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Structured Matrix Problems and Algorithms from Variational Image Deblurring

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Imaging Introduction I/2

Introduction – Discrete Image vs Surface function



A Discrete Image vs Surface function → Variational

Introduction 2/2

Different Frameworks for Image Processing

Statistical/Stochastic Models:

Maximum Likelihood Estimation with uncertain data

Transform-Based Models:

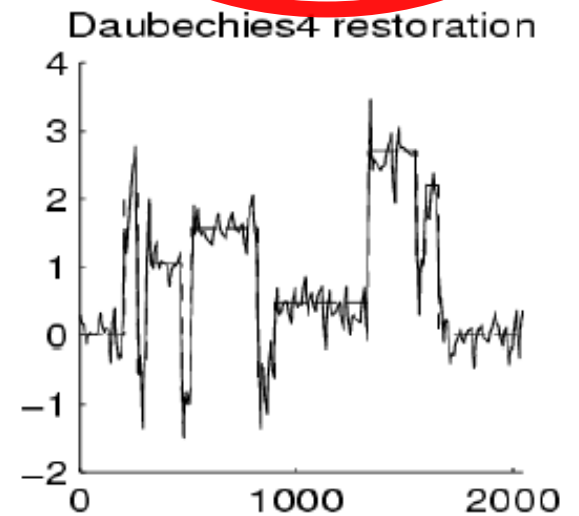
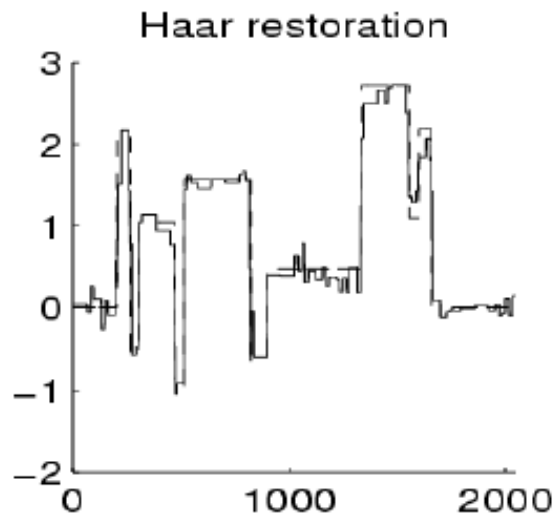
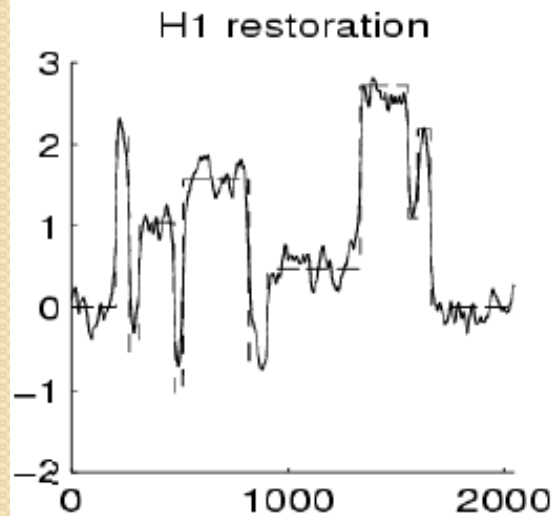
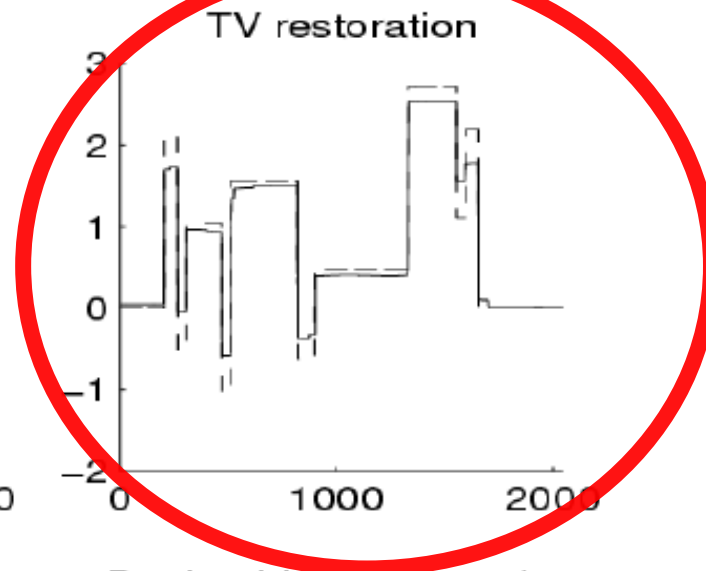
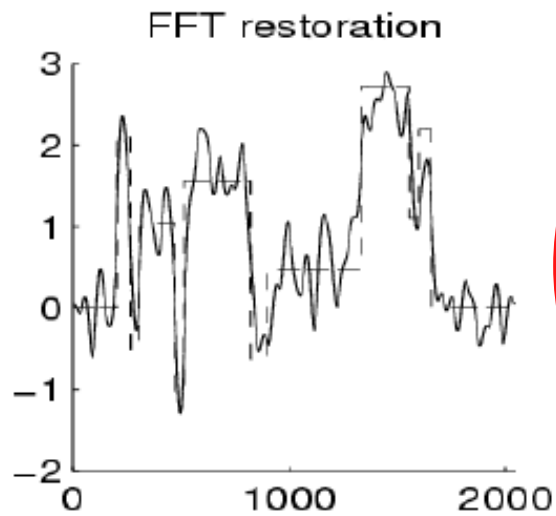
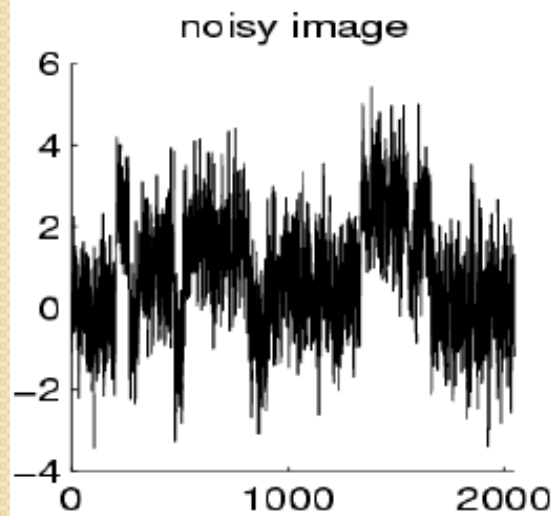
Fourier/Wavelets --- Process features of images (noise/patch)

in transform space (e.g. thresholding)

Nonlinear PDE Models:

Evolve image according to local derivative/geometric info,
e.g. denoising → diffusion

Not all restoration techniques work well Chan-Strong (CAM96-07)



Liverpool publications: Google → Ke Chen

A. Image Denoising:

Savage-C.(05 IJCM);

TChan-C(06 SIAM MMS; 06 NumerAlg) ;

TChan-C.-Carter(07 ETNA); RChan-C.(07 IJCM; 08 SISC);

C.-Tai (2007 JSC); C.-Savage(07 BIT);

Brito-C. (10 SIAM IS; 10 IEEE TIP); Yang-C.-Yu (12 JCM, 12 IJNAM);

Zhang-C.-Yu(20120 IJCM; 12 SIAM NA)

A. Image Deblurring.

RChan-C.(2010 SISC)

B. Image Inpainting:

Brito-C.(2008 JCM); Brito-C.(10 IJMM)

C. Image Segmentation:

Badshah-C.(2008 CiCP; 09 IEEE TIP; 10 CiCP);

Rada-C. (CiCP 2012)

D. Image Registration:

Chumchob-C.(2009 IJNAM, 2011 JCAM and 2012 NMPDE);

Chumchob-C.-Brito (2011 SIAM MMS)

OUTLINE of this TALK

- I. Image denoising**
- II. Image denoising and deblurring**
- III. Image blind deconvolution**

I. Image denoising

Observed image $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{n}$ where $\mathbf{u}$ = true image and $\mathbf{n}$ = Gaussian white noise.

Inverse Problem

Rudin-Osher-Fatemi(1992) denoising model is:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \min_{\mathbf{u}} \left[\underbrace{\alpha \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|}_{\text{regularization term}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2}_{\text{data fitting term}} \right].$$

Euler-Lagrange Equation:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0} \implies \alpha \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{|\nabla \mathbf{u}|} \right) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{z}.$$

To solve Euler-Lagrange Equation

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}) := \alpha \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{|\nabla \mathbf{u}|} \right) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{z}.$$

- nonlinear PDE—difficult to solve
- singular at $\nabla \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ —smooth TV:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\beta}(\mathbf{u}) := \alpha \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{u}_x^2 + \mathbf{u}_y^2 + \beta}} \right) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{z}.$$

Competing Uni-grid Methods

□ Time-marching (ROF, 92): $\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \mathcal{N}_\beta(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{z}$

□ Fixed-point method (Vogel/Oman, 96):

$$\mathcal{N}_\beta(u) = [\mathcal{L}_\beta(\mathbf{u})]\mathbf{u}$$

□ Primal-dual method (Chan/Golub/Mulet, 96):

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{u}_x^2 + \mathbf{u}_y^2 + \beta}}$$

□ Dual method (Carter 02, Chambolle 04): ($\beta = 0$)

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{TV} = \max_{|\mathbf{p}_{i,j}| \leq 1} \{\mathbf{u}^T \text{div} \mathbf{p}\}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \rightarrow \mathbf{z} - \alpha \text{div} \mathbf{p}$$

Multi-grid Methods for the E-L Eqn

I) Linearized PDE: $\mathcal{N}_\beta(\mathbf{u}) \rightarrow [\mathcal{L}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{u}})]\mathbf{u}$ where

$$[\mathcal{L}_\beta(\bar{\mathbf{u}})]\mathbf{u} := \alpha \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla \mathbf{u}}{\sqrt{\bar{u}_x^2 + \bar{u}_y^2 + \beta}} \right) + \mathbf{u}$$

- Chan/Chan/Wan (95)
- Vogel (1995)
- Chang/Chern (1996, AMG 2003)

Inner-outer iterations

Multi-grid Methods for the E-L Eqn

II) Nonlinear PDE: solve $\mathcal{N}_\beta(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{z}$

- Weickert (2003)
- Savage/Chen (2004)
- Henn (2004)

No inner iterations

Nonlinear Full Approximation Scheme

On level k , we solve $\mathcal{N}_k(\mathbf{w}_k) = \mathbf{f}_k$. At current $\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k$, the residual equation is:

$$\mathcal{N}_k(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k + \mathbf{v}_k) = \mathbf{f}_k.$$

So the coarse grid equation to solve is:

$$\mathcal{N}_{k-1}(\mathbf{w}_{k-1}) = \mathcal{N}_{k-1}(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_{k-1}) + \mathcal{R}_k^{k-1}[\mathbf{f}_k - \mathcal{N}_k(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k)],$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{k-1} = \mathbf{w}_{k-1} - \mathcal{R}_k^{k-1}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_k$. Then

$$\mathbf{w}_{\text{new}} = \bar{\mathbf{w}}_k + \mathcal{P}_{k-1}^k \mathbf{v}_{k-1} = \mathcal{P}_{k-1}^k \mathbf{w}_{k-1}.$$

To solve the ROF TV Optimization by Multilevel Methods

- Ta'ssan (1987), Nash (1997, 2000)
Brandt (2000)
- Solve $\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u})$ directly
- use $\nabla J(\mathbf{u})$ to measure residuals but not solving $\nabla J(\mathbf{u}) = 0$
- $\nabla J(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ is used to design coarse level functionals.
- minimization problems to solve (“*smooth*”) in each grid

Nash's Approach

Minimize

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \left[\alpha \int_{\Omega} \sqrt{\mathbf{u}_x^2 + \mathbf{u}_y^2} + \beta + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z})^2 \right].$$

The “*closeness*” of the current $\mathbf{u}_k$ to solving

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u})$$

is measured by its E-L equation: $\mathbf{r}_k = \nabla J(\mathbf{u}_k)$.

Target is:

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{u}_k) = 0.$$

Require $J(\mathbf{u})$ to be differentiable.

Nash's Approach

Coarse grid problem is to minimize:

$$F(\mathbf{u}_{k-1}) := J(\mathbf{u}_{k-1}) - \mathbf{g}_{k-1}^T \mathbf{u}_{k-1},$$

where

$$\mathbf{g}_{k-1} = \nabla J(\mathcal{R}_k^{k-1} \mathbf{u}_k) - \mathcal{R}_k^{k-1} \nabla J(\mathbf{u}_k).$$

Note that $\nabla F(\mathbf{u}_{k-1}) = \mathbf{0}$ implies

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{u}_{k-1}) = \mathbf{g}_{k-1}.$$

This is the FAS (NMG)

An Optimisation Smoother

$$J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^n |u_j - u_{j+1}| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (u_j - z_j)^2$$

is minimized by **coordinate descent**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{u_1} J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \rightarrow \min_{u_2} J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ \rightarrow & \dots \\ \rightarrow & \min_{u_n} J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \rightarrow \min_{u_1} J(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ \rightarrow & \dots \end{aligned}$$

Note that

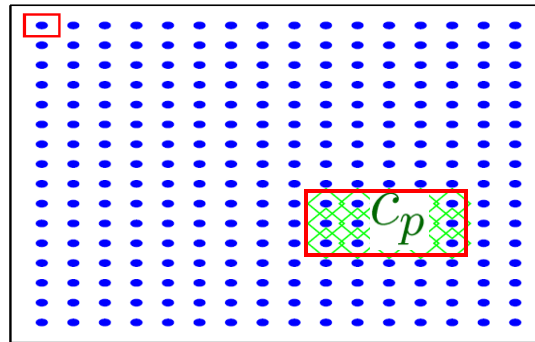
$$\arg \min_{u_i} J(u_1, \dots, u_i, \dots, u_n) \in \{z_j \pm 2\alpha, u_{j\pm 1}, z_j\}.$$

Drawbacks of Previous Approach

- require differentiability of $J(\mathbf{u})$
- can get stuck for constant patches

**Both Uni-level and
Multilevel gets stuck**

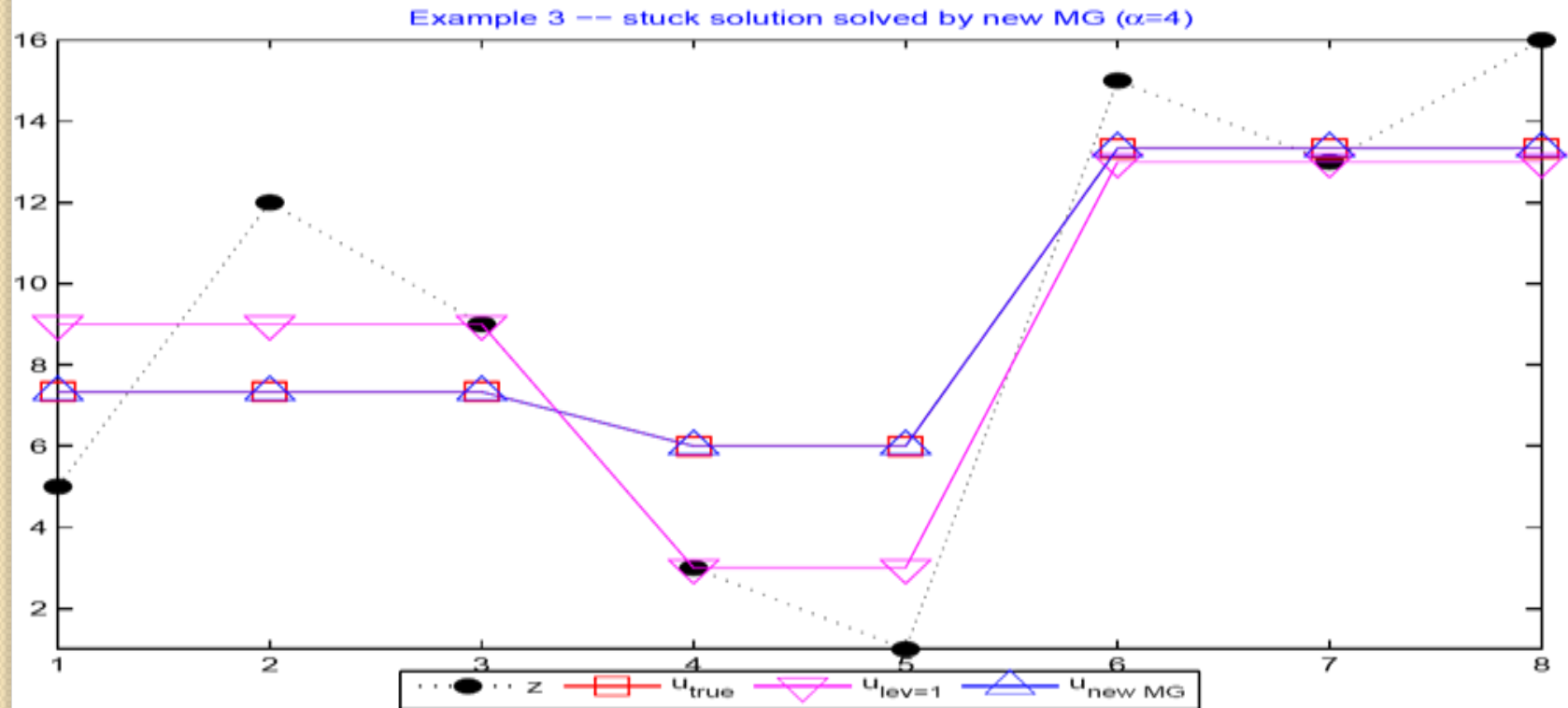
T. Chan and Chen's Approach



Level 1

$$\min_{c_p} J(\bar{\mathbf{u}} + c_p)$$

over the patch



T. Chan/Chen (SIMMS, 2006)

- Complexity per cycle:

$$O(\text{level number} \times \text{pixel number}) = O(N \log N)$$

- Convergence:

- $J(\mathbf{u}_{\text{new}}) \leq J(\mathbf{u}_{\text{old}})$

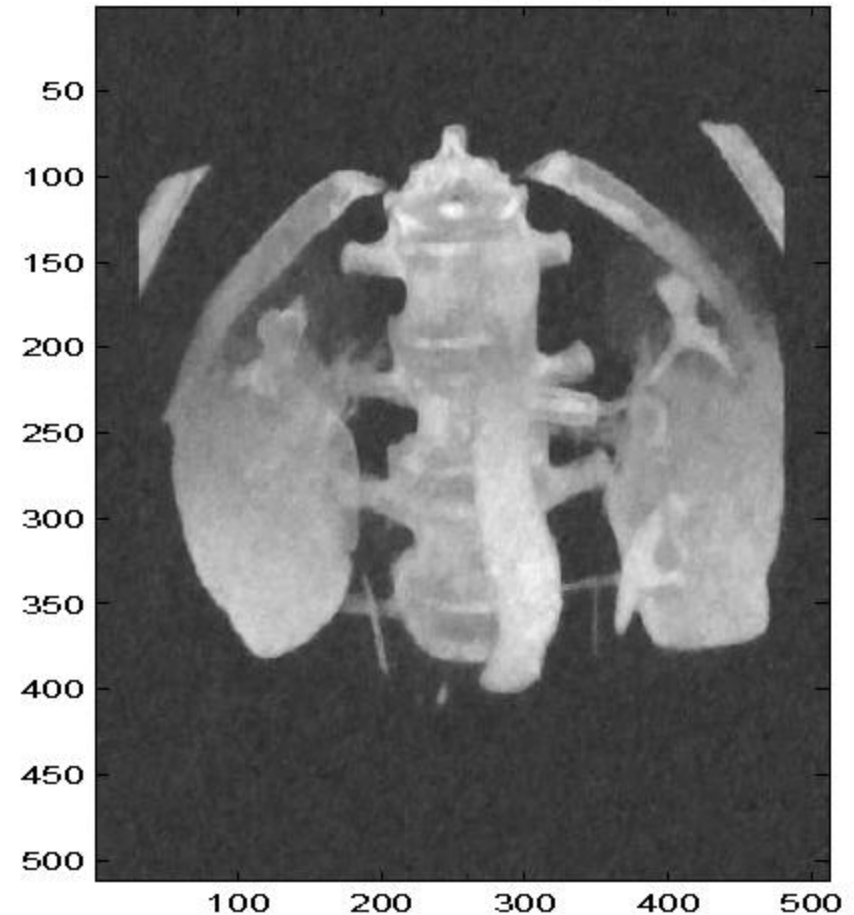
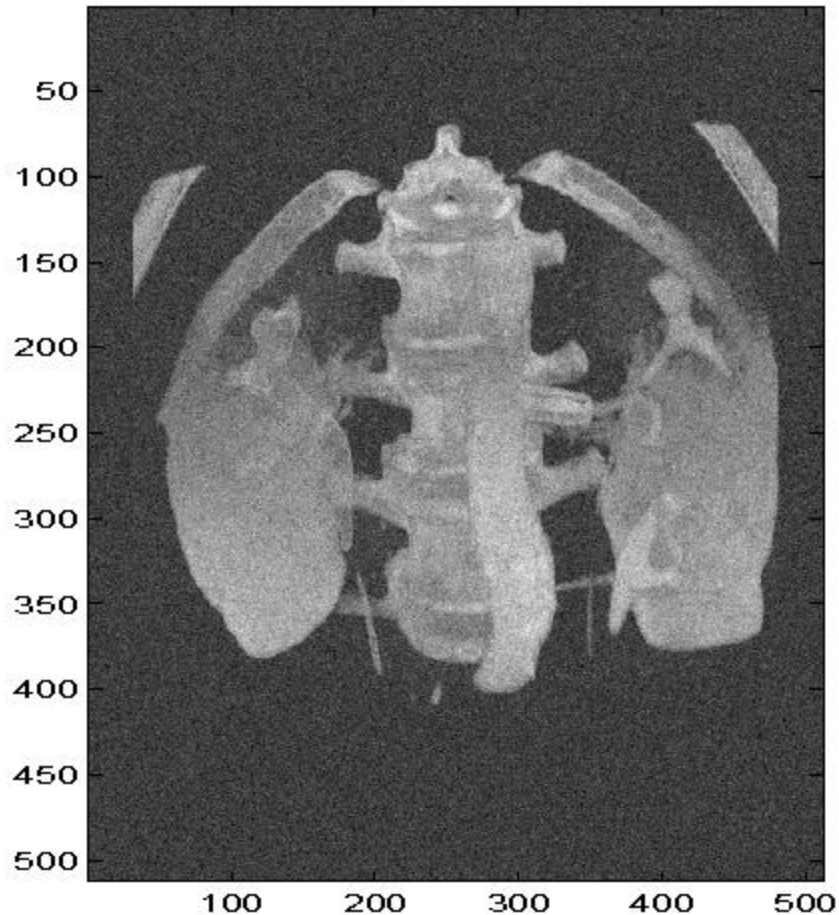
- converge globally if all constant patches can be identified

- Numerically:

- convergence independent of N

- total work proportional to $N \log N$

TV Results – Sharp Restoration



II. Image denoising and deblurring

$$z = Ku + \eta$$

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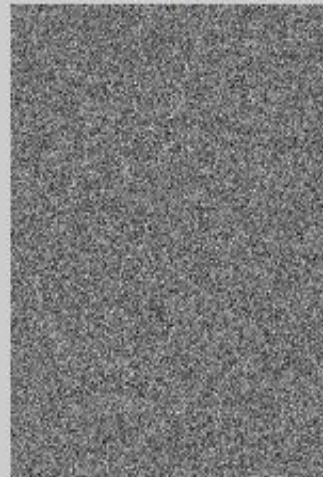
z



Ku



η



u



Variational ROF model: Opt vs PDE

$$\min_u J(u) = \underbrace{\bar{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| \, dx dy}_{\text{Total variation}} + \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - z\|_2^2$$



$$-\bar{\alpha} \nabla \left(\frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \right) + K^* K u = K^* z$$

- Differential (Sparse) + Integral (Dense) Operator: Hard
- Fixed Point Methods: Vogel, Chan et al x 2, Chang et al
- Feasible Method: M Ng et al / Yin et al – Approx/ 2-stages
- Non-feasible Method: MG / Multilevel

The Huang-Ng-Wen (2008, MMS) method

$$\min_u J(u) = \underbrace{\bar{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| \, dx dy}_{\text{Total variation}} + \frac{1}{2} \|Ku - z\|_2^2$$

⇓ *approximated by the following alternating mins*

$$\min_{u, \mathbf{v}} J(u, \mathbf{v}) = \underbrace{\bar{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| \, dx dy + \frac{\bar{\beta}}{2} \|u - \mathbf{v}\|_2^2}_{\text{Stage 1 for } u \text{ and Stage 2 for } \mathbf{v}} + \frac{1}{2} \|K\mathbf{v} - z\|_2^2$$

20 alternating iterations → 40 problems to be solved in all

II(a). Attempts to develop a multigrid / multilevel method

- **Multigrids for PDE:**

linear with FP

Vogel et al (95)
shown

– negative results

Chan-Chan-Wan (97)

– MG for L2-norm (not TV)

- **Multilevel for Optimization:**
reduction

nonlinear / dim

Chan-Chen (06) method for denoising ? →
for denoising and
deblurring?

II(b). A new direct optimization method

Joint work with **R H Chan**

$$\min_u J(u) = \bar{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| \, dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \| Ku - z \|_2^2 \quad (2008)$$

↓

$$\min_{u_{11}, u_{12}, \dots, u_{nn}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \alpha \sum_{i,j} |\nabla \mathbf{u}|_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j [(K\mathbf{u})_j - z_j]^2$$



$$\min_{u_{11}, u_{12}, \dots, u_{nn}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sqrt{(u_{i,j} - u_{i,j+1})^2 + (u_{i,j} - u_{i+1,j})^2} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^n K_{i,j;\ell,m} u_{\ell,m} - z_{i,j} \right)^2$$

Level 1 minimization $O(n^2)$ per pixel $\times n^2$ pixels $= O(n^4)$

Let $u = \tilde{u} + c_{i,j} e_{i,j}$, $c_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}$, $e_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $Ku = K\tilde{u} + c_{i,j} Ke_{i,j} = K\tilde{u} + c_{i,j} w_t$

$$J^{\text{loc}}(c_{i,j}) = \alpha T(c_{i,j}) + \frac{1}{2} \| c_{i,j} w_t + K\tilde{u} - z \|^2$$

$$= \alpha T(c_{i,j}) + \frac{1}{2} \| c_{i,j} w_t - \tilde{z} \|^2$$

Level 2 minimization

$$O(n^2) \text{ per pixel} \times \frac{n^2}{4} \text{ pixels} = O(n^4)$$

Let $u = \tilde{u} + c_{i,j} e_{i,j}$, $Ku = K\tilde{u} + c_{i,j} Ke_{i,j} = K\tilde{u} + c_{i,j} w_t$, $c_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}$, $e_{i,j} =$

$$J^{\text{loc}}(c_{i,j}) = \alpha T(c_{i,j}) + \frac{1}{2} \| c_{i,j} w_t + K\tilde{u} - z \|^2$$

$$= \alpha T(c_{i,j}) + \frac{1}{2} \| c_{i,j} w_t - \tilde{z} \|^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider how to generate w_t

$$\alpha T'(c_{i,j}) + w_t^T w_t c_{i,j} = w_t^T \tilde{z}$$

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Task I — $O(n^2 \log n)$ work to work out partial sums of columns

Algorithm 2 (Computation of partial sums of K) Let $T_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ be the of the BCCB matrix K (which is reshaped from column 1 of K). Below for $k \geq 2$, we shall form the root matrix $T_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ that contains partial sums of K 's 4^{k-1} columns and $W_k = \|T_k\|_F^2$.

for $k = 2, \dots, L + 1$, do:

– Set $b = 2^{k-2}$ (the width of blocks on level $k - 1$)

– Assign $Y = T_{k-1}$

1. Inter-block summation

– Set the first block $X_1 = Y(:, 1 : b) + Y(:, n - b + 1 : n)$

– for $\ell = b + 1, 2b + 1, 3b + 1, \dots, (n - b + 1)$, do

Set block ℓ : $X_\ell = Y(:, \ell : \ell + b - 1) + Y(:, \ell - b : \ell - 1)$

end

– Set the matrix $X = [X_1, X_{b+1}, X_{2b+1}, X_{3b+1}, \dots, X_{(n-b+1)}]$

2. Inner-block summation

– Set the first block $Y_1 = X(1 : b, :) + X(n - b + 1 : n, :)$

– for $\ell = b + 1, 2b + 1, 3b + 1, \dots, (n - b + 1)$, do

Set block ℓ : $Y_\ell = X(\ell : \ell + b - 1, :) + X(\ell - b : \ell - 1, :)$

end

– Set the matrix $Y = [Y_1; Y_{b+1}; Y_{2b+1}; Y_{3b+1}; \dots, Y_{(n-b+1)}]^T$

3. Compute $W_k = \|Y\|_F^2$ which is the same as $w_t^T w_t$ on level k .

– Store $T_k = Y$

end

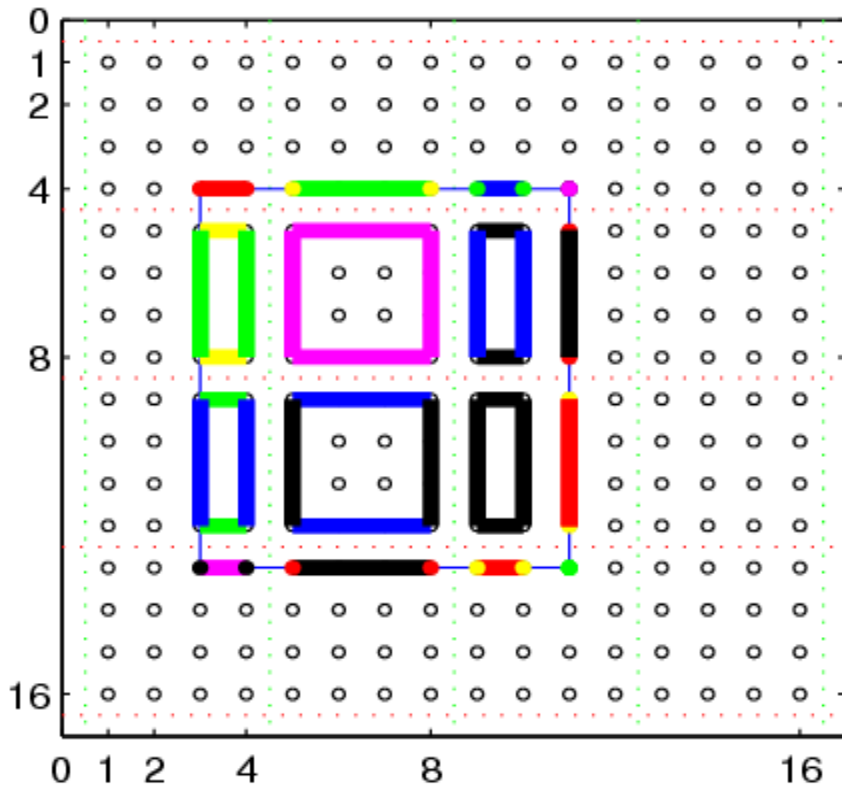
Task II $-O(n^2 \log n)$ work to work out all RHS of local problems

Algorithm 3 (Computation of products $w_t^T \tilde{z}$) *Let $\text{fft2}(K, v)$ denote the process of computing the matrix-vector product $K^T v$ via the FFT. Suppose that $\tilde{z}$ has been updated before starting level k . Now on level k , we shall compute the vector $V = w_t^T \tilde{z}$ by the following steps*

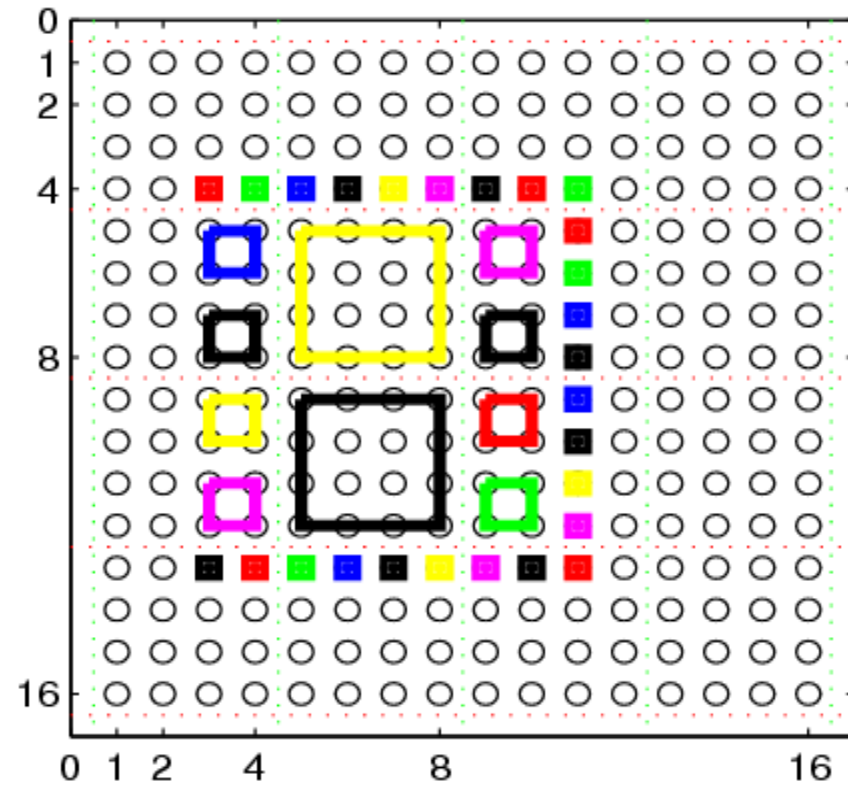
1. *Complete $W = \text{fft2}(K, \tilde{z})$; here $W \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$.
If $k = 1$, exit the algorithm with $V = W$ otherwise continue;*
2. *for $\ell = 0, \dots, k - 2$ do*
 - Set the counter $j = 0$, the block size $b = 2^\ell$ and the number of blocks $m = n/b$ along one way.*
 - for column $c = 1, 3, \dots, m - 1$ do*
 - set $s = (c - 1)m$;*
 - for row $r = 1, 3, \dots, m - 1$ do*
 - $j = j + 1$;*
 - compute the partial sum $p_j = \sum_{i=0}^1 (W_{s+r+i} + W_{s+r+m+i})$.*
 - end for r*
 - end for c*
 - Set $W = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_j]^T$ and the new size $m = m/2$;*
 - end for ℓ .*
 - 3. *End the algorithm with $V = W$.*

Task III — $O(n^2 \log n)$ work to work out irregular partial sums of columns

Stage 1



Stage 2



Overall Algorithm: Initial Stage (FMM like) + Iteration Stage (Multilevel like)

Algorithm 6 Given z and an initial guess $\tilde{u} = z$, with $L + 1$ levels,

Pre-calculation.

1. Apply Algorithm 2 to compute all root matrices T_k and $w_t^T w_t = \|T_k\|_F^2$ for partial sum matrices on level $k = 1, 2, \dots, L + 1$.

Multilevel Iterations.

2. Iteration starts with $u_{old} = \tilde{u}$ ($\tilde{u}$ contains the initial guess before the first iteration and the updated solution at all later iterations).

for ν times on each level $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, L + 1$:

3. Compute $\tilde{z} = z - K\tilde{u}$ and form $K^T \tilde{z}$ via the FFT.

for each block on level k ,

4. form each $w_t^T \tilde{z}$ from $K^T \tilde{z}$ and compute the minimizer c of (23).

end block

5. add all the corrections (from all blocks on level k), $\tilde{u} = \tilde{u} + P_k c$, where P_k is the interpolation operator distributing $c_{i,j}$ to the corresponding $b \times b$ block on level k as illustrated in (16).

end level k .

6. On level $k = 1$, check the possible patch size for each position (i, j) :

$$\text{patch} = \{(i_\ell, j_\ell) : |u_{i_\ell, j_\ell} - u_{i, j}| < \varepsilon\}$$

for some small ε .

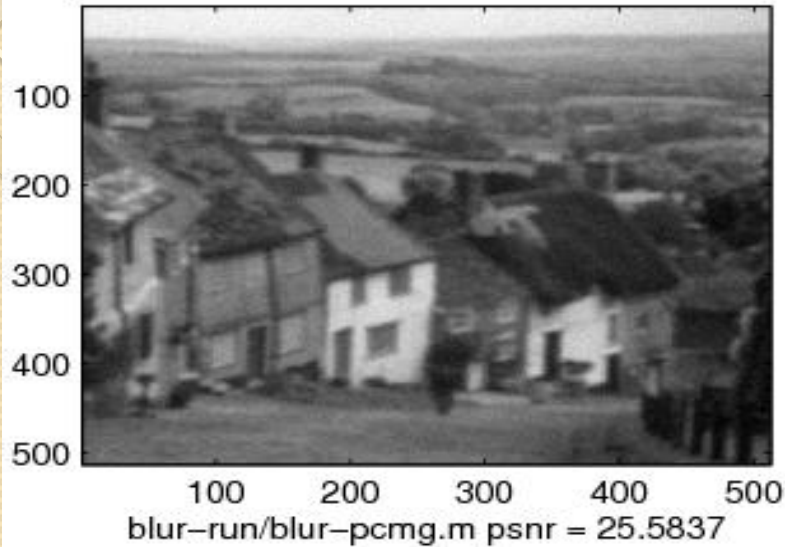
First use Algorithms 5 to compute the partial sum vector w_t .

Then implement the piecewise constant update as with Steps 3 – 5.

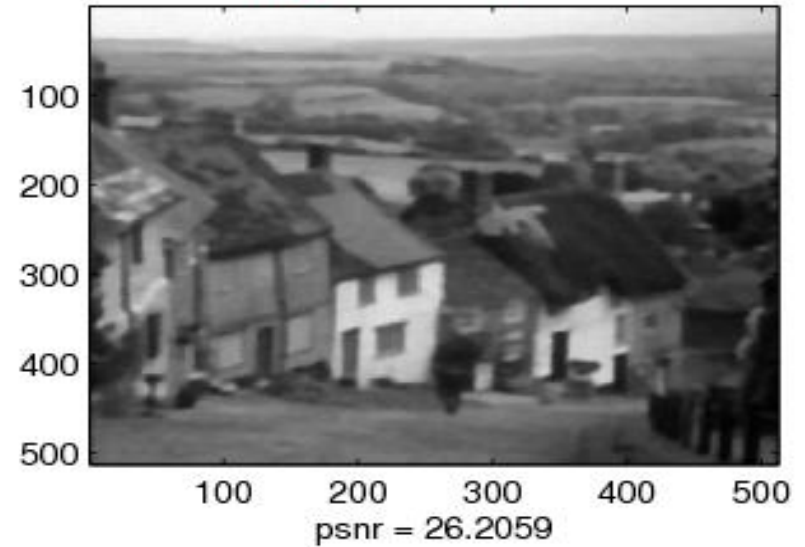
7. If $\|\tilde{u} - u_{old}\|_2$ is small enough, exit with $u = \tilde{u}$ or return to Step 2 and continue with the next multilevel cycle.

II(c). Test results (A) quality

V2 Problem z_8



u_{MG2} : 10 Levels, 0^{patch}



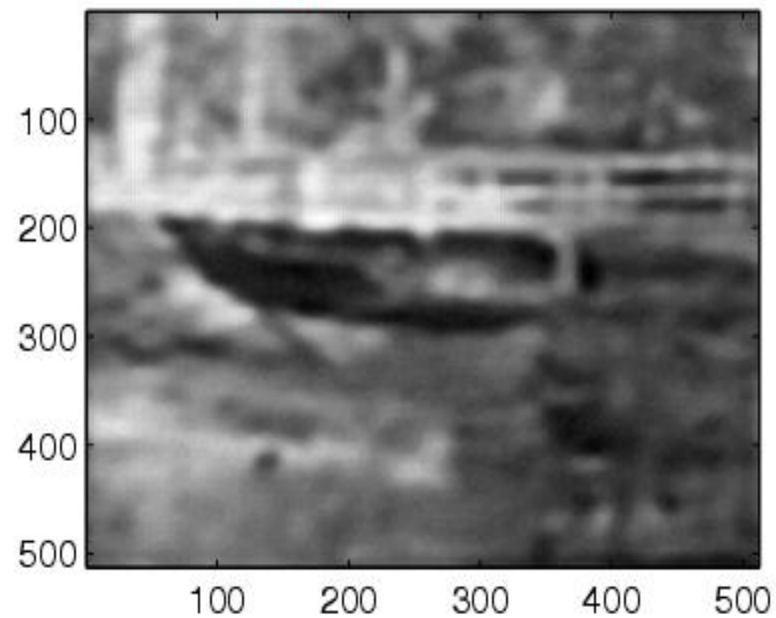
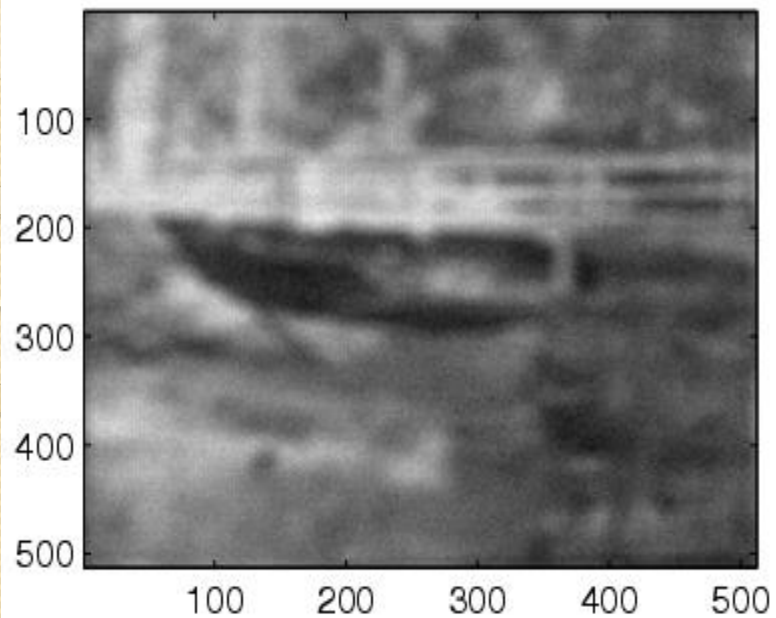
Prob 8: u_{exact} $sm_{type}=1$



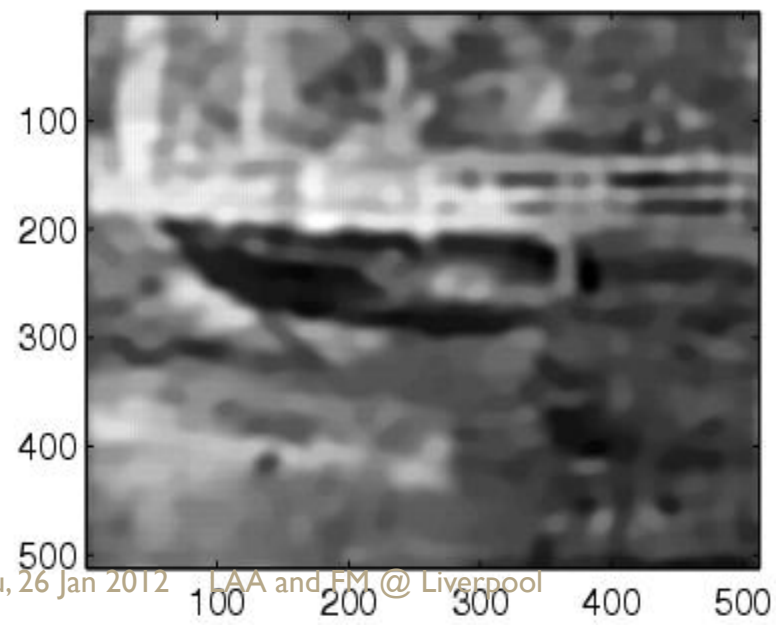
u_{250} pd CGM



MG



CGM

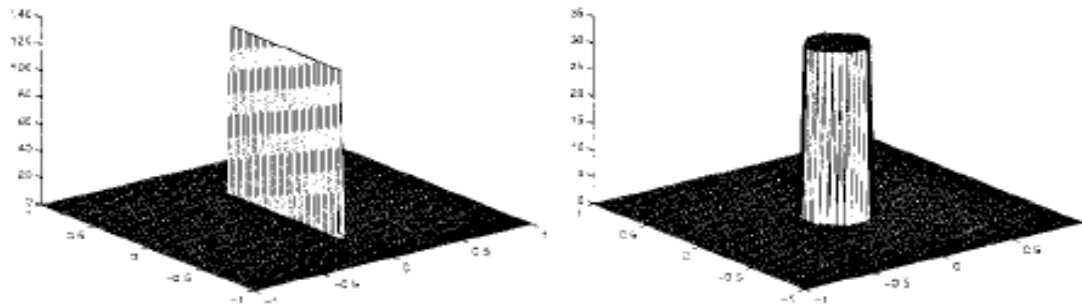


II(d). Test results (B) Speed comparison

Problem number	Size n	CGM Method		New Algorithm 6	
		PSNR	CPU	PSNR	CPU
1	128	19.3	113.8	18.8	8.7
	256	20.9	646.7	21.0	29.0
	512	20.1	3350.0	19.9	193.5
	1024	*	*	22.2	8313.1
2	128	20.5	114.6	19.8	8.7
	256	23.0	648.5	22.8	38.9
	512	21.8	3356.1	19.9	192.1
	1024	*	*	24.8	8307.3
3	128	21.9	113.9	21.5	8.7
	256	24.1	649.2	23.8	36.6
	512	23.1	3359.2	23.3	228.3
	1024	*	*	25.7	8309.9
4	128	22.7	114.4	22.6	8.5
	256	24.9	648.1	24.9	28.9
	512	22.5	3362.4	22.8	229.1
	1024	*	*	25.2	9214.9

III. Image blind deconvolution

$$\min_{u, h} \left\{ \alpha_1 \int |\nabla u| \, dx dy + \alpha_2 \int |\nabla h| \, dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \int (h * u - u_0)^2 \, dx dy \right\}$$



T.F. Chan and W.C. Wong.
IEEE transactions on Image Processing,
Vol. 7, No. 3, March 1998.

PDEs to solve

$$h(-x, -y) * (h * u - u_0) - \alpha_1 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} \right) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$u(-x, -y) * (u * h - u_0) - \alpha_2 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla h}{|\nabla h|} \right) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega$$

Non-uniqueness of the solution

$$\begin{aligned} &[-u(x, y), -h(x, y)], \\ &[u(x \pm c, y \pm d), h(x \pm c, y \pm d)], \\ &[\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} h(x, y), \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} u(x, y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\int h(x, y) \, dx dy = 1$$

$$u(x, y) \geq 0, h(x, y) \geq 0, h(x, y) = h(-x, -y)$$

Constraints to
guarantee
uniqueness of the
solution

Alternating Minimization Algorithm

A. AM Algorithm

- Start with $u^0 = z$ and $h^0 = \delta(x, y)$, the delta function.
Assume we have u^n and h^n ,
- Solve for h^{n+1} by (iterating on i)

$$u^n(-x, -y) \star (u^n \star h_{i+1}^{n+1} - z) - \alpha_2 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla h_{i+1}^{n+1}}{|\nabla h_i^{n+1}|} \right) = 0.$$

Impose

$$h^{n+1}(x, y) = \begin{cases} h^{n+1}(x, y), & \text{if } h^{n+1}(x, y) > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$h(x, y) = [h(x, y) + h(-x, -y)]/2$$

$$h^{n+1} = \frac{h^{n+1}}{\int_{\Omega} h^{n+1}(x, y) dx dy}.$$

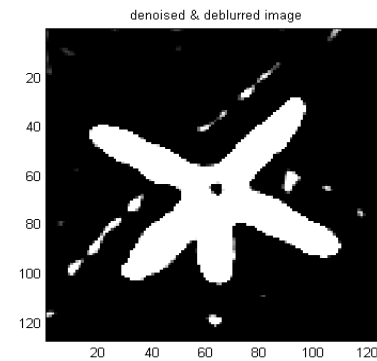
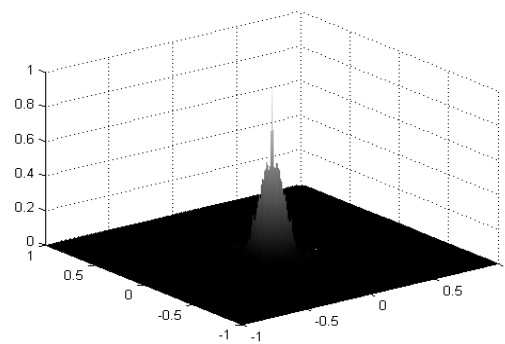
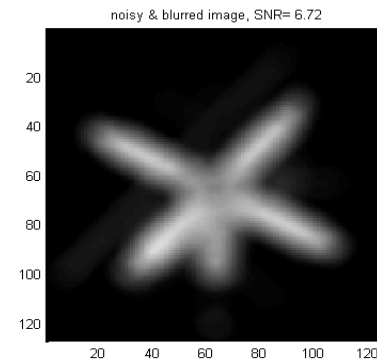
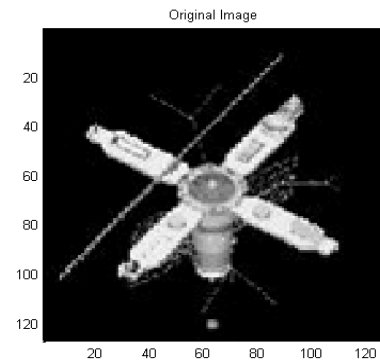
- Solve for u^{n+1} by (iterating on i)

$$h^{n+1}(-x, -y) \star (h^{n+1} \star u_{i+1}^{n+1} - z) - \alpha_1 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla u_{i+1}^{n+1}}{|\nabla u_i^{n+1}|} \right) = 0.$$

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Fair Double TV solution



A more difficult problem

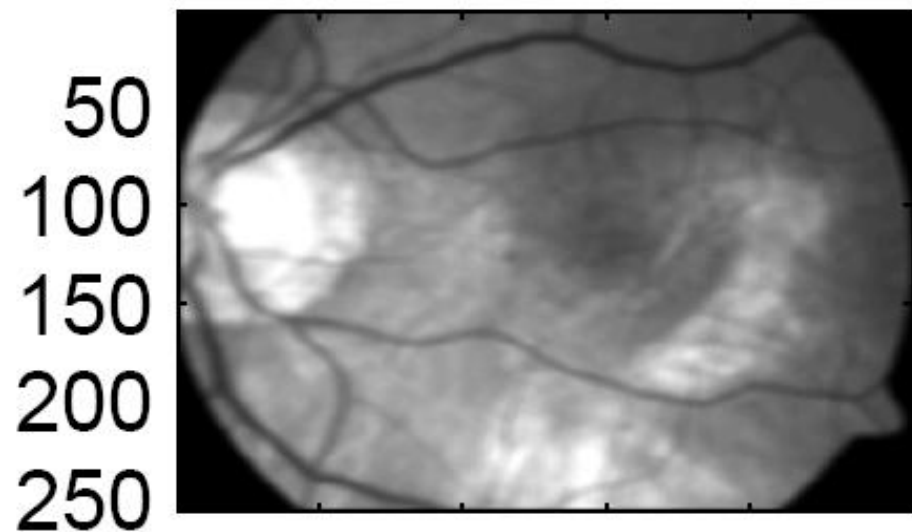
Medical images on the other hand are not so easily tractable.

They are highly noisy and blurred

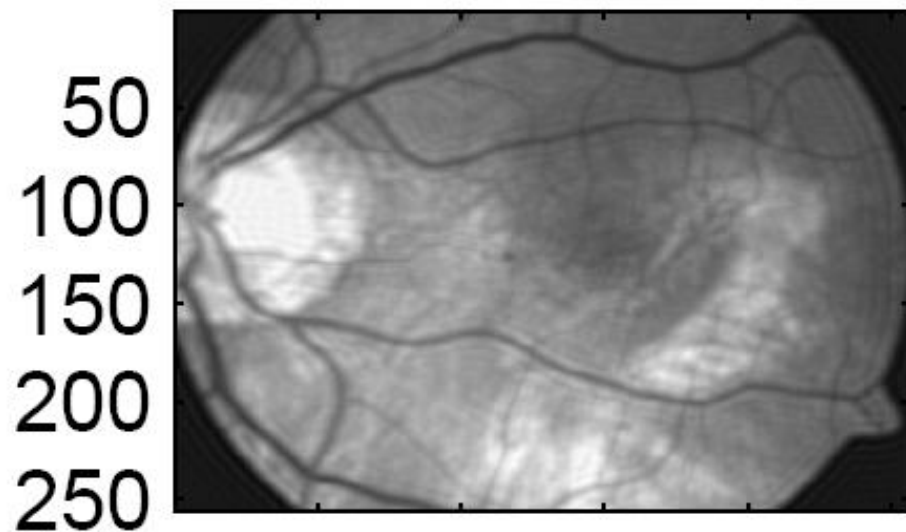
Preliminary Results
Encouraging



Received Image



Restored Image

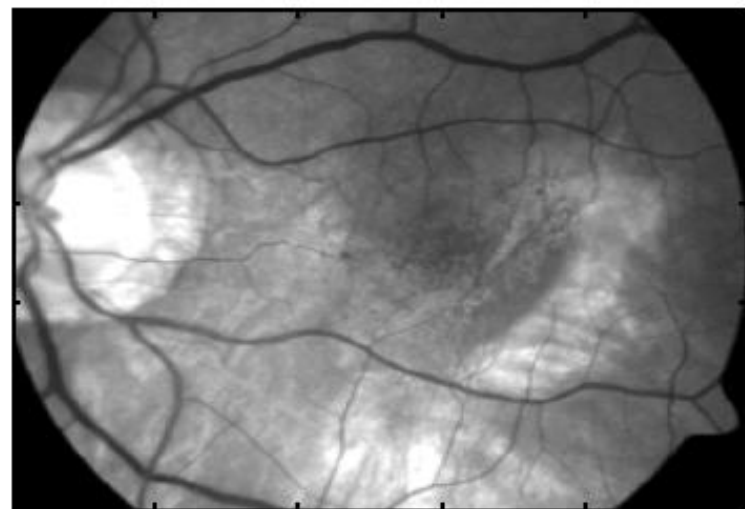


Motion Blur

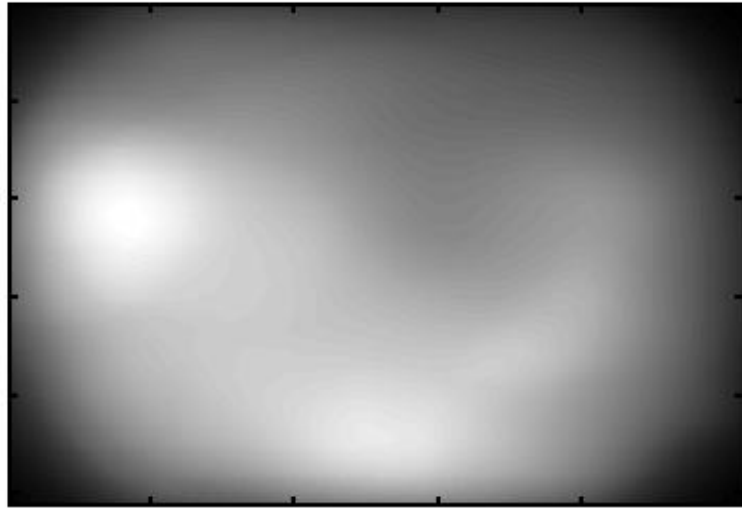
$$k = \frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is approximated
by iterations

Original Image

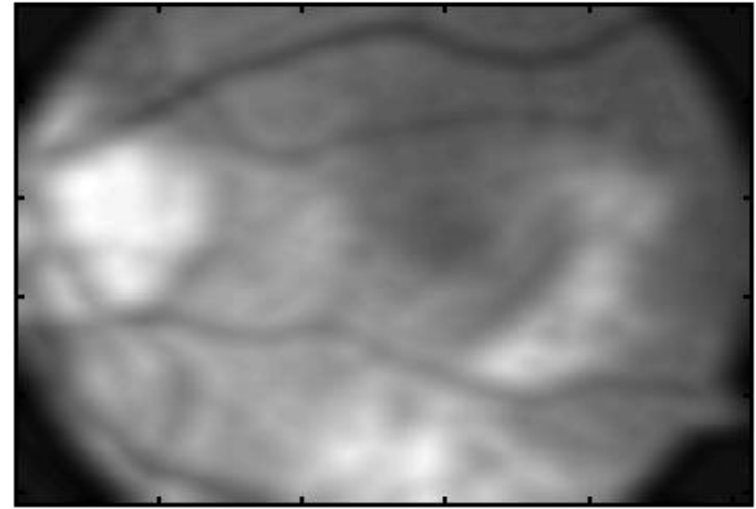


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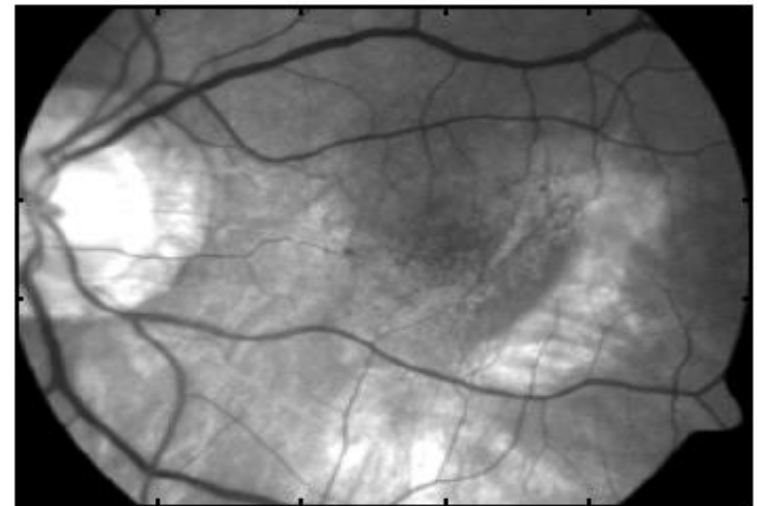
50
100
150
200
250



Gaussian Blur

$k_{i,j} = \exp(-\frac{(x_i^2 + y_j^2)}{\sigma})$ is approximated
by iterations

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Conclusions

- In Imaging Deblurring framework, (nonlinear) regularisers complicate integral operators.
Optimisation multilevel methods effective.
- Generalization to blind deblurring is non-trivial and no-going work