

Introduction to digital image processing

Processing of images which are digital in nature by a computer.

* Why do we need image processing? -

- * Improvement of pictorial information for better human perception
- * efficient storage and transmission.

Applications: -

1. Human perception: -

Employ methods capable of enhancing pictorial information for human interpretation and analysis.

Typical applications: -

(i) Noise filtering: - Images that we get are very noisy, so we use some techniques for better human perception.

(ii) Content enhancement: -

↳ Contrast enhancement.

↳ deblurring (may be because of camera settings, lenses issues, moving objects).

(iii) Remote sensing

(iv) Medical imaging.

→ Machine vision applications: -

(i) Industrial machine vision for product assembly and inspection.

(2) Automated target detection and tracking.

(3) Finger print recognition.

⋮

Image representation: \rightarrow how image is represented in \rightarrow how image is represented in

\rightarrow An image is a 2D-Light intensity function $f(x,y)$ a digital computer

$f(x,y) = r(x,y) \cdot I(x,y)$

\downarrow Intensity of incident light

\downarrow reflectivity of the object on the point surface.

\downarrow giving an intensity at a particular point

$0 \leq x \leq H$
 $0 \leq y \leq H$

* if it is a analog image, how many points on image?

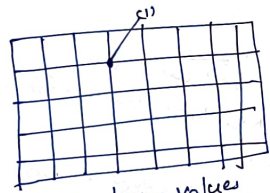
\rightarrow Infinite number of points

\downarrow at every point, we have intensity value, minimum value = 0; maximum value = ∞

\rightarrow Can we store such an image in a digital computer?

answer:- NO

solution:- we have to go for some processing of image



instead of storing values

\downarrow

We try to take value by imposing grid points.

(c) spatial discretization by grids \rightarrow sampling.

② This value can be any thing

\downarrow

Discretization of intensity values \rightarrow Quantization

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} f(0,0) & f(0,1) & \dots & f(0,N-1) \\ f(1,0) & f(1,1) & \dots & f(1,N-1) \\ f(2,0) & f(2,1) & \dots & f(2,N-1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f(M-1,0) & f(M-1,1) & \dots & f(M-1,N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow pixel (or) p.e.l

image size:- 256x256.

Quantization:- 8 bits

for black and white

typical applications

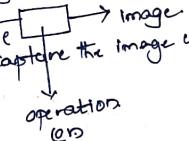
steps in image processing systems:

\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow

(i) Low Level processing:-

* These operations are directly applied to raw images and produce another image as o/p. They involve basic functions such as:

- (i) image acquisition \rightarrow capture the image using sensors (or) cameras.



preprocessing:- Removing noise, adjust contrast/brightness.

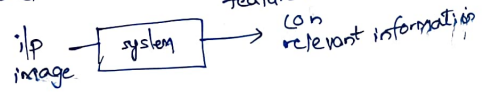
image enhancement:- sharpening, smoothing and H.E.

image restoration:- correct geometric distortions (or) blurring

* i/p and o/p are images

(ii) Intermediate level processing:-

\rightarrow At this level, the system interprets image data to extract features (or) relevant information.



* Segmentation:-

Dividing the image into meaningful regions for tumor detection. Objects.

Edge detection

↳ identifying object boundaries.

feature extraction:-

↳ detecting shapes, textures and keypoints.

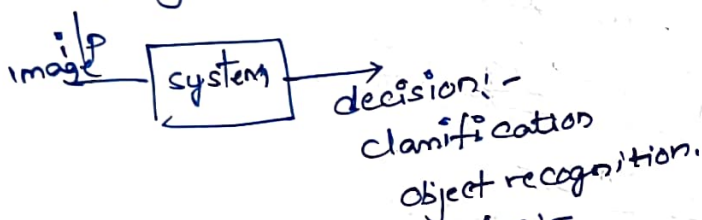
Morphological processing:-

↳ structuring and modifying image shapes.

ilp image ; output :- attributes in regions.

3. High level processing:-

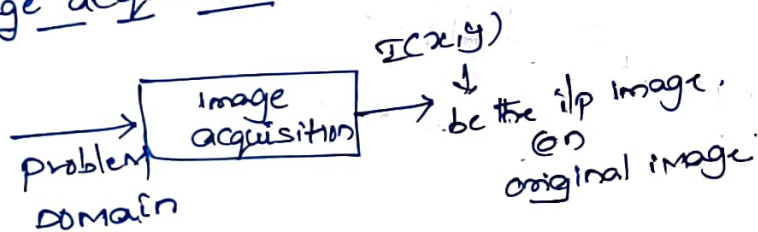
→ This level involves understanding and interpreting the image content to make decisions.



* Key stages in digital image processing:-

(1) image acquisition

* talk about stereoscopic pipeline.



② image enhancement:-
processing an image to enhance certain features of image.

$$I'(x,y) = T(I(x,y))$$

↑
T = transformation function

T → can be point operations
or
spatial operations
or
frequency domain

image restoration

→ process of recovering an original image from degraded version using a mathematical model / appropriate restoration technique.

$$G(x,y) = H(x,y) * I(x,y) + \eta(x,y)$$

↑
degradation
function
↑
blur

↑
noise
↑
transmission
noise
(sensor noise - AWGN)

objective of image restoration

$$\hat{I}(x,y) = R[G(x,y)]$$

$R(\cdot)$
↓
restoration operator.
may be
inverse filtering,
Wiener filtering

③ morphological processing

→ structuring and modifying image shapes.

Dilation:- Expand the boundaries of foreground (white) regions
Erosion:- shrinks the boundaries
opening:- Removes small objects from the foreground.
closing:- Fills small holes in the foreground. } Biometric

④ image segmentation

→ process of dividing an image into distinct regions that corresponds to meaningful parts such as objects, boundaries on textures.

$I(x,y) \leftarrow$ i/p image over domain D

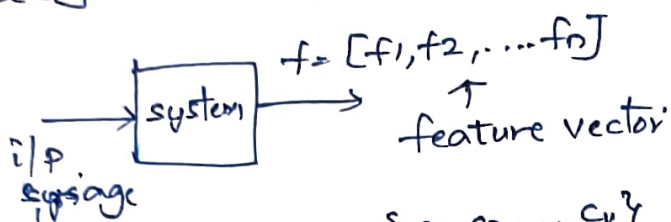
Goal:- partition ' D ' into non-overlapping regions R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n .

⑤ object recognition / description

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process of detecting and identifying objects in an image and assigning them semantic labels
e.g.:- car, person, tree

Mathematical

$I(x, y) \leftarrow \text{i/p image.}$



$C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\}$

↑
set of possible object classes.

$\phi(\cdot)$: classification

$$\hat{c} = \phi(f) = \arg \max_{c_i \in C} \phi(c_i | f)$$

↑ ↑
cl. feature

probability that feature f belongs to class c_i

Object description:-

→ represent the recognized object using attributes such as shape, size, texture, color for further analysis

Brain tumor → identified size of the tumor.

Image compression:-

→ process of reducing the number of bits required to represent an image by removing redundancy while preserving essential visual information

reconstructed image $\hat{I}(x, y) = D(C(I(x, y)))$

↑ ↑
decompression/reconstruction factor compression factor

Goal:-

Minimize the storage size of $C(I)$ while keeping $\hat{I} \approx I$ perceptually

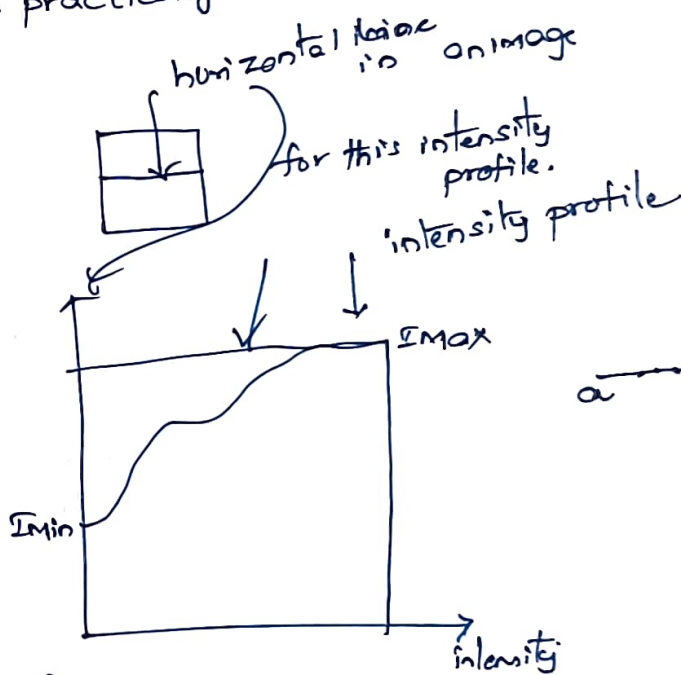
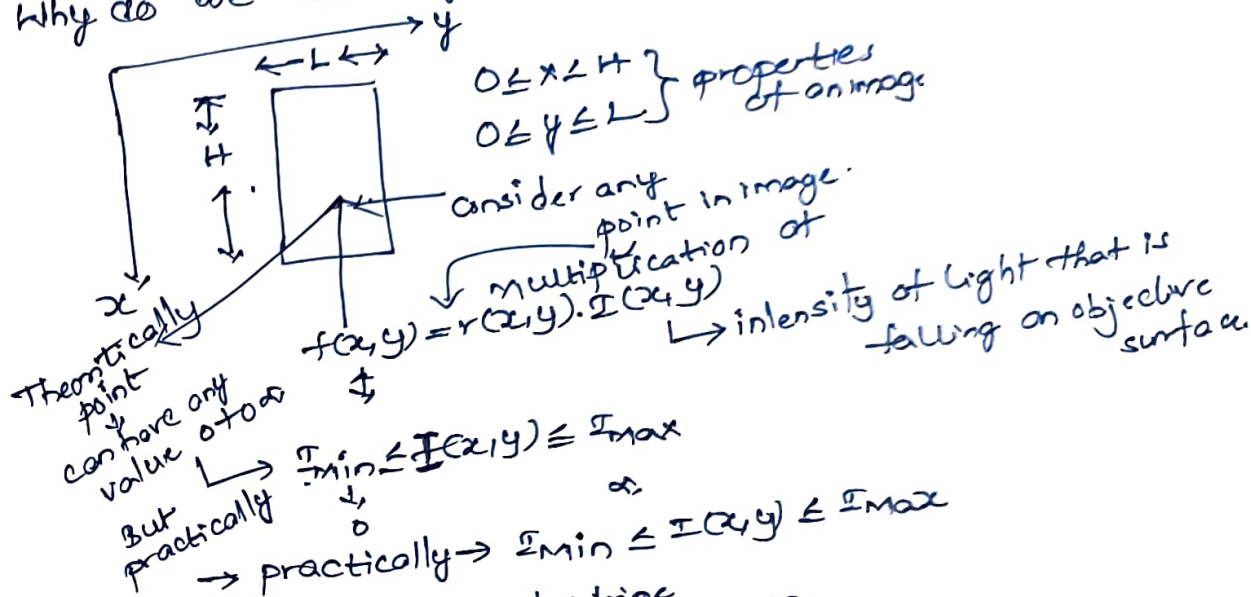
→ lossless compression:- medical images.

Color image processing:-

↳ involves analyzing, modifying or interpreting the color content of an image. depending upon applications.

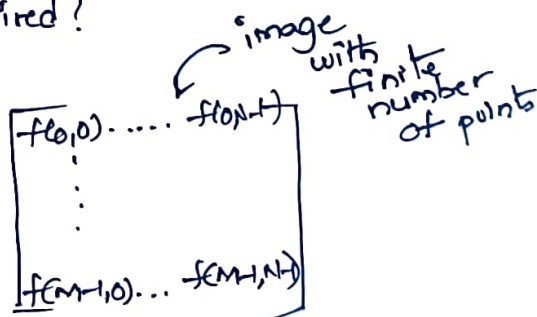
image digitization:-

① Why do we need digitization?



a ————— b
 ↑
 infinite number of points.
 ↑
 such representation is not possible in computer

What is desired?



Digitization includes

↳ sampling

↳ Quantization.

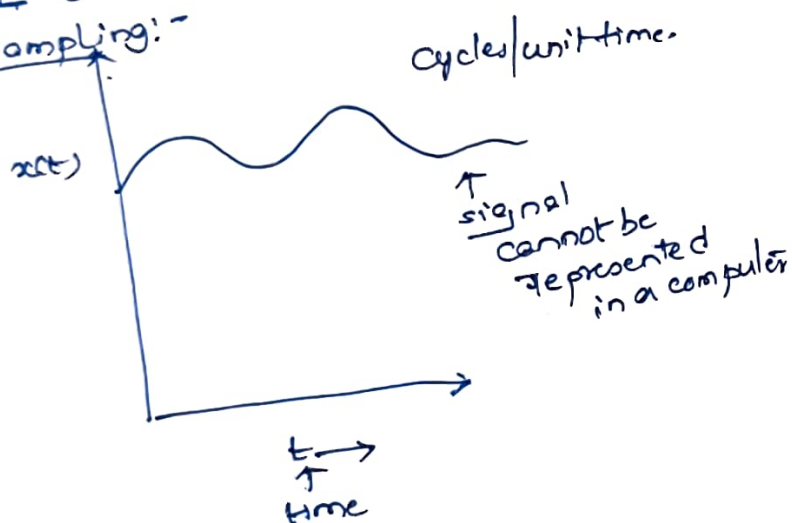
Sampling: - image representation by 2-D finite matrix
Each matrix element represented by one of the finite set of discrete values. - Quantization.

→ Analog image → sampler → Quantization → Digital computer

Digital computer → Digital to Analog converter → Display.

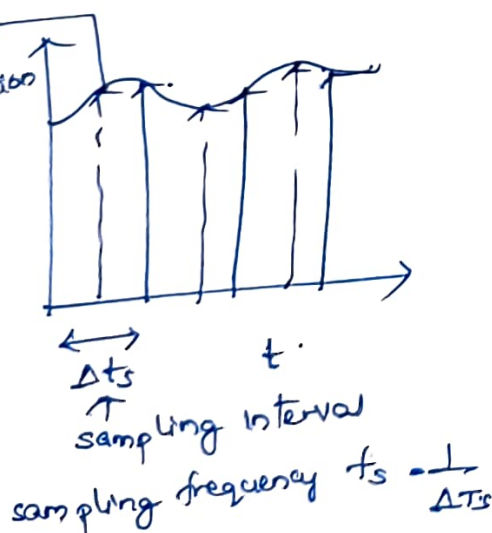
sampling: - Before two dimensional

1-D sampling:-



instead of considering the signal values of t , consider at discrete intervals of ΔT

But much of the information is missing



reduce the sampling interval

$$\Delta t_s' = \frac{\Delta t_s}{2}$$

$$f_s' = \frac{1}{\Delta t_s'} = \frac{2}{\Delta t_s} = 2f_s$$

increase the sampling frequency, more information can be retained?

? Whether there is an theoretical background how to decide the sampling frequency?

sampling function \rightarrow 1-D array of Dirac delta function situated at regular spacing of Δt .

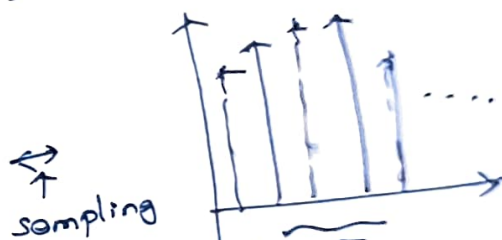
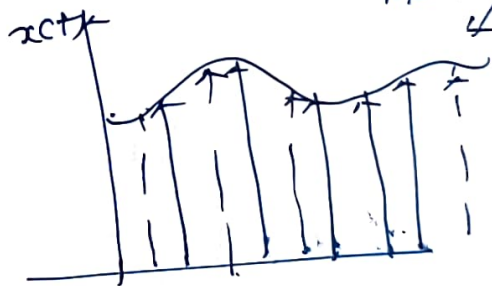


$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; t=0 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{comb}(t; \Delta t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - m\Delta t)$$

$$x_s(t) = x(t) \cdot \text{comb}(t; \Delta t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x(m\Delta t) \delta(t - m\Delta t)$$



only at discrete intervals of time, we have amplitude

this sampling will be proper if we reconstruct from the

\rightarrow if we have continuous time signal, original signal. it can be represented as:-

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

this is a periodic signal

\rightarrow frequency components

if the signal is periodic

$$V(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

fourier coefficients.

$$C_n = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} V(t) e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

fourier coefficient

in our case! - $V(t)$ is periodic

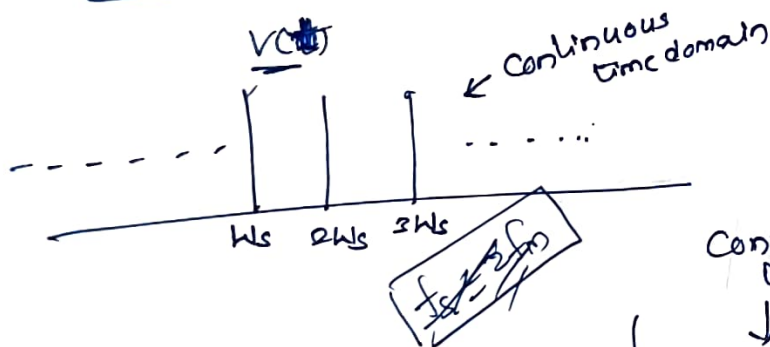
$$V(t) = \begin{cases} 1; & t=0 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T_0 = \Delta T_s ; V(t)$$

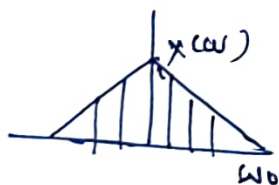
$$C_n = \frac{1}{\Delta T_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta T_s} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

discrete



$$x_s(t) \Rightarrow x(t) \cdot \text{comb}(t, \Delta t)$$



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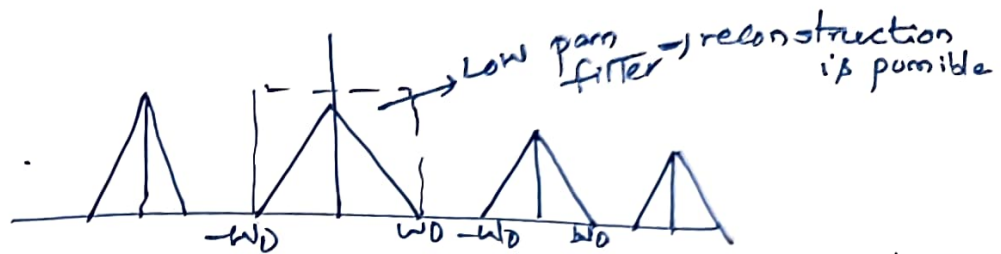


Convolution in time domain

$$x(t) * b(t) = x(\omega) \cdot H(\omega)$$

multiplication in frequency

$$x(\omega) * H(\omega) = x(t) \cdot b(t)$$



The replicated spectra must be spaced far enough apart in frequency. The minimum distance should be

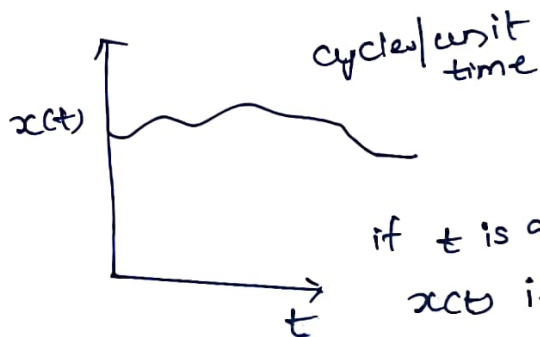
$$\frac{1}{\Delta t_s} - W_0 > W_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Delta t_s} > 2W_0$$

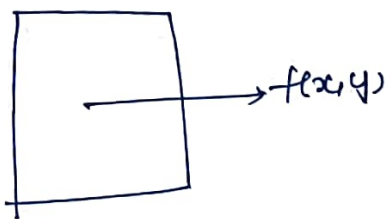
$$\boxed{f_s > 2W_0} \rightarrow \text{sampling theorem}$$

\rightarrow overlapping \Rightarrow aliasing

2D sampling



if t is a time
 $x(t)$ is a signal carries with time
 measured in Hertz (cycles/unit length)



dimension of image is represented

5cm x 5cm
 (or)

10cm x 10cm

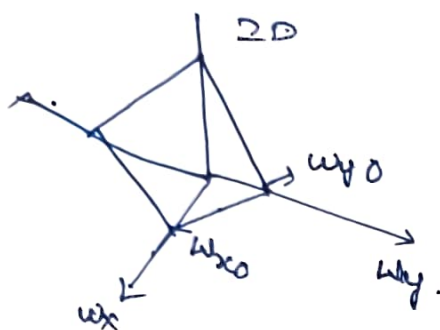
units: cycles/unit length

1D sampling



Band limited $\Rightarrow x(w) = 0$; for $|w| > W_0$

2D -



Band Limited! -

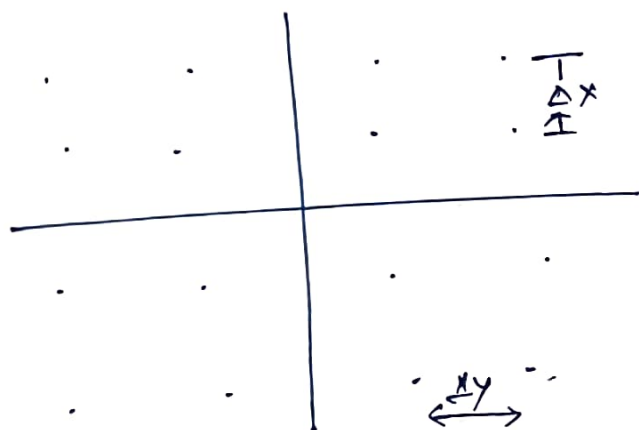
$$F(w_x, w_y) = 0$$

$$\text{for } |w_x| > w_{x0}$$

$$|w_y| > w_{y0}$$

$$f_s(x, y) = f(x, y) \text{comb}(x, y; \Delta x, \Delta y)$$

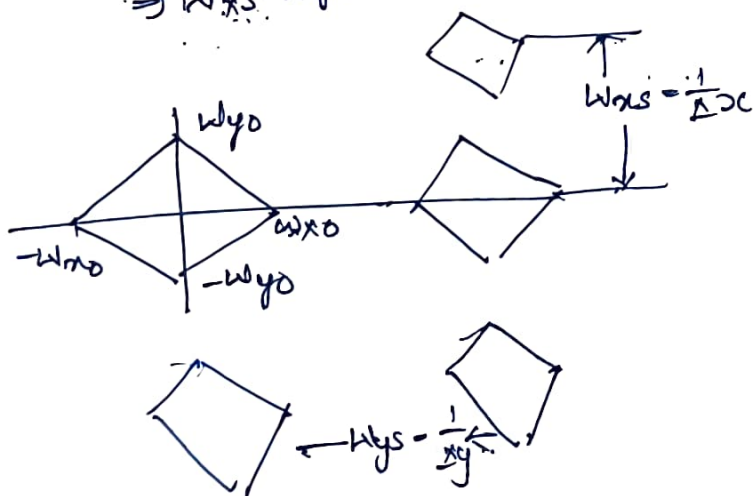
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(m\Delta x, n\Delta y), \delta(x - m\Delta x, y - n\Delta y)$$



$$F_s(w_x, w_y) \Rightarrow f(w_x, w_y) \otimes \text{comb}(w_x, w_y)$$

$$\text{comb}(x, y) = f(\text{comb}(x, y; \Delta x, \Delta y))$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{xs} \cdot w_{ys} \cdot \text{comb}(w_x, w_y; \frac{1}{\Delta x}, \frac{1}{\Delta y})$$



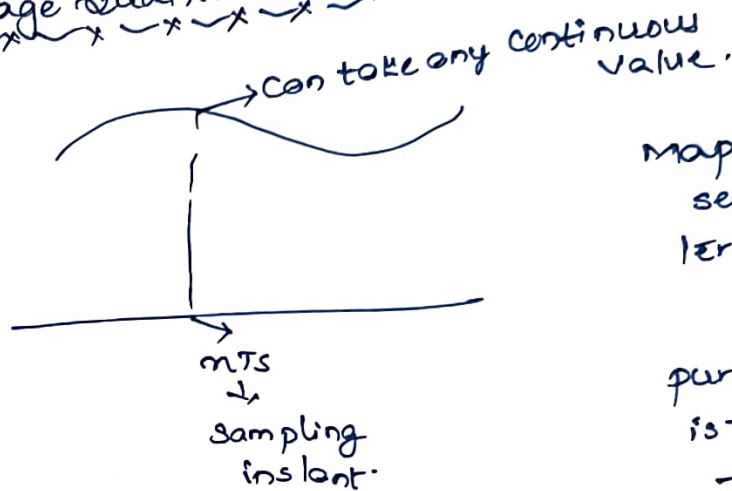
2D image can be reconstructed

$$W_x s > 2W_x o \text{ and } W_y s > 2W_y o$$

Recovery by a low pass filter with response

$$H(W_x, W_y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{W_x \cdot W_y} & ; (W_x, W_y) \in R \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Image Quantization:-



Mapping these samples to a set of discrete values is termed as quantization.

↓
purpose of these quantization is to convert these samples to information bits

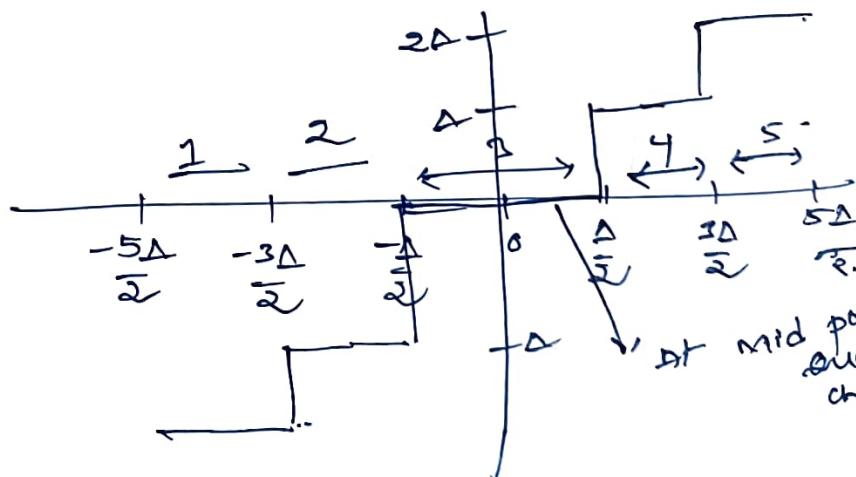
↑
can either be stored or transmitted over the channel

Goal:- $V = g(m)$
↑
function
↑
set of M samples
↑
Quantized Value.

* uniform Quantization

(i) Quantization levels are uniformly distributed.
↓
odd number of quantization levels.

* each quantization interval width is Δ .



At mid point quantizer characteristic is flat mid tread

In each quantization interval, the quantization level is the midpoint of the interval

$$\text{if } \frac{3\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{5\Delta}{2} ; g(m) = 2\Delta.$$

$$\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{3\Delta}{2} ; g(m) = \Delta.$$

$$-\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{\Delta}{2} ; g(m) = 0$$

$$-\frac{3\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq -\frac{\Delta}{2} ; g(m) = -\Delta$$

$$-\frac{5\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq -\frac{3\Delta}{2} ; g(m) = -2\Delta.$$

4) 9(2.25) \Rightarrow all values from $\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{3\Delta}{2} = \Delta.$

$$\frac{9}{10}$$

many are mapping
values to single
value

if $m = \frac{9\Delta}{4} \Rightarrow$ is mapped to $2\Delta.$

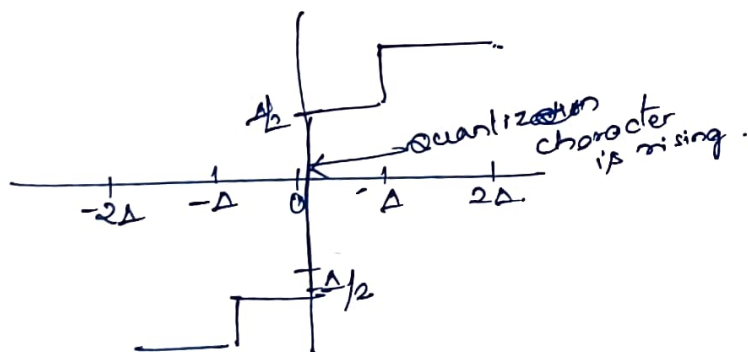
$$\frac{9\Delta}{4} - 2\Delta = \frac{\Delta}{4}$$

\uparrow mapped
original

Quantization
error will be
in the
range $(-\frac{\Delta}{2}, \frac{\Delta}{2})$

Even number of quantization levels:-

consider '4' Level, quantization interval of width Δ



* In a uniform Quantizer, with even number of Q. levels the Quantizer character rises from

$$-\frac{\Delta}{2} \text{ to } \frac{\Delta}{2} \text{ at } m=0$$

↑
mid rise
Quantizer

Δ = step size.

↑
Quantization interval length

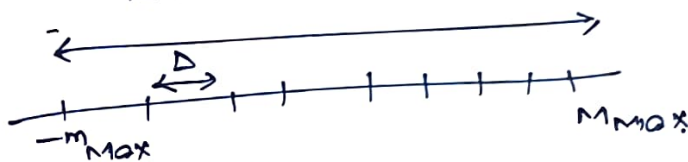
$$\Rightarrow m \in [-m_{\max}, m_{\max}]$$

↑
signal

↑
peak
-ve
amplitude

↑
peak positive
amplitude

$$\text{total Quantization interval} = m_{\max} + m_{\max}$$



$$\# \text{ of Levels} = \frac{2m_{\max}}{\Delta}$$

$$L = 2^n$$

↓
encoding
number
of bits
we