

# Dictionary Learning

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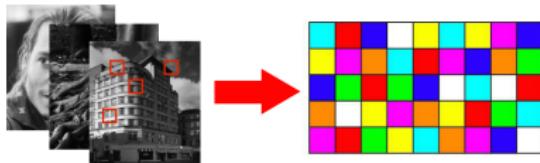
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## about me - scientific stopovers

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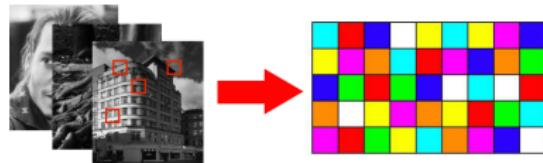
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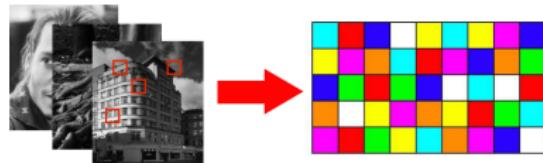
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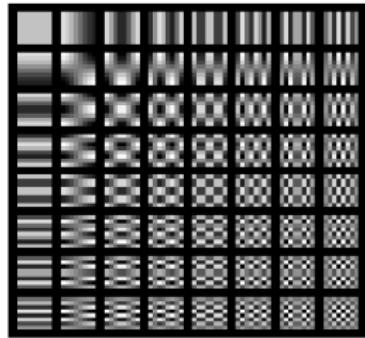
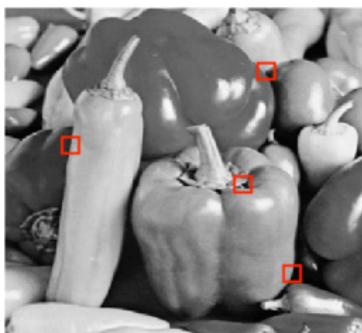
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$$K \ll N$$

$$\square \equiv 0$$

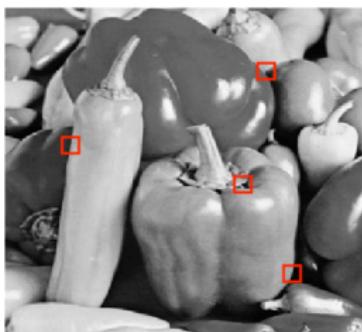
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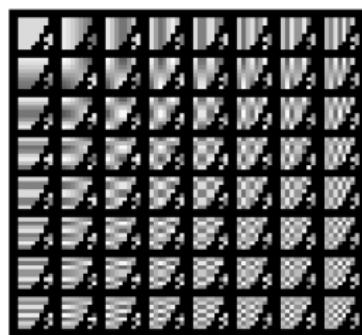
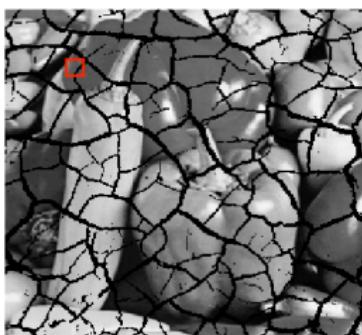
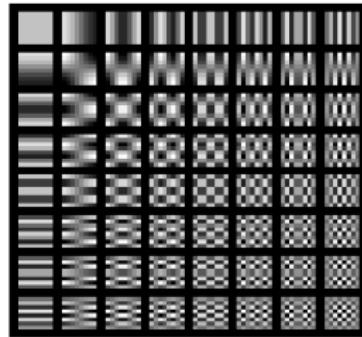


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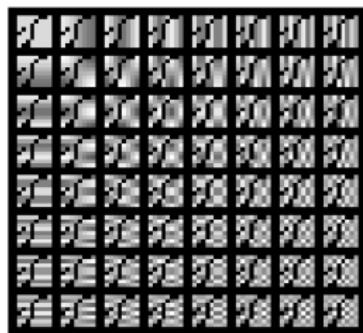
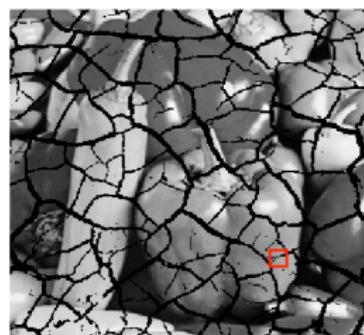
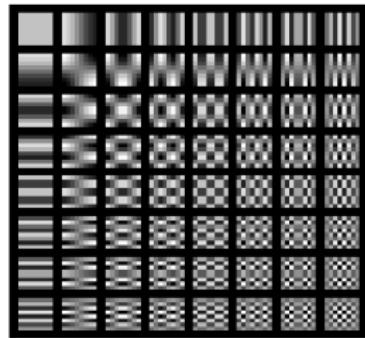


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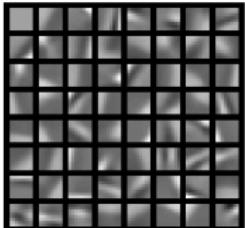
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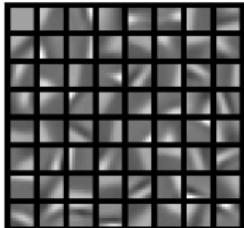
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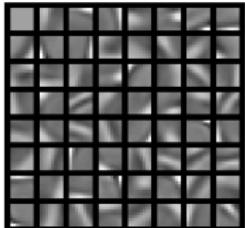
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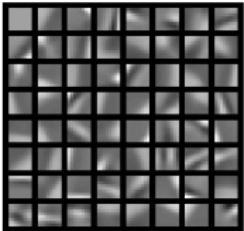


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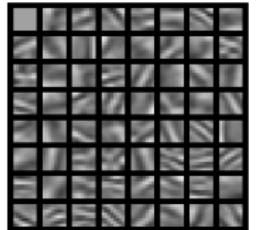
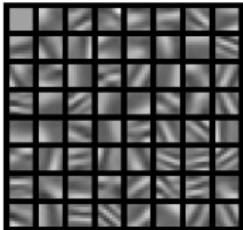
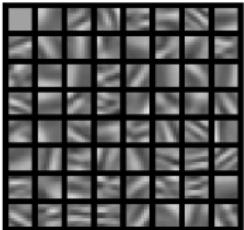
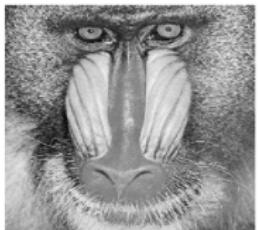
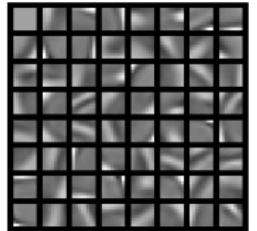
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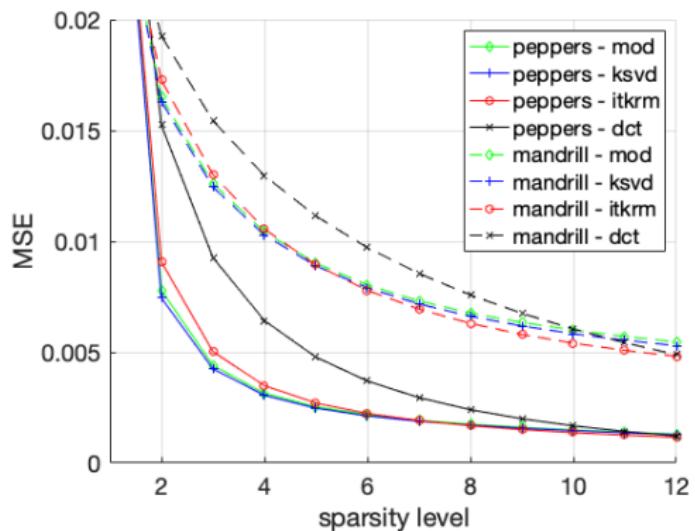


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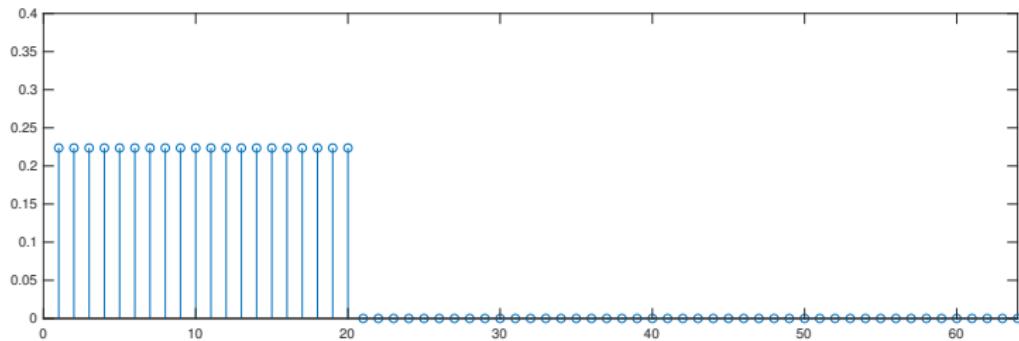
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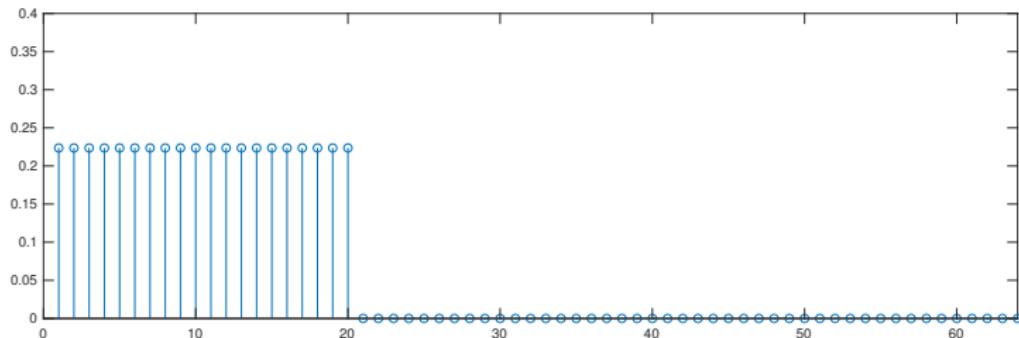
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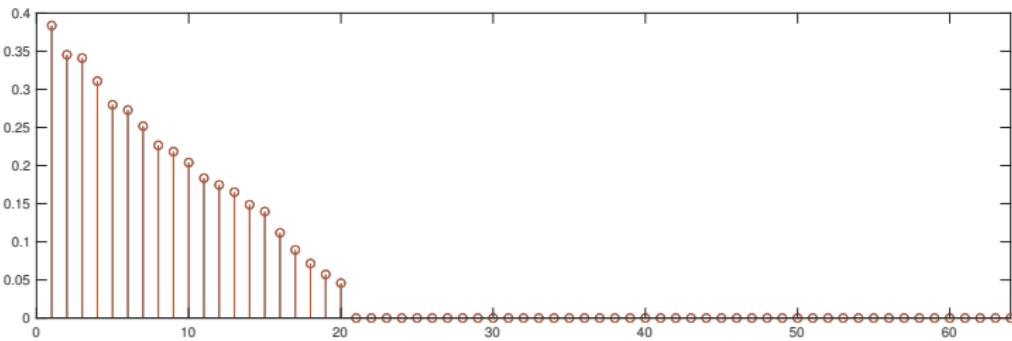


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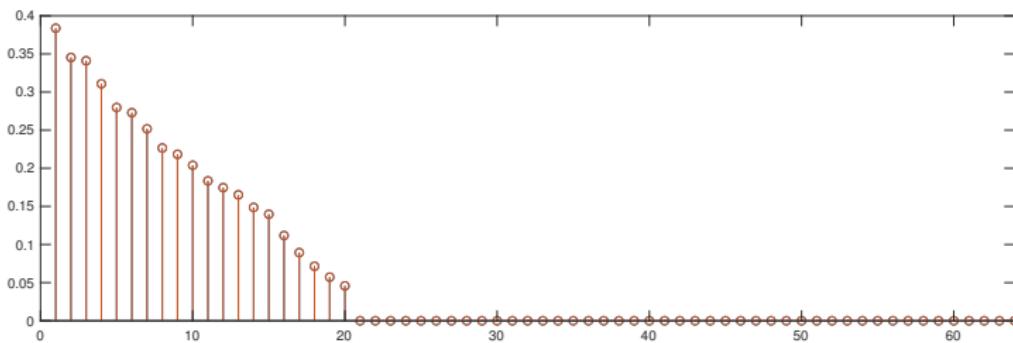
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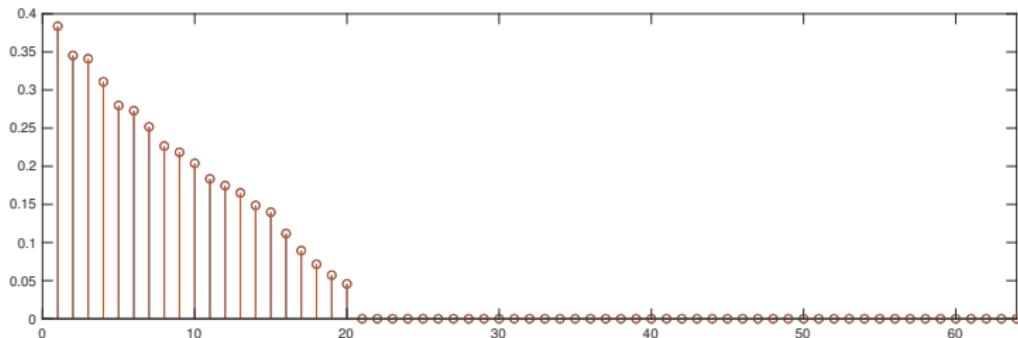
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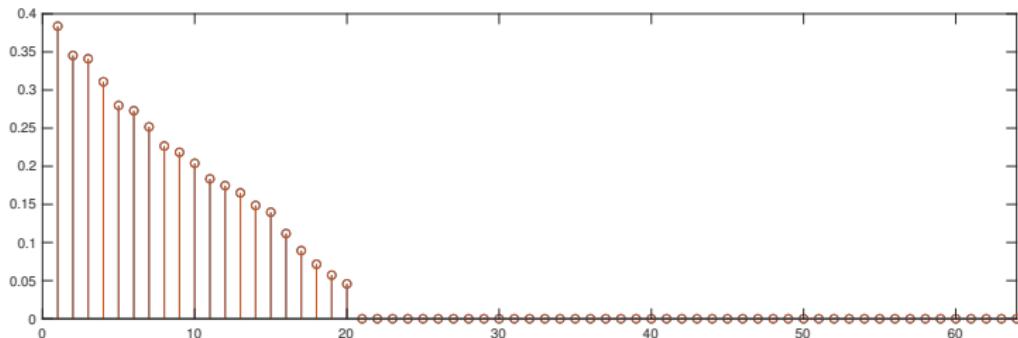
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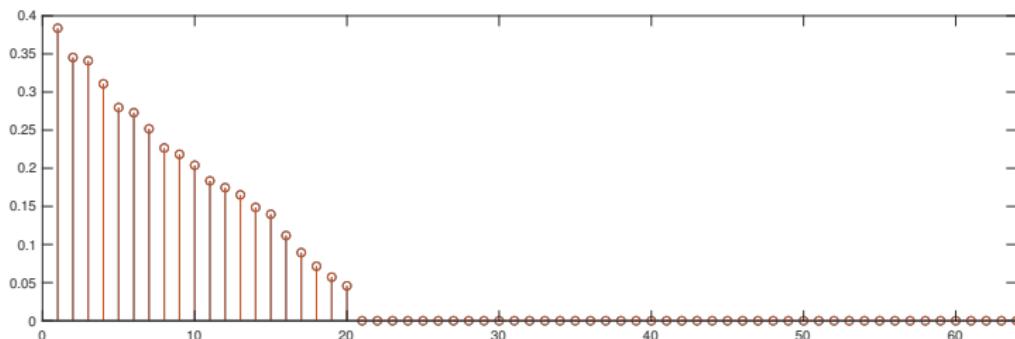
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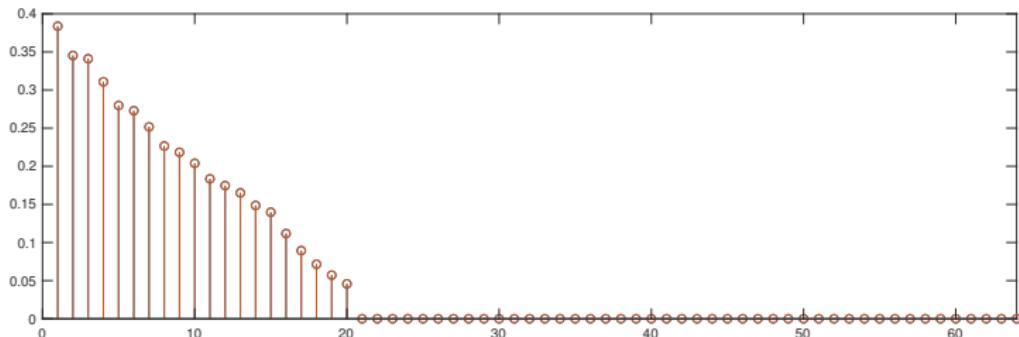


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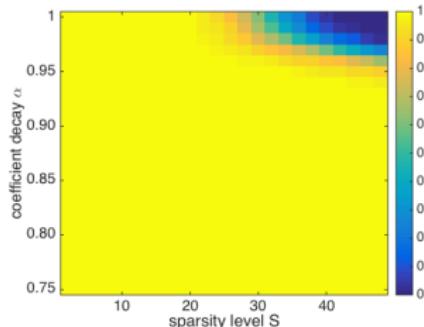
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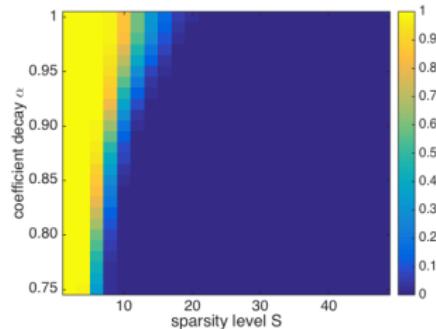
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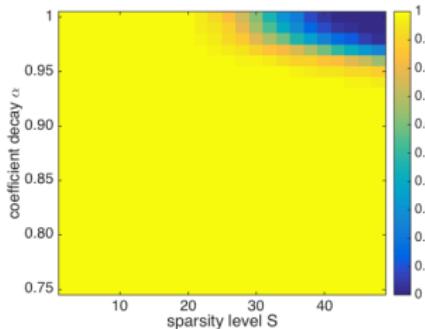


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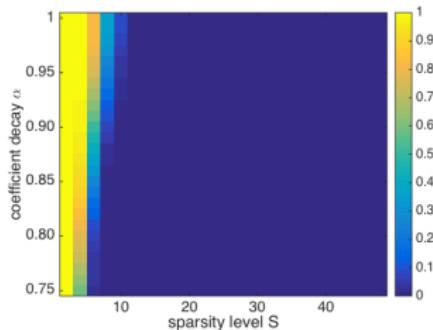
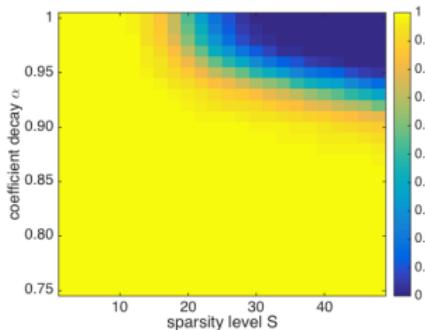
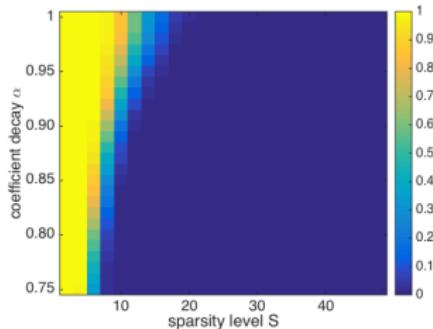


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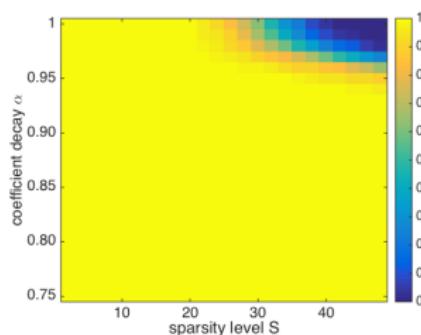
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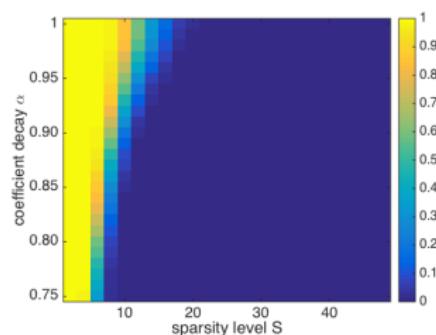
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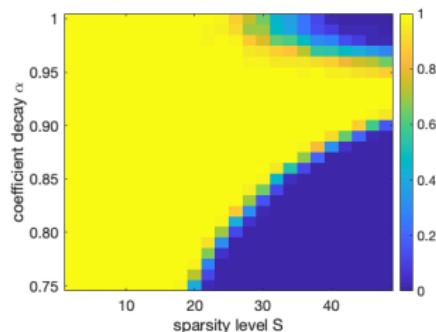
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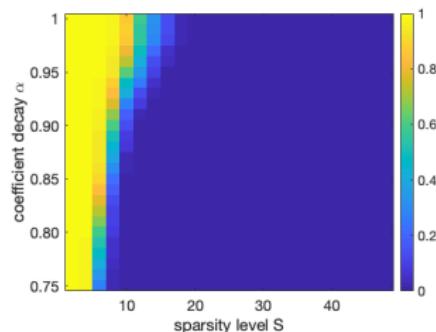
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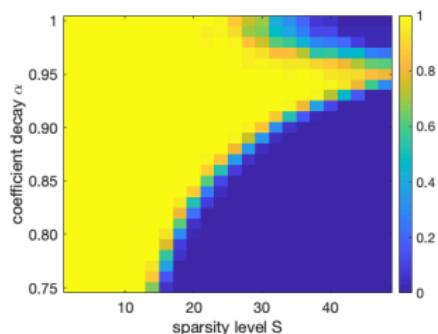
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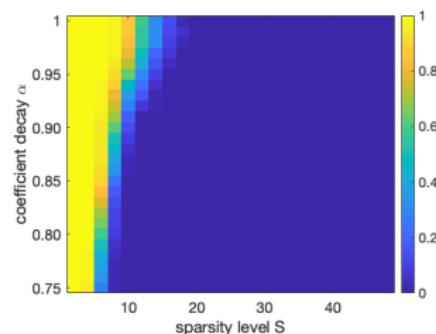
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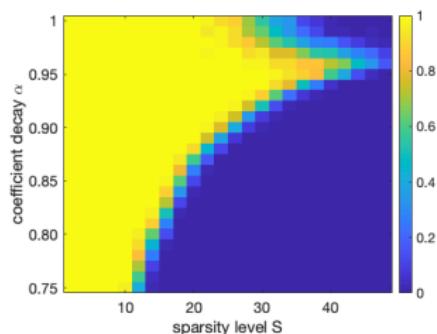
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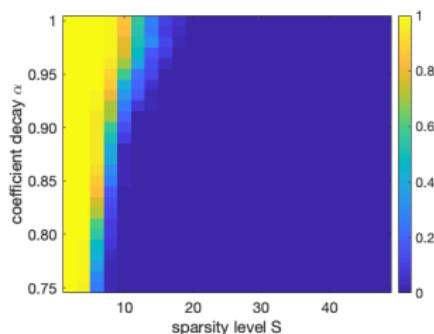
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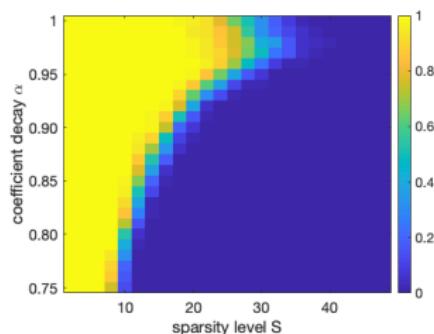
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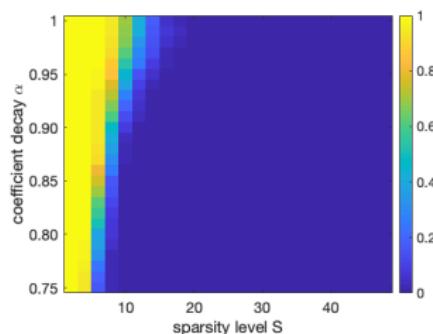
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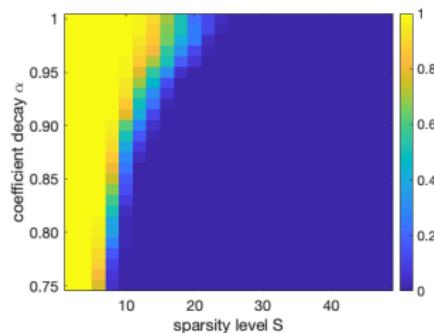
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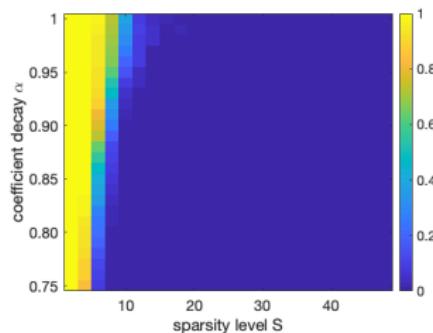
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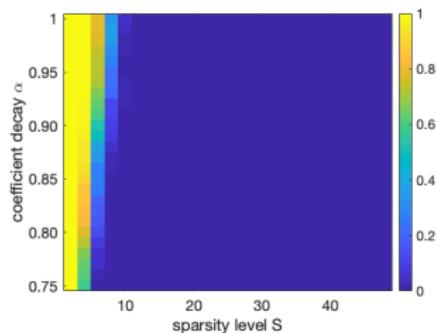
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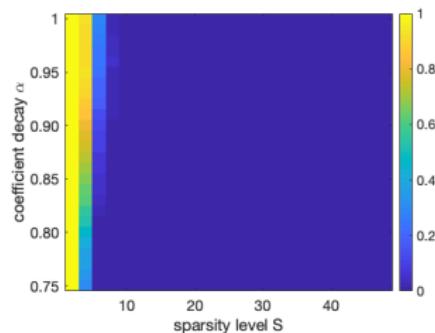
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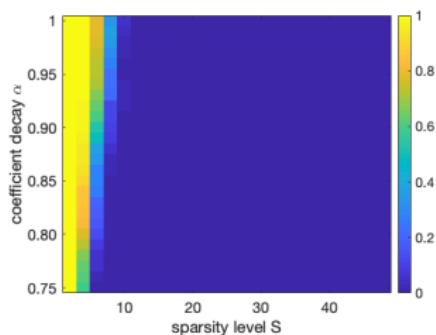
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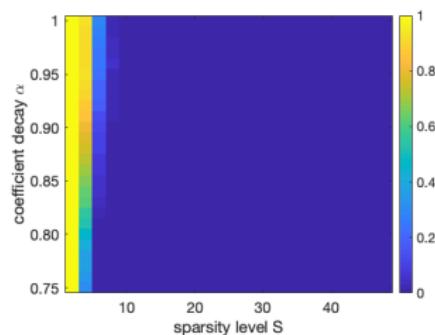
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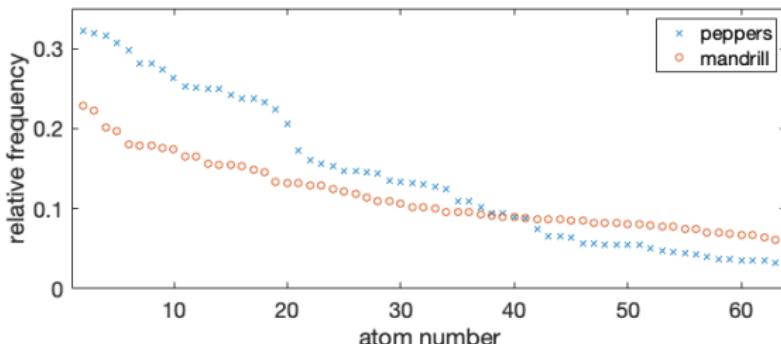
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Also dictionaries for real data are not used uniformly:



## conditioning of random supports (non uniform)

We can model this using weights  $p_k \geq 0$  for  $k \in K$  with  $\sum p_k = S$ , and choosing a support  $I$  according to

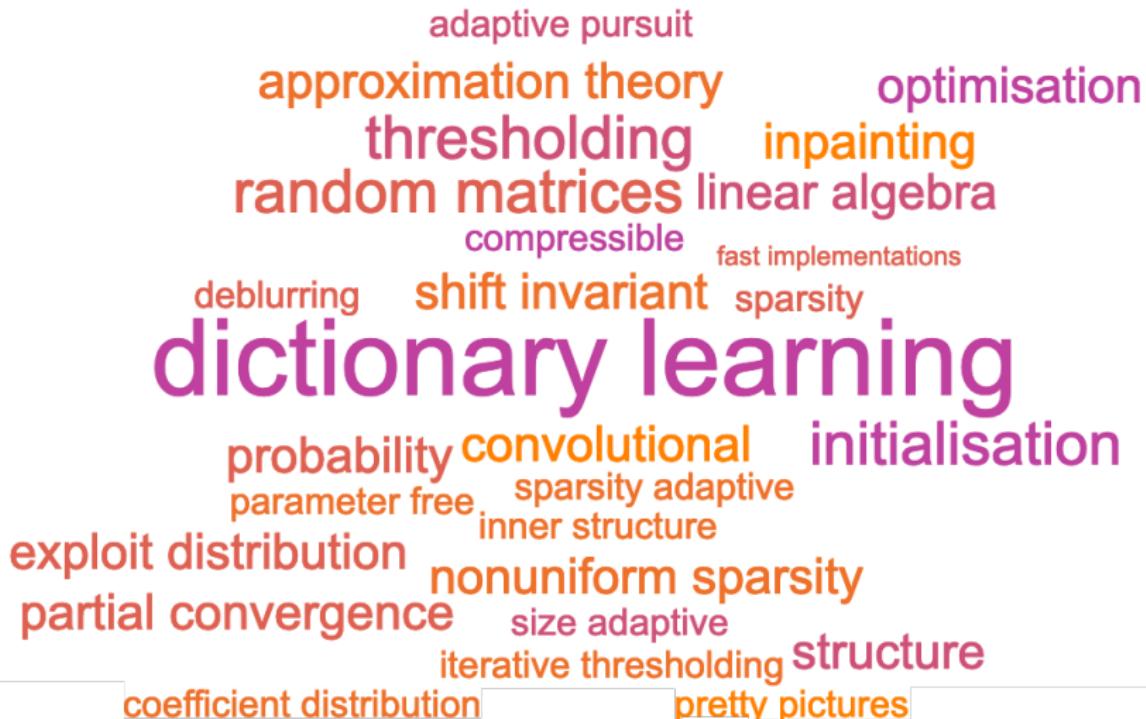
$$\mathbb{P}(I) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{c} \prod_{i \in I} p_i \prod_{j \notin I} (1 - p_j) & \text{if } |I| = S \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Theorem (S. Ruetz & K.S.)

Let  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Define the diagonal matrix  $W$  with  $W_{kk} = \sqrt{p_k}$  and set  $B = \max\{\|W\Phi^T\|_{2,2}, \|W\Psi^T\|_{2,2}\}$ . Then we have for  $I$  being chosen according to the model above

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I could go on forever...



...but I'm out of time

Questions



Comments



Thanks for your attention!!