

Multiscale analysis in image processing

Inverse problems resolution

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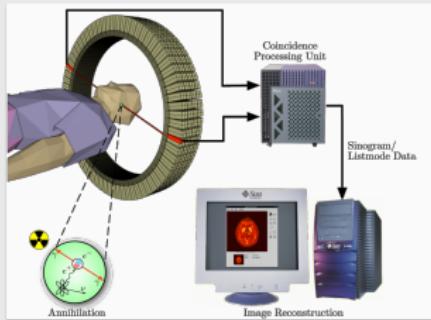
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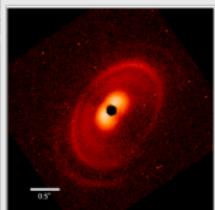
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Computational imaging systems: examples

Medical imaging

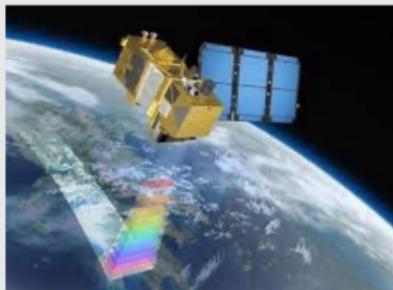


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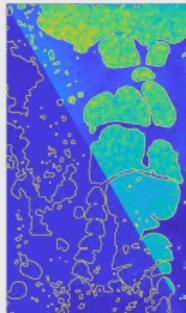


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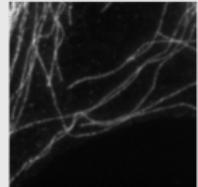
Remote sensing



Physics, Biology,....

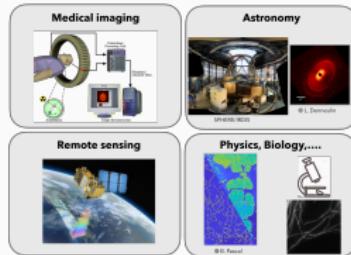


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Notations and basics

Computational imaging systems: quantities of interest



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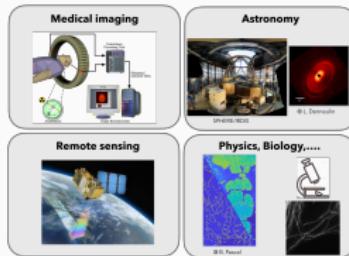
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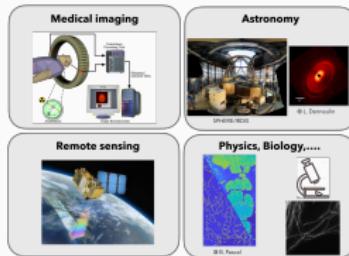
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→ Goal: Estimate \hat{x} close to \bar{x} from the information included in z ,
from the full or partial knowledge of A , from noise statistics \mathcal{D} ,
and from a priori knowledge on the class of image to recover.

Vector representation of an image

Image = matrix of pixels $x \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times N_2}$



255	255	253	252	217
255	236	227	241	182
250	172	187	170	110
238	166	90	103	82
235	158	79	81	56



In what follows: image = vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ with $N = N_1 N_2$

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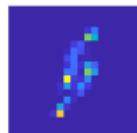
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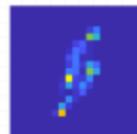
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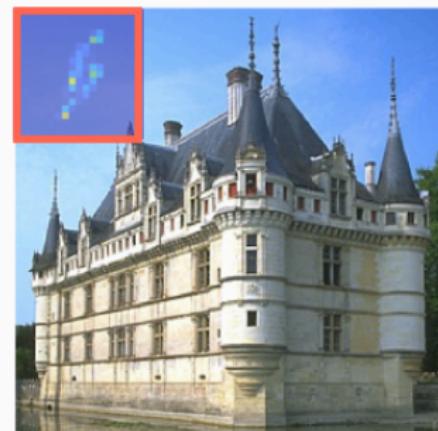


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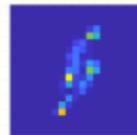
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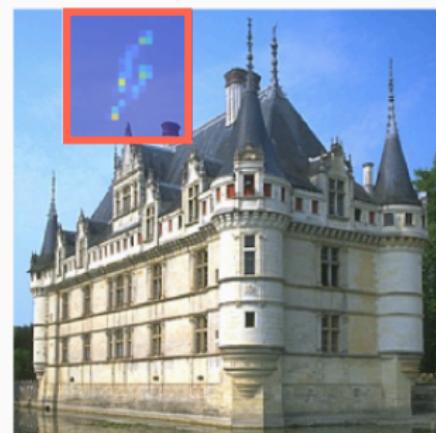


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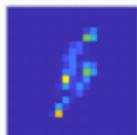
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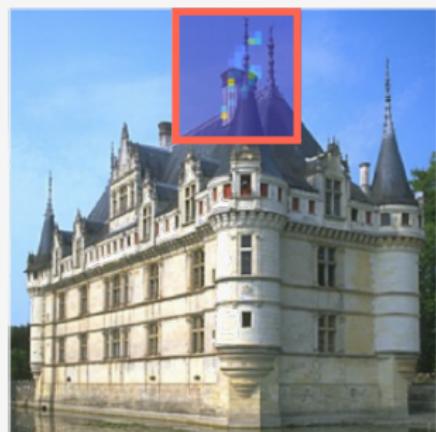


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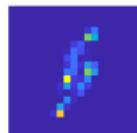
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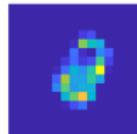
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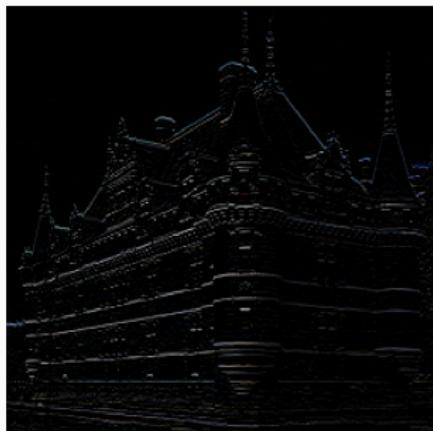
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i.e. the range A of A is equal to \mathbb{R}^M ,

2. **uniqueness of the solution,**

i.e. the nullspace $\ker A$ of A is equal to $\{0\}$,

3. **stability of the solution \hat{x} relatively to the observation,**

i.e. $(\forall(z, z') \in (\mathbb{R}^M)^2)$

$$\|z - z'\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|\hat{x}(z) - \hat{x}(z')\| \rightarrow 0.$$

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i.e. ensure that a small perturbation of the observed image leads to a slight variation of the recovered image.

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→ [1963] **Regularisation** (Tikhonov, Huber)

$$\hat{x} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - z\|_2^2 + \theta \|Lx\|_2^2 \quad \text{avec } \theta > 0$$

→ [2000] **Sparsity** (Donoho, Daubechies-Defrise-DeMol,...)

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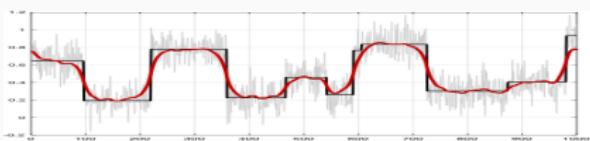
Regularized approaches

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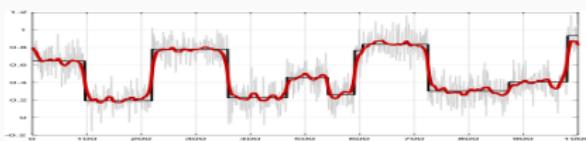
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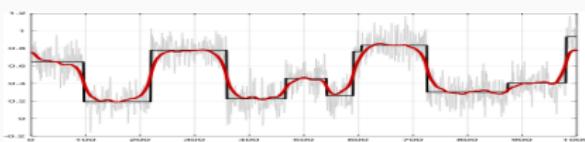
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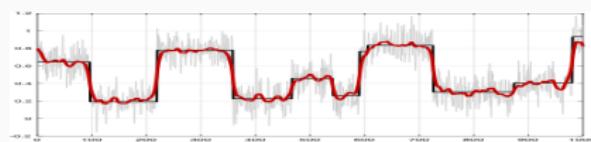
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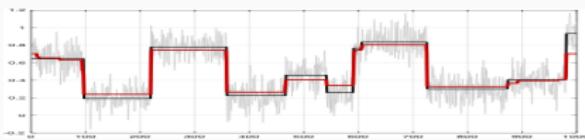


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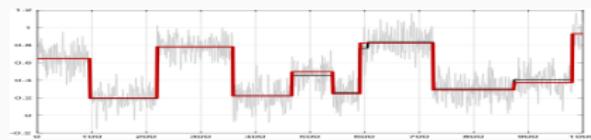


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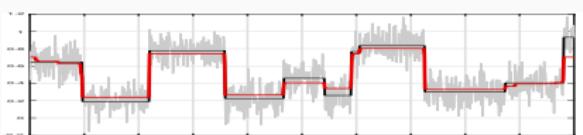
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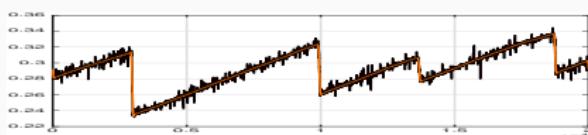
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$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\cdot\|_* = \|\cdot\|_1$$

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1 level wavelet decomposition



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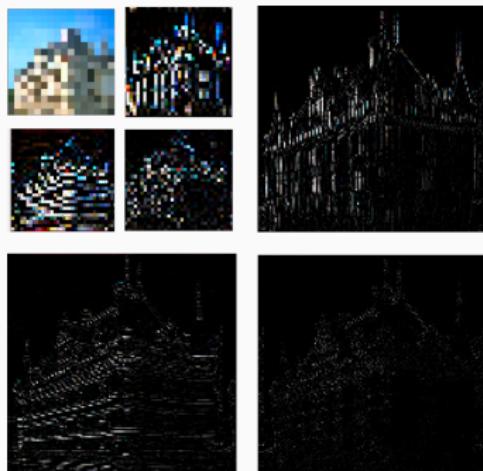


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2 levels wavelet decomposition

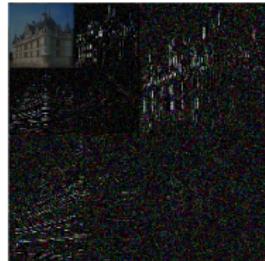


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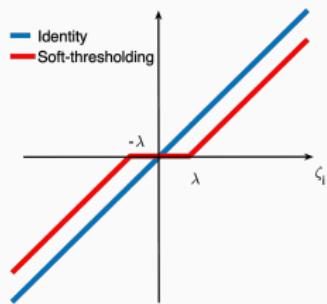
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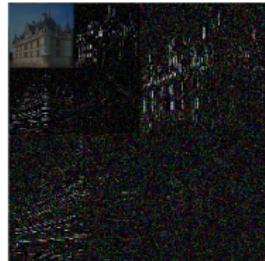
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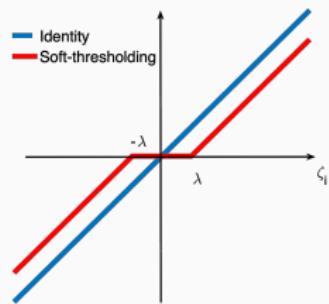
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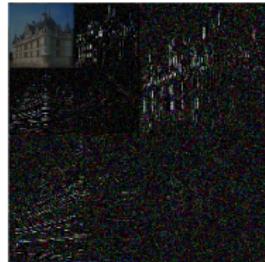
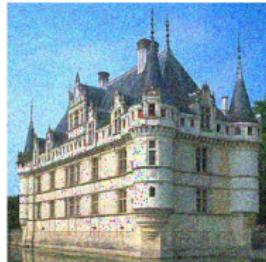
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Constraint

Data fidelity

Regularisation



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Minimisation algorithm

$$x^{[k+1]} = T(x^{[k]})$$

Hyperparameter(s) estimation:
SURE, GCV, MCMC,...

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Data-fidelity term: Gaussian noise

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N) \quad f_1(x) = -\log(\mu_{Z|X=x}(z))$$

- Let $z = L\bar{x} + \varepsilon$ with $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha \text{Id})$ with $\alpha > 0$.
- Gaussian likelihood:

$$\mu_{Z|X=x}(z) = \prod_{n=1}^M \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} \exp\left(-\frac{((Lx)_n - z_n)^2}{2\alpha}\right)$$

- Data-term:

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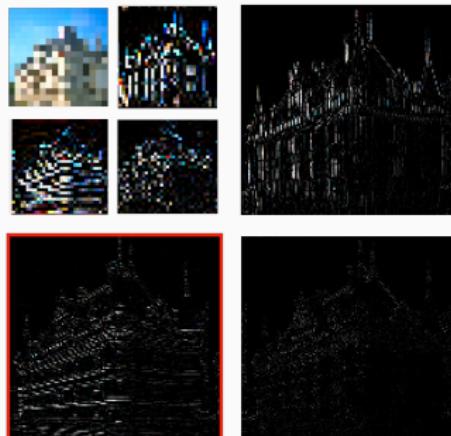
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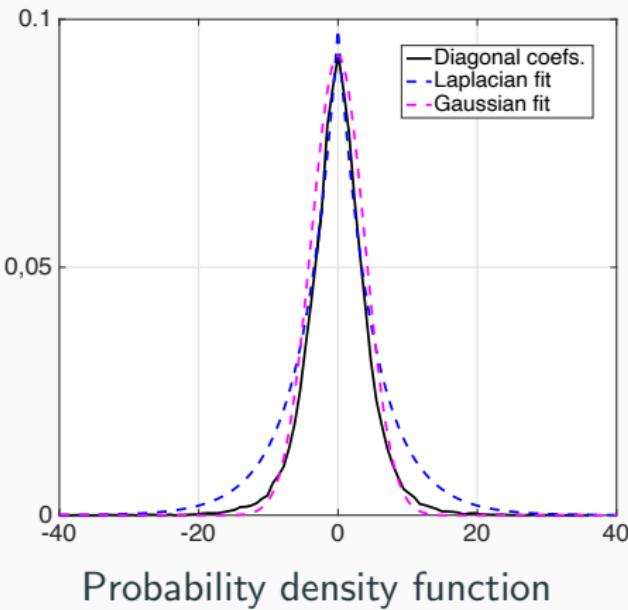
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Context: image restoration

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**Subdifferential,
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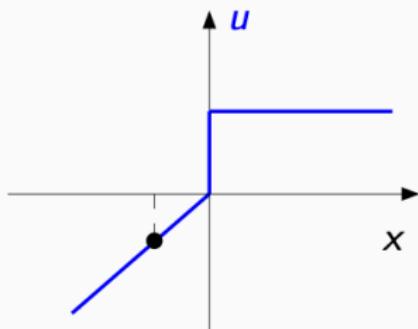
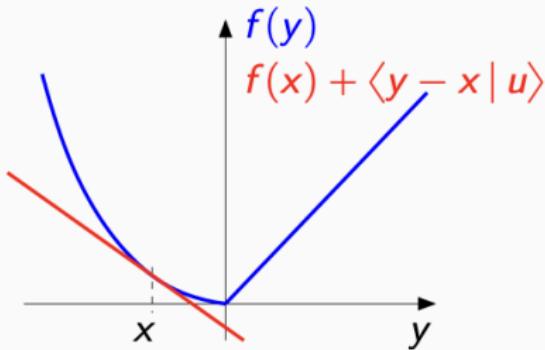
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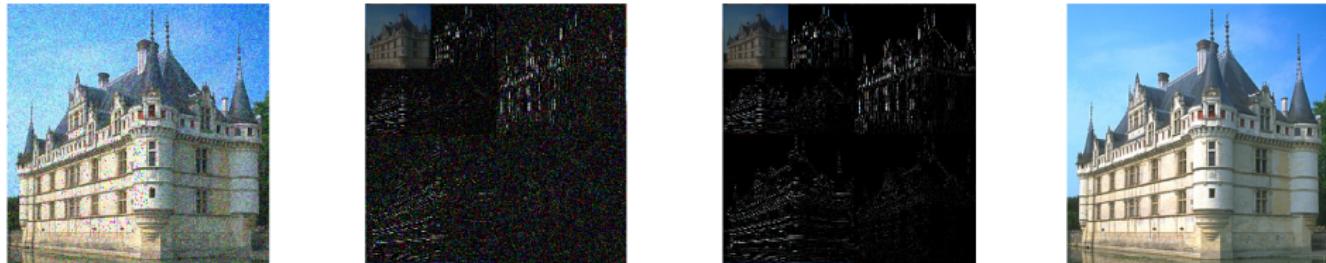
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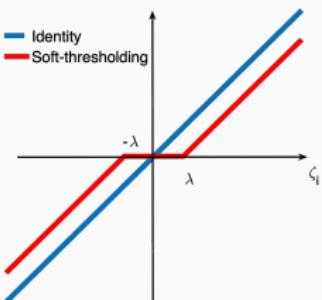
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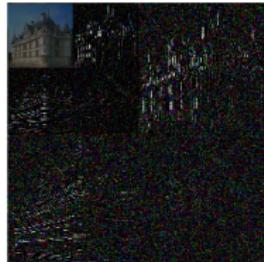
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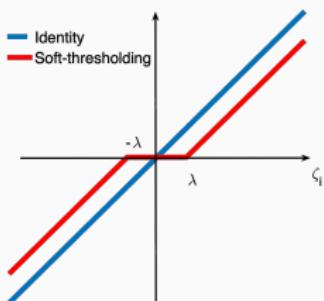
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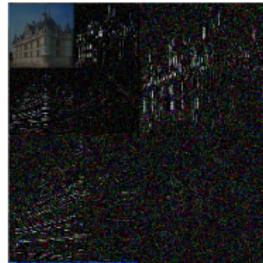
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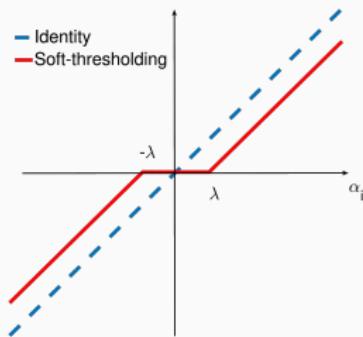
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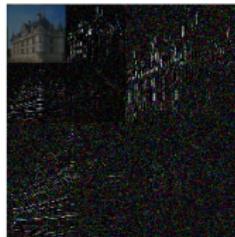
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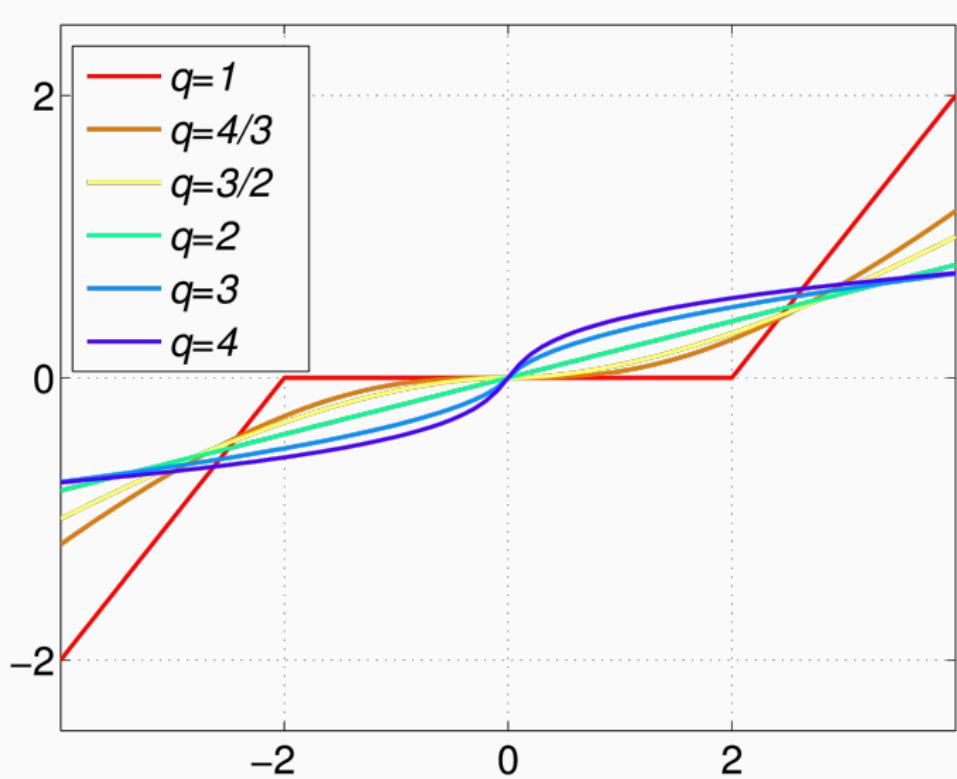
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Then, for every $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$,

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$$P_V = L^*(LL^*)^{-1}L = \mu^{-1}L^*L.$$

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$$p = \text{prox}_{f \circ L}x \Leftrightarrow x - p \in \partial(f \circ L)(p) = L^*\partial f(Lp) \text{ (since } L = \mathcal{H}).$$

Thus, $x - p \in V$.

It can be deduced that $P_{V^\perp}p = P_{V^\perp}x = x - P_Vx = x - \mu^{-1}L^*Lx$.

Furthermore,

$$x - p \in L^*\partial(Lp) \Rightarrow Lx - Lp \in \mu\partial f(Lp) \Leftrightarrow Lp = \text{prox}_{\mu f}(Lx).$$

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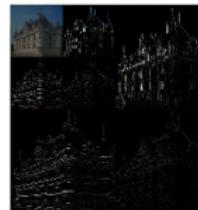
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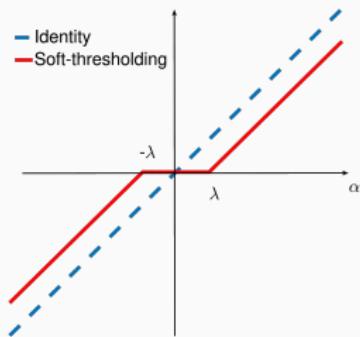
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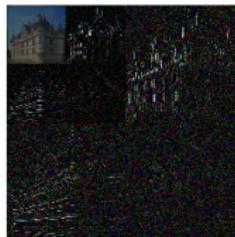
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Proximal algorithms

→ Minimisation problem :

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with f_1 and f_2 either diff. with Lipschitz gradient or proximable.

→ Design of a recursive sequence of the form:

$$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}) \quad x^{[k+1]} = \mathbf{T}x^{[k]},$$

Gradient descent $\mathbf{T} = \text{Id} - \tau(\nabla f_1 + \nabla f_2)$

Proximal point $\mathbf{T} = \text{prox}_{\tau(f_1+f_2)}$

Forward-Backward $\mathbf{T} = \text{prox}_{\tau f_2}(\text{Id} - \tau \nabla f_1)$

Peaceman-Rachford $\mathbf{T} = (2\text{prox}_{\tau f_2} - \text{Id}) \circ (2\text{prox}_{\tau f_1} - \text{Id})$

Douglas-Rachford $\mathbf{T} = \text{prox}_{\tau f_2}(2\text{prox}_{\tau f_1} - \text{Id}) + \text{Id} - \text{prox}_{\tau f_1}$

Proximal algorithms

General objective function

$$\text{Find } \hat{x} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{j=1}^J f_j(H_j x)$$

where H_j denotes a linear operator from \mathcal{H} to \mathcal{G}_j and $(f_j)_{1 \leq j \leq J}$ belong to the class of convex, l.s.c., and proper from \mathcal{G}_j to $]-\infty, +\infty]$.

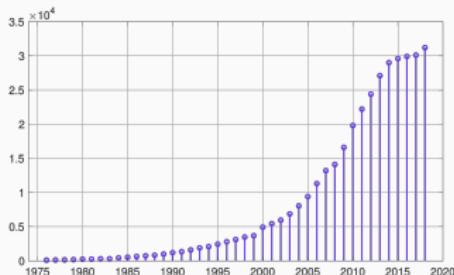
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- Numerous proximal algorithms
 - Forward-Backward
 - Douglas-Rachford
 - ADMM
 - Primal-dual ...



Number of articles per year on
Google scholar containing
“maximum algorithms” since
1997.

Evolution of image restoration results: blur + Gaussian noise



Original



Degraded (13.4 dB)



DTT (16.6 dB)
Wavelets

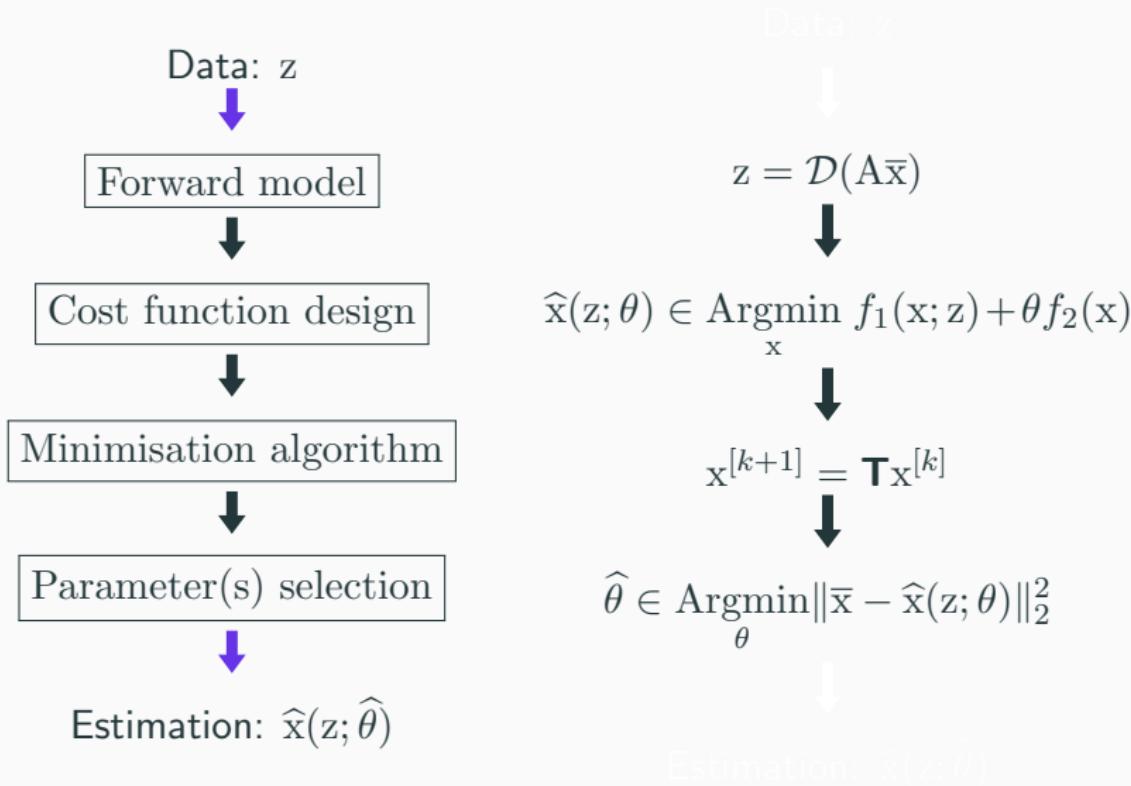


TV (19.0 dB)
Finite diff

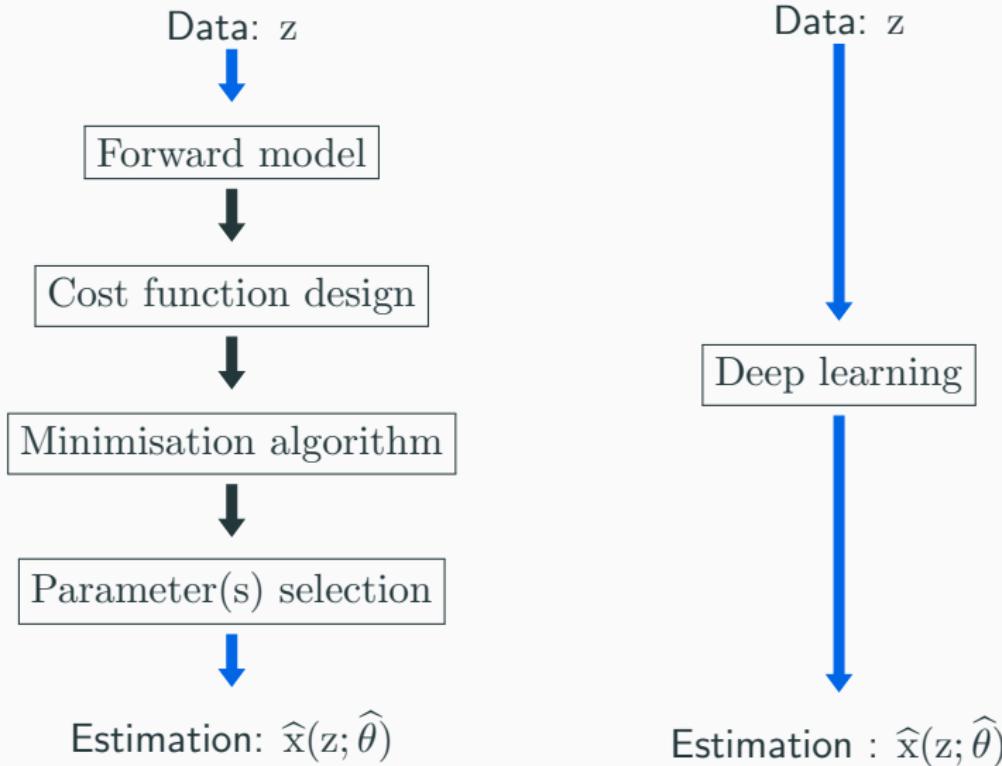


NLTV (19.4 dB)
Improved finite diff

Summary



Towards deep learning



Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$

→ [1922] **Maximum likelihood** (Fisher).

$$\hat{x} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - z\|_2^2 = (A^* A)^{-1} A^* z$$

→ [1963] **Regularisation** (Tikhonov, Huber)

$$\hat{x} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - z\|_2^2 + \theta \|Lx\|_2^2 \quad \text{avec } \theta > 0$$

→ [2000] **Sparsity** (Donoho, Daubechies-Defrise-DeMol,...)

$$\hat{x} \in \operatorname{Argmin}_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - z\|_2^2 + \theta \|Lx\|_*$$

→ [2010] “**End to end**” **neural networks**

$$\hat{x} = \text{NN}_\Theta(z)$$

→ [2020] **Model-based neural network: PnP, unrolled, ...**

$$0 \in A^*(A\hat{x} - z) + B(\hat{x})$$

Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$

Deep learning – General framework

- Dataset : $\mathcal{S} = \{(\bar{x}_\ell, z_\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M \mid \ell \in \mathbb{I} \cup \mathbb{J}\}$



\bar{x}_ℓ



z_ℓ

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 - Prediction function: $d_\Theta(z_\ell) = \eta^{[K]}(W^{[K]} \dots \eta^{[1]}(W^{[1]}z_\ell + b^{[1]}) \dots + b^{[K]})$
 - Linear operators: $W^{[1]}, W^{[2]}, \dots, W^{[K]}$
 - Activation functions: $\eta^{[1]}, \eta^{[2]}, \dots, \eta^{[K]}$
 - Bias: $b^{[1]}, b^{[2]}, \dots, b^{[K]}$
- $\Rightarrow \Theta = \{W^{[1]}, \dots, W^{[K]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, b^{[K]}\}$

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- Evaluate: A properly trained network must satisfy

$$(\forall \ell \in \mathbb{J}) \quad \bar{x}_\ell \approx d_{\hat{\Theta}}(z_\ell)$$

Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$: Unrolled

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Unrolled scheme – Building an informed neural network

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Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$: Unrolled

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Unrolled scheme – Building an informed neural network

- **Synthesis** variational formulation: $\min_u \frac{1}{2} \|AL^*u - z\|_2^2 + \theta \|u\|_*$
- Forward-backward algorithm:

$$u^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\theta\|\cdot\|_*} \left(u^{[k]} - \tau L A^*(A L^* u^{[k]} - z) \right)$$

Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$: Unrolled

Deep learning – general framework

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Unrolled scheme – Building an informed neural network

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- Forward-backward algorithm:

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- **Unrolled (proximal) Neural Network:**

$$u^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\theta\|\cdot\|_*} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Id} - \tau L A^* A L^* \\ W^{[k]} \\ b^{[k]} \end{array} \right) u^{[k]} + \tau L A^* z$$

Inversion model $\hat{x} = d_\Theta(z)$: Plug-and-Play (PnP)

Deep learning – General framework

- Dataset : $\mathcal{S} = \{(\bar{x}_i, z_i) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^M \mid i \in \{1, \dots, \mathbb{I}\}\}$
- Prediction function : $\text{NN}_\Theta(z_i) = \eta^{[K]}(W^{[K]} \dots \eta^{[1]}(W^{[1]}z_i + b^{[1]}) \dots + b^{[K]})$

Variational versus plug-and-play approach

- Analysis variational approach : $\min_x \frac{1}{2} \|Ax - z\|_2^2 + \theta \|Lx\|_*$
- Forward-backward algorithm:

$$x^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\theta\|L\cdot\|_*} (x^{[k]} - \tau A^*(Ax^{[k]} - z))$$

- **Plug-and-Play algorithm:**

$$x^{[k+1]} = \text{NN}_\Theta (x^{[k]} - \tau A^*(Ax^{[k]} - z))$$

Performance summary



Original



Degraded



Tikhonov



DTT



TV

SNR = 18.8 dB



NLTV

SNR = 19.4 dB



PnP-DRUnet

SNR = 20.0 dB



PnP-ScCP

SNR = 20.2 dB

Summary of the history of image reconstruction

(Focus on reconstruction methods)

