

# **Low Rank Representation - Theories, Algorithms, Applications**

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# Outline

- Low Rank Representation
- Some Theoretical Analysis
- Solution by LADM
- Applications
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- Conclusions

# Sparse Representation

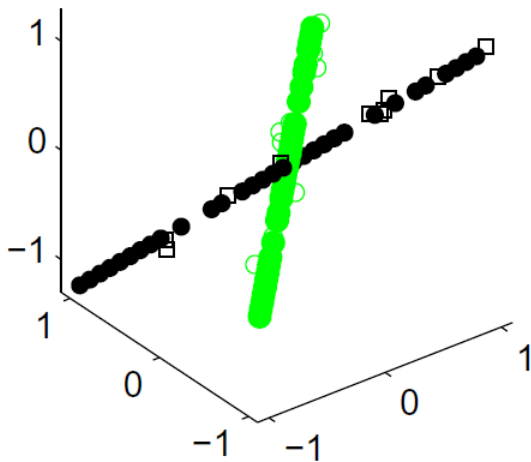
- Sparse Representation

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|x\|_0, \\ \text{s.t. } y = Ax. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- Sparse Subspace Clustering

$$\begin{aligned} \min \|z_i\|_0, \\ \text{s.t. } x_i = X_{\hat{i}} z_i, \quad \forall i. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $X_{\hat{i}} = [x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n]$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \min \|Z\|_0, \\ \text{s.t. } X = XZ, \text{diag}(Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

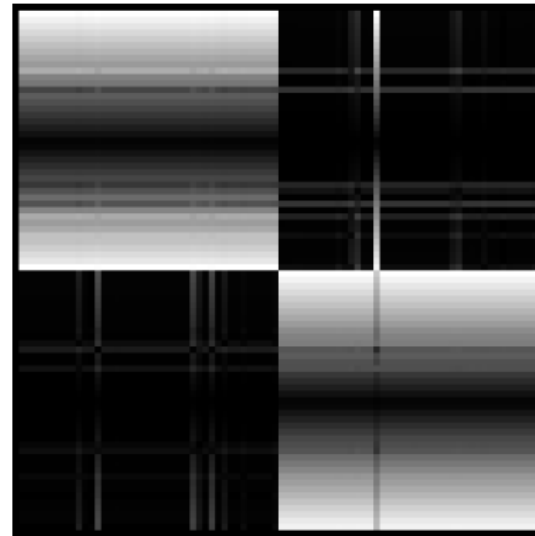
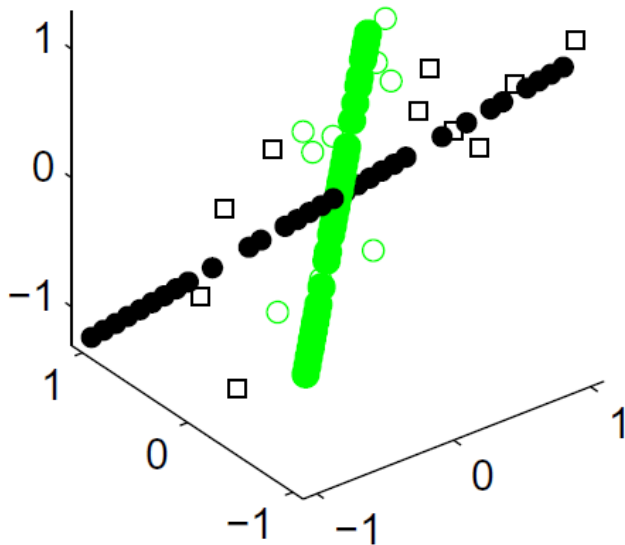
$$\begin{aligned} \min \|Z\|_1, \\ \text{s.t. } X = XZ, \text{diag}(Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

# Sparse Representation

- Construct a graph

$$W = (|Z^*| + |(Z^*)^T|)/2$$

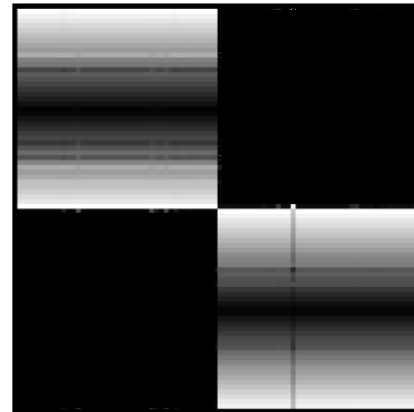
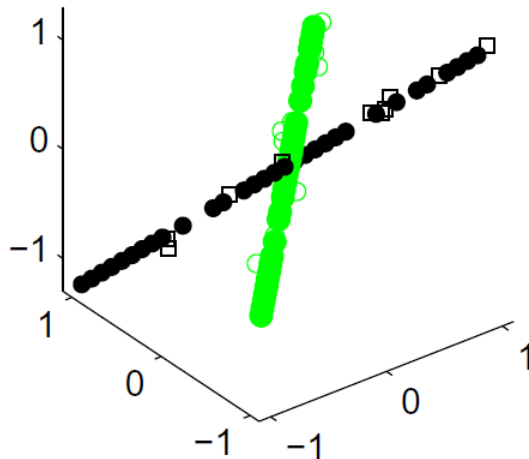
- Normalized cut on the graph



# Sparse Representation

**Theorem.** Assume the data is clean and is drawn from independent subspaces, then  $Z^*$  is block diagonal.

$$\dim\left(\sum_i S_i\right) = \sum_i \dim(S_i).$$



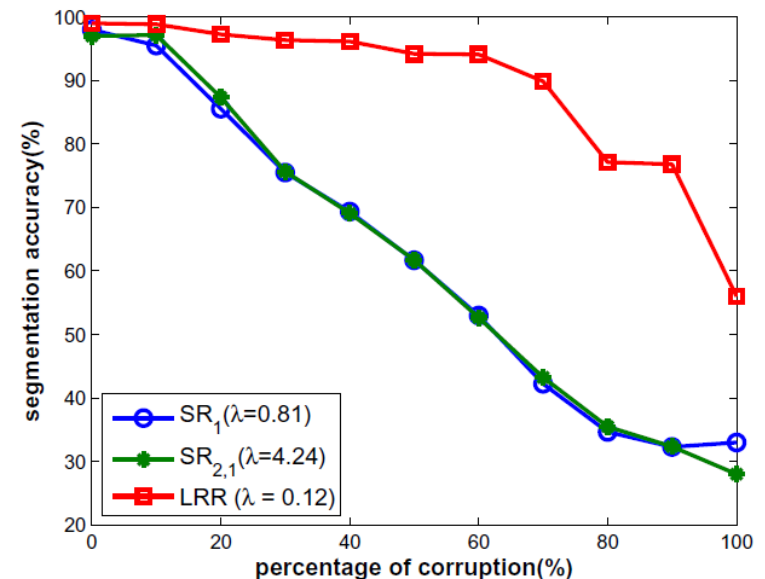
# Drawback of SSC

- Sensitive to noise: no cross validation among coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|Z\|_1, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = XZ, \text{diag}(Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|z_i\|_1, \\ \text{s.t.} & x_i = Xz_i, (z_i)_i = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$



# Hints from 2D Sparsity

- Rank is a good measure of 2D sparsity
  - Real data usually lie on low-dim manifolds



low-dim subspaces  $\rightarrow$  low rank data matrices

- Low rank  $\leftrightarrow$  high correlation among rows/columns

# Low Rank Representation

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$$\begin{aligned} \min \|Z\|_*, \\ \text{s.t. } X = XZ. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

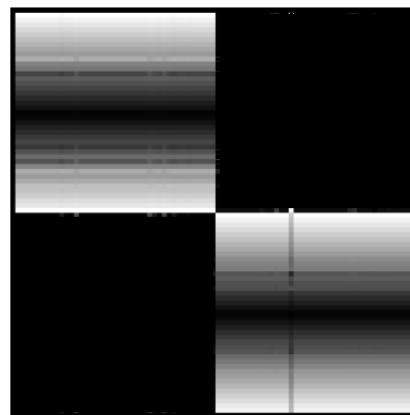
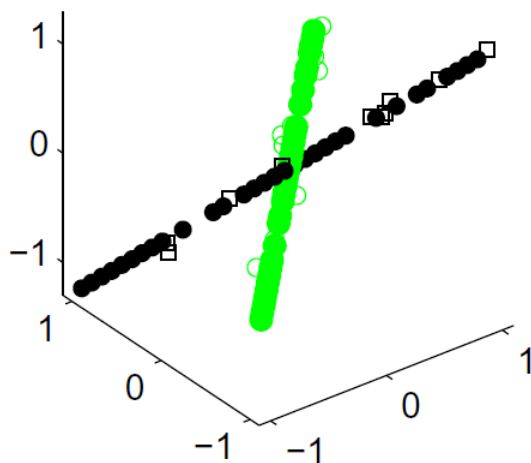
no additional  
constraint!

$\|Z\|_* = \sum_j \sigma_j(Z)$ , nuclear norm, a convex surrogate of rank.



# Low Rank Representation

**Theorem.** Assume the data is clean and is drawn from independent subspaces, then there exists  $Z^*$  which is block diagonal, and the rank of each block equals the dimension of the corresponding subspace.



# Low Rank Representation

- When there is noise and outliers

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = XZ + E. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where  $\|E\|_{2,1} = \sum_i \|E_{:,i}\|_2$ .

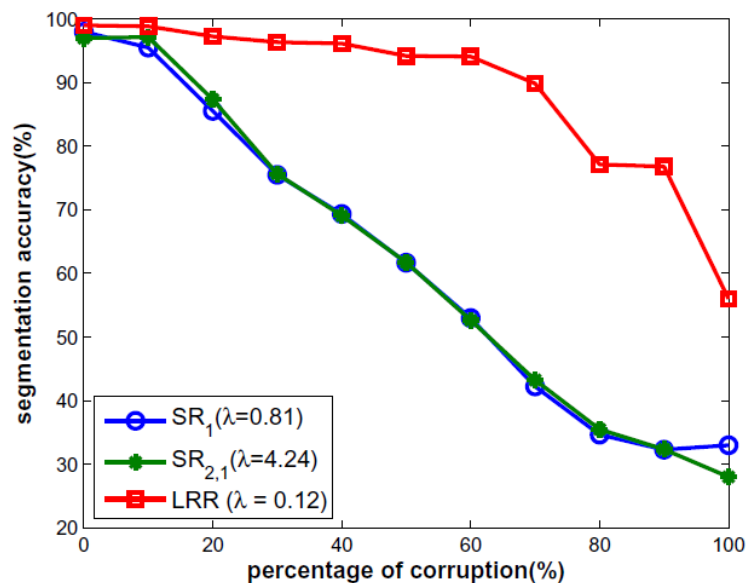


Table 2. Segmentation accuracy (%) on Extended Yale Database B. We have tuned the parameters of all methods to the best. The parameter of LRR is set to be  $\lambda = 0.15$

	GPCA	LSA	RANSAC	SSC	LRR
Acc.	NA	31.72	NA	37.66	<b>62.53</b>

# Low Rank Representation

- Connection to Robust PCA

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{A,E} & \|A\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_1, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = A + E, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The clean data is low rank **w.r.t.** the dictionary  $I$ .

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# Low Rank Representation

- Generalization

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = AZ + E. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The clean data is low rank **w.r.t.** the dictionary  $A$ .

# More Theoretical Analysis

- Closed form solution at noiseless case

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z & \|Z\|_*, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = XZ, \end{aligned}$$

has a *unique closed-form* optimal solution:  $Z^* = V_r V_r^T$ , where  $U_r \Sigma_r V_r^T$  is the skinny SVD of  $X$ .

- Shape Interaction Matrix
- when  $X$  is sampled from independent subspaces,  $Z^*$  is block diagonal, each block corresponding to a subspace

$$\min_{X=XZ} \|Z\|_* = \text{rank}(X).$$

# More Theoretical Analysis

- Closed form solution at general case

$$\min_Z \|Z\|_*, \quad s.t. \quad X = AZ,$$

has a *unique closed-form* optimal solution:  $Z^* = A^\dagger X$ .

# Follow-up Work

- More problems with closed form solutions

$$\min_Z \varepsilon \|Z\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|XZ - X\|_F^2$$

$$\min_{A,Z} \varepsilon \|Z\|_* + \frac{\tau}{2} \|AZ - A\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|D - A\|_F^2$$

$$\min_{A,Z} \varepsilon \|Z\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|A - X\|_F^2, \quad s.t. \quad A = AZ.$$

- Speeding up optimization

# Exact Recoverability of LRR

**Theorem:** Let  $\lambda = 3/(7\|X\|\sqrt{\gamma n})$ . Then there exists  $\gamma^* > 0$  such that when  $\gamma \leq \gamma^*$ , LRR can exactly recover the row space and the column support of  $(Z_0, E_0)$ :

$$U^*(U^*)^T = V_0V_0^T, \quad \mathcal{I}^* = \mathcal{I}_0,$$

where  $\gamma = |\mathcal{I}_0|/n$  is the fraction of outliers,  $U^*$  is the column space of  $Z^*$ ,  $V_0^T$  is the row space of  $Z_0$ , and  $\mathcal{I}^*$  and  $\mathcal{I}_0$  is the column supports of  $E^*$  and  $E_0$ , respectively.



# Linearized Alternating Direction Method (LADM)

- Model Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}), \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{c},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  could be either vectors or matrices,  $f$  and  $g$  are convex functions, and  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are linear mappings.

- ADM

$$\mathcal{L}_A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \lambda) = f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}) + \langle \lambda, \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{c} \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{c}\|^2,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L}_A(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_k, \lambda_k),$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} \mathcal{L}_A(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, \mathbf{y}, \lambda_k),$$

$$\lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k + \beta[\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}_{k+1}) - \mathbf{c}].$$

- Difficulties

# Linearized Alternating Direction Method (LADM)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}_k) - \mathbf{c} + \lambda_k/\beta\|^2, \\ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} g(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{c} + \lambda_k/\beta\|^2\end{aligned}$$

- Linearize the quadratic term

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \langle \mathcal{A}^*(\lambda_k) + \beta \mathcal{A}^*(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}_k) - \mathbf{c}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k \rangle + \frac{\beta \eta_A}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta \eta_A}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k + \mathcal{A}^*(\lambda_k + \beta(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}_k) - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta \eta_A)\|^2,\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} g(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{\beta \eta_B}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}_k + \mathcal{B}^*(\lambda_k + \beta(\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}_k) - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta \eta_B)\|^2.$$

- Adaptive Penalty

# Linearized Alternating Direction Method (LADM)

**Theorem:** If  $\{\beta_k\}$  is non-decreasing and upper bounded,  $\eta_A > \|\mathcal{A}\|^2$ , and  $\eta_B > \|\mathcal{B}\|^2$ , then the sequence  $\{(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k, \lambda_k)\}$  generated by LADMAP converges to a KKT point of the model problem.

# Applying LADM to LRR

- LRR

$$\min_{Z,E} \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \quad s.t. \quad X = XZ + E.$$

- Further Acceleration Technique
  - $O(n^3) \rightarrow O(rn^2)$

# Experiments

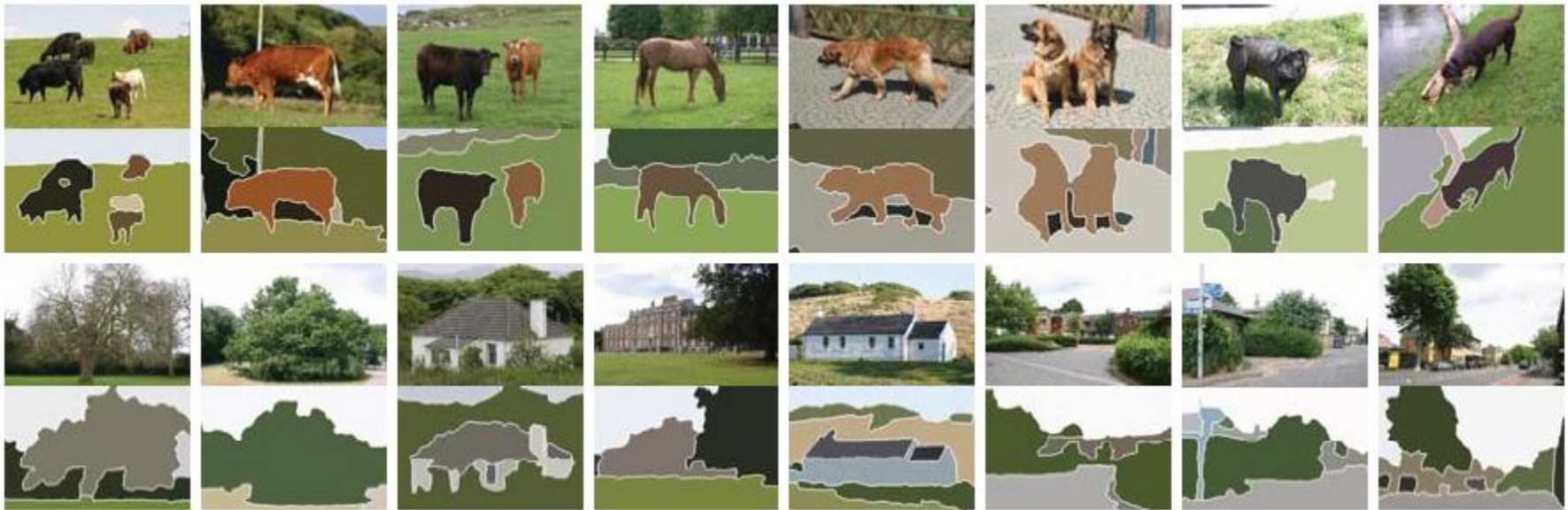
Table 1: Comparison among APG, ADM, LADM, standard LADMAP and accelerated LADMAP (denoted as LADMAP(A)) on the synthetic data. For each quadruple  $(s, p, d, \tilde{r})$ , the LRR problem, with  $\mu = 0.1$ , was solved for the same data using different algorithms. We present typical running time (in  $\times 10^3$  seconds), iteration number, relative error (%) of output solution  $(\hat{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\mathbf{Z}})$  and the clustering accuracy (%) of tested algorithms, respectively.

Size $(s, p, d, \tilde{r})$	Method	Time	Iter.	$\frac{\ \mathbf{Z}-\mathbf{Z}_0\ }{\ \mathbf{Z}_0\ }$	$\frac{\ \mathbf{E}-\mathbf{E}_0\ }{\ \mathbf{E}_0\ }$	Acc.
(10, 20,200, 5)	APG	0.0332	110	2.2079	1.5096	81.5
	ADM	0.0529	176	0.5491	0.5093	<b>90.0</b>
	LADM	0.0603	194	<b>0.5480</b>	<b>0.5024</b>	<b>90.0</b>
	LADMAP	0.0145	<b>46</b>	<b>0.5480</b>	<b>0.5024</b>	<b>90.0</b>
	LADMAP(A)	<b>0.0010</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.5480</b>	<b>0.5024</b>	<b>90.0</b>
(15, 20,300, 5)	APG	0.0869	106	2.4824	1.0341	80.0
	ADM	0.1526	185	0.6519	0.4078	83.7
	LADM	0.2943	363	<b>0.6518</b>	<b>0.4076</b>	<b>86.7</b>
	LADMAP	0.0336	<b>41</b>	<b>0.6518</b>	<b>0.4076</b>	<b>86.7</b>
	LADMAP(A)	<b>0.0015</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.6518</b>	<b>0.4076</b>	<b>86.7</b>
(20, 25, 500, 5)	APG	1.8837	117	2.8905	2.4017	72.4
	ADM	3.7139	225	1.1191	1.0170	80.0
	LADM	8.1574	508	<b>0.6379</b>	<b>0.4268</b>	80.0
	LADMAP	0.7762	<b>40</b>	<b>0.6379</b>	<b>0.4268</b>	<b>84.6</b>
	LADMAP(A)	<b>0.0053</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.6379</b>	<b>0.4268</b>	<b>84.6</b>
(30, 30, 900, 5)	APG	6.1252	116	3.0667	0.9199	69.4
	ADM	11.7185	220	0.6865	0.4866	<b>76.0</b>
	LADM	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	LADMAP	2.3891	<b>44</b>	<b>0.6864</b>	<b>0.4294</b>	<b>80.1</b>
	LADMAP(A)	<b>0.0058</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0.6864</b>	<b>0.4294</b>	<b>80.1</b>

# Applications of LRR

- Image segmentation

$$\min_{Z, E} \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \quad s.t. \quad X = XZ + E.$$

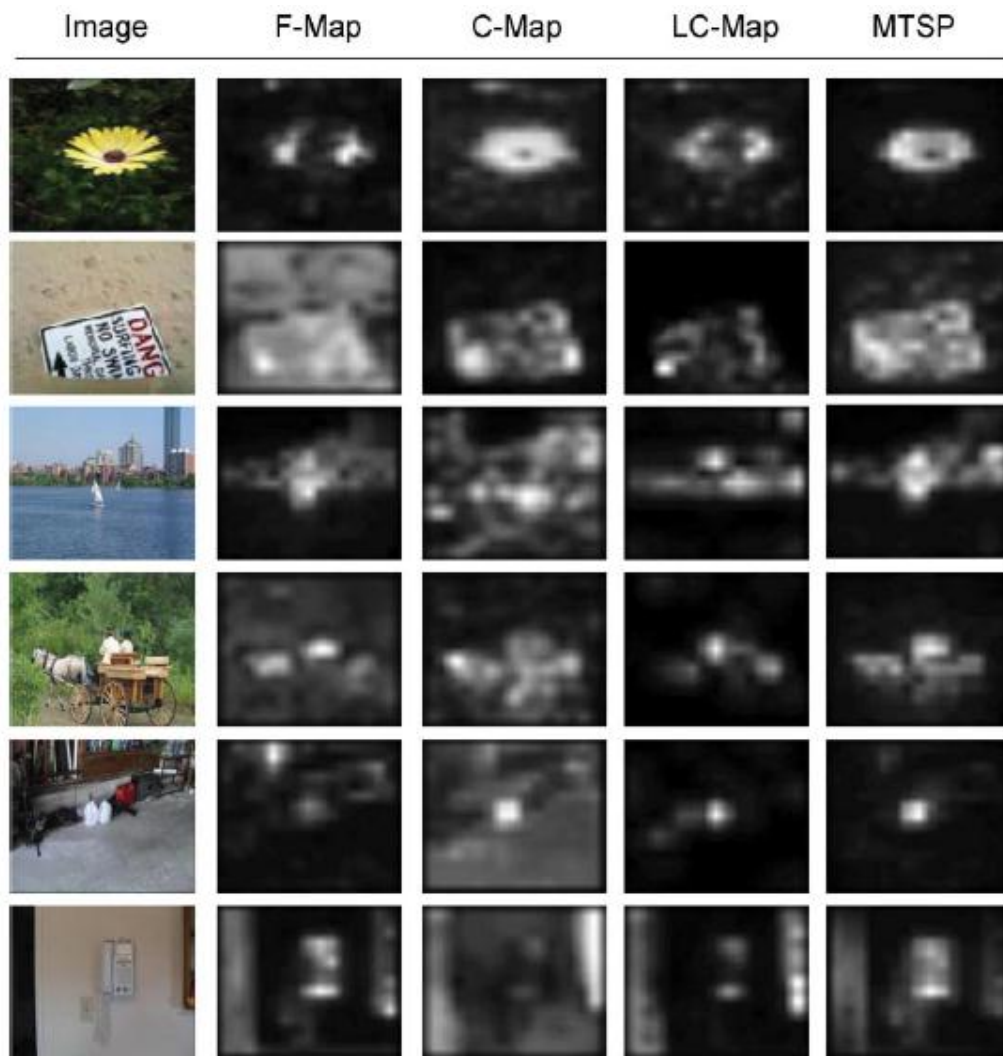
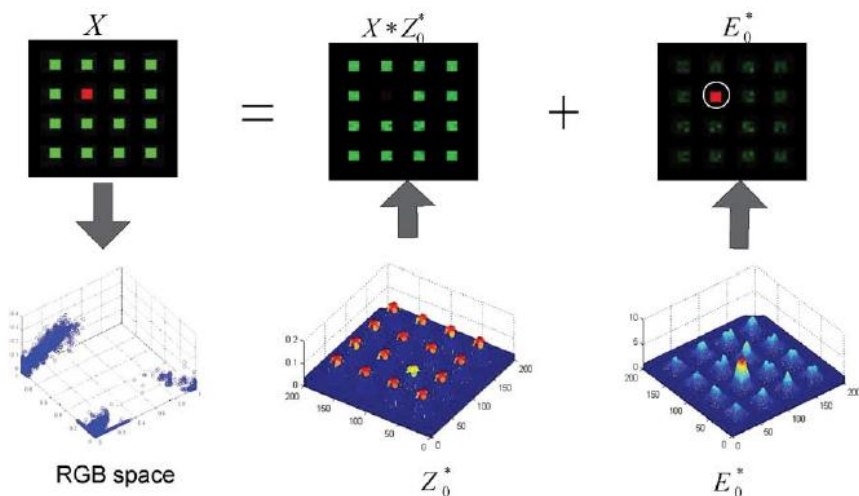


# Applications of LRR

- Saliency detection

$$\min_{Z, E} \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1},$$

$$s.t. \quad X = XZ + E.$$



# Generalizations of LRR

- LRR with clean data

$$\min_{D,Z,E} \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \quad s.t. \quad D = DZ, X = D + E.$$

TABLE I  
SEGMENTATION ERROR RATE (%) ON THE HOPKIN155 DATABASE. THE  
PARAMETERS ARE SELECTED AS  $\lambda_{LRR} = 2.4$  AND  $\lambda_{RSI} = 0.24$ ,  
RESPECTIVELY.

METHOD	MEAN	MEDIAN	STD
LRR	4.3673	0.4717	7.4540
RSI	2.8501	0	7.5858

$$\min_{D,Z,E} \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_F^2, \quad s.t. \quad D = DZ, X = D + E.$$

Table 1. Errors on Hopkins155 data without pre/post-processing.

Method	LSA	SIM	SSC	LRR	OUR
Average	8.99%	5.25%	3.89%	<b>3.16%</b>	3.28%



# Generalizations of LRR

- Latent LRR
  - To address insufficient sample problem

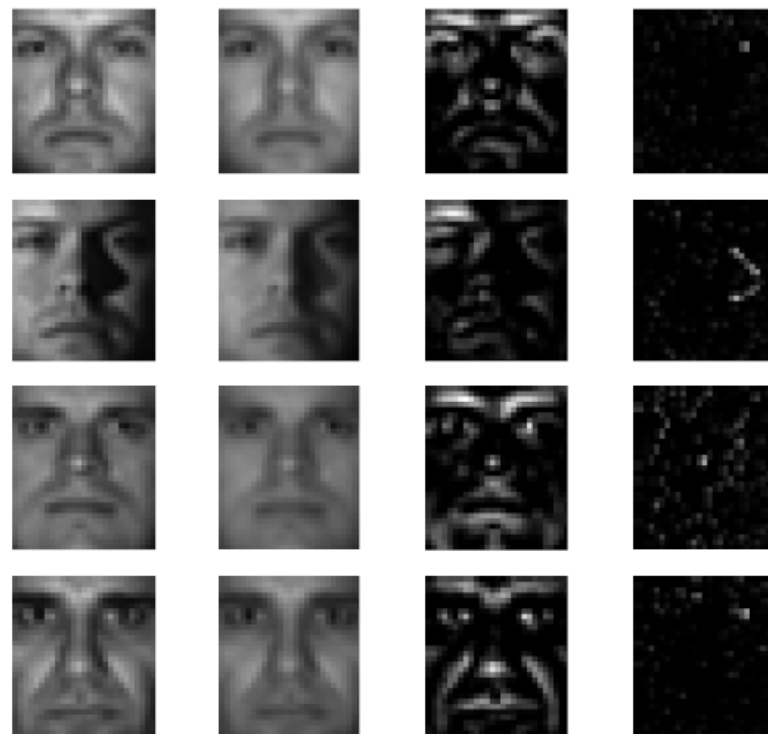
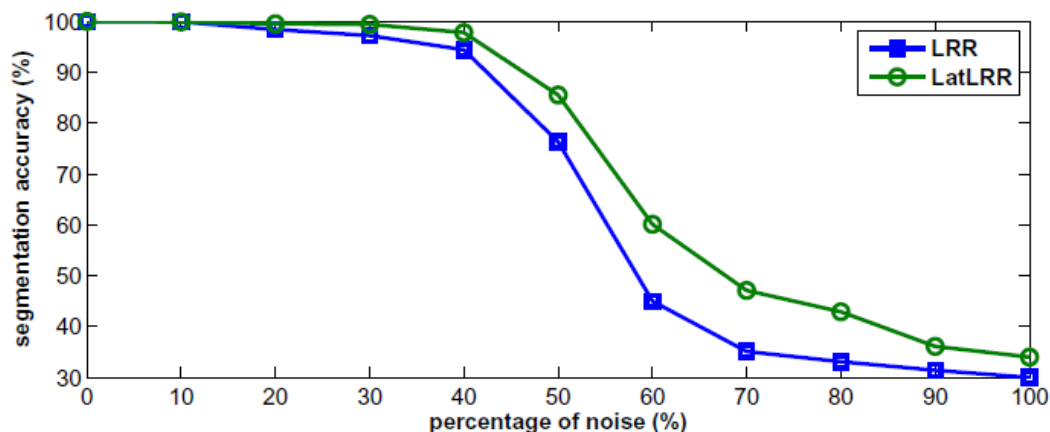
$$(X = [X, X_H]Z_{O,H}^* \implies X = XZ + LX)$$

$$\min_{Z,L,E} \|Z\|_* + \|L\|_* + \lambda\|E\|_{2,1},$$

$$s.t. \quad X = XZ + LX + E.$$

$$X = XZ^* + L^*X + E^*$$

data = principal features + salient features + sparse noise



# Generalizations of LRR

- Fixed Rank Representation (FRR)
  - To address insufficient sample problem
  - Subspace clustering: using  $\tilde{Z}^*$

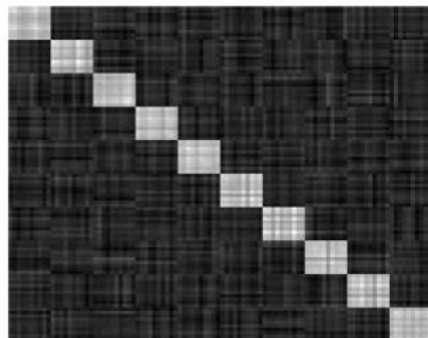
$$\min_{Z, \tilde{Z}, E} \|Z - \tilde{Z}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \quad s.t. \quad X = XZ + E, \text{rank}(\tilde{Z}) \leq r.$$

- Feature extraction: by  $y = \tilde{Z}^* x$

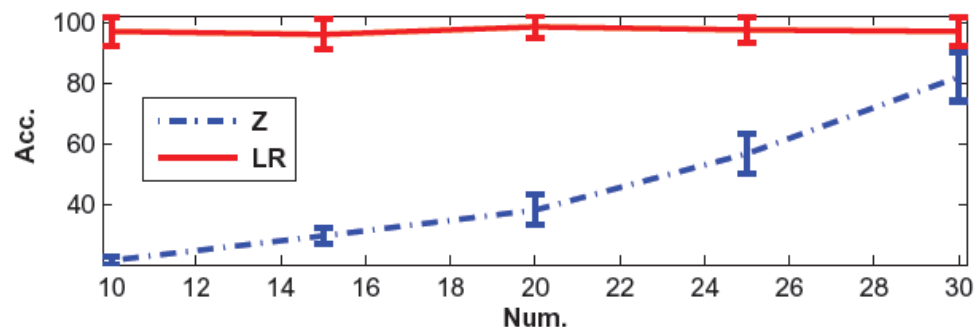
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(a)  $Z$



(b) LR



# Generalizations of LRR

- Semi-supervised learning

$$\min_{Z, E} \|Z\|_* + \beta \|Z\|_1 + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \quad s.t. \quad X = AZ + E, Z \geq 0.$$

propagate labels on the graph with weights  $(Z^* + (Z^*)^T)/2$ .

Dataset	$k$ NN0	$k$ NN1	LLE0	LLE1	$\ell_1$ -graph	SPG	LRR-graph	NNLRS-graph
YaleB (10%)	33.51	38.27	29.21	29.94	46.13	15.57	28.22	<b>3.75</b>
YaleB (20%)	34.66	38.97	30.63	30.63	45.54	17.56	24.46	<b>9.84</b>
YaleB (30%)	33.71	37.87	28.17	28.17	46.14	16.54	22.33	<b>10.54</b>
YaleB (40%)	33.00	37.34	28.36	28.36	43.39	17.16	19.42	<b>9.38</b>
YaleB (50%)	33.10	37.38	28.38	28.38	42.25	18.99	18.04	<b>9.64</b>
YaleB (60%)	32.48	37.78	28.53	28.53	41.52	20.50	16.09	<b>8.13</b>
PIE (10%)	34.84	37.54	33.06	33.44	22.88	20.50	33.98	<b>11.11</b>
PIE (20%)	37.46	40.31	35.05	35.81	22.94	<b>20.30</b>	34.35	22.81
PIE (30%)	35.30	37.80	32.52	32.88	22.33	20.60	31.81	<b>17.86</b>
PIE (40%)	35.81	38.22	32.51	32.99	23.14	20.81	32.39	<b>16.25</b>
PIE (50%)	34.39	37.38	31.41	31.64	23.01	21.43	31.33	<b>19.25</b>
PIE (60%)	35.63	38.00	32.76	32.85	25.76	23.82	32.50	<b>21.56</b>
USPS (10%)	1.87	2.20	17.10	27.31	43.27	3.95	2.25	<b>1.57</b>
USPS (20%)	2.51	2.67	22.92	30.83	41.27	5.28	3.10	<b>1.93</b>
USPS (30%)	5.88	6.10	21.26	27.54	38.31	10.48	8.91	<b>4.95</b>
USPS (40%)	7.87	8.44	19.21	22.78	34.86	14.22	13.44	<b>7.44</b>
USPS (50%)	17.19	18.44	18.41	19.48	29.42	20.38	21.88	<b>11.27</b>
USPS (60%)	11.04	15.20	14.80	14.94	23.36	15.89	17.75	<b>6.09</b>

# Generalizations of LRR

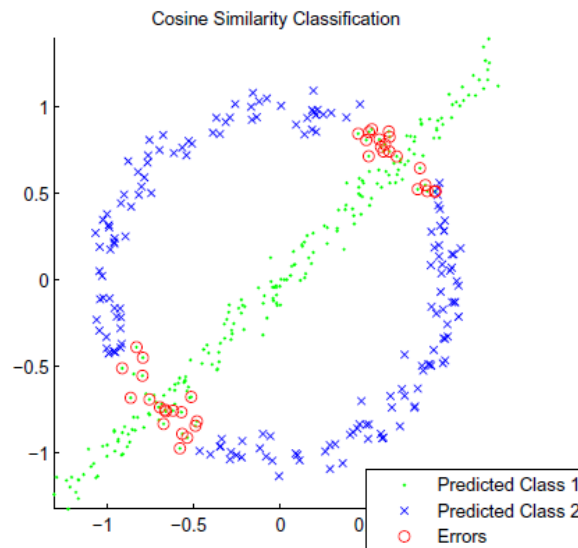
- Kernel LRR
  - To address nonlinear multi-manifold segmentation

$$\min_Z \|\phi(X) - \phi(X)Z\|_F^2 + \lambda \|Z\|_*.$$



Kernel trick:  $\langle \phi(x), \phi(y) \rangle = K(x, y)$

$$\min_Z \sum_i (z_i^T K(X, X) z_i - 2K(x_i, X) z_i + K(x_i, x_i)) + \lambda \|Z\|_*.$$



# Thanks!

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$$\begin{aligned} \min_{Z, E} & \|Z\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1}, \\ \text{s.t.} & X = XZ + E. \end{aligned}$$

**LRR = SSC + RPCA**

