

## Image Denoising

Let's make some noised image first.

A very tricky image is a black image with some bits flipped. This is very good for testing.

This is my add\_noise function:

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In [1]: import numpy as np
        from PIL import Image
        import random
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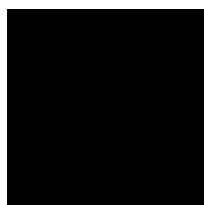
```
In [2]: #add noise
        def add_noise(image_information,p):
            image_data,image_row,image_col = image_information
            image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
            for r in range(0,image_row):
                for c in range(0,image_col):
                    if random.random() < p:
                        if image_copy[r][c] < 127:
                            image_copy[r][c] = 255
                        else:
                            image_copy[r][c] = 0
            return (image_copy,image_row,image_col)
```

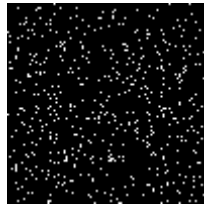
```
In [3]: # read the image
        def read_image(image_name,method):
            image = Image.open(image_name)
            image = image.convert(method)
            image_data = np.array(image)
            image_data_row = len(image_data)
            image_data_col = len(image_data[0])
            return (image_data,image_data_row,image_data_col)
```

And we can create the noised image now.

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In [4]: black_image_info = read_image('EECS491_hw2_p2.png','L')
        black_noi_ima_info = add_noise(black_image_info,0.05)
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In [5]: img = Image.fromarray(black_noi_ima_info[0], 'L')
        img.save('black_noi_ima_info.png')
```





## Markov Random Field

For markov random field, it basically says that, we have  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ .  $y_i$  are the pixels that we observe, and  $x_i$  are the pixel values that the original image should have.

1. We can somehow trust the observed pixel.  $(x_i, y_i)$

In our program, the probability to add the noise to one bit is 0.05, and we know from the common sense that noises should be rare, if all bits are flipped, that it should not be called noise.

2. Bits related to each other.  $(x_i, x_j)$

For a fine image, in most situation, bits that near to each other should be related to each other, so they can show a single object together.

3. And finally add bias  $(x_i)$ , we can create our energy function.

$$E(X, Y) = \alpha \sum_i x_i - \beta \sum_{i,j} x_i x_j - \eta \sum_i x_i y_i$$

And it will lead to:

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-E(x, y))$$

Let's say we flipped a bit at  $k$ , and now we can calculate the  $\Delta E$  here, and based on the demo, we can use the neighborhoods function  $N(x)$ , which represents that whether  $x$  is connected to  $k$ , for it.

$$\Delta E = -2x_k(\alpha - \beta \sum_j N_j(x_k) - \eta y_k)$$

```
In [6]: def convert_bin(image_information):
        image_data, image_row, image_col = image_information
        image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
        image_copy = np.int32(image_copy)
        for i in range(0, image_row):
            for j in range(0, image_col):
                # print(image_copy[i][j], "1")
                if image_copy[i][j] <= 127:
                    image_copy[i][j] = -1
                else:
                    image_copy[i][j] = 1
                # print(image_copy[i][j], "2")
        return (image_copy, image_row, image_col)
```

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In [7]: def convert_gray(image_information):
        image_data, image_row, image_col = image_information
        image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
        for i in range(0, image_row):
            for j in range(0, image_col):
                if image_copy[i][j] == 1:
                    image_copy[i][j] = 255
                else:
                    image_copy[i][j] = 0
        image_copy = np.uint8(image_copy)
        return (image_copy, image_row, image_col)
```

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In [8]: def convert_halfhalf(image_information):
        image_data,image_row,image_col = image_information
        image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
        image_copy = np.int32(image_copy)
        for i in range(0,image_row):
            for j in range(0,image_col):
                image_copy[i][j] = image_copy[i][j]-127
        return (image_copy,image_row,image_col)
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In [9]: def convert_halfgray(image_information):
        image_data,image_row,image_col = image_information
        image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
        for i in range(0,image_row):
            for j in range(0,image_col):
                image_copy[i][j] = image_copy[i][j]+127
                if image_copy[i][j] > 255:
                    image_copy[i][j] = 255
                if image_copy[i][j] < 0:
                    image_copy[i][j] = 0
        image_copy = np.uint8(image_copy)
        return (image_copy,image_row,image_col)
```

```
In [10]: def e_func(x,y):
        energy_matrix = np.zeros(x.shape)
        image_row = len(x)
        image_col = len(x[0])
        for i in range(0,image_row):
            for j in range(0,image_col):
                if i-1 >= 0:
                    energy_matrix[i][j] += x[i-1][j]
                if j-1 >= 0:
                    energy_matrix[i][j] += x[i][j-1]
                if i+1 < image_row:
                    energy_matrix[i][j] += x[i+1][j]
                if j+1 < image_col:
                    energy_matrix[i][j] += x[i][j+1]
        # calculate energy map
        mapE = x * (1 - 1 * energy_matrix - 1 * y)
        # get mean of matrix as energy
        E = np.mean(mapE)
        # calculate energy difference map
        dE = -2 * mapE

        return E, dE
```

```
In [11]: def de_noise(image_information):
        image_data,image_row,image_col = image_information
        image_copy = np.copy(image_data)
        image_filp_copy = np.copy(image_copy)
        [E,dE] = e_func(image_filp_copy,image_copy)
        i=0
        Etmp = E + 1
        while Etmp > E:
            Etmp = E
            image_filp_copy[dE < 0] *= -1
            [E, dE] = e_func(image_filp_copy, image_copy)
            i += 1
        return (image_filp_copy,image_row,image_col)
```

For the denoising part, we will go calculate all  $\Delta E$  for the noised image. If the  $\Delta E$  for this pixel is negative, which means this pixel is highly likely to be a noised pixel, we flip it. Then we will go through the whole image again and again until the  $E$  is not increasing any more. Then the whole image is sort of denoised.

I changed the method for denoising a little bit. Previously, we will use the convert function to convert the gray scale to -1 and 1. However, if we do so for a gray scaled image, the image will lost a lot of information after conversion. I tried another way, that convert all the gray scaled pixels into float numbers between the -1, 1. In that way, we can keep still keep the relation between all the pixels, and after we all done, we can convert the pixels back without lossing much information. However, this is still a very tedious way to achieve. My last version is, we can still use the original gray scale to do the denoise the function. Since the correction method for de-noising is just to flip the pixels by "image\_filp\_copy[dE < 0] \*= -1" this function, we can use change the pixels from 0~255 to -127~127. In That way, we can still flip the pixels in a gray scale.

However, there are some cons for this method. If we got a pixel that very close to 127, let's say 125. It will be -2 after conversion, and if we flip it, it will be +2. Compared to the change from -127 to 127, the change for -2 is really small. Thus, it will still be a noise pixel after we flipped it, this is not efficient.

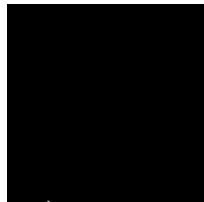
We can actually compare those two methods, and see which one is better.

```
In [12]: black_noi_half_info = convert_halfhalf(black_noi_ima_info)

In [13]: image_filp_half_info = de_noise(black_noi_half_info)

In [14]: image_flip_gray_info2 = convert_halfgray(image_filp_half_info)

In [15]: img = Image.fromarray(image_flip_gray_info2[0], 'L')
img.save('image_flip_gray_info2.png')
```



We can see it works very well, but since this is an image that filled with black pixels, it should be very easy to denoise. Let's try something else.

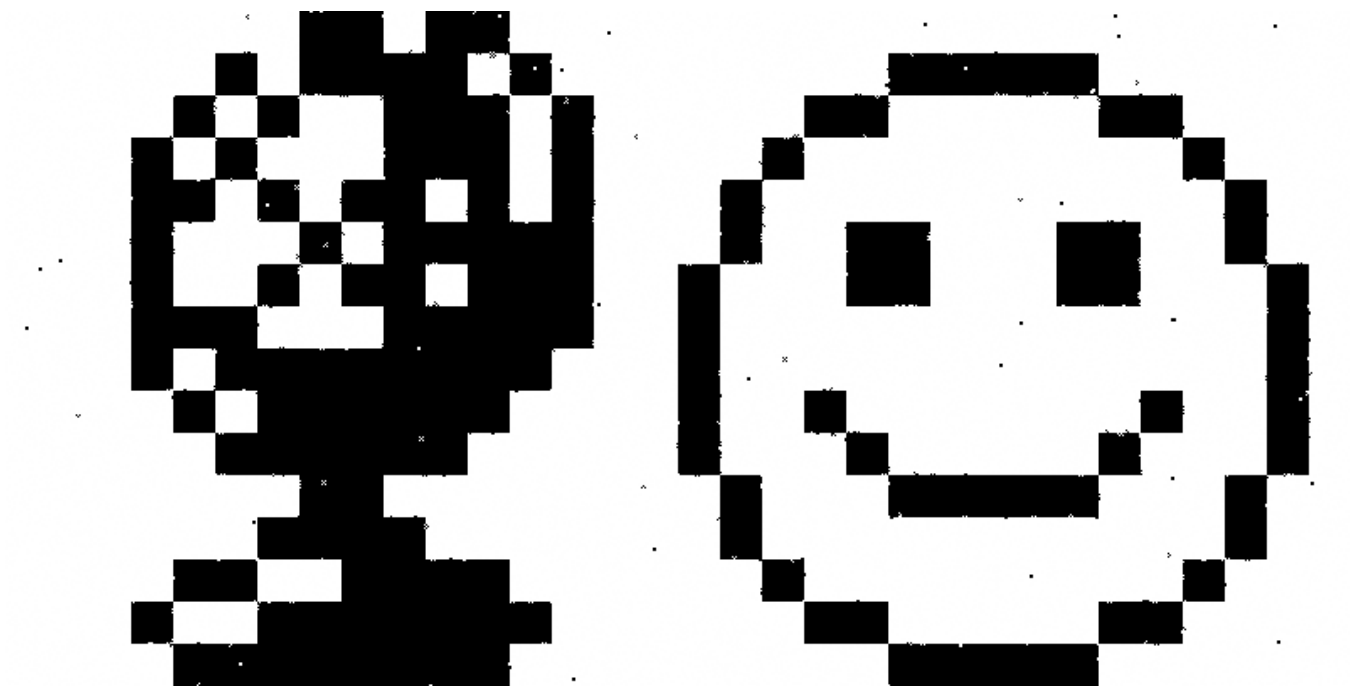
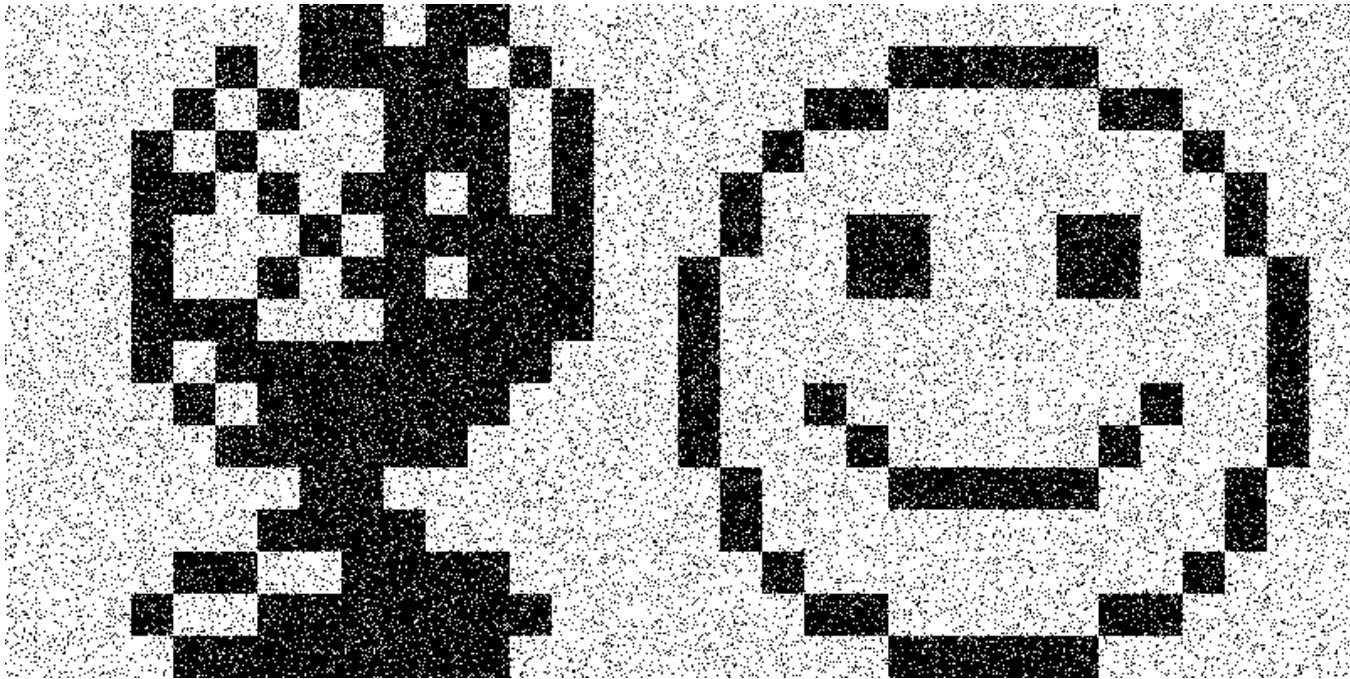
I used the happy world as in the demo.

```
In [16]: happy_image_info = read_image('happyworld_big.png', 'L')
happy_noi_ima_info = add_noise(happy_image_info, 0.1)

In [17]: happy_noi_half_info = convert_halfhalf(happy_noi_ima_info)

In [18]: happy_filp_half_info = de_noise(happy_noi_half_info)
happy_filp_gray_info2 = convert_halfgray(happy_filp_half_info)
```

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In [19]: img = Image.fromarray(happy_filp_gray_info2[0], 'L')
img.save('happy_filp_gray_info2.png')
img = Image.fromarray(happy_noi_ima_info[0], 'L')
img.save('happy_noi_ima_info.png')
```



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In [20]: char_image_info = read_image('characters.png','L')
char_noi_ima_info = add_noise(char_image_info,0.1)
char_noi_half_info = convert_halfhalf(char_noi_ima_info)
char_filp_half_info = de_noise(char_noi_half_info)
char_filp_gray_info2 = convert_halfgray(char_filp_half_info)
```

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In [21]: img = Image.fromarray(char_filp_gray_info2[0], 'L')
img.save('char_filp_gray_info2.png')
img = Image.fromarray(char_noi_ima_info[0], 'L')
img.save('char_noi_ima_info.png')
```

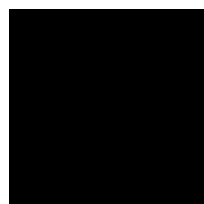
does seem to work well in the face of these challenges is the human visual system. It makes eminent sense, therefore, to attempt to understand the strategies this biological system employs, as a first step towards eventually translating them into machine-based algorithms. With this objective in mind, we review here 19 important results regarding face recognition by humans. While these observations do not constitute a coherent theory of face recognition in human vision (we simply do not have all the pieces yet to construct such a theory), they do provide useful hints and constraints for one. We believe that for this reason, they are likely to be useful to computer vision researchers in guiding their ongoing efforts. Of course, the success of machine vision systems is not dependent on a slavish imitation of their biological counterparts. Insights into the functioning of the latter serve primarily as potentially fruitful starting-points for computational investigations.

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This is a nice de-noising result regarding to the fact that the original image contains a lot of pixels that valued between 100 to 200, which we talked above that can't be de-noised efficiently.

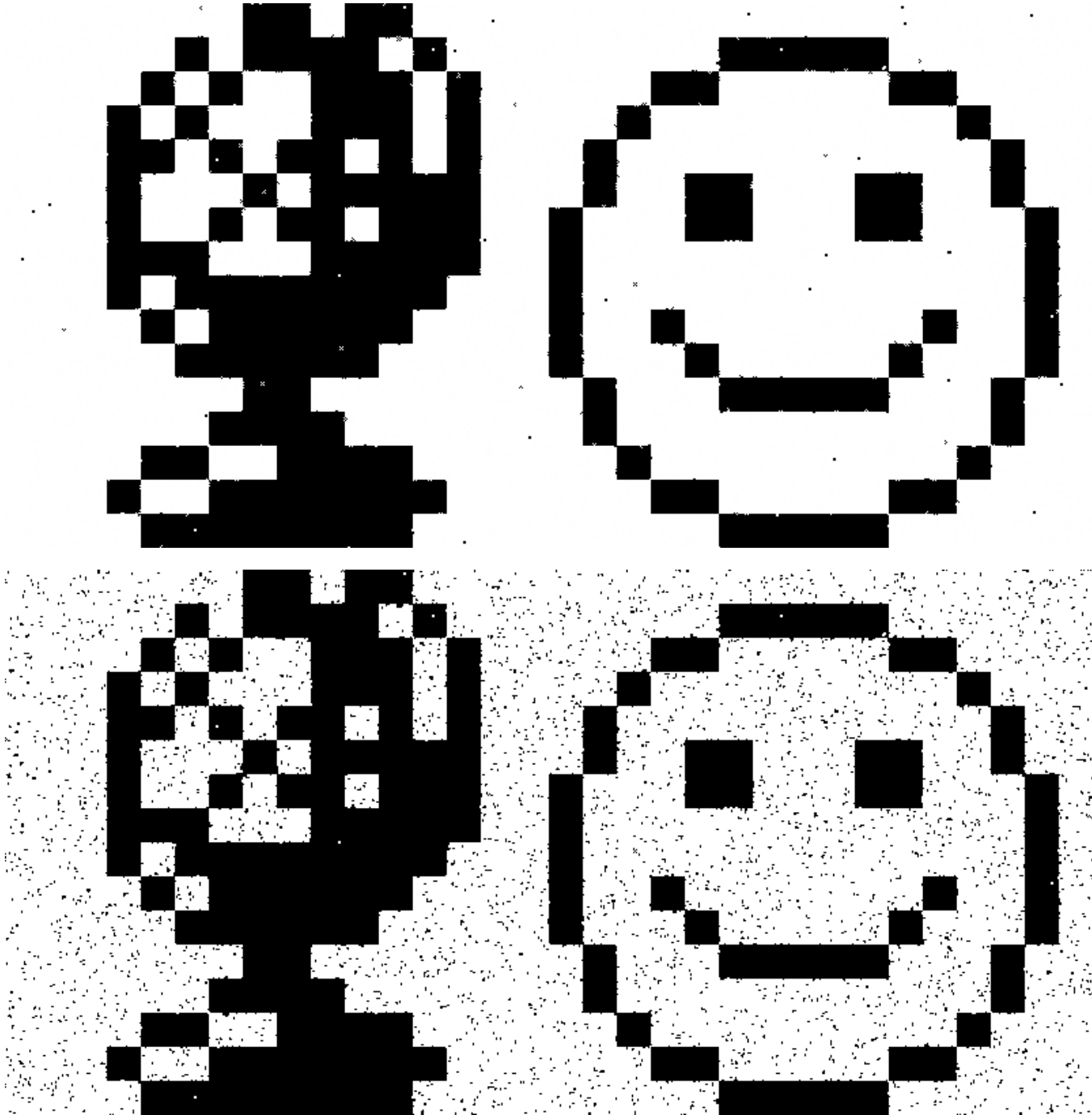
Now let's see what kind of results that the binary de-noising function will give.

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In [22]: bla_noi_bin_info = convert_bin(black_noi_ima_info)
image_filp_bin_info = de_noise(bla_noi_bin_info)
image_filp_gray_info = convert_gray(image_filp_bin_info)
img = Image.fromarray(image_filp_gray_info[0], 'L')
img.save('image_filp_gray_info.png')
```



The black test works better than the last version. The reason should be that the original image is already "binary", and of course it won't last any information after conversion.

```
In [23]: happy_noi_bin_info = convert_bin(happy_noi_ima_info)
happy_filp_bin_info = de_noise(happy_noi_bin_info)
happy_filp_gray_info = convert_gray(happy_filp_bin_info)
img = Image.fromarray(happy_filp_gray_info[0], 'L')
img.save('happy_filp_gray_info.png')
```



The upper image is from gray scaled version, and the down image is from binary version. We can tell that the gray scaled version works better. The gradient values seem to give more accuracy for the de-noise function.

```
In [24]: char_noi_bin_info = convert_bin(char_noi_ima_info)
char_filp_bin_info = de_noise(char_noi_bin_info)
char_filp_gray_info = convert_gray(char_filp_bin_info)
img = Image.fromarray(char_filp_gray_info[0], 'L')
img.save('char_filp_gray_info.png')
```



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Still, the upper image is from the gray scaled version, and the down iamge the from the binary version. We see that not only the de-noise function is not working very well for the binary function, the image lost a lot of information about the charaters this time, sicne the original image is in gray scale. Thus, it is better to use the gray scale versions.