

Principal Component Pursuit and Transform Invariant Low-Rank Textures



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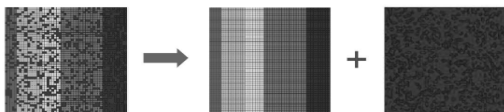
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Sparse plus low rank matrix decomposition

Let $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a given grayscale image. Suppose that M is the superposition of a low-rank component L and a sparse component S ,

$$M = L + S.$$

We are interested in finding the low-rank image L , which has high repeatability along horizontal or vertical directions.



(schematic diagram)

The sparse plus low rank decomposition problem can be formulated as the constrained minimization problem:

$$\min_{L, S} (\text{rank}(L) + \lambda \|S\|_0) \quad \text{subject to} \quad M = L + S,$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is a tuning parameter and $\|S\|_0$ denotes the number of non-zero entries in S . The problem is not convex.

The principal component pursuit problem

We approximate the sparse plus low rank decomposition problem by the following *principal component pursuit (PCP) problem*:

$$\min_{L, S} (\|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1) \quad \text{subject to} \quad M = L + S,$$

where $\|L\|_*$ is the nuclear (Ky Fan/樊“士畿”) norm of L defined as

$$\|L\|_* := \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i,$$

and $r \in \mathbb{N}^+$ is the rank of L and σ_i are the singular values of L , and $\|S\|_1$ denotes the ℓ^1 -norm of S (seen as a long vector in \mathbb{R}^{mn}),

$$\|S\|_1 := \sum_{i,j} |S_{ij}|.$$

★ *How about the existence of solution for the PCP problem?*
(cf. Candès-Li-Ma-Wright, J. ACM, 2011)

The penalty formulation and alternating direction method

Let $\mu > 0$ be the penalty parameter. Then we consider the relaxation using a penalty term to replace the constraint,

$$\min_{L, S} \left(\|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L - S\|_F^2 \right),$$

where $\|\cdot\|_F$ is the Frobenius norm. We set, for example, $S^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$. The ADM for the penalty formulation is given as follows: for $k \geq 0$, find

$$L^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_L \left(\|L\|_* + \lambda \|S^{(k)}\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L - S^{(k)}\|_F^2 \right),$$

$$S^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_S \left(\|L^{(k+1)}\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L^{(k+1)} - S\|_F^2 \right).$$

By further analysis given below (pp. 7-15), we can prove that

$$L^{(k+1)} = \text{SVT}_{\frac{1}{\mu}}(M - S^{(k)}),$$

$$S^{(k+1)} = \text{sign}(M - L^{(k+1)}) \odot \max \{ |M - L^{(k+1)}| - (\lambda/\mu), 0 \},$$

where \odot is the Hadamard product (i.e., element-wise product).

SVD and SVT

- **Singular value decomposition (SVD)**

Let $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. The SVD of M is the factorization in the form

$$M = U\Sigma V^T,$$

where $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ and $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are orthogonal matrices ($UU^T = I$ and $VV^T = I$) and $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is diagonal with all non-negative entries called the singular values of M .

- **Singular value thresholding (SVT)**

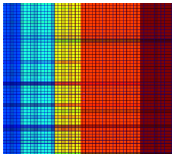
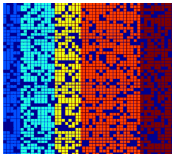
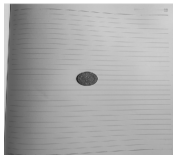
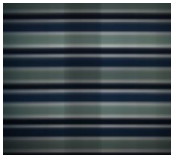
Let $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. Suppose that the SVD of M is given by $M = U\Sigma V^T$. Then the singular value thresholding (SVT) of M with threshold $\tau > 0$ is defined by

$$SVT_{\tau}(M) = UD_{\tau}(\Sigma)V^T,$$

where

$$D_{\tau}(\Sigma)_{ii} = \max\{\Sigma_{ii} - \tau, 0\}.$$

Background recovering using the penalty method



Von Neumann trace inequality

First, we state without proof the square matrix case.

Theorem: *If A and B are complex $n \times n$ matrices with singular values*

$$\sigma_1(A) \geq \sigma_2(A) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_n(A) \geq 0,$$

$$\sigma_1(B) \geq \sigma_2(B) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_n(B) \geq 0.$$

Then we have

$$|\langle A, B \rangle_F| := |\text{trace}(A^*B)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B).$$

Moreover, the equality holds if A and B share the same singular vectors.

Notes:

- If $A = U\Sigma V^*$ then $A^* = V\Sigma U^*$, having the same singular values $\sigma_i(A^*) = \sigma_i(A)$, $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$. $\therefore |\text{trace}(AB)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B)$.
- “Prove = if ...”: If A and B share the same singular vectors, say $A = U\Sigma_A V^*$ and $B = U\Sigma_B V^*$, then we have $A^*B = V(\Sigma_A \Sigma_B)V^* = V(\Sigma_B \Sigma_A)V^* = B^*A = (A^*B)^*$, Hermitian!
 $\therefore \text{trace}(A^*B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(A^*B) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B) \geq 0$.

Von Neumann trace inequality for rectangular matrices

Corollary: *Let A and B be complex $m \times n$ matrices with singular values*

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1(A) &\geq \sigma_2(A) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_k(A) \geq 0, \\ \sigma_1(B) &\geq \sigma_2(B) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_k(B) \geq 0,\end{aligned}$$

where $k := \min\{m, n\}$. Then we have

$$|\langle A, B \rangle_F| := |\text{trace}(A^*B)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(A)\sigma_i(B).$$

Moreover, the equality holds if A and B share the same singular vectors.

Proof: Assume that $m > n$. Then $k := \min\{m, n\} = n$. We define two $m \times m$ matrices X and Y by

$$X = [A \mid \mathbf{0}]_{m \times m} \quad \text{and} \quad Y = [B \mid \mathbf{0}]_{m \times m}.$$

Then we have

$$|\langle X, Y \rangle_F| = |\text{trace}(X^*Y)| = |\text{trace}(A^*B)| = |\langle A, B \rangle_F|.$$

Proof of Von Neumann's trace inequality (cont'd)

Claim: $\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) = \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$ and similarly, $\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}) = \sigma_i(\mathbf{B})$, $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Suppose that the SVD of \mathbf{A} is given by $\mathbf{A}_{m \times n} = \mathbf{U}_{m \times m} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^*$.

Define three $m \times m$ matrices,

$$\mathbf{U}_X = \mathbf{U}_{m \times m}, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma}_X = [\mathbf{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \mid \mathbf{0}]_{m \times m}, \quad \mathbf{V}_X^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times m}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_X \mathbf{\Sigma}_X \mathbf{V}_X^* &= \mathbf{U}_{m \times m} [\mathbf{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\mathbf{U}_{m \times m} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \mid \mathbf{0}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^* & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\mathbf{U}_{m \times m} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{m \times n} \mathbf{V}_{n \times n}^* \mid \mathbf{0}] = [\mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \mid \mathbf{0}] = \mathbf{X}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) = \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})$, $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Therefore,

$$|\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle_F| = |\langle \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \rangle_F| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\mathbf{A}) \sigma_i(\mathbf{B}). \quad \square$$

SVT_τ(Y) Theorem

Theorem: Given an $m \times n$ real matrix \mathbf{Y} and $\tau > 0$, we have

$$\text{SVT}_\tau(\mathbf{Y}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \left(\tau \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 \right).$$

Proof: Let $k := \min\{m, n\}$. Then for any $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}((\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})^\top (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y}) - \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{X}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2(\mathbf{Y}) - \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) - \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}))^2. \end{aligned}$$

SVT $_{\tau}$ (\mathbf{Y}) Theorem (cont'd)

Therefore, we obtain for any $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$,

$$F(\mathbf{X}) := \tau \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 \geq \tau \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^k (\sigma_i(\mathbf{X}) - \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}))^2 =: G(\mathbf{X}).$$

It is already known that for a given $\tau > 0$ and a fixed $y \in \mathbb{R}$, the minimizer of the real-valued function,

$$f(x) = \tau|x| + \frac{1}{2}(y - x)^2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

is given by the *soft-thresholding operator* \mathcal{S}_{τ} ,

$$\arg \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f(x) = \mathcal{S}_{\tau}(y) := \text{sign}(y) \max\{|y| - \tau, 0\}.$$

Also note that $\|\mathbf{X}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(\mathbf{X})$. Therefore, we find the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} G(\mathbf{X}) &\Leftrightarrow \sigma_i(\hat{\mathbf{X}}) = \mathcal{S}_{\tau}(\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y})) \\ &= \text{sign}(\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y})) \max\{|\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y})| - \tau, 0\} \\ &= \max\{\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}) - \tau, 0\}, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k. \end{aligned}$$

$SVT_\tau(\mathbf{Y})$ Theorem (cont'd)

Based on the above observation, we are going to construct such a matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$ which has the same singular vectors with \mathbf{Y} . Suppose that the SVD of \mathbf{Y} is given by $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$. Define the diagonal matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}$ by

$$\widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}} := \begin{bmatrix} & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \max\{\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}) - \tau, 0\} & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

and then define $\widehat{\mathbf{X}} := \mathbf{U}\widehat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}\mathbf{V}^\top = SVT_\tau(\mathbf{Y})$. Therefore, *the equality in Von Neumann's trace inequality holds*, and we have

$$\tau\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}\|_* + \frac{1}{2}\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 = \tau\|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}\|_* + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^k (\sigma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}) - \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y}))^2 = \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} G(\mathbf{X}).$$

That is, we attain a minimum of $F(\mathbf{X})$ at $\widehat{\mathbf{X}} = SVT_\tau(\mathbf{Y})$.

$F(\mathbf{X})$ is a strictly convex function in $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Note that $F(\mathbf{X})$ is a strictly convex function in $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, since

- $\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2$ is strictly convex in $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$.
- $\|\mathbf{X}\|_*$ is convex in $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, since it is a norm.
- “convex function + strictly convex function” is strictly convex.

Suppose that $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_1$ and $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_2$ are two different minimizers of the strictly convex function $F(\mathbf{X})$. Then

$$F\left(\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_1 + \hat{\mathbf{X}}_2)\right) < \frac{1}{2}F(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_1) + \frac{1}{2}F(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_2) = F(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_1), \text{ a contradiction!}$$

Therefore, the minimizer of $F(\mathbf{X})$ is unique! This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Another direct proof of the uniqueness of minimizer $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}$

Claim: *The minimizer of $F(\mathbf{X})$ is unique, that is, $\widehat{\mathbf{X}} = SVT_\tau(\mathbf{Y})$.*

Proof: Suppose that $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2$ are two different minimizers of $F(\mathbf{X})$. By the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \left\| \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 + \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2}{2} \right\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 + \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2}{2} - \mathbf{Y} \right\|_F^2 \\ \leq \frac{\tau}{2} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1\|_* + \frac{\tau}{2} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \mathbf{Y}}{2} + \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 - \mathbf{Y}}{2} \right\|_F^2. \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} - \left(\frac{a-b}{2} \right)^2, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS}(\star) &= \frac{\tau}{2} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1\|_* + \frac{\tau}{2} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2\|_* + \frac{1}{4} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2}{2} \right\|_F^2 = \tau \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left\| \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2}{2} \right\|_F^2}_{>0} \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction!

Solution of the ADM for penalty formulation

By the $SVT_\tau(\mathbf{Y})$ Theorem, we have

$$\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{L}} \left(\|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)}\|_F^2 \right) = \text{SVT}_{\frac{1}{\mu}}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)}).$$

Using the soft-thresholding operator \mathcal{S}_τ again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} &:= \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}} \left(\lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{S}\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \text{sign}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}) \odot \max \{ |\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}| - (\lambda/\mu), 0 \}, \end{aligned}$$

where \odot is the Hadamard element-wise product.

Another approach for solving the PCP problem

Recall the principal component pursuit problem:

$$\min_{L, S} (\|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1) \quad \text{subject to} \quad M = L + S.$$

The augmented Lagrangian function is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(L, S, Y) &:= \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \underbrace{\langle Y, M - L - S \rangle}_{\text{multiplier}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L - S\|_F^2}_{\text{penalty}} \\ &= \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|M - L - S + \mu^{-1} Y\|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu} \|Y\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

We then apply the alternating direction method to minimize the augmented Lagrangian function $\mathcal{L}(L, S, Y)$. The resulting method is called *the augmented Lagrange multiplier (ALM) method*.

The augmented Lagrange multiplier method

The ALM method is given by

$$\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{L}} \left(\|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}^{(k)}\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)}\|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}\|_F^2 \right),$$

$$\mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}} \left(\|\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{S} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)}\|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu} \|\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}\|_F^2 \right),$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)} := \mathbf{Y}^{(k)} + \mu (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}).$$

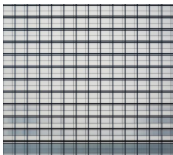
The explicit form of the iterative solution $(\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)})$ of ALM method is presented on the next page, which can be proved by using *the SVT $_{\tau}$ (\mathbf{Y}) Theorem and the soft-thresholding operator S_{τ} .*

Iterative solutions of the ALM method

The iterative solution $(\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)})$ of the ALM method is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} &:= \arg \min_{\mathbf{L}} \left(\|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{L} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)})\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{L}} \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{L} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)})\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \text{SVT}_{\frac{1}{\mu}} (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{S}^{(k)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)}), \\ \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)} &:= \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}} \left(\lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{S} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)})\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{S} - (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)})\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \text{sign}(\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)}) \\ &\quad \odot \max \{ |\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} + \mu^{-1} \mathbf{Y}^{(k)}| - (\lambda/\mu), 0 \}, \\ \mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)} &:= \mathbf{Y}^{(k)} + \mu (\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{S}^{(k+1)}).\end{aligned}$$

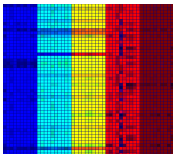
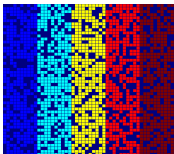
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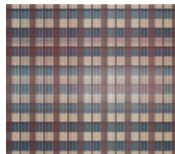
$$(\lambda, \mu) = (0.0007, 0.5)$$



$$(\lambda, \mu) = (0.006, 5)$$



$$(\lambda, \mu) = (0.007525, 0.04)$$



$$(\lambda, \mu) = (0.0025, 1.5)$$

Low-rank textures

Consider a 2D texture as a matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$. It is called a low-rank texture if $r := \text{rank}(L) \ll \min\{p, q\}$.

- A real texture image is hardly an ideal low-rank texture, mainly due to two factors
 - (1) *It undergoes a deformation, e.g., a perspective transform from 3D scene to 2D image;*
 - (2) *It may be subject to many types of corruption, such as noise and occlusion.*
- Suppose that a *larger* low-rank texture L lies on a planar surface in the scene. The *smaller* $m \times n$ image M that we observe from a certain viewpoint is a portion of the transformed version of L . Then there exists an *invertible function* $\tau^{-1} : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$ such that

$$M(i, j) = (L \circ \tau^{-1})(i, j) = L(\tau^{-1}(i, j)), \quad \forall (i, j) \in K,$$

where $K := \{(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$.

Transform invariant low-rank textures (TILT)

In addition to domain transformations, the observed image of the texture might be corrupted by noise and occlusions, denoted as S .

- Then we have

$$M(i,j) = ((L + S) \circ \tau^{-1})(i,j), \quad \forall (i,j) \in K.$$

That is,

$$(M \circ \tau)(i,j) = L(i,j) + S(i,j), \quad \forall (i,j) \in K,$$

- A typical perspective transform from 3D scene to 2D image is the affine transformation, i.e.,

$$\tau(x) = Ax + b, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is an *invertible matrix* and $b \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is a constant vector.

The mathematical model for TILT

So, if we could rectify a deformed texture M with a proper inverse transform τ and then remove the corruptions S , the resulting texture L will be low rank. The mathematical model for TILT is given by

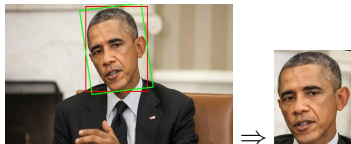
$$\min_{L, S, \tau} (\text{rank}(L) + \lambda \|S\|_0) \quad \text{subject to} \quad M \circ \tau = L + S.$$

In practice, the rank and the ℓ^0 -norm could be replaced by the nuclear norm and ℓ^1 -norm, respectively:

$$\min_{L, S, \tau} (\|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1) \quad \text{subject to} \quad M \circ \tau = L + S,$$

where the constraint is non-convex. *Therefore, we have to consider the linearization of $M \circ \tau$.*

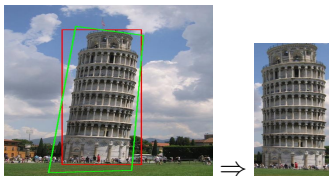
Numerical examples of TILT



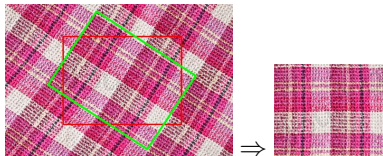
$$A: (\lambda, \mu) = (1/257, 3.1672e-5)$$



$$H: (\lambda, \mu) = (1/387, 5.0743e-5)$$



$$H: (\lambda, \mu) = (1/505, 3.7585e-5)$$



$$A: (\lambda, \mu) = (1/186, 2.8748e-5)$$

A class of convex minimization problems

We consider the following convex minimization problems where the objective function is separable:

$$\min_{x,y} f(x) + g(y) \quad \text{subject to } \mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(y) = c,$$

where f and g are convex real-valued functions, x , y and c could be either vectors or matrices, and \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are linear mappings.

Define the augmented Lagrangian function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda) &:= f(x) + g(y) + \langle \lambda, \mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(y) - c \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(y) - c\|_F^2 \\ &= f(x) + g(y) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(x) + \mathcal{B}(y) - c\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} \lambda \|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2\beta} \|\lambda\|_F^2, \end{aligned}$$

where λ is the Lagrange multiplier, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is the inner product, and $\beta > 0$ is the penalty parameter.

The augmented Lagrange multiplier method

- We apply the alternating direction method to minimize the function $\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda)$. The resulting ALM method decomposes the minimization of $\mathcal{L}(x, y, \lambda)$ w.r.t. (x, y) into two subproblems:

$$x^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_x \mathcal{L}(x, y^{(k)}, \lambda^{(k)}),$$

$$y^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_y \mathcal{L}(x^{(k+1)}, y, \lambda^{(k)}),$$

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = \lambda^{(k)} + \beta(\mathcal{A}(x^{(k+1)}) + \mathcal{B}(y^{(k+1)}) - c).$$

- In compressive sensing and sparse representation, as f and g are usually matrix or vector norms, the first two subproblems usually have closed form solutions when \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are identities.

Linearized alternating direction method

However, in many problems \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are not identities, we consider a linearization technique. First, we focus on the first subproblem which can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} &= \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) + \langle \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}, \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c} \rangle \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c}\|_F^2 \\ &= \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}\|_F^2 - \frac{1}{2\beta} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}\|_F^2 \\ &= \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c}\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{\beta} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

Linearized alternating direction method (cont'd)

Now, we have

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}\|_F^2.$$

Define $H(\mathbf{x})$ as the quadratic function,

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{y}^{(k)}) - \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}\|_F^2.$$

By the Taylor expansion at $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$, we have

$$H(\mathbf{x}) \approx H(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) + \nabla H(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}).$$

Then the minimization problem approximately becomes

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta}{2} H(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \nabla H(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}).$$

Linearized alternating direction method (cont'd)

In what follows, we assume that \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are real matrices. Assume that $\mathcal{A} = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_x \langle \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b} \rangle &= \nabla \left(b_1(a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. b_2(a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n) + \dots + \right. \\ &\quad \left. b_m(a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n) \right) \\ &= (\mathcal{A}_{\cdot 1} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \mathcal{A}_{\cdot 2} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{\cdot n} \cdot \mathbf{b})^\top = \mathcal{A}^\top \mathbf{b}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla H(\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_x \langle \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}, \mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} \rangle \\ &= 2\mathcal{A}^\top (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c} + \frac{1}{\beta} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)}).\end{aligned}$$

Linearized alternating direction method (cont'd)

Using the linearization of $H(x)$ at $x^{(k)}$ and adding a proximal term, which ensures the Taylor approximation reasonable since x close to $x^{(k)}$, we have the following approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}x^{(k+1)} &= \arg \min_x f(x) + \beta \langle \mathcal{A}^\top (\mathcal{A}x^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}y^{(k)} - c + \frac{1}{\beta} \lambda^{(k)}), x - x^{(k)} \rangle + \frac{\beta \eta_{\mathcal{A}}}{2} \|x - x^{(k)}\|_F^2 \\&= \arg \min_x f(x) + \langle \mathcal{A}^\top \lambda^{(k)} + \beta \mathcal{A}^\top (\mathcal{A}x^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}y^{(k)} - c), x - x^{(k)} \rangle + \frac{\beta \eta_{\mathcal{A}}}{2} \|x - x^{(k)}\|_F^2 \\&= \arg \min_x f(x) + \frac{\beta \eta_{\mathcal{A}}}{2} \|(x - x^{(k)}) + \mathcal{A}^\top (\lambda^{(k)} + \beta (\mathcal{A}x^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}y^{(k)} - c)) / (\beta \eta_{\mathcal{A}})\|_F^2 \\&\quad - \frac{1}{2\beta \eta_{\mathcal{A}}} \|\mathcal{A}^\top (\lambda^{(k)} + \beta (\mathcal{A}x^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}y^{(k)} - c))\|_F^2,\end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_{\mathcal{A}} > \|\mathcal{A}\|_F^2 > 0$ is a parameter in the proximal term. Similarly, the second subproblem can be approximated by

$$y^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_y g(y) + \frac{\beta \eta_{\mathcal{B}}}{2} \|(y - y^{(k)}) + \mathcal{B}^\top (\lambda^{(k)} + \beta (\mathcal{A}x^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}y^{(k)} - c)) / (\beta \eta_{\mathcal{B}})\|_F^2,$$

where $\eta_{\mathcal{B}} > \|\mathcal{B}\|_F^2 > 0$ is a parameter in the proximal term.

Linearized alternating direction method (cont'd)

To sum up, the linearized alternating direction method is given by

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta\eta_A}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\| + \mathcal{A}^\top (\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta(\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta\eta_A) \|_F^2,$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y}} g(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{\beta\eta_B}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{(k)}\| + \mathcal{B}^\top (\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta(\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta\eta_B) \|_F^2,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k+1)} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta(\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{c}),$$

with one of the stopping criteria or both:

- First stopping criterion:

$$\|\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{c}\|_F < \epsilon_1 \|\mathbf{c}\|_F.$$

- Second stopping criterion:

$$\beta \max \left(\sqrt{\eta_A} \|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_F, \sqrt{\eta_B} \|\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{y}^{(k)}\|_F \right) < \epsilon_2 \|\mathbf{c}\|_F.$$

Linearized ADM with adaptive penalty (LADMAP)

To further accelerate the convergence of the algorithm, we also consider an adaptive rule for updating β . Consider the following adaptive updating strategy for the penalty parameter:

$$\beta_{k+1} = \min(\beta_{\max}, \rho\beta_k),$$

where β_{\max} is an upper bound of $\{\beta_k\}$ and ρ is defined as

$$\rho = \begin{cases} \rho_0, & \text{if } \frac{\beta_k}{\|c\|_F} \max\left(\sqrt{\eta_A}\|\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}\|_F, \sqrt{\eta_B}\|\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{y}^{(k)}\|_F\right) < \epsilon_2, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and $\rho_0 > 1$ is a constant. The LADMAP is defined as

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_x f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{\beta_k \eta_A}{2} \left\| (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(k)}) + \mathcal{A}^\top (\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta_k (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta_k \eta_A) \right\|_F^2,$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} = \arg \min_y g(\mathbf{y}) + \frac{\beta_k \eta_B}{2} \left\| (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{(k)}) + \mathcal{B}^\top (\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta_k (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{c})) / (\beta_k \eta_B) \right\|_F^2,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k+1)} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} + \beta_k (\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} + \mathcal{B}\mathbf{y}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{c}),$$

$$\beta_{k+1} = \min(\beta_{\max}, \rho\beta_k).$$

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