



Regression 3

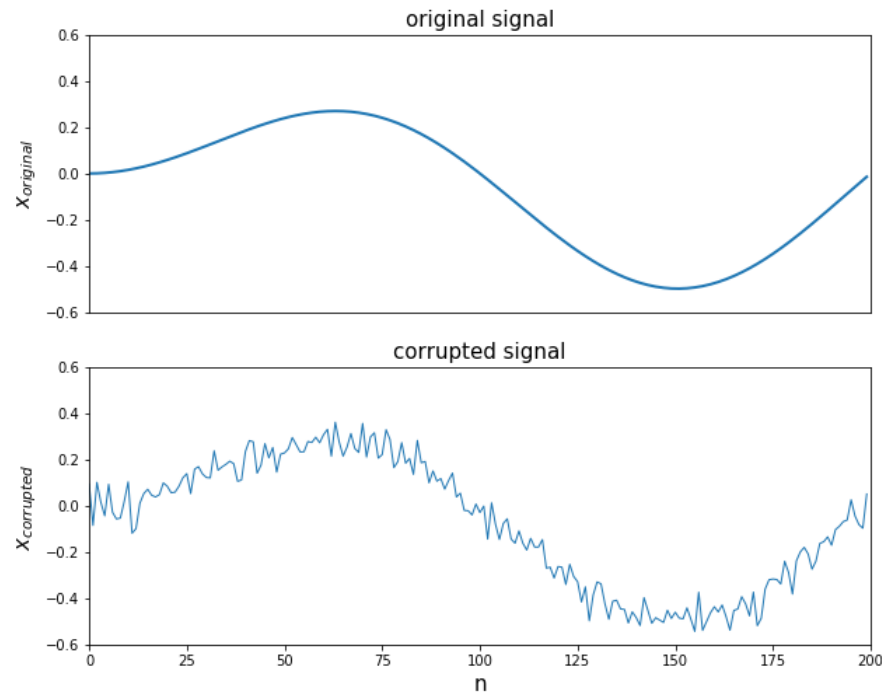
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Linear Regression Examples

- De-noising
- Total Variation

De-noising Signal

- We start with a signal represented by a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 - x_i corresponds to the value of some function of time, evaluated (or sampled) at evenly spaced points.
- Suppose x is corrupted by some small, rapidly varying noise ε ,
 - i.e. $x_{cor} = x + \varepsilon$



Transform it to an Optimization Problem

- Transform de-noising in time into an optimization problem
- It is usually assumed that the signal does not vary too rapidly, which means that usually, we have $x_i \approx x_{i+1}$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \min_X \left\{ \underbrace{\| (X - X_{cor}) \|_2^2}_{\text{how much } x \text{ deviates from } x_{cor}} + \mu \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}_{\text{penalize rapid changes of } X} \right\}$$

- μ
 - to adjust the relative weight of the first and second terms
 - to controls the “smoothness” of \hat{x}

Source:

- Boyd & Vandenberghe's book "[Convex Optimization](#)"
- <http://cvxr.com/cvx/examples/> (Figures 6.8-6.10: Quadratic smoothing)
- Week 4 of Linear and Integer Programming by [Coursera](#) of Univ. of Colorado

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$$1) X - X_{cor} = I_n X - X_{cor}$$

$$2) \sum (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2$$

\Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x_2 - x_1) - 0 = [-1, \quad 1, \quad 0, \quad \dots \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} - 0 \\ (x_3 - x_2) - 0 = [0, \quad -1, \quad 1, \quad \dots \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} - 0 \\ \vdots \\ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$D \qquad X - 0$

Least-Square Problems

$$\min_X \left\{ \underbrace{\|(X - X_{cor})\|_2^2}_{\text{how much } x \text{ deviates from } x_{cor}} + \mu \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}_{\text{penalize rapid changes of } X} \right\}$$

$$\|I_n X - X_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|DX - 0\|_2^2 = \|Ax - b\|_2^2$$

$$= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \sqrt{\mu}D \end{bmatrix} X - \begin{bmatrix} X_{cor} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \sqrt{\mu}D \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} X_{cor} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Then, plug A, b into Python to numerically solve
- Note: de-noising is generally conducted by a low pass filter in the frequency domain

Coded in Python

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \sqrt{\mu} D \end{bmatrix} X - \begin{bmatrix} X_{cor} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

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mu = 100

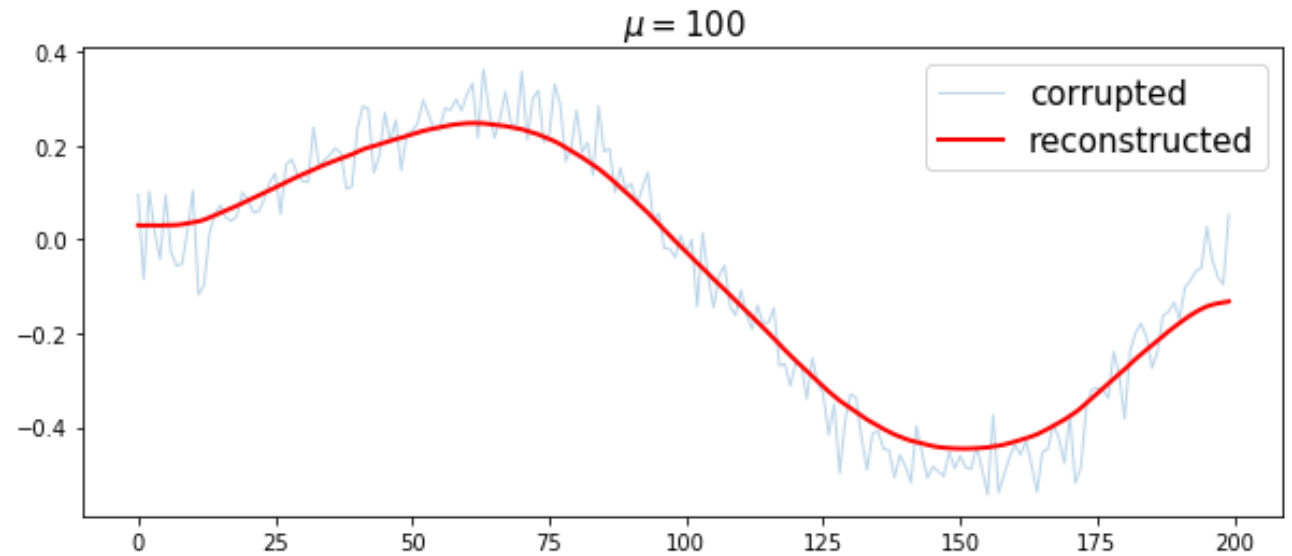
D = np.zeros([n-1, n])
D[:,0:n-1] -= np.eye(n-1)
D[:,1:n] += np.eye(n-1)
A = np.vstack([np.eye(n), np.sqrt(mu)*D])

b = np.vstack([x_cor, np.zeros([n-1,1])])

A = np.asmatrix(A)
b = np.asmatrix(b)

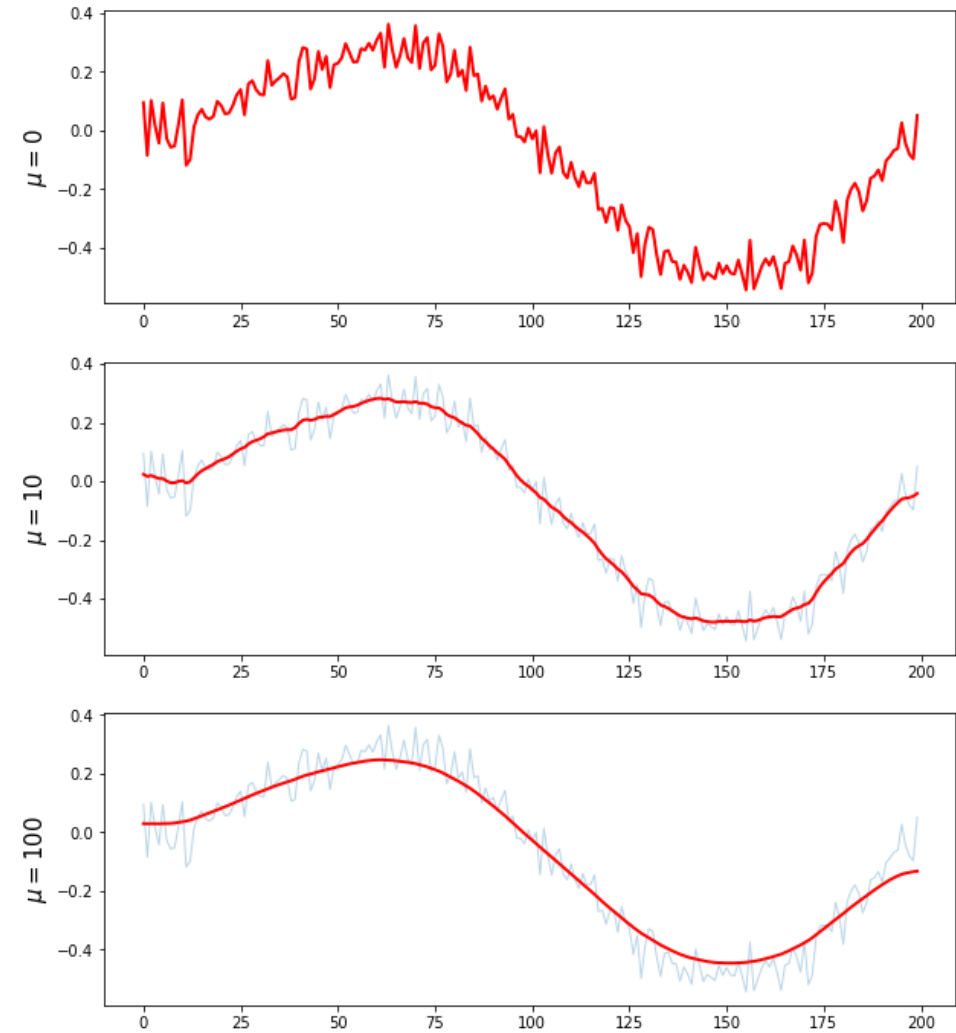
x_reconst = (A.T*A).I*A.T*b
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$$\theta = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T y$$



See How μ Affects Smoothing Results

$$\min_X \left\{ \underbrace{\|(X - X_{cor})\|_2^2}_{\text{how much } x \text{ deviates from } x_{cor}} + \mu \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}_{\text{penalize rapid changes of } X} \right\}$$



CVXPY Implementation

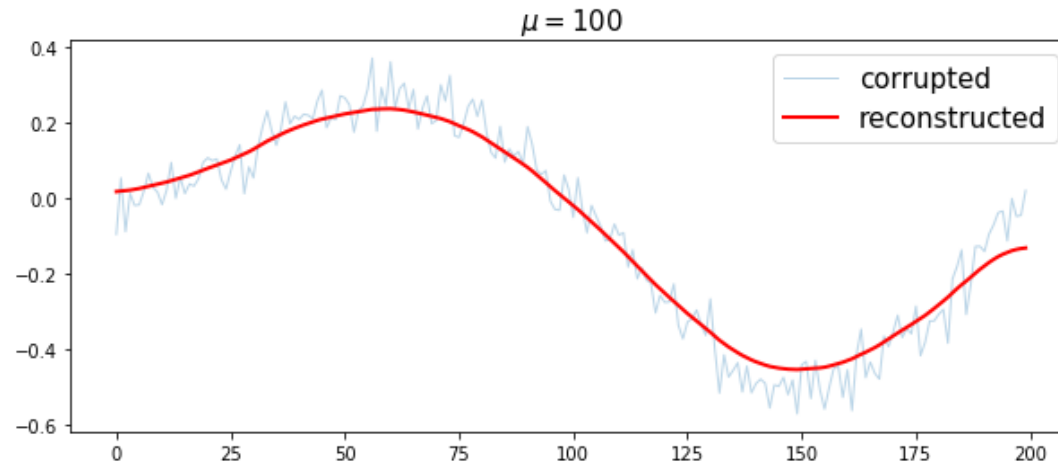
$$\min \left\{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|Dx\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$\min_X \left\{ \underbrace{\|(X - X_{cor})\|_2^2}_{\text{how much } x \text{ deviates from } x_{cor}} + \mu \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k)^2}_{\text{penalize rapid changes of } X} \right\}$$

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mu = 100

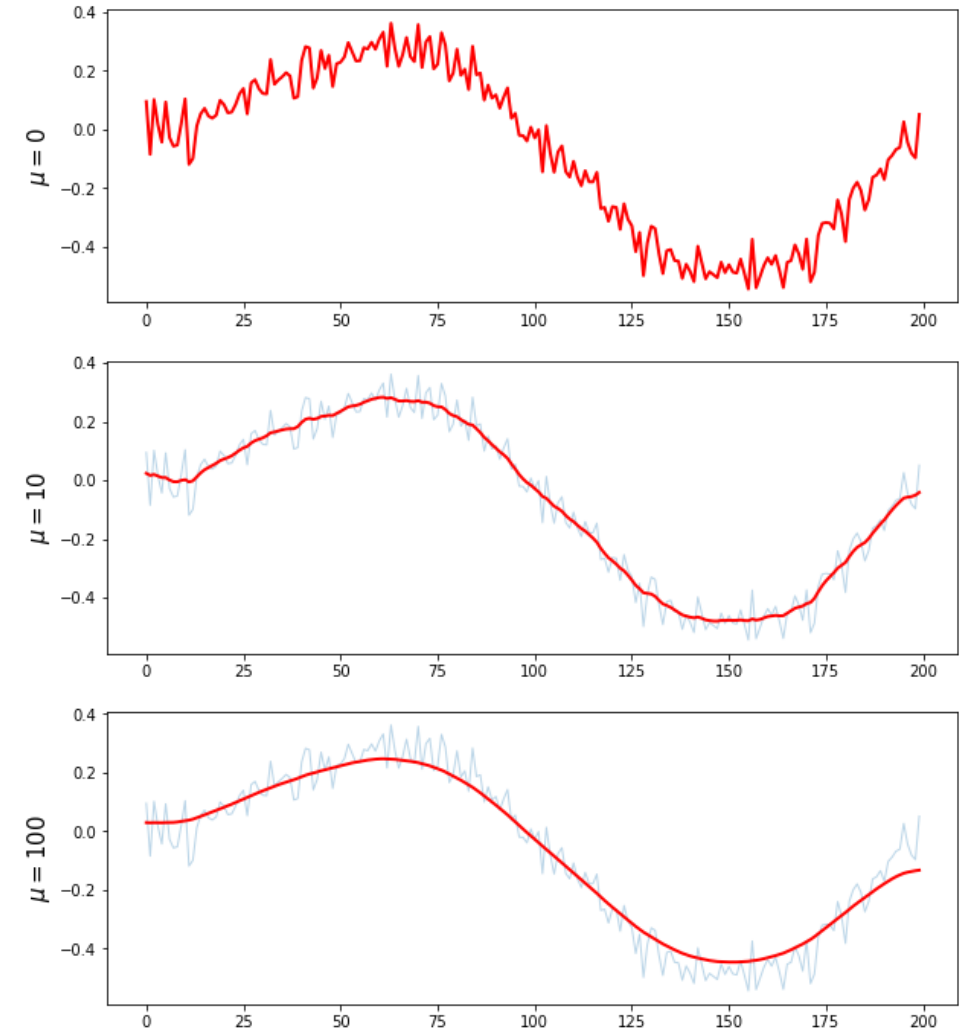
x_reconst = cvx.Variable([n,1])
#obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.sum_squares(x_reconst-x_cor) + mu*cvx.sum_squares(x_reconst[1:n]-x_reconst[0:n-1]))
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.sum_squares(x_reconst-x_cor) + mu*cvx.sum_squares(D*x_reconst))

prob = cvx.Problem(obj).solve()
```



CVXPY: See How μ Affects Smoothing Results

$$\min \left\{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|Dx\|_2^2 \right\}$$



L_2 Norm

$$\min \{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|Dx\|_2^2 \}$$



$$\min \{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 + \gamma \|Dx\|_2 \}$$

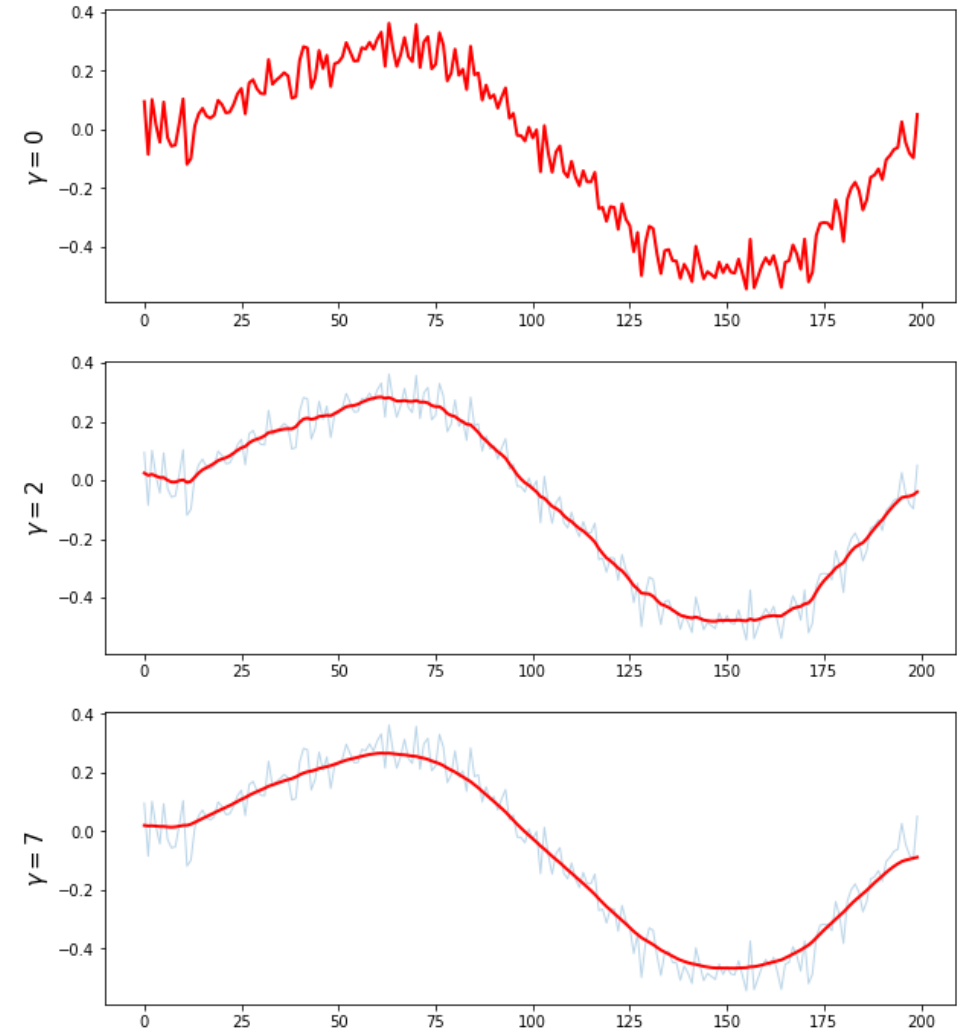
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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 12))

gammas = [0, 2, 7]

for i in range(len(gammas)):
    x_reconst = cvx.Variable([n,1])
    obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.norm(x_reconst-x_cor, 2) + gammas[i]*(cvx.norm(D*x_reconst, 2)))
    prob = cvx.Problem(obj).solve()

    plt.subplot(3,1,i+1)
    plt.plot(t,x_cor,'-', linewidth = 1, alpha = 0.3)
    plt.plot(t,x_reconst.value, 'r', linewidth = 2)
    plt.ylabel('$ \gamma = {}'.format(gammas[i]), fontsize = 15)

plt.show()
```



L_2 Norm with a Constraint

$$\min \left\{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|Dx\|_2^2 \right\}$$



$$\min \left\{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 + \gamma \|Dx\|_2 \right\}$$

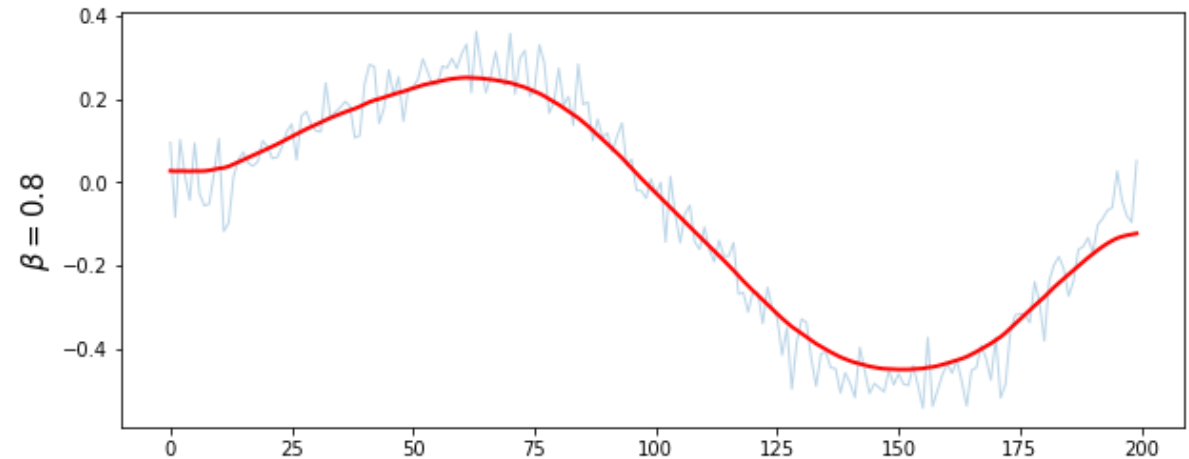


$$\begin{aligned} & \min \|Dx\|_2 \\ s.t. \quad & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{aligned}$$

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beta = 0.8
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x_reconst = cvx.Variable([n,1])  
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.norm(D*x_reconst, 2))  
const = [cvx.norm(x_reconst-x_cor, 2) <= beta]  
prob = cvx.Problem(obj, const).solve()
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plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))  
plt.plot(t,x_cor,'-', linewidth = 1, alpha = 0.3)  
plt.plot(t,x_reconst.value, 'r', linewidth = 2)  
plt.ylabel(r'$\beta = {}$'.format(beta), fontsize = 15)  
plt.show()
```



L_2 Norm with a Constraint

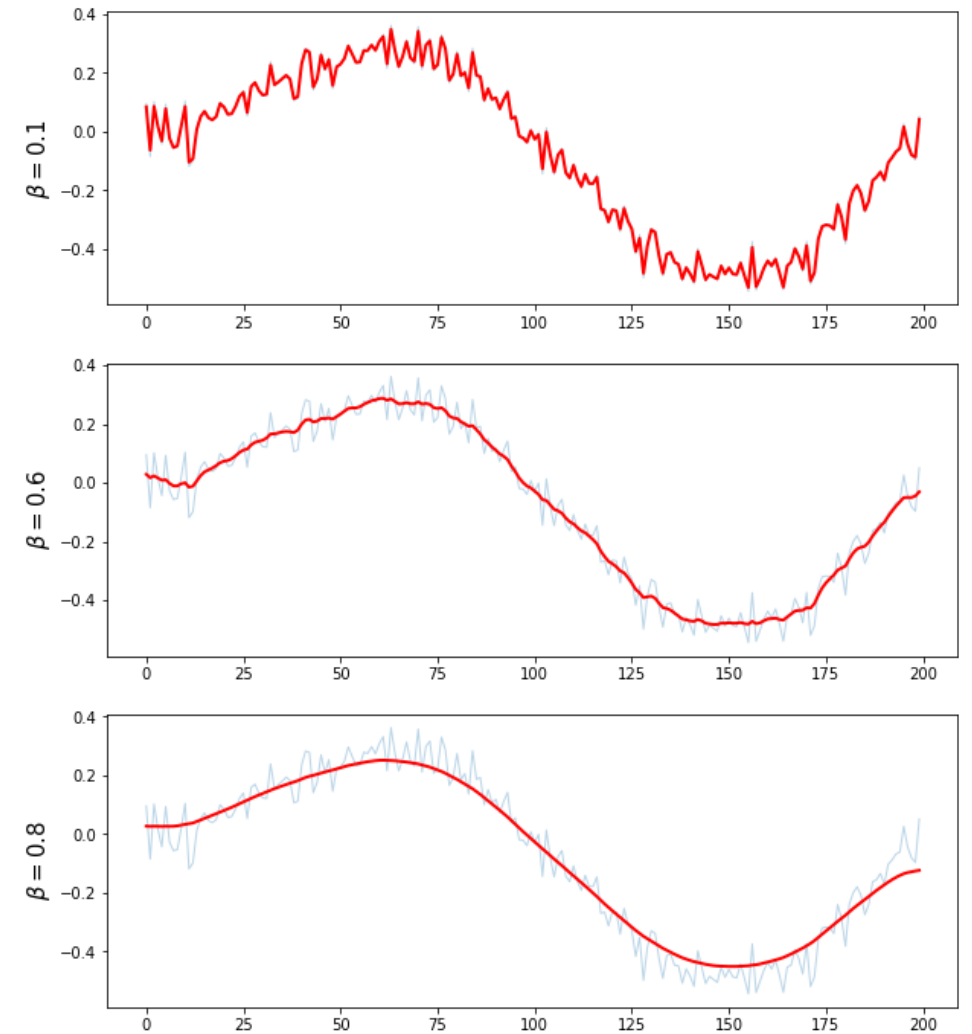
$$\min \{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2^2 + \mu \|Dx\|_2^2 \}$$



$$\min \{ \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 + \gamma \|Dx\|_2 \}$$

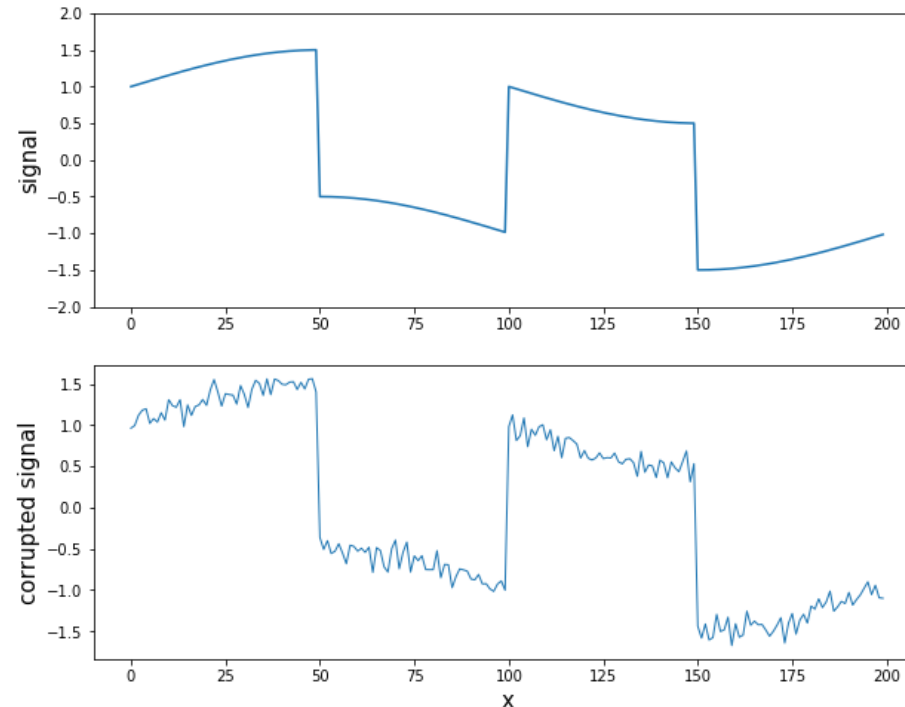


$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \|Dx\|_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{aligned}$$



Signal with Sharp Transition + Noise

- Suppose we have a signal x , which is mostly smooth, but has several rapid variations (or jumps).

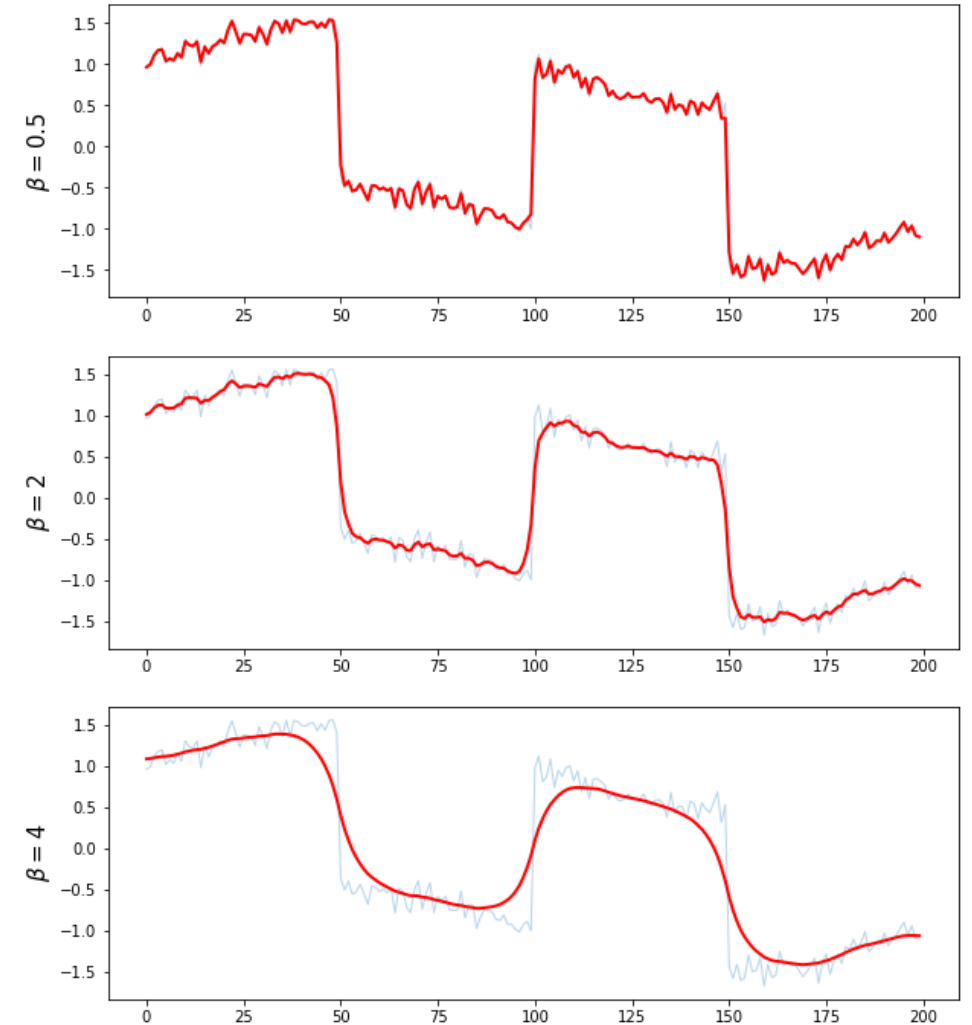


- First, apply the same method that we used for smoothing signals before
- known as a *total variation problem*

Quadratic Smoothing (L_2 Norm)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \|Dx\|_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{aligned}$$

- Quadratic smoothing smooths out both *noise* and *sharp transitions* in signal, but this is not what we want
- We will not be able to preserve the signal's sharp transitions.
- Any ideas ?



L_1 Norm

- We can instead apply total variation reconstruction on the signal by solving

$$\min \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |x_{i+1} - x_i|$$

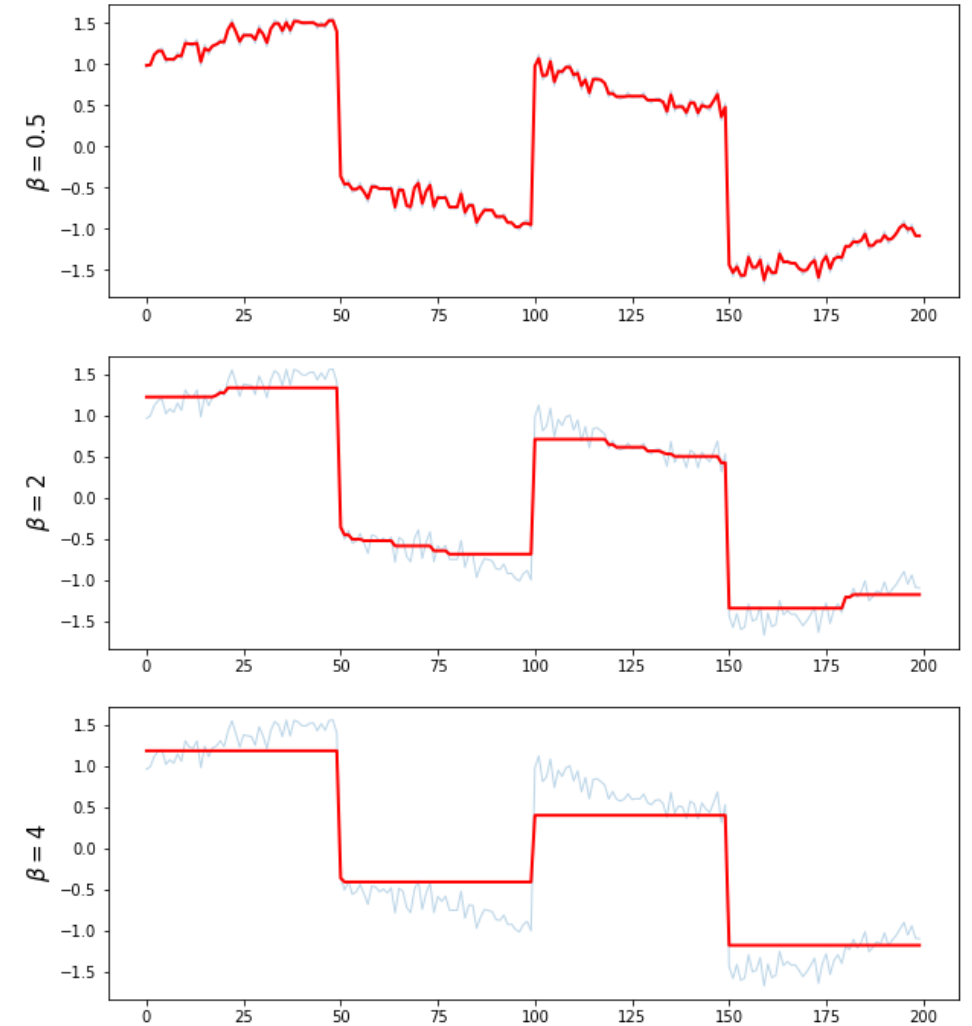
where the parameter λ controls the “smoothness” of x

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min \|Dx\|_2 \\ s. t. & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min \|Dx\|_1 \\ s. t. & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{array}$$

L_1 Norm

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \|Dx\|_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{aligned}$$

- Total Variation (TV) smoothing preserves sharp transitions in signal, and this is not bad
- Note that how TV reconstruction does a better job of preserving the sharp transitions in the signal while removing the noise.



Total Variation Image Reconstruction

- Q: Apply L_1 norm to the image, and guess what kind of an image will be produced ?



Total Variation Image Reconstruction

```
n = row*col
imbws = resized_imbw.reshape(-1, 1)

beta = 1500

x = cvx.Variable([n,1])
obj = cvx.Minimize(cvx.norm(x[1:n] - x[0:n-1],1))
const = [cvx.norm(x - imbws,2) <= beta]
prob = cvx.Problem(obj, const).solve()

imbwr = x.value.reshape(row, col)

plt.figure(figsize = (8,8))
plt.imshow(imbwr, 'gray')
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
```

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \|Dx\|_1 \\ s.t. \quad & \|x - x_{cor}\|_2 < \beta \end{aligned}$$

