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# Compressive Pattern Matching on Multispectral Data

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## Abstract

We introduce a new constrained minimization problem that performs template and pattern detection on a multispectral image in a compressive sensing context. We use an original minimization problem from Guo and Osher that uses  $L_1$  minimization techniques to perform template detection in a multispectral image. We first adapt this minimization problem to work with compressive sensing data. Then we extend it to perform pattern detection using a formal transform called the *spectralization* along a pattern. That extension brings out the problem of measurement reconstruction. We introduce shifted measurements that allow us to reconstruct all the measurement with a small overhead and we give an optimality constraint for simple patterns. We present numerical results showing the performances of the original minimization problem and the compressed ones with different measurement rates and applied on remotely sensed data.

## 1 Introduction

The compressive sensing is a recent field of signal processing. It has been introduced by Donoho [1] and Candès, Romberg and Tao [2]. The main idea is that the acquisition and the compression steps are performed simultaneously by taking a limited number of linear measurements on the signal. These linear measurements are modelled as inner products against a signal  $x$  of size  $n$ :

$$y_i = \langle \phi_i, x \rangle, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \quad (1)$$

where  $m$  is the number of linear measurements. This can be written  $y = \Phi x$  where the  $\phi_i$ 's are the columns of  $\Phi^T$  and  $\Phi$  is referred to as the sensing matrix. Recovering the signal  $x$  for the linear measurements  $y$  is a linear inverse problem that has more unknowns than equations because  $m \leq n$ . But if the signal  $x$  is sparse in a known basis, it can be recovered from the measurements. The signal  $x$  is sparse in the orthonormal bases  $\Psi$  if we can decompose  $x$  as  $\Psi u$  where  $u$  is sparse. In that case, the following minimization problem involving a  $L_0$  norm<sup>1</sup> recovers  $u$ .

$$\arg \min_u \|u\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi \Psi u = y. \quad (2)$$

Unfortunately, due to its combinatorial nature, that minimization problem is intractable. Several methods have been proposed to find an approximate solution.

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<sup>1</sup>The  $L_0$  norm just counts all the nonzero entries.

Greedy approaches have been explored giving *matching pursuit*-like algorithms (see [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]). Another way to efficiently solve this problem is to consider the closest convex problem that involves a  $L_1$  norm called the *basis pursuit* problem [9]

$$\arg \min_u \|u\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi \Psi u = y. \quad (3)$$

The  $L_1$  norm just replaces the  $L_0$  norm. It is proved under certain circumstances that the solutions of both problems coincides.

Multispectral imagery requires the acquisition of each band of the multi-spectral image. In this regard, the compressive sensing paradigm becomes very interesting since the standard acquisition process generates a huge flow of data and thus requires a costly compression step. Some physical implementations have already been proposed: the single-pixel hyperspectral camera [10] based on digital micromirror device (DMD) or the Coded Aperture Snapshot Spectral Imaging (CASSI) [11] based on two dispersive elements. Another benefit of such a new acquisition paradigm is that the signal does not need to be fully reconstructed before performing some processing task (see [12, 13]). That bypassing technique has been applied to various hyperspectral image processing such as spectral unmixing [14, 15, 16].

In this paper, we propose to apply it for signature detection in a multispectral image. We build upon our previous work [17] that dealt with compressive template detection and propose to extend it to perform compressive pattern detection.

The outline of the paper is as follows. In section 2, we introduce the template matching minimization problem of Guo and Osher and we bring elements of a response that show why that minimization problem is succeeding. We then briefly present how we solve this minimization problem and its variants. In section 3, we explain how this minimization problem can be extended to work with compressive data and we give a few numerical experiments demonstrating the performance of the compressive template matching minimization problem. In section 4, we study how we can extend the compressive template matching minimization problem to perform compressive pattern matching and provide numerical experiments. We give conclusions and perspectives in section 5.

## 2 Template matching

### 2.1 $L_1$ -based template matching

Template detection in a multispectral image is one of the first application when dealing with multispectral data. It consists of locating a template within a multispectral image. With the constant growing of the numbers of channels, this problem becomes computationnaly challenging. Several algorithms have been proposed so far to tackle down this problem, see [18] and references therein. On a recent paper in [18], the following minimization problem is suggested:

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|u\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{X}^T u - s\|_2 < \sigma. \quad (4)$$

In this minimization problem,  $\mathbf{X}$  is a matrix that stores the data collected by multispectral sensors. Each column corresponds to a channel and each row is the spectrum of a pixel. The vector  $s$  is the template we want to detect. We give here intuitive arguments explaining why this minimization problem is working. First, the term  $\mathbf{X}^T u$  can be interpreted as the linear combination of the rows of  $\mathbf{X}$  weighted by the vector  $u$ . So  $\mathbf{X}^T u$  is in fact a linear combination of the pixels of  $\mathbf{X}$  weighted by  $u$ . Moreover, the  $L_1$  norm promotes sparse solutions. As a result, the minimization problem is looking for a reduced set of pixels whose linear combination with coefficients in  $u$  yields  $s$ . There are three types of solutions that satisfy that constraint:

- The solutions where  $u$  has a non-zero entry at every pixel of spectral signature  $s$ . That way, we would have a linear combination of spectral signatures approaching  $s$  which would give  $s$ .
- The solutions where  $u$  has a non-zero entry at some pixels of spectral signature  $s$  but not all of them.
- The solutions that combine random pixels of  $\mathbf{X}$  and nonetheless yields  $s$ .

The latter type of solutions is ruled out because the  $L_1$  norm of the corresponding  $u$  is likely to be greater than 1. Solutions of the first two types are then preferred. Figure 1 helps us to understand why solutions of the first type are preferred. In Fig. 1a, we display the classic compressive sensing case where the  $L_1$  minimization problem do find a sparse solution. Figure 1b illustrates the case we are interested in where there are infinitely many solutions that minimize the  $L_1$  norm and verify the constraint which are displayed in red. Some of the solutions are sparse (the two red points on the axis in our case) and represent solutions of the second type. The other solutions are less sparse but have the same  $L_1$  norm and we observe that algorithms tends to select those solutions that have the largest support among those that minimize the  $L_1$  norm. That is why solutions of the first type are preferred.

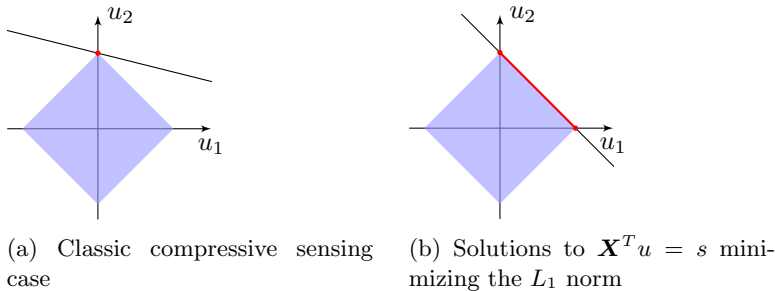


Figure 1: Comparison with the classic compressive sensing case

## 2.2 Numerical solution of the minimization problem

In the following sections, we will have to solve minimization problems of the form (4) and to improve the results, we will add a regularization term based on total variation. We then have the following minimization problem

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|u\|_1 + \|u\|_{\text{TV}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{A}u - f\|_2 < \text{err}, \quad (5)$$

Those minimizations are special cases of the more general minimization problem

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|\phi(u)\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{A}u - f\|_2 < \text{err}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\phi$  is a linear operator that yields model (4) when equal to the identity or model (5) when equal to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Id} \\ \mathbf{D}_x \\ \mathbf{D}_y \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{Id}$  is the identity matrix and  $\mathbf{D}_x$  and  $\mathbf{D}_y$  are respectively the linear operators giving the gradient along  $x$  and  $y$ .

Due to their simplicity and flexibility, we use split Bregman algorithms [19, 20] to solve these minimizations. We first apply the Bregman iteration to (6) which gives

$$\begin{cases} u^{k+1} = \arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|\phi(u)\|_1 + \frac{\beta_1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}u - f^k\|_2^2 & (8a) \\ f^{k+1} = f^k + f - \mathbf{A}u^{k+1} & (8b) \end{cases}$$

with  $f_0 = f$ . Then, we use a splitting technique (see [21, 19]) that introduces a new unknown to solve each subproblem (8a).

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0, d} \|d\|_1 + \frac{\beta_1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}u - f^k\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad d = \phi(u). \quad (9)$$

We then apply the Bregman iteration once more because we now have a constrained problem. We solve the minimization problem over  $u$  and  $d$  with an alternating minimization by first minimizing with respect to  $u$  and then with respect to  $d$ .

$$\begin{cases} u^{l+1} = \arg \min_{u \geq 0} \frac{\beta_1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}u - f^k\|_2^2 & (10a) \\ \quad + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \|d^l - \phi(u) - b^l\|_2^2 & \\ d^{l+1} = \arg \min_d \|d\|_1 + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \|d - \phi(u^{l+1}) - b^l\|_2^2 & (10b) \\ b^{l+1} = b^l + \phi(u^{l+1}) - d^{l+1} & (10c) \end{cases}$$

<p><b>Solve:</b> <math>\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \ \phi(u)\ _1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \ \mathbf{A}u - f\ _2 &lt; err</math></p> <p><b>Data:</b> <math>\phi, \mathbf{A}, f, \beta_1, \beta_2, err</math></p> <p><b>Result:</b></p> <p><math>f^0 := f;</math>  <math>b^0 := 0;</math>  <math>d^0 := 0;</math>  <math>k := 0;</math>  <math>\mathbf{D}_{\text{inv}} := (\beta_1 \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} + \beta_2 \phi^T \phi)^{-1};</math></p> <p><b>repeat</b></p> <table style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>u^{k+1} := \mathbf{D}_{\text{inv}}(\beta_1 \mathbf{A}^T (f - f^k) + \beta_2 \phi^T (d^k - b^k));</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>u^{k+1} := \max(u^{k+1}, 0);</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>d^{k+1} := \text{shrink}(\phi(u^{k+1}) + b^k, \beta_2);</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>b^{k+1} := b^k + \phi(u^{k+1}) - d^{k+1};</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>f^{k+1} := f^k + f - \mathbf{A}u^{k+1};</math></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;"><math>k := k + 1;</math></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>until</b> <math>\ \mathbf{A}u^{k+1} - f\ _2 &lt; err;</math></p>	$u^{k+1} := \mathbf{D}_{\text{inv}}(\beta_1 \mathbf{A}^T (f - f^k) + \beta_2 \phi^T (d^k - b^k));$	$u^{k+1} := \max(u^{k+1}, 0);$	$d^{k+1} := \text{shrink}(\phi(u^{k+1}) + b^k, \beta_2);$	$b^{k+1} := b^k + \phi(u^{k+1}) - d^{k+1};$	$f^{k+1} := f^k + f - \mathbf{A}u^{k+1};$	$k := k + 1;$
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**Algorithm 1:** Constrained Split Bregman

If we limit the number of iterations to solve  $u^{k+1}$  to only one in equations (10) and plug it back in equations (8), we finally have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u^{k+1} = \arg \min_{u \geq 0} \frac{\beta_1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}u - f^k\|_2^2 \\ \quad + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \|d^k - \phi(u) - b^k\|_2^2 \end{array} \right. \quad (11a)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d^{k+1} = \arg \min_d \|d\|_1 + \frac{\beta_2}{2} \|d - \phi(u^{k+1}) - b^k\|_2^2 \end{array} \right. \quad (11b)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^{k+1} = b^k + \phi(u^{k+1}) - d^{k+1} \end{array} \right. \quad (11c)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f^{k+1} = f^k + f - \mathbf{A}u^{k+1} \end{array} \right. \quad (11d)$$

The minimization problem (11a) is solved by first dropping the constraint  $u \geq 0$ , solving the resulting least square problem and then forcing the solution to be non-negative. The minimization problem (11b) admits a closed-form solution using the shrinkage operator  $\text{shrink}$  defined as follows

$$\text{shrink}(x, \lambda) = \text{sgn}(x) \bullet \max(0, |x| - \frac{1}{\lambda}), \quad (12)$$

where the operator  $\bullet$  is the entry-wise product.

The detailed algorithm is shown in Algorithm 1. In our experiments, we take  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}^T$ ,  $f = s$ ,  $err = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1$  and  $\beta_2 = 1000$ .

### 3 Compressive template matching

The previous template matching minimization problem needs the whole multispectral data cube to work. In this section, we propose a new minimization problem working in a compressive sensing context where we only have access to a small number of linear measurements on the multispectral image. The idea of processing signals without reconstructing them first dates back to the work of Davenport *et al* [12]. That bypassing idea has then been applied to multispectral image processing problems such as unmixing. Here, we wish to reconstruct the vector  $u$  solution of (4) without reconstructing the image first. This section and the following ones extends the work done in a previous article [17].

#### 3.1 Measurement model and problem formulation

We recall that the multispectral image is stored in a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  where each column corresponds to a channel that is vectorized and each row is the spectrum of a pixel. We will assume that the multispectral image has  $n_P$  pixels and  $n_B$  bands. As a result, the matrix  $X$  has  $n_P$  rows and  $n_B$  columns. The acquisition model is described as

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{X}, \quad (13)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}$  is a sensing matrix. This amounts to perform independently the same measurements on each band of the image and store them in the corresponding column of  $\mathbf{M}$ . The sensing matrix  $F$  has to verify a few properties for the recovering minimization problem to work. A popular one is the RIP condition that is known to be verified by independent and identically distributed (iid) Gaussian sensing matrix. However, these matrices are physically unrealistic and one considers simpler matrices such as Bernoulli distributed ones or Hadamard matrix. In this paper, we keep using Gaussian distributed sensing matrices as a reference but also use Gaussian distributed circulant matrices that are much more realistic from a physical point of view and that still are good sensing matrix [22].

We then define the measurement rate  $p$  where  $0 < p < 1$  (also expressed as a percentage), and what is its influence on the size of  $\mathbf{F}$ . The measurement rate  $p$  is the fraction of the overall data that we want to acquire. It means that the number of elements of  $\mathbf{M}$  is the number of elements of  $\mathbf{X}$  multiplied by  $p$ . If the matrix  $\mathbf{F}$  is of size  $m \times n_P$  then the sensing matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  is of size  $m \times n_B$  and we have the relation

$$m \cdot n_B = p \cdot n_B \cdot n_P, \quad (14)$$

which gives

$$m = p \cdot n_P. \quad (15)$$

The number of rows of  $\mathbf{F}$  is an integer so we will take  $m = \lfloor p \cdot n_P \rfloor$  where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the operator mapping a number to its largest previous integer.

The problem is then to solve the following minimization

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|u\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \|\mathbf{X}^T u - s\|_2 < \sigma \\ \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{X} \end{cases}, \quad (16)$$

where we add the constraint coming from the measurements. The problem is to eliminate  $\mathbf{X}$  from those two constraints since we no longer have access to the multispectral data.

### 3.2 Compressive template minimization

One way to eliminate  $\mathbf{X}$  from the two constraints  $\mathbf{X}^T u = s$  and  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{X}$  in (16) is to introduce a matrix between  $\mathbf{X}^T$  and  $u$  of the form  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{A}$  so we could replace  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{F}^T$  by  $\mathbf{M}^T$  and eliminate  $\mathbf{X}$ . This matrix should theoretically be equal to the identity. However that is impossible because  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{A}$  is not invertible. Given a matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ , we have to find a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{I}_{n_p}$ . In the following, we will consider two candidates for  $\mathbf{A}$ . The first candidate comes from the observation that if  $\mathbf{F}$  is a Gaussian distributed matrix, we have  $\frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} \approx \mathbf{I}_{n_p}$  as showed in [23]. We can then take  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}$  and we will refer to this type of matrix as type 1 (T1).

One other candidate for  $\mathbf{A}$  is obtained by solving the following minimization

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{A}} \left\| \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}_{n_p} \right\|_F, \quad (17)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_F$  is the Frobenius norm which is basically the Euclidean norm of the vectorized matrix. This is a well know problem involving the pseudo-inverse of  $\mathbf{A}$ . One can show that the solution writes  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{F}^T)^+$  where the  $+$  operator is the pseudo-inverse. Given that  $\mathbf{F}$  is a sensing matrix, we will always suppose that it is of full rank. In that case,  $\mathbf{A}$  has an explicit formulation,  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F}$ . However, that minimization does not help us determining  $\mathbf{F}$ . In fact, we can show that if  $\mathbf{F}$  is of full rank, the norm  $\left\| \mathbf{F}^T (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}_{n_p} \right\|_F$  is constant and is equal to  $\sqrt{n_p - m}$ . Among all matrices of full rank  $\mathbf{F}$ , some are obviously better than others for a sensing matrix. For example, the matrix

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (18)$$

is a very bad candidate because we have

$$\mathbf{F}^T (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

We note that the distance to  $\mathbf{I}_{n_p}$  is concentrated in a few entries which is why this is a terrible choice for a sensing matrix. Rather, we would like the error to be equally shared between all the entries of  $\mathbf{F}$ . We then choose the max norm instead of the  $L_2$  norm. Keeping  $(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F}$  as a possible candidate, we are now interested in the minimization

$$\arg \min_{\lambda} \left\| \lambda \mathbf{F}^T (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}_{n_p} \right\|_{\infty}, \quad (20)$$



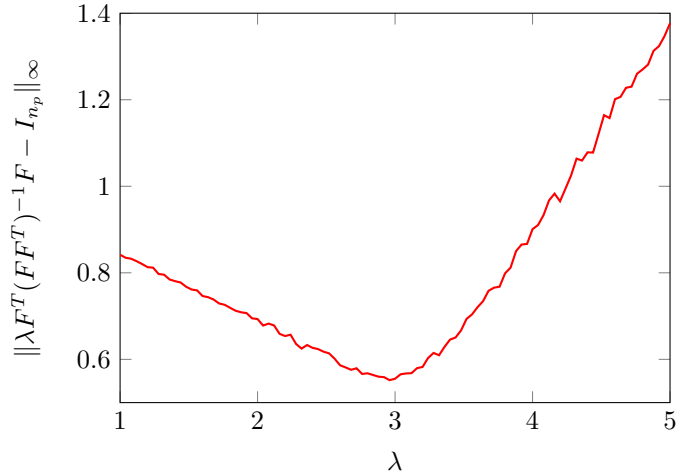


Figure 2:  $\lambda$  minimizing maximum error

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  denotes the maximum norm. The solution is the right scaling of the candidate  $(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{F}$  so as to minimize the maximum error. If  $\mathbf{F}$  is iid Gaussian, we have already seen that  $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T \approx n_P \mathbf{I}_m$ . We have also  $\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} \approx m \mathbf{I}_{n_P}$ . This suggests that  $\lambda = \frac{n_P}{m}$ . This is indeed what we find in Fig. 2 where  $m = 30$  and  $n_P = 100$ , the minimum error is at  $\lambda \approx 3 \approx \frac{n_P}{m}$ .

We have two candidates. Type 1 (T1) is  $\frac{1}{m}\mathbf{F}$  and type 2 (T2) is  $\frac{n_P}{m}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{F}$ . Figure 3 depicts the maximum error for the two types of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . We also try two types of sensing matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ : iid Gaussian and iid Gaussian circulant. Circulant matrices are used as sensing matrices because it has been shown to be almost as effective as the Gaussian random matrix for CS encoding/decoding [24, 22]. Even if candidate of type 1 come from a minimization of the Frobenius norm, it is actually performing better than type 2. Quite surprisingly, the smallest error is obtained when  $\mathbf{F}$  is the first  $m$  rows of a circulant matrix generated from a iid Gaussian vector. An intuitive explanation of this is that choosing a reduced set of Gaussian coefficients for a circulant matrix (the first line only) rather than a whole matrix reduces the chance of hitting a large number in absolute value that would give a large inner product (an entry in  $\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T$  or  $\mathbf{F}^T(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{F}$ ). This large entry is then the final error since we are calculating the max norm.

From now on, we will consider matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of type 2. We can now eliminate  $\mathbf{X}$  from  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{u} = s$  and  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{X}$ . We have

$$\mathbf{X}^T \left( \frac{n_P}{m} \mathbf{F}^T (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} = s, \quad (21)$$

and then, using  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{X}$ , we have

$$\mathbf{M}^T (\mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{u} = \frac{m}{n_P} s. \quad (22)$$

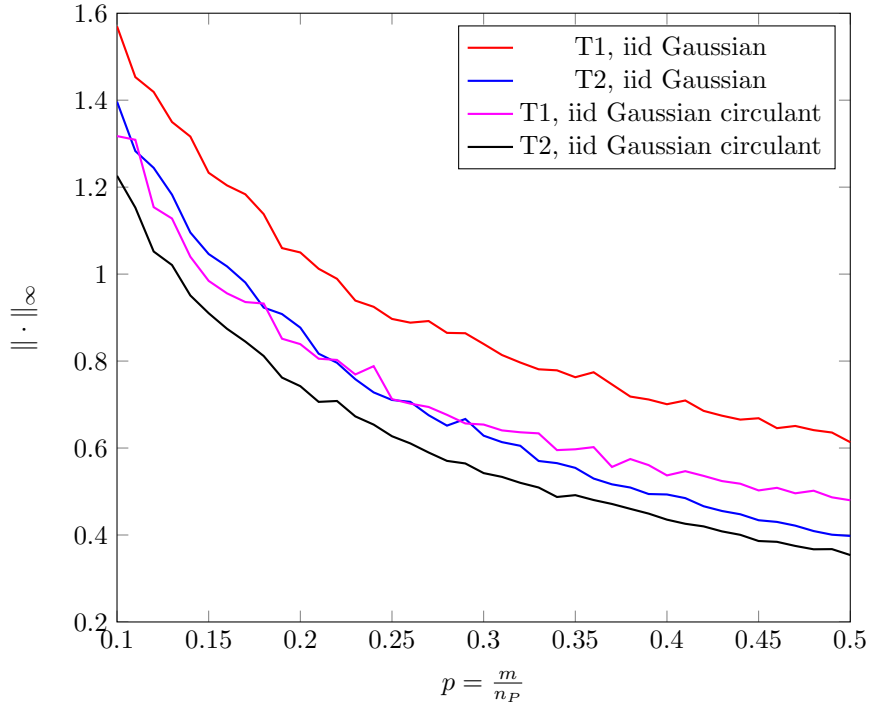


Figure 3: Maximum error

The minimization problem then becomes

$$\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|u\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathbf{M}^T (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F}u - \frac{m}{n_P} s\|_2 < \sigma', \quad (23)$$

with  $\sigma' = \frac{n_P}{m} \sigma$ .

Finally, this minimization problem is a modified version of (4) but instead of using  $\mathbf{X}^T$  we use the matrix  $\mathbf{M}^T (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F}$  that is an approximation of  $\mathbf{X}^T$ .

### 3.3 Numerical experiments

In this section, we illustrate both the regular template matching minimization problem and its compressive counterpart onto two images. We test both minimization problems with a measurement rate varying from 1 to 40 percent. In both cases, once the algorithm finished, we apply the Lloyd-Max clustering algorithm [25] on the recovered  $u$  to decide whether the detection is positive or not for each pixel. We then count the number of errors by comparing the resulting mask with the desired mask result. This reference mask is calculated manually by choosing all the pixels that have a signature approaching the one we want to detect. To improve the readability of the results, the images are inverted before display. The algorithm runs in less than a minute on a classic computer.

The first image is a  $64 \times 64$  color image of Giza, Egypt<sup>2</sup> displayed in Fig. 4a. The spectral signature  $s$  we want to detect is extracted from sandy areas. The result of the template matching minimization (4) is shown in Fig. 4b. The shape of all three sandy areas is well recovered. Figure 4c shows the compressive template matching (23) with a  $L_1$  regularizer for a measurement rate of 30%. We see that the detected pixels are scattered in the image. We improve the detection by mixing the  $L_1$  regularizer with a geometrical one as we can see in Fig. 4d where a  $TV/L_1$  regularizer is used.

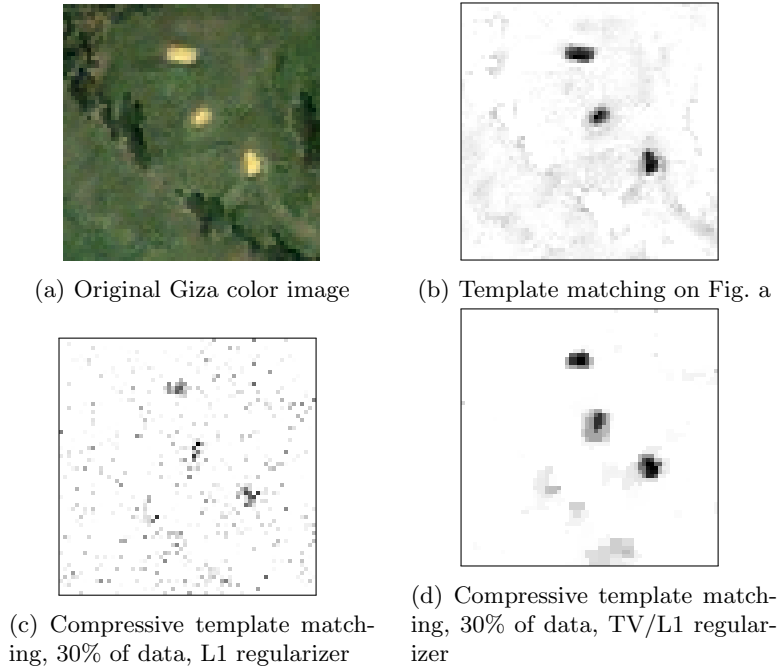


Figure 4: Signature detection on the Giza image

Figure 5 shows the results when the measurement rate is varying. As a reference, the percentage of wrong detection of the template matching minimization (4) is 0.03 %. The minimization performs best when the sensing matrix is Gaussian and the regularizer is  $TV/L_1$ . Increasing the measurement rate after 10% does not improve much the detection. The more realistic case where the sensing matrix is circulant is doing quite well when the measurement rate is under 10%. Again, increasing the measurement rate after 10% does more harm than good. On the contrary, the  $L_1$  regularizer shows a constantly decreasing error rate as the measurement rate increases. Another indicator that shows that Gaussian circulant sensing matrices are good sensing matrices is that pure Gaussian sensing matrices perform only slightly better than Gaussian circulant sensing matrices.

<sup>2</sup>Available at <http://opticks.org/confluence/display/opticks/Sample+Data#SampleData>

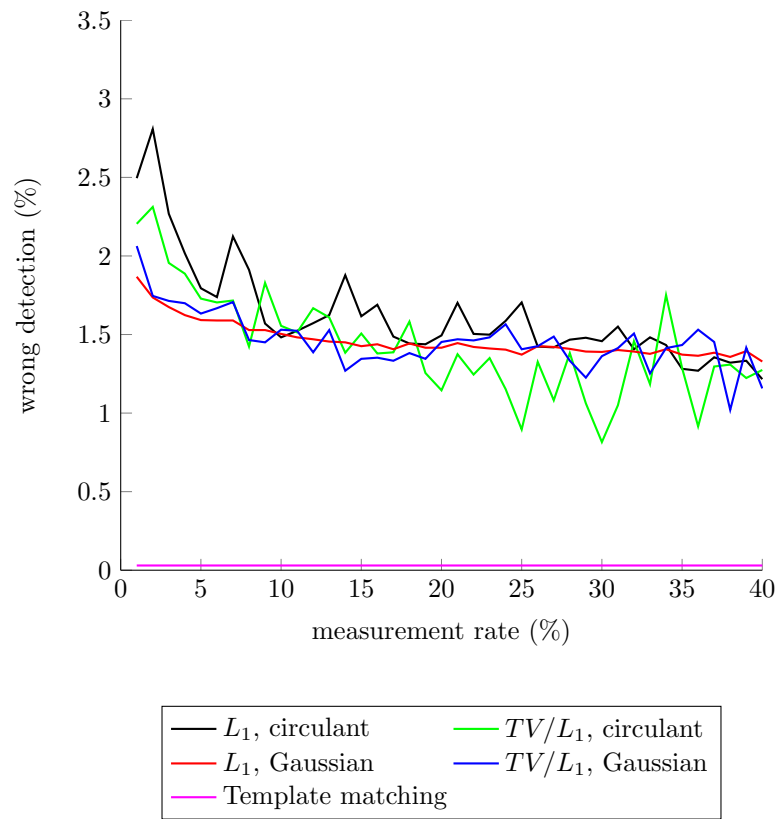


Figure 5: Percentage of wrong detection for different measurement rate, sensing matrix and regularizer on the Giza image

The second multispectral image is extracted from the Moffett Field AVIRIS multispectral image<sup>3</sup>. We selected 16 bands out of the 224 available and extracted a  $64 \times 64$  image of interest shown in Fig. 7a. We would like to detect the spectral signature of buildings shown in Fig. 6. Figure 7 shows some of the results. As a reference, the percentage of wrong detection of the template matching minimization (4) is 0.3 %.

Again, according to Fig. 8, the compressive template minimization performs best when the sensing matrix is Gaussian and the regularizer is  $TV/L_1$ . However, the difference is less obvious than in the previous experiment but we can still see that  $TV/L_1$ -based results show a better detection of connected objects.

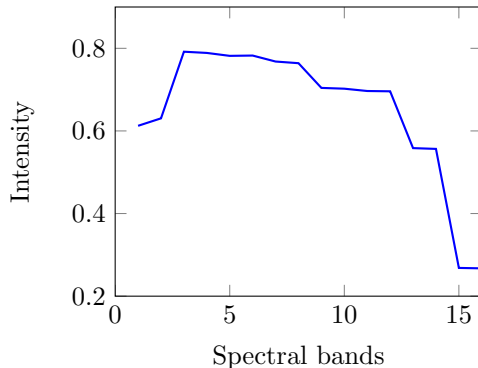


Figure 6: Spectral signature of buildings

## 4 Compressive pattern detection

In the previous section, we developed a minimization problem to detect the location of a known spectral signature from a limited number of measurements without reconstructing the image. The purpose of this section is to generalize that minimization problem to deal with pattern detection. We first introduce a formal transform on a multispectral image called *spectralization* that depends on the pattern  $P$  we wish to find. That formal transform essentially adds the pattern information as spectral information in the new image. Then, we use the previous minimization problem to detect signatures in this new image which are in fact patterns in the original image. As we will see, we need to reconstruct measurements because in fact we only have measurements on the original image and not on the *spectralized* one.

### 4.1 Image *spectralization* along a pattern

We first have to define the structure of the pattern we wish to detect before proceeding. It can be modelled as a finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . For example, if the

<sup>3</sup>Available at <http://aviris.jpl.nasa.gov/html/aviris.freedata.html>

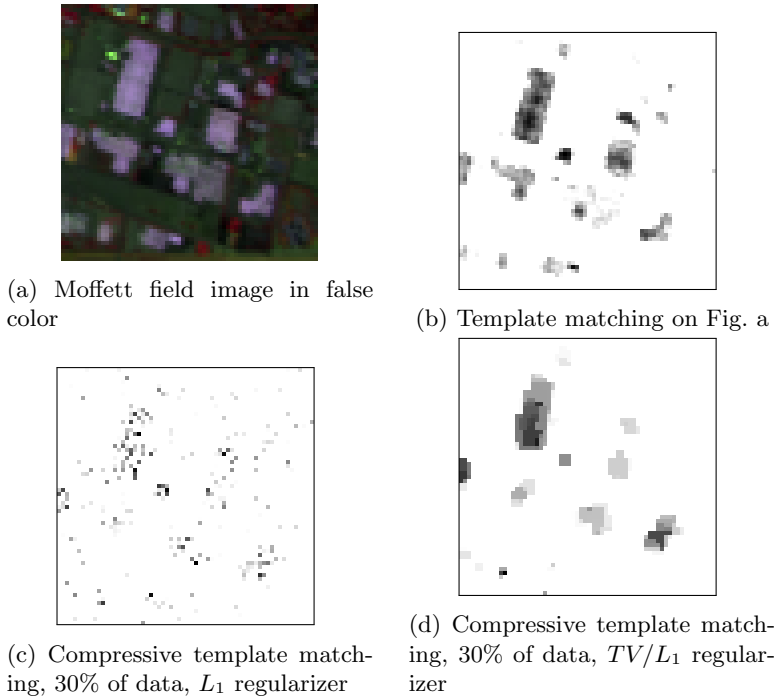


Figure 7: Signature detection on Moffett field image

structure we are interested in is a  $2 \times 2$  hook, the corresponding pattern as a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  will be represented as

$$(24)$$

We then need to fix an order on that subset. The first point which will serve as a reference point is always the point  $(0, 0)$ . The pattern's structure is now a  $n$ -tuple of couples. In the previous example, we choose

$$P = ((0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 1)). \quad (25)$$

Now that we have an ordered structure of the pattern  $P$ , we can define the *spectralization* of an image  $\mathbf{I}$  with respect to  $P$ . Roughly speaking, the *spectralization* of  $\mathbf{I}$  is just stacked copies of  $\mathbf{I}$  that are shifted according to the ordered pattern we choose. This can be generalized to multispectral images. Let us first

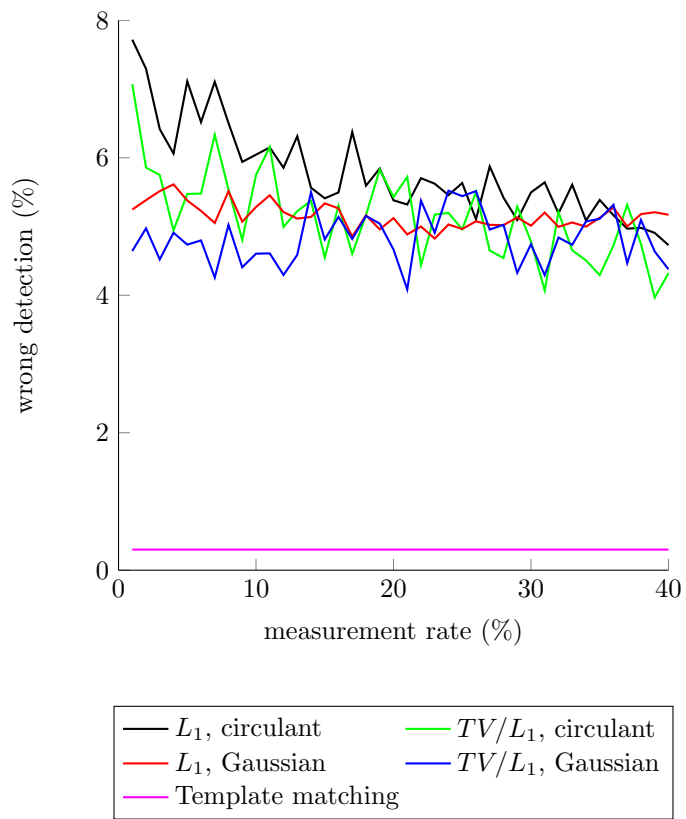


Figure 8: Percentage of wrong detection for different measurement rate, sensing matrix and regularizer on the Moffett image

introduce some definitions and convenient notations related to image shifting and matrix stacking. We will then define the *spectralized* image of a grayscale image and extend it to multispectral images.

Given an element  $p = (i, j)$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ , we define the operator  $S_p$  on a matrix which shifts all its entries by  $p$ . For example, the entry at  $(1, 1)$  is shifted to the place  $(i + 1, j + 1)$ . More formally, if  $\mathbf{I}$  is of size  $N \times P$  we have

$$[S_p(\mathbf{I})]_{ab} = \mathbf{I}_{(a+i-1 \bmod N)+1, (b+j-1 \bmod P)+1}. \quad (26)$$

We have the obvious properties that  $S_{(0,0)}$  is the identity,  $S_{(0,0)} = \text{id}$  and that composing  $S_{p_1}$  and  $S_{p_2}$  yields  $S_{p_1+p_2}$ ,  $S_{p_1+p_2} = S_{p_1} \circ S_{p_2}$ . If the pattern's structure is

$$P = (p_1, \dots, p_{|P|}), \quad (27)$$

with the convention that  $p_1 = (0, 0)$ , we will consider the  $|P|$  corresponding shifting functions  $S_{p_1} = \text{id}, S_{p_2}, \dots, S_{p_{|P|}}$  where  $|P|$  denotes the number of elements of  $P$ .

The operator  $S_p$  is acting on  $\mathbf{I}$ ; the corresponding matrix acting on  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{I})$ , the vectorized version of the matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ , is denoted  $\mathbf{Q}_p$  and we have

$$\text{vec}(S_p(\mathbf{I})) = \mathbf{Q}_p(\text{vec}(\mathbf{I})). \quad (28)$$

Since the matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_p$  is a permutation matrix, it is orthogonal and we have

$$\mathbf{Q}_{-p} = \mathbf{Q}_p^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}_p^T. \quad (29)$$

We will also need to stack and merge matrices. If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are matrices with the same number of rows,  $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}]$  will denote the concatenation of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  along their columns. If  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are two matrices of the same size,  $\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}$  will denote the 3-dimensional matrix obtained by stacking them along a third dimension.

We can now give a precise definition of the *spectralization* of the matrix  $\mathbf{I}$  with respect to the pattern  $P = (p_1, \dots, p_{|P|})$ . It is a 3-dimensional matrix obtained by stacking the matrices  $S_{-p_1}(\mathbf{I}), \dots, S_{-p_{|P|}}(\mathbf{I})$ . For example, if the image  $\mathbf{I}$  and the pattern  $P$  are defined as follows

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (30)$$

$$P = ((0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 1)) \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \downarrow i \end{array}, \quad (31)$$



we have

$$S_{(0,0)}(\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}, \quad (32)$$

$$S_{-(1,0)}(\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (33)$$

$$S_{-(1,1)}(\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 8 & 9 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (34)$$

The *spectralized* image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{I})$  of  $\mathbf{I}$  with respect to the pattern's structure  $P$  is the 3-dimensional matrix  $[\mathbf{I} \wedge S_{-(1,0)}(\mathbf{I}) \wedge S_{-(1,1)}(\mathbf{I})]$ . In its linearized form, we have  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{I}) = [\text{vec}(\mathbf{I}), \text{vec}(S_{-(1,0)}(\mathbf{I})), \text{vec}(S_{-(1,1)}(\mathbf{I}))]$  which can also be written  $[\text{vec}(\mathbf{I}), \mathbf{Q}_{-(1,0)} \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}), \mathbf{Q}_{-(1,1)} \text{vec}(\mathbf{I})]$  using (28). We then have the following definition.

**Definition 1.** Given a gray-scale image  $\mathbf{I}$  and a pattern structure  $P$ , the *spectralized* image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{I})$  is the matrix

$$[\text{vec}(\mathbf{I}), \mathbf{Q}_{-p_2} \text{vec}(\mathbf{I}), \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{-p_{|P|}} \text{vec}(\mathbf{I})]. \quad (35)$$

Using the previous example, we have

$$\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{I}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \\ \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{5} & \mathbf{6} \\ 5 & 8 & 9 \\ 8 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 \\ 6 & 9 & 7 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (36)$$

Thus, if we want to detect the pattern

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & \star \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (37)$$

corresponding to the structure  $P$  in the image  $\mathbf{I}$ , it suffices to look for the signature  $(2, 5, 6)$  in the *spectralized* image (36).

Figure 9 shows the *spectralization* of a grayscale image. The pattern used is shown in Fig. 9a. The *spectralization* of the image along this pattern is shown in Fig. 9b. As in the previous example, we see that the *spectralized* image is formed by copies of the original image put side by side. Each of these copies is shifted.

Following the last writing of  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{I})$ , we define the *spectralized* image of a multispectral image  $\mathbf{X}$  with respect to  $P$ .

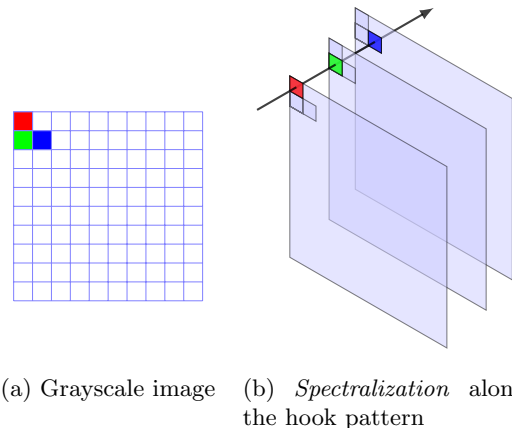


Figure 9: *Spectralization* of a grayscale image along the hook pattern

**Definition 2.** Given a multispectral image  $\mathbf{X}$  and a pattern structure  $P$ , the *spectralized* image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  is the matrix,

$$[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Q}_{-p_2} \mathbf{X}, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{-p_{|P|}} \mathbf{X}].$$

## 4.2 Measurements reconstruction

We have just established that a pattern detection on a multispectral image  $\mathbf{X}$  is equivalent to a signature detection on the *spectralized* image of  $\mathbf{X}$  denoted by  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$ . The problem is that we need measurements on  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  to solve the minimization problem and the only measurements we have are on  $\mathbf{X}$ . We somehow have to reconstruct measurements on  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  based on  $\mathbf{X}$ 's ones.

To measure the efficiency of the reconstruction of measurements, we introduce the following ratio depending on a given pattern  $P$

$$\alpha(P) = \frac{\text{effective measurements}}{\text{virtual measurements}}. \quad (38)$$

The effective measurements are measurements performed on the real image. These are measurements that we could use in our calculations. On the contrary, virtual measurements are measurements on the fictive image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  that ought to be reconstructed from the effective ones. The ratio  $\alpha(P)$  measures how many more measurements we need to make to fully reconstruct measurements on  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$ . The ratio  $\alpha(P)$  has simple bounds. Indeed, one virtual measurement requires at least one effective measurement to be reconstructed. As a result we have  $\alpha(P) \geq 1$ . On the other hand, one virtual measurement requires at most  $|P|$  measurements on  $\mathbf{X}$  because  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  has  $|P|$  times more bands than  $\mathbf{X}$ . We then have  $\alpha(P) \leq |P|$ . In conclusion, we have

$$1 \leq \alpha(P) \leq |P|. \quad (39)$$

For example, if we wish to detect the hook pattern consisting of 3 pixels, we have to make at most three times more measurements to reconstruct all virtual measurements in order to apply the minimization. If we want a measurement rate of 30% of the virtual image we need at most a 90% measurement rate on the original image. Fortunately, this upper bound can be lowered by properly choosing the measurements to make.

### 4.3 Reconstruction using shifted measurements

The first idea that comes to mind is to take measurements that are not independent but shifted from one another. Indeed, a shifted measurement on a shifted image could be the same as the original measurement on the original image. One effective measurement could be used to reconstruct more than one virtual measurement.

Let us first see how a measurement vector  $f$  that is shifted by a vector  $e$  writes. Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the measurement matrix that is the 2-dimensional version of the measurement vector  $f$ . We then have

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{B}) = f.$$

If the measurement matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  is shifted by a vector  $e$ , it becomes  $S_e(\mathbf{B})$ . The vectorized form is  $\text{vec}(S_e(\mathbf{B}))$ . According to (28), the shifted measurement vector  $f_e$  is then

$$\begin{aligned} f_e &= \text{vec}(S_e(\mathbf{B})) \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_e \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}) \\ &= \mathbf{Q}_e f. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Suppose all our virtual measurements are a shifted version of one measurement  $f$ . The shifting information is modelled as a subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  containing the point  $(0, 0)$ . The point  $(0, 0)$  represents the original measurement. All the other points represent shifted measurements of the original one. According to (29), the measurements writes

$$\begin{aligned} m_e &= (\mathbf{Q}_e f)^T \text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e} \text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X}), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $e \in E$ . This can be written  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}} \text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  where

$$E = \{e_1, \dots, e_{|E|}\},$$

and

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{e_1} \\ \vdots \\ m_{e_{|E|}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}} = \begin{pmatrix} f^T \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e_2} \\ \vdots \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e_{|E|}} \end{pmatrix} \tag{41}$$

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}} &= \begin{pmatrix} f^T \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e_2} \\ \vdots \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e_{|E|}} \end{pmatrix} [\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Q}_{-p_2} \mathbf{X}, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{-p_{|P|}} \mathbf{X}] \\
&= \left( f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e_i} \mathbf{Q}_{-p_j} \mathbf{X} \right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq |E| \\ 1 \leq j \leq |P|}} \\
&= \left( (\mathbf{Q}_{e_i+p_j} f)^T \mathbf{X} \right)_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq |E| \\ 1 \leq j \leq |P|}}. \tag{42}
\end{aligned}$$

In other words, to reconstruct  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$  that gathers the results of measurements on the virtual image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$ , we need to take the shifted measurements represented by  $E' = E + P$  where  $E + P$  denotes the set

$$\{e_i + p_j \mid e_i \in E, 1 \leq i \leq |E|, p_j \in P, 1 \leq j \leq |P|\}. \tag{43}$$

Therefore, we choose

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}} = \begin{pmatrix} f^T \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e'_2} \\ \vdots \\ f^T \mathbf{Q}_{-e'_{|E'|}} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{44}$$

as an effective sensing matrix, so we have

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}} \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} f^T \mathbf{X} \\ (\mathbf{Q}_{e'_2} f)^T \mathbf{X} \\ \vdots \\ (\mathbf{Q}_{e'_{|E'|}} f)^T \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{45}$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$  gathers the measurements taken on the real image  $\mathbf{X}$  by the sensing matrix  $\mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}}$  and it contains all the information we need to reconstruct the matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$  in (42).

We are now able to write the measurement reconstruction ratio

$$\alpha(P) = \frac{|E + P|}{|E|}, \tag{46}$$

which reflects the fact that we have to take  $|E + P|$  effective measurements to reconstruct the  $|E|$  virtual ones.

**Proposition 4.1.** *For a fixed pattern  $P$  we have*

$$\inf_E \frac{|E + P|}{|E|} = 1.$$

*Proof.* We already know that  $|E + P| \geq |E|$  and hence  $\frac{|E+P|}{|E|} \geq 1$ . Let  $R$  be a  $a$  rows and  $b$  columns rectangle containing the pattern  $P$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $E$  be a  $na$  rows and  $nb$  columns rectangle. It is easy to see that  $E + R$  is a  $(n + 1)a - 1$  rows and  $(n + 1)b - 1$  columns rectangle. Thus we have

$$\frac{|E + R|}{|E|} = \frac{((n + 1)a - 1)((n + 1)b - 1)}{n^2 ab} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} 1.$$

□

This proposition suggests that we choose  $E$  so that  $|E|$  has the highest possible value. Unfortunately, we have  $|E| \leq |E + P|$  and the number of effective measurements  $|E + P|$  is limited by the size of the image: we cannot take too many measurements.

The problem is then to find the structure of  $E$  minimizing the ratio with  $|E|$  bounded. For a fixed pattern  $P$ , the problem is

$$\arg \min_{|E|=A} \frac{|E + P|}{|E|}. \quad (47)$$

The problem (47) is a difficult one due to its combinatorial nature. Still, we can solve it if the pattern  $P$  has a simple shape. Suppose that  $P$  is a rectangle. To minimize  $\alpha(P)$ , the measurement pattern  $E$  should also be a rectangle that has the same shape as the pattern  $P$ . This result is formalized in the following proposition. The details of the proof are shown in appendix.

**Proposition 4.2.** *Suppose that the pattern  $P$  is a rectangle. Then, a measurement pattern  $E$  such that  $|E| = A$  minimizing the ratio (46) is obtained when  $E$  is rectangular-shaped and its height  $h$  minimizes the functional*

$$(a - 1) \left\lceil \frac{A}{h} \right\rceil + (b - 1)h,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are respectively the height and the width of  $P$  and  $\lceil \cdot \rceil$  is the operator mapping a number to its smallest following integer.

For example, suppose we wish to detect a rectangular pattern  $P$  of size  $6 \times 10$  in a  $128 \times 128$  color image. The *spectralized* image is then of size  $128 \times 128$  and has  $6 \times 10 \times 3 = 180$  bands. Suppose we want a 25% virtual measurement rate, we then need  $128 \times 128 \times 25/100 = 4096$  different measurement vectors according to (15). Given that we use shifted measurements, if  $E$  denotes the shifting pattern of the virtual measurements, we have  $|E| = 4096$ . According to equation (46), we need to perform the effective measurements denoted by the shifting pattern  $E + P$  to be able to reconstruct all the virtual measurements. The pattern  $P$  is rectangular so to minimize  $\alpha(P)$  and according to proposition 4.2 the measurement pattern  $E$  should be rectangular-shaped and contained in a rectangle of height 50 and width 82. That way, we have  $|E| = 4096$  and  $E + P$ , as defined in (43), is obtained by shifting the pattern

**Data:** Pattern  $P$ , Measurement rate  $p$ , Image  $\mathbf{X}$ , Spectralized signature

$s$

**Result:**

Compute the measurement pattern  $E$  that minimizes  $\alpha(P)$ ;

Generate a random measurement  $f$ ;

Take the effective measurements according to  $E + P$ ;

Reconstruct  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$  from  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$ ;

Compute  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}^T (\mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}}$ ;

Solve  $\arg \min_{u \geq 0} \|\phi(u)\|_1$  s.t.  $\|\mathbf{A}u - s\|_2 < \text{err}$ ;

**Algorithm 2:** Compressive Pattern Matching algorithm

$E$  with every element of  $P$ . The pattern  $E + P$  is then rectangular-shaped and contained in a rectangle of height  $50 + 6 - 1$  and width  $82 + 10 - 1$ . More precisely, we have  $|E + P| = 5001$  which gives  $\alpha(P) \approx 1.22$ . The effective measurement rate is then  $1.22 \times 25 \approx 31\%$  which means that we have to take effective measurements at a rate of 31% on the color image to be able to run the pattern matching minimization problem with a 25% measurement rate on the *spectralized* image.

#### 4.4 Numerical experiments

In this section, we illustrate our compressive pattern matching minimization. The detailed algorithm is described in Algorithm 2. Given the pattern  $P$  and the measurement rate  $p$ , we first compute the measurement pattern  $E$  that minimizes  $\alpha(P)$ . For a rectangular-shaped pattern, the proposition 4.2 gives us the optimal solution. For more complex patterns, if they are compact, they can be approximated by their enclosing rectangle and the proposition 4.2 applies. We then generate the effective measurements  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$  from the shifting pattern  $E + P$  and a random measurement  $f$ . The results of those measurements are stored in  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$ . We showed that  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$  can be reconstructed from  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$ : it consists essentially in duplicating and reordering entries of  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{eff}}$ . However, that process can be tricky to perform in an efficient way especially in Matlab. For convenience and testing purposes, we rather build the spectralized image  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  and compute  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{virt}} \text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  to more easily get the matrix  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$ . Of course, given the size of  $\text{spec}_P(\mathbf{X})$  which can be huge, this method shows its limits and we therefore limit ourselves to images of maximum size  $64 \times 64$ . The reconstructed  $\mathbf{M}_{\text{virt}}$  allows us to compute the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  that is used in our algorithm. To improve the readability of the results, the images are inverted before display. The algorithm runs in less than a minute on a classic computer.

We first test our algorithm on a publicly available color image of Giza, Egypt. We extract a  $64 \times 64$  image shown in Fig. 13a and we want to detect the locations where there is sand surrounded by vegetation. For that purpose, we use a pattern whose shape is described in Fig. 10. The centre of the pattern

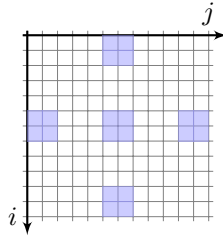


Figure 10: Pattern to detect on the Giza image

detects the sand and the four other squares detects the vegetation. The pattern is included in a square of size  $12 \times 12$  so we use the measurement pattern as stated in the proposition 4.2. The minimization problem is first tested for several virtual measurement rates ranging from 1 to 40 percent. Figure 11 depicts the effective measurement rate with respect to the virtual measurement rate for the pattern. As pointed out by proposition 4.1,  $\alpha$  which is the ratio of these two values decreases to 1 as the virtual measurements increases.

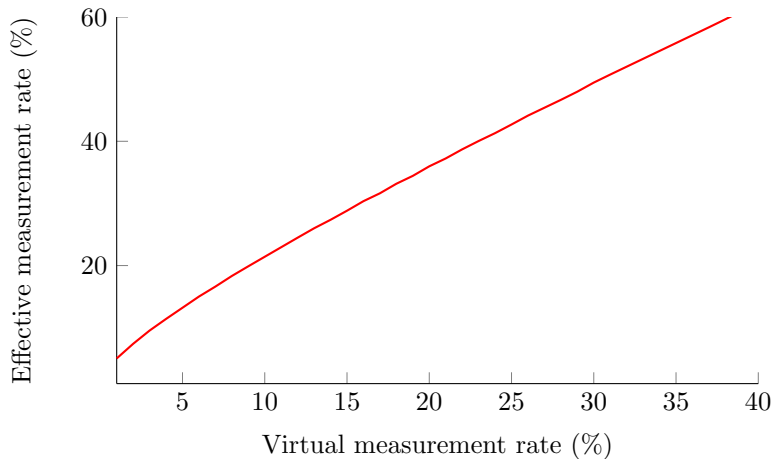


Figure 11: Effective measurement rate with respect to virtual measurement rate for the pattern displayed in Fig. 10

Figures 13b, 13c and 13d show the results of the compressive pattern detection algorithm for a virtual measurement rate of respectively, 10%, 20% and 30%. The locations are well recovered for a virtual measurement rate of 20% and 30%. Only one target seems to be detected when a 10% measurement rate is taken. More precisely, the graph in Fig. 12 describes the number of pattern detection for various virtual measurement rate. We test two types of measurements and for each effective measurement rate we take the average number of errors of 10 minimizations. The random measurements serve as a reference since

using them would require a huge effective measurement rate and thus totally defeats the purpose of compressive sensing.

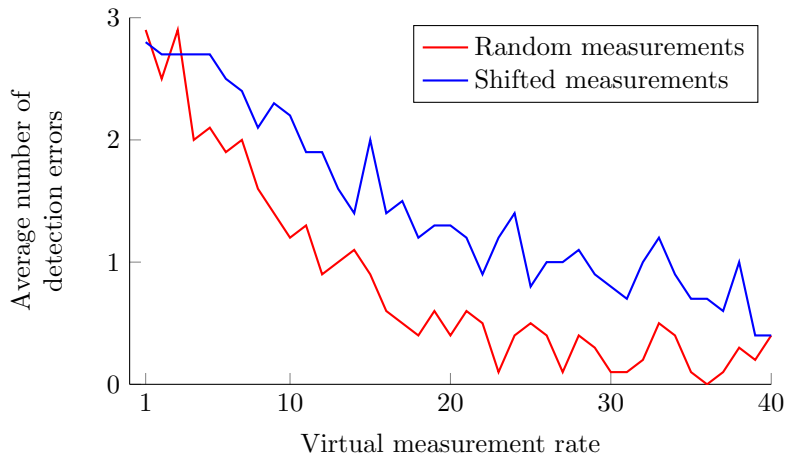


Figure 12: Average number of pattern detection errors with respect to virtual measurement rate

We then test the same image contaminated with Gaussian noise. Figure 14 sums up the our results. We fixed the virtual measurement rate to 20% and add Gaussian noise ranging from 0 to 10%. The minimization problem appears to be stable when it comes to Gaussian noise. This is not surprising since the minimization without noise is operating on  $\mathbf{M}^T(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{F}$  which is already a noisy version of the original image  $\mathbf{X}^T$ .

On the next numerical experiments, we use a real-world multispectral image collected by ACTIMAR as part of the HYPLITT project, supported by the DGA (General Directorate for Armament), France. See [26]. The study site is located in Quiberon Peninsula, on the West coast of France.

From the original image of size  $316 \times 302$  with 160 bands, we extracted a  $100 \times 100$  image and selected 12 bands. We wish to detect the checkered pattern in the top left corner. This time, the structure of the pattern used is

$$\begin{aligned}
 P = & ((0, 0), (0, 3), (0, 6), \\
 & (3, 0), (3, 3), (3, 6), \\
 & (6, 0), (6, 3), (6, 6))
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{48}$$

Since the pattern structure is a scaled square, to minimize  $\alpha(P)$  the measurement pattern should be a scaled square as well. The results of the different minimizations are shown in Fig. 15. Figure 15a is the multispectral image in false color. We first apply the template detection minimization (4) that is able to recover the checkered structure. The compressive template detection minimization problem in Fig. 15c fails to detect the checkered structure. By contrast,



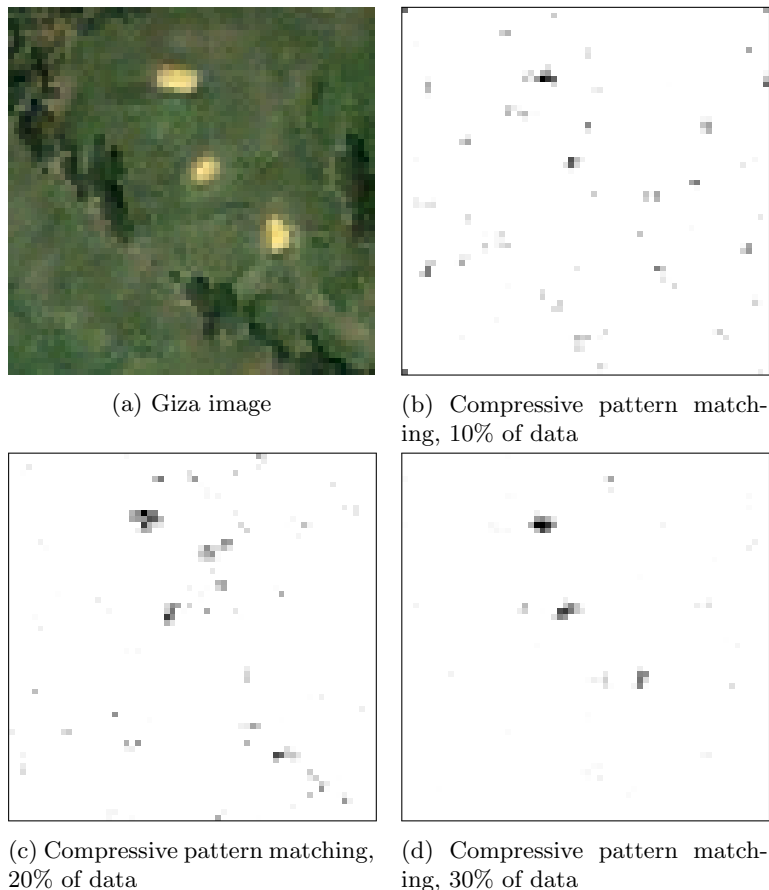


Figure 13: Pattern detection on Peppers image

the compressive pattern detection minimization problem for a 30% measurement rate shown in Fig. 15d clearly detects a checkered structured as described by the pattern  $P$ .

## 5 Conclusions and perspectives

After a brief introduction of a new minimization problem from Guo and Osher that performs template matching on a multispectral image, we first provide evidence that explains why that minimization problem is working. Then, we extend it in several ways. We first show that this minimization problem can be adapted to work with compressive sensing data. Basically, we obtained comparable results but with limited number of measurements on the image. Then, we extend the minimization problem to perform pattern detection with compressive sensing data. For this purpose, we introduce a formal transformation called the

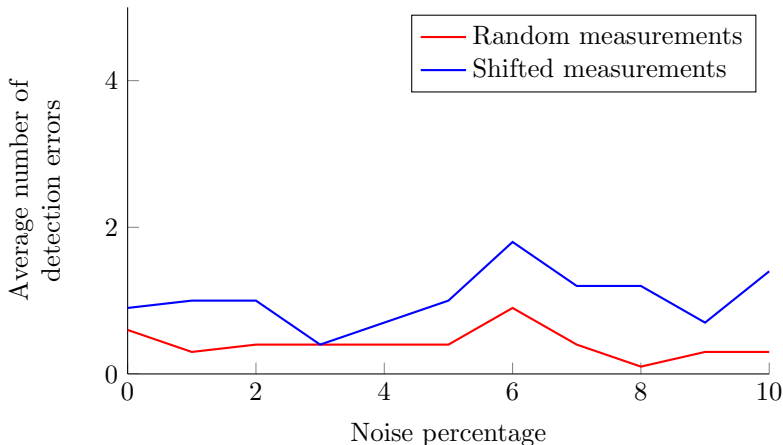


Figure 14: Average error detection with respect to noise percentage for a fixed measurement rate of 30%

*spectralization* that depends on the structure of the pattern we want to detect. Numerical experiments are conducted on both synthetic and real-world images that validates both approaches. Future work could consider choosing a sensing matrix that could ease the computation of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  in algorithm 2. This would allow us to test our algorithms on larger images with a large number of bands. In particular, we could consider circulant matrices and orthogonal circulant matrices. One can also study if the recovery is better if the sensing matrix is built with several different measurements that are then shifted instead of only one.

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*Proof of proposition 4.2.* Without loss of generality, we suppose that the pattern  $P$  is defined by

$$P = \{(i, j), 0 \leq i < a, 0 \leq j < b\}.$$

Let  $E$  be a measurement pattern such that  $|E| = A$  and let  $n_i$  and  $m_i$  be respectively the number of elements of  $E + P$  and  $E$  of ordinate  $i$ . We have

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} n_i = |E + P|, \quad (49)$$

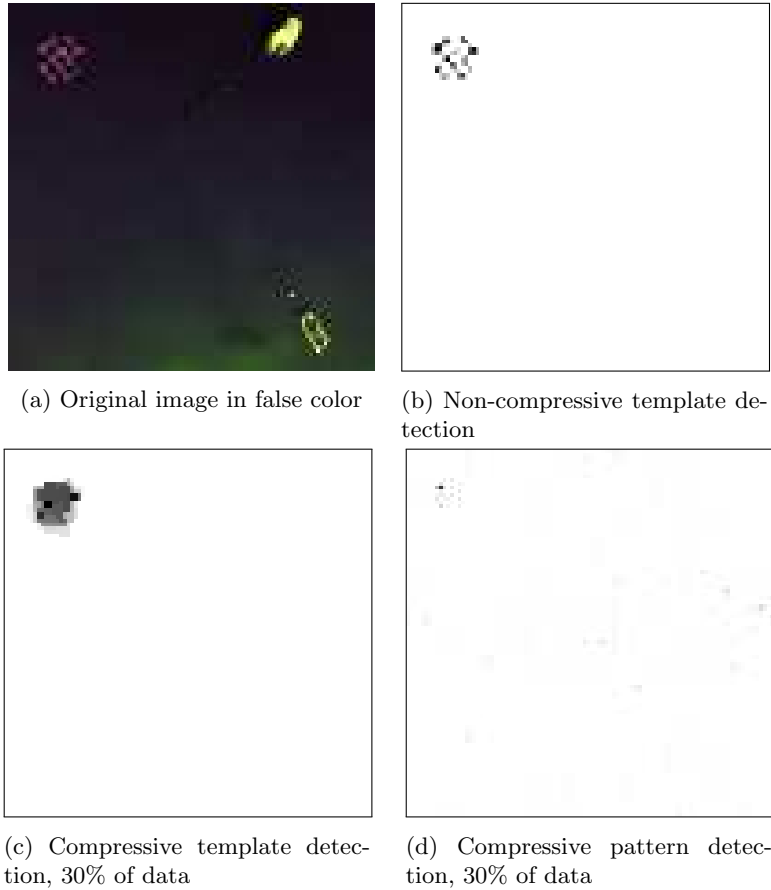


Figure 15: Pattern detection on multispectral image

and

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} m_i = |E|. \quad (50)$$

We also remark that for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j \in \{i, i-1, \dots, i-a+1\}$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} m_j = 0 & \text{if } n_i = 0, \\ n_i \geq m_j + b - 1 & \text{if } n_i \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

If we set

$$(\phi_a(u))_i := \max_{k \in \{i, i-1, \dots, i-a+1\}} u_k, \quad (51)$$

we can write

$$\begin{cases} (\phi_a(m))_i = 0 & \text{if } n_i = 0, \\ n_i \geq (\phi_a(m))_i + b - 1 & \text{if } n_i \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Summing  $n_i$  for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

$$|E + P| \geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(m))_i + \sum_{\substack{i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ n_i \neq 0}} b - 1 \quad (52)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(m))_i + (|m| + a - 1)(b - 1). \quad (53)$$

If we take the lower bound on the left side of the inequality for all possible measurement patterns  $E$  such that  $|E| = A$ , we have

$$|E + P| \geq \inf_{h \geq 1} \left[ \inf_{|m|=h} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(m))_i + (h + a - 1)(b - 1) \right]. \quad (54)$$

Using lemma .1 and plugging it back in (54) we have

$$|E + P| \geq A + (a - 1)(b - 1) + \inf_{h \geq 1} (a - 1) \left\lceil \frac{A}{h} \right\rceil + (b - 1)h. \quad (55)$$

□

**Lemma .1.** *Let  $a$  be a non-negative integer,  $u$  a non-negative integer valued sequence indexed by  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} u_i = A \geq h$  and  $\phi$  defined by (51). We have*

$$\inf_{|u|=h} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u))_i = A + (a - 1) \left\lceil \frac{A}{h} \right\rceil, \quad (56)$$

and a minimizing sequence is

$$v_i = \begin{cases} q + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq i < r, \\ q & \text{if } r \leq i < h, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $q$  and  $r$  are respectively the quotient and the remainder in the Euclidean division of  $A$  by  $h$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to show that  $v$  obeys

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} v_i = A \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(v))_i = A + (a - 1) \left\lceil \frac{A}{h} \right\rceil.$$

Then, it suffices to show that,

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u))_i \geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(v))_i,$$

for all  $u$  such that  $|u| = h$  and  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} u_i = A \geq h$ . Without loss of generality we can suppose that the support of  $u$  is a contiguous subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  and that this subset is  $\llbracket 0, h - 1 \rrbracket$ . We then divide our problem into two cases:

- If for all  $i, j \in \llbracket 0, h-1 \rrbracket$ ,  $|u_i - u_j| \leq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u))_i \geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(v))_i. \quad (57)$$

- If not, let  $i_0 \in \llbracket 0, h-1 \rrbracket$  be an index such that  $u_{i_0} \geq 2 + u_i$  for all  $i \neq i_0$ . We choose another index  $j_0$  distinct from  $i_0$  and we construct a new sequence  $u'$  corresponding to the measurement pattern  $E'$  as follows

$$u'_i = \begin{cases} u_i - 1 & \text{if } i = i_0, \\ u_i + 1 & \text{if } i = j_0, \\ u_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (58)$$

We remark that

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u))_i \geq \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u'))_i.$$

By induction on  $u_{i_0}$  we are reduced to the first case.

Thus, for all  $u$  such that  $|u| = h$ , we have

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (\phi_a(u))_i \geq A + (a-1) \left\lceil \frac{A}{h} \right\rceil,$$

which concludes the proof.  $\square$

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