Dynamic Textures Synthesis for Probing Vision in Psychophysics and Electrophysiology

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Shot Noise

Definition (2D Marked Poisson Process)

$$J_{\lambda,g}(x,t) = rac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sum_{oldsymbol{p} \in \mathbb{N}} g(
ho_{oldsymbol{p}} R_{ heta_{oldsymbol{p}}}(x - X_{oldsymbol{p}} - V_{oldsymbol{p}}t)) \; ,$$

- $(X_p)_{p\in\mathbb{N}}$ is a 2D Poisson process,
- $(\rho_p, \theta_p, V_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}}$ are i.i.d. random variables with density $(\mathbb{P}_Z, \mathbb{P}_\theta, \mathbb{P}_V)$.
- ► $I_{\lambda,g}$ is stationary with bounded second order moments. Its autocovariance function is $\forall (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\gamma(\mathbf{x},t) = \int c_{g}(\rho R_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}-\nu t)) \mathbb{P}_{V}(\nu) \mathbb{P}_{Z}(\rho) \mathbb{P}_{\Theta}(\theta) \mathrm{d}\nu \mathrm{d}\rho \mathrm{d}\theta$$
(1)

where $c_g = g \star \bar{g}$.



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Example:



Intensity (λ)

Second MC Formulation: Power Spectrum

Consider the following texton

$$g_{\sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos\left(\langle x, \, \xi_0 \rangle\right) e^{-\frac{\sigma^2}{2} \|x\|^2}. \tag{2}$$

Proposition (Definition of Leon et al. [4])

When $\sigma \to 0$, the Gaussian field $I_{\sigma}(x, t)$ defined in Proposition 1 converges toward a stationary Gaussian field of covariance having the power-spectrum $\forall (\xi, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$,

$$\hat{\gamma}(\xi,\tau) = \frac{\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{Z}}\left(\|\xi\|\right)}{\|\xi\|^2} \mathbb{P}_{\Theta}\left(\angle\xi\right) \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{P}_{\|V-v_0\|})\left(-\frac{\tau + \langle v_0, \, \xi\rangle}{\|\xi\|}\right), \quad (3)$$

where the linear transform ${\cal L}$ is such that

$$orall \, u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathcal{L}(f)(u) \stackrel{ ext{def.}}{=} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(-u/\cos(arphi)) \mathrm{d}arphi.$$



(4)

Third MC Formulation: sPDE

No average translation
$$v_0 = 0$$
;
Critical regime *ie* $\hat{\alpha}(\xi) = \frac{2}{\hat{\nu}(\xi)}$ and $\hat{\beta}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\hat{\nu}(\xi)^2}$.
 $\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} + \alpha \star_s \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} + \beta \star_s I = \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \xrightarrow[\mathcal{F}_s]{\mathcal{F}_s} \frac{\partial^2 \hat{I}}{\partial t^2} + \hat{\alpha} \frac{\partial \hat{I}}{\partial t} + \hat{\beta} \hat{I} = \hat{\sigma}_W^2 \frac{\partial \hat{W}}{\partial t}$
(5)

Proposition (V. et al. [10])

When considering

$$\forall r > 0, \quad \mathbb{P}_{\|V - v_0\|}(r) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(h)(r/\sigma_V) \quad \text{where} \quad h(u) = (1 + u^2)^{-2}$$

where \mathcal{L} is defined in (3), equation (5) admits a solution I which is a stationary Gaussian field with power spectrum (3) when setting

$$\hat{\sigma}_W^2(\xi) = \frac{4}{\hat{\nu}(\xi)^3 \|\xi\|^2} \mathbb{P}_Z(\|\xi\|) \mathbb{P}_\Theta(\angle \xi), \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\nu}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sigma_V \|\xi\|}.$$

AR(2): Fast Algorithm

Numerically, we estimate Equation (5) over the Fourier domain,

$$\begin{split} \hat{l}^{(\ell+1)}(\xi) &= \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\nu_0}(\xi)\hat{l}^{(\ell)}(\xi) + \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\nu_0}(\xi)\hat{l}^{(\ell-1)}(\xi) + \Delta\hat{\sigma}_W(\xi)(\hat{w}^{(\ell)}(\xi) - \hat{w}^{(\ell-1)}(\xi)),\\ \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathcal{U}}_{\nu_0}(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (2 - \Delta\hat{\alpha}(\xi) - \Delta^2\hat{\beta}(\xi))e^{-\mathrm{i}\Delta\nu_0\xi},\\ \hat{\mathcal{V}}_{\nu_0}(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (-1 + \Delta\hat{\alpha}(\xi))e^{-2\mathrm{i}\Delta\nu_0\xi}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

and where $w^{(\ell)} - w^{(\ell-1)}$ is a 2-D white noise with distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, \Delta)$.

$$I^{(\ell+1)} = \mathcal{U}_{v_0}\star$$
 $+\mathcal{V}_{v_0}\star$ $+\Delta$

Distributions

We use biologically inspired distributions

$$\mathbb{P}_{Z}(z) \propto rac{z_{0}}{z} \exp\left(-rac{\ln\left(rac{z}{z_{0}}
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Noting $v = v_0 + \delta v$ with $\delta v = r(\cos(\varphi), \sin(\varphi))$

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	Speed am.	Freq. orient.	Freq. am.
(μ, σ)	(r_0,σ_V)	$(heta_0, \sigma_{\Theta})$	(ρ_0, σ_Z)

Parameters



Examples: Zoom Distribution











Examples: Orientation and Speed Distributions





To Go Further

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial t^2} + \alpha \star_s \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} + \beta \star_s I = \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_W)$$

Texture Synthesis (Xia et al. [12]);



► Trajectories in the space of parameters.

Find estimates $\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\sigma}_W$ from a texture example.

Time dependence: $\alpha(x, t), \beta(x, t), \sigma_W(x, t)$.

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What Is Psychophysics ?



► Make connections between subjective responses and physical parameters;

► Detection, discrimination, response time/delay.

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Bayesian Observer (Pouget et al. [6])

- The Bayesian observer measures speed v from an internal brain measurement m;
- ► From these measurement *m* the Bayesian observer makes an estimation v̂_z(*m*) of speed using a MAP estimator.



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Bayesian Inference:

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To simplify we assume parametric likelihood and prior:

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{M}|\mathcal{V},Z}(m|\mathcal{v},z) \propto e^{-rac{|m-\mathbf{v}|^2}{2\sigma_z^2}} \hspace{0.5cm} ext{and} \hspace{0.5cm} \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{V}|Z}(m|z) \propto e^{a_z m} \mathbb{1}_{[0,v_{\mathsf{max}}]}(m).$$
The Bayesian Psychometric Function

Definition (Psychometric Function)

In the Bayesian model, the psychometric function is defined as

$$\varphi_{z^{\star},z}(v^{\star},v) \stackrel{\text{\tiny def.}}{=} \mathbb{E}(\{\hat{v^{\star}}_{z}(m^{\star}) > \hat{v}_{z^{\star}}(m)\}|v^{\star},v).$$

Proposition

Under the hypothesis of a Gaussian likelihood and a Laplacian prior one has

$$\varphi_{z^{\star},z}(v^{\star},v) = \varphi_{z^{\star},z}^{f,\mu,\Sigma}(v^{\star},v)$$

where

$$f(\cdot) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \operatorname{erf}(\cdot)), \quad \mu_{z,z^{\star}} = a_{z^{\star}}\sigma_{z^{\star}}^2 - a_z\sigma_z^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma_{z,z^{\star}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{z^{\star}}^2 + \sigma_z^2}$$

Algorithm

▶ Minimize the likelihoods for each pair (z, z*):

$$\min_{\mu,\Sigma} \sum_{v} \mathcal{KL}(\hat{\varphi}_{z^{\star},z}(v^{\star},v)|\varphi_{z^{\star},z}^{\mu,\Sigma}(v^{\star},v))$$

where
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- Solve $(\mu, \Sigma^2) = M(a, \sigma^2);$
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$$\min_{a,\sigma} \sum_{z,z^{\star}} \sum_{v} \mathsf{KL}(\hat{\varphi}_{z^{\star},z}(v^{\star},v) | \varphi_{z^{\star},z}^{a,\sigma}(v^{\star},v)).$$

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Synthetic Data



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► A change in log-prior slope is necessary to explain this effect.



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A typical dataset is $S = (s_{q,t,c,r})_{(q,t,c,r) \in Q \times T \times C \times R}$ with Q: pixels or neurons

- \mathcal{T} : time samples
- $\mathcal{C} \colon \mathsf{experimental} \ \mathsf{conditions}$
- \mathcal{R} : repetitions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Y} &= \mathcal{C} \\ I &= \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{R} \\ \text{or } I &= \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{R} \end{aligned}$$

Classifiers (Logistic Classification)

A vector x belongs to class $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ with the following probability:

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Other classifiers:

- Linear and Quadratic Discriminant Analysis (LDA/QDA),
- ► Gaussian Naive Bayes (GNB),
- Nearest Centroid (NC).

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• Square class • Circle class $I_{\text{train}}^{(i)}$ $I_{\text{test}}^{(i)}$ repeat for $i \in \{1, ..., n_{\text{folds}}\}$ Definition (Score and Av. Score)

$$\begin{split} \iota_{I_{test}} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{1}{|I_{test}|} \sum_{i \in I_{test}} \delta_{y_i}^{f(x_i)}, \\ \mu_{\iota} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{1}{n_{folds}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{folds}} \iota_{I_{test}^{(i)}} \end{split}$$

VSDi / Comparison of the Different Algorithms



on raw vectors
 QDA, GNB and
 NC fail

VSDi / Dimension Reduction and Comparison of Algorithms

The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) allows for dimension reduction.



- ► there often exists a number of PCA components that maximizes the scores
- ► this number is often between 5 and 160

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 with dimension reduction
 QDA, GNB show
 better results
 NC still fail

VSDi / Comparison of Activation and Orientation Maps



VSDi / Spatially Localized Predictions

How to identify highly predictive areas ?

► 2D Gaussian Sliding window

$$\forall q' \in \mathcal{Q}, \quad g_q(q') = \exp\left(-\frac{\|q'-q\|^2}{2\sigma_g^2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}_{Y|X,\theta,q}(y|x) = \frac{e^{\langle x, \, g_q \omega_y \rangle}}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} e^{\langle x, \, g_q \omega_{y'} \rangle}}.$$

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VSDi / Dynamic of Activation and Orientation Maps

New indexes set $I_t \Rightarrow$ activation maps $m_t^{(y)}$ and orientation maps o_t for each $t \in \mathcal{T}$.

Activation maps (top: $+135^{\circ}$, bottom: $+90^{\circ}$):

Orientation maps:



VSDi / A Model of Activation Map

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ER / Dimension Reduction and Comparison of Algorithms

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▶ with dimension reduction LDA, QDA and GNB show better results



ER / Orientation Bandwidth Encoded in Neurons ? (Goris et al. [3])



ER / Answer of Supervised Learning



▶ Neural population of V1 is sensitive to orientation bandwidths

ER / Spatial Frequency Bandwidth Encoded in Neurons ?



ER / Answer of Supervised Learning



▶ Neural population of V1 is sensitive to spatial frequency bandwidths

ER / Localized Predictions and Single Neuron vs Population Coding

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where σ_h is the window size.

Growing Window

$$\forall t' \in \mathcal{T}, \quad h_t^{(2)}(t') = \left\{ egin{array}{c} 1 \ ext{if} \ t' \leqslant t, \\ 0 \ ext{else.} \end{array}
ight.$$



ER / Natural Images vs Motion Clouds



Motion Clouds

- Stationary predictions;
- The population improves predictions.

Natural Images

- High variability of predictions;
- A single neuron predicts as good as the entire population.

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Thank you for your attention!

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