

Machine Learning for Signal Processing

Sparse and Overcomplete Representations

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So far

Can we use linear composition to identify **basic units** that compose the signal?

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So far

$$D \cdot \alpha \approx X$$

Weights Data

Basis

Data Independent

ICA

PCA

NNMF

basis <= dim X

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Just in case you missed it..

- Remember, #(Basis Vectors)= #unknowns

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Basis Vectors Weights Input data

Standard representations: number of bases <= dimension of data

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A limitation we saw earlier

- Mathematical restrictions on the number of bases have no connection to reality
 - Universe does not respect your mathematical representations of the data
 - In reality: number of building blocks that compose any kind of data is unlimited
- Today: Learning linear compositional representations without restrictions on the number of basic units

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Key Topics in this Lecture

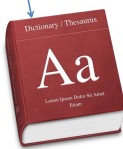
- Basics – Component-based representations
 - **Overcomplete** and Sparse Representations,
 - **Dictionaries**
- Pursuit Algorithms
- How to learn a dictionary
- Why is an overcomplete representation powerful?

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Representing Data

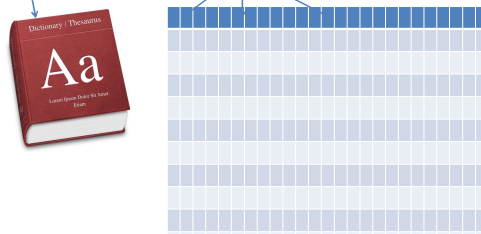
Dictionary (codebook)



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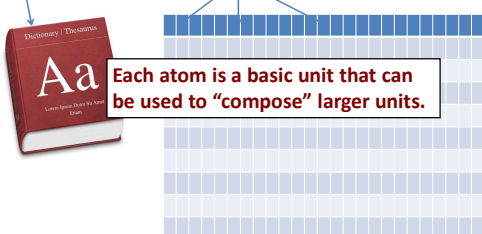
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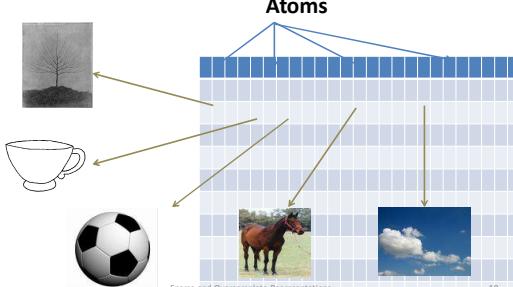


Each atom is a basic unit that can be used to "compose" larger units.

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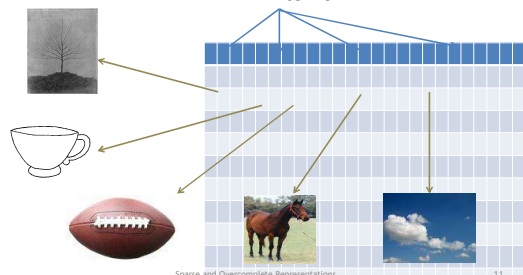
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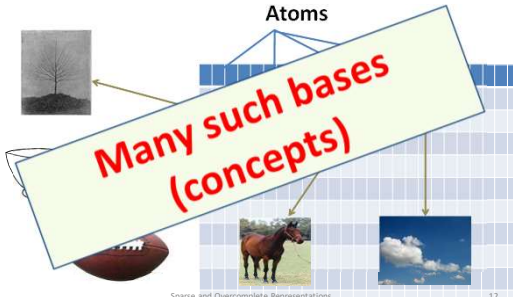


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Representing Data

Atoms

Many such bases (concepts)



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Representing Data

Linear combination of elements in the Dictionary =

$$[] \cdot [] = []$$

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Representing Data

Linear combination of elements in the Dictionary =

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

- Remember, #(Basis Vectors) = #unknowns

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Basis Vectors (from Dictionary) → D
 Weights → α
 Input data → X

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Overcomplete Representations

- What is the dimensionality of the input image? (say 64x64 image)
 - 4096
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VERY LARGE!!!

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Overcomplete Representations

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If $N > 4096$ (as it likely is)
we have an **overcomplete** representation

- What is the dimensionality of the dictionary? (each image = 64x64 pixels)

➤ $4096 \times N$ **VERY LARGE!!!**

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Overcomplete Representations

- What is the dimensionality of the input image? (say 64x64 image)

More generally:
If #(dictionary units) > dimensions of input
we have an **overcomplete** representation

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➤ $4096 \times N$ **VERY LARGE!!!**

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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

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Dictionary Units
Weights
Input data

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Dictionary based Representations

- Overcomplete “dictionary”-based representations are linear-composition-based representations with more “atomic building blocks” than the dimensionality of the data

Bases matrix is wide (more bases than dimensions)

Input

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Why Dictionary-based Representations?

- Dictionary based representations are semantically more meaningful
- Enable content-based description
 - Bases can capture entire structures in data
 - E.g. notes in music
 - E.g. image structures (such as faces) in images
- Enable content-based processing
 - Reconstructing, separating, denoising, manipulating speech/music signals
 - Coding, compression, etc.
- Statistical reasons: We will get to that shortly..

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Problems

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 - Which will give us meaningful representations
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Input

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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

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$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

Dictionary entries $\rightarrow D$
 Weights $\rightarrow \alpha$
 Input data $\rightarrow X$

When can we solve for α ?

Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$

D: full rank

D	α	$=$	X	Unique solution
D	α	$=$	X	We may have no exact solution
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Quick Linear Algebra Refresher

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Using Pseudo-Inverse?

All points on the red line satisfy $D \cdot \alpha = X$

Point with the smallest ℓ_2 norm

This is equivalent to minimize $\|\alpha\|_2$ subject to $D\alpha = X$

α will generally be "dense"

Overcomplete Representation

$\#(\text{Basis Vectors}) > \text{dimensions of the input}$

Representing Data

Using bases that we know...

But no more than $k=4$ bases

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Alternate view: Recall quantization

$$V = \sum_i w_i d_i$$

$$V = Dw \quad \begin{matrix} |w| = 1 \\ |w|_0 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

- d_i are the "representative" vectors of each cluster
- Restriction: only one of the w_i is 1, the rest are 0
 - $\sum_i w_i = 1$
 - w is unit length and one-sparse
- What if we let *more* than one entry of w to be non zero?

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

- To solve an overcomplete system of the type:

$$D \cdot \alpha = X$$
 - Make assumptions about the data.
 - Suppose, we say that X is composed of no more than a fixed number (k) of "bases" from D ($k \leq \dim(X)$)
 - The term "bases" is an abuse of terminology..
 - Now, we can find the set of k bases that best fit the data point, X .

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

Atoms

But no more than $k=4$ bases are "active"

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Overcompleteness and Sparsity

Atoms

But no more than $k=4$ bases

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No more than 4 bases

0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

α

D

X

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No more than 4 bases

ONLY THE α COMPONENTS CORRESPONDING TO THE 4 KEY DICTIONARY ENTRIES ARE NON-ZERO

0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

α

D

X

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No more than 4 bases

ONLY THE α COMPONENTS CORRESPONDING TO THE 4 KEY DICTIONARY ENTRIES ARE NON-ZERO

MOST OF α IS ZERO!!

α IS SPARSE

0
0
0
0
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0
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0
0
0
0

α

D

X

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Sparsity- Definition

- Sparse representations* are representations that account for most or all information of a signal with a linear combination of a small number of atoms.

(from: www.see.ed.ac.uk/~tblumens/Sparse/Sparse.html)

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The Sparsity Problem

- We don't really know k
- You are given a signal X
- Assuming X was generated using the dictionary, can we find α that generated it?

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The Sparsity Problem

- We want to use as few dictionary entries as possible to do this.

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \quad & \|\alpha\|_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & X = D\alpha \end{aligned}$$

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Counts the number of non-zero elements in α

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The Sparsity Problem

- We want to use **as few dictionary entries** as possible to do this
 - Ockham's razor: Choose the simplest explanation invoking the fewest variables

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How can we solve the above?

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Obtaining Sparse Solutions

- We will look at 2 algorithms:
 - Matching Pursuit (MP)
 - Basis Pursuit (BP)

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Matching Pursuit (MP)

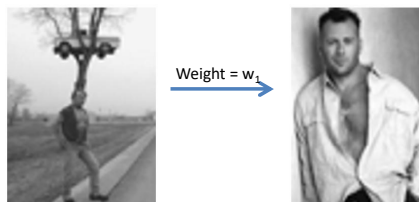
- Greedy algorithm
- Finds an atom in the dictionary that best matches the input signal
- Remove the weighted value of this atom from the signal
- Again, find an atom in the dictionary that best matches the remaining signal.
- Continue till a defined stop condition is satisfied.

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Matching Pursuit

- Find the dictionary atom that best matches the given signal.




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Matching Pursuit

- Remove weighted image to obtain updated signal

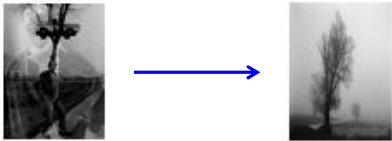


Find best match for this signal from the dictionary

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Matching Pursuit

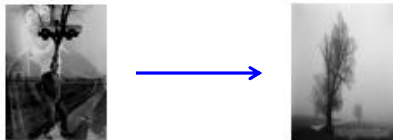
- Find best match for updated signal



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Matching Pursuit

- Find best match for updated signal



Iterate till you reach a stopping condition,
norm(ResidualInputSignal) < threshold

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Matching Pursuit

Algorithm Matching Pursuit
 Input: Signal: $f(t)$.
 Output: List of coefficients: (a_n, g_{γ_n}) .
 Initialization:
 $Rf_1 \leftarrow f(t)$;
 Repeat
 find $g_{\gamma_n} \in D$ with maximum inner product $\langle Rf_n, g_{\gamma_n} \rangle$;
 $a_n \leftarrow \langle Rf_n, g_{\gamma_n} \rangle$;
 $Rf_{n+1} \leftarrow Rf_n - a_n g_{\gamma_n}$;
 $n \leftarrow n + 1$;
 Until stop condition (for example: $\|Rf_n\| < threshold$)

From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matching_pursuit
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Matching Pursuit

- Problems ???

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Matching Pursuit

- Main Problem
 - Computational complexity
 - The entire dictionary has to be searched at every iteration

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Comparing MP and BP

Matching Pursuit	Basis Pursuit
Hard thresholding (remember the equations)	
Greedy optimization at each step	
Weights obtained using greedy rules	

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Basis Pursuit (BP)

- Remember,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Min}_{\underline{\alpha}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|_0 \\ \text{s.t. } \underline{X} = \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha} \end{array}$$

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Requires combinatorial optimization

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Basis Pursuit

- Replace the intractable expression by an expression that is solvable

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This will provide identical solutions when \mathbf{D} obeys the **Restricted Isometry Property**.

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← Objective

← Constraint

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Basis Pursuit

- We can formulate the optimization term as:

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λ is a penalty term on the non-zero elements and promotes sparsity

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Basis Pursuit

Equivalent to LASSO; for more details, see [this paper by Tibshirani](http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ftp/lasso.ps)
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Basis Pursuit

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1 \}$$

$$\frac{\partial \|\underline{\alpha}\|_1}{\partial \alpha_j} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{at } \alpha_j > 0 \\ [-1, 1] & \text{at } \alpha_j = 0 \\ -1 & \text{at } \alpha_j < 0 \end{cases}$$

- $\|\underline{\alpha}\|_1$ is not differentiable at $\alpha_j = 0$
- Gradient of $\|\underline{\alpha}\|_1$ for gradient descent update
- At optimum, following conditions hold

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_j \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 + \lambda \text{sign}(\alpha_j) &= 0, \quad \text{if } |\alpha_j| > 0 \\ \nabla_j \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|^2 &\leq \lambda, \quad \text{if } \alpha_j = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Basis Pursuit

- There are efficient ways to solve the LASSO formulation.
 - http://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/glmnet_matlab/
- Simplest solution: Coordinate descent algorithms
 - On webpage..

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L₁ vs L₀

$$\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|_0$$

$$\text{s.t. } \underline{X} = \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}$$

Overcomplete set of 6 "bases"

- **L₀ minimization**
 - Two-sparse solution
 - ANY pair of bases can explain X with 0 error

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 - All else being equal, the two closest bases are chosen

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Comparing MP and BP

Matching Pursuit	Basis Pursuit
Hard thresholding	Soft thresholding
(remember the equations)	
Greedy optimization at each step	Global optimization
Weights obtained using greedy rules	Can force N-sparsity with appropriately chosen weights

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General Formalisms

- L₀ minimization $\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \|\underline{\alpha}\|_0$
- L₀ constrained optimization $\underset{\underline{\alpha}}{\text{Min}} \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\underline{\alpha}\|_2^2$
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- ### Many Other Methods..
- Iterative Hard Thresholding (IHT)
 - CoSAMP
 - OMP
 - ...
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D α = X

Input

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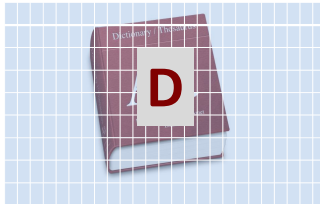
Trivial Solution

- $D =$ Training data
- Impractical in most situations
 - Popular approach: sample random vectors from training data

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Dictionaries: Compressive Sensing

- Just random vectors!



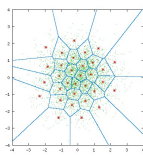
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More Structured ways of Constructing Dictionaries

- Dictionary entries must be structurally “meaningful”
 - Represent true compositional units of data
- Have already encountered two ways of building dictionaries
 - NMF for non-negative data
 - K-means ..

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K-Means for Composing Dictionaries

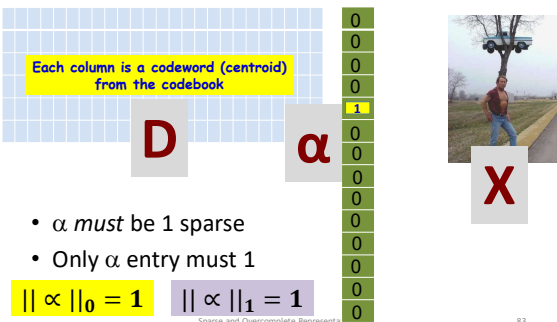


Train the codebook from training data using K-means

- Every vector is approximated by the centroid of the cluster it falls into
- Cluster means are “codebook” entries
 - Dictionary entries
 - Also compositional units the compose the data

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K-Means for Dictionaries



Each column is a codeword (centroid) from the codebook

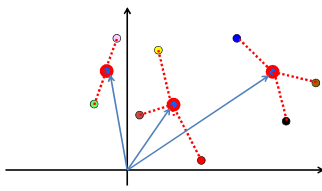
D α X

- α must be 1 sparse
- Only α entry must 1

$\|\alpha\|_0 = 1$ $\|\alpha\|_1 = 1$

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K-Means




- Learn Codewords to minimize the total squared length of the training vectors from the closest codeword

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Length-unconstrained K-Means for Dictionaries

Each column is a codeword (centroid) from the codebook

0
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3
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0
0
0
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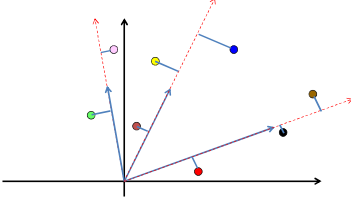


α must be 1 sparse

No restriction on α value

$\|\alpha\|_0 = 1$

SVD K-Means



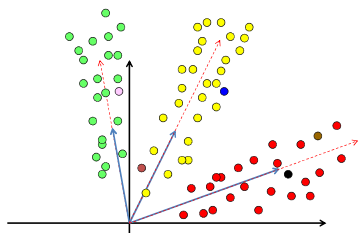
- Learn Codewords to minimize the total squared *projection error* of the training vectors from the closest codeword

SVD K-means

- Initialize a set of centroids randomly
- For each data point x , find the projection from the centroid for each cluster
 - $p_{cluster} = |x^T m_{cluster}|$
- Put data point in the cluster of the closest centroid
 - Cluster for which $p_{cluster}$ is maximum
- When all data points are clustered, recompute centroids

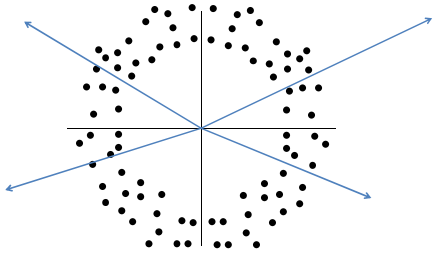
$m_{cluster} = \text{Principal Eigenvector}(\{x | x \in cluster\})$

Problem



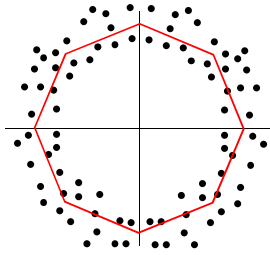
- Only represents *Radial* patterns

What about this pattern?



- Dictionary entries that represent radial patterns will not capture this structure
- 1-sparse representations will not do

What about this pattern?



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Codebooks for K sparsity?

Each column is a codeword (centroid) from the codebook

- α must be k sparse
- No restriction on α value

$\|\alpha\|_0 = k$

Formalizing

Given training data $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_T\}$

We want to find a dictionary D , such that $D\alpha_i = X_i$

With α_i sparse

Formalizing

Two objectives:

- Approximation $\|D\alpha_i - X_i\|$
- Sparsity in coefficients $\|\alpha_i\|_1$

$$\min_{D, \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2 + \|\alpha_i\|_1$$

NON-Convex!!!

An iterative method

- Given D , estimate α_i to get sparse solution
 - We can use any method
$$\min_{\alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2 + \|\alpha_i\|_1$$
- Given α_i , estimate D

$$\min_D \sum_{i=1}^T \|X_i - D\alpha_i\|^2$$

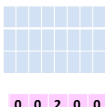
Difficult!

K SVD

- Initialize Codebook

1. For every vector, compute K-sparse alphas

- Using any pursuit algorithm

$D =$


$\alpha =$

0	0	2	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	7	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0
0	5	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	2

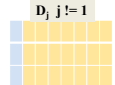
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K-SVD

2. For each codeword (k):

- For each vector x
 - Subtract the contribution of all other codewords to obtain $e_k(x)$
 - Codeword-specific residual
 - Compute the principal Eigen vector of $\{e_k(x)\}$

3. Return to step 1

$D =$


$\alpha =$

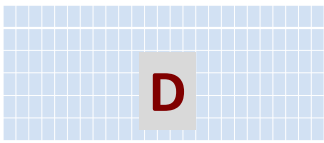
0	0	2	0	0
1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	7	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0
0	5	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	2

$\alpha_j(x) \quad j \neq 1$

$e_k(x) = x - \sum_{j \neq k} \alpha_j D_j$

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K-SVD



- Termination of each iteration: Updated dictionary
- Conclusion: A dictionary where any data vector can be composed of at most K dictionary entries
 - More generally, sparse composition

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K-SVD algorithm (skip)

Initialization : Set the random normalized dictionary matrix $D^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$, Set $J = 1$.
 Repeat until convergence,
 Sparse Coding Stage: Use any pursuit algorithm to compute x_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\min_x \{\|y_i - Dx\|_2^2\} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|x\|_0 \leq T_0.$$

Codebook Update Stage: For $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$


- Define the group of examples that use d_k , $\omega_k = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq N, x_i(k) \neq 0\}$.
- Compute

$$E_k = Y - \sum_{j \neq k} d_j x_j^i$$
- Restrict E_k by choosing only the columns corresponding to those elements that initially used d_k in their representation, and obtain E_k^R .
- Apply SVD decomposition $E_k^R = U \Delta V^T$. Update: $d_k = u_1, x_k^i = \Delta(1, 1) \cdot v_1$


Set $J = J + 1$. Sparse and Overcomplete Representations 100

Problems


- How to obtain the dictionary
 - Which will give us meaningful representations
- How to compute the weights?



$\alpha =$



$=$



Input

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Applications of Sparse Representations

- Many many applications
 - Signal representation
 - Statistical modelling
 - ..
 - We've seen one: Compressive sensing
- Another popular use
 - Denoising**

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Denoising

- As the name suggests, remove noise!

Sparse and Overcomplete Representations 103

Denoising

- As the name suggests, remove noise!
- We will look at image denoising as an example

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A toy example

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A toy example

$$D = [I \ G]$$

I Identity matrix
G Translation of a Gaussian pulse

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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want

Noisy Image

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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want

Noisy Image

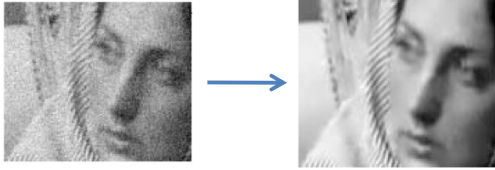
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Denoised Image

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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want



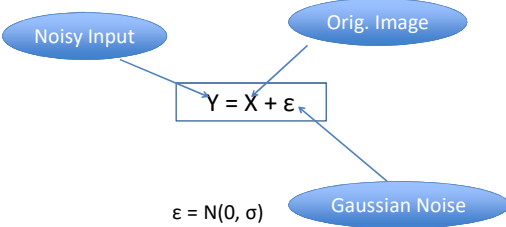
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The Image Denoising Problem

- Given an image
- Remove Gaussian additive noise from it

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Image Denoising



$\epsilon = N(0, \sigma)$

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from Y , to obtain X as best as possible.

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from Y , to obtain X as best as possible
- Using sparse representations over learned dictionaries

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from Y , to obtain X as best as possible
- Using sparse representations over learned dictionaries
- We will *learn* the dictionaries

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Image Denoising

- Remove the noise from \mathbf{Y} , to obtain \mathbf{X} as best as possible
- Using sparse representations over learned dictionaries
- We will *learn* the dictionaries
- **What data will we use?** *The corrupted image itself!*

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Image Denoising

- We use the data to be denoised to learn the dictionary.
- Training and denoising become an iterated process.
- We use image patches of size $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ pixels (i.e. if the image is 64x64, patches are 8x8)

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Image Denoising

- The data dictionary \mathbf{D}
 - Size = $n \times k$ ($k > n$)
 - This is known and fixed, to start with
 - Every image patch can be sparsely represented using \mathbf{D}

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Image Denoising

- Recall our equations from before.
- We want to find α so as to minimize the value of the equation below:

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_0 \}$$

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_1 \}$$

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_1 \}$$

- In the above, X is a patch.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha}{\text{Min}} \{ \|\underline{X} - \mathbf{D}\alpha\|^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_1 \}$$

- In the above, X is a patch.
- If the larger image is fully expressed by the every patch in it, how can we go from patches to the image?

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

(X - Y) is the error between the input and denoised image. μ is a penalty on the error.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Error bounding in each patch
 -R_{ij} selects the (ij)th patch
 -Terms in summation = no. of patches

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

λ forces sparsity

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Image Denoising

- But, we don't **"know"** our dictionary D.
- We want to estimate D as well.

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Image Denoising

- But, we don't **"know"** our dictionary D.
- We want to estimate D as well.

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

We can use the previous equation itself!!!

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

We cannot estimate them at the same time!

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

How do we estimate all 3 at once?

Fix 2, and find the optimal 3rd.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{D, \alpha_{ij}, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Initialize X = Y

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\alpha_{ij}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|X - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij}X - D\alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

Initialize X = Y, initialize D

You know how to solve the remaining portion for α – MP, BP!

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Image Denoising

- Now, update the dictionary D.
- Update D one column at a time, following the [K-SVD algorithm](#)
- K-SVD maintains the sparsity structure

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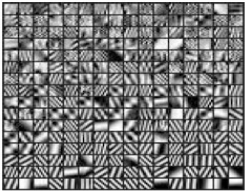
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Image Denoising

- Now, update the dictionary D .
- Update D one column at a time, following the [K-SVD algorithm](#)
- K-SVD maintains the sparsity structure
- Iteratively update α and D

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Image Denoising



Learned Dictionary for Face Image denoising

From: M. Elad and M. Aharon, *Image denoising via learned dictionaries and sparse representation*, CVPR, 2006.

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\underline{X}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|\underline{X} - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij} \underline{X} - D \alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

} → Const. wrt X

We know D and α
The quadratic term above has a closed-form solution

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Image Denoising

$$\underset{\underline{X}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \mu \|\underline{X} - Y\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \|R_{ij} \underline{X} - D \alpha_{ij}\|_2^2 + \sum_{ij} \lambda_{ij} \|\alpha_{ij}\|_0 \right\}$$

} → Const. wrt X

We know D and α

$$X = (\mu I + \sum_{ij} R_{ij}^T R_{ij})^{-1} (\mu Y + \sum_{ij} R_{ij}^T D \alpha_{ij})$$

MLSE 136

Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things

MLSE 137

Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α
 - Dictionary D
 - Denoised Image X

MLSE 138

Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α – Your favorite pursuit algorithm
 - Dictionary D – Using K-SVD
 - Denoised Image X

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Image Denoising

- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α – Your favorite pursuit algorithm
 - Dictionary D – Using K-SVD Iterating
 - Denoised Image X

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Image Denoising

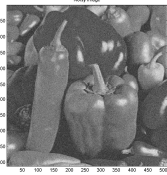
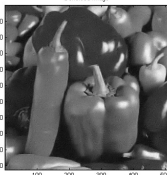
- Summarizing... We wanted to obtain 3 things
 - Weights α
 - Dictionary D
 - Denoised Image X - Closed form solution

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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want






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Image Denoising

- Here's what we want






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Comparing to Other Techniques

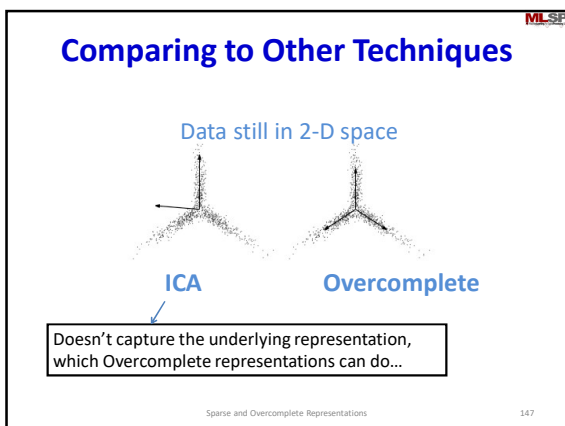
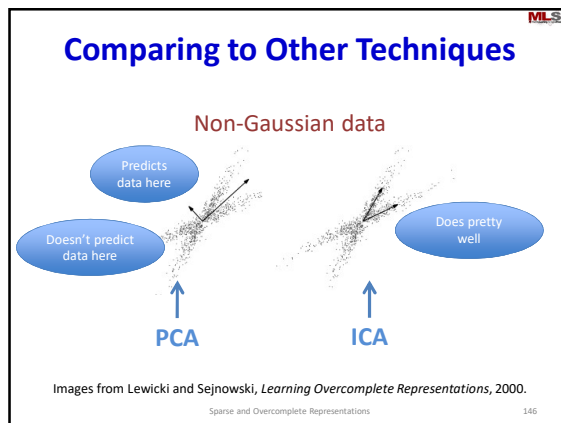
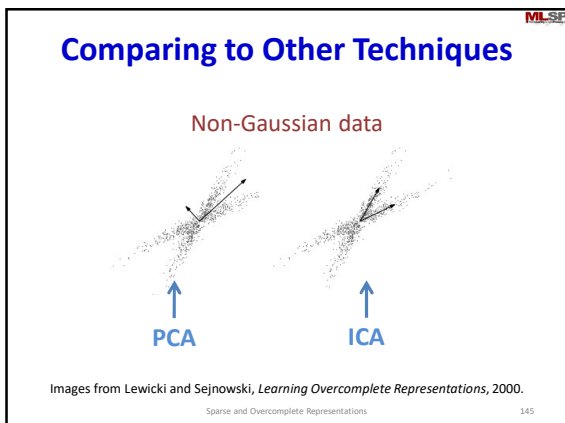
Non-Gaussian data

PCA of ICA Which is which?

Images from Lewicki and Sejnowski, *Learning Overcomplete Representations*, 2000.

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- ### Summary
- Overcomplete representations can be more powerful than component analysis techniques.
 - Dictionary can be learned from data.
 - Relative advantages and disadvantages of the pursuit algorithms.
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