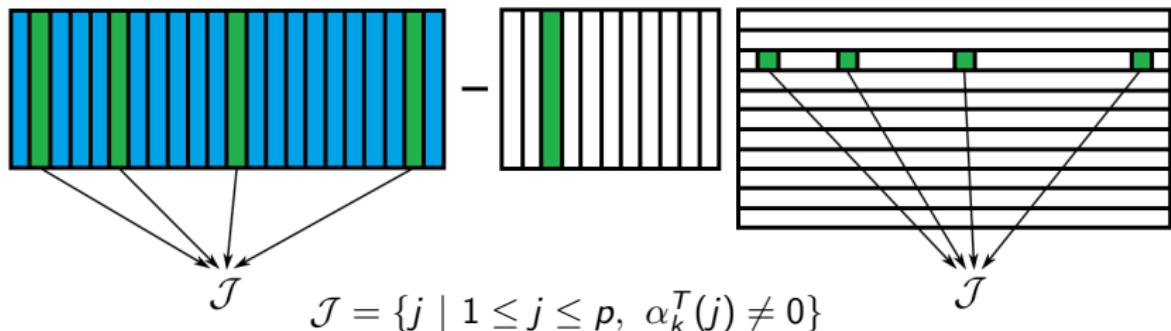


**Update one dictionary atom at a time**

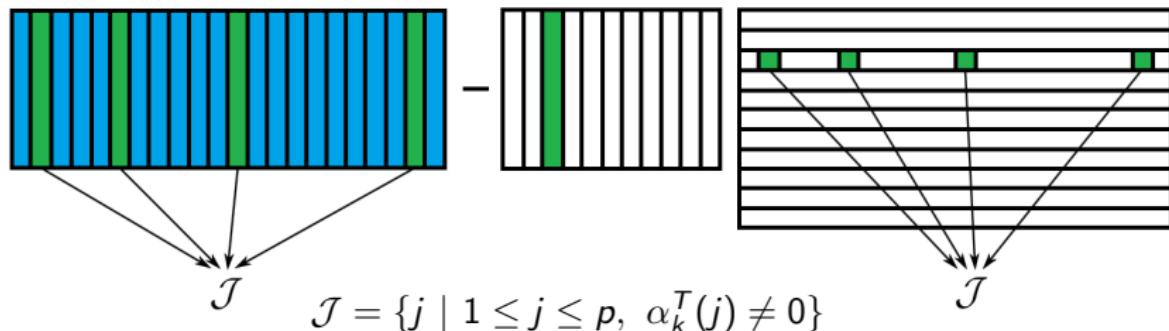
$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{DA}\|_F^2 = \left\| \mathbf{X} - \sum_j \mathbf{d}_j \alpha_j^T \right\|_F^2 = \left\| \underbrace{\left( \mathbf{X} - \sum_{j \neq k} \mathbf{d}_j \alpha_j^T \right)}_{E_k} - \mathbf{d}_k \alpha_k^T \right\|_F^2$$

$E_k = \text{error due to omitting } \mathbf{d}_k$

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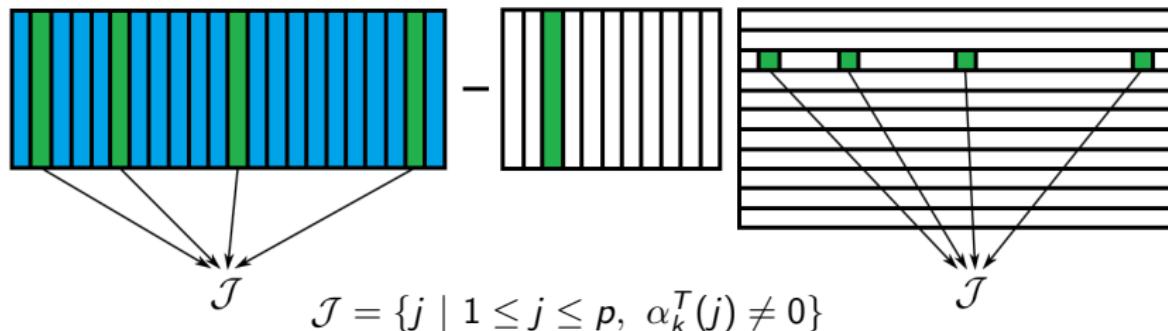
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(a) K-SVD 30.99 dB



(b) K-QSVD 33.61 dB



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	Average values of PSNR/SSIM		
	K-SVD	K-QSVD	ODL
64 × 128	33.15dB/0.990	33.06dB/0.994	<b>35.25dB/0.996</b>
64 × 256	33.92dB/0.990	33.64dB/0.995	<b>36.13dB/0.996</b>
64 × 512	34.94dB/0.992	34.23dB/0.995	<b>36.69dB/0.997</b>

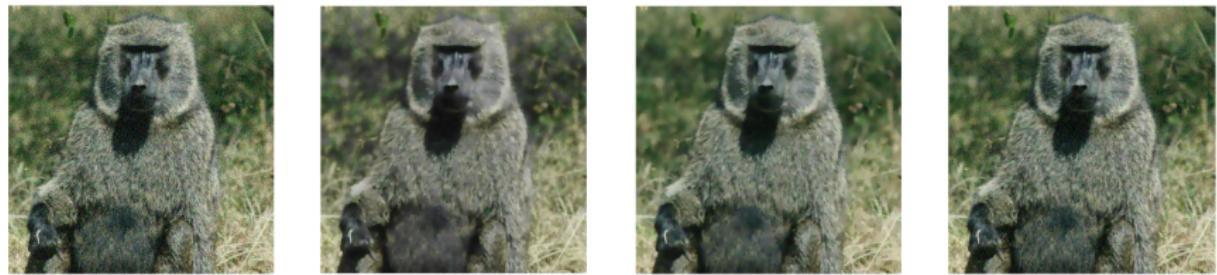
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## Color image denoising



(d)  $\sigma = 25$

(e) K-SVD 29.28 dB

(f) K-QSVD 30.43 dB

(g) ODL 30.45 dB



Average values of PSNR/SSIM

	K-SVD	K-QSVD	ODL
$\sigma = 10$	34.40dB/0.966	34.53dB/0.902	<b>35.32dB/0.971</b>
$\sigma = 25$	29.00dB/0.880	<b>30.65dB/0.819</b>	29.94dB/0.889

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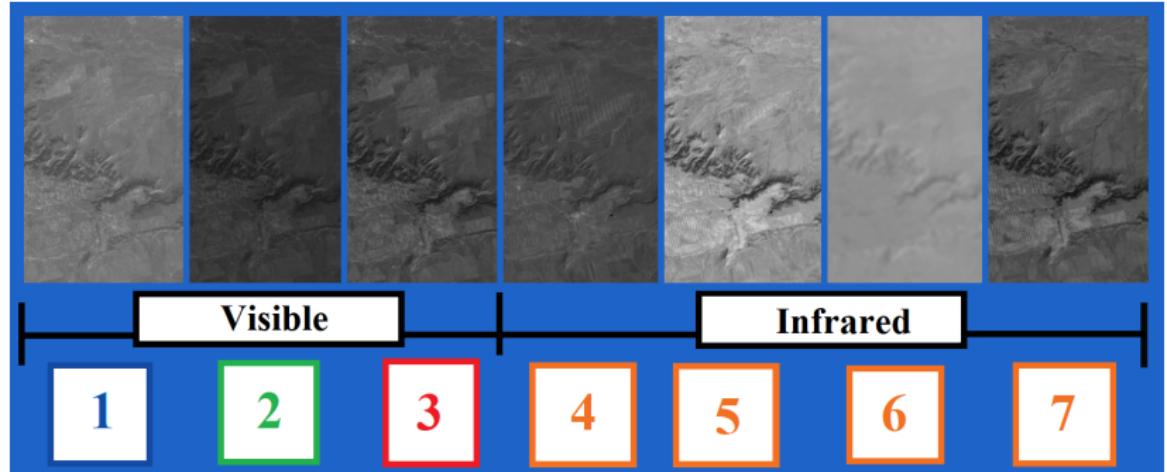
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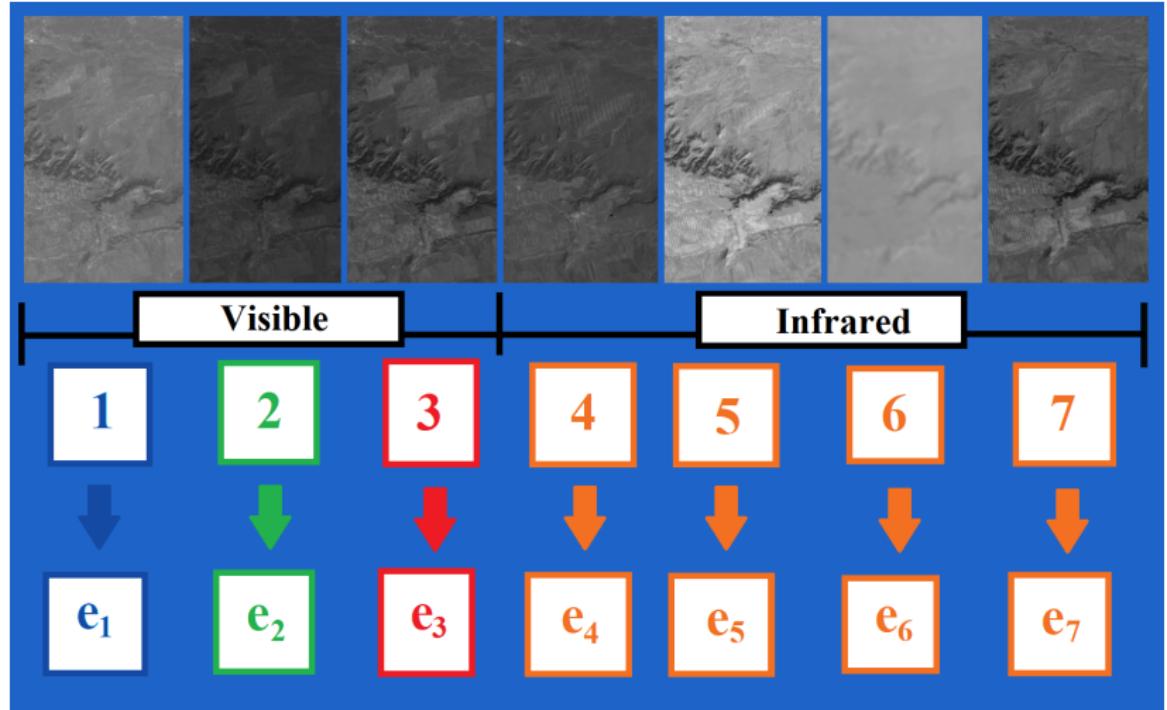
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Seven bands from Landsat 7 dataset

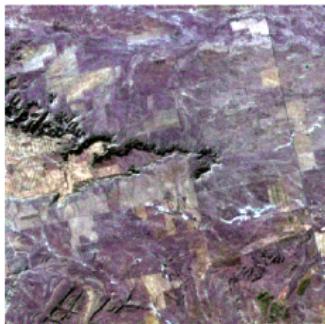


Seven bands as seven imaginary units

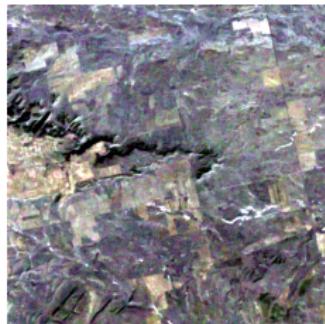
# Image denoising



(a) Noisy Montana image



(b) K-SVD



(c) ODL

	Average values for PSNR/SSIM			
	Montana image		Mississippi image	
	K-SVD	ODL	K-SVD	ODL
$\sigma = 10$	34.79/ <b>0.991</b>	<b>36.79</b> /0.900	36.21/ <b>0.989</b>	<b>38.71</b> /0.918
$\sigma = 25$	31.63/ <b>0.981</b>	<b>32.30</b> /0.765	32.54/ <b>0.969</b>	<b>33.09</b> /0.772
Average	33.21/ <b>0.986</b>	<b>34.54</b> /0.832	34.37/ <b>0.979</b>	<b>35.90</b> /0.845

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## TWO POSSIBILITIES

### Cayley-Dickson algebras

$$\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{O} \oplus \mathbb{O}k \quad (\text{order: } 16)$$

Non-associativity of the octonions does not guarantee the orthogonality of the coefficient matrix in the sedenion algebra  $\mathbb{S}$

### Clifford algebras

$$\mathbb{R}_3 \cong \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H} \quad (\text{order: } 8)$$

It contains zero divisors and moreover  $a\bar{a}$  is not necessarily a real number, so the orthogonality property is not guaranteed



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