# Lab 3, Filtering, edge detection

- Filters: filtering and noise attenuation / removal.
- The Sobel operator: computing the image gradient.
- The Canny detector: contour segmentation.

## 3.1 Thresholding

Create a new example  $(Aula_03_exe_01.py)$  that allows applying Thresholding operations to gray-level images.

Use the corresponding OpenCV function and create a resulting image for each one of the possible operation types: THRESH\_BINARY, THRESH\_BINARY\_INV, THRESH\_TRUNC, THRESH\_TOZERO and THRESH\_TOZERO\_INV.

## 3.2 Averaging Filters

Compile and test the file Aula\_03\_exe\_02.py Analyze the code and verify how an averaging filter is applied using the function:

```
dst = cv2.blur(src, ksize[, dst[, anchor[, borderType]]])

Listing 3: blur function
```

Write additional code allowing to:

- a. Apply  $(5 \times 5)$  and  $(7 \times 7)$  averaging filters to a given image.
- b. Apply successively (e.g., 3 times) the same filter to the resulting image.
- c. Visualize the result of the successive operations.

Test the developed operations using the Lena\_Ruido.png and DETI\_Ruido.png images.

Use the code of the previous example to analyze the effects of applying different averaging filters to various images, and to compare the resulting images among themselves and with the original image.

Use the following test images:

- a. fce5noi3.bmp
- b. fce5noi4.bmp
- c. fce5noi6.bmp
- d. sta 2.bmp
- e. sta2noi1.bmp

## 3.2.1 Median Filters

Create a new example (Aula\_03\_exe\_03.py) that allows, similarly to the previous example, applying median filters to a given image.

Use the function:

```
dst = cv2.medianBlur(src, ksize[, dst])
```

Listing 4: median blur function

Test the developed operations using the Lena\_Ruidopng and DETI\_Ruidopng images.

Use the developed code to analyze the effects of applying different median filters to various images, and to compare the resulting images among themselves and with the original image, as well as with the results of applying averaging filters. Use the same test images as before.

#### 3.2.2 Filters

Create a new example (Aula\_03\_exe\_04py) that allows, similarly to the previous example, applying Gaussian filters to a given image.

Use the function:

```
1 dst = cv2.GaussianBlur(src, ksize, sigmaX[, dst[, sigmaY[,
borderType]]])
```

Listing 5: gaussian blur function

Test the developed operations using the Lena\_Ruido.png and DETLRuido.png images.

Use the developed code to analyze the effects of applying different Gaussian filters to various images, and to compare the resulting images among themselves and with the original image, as well as with the results of applying averaging filters and median filters.

Use the same test images as before.

# 3.3 Computing the image gradient using the Sobel Operator

Compile and test the file Aula\_03\_exe\_05.py

Analyze the code and verify how the Sobel operator is applied, to compute the first order directional derivatives, using the function:

Listing 6: Sobel function

Note the following:

a. The resulting image uses a signed, 64-bit representation for each pixel.

b. A conversion to the usual gray-level representation (8 bits, unsigned) is required for a proper display.

Write additional code to allow applying the  $(3 \times 3)$  Sobel operator. And to combine the two directional derivatives using:

$$result = \sqrt{GradientX^2 + GradientY^2}$$

where GradientX and GradientY represent the directional derivatives computed with the Sobel operator.

Test the developed operations using the wdg2.bmp, lena.jpg, cln1.bmp and Bikesgray.jpg images.

## **Optional**

Write additional code to apply the (5x5) Sobel operator and evaluate the results with the same (an other) images.

## 3.4 Canny edge detector

Create a new example (Aula\_03\_exe\_06.py) that allows, similarly to the previous example, applying the Canny detector to a given image. Use the function:

```
edges = cv2.Canny(image, threshold1, threshold2[, edges[, apertureSize[, L2gradient]]])
```

Listing 7: Canny edge detection function

Note that this detector uses hysteresis and needs two threshold values: the larger value (e.g., 100) to determine "stronger" contours; the smaller value (e.g., 75) to allow identifying other contours connected to a "stronger" one.

Test the developed operations using the wdg2.bmp, lena.jpg, cln1.bmp and Bikesgrayjpg images

Use different threshold values: for instance, 1 and 255; 220 and 225; 1 and 128.

### Optional

Perform this operation not on a static image but using the feed of the camera

```
import cv2
capture = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
while (True):
    ret, frame = capture.read()
    cv2.imshow('video', frame)
    if cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF == ord("q"):
        break

capture.release()
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

Listing 8: Code to acess camera

# Report

Write a report following the DETI journal template about the experiences done in this class. It should contain an example of the images displayed in each exercise, as well your comments about them. All the exercises must be repeated with other images of your choice.