# Step 1: Install OpenCV (if not already installed)

!pip install opencv-python-headless

# Step 2: Import required libraries

import cv2

import numpy as np

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

from google.colab import files

# Step 3: Upload an image

print("Upload a binary or grayscale image:")

uploaded = files.upload()

image\_path = next(iter(uploaded))

# Step 4: Read the image in grayscale

img = cv2.imread(image\_path, cv2.IMREAD\_GRAYSCALE)

# Step 5: Convert to binary (thresholding)

\_, binary = cv2.threshold(img, 127, 255, cv2.THRESH\_BINARY)

# Step 6: Define the structuring element (kernel)

kernel = np.ones((5, 5), np.uint8) # Square 5x5 kernel

# Step 7: Apply dilation

dilated = cv2.dilate(binary, kernel, iterations=1)

# Step 8: Display the original and dilated images

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)

plt.imshow(binary, cmap='gray')

plt.title('Original Binary Image')

plt.axis('off')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)

plt.imshow(dilated, cmap='gray')

plt.title('Dilated Image')

plt.axis('off')

plt.show()

# Step 9: Save the dilated image

cv2.imwrite("dilated\_output.jpg", dilated)

print("Saved as dilated\_output.jpg")

