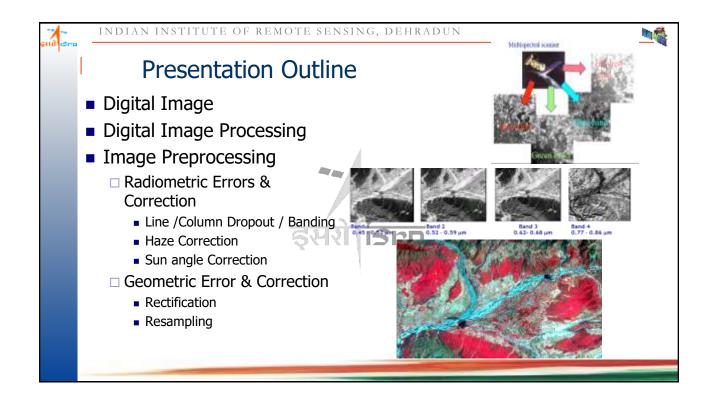


Digital Image Processing Basic Concepts

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- Complex and sometimes multiple ideas can be conveyed by a single still image conveying its meaning or essence more effectively than a mere verbal description.
- > Pictures concisely convey information about positions, sizes and inter-relationships between objects.
- Human beings are good at deriving information from such images, because of our innate visual and mental abilities.
- About 75% of the information received by Human are in pictorial form.

In the present context, the analysis of pictures that employ an overhead perspective, including the radiation not visible to human eye are considered.

Pictorial Representation





Textual Description:

Ice cream is a sweetened frozen food typically eaten as a snack or dessert. It is usually made from daily products, such as milk and cream, and often combined with fruits or other ingredients and flavours. It is typically sweetened with sucrose, corn syrup, cane sugar, beet sugar, and/or other sweeteners.

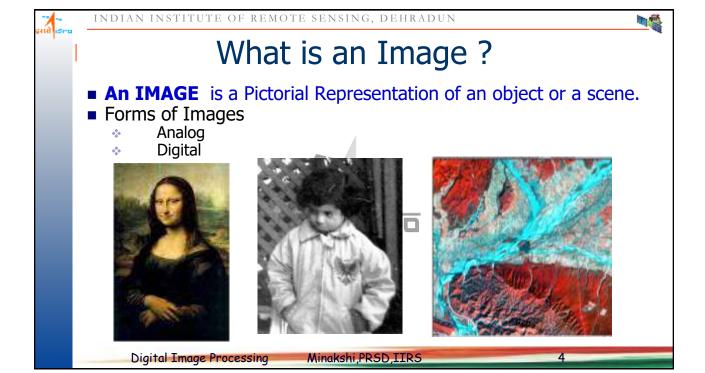
Typically, <u>flavourings</u> and <u>colourings</u> are added in addition to stabilizers. The mixture is stirred to incorporate air spaces and cooled below the freezing point of water to prevent detectable <u>ice crystals</u> from forming. The result is a smooth, semi-solid foam that is solid at very low temperatures (<35 °F / 2 °C). It becomes more malleable as its temperature increases.

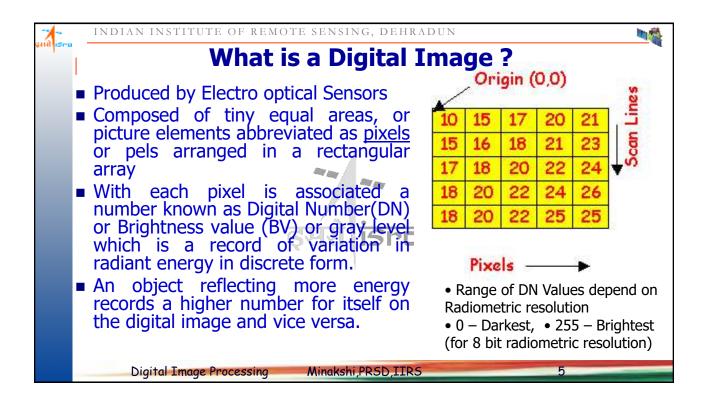
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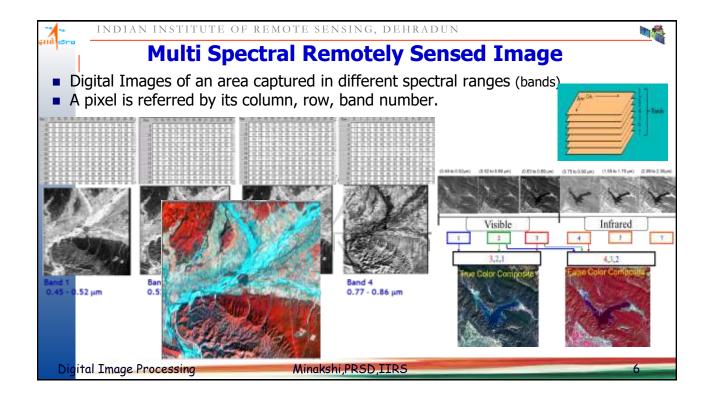
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Digital Image Processing

Digital image processing can be defined as the computer manipulation of digital values contained in an image for the purposes of image correction, image enhancement and feature extraction.

A <u>digital image processing</u> system consists of computer Hardware (Personal Computer) and dedicated Image processing software necessary to analyze digital image data.

Image Processing Software Functionalities

- Data Acquisition/Restoration Compensates for data errors, i.e Preprocessing (Radiometric and Geometric)
- Image Enhancement Alters the visual impact of the image on the interpreter to improve the information content
- Information Extraction Utilizes the decision making capability of and classify pixels on the basis of their signatures

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Major Digital Image Processing Systems

Commercial

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- ERDAS IMAGINE
- ENVI
- IDRISI
- ER Mapper
- PCI Geomatica
- *e*Cognition
- MATLAB
- Intergraph

Open Source

- ILWIS (http://www.ilwis.org/index.htm)
- Opticks

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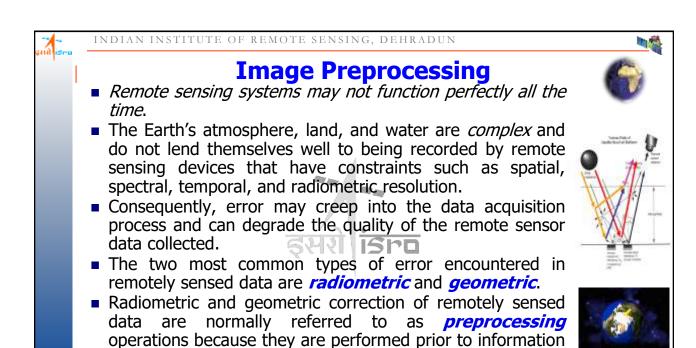
- GRASS (Geographic Resources Analysis Support System http://grass.osgeo.org/)
- OSSIM (Open Source Software Image Map www.ossim.org)
- Multispec

https://engineering.purdue.edu/~biehl/MultiSpec/index.html

 QGIS (A Free and Open Source Geographic Information System http://www.qgis.org/en/site/)

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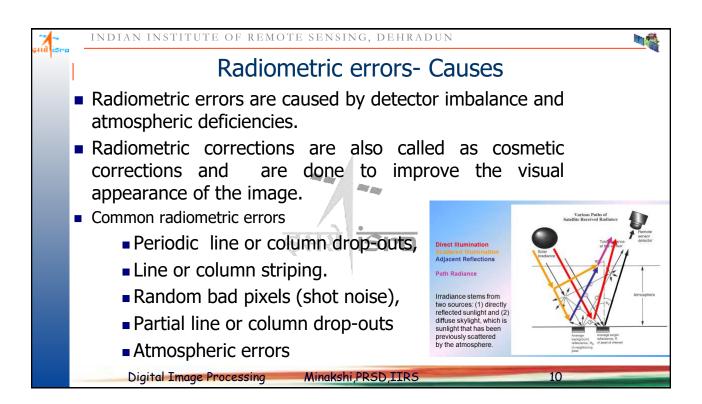
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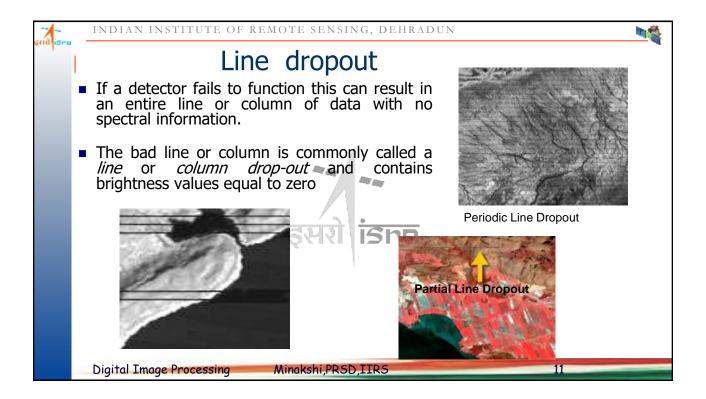


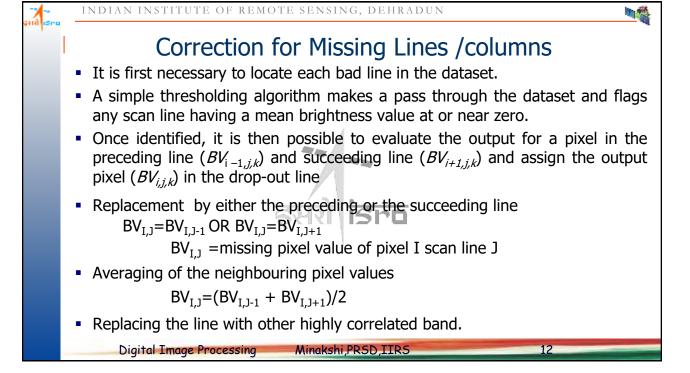
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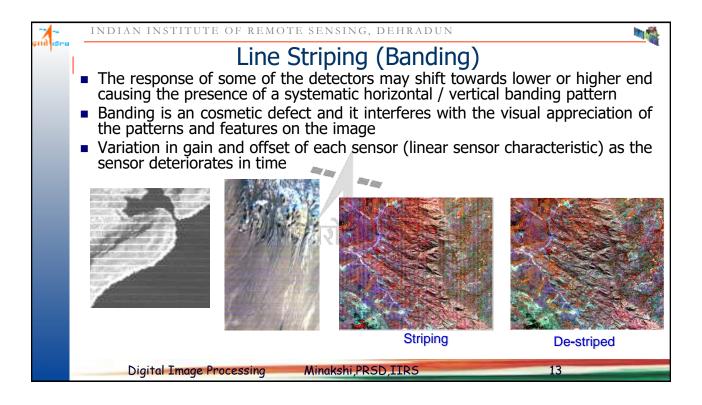
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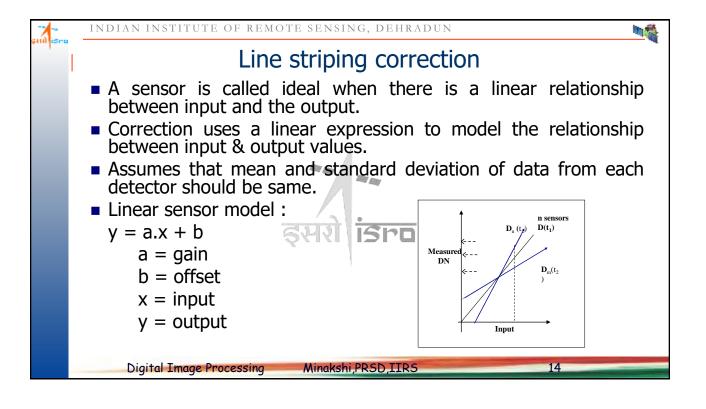
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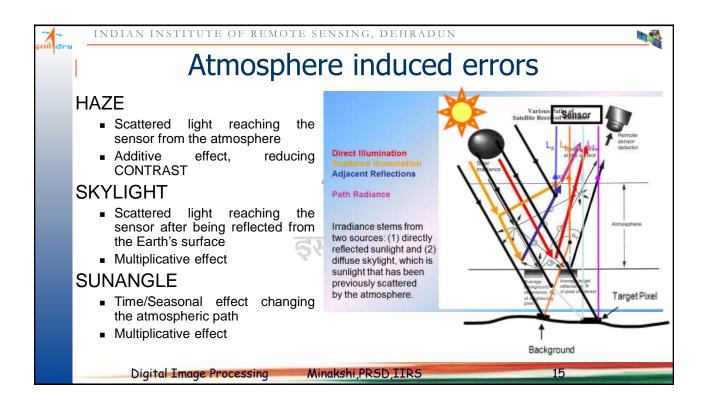


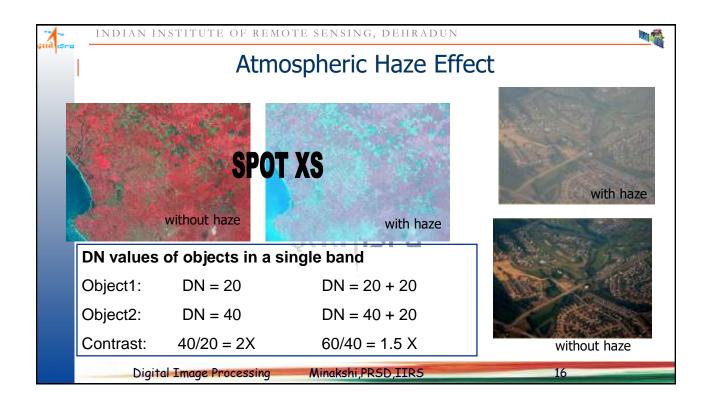
















Haze Correction- Dark Object Subtraction

Histogram Minimum Method

Assumption: infrared bands are not affected by Haze

- Identify black bodies: clear water and shadow zones with zero reflectance in the infrared bands
- Identify DN values at shorter wavelength bands of the same pixel positions. These DN are entirely due to haze
- Subtract the minimum of the DN values related to black bodies of a particular band from all the pixel values of that band

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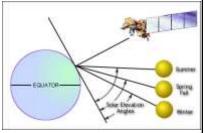
Sun Angle Correction

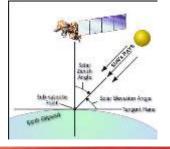
The position of sun relative to earth changes depending on time of day and day of year.

- Solar elevation angle: Time- and location dependent
- Irradiance varies with the seasonal changes in solar elevation angle and the changing distance between the earth and sun
- Sun elevation correction accounts for the seasonal position of the sun relative to the earth
 - Image data acquired under different solar illumination angles need to be normalized to a constant solar position
- In the northern hemisphere the solar elevation angle is smaller in winter than in summer
- The solar zenith angle is equal to 90 degree minus the solar elevation angle
- Correction necessary for mosaicking and change detection

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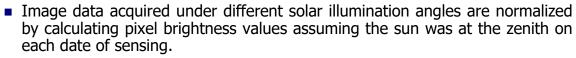
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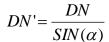


Sun Angle Correction



 The correction is usually applied by dividing each pixel value in a scene by the sine of the solar elevation angle for the particular time and location of

imaging.





Two Images with different Sun-angles

Corrected Mosaic

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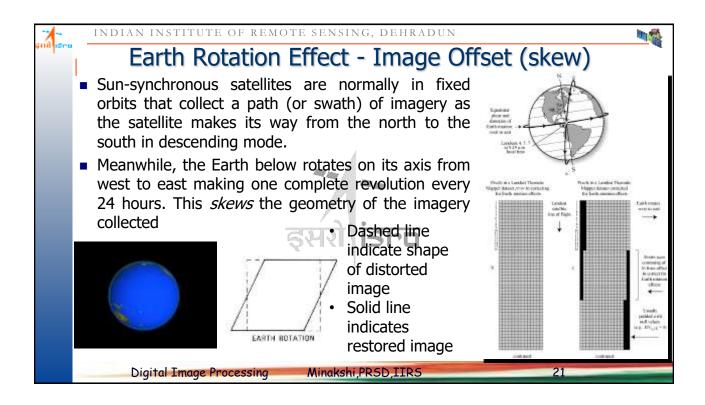


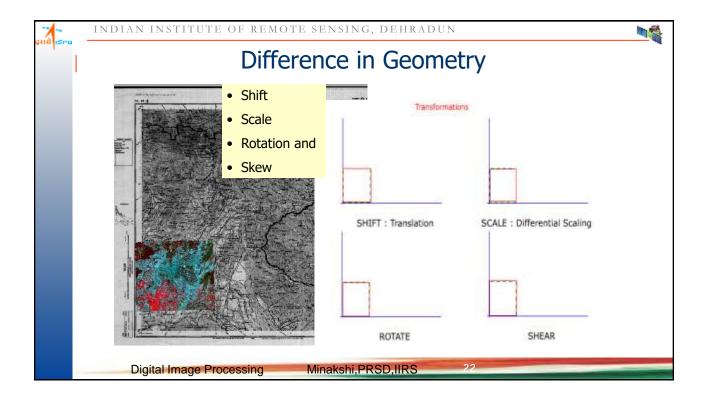
Geometric Errors and Corrections

- The transformation of remotely sensed images so that it has a scale and projections of a map is called geometric correction.
- It is concerned with placing the reflected, emitted, or backscattered measurements or derivative products in their proper planimetric (map) location so they can be associated with other spatial information in a geographic information system (GIS)
- Include correcting for geometric distortions due to sensor-Earth geometry variations, and conversion of the data to real world coordinates (e.g. latitude and longitude) on the Earth's surface

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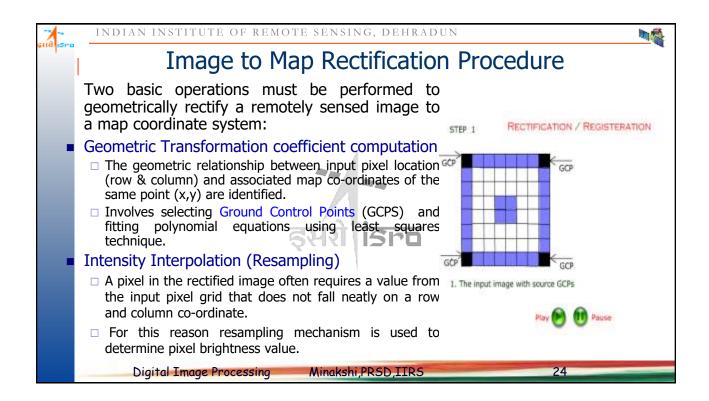
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Rectification

- Is a process of geometrically correcting an image so that it can be represented on a planar surface , conform to other images or conform to a map.
- That is it is the process by which geometry of an image is made planimetric.
- It is necessary when accurate area , distance and direction measurements are required to be made from the imagery.
- It is achieved by transforming the data from one grid system into another grid system using a geometric transformation
- Grid transformation is achieved by establishing mathematical relationship between the addresses of pixels in an image with corresponding coordinates of those pixels on another image or map or ground.

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Ground Control Points (GCPs)

- □ A **ground control point** (GCP) is a location on the surface of the Earth (e.g., a road intersection) that can be identified on the imagery and located accurately on a map.
- □ There are two distinct sets of coordinates associated with each GCP:
 - source or image coordinates specified in *i* rows and *j* columns, and
 - □ Reference or map coordinates (e.g., x, y measured in degrees of latitude and longitude, or meters in a Universal Transverse Mercator projection).

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Ground Control Points (GCPs)

- Accurate GCPs are essential for accurate rectification
- Well dispersed GCPs result in more reliable rectification
- GCPs for Large Scale Imagery
 - □ Road intersections, airport runways, towers buildings etc.
- for small scale imagery
 - □ larger features like Urban area or Geological features can be used
- NOTE: landmarks that can vary (like lakes, other water bodies, vegetation etc) should not be used.
- Sufficiently large number of GCPs should be selected
- Requires a minimum number depending on the type of transformation

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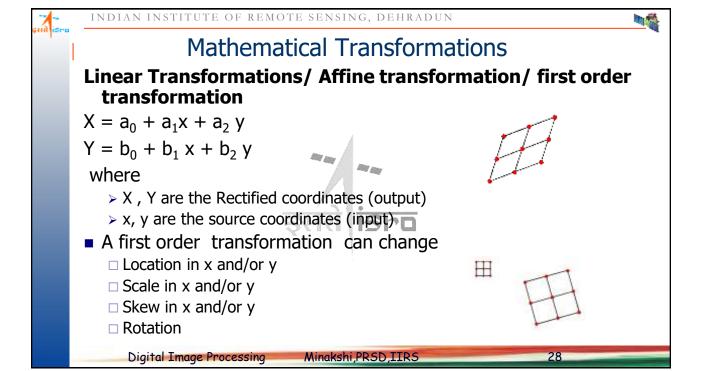
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Polynomial Coordinate transformation

- Polynomial equations are used to convert the source file coordinates to rectified map coordinates.
- Depending upon the distortions in the imagery, the number of GCPs used, their location relative to one other, complex polynomial equations are used.
- The degree of complexity of the polynomial is expressed as ORDER of the polynomial.
- The order is simply the highest exponent used in the polynomial

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Polynomial transformation

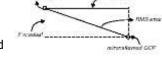
- It requires Minimum THREE GCP's for solving the above equation.
- However the error cannot be estimated with three GCP's alone. Hence one additional GCP is taken

Root Mean Square (RMS) error

- Accuracy is measured by computing Root Mean Square Error (RMS error) for each of the ground control point
- RMS error is the distance between the input (source or measured) location of a GCP and the retransformed (or computed) location for the same GCP.
- RMS error is computed with a Euclidean Distance Equation.

RMS error =
$$\sqrt{(x_r - x_i)^2 + (y_r - y_i)^2}$$
Where

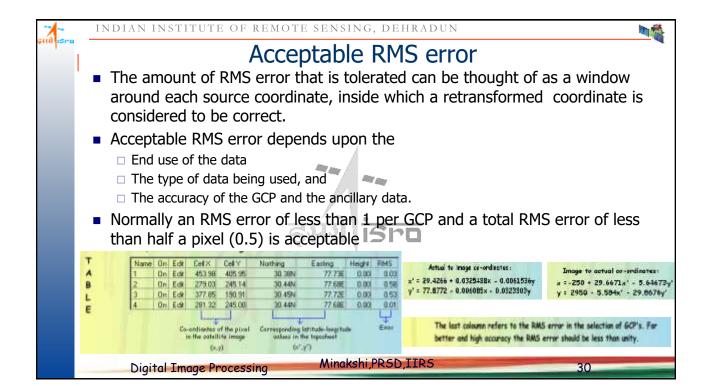
x_i and y_i are the input source coordinates and



x_r and y_r are the retransformed coordinates

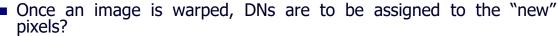
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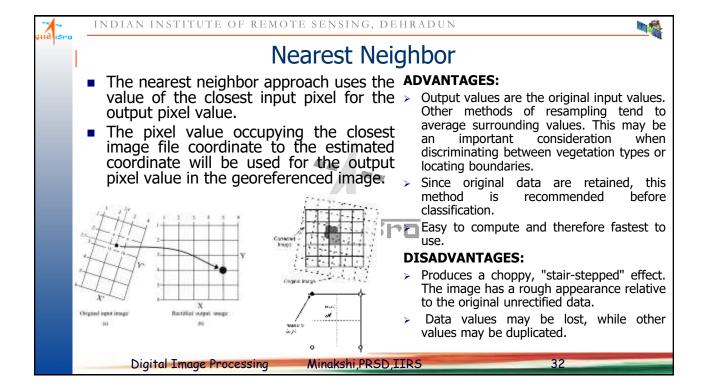
Intensity Interpolation (Resampling)



- Since the grid of pixels in the source image rarely matches the grid for the reference image, the pixels are resampled so that new data file values for the output file can be calculated.
- This process involves filling the rectified output grid with brightness values extracted from a location in the input image and its reallocation in the appropriate coordinate location in the rectified output image.
- This results in input line and columns numbers as real numbers (and not integers)
- When this occurs, methods of assigning Brightness values are
 - Nearest Neighbour
 - Bilinear
 - Cubic

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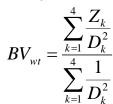
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Bilinear Interpolation

■ The bilinear interpolation approach uses the weighted average of the nearest four pixels to the output pixel.



where Z_k are the surrounding four data point values, and D_k^2 are the distances squared from the point in question (x', y') to the these data points.

ADVANTAGES:

 Stair-step effect caused by the nearest neighbor approach is reduced. Image looks smooth.

DISADVANTAGES:

- □ Alters original data and reduces contrast by averaging neighboring values together.
- ☐ Is computationally more extensive than nearest neighbor.



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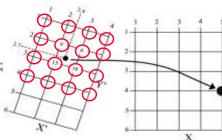


Cubic Convolution

■ The cubic convolution approach uses the weighted average of the nearest sixteen pixels to the output pixel. The output is similar to bilinear interpolation, but the smoothing effect caused by the averaging of surrounding input pixel values is more dramatic.

$$BV_{wt} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{16} \frac{Z_k}{D_k^2}}{\sum_{k=1}^{16} \frac{1}{D_k^2}}$$

where Z_k are the surrounding four data point values, and D^2_k are the distances squared from the point in question (x', y') to the these data points.



Original input image

ADVANTAGES:

 Stair-step effect caused by the nearest neighbor approach is reduced. Image looks smooth.

DISADVANTAGES:

- Alters original data and reduces contrast by averaging neighboring values together.
- Is computationally more expensive than nearest neighbor or bilinear interpolation.

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Rectified output image

