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Median filters

- A Median Filter operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window.
- What advantage does a median filter have over a mean filter?
- Is a median filter a kind of convolution?

Comparison: salt and pepper noise



Bilateral filtering



Figure 3.20 Bilateral filtering (Durand and Dorsey 2002) © 2002 ACM: (a) noisy step edge input; (b) domain filter (Gaussian); (c) range filter (similarity to center pixel value); (d) bilateral filter; (e) filtered step edge output; (f) 3D distance between pixels.

Morphological Operators



Figure 3.21 Binary image morphology: (a) original image; (b) dilation; (c) erosion; (d) majority; (e) opening; (f) closing. The structuring element for all examples is a 5×5 square. The effects of majority are a subtle rounding of sharp corners. Opening fails to eliminate the dot, since it is not wide enough.

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Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?



Why does a lower resolution image still make sense to us? What do we lose?



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Slide: Hoiem

Thinking in Frequency

Fourier, Joseph (1768-1830)



French mathematician who discovered that any periodic motion can be written as a superposition of sinusoidal and cosinusoidal vibrations. He developed a mathematical theory of heat in *Théorie Analytique de la Chaleur (Analytic Theory of Heat)*, (1822), discussing it in terms of differential equations.

Fourier was a friend and advisor of Napoleon. Fourier believed that his health would be improved by wrapping himself up in blankets, and in this state he tripped down the stairs in his house and killed himself. The paper of Galois which he had taken home to read shortly before his death was never recovered.

SEE ALSO: Galois

Additional biographies: MacTutor (St. Andrews), Bonn

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Slides: Hoiem, Efros, and others

Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

had crazy idea (1807):

Any univariate function can rewritten as a weighted sum sines and cosines of different frequencies.

- Don't believe it?
 - Neither did Lagrange, Laplace, Poisson and other big wigs
 - Not translated into English until 1878!
- But it's (mostly) true!
 - called Fourier Series
 - there are some subtle restrictions

...the manner in which the author arrives at these equations is not exempt of difficulties and...his analysis to integrate them still leaves something to be desired on the score of generality and even rigour.



• example : $g(t) = \sin(2\pi f t) + (1/3)\sin(2\pi(3f) t)$



Slides: Efros















Example: Music

 We think of music in terms of frequencies at different magnitudes



Fourier analysis in images

Intensity Image

Fourier Image



http://sharp.bu.edu/~slehar/fourier/fourier.html#filtering

Fourier Transform

- Fourier transform stores the magnitude and phase at each frequency
 - Magnitude encodes how much signal there is at a particular frequency
 - Phase encodes spatial information (indirectly)
 - For mathematical convenience, this is often notated in terms of real and complex numbers

Amplitude:
$$A = \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2}$$
 Phase: $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$

Fourier Transform Pairs



Fourier Transforms of Filters



Man-made Scene





Can change spectrum, then reconstruct



Low and High Pass filtering





The Convolution Theorem

• The Fourier transform of the convolution of two functions is the product of their Fourier transforms

$$\mathbf{F}[g * h] = \mathbf{F}[g]\mathbf{F}[h]$$

• **Convolution** in spatial domain is equivalent to **multiplication** in frequency domain!

$$g^*h = F^{-1}[F[g]F[h]]$$

Filtering in spatial domain



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Filtering

Why does the Gaussian give a nice smooth image, but the square filter give edgy artifacts?



Gaussian



Box Filter



Is convolution invertible?

- If convolution is just multiplication in the Fourier domain, isn't deconvolution just division?
- Sometimes, it clearly is invertible (e.g. a convolution with an identity filter)
- In one case, it clearly isn't invertible (e.g. convolution with an all zero filter)
- What about for common filters like a Gaussian?

But you can't invert multiplication by 0

• But it's not quite zero, is it...



Let's experiment on Novak



Convolution







FFT

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Deconvolution?

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iFFT











But under more realistic conditions



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Random noise, .000001 magnitude







FFT







But under more realistic conditions



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Random noise, .0001 magnitude















But under more realistic conditions



-2



Random noise, .001 magnitude

















With a random filter...





Random noise, .001 magnitude















Deconvolution is hard

- Active research area.
- Even if you know the filter (non-blind deconvolution), it is still very hard and requires strong *regularization*.
- If you don't know the filter (blind deconvolution) it is harder still.