

Indirect Estimation of Signal-Dependent Noise With Nonadaptive Heterogeneous Samples

Abstract:

We consider the estimation of signal-dependent noise from a single **image**. Unlike conventional algorithms that build a scatterplot of local mean-variance pairs from either small or adaptively selected homogeneous data samples, our proposed approach relies on arbitrarily large patches of heterogeneous data extracted at random from the **image**. We demonstrate the feasibility of our approach through an extensive theoretical analysis based on mixture of Gaussian distributions. A prototype algorithm is also developed in order to validate the approach on simulated data as well as on real camera raw **images**.