

# Image Denoising

## Homework n°1 - Exercises

### Exercise 4.1

Let  $X \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda)$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[X] &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} k \mathbb{P}(X = k) \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \lambda^k \frac{k}{k \times (k-1)!} \\
 &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\
 &\stackrel{l=k-1}{=} \lambda e^{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^l}{l!}}_{=e^\lambda} \\
 &= \lambda
 \end{aligned}
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 \begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[X^2] &= \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} k^2 \mathbb{P}(X = k) \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} k^2 \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=2}^{+\infty} k(k-1) \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \\
 &= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} + \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\
 &\stackrel{l=k-2}{\stackrel{m=k-1}{=}} \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sum_{l=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^l}{l!}}_{=e^\lambda} + \lambda e^{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\lambda^m}{m!}}_{=e^\lambda} \\
 &= \lambda^2 + \lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

And  $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = (\lambda^2 + \lambda) - \lambda^2 = \lambda$ .

So we have shown  $\boxed{\mathbb{E}[X] = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda}$ .

## Exercise 4.2

We first prove the result for  $n = 2$ .

Let  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda_1)$  and  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda_2)$  be independent random variables.

$X_1 + X_2$  is valued in  $\mathbb{N}$ , and for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 = k) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{l=0}^k \{X_1 = l, X_2 = k - l\}\right) \text{ by the total probability formula} \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^k \mathbb{P}(X_1 = l, X_2 = k - l) \text{ because the union is disjoint} \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^k \mathbb{P}(X_1 = l) \mathbb{P}(X_2 = k - l) \text{ because } X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^k e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^l}{l!} e^{-\lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_2^{k-l}}{(k-l)!} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{k!} \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k}{l} \lambda_1^l \lambda_2^{k-l} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{k!} (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^k \text{ by the binomial theorem.}
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $X_1 + X_2 \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ . Then, we prove the result for any  $n \geq 1$  by induction.

- The result is clear for  $n = 1$ .
- Assume the result holds for some  $n \geq 1$ , and write  $X_1 + \dots + X_{n+1} = (X_1 + \dots + X_n) + X_{n+1}$ .

By the induction hypothesis,  $X_1 + \dots + X_n \sim \mathcal{P}(\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k)$ .

We also have that  $X_1 + \dots + X_n$  and  $X_{n+1}$  are independent (because  $X_{n+1}$  is independent from  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ).

So by what we showed previously, we have  $X_1 + \dots + X_{n+1} \sim \mathcal{P}(\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k + \lambda_{n+1}) = \mathcal{P}(\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \lambda_k)$ .

This proves the induction, and concludes the exercise.

### Exercise 4.3

By Taylor's expansion, for  $f$  smooth we have  $f(\tilde{u}) \approx f(u) + f'(u)(\tilde{u} - u) \approx f(u) + f'(u)g(u)n$ .

To have a variance independent of  $u$ , we want  $f'(u)g(u)$  to be constant, that is,  $f'(u) = \frac{c_1}{g(u)}$ .

Here,  $g(u) = \sqrt{u}$ , so  $f'(u) = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{u}}$  and  $f(u) = 2c_1\sqrt{u} + c_2$ .

Setting  $c_2 = 0$  and  $c_1 = c$  yields  $f(u) = 2c\sqrt{u}$ .

In that case,  $f(\tilde{u}) \approx 2c\sqrt{u} + cn$ .

## Exercise 4.5

Set  $\mathbf{D} = \sum_{i=1}^M a(i) G_i G_i^T$ .

Since  $(G_i)_{i=1,\dots,M}$  is an orthonormal basis, we have  $U = \sum_{i=1}^M \langle U, G_i \rangle G_i$ , and since  $\tilde{U} = U + N$ , we have  $\mathbf{D}\tilde{U} = \sum_{i=1}^M a(i) (\langle U, G_i \rangle + \langle N, G_i \rangle) G_i$ . So:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\|U - \mathbf{D}\tilde{U}\|^2] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^M (\langle U, G_i \rangle - a(i) (\langle U, G_i \rangle + \langle N, G_i \rangle)) G_i \right\|^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^M ((1 - a(i)) \langle U, G_i \rangle - a(i) \langle N, G_i \rangle) G_i \right\|^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M ((1 - a(i)) \langle U, G_i \rangle - a(i) \langle N, G_i \rangle)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^M ((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + a(i)^2 \langle N, G_i \rangle^2 - 2a(i)(1 - a(i)) \langle U, G_i \rangle \langle N, G_i \rangle) \right] \end{aligned}$$

For each  $i$ ,  $\mathbb{E} [\langle N, G_i \rangle] = \langle \mathbb{E}[N], G_i \rangle = \langle 0, G_i \rangle = 0$ , and  $\mathbb{E} [\langle N, G_i \rangle^2] = \mathbb{E} [G_i^T N N^T G_i] = G_i^T \underbrace{\mathbb{E} [N N^T]}_{=\sigma^2 I_M} G_i = \sigma^2 G_i^T G_i = \sigma^2$ , so:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|U - \mathbf{D}\tilde{U}\|^2] = \sum_{i=1}^M ((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) \quad (1)$$

Minimizing this quantity is equivalent to minimizing  $(1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2$  for each  $i$ . And differentiating with respect to  $a(i)$ , we find:

$\frac{d}{da(i)} ((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) = 2(a(i) - 1) \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + 2\sigma^2 a(i)$ , which is 0 for

$$a(i) = \frac{\langle U, G_i \rangle^2}{\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2}.$$

Replacing  $a(i)$  in (1) then yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\|U - \mathbf{D}_{inf} \tilde{U}\|^2] &= \sum_{i=1}^M \left( \frac{\sigma^4}{(\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2)^2} \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 \frac{\langle U, G_i \rangle^4}{(\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M \sigma^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{(\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2)^2} + \frac{\langle U, G_i \rangle^2}{(\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2)^2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\sigma^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2}{\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

We have shown that  $\mathbb{E} [\|U - \mathbf{D}_{inf} \tilde{U}\|^2] = \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\sigma^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2}{\langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2}$

## Exercise 4.6

From the previous exercise (see (1)), we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|U - \mathbf{D}\tilde{U}\|^2 \right] = \sum_{i=1}^M ((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) \quad (2)$$

Set  $a(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2 \geq c\sigma^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$  for some  $c > 1$ .

- If  $|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2 \geq c\sigma^2$ , then  $\min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2) = c\sigma^2$ , and  $a(i) = 1$  so  
 $((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) = \sigma^2 \stackrel{c \geq 1}{\leq} c\sigma^2 = \min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2)$ .
- If  $|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2 < c\sigma^2$ , then  $\min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2) = |\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2$ , and  $a(i) = 0$ , so  
 $((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) = |\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2 = \min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2)$ .

We have shown that  $\forall i$ ,  $((1 - a(i))^2 \langle U, G_i \rangle^2 + \sigma^2 a(i)^2) \leq \min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2)$ , so by summing over  $i$ , and using (2), we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|U - \mathbf{D}\tilde{U}\|^2 \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2) \quad \text{for } c > 1$$

Notice that the inequality comes from the upper-bound  $\sigma^2 \leq c\sigma^2$  in the case  $|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2 \geq c\sigma^2$ . So when  $c = 1$ , all inequalities become equalities, that is:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|U - \mathbf{D}\tilde{U}\|^2 \right] = \sum_{i=1}^M \min(|\langle U, G_i \rangle|^2, c\sigma^2) \quad \text{for } c = 1$$

## Exercise 4.7

### DCT:

The DCT can be rewritten  $Y = AX$  where  $A$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix with coefficients given by  $A_{k,l} = 2\alpha_k \cos\left(\pi\left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{k}{N}\right)$  ( $0 \leq k, l \leq N-1$ ), where  $\alpha_k = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1/(4N)} & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \sqrt{1/(2N)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

Saying that the DCT is an isometry is equivalent to saying that  $A$  is an isometry, i.e., that  $A^T A = I_N$ . For  $0 \leq k, l \leq N-1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A^T A)_{k,l} &= \sum_{m=1}^N (A^T)_{k,m} A_{m,l} \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} A_{m,k} A_{m,l} \\
 &= 4 \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \alpha_m^2 \cos\left(\pi\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{m}{N}\right) \cos\left(\pi\left(l + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{m}{N}\right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \alpha_m^2 \left( \cos\left(\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right) + \cos\left(\pi(k-l)\frac{m}{N}\right) \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \alpha_m^2 \Re\left(\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right) + 2 \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \alpha_m^2 \Re\left(\exp\left(i\pi(k-l)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right) \\
 &= 4 \underbrace{\alpha_0^2}_{=1/(4N)} + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \underbrace{\alpha_m^2}_{=1/(2N)} \Re\left(\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right) + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \underbrace{\alpha_m^2}_{=1/(2N)} \Re\left(\exp\left(i\pi(k-l)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{N} + \frac{1}{N} \Re\left(\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right) + \frac{1}{N} \Re\left(\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \exp\left(i\pi(k-l)\frac{m}{N}\right)\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, we use the formula  $\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} a^m = \begin{cases} \frac{a - a^N}{1 - a} & \text{if } a \neq 1 \\ N & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

- We have  $0 \leq k, l \leq N-1$ , so  $\frac{1}{N} \leq \frac{k+l+1}{N} \leq 2 - \frac{1}{N}$ , so the first sum corresponds to  $a \neq 1$ , that is:

$$\sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right) = \frac{\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{N}\right) - \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\right)}{1 - \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{N}\right)}$$

We then simplify by  $\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{m}{N}\right) &= \frac{\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right) - \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)\right)}{\exp\left(-i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right) - \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right) - \exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{2N}\right)\right)}{-2i \sin\left(\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right)}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $k+l$  even,  $k+l+1$  is odd, and the numerator becomes  $\exp\left(i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right) + \exp\left(-i\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right) = 2 \cos\left(\pi(k+l+1)\frac{1}{2N}\right)$ , so the sum is an imaginary number, with real part 0.

For  $k + l$  odd,  $k + l + 1$  is even, and the numerator becomes  $\exp(i\pi(k + l + 1)\frac{1}{2N}) - \exp(-i\pi(k + l + 1)\frac{1}{2N}) = 2i \sin(\pi(k + l + 1)\frac{1}{2N})$ , so the sum is equal to  $-1$ .

- For the second sum, if  $k = j$  then the sum is equal to  $N - 1$ .

If  $k \neq l$ , then we have a geometric sum with  $a \neq 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{N-1} \exp\left(i\pi(k-l)\frac{m}{N}\right) &= \frac{\exp(i\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{N}) - \exp(i\pi(k-l))}{1 - \exp(i\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{N})} \\ &= \frac{\exp(i\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{2N}) - \exp(i\pi(k-l)(1 - \frac{1}{2N}))}{-2i \sin(\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{2N})} \end{aligned}$$

For  $k-l$  even (which is equivalent to  $k+l$  even), the numerator becomes  $2i \sin(\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{2N})$  and the sum is  $-1$ .

For  $k-l$  odd, the numerator becomes  $2 \cos(\pi(k-l)\frac{1}{2N})$  and the real part of the sum is 0.

So when  $k \neq l$ , the real part of the sums are  $-1$  and  $0$ , and by the above calculation we have  $(A^T A)_{k,l} = 0$ .

For  $k = l$ ,  $k + l = 2k$  is even so the real part of the first sum is  $0$ , and the second sum is  $N - 1$ , which gives  $(A^T A)_{k,l} = 1$ .

We have shown  $\boxed{A^T A = I_N}$ , so  $\boxed{\text{DCT defines an isometry}}$ .

## IDCT:

The IDCT can be rewritten  $X = BY$  where  $B$  is an  $N \times N$  matrix with coefficients given by  $B_{k,l} = 2\tilde{\beta}_l \cos\left(\pi\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{l}{N}\right)$  ( $0 \leq k, l \leq N - 1$ ), where  $\tilde{\beta}_l = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1/(4N)} & \text{if } l = 0 \\ \sqrt{1/(2N)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

And recall that  $A_{l,k} = 2\alpha_l \cos\left(\pi\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{l}{N}\right)$  with  $\alpha_l = \tilde{\beta}_l$ , so  $B_{k,l} = A_{l,k}$  and  $B = A^T$ , and since  $A^T = A^{-1}$ ,  $B = A^{-1}$ .

So  $\boxed{\text{DCT and IDCT are inverse of each other.}}$

And  $B^T B = (A^{-1})^T A^{-1} = (A^T)^{-1} A^{-1} = (A^{-1})^{-1} A^{-1} = A A^{-1} = I_N$ , so  $B$  is orthogonal, and  $\boxed{\text{IDCT defines an isometry}}$ .

## Exercise 4.8

Let  $f(\alpha) = \sum_k \alpha_k^2 \sigma_k^2$ , and  $g(\alpha) = \sum_k \alpha_k$ .

The optimization problem reads

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\alpha} f(\alpha) \\ \text{s.t. } g(\alpha) = 1, \alpha \succeq 0 \end{cases}$$

$f$  and  $g$  are convex, so this is a convex optimization problem. Note that the set  $\{\alpha \mid \alpha \succeq 0, g(\alpha) = 1\}$  is a non-empty compact set, and  $f$  is continuous, so there exists an optimal  $\alpha$ .

The Lagrangian reads  $\mathcal{L}(\alpha; \lambda) = f(\alpha) + \lambda(1 - g(\alpha))$ .

Slater's conditions hold, so there exists  $\lambda$  optimal for the dual problem, and using the KKT condition, we have  $\nabla_{\alpha} \mathcal{L}(\alpha; \lambda) = 0$  for optimal  $\alpha, \lambda$ , which is equivalent to  $\forall k, 2\sigma_k^2 \alpha_k - \lambda = 0$ , or  $\boxed{\forall k, 2\alpha_k \sigma_k^2 = \lambda}$ .



## Exercise 4.9

By Parseval theorem, for a patch  $X_k$ , we have  $\text{Var}(X_k) = \mathbb{E}[(X_k - \mathbb{E}[X_k])^2] = \sigma^2 \sum_j (\rho_{P_k})_j^2$ , which can be rewritten  $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma^2 \|\rho_{P_k}\|^2$ .

And since  $\alpha_k = \frac{\sigma_k^{-2}}{\sum_j \sigma_j^{-2}}$ , we have  $\alpha_k = \frac{\sigma^{-2} \|\rho_{P_k}\|^{-2}}{\sigma^{-2} \sum_j \|\rho_{P_j}\|^{-2}}$ , that is  $\boxed{\alpha_k = \frac{\|\rho_{P_k}\|^{-2}}{\sum_j \|\rho_{P_j}\|^{-2}}}$ .