

# Volume Regularized Non-negative Matrix Factorizations

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## Volume regularized NMF

Given  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n}$ , find  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times r}$  and  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times r}$  by solving

$$[\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}] = \underset{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}^\top\| + \lambda g(\mathbf{W}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{W} \geq 0, \mathbf{H} \geq 0, \mathbf{H}\mathbf{1}_r = \mathbf{1}_r.$$

Here  $g(\mathbf{W})$  are regularizers on the vol. of the cvx hull spanned by the columns of  $\mathbf{W}$

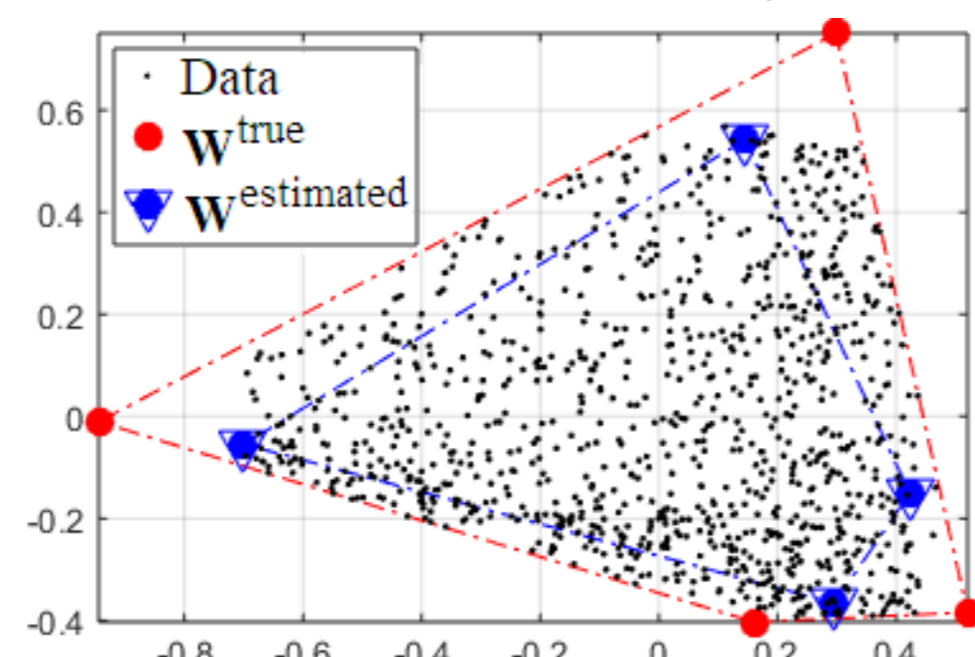
$$g_{\det}(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{1}{2} \det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W}), \quad g_{\log\det}(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{1}{2} \log \det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r).$$

We propose a new algorithm based on an eigenvalue upper bound of the logdet function.

Geometric interpretation :

$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{1}_r = \mathbf{1}_r$  means  $\mathbf{H}$  row-stochastic, so the convex hull of the columns of  $\mathbf{W}$  should approximate the columns of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

We assume no pure data point.



## Volume regularizers and algorithms

We use coordinate descent algorithms.

Update  $\mathbf{H}$  by fast projected gradient method (FGM).

Update  $\mathbf{W}$  based on the structure of  $g$ , using projected gradient descent method :

For the **Det regularizer**  $\det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W})$ ,

we optimize the column  $\mathbf{w}_i$  of  $\mathbf{W}$  sequentially [2]. We have

$$\det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W}) = \gamma_i \mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{w}_i,$$

where  $\gamma_i = \det(\mathbf{W}_{\neq i}^\top \mathbf{W}_{\neq i})$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_i = \mathbf{I}_m - \mathbf{W}_{\neq i}(\mathbf{W}_{\neq i}^\top \mathbf{W}_{\neq i})^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{\neq i}^\top$ .

Weighting  $\mathbf{B}_i$  is proj. onto orthogonal complement of column space of  $\mathbf{W}_{\neq i}$ .

Interpretation :  $\det =$  reweighted  $l_2$  norm regularization on columns.

For the **logdet regularizer**  $\log \det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r)$ ,

we tackle using upper bounds :

• **Taylor upper bound**  $\log \det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r) \leq \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{D}\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W}) + c$ , which is the first-order Taylor approximation around matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$  where  $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r)^{-1}$ .

The weighting  $\mathbf{D}$  is a dense matrix connecting columns of  $\mathbf{W}$ .

It is a tight bound, with theoretical convergence guarantee.

We use projected gradient for updating  $\mathbf{W}$ .

• **Eigen upper bound**  $\log \det(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r) \leq \nu \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W}) + c = \nu \sum_i \|\mathbf{w}_i\|_2^2 + c$ , where weighting  $\nu = (\nu_{\min}(\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y} + \delta \mathbf{I}_r))^{-1}$  is a scalar.

It is an eigen-approximation of Taylor bound.

It is a loose bound, no theoretical convergence guarantee, but decomposable structure.

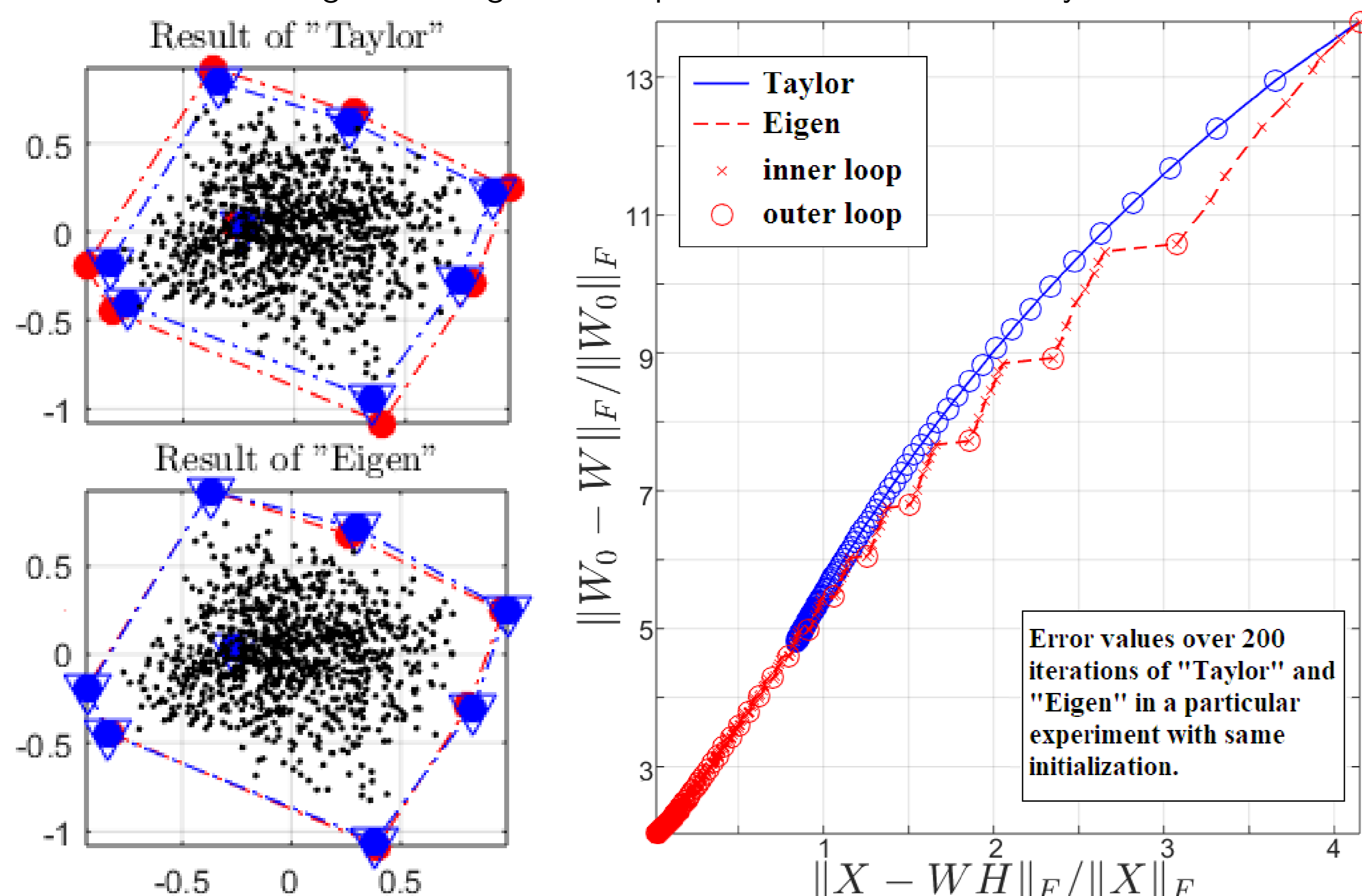
We use column-wise update for updating  $\mathbf{W}$  : same as det.

## Experiments and results

Synthetic experiment - given  $(m, n, r)$  :

- Generate ground truth  $\mathbf{W}_{ij} \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 1]$  for all  $(i, j)$
- Generate  $\mathbf{H} \sim \text{Dirichlete}(1, 1, 1)$  such that  $\mathbf{H}$  is row-stochastic
- Observed data  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{N}$  is white Gaussian noise
- Data points with corresponding  $\mathbf{H}_{ij} > \theta$  are removed,  $\theta \in [0, 1]$  is purity index
- Initialize  $\mathbf{W}^{\text{ini}}, \mathbf{H}^{\text{ini}}$  by SNPA,  $\lambda = 5 \frac{f(\mathbf{W}^{\text{ini}}, \mathbf{H}^{\text{ini}})}{|g(\mathbf{W}^{\text{ini}})|}$ , 200 iterations

Result 1. The new algorithm "Eigen" is competitive with the standard Taylor bound.



Result 2. logdet regularizers work better than det regularizer.

Table. Relative percentage error (mean±std) over 100 trials on fitting  $\mathbf{X}$  (first column) and  $\mathbf{W}$  (second column).

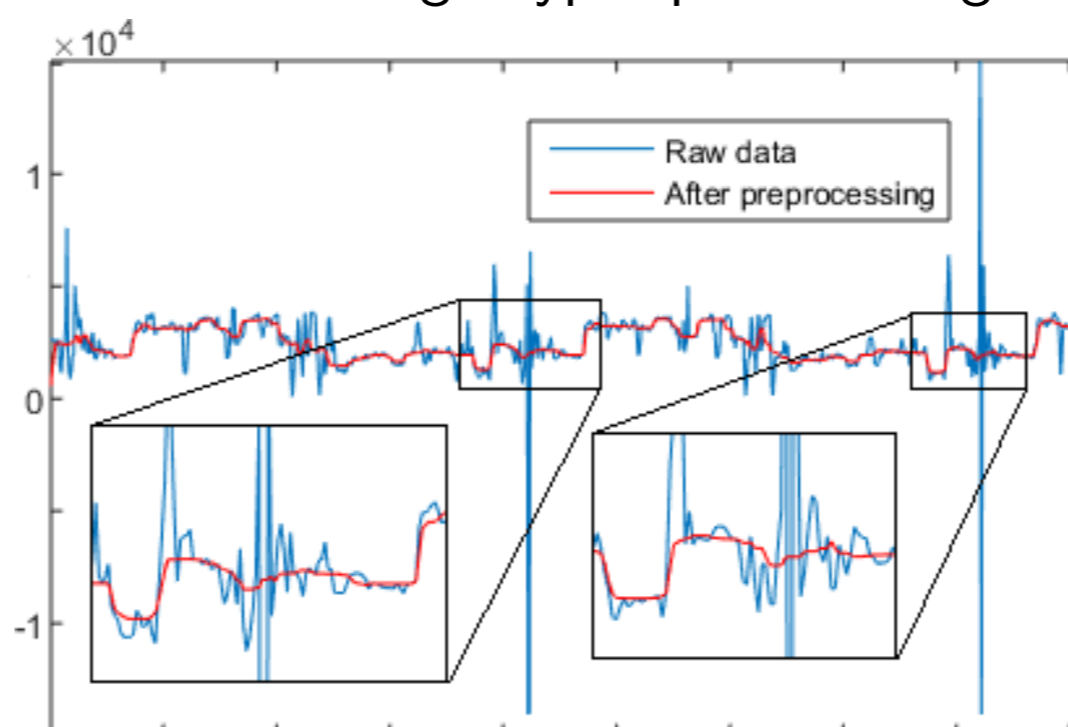
$\theta = 0.9$ , no noise			$\theta = 0.9$ , 10% noise		
Det	2.49 ± 0.51	9.79 ± 1.49	Det	27.18 ± 0.45	36.64 ± 3.45
Taylor	0.46 ± 0.12	3.29 ± 0.64	Taylor	27.76 ± 0.33	<b>25.43 ± 2.37</b>
Eigen	<b>0.01 ± 0.00</b>	<b>1.19 ± 0.40</b>	Eigen	<b>23.64 ± 0.14</b>	33.21 ± 5.25
$\theta = 0.7$ , no noise			$\theta = 0.7$ , 10% noise		
Det	3.36 ± 0.62	11.74 ± 2.05	Det	27.17 ± 0.42	39.03 ± 3.51
Taylor	1.76 ± 0.34	8.63 ± 1.13	Taylor	28.00 ± 0.34	<b>27.97 ± 2.10</b>
Eigen	<b>0.02 ± 0.01</b>	<b>2.80 ± 1.50</b>	Eigen	<b>23.58 ± 0.14</b>	37.43 ± 4.10

## San Diego airport hyperspectral image

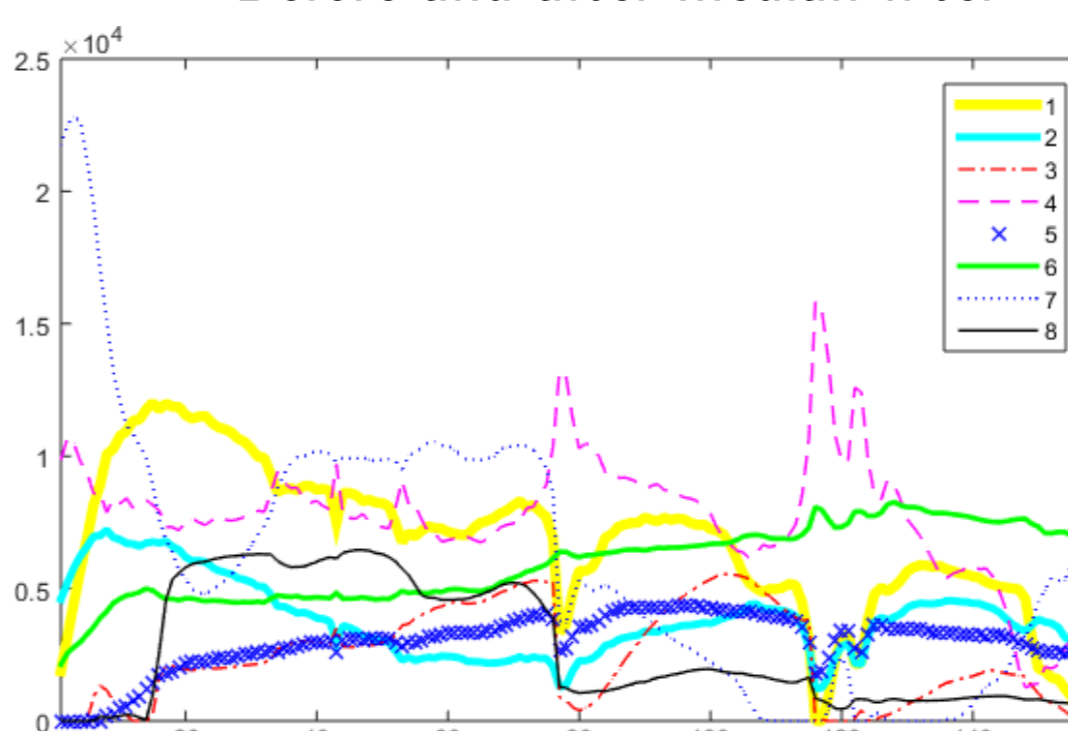
- "Eigen" with  $r = 8$  (other parameters same as the synthetic cases).
- Preprocessing : replace negative values to 0, remove spikes by length-20 median filter.



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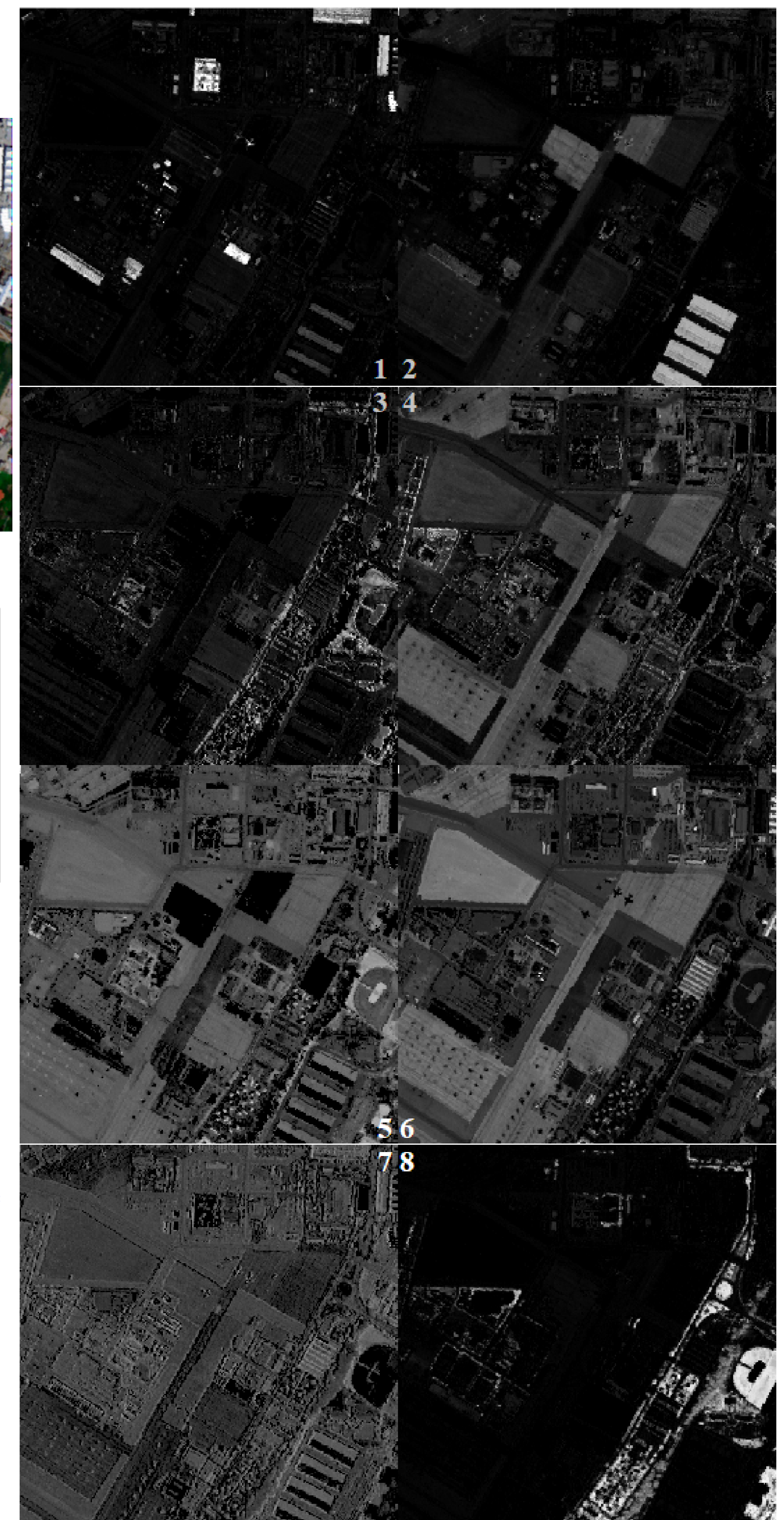


Before and after median filter



$\mathbf{W}$ , the spectra extracted

- components 1, 2 : roof tops
- components 3, 8 : trees, grass
- others : different road surfaces



## Conclusion

- logdet regularizers perform better than the det regularizer.
- a new algorithm using column-wise update of columns of  $\mathbf{W}$  called "Eigen" for logdet regularizer.
- "Eigen" has a better numerical performance than the matrix-wise update algorithm "Taylor".
- "Eigen" can decompose the San Diego airport image into meaningful components.

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