Diagnostic Medical Image Processing Reconstruction – Parallel Beam Reconstruction

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Important Methods

Central Slice Theorem

Filtered Backprojection

Filtering Revisited





Fourier Transform

1D Fourier transform:

$$P(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}
ho(s) e^{-2\pi i s \omega} \mathrm{d}s$$

1D inverse Fourier transform:

$$p(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\omega) e^{2\pi i s \omega} d\omega$$

Fourier pairs





Convolution

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$$(f*g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(au)g(t- au) \mathrm{d} au = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t- au)g(au) \mathrm{d} au$$

Convolution theorem:

$$q(s) = f(s) * g(s)$$

$$Q(\omega) = F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega)$$





Hilbert Transform

• Spatial representation:

$$(f*h)(t) = \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t-\tau)h(\tau)d\tau$$

$$h(\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi\tau}$$

Fourier representation:

$$H(\omega) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\omega)$$





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Central Slice Theorem

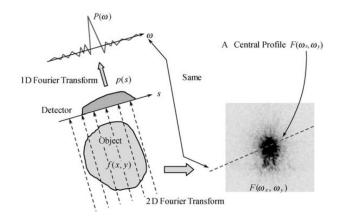


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Central Slice Theorem (2)

$$P(\omega, \theta) = F(\omega \cos \theta, \omega \sin \theta)$$





Idea for Reconstruction

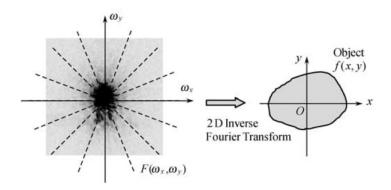


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Filtered Backprojection

• Fourier transform in polar coordinates:

$$f(x,y) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F_{\text{polar}}(\omega,\theta) e^{2\pi i \omega (x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta)} \omega d\omega d\theta$$





Filtered Backprojection - Practical Algorithm

• Apply Filter on the detector row:

$$q(s,\theta) = h(s) * p(s,\theta)$$

• Backproject $q(s, \theta)$:

$$f(x,y) = \int_0^{\pi} q(s,\theta)|_{s=x\cos\theta+y\sin\theta} d\theta$$





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- Note that the inverse Fourier of $2\pi i\omega$ is the derivative operator



Differentiation Hilbert Backprojection Algorithm

Compute first derivative of the detector row:

$$q_1(s, \theta) = \frac{\partial p(s, \theta)}{\partial s}$$

Apply Hilbert Transform:

$$q_2(s, heta) = rac{1}{2\pi^2 s} * q_1(s, heta)$$

• Backproject $q_2(s, \theta)$:

$$f(x,y) = \int_0^{\pi} q_2(s,\theta)|_{s=x\cos\theta+y\sin\theta} d\theta$$





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Differentiated Backprojection

· Definition of the backprojection:

$$b(x,y) = \int_0^{\pi} \mathbf{H} \rho(s,\theta)|_{s=x\cos\theta+y\sin\theta} d\theta$$

• **H** is the Hilbert transform with respect to s





Differentiated Backprojection (2)

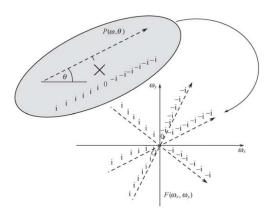


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Many reconstruction algorithms are possible ...

Method	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
	1D Ramp filter with Fourier transform	Backprojection	
	1D Ramp filter with convolution	Backprojection	
	Backprojection	2D Ramp filter with Fourier transform	
	Backprojection	2D Ramp filter with 2D convolution	
	Derivative	Hilbert transform	Backprojection
	Derivative	Backprojection	Hilbert transform
	Backprojection	Derivative	Hilbert transform
	Hilbert transform	Derivative	Backprojection
	Hilbert transform	Backprojection	Derivative
	Backprojection	Hilbert transform	Derivative

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Further Readings

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Questions?