

Reduction of Noise Based on Partial-Reference, Dual-Treewavelet Transform Compressing

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ABSTRACT:

This paper actually developed to decrease noise introduced or exacerbated by image enhancement methods in the system, this algorithm is based on the random spray sampling technique. According to the nature of sprays and output images of spray-based methods tend to exhibit noise with unknown statistical distribution in this process. Hence to avoid inappropriate assumptions on the statistical characteristics of noise in the system, a different tone is made here the non-enhanced image is considered to be either free of noise or affected by non-perceivable levels of noise in the system. Here, taking advantage of the higher sensitivity of the human visual system to changes in brightness and the analysis can be limited to the luma channel of both the non-enhanced and enhanced image process.

Also, given the importance of directional content in human vision in the system, then the analysis is performed through the dual-tree complex wavelet transform (DTWCT) in this method. It is unlike the discrete wavelet transform method. Here the DTWCT allows for distinction of data directionality in the transform space in this method. For each level of the transform. Actually, the standard deviation of the non-enhanced image coefficients is computed across the six orientations of the DTWCT and then it is normalized in this method.

The result is a map of the directional structures present in the non-enhanced image in this method. Said map is then used to shrink the coefficients of the enhanced image in this method. In this paper, the shrunk coefficients and the coefficients from the non-enhanced image are then mixed. Finally, a noise-reduced version of the enhanced image is computed via the inverse transforms of the given data. In this paper, the numerical analysis of the results has been performed in order to confirm the validity of the proposed approach in the system.

So, this paper presents details of some significant work in the area of image denoising of the data. Then, some famous approaches are classified into different groups and an overview of various algorithms and analysis is provided for this process.

Index Terms:

Dual-tree complex wavelet transform (DTWCT), image enhancement, random sprays, shrinkage, wavelets, image denoising.

1. Introduction:

Although the field of image enhancement has been active since before digital imagery achieved a consumer status, it has never stopped evolving. In this process, the recent work introduces a novel multi-resolution denoising method tailored to address a specific image quality problem that arises when using image enhancement algorithms based on random spray sampling in this system. It is inspired by the peculiar problem of such methods, the proposed approach also works for other image enhancement methods that either introduce or exacerbate noise of this process.

In this method the work builds and expands on a previous article [1]. At this stage, among image denoising algorithms the multi-resolution methods have a long history of the system. In this, a particular branch is that of transform space. Among this, some of the most commonly used transforms for shrinkage-based reduction of noise are the Wavelet Transform (WT) [5]–[7] and the Steerable Pyramid Transform [8]–[10] of this system. In this paper the Contourlet Transform [11]–[12]. According to the subject over-completeness is an important characteristic as it is usually associated with the ability to differentiate data directionality in the transform space of the system.

Generally, independently of the specific transform used and the general assumption in multi-resolution shrinkage is that image data gives rise to sparse coefficients in the transform space. so, denoising can be achieved by compressing (shrinking) those coefficients that compromise data sparsity of the process. Such process is usually improved by an elaborate statistical analysis of the dependencies between coefficients at different scales. Here the traditional multi-resolution methods are designed to only remove one particular type of noise. In this process and due to the unknown statistical properties of the noise introduced by the use of sprays then traditional approaches do not find the expected conditions of the process, and

thus their action becomes much less effective process. In this technique, the proposed approach still performs noise reduction via coefficient shrinkage and yet an element of novelty is introduced in the form of partial reference images of the noise reduction method. Actually, having a reference allows the shrinkage process to be data-driven system. A strong source of inspiration were the works on the Dual-tree Complex Wavelet Transform by Kingsbury, the work on the Steerable Pyramid Transform by Simoncelli et al. [8] and the work on Wavelet Coefficient Shrinkage by Donoho and Johnstone of this paper. Fig. 1 shows the differences between traditional noise-reduction methods.

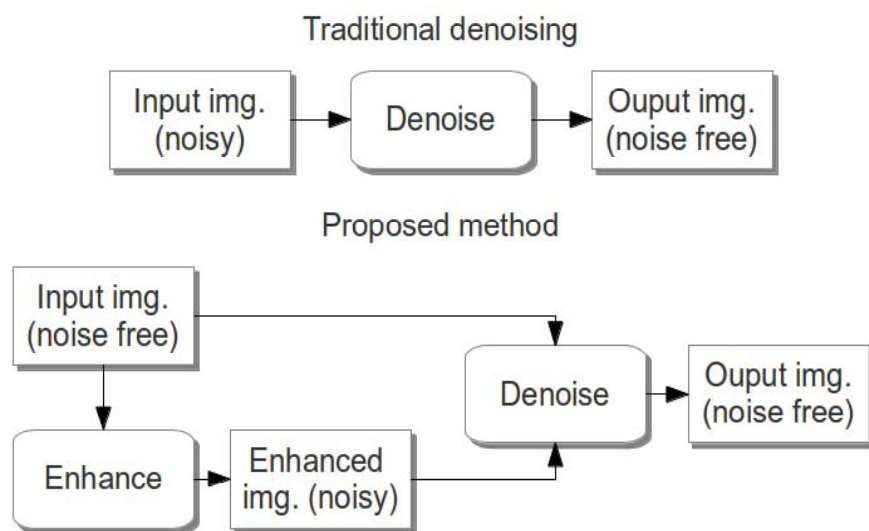


Figure 1. High-level flow charts for traditional noise-reduction methods and the proposed one. It is evident that the scope of application is different, although the goal is the same.

II. System Description:

A. RSR and RACE:

This Section, describes the process of random spray sampling, then introduces Random Spray Retinex (RSR) and RACE. The two algorithms that utilize said sampling method. RACE (crasis of RSR and ACE) is the fusion of RSR and an adapted version of Automatic Color Equalization (ACE) of the system. Random spray sampling was first introduced by Provenzi et al. [2] as an elaboration over the physical scanning structures used by Land and McCann in the original Retinex work of the system.

B. Proposed System:

The main idea behind this work can be explained as follows: directional content is what conveys information to the Human Visual System. This statement given is backed up by past

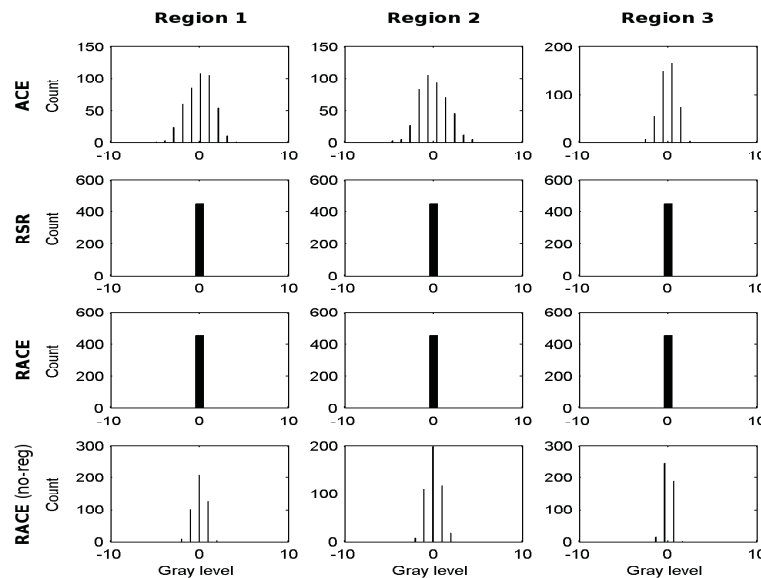


Figure 2. “Multiple shapes” test image. Histograms for the different areas after enhancement with four different algorithms. Plots have been centered around the mean for sake of comparison.

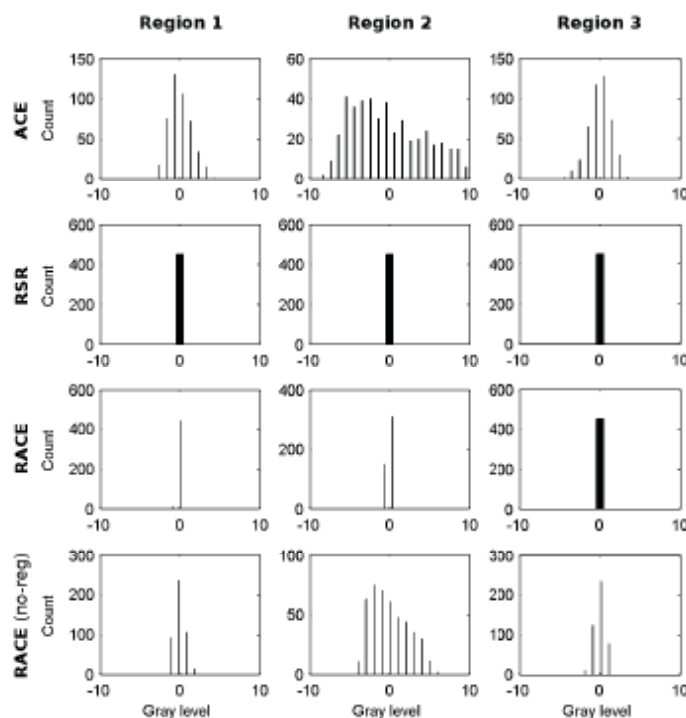


Figure 3.. “Big square” test image. Histograms for the different areas after enhancement with four different algorithms. Plots have been centered around the mean for sake of comparison.

research such as the Retinex theory as well as the high-order gray-world assumption. So, in particular the local white patch effect described by Retinex comes into play when, for a given channel. In this process, the scanning structure samples a positive intensity change. In this process the geometrical reasons and intensity changes of a directional nature are more easily crossed than point-like structures such as noise.

Algorithm 1 Algorithm for Proposed Noise-Reduction Method

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 $E_{RGB} \leftarrow \text{enhance}(I_{RGB})$ 
 $I_{YCbCr} \leftarrow \text{rgb2ycbcr}(I_{RGB})$ 
 $E_{YCbCr} \leftarrow \text{rgb2ycbcr}(E_{RGB})$ 
 $Y_I \leftarrow Y \text{ channel of } I_{YCbCr}$ 
 $(b^I, c^I) \leftarrow \text{dtcwt}(Y_I)$ 
 $Y_E \leftarrow Y \text{ channel of } E_{YCbCr}$ 
repeat
     $(b^E, c^E) \leftarrow \text{dtcwt}(Y_E) \quad \triangleright Y_E \text{ is iteration dependent}$ 
    for  $j = 1 \rightarrow J$  do
        for  $k = 1 \rightarrow 6$  do
             $e_{j,k} \leftarrow (b_{j,k}^I)^2 + (c_{j,k}^I)^2$ 
        end for
         $w_j \leftarrow \text{mm}(\text{stddev}(e_{j,k}), \text{median}(e_{j,k}), \gamma_j)$ 
        for  $k = 1 \rightarrow 6$  do
             $\tilde{b}_{j,k}^E \leftarrow w_j \cdot b_{j,k}^E + (1 - w_j) \cdot b_{j,k}^I$ 
             $\tilde{c}_{j,k}^E \leftarrow w_j \cdot c_{j,k}^E + (1 - w_j) \cdot c_{j,k}^I$ 
             $i_{j,k}^I \leftarrow \text{ord}(b_{j,k}^I) \quad \triangleright \text{Rank of } b_{j,k}^I$ 
            if  $i_{j,k}^I \in \{1, 2\}$  then
                 $b_{j,k}^O \leftarrow \tilde{b}_{j,k}^E \quad \triangleright \text{Shrunk coefficients from } Y_E$ 
                 $c_{j,k}^O \leftarrow \tilde{c}_{j,k}^E$ 
            else
                 $b_{j,k}^O \leftarrow b_{j,k}^I \quad \triangleright \text{Coefficients from } Y_I$ 
                 $c_{j,k}^O \leftarrow c_{j,k}^I$ 
            end if
        end for
    end for
     $Y_E \leftarrow \text{idtcwt}(b^O, c^O) \quad \triangleright \text{Inverse DTCWT}$ 
until  $\text{ssim}(Y_I, Y_E) < 0.001$ 
 $O_{YCbCr} = \text{concat}(Y_E, E_{CbCr}) \quad \triangleright Y_E \text{ as in last iteration}$ 
 $O_{RGB} = \text{ycbcr2rgb}(O_{YCbCr})$ 

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Figure 4. Algorithm for noise reduction method

The proposed method revolves around the shrinkage data directionality and wavelet coefficients generated by the Dual Tree Complex Wavelet Transform. The DTCWT is chosen for the ability to distinguish data orientation in transform space, its relative simplicity and other useful properties. Finally, a fundamental assumption is made: the input image is considered to be either free of noise, or contaminated by no perceivable noise. In this process, if such an assumption holds then input image contains the information needed for successful noise reduction. The algorithm for the proposed method is given as Algorithm 1. For ease of reference, a visual description is also given in Figure 5. The following subsections explain the details of the shrinkage process and the tests performed to optimize the algorithm parameters of the system.

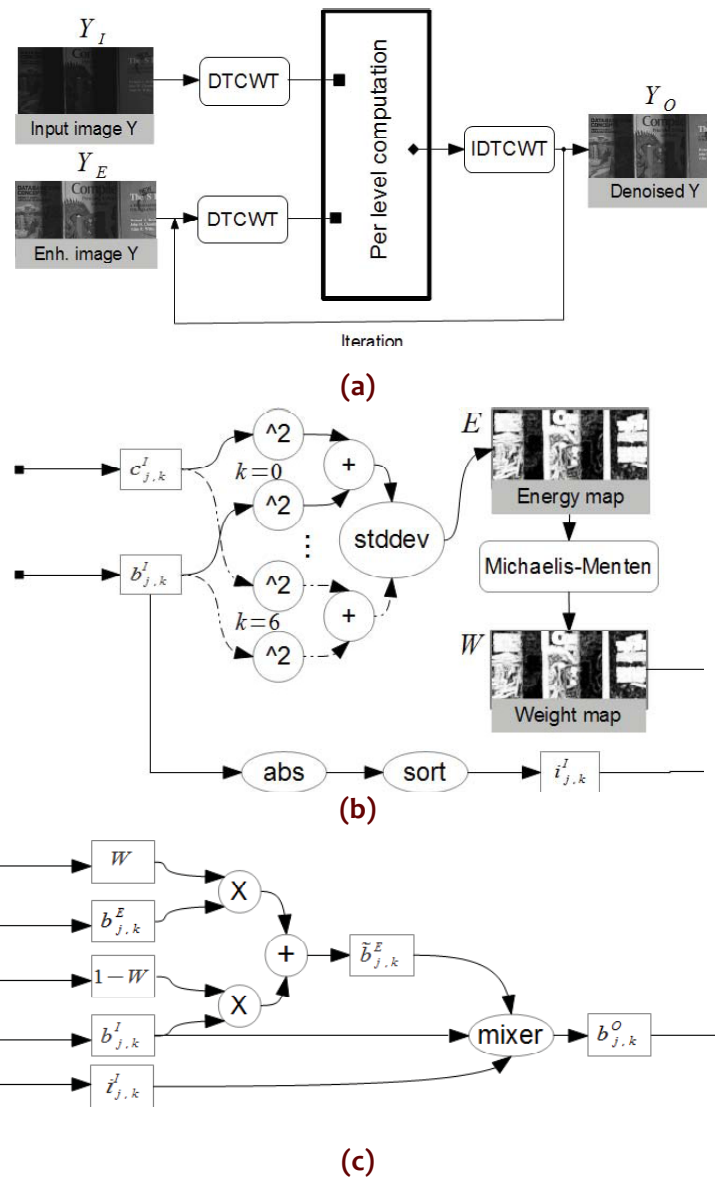


Figure 5. Proposed method flowchart (a) is performed per level of the decomposition. (b) Directional energy map is first computed as the standard deviation of sum-of-squares of the coefficients. A weight map is then obtained by using the Michaelis-Menten function for normalization (c) Weight map is used to scale the coefficients of the enhanced image.

III Result analysis:

The proposed method of this paper, we devised a set of five different tests and performance assessment includes scanline analysis then quality metrics comparison and subjective evaluation and panel tests in the system.



Figure 6. Proposed denoising method applied to histogram equalized images. In this case, either grain or compression noise is already present in the nonenhanced images and exposed by histogram equalization. The proposed method effectively reduces both, while still maintaining sharp edges. (a) Girl, original. (b) Girl, histogram equalized. (c) Girl, denoised with $J = 2$. (d) Tiffany, original. (e) Tiffany, histogram equalized. (f) Tiffany, denoised with $J = 2$.

1) Required Test on Difficult Images for RSR: here, we first used the proposed method on two images taken from the work on RSR [2] which happened to trigger the appearance of noise in the data.

The images, their enhanced versions and the noise reduced results are shown in Figure 5. Scanline data is also given in Figure 6. (a)–(b). here, the proposed denoising method respects the desired behaviour and shows good performance of the system.

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Conclusion:

According to the paper, the given work presents a noise reduction method based on Dual Tree Complex Wavelet Transform coefficients shrinkage method. here, the proposed method produces good quality output and removing noise without altering the underlying directional structures in the image process. It is designed to tackle a quality problem specific to spray-based image enhancement methods and the proposed approach also proved effective on compression and latent noise brought to the surface by histogram equalization of the system.

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