

Morphological Operations

→ Set of non-linear operations related to shape of object

Morphology \Rightarrow Shape

→ Object/Region = Set of pixels where $0 = \text{bg}$
 $1 = \text{fg}$

Morphological processing

Set of theoretical operations like planet phenotyping

Operations: $A \cup B, A \cap B, A \vee B, A^c, A - B$

Structuring element/kernel:

Matrix of pixels for a binary image

Parameters of structuring elements

→ Size of structuring element i.e. dimensions

→ Shape of structuring element [sets of 0's & 1's]

example: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ cross

→ origin of structuring elements, one of its pixels doesn't need to be at center or can be outside based on operation

Erosion:


→ Makes objects look thinner

→ Morphological operation



→ Take 3x3 struct element with origin at center

→ When SE lies within region of 1's, we retain 1 at origin, even if SE doesn't fully fit then don't retain, set it to 0
i.e. pixels eroded away.

- SE operates w.r.t origin [decide on our own]
- Diff shapes of SE → diff outputs
-  Holes becomes larger
Image gets darker

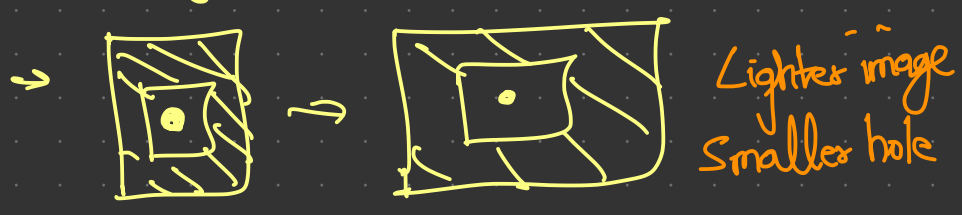
Used in counting coins, binarizing images.

→ In SE, if disk has radius r , as radius increases → Erosion is more
Can be taken as min filter

→ Representations: $f \ominus S \rightarrow S.E$
↓
Bin.Img
it removes small objects

Dilation:

SE origin overlaps with 1, put 1's over all positions SE occupies



MAX FILTER TYPE

Representations $f \oplus S$

Boundary Detection:

① Dilation:

- Dilate inp. img
- Sub. I/P from dilated img
- Boundaries are left

② Erosion:

- Erosion I/P img
- Sub. eroded img from i/p
- Boundaries are left

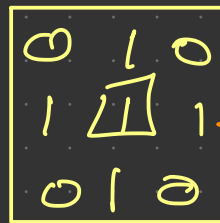
① $(A \oplus B) - A$
↓
ext. boundary

② $A - A \ominus B$
↓
int. boundary

③ $A \oplus B - (A \ominus B)$
↓
Thicker boundaries



→ 8 connectivity due to 8 neigh. pixels connected

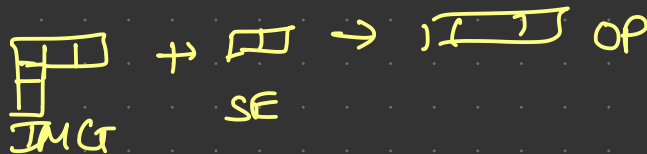


→ 4 connectivity as 4 neigh. pixels connected

Compound operations:

① Opening: [Affects fg]

- Erosion then dilation
- Take SE & slide it inside each foreground region
- FG pixels covered by SE with SE being entirely within fg region will be preserved
- All FG pix. that can't be reached by SE without lapping over edge of fg will be eroded.



- Use 3x4 se to retain vertical bars
- Use large SE that can fit inside big blobs but not small blobs to remove small blobs
- removes salt noise [small blobs from fg]
- Same SE for erosion & dilation
- Idempotent: No effect after repeated application
- Representations $f \circ s = (f \ominus s) \oplus s$

② Closing: [Affects bg]

- Dilate then erode
- Take SE & slide it outside fg region
- For big pixels that can't be reached by SE without coming inside fg change to fg
- Closes small holes in fg while keeping initial region sizes

→ INDEPENDENT: No effect on repeated application

→ REPRESENTATIONS: $f \cdot s = (f \oplus s) \ominus s$

→ Removes pepper noise

Example:

→ Threshold to get fg/bg

→ Close with disc of size 20

Then narrow gaps in fg is filled so that it can be considered as single object

→ Closing is ideal for skeleton operations etc for further processing and selection

→ Opening & closing are complementary [duality]

→ REPRESENTATIONS:

$$(f \cdot s)^c = f \circ s^c$$

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→ Apply Closing with s^c on f^c is same as opening with s on f complemented.

→ Used to remove salt noise ~~and close~~ with opening & ~~close~~ fixing narrow breaks with opening, closing respectively to noisy fingerprint

Dilation & closing → Extending operations [\uparrow fg]

Erosion & opening → Absorbing operations [\downarrow fg]

$$(f \ominus s)(x) \leq (f \circ s)(x) \leq f(x) \leq (f \cdot s)(x) \leq (f \oplus s)(x)$$

→ For fg pixels

$$F(f \ominus s) \leq F(f \circ s)(x) \leq f(x) \leq F(f \cdot s) \leq F(f \oplus s)$$

Erosion → Min filter → Darker
Dilation → Max filter → Lighter

} Not exactly but analogous as it depends on shape, origin etc.