Noise Effect on Linear Spectral Unmixing

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Abstract

Using hyperspectral reflectance data collected from six types of surface covers, we synthesized linear mixtures and used them to test the sensitivity of two linear unmixing algorithms to simulated additive noise. We found both algorithms were highly sensitive to noise. This may considerably limit their use in remote sensing.