DIMENSIONALITY AUGMENTATION FOR PHASE RETRIEVAL WITH APPLICATIONS

Projection-based algorithms for high NA case and ...?

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INTRODUCTION

Only absolute values |x| any $y = |\mathcal{F}x|$ of some signal x and its Fourier transform are known. Find the signal.

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$$x \in \mathbb{C}^M$$
: $y = |\mathcal{F}x|$ (1)

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"The most used algorithm"^a Gerchberg and Saxton (1972), rediscovered by Gonsalves (1976).

^aM. A. Fiddy and U. Shahid, "Legacies of the Gerchberg-Saxton algorithm", *Ultramicroscopy*, **134**, pp. 48–54, 2013.



Fig. 1. Owen Saxton (centre) with Ralph Gerchberg (left) and James Fienup (right). Courtesy of James Fienup.

[1] P. W. Hawkes, "A distinguished trio, introduction to the Saxton-Smith-Van Dyck 65th-birthday issue," Ultramicroscopy, 134, pp. 2–5, 2013.

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(3)

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EXAMPLE OF 3D PR PAIR



Superposition of plane waves of unit amplitude with the wave vector belonging to a "spherical cap" approximates 3D PSF near focus I = J = M = 128

[1] C. W. McCutchen. Generalized Aperture and the Three-Dimensional Diffraction Image. J. Opt. Soc. Am., 54(2):240, 1964

[2] C. W. McCutchen. Generalized Aperture and the Three-Dimensional Diffraction Image:erratum. J. Opt. Soc. Am., 19(8):1721, 2002

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"Coherent" 3D phase retrieval — for $z = z_0$ (or m = 0), 2D PSF is the square of the absolute value of sum of (complex-valued) F_2 of each layer

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For PSFs as $p = |h|^2$:

$$p_c = |h_1 + h_2|^2$$
 $p_i = |h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2$

Examples of incoherent sum of PSFs: different sources, different wavelengths, different polarisations

IMAGE FORMATION: SCALAR VS VEC-TOR DIFFRACTION

Scalar light theory:

$$p_{\varphi} = \left| \mathcal{F} \, a \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\varphi} \right|^2, \qquad (4)$$

so input for the phase retrieval problem is

$$y = \sqrt{p_{\varphi}},$$
 (5)

and it looks for $x : y = |\mathcal{F}x|$,

$$x = a e^{i\varphi}.$$
 (6)

 $\varphi = \arg x$, hence the name.

Scalar wave example



U(**r**, t) E.g. sound wave

It can be used as approximation for electromagnetic waves for *small NA values* (that is *small* angles) Vector nature of light cannot be neglected for high NA values $U(\mathbf{r},t) = (U_x(\mathbf{r},t), U_y(\mathbf{r},t), U_z(\mathbf{r},t))$

Transverse wave^{*a*} in *z* direction *U* before the lens, *U*' after the lens



x- and y- linear polarizations $E_x = (1, 0, 0)$ and $E_y = (0, 1, 0)$ in the entrance pupil after lens change to¹:

$$E_{xx} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_x^2}{1 + \sigma_z}, \quad E_{xy} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_x \sigma_y}{1 + \sigma_z},$$
$$E_{yx} = -\frac{\sigma_x \sigma_y}{1 + \sigma_z}, \quad E_{yy} = -\frac{\sigma_y^2}{1 + \sigma_z},$$
$$E_{zx} = -\sigma_x, \qquad E_{zy} = -\sigma_y,$$
(7)

where (σ_x, σ_y) are normalised to NA coordinates in the pupil, and $\sigma_z(\sigma_x, \sigma_y) = \sqrt{1 - \sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2}$.

Note via duality ray/plane wave $(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$

[1] M. Mansuripur, *Classical Optics and Its Applications* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). Each of the right-hand-side terms in Eq. (7) can be treated as corresponding amplitude modulation in the entrance pupil for calculation of a PSF with the scalar Fourier method:

$$p_i = \left| \mathcal{F} \left(E_i e^{i\phi + iz_d k_z} \right) \right|^2, \tag{8}$$

where index *i* is one of the 6 pairs *xx*, *yx*, *zx*, *xy*, *yy*, *zy*.

One obtains thus 6 PSFs p_{xx} , p_{yx} , p_{zx} , p_{xy} , p_{yy} , p_{zy} which can be used to calculate the *vector* PSF corresponding for any linear polarisation in the entrance pupil. For unspecified polarisation state, all 6 PSFs are summed incoherently:

$$p = \sum_{i} p_{i}.$$
 (9)

EXAMPLE NA=0.95: AMPLITUDE, PHASE



EXAMPLE NA=0.95: APERTURE APODISATIONS



EXAMPLE NA=0.95: PSFS $p_{xx}, p_{yx}, p_{zx}, p_{xy}, p_{yy}, p_{zy}$



EXAMPLE NA=0.95: "VECTOR" PSF



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Incoherent 3D PR problem

where $x, X \in \mathbb{C}^{I} \times \mathbb{C}^{J} \times \mathbb{C}^{M}$

Relaxed constraints on X and additional constraint on x

Also generalisation of scalar PR (with M = 1) \longrightarrow we can try to generalise the approach used for 2D PR (demonstrated on "the most used algorithm")

Iterations
$$x^k \to X^k \to x^{k+1}$$
, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

PHASE RETRIEVAL AND GS



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Repeat until convergence



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just any would do
closest to x⁰



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- \cdot The sets in PR problem are transversal

[1] Kruger, A.Y., Luke, D.R., and Thao, N.H. Set regularities and feasibility problems. Math. Program. 168, 279-311 (2018)

VECTOR GS (WE NEED ONLY TO UP-DATE THE PROJECTIONS)

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE IMAGE PLANE: $x^k \rightarrow x^k$?

$$x^k \to X^k$$
:

$$\hat{X}^k = \mathcal{F}_3 x^k \tag{13}$$



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This projection is easy to realise – just normalise vector $\hat{X}_{i,j,.}$:

$$X_{i,j,\cdot}^{k} = \hat{X}_{i,j,\cdot}^{k} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{p_{i,j}}}{\left\| \hat{X}_{i,j,\cdot}^{k} \right\|_{2}}.$$
 (14)



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$$\hat{x}^{k+1} = \mathcal{F}_3^{-1} X^k$$
 (15)



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Now some projection point-wise on circles with radii *a*.



Possible projections

SOLUTION IN THE PUPIL PLANE: LEAST-SQUARES



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$$q_0 = \hat{q} / |\hat{q}|, \ \hat{q} = \frac{r_1 p_1 + r_2 p_2}{(r_1)^2 + (r_2)^2}$$
 (17)

Eq. (16) is the minimiasation of the moment of two-point system with masses r_1^2, r_2^2 in $p_1/r_1, p_2/r_2$, hence q_0 is the closest point on the unit circle to its COG point \hat{q}

For a general case:

$$\varphi_{i,j,\cdot}^{k+1} = \arg \frac{\sum_{m} a_{i,j,m} \cdot \hat{x}_{i,j,m}^{k+1}}{\sum_{m} a_{i,j,m}^2}$$
(18)

and

$$x_{i,j,m}^{k+1} = a_{i,j,m} e^{i\varphi_{i,j,\cdot}^{k+1}}$$
(19)

Note: this is the Gonsalves formula / Wiener filter often used in multiframe deconvolution, for instance:

$$I_n = O \cdot H_n \Rightarrow O = \frac{\sum_n I_n \cdot H_n^{\dagger}}{\sum_n H_n \cdot H_n^{\dagger}}$$
(20)

It's easy to show it's a projection (on Cartesian product of 1D complex linear spaces)

EXAMPLES AND CONCLUSIONS









More details and more advanced algorithms are provided in [1] and [2]

[1] N. Hieu Thao, O. Soloviev, and M. Verhaegen, Phase retrieval based on the vectorial model of point spread function, J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 37, 16 (2020).

[2] N. Hieu Thao, O. Soloviev, R.Luke, and M. Verhaegen, Projection methods for high numerical aperture phase retrieval, Inverse Problems 37 (12), 125005 (2021).

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF INCOHER-ENT PHASE RETRIEVAL

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even without apparent "physical meaning", like in the following example

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Original pupil function + δ -function modulated aperture, the same algorithm

"Traditional PR" (GS, 20000 iterations), noiseless



"3D PR", 1000 iterations

noiseless





Poisson noise,



Gaussian noise,



- 2D PR problem can be generalised to higher dimension setting in two ways, "coherently" and "incoherently"
- $\cdot\,$ Projection-based algorithm can be easily adjusted for both cases
- Incoherent 3D PR can be used for solving PR related problems taking into account the light polarisation or for removing unknown background illumination

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Questions?



^[1] Gabriel Peyré, http://www.gpeyre.com/



3 components of random orientation of dipole give 6 incoherent components in the collimated beam.

For the tube lens with low NA, the polarisation can be again ignored.