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I. Introduction

In diffusion MRI (dMRI), Spherical Deconvolution (SD) is a category of methods which estimate the fiber Orientation Distribution Function (ODF). Existing SD methods, including the widely used Constrained SD [1], normally have two common limitations: 1) the non-negativity constraint of the ODFs is not satisfied in the continuous sphere; 2) many spurious peaks are detected, especially in the regions with low anisotropy. To address these limitations, NNSD guarantees the non-negativity constraint of ODFs in the continuous sphere $S^2$, and it is robust to the false positive peaks. In this abstract, we propose Non-Local NNSD (NLNNSD) which considers non-local spatial information and Rician noise in NNSD, and apply it to the testing data in ISBI contest.

II. Method

We represent the square root of an ODF $\Phi(v)$ as a linear combination of real Spherical Harmonic (SH) basis $Y^l_m(v)$ with even order, i.e., $\Phi(v) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} c_{l,m} Y^l_m(v)^2$.

In [4], we proposed NLNNSD in the data with three kind of sampling schemes: 1) single shell DTI scheme with 32 directions, $b = 1200s/mm^2$; 2) single shell HARDI scheme with 64 directions, $b = 3000s/mm^2$; 3) multiple shell DSI-like scheme with 514 directions, $b \in (0, 4000s/mm^2)$. For all night datasets (three schemes with three SNR 10, 20, 30), we fixed $L = 8$, $\lambda_{NNSD} = 0$, and perform a Riemannian gradient descent on the sphere $\|v\| = 1$ [6] to minimize $Jc(v)$ individually for each voxel $x$.

The isotropic ODF with $c = (1, 0, 0, \ldots, 0)$ is chosen as the initialization. Then the non-local Riemannian mean is performed to calculate NLMe$(c)$ at each voxel. Then the Riemannian gradient descent is performed again with $\lambda_{NLM} = 0$ and the estimated non-local mean NLMe$(c)$ in Eq. (3). Note that this procedure can be iteratively performed to update NLMe$(c)$ and $E_i$; however in practice we found the result with just one iteration is enough.

III. ISBI HARDI Reconstruction Challenge

In the ISBI reconstruction challenge, the testing data was generated based on Numerical Fibre Generation toolbox [7]. We test the proposed NLNNSD in the data with three kind of sampling schemes: 1) single shell DTI scheme with 32 directions, $b = 1200s/mm^2$; 2) single shell HARDI scheme with 64 directions, $b = 3000s/mm^2$; 3) multiple shell DSI-like scheme with 514 directions, $b \in (0, 4000s/mm^2)$. For all night datasets (three schemes with three SNR 10, 20, 30), we fixed $L = 8$, $\lambda_{NNSD} = 0$, $\lambda_{NLM} = 1$, and used the tensor fiber response function with FA of 0.8, mean diffusivity of 0.8. In the non-local mean of $e_i$ and $E_i$, we uses a 11 $\times$ 11 $\times$ 11 search window, and a 3 $\times$ 3 $\times$ 3 patch to define the weights, where the parameters $a$ and $h$ were tuned respectively for $e_i$ and $E_i$ to obtain visually good results for each dataset.

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