

# DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING (CS 402)

## Image restoration and reconstruction

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# Books

- ▶ Digital Image Processing (Authors: Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E. Woods)
- ▶ Image Processing, Analysis and Machine Vision (Authors: Milan Sonka, Vaclav Hlavac and Roger Boyle)
- ▶ Fundamentals of Digital Image Processing (Author: Anil K. Jain)



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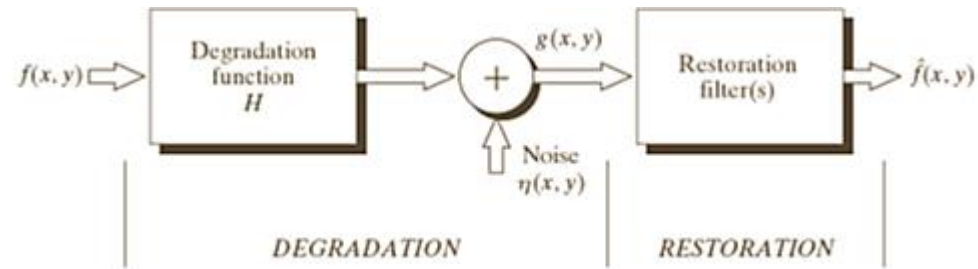
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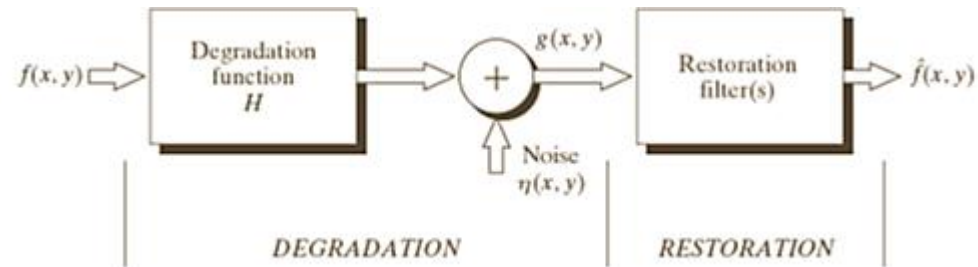


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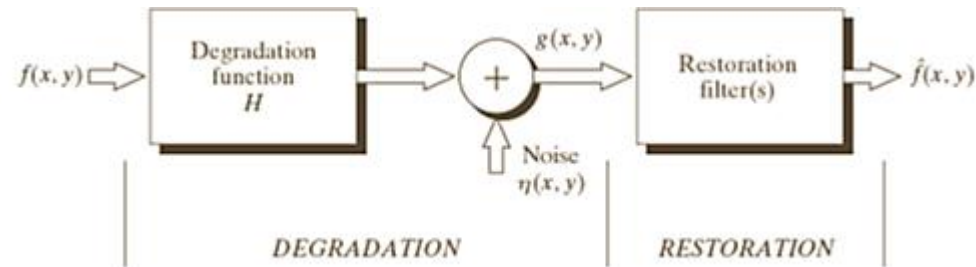


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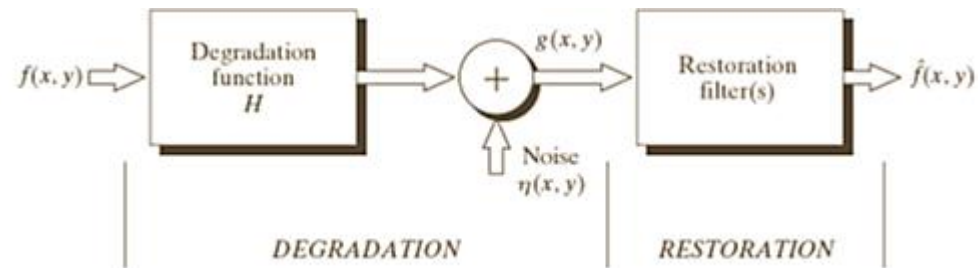
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- ▶ At present, we will consider the degradation process is  $H$  is the identity operator.
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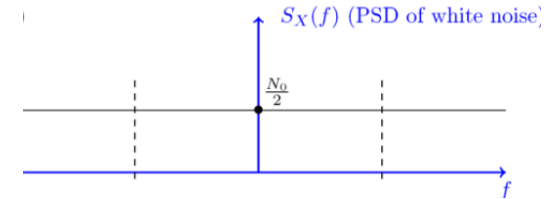




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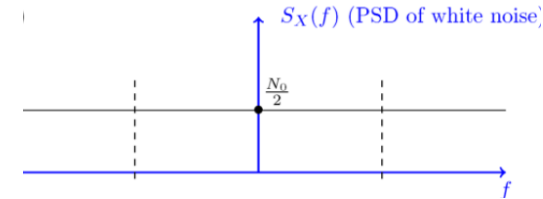
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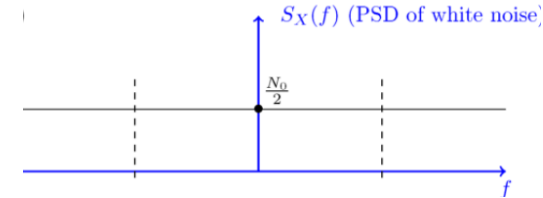
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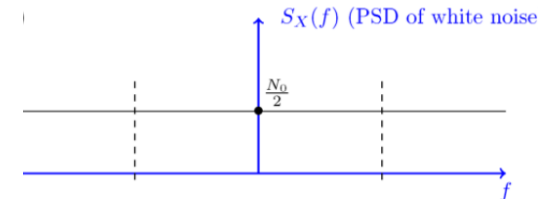
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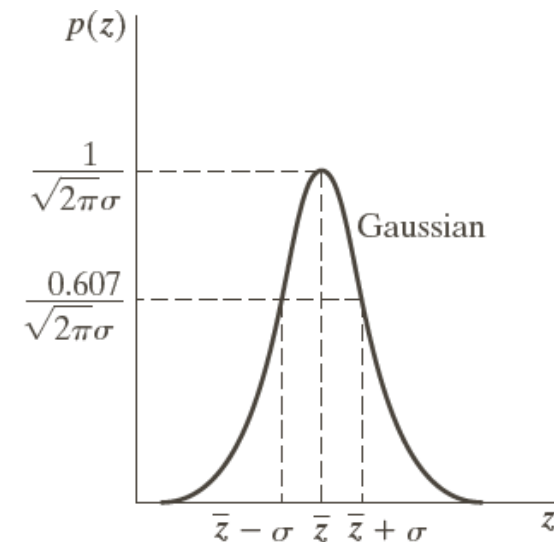


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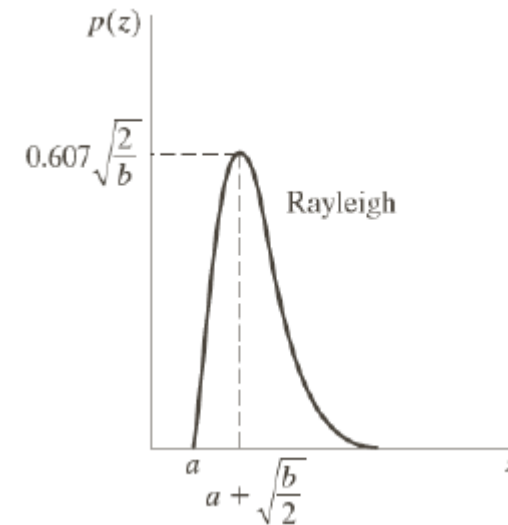


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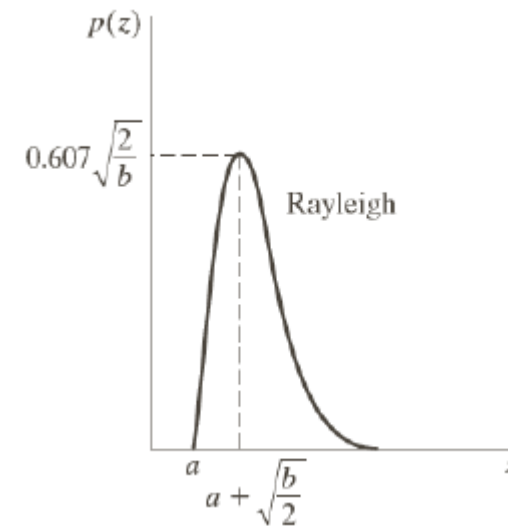
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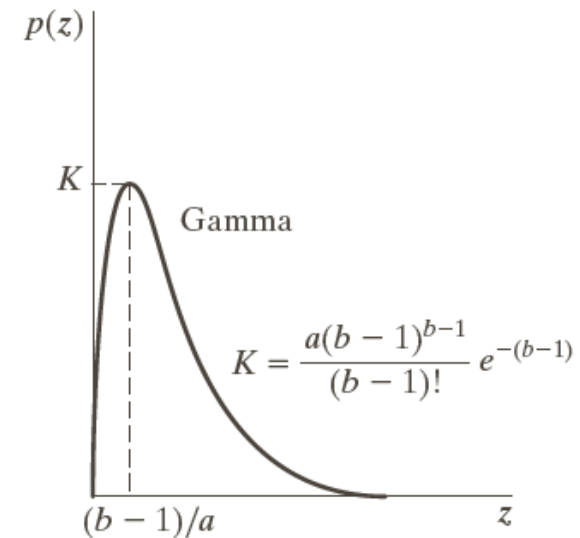


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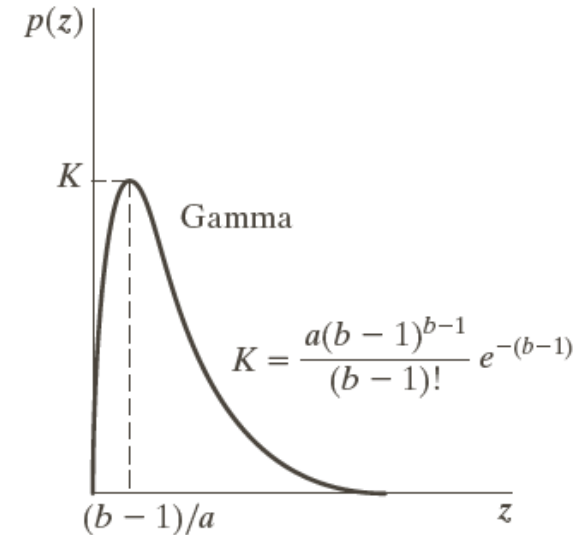
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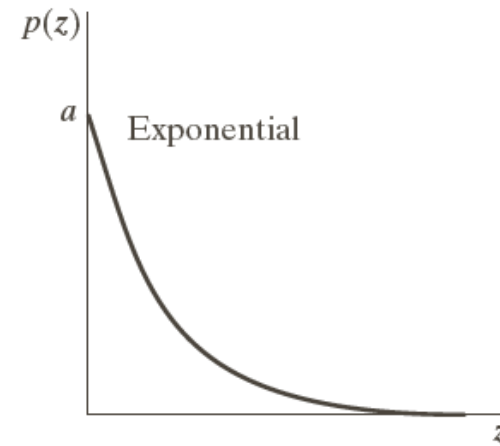


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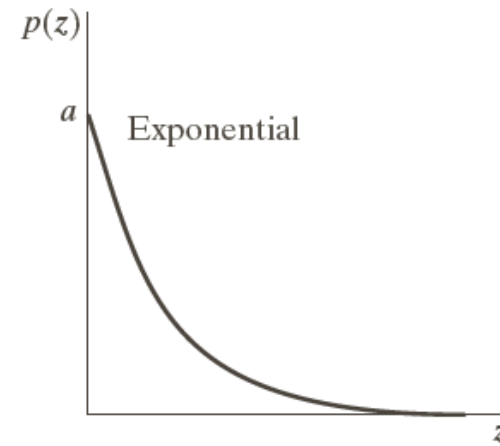
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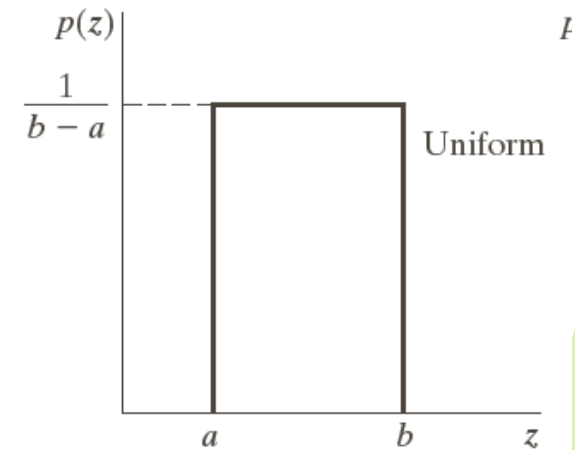


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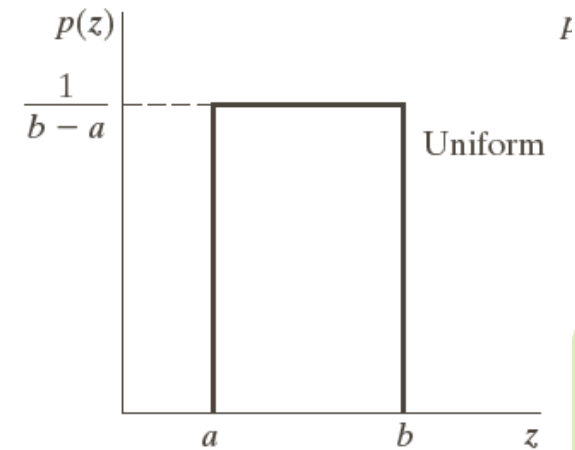
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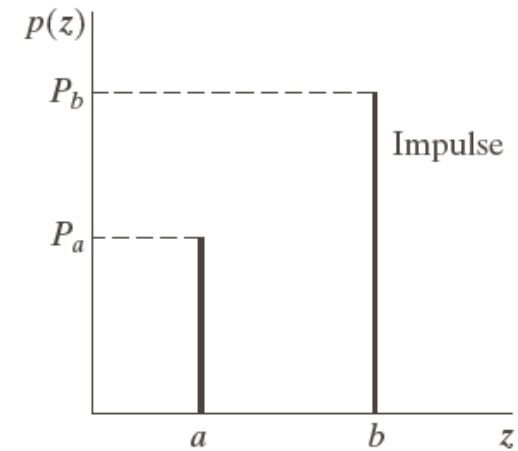


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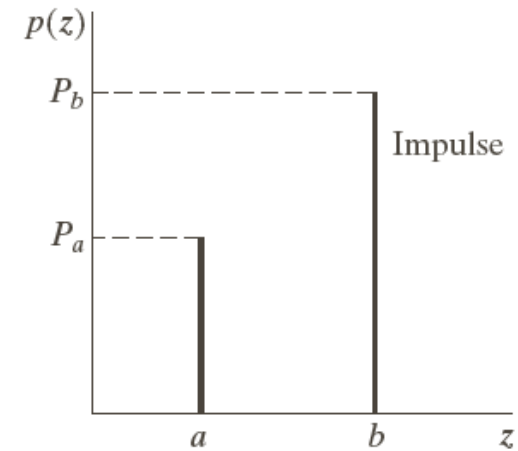
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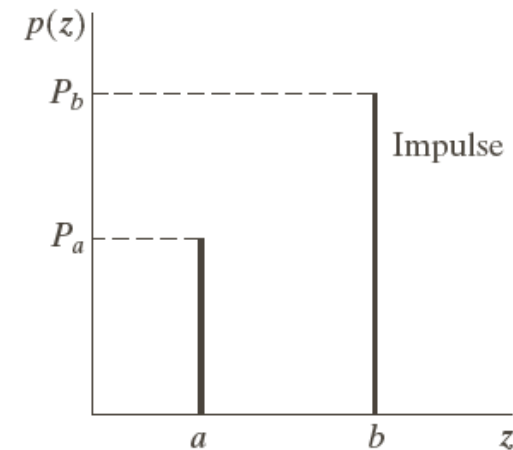
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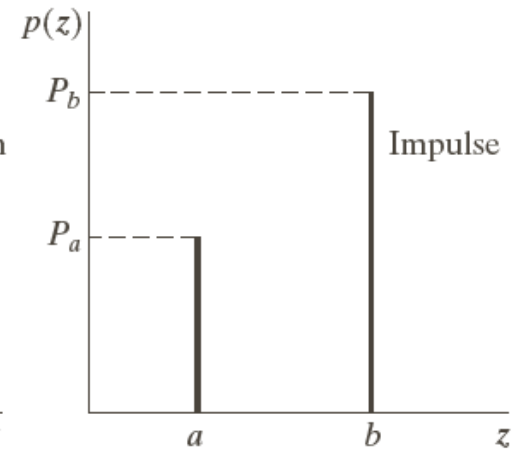
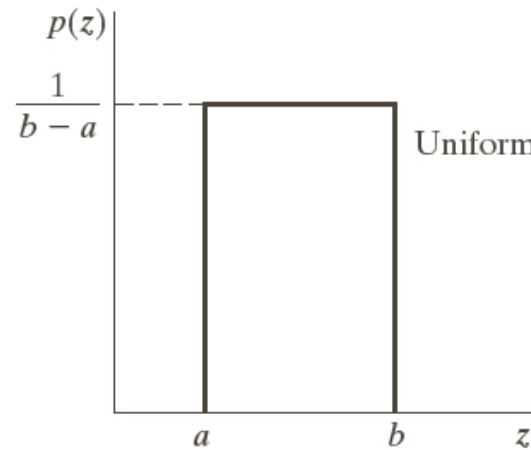
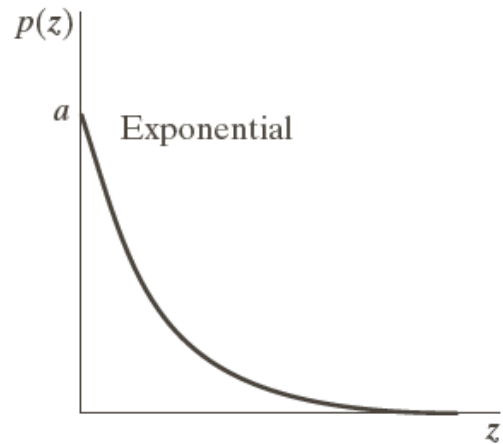
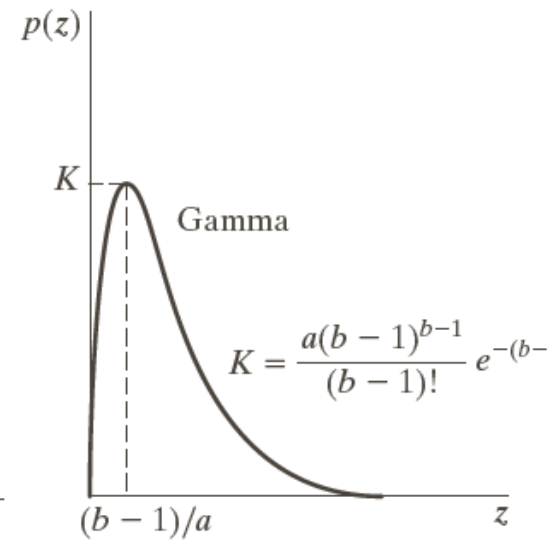
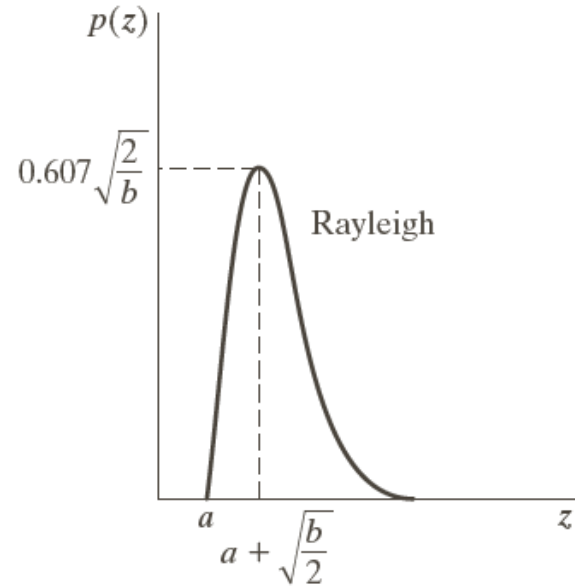
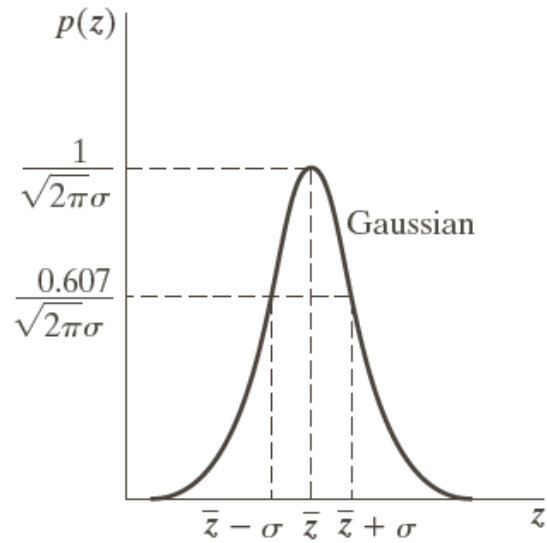
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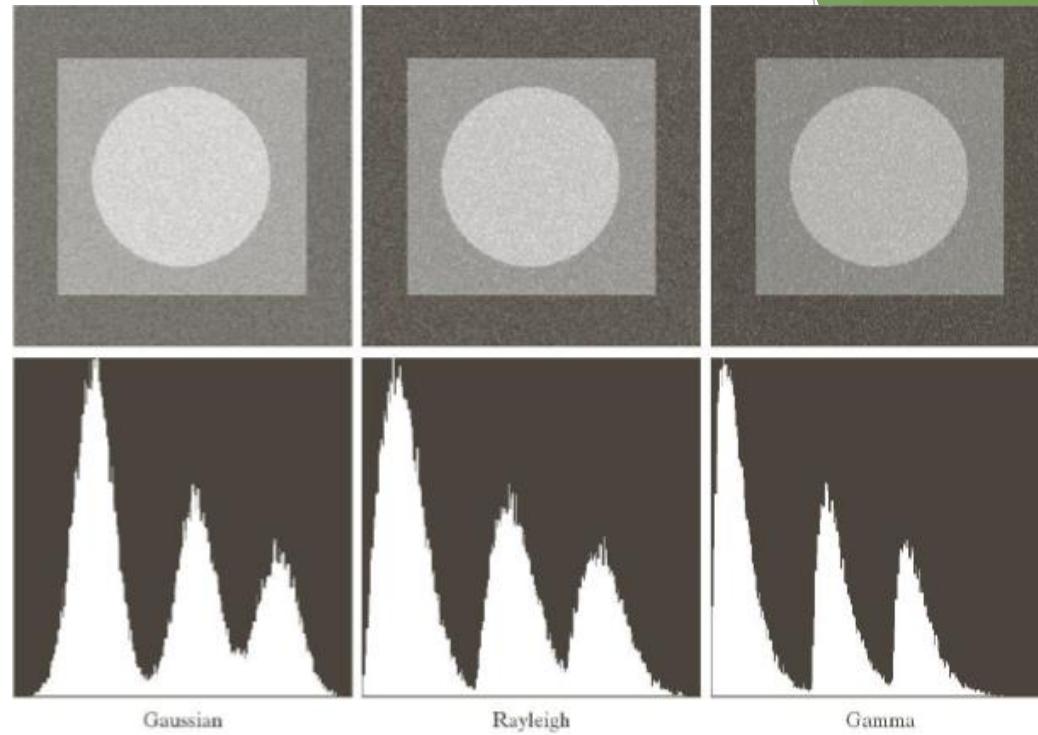
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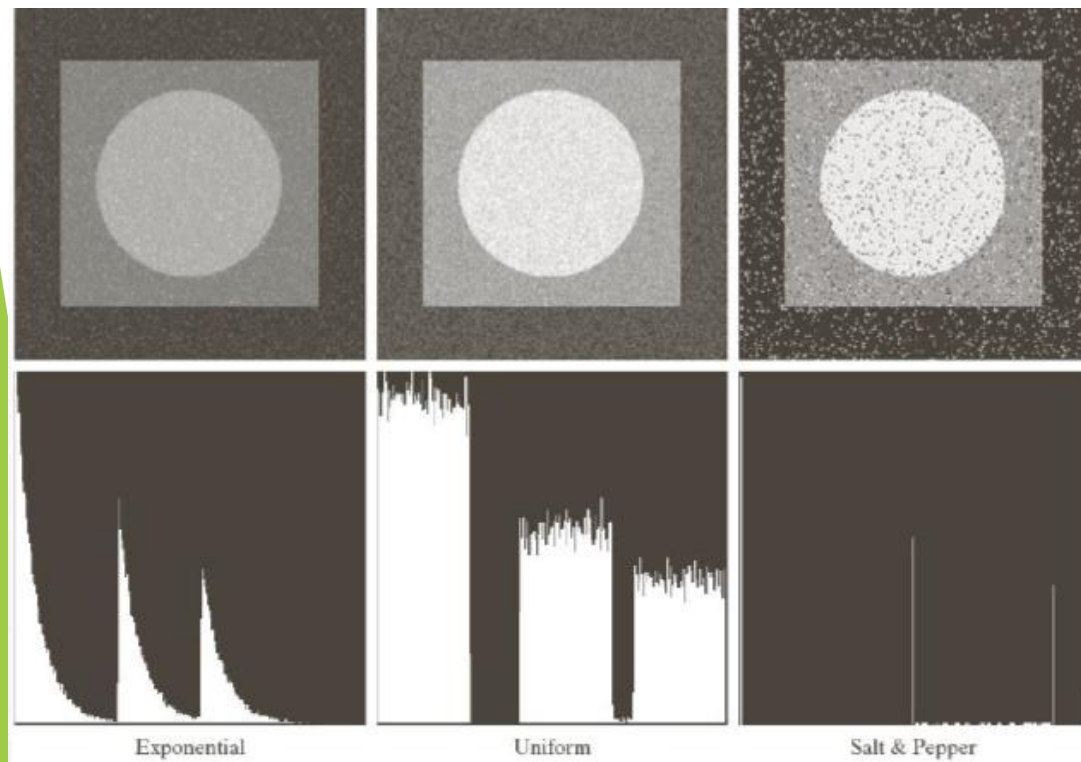


Gaussian

Rayleigh

Gamma

Example of effect of different types of noises



Exponential

Uniform

Salt & Pepper



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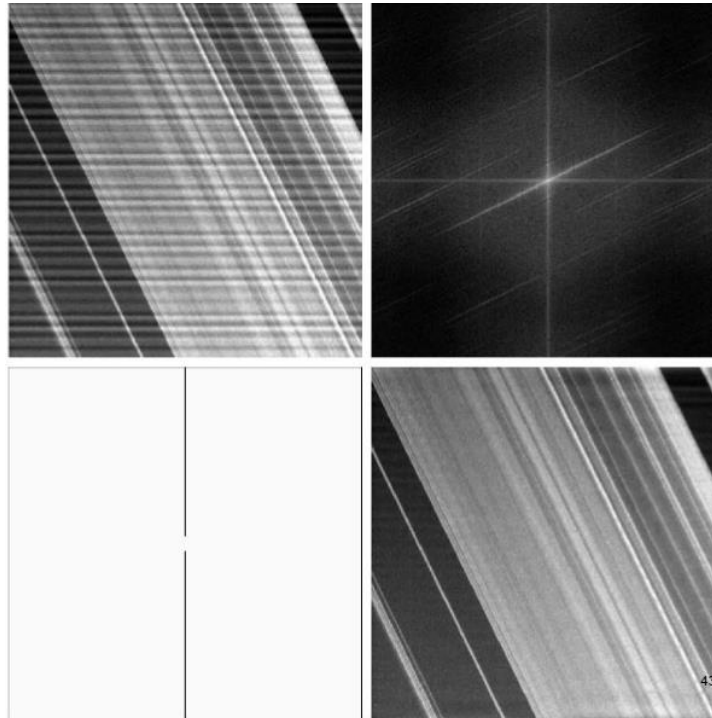
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(a)  $674 \times 674$  image of the Saturn rings showing nearly periodic interference. (b) Spectrum: The bursts of energy in the vertical axis near the origin correspond to the interference pattern. (c) A vertical notch reject filter. (d) Result of filtering. The thin black border in (c) was added for clarity; it is not part of the data. (Original image courtesy of Dr. Robert A. West, NASA/JPL.)

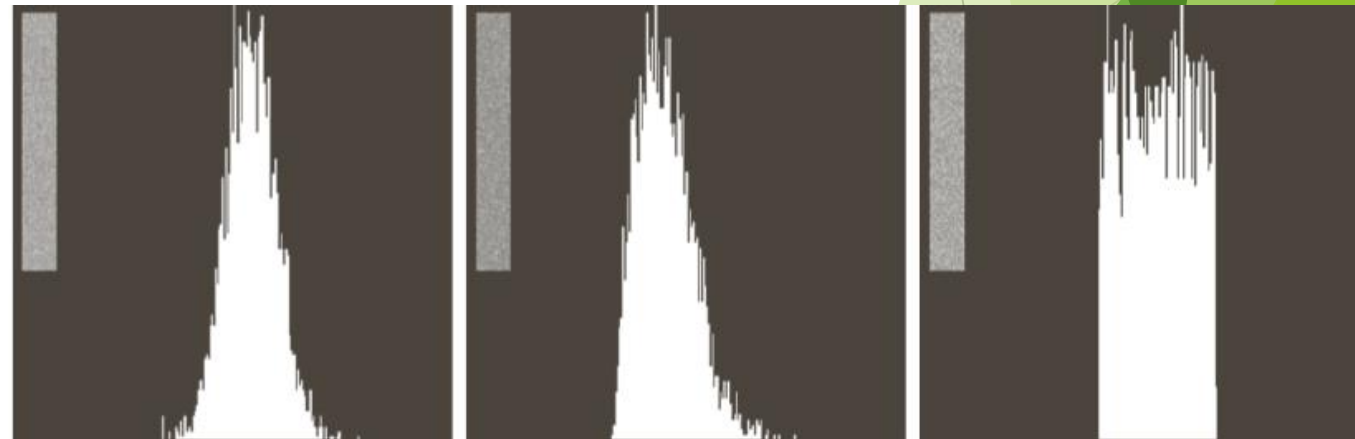
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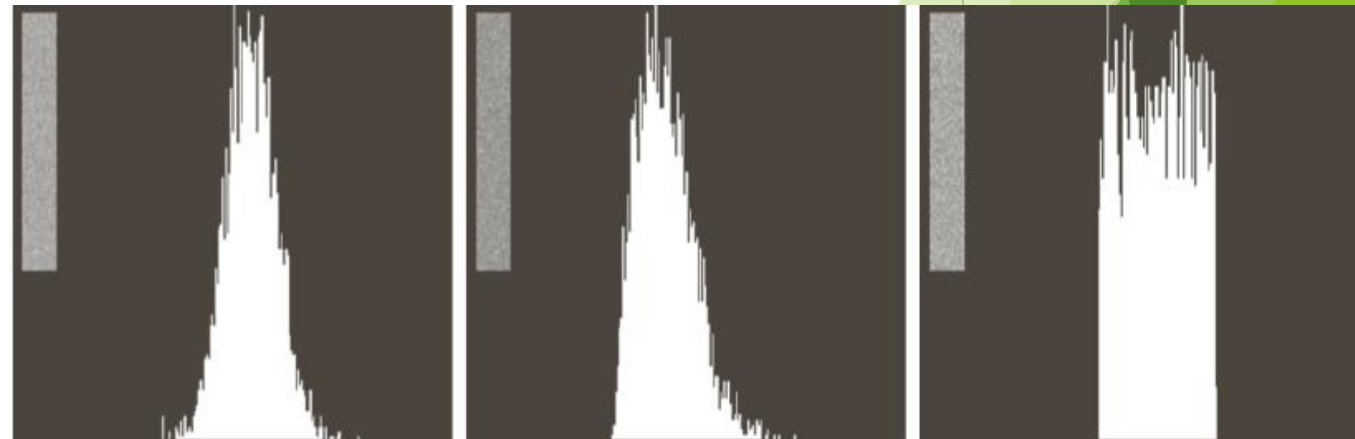
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- ▶ It does well also with other types of noise like Gaussian noise.



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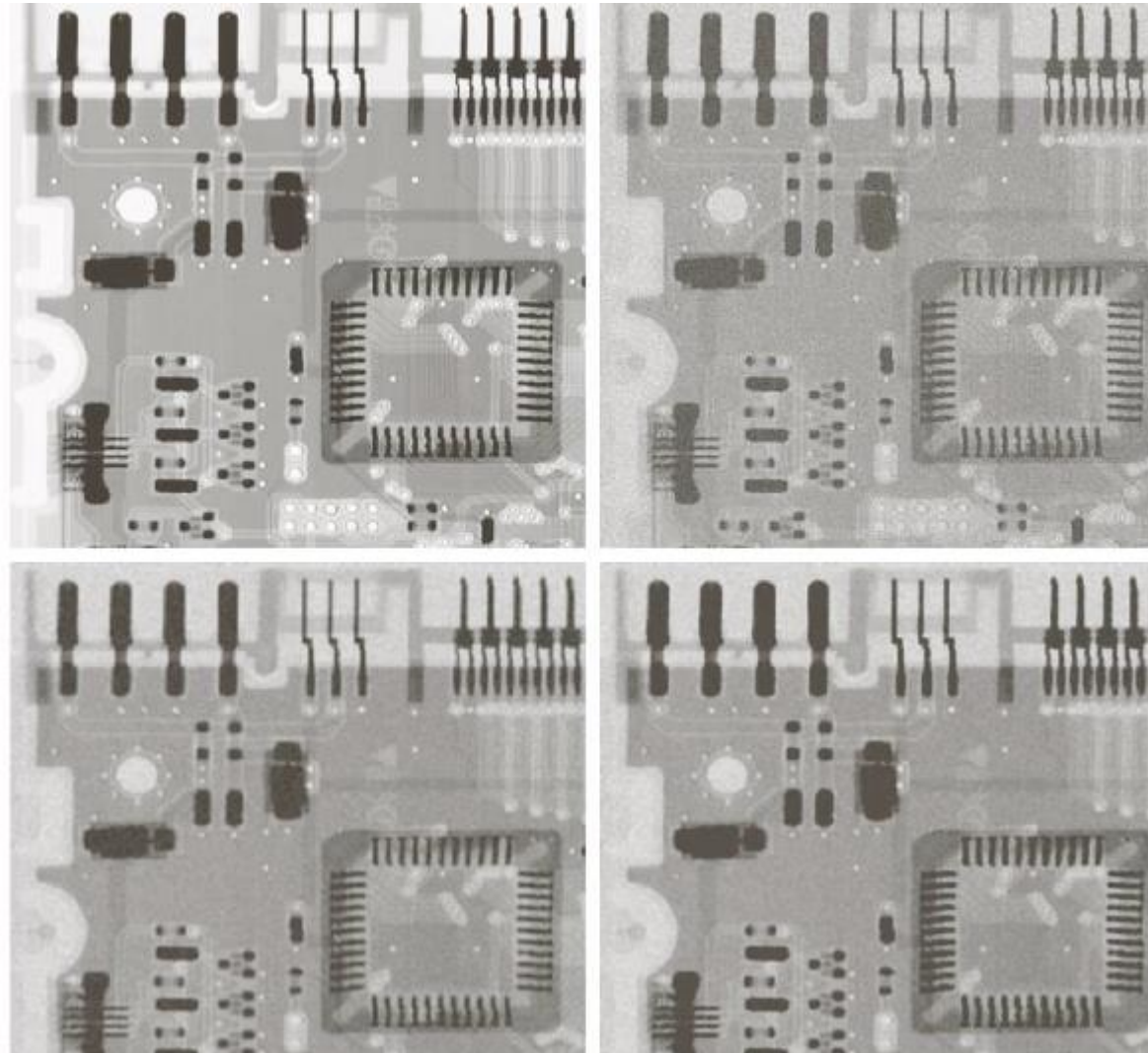


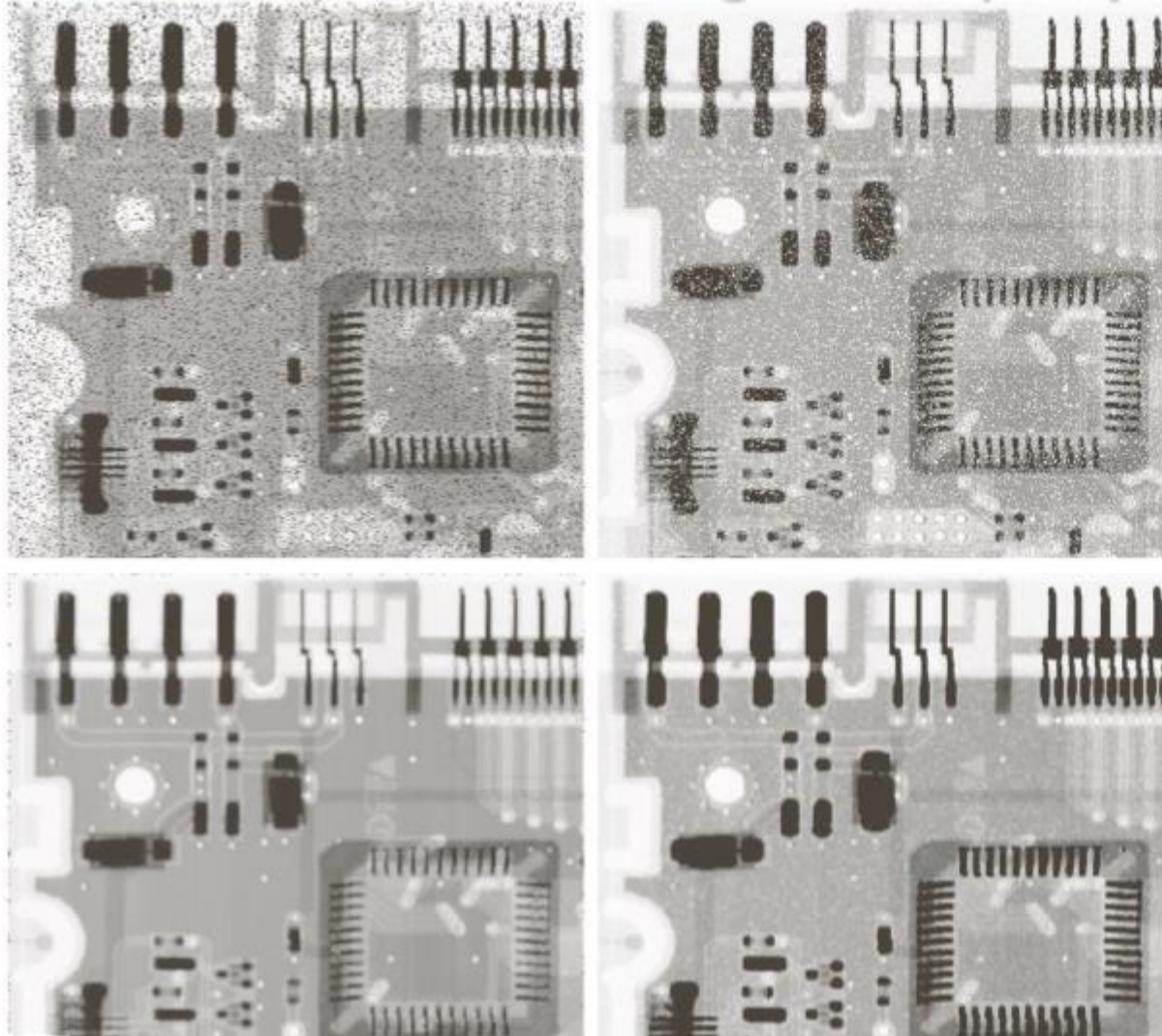


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(a) X-ray image.  
 (b) Image corrupted by additive Gaussian noise.  
 (c) Result of filtering with an arithmetic mean filter of size  $3 \times 3$ .  
 (d) Result of filtering with a geometric mean filter of the same size.

(Original image courtesy of Mr. Joseph E. Pascente, Lixi, Inc.)





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- (a) Image corrupted by pepper noise with a probability of 0.1. (b) Image corrupted by salt noise with the same probability. (c) Result of filtering (a) with a  $3 \times 3$  contra-harmonic filter of order 1.5. (d) Result of filtering (b) with  $Q = -1.5$ .

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- ▶ Useful for finding the darkest pixel in the image. It reduces the salt noise.



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

- This filter is useful randomly distributed noise.



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## 4. Midpoint Filter

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

- ▶ This filter is useful randomly distributed noise.

## 5. Alpha-trimmed Mean Filter

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

- ▶ The  $d/2$  lowest and  $d/2$  highest intensity values of  $g(s, t)$  are deleted in the image window.
- ▶  $g_r(s, t)$  denote the remaining  $mn - d$  pixels.
- ▶ This filter is useful for reducing multiple types of noise such as a combination of Salt-pepper noise and Gaussian noise.



a	b
c	d

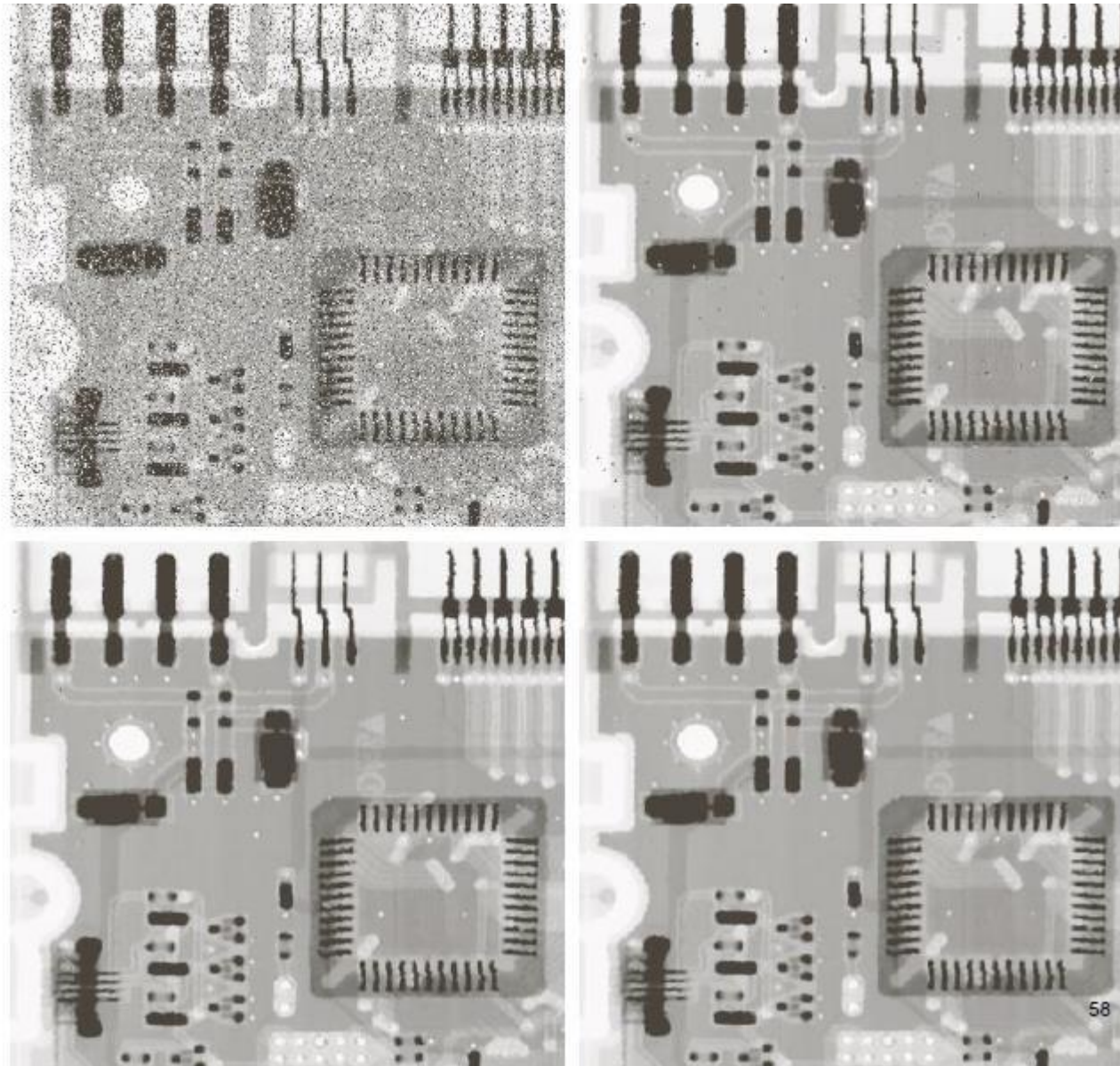
**FIGURE 5.10**

(a) Image corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise with probabilities  $P_a = P_b = 0.1$ .

(b) Result of one pass with a median filter of size  $3 \times 3$ .

(c) Result of processing (b) with this filter.

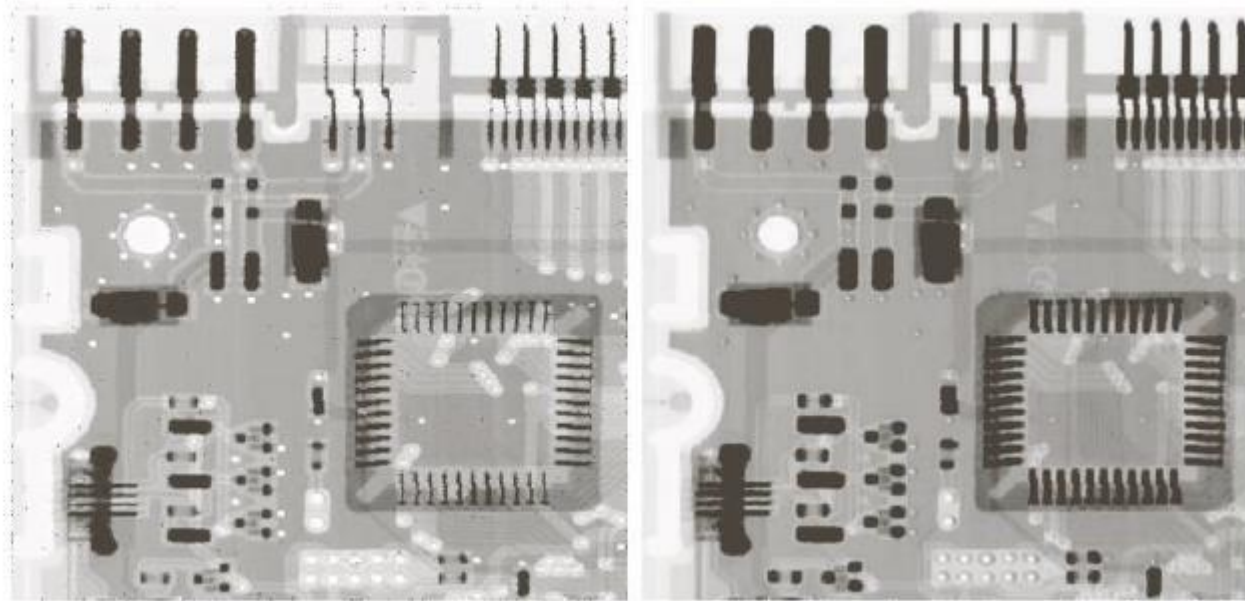
(d) Result of processing (c) with the same filter.

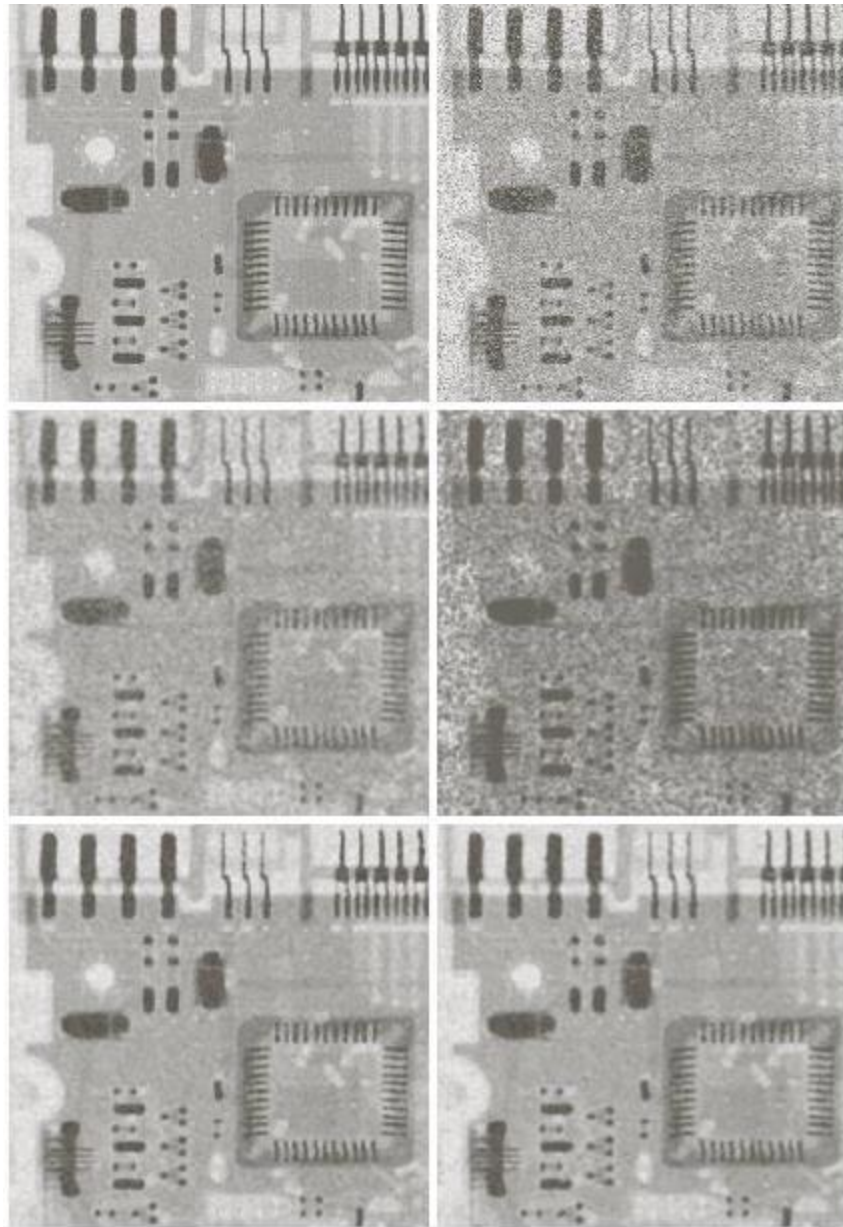




a b

(a) Result of filtering Fig. 5.8(a) with a max filter of size  $3 \times 3$ . (b) Result of filtering 5.8(b) with a min filter of the same size.





a	b
c	d
e	f

**FIGURE 5.12**

(a) Image corrupted by additive uniform noise.

(b) Image additionally corrupted by additive salt-and-pepper noise.

Image (b) filtered with a  $5 \times 5$ ;

(c) arithmetic mean filter;

(d) geometric mean filter;

(e) median filter;

and (f) alpha-trimmed mean filter with  $d = 5$ .

Thank you !

