

**Learning ancestral atom  
of structured dictionary via sparse coding**  
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- a methodology for representing observations with a sparse combination of basis vectors (atoms)
- related with various problems:
  - associative memory (Palm, 1980)
  - visual cortex model (Olshausen & Field, 1996)
  - Lasso (least absolute shrinkage and selection operator; Tibshirani, 1996)
  - compressive sensing (Candès & Tao, 2006)
  - image restoration/compression (Elad et al., 2005)

- $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$ : target signal
- $\mathbf{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_n)^T$ : atom
- $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_m)$ : dictionary (redundant:  $m > n$ )
- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T$ : coefficient vector
- objective:

$$\underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \eta \|\mathbf{x}\|_*$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is a sparse norm, e.g.  $\ell_0$  and  $\ell_1$ .

dictionary determines overall quality of reconstruction.

- predefined dictionary: structured
  - wavelets (Daubechies, 1992)
  - curvelets (Candès & Donoho, 2001)
  - contourlets (Do & Vetterli, 2005)
- learned dictionary: unstructured
  - gradient-based method (Olshausen & Field, 1996)
  - Method of Optimal Directions (Engan et al., 1999)
  - K-SVD (Aharon et al., 2006)
- **structured dictionary learning**: intermediate
  - Image Signature Dictionary (Aharon & Elad, 2008)
  - Double Sparsity (Rubinstein et al., 2010)

# structured dictionary learning

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- ordered dictionary:  $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{d}_\lambda; \lambda \in \Lambda)$
- typical approaches:
  - meta dictionary:  $\tilde{\mathbf{D}} = (\tilde{d}_1, \dots, \tilde{d}_M)$

$$\mathbf{d}_\lambda = \tilde{\mathbf{D}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_\lambda$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_\lambda$  is a meta-coefficient vector  
additional constraints are imposed on  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_\lambda$ , e.g. sparsity

- **ancestral atom (ancestor)**:  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_N)^T$

$$\mathbf{d}_\lambda = \mathbf{F}_\lambda \mathbf{a}$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_\lambda$  is an extraction operator

# dictionary generation

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- **structure**: designed by a set of extraction operators
- extraction operator:  $\mathbf{F}_{p,q}$

$$\mathbf{d}_{p,q} = \mathbf{F}_{p,q} \mathbf{a}, \quad (p : \text{scale or downsample level}, q : \text{shift})$$

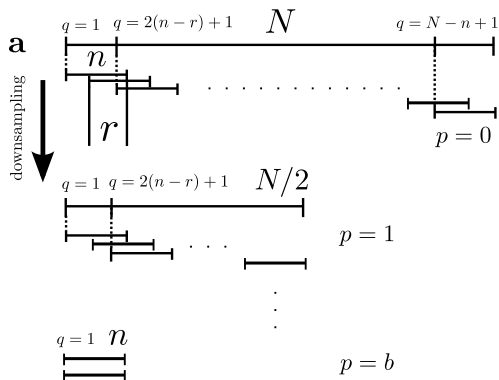
cut off a piece of ancestor

- generating operator:  $\mathbb{D}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{D} \mathbf{a} &= (\mathbf{d}_{p,q}; (p, q) \in \Lambda) \\ &= (\mathbf{F}_{p,q} \mathbf{a}; (p, q) \in \Lambda) \end{aligned}$$

a structured collection of  $\mathbf{F}_{p,q}$

## example of extraction operators



$$[\mathbf{F}_{p,q}]_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & j = (i - 1) \times 2^p + q, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

## example of extraction operators

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$$\mathbf{F}_{0,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times N}$$

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- projection-based algorithm

- related spaces:

$\mathcal{D}$ : space of dictionary

$\mathcal{S}$ : space of structured dictionary

$\mathcal{A}$ : space of ancestor

- related maps:

dictionary learning:  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

structured dictionary:  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{D}$

- introduce a fiber bundle structure to  $\mathcal{D}$  by defining projection from  $\mathcal{D}$  to  $\mathcal{S}$

■ condition:

$$\mathbf{G} = \sum_{(p,q) \in \Lambda} \mathbf{F}_{p,q}^T \mathbf{F}_{p,q} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad \text{is bijective}$$

where  $\mathbf{F}_{p,q}^T$  is the adjoint operator of  $\mathbf{F}_{p,q}$

■ mean operator:  $\mathbb{M} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

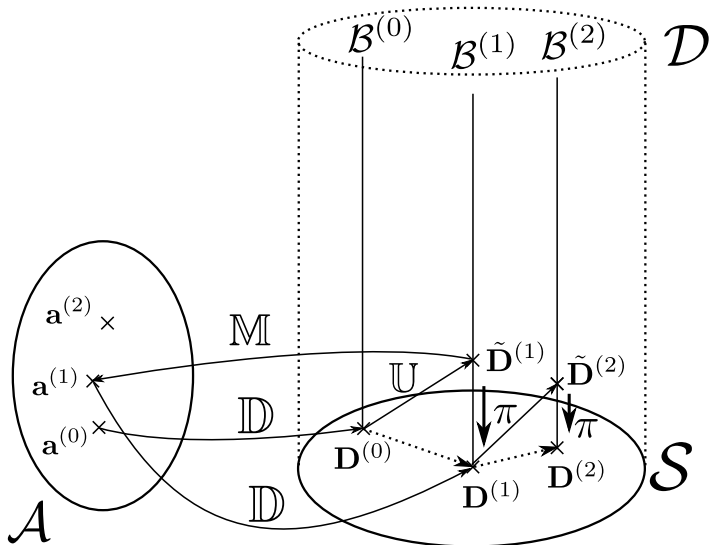
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{M} \mathbf{D} &= \mathbb{M} (\mathbf{d}_{p,q}; (p,q) \in \Lambda) \\ &= \mathbf{G}^{-1} \sum_{p,q} \mathbf{F}_{p,q}^T \mathbf{d}_{p,q} \end{aligned}$$

■ important relations:

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \mathbb{D} \circ \mathbb{M} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \quad (\text{projection})$$

$$\text{Id} = \mathbb{M} \circ \mathbb{D} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad (\text{identity})$$

# relation of operators



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**procedure** ANCESTOR LEARNING(  $\mathbf{a}^{(0)}$ ,  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\mathbb{M}$ ,  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  )

**repeat**

$$\mathbf{D}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbb{D} \mathbf{a}^{(t)}$$

▷ generate dictionary

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbb{U} \mathbf{D}^{(t)}$$

▷ update dictionary

$$\mathbf{a}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbb{M} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{(t+1)}$$

▷ update ancestor

**until**  $\|\mathbf{a}^{(t+1)} - \mathbf{a}^{(t)}\| < \varepsilon$

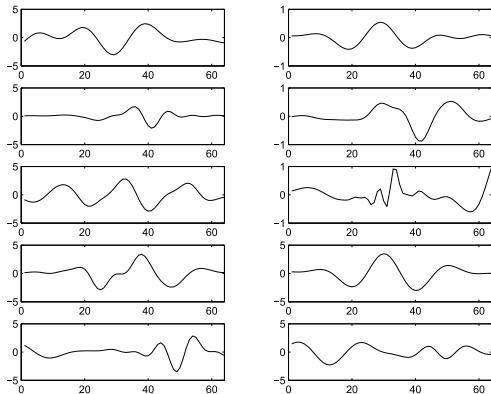
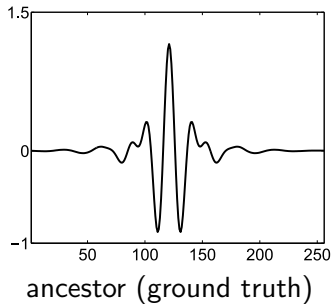
**return**  $\mathbf{a}$

**end procedure**

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- $\mathbb{U}$ : OMP + K-SVD (+ renormalization)
  - OMP: greedy algorithm for  $\ell_0$  norm SC
  - K-SVD:  $k$ -means algorithm for dictionary learning
- compare with ISD (Aharon & Elad, 2008)
  - gradient-based algorithm for estimating ancestor
  - including only shift operation in original version

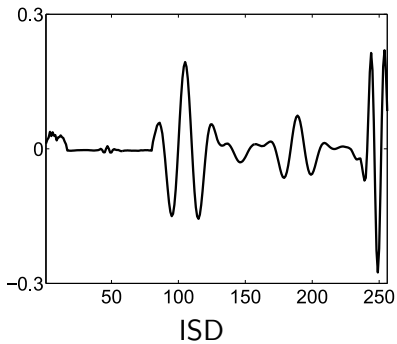
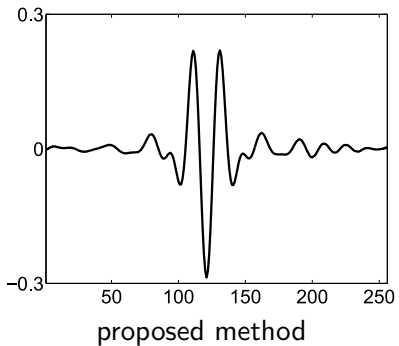
# artificial data



subset of observations

## estimated ancestors

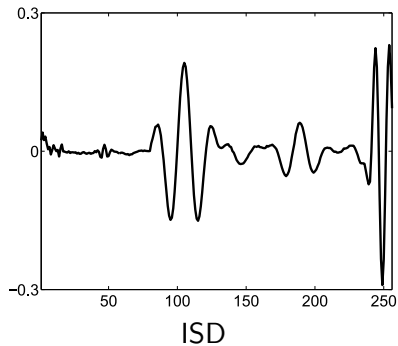
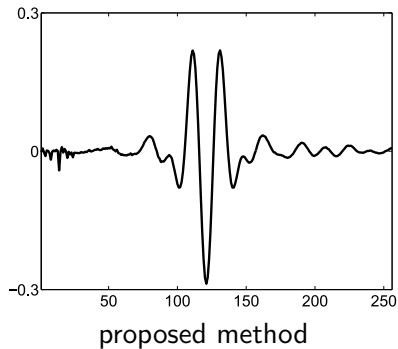
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noiseless case

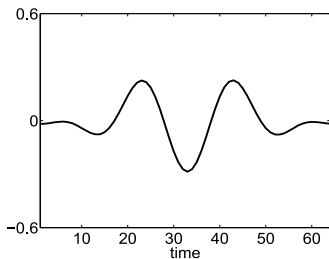
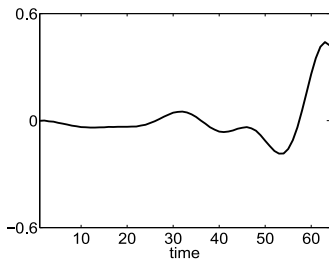
## estimated ancestors

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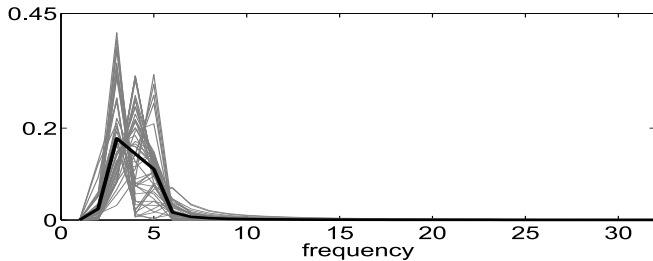


noisy case

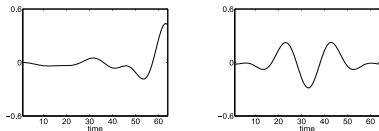




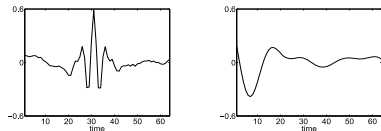
(a-0) examples of atom in level 0 (proposed)



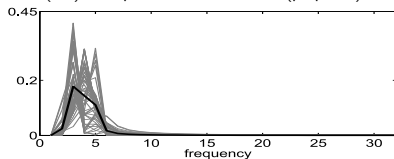
(c-0) spectrum of level 0 (proposed)



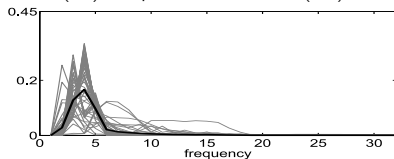
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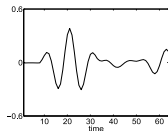
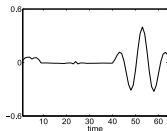
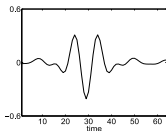
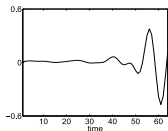
(b-0) examples of atom in level 0 (ISD)



(c-0) spectrum of level 0 (proposed)

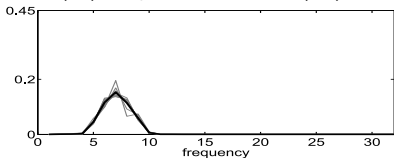
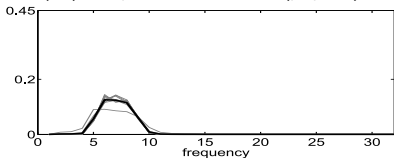


(d-0) spectrum of level 0 (ISD)



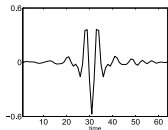
(a-1) examples of atom in level 1 (proposed)

(b-1) examples of atom in level 1 (ISD)

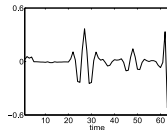


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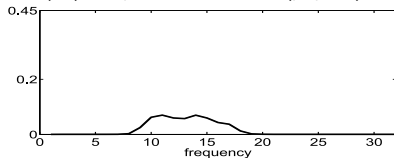
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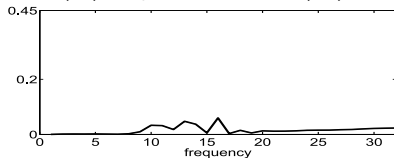
(a-2) examples of atom in level 2 (proposed)



(b-2) examples of atom in level 2 (ISD)



(c-2) spectrum of level 2 (proposed)



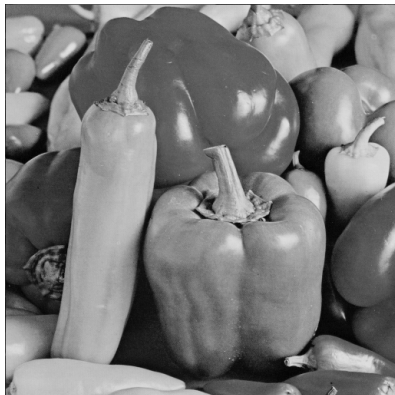
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## images (2D atoms)

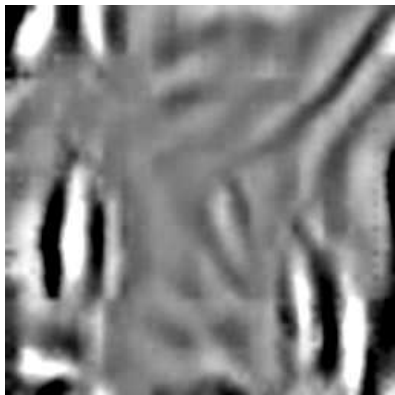
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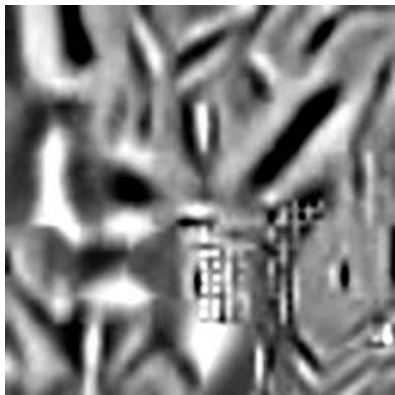
training image



test image (peppers)

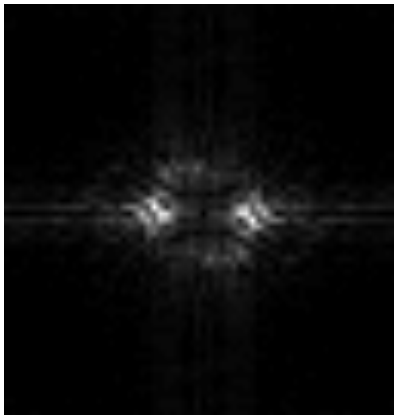


proposed method

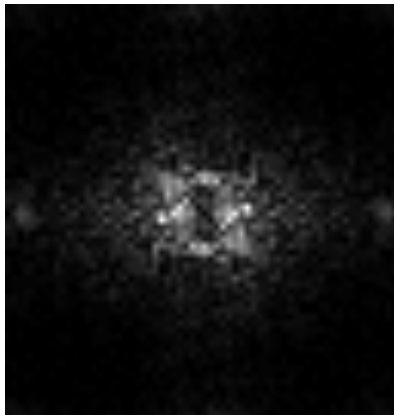


ISD

estimated ancestor

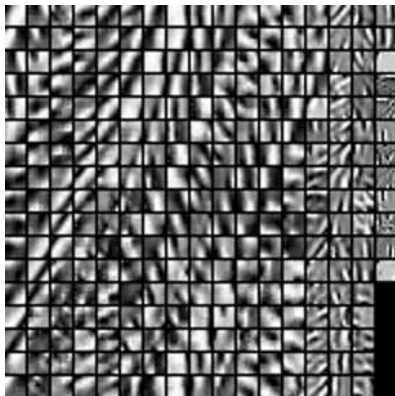


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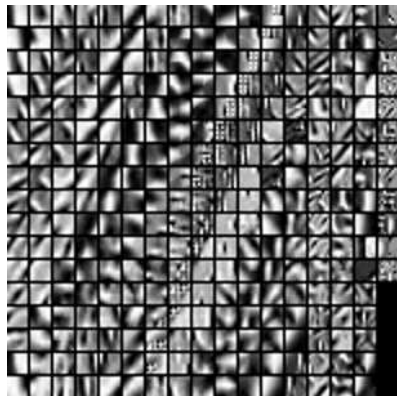


ISD

spectrum of estimated ancestor



proposed method



ISD

learned dictionary



we proposed

- a dictionary generation scheme from an ancestor
- a condition of structured dictionary identifiability
- a projection-based algorithm to learn the ancestor

possible application would be

- image analysis and compression
- frequency analysis of signals