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### 3.1.1 Pixel transforms

- Contrast
- Brightness
- Gamma
- Histogram equalization
- Arithmetic
- Compositing


## Contrast



- $g(x)=a f(x), a=1.1$


## Brightness



- $g(x)=f(x)+b, b=16$


## Gamma correction



$$
g(\boldsymbol{x})=[f(\boldsymbol{x})]^{1 / \gamma}
$$



- gamma $=1.2$


## Histogram Equalization



- Non-linear transform to make histogram flat
- Still a per-pixel operation $\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{h}(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x}))$


## Point-Process: Pixel/Point Arithmetic

| 120 | 122 | 140 | 142 | 143 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 121 | 120 | 141 | 144 | 147 |
| 122 | 121 | 144 | 146 | 11 |
| 125 | 121 | 144 | 145 | 10 |
| 126 | 121 | 145 | 147 | 13 |


| 120 | 122 | 140 | 142 | 143 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 121 | 120 | 141 | 144 | 147 |
| 122 | 121 | 144 | 146 | 11 |
| 125 | 121 | 144 | 145 | 10 |
| 126 | 121 | 145 | 147 | 13 |


| + | 120 | 122 | 140 | 142 | 143 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 121 | 80 | 40 | 144 | 10 |
|  | 122 | 81 | 40 | 0 | 151 |
|  | 125 | 80 | 40 | 0 | 152 |
|  | 126 | 70 | 40 | 0 | 153 |
| - | 120 | 122 | 140 | 142 | 143 |
|  | 121 | 80 | 40 | 144 | 10 |
|  | 122 | 81 | 40 | 0 | 151 |
|  | 125 | 80 | 40 | 0 | 152 |
|  | 126 | 70 | 40 | 0 | 153 |


| 240 | 244 | 280 | 284 | 286 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 121 | 200 | 181 | 288 | 157 |
| 122 | 202 | 184 | 146 | 162 |
| 125 | 201 | 184 | 145 | 164 |
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## Pixel/Point Arithmetic: An Example



Image 1 - Image 2

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## Image filtering

- Image filtering: compute function of local neighborhood at each position
- Really important!
- Enhance images
- Denoise, resize, increase contrast, etc.
- Extract information from images
- Texture, edges, distinctive points, etc.
- Detect patterns
- Template matching
- Convolutional Networks


## Example: box filter



Slide credit: David Lowe (UBC)

Image filtering

$$
\mathrm{g}[\cdot \cdot]_{0}^{\frac{1}{0}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1}} \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1}+1
$$



Image filtering

$$
\mathrm{g}\left[\cdot, \cdot \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1}+1\right.
$$



$$
h[m, n]=\sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m+k, n+l]
$$

Credit: S. Seitz

Image filtering


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Image filtering

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\mathrm{g}[\cdot \cdot]_{0}^{\frac{1}{0}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1}} \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{1}+1
$$



$$
h[m, n]=\sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m+k, n+l]
$$

Credit: S. Seitz

Image filtering


| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 50 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 50 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

$$
h[m, n]=\sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m+k, n+l]
$$

## Box Filter

## What does it do?

- Replaces each pixel with an average of its neighborhood
- Achieve smoothing effect (remove sharp features)

$$
\mathrm{g}[\cdot, \cdot]
$$



Slide credit: David Lowe (UBC)

## Smoothing with box filter



## Practice with linear filters



| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

?

Original

## Practice with linear filters



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Filtered
(no change)

## Practice with linear filters



| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

?

Original

## Practice with linear filters



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Shifted left
By 1 pixel

## Practice with linear filters



| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |


(Note that filter sums to 1 )
Original

## Practice with linear filters



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |



Sharpening filter

- Accentuates differences with local average


## Sharpening



## Other filters




Vertical Edge (absolute value)

## Other filters



Horizontal Edge (absolute value)

## Filtering vs. Convolution

- 2d filtering ${ }^{\mathrm{f}=\mathrm{filter}} \quad \mathrm{I}=$ image

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\mathrm{h}=\mathrm{filter} 2(\mathrm{f}, \mathrm{I}) ; \text { or } \\
& \mathrm{h}=\operatorname{imfil} \operatorname{ter}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{f}) ; \\
& \quad h[m, n]=\sum_{k, l} f[k, l] I[m+k, n+l]
\end{aligned}
$$

- 2d convolution
- h=conv2 (f, I);

$$
h[m, n]=\sum_{k, l} f[k, l] I[m-k, n-l]
$$

## Key properties of linear filters

## Linearity:

```
imfilter(I, f f + fr2) =
    imfilter(I,f1) + imfilter(I,f2)
```

Shift invariance: same behavior regardless of pixel location

```
imfilter(I,shift(f)) = shift(imfilter(I,f))
```

Any linear, shift-invariant operator can be represented as a convolution

## More properties

- Commutative: $a^{*} b=b^{*} a$
- Conceptually no difference between filter and signal
- But particular filtering implementations might break this equality
- Associative: $a^{*}\left(b^{*} c\right)=\left(a^{*} b\right)^{*} c$
- Often apply several filters one after another: $\left(\left(\left(a * b_{1}\right) * b_{2}\right) * b_{3}\right)$
- This is equivalent to applying one filter: a ${ }^{*}\left(b_{1} * b_{2} * b_{3}\right)$
- Distributes over addition: $a^{*}(b+c)=\left(a^{*} b\right)+\left(a^{*} c\right)$
- Scalars factor out: $k a^{*} b=a^{*} k b=k\left(a^{*} b\right)$
- Identity: unit impulse $e=[0,0,1,0,0]$, $a^{*} e=a$


## Important filter: Gaussian

- Weight contributions of neighboring pixels by nearness



|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.003 | 0.013 | 0.022 | 0.013 | 0.003 |
| 0.013 | 0.059 | 0.097 | 0.059 | 0.013 |
| 0.022 | 0.097 | 0.159 | 0.097 | 0.022 |
| 0.013 | 0.059 | 0.097 | 0.059 | 0.013 |
| 0.003 | 0.013 | 0.022 | 0.013 | 0.003 |
| $5 \times 5, \sigma=1$ |  |  |  |  |

$$
G_{\sigma}=\frac{1}{2 \pi \sigma^{2}} e^{-\frac{\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)}{2 \sigma^{2}}}
$$

## Smoothing with Gaussian filter



## Smoothing with box filter



## Gaussian filters

- Remove "high-frequency" components from the image (low-pass filter)
- Images become more smooth
- Convolution with self is another Gaussian
- So can smooth with small-width kernel, repeat, and get same result as larger-width kernel would have
- Convolving two times with Gaussian kernel of width $\sigma$ is same as convolving once with kernel of width ov2
- Separable kernel
- Factors into product of two 1D Gaussians


## Separability of the Gaussian filter

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}_{\sigma}(x, y) & =\frac{1}{2 \pi \sigma^{2}} \exp ^{-\frac{x^{2}+y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}} \\
& =\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp ^{\left.-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp ^{-\frac{y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}\right)}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

The 2D Gaussian can be expressed as the product of two functions, one a function of $x$ and the other a function of $y$

In this case, the two functions are the (identical) 1D Gaussian

## Separability example



Followed by convolution
along the remaining column:

## Hybrid Images



- A. Oliva, A. Torralba, P.G. Schyns, "Hybrid Images," SIGGRAPH 2006

Why do we get different, distance-dependent interpretations of hybrid images?


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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


(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

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 $5 \times 5$ 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?



## 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 AISO: Galois

Additional biographies: MacTutor (St. Andrews), Bonn
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## Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

had crazy idea (1807): Any univariate function can rewritten as a weighted sum sines and cosines of differen 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 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: Music

- We think of music in terms of frequencies at different magnitudes



## Frequency Spectra

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



Frequency Spectra


Frequency Spectra





Frequency Spectra


## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Frequency Spectra



## Fourier analysis in images

Intensity Image

Fourier Image


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

## Fourier Transform Pairs

| Name | Signal |  | Transfo |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| impulse | $\delta(x)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | 1 |  |
| shifted impulse | $\delta(x-u)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $e^{-j \omega u}$ |  |
| box filter | $\operatorname{box}(x / a)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $a \operatorname{sinc}(a \omega)$ |  |
| tent | tent $(x / a)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $a \operatorname{sinc}^{2}(a \omega)$ |  |
| Gaussian | $G(x ; \sigma)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2 \pi}}{\sigma} G\left(\omega ; \sigma^{-1}\right)$ |  |
| Laplacian of Gaussian | $\left(\frac{x^{2}}{\sigma^{4}}-\frac{1}{\sigma^{2}}\right) G(x ; \sigma)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{2 \pi}}{\sigma} \omega^{2} G\left(\omega ; \sigma^{-1}\right)$ | $A H$ |
| Gabor | $\cos \left(\omega_{0} x\right) G(x ; \sigma)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\frac{\sqrt{2 \pi}}{\sigma} G\left(\omega \pm \omega_{0} ; \sigma^{-1}\right)$ |  |
| unsharp mask | $(1+\gamma) \delta(x)$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | $\begin{gathered} (1+\gamma)- \\ \sqrt{2 \pi} \gamma \end{gathered}$ |  |
| windowed | $\operatorname{rcos}(x /(a W))$ | $\Leftrightarrow$ | (see Figure 3.29) |  |

## Fourier Transforms of Filters

```
box-3
```


$\frac{1}{3}(1+2 \cos \omega)$
box-5

$\frac{1}{5}(1+2 \cos \omega+2 \cos 2 \omega)$
linear

| $\frac{1}{4}$ | 1 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\frac{1}{2}(1+\cos \omega)$
binomial

| $\frac{1}{16}$ | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$\frac{1}{4}(1+\cos \omega)^{2}$

Sobel

$$
\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}
\frac{1}{2}-1 & 0 & 1 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

$\sin \omega$






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

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

- Convolution in spatial domain is equivalent to multiplication in frequency domain!

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

Filtering in spatial domain

| 1 | 0 | -1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 0 | -2 |
| 1 | 0 | -1 |



## Filtering in frequency domain



## Filtering

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



## Gaussian



## Box Filter



