

BINARY MORPHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

- Dilation Operation
- Erosion Operation
- **Opening and Closing Operations**
- Hit or Miss Transformation

Opening and Closing

Operations • They are Based on Dilation and Erosion Operation.

Opening Operation

- The opening of a binary image A by the structuring element E is denoted by $A \circ E$ and is defined as

$$A \circ E = (A \ominus E) \oplus E$$

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- Opening smoothens the contour of an object, breaks narrow isthmuses and eliminates thin protrusions in images.

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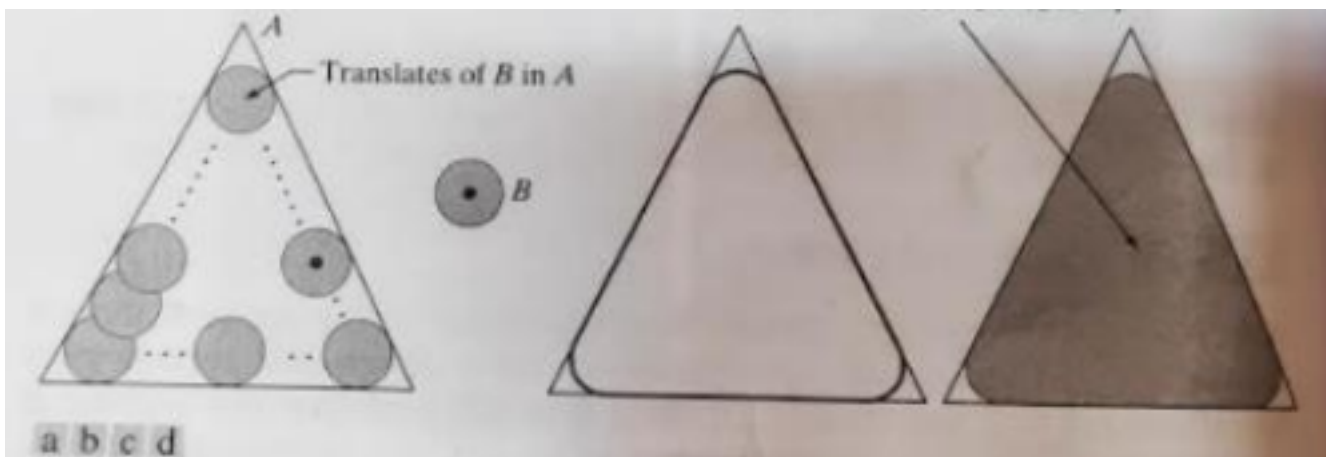
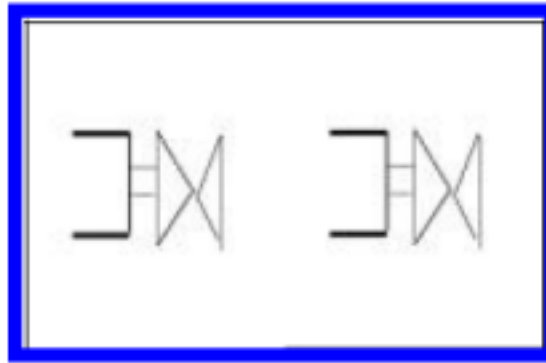


FIGURE 9.8 (a) Structuring element B "rolling" along the inner boundary of A (the dot indicates the origin of B). (b) Structuring element. (c) The heavy line is the outer boundary of the opening. (d) Complete opening (shaded). We did not shade A in (a) for clarity.

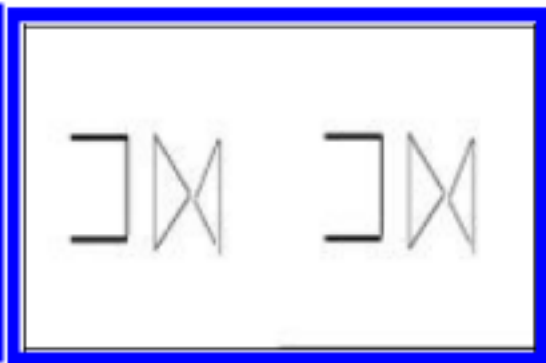
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The opening operation satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $A \circ B$ is a subset (subimage) of A .
- (ii) If C is a subset of D , then $C \circ B$ is a subset of $D \circ B$.
- (iii) $(A \circ B) \circ B = A \circ B$.

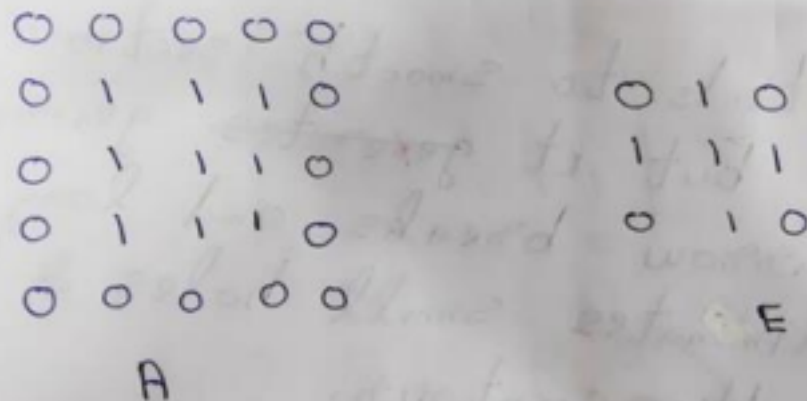


(a) Original image



(b) Opening result of (a)

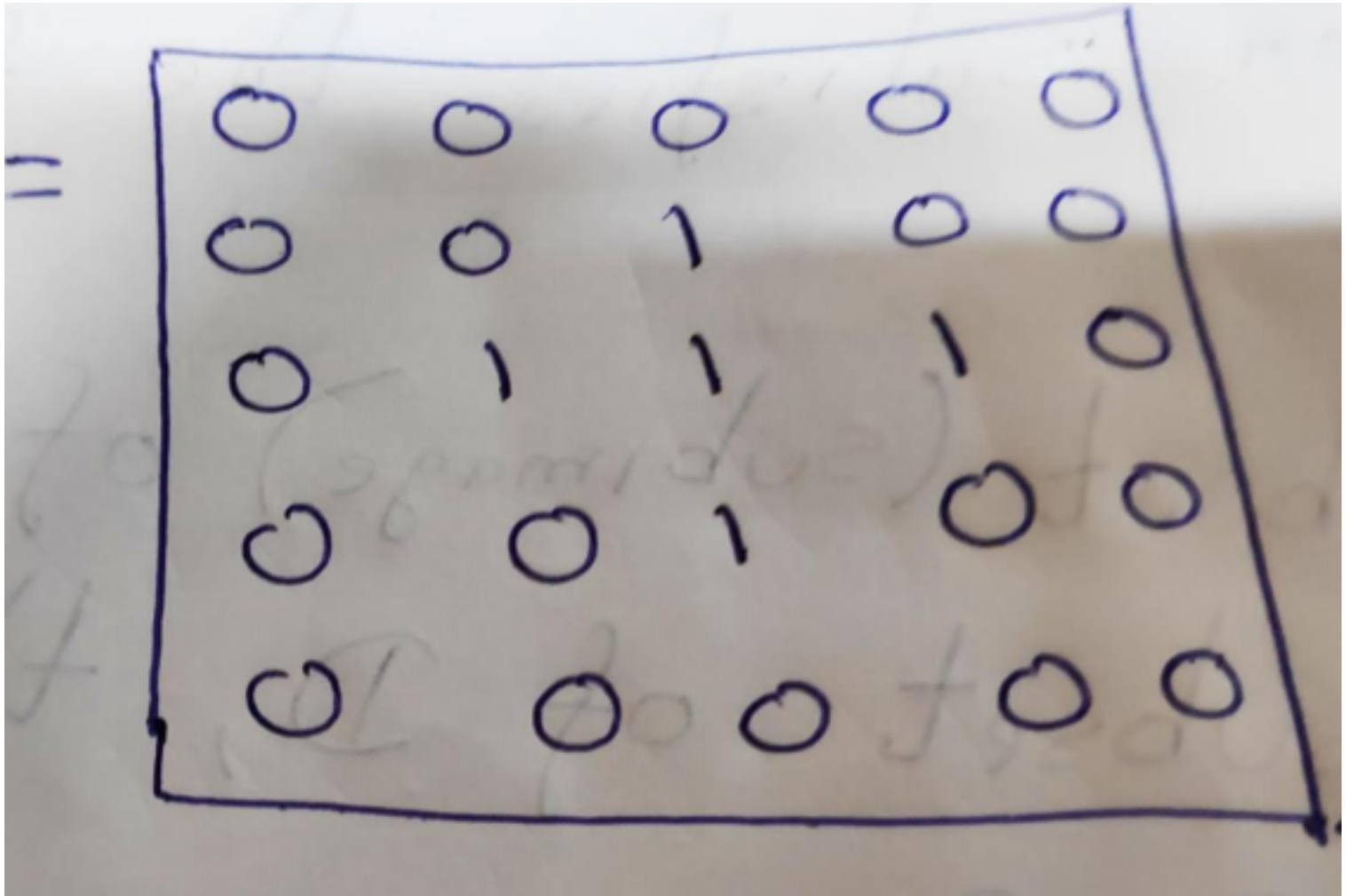
- Consider the following image A and structuring element E. Perform Opening Operation.



Soln

$$A \circ E = (A \ominus E) \oplus E.$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & 1 & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{array} \right) \oplus \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \circ & 1 & \circ \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \circ & 1 & \circ \end{array} \right)$$



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Closing Operation

- The closing of A by the structuring element E is denoted by $A \bullet E$ and is defined as

$$A \bullet E = (A \oplus E) \ominus E$$

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- Closing tends to smooth sections of contours, it also fuses narrow breaks and long thin gulfs, eliminates small holes and fills gaps in the contour.

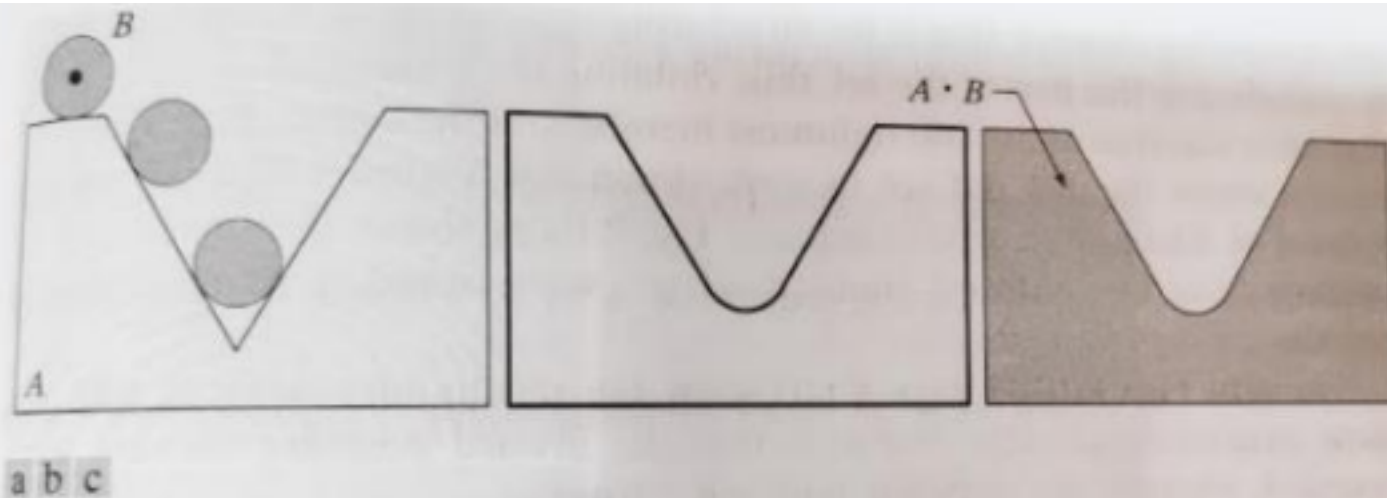
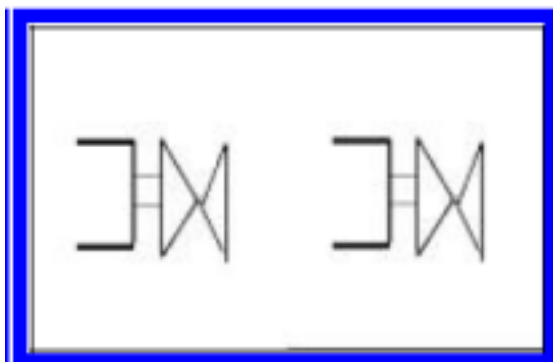


FIGURE 9.9 (a) Structuring element B “rolling” on the outer boundary of set A . (b) The heavy line is the outer boundary of the closing. (c) Complete closing (shaded). We did not shade A in (a) for clarity.

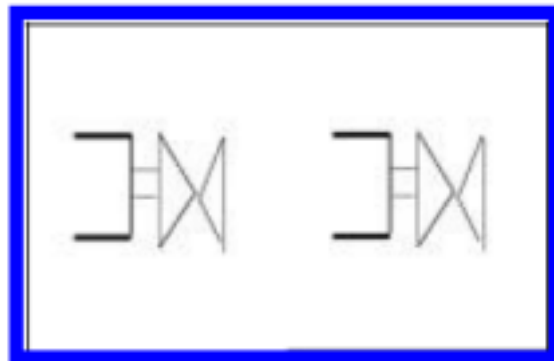
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Similarly, the closing operation satisfies the following properties:

- (i) A is a subset (subimage) of $A \bullet B$.
- (ii) If C is a subset of D , then $C \bullet B$ is a subset of $D \bullet B$.
- (iii) $(A \bullet B) \bullet B = A \bullet B$.

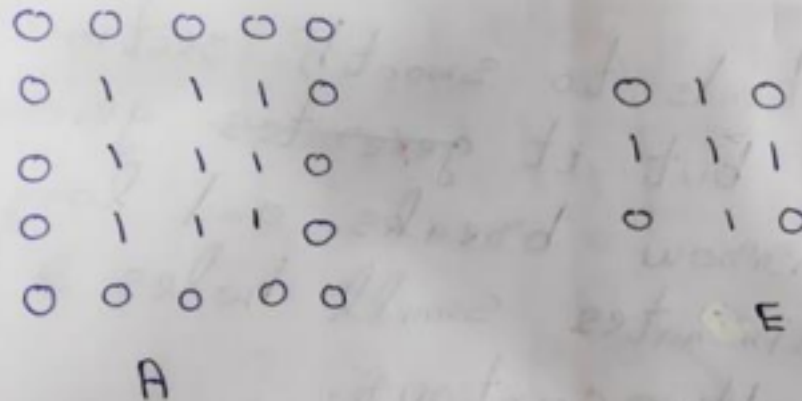


(c) Closing result of (a)



(a) Original image

- Consider the following image A and structuring element E. Perform Closing Operation.



$$A \cdot B = (A \oplus B) \ominus B.$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \ominus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$