# Exact Recovery of Sparsely-Used Dictionaries 

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## Sparse Approximation y A x



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Dictionary

## Dictionary Learning

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Both $A$ and $X$ are unknown.

## Over-Complete Case

Given a sample matrix $Y$ (m-by-p), and $n$, find $A$ (m-by-n) and $X$ (n-by-p), such that

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3. $m<n$

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- Non-Convexity: Bilinear Form


## Previous Works:

Aharon, Elad, and Bruckstein: K-SVD

Mairal, Bach, Ponce, and Sapiro: Online Dictionary Learning

Geng, and Wright: Local Analysis
Vainsencher, Mannor and Bruckstein: Generalization Bound

## A ladder to Global Optimum



- Model:
- A is non-singular, and square.
- $X$ is Bernoulli-Gaussian.
- $p$ is large $(p \sim n \log n)$

Bernoulli-Gaussian
Prob. NZ:
$\theta$
NZ entry: $\quad N(0,1)$

## The Algorithm

For $i=1$ to $p$

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& x_{i}=w_{i}^{T} Y
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Advantages and Future Work

- Provable performance guarantee.
- Higher Accuracy
- Over-complete
- Noise


## Results

## Is the Answer Unique?

$$
\min _{A, X}\|X\|_{0}
$$

$$
\text { s.t. } \quad Y=A X
$$

- Unique up to scaling, and permutation when:
- $1 / n<\theta \leq 1 / 4$
- the sample \#: p>cnlogn
n : dimension


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Rigorous when $X$ is Bernoulli-Gaussian.

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Linear Programming

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Combination of Rows

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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Unbalanced $b$ is used to break the symmetry.

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As long as $|T|>|S|$
$v_{1}$ is the solution.


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Suppose $j=\arg \max _{i}|b(i)|$
We will get the jth row of $X$ if there is a large gap between $|b(j)|$ and the rest.

$$
\hat{v}=\left[0,0, \ldots, 1 / b_{j}, 0, \ldots, 0\right]^{T}
$$

## How to Choose b?

We prefer a sparse b. If $r=Y e_{i}$

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\min _{v}\left\|\mathbf{v}^{T} X\right\|_{1} & \text { s.t. } & b^{T} v=1 \\
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b=A^{-1} r=A^{-1} Y e_{i}=A^{-1} A X e_{i}=X(:, i)
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2. v has 1 nonzero.
b

| 1.25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -0.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\hat{v}$


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$\zeta$


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$\square$


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Expected \# of nonzeros per column:
$(\theta n) \theta \leq\left(\frac{c}{\sqrt{n \log n}}\right)^{2} n=\frac{c^{2}}{\log n}<1$

Zero Columns+Unique Columns

## Recovery of all rows

- Recover all rows of $X$, when $p$ is large.
- Rows of $X$ are the only sparse vectors in span(Y).
- Greedy algorithm


## The Algorithm

## Initialize: <br> $X(1,:)=\arg \min _{x_{i}}\left\|x_{i}\right\|_{0}$

For $\mathrm{i}=2: \mathrm{n}$

$$
X(i,:)=\arg \min _{x_{i}}\left\|x_{i}\right\|_{0} \quad \text { s.t. } \quad x_{i} \notin \operatorname{span}(X)
$$

end

## The Algorithm

For $i=1$ to $n$
For $j=1$ to $p$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r=P_{W^{c}} Y e_{j} \\
& w_{i}=\arg \min _{w}\left\|w^{T} Y\right\|_{1} \text { s.t. } r^{T} w=1
\end{aligned}
$$

end
$W(:, i)=\arg \min _{w_{i}}\left\|w_{i}^{T} Y\right\|_{0}$
$X(i,:)=W(:, i)^{T} Y$
end

## Simulations

Measure: error $=\frac{\min _{\Pi, \Lambda}\|\hat{A} \Lambda \Pi-A\|_{F}}{\|A\|_{F}}$
$k=\# n n z$ per column
$k=1: 10$
10 trials for each configuration
$n=10: 10: 60$
$p=5 n \log n$

## Simulations



 SPUD(greedy)

SPUD(proj)
SIV



0.01
0.02
0.05
0.1
0.25

KSVD
Online Learning Rel. Newton

## Thank you!

