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Posted by [rogass](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 15:00:57 GMT

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  if method eq 'iwiener' then begin
    psf_fft=fft(p)
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    snr=mean(median(im,3))/stddev(im-median(im,3)) : snr
    pc=psf_fft*conj(p)
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  endelse
  return,res
end
```

Thanks in advance

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution  
Posted by [penteado](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 16:35:30 GMT  
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Posted by [rogass](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 16:49:20 GMT  
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On 22 Feb., 17:35, Paulo Penteado <pp.pente...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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Cheers  
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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 17:10:22 GMT  
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chris writes:

> Hm, you are right :) The image is not deconvolved but blurred once  
> more. Thats the problem.

Sometimes the solution is no more complicated than

writing the question. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 23:03:02 GMT

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On Tuesday, February 22, 2011 11:49:20 AM UTC-5, chris wrote:

> Hm, you are right :) The image is not deconvolved but blurred once  
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If I remember correctly, the most difficult part of iterative deconvolution algorithms is knowing when to stop the iterations. If you iterate for too long, the noise gets amplified, and the image actually begins to look worse. I would certainly look at the image after each iteration.

The MaximDL website (a great image processing toolkit BTW) has a nice introduction to iterative deconvolution methods. --Wayne

[http://www.cyanogen.com/help/maximdl/Introduction\\_to\\_Deconvolution.htm](http://www.cyanogen.com/help/maximdl/Introduction_to_Deconvolution.htm)

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [James\[2\]](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 23:15:26 GMT

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On Feb 22, 7:00 am, chris <rog...@googlemail.com> wrote:

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It would help a lot if you commented your code. Then we could get an idea of what you're trying to do, and have a better chance of identifying why it doesn't work.

I'll intersperse my comments before the lines of code they refer to.

```
> function cr_deconv,im,psf,method,small=small
>     sz1 = size(im,/dimensions)
>     sz2 = size(psf,/dimensions)
```

This line would be more clear as: if ~keyword\_set(small) then small = 1e-5

```
>     small=~n_elements(small)?1e-5:small
```

I'm not sure why you test for equality in the dimensions here. This code would produce an error or unexpected results if the PSF is bigger than the image: you'd get negative indices. It looks like you're trying to say 'if the PSF and the image aren't the same size, make a new array the size of the image with the psf centered in it.' Is this correct?

```
> if total(sz1 eq sz2) ne 0 then begin
>     p=fltarr(sz1)
>     p[(sz1[0]/2)-(sz2[0]/2) ,(sz1[1]/2)-(sz2[1]/2)]=psf
> endif
```

This next line would produce an error if the previous if..then block didn't run. P would be an undefined variable.

```
>     p/=total(psf)
>     p[where(p lt small)]=small
> if method eq 'iwiener' then begin
>     psf_fft=fft(p)
```

The next line throws away the sign: small negative values are changed to a small positive value. I don't know if this matters, but it seems like it might.

```
>     psf_fft[where(abs(psf_fft) lt small)]=small
```

Is the colon at the end of this line supposed to be a semicolon, for a comment?

```
>     snr=mean(median(im,3))/stddev(im-median(im,3)) : snr
>     pc=psf_fft*conj(p)
```

Same thing with the small negative values here...

```
> pc[where(abs(pc) lt small)]=small
> filter=pc
> filter/=(filter+1./snr)
```

... and here.

```
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> endelse
> return,res
> end
```

I don't know enough about deconvolution algorithms to help with the parts inside the for loops. But it seems possible that a programming error is causing problems, rather than an incorrect approach mathematically.

Also, I think you should ease up on the ternary (? :) operator a little bit. It's useful for making concise expressions now and then, but in general the if..then..else block makes more understandable code.

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 23:24:07 GMT

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Posted by [James\[2\]](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2011 23:49:03 GMT

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On Feb 22, 3:24 pm, David Fanning <n...@idlcoyote.com> wrote:

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> David

Oh man, if += is wrong then I don't wanna be right.

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [rogass](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 07:40:51 GMT

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Dear James, David and Wayne,

thank you for your comments. Nevertheless, there is still a methodological bug in the code which I can't find. As I stated before, this code snippet is in early stage, so don't wonder if it is not so easy readable or optimised due to error catching and computational speed. I tried several routines freely available like the deconv\_tool from F. Varosi and from you Wayne :), but they all run into problems

if the SNR is low. Unfortunately, the MaximDL package seems to be only commercially available. However, I'm looking for a routine like the Richardson-Lucy algorithm which might be appropriate for a multiscale deconvolution to suppress ringing effects.

Anyway, thank you.

Maybe someone is able to catch the error in the code? ;)

Cheers

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 14:53:54 GMT

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 15:30:12 GMT

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Jeremy Bailin writes:

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I think programmers of a certain age are probably not used to it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution  
Posted by [penteado](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 15:45:16 GMT  
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On Feb 23, 11:53 am, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Same here. Also for ? : and ++. Since their meaning is more specific, just reading them is easier than the alternatives, which require more interpreting. The same way a foreach is easier to interpret because it is not as open in possibilities as a for.

On a side note, in IDL ++ and -- are curious because they are the only cases of an expression that can return a value.

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Subject: Re: simple deconvolution  
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 16:14:53 GMT  
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On Feb 22, 10:00 am, chris <rog...@googlemail.com> wrote:

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Ciao,  
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Posted by [rogass](#) on Wed, 23 Feb 2011 20:32:13 GMT  
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Dear Paolo,  
you enlightened me :). A related code snippet which works for the RL  
is:

```
o=im & conp=conj(psf) & psf2=fft(psf)
for i=0l,iter-1l do $
  o=o*convolve(im/convolve(o,psf,ft_psf=psf2),psf,ft_psf=conp)
```

The correlation is performed by convolving with the conjugate PSF.

THANK YOU

CR

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