

ImProc. Digital Image Processing

Lecture 1 (draft)

Basic Tools & techniques in Image Processing

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Typical Sequence

- **Pre-processing**
 - Noise reduction: low-pass Filtering
- **Processing**
 - Gradient maps + Threshold
 - Gradient based descriptor (hand-crafted *vs.* *learned* features)
- **Post-processing**
 - Edge thinning, closing
 - Outlier removal
- **Representation & Description**
 - Hough Transform

Spatial Masks

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ (x-1, y-1) & (x-1, y) & (x-1, y+1) \\ w_4 & w_5 & w_6 \\ (x, y-1) & (x, y) & (x, y+1) \\ w_7 & w_8 & w_9 \\ (x+1, y-1) & (x+1, y) & (x+1, y+1) \end{bmatrix}$$

w_1, \dots, w_9 : mask coefficients
8-neighbors of (x, y)

$$\begin{aligned} T[f(x, y)] &= w_1 f(x-1, y-1) + w_2 f(x-1, y) \\ &+ w_3 f(x-1, y+1) + w_4 f(x, y-1) \\ &+ w_5 f(x, y) + w_6 f(x, y+1) + w_7 f(x+1, y-1) \\ &+ w_8 f(x+1, y) + w_9 f(x+1, y+1) \end{aligned}$$

- *size of the template*
- *values of coefficients*

Direct Low pass filtering by averaging

averaging 2x2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

averaging 3x3

Image smoothing
+ noise reduction
- edge smoothing

$$\sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \sum_{q=0}^{k-1} h(p, q) = 1$$

Low pass filtering by averaging



Median Filtering

Algorithm

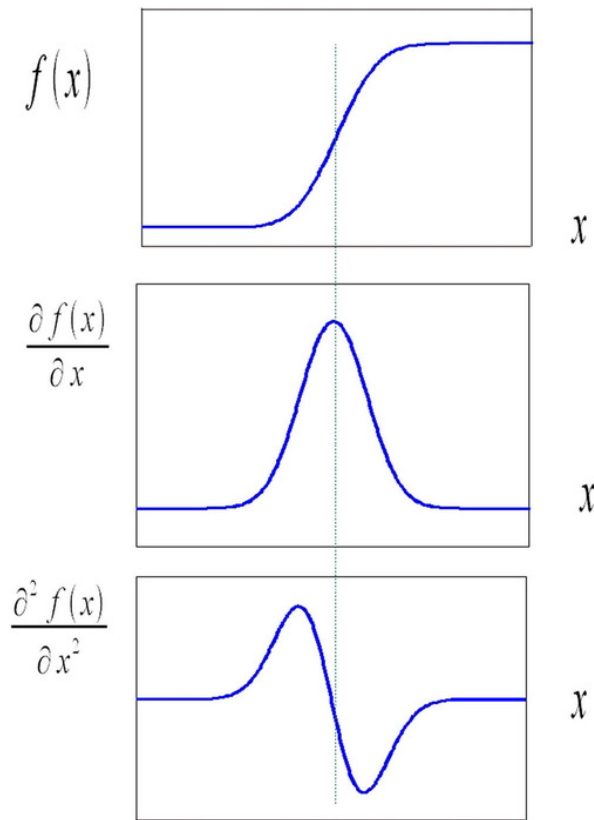
1. *Classify* $S = \{f(x_j, y_j), (x_j, y_j) \in W\}$
2. $f'(x_i, y_i) = \text{med}(S)$

Non linear,

$$\text{med}(\alpha.I_1 + \beta.I_2) \neq \alpha.\text{med}(I_1) + \beta.\text{med}(I_2)$$

Useful in preserving edges while reducing noise (image smoothing)

Edges : Gradient & Laplacian



$$f(x, y)$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\nabla f(x, y)| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2}$$

Image Sharpening

Gradient Pattern

- Gradient

$$G_x \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \mathbf{0} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad G_y \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & \mathbf{0} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Prewitt

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & \mathbf{0} & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sobel

*if $|\nabla f(x, y)| > Threshold$ at (x_0, y_0)
 then (x_0, y_0) is an edge point
 else (x_0, y_0) is not an edge point*

Gradient Pattern

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

0°

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 6 & 2 \\ 8 & 4 & 0 & -4 & -8 \\ -2 & -6 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

22.5°

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 0 & -10 \\ 10 & 10 & 0 & -10 & -10 \\ 10 & 0 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ 0 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

45°

Questions

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \mathbf{1} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

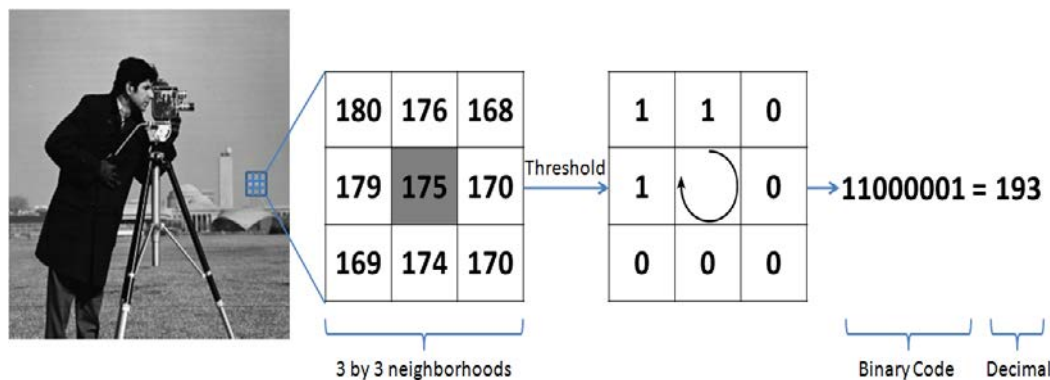
$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & \mathbf{4} & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we apply it two times?

2D filtering or 2 times 1D?

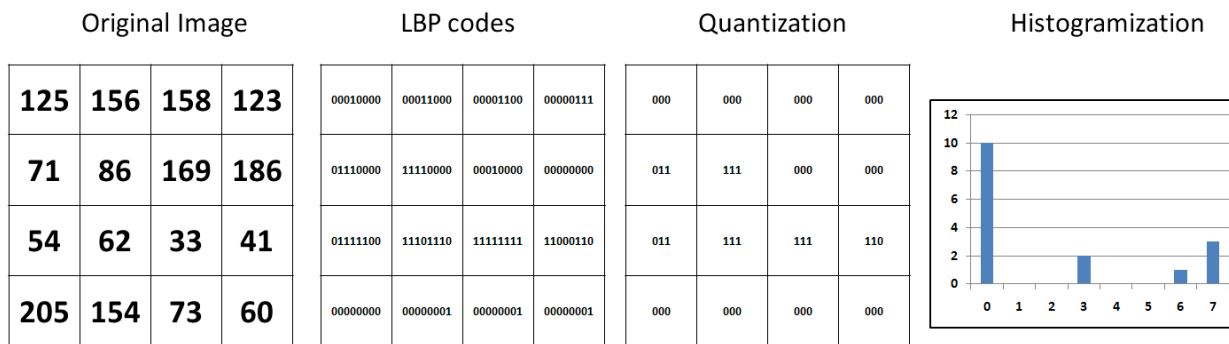
Gradient based descriptor: SURF, FAST, DAISY, SIFT, etc.

Local binary Pattern (LBP)



$$LBP = \sum_{p=0}^{p-1} s(g_p - g_c) 2^p$$

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\chi^2(S, M) = \sum_i^n \frac{(S_i - M_i)^2}{S_i + M_i}$$

Widely used to compare two face images

Laplacian Pattern

- Laplacian

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & +1 & 0 \\ +1 & \mathbf{-4} & +1 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Edges: zero-crossing points

$$\nabla^2 f[(x,y)] \approx f(x+1,y) + f(x-1,y) + f(x,y+1) + f(x,y-1) - 4f(x,y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x,y) \cong \frac{f(x+a,y) - f(x-b,y)}{a+b}$$

Basic question on Filtering

- *What are the differences between averaging and median filters (e.g. of size 3×3) in terms of implementation and impact?*

Hough Transform

Originally designed for Line detection

but can also be used for any analytical curve (circle, ellipse, etc.)

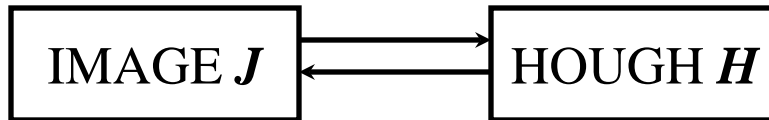


Image Space defined by $\{M_i (x_i, y_i)\}$

A set of pixels defines a curve described by a parametric equation,

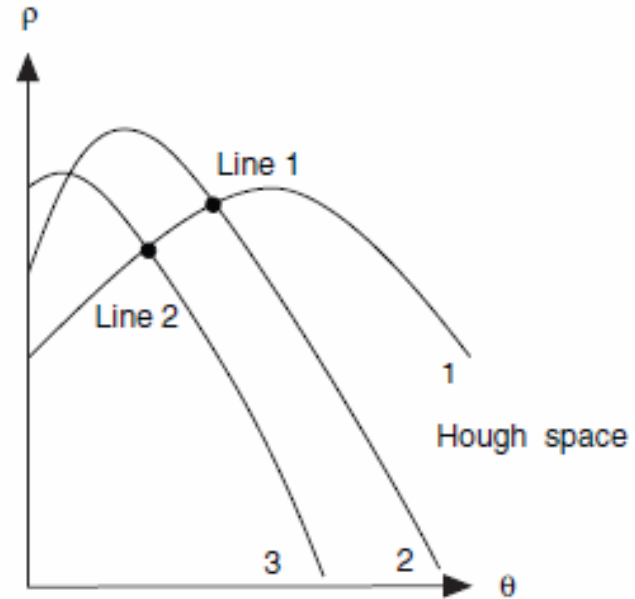
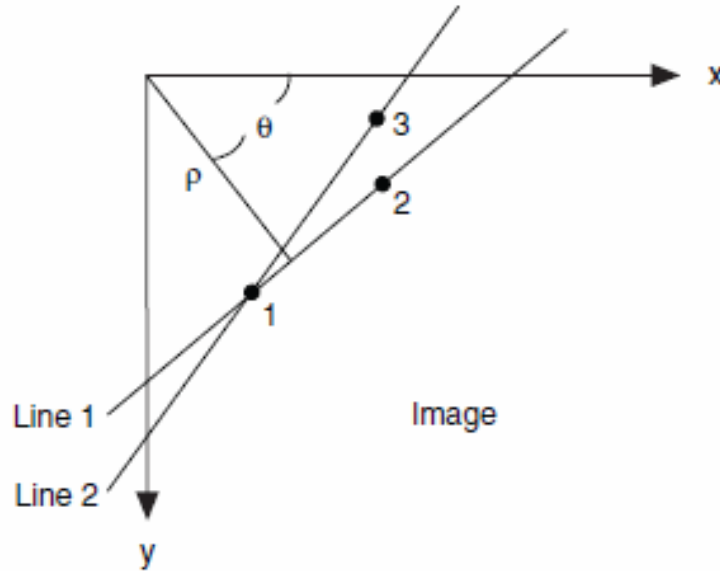
$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, x, y) = 0$$

Ex.

Line $\{y = a.x + b \text{ or } \rho = x.\cos(\theta) + y.\sin(\theta)\}$: 2 parameters (a,b) or (ρ, θ)

Circle $\{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = c^2\}$: 3 parameters (center (a,b) and radius c, or (a, w, R))

Hough Transform (Cont.)



A point in H corresponds to a straight line in I

A point in I corresponds to a sinusoid in H

Points on the same line in I give curves passing through a common point in H

Points on the same curve in H give lines passing through a common point in I

Hough Transform (Cont.)

Several kind of transformations:

- **From m to 1**

Any “ m -uplets” from the image space is associated to a parametric curve $\{a_i\}$ in the Hough space;

- **From 1 to n**

Any pixel (x_i, y_i) from the image space is associated to m parametric curves $\{a_i\}$ in the Hough space;

- **From m to m'**

Any “ m -uplets” from the image space is associated to m' parametric curves $\{a_i\}$ in the Hough space;

Hough Transform (Cont.)

Line detection : from m to 1

- $m=2$

$M_i(x_i, y_i)$ and $M_j(x_j, y_j)$

$$\rho_k = \frac{|x_i y_j - x_j y_i|}{\sqrt{(y_j - y_i)^2 + (x_j - x_i)^2}}$$

$$\theta_1 = -\text{Arctg} \frac{x_j - x_i}{y_j - y_i}$$

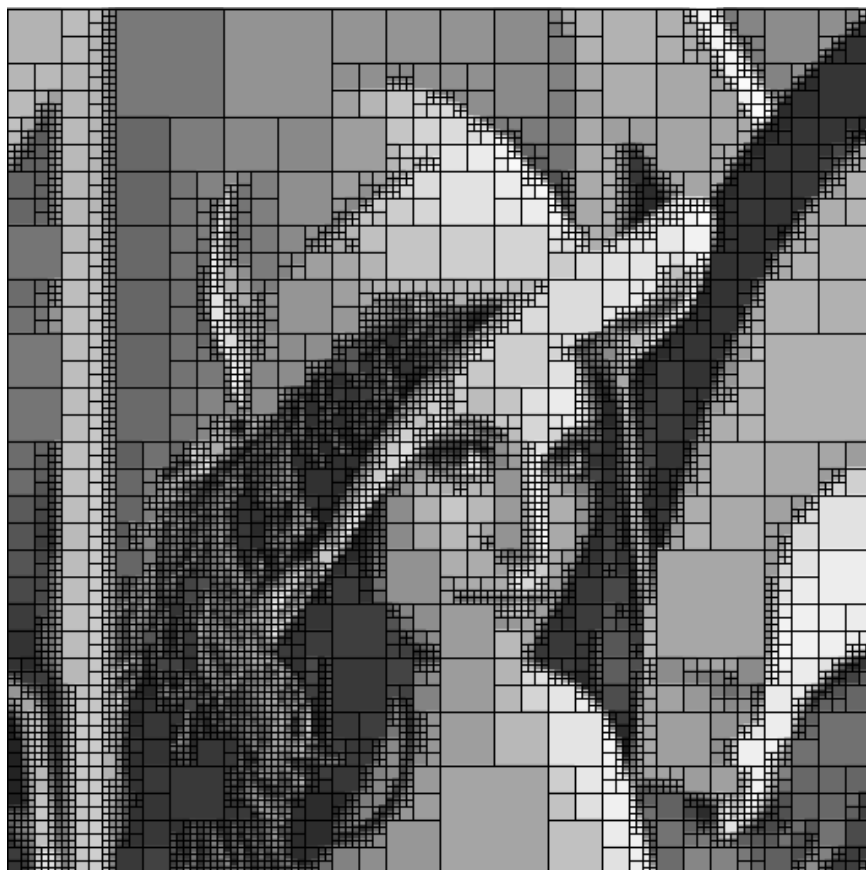
Hough Transform (Cont.)

Line detection : from 1 to m

Algo.

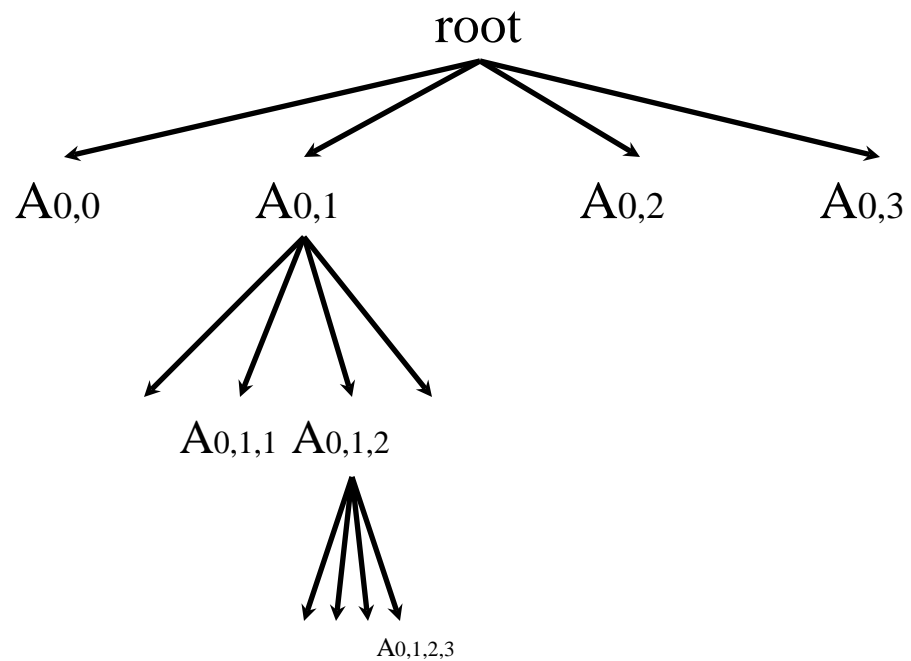
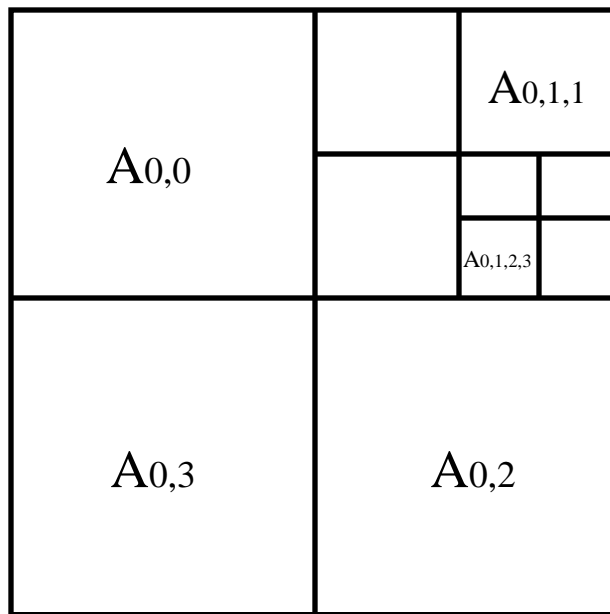
- A- Partition H into cells $ACC(\rho_k, \theta_l)$ initialized to 0;
- B- For each pixel $M_i(x_i, y_i)$ in I,
do $ACC(\rho_k, \theta_l) \leftarrow ACC(\rho_k, \theta_l) + 1$ if $f(\rho_k, \theta_l, x_i, y_i) \approx 0$ is verified
- C- Hence, for a given cell, that is to say $ACC(\rho_m, \theta_n)$,
its value is incremented as many times as a pixel is on the straight
line (ρ_m, θ_n) ;
- D- If $ACC(\rho_m, \theta_n) > \text{Threshold in H}$, then a straight line (ρ_m, θ_n) in I is
detected.

Quad tree



Bounding box

Quad tree



Split & Merge segmentation

- Split:

Split the picture into smaller and smaller areas until reaching a given uniformity criterion;

- Merge:

Merge neighboring areas according to a similarity criterion (mean, variance, etc.);

- Split & Merge:

Combination of both previous approaches

Split

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

$$TEST : E(R_l) = \frac{1}{card[R_l]} \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - m(R_l))^2 < Threshold_1$$

Split

1.0		1.0	1.3
		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		

$$TEST : E(R_l) = \frac{1}{card[R_l]} \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - m(R_l))^2 < Threshold_1$$

Split

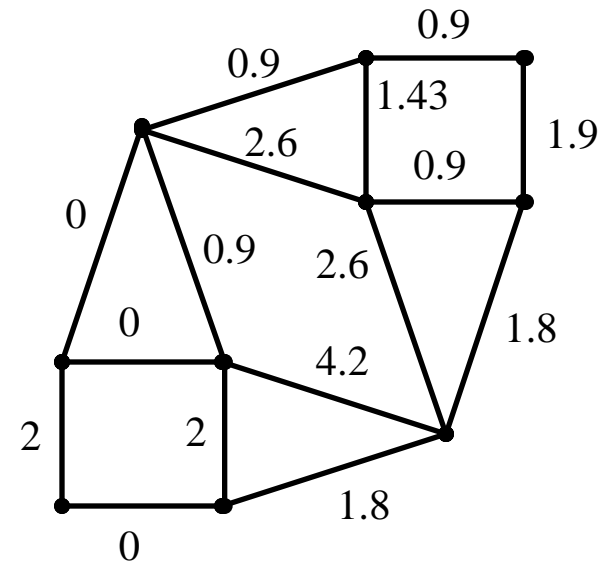
0	0	0	0	0	0	.3	.3
0	0	0	0	0	0	.3	.7
0	0	0	0	.8	.2	0	0
0	0	0	0	.2	.2	0	0
0	0	0	0	.9	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.9	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.1	.1

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Merge

Region adjacency graph

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		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		



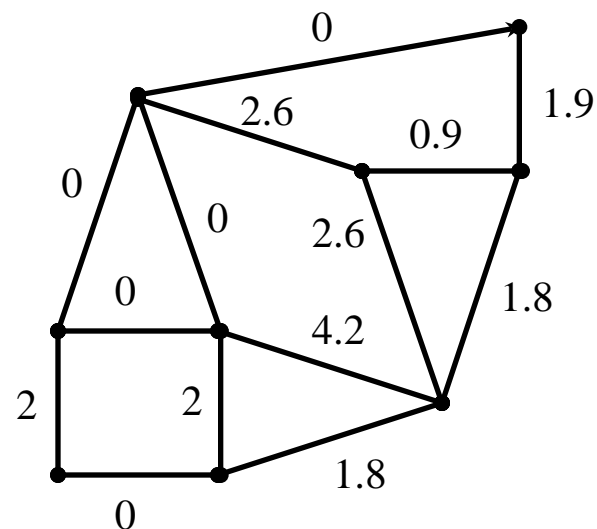
$$E(R_l, R_k) = \sum_{x_i \in R_l \cup R_k} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_l, R_k))^2$$

$$\mu(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_k) = \frac{1}{\text{card}\{\mathbf{R}_1 \cup \mathbf{R}_k\}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbf{R}_1 \cup \mathbf{R}_k} g(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Merge

Region adjacency graph

$\mu=1.0$			1.3
		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		



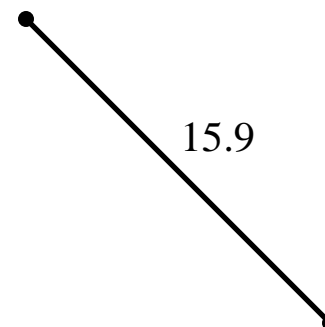
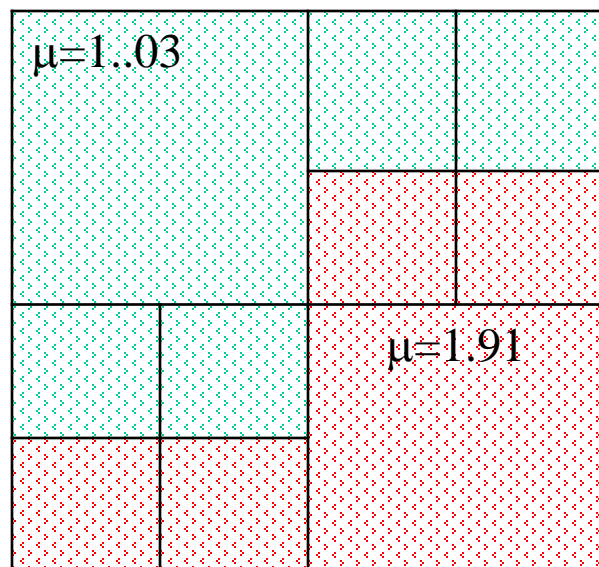
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$$\mu(R_1, R_k) = \frac{1}{\text{card}\{R_1 \cup R_k\}} \sum_{x_i \in R_1 \cup R_k} g(x_i)$$

$$SEQ(L) = \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_l))^2 > \text{Threshold}_2$$

Merge

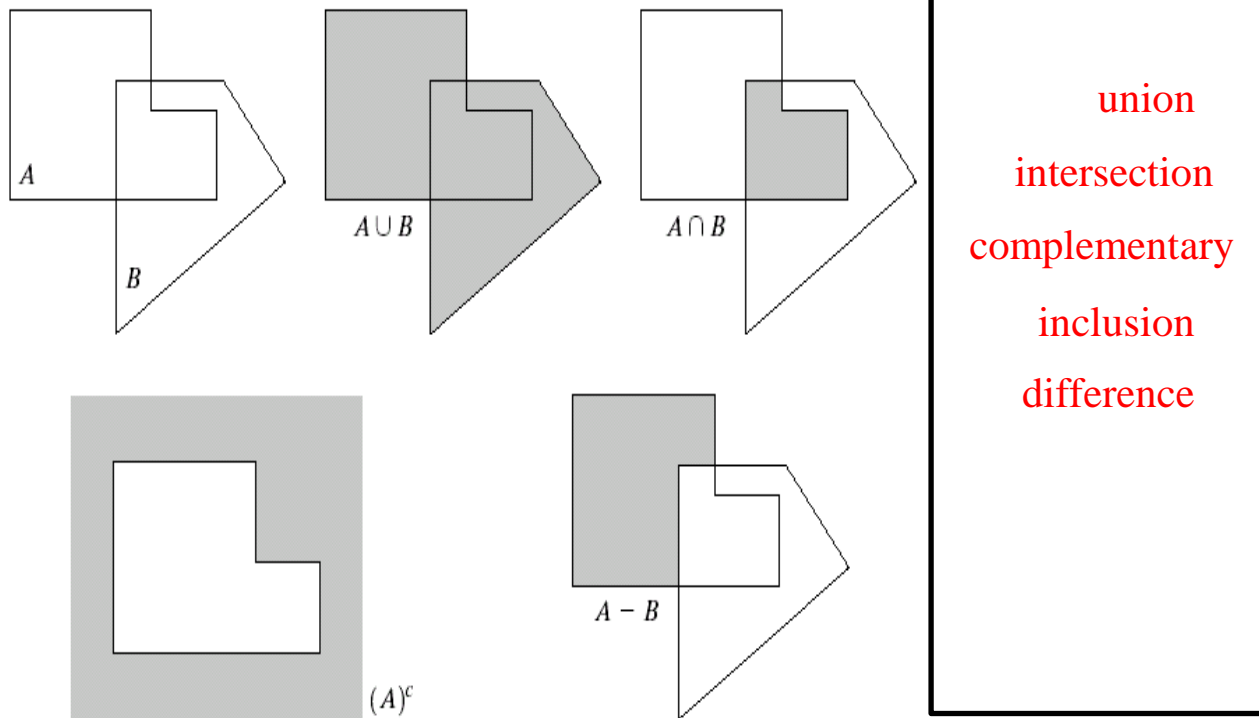
Region adjacency graph



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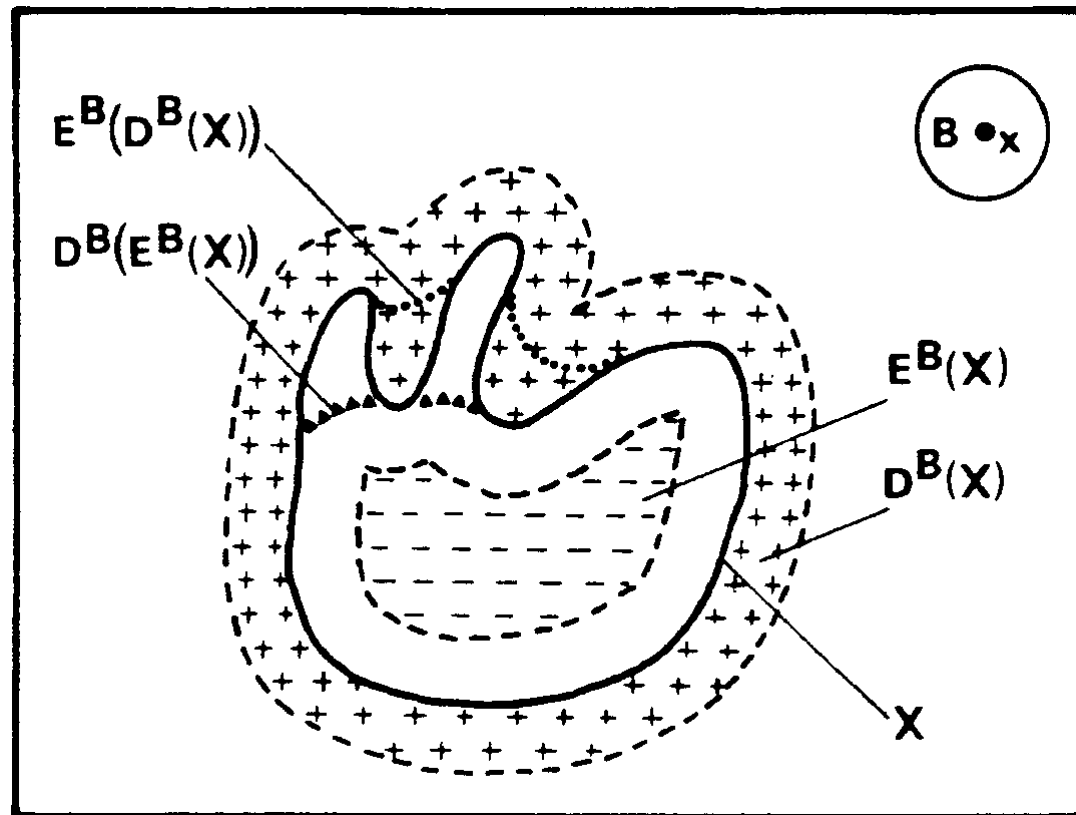
Math. Morpho.: Intro.



Math. Morpho.: Basic operations

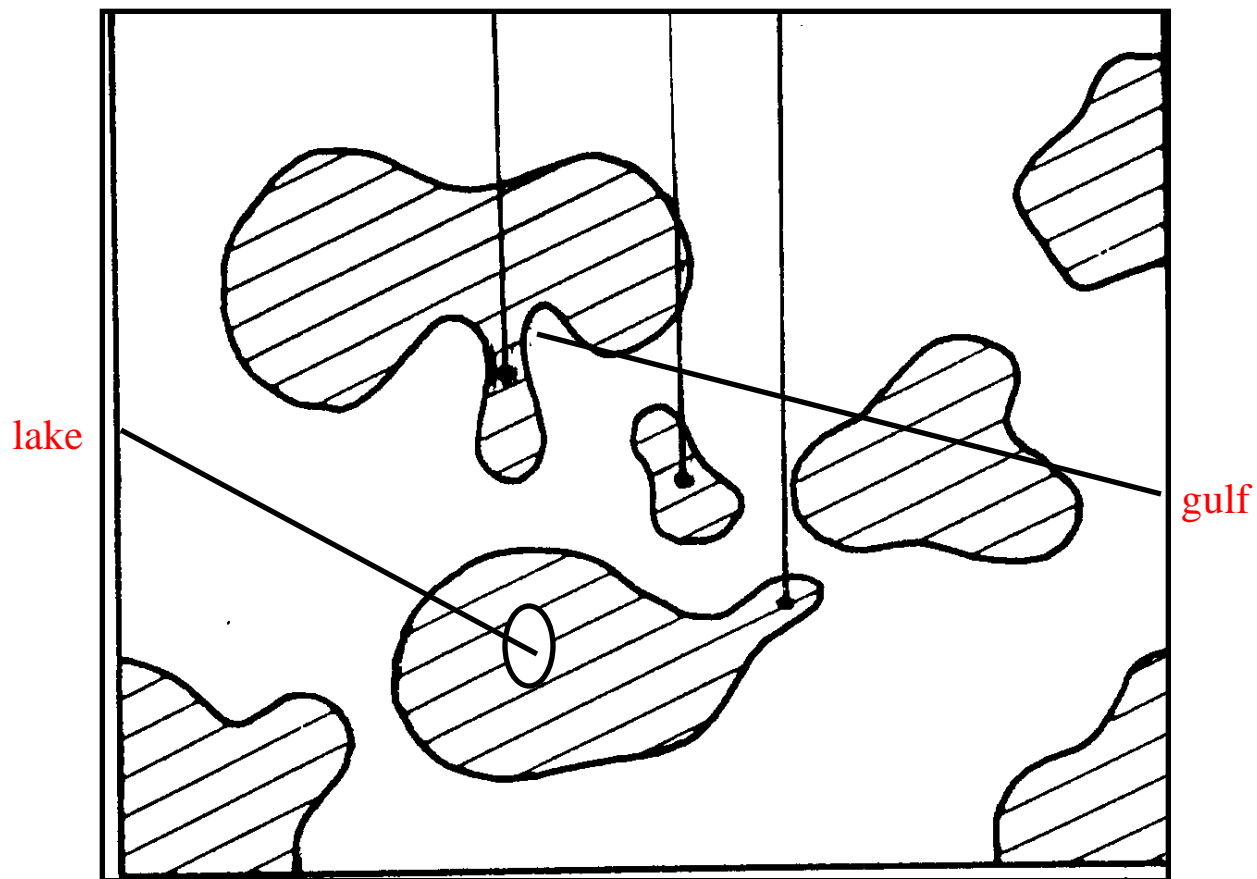
- Object A
- Structuring element B_p
- EROSION $\text{er}(A, B_p) \equiv \{p \mid B_p \subset A\}$
- DILATATION $\text{dil}(A, B_p) \equiv \{p \mid B_p \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$
- OPENING $\text{dil}(\text{er}(A, B_p), B_p)$
- CLOSING $\text{er}(\text{dil}(A, B_p), B_p)$

Math. Morpho.: Some properties (Cont.)



Math. Morpho.: Intro.(Cont.)

isthmus island cape



Math. Morpho.: Some properties

- Translation invariant
- Erosion & dilatation are not inverses of each other

Duality: $\text{dil}(A, B_p) = [\text{er}(A^c, B_p)]^c$

- Increasing: $X \subset X' \Rightarrow T(X) \subset T(X')$
- ...

Opening: cuts narrow isthmus;
removes small islands and narrow capes.

Closing: fills narrow canals;
removes small lakes and narrow gulfs.

It is more severe to erode prior to dilate than the contrary.

Erosion



Original image



Eroded image

Erosion



Eroded once



Eroded twice

Opening and Closing



OPENING: The original image eroded twice and dilated twice (opened). Most noise is removed

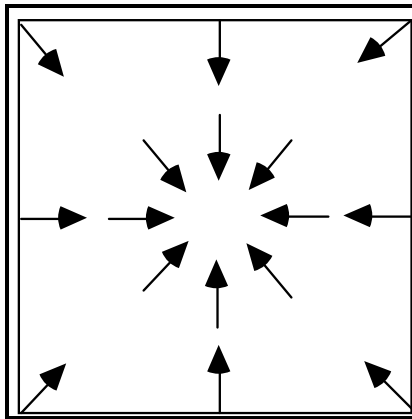


CLOSING: The original image dilated and then eroded. Most holes are filled.

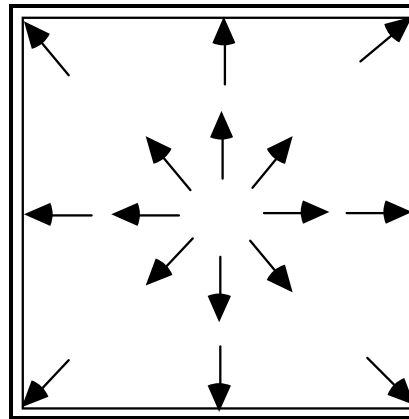
Optical Flow, or apparent motion field

relative motion between an observer (an eye or a camera) and the scene

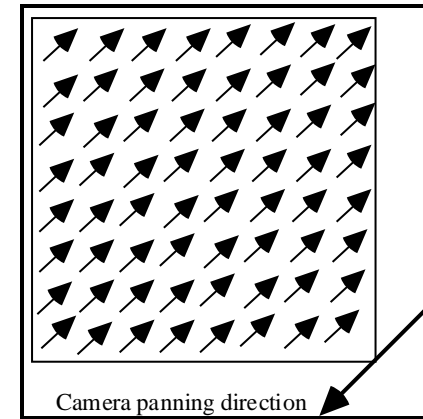
*Motion vector pattern
resulting from camera panning and zooming*



zoom out

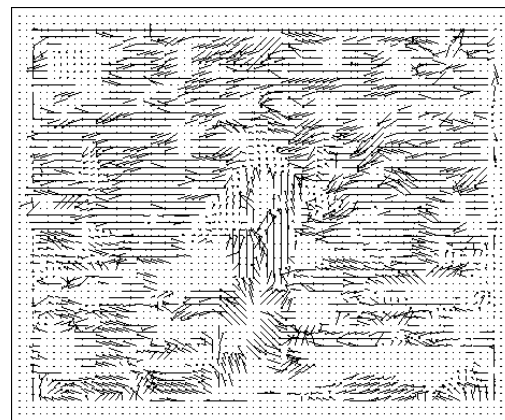


zoom in



Camera panning and tilting

<http://extra.cmis.csiro.au/IA/changs/motion/>



Apparent motion

Optical flow

between two consecutive image frames taken at t and $t'(t + \delta t)$

STEP 1. Local Estimation:

displacement: $d_i(d_{x_i}, d_{y_i})$ for each pixel: $p_i(x_i, y_i)$

$$\begin{cases} d_{x_i} \equiv x'_i - x_i \\ d_{y_i} \equiv y'_i - y_i \end{cases}$$

Apparent motion (Cont.)

STEP 2. Global Interpretation

$$\{z_f, \text{pan}_x, \text{pan}_y\}:$$

$$\forall i, \begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = z_f \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{pan}_x \\ \text{pan}_y \end{pmatrix}$$

parameter	name	interpretation
z_f	<i>zoom factor</i>	IF z_f is closed to 0 THEN no zoom ELSE $z_f \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ backward zoom $z_f \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ forward zoom
t_x	<i>vertical pan</i>	mean vertical displacement in pixels of the whole image
t_y	<i>horizontal pan</i>	mean horizontal displacement in pixels of the whole image

Estimation of the Optical Flow

Hypothesis: the luminance of a pixel is constant over time.

$$I(x, y, t) = I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t)$$

Assuming that δx and δy are smalls

$I(x,y,t)$ with Taylor series can be developed to get:

$$I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \delta t + H.O.T.$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \delta t = 0 \qquad \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} V_x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} V_y = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

- Technique based on a relation between spatial and temporal gradients (i.e. derivatives of the image at (x,y,t))
- 1 equation – 2 unknowns
- Compute V_x and V_y via an iterative process:

$$V^{(i)} = V^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot DFD(p, t, V^{(i-1)}) \nabla I(x - V_x^{(i-1)}, y - V_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)$$

$$d^{(i)} = d^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign}\{\text{DFD}(p, t, d^{(i-1)})\} \cdot \text{sign}\{\nabla I(x - d_x^{(i-1)}, y - d_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)\}$$

Optical flow: basic illustration

(iteration #1)

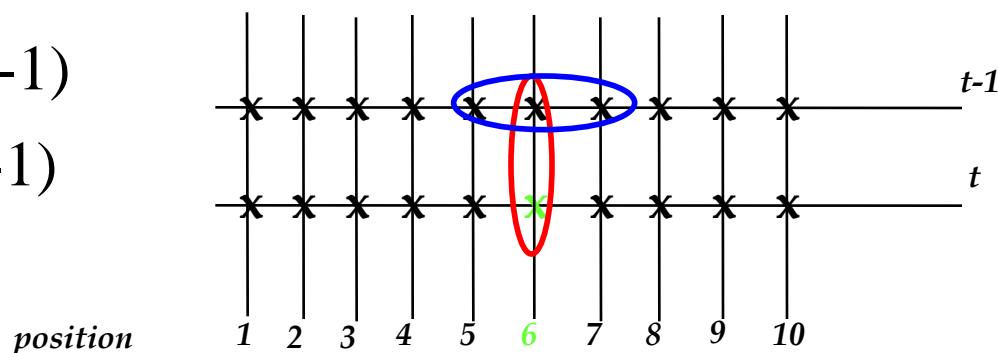
Pixel #6 at time t (from which position at t-1 does this pixel come from ?)

Assumption: $d^{(0)} = 0$

Gradients

Temporal $I(6, t) - I(6, t-1)$

Spatial $I(7, t-1) - I(5, t-1)$



Gain: $\varepsilon = 1$

Temporal > 0

Spatial > 0

$$d^{(i)} = d^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign}\{\text{DFD}(p, t, d^{(i-1)})\} \cdot \text{sign}\{\nabla I(x - d_x^{(i-1)}, y - d_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)\}$$

Optical flow: basic illustration (Cont.)

(iteration #2)

Pixel #6

$$d^{(1)} = d^{(0)} - 1 = -1$$

Gradients

Temporal $I(6, t) - I(7, t-1)$

Spatial $I(8, t-1) - I(6, t-1)$

