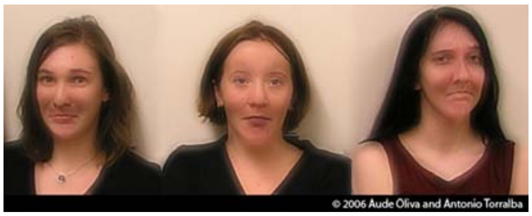
Image filtering



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Reading

Forsyth & Ponce, chapter 8 (in reader)

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What is an image?

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Images as functions

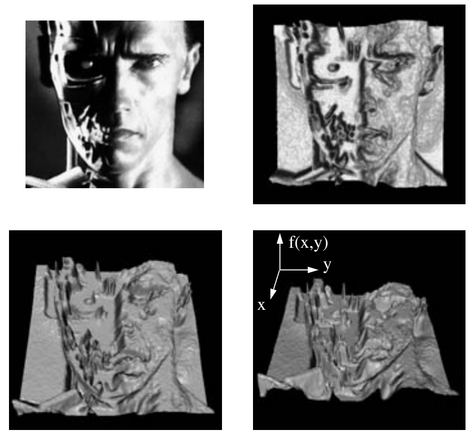
We can think of an **image** as a function, *f*, from $\mathbb{R}^2$ to $\mathbb{R}$:

- $f(x, y)$ gives the **intensity** at position (x, y)
- Realistically, we expect the image only to be defined over a rectangle, with a finite range:
  - $f: [a,b] \times [c,d] \rightarrow [0,1]$

A color image is just three functions pasted together. We can write this as a "vector-valued" function:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} r(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \\ b(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Images as functions



What is a digital image?

In computer vision we usually operate on **digital** (**discrete**) images:

- **Sample** the 2D space on a regular grid
- **Quantize** each sample (round to nearest integer)

If our samples are Δ apart, we can write this as:

$f[i, j] = \text{Quantize}\{ f(i\,\Delta, j\,\Delta) \}$

The image can now be represented as a matrix of integer values

j →, i ↓

62	79	23	119	120	105	4	0
10	10	9	62	12	78	34	0
10	58	197	46	46	0	0	48
176	135	5	188	191	68	0	49
2	1	1	29	26	37	0	77
0	89	144	147	187	102	62	208
255	252	0	166	123	62	0	31
166	63	127	17	1	0	99	30

Image processing

An **image processing** operation typically defines a new image g in terms of an existing image f.

We can transform either the domain or the range of f.

Range transformation:

$$g(x, y) = t(f(x, y))$$

What's kinds of operations can this perform?

Image processing

Some operations preserve the range but change the domain of *f* :

$$g(x, y) = f(t_x(x, y), t_y(x, y))$$

What kinds of operations can this perform?

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Image processing

Still other operations operate on both the domain *and* the range of *f* .

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Noise

Image processing is useful for noise reduction...

Original

Salt and pepper noise

Impulse noise

Gaussian noise

Common types of noise:

- **Salt and pepper noise**: contains random occurrences of black and white pixels
- **Impulse noise:** contains random occurrences of white pixels
- **Gaussian noise**: variations in intensity drawn from a Gaussian normal distribution

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Ideal noise reduction

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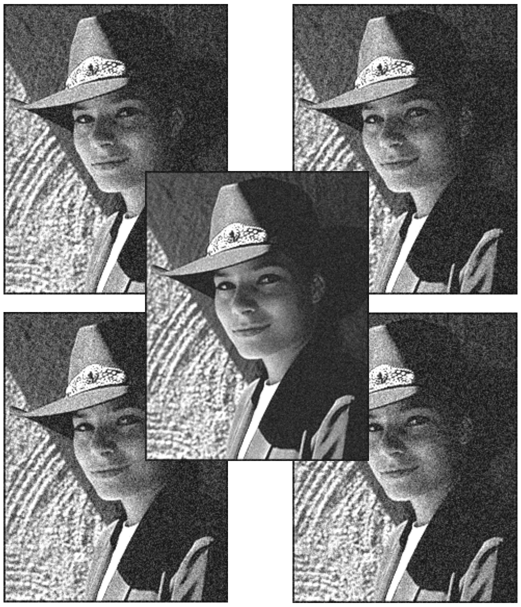


Practical noise reduction

How can we “smooth” away noise in a single image?

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	100	130	110	120	110	0	0
0	0	0	110	90	100	90	100	0	0
0	0	0	130	100	90	130	110	0	0
0	0	0	120	100	130	110	120	0	0
0	0	0	90	110	80	120	100	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mean filtering

$F[x, y]$

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

$G[x, y]$

Mean filtering

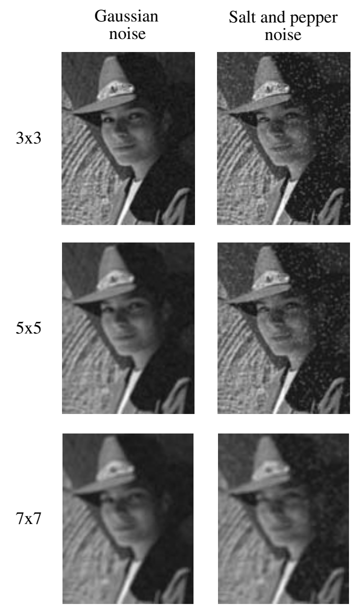
$F[x, y]$

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

$G[x, y]$

	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	

Effect of mean filters



Cross-correlation filtering

Let's write this down as an equation. Assume the averaging window is (2k+1)x(2k+1):

$$G[i,j] = \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \sum_{u=-k}^{k} \sum_{v=-k}^{k} F[i+u, j+v]$$

We can generalize this idea by allowing different weights for different neighboring pixels:

$$G[i,j] = \sum_{u=-k}^{k} \sum_{v=-k}^{k} H[u,v] F[i+u, j+v]$$

This is called a **cross-correlation** operation and written:

$$G = H \otimes F$$

H is called the "filter," "kernel," or "mask."

The above allows negative filter indices. When you implement need to use: H[u+k,v+k] instead of H[u,v]

Mean kernel

What's the kernel for a 3x3 mean filter?

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

$F[x, y]$

$H[u, v]$

Gaussian Filtering

A Gaussian kernel gives less weight to pixels further from the center of the window

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

$F[x, y]$

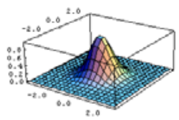
$\frac{1}{16}$

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

$H[u, v]$

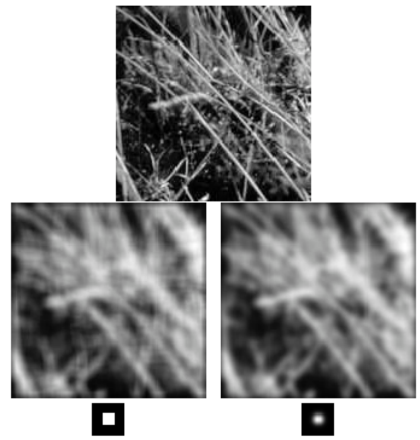
This kernel is an approximation of a Gaussian function:

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{\sigma^2}}$$



What happens if you increase σ ?

Mean vs. Gaussian filtering



Filtering an impulse

a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i

$H[u, v]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$F[x, y]$

$G[x, y]$

Convolution

A **convolution** operation is a cross-correlation where the filter is flipped both horizontally and vertically before being applied to the image:

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^{k} \sum_{v=-k}^{k} H[u, v] F[i - u, j - v]$$

It is written: $G = H \star F$

Suppose H is a Gaussian or mean kernel. How does convolution differ from cross-correlation?

Suppose F is an impulse function (previous slide) What will G look like?

Continuous Filters

We can also apply filters to *continuous* images.

In the case of cross correlation: $g = h \otimes f$

$$g(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u,v)f(x+u,y+v)dudv$$

In the case of convolution: $g = h \star f$

$$g(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(u,v)f(x-u,y-v)dudv$$

Note that the image and filter are infinite.

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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?

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Comparison: salt and pepper noise

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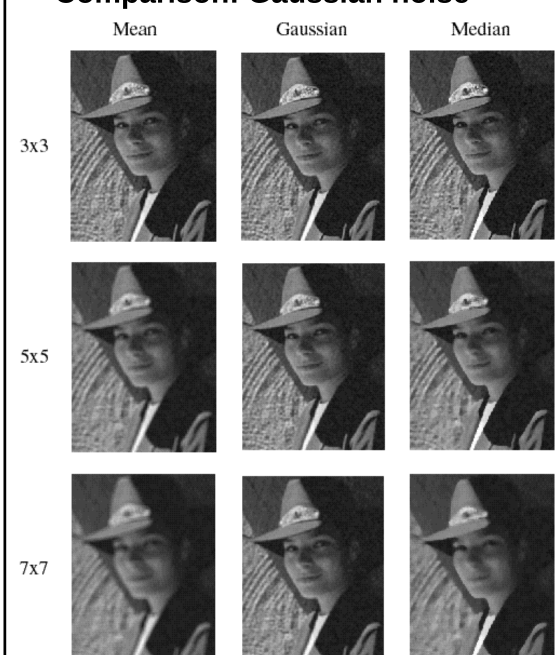
Comparison: Gaussian noise



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