

CS-663 Assignment 3 Q3

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3 (50 points) Spatially Varying Blurring (to mimic the background-blur effect in video chats)

Input images:

- `2/data/bird.jpg`
- `2/data/flower.jpg`

If these images still lead to a computational cost that is beyond your computer's capabilities to allow for a sufficiently comprehensive experimentation, then you may downsample the images. Each input image has a visually distinct foreground and a background. In case of `flower.jpg`, the flower in focus at the center is the foreground and the rest is background. Similarly, in case of `bird.jpg`, the bird is the foreground and the rest is background. Your task is to keep the foreground intact and blur the background according to a spatially varying scheme as follows.

- (10 points) Generate a mask image M with values 1 for the foreground and 0 for the background. Design a partially/fully automatic scheme to generate this mask. Fully manual solutions will not be considered at all. Explain your algorithm in detail, and motivate and justify it. Display the (i) the original image, (ii) the mask image M , (iii) the original image with the pixels values in the foreground (as determined by M) set to black, (iv) the original image with the pixels values in the background (as determined by M) set to black.
- (20 points) Once the mask image M is generated, your task is to blur background using a spatially varying kernel. The kernel will be a circular disc function, with weights summing to 1. However, the disc radius in the kernel at every pixel location in the background will vary as a function of the pixel location as follows. Let P be any pixel location in the background, and let d_P be the shortest distance from P to the foreground region in the mask image M . Set the radius r of the disc kernel to be spatially dependent as follows: $r = d_P$ if $d_P \leq \delta$, and $r = \delta$ if $d_P > \delta$, where $\delta := 20$ for `flower.jpg` (at the original image size) and $\delta := 40$ for `bird.jpg` (at the original image size). Write a function `mySpatiallyVaryingKernel.m` implementing this scheme. Note that you SHOULD NOT blur the foreground objects (i.e., the flower, the bird) at all.
- (10 points) For the image of spatially-varying r values, display a contour plot or a jet-colormapped image to clearly demonstrating the variation of r with respect to the distance from the foreground region in the mask M .
- (4 points) Display, as images, the blurring kernels (disc-shaped) computed at distances d_P as 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, and 1.0.
- (6 points) Display the output images, with a clearly-visible sharp foreground and blurred background.

`mySpatiallyVaryingKernel.py`

```
1 import cv2
2 import numpy as np
3 import sys,os
4 from tqdm import tqdm
5 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6 from numpy import sqrt,e,power,linspace,outer,pi
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9 kern_size = lambda sigma: int(round(((sigma-0.8)/0.3+1)*2+1 )) if sigma >0.8 else 0
10 def im2double(im,d):
11
12     im1 = im[:, :,0]
13     im2 = im[:, :,1]
14     im3 = im[:, :,2]
15     out1 = (im1.astype(np.float64) - np.min(im1.ravel())) / (np.max(im1.ravel()) - np.min(im1.ravel()))
16     out2 = (im2.astype(np.float64) - np.min(im2.ravel())) / (np.max(im2.ravel()) - np.min(im2.ravel()))
17     out3 = (im3.astype(np.float64) - np.min(im3.ravel())) / (np.max(im3.ravel()) - np.min(im3.ravel()))
18     out = cv2.merge((out1,out2,out3))
19     return out
20
21
22 def meanShift(img):
23     """ Perform mean shift segmentation on the input image
24     inputs : image
25     outputs: mean-shift segmented image and the original image resized """
26
27     r,c,d = img.shape
28     img = im2double(img,d)
29     gaussian_blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(img, (5,5), 1.0)
30     row,col = 128,128
31     newimg = cv2.resize(img,(row,col))
32
33
34     result1 = np.zeros((row,col))
35     result2 = np.zeros((row,col))
36     result3 = np.zeros((row,col))
37     h=0.1
38     sigma = 11.0
39     count = 0
40     window_size = 7
41     padded = np.concatenate((np.concatenate((np.zeros((row>window_size,3))), newimg),axis=1),
42                             np.zeros((row>window_size,3))),axis=1)
43     padded = np.concatenate((np.concatenate((np.zeros((window_size,col+2*(window_size),3))),padded),axis=0),
44                             np.zeros((window_size, col+2*(window_size),3))),axis=0)
45     r,c,d = padded.shape
46     #print(padded.shape)
47     spatial = np.zeros((2*window_size+1,2*window_size+1))
48     for is1 in range(2*window_size+1):
49         for is2 in range(2*window_size+1):
50             spatial[is1][is2] = ((is1-window_size)**2+(is2-window_size)**2)**0.5
51     spatial = np.exp(-(spatial/sigma)**2)
52
53     for idx1 in tqdm(range(window_size,r-window_size)):
54         for idx2 in range(window_size,c-window_size):
55             window = padded[idx1-window_size:idx1+window_size+1, idx2-window_size:idx2+window_size+1]
56             #print(newimg[idx1][idx2])
57             (x1,x2,x3) = newimg[idx1-window_size][idx2-window_size]
58             N1 = 0.0 #numerator
59             D1 = 1.0 #denominator
60             N2 = 0.0 #numerator
61             D2 = 1.0 #denominator
62             N3 = 0.0 #numerator
63             D3 = 1.0 #denominator
64
65
66         for itern in range(30): # number of iterations
67             for idx3 in range(2*window_size+1):
68                 for idx4 in range(2*window_size+1):
69                     (x_i1,x_i2,x_i3) = window[idx3][idx4]
70                     diff1 = abs(x1-x_i1)
71                     diff2 = abs(x2-x_i2)
72                     diff3 = abs(x3-x_i3)

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73
74         d1 = np.exp(-(diff1/h)**2)*spatial[idx3][idx4]
75         n1 = x_i1*d1
76         N1 += n1
77         D1 += d1
78
79         d2 = np.exp(-(diff2/h)**2)*spatial[idx3][idx4]
80         n2 = x_i2*d2
81         N2 += n2
82         D2 += d2
83
84         d3 = np.exp(-(diff3/h)**2)*spatial[idx3][idx4]
85         n3 = x_i3*d3
86         N3 += n3
87         D3 += d3
88
89         x1 = float(N1)/D1 # in each iteration, x changes
90         x2 = float(N2)/D2 # in each iteration, x changes
91         x3 = float(N3)/D3 # in each iteration, x changes
92
93         result1[idx1-window_size][idx2-window_size] = x1
94         result2[idx1-window_size][idx2-window_size] = x2
95         result3[idx1-window_size][idx2-window_size] = x3
96     result = cv2.merge((result1,result2,result3))
97     return result,newimg
98
99 def dnorm(x,mu,sigma):
100     """Calculates the 1D Gaussian kernel
101     inputs: x(kernel position),sigma(standard deviation of the kernel),mu(optional, default=0)
102     outputs: 1D kernel
103     """
104     return 1 / (sqrt(2 * pi) * sigma) * e ** (-power((x - mu) / sigma, 2) / 2)
105
106 def gaussian_kernel(ksize,mu=0,sigma=1,verbose=False):
107     # create the 1-D gaussian kernel
108     """Calculates and returns 2D the Gaussian Kernel
109     inputs: ksize(Gaussian Kernel Size),sigma(standard deviation)
110     outputs: kernel_2D (2D gaussian kernel)
111     """
112     if ksize%2==0:
113         ksize = ksize+1
114
115     kernel_1D = linspace(-(ksize // 2), ksize // 2, ksize)
116     for i in range(ksize):
117         kernel_1D[i] = dnorm(kernel_1D[i], mu, sigma)
118     kernel_2D = outer(kernel_1D.T, kernel_1D.T)
119     kernel_2D *= 1.0 / np.sum(kernel_2D)
120     return kernel_2D
121
122
123
124 def convolution(image, kernel_distances):
125
126     """Performs Convolution of the image with a Gaussian kernel
127     inputs: image(input image),kernel_size(Gaussian kernel size),sigma(Gaussian Kernel Std. deviation)
128     outputs: output (convoluted image with the kernel)
129     """
130
131     image_row, image_col,dim = image.shape
132     #print(image_row,image_col)
133
134     output = np.zeros_like(image)
135
136     plt.figure()
137     plt.imshow(image/np.max(image))

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138     max_kernel_size = 0
139     max_kernel = 0
140     padded_row,padded_col,_ = image.shape
141     #print(image.shape)
142
143     for row in tqdm(range(padded_row)):
144         for col in range(padded_col):
145
146             min_truncate = min(min(row,padded_row-row-1),min(col,padded_col-col-1))
147             kernel_size = min(min_truncate,kern_size(kernel_distances[row,col,0]))
148
149             if kernel_size!=0:
150                 kernel = gaussian_kernel(kernel_size+2,sigma=kern_size(kernel_distances[row,col,0]))
151
152                 if kernel_distances[row,col,0]>max_kernel_size:
153                     max_kernel_size = kernel_distances[row,col,0]
154                     max_kernel = kernel
155
156                 #print(row,col,kernel.shape,row+kernel.shape[0])
157                 for i in range(3):
158                     output[row,col,i] = np.sum(kernel *image[row-kernel.shape[0]//2:row+kernel.shape[0]//2+1,
159                     col-kernel.shape[1]//2:col + kernel.shape[1]//2+1,i])
160             else:
161                 for i in range(3):
162                     output[row,col,i] = image[row,col,i]
163
164
165     return output,max_kernel
166
167 def mask(result2,resized_orig,threshold,distance_thresh):
168     """Perform masking operation on the input image after relabelling the pixel values close to each
169     other to a same value (similar to K means clustering) .
170     Inputs : Mean shift segmented image, original image,threshold for mask, threshold for K means
171     Outputs : Mask,Masked image, original image after masking
172             (All three for both foreground black and white cases)
173
174     """
175     masked = np.zeros_like(result2)
176     unique_intensities ={}
177     result = (result2).astype(np.float32)
178     hsv_result = cv2.cvtColor(result,cv2.COLOR_RGB2HSV)
179     h,s,v = cv2.split(hsv_result)
180     r,c = v.shape
181     diff = np.zeros_like(v)
182
183     for i in tqdm(range(r)):
184         for j in range(c):
185             inten = v[i,j]
186             flag=0
187             if inten not in unique_intensities:
188                 diff = 999999
189                 intensity = 0
190                 for k in unique_intensities:
191                     if abs(inten-k)<distance_thresh:
192                         flag=1
193                         if diff>abs(inten-k):
194                             diff = abs(inten-k)
195                             intensity=k
196                         v[i,j] = intensity
197                 if flag==0:
198                     unique_intensities[inten] = 0
199             else:
200                 unique_intensities[intensity] += 1
201         else:
202             unique_intensities[inten] += 1

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203
204     sort =sorted(unique_intensities.items(), key = lambda kv:(kv[1], kv[0]))
205     #print(sort)
206     h_copy = np.ones_like(h)
207     s_copy = np.ones_like(s)
208     v_copy = v.copy()
209     for i in tqdm(range(r)):
210         for j in range(c):
211             if v_copy[i,j]==sort[-1][0]:
212                 v_copy[i,j] = 0
213             else:
214                 v_copy[i,j] = 1
215     masked = cv2.merge((h,s,v))
216     masked_2 = cv2.merge((h,s,v_copy))
217     masked = cv2.cvtColor(masked,cv2.COLOR_HSV2RGB)
218     masked_2 = cv2.cvtColor(masked_2,cv2.COLOR_HSV2RGB)
219
220     vectorized_mask1,img1,foreground_pixels1=masked_image(masked_2,resized_orig,0,threshold)
221     vectorized_mask2,img2,foreground_pixels2=masked_image(masked_2,resized_orig,1,threshold)
222
223     return vectorized_mask1,vectorized_mask2,img1,img2,foreground_pixels1,foreground_pixels2
224
225 def masked_image(masked_2,resized_orig,flag,threshold):
226
227     """Called from mask function to perform threshold based mask generation on the
228     K means clustered image
229     Inputs : K means clustered iamge, original image, flag(for foreground=0 or 1) , threshold
230     Outpus : Mask,Masked image, orignal image after masking
231     """
232
233     r,c,d = masked_2.shape
234     vectorized_mask = np.zeros((r,c))
235     foreground_pixels = []
236     for i in range(r):
237         for j in range(c):
238             vectorized_mask[i,j] = masked_2[i,j,0] * masked_2[i,j,1] * masked_2[i,j,2]
239             if vectorized_mask[i,j]>threshold:    #0.02 works for flower , 0.4 for bird
240                 if flag==0:
241                     vectorized_mask[i,j]=0
242                 else:
243                     vectorized_mask[i,j]=1
244                     foreground_pixels.append((i,j))
245             else:
246                 if flag==0:
247                     vectorized_mask[i,j]=1
248                 else:
249                     vectorized_mask[i,j]=0
250
251     masked_img = np.zeros((resized_orig.shape[0],resized_orig.shape[1],3))
252     masked_img[:, :, 0] = resized_orig[:, :, 0]*vectorized_mask
253     masked_img[:, :, 1] = resized_orig[:, :, 1]*vectorized_mask
254     masked_img[:, :, 2] = resized_orig[:, :, 2]*vectorized_mask
255     masked_img = masked_img/np.max(masked_img)
256     return vectorized_mask,masked_img,foreground_pixels
257
258 def plot_save(resized_image,vectorized_mask1,masked_img1,masked_img2,filename):
259     fig,axes = plt.subplots(2,2, constrained_layout=True)
260     axes[0][0].imshow(resized_image)
261     axes[0][0].axis("on")
262     axes[0][0].set_title("Original Image")
263     axes[0][1].imshow(vectorized_mask1,cmap='gray')
264     axes[0][1].axis("on")
265     axes[0][1].set_title("Mask Image")
266     #cbar = fig.colorbar(im,ax=axes.ravel().tolist(),shrink=0.45)
267     axes[1][0].imshow(masked_img1)

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268 axes[1][0].axis("on")
269 axes[1][0].set_title("Masked Image Foreground 0")
270 im = axes[1][1].imshow(masked_img2)
271 axes[1][1].axis("on")
272 axes[1][1].set_title("Masked Image Foreground 1")
273 cbar = fig.colorbar(im,ax=axes.ravel().tolist(),shrink=0.45)
274
275 plt.savefig("../images/"+filename+"Mask_blur.png",bbox_inches="tight",pad=-1)
276
277
278 def all_functions(filename,threshold,alpha,distance_thresh):
279     """
280     Main function of the program. Called to run all other functions and finally save the outputs
281
282     Inputs : Filepath,threshold(for mask) , alpha , distance_thresh(for k means)
283     Outputs : all the outputs of the progrma saved here
284     """
285     #filename = sys.argv[1]
286     #threshold = float(sys.argv[2])
287     #alpha = float(sys.argv[3])
288     #distance_thresh = float(sys.argv[4])
289
290     img = cv2.imread(filename) # Read image here
291     img = cv2.cvtColor(img,cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
292     result2,resized_image = meanShift(img)
293     filename = filename.split("/")[-1].split(".")[0]
294
295     vectorized_mask1,vectorized_mask2,masked_img1,masked_img2,foreground_pixels1,foreground_pixels2 =
296         mask(result2,resized_image,threshold,distance_thresh) #0.4 for bird, 0.02 for flower
297
298     plot_save(resized_image,vectorized_mask1,masked_img1,masked_img2,filename+"_"+str(alpha)+"_")
299     #name = filename.rstrip("\n").split("/")[-1].split(".")[0]
300
301     r,c,d = masked_img1.shape
302
303     masked_image_distance = np.zeros_like(masked_img1)
304     masked_image_kern_sizes = np.ones_like(masked_img1)*5
305
306     kern_size = lambda sigma: int(round(((sigma-0.8)/0.3+1)*2+1 )) if sigma >0.8 else 0
307
308     alpha_orig = alpha
309     for factor in [0.2,0.4,0.6,0.8,1]:
310         alpha = float(factor*alpha_orig)
311         for i in tqdm(range(r)):
312             for j in range(c):
313                 distance_min = 9999999
314                 for k in foreground_pixels1:
315                     if ((i-k[0])**2+(j-k[1])**2)<distance_min**2:
316                         distance_min = np.sqrt((i-k[0])**2+(j-k[1])**2)
317                         masked_image_distance[i,j,:] = distance_min
318
319                 if distance_min>=alpha:
320                     masked_image_distance[i,j,:] = alpha
321
322
323     gaussian_blurred,max_kern = convolution(resized_image,masked_image_distance)
324
325     plt.imsave("../images/"+filename+"_"+str(alpha)+"_"+str(factor)+"kernel.png",max_kern,
326                 cmap='gray')
327
328     fig,axes = plt.subplots(1,2, constrained_layout=True)
329     axes[0].imshow(resized_image)
330     axes[0].axis("on")
331     axes[0].set_title("Original Image")
332     im = axes[1].imshow(gaussian_blurred)

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333     axes[1].axis("on")
334     axes[1].set_title("Blurred Image alpha="+str(alpha))
335     cbar = fig.colorbar(im,ax=axes.ravel().tolist(),shrink=0.45)
336
337     plt.savefig("../images/"+filename+"_"+str(alpha)+"_"+str(factor)+"_background_blur.png",
338                 bbox_inches="tight",pad=-1)
339
340     plt.figure()
341     plt.imshow(masked_image_distance[:, :, 0], cmap='jet')
342     plt.axis("on")
343     plt.title("Variation with distance alpha="+str(alpha))
344     plt.colorbar()
345     plt.savefig("../images/"+filename+"_"+str(alpha)+"_"+str(factor)+"_distance.png",
346                 bbox_inches="tight",pad=-1)

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myMainScript.py

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1  from mySpatiallyVaryingKernel import all_functions
2
3  filenames = ["bird.jpg", "flower.jpg"]
4  foldername = "../data/"
5
6
7  #for i in range(len(filenames)):
8  all_functions("../data/flower.jpg", 0.02, 20.0, 0.40)
9  all_functions("../data/bird.jpg", 0.4, 5.0, 0.35)

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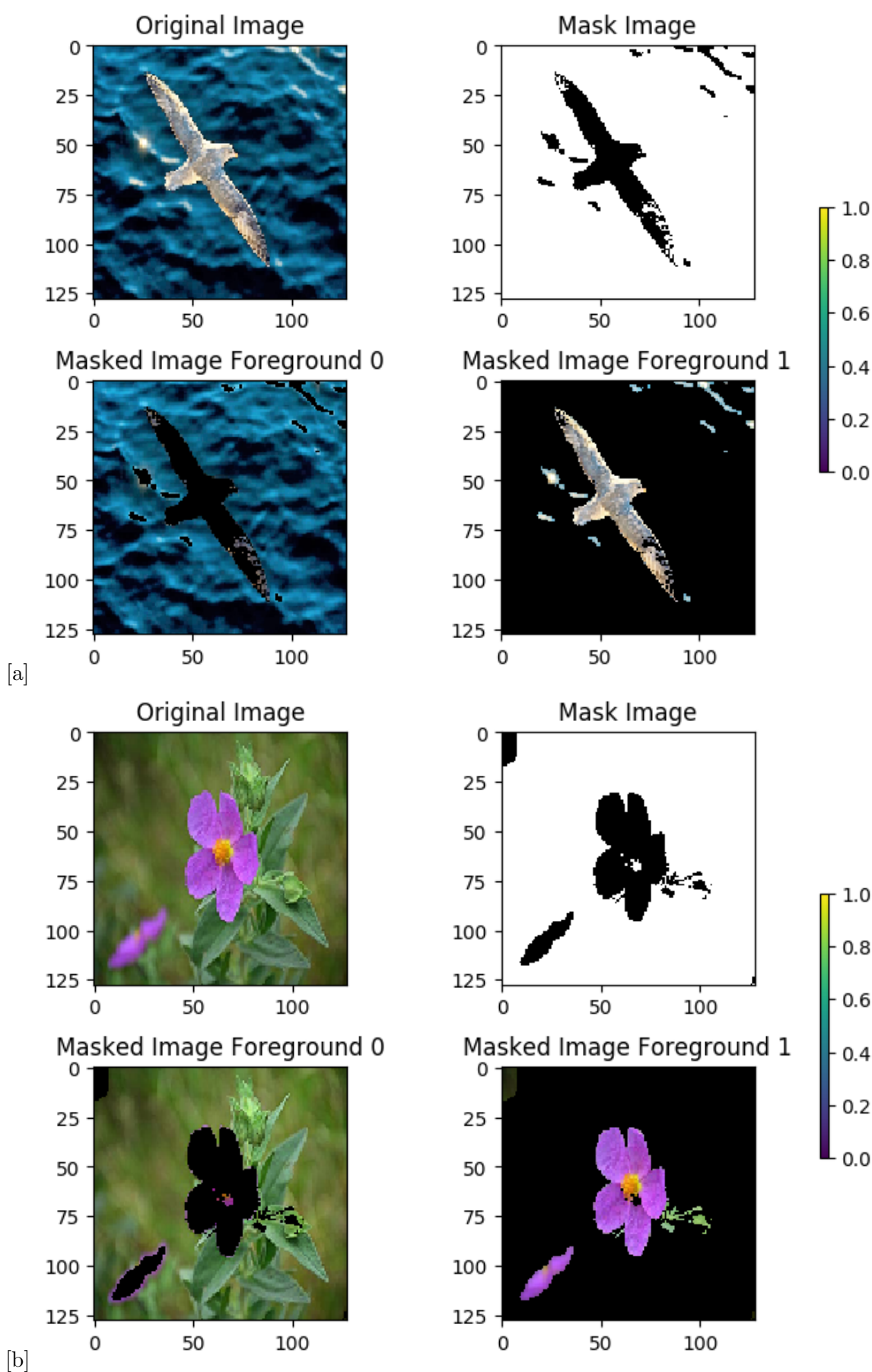


Figure 1: (a)Original,Mask,Foreground and Background for bird.png (b)Original,Mask,Foreground and Background for flower.png

Algorithm :

Motivation :

- To mask out the foreground from a given image, we first need to segment the image in such a way that, foreground pixels and background pixels belong to different segments.
- This will work good if, the intensities of foreground and background pixels are sufficiently different from each other.
- Thus , the first step logically should be performing mean shift segmentation on the given image.

- Post mean shift, thresholding should work, to mask out the foreground region from the image.
- Since the image is in 3 channel space, it would work better if we can convert this to a single channel space.

[**Note : For all the images, we resized them to 128x128 RGB images for computational conveniences. And accordingly the value of alpha was scaled down as it was given in accordance to the original image size**]

For all the images, we perform mean shift segmentation with the same code as in question 2 . We chose a common parameter of 0.1 as the standard deviation for the intensity Gaussian kernel, i.e. in case of the weighted sum.

For all the images we used the standard deviation of the spatial kernel to be 11.0.

Other parameters are :

- `2/data/baboonColor.png :: num_iterations : 30`
- `2/data/bird.jpg :: num_iterations : 40`
- `2/data/flower.jpg :: num_iterations : 40`
- Next we take the result of the mean shift and relabel the pixel values which are close to each other upto a very small threshold , with the same values.(This is similar K means clustering) . *Note: This step is performed on V channel after converting the image into HSV*
- Now we have the image segmented perfectly into a fixed number of segments , which is converted back to RGB space.
- – To bring the image from 3 channels to a single channel, we perform pixel wise multiplication for each channel and get a single channel output image.
– Then, we use a threshold to generate a masked foreground and background image
- Instead of using the conventional K means clustering we tried to implement a similar form of K means ourselves to get the nearly same output.

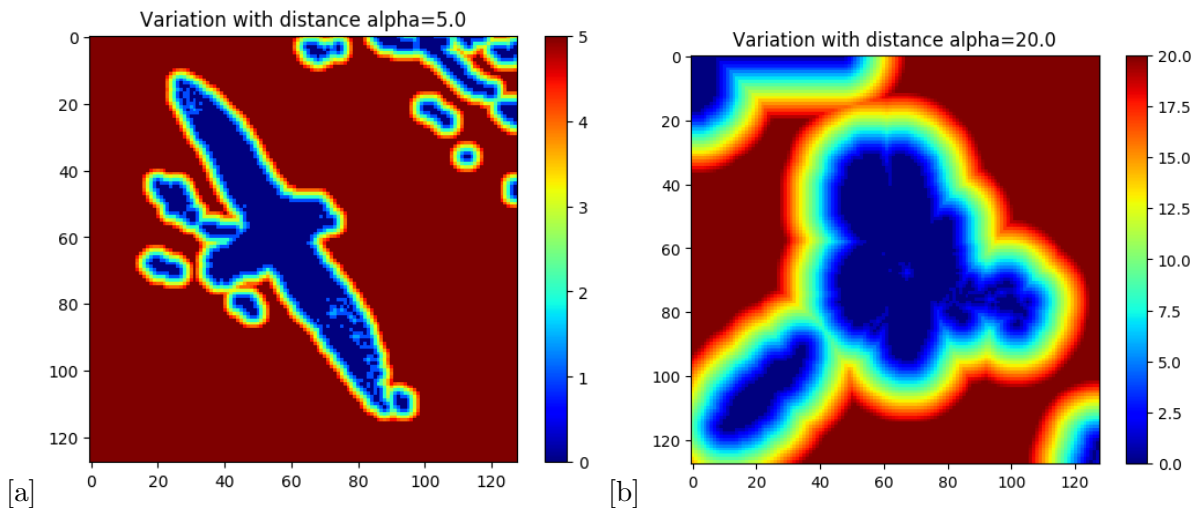


Figure 2: (a) Variation for bird.png (b) Variation for flower.png

Kernel for Bird.png varying alpha :

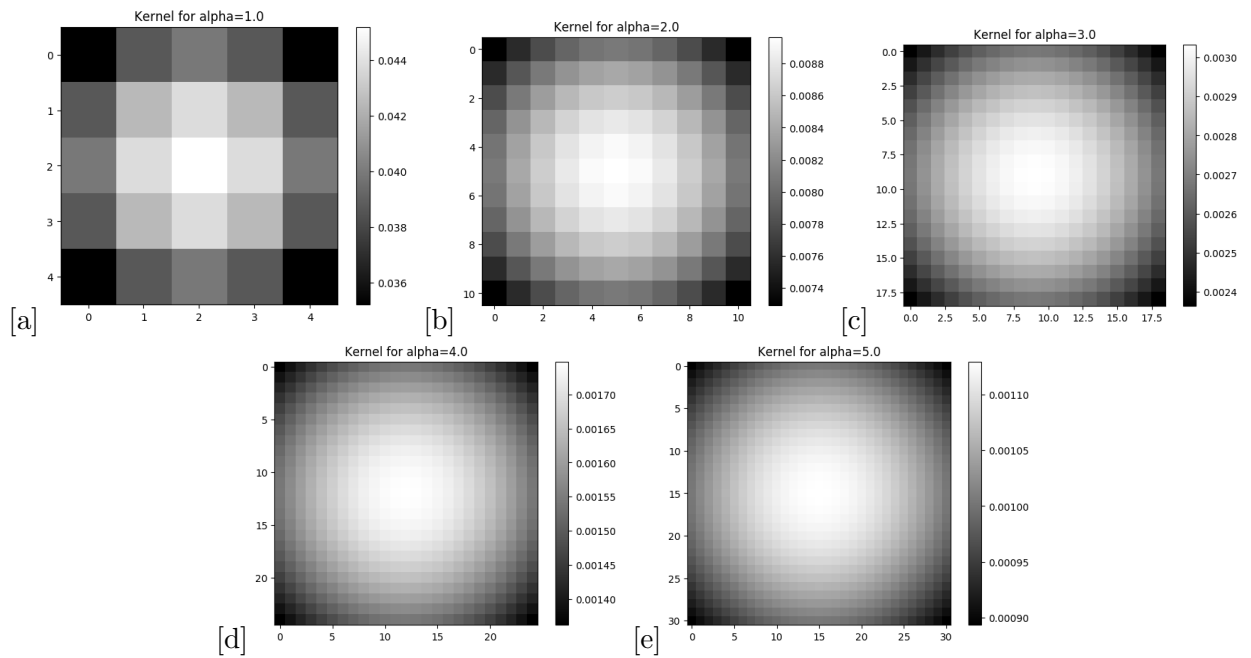


Figure 3: (a) 0.2 alpha bird.png (b) 0.4 alpha bird.png (c) 0.6 alpha bird.png(d) 0.8 alpha bird.png(e) 1 alpha bird.png

Kernel for flower.png varying alpha :

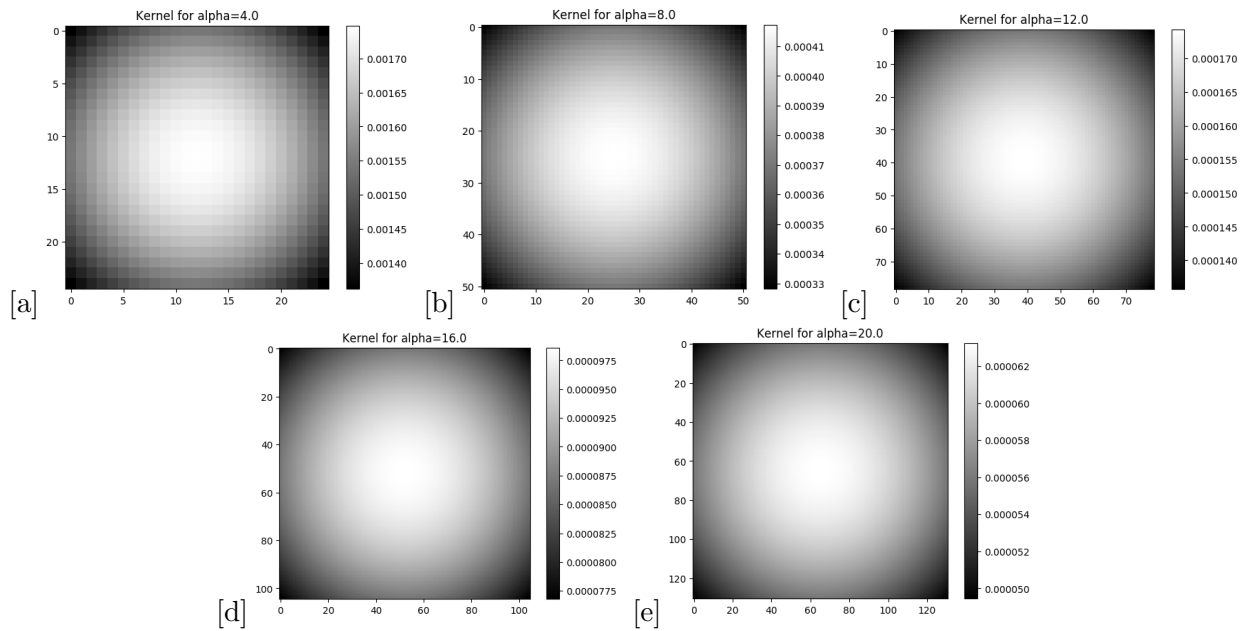


Figure 4: (a) Original and blurred bird.png (b)Original and blurred flower.png (c) Original and blurred bird.png (d)Original and blurred flower.png (e)Original and blurred flower.png

Variation of radius r with distance for different values of α for Bird.png :

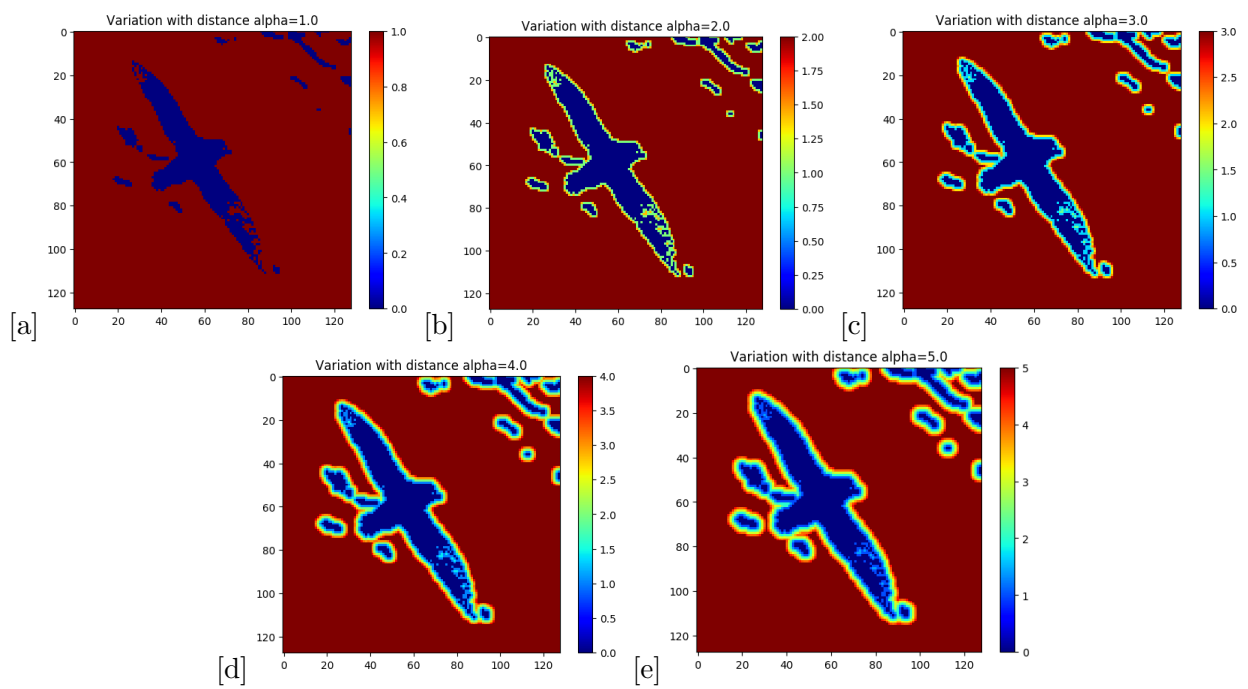


Figure 5: (a) 0.2 α (b) 0.4 α (c) 0.6 α (d) 0.8 α (e) α

Variation of radius r with distance for different values of α for Flower.png :

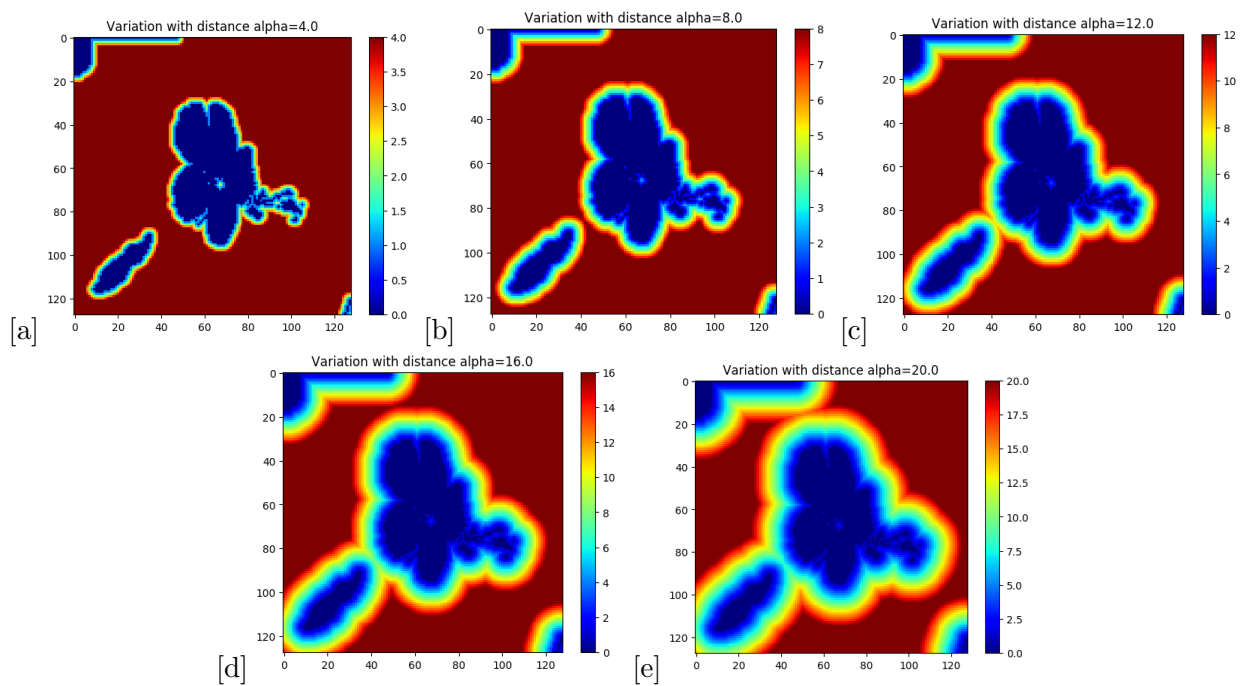


Figure 6: (a) 0.2 α (b) 0.4 α (c) 0.6 α (d) 0.8 α (e) α

Final output image with blurred background

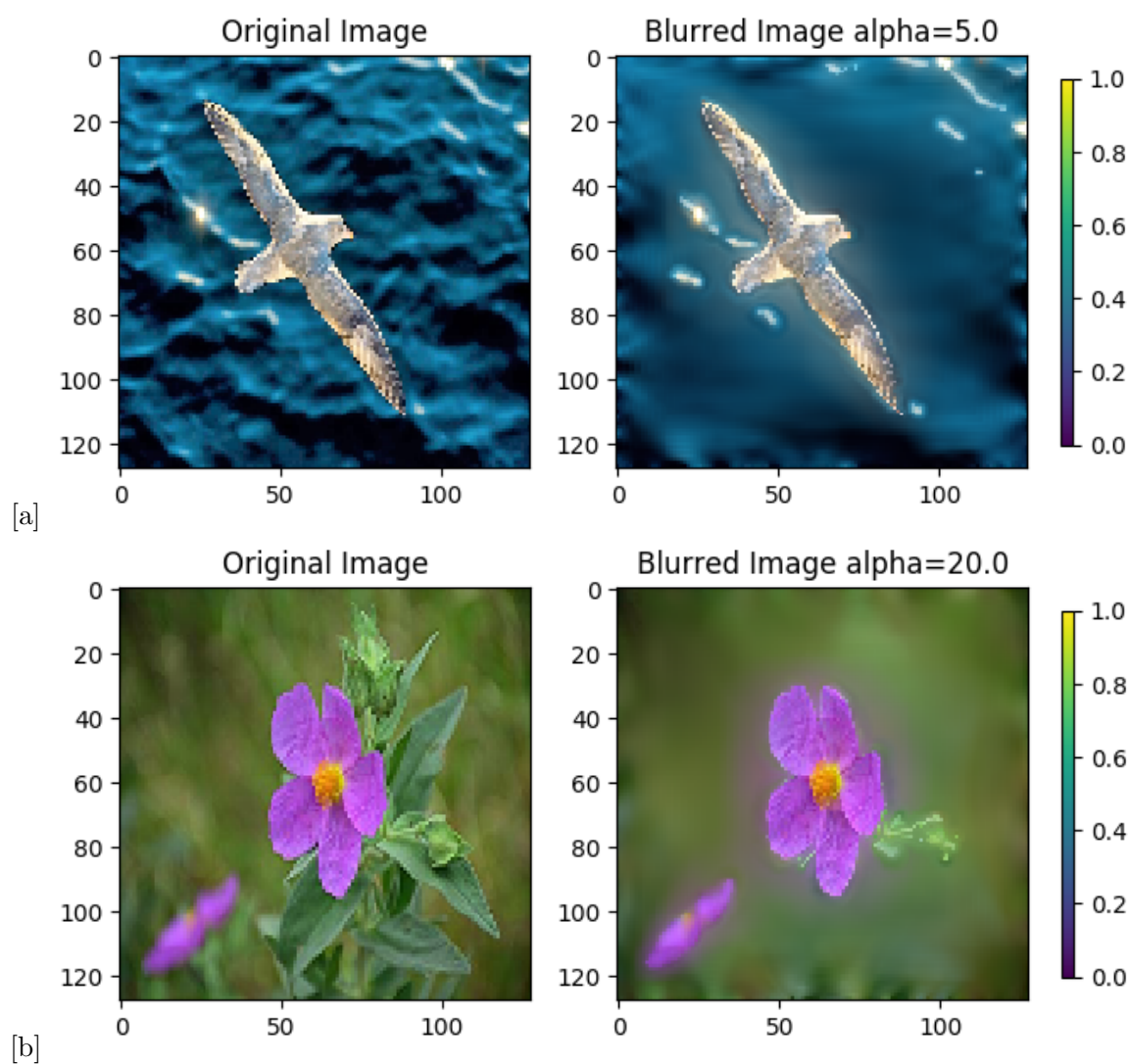


Figure 7: (a) Original and blurred bird.png (b)Original and blurred flower.png

Note:

- Initially we were trying to implement the same algorithm for a smaller image and the results were not satisfactory. As we increased the size , the results improved and it is possible that for original size image the output would improve even further. However we could not test this as the mean shift code is slow and takes a lot of time to run if take the original size image itself.