

Processing nonstationary data: representations, theory, algorithms and applications.

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Part I: Texture segmentation based on fractal attributes













Crucial to describe real-world images

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 $a = 2^5$

scale \boldsymbol{a}



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 \longrightarrow large estimation variance

A posteriori regularization

Filter smoothing (linear)

$$\left(\mathbf{I} + \lambda \mathbf{D}^{\top} \mathbf{D}\right)^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{\mathrm{LR}}$$

Linear regression $\widehat{\pmb{h}}^{\mathrm{LR}}$

Lissage





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 \longrightarrow cumulative estimation variance and regularization bias

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Functionals with either free or co-localized contours

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$$\boldsymbol{p} = \operatorname{prox}_{\lambda \| \cdot \|_{2,1}}(\boldsymbol{z}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p_i(\underline{n}) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\|\boldsymbol{z}(\underline{n})\|_2}\right) z_i(\underline{n})$$



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Let
$$S_m = \sum_a \log^m(a)$$
, $\mathcal{D} = (1 + \tau S_2)(1 + \tau S_0) - \tau^2 S_1^2$,
 $\mathcal{T} = \sum_a \log \mathcal{L}_a$ and $\mathcal{G} = \sum_a \log(a) \log \mathcal{L}_a$, alors
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 $\iff \begin{cases} \tilde{h} = \mathcal{D}^{-1} ((1 + \tau S_0)(\tau \mathcal{G} + h) - \tau S_1(\tau \mathcal{T} + v)) \\ \tilde{v} = \mathcal{D}^{-1} ((1 + \tau S_2)(\tau \mathcal{T} + v) - \tau S_1(\tau \mathcal{G} + h)) \end{cases}$

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Accelerated Primal-dual algorithm (Chambolle, 2011)

for
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 $\theta_n = \sqrt{1 + 2\mu\tau_n}, \quad \tau_{n+1} = \tau_n/\theta_n, \quad \sigma_{n+1} = \theta_n \sigma_n$
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Algorithme accéléré par forte-convexité



Segmentation via iterated thresholding

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Textured image Lin. reg. $\widehat{\pmb{h}}^{\mathrm{LR}}$



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$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Textured image} & \mathsf{Lin. reg. } \hat{h}^{\mathsf{LR}} & \overset{\mathsf{Co-localized}}{\operatorname{contours } \hat{h}^{\mathsf{C}}} & \overset{\mathsf{Threshold}}{\operatorname{estimate}^{\dagger} T \hat{h}^{\mathsf{C}}} \\ \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\mathsf{Image}} & \overbrace{\mathsf{Im$$

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Solid foam



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Liquid: $h_{\rm L} = 0.4$

Gas: $h_{\rm G} = 0.9$

Transition: $Q_{\rm G} = 400 \text{mL}/\text{min}$ - $Q_{\rm L} = 700 \text{mL}/\text{min}$



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Computational load

1s

2100s

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h: *true* regularity

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Stein Unbiased Risk Estimate (SURE)

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▶ Fast algorithms for automated tuning of hyperparameters

- * possibility to manage huge amount of data
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Part II: Point processes in time-frequency analysis

Harmonic analysis of temporal signals

Standard modeling of a "signal": $y : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ function of time *t*.



- electrical cardiac activity,
- audio recording,
- seismic activity,
- light intensity on a photosensor

Information of interest:

- time events, e.g., an earthquake and its replica
- frequency content, e.g., monitoring of the heart beating rate

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time

ever-changing world marker of events and evolutions

frequency

waves, oscillations, rhythms intrinsic mechanisms

Harmonic analysis of temporal signals

Noisy chirp: transient waveform modulated in amplitude and frequency

$$y(t) = e_{\nu}(t)\sin\left(2\pi\left(f_1 + (f_2 - f_1)\frac{t + \nu}{2\nu}\right)t\right) + \sigma n(t)$$





In the Fourier representation, the temporal information is lost.

Time-frequency analysis

Time and frequencyShort-Time Fourier Transform with window h: $V_h y(t, \omega) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{y(u)} h(u-t) \exp(-i\omega u) du$



Energy density interpretation $S_h y(t,\omega) = |V_h y(t,\omega)|^2$ the spectrogram $\int \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_h y(t,\omega) dt \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt \quad \text{if} \quad ||h||_2^2 = 1$

Signal, i.e., information of interest: regions of maximal energy.

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Unorthodox: focus on the spectrogram zeros

Restriction to the *circular Gaussian window*: $g(t) = \pi^{-1/4} e^{-t^2/2}$

Look for the (t_i, ω_i) such that $S_g(t_i, \omega_i) = 0$. [Flandrin, 2015]



Observations:

- zeros are "repelled" by the signal,
- in the "noise" region, zeros are evenly spread,
- short-range repulsion between zeros.

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$$V_g y(t,\omega) = \mathrm{e}^{-|z|^2/4} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\omega t/2} \mathcal{B} y(z/\sqrt{2})$$

where the Bargmann transform of the signal y, defined as

$$\mathcal{B}y(z) \triangleq \pi^{-1/4} \mathrm{e}^{-z^2/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{y(u)} \exp\left(\sqrt{2}uz - u^2/2\right) \,\mathrm{d}u,$$

is an entire function, almost characterized by its infinitely many zeros:

$$\mathcal{B}y(z) = z^m \mathrm{e}^{C_0 + C_1 z + C_2 z^2} \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(1 - \frac{z}{z_n} \right) \exp\left(\frac{z}{z_n} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{z_n} \right)^2 \right).$$

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Bargmann factorization

$$V_g y(t,\omega) = e^{-|z|^2/4} e^{-i\omega t/2} \mathcal{B} y(z/\sqrt{2})$$

Theorem The zeros of the Gaussian spectrogram $V_g y(t, \omega)$

- coincide with the zeros of $By(\sqrt{2})$, which is an **entire** function
- hence are isolated and constitute a random point process,
- which almost completely characterizes the spectrogram.

[Flandrin, 2015]

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Application: hypothesis testing for signal detection

- H_0 white noisy only, i.e., y(t) = n(t)
- H_1 presence of a signal i.e., $y(t) = x(t) + \sigma n(t)$

Unorthodox path: signal detection from the zeros

Noisy chirp H_1





White noise only H_0





Unorthodox path: zeros of the spectrogram of white noise



$$egin{aligned} & ext{Complex white noise} & \xi(t) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \xi_k h_k(t), \; \xi_k \sim \mathcal{N}_\mathbb{C}(0,1) \ & \{h_k, k=0,1,\ldots\} \; ext{the Hermite functions, Hilbertian basis of } L^2(\mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem
$$V_g\xi(t,\omega) = e^{-|z|^2/4}e^{-i\omega t/2}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\xi_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{k!}} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^k$$

[Bardenet & Hardy, 2021]


Zeros of the Planar Gaussian Analytic Function (GAF)

$$\mathcal{Z}(\mathrm{GAF}_{\mathbb{C}}) \stackrel{(\mathsf{def.})}{=} \{z_i, \, \mathsf{s.t.} \, \mathrm{GAF}_{\mathbb{C}}(z_i) = 0\}$$

Spatial statistics of the point process $\mathcal{Z}(GAF_{\mathbb{C}})$ known explicitly.



$$V_g \xi(t,\omega) \propto \mathrm{GAF}_{\mathbb{C}}(z/\sqrt{2})$$

 $z = \omega + \mathrm{i}t$

Properties of the point process $\mathcal{Z}(GAF_{\mathbb{C}})$:

- invariant under the isometries of \mathbb{C} , i.e., stationary,
- has a uniform density $ho^{(1)}(z)=
 ho^{(1)}=1/\pi$,
- explicit pair correlation function $\rho^{(2)}(z,z') = g_0(|z-z'|)$,
- scaling of the hole probability: $r^{-4}\log p_r \to -3\mathrm{e}^2/4$, as $r \to \infty$

 $p_r = \mathbb{P}$ (no point in the disk of center 0 and radius r)



The point process of the zeros of the spectrogram is not determinantal.



Signal detection based on spatial statistics:

• the K-function

$$K(r) = 2\pi \int_0^r sg_0(s) ds$$
: # pairs at distance less than r

• the F-function

$$F(r) = \mathbb{P}\left(\inf_{z_i \in \mathcal{Z}} \mathrm{d}(z_0, z_i) < r\right)$$
: empty space function

Unorthodox: other GAF, other transforms

Spherical Gaussian Analytic Function

$$\operatorname{GAF}_{\mathbb{S}}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{N} \xi_k \sqrt{\binom{N}{k}} z^k, \quad \xi_k \sim \mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{C}}(0,1)$$

" Kravchuk transform" of a discrete signal $y = \{y_k, k = 0, 1, ..., N\}$

$$K_{y}(\vartheta,\varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} Ty_{n} \sqrt{\binom{N}{n}} \left(\cos\frac{\vartheta}{2}\right)^{n} \left(\sin\frac{\vartheta}{2}\right)^{N-n} e^{i\varphi n}, \ z = \cot\vartheta/2e^{i\varphi}$$

with $Ty_n = \langle y, k_n \rangle$, $\{k_n, n = 0, 1, ..., N\}$ the Kravchuk functions.



