

1. Explain about Wiener filter in noise removal?

Wiener filter in noise removal:

In this filtering process, it incorporates both the degrade function and statistical characteristics of noise.

* The images and noise in this method are considered as random variables.

* The objective is to find an estimate \hat{f} of the uncorrupted image f such that the mean square error between them is minimized.

* This error is measured by

$$e^2 = E \{ (f - \hat{f})^2 \}$$

* Where $E \{ \}$ is the expected value of the argument.

* It is assumed that noise and image are uncorrelated; one (or) the other has zero mean; the intensity levels in the estimate are a linear function of the levels in the degraded image.

$$\hat{F}(u,v) = \left[\frac{H^*(u,v) S_f(u,v)}{S_f(u,v) |H(u,v)|^2 + S_n(u,v)} \right] G(u,v)$$

$$= \left[\frac{H^*(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^2 + S_n(u,v) / S_f(u,v)} \right] G(u,v)$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{H(u,v)} \frac{|H(u,v)|^2}{|H(u,v)|^2 + S_n(u,v) / S_f(u,v)} \right] G(u,v)$$

* This result is known as "Wiener filter".

* The terms inside the bracket is commonly referred as the minimum mean square error filter.

$H(u,v)$ = degraded function

$H^*(u,v)$ = Complex conjugate of $H(u,v)$

$S_n(u,v) = |N(u,v)|^2$ = power spectrum of the noise.

$S_f(u,v) = |F(u,v)|^2$ = power spectrum of the undegraded image

* The Signal-to-noise ratio in frequency domain.



$$SNR = \frac{\sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} |F(u,v)|^2}{\sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} |N(u,v)|^2}$$

* The Signal to noise ratio in Spatial domain.

$$SNR = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}(x,y)^2}{\sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} [\hat{f}(x,y) - \hat{f}(x,y)]^2}$$

2) Compare various mean filters?

Arithmetic mean filter:

* It is the simplest mean filter.

* Let S_{xy} represents the set of coordinates in the subimage of size $m \times n$ centered at point (x,y) .

* The arithmetic mean filter computes the average value of the corrupted image $g(x,y)$ in the area defined by S_{xy} .

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)$$

* This operation can be using a convolution mask in which all coefficients have value $1/mn$.

Geometric mean filter:

An image restored using a geometric mean filter is given by the expression.

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \left[\prod_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t) \right]^{1/mn}$$

* Here, each restored pixel is by the product of the pixel in the sub-image window, raised to the power $1/mn$.

* A Geometric means filter achieves smoothing comparable to the arithmetic mean filter, but it tends to lose image details in the process.

Harmonic mean filter:

The harmonic mean filtering operation is given by the expression.

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{mn}{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \frac{1}{g(s,t)}}$$

* The harmonic mean filter works well for salt noise but fails for pepper noise.

Contra harmonic mean filter:

The Contra harmonic mean filter yields a restored image based on the expression.

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)^{Q+1}}{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)^Q}$$

* Where Q is called the order of the filter and this filter is well suited for reducing the effects of salt and pepper noise.

3) Explain adaptive filters?Adaptive filters:

Adaptive filter whose behaviour changes based on the characteristics of the image inside the filter region S_{xy} .

Adaptive, local noise reduction filter:

The simplest statistical measures of a random variable are its mean and variance.

* The mean gives a measure of average intensity in the region over which the mean is computed and the variance gives a measure of contrast in that region.

* Let the filter is operate on a local region S_{xy} .

* The response of the filter at any point (x,y) is based on four



quantities: (a) $g(x,y)$, the value of noisy image at (x,y) ; (b) σ_n^2 , the variance of the noise corrupting $f(x,y)$ to form $g(x,y)$; (c) m_L , the local mean of the pixels in S_{xy} ; and (d) σ_L^2 , the local variance of the pixels in S_{xy} .

* Hence the behaviour of the filter is,

→ If σ_n^2 is zero, the filter should return simply the value of $g(x,y)$.

→ If the local variance is high relative to σ_n^2 that means

($\sigma_L^2 > \sigma_n^2$), the filter should return a value close to $g(x,y)$.

* An adaptive filter for obtaining the restored image is:

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = g(x,y) - \frac{\sigma_n^2}{\sigma_L^2} [g(x,y) - m_L]$$

Adaptive median filter:

Adaptive median filters are used to preserve the details while smoothing non impulse.

→ let us consider the following parameters,

Z_{\min} = minimum intensity value in S_{xy}

Z_{\max} = maximum intensity value in S_{xy} .

Z_{med} = median of intensity values in S_{xy} .

Z_{xy} = intensity value at co-ordinates (x,y)

S_{\max} = maximum allowed size of S_{xy} .

4) Discuss about noise models?

Noise models:

* The principle Sources of noise in digital image are due to image acquisition and transmission.

* During image transmission, the images are corrupted due to the interference introduced in the channel used for transmission.

* During image acquisition, the performance of image sensors gets affected by a variety of factors such as environmental conditions and the quality of sensing elements.

* The most common PDFs found in digital image processing applications are given below:

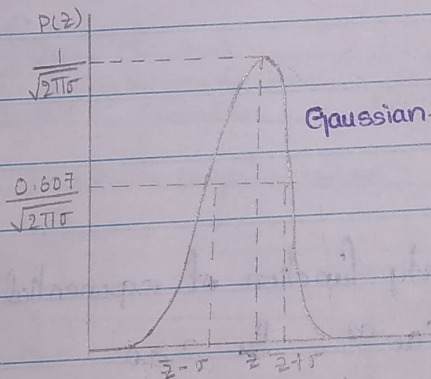
Gaussian

Gaussian Noise:

Gaussian Noise is also known as 'normal' noise. The probability density function of a Gaussian random variable z is given by

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(z-\bar{z})^2/2\sigma^2}$$

The values of Gaussian Noise is approximately 70% will be in the range $[(\bar{z}-\sigma), (\bar{z}+\sigma)]$ and 95% will be in the range $[(\bar{z}-2\sigma), (\bar{z}+2\sigma)]$.

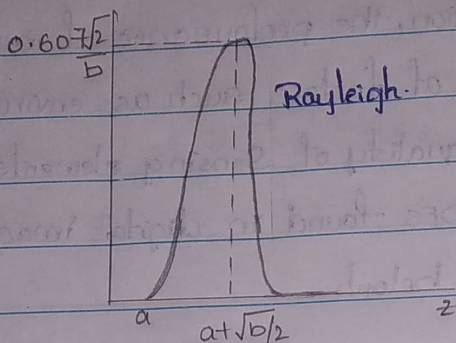


Rayleigh Noise:

The PDF of Rayleigh Noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} 2/b(z-a)e^{-(z-a)^2/b} & \text{for } z \geq a \\ 0 & \text{for } z < a \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Mean: } \bar{z} = a + \sqrt{\pi b/4} \quad \text{Variance: } \sigma^2 = \frac{b(4-\pi)}{4}$$



Rayleigh.

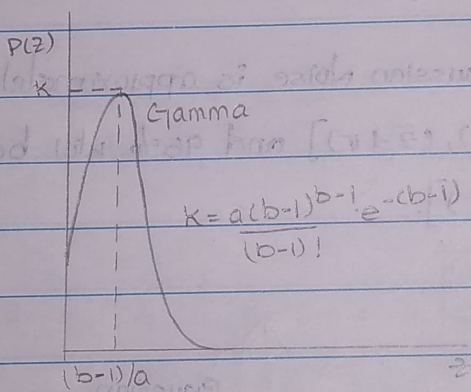
Erlang (gamma) Noise:

The probability density function of Erlang noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{a^b z^{b-1}}{(b-1)!} e^{-az} & \text{for } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } z < 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} a > 0 \\ b \text{ positive integer} \end{matrix}$$

Mean: $\bar{z} = \frac{b}{a}$

Variance: $\sigma^2 = \frac{b}{a^2}$



Exponential Noise:

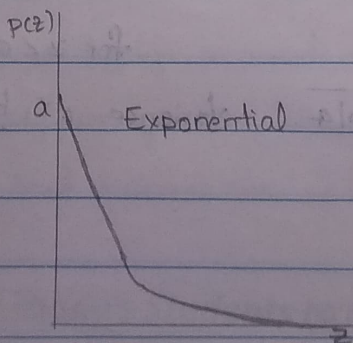
The probability density function of exponential noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} ae^{-az} & \text{for } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$p(z)$ is maximum at $z=0$

Mean: $\bar{z} = 1/a$

Variance: $\sigma^2 = 1/a^2$

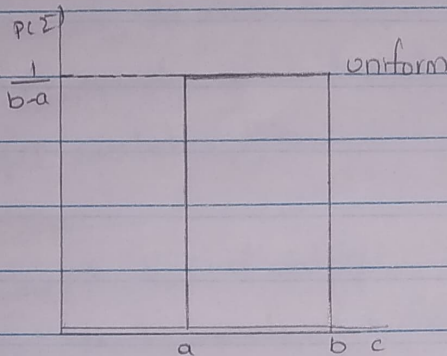


Uniform Noise:

The probability density function of uniform noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq z \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

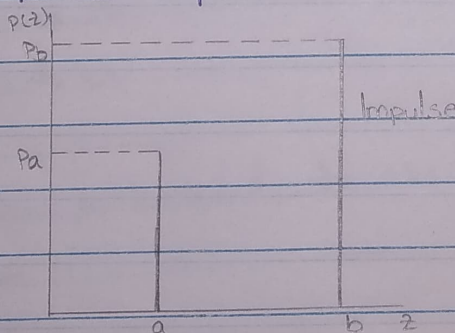
Mean: $\bar{z} = \frac{a+b}{2}$ Variance: $\sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

Salt and pepper noise (Impulse Noise):

The probability density function of salt and impulse noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} p_a & \text{for } z=a \\ p_b & \text{for } z=b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$p_a = p_b \Rightarrow$ unipolar noise

periodic Noise:

periodic noise in an image occurred from electrical (or) electromechanical interference during image acquisition.

* The mean and variance are defined as



$$\bar{z} = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} z_i p_S(z_i)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (z_i - \bar{z})^2 p_S(z_i)$$