Image Compression by Partial Differential Equations

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Goal : reconstruct missing parts of an image $f : D \to [0,1]$ from $K \subset D$.

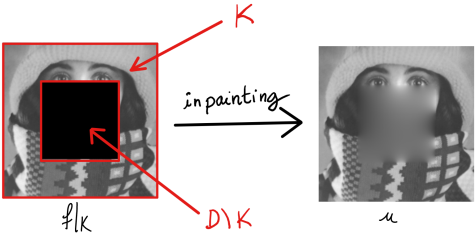

Figure – Inpainting

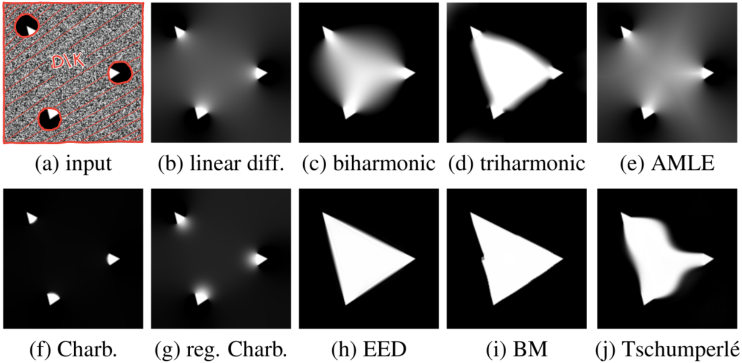

Figure – Examples [2]

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For compression purpose, we can neglect small $c_{u,v}$.

We do not do this : we remove parts of the image and reconstruct them by inpainting :

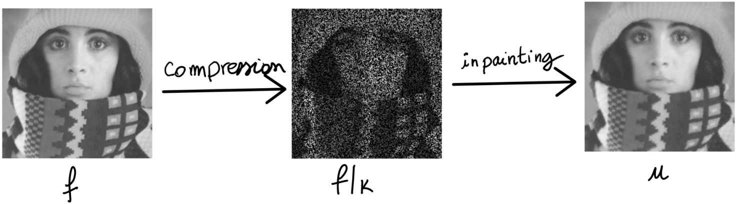

Figure – Compression by Inpainting.

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Questions 2-3

What is a good reconstruction ? How to find these pixels ?

Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ the support of an image $f : D \longrightarrow [0,1]$. Some errors examples

Example 1

$$\|u - f\|_{L^2(D)} := \left(\int_D (u - f)^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2}.$$

Example 2

$$|u - f|_{H^1(D)} := \left(\int_D |\nabla u - \nabla f|^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2}.$$

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The existence of a solution depends on the inpainting problem, on the error $\mathcal{E}$ and on m.

Problem (Homogeneous Diffusion Inpainting [1])

Find u in $H^1(D)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = 0, & \text{in } D \setminus K, \\ u = f, & \text{in } K, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathrm{n}} = 0, & \text{on } \partial D. \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

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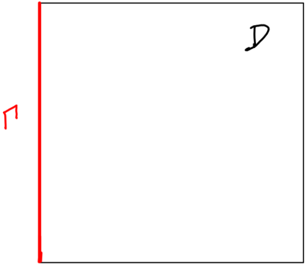

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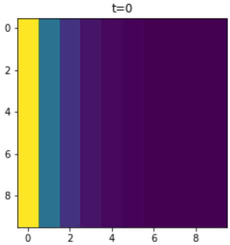

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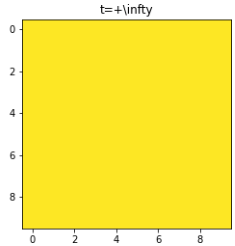

Theorem

If the inpainting is the homogeneous diffusion inpaiting

$$\mathcal{E}(u) = |u - f|_{H^1(D)} := \left(\int_D |\nabla u - \nabla f|^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2},$$

and if

$$m(K) = cap(K) := \inf \left\{ \int_D |\nabla u|^2 \, dx + \int_D u^2 \, dx \;\middle|\; u \in H_0^1(D),\ u \geq 1 \text{ p.p. dans } K \right\},$$

Then, the compression problem admits at least one solution.

Question

In practice, how to construct K ?

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$$= \max_{K\subset D,\ m(K)\leq c} \left(\underbrace{\left(\min_{v\in H^1(D),\ v=f \text{ in } K} \int_{D\setminus K} |\nabla v|^2\ dx \right)}_{\geq 0} + \int_K |\nabla f|^2\ dx \right).$$

Then,

$$\max_{K\subset D,\ m(K)\leq c} \int_K |\nabla f|^2\ dx \leq \max_{K\subset D,\ m(K)\leq c} j(K).$$

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When ε tends to 0,

$$j(K_\varepsilon) - j(K) = -|\Delta f(x_0)|^2 \frac{\pi}{2} \varepsilon^4 + o(\varepsilon^4).$$

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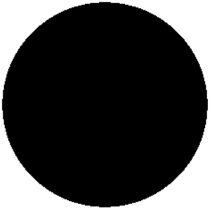
For $m > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we set

$$\mathcal{A}_{m,n} := \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \overline{B(x_i, r)} \;\middle|\; x_i \in D,\;\; r = mn^{-1/2} \right\}.$$



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Built K such that the pixels density increase with the quantity $|\Delta f|$.

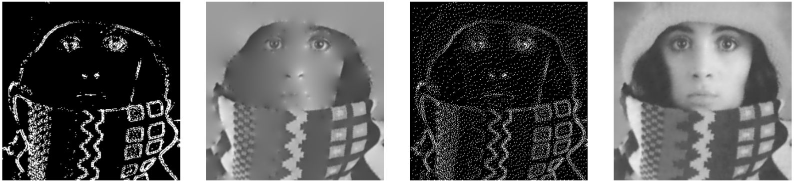


Figure – Topological Gradient vs Fat Pixels.

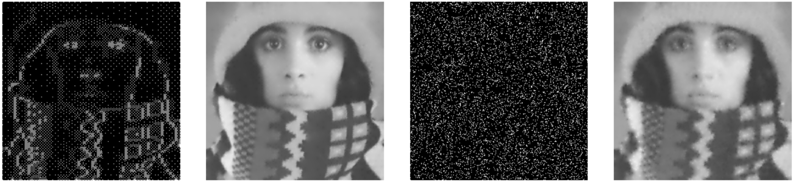


Figure – B-Tree vs Random.

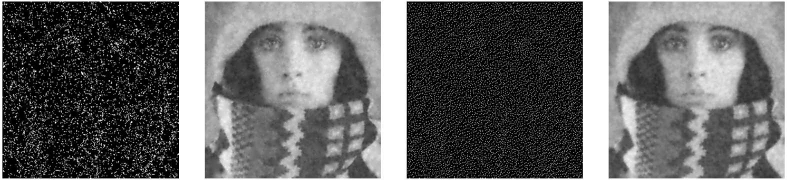
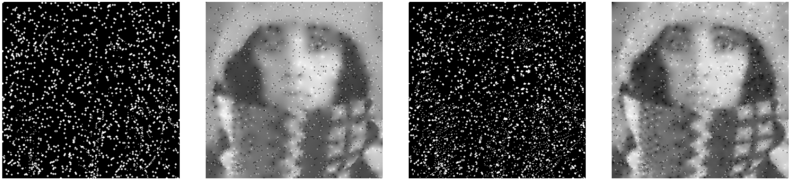


Figure – Image with Gaussian Noise.



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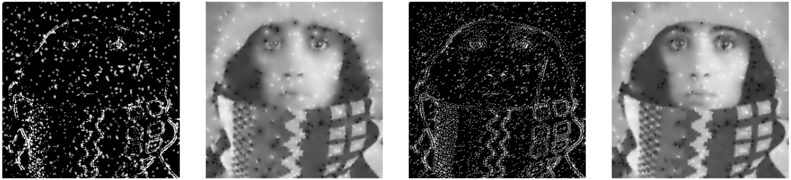

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Thanks for your attention !

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