

# Digital Image Processing Using MATLAB

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# IMAGE RESTORATION

The main objective of restoration is to improve the quality of a digital image which has been degraded due to Various phenomena like:

- Motion
- Improper focusing of Camera during image acquisition.
- Atmospheric turbulence
- Noise

# Enhancement versus Restoration

- Both processes try to improve an image in some predefined sense
- Image enhancement is largely a subjective process, while image restoration is for the most part an objective process

## Enhancement:

- (1) Manipulating an image in order to take advantage of the psychophysics of the human visual system.
- (2) Techniques are usually “heuristic.”
- (3) Example: Contrast stretching, histogram equalization.

- **Restoration:**

- (1) A process that attempts to reconstruct or recover an image that has been degraded by using some prior knowledge of the degradation phenomenon.
- (2) Involves modeling the degradation process and applying the inverse process to recover the original image.
- (3) A criterion for “goodness” is required that will recover the image in an optimal fashion with respect to that criterion.
- (4) Example: removal of blur by applying a deblurring function.

## Problem:

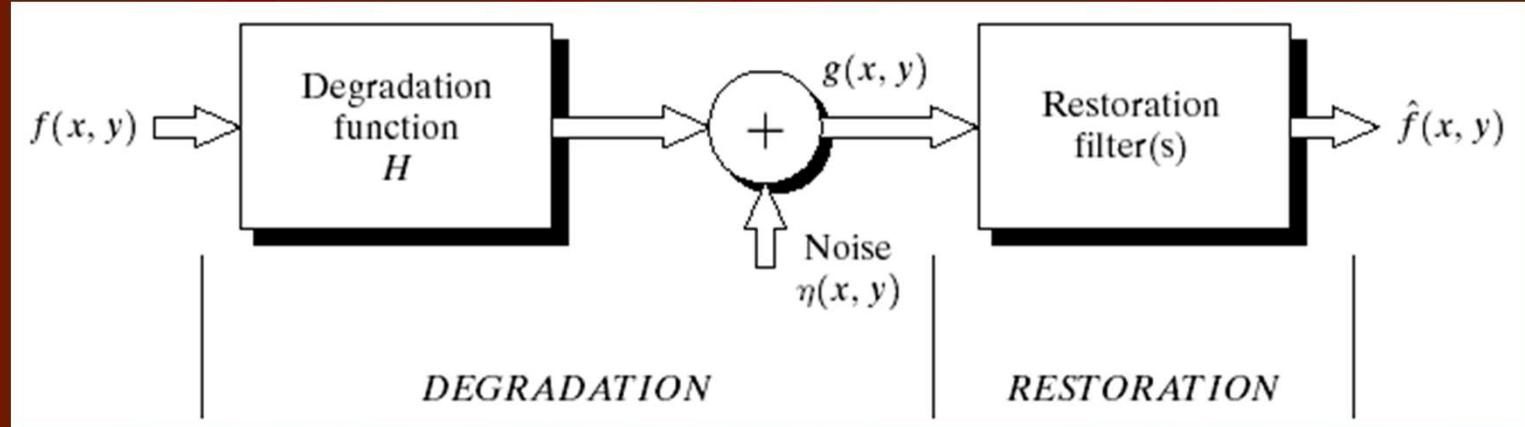
- You want to know some image X.
- But you only have a corrupted version Y .
- How do you determine X from Y ?



## Blurring due to uniform motion

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Aerials Only Gallery 508-295-5551(C) (E)





Degradation model:

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) * h(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$

where  $h(x, y)$  is a system that causes image distortion and  $\eta(x, y)$  is noise.

## 2-D Convolution (Spatial)

If  $H$  is a linear, position-invariant process, then the degraded image is given in the spatial domain by

$$g(x, y) = h(x, y) \cdot f(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$

## 2-D Convolution (Spatial)

$$A = [ \begin{matrix} 17 & 24 & 1 & 8 & 15 \\ 23 & 5 & 7 & 14 & 16 \\ 4 & 6 & 13 & 20 & 22 \\ 10 & 12 & 19 & 21 & 3 \\ 11 & 18 & 25 & 2 & 9 \end{matrix} ]$$

$$H = [ \begin{matrix} 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 4 & 9 & 2 \end{matrix} ]$$

To compute the (2,4) output pixel using three steps:

## 2-D Convolution (Spatial)

Rotate the convolution kernel 180 degrees about its center element.

```
>> p = rot90(H)
```

```
H = [ 8  1  6  
      3  5  7  
      4  9  2]
```

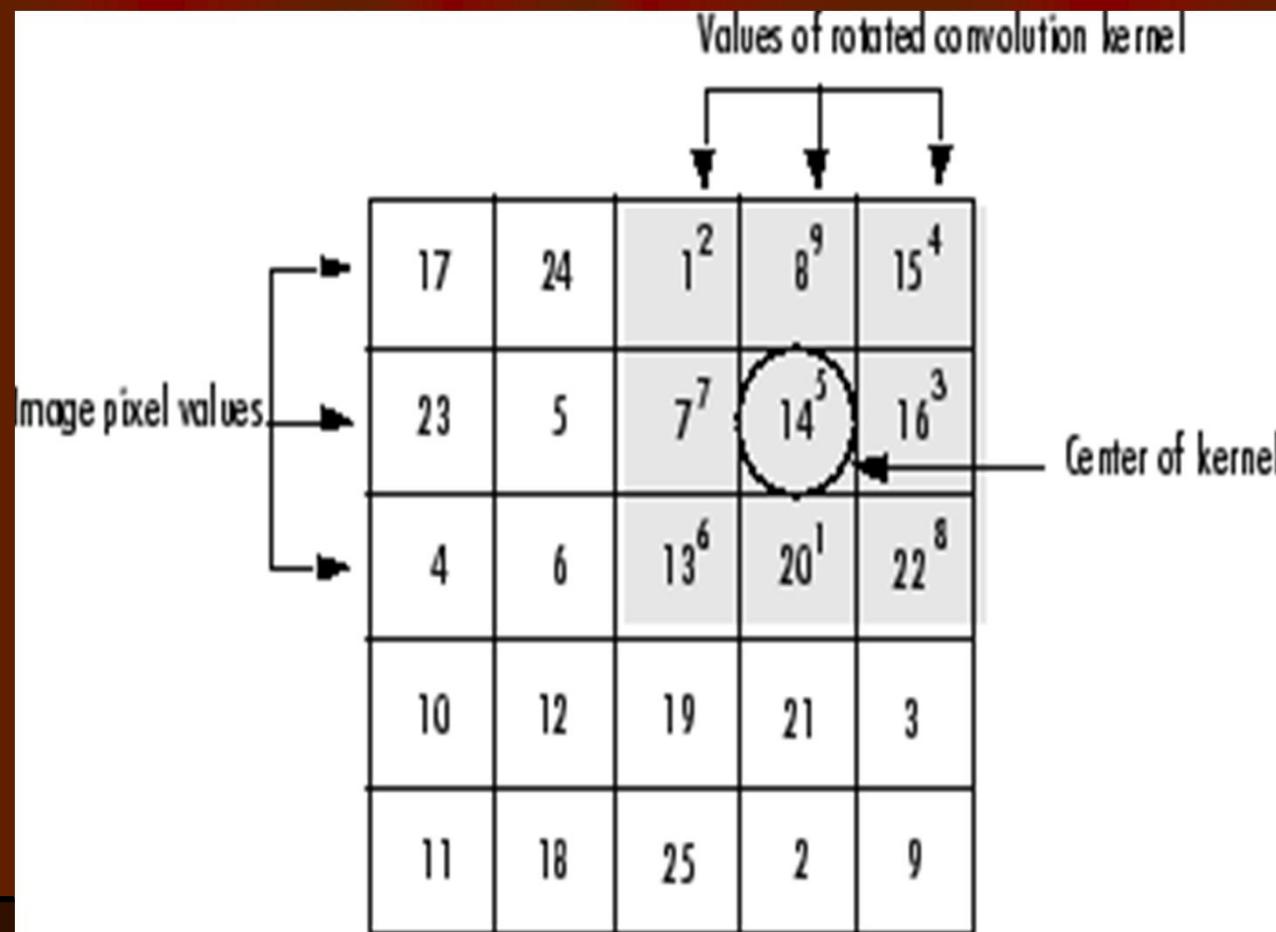
6	7	2
1	5	9
8	3	4

```
>> q = rot90(p)
```

2	9	4
7	5	3
6	1	8

## 2-D Convolution (Spatial)

Slide the center element of the convolution kernel so that it lies on top of the (2,4) element of A.



## 2-D Convolution (Spatial)

Multiply each weight in the rotated convolution kernel by the pixel of A underneath.

Sum the individual products from step 3.

$$1 \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 9 + 15 \cdot 4 + 7 \cdot 7 + 14 \cdot 5 + 16 \cdot 3 + 13 \cdot 6 + 20 \cdot 1 + 22 \cdot 8 = 575$$

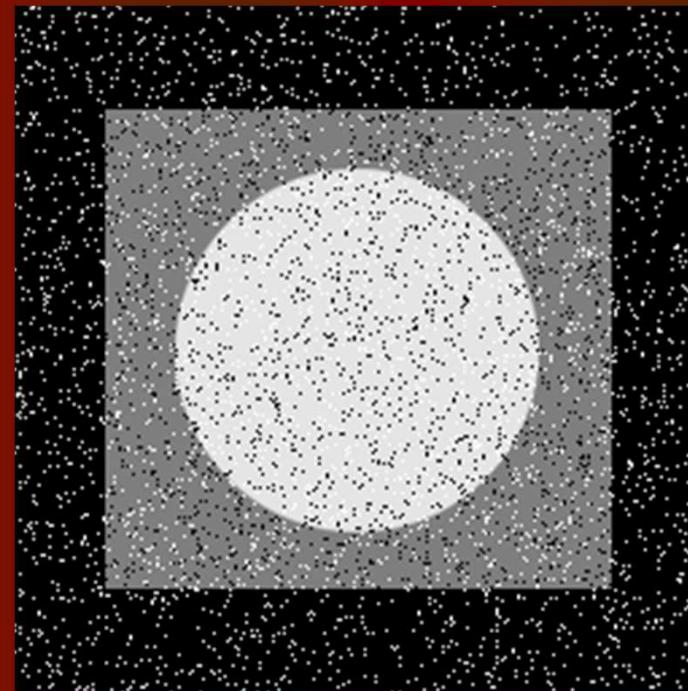
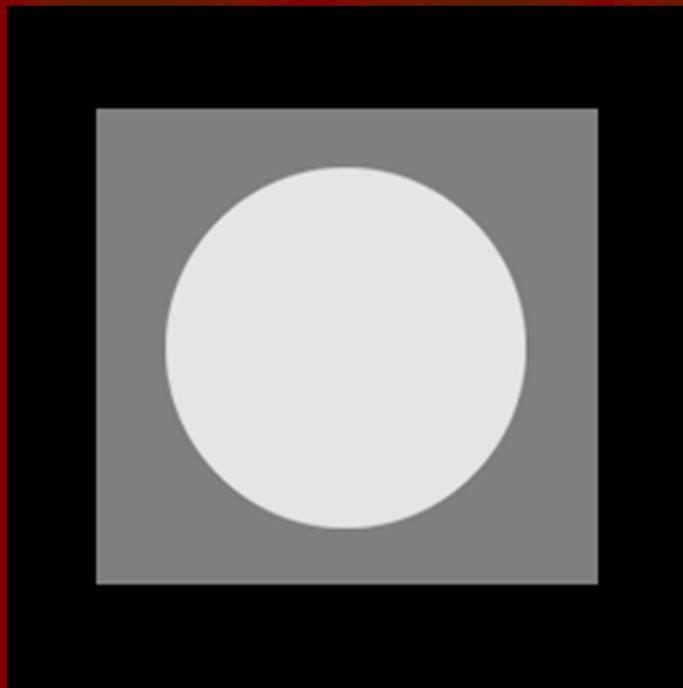
# Noise Sources

- The principal sources of noise in digital images arise during **image acquisition and/or transmission**
- Image acquisition
  - e.g., light levels, sensor temperature, etc.
- Transmission
  - e.g., lightning or other atmospheric disturbance in wireless network

# Noise probability density functions

- Noises are taken as random variables
- Random variables
  - Probability density function (PDF)

# Salt & Pepper Noise



# Noise Probability Distribution (Salt & Pepper Noise)

The PDF of (bipolar) impulse noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} P_a & \text{for } z = a \\ P_b & \text{for } z = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

if  $b > a$ , gray-level  $b$  will appear as a light dot,  
while level  $a$  will appear like a dark dot.

If either  $P_a$  or  $P_b$  is zero, the impulse noise is called  
*unipolar*

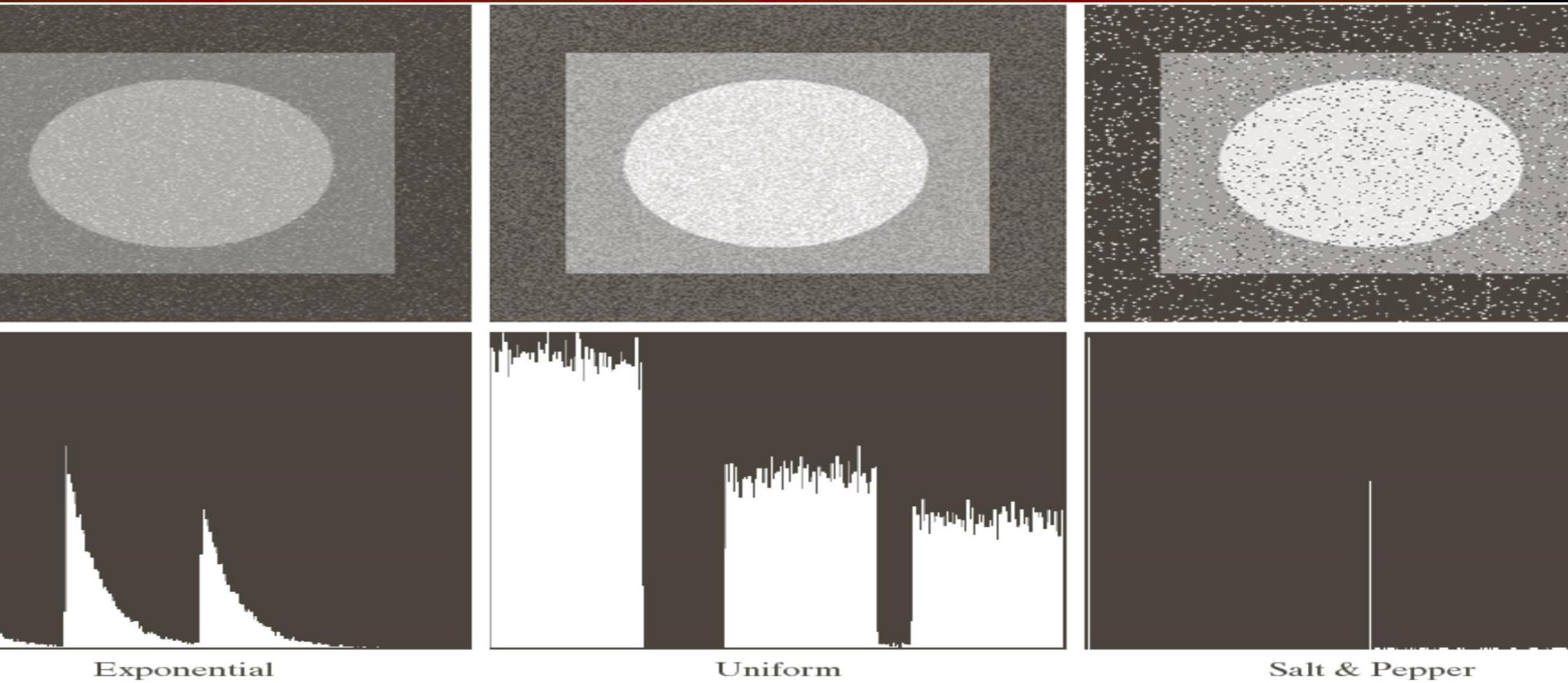
# Salt & Pepper Noise

```
➤ a = imread('C:\lake2.bmp');  
➤ a = double(a);  
➤ a = mat2gray(a);  
➤ imhist(a);  
➤ b = imnoise(a,'Salt & Pepper');  
➤ figure,imshow (b);  
➤ figure, imhist(b)
```

# Implementation: Salt & Pepper

```
function i= saltpepper(img1,a,b)
[m,n]=size(img1);
img1=mat2gray(double(img1));
r= rand(m,n);
x=find(r <=a);
img1(x)=0;
x=find(r >a & r <=(a+b));
img1(x)=255;
figure,imhist(img1);
figure,imshow(img1);
imwrite(img1,'C:\board_salt.tif');
return i;
```

# Noise Patterns



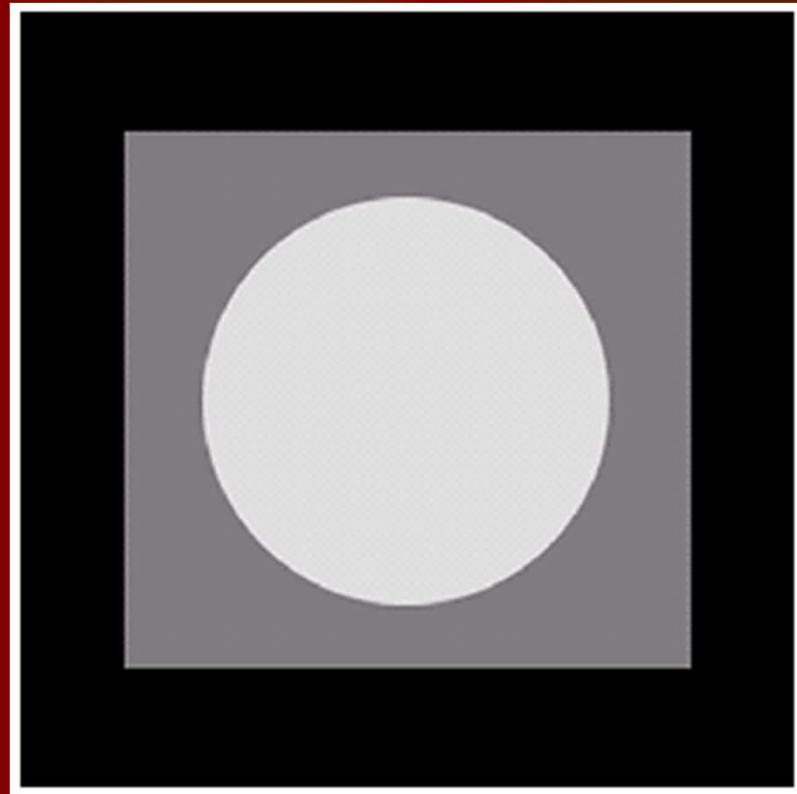
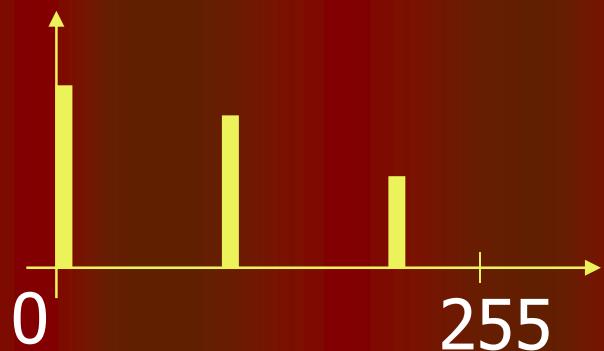
E 5.4 (Continued) Images and histograms resulting from adding exponential, uniform, and salt-and-pepper noise to the image in Fig. 5.3.

# Test for noise behavior

- Uniform noise

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq z \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Its histogram:



# Test for noise behavior

```
a1=(imread('Fig0503 (original_pattern).tif'));
[m,n]=size(a1);
z=uint8(randi([10,40],m,n));

noisy_a=double(a1)+ double(z) ;
noisy=imhist(mat2gray(noisy_a));
original=imhist((a1));
```

# Test for noise behavior

```
figure(1), bar(0:255,noisy)
```

```
figure(2) , bar(0:255,original)
```

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figure (3)
```

```
subplot(211)
```

```
imshow(a1)
```

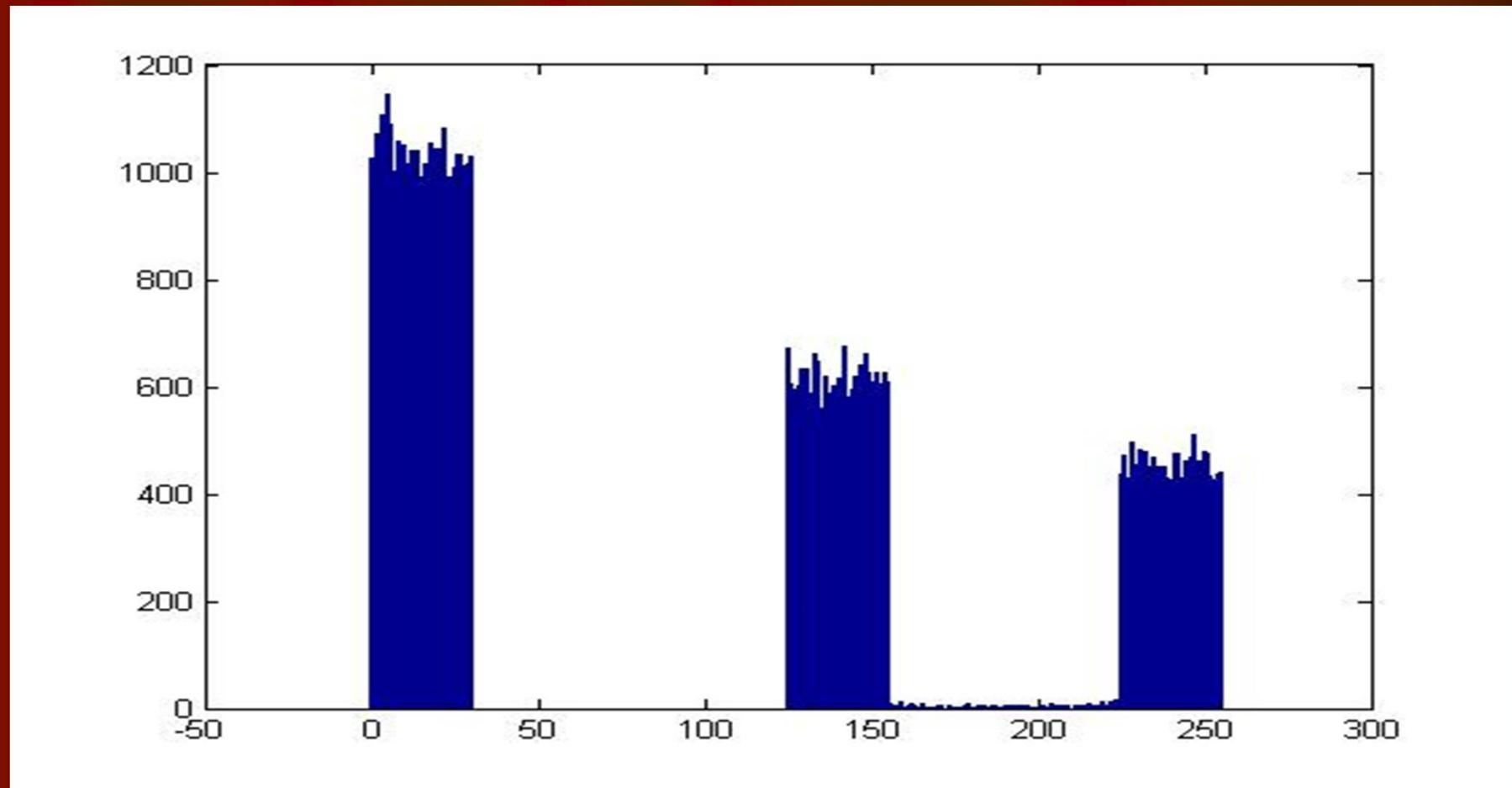
```
title('original image')
```

```
subplot(212)
```

```
imshow(mat2gray(noisy_a))
```

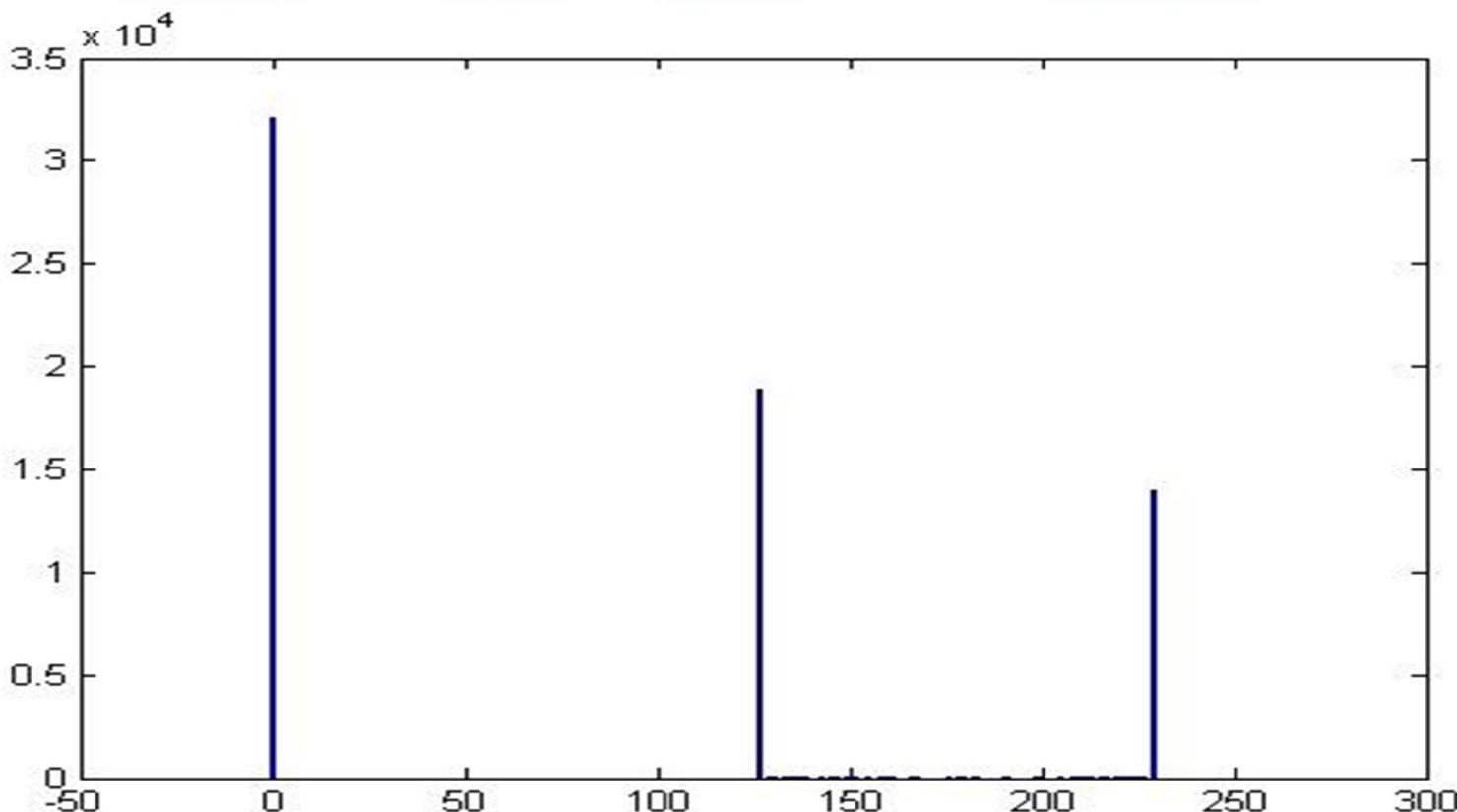
```
title('noisy image-uniform noise')
```

# Test for noise behavior



Noisy Image

# Test for noise behavior



Original Image

# Noise Probability Distribution (Uniform Noise)

The PDF of uniform noise is given by

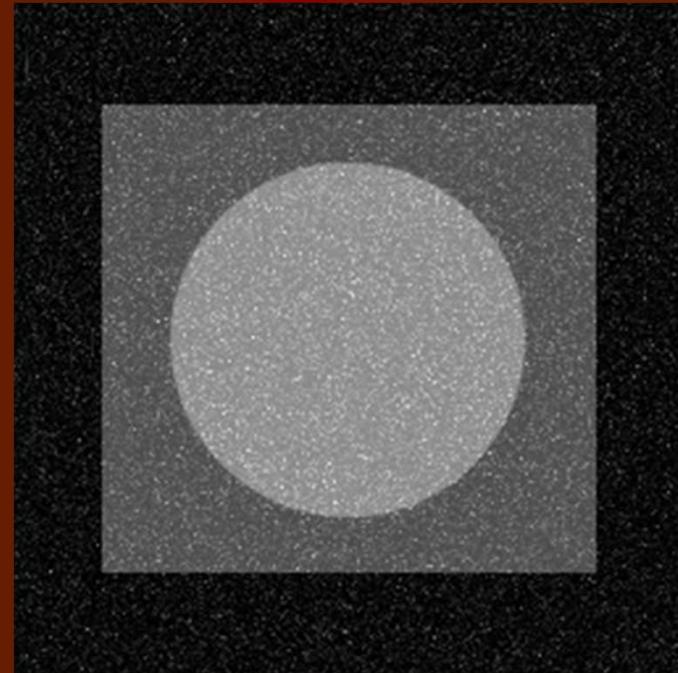
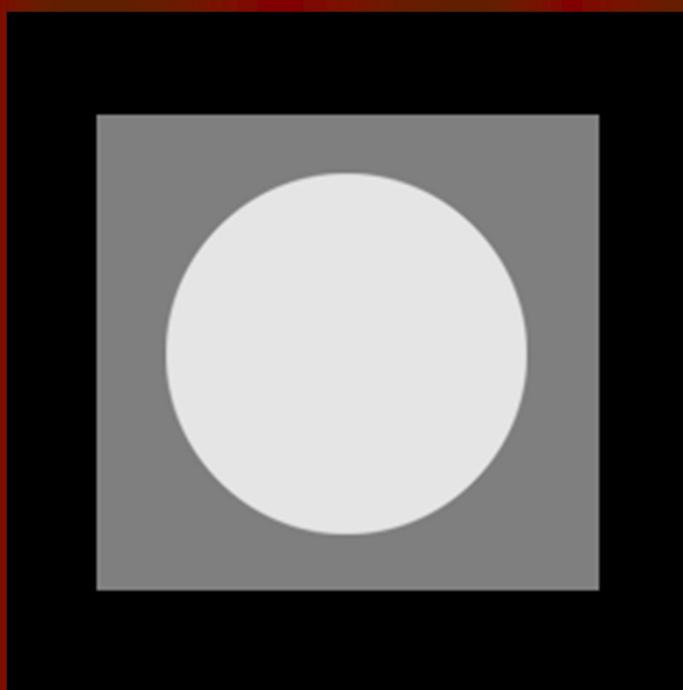
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{for } a \leq z \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The mean and variance of this density are given by

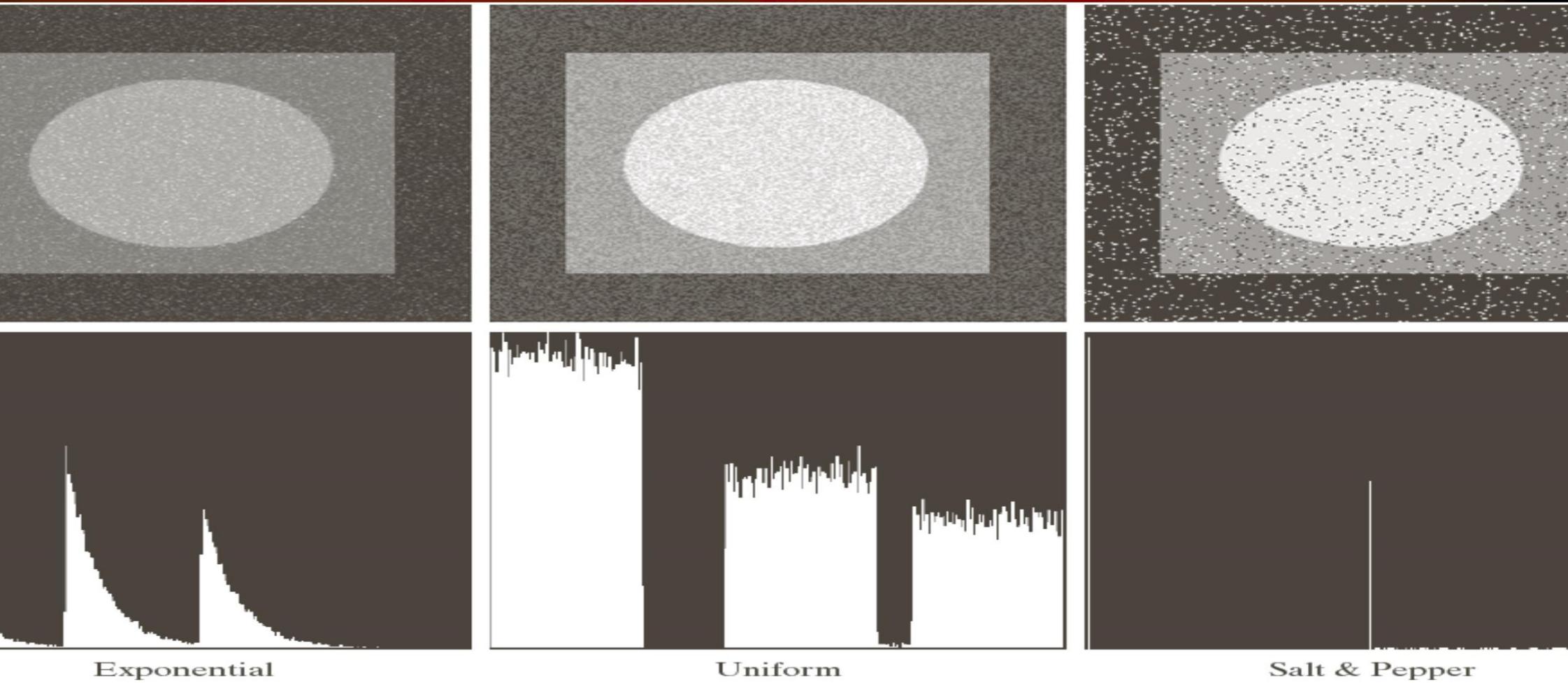
$$\bar{z} = (a + b) / 2$$

$$\sigma^2 = (b - a)^2 / 12$$

# Exponential Noise



# Noise Patterns



E 5.4 (Continued) Images and histograms resulting from adding exponential, uniform, and salt-and-pepper noise to the image in Fig. 5.3.

# Noise Probability Distribution (Exponential Noise)

The PDF of exponential noise is given by

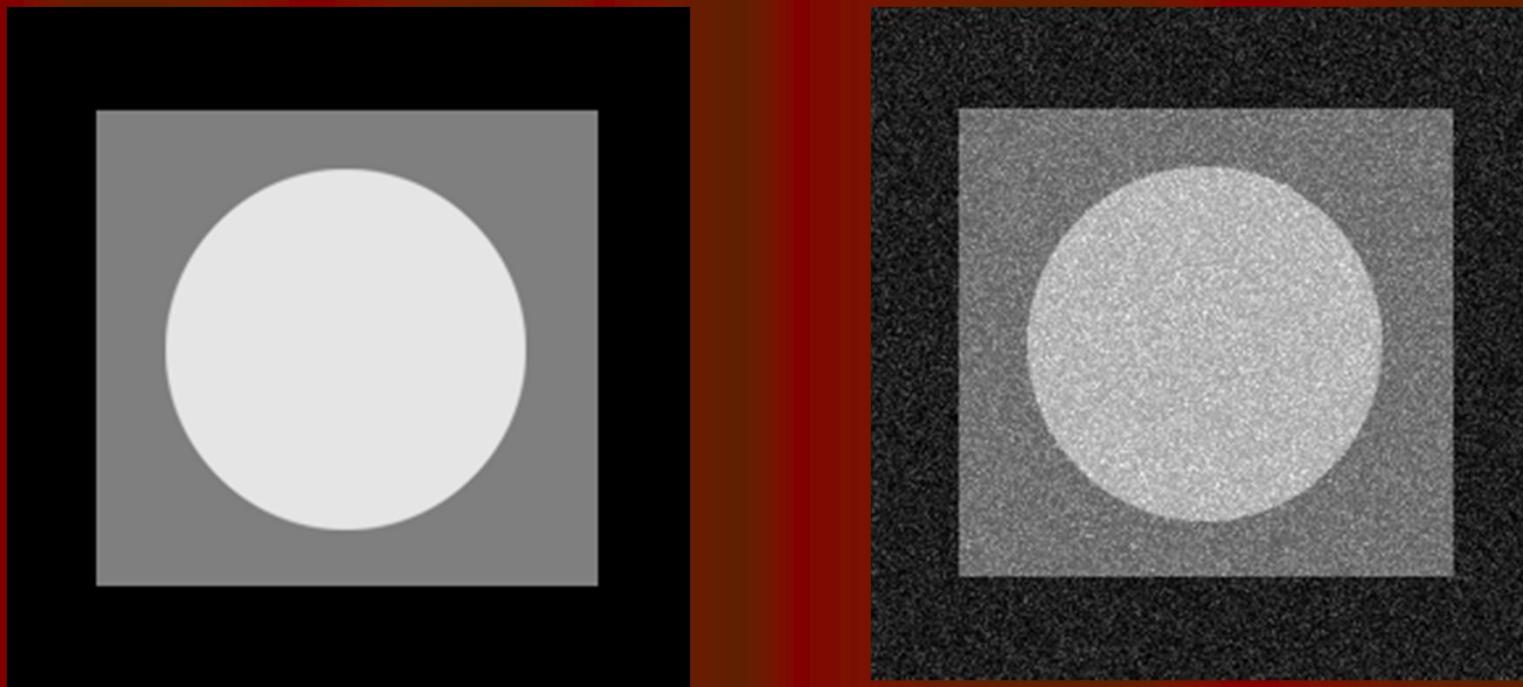
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} ae^{-az} & \text{for } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } z < a \end{cases}$$

The mean and variance of this density are given by

$$\bar{z} = 1/a$$

$$\sigma^2 = 1/a^2$$

# Rayleigh Noise



## Noise Probability Distribution (Rayleigh Noise)

The PDF of Rayleigh noise is given by

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{b}(z-a)e^{-(z-a)^2/b} & \text{for } z \geq a \\ 0 & \text{for } z < a \end{cases}$$

The mean and variance of this density are given by

$$\bar{z} = a + \sqrt{\pi b / 4}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{b(4 - \pi)}{4}$$

# Gaussian Noise (Normal Noise)

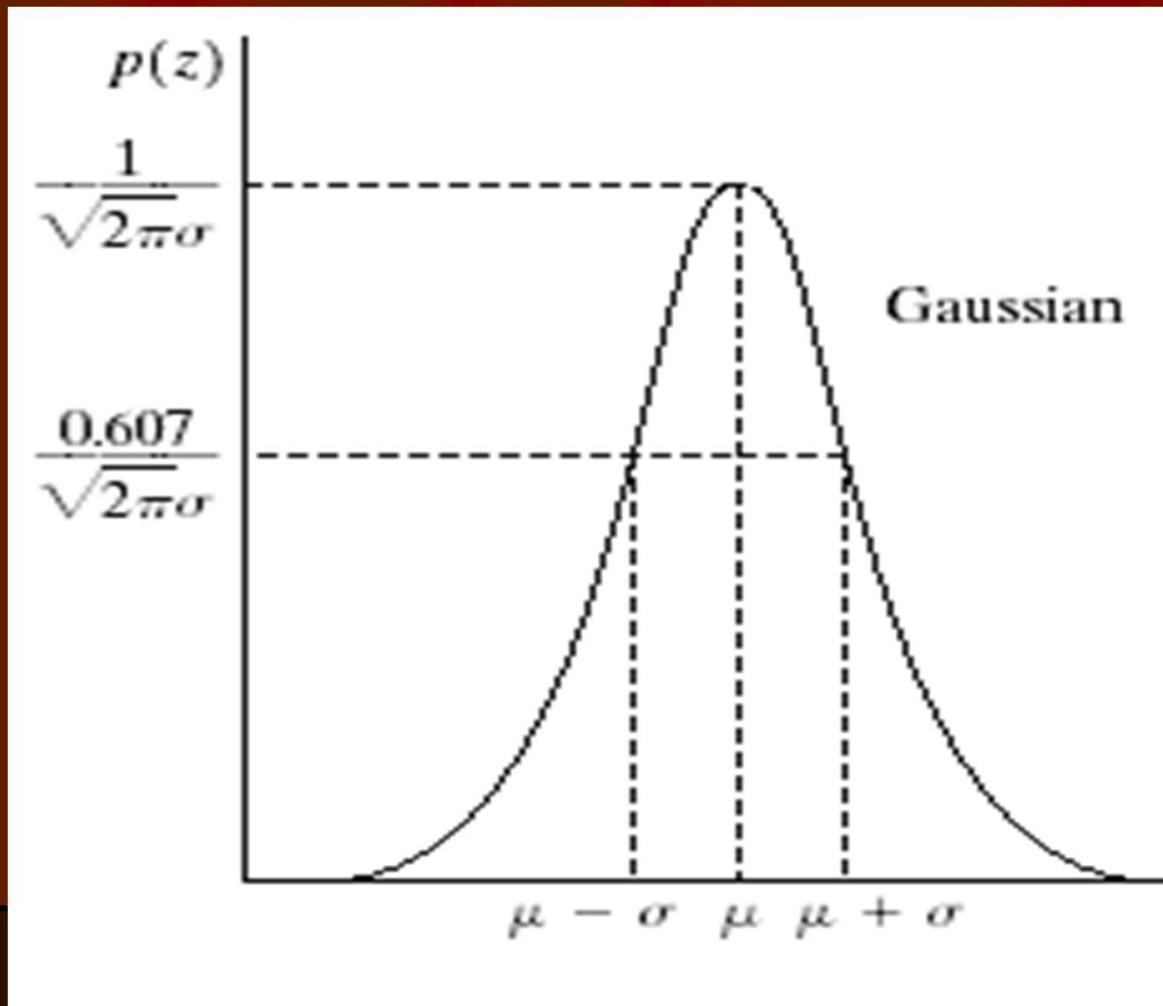
- The pdf of a Gaussian random variable  $z$  is given by:

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(z-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

where  $z$  represents (noise) gray value,  $\mu$  is the mean, and  $\sigma$  is its standard deviation. The squared standard deviation  $\sigma^2$  is usually referred to as variance.

# Gaussian Noise

- For a Gaussian pdf, approximately 70% of its values will be in the range  $[(\mu - \sigma), (\mu + \sigma)]$ , and 95% of its values will be in the range  $[(\mu - 2\sigma), (\mu + 2\sigma)]$



# Gaussian Noise

```
clc;
clear;
img2=imread('D:\Image Processing\IP_sttp\lena_gray_256.tif');
imshow(img2);
img2=double(img2);
img2 = mat2gray(img2);
r = imnoise(img2, 'Gaussian', 20/256, 0.0001);
imshow(r);
imhist(r);
```

# Gamma Noise

- The pdf of Erlang noise is given by:

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{a^b z^{b-1}}{(b-1)!} e^{-az} & \text{for } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

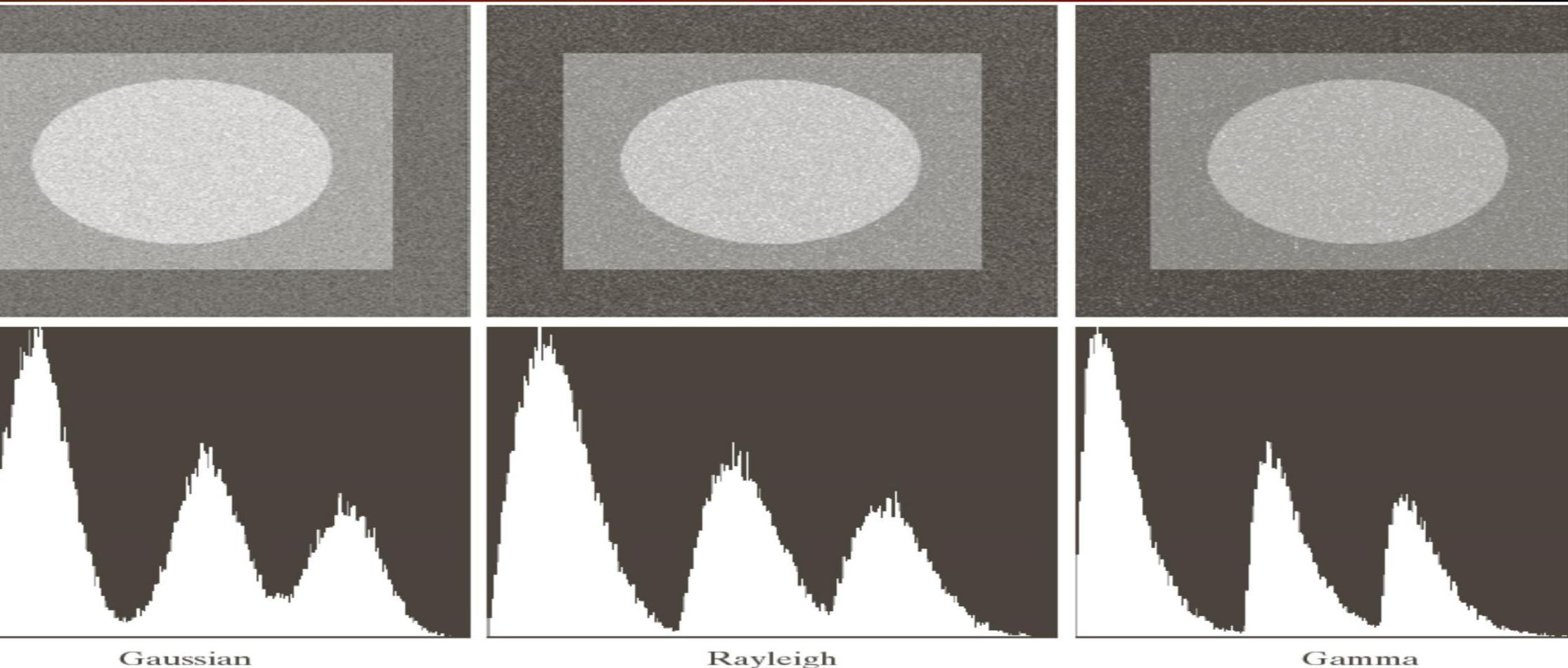
where,  $a > 0$ ,  $b$  is an integer and “!” represents factorial.

- The mean and variance are given by:

$$\mu = b/a$$

$$\sigma^2 = b/a^2$$

# Noise Patterns

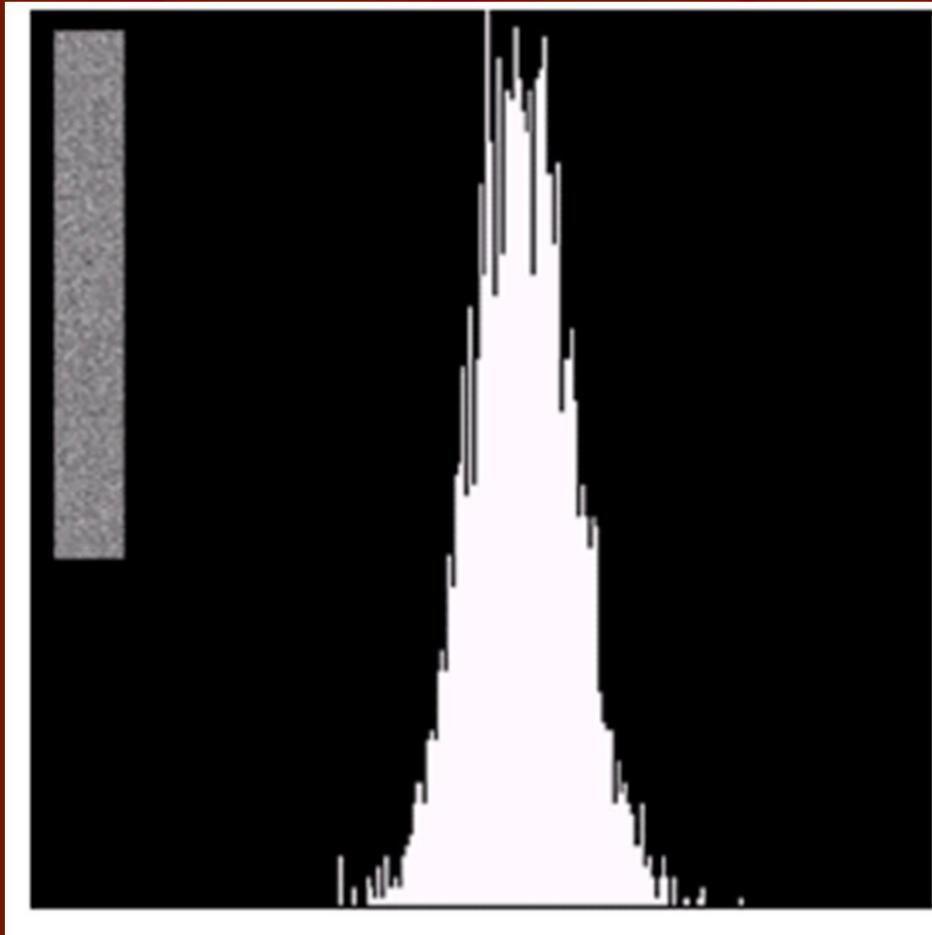


**E 5.4** Images and histograms resulting from adding Gaussian, Rayleigh, and gamma noise to the image in Figure 5.3.

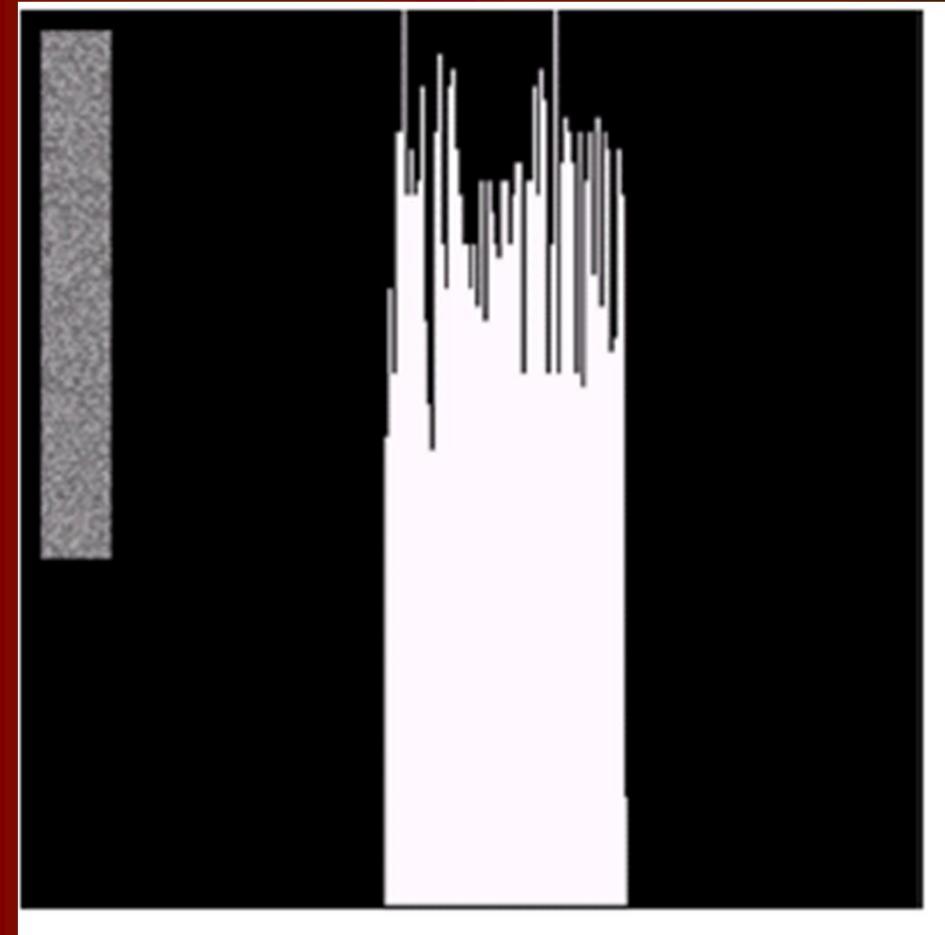
# Estimation of noise parameters

- Random noise with unknown PDFs
  - Case 1: imaging system is available
    - Capture images of “flat” environment
  - Case 2: noisy images available
    - Take a strip from constant area
    - Draw the histogram and observe it
    - Measure the mean and variance

# Observe the histogram



Gaussian



uniform

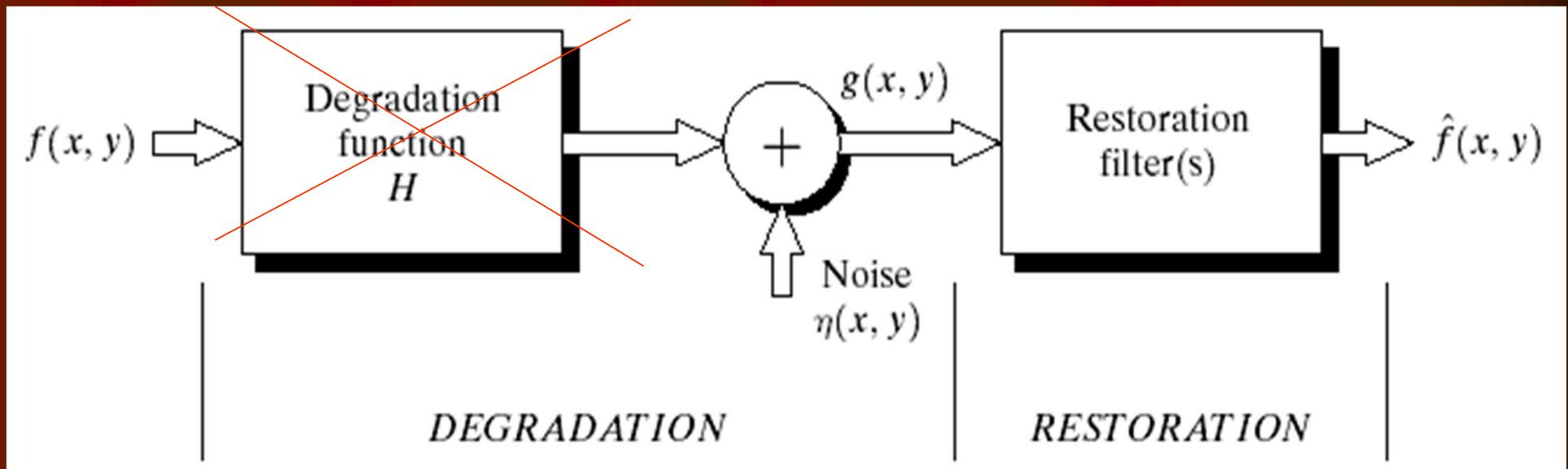
# Estimation of Noise Parameters

Consider a subimage denoted by  $S$ , and let  $p_s(z_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$  denote the probability estimates of the intensities of the pixels in  $S$ . The mean and variance of the pixels in  $S$ :

$$\bar{z} = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} z_i p_s(z_i)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (z_i - \bar{z})^2 p_s(z_i)$$

# Additive noise only



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g(x,y) = f(x,y) + \eta(x,y) \\ G(u,v) = F(u,v) + N(u,v) \end{array} \right\}$$

# Spatial filters for de-noising additive noise

- Skills similar to image enhancement
- Mean filters
- Order-statistics filters
- Adaptive filters

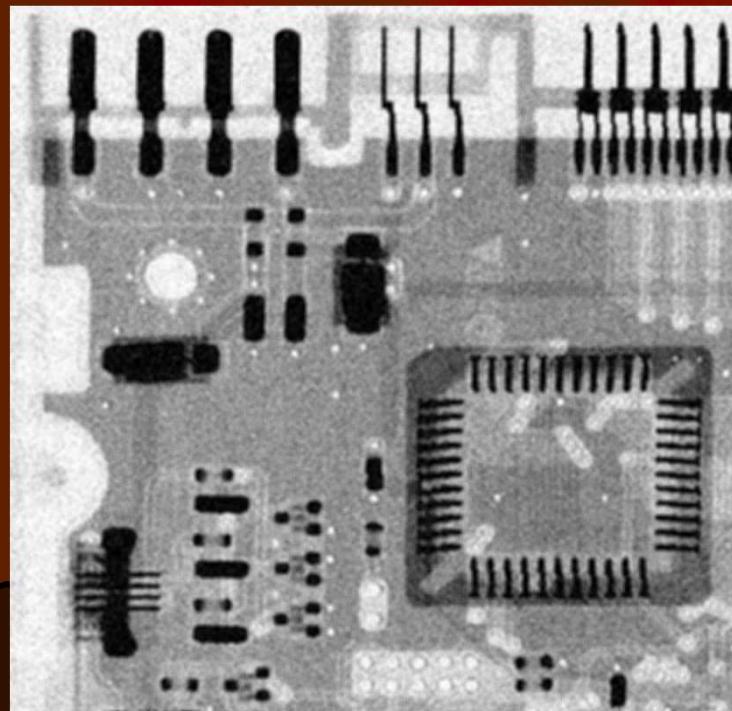
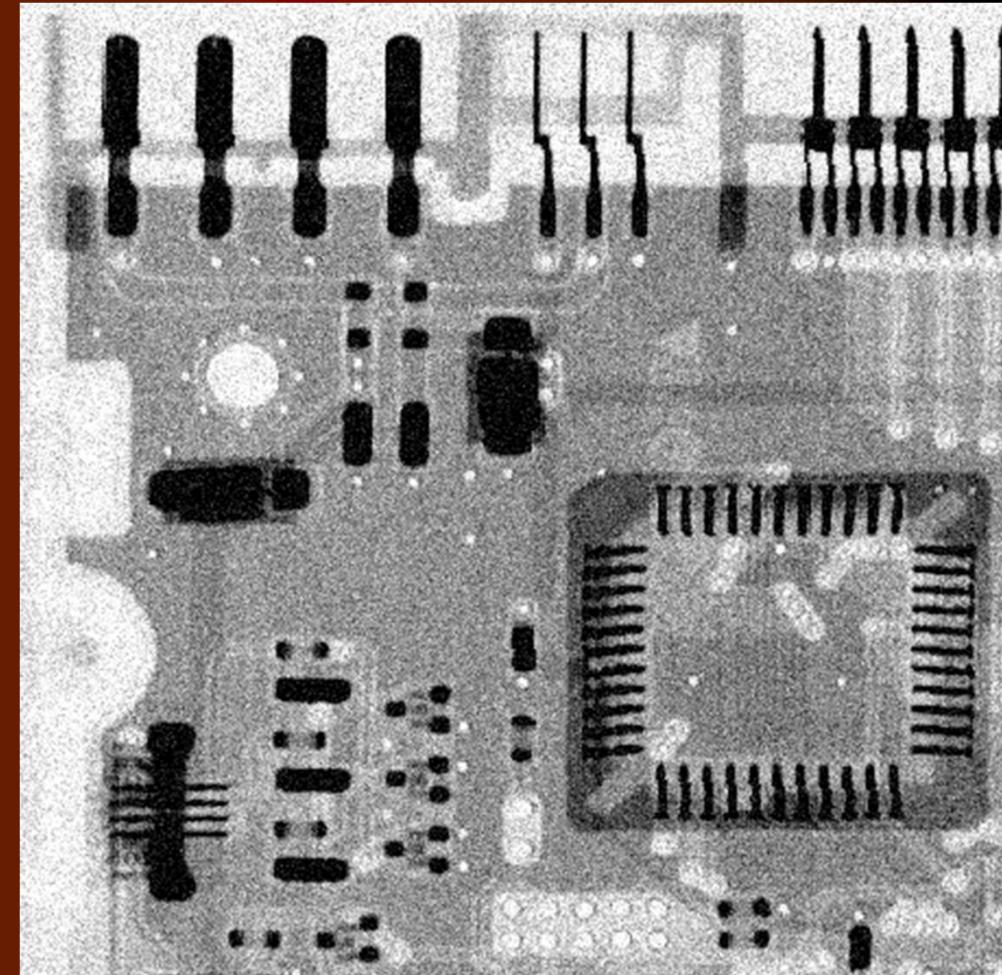
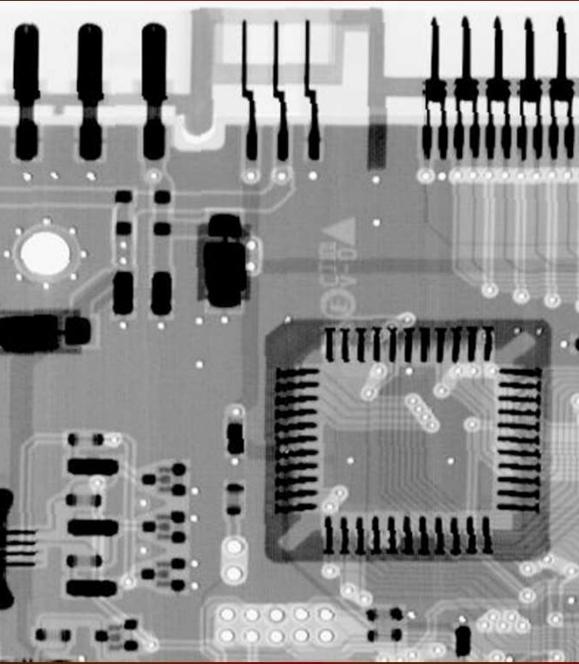
# Spatial Filtering: Mean Filter

Let  $S_{xy}$  represent the set of coordinates in a rectangle subimage window of size  $m \times n$ , centered at  $(x, y)$ .

Arithmetic mean filter

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{(s, t) \in S_{xy}} g(s, t)$$

# Spatial Filtering: Mean Filter



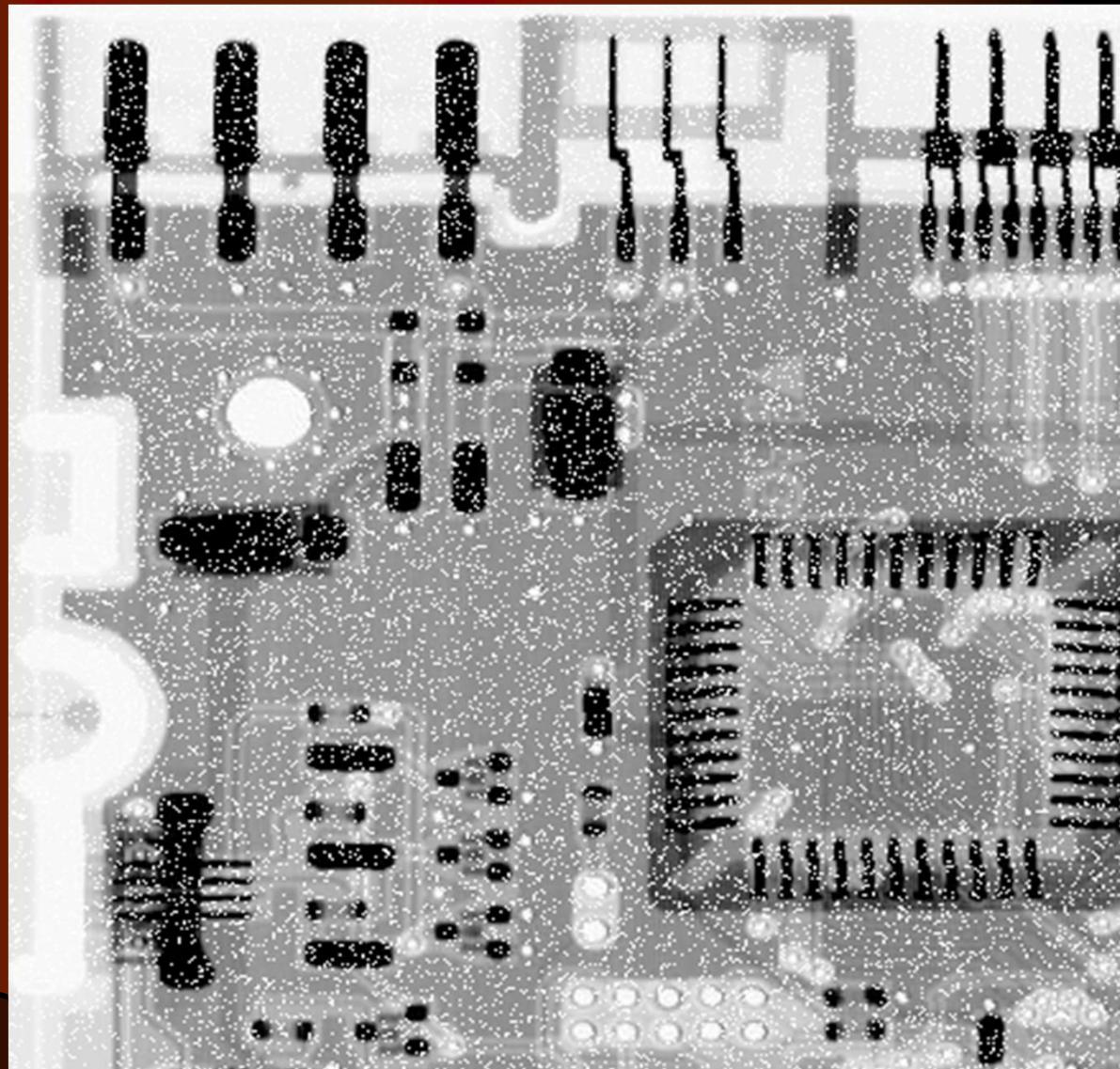
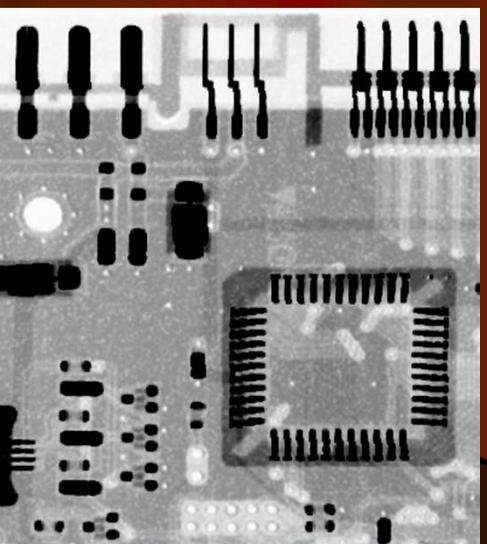
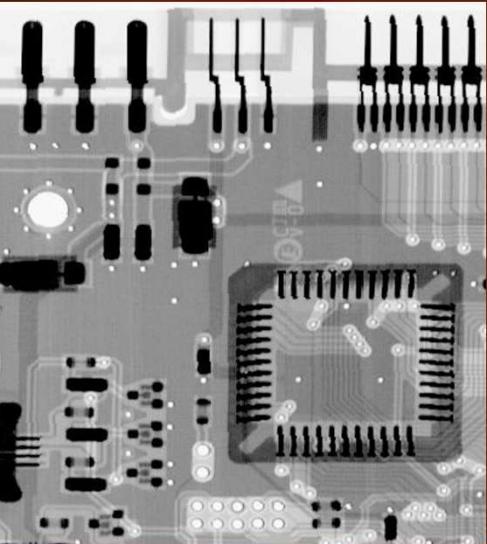
# Spatial Filtering: Harmonic Mean Filter

Harmonic mean filter

$$f(x, y) = \frac{mn}{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \frac{1}{g(s, t)}}$$

It works well for salt noise, but fails for pepper noise.  
It does well also with other types of noise like Gaussian noise.

# Spatial Filtering: Harmonic Mean Filter



# Spatial Filtering: Contra Harmonic Mean Filter

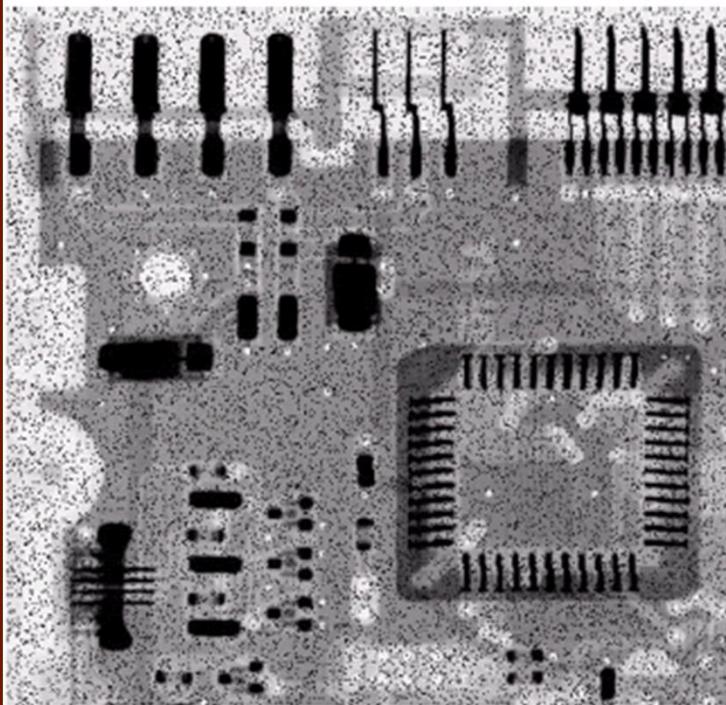
Contraharmonic mean filter

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s, t)^{Q+1}}{\sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s, t)^Q}$$

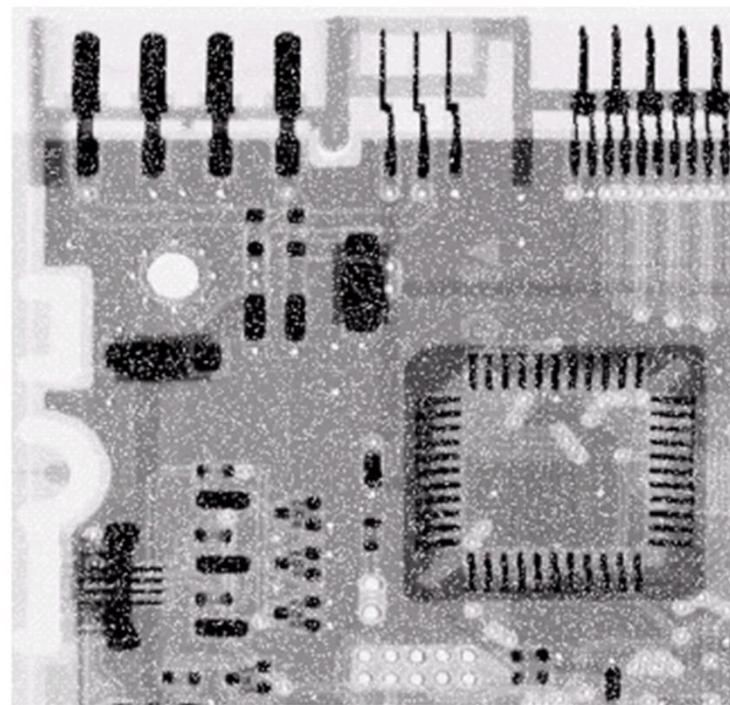
Q is the order of the filter.

It is well suited for reducing the effects of salt-and-pepper noise. Q>0 for pepper noise and Q<0 for salt noise.

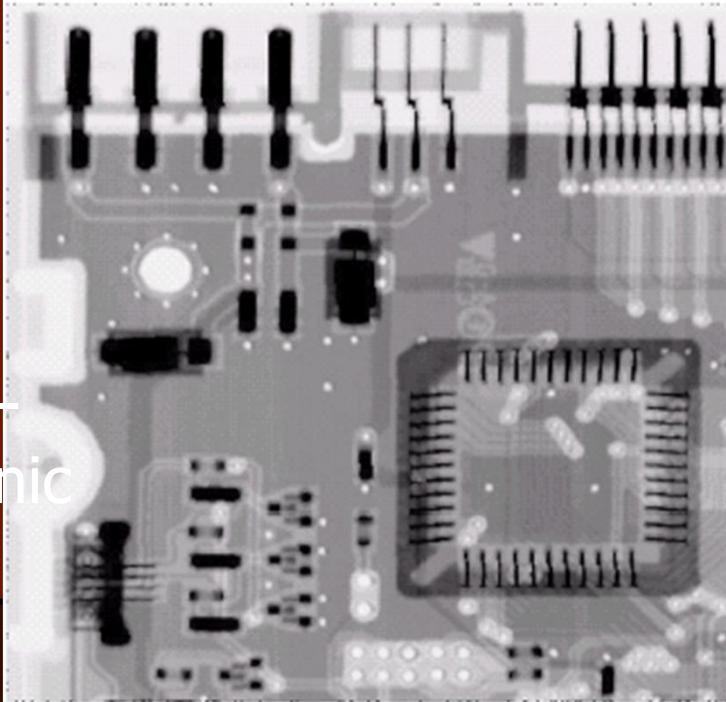
Pepper  
Noise



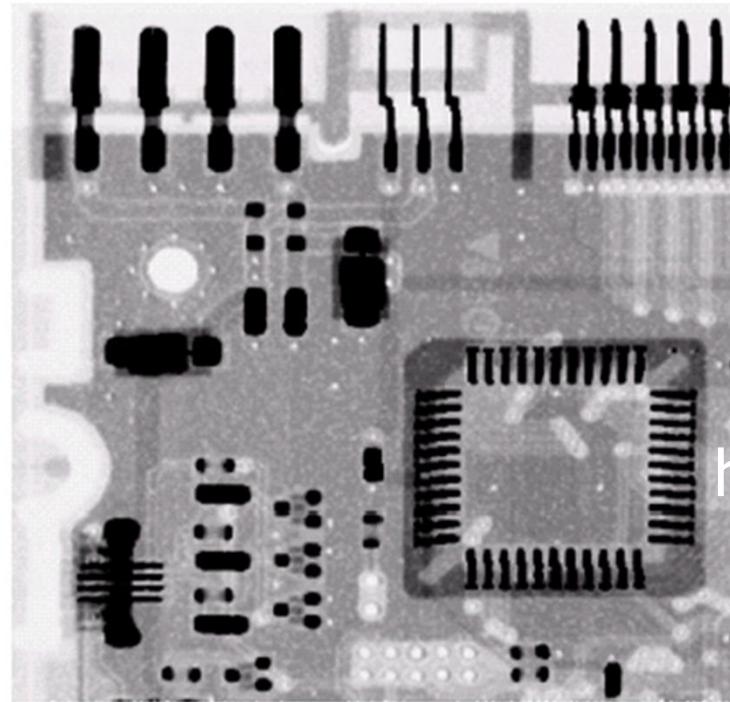
Salt  
Noise



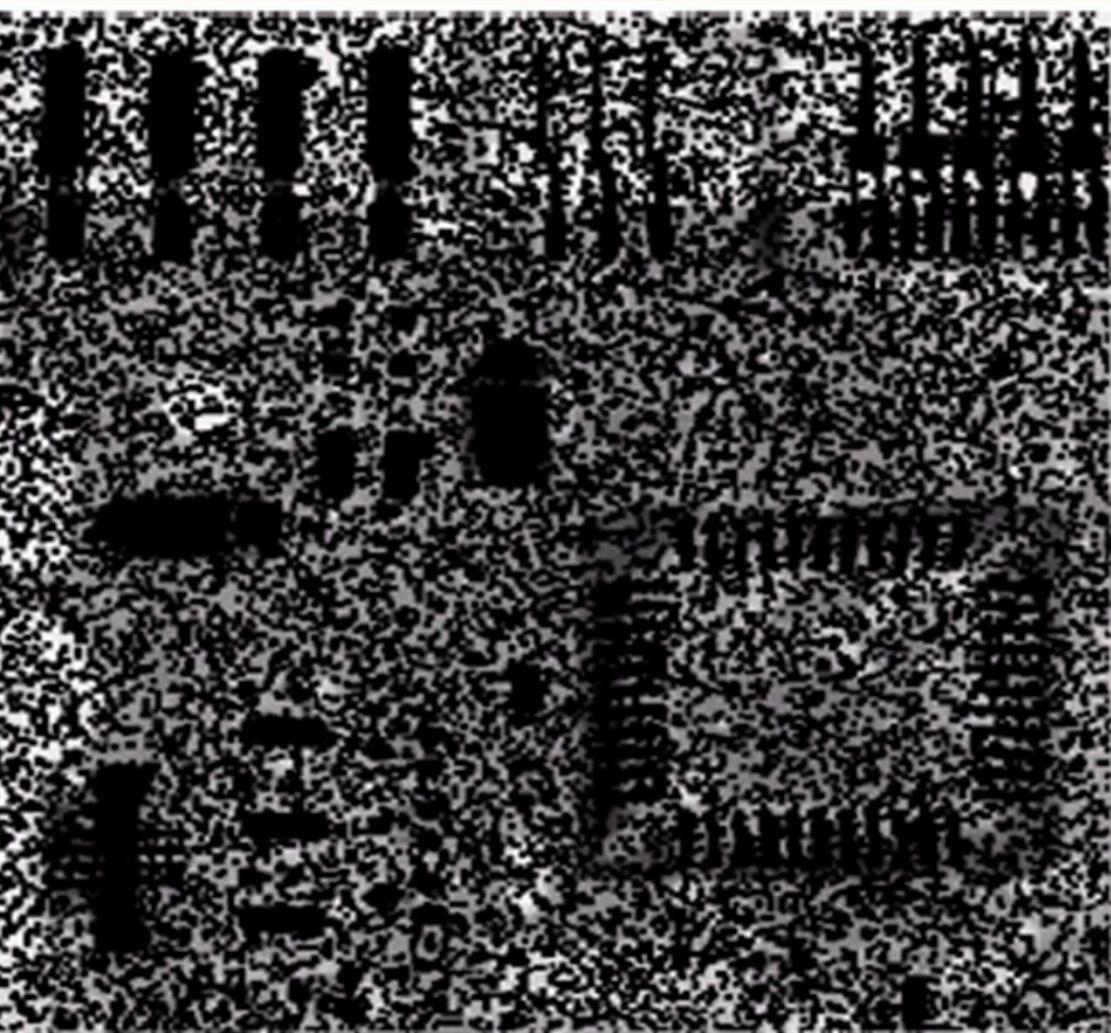
Contra-  
harmonic  
 $Q=1.5$



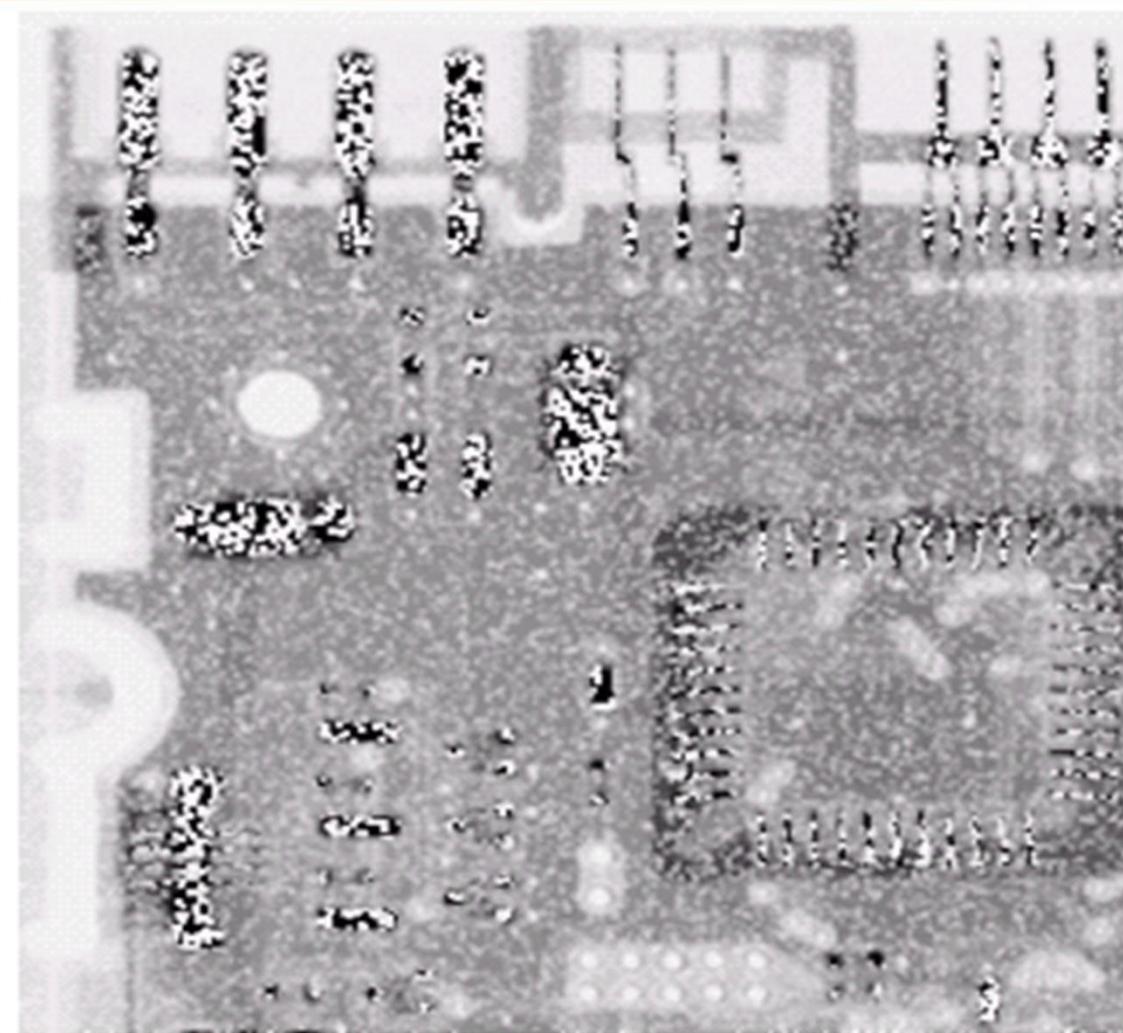
Contra-  
harmonic  
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# Wrong sign in contra-harmonic filtering



$Q=-1.5$



$Q=1.5$

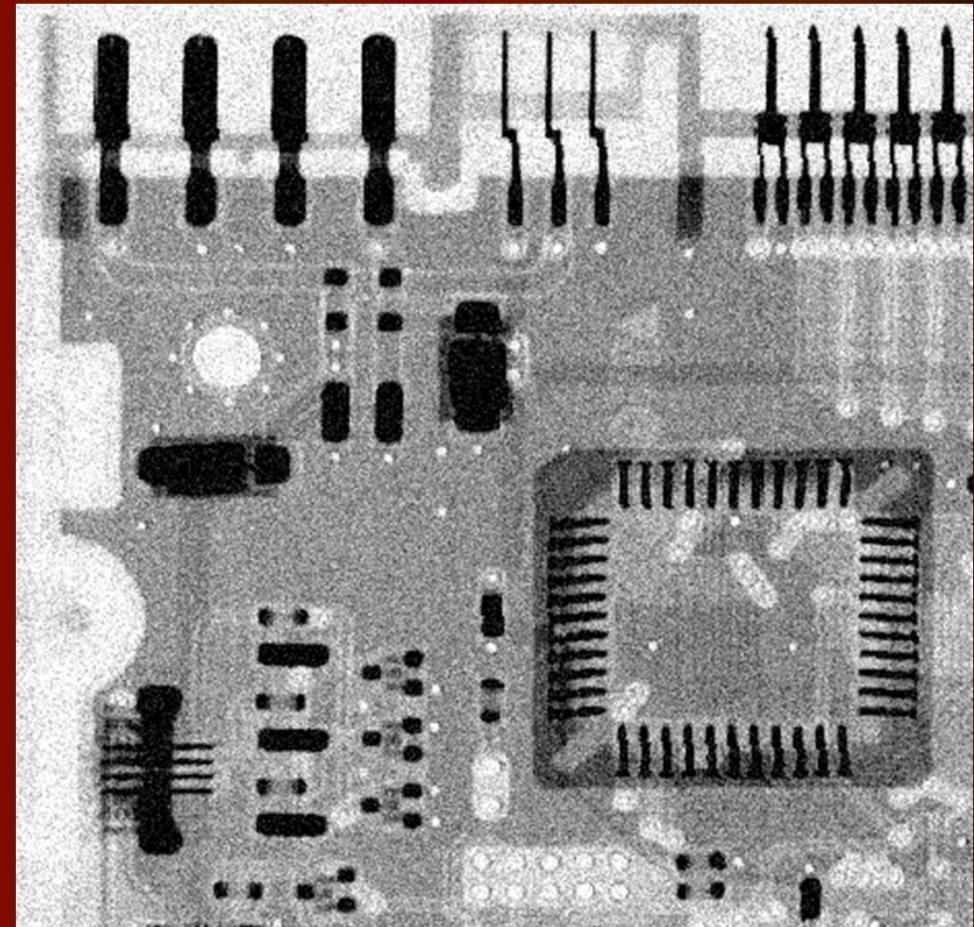
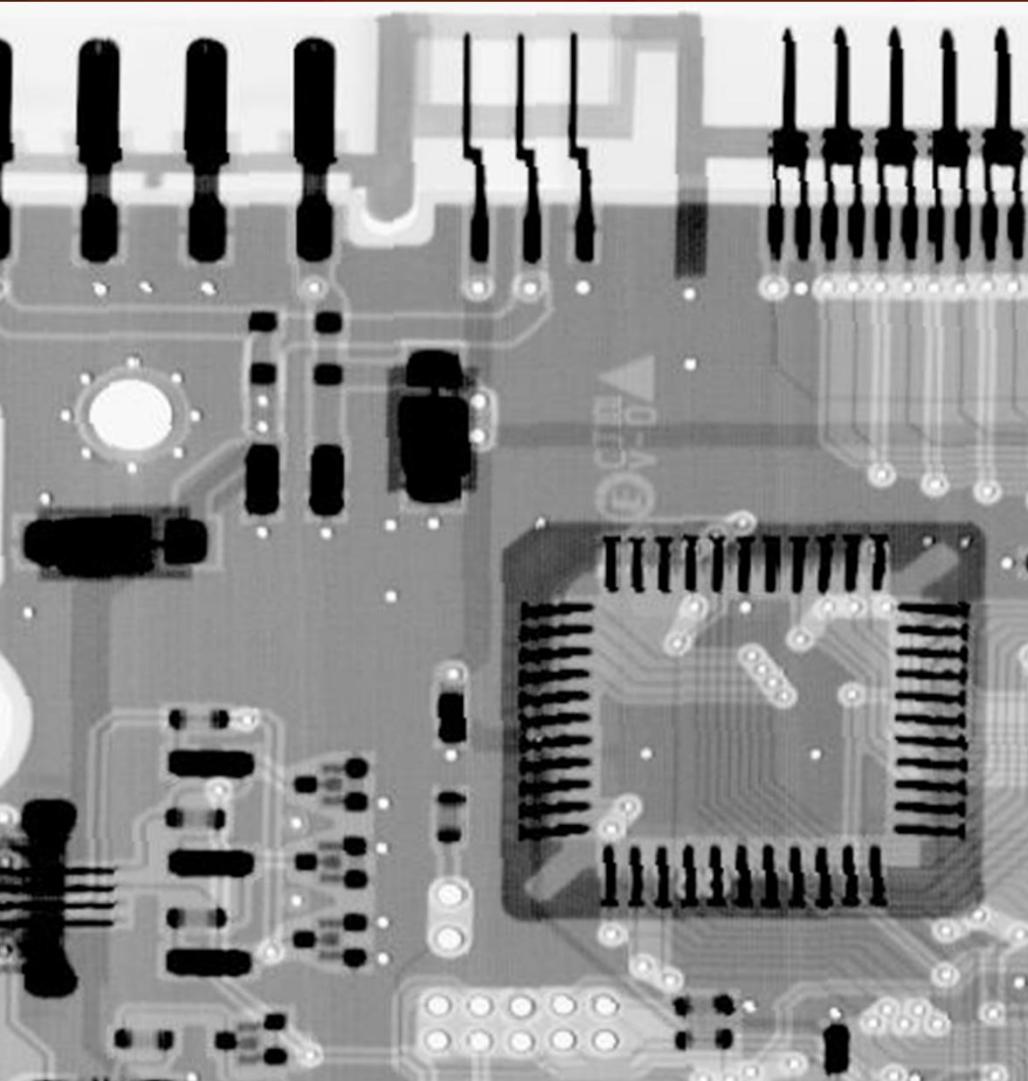
# Spatial Filtering: Geometric Mean Filter

Geometric mean filter

$$f(x, y) = \left[ \prod_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s, t) \right]^{\frac{1}{mn}}$$

Generally, a geometric mean filter achieves smoothing comparable to the arithmetic mean filter, but it tends to lose less image detail in the process

# Spatial Filtering: Geometric Mean Filter



# Order Statistics Filter

- Order statistics filter are spatial filters
- Response of filter is based on the ordering the values of the pixels contained in the image area encompassed by filter.
- Order- Statistics filter are:

Median Filter

Max Filter

Min Filter

Mid-Point Filter

Alpha-Trimmed Mean Filter

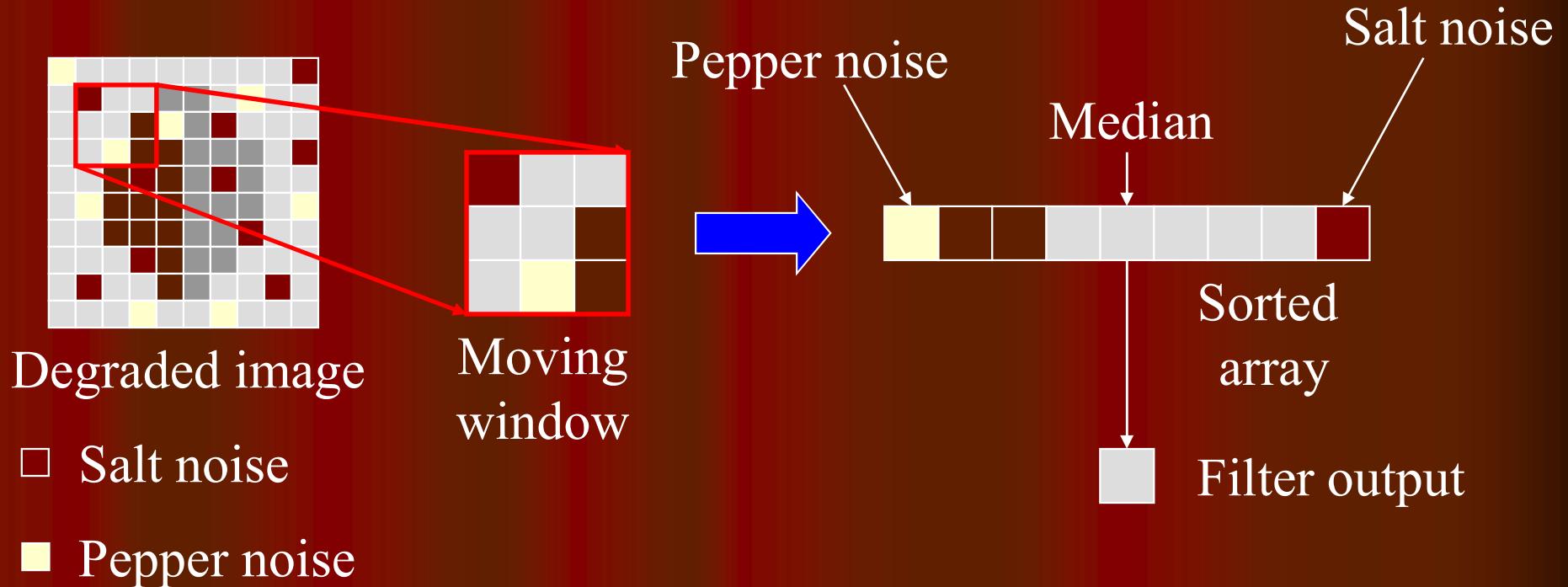
# Order Statistics Filter Median Filter

## Median filter

$$f(x, y) = \underset{(s, t) \in S_{xy}}{\text{median}} \{g(s, t)\}$$

# Order Statistics Filter Median Filter

A median filter is good for removing impulse, isolated noise

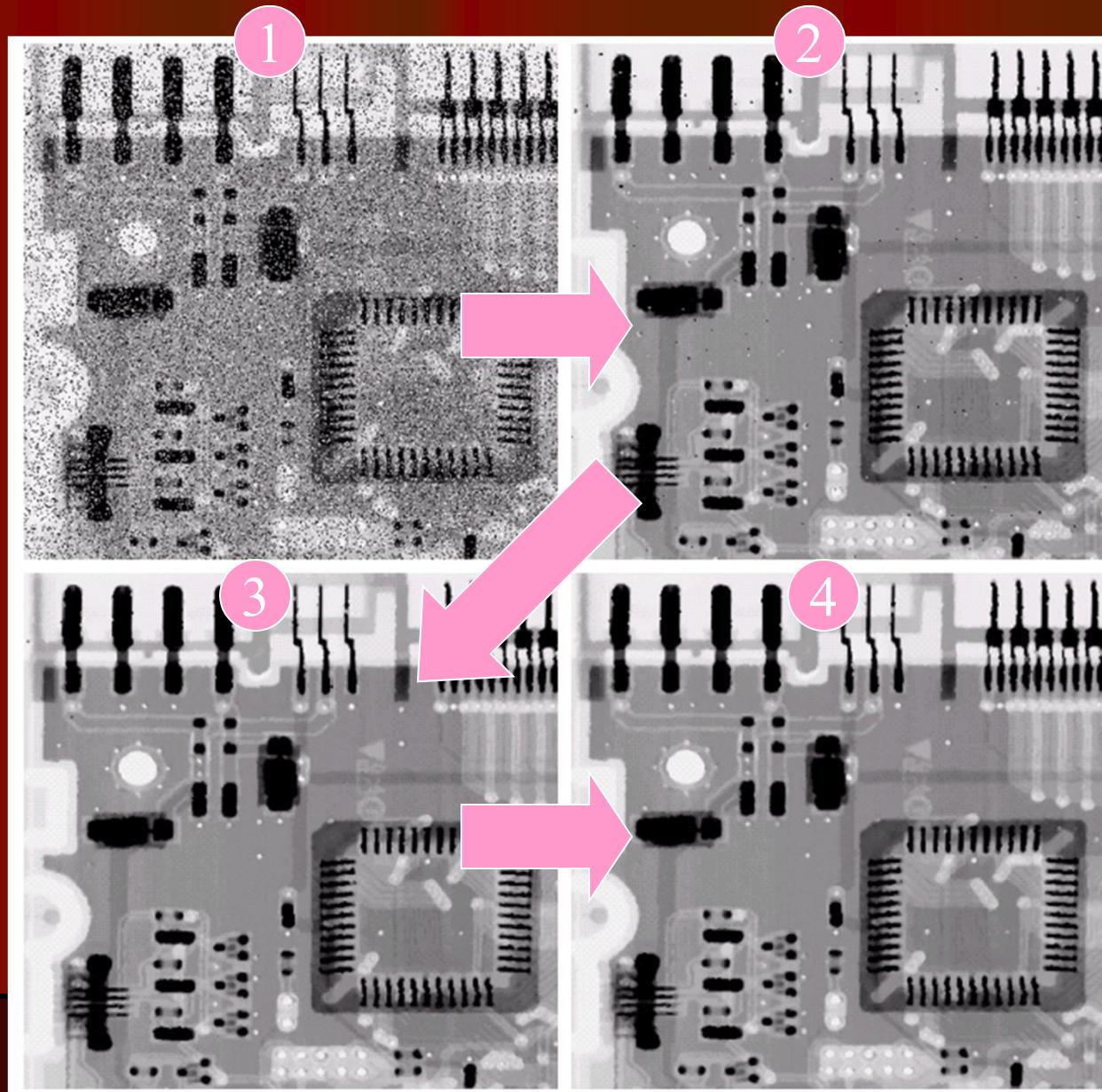


Normally, impulse noise has high magnitude and is isolated. When we sort pixels in the moving window, noise pixels are usually at the ends of the array.

Therefore, it's rare that the noise pixel will be a median value.

# Order Statistics Filter Median Filter

Image corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise with  $p_a=p_b=0.1$



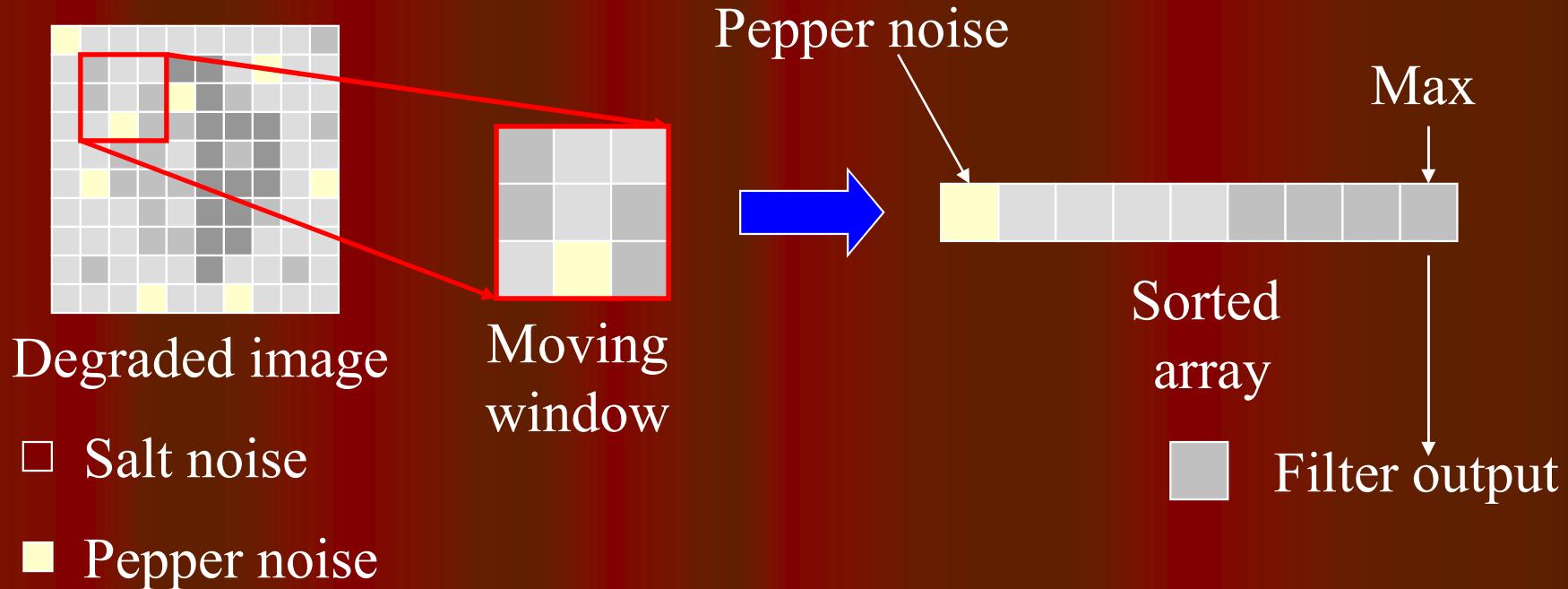
## Order Statistics Filter Max Filter

Max filter

$$f(x, y) = \max_{(s, t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s, t)\}$$

# Order Statistics Filter Max Filter

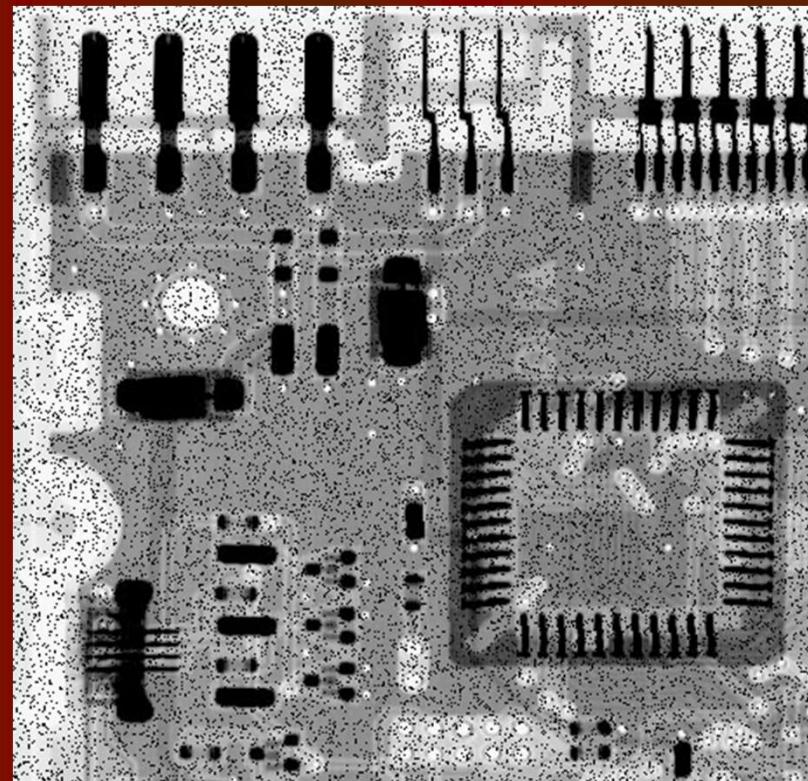
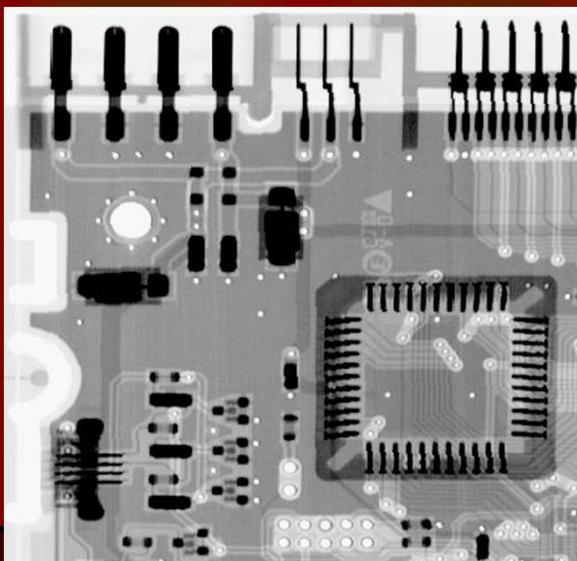
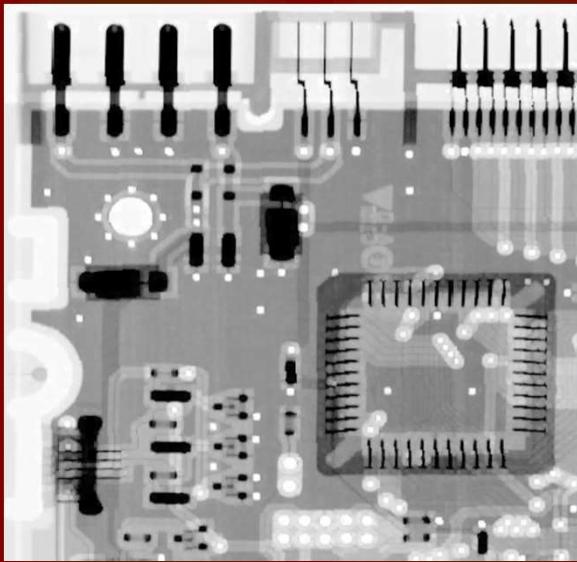
A max filter is good for removing impulse, isolated noise



Normally, impulse noise has high magnitude and is isolated. When we sort pixels in the moving window, noise pixels are usually at the Left end of the array.

Therefore, it's rare that the noise pixel will be a median value.

# Spatial Filtering: Max Filter



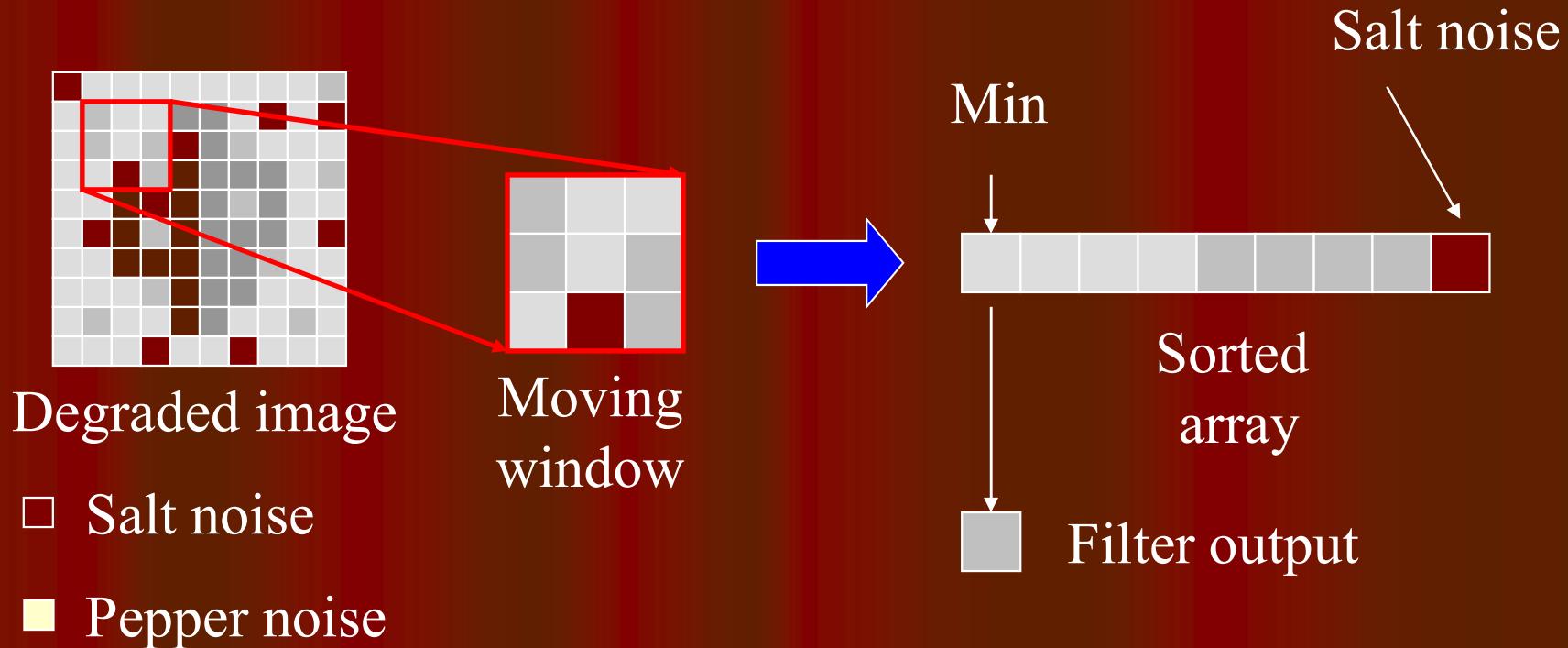
## Order Statistics Filter Min Filter

### Min filter

$$\boxed{f(x, y) = \min_{(s, t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s, t)\}}$$

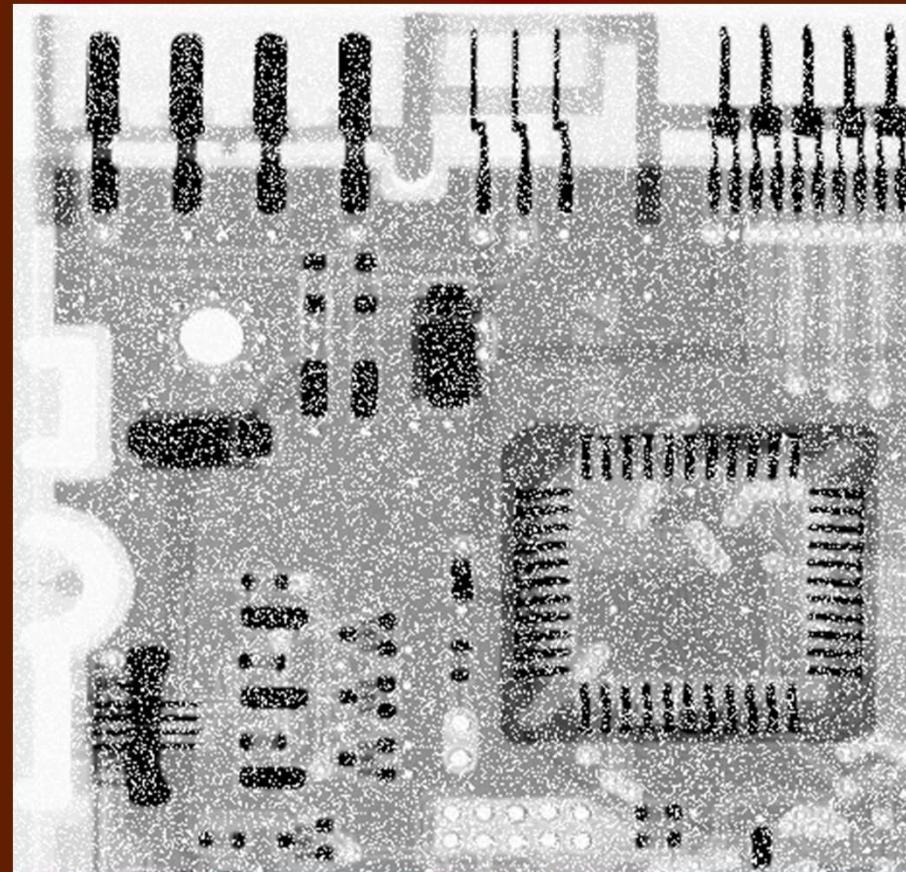
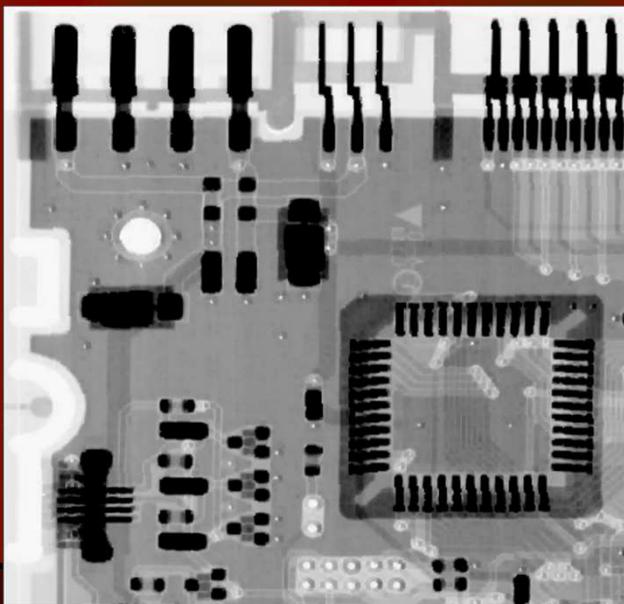
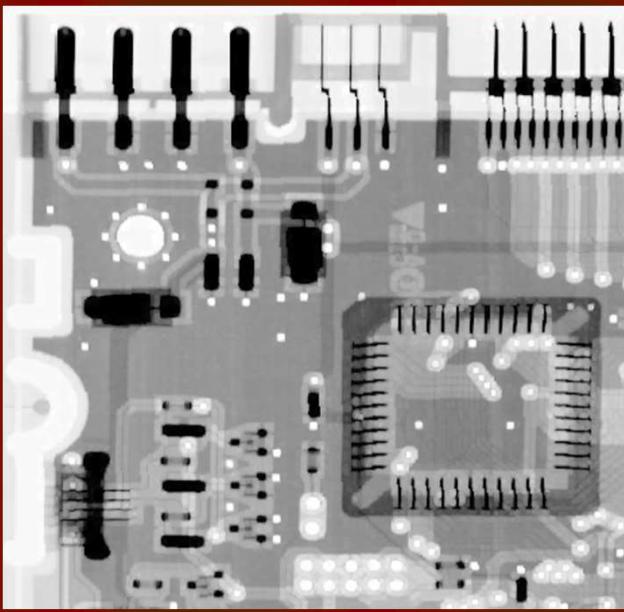
# Order Statistics Filter Min Filter

A min filter is good for removing impulse, isolated noise



Normally, impulse noise has high magnitude and is isolated. When we sort pixels in the moving window, noise pixels are usually at the right end of the array. Therefore, it's rare that the noise pixel will be a median value.

# Spatial Filtering: Min Filter



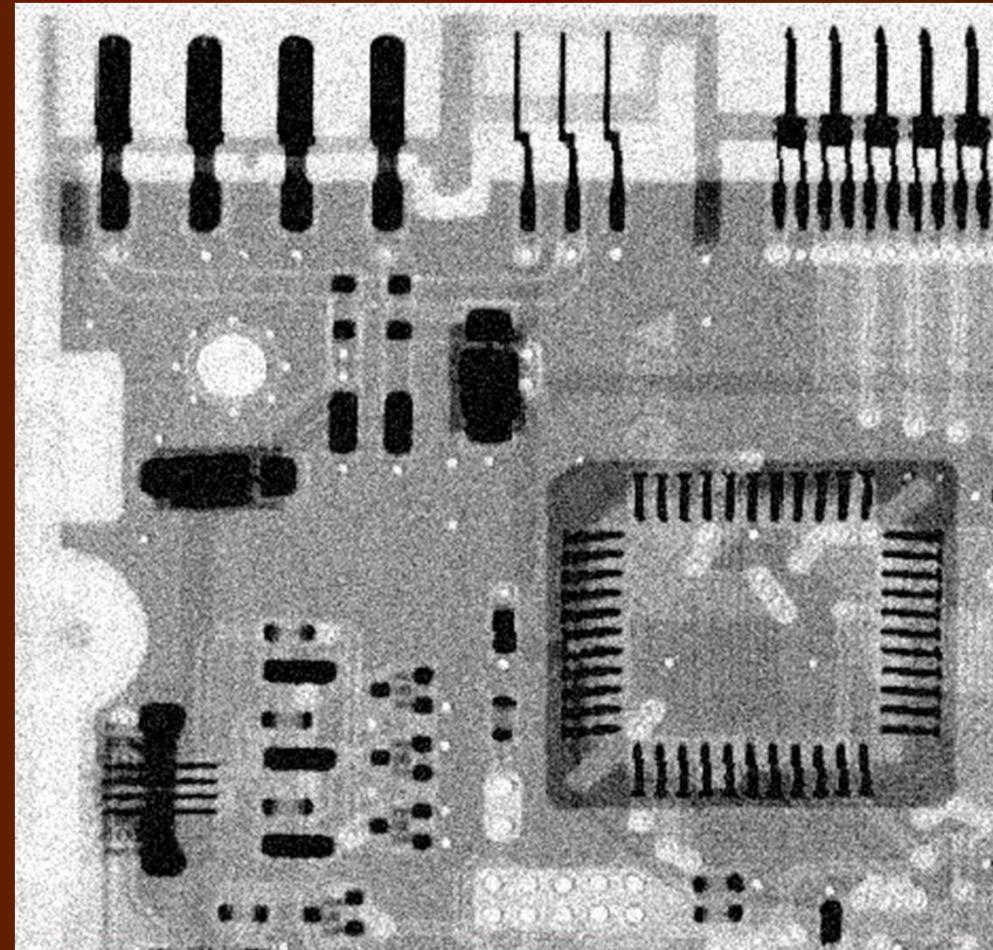
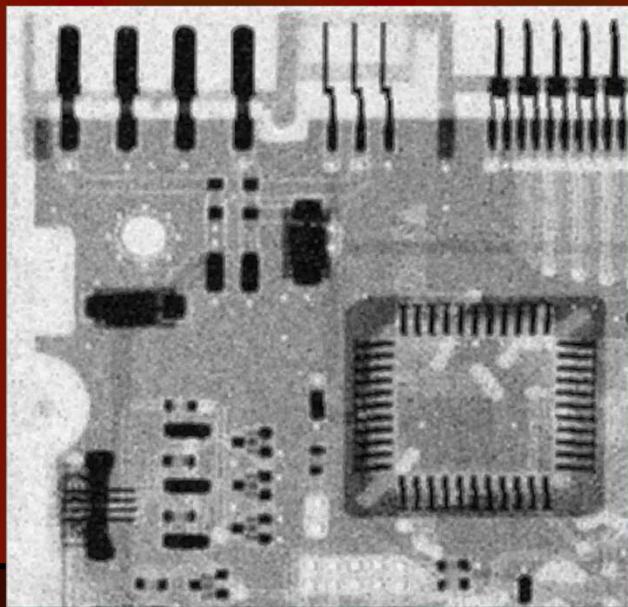
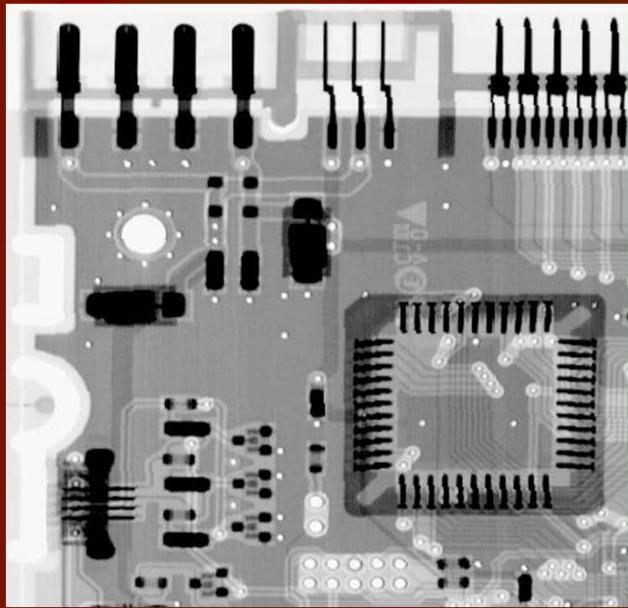
# Spatial Filtering: Mid Point Filter

Formula:

Midpoint filter

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \max_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s, t)\} + \min_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s, t)\} \right]$$

# Spatial Filtering: Mid Point Filter



# Alpha Trimmed Mean Filter

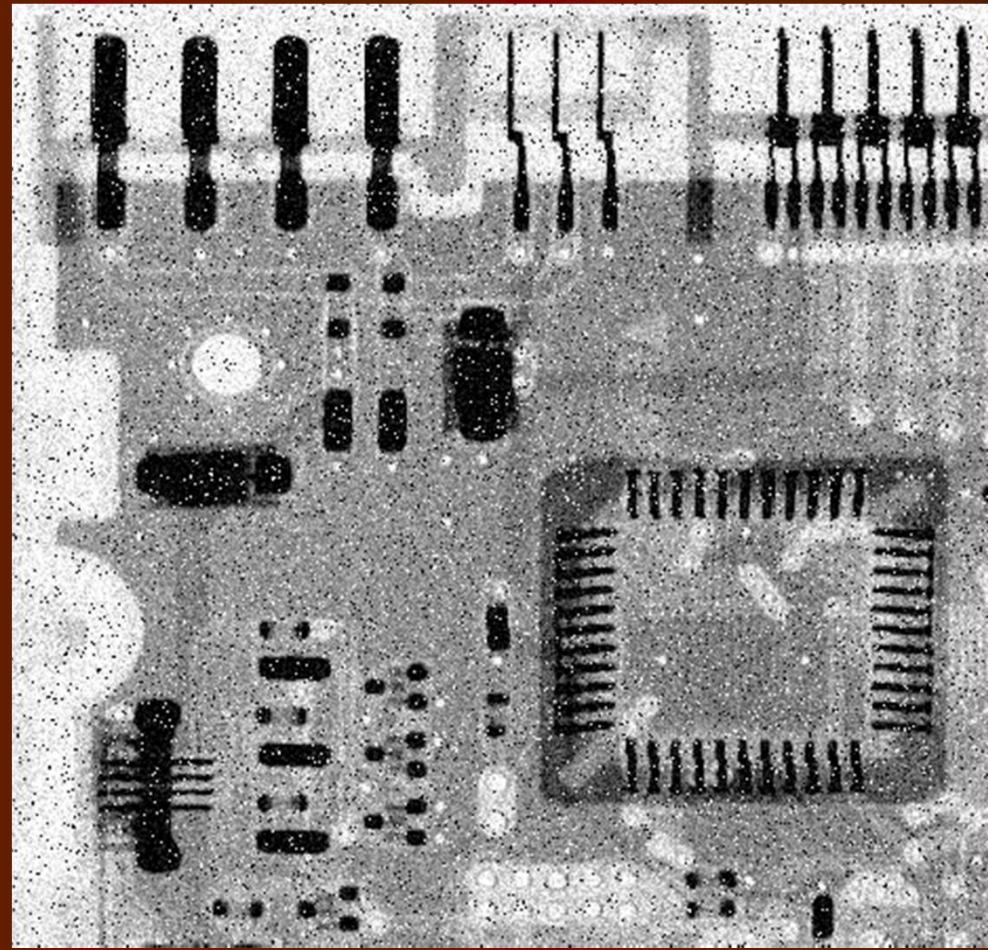
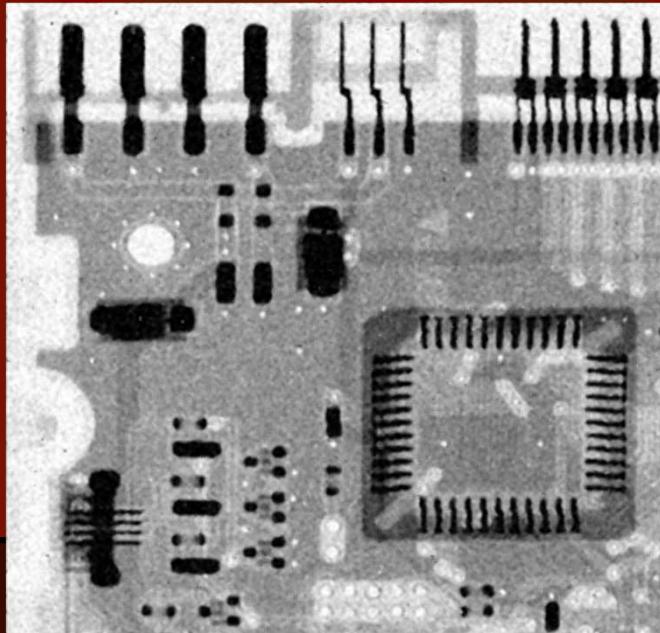
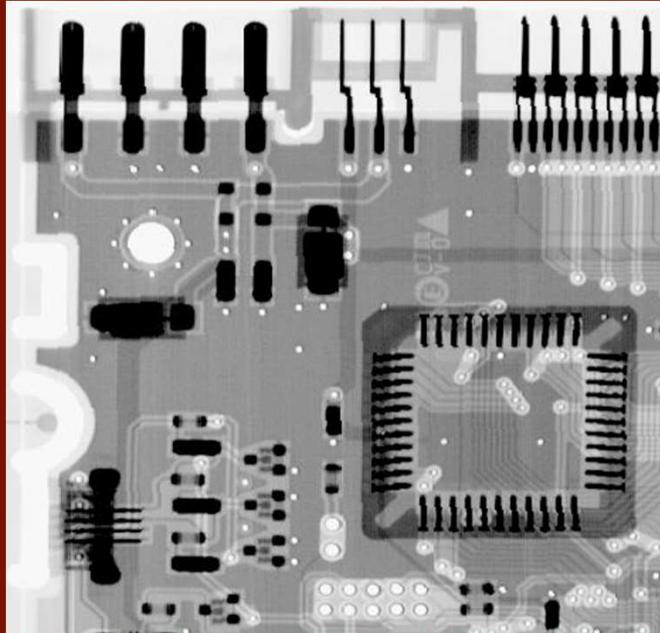
Formula:

$$\hat{f}(x, y) = \frac{1}{mn - d} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g_r(s, t)$$

where  $g_r(s, t)$  represent the remaining  $mn-d$  pixels after removing the  $d/2$  highest and  $d/2$  lowest values of  $g(s, t)$ .

This filter is useful in situations involving multiple types of noise such as a combination of salt-and-pepper and Gaussian noise.

# Alpha Trimmed Mean Filter



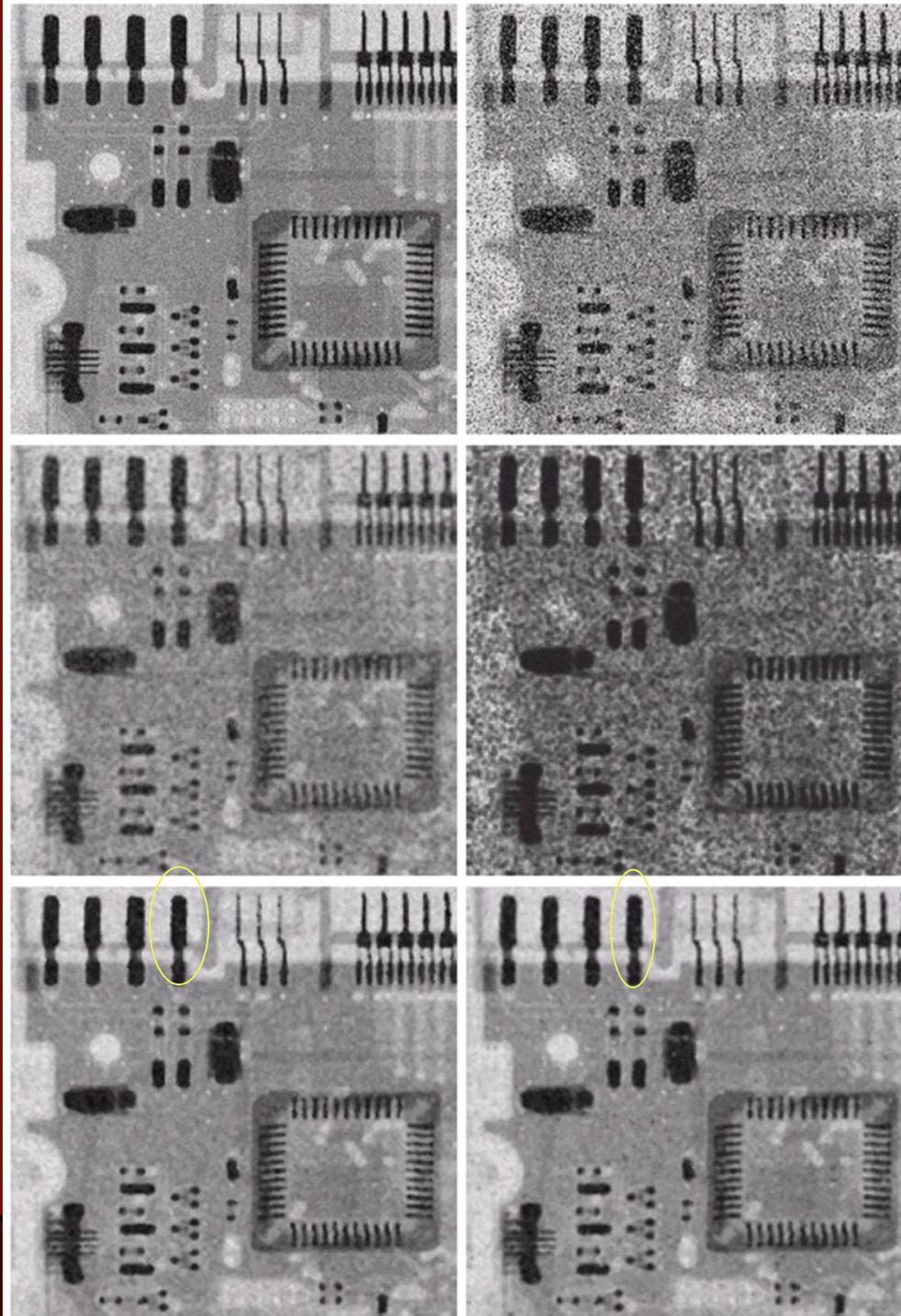
Uniform noise

$$\mu=0$$

$$\sigma^2=800$$

5x5  
Arith. Mean  
filter

5x5  
Median  
filter



Left +  
Bipolar Noise  
 $P_a = 0.1$   
 $P_b = 0.1$

5x5  
Geometric  
mean

5x5  
Alpha-trim.  
Filter  
 $d=5$

# Spatial Filtering: Adaptive Filters

## **Adaptive filters**

The behavior changes based on statistical characteristics of the image inside the filter region defined by the  $m \times n$  rectangular window.

The performance is superior to that of the filters discussed

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive, Local Noise Reduction Filters

$S_{xy}$ : local region

The response of the filter at the center point  $(x,y)$  of  $S_{xy}$  is based on four quantities:

- (a)  $g(x, y)$ , the value of the noisy image at  $(x, y)$ ;
- (b)  $\sigma_\eta^2$ , the variance of the noise corrupting  $f(x, y)$  to form  $g(x, y)$ ;
- (c)  $m_L$ , the local mean of the pixels in  $S_{xy}$ ;
- (d)  $\sigma_L^2$ , the local variance of the pixels in  $S_{xy}$ .

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive, Local Noise Reduction Filters

The behavior of the filter:

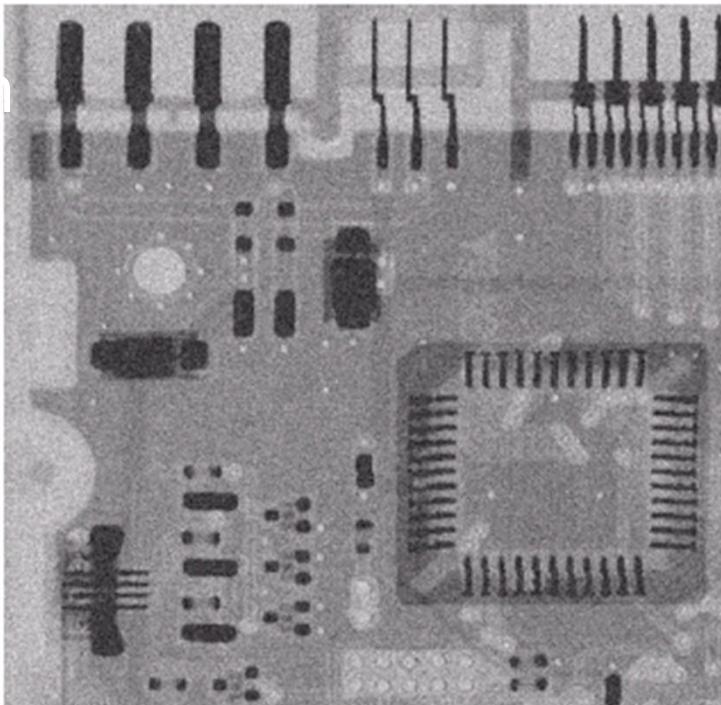
- (a) if  $\sigma_n^2$  is zero, the filter should return simply the value of  $g(x, y)$ .
- (b) if the local variance is high relative to  $\sigma_n^2$ , the filter should return a value close to  $g(x, y)$ ;
- (c) if the two variances are equal, the filter returns the arithmetic mean value of the pixels in  $S_{xy}$ .

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive, Local Noise Reduction Filters

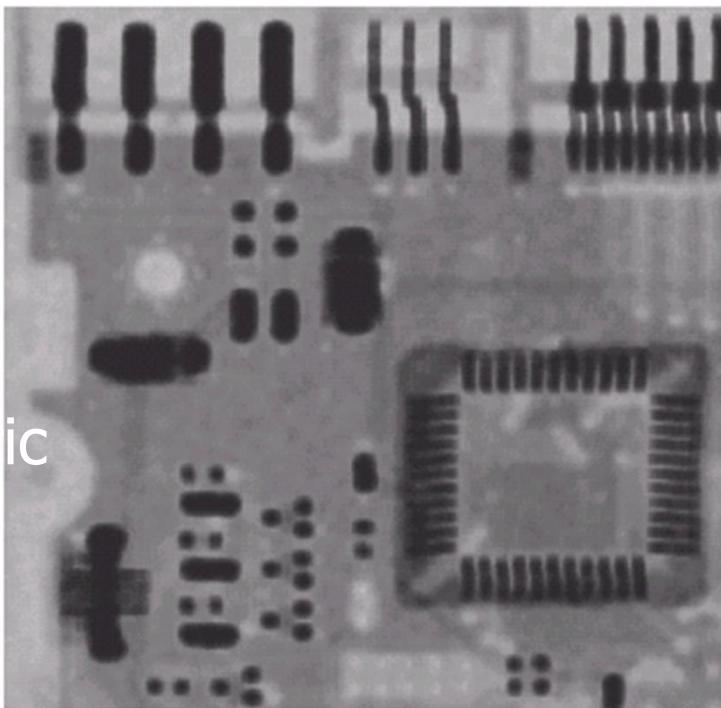
An adaptive expression for obtaining  $f(x, y)$  based on the assumptions:

$$f(x, y) = g(x, y) - \frac{\sigma_\eta^2}{\sigma_L^2} [g(x, y) - m_L]$$

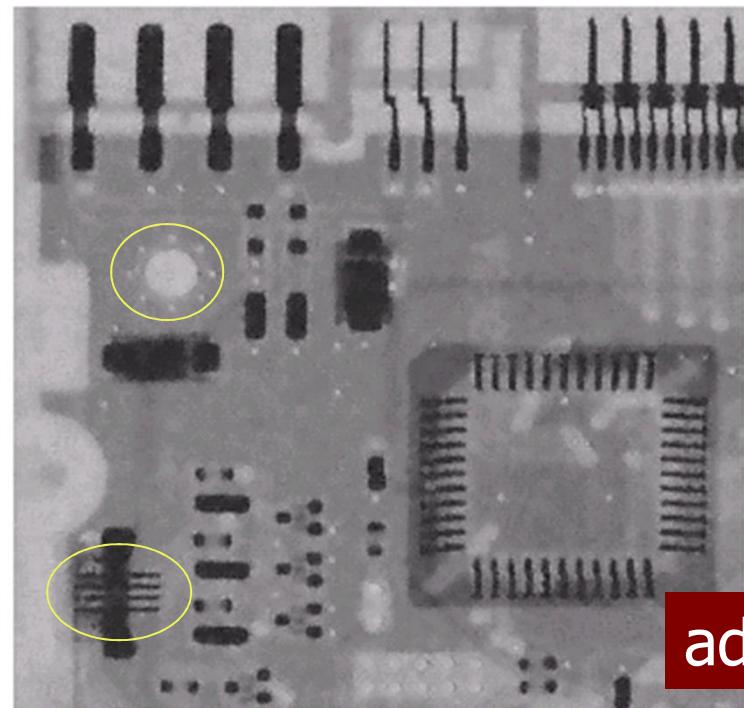
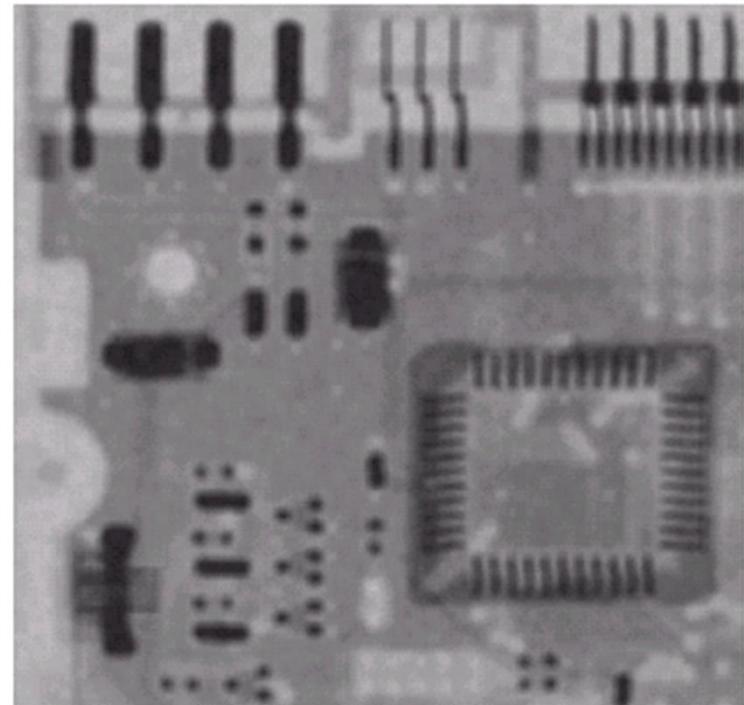
Gaussian  
noise  
 $\mu=0$   
 $\sigma^2=1000$



Geometric  
mean  
7x7



Arith.  
mean  
7x7



adaptive

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive Median Filters

The notation:

$z_{\min}$  = minimum intensity value in  $S_{xy}$

$z_{\max}$  = maximum intensity value in  $S_{xy}$

$z_{\text{med}}$  = median intensity value in  $S_{xy}$

$z_{xy}$  = intensity value at coordinates  $(x, y)$

$S_{\max}$  = maximum allowed size of  $S_{xy}$

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive Median Filters

The adaptive median-filtering works in two stages:

Stage A:

$$A1 = z_{\text{med}} - z_{\min}; \quad A2 = z_{\text{med}} - z_{\max}$$

if  $A1 > 0$  and  $A2 < 0$ , go to stage B

Else increase the window size

if window size  $\leq S_{\max}$ , repeat stage A; Else output  $z_{\text{med}}$

Stage B:

$$B1 = z_{xy} - z_{\min}; \quad B2 = z_{xy} - z_{\max}$$

if  $B1 > 0$  and  $B2 < 0$ , output  $z_{xy}$ ; Else output  $z_{\text{med}}$

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**The median filter  
output is an impulse  
or not**

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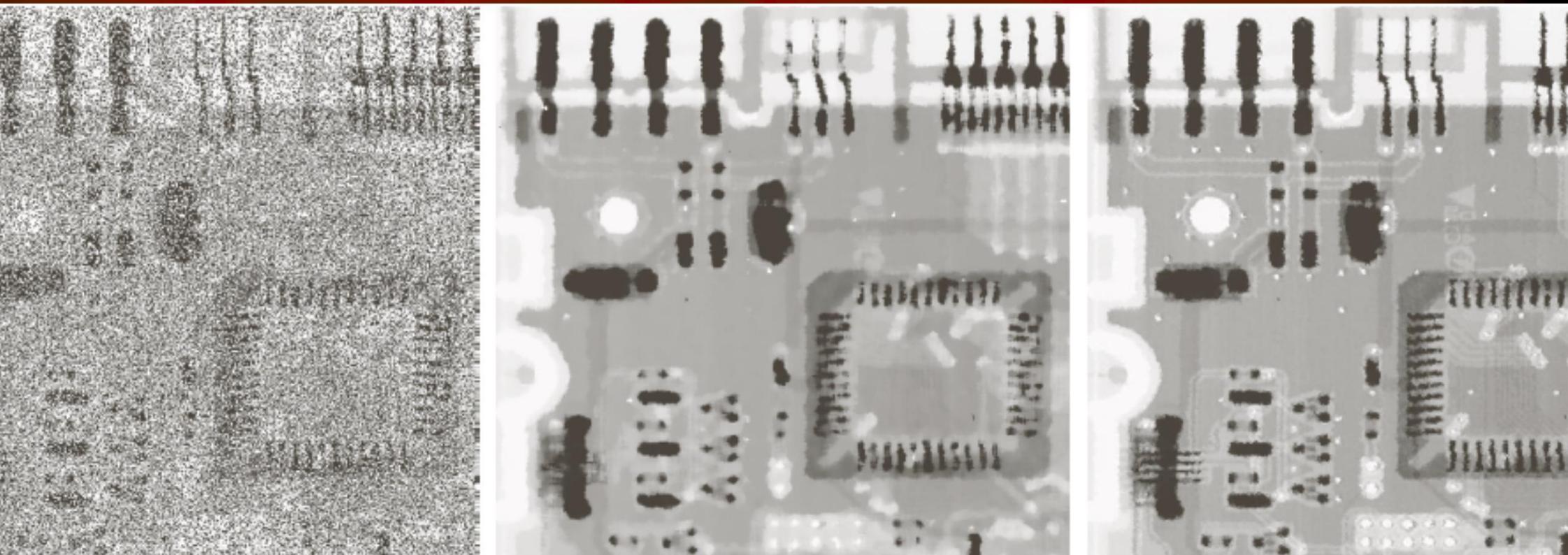
Stage B:

$$B1 = z_{xy} - z_{\min}; \quad B2 = z_{xy} - z_{\max}$$

if  $B1 > 0$  and  $B2 < 0$ , output  $z_{xy}$ ; Else output  $z_{\text{med}}$

**The processed point  
is an impulse or not**

# Adaptive Filters: Adaptive Median Filters



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**E 5.14** (a) Image corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise with probabilities  $P_a = P_b = 0.25$ . (b) Resulting image after filtering with a  $7 \times 7$  median filter. (c) Result of adaptive median filtering with  $S_{\max} = 7$ .

# Periodic Interference/Noise

- Periodic noise or interference occurs in images due to electrical or electromechanical interference during image acquisition.
- It is an example of spatially dependent noise.
- This type of noise can be very effectively removed using frequency domain filtering.

## **Bandreject filters**

- Bandreject filters remove (or attenuate) a band of frequencies, around some frequency, say  $D_0$ .

# Periodic Noise Reduction by Frequency Domain Filtering

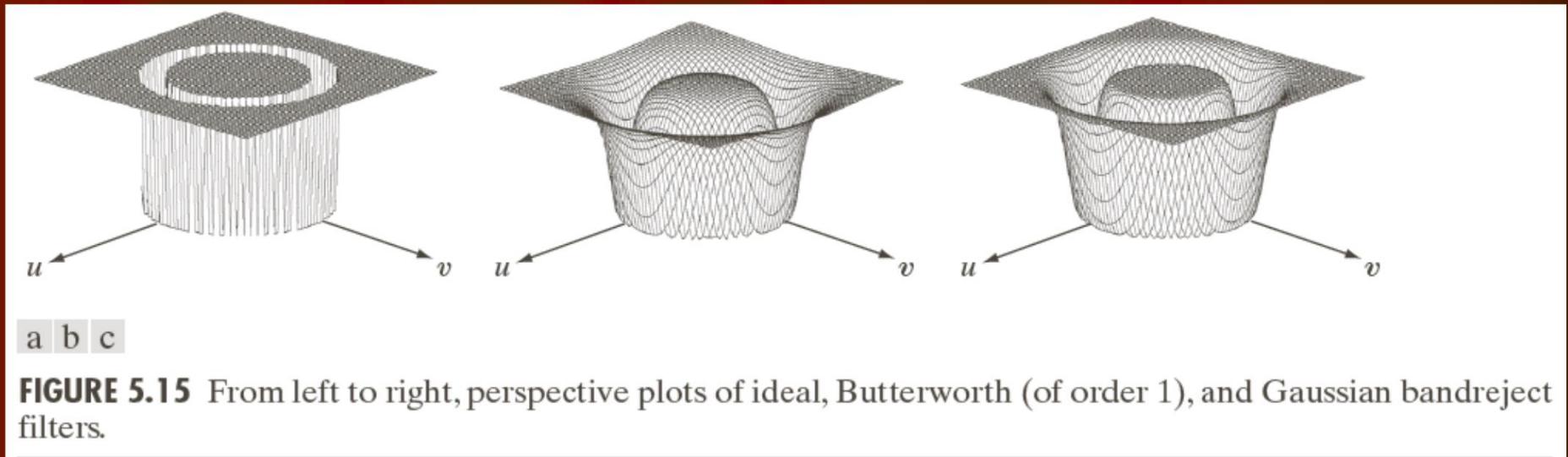
## The basic idea

Periodic noise appears as concentrated bursts of energy in the Fourier transform, at locations corresponding to the frequencies of the periodic interference

## Approach

A selective filter is used to isolate the noise

# Perspective Plots of Bandreject Filters



- An ideal bandreject filter is given by:

$$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D(u, v) < D_0 - W/2 \\ 0 & \text{if } D_0 - W/2 < D(u, v) < D_0 + W/2 \\ 1 & \text{if } D(u, v) > D_0 + W/2 \end{cases}$$

where

$$D(u, v) = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$

- $W$  is usually referred to the width of the (stop) band and  $D_0$  as the center frequency.
- A Butterworth bandreject filter of order  $n$  is given by

$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + \left[ \frac{D(u, v)W}{D^2(u, v) - D_0^2} \right]^{2n}}$$

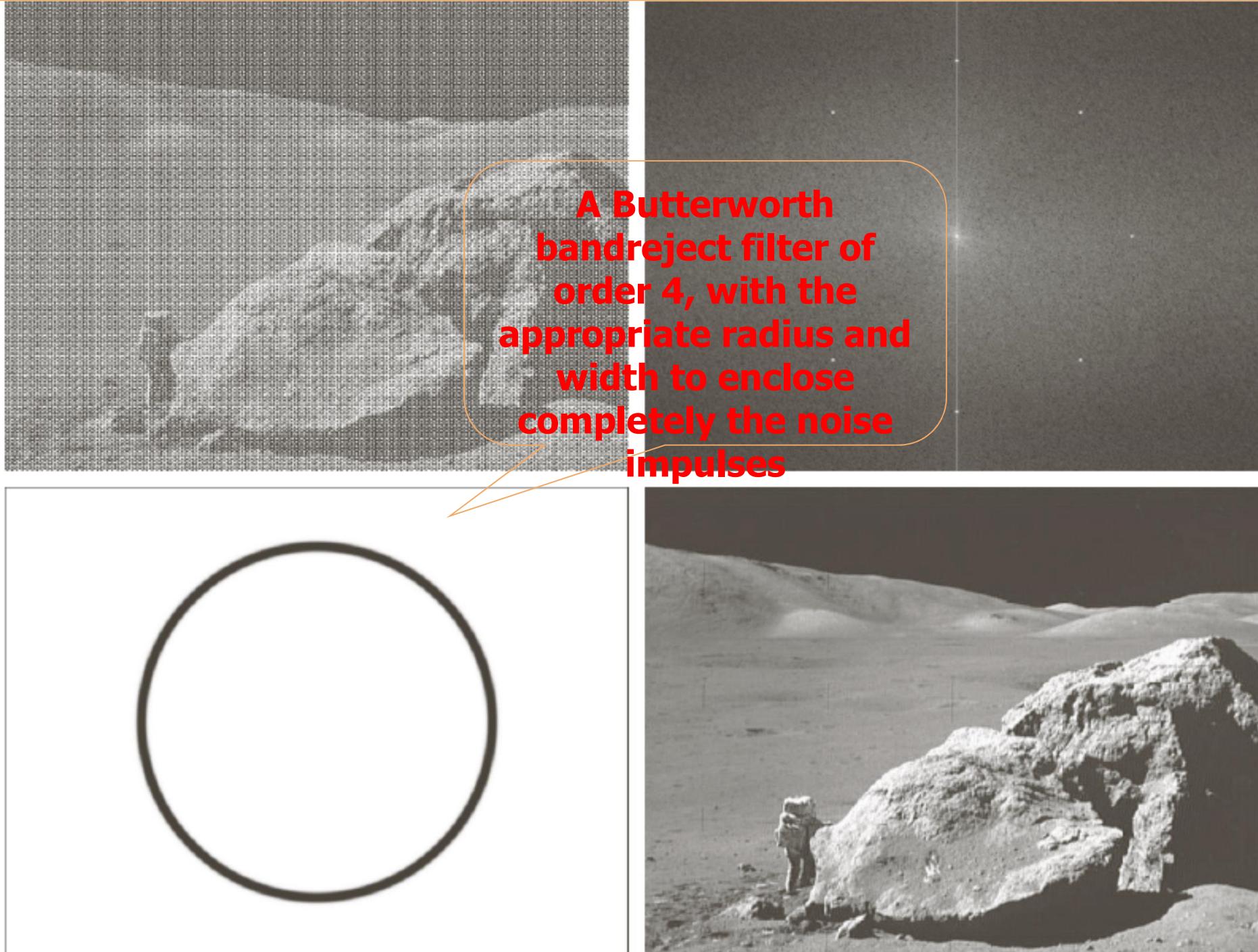
- A Gaussian bandreject filter is given by

$$H(u, v) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{D^2(u, v) - D_0^2}{D(u, v)W} \right]\right)$$

## Example

- Bandreject filters are ideally suited for filtering out periodic interference.
- Recall that the Fourier transform of a pure sine or cosine function is just a pair of impulses.
- Therefore the interference is “localized” in the spectral domain and one can easily identify this region and filter it out.

JURE 5.16  
Image  
rupted by  
usoidal noise.  
Spectrum of (a).  
Butterworth  
dreject filter  
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(d) Result of  
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original image  
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(SA.)



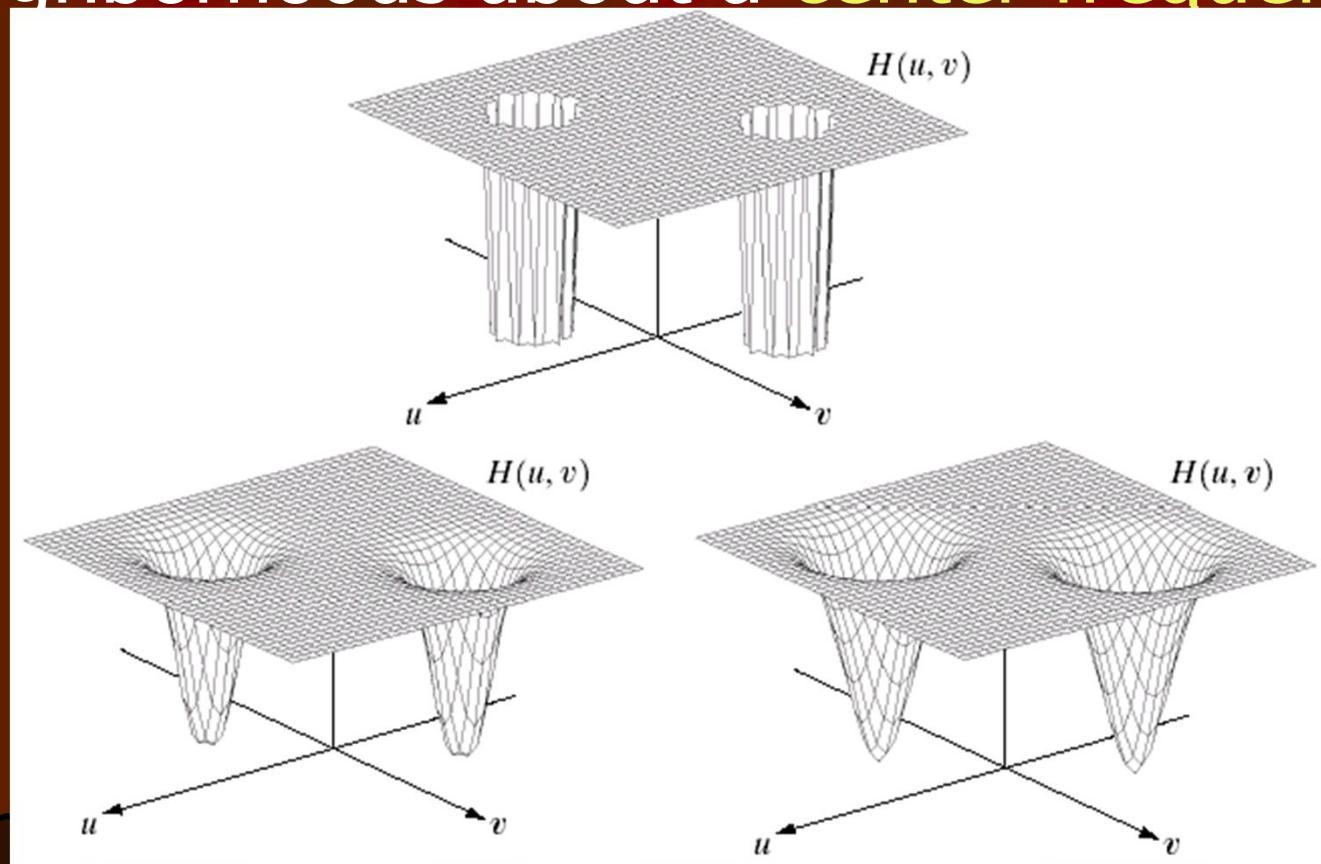
## Bandpass filters

- Bandpass filters are the exact opposite of bandreject filters. They pass a band of frequencies, around some frequency, say  $D_0$  (rejecting the rest).
- $H_{bp}(u, v) = 1 - H_{br}(u, v)$
- Bandpass filter is usually used to isolate components of an image that correspond to a band of frequencies.
  - It can also be used to isolate noise interference, so that more detailed analysis of the interference can be performed, independent of the image.

# Notch filters

- Reject(or pass) frequencies in predefined neighborhoods about a **center frequency**

Butterworth



Gaussian

