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Graph Spectral Image Processing

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Digital Signal Processing

- Discrete signals on *regular* data kernels.
 - Ex.1: audio on regularly sampled timeline.
 - Ex.2: image on 2D grid.
- Harmonic analysis tools (transforms, wavelets) for diff. tasks:
 - Compression.
 - Restoration.
 - Segmentation, classification.







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V2: 1st AC component



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Variants of Graph Laplacians

• Graph Fourier Transform (GFT) is eigen-matrix of graph Laplacian L.

 $L = V \underbrace{\sum V^{T}}_{\text{eigenvectors in columns}} F^{T}$

- Other definitions of graph Laplacians:
 - Normalized graph Laplacian:

$$L_n = D^{-1/2} L D^{-1/2} = I - D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2}$$

• Random walk graph Laplacian:

$$L_{rw} = D^{-1}L = I - D^{-1}A$$

• **Generalized** graph Laplacian [1]:

$$L_g = L + D^*$$

[1] Wei Hu, Gene Cheung, Antonio Ortega, "Intra-Prediction and Generalized Graph Fourier Transform for Image Coding," *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, vol.22, no.11, pp. 1913-1917, November 2015.

Characteristics:

- Normalized.
- Symmetric.
- No DC component.
- Normalized.
- Asymmetric.
- Eigenvectors not orthog.
- Symmetric.
- L plus self loops.
- Defaults to DST, ADST.

GSP and Graph-related Research

GSP: SP framework that unifies concepts from multiple fields.



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GFT: Derivation of Optimal Edge Weights

• Assume a 1D 1st-order *autoregressive (AR) process* $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, ..., x_N]^T$ where,

$$x_{k} = \begin{cases} \eta & k = 1 \\ x_{k-1} + e_{k} & 1 < k \le N \\ 0 \text{-mean r.v. with var. } \sigma_{k}^{2} \\ x_{1} = \eta & \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b} \\ x_{2} - x_{1} = e_{2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{N} - x_{N-1} = e_{N} & \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ e_{2} \\ \vdots \\ e_{N} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{C} = E\left[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right]$$

= $E\left[\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \right] = E\left[\mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T (\mathbf{F}^{-1})^T \right]$
= $\mathbf{F}^{-1} E\left[\mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T \right] (\mathbf{F}^{-1})^T$

$$E[\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}^{T}] = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{2}^{2} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \sigma_{N}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

• Precision matrix (tri-diagonal)



Multi-resolution-GFT Implementation



Fig. 2. MR-GFT coding system for PWS images.

[1] Wei Hu, Gene Cheung, Antonio Ortega, Oscar Au, "**Multiresolution Graph Fourier Transform for Compression of Piecewise Smooth Images**," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol.24, no.1, pp.419-433, January 2015.

Experimentation

- Setup
 - Test images: depth maps of *Teddy* and *Cones*, and graphics images of *Dude* and *Tsukuba*.
 - Compare against: HR-DCT, HR-SGFT, SAW, MR-SGFT in H.264.



Subjective Results



HR-DCT



MR-GFT







Summary of GFT for Image Coding

- Optimality of GFT for AR model.
- Variants of GFT for prediction residuals, anti-correlated pixels.
- Fast implementation (w/o eigen-decomposition) via Graph Lifting Transform (GLT) [1] or Fast Graph Fourier Transform (FGFT) [2].

[1] Y.-H. Chao et al., "Edge-Adaptive Depth Map Coding with Lifting Transform on Graphs," 31st Picture Coding Symposium, Cairns, Australia, May, 2015.

[2] L. Le Magoarou et al., "Approximate Fast Graph Fourier Transforms via Multilayer Sparse Approximations," *IEEE TSIPN*, May, 2018.

Graph-Signal Sampling / Encoding for 3D Point Cloud

- Problem: Point clouds require encoding specific 3D coordinates.
- Assumption: smooth 2D manifold in 3D space.
- Proposal: progressive 3D geometry rep. as series of graph-signals. MIT dataset*
 - 1. adaptively identifies new samples on the manifold surface, and
 - 2. encodes them efficiently as graph-signals.





• Example:

- 1. Interpolate i^{th} iteration samples (black circles) to a **continuous kernel** (mesh), an approximation of the target surface **S**.
- 2. New sample locations, **knots** (squares), are located on the kernel surface.
- 3. Signed distances between knots and *S* are recorded as sample values.
- 4. Sample values (green circles) are encoded as a graph-signal via GFT.

Graph-Signal Sampling / Encoding for 3D Point Cloud • Experimental Results:





[1] M. Zhao, G. Cheung, D. Florencio, X. Ji, "**Progressive Graph-Signal Sampling and Encoding for Static 3D Geometry Representation**," *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing*, Beijing, China, September, 2017.
Pre-Demosiac Light Field Image Compression Using Graph Lifting Transform

• **Problem**: Sub-aperture images in Light field data are huge.



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Dataset: EPFL light field image dataset Baseline: All-intra HEVC coding in YUV4:2:0 and RGB 4:4:4



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• Signal Denoising: signal smooth in nodal domain desired signal observation
• MAP Formulation:
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \text{noise}$$

fidelity term
$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \mathbf{x}^{T}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} = \text{smoothness prior}$$

$$(\mathbf{I} + \mu \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{x}^{*} = \mathbf{y}$$

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Optimal Graph Laplacian Regularization for Denoising

- Adopt a patch-based recovery framework, for a noisy patch \mathbf{p}_0
 - 1. Find K-1 patches similar to \mathbf{p}_0 in terms of Euclidean distance.
 - 2. Compute feature functions, leading to edge weights and Laplacian.
 - 3. Solve the unconstrained quadratic optimization:

$$\mathbf{q}^* = \arg\min_{\mathbf{q}} \left\| \mathbf{p}_0 - \mathbf{q} \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{q} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{q} = \left(\mathbf{I} + \lambda \mathbf{L} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{p}_0$$

 $\mathbf{f}_2^D(i) = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \alpha} \cdot \mathbf{y}_i$

 $\mathbf{f}_{1}^{D}(i) = \sqrt{\sigma^{2} + \alpha \cdot x_{i}}$

Spatial

$$\mathbf{f}_{3}^{D} = \frac{1}{K + \sigma_{e}^{2} / \sigma_{g}^{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \mathbf{p}_{k}$$

to obtain the denoised patch.

- Aggregate denoised patches to form an updated image.
- Denoise the image iteratively to gradually enhance its quality.
- Optimal Graph Laplacian Regularization for Denoising (OGLRD).

Denoising Experiments (natural images)

• Subjective comparisons ($\sigma_1 = 40$)



Original



Noisy, 16.48 dB



K-SVD, 26.84 dB



OGLR, 28.35 dB

BM3D, 27.99 dB

PLOW, 28.11 dB

Denoising Experiments (depth images)

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GLR for Joint Dequantization / Contrast Enhancement

Retinex decomposition model: reflectance

• **Objective**: general smoothness for luminance, smoothness w/ negative edges for reflectance.

 $\mathbf{y} = \tau \mathbf{l} \odot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{z} \leftarrow \text{noise}$ scalar illumination

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{l},\mathbf{r}} & \mathbf{l}^{\top} \left(\mathbf{L}_{l} + \alpha \mathbf{L}_{l}^{2} \right) \mathbf{l} + \mu \, \mathbf{r}^{\top} \mathcal{L}_{r} \mathbf{r} \\ \text{s.t.} & \left(\mathbf{q} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbf{Q} \preceq \mathbf{T} \tau \, \mathbf{l} \odot \mathbf{r} \ \prec \left(\mathbf{q} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \mathbf{Q} \end{array}$$

- **Constraints:** quantization bin constraints
- **Solution**: Alternating accelerated proximal gradient alg [1].

[1] Xianming Liu, Gene Cheung, Xiangyang Ji, Debin Zhao, Wen Gao, "Graph-based Joint Dequantization and Contrast ₃₁ Enhancement of Poorly Lit JPEG Images," accepted to *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, September 2018.

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Algorithm Overview

• Use graph total variation (GTV) of surface normals over the K-NN graph:

$$||\mathbf{n}||_{\text{GTV}} = \sum_{i,j\in\mathcal{E}} w_{i,j}||\mathbf{n}_i - \mathbf{n}_j||_1 \qquad \oint_{i} \mathbf{n}_i \qquad \oint_{j} \mathbf{n}_j \qquad w_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{||\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j||_2^2}{\sigma_p^2}\right)$$

• Denoising problem as I2-norm fidelity plus GTV of surface normals:

$$\min_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{n}} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}\|_{2}^{2} + \gamma \sum_{i,j \in E} w_{i,j} \|\mathbf{n}_{i} - \mathbf{n}_{j}\|_{1}$$

- Surface normal estimation of \mathbf{n}_i is a nonlinear function of \mathbf{p}_i and neighbors. **Proposal:**
- 1. Partition point cloud into **two independent classes** (say **red** and **blue**).
- 2. When computing surface normal for a red node, use only neighboring blue points.
- 3. Solve convex optimization for red (blue) nodes alternately.

[1] C. Dinesh, G. Cheung, I. V. Bajic, C. Yang, "Fast 3D Point Cloud Denoising via Bipartite Graph Approximation 37
 & Total Variation," *IEEE 20th International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing*, Vancouver, Canada, August 2018.

Experimental Results – Visual Comparison

Anchor model (σ =0.3)



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Reweighted Graph Total Variation

• TV on graphs.

Gradient of nodes on the graph:

 $(\nabla_i \mathbf{x})_j \triangleq x_j - x_i,$

Reweighted Graph TV:

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{RGTV} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{W}_{i,\cdot}(\mathbf{x}))\nabla_i \mathbf{x}\|_1$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N w_{i,j}(x_i, x_j) |x_j - x_i|,$$

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[2] P. Berger, G. Hannak, and G. Matz, "Graph signal recovery via primal-dual algorithms for total variation minimization," in *IEEE Journal* 40 *on Selected Topics in Signal Processing*, September 2017, vol. 11, no.6, pp. 842–855.

pixel intensity difference



Background for Image Deblurring

- Image blur is a common image degradation.
- Typically, blur process is modeled:

$$y = k \otimes x$$

where y is the blurry image, k is the blur kernel, x is the original sharp image.

- Blind-image deblurring focuses on estimating blur kernel k.
- Given *k*, problem becomes *de-convolution*.

Observation

Skeleton image

- PWS image keeping only structural edges.
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Our algorithm

- The optimization function can be written as follows, $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \underset{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \varphi(\mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{b}) + \mu_1 \cdot \theta_x(\mathbf{x}) + \mu_2 \cdot \theta_k(\mathbf{k})$
- Assume L_2 norm for fidelity term $\varphi(\cdot)$.
- $\theta_{\chi}(\cdot) = RGTV(\cdot).$
- $\theta_k(\cdot) = ||\cdot||_2$, assuming zero mean Gaussian distribution of k.
- RGTV is non-differentiable and non-convex.

Solution:

- Solve x and k alternatingly.
- For x, spectral interpretation of GTV, fast spectral filter.

Workflow



Experimental Results



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(d)



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(f)

Fig. 8. Real Blind Motion Deblurring Example. Image size: 618×464, kernel size: 69×69 . (a) Blurry image. (b) Krishnan et al. [33]. (c) Levin et al [32]. (d) Michaeli & Irani [35]. (e) Pan et al. [4]. (f) The proposed Algorithm 1. The images are better viewed in full size on computer screen.

Experimental Results



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)





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[1] J. Pang, G. Cheung, "**Graph Laplacian Regularization for Inverse Imaging: Analysis in the Continuous Domain**," *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 26, no.4, pp.1770-1785, April 2017.

• Deep Graph Laplacian Regularization:

- 1. Learn features **f**'s using CNN.
- 2. Compute distance from features.
- 3. Compute edge weights using Gaussian kernel.
- 4. Construct graph, solve QP.

$$w_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{\operatorname{dist}(i,j)}{2\epsilon^2}\right),$$

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Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed GLRNet which employs a graph Laplacian regularization layer for image denoising.

[1] M. McCann et al., "Convolutional Neural Networks for Inverse Problems in Imaging," *IEEE SPM*, Nov. 2017.

[2] K. Gregor and Y. LeCun, "Learning fast approximations of sparse coding," in Proc. 27th Int. Conf. Machine Learning, 2010..



Fig. 3. Network architectures of $\text{CNN}_{\mathbf{F}}$, $\text{CNN}_{\hat{\mathcal{Y}}}$ and CNN_{μ} in the experiments. Data produced by the decoder of $\text{CNN}_{\mathbf{F}}$ is colored in orange.

[1] J. Zeng et al., "Deep Graph Laplacian Regularization," submitted to arXiv, July 2018. (https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.11637)



Fig. 2. Block diagram of the overall DeepGLR framework.

• Graph Model guarantees numerical stability of solution:

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• Thm 1: condition number κ of matrix satisfies [1]:

$$\kappa \leq 1 + 2\,\mu\,d_{\rm max}, \qquad {\rm maximum\ node\ degree}$$

• **Observation**: By restricting search space of CNN to degree-bounded graphs, we achieve robust learning.
Experimental Results – Numerical Comparison

- Trained on AWGN on 5 images, patches of size 26-by-26.
- Batch size is 4, model is trained for 200 epochs.
- Trained for both known and blind noise variance.

Table 1. Average PSNR (dB) and SSIM values of different methods for Gaussian noise removal. The best results for each metric is highlighted in boldface.

Noise	Metric	Method								
		BM3D	WNNM	OGLR	DnCNN-S	DnCNN-B	DeepGLR-S	DeepGLR-B		
25	PSNR SSIM	29.95 0.8496	$30.28 \\ 0.8554$	$29.78 \\ 0.8463$	$\begin{array}{c} 30.41 \\ 0.8609 \end{array}$	30.33 0.8594	$30.26 \\ 0.8599$	$30.21 \\ 0.8557$		
40	PSNR SSIM	27.62 0.7920	$\begin{array}{c} 28.08\\ 0.8018 \end{array}$	$27.68 \\ 0.7949$	28.10 0.8080	28.13 0.8091	$28.16 \\ 0.8125$	$28.04 \\ 0.8063$		
50	PSNR SSIM	26.69 0.7651	$27.08 \\ 0.7769$	$26.58 \\ 0.7539$	$27.15 \\ 0.7809$	27.18 0.7811	$27.25 \\ 0.7852$	$27.12 \\ 0.7807$		

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- DeepGLR has average PSNR of 0.34 dB higher than CDnCNN [1].
- Model-based provides robustness against overfitting.

Table 2. Evaluation of different methods for low-light image denoising. The best results for each metric, except for those tested on the training set, are highlighted in boldface.

	Noisy	Method								
Metric		CBM3D	MC-WNNM	$\frac{\text{CDnCNN}}{(\text{train})}$	CDnCNN	$\begin{array}{c} { m CDeepGLR} \\ { m (train)} \end{array}$	CDeepGLR			
PSNR SSIM Y SSIM R SSIM G SSIM B	$\begin{array}{c} 20.36 \\ 0.5198 \\ 0.2270 \\ 0.4073 \\ 0.1823 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 26.08 \\ 0.8698 \\ 0.6293 \\ 0.8252 \\ 0.5633 \end{array}$	26.23 0.8531 0.5746 0.7566 0.5570	33.43 0.9138 0.8538 0.8979 0.8294	$\begin{array}{c} 31.26 \\ 0.8978 \\ 0.8218 \\ 0.8828 \\ 0.7812 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 32.31 \\ 0.9013 \\ 0.8372 \\ 0.8840 \\ 0.8138 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 31.60 \\ 0.9028 \\ 0.8297 \\ 0.8854 \\ 0.7997 \end{array}$			

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- Frequencies for Graphs
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 - Image / point cloud denoising, deblurring, contrast enhancement
- Hybrid graph-based / data-driven approach
 - Robustness against CNN overfitting

Ongoing & Future Work

- Graph learning given small data
 - Bayesian networks, DAG
- Unrolling of graph-based convex optimization
 - Unrolling of ADMM, proximal gradient with GTV prior, convex set constraints.
- Graph sampling
 - Fast sampling w/o eigen-decomposition, matrix inverse [1]
 - Reconstruction-cognizant sampling [2]



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