Halftoning and Histogram Equalization

Image Processing Techniques

This presentation covers halftoning and histogram equalization, two essential techniques in image processing.

- Halftoning converts grayscale images to binary representations.
- Histogram equalization enhances image contrast.

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Introduction to Halftoning

Halftoning creates the illusion of gray shades using black ink.

It transforms grayscale images into binary (1s and 0s). The technique uses error-diffusion to approximate gray levels.

Halftoning Algorithm

Initialization of error arrays.

Loops through image pixels to calculate propagated errors.

Thresholding determines if a pixel is on or off.

Practical Applications of Halftoning

Produces large text files for wall printing.
Useful for creating posters from grayscale images.
Optimizes the appearance of black and white images.

Histograms

Histograms represent the frequency of gray levels in an image. They can indicate scanning quality and contrast. Help in selecting thresholds for object detection.

Histogram Equalization

Enhances image contrast by adjusting intensity distributions. Transforms an image to achieve a uniform histogram. Effective for increasing visibility in dark or low contrast images.

Histogram Equalization Algorithm

Calculate the histogram of the image.

Compute cumulative distribution and transform pixel values.

Results in an image with improved contrast.

Results of Histogram Equalization

Some images show significant improvement after equalization. Others may introduce noise in previously uniform areas. Careful application is required to avoid undesired effects.

Halftoning and histogram equalization are powerful techniques in image processing. They enhance visual quality and contrast, enabling better interpretation and analysis of images.

Thank you!

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