

# Multimodal Image Processing and Machine Learning in Computer Vision

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- Unsupervised vs. Supervised Dictionary Learning
- Sparse Representation Classification

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- Sparse Unmixing
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# A Wealth of High-Dimensional Multimodal Data



Remote sensing data (hyperspectral, visible, LiDAR,...)



Digitized paintings (infrared, X-Ray, visible)

# Capturing Intrinsic Structure of the Data

- High-dimensional data often exhibits low-dimensional structure
- Early models (PCA): find a linear subspace in which data resides
- Recent methods
  - Capture more complex low-dimensional structures (manifolds or unions of multiple linear subspaces)



P. V. Dinh: Review on Manifold Learning, 2009

Data has a sufficiently sparse representation with respect to some basis or a dictionary

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#### Sparse representation



#### Designed vs. Learned Dictionaries

- Designed dictionaries: wavelets, curvelets, shearlets...
  - typically yield sparse representation of signals and images
  - advantages: generic, fast computation



#### Learned dictionaries

- trained on a set of representative examples
- goal: optimally sparse representation for a given class of signals

#### Sparse coding



 $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D} \boldsymbol{\alpha} \|_{2}^{2}$  subject to  $\| \boldsymbol{\alpha} \|_{0} \leq K$ 

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#### **Greedy algorithms**

- Matching Pursuit (MP) [Mallat and Zhang, '93]
- OMP [Tropp, '04], CoSaMP [Needell and Tropp, '09]
- IHT [Blumensath and Davies, 09]

# Sparse coding



**Convex relaxation:** 

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\arg\min} \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{1}}{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{1}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{2}^{2} \le \epsilon$$
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \|\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{1}$$

LASSO [Tibshirani, '96], BPDN [Chen et al, '01]

# Sparse coding and dictionary learning



$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 \right\}$$
 subject to  $\forall i, \|\alpha_i\|_0 \leq K$ 

A similar objective:

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}} \sum_{i} \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}\|_{0} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\|_{F}^{2} \leq \epsilon$$

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# Iterate Two Steps: Sparse Coding and Dictionary Update



#### Learned Dictionaries of Image Atoms - Examples



Examples of dictionaries trained by [Olshausen and Field, 1997] (left) and K-SVD [Aharon et al., 2006] (right)

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#### Unsupervised vs. Supervised Dictionary Learning

• Unsupervised dictionary learning

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 \right\}$$
 subject to  $\forall i, \|\alpha_i\|_0 \leq K$ 

- minimizes the reconstruction error
- inverse problems (restoration, inpainting,...)
- Supervised (discriminative or task-driven)

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{D}}, \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{C}}}_{\text{class. par.}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{A}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\|_{F}^{2} + \mu \|\underbrace{\mathbf{H}}_{\text{labels}} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{A}\|_{F}^{2} + \eta \|\mathbf{C}\|_{F}^{2} \right\}$$

subject to  $\forall i, \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i\|_0 \leq K$ 

classification problems (H – label inform.; C – classifier parameters)

# Application in Painter Style Characterization



[Hughes et al, 2009], [Latić and Pižurica, 2014]

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# Sparse Representation Classification - SRC



Wright, J., Yang, A. Y., Ganesh, A., Sastry, S. S., and Ma, Y. (2009). Robust face recognition via sparse representation. IEEE PAMI.

#### Sparse Representation Classification - SRC



Equivalently,

$$r_m(\mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}_m \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_m\|_2, \quad m = 1, ..., M$$

$$identity(\mathbf{y}) = \underset{m=1,...,M}{\arg\min} r_m(\mathbf{y})$$

# SRC in Hyperspectral Image Classification

# [Chen et al., 2011a] $y = D_1 D_m D_M$ a sample from class m

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{2}^{2} \text{ subject to } \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{0} \leq K$$

$$r_{m}(\mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{D}_{m}\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{m}\|_{2}, \quad m = 1, ..., M$$

$$class(\mathbf{y}) = \arg\min_{m=1,...,M} r_{m}(\mathbf{y})$$

#### Joint Sparsity Model

Collect pixels from a small neighbourhood  $\mathcal{N}_{\epsilon}$  into  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1, ..., \mathbf{y}_T] \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times T}$ 

$$\mathbf{Y} = \underbrace{[\mathbf{y}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{y}_T]}_{\text{pixels from } \mathcal{N}_{\epsilon}} = [\mathbf{D}\alpha_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{D}\alpha_T] = \mathbf{D}\underbrace{[\alpha_1 \ \dots \ \alpha_T]}_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}$$

Sparse codes  $\{\alpha_t\}_{t=1}^T$  share the same support  $\implies$  **A** is sparse with only  $\mathcal{K}$  non-zero rows, i.e., **A** is row sparse.

JSRC method [Chen et al., 2011a]:

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} = rg\min_{\mathbf{A}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 \;\;$$
 subject to  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\mathit{row},0} \leq K$ 

$$r_m(\mathbf{Y}) = \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}_m \hat{\mathbf{A}}_m\|_F, \quad m = 1, ..., M$$

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Examples of stripe noise and mixed noise in a real hyperspectral image.

Huang, S., Zhang, H., Liao, W., and Pižurica, A. (2017). Robust joint sparsity model for hyperspectral image classification. In IEEE ICIP 2017.



$$\{\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{S}}\} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_{1} \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{A}\|_{row, 0} \leq K$$

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S. Huang, H. Zhang and A. Piurica (2017). A Robust Sparse Representation Model for Hyperspectral Image Classification. Sensors.





Grass Asphalt

# Indian Pines (false color image)

ground truth

SVM, OA=80.4%



JSRC, OA=89.1%





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# Spectral Mixing



S.R Bijitha, P. Geetha and K.P. Soman (2016). Performance Analysis and Comparative Study of Geometrical Approaches for Spectral Unmixing. International Journal of Scientific and Engineering Research.

# Sparse Unmixing

Ideal hyperspectral image reordered as a matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times MN}$ Linear mixing model:

 $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{A}$ 

 $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times K}$  – library of endmembers;  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times MN}$  – abundance



The approach of [Aggarval et al, 2016]:

$$\min_{\mathbf{A},\mathbf{S}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{A}\|_{2,1} + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{S}\|_1$$

Many similar variants exist, also making use of low-rank assumption:

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}} \operatorname{rank}{\mathbf{A}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{E}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{S}\|_{F}^{2} \leq \epsilon$$

# Sparse Unmixing



Fractional abundance maps estimated for the AVIRIS Cuprite subscene with the USGS library.

R. Wang, H.-C. Li, A. Pižurica, J. Li, A. Plaza, and W. J. Emery (2017). Hyperspectral Unmixing Using Double Reweighted Sparse Regression and Total Variation. IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters.

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# Sparse Subspace Clustering

[Elhamifar and Vidal, 2013]

Self-representation model:  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{YC} + \mathbf{N}$ ;  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1...\mathbf{y}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$ 



 $C_{i,j} \neq 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{y}_i$  and  $\mathbf{y}_j$  are in the same subspace.

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# Joint Sparse Subspace Clustering - JSSC



S. Huang, H. Zhang and A. Pižurica (2018). Semi-supervised Sparse Subspace Clustering Method With a Joint Sparsity Constraint for Hyperspectral Remote Sensing Images. IEEE J. Sel. Topics in Earth Observation and Remote Sens.
### Joint Sparse Subspace Clustering - JSSC



(1 % labelled samples), (i) JSSC and (j) JSSC-L (1% labelled samples)

S. Huang, H. Zhang and A. Pižurica (2018). IEEE JSTARS

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### The Ghent Altarpiece



Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, completed in 1432.

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### The current restoration of the Ghent Altarpiece



Ongoing conservation-restoration treatment (started in 2012).

### Ghent Altarpiece - Current Restoration Campaign

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#### The New Hork Times

### A Master Work, the Ghent Altarpiece, Reawakens Stroke by Stroke

By MILAN SCHREUER DEC. 19, 2016



## Ghent Altarpiece restoration – Phase 1





= Overpaint © KIK-IRPA

### Restoration – Phase 1, after cleaning: paint losses



# Restoration – Phase 1, after cleaning: paint losses



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# Why do we need automatic paint loss detection?

Paint loss detection is crucial for

- documenting purpose
- virtual restoration
- decision making in the actual restoration process

Currently done manually:

- labor intensive
- only rough indication
- prone to errors



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### Crack detection



Diagnostics, overpaint detection.



Input for virtual crack filling. Improving readability of inscriptions.

### Challenges: Huge data



Each 15x20 cm area recorded in a separate capture with a camera fitted with a Hasselblad 120mm lens and a 50-megapixel camera back ( $8176 \times 6132$  pixels).

### Paint loss detection problem - difficulties



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A scatter plot of RGB values for randomly selected paint loss and background pixels in the macrophotography after cleaning (red: paint loss; blue: background).

# A multimodal approach



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# Registration of multimodal images



#### Crack patterns can be employed as landmarks.

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## Paint loss detection data sets - John the Evangelist



### Paint loss detection data sets - prophet Zachary



# Annotations by art restorers



### Annotations by art restorers







### Multimodal Data



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- Annotations done on macrophotographs during the treatment;
- Dictionaries for sparse representation classification constructed from the available multimodal data. The available modalities may differ from one panel to another.

# Features for SRC



S. Huang, W. Liao, H. Zhang, and A. Pižurica (2016). Paint Loss Detection in Old Paintings by Sparse Representation Classification. iTWIST.

## SRC-based Paint Loss Detection Method



 $N_j^m$  - number of trials in which  $\mathbf{y}_j$  was labelled as class m;  $m \in \{PaintLoss, Other\}$ 

$$class(\mathbf{y}_j) = \arg\max_{m} p_j(m) = \underbrace{\arg\max_{m} (N_j^m/N)}_{\text{empirical prob. of class } m}$$

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## Paint Loss Detection Results





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### Paint Loss Detection - Numerical results



Schemes	Number of modalities	Imaging modalities
	1	M <sub>AC</sub>
2	3	M <sub>AC</sub> , M <sub>BC</sub> , IR <sub>BC</sub>
3	5	Mag Mag IRag IRRag X-rayag

IRR - infrared reflectography X-ray - radiography

BC - before cleaning

SVM – Support Vector Machines

SRC – Direct application of SRC (Sparse Representation Classification) STD – Sparse Representation for Target Detection [Chen et al., 2011b] Proposed - the proposed method based on kernel-SRC [Huang et al., 2018]

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# Deep learning methods



A generic concept of a classifier based on a convolutional neural network (CNN).

# Deep learning methods



 $\rho$  – **pointwise nonlinearity** (e.g., ReLU);  $W_i$  – **linear operator** (convolution);

$$W_{j}x_{j-1}(u, k_{j}) = \sum_{k} \sum_{v} x_{j-1}(v, k)w_{j,k_{j}}(u-v, k) = \sum_{k} (x_{j-1}(., k) \star w_{j,k_{j}}(., k))(u)$$

## Deep learning methods



Predicted probabilities of class labels using the softmax rule:

$$P(class(x(u) = j | z_j) = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_l e^{z_l}}$$

# A multiscale deep learning method for paint loss detection



L. Meeus, S. Huang, B. Devolder, M.Martens, and A. Pižurica (2018). Deep Learning for Paint Loss Detection: A Case Study on the Ghent Altarpiece. IP4AI.

# A multiscale deep learning method for paint loss detection



#### Size: 5954 $\times$ 7546; processed in < 1 minute

# Deep learning in crack detection



Crack detection in roads reported in [Lei et al,2016], [Cha et al, 2017]. However, crack detection in paintings is much more challenging!



# A deep learning method for crack detection in paintings



R. Sizyakin, B. Cornelis, L. Meeus, M. Martens, V. Voronin, and A. Pižurica (2018). A deep learning approach to crack detection in panel paintings. IP4AI.

# Crack detection: panel Singing Angels


## Crack detection: panel Singing Angels





Left: A Bayesian multimodal method (BCTF). Right: CNN-based. red – false detections; blue – missing cracks; green - -correct.



The *Mystic Lamb* – before and after the restoration.



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#### Patch-based inpainting



#### Context adaptative inpainting



T. Ružić and A. Pižurica et al. Context-aware patch-based image inpainting using Markov random field modeling. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing* 2015

## Global inpainting



### Global inpainting



$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \nu} V_i(x_i) + \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle \in \varepsilon} V_{ij}(x_i, x_j),$$
(1)

[Komodakis and Tziritas, 2007], [Ružić and Pižurica, 2015]

## Global inpainting





## Global inpainting: efficient inference



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#### A summary of patch based inpainting



$$P_{i,j} = \mathcal{S}(\phi_i, \phi_j) + \max_k \sum_{l \in N_{j,k}} \mathcal{S}(\phi_i, \phi_l)$$

A. Pižurica et al. Digital Image Processing of the Ghent Altarpiece. *Signal Process. Mag.* 2015

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# Crack inpaiting



### Crack inpaiting





Automatic paint loss detection; inpainting method of [Ružić and Pižurica, TIP, 2015].

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Automatic paint loss detection; inpainting method of [Ružić and Pižurica, TIP, 2015].



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Left: Input; Middle: virtual restoration; Right: actual restoration.

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#### ISIT 2019 Special Session on Applications in Fine Arts

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