

HISTOGRAM EQUALIZATION PROOF

- It is used to create an image with equally distributed brightness level and also improves the contrast.
- Idea behind this technique is to find a transformation $s=T(r)$ to be applied to each pixel of the input image $f(x,y)$,

such that uniform distribution of gray levels in the entire range results for the output image $g(x,y)$.

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- Let r be the intensities of an image to be processed. • We assume that r is in the range from $[0, L-1]$, where $0 \rightarrow$ black and $L-1 \rightarrow$ white.
- Transformation $s = T(r)$, $0 \leq r \leq L-1$ produces an output intensity level s for every pixel in the input image

having intensity r .

- We assume that

a) $T(r)$ is monotonically increasing function in the interval $0 \leq r \leq L-1$.

b) $0 \leq T(r) \leq L-1$ for $0 \leq r \leq L-1$.

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- We also use the inverse

$r = T^{-1}(s)$ $0 \leq s \leq L-1$ in which condition a will change to

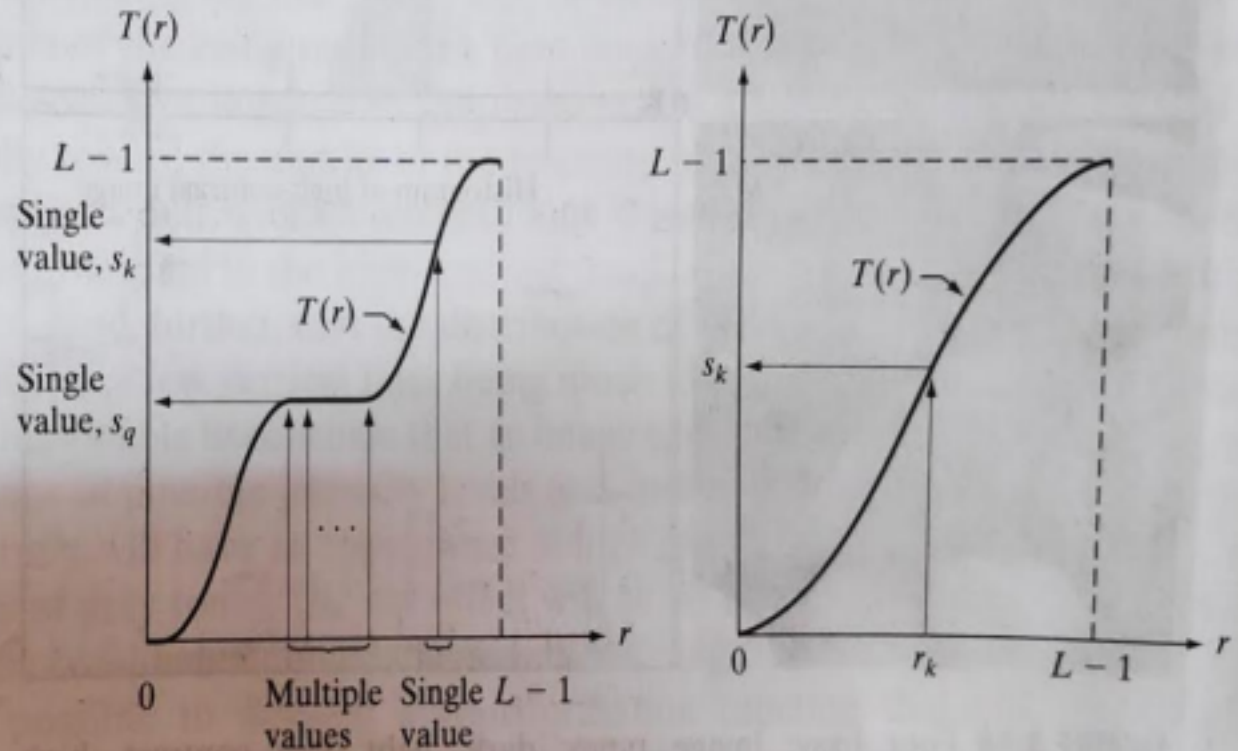
a') $T(r)$ is strictly monotonically increasing function in the interval $0 \leq r \leq L-1$.

- Condition (a) guarantees that output intensity values will never be less than corresponding input values. •
- Condition (b) guarantees that range of output intensities is same as input.
- Condition (a') guarantees that mappings from s back to r will be one-to-one ,thus preventing ambiguities.

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FIGURE 3.17

(a) Monotonically increasing function, showing how multiple values can map to a single value.
 (b) Strictly monotonically increasing function. This is a one-to-one mapping, both ways.



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- Let $p_r(r)$ and $p_s(s)$ denote probability density function of variable r and s respectively.
- Transformation function is of the form

$$s=T(r)$$

$$= (L-1) p_r \int_0^{\infty} \dots \quad (1)$$

where $w \rightarrow$ dummy variable of integration

- Basic probability theory is that if $p_r(r)$ and $T(r)$ are known and $T(r)$ is continuous and differentiable, then probability density function of transformed variable s can be obtained by using the formula

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right| \quad (2)$$

$$\dots = \dots \left(\dots \right)$$

$$= (L-1) \sum_{r=0}^{L-1} p_r(r) = (L-1) p_r(r) \quad (3)$$

- Substituting eq (3) in eq (2)

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r)$$

$$= p_r(r)$$

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$$(L-1)p_r(r)$$

$$= 1$$

$$(L-1) \quad 0 \leq s \leq L-1$$

- Probability of occurrence of gray level r_k in an image is given by:-

$P_r(r_k) = n_k/n$ ----- (4) • Discrete approximation of transformation function for histogram equalization is:-

$$s_k = T(r_k)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \diamond \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond = 0 \end{matrix} \text{-----} (5)$$

$$= P_r(\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond)$$

• Substituting equation 1 in 2

$$\begin{matrix} \diamond \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond = 0 \end{matrix} k=0,1,\dots,L-1$$

$$s_k = \begin{matrix} \diamond \diamond \\ \diamond \diamond \end{matrix} / \begin{matrix} \diamond \diamond \end{matrix}$$

where r_k -> input intensity

s_k -> processed intensity

n_j -> frequency of intensity j

n -> sum of all frequencies₈