

**HAZARDOUS BACKWARD IN TIME CON-
TINUATION IN NONLINEAR PARABOLIC
EQUATIONS AND DEBLURRING NON-
LINEARLY BLURRED IMAGERY.**

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Identify sources of groundwater pollution

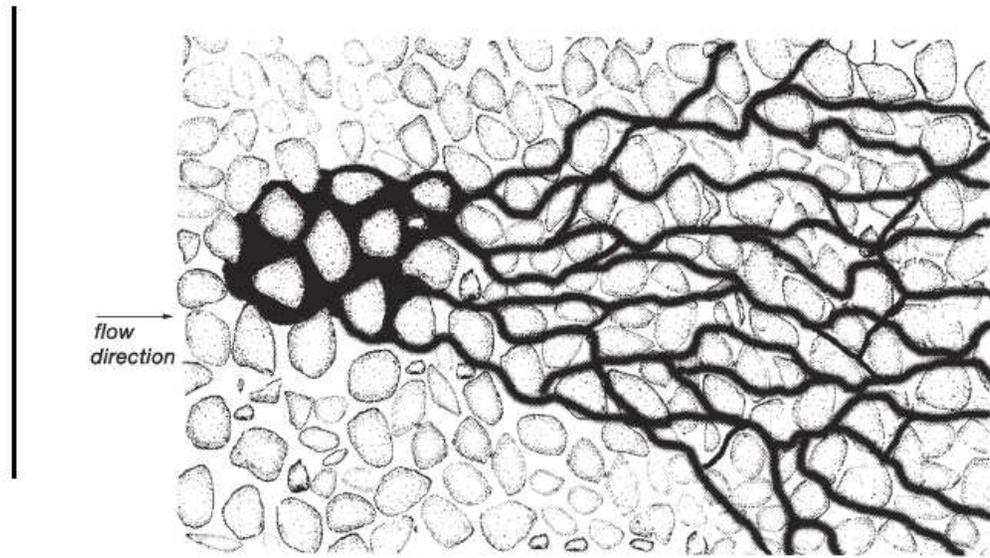


Fig.1 Contaminant transported in porous media

Solve Advection Dispersion Equation backward in time, given present state $g(x, y)$:

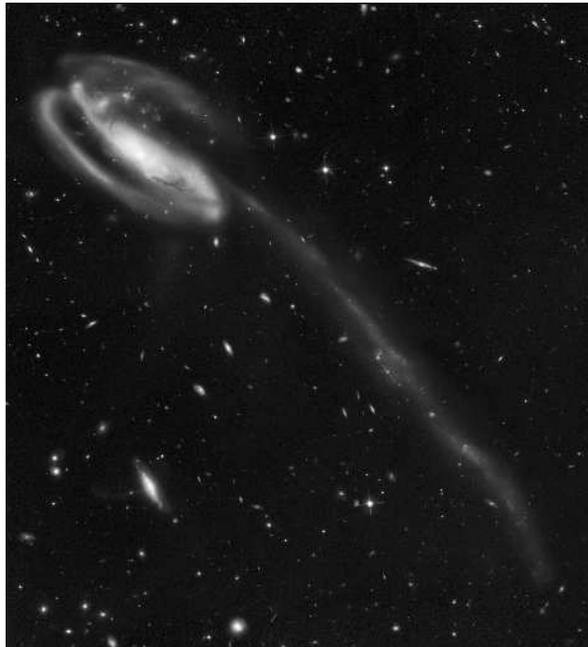
$$C_t = \nabla \cdot \{D \nabla C\} - \nabla \cdot \{vC\}, \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

$$C(x, y, T) = g(x, y).$$

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DEBLURRING HUBBLE GALAXY IMAGES

Original Tadpole



Deblurred Image



Solve logarithmic diffusion equation backward in time, given blurred image $g(x, y)$:

$$\begin{aligned} w_t &= - \left[\lambda \log \{ 1 + \gamma (-\Delta)^\beta \} \right] w, & 0 < t \leq T, \\ w(x, y, T) &= g(x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

BACKWARD PARABOLIC EQNS VERY ILL-POSED

BACKWARD UNIQUENESS AND STABILITY ???

Linear or nonlinear parabolic equn $w_t = \mathcal{L}w$, $t > 0$.

Let $w_1(x, t)$, $w_2(x, t)$ be any two solutions.

Let $F(t) = \| w_1(\cdot, t) - w_2(\cdot, t) \|_2$ (L^2 norm)

Logarithmic Convexity techniques lead to

$$F(t) \leq \{F(0)\}^{1-\mu(t)} \{F(T)\}^{\mu(t)}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Hölder exponent $\mu(t)$ satisfies $0 \leq \mu(t) \leq 1$, $\mu(T) = 1$,

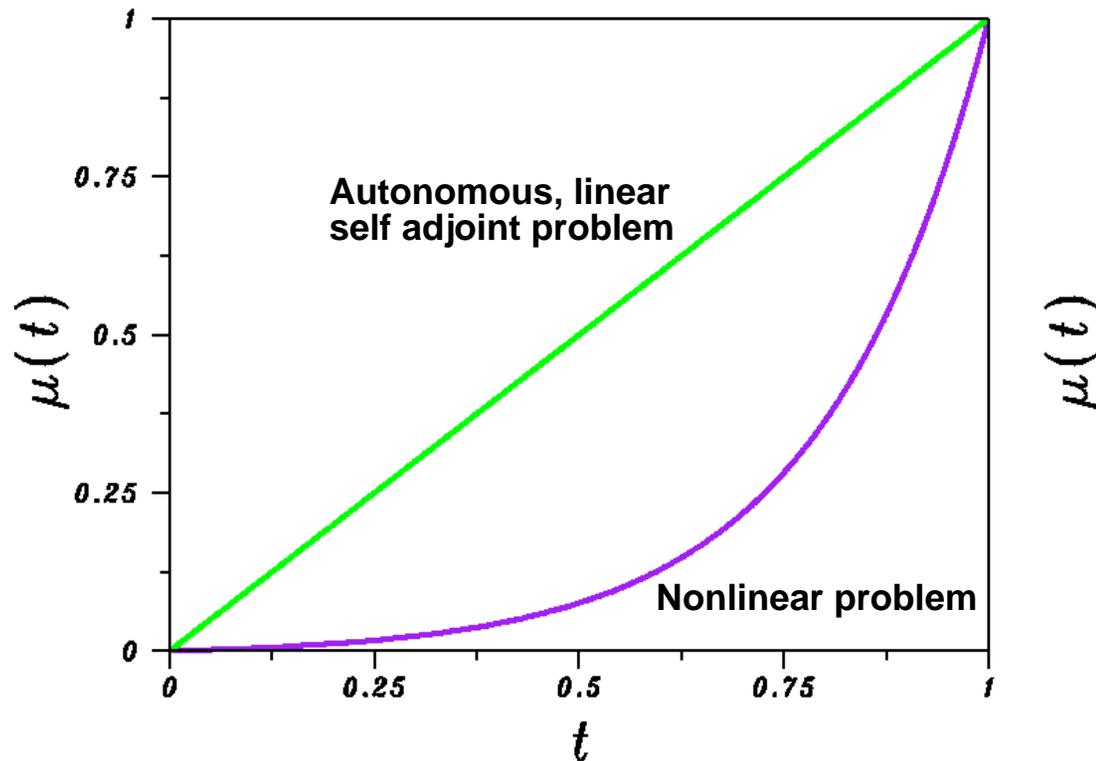
$\mu(0) = 0$, $\mu(t) > 0$ for $t > 0$, and $\mu(t) \downarrow 0$ as $t \downarrow 0$.

If solutions satisfy prescribed bound $\| w(\cdot, 0) \|_2 \leq M$, then $F(0) \leq 2M$. Hence $F(T) = 0 \Rightarrow F(t) = 0$ on $[0, T]$. This implies Backward Uniqueness.

Fix any small $\delta > 0$. Then $F(T) \leq \delta \Rightarrow F(t) \leq 2M^{1-\mu(t)} \delta^{\mu(t)}$ on $[0, T]$. **This implies Backward Stability.**

Precarious backward stability $F(t) \leq 2M^{1-\mu(t)}\delta\mu(t)$.
 Autonomous, selfadjoint $\Rightarrow \mu(t) = t/T$. Otherwise,
 $\mu(t)$ **sublinear** in t , possibly with fast decay to zero.

Behavior of Holder exponent in backward problems



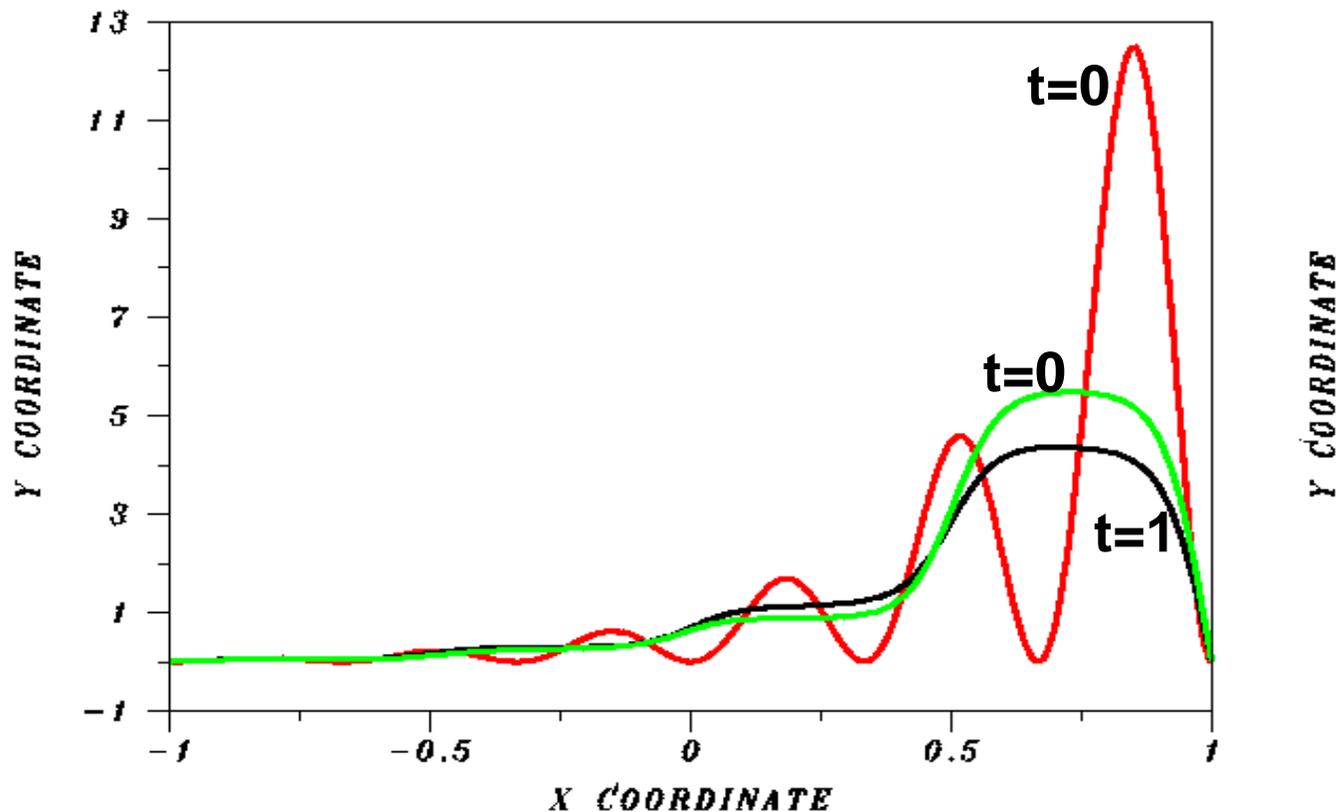
$$w_t = e^{ct}w_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad w_x(0, t) = w_x(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

$$\mu(t) = \{1 - \exp(ct)\} / \{1 - \exp(cT)\}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

$$w_t = 0.05 \left\{ e^{(0.025x+0.05t)} w_x \right\}_x + \{ \sin(4\pi x) \} w_x, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$w^{red}(x, 0) = e^{3x} \sin^2(3\pi x), \quad w(-1, t) = w(1, t) = 0.$$

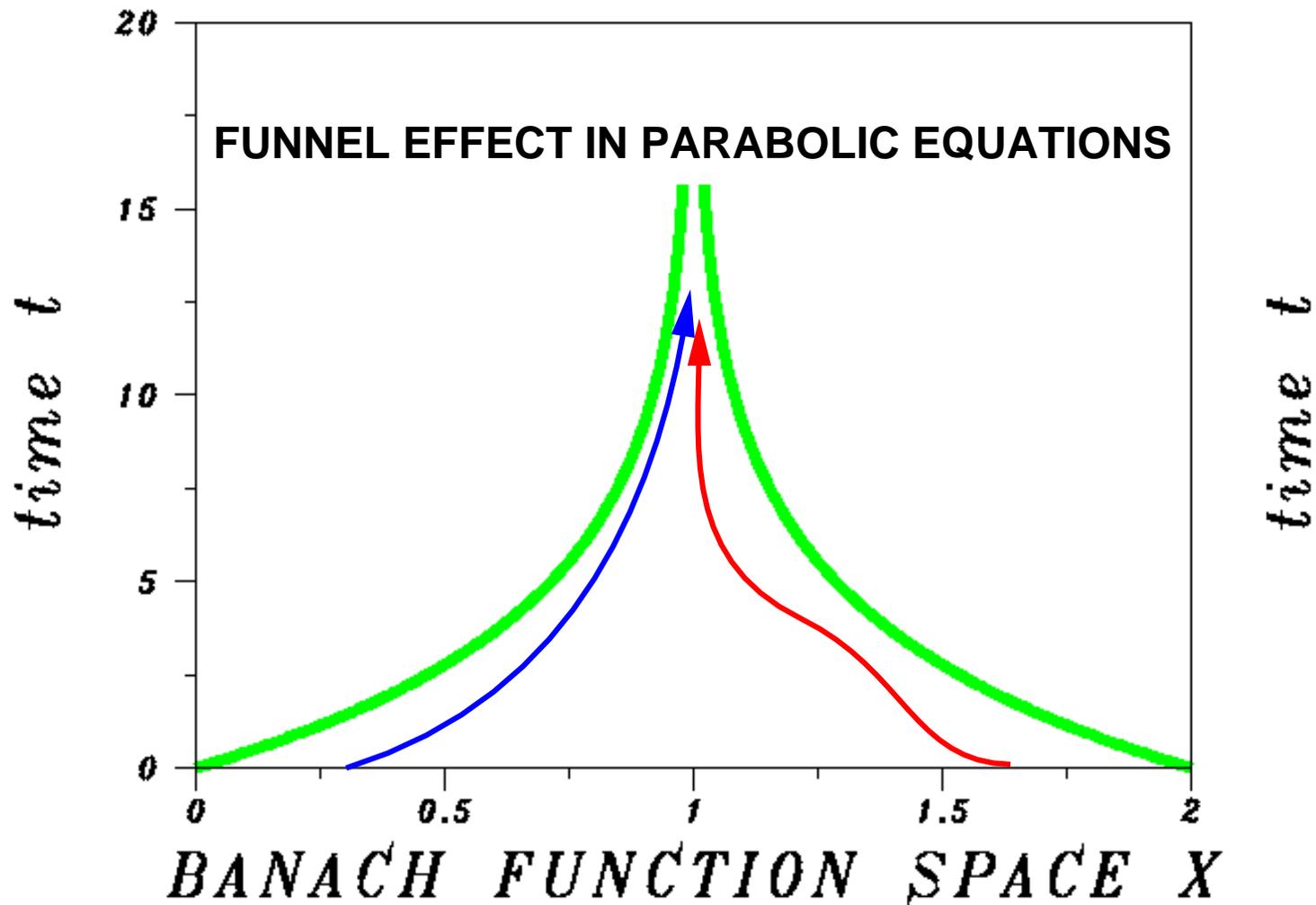
Effective non uniqueness in non self adjoint case



Either red or green initial values at $t=0$, terminate on black curve at $t=1$ to within $1.4E-3$ pointwise, and L_2 relative error = $2.3E-4$.

THE FUNNEL CONJECTURE

FORWARD EVOLUTION IN PARABOLIC EQUATIONS



EXPLORE 2D BACKWARD CONTINUATION

Nonlinear parabolic initial value problem on $\Omega \times (0, T)$

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b(w \cos^2 w) w_y,$$

$$w(x, y, 0) = g(x, y).$$

Ω square $0 < x, y < 1$, $T > 0$, Zero Neumann on $\partial\Omega$.

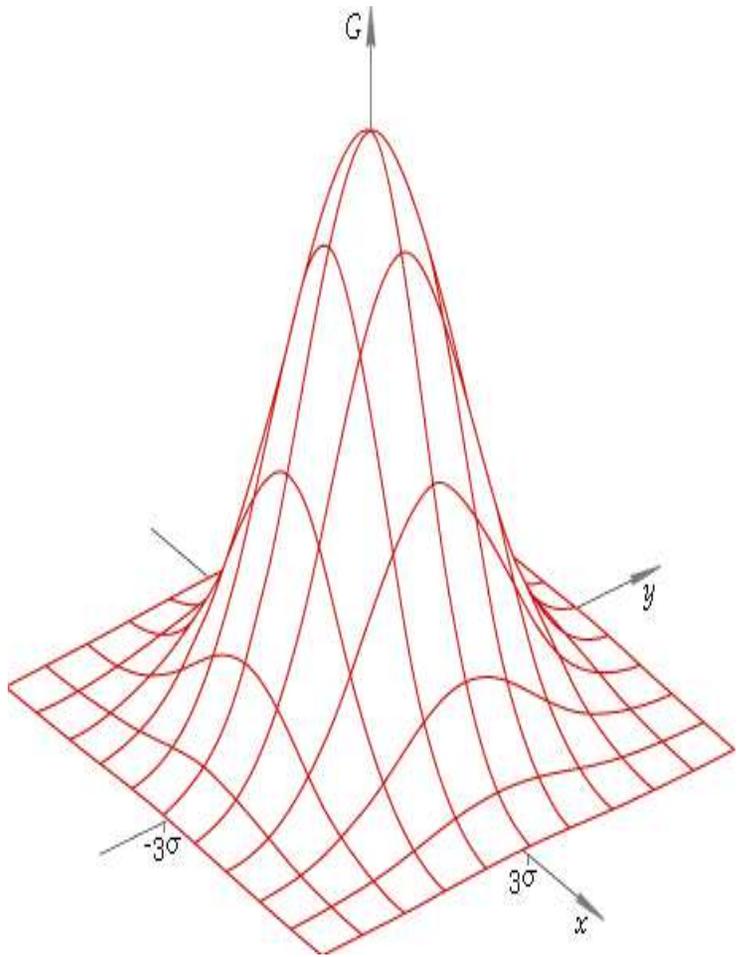
$$r(w) = \exp(0.025w), \quad q(x, y, t) = e^{10t}(1 + 5e^{2y} \sin \pi x).$$

$\gamma = 8.5 \times 10^{-4}$, a, b constants ≥ 0 , yet to be prescribed.

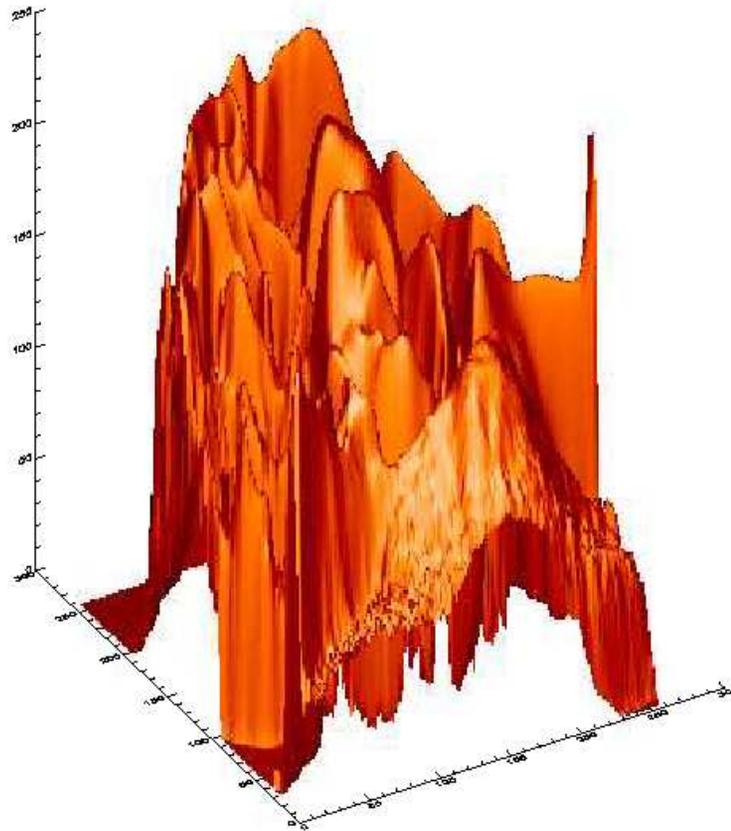
FIND INTERESTING INITIAL VALUES $g(x, y)$????

EXAMPLES OF DATA

Gaussian initial data



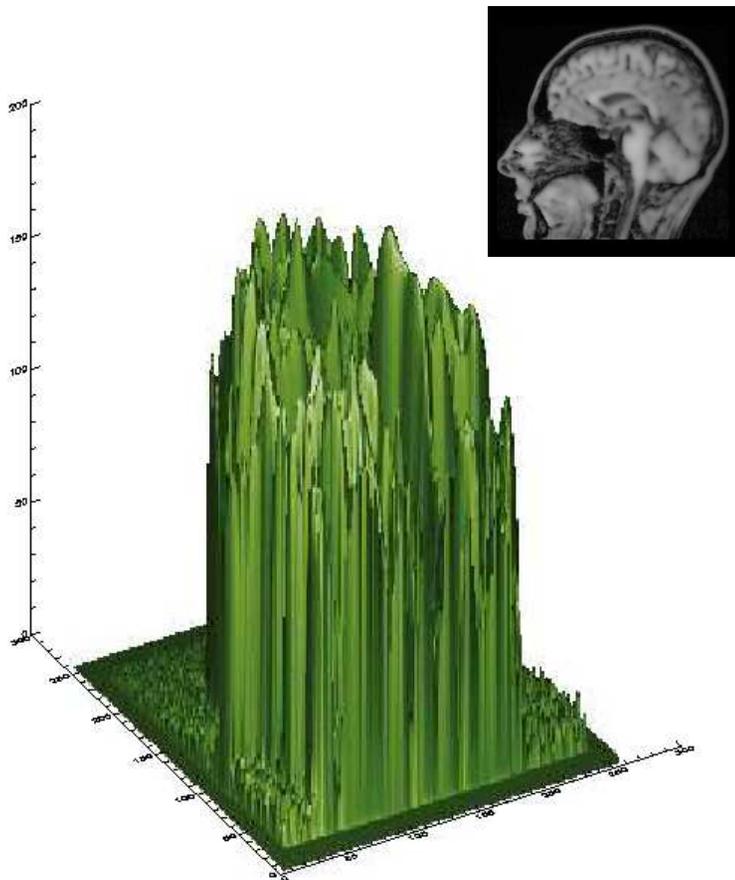
More interesting data



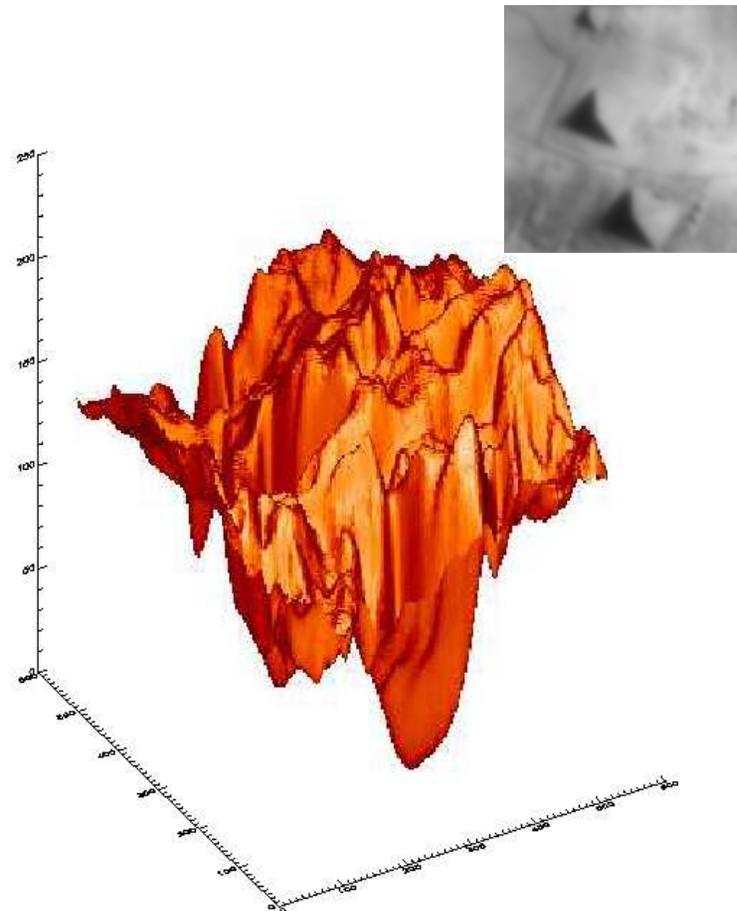
MORE EXAMPLES OF DATA

8 bit images with values between 0 and 255.

MRI Brain image



Pyramids image



NONLINEAR PARABOLIC IMAGE BLURRING

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b(w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

Forward problem well-posed in $L^2(\Omega)$. For any initial value $w(x, y, 0) = g(x, y)$, unique solution $w(x, y, T)$ exists at time T . **Nonlinear solution operator Λ^T well-defined on $L^2(\Omega)$ by formula $\Lambda^T g(x, y) = w(x, y, T)$.**

$w(x, y, T) \in$ **very restricted class** of smooth functions.

Restrict attention to 256×256 images. Using centered space differencing, with $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1/256$, $\Delta t = 3.0E-7$, march forward 400 time steps to $T = 1.2E-4$, using following **explicit finite difference scheme**

$$\begin{aligned} W^{n+1} &= W^n + \Delta t \gamma R(W^n) \nabla \cdot \{Q^n \nabla W^n\} + a W^n W_x^n \\ &+ b(W^n \cos^2 W^n) W_y^n, \quad n = 0, 399, \\ W^0 &= g(x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Discrete nonlinear solution operator Λ_d^T well-defined on 256×256 images by formula $\Lambda_d^T W^0 = W^{400}$.

NONLINEAR BACKWARD CONTINUATION

Very little known about **nonlinear multidimensional** backward in time parabolic equations. Computation of such problems lies in **uncharted waters**.

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b(w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

Solution operator $\Lambda^T g(x, y) = w(x, y, T)$, defined on L^2 .

VanCittert iterative procedure

Originated in Spectroscopy in 1930's. 1D Linear convolution integral equations, with explicitly known kernels, assumed to have **positive** Fourier transforms.

With $f(x, y) \approx w(x, y, T)$, fixed $0 < \lambda < 1$, consider

$$h^{m+1}(x, y) = h^m(x, y) + \lambda \{f(x, y) - \Lambda^T h^m(x, y)\}, \quad m \geq 1,$$

where $h^1(x, y) = \lambda f(x, y)$.

Convergence $\Rightarrow \Lambda^T h^\infty(x, y) = f(x, y)$.

Mathematically impossible with noisy data $f(x, y)$.

Nevertheless, Van Cittert is valuable tool in large variety of 2D nonlinear backward equations. In many cases, L^∞ norm of residual, $\| f - \Lambda^T h^m \|_\infty$, decays quasi-monotonically to small value after a finite number N of iterations, and $h^N(x, y)$ is useful approximation to $w(x, y, 0)$. Cases also exist where **method fails !!!**.

VANCITTERT NONLINEAR DEBLURRING

Given 256×256 blurred image $f(x, y) \approx w(x, y, T)$, use above centered difference scheme to do

$$*** H^{m+1} = H^m + \lambda \{ f(x, y) - \Lambda_d^T H^m \}, m \geq 1, ***$$

where $H^1 = \lambda f(x, y)$. Here, $\Lambda_d^T H^m$ means marching explicit difference scheme 400 time steps forward, using image $H^m(x, y)$ as initial data W^0 .

Self-regularizing property of VanCittert Deblurring

Iterative process recovers **low frequency** information in first several iterations. Many more iterations needed to recover high-frequency information. Interactively stopping iteration after finitely many steps, can recover deblurred image relatively free from noise.

(Unless method fails for that image !!!)

Diagnostic image metrics L^1 and TV norms

Blurring and deblurring experiments will use following norms to evaluate results

$$\| f \|_1 = \left\{ (256)^{-2} \sum_{x,y=1}^{256} |f(x, y)| \right\},$$

$$\| \nabla f \|_1 = (256)^{-2} \sum_{x,y=1}^{255} \left(\{f_x(x, y)\}^2 + \{f_y(x, y)\}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Peak signal to noise image quality metric (PSNR)

ASSUMES KNOWN IDEAL IMAGE $k(x, y)$.

Let $h(x, y)$ be degraded version of ideal $k(x, y)$,

$$*** PSNR = -20 \log_{10} \{ \| h - k \|_2 / 255 \} ***.$$

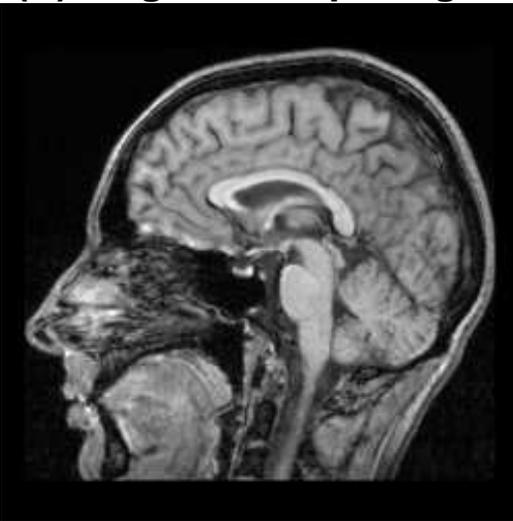
$PSNR = \infty$ if $h(x, y) = k(x, y)$, and $PSNR$ decreases monotonically as $h(x, y)$ diverges from $k(x, y)$.

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

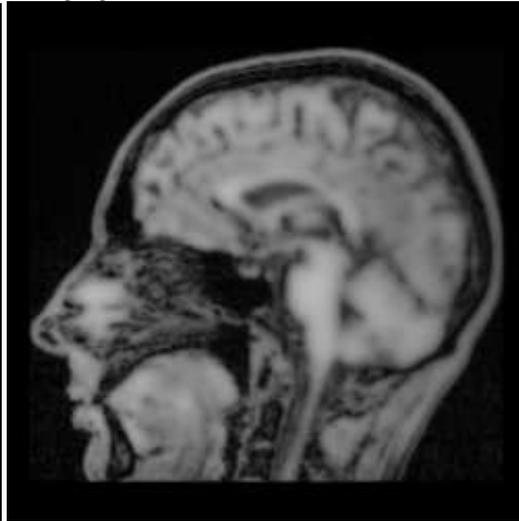
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NONLINEAR PARABOLIC BLURRING OF SHARP MRI BRAIN IMAGE

(A) Original sharp image



(B) Blur with a=b=0



(C) Blur with a=1.25, b=0.6



Behavior in above nonlinear blurring

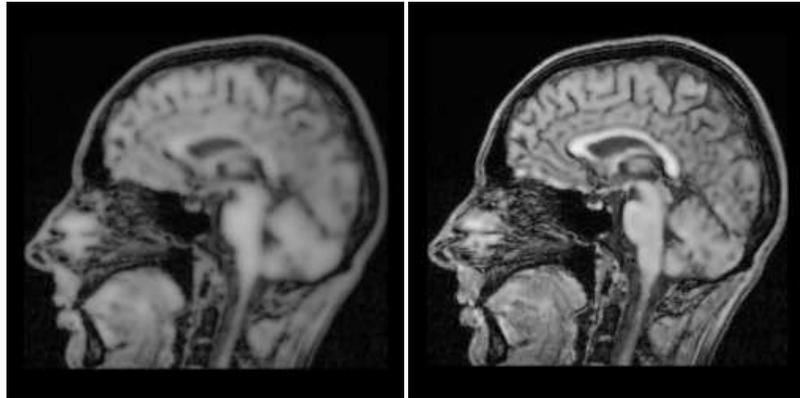
<i>Image</i>	$\ f \ _1$	$\ \nabla f \ _1$	<i>PSNR</i>
Sharp A	59	3360	∞
Blurred B	55	1740	25
Blurred C	55	1770	20

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

NONLINEAR DEBLURRING OF MRI BRAIN IMAGE

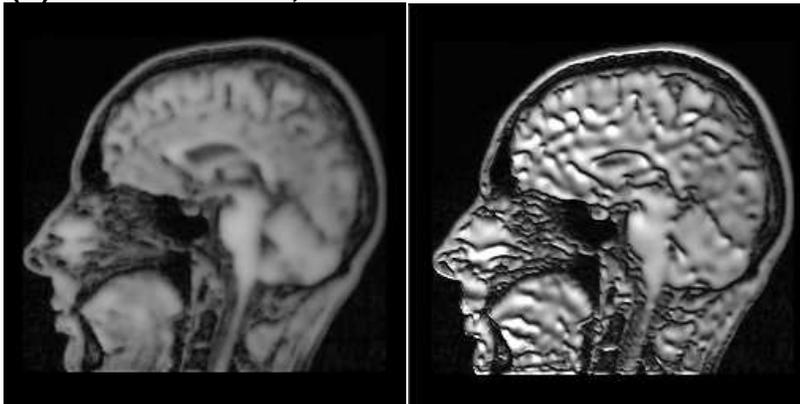
(B) Blur with a=b=0

After 100 VanCittert iterns.



(C) Blur with a=1.25, b=0.6

After 10 VanCittert iterns.



Behavior in above nonlinear deblurring

Image	$\ f\ _1$	$\ \nabla f\ _1$	PSNR
Deblurred B	59	2980	34
Deblurred C	63	4780	17

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

NONLINEAR PARABOLIC BLURRING OF SHARP FACE IMAGE

(D) Original sharp image

(E) Blur with $a=0, b=0.6$

(F) Blur with $a=0.83, b=0.6$



Behavior in above nonlinear blurring

<i>Image</i>	$\ f\ _1$	$\ \nabla f\ _1$	<i>PSNR</i>
Sharp D	107	3100	∞
Blurred E	101	1580	24
Blurred F	101	1550	20

$$w_t = \gamma r(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + a w w_x + b (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

NONLINEAR DEBLURRING OF FACE IMAGE

(E) Blur with a=0, b=0.6

After 100 VanCittert iterns.



(F) Blur with a=0.83, b=0.6

After 20 VanCittert iterns.



Behavior in above nonlinear deblurring

<i>Image</i>	$\ f\ _1$	$\ \nabla f\ _1$	<i>PSNR</i>
Deblurred E	106	2580	29
Deblurred F	112	5800	18

$$w_t = \gamma s(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + c \sqrt{|w|} w_x + d (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

$$s(w) = 1.0 + 0.00125 w^2, \quad q = e^{10t} (1 + 5e^{2y} \sin \pi x).$$

NONLINEAR PARABOLIC BLURRING OF SHARP CARRIER IMAGE

(G) Original sharp image (H) Blur with c=2.5, d=0.3 (I) Blur with c=2.5, d=1.5



Behavior in above nonlinear blurring

<i>Image</i>	$\ f \ _1$	$\ \nabla f \ _1$	<i>PSNR</i>
Sharp G	139	4760	∞
Blurred H	134	1720	20
Blurred I	134	1770	20

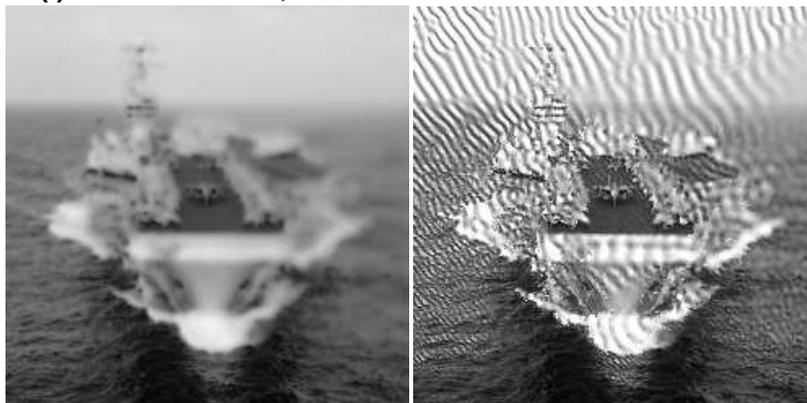
$$w_t = \gamma s(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + c \sqrt{|w|} w_x + d (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

NONLINEAR DEBLURRING OF CARRIER IMAGE

(H) Blur with c=2.5, d=0.3 After 100 VanCittert iterns.



(I) Blur with c=2.5, d=1.5 After 100 VanCittert iterns.



Behavior in above nonlinear deblurring

<i>Image</i>	$\ f \ _1$	$\ \nabla f \ _1$	<i>PSNR</i>
Deblurred H	137	3700	23
Deblurred I	141	7700	18

$$w_t = \gamma s(w) \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + c \sqrt{|w|} w_x + d (w \cos^2 w) w_y$$

DEBLURRING CARRIER IMAGE WITH FALSE VALUES

Use false $c=2.5$, $d=0.3$, to deblur image blurred with $c=2.5$, $d=1.5$.

After 100 VanCittert iterations



FAILED BLIND DECONVOLUTION EXPERIMENT

Blind deconvolution of KITT PEAK M51 image

Original M51



After Linnik deblur



LINEAR NONSELFADJOINT PARABOLIC PDE

$$w_t = \gamma r \nabla \cdot \{q(x, y, t) \nabla w\} + aw_x + bw_y$$
$$r = 30, \quad q = e^{10t}(1 + 5e^{2y} \sin \pi x) \quad a = 65, \quad b = 35.$$

LINEAR NONSELFADJOINT PARABOLIC BLURRING

Original sharp Sydney image



Blurred Sydney image



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LINEAR NONSELFADJOINT PARABOLIC DEBLURRING

Blurred Sydney image



After 20 VanCittert iterations

