# Robust Sparse Analysis Recovery

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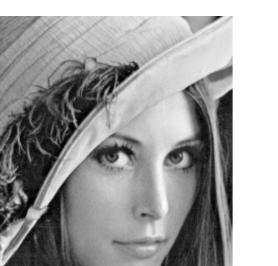


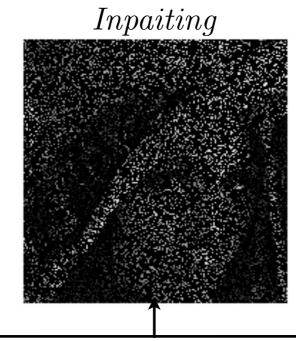




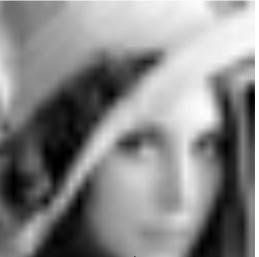
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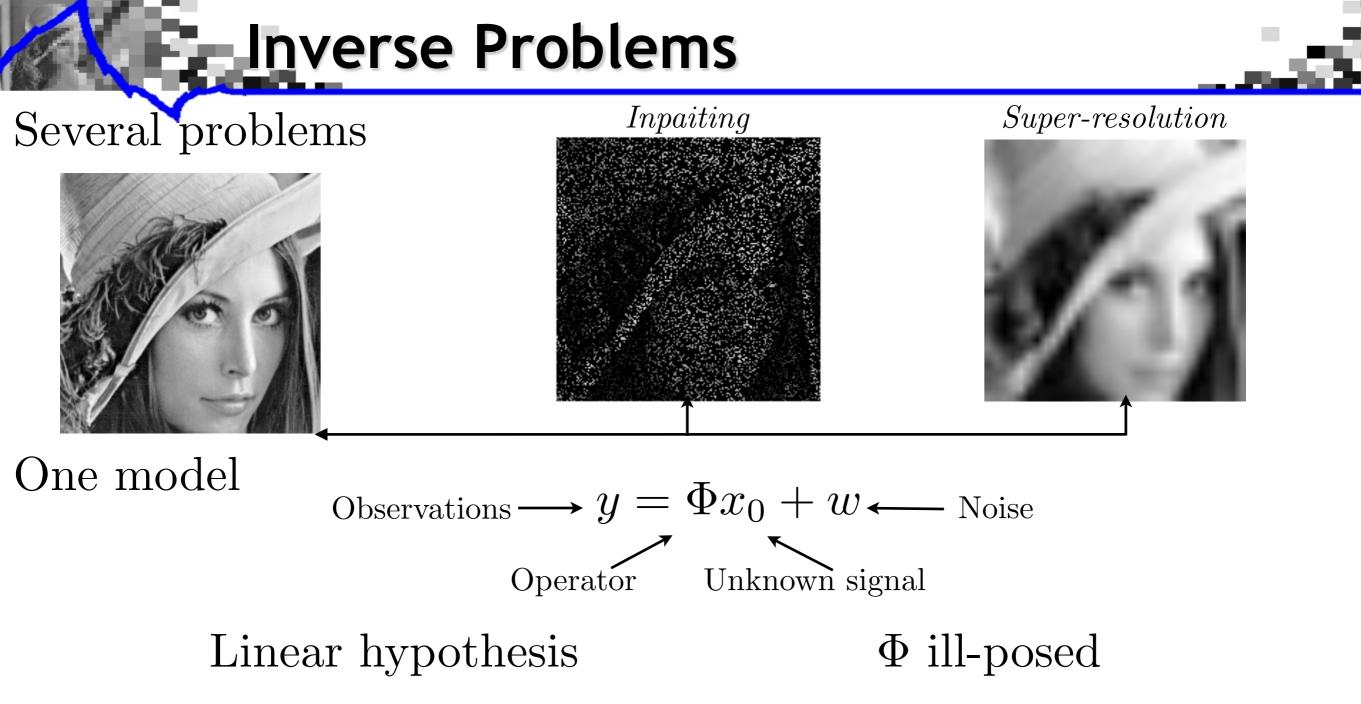
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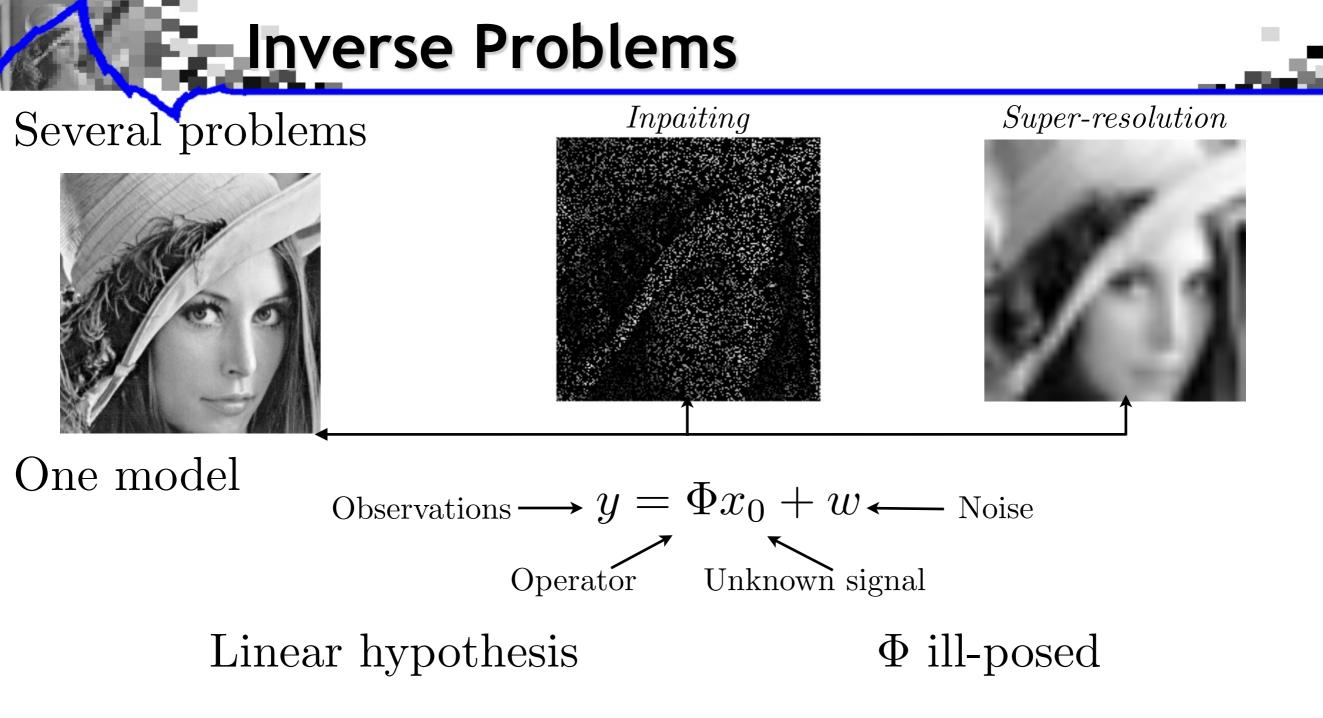




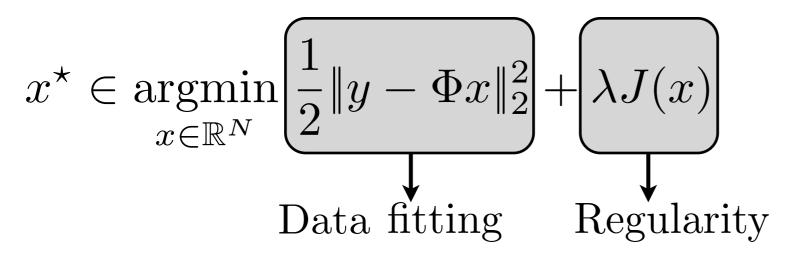
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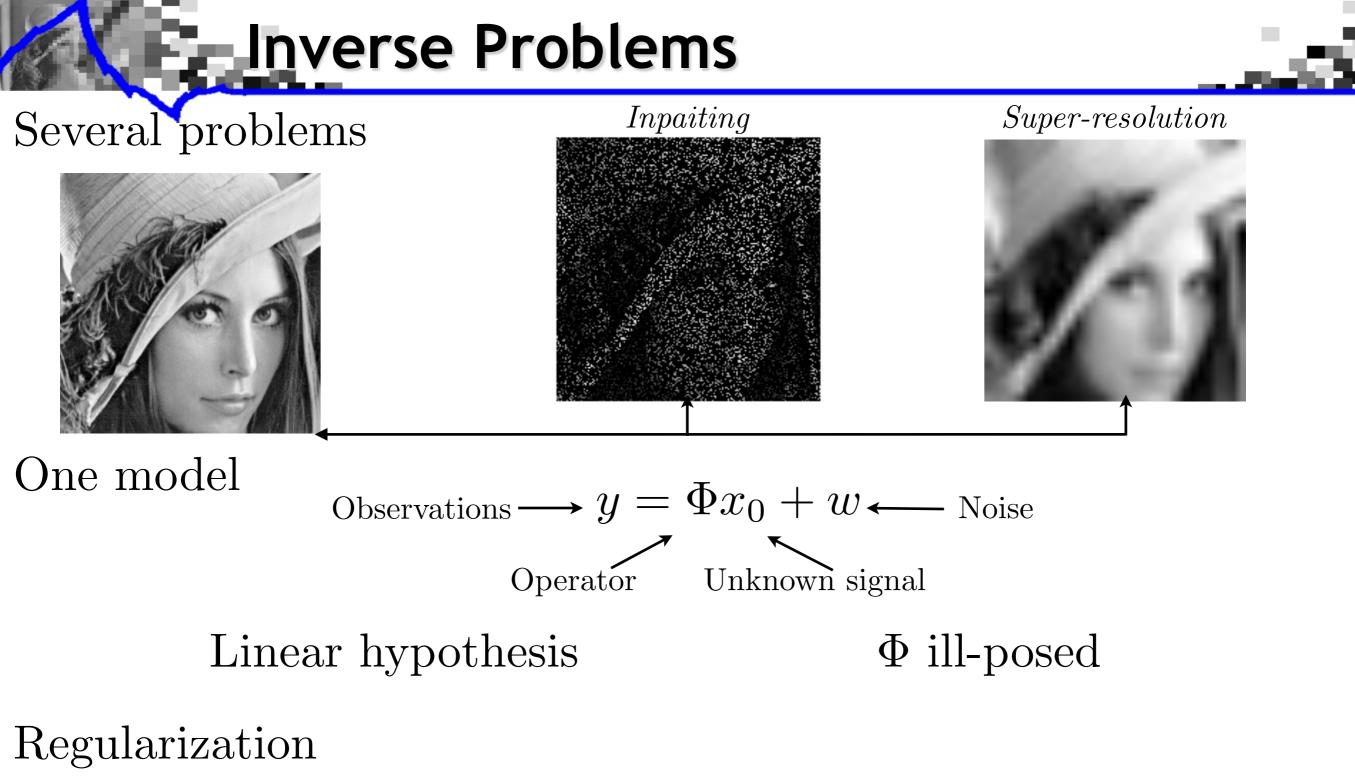






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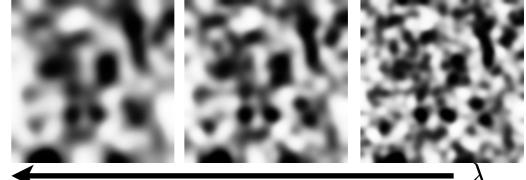
$$x^{\star} \in \underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^{N}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{2} \|y - \Phi x\|_{2}^{2}}_{\operatorname{Data fitting}} + \underbrace{\left[\lambda J(x)\right]}_{\operatorname{Regularity}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Noiseless}}_{\lambda \to 0} x^{\star} \in \underset{\Phi x = y}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(x)$$



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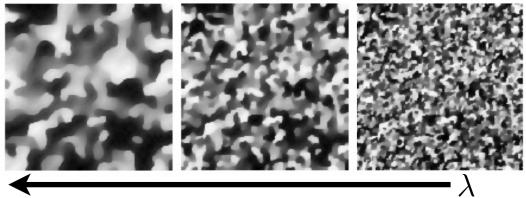


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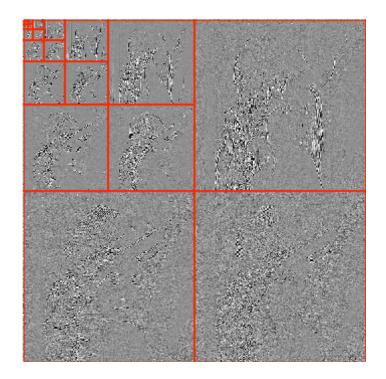
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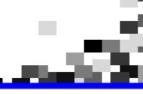


Wavelet sparsity

$$J(x) = |\{i \setminus \langle x, \psi_i \rangle \neq 0\}$$
  
(ideal prior)







• Analysis vs. Synthesis Regularization

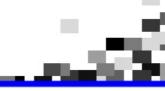
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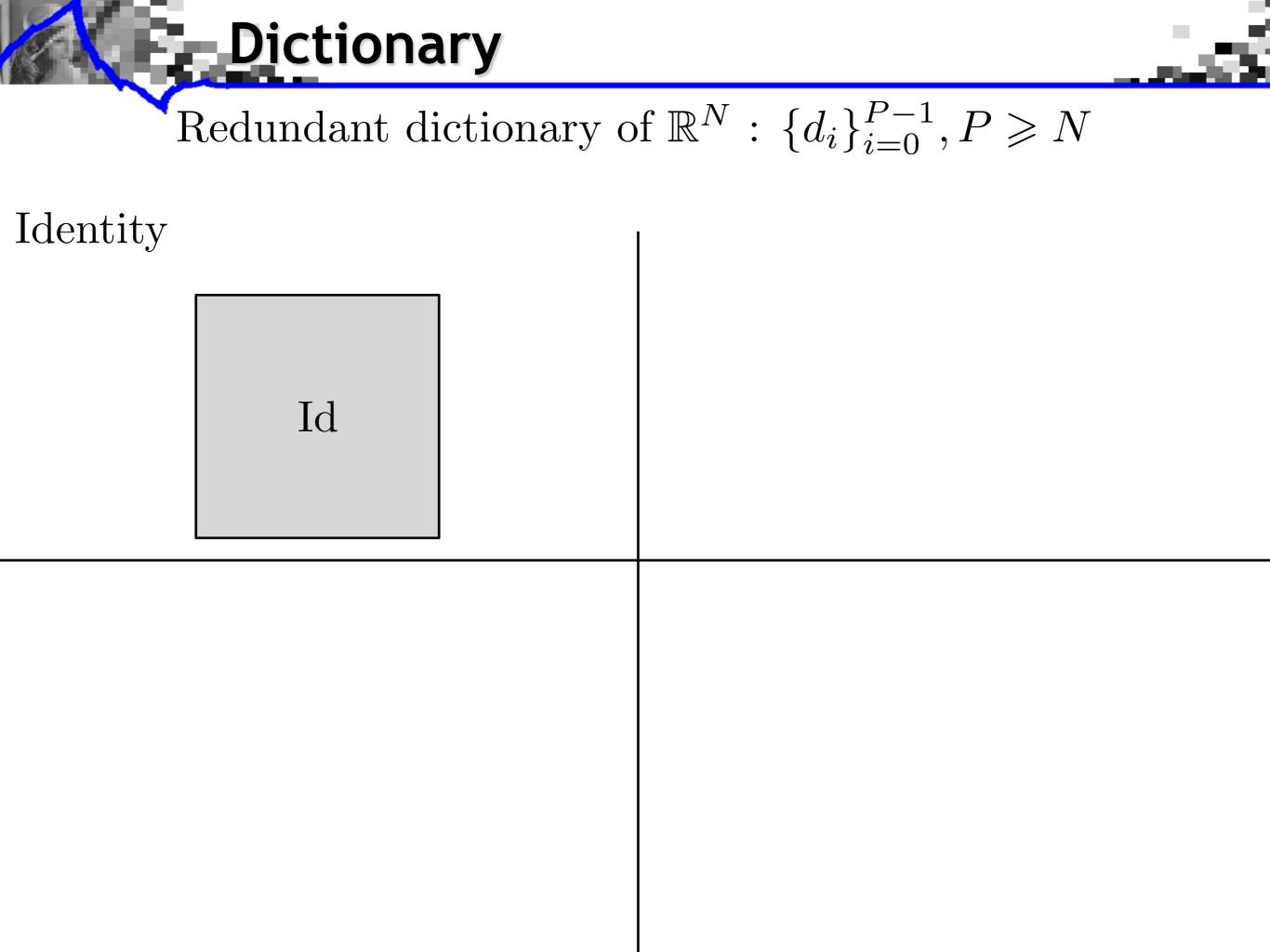
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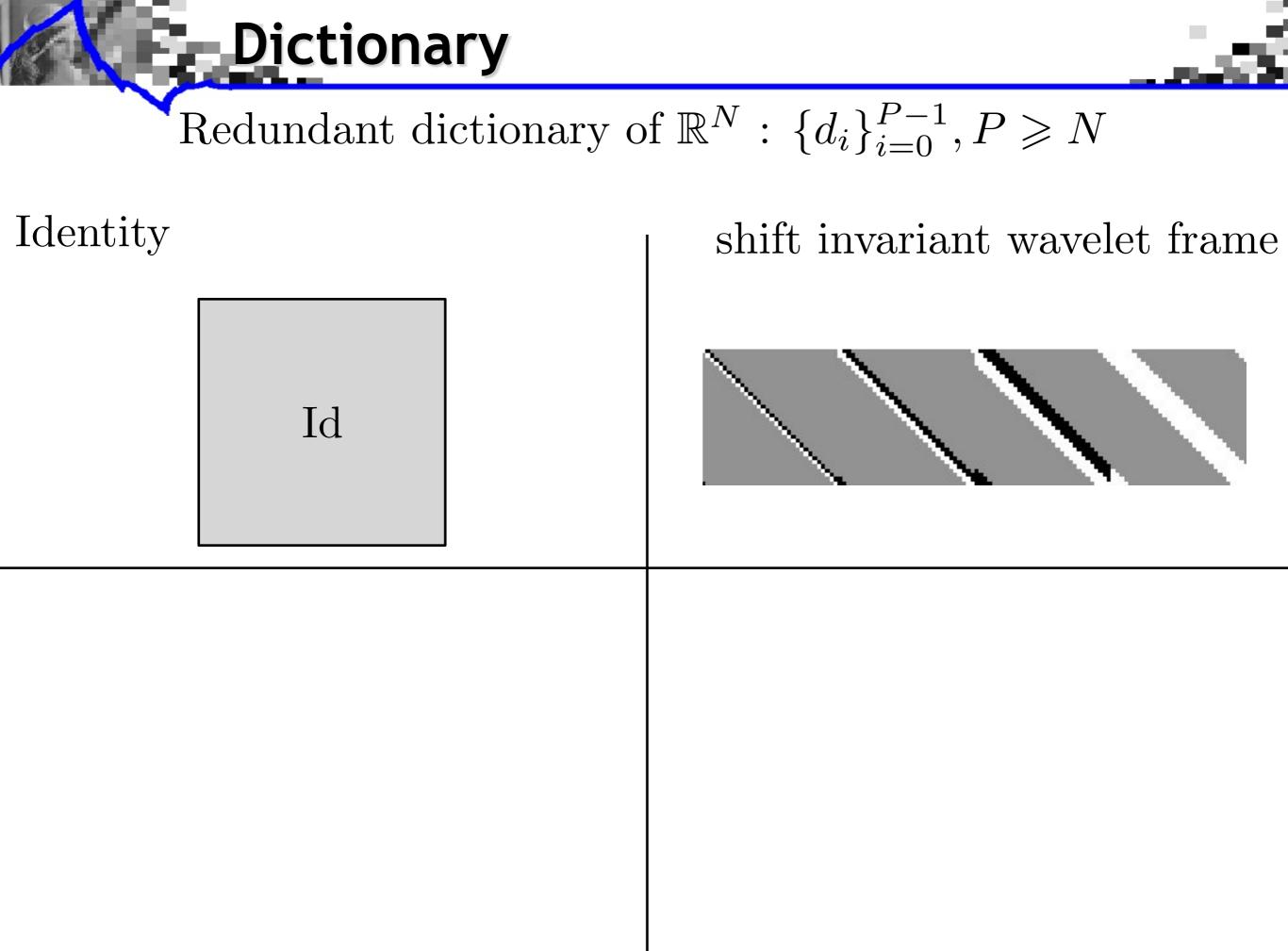
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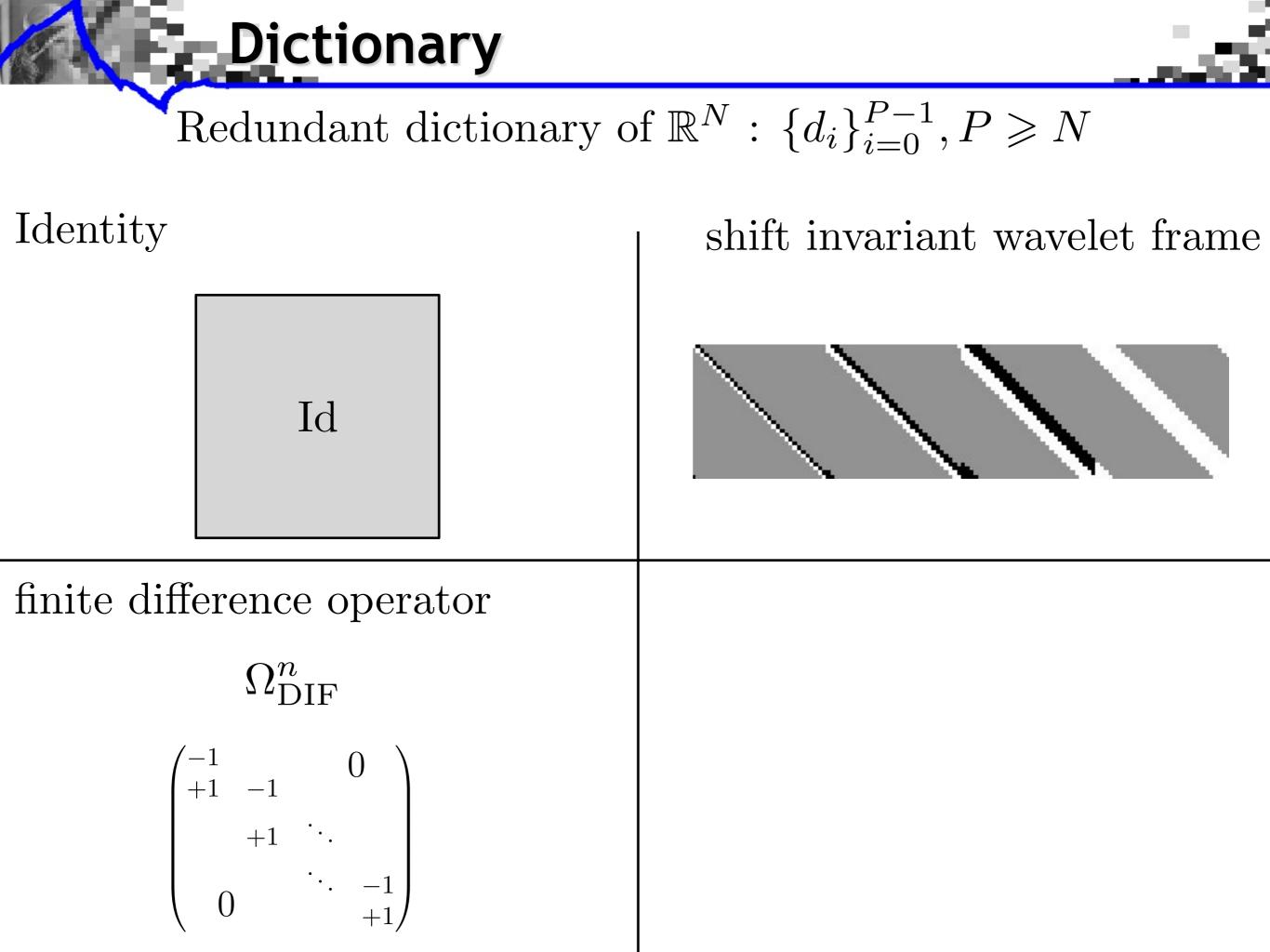
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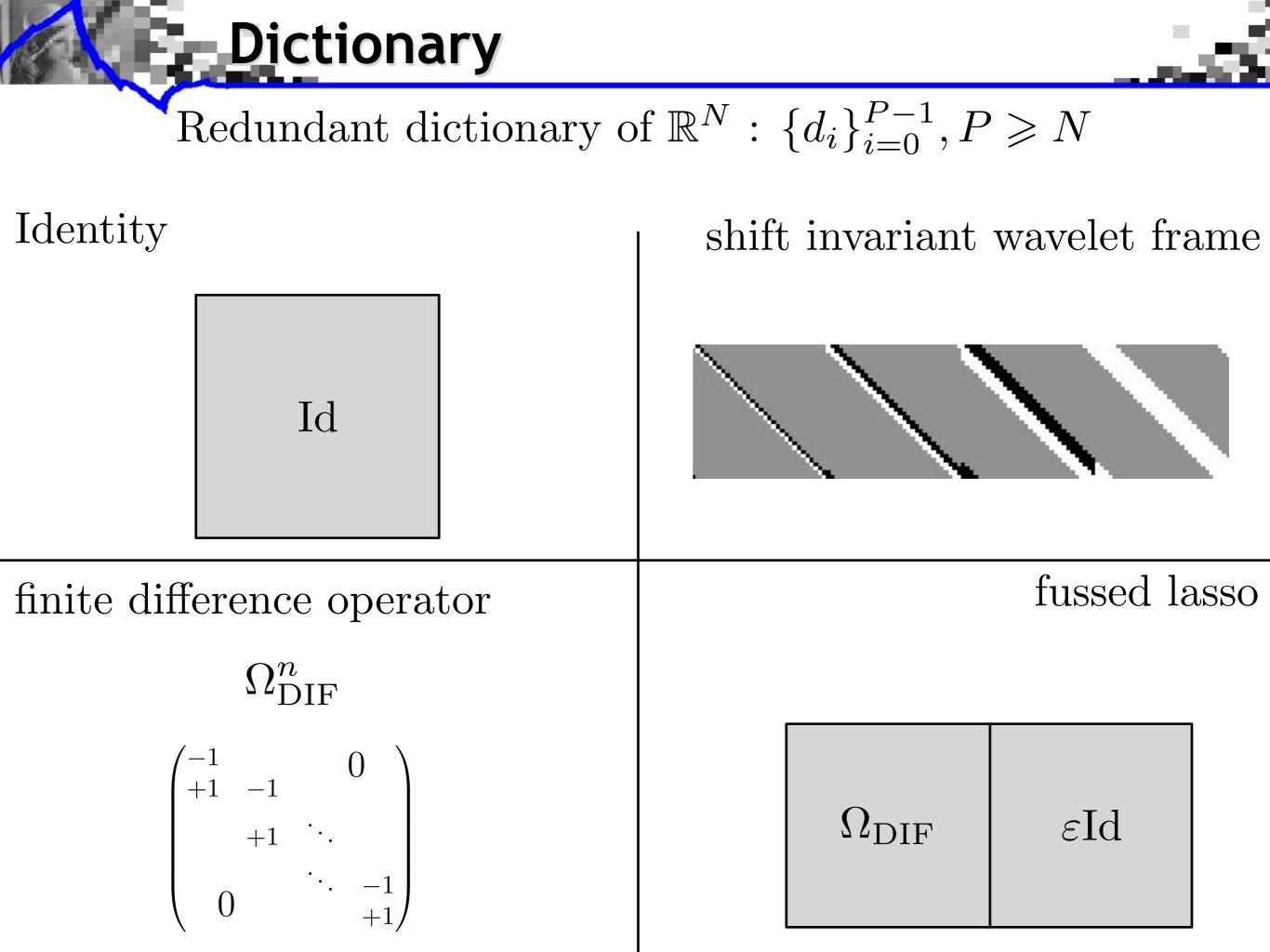


Redundant dictionary of  $\mathbb{R}^N$  :  $\{d_i\}_{i=0}^{P-1}, P \ge N$ 







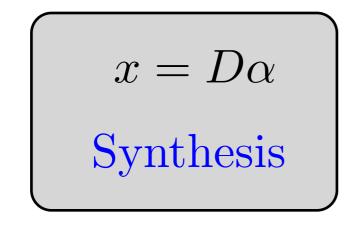




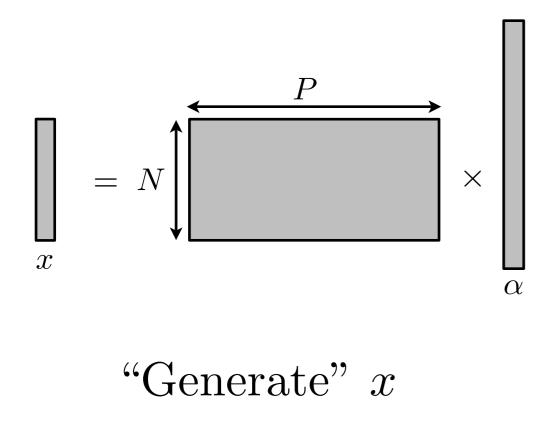
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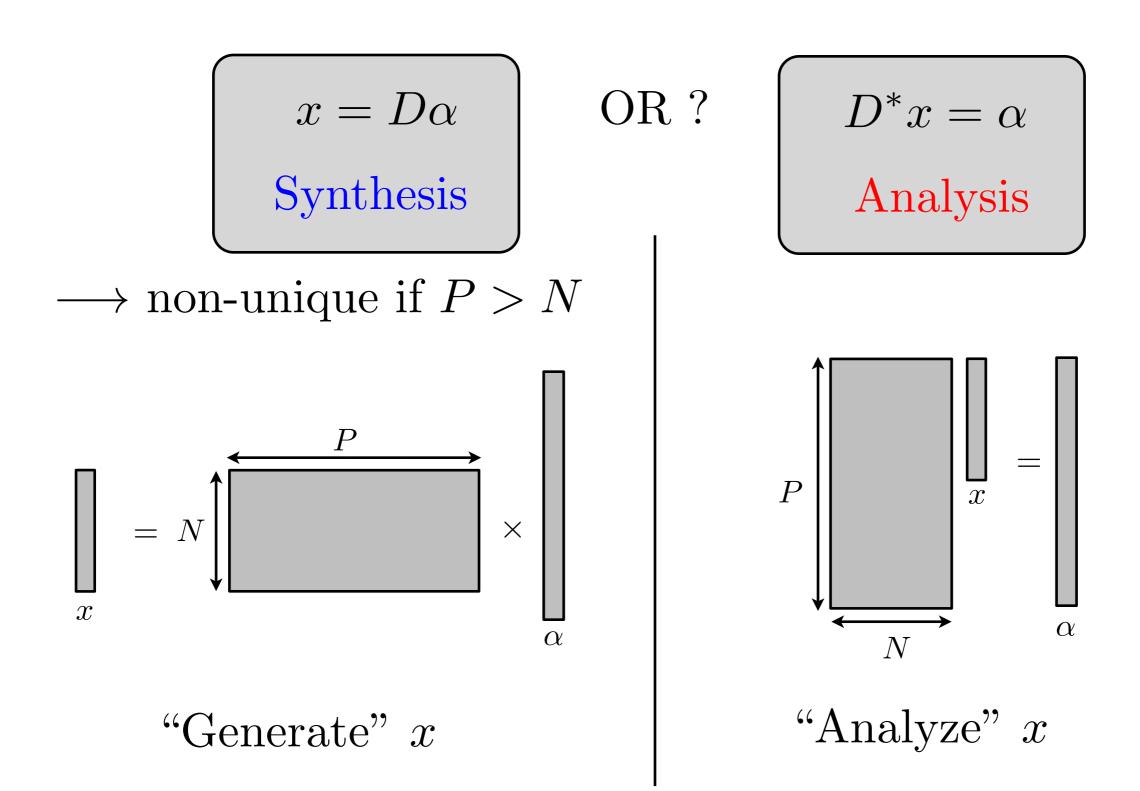


 $\longrightarrow$  non-unique if P > N



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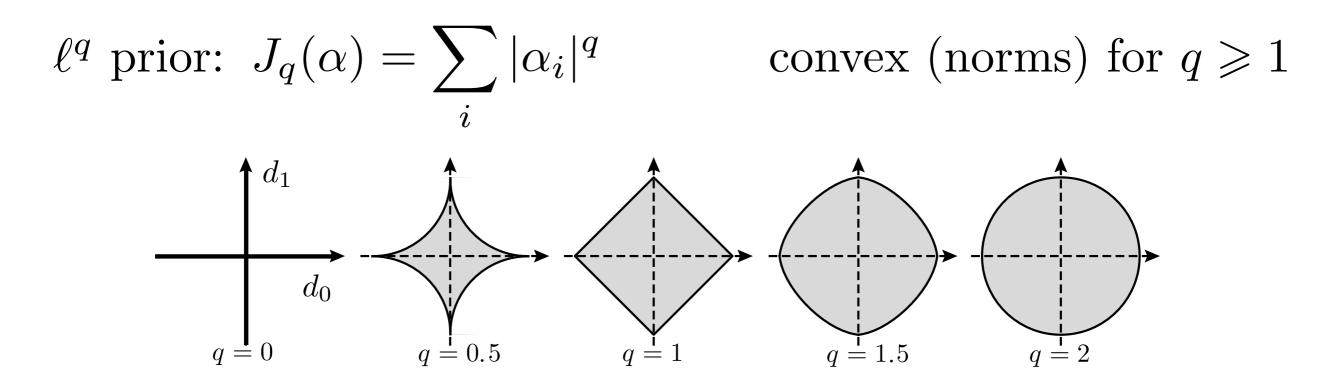
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$$\ell^q$$
 prior:  $J_q(\alpha) = \sum_i |\alpha_i|^q$ 

convex (norms) for  $q \ge 1$ 

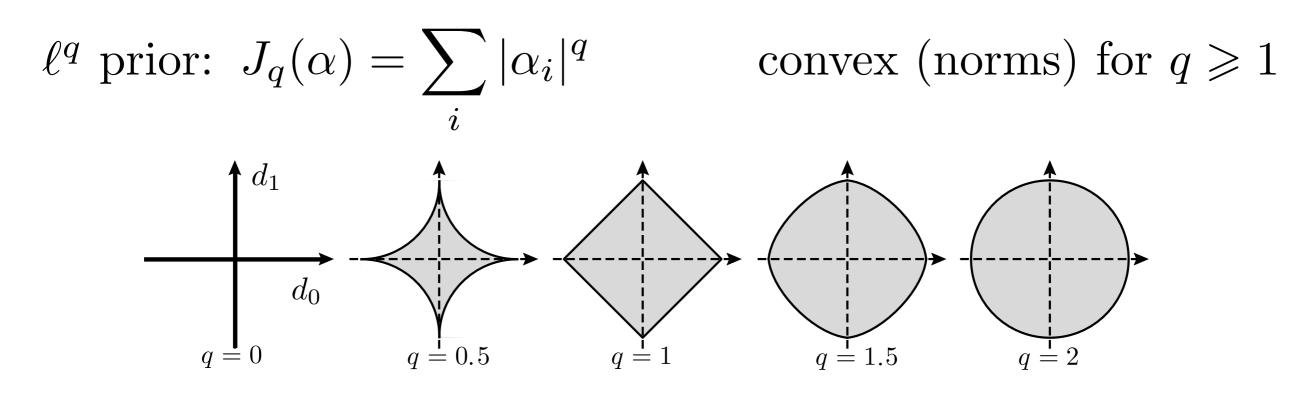
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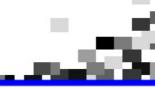


 $\ell^1$  norm: *convexification* of  $\ell^0$  prior

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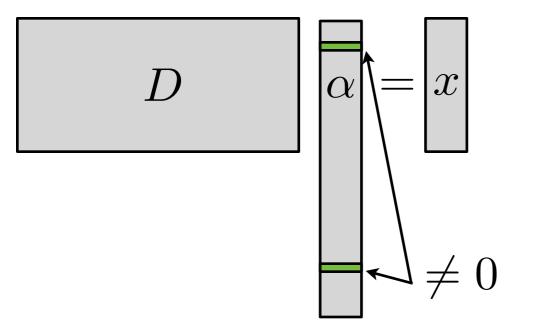
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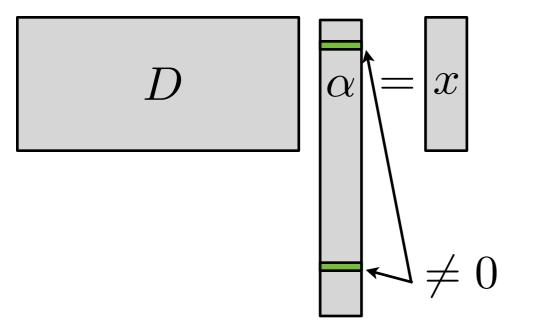
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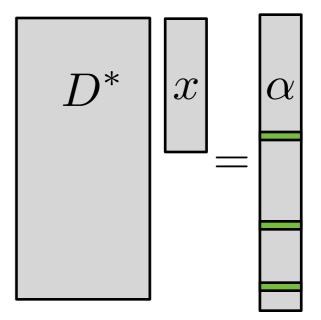
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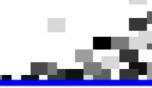
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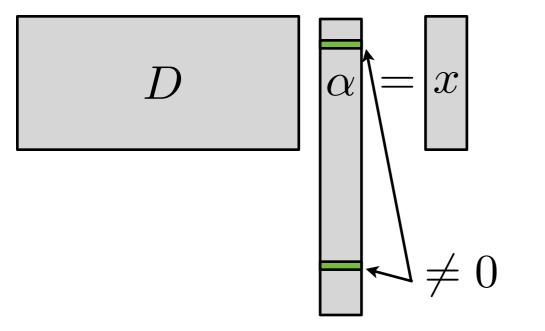




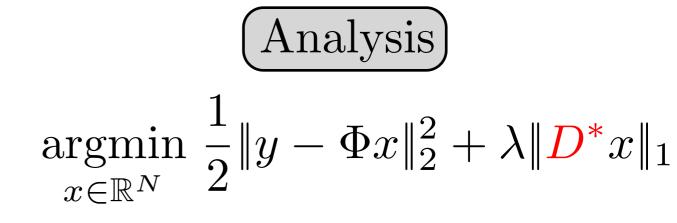
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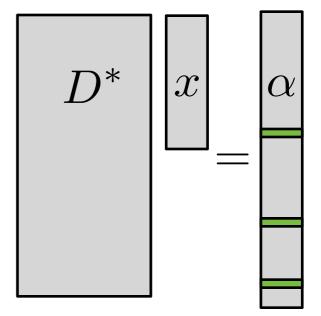
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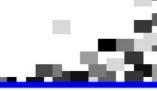


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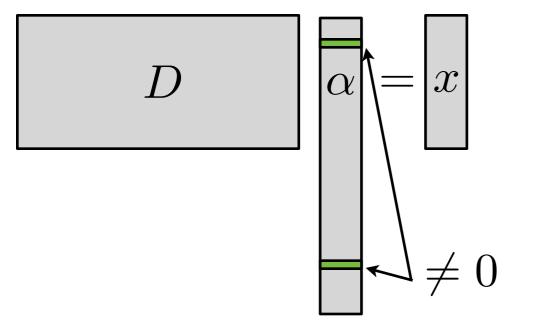




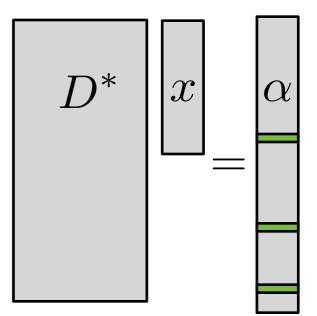
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argmin 
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Correlation of  $x^*$  and D sparse

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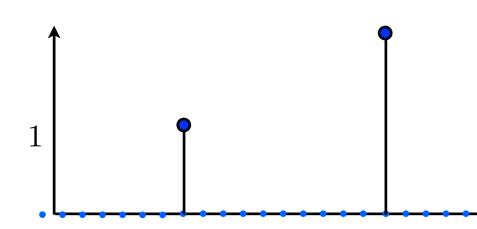
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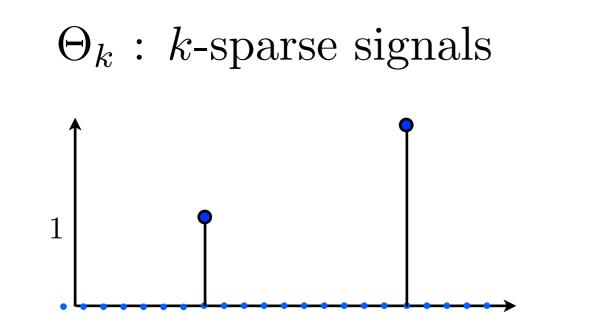
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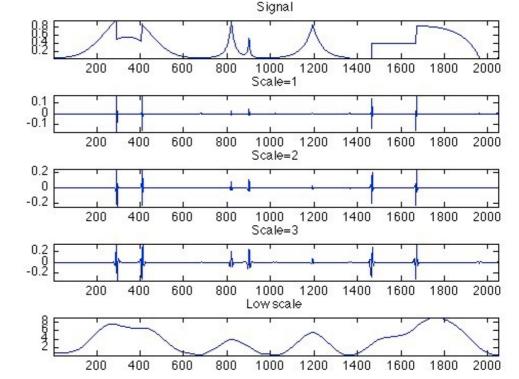


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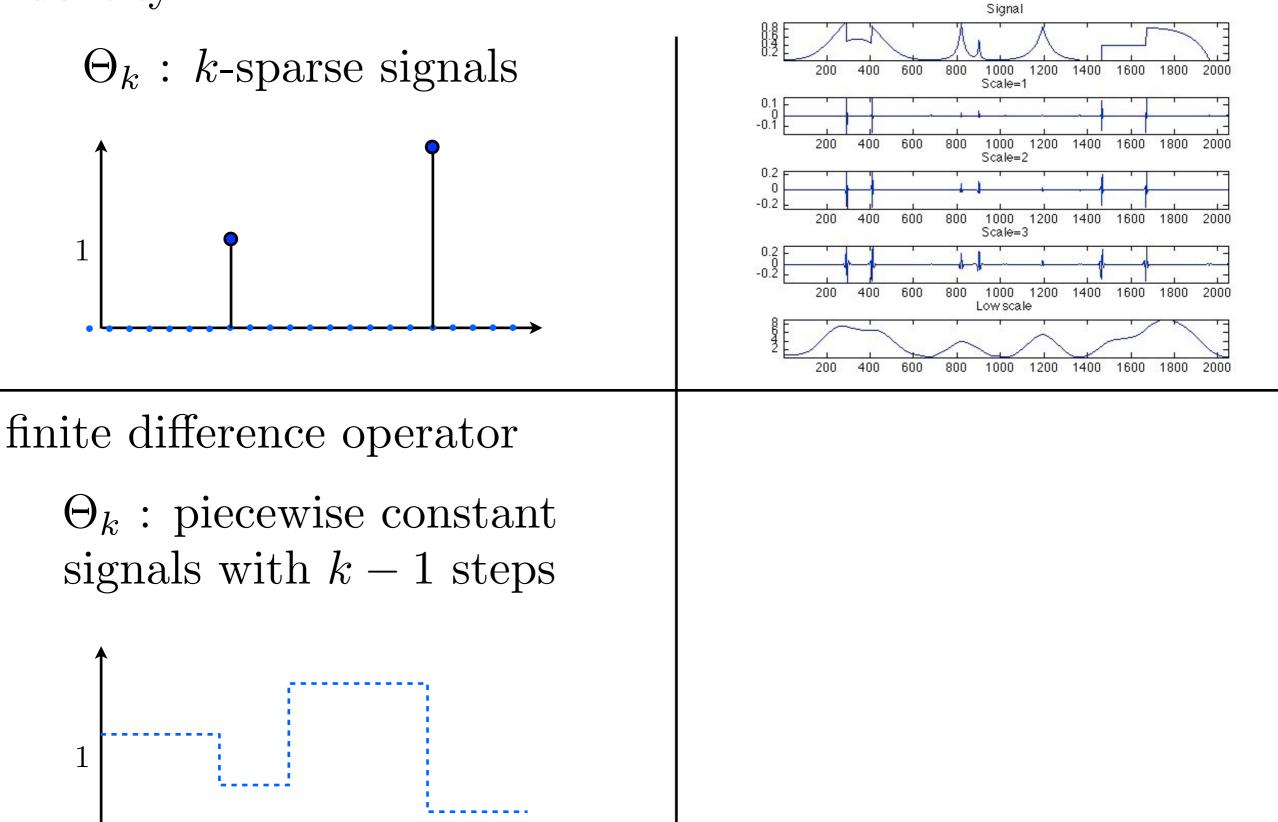
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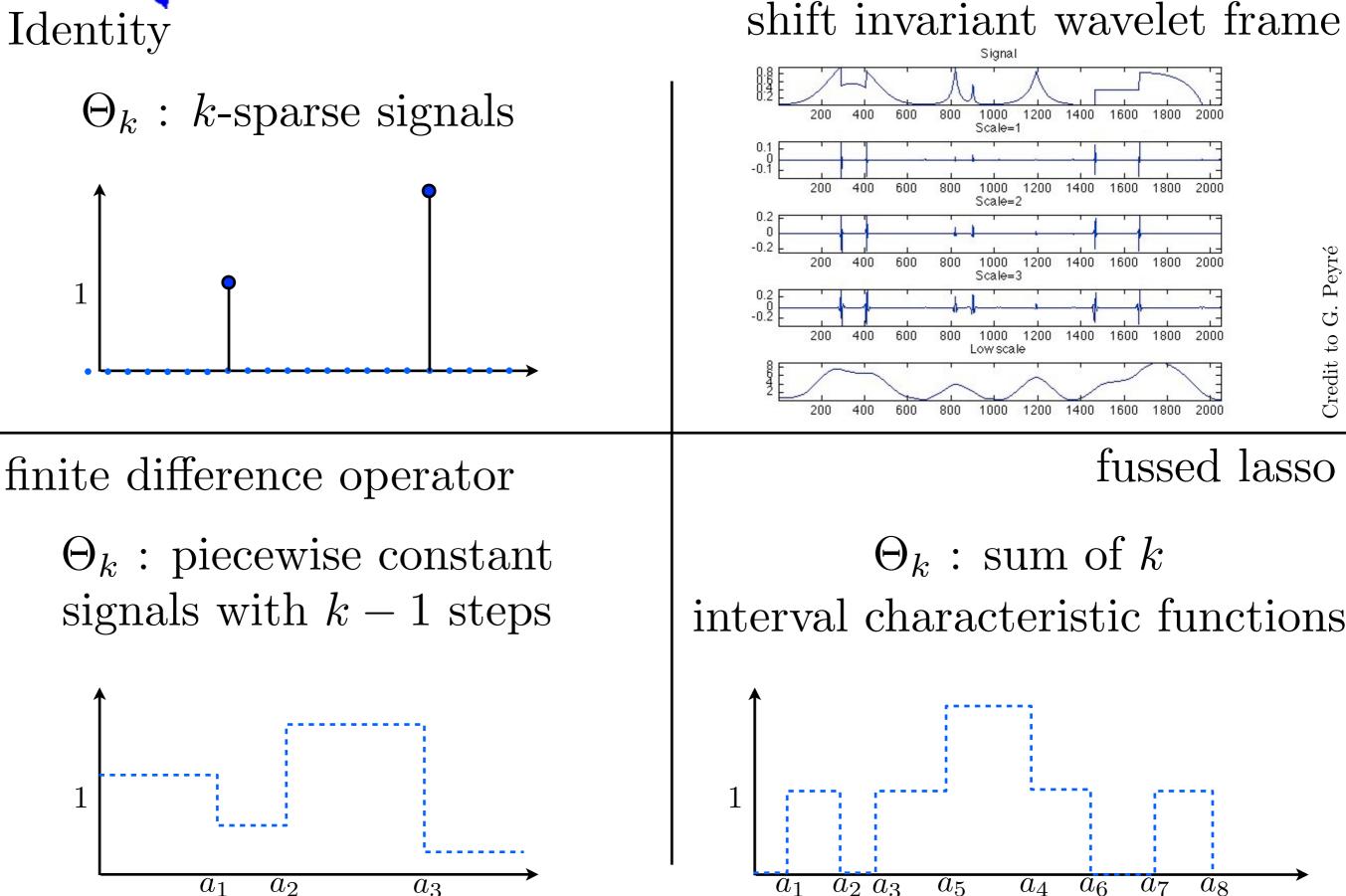


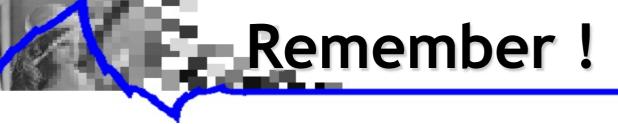
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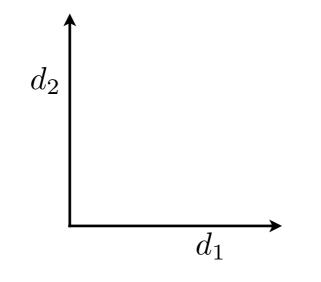
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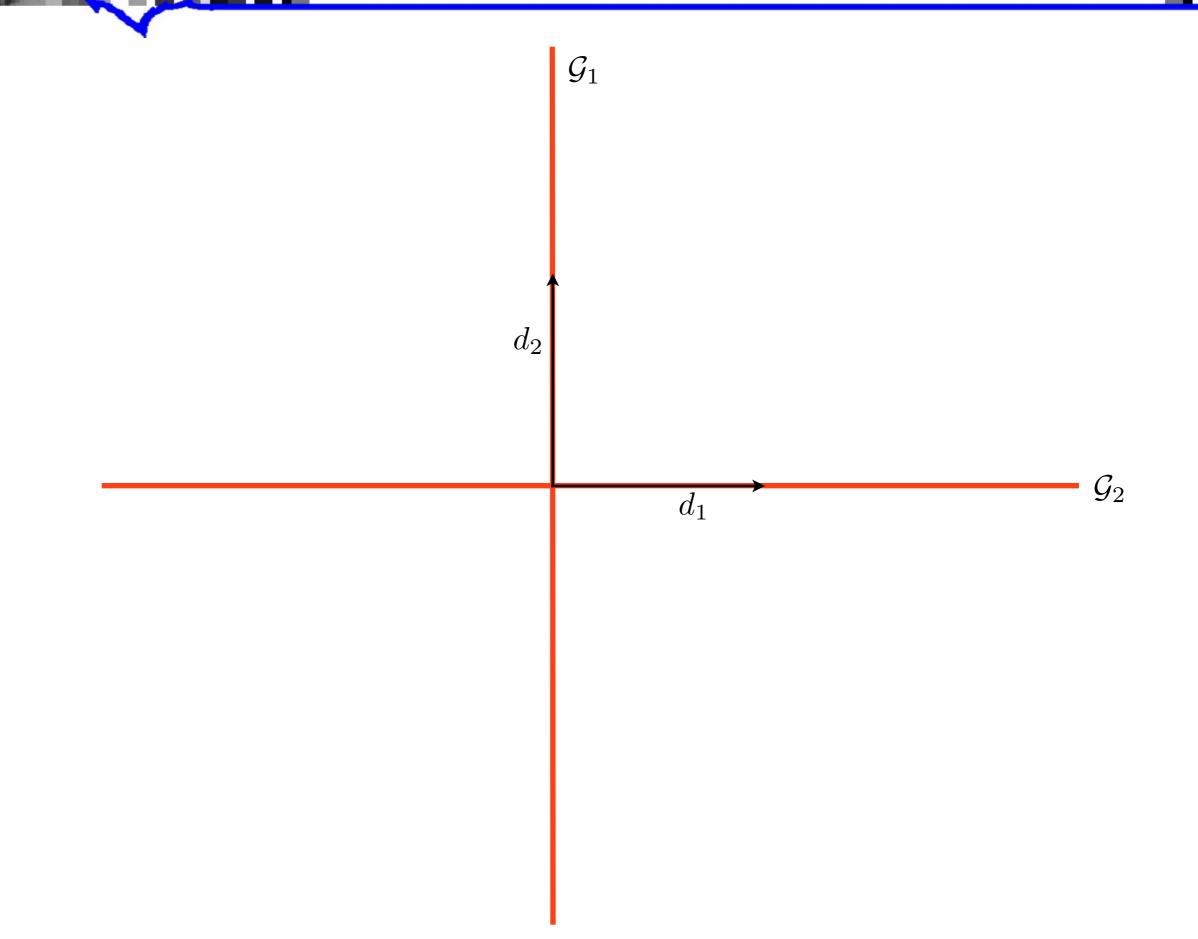
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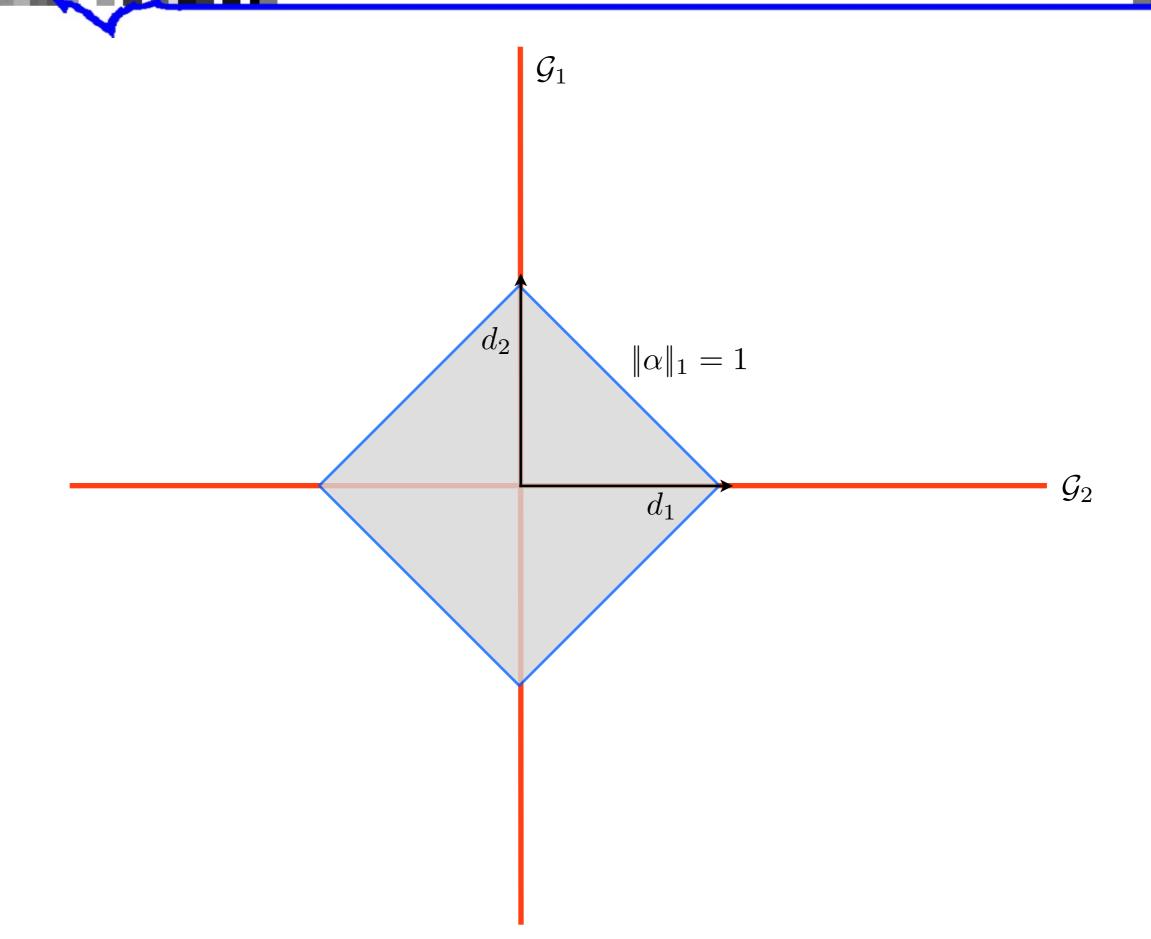
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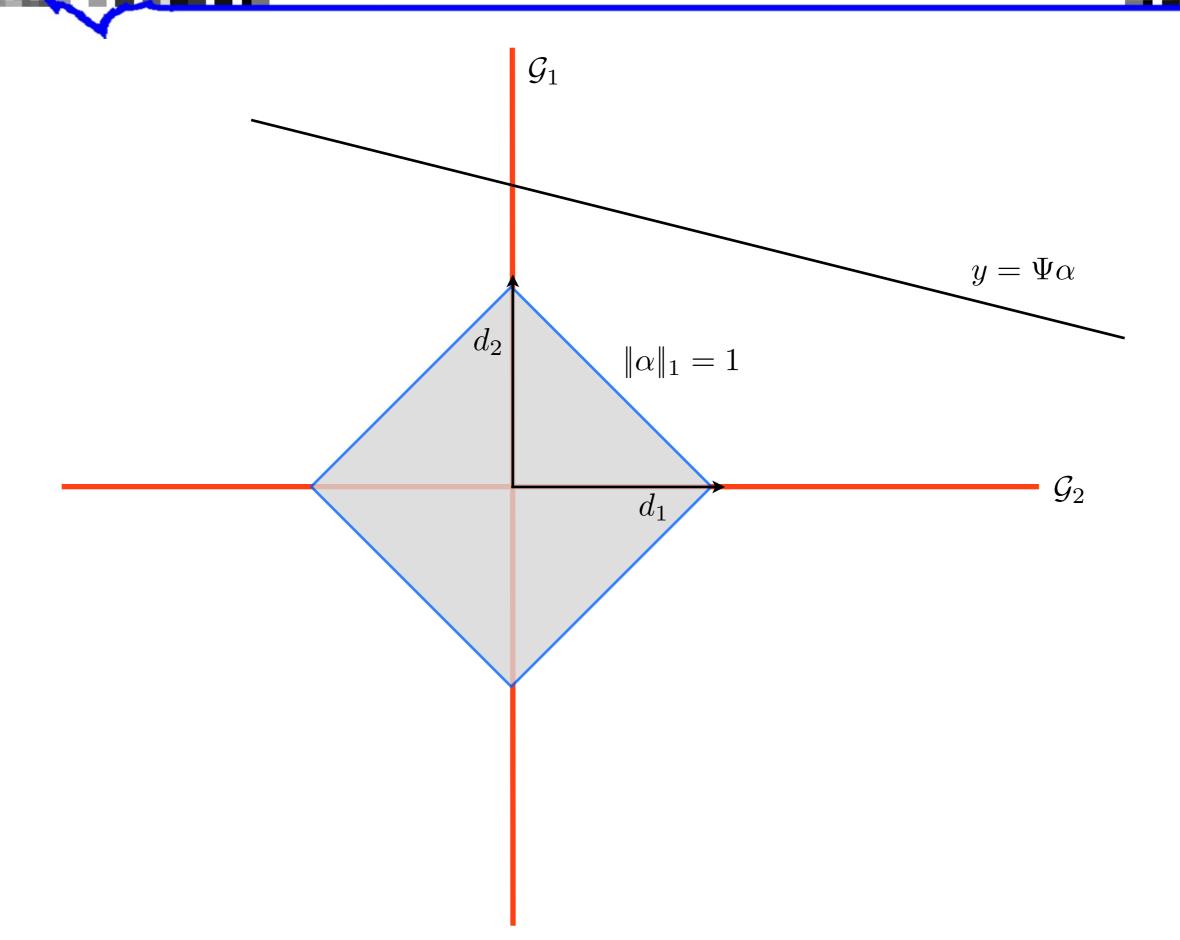
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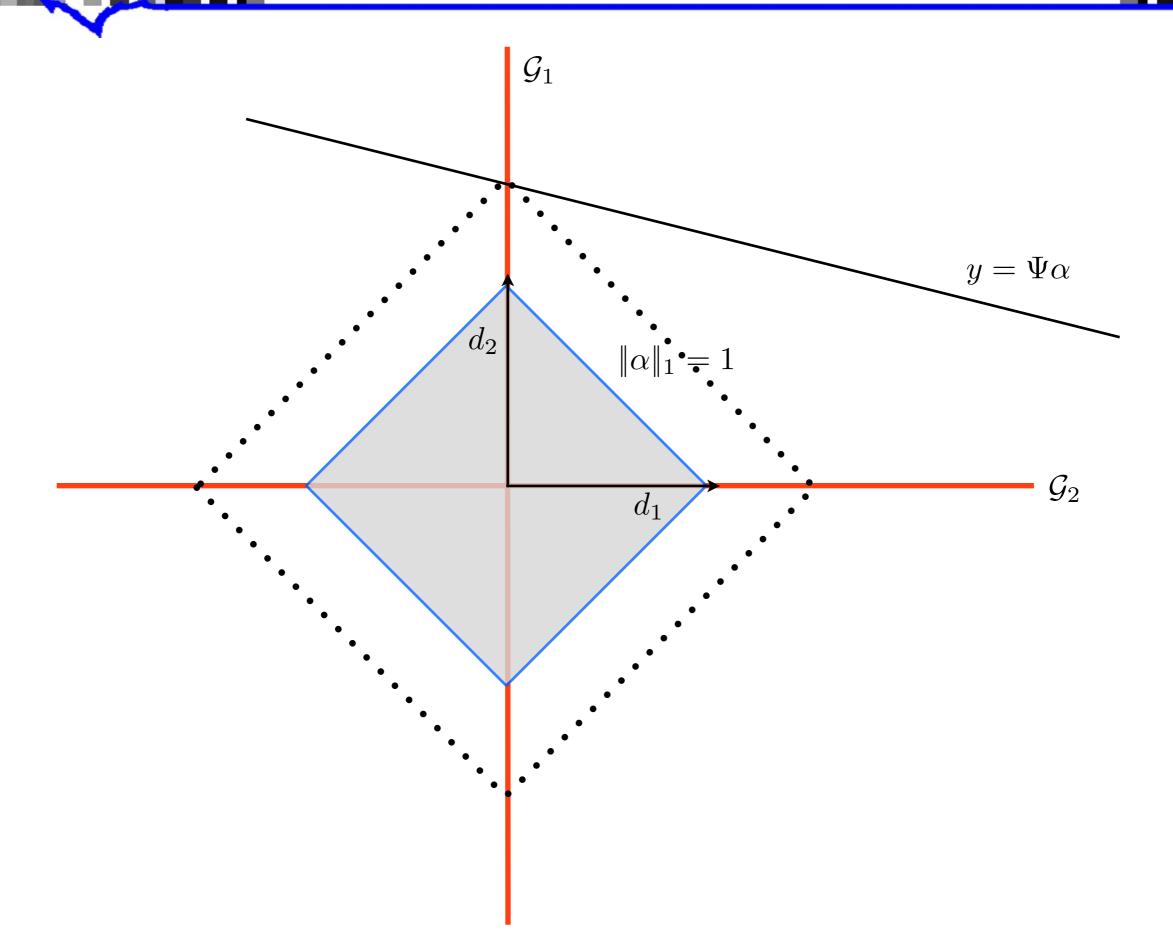
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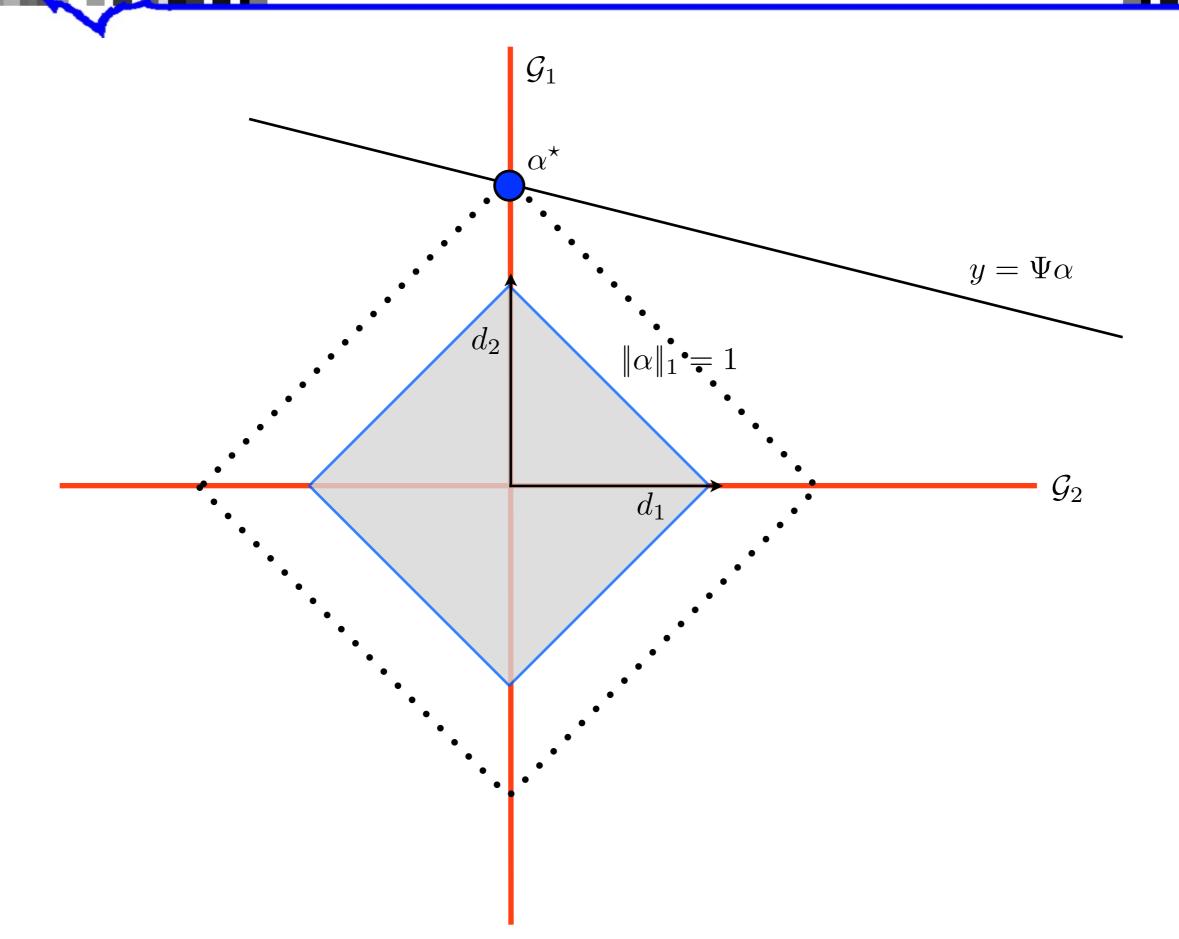


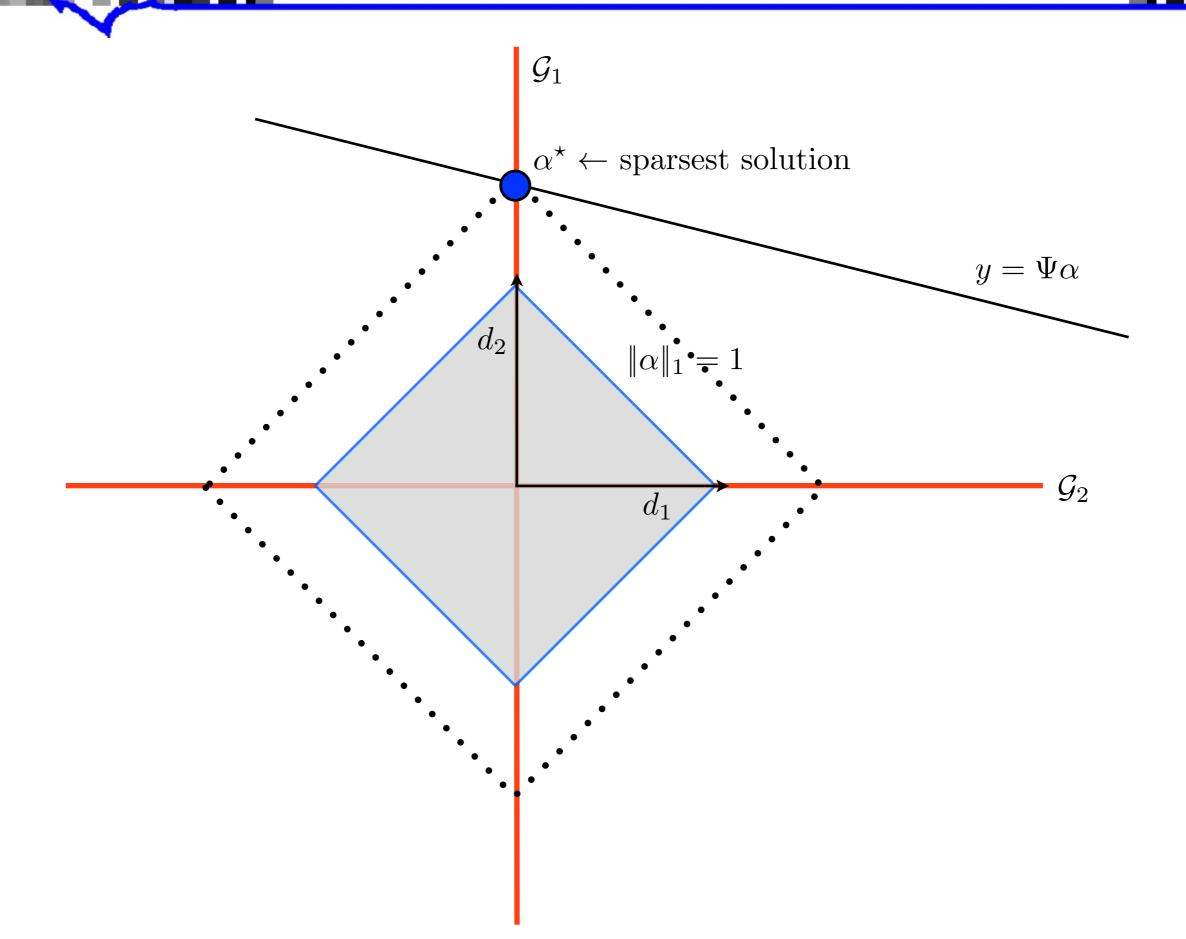


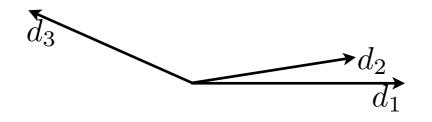


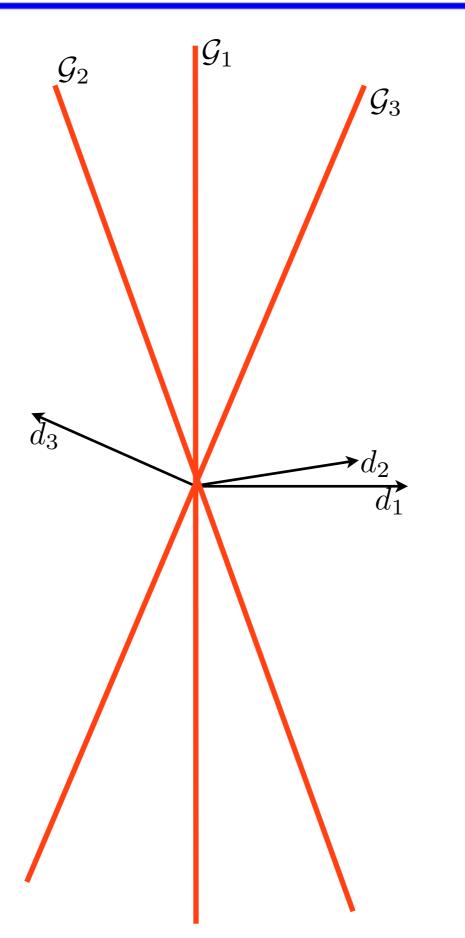


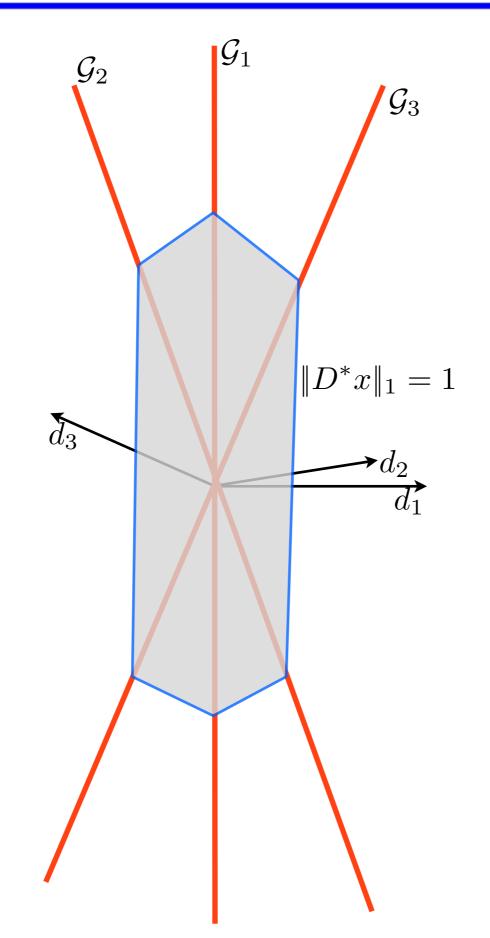


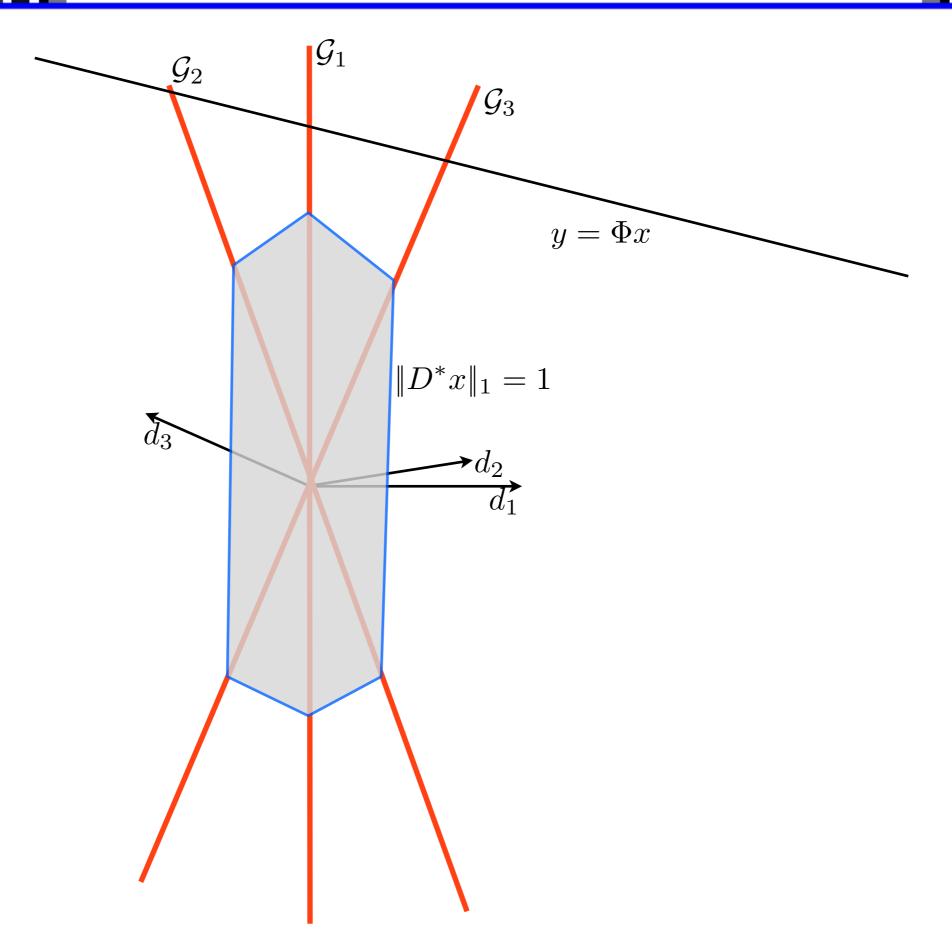


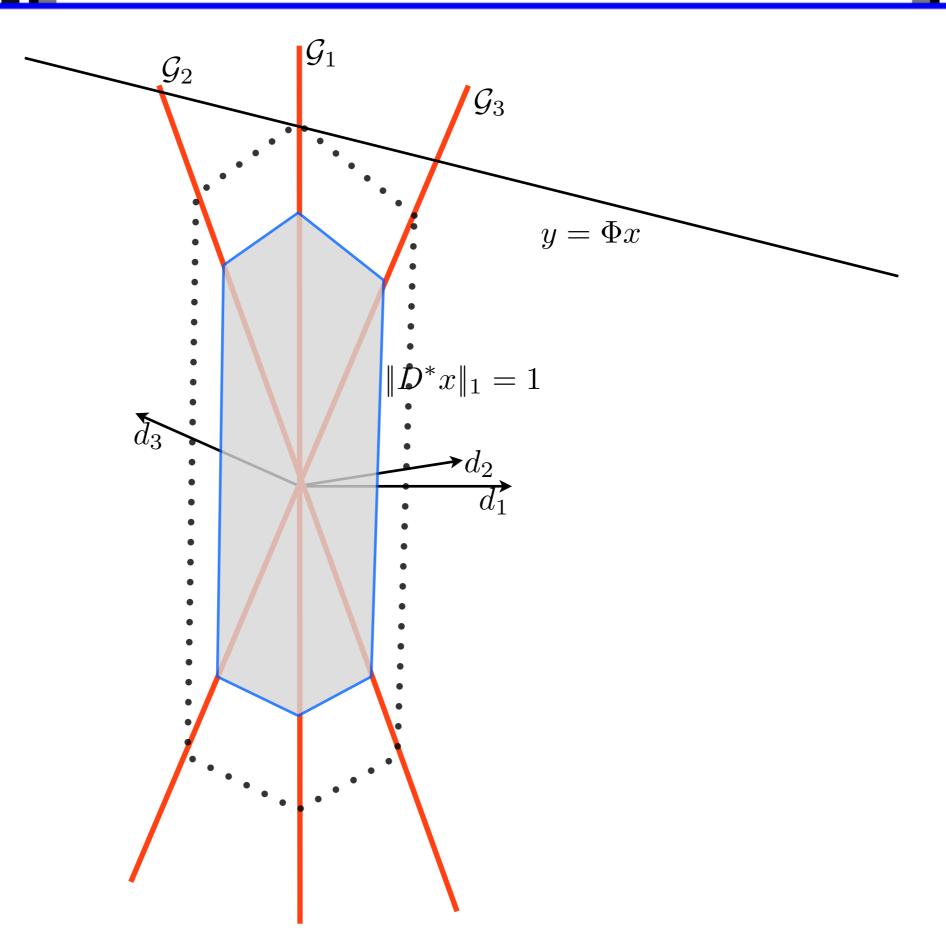


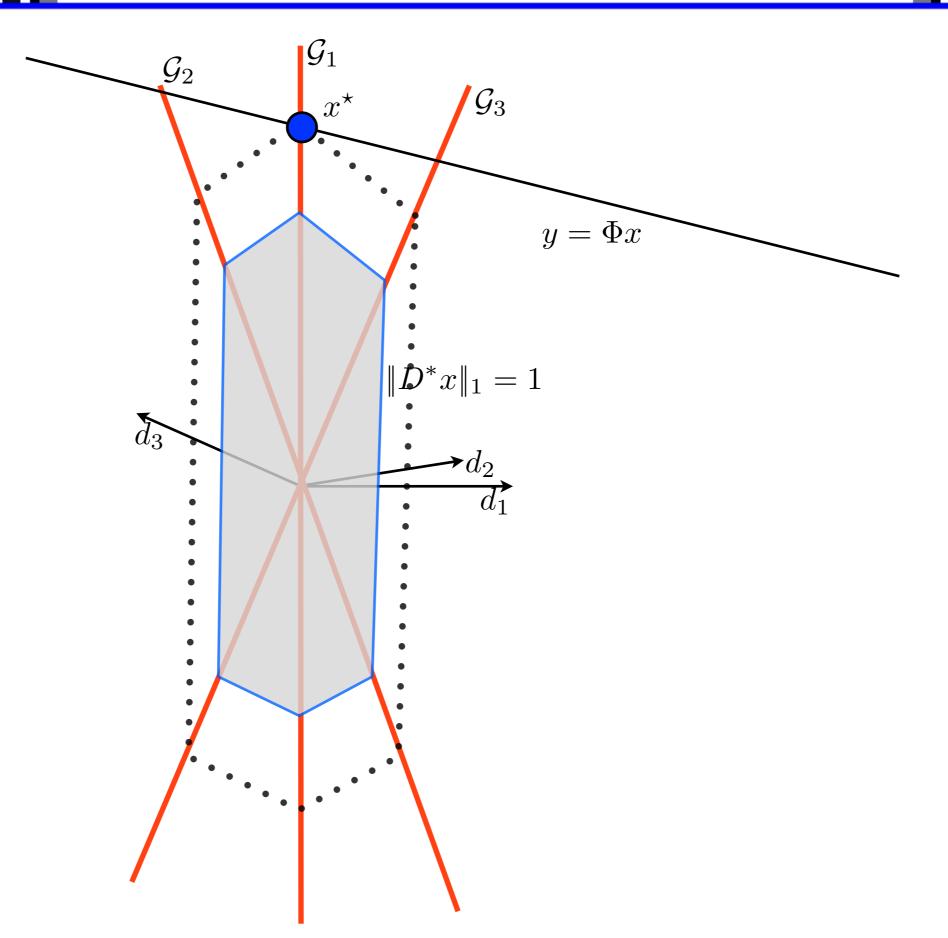




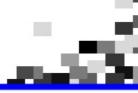












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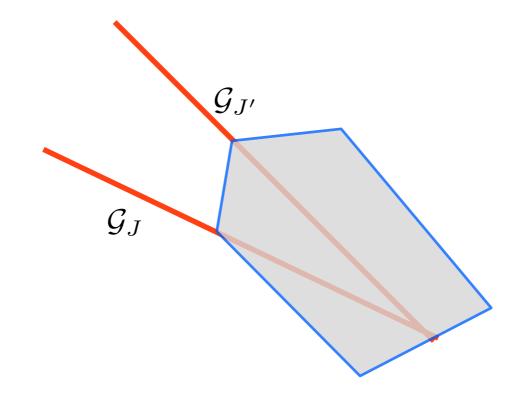
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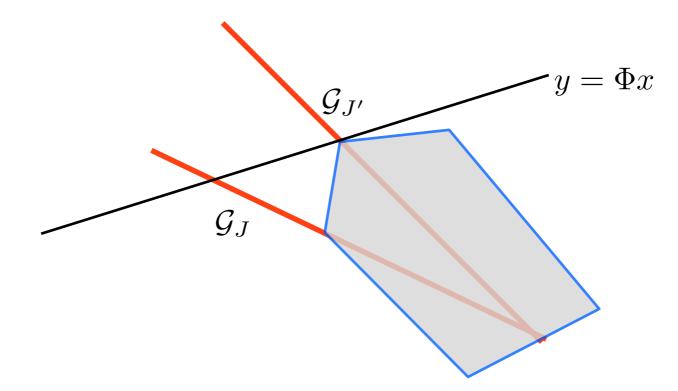
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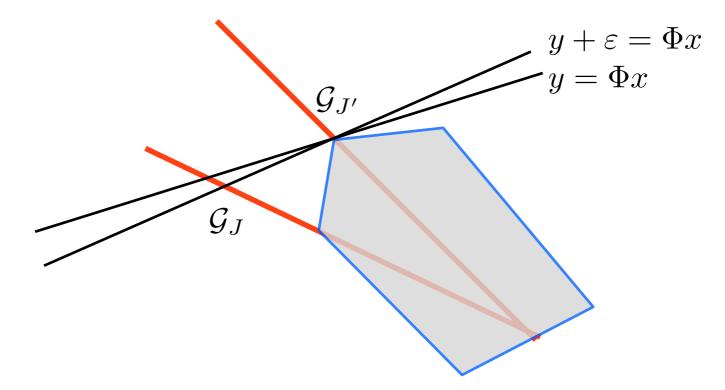
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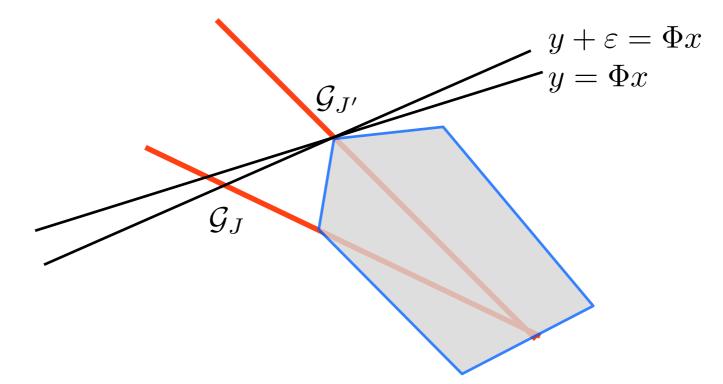


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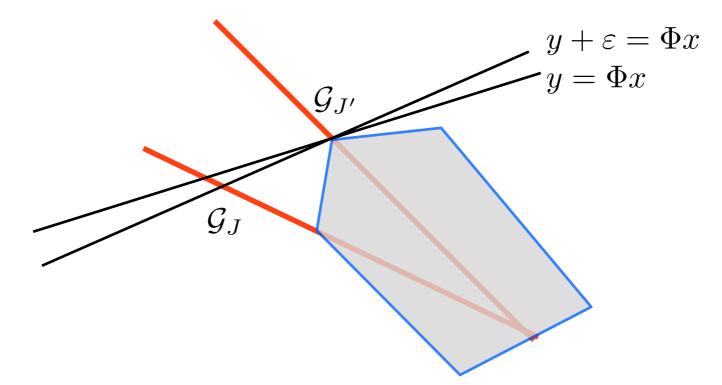
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 $y + \varepsilon = \Phi x$  $y = \Phi x$ 

definition in few minutes

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$$\Sigma_{y}(x) = \left\{ \sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{|J|} \setminus \underbrace{\Phi^{*}(\Phi x - y)}_{\text{Gradient}} + \underbrace{\lambda D_{I}s + \lambda D_{J}\sigma}_{\text{Subdifferential}} = 0 \right\}$$

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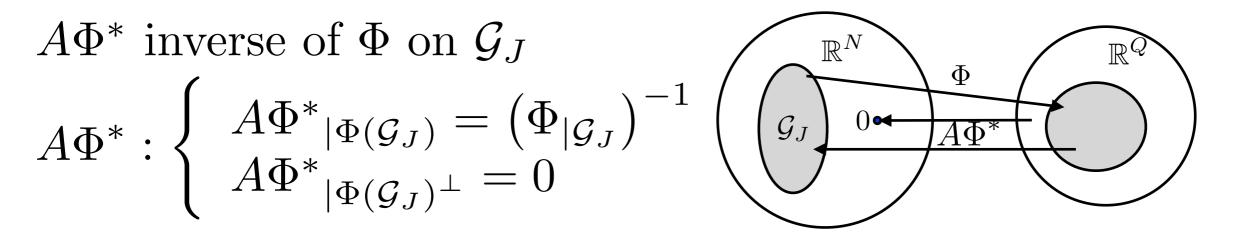
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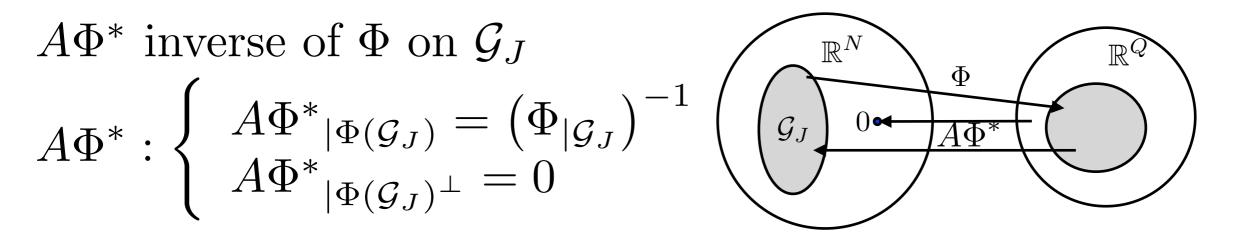
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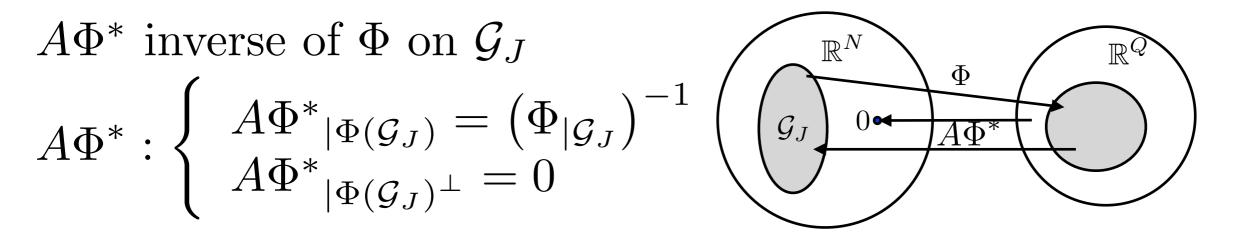
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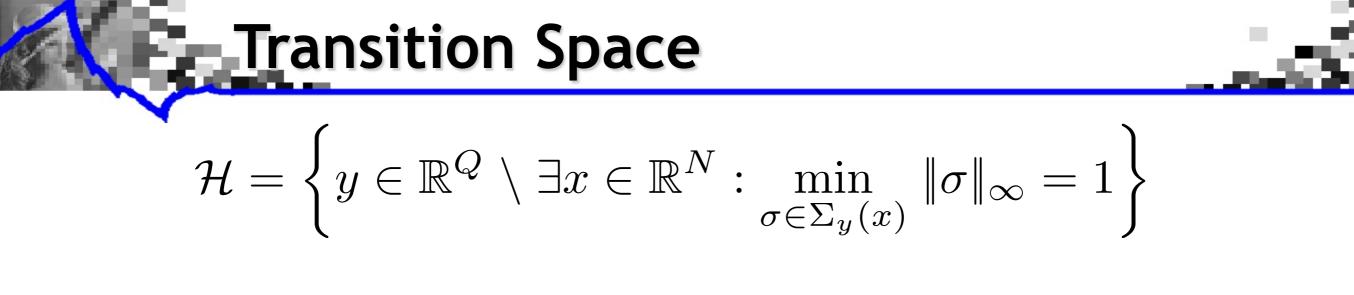
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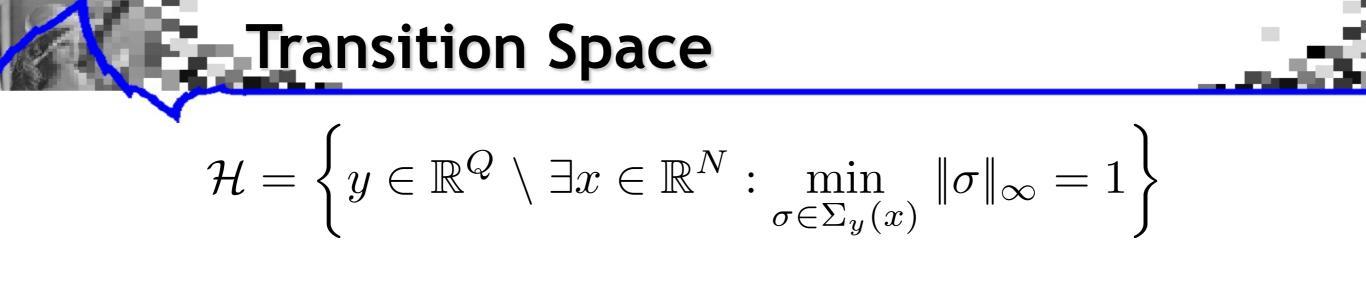
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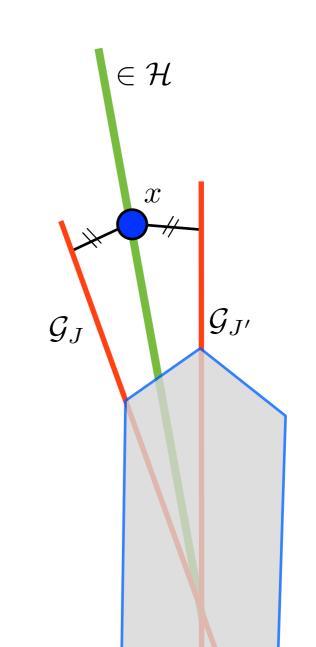
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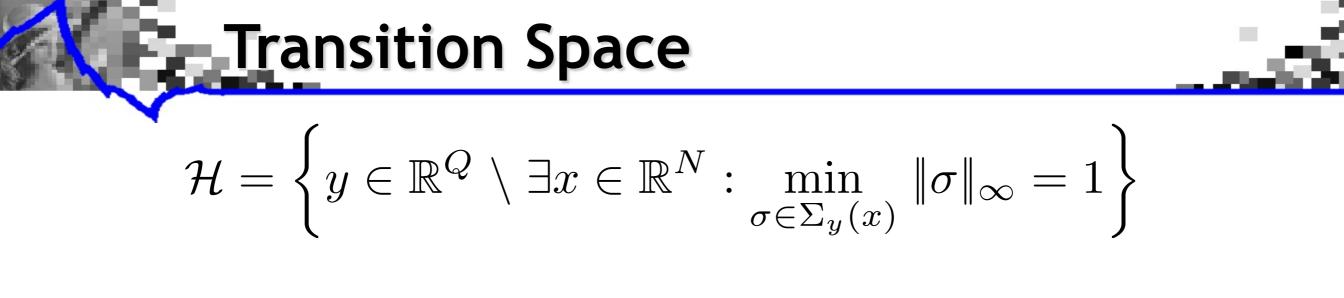


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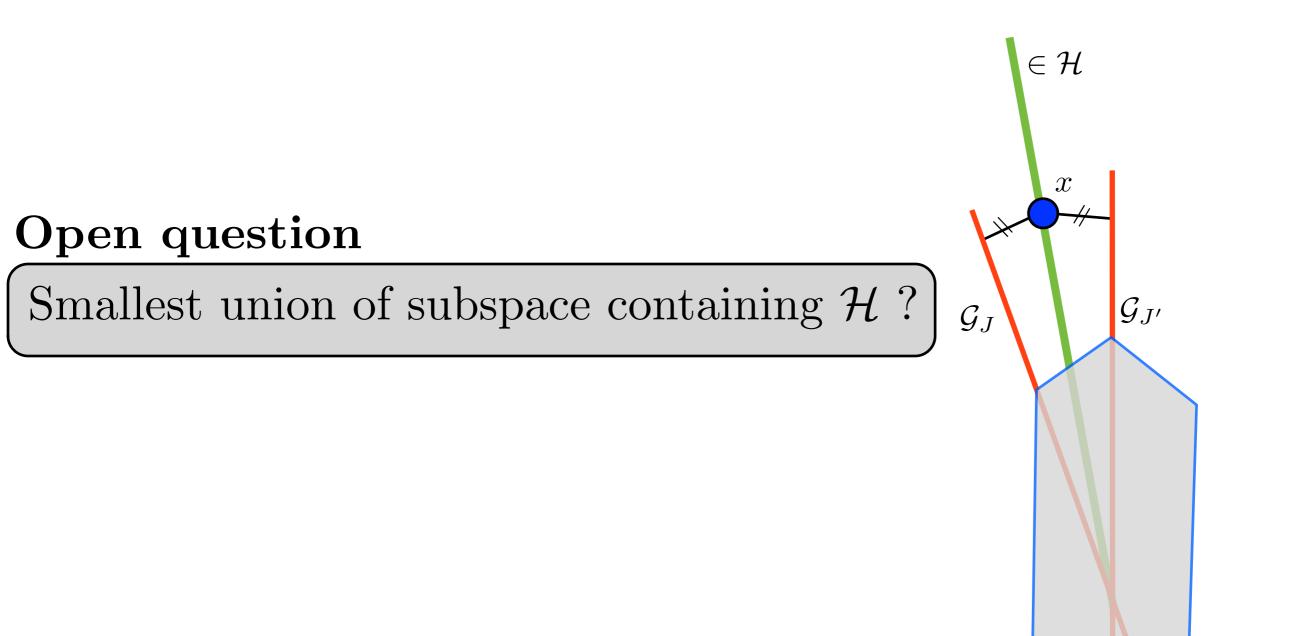


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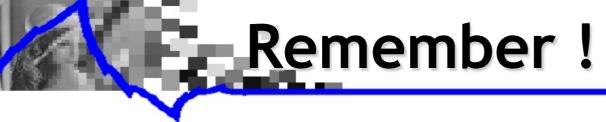
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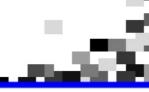
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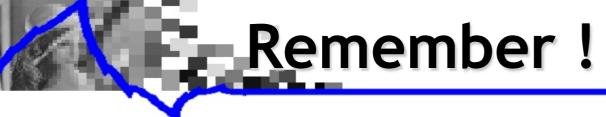
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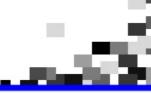
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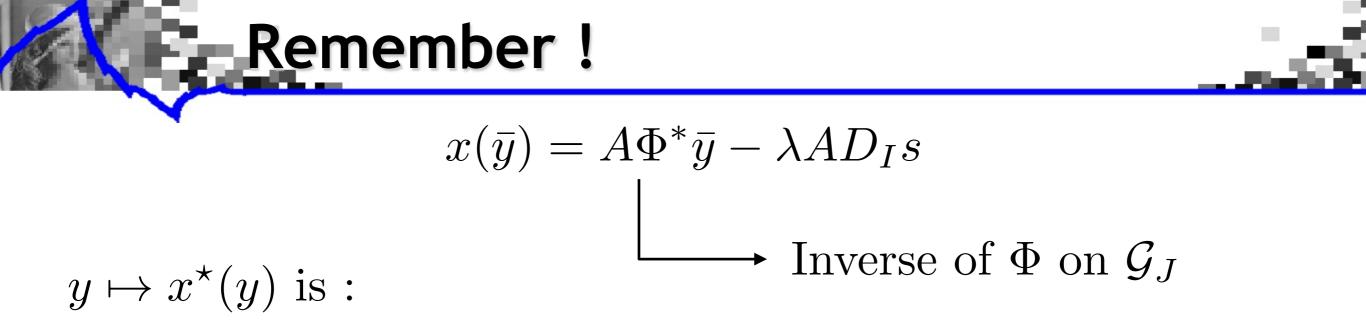




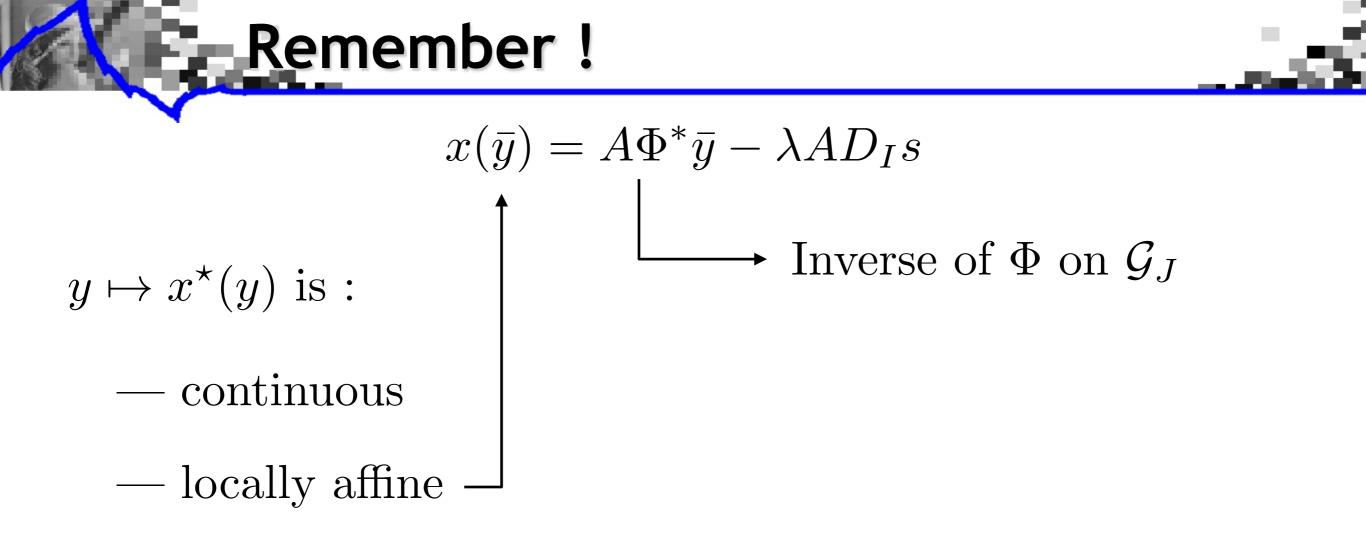
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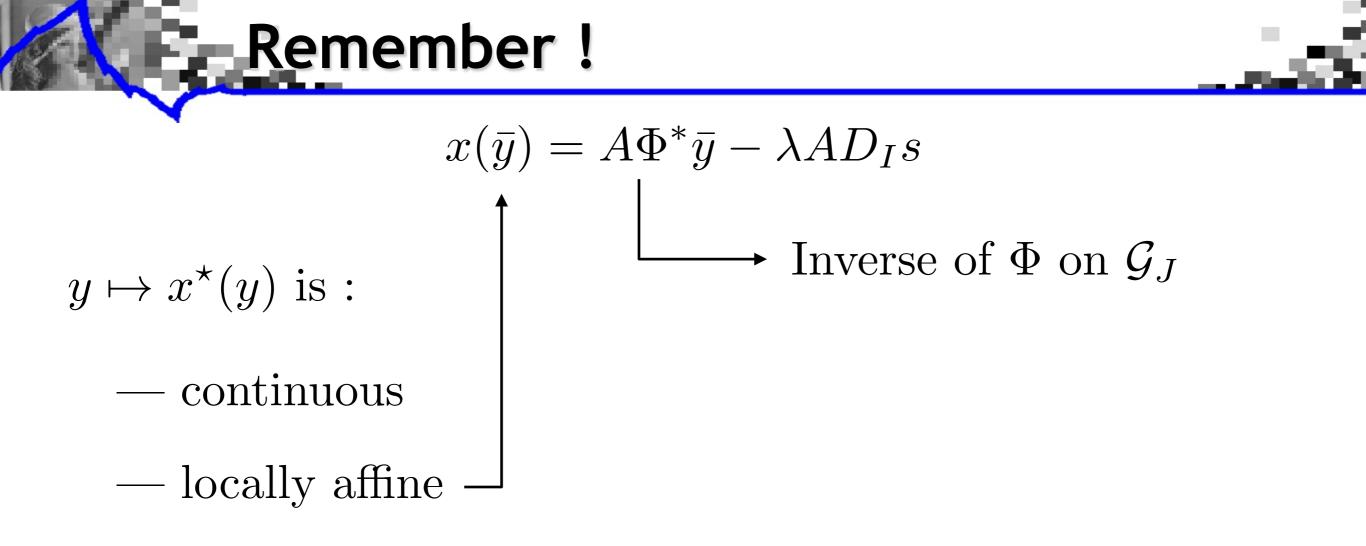




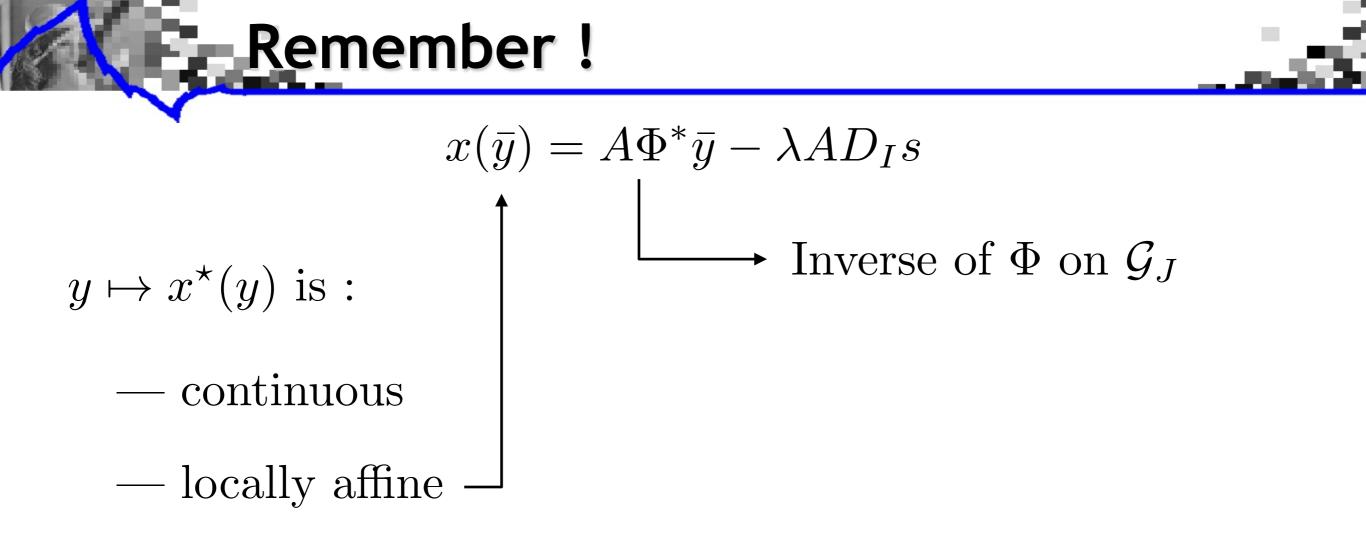


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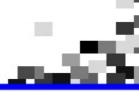


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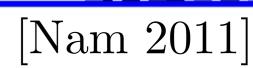
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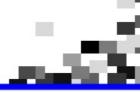
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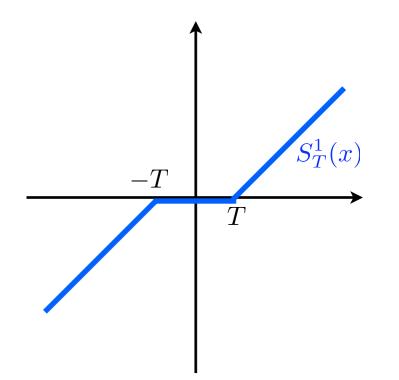
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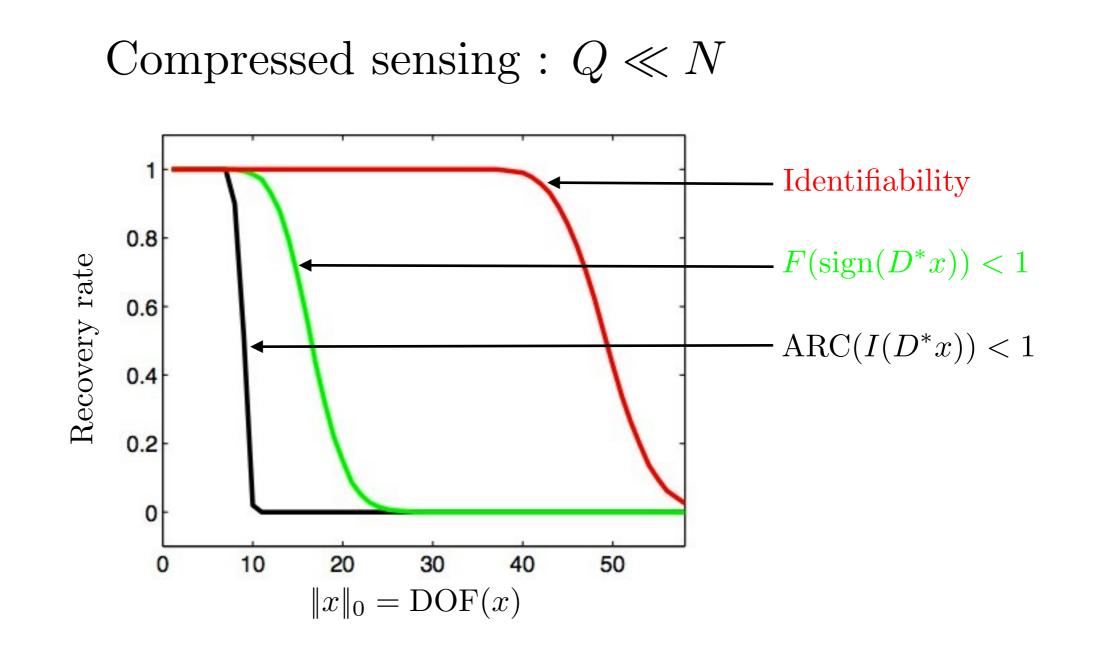
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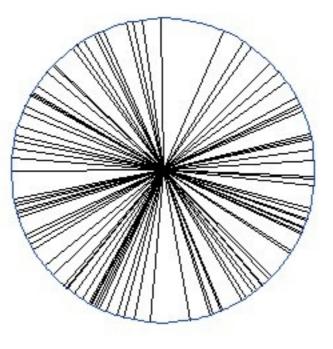


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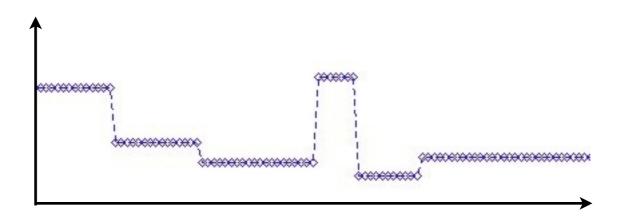


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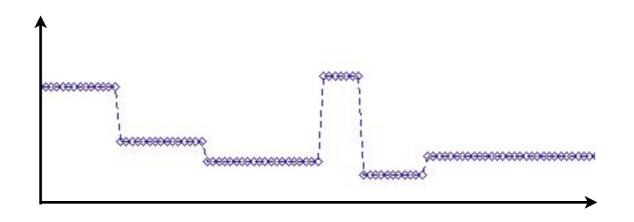
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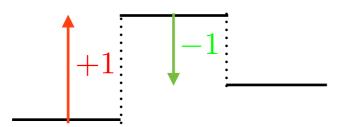
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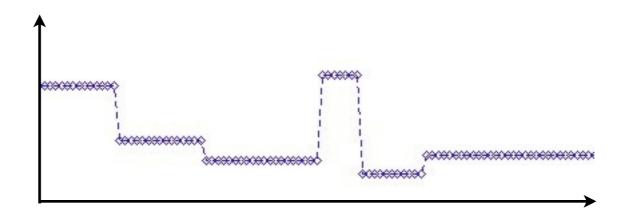


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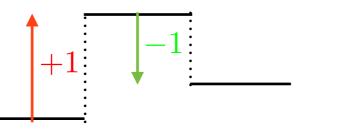
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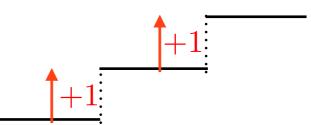


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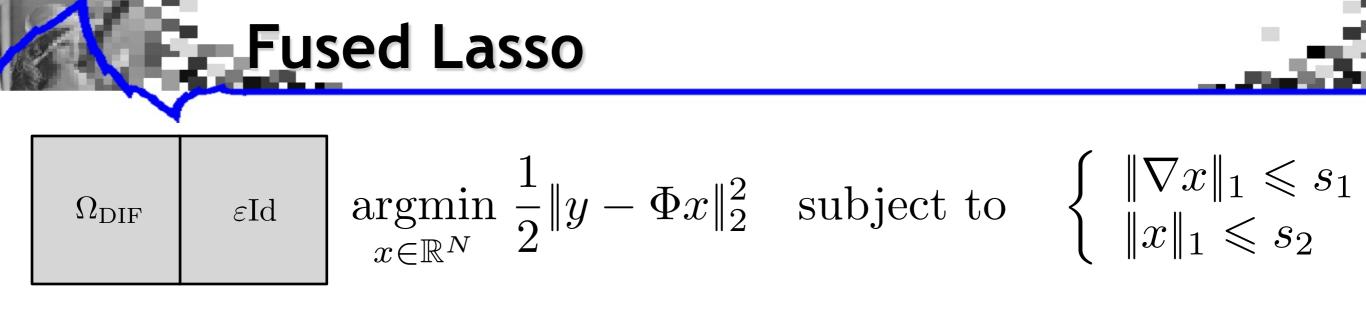


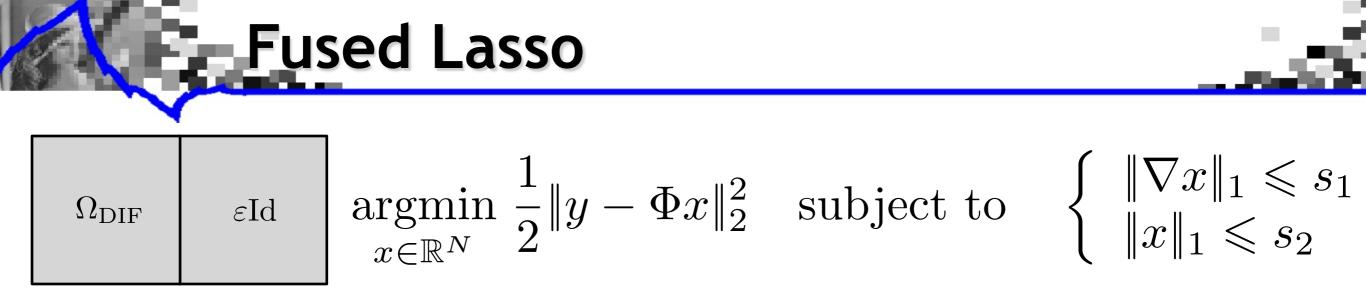
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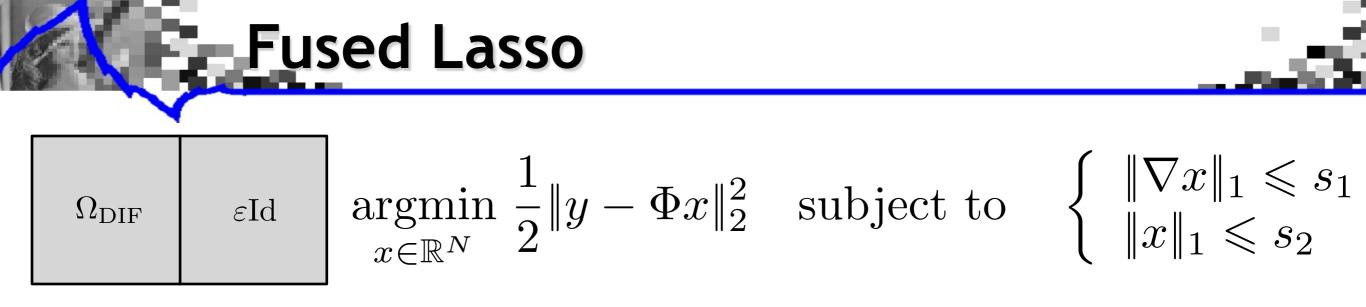
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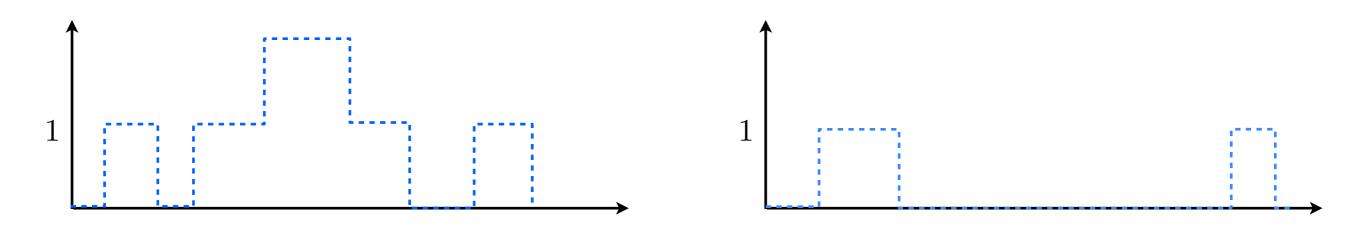


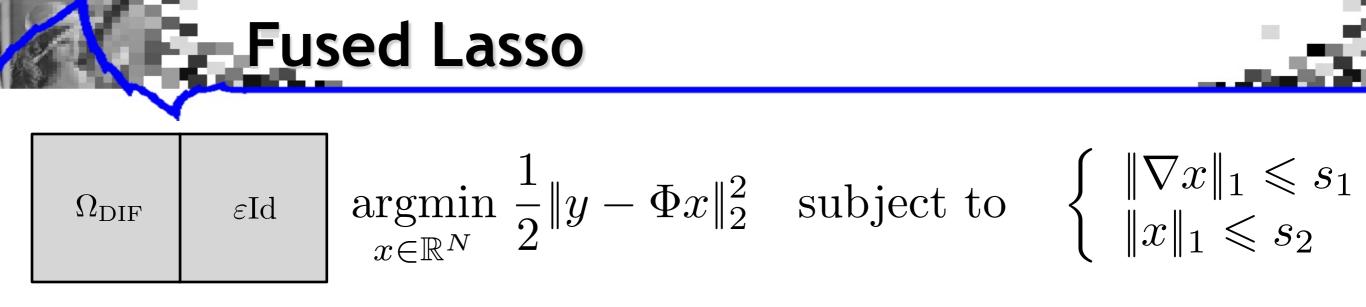
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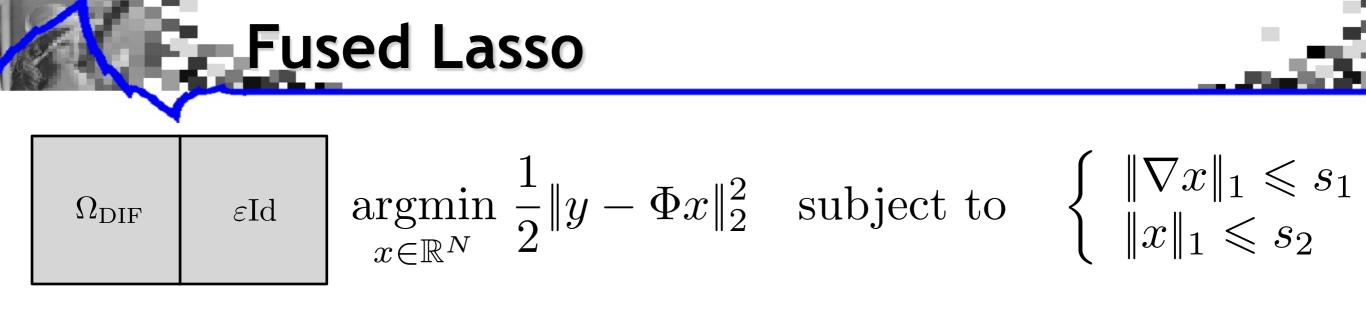
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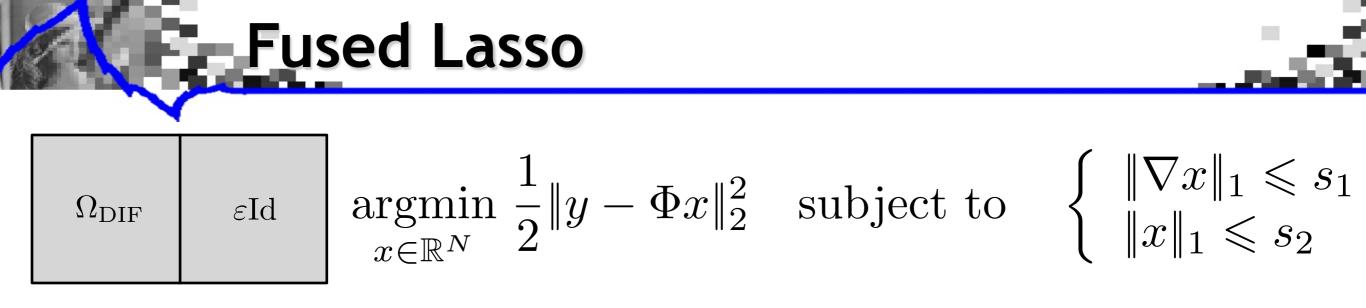


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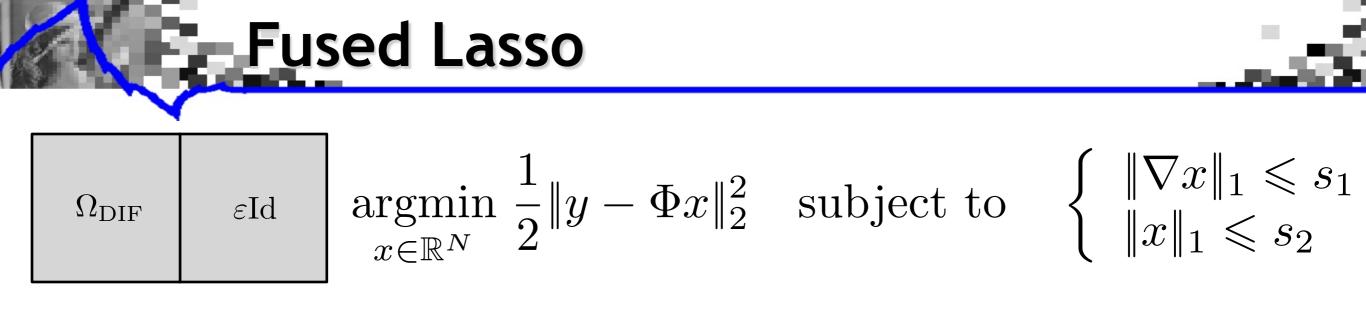


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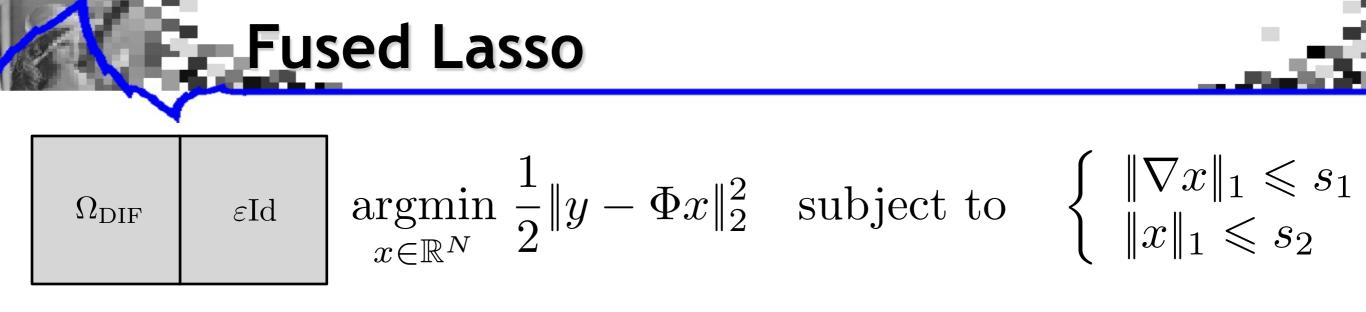
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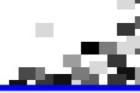


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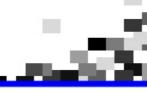
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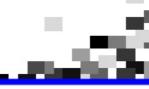


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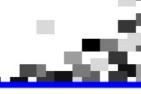
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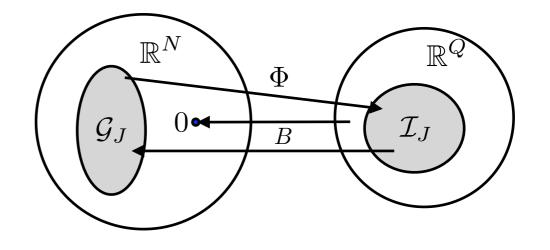
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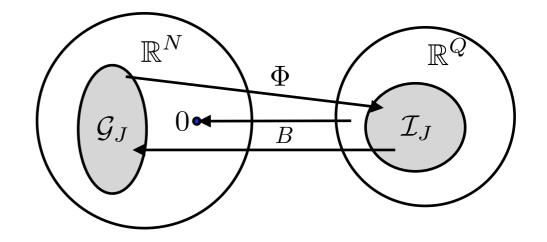
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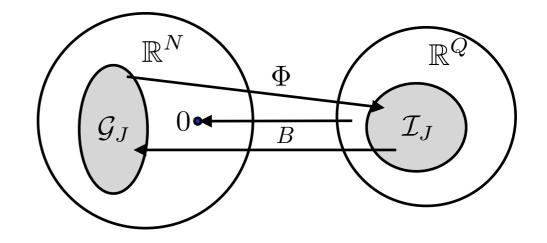
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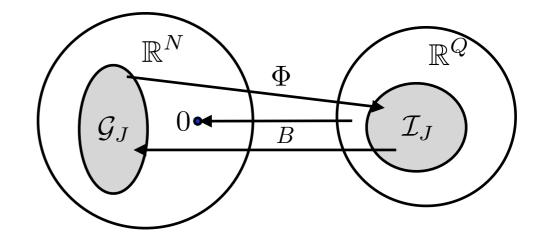
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