A PROXIMAL BASED STRATEGY FOR SOLVING DISCRETE MUMFORD-SHAH AND AMBROSIO-TORTORELLI MODELS

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Background and motivation on edge detection



- Goal: estimate the interface between gas and liquid
- Datasize: large image (1677×1160 pixels), analysis need to be performed on a sequence of images.

Discrete Mumford-Shah model and related approaches

Degradation model:

$$\mathbf{z} = A\overline{\mathbf{u}} + n$$

- $N = N_r N_c$: number of pixels
- $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^M$: degraded image
- $\overline{\mathbf{u}} \in \mathbb{R}^N$: original image
- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$: linear degradation operator (e.g. a blur)
- $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|}$: edges detected, where $|\mathbb{E}| = N N_r N_c$
- $n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I}_M)$: additive white gaussian noise





Related approaches, DMS-like model

• Estimate $\widehat{\mathbf{e}}$ from $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}$:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{u}} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \ \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}).$$

Thresholded-ROF based on TV denoising [Cai, Steidl, 2013]: $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}) = ||D_0\mathbf{u}||_{1,2}$ Blake-Zisserman model: $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_i \min(|(D\mathbf{u})_i|^p, \alpha^p)$,

[Strekalovskiy, Cremers, 2014] [Hohm et al., 2015]

Potts model:
$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{u}) = \|\nabla \mathbf{u}\|_0$$
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[Storath, Weinmann, 2015]

Jointly estimate ê and û using Mumford-shah model (discrete formulation):

[Foare, Lachaud, Talbot, 2016] [Foare, Pustelnik, Condat, 2019]

$$(\widehat{\mathbf{u}}, \widehat{\mathbf{e}}) \in \operatorname{Argmin} \Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}) := \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \beta \|(1 - \mathbf{e}) \odot D_0 \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e})$$

In the following we focus on this minimization problem

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- ▶ $D_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}| \times N}$: finite difference operator.
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Choice of $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e})$

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}\in\mathbb{R}^{N},\mathbf{e}\in\mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|}} \Phi(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{e}) := \frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2} + \beta \|(1-\mathbf{e}) \odot D_{0}\mathbf{u}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}),$$

- \mathcal{R} : favors sparse solution on edges variable and convex.
 - 1. Ambrosio-Tortorelli approximation [Foare et al., 2016]:

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \|\mathbf{e}\|_2^2 + \varepsilon \|D_1\mathbf{e}\|_2^2$$

2. ℓ_1 -norm: [Foare, Pustelnik, Condat, 2019] :

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \|\mathbf{e}\|_1$$

3. Quadratic- ℓ_1 [Foare, Pustelnik, Condat, 2019] :

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbb{E}|} \maxiggl\{|e_i|, rac{e_i^2}{4arepsilon}iggr\}$$



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Example:

 $\overline{f(x)=|x|} o \operatorname{prox}_{ au f}(x) =$ soft-thresholding with a fixed thresholdau > 0



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Proximal point iteration fo some $\tau > 0$:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \mathsf{prox}_{\tau f}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]})$$

 $\mathbf{x}^{[k]}$ converges to to a minimizer $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ of f [Bauschke, Combettes, 2011] Difficulty: closed form of prox [cf. *proximity-operator.net*]

Proximal algorithm: convex objective function

f convex possibly non-smooth, **g** convex, differentiable and gradient L-Lipschitz $\widehat{u} \in A$ remain f(u) + r(u)

$$\widehat{\mathbf{x}} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{H}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \underbrace{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{H}}$$

• Forward-backward splitting algorithm:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} := \mathbf{prox}_{ au f}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - rac{ au
abla \mathbf{x}^{[k]})}{ au \nabla \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]})})$$

If 0 < τ < 2/L, this scheme converges to a minimizer of f + g.

Gauss-Seidel iterations: Non-convex objective function

f, h are convex, possibly non-smooth, g is convex w.r.t each variable and differentiable,

$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|} } \Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}) := f(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}) + g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}) + h(\mathbf{e})$$

• Gauss-seidel scheme = alternating minimization:

Set
$$(\mathbf{u}^{[0]}, \mathbf{e}^{[0]}) \in (\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|})$$

for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ do
 $\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_{\mathbf{u}} \Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}^{[k]})$
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PAM iterations (Proximal Alternating Minimization)

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Algorithm 1: PAM [Attouch et al. 2010]

Set
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for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ do
 $\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{Argmin}_{\mathbf{u}} \Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}^{[k]}) + \frac{\underline{c_k}}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^{[k]}\|^2$
 $\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{Argmin}_{\mathbf{e}} \Phi(\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]}, \mathbf{e}) + \frac{\underline{d_k}}{2} \|\mathbf{e} - \mathbf{e}^{[k]}\|^2$

Convergence guarantees to a critical point

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Algorithm 2: PAM [Attouch et al. 2010]

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for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ do
 $\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{c_k}\Phi(\cdot, \mathbf{e}^{[k]})}(\mathbf{u}^{[k]})$
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Algorithm 3: PAM [Attouch et al. 2010]

Set $(\mathbf{u}^{[0]}, \mathbf{e}^{[0]}) \in (\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|})$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ do

$$\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{c_k}f(\cdot;z) + \frac{1}{c_k}g(\cdot,\mathbf{e}^{[k]})}(\mathbf{u}^{[k]})$$
$$\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{d_k}g(\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]},\cdot) + \frac{1}{d_k}h}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]})$$

Difficulty: Closed form expression for the prox of the sum of 2 functions.

$$\underset{\mathbf{u}\in\mathbb{R}^{N},\mathbf{e}\in\mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|}}{\operatorname{minimize}} \Phi(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{e}) := \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2}}_{f(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{z})} + \underbrace{\beta \|(1-\mathbf{e})\odot D_{0}\mathbf{u}\|_{2}^{2}}_{g(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{e})} + \underbrace{\lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e})}_{h(\mathbf{e})}$$

PALM iterations (Proximal Linearized Alternating Minimization)

$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}, \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|} } \Phi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}) := f(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}) + g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}) + h(\mathbf{e})$$

Algorithm 4: PALM [Bolte, Sabach, Teboulle, 2013]

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Initialization: } \mathbf{u}^{[0]} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}, \mathbf{e}^{[0]} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|} \\ \text{while } \frac{\Phi^{[k+1]} - \Phi^{[k]}}{\Phi^{[k]}} < 1e - 6 \text{ and } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ do} \\ \\ \text{Set } \gamma > 1 \text{ and } c_{k} = \gamma L_{1}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]}) ; \\ \mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{2c_{k}}f(\cdot,\mathbf{z})}(\mathbf{u}^{[k]} - \frac{1}{c_{k}}\nabla_{\mathbf{u}}g(\mathbf{u}^{[k]}, \mathbf{e}^{[k]})) ; \\ \text{Set } \eta > 1 \text{ and } d_{k} = \eta L_{2}(\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]}); \\ \mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{d_{k}}h}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]} - \frac{1}{d_{k}}\nabla_{\mathbf{e}}g(\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]}, \mathbf{e}^{[k]})) \end{array}$$

Difficulty: closed form of prox in the update of the edge variable.

PALM iterations (Proximal Linearized Alternating Minimization)

The update of the edge variable in Algorithm 2 takes a closed form that is:

Proposition

•
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \|\mathbf{e}\|_1$$
:

$$\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \mathit{soft}_{rac{\lambda}{d_k}}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]})$$

•
$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} \|\mathbf{e}\|_2^2 + \varepsilon \|D_1\mathbf{e}\|_2^2$$
:
 $\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \left[\frac{2\lambda\varepsilon}{d_k} D_1^* D_1 + \left(1 + \frac{2\lambda}{4\varepsilon d_k}\right) \operatorname{Id}\right]^{-1} \mathbf{e}^{[k]}.$

- Need to modify D₁ into periodic-D₁ to favor the computation of inverse operator above.
- Efficiently inversion in Fourier if D₁ is circulant

SL-PAM iterations

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}\in\mathbb{R}^{N},\mathbf{e}\in\mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|}} \Phi(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{e}) := \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{u}-\mathbf{z}\|_{2}^{2}}_{f(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{z})} + \underbrace{\beta \|(1-\mathbf{e})\odot D_{0}\mathbf{u}\|_{2}^{2}}_{g(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{e})} + \underbrace{\lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e})}_{h(\mathbf{e})}$$

Algorithm 5: SL-PAM [Foare, Pustelnik, Condat, 2017]

Initialization:
$$\mathbf{u}^{[0]} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$$
, $\mathbf{e}^{[0]} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|}$
while $\frac{\Phi^{[k+1]} - \Phi^{[k]}}{\Phi^{[k]}} < 1e-6$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ do
Set $\gamma > 1$ and $c_{k} = \gamma L_{1}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]})$
 $\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{c_{k}}f(\cdot,\mathbf{z})} \left(\mathbf{u}^{[k]} - \frac{1}{c_{k}}\nabla_{\mathbf{u}}g(\mathbf{e}^{[k]},\mathbf{u}^{[k]})\right)$
Set $d_{k} > 0$
 $\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{d_{k}}(g(\cdot,\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})+h)}(\mathbf{e}^{[k]})$

 \rightarrow Difficulty: computation of $\operatorname{prox}_{\frac{1}{d_k}(\beta \mathcal{S}(\cdot, \mathbf{u}^{[k+1]}) + \lambda \mathcal{R})} \left(\mathbf{e}^{[k]} \right)$

SL-PAM iterations

 \rightarrow Difficulty: computation of prox

$$\mathsf{prox}_{rac{1}{d_k}(eta\mathcal{S}(\cdot,\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})+\lambda\mathcal{R})}\left(\mathbf{e}^{[k]}
ight)$$

Proposition (Foare, Pustelnek, Condat, 2019) We assume that S is separable, *i.e*:

$$(\forall \mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{e}_i)_{1 \leq i \leq |\mathbb{E}|}) \qquad \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbb{E}|} \sigma_i(\mathbf{e}_i),$$

- $\sigma_i : \mathcal{R}^{|\mathbb{E}|} \to] \infty, +\infty]$ and whose proximity operator has a closed form expression
- Let $d_k > 0$, then at iteration $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the updating step on $\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]}$ in Algorithm 3 is:

$$\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \left(prox_{\frac{\lambda \sigma_i}{2\beta(D_0 \mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})_i^2 + d_k}} \frac{\beta(D_0 \mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})_i^2 + \frac{d_k \mathbf{e}_i^{[k]}}{2}}{\beta(D_0 \mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})_i^2 + \frac{d_k}{2}} \right)_{i \in \mathbb{E}}$$

SL-PAM iterations

Proposition (Le, Foare, Nelly, 2021) When $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{4\varepsilon} ||\mathbf{e}||_2^2 + \varepsilon ||D_1\mathbf{e}||_2^2$, then the update of the edge variable in Algorithm 3 takes a closed form that is:

$$\mathbf{e}^{[k+1]} = \left[\frac{2\lambda\varepsilon}{d_k}D_1^*D_1 + \frac{2\beta}{d_k}\operatorname{diag}\left((D_0\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})^2\right) + \dots \\ \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\varepsilon d_k} + 1\right)\operatorname{Id}\right]^{-1} \left(\frac{2\beta}{d_k}(D_0\mathbf{u}^{[k+1]})^2 + \mathbf{e}^{[k+1]}\right).$$

Difficulty: $D_1^*D_1$ and diag $(D_0\mathbf{u}^{[k]})$ not-diagonalisable in the same basis.

N=572 imes 558, eta=10, $\lambda=0.01$



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SL-PAM ℓ_1



 $\mathsf{PALM}\text{-}\ell_1$



 $PALM-AT_{\varepsilon=0.2}$

Which scheme gives the best result?

N=572 imes 558, eta=10, $\lambda=0.01$



	СТ	Number of iterations
SLPAM-I1	10s	43
PALM-I1	4min 01s	620
SLPAM-AT eps=0.2	NA	NA
PALM-AT eps=0.2	2 mins 27 s	380

Table: Computation time and number of iterations

SL-PAM ℓ_1 is the fastest scheme. However, which scheme gives the best result in terms of contour detection?



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Conclusions and future works

- Discrete-Mumford-Shah and Ambrosio-Tortorelli models
- SL-PAM and PALM for solving both models
- \blacktriangleright SL-PAM fastest for ℓ_1 but not applicable for AT for large data set
- SL-PAM AT, SL-PAM-I1, PALM-AT, PALM-I1 very close performance in terms of contour detection
- Importance of β and λ choice

- Deeper convergence analysis of PALM and SL-PAM
- Application to multiphasic flow experiment leading to modifications in the data-term.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !!!

PALM iterations



