

Image Processing



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Image Processing

Smoothing

Smoothing

- Smoothing is also called blurring
- Why smoothing?
 - reduce noise and camera artifact
 - reduce the resolution of an image in a principled way

Smoothing



```
void cvSmooth(  
    const CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    int smoothtype=CV_GAUSSIAN,  
    int param1=3,  
    int param2=0,  
    double param3=0,  
    double param4=0  
) ;
```

smoothtype:

- CV_BLUR_NO_SCALE
- CV_BLUR
- CV_GAUSSIAN
- CV_MEDIAN
- CV_BILATERAL

Smoothing



Smooth type	Name	In place?	Nc	Depth of src	Depth of dst	Brief description
CV_BLUR	Simple blur	Yes	1,3	8u, 32f	8u, 32f	Sum over a $\text{param1} \times \text{param2}$ neighborhood with subsequent scaling by $1 / (\text{param1} \times \text{param2})$.
CV_BLUR_NO_SCALE	Simple blur with no scaling	No	1	8u	16s (for 8u source) or 32f (for 32f source)	Sum over a $\text{param1} \times \text{param2}$ neighborhood.
CV_MEDIAN	Median blur	No	1,3	8u	8u	Find median over a $\text{param1} \times \text{param1}$ square neighborhood.
CV_GAUSSIAN	Gaussian blur	Yes	1,3	8u, 32f	8u (for 8u source) or 32f (for 32f source)	Sum over a $\text{param1} \times \text{param2}$ neighborhood.
CV_BILATERAL	Bilateral filter	No	1,3	8u	8u	Apply bilateral 3-by-3 filtering with color sigma=param1 and a space sigma=param2.

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CV_BLUR_NO_SCALE	Simple blur with no scaling	No	1	8u	16s (for 8u source) or 32f (for 32f source)	Sum over a <u>param1×param2</u> neighborhood.
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CV_GAUSSIAN	Gaussian blur	Yes	1,3	8u, 32f	8u (for 8u source) or 32f (for 32f source)	Sum over a <u>param1×param2</u> neighborhood.
CV_BILATERAL	Bilateral filter	No	1,3	8u	8u	Apply bilateral 3-by-3 filtering with color sigma= <u>param1</u> and a space sigma= <u>param2</u> .



Example `cvSmooth`

Original

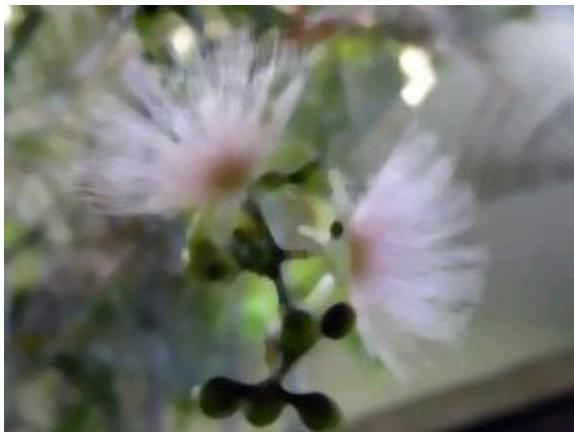


BLUR

param1=7
param2=7

GAUSSIAN

param1=7
param2=7



MEDIAN

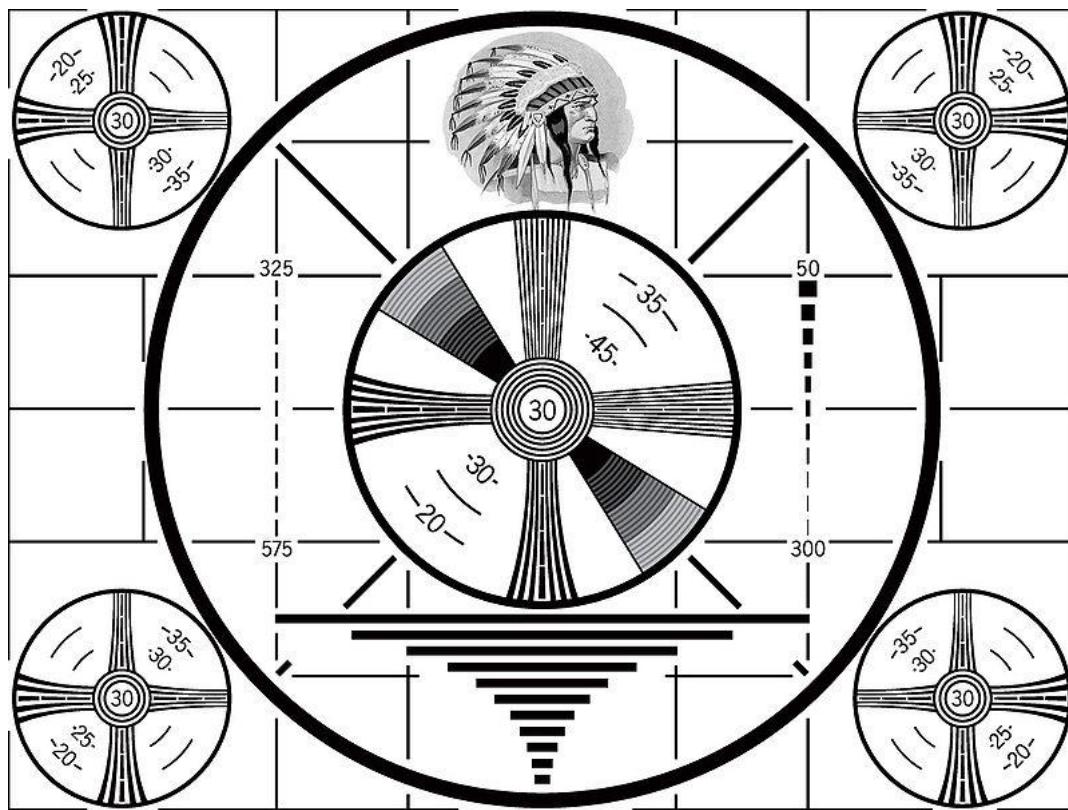
param1=7

BILATERAL

param1=7
param3=50.0
Param4=3.5



Exercise



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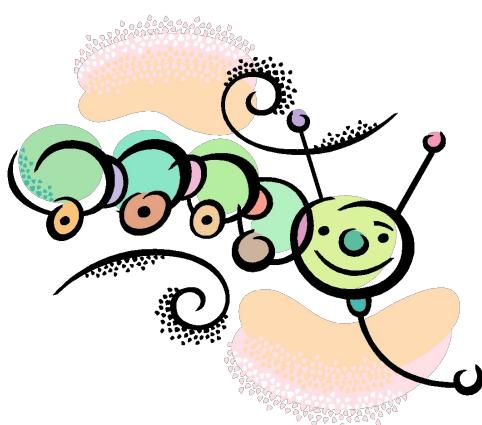
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Image
Morphology



Morphological Operations

- Morphological operations come from the word “morphing” in Biology which means “changing a shape”.

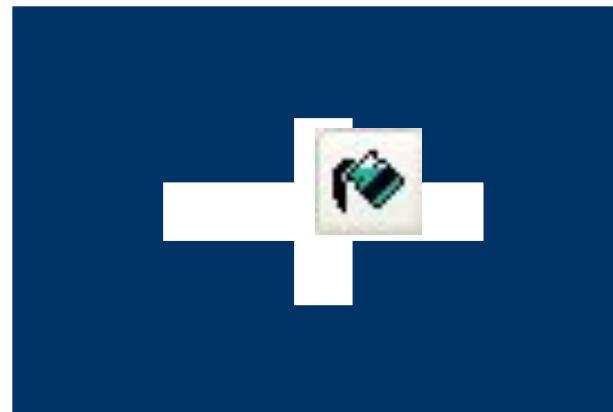


Morphing

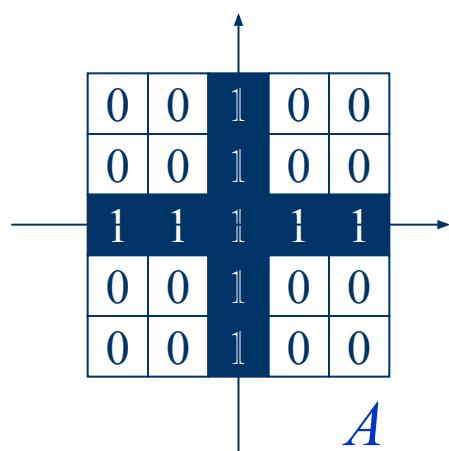


Morphological Operations

- Originated from set operations
- Can be used to manipulate object shapes such as thinning, thickening, filling, etc.

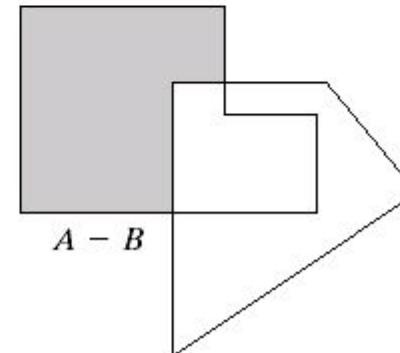
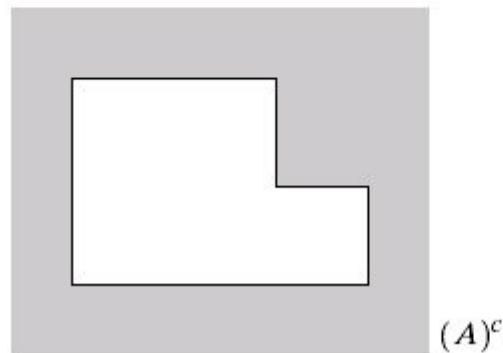
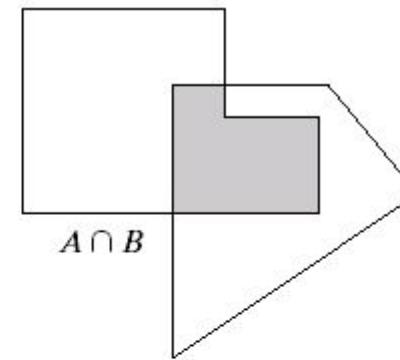
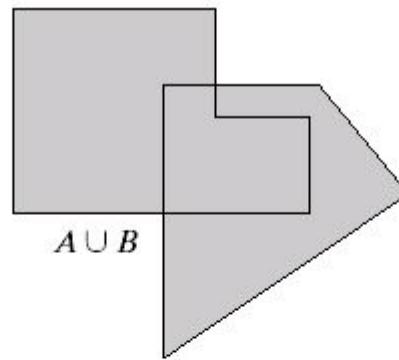
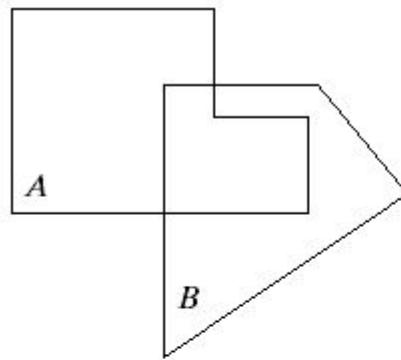


Binary Image Representation



$$A = \left\{ (-2, 0), (-1, 0), (0, 0), (1, 0), (2, 0), (0, 2), (0, 1), (0, -1), (0, -2) \right\}$$

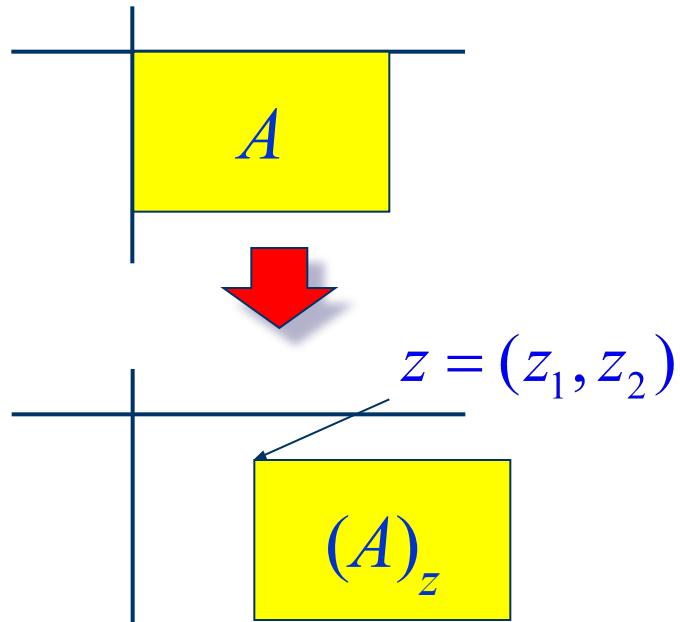
Basic Set Operations



Translation and Reflection Operations

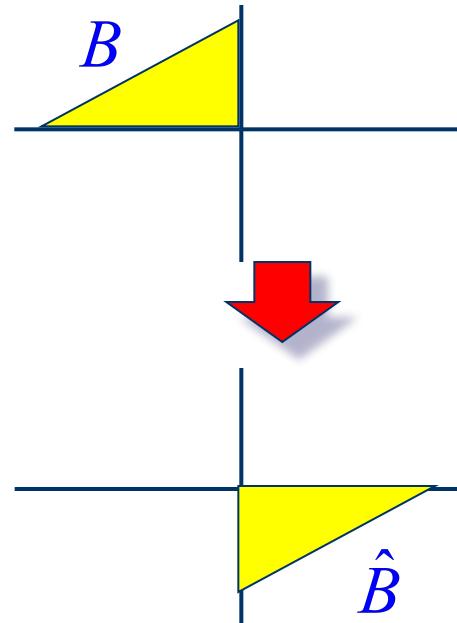
Translation

$$(A)_z = \{c \mid c = a + z, \text{ for } a \in A\}$$



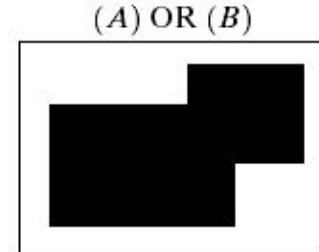
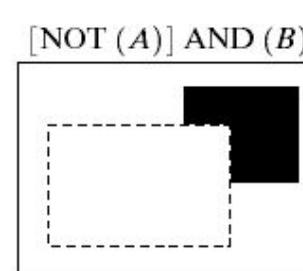
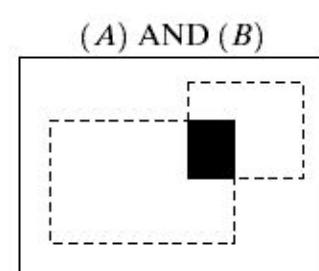
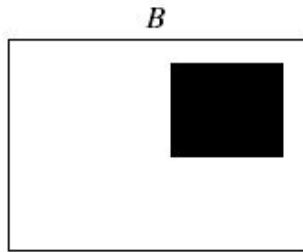
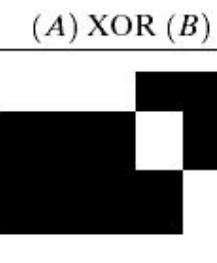
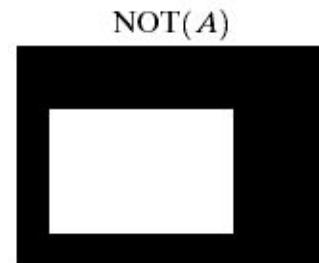
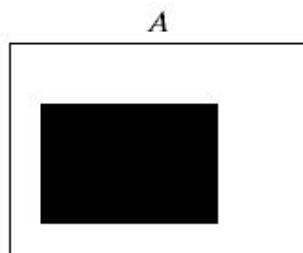
Reflection

$$\hat{B} = \{w \mid w = -b, \text{ for } b \in B\}$$



p	q	$p \text{ AND } q$ (also $p \cdot q$)	$p \text{ OR } q$ (also $p + q$)	$\text{NOT}(p)$ (also \bar{p})
0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	0

Logical Operations

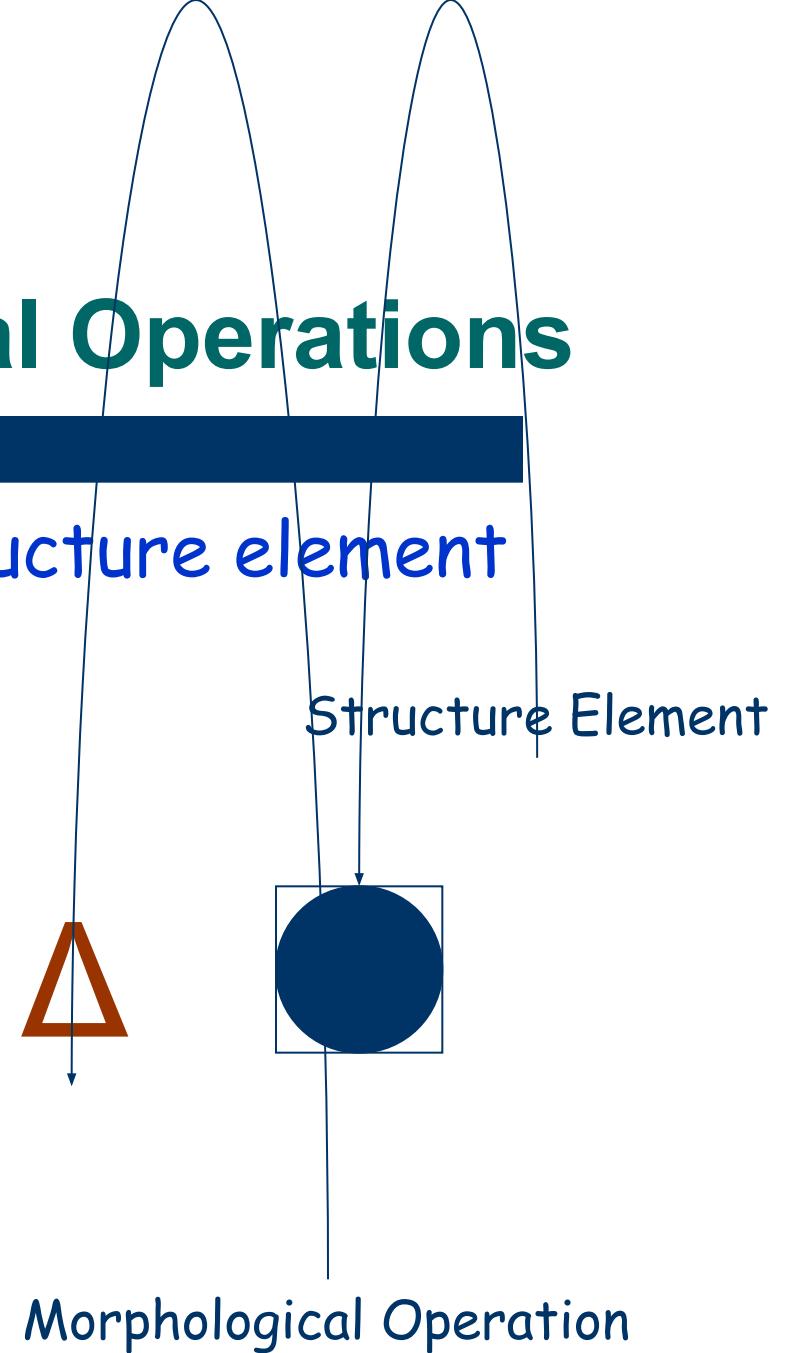


Basic Morphological Operations

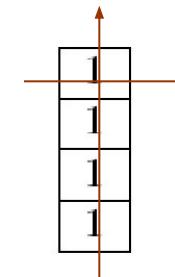
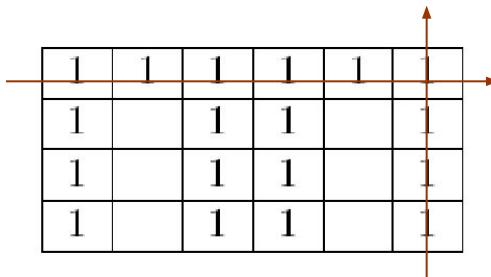
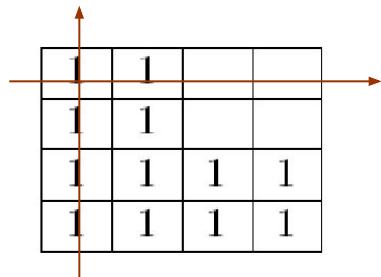
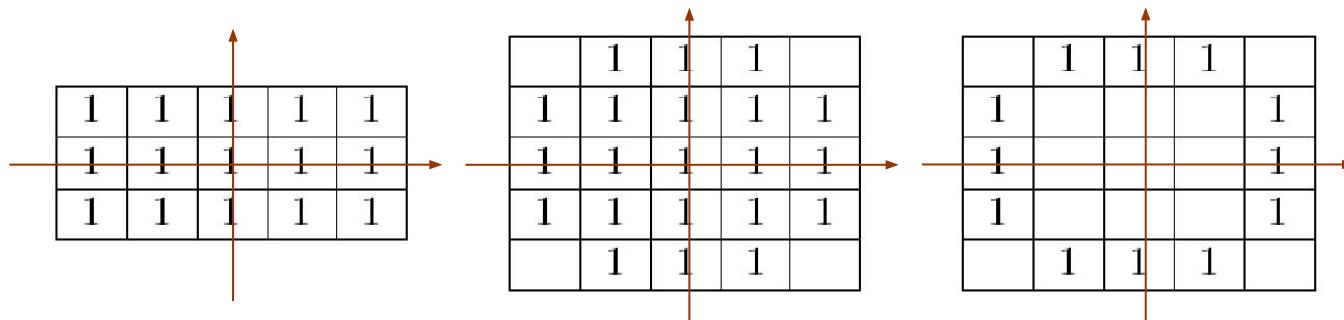
- Dilation
 - Enlarge a region
- Erosion
 - Shrink a region
- Opening
 - Get rid of small portions of region that jut out from the boundary into the background region
- Closing
 - Close up internal holes in a region and eliminate "bays" along the boundary

Basic Morphological Operations

- Defined based on a **structure element**



Structure Elements



d)

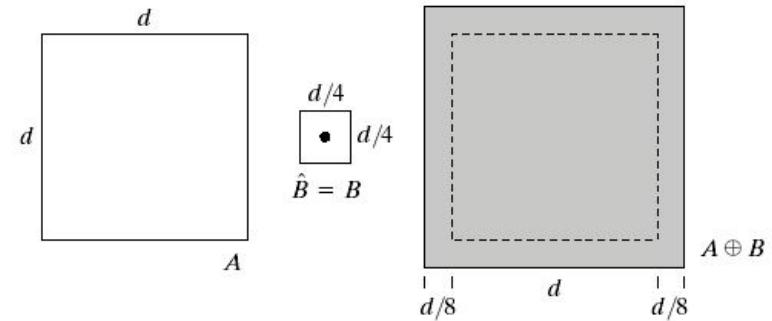
e)

f)

Dilation

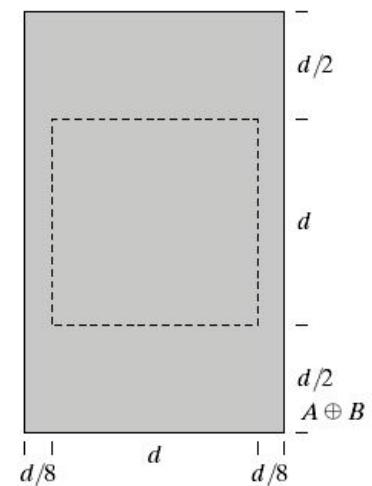
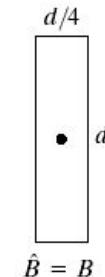
$$A \oplus B$$

$$A \oplus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$



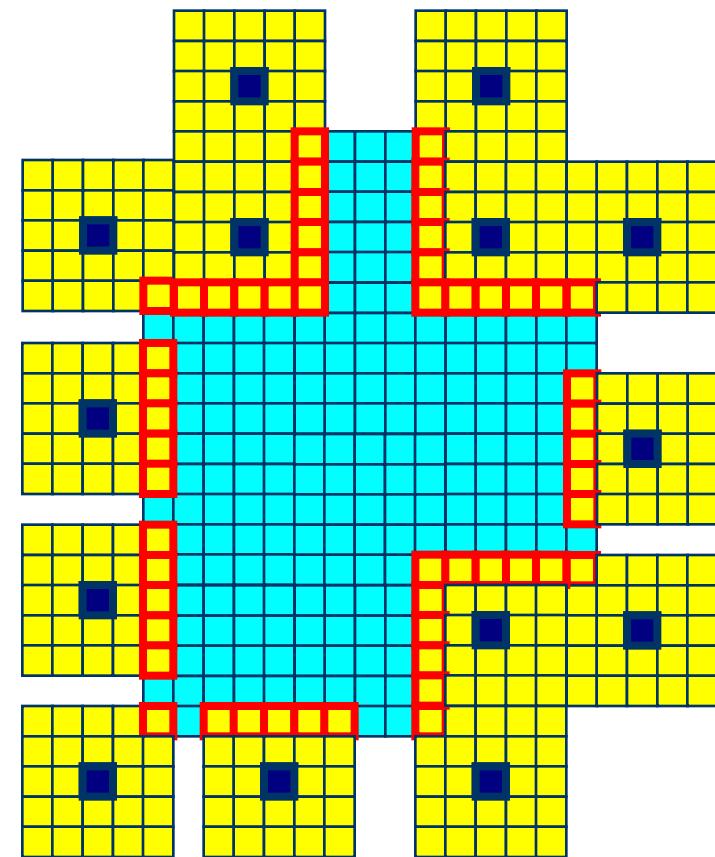
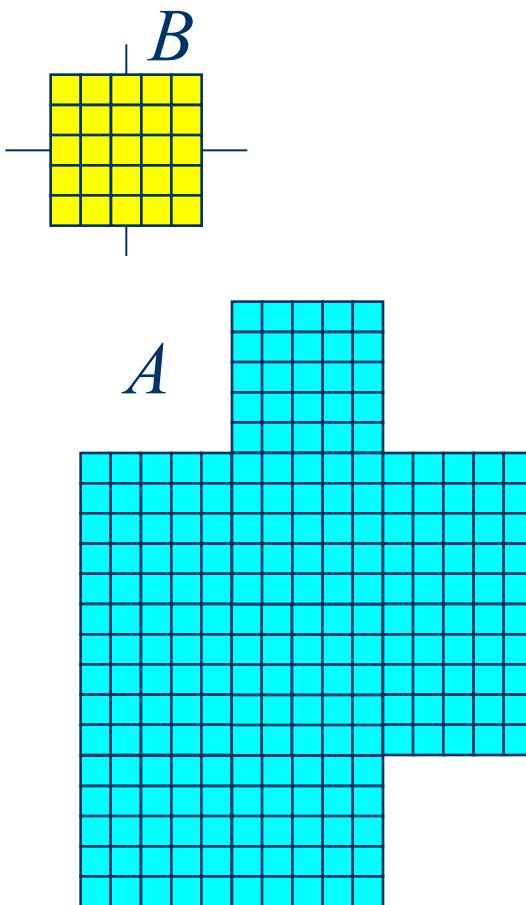
A = Object to be dilated

B = Structuring element



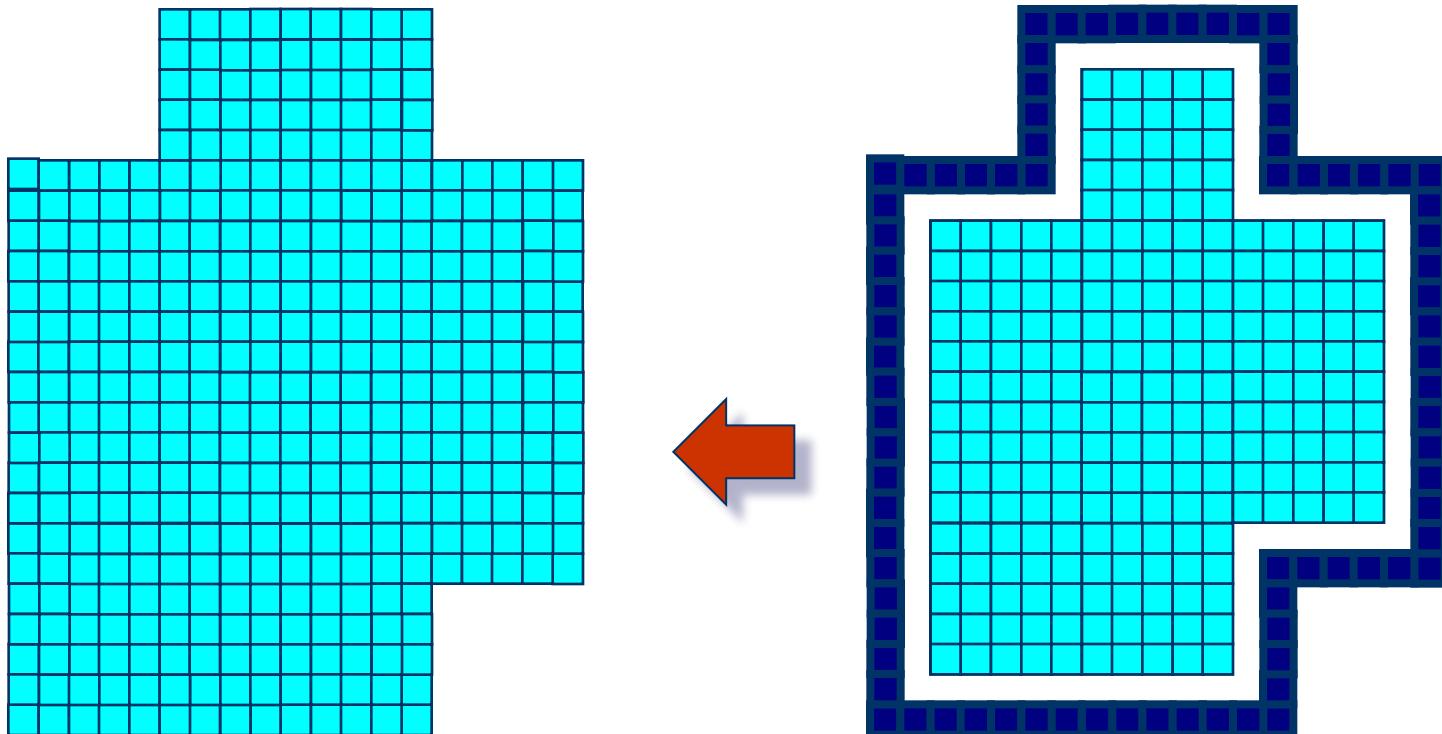
Dilation

$$A \oplus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$



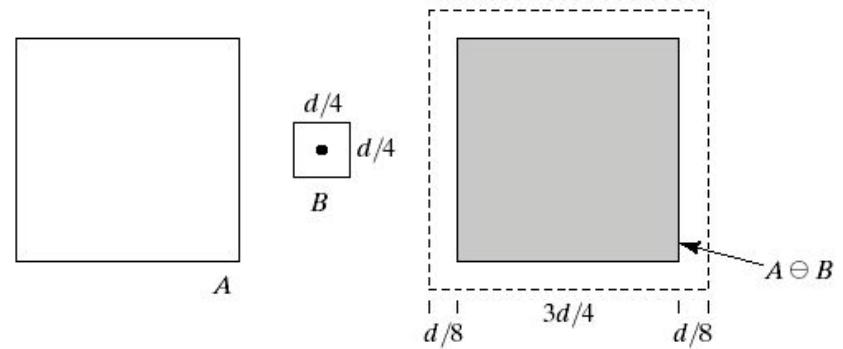
Dilation

$$A \oplus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

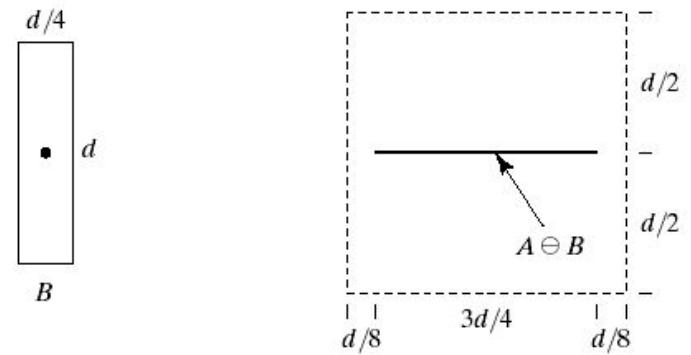


Erosion $A \ominus B$

$$A \ominus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \subseteq A\}$$

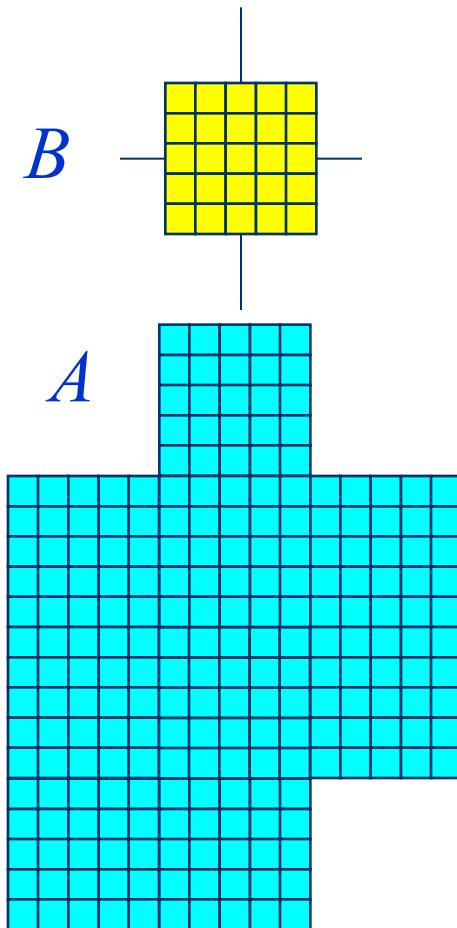


A = Object to be eroded
 B = Structuring element



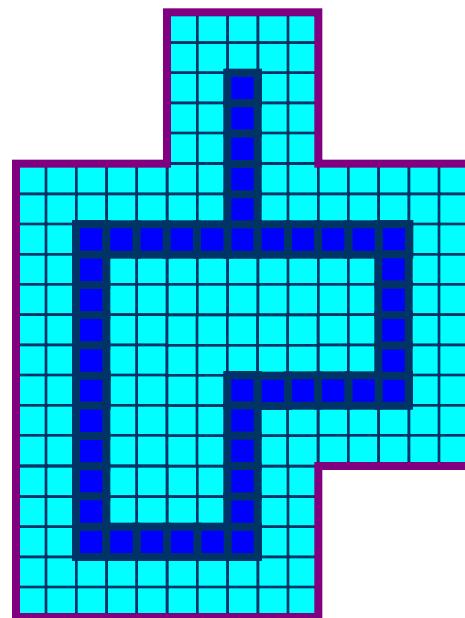
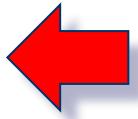
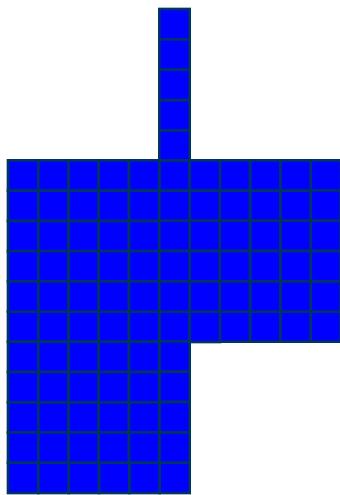
Erosion

$$A \ominus B = \{z | (B)_z \subseteq A\}$$



Erosion

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Example: Application of Dilation and Erosion



a | b | c

FIGURE 9.7 (a) Image of squares of size 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 15 pixels on the side. (b) Erosion of (a) with a square structuring element of 1's, 13 pixels on the side. (c) Dilation of (b) with the same structuring element.

Remove small objects such as noise

Duality Between Dilation and Erosion

$$(A \sqcup B)^c = A^c \oplus B$$

Pf)

$$(A \sqcup B)^c = \{z | (B)_z \subseteq A\}^c$$

$$= \{z | (B)_z \cap A^c = \emptyset\}^c$$

$$= \{z | (B)_z \cap A^c \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$= A^c \oplus B$$

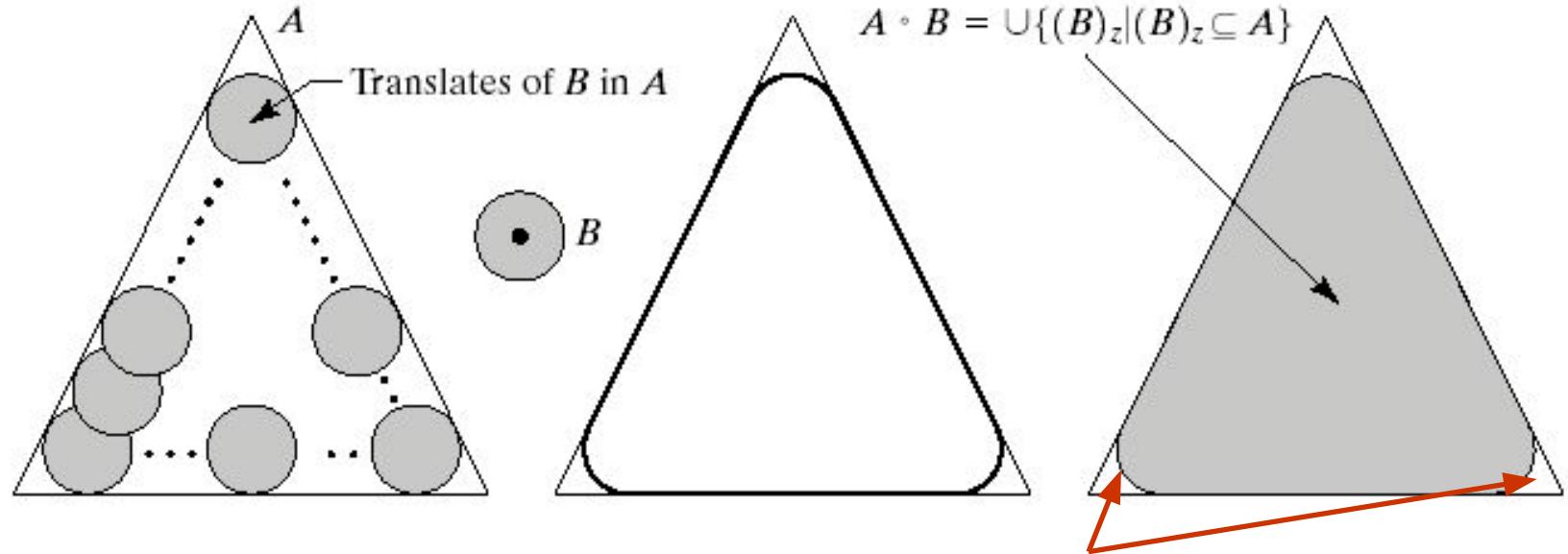
Opening

$$A \circ B = (A \square B) \oplus B$$

Opening

Combination of all parts of A that can completely contain B

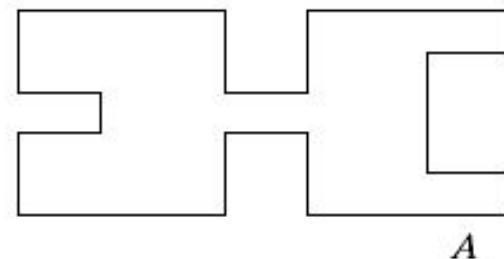
$$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B \leftrightarrow A \circ B = \cup \{(B)_z | (B)_z \subseteq A\}$$



Opening **eliminates** narrow and small details and corners.

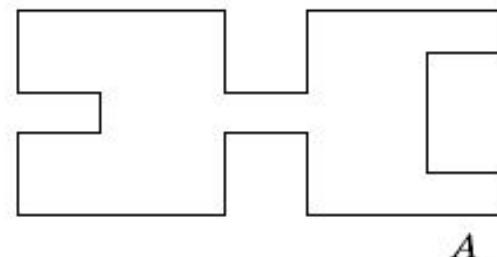
$$A \circ B = (A \sqcap B) \oplus B$$

Example: Opening

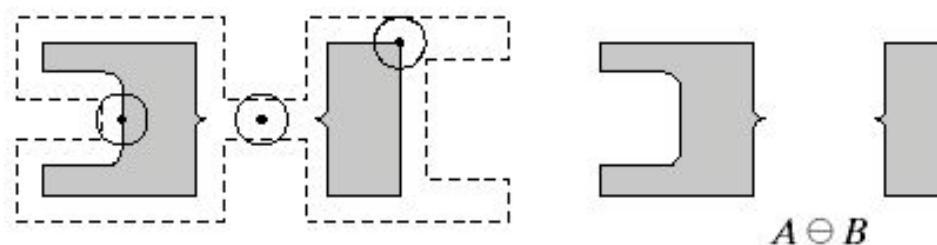


$$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B$$

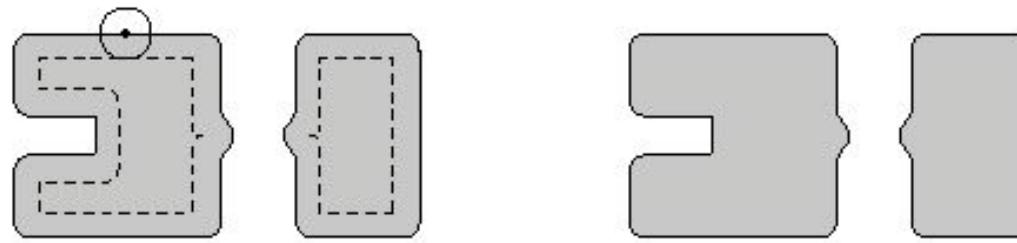
Example: Opening



A



$A \ominus B$



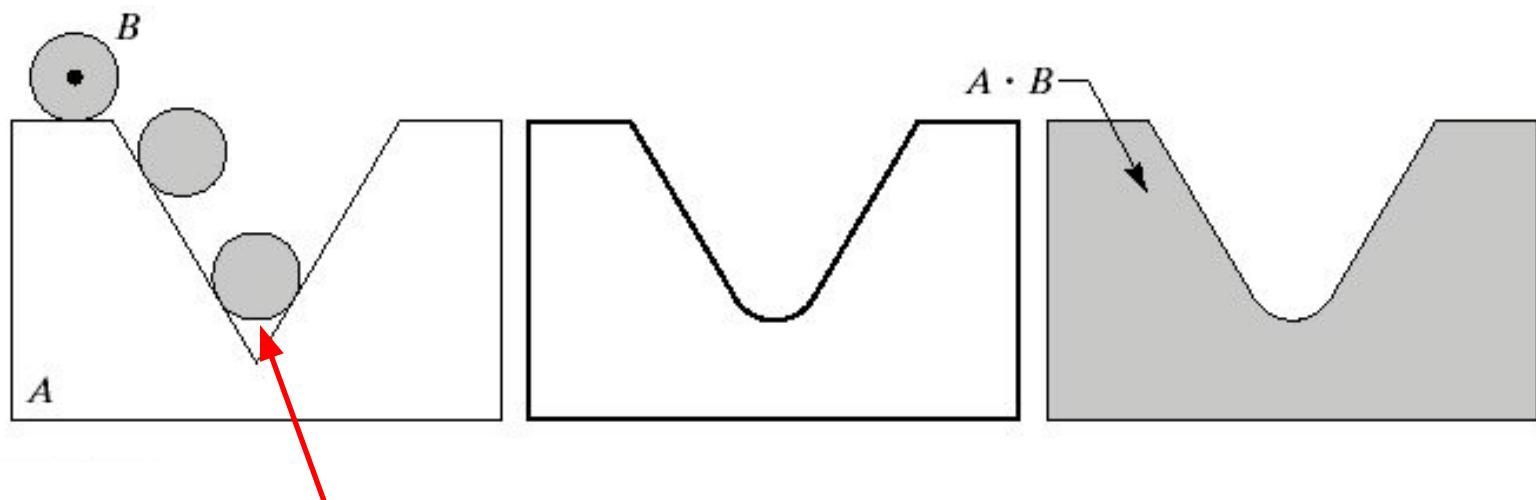
$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B$

Closing

$$A \Box B = (A \oplus B) \sqcap B$$

Closing

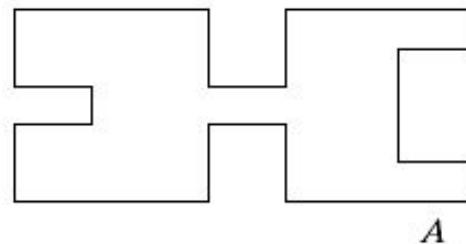
$$A \square B = (A \oplus B) \sqcap B$$



Closing fills narrow gaps and notches

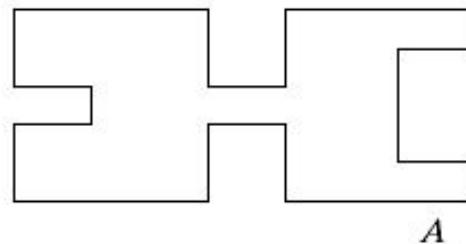
$$A \square B = (A \oplus B) \sqcup B$$

Example: Closing

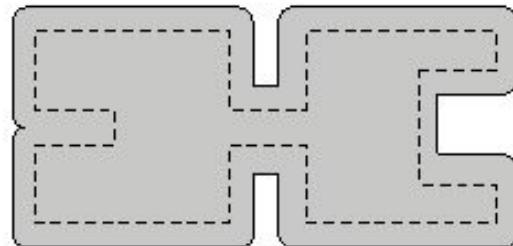


$$A \square B = (A \oplus B) \sqcap B$$

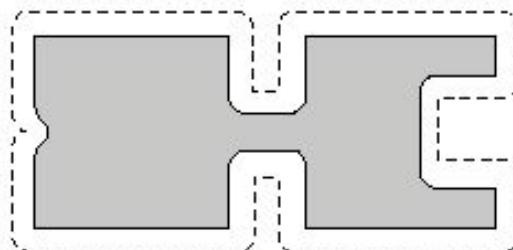
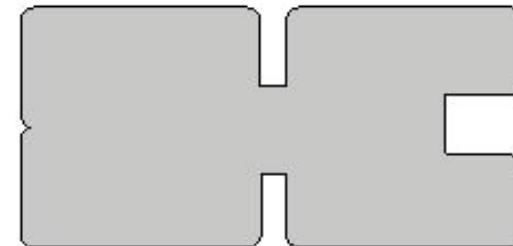
Example: Closing



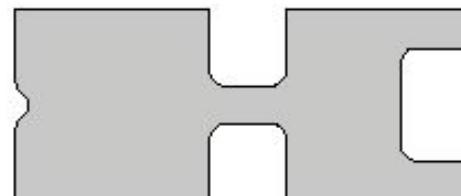
A



$A \oplus B$



$A \cdot B = (A \oplus B) \ominus B$



Opening vs. Closing

- Duality $(A \bullet B)^c = (A^c \circ B)$

- Properties of **Opening**

1. $A \circ B \subseteq A$

2. If $C \subset D$ then $C \circ B \subset D \circ B$

3. $(A \circ B) \circ B = A \circ B$

Idempotent property:
can't change any more

- Properties of **Closing**

1. $A \bullet B \supseteq A$

2. If $C \subset D$ then $C \bullet B \subset D \bullet B$

3. $(A \bullet B) \bullet B = A \bullet B$

Example: Application of Morphological Operations

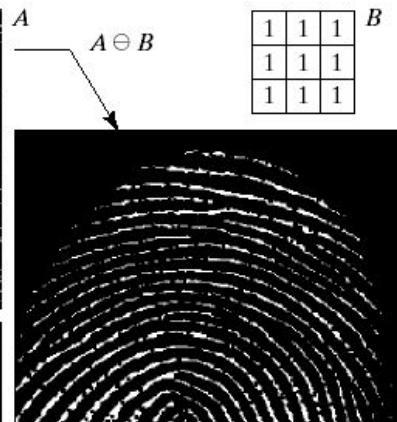


1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

B

Finger print
enhancement

Example: Application of Morphological Operations



1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

B



$$(A \ominus B) \oplus B = A \circ B$$
$$(A \circ B) \oplus B = [(A \ominus B) \oplus B] \ominus B = (A \circ B) \cdot B$$



Finger print
enhancement

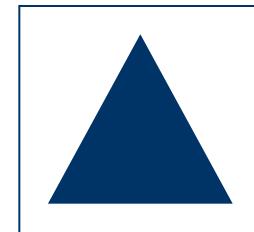
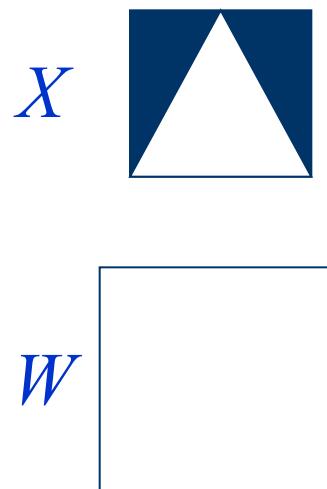
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Some Applications of
Image Morphology

Hit-or-Miss Transformation

$$A \circledast X = (A \sqcap X) \cup [A^c \sqcap (W - X)]$$



$$W - X \approx X^c$$

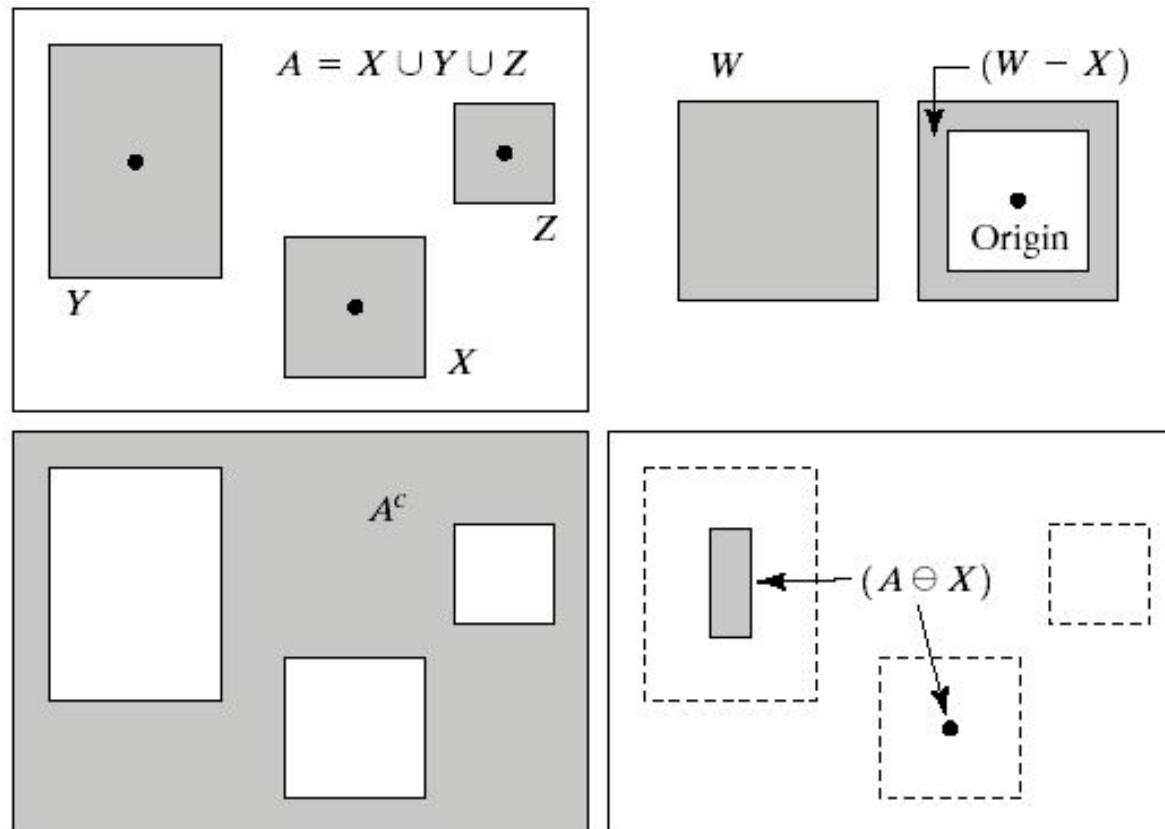
Hit-or-Miss Transformation

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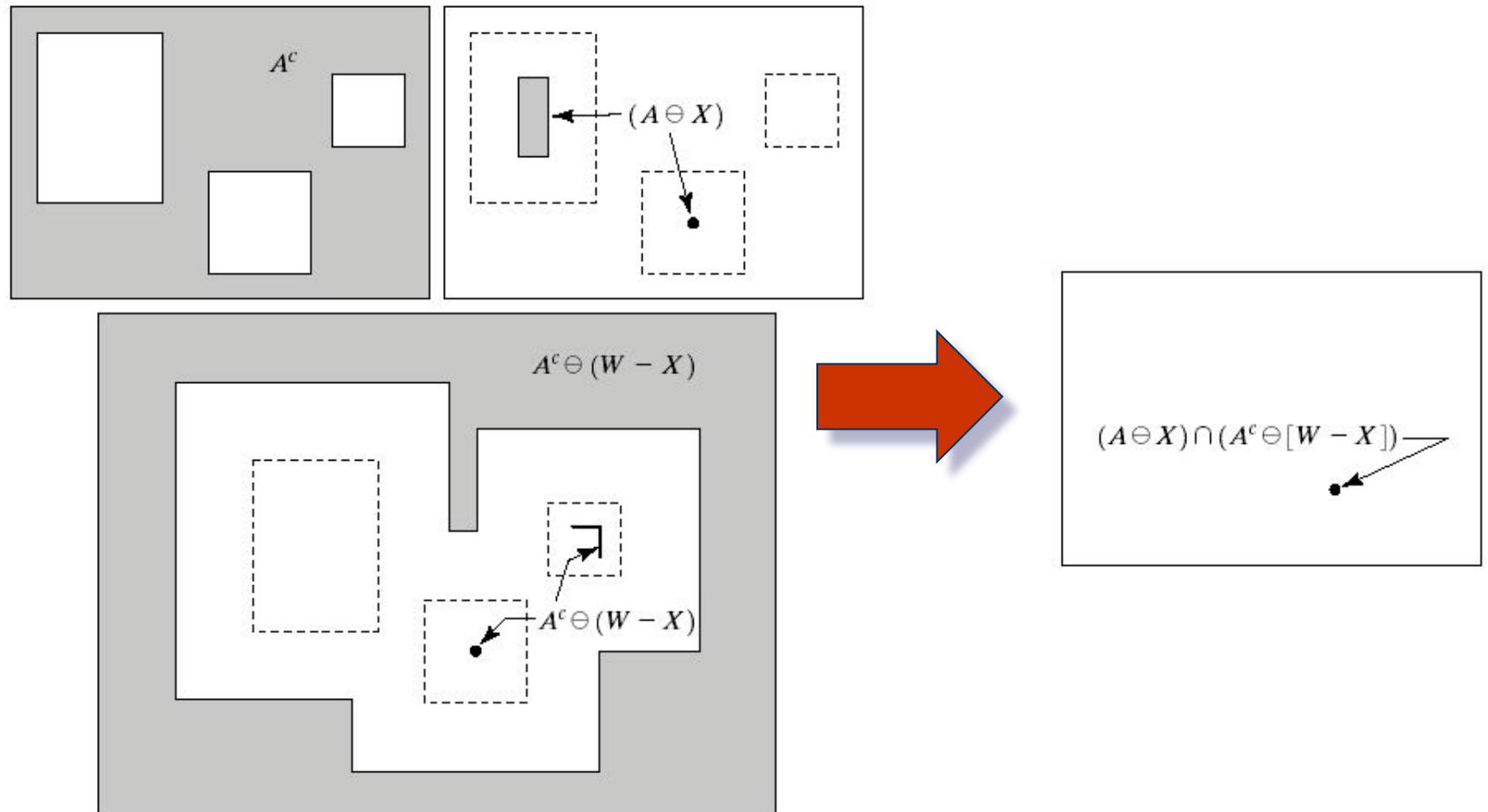
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Hit-or-Miss Transformation

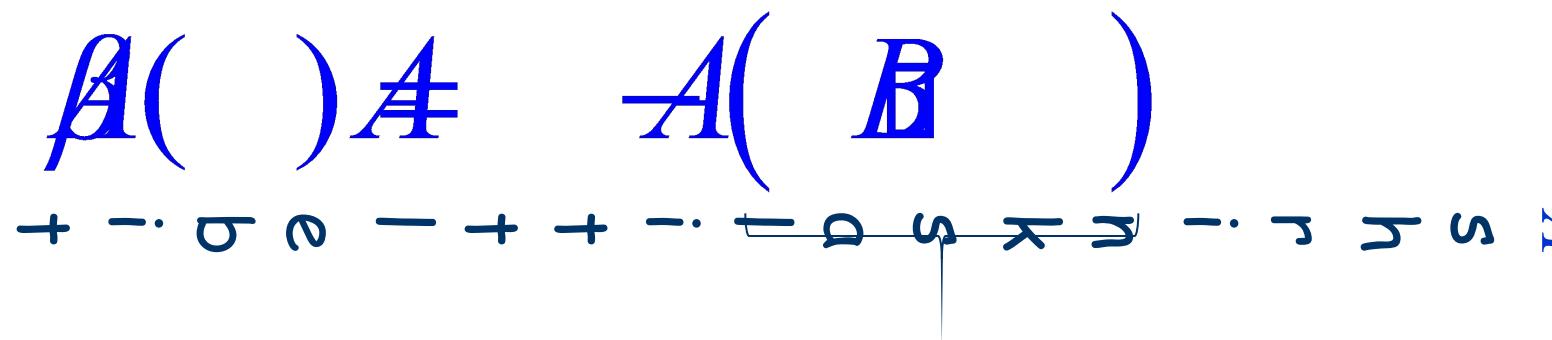


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Hit-or-Miss Transformation

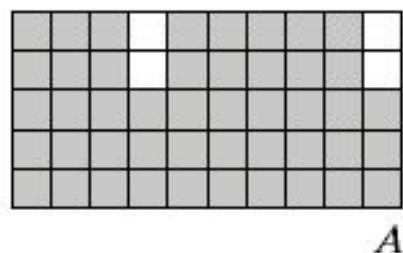


Boundary Extraction

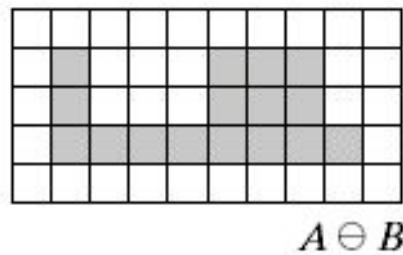
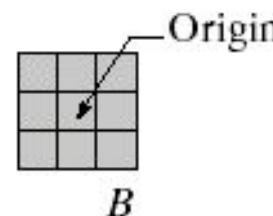


$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{A})\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{B})$$

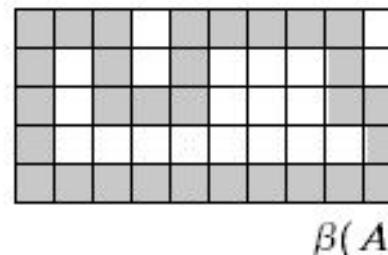
Boundary Extraction



A



$A \ominus B$



$\beta(A)$

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{A}) \neq \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{B})$$

Boundary Extraction

Original
image



Boundary

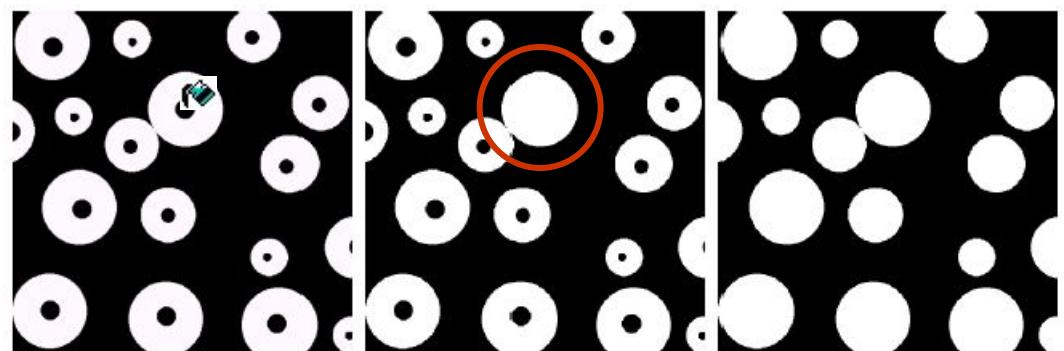
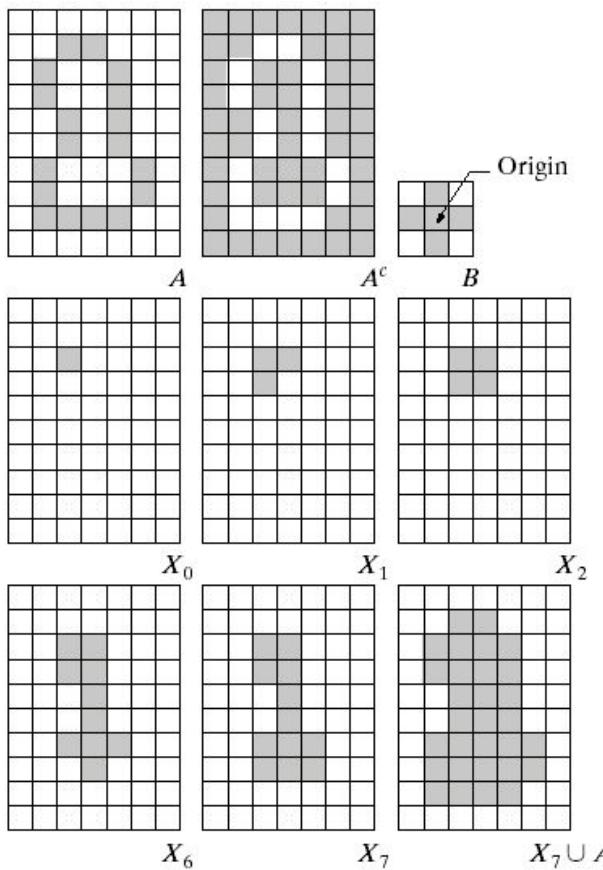
Region Filling

$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A^c$$

$X_0 \in A$: seed pixel

$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A^c$$

Region Filling



Original
image

Results of region filling

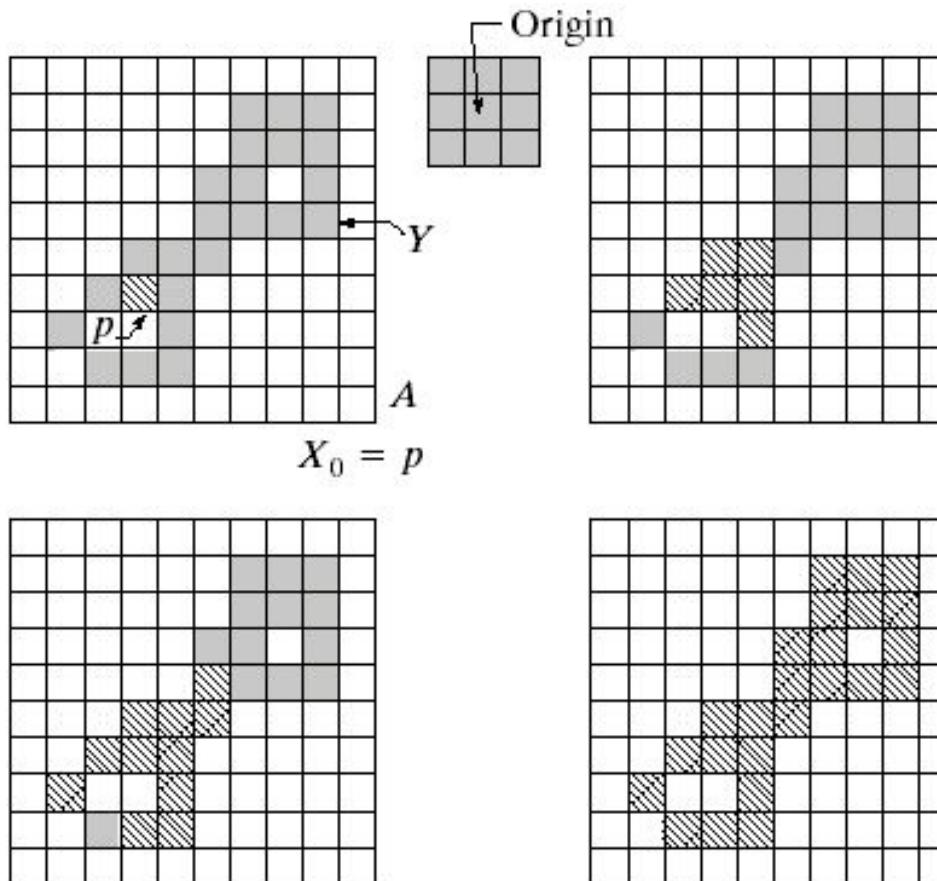
Extraction of Connected Components

$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A$$

$X_0 \in A$: seed pixel

$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A$$

Extraction of Connected Components



Morphological Operations for Gray Images

$$\text{erode}(x, y) = \min_{(x', y') \in \text{kernel}} \text{src}(x + x', y + y')$$

$$\text{dilate}(x, y) = \max_{(x', y') \in \text{kernel}} \text{src}(x + x', y + y')$$

Dilation and Erosion by OpenCV

```
void cvDilate(  
    const CvArr* A,  
    CvArr* C,  
    IplConvKernel* B=0,  
    int iterations=1  
) ;
```

```
void cvErode(  
    const CvArr* A,  
    CvArr* C,  
    IplConvKernel* B=0,  
    int iterations=1  
) ;
```

A

C

B

Source image.

Destination image.

Structuring element used for erosion. If it is NULL, a 3×3 rectangular structuring element is used.

iterations

Number of times erosion is applied.

Making Your Own Kernel

```
IplConvKernel* cvCreateStructuringElementEx (
    int nCols,
    int nRows,
    int anchorX,
    int anchorY,
    int shape,
    int* values
);
```

Shape value	Meaning
CV_SHAPE_RECT	The kernel is rectangular
CV_SHAPE_CROSS	The kernel is cross shaped
CV_SHAPE_ELLIPSE	The kernel is elliptical
CV_SHAPE_CUSTOM	The kernel is user-defined via values



More General Morphology

```
void cvMorphologyEx(  
    const CvArr* A,  
    CvArr* C,  
    CvArr* temp,  
    IplConvKernel* B,  
    int operation,  
    int iterations  
) ;
```

A

Source image.

C

Destination image.

temp

Temporary image,
required in some cases.

B

Structuring element.

operation

Type of morphological
operation.

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```

Value of operation	Morphological operator	Requires temp image?
CV_MOP_OPEN	Opening	No
CV_MOP_CLOSE	Closing	No
CV_MOP_GRADIENT	Morphological gradient	Always
CV_MOP_TOPHAT	Top Hat	For in-place only (src = dst)
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CV_MOP_OPEN:

C = open(A,B) = dilate(erode(A,B),B)

CV_MOP_CLOSE:

C = close(A,B) = erode(dilate(A,B),B)

CV_MOP_GRADIENT:

C = morph_grad(A,B) = dilate(A,B) - erode(A,B)

CV_MOP_TOPHAT:

C = tophat(A,B) = A - erode(A,B)

CV_MOP_BLACKHAT:

C = blackhat(A,B) = dilate(A,B) - A

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Flood Fill

Flood Fill



Flood Fill

- Used to mark or isolate portions of an image for further processing or analysis
- Used to derive, from an input image, masks that can be used for subsequent routines to speed or restrict processing to only those pixels indicated by the mask.
- Some routines support mask

Flood Fill

```
void cvFloodFill(
    IplImage* img,
    CvPoint seedPoint,
    CvScalar newVal,
    CvScalar loDiff =
cvScalarAll(0),
    CvScalar upDiff =
cvScalarAll(0),
    CvConnectedComp* comp = NULL,
    int flags = 4,
    CvArr* mask = NULL
);
```

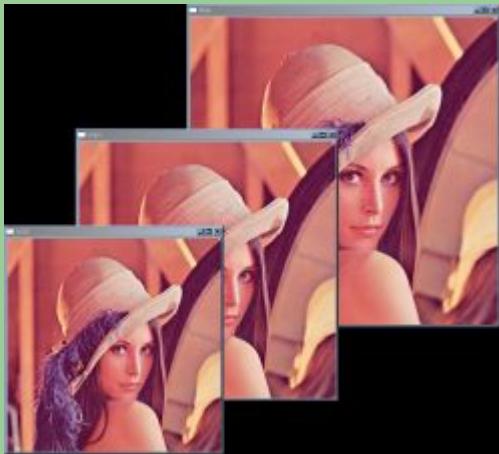


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Resize

Resize

```
void cvResize(  
    const CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    int interpolation=CV_INTER_LINEAR  
) ;
```



Interpolation	Meaning
CV_INTER_NN	Nearest neighbor
CV_INTER_LINEAR	Bilinear
CV_INTER_AREA	Pixel area re-sampling
CV_INTER_CUBIC	Bicubic interpolation

Image Processing



Image
Pyramids

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Image Pyramids

Represent $N \times N$ image as a "pyramid" of $1 \times 1, 2 \times 2, 4 \times 4, 2^k \times 2^k$ images (assuming $N = 2^k$)

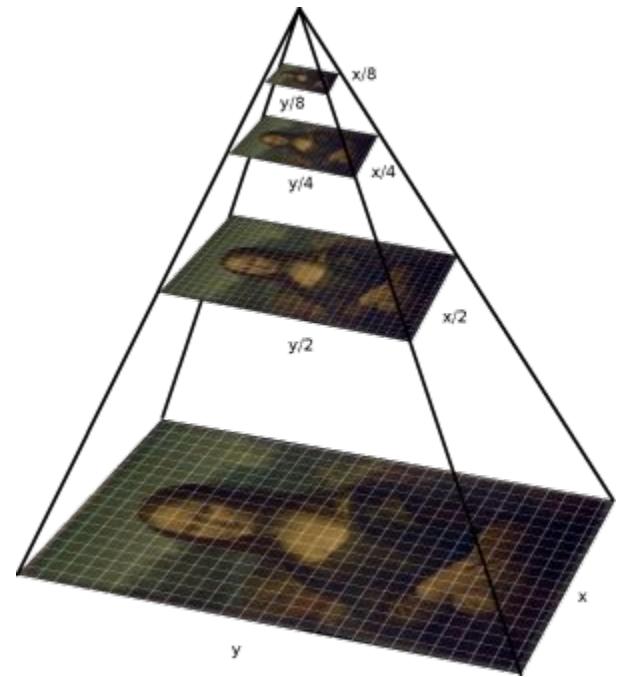
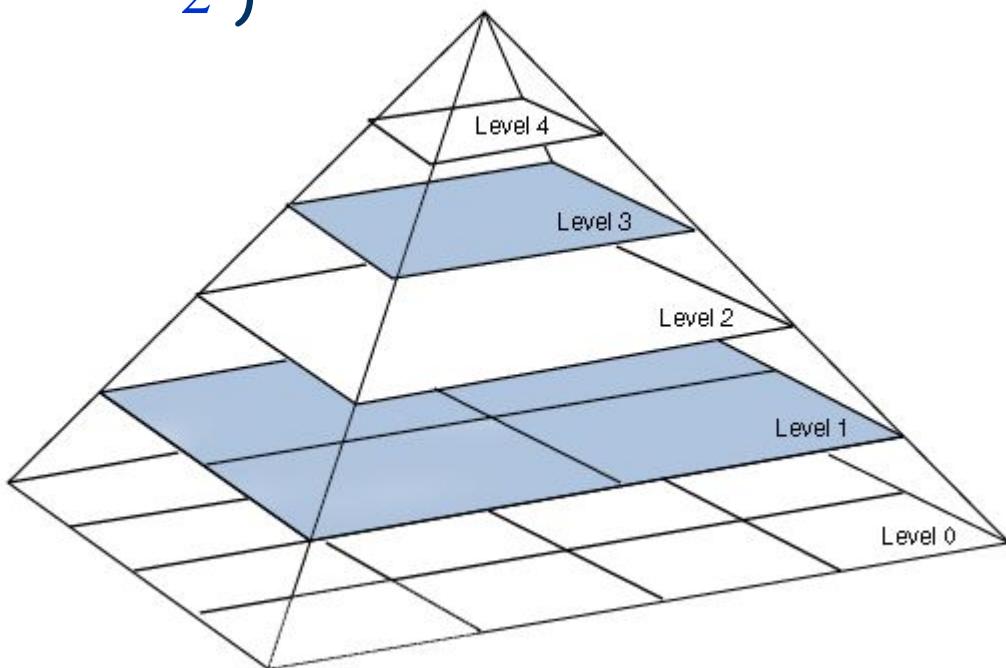
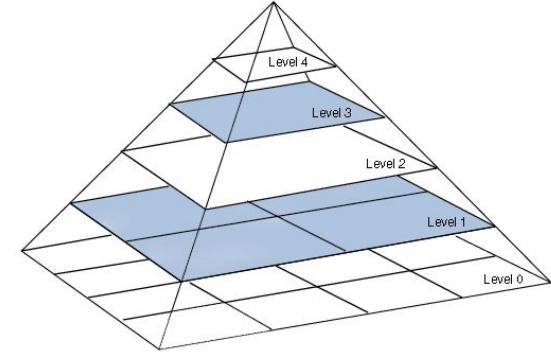
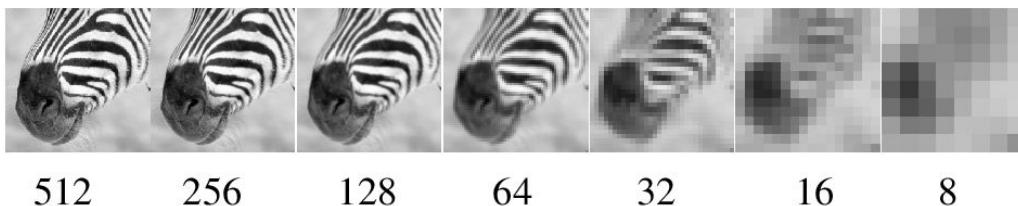
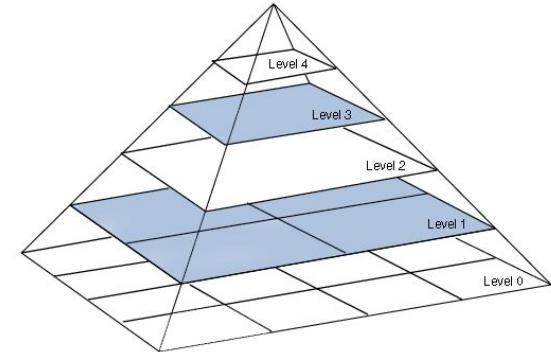


Image Pyramids



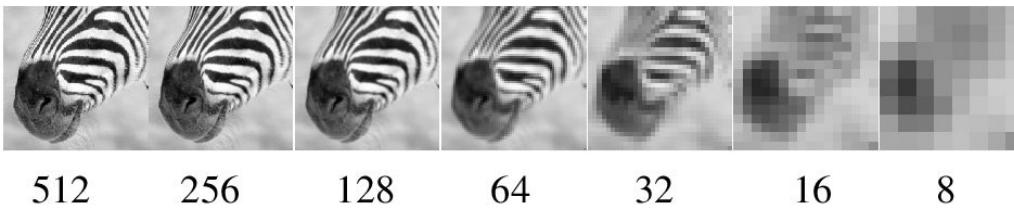
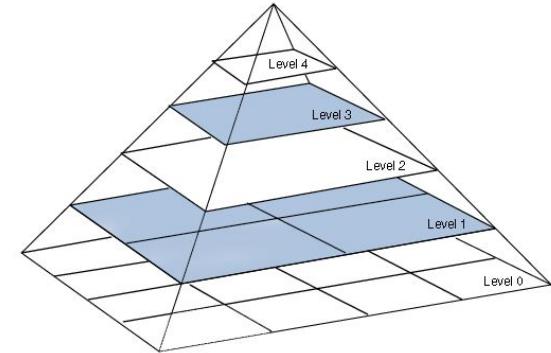
- Represent the image using a collection of images
 - Called a pyramid because the resolution of the images decreases
- Most common pyramid: **Gaussian pyramid**
 - At each level, generate the next level by blurring the image with a Gaussian, then **downsampling**
- For reconstruction: **Laplacian pyramid needed**

Gaussian Pyramid



At each level, generate
the next level by
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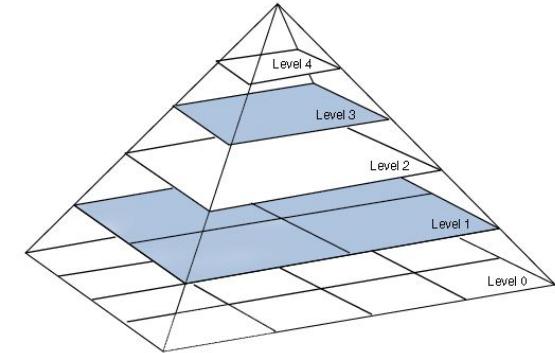
Problems on Gaussian Pyramid



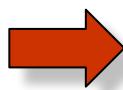
- It is **redundant**
- Each level contains all of the low-frequencies that are available at the lower levels.



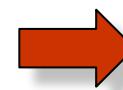
Laplacian Pyramid



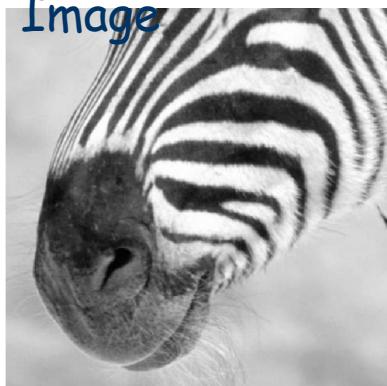
Original
Image



Reduc
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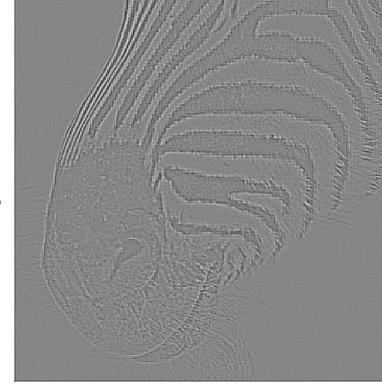
Enlarg
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Original
Image

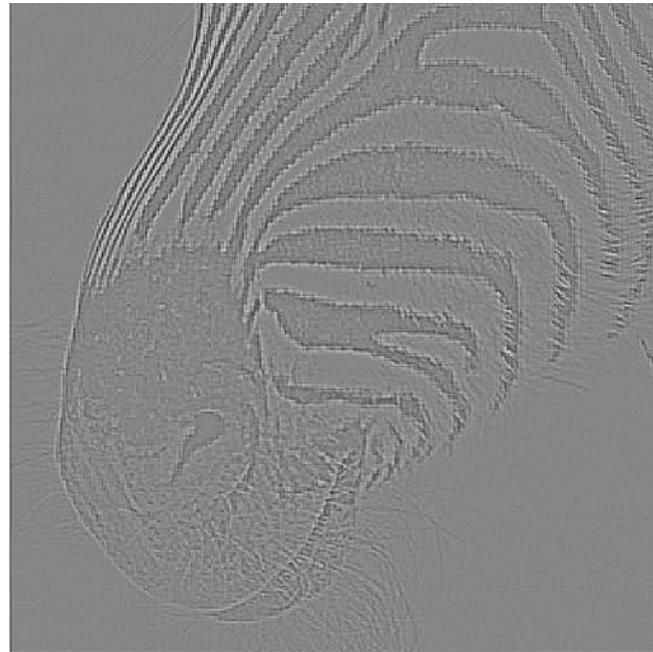
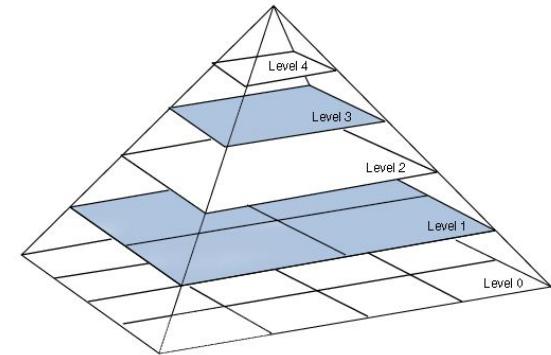


Shrunk and Enlarged Version



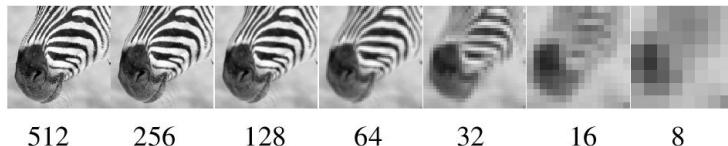
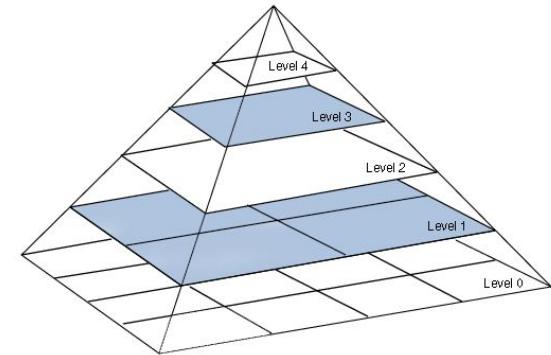
Detail

The Detail

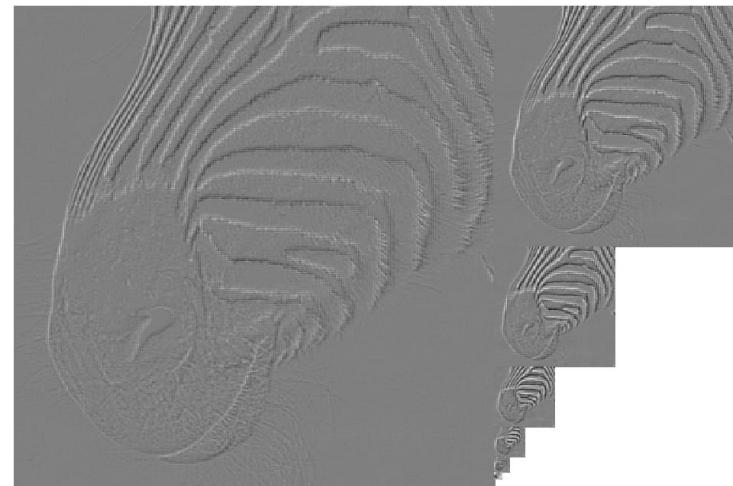
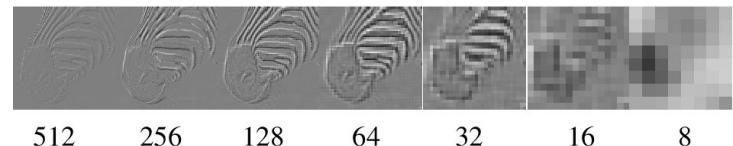


The image represents everything in the high-resolution image that cannot be represented in a low-resolution image

Gaussian Pyramid & Lapacian Pyramid

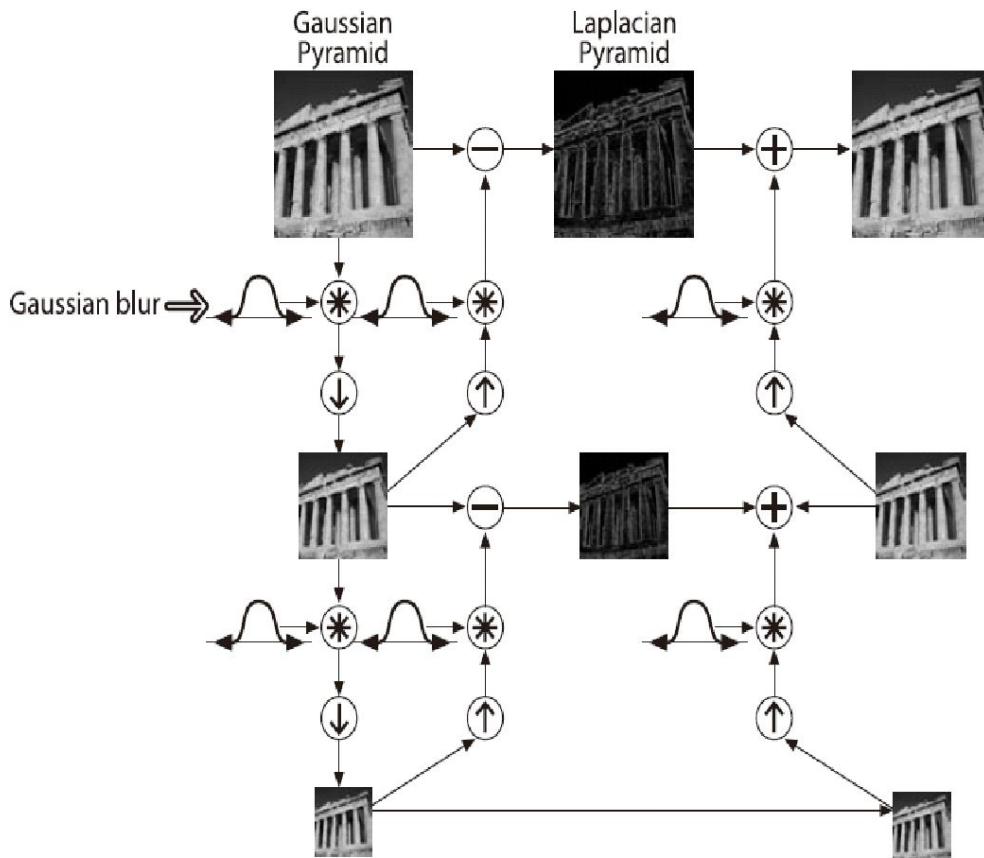
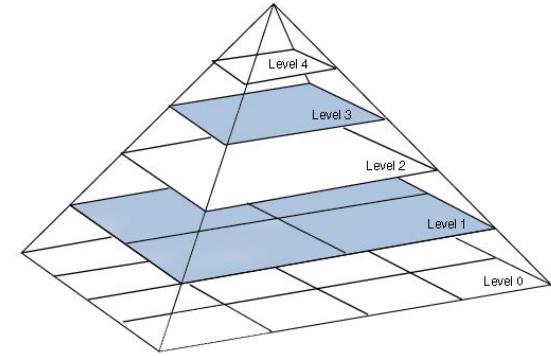


Gaussian Pyramid



Laplacian Pyramid

Image Compression



PyrDown

```
void cvPyrDown(  
    const CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    int filter=CV_GAUSSIAN_5x5  
) ;
```



The function performs the **downsampling** step of the Gaussian pyramid decomposition. First it convolves the source image with the specified filter and then downsamples the image by rejecting even rows and columns.

PyrUp

```
void cvPyrUp(  
    const CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    int filter=CV_GAUSSIAN_5x5  
) ;
```



The function cvPyrUp performs **up-sampling** step of Gaussian pyramid decomposition. First it upsamples the source image by injecting even zero rows and columns and then convolves result with the specified filter multiplied by 4 for interpolation. So the destination image is four times larger than the source image.

Image Segmentation

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Pyramid Image Segmentation

```
void cvPyrSegmentation(  
    IplImage* src,  
    IplImage* dst,  
    CvMemStorage* storage,  
    CvSeq** comp,  
    int level,  
    double threshold1,  
    double threshold2  
)
```



Pyramid Image Segmentation



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Threshold

Threshold

```
double cvThreshold(  
    CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    double threshold,  
    double max_value,  
    int threshold_type  
) ;
```

Threshold type	Operation
CV_THRESH_BINARY	$dst_i = (src_i > T) ? M : 0$
CV_THRESH_BINARY_INV	$dst_i = (src_i > T) ? 0 : M$
CV_THRESH_TRUNC	$dst_i = (src_i > T) ? M : src_i$
CV_THRESH_TOZERO_INV	$dst_i = (src_i > T) ? 0 : src_i$
CV_THRESH_TOZERO	$dst_i = (src_i > T) ? src_i : 0$



Threshold

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CV_THRESH_OTSU

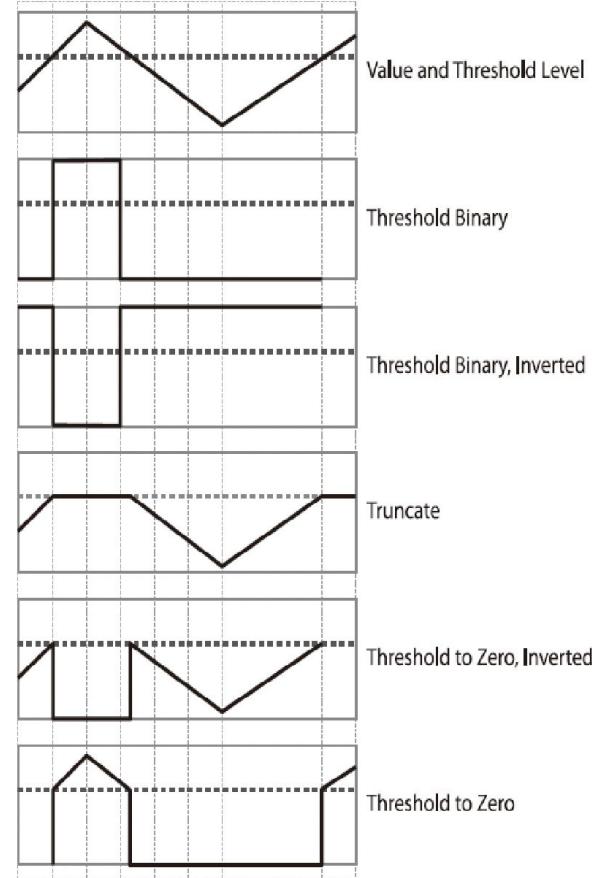


Threshold

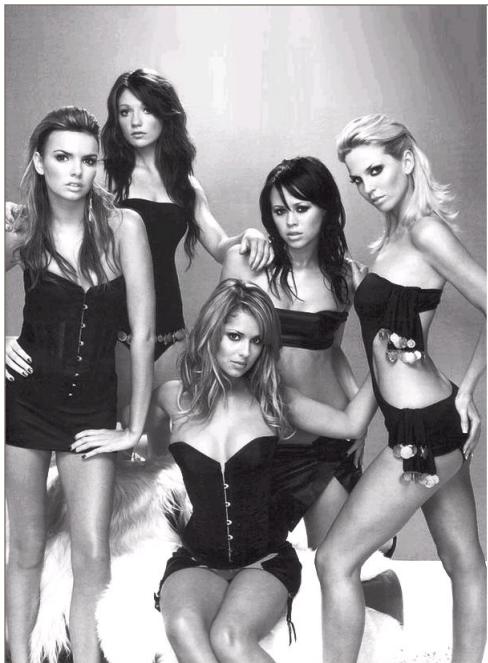
```
double cvThreshold(  
    CvArr* src,  
    CvArr* dst,  
    double threshold,  
    double max_value,  
    int threshold_type  
) ;
```



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`CV_THRESHOLD_BINARY`

`threshold=100`

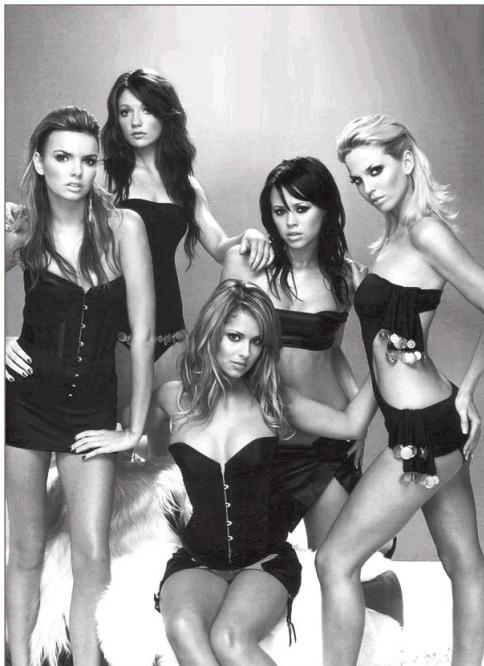
`CV_THRESHOLD_BINARY |`
`CV_THRESHOLD_OTSU`

Adaptive Threshold

```
void cvAdaptiveThreshold(
    CvArr* src,
    CvArr* dst,
    double max_val,
    int adaptive_method =
    CV_ADAPTIVE_THRESH_MEAN_C
    int threshold_type = CV_THRESH_BINARY,
    int block_size = 3,
    double param1 = 5
);
```



Adaptive Threshold



`CV_ADAPTIVE_THRESH_MEAN_C`
`CV_THRESHOLD_BINARY`
`threshold=5`

Threshold & Adaptive Threshold



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