

# Inverse Problems in images by variational methods

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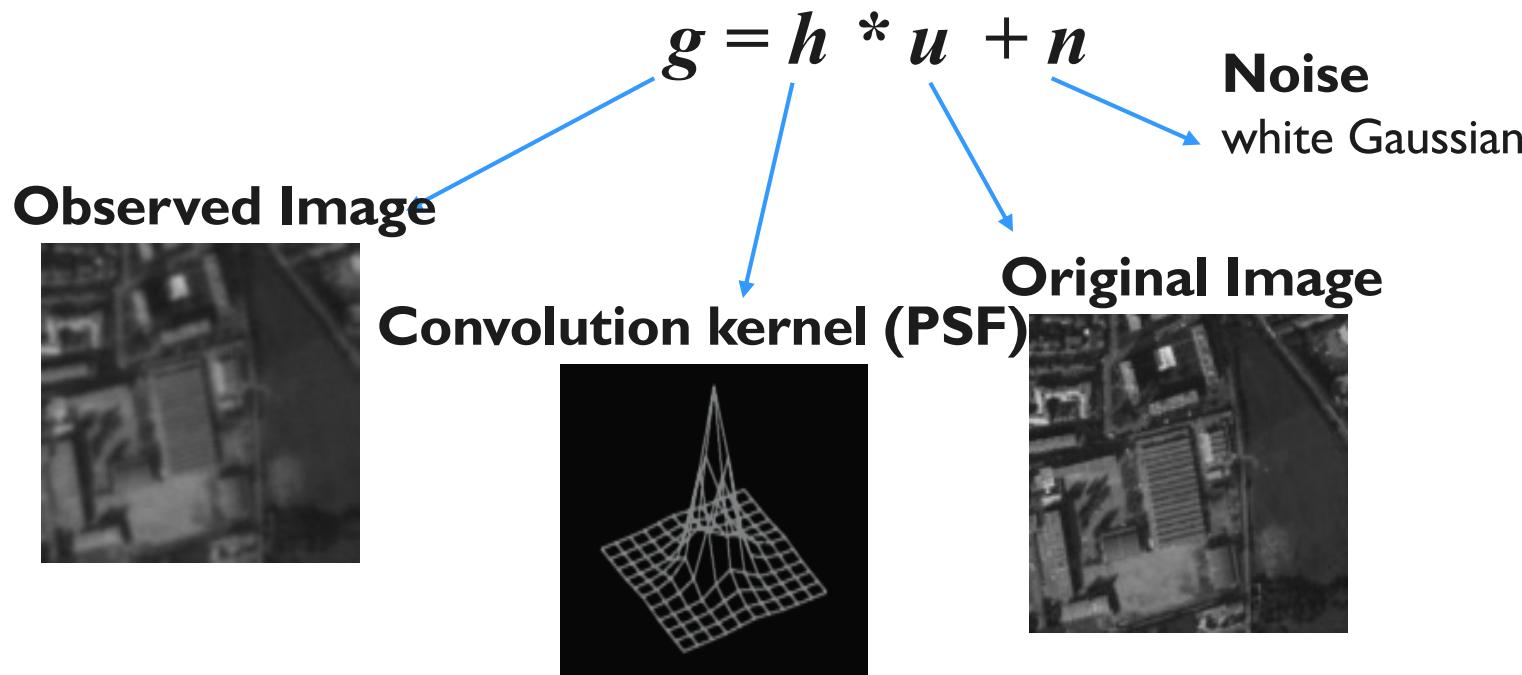
# Image Construction

$$g = H(u) \odot n$$

- ◆  $g$  : **observation** = Physical quantities : optics, radar, laser, IR, magnetic field, X rays, ultrasons, ...
- ◆  $H$  : operator which links the observation to the quantity we are looking for, we want to image  $u$ , through the measuring instrument and possibly a reconstruction process.
- ◆  $u$  : image we want to obtain
- ◆  $n$  : random part in the observation process (noise)

# Observation model: Gaussian noise case<sup>3</sup>

Observed images are degraded :



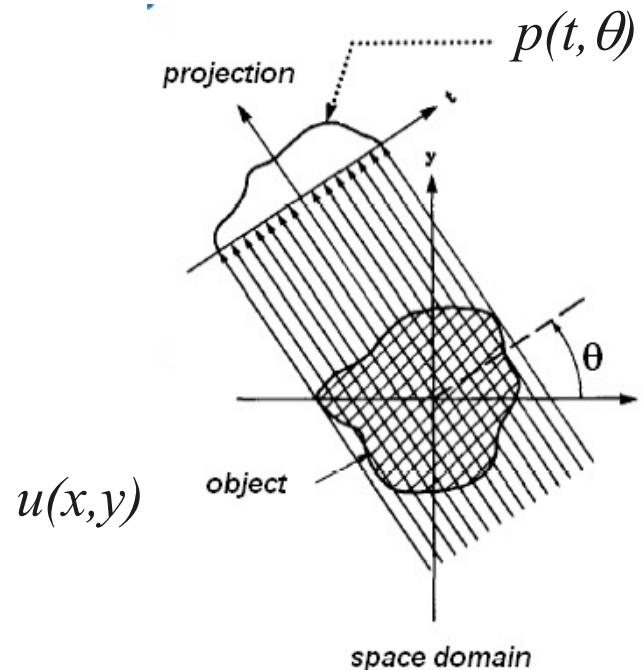
- Restoration : retrieve  $u$  from  $g$
- Inverse  $g = h * u + n$  is an **ill posed problem**

# Examples

- ◆ Linéaires :  $H(u) = H.u$

- **Tomographic Reconstruction**, in medical imaging or geosciences,....
- Reconstruct the volume of an object (the human body in the case of medical imaging), based on a series of measurements made outside the object.

Example of X-ray tomography



$H = \text{Radon Matrix} = 1\text{D projection according to the angle } \theta$

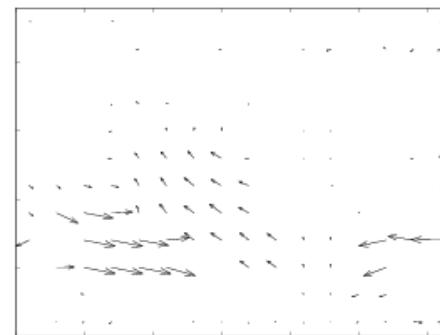
# Examples

- ◆ Non Linear example :

- Optical flow

we observe  $I(x,t)$  and  $I(x,t+1)$  and we're looking for the apparent movement  $v(x,t)$  such that  $I(x+v,t) = I(x,t+1)$ , or

- $I(x+v(x,t),t) - I(x,t+1) = 0$



Linearization by derivation: optical flow equation

$$\nabla I(x,t+1) \cdot v(x,t) + I_t(x,t) = 0$$

- Microwave reverse diffraction, non-destructive control: Maxwell equations ...

- ◆ Direct Problem  $g = H(u) \odot n$

It is the equation of image construction, the mathematical modeling of the physical phenomena of acquisition.

It defines  $g$  from  $H$ ,  $u$  and  $n$ .

- ◆ Inverse Problem

From the observed data  $g$ , and modeling of the direct problem, find  $u$  assuming  $H$  known and the law parameters of  $n$  known.

→  $H$  could be partially only known,

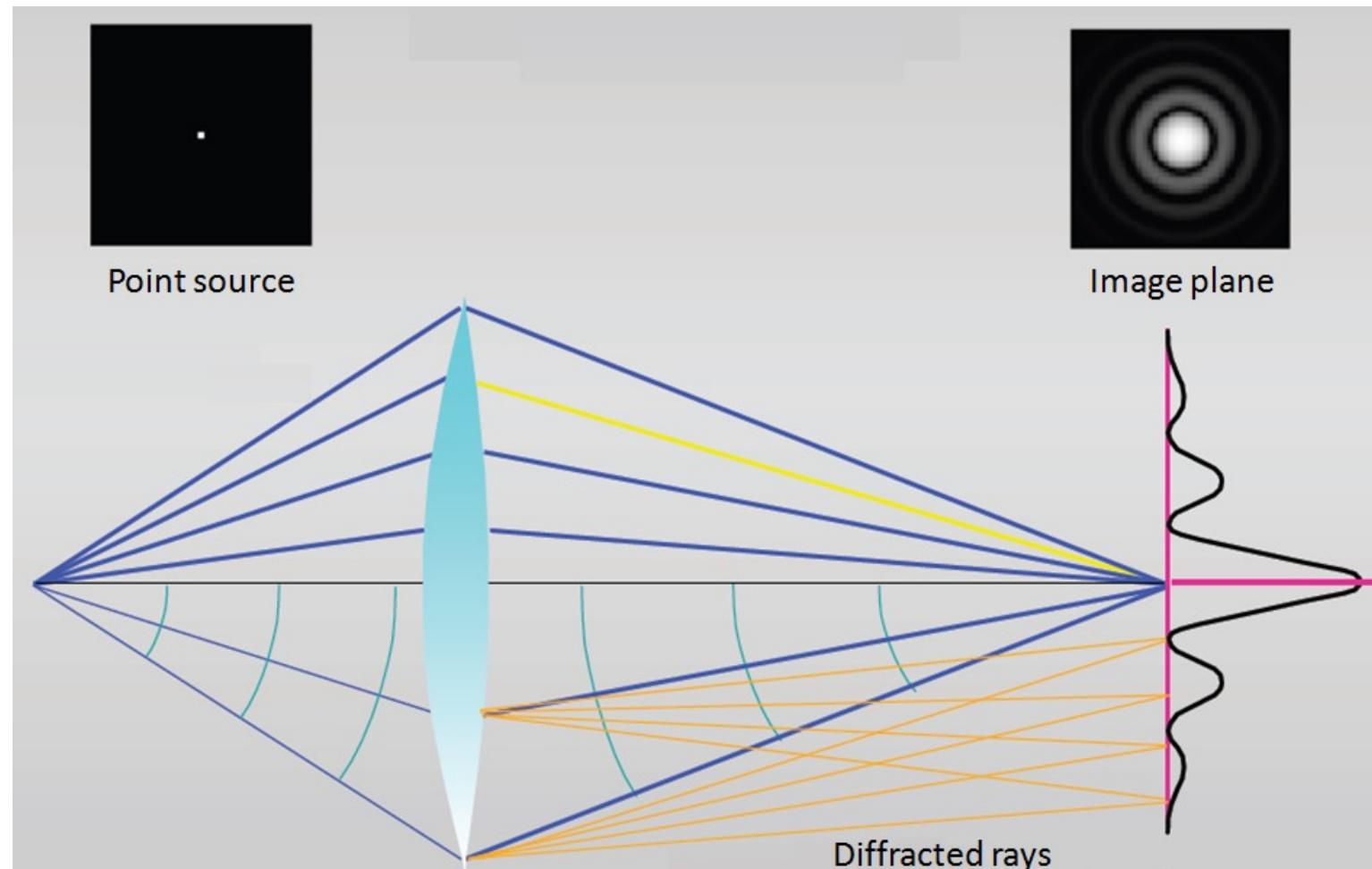
→ Noise parameters must be estimated before or in the same time.

# Image Restoration: deblurring, denoising

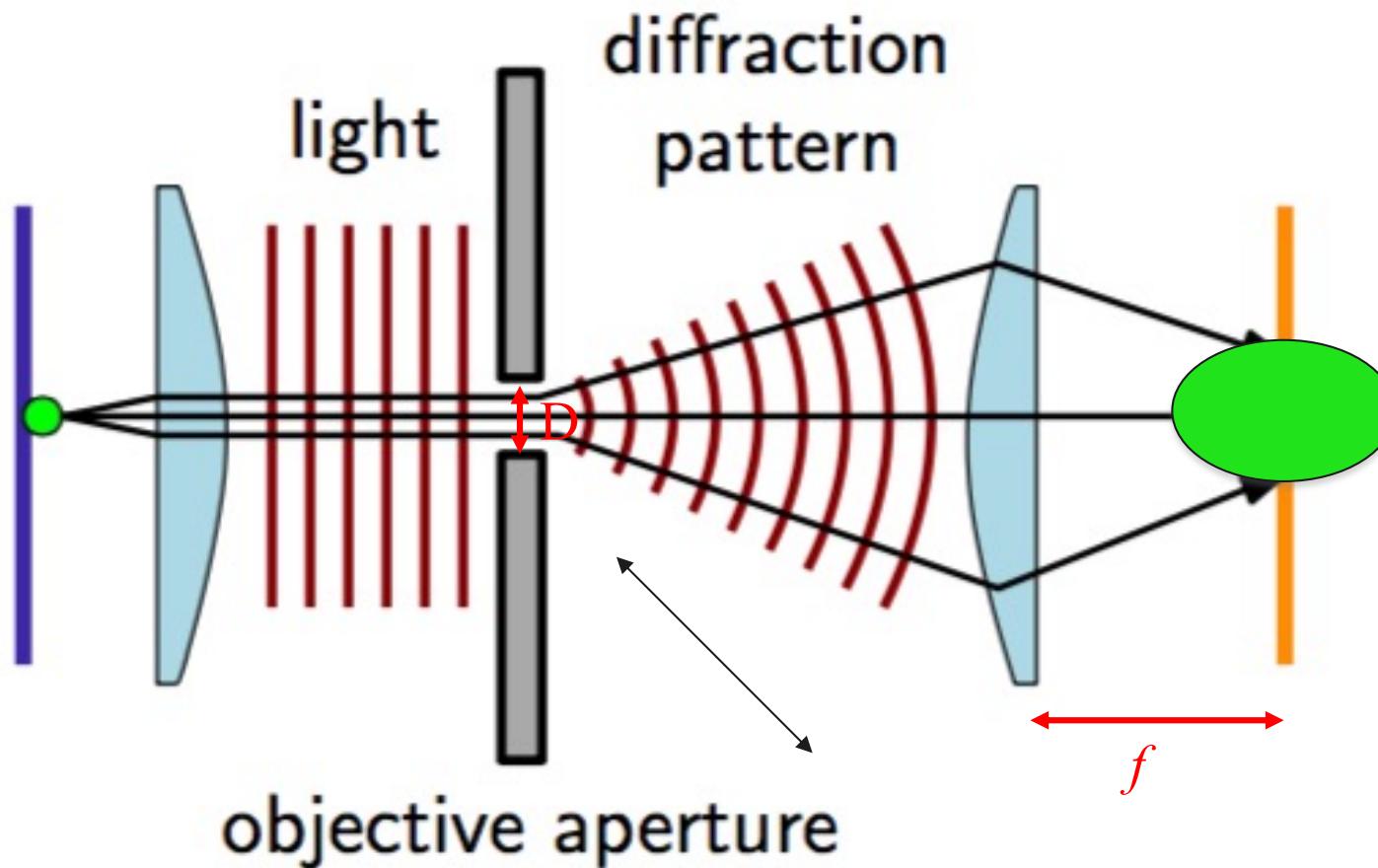
- ◆ Optical images have limited resolution due to diffraction limit
- ◆ Model the diffraction effect on images : blur is modeled by convolution
- ◆ Simple Model:
  - Convolution is linear
  - But difficult to inverse: ill-posed problem.

# Diffraction

The image of a point source is the Airy patch

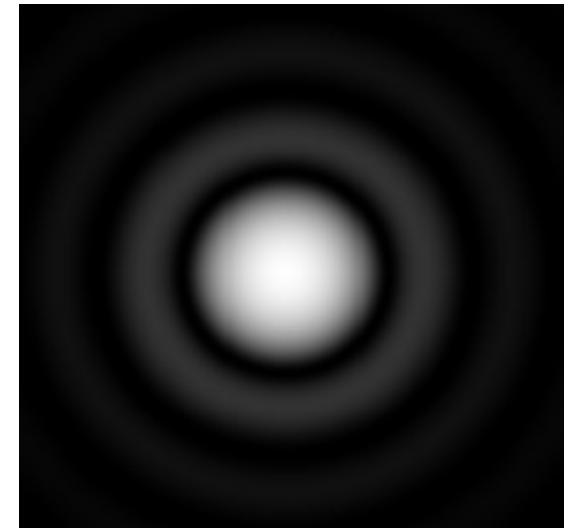


# Diffraction



## Optical system blurring : diffraction (continuing)

- ◆ Objective aperture  $D$ ,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength (in visible light  $\lambda=0.6\mu m$ ),  $f$  is the focal length
- ◆ The image of a point is the **Airy patch** → bright circular spot with attenuated annulus.

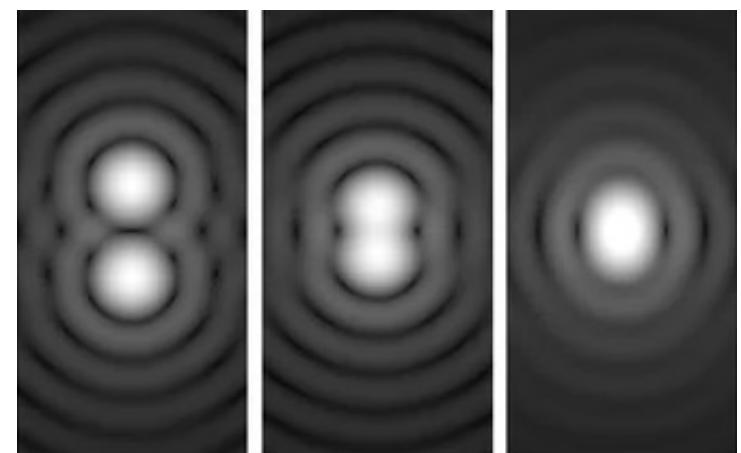


The radius of the Airy patch brings an idea of the dimension of the **smallest details** which can be view with an ideal optic.

The radius is given by

$$r_A = 1.22 \frac{\lambda f}{D}$$

It also gives information on the **resolution** of the image. If two points are closer than  $r$  they cannot be resolved.



- ◆ All image formation system is not perfect and introduces **blur** in the observed image.
- ◆ The degree of spreading (blurring) of a single point like (Sub Resolution) object is a measure for the quality of an optical system. The 2D or 3D blurry image of such a single point light source is called **the Point Spread Function (PSF)**.
- ◆ In general, the blurring is largely due to **diffraction** limited imaging by the instrument (in x,y directions)
- ◆ It could also be due to **out of focus**.
- ◆ The convolution is the mathematical model which explains the formation of an image that is degraded by blurring.

# Spatial Dispersion: IR or PSF<sup>12</sup>

We call **impulse response** (IR) or Point Spread Function (PSF), the imaging system response to a punctual intensity distribution (Dirac distribution). The PSF function is expressed in the continuous setting image coordinates. It is normalized and positive; It is usually denoted by  $h$  variable.

$$PSF \quad h : \Omega \subset R^2 \rightarrow R^+$$

$$x \rightarrow h(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Omega} h(x) dx = 1$$

In the most general case,  $h$  is depending on the position and the spatial intensity distribution of the scene.

This is the PSF: Point Spread Function

# Optical system blurring

- Diffraction is mathematically described by a convolution equation of the form

$$g_{x,y} = (h * u)_{x,y}$$

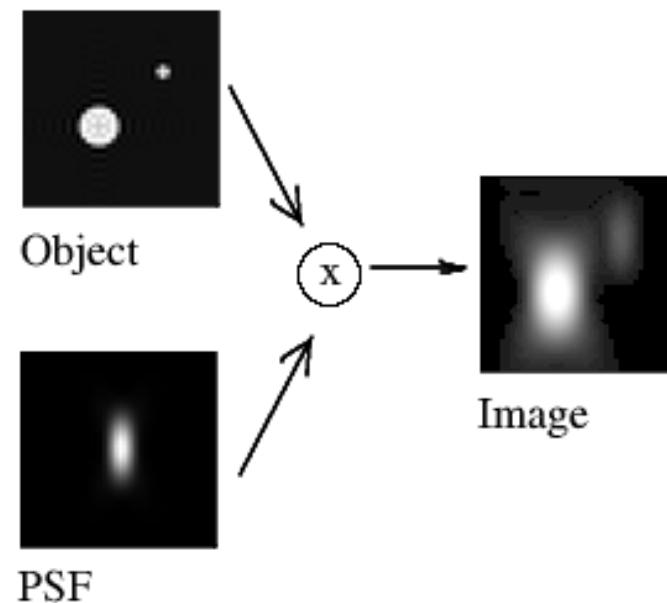
- where the image  $g$  arises from the convolution of the real light sources  $u$  (the specimen) and the PSF  $h$ . The convolution operator  $*$  implies an integral all over the space:

$$g_{x,y} = \int_{\Omega} h(x-s, y-t) u(s, t) ds dt$$

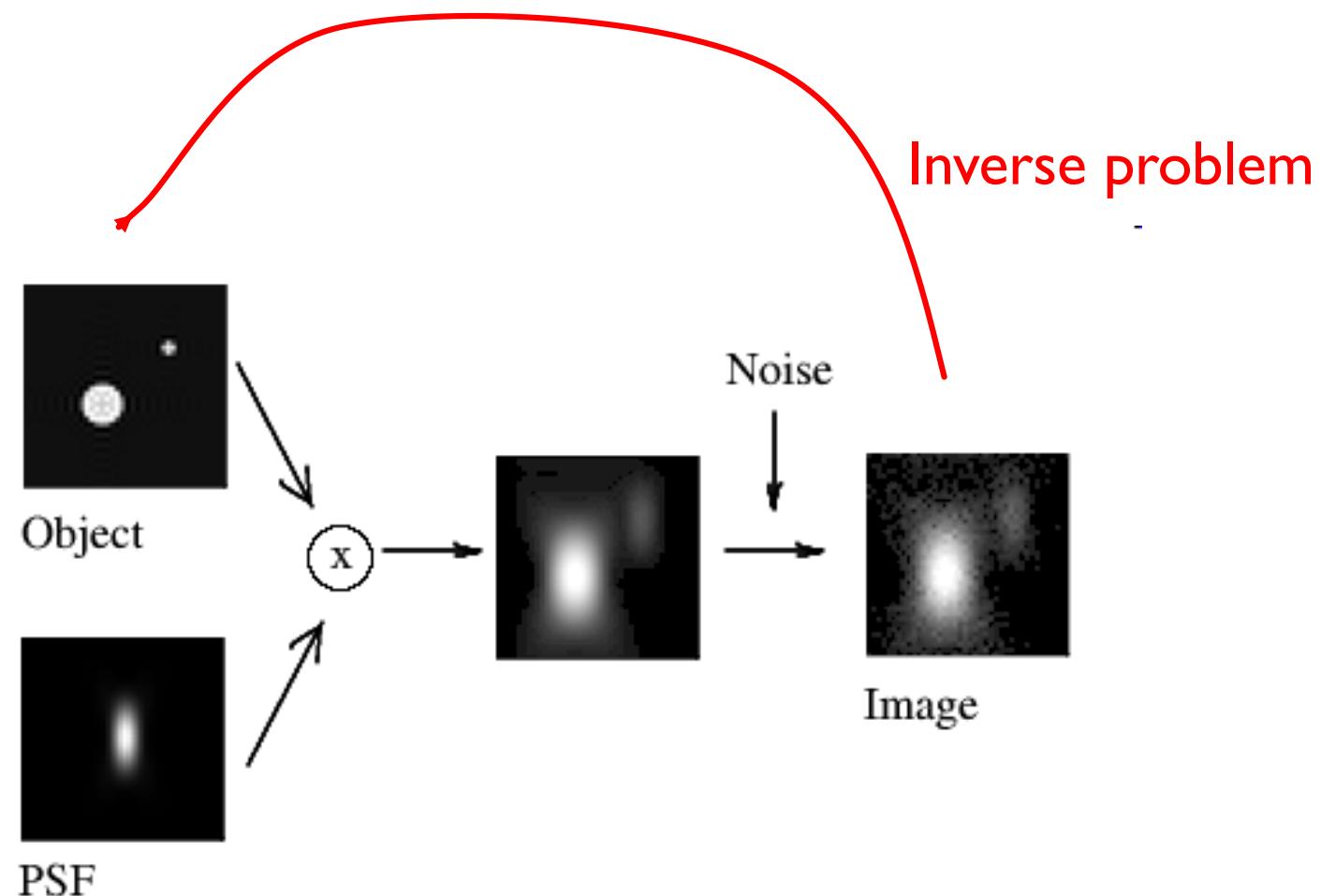
- **Interpretation** You can interpret the convolution equation as follows: the recorded intensity in a voxel located at point  $(x,y)$  of the image  $g$  arises from the contributions of all points of the specimen  $u$ , their real intensities weighted by the PSF  $h$  depending on the distance to the considered point.

## Optical system blurring

- The image formation model is a convolution btw the object and the PSF. It gives for example:



## Restoration : inversion of the image formation model (blur + noise)



# Notations, assumptions

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  Open bounded subset

Continuous variables:  $u(x)$

$u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$x \rightarrow u(x)$  Grey level at point  $x = (x_1, x_2)$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{N}^2$  Bounded subset of discrete points

Discrete variables : pixel i,j

$u_{i,j} = u(i\Delta x, j\Delta y), i, j = 0 \dots N$

$g$  :observed image, degraded from  $u$

# Discrete Fourier Transform (recall)

- ◆ let  $u$  be a discrete signal of finite support :

$$u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{N-1}$$

- ◆ Its Discrete Fourier Transform is

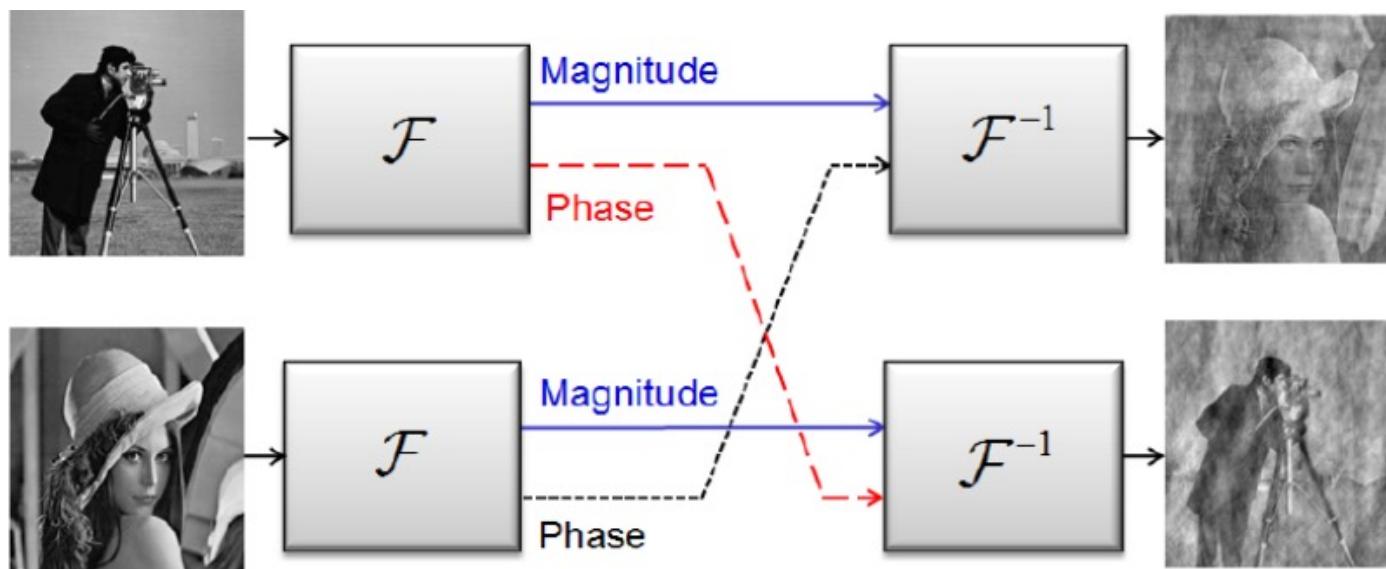
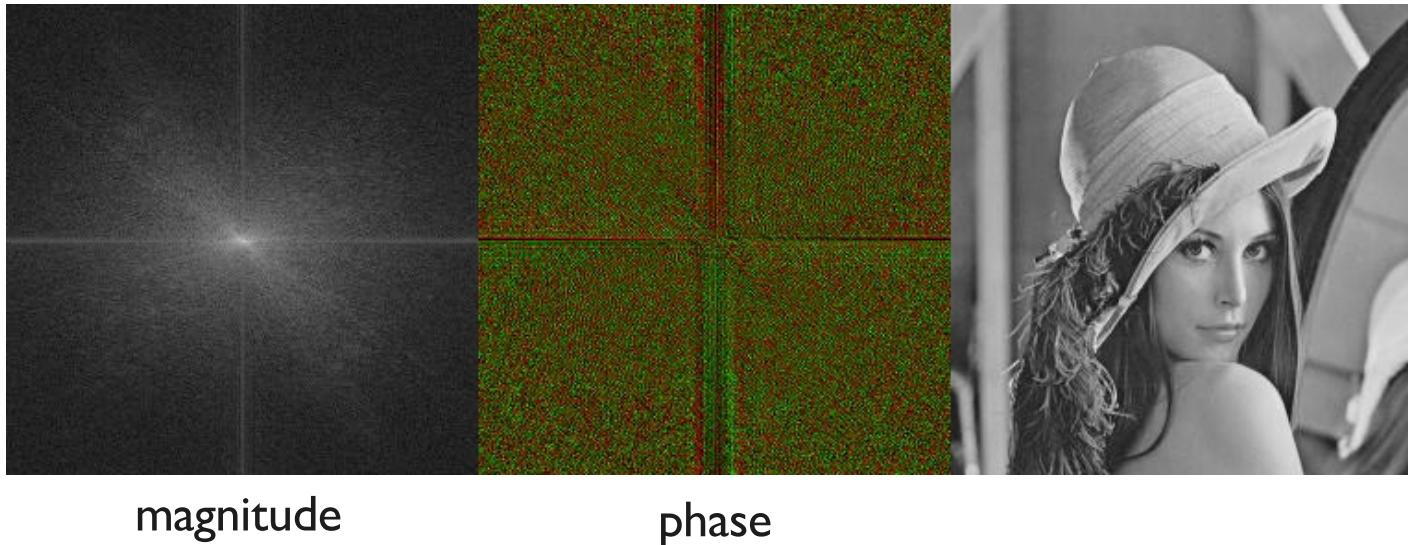
$$\hat{u}_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} u_n \exp\left(\frac{-2i\pi kn}{N}\right)$$

- ◆ The Inverse Discrete Fourier transform is

$$u_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{u}_k \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi kn}{N}\right)$$

- ◆ Fast algorithm : FFT

# Discrete Fourier Transform: magnitude/phase



## Continuous Fourier Transform (recall)

- Let  $u$  be a function from  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (for 2D images,  $d=2$ ). We assume that  $u \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)| dx < \infty$$

- The Fourier Transform ( $F$ ) of  $u \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , is the continuous function defined by

$$F(u) = \hat{u} \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d, \hat{u}(\zeta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) \exp(-i \langle \zeta, x \rangle) dx \quad (1)$$

where  $\langle \zeta, x \rangle$  is the standard real scalar product  $\langle \zeta, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d \zeta_i \cdot x_i$

$\hat{u}$  is continuous and  $\hat{u}(\zeta) \rightarrow 0$  when  $|\zeta| \rightarrow +\infty$

When  $\hat{u} \in L^1$ , we can retrieve the initial function  $u$  with the inverse Fourier transform

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(\zeta) \exp(i \langle \zeta, x \rangle) d\zeta \quad (2)$$

Equations (1) and (2) are written in the  $L^1$  sense, that is  $u$  (or  $\hat{u}$ ) equals a.e. the continuous function defined by the right-hand side term.

## Fourier Transform (recall)

- ◆ If  $u \in S$  where  $S$  is the Schwartz space of functions  $u \in C^\infty$  quickly decreasing that is  $x^\alpha \partial^\beta u(x) \rightarrow 0$  when  $|x| \rightarrow \infty \forall (\alpha, \beta) \in N^2$ , then  $\hat{u} \in S$  too.

The Fourier transform  $F : u \rightarrow \hat{u}$  is an isomorphism of  $S$  and can be continuously extended to an isomorphism on  $L^2$ .

- ◆ Parseval : 
$$\|u\|_2 = \|\hat{u}\|_2$$
- ◆ Some properties: let  $u$  and  $v$  two functions in  $S$ , we have

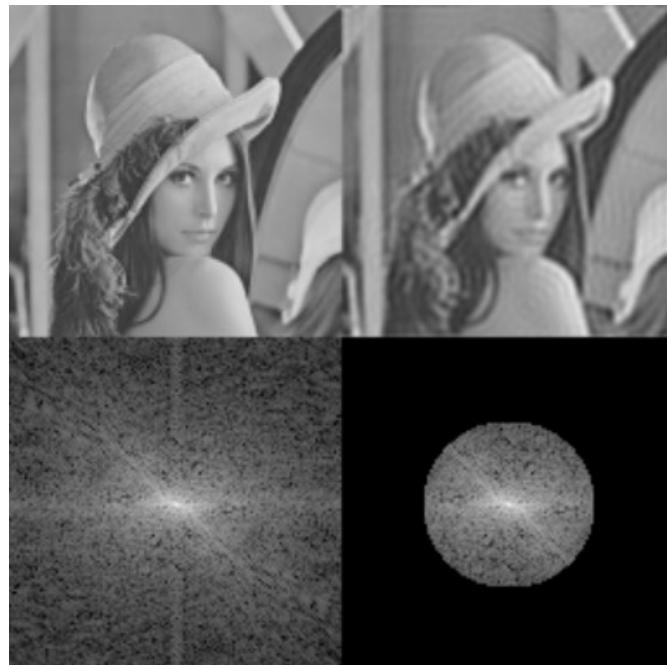
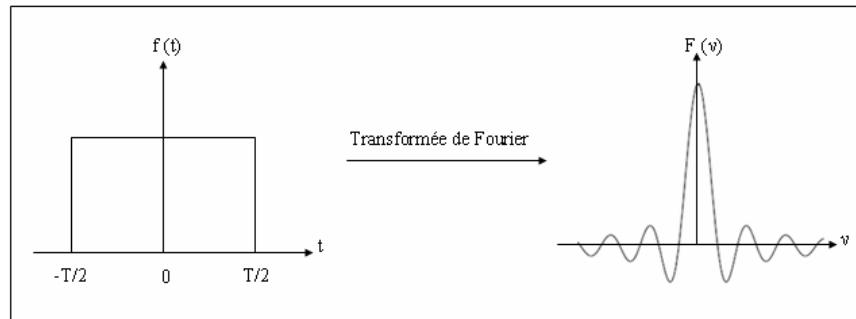
$$\widehat{u * v} = \hat{u} \cdot \hat{v} \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{u \cdot v} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \hat{u} * \hat{v} \quad (3)$$

NB : making the change of variable  $\zeta = 2\pi f$  we have:

$$u(x) = \int_{R^d} \hat{u}(f) \exp(2i\pi \langle f, x \rangle) df$$

and 
$$\widehat{u \cdot v} = \hat{u} * \hat{v}$$

# Fourier Transform and convolution



**spatial coordinates:  
convolution by a sinus cardinal**

**frequency coordinates:  
cut-off high frequencies**

# Spatial Dispersion: FTM

Under assumption of blur kernel is stationary and independent of the scene:

Blur = convolution

$$g(x, y) = (h * u)_{x,y} = \int_{\Omega} h(x - s, y - t)u(s, t)ds dt$$

In Fourier space

$$F(g)_{u,v} = F(h)_{u,v} \cdot F(u)_{u,v}$$

From the scene to the image on the sensor:

**Optical system, sensor integration**

# Discrete Convolution

- ◆ Let  $U$  a discrete signal (finite length)  $U(0)\dots U(N-1)$
- ◆ Let  $h$  be the discrete PSF

$$g(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(n)u(k-n) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(k-n)u(n)$$

- ◆ With centered PSF  $h(-K)\dots h(K)$  
$$g(n) = \sum_{k=-K}^K h(k)u(n-k)$$

- ◆ We have for the PSF 
$$\sum_{k=-K}^K h(k) = 1 \quad h(k) \geq 0 \quad \forall k$$

- ◆ Matrix/vector writing  $g = Hu$   
 $H$  is a band Toeplitz matrix if boundary conditions are zero  
 $H$  is a circulant matrix if boundary conditions are periodic.  
In the circulant case  $H$  can be diagonalized by DFT.

# Sensor

## ◆ Integration

- Each sensor is an integrator. If we have a matrix of sensors, each one is modeled by a rectangular cell of size  $p_x \times p_y$  : photosensible area, which are distributed in a grid  $p_{ex}, p_{ey}$ : pixel step size.

$$u_{k,l} = \int_{[-p_x, p_x] \times [-p_y, p_y]} u(kp_{ex} + x, lp_{ey} + y) dx dy$$

- It is also a convolution, the following PSF:

$$PSF_{int} = \sum_{k,l} 1_{[-p_x, p_x] \times [-p_y, p_y]} \delta_{kp_{ex}, lp_{ey}} \quad \text{et} \quad u_{k,l} = (PSF_{int} * u)(kp_{ex}, lp_{ey})$$

- Associated FTM is

$$(FTM_{int})_{u,v} = \frac{\sin\left(\pi u \frac{p_x}{p_{ex}}\right)}{\pi u \frac{p_x}{p_{ex}}} \frac{\sin\left(\pi u \frac{p_y}{p_{ey}}\right)}{\pi u \frac{p_y}{p_{ey}}}$$

# Spatial Dispersion

- ◆  $PSF$  is (at least)

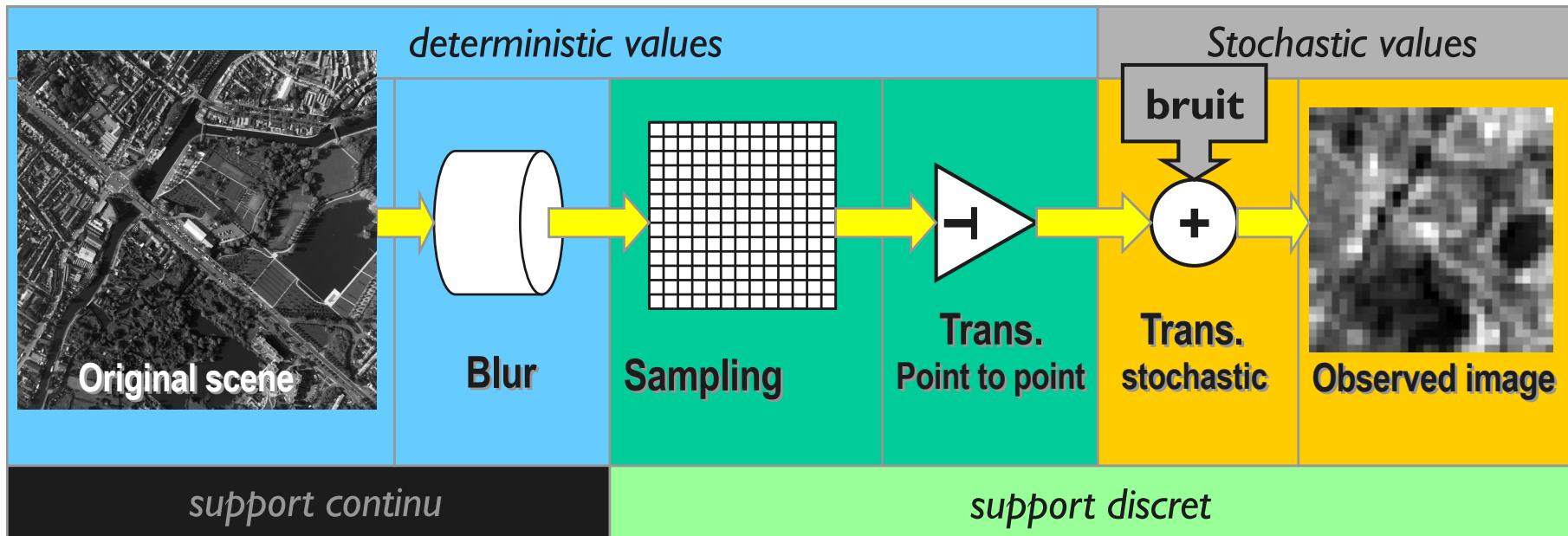
$$PSF = PSF_{optics} * PSF_{sensors}$$

Which corresponds to the  $FTM$

$$FTM = FTM_{optics} \cdot FTM_{sensor}$$

- ◆ We use simplified models with few parameters, and usually  $PSF$  is approximated by a Gaussian function.

# Observation model for satellite imaging



- ◆ Physical degradation (diffraction blur) is applied in the continuous setting, then the sensor integration makes the variables discrete. The true model is discrete/continuous:

$$g_{i,j} = (h_s * h_b * u)_{i,j} + n_{i,j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u: \Omega \subset R^2 &\rightarrow R & h_b: \Omega \subset R^2 &\rightarrow R \\ (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow u(x_1, x_2) && (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow u(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$h_s: \Omega \subset R^2 \rightarrow R$$

$$(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow h_s(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{k,l \in Z^2} \delta_{kp_{ex},lp_{ey}} \cdot 1_{[-p_x, p_x] \times [-p_y, p_y]}(x_1, x_2)$$

## Random sequences

- ◆ Let  $X$  be a **random sequence**. If  $X$  models an image it is a random field  $X = X_{i,j} \ i,j=1,\dots,N$  Each  $X_{i,j}$  is a random variable, which is characterized by its density probability, continuous or discrete, denoted  $p_X(x,i,j)$
- ◆ **Stationary assumption:** the density probability is the same for all pixels:  $p_X(x,i,j) = p_X(x)$  for all  $(i,j)$
- ◆ Under stationary assumption, the **mean** and the **variance** are given by

$$m_X = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} x \ p_X(x) dx$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} (x - m_X)^2 \ p_X(x) dx$$

# Random sequences (stationary assumption)

- ◆ The **correlation function** or autocorrelation needs the joint probability densities

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_X(k, l) &= E[X(i, j) X^*(i + k, j + l)] = \\
 &= \int_{x_1} \int_{x_2} x_1 x_2^* p_{XX}(x_1, x_2, k, l) dx_1 dx_2, \quad \forall i, j
 \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ The **covariance** or autocovariance is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_X(k, l) &= E\left[\left[X(i, j) - m_X\right] \left[X(i + k, j + l) - m_X\right]^*\right] \quad \forall i, j \\
 &= \int_{x_1 \in \mathbb{R}} \int_{x_2} [x_1 - m_X] [x_2 - m_X]^* p_X(x_1, x_2, k, l) dx_1 dx_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Let remark that  $\sigma_X^2 = C_X(0, 0)$

## Random sequences

- ◆ Ergodicity : allows to identify mathematical expectations (over sets) with infinite spatial means. For a stationary random sequence, it means that

$$R_X(k, l) = \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^N x(i+k, j+l) x^*(i, j)$$

We also have

$$m_X = \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=0}^N x(i, j)$$

# Random sequences

- ◆ Correlation matrix of a real signal  $X^T = (X_1, \dots, X_N)$   
 1D indexes, for 2D images, rank the 2D indexes in a 1D vector by lexicographic ordering (line by line)

$$E(X X^*) = \begin{pmatrix} E(X_1 X_1) & E(X_1 X_2) & \dots & E(X_1 X_N) \\ E(X_1 X_2) & E(X_2 X_2) & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ E(X_1 X_N) & & & E(X_N X_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆ In the stationary case:
- $$E(X X^T) = \begin{pmatrix} R_X(0) & R_X(1) & \dots & R_X(N-1) \\ R_X(1) & R_X(0) & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ R_X(N-1) & & & R_X(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

They are symmetric Toeplitz matrices

# Gaussian White Noise

- ◆ Let  $n$  be the noise. It is a multidimensional variable on a field of pixels  $(i,j) i,j=1, \dots N$ .
- ◆ If  $n$  is a white noise, the random variables  $n(i,j)$  are mutually independent, so uncorrelated variables. Then the autocorrelation matrix is diagonal. Moreover if we assume a stationary noise then the autocorrelation matrix written as

$$E(nn^t) = \sigma^2 Id_N$$

- ◆ If the noise is a white Gaussian noise with 0 mean, the joint density probabilities of all pixels is of Gaussian law  $N(0_N, \sigma^2 Id_N)$  given by

$$P_n(n) = \frac{1}{[2\pi]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sigma^n} \exp - \frac{(n)^t (n)}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{[2\pi]^{\frac{1}{2}} \sigma^n} \exp - \frac{\|n\|^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

# Noise

Several sources of noise

- ◆ **Quantum noise**: electron accumulation, photon count, Poisson statistic.
- ◆ **Thermal noise and acquisition noise**: Gaussian statistic.
- ◆ Quantification noise: uniform, small variance wrt other noise sources.
- ◆ Compression noise : colored, correlated, non stationary. Difficult to take into account, considered as Gaussian noise in first approximation
- ◆ Transmission noise : loss of bits... Difficult to take into account.

**Assumptions** (realistic) : independence of noises between themselves and independence between pixels (white noise) and stationarity of the distribution (same law in each pixel).

Poisson Noise + Gaussian Noise → approximation by white additive Gaussian noise with zero mean and variance which depends on the intensity  $u_{i,j}$  at pixel  $(i,j)$

$$P(n/u) = \prod_{i,j} \mathcal{N}_2(0, (A + Bu_{i,j})Id)$$

Noise with stationary law and non stationary variance.

At high count rate (real optical scene, long time exposure), Poisson law tends to Gaussian law. The noise is then white Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 Id)$

## Gaussian noise assumption

The noise is additive :  $g=h^*u+n$

In each pixel  $i$ ,  $n_i$  is a random variable with a **Gaussian distribution** :

$$P(n_i = \alpha_i) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp - \frac{\alpha_i^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The random variable  $N^3$ -dimensionnel  $n=(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{N^3})$  has a Gaussian distribution with zero mean parameter and variance  $\sigma^2$  with **independence** between pixels:

$$P(n_1 = \alpha_1, n_2 = \alpha_2, \dots, n_{N^3} = \alpha_{N^3}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N^3} P(n_i = \alpha_i)$$

$$P(n_1 = \alpha_1, n_2 = \alpha_2, \dots, n_{N^3} = \alpha_{N^3}) = \frac{1}{Z'} \exp - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N^3} \alpha_i^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{Z'} \exp - \frac{\|\alpha\|^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

## Gaussian noise assumption

With the model  $g = h * u + n$  the probability of observing  $g$  if I know that  $u$  is the result of the convolution of  $h$  with the specimen  $u$  is the likelihood:

$$P(g / (h * u)) = P(g - (h * u) = n / (h * u)) = P(g - (h * u) = n)$$

$$P(g / (h * u)) = \frac{1}{Z'} \exp - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N^3} [(h * u)_i - g_i]^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{Z'} \exp - \frac{\|g - h * u\|^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The **Maximum Likelihood** estimator of  $u$  is  $\max_u P(g / (h * u))$

Which is equivalent to  $\min_u \|g - h * u\|^2$

## Poisson density

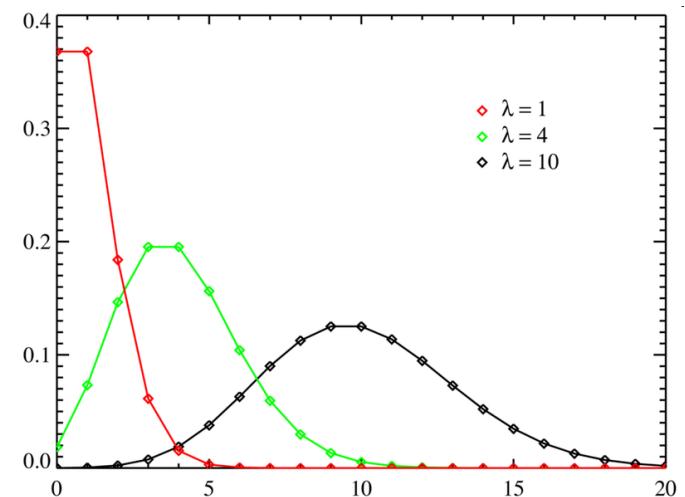
The scalar random variable  $Y$  has a Poisson distribution with  $\lambda$  parameter

$$Y \propto P(\lambda) \Leftrightarrow P(Y = y / \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}$$

This models the photon shot noise, which is a count measure, modeled by Poisson law.

The  $\lambda$  parameter is the mean and the variance.

For high count (high  $\lambda$  parameter), the Poisson law is well approximated by a Gaussian law



# Image observation model (Poisson noise)

Simulated 3D object (128x128x64)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Observed image} \\
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Simulated 3D object (128x128x64)} & = & \mathcal{P}( \\
 \text{Unknown true object} & * & \text{(Un)known Point Spread Function} \\
 g & = & \mathcal{P}( u * h )
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

The diagram illustrates the image observation model. It shows the decomposition of a simulated 3D object into its unknown true object, an unknown point spread function, and Poisson noise. The observed image is the product of the true object and the point spread function, followed by the application of the Poisson noise operator  $\mathcal{P}$ .

- The image is **blurred**: the degradation is given by the Point Spread Function  $h$ .
  - The image is **noisy**: the noise is usually photon noise, a term that refers to the inherent natural variation of the incident photon flux.
- Restoration **Goal**: Given the observation  $i$ , recover the object  $o$

## Poisson density

The random variable  $Y$  has a Poisson distribution with  $\lambda$  parameter which models the photon count noise :

$$Y \propto P(\alpha) \Leftrightarrow P(Y = y / \alpha) = \frac{\alpha^y e^{-\alpha}}{y!}$$

Writing  $g = \mathcal{P}(u * h)$  means that  $g$  has a Poisson distribution with parameter  $u * h$ . More precisely, in each pixel  $i$ ,  $g_i$  has a Poisson distribution with parameter  $(u * h)_i$

$$P(g_i / [u * h]_i) = \frac{[h * u]_i^{g_i} e^{-[h * u]_i}}{g_i !}$$

## Poisson noise assumption

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In the Poisson noise case, due to independence between pixels:

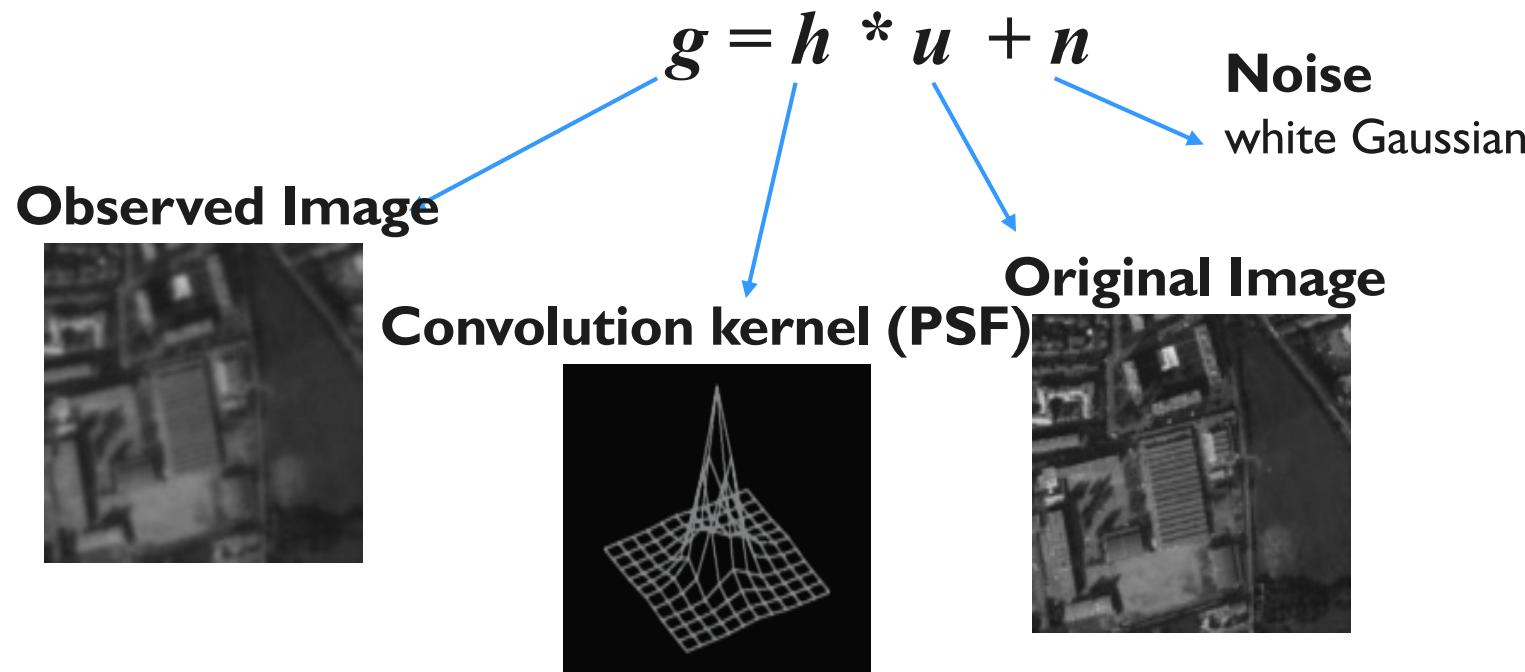
$$P(g / u, h) = \prod_i \frac{[h * u]_i^{g_i} e^{-[h * u]_i}}{g_i!}$$

Which is equivalent to the minimization problem of  
 $- \log(P(g/u, h))$

$$\min_u \sum_i [(h * u)_i - g_i \cdot \log(h * u)_i]$$

# Observation model: Gaussian noise case <sup>39</sup>

Observed images are degraded :



- Restoration : retrieve  $u$  from  $g$
- Inverse  $g = h * u + n$  is an **ill posed problem**

# Image Restoration

- ◆ Retrieve  $u$ , from the observed image  $g = Hu + n$
- ◆ We assume that
  - Operator  $H$  is known,
  - Statistics (pdf, mean, standard deviation...) of the noise  $n$  are known
- ◆ Restoration = deconvolution problem.
- ◆ if  $H=id$  : denoising
- ◆ What is the difficulty of this inverse problem?

# Difficulty of the inversion

- ◆ Assume that we are in the **discrete setting**, and that  $u$  have  $N$  points and  $u_0$  have  $M$  points.
  - if  $M > N$  we observe more points than the number of point we want to compute. The problem is over-determinate. The equations can be compatible or not. In any cases, select  $N$  equations among  $M$  or compute the least solution:

$$\underset{u}{\text{Min}} \left\| Hu - g \right\|^2$$

- If  $M < N$  we observe less points than the number of point we want to compute. The problem is under-determinate. Add constraints on the solution to select one solution among the set of solution.
- If  $M = N$  the  $H$  matrix is square ( $N \times N$ ). Then  $H$  can be invertible or not. If it is not invertible, with almost one null singular value, then the problem is again under-determinate. Add constraints on the solution to select one solution among the set of solution.

# Difficulty of the inversion

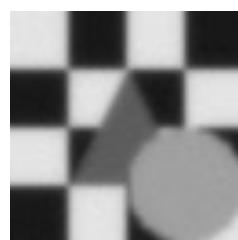
- ◆ Assume the matrix  $H$  is square ( $M=N$ ) and invertible. Then we can compute

$$H^{-1}g = H^{-1}(Hu + n)$$

which gives the **inverse** solution

$$\hat{u} = u + H^{-1}n$$

Example



Blurred and noisy image  $u_0$

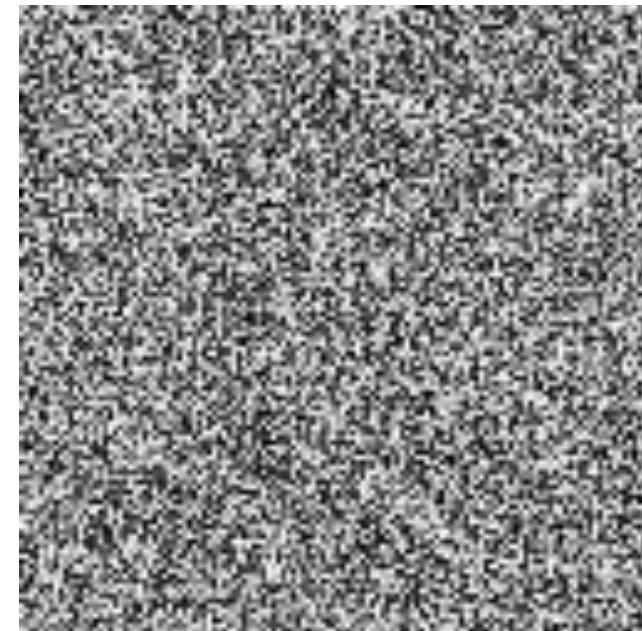
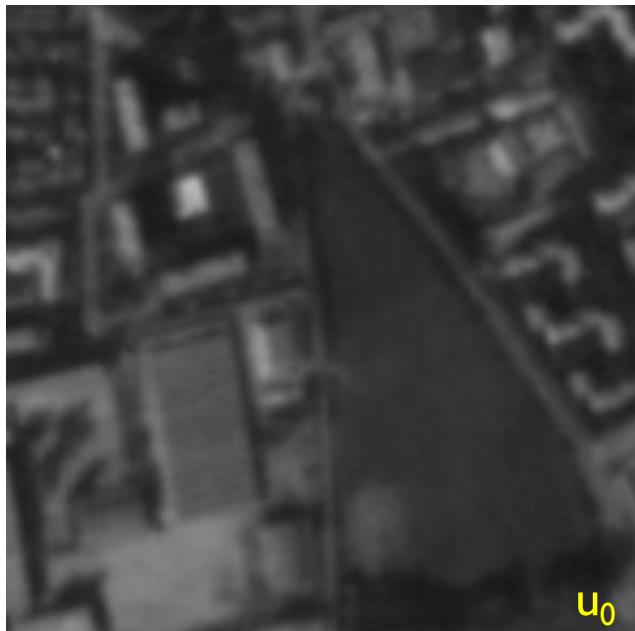


Inverse solution



Original image

# Inversion



Blurred and noisy image. Image given the space french agency which simulate the optics of the french satelitte SPOT5.  
Resolution 2,5m.  
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Inverse solution

# Inverse solution

- ◆ We have assumed that  $H$  is invertible in the **mathematical sense**, which means that the solution of an equation

$$\nu = Hu$$

- Exists
- Is unique

- ◆ We need one condition more to obtain an acceptable solution: the **stability** of the solution wrt the data, which means that  $u$  depends continuously on  $\nu$ , that is

for any sequence  $u_n$  such that  $Hu_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} Hu$

Then  $u_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} u$

# Well-posed problem

Hadamard 1923

Consider the equation

$$v = Hu \quad (1)$$

where  $u$  and  $v : \Omega \subset R^2 \rightarrow R$  and  $H : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$

The inverse problem consists in finding  $u$  from a given  $v$ . This inverse problem is well-posed if the three following conditions are satisfied:

- ◆ **Existence:** for any  $v$ , we can find a  $u$  such that (1) is satisfied,
- ◆ **Uniqueness:** the solution  $u$  is unique,
- ◆ **Stability:** for any sequence  $u_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} Hu_n = Hu$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = u$

# Deconvolution: an ill-posed problem

- ◆ Convolution:  $h(x,y) = h(y-x)$

- ◆ Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma

If  $h \in L^2(\Omega)$  then it can be shown that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\Omega} h(y) \sin(\alpha y) dy = 0$$

Then we have  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\Omega} h(x-y) [u(y) + \sin(\alpha y)] dy = v(x)$

Any high frequency signal added to  $u$  leaves the integral unchanged.

The continuous problem is per se ill-posed.

# Fourier analysis

- ◆ Back to the discrete problem.
- ◆ Circular discrete convolution (convolution with periodic boundary conditions) is a simple product in the Fourier plane.

$$(g)_{i,j} = (h * u)_{i,j} + (n)_{i,j}$$

$$\rightarrow F(g)_{k,l} = F(h)_{k,l} \cdot F(u)_{k,l} + F(n)_{k,l}$$

- ◆ Matrix-vector form: under periodic boundary conditions, the matrix  $H$  is circular block circular, so eigen vectors are the basis vectors of the 2D Fourier transform

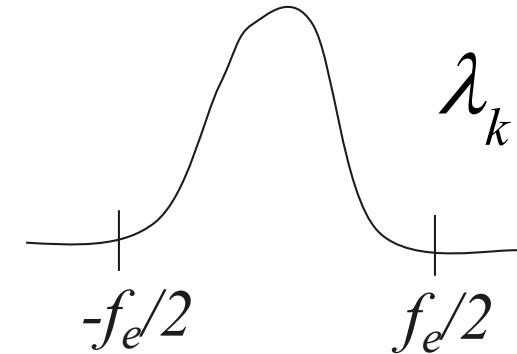
$$g = Hu + n$$

$$\rightarrow F(g) = \text{diag}\{\lambda_{k,l}\} \cdot F(u) + F(n)$$

- ◆ The eigen values  $\lambda_{k,l}$  are the coefficients of the 2D Fourier transform of the kernel  $h$ . So it is the MTF.

# Fourier Analysis

- ◆ As  $h$  models a low frequency filter (blur), then the eigen values  $\lambda_{k,l}$  of  $H$  matrix corresponding to high frequencies are small, may be zero.
- ◆ The PSF corresponding to blur attenuate high frequencies of the image (think to the Gaussian blur model)
- ◆ We want to inverse  $F(u_0) = \text{diag}\{\lambda_{k,l}\} \cdot F(u) + F(n)$
- ◆ If  $\exists (k,l), \lambda_{k,l} = 0$ , the problem in  $F(u)$  has an infinity of solutions
- ◆ If  $\forall (k,l), \lambda_{k,l} \neq 0$ , the problem in  $F(u)$  has a unique solution, but unstable.



$$F(u)_{k,l} = \frac{F(g)_{k,l}}{\lambda_{k,l}} + \frac{F(n)_{k,l}}{\lambda_{k,l}}$$

# Matrix Conditioning

- ◆ Let consider the matrix vector equation  $v=Hu$
- ◆ Existence and uniqueness are ensured as soon as  $H$  is a square non singular matrix.
- ◆ Stability is measured by the condition number of the matrix.
- ◆ Definition : the condition number is defined, when  $H$  is regular, by

$$\text{Cond}(H) = \|H\| \cdot \|H^{-1}\|$$

where  $\|H\|$  is the matrix norm induced by the vector norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\|H\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \left\{ \frac{\|Hx\|}{\|x\|} \right\}$

- ◆ Properties

$$\text{Cond}(H) \geq 1,$$

$$\text{Cond}(H) = \text{Cond}(H^{-1}),$$

$$\text{Cond}(I) = 1,$$

$$\text{Cond}(\lambda H) = \text{Cond}(H) \quad \text{for } \lambda \neq 0,$$

with the Euclidian norm,  $\text{Cond}(H) = \frac{\mu_{\max}}{\mu_{\min}}$   $\mu_i$  : singular values of  $H$

if  $H$  is normal  $\text{Cond}(H) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}}{\lambda_{\min}}$   $\lambda_i$  : eigen values of  $H$

# What $Cond(H)$ measures?

- Let consider the matrix vector equation  $v = Hu$ , and let  $\delta v$  be a perturbation on  $v$ .  $\delta v$  leads to a perturbation  $\delta u$  in  $u$  such that

$$v + \delta v = H(u + \delta u)$$

We have  $\delta v = H\delta u$  so  $\delta u = H^{-1}\delta v$  and we can deduce

$$\|\delta u\| \leq \|H^{-1}\| \cdot \|\delta v\|$$

But we also have  $\|v\| \leq \|H\| \cdot \|u\|$ . Then for non null vectors  $u, v$  we have

$$\frac{\|\delta u\|}{\|u\|} \leq \|H\| \cdot \|H^{-1}\| \frac{\|\delta v\|}{\|v\|}$$

also written as

$$\frac{\|\delta u\|}{\|u\|} \leq Cond(H) \frac{\|\delta v\|}{\|v\|}$$

Then a small condition number (near 1) will ensure stability because a small relative perturbation on the observed data  $v$  will produce a small relative perturbation on the solution  $u$

# Least square solution

- ◆ The least square solution is given by the resolution of the optimisation problem

$$\inf_{u \in L^2(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} |g - Hu|^2 dx$$

If the operator  $H$  is such that  $\text{Ker}(H) = \{0\}$ , then it exists a unique solution, given by the Euler equation

$$\begin{cases} H^*(Hu - g) = 0 & H \text{ is a linear operator,} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 & H^* \text{ is its adjoint} \end{cases}$$

The solution can be computed by solving the associated dynamical system, where  $u$  is now depending on time  $t$  (equivalent to gradient descent with fixed iteration step)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = H^*(g - Hu) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial N} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad u(x, t=0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

- ◆ Of course if the inverse solution is unstable, so is the least square solution.

# Least square solution

- ◆ In discrete variables:  $\underset{u}{\text{Min}} \left\| Hu - g \right\|^2 = \underset{u}{\text{Min}} \sum_{i,j=1}^N (Hu - g)_{i,j}^2$

If the matrix  $H$  has non null singular values then the problem has a unique solution, given by the resolution of the linear system

$$(Hu - g) = 0 \quad \text{and the solution is} \quad \hat{u} = (H^* H)^{-1} H^* g$$

- ◆ Boundary conditions are included in the construction of the matrix  $H$
- ◆ Of course if  $H$  is ill-conditioned, so is  $H^* H$
- ◆ In the frequency domain,  $MTF$  is the Modulation Transfer Function  $MTF = F(h)$  if  $H$  admits an inverse then it has non null eigen values, so  $(MTF)_{k,l} \neq 0$ , and the least square solution is given by

$$F(\hat{u}) = \frac{MTF^*}{|MTF|^2} F(g)$$

# Least square solution



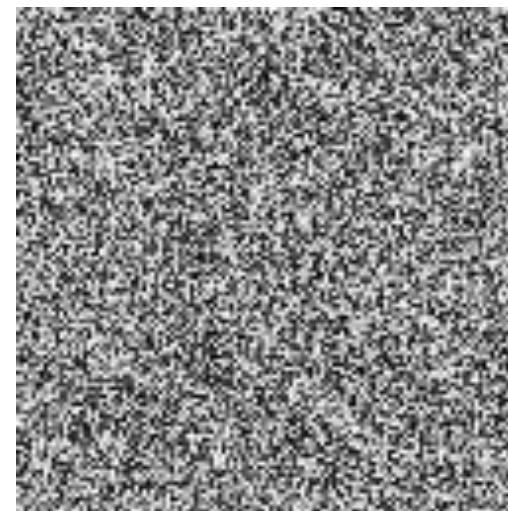
Blurred and noisy image  $u_0$



Least square  
solution



Original image



# Regularisation of ill-posed inverse problems

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- ◆ Principle :

- do not try to inverse  $H$  but search for a solution in a set of **admissible** solutions:

$$\left\{ u \mid \frac{1}{N^2} \|g - Hu\|^2 \leq \sigma^2 \right\}$$

Where  $N^2$  is the number of discrete points and  $\sigma^2$  the variance of the Gaussian noise

- ◆ Reduce this set of solutions by introducing **constraints**. The goal is to obtain the stability of the inversion i.e a solution close to the ideal solution.
- ◆ Basic methods of regularisation are

- TSVD « Truncated Singular Value Decomposition
- stopping iterative inversion methods
- projection on constraints (positivity...)
- a priori model introduction

# Tikhonov Regularisation

- ◆ Search for a solution in the set of **admissible** solutions (continuous setting):

$$\left\{ u / \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} (g - Hu)^2 dx \leq \sigma^2 \right\}$$

- ◆ Reduce this set by introducing a constraint in order to obtain a regular solution
- $$\underset{u}{\operatorname{Min}} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx$$

- ◆  $\nabla u$  is the gradient of  $u$ :  $\nabla u(x) = (u_{x_1}(x), u_{x_2}(x))$
- ◆ Solution can be computed by minimizing a penalized criterion

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} |g - Hu|^2 dx + \lambda \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx$$

**Data term**

**Regularisation term**

- ◆  $\lambda$  is the regularisation parameter, which compounds the influence between the two terms.

# Euler-Lagrange Equation

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} [(g - Hu)(x)]^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x)|^2 dx$$

$J$  is convex, the infimum exists (if  $\text{Ker}\{H\}$  does not contain constant images) and satisfies  $J'(u) = 0$

Calculus of  $J'(u)$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J(u + \varepsilon v) - J(u)}{\varepsilon} = \langle J'(u), v \rangle$$

For the second term of  $J$ , we use the Green formula (integration by part):

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle dx = - \int_{\Omega} v \Delta u dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} v \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds$$

# Equation d' Euler-Lagrange

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} [(g - Hu)(x)]^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x)|^2 dx$$

$J$  est convexe, l'infimum existe et vérifie  $J'(u) = 0$

soit

$$\begin{cases} H^*(Hu - g) - \lambda \Delta u = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H : X \rightarrow X$$

$$u \rightarrow Hu = h^* u$$

$$H^* : X \rightarrow X$$

$$u \rightarrow H^* u = h^* * u \quad \text{où } h^*(x) = \bar{h}(-x)$$

# Regularisation (Tikhonov)

- ◆ If  $H$  does not annihilate the constants then the minimization problem has a unique solution in  $H^l(\Omega)$ , which is computed by solving the Euler equation

$$\begin{cases} H^*(Hu - g) - \lambda \Delta u = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta$  is the laplacian of  $u$ :  $\Delta u = u_{x_1 x_1} + u_{x_2 x_2}$

◆ Dynamical scheme;  $u(i,j,t)$        $\rightarrow$        $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = H^*(g - Hu) + \lambda \Delta u \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$

- ◆ Isotropic diffusion (Laplacian, heat equation)
- ◆ Linear regularisation, stationnary process, edges of images are not reconstructed.
- ◆  $\sim$  Wiener filter

$$\hat{u} = (H^*H - R_{uu}^{-1}R_{nn})^{-1} H^* u_0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \hat{u} = (H^*H - \lambda \Delta)^{-1} H^* g$$

# Result



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Blurred and noisy image  
(@CNES, simulation  
SPOT5)

Restored image



# Minimisation of regularized criterion

$$\min_{u \in X \cap X_J} \|g - Hu\|_q^q + J(u)$$

Data term

Norm or semi-norm in  
a regularizing space

- What are the right regularizing spaces adapted to the images?
- What is the right data term?
- Existence, uniqueness of a solution ?
- Minimization algorithm?
- Evaluation of the numerical results ?

# Linear/non linear regularization

- $l_2$  Regularisation smooth contours

$$\|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\nabla u\|_2^2$$

- ◆ Non linear Regularization

- $l_2/l_1$  Regularisation

$$\|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \int_{\Omega} \varphi(|\nabla u|) dx$$

- Regularisation by Total Variation

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- ◆ Regularization by wavelet transform (WT) ?

- Regularisation in the wavelet domain

$$\|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{i,j=1}^M |\langle u, \psi_{i,j} \rangle|$$

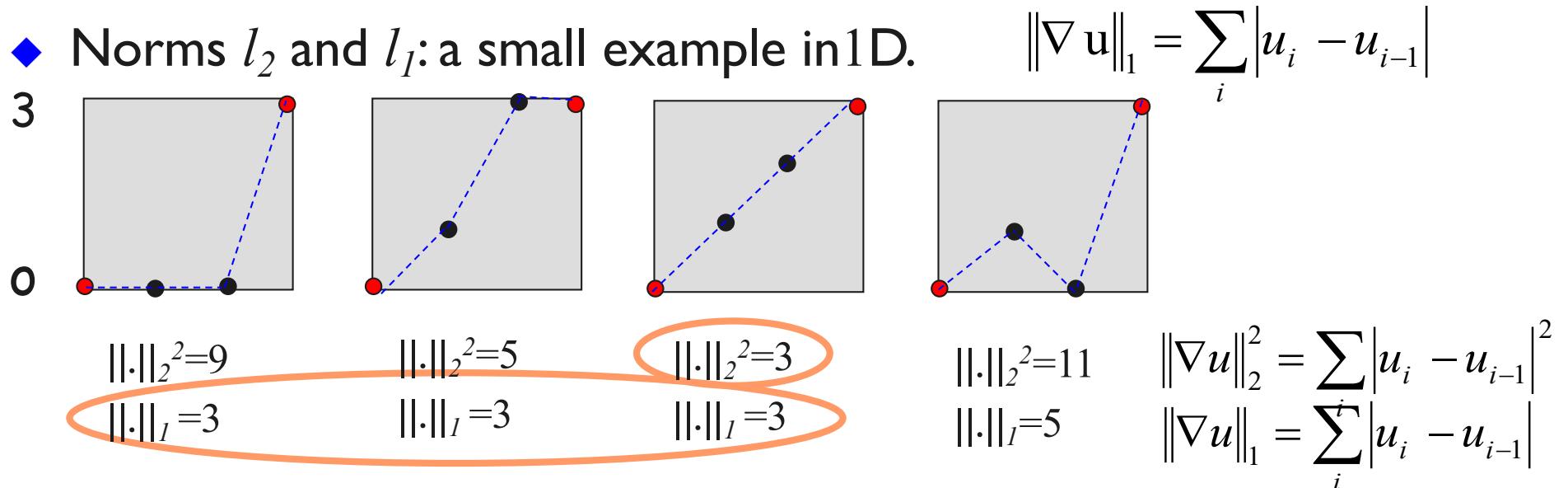
- Regularization in a dictionary of waveforms

# Norm $l^1$ and $l^2$

- ◆ Reduce the weight of high gradients in the minimization process. In discrete variables:
  - replace  $l_2$  norm by  $l_1$  norm

$$E(u) = \|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\nabla u\|_1$$

$$\|\nabla u\|_1 = \sum_{i,j} |\nabla u|_{i,j} \quad \text{avec} \quad |\nabla u|_{i,j} = \sqrt{(u_{i,j} - u_{i-1,j})^2 + (u_{i,j} - u_{i,j-1})^2}$$



# $l_1$ Minimisation Total Variation

- ◆ Criterion to minimize is

$$J(u) = \|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \|\nabla u\|_1$$

- ◆ Considering the  $l_1$  norm rather the  $l_2$  norm as for Tikhonov
- ◆ *Total Variation (TV)* regularization is very well-known and used in image processing.

$$\|\nabla u\|_1 = \sum_{i,j} \left| (\nabla u)_{i,j} \right|$$

# $l_1$ Regularization

- ◆ Algorithm in the discrete setting : search for  $u$  minimizing  $J(u)$

$$J(u) = \|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\nabla u\|_1 = \sum_{i,j} (g_{i,j} - (Hu)_{i,j})^2 + \lambda \sum_{i,j} |(\nabla u)_{i,j}|$$

$$(\nabla u)_{i,j} = ((\nabla u)_{i,j}^1, (\nabla u)_{i,j}^2)$$
$$(\nabla u)_{i,j}^1 = \begin{cases} u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j} & \text{si } i < N \\ 0 & \text{si } i = N \end{cases}$$
$$(\nabla u)_{i,j}^2 = \begin{cases} u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} & \text{si } j < N \\ 0 & \text{si } j = N \end{cases}$$

# Discrete variables

- ◆ Discrete recommended modulus

$$|\nabla u|_{i,j} = \sqrt{(u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j})^2 + (u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j})^2}$$

- ◆ Difficulty: no differentiability in 0
- ◆ Formally the Euler is

$$H^*(Hu - g) - \lambda^2 \operatorname{div}\left(\frac{1}{|\nabla u|} \nabla u\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0$$

- ◆ Anisotropic diffusion

# Algorithms

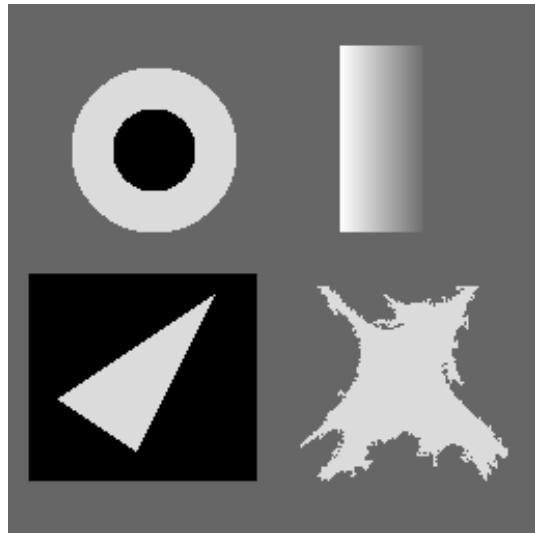
- ◆ Non-smooth convex optimization: a lot of algorithms proposed these last few years.
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  - Projection methods, proximal algorithms [*Combettes-Wajs Multiscale Modeling & Simulation 2005*]
  - Primal-Dual [*Chambolle-Pock Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision 2011*]
  - Interior Point method [*Boyd-Vandenberghe. Cambridge university press, 2004*]
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A good review in <https://arxiv.org/abs/1412.4237>

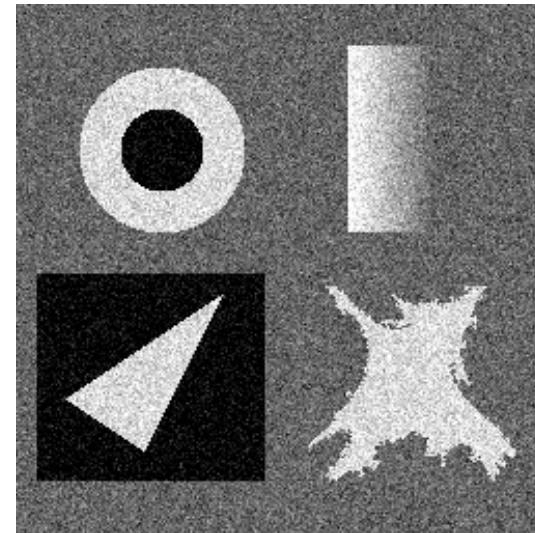
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# Example

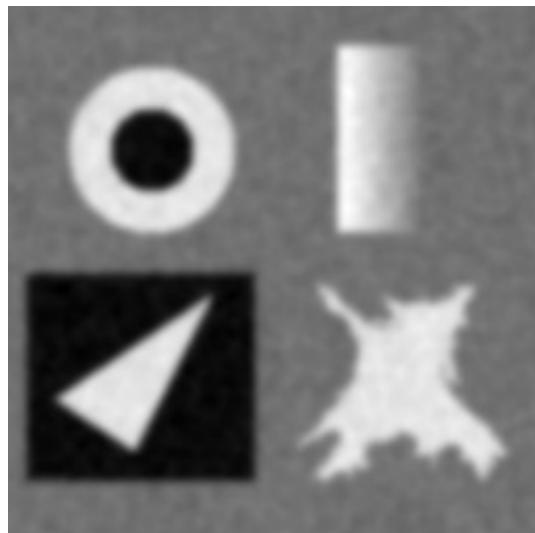
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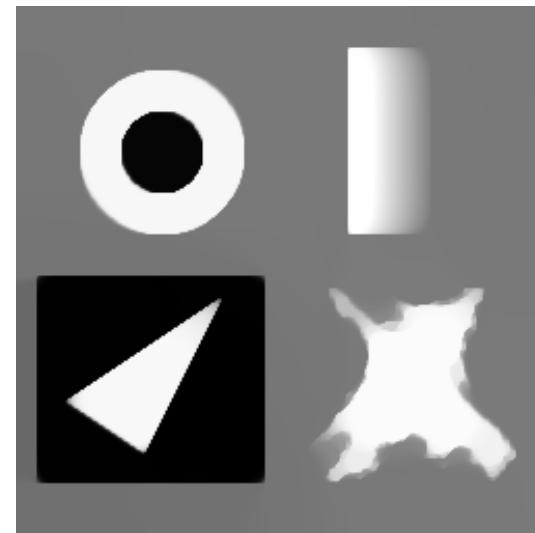
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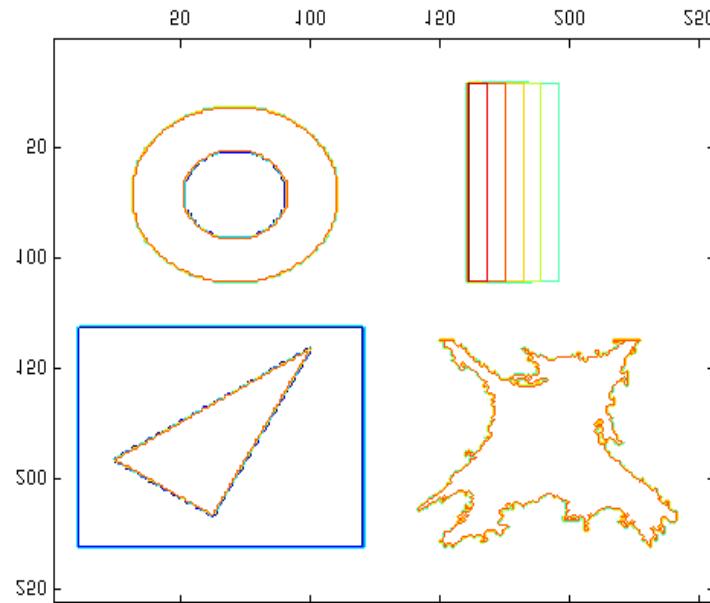
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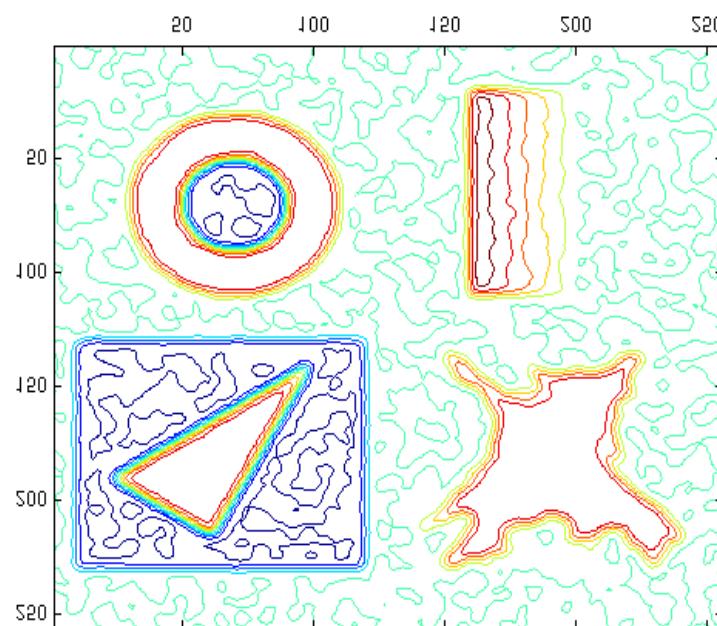
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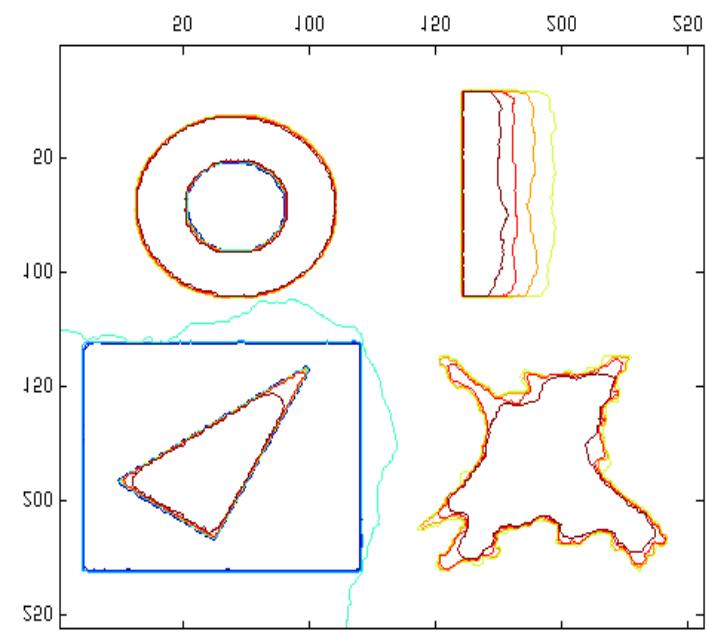
# Level lines



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regularisation  $l_2$



regularisation  $l_1$

# Other regularization

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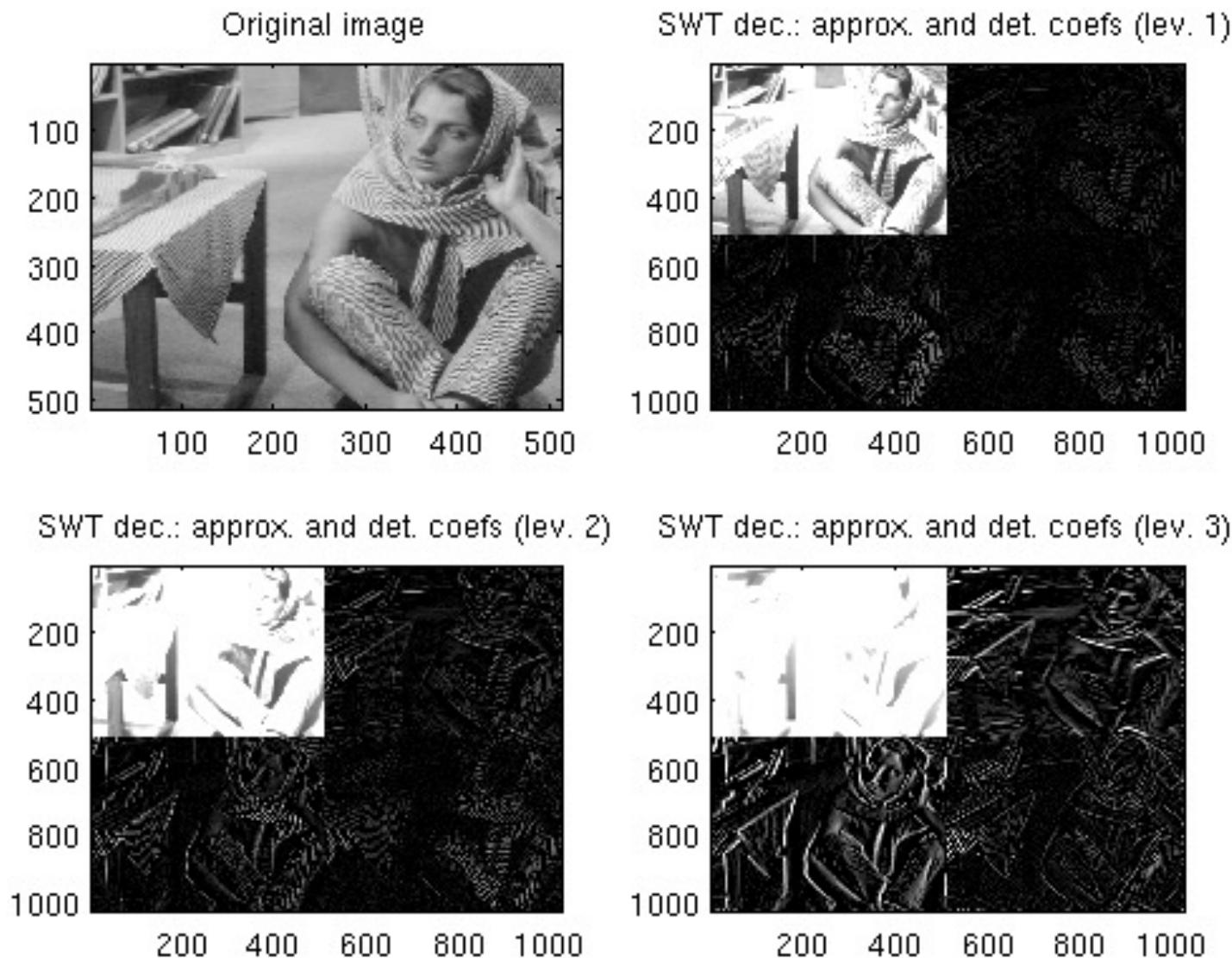
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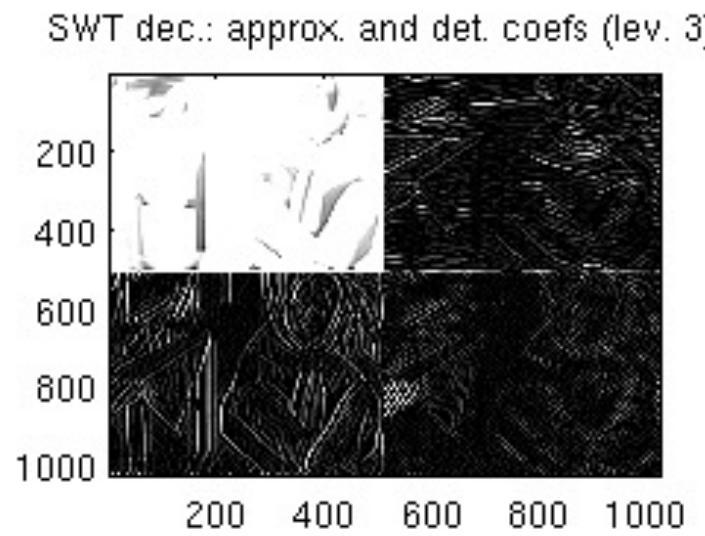
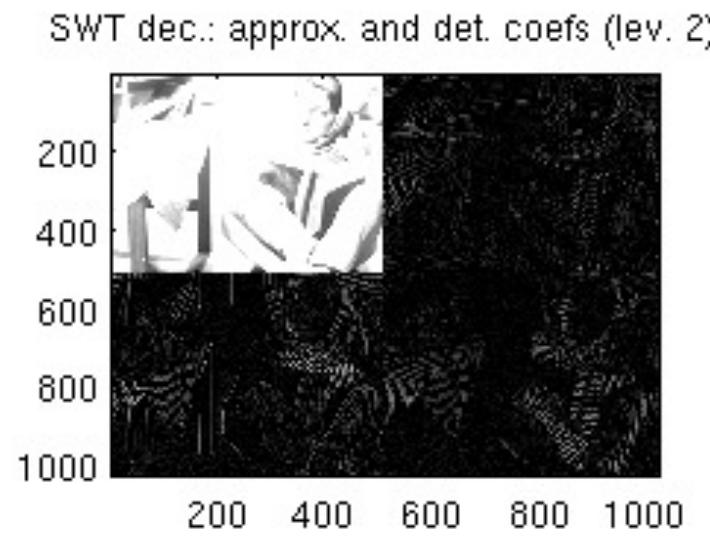
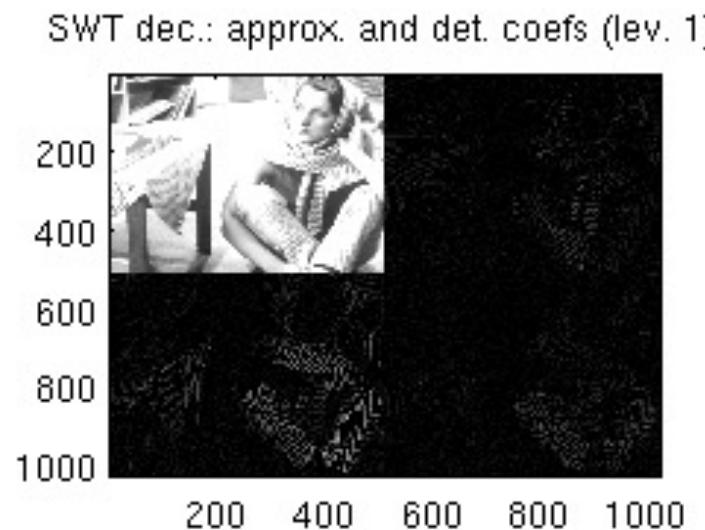
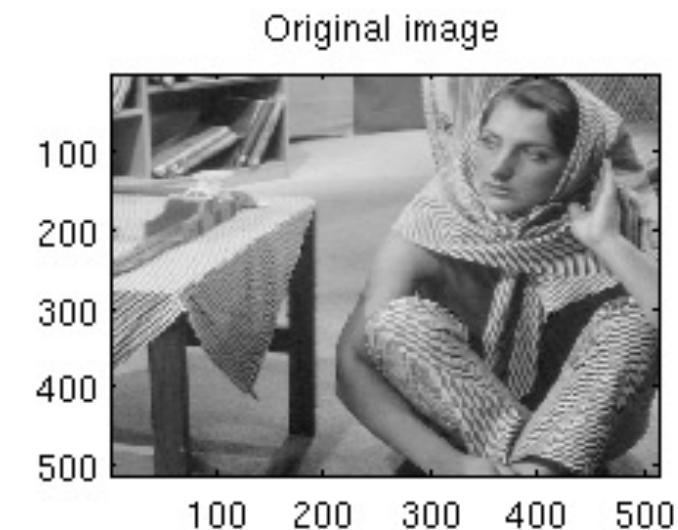
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- Regularization in a dictionary of waveforms

# A 2D decomposition (Haar)



# A 2D decomposition (Symlet)



# Why WT for denoising?

- ◆ WT gives a **sparse representation** of images, that is
  - **few coefficients  $c_j$  with high values,**
  - Lot of coefficients around 0.
- ◆ Then, when dealing with a noisy image, the few coefficients with high values will be above the noise.
- ◆ The rest of the coefficients with small values will be set to zero.

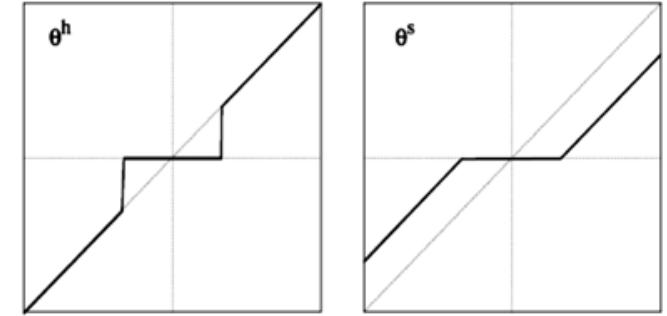
## Connection with the variational approach

- Wavelet domain: compact representation of the signal  
→ Find  $u$  minimising

$$\|g - u\|^2 + \lambda \#_{\{TO(u) \neq 0\}} \Leftrightarrow \|TO(u) - TO(g)\|^2 + \lambda \#_{\{TO(u) \neq 0\}}$$

Solution :  $u_{opt} = \theta_\lambda(g)$  **hard** thresholding.

- Find  $u$  minimising



$$\|u - g\|^2 + \lambda |TO(u)| \Leftrightarrow \|TO(u) - TO(g)\|^2 + \lambda |TO(u)|$$

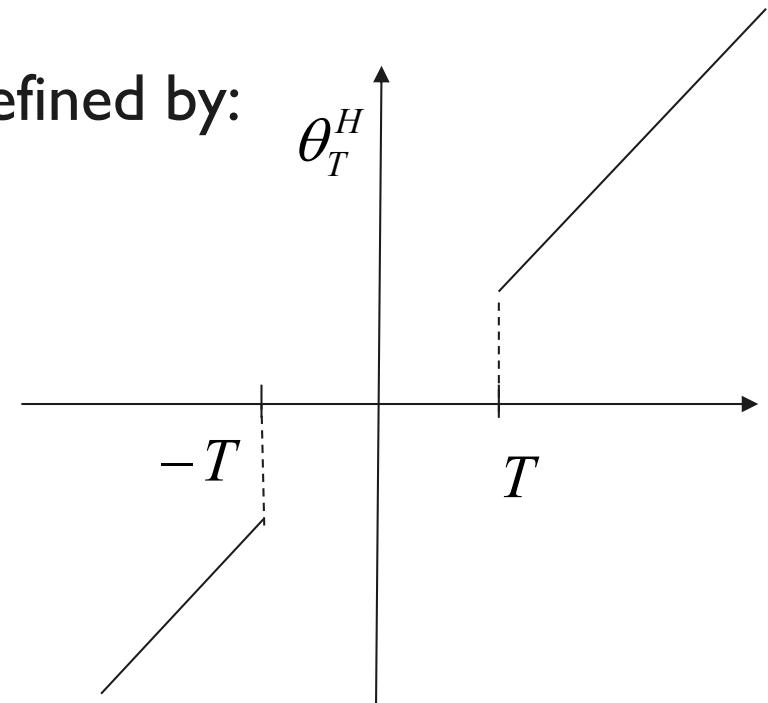
Solution :  $u_{opt} = \theta_\lambda(g)$  seuillage **soft** thresholding.

- Related problem : image decomposition in a dictionary of atoms. Then it is no more a decomposition on a basis but on a dictionary. This dictionary can be composed of a union of bases.

# Hard Thresholding

- The hard thresholding function is defined by:

$$\theta_T^H(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } |t| > T \\ 0 & \text{if } |t| \leq T \end{cases}$$

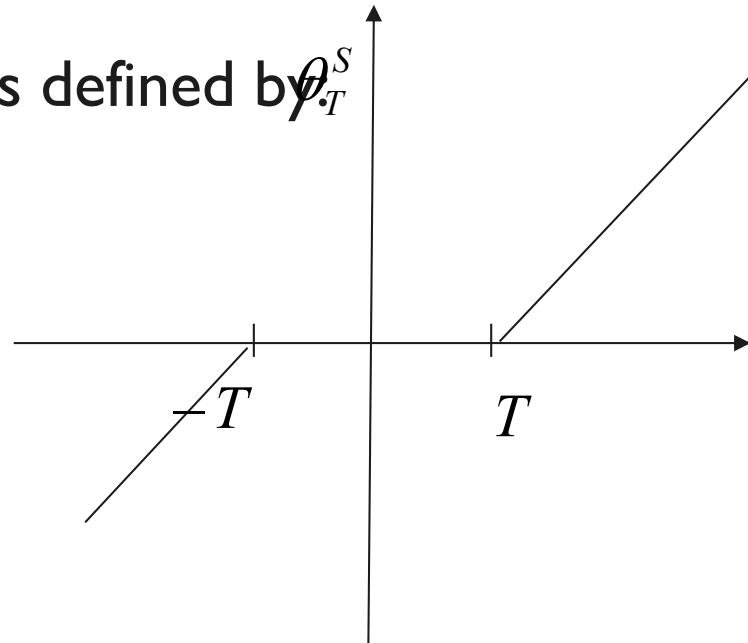


- When  $B$  is a wavelet basis, the hard thresholding preserves high coefficients which are above the noise level. These coefficients are on contours of the image. Then there is no smoothing of the edges.
- Small coefficients (smaller than  $T$ ) are set to 0: in areas where variations of the image are small, by setting the wavelet coefficients to 0, a local mean is done.

# Soft thresholding

- The soft thresholding function is defined by  $\theta_T^S$

$$\theta_T^S(t) = \begin{cases} t - T & \text{if } t > T \\ t + T & \text{if } t < -T \\ 0 & \text{if } |t| \leq T \end{cases}$$



- This function is more regular than the hard thresholding function
- Reduction by  $T$  (pour  $T$  choisi selon le critère de Donoho Johnstone, voir page suivante) of coefficient magnitude allows to ensure that the magnitude of estimated coefficient are smaller than the ones of the noisy signal. Then the thresholded signal is as least as regular as the original signal. This is not true for the hard thresholding.

# Deconvolution and $l^1$ regularization

$\psi : R^n \rightarrow R^N$  is a wavelet basis ( $N=n$ ) or a redundant wavelet transform ( $n < N$ ) or a serie of wavelet basis (dictionary of waveform)

Analysis Problem (AP)

$$\min_{u \in R^n} \left\{ \|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\psi u\|_1 \right\}$$

Synthesis Problem (SP)

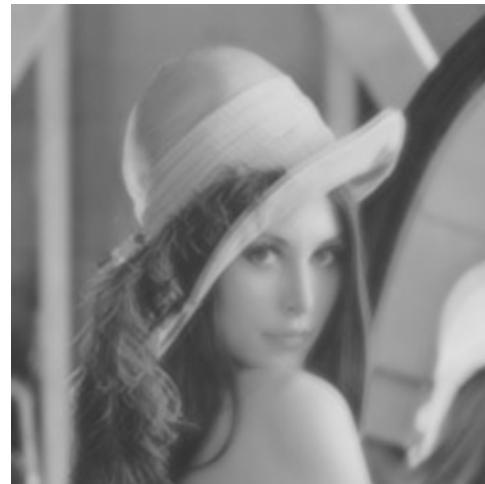
$$\min_{c_u \in R^N} \left\{ \|g - H\psi^* c_u\|_2^2 + \lambda \|c_u\|_1 \right\}$$

- ◆ Not equivalent problems, except if  $\psi$  is a basis. Larger dimension of the unknown space in the synthesis problem when  $\psi$  is redundant wavelet transform or a dictionary of shapes.
- ◆ See algorithms for the SP problem in the course dictionary optimisation L1 L0
- ◆ Algorithms for AP problem: primal/dual; ADMM among others

## Deconvolution results



◆ Lena image



blurred image



blurred+noisy



regul. par ondelettes (Base d'ondelettes : pas de redondance: non invariance par translation)

# Regularization using wavelets

$$\min_u \|g - Hu\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\Psi u\|_1$$

$\Psi$  is a redundant basis in order to have translation invariance (frame rather than a basis)



Blurred and noisy image



Restored Image using dual tree complex wavelets  
(N. Kingsbury)

# Sparse model

$$\min_{c_u} \|g - H\Psi^* c_u\|_2^2 + \lambda \|c_u\|_1$$

$\Psi$  is a dictionary. Minimization can be done in the wavelet domain (SP).



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# Régularisation par TO ou par TV?

- ◆ Pour la restauration de  $g=Hu+n$  on considère la fonctionnelle à minimiser

$$\|g - Hu\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_Y$$

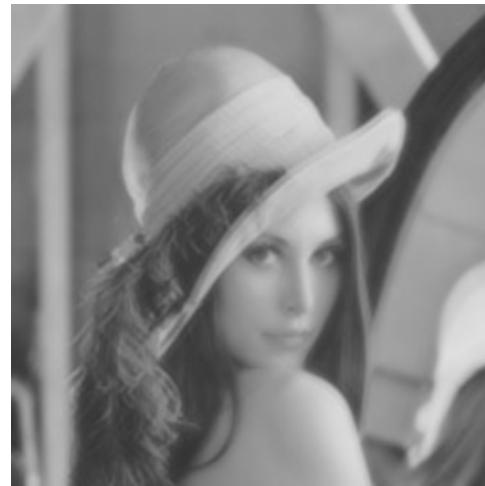
$\|\cdot\|_Y$  est la norme de l'approximation  $u$  de  $g$  dans un espace régularisant  $Y: BV, B^l_{1,1} \dots$

- ◆ Pas d'espace optimal, dépend du contenu de l'image
  - TV lisse les oscillations reconstruit bien les contours et permet interpolation et extrapolation spectrale.
  - TO reconstruit bien les détails et les textures
- ◆ Modèles ultérieurs pour le débruitage
  - décomposition sur des trames, X-lets [,...]
  - décomposition sur un dictionnaire [Stark-Elad-Donoho05,...]
  - Régularisation mixte  $l^1$ , par exemple TV + TO(s)

## Deconvolution results



◆ Lena image



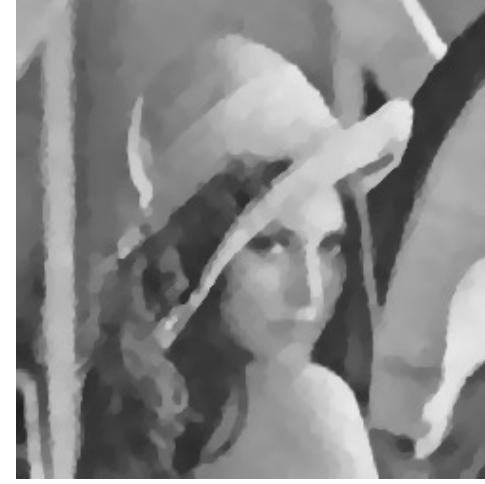
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Wavelet regul.



TV regul.



Wavelet + TV regul.

# Comparaison TV, wavelet and sparsity

Wavelets are complex wavelets on N. Kingsbury's dual shaft, it is a frame and has a base, there is redundancy. This transform is practically invariant by translation and rotation

Image



Sparse model  
(synthesis)



Wavelet model (analysis)

TV regularization



# Dictionary Learning

- ◆ Dictionary representation of an image  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^M$  :

$$\underset{x \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\operatorname{ArgMin}} \left\{ \|z - Dx\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_0 \right\}$$

- ◆  $D = [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ , is a set of basis vectors (could be one basis or a set of bases), or a set of known waveforms

$$\begin{array}{c} z \\ \left[ \begin{array}{||} \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} D \\ \left[ \begin{array}{|||} \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} x \\ \left[ \begin{array}{|||} \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \end{array} = x_1 \left[ \begin{array}{||} \end{array} \right] + x_2 \left[ \begin{array}{||} \end{array} \right] + x_3 \left[ \begin{array}{||} \end{array} \right] + \dots$$

$d_i \quad d_j \quad d_k$        $d_i \quad d_j \quad d_k$

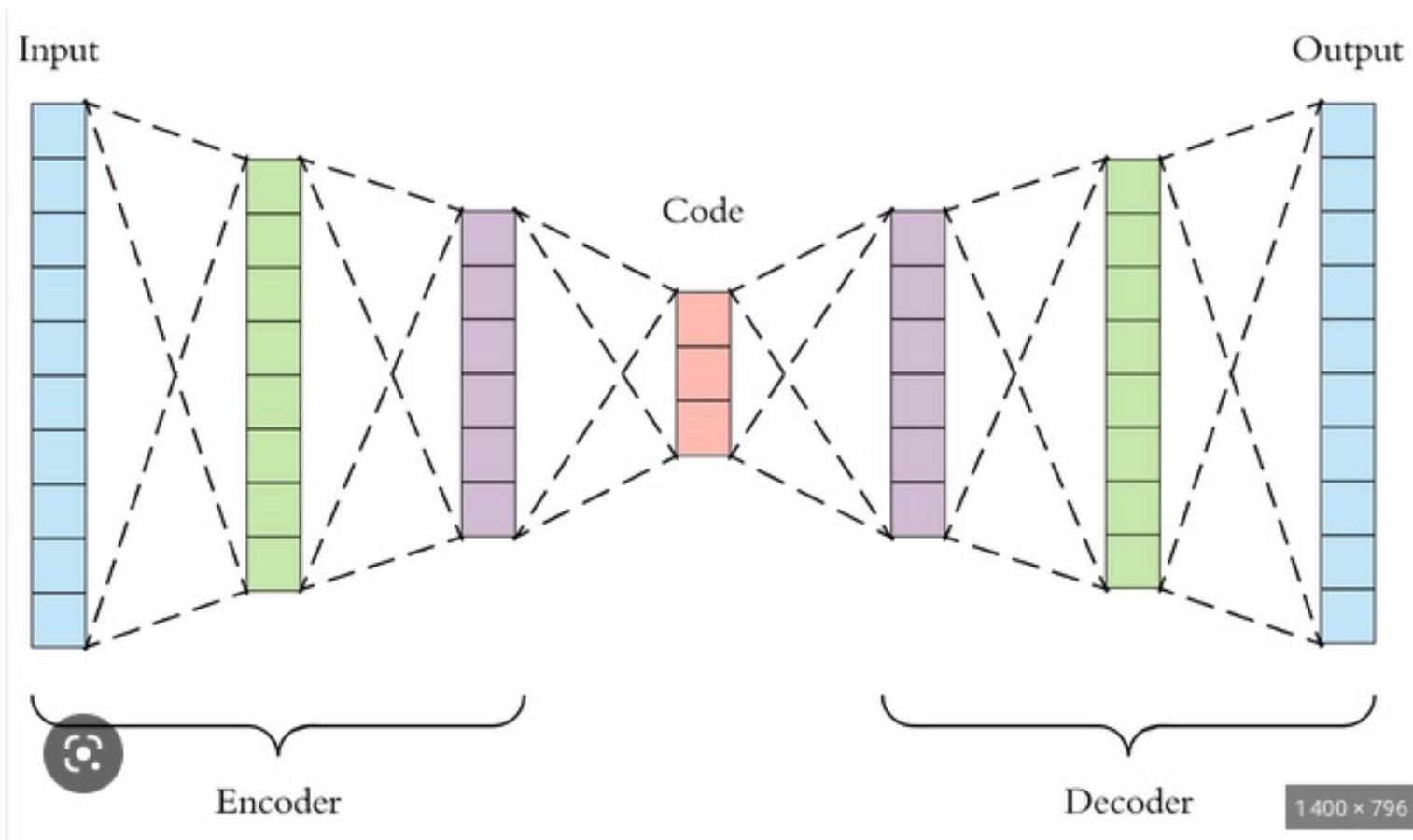
# Dictionary Learning

- ◆  $D$  could be learned from a **set of representative images**, i.e. the training images  $\left\{z^i\right\}_{i=1}^P$
- ◆ The goal is to design the dictionary  $D$  that leads to the best possible representations for each member in the training set with strict sparsity constraint

$$\forall i, \underset{D, x^i}{\operatorname{Min}} \left\{ \left\| z^i - Dx^i \right\|_2^2 \right\} \text{ subject to } \|x^i\|_0 \leq T$$

Pour tout  $i=1,..P$

# Same idea as an auto-encoder



# Dictionary learning

- ◆ The  $i$ th image  $z^i$  is in a vector  $M \times 1$ , we denote

$$Z = [z^1, z^2, \dots, z^P] \in R^{M \times P}$$

- ◆ We do the same for  $X = [x^1, x^2, \dots, x^P] \in R^{N \times P}$ , is a the set of sparse representation of the images  $z_i$  in  $Z$ .
- ◆ Dictionary learning from images  $z$ :

$$\underset{D, X}{\operatorname{Min}} \left\{ \|Z - DX\|_F^2 \right\} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \forall i, \|x^i\|_0 \leq T$$

- ◆  $\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2$  is the Frobenius norm on matrix.
- ◆ Iterative minimization wrt  $D$  and  $X$ .

# Dictionary learning

$$\underset{D, X}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \|Z - DX\|_F^2 \right\} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \forall i, \|x_i\|_0 \leq T$$

- ◆ To prevent  $D$  from being arbitrarily large, we impose  $D$  to be in the convex constraint set

$$C = \left\{ D \in R^{M \times N} / \forall j = 1, \dots, N, d_j^t d_j \leq 1 \right\}$$

- ◆ Fix  $D$ , estimate for all  $i$  the sparse approximation  $x^i$ , for example by using the (Orthogonal) Matching Pursuit algorithm.
- ◆ Fix  $X$ , estimate the dictionary  $D$  by cancelling the gradient of the criterion to minimize wrt  $D$ :

$$\hat{D} = Z \cdot X^* \left( X \cdot X^* \right)^{-1}$$

and renormalize the column of  $D$ .

- ◆ Remark: if  $XX^*$  is non invertible, use the pseudo-inverse (or Moore-Penrose inverse):

$$\hat{D} = Z \cdot X^+ \quad \text{where} \quad X^+ = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} X^* \left( XX^* + \delta I \right)^{-1}$$

# Dictionary learning

- ◆ Context of **large scale datasets** (e.g. millions of training samples in  $Z$ )
- ◆ Accessing the whole training set at each iteration is not possible
- ◆ Several approaches
  - K-SVD, [Aharon, Elad, Bruckstein, IEEE Trans on Signal processing, 54(11) 2006]
  - Stochastic gradient [Aharon, Elad, SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences. 1 (3), 2008]
  - OnLine estimation [Mairal, Bach, Ponce, Sapiro, J. Mach. Learn. Res. 11, 2010]
  - ...

# K-SVD algorithm

- ◆ [Aharon, Elad, Bruckstein, IEEE Trans on Signal processing, 54(11) 2006]
- ◆ I. Updating  $X$ : Fix dictionary  $D$ .

As  $\|Z - DX\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^P \|z^i - Dx^i\|_2^2$

the minimization wrt to  $X$  reduces to

$$\underset{x^i}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \|z^i - Dx^i\|_2^2 \right\} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|x^i\|_0 \leq T, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, P$$

- ◆ This can be done by algorithms as greedy algorithms, or approximations by basis pursuit algorithms (replacing  $l_0$  by  $l_1$  norm)

# K-SVD algorithm

- ◆ II. Updating dictionary  $D$ : Fix  $X$ .

We have:  $\|Z - DX\|_F^2 = \left\| Z - \sum_{j=1}^N d_j \cdot X_{j,.} \right\|_2^2$   $d_j \in R^{Mx1}$ ,  $X_{j,.} \in R^{1xP}$

$d_j$  is the  $j$ th column of  $D$  and  $X_{j,.}$  is the  $j$ th line of  $X$ .

- ◆  $d_j \cdot X_{j,.} \in R^{MxP}$  is a rank one matrix
- ◆ The multiplication  $DX$  has been decomposed in a sum of  $N$  rank-1 matrices.
- ◆ The SVD algorithm iterates on column  $d_k$

# K-SVD algorithm

- ◆ We isolate only one such rank-1 matrix of index  $k$ :

$$\|Z - DX\|_F^2 = \left\| \left( Z - \sum_{j \neq k} d_j \cdot X_{j,.} \right) - d_k \cdot X_{k,.} \right\|_F^2 = \|E_k - d_k \cdot X_{k,.}\|_F^2$$

Matrix  $E_k$  stands for the error for all the  $P$  examples when the  $k$ th atom  $d_k$  is removed. We assume they are all fixed, only  $d_k$  is optimized.

- ◆ By a SVD on  $E_k \in R^{M \times P}$ , we could find the closest rank-1 matrix approximating  $E_k$  in the Frobenius norm sense. But we want  $X_{k,.}$  to be sparse.
- ◆ Define  $\omega_k = \{i / 1 \leq i \leq P, X_{k,i} \neq 0\}$
- ◆ Restrict  $E_k$  by choosing only the columns corresponding to  $\omega_k$ :  $E_k^\omega$
- ◆ Apply the restriction to the line  $X_{k,.}$ :  $X_{k,.}^\omega$

# K-SVD algorithm

- ◆ Apply SVD decomposition on  $E_k^\omega = U\Delta V^t$
  - ◆ Choose the update dictionary column  $d_k$  equal to the first column of  $U$ :  $\hat{d}_k = U_{.,1} (= u_1)$
  - ◆ Update the restricted coefficient vector  $\hat{X}_{k,.}^\omega = v_1 \cdot \Delta(1,1)$   
And re-expand it (with 0 coordinates) in  $R^{1 \times P}$ :  $\hat{X}_{k,.} \in R^{1 \times P}$
  - ◆ Iterate on column  $d_k$
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- ◆ Globally the algorithm iterates minimization wrt  $X$  and  $D$ .
    - For  $D$  the algorithm iterates on each column  $d_k$  (each waveform)