

Deep Unfolded Proximal Interior Point Algorithm for Image Restoration

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\rightarrow Combine benefits of both approaches : unfold proximal interior point algorithm

Notation and Assumptions

Proximity operator

Let $\Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be the set of proper lsc convex functions from \mathbb{R}^n to $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$. The **proximal operator** [<http://proximity-operator.net/>] of $g \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is uniquely defined as

$$\text{prox}_g(x) = \underset{z \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(g(z) + \frac{1}{2} \|z - x\|^2 \right).$$

Assumptions

$$\mathcal{P}_0 : \underset{x \in \mathcal{C}}{\operatorname{minimize}} \quad f(Hx, y) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(x)$$

We assume that $f(\cdot, y)$ and \mathcal{R} are twice-differentiable, $f(H\cdot, y) + \lambda \mathcal{R} \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is either coercive or \mathcal{C} is bounded. The feasible set is defined as

$$\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}) \quad c_i(x) \geq 0\}$$

where $(\forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\})$, $-c_i \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The strict interior of the feasible set is nonempty.

- Existence of a solution to \mathcal{P}_0
- Twice-differentiability : training using gradient descent

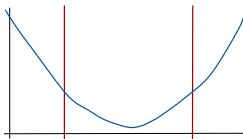
\mathcal{B} : logarithmic barrier

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n) \quad \mathcal{B}(x) = \begin{cases} -\sum_{i=1}^p \ln(c_i(x)) & \text{if } x \in \operatorname{int} \mathcal{C} \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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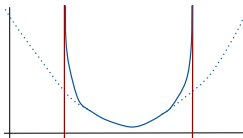
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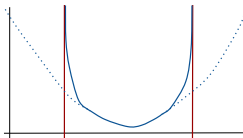
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\mathcal{P}_0 is replaced by a sequence of subproblems $(\mathcal{P}_{\mu_j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$.

- Subproblems solved approximately for a sequence $\mu_j \rightarrow 0$
- Main advantages : feasible iterates, superlinear convergence for NLP
- ✗ Inversion of an $n \times n$ matrix at each step

Proximal interior point strategy

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for $k = 0, 1, \dots$ **do**
 $x_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\gamma_k(f(H\cdot, y) + \lambda\mathcal{R} + \mu_k\mathcal{B})}(x_k)$
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end for

✓ Only requires $\text{prox}_{\gamma_k\mu_k\mathcal{B}}$

Proximity operator of the barrier

Affine constraints

$$\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a^\top x \leq b\}$$

Proposition 1

Let $\varphi : (x, \alpha) \mapsto \text{prox}_{\alpha\mathcal{C}}(x)$. Then, for every $(x, \alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+^*$,

$$\varphi(x, \alpha) = x + \frac{b - a^\top x - \sqrt{(b - a^\top x)^2 + 4\alpha\|a\|^2}}{2\|a\|^2} a.$$

In addition, the Jacobian matrix of φ wrt x and the gradient of φ wrt α are given by

$$J_\varphi^{(x)}(x, \alpha) = \mathbb{I}_n - \frac{1}{2\|a\|^2} \left(1 + \frac{a^\top x - b}{\sqrt{(b - a^\top x)^2 + 4\alpha\|a\|^2}} \right) aa^\top$$

and

$$\nabla_\varphi^{(\alpha)}(x, \alpha) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{(b - a^\top x)^2 + 4\alpha\|a\|^2}} a$$

Proof : [Chaux et al.,2007] and [Bauschke and Combettes,2017]

Proximity operator of the barrier

Hyperslab constraints

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid b_m \leq a^\top x \leq b_M \right\}$$

Proposition 2

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$$\varphi(x, \alpha) = x + \frac{\kappa(x, \alpha) - a^\top x}{\|a\|^2} a,$$

where $\kappa(x, \alpha)$ is the unique solution in $]b_m, b_M[$, of the following cubic equation,

$$0 = z^3 - (b_m + b_M + a^\top x)z^2 + (b_m b_M + a^\top x(b_m + b_M) - 2\alpha\|a\|^2)z - b_m b_M a^\top x + \alpha(b_m + b_M)\|a\|^2.$$

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$$\nabla_\varphi^{(\alpha)}(x, \alpha) = \frac{2\kappa(x, \alpha) - b_m - b_M}{\eta(x, \alpha)} a,$$

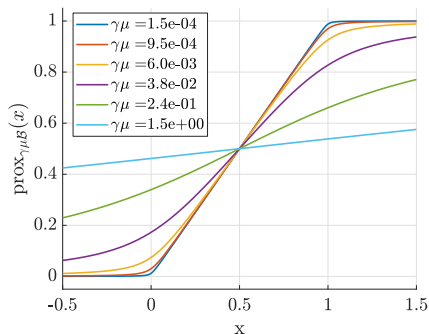
where $\eta(x, \alpha) = (b_M - \kappa(x, \alpha))(b_m - \kappa(x, \alpha)) - (b_m + b_M - 2\kappa(x, \alpha))(\kappa(x, \alpha) - a^\top x) - 2\alpha\|a\|^2$.

Proof : [Chaux et al.,2007], [Bauschke and Combettes,2017] and implicit function theorem

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Bound constraints

$$\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$



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Bounded ℓ_2 -norm

$$\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \|x - c\|^2 \leq \rho\}$$

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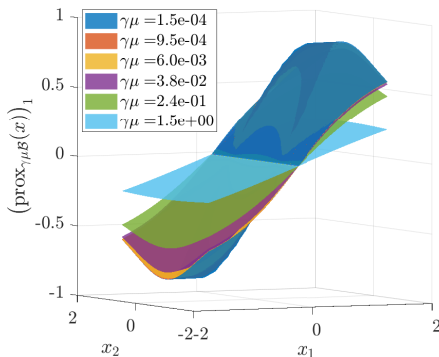
$$M(x, \alpha) = \mathbb{I}_n - \frac{2(x - \varphi(x, \alpha))(\varphi(x, \alpha) - c)^{\top}}{\rho - 3\|\varphi(x, \alpha) - c\|^2 + 2\alpha + 2(\varphi(x, \alpha) - c)^{\top}(x - c)}.$$

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$$\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x\|^2 \leq 0.7\}$$



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✓ Efficient algorithm for constrained optimization

✗ Setting of the parameters $(\mu_k, \gamma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$?

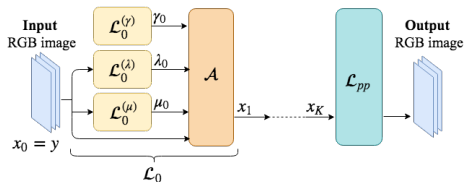
✗ Finding the regularization parameter λ so as to optimize the visual quality of the solution ?

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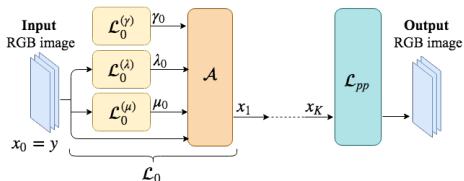


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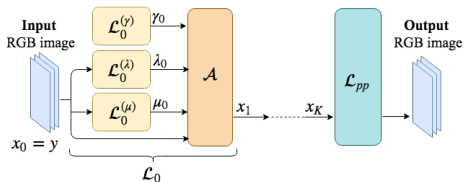
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$$\gamma_k = \mathcal{L}_k^{(\gamma)} = \text{Softplus}(a_k)$$

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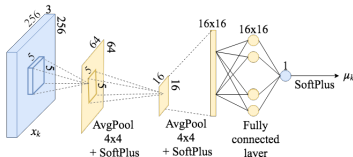
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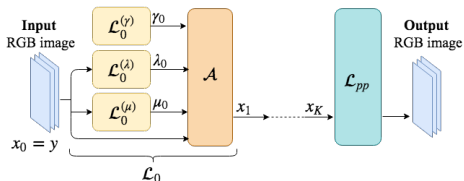
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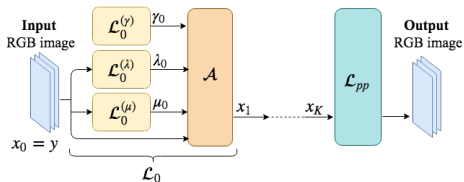
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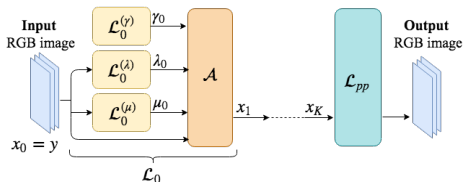
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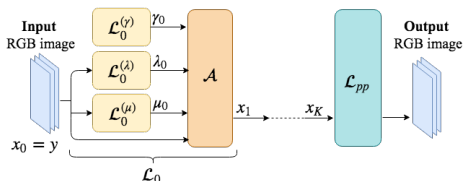
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Training Gradient descent and backpropagation ($\nabla \mathcal{A}$ with Propositions 1-3)

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- Deep learning : lack of theoretical guarantees, e.g. AlexNet [Szegedy *et al.*, 2013]
- Applications with high risk and legal responsibility (medical image processing, defense, etc...) → need guarantees
- Recent work of [Combettes and Pesquet, 2018]
- Robustness addressed with the framework of averaged operators

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- If T is averaged, then it is nonexpansive.
- Let $\alpha \in]0, 1]$. T is α -averaged if and only if for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\|^2 \leq \|x - y\|^2 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha} \|(I_n - T)(x) - (I_n - T)(y)\|^2.$$

\Rightarrow Bound on the output variation when input is perturbed.

Relation to generic deep neural networks

Feedforward architecture $R_{K-1} \circ (W_{K-1} \cdot + b_{K-1}) \circ \cdots \circ R_0 \circ (W_0 \cdot + b_0)$

- $(R_k)_{0 \leq k \leq K-1}$ non linear activation functions
- $(W_k)_{0 \leq k \leq K-1}$ weight operators
- $(b_k)_{0 \leq k \leq K-1}$ bias parameters

→ **iRestNet shares same structure**

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Quadratic problem

$$\underset{x \in \mathcal{C}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|Hx - y\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|Dx\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= \text{prox}_{\gamma_k \mu_k \mathcal{B}}(x_k - \gamma_k (H^\top (Hx_k - y) + \lambda_k D^\top Dx_k)) \\ &= \text{prox}_{\gamma_k \mu_k \mathcal{B}} \left([\mathbb{I}_n - \gamma_k (H^\top H + \lambda_k D^\top D)] x_k + \gamma_k H^\top y \right) \\ &= R_k(W_k x_k + b_k) \end{aligned}$$

- $W_k = \mathbb{I}_n - \gamma_k (H^\top H + \lambda D^\top D)$ weight operator
- $b_k = \gamma_k H^\top y$ bias parameter
- $R_k = \text{prox}_{\gamma_k \mu_k \mathcal{B}}$

Standard activation functions (ReLU, Sigmoid, etc. . .) are derived from a proximity operator [Combettes and Pesquet, 2018].

→ R_k specific activation function

Network stability result

Assumptions

Consider the quadratic problem, assume that $H^\top H$ and $D^\top D$ are **diagonalizable in the same basis** \mathcal{P} . For every $p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ let $\beta_H^{(p)}$ and $\beta_D^{(p)}$ denote the p^{th} eigenvalue of $H^\top H$ and $D^\top D$ in \mathcal{P} , resp. Let β_+ and β_- be defined by

$$\beta_+ = \max_{1 \leq p \leq n} \prod_{k=0}^{K-1} \left(1 - \gamma_k \left(\beta_H^{(p)} + \lambda_k \beta_D^{(p)}\right)\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_- = \min_{1 \leq p \leq n} \prod_{k=0}^{K-1} \left(1 - \gamma_k \left(\beta_H^{(p)} + \lambda_k \beta_D^{(p)}\right)\right).$$

Let $\theta_{-1} = 1$ and for all $k \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$,

$$\theta_k = \sum_{l=0}^k \theta_{l-1} \max_{1 \leq q_l \leq n} \left| \left(1 - \gamma_k \left(\beta_H^{(q_l)} + \lambda_k \beta_D^{(q_l)}\right)\right) \dots \left(1 - \gamma_l \left(\beta_H^{(q_l)} + \lambda_l \beta_D^{(q_l)}\right)\right) \right|.$$

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Consider the quadratic problem, assume that $H^\top H$ and $D^\top D$ are **diagonalizable in the same basis** \mathcal{P} . For every $p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ let $\beta_H^{(p)}$ and $\beta_D^{(p)}$ denote the p^{th} eigenvalue of $H^\top H$ and $D^\top D$ in \mathcal{P} , resp. Let β_+ and β_- be defined by

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Let $\theta_{-1} = 1$ and for all $k \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$,

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Theorem 1 – α -averaged operator

Let $\alpha \in [1/2, 1]$. If one of the following conditions is satisfied

- (i) $\beta_+ + \beta_- \leq 0$ and $\theta_{K-1} \leq 2^{K-1}(2\alpha - 1)$;
- (ii) $0 \leq \beta_+ + \beta_- \leq 2^{K+1}(1 - \alpha)$ and $2\theta_{K-1} \leq \beta_+ + \beta_- + 2^K(2\alpha - 1)$;
- (iii) $2^{K+1}(1 - \alpha) \leq \beta_+ + \beta_-$ and $\theta_{K-1} \leq 2^{K-1}$,

then the operator $R_{K-1} \circ (W_{K-1} \cdot + b_{K-1}) \circ \dots \circ R_0 \circ (W_0 \cdot + b_0)$ is α -averaged.

\Rightarrow Bound on the output variation when input is perturbed.

Numerical experiments

Image deblurring

$$y = H\bar{x} + \omega$$

- $H \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$: circular convolution with known blur
- $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$: additive white Gaussian noise with standard deviation σ
- $y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: RGB images

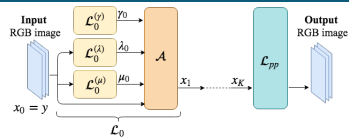
Variational formulation

$$\underset{x \in [0, x_{\max}]^n}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|Hx - y\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{(D_h x)_i^2 + (D_v x)_i^2}{\delta^2} + 1}$$

- δ : smoothing parameter, $\delta = 0.01$ for iRestNet
- $D_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, D_v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$: horizontal and vertical spatial gradient operators

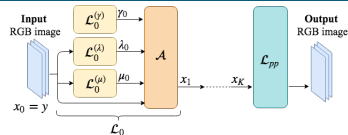
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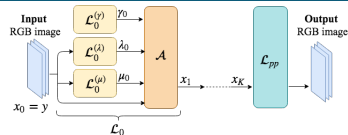
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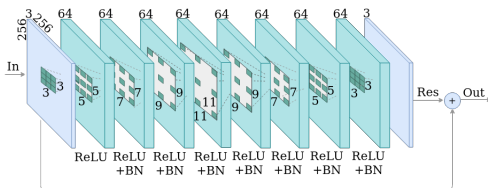
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Competitors

- VAR : solution to \mathcal{P}_0 with projected gradient algorithm, (λ, δ) leading to best SSIM
- Deep learning methods : EPLL [Zoran and Weiss, 2011], MLP [Schuler *et al.*, 2013], IRCNN [Zhang *et al.*, 2017] (require noise level)

Results

- ✓ Higher average SSIM than competitors
- ✓ Higher SSIM on almost all images

	GaussA	GaussB	GaussC	Motion	Square
Blurred	0.675	0.522	0.326	0.548	0.543
VAR	0.804	0.724	0.585	0.829	0.756
EPLL	0.799	0.709	0.564	0.838	0.754
MLP	0.821	0.734	0.608	-	-
IRCNN	0.841	0.768	0.618	0.907	0.833
iRestNet	0.850	0.786	0.638	0.911	0.839

TABLE – SSIM results on the test set.

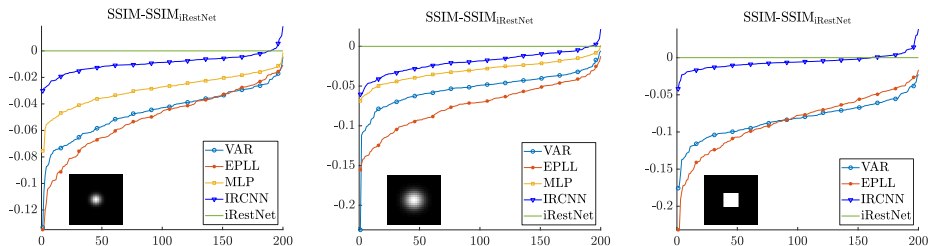


FIGURE – From left to right : GaussianA, GaussianC, Square.

Visual results

✓ Better contrast and more details



Ground-truth

VAR : 0.622

EPLL : 0.552

IRCNN : 0.685

iRestNet : **0.708**

FIGURE – Visual results and SSIM obtained on one test image degraded with Square.



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VAR : 0.838

EPLL : 0.842

MLP : 0.862

IRCNN : 0.842

iRestNet : **0.887**

FIGURE – Visual results and SSIM obtained on one test image degraded with GaussB.

Conclusion

- Novel architecture based on an unfolded proximal interior point algorithm
- Allows to apply hard constraints on the image
- Expression and gradient of the proximity operator of the barrier
- Different application (classification, ...)
- When degradation is unknown : blind or semi-blind deconvolution

Related publications

iRestNet



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Thank you !
