

A Proof of Lemma 2.2 and Main Theorem 1.1

Proof [Lemma 2.2] Clearly, $\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{root}}(\mu), \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{root}}(\mu)$ satisfies the constraint for the StablePCP_c with $\delta = \delta(\mu)$. And by optimality of $\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{root}}(\mu), \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{root}}(\mu)$ for the $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$ problem, we get $\forall \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S} \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}\|_F \leq \delta(\mu)$,

$$\|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 \geq \|\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{root}}(\mu)\|_* + \lambda \|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{root}}(\mu)\|_1. \quad (\text{A.1})$$

This shows the optimality of $\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{root}}(\mu), \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\text{root}}(\mu)$ for the StablePCP_c problem with $\delta = \delta(\mu)$. ■

Lemma A.1 (Adapted from Theorem 2 in [1]) *Under the same conditions as Theorem 2.1, with probability at least $1 - c'n_1^{-10}$, for any \mathbf{Z}_0 with $\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F \geq \delta$, the solution $\widehat{\mathbf{X}} = (\widehat{\mathbf{L}}, \widehat{\mathbf{S}})$ to the StablePCP_c problem 1.5 with $\lambda = 1/\sqrt{n_1}$ satisfies*

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_0\|_F \leq \sqrt{720n_1n_2 + 2} \cdot \|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F.$$

The proof of this lemma is essentially the same as the proof of Theorem 2.1 in [1]. The main differences are: we need to replace every occurrence of δ with $\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F$, and now since $(\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_0, \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_0)$ is not a feasible solution, we need to change the bound of the objective to $\|\widehat{\mathbf{L}}\|_* + \lambda \|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_1 \leq \|\widehat{\mathbf{L}} + \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_0\|_* + \lambda \|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_1 \leq \|\widehat{\mathbf{L}}\|_* + \sqrt{n_2}\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F + \lambda \|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_1$.

Proof [Theorem 1.1] Define $\widehat{\delta}_L = \widehat{\mathbf{L}} - \mathbf{L}_0$ and $\widehat{\delta}_S = \widehat{\mathbf{S}} - \mathbf{S}_0$. By the optimality of $\widehat{\mathbf{L}}, \widehat{\mathbf{S}}$ and triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\|\mathbf{L}_0\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}_0\|_1) - (\|\widehat{\mathbf{L}}\|_* + \lambda \|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_1) \\ & \geq \mu(\|\mathbf{D} - \widehat{\mathbf{L}} - \widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_F - \|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F) \\ & \geq \mu(\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F - 2\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Treating the dual certificate in Lemma 2.3 as an approximate subgradient for the norm $\|\cdot\|_*$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\|\widehat{\mathbf{L}}\|_* - \|\mathbf{L}_0\|_*) + \lambda(\|\widehat{\mathbf{S}}\|_1 - \|\mathbf{S}_0\|_1) \\ & \geq \langle \widehat{\delta}_L, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^* + \mathbf{W} \rangle + \langle \widehat{\delta}_S, \lambda(\text{sign}(\mathbf{S}_0) + \mathbf{F}) \rangle \\ & = \underbrace{\left\langle \widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^* + \mathbf{W} - \frac{\lambda P_\Omega \mathbf{H}}{2} \right\rangle}_{\Theta_1} + \underbrace{\lambda \left\langle \widehat{\delta}_L - \widehat{\delta}_S, \frac{P_\Omega \mathbf{H}}{2} \right\rangle}_{\Theta_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

Next, we bound Θ_1, Θ_2 in (A.3).

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_1 & \geq -\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F \cdot \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^* + \mathbf{W} - \lambda P_\Omega \mathbf{H}/2\|_F \\ & \geq -\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F \cdot (\sqrt{r + n_2/4} + \lambda \|P_\Omega \mathbf{H}\|_F/2) \\ & \geq -\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F \cdot (\sqrt{7/10} + 1/520)\sqrt{n_2/2} \\ & \geq -0.85\mu\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F. \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality follows from triangle inequality and properties of \mathbf{W} from Lemma 2.3. The third inequality follows from the condition (1.3) $r \leq n_2/10$. For Θ_2 , by the dual construction,

$$\Theta_2 \geq -(\lambda \|P_\Omega \mathbf{H}\|_F/2) \cdot (\|\widehat{\delta}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\delta}_S\|_F) \geq -(\|\widehat{\delta}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\delta}_S\|_F)/(520\sqrt{2n_1}).$$

Combining (A.2) and (A.3) with the bounds on Θ_1 and Θ_2 ,

$$\frac{1}{520\sqrt{n_1n_2}}(\|\widehat{\delta}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\delta}_S\|_F) + 2\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F \geq 0.15\|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S\|_F. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

From Lemma 2.2, $(\widehat{\mathbf{L}}, \widehat{\mathbf{S}})$ is also the solution to the StablePCP_c problem parameterized by $\delta = \|\widehat{\delta}_L + \widehat{\delta}_S - \mathbf{Z}_0\|_F$. If $\delta \leq \|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F$, Lemma A.1 gives the bound that

$$\|(\widehat{\delta}_L, \widehat{\delta}_S)\|_F \leq 27\sqrt{n_1n_2}\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F.$$

If $\delta \geq \|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F$, from Theorem 2.1, together with the trivial inequality that $\sqrt{320n_1n_2 + 4} \leq 26\sqrt{n_1n_2/2}$,

$$\|(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S)\|_F \leq 26\sqrt{n_1n_2/2} \cdot \|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S - \mathbf{Z}_0\|_F. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Combining (A.4) and (A.5), we get

$$\|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S\|_F \leq 26\sqrt{n_1n_2}(\|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L + \widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S\|_F + \|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F) \leq \frac{1}{3}(\|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S\|_F) + 373\sqrt{n_1n_2}\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F.$$

which proves the claim that

$$\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{X}_0\|_F \leq \|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_L\|_F + \|\widehat{\boldsymbol{\delta}}_S\|_F \leq 560\sqrt{n_1n_2}\|\mathbf{Z}_0\|_F.$$

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B Stopping Criteria in Algorithm 1

The function `helper()` containing the stopping criteria and updates for ρ , adapted from [2], is presented in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Function `helper()`: update ρ and check convergence

Input: $D, L_1, L_2, L'_2, S_1, S_2, S'_2, Z, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}, \rho, \epsilon_{\text{abs}}, \epsilon_{\text{rel}}.$

Output: $\rho_+, \text{ifConverge}.$

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# Calculate residuals
 $r_{\text{primal}} \leftarrow \|(\mathbf{L}_1 - \mathbf{L}_2, \mathbf{S}_1 - \mathbf{S}_2, \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{L}_2 + \mathbf{S}_2 - \mathbf{D})\|_F$ 
 $r_{\text{dual}} \leftarrow \rho \cdot \|(\mathbf{L}_2 - \mathbf{L}'_2, \mathbf{S}_2 - \mathbf{S}'_2, \mathbf{L}_2 + \mathbf{S}_2 - \mathbf{L}'_2 - \mathbf{S}'_2)\|_F$ 
# Calculate thresholds
 $\theta_{\text{primal}} \leftarrow \epsilon_{\text{rel}} \max\{\|(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{Z})\|_F, \|(\mathbf{L}_2, \mathbf{S}_2, \mathbf{L}_2 + \mathbf{S}_2)\|_F, \|\mathbf{D}\|_F\} + \epsilon_{\text{abs}}\sqrt{3n_1n_2}$ 
 $\theta_{\text{dual}} \leftarrow \epsilon_{\text{rel}}\|(\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2, \mathbf{Y}_3)\|_F + \epsilon_{\text{abs}}\sqrt{3n_1n_2}$ 
# Update  $\rho$ 
 $\rho_+ \leftarrow \rho$ 
if  $r_{\text{primal}} > 10 \cdot r_{\text{dual}}$  then
     $\rho_+ \leftarrow 2\rho$ 
else if  $r_{\text{dual}} > 10 \cdot r_{\text{primal}}$  then
     $\rho_+ \leftarrow \rho/2$ 
end if
# Check convergence
 $\text{ifConverge} \leftarrow \text{False}$ 
if  $r_{\text{primal}} < \theta_{\text{primal}}$  and  $r_{\text{dual}} < \theta_{\text{dual}}$  then
     $\text{ifConverge} \leftarrow \text{True}$ 
end if
return  $\rho_+, \text{ifConverge}$ 

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C Experiments and Settings

C.1 Experiments with Different Distributions of Noise for Section 4.1

We test our $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$ and StablePCP_u on simulation experiments with different noise distributions. All the setup and parameters are the same as in Section 4.1 except that now, instead of adding Gaussian noise which follows $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, we add (scaled) Poisson noise, $l \cdot \text{Poisson}(\lambda_P)$ where we choose $\lambda_P \in \{1, 3, 5\}$ ¹ with scale $l = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\lambda_P + \lambda_P^2}}$, and Uniform noise

$\text{Uniform}(-\sqrt{3}\sigma, \sqrt{3}\sigma)$. We choose (λ_P, l) and the range of the Uniform distribution in this way such that $E[(\mathbf{Z}_0)_{ij}^2] = \sigma^2$. Results are presented in Figures 1 and 2.

¹Since a Poisson variable with parameter λ_P equals 0 with probability $e^{-\lambda_P}$, our choices of λ_P give \mathbf{Z}_0 's which are approximately 36.79%, 4.98%, and 0.67% sparse.

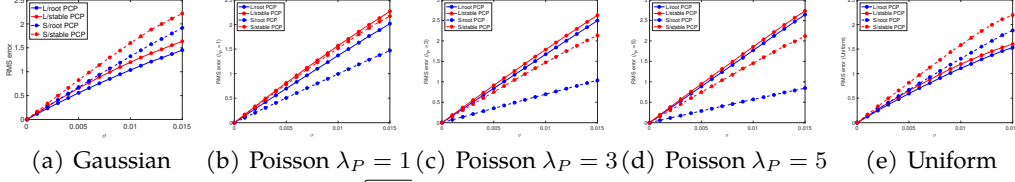


Figure 1: StablePCP_u vs $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: effect of varying σ for different noise distributions

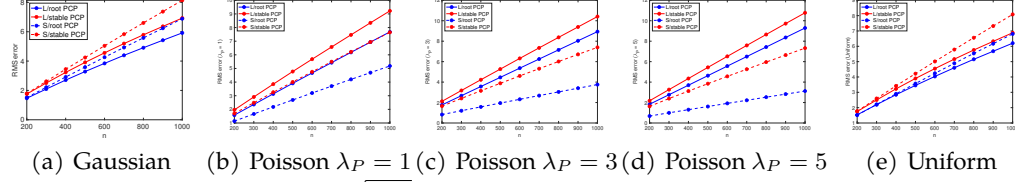


Figure 2: StablePCP_u vs $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: effect of varying n for different noise distributions

C.2 Additional Results for Section 4.2

We run the experiments on a laptop with 2.3 GHz Dual-Core Intel Core i5, and we set the maximal iteration number of our ADMM to be 5000. For experiments that don't converge in 5000 steps, the number of iterations is represented as 5000+.

For the hall dataset, we present the relative error for L , S , the running time, and the number of iteration in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: Hall dataset

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME ($\times 10^3$ s)	ITER
0	0.0019	0.0266	0.6894	1688
30	0.0445	0.7403	0.5381	1293
60	0.0737	1.3525	0.9470	2425
90	0.0968	1.9288	1.4040	3258
120	0.1200	2.5067	1.6230	4113

Table 2: StablePCP_u: Hall dataset

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME ($\times 10^3$ s)	ITER
0	0.0019	0.0266	1.7340	4423
30	0.0443	0.7495	1.8936	4918
60	0.0740	1.3494	1.3006	3362
90	0.0974	1.8922	1.8050	4563
120	0.1214	2.4349	1.9886	5000+

In Figure 3 and 4, we present more results for frame 1, 20 for varying σ for this hall dataset.

We also apply our algorithms to the dataset lights. We present the relative error for L , S , the running time, and the number of iteration in Table 3 and Table 4.

Table 3: $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: Lights dataset

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME ($\times 10^3$ s)	ITER
0	0.0013	0.1052	0.7100	1605
30	0.0520	2.9707	0.5120	1155
60	0.0938	5.8908	1.7101	3880
90	0.1323	8.7761	2.1983	5000+
120	0.1689	11.5848	2.5344	5000+

Table 4: StablePCP_u: Lights dataset

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME ($\times 10^3$ s)	ITER
0	0.0013	0.1052	2.2069	5000+
30	0.0527	2.7920	1.4677	3377
60	0.0951	5.5085	1.2136	2804
90	0.1342	8.2023	1.6699	3886
120	0.1710	10.8930	2.0856	4902

In Figure 5 and 6, we present more results for frame 1, 20 for varying σ for this lights dataset.

In Figure 7(a), we present the RMS error. Again, we see that the error is linear in the noise level σ .

C.3 Additional Experiments Using Face Dataset

In addition to the video dataset in the previous section, we also test $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$ and StablePCP_u on datasets of face images. It has been pointed out in [3] that under distant illumination,

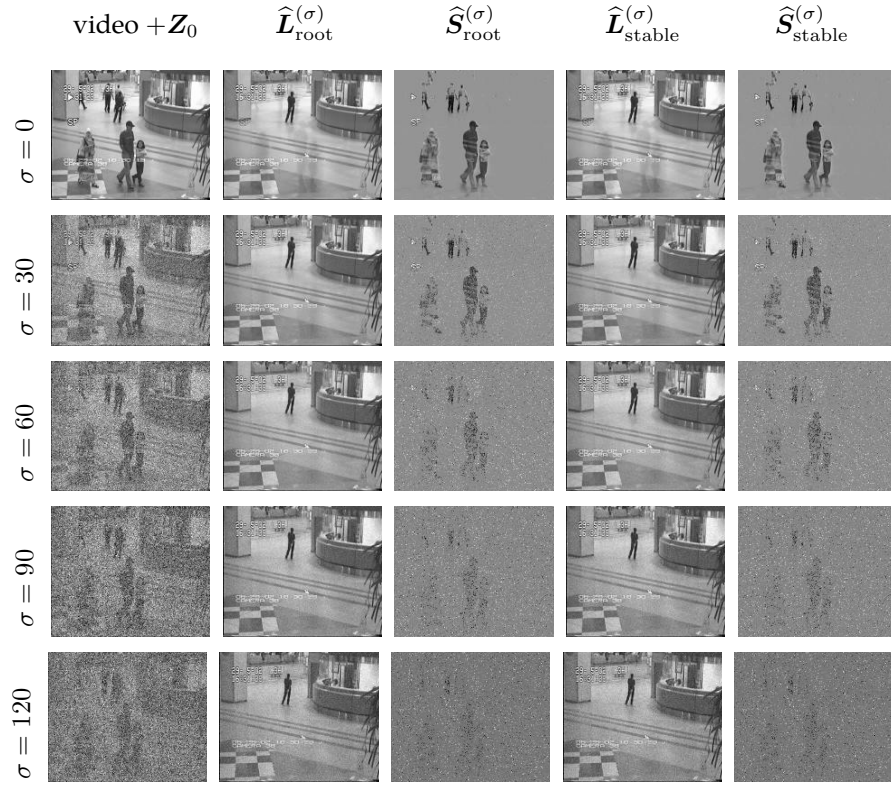


Figure 3: hall: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 1

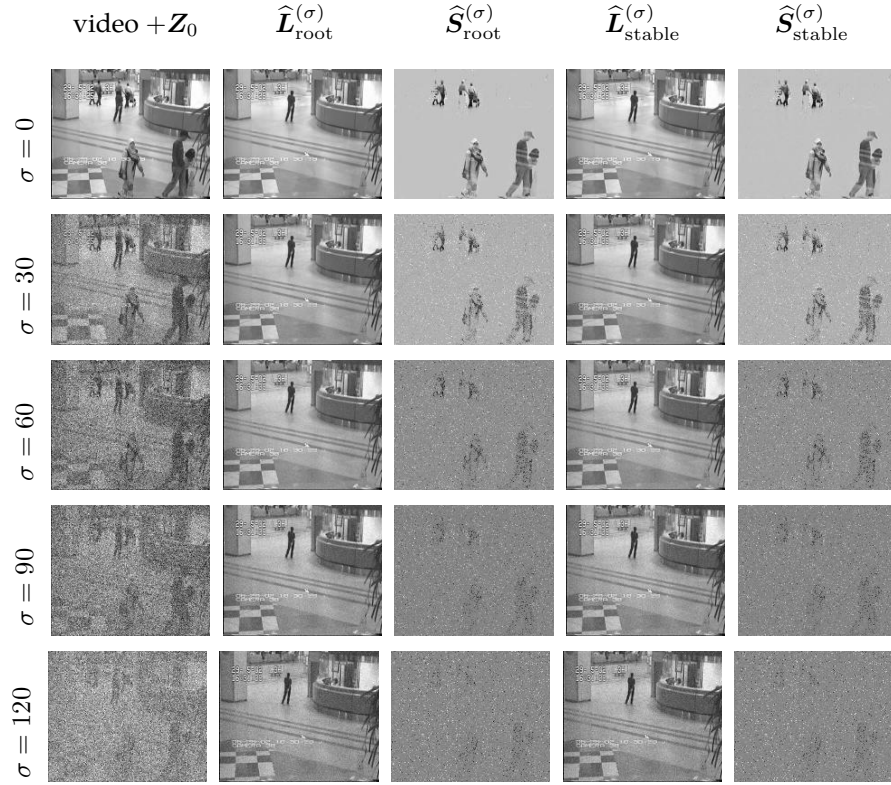


Figure 4: hall: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 20

images of a convex Lambertian object lie near a low dimensional linear subspace called

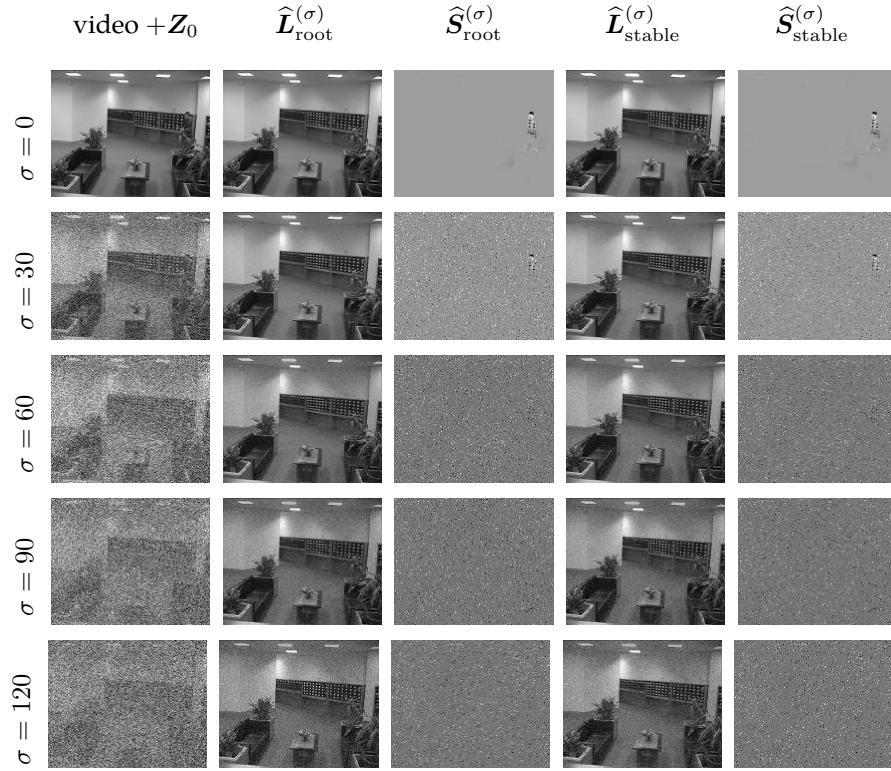


Figure 5: lights: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 1

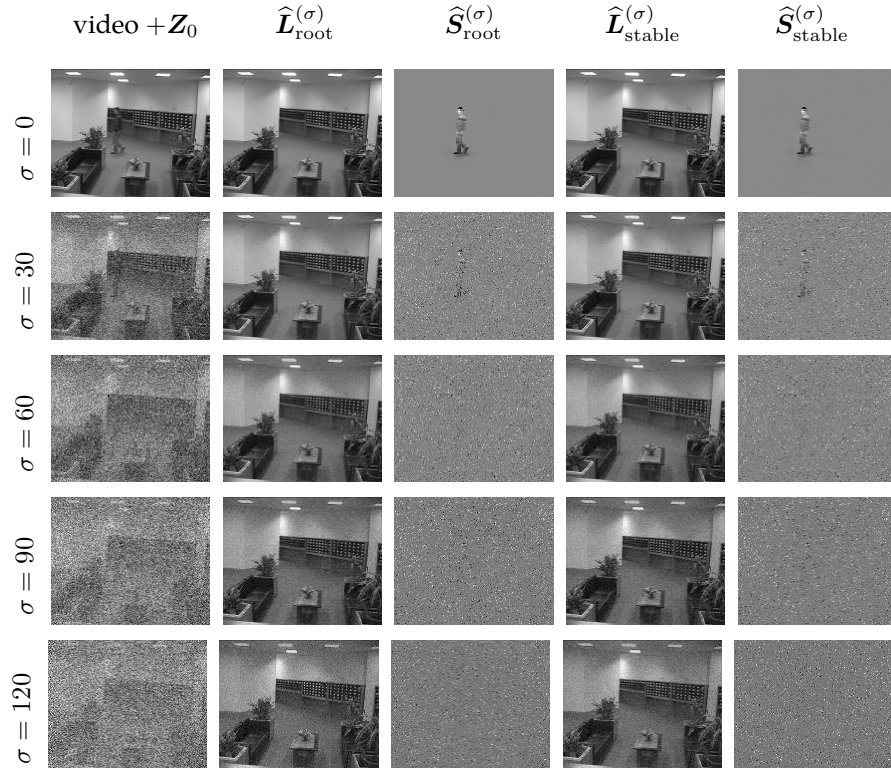
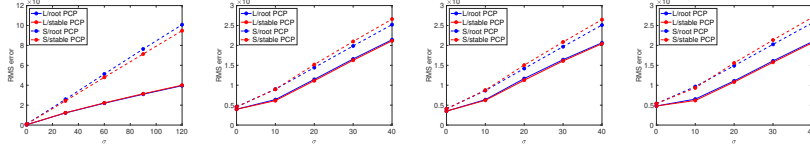


Figure 6: lights: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 20

the *harmonic plane*. However, real images of faces are often corrupted by shadows and specularities, which can have large magnitudes but are sparse in the spatial domain. This



(a) "lights"+noise (b) yaleB01 + noise (c) yaleB02 + noise (d) yaleB03 + noise

Figure 7: StablePCP_u vs $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: real datasets

fits well into our low-rank and sparse model ², and our goal is to remove these shadows and specularities from the noisy and corrupted observation.

To be precise, the dataset we use is from Yale B face database [4]. For each face, there are 65 images of resolution 192×168 under various illuminations, so we have $n_1 = 192 \times 168 = 32256$ and $n_2 = 65$. Similar to the experiments on the video dataset, we assume that there is no noise in these images, and add Z_0 with $\sigma \in \{0, 10, 20, 30, 40\}$.

In Figures 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, we present the recovered low rank and sparse matrices for frame 1 and frame 20 using $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$ and StablePCP_u.

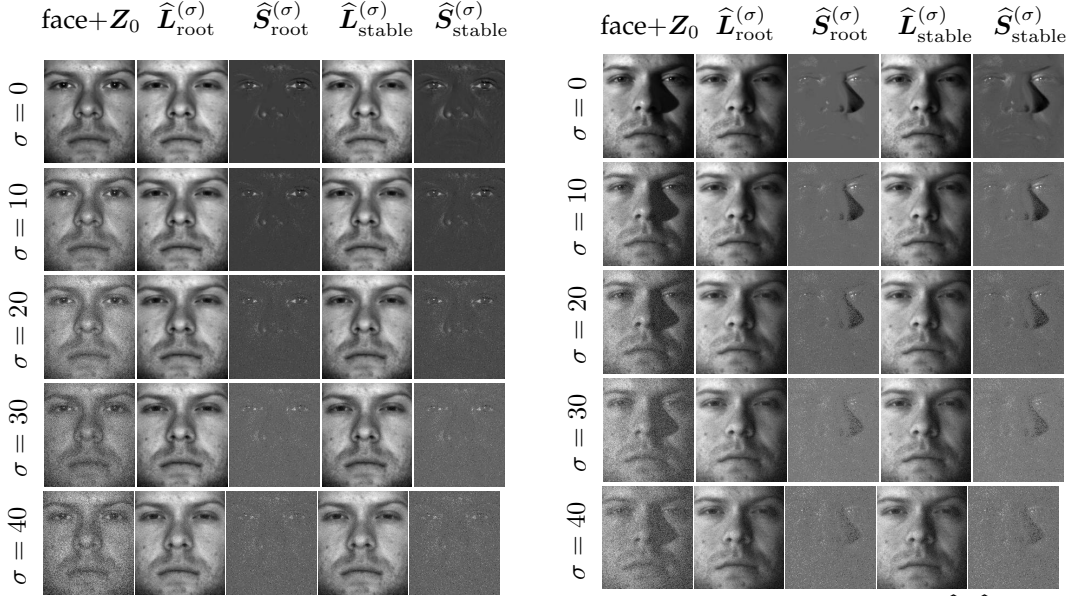


Figure 8: yaleB01: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 1

Figure 9: yaleB01: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 20

In Table 5, 7, and 9, we show the relative error, running time and iteration for $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$ on yaleB01, yaleB02, and yaleB03 datasets. In Table 6, 8, and 10, we show the relative error, running time and iteration for StablePCP_u on yaleB01, yaleB02, and yaleB03 datasets.

Table 5: $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: yaleB01

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L} - L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S} - S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0298	0.1934	255.6449	2054
10	0.0481	0.3823	171.0386	1366
20	0.0863	0.6117	184.6412	1480
30	0.1250	0.8421	210.4474	1693
40	0.1613	1.0692	493.5861	3953

Table 6: StablePCP_u: yaleB01

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L} - L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S} - S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0298	0.1934	602.0781	5000+
10	0.0461	0.3808	599.3534	5000+
20	0.0838	0.6441	594.2583	5000+
30	0.1225	0.8898	596.9568	5000+
40	0.1591	1.1276	602.5028	5000+

²Although faces are not convex Lambertian objects and the harmonic plane may not apply here, previous experiments in [3] have shown the effectiveness of PCP in this task.

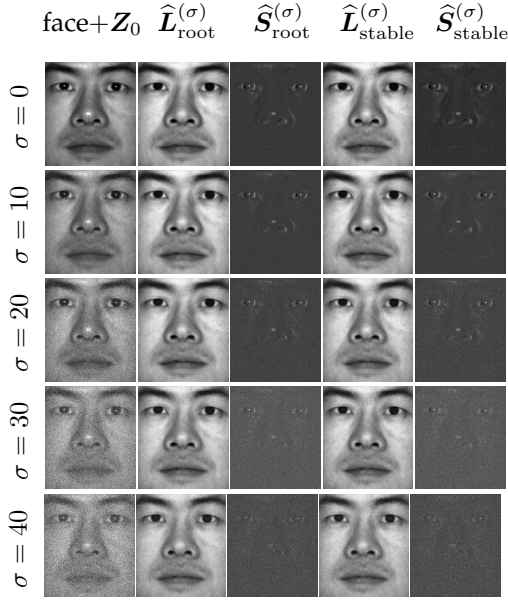


Figure 10: yaleB02: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 1

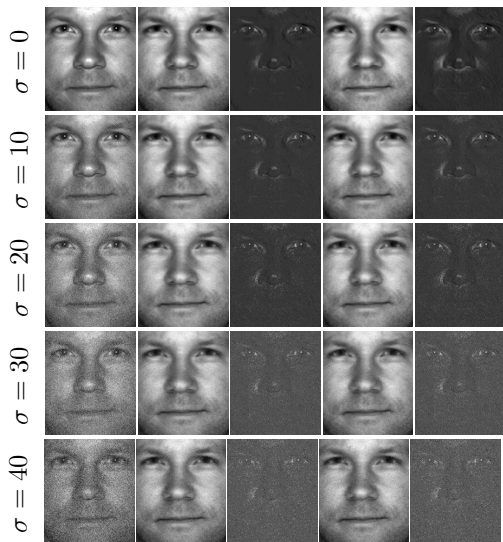


Figure 12: yaleB03: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 1

Table 7: $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: yaleB02

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0261	0.1720	272.5150	2190
10	0.0477	0.3657	167.7344	1352
20	0.0873	0.5993	174.0215	1409
30	0.1228	0.8311	407.7892	3289
40	0.1545	1.0599	244.3114	1970

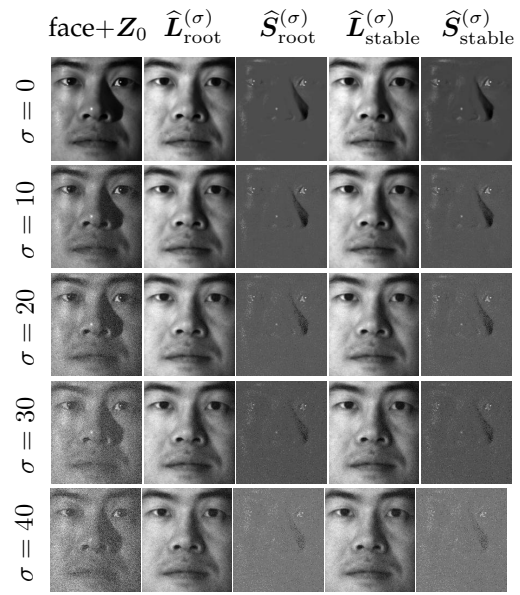


Figure 11: yaleB02: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 20

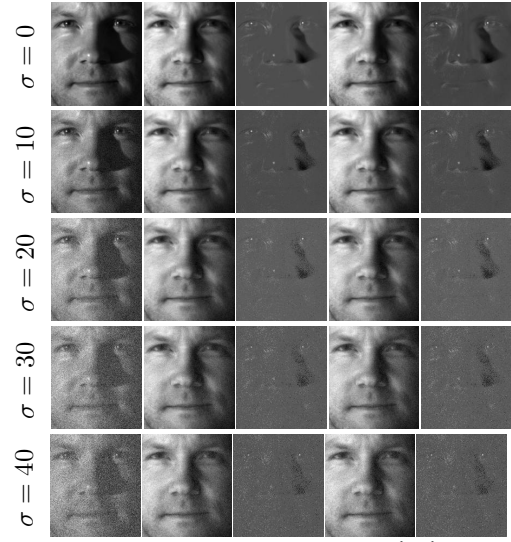


Figure 13: yaleB03: recovered \hat{L}, \hat{S} for frame 20

Table 8: StablePCP_u: yaleB02

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0261	0.1720	595.5254	5000+
10	0.0465	0.3697	595.0926	5000+
20	0.0843	0.6348	594.2518	5000+
30	0.1204	0.8808	599.8056	5000+
40	0.1528	1.1174	593.7441	5000+

C.4 Additional Results for Section 4.3

We provide frame 30, 60, and 90 for the three videos in Figures 14, 15, and 16.

Table 9: $\sqrt{\text{PCP}}$: yaleB03

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0336	0.2128	272.8555	2194
10	0.0458	0.3823	175.4205	1417
20	0.0780	0.5887	261.3707	1519
30	0.1133	0.8008	221.5380	1751
40	0.1469	1.0114	512.7160	4051

Table 10: StablePCP_u: yaleB03

σ	$\frac{\ \hat{L}-L_0\ _F}{\ L_0\ _F}$	$\frac{\ \hat{S}-S_0\ _F}{\ S_0\ _F}$	TIME (s)	ITER
0	0.0336	0.2128	594.5691	5000+
10	0.0434	0.3687	594.4220	5000+
20	0.0760	0.6162	596.9680	5000+
30	0.1109	0.8440	839.4338	5000+
40	0.1449	1.0662	601.5731	5000+

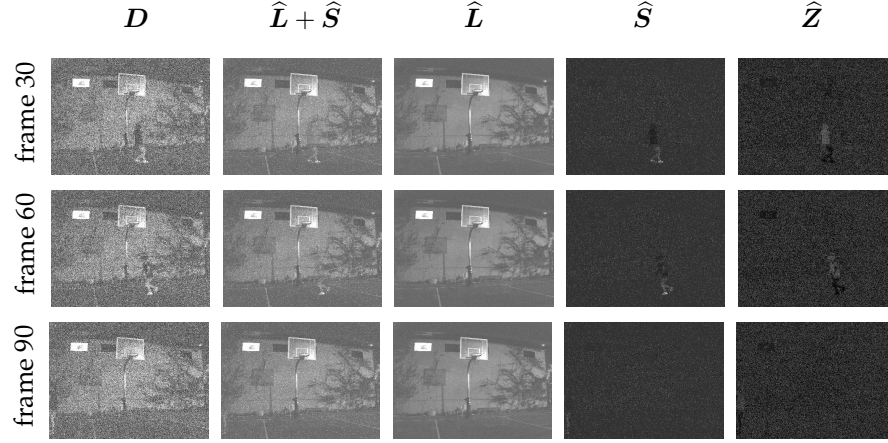


Figure 14: Low light video frame 30, 60, 90 for M0001 ($\hat{Z} = \hat{L} + \hat{S} - \hat{D}$).

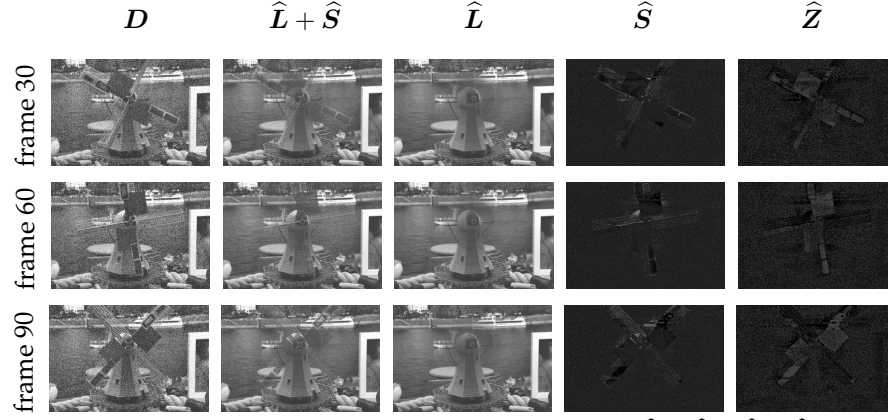


Figure 15: Low light video frame 30, 60, 90 for M0004 ($\hat{Z} = \hat{L} + \hat{S} - \hat{D}$).

C.5 Additional Results for Section 4.4

Results for frame 150 and 200 are presented in Figure 17.

C.6 Settings and Additional Results for Section 4.5

Table 11 below lists the settings for this set of experiments.

Table 11: Parameters for Simulation: $\rho_S = 0.1, (S_0)_{(i,j) \in \Omega} = 0.05$			
n_1	n_2	ρ_L	σ
$\{200, 300, \dots, 1000\}$	$n_2 = n_1$	0.1	0.01
$\{300, \dots, 1000\}$	300	0.1	0.01
300	300	$\{0.05, 0.1, \dots, 0.5\}$	0.01
300	300	0.1	$\{0.005, 0.01, \dots, 0.05\}$

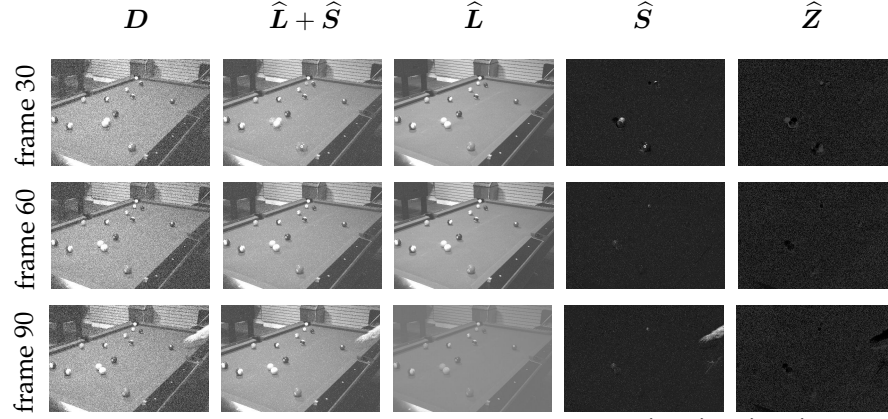


Figure 16: Low light video frame 30, 60, 90 for M0009 ($\hat{Z} = \hat{L} + \hat{S} - \hat{D}$).

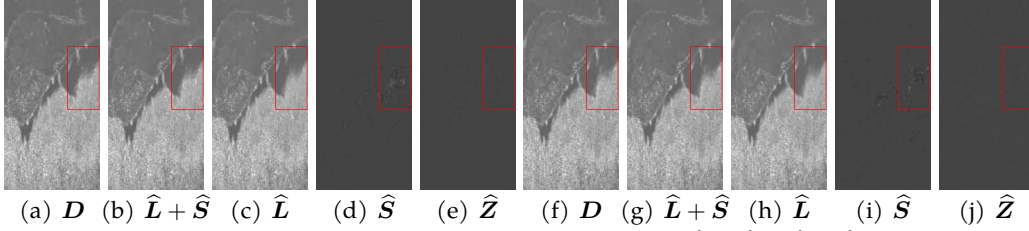


Figure 17: OCT, a-e): frame 150, f-j): frame 200 ($\hat{Z} = \hat{L} + \hat{S} - \hat{D}$).

We also provide heatmaps for the relative recovery error, i.e. the 10-average of $\eta_{\text{rel}}(\mu) := \|(\hat{L}(\mu), \hat{S}(\mu)) - (L_0, S_0)\|_F / \|(L_0, S_0)\|_F$, in Figure 18.

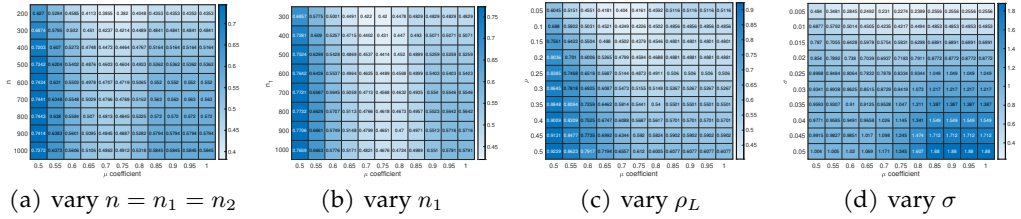


Figure 18: $\eta_{\text{rel}}(\mu)$ under different varying parameters

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