

# Part 1 - Inverse Problems in Hyperspectral Imaging

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Part 1 - IPs in Hyperspectral Imaging

### Part 1 - Brief overview of hyperspectral imaging in remote sensing

- The observation model (direct or forward problem)
- Degradation mechanisms (spatial blur and noise)
- Characterization of hyperspectral images (geometrical and statistical)
- Inverse problems in hyperspectral imaging (denoising, sharpening, unmixing)

### Part 2 - Inverse problems in a nutshell

Part 3 - Denoising, sharpening, and unmixing

Measuring the radiation arriving the sensor with high spectral resolution over a sufficiently broad spectral band such that the acquired spectrum can be used to uniquely characterize and identify any given material

### Hyperspectral imaging concept

# Hyperspectral vectors in a low-dimensional manifold



# Hyperspectral imaging: motivation



# Remote sensing: basics

#### Radiance versus reflectance



- $E Irradiance (W/m^2)$
- $\rho$  Reflectance
- $L \text{Radiance} (W/Sr/m^2)$
- $\lambda$  Wavelength ( $\mu m$ )

$$L(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} E(\lambda) \rho(\lambda)$$

# Remote sensing: the influence of atmosphere



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The signal-to-ratio (SNR) associated with the Poissonian noise in a hyperspectral imaging system is given by ([Shaw & Burke 2003])

$${\sf SNR} \propto {\Delta^2 \over {\sf ACR} * R}$$

where  $\Delta$  is the spatial resolution, R is the number of bands, and ACR is the area coverage rate.

For the same SNR and ACR, we have 
$$\frac{\Delta(R)}{\Delta(1)} = \sqrt{R}$$

In conclusion: Hyperspectral images tend to have low spatial resolution

#### Remote sensing

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Spectral resolution (nm)	7-14	10	10	6.5-10	10	1.3-12	4-12	0.5 cm <sup>-1</sup>
Coverage (μm)	0.4-2.5	0.4-2.5	0.4-2.5	0.4-2.5	0.4-2.5	0.4-1.0	0.38-2.5 & 7.5-12	3.62-15.5 (645-2760 cm <sup>-1</sup> )
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# Contributions to the radiance measured by the sensor



Rays

- Sunlight
- Skylight
- Adjacency effect
- Surface scattering
- Atmosphere scattering
- Path radiance

 $L(\lambda) = a(\lambda)\rho(\lambda) + b(\lambda)$ 

a and b are complex functions of: viewing angles, sun irradiance, atmosphere transmitance and reflectance, and surface reflectance

# Processing flow of hyperspectral data cubes



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# Observation model in RS hyperspectral imaging

 $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times N}$  denotes a hyperspectral reflectance image organized in a matrix with R spectral bands and N pixels per band



Linear observation model with additive noise

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$$

where  $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{n}$  is an additive perturbation, and the matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  accounts for the spectral and spatial sensor blurring and downsampling mechanisms

### Linear observation model

Often the action of  $\mathbf{A}$  is separable with respect to the columns and rows of  $\mathbf{X}$ :

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}_{\lambda}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}_{x} + \mathbf{N}$$

where

• 
$$\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M}$$
 and  $\mathbf{y} = \mathsf{vec}(\mathbf{Y})$ 

- $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_x^T \otimes \mathbf{A}_\lambda$  ( $\otimes$  denotes kronecker product)
- $\mathbf{A}_{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{L imes R}$  acts on the rows (spectral domain) of  $\mathbf{X}$
- $\mathbf{A}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{N imes M}$  acts on the columns (spatial domain) of  $\mathbf{X}$



# Degradation mechanisms: noise

- The noise is dominated by two components:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{n}$ 
  - Solution Non-additive Poissonian noise due to the photon counting process  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Ax}))$ Recall:  $y \sim \mathcal{P}(x)$

$$P(y=k) = \frac{e^{-x}x^k}{k!}, \quad \mathbb{E}[y] = x, \quad \mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}[y] = x, \quad \mathsf{SNR} = \frac{\mathbb{E}^2[y]}{\mathbb{V}\mathrm{ar}[y]} = x$$

- **2** Additive Gaussian noise due to electronic circuits (n)
  - Accurate statistical modeling of the noise having into account the Gaussian and the Poissonian components is a challenging task ([B-D & Nascimento, 08], [Acito et al., 11], [Jezierska, 14], [Chouzenoux et al., 15])
  - Atmospheric correction process introduces further complications

In this tutorial, we often assume that the noise is Gaussian additive pixelwise independent with band-dependent variance

# Example of Gaussian and Poissonian noise (ROSIS, band 60)







Gaussian Noise:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}, \ \sigma = 0.03$  Poissonian Noise:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{P}(\gamma \mathbf{x}), \ \gamma = 100$ 

Anscombe transform:  $\sqrt{\mathbf{y} + a} \simeq \sqrt{\gamma \mathbf{x} + a} + \mathbf{w}$ 

### Example: noise estimation





Hyperspectral data cubes are highly correlated in the spectral-spatial domain

 $\Rightarrow$  Live in low (or in the union of low) dimensional manifolds or subspaces ([B-D & Nascimento, 08], [B-D et al. 12], [Ma et al., 14], [Heylen et al. 14])

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{Z} \quad \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times p} \quad p \ll R$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Sparsely represented by 3D wavelets (multiresolution representations) ([Rasti et al. , 12], [Fowler & Rucker, 07]

 $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  (wavelet coefficients)  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_0 \ll d$  ( $\|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = \{|w_i : w_i \neq 0|\}$ )

 $\Rightarrow$  Exhibit self-similarity, thus suited to non-local dictionary based techniques ([Castrodad et al., 11], [Elad et al., 06])

$$\mathsf{Patch}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha} \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha} \quad \text{is parse}$$

# Example of subspace identification [B-D & Nascimento, 08]

Pavia University (ROSIS,  $R = 103, N = 610 \times 340$ )





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# Example of 3D wavelet decomposition







Coefficients of the dual-tree 3D complex wavelets [Kingsbury, 02])

Pavia University (ROSIS, R = 103,  $N = 610 \times 340$ ) Reconstruction from 3% of the 3D wavelet coefficients PSNR = 35 dBPSNR = 32 dB (1%)

# Inverse problems in hyperspectral imaging

### Denoising

#### Observation model: $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}$

- $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times N}$
- N is Gaussian with matrix normal distribution:  $\mathbf{N} \sim \mathcal{MN}(\mathbf{0}_{R \times N}, \mathbf{C}_{\lambda}, \mathbf{C}_{x})$ (this is equivalent to say that  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{N}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_{RN}, \mathbf{C}_{x} \otimes \mathbf{C}_{\lambda})$ )

### Unmixing (linear mixing model - LMM)

Observation model:  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{ES} + \mathbf{N}$ 

- $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{p imes N}$  (endmember matrix)
- $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{p imes N}$  (abundance matrix)
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### Matrix normal distribution

Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times N}$ . A matrix normal distribution

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{MN}(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{C}_{\lambda}, \mathbf{C}_{x})$$

is a generalization of the multivariate normal distribution if an only if

$$\mathsf{vec}(\mathbf{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathsf{vec}(\mathbf{M}), \mathbf{C}_x \otimes \mathbf{C}_\lambda)$$

This implies that

$$p(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{C}_{\lambda}, \mathbf{C}_{x}) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathsf{tr}\left[\mathbf{C}_{x}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M})^{T}\mathbf{C}_{\lambda}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M})\right]\right)}{(2\pi)^{RN}|\mathbf{C}_{\lambda}|^{R/2}|\mathbf{C}_{x}|^{N/2}}$$

- $\mathbf{M} := \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]$
- $\mathbf{C}_{\lambda}$  among-row covariance
- C<sub>x</sub> among-column covariance

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Hyperspectral sharpening (deblurring, superresolution, fusion)

Observation model:  $\mathbf{Y}_h = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}_x\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N}_h$   $\mathbf{Y}_m = \mathbf{A}_\lambda\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}_m$ 

- $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times N}$
- $\mathbf{Y}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times M}$  observed hyperspectral image  $(M = N/d^2$  d is the downsampling factor)
- $\mathbf{Y}_m \in \mathbb{R}^{L imes N}$  observed multispectral image
- $\mathbf{A}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{N imes N}$  (usually a convolution)
- $\mathbf{A}_{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{L imes R}$  (spectral responses of the MS sensor )
- $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{N imes M}$  (downsampling matrix)
- $\mathbf{N}_h \sim \mathcal{MN}(\mathbf{0}_{R \times M}, \mathbf{C}_{h\lambda}, \mathbf{C}_{hx})$
- $\mathbf{N}_m \sim \mathcal{MN}(\mathbf{0}_{L \times N}, \mathbf{C}_{m\lambda}, \mathbf{C}_{mx})$

### Hyperspectral image compressive sensing

Observation model: 
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$$

• 
$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
,  $n = RN$ 

• 
$$\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
,  $m \ll n$ 

- $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n}$  measurement matrix (often  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_x^T \otimes \mathbf{A}_\lambda$ )
- $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_m, \mathbf{C}_n)$

**Objective**: estimate  $\mathbf{x}$  (equivalently,  $\mathbf{X} = \text{vec}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$ )