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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Jan 2007 15:11:00 GMT

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Posted by [Wox](#) on Wed, 17 Jan 2007 16:32:28 GMT

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Anyway, hope this helps.

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function createsinogram
; 1. Create an image with rings plus random noise:
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M=250
R0=(N<M)*0.1
R1=(N<M)*0.12
xc=N/2.+20
yc=M/2.
x = (LINDGEN(N,M) MOD N)
y = (LINDGEN(N,M)/N)
radius = SQRT((x-50)^2 + (y-80)^2)
realslice = (radius GT R0) AND (radius LT R1)
radius = SQRT((x-40)^2 + (y-100)^2)
realslice OR= (radius GT R0) AND (radius LT R1)
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R0=0
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realslice += RANDOMU(seed,N,M)

realslice[xc-1:xc+1,yc-1:yc+1] = 2*max(realslice)

tvsc1,realslice,0, 0, /NORMAL

; 2. Create sinogram
sinogram = RADON(realslice,xmin=-xc,ymin=-yc,drho=1,NRHO=N,RMIN=-xc)
tvsc1,sinogram,0, 0.5, /NORMAL

return,sinogram
end;function createsinogram

pro testtomo
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```
sinogram=createsinogram()
s=size(sinogram)
N=s[2]
NAngles=s[1]

projcen=N/2.+20
angleinc=180./NAngles
anglestart=0.

angleinc*=!pi/180
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angles=anglestart+angleinc*findgen(NAngles)
rho=findgen(N)-projcen
tomogram=radon(sinogram,/BACKPROJECT,rho=rho,theta=angles,/L
INEAR,nx=N,ny=N,xmin=-projcen)

tvscl,tomogram,0.5, 0, /NORMAL
end
```

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Posted by [TimLS](#) on Thu, 18 Jan 2007 08:40:04 GMT
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Posted by [Mike\[2\]](#) on Thu, 18 Jan 2007 16:49:10 GMT

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Here's a bit of code that I pulled out of our production code for PET reconstructions. Some of it is specific to our geometry, so you'd have to include your own sampling geometry. The input to this would be sgplane, an Nprojections x Nangles array of projection data.

```
Nangles = 768
Nprojections = 128
proj_spacing = 0.1
deltakx = 1.0 / (Nprojections * proj_spacing)
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```
:: Nyquist frequency, in per cm, from default proj spacing of detector
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;; banks
nyfreq = 1/(2.0*proj_spacing/10.0)

cutfreq = cutperc/100. * nyfreq

;; ---- Make a ramp filter
; /10.0 since projspacing is in mm and we want kx in per cm
deltakx = 1.0 / (Nprojections * projspacing/10.0)

; array of kx values with kx=0 at center
kxvals = ( FINDGEN(Nprojections) - (Nprojections-1)/2 ) * deltakx

; shift to agree with IDL ordering, kx=0 at i=0, etc.
kxvals = SHIFT(kxvals, -(Nprojections-1)/2)
ft_filter = COMPLEXARR(Nprojections)
FOR i=0, (Nprojections-1) DO BEGIN
    kx = kxvals[i]
    ft_filter[i] = COMPLEX(!PI*ABS(kx), 0.0)
ENDFOR

;; apply the filter to each row of the sinogram
FOR a = 0, Nangles-1 DO BEGIN
    row = sgplane[* , a]
    ftrow = FFT(row)
    ftfilteredrow = ft_filter * ftrow
    filteredrow = FFT(ftfilteredrow, /INVERSE)
    sgplane[* , a] = filteredrow
ENDFOR

projs = ( FINDGEN(Nprojections) - proj_center ) * projspacing

;; parameters for backprojection
Npix = 128
angles = FINDGEN(Nangles) * !PI / FLOAT(Nangles) + rotation * !DTOR
pixsz = fov / FLOAT(Npix)
xmin = (-fov/2.0) - xoff
ymin = (-fov/2.0) - yoff

image = RADON(TRANPOSE(sgplane), /BACKPROJECT, /LINEAR, $
    RHO=projs, THETA=angles, $
    DX=pixsz, DY=pixsz, $
    NX=Npix, NY=Npix, $
    XMIN=xmin, YMIN=ymin)

```

Regards, Mike Miller, Imaging Sciences, IU School of Medicine

P.S. A good reference for tomography is Kak and Slaney's "Principles of Computerized Tomographic Imaging," which is available for download at <http://www.slaney.org/pct/>

Subject: Re: backprojection

Posted by [Marc Reinig](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2007 01:53:12 GMT

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"David Fanning" <news@dfanning.com> wrote in message news:MPG.2017ea6ce320271a989e7b@news.frii.com...

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Look up filtered backprojection and the Fourier slice theorem. Filtering the back projected data compensates for the fact that the some of the data is sampled more than others and needs to be de emphasized.

-Marco

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Posted by [Wox](#) on Fri, 19 Jan 2007 09:52:32 GMT

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To clarify: the filter shown is similar to the RamLak filtering in real space (using convolution instead of multiplication) on Mark River's web-site:

http://www-fp.mcs.anl.gov/xray-cmt/tomo_filter.htm
