

Frequency Domain Filtering Using OpenCV

What we need to get started with OpenCv...

We need to import few libraries given below and are available in **Google Colab**, independent installations may be required for other platforms.

1. Imports required

```
import cv2
from google.colab.patches import cv2_imshow
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

2. Next we import an image and use a simple Edge Preserving Filter.

Domain Filtering - Frequency Domain Filters are used for smoothing and sharpening of image by removal of high or low frequency components. Sometimes it is possible of removal of very high and very low frequency.

```
#read image
src = cv2.imread(r'/content/P.png', cv2.IMREAD_UNCHANGED)
DF = cv2.edgePreservingFilter(src, flags=1, sigma_s=60, sigma_r=0.4)
print("Domain Filter - Cartoonify")
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, DF)))
```



3. A- Smoothing of Image and other Domain Filters.

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Gaussian blur (also known as Gaussian smoothing) is the result of blurring an image by a Gaussian function.

```
#apply gaussian blur on src image
dst = cv2.GaussianBlur(src,(5,5),cv2.BORDER_DEFAULT)
print("Gaussian Smoothing")
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, dst)))
```

Gaussian Smoothing



Mean Filter

```
kernel = np.ones((10,10),np.float32)/25
dst2 = cv2.filter2D(src,-1,kernel)
print("Mean Filter")
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, dst2)))
```

Mean Filter



Median Filter

```
#Median Filter
dst3 = cv2.medianBlur(src,5)
print("Median Filter")
```



4. B- Sharpening Filter -

Bilateral filter

```
#Bilateral filter
print("Bilateral Filter")
dst4 = cv2.bilateralFilter(src, 60, 60, 60)
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, dst4)))
```

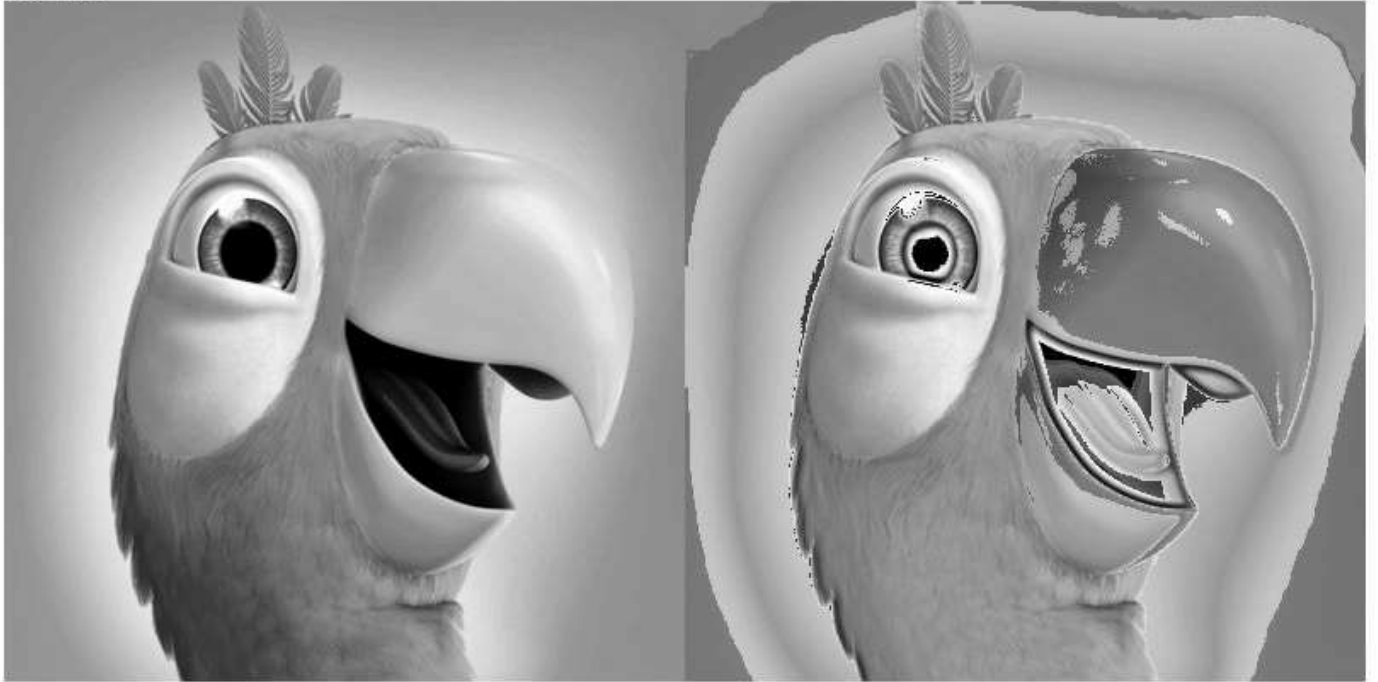


5. C- Frequency Band Filter

Low Pass

```
#low pass filter
Lp = cv2.filter2D(src,-1, kernel)
Lp = src - Lp
print("Low Pass")
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, Lp)))
```

Low Pass



High Pass

```
Hp = src - dst
filtered = filtered + 127*numpy.ones(src.shape, numpy.uint8)
print("High Pass")
cv2_imshow(numpy.hstack((src, Hp)))
```

High Pass



Frequency filters process an image in the frequency domain. The image is Fourier transformed, multiplied with the filter function and then re-transformed into the spatial domain. Attenuating high frequencies results in a smoother image in the spatial domain, attenuating low frequencies enhances the edges.



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