CSE585/EE555: Digital Image Processing II
Spring 2019
Project #3 — Nonlinear Filtering and Anisotropic Diffusion

assigned:	18 March 2019
due:	Friday, 29 March 2019
reading assignment:	P&V order-statistics paper, pp. 1893-1897, 1901-1908, and 1913-1916 ("PitasVenetsanopoulos.pdf")
	Perona and Malik anisotropic diffusion paper ("Perona.pdf")

1. *Nonlinear Filtering:*

   (a) Implement the following filters:

   i. 5×5 median

   ii. 5×5 alpha-trimmed mean ($\alpha = 0.25$)

   iii. 5×5 sigma filter ($\sigma = 20$; skip the optional test at the bottom of pg. L12-8);

   iv. 5×5 symmetric nearest-neighbor mean.

   Feel free to use MATLAB's median filter `medfilt2` for part (i).

   Also, you are welcome to use MATLAB's order-statistic function `ordfilt2` to construct your alpha-trimmed mean in part (ii). It will be up to you, however, to figure out how to use this function (read MATLAB's help on how to use it).

   (b) Consider the "disk" image in our database. For this image, give filter results for: (1) 1 iteration; (2) 5 iterations. For each result after 5 iterations, also give:
   (a) the gray-scale histogram;
   (b) mean and standard deviation of the interior of the large disk region (you can manually define the sub-region you consider for these calculations).

   (c) Give observations on your results, similar to what I did in my discussion of the filter results in L12.

2. *Anisotropic Diffusion for Image Filtering:* Implement the anisotropic diffusion algorithm. For your experiments below, pick $\lambda = 0.25$. It is up to you to select an appropriate value of K. Produce the following results:

   (a) For the "cwheelnoise" image, give the following anisotropic-diffusion results after 0 (original), 5, 20, and 100 iterations (do for both forms of $g(\cdot)$, per the discussion after equation (13) in Perona and Malik):

   i. The image

   ii. Gray-scale histogram

   iii. Plot of the line $y = 128$ through the image.

   iv. Segmented version of the image, whereby you try to segment out the gray "spokes" component of the wheel by manual thresholding.

   (b) Run anisotropic diffusion on the "lake" image, using both forms of $g(\cdot)$. Give images for 0 (original), 5, 20, and 100 iterations. No need for histograms, line plots, or segmentations here.

   (c) Discuss the following questions on your results of parts (a-b):

   i. How does the result change as you iterate? How does K affect the results?

   ii. How does $g(\cdot)$ affect the results (filtered and segmented)?

   iii. How does anisotropic diffusion run on "cwheelnoise" versus "lake"?