

Image Restoration

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Announcements

- Midterm results this week
- HW3 due next Monday
 - question 1.4, plot energy distribution as %energy included vs. #eigen dimensions



Figure 5.18 Distribution of variances of the transform coefficients (in decreasing order) of a stationary Markov sequence with N = 16, $\rho = 0.95$ (see Example 5.9).

we have covered ...



outline

- What is image restoration
 - Scope, history and applications
 - A model for (linear) image degradation
- Restoration from noise
 - Different types of noise
 - Examples of restoration operations
- Restoration from linear degradation
 - Inverse and pseudo-inverse filtering
 - Wiener filters
 - Blind de-convolution
- Geometric distortion and its corrections

degraded images



ideal image

What caused the image to blur?



Blurred image

- Camera: translation, shake, out-of-focus ...
- Environment: scattered and reflected light
- Device noise: CCD/CMOS sensor and circuitry
- Quantization noise
- Can we improve the image, or "undo" the effects?



Original image



Blurred image

- Image enhancement: "improve" an image subjectively.
- Image restoration: remove distortion from image in order to go back to the "original" → objective process.

image restoration

- started from the 1950s
- application domains
 - Scientific explorations
 - Legal investigations
 - Film making and archival
 - Image and video (de-)coding
 - **...**
 - Consumer photography

Example of image restoration Asteroid Vesta





 related problem: image reconstruction in radio astronomy, radar imaging and tomography

[Banham and Katsaggelos 97]

a model for image distortion

- Image enhancement: "improve" an image subjectively.
- Image restoration: remove distortion from image, to go back to the "original" -- objective process



a model for image distortion

- Image restoration
 - Use a priori knowledge of the degradation
 - Modeling the degradation and apply the inverse process
 - Formulate and evaluate objective criteria of goodness



 $g(x,y) = H[f(x,y)] + \eta(x,y)$

 \rightarrow design restoration filters such that $\widehat{f}(x,y)$ is as close to f(x,y) as possible.

usual assumptions for the distortion model

- Noise
 - Independent of spatial location
 - Exception: periodic noise ...
 - Uncorrelated with image
- Degradation function H
 - Linear
 - Position-invariant



SPACE-INVARIENT RESPONSE - each point on image gives same response just shifted in position.



SPACE-VARIENT RESPONSE - each point on image gives a different response



divide-and-conquer step #1: image degraded only by noise.

common noise models



Gaussian

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-(z-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

Rayleigh

$$p(z) = \frac{2}{b}(z-a)e^{-(z-a)^2/b}$$
, for $z \ge a$

Erlang, Gamma(a, b)

$$p(z) = \frac{a^{b} z^{b-1}}{(b-a)!} e^{-az}, for \qquad z \ge 0$$

Exponential

$$p(z) = ae^{-az}, for \qquad z \ge 0$$

Salt-and-Pepper: $p(z) = P_a \delta(z - a) + P_b \delta(z - b)$

Speckle noise: $a = a_R + ja_I$ $|g(x,y)|^2 \simeq |f(x,y)|^2 |a(x,y)|^2 + \eta(x,y)$

 a_R, a_I zero mean, independent Gaussian \rightarrow multiplicative noise on signal magnitude

the visual effects of noise





FIGURE 5.4 Images and histograms resulting from adding Gaussian, Rayleigh, and gamma noise to the image in Fig. 5.3. FIGURE 5.4 (*Continued*) Images and histograms resulting from adding exponential, uniform, and impulse noise to the image in Fig. 5.3.

recovering from noise

overall process

Observe and estimate noise type and parameters \rightarrow apply optimal (spatial) filtering (if known) \rightarrow observe result, adjust filter type/parameters ...

Example noise-reduction filters [G&W 5.3]

- Mean/median filter family
- Adaptive filter family
- Other filter family
 - e.g. Homomorphic filtering for multiplicative noise [G&W 4.9.6, Jain 8.13]

example: Gaussian noise

a b c d

FIGURE 5.7

(a) X-ray image. (b) Image corrupted by additive Gaussian noise. (c) Result of filtering with an arithmetic mean filter of size $3 \times 3.$ (d) Result of filtering with a geometric mean filter of the same size. (Original image courtesy of Mr. Joseph E. Pascente, Lixi, Inc.)



example: salt-and-pepper noise





FIGURE 5.14 (a) Image corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise with probabilities $P_a = P_b = 0.25$. (b) Result of filtering with a 7 × 7 median filter. (c) Result of adaptive median filtering with $S_{max} = 7$.

Homomorphic Filtering

- Recall image formation model in Chapter 2:
 - Slow-changing illumination i(x,y) and fastchanging reflectance r(x,y)

f(x,y) = i(x,y)r(x,y)

 $z(x,y) = \ln f(x,y) = \ln i(x,y) + \ln r(x,y)$

- Used to remove multiplicative noise, or illumination variations
- Also used in to separate excitation and filtering effects in speech, e.g. hearing aids





developed in the 1960s by Thomas Stockham, Alan V. Oppenheim, and Ronald W. Schafer at MIT

Recovering from Periodic Noise

[G&W 5.4]

Recall: Butterworth LPF

$$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D(u,v)/D_0]^{2n}}$$



a b c

FIGURE 4.14 (a) Perspective plot of a Butterworth lowpass filter transfer function. (b) Filter displayed as an image. (c) Filter radial cross sections of orders 1 through 4.



Butterworth bandreject filter

 $H(u,v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{D(u,v)W}{D^2(u,v) - D_0^2}\right]^{2n}}$





example of bandreject filter

a b c d

FIGURE 5.16

(a) Image
corrupted by
sinusoidal noise.
(b) Spectrum of (a).
(c) Butterworth
bandreject filter
(white represents
1). (d) Result of
filtering.
(Original image
courtesy of
NASA.)





notch filter



a b c d

FIGURE 4.64

(a) Sampled
newspaper image
showing a
moiré pattern.
(b) Spectrum.
(c) Butterworth
notch reject filter
multiplied by the
Fourier
transform transform. (d) Filtered image.

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recover from linear degradation

- Degradation function
 - Linear (eq 5.5-3, 5.5-4)
 - Homogeneity
 - Additivity
 - Position-invariant (in cartesian coordinates, eq 5.5-5)
- → linear filtering with H(u,v)convolution with h(x,y) – point spread function



Divide-and-conquer step #2: linear degradation, noise negligible.

point-spread function



a b

FIGURE 5.24 Degradation estimation by impulse characterization. (a) An impulse of light (shown magnified). (b) Imaged (degraded) impulse.



point-spread functions



(a) L = 7.5 and $\phi = 0$; (b) L = 7.5 and $\dot{\phi} = \pi/4$

lated by integration; (b) PSF in the Fourier domain, showing |D(u, v)|, for R = 2.5.

inverse filter

assume h is known: low-pass filter H(u,v)



inverse filter recovered image

$$\hat{H}(u,v) = 1/H(u,v)$$
$$\hat{F}(u,v) = G(u,v)\hat{H}(u,v)$$





[EE381K, UTexas]

inverse filtering example













the problem of noise amplification

$$G(u,v) = F(u,v)H(u,v) + N(u,v) \qquad \hat{H}(u,v) = 1/H(u,v)$$
$$\hat{F}(u,v) = G(u,v)\hat{H}(u,v) = F(u,v) + \frac{N(u,v)}{\hat{H}(u,v)}$$



noise amplification example

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a b c d

FIGURE 5.25

Illustration of the atmospheric turbulence model. (a) Negligible turbulence. (b) Severe turbulence, k = 0.0025.(c) Mild turbulence, k = 0.001.(d) Low turbulence, k = 0.00025.(Original image courtesy of NASA.)





inverse filtering with cutoff (lowpass) to suppress noise.



 $\widehat{F}(u,v) = G(u,v)\widehat{H}(u,v)$ $\widehat{H}(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1/H(u,v), & |u^2 + v^2| \le \eta \\ 0, & |u^2 + v^2| > \eta \end{cases}$ $H(u,v) = e^{-k(u^2 + v^2)}$

pseudo-inverse filtering

- in reality, we often have
 - H(u,v) = 0, for some u, v. e.g. motion blur
 - noise $N(u,v) \neq 0$

To mitigate the effect of zeros in the degradation function, we have:

$$\widehat{H}(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1/H(u,v), & |H(u,v)| \ge \epsilon \\ 0, & |H(u,v)| < \epsilon \end{cases}$$



[Jain, Fig 8.10]

back to the original problem



Inverse filter with
cut-off:
$$\hat{H}(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1/H(u,v), & |u^2+v^2| \le \eta \\ 0, & |u^2+v^2| > \eta \end{cases}$$
Pseudo-inverse filter: $\hat{H}(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1/H(u,v), & |H(u,v)| \ge \epsilon \\ 0, & |H(u,v)| < \epsilon \end{cases}$

- Can the filter take values between 1/H(u,v) and zero?
- Can we model noise directly?

Wiener filter



- goal: restoration with expected minimum mean-square error (MSE) min $e^2 = E\{(f - \hat{f})^2\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f(x, y) - \hat{f}(x, y)]^2 dx dy$
- optimal solution (nonlinear):

 $\widehat{f}(x,y) = E\{f(x,y)|g(m,n), \forall (m,n)\}$

restrict to linear space-invariant filter

$$\widehat{f}(x,y) = w(x,y) * g(x,y)$$

find "optimal" linear filter W(u,v) with min. MSE ...

Derived by Norbert Wiener ~1942, published in 1949 Wiener, Norbert (1949), *Extrapolation, Interpolation, and Smoothing of Stationary Time Series*. New York: Wiley

Wiener filter defined

$$W(u,v) = \frac{H^*(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^2 + S_{\eta\eta}(u,v)/S_{ff}(u,v)}$$
$$W(u,v) = \frac{H^*(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^2 + K(u,v)}$$

- If no noise, $S_{\eta\eta} \rightarrow 0$ → Pseudo inverse filter $W(u,v)|_{S_{\eta\eta} \rightarrow 0} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{H(u,v)}, & H(u,v) \neq 0\\ 0, & H(u,v) = 0 \end{cases}$
- If no blur, H(u,v)=1 (Wiener smoothing filter) $W(u,v)|_{H=1} = \frac{1}{1 + S_{\eta\eta}(u,v)/S_{ff}(u,v)} = \frac{SNR(u,v)}{SNR(u,v)+1}$
 - \rightarrow More suppression on noisier frequency bands
- If K(u,v) >> |H(u,v)| for large $u,v \rightarrow$ suppress high-freq.

Sketch derivation of Wiener Filter

Aim is to find filter which minimizes

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(f(x,y) - \hat{f}(x,y) \right)^2 dxdy$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| f(x,y) - \hat{f}(x,y) \right|^2 \, dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| F(u,v) - \hat{F}(u,v) \right|^2 \, du dv \end{split}$$

Parseval's Theorem

$$\hat{F} = WG = WHF + WN$$

$$F - \hat{F} = (1 - WH)F - WN$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(1 - WH)F - WN|^2 \, du dv$$

 $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ |(1 - WH)F|^2 + |WN|^2 \right\} \, du dv \text{ since } f(x,y) \text{ and } \eta(x,y) \text{ uncorrelated}$

Note, integrand is sum of two squares

Sketch derivation of Wiener Filter (contd)

Minimize integral if integrand minimum for all (u,v)NB $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(zz^*) = 2z^*$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \to 2\left(-(1-W^*H^*)H|F|^2 + W^*|N|^2\right) = 0$$

$$W^* = rac{H|F|^2}{|H|^2|F|^2+|N|^2} \ W = rac{H^*}{|H|^2+|N|^2/|F|^2}$$

Note: filter is defined in the Fourier domain

Alternative derivation of Wiener filter

- goal: restoration with minimum mean-square error (MSE) min $e^2 = E\{(f - \hat{f})^2\}$ $\hat{f}(x, y) = w(x, y) * g(x, y)$
- find "optimal" linear filter W(u,v) with min. MSE
 - → orthogonal condition E{g(f f)} = 0
 → wide-sense-stationary (WSS) signals
 R_{fg}(x₁, y₁, x₂, y₂) = E{f(x₁, y₁)g(x₂, y₂)} ^{WSS} R_{fg}(x₁ x₂, y₁ y₂)
 → correlation function R_{fg}(x, y) = w(x, y) * R_{gg}(x, y)
 - → Fourier Transform: from correlation to spectrum $S_{fg}(u,v) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{fg}(x,y)\}, S_{gg}(u,v) = \mathcal{F}\{R_{gg}(x,y)\}$ $W(u,v) = \frac{S_{fg}(u,v)}{S_{gg}(u,v)} = \frac{H^*(u,v)S_{ff}(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^2S_{ff}(u,v) + S_{\eta\eta}(u,v)}$ S_{ff} and S_{m} are the power spectra of the single statements of th

 S_{ff} and $S_{\eta\eta}$ are the power spectra of the signal and noise, respectively

1-D Wiener Filter Shape

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Figure 8.11 Wiener filter characteristics.

[Jain, Fig 8.11]

$$v) = \frac{H^{*}(u,v)S_{ff}(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^{2}S_{ff}(u,v) + S_{\eta\eta}(u,v)}$$

= $\frac{H^{*}(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^{2} + \frac{S_{\eta\eta}}{S_{ff}}}$
= $\frac{H^{*}(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^{2} + K}$

|F(u,v)| and |N(u,v)| are known approximately, orK is a constant (w.r.t. u and v) chosen empirically to our knowledge of the noise level.
Schematic effect of Wiener filter



Wiener Filter example



[EE381K, UTexas]

Wiener filter example



a b c

FIGURE 5.28 Comparison of inverse- and Wiener filtering. (a) Result of full inverse filtering of Fig. 5.25(b). (b) Radially limited inverse filter result. (c) Wiener filter result.

 Wiener filter is more robust to noise, and preserves high-frequency details.

Wiener filter example



Ringing effect visible, too many high frequency components?





(a) Blurry image (b) restored w. regularized pseudo inverse(c) restored with wiener filter



Another example: reading licence plates





Algorithm

- 1. Rotate image so that blur is horizontal
- 2. Estimate length of blur
- 3. Construct a bar modelling the convolution
- 4. Compute and apply a Wiener filter
- 5. Optimize over values of K

f(x,y)





blur = 30 pixels

Wiener filter: when does it not work?

How much de-blurring is just enough?



image 'blurr1'



wiener filter



restored license plate

[Image Analysis Course, TU-Delft]

Variations of Wiener filters

geometric mean filters

$$W(u,v) = \left[\frac{H * (u,v)}{|H(u,v)^2|}\right]^{\alpha} \left[\frac{H^*(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^2 + \beta \frac{S_{\eta\eta}(u,v)}{S_{ff}(u,v)}}\right]^{1-\alpha}$$

- Constrained Least Squares
 - Wiener filter emphasizes high-frequency components, while images tend to be smooth

$$\min_{f} |g - H\hat{f}|^2 + \alpha |C\hat{f}|^2$$

$$\widehat{f}: \text{ the estimate for undegraded image}$$

$$C\widehat{f}: \text{ a high-passed version of } \widehat{f}$$



a b c

FIGURE 5.30 Results of constrained least squares filtering. Compare (a), (b), and (c) with the Wiener filtering results in Figs. 5.29(c), (f), and (i), respectively.

Improve Wiener Filter

Blind deconvolution

Wiener filter assumes both the image and noise spectrum are know (or can be easily estimated), in practice this becomes trial-and-error since noise and signal parameters are often hard to obtain.

$$\log |H|^2 = \log(S_{gg} - S_{\eta\eta}) - \log S_{ff}$$
$$S_{\eta\eta} \approx 0 \quad \Box \Rightarrow \quad \log |H| \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M} [\log|G_k| - \log|F_k|]$$

Maximum-Likelihood (ML) Estimation

- h(x,y) H(u,v) unknown
- Assume parametric models for the blur function, original image, and/or noise
- Parameter set θ is estimated by

$$\theta_{ml} = \arg\{\max_{\theta} p(y \mid \theta)\}$$

- Solution is difficult in general
- Expectation-Maximization algorithm
 - Guess an initial set of parameters θ
 - Restore image via Wiener filtering using θ
 - Use restored image to estimate refined parameters θ
 - ... iterate until local optimum

geometric distortions

- Modify the spatial relationships between pixels in an image
- a. k. a. "rubber-sheet" transformations



FIGURE 5.32 Corresponding tiepoints in two image segments.

- Two basic steps
 - Spatial transformation
 - Gray-level interpolation

$$x' = r(x, y)$$
$$y' = s(x, y)$$



FIGURE 5.33 Gray-level interpolation based on the nearest neighbor concept.

geometric/spatial distortion examples



FIGURE 14.2-1. Example of geometric distortion.

recovery from geometric distortion



ab cd ef

FIGURE 5.34 (a) Image showing tiepoints. (b) Tiepoints after geometric distortion. (c) Geometrically distorted image, using nearest neighbor interpolation. (d) Restored result. (e) Image distorted using bilinear interpolation. (f) Restored image.

recovery from geometric distortion







(b)

Fig. 5. (c) Image produced by a Computar 2.5mm lens and a Computar 1/3'' CCD board camera. (b) Distortion parameters recovered via the minimization of ξ_3 are used to map (a) to perspective image. Notice that straight lines in the scene, such as door edges, map to straight lines in the undistorted images.

Rahul Swaminathan, Shree K. Nayar: Nonmetric Calibration of Wide-Angle Lenses and Polycameras. IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Mach. Intell. 22(10): 1172-1178 (2000)

estimating distortions

- calibrate
- use flat/edge areas
- ... ongoing work





a. Original *BlurExtent* = 0.0104

c. Original

BlurExtent = 0.0462



b. Out-of-focus BlurExtent = 0.4015



d. Linear-motion *BlurExtent* = 0.2095

http://photo.net/learn/dark_noise/

[Tong et. al. ICME2004]

High-quality Motion Deblurring from a Single Image ⁵²

[Shan, Jia, and Agarwala, SIGGRAPH 2008]



"Our method computes a deblurred image using a unified probabilistic model of both blur kernel estimation and unblurred image restoration. ... include a model of the spatial randomness of noise in the blurred image, as well a new local smoothness prior that reduces ringing artifacts by constraining contrast in the unblurred image wherever the blurred image exhibits low contrast. Finally, we describe an efficient optimization scheme that alternates between blur kernel estimation and unblurred image restoration until convergence. As a result of these steps, we are able to produce high quality deblurred results in low computation time. "

summary

- a image degradation model
- restoration from noise
- restoration from linear degradation
 - Inverse and pseudo-inverse filters, Wiener filter, constrained least squares
- geometric distortions
- readings
 - G&W Chapter 5.1 5.10, Jain 8.1-8.4 (at courseworks)

who said distortion is a bad thing?



blur ...





geometric ...

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noise ...