

DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING

Image Enhancement in Spatial Domain : Session 3

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Today's Lecture

- **Image Enhancement in Spatial Domain**
 - **Local Histogram Processing**
 - **Using Histogram Statistics for Image Enhancement**

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Local Histogram Processing

- Define a neighborhood and move its center from pixel to pixel
- At each location, the histogram of the points in the neighborhood is computed. Either histogram equalization or histogram specification transformation function is obtained
- Map the intensity of the pixel centered in the neighborhood
- Move to the next location and repeat the procedure

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Local Histogram Processing

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Histogram Statistics for Image Enhancement

Average Intensity

Variance

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Spatial Filtering

- The process of linear filtering is called **convolution**.
- The filter masks are sometimes called **convolution masks** or **convolution kernel**.

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Smoothing Spatial Filters

- Smoothing filters are used for blurring and for noise reduction.
- Blurring is used in removal of small details and bridging of small gaps in lines or curves.
- Smoothing spatial filters include **linear filters and nonlinear filters**.
- These filters sometimes are called ***averaging filters***.
- They are also referred to a ***lowpass filters*** in frequency domain.

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Smoothing Linear Spatial Filters

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Two Smoothing Averaging Filter Masks

average

weighted average

Two Smoothing Averaging Filter Masks

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Example: Gross Representation of Objects

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Order-Statistic (Nonlinear) Filters

- ❑ Nonlinear
- ❑ Based on ordering (ranking) the pixels contained in the filter mask
- ❑ Replacing the value of the center pixel with the value determined by the ranking result
- ❑ E.g., median filter, max filter, min filter

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Example: Use of Median Filtering for Noise Reduction

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Sharpening Spatial Filters

- ❑ Foundation
- ❑ Laplacian Operator
- ❑ Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering
- ❑ Using First-Order Derivatives for Nonlinear Image Sharpening — The Gradient

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Sharpening Spatial Filters: **Foundation**

- The first-order derivative of a one-dimensional function $f(x)$ is the difference
- The second-order derivative of $f(x)$ as the difference



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Sharpening Spatial Filters: **Laplacian Operator**

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Sharpening Spatial Filters: **Laplacian Operator**

Image sharpening in the way of using the Laplacian:



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Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering

□ Unsharp masking

Sharpen images consists of subtracting an unsharp (smoothed) version of an image from the original image

e.g., printing and publishing industry

□ Steps

- I. Blur the original image
- II. Subtract the blurred image from the original
- III. Add the mask to the original

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Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering

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Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering: **Example**

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Image Sharpening based on First-Order Derivatives

Gradient Image

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Image Sharpening based on First-Order Derivatives

z_1	z_2	z_3
z_4	z_5	z_6
z_7	z_8	z_9

Image Sharpening based on First-Order Derivatives

Example

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□ **Image Enhancement in Frequency Domain**

**Thank you:
Question?**