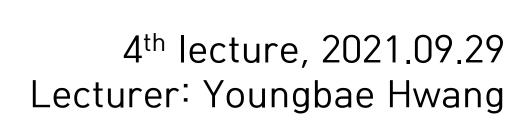
Industrial Computer Vision

- Frequency-based Image Filtering



Contents

- Sobel filter for image gradient
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- Morphological Filter



1st Derivative filtering

- Implementing 1st derivative filters is difficult in practice
- For a function f(x, y) the gradient of f at coordinates (x, y) is given as the column vector:

$$\nabla \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} G_x \\ G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$



1st Derivative filtering

• The magnitude of this vector is given by:

$$\nabla f = mag(\nabla f)$$

$$= \left[G_x^2 + G_y^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

For practical reasons this can be simplified as:

$$\nabla f \approx |G_x| + |G_y|$$



Gradient Mask

Roberts cross-gradient operators, 2x2

z_{I}	z_2	z_3
Z_4	z_5	z_{6}
z_7	z_8	z_{g}

$$G_x = (z_9 - z_5)$$
 and $G_y = (z_8 - z_6)$

$$\nabla f = \left[G_x^2 + G_y^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\left(z_9 - z_5\right)^2 + \left(z_8 - z_6\right)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\nabla f \approx |z_9 - z_5| + |z_8 - z_6|$$
 $0 \quad 1 \quad 0$

Gradient Mask

Sobel operators, 3 x 3

There is some debate as to how best to calculate these gradients but we will use:

$$\nabla f \approx |(z_7 + 2z_8 + z_9) - (z_1 + 2z_2 + z_3)| + |(z_3 + 2z_6 + z_9) - (z_1 + 2z_4 + z_7)|$$

which is based on these coordinates

Z ₁	Z_2	z_3
Z ₄	Z ₅	Z ₆
Z ₇	Z ₈	Z ₉

Sobel operator

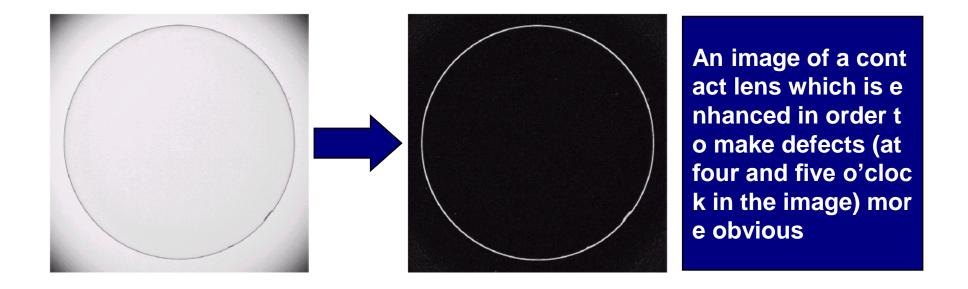
Based on the previous equations we can derive the Sobel Operators

-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1

-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

 To filter an image it is filtered using both operators the results of which are added together

Sobel example



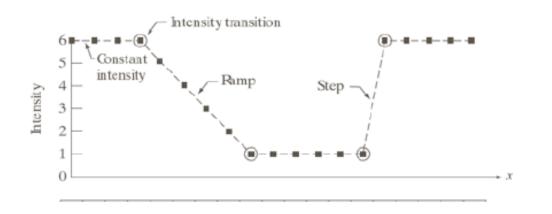
Sobel filters are typically used for edge detection



Sharpening filters

Sharpening filters:

Enhance transitions in intensity.



Constant regions, ramps and steps.

Ramp: joins 2 regions of constant intensity by several pixels

Step: joins 2 regions of constant intensity by 2 pixels.

Onset: the set of transition pixels



Unsharp masking and highboost filtering

Unsharp masking and highboost filtering:

1. Blur original image

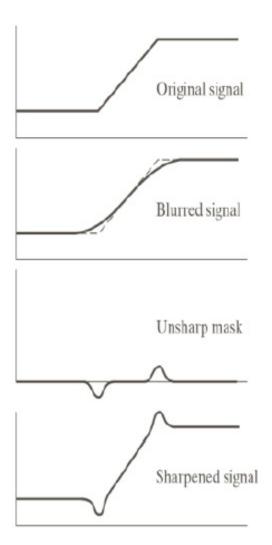
$$f(x,y) \to \bar{f}(x,y)$$

2. Subtract blurred from image to create a mask

$$g_{\text{mask}}(x,y) = f(x,y) - \bar{f}(x,y)$$

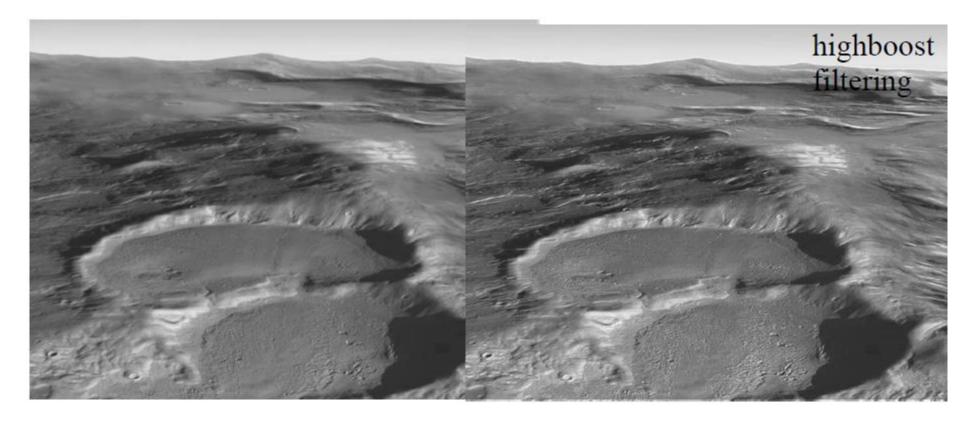
3. Add the mask to the original

$$g(x,y) = f + k * g_{\text{mask}}(x,y)$$



Highboost filtering

The global effect will be that of enhancing the edges.



The result of unsharp masking

- (a) Unretouched "soft-tone" digital image (b) Image blurred using a 31 x 31 Gaussian lowpass filter with σ = 5. (c) Mask. (d) Result of unsharp masking using Eq. (3-65) with k = 1. (e) and (f) Results of highboost filtering with k = 2

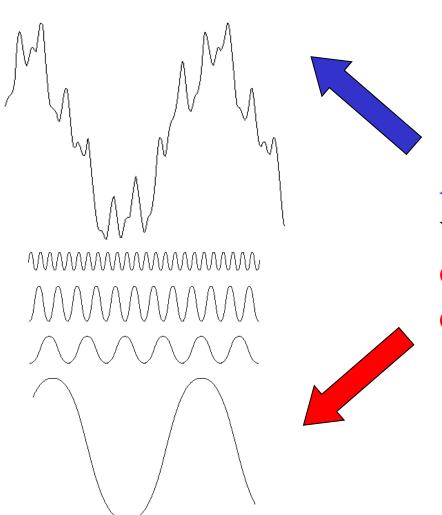
and k = 3, respectively.







Background: Fourier Series





Fourier series:

Any periodic signals can be viewed as weighted sum of sinusoidal signals with different frequencies

Frequency Domain: view frequency as an independent variable



Fourier Tr. and Frequency Domain

Time, spatial Domain Signals

Fourier Tr.

Inv Fourier Tr.

Frequency Domain Signals

1-D, Continuous case

$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-j2\pi ux}dx$$

Inv. Fourier Tr.:
$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u)e^{j2\pi ux} du$$



Fourier Tr. and Frequency Domain (cont.)

1-D, Discrete case

Fourier Tr.:
$$F(u) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} f(x) e^{-j2\pi ux/M}$$
 $u = 0,...,M-1$

Inv. Fourier Tr.:
$$f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} F(u)e^{j2\pi ux/M}$$
 $x = 0,...,M-1$

F(u) can be written as

$$F(u) = R(u) + jI(u)$$
 or $F(u) = |F(u)|e^{-j\phi(u)}$

where

$$|F(u)| = \sqrt{R(u)^2 + I(u)^2}$$
 $\phi(u) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{I(u)}{R(u)}\right)$



2-Dimensional Discrete Fourier Transform

For an image of size MxN pixels

2-D DFT

$$F(u,v) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x,y) e^{-j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)}$$

u =frequency in x direction, u = 0, ..., M-1v =frequency in y direction, v = 0, ..., N-1

2-D IDFT

$$f(x,y) = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u,v) e^{j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)}$$

$$x = 0, ..., M-1$$

$$y = 0, ..., N-1$$



2-Dimensional Discrete Fourier Transform (cont.)

• F(u,v) can be written as

$$F(u,v) = R(u,v) + jI(u,v)$$
 or $F(u,v) = |F(u,v)|e^{-j\phi(u,v)}$

where

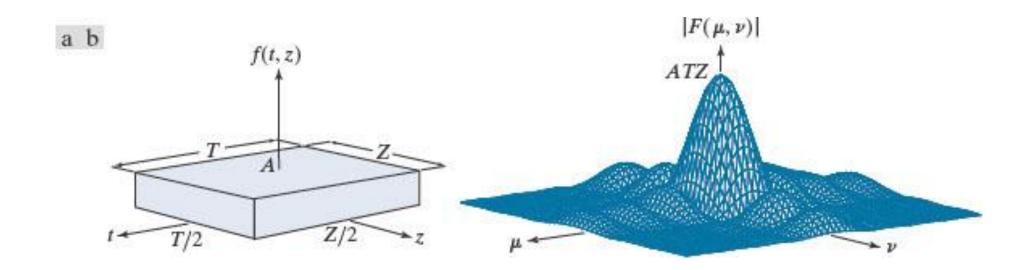
$$|F(u,v)| = \sqrt{R(u,v)^2 + I(u,v)^2}$$
 $\phi(u,v) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{I(u,v)}{R(u,v)}\right)$

For the purpose of viewing, we usually display only the Magnitude part of F(u,v)



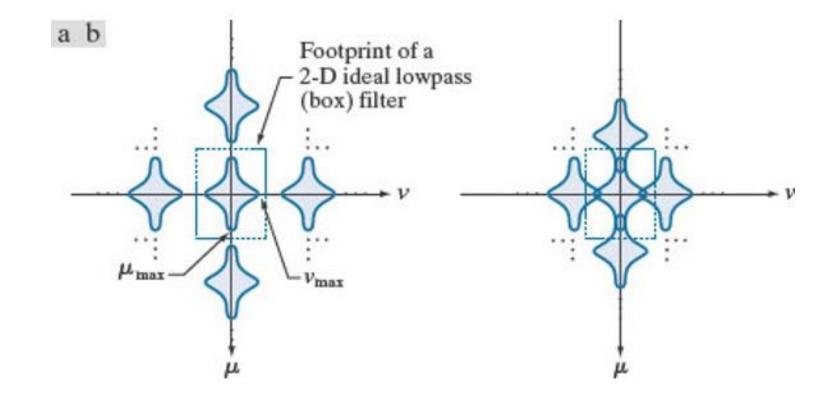
2D DFT of box filter

• (a) A 2-D function and (b) a section of its spectrum. The box is longer along the **t**-axis, so the spectrum is more contracted

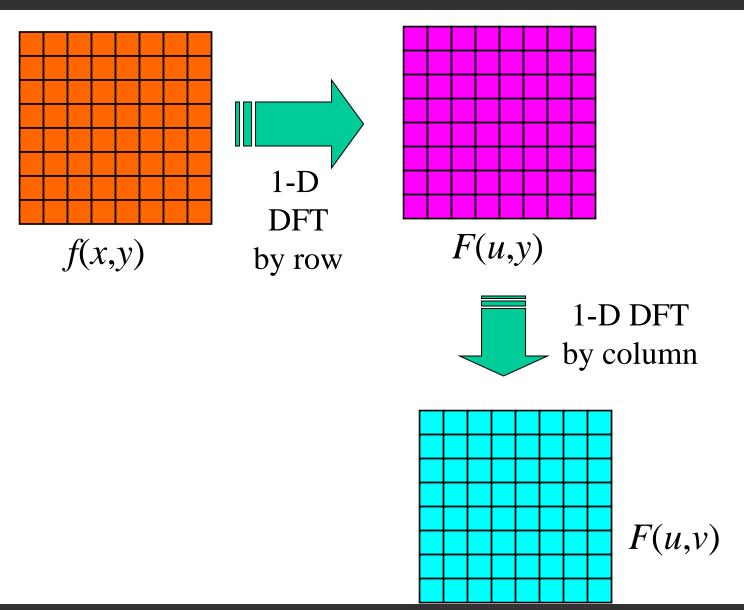


2D DFT of over- and under- sampled function

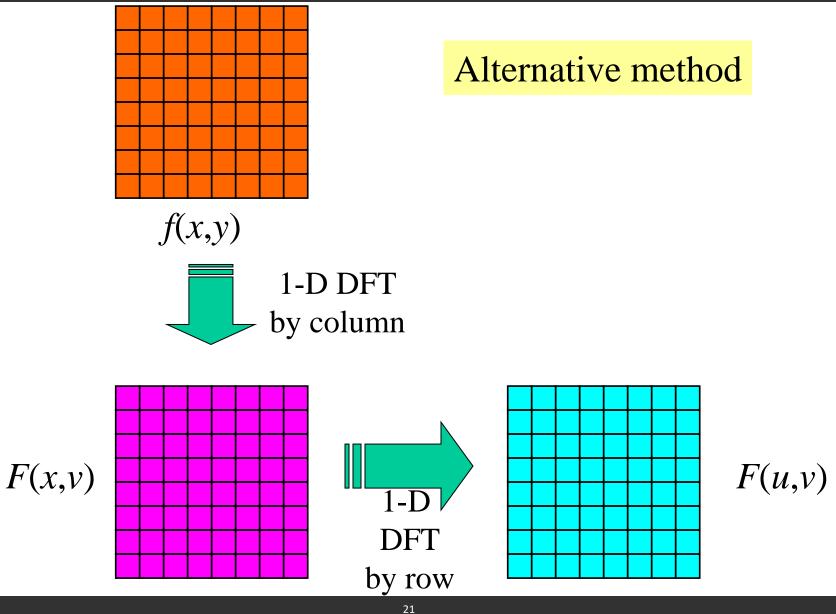
 Two-dimensional Fourier transforms of (a) an over-sampled, and (b) an under-sampled, band-limited function.



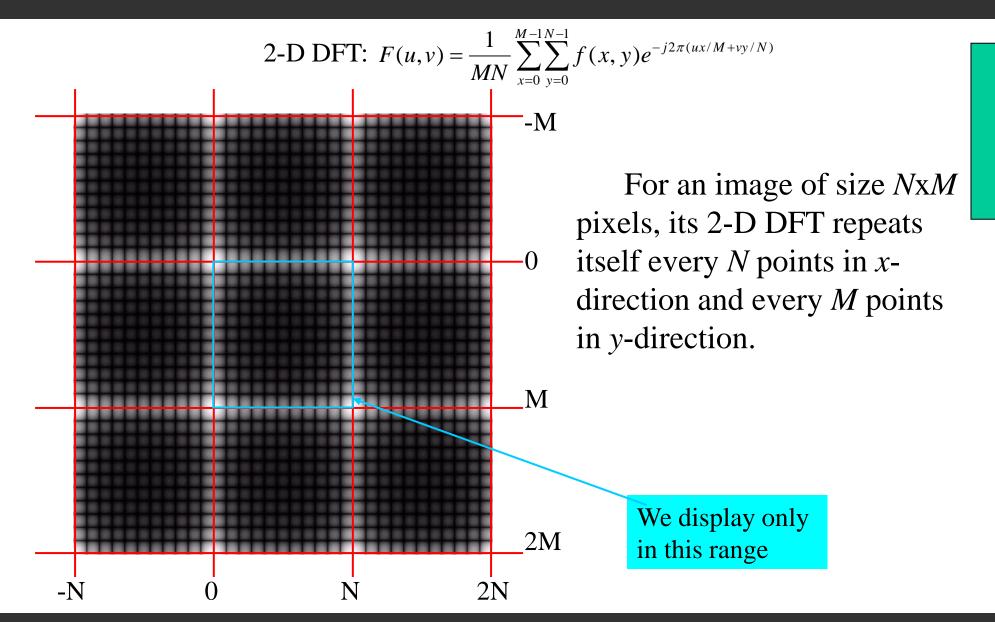
How to Perform 2-D DFT by Using 1-D DFT



How to Perform 2-D DFT by Using 1-D DFT (cont.)



Periodicity of 2-D DFT

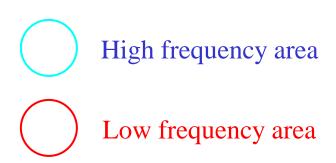


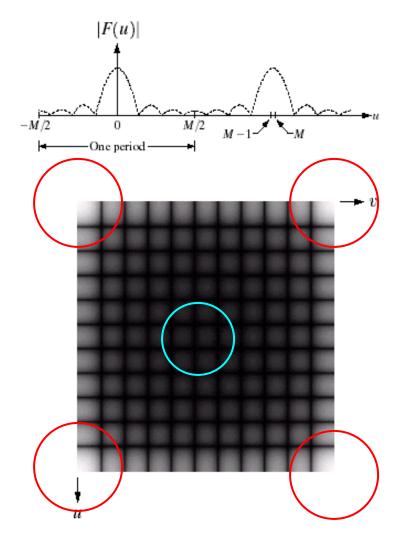




Conventional Display for 2-D DFT

F(u,v) has low frequency areas at corners of the image while high frequency areas are at the center of the image which is inconvenient to interpret.

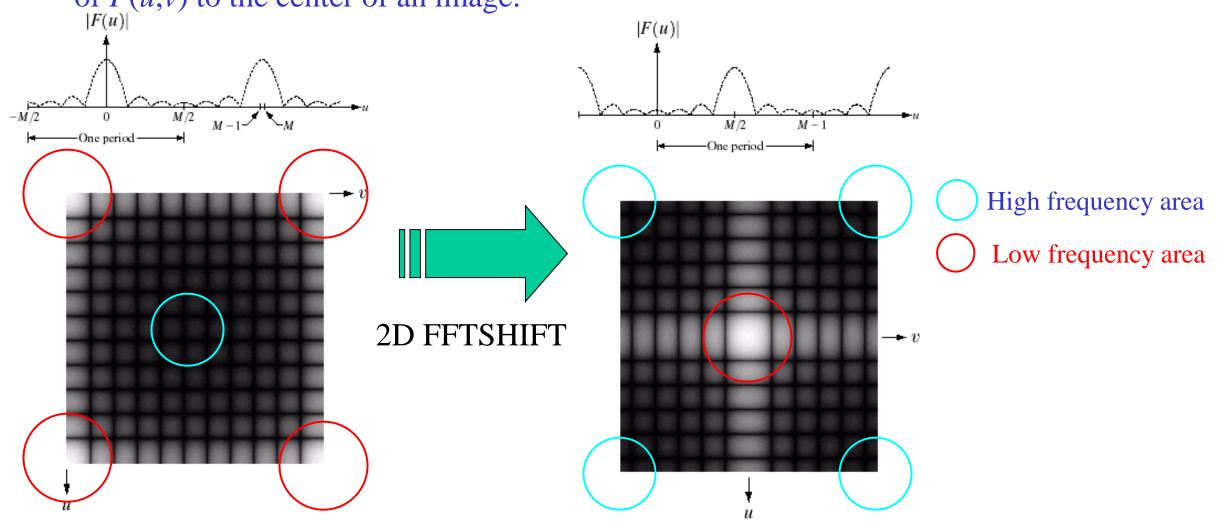




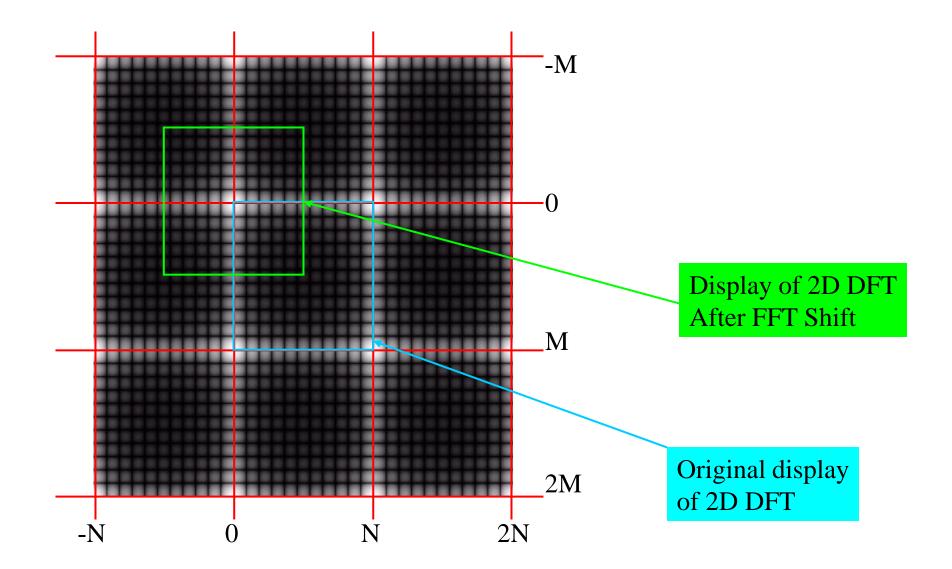


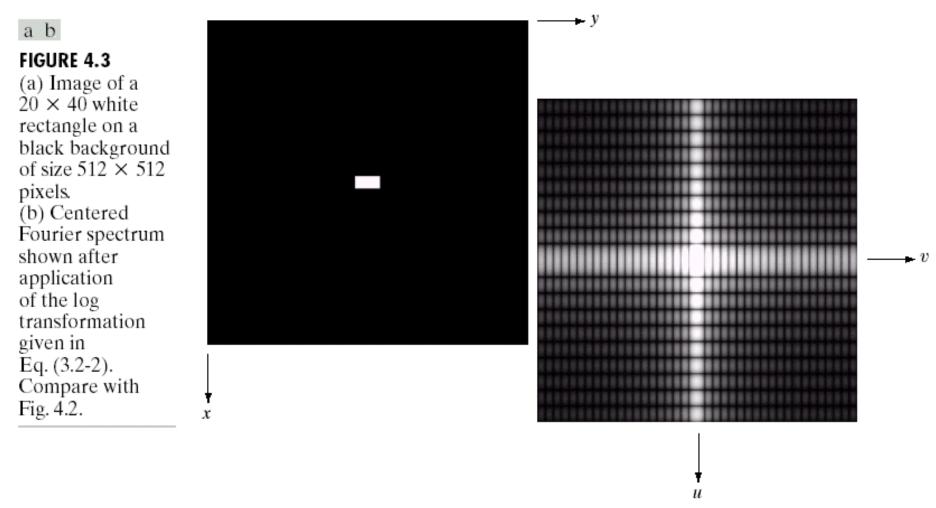
2-D FFT Shift: Better Display of 2-D DFT

2-D FFT Shift is a MATLAB function: Shift the zero frequency of F(u,v) to the center of an image.



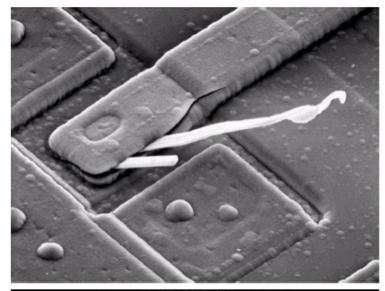
2-D FFT Shift (cont.): How it works





Notice that the longer the time domain signal, The shorter its Fourier transform







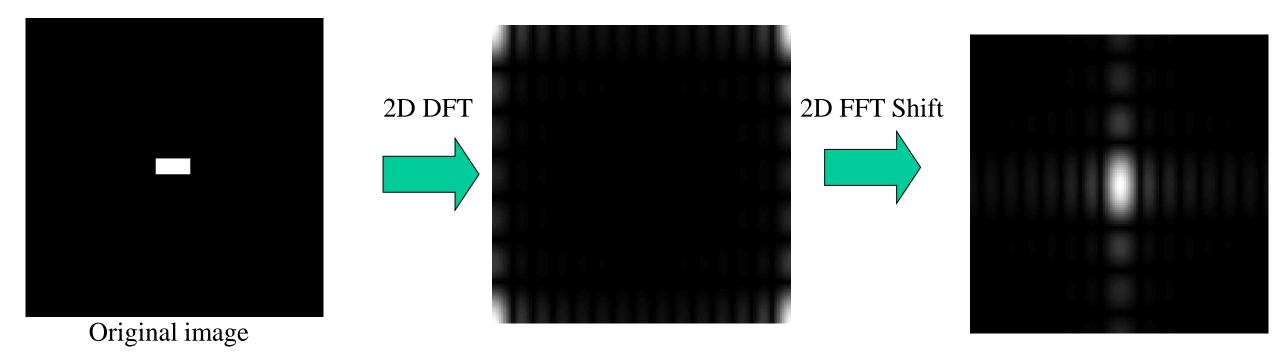
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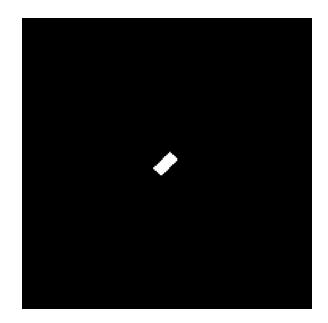
FIGURE 4.4

(a) SEM image of a damaged integrated circuit. (b) Fourier spectrum of (a). (Original image courtesy of Dr. J. M. Hudak, Brockhouse Institute for Materials Research. McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.)

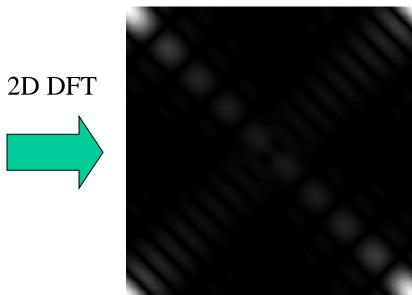
Notice that direction of an object in spatial image and Its Fourier transform are orthogonal to each other.

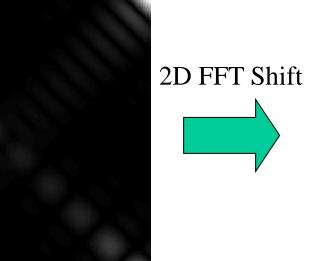


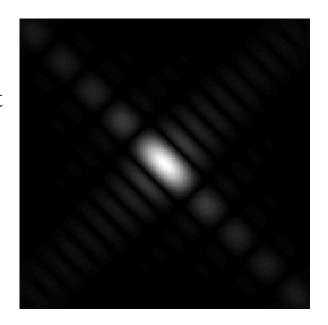




Original image









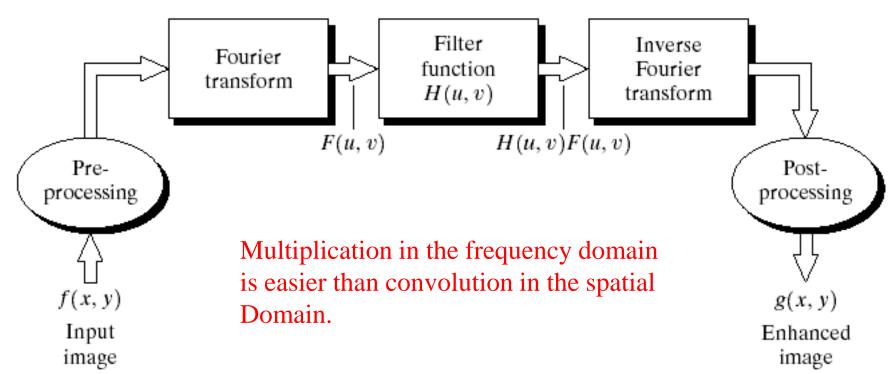
Basic Concept of Filtering in the Frequency Domain

From Fourier Transform Property:

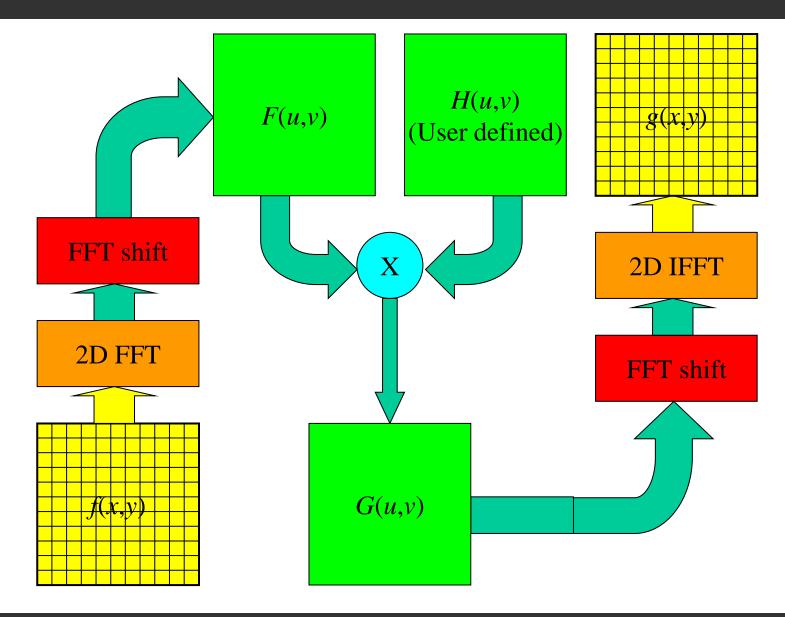
$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) *h(x, y) \Leftrightarrow F(u, v) \cdot H(u, v) = G(u, v)$$

We can perform filtering process by using

Frequency domain filtering operation



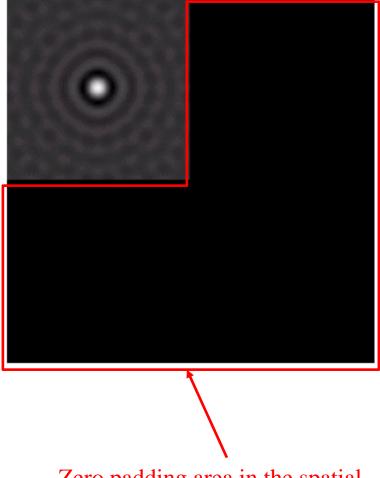
Filtering in the Frequency Domain with FFT shift



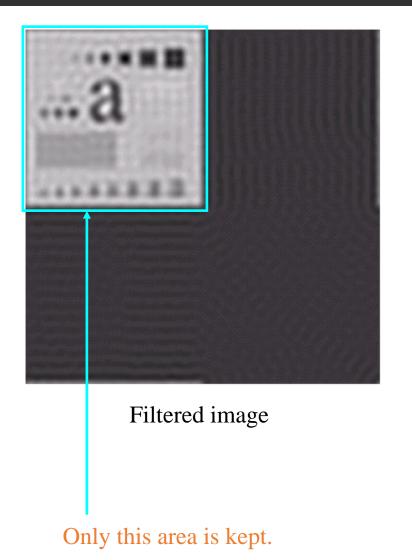
In this case, F(u,v) and H(u,v) must have the same size and have the zero frequency at the center.



Linear Convolution by using Circular Convolution and Zero Padding

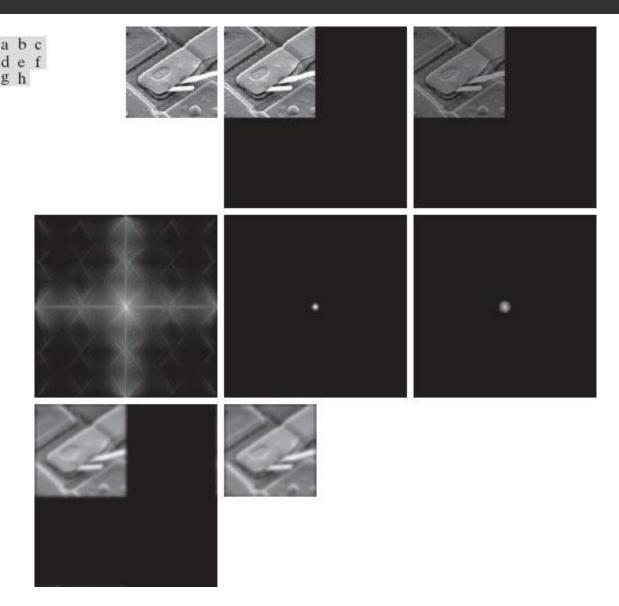


Zero padding area in the spatial Domain of the mask image (the ideal lowpass filter)



Filtering by zero-padding

- (a) M x N image, f
- (b) padded image f_p of size P x Q
- (c) Result of multiplying f_p by $(-1)^{x+y}$
- (d) Spectrum of F
- (e) Centered Gaussian lowpass filter transfer function, H, of size P x Q
- (f) Spectrum of the product HF
- (g) Image g_p , the real part of the IDFT of HF, multiplied by $(-1)^{x+y}$
- (h) Final result obtained by extracting the first M rows and N columns of g_p





Filtering in the Frequency Domain: Example

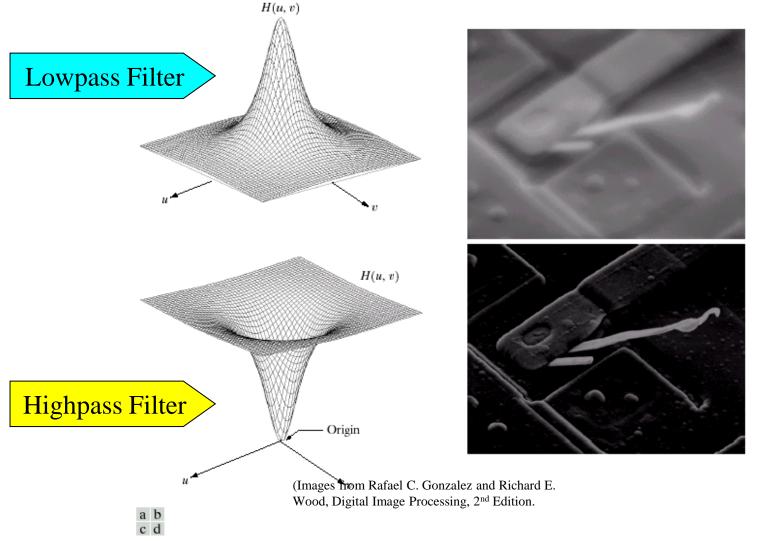
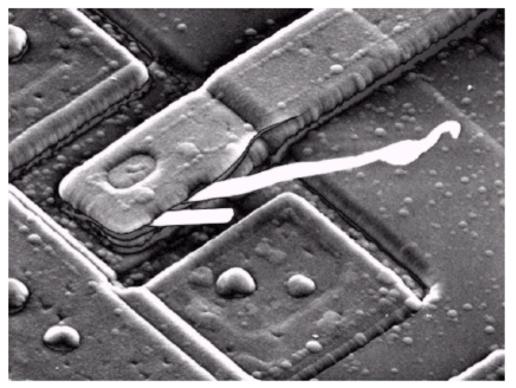


FIGURE 4.7 (a) A two-dimensional lowpass filter function. (b) Result of lowpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a). (c) A two-dimensional highpass filter function. (d) Result of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a).

Filtering in the Frequency Domain: Example (cont.)

FIGURE 4.8

Result of highpass filtering the image in Fig. 4.4(a) with the filter in Fig. 4.7(c), modified by adding a constant of one-half the filter height to the filter function. Compare with Fig. 4.4(a).

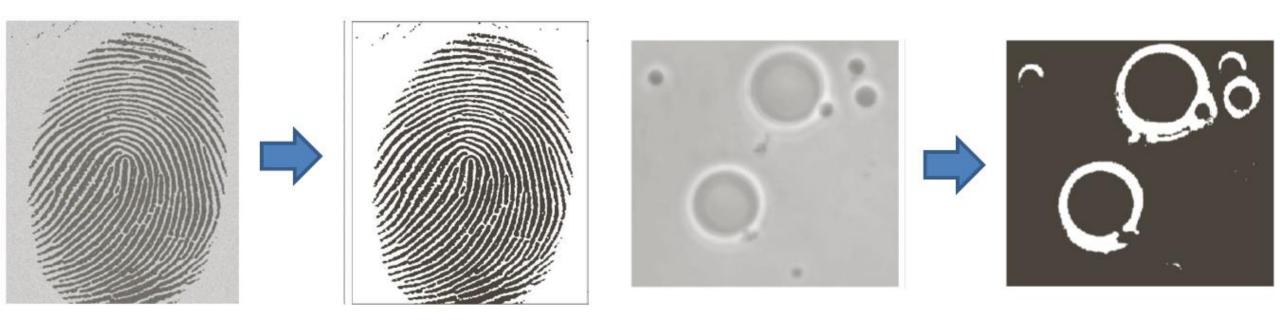


Result of Sharpening Filter



Image Thresholding

- What is image/video segmentation?
 - Process of partitioning a digital image into multiple regions
 - Application
 - Object classification

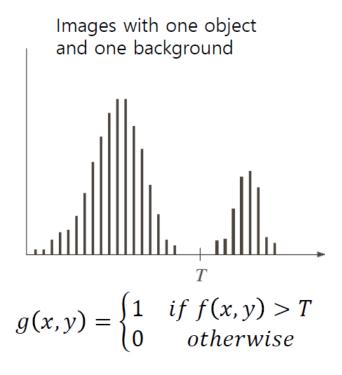


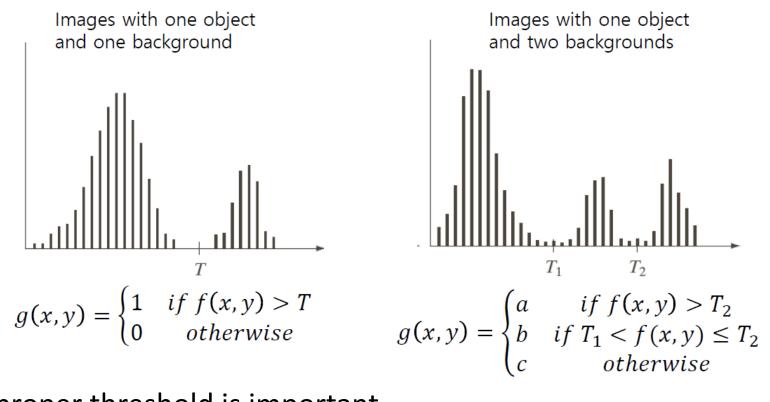


- What is image/video segmentation?
 - Input images are assumed to be gray-scale
 - Input: gray-scale image
 - Output: binary image (images with 0 and 255 (or 0 and 1) only)



- Basic concepts
 - Intensity of background and object is different
 - Background and object are homogenous



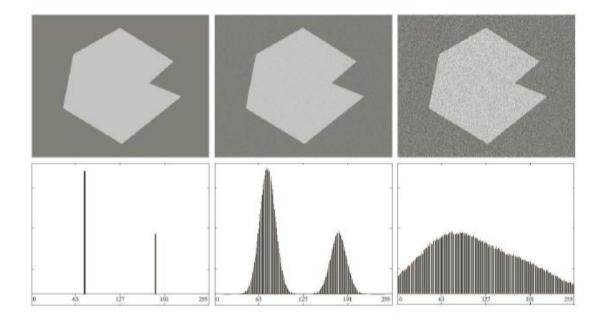


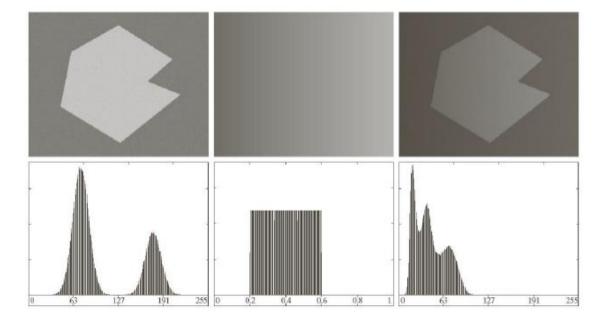
Finding the proper threshold is important





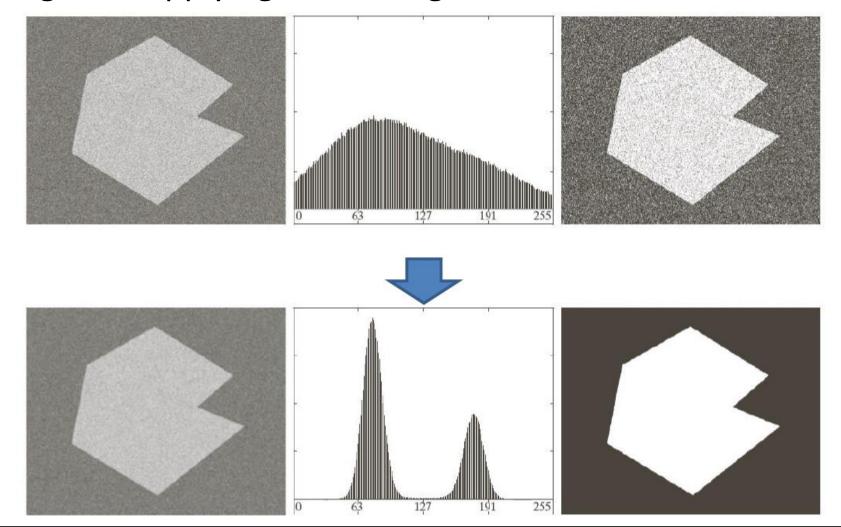
Noise & Illumination, Reflectance







Thresholding after applying smoothing





- Global thresholding
 - Use same threshold for every pixel
- Local (adaptive) thresholding
 - Use different threshold for each pixel



Basic method

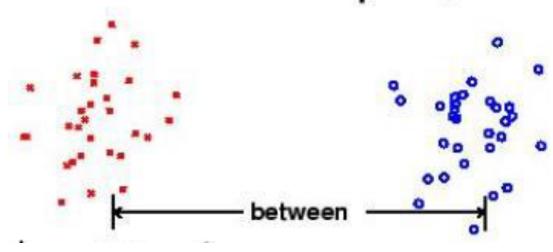
- 1. Select an initial estimate for the global threshold T
- 2. Segment the image using T into two groups
- 3. compute the mean(m1,m2) for each group
- 4. compute new threshold as T=0.5X(m1+m2)
- 5. repeat step 2 through 4 until the difference between values of T in successive iterations is small



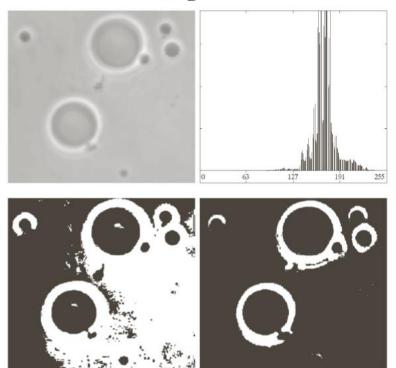
Otsu's method

- Concept
 - Well-thresholdedclasses should be distinct with respect to the intensity values of their pixels
 - Conversely, a threshold giving the best separation between classes would be the best threshold
 - It is based on computations performed on the histogram of an image

Good class separation

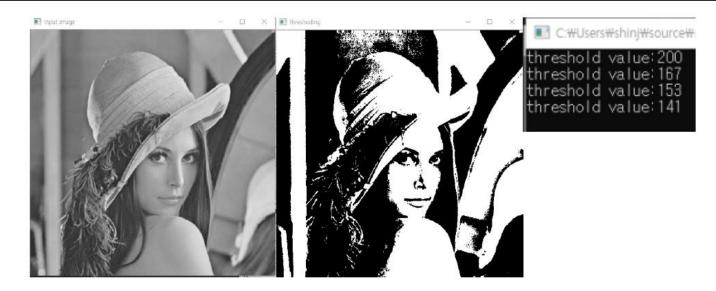


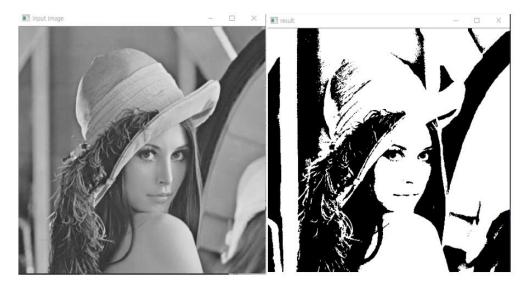
- Otsu's method
 - 1. Compute the normalized histogram
 - 2. For each threshold k, compute between-class variance σ_B^2
 - 3. Obtain the Otsu threshold k for which σ^2_B is maximized



Basic method

Otsu's method



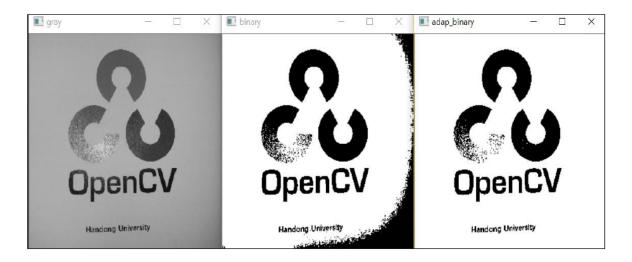




Local(Adaptive) Thresholding

 Set a threshold for each point depending on the intensity distributions of adjacent pixels

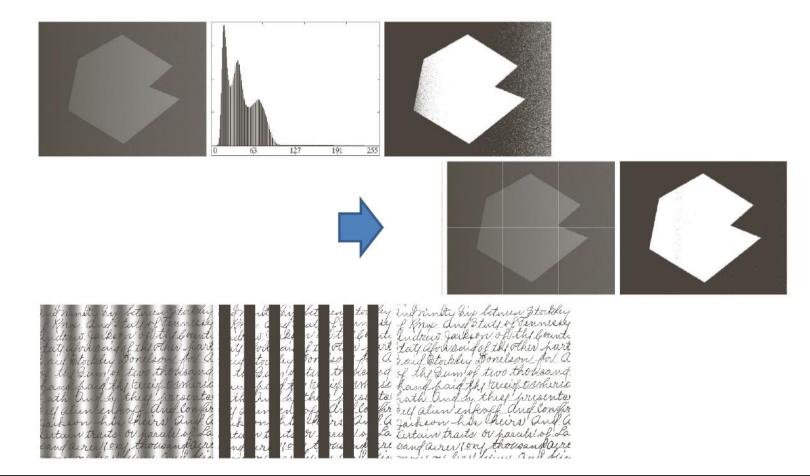
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ADAPTIVE_THRESH_MEAN_C: T(x,y) = mean \ of \ the \ blocksize \times blocksize \ neighborhood \ of \ (x,y) - C ADAPTIVE\_THRESH\_GAUSSIAN\_C: \\ T(x,y) = a \ weighted \ sum(cross-correlation \ with \ a \ Gaussian \ window) \ of \ the \ blocksize \times blocksize \ neighborhood \ of \ (x,y) - C
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Local(Adaptive) Thresholding

- Set a threshold for each point depending on the intensity distributions of adjacent pixels
 - Image partitioning





9.2.1 Erosion

- Erosion is used for shrinking of element A by using element B
- Erosion for Sets A and B in Z2, is defined by the following equation:

$$A \ominus B = \{z | (B)_z \subseteq A\}$$

$$A \ominus B = \{z | (B)_z \cap A^c = \emptyset\}$$

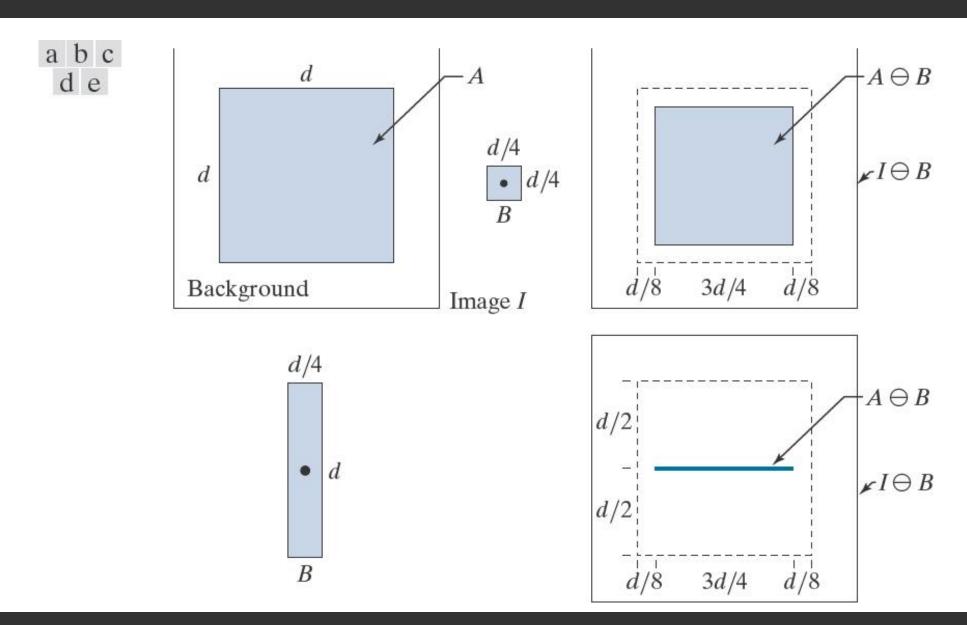
$$(9.2-1)$$

$$(9.2-2)$$

- This equation indicates that the erosion of A by B is the set of all points z suc h that B, translated by z, is contained in A.
- Erosion can be used to
 - Shrinks or thins objects in binary images
 - Remove image components(how?)
 - Erosion is a morphological filtering operation in which image details smaller than the structuring elements are filtered(removed)

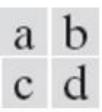


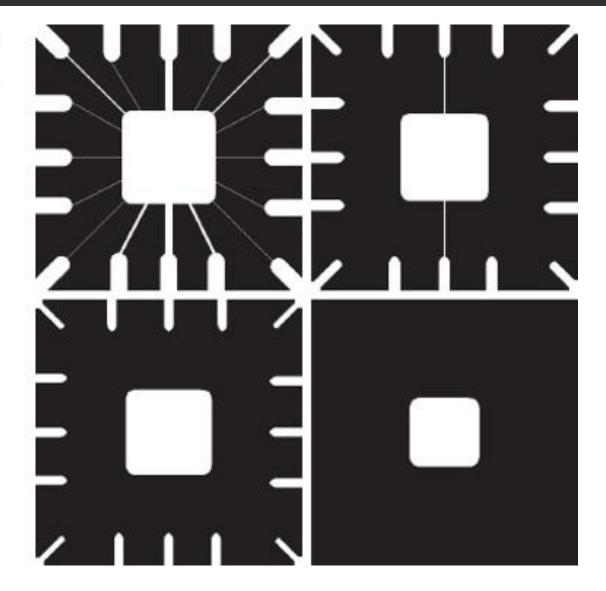
9.2.1 Erosion – Example



9.2.1 Erosion – Example

- (a) 486 x 486 binary image
- (b)-(d) square structuring elements of sizes 11x11, 15x15, 45x45



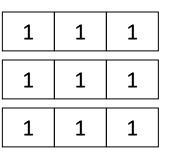




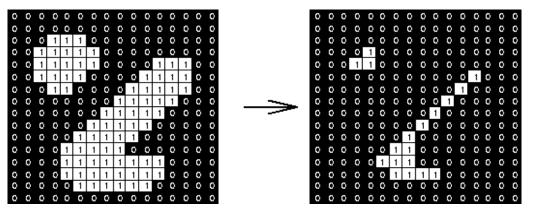
Erosion

- Suppose that the structuring element is a 3×3 square
- Note that in subsequent diagrams, foreground pixels are represented by 1's and background pixels by 0's.
- The structuring element is now superimposed over each foreground pixel (input pixel) in the image. If all the pixels below the structuring element are foreground pixels then the input pixel retains it's value. But if any of the pixels is a background pixel then the input pixel gets the background pixel

value.



Structuring element



9.2.2 Dilation

- Dilation is used for expanding an element A by using structuring element B
- Dilation of A by B and is defined by the following equation:

$$A \oplus B = \left\{ z | (\hat{B})_z \cap A \neq \emptyset \right\} \tag{9.2-3}$$

- This equation is based on obtaining the reflection of B about its origin and shifting this reflection by z.
- The dilation of A by B is the set of all displacements z, such that \widehat{B} and A overlap by at least one element. Based on this interpretation the equation of (9.2-1) can be rewritten as:

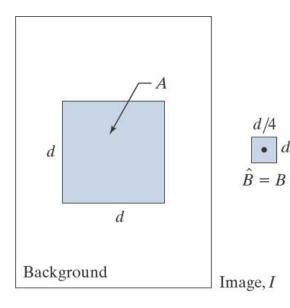
$$A \oplus B = \left\{ z | [(\hat{B})_z \cap A] \subseteq A \right\} \tag{9.2-4}$$

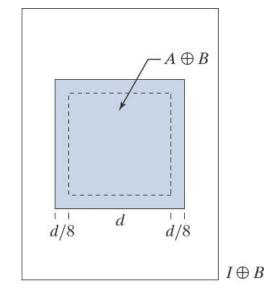
- Relation to Convolution mask:
 - Flipping
 - Overlapping

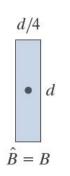


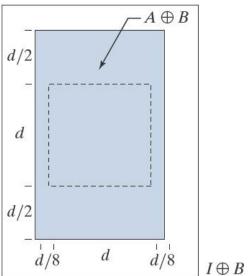
9.2.2 Dilation – Example





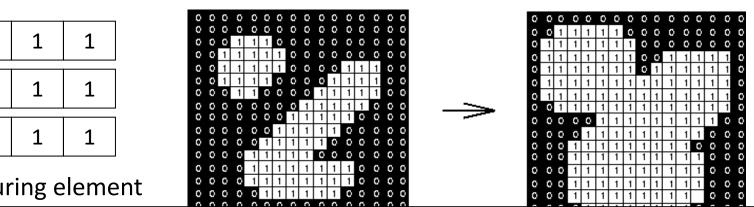






Dilation

- Suppose that the structuring element is a 3×3 square.
- Note that in subsequent diagrams, foreground pixels are represented by 1's and background pixels by 0's.
- To compute the dilation of a binary input image by this structuring element, we superimpose the structuring element on top of the input image so that the origin of the structuring element coincides with the input pixel position.
- If the center pixel in the structuring element coincides with a foreground pixel in the image underneath, then the input pixel is set to the foreground value.



Structuring element

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9.2.2 Dilation – A More interesting Example (bridging gaps)

Historically, certain computer programs were written using only two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. Accordingly, the company's software may recognize a date using "00" as 1900 rather than the year 2000.

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FIGURE 9.5

- (a) Sample text of poor resolution with broken characters (magnified view).
- (b) Structuring element.
- (c) Dilation of (a) by (b). Broken segments were joined.

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Erosion and Dilation summary

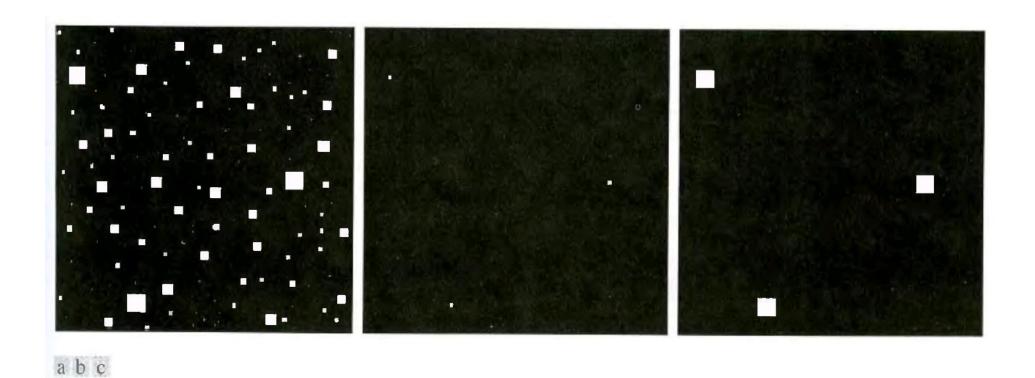


FIGURE 9.7 (a) Image of squares of size 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 15 pixels on the side. (b) Erosion of (a) with a square structuring element of 1's, 13 pixels on the side. (c) Dilation of (b) with the same structuring element.

Erosion vs. Dilation

Erosion:

- Shrinks or thins objects in binary images
- Remove image components(how?)
- Erode away the boundaries of regions of foreground pixels
- Areas of foreground pixels shrink in size, and holes within those areas become larger

Dilation:

- Grows or thickens object in a binary image
- Bridging gaps
- Fill small holes of sufficiently small size



9.3 Opening And Closing

Opening – smoothes contours, eliminates protrusions

 Closing – smoothes sections of contours, fuses narrow breaks and long thin gulfs, eliminates small holes and fills gaps in contours

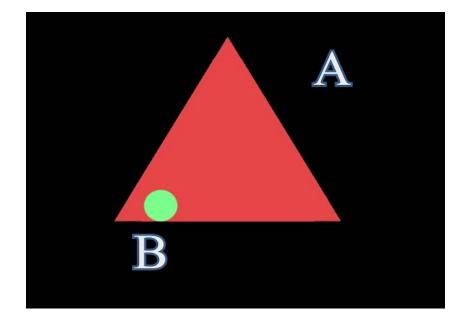
These operations are dual to each other

These operations are can be applied few times, but has effect only once

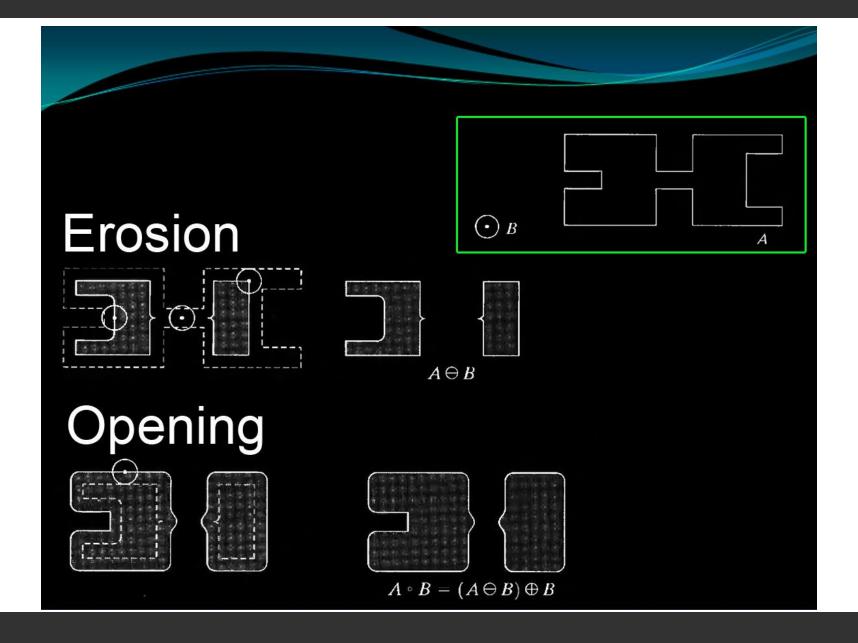
9.3 Opening And Closing

- Opening
 - First erode A by B, and then dilate the result by B
 - In other words, opening is the unification of all B objects Entirely Contained in A

$$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B$$



Erosion vs. Opening



9.3 Opening And Closing

Closing –

First – dilate A by B, and then erode the result by B

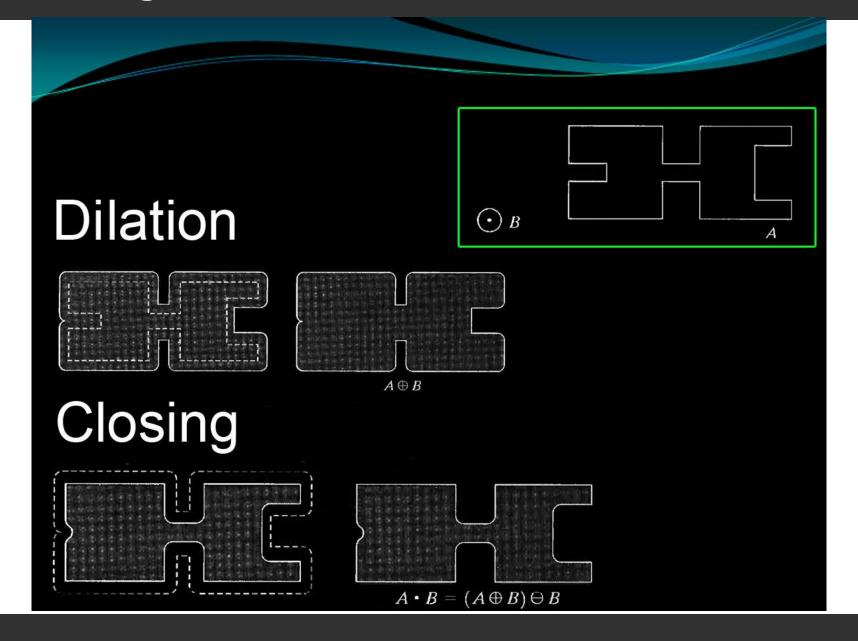
In other words, closing is the group of points, which the intersection of object B around

them with object A – is not empty

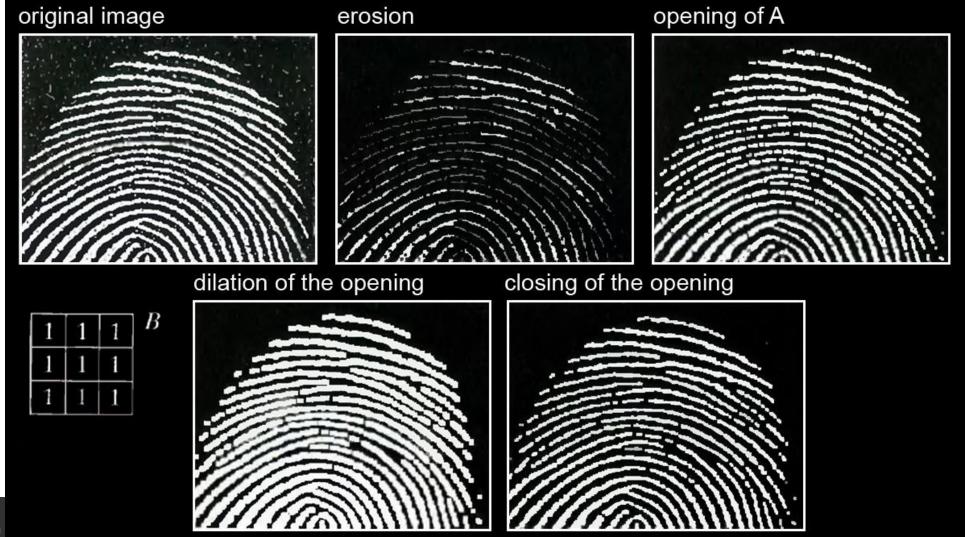
$$A \cdot B = (A \oplus B) \ominus B$$



Dilation vs. Closing



Use of opening and closing for morphological filtering





Computing gradient image using Sobel filter

```
import cv2
 import numpy as np
 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png', 0)
dx = cv2.Sobel(image, cv2.CV_32F, 1, 0)
dy = cv2.Sobel(image, cv2.CV_32F, 0, 1)
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.subplot(131)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('image')
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(132)
plt.axis('off')
plt.imshow(dx, cmap='gray')
plt.title(r'$\frac{dI}{dx}$')
plt.subplot(133)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title(r'$\frac{dI}{dy}$')
plt.imshow(dy, cmap='gray')
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
```



Image sharpening using Unsharp mask

```
import numpy as np
from scipy import signal
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png')
KSIZE = 11
ALPHA = 2
kernel = cv2.getGaussianKernel(KSIZE, 0)
kernel = -ALPHA * kernel @ kernel.T
kernel[KSIZE//2, KSIZE//2] += 1 + ALPHA
print(kernel.shape, kernel.dtype, kernel.sum())
filtered = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel)
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
plt.subplot(121)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('image')
plt.imshow(image[:, :, [2, 1, 0]])
plt.subplot(122)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('filtered')
plt.imshow(filtered[:, :, [2, 1, 0]])
plt.tight_layout(True)
plt.show()
cv2.imshow('before', image)
cv2.imshow('after', filtered)
cv2.waitKey()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```



Image filtering using Gabor filter

```
import math
 import cv2
 import numpy as np
 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png', 0).astype(np.float32) / 255
kernel = cv2.getGaborKernel((21, 21), 5, 1, 10, 1, 0, cv2.CV 32F)
kernel /= math.sqrt((kernel * kernel).sum())
filtered = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel)
plt.figure(figsize=(8,3))
plt.subplot(131)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('image')
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(132)
plt.title('kernel')
plt.imshow(kernel, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(133)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('filtered')
plt.imshow(filtered, cmap='gray')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Discrete Fourier Transform

```
import cv2
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png', 0).astype(np.float32) / 255
fft = cv2.dft(image, flags=cv2.DFT COMPLEX OUTPUT)
shifted = np.fft.fftshift(fft, axes=[0, 1])
magnitude = cv2.magnitude(shifted[:::0], shifted[:::1])
magnitude = np.log(magnitude)
plt.axis('off')
plt.imshow(magnitude, cmap='gray')
plt.tight layout(True)
plt.show()
restored = cv2.idft(fft, flags=cv2.DFT_SCALE | cv2.DFT_REAL_OUTPUT)
cv2.imshow('restored', restored)
cv2.waitKey()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```



Frequency-based Filtering

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png', 0).astype(np.float32) / 255
fft = cv2.dft(image, flags=cv2.DFT COMPLEX OUTPUT)
fft_shift = np.fft.fftshift(fft, axes=[0, 1])
mask = np.zeros(fft.shape, np.uint8)
mask[image.shape[0]//2-sz:image.shape[0]//2+sz,
     image.shape[1]//2-sz:image.shape[1]//2+sz, :] = 1
fft shift *= mask
fft = np.fft.ifftshift(fft_shift, axes=[0, 1])
filtered = cv2.idft(fft, flags=cv2.DFT SCALE | cv2.DFT REAL OUTPUT)
mask_new = np.dstack((mask, np.zeros((image.shape[0], image.shape[1]), dtype=np.uint8)))
plt.figure()
plt.subplot(131)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('original')
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(132)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('no high frequencies')
plt.imshow(filtered, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(133)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('mask')
plt.imshow(mask_new*255, cmap='gray')
plt.tight_layout(True)
plt.show()
```



```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
image = cv2.imread('../data/Lena.png', 0)
thr, mask = cv2.threshold(image, 200, 1, cv2.THRESH BINARY)
print('Threshold used:', thr)
adapt_mask = cv2.adaptiveThreshold(image, 255, cv2.ADAPTIVE_THRESH_MEAN_C,
                                   cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV, 11, 10)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
plt.subplot(131)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('original')
plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(132)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('binary threshold')
plt.imshow(mask, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(133)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('adaptive threshold')
plt.imshow(adapt mask, cmap='gray')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Binary operation

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
circle image = np.zeros((500, 500), np.uint8)
cv2.circle(circle_image, (250, 250), 100, 255, -1)
rect_image = np.zeros((500, 500), np.uint8)
cv2.rectangle(rect_image, (100, 100), (400, 250), 255, -1)
circle_and_rect_image = circle_image & rect_image
circle_or_rect_image = circle_image | rect_image
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.subplot(221)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('circle')
plt.imshow(circle_image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(222)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('rectangle')
plt.imshow(rect_image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(223)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('circle & rectangle')
plt.imshow(circle_and_rect_image, cmap='gray')
plt.subplot(224)
plt.axis('off')
plt.title('circle | rectangle')
plt.imshow(circle_or_rect_image, cmap='gray')
plt.tight_layout(True)
plt.show()
```

