Variational Methods for Computer Vision

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## Weekly Exercises 10

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## Theory: Radon Transformation

Recall that the adjoint operator  $A^*$  of a linear operator  $A:X\to Y$  between Hilbert spaces X and Y meets

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_Y = \langle x, A^*y \rangle_X \quad \forall x \in X, \ y \in Y.$$

**Exercise 1** (4 Points: Adjoint of the Radon transform). Determine a linear operator  $\mathcal{R}^*$  that is the adjoint operator to the Radon transform  $\mathcal{R}$ , i.e. it meets

$$\int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{R}(u)(s,\alpha)v(s,\alpha) \ ds \ d\alpha = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x,y)\mathcal{R}^*(v)(x,y) \ dx \ dy.$$

Show that the adjoint operator  $\mathcal{R}^*$  is the same as the unfiltered backprojection formula

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widetilde{\mathcal{R}(u)}(s,\alpha) \ e^{is\langle x,\theta(\alpha)\rangle} \ ds \ d\alpha$$

considered in the lecture, where  $\theta(\alpha) = (\cos(\alpha), \sin(\alpha))^T$ .

**Exercise 2** (4 Points: Radon inversion formula). Prove the Radon inversion formula from the lecture: For  $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  with u and  $\hat{u}$  being absolutely integrable it holds that

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\pi \int_{-\infty}^\infty \widetilde{\mathcal{R}(u)}(s,\alpha) |s| \ e^{is\langle x,\theta(\alpha)\rangle} \ ds \ d\alpha,$$

where  $\theta(\alpha) = (\cos(\alpha), \sin(\alpha))^T$ .

## Programming: Tomographic Inversion

**Exercise 3** (Bonus Exercise - 8 Points: Radon inversion with TV regularization). Download the data "radonInversion.zip" from the webpage and load the contained .mat file in MATLAB. The file contains sinogram data  $\mathcal{R}(u)$  in the variable measurementMatrix as well as the measurement angles used to simulate the data.

- Visualize the sinogram data using imagesc.
- Create a sparse matrix R that computes the Radon transform of a  $16 \times 16$  pixel image using the angles stored in measurementAngles. What is the size of R and how many nonzeros does R have? Relate this number to the size of the input image and argue why storing R in matrix form is not feasible for reasonably sized images.

Hint: You just need to know the Radon transformation of the canonical basis elements, which MATLAB's radon can do for you.

- Write function handles for applying R and  $R^*$  to an image. You will need to apply the result of exercise 1 that the unfiltered backprojection is the adjoint operator. See MATLAB's 'iradon'. Due to the way MATLAB's iradon is implemented you need to crop the (2:end-1,2:end-1) center part in order to actually get the adjoint operator.
- Implement the variational tomographic reconstruction of the provided data using a smooth approximation of the total variation as a regularization function. Hint: You need to be more patient than usual because applying radon is quite slow.

This exercise is a Christmas-bonus-exercise and gives points which do not count to the total number of points of which 50% have to be achieved.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!