Constrained spherical deconvolution on signal and ODF values.

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For the purpose of the ISBI HARDI reconstruction challenge 2013 and for the categories DTI and HARDI we reconstructed the diffusion datasets using the Spherical Deconvolution Transform (SDT) [1], [2] and Constrained Spherical Deconvolution (CSD) [3].

The SDT is a sharpening operation which transforms the smooth diffusion ODF into a sharper fiber ODF. The method is inspired by CSD [3] with the main difference that the CSD is applied directly to the initial signal and the SDT directly to the ODFs.

The idea here is that an ODF for example the analytical Q-ball ODF ψ_{QBI} can be formed by convolution between the single fiber diffusion ODF kernel, R and the true fiber ODF ψ_{SDT} .

$$\psi_{QBI}(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{|w|=1} R(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}) \psi_{SDT}(\mathbf{w}) dw$$
 (1)

Therefore, the deconvolution of ψ_{QBI} can recover a sharper ψ_{SDT} .

$$\psi_{SDT}(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{j=1}^{R} 2\pi P_{l_j}(0) \frac{c_j}{f_j} Y_j(\mathbf{u})$$
 (2)

The deconvolution is a fast converging iterative process. The main choice to be considered both for SDT and CSD is the estimation of the single fiber response function R. We assume that R is coming from a prolate tensor. For this purpose we found the tensors with FA \downarrow 0.7 and

The DW datasets for SNR 10 and 20 were denoised with the adaptive nonlocal means [4] using a rician noise model. As proposed in [5], each DW images were processed independently.

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