

## Part 3.1 - Hyperspectral denoising

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### Part 3 - Inverse problems in hyperspectral imaging

- Denoising
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# Denoising

### Denoising

Observation model:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$  (or  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}$ )

- $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , n = RN
- $\mathbf{N} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_n, \mathbf{C}_x \otimes \mathbf{C}_\lambda)$

Denoising is arguably the simplest inverse problem. But is us a fundamental one.

Any model for  $\mathbf{X}$  (prior, regularizer, constraints) that works well in a denoising problem is very likely to work well in other applications

Relevant approaches to hyperspectral denoising

- 3D wavelet-based [Rasti et al., 12, 13]
- non-local patch-based methods [Maggioni et al., 12]
- ST-TV and ST-NLTV regularization [Bresson & Chan, 08], [Yuan et al., 12], [Cheng et al., 14], [Chiercia et al., 15]
- tensor decompositon [Karami et al. 11]
- low rank and self-similarity [Zhuang & B-D, 16]

Let  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{d imes n}$  be a wavelet transform and  $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}$  (the wavelet coefficients)

Fundamental property: 3D wavelet coefficients of HSIs are sparse or compressible

- w is sparse means that  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_0 \ll d$   $(\|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = \{|w_i : w_i \neq 0|\})$
- w is compressible means that its elements have a fast decaying tails

Convex variational formulation to denoising

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} (1/2) \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_1$$
(1)

where  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_Q^2 := \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}$  is a weighted  $\ell_2$ -norm (usually,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{C}_x^{1/2} \otimes \mathbf{C}_\lambda^{1/2}$ )

The  $\ell_1$  norm, jointly with the quadratic data fidelity term, promotes sparsity on the vector  $\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$ 

## 3D Wavelet-based denoising

If 
$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$$
 and  $\mathbf{W}$  is orthogonal  $(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^T = \mathbf{W}^T\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I})$ , then  

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} (1/2) \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\mathbf{\widetilde{y}} - \mathbf{w}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$$

where  $\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}:=\mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}$  and



$$\widehat{\mathbf{w}} = \operatorname{soft}(\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}, \tau)$$

Insight: 
$$(\widetilde{y}_i = \widetilde{x}_i + \widetilde{n}_i)$$

•  $\widetilde{x}_i$  is heavy tailed

• 
$$\widetilde{n}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n^2)$$

- $\widetilde{w}_i=0$  if  $\widetilde{y}_i$  is dominated by the noise
- $\widetilde{w}_i = \widetilde{y}_i \pm \tau$  if  $\widetilde{y}_i$  is dominated by the signal

## Example: 3D Wavelet-based denoising (3D-DWT)

Example with 3D-DWT  $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103, \mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ 







Original HSI

Noisy observation  $\mathsf{PSNR}_y = 20\,\mathsf{dB}$ 

Estimated band 60  $PSNR_{\hat{x}} = 31 dB$ 

## Wavelet-based denoising with orvercomplete representations

If 
$$d > n$$
 ( $\mathbf{W}^T$  is overcomplete) or  $\mathbf{Q} \neq \alpha \mathbf{I}$ , then  

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} (1/2) \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \min_{\mathbf{w}} \|\widetilde{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{w}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{w}\|_1$$

Analysis formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} (1/2) \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_1$$

Synthesis formulation (W is a Parseval frame:  $\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$ )

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} (1/2) \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{w}\|_Q^2 + \tau \|\mathbf{w}\|_1, \quad \text{s.t.:} \quad \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}$$

Both, the analysis and the synthesis optimizations are easily solved with SALSA and FBPD algorithms.

# Example: 3D Wavelet-based denoising (3D-DT-COMP)

Example with 3D-DT-COMP  $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103, \mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ 







**Original HSI** 

Noisy observation  $\mathsf{PSNR}_y = 20\,\mathsf{dB}$ 

Estimated band 60  $\mathsf{PSNR}_{\widehat{x}} = 33 \, \mathsf{dB}$ 

Real world images are self-similar: given an image patch (cubes in volume), there are similar patches at different locations and scales.

### Self-similarity has been mainly exploited in two ways:

- Non-local (generalized) mean: for each patch find similar ones in the image and produce a patch estimate based on the found patches ([Buades et al., 2005], [Dabov et al., 07], [Maggioni et al., 12])
- Dictionary learning: express each patch as sparse representation in a given dictionary, which may be learned from the data ([Elad & Aharon, 05] [Mairal et. al., 08,10])

Patch-based image holds the state-of-the-art in image denoising ([Dabov et al., 07], [Maggioni et al., 12], [Chatterjee, P. Milanfar, 12])

# Non-local patch(cube)-based methods

 $\mathbf{y}_i(\text{noisy patch})$ 

### Denoising algorithm



 Dictionary learning: estimate D := [d<sub>1</sub>,...,d<sub>K</sub>] from the (overlapped) patches x<sub>i</sub>, i = 1,... by solving the matrix factorization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{N_p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i\|_1$$



 Patch composition: compute an estimate of the image by averaging the estimated patches x
<sub>i</sub> = Dα<sub>i</sub>



# Block matching 4D (BM4D) ([Maggioni et al., 12])

### BM4D is an extension to 3D images of BM3D ([Dabov et al., 07])



From ([Maggioni et al., 12])

## Example: Cube-based denoising with BM4D

#### Example with BM4D $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103$ , $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$







### **Original HSI**

Noisy observation  $\mathsf{PSNR}_y = 20\,\mathsf{dB}$ 

Estimated band 60  $PSNR_{\hat{x}} = 36 \, dB \ (600 \, sec)$ 

### Low rank + self-similarity ([Zhuang & B-D, 16])

Low rank:  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{Z}$   $\mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{R imes p}$  holds an orthonormal basis for range $(\mathbf{X})$ 

$$\begin{split} \widehat{\mathbf{Z}} &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{E}\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{Y}\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda \phi(\mathbf{Z}) \\ &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{E}^{T}\mathbf{Y}\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda \phi(\mathbf{Z}), \end{split}$$

Regularizer  $\phi$  is decoupled

$$\phi(\mathbf{Z}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \phi_i(\mathbf{Z}^i)$$

Solution:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}} = \psi_{\lambda\phi}(\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{\lambda\phi_1}(\mathbf{e}_1^T \mathbf{Y}) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_{\lambda\phi_k}(\mathbf{e}_k^T \mathbf{Y}) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\psi_{\lambda\phi_i} = \arg\min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{w}\|_F^2 + \lambda\phi_i(\mathbf{w})$$

is the so-called denoising operator, or Moreau proximity operator (MPO) of  $\phi$ 

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## Example: Low rank + self-similarity ([Zhuang & B-D, 16])

MPO for  $\phi$ : BM3D  $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103$ ,  $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ 





**Original HSI** 

Noisy observation  $\mathsf{PSNR}_y = 20\,\mathsf{dB}$ 

Estimated band 60  $PSNR_{\hat{x}} = 39 \, dB \, (8 \, sec)$ 

## Example: Low rank + self-similarity ([Zhuang & B-D, 16])

Denising + inpainting MPO for  $\phi$ : BM3D  $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103$ ,  $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ 







**Original HSI** 

Noisy observation  $\mathsf{PSNR}_y = 20 \, \mathsf{dB}$ 

Estimated band 60  $PSNR_{\hat{x}} = 39 \, dB \, (8 \, sec)$ 

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## Example: Low rank + self-similarity ([Zhuang & B-D, 16])

MPO for  $\phi$ : BM3D  $N = 640 \times 340, R = 103$ , Poissonian noise  $\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{P}(\gamma \mathbf{x})$ 



### **Original HSI**

Noisy observation

Estimated band 60  $PSNR_{\hat{x}} = 47 \, dB \, (11 \, sec)$  ST-TV (Vector TV, Hyperspectral TV) ([Bressom & Chan, 2008], [Yuan et al., 2012])

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} (1/2) \left\| \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} \right\|_{F}^{2} + \lambda \phi_{\mathsf{ST-TV}}(\mathbf{X})$$

where

$$\phi_{\mathsf{ST-TV}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \tau_i \| \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{h_i}, \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{v_i} \|_F$$

- ST-TV promotes localized step gradients within the image bands and align the "discontinuities" across the bands
- by controlling the amount of spatial regularization, parameters  $\tau_i$  mitigates the well known undesirable staircasing effects associated to TV regularization
- ST-TV optimization problem is easily solved by SALSA and FBPD algorithms

# Example: ST-TV denoising ([Yuan et al., TGRS 12])

#### HYDICE band 108 of Washington DC Mall



#### HYDICE band of Urban data sets



### Left: Noisy band; Middle Wavelet; Right: ST-TV (SSAHTV))

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## Structured tensor NLTV-based regularization

### ST-NLTV denoising and inpainting

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} (1/2) \left\| \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \right\|_{Q}^{2} + \lambda \phi_{\mathsf{ST-NLTV}_{p}}(\mathbf{X})$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes n}$  is a diaginal operator (mask),  $\mathbf{x} = \mathsf{vec}(\mathbf{X})$ , and

$$\phi_{\mathsf{ST-NLTV}_p}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \tau_i \left\| \left[ (\omega_{i,j}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j), j \in \mathcal{N}_i] \right] \right\|_{\mathcal{S}_p}$$

is the ST-NLTV regularizer ([Chiercia et. al., 15], multichannel-NLTV for p = 2) [Cheng, et al. 14]

The weights  $\omega_{i,j},$  learned from the observed data, measure the similarity between pixels i and j

- ST-NLTV improves over ST-TV regarding the preservation of textures, details, and fine structures
- ST-NLTV optimization problem is solved by SALSA and FBPD algorithms

# Example: ST-NLTV denoising ([Chiercia et al., TIP 12])

HYDICE band 81 (Urban area)



Left: Inpainting example from [Chiercia et al., 12]. Degradation: additive zero-mean white Gaussian noise with  $\sigma = 5$  and 90% of decimation (N = 65536, R = 191, M = 6553 and L = 191)

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