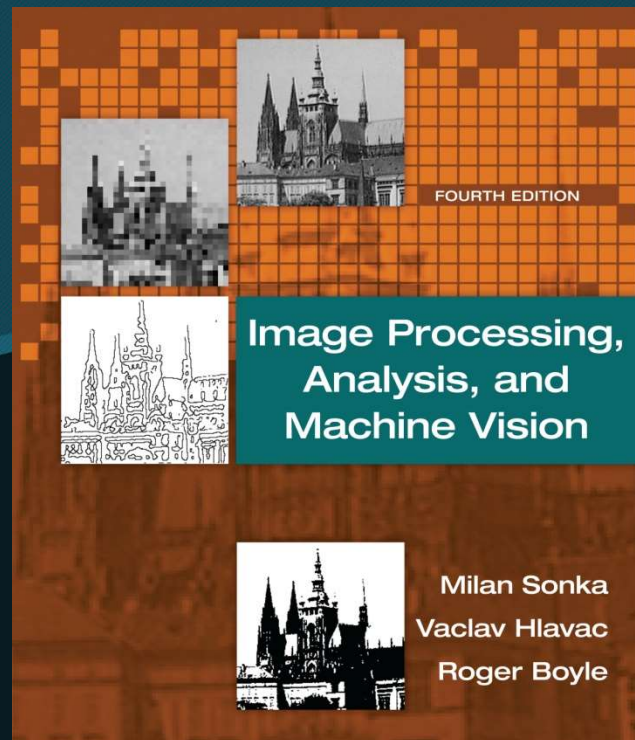


# Chapter 5

## Image pre-processing



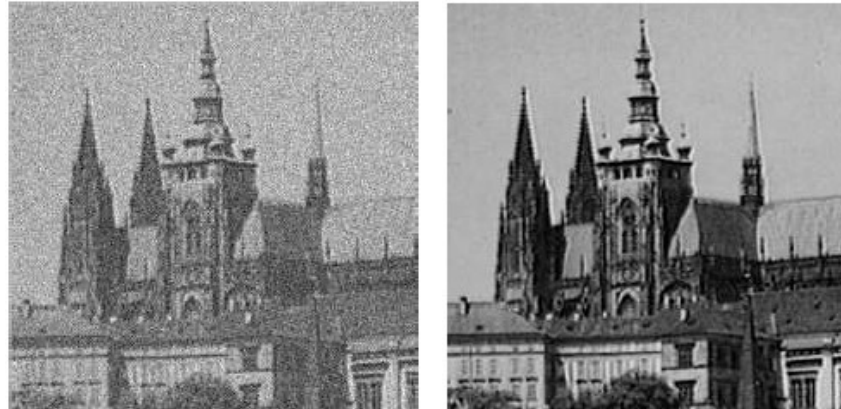


# Image pre-processing

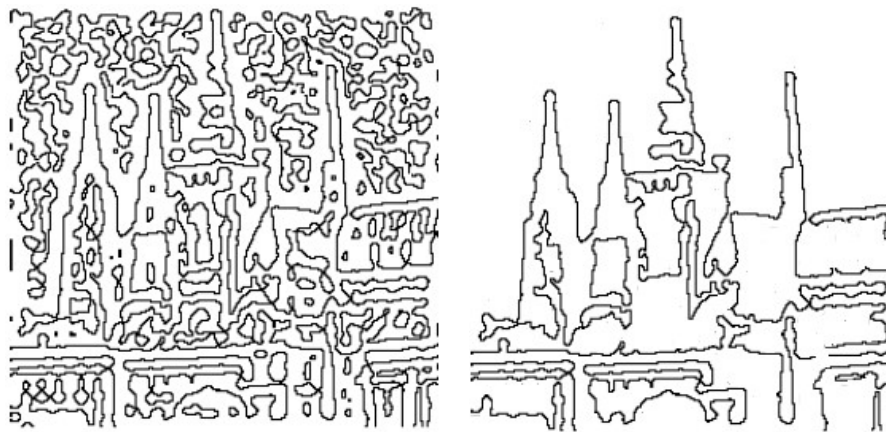
- Pixel brightness transformations
- Geometric transformations
- Local pre-processing
  - Image smoothing, edge detection, line detection, corner detection, and region detection.
- Image restoration

- **Objectives of image pre-processing**

(a) Enhancing information that is useful for later analysis



(b) Suppress image information that is not relevant to later work





# Pixel brightness transformations

- **Position-dependent brightness correction**

- The sensitivity of image acquisition and digitization devices may depend on position in the image.
- Uneven object illumination (不均匀的光源) is also a source of degradation (退化).
- If degradation is systematic (有條理的), it can be suppressed (抑制) by **brightness correction**.
- A multiplicative **error coefficient**  $e(i, j)$  describes the change from the ideal.
- Assume  $g(i, j)$  is the original undegraded image and  $f(i, j)$  is degraded version.

$$f(i, j) = e(i, j)g(i, j)$$

# Examples



<http://portfolio.veronika-by.com.ua/raw-to-jpeg-with-brightness-correction/>





# Pixel brightness transformations

- **Brightness correction**

- The **error coefficient**  $e(i, j)$  can be obtained if a reference image  $g(i, j)$  with known brightnesses is captures.
- The simplest method to detect the error coefficient is to use an image  $g'$  **with constant brightness**  $c$ .
- The degraded result is the image  $f_c(i, j)$ .

$$f_c(i, j) = e(i, j)g'(i, j) \longrightarrow e(i, j) = \frac{f_c(i, j)}{g'(i, j)} = \frac{f_c(i, j)}{c}$$

- The systematic brightness errors can be suppressed by

$$g(i, j) = \frac{f(i, j)}{e(i, j)} = \frac{cf(i, j)}{f_c(i, j)}$$

- The method can be used only if the **image degradation process is stable.**



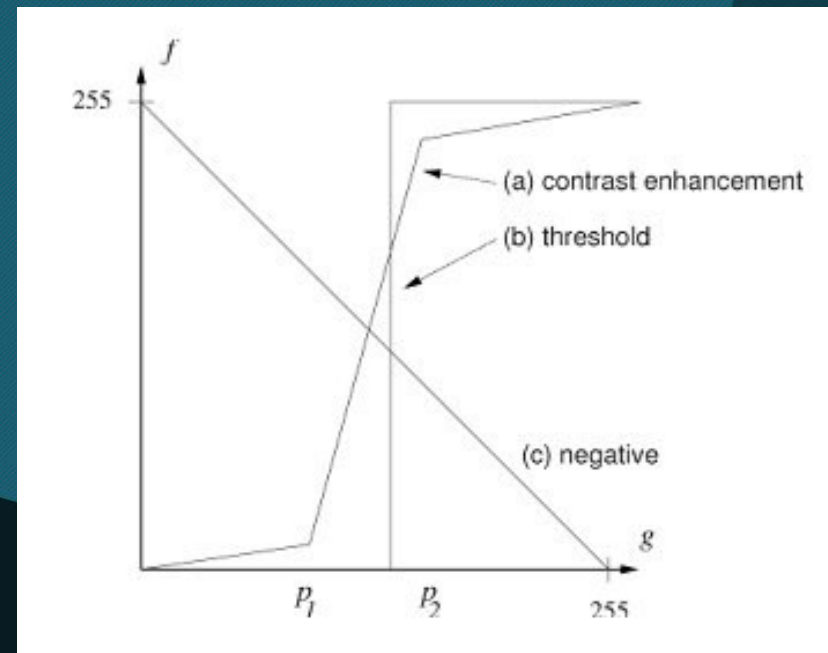
# Pixel brightness transformations

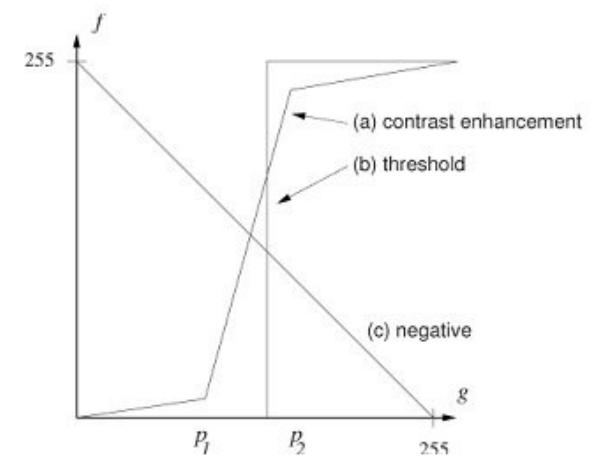
- **Gray-scale transformation**

- Gray-scale transformations **do not depend on** the position of the pixel in the image.
- A transformation  $\mathcal{T}$  of original brightness  $p$  from scale  $[p_0, p_k]$  into brightness  $q$  from a new scale  $[q_0, q_k]$  is given by

$$q = \mathcal{T}(p)$$

- The figure shows the most common gray-scale transformations.



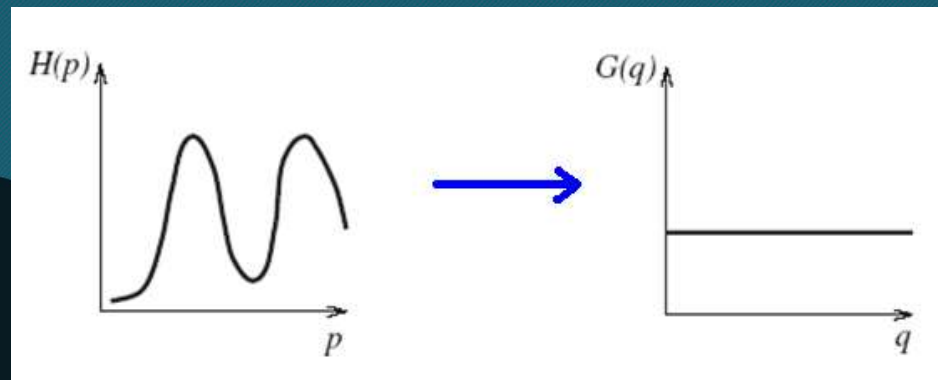




# Gray-scale transformation

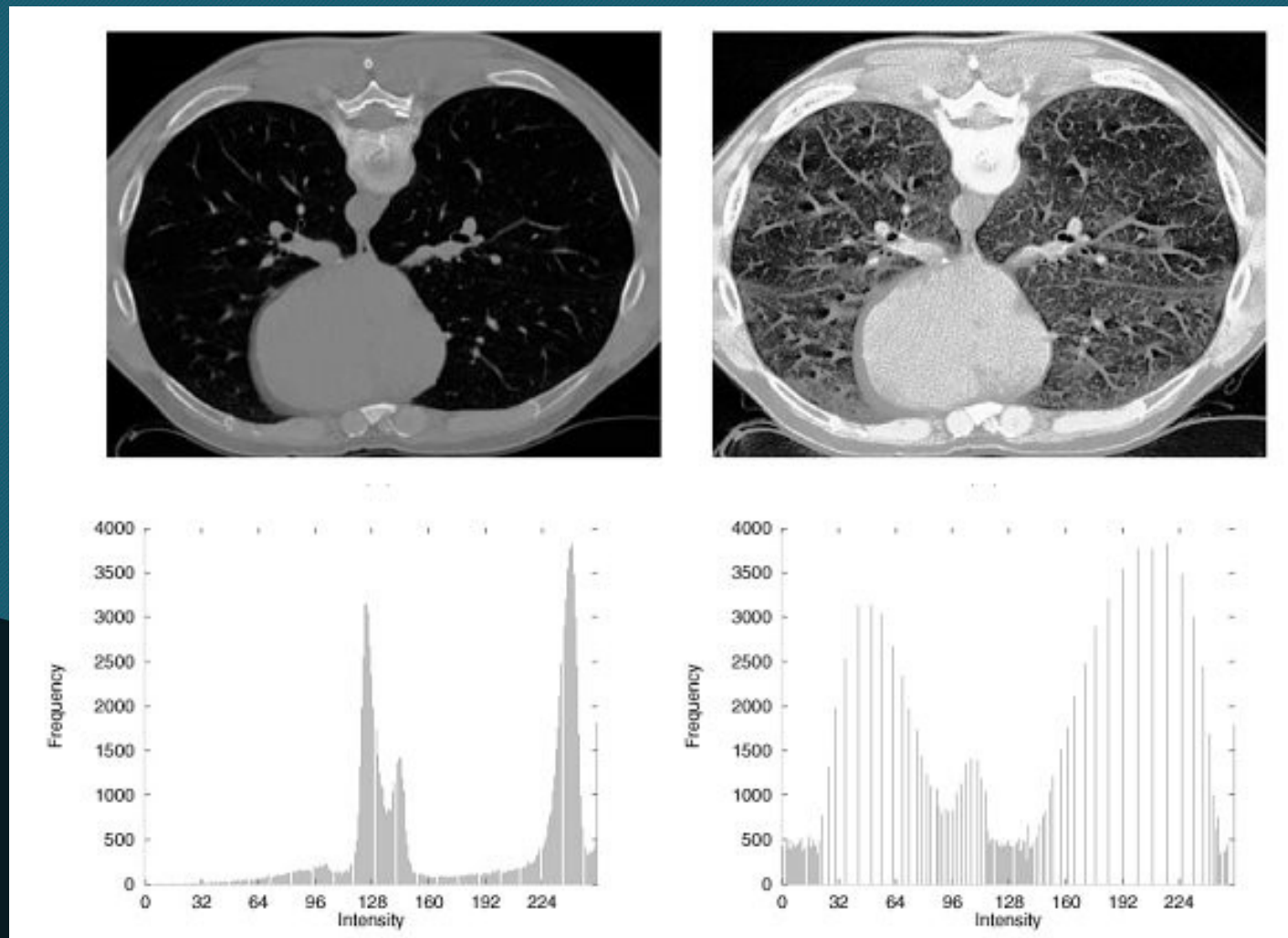
- **Histogram equalization**

- The aim is to create an image with **equally** distributed brightness levels over the whole brightness scale.
- **Histogram equalization** enhances contrast for brightness values close to histogram maxima, and decreases contrast near minima.





# Histogram equalization





# Histogram equalization

- Let  $H(p)$  be the input histogram, its gray-scale is  $[p_0, p_k]$ ,  
 $G(q)$  be the desired output histogram, its gray-scale is  $[q_0, q_k]$ .

$$q = \mathcal{T}(p)$$

- The **monotonic property** of the transform  $\mathcal{T}$  implies

$$\sum_{i=0}^k G(q_i) = \sum_{i=0}^k H(p_i)$$

- The equalized histogram  $G(q)$  corresponds to the **uniform probability density function**  $f$  whose function value is constant

$$f = \frac{N^2}{q_k - q_0}$$

for an  $N \times N$  image.



# Histogram equalization

- For the 'idealized' continuous probability density, from

$$\sum_{i=0}^k G(q_i) = \sum_{i=0}^k H(p_i) \quad \text{and} \quad f = \frac{N^2}{q_k - q_0}$$

we can drive

$$N^2 \int_{q_0}^q \frac{1}{q_k - q_0} ds = \frac{N^2 (q - q_0)}{q_k - q_0} = \int_{p_0}^p H(s) ds$$

from which  $\mathcal{T}$  can be derived as

$$q = \mathcal{T}(p) = \frac{q_k - q_0}{N^2} \int_{p_0}^p H(s) ds + q_0$$

The integral in this equation is called the **cumulative histogram**.



### Algorithm 5.1 Histogram equalization

1. For an  $N \times M$  image of  $G$  gray-levels, initialize an array  $H$  of length  $G$  to 0.
2. From the image histogram: Scan every pixel  $p$  – if it has intensity  $g_p$ , perform

$$H[g_p] = H[g_p] + 1$$

Then let  $g_{min}$  be the minimum  $g$  for which  $H[g] > 0$ .

3. Form the cumulative image histogram  $H_c$ :

$$H_c[0] = H[0]$$

$$H_c[g] = H_c[g - 1] + H[g], \quad g = 1, 2, \dots, G - 1$$

Let  $H_{min} = H_c[g_{min}]$ .

4. Set

$$T[g] = \text{round} \left( \frac{H_c[g] - H_{min}}{MN - H_{min}} (G - 1) \right)$$

5. Rescan the image and write an output image with gray-levels  $g_q$ , setting

$$g_q = T[g_p]$$

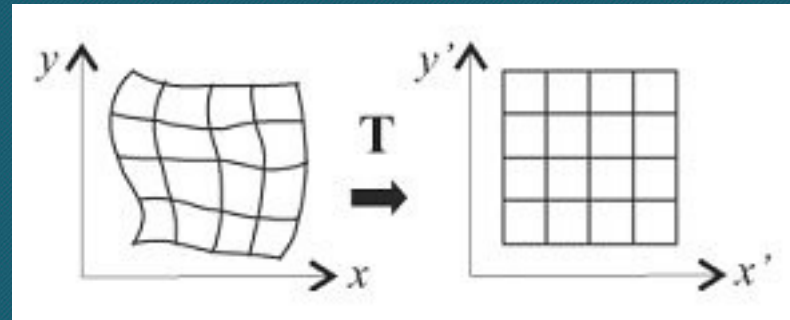
# Geometric transformations

- Geometric transformations permit elimination of the geometric **distortion** that occurs when an image is captured.
- A **geometric transform** is a vector function  $T$  that maps the pixel  $(x, y)$  to a new position  $(x', y')$ .

$$T = (T_x, T_y)$$

$$x' = T_x(x, y)$$

$$y' = T_y(x, y)$$



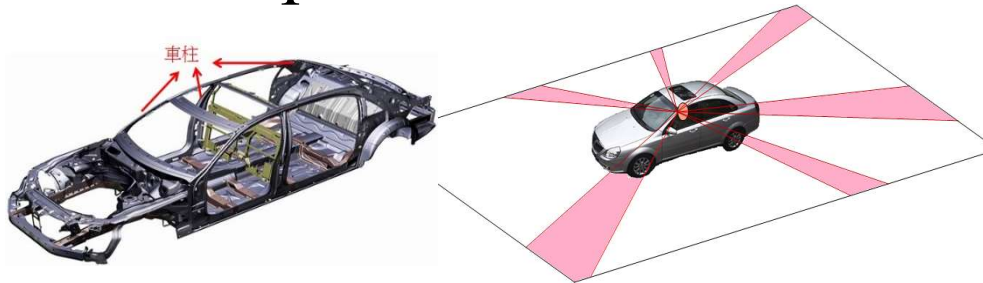
- Two basic steps of a geometric transform
  - **First:** pixel co-ordinate transformation
  - **Second:** brightness interpolation



# Application: Bird's-View Image Generation

## Blind areas around a vehicle

Window pillars

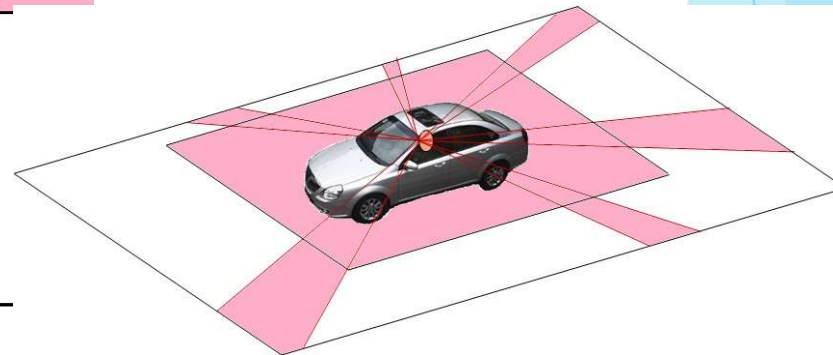


Height of vehicle

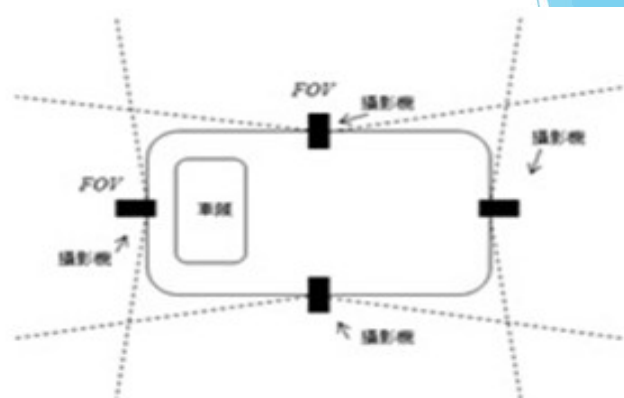


Summary of blind areas

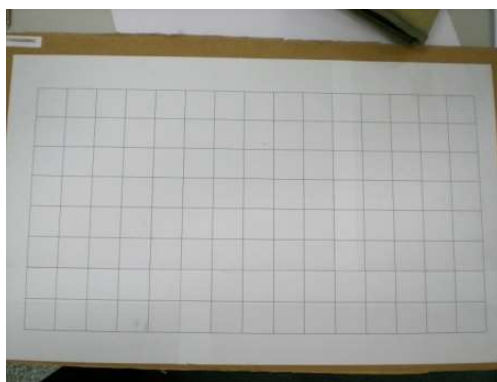
Driver's position



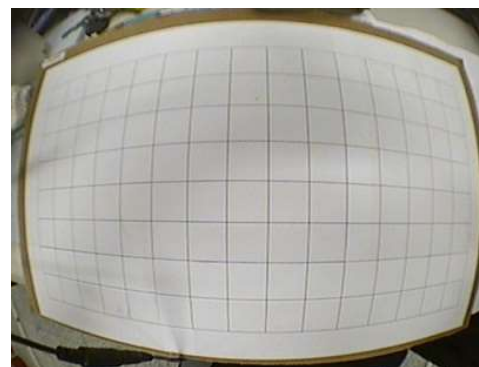
# System Configuration



Fish-eye camera:



Scene



Image





# Pixel co-ordinate transformation

- Equations  $x' = T_x(x, y)$ ,  $y' = T_y(x, y)$  can be approximated by a **polynomial equations**.

$$x' = T_x(x, y) = \sum_{r=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^{m-r} a_{rk} x^r y^k$$
$$y' = T_y(x, y) = \sum_{r=0}^m \sum_{k=0}^{m-r} b_{rk} x^r y^k$$

- If pairs of corresponding points  $(x, y)$ ,  $(x', y')$  in both images are known, it is possible to determine  $a_{rk}$ ,  $b_{rk}$  by solving a set of linear equations.



# Pixel co-ordinate transformation

- **Bilinear transform**

$$x' = a_0 + a_1x + a_2y + a_3xy$$

$$y' = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_3xy$$

- The geometric transform can be approximated by a linear transform.

- **Affine transform**

$$x' = a_0 + a_1x + a_2y$$

$$y' = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y$$

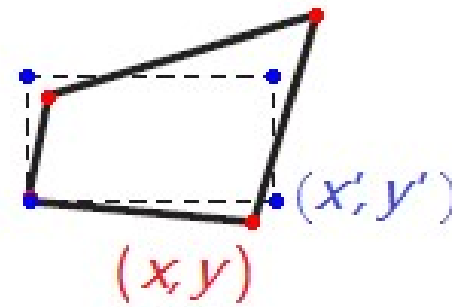
- The affine transformation includes typical geometric transformations such as rotation, translation, scaling, and skewing.



## Example: Bilinear transform

$$x' = a_0 + a_1x + a_2y + a_3xy$$

$$y' = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_3xy$$



Needs at least 4 pairs of corresponding points to determine the parameters  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3$

$$((x_1, y_1), (x'_1, y'_1)), ((x_2, y_2), (x'_2, y'_2))$$

$$((x_3, y_3), (x'_3, y'_3)), ((x_4, y_4), (x'_4, y'_4))$$

$$x'_1 = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2y_1 + a_3x_1y_1, y'_1 = b_0 + b_1x_1 + b_2y_1 + b_3x_1y_1$$

$$x'_2 = a_0 + a_1x_2 + a_2y_2 + a_3x_2y_2, y'_2 = b_0 + b_1x_2 + b_2y_2 + b_3x_2y_2$$

$$x'_3 = a_0 + a_1x_3 + a_2y_3 + a_3x_3y_3, y'_3 = b_0 + b_1x_3 + b_2y_3 + b_3x_3y_3$$

$$x'_4 = a_0 + a_1x_4 + a_2y_4 + a_3x_4y_4, y'_4 = b_0 + b_1x_4 + b_2y_4 + b_3x_4y_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1 y_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x_1 & y_1 & x_1 y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 & x_2 y_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x_2 & y_2 & x_2 y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 & x_3 y_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x_3 & y_3 & x_3 y_3 \\ 1 & x_4 & y_4 & x_4 y_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x_4 & y_4 & x_4 y_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_1 \\ y'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ y'_2 \\ x'_3 \\ y'_3 \\ x'_4 \\ y'_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

Solve  $\mathbf{x}$  by the least square error method.



# Pixel co-ordinate transformation

- A geometric transform applied to the whole image may change the co-ordinate system, and a **Jacobian determinant**  $J$  provides information about how the co-ordinate system changes.

$$J = \left| \frac{\partial(x', y')}{\partial(x, y)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix}$$

- If the transformation is **singular** (has no inverse), then  $J = 0$ .
- If the **area** of the image is **invariant** under the transformation, then  $J = 1$ .



# Pixel co-ordinate transformation

- The **Jacobia determinant** for the **bilinear transform**

$$x' = a_0 + a_1x + a_2y + a_3xy$$

$$y' = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_3xy$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial x'}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial y'}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + a_3y & a_2 + a_3x \\ b_1 + b_3y & b_2 + b_3x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a_1 + a_3y)(b_2 + b_3x) - (b_1 + b_3y)(a_2 + a_3x)$$

$$= a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 + (a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)x + (a_3b_2 - a_2b_3)y$$

- The Jacobia determinant for the **affine transform**

$$J = a_1b_2 - a_2b_1$$



# Pixel co-ordinate transformation

- Some important geometric transformations are:

- **Rotation** by the angle  $\phi$  about the origin:

$$x' = x\cos\phi + y\sin\phi$$

$$y' = -x\sin\phi + y\cos\phi$$

$$J = 1$$

- **Change of scale**  $a$  in the  $x$  axis and  $b$  in the  $y$  axis:

$$x' = ax$$

$$y' = by$$

$$J = ab$$

- **Skewing by the angle**  $\phi$ , given by:

$$x' = x + y\tan\phi$$

$$y' = y$$

$$J = 1$$

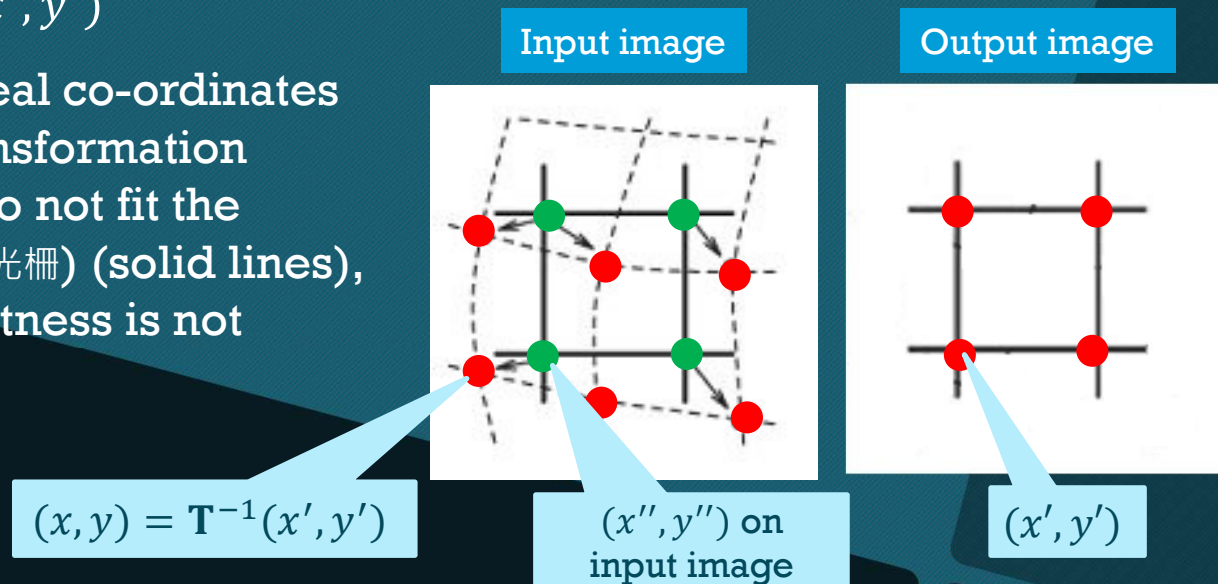


# Brightness interpolation

- After applying a pixel co-ordinate transformation
  - Assume we wish to compute the brightness values of the pixel  $(x', y')$  in the output image (integer numbers, illustrated by solid lines in figures).
  - The co-ordinates of the point  $(x, y)$  in the original image can be obtained by inverting the planar transformation.

$$(x, y) = T^{-1}(x', y')$$

- In general, the real co-ordinates after inverse transformation (dashed lines) do not fit the discrete raster (光栅) (solid lines), and so the brightness is not known.





# Brightness interpolation

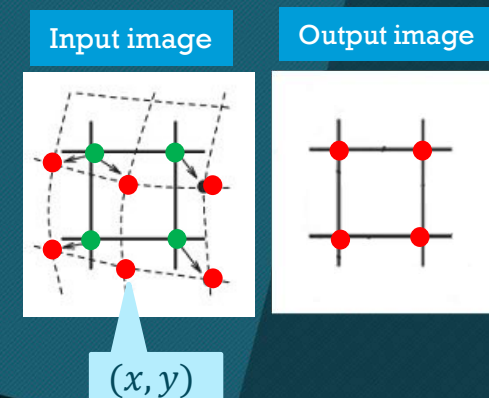
- How to calculate the brightness value of  $(x, y)$ ?
  - Denote the result of the brightness interpolation by  $f_n(x, y)$ , where  $n$  distinguished different interpolation methods.
  - The brightness can be expressed by the convolution equation

$$f_n(x, y) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g_s(l\Delta x, k\Delta y) h_n(x - l\Delta x, y - k\Delta y)$$

$h_n$ : the interpolation **kernel function**

$g_s(l\Delta x, k\Delta y)$ : brightness value, the sampled version of the originally continuous image function  $f(x, y)$

let  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$  for simplification





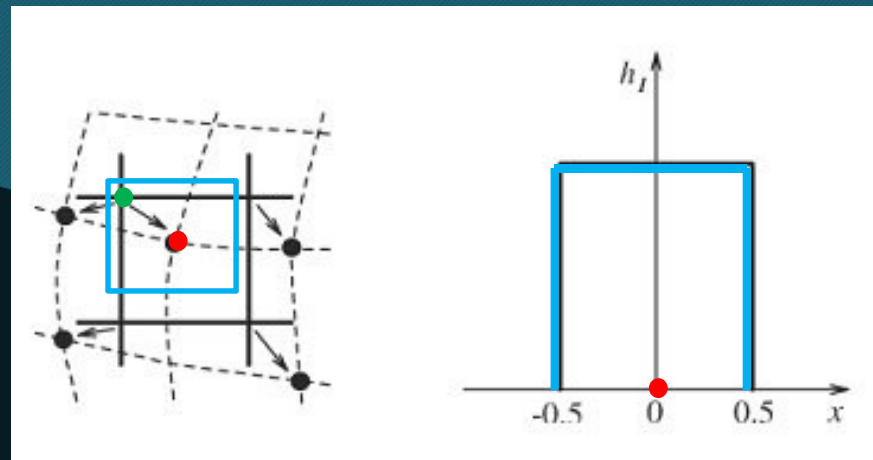
# Brightness interpolation

- Three most common brightness interpolation methods are **nearest neighbor**, **linear** and **bi-cubic**.

- **Nearest-neighborhood interpolation**

$$f_1(x, y) = g_s(\text{round}(x), \text{round}(y))$$

- The position error of nearest-neighborhood interpolation is at most half a pixel.





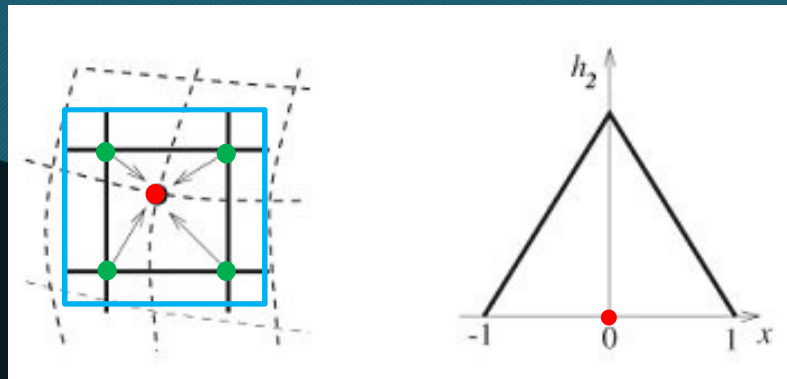
# Brightness interpolation

- **Linear interpolation (Bilinear interpolation)**
  - Linear interpolation explores four points neighboring the point  $(x, y)$ , and assumes that the brightness function is linear in this neighborhood.

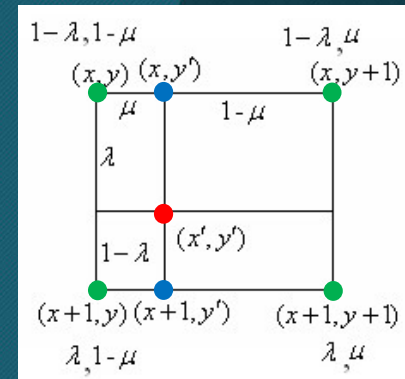
$$f_2(x, y) = (1 - a)(1 - b)g_s(l, k) + a(1 - b)g_s(l + 1, k) \\ + b(1 - a)g_s(l, k + 1) + abg_s(l + 1, k + 1)$$

where

$$l = \text{floor}(x), \\ a = x - l, \\ k = \text{floor}(y), \\ b = y - k$$



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilinear\\_interpolation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilinear_interpolation)





# Brightness interpolation

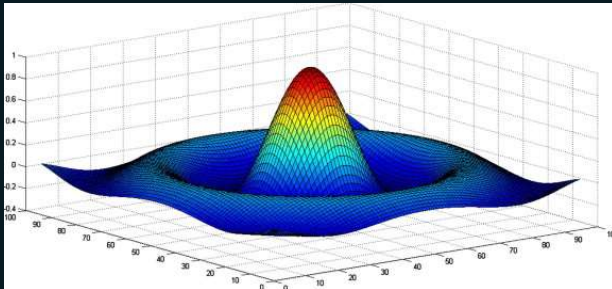
- **Bi-cubic interpolation**

- Bi-cubic interpolation improves the model of the brightness function by approximating it locally by a bi-cubic polynomial surface, **16** neighboring points are used for interpolation.

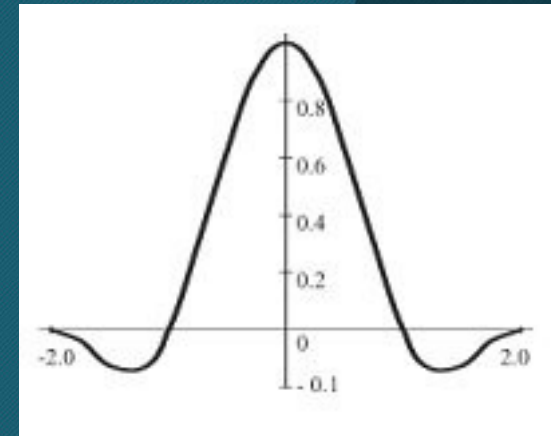
- The **1D** interpolation kernel (**Mexican hat**) is given by

$$h_3 = \begin{cases} 1 - 2|x|^2 + |x|^3 & \text{for } 0 \leq |x| < 1 \\ 4 - 8|x| + 5|x|^2 - |x|^3 & \text{for } 1 \leq |x| < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Bi-cubic interpolation preserves **fine details** in the image very well.



[https://www.researchgate.net/figure/262569642\\_fig1\\_An-example-of-a-Mexican-hat-wavelet-function](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/262569642_fig1_An-example-of-a-Mexican-hat-wavelet-function)





# Local pre-processing

- **Local pre-processing methods** are divided into two groups according to the **goal** of the processing.
  - **Smoothing**
    - To suppress noise or other small fluctuations (變動) in the image
  - **Gradient operators**
    - To indicate the locations with bigger local derivatives (導數) in the image
- Another classification of **local pre-processing methods** is according to the **transformation properties**
  - **Linear** transformations
  - **Non-linear** transformations

PS: 導數: 一個函數在某一點的導數描述了這個函數在這一點附近的變化率。  
<https://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E5%AF%BC%E6%95%B0>



# Local pre-processing

- **Linear** transformations

- Linear operations calculate the resulting value in the output image pixel  $f(i, j)$  as a **linear combination of brightness values in a local neighborhood**  $\mathcal{O}$  of the pixel  $g(i, j)$  in the input image.
- The contribution of the pixels in the neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  is weighted by coefficients  $h$ .

$$f(i, j) = \sum_{(m, n) \in \mathcal{O}} \sum h(i - m, j - n) g(m, n)$$

- The kernel  $h$  is called a **convolution mask**.



# Image smoothing

- Image smoothing

- Image smoothing uses redundancy (多餘;重複) in image data to suppress noise, usually by some form of **averaging of brightness values** in some neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- Goal: **suppressing noise**
- Problem: **blurring sharp edges**
- Solution: **edge preserving**
  - Usually using **non-linear** methods
  - For example: computing the average **only** from points in the neighborhood which have similar properties to the point being processed.



# Image smoothing

- Averaging, statistical principles of noise suppression

- Assume that the noise value  $v$  at each pixel is an independent random variable with zero mean and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .
- We might capture the same static scene under the same conditions  $n$  times and from each captured image a particular pixel value  $g_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  is selected.
- An estimate of the correct value can be obtained as an average of these values.

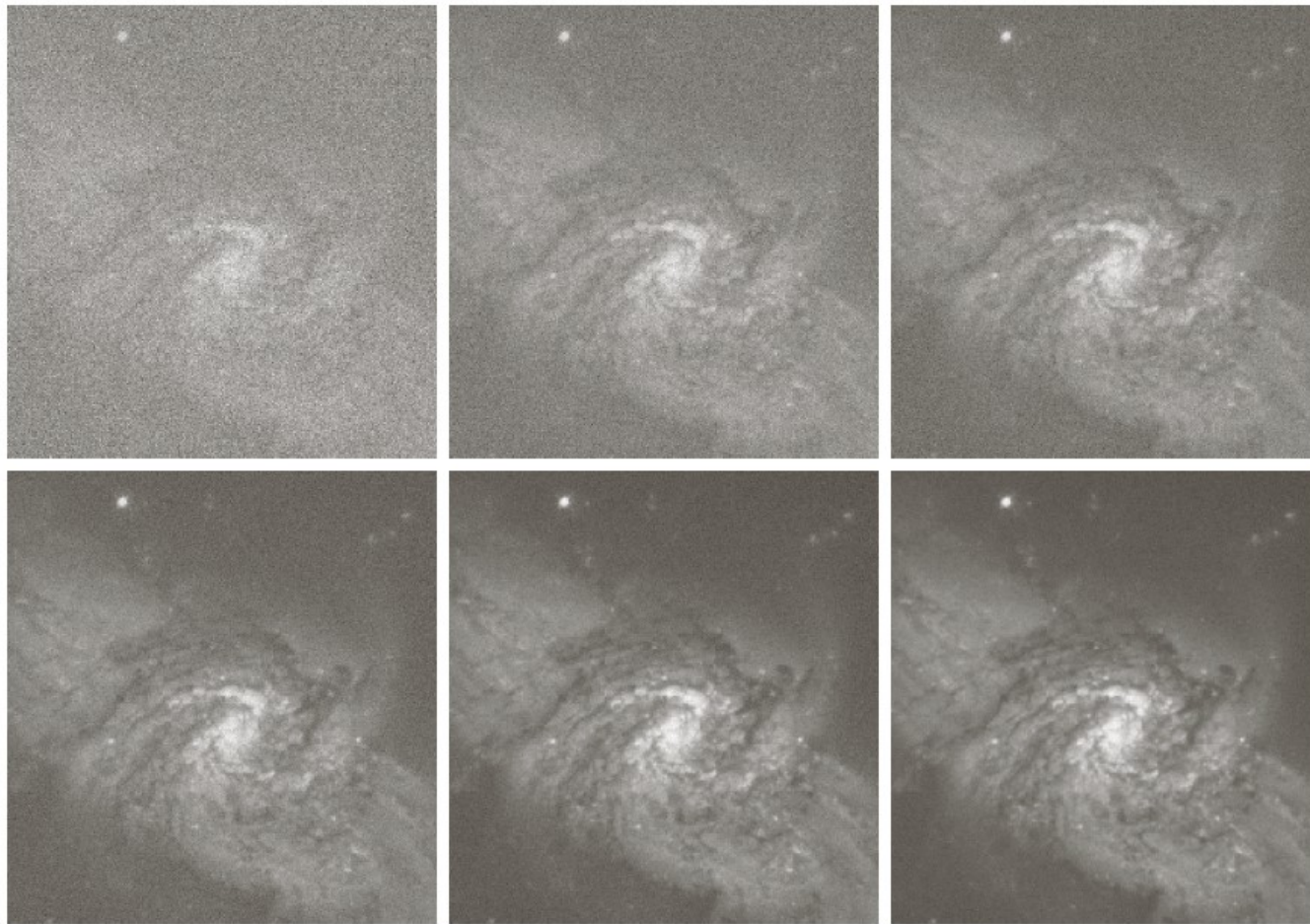
$$\frac{g_1 + \dots + g_n}{n} + \frac{v_1 + \dots + v_n}{n}$$

- The second term describes the noise with zero mean and standard deviation  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$ .
- Thus, if  $n$  images of the same scene are available,

$$f(i, j) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n g_k(i, j)$$



## Noise reduction (for addition noise)



a	b	c
d	e	f

**FIGURE 2.26** (a) Image of Galaxy Pair NGC 3314 corrupted by additive Gaussian noise.<sup>34</sup> (b)–(f) Results of averaging 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 noisy images, respectively. (Original image courtesy of NASA.)



# Image smoothing

- **Averaging, statistical principles of noise suppression**
  - Usually, **only one noise corrupted is available**, and averaging is then performed in a local neighborhood.
  - **Averaging** is a special case of discrete convolution.
    - For a  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood, the convolution mask  $h$  is

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

- A **Gaussian probability distribution**: better approximations

$$h = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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



# Image smoothing

Original  
image



Gaussian  
noise



$3 \times 3$   
averaging



$7 \times 7$   
averaging





# Image smoothing

- **Averaging with limited data validity**
  - Try to avoid blurring by averaging
  - A simple criterion is to define a brightness interval of **invalid** data  $[\min, \max]$  (typically corresponding to noise of known image faults), and **apply image averaging only to pixels in that interval**.
  - For a point  $(m, n)$ , the convolution mask is calculated in the neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  by the **non-linear** formula

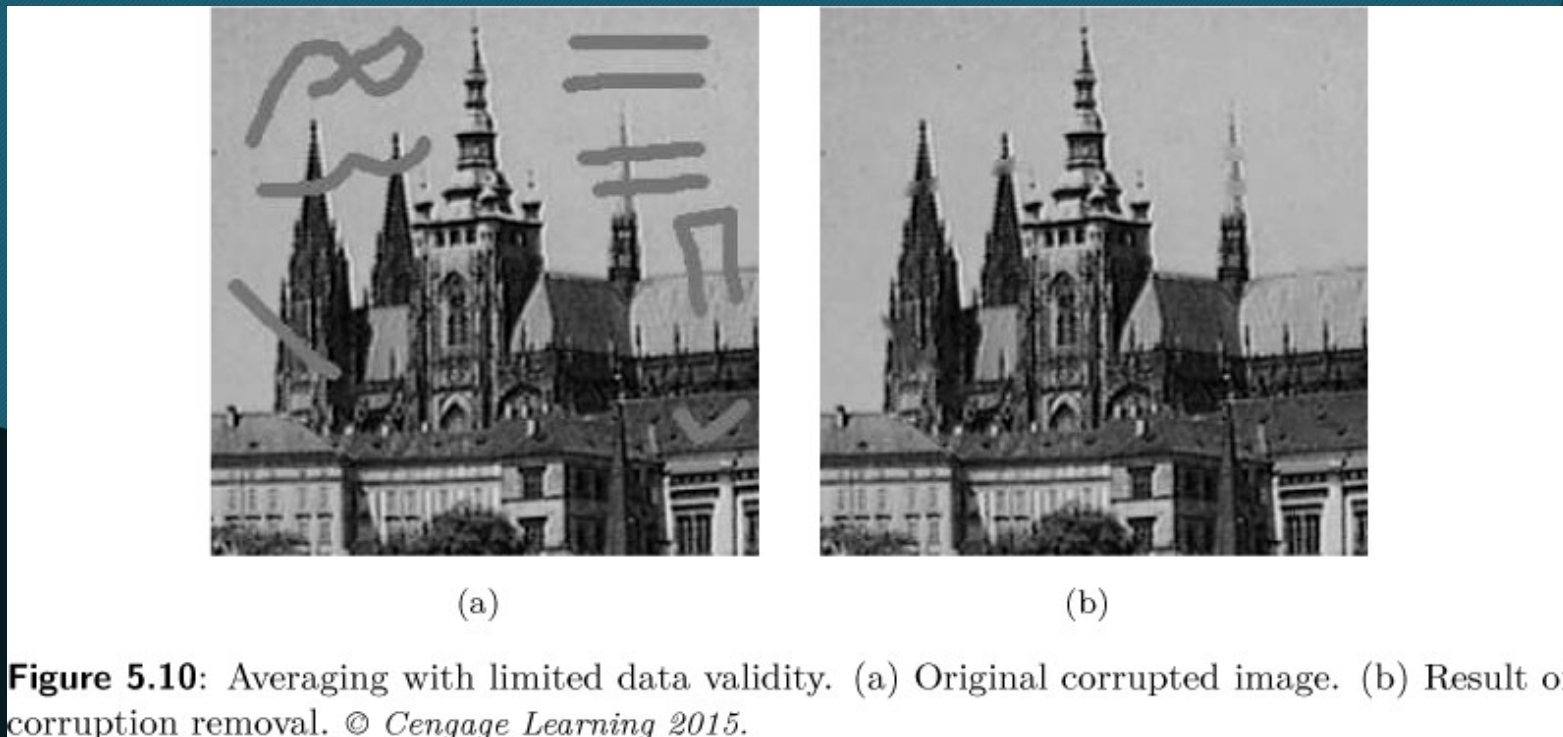
$$h(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } g(m + i, n + j) \notin [\min, \max] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $(i, j)$  specify the mask element.



# Image smoothing

- An example of averaging with limited data validity
  - apply image averaging only to pixels on the noises



**Figure 5.10:** Averaging with limited data validity. (a) Original corrupted image. (b) Result of corruption removal. © Cengage Learning 2015.



# Image smoothing

- **Averaging according to inverse gradient**

- Within a convolution mask of odd size, the inverse gradient  $\delta$  of a point  $(i, j)$  with respect to the central pixel  $(m, n)$  is defined as

$$\delta(i, j) = \frac{1}{|g(m, n) - g(i, j)|}$$

- If  $g(m, n) = g(i, j)$ , then we define  $\delta(i, j) = 2$ .
- So  $\delta(i, j) \in (0, 2]$  and is smaller at the edge than in the interior of a homogeneous region.
- **The kernel function  $h$**

$$h(i, j) = 0.5 \frac{\delta(i, j)}{\sum_{(m, n) \in \mathcal{O}} \delta(m, n)}$$

Moreover, the mask coefficient corresponding to the central pixel is defined as  $h(i, j) = 0.5$ .



# Image smoothing

- Averaging using a rotating mask

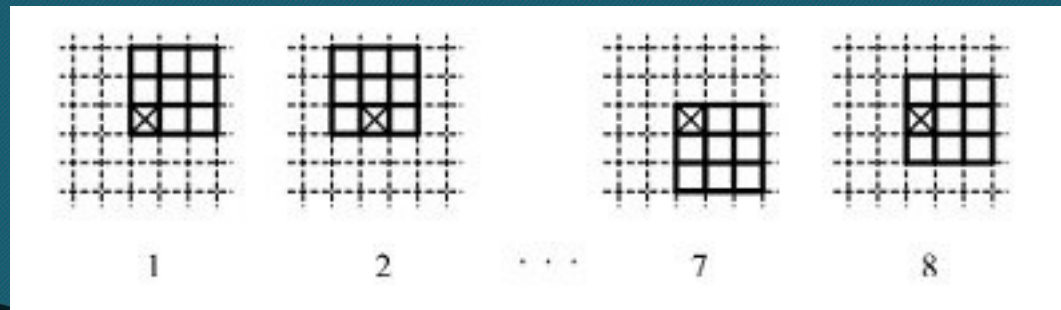
- A non-linear method that avoids edge blurring
- The neighborhood of the current pixel is divided into two subsets
  - One set consists of all pixels neighboring the current pixel which satisfy the homogeneity criterion (具同質性)
  - The second set is the complement (不具同質性)
- The brightness average is calculated only within homogeneity region which is measured by a brightness dispersion  $\sigma^2$ .
- Let  $n$  be a number of pixels in a region  $R$  and  $g$  be the input image.

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} \left( g(i,j) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(k,l) \in R} g(k,l) \right)^2$$



# Image smoothing

- **Averaging using a rotating mask**
  - The shape and size of masks to compute region homogeneity
  - For example, eight possible rotated  $3 \times 3$  masks that cover a  $5 \times 5$  neighborhood of a current pixel.

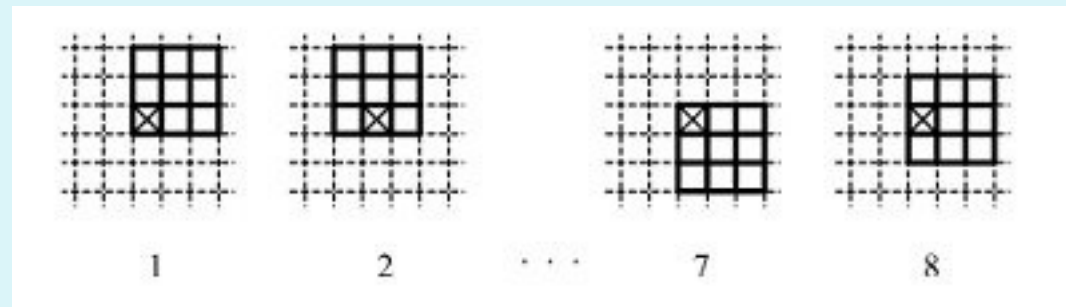




## Algorithm 5.2 Smoothing using a rotating mask

1. Consider each image pixel  $(i, j)$ .
2. Calculate dispersion for all possible mask rotations about pixel  $(i, j)$  according to

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} \left( g(i, j) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{(k,l) \in R} g(k, l) \right)^2$$



3. Choose the mask with **minimum** dispersion (分散).
4. Assign to the pixel  $f(i, j)$  in the output image  $f$  the average brightness in the chosen mask.



# Image smoothing

- **Median filtering**

- In probability theory, the **median** divides the higher half of a probability distribution from the lower half.
- Median filter is a **non-linear** smoothing method.

## Algorithm 5.3 Efficient median filtering

1. Set  $t = \frac{mn}{2}$

( $m, n$  are the numbers of rows and columns of the median window and both odd, round  $t$ )

2. Position the window at the beginning of a new row, and sort its contents.

Construct a histogram  $H$  of the window pixels, determine the median  $m$ , and record  $n_m$ , the number of pixels with intensity less than or equal to  $m$ .

3. For each pixel  $p$  in the leftmost column of intensity  $p_g$ , perform

$$H[p_g] = H[p_g] - 1$$

Further, if  $p_g < m$ , set  $n_m = n_m - 1$ .



### Algorithm 5.3 Efficient median filtering (con.)

4. Move the window one column right. For each pixel  $p$  in the rightmost column of intensity  $p_g$ , perform

$$H[p_g] = H[p_g] + 1$$

Further, if  $p_g < m$ , set  $n_m = n_m + 1$ .

5. If  $n_m = t$  then go to (8).

6. If  $n_m > t$  then go to (7).

Repeat  $m = m + 1, n_m = n_m + H[m]$  until  $n_m \geq t$ . Go to (8).

7. (We have  $n_m > t$ , if here)

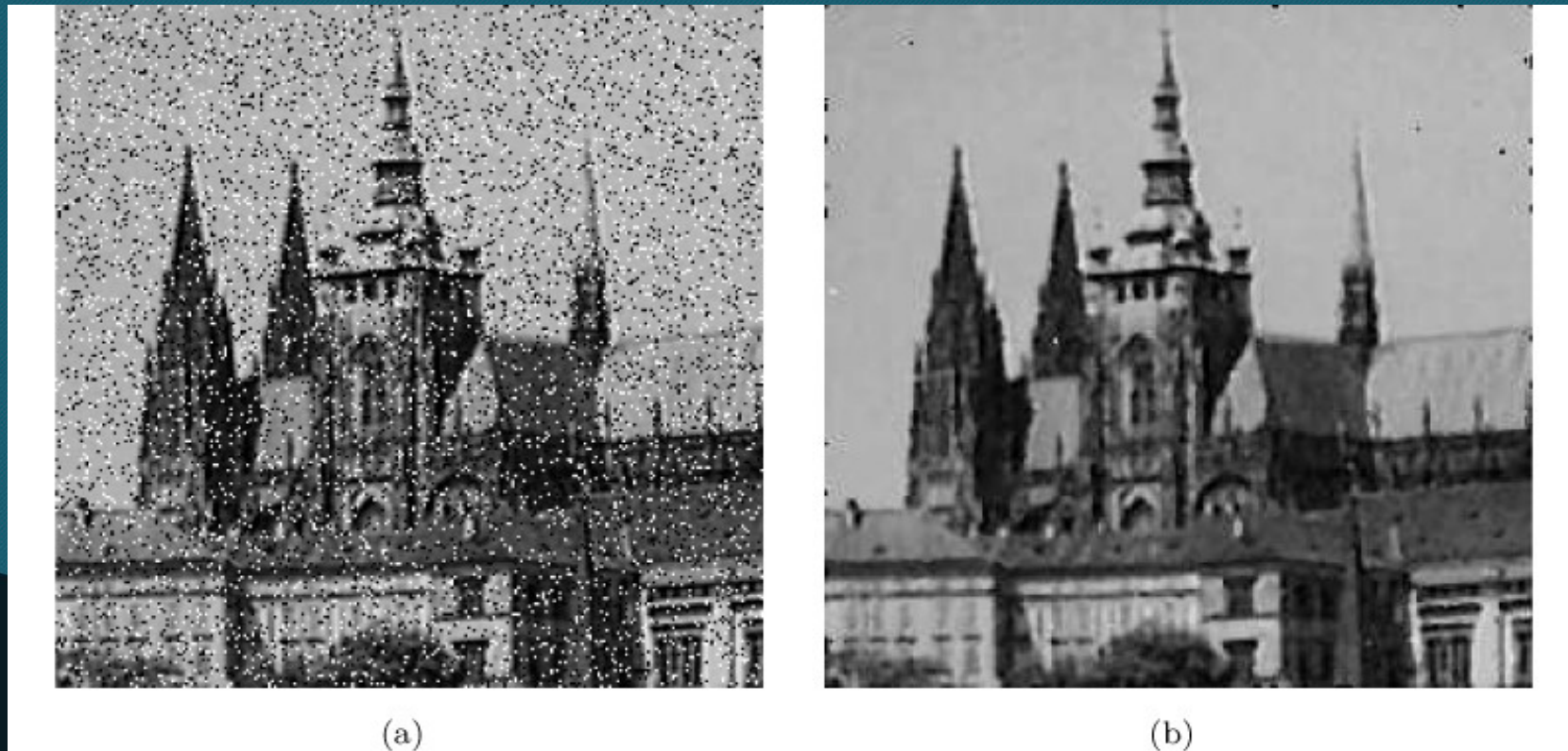
Repeat  $n_m = n_m - H[m], m = m - 1$  until  $n_m \leq t$ .

8. If the right-hand column of the window is not at the right-hand edge of the image, go to (3).

9. If the bottom row of the window is not at the bottom of the image, go to (2).



# Image smoothing



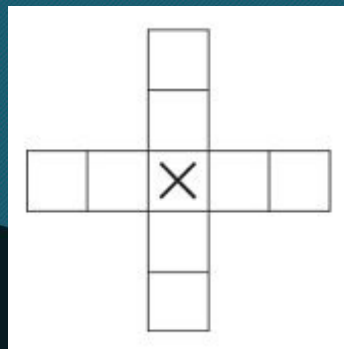
**Figure 5.12:** Median filtering. (a) Image corrupted with impulse noise (14% of image area covered with bright and dark dots). (b) Result of  $3 \times 3$  median filtering. © Cengage Learning 2015.



# Image smoothing

- **Median filtering**

- The **main disadvantage** of median filtering in a rectangular neighborhood is **its damaging of the thin lines and sharp corners**.
- This can be **avoided** if another shape of neighborhood is used.
- For example, if horizontal/vertical lines need preserving, a neighborhood such as that in the figure can be used.



Horizontal/vertical line preserving neighborhood for median filtering



# Image smoothing

- **Non-linear mean filter**

- A **generalization of averaging** technique

$$f(m, n) = u^{-1} \left( \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j) u(g(i, j))}{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j)} \right)$$

where  $f(m, n)$ : the result of the filtering

$g(i, j)$ : the pixel in the input image

$\mathcal{O}$ : a local neighborhood of the current pixel  $(m, n)$

$u^{-1}$ : an inverse function of one variable function  $u$

$a(i, j)$ : weight coefficient

- If the weights  $a(i, j)$  are constant, the filter is called **homomorphic**.



# Image smoothing

- Non-linear mean filter
  - Some homomorphic filters

- Arithmetic mean

$$u(g) = g$$

- Harmonic mean

$$u(g) = \frac{1}{g}$$

- Geometric mean

$$u(g) = \log g$$

$$u(g) = g; \quad u^{-1}(g) = g$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(m, n) &= u^{-1} \left( \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j) u(g(i, j))}{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j)} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j) u(g(i, j))}{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j) g(i, j)}{\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{O}} a(i, j)} \end{aligned}$$