

# Wasserstein Projection for texture synthesis

## Numerical Image Project

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# Introduction

3 classes of Texture synthesis

- **Neighbored-oriented** methods
- **Example-oriented** methods
- **Statistical constraints** methods

# Projection in Wasserstein space

**Objective** : define a projection operator

- Wasserstein distance

$$\mathcal{W}_2^2(X, Y) := \min_{\sigma \in \Sigma_N} \sum_{i,j \in I} \|x_i - y_{\sigma(i)}\|^2$$

- Wasserstein projection :

$$\sigma_* = \arg \min_{\sigma \in \Sigma_N} \mathcal{W}_\sigma^2(X, Y)$$

→ **1D case = histogram matching** =  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$

## Projection in Wasserstein space (2)

- Sliced Wasserstein distance

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_2^2(X, Y) := \int_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{W}(X_\theta, Y_\theta)^2 d\theta \quad \text{where } X_\theta = \{ \langle X_i, \theta \rangle \}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$$

- Sliced Wasserstein projection

$$X^\infty = \tilde{Proj}_{[Y]}(X)$$

- Approximation through SGD
- Non orthogonal projection
- Low computation cost in high dimensional setting

# Mathematics behind texture modeling

## Definition (Texture)

A texture is a random field  $X$  over the discrete lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . Therefore, any realization of  $X$  has the same visual aspect for humans.

## Theorem (Julesz conjecture (1962))

*There exists a set of constraint functions  $\{\phi_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq N_c}$  such that any two realizations of any two random fields that are equal in expectations over these set of functions are visually indistinguishable for the human brain. In mathematical terms :*

$$\mathbb{E}\phi_k(X) = \mathbb{E}\phi_k(Y) \quad \forall k \Rightarrow \text{samples from } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are indistinguishable}$$

→ **successive statistical projection on the set of constraints.**

# Steerable pyramid decomposition

Multi-resolution wavelet decomposition of a grayscale image  $\implies$  *tight frame*

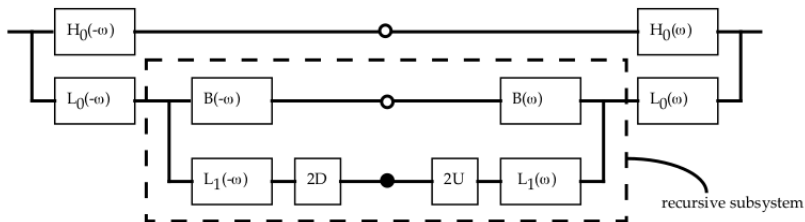


Figure: Steerable Pyramid

- Bandlimiting and essentially aliasing-free,
- Steerable ( $K$ th order derivatives in  $(K+1)$  directions),
- Self-invertible ("tight-frame").

# Numerical Implementation : grayscale images

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**Algorithm 1** Grayscale texture synthesis

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- Choose reference texture image  $X$  of size  $(N, N)$ , order and height  $K, L$  of the decomposition, number of iterations  $Nit$ , wavelet basis  $w$

- Define  $\text{Decomposition}(\cdot)$  as `SteerablePyramid` or `WaveletDecomposition`

$\mathbf{X} \leftarrow \text{Decomposition}(X)$

$Y \leftarrow \text{Gaussian}((N, N))$

**for**  $0 \leq it < Nit$  **do**

$\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \text{Decomposition}(Y)$

**for**  $0 \leq l < L, 0 \leq k < K$  **do**

$\mathbf{Y}[l, k] \leftarrow \text{HistogramMatching}(\mathbf{Y}[l, k], \mathbf{X}[k, l])$

$Y \leftarrow \text{DecompositionRec}(\mathbf{Y})$

$Y \leftarrow \text{HistogramMatching}(Y, X)$

Output:  $Y$

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## Some results : grayscale images

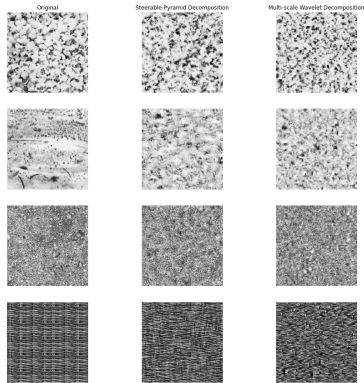


Figure: Results on grayscale images

# Numerical implementation : RGB images (1)

- Treat color channels as decorrelated
  - Apply previous algo on each channel
  - Reconstruct the image with previous channels
  - Mistaken assumption
- Treat color channels as correlated Briand et al., 2014
  - Apply PCA to get a space where axis uncorrelated
  - Apply previous algo on each new uncorrelated channel
  - Reconstruct the image with previous channels

## Numerical implementation : RGB images (2)

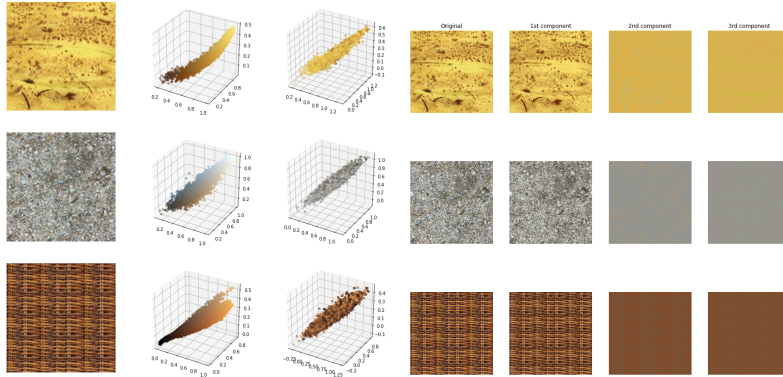


Figure: Correlation between channels when applying PCA

## Numerical implementation : RGB images (3)

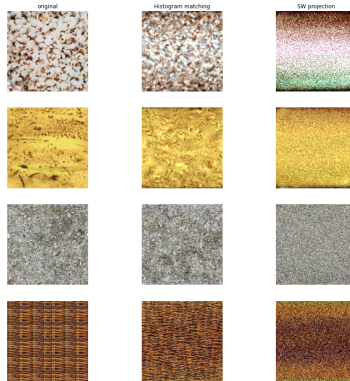


Figure: Results on RGB images using steerable-pyramid decomposition and histogram matching on each channel (center) or Sliced-Wasserstein projection (right)

# Conclusion

- Steerable Pyramid : mother of Neural networks ?
- Alternative method : dictionary learning (see Tartavel et al. 2015)

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