

Inverse Problems on the Euclidean Motion Group

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- Note that integration over $SE(2)$ can be written as a “double” integral over the subspaces, $SO(2)$ and \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$\int_{SE(2)} (\cdot) d(g) = \int_{SO(2)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\cdot) d\mathbf{x} d(\phi). \quad (5)$$

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- The $SO(2)$ invariance property: If $f(g) = f(\mathbf{r}) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{f}_{mn}(\rho) &= \delta_m \tilde{f}_n(-\rho) = \delta_m \int_{S^1} \tilde{f}(-\rho\kappa) e^{in\kappa} d(\kappa) \\ &= \delta_m \int_{S^1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i(-\rho\kappa \cdot \mathbf{r})} d(\mathbf{r}) e^{in\kappa} d(\kappa)\end{aligned}$$

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is the fourier transform over $SE(2)$ of $f(g)$. Note also that

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— this is 'white noise'.

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Radon/Convolution

- We can write the Radon transform of a real valued function f as a convolution integral over $SE(2)$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}(f) \equiv \mathcal{R}f(\kappa, a_1) = (\Delta * f^*)(g) = \int_{SE(2)} \Delta(gh)f(h)d(h) \quad (11)$$

where $f^*(h) = \overline{f(h^{-1})}$, $\Delta(h) = \delta(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1)$, $f(h) = f(\mathbf{b})$, and $\kappa = -A^{-1}\mathbf{e}_1$, $a_1 = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1$.

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