

3.1 Introduction

- We take a closer look at the use of the `imshow` function
- We look at image quality and how that may be affected by various image attributes
- For human vision in general, the preference is for images to be sharp and detailed

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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- There are many factors that will affect the display
 - ✓ ambient lighting,
 - ✓ the monitor type and settings,
 - ✓ the graphics card, and
 - ✓ monitor resolution

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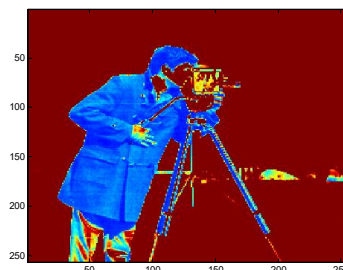
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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- This function `image` simply displays a matrix as an image

```
>> c=imread('cameraman.tif');  
>> image(c)
```



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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- To display the image properly, we need to add several extra commands to the `image` line

```
>> size(unique(c))
```

```
ans =
```

```
247    1
```

```
>> image(c),truesize,axis off, colormap(gray(247))
```



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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- We may to adjust the color map to use fewer or more colors; however, this can have a dramatic effect on the result

```
colormap(gray(512))
```



```
colormap(gray(128))
```



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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- use `imread` to pick up the color map

```
>> [x,map]=imread('trees.tif');
>> image(x),truesize,axis off,colormap(map)
```

- ✓ `map` is $<256 \times 3 \text{ double}>$ in the **workspace**



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3.2 Basics of Image Display

- True color image will be read (by `imread`) as a three-dimensional array

- ✓ In such a case, `image` will ignore the current color map and assign colors to the display based on the values in the array

```
>> t=imread('twins.tif');
>> image(t),truesize,axis off
```



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3.3 The imshow Function

- We have two choices with a matrix of type `double`:
 - ✓ Convert to type `uint8` and then display
 - ✓ Display the matrix directly
- `imshow` will display a matrix of type `double` as a grayscale image (matrix elements are between 0 and 1)

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FIGURE 3.1

```
>> c=imread('caribou.tif');
>> cd=double(c);
>> imshow(c),figure,imshow(cd)
```

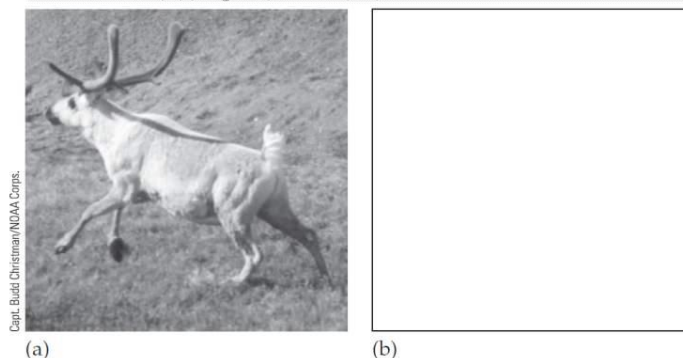


FIGURE 3.1 An attempt at data type conversion. (a) The original image. (b) After conversion to type `double`.

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FIGURE 3.2

```
>> imshow(cd/512)
>> imshow(cd/128)
```

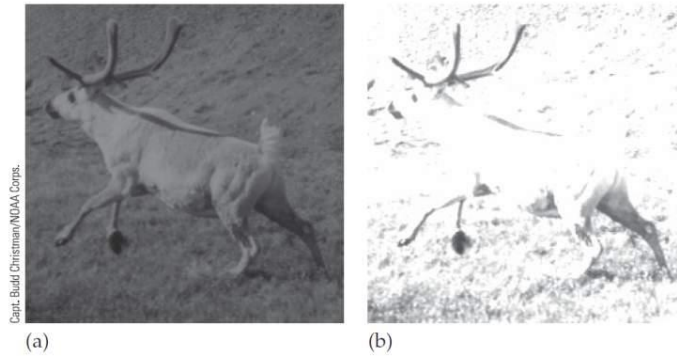


FIGURE 3.2 Scaling by dividing an image matrix by a scalar. (a) The matrix `cd` divided by 512. (b) The matrix `cd` divided by 128.

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3.3 The imshow Function

- We can convert the original image to double more properly using the function `im2double`

```
>> cd=im2double(c);
```

- If we take `cd` of type double, properly scaled so that all elements are between 0 and 1, we can convert it back to an image of type `uint8` in two ways:

```
>> c2=uint8(255*cd);
>> c3=im2uint8(cd);
```

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3.3 The imshow Function

- **BINARY IMAGES** MATLAB have a `logical` flag, where `uint8` values 0 and 1 can be interpreted as logical data

```
>> c1=c>120;
```

- Check `c1` with `whos`

Name	Size	Bytes	Class	Attributes
c1	256x256	65536	logical	

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FIGURE 3.3

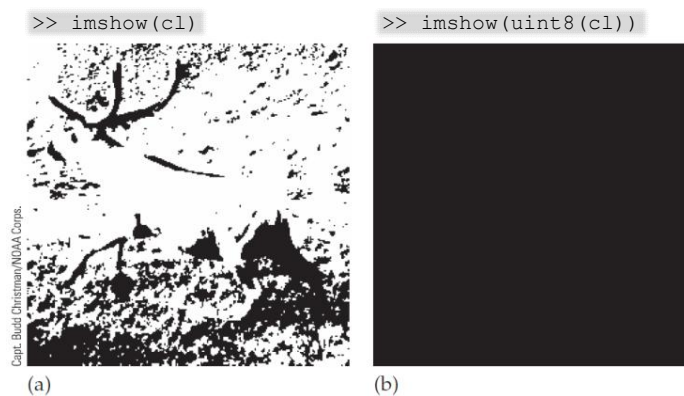


FIGURE 3.3 Making the image binary. (a) The caribou image turned binary. (b) After conversion to type `uint8`.

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3.4 Bit Planes

- Grayscale images can be transformed into a sequence of binary images by breaking them up into their **bitplanes**
- **The zeroth bit plane**
 - ✓ the least significant bit plane
- **The seventh bit plane**
 - ✓ the most significant bit plane

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3.4 Bit Planes

- We start by making it a matrix of type `double`; this means we can perform arithmetic on the values

```
>> c=imread('cameraman.tif');
>> cd=double(c);
>> c0=mod(cd,2);
>> c1=mod(floor(cd/2),2);
>> c2=mod(floor(cd/4),2);
>> c3=mod(floor(cd/8),2);
>> c4=mod(floor(cd/16),2);
>> c5=mod(floor(cd/32),2);
>> c6=mod(floor(cd/64),2);
>> c7=mod(floor(cd/128),2);
```

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FIGURE 3.4

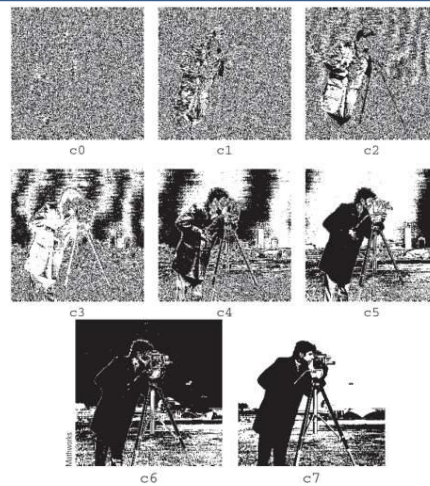


FIGURE 3.4 The bit planes of an 8-bit grayscale image.

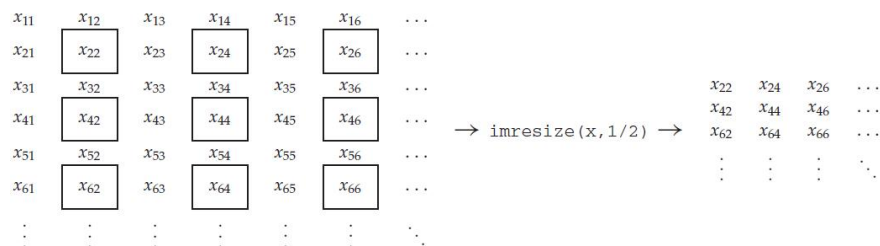
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3.5 Spatial Resolution

- The greater the spatial resolution, the more pixels are used to display the image
- We can experiment with spatial resolution with MATLAB's `imresize` function

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3.5 Spatial Resolution

`x2=imresize(imresize(x,1/2),2);` →

x_{22}	x_{22}
x_{22}	x_{22}

x_{24}	x_{24}
x_{24}	x_{24}

x_{26}	x_{26}
x_{26}	x_{26}

 ...

x_{42}	x_{42}
x_{42}	x_{42}

x_{44}	x_{44}
x_{44}	x_{44}

x_{46}	x_{46}
x_{46}	x_{46}

 ...

x_{62}	x_{62}
x_{62}	x_{62}

x_{64}	x_{64}
x_{64}	x_{64}

x_{66}	x_{66}
x_{66}	x_{66}

 ...

⋮ ⋮ ⋮ ⋮

Command

Effective resolution

<code>imresize(imresize(x,1/4),4);</code>	64×64
<code>imresize(imresize(x,1/8),8);</code>	32×32
<code>imresize(imresize(x,1/16),16);</code>	16×16
<code>imresize(imresize(x,1/32),32);</code>	8×8

`imresize(imresize(x, factor, 'nearest'), factor, 'nearest');`

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FIGURE 3.5



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.5 Reducing resolution of an image. (a) The original image. (b) Image at 128×128 resolution.

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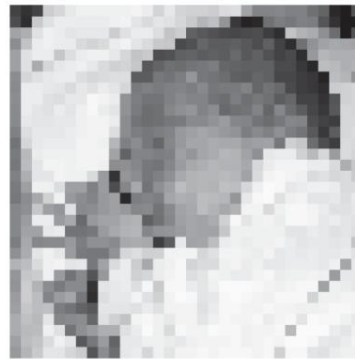
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FIGURE 3.6

(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.6 Further reducing the resolution of an image. (a) Image at 64×64 resolution. (b) Image at 32×32 resolution.

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(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.7 Even more reducing the resolution of an image. (a) Image at 16×16 resolution. (b) Image at 8×8 resolution.

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

- **Uniform quantization**

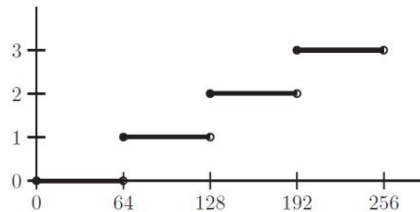


FIGURE 3.8 A mapping for uniform quantization.

Original values	Output value
0–63	0
64–127	1
128–191	2
192–255	3

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- To perform such a mapping in MATLAB, we can perform the following operations, supposing x to be a matrix of type `uint8`

```
f=floor(double(x)/64);
q=uint8(f*64);
```

- There is, a more elegant method of reducing the grayscales in an image, and it involves using the `grayscale` function

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

Command	Number of grayscales
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,128),gray(128))</code>	128
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,64),gray(64))</code>	64
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,32),gray(32))</code>	32
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,16),gray(16))</code>	16
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,8),gray(8))</code>	8
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,4),gray(4))</code>	4
<code>imshow(grayscale(x,2),gray(2))</code>	2

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FIGURE 3.9



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.9 Quantization (1). (a) The image quantized to 128 grayscales. (b) The image quantized to 64 grayscales.

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FIGURE 3.10



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.10 Quantization (2). (a) The image quantized to 32 graylevels. (b) The image quantized to 16 graylevels.

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FIGURE 3.11



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.11 Quantization (3). (a) The image quantized to eight graylevels. (b) The image quantized to four graylevels.

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FIGURE 3.12



FIGURE 3.12 The image quantized to two grayscales.

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

- **DITHERING** In general terms, refers to the process of reducing the number of colors in an image
- Representing an image with only two tones is also known as **halftoning**

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

- Dithering matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 128 \\ 192 & 64 \end{bmatrix} \quad D_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 128 & 32 & 160 \\ 192 & 64 & 224 & 96 \\ 48 & 176 & 16 & 144 \\ 240 & 112 & 208 & 80 \end{bmatrix}$$

- D or D_2 is repeated until it is as big as the image matrix, when the two are compared

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- Suppose $d(i, j)$ is the matrix obtain by replicating the dithering matrix, then an output pixel $p(i, j)$ is defined by

$$p(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x(i, j) > d(i, j) \\ 0 & \text{if } x(i, j) \leq d(i, j) \end{cases}$$

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FIGURE 3.13

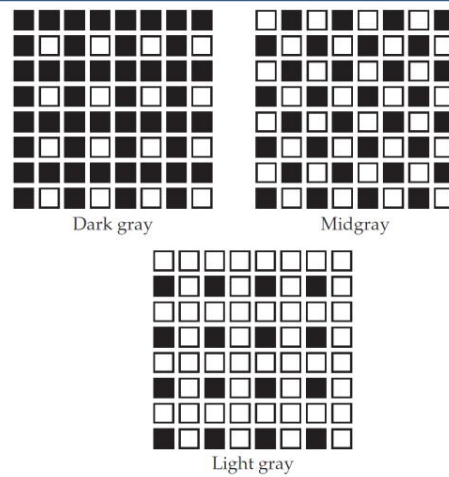


FIGURE 3.13 Patterns for dithering output.

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FIGURE 3.14

```
>> D=[0 128;192 64]
>> r= repmat(D,128,128);
>> x2=x>r; imshow(x2)
>> D2=[0 128 32 160;192 64 224 96;48 176 16 144;240 112 208 80];
>> r2= repmat(D2,64,64);
>> x4=x>r2; imshow(x4)
```



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 3.14 Examples of dithering. (a) The newborn baby image dithered using D (b) The newborn baby image dithered using $D2$

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- Dithering can be extended easily to more than two output gray values
- For example, we wish to quantize to four output levels 0, 1, 2, and 3

$$q(i, j) = \lfloor x(i, j) / 85 \rfloor \quad (\text{Since } 255/3 = 85)$$

$$p(i, j) = q(i, j) + \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x(i, j) - 85q(i, j) > d(i, j) \\ 0 & \text{if } x(i, j) - 85q(i, j) \leq d(i, j) \end{cases}$$

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FIGURE 3.15

```
>> D = [0 56; 84 28];
>> r = repmat(D, 128, 128);
>> x = double(x);
>> q = floor(x/85);
>> x4 = q + (x - 85*q > r);
>> imshow(uint8(85*x4))
```



(a)

```
>> D = [0 24; 36 12];
>> r = repmat(D, 128, 128);
>> x = double(x);
>> q = floor(x/37);
>> x8 = q + (x - 37*q > r);
>> imshow(uint8(37*x8))
```



(b)

FIGURE 3.15 Dithering to more than two grayscales. (a) Dithering to four output grayscales. (b) Dithering to eight output grayscales.

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

- **ERROR DIFFUSION**

- ✓ The image is quantized at two levels
- ✓ For each pixel we take into account the error between its gray value and its quantized value
- ✓ The idea is to spread this error over neighboring pixels

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3.6 Quantization and Dithering

- **Floyd and Steinberg method**

- ✓ For each pixel $p(i, j)$ in the image we perform the following sequence of steps:
 1. Perform the quantization
 2. Calculate the quantization error

$$E = \begin{cases} p(i, j) & \text{if } p(i, j) < 128 \\ p(i, j) - 255 & \text{if } p(i, j) \geq 128 \end{cases}$$

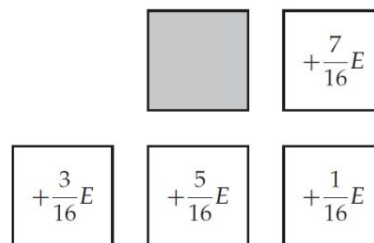
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3. Spread this error E over pixels to the right and below according to this table



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FIGURE 3.16

```
function y = fl_stein(x)
%
% FL_STEIN applies Floyd-Steinberg error diffusion to an image x, which is
% assumed to be of type uint8.
%
height=size(x,1);
width=size(x,2);
y=uint8(zeros(height,width));
z=zeros(height+2,width+2);
z(2:height+1,2:width+1)=x;
for i=2:height+1,
    for j=2:width+1,
        if z(i,j) < 128
            y(i-1,j-1) = 0;
            e = z(i,j);
        else
            y(i-1,j-1) = 255;
            e = z(i,j)-255;
        end
        z(i,j+1)=z(i,j+1)+7*e/16;
        z(i+1,j-1)=z(i+1,j-1)+3*e/16;
        z(i+1,j)=z(i+1,j)+5*e/16;
        z(i+1,j+1)=z(i+1,j+1)+e/16;
    end
end
end
```

FIGURE 3.16 A MATLAB function for applying Floyd-Steinberg error diffusion to a grayscale image.

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FIGURE 3.17



FIGURE 3.17 The newborn baby image after Floyd-Steinberg error diffusion.

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FIGURE 3.18

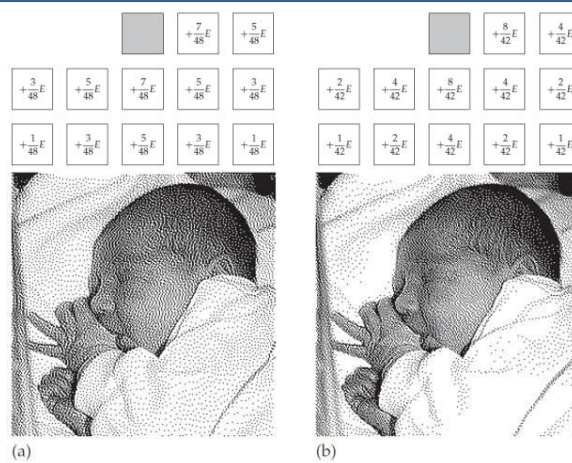


FIGURE 3.18 Using other error-diffusion schemes. (a) Result of Jarvis-Judice-Ninke error diffusion. (b) Result of Stucki error diffusion.

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