

Module 3 - Foundations of computer vision system (2) - Local feature and representation, part 1

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Learning objectives

- Read, display and write image
- Convert image's colour format
- Expand image's border
- Draw objects on image

Read image

- In opencv, use `imread()` to load an image

```
> import cv2
```

```
> imgfile = 'yoshida1.jpg'
```

```
> img      = cv2.imread(imgfile)
```

- Or simply just

```
> img      = cv2.imread('yoshida1.jpg')
```

- Supported formats: jpg, bmp, png, tif, tiff, pbm, ppm, hdr, pic

- Check the below link for more detail:
https://docs.opencv.org/3.4.2/d4/da8/group__imgcodecs.html



yoshida1.jpg

Check basic info



yoshida1.jpg

- Many times it is beneficial / required to check basic information about the image loaded
- In Spyder, that can be done in **Variable explorer**

		i	j	
img		uint8		(700, 477, 3)
				height width channel
				y x

- To access through code, do

```
> img.shape  
: (700, 477, 3)
```

```
> img.dtype  
: dtype('uint8')
```

```
> print('img height: %d' % (img.shape[0]))  
: img height: 700
```


Display image

Through opencv

- To display an image in opencv for `img`, we do

```
> cv2.imshow('a drawing',img)
> cv2.waitKey(0)
> cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- On some platforms, it needs the below 4 lines to prevent freezing of the window:

```
> cv2.waitKey(1)
> cv2.waitKey(1)
> cv2.waitKey(1)
> cv2.waitKey(1)
```



Display image

Through opencv

- `imshow()` does the display of image

```
cv2.imshow('a drawing',img)
```

name of the
window

name of
the
variable

- `imshow()` should be followed by function `waitKey()`, which specifies how long the image should be specified in milliseconds

```
cv2.waitKey(0)
```

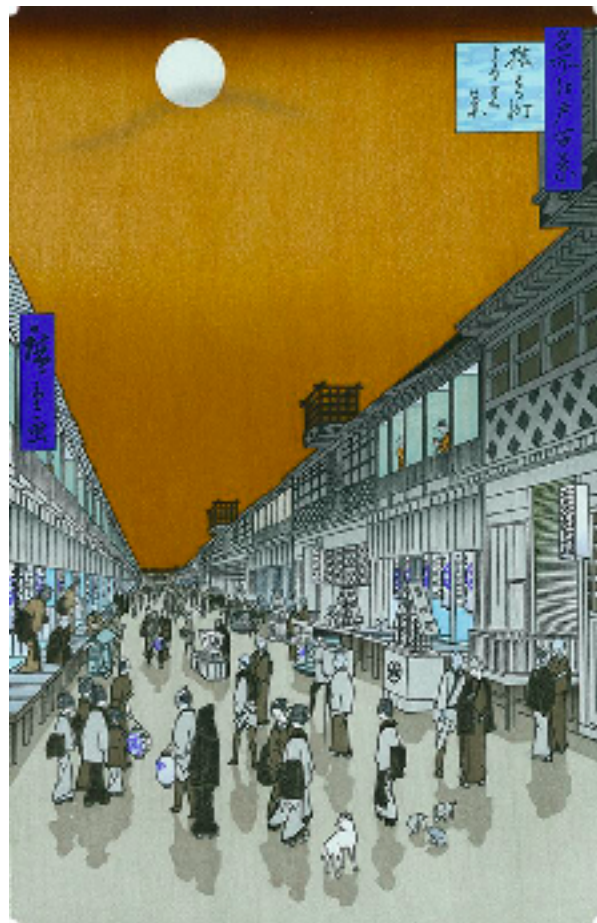
value zero stands for
waiting infinitely

- `destroyAllWindows()` shuts down all windows opened through opencv

```
> cv2.imshow('a drawing',img)
> cv2.waitKey(0)
> cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

Colour format

BGR



BGR format displayed by function that expects RGB format



- The output of `imread()` is a numpy array
- This implies that we can manipulate the output variable using numpy's function/method
- For a colour image `img`, `imread()` gives a 3D numpy array, in BGR format

`img[:, :, 0]` → Blue channel

`img[:, :, 1]` → Green channel

`img[:, :, 2]` → Red channel

- However, many other libraries process image array only in RGB format

Colour format conversion

- Use `cvtColor()` to convert colour format

name of
the
variable

```
> imgc = cv2.cvtColor(img,  
                        cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
```

colour
conversion
code

- Other conversion codes:

```
cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB  
cv2.COLOR_RGB2BGR  
cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY  
cv2.COLOR_BGR2YUV  
cv2.COLOR_YUV2BGR  
cv2.COLOR_BGR2Luv  
cv2.COLOR_Luv2BGR  
...
```

- Check the below link for more detail

https://docs.opencv.org/3.4.2/d7/d1b/group_imgproc_misc.html



Colour format conversion

- When we convert a colour image to gray, the output is no longer a 3D numpy array

```
> imgc.shape  
: (700, 477)
```

- To get back a 3D BGR array, we can do

```
> imgd = cv2.cvtColor(imgc,  
                        cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR)
```

- Or we can do

```
> imge = cv2.merge((imgc, imgc, imgc))  
                        for  
                        blue      for  
                        channel   red  
                                channel  
                        for  
                        green  
                        channel
```

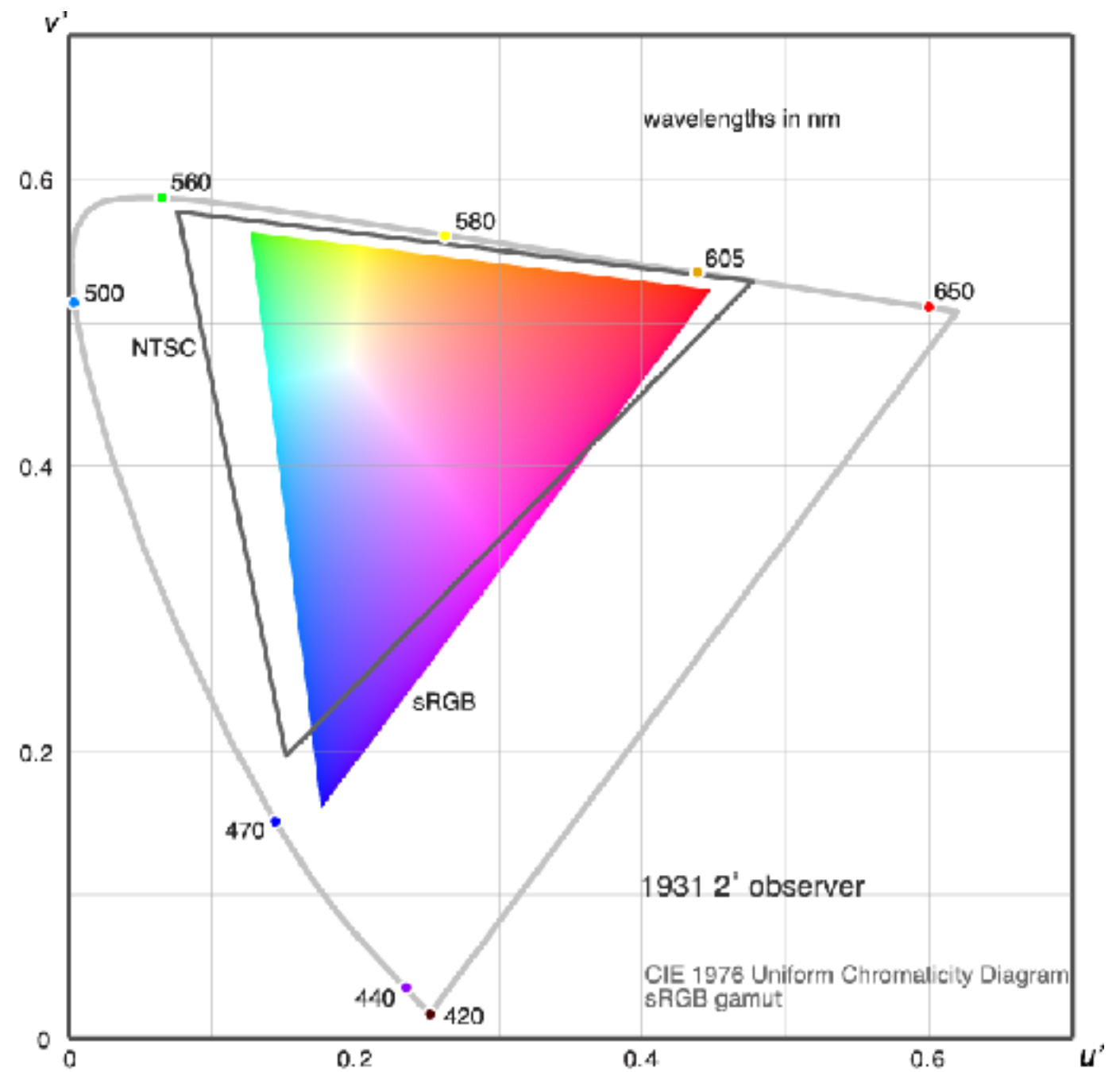
A gray is simply a colour that has the same value in R,G and B



Why often do we need to convert colour image into gray scale image?



The theory of colour



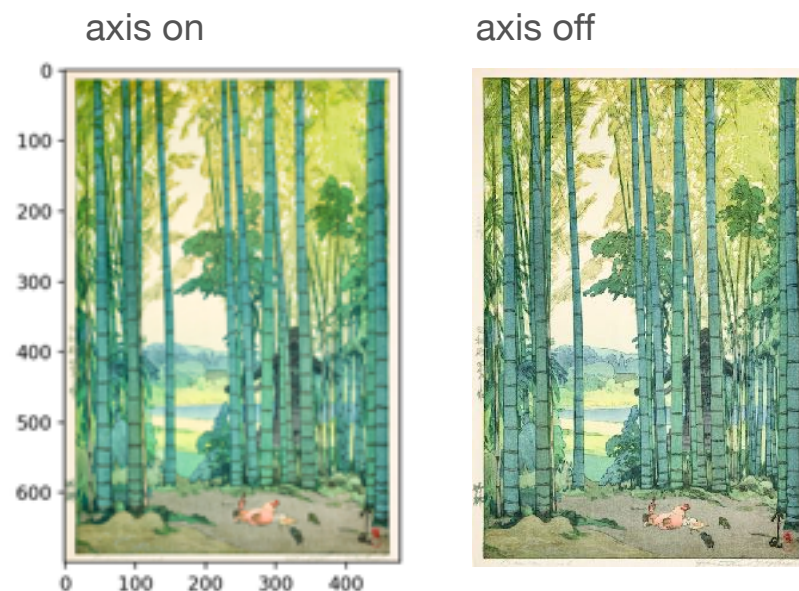
Display image, again

Through matplotlib

- We can use matplotlib to display an image `img`, to do that, we write

```
> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
> plt.axis('off')
> plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(img,
                        cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))
> plt.show()
```

- In the above codes, we first turn off axis in the plot
- Then use `plt.imshow()` to display image, but that function expects image in RGB format
- Thus need to use `cv2.cvtColor()` to convert `img` into RGB format
- Finally, use `plt.show()` to get the plot displayed



Display image, again

Through matplotlib



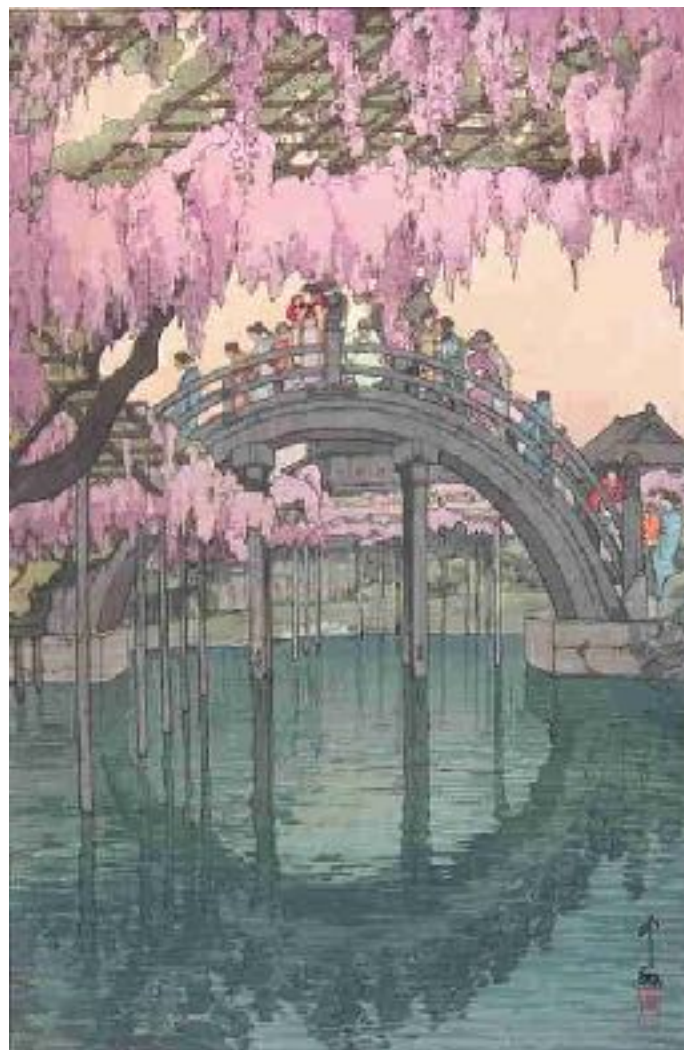
- To display a grayscale image `imgc`, we need extra settings on `plt.imshow()`

```
> plt.axis('off')  
> plt.imshow(imgc,  
               cmap='gray',  
               vmin=0,  
               vmax=255)  
  
> plt.show()
```

- `cmap='gray'` : inform the function to use grayscale colour map
- `vmin=0` : map value 0 to black
- `vmax=255` : map value 255 to white

Expand image border

- Often in image processing it is necessary to expand image border to avoid undesired effect
- Use `cv2.copyMakeBorder()` to expand border



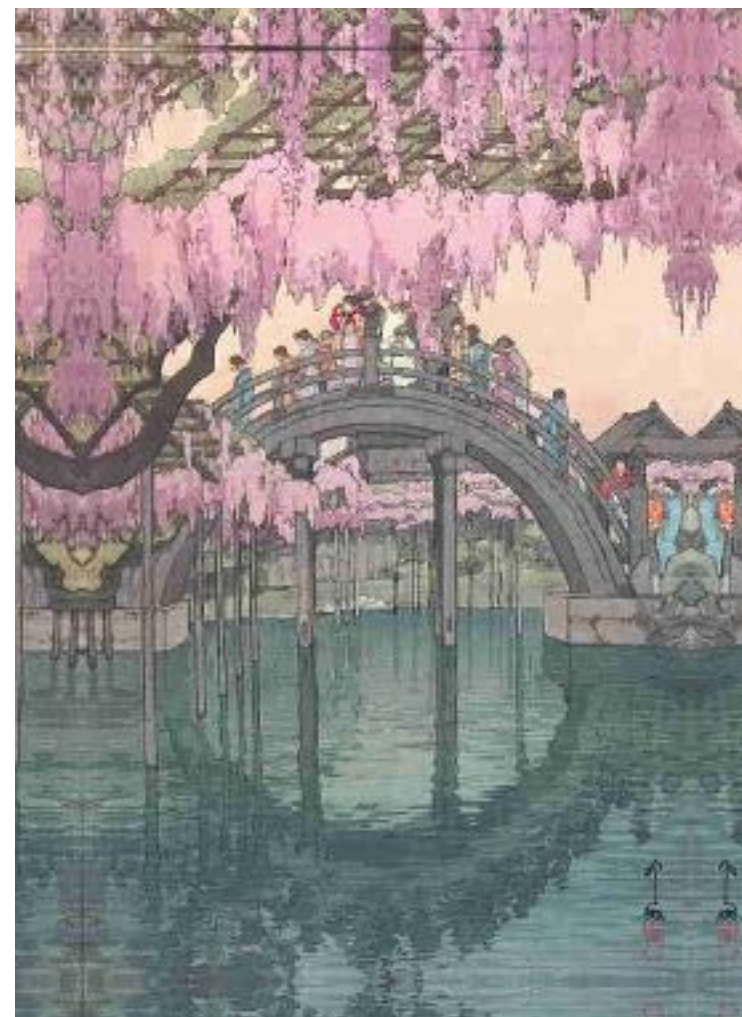
```
> imgf = cv2.imread('yoshida2.jpg')
> bdrx = cv2.copyMakeBorder(imgf,
                             30,      top
                             30,      bottom
                             50,      left
                             right    50,
                             borderType cv2.BORDER_REPLICATE)
```

Expand image border

cv2.BORDER_REPLICATE



cv2.BORDER_REFLECT

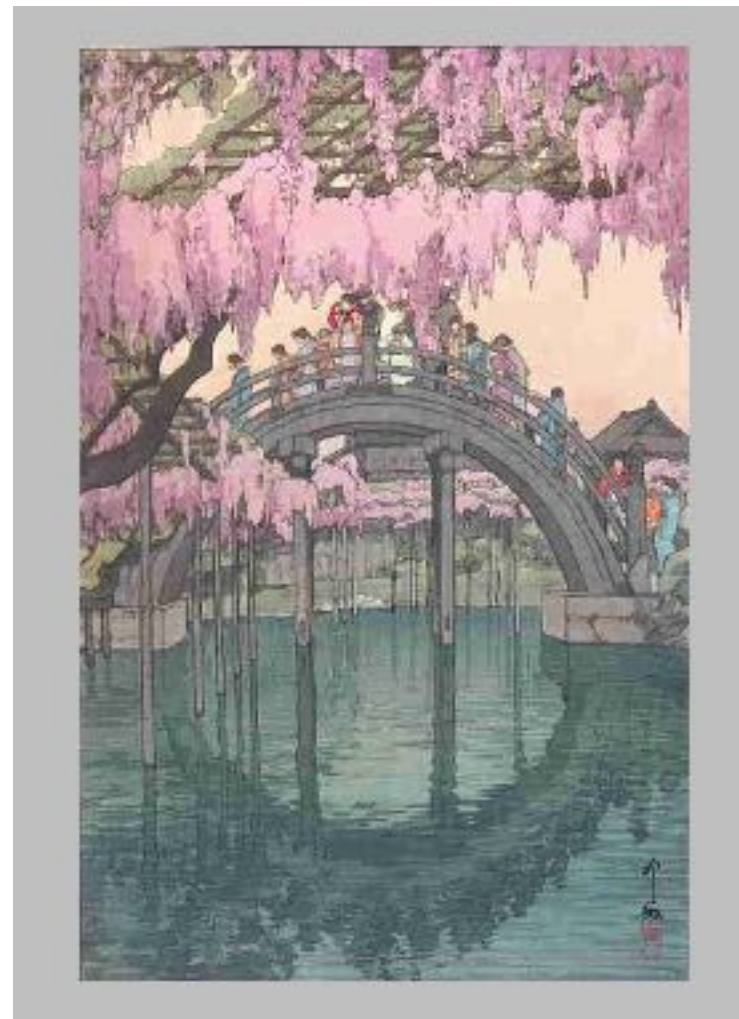


Expand image border

cv2.BORDER_WRAP



cv2.BORDER_CONSTANT



Expand image border

- When we select `borderType` `cv2.BORDER_CONSTANT`, we need to input one extra parameter:
- The colour we want on the border



```
> bdrx = cv2.copyMakeBorder(imgf,  
                             30,    top  
                             30,    bottom  
                             50,    left  
                             right  50,  
borderType cv2.BORDER_CONSTANT,  
colour     value=(191,191,191))  
                        B    G    R
```

Draw objects

- We can draw objects on image using API provided by opencv
- Generally in computer vision we use these API to make annotations on image

- Some of the functions available:

```
cv2.line()  
cv2.circle()  
cv2.rectangle()  
cv2.ellipse()  
cv2.putText()  
...
```

- After the drawing, we display the product either using `cv2.imshow()` or `plt.imshow()`



Draw text

- To write words on image, we use `cv2.putText()`

```
> imgg = cv2.imread('kawasei1.jpg')
```

```
> cv2.putText(imgg,  
              'Kawasei', text to display  
              (150,410),  
              font type cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX,  
              font scale 2.5,  
              colour (0,0,255),  
              font thickness 5,  
              line type cv2.LINE_AA)
```

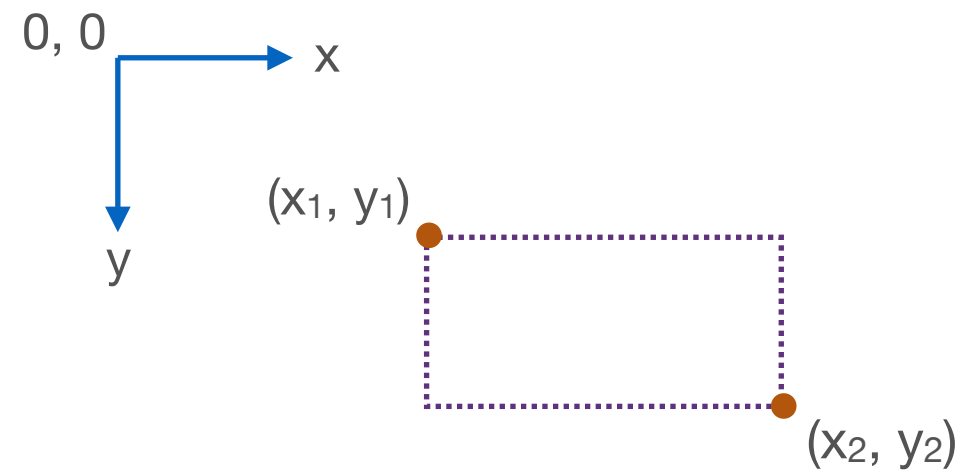


- `cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX` stands for normal size sans-serif font
- `cv2.LINE_AA` gives anti-aliased line

Draw rectangle

- To draw rectangle on image, we use `cv2.rectangle()`

```
> cv2.rectangle(imgg,  
                (132,334), (x1, y1)  
                (x2, y2) (480,432),  
                colour (0,0,255),  
                thickness 5)
```



Saving image

- After all the hard work, it would be useless if we can't save the final output

- To save an image, we use `cv2.imwrite()`

```
> cv2.imwrite('kawas.jpg', file name  
               variable imgg)
```

- Supported formats: jpg, png, tif, tiff, hdr, exr
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Image understanding

Area and perimeter

- Exercise: Propose steps to determine the area and the perimeter of the algae in the image without using numpy and any opencv or image library (except for image reading and display) ?
- Write your answer in Word or PowerPoint and submit to luminus



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