Sparse signal representation has caught lot of attention in recent years in signal processing community. The area shows great potential in sampling, signal denoising, coding, source separation, large scale systems analysis, pattern recognition and classification. Theoretical advancements in sparse signal representations, dictionary representations, pursuit-based algorithms, learning methods, sparse representation based pattern analysis are topics that are currently investigated for various applications.

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