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As compressed sensing gains popularity, L1 optimization becomes more important than before since it preserves sparsity. However, the non-differentiability of the L1 norm brings difficulties in solving it. As a simple and traditional method for solving high dimensional optimization problems, coordinate decent can be applied to various applications with objectives involving an L1 term, for example, source identification and TV-based image denoising. (Received August 31, 2009)