

# Histogram Equalization

## Project #2



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## **Objectives:**

We are going to write a MATLAB program for histogram equalization and improve the quality of grayscale image by increasing the contrast of poor-contrast images. We will compare the histogram of original poor-contrast image and the histogram of equalized image with those images side-by-side.

## **Original Images:**



*Fig1: Lady*

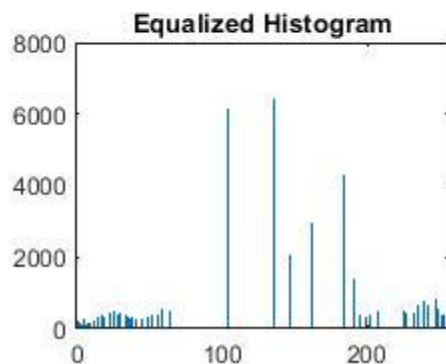
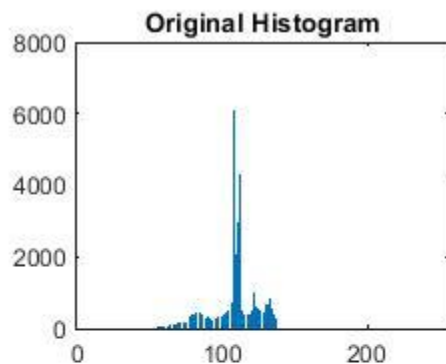


*fig2: Mask*



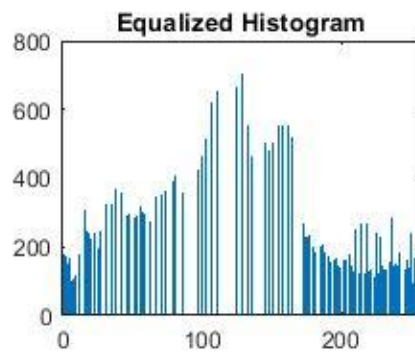
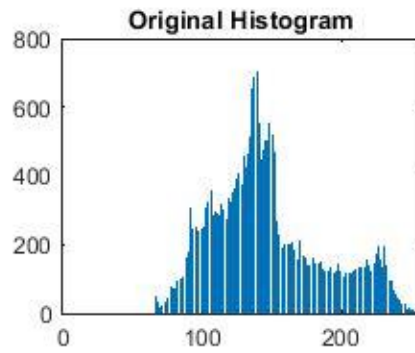
*fig3: Structures*

## **Results**

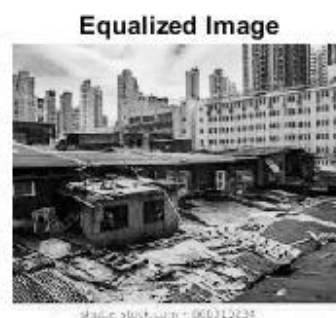
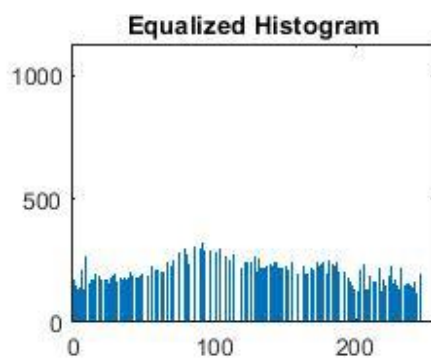
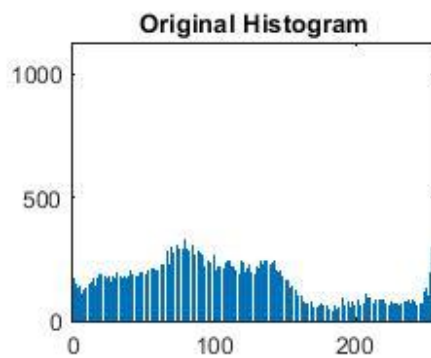


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*Fig4: Result of Histogram equalization for fig 1*



*Fig5: Result of Histogram equalization for fig 2*



*Fig6: Result of Histogram equalization for fig 3*

## Comments

We mapped the grayscale intensity value of original image to the value derived from the Cumulative Distribution Function. The Cumulative Distribution Function is given as:

$$S_k = \sum_{j=0} p_x(r_j) \quad ; \quad \text{where } p_x(r_j) = \text{probability of intensity } r_j \text{ occurring}$$

The use of the CDF function enhances the contrast of the image significantly as can be seen from the above results.

## Matlab Code

```
poor_contrast = rgb2gray(imread('poor_contrast3.jpg'));
size_row = size(poor_contrast,1);
size_col = size(poor_contrast,2);
intensity_label = [0:255];
% for counting the number of each intensity labels
number_of_each_intensity_label = zeros(1,256);
for L = 1:256
    for i = 1:size_row
        for j = 1:size_col
            if (poor_contrast(i,j) == L-1)
                number_of_each_intensity_label(L) =
number_of_each_intensity_label(L) + 1;
            end
        end
    end
end
% CDF transformation of each intensity label for histogram equalization
hist_equalized_intensity = zeros(1,256);
for k = 1:256
    for j = 1:k
        hist_equalized_intensity(k) = hist_equalized_intensity(k) +
255*number_of_each_intensity_label(j)/(size_col*size_row);
    end
    hist_equalized_intensity(k) = round(hist_equalized_intensity(k));
end
% histogram equalized image
new_image = zeros(size_row, size_col);
for L = 1:256
    new_image(poor_contrast == L-1) = hist_equalized_intensity(L);
end
number_of_each_intensity_label_new = zeros(1,256);
for L = 1:256
    for i = 1:size_row
        for j = 1:size_col
            if (new_image(i,j) == L-1)
                number_of_each_intensity_label_new(L) =
number_of_each_intensity_label_new(L) + 1;
            end
        end
    end
end
end
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```
new_image_gray = mat2gray(new_image);  
subplot(2,2,1), bar(intensity_label, number_of_each_intensity_label);  
title('Original Histogram');  
subplot(2,2,2), imshow(poor_contrast);  
title('Original Image');  
subplot(2,2,3), bar(intensity_label, number_of_each_intensity_label_new);  
title('Equalized Histogram');  
subplot(2,2,4), imshow(new_image_gray);  
title('Equalized Image');
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