

Iterative regularization via proximal methods

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Introduction and motivation

Outline

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Part I: Quadratic data fit

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Part II: General data fit

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Selection principle: given $R: H \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ strongly convex, select x^\dagger , the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \min R(x) \\ \text{s.t. } Ax = y \end{aligned}$$

Noisy data

We do not know $y \in \mathcal{G}$. We have access only to $\hat{y} \in \mathcal{G}$ such that

$$\|\hat{y} - y\| \leq \delta, \quad \delta > 0.$$

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find a **stable** approximation of x^\dagger

using only \hat{y} .

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Well-established regularization theory

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$$\|\hat{x}^\lambda - x^\dagger\| \leq C \left(\frac{\delta}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \sqrt{\delta} + \sqrt{\lambda} \right)$$

Choosing $\lambda_\delta \sim \delta$, we derive

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[Burger-Osher, Convergence rates of convex variational regularization, 2004]

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An old idea in inverse problems for $R = \|\cdot\|^2/2$:

Landweber [Engl-Hanke-Neubauer, inverse problems]

Recently revisited: [Osher-Burger-Yin-Cai-Resmerita-He.....~ 2000s]

Iterative regularization: idea of the proof

- 1 Choose a convergent algorithm to solve

$$\min_{Ax=y} R(x).$$

Call the iterates $(x_t)_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$.

- 2 Apply the same algorithm to

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- 3 Then

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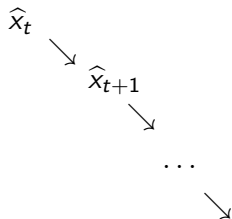
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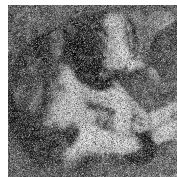
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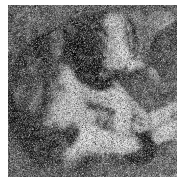
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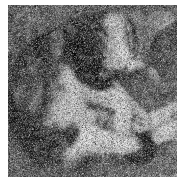
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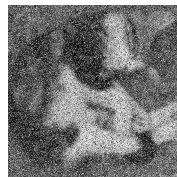
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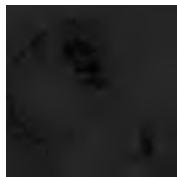
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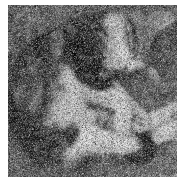
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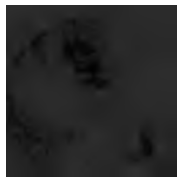
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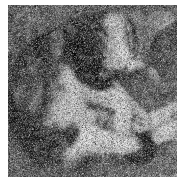
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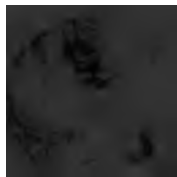
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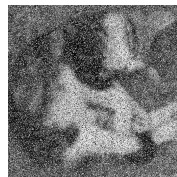
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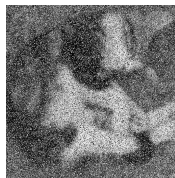
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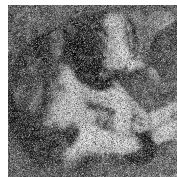
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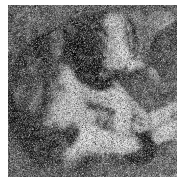
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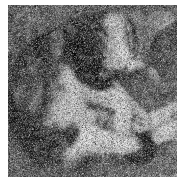
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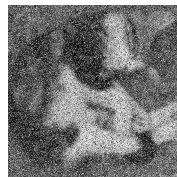
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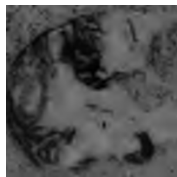
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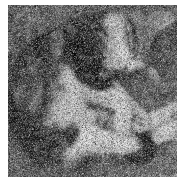
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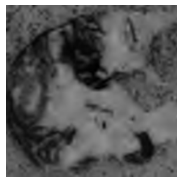
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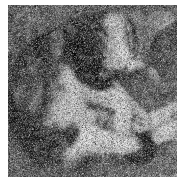
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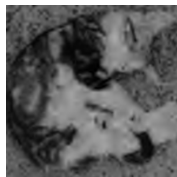
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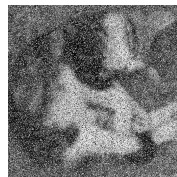
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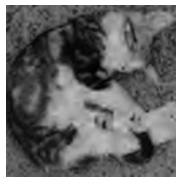
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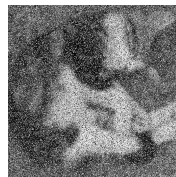
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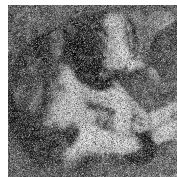
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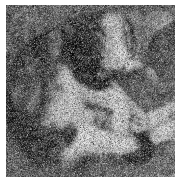
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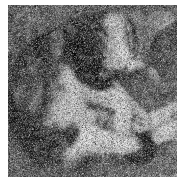
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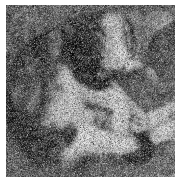
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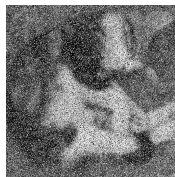
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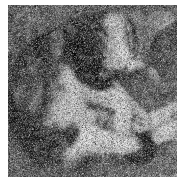
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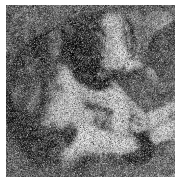
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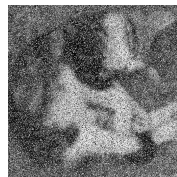
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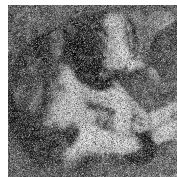
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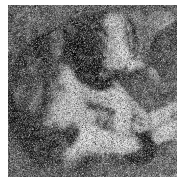
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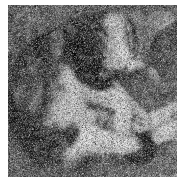
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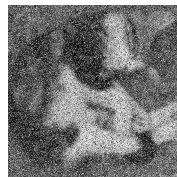
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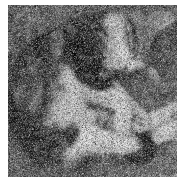
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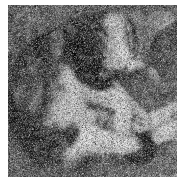
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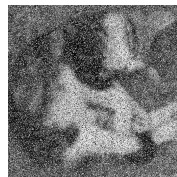
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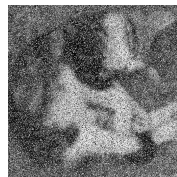
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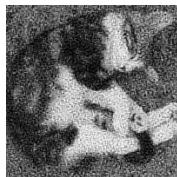
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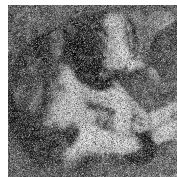
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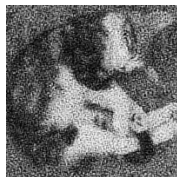
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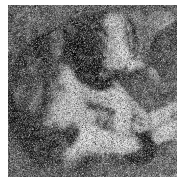
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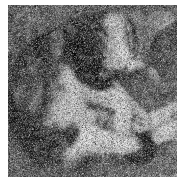
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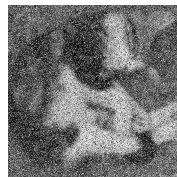
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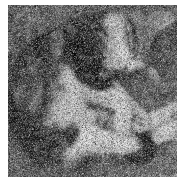
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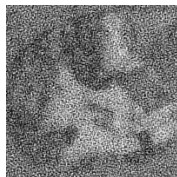
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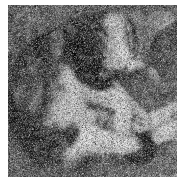
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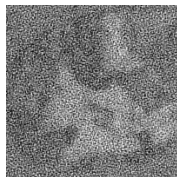
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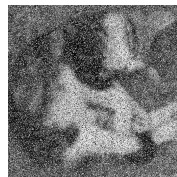
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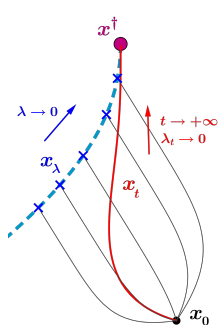
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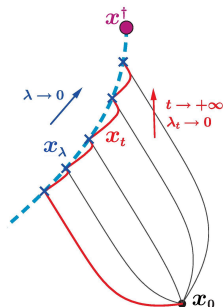
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A picture

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Stability with respect to errors = iterative regularization results

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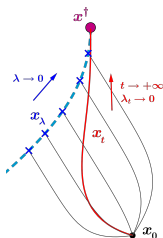
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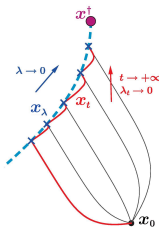
Setting

- deblurring and denoising (salt and pepper, gaussian, gaussian+salt and pepper, Poisson) of 512×512 images
- comparison between the two versions: **diagonal** and **warm restart**



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one parameter = $(\lambda_t) = n.$ iter.

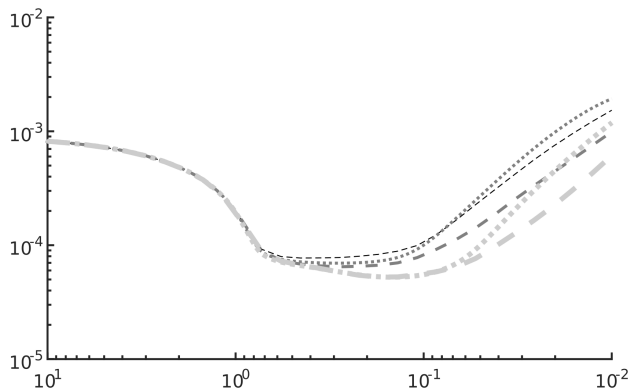


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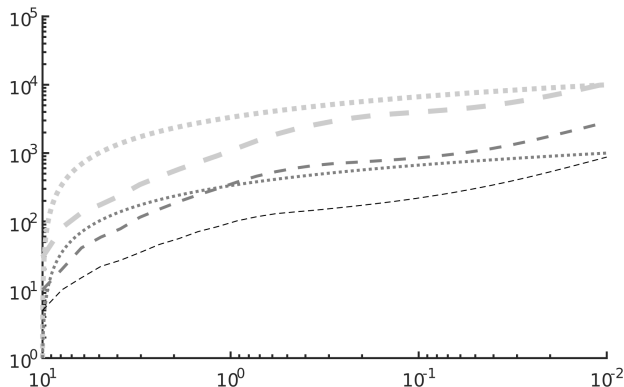


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Parameter selection

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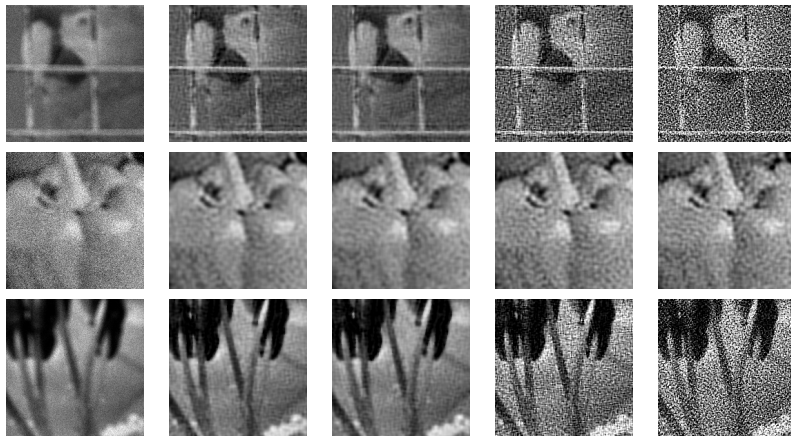
Blurring + Salt and pepper 35%. $D(u, y) = \|u - y\|_1$,
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noisy image, reconstruction with diagonal and warm restart using true image,
 reconstruction with diagonal and warm restart using SURE

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Blurring + Poisson noise. $D(u, y) = \text{KL}(y; u + b)$, $R(x) = \|x\|_{\text{TV}} + \|x\|^2$



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Merci pour votre attention