Image Processing on Projections and Its Applications for Image Reconstruction

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- Discrete Image Reconstruction from Uncertain and Insufficient Data [13]

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Short description: The aim of this project is to improve the well-known methods of continuous and discrete tomography. We study image processing methods that can be applied directly on the projections to improve reconstruction quality. We improve techniques to measure the quality of the reconstructed images, and develop image reconstruction methods based on parallel processing using GPUs. We also investigate which are the most valuable projections, if the reconstruction is performed from just a few of them.

Description:
Reconstruction tomography produces 2-dimensional cross-sections of 3-dimensional objects from their projections taken from several directions. Depending on the reconstruction task, projections can be acquired by X-rays, gamma-rays, etc. In the most common situation radiation is generated outside the object (CT), in other scenarios the object itself emits gamma-rays (SPECT, PET). In image reconstruction the task is – roughly speaking – to backproject the sinogram consisting of the projections of the original image. This is usually performed by filtered backprojection (FBP) or algebraic iterative methods (ART, SART, SIRT). In practice, projections are taken from discrete angles, and they are noisy, too. The aim of this project is to improve the well-known methods of continuous and discrete tomography, and especially the followings:

- study of image processing methods, that can be applied directly on the projections to improve reconstruction quality (active contours, segmentation, edge-detection, denoising, etc.)
- incremental reconstruction by identifying important projection angles
- improving techniques to measure the quality of the reconstructed images (similarity to model image, statistical features, smoothness, etc.)
measuring the information content of projections
determination of attenuation coefficients from the sinogram for certain classes of images
developing efficient discrete image reconstruction methods of novel types, based on parallel processing using GPUs where possible

A central reconstruction based strategy for selecting projection angles in binary tomography [22], Balázs, Péter [16], and Batenburg Joost K. [23], Image Analysis and Recognition, June 2012, Number 7324, Berlin; Heidelberg; New York; London; Paris; Tokyo, p.382 - 391, (2012)

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