

Matrix Approximation Problems

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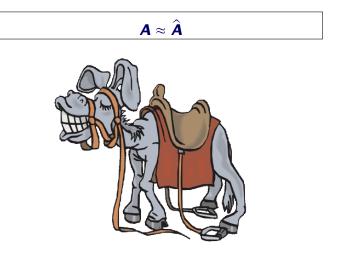
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$$\hat{A}^T = \hat{A}$$
sparsity, # nnz(\hat{A}) is small
positive definiteness, $\hat{A} \succeq 0$
low-rank, $\hat{A} = BC$
constraints, $\hat{A} \in A$

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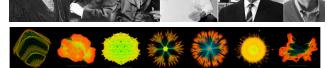
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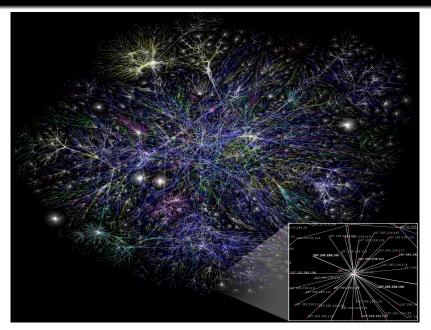
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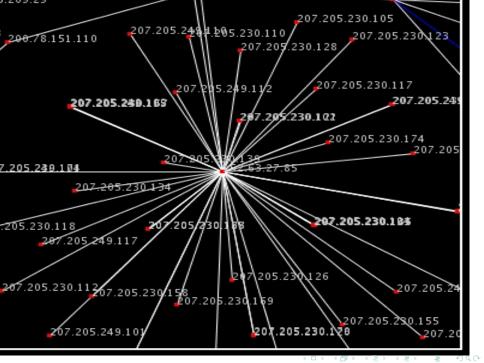
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Rounding errors, noise confound:

Expected symmetric, orthogonal, real, posdef, etc., but obtained something else!

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- Reduce storage
- Numerical benefits
- Expose structure
- Enable visualization
- Easier analysis
- E.g., for face recognition

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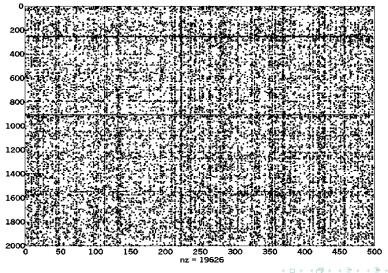


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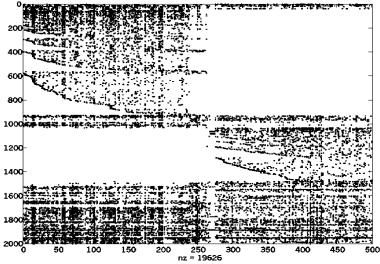
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- Winners, and most top-performing methods: ultimately based on *matrix approximation* ideas!

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Commonly used: $\Delta(\mathbf{A}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}) = \|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}\|$

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"Factors" **B**, **C** can be computed by solving

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But How??

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Theorem (Optimality of SVD)

Let **A** have the SVD $U\Sigma V^T$. If $k < \operatorname{rank}(A)$ and

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_i^T, \quad \text{then,}$$

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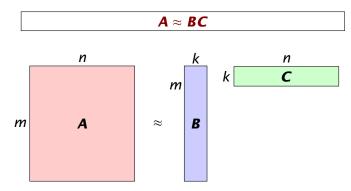
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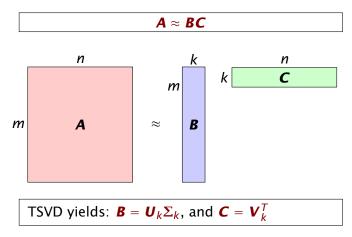
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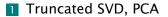
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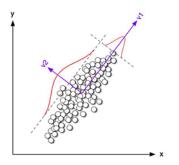
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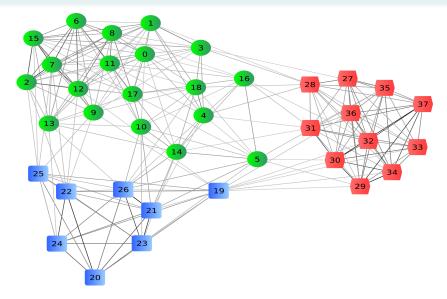
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PCA computes top-*k* eigenvectors (*principal components*) Dimensionality reduction; exploratory data analysis;



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Principal components account for variance (spread)



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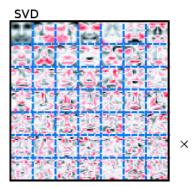
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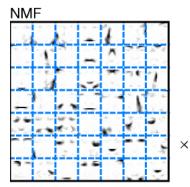




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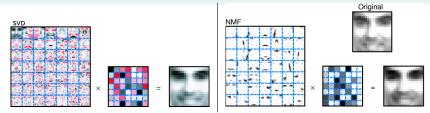




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Examples from original Lee/Seung paper on NMA

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Other Variants of NMA

- KL-NMA very interesting variant more popular for modeling "co-occurrence" data
- Bregman NMA examples from literature spam filtering

- Sparsity constrained NMA (Hoyer, etc.)
- Local NMA
- Numerous other variations

Sparsity Constrained Versions

- Sparse PCA
- Semi-discrete decomposition
- Discrete basis problem
- Lasso for variable selection
- Sparse generalized eigenvalue problem

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Algorithms & Theory

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NMA Algorithms

- Hack: "Zero-out" TSVD
- Alternating methods
- Directly optimizing (won't cover)
- Online algorithms (won't cover)

NMA Algorithm: Zero-out SVD

Input: $\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{k}$ $[\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{V}] = \text{SVD}(\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{k})$ $\boldsymbol{B} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{U}_{\boldsymbol{k}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{k}}, \boldsymbol{C} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{V}_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{T}$ $\boldsymbol{B} \leftarrow \max(0, \boldsymbol{B}), \boldsymbol{C} \leftarrow \max(0, \boldsymbol{C})$

Advantages: Simple, deterministic Disadvantages: could be slow, no theoretical guarantees, solution can be really bad!

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For least-squares NMA

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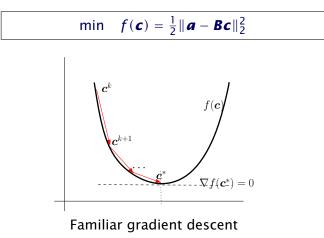
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- Nice, convex optimization problem
- Numerous algorithms for solving
- Let us look at the simplest

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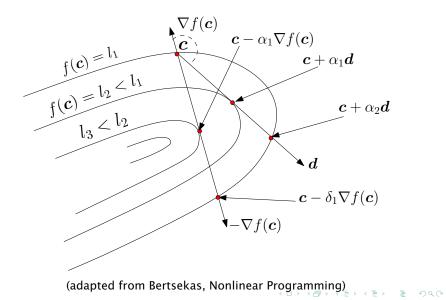
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Gradient Methods - Illustration



Gradient Methods - Handling constraints

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In passing: The Fréchet derivative

Given $f: V \rightarrow W$, the *Fréchet differential* at point **X** is the linear-mapping *L* that satisfies for all $\boldsymbol{E} \in V$ the relation

 $f(\boldsymbol{X} + \boldsymbol{E}) - f(\boldsymbol{X}) - L(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{E}) = o(\|\boldsymbol{E}\|)$

The *Fréchet derivative* $D_f(\mathbf{X})$ (of f at point \mathbf{X}) identified via:

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Can be used to develop matrix calculus formally.

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There exists a more popular alternating-descent algorithm!

Multiplicative Updates

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- Somewhat harder to prove descent

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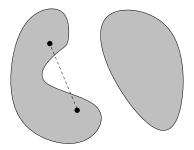
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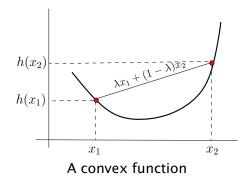
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Take home message: The methods, techniques that we saw, are general. You can use them for many other problems!

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Applications & Practical Concerns

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Applications - example areas

- 1 Statistics
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- 3 Signal processing (images, speech, music, etc.)
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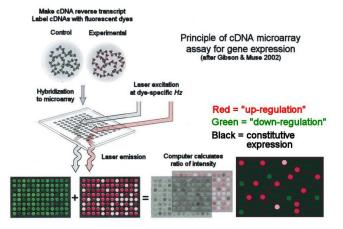
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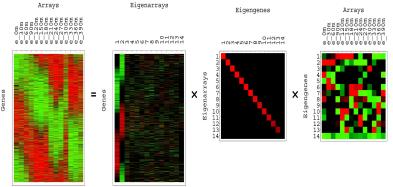
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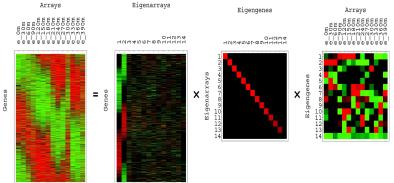
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Figure taken from: http://www.bme.utexas.edu/research/orly/teaching/BME341

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NMA

- Chemometrics
- Document modeling, text-analysis
- Spam modeling
- Bioinformatics
- Music analysis
- Computer Vision
- Image processing
- Remote sensing (hyperspectral imaging)
- Dimensionality reduction
- Computer graphics
- Collaborative filtering
- Multiframe blind deconvolution

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| system | pressure | cells |
| systems | mach | growth |
| indexing | supersonic | hormone |
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Image analysis - toy example

"Swimmer" database - 256, 32 x 32 images [DoSt03]



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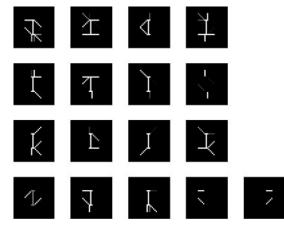
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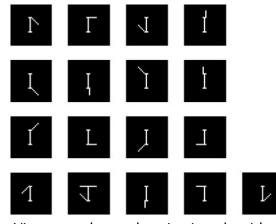
Image analysis - toy example



Rank-17 decomposition via Lee/Seung's algo Time: 182.4 seconds, Objective: 2.41×10^7

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Image analysis - toy example

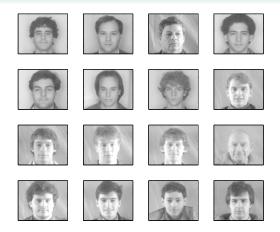


Via more advanced projection algorithm Time: 62.3 seconds, Objective: 6.85×10^{-4}

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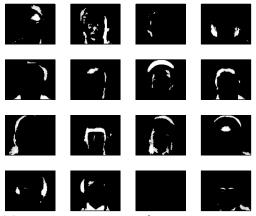
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Part of a face recognition system



143 images from MIT face image database
 Input matrix A ∈ ℝ^{9216×143}₊

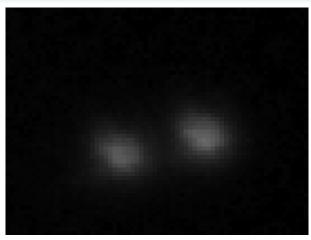
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- A rank-20 approximation to the input
- The basis vectors (columns of B) approximately correspond to important "parts" describing the faces.

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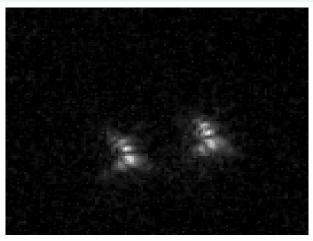
Multiframe blind deconvolution - astronomy



long-time exposure (approx. 1 s) Problem: Atmospheric turbulence

Courtesy of Karl-Ludwig Bath, IAS, Hakos, Namibia

Multiframe blind deconvolution - astronomy



short-time exposure (approx. 10ms) Problem: Atmospheric turbulence

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Multiframe blind deconvolution - astronomy

real-time video (15 fps) Problem: Atmospheric turbulences

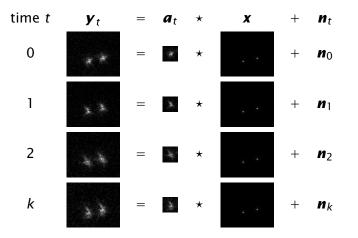
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 $\boldsymbol{Y} \approx \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{A}$

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Multiframe blind deconvolution

We seek to minimize

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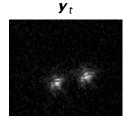
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Note 1: X and A are the unknowns

Note 2: Additional constraints may be present on **X** or **A** Note 3: Looks like an NMA problem (except **X** or **A** have special structure due to the convolution $a \star x$)

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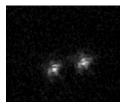
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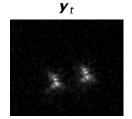
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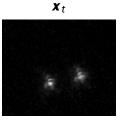
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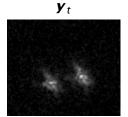
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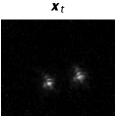
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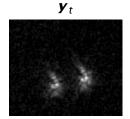
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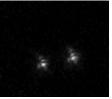
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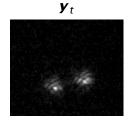






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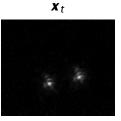
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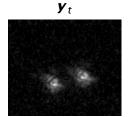
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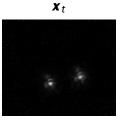
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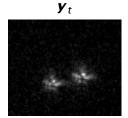








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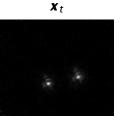


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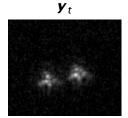
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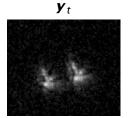
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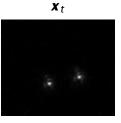
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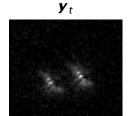
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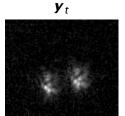
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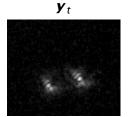


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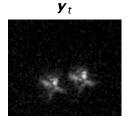
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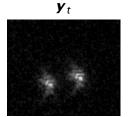
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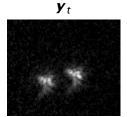


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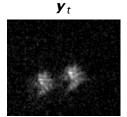


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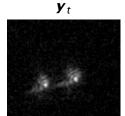
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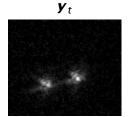
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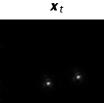
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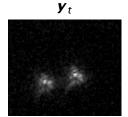








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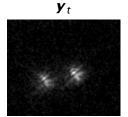
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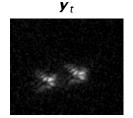
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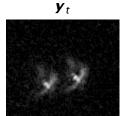




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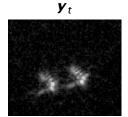








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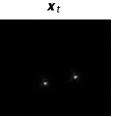


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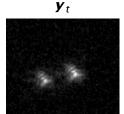


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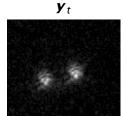
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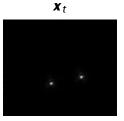
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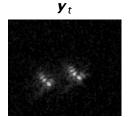


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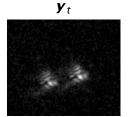
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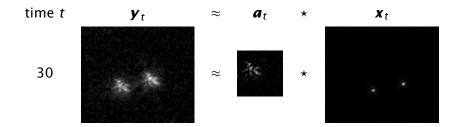
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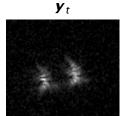
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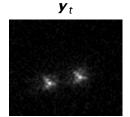
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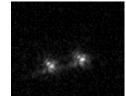


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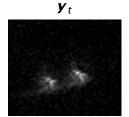








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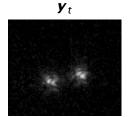
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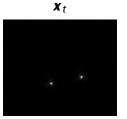
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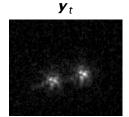


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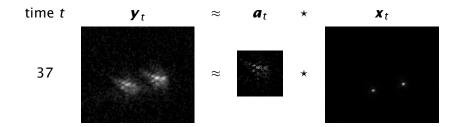
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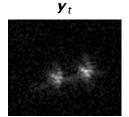
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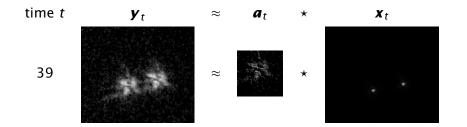


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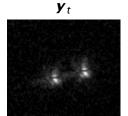
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Discussion & Wrap-up

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Summary

Introduction to matrix approximation problems

- Background, motivation
- Truncated SVD; its properties
- List of some popular problems, e.g., NMA
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 - Alternating descent
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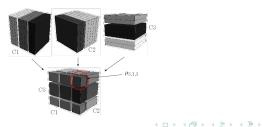
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