

A Multigrid method for image restoration

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 - Dirichlet $\Rightarrow A = T_{n,m}(z)$ (block Toeplitz - Toeplitz block),
 - Periodic $\Rightarrow A = C_{n,m}(z)$ (block Circulant - Circulant block),
 - Different BCs (Reflective, Anti-Reflective, ...) lead to matrices diagonalized by fast discrete transformations (cosine, sine, ...).

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- Let $C_n(z)$ be the Circulant matrix generated by $z(x)$ its eigenvalues are $\lambda_j = z\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right)$, $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$.

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- The proposed **AMG is optimal** (the computational cost for solving the linear system has the same order as the matrix-vector product) for generating function with zeros of finite order (**Arico', Donatelli, Serra Capizzano, SIMAX to appear**).

AMG for the Circulant algebra

- The smoother is the relaxed Richardson: $R_i = I_{n_i^2} - \omega_i C_{n_i, n_i}(z_i)$.

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- Let AMG be the iteration matrix, we have proved that

$$\rho(AMG) \leq c < 1$$

where c is independent from $n \implies$ increasing n the number of iterations tends to a constant value.

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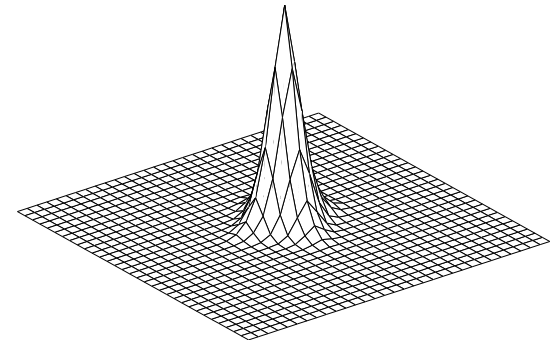
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- The PSF is generated by $z(x, y) \geq 0$ and is close to zero in a neighborhood of (π, π) :

$$z(x, y) = \frac{1}{c}F(x, y)\psi(x, y),$$

where $F(x, y) = (2 + \cos(x) + \cos(y))^3$ is the “kernel” that vanishes in (π, π) with order 6, $\psi(x, y) > 0$ with nonnegative Fourier coefficients and c is a normalization constant.

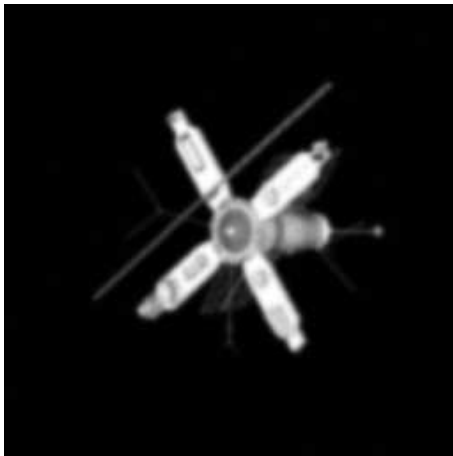


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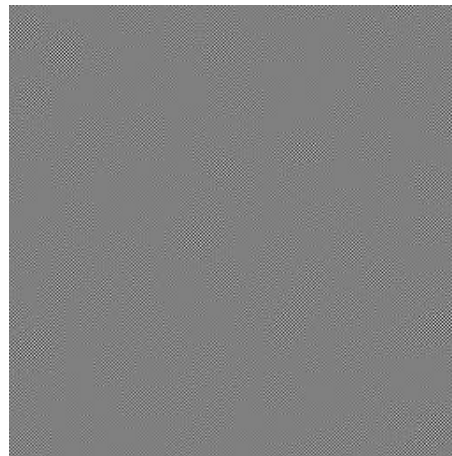
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Blurred image with 2% of noise.



Restored image after 85 iterations.

#(Iter.)	$\ \text{error}\ _2$
1	1.876715E+06
15	2.691198E+06
30	2.702400E+06
45	2.702924E+06
60	2.702964E+06
85	2.702967E+06

Relative error in $\|\cdot\|_2$.

- It **approximates the solution in the whole frequency space** and not only in a low frequency subspace: it is disturbed by noise at each iteration.

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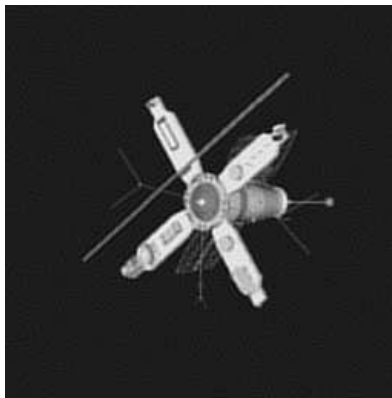
which is equivalent to

$$\min_{\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}} \left\{ \left\| C_{n,n}(z)^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{f} - C_{n,n}(z)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{g} \right\|_2^2 + \theta \|\mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \right\}.$$

Numerical experiments

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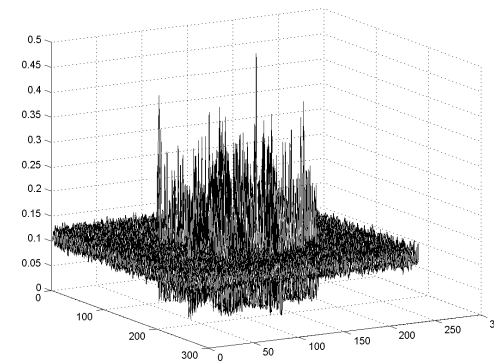
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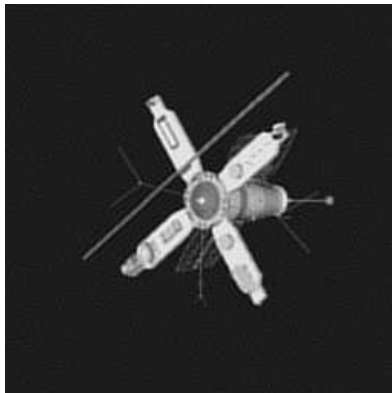
$$\|\text{error}\|_2 = 0.1578$$

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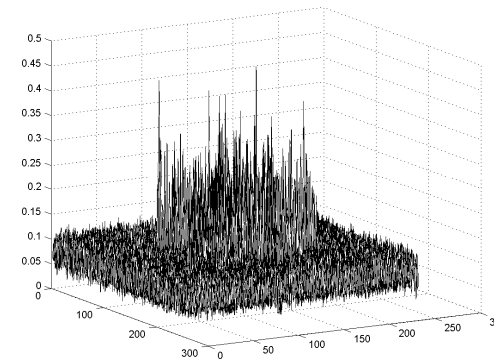
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$$\|\text{error}\|_2 = 0.1948$$

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- Number of iterations for AMG and MGM using the Riley's strategy with Richardson and Conjugate Gradient as smoothers:

θ	10^{-2}	10^{-3}	10^{-4}	10^{-5}
$p(x, y) = (2 - 2 \cos(x))^2(2 - 2 \cos(y))^2$ our projector	15	49	73	73
$p(x, y) = (2 + 2 \cos(x))(2 + 2 \cos(y))$ linear interpolator	15	45	286	> 1000



R. Chan, T.Chan et al.
T. Huckle et al.

Conclusion

- Our AMG does not have any regularization property.
- We must use the Tikhonov regularization technique.
- Decreasing the regularization parameter, our AMG requires the same number of iterations.

Future work

- To test our AMG with a PSF generated by a Gaussian function.
- To extend the work to other Boundary Conditions (Reflective, Anti-Reflective).
- Will it be possible to define a regularization property or a regularization parameter estimation inside the AMG?