

# IPOL: un journal en ligne pour la recherche reproductible

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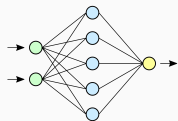
Capacity to obtain the same results when repeating an experiment by following a detailed procedure

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**In computational sciences** (deterministic code, digital data): results obtained by following a detailed and correct pseudo-code description must coincide if the same input data is provided.

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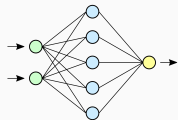
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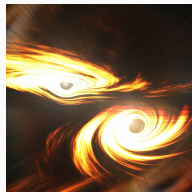
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## Not repeatable:

Detection of the merger of two black holes from gravitational waves. We can't repeat the experiment as needed.



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## Not reproducible

In a paper that shows

- a pseudo-code without **all the details**, or its **initialization**,
- the source code is not available,
- neither the learning data,

other researchers **can't compare** with the proposed method.

⇒ We can't be sure about anything on the method, nor test it with **our own data**.



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## Not really considered for career advance

- Classic metrics: “number of high impact-factor classic publications”
- Software is considered as a 2nd class citizen

## Different types of platforms

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- Started in 2009 under the initiative of Nicolas Limare and Jean-Michel Morel (ENS Paris Saclay).
- A journal initially targeting image processing (Image Processing On Line)
- Some other data types were added: video, audio, 3D data. . .
- Even some articles on SARS-CoV-2 evolution!  
“A Daily Measure of the SARS-CoV-2 Effective Reproduction Number for all Countries” <http://www.ipol.im/pub/art/2020/304/>
- Today it is a general journal on reproducible algorithms  
→ Information Processing On Line

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## Multi-Scale DCT Denoising

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G. Facciolo, N. Pierazzo, J.M. Morel, "Conservative Scale Reconstruction for Multiscale Denoising (The Devil is in the High Frequency Detail)", SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences 10(3):1603–1626, 2017. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1137/17M1111826>

### Abstract

DCT denoising is a classic low complexity method built in the JPEG compression norm. Once made translation invariant, this algorithm was still proven to be competitive at the beginning of this century. Since then, it has been outperformed by patch based methods, which are far more complex. This paper proposes a two-step multi-scale version of the algorithm that boosts its performance and reduces its artifacts. The multi-scale strategy decomposes the image in a quadric DCT pyramid, which keeps noise white at all scales. The single scale denoising is then applied to all scales, thus giving multiple denoised versions of the low frequency coefficients of the denoised image. A multi-scale Lussori of these multiple estimates avoids the ringing artifacts resulting from the pyramid reconstruction. The final algorithm attains a good PSNR and much improved visual image quality. It is shown to have a deficit of only LSB with respect to state of the art algorithms, but its complexity is two orders of magnitude lower.

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For the hard thresholding pass of the algorithm the aggregation weights are set, as in [3], by counting the number  $N_p$  of nonzero DCT coefficients (excluding the zero frequency) in the patch after thresholding. These aggregation weights are then given by

$$(1 + N_p)^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

where the one is added to prevent the dividing by zero (but it is an arbitrary choice). Indeed, the number of non-zero coefficients will be small for the flat patches, compared to patches containing

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#### Algorithm 2: DCT Denoising - Hard thresholding

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Function DCTDENOSINGHARD( $Y, \sigma, s$ )

input : noisy image  $Y$ , noise level  $\sigma$ , and patch size  $s$

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## Special case of neural networks

Focus on the **architecture, training, understanding, and generalization**.

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- EiCs decide if the submission looks interesting.
- EiCs name an associate editor for the submission.
- The editor chooses reviewers and a demo editor.
- Reviewers may be asked to check different aspects: article, code, demo.
- After acceptance, an EiC checks the article and plays with the demo, testing with different input data and parameters

## Published articles

Currently about 15–20 accepted submissions per year.



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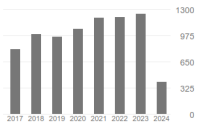
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