

Asymmetric regularization of higher-order derivatives

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Problem

Problem formulation

Given data I , find the (image-)information u so that

$$I = T(u) + n,$$

T “forward model”, I measurements, n random noise



$$\xrightarrow{T(u)+n}$$



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Variational Approach

$$\min_{u \in X(\Omega, \mathbb{R})} D(T(u) - I) + R(u), \quad D \text{ data term, } R \text{ regularizer}$$

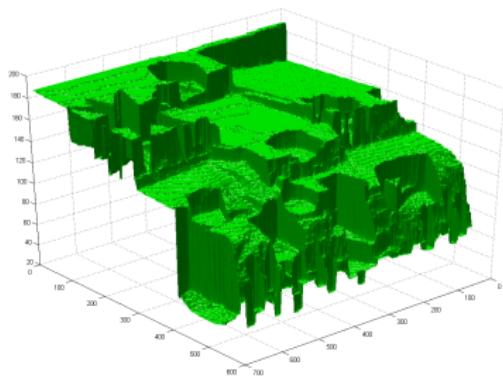
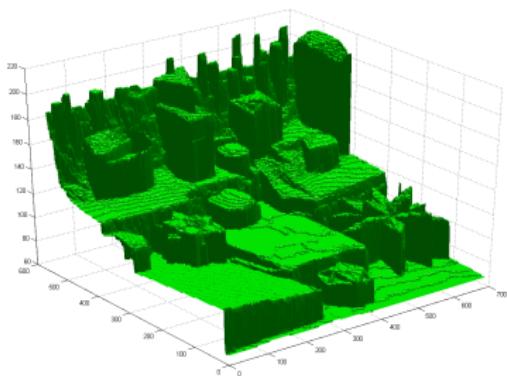
Regularizers

- ▶ $R(u) = \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u\|^2 dx - H^1$ [Whittaker'23] [Tikhonov'63]
- ▶ $R(u) = |Du|(\Omega) \approx \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u\| dx - \text{TV}$
[RudinOsherFatemi'92], Huber [Charbonnier et al.'94] [Vese'01] various norms [SapiroRingach'96]
[BlomgrenChan'98] [GoldlueckeStrelakovskyCremers'12], q-norms [Moellenhoff et al.'15]
- ▶ $R(u) = \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla^2 u\|^2 dx - H^2$ [DidasWeickertBurgeth'09]
- ▶ $R(u) = \|D^2 u\|(\Omega) \approx \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla^2 u\| dx - BH, TV^2$ [Demengel'84] [LysakerLundervoldTai'03]
[HinterbergerScherzer'05] [Scherzer'09], mixtures [ChambolleLions'97] [PapafitsorosSchönlieb'14]
- ▶ $R(u) = \inf_w \alpha \|Du - w\| + \beta \|Ew\| dx - \text{TGV}, \text{inf-C}$ [BrediesKunischPock'10] [SetzerSteidlTeuber'11]
- ▶ nonlocal [BourgainBrezisMironecscu'01] [GilboaOsher'08] [L. et al.'14]

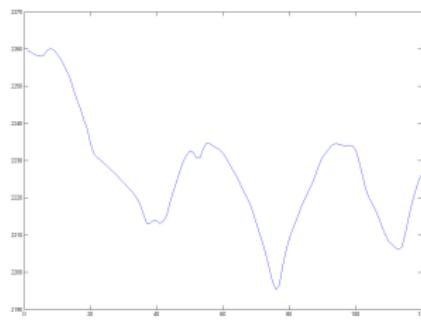
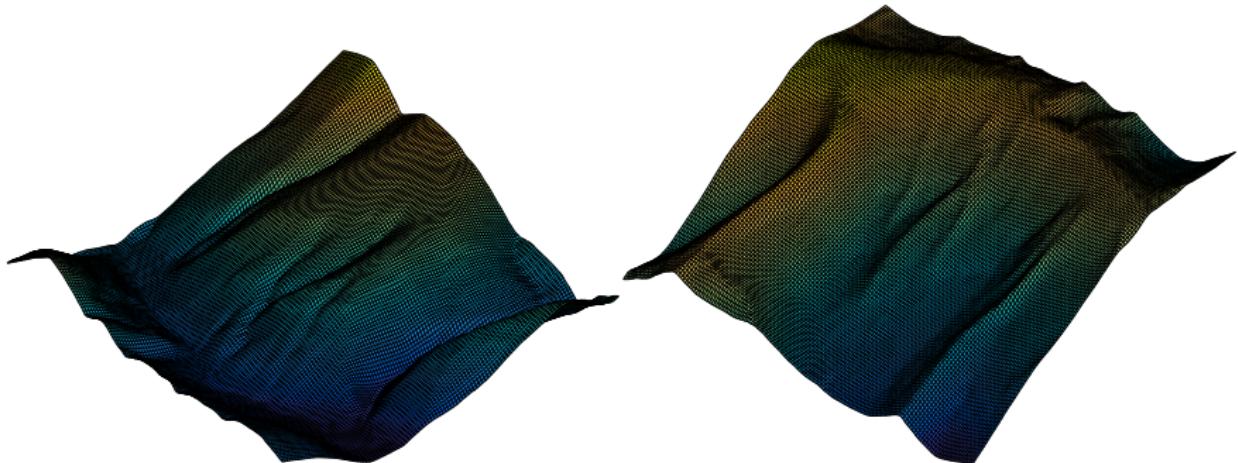
Almost always: $R(u) = R(-u)$.

[HinterbergerScherzer'05] [EkelandMoreno-Bromberg'08]

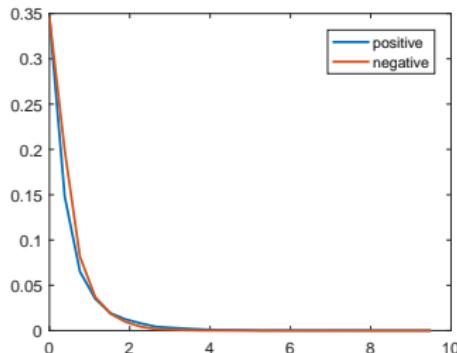
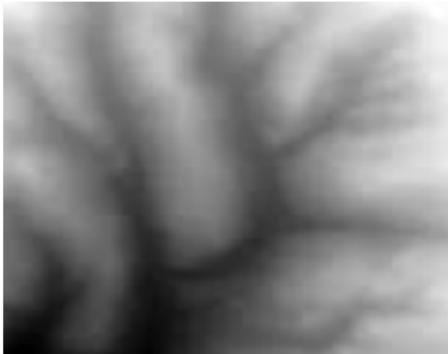
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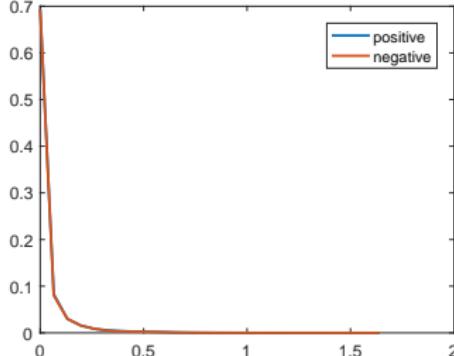
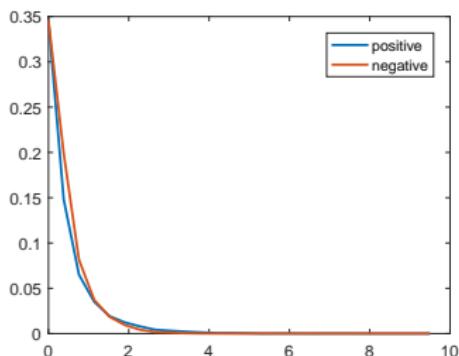
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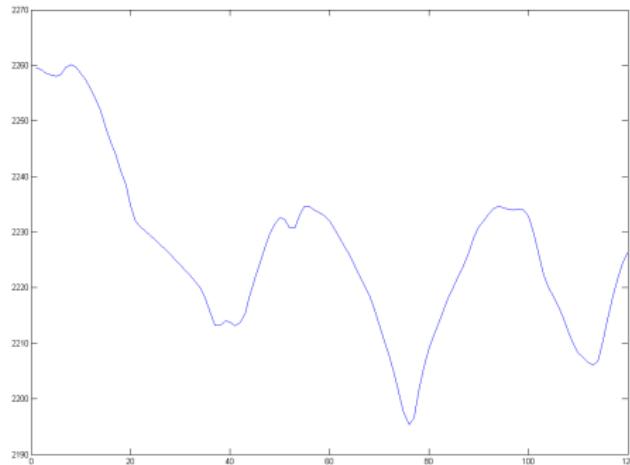
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Which order?



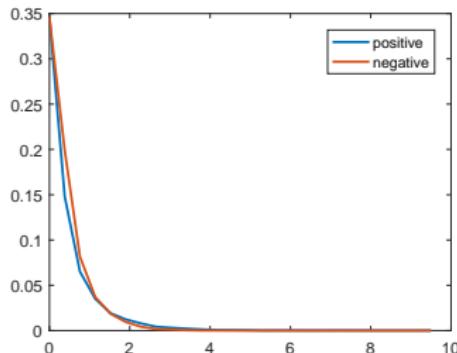
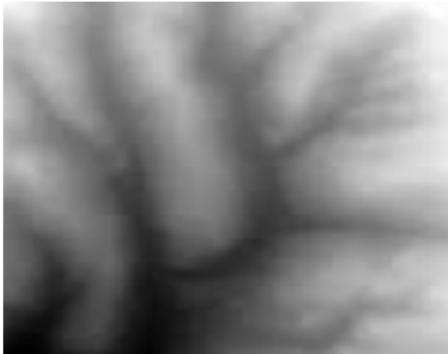
- ▶ first order:

$$\nabla(-u) = -\nabla u = \nabla(u \circ R),$$

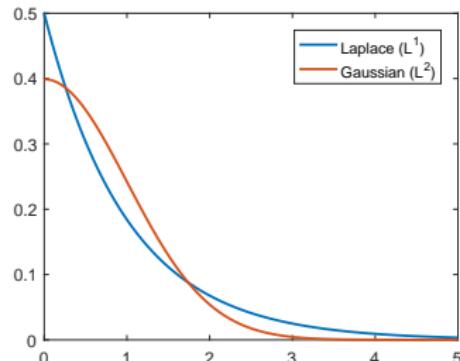
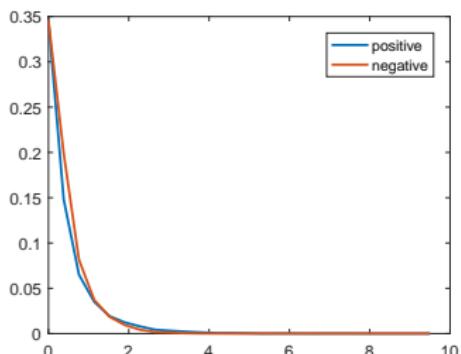
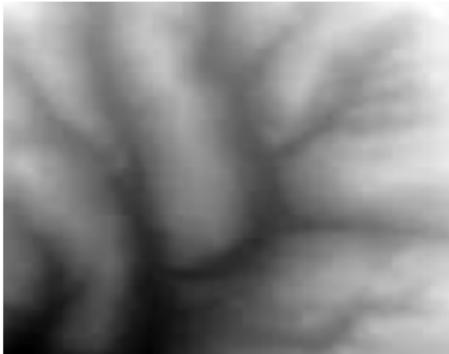
→ conflicts rotation invariance

- ▶ → second order!

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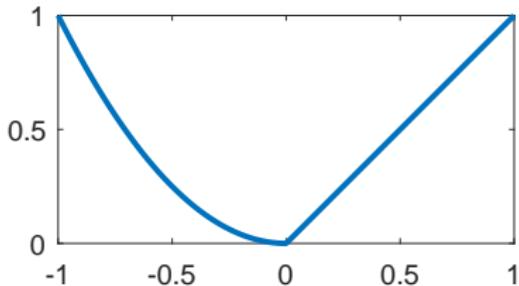
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Let's make it interesting

Asymmetric higher-order $L^1 - L^2$ regularization

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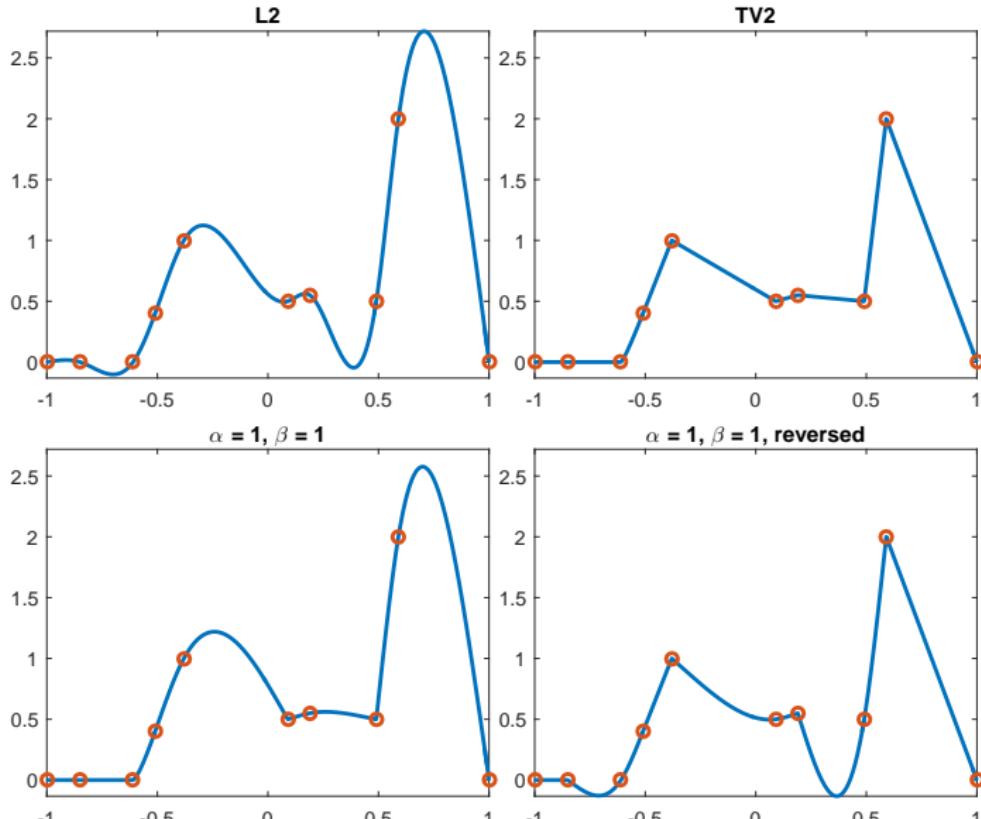
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- ▶ Define as relaxation of $\int_{\Omega} h(\nabla^2 u) dx$ on BV^2 ($L^1 \rightarrow$ Radon measures)
- ▶ Can show:

$$J(u) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & \text{if } D_s^2 u / |D_s^2 u|(x) \not\geq 0 \text{ on a set that} \\ & \text{is not } \mathcal{H}^{d-1}\text{-negligible,} \\ \frac{\beta}{2} \int_{\Omega} h(\nabla^2 u) dx + \alpha |D_s^2 u|_{\sigma}(S_{\nabla u}), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ The set $\{u \in BV^2(\Omega) | J(u) < +\infty\}$ is *not* a vector space!

Interpolation



Existence

Definition (Asymmetric $L^1 - L^2$ -based denoising)

For given $I \in L^2(\Omega)$, define $f : L^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ as

$$f_{ROF^2}(u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (u(x) - I(x))^2 dx + J(u),$$

with $f(u)$ taking the value $+\infty$ if any of the integrals are not finite.

Proposition

Assume $d \geq 2$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be an open, bounded, connected extension domain. Then the minimization problem

$$\inf_{u \in BV^2(\Omega)} f_{ROF^2}(u).$$

admits a minimizer $u \in BV^2(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$.

Discretized problem

$$\min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} D(u) + \sum_{i=1}^{n'} h(H_i u).$$

- ▶ How to solve?
 - ▶ non-smooth
 - ▶ eigenvalue-based
 - ▶ combination of quadratic and linear penalty (no pure QP/SOCP)

Proposition (semidefinite reformulation)

For symmetric $H \in \text{Sym}^{d \times d}$,

$$h(H) = \min_{Z_1, W_1, Z_2, W_2 \in \text{Sym}^{n \times n}} \alpha \operatorname{tr} Z_1 + \frac{\beta}{2} \operatorname{tr} Z_2 \quad (1)$$

subject to:

$$Z_1 - (H + W_1) \succeq 0$$

$$Z_1 + (H + W_1) \succeq 0$$

$$W_1 \succeq 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_2 & H - W_2 \\ (H - W_2)^\top & I \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$$

$$W_2 \succeq 0$$

Proposition (reduction of proximal steps)

Define

$$h^+(H) := \begin{cases} h(H), & H \in \text{Sym}^{d \times d}, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

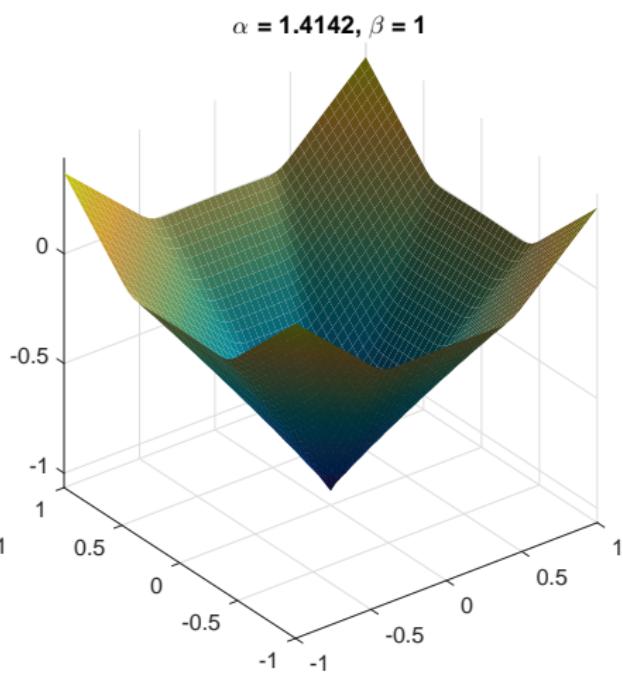
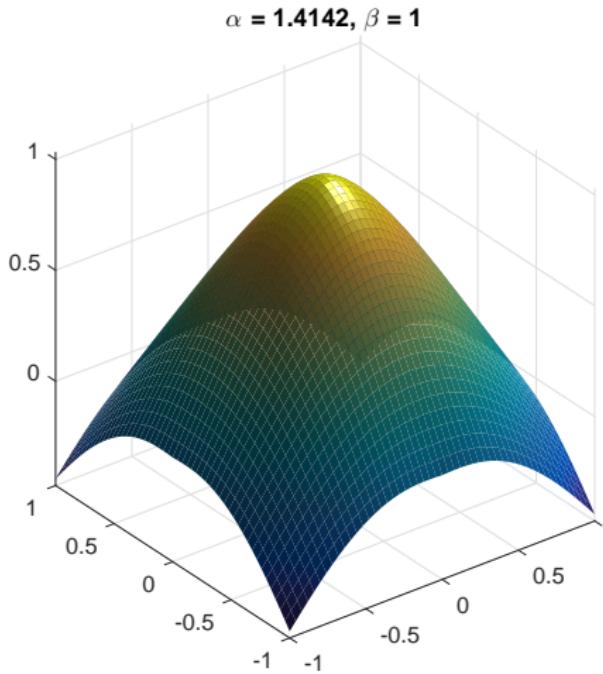
For given $H' \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, $\tau > 0$, let $H'' := \frac{1}{2}(H' + H'^\top) \in \text{Sym}^{d \times d}$ have the eigenvalue decomposition

$$H'' = U^\top \text{diag}(\sigma_1'', \dots, \sigma_d'') U$$

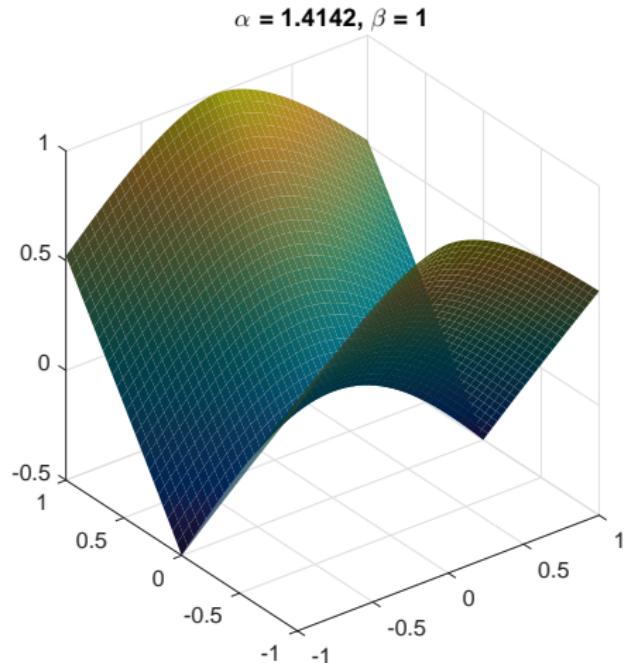
with unitary U . Then

$$\text{prox}_{\tau h^+}(H') = U^\top \text{diag}(\text{prox}_{\tau g}(\sigma_1''), \dots, \text{prox}_{\tau g}(\sigma_d'')) U.$$

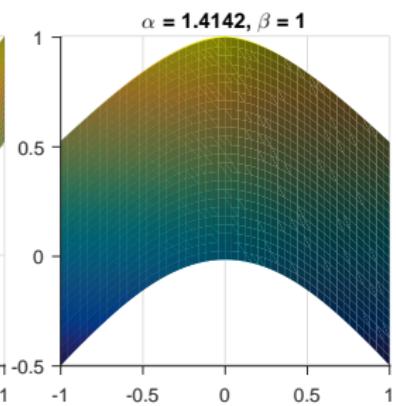
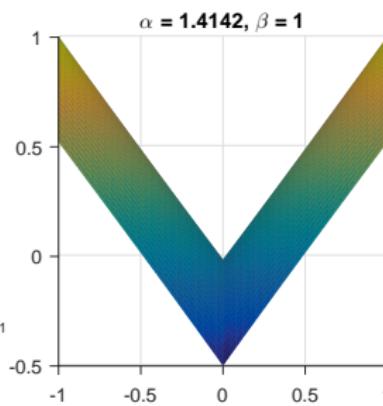
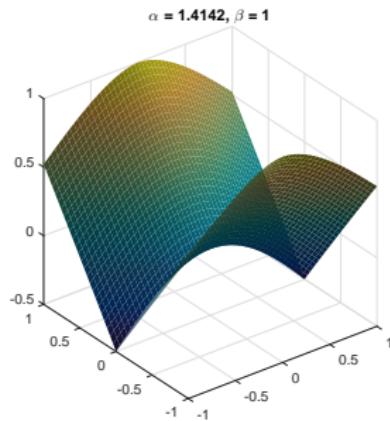
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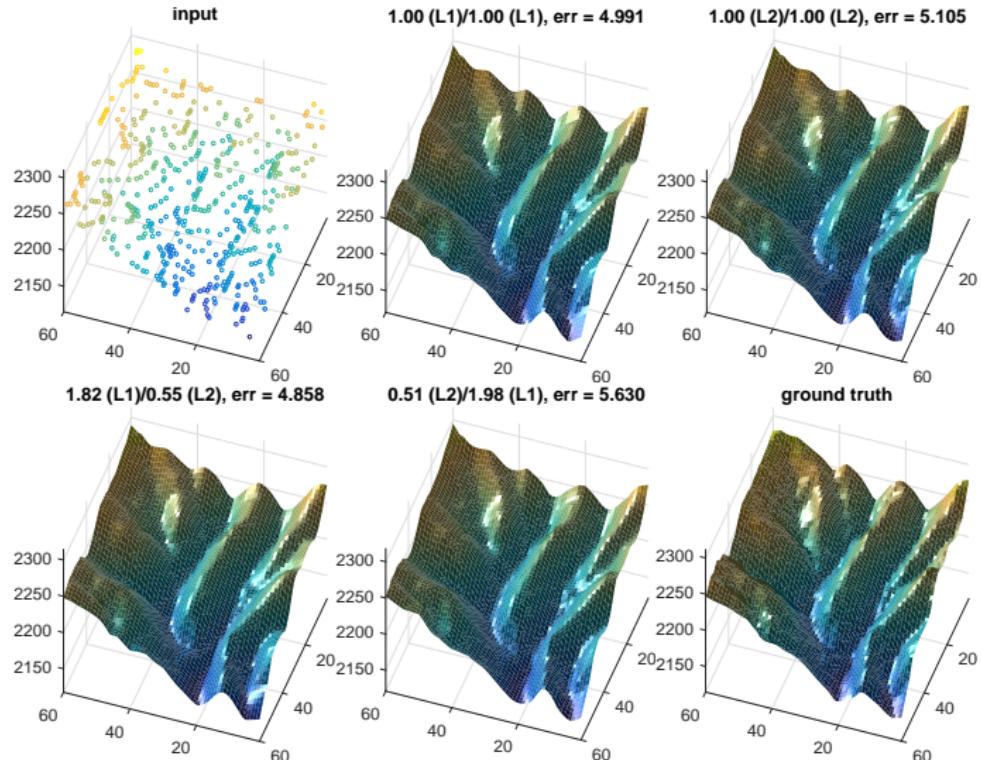
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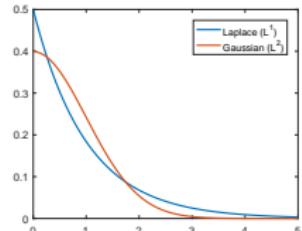
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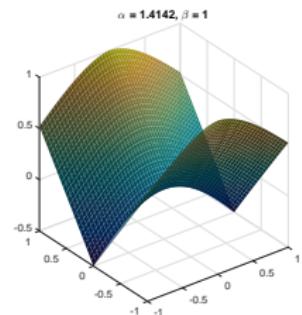
► Asymmetric $L^1 - L^2$ regularization

- ▶ eigenvalue-based
- ▶ statistical motivation
- ▶ second order for rotation invariance



► Properties

- ▶ existence
- ▶ SDP and first-order representation
- ▶ it does make a difference!



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Extensions

Total Generalized Variation [BrediesKunischPock'10] [BrediesKunischValkonen'13]

Cascading formulation:

$$TGV^2(u) = \inf_w \alpha \int_{\Omega} d \|Du - w\| + \beta \int_{\Omega} d \|Ew\|$$

- ▶ E symmetrized distributional derivative
- ▶ allows discontinuities

New: Asymmetric Total Generalized Variation

$$TGV_J^2(u) = \inf_w \alpha \int_{\Omega} d \|Du - w\| + \int_{\Omega} dh(Ew)$$