Jupyter notebook used in the paper:

Aeolian dune modelling from airborne LiDAR, terrestrial LiDAR and Structure from Motion--Multi View Stereo

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Please check the GitHub repo for the final reference to the paper (here (https://github.com/CarlosGrohmann/scripts_papers/tree/master/garopaba_als_sfm_tls))

This notebok has the test of the effect of noise reduction (despeckle) on SfM-MVS using Lindsay et al (2019) feature-preserving DEM smoothing (FPDEMS) algorithm (http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/rs11161926)

The FPDEMS algorithm is provided with WhiteBoxTools (https://jblindsay.github.io/ghrg/WhiteboxTools/index.html (https://jblindsay.github.io/ghrg/WhiteboxTools/index.html))

Imports and auxiliar functions.

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In [1]: # import python libraries
   import sys, os, itertools
   import numpy as np
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import pandas as pd
   import seaborn as sns
   import rasterio as rio
   import xarray as xr
   import subprocess
   from IPython.display import Image # can use this to display GRASS m
   aps
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In [2]: # error measurements
def err_mse(x1, x2, axis=0):
    """mean squared error"""
    x1 = np.asanyarray(x1)
    x2 = np.asanyarray(x2)
    return np mean((x1-x2)**2 axis=axis)
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def err_rmse(x1, x2, axis=0):
    """root mean squared error"""
    x1 = np.asanyarray(x1)
    x2 = np.asanyarray(x2)
    return np.sqrt(err_mse(x1, x2, axis=axis))

def err_mae(x1, x2, axis=0):
    """mean absolute error"""
    x1 = np.asanyarray(x1)
    x2 = np.asanyarray(x2)
    return np.mean(np.abs(x1-x2), axis=axis)
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In [3]: # matplotlib figures appear inline in the notebook rather than in a
    new window.
%matplotlib inline
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GRASS setup

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In [4]: # requires version 7.8+
# create GRASS GIS runtime environment (mac and linux)
gisbase = subprocess.check_output(["grass79", "--config", "path"]).
strip().decode()

os.environ['GISBASE'] = gisbase
sys.path.append(os.path.join(gisbase, "etc", "python"))

# GRASS GIS imports
import grass.script as grass
import grass.script.setup as gsetup
import grass.script.array as garray
import grass.script.vector as gvect

# check GRASS version
# print(gisbase)
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{'GISDBASE': '/Volumes/MacintoshHD2/grassdata/', 'LOCATION_NAME':

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'utm', 'MAPSET': 'garopaba_22J'}
In [6]: # overwrite for GRASS modules
ow = True
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Data directory

Variables names

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In [8]: mask_tls = 'mask_tls'
   mask_sfm = 'mask_sfm' # mask for clipping (pretty much the whole Sf
   M area)
   mask_tls_sfm = 'mask_tls_sfm'

In [9]: # Names and files
   sfm_avg10cm = 'sfm_rinxyz_avg10cm'
   tls_avg10cm = 'tls_rinxyz_avg10cm'
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In [10]: # settings for interpolation, shaded reliefs, names for the files
method='bilinear'
step = 0.5
altitude = 30
azimuth = 25
az_txt = f'{azimuth:>03.0f}' #'{:>03.0f}'.format(azimuth)

dem_tls_10cm = f'tls_rinxyz_avgl0cm_{method}_step_{str(step)}'
dem_tls_10cm_shade = f'{dem_tls_10cm}_shade_{az_txt}_{str(altitude)}'

dem_sfm_10cm = f'sfm_rinxyz_avgl0cm_{method}_step_{str(step)}'
dem_sfm_10cm_shade = f'{dem_sfm_10cm}_shade_{az_txt}_{str(altitude)}'

diff_sfm_tls_10cm = 'diff_10cm_sfm_tls'
diff_sfm_tls_10cm_shade = f'{diff_sfm_tls_10cm}_shade_{az_txt}_{str(altitude)}'
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In [11]: # # set region and mask
    # mask_tls = 'mask_tls'
    # grass.run_command('g.region', vector=mask_tls, res=0.1, flags='pa
    ')
    # grass.run_command('r.mask', vector=mask_tls, overwrite=ow)

In [12]: # settings for roughness, names for the files
    w = 5 # window size
    op = 'stddev' # neighborhood operation

    tls_slope = dem_tls_locm + '_slope'
    sfm_slope = dem_sfm_locm + '_slope'

    tls rough = tls slope + ' std ' + str(w) + 'x' + str(w)
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sfm_rough = sfm_slope + '_std_' + str(w) + 'x' + str(w)

Noise reduction

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In [13]: # import WhiteBoxTools (requires tkinter)
    import whitebox
    wbt = whitebox.WhiteboxTools()
    # print(wbt.version())
    # print(wbt.help())
    wbt.verbose = False
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In [14]: # GRASS - set sub-region for testing
          dnoise_dir = f'{dataDir}/denoise'
          sfm_export = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}.tif'
          tls_export = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_tls_10cm}.tif'
          denoise area = 'denoise area'
          grass.run command('g.region', n=6900100, s=6900030, w=732360, e=732
          430, res=0.1, flags='pa');
          grass.run_command('v.in.region', output=denoise_area, overwrite=ow)
In [186]: # export DEM as tiff
          grass.run command('r.out.gdal', input=dem sfm 10cm, output=sfm expo
          rt, format='GTiff', overwrite=ow)
          grass.run_command('r.out.gdal', input=dem_tls_10cm, output=tls_expo
          rt, format='GTiff', overwrite=ow)
In [126]: # display with virtual monitor rendered to png
          grass.run_command('g.region', vector=mask_tls, res=0.1, flags='pa')
          grass.run_command('d.mon', start='png', output='view.png', overwrit
          grass.run command('d.rast', map=sfm rough)
          grass.run_command('d.legend', raster=sfm_rough, at='5,60,7,10', ran
          ge='0,15', flags='sd', label_step=5)
          grass.run_command('d.vect', map=denoise_area, fill_color='none', co
          lor='red') # mask for fodems testing
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Image('view.png')
Out[126]:

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10.0

5.0

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In [127]: grass.run_command('d.mon', stop='png')
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Run FPDEMS with different parameters

Test Threshold Value, fix k and i

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In [54]: thres = [5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45] # angular threshold
    cva_krnl = [3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,31,41] # CVA kernels
    tck = [(t,ck) for t in thres for ck in cva_krnl]
    k = 15
    i = 5
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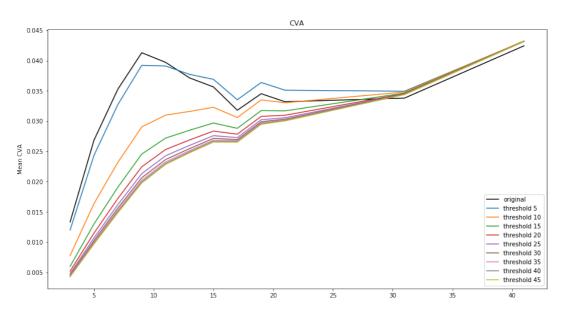
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output = cva_tif,
filter = ck,
);
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In [138]: # compute CVA for original SfM DEM
for ck in cva_krnl:
    cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/threshold/{dem_sfm_10cm}_cva{ck}.tif'
    wbt.circular_variance_of_aspect(
        dem = sfm_export,
        output = cva_tif,
        filter = ck,
    );
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In [43]: # plot mean CVA for each threshold
         plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
         plt.title('CVA')
         plt.ylabel('Mean CVA')
         # original data
         x = []
         y = []
         for ck in cva_krnl:
             col = f'sfm_cva{ck}'
             cva = fpd_cva[col].mean()
             x.append(ck)
             y.append(cva)
         plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'original',c='black')
         for t in thres:
             x = []
             y = []
             for ck in cva krnl:
                 col = f't{t}_cva{ck}'
                 cva = fpd cva[col].mean()
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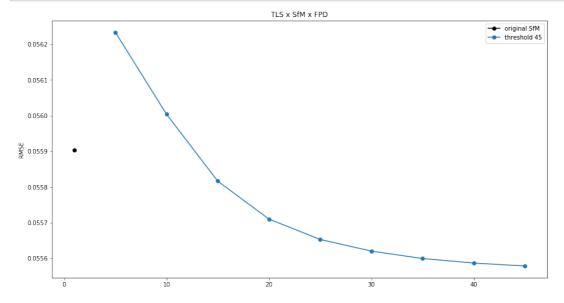
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x.append(ck)
    y.append(cva)
    plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'threshold {t}')

# legend
plt.legend()
plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_cva_threshold.svg')
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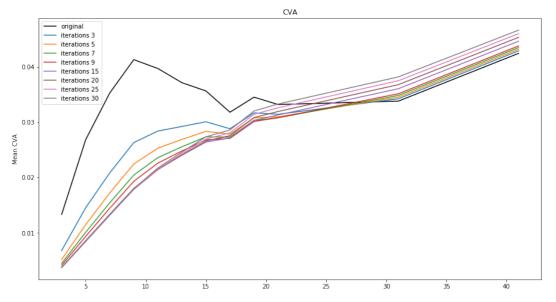
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In [29]: # read into dataframe - for RMSE
         fpd_tls_t = pd.DataFrame()
         # TLS
         tls_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_tls_10cm}.tif'
         tif = xr.open_rasterio(tls_tif)
         fpd_tls_t['tls'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
         # original SfM
         sfm_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}.tif'
         tif = xr.open_rasterio(sfm_tif)
         fpd_tls_t['sfm'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
         # SfM FPD
         for t in thres:
             fpd_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/threshold/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t}
         k{k}.tif'
             tif = xr.open rasterio(fpd tif)
             fpd_tls_t[f'fpd_t{t}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
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In [65]: # plot RMSE for each threshold
         plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
         plt.title('TLS x SfM x FPD')
         plt.ylabel('RMSE')
         \# original SfM x TLS
         x0 = 1
         y0 = err_rmse(fpd_tls_t['sfm'],fpd_tls_t['tls'])
         plt.plot(x0,y0,'-o',label=f'original SfM',c='black')
         # FPD
         x_t = []
         y_t = []
         for t in thres:
             col = f'fpd_t{t}'
             rmse = err_rmse(fpd_tls_t[col],fpd_tls_t['tls'])
             x_t.append(t)
             y_t.append(rmse)
         plt.plot(x_t,y_t,'-o',label=f'threshold {t}')
         # legend
         plt.legend()
         plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_RMSE_threshold.svg')
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In [56]: iters = [3,5,7,9,15,20,25,30] # iterations
          cva krnl = [3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,31,41] # CVA kernels
          ick = [(i,ck) for i in iters for ck in cva krnl]
          k = 15
          t = 20
 In [39]: # compute FPD for SfM DEMS
          for i in iters:
              fpd = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_k{
          k}.tif'
              wbt.feature_preserving_smoothing(
                  dem = sfm_export,
                  output = fpd,
                  filter = k,
                  norm diff = t,
                  num iter = i,
              );
In [189]: | # compute CVA for FPD DEMS
          for i,ck in ick:
              fpd = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm} fpd i{i} t{t} k{
          k}.tif'
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t
          }_k{k}_cva{ck}.tif'
              wbt.circular_variance_of_aspect(
                  dem = fpd,
                  output = cva tif,
                  filter = ck,
              );
In [190]: # compute CVA for original SfM DEM
          for ck in cva krnl:
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_cva{ck}.tif'
              wbt.circular_variance_of_aspect(
                  dem = sfm_export,
                  output = cva_tif,
                  filter = ck,
              );
 In [45]: # read into dataframe
          fpd cva = pd.DataFrame()
          # CVA for original SfM
          for ck in cva krnl:
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_cva{ck}.tif'
              tif = xr.open_rasterio(cva_tif)
              fpd_cva[f'sfm_cva{ck}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
          # CVA for FPD
          for i,ck in ick:
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t
          }_k{k}_cva{ck}.tif'
              tif = xr.open rasterio(cva tif)
              fpd_cva[f'i{i}_cva{ck}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
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In [46]: # plot mean CVA for each iteration
         plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
         plt.title('CVA')
         plt.ylabel('Mean CVA')
         # original data
         x = []
         y = []
         for ck in cva_krnl:
             col = f'sfm_cva{ck}'
             cva = fpd_cva[col].mean()
             x.append(ck)
             y.append(cva)
         plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'original',c='black')
         for i in iters:
             x = []
             y = []
             for ck in cva_krnl:
                 col = f'i{i}_cva{ck}'
                 cva = fpd_cva[col].mean()
                 x.append(ck)
                 y.append(cva)
             plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'iterations {i}')
         # legend
         plt.legend()
         plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_cva_iterations.svg')
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In [40]: # read into dataframe - for RMSE
fpd_tls_i = pd.DataFrame()

# TLS
tls_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_tls_10cm}.tif'
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tif = xr.open_rasterio(tls_tif)
fpd_tls_i['tls'] = tif.to_series().dropna()

# original SfM
sfm_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}.tif'
tif = xr.open_rasterio(sfm_tif)
fpd_tls_i['sfm'] = tif.to_series().dropna()

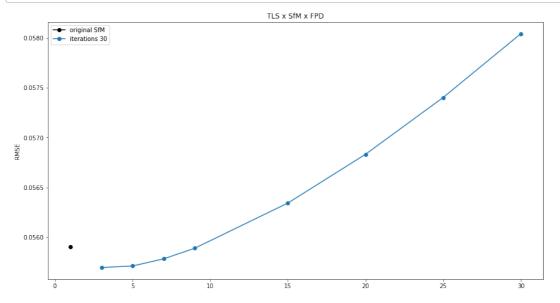
# SfM FPD
for i in iters:
    fpd_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/iterations/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_t
}_k{k}.tif'
    tif = xr.open_rasterio(fpd_tif)
    fpd_tls_i[f'fpd_i{i}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
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In [57]: # plot RMSE for each iteration
plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
plt.title('TLS x SfM x FPD')
plt.ylabel('RMSE')

# original SfM x TLS
x0 = 1
y0 = err_rmse(fpd_tls_i['sfm'],fpd_tls_i['tls'])
plt.plot(x0,y0,'-o',label=f'original SfM',c='black')
# FPD
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x_i = []
y_i = []
for i in iters:
    col = f'fpd_i{i}'
    rmse = err_rmse(fpd_tls_i[col],fpd_tls_i['tls'])
    x_i.append(i)
    y_i.append(rmse)
plt.plot(x_i,y_i,'-o',label=f'iterations {i}')

# legend
plt.legend()
plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_RMSE_iterations.svg')
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test kernel size, fix t and i

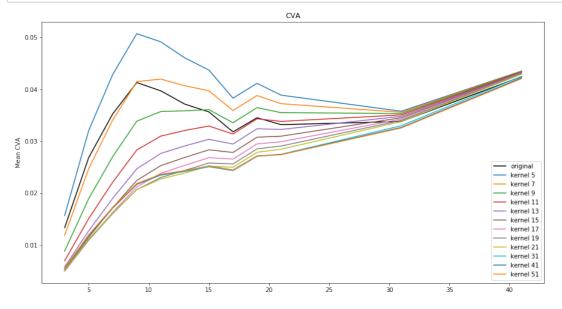
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In [58]: fpd_krnl = [5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,31,41,51] # FPD kernels
    cva_krnl = [3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,31,41] # CVA kernels
    kck = [(k,ck) for k in fpd_krnl for ck in cva_krnl]
    i = 5
    t = 20
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In [194]: # compute FPD for SfM DEMS
for k in fpd_krnl:
    fpd = f'{dnoise_dir}/fpd_kernel/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_k{k}.

k}.tif'
    wbt.feature_preserving_smoothing(
        dem = sfm_export,
        output = fpd,
        filter = k,
        norm_diff = t,
        num_iter = i,
    );
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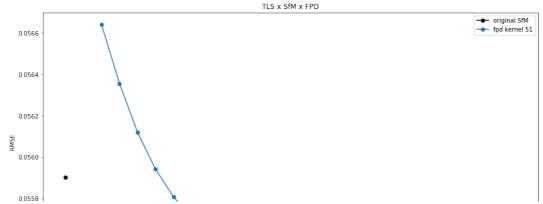
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In [195]: # compute CVA for FPD DEMS
          for k,ck in kck:
              fpd = f'{dnoise dir}/fpd kernel/{dem sfm 10cm} fpd i{i} t{t} k{
          k}.tif'
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/fpd_kernel/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t
          } k{k} cva{ck}.tif'
              wbt.circular_variance_of_aspect(
                  dem = fpd,
                  output = cva_tif,
                  filter = ck,
              );
In [196]: # compute CVA for original SfM DEM
          for ck in cva_krnl:
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/fpd_kernel/{dem_sfm_10cm}_cva{ck}.tif'
              wbt.circular variance of aspect(
                  dem = sfm_export,
                  output = cva_tif,
                  filter = ck,
              );
 In [63]: | # read into dataframe
          fpd_cva = pd.DataFrame()
          # CVA for original SfM
          for ck in cva_krnl:
              cva tif = f'{dnoise dir}/fpd kernel/{dem sfm 10cm} cva{ck}.tif'
              tif = xr.open_rasterio(cva_tif)
              fpd_cva[f'sfm_cva{ck}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
          # CVA for FPD
          for k,ck in kck:
              cva_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/fpd_kernel/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t
          }_k{k}_cva{ck}.tif'
              tif = xr.open_rasterio(cva_tif)
              fpd_cva[f'k{k}_cva{ck}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
 In [64]: | # plot mean CVA for each kernel
          plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
          plt.title('CVA')
          plt.ylabel('Mean CVA')
          # original data
          x = []
          y = []
          for ck in cva_krnl:
              col = f'sfm cva{ck}'
              cva = fpd cva[col].mean()
              x.append(ck)
              y.append(cva)
          plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'original',c='black')
          for k in fpd_krnl:
              x = []
              y = []
              for ck in cva krnl:
                  col = f'k{k}_cva{ck}'
                  cva = fpd_cva[col].mean()
                  x.append(ck)
                  y.append(cva)
              plt.plot(x,y,'-',label=f'kernel {k}')
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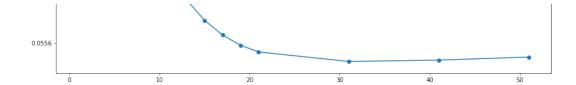
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# legend
plt.legend()
plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_cva_kernels.svg')
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In [50]: # read into dataframe - for RMSE
         fpd tls k = pd.DataFrame()
         # TLS
         tls tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_tls_10cm}.tif'
         tif = xr.open_rasterio(tls_tif)
         fpd_tls_k['tls'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
         # original SfM
         sfm_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}.tif'
         tif = xr.open_rasterio(sfm_tif)
         fpd_tls_k['sfm'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
         # SfM FPD
         for k in fpd_krnl:
             fpd_tif = f'{dnoise_dir}/fpd_kernel/{dem_sfm_10cm}_fpd_i{i}_t{t
         }_k{k}.tif'
             tif = xr.open_rasterio(fpd_tif)
             fpd_tls_k[f'fpd_k{k}'] = tif.to_series().dropna()
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In [67]: # plot RMSE for each kernel
         plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
         plt.title('TLS x SfM x FPD')
         plt.ylabel('RMSE')
         # original SfM x TLS
         x0 = 1
         y0 = err_rmse(fpd_tls_k['sfm'],fpd_tls_k['tls'])
         plt.plot(x0,y0,'-o',label=f'original SfM',c='black')
         # FPD
         x_k = []
         y_k = []
         for k in fpd_krnl:
             col = f'fpd_k{k}'
             rmse = err_rmse(fpd_tls_k[col],fpd_tls_k['tls'])
             x_k.append(k)
             y_k.append(rmse)
         plt.plot(x_k,y_k,'-o',label=f'fpd kernel {k}')
         # legend
         plt.legend()
         plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_RMSE_fpd-kernel.svg')
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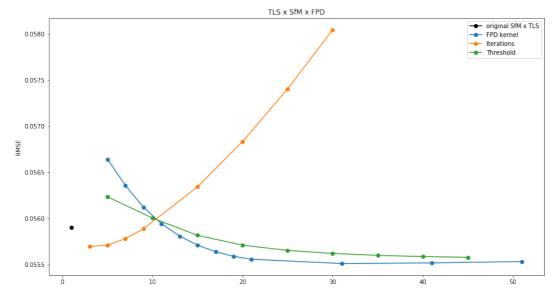




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In [70]: # all in one
plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
plt.title('TLS x SfM x FPD')
plt.ylabel('RMSE')

plt.plot(x0,y0,'-o',label=f'original SfM x TLS',c='black')
plt.plot(x_k,y_k,'-o',label=f'FPD kernel')
plt.plot(x_i,y_i,'-o',label=f'Iterations')
plt.plot(x_t,y_t,'-o',label=f'Threshold')
plt.legend()

plt.savefig(f'{dnoise_dir}/plot_fpdems_RMSE_all.svg')
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Run FPD for entire SfM DEM

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In [199]: # GRASS - set region, mask, export full DEM as tiff
    mask_tls = 'mask_tls'
    grass.run_command('g.region', vector=mask_tls, res=0.1, flags='pa')
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grass.run_command('r.mask', vector=mask_tis, overwrite=ow)
dnoise_dir = f'{dataDir}/denoise'
sfm_export_full = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}_full.tif'
grass.run_command('r.out.gdal', input=dem_sfm_10cm, output=sfm_expo
rt_full, format='GTiff', overwrite=ow)
In [200]: # settings for FPD
k = 17
i = 5
t = 20
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In [201]: # compute FPD
fpd = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}_full_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_k{k}.tif'
wbt.feature_preserving_smoothing(
    dem = sfm_export_full,
    output = fpd,
    filter = k,
    norm_diff = t,
    num_iter = i,
);
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Import back into GRASS and calculate surface roughness

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In [202]: # set region and mask
          mask_tls = 'mask_tls'
          grass.run command('g.region', vector=mask tls, res=0.1, flags='pa')
          grass.run command('r.mask', vector=mask tls, overwrite=ow)
In [208]: fpd = f'{dnoise_dir}/{dem_sfm_10cm}_full_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_k{k}.tif'
          sfm fpd = f'{dem_sfm_10cm}_full_fpd_i{i}_t{t}_k{k}'
          grass.run command('r.in.gdal', input=fpd, output=sfm fpd, flags='o'
          , overwrite=ow)
In [209]: # settings for roughness, names for the files
          w = 5 # window size
          op = 'stddev' # neighborhood operation
          sfm_fpd_slope = f'{grs_fpd}_slope'
          sfm fpd rough = f'{sfm_fpd_slope} std {w}x{w}'
In [210]: | # slope
          grass.run_command('r.slope.aspect', elevation=sfm_fpd, slope=sfm_fp
          d_slope, overwrite=ow)
In [211]: | # roughness
          grass.run_command('r.neighbors', input=sfm_fpd_slope, output=sfm_fp
          d_rough, method=op, size=w, overwrite=ow)
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In [212]: # set custom colortable, based on viridis
          rules='''0 255:255:255
          1 253:231:37
          3 93:201:98
          5 32:144:141
          7 58:82:139
          9 68:1:84
          13 155:0:0
          30 155:0:0
          # save rules to file
          with open('rules.txt', 'w+') as file:
              file.write(rules)
          grass.run command('r.colors', map=sfm fpd rough, rules='rules.txt')
In [213]: # display with virtual monitor rendered to png
          grass.run_command('d.mon', start='png', output='view.png', overwrit
          e=ow)
          grass.run_command('d.rast', map=sfm_fpd_rough)
          grass.run_command('d.legend', raster=sfm_fpd_rough, at='5,60,7,10',
          range='0,15', flags='sd', label_step=5)
          Image('view.png')
Out[213]:
                  15.0
                  10.0
                  5.0
                 0.0
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In [214]: grass.run_command('d.mon', stop='png')