



Various uses of statistical tools for texture analysis

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Keywords

Fractal, Geostatistic, Variogram, granulometry.

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Analysis of texture, realistic natural scenes interpolation requires **specific tools**. The geostatistical tools combines **geological approach**, structural approaches, and **statistical analysis**. In First part we describe a **very useful geostatistical tools : the variogram**. This tool generalizes the autocorrelation function. We give applications to separate natural textures in remote sensing. Another application that we describe is **the texture interpolation**. In the second part, we show how **the particle size analysis**, and the use of structural elements, allows the separation of textures on noisy images from SAR scenes.

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(1) : When $H = 1/2$, we find the classical Brownian motion

(2) : $\Delta B_H(\lambda t) = \lambda^H \Delta B_H(t)$ if $t = 1$, $\Delta B_H(\lambda) = \lambda^H \Delta B_H(1)$:

autosimilarity \Rightarrow Fractal model

Example of de Fractional Brownian Motion

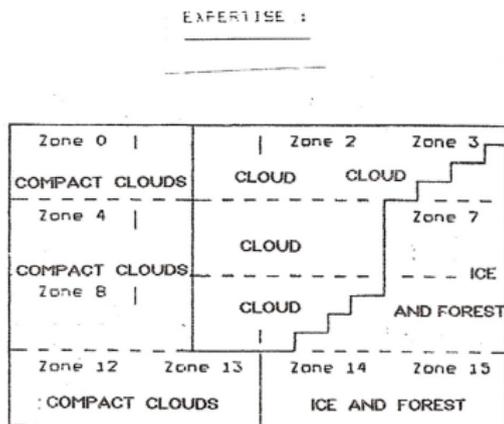
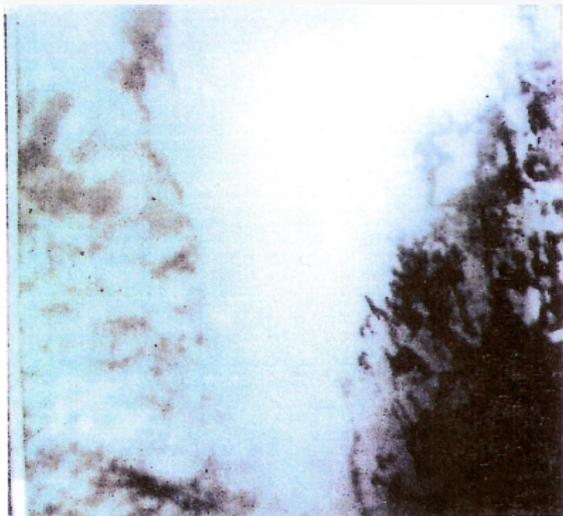


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First step

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- $C(U)$ is **local** coovariance.

Challenge, separating sea ice and clouds

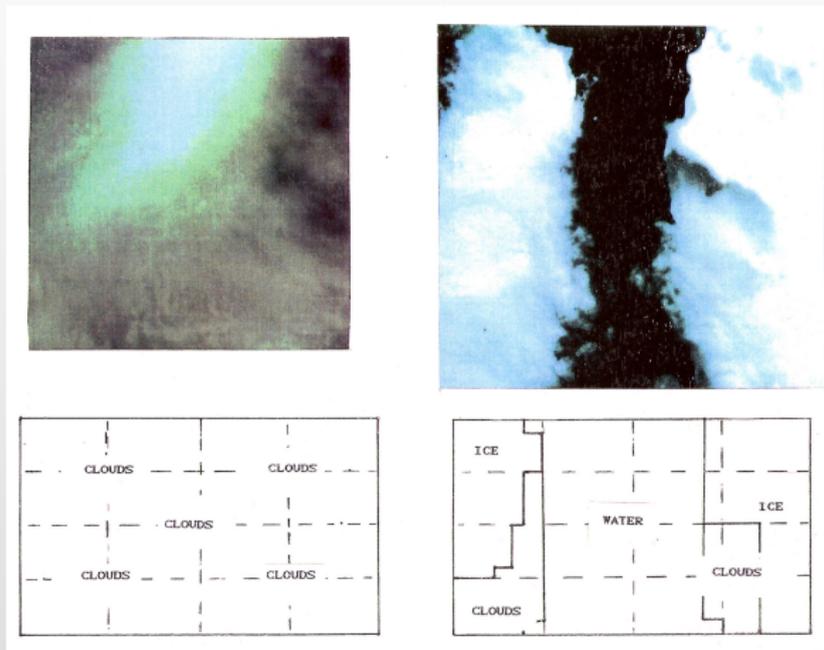


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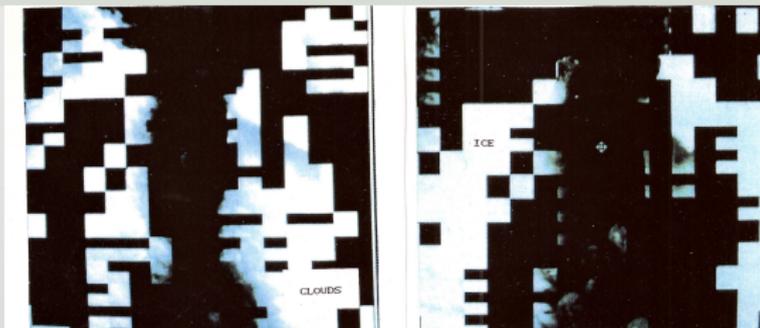


FIGURE: Nearest model : left fractal, right linear

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Another method **directly involving the notion of variogram** is the **notion of kriging**. We distinguish the **simple kriging**, the resampled image is considered as an intrinsic random variable $Z(x)$. Given the ergodicity criterion, the method involves estimating the central point $Z(x_0)$ knowing the variogram $\Gamma(h)$, stationary near the x_0 point and a **polygon** defined by the n points : x_2, \dots, x_n surrounding x_0 .

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$$E(Z'(x) - Z(x_0)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

with, $E((Z'(x) - Z(x_0))^2) = \sigma^2(x_0)$ minimum

We choose $Z'(x_0)$ as linear combination :

$$Z'(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i Z(x_i) \quad (2)$$

The problem is to determine λ_i , this leads to the optimization method :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \Gamma_{ij} + \mu = \Gamma_{i0} \quad (3)$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$$

μ is Lagrange parameter, Γ_{ij} the semivariance between x_i and x_j , Γ_{i0} the semivariance between x_i and interpolate point x_0

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Comparisons

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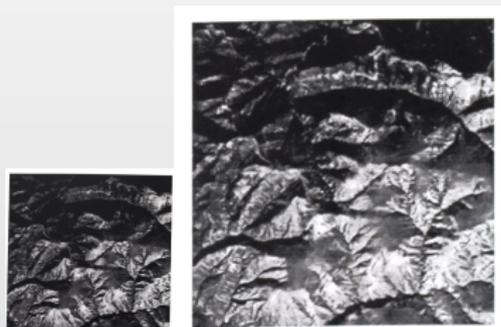


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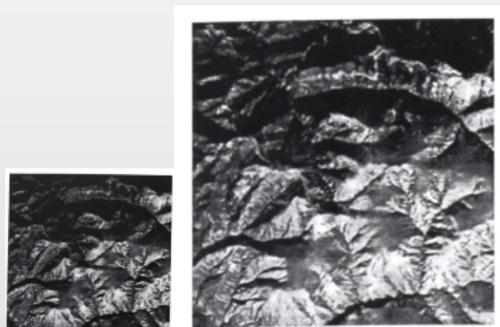


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Urban network extraction

We have an SAR image of an urban area of southern France. This scene includes an urban area comprising its roadworks, a **large urban cores**, and a set of **HLM**. The raw image is very noisy and it is difficult to distinguish the pixels belonging to the urban network, those noise. A particle size sieving, thanks to a composition of opening closing, increasing in size, give the colored composition of Figure 3. that helps to distinguish from road network, **suburban housing**, set of HLM and a large urban core.

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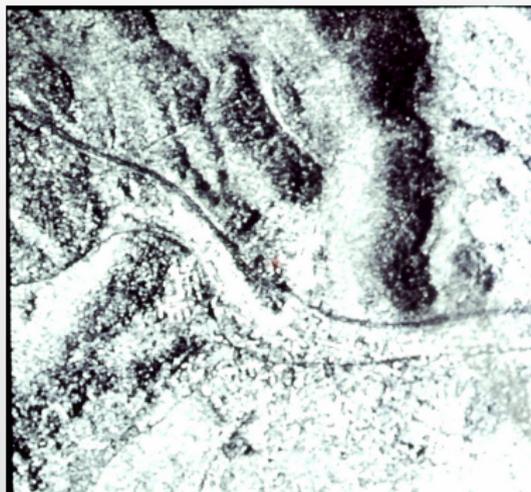


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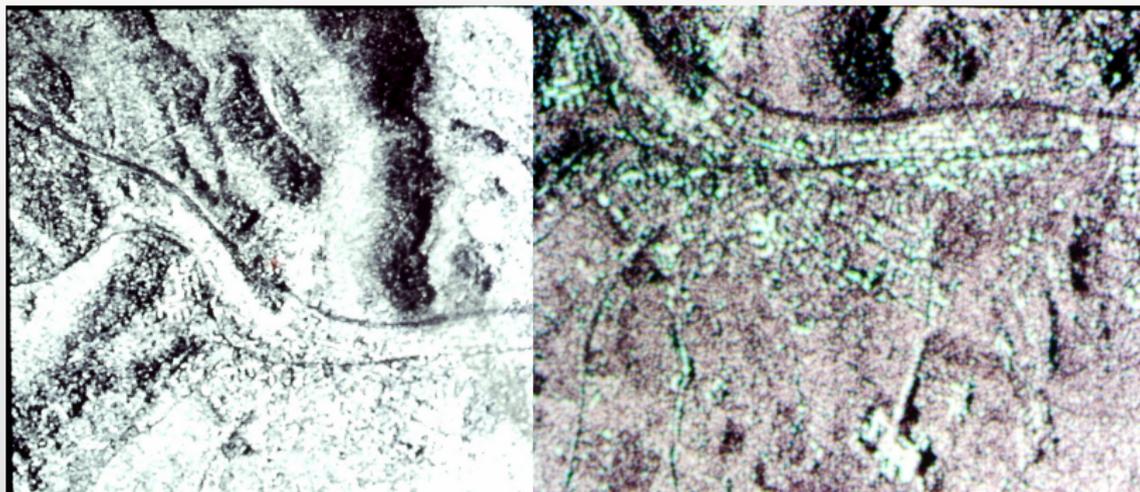


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Comparison with other methods

One of the main method of texture analysis is the **coocurrence matrices** method. we extracted characteristic target areas on the image for example in the suburban housing. when, after calculating coocurrences matrices, we are interested in **index homogeneity** is observed that the housing is restored. However, this method does **nothing more visually** than mathematical morphology, and **the calculations are more delicate**.

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These few applications, demonstrated the **interest of the application of morphological methods** for remote sensing images. the **variogram is well adapted to the modeling of natural textures**. moreover its inclusion in the interpolation allows realistic enlargements. Using operators segmenting the **particle size is particularly well suited to the study of radar images**. unlike the smoothing, it can not eliminate valuable information hidden in the noise.

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