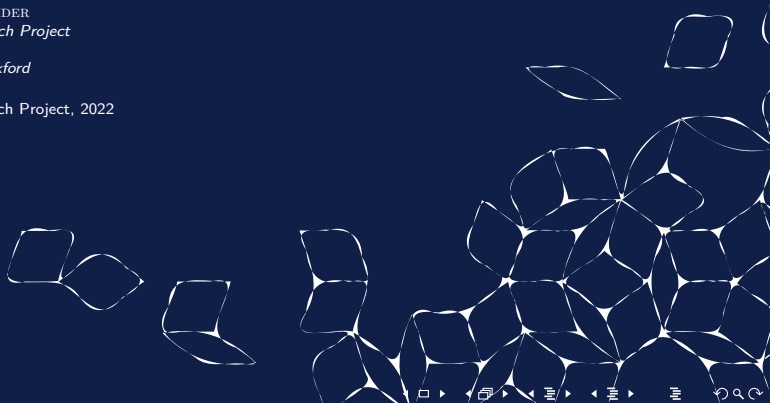


Fractal Image Compression Applied to 3D Grayscale MRI Images

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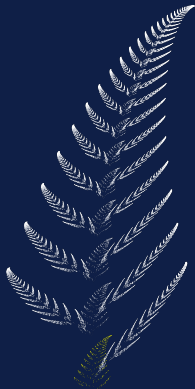


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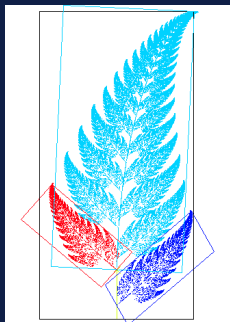


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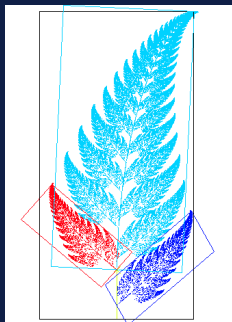


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$$d_{rms}(f, g) = \sqrt{\int_{I^2} (f(x, y) - g(x, y))^2 dx dy} \quad (3)$$

Theorem (Fixed-point theorem)

Let X be a complete metric space and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction. Then there exists a unique fixed point x_f st $\forall x \in X$ we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x) = x_f = f(x_f) \quad (4)$$

Fixed-point theorem II

Proof

Take $x \in X$.

Now as X is complete we know that all cauchy sequences converge. So we plan to show that $f^n(x)$ is cauchy.

So take $n > m$ and consider with the metric d ,

$$d(f^m(x), f^n(x)) < sd(f^{m-1}(x), f^{n-1}(x)) < s^m d(x, f^{n-m}(x)). \quad (5)$$

Fixed-point theorem III

Now by the triangle inequality,

$$d(x, f^n(x)) \leq d(x, f^{n-1}(x)) + d(f^{n-1}(x), f^n(x)) \quad (6)$$

$$\leq d(x, f(x)) + d(f(x), f(f(x))) + \cdots + d(f^{n-1}(x), f^n(x)) \quad (7)$$

$$< d(x, f(x)) + \cdots + s^{n-1}d(x, f(x)) \quad (8)$$

$$= d(x, f(x))(1 + s + \cdots + s^{n-1}) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{1 - s^n}{1 - s} d(x, f(x)) \quad (10)$$

$$d(x, f^n(x)) \leq \frac{1}{1 - s} d(x, f(x)) \quad (11)$$

Fixed-point theorem IV

So we have that in 5

$$d(f^m(x), f^n(x)) < \frac{s^m}{1-s} d(x, f(x)). \quad (12)$$

so that $f^n(x)$ is cauchy. So by the completeness there is a unique point $x_f \in X$ to which this sequence converges. Lastly due to the contractivity f is also continuous so $f(x_f) = f(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{n+1}(x) = x_f$.

□

- ▶ The Partitioned IFS [5] can be seen as

$$F(W) = \bigcup_{i \in N} f_i(\mathbb{1}_{(D_i \times \mathbb{R})} W), \quad (13)$$

where our f_i come from,

$$\{f_i : (D_i \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow (R_i \times \mathbb{R}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, N\}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N} \quad (14)$$

Choices for f_i

Now usually we let our f_i be affine transformations of $(D_i \times \mathbb{R})$, where the third dimension contains the image. Which is changed by a contrast multiple (s_i) and a brightness correction (σ_i).

$$f_i \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ u(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_i & b_i & 0 \\ c_i & d_i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & s_i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ u(x, y) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} e_i \\ f_i \\ \sigma_i \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

provided certain conditions this will be contracting.

A simple encoding scheme

We quickly explain one of the simplest methods as in [6]. We shall discuss a simple 256×256 image with 256 brightness levels. The plan is to find some PIFS such that $F(u) \approx u$. Even if it is close we will see from the following theorem that F^n will end up being close to u .

Theorem (Collage Theorem)

Given the same hypothesis as the contraction mapping theorem, we also get,

$$d(x, x_f) \leq \frac{1}{1-s} d(x, f(x)) \quad (16)$$

Proof.

Taking the limit in eqn. 11. □

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Let the range be denoted by a vector with the image values \mathbf{r}_i and a downsampled domain similarly by \mathbf{d} , then we get that for this section,

$$d(\mathbf{r}_i, F(\mathbf{r}_i)) = \|\mathbf{r}_i - s_i \mathbf{d} - \sigma_i \mathbf{e}\|^2 \quad (17)$$

So minimising this is simply a standard least squares problem and we can simply obtain optimum values for s_i and σ_i .

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Improvements

Possible improvements are categorised as follows [7],

- ▶ How the image is partitioned into range blocks.
- ▶ Composition of the pool of domain blocks.
- ▶ Class of transformations applied to the domain blocks.
- ▶ The type of search used in locating domain blocks.

Partitionings

Changes to the partitioning of the ranges can be used for adaptive methods, such as quadtree [8], HV[9], or triangular partitions and irregular partitions as in [10] as first approached by [11], and independently in [12].

Domain Pool

Domain pool reduction [13].

Non-affine transformations

Allowing a quadratic factor [14].

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Now minimising this with respect to s, o is just a simple least squares problem however we can do better.

More Nearest Neighbours

Let us define ϕ to denote the normalised projection operator onto the orthogonal complement of \mathbf{e} , so,

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e} \rangle \mathbf{e}}{\|\mathbf{x} - \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e} \rangle \mathbf{e}\|}. \quad (20)$$

Hence using this we can write $s\mathbf{p} + o\mathbf{e} = \tilde{s}\phi(\mathbf{p}) + \tilde{o}\mathbf{e}$, where we have,

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So we are trying to approximate \mathbf{u} by $\tilde{s}\phi(\mathbf{p}) + \tilde{o}\mathbf{e}$. Now we can project \mathbf{u} onto the hyper-plane described by $\phi(\mathbf{p})$ and \mathbf{e} , and we see that this will be the best $M(\mathbf{p})$ that we can find.

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Now $P(\mathbf{u})$ is the best approximation and is given by,

$$P(\mathbf{u}) = \langle \mathbf{u}, \phi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle \phi(\mathbf{p}) + \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e} \rangle \mathbf{e}. \quad (23)$$

So the error $E(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p})$ becomes,

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$$= \langle \mathbf{u}, \phi(\mathbf{u}) \rangle^2 \|\phi(\mathbf{u}) - \langle \phi(\mathbf{u}), \phi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle \phi(\mathbf{p})\|^2 \quad (28)$$

$$= \langle \mathbf{u}, \phi(\mathbf{u}) \rangle^2 (1 - \langle \phi(\mathbf{u}), \phi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle^2) \quad (29)$$

Now we consider $1 - \langle \phi(\mathbf{u}), \phi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle^2$.

Theorem

As before if we have multiple possible \mathbf{p}_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, then we will be able to minimise $E(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}_i)$ over $1, 2, \dots, N$ by finding the \mathbf{p}_i such that either $d(\phi(\mathbf{u}), \phi(\mathbf{p}_i))$ or $d(\phi(\mathbf{u}), -\phi(\mathbf{p}_i))$ is smallest.

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Now g is monotonically increasing for $0 \leq D \leq \sqrt{2}$ so for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, $E(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}_i)$ is equivalently minimised when $D(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}_i)$ is minimised.

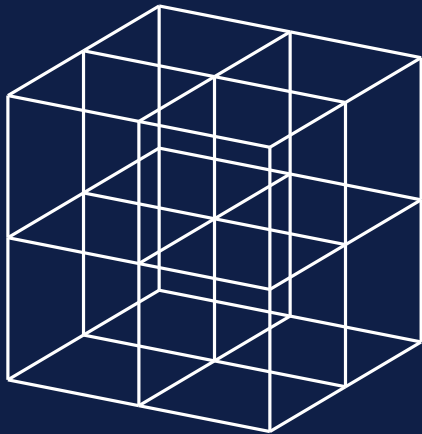


Final Nearest Neighbor

This has now become a nearest neighbor problem as we have to find the nearest neighbor in $\{\pm\phi(\mathbf{p}_i) | i \in 1, 2, \dots, N\}$ to the point $\phi(\mathbf{u})$. This can be done very quickly, an algorithm for logarithmic time once various KDTrees have been set up is in [15]. We used the NearestNeighbors.jl [16] code to implement this in our Julia [17] code.

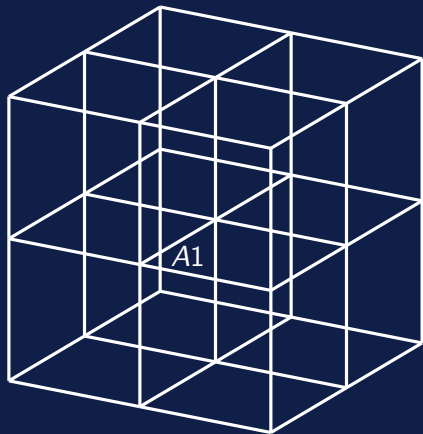
In our case we used feature keys instead of the actual pixel values in the tree. We downsampled the domains to $2 \times 2 \times 2$, and then used those vectors. Since this then no longer produces an exact match we then used approximate algorithms to find the 10 nearest neighbors and then evaluated these all separately to find the best one of these.

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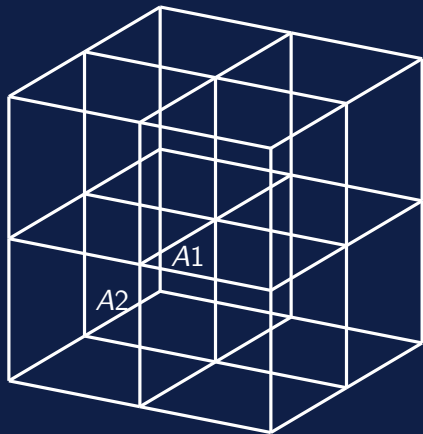
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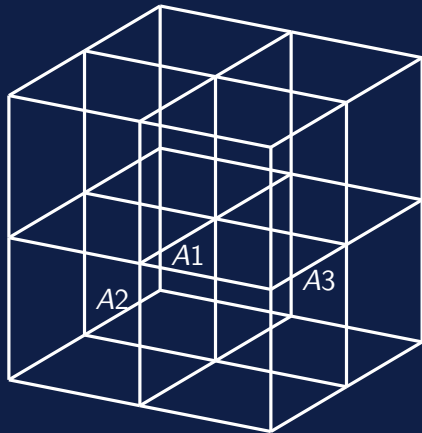
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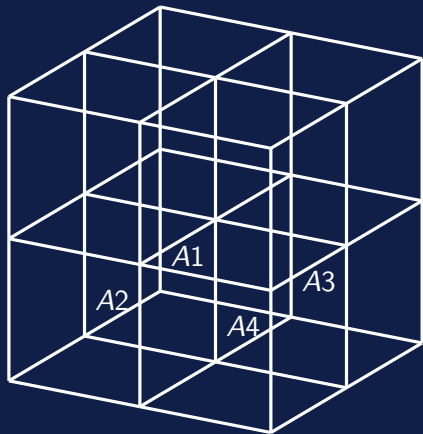
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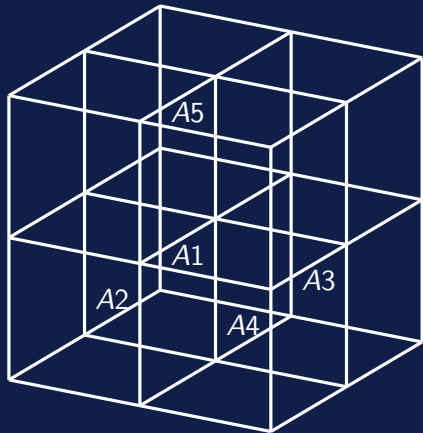
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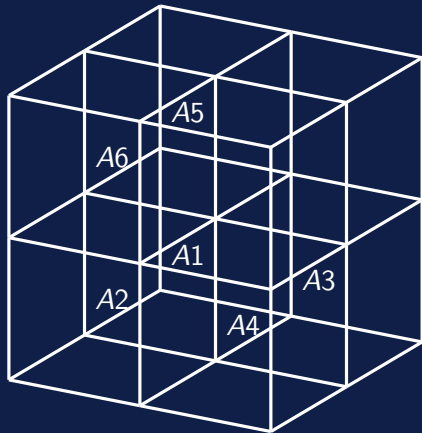
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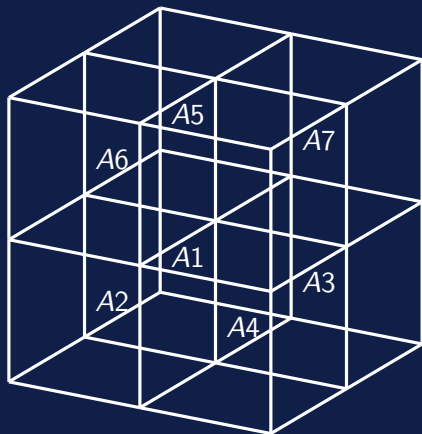
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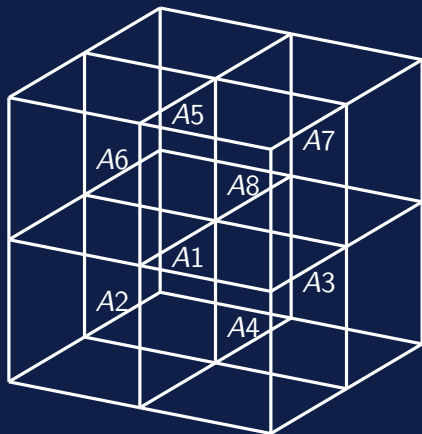
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Classification continued

- ▶ 840 Classes
- ▶ More with variance...

Classes in MRIs

From openneuro.org [19].

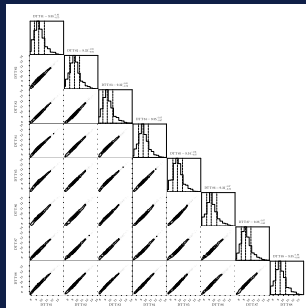


Figure: 8 Compared MRIs

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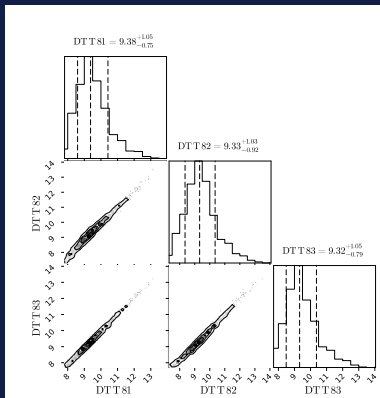
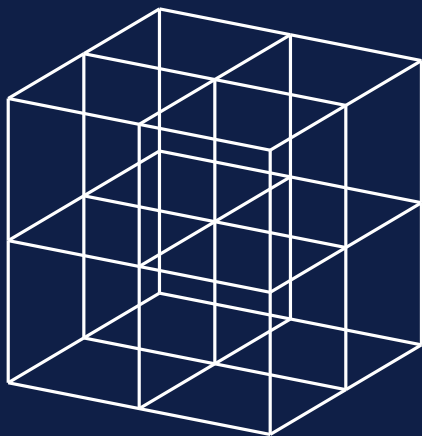
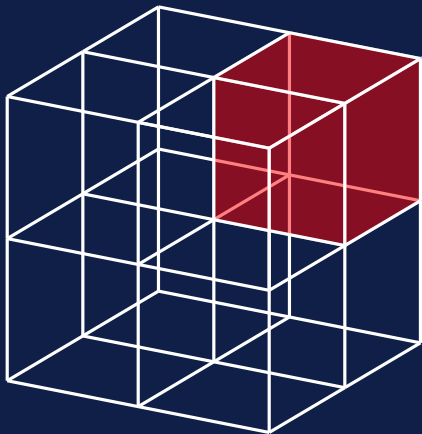


Figure: Just 3 compared

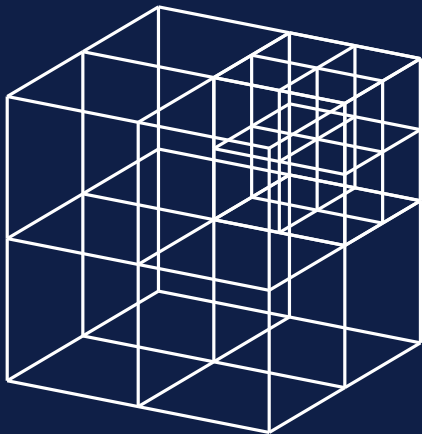
Octotree method



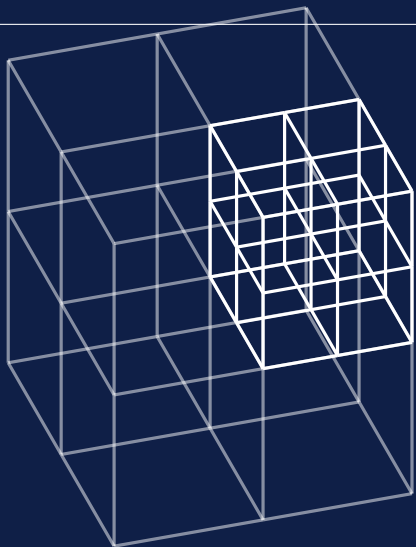
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Computers

This was done on the maths department CPU compute machines. With between 36 and 48 cores, and 768 and 2046 GB or RAM with 4.8 to 9.8 TB or Scratch disk space.

- ▶ Vanisher
- ▶ Polaris
- ▶ Cyclops
- ▶ Wolverine

Octotree method

Tolerance	Compression Ratio (%)	Time (s)
1,000,000	8.63	530.9
500,000	16.93	532.4
250,000	28.10	606.5
100,000	40.56	674.5
64,000	44.72	700.7
25,000	52.09	815.0
8,000	63.13	869.6
1,000	99.49	1,134.8
200	102.61	1,136.5

Table: How the different tolerance affected program performance.

Types of blocks at different tolerance levels.

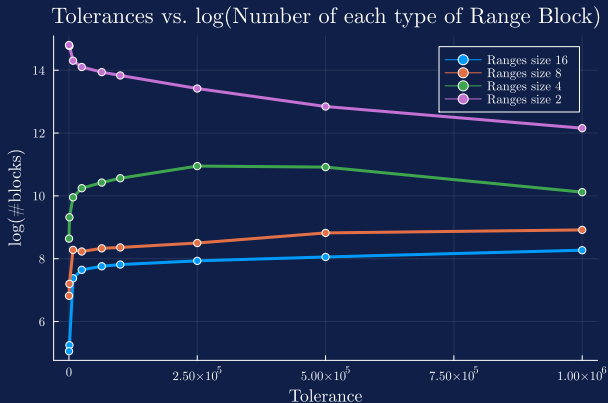


Figure: How quadtree partition changes with size.

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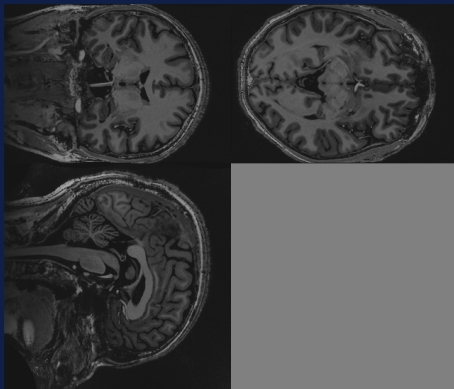


Figure: Original MRI

Original MRI Zoomed

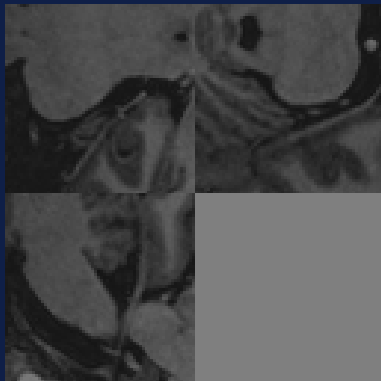


Figure: Original MRI Zoomed

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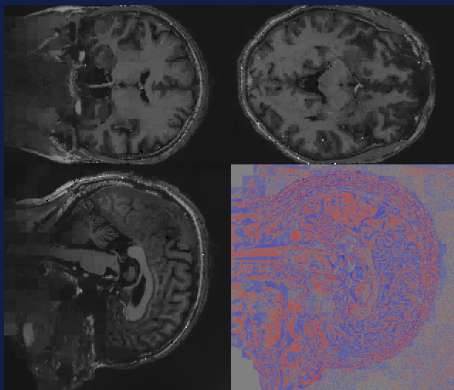


Figure: Level 500,000

500,000 Level Zoomed

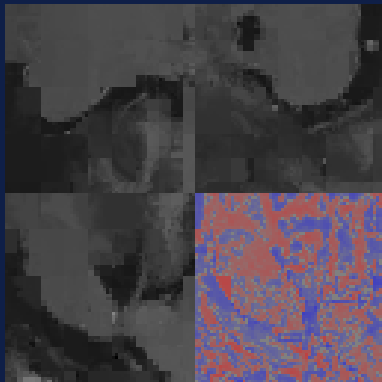


Figure: Level 500,000 Zoomed

100,000 Level

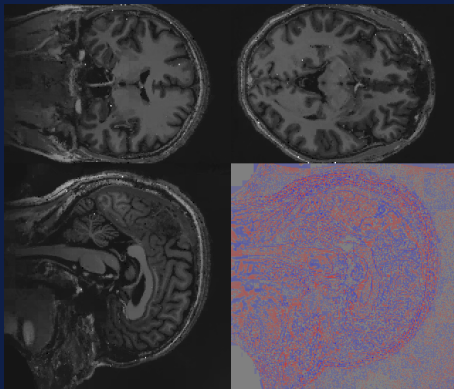


Figure: Level 100,000

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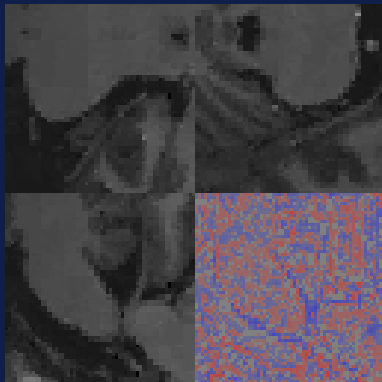


Figure: Level 100,000 Zoomed

8,000 Level

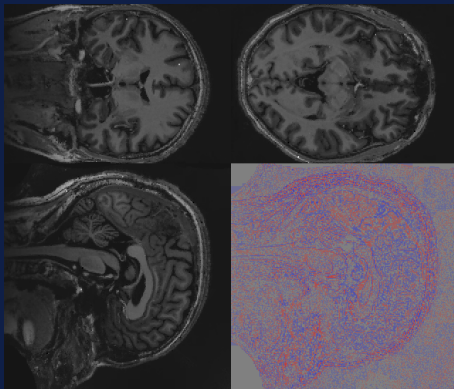


Figure: Level 8,000

8,000 Level Zoomed

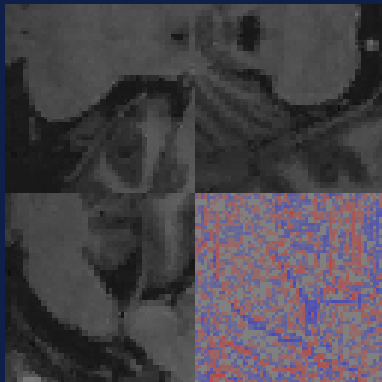


Figure: Level 8,000 Zoomed

500,000 Level Error

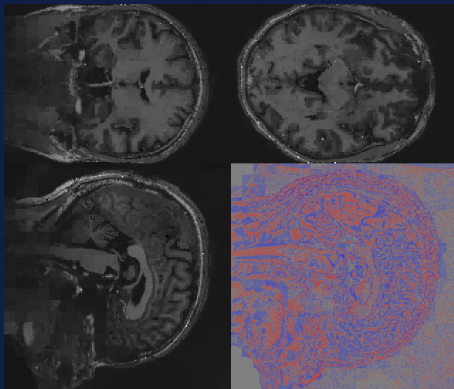


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500,000 Level Zoomed Error

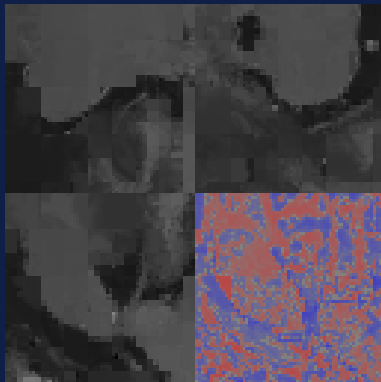


Figure: Level 500,000 Zoomed

100,000 Level Error

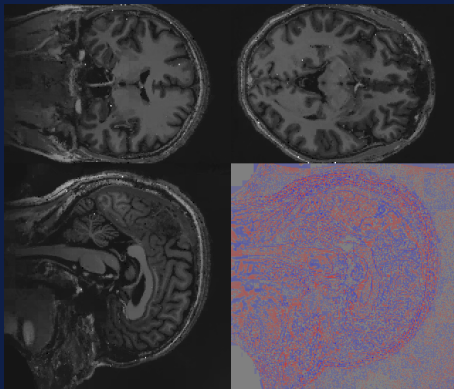


Figure: Level 100,000 Error

100,000 Level Zoomed Error

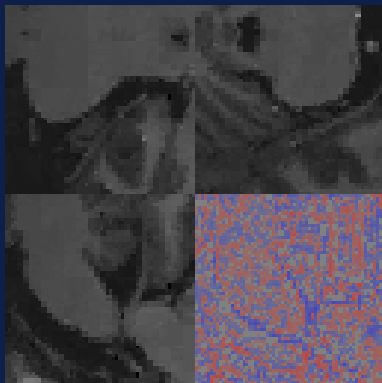


Figure: Level 100,000 Zoomed

8,000 Level Error

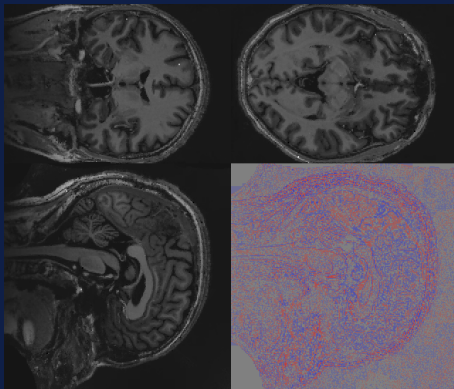


Figure: Level 8,000 Error

8,000 Level Zoomed Error

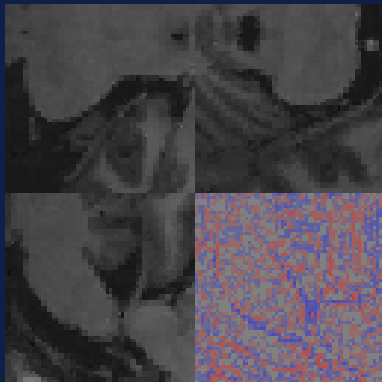


Figure: Level 8,000 Zoomed

Fractal Interpolation

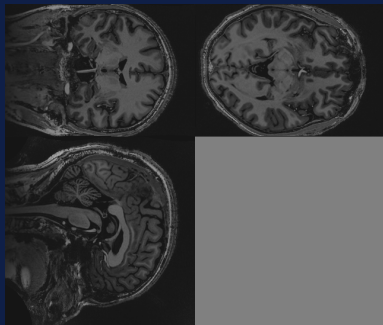


Figure: Interpolated

Fractal Interpolation

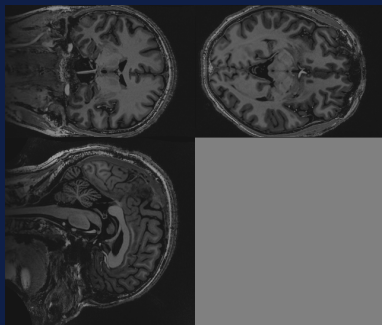


Figure: Interpolated

Fractal Interpolation

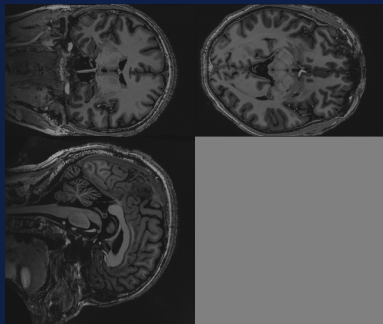


Figure: Interpolated

Video Compression and Questions?



Figure: Video

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