

# mmat5390: mathematical image processing

## Assignment 1 solutions

1. (a) i. Note that  $H$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix; hence it represents a linear transformation on  $2 \times 2$  images.  
 $H$  is not block-circulant. For example, consider the  $y = 1, \beta = 1$ -submatrix of  $H$ , i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . This is not a circulant matrix, as the shift-operator  $T$  maps  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  instead of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence  $h$  is not shift-invariant with  $h_s$  being 2-periodic in both arguments.

(However,  $H$  is block-Toeplitz and thus  $h$  is shift-invariant.)

$H$  is not a Kronecker product of two  $2 \times 2$  matrices. For example, consider the  $y = 1, \beta = 1$ - and  $y = 2, \beta = 1$ -submatrices of  $H$ , i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Neither is a scalar multiple of the other. Hence  $h$  is not separable.

- ii. Note that  $H$  is a  $9 \times 9$  matrix; hence it represents a linear transformation on  $3 \times 3$  images.

$H$  is not block-circulant. For example, consider the  $y = 1, \beta = 2$ -submatrix of  $h$ , i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not a circulant matrix, as the shift-operator  $t$  maps  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  instead of  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence  $h$  is not shift-invariant with  $h_s$  being 3-periodic in both arguments. (Neither is  $H$  block-toeplitz, hence neither is  $h$  shift-invariant.)

$H$  is the kronecker product of two  $3 \times 3$  matrices; explicitly,

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence  $h$  is separable.

- (b) i. Let  $s = \alpha - x, t = \beta - y$ . Then,  $H(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = st + s^2$ . Hence,  $H$  is shift-invariant. Suppose  $H$  is separable. Then, there exists  $h_c, h_r$  such that  $H(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = h_c(x, \alpha)h_r(y, \beta)$ . We can then deduce the following results:  
 $H(1, 2, 2, 3) = h_c(1, 2)h_r(2, 3) = 2$  and  $H(1, 2, 2, 4) = h_c(1, 2)h_r(2, 3) = 3$   
 $\implies h_r(2, 3)/h_r(2, 4) = 2/3$ .  
 But,  $H(3, 2, 2, 3) = h_c(1, 2)h_r(2, 3) = 0$  and  $H(3, 2, 2, 4) = h_c(1, 2)h_r(2, 4) = -1$   
 $\implies h_r(2, 3)/h_r(2, 4) = 0 \neq 2/3$ .  
 Hence,  $H$  is not separable.
- ii. Note that  $H(1, 2, 1, 1) = \frac{2}{7e}$ ,  $H(2, 3, 1, 1) = \frac{3}{7e^4}$ ,  $H(1, 2, 1, 1) \neq H(2, 3, 1, 1)$ , hence  $H$  is not shift-invariant.  
 Let  $g_1(x, \alpha) = \alpha e^{-x^2}$  and  $g_2(y, \beta) = \beta^2 + y^2 + 5$ , then  $h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = g_1(x, \alpha)g_2(y, \beta)$ , hence it is separable.
2. (a) Let  $h$  be the shift-invariant PSF of a linear image transformation on  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , with  $h_s$   $n$ -periodic in both arguments such that  $h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - y)$ . Let  $H$  be the corresponding transformation matrix.

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\alpha + (\beta + a - 1)n, x + (y + a - 1)n) &= h(x, \alpha, y + a, \beta + a) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, (\beta + a) - (y + a)) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - y) \\
&= h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) \\
&= H(\alpha + (\beta - 1)n, x + (y - 1)n).
\end{aligned}$$

Also, by periodicity of  $h_s$ , for  $y \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, n - 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\alpha + (n - 1)n, x + (y - 1)n) &= h(x, \alpha, y, n) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, n - y) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, 1 - (y + 1)) \\
&= h(x, \alpha, y + 1, 1) \\
&= H(\alpha, x + yn)
\end{aligned}$$

and for  $\beta \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, n - 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\alpha + (\beta - 1)n, x + (n - 1)n) &= h(x, \alpha, n, \beta) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - n) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, (\beta + 1) - 1) \\
&= h(x, \alpha, 1, \beta + 1) \\
&= H(\alpha + \beta n, x).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $H$  is circulant when viewed as a matrix consisting of blocks of fixed  $(y, \beta)$ -values. Combined with the result of Theorem 1.13, we establish that  $H$  is block-circulant.

- (b) Let  $h$  be the shift-invariant PSF of a linear image transformation on  $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  in the sense that  $h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - y)$ . Let  $H$  be the corresponding transformation matrix.

Fix  $y$  and  $\beta$ . Then for any  $\alpha, x$  and  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $a \leq n - \max\{\alpha, x\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x + an, \alpha + an, y, \beta) &= h_s(\alpha + an - x - an, \beta - y) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - y) \\
&= h(x, \alpha, y, \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, fix  $x$  and  $\alpha$ . Then for any  $\beta, y$  and  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $a \leq n - \max\{\beta, y\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
h(\alpha, x, \beta + an, y + an) &= h_s(\alpha - x, \beta + an - y - an) \\
&= h_s(\alpha - x, \beta - y) \\
&= h(x, \alpha, y, \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we know  $H$  is block Toeplitz.

Reverse all the statements shown above, we know  $h$  is shift-invariant if  $H$  is block Toeplitz.

3. (a) For simplicity (and to guide the indexing of  $f * g$ ), we only consider the cases where  $f$  and  $g$  are indexed with the same set of indices. If  $f$  and  $g$  are indexed with  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ , i.e. if

$$f = (f(i, j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } g = (g(i, j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(1, 1) &= f(1, 1)g(2, 2) + f(1, 2)g(2, 1) + f(2, 1)g(1, 2) + f(2, 2)g(1, 1) \\ &= 6 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 1 = 50, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(1, 2) &= f(1, 1)g(2, 1) + f(1, 2)g(2, 2) + f(2, 1)g(1, 1) + f(2, 2)g(1, 2) \\ &= 6 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 4 = 29, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(2, 1) &= f(1, 1)g(1, 2) + f(1, 2)g(1, 1) + f(2, 1)g(2, 2) + f(2, 2)g(2, 1) \\ &= 6 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 6 + 2 \cdot 0 = 45, \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(2, 2) &= f(1, 1)g(1, 1) + f(1, 2)g(1, 2) + f(2, 1)g(2, 1) + f(2, 2)g(2, 2) \\ &= 6 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 6 = 30, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f * g = (f * g(i, j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 50 & 29 \\ 45 & 30 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} g * f(1, 1) &= g(1, 1)f(2, 2) + g(1, 2)f(2, 1) + g(2, 1)f(1, 2) + g(2, 2)f(1, 1) \\ &= 1 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 3 + 6 \cdot 6 = 50, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g * f(1, 2) &= g(1, 1)f(2, 1) + g(1, 2)f(2, 2) + g(2, 1)f(1, 1) + g(2, 2)f(1, 2) \\ &= 1 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 6 + 6 \cdot 3 = 29, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g * f(2, 1) &= g(1, 1)f(1, 2) + g(1, 2)f(1, 1) + g(2, 1)f(2, 2) + g(2, 2)f(2, 1) \\ &= 1 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 6 + 0 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 3 = 45, \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g * f(2, 2) &= g(1, 1)f(1, 1) + g(1, 2)f(1, 2) + g(2, 1)f(2, 1) + g(2, 2)f(2, 2) \\ &= 1 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 3 + 6 \cdot 2 = 30, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } g * f = (g * f(i, j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 50 & 29 \\ 45 & 30 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Let  $f, g \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , and assume that they are periodically extended.

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, m]$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, n]$ . By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(\alpha, \beta) &= \sum_{x=1}^m \sum_{y=1}^n f(x, y)g(\alpha - x, \beta - y) \\ &= \sum_{i=\alpha-m}^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=\beta-n}^{\beta-1} f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) \text{ (letting } i = \alpha - x, j = \beta - y) \\ &= \sum_{i=\alpha-m}^0 \sum_{j=\beta-n}^0 f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) + \sum_{i=\alpha-m}^0 \sum_{j=1}^{\beta-1} f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=\beta-n}^0 f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\beta-1} f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) \\ &= \sum_{i=\alpha}^m \sum_{j=\beta}^n f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) + \sum_{i=\alpha}^m \sum_{j=1}^{\beta-1} f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=\beta}^n f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\beta-1} f(\alpha - i, \beta - j)g(i, j) \text{ (by periodicity)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n g(i, j)f(\alpha - i, \beta - j) \\ &= g * f(\alpha, \beta); \end{aligned}$$

hence  $f * g = g * f$ .

4. (a) We start by finding the eigenvalues and corresponding orthonormal eigenbasis of  $A^T A$ .

$$A^T A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$p(\lambda) = (\det)(A^T A - \lambda I_3) = (5 - \lambda)^2(16 - \lambda) - 16(16 - \lambda) = -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 9)(\lambda - 16)$ .  
So, the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  are  $\lambda_1 = 16, \lambda_2 = 9, \lambda_3 = 1$ .

The corresponding eigenvectors are  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Then we compute the matrix  $U$ .  $u_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} A v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $u_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma_2} A v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and

$$u_3 = \frac{1}{\sigma_3} A v_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } A = U \Sigma V^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) We can then write  $A$  as  $A = 4u_1v_1^T + 3u_2v_2^T + 1u_3v_3^T = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} +$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

5. (a) Note that

$$h(1, 1, 1, 1) = 2, h(2, 1, 1, 1) = 0, h(1, 1, 2, 1) = 8, h(2, 1, 2, 1) = 0,$$

$$h(1, 2, 1, 1) = 1, h(2, 2, 1, 1) = 2, h(1, 2, 2, 1) = 4, h(2, 2, 2, 1) = 8,$$

$$h(1, 1, 1, 2) = 6, h(2, 1, 1, 2) = 0, h(1, 1, 2, 2) = 4, h(2, 1, 2, 2) = 0,$$

$$h(1, 2, 1, 2) = 3, h(2, 2, 1, 2) = 6, h(1, 2, 2, 2) = 2, h(2, 2, 2, 2) = 4.$$

Define  $g_1 : \{1, 2\}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g_1(1, 1) = 2, g_1(2, 1) = 0, g_1(1, 2) = 1, g_1(2, 2) = 2$ .

and  $g_2 : \{1, 2\}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g_2(1, 1) = 1, g_2(2, 1) = 4, g_2(1, 2) = 3, g_2(2, 2) = 2$

As  $h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = g_1(x, \alpha)g_2(y, \beta)$  for all  $1 \leq x, \alpha, y, \beta \leq 2$ ,  $h$  is separable.

And we observe that

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 6 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Let  $h$  be the separable PSF of a linear image transformation, with  $h(x, \alpha, y, \beta) = h_c(x, \alpha)h_r(y, \beta)$ . Let  $H$  be the corresponding transformation matrix.

Then the  $y = k, \beta = l$ -submatrix of  $H$  (denoted by  $\tilde{H}_{kl}$ ) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} y = k \\ \beta = l \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} &= [H(\alpha + (l-1)n, x + (k-1)n)]_{\substack{1 \leq x \leq n \\ 1 \leq \alpha \leq n}} \\ &= [h(x, \alpha, k, l)]_{\substack{1 \leq x \leq n \\ 1 \leq \alpha \leq n}} \\ &= [h_c(x, \alpha)h_r(k, l)]_{\substack{1 \leq x \leq n \\ 1 \leq \alpha \leq n}} \\ &= h_r(k, l)[h_c(x, \alpha)]_{\substack{1 \leq x \leq n \\ 1 \leq \alpha \leq n}} \\ &= h_r(k, l)h_c^T. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that

$$\begin{aligned}
H &= \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=1 \\ \beta=1 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=2 \\ \beta=1 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \cdots & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=n \\ \beta=1 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=1 \\ \beta=2 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=2 \\ \beta=2 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \cdots & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=n \\ \beta=2 \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=1 \\ \beta=n \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=2 \\ \beta=n \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) & \cdots & \left( \begin{array}{c} x \rightarrow \\ \alpha \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} y=n \\ \beta=n \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}_{11} & \tilde{H}_{21} & \cdots & \tilde{H}_{n1} \\ \tilde{H}_{12} & \tilde{H}_{22} & \cdots & \tilde{H}_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{H}_{1n} & \tilde{H}_{2n} & \cdots & \tilde{H}_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_r(1,1)h_c^T & h_r(2,1)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r(n,1)h_c^T \\ h_r(1,2)h_c^T & h_r(2,2)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r(n,2)h_c^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_r(1,n)h_c^T & h_r(2,n)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r(n,n)h_c^T \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} h_r^T(1,1)h_c^T & h_r^T(1,2)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r^T(1,n)h_c^T \\ h_r^T(2,1)h_c^T & h_r^T(2,2)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r^T(2,n)h_c^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_r^T(n,1)h_c^T & h_r^T(n,2)h_c^T & \cdots & h_r^T(n,n)h_c^T \end{pmatrix} = h_r^T \otimes h_c^T.
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