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## Improved Image Discrimination using Fast Non-linear Orthogonal Dictionary Learning

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Abstract-Most real-world signals or images have an intrinsic non-linear similarity measure and can be harder to discriminate. Kernel dictionary learning with applications to signal classification offers a solution to such a problem. However, decomposing a kernel matrix for large datasets is a computationally intensive task. Existing papers on dictionary learning using optimal kernel approximation method improve computation run-time but learn an over-complete dictionary. In this paper, we show that if we learn a discriminative orthogonal dictionary instead then learning and classification run-time can be significantly reduced. The proposed algorithm, Kernelized simultaneous approximation, and discrimination (K-SAD), learns a single highly discriminative and incoherent non-linear dictionary on small to medium-scale real-world datasets. Extensive experiments result in > 97%classification accuracy and show that the algorithm can scale both in space and time when compared to existing dictionary learning algorithms.

Index Terms—Kernel, Dictionary learning, Sparsity.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Sparsity promotes a simple idea, a minimal collection of directions or atoms, called a *dictionary*, can represent a particular observation in the input or feature space. In most cases the underlying process that causes an observation to occur in the first place is low-dimensional. Identifying such a cause is highly beneficial for signal reconstruction, compression [1] and discrimination [2]. Dictionary learning (DL) for signal approximation [3] and discrimination [4, 5] is equal to identifying, given a set of training samples, an appropriate set or dictionary such that any K-subset of it spans a Kdimensional subspace. In contrast to hand-crafted dictionaries, DL methods adapt an over-complete or orthogonal dictionary to an observation, hoping for better sparsity.

#### A. Orthogonal or Over-complete Dictionary Learning

Given a measurement vector,  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times 1} \subset \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$ , the aim is to extract a sparse vector,  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times 1} \subset \mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$ , and learn a dictionary  $\mathbf{Z} = [z_1, ..., z_K] \subset \mathbb{R}^{P \times K}$ , simultaneously. Traditional DL algorithms have two steps:

1) Sparse Coding:

$$\min_{\mathbf{q}_{i}} ||\mathbf{w}_{i} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{q}_{i}||_{2}^{2}, \text{ s.t. } ||\mathbf{q}_{i}||_{0} \leqslant T_{0}, \forall i = 1, ..., N$$
(1)

2) Dictionary Update:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \left[ ||\mathbf{W} - \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{z}_k \mathbf{q}_k^T||^2 \right], |z_k| = 1, \forall k = 1, ..., K \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) assumes that both  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are fixed except in column  $\mathbf{z}_k$  and the coefficients that correspond to it, the  $k^{th}$  row in  $\mathbf{Q}$ , denoted as  $\mathbf{q}_k^T$ .  $||.||_0$  is the sparsity measure. The unit length and orthogonal constraint makes the dictionary  $\mathbf{Z}$  orthonormal.

Learning an over-complete dictionary using greedy methods ensures maximum sparsity, but the dictionary can be most coherent, i.e. highly redundant. Enforcing the incoherence condition on an over-complete dictionary [6] whilst solving 2 is a difficult task. In this work, we learn a structured orthogonal dictionary and use the derived coefficients as target signatures for classification purposes. Recently, Kernel based DL [7]–[9] methods have been proposed as an effective way of capturing non-linearity in the input space and learn sparse encodings, simultaneously. However, these methods require the kernel or Gram matrix,  $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ . For large-scale datasets, computing such a matrix is a computationally complex task, both in space and time. Work by Golts and Elad [10] incorporate an effective way of approximating a kernel matrix with an over-complete dictionary and Gangeh et. al [11] show that an kernelized orthogonal dictionary can be learnt. However, in this paper, we combine the kernel approximation method [12] with a discriminative orthogonal dictionary learning step. This separates our work from [10] and [11] improving classification accuracy and reduces the algorithm run-time significantly.

#### B. Contributions & Outline

The key contributions of this work are: i) we report an improvement in run-time and classification accuracy on existing kernel DL methods [9, 10] by proposing to learn a discriminative orthogonal dictionary instead of an overcomplete one; ii) unlike [10], we propose the use of an efficient SVD method for large matrices when approximating the kernel matrix using the Krylov method [12]; iii) we report stateof-the-art classification results and faster run-time on highdimensional RGB-D and face recognition databases learning a single kernelised orthogonal dictionary; iv) finally, unlike [10, 11] we also map the kernel dictionary back into the input domain in order to better understand the dictionary structure and diversity.

#### II. KERNEL DICTIONARY LEARNING

The Mercer kernel defines an implicit, non-linear transformation mapping the input data into a higher or even an infinite dimensional kernel feature space [13]. The *kernel trick* allows training of the input data in the high dimensional feature space without explicitly computing the exact mapping. The Mercer kernel  $k : W \times W \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  for training samples  $w_i$  and  $w_j$  can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{K}_{i,j} = \mathbf{k}(w_i, w_j) = \langle \Phi(w_i), \Phi(w_j) \rangle, \, \forall i, j = 1, ..., N \quad (3)$$

where  $\Phi$  is the implicit non-linear mapping associated with the kernel function  $\mathbf{k}(\cdot, \cdot)$ . For the input matrix  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$ , the kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  contains values of all pairs of input signals where  $\Phi(w) \in \mathbb{R}^D$  is the image of w in F and  $D \gg P$  is the dimension of the feature space F. Commonly used kernel methods are the linear kernel, polynomial kernels and Gaussian radial basis function (RBF). The RBF kernel can be expressed as

$$k(w_i, w_j) = \exp\left(-\gamma ||w_i - w_j||_2^2\right), \text{ where, } \gamma > 0 \qquad (4)$$

#### A. Kernelised Orthogonal Dictionary Learning Problem

We assume that for an input matrix  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$  its kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is of rank  $r \leq N$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{K} \approx \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B} = \Phi(\mathbf{W})^T \Phi(\mathbf{W})$ , where  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times N}$ . Finally using **B**, we compute "virtual samples"  $\Phi_{train} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$ , where  $K \ll P$ . Section III-A details how we approximate  $\Phi_{train}$ .

**Proposition 1.** Given the virtual samples,  $\Phi_{train}$ , a dictionary,  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K} \mid \mathbf{Z}^{T}\mathbf{Z} = I$ , where  $K \ll P$ , the original sparse coding (1) can be re-written as  $J(\mathbf{Q}) =:$ 

$$\begin{split} \min_{\mathbf{Q}} || \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Q} ||_{2}^{2} + \beta_{1} || \mathbf{Q} ||_{1} + \beta_{2} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Q}), \\ subject \ to || \mathbf{Q} ||_{1} \leqslant 1 \end{split}$$
(5)

and has a unique solution  $\mathbf{Q}^* = T_{\beta_1} \left( \mathbf{Z} \, \Phi_{\mathbf{train}}, \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Q}) \right)$ . *Proof.* See Appendix A.

We add a discriminatory function  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Q})$  (See Section III-B) that maximises inter-class variance and minimises intra-class variance of dictionary coefficients [2, 7]. We solve (5) using a soft-threshold operator  $T_{\beta_1}(\mathbf{Z} \Phi_{train}) = sign(\Phi_{train}) max(|\Phi_{train}| - \beta_1, 0).$ 

**Proposition 2.** Assuming  $\mathbf{Z}^{T}\mathbf{Z} = I$ , the orthogonal kernel dictionary learning step can be written as:

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} || \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} - \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Q} ||^2 \tag{6}$$

has a unique solution  $\mathbf{Z}^* = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}$  denote the orthogonal matrices defined by the following SVD  $\Phi_{trian}\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$ .

*Proof.* See Appendix B.  $\Box$ 

#### Algorithm 1: K-SAD

```
Input: W_{train}, W_{test}, sampler, sr, kernel, kt, c
      Output: labels
 1 begin
              // Stage I - LKA. See Section III-A
             \mathbf{W}_s \mapsto VQ\left(\mathbf{W}_{train}, sr, kt, c\right)
 2
             C_{train} \mapsto compute\_kernel(W_{train}, W_s)
 3
             C_{test} \mapsto compute\_kernel(W_{test}, W_s)
 4
             \mathbf{H} \mapsto compute\_kernel\left(\mathbf{W}_{s}, \mathbf{W}_{s}\right)
 5
             \mathbf{H}^{\dagger} \mapsto \Lambda \Sigma^{\dagger} \Lambda^{T}
 6
             \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} = \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k}^{\dagger}\right)^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{k}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{train}^{T} \\ \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{test} = \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k}^{\dagger}\right)^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{k}^{T} \mathbf{C}_{test}^{T} 
 7
 8
              // Stage 2 - ODL. Section III-B
             Set initial \mathbf{Z}_0
 9
             forall the t \in [0, T] do
10
                    \mathbf{Q}_t = \mathbf{T}_{\beta_1} \big( \mathbf{Z}_t \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train}, \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Q}) \big)
11
                    \Phi_{train} \mathbf{Q}_t^T = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^T
12
               \mathbf{Z}_{t+1} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T
13
             \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}_{k+1}
14
             // Stage 3 - K-NN Classifier
             \mathbf{Q}_{test} = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{\Phi}_{test}
15
             labels \leftarrow ModelKNNClassifier(\mathbf{Q}_{test}, \mathbf{Z})
16
             forall the i \in [1, N] do
17
               Distance (\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Q}_{test})
18
             labels \leftarrow Sort(Distance(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Q}_{test}))
19
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```
20 return labels
```

#### III. PROPOSED APPROACH

Some of the limitations with linear and non-linear sparsity based classification algorithms are:

- i) The Eigenvalue decomposition of the kernel or the Gram matrix may not scale with large data sets,  $O(N^2)$  and  $O(N^3)$  in space and time, respectively, where N is the number of observations.
- ii) Learnt dictionaries may be highly redundant and may not have a structure.

Recent work by Golts and Elad [10] also propose a solution to the implicit kernel problem, i.e. efficient computation of the kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K}$ . However, unlike our approach, they do not enforce incoherency or discriminatory constraints on the dictionaries and learn over-complete dictionaries for each target class. Our algorithm learns only one.

#### A. Stage 1: Low-rank Kernel Approximation

The *low-rank kernel approximation* (LKA) stage is a preprocessing step that maps the high-dimensional input data on a low-dimensional non-linear feature space. We use the Nyström method, first introduced by Williams and Seeger [14] through uniform sampling of the input data. This method

computes a low-rank approximation to **K** of the form  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{H}_{k}^{\dagger}\mathbf{C}^{T}$ . The Nyström method permutes **K** as:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H} & \mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \mathbf{S} & \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

where **C** denotes the N × c matrix formed by c columns,  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times c}$  is a matrix consisting of the intersection of c columns with corresponding c rows of **K**, **A** corresponds to a matrix composed of the remaining (N – c) rows and columns and  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-c) \times c}$  is a mixture of both. In this work, we use two sampling techniques that determine the size of c, i) random uniform sampling, and ii) vector quantisation (VQ) which uses the k-means clustering method. The uniform sampling method selects  $c \ll N$  columns from  $\mathbf{W}_{train}$  at random compared to the clustering or the VQ method that uses c cluster centers. Finding the best sampling technique for LKA is out of the scope of this work and interested readers can see [14] and reference therein for a detailed analysis. Using (7) we construct  $\mathbf{\tilde{K}}$  as follows  $\mathbf{\tilde{K}} \approx \mathbf{CH}^{\dagger}\mathbf{C}^{T}$ , where  $(\cdot^{\dagger})$  denotes the pseudo-inverse operator.

Since  $\mathbf{H}$  is a symmetric positive semi-definite (SPSD) matrix, it can also be written in terms of its eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Hence, we re-write  $\mathbf{H}$  as

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{\Sigma}^{\dagger} \mathbf{\Lambda}^T \tag{8}$$

and  $(\mathbf{H}^{\dagger})^{1/2} = (\Sigma^{\dagger})^{1/2} \mathbf{\Lambda}^{T}$ . Finally, we re-write  $\Phi_{train}$  as follows

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} = \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}\right)^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{k}^{T} \mathbf{C}^{T}$$
(9)

We solve Line 6 of algorithm 1 using the randomised version of the block Lanczos method [12] which is adapted for large datasets and produces nearly optimal accuracy. We repeat the above steps for the test dataset and get  $\Phi_{test}$ .

#### B. Stage 2: Discriminative Coefficient based Orthogonal DL

Stage 2 of algorithm 1 presents the pseudocode of the ODL stage. The input to the algorithm is a training matrix  $\Phi_{train}$ . The optimisation problem in (1) does not optimise the learned coefficients for maximum discrimination. The discriminative term in (5), G (Q) is expressed below [2]. For a set of coefficients  $\mathbf{Q} = [q_1, q_2, ..., q_K]$ , where  $q_1, ..., q_k, ..., q_K$  are the coefficients for the dictionary atoms, of which  $K_c$  samples are in class  $\Omega_c$ , for  $1 \leq c \leq \Omega$ , the mean and variance for class  $\Omega_c$  can be defined as:  $\mu_c = \frac{1}{K_c} \sum_{q \in \Omega_c} q$ , and  $v_c^2 = \frac{1}{K_c} \sum_{z \in \Omega_c} ||z - \mu_c||_2^2$ . The mean of all coefficient samples can be written as:  $\mu = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} q_k$ . The *interclass* scatter matrix,  $S_w$  and the *intra-class* scatter matrix,  $S_b$  can be defined as:  $S_b = || \sum_{c=1}^{\Omega} K_c (\mu_c - \mu) (\mu_c - \mu)^T ||_2^2$  and  $S_w = \sum_{c=1}^{\Omega} v_c^2$ . Finally, the discrimination function is defined

as G  $(\mathbf{Q})^{-1} = Trace(S_w^{-1}S_b)$ . Algorithm 1 lists the pseudocode of the steps involved and we call this algorithm kernelised simultaneous approximation and discrimination (K-SAD).



Fig. 1: RGB-D Washington and YaleB Face dataset.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTS

The aim of our experiments is mainly to compare with other kernel dictionary learning approaches. We evaluate our approach on four publicly available benchmark datasets: i) The RGB-D object dataset [15], ii) *The ORL AT&T face dataset*<sup>1</sup> [16], iii) *Extended Yale face dataset*<sup>2</sup> [17] and iv) *MNIST Digit Dataset*<sup>3</sup>. All our experiments were carried out on an Intel quad-core i7-4800MQ 64-bit computer with a CPU clock speed of 2.7 GHz and 16 GB RAM.

#### A. RGB-D Object Recognition Dataset

The Washington RGB-D dataset is a collection of 300 household objects grouped into 51 categories collected using the Microsoft Kinnect sensor. The images are of size  $\approx 85 \times 85 \times 4$ . Several representation based methods, e.g. instance distance learning (IDL) [18], query adaptive similarity measure (QSM) [19], convolutional-recursive deep learning (CNN-RNN) [20], convolutional k-means descriptor (CKM) [21], depth kernel descriptors (KDES) [22] and hierarchical matching pursuit (HMP) [23] have reported results on the Washington RGB-D datasets. Lai et. al in [18] compute a single feature vector combining image, texture and depth features. Such features are then used for classification. Deep learning based methods, e.g. the CKD [20, 21], have reported state-of-the-art results where feature responses are learned in the vicinity of interest points and later combined into a descriptor. The CKD descriptor incorporates depth information which is then computed on image patches whose dimensions are pre-defined.

As suggested in [15] 10 trials with pre-defined training and test datasets<sup>4</sup> were adopted in our experiments and average accuracy is reported. We compare our results against state-of-the-art results in [19] and report classification accuracy and training and classification run-time. All the methods shown in Table I use the same training and test partitioning of the dataset. For our experiments we do not down-sample the images or extract any features [18, 22]; 51 dictionary atoms (one atom per category) are initialised at random from the input data and adopted using the DL method. A polynomial kernel of degree 8 with hyper-parameters  $\beta_1 = 0.1$  and  $\beta_2 = 0.01$  was used in our experiments.

#### B. The AT&T (formerly ORL) Face Dataset

The AT&T face dataset is composed of 40 subjects and 10 images with pose and expression variation per subject.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/research/dtg/attarchive/facedatabase.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>http://vision.ucsd.edu/~leekc/ExtYaleDatabase/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://rgbd-dataset.cs.washington.edu/dataset/rgbd-dataset\_eval/

Method	Accuracy(%)
SP-HMP [23]	$87.5 \pm 2.9$
IDL [18]	$85.4 \pm 3.2$
CKM [21]	$86.4 \pm 2.3$
CNN-RNN [20]	$87.6 \pm 2.0$
KDES [22]	$86.2 \pm 2.1$
Kernel SVM [18]	$83.8\pm3.5$
QSM [19]	$92.7 \pm 1.0$
Our approach	$97.572 \pm 0.265$

TABLE I: Accuracies(%) on RGB-D Washington dataset.

	Method	Accuracy	Time(s)
	OMP [24]	93.75±2.12	-
	$L_1 - L_s$ [25]	$95.90 \pm 1.15$	-
AT&T Dataset	KK-SVD [9]	$93.75 \pm 0.05$	8.3
	FDDL [7]	$94.25 \pm 0.03$	1744.3
	LKA+FDDL [7]	$92.75 \pm 0.03$	92.78
	Our approach	$96.58 \pm 0.02$	1.3
YaleB Dataset	OMP [24]	91.97±0.96	-
	$L_1 - L_s$ [25]	$94.22\pm0.71$	-
	KK-SVD [9]	$91.53 \pm 0.09$	41.96
	LKA+FDDL [7]	$87.2\pm2.12$	9000
	FISTA [26]	$94.50 \pm 0.82$	-
	PALM [27]	$93.19\pm0.642$	-
	LKDL [10]	96.33	-
	Our approach	$98.26 \pm 0.03$	31.4

TABLE II: Accuracies(%) on AT&T and YaleB Datasets

The dataset has images of size  $112 \times 92$ , captured on several different occasions in an up-right frontal position under a homogeneous background. We compare our approach to orthogonal matching pursuit [24],  $L_1\_L_s$  [25] and FISTA [26]. Technical details of the above algorithms can be found in a recent survey [27]. In comparison to the methods discussed in a recent review [27] our method gives the least classification error. In our experiments, we use the full feature space of 10, 304 pixels as input to the stage 1 of our algorithm, unlike [27]. We randomly initialise 240 our dictionary atoms (6 per subject) from the non-linear mapped input data. A polynomial kernel of degree 8 was chosen for this experiment with  $\beta_1 = 0.1$  and  $\beta_2 = 0.01$ . Table II illustrates state-of-the-art results on the AT&T face dataset.

#### C. Extended YaleB Face Dataset

The "Extended YaleB" face recognition database, in contrast to the AT&T database, is a larger database with 2,432 frontal images taken under varying lighting conditions and expressions. There are 38 subjects with  $\approx 64$  8-bit images per subject of size  $192 \times 168$ . Table II illustrates state-of-theart results reported for this database against methods presented in [27]. In comparison to the methods and other kernel based DL methods our approach shows improvement in classification accuracy and is faster. For our experiments we do not re-size our images as done in [27] and use the full input space as an input to stage 1 of our algorithm. A polynomial kernel of

TABLE III: Accuracies(%) on USPS Digit Dataset

Method	Accuracy(%)	Time(s)
FDDL [7]	95.79	-
FDDL+ LKDL [10]	96.03	-
LKA + KKSVD [9]	74.62	9825.4
SVM (Gaussian Kernel)	98.6	-
Our approach	96.42	92.86

degree 8 with 740 dictionary atoms (20 atoms per subject), initialised by uniformly sampling the kernel space was used.

#### D. MNIST USPS Digit Dataset

The USPS MNIST dataset consists of 60,000 training image and 10,000 test images of size  $28 \times 28$ . The parameters used for this experiment are:  $\beta_1 = 0.1$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0.01$ , 20 DL iterations, 300 dictionary atoms and a polynomial kernel of order 8. We compare classification accuracies and run-time execution against state-of-the-art results reported by Golts *et. al* [10]. Table III compares classification accuracy of our approach against approaches presented in [9, 10]. We use the KKSVD code made available by the authors. The original algorithm in [9] is not feasible for such a large dataset hence we employ the kernel approximation (Stage 1, III-A) algorithm first and then use the KKSVD algorithm for kernel dictionary learning. We call this method "LKA + KKSVD" in Table III. Compared to [10], with same parameters, the orthogonal discriminatory dictionary learnt using our approach is  $\approx 55$  times faster.

#### V. CONCLUSION

This work improves on two central problems in DL algorithms i) handle non-linearity in the input space by improving classification accuracy on existing publicly available datasets; ii) further reducing the learning and classification algorithm run-time through kernel matrix approximation. This work combines an orthogonal incoherent discriminatory dictionary learning method in the non-linear space with an efficient approximation of kernel matrix. Unlike some existing techniques, which have produced these ideas individually, our approach learns a single non-linear orthogonal dictionary which is incoherent, minimising cardinality and maximising the discrimination capabilities in the non-linear space. We complement the small-runtime required by the orthogonal DL step with a fast kernel approximation stage in our algorithm. We report state-of-the-art results on large-scale high-dimensional datasets and report an average classification accuracy of  $\approx 97\%$  on 8-bit digits, face and RGB-D images. Unlike most sparsity based classifiers our approach uses the coefficients as target signatures. Finally, unlike [10, 11], the reverse mapping, i.e. pre-images, of the kernel dictionary, Figure 2, were computed using [28].

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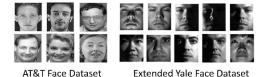


Fig. 2: Exemplars of the learnt kernel dictionary.

#### APPENDIX A PROOF FOR PROPOSITION 1

We apply the majorisation-minimisation method to solve our non-linear cost function  $J(\mathbf{Q})$  (5) using a surrogate function  $M(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q}_t) = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}_t)^T (\alpha \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}) (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}_t)$ . Hence by design  $\hat{J}(\mathbf{Q}) = J(\mathbf{Q}) + M(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q}_t)$  coincides with  $J(\mathbf{Q})$  at  $\mathbf{Q}_t$ . Solving the modified cost function leads to

$$\hat{J}(\mathbf{Q}) = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train}^{T} \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} - 2\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train}^{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q}^{T} \mathbf{Z}^{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Q} + (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}_{t})^{T} (\alpha \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Z}^{T} \mathbf{Z}) (\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}_{t})$$
(10)

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{Q})}{\partial \mathbf{Q}} = -2\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{\Phi}_{train} - 2(\alpha \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z})\mathbf{Q}_t + 2\beta_1 \mathbf{Q} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}^* = \mathbf{T}_{\beta_1} \left(\mathbf{Q}_t + \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{\Phi}_{train} - \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Q}_t + G(\mathbf{Q}_t)\right), \frac{\beta_1}{2\alpha}\right)$$
(11)

#### APPENDIX B PROOF FOR PROPOSITION 2

The reduced rank procrustes rotation (Theorem 4 in [29]) shows that for the minimisation problem for Z in

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} || \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{train} - \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Q} ||^2 \tag{12}$$

subject to  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{I}$ , has a unique solution  $\mathbf{Z}^* = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^T$ , where  $\Phi_{train}\mathbf{Q}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ . In contrast to this work, where the dictionary learnt is a kernel dictionary, the proof in [29] is in the linear domain.

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