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# Arithmetic Operations on Images using OpenCV | Set-2 (Bitwise Operations on Binary Images)

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Bitwise operations are used in image manipulation and used for extracting essential parts in the image. In this article, Bitwise operations used are :

1. **AND**
2. **OR**
3. **XOR**
4. **NOT**

Also, Bitwise operations helps in image masking. Image creation can be enabled with the help of these operations. These operations can be helpful in enhancing the properties of the input images.

**NOTE:** The Bitwise operations should be applied on input images of same dimensions

**Input Image 1:**

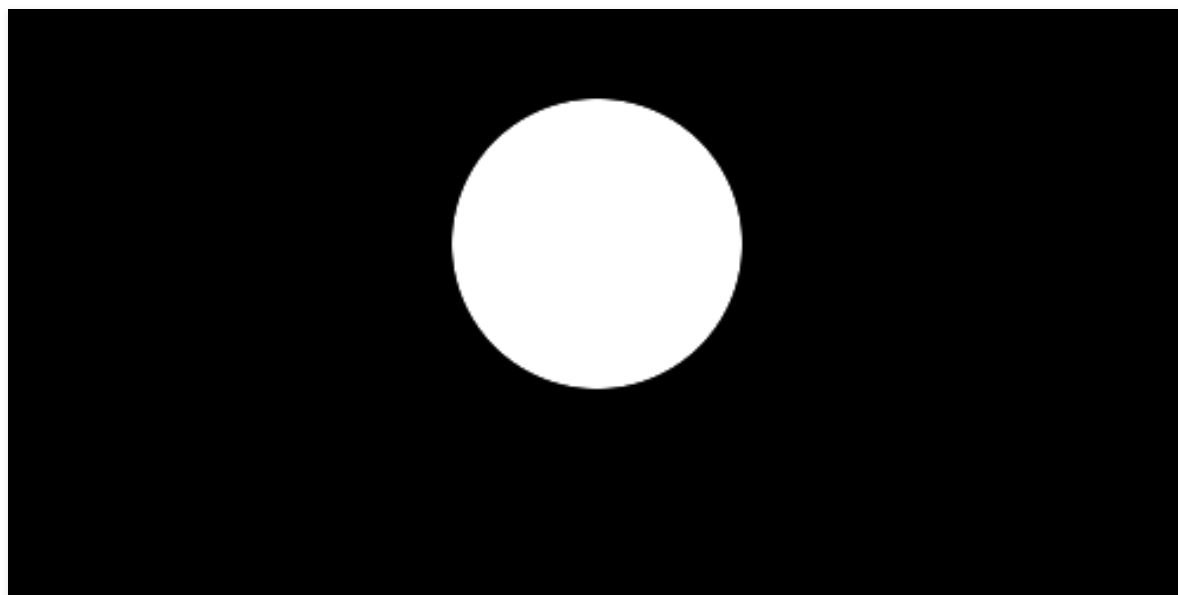
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**Input Image 2:**



**Bitwise AND operation on Image:**



Bitwise conjunction of input array elements.

**Syntax:** `cv2.bitwise_and(source1, source2, destination, mask)`

**Parameters:**

**source1:** First Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**source2:** Second Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**dest:** Output array (Similar to the dimensions and type of Input image array)

**mask:** Operation mask, Input / output 8-bit single-channel mask

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## Python3

```
# Python program to illustrate
# arithmetic operation of
# bitwise AND of two images

# organizing imports
import cv2
import numpy as np

# path to input images are specified and
# images are loaded with imread command
img1 = cv2.imread('input1.png')
img2 = cv2.imread('input2.png')

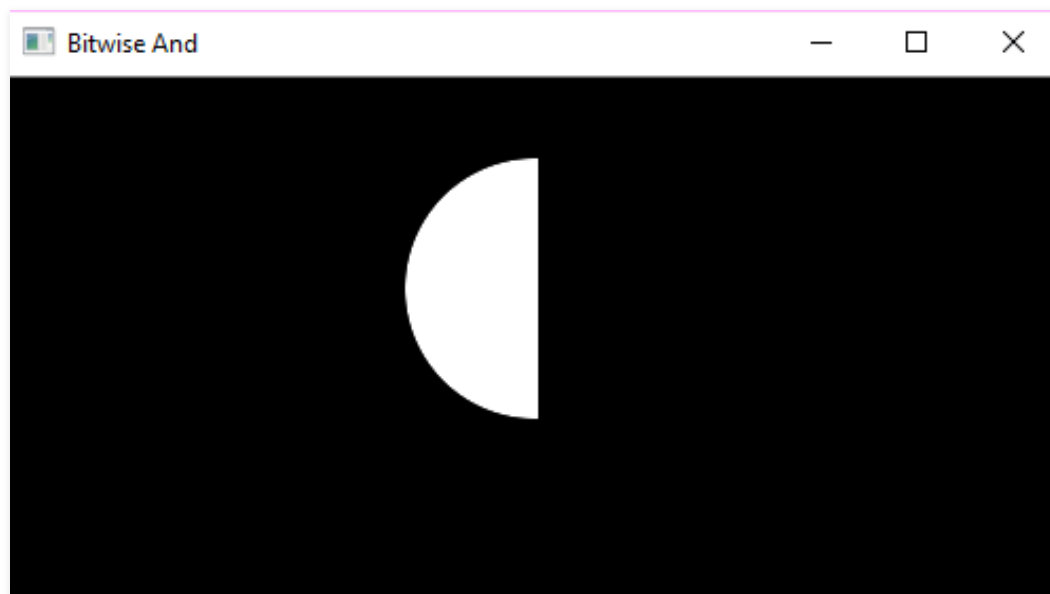
# cv2.bitwise_and is applied over the
# image inputs with applied parameters
dest_and = cv2.bitwise_and(img2, img1, mask = None)

# the window showing output image
# with the Bitwise AND operation
# on the input images
cv2.imshow('Bitwise And', dest_and)

# De-allocate any associated memory usage
if cv2.waitKey(0) & 0xff == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```



Output:



## Bitwise OR operation on Image:

Bit-wise disjunction of input array elements.

**Syntax:** `cv2.bitwise_or(source1, source2, destination, mask)`

**Parameters:**

**source1:** First Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**source2:** Second Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**dest:** Output array (Similar to the dimensions and type of Input image array)

**mask:** Operation mask, Input / output 8-bit single-channel mask



```
# Python program to illustrate  
# arithmetic operation of
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```
# bitwise OR of two images

# organizing imports
import cv2
import numpy as np

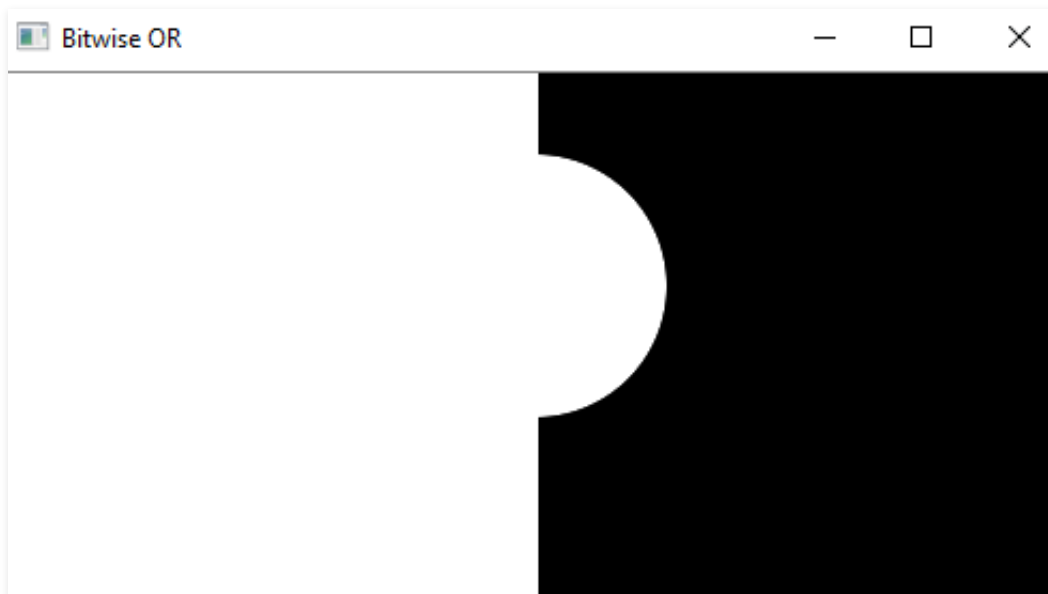
# path to input images are specified and
# images are loaded with imread command
img1 = cv2.imread('input1.png')
img2 = cv2.imread('input2.png')

# cv2.bitwise_or is applied over the
# image inputs with applied parameters
dest_or = cv2.bitwise_or(img2, img1, mask = None)

# the window showing output image
# with the Bitwise OR operation
# on the input images
cv2.imshow('Bitwise OR', dest_or)

# De-allocate any associated memory usage
if cv2.waitKey(0) & 0xff == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

## Output:



## Bitwise XOR operation on Image:

Bit-wise exclusive-OR operation on input array elements.

**Syntax:** `cv2.bitwise_xor(source1, source2, destination, mask)`

**Parameters:**

**source1:** First Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**source2:** Second Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**dest:** Output array (Similar to the dimensions and type of Input image array)

**mask:** Operation mask, Input / output 8-bit single-channel mask

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## Python3

```
# Python program to illustrate
# arithmetic operation of
# bitwise XOR of two images

# organizing imports
import cv2
import numpy as np

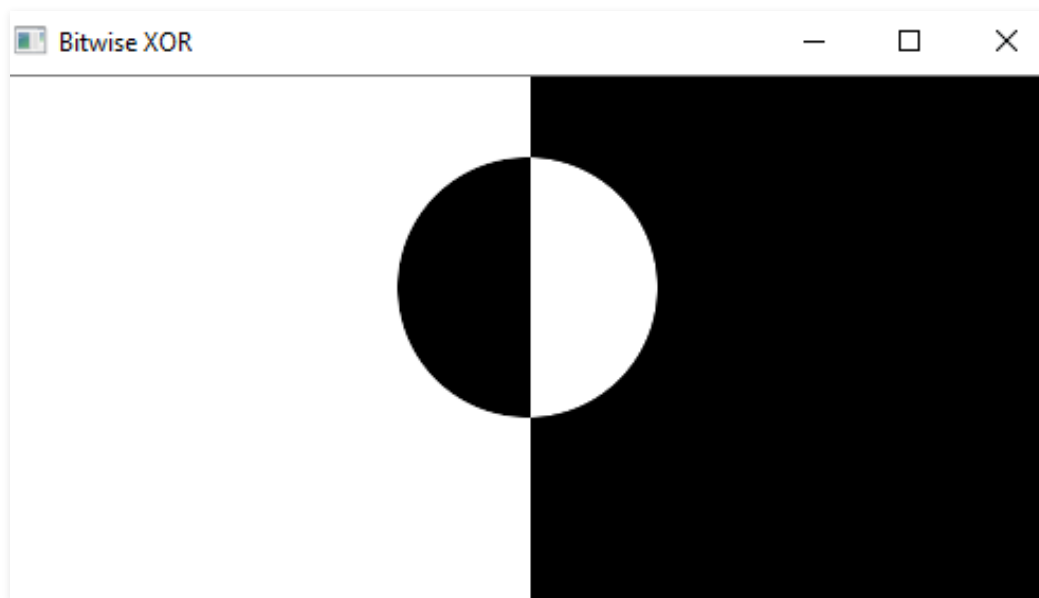
# path to input images are specified and
# images are loaded with imread command
img1 = cv2.imread('input1.png')
img2 = cv2.imread('input2.png')

# cv2.bitwise_xor is applied over the
# image inputs with applied parameters
dest_xor = cv2.bitwise_xor(img1, img2, mask = None)

# the window showing output image
# with the Bitwise XOR operation
# on the input images
cv2.imshow('Bitwise XOR', dest_xor)

# De-allocate any associated memory usage
if cv2.waitKey(0) & 0xff == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

## Output:



## Bitwise NOT operation on Image:

Inversion of input array elements.

**Syntax:** `cv2.bitwise_not(source, destination, mask)`

**Parameters:**

**source:** Input Image array (Single-channel, 8-bit or floating-point)

**dest:** Output array (Similar to the dimensions and type of Input image array)

**mask:** Operation mask, Input / output 8-bit single-channel mask



# Python program to illustrate

```
# arithmetic operation of
# bitwise NOT on input image

# organizing imports
import cv2
import numpy as np

# path to input images are specified and
# images are loaded with imread command
img1 = cv2.imread('input1.png')
img2 = cv2.imread('input2.png')

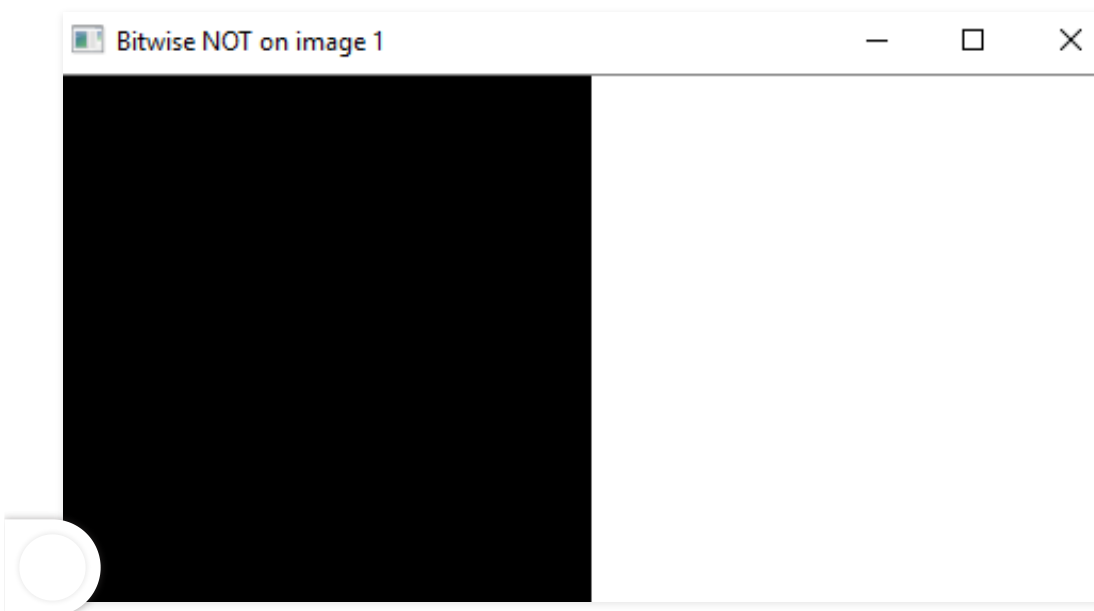
# cv2.bitwise_not is applied over the
# image input with applied parameters
dest_not1 = cv2.bitwise_not(img1, mask = None)
dest_not2 = cv2.bitwise_not(img2, mask = None)

# the windows showing output image
# with the Bitwise NOT operation
# on the 1st and 2nd input image
cv2.imshow('Bitwise NOT on image 1', dest_not1)
cv2.imshow('Bitwise NOT on image 2', dest_not2)

# De-allocate any associated memory usage
if cv2.waitKey(0) & 0xff == 27:
    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

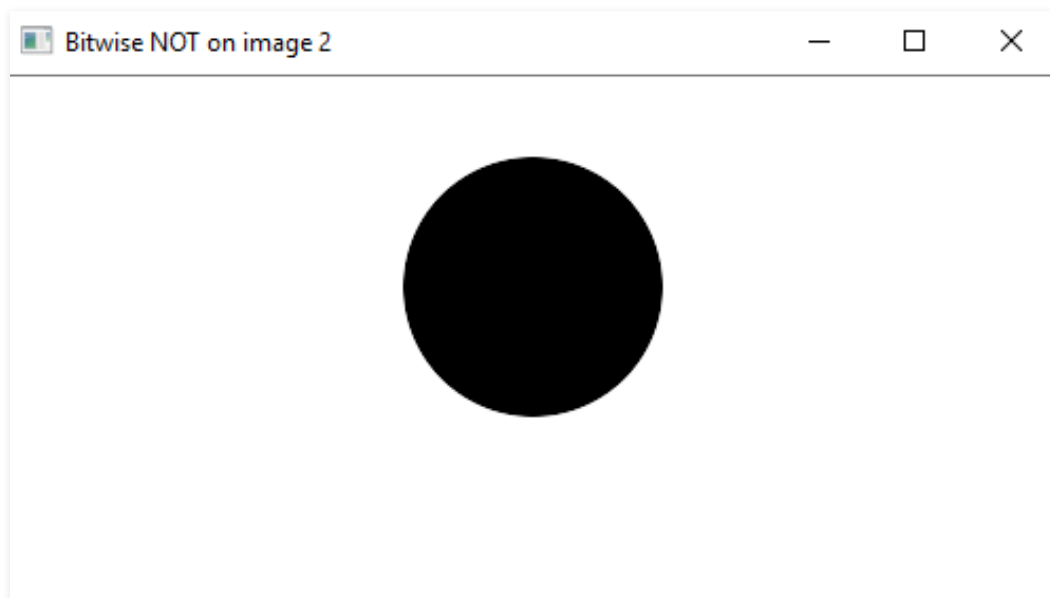
## Output:

### Bitwise NOT on Image 1





## Bitwise NOT on Image 2



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