

Image enhancement Unit 2

The objective of the image enhancement is to increase the quality of the image so that it is more suitable for specific application.

It enhances the feature, boundaries, edges, contrast.

It can be done by 2 methods.

1. Spatial domain Method \rightarrow Manipulation done directly on pixels.
2. Frequency domain Method \rightarrow Manipulation done on Fourier transformed image.
3. Combination Method \rightarrow Combination of first 2 methods.

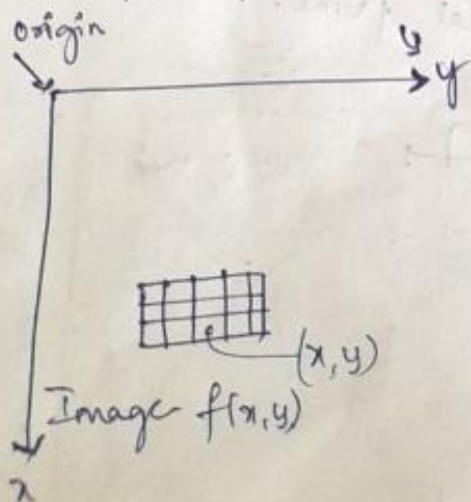
Spatial domain \rightarrow The term spatial domain refers to image plane itself. Image with pixel values is nothing but spatial domain.
 \rightarrow Image processing in this is Direct manipulation of pixels.

\rightarrow 2 categories

1. Intensity Transformation - in which modification of intensity will take place.
2. Spatial filtering - direct manipulation of

Pixels using a mask

\rightarrow Spatial domain process is denoted by $g(x, y) = T\{f(x, y)\}$
 T - operator.
 $f(x, y)$ - input image $g(x, y)$ - output image.
Point (x, y) is the arbitrary location in an image.



The simplest for T is when the neighbourhood is of the size 1×1

$T \rightarrow$ gray level transformation / intensity / mapping.

$S = T(r)$ $S \rightarrow$ o/r image pixel value
 $r \rightarrow$ i/r

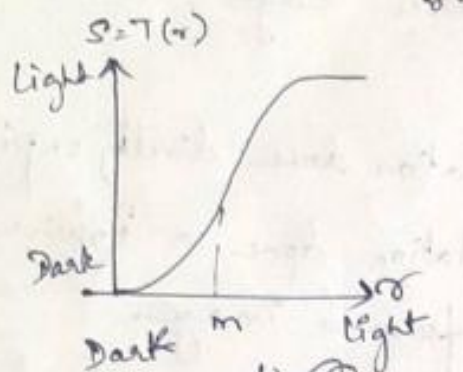


Fig (a)
Contrast Stretching

Gray level transformation

If $T(r)$ has the form shown in fig (a) the effect of this transformation is would be to produce an image of higher contrast than the original by darkening the levels below m and brightening the levels above m in the original image.

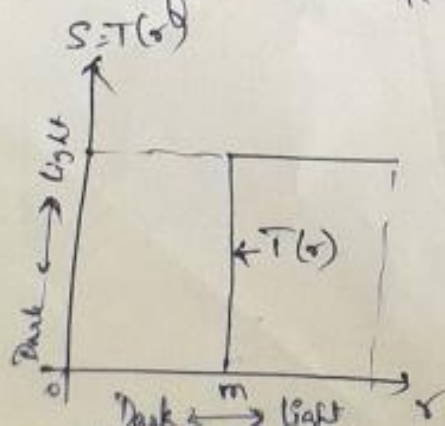
This technique is known as Contrast Stretching.

The value of r below m are compressed by the transformation function to the narrow range of S towards black.

Fig (b) show is a Gray level transformation, which produces a 2 level image (also known as binary image).

A mapping of this form is known as threshold function.

As the enhancement at any point in an image depends only on the gray level at that point. This technique is referred as point processing.



- * If we consider the image large no. of neighborhood results in more flexibility and hence one principal approach is to use the mask / filter / kernel / template / window.
- Mask is a small 2D array $[3 \times 3]$. The values of the mask coefficients determine the nature of the process.
- Enhancement technique based on this approach is referred as Mask processing / filtering.

Basic Intensity transformation functions

1. Gray level transformation / Intensity transformation

Can be represented as $S = T(r)$

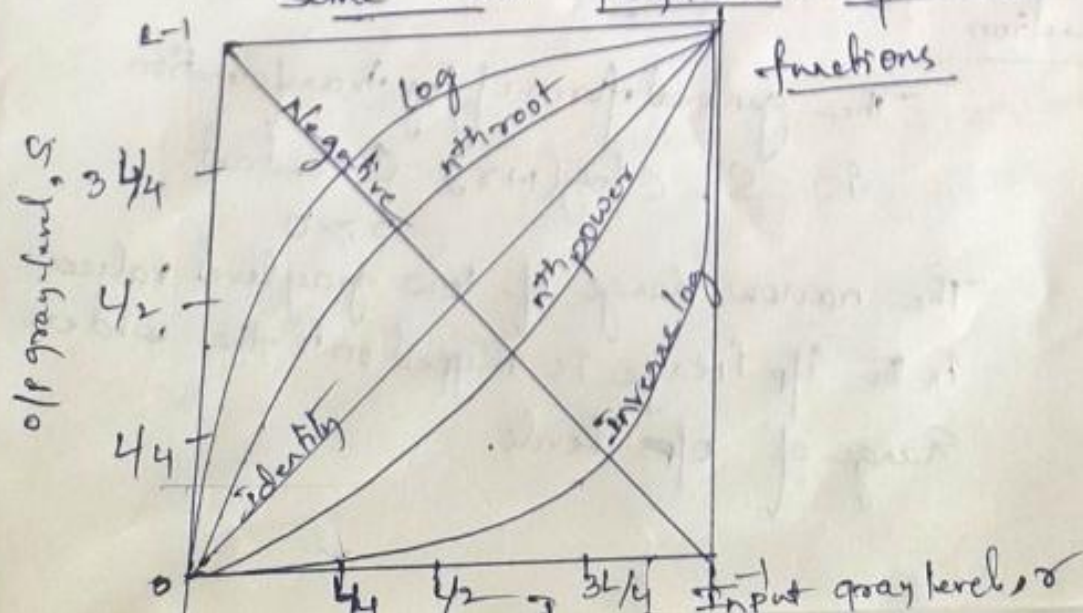
$r \rightarrow$ value of pixel before processing
 $S \rightarrow$ value of pixel after processing
 T - transformation maps r with S

- * Since we are dealing with digital quantities,
- * value of Transformation function is stored in an array.

- * Mapping from r to S is implemented via r to S .

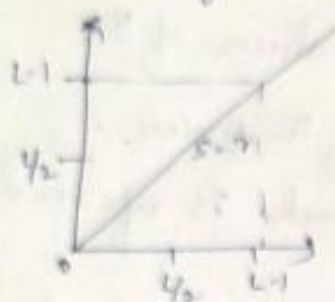
- * Three basic type of transformations are used in Image Enhancement
 1. Linear (Negative & Identity transform)
 2. Logarithmic (\log & Inverse log transformation)
 3. Power law (with power & root transformation)

Some basic gray level transformation functions



1. Identity transformation

The image with intensity level $[0, L-1]$ is given, $S=R$
ie after transformation no change in pixel value.



0	10	50
5	95	100
110	150	200

$f(x, y)$

0	10	50
5	95	100
110	150	200

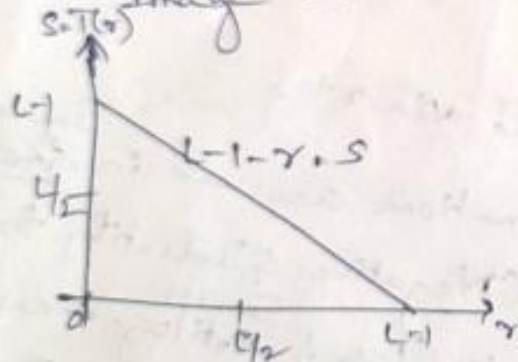
$g(x, y)$

2. Negative transformation

The -ve of the digital image is obtained after the transformation $S=T(r)$. $L-1-r$ $L \rightarrow$ Gray levels

Reversing the intensity levels of an image is done here to produce the equivalent photographic -ve
Highest Gray level is mapped to lowest Gray level & vice-versa.

Image -ve is used in displaying medical image



0	10	50	100
5	95	100	200
110	150	190	210
175	210	255	100
0	255	0	255

$L=256$

255	245	205	155
250	160	105	55
145	105	165	45
80	45	0	155
255	0	255	0

Middle gray levels are not changed where as 0 to 255
255 to 0 is observed

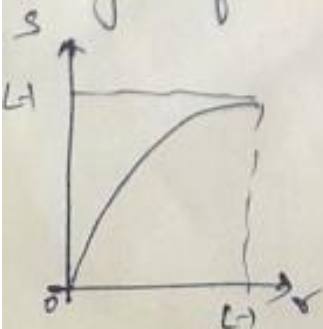
Logarithmic function

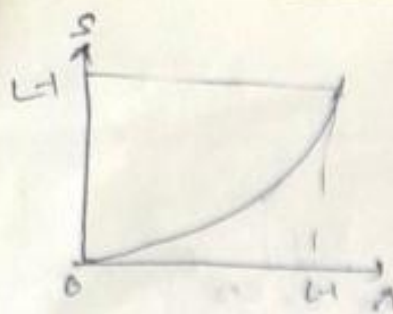
log transformation

The general form of log transformation
is $S = C \log(1+r)$ C -Constant

$r \geq 0$

The narrow range of low gray level values
in the i/p image is mapped onto the wider
range of o/p levels.





Inverse log transformation

- the slope of the log curve in fig shows that transformation maps a narrow range of low gray level values in the I/P range into wider range of O/P
- The opposite is true i.e. wide range of I/P is converted to narrow range of O/P.

This transformation is used to expand a value of dark pixels in an image while compressing the higher level values. The opposite is true in Inverse log transformation.

The amount of expansion or compression to be done is fixed & cannot be changed. More flexibility is given by Power law transformation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & 50 & 100 \\ 5 & 95 & 150 & 200 \\ 110 & 150 & 190 & 210 \\ 125 & 210 & 255 & 100 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{S = C \log(1+r)} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 110 & 181 & 212 \\ 82 & 210 & 231 & 244 \\ 217 & 231 & 242 & 246 \\ 238 & 246 & 255 & 212 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C=1, r=0 \Rightarrow S=0$
 $C=1, r=10 \Rightarrow S=1.04$
 $C=1, r=20 \Rightarrow S=1.32$
 $C=1, r=200 \Rightarrow S=2.302$
 $C=1, r=255 \Rightarrow S=2.4$

If I/P max value is 255 after log max = 2.4 then scaling of $\frac{255}{2.4} = 1.06$

Thus the max value becomes 255
 $2.4 \times 106 = 255$ $2.302 \times 106 = \underline{244}$

Power law function -

N^{th} root transformation

N^{th} power transformation.

Power law transformations have the basic form $S = Cr^{\gamma}$
where C & γ are +ve constant

→ For fractional values of γ (e.g.) - the transformation behaves like a log transfer i.e. narrow range of dark i/p values is mapped into wider range of o/p values, with the opp being true for higher values of n bit levels.

→ for $\gamma > 1$ the transformation behaves like inverse log transform. It has a opposite effect, when $\gamma < 1$

→ for $C = \gamma = 1$ power law transformation reduces to Identity transformation.

→ Here Power law transformation Range compression & expansion is observed

for $\gamma = 2.5$ $r = [1 \text{ to } 100]$ $S = [0 \text{ to } 25]$ Range compression
 $r = [210 \text{ to } 255]$ $S = [155 \text{ to } 255]$ Range expansion

for $\gamma = 0.4$ reverse is observed.

$r = [1 \text{ to } 100]$ $S = [25 \text{ to } 175]$ Range expansion

$r = [210 \text{ to } 255]$ $S = [236 \text{ to } 255]$ Range compression

Gamma Correction - Application of power law transformation

The exponent used in power law is γ . The process used to correct this power law response phenomenon is called

Gamma Correction.

If the value of $\gamma = 2.5$ then such display sly would tend to produce an image that are darker than the original image. So to avoid this processing of i/p image done ($1/2.5 = 0.4$) before giving to Monitor.

Then they produce o/p that is close to original
 Similar analysis could apply to another imaging devices
 such as printer scanners

for CRT $r = 2.5$

0	1	2
100	0	160
0	127	255

$f(x, y)$

$$r = \frac{1}{2.5} = 0.4$$

Pixel mapping

0	1	1.3
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34	0	7.6
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0	6.74	9.17
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$g(x, y)$

$$r = 2.55$$

0	1	2
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100	0	160
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0	125	255
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$g_r(x, y)$

Piece wise linear transformation.

In Gray level transformation, transformation is applied to whole image. If we required to enhance particular part of image, we generally refer to piece wise linear transformation.

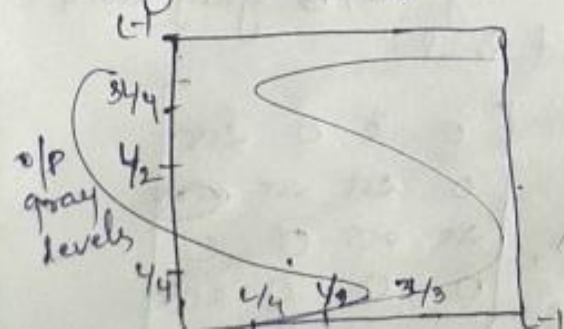
Steps 1. Contrast stretching

2. Gray level slicing (Intensity level slicing)

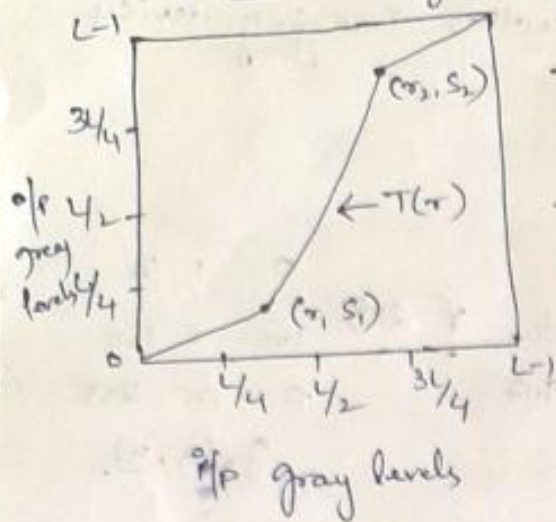
3. Bit plane slicing.

1. Contrast stretching - low Contrast images occur due to bad & Non uniform illumination causes due to non-linearity of image acquisition devices, from poor illumination, lack of dynamic range in the imaging sensor.

The idea behind Contrast stretching is to increase the Dynamic range of gray ~~scale~~ levels in the image being processed



Contrast Stretching transformation function



→ This is a typical transformation used for Contrast Stretching.

→ The location of the points (r_1, s_1) (r_2, s_2) controls the shape of the transformation function

→ If $r_1 = s_1$ $r_2 = s_2$ transformation is a linear function & produces no change in the gray levels

→ If $r_1 = r_2$ $s_1 = 0$ $s_2 = L-1$ → the transformation becomes a binary image thresholding function that creates a binary image.

Perform thresholding of $f(m, n)$ with $t = 128$

0	10	50	100
5	95	150	200
110	150	190	210

$t = 125$

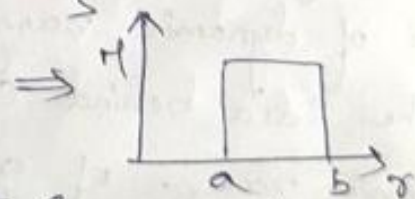
0	0	0	0
0	0	255	255
255	255	255	255

Gray level Slicing

1. It is used to highlight the specific range of gray levels in an image.

2. One approach is to display a high value for all gray levels in the range of interest & low level to all other gray level.

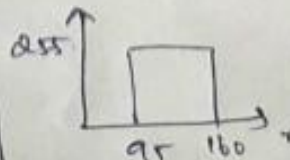
$$s = \begin{cases} M & A \leq r \leq B \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



3. This transformation highlights range a, b gray levels and produces all other Contrast level

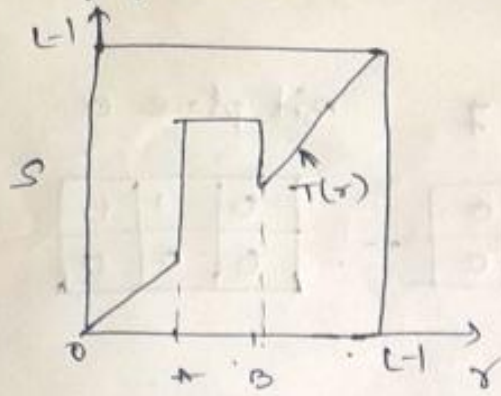
eg

0	10	50	100
5	95	150	200
110	150	190	210
175	210	225	150



0	0	0	255
0	255	255	255
255	255	0	0
0	0	0	255

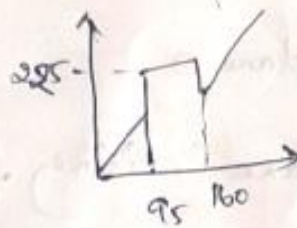
4. The second approach is based on transformation shown, the fig below.



This transformation brightens the desired range of gray levels but preserves the background & graylevel tonalities in the image.

$$S = \begin{cases} M & A \leq r \leq B \\ r & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

0	10	150	100
5	95	150	200
10	150	190	210
175	210	225	150



0	10	225	225
5	925	225	200
225	225	190	210
175	210	225	225

Bit-plane slicing

Sometimes it is required to know the contribution of each bit of the image.

Generally gray scale image consists of 8 bits for pixel representation i.e., each pixel in an image is represented by 8 bit. Then the pixel can be divided to 8 planes (Plane 0 - plane 7).

Plane 0 will have LSBs & plane 7 will have MSBs. Separating the digital image into its 8 bit plane. It is useful for analysing the relative importance played by each bit in an image.

Using this approach one can understand the min no of bits required to represent the image with desired details. & also it decides the size of image required to represent & store the image.

The higher order bits (Bit plane 4, 5, 6, 7) contains Majority of info. The lower order bits (Bit plane 0, 1, 2, 3) contains

Compute the bit plane slicing for 8bit image shown.

①

6 7 8
3 2 10

6 - 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
7 - 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
8 - 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
3 - 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0
2 - 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
10 - 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0

↑
Bitplane 7.

↑
Bitplane 0

Bitplane 7

0	0	0
0	0	0

Bit plane 0

0	1	0
0	0	0

②

Compute the bit plane slicing for 8bit image

0 10 50 100
50 95 180 200
110 150 190 210
175 210 255 110

7th plane

0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0

Bit 7.

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
10 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
50 0 0 1 1 0 0 1
100 0 1 1 0 0 1 0
150 0 0 1 1 0 0 1
175 0
190 1
200 1 1 0 0 1 0 0
110
150
190
210
175
210
255
110

Histogram Processing.

Histogram of an image represents the no of times a particular gray level has occurred in an image.

Histogram is a graphical representation of any data. Histogram in image processing is a graphical representation of digital image. It represents the relative frequency of occurrence of various gray levels.



For Dark images - histogram is concentrated at the lower end of the gray scale

For Bright images histogram is concentrated at the right side

For Low Contrast images it is narrow & centered towards the middle

For High Contrast images it covers the broad range of gray scale with flat profile.

* The histogram ^{with} gray levels range $[0, L-1]$ is represented as a discrete function $h(r_k) = n_k$

$r_k \rightarrow k^{\text{th}}$ gray level

$n_k \rightarrow$ no of times r_k is appearing in an image.

Histogram is used to manipulate Contrast & brightness.
 A good quality image will have a flat profile in the histogram.
 So this can be achieved by Normalization.

Normalized histogram is obtained by dividing the ^{no of times the} occurrence of a pixel by total no of pixels in the image.

$$P(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n}$$

$$k = 0 \dots L-1$$

$P(r_k)$ → Probability of occurrence of graylevel r_k

n_k → no of times r_k is appearing in an image

n → total no of pixels in the image.

* Sum of all the components of normalized histogram is equal to 1.

Find the normalized histogram of the image?

0	0	0	0
0	1	2	3
0	2	4	6

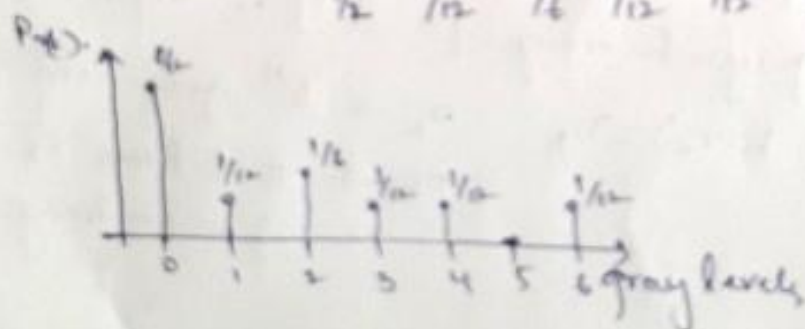
$$n = 3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$r_k \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$$

$$n_k \quad 6 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 1$$

$$P(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n} \quad \frac{6}{12} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad \frac{2}{12} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad \frac{0}{12} \quad \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad \frac{1}{12} \quad 0 \quad \frac{1}{12}$$



Histogram equalization or Histogram linearization

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$$n = r \times c = 3 \times 4 = 12.$$

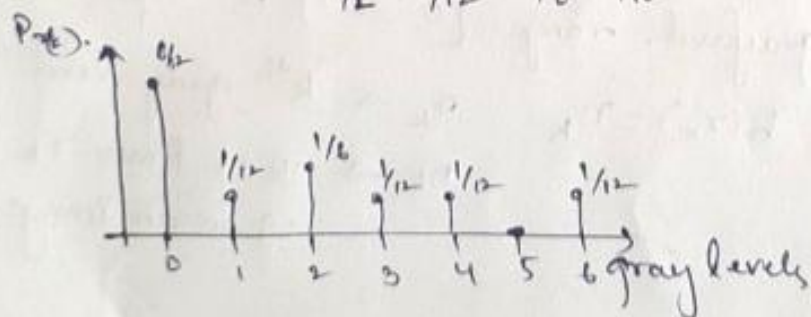
r_k 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

n_k 6 1 2 1 1 0 1

$$P(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n}$$

$\frac{6}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{2}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{0}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12}$

$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12}$ 0 $\frac{1}{12}$



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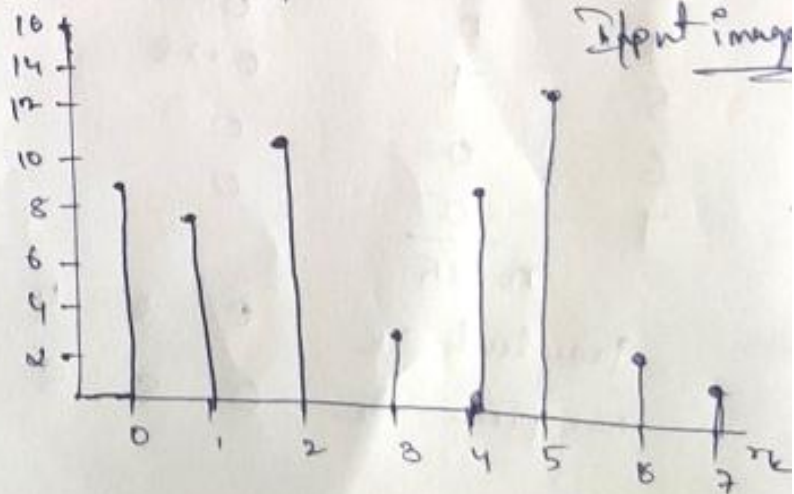
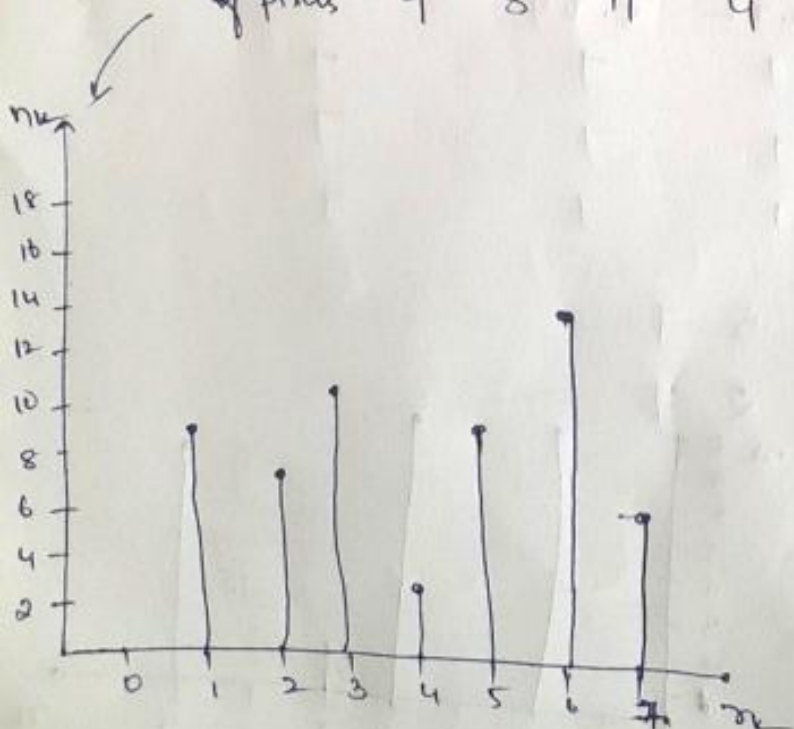
1. ~~Perform~~ histogram equalization for 8x8 image shown.

Gray levels	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No. of pixels	9	8	11	4	10	15	4	3

Soln.

Gray levels r_k	No. of pixels n_k	$P(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n}$	S_k CDF	$S_k \times 7$	Histogram equalization
0	9	0.141	0.141	0.987	1
1	8	0.125	0.260	1.862	2
2	11	0.172	0.438	3.066	3
3	4	0.0625	0.5005	3.5035	4
4	10	0.156	0.6505	4.555	5
5	15	0.234	0.8905	6.2336	6
6	4	0.0625	0.953	6.671	7
7	3	0.047	1	7	7
$n = 64$					

gray levels	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
no. of pixels	9	8	11	4	10	15	7



Equalized image

2. Perform the histogram equalization for the following image

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Soln: As no of gray levels is not given directly consider the

max gray level = 5 $2^3 = 8 \therefore L = 8$.

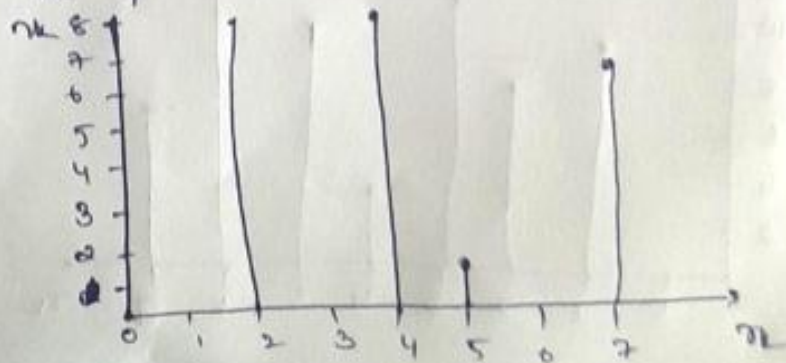
\therefore the no of gray levels = 8 Range $[0 \text{ to } L-1] \Rightarrow \underline{0 \text{ to } 7}$.

gray levels r_k 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

no of pixels n_k 0 8 8 2 0 1 0 0

gray level r_k	no of pixels n_k	$P(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n}$	S_k	$S_k \times 7$	<u>Histogram equalization</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	8	0.32	0.32	2.24	2
2	8	0.32	0.64	4.48	4
3	2	0.08	0.72	5.04	5
4	0	0	0.72	5.04	5
5	1	0.28	1	7	7
6	0	0	1	7	7
7	0	0	1	7	7
<u>$n = 25$</u>					

gray levels r_k 0 2 4 5 7
no of pixels n_k 0 8 8 2 7



Histogram Matching / Histogram specification.

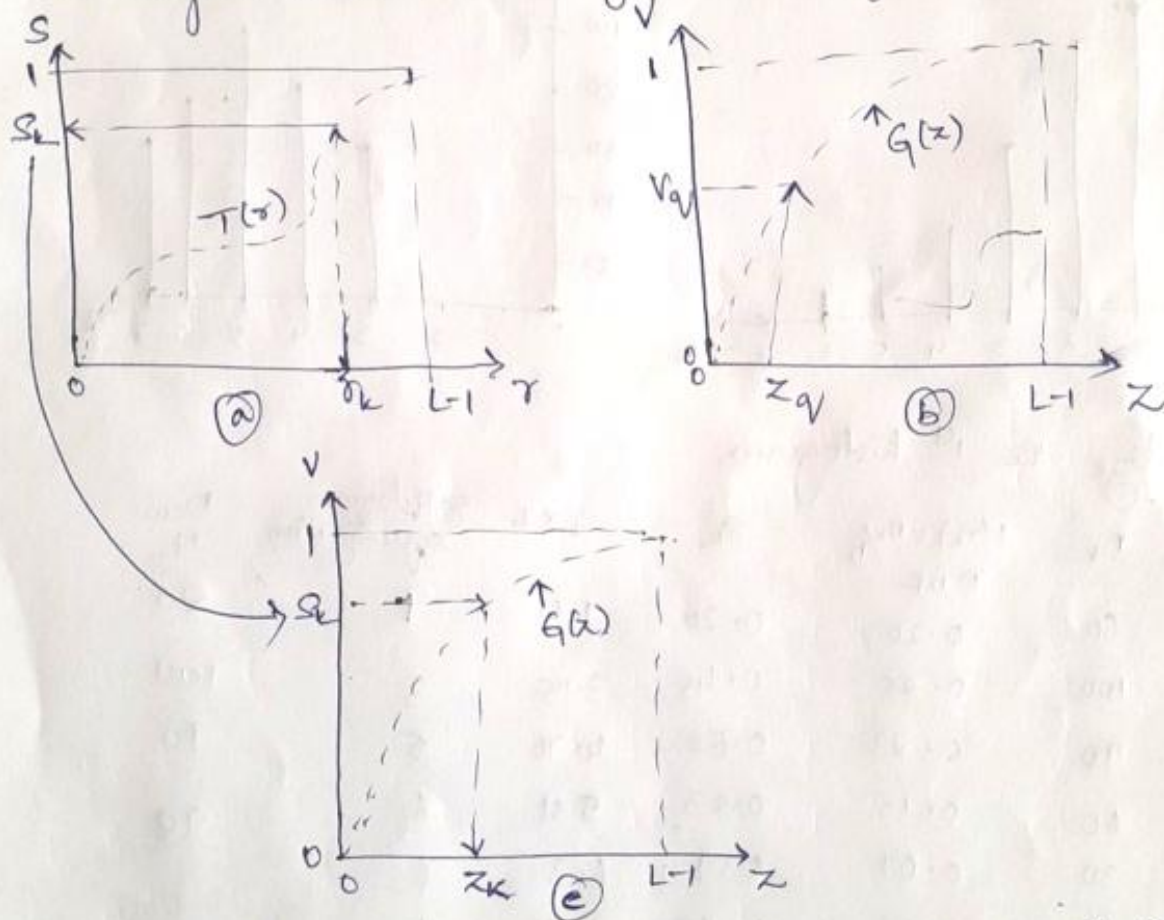
Histogram Equalization is ^{not} applicable for some application. As it

Generates histogram of the entire image.

If we want to enhance a specific part of an image we go with histogram matching.

Histogram matching is a method to generate a processed image that has a specified histogram.

This diagram shows how histogram matching is done.



- Graphical interpretation of mapping from r_k to s_k via $T(r)$.
- Mapping of z_q to its corresponding value v_q via $G(z)$.
- Inverse mapping from s_k to its corresponding value of z_k .

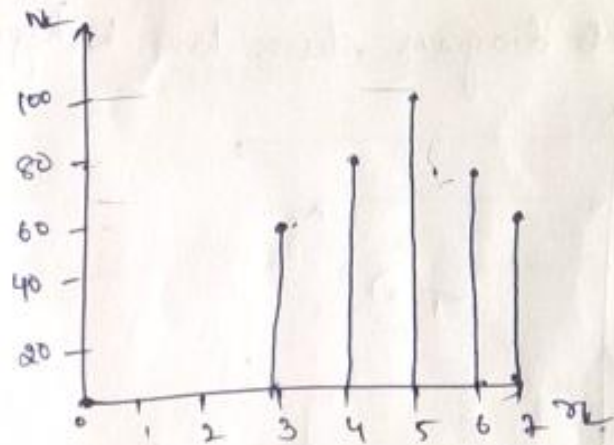
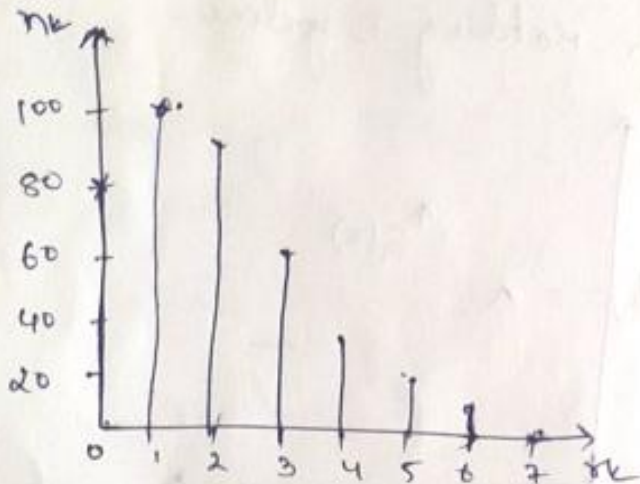
Given below are 2 histograms ① & ② modify the the histogram (1) as given by histogram 2

①

Gray level (r_k)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
n_k	80	100	90	60	30	20	10	0

②

Gray level (r_k)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
n_k	0	0	0	60	80	100	80	70



Equalize the 1st histogram.

Gray level	n_k	$P(r_k) = n_k/n$ PDF	S_k	$S_k \times 7$	Histogram equalization	New n_k
0	80	0.20	0.20	1.4	1	80
1	100	0.25	0.45	3.15	3	100
2	90	0.23	0.68	4.76	5	90
3	60	0.15	0.83	5.81	6	90
4	30	0.07	0.9	6.3	6	30
5	20	0.05	0.95	6.65	7	
6	10	0.02	0.97	6.79	7	
7	0	0	0.97	6.79	7	
$n = 390$						

Evaluate the 2nd histogram

Gray level	n_k	P.D.F n_k/n	S_k	$S_k \times 7$	Histogram Equilization
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	60	0.15	0.15	1.05	1
4	80	0.20	0.35	2.45	2
5	100	0.25	0.6	4.2	4
6	80	0.20	0.8	5.6	6
7	70	0.179	0.97	6.79	7

$$n = 390$$

2nd image

r_k	Histogram Equilization
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	2
5	4
6	6
7	7

1st image

Histogram Equilization	new (n_k)
1	80
3	100
5	90
6	
6	90
7	
7	30
7	

r_k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	0	0	80	80	100	90	30

Fundamentals of Spatial filtering.

Spatial filter is one of the principle tool used for Image processing. These are used for image enhancement.

Here filter refers to passing or rejecting some frequency components.

The filter that passes lower frequency is LPF, the overall effects produce by an LPF is to blur an image. or it can be called as Smoothing an image. So we can accomplish a similar smoothing directly on image itself by using Spatial filters.

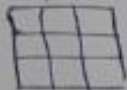
This spatial filter also known as kernel, mask, template or window.

These spatial filters offers more versatility compared to frequency domain because they can also be used for non linear filtering operations.

Mechanics of Spatial filtering.

Image origin \rightarrow

filter mask



$w(-1, -1)$	$w(-1, 0)$	$w(-1, 1)$
$w(0, -1)$	$w(0, 0)$	$w(0, 1)$
$w(1, -1)$	$w(1, 0)$	$w(1, 1)$

Mask coefficients

$f(x-1, y-1)$	$f(x-1, y)$	$f(x-1, y+1)$
$f(x, y-1)$	$f(x, y)$	$f(x, y+1)$
$f(x+1, y-1)$	$f(x+1, y)$	$f(x+1, y+1)$

showing coordinate arrangement

Pixel of image under mask.

A spatial filter consists of a neighborhood typically a small rectangle a predefined operation that is performed on the image pixel by using the neighborhood.

The filtering operations will create a new pixel. If the operations performed are linear then the filter is linear spatial filter otherwise they are known as Non linear spatial filter.

The process of it.

The mechanics of Spatial filter is shown in the fig. a. The process consists of moving this filter mask from point to point in an image.

At each point - the response of the filter at that point is calculated using predefined relationship.

For linear spatial filter the response is given by sum of product of the filter Co-efficients and the Co-efficients in the image pixels.

Eg Take 3×3 Mask as shown in fig (a). The response of linear filter is given as:- product of filter Co-efficient and the corresponding image pixel.

$$\therefore R = w(-1, -1) f(x-1, y-1) + w(-1, 0) f(x-1, y) + \dots \\ \dots w(0, 0) f(x, y) + \dots w(1, 1) f(x+1, y+1) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

* The equation indicates the sum of ^{Product} ~~coefficients~~ of mask coefficients with the Co-efficients of the image pixel value.

* $w(0, 0)$ Co-incides with image value $f(x, y)$ this indicates that the mask is centered at (x, y) .

* For a mask size $m \times n$ Assume $m = 2a + 1$
 $n = 2b + 1$

a, b are non-negative integers. Indicates that mask is of odd size means $a=1, b=1$ mask size 3×3 .
So the minimum size is 3×3 .

In general

Linear filtering of image of size $M \times N$ & mask

Size $m \times n$

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x+s, y+t) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

where $a = \frac{m-1}{2}$ $b = \frac{n-1}{2}$.

eqn (2) is similar to Convolution for this reason the linear spatial filtering is often referred as Convolution mask or Convolution kernel.

By simplifying

$$R = w_1 z_1 + w_2 z_2 + \dots + w_{mn} z_{mn}$$

$w \rightarrow$ mask Co-efficients

$z \rightarrow$ The values of the image gray levels.

$m \times n \rightarrow$ Total no of Co-efficients.

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^{mn} w_i z_i \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

For 3×3 general mask.

$$R = w_1 z_1 + w_2 z_2 + \dots + w_9 z_9.$$

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^9 w_i z_i \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Once the operation is performed the value of z_5 is changed to the resultant Response.

z_1	z_2	z_3
z_4	z_5	z_6
z_7	z_8	z_9

Subimage

w_1	w_2	w_3
w_4	w_5	w_6
w_7	w_8	w_9

mask Co-efficients 3

Smoothing Spatial filter

- used for Blurring & Noise Reduction
- Blurring: is used in preprocessing such as Removal of small details from an image. prior to object extraction.
- Noise reduction: can be accomplished by blurring with a linear or Non linear filter.

Smoothing linear filters -

The op of smoothing filter using the linear spatial filter is average of pixels contained in the neighborhood of the filter mask.

It is also known as averaging filter / Low Pass filter

eg. ①

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

3x3 smoothing filter mask.

Standard average filter mask.

②

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{16}$$

weighted average filter mask

→ Smoothing or filter is replacing each pixel in an image by the average gray level values of the filter mask.

→ Application → Noise reduction

→ Side effects → blur edges.

Fig 1 The spatial averaging filter where all the co-efficients are equal are sometimes known as Box filters.

Standard average of pixel values.

→ $m \times n$ mask → ~~mask~~ ^{mask} is normalized by $1/m \times n$

Fig 2 is the example of weighted smoothing filter

→ The pixel at the center of mask is given more importance. by multiplying it by a higher value. This is to reduce blurring

during Smoothing process

① The general implementation for filter w with image $M \times N$ & result $m \times n$

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x+s, y+t)$$

$w(s, t) \rightarrow$ Co-efficients of filter
 $f \rightarrow$ Co-efficients of image gray levels

Order Statistics filters:

\rightarrow are also known as ~~Non linear~~ Spatial filters

Spatial Sharpening of Spatial filters:

The principle objective of sharpening is to highlight the fine details or to enhance details that has been blurred either in error or as a natural method during image acquisition.

Applications: \rightarrow Electronic printing.

Medical imaging

Industrial Inspections &

autonomous Guidance in military systems.

\rightarrow As Image blurring can be accomplished by pixel averaging since blurring can be done in integration so Sharpening can be obtained by Spatial differentiation

Image differentiation \rightarrow enhances edges and noise & deemphasizes areas with slowly varying gray-level values.

② Foundation: of image sharpening

→ First order & second order derivatives. to sharpen the image
→ Derivatives of a digital function are defined in terms of differences

→ The definition used for 1st derivative

(a) must be zero in flat segment.

(b) must be non zero at onset of a graylevel, step or ramp

(c) must be non zero along ramp.

→ For 2nd order derivative

(a) must be zero in flat area

(b) must be non zero at the onset & end of graylevel set step or ramp.
starting

(c) must be zero along ramp of constant slope.

→ The shortest distance over which changes can occur is
b/w adjacent pixels.

→ The basic definition of
1st order derivative of 1-D $f(x)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f(x+1) - f(x)$$

2nd order derivative of 2-D $f(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f(x+1) + f(x-1) - 2f(x)$$

③ Use of Second Order derivatives for Enhancement

→ The Laplacian.

Let us understand a practical filter based on second order derivative
Laplacian filter — are filter defined based on both x & y
co-ordinate.

$$\text{Defn. } \Delta^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

In x -direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f(x+1, y) + f(x-1, y) - 2f(x, y)$$

In y -direction

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y+1) + f(x, y-1) - 2f(x, y)$$

$$\therefore \Delta^2 f = [f(x+1, y) + f(x-1, y) + f(x, y+1) + f(x, y-1) - 4f(x, y)]$$

Consider a 3×3 filter

$f(x-1, y-1)$	$f(x-1, y)$	$f(x-1, y+1)$
$f(x, y-1)$	$f(x, y)$	$f(x, y+1)$
$f(x+1, y-1)$	$f(x+1, y)$	$f(x+1, y+1)$

0	1	0
1	-4	1
0	1	0

→ is one the Laplacian filter designed using the above eqn.

Different filters.

0	1	0
1	-4	1
0	1	0

0	-1	0
-1	4	-1
0	-1	0

1	1	1
1	-8	1
1	1	1

-1	-1	-1
-1	8	-1
-1	-1	-1

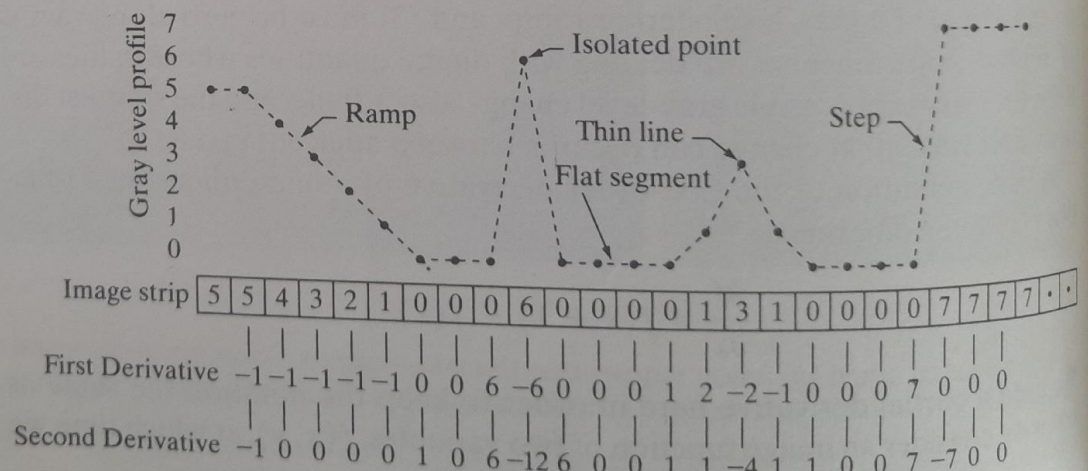
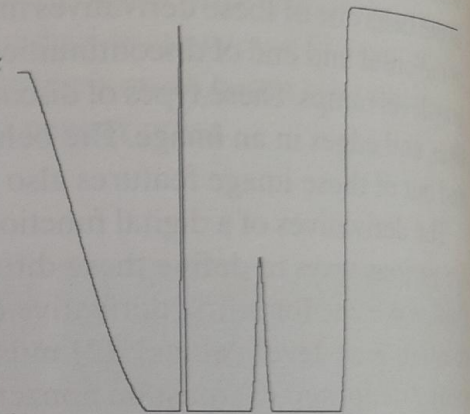
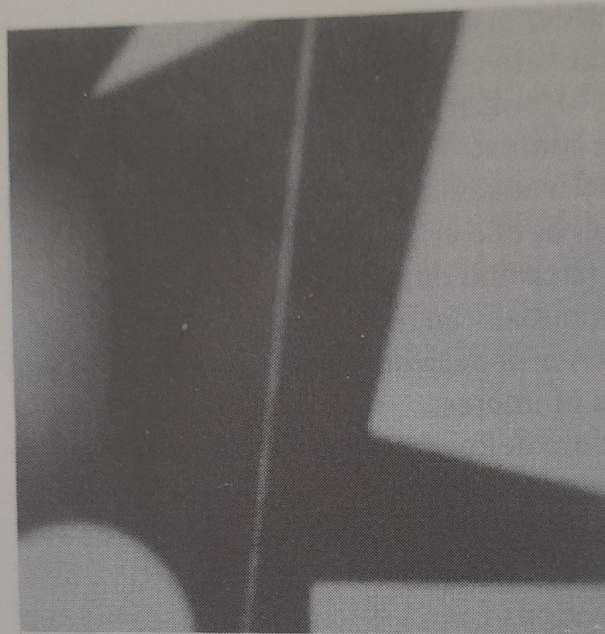
Center pixel will be

to highlight
the center pixel
compared to other
pixel values.

a b
c

FIGURE 3.38

(a) A simple image. (b) 1-D horizontal gray-level profile along the center of the image and including the isolated noise point.
(c) Simplified profile (the points are joined by dashed lines to simplify interpretation).



* Conclusion - (5)

- The 1st order derivative produces thick edges.
2nd order derivative produces fine details. (thin lines & ?)
- The 1st order - gray level step - stronger response
2nd order → produces a double response in the gray level.

(b) Order Statistics filters.

→ There are Non linear filters

→ Their response is based on the ordering/Ranking the

Pixels in the image encompassed by the filter
Eg Arrange the pixels in ascending/descending then find the response.

→ These filters will replace the value of Center pixel value with value determined by Ranking Result.

Types

1. Median filter → This filter replaces the value of a pixel by the Median of the gray level.

2. It is a most popular as it provides excellent Noise reduction capabilities

→ It produces less blurring compared to linear spatial filters

→ These are practically effective for Impulse Noise - also known as Salt & pepper Noise.

Eg

10	20	20
20	15	20
20	25	100

→

10	20	20
20	20	20
20	25	100

10 15 20 20 20 20 20 25 100

2. Max filter: Finding the brightest point

$$R_{\max} = \max \{ Z_k \mid k=1, 2, 3, \dots, 9 \}$$

max value = 100
Brightest point

3. Min filter - Finding the darkest point

$$R_{\min} = \min \{ Z_k \mid k=1, 2, 3, \dots, 9 \}$$

Min value = 10
Darkest point

① Image Enhancement in frequency domain.

Here, images from spatial domain are converted to frequency domain then processed.

Inverse transform is applied to bring back ^{images} into spatial domain.

In frequency domain, filters are used for smoothing & sharpening of an image by removing high & low freq component.

Once we apply frequency domain filter the change will take place on the whole image, unlike in spatial domain where the manipulation ~~was~~ taking place pixel by pixel.

Types of filter

- Low pass filter \rightarrow Removes all the high frequency components
 \rightarrow Mainly used for smoothing the image
 \rightarrow Used to remove the noise from the image
- High pass filter \rightarrow removes all the low frequency components
 \rightarrow Mainly used for sharpening the image

Both Low pass & High pass filter can be classified into 3 types

Ideal filter
Butterworth filter
Gaussian filter

Fourier transform.

- \rightarrow Provides the relationship b/n spatial & frequency domain.
- \rightarrow Fourier transform is used for the image enhancement in frequency domain.

- 1-D Discrete Fourier transform.

Consider $x(n) \xrightarrow{\text{DFT}} X(k)$
Spatial domain Frequency domain.

$$\therefore X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} ; 0 \leq k \leq N-1$$

$$(8) \quad x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x(k) e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1.$$

The Fourier Spectrum

$$|F(u)| = [R^2(u) + I^2(u)]^{1/2}$$

Phase angle

$$\phi(u) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{I(u)}{R(u)} \right)$$

Power Spectrum

$$P(u) = |F(u)|^2 = R^2(u) + I^2(u)$$

2-D Discrete Fourier transform

$$f(x, y) \xrightarrow{\text{2-D-DFT}} F(u, v)$$

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi \left(\frac{ux}{M} + \frac{vy}{N} \right)}$$

$$F(u, v) \xrightarrow{\text{2-D-IDFT}} f(x, y)$$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) e^{j2\pi \left(\frac{ux}{M} + \frac{vy}{N} \right)}$$

u & $v \rightarrow$ transformed or frequency variable
 x & $y \rightarrow$ Spatial or T_n

Fourier Spectrum

$$|F(u, v)| = [R^2(u, v) + I^2(u, v)]^{1/2}$$

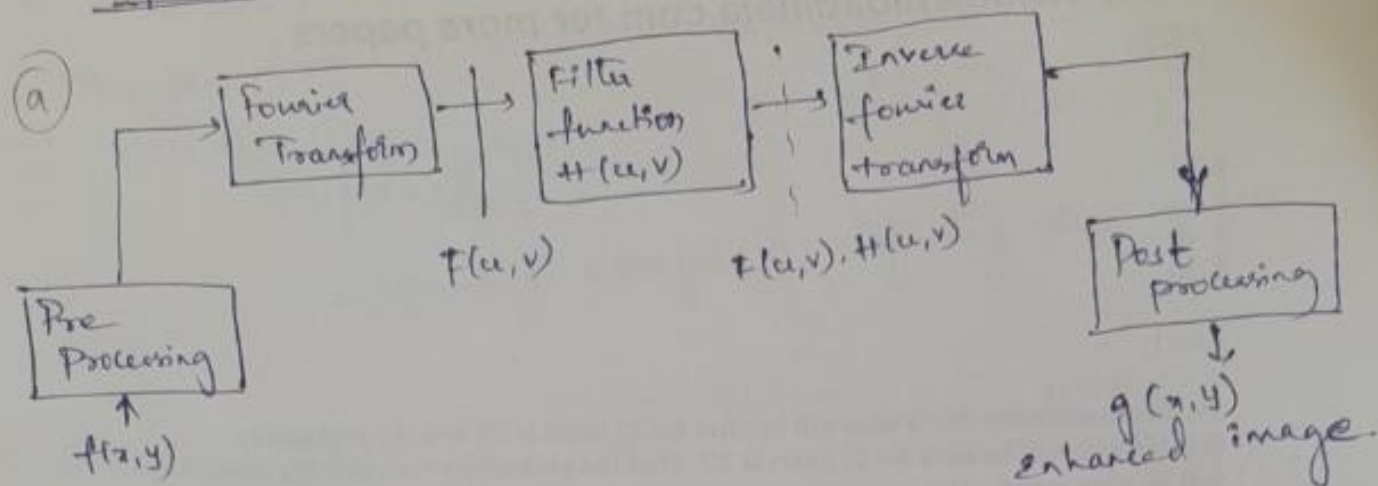
Phase angle

$$\phi(u, v) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{I(u, v)}{R(u, v)} \right)$$

Power Spectrum

$$P(u, v) = |F(u, v)|^2 = R^2(u, v) + I^2(u, v)$$

Steps for filtering in frequency domain



1. Take the image $f(x,y)$ of size $N \times N$
2. Preprocessing $\rightarrow f(x,y)(-1)^{x+y}$
3. $F(u,v) \xrightarrow{FT} FT \text{ of } [f(x,y)]$
4. $H(u,v) \rightarrow$ filter in freq domain
 $g(u,v) \rightarrow H(u,v) \cdot F(u,v)$
5. $g(x,y) \rightarrow IFT [F(u,v)]$

Image Smoothing & Sharpening using frequency domain filters

1. Lowpass filter

- \rightarrow Removes high freq Component
- \rightarrow Used for Smoothing
- \rightarrow Ideal Lowpass filter

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; D(u,v) \leq D_0 \\ 0 & ; D(u,v) > D_0 \end{cases}$$

$D_0 \rightarrow$ Non negative quantity

$D(u,v) \rightarrow$ distance from point (u,v)

$f(x,y) \rightarrow$ of size $M \times n$

$$D(u,v) = \left[\frac{u-m}{2} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{v-n}{2} \right]^2$$

High pass filter

Removes low freq Component
 \rightarrow Sharper

Ideal High pass filter

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; D(u,v) \leq D_0 \\ 1 & ; D(u,v) > D_0 \end{cases}$$

Disadvantage: blurred image

2. Butterworth LPF

Transfer func.

(10)
$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D(u, v)/D_0]^{2n}}$$

Advantages: - Useful in defining the edges

Butterworth HPF

$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D_0/D(u, v)]^{2n}}$$

3. Gaussian LPF.

$$H(u, v) = e^{-D^2(u, v)/2D_0^2}$$

Removes low freq noise

Gaussian HPF

$$H(u, v) = 1 - e^{-D^2(u, v)/2D_0^2}$$

Removes high freq noise.

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Butterworth HPF

$$H(u, v) = \frac{1}{1 + [D_0/D(u, v)]^{2n}}$$

3. Gaussian LPF.

$$-D^2(u, v)/2D_0^2$$

$$H(u, v) = e$$

Removes low freq noise

Gaussian HPF

$$-D^2(u, v)/2D_0^2$$

$$H(u, v) = 1 - e$$

Removes high freq noise.