

Homework 1 Questions

Instructions

- Compile and read through the included MATLAB tutorial.
- 2 questions.
- Include code.
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Submission

- Please zip your folder with **hw1_student id_name.zip** (ex: hw1_20181234_Peter.zip)
- Submit your homework to [KLMS](#).
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Questions

Q1: We wish to set all pixels that have a brightness of 10 or less to 0, to remove sensor noise. However, our code is slow when run on a database with 1000 grayscale images.

Image: [grizzlypeakg.png](#)

```
1 A = imread('grizzlypeakg.png');
2 [m1,n1] = size( A );
3 for i=1:m1
4     for j=1:n1
5         if A(i,j) <= 10
6             A(i,j) = 0;
7         end
8     end
9 end
```

Q1.1: How could we speed it up?

A1.1: Your answer here.

We could use Logical Indexing method here.

```
1 A = imread('grizzlypeakg.png');
2 B = A <= 10;
3 A(B) = 0;
```

Q1.2: What factor speedup would we receive over 1000 images? Please measure it.

Ignore file loading; assume all images are equal resolution; don't assume that the time taken for one image $\times 1000$ will equal 1000 image computations, as single short tasks on multitasking computers often take variable time.

A1.2: Your answer here.

tic; toc; method is useful for calculating the time spend with both type of code.

The case of naive algorithm:

```
1 A = imread('grizzlypeakg.png');
2 tic;
3 for k=1:1000
4     [m1,n1] = size( A );
5     for i=1:m1
6         for j=1:n1
7             if A(i,j) <= 10
8                 A(i,j) = 0;
9             end
10        end
11    end
12 end
13 toc;
```

The case of effective algorithm:

```
1 A = imread('grizzlypeakg.png');
2 tic;
3 for k=1:1000
4     B = A <= 10;
5     A(B) = 0;
6 end
7 toc;
```

Naive algorithm took 24.91 seconds on average, but the effective algorithm took 9.62 seconds on average. (Macbook Retina 13inch, Early 2015) So the effective algorithm is likely 2.59 times faster than the naive algorithm.

Q1.3: How might a speeded-up version change for color images? Please measure it.

Image: [grizzlypeak.jpg](#)

A1.3: Your answer here.

Logical Indexing could be used in 3D array too. We can separate the image into R, G, B matrices, then merge them and use the result to remove the noise.

```
1 A = imread('grizzlypeak.jpg');  
2 R = A(:, :, 1) <= 10;  
3 G = A(:, :, 2) <= 10;  
4 B = A(:, :, 3) <= 10;  
5 RGB = cat(3, R, G, B);  
6 A(RGB) = 0;
```

Q2: We wish to reduce the brightness of an image but, when trying to visualize the result, all we see is white with some weird “corruption” of color patches.

Image: [gigi.jpg](#)

```
1 I = double( imread('gigi.jpg') );  
2 I = I - 20;  
3 imshow( I );
```

Q2.1: What is incorrect with this approach? How can it be fixed while maintaining the same amount of brightness reduction?

A2.1: Your answer here.

It is not correct using `double(imread('gigi.jpg'))` to convert image to double type. We can use `im2double` function to convert correctly.

```
1 I = imread('gigi.jpg');  
2 I = im2double(I);  
3 I = I - 20/255;  
4 imshow(I);
```

Q2.2: Where did the original corruption come from? Which specific values in the original image did it represent?

A2.2: Your answer here.

This is the problem of type casting.

`im2double` function converts 0-255 range to 0-1 range,

but `double(imread('gigi.jpg'))` do not.

So if `value - 20` is 1 or over, it would be displayed as white. If not, we can see other colors.

For example, if we have a pixel with (21, 19, 15) as RGB values, they will be converted to (1, -1, -5) which means true red color.