

CS663 Assignment 5 Question 2 Report

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1 Solution:

At first we assume that gradients we have are not noisy.

For 1D image of size N it is given that $g = h * f$, where g is gradient image, h is convolution kernel and f is our original image.

Since image gradients are computed discretely using

$g(x) = f(x+1) - f(x)$ for $x \in (1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, N)$, the convolution kernel h for computing the gradient image can be given by $[-1, 1]$

Our motive is to find f from given g & h. We can proceed using the principle of applying Discrete Fourier Transform on equation and using Fourier shift theorem

$$G(u) = F(u) \left(e^{\frac{2\pi u j}{N}} - 1 \right)$$

$$F(u) = \frac{G(u)}{\left(e^{\frac{2\pi u j}{N}} - 1 \right)}$$

so when $e^{\frac{2\pi u j}{N}} - 1 = 0$ denominator becomes 0 and F(u) becomes undefined. It will happen when $u=0$. Thus we cannot recover the DC component of the original 1D image using this method and must use another method of determining the DC component.

In the case of a 2D Image of size $N \times N$, same problem as above is observed while trying to use DFT to obtain $f(x, y)$ from $g(x, y)$ & $h(x, y)$

Let $f_x(x, y)$ and $f_y(x, y)$ be the gradients of $f(x, y)$ in the spatial domain with $F_x(u, v)$ & $F_y(u, v)$ as the corresponding Fourier domain representations.

In the Fourier domain

$$F_x(u, v) = F(u, v) \left(e^{\frac{2\pi u j}{N}} - 1 \right)$$

$$F_y(u, v) = F(u, v) \left(e^{\frac{2\pi v j}{N}} - 1 \right)$$

Problems similar to the 1D case arise at $u = 0$ for F_x and at $v = 0$ for F_y . Even if we know both, the intersection $(u = 0, v = 0)$ will still remain unknown. Thus, we will again have to estimate the DC component using some other technique. This is a big trouble with this approach. And till now, in our analysis we have assumed gradients to be noise-free. But in reality, they will be not. The noisy gradients will pose greater problems in the reconstruction of the original image (both 1D & 2D).