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How Artificial Intelligence Reduces Image Noise to Improve Visual Quality

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RGB representation

Red 255-0-0 Raspberry 255-125-0 255-0-125 Magenta 300° Yellow 255-255-0 255-0-255 Spring Green Violet 270° 125-255-0 125-0-255 Blue Green 240° 120° 0-0-255 0-255-0 210° 0-125-255 0-255-125 0-255-255

Figure 1: Pixels can be written by 3 numbers in

RGB format. Image from [1].

Datasets

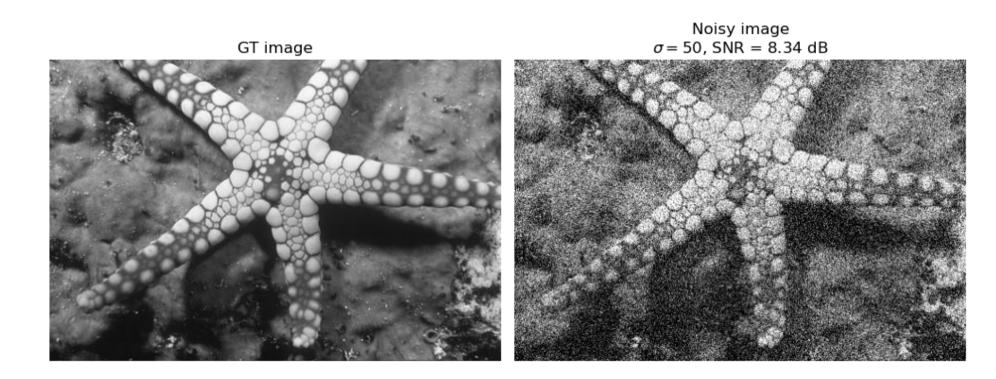


Figure 2: Pairs of Ground Truth (GT) image and noisy image

We split images from the BSD500 dataset into three sections for different purposes:

- ► Train dataset
- **▶** Validation dataset
- ► Test dataset

Structure of our model

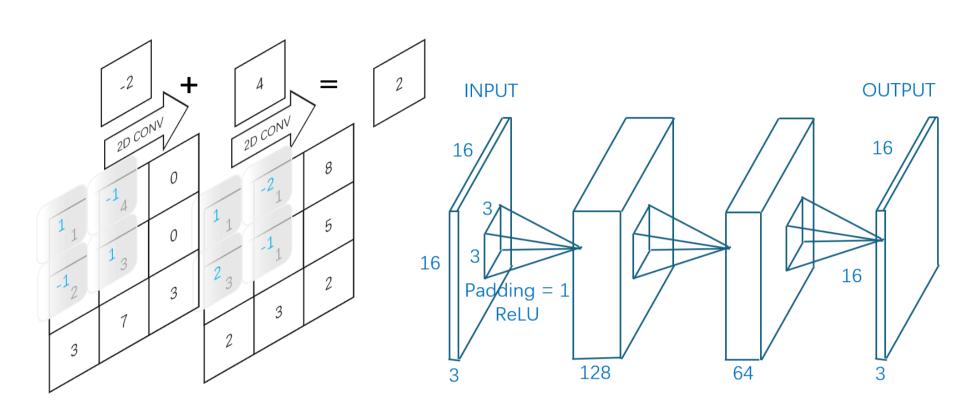


Figure 3: Our model's building block with convolutional layers.

Training process

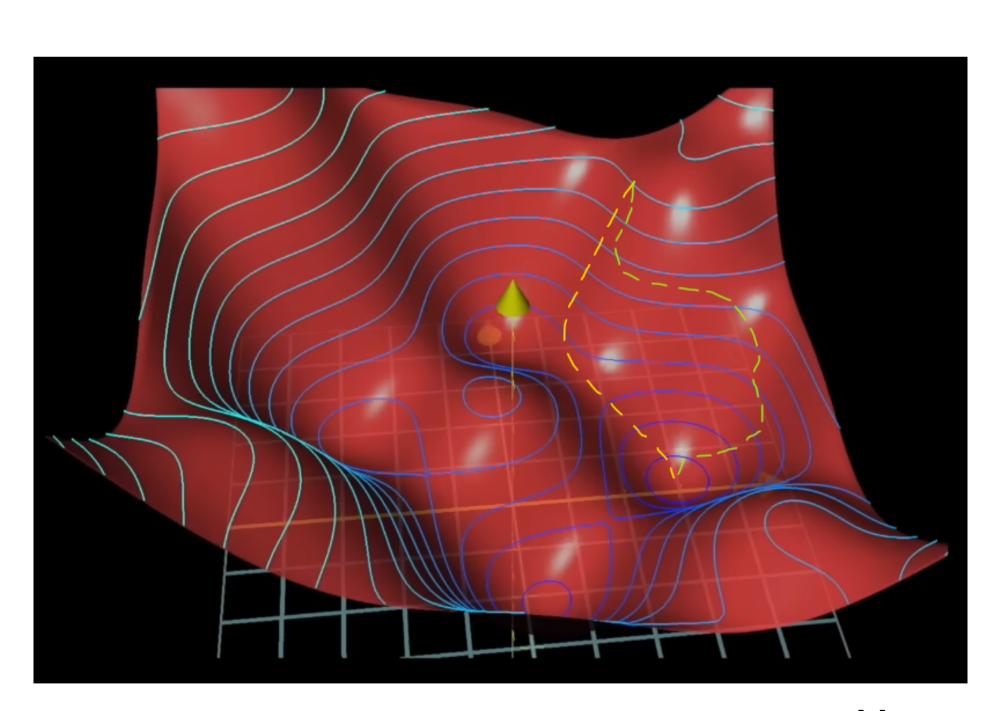


Figure 4: Adjust parameters to reduce errors. Image from [2].



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Key results

Results in Figure 5 are obtained by our linear layer-based LISTA model repeating experiment designed in [3].

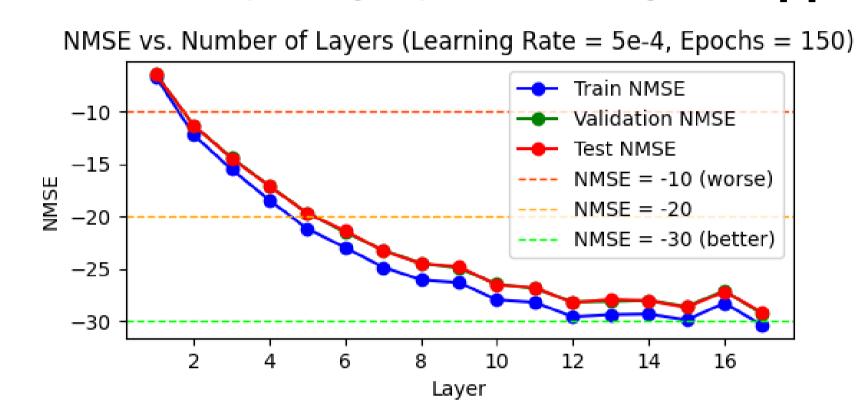


Figure 5: Level of -20 dB indicates moderate performance; more negative values reflect better reconstruction.

Figure 6 shows visualizations of the model's performance on a randomly selected image from the test dataset.

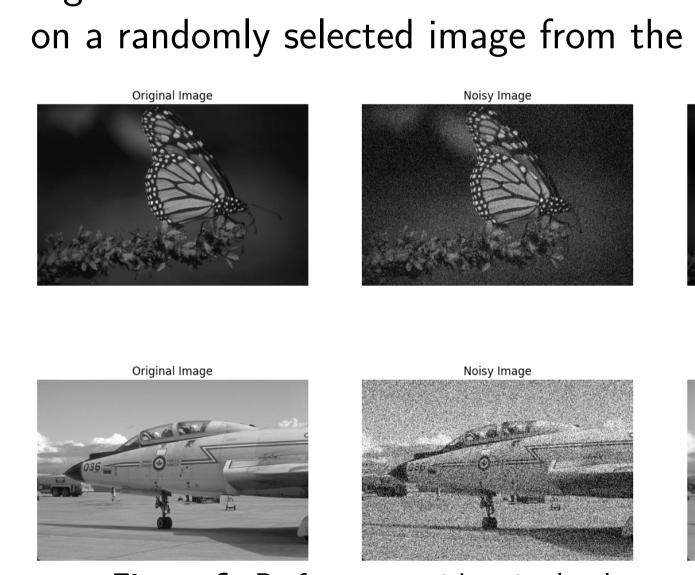


Figure 6: Performance with noise levels $\sigma=20$ and $\sigma=50$

Reconstructed Image PSNR: 26.84 dB, NMSE: -22.13 dB

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