Non-linear image processing for hyperspectral images

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What is a hyperspectral image?

- ✓ Spatial coordinates
- ✓ Spectral dimension
- ✓ Correlated wavelengths





What does it mean to perform an addition of spectra and multiplying a spectrum with a scalar? **Obvious problem: Max of reflectance is 1**

But we can work with min and max, or the ordering of spectra The **scalar domain** is naturally equipped with the notion of order No uniform ways/ consensus in the **multivariate domain**

Ordering relation

in the color domain





A suitable ordering relation must maintain the existing order of a given color set.

Ordering relation

in the spectral domain





In the same way, existing order in the spectral domain, such as gradual changes in intensity, must be maintained.

How to order spectra

- Marginal approach (each channel treated separately)
- Conditional approach (sequential ordering) on the image channels
- Prioritization function on the wavelengths
- Distance-based functions
- Supervised ordering approaches

The notion of order in statistics for a spectral set



Detection of anomalies in screen printed pigment charts



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Assuming a normal distribution for individual patch, the empirical rule will be used

- 99.7% of population lie within 3σ
- Anomalies = outliers, use thresholding $\ge 3\sigma$

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The impact of ordering relations to spectral median filters



Expected: Smoothing of homogeneous regions, preserved edges Actual results: Varied from **grainy artifacts** to **blurred edges**

Deborah. 2016. Towards Spectral Mathematical Morphology. PhD thesis.

The impact of ordering relations to spectral morphological dilation



Marginal ordering relation produces **false colors** This is a significant error in scenarios, e.g., pigment/colorant identification

Crack detection for paintings



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Subsets of The Scream (1893, Edvard Munch)

