



Partial Difference Equations (PdE) on graphs for image and data processing

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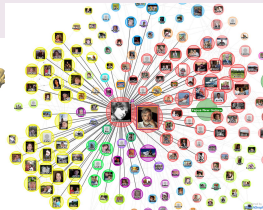
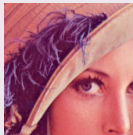
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A deluge of many different kinds of data

Different organization

- Images
- Videos
- Meshes
- Social, complex, biological Networks
- ...
- And databases of them



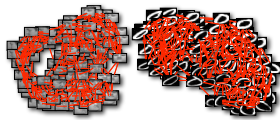
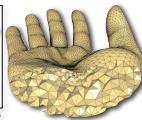
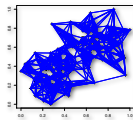
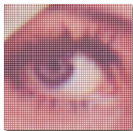
Different nature

- High dimensions,
- Non-linear,
- Heterogeneous,
- Noisy, redundant, incomplete



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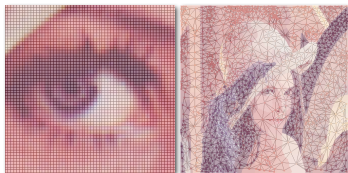
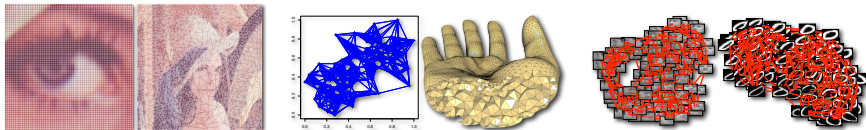
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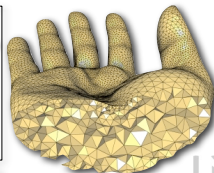
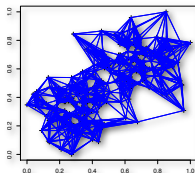
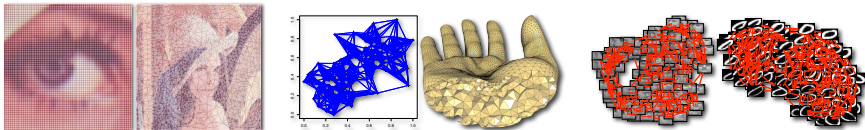


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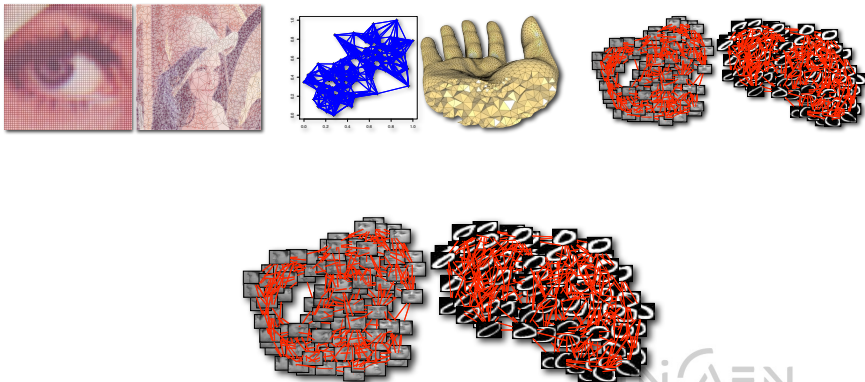


Image databases



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Different methods to do this

- Graph theory, spectral analysis (**Mainly for data processing**)
- Continuous variational methods (**Mainly for image processing**)
- A lot of new works aim at extending signal processing for data processing (e.g. diffusion wavelets)
- Partial difference Equations on graphs (**a unified framework for image and data processing**)



Benefits

- Provide a formal framework for the resolution of problems in image processing, computer vision, etc.
- Solutions are obtained by the minimization of appropriate energy functions
- The minimization is usually performed with Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)
- PDEs are discretized to obtain a numerical solution

Limitations

- PDE-based methods are difficult to adapt for data that live on non Euclidean domains
- Indeed, their discretization is difficult for high dimensional data
- Not easy to extend them to advanced representations of data, i.e., graphs
- It is essential to be able to transcribe PDEs on graphs



Motivations

- Problems involving PDEs can be reduced to ones of a very much simpler structure by replacing the differentials by difference equations on graphs.
R. Courant, K. Friedrichs, H. Lewy, On the partial difference equations of mathematical physics, Math. Ann. 100 (1928) 32-74.
- Our goal is to provide methods that mimic on graphs well-known PDE variational formulations under a functional analysis point of view.
- To do this we use Partial difference Equations (PdE) over graphs.
- PdEs mimic PDEs in domains having a graph structure.

Interest of our proposals

- To dispose of discrete analogues of differential geometry operators (integral, derivation, gradient, divergence, p -Laplacian, etc.)
- To use the framework of PdEs to transcribe PDEs on graphs,
- Provides a natural extension of variational methods on graphs,
- Provides a unification of local and nonlocal processing on images.
- Using weighted graphs provides Adaptive PDEs according to data geometry



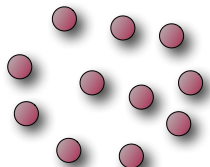
- a nonlocal discrete regularization on graphs as a framework for data simplification and interpolation,
- a formulation of mathematical morphology that considers a discrete version of PDEs-based approaches over weighted graphs,
- an adaptation of the Eikonal equation for data clustering and image segmentation.



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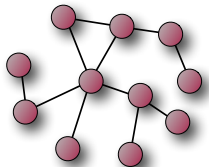


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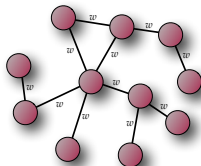


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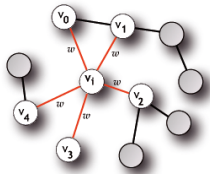
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Weighted graphs Basics

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- The notation $v_i \sim v_j$ is used to denote two adjacent vertices.





- Let $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$ be the Hilbert space of real-valued functions defined on the vertices of a graph.
- A function $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$ assigns a real value $x_i = f(v_i)$ to each vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$.
- By analogy with functional analysis on continuous spaces, the integral of a function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, over the set of vertices \mathcal{V} , is defined as $\int_{\mathcal{V}} f = \sum_{\mathcal{V}} f$.
- The space $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$ is endowed with the usual inner product $\langle f, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})} = \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} f(v_i)h(v_i)$, where $f, h : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- Similarly, let $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$ be the space of real-valued functions defined on the edges of \mathcal{G} .
- It is endowed with the inner product $\langle F, H \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})} = \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} F(v_i, v_j)H(v_i, v_j)$, where $F, H : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are two functions of $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$.



▷ Discretization of classical continuous differential geometry.

The **difference operator** of f , $d_w : \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$, is defined on an edge $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}$ by:

$$(d_w f)(e_{ij}) = (d_w f)(v_i, v_j) = w(v_i, v_j)^{1/2}(f(v_j) - f(v_i)) . \quad (1)$$

The **adjoint** of the difference operator, noted $d_w^* : \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, is a linear operator defined by $\langle d_w f, H \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})} = \langle f, d_w^* H \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})}$ for all $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$ and all $H \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$.

The adjoint operator d_w^* , of a function $H \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$, can be expressed at a vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$ by the following expression:

$$(d_w^* H)(v_i) = -\text{div}_w(H)(v_i) = \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w(v_i, v_j)^{1/2}(H(v_j, v_i) - H(v_i, v_j)) . \quad (2)$$

Each function $H \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{E})$ has a null divergence over the entire set of vertices:

$$\sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} (d_w^* H)(v_i) = 0.$$



Difference operators on weighted graphs

The **directional derivative** (or *edge derivative*) of f , at a vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, along an edge $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j)$, is defined as $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial e_{ij}} \right|_{v_i} = \partial_{v_j} f(v_i) = (d_w f)(v_i, v_j)$.

This definition is consistent with the continuous definition of the derivative of a function: $\partial_{v_j} f(v_i) = -\partial_{v_i} f(v_j)$, $\partial_{v_i} f(v_i) = 0$, and if $f(v_j) = f(v_i)$ then $\partial_{v_j} f(v_i) = 0$.

We also introduce **morphological difference operators**:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_w^+ f)(v_i, v_j) &= w(v_i, v_j)^{1/2} (\max(f(v_i), f(v_j)) - f(v_i)) \text{ and} \\ (d_w^- f)(v_i, v_j) &= w(v_i, v_j)^{1/2} (f(v_i) - \min(f(v_i), f(v_j))) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

with the following properties

$$\begin{aligned} (d_w^+ f)(v_i, v) &= \max(0, (d_w f)(v_i, v_j)) \text{ (always positive)} \\ (d_w^- f)(v_i, v) &= -\min(0, (d_w f)(v_i, v_j)) \text{ (always negative)} \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding external and internal partial derivatives are

$$\partial_{v_j}^+ f(v_i) = (d_w^+ f)(v_i, v_j) \text{ and } \partial_{v_j}^- f(v_i) = (d_w^- f)(v_i, v_j).$$



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The **weighted gradient operator** of a function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, at a vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, is the vector operator defined by

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i) = [\partial_{v_j} f(v_i) : v_j \sim v_i]^T = [\partial_{v_1} f(v_i), \dots, \partial_{v_k} f(v_i)]^T, \quad \forall (v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}. \quad (4)$$

The \mathcal{L}_p norm of this vector represents the *local variation* of the function f at a vertex of the graph (It is a semi-norm for $p \geq 1$):

$$\|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p = \left[\sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w_{ij}^{p/2} |f(v_j) - f(v_i)|^p \right]^{1/p}. \quad (5)$$

Similarly, we have with $M^+ = \max$ and $M^- = \min$

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}^{\pm} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i) = (\partial_{v_j}^{\pm} f(v_i))_{(v_i, v_j) \in \mathcal{E}}^T.$$

$$\|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}}^{\pm} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p = \left[\sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w(v_i, v_j)^{p/2} |M^{\pm}(0, f(v_j) - f(v_i))|^p \right]^{1/p}. \quad (6)$$

Isotropic p -Laplacian

The *weighted p -Laplace isotropic operator* of a function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, noted $\Delta_{w,p}^i : \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, is defined by:

$$(\Delta_{w,p}^i f)(v_i) = \frac{1}{2} d_w^* (\|(\nabla_w \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_2^{p-2} (d_w f)(v_i, v_j)) . \quad (7)$$

The isotropic p -Laplace operator of $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$, at a vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, can be computed by:

$$(\Delta_{w,p}^i f)(v_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} (\gamma_{w,p}^i f)(v_i, v_j) (f(v_i) - f(v_j)) , \quad (8)$$

with

$$(\gamma_{w,p}^i f)(v_i, v_j) = w_{ij} \left(\|(\nabla_w \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_j)\|_2^{p-2} + \|(\nabla_w \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_2^{p-2} \right) . \quad (9)$$

The p -Laplace isotropic operator is nonlinear, except for $p = 2$ (corresponds to the combinatorial Laplacian). For $p = 1$, it corresponds to the *weighted curvature* of the function f on the graph.

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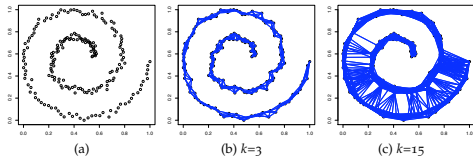
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Any discrete domain can be modeled by a weighted graph where each data point is represented by a vertex $v_i \in \mathcal{V}$.

Unorganized data

An unorganized set of points $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ can be seen as a function $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. The set of edges is defined by in modeling the neighborhood of each vertex based on similarity relationships between feature vectors.

Typical graphs: k -nearest neighbors graphs and τ -neighborhood graphs.



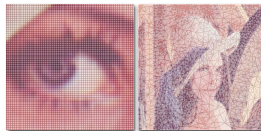
Organized data

Typical cases of organized data are signals, gray-scale or color images (in 2D or 3D).

The set of edge is defined by spatial relationships.

Such data can be seen as functions $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

Typical graphs: pixel or region graphs.



For an initial function $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, similarity relationship between data can be incorporated within edges weights according to a measure of similarity $g : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ with $w(e_{ij}) = g(e_{ij})$, $\forall e_{ij} \in \mathcal{E}$.

Each vertex v_i is associated with a feature vector $\mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times q}$ where q corresponds to this vector size:

$$\mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}(v_i) = \left(f^0(v_j) : v_j \in \mathcal{N}_\tau(v_i) \cup \{v_i\} \right)^T \quad (13)$$

with $\mathcal{N}_\tau(v_i) = \{v_j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \{v_i\} : \mu(v_i, v_j) \leq \tau\}$.

For an edge e_{ij} and a distance measure $\rho : \mathbb{R}^{m \times q} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ associated to $\mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}$, we can have:

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(e_{ij}) &= 1 \text{ (unweighted case) ,} \\ g_2(e_{ij}) &= \exp\left(-\rho(\mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}(v_i), \mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}(v_j))^2 / \sigma^2\right) \text{ with } \sigma > 0 , \\ g_3(e_{ij}) &= 1 / (1 + \rho(\mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}(v_i), \mathbf{F}_\tau^{f^0}(v_j))) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$



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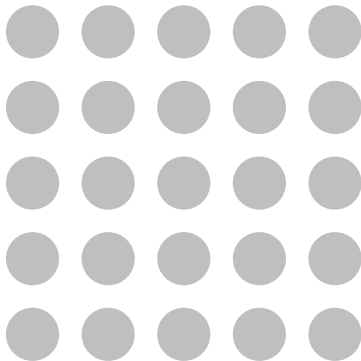


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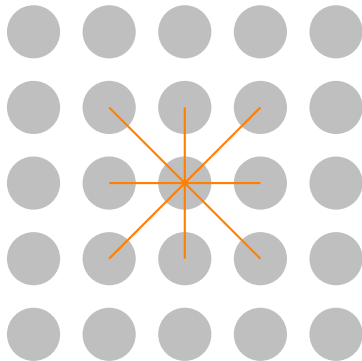
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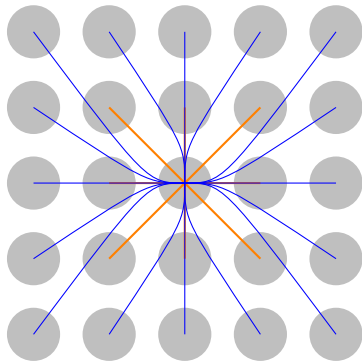


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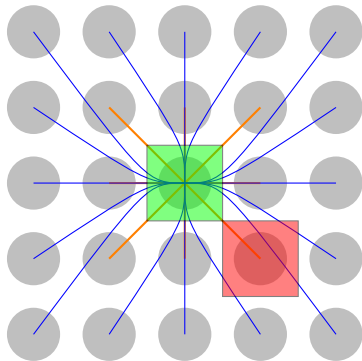
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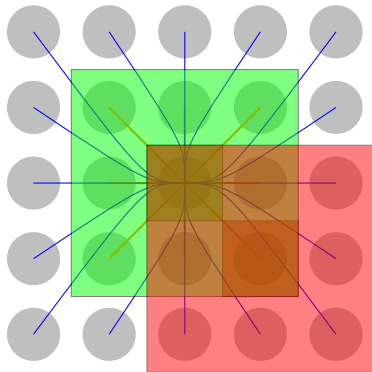


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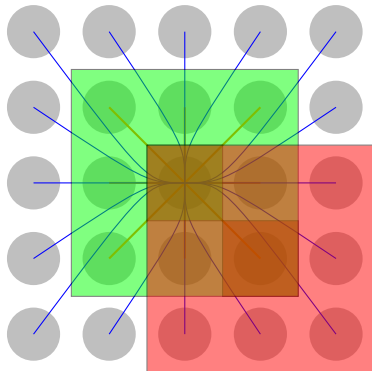


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With Graphs

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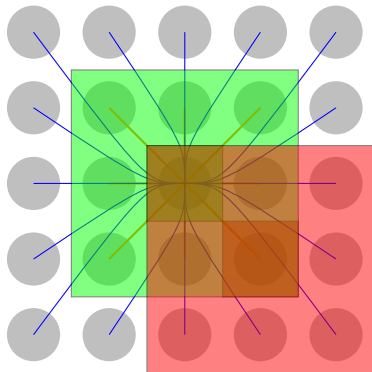
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Nonlocal: a patch (vector of values in a given neighborhood) is associated to vertices.



Consequences

- Nonlocal processing of images becomes local processing on similarity graphs.
- Our difference operators on graphs naturally enable local and nonlocal configurations (with the weight function and the graph topology)



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Let $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a given (noisy) function defined on the vertices of a weighted graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, w)$.

f^0 represents an observation of a clean function $g : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ corrupted by a given noise n such that $f^0 = g + n$.

Recovering the uncorrupted function g is an inverse problem: a commonly used method is to seek for a function $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is regular enough on \mathcal{G} , and also close enough to f^0 .

We consider the following variational problem:

$$g \approx \min_{f: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \left\{ E_{w,p}^*(f, f^0, \lambda) = R_{w,p}^*(f) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|f - f^0\|_2^2 \right\}, \quad (15)$$

where the regularization functional $R_{w,p}^* : \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can correspond to an isotropic $R_{w,p}^i$ or an anisotropic $R_{w,p}^a$ functional.

A. Elmoataz, O. Lezoray, S. Boughleux, Nonlocal Discrete Regularization on Weighted Graphs: a framework for Image and Manifold Processing, IEEE transactions on Image Processing, Vol. 17, n7, pp. 1047-1060, 2008.



Isotropic and anisotropic regularization terms

The isotropic regularization functional $R_{w,p}^i$ is defined by the \mathcal{L}_2 norm of the gradient and is the discrete p -Dirichlet form of the function $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{w,p}^i(f) &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} \|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_2^p = \frac{1}{p} \langle f, \Delta_{w,p}^i f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} \left[\sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w_{ij} (f(v_j) - f(v_i))^2 \right]^{\frac{p}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The anisotropic regularization functional $R_{w,p}^a$ is defined by the \mathcal{L}_p norm of the gradient:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{w,p}^a(f) &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} \|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p^p = \frac{1}{p} \langle f, \Delta_{w,p}^a f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{v_i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w_{ij}^{p/2} |f(v_j) - f(v_i)|^p. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

When $p \geq 1$, the energy $E_{w,p}^*$ is a convex functional of functions of $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V})$.



To get the solution of the minimizer, we consider the following system of equations:

$$\frac{\partial E_{w,p}^i(f, f^0, \lambda)}{\partial f(v_i)} = 0, \forall v_i \in \mathcal{V} \quad (18)$$

which is rewritten as:

$$\frac{\partial R_{w,p}^i(f)}{\partial f(v_i)} + \lambda(f(v_i) - f^0(v_i)) = 0, \quad \forall v_i \in \mathcal{V}. \quad (19)$$

Moreover, we can prove that

$$\frac{\partial R_{w,p}^i(f)}{\partial f(v_i)} = 2(\Delta_{w,p}^i f)(v_i) . \quad (20)$$

The system of equations is then rewritten as

$$2(\Delta_{w,p}^i f)(v_i) + \lambda(f(v_i) - f^0(v_i)) = 0, \quad \forall v_i \in \mathcal{V}, \quad (21)$$

which is equivalent to the following system of equations:

$$\left(\lambda + \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} (\gamma_{w,p}^i f)(v_i, v_j) \right) f(v_i) - \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} (\gamma_{w,p}^i f)(v_i, v_j) f(v_j) = \lambda f^0(v_i). \quad (22)$$

Isotropic diffusion process

We use the linearized Gauss-Jacobi iterative method to solve the previous system. Let n be an iteration step, and let $f^{(n)}$ be the solution at the step n . Then, the method is given by the following algorithm:

$$\begin{cases} f^{(0)} = f^0 \\ f^{(n+1)}(v_i) = \frac{\lambda f^0(v_i) + \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} (\gamma_{w,p}^i f^{(n)})(v_i, v_j) f^{(n)}(v_j)}{\lambda + \sum_{v_j \sim v_i} (\gamma_{w,p}^i f^{(n)})(v_i, v_j)}, \forall v_i \in \mathcal{V}. \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

with

$$(\gamma_{w,p}^i f)(v_i, v_j) = w_{ij} \left(\|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_j)\|_2^{p-2} + \|(\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbf{f})(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_2^{p-2} \right). \quad (24)$$

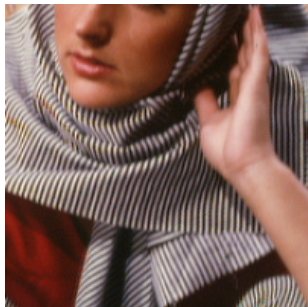
It describes a family of discrete diffusion processes, which is parameterized by the structure of the graph (topology and weight function), the parameter p , and the parameter λ .

λ	w	Graph	$p = 1$	$p = 2$	$p \in]0, 1[$
0	$\exp()$	semi-local	Our	Bilateral	Our
0	$\exp()$	nonlocal	Our	NLMMeans	Our
$\neq 0$	constant	local	TV Digital	L_2 Digital	Our
$\neq 0$	any	nonlocal	Our	Our	Our

Table: Works related to our framework in image processing.



Examples: Image denoising



Original image



Noisy image (Gaussian noise with $\sigma = 15$)

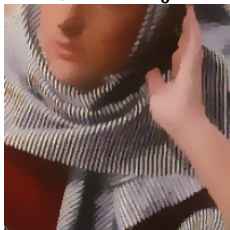
$$f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

PSNR=29.38dB



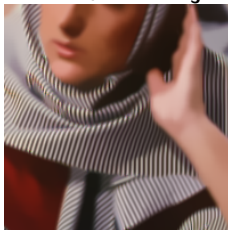
Examples: Image denoising

Isotropic \mathcal{G}_1 , $\mathbf{F}_0^{f^0} = f^0$



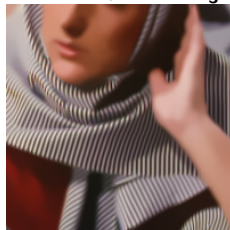
PSNR=28.52dB

Isotropic \mathcal{G}_7 , $\mathbf{F}_3^{f^0}$



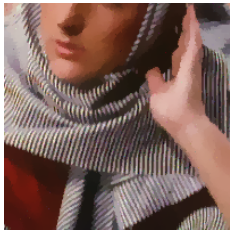
PSNR=31.79dB

Anisotropic \mathcal{G}_7 , $\mathbf{F}_3^{f^0}$

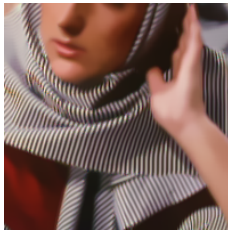


PSNR=31.79dB

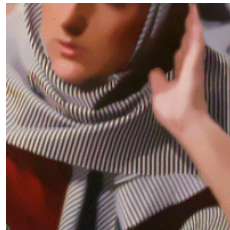
$p = 2$



PSNR=31.25dB



PSNR=34.74dB

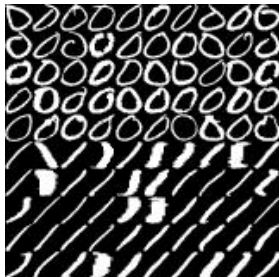


PSNR=31.81dB

$p = 1$

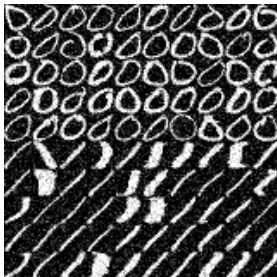


Examples: Image Database denoising

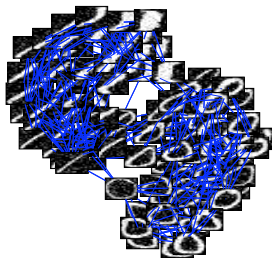


Initial data

$$f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{16 \times 16}$$



Noisy data



10-NNG



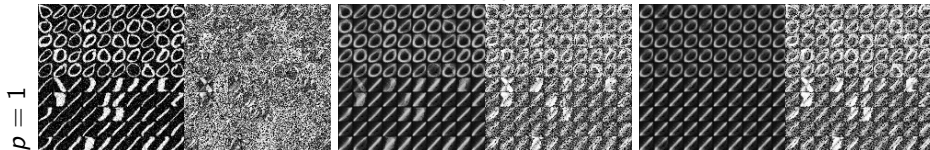
Examples: Image Database denoising

$\lambda = 1$

$\lambda = 0.01$

$\lambda = 0$

Isotropic

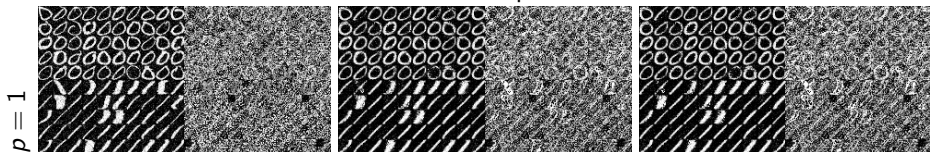


PSNR=18.80dB

PSNR=13.54dB

PSNR=10.52dB

Anisotropic



PSNR=18.96dB

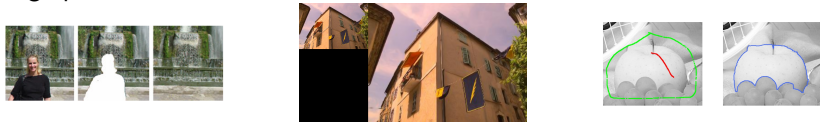
PSNR=15.19dB

PSNR=14.41dB



Interpolation of missing data on graphs

Let $f^0 : \mathcal{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function with $\mathcal{V}_0 \subset \mathcal{V}$ be the subset of vertices from the whole graph with known values.



The interpolation consists in recovering values of f for the vertices of $\mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}_0$ given values for vertices of \mathcal{V}_0 formulated by:

$$\min_{f: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} R_{w,p}^*(f) + \lambda(v_i) \|f(v_i) - f^0(v_i)\|_2^2. \quad (25)$$

Since $f^0(v_i)$ is known only for vertices of \mathcal{V}_0 , the Lagrange parameter is defined as $\lambda : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$\lambda(v_i) = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } v_i \in \mathcal{V}_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

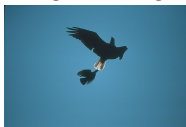
This comes to consider $\Delta_{w,p}^* f(v_i) = 0$ on $\mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}_0$.

Our isotropic and anisotropic diffusion processes can be directly used to perform the interpolation.



Examples: Image segmentation

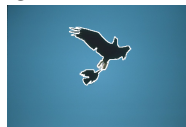
Original Image



User label input



Segmentation result



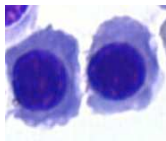
$$\mathcal{G}_0, \mathbf{F}_0^{f^0} = f^0, w = g_2, p = 2, \lambda = 1$$



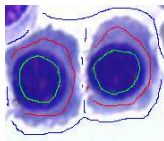
$$\mathcal{G}_0 \cup 4\text{-NNG}_3, \mathbf{F}_3^{f^0}, w = g_2, p = 2, \lambda = 1$$



Examples: Image segmentation



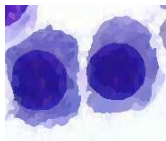
(a) 27 512 pixels



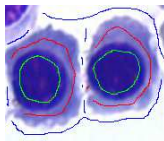
(b) Original+Labels



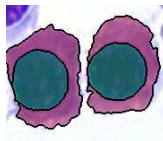
(c) $t = 50$ (11 seconds)



(d) 639 zones (98% of reduction)



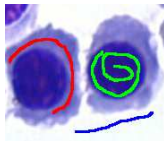
(e) Original+Labels



(f) $t = 5$ (< 1 second)



(g) 639 zones (98% of reduction)



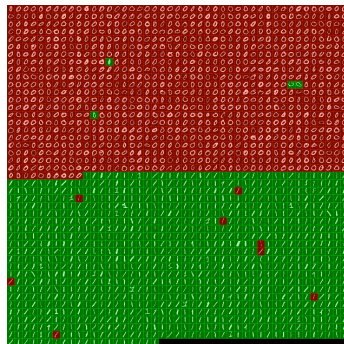
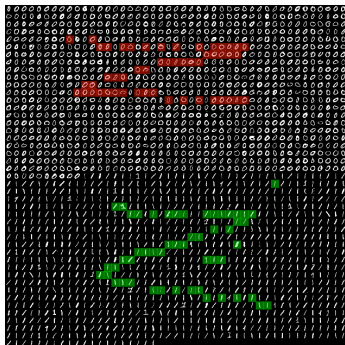
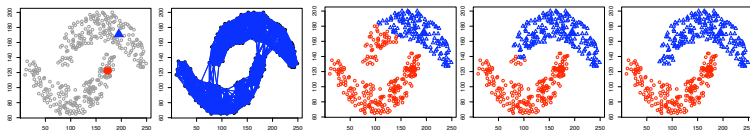
(h) Original+Labels



(i) $t = 2$ (< 1 second)



Examples: Data base clustering





Examples: Image colorization



Gray level image



Color scribbles

Compute Weights from the gray-level image, interpolation is performed in a chrominance color space from the seeds: $\mathbf{f}^c(\mathbf{v}_i) = \left[\frac{f_1^s(v_i)}{f_1^l(v_i)}, \frac{f_2^s(v_i)}{f_2^l(v_i)}, \frac{f_3^s(v_i)}{f_3^l(v_i)} \right]^T$

O. Lezoray, A. Elmoataz, V.T. Ta, Nonlocal graph regularization for image colorization, International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2008.



Examples: Image colorization



$$p = 1, \mathcal{G}_1, \mathbf{F}_0^{f^0} = f^0$$



$$p = 1, \mathcal{G}_5, \mathbf{F}_2^{f^0}$$

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Examples: image inpainting



Original image



Damaged image to inpaint



$$\mathcal{G}_1, \mathbf{F}_0^{f^0} = f^0$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{15}, \mathbf{F}_6^{f^0}$$

Using our nonlocal interpolation regularization-based functional unifies geometric and texture based techniques: geometric aspect is expressed by graph topology and texture by graph weights.



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Mathematical Morphology: Algebraic formulation

Nonlinear scale-space approaches based on Mathematical Morphology (MM) operators are one of the most important tools in image processing.

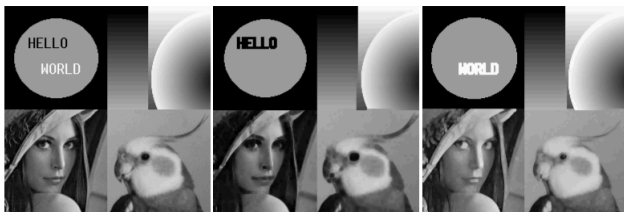
The two fundamental operators in Mathematical Morphology are dilation and erosion.

Dilation δ of a function $f^0 : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ consists in replacing the function value by the maximum value within a structuring element B such that:

$$\delta_B(f^0(x, y)) = \max\{f^0(x + x', y + y') | (x', y') \in B\}$$

Erosion ϵ is computed by:

$$\epsilon_B(f^0(x, y)) = \min\{f^0(x + x', y + y') | (x', y') \in B\}$$





Mathematical Morphology: Continuous formulation

For convex structuring elements, an alternative formulation in terms of Partial Differential Equations (PDE) has also been proposed.

Given an initial function $f^0 : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, a disc $B = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|z\|_p \leq 1\}$, one considers the following evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \partial_t f = \pm \|\nabla f\|_p$$

Solution of $f(x, y, t)$ at time $t > 0$ provides dilation (with the plus sign) or erosion (with the minus sign) within a structuring element of size $n\Delta t$:

$$\delta(f) = \partial_t f = +\|\nabla f\|_p \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon(f) = \partial_t f = -\|\nabla f\|_p$$



with a size of $100\Delta t$, $\Delta t = 0.25$ and $p = 1$, $p = 2$, and $p = \infty$.



Our proposal

- Transcription of PDE MM on arbitrary graphs
- Introduction of nonlocal schemes for images
- Extend MM to the processing of arbitrary data (point clouds, databases, etc.)

V.T. Ta, A. Elmoataz, O. L  zoray, Nonlocal PDEs-based Morphology on Weighted Graphs for Image and Data Processing, IEEE transactions on Image Processing, 2011. to appear

V.T. Ta, A. Elmoataz, O. L  zoray, Nonlocal Graph Morphology, International Symposium on Mathematical Morphology - Abstract Book, pp. 5-9, 2009.

V.T. Ta, A. Elmoataz, O. L  zoray, Partial difference equations on graphs for mathematical morphology operators over images and manifolds, International Conference on Image Processing (IEEE), pp. 801-804, 2008. **Winner of the IBM Student-Paper Award.**

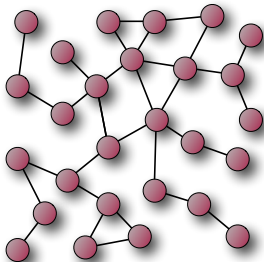
V.T. Ta, A. Elmoataz, O. L  zoray, Partial Difference Equations over Graphs: Morphological Processing of Arbitrary Discrete Data, European Conference on Computer Vision, Vol. LNCS 5304, pp. 668-680, 2008.



Transcription on graphs

Given $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, w)$, $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(., 0) = f$, $\forall v_i \in \mathcal{V}$, we define:

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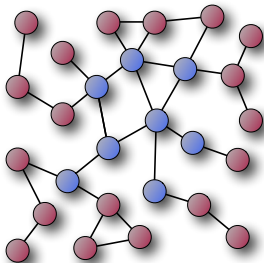




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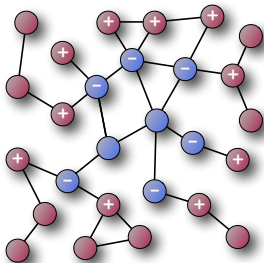
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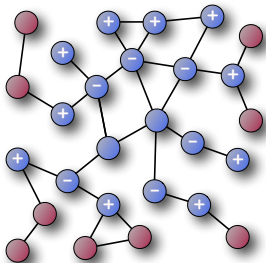
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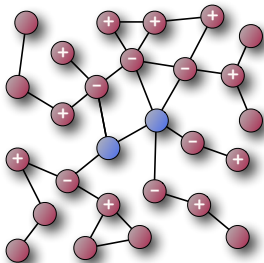
Dilation: adding vertices from $\partial^+ \mathcal{A}$ to \mathcal{A}



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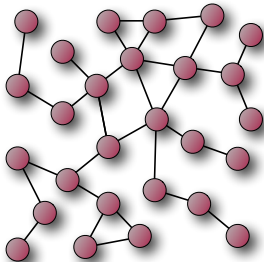
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Erosion: removing vertices from $\partial^- \mathcal{A}$ to \mathcal{A}

Dilation: maximizing a surface gain proportionally to $\|(\nabla_w^+ f)(v_i)\|_p$

Erosion: minimizing a surface gain proportionally to $\|(\nabla_w^- f)(v_i)\|_p$



$$\text{PDE MM: } \delta : \partial_t f(x, t) = +\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})\|_p \quad \epsilon : \partial_t f(x, t) = -\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})\|_p$$

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$$\delta : \partial_t f(v_i, t) = +\|(\nabla_w^+ f)(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{t})\|_p \quad \epsilon : \partial_t f(v_i, t) = -\|(\nabla_w^- f)(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{t})\|_p$$

Since we can prove that for any level f^l of f , we have:

$$\|(\nabla_w f^l)(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p = \begin{cases} \|(\nabla_w^+ f^l)(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p & \text{if } v_i \in \partial^+ \mathcal{A}^l, \\ \|(\nabla_w^- f^l)(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p & \text{if } v_i \in \partial^- \mathcal{A}^l. \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

\mathcal{L}_p norm:

$$\|(\nabla_w^\pm f)(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_p = \left[\sum_{v_j \sim v_i} w(v_i, v_j)^{p/2} |M^\pm(0, f(v_j) - f(v_i))|^p \right]^{1/p}, \quad 0 < p < \infty$$

\mathcal{L}_∞ norm:

$$\|(\nabla_w^\pm f)(\mathbf{v}_i)\|_\infty = \max_{v_j \sim v_i} \left(w(v_i, v_j)^{1/2} |M^\pm(0, f(v_j) - f(v_i))| \right)$$

with $M^+ = \max$ and $M^- = \min$



Iterative algorithms with discretization in time: $f^0 : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f^{(n)}(v_i) \approx f(v_i, n\Delta t)$

$$\begin{cases} f^{(n+1)}(v_i) = f^{(n)}(v_i) \pm \Delta t \|(\nabla_w^\pm f^{(n)})(v_i)\|_p \\ f^0(v_i) = f^0(v_i) \end{cases}$$

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For $p = 2$ and $w = 1$ on a grid, we recover the PDE numerical scheme of Osher & Sethian.

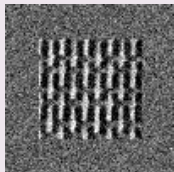
For $p = \infty$, $\Delta t = 1$, and $w = 1$, we recover the algebraic formulation with the structuring element expressed by the graph topology.



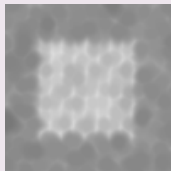
Why **Adaptive** mathematical morphology ?

Varying w and graph topology, we obtain adaptivity.

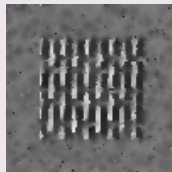
Adaptivity with graph weights: example of a closing $\phi(f) = \epsilon(\delta(f))$



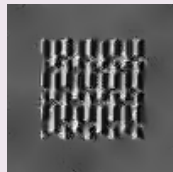
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Unweighted



Weighted

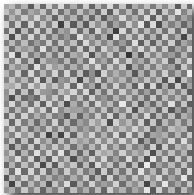


Non local
with patches

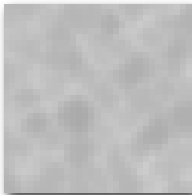


Examples: closing $\phi(f) = \epsilon(\delta(f))$

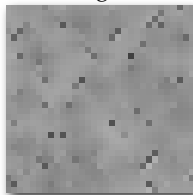
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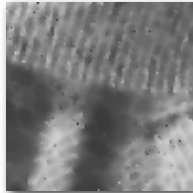
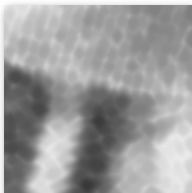
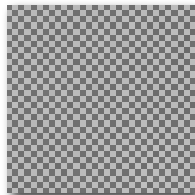
Local



Weighted



Non local / patches

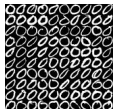




Examples: image databases

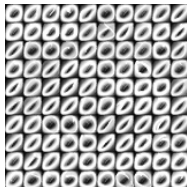
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k -NNG

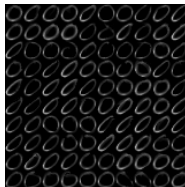


$$f^0 : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{256}$$

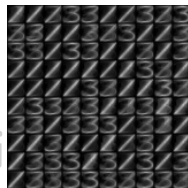
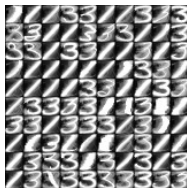
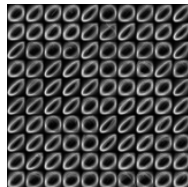
Dilation



Erosion



Opening





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Our proposal

- Transcription of the Eikonal equation on graphs
- Introduction of nonlocal schemes for images
- Applications to any data and graphs

V.T. Ta, A. Elmoataz, O. Lézoray, Adaptation of Eikonal Equation over Weighted Graphs, International Conference on Scale Space Methods and Variational Methods in Computer Vision (SSVM), Vol. LNCS 5567, pp. 187-199, 2009.

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Adaptation of the Eikonal equation on graphs

We consider the time marching approach of the Eikonal equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f(x, t) = P(x) - \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})\|_2 & x \in \Omega \setminus \Gamma \\ f(x, t) = \phi(x) & x \in \Gamma \\ f(., 0) = \phi_0(.) & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

At $t \rightarrow \infty$, the solution satisfies the Eikonal equation.

Transcription on arbitrary graphs

Given a graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, w)$ and source vertices \mathcal{V}_0 ,

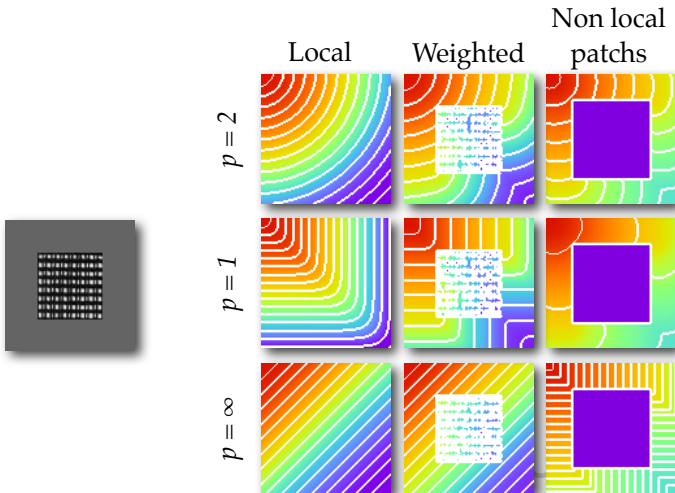
$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f(v_i, t) = P(v_i) - \|(\nabla_w^- f)(v_i)\|_p & v_i \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}_0 \\ f(v_i, t) = \phi(v_i) & v_i \in \mathcal{V}_0 \\ f(v_i, 0) = \phi_0(v_i) & v_i \in \mathcal{V} \end{cases}$$

solved by $f^{(n+1)}(v_i) = f^{(n)}(v_i) - \Delta t (\|(\nabla_w^- f^n)(v_i)\|_p - P(v_i))$.

- With $p = 2$, 4-grid, and $w = 1$: Osher-Sethian upwind first order Hamiltonian discretization scheme
- With $\Delta t = 1$ and \mathcal{L}_∞ : shortest path on a graph.
- With other p and w values: a difference equation with adaptive coefficients.

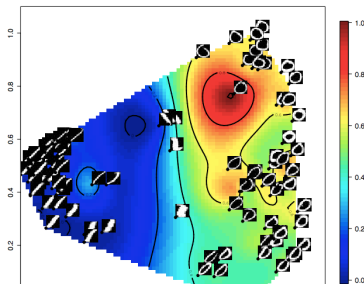
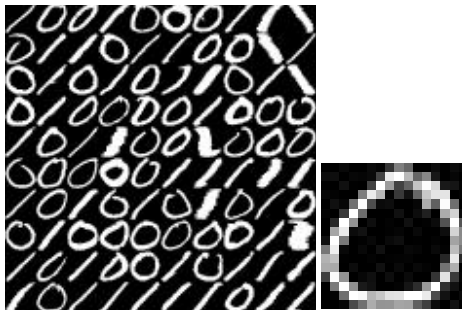


Examples: distances computation on images



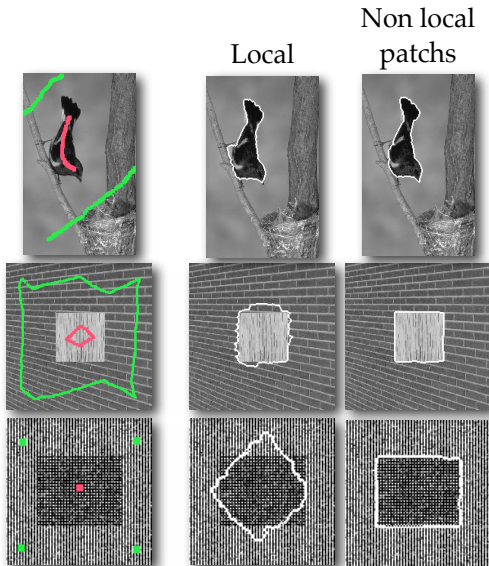


Examples: distances computation on databases





Examples: segmentation of images



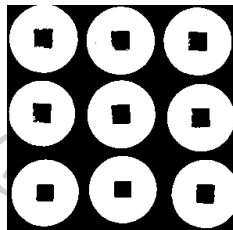
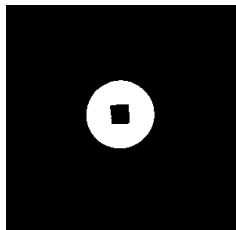
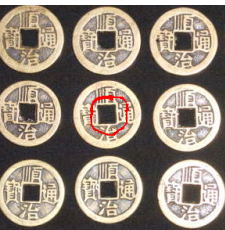
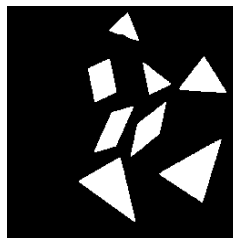
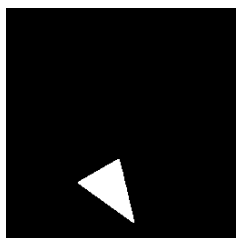
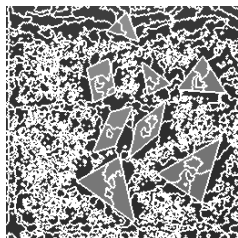
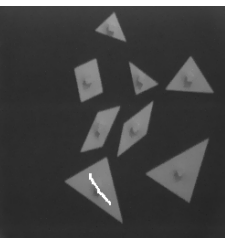


Examples: segmentation of RAG

Partitions

RAG

RAG + NNG





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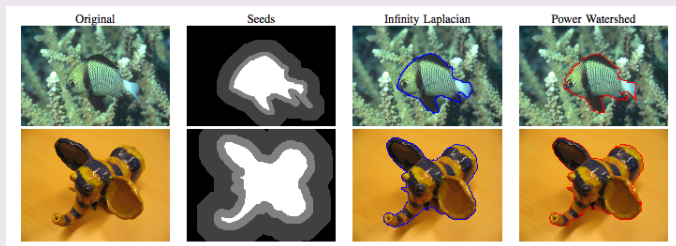
Conclusions

- PdE provide a framework for the transcription of PDE on graphs
- Recovers many approaches in literature
- Extends them to the processing of arbitrary data on graphs
- Naturally enables local and nonlocal processing

Next Works

Study the limit as p tend to ∞ of minimizers of p harmonic functions on graphs.
Discrete nonlocal ∞ -Laplacian equation for interpolation:

$$\Delta_{w,\infty} f(u) = \|(\nabla_w^- f)(u)\|_\infty - \|(\nabla_w^+ f)(u)\|_\infty = 0$$





The End. Thanks.

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