

Proximal methods for convex minimization of φ -divergences. Application to computer vision.

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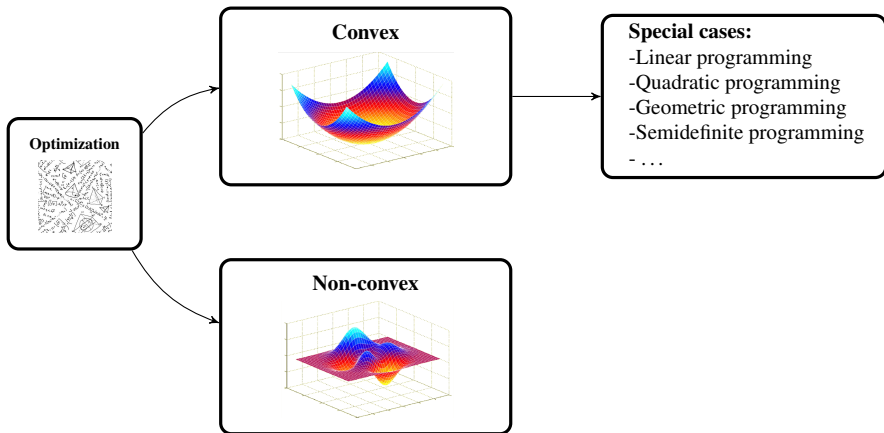
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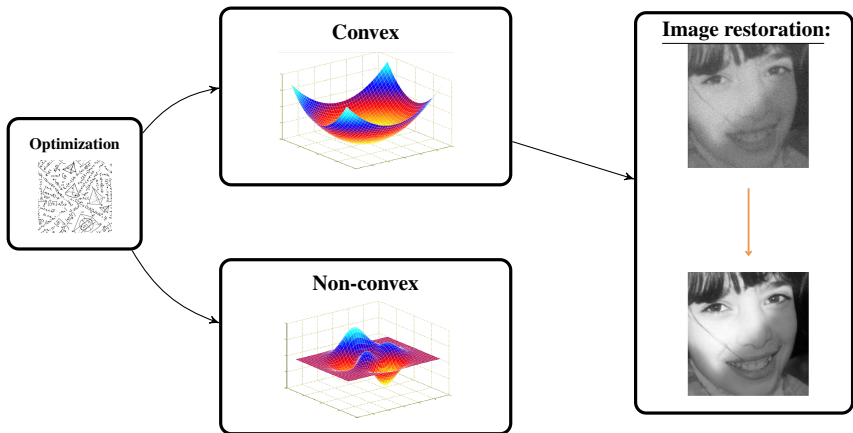
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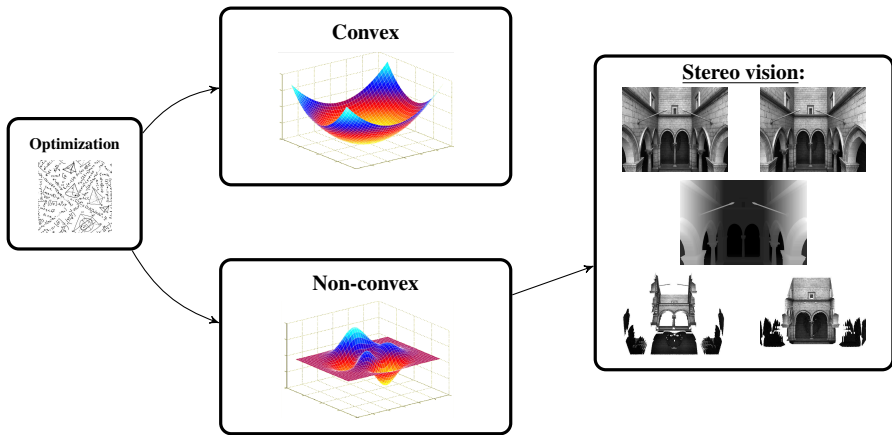
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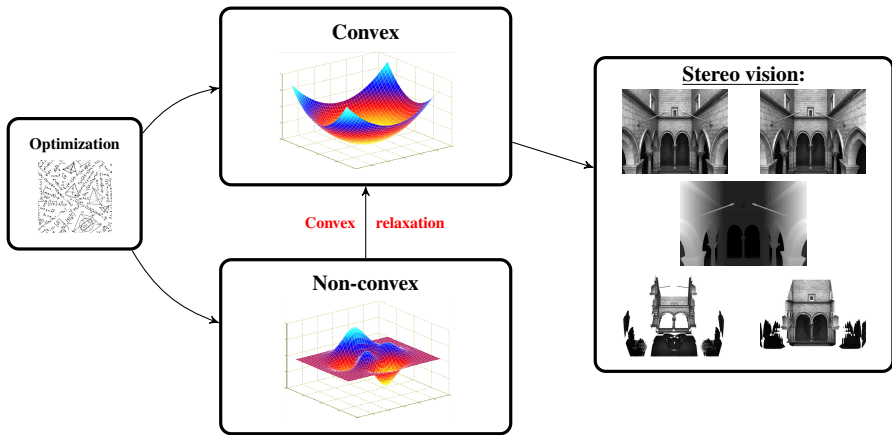
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- Projection onto C

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PROXIMAL ALGORITHMS

Parallel ProXimal Algorithm (PPXA+ [Pesquet & Pustelnik 2011])

$$f = h = 0$$

$$\gamma > 0, \lambda \in]0, 2[$$

$$(x_0, v_0) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M$$

For $n = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\tilde{x}_n = \text{prox}_{\gamma g}(v_n)$$

$$\hat{x}_n = (L^\top L)^{-1} L^\top \tilde{x}_n$$

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \lambda \left(L(2\hat{x}_n - x_n) - \tilde{x}_n \right)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \lambda (\hat{x}_n - x_n)$$

PROXIMAL ALGORITHMS

Montone+Lipschitz Forward Backward Forward

(M+L FBF [Combettes & Pesquet 2011])

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\in]0, (\beta + \|L\|)^{-1}[\\ (x_0, v_0) &\in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M \end{aligned}$$

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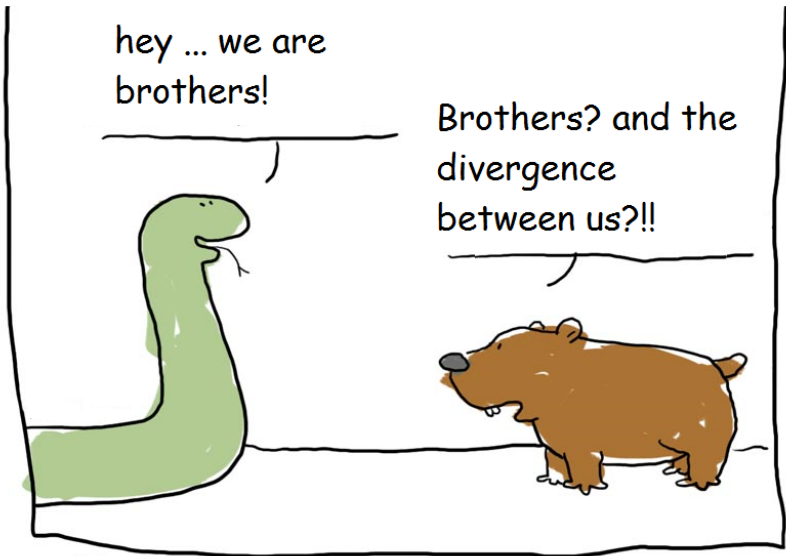
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OBJECTIVE

General formulation

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\text{minimize}} \quad D(Ax, Bx) + \sum_{s=1}^S R_s(L_s x)$$

where

- ▶ $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$
- ▶ $D \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^P \times \mathbb{R}^P)$
- ▶ $\forall s \in \{1, \dots, S\}, L_s \in \mathbb{R}^{K_s \times N}$ and $R_s \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}^{K_s})$

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Particular case

$$\underset{(p,q) \in (\mathbb{R}^P)^2}{\text{minimize}} \quad D(p, q) + \sum_{s=1}^S R_s(U_s p + V_s q)$$

where

- ▶ $x = [p^\top \quad q^\top]^\top$, with $p = (p^{(i)})_{1 \leq i \leq P}$ and $q = (q^{(i)})_{1 \leq i \leq P}$
- ▶ $A = [I \quad 0]$ and $B = [0 \quad I]$
- ▶ $(\forall s \in \{1, \dots, S\})$, $L_s = [U_s \quad V_s]$ and $U_s, V_s \in (\mathbb{R}^{K_s \times P})^2$

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 $\phi \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R})$

MOTIVATIONS

Additive information measures:

$$D(p, q) = \sum_{i=1}^P \Phi(p^{(i)}, q^{(i)})$$

where

$$(\forall (v, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^2) \quad \Phi(v, \xi) = \begin{cases} \xi \varphi\left(\frac{v}{\xi}\right) & \text{if } v \in]0, +\infty[\text{ and } \xi \in]0, +\infty[\\ v \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\varphi(\zeta)}{\zeta} & \text{if } v \in]0, +\infty[\text{ and } \xi = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } v = \xi = 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and $\varphi \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R})$, $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ is twice differentiable on $]0, +\infty[$.

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Contributions:

- ✓ Proximity operator of two-variable convex functions
- ✓ General form of optimization problems
- ✓ Application to image restoration

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where Θ denote a primitive of the function $\zeta \mapsto \zeta\varphi'(\zeta^{-1})$ on $]\chi_-, +\infty[$

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DIVERGENCE PROXIMITY OPERATOR

Kullback-Leibler:

Let $\gamma > 0$ and $(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma\Phi}(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{v} + \gamma \ln \hat{\zeta}, \bar{\xi} + \gamma(\hat{\zeta}^{-1} - 1)) & \text{if } \exp(\bar{v}/\gamma) > 1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi} \\ (0, 0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\hat{\zeta}$ is the minimizer on $] \exp(-\bar{v}/\gamma), +\infty[$ of

$$\psi(\zeta) = \left(\frac{\zeta^2}{2} - 1\right) \ln \zeta + \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma^{-1}\bar{v} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \zeta^2 + (1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi})\zeta.$$

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Jeffrey-Kullback:

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Hellinger:

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$$\text{prox}_{\gamma\Phi}(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) = \begin{cases} \left(\bar{v} + \gamma(\rho - 1), \bar{\xi} + \gamma\left(\frac{1}{\rho} - 1\right) \right) & \text{if } (\bar{v} < \gamma \text{ and} \\ & (1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{v})(1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi}) < 1) \\ & \text{or } \bar{v} \geq \gamma \\ (0, 0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where ρ is the unique solution on $] \max(1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{v}, 0), +\infty[$ of the equation:

$$\rho^4 + (\gamma^{-1}\bar{v} - 1)\rho^3 + (1 - \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi})\rho - 1 = 0.$$

DIVERGENCE PROXIMITY OPERATOR

Chi-Square:

Let $\gamma > 0$ and $(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma\Phi}(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{v} + 2\gamma(1 - \rho), \bar{\xi} + \gamma(\rho^2 - 1)) & \text{if } \bar{v} > -2\gamma \\ & \text{and } \bar{\xi} > -\bar{v}(1 + (4\gamma)^{-1}\bar{v}) \\ (0, \max(\bar{\xi} - \gamma, 0)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where ρ is the unique solution on $]0, 1 + \gamma^{-1}\bar{v}/2[$ of

$$\rho^3 + (1 + \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi})\rho = 2 + \gamma^{-1}\bar{v}.$$

DIVERGENCE PROXIMITY OPERATOR

 I_α divergence:Let $\gamma > 0$ and $(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{prox}_{\gamma\Phi}(\bar{v}, \bar{\xi}) = \begin{cases} (\bar{v} + \gamma\alpha(\hat{\zeta}^{1-\alpha} - 1), \bar{\xi} + \gamma(1-\alpha)(\hat{\zeta}^{-\alpha} - 1)) & \text{if } (\bar{v} < \gamma\alpha \text{ and} \\ & \left(1 - \frac{\gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi}}{(1-\alpha)}\right) < \left(1 - \frac{\bar{v}}{\gamma\alpha}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \\ & \text{or } \bar{v} \geq \gamma\alpha \\ (0, 0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\hat{\zeta}$ is the unique solution on $]\max(1 - \frac{\bar{v}}{\gamma\alpha}, 0), +\infty[$ of

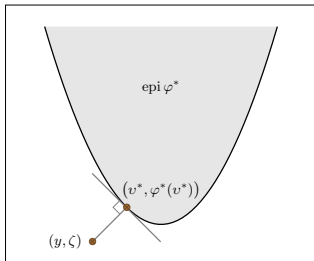
$$\alpha\hat{\zeta}^2 + (\gamma^{-1}\bar{v} - \alpha)\hat{\zeta}^{\alpha+1} + (1 - \alpha - \gamma^{-1}\bar{\xi})\hat{\zeta}^\alpha = 1 - \alpha.$$

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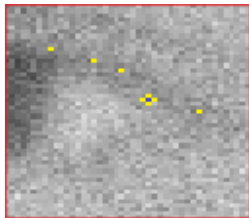
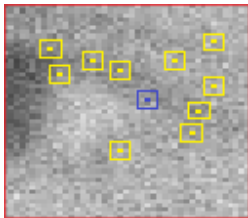
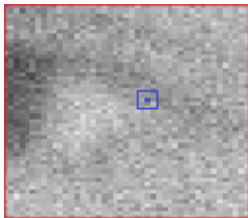
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APPLICATION TO IMAGE RESTORATION

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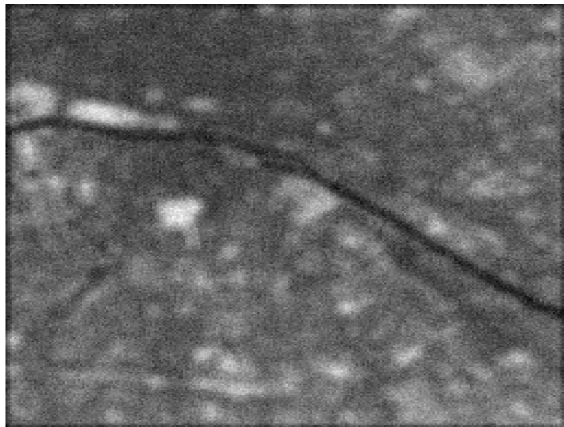
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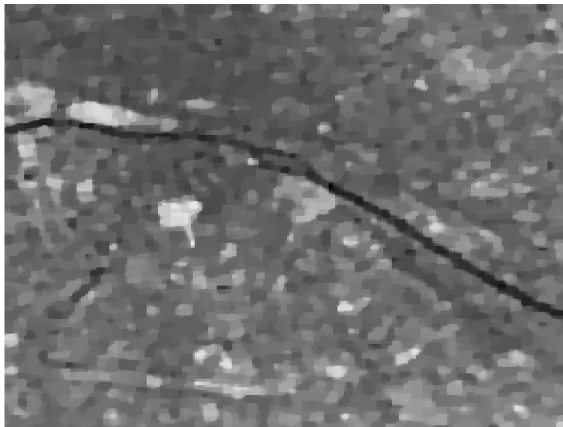


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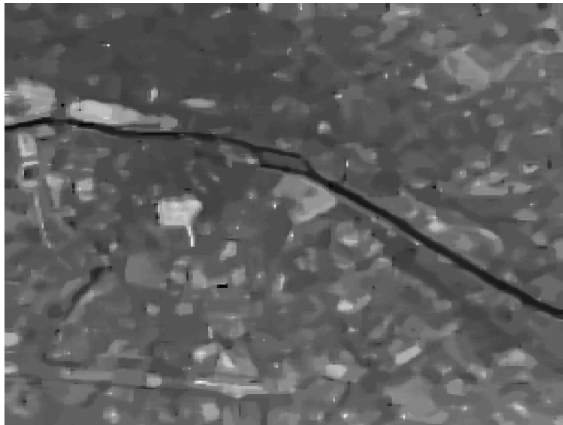
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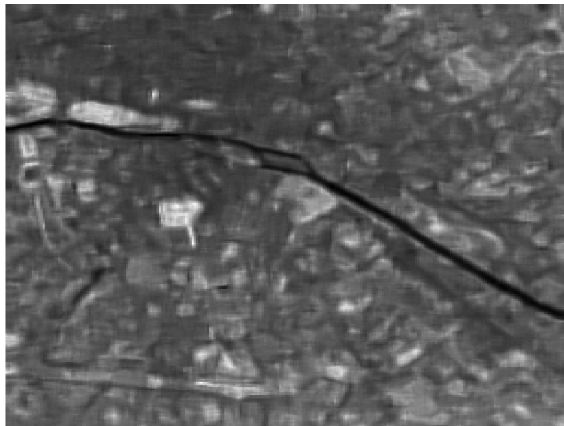
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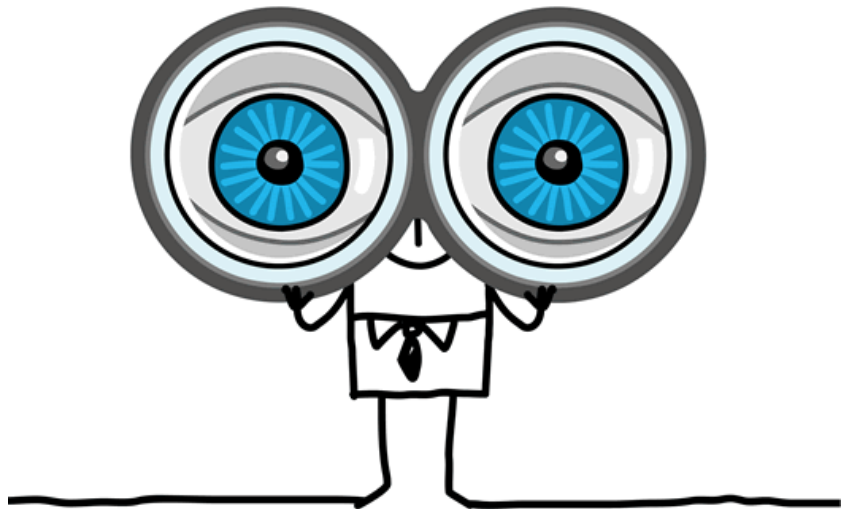
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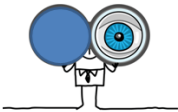
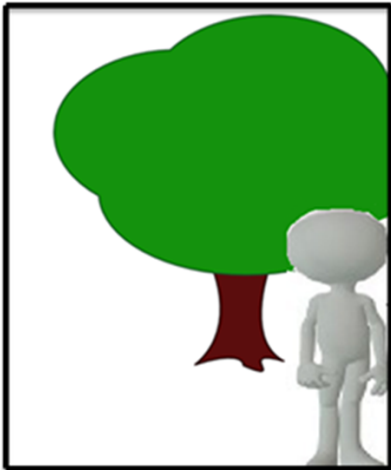
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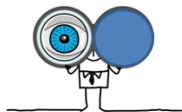
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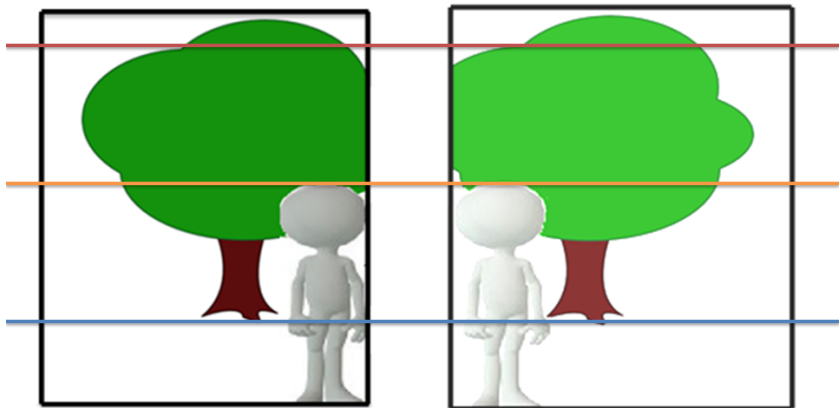
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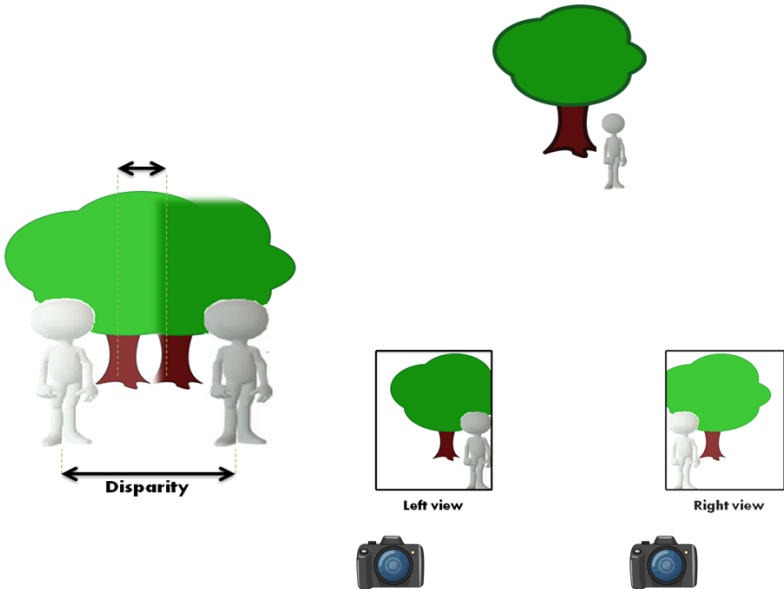
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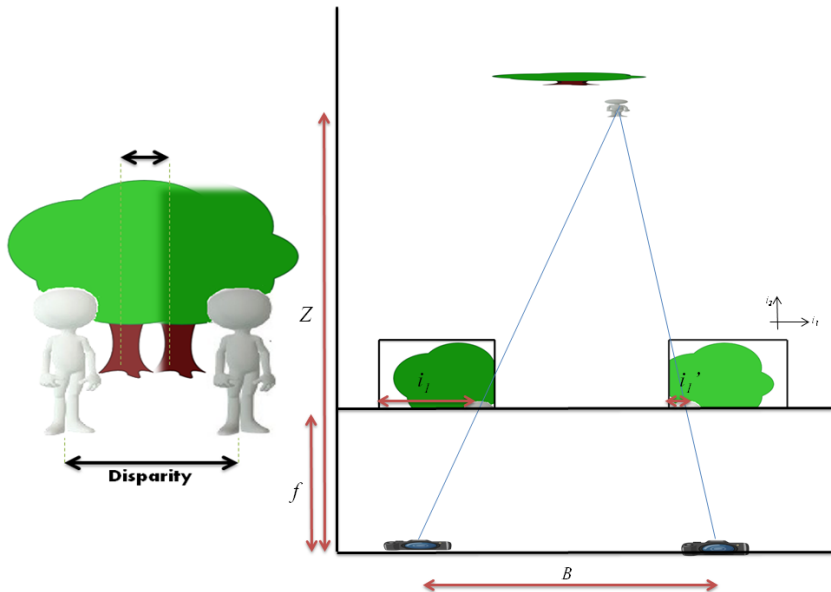












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where $\nabla^{(1)} I_2^{(k)}$ denotes the horizontal gradient of the k -th component of the right image.

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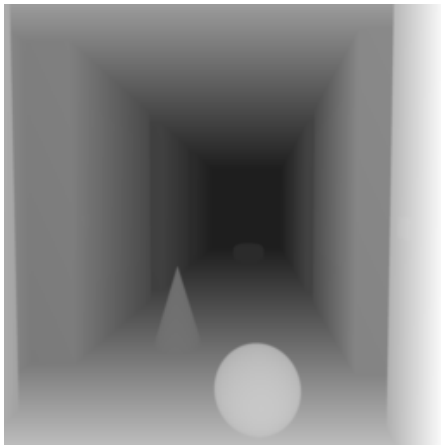
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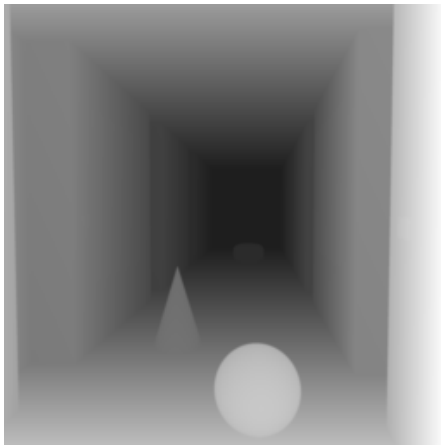
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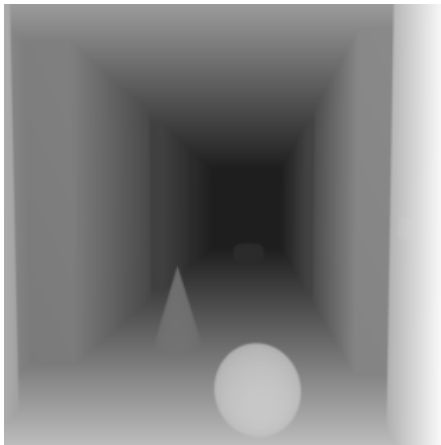
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$$\text{TV}(\mathbf{u}) =$$

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$\widehat{\nabla}^{(1)}$ and $\widehat{\nabla}^{(2)}$: discrete gradients

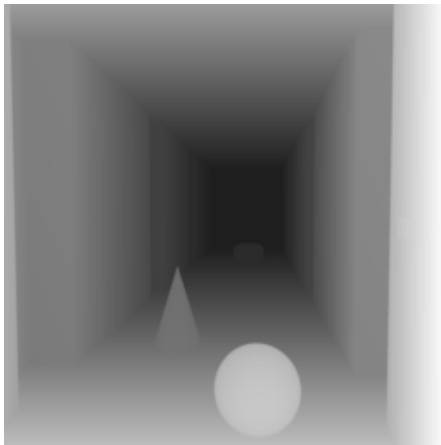
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$$(\eta_q)_{1 \leq q \leq Q} \in [0, +\infty[^Q \text{ and } \tau'_2 > 0.$$
$$F^T F = \nu I, \text{ where } \nu > 0$$

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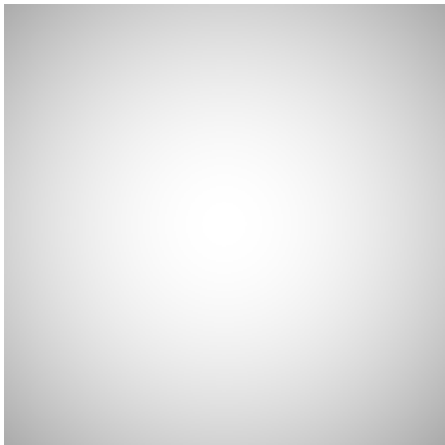
$$S_{1,3} = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|} \mid \text{TV}_2(\mathbf{u}) \leq \tau_3\},$$

$\tau_3 > 0.$

$$\text{TV}_2(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}} \sqrt{|\widehat{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{s}) u(\mathbf{s})|^2}$$

$\widehat{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{s})$: discrete Hessian operator

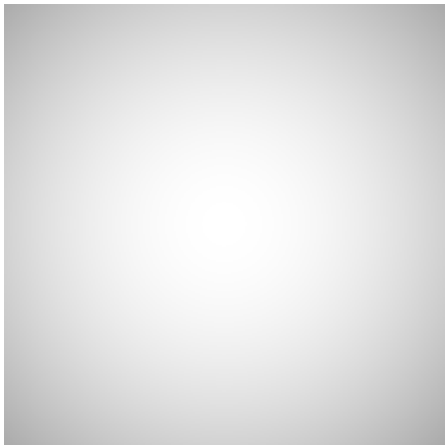
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$$S_{2,1} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|} \mid (\forall \mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}) \\ v_{\min} \leq v(\mathbf{s}) \leq v_{\max}\}, v_{\min} \geq 0$$

CONVEX CONSTRAINTS



First-order smoothness constraint:

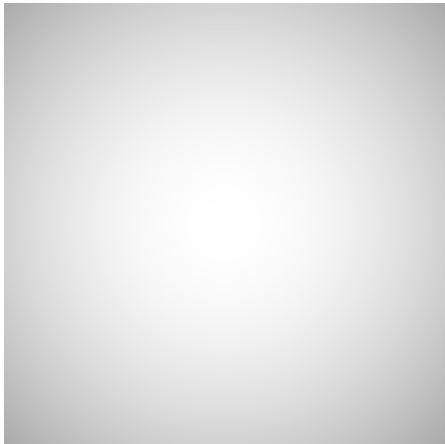
$$S_{2,2} = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|} \mid \|\widehat{\nabla} \mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2}^2 \leq \kappa_2 \},$$

$$\kappa_2 > 0$$

$$\|\widehat{\nabla} \mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2} =$$

$$\left(\sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}} |\widehat{\nabla}^{(1)} v(\mathbf{s})|^2 + |\widehat{\nabla}^{(2)} v(\mathbf{s})|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

CONVEX CONSTRAINTS

**Second-order constraint:**

$$\mathcal{S}_{2,3} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|} \mid \|\widehat{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2}^2 \leq \kappa_3\},$$

$$\kappa_3 > 0$$

$\widehat{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{s})$: discrete Hessian operator

PROPOSED APPROACH

General formulation

$$\underset{L_i w \in \mathcal{C}_i, i \in \{1, \dots, m\}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{s \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{O}} \phi^{(k)}(\mathbf{T}^{(k)}(\mathbf{s})w(\mathbf{s}) - r^{(k)}(\mathbf{s}))$$

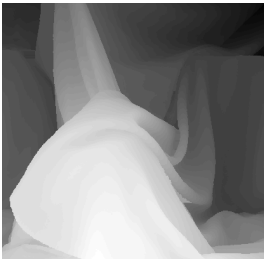
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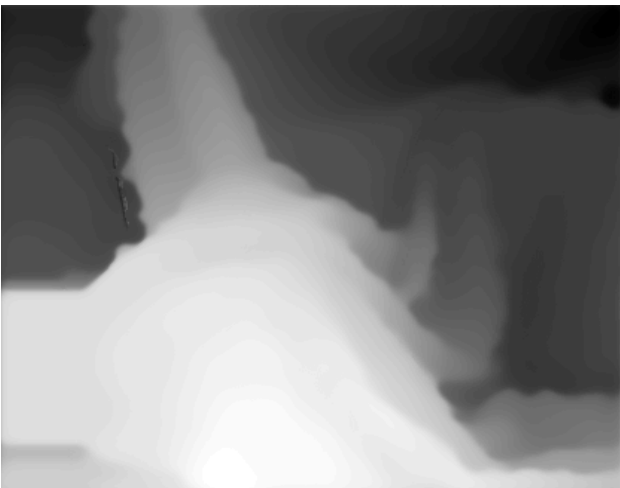
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- ▶ The PPXA+ algorithm can be employed to minimize J on some closed convex constraint sets $(C_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$.
- ▶ It consists of computing, in parallel, the **projections** onto the different convex sets and the **proximity operator** of the criterion J .

RESULTS (GRAY LEVEL IMAGES)

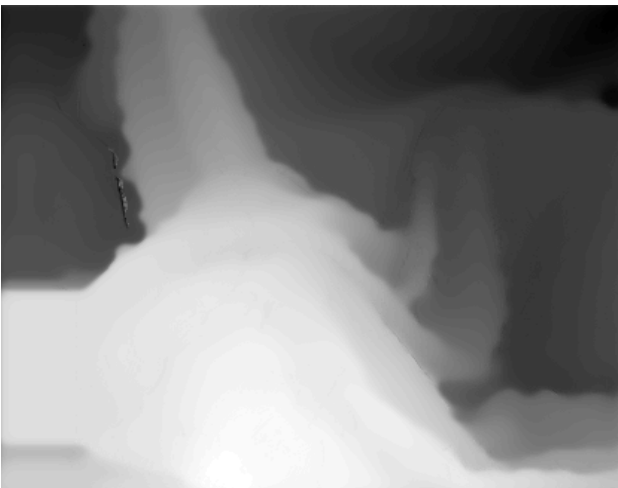


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ℓ_2 -norm:
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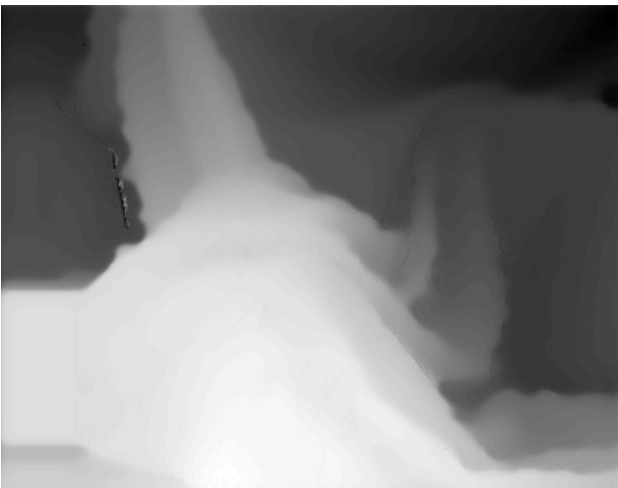
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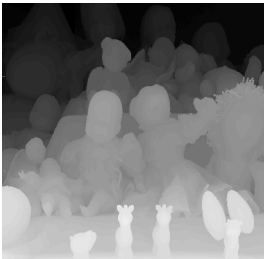
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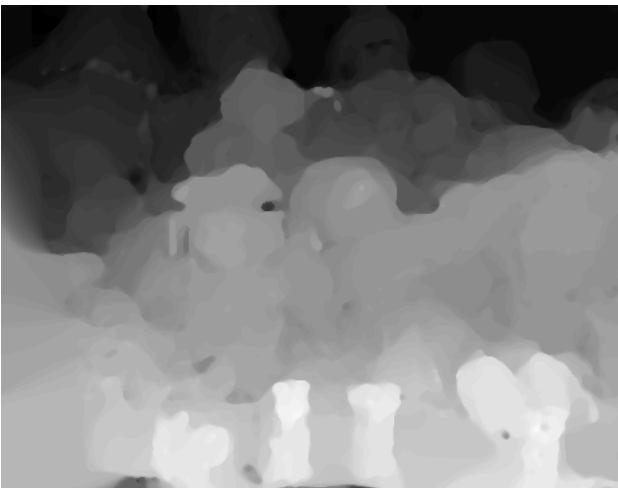
Jeffreys-Kullback:

MAE= 0.83, Err= 3.44%

RESULTS (ℓ_1 -NORM)

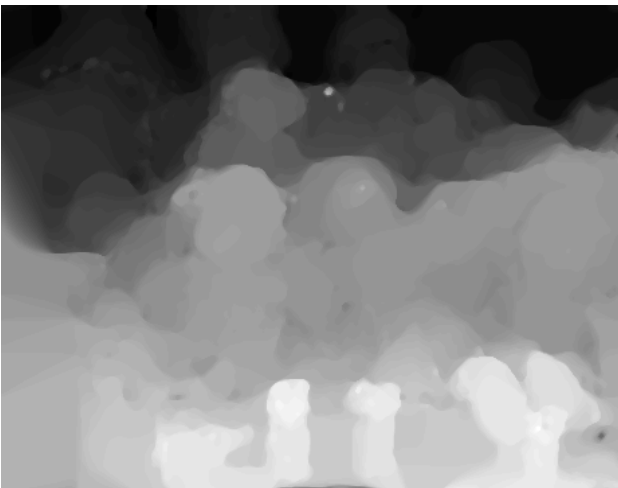


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Gray level images:
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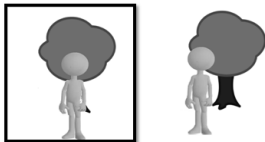
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color images:
MAE= 1.10, Err = 11%



Multi-label approach
Multiple images

DISPARITY ESTIMATION



Variational method

$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}} \psi(I_1(\mathbf{s}), I_2(i_1 - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{s}), i_2))$$

$$\psi \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R}).$$

MULTI-LABEL APPROACH

The disparity u is quantized over $Q + 1$ quantization levels r_0, r_1, \dots, r_Q
($r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_Q$)

$$(\forall \mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}) \quad u(\mathbf{s}) = r_0 + \sum_{q=1}^Q (r_q - r_{q-1}) \theta_q(\mathbf{s})$$

where $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_Q) \in \mathcal{B}$ such that

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CONVEX FORMULATION

CREMERS ET AL. [2011]

$$\tilde{f}(\theta) = \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{q=0}^Q \psi(I_1(\mathbf{s}), I_2(i_1 - r_q, i_2))(\theta_q(\mathbf{s}) - \theta_{q+1}(\mathbf{s}))$$

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Convex relaxation:

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OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

$$\underset{\theta \in \mathcal{R}}{\text{minimize}} \quad g(\theta) + \mu \sum_{q=1}^Q (r_q - r_{q-1}) \text{tv}(\theta_q)$$

Data fidelity: $g : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \psi_{1,2}^j(s) = \psi(I_1(\mathbf{s}), I_2(i_1 - j, i_2))$

$$(\forall \theta \in \mathcal{R}) \quad g(\theta) = \tilde{f}(\theta) - \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{O}} \psi_{1,2}^{r_0}(\mathbf{s}) = \langle \varsigma \mid \theta \rangle,$$

where $\varsigma = (\varsigma_1, \dots, \varsigma_Q) \in (\mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|})^Q$, such that

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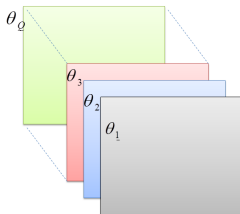
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Possibility to handle nonconvex similarity measures
 $\psi = |\cdot|, \psi = \min\{|\cdot|, \epsilon\}, \psi = |\cdot|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \psi = \min\{|\cdot|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \epsilon\}$

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Regularization Discrete total variation



Proximity operator ✓

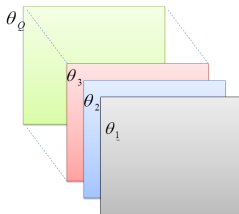
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Convex set

$$\theta_n \in \mathcal{R} \Leftrightarrow (\theta \in E_1 \text{ and } L\theta \in E_2)$$

where $E_1 = ([0, 1]^P)^Q$, $E_2 = ([0, +\infty]^P)^{Q-1}$ and $L : (\mathbb{R}^P)^Q \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^P)^{Q-1}$ is a linear operator, calculating the successive differences between the Q components of θ

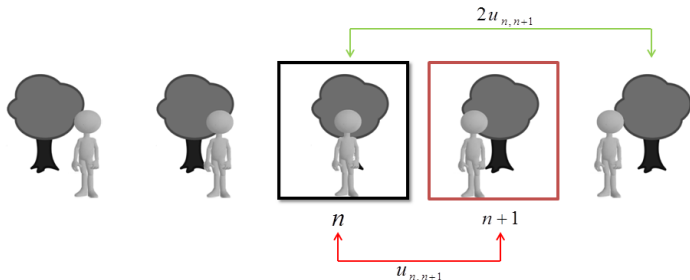


Projection onto closed convex sets E_1 and E_2 ✓

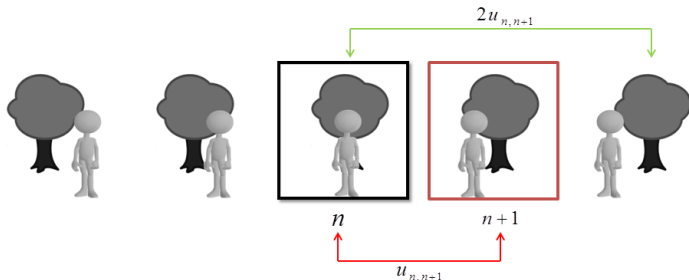
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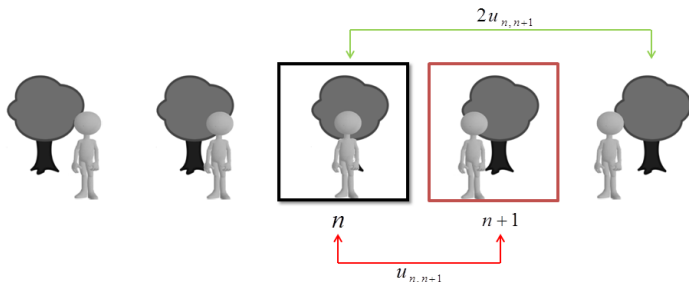


N images

$$(\forall (n, m) \in \{1, \dots, N\}^2, n \neq m) \quad u_{n,m} = \alpha_{n,m} u_{n,k_n}$$

$$\alpha_{n,m} = \frac{m-n}{k_n-n}$$

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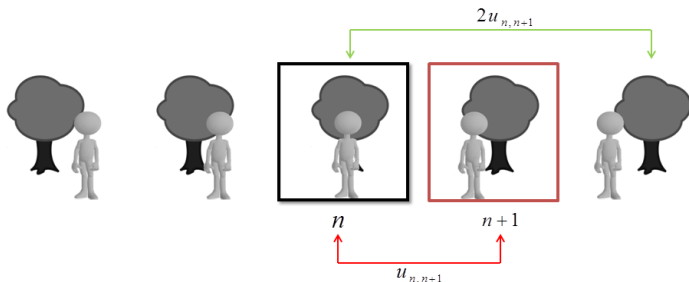


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Discretization

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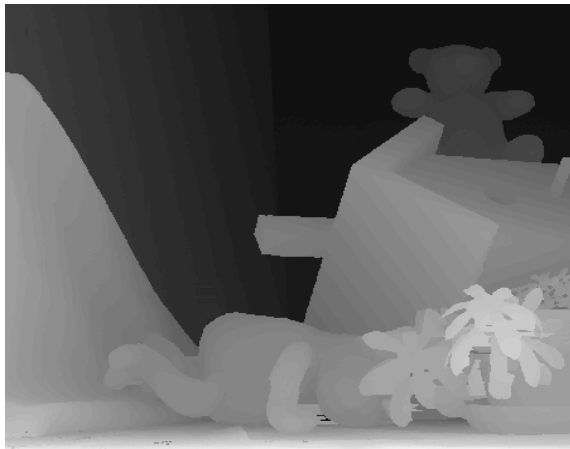
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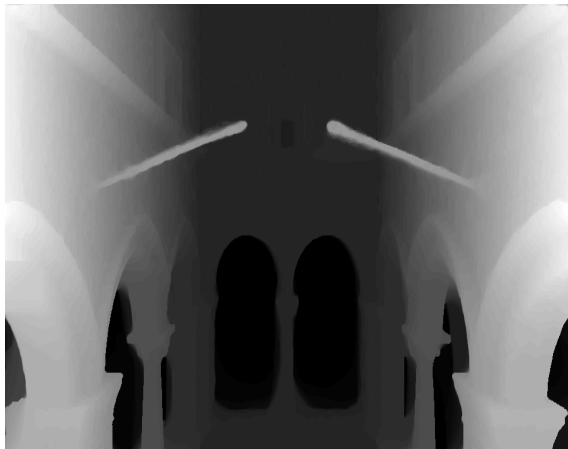
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Our approach:
Err = 3.10%

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Graph cut Woodford et al. [2009]:

Err = 4.84%

Execution time

$$\frac{T_{\text{MultiLabel}}}{T_{\text{Graph-cut}}} = 0.906$$

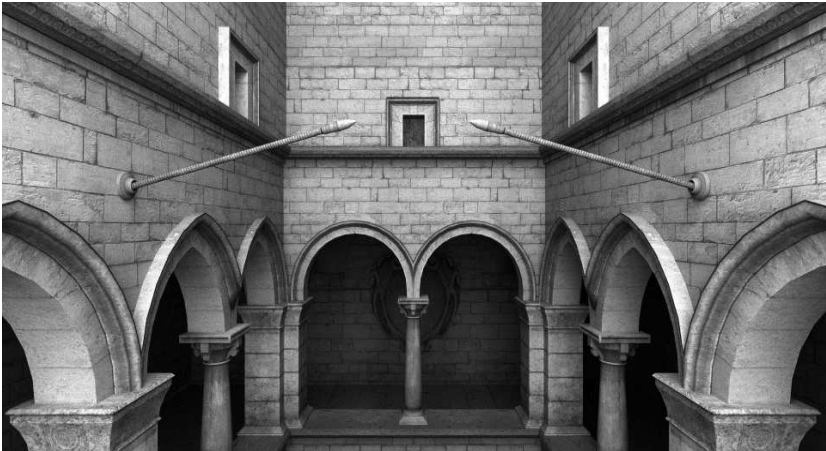
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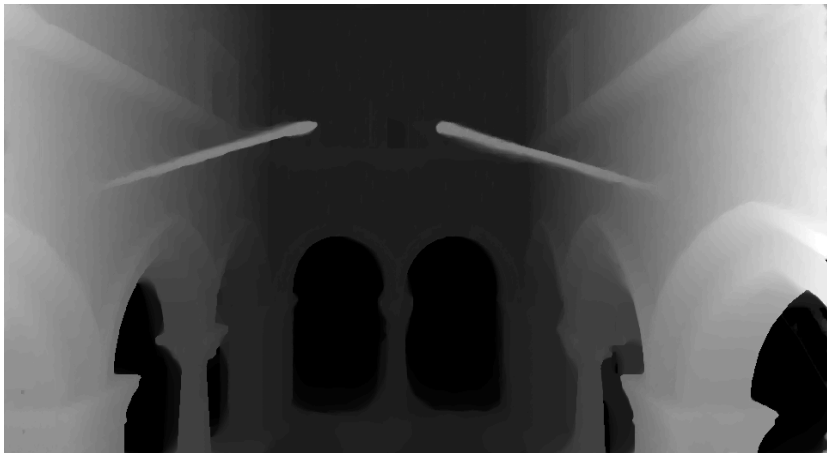
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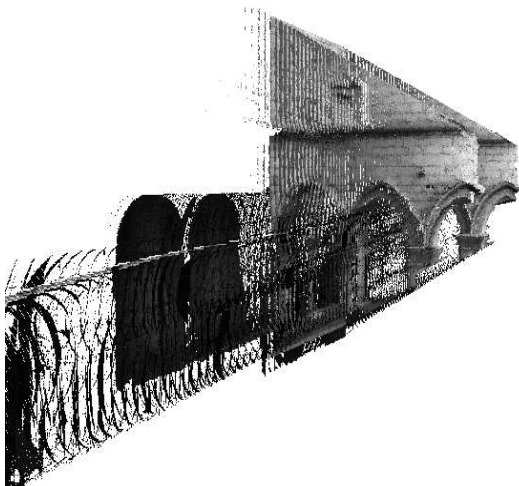
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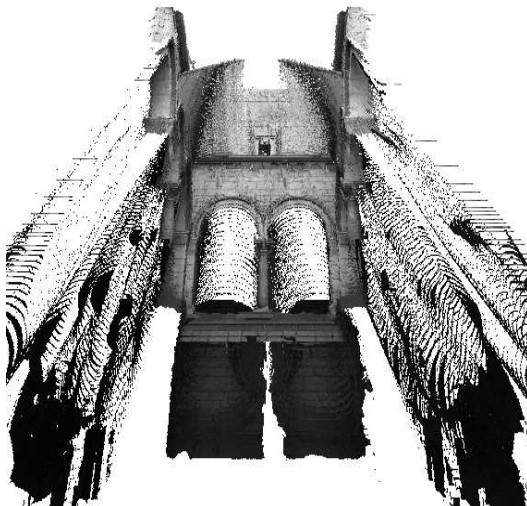
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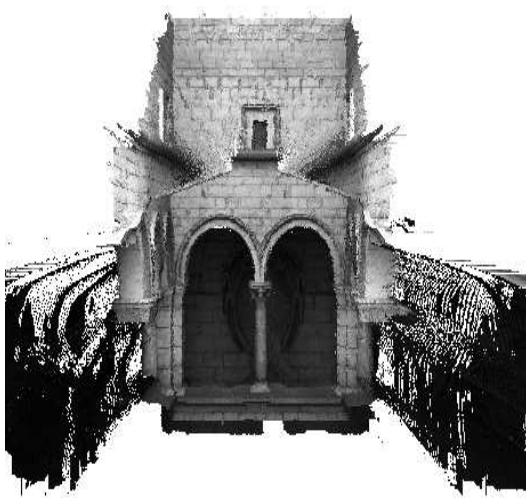
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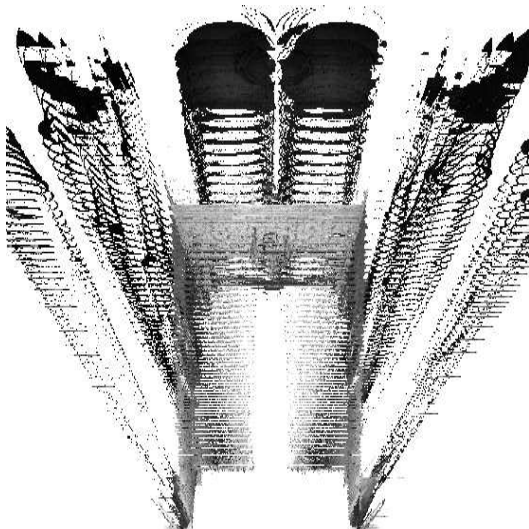
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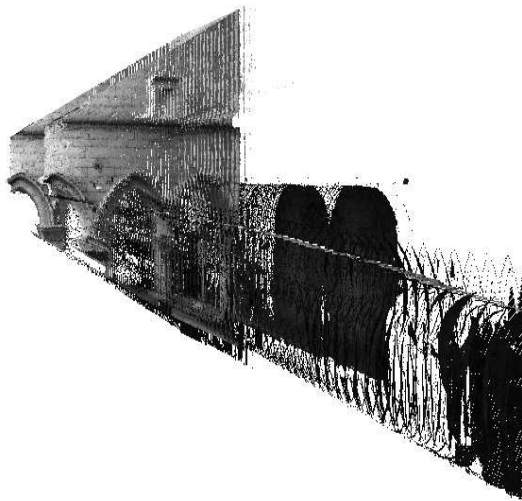
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CONTRIBUTIONS

Divergence

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- ▶ General form of optimization problem (joint minimization w.r.t. of the two variables).
- ▶ Application to image restoration.
- ▶ Divergence proximity operator for epigraphical projections

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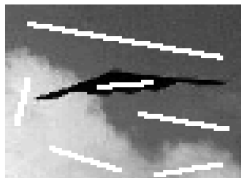
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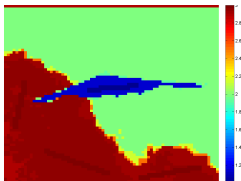
- ▶ Convex optimization for disparity map sequence.
- ▶ Relaxation based on multilabel approach.
- ▶ Possibility of handling nonconvex similarity measures.

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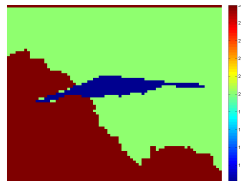
- ▶ φ -divergence in segmentation (Histograms based method).



Input image



result



rounded result

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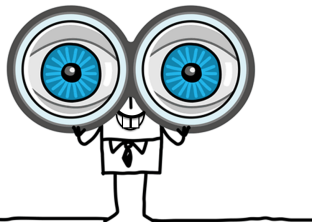
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Thank you

ILLUMINATION VARIATION

Artificial illumination

Find for each pixel in the left image $I_1 : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^K$ a **corresponding** pixel in the right image $I_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}^K$.

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}, \quad v^{(k)}(i_1, i_2) I_1^{(k)}(i_1, i_2) = I_2^{(k)}(i_1 - u(i_1, i_2), i_2)$$

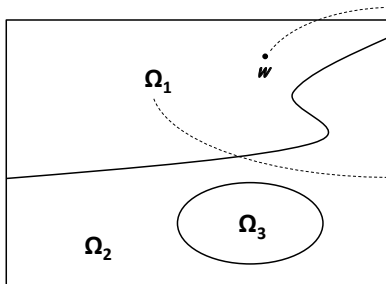
$$v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$$

- ▶ The spectrum of the illumination source changes in function of the power.
- ▶ Color changes.
- ▶ Illumination variation variable per color component.

Image segmentation

CONSIDERED PROBLEM

Partition the image domain $\Omega = \{1, \dots, N\}$ into J regions...



Multi-class representation:

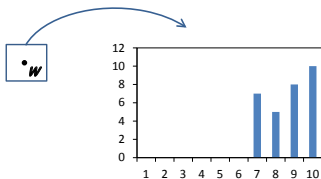
$$u^{(w)} = (u_1^{(w)}, \dots, u_J^{(w)})$$

Region histogram:

$$p_j = (p_j^{(1)}, \dots, p_j^{(L)})$$

CONSIDERED PROBLEM

... so that the local histograms in each region Ω_j are *similar*.



Local histogram:

$$\mathbf{q}_w = (\mathbf{q}_w^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_w^{(L)})$$

VARIATIONAL APPROACH

Multi-label relaxation within a jointly minimization [Qiao et al. 2014]

$$\underset{u,p}{\text{minimize}} \quad \sum_{j=1}^J \|\nabla u_j\|_{1,2} + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{w=1}^N \sum_{\ell=1}^L \Phi(\mathbf{q}_w^{(\ell)}, p_j^{(\ell)}) u_j^{(w)} \quad \text{subj. to}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (\forall w \in \{1, \dots, N\}) & u^{(w)} \in [0, +\infty[^J, \quad \sum_{j=1}^J u_j^{(w)} = 1, \\ (\forall j \in \{1, \dots, J\}) & p_j \in [0, +\infty[^L, \quad \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_j^{(\ell)} = 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where $\lambda > 0$.

PROPOSED REFORMULATION

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CONVEX RELAXATION

We relax the rank-one constraint by the nuclear norm:

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INTERACTIVE SEGMENTATION

We also add a constraint to allow for user-defined scribbles:

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{array} \right.
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