IMAGE DEBLURRING IN THE LIGHT OF DCT

Per Christian Hansen

Informatics and Mathematical Modelling Technical University of Denmark, 2800 Lyngby, Denmark e-mail: pch@imm.dtu.dk

Toke Koldborg Jensen

TNM Consult, Marielundvej 48, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark e-mail: toke.jensen@gmail.com

Keywords: regularization, regularizing iterations, discrete cosine transform

Abstract

In the setting of matrix computations, the model for the blurring of the image is Ax = b, where the vectors x and b represent the exact and blurred images, and the matrix A represents the blurring process. Since image deblurring is a discrete ill-posed problem, it is necessary to use regularization in order to compute stable solutions [1]. Moreover, it is often advantageous to impose boundary conditions on the reconstruction, which is achieved by a simple modification of the coefficient matrix [2], [3].

This paper focuses on *regularizing iterations* where we apply a Krylov subspace method directly to the problem Ax = b. The regularization comes from the projection of the solution on the Krylov subspace associated with the method, and the number of iterations plays the role of the regularization parameter.

We use the two-dimensional discrete cosine transform (DCT) to perform a spectral analysis of the solutions to the image deblurring problem, computed by means of regularizing iterations, and we focus on CGLS/LSQR and GM-RES and their variants MINRES, RRGMRES and MR-II. To the best of our knowledge, a thorough study of the spectral and visual quality of the reconstructions computed by these methods has not been carried out.

References

- P. C. HANSEN, Rank-deficient and discrete ill-posed problems, SIAM, Philadephia, 1998.
- [2] P. C. HANSEN, J. G. NAGY AND D. P. O'LEARY, *Deblurring images: matrices, spectra, and filtering*, SIAM, Philadelphia, 2006.
- [3] J. G. NAGY, K. M. PALMER AND L. PERRONE, Iterative methods for image deblurring: A Matlab object oriented approach, Numerical Algorithms, 36 (2004), pp. 73-93. See also http://www.mathcs.emory.edu/~nagy/RestoreTools.