

Exam #1

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1. **Segmentation (15 pts).** An image has object and background pixels whose brightness values are distributed according to the exponential distribution with parameters α_o and α_b with $\alpha_o < \alpha_b$. α_o and α_b are each less than 0.98. The probability of a pixel having brightness x is given by

$$P_o(x) = (1 - \alpha_o)\alpha_o^x \text{ and } P_b(x) = (1 - \alpha_b)\alpha_b^x$$

It is desired to segment the image into object and background. Find the decision rule that maximizes the probability of a correct decision.

2. **Edge Detection (30 pts).** Ima Robot proposes an edge detector as follows:

Convolve image $f(\vec{x})$ with $g_{\sigma_1} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\frac{|\vec{x}|^2}{\sigma_1^2}}$ to form $h_1(\vec{x})$.

Convolve $f(\vec{x})$ with g_{σ_2} to form $h_2(\vec{x})$.

Compute $h_3(\vec{x}) = \frac{h_2(\vec{x}) - h_1(\vec{x})}{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}$.

Find zero-crossings of $h_3(\vec{x})$.

a. (10 pts) Describe how $h_3(\vec{x})$ can be computed by a single convolution with some kernel $g(\vec{x})$. What is the convolutional kernel $g(\vec{x})$?

b. (5 pts) Sketch $g(\vec{x})$.

c. (10 pts) What is the Fourier transform $G(\vec{u})$ of $g(\vec{x})$?

d. (10 pts) As $\sigma_2 \rightarrow \sigma_1$, is this a good edge detector, that is, do zero-crossings of h_3 occur at edges? Why or why not? Hint: Consider $G(\vec{u})$ as $\sigma_2 \rightarrow \sigma_1$.

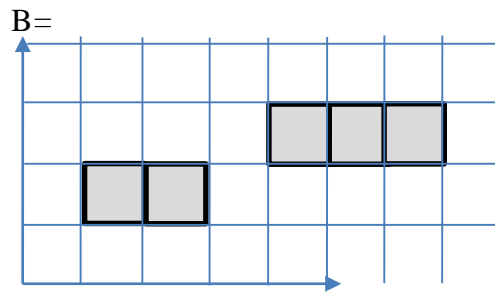
3. **Hough Transform.** In this problem x , y , b , and m may be positive or negative, integers or fractions. 2 lines in (m,b) space are given by

L1: $b = 1$

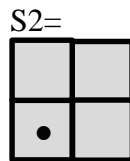
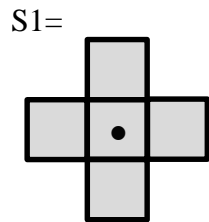
L2: $b = -2m + 2$

- a. (10 pts) What are points P1 and P2 in (x,y) space corresponding to each of these lines?
- b. (10 pts) What equation describes the line passing through points P1 and P2?
- c. (10 pts) Line L3 in (m,b) space passes through $(m,b) = (0,0)$. What is its corresponding P3 such that P3 lies along the line from part b?

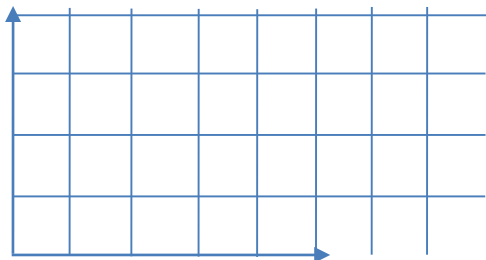
4. **Morphology.** The following binary image B



is operated on by structuring elements S1 and S2



a. (10 pts) What is obtained by dilating B by S1 and then eroding that result by S2?



b. (10 pts) What is obtained by dilating B by S2 and then eroding that result by S1?

