Experiment-4

Contrast Enhancement (Histogram Eq.) and Spatial Filtering

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Aim: To create programs in Python to complete the given image processing tasks which include image sharpening, smoothening and histogram equalization.

Resources Used: Anaconda Python Environment

Google Colab Jupyter Notebook

Theory :

OpenCV stands as an open-source library designed for computer vision and machine learning applications. Its primary goal is to offer a unified foundation for computer vision projects and to facilitate the integration of machine perception into various commercial products.

On the other hand, NumPy serves as a Python library, enabling support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, accompanied by an extensive array of high-level mathematical functions for manipulating these arrays.

Additionally, Matplotlib functions as a Python plotting library, directly connected to the numerical mathematics capabilities of NumPy. It delivers an object-oriented API for seamlessly embedding plots within applications.

Tasks:

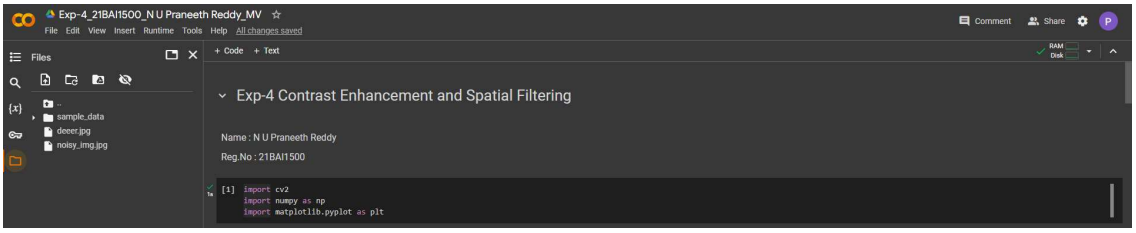
1) Perform Contrast Enhancement using Histogram equalization of a sample image and observe the histogram before and after processing. Provide your inference.

2) Perform image smoothening of an input image based on ideal filters (take kernels of different size) and gaussian filters. Observe the results.

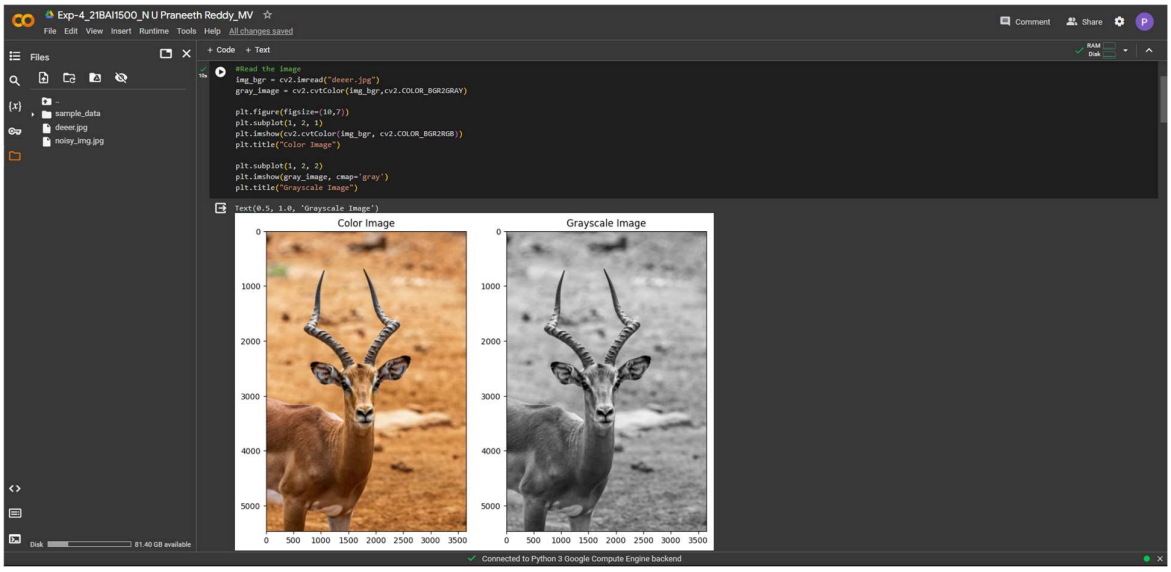
3) Perform image sharpening of an input image based on ideal filters (take different kernels values). Observe the results.

Procedure :

- Open Google Colab and create a new Jupyter Notebook.
- Import important libraries namely OpenCV, Numpy and Matplotlib.



- Read the image using imread in the OpenCV library in BGR (Blue-Green-Red) format and convert it to gray scale and print both the images side by side using subplot.



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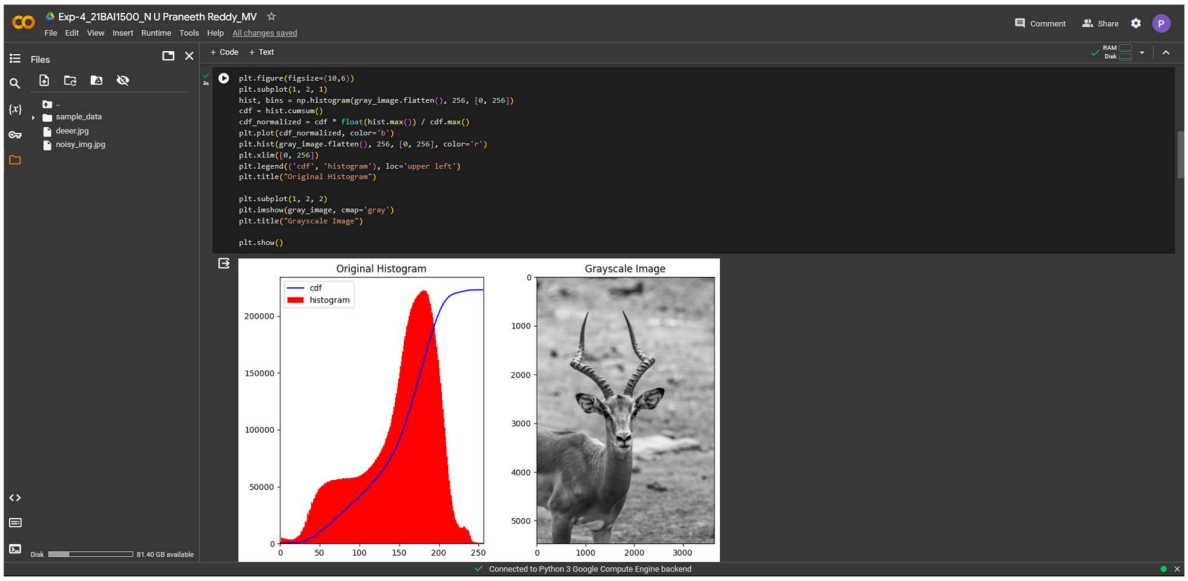
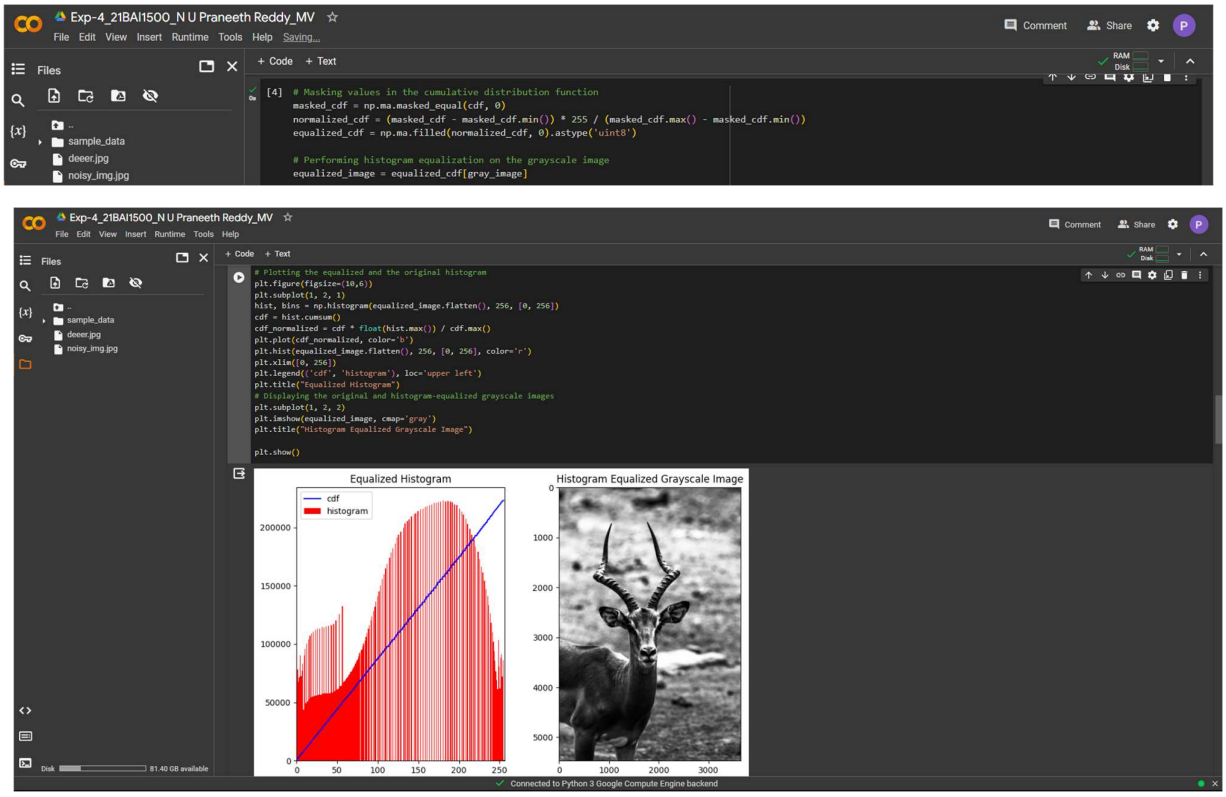
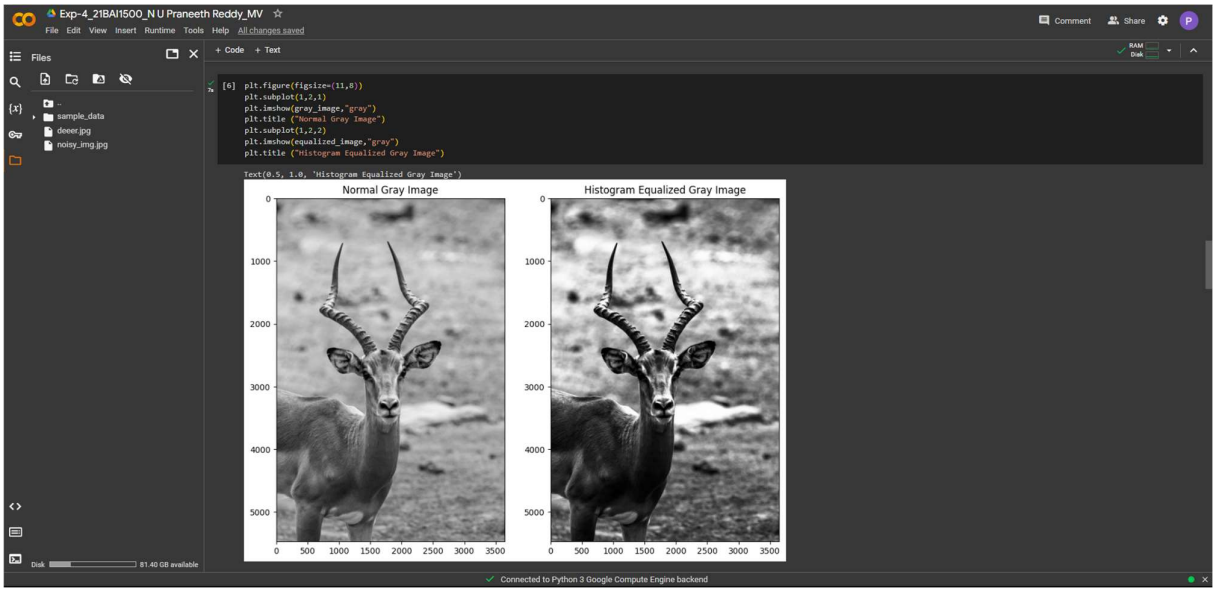
- Before Histogram equalization



- After Histogram equalization



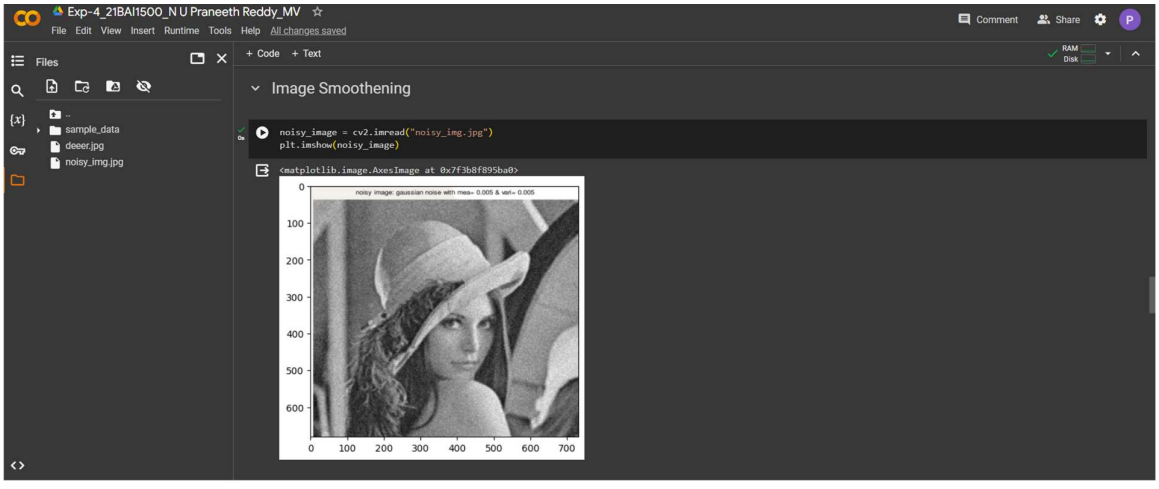
- Viewing the images side by side,



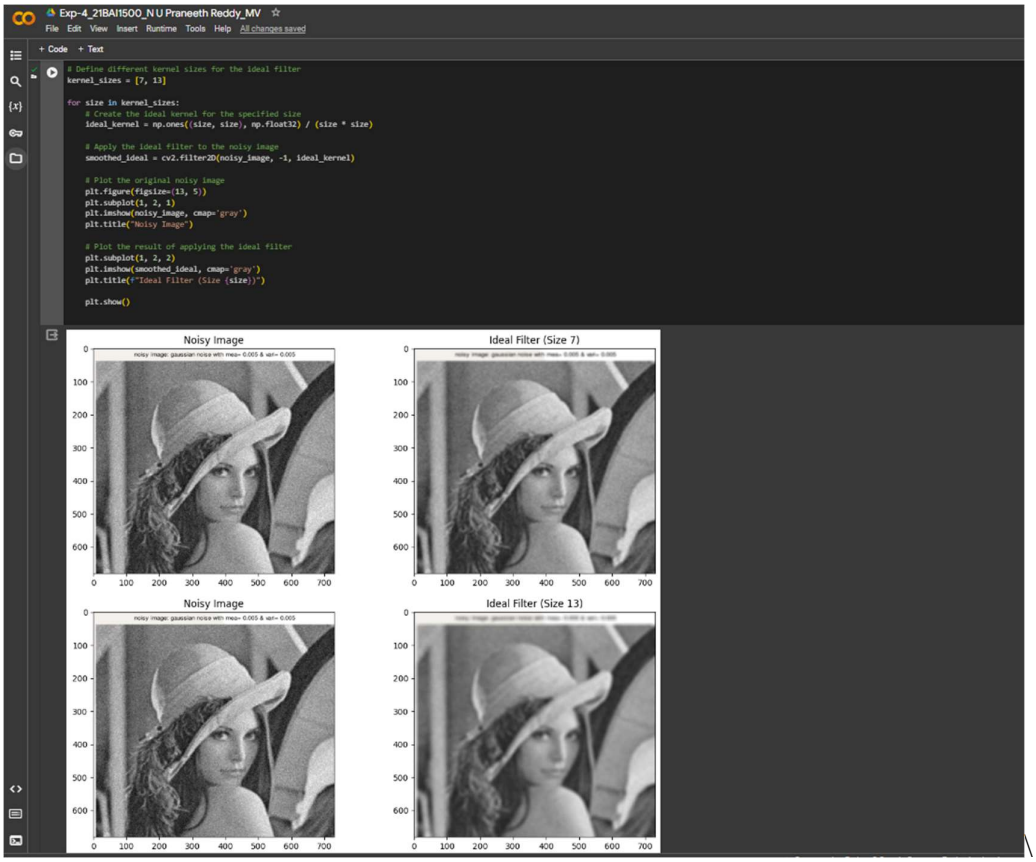
- We can see that the image after the histogram equalization has more distributed intensity compared to before and is much clear due to the contrast enhancement.

Task -2 : Perform image smoothening of an input image based on ideal filters (take kernels of different size) and gaussian filters. Observe the results.

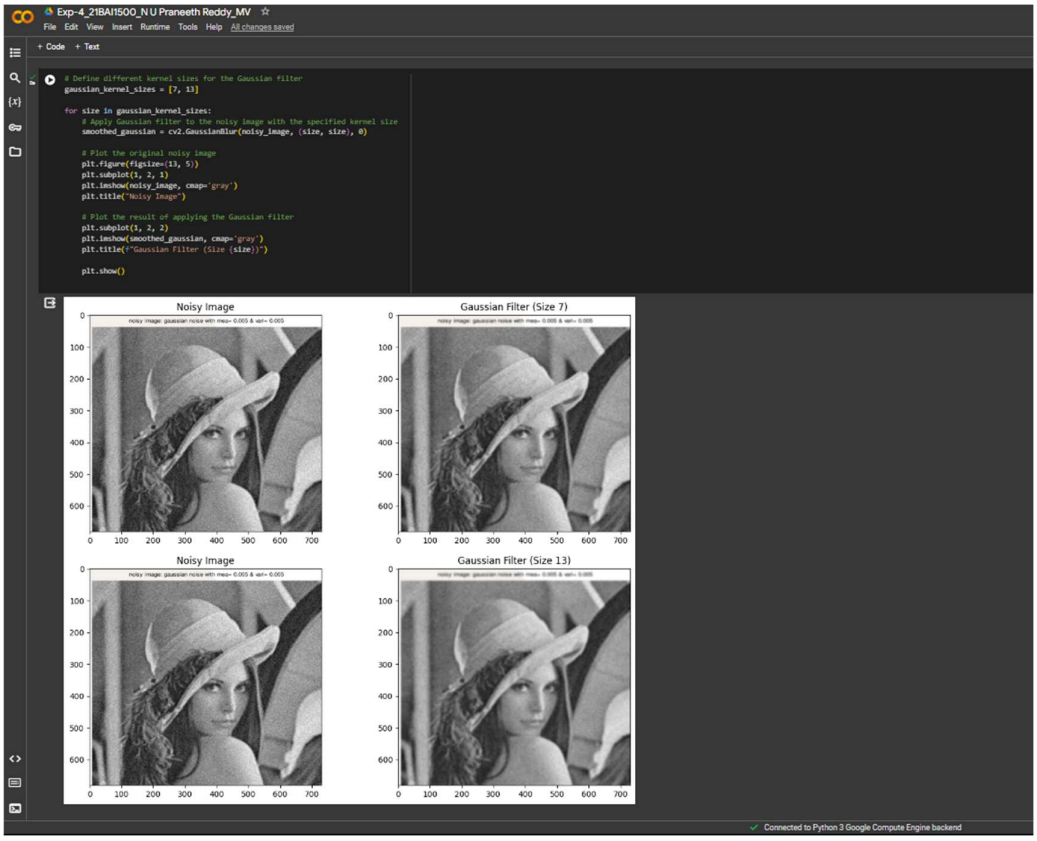
- Take a noisy version of an image,



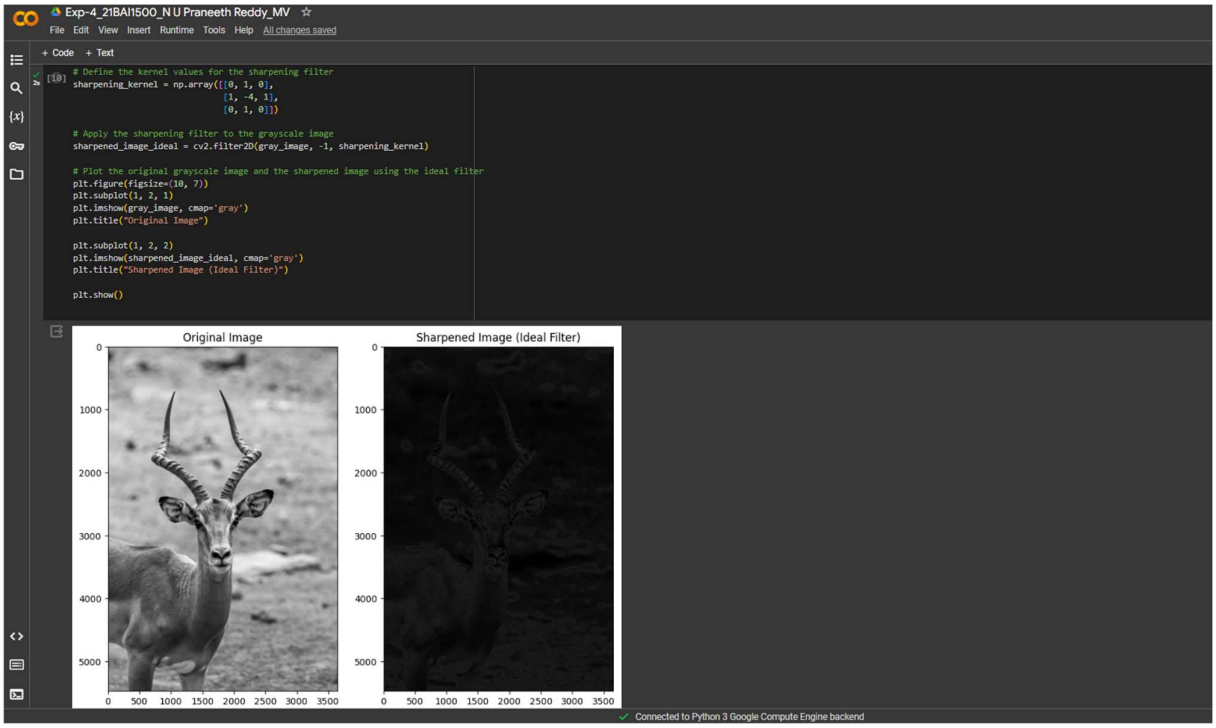
- Using Ideal filters and the kernel values at 3 and 5 with the ideal filter made of an array of ones



- Using gaussian filters and the kernel filters at sizes 3 and 5



Task -3 : Perform image sharpening of an input image based on ideal filters (take different kernels values). Observe the results.



- We observe that the image has been sharpened.

Results: The given tasks have been done using programs in Python using CV2, Matplotlib and numpy libraries.

Conclusion: Python programs has been created to perform histogram equalization, to perform smoothening using ideal filters and gaussian filters, and to perform image sharpening with ideal filters and the results have been observed.

Google Collab Link :
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1_lsEEmMikBZ6-GSZEDaQd7G1orWpDxnF?usp=sharing