

**Problem 2: Implement K-SVD algorithm for dictionary learning and sparse coding.** K-SVD algorithm learns a set of basis vectors that represents the data, similar to PCA. However, unlike PCA coefficients, K-SVD aims at finding sparse coefficients.

Your input is a set of  $d$  dimensional vectors and you are supposed to learn the dictionary or basis that defines the data. When  $d = 2$ , show the dictionary elements by plotting.

Given a set of data  $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , dictionary learning can be formulated as

$$\hat{\alpha}_i = \arg \min_{\alpha_i, D} \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \|x_i - D \alpha_i\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\alpha_i\|_0 < k_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $D = [D_1, D_2, \dots, D_L] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times L}$  ( $L \gg d$ ) is known as dictionary or basis,  $\|\cdot\|_0$  denote  $l_0$ -norm which indicates the number of non-zero entries in a vector and  $k_0$  denote the sparsity threshold ( $k_0 < d$ ).

Please refer to [1] for optimizing the above problem. It involves solving for two unknowns  $\alpha_i$  and  $D$ . K-SVD is an iterative algorithm that repeats the two basic steps.

- **Step1: (Sparse coding)** In this step, fix  $D$  and obtain  $\alpha_i$  for every  $x_i$ ,

$$\hat{\alpha}_i = \arg \min_{\alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \|x_i - D \alpha_i\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\alpha_i\|_0 < k_0 \quad (2)$$

You need not implement this step. We will provide the matlab implementation to obtain  $\alpha_i$ . Call the matlab function (OMP.m) as follows.

`[alpha] = OMP(D,X,k0);`

- **Step2 : (dictionary Update)** Fix  $\alpha_i$  obtained in the previous step and obtain  $D_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, L$

$$\hat{D} = \arg \min_{\alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \|x_i - D \alpha_i\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\alpha_i\|_0 < k_0 \quad (3)$$

Refer to [1] for the details of this step.

Iterate the steps 1 and 2 till the convergence is reached.

Plot the error  $\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \|x_i - D \alpha_i\|_2$  as a function of iteration. For  $d = 2$  and  $k_0 = 1$ , plot the given data points along with obtained dictionary elements.

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**Reference:**

1. M. Aharon, M. Elad, A.M. Bruckstein, *K-SVD: An algorithm for designing of overcomplete dictionaries for sparse representation*, *IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing*, 2006.