LAB #3 — REPORT

38 points possible

All materials must be uploaded to Gradescope by 10 am on Thursday, February 10, 2022 (see submission instructions in lab instructions).

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At the end of the lab, you should have created the following items in your working directory:

- This report, edited and filled out

- Copies of your journal files

- imp\_cal.pro (must also be pasted at the end of this report)

- rover\_raw.tif + sky\_raw.tif

- rover\_nobadpixels.tif + sky\_nobadpixels.tif

- rover\_nodark.tif + sky\_nodark.tif

- rover\_final.tif + sky\_final.tif

1. Raw images

(a) Paste “rover\_raw.tif” and “sky\_raw.tif” below [2 pts]



(b) What potential problems do you observe in these images? List at least two. [2 pts]

The rover raw is dark, and the sky is a bit over saturated.

2. Bad pixel correction

(a) Evaluate the quality of your corrected image. Did your program fix the obvious bad pixels? Did it overcorrect the image? [1 pt]

Yes, it fixed them. Missed one bright near top. Replaced 4063, 6% bad.

(b) Paste “rover\_nobadpixels.tif” and sky\_nobadpixels.tif” below [2 pts]



(c) How many "bad" pixels did you replace in each of the six raw images? [2 pts]

Rover\_red: 4063

Rover\_grn: 3679

Rover\_blu: 2643

Sky\_red: 7917

Sky\_grn: 6799

Sky\_blu: 7835

3. Dark current correction principles

(a) What are typical DN values for the raw images, and how does the bias value compare to these values? [1 pt]

The typical DN for the raw images is:

Sky red: 2500-6500, mean: 4700

Sky blu: 2500-6500, mean: 4500

Sky grn: 2500-6500, mean: 4675

Rover red: 500-5500, mean: 3405

Rover blu: 500-5000, mean: 3176

Rover grn: 500-5000, mean: 3350

The bias value should be much lower than the observations, otherwise the exposure time is not long enough to make reasonably high SNR for scientific observations.

(b) For this filter wheel system, why is there only one dark\_lab image, and not one for each R/G/B image? [1 pt]

Can’t have a filter with the shutter closed, so the dark covers the whole wavelength range.

(c) What do you think might cause the dark current to increase toward the top of the image? [1 pt]

The dark current increases towards the top of the image likely due to heating of the instrument internally.

(d) Do you detect any evidence of frame transfer smear (i.e., "electronic shutter effect") across the raw images, and in which direction (horizontally or vertically)? [1 pt]

Yes, horizontally. Images are darker on one side.

(e) What is the average percent increase in DN across the image due to frame transfer smear? [1 pt]

4. Remove the dark current

(a) Paste rover\_nodark.tif and sky\_nodark.tif below. [2 pts]

(b) Did the dark model correct the frame transfer smear that you measured in the last part? How can you tell? [2 pts]

(c) Describe any residual patterns or artifacts that remain in the images after this step in the processing (experiment with stretching on the sky images). [2 pts]

5. Flatfield correction

1. Why is the flatfield image divided out of the scene while the dark current is subtracted? [1 pt]

(b) Paste rover\_noflat.tif and sky\_noflat.tif below. [2 pts]

(c) Take a look at your flat-field corrected images. Describe some of the improvements. Was anything made worse? If so, please elaborate. [3 pts]

6. Responsivity correction

(a) Thinking back to lecture, why is the responsivity at blue wavelengths so much less than at red wavelengths? [1 pts]

(b) Paste rover\_final.tif and sky\_final.tif below. [2 pts]

7. The reveal!

(a) What color is the Martian sky? [1 pts]

(b) What color are the rover wheels (and why)? [2 pts]

8. Paste the text from your final version of imp\_cal.pro below. [6 pts]   
***This step is required to receive points on this lab.***