Projection Algorithms for Phase Retrieval with High Numerical Aperture

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Phase retrieval



Figure: ¹ Schematic diagram of phase retrieval given several PSF images.

¹N. H. Thao, O. Soloviev and M. Verhaegen, *Phase retrieval based on the vectorial model of point spread function*. JOSA A **37**, 16–26, 2020.

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Light as an electromagnetic radiation



Figure: ² Propagation vector \mathbf{k} and two orthogonal polarization vectors.

- transverse, plane wave (frequency ω , direction **k**)
- spatially constant permeability and susceptibility
- harmonic time dependence $e^{-j\omega t}$
- the Helmholtz wave equation & the Maxwell equations

The electric field

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$$\boldsymbol{E}(\mathbf{x},t) = (\epsilon_1 \boldsymbol{E}_1 + \epsilon_2 \boldsymbol{E}_2) e^{j\mathbf{k}.\mathbf{x}-j\omega t}$$

Linear polarization



Figure: ³ Electric field of linearly polarized wave.

 E_1 , E_2 have the same phase \iff linear polarization

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \epsilon_1 E_1 + \epsilon_2 E_2 = \epsilon \chi(\mathbf{x}) e^{j\Phi(\mathbf{x})}$$

Generalized pupil function $G(\mathbf{x}) = \chi(\mathbf{x}) e^{j\Phi(\mathbf{x})}$

³J. D. Jackson, *Classical Electromagnetic, 3rd edition*. John Wiley & Sons, 1999.

Bending of the polarization vector



Figure: ⁴ The polarization vector changes after the lens.

⁴M. Mansuripur, *Classical Optics and its Applications, 2nd edition.* Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Scalar point-spread-function (PSF)



Figure: ⁵ The GPF is related to PSFs via the Fourier transform.⁶

Scalar PSF ignores the change of polarization direction.

$p_s(\mathbf{u}) = |\mathcal{F}\{G(\mathbf{x})\}|^2$

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⁶J.W. Goodman, Introduction to Fourier Optics, 5th edition. Roberts & Company Publishers, 2017. 9 / 36

⁵M. Verhaegen, G. Vdovin and O. Soloviev, *Control for High Resolution Imaging, Lecture Notes.* Delft University of Technology, 2015.

Bending of polarization vector



Figure: ⁷ The amount of bending depends on the ray's coordinates.

$$E' = \mathcal{R}^{-1}_{(OZ,\varphi)} \circ \mathcal{R}_{(OY,\theta)} \circ \mathcal{R}_{(OZ,\varphi)}(E)$$

 $^{^{7}}$ N.H. Thao, O. Soloviev, D.R. Luke and M. Verhaegen, *Projection methods for high numerical aperture phase retrieval*. Manuscript in preparation.

Bending of $E_x(1,0,0)$ and $E_y(0,1,0)$



$$\begin{split} E_{xx} &= 1 - k_x^2 / \left(1 + k_z \right); \quad E_{yx} = -k_x k_y / \left(1 + k_z \right); \quad E_{zx} = -k_x \\ E_{xy} &= -k_y k_x / \left(1 + k_z \right); \quad E_{yy} = 1 - k_y^2 / \left(1 + k_z \right); \quad E_{zy} = -k_y \end{split}$$

Aperture normalization: $k_x^2 + k_y^2 \le NA^2$

Vectorial PSF - known polarization direction



Vectorial PSF with vertical polarization direction & its components.

$$p_{E_x}(\mathbf{u}) = |\mathcal{F}\{E_{xx} \cdot G(\mathbf{x})\}|^2 + |\mathcal{F}\{E_{yx} \cdot G(\mathbf{x})\}|^2 + |\mathcal{F}\{E_{zx} \cdot G(\mathbf{x})\}|^2$$

Modified GPF⁸ $G(x) \longrightarrow k_z^{-1/2} \cdot G(x)$

⁸M. Mansuripur, *Classical Optics and its Applications, 2nd edition.* Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Vectorial PSF - unknown polarization direction



Components of vectorial PSF with random polarization direction.⁹

$$p(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} |\mathcal{F}\{E_{cc} \cdot G(\mathbf{x})\}|^2, \ \mathcal{I} = \{xx, yx, zx, xy, yy, zy\}$$

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When vectorial PSFs needed?



Comparison between scalar & vectorial PSFs for various NA values.

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PR given multiple PSF images



$$I_{d} = \sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left| \mathcal{F} \left(E_{cc} \cdot \chi \cdot e^{j(\Phi + \phi_{d})} \right) \right|^{2} + \omega_{d}, \quad (d = 1, \dots, m)$$

Out-of-focus PSF
$$\implies \phi_d = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z_d \sqrt{1 - k_x^2 - k_y^2}$$



The ambient space and constraints

$$\mathcal{H} = \underbrace{\mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}}_{6 \text{ times}}$$

General constraint

$$\Omega_0 = \{ (E_{cc} \cdot x)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{H} \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \}$$

• Intensity constraint (*d* = 1,...,*m*)

$$\Omega_{d} = \left\{ \left(u_{cc} \right)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left| \mathcal{F} \left(E_{cc} \cdot u_{cc} \cdot \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{j}\phi_{\mathrm{d}}} \right) \right|^{2} = I_{d} \right\}$$

• Amplitude constraint

$$\Omega_{\chi} = \left\{ \left(E_{cc} \cdot \chi \cdot e^{j\Phi} \right)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \right\}$$

A feasibility model (nonconvex!)



 $A \equiv \{(u, \ldots, u) \in \mathcal{H}^m \mid u \in \Omega_0\}, B \equiv \Omega_1 \times \cdots \times \Omega_m;$

Known amplitude $\implies \Omega_0$ is replaced by Ω_{χ}



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Projection operators (I)



Figure: Projector on $\Omega_0 \equiv \{(E_{cc} \cdot x)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{H} \mid x \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}\}.$

$$\begin{array}{l} (u \in \mathcal{H}) \quad P_{\Omega_0}(u) = \left\{ \left(E_{cc} \cdot a \cdot e^{j\Psi} \right)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \right\} \\ \\ \text{where } \Psi \in \arg \left(\sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left(E_{cc} \cdot u_{cc} \right) \right), \ a = \frac{1}{2} \left| \sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left(E_{cc} \cdot u_{cc} \right) \right| \end{array}$$



Projection operators (II)

Feasibility formulation: find $x \in A \cap B \subset \mathcal{H}^m$

¹⁰ For
$$x = (x_1, ..., x_m) \in \mathcal{H}^m$$
,
• $P_A(x) = \underbrace{P_{\Omega_0}(\overline{x}) \times \cdots \times P_{\Omega_0}(\overline{x})}_{m \text{ times}}$ where $\overline{x} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{d=1}^m x_d$

•
$$P_B(x) = P_{\Omega_1}(x_1) \times \cdots \times P_{\Omega_m}(x_m)$$

Known amplitude $\implies \Omega_0$ is replaced by Ω_{χ}

¹⁰N.H. Thao, O. Soloviev, D.R. Luke and M. Verhaegen, *Projection methods for high numerical aperture phase retrieval.* Manuscript in preparation.

Examples of projection methods



• AP method (the figure): $T_{AP} = P_A P_B$

- DR algorithm: $T_{DR} = \frac{1}{2} (R_A R_B + \text{Id})$, where $R_A = 2P_A \text{Id}$
- ¹¹ HIO method: $T_{HIO} = P_A((1+\beta)P_B \mathrm{Id}) (\beta P_B \mathrm{Id})$
- ¹² RAAR algorithm: $T_{RAAR} = \beta T_{DR} + (1 \beta) P_B$
- ¹³ DRAP algorithm: $T_{DRAP} = \beta T_{DR} + (1 \beta) T_{AP}$

¹¹J.R. Fienup, *Phase retrieval algorithms: a comparison*. Appl. Opt. **21** (1982).

¹²D.R. Luke, *Relaxed averaged alternating reflections for diffraction imaging* Inverse Problems 21 (2005).

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Analysis scheme ¹⁴

Figure: Picard iterations progress not too slowly by metric regularity.

a T almost α -averaged at $\bar{x} \in FixT$ on U:

$$\left\|x^{+}-\bar{x}\right\|^{2} \leq \left(1+\varepsilon\right) \left\|x-\bar{x}\right\|^{2} - \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \left\|x-x^{+}\right\|^{2}, \quad \forall x \in U, x^{+} \in T(x)$$

b Metric regularity condition: $\exists \kappa < \sqrt{(1-\alpha)/\varepsilon\alpha}$ s.t.

 $\operatorname{dist}(x,\operatorname{Fix} T) \leq \kappa \|x - x^+\|, \quad \forall x \in U, x^+ \in T(x)$

Then $\forall x_0 \in U$, $T^k(x_0)$ converges linearly to Fix T.

¹⁴D.R. Luke, N.H. Thao and M.K. Tam, *Quantitative convergence analysis of iterated expansive, set-valued mappings.* Math. Oper. Res. **43**, 1143–1176 (2018).

Geometry of high-NA phase retrieval



Figure: Circles are typical example of prox-regularity.

 $\Omega \text{ prox-regular at } \bar{x} \iff P_{\Omega} \text{ single-valued around } \bar{x}$ Projector on $\Omega_0 = \{(E_{cc} \cdot u)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \in \mathcal{H} \mid u \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}\}$ is

$$P_{\Omega_{0}}(u) = \left\{ \left(E_{cc} \cdot a \cdot e^{j\Psi} \right)_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \right\}$$

where $\Psi \in \arg\left(\sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left(E_{cc} \cdot u_{cc} \right) \right), a = \frac{1}{2} \left| \sum_{cc \in \mathcal{I}} \left(E_{cc} \cdot u_{cc} \right) \right|$

Equivalent to the geometry of low-NA phase retrieval

Convergence of AP



Figure: Subtransversality (left) versus tangency (right)

a Almost averagedness ← geometry of PR

b Metric regularity \leftarrow subtransversality of $\{A, B\}$ at \bar{x}

 $d(x, A \cap B) \le \kappa \max\{d(x, A), d(x, B)\} \quad \forall x \text{ near } \bar{x}$

 \implies linear convergence ¹⁵

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NA analysis



Vectorial PSF is more essential for higher NA value.

Noise analysis



The advantage of the vectorial PSF reduces for more noise.

Convergence analysis



Linear convergence is consistently observable.

A realization of phase retrieval



More accurate imaging model leads to more precise restoration.



Other projection algorithms



RAAR and DRAP yield more accurate restoration.

Concluding remarks

The class of projection algorithms is extended for high-NA PR.

- Rigorous mathematical explanation
- Closed forms of projectors
- Geometry of high-NA PR
- Convergence analysis (the level of low-NA PR)
- Numerical results (deliverable to our industrial customer)

Challenge: vectorial PSF is more sensitive to noise than the scalar.

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