

Inverse Problems Regularization

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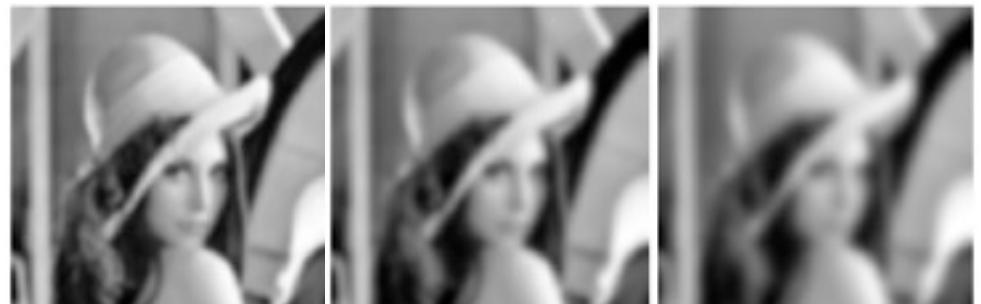
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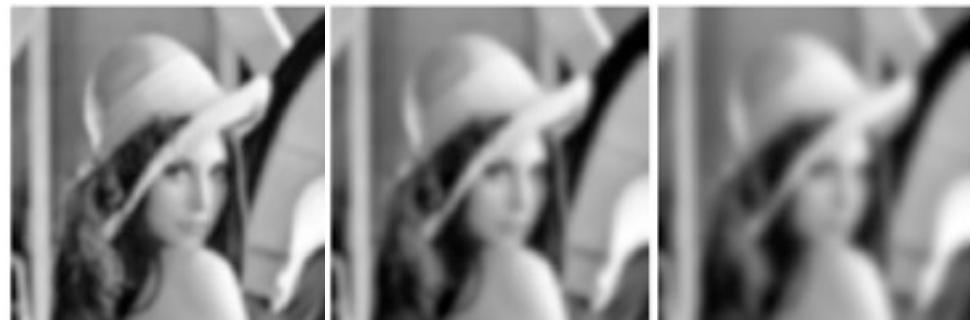
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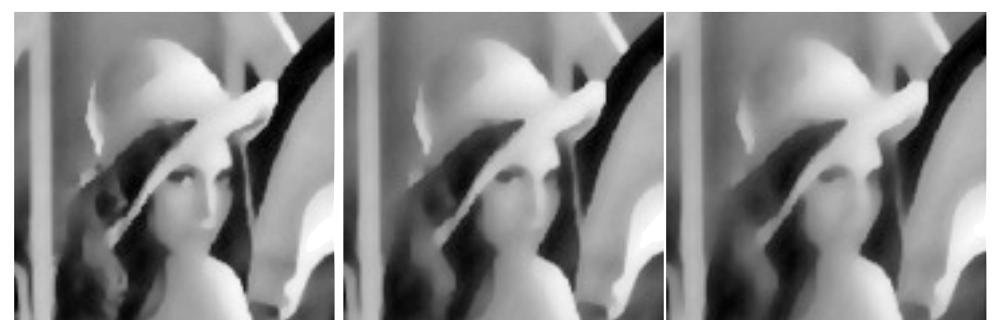
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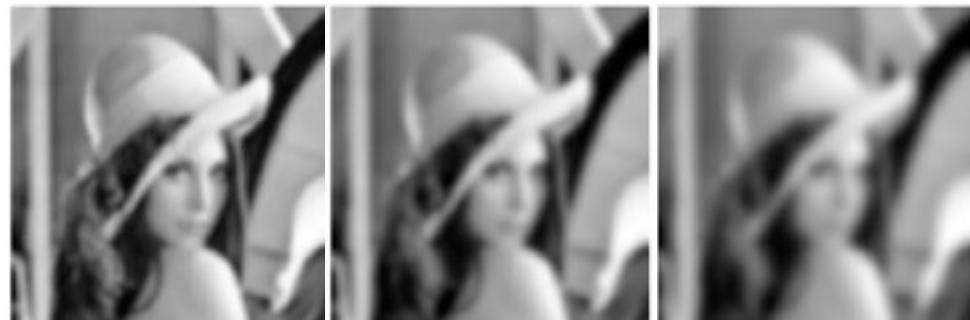
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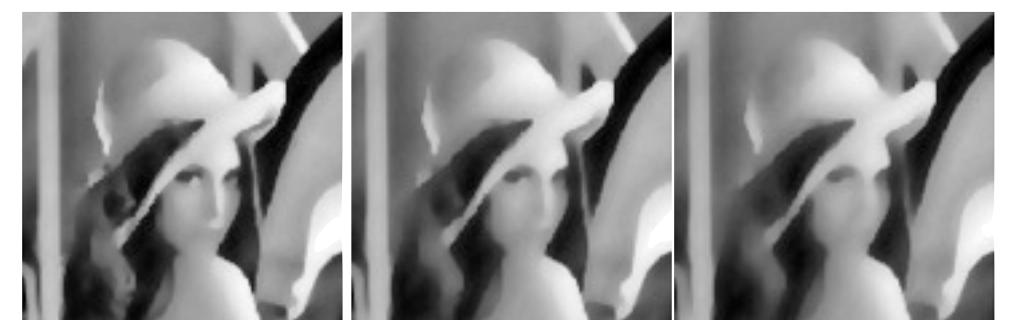
Co-area formula:

$$\|f\|_{TV} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{length}(\mathcal{C}_t) dt \quad \text{Level set} \quad \mathcal{C}_t = \{x \setminus f(x) = t\}$$

→ Extension to non-smooth functions $f \in BV([0, 1]^2)$



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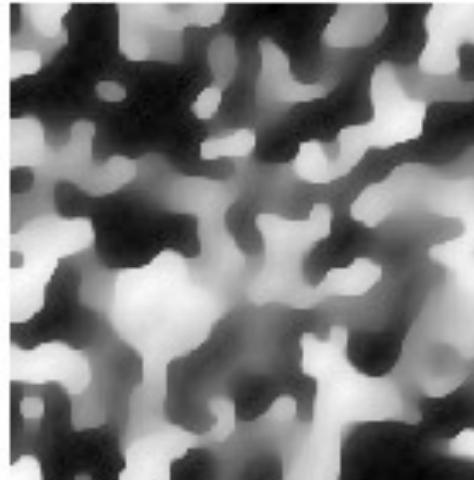
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Natural Image Priors

“Typical” image drawn at random:



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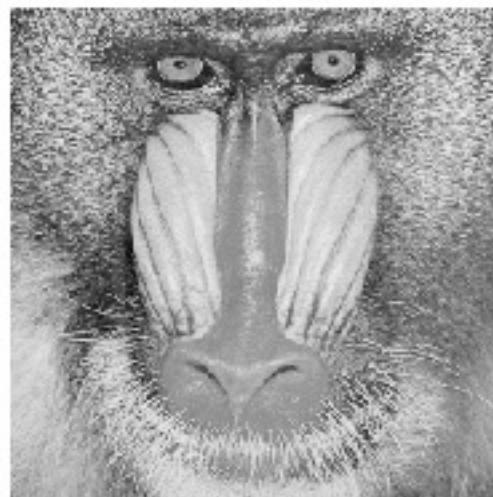
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Natural images: structure + texture + noise + ...

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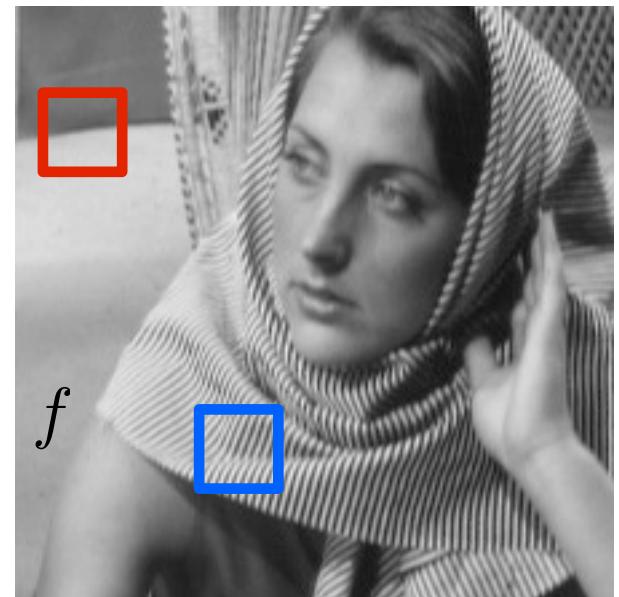
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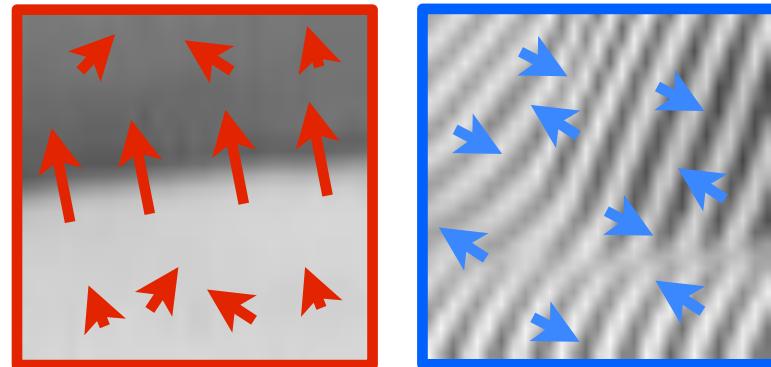
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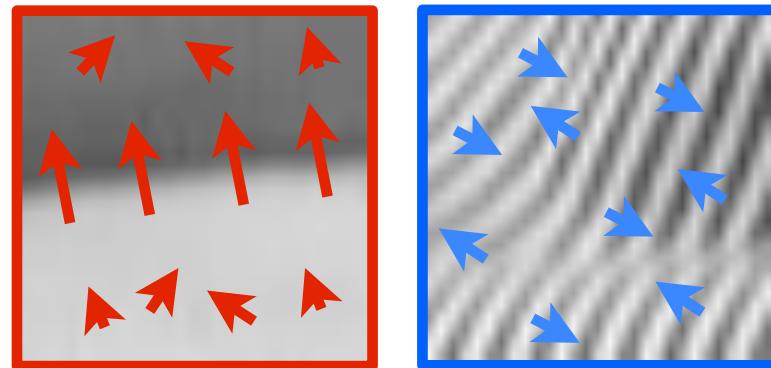
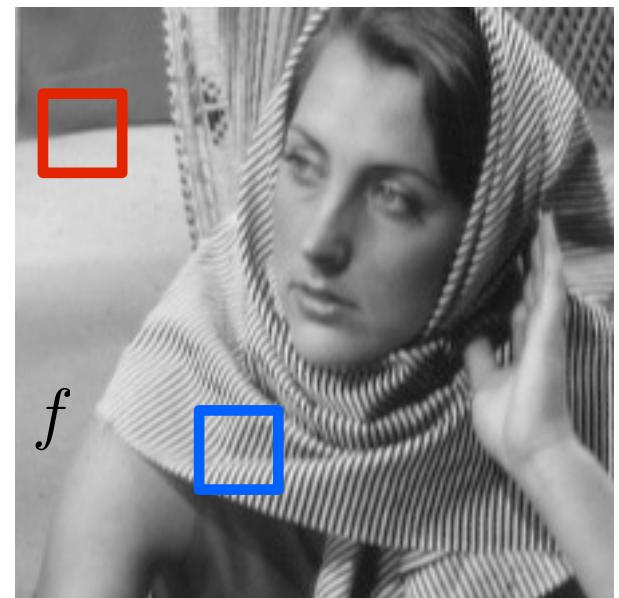
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Discrete energies:

$$J_{\text{Sob}}(f) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n (\delta_1 f[n])^2 + (\delta_2 f[n])^2$$

$$J_{\text{TV}}(f) = \sum_n \sqrt{(\delta_1 f[n])^2 + (\delta_2 f[n])^2}$$



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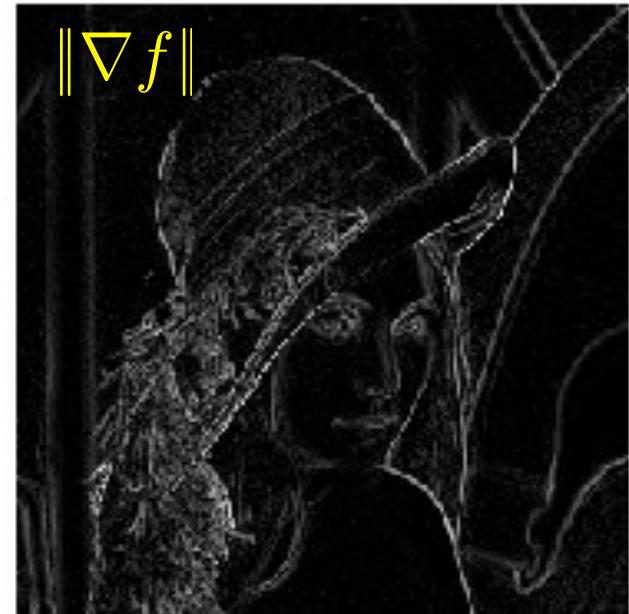
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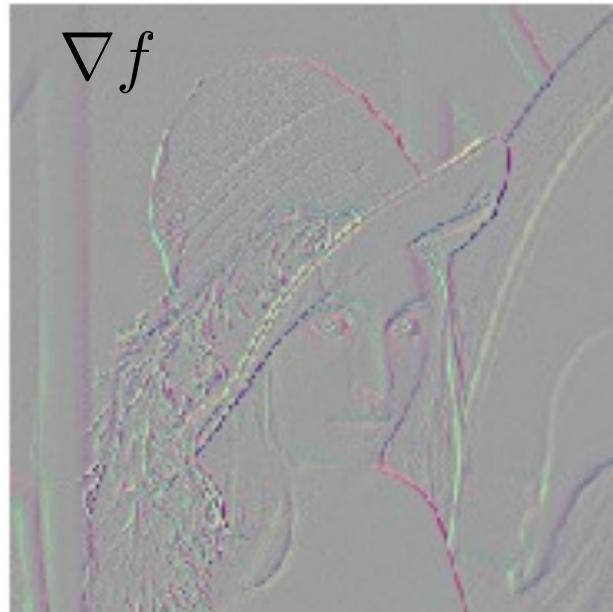
Gradient operator: $\nabla f[n] = (\delta_1 f[n], \delta_2 f[n]) \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times N}$

Divergence operator: $\text{div}(v) = \tilde{\delta}_1 v_1[n] + \tilde{\delta}_2 v_2[n]$

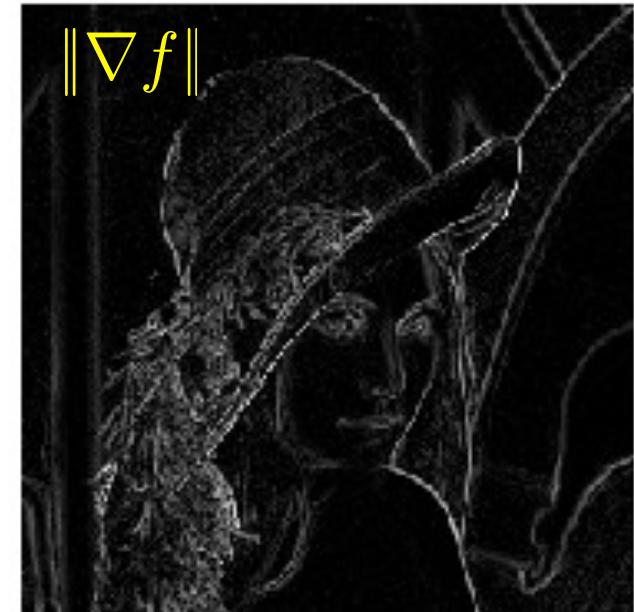
$$\nabla : \mathbb{R}^N \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times N} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{div} = -\nabla^*} \quad \text{div}: \mathbb{R}^{2 \times N} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$$



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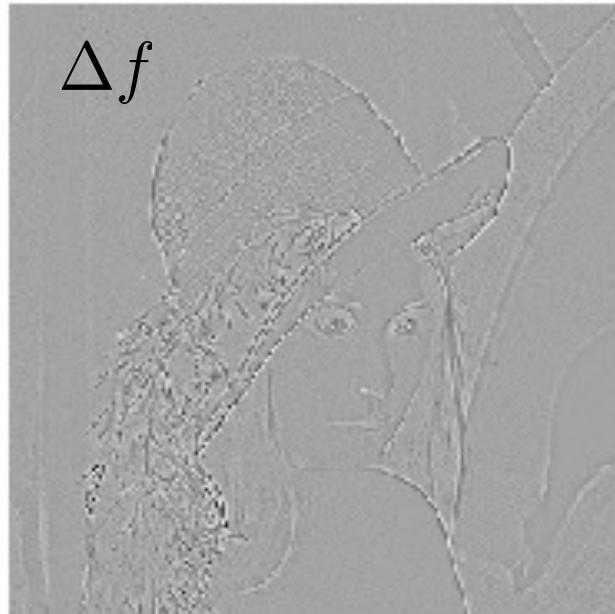
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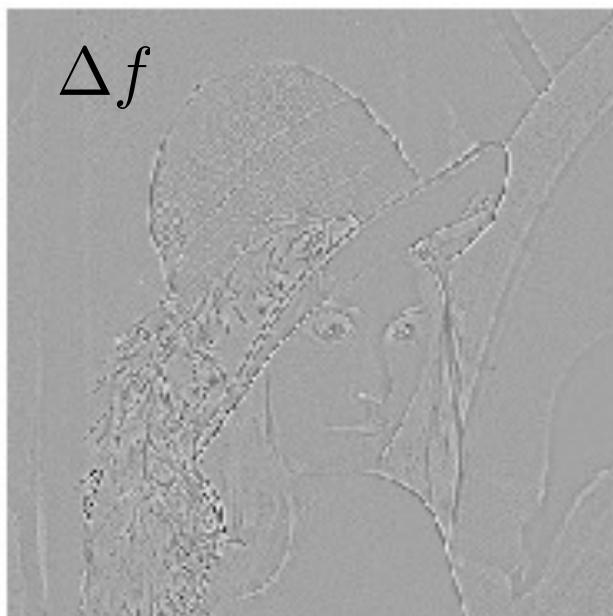
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Laplacian Δ semi-definite negative operator.



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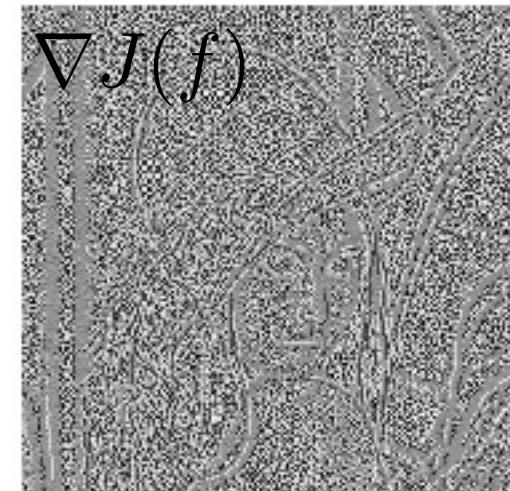
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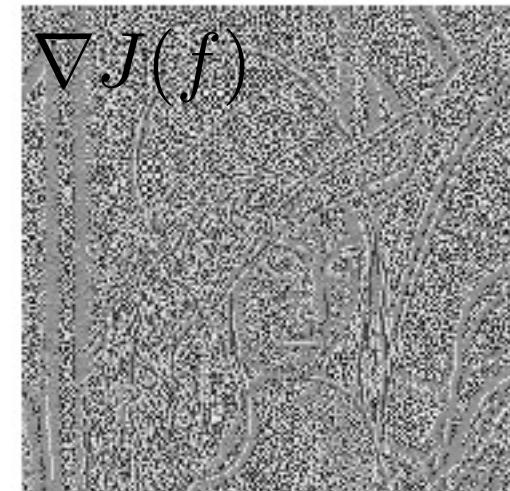
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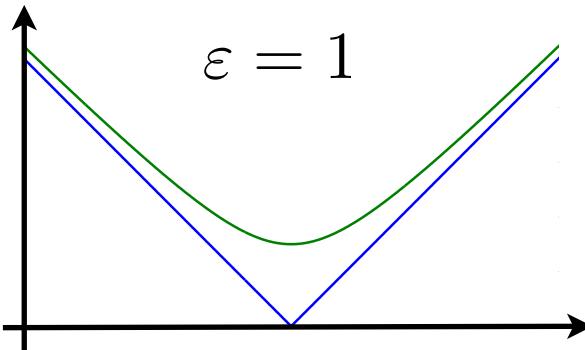
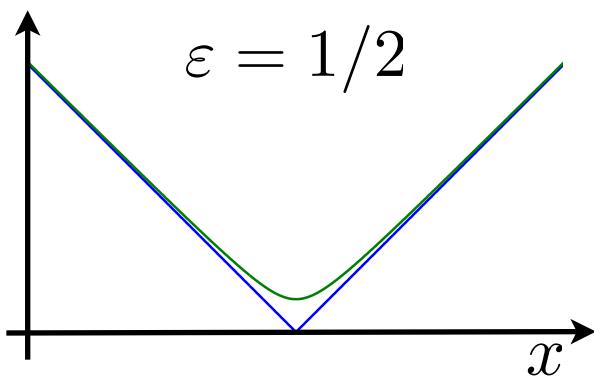
$$\mathcal{C}_u = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times N} \setminus (u[n] = 0) \Rightarrow (\alpha[n] = u[n]/\|u[n]\|)\}$$



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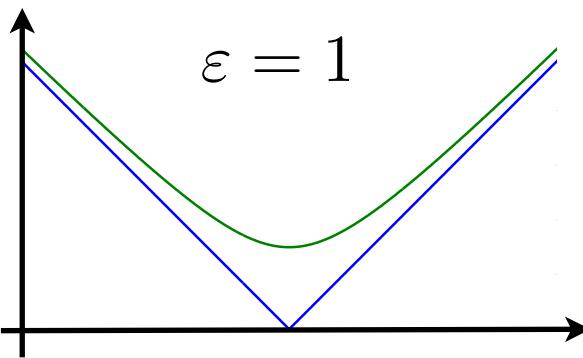
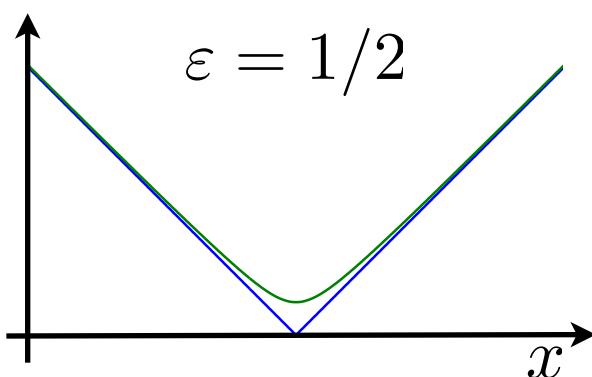


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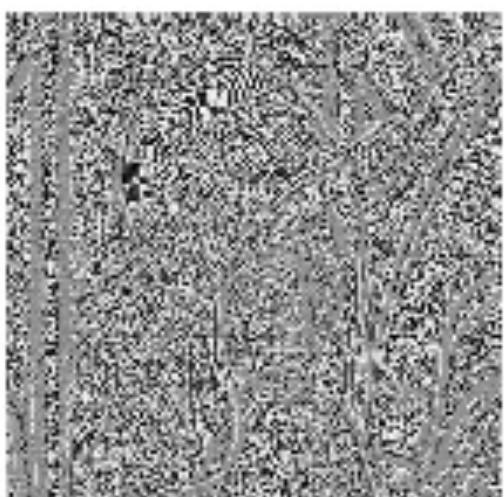


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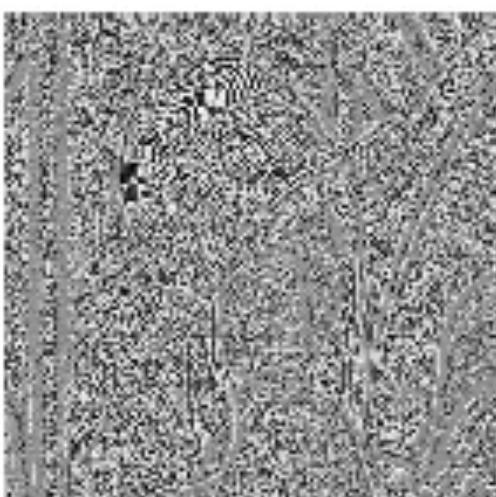
Regularized gradient:

$$\nabla J_\varepsilon \sim -\Delta/\varepsilon \quad \text{when} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$$

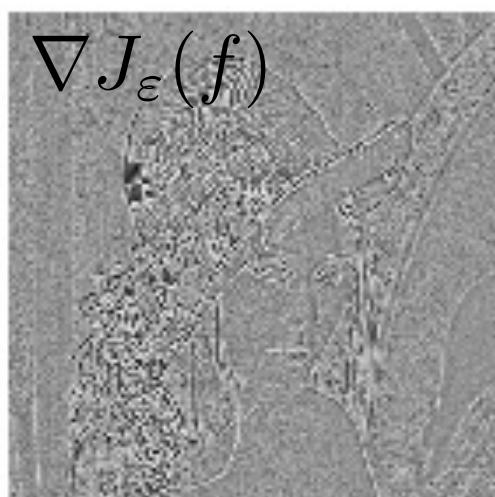
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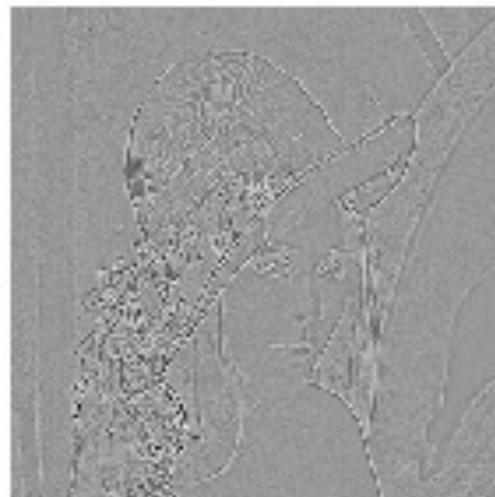
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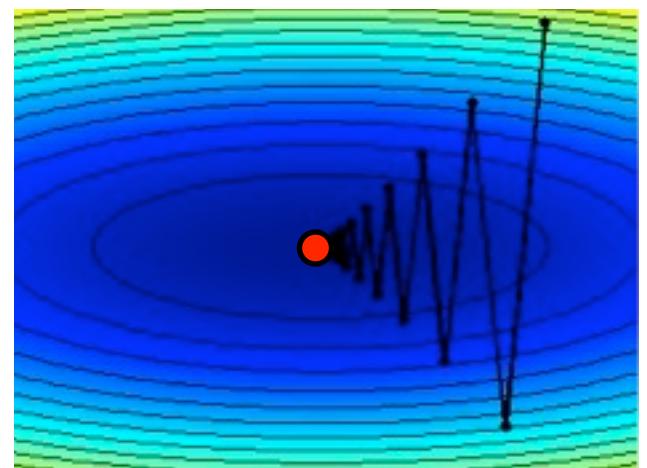
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Proposition: One has

$$\langle \nabla J(f^{(k+1)}), \nabla J(f^{(k)}) \rangle = 0$$



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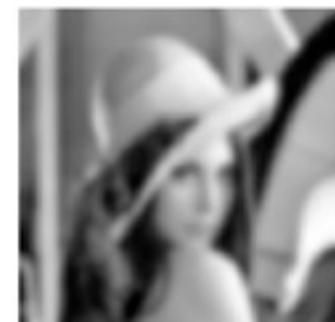
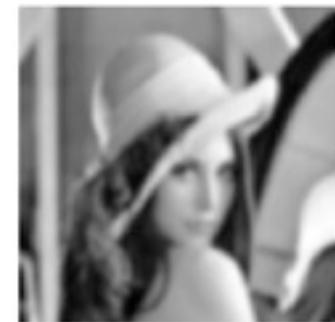
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Heat equation: $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = \Delta f_t$

Explicit solution:

$$f_t = f \star h_t \quad \text{where} \quad h_t(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} e^{-\frac{-\|x\|^2}{4t}}$$

$t \downarrow$



Total Variation Flow

Regularized TV-flow:
$$\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{\nabla f_t}{\sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + \|\nabla f_t\|^2}} \right)$$

TV flow smooth less the edges than heat diffusion.

$f_t \rightarrow$ constant when $t \rightarrow +\infty$.



Application: Denoising

Noisy observations: $y = f + w$, $w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \text{Id}_N)$.

Denoising using gradient flow:

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Sobolev



TV



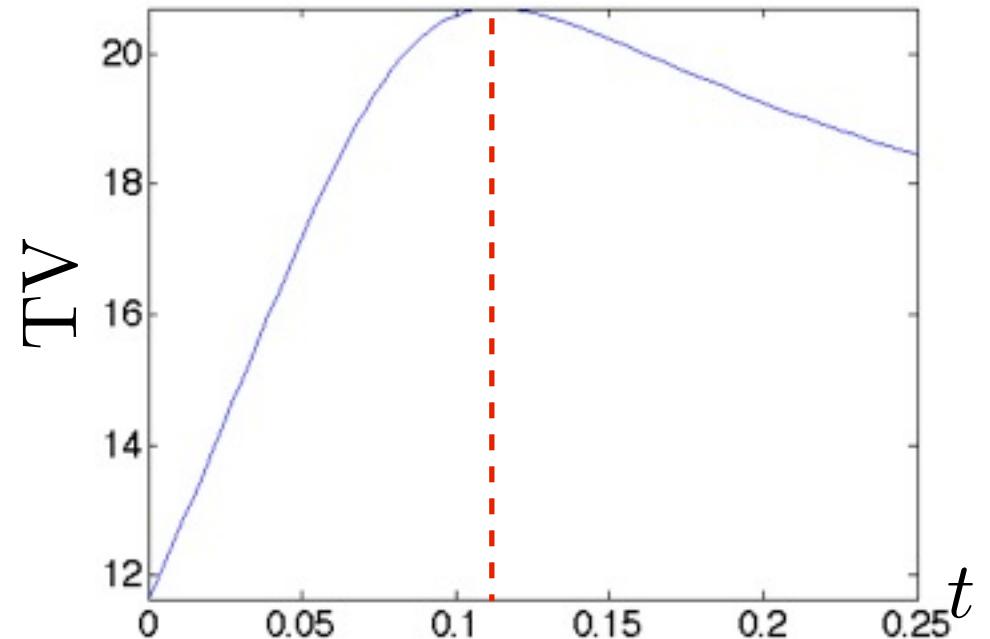
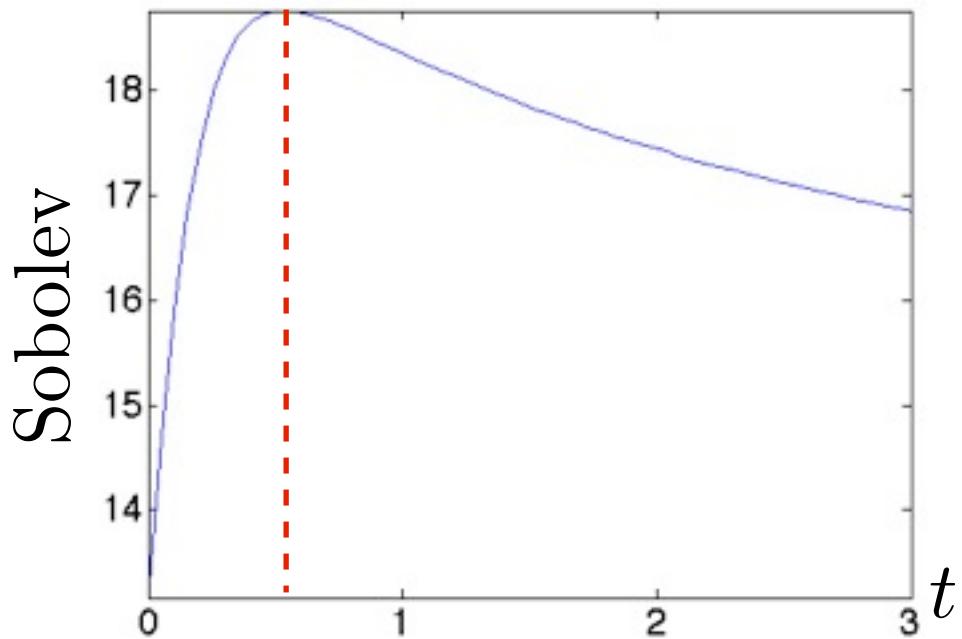
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Optimal Parameter Selection

Optimal choice of t : $\min \|f_t - f\|$

→ not accessible in practice.

$$\text{SNR}(f_t, f) = -20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\|f - f_t\|}{\|f\|} \right)$$



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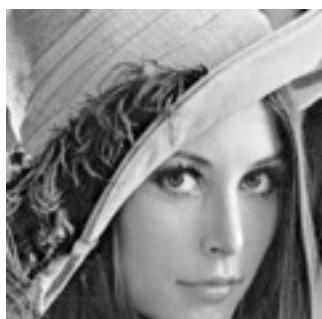
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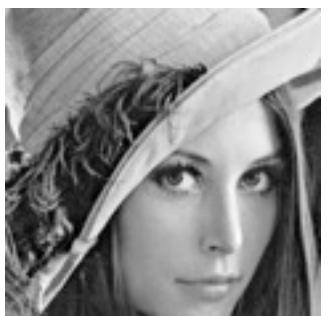


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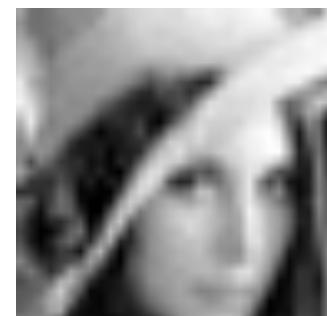


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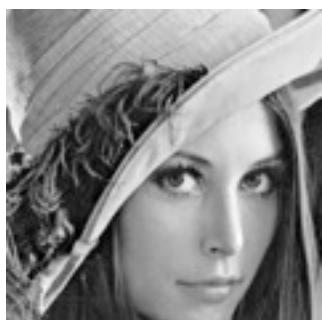
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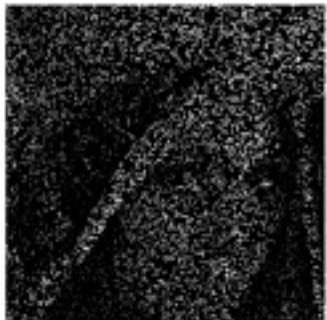
$w[n] \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$ white noise.

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Inpainting: set $\Omega \subset \{0, \dots, N-1\}$ of missing pixels, $P = N - |\Omega|$.



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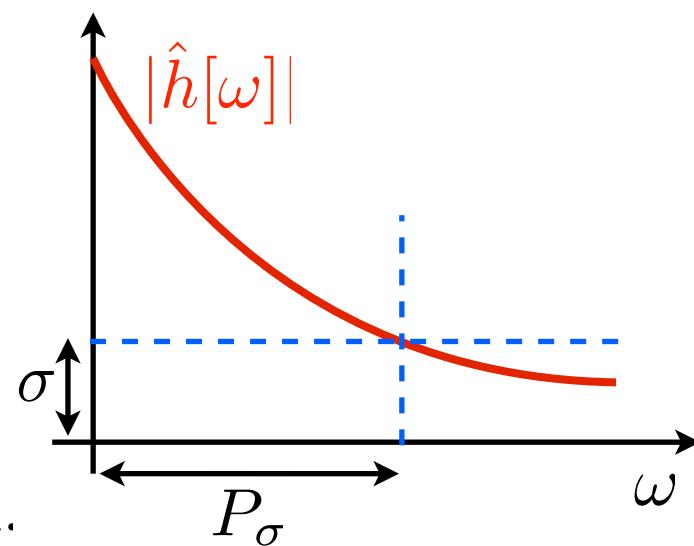
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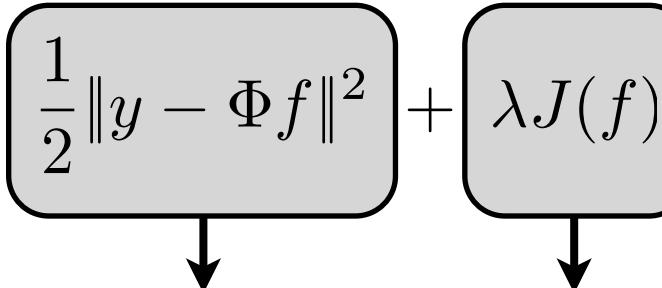
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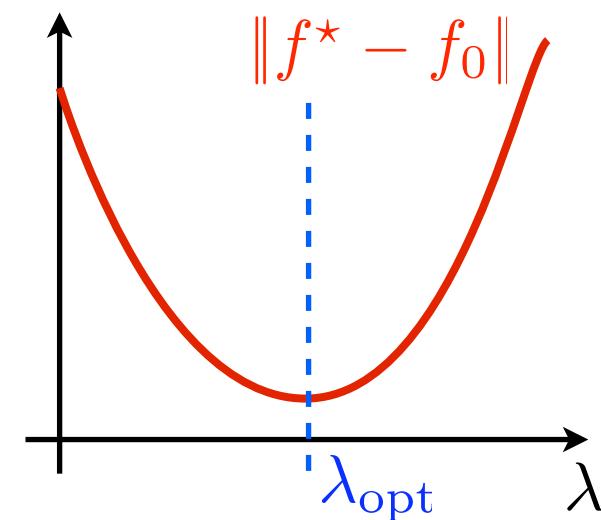
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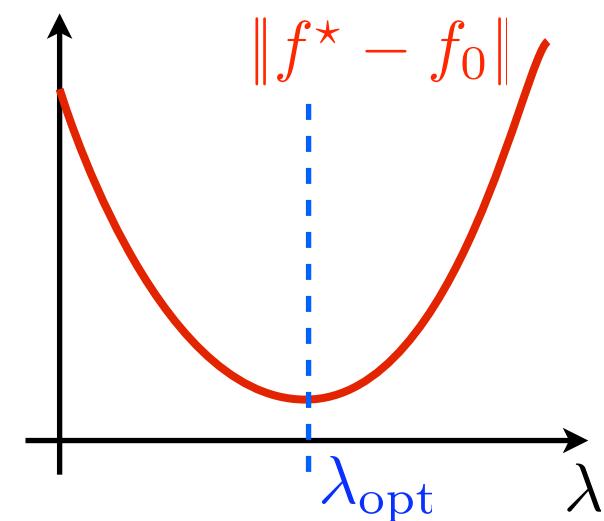
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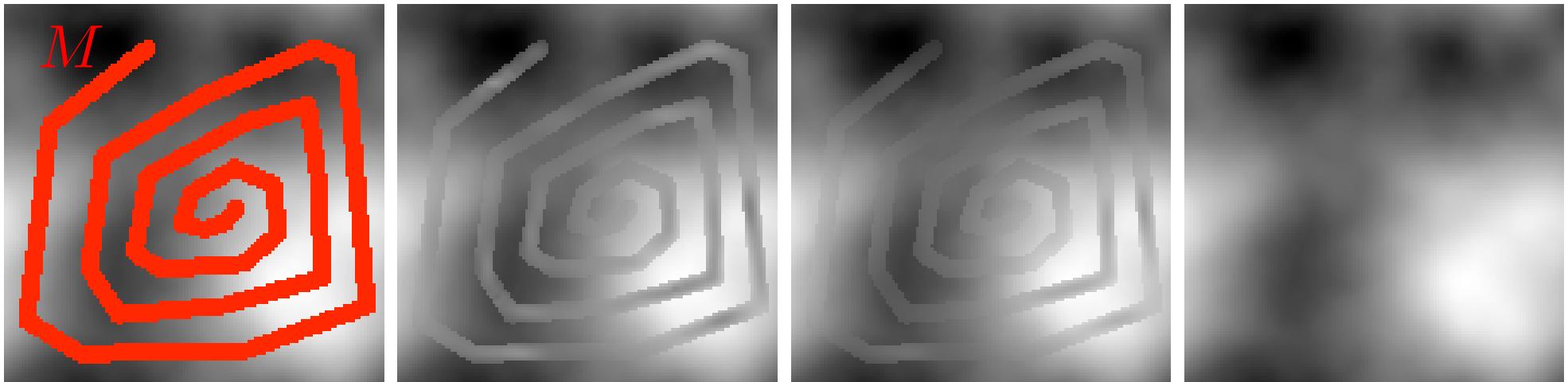
$$f^{(k+1)} = f^{(k)} - \tau \left(\Phi^* (\Phi f^{(k)} - y) - \lambda \Delta f^{(k)} \right)$$

Convergence: $\tau < 2 / \|\Phi^* \Phi - \lambda \Delta\|$ where $\|A\| = \lambda_{\max}(A)$

→ Slow convergence.

Example: Inpainting

Mask M , $\Phi = \text{diag}_i(1_{i \in M})$ $(\Phi f)[i] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \in M, \\ f[i] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

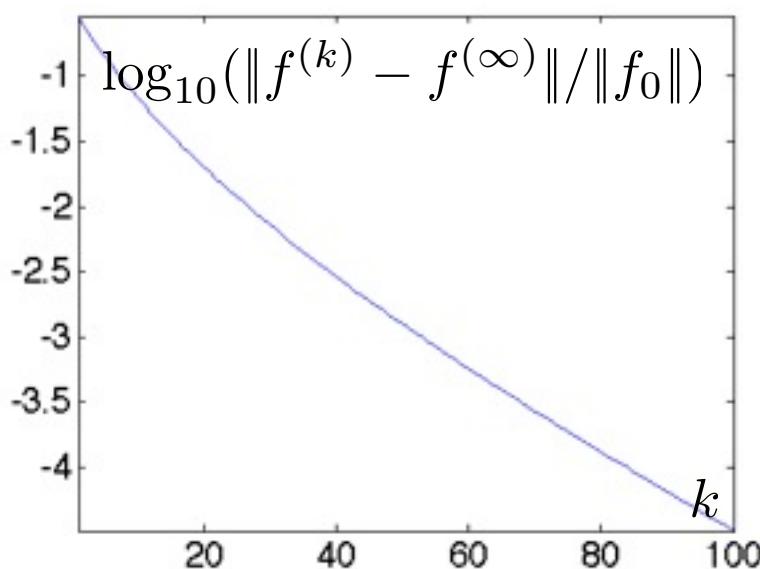
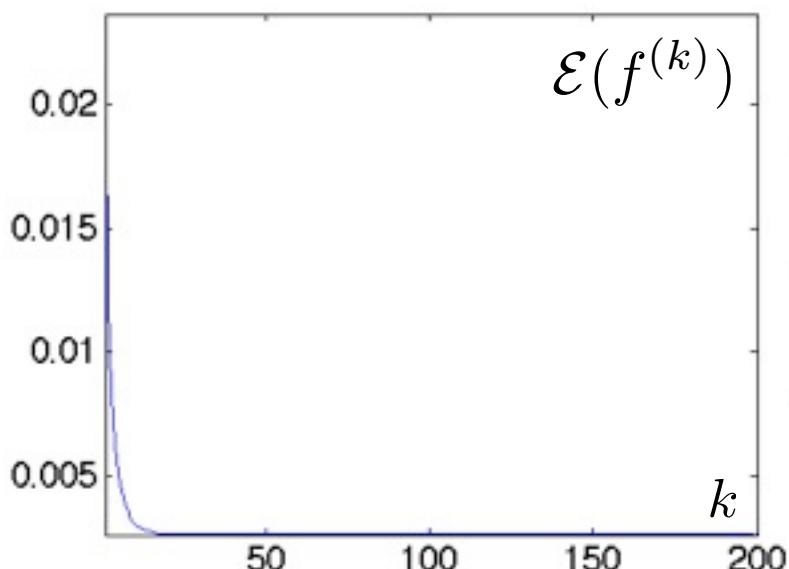


Measurements y

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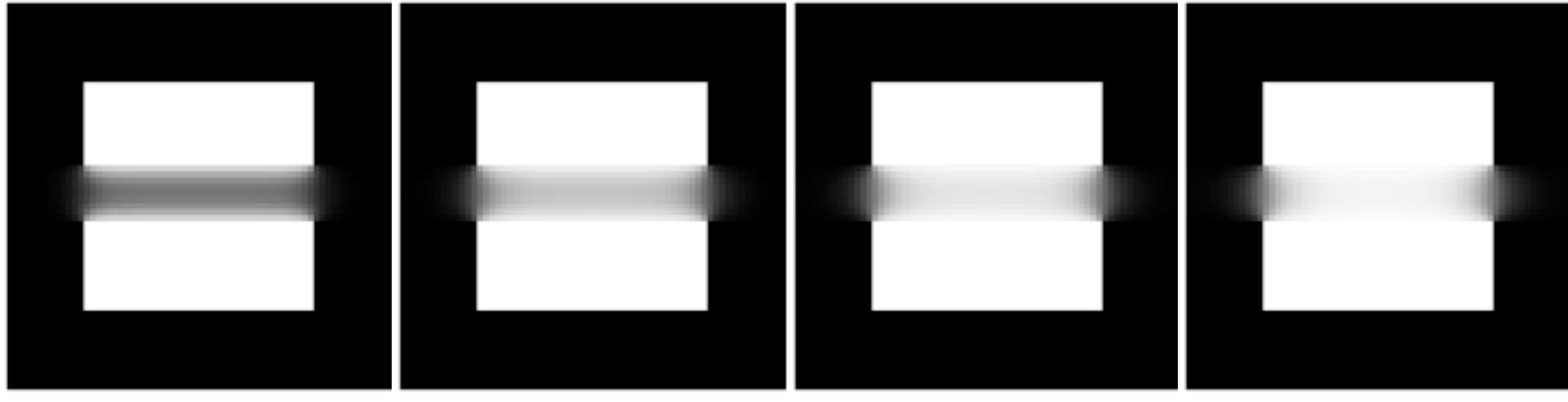
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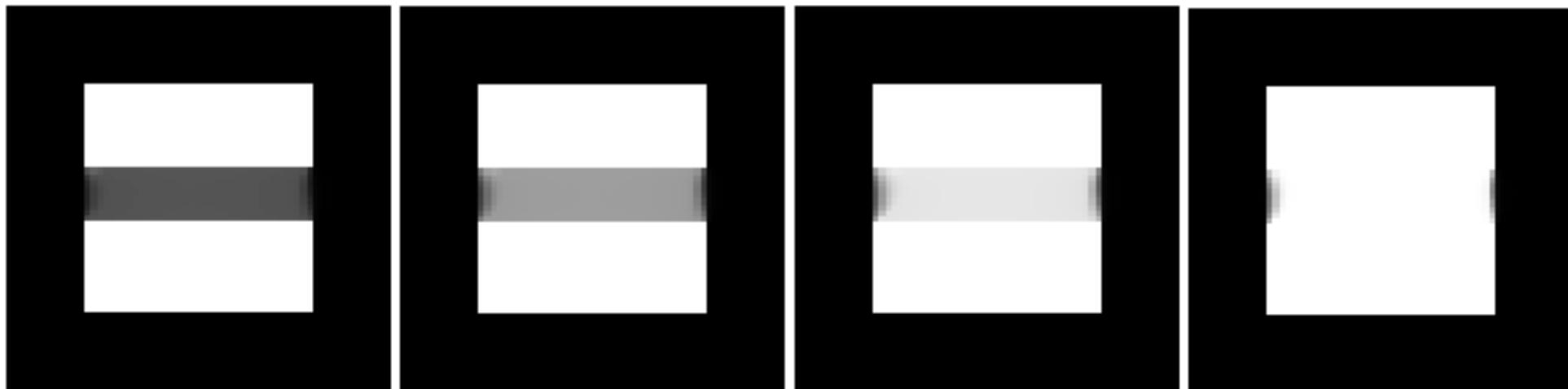
$$f^{(k+1)} = f^{(k)} - H_k^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{E}(f^{(k)}) \quad \text{where} \quad H_k = \partial^2 \mathcal{E}_\varepsilon(f^{(k)})$$

TV vs. Sobolev Converge

Large ϵ



Small ϵ



Inpainting: Sobolev vs. TV



Observations y



Sobolev



Total variation

Projected Gradient Descent

Noiseless problem: $f^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_f J^\varepsilon(f)$ s.t. $f \in \mathcal{H}$ (\star)

Constraint: $\mathcal{H} = \{f ; \Phi f = y\}$.

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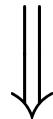
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Proposition: If ∇J_ε is L -Lipschitz and $0 < \tau_k < 2/L$,

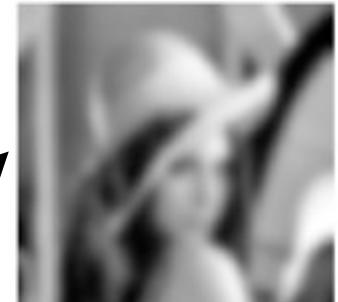
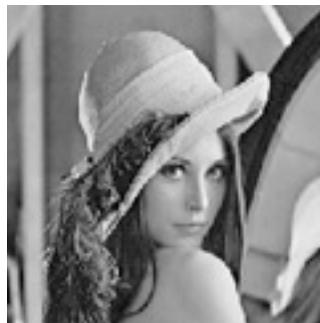
$$f^{(k)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow +\infty} f^* \quad \text{a solution of } (\star).$$

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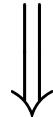
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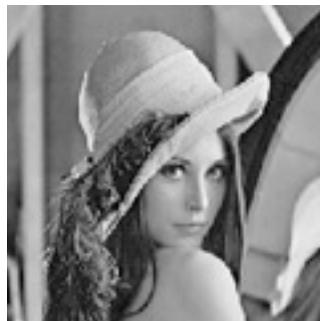
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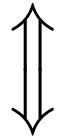


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Variational regularization:



Optimization

- Gradient descent.
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→ *Non-smooth optimization ?*