

## Worksheet 2 - Separability of filters, Median filters

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**Problem 1: Separability of filters - Show with an example that a Gaussian filter can be separable.**

a) Choose an image

```
arcaid = imread("ARCAid.jpg");  
imshow(arcaid);  
title("ARCAid Sign")
```

ARCAid Sign



b) Apply 2-dimensional Gaussian filter of your choice to it

```
sigma = 2;  
filter_size = 6 * sigma;  
  
[x, y] = meshgrid(-floor(filter_size/2):floor(filter_size/2), -floor(filter_size/2):floor(filter_size/2));
```

```

two_dim_gauss = (1 / (2 * pi * sigma^2)) * exp(-(x.^2 + y.^2) / (2 * sigma^2));

two_dim_gauss = two_dim_gauss / sum(two_dim_gauss(:));

% red_arcaid = arcaid(:,:,1);
% green_arcaid = arcaid(:,:,2);
% blue_arcaid = arcaid(:,:,3);
%
% red_filtered = conv2(red_arcaid, two_dim_gauss);
% green_filtered = conv2(green_arcaid, two_dim_gauss);
% blue_filtered = conv2(blue_arcaid, two_dim_gauss);
%
% filtered_arcaid_2D = cat(3, red_filtered, green_filtered, blue_filtered);

filtered_arcaid_2D = imfilter(arcaid, two_dim_gauss, "replicate");

imshow(uint8(filtered_arcaid_2D))
title("Filtered ARCAid using 2D Gaussian")

```

**Filtered ARCAid using 2D Gaussian**



- c. Separate the 2-dimensional Gaussian filter you used in 1(b) into two 1-dimensional filters
- d. Apply the two 1-d filters to your image

```
sigma = 2;
```

```

filter_size = 6 * sigma;

filter_range = -filter_size/2:filter_size/2;
one_dim_gauss = (1/(sqrt(2*pi)*sigma)) * exp(-filter_range.^2 / (2*sigma^2));
one_dim_gauss = one_dim_gauss / sum(one_dim_gauss(:));

filtered_rows = imfilter(arcaid, one_dim_gauss, "replicate");

filtered_arcaid_1D = imfilter(filtered_rows, one_dim_gauss', "replicate");

imshow(filtered_arcaid_1D)
title("Filtered ARCAid using Separated 1D Gaussian");

```

Filtered ARCAid using Separated 1D Gaussian



**e. Show that results of 1(b) and 1(d) are the same.**

```

figure
subplot(1, 2, 1)
imshow(uint8(filtered_arcaid_2D))
title("2D Process")
subplot(1, 2, 2)
imshow(uint8(filtered_arcaid_1D))
title("1D Process")

```



The images look identical on visual inspection but we can analyze the pixel values and compare as well.

```
result = mean(filtered_arcaid_1D == filtered_arcaid_2D, "all") * 100
```

```
result = 91.4561
```

This is comparing all the indices where the matrixes are equivalent and it indicates that they are about 91% the same. The differences are likely due to the conversions between double and uint8 in addition to the different padding that can result.

## Problem 2: Median – write code in MATLAB or Python to:

### a. Create a random 3x3 matrix

```
random_matrix = 100 * rand(3)
```

```
random_matrix = 3x3
    70.9365    67.9703    11.8998
    75.4687    65.5098    49.8364
    27.6025    16.2612    95.9744
```

### b. Sort the elements of this matrix

```
random_matrix_resaped = reshape(random_matrix, 1, size(random_matrix, 1) *
size(random_matrix, 2))
```

```
random_matrix_resaped = 1x9
    70.9365    75.4687    27.6025    67.9703    65.5098    16.2612    11.8998    49.8364 ...
```

```
random_matrix_sorted = sort(random_matrix_reshaped)
```

```
random_matrix_sorted = 1×9  
11.8998 16.2612 27.6025 49.8364 65.5098 67.9703 70.9365 75.4687 ...
```

### c. Take median of the matrix

```
median_num = median(random_matrix_sorted)
```

```
median_num = 65.5098
```

### d. Assign the median to the middle location of the matrix

```
random_matrix(2, 2) = median_num;
```

```
random_matrix
```

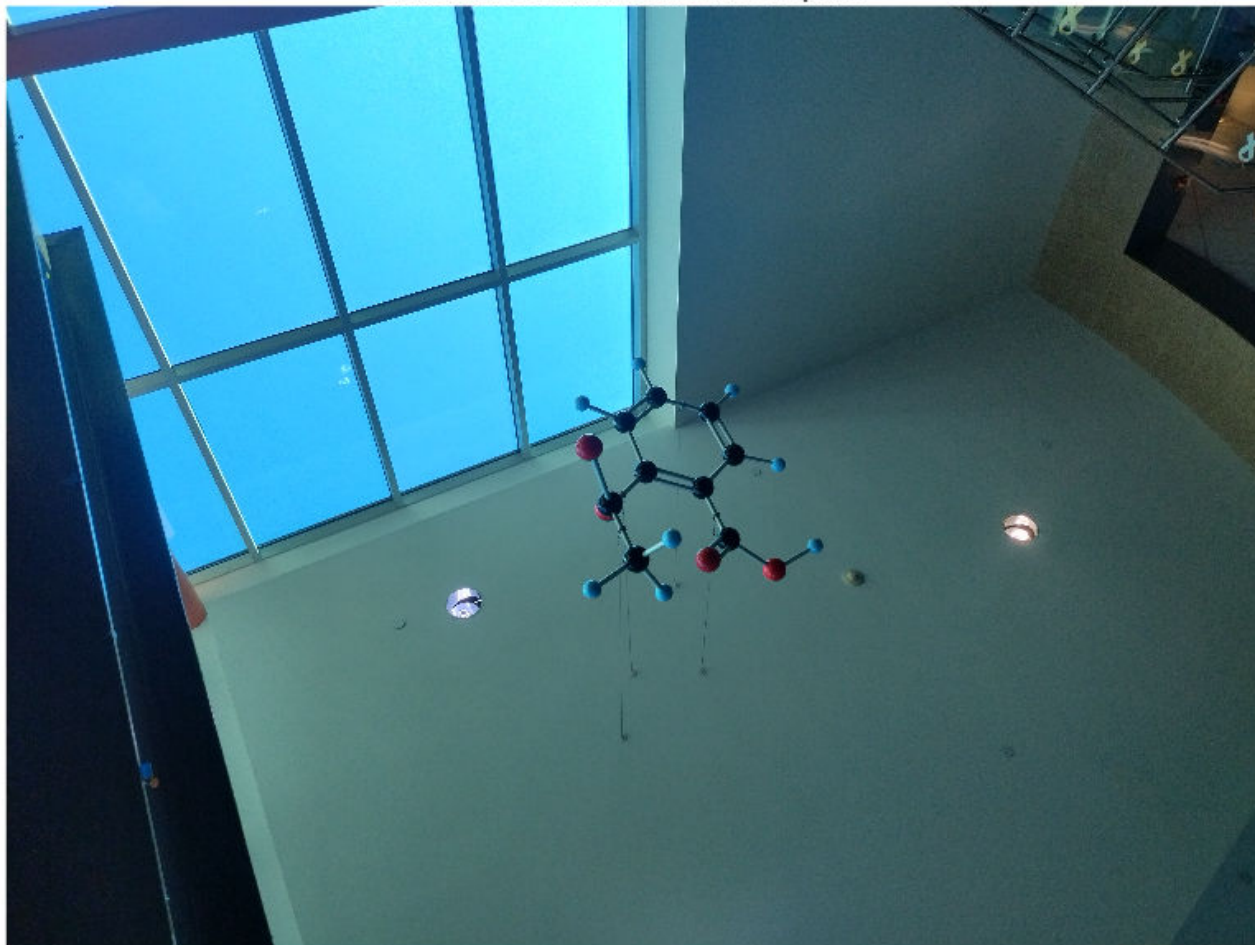
```
random_matrix = 3×3  
70.9365 67.9703 11.8998  
75.4687 65.5098 49.8364  
27.6025 16.2612 95.9744
```

## Problem 3: Just playing with different noise in MATLAB/Python:

### a. Choose an image

```
molecule = imread("molecule.jpg");  
figure  
imshow(molecule)  
title("A Picture I Took of a Molecule Sculpture ")
```

A Picture I Took of a Molecule Sculpture

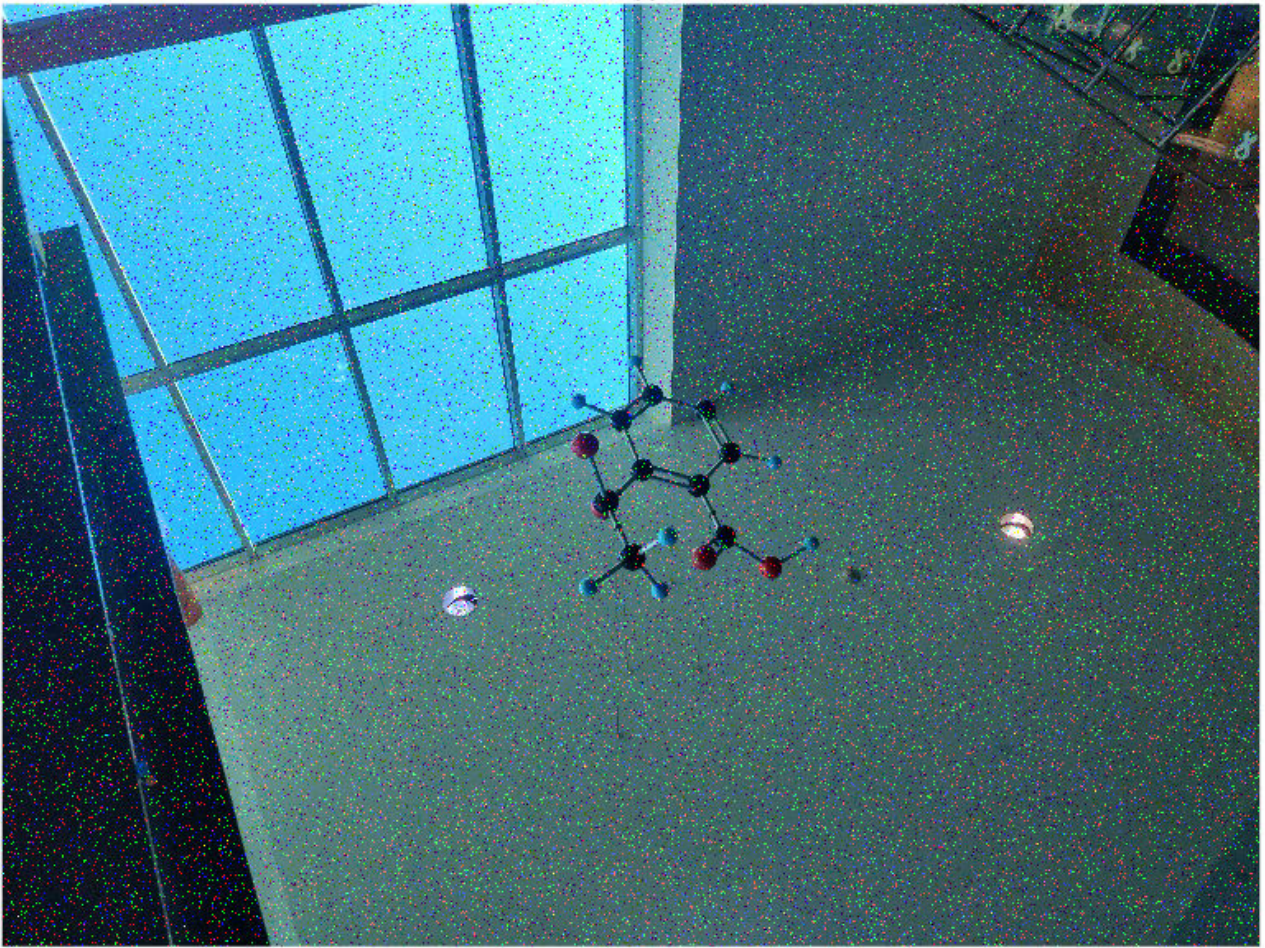


b. Add any 3 types of noise to it – show each as a separate image. (You can use the `imnoise` function in MATLAB, or its equivalent in Python).

```
molecule_sp = imnoise(molecule, "salt & pepper");  
figure  
imshow(molecule_sp);  
title("Salt and Pepper Noise")
```



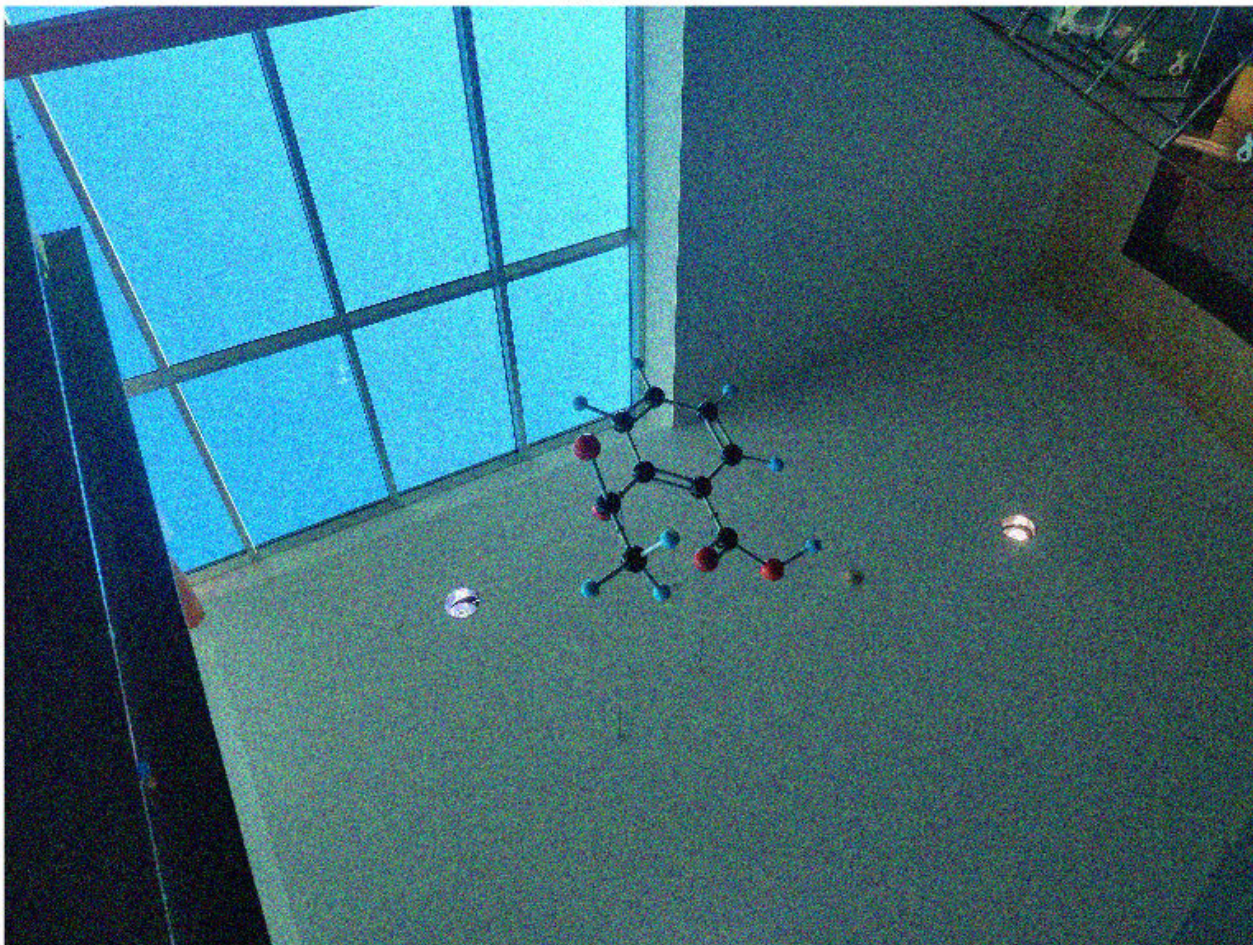
Salt and Pepper Noise



```
molecule_gauss = imnoise(molecule, "gaussian");  
figure  
imshow(molecule_gauss);  
title("Gaussian Noise")
```



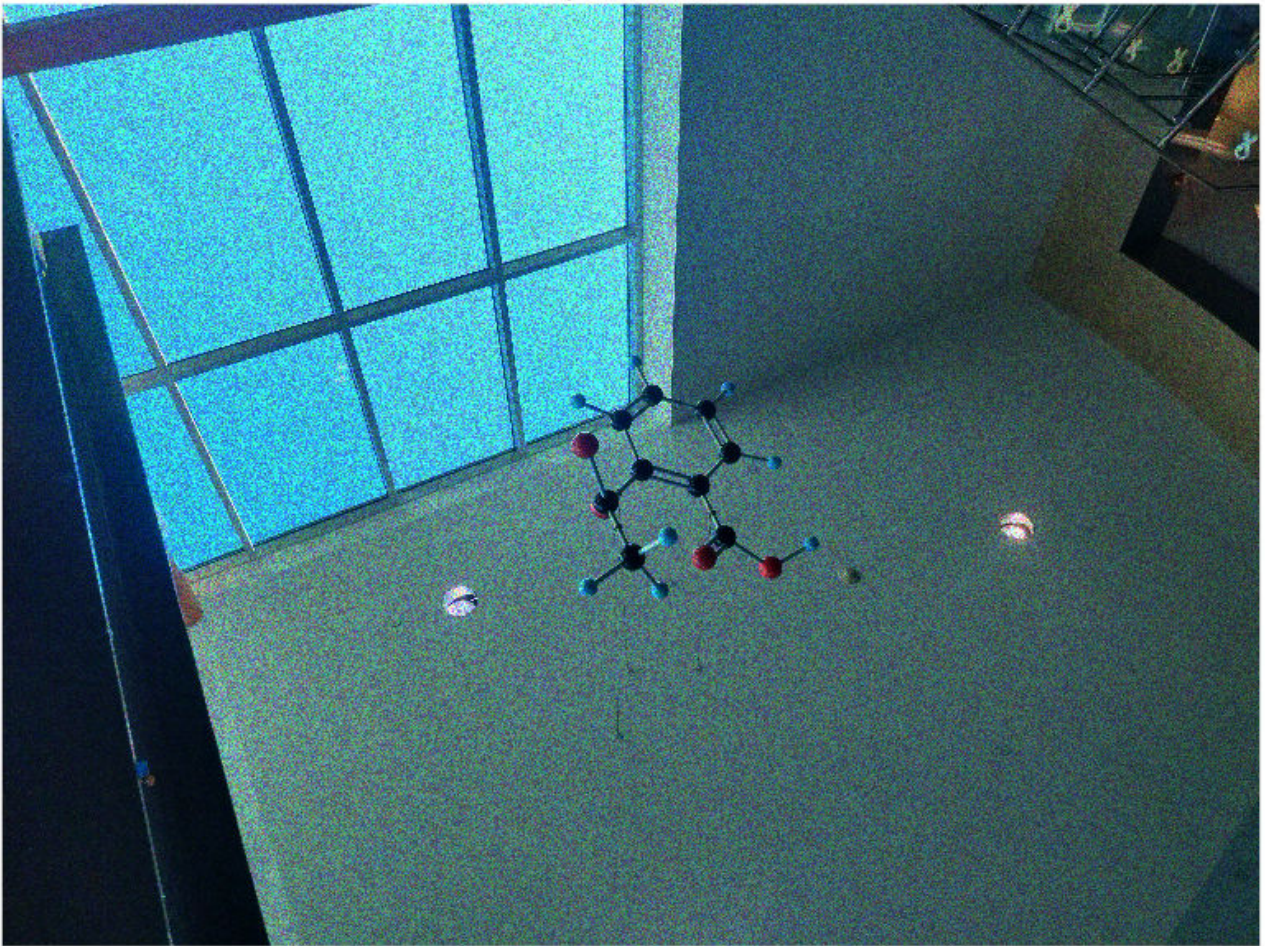
Gaussian Noise



```
molecule_speckle = imnoise(molecule, "speckle");  
figure  
imshow(molecule_speckle)  
title("Speckle Noise")
```



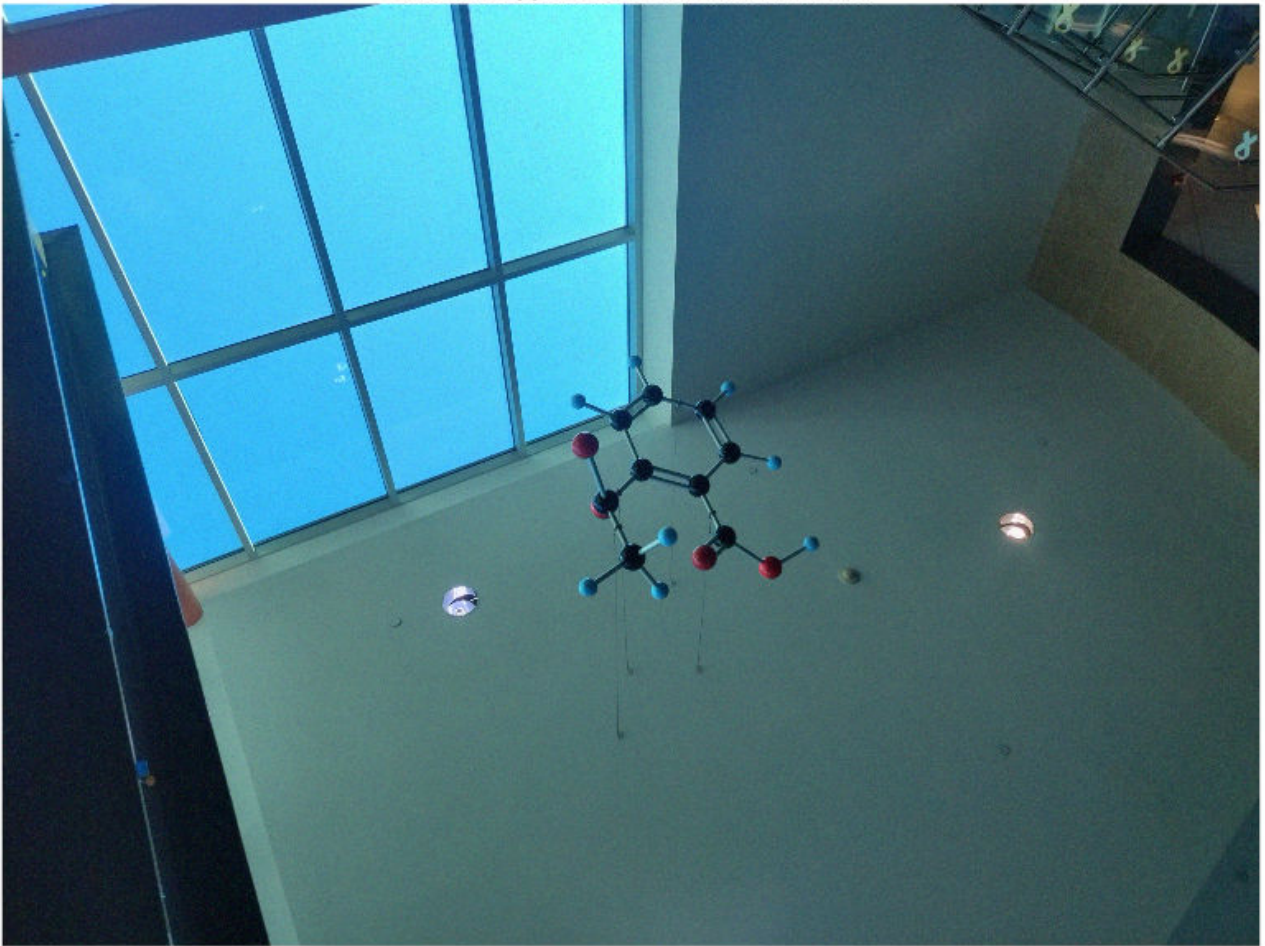
Speckle Noise



c. Try Gaussian filtering on these images. (You can use `imgaussfilt` function in MATLAB, or its equivalent in Python). Show your results

```
sigma = 2;  
  
molecule_sp_gauss = imgaussfilt(molecule_sp, sigma);  
figure  
imshow(molecule_sp_gauss);  
title("Salt and Pepper Noise with Gaussian Filter")
```

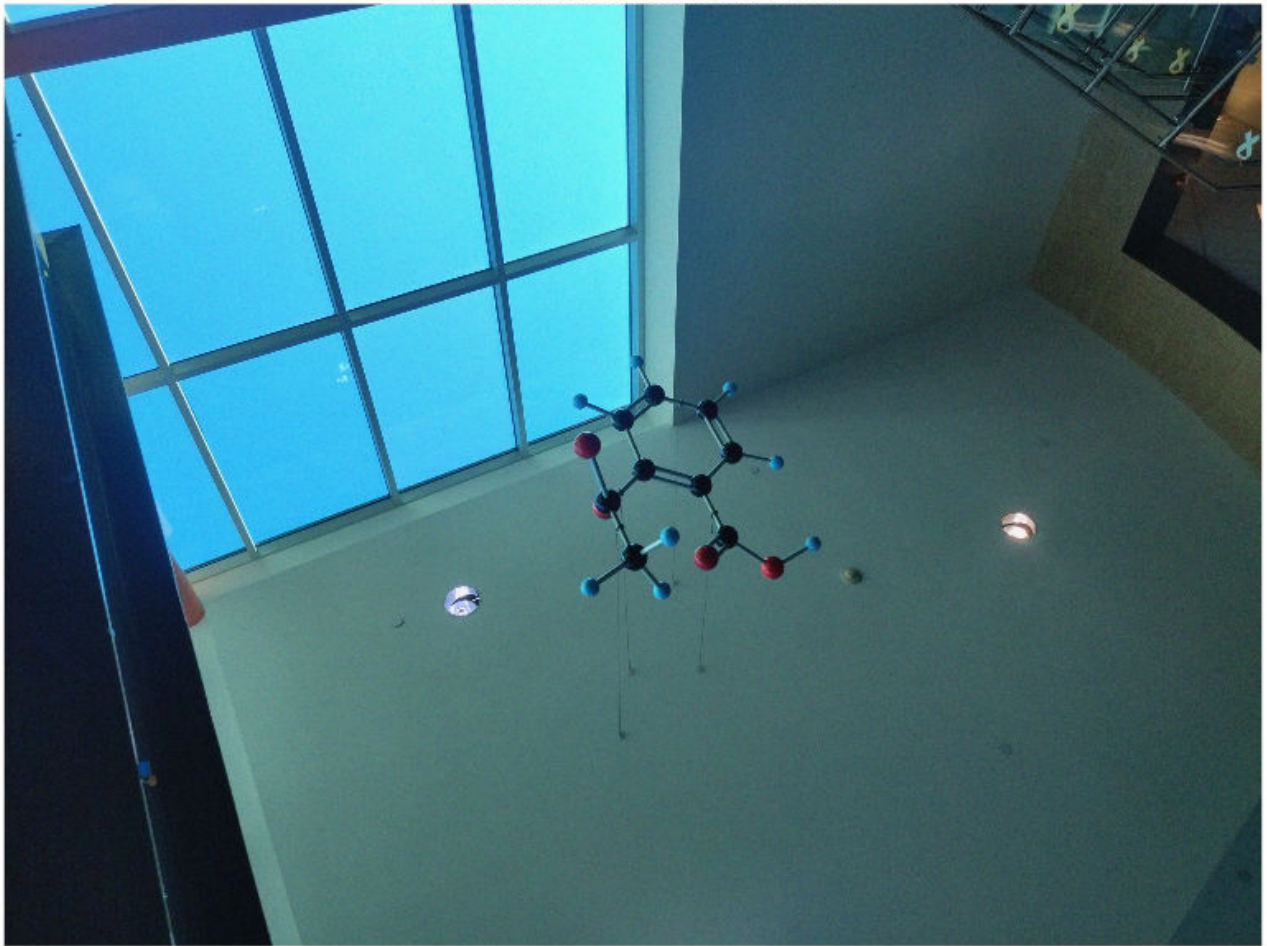
Salt and Pepper Noise with Gaussian Filter



```
molecule_gauss_gauss = imgaussfilt(molecule_gauss, sigma);  
figure  
imshow(molecule_gauss_gauss);  
title("Gaussian Noise with Gaussian Filter")
```

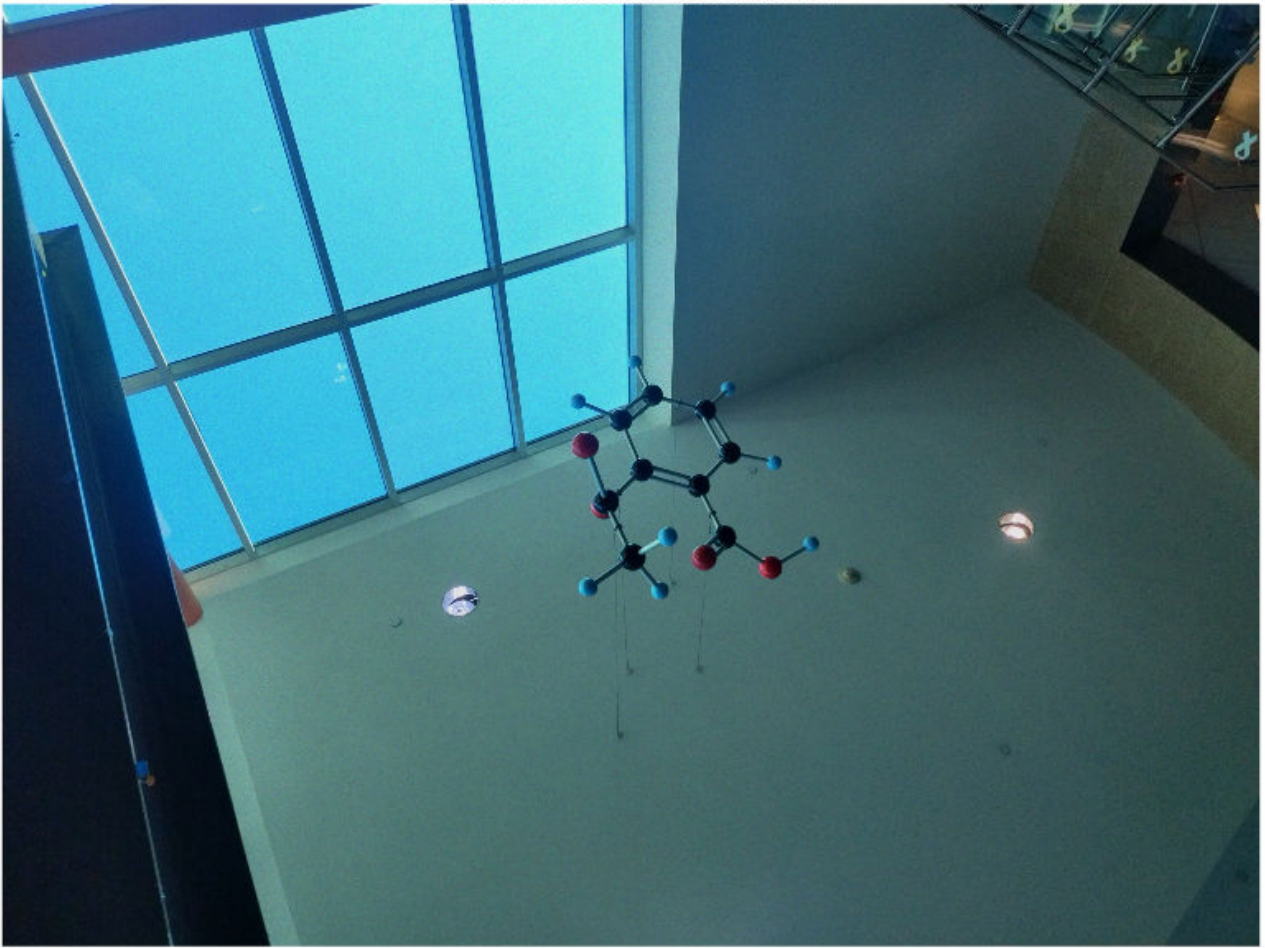


Gaussian Noise with Gaussian Filter



```
molecule_speckle_gauss = imgaussfilt(molecule_speckle, sigma);  
figure  
imshow(molecule_speckle_gauss);  
title("Speckle Noise with Gaussian Filter")
```

Speckle Noise with Gaussian Filter



The filtering did a very good job of removing the noise. I arbitrarily chose a  $\sigma$  value of 2 and this value removed almost all the noise without noticeably decreasing the quality of the photo. Some noise is still visible when looking closely at the window in the picture. Using a larger value such as 20 does blur the image though. This is a large image compared to images we worked with in the past so this may affect the results.