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# **Report: EDGE DETECTION**

# I. Evaluation summary:

Task			Requirement Met(%)	Notes
Implementation	Gradient Operator	Robert Operator	100%	
		Sobel Operator	100%	
		Frei-Chen Operator	100%	
		Prewitt Operator	100%	
	Laplace Operato	Laplace Operator		
	Laplace of Gaus	Laplace of Gaussian		
	Canny	Canny		
Total:			100%	

# II. List of features:

**List of Functions:** a summary of the key functions in the program:

The program with proof images:

# 1. Image Handling

- read\_image(image\_path): Loads and converts the image to grayscale.
- gaussian\_blur(image, kernel\_size, sigma): Applies Gaussian blur to reduce noise.
- measure\_time(function, image): Measures the execution time of a function.

### 2. Gradient Operators

- **sobel\_operator(image):** Custom Sobel operator for edge detection.
- **prewitt\_operator(image):** Custom Prewitt operator for edge detection.
- robert\_operator(image): Custom Robert operator for edge detection.
- **frei\_chen\_operator(image):** Custom Frei-Chen operator for edge detection.

# 3. Laplace Operators

- laplace\_operator(image): Custom Laplace operator for edge detection.
- laplace\_of\_gaussian(image): Combines Gaussian blur with Laplace for edge detection.

# 4. Canny Edge Detection

canny\_custom(image, sigma\_values): Full 7-step Canny edge detection implementation.

- sobel\_operator\_forcanny(image): Computes gradient for Canny edge detection.
- non\_maximum\_suppression(magnitude, angle): Thins edges using NMS.
- **double\_threshold(nms, low\_threshold, high\_threshold): Classifies** edges as strong, weak, or non-edge.
- edge\_tracking\_by\_hysteresis(result): Tracks edges to connect weak edges to strong ones.
- feature\_synthesis(edges\_list): Combines edge maps from different sigma values.
- **select\_thresholds(image):** Allows manual selection of threshold values for Canny.

### 5. Menu and Control

- **menu()**: Displays the main menu to select edge detection methods.
- gradient\_menu(): Allows selection of Gradient Operators (Sobel, Prewitt, Robert, Frei-Chen).
- main(): Main program loop to run edge detection and display results.

# **Image proof:**

```
import cv2
import numpy as np
import time
import requests
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
url = "http://www.ess.ic.kanagawa-it.ac.jp/std_img/colorimage/Lenna.jpg"
filename = "Lenna.jpg"
if not os.path.exists(filename):
   print(f"Dang tai anh {filename}...")
   response = requests.get(url)
   with open(filename, 'wb') as file:
        file.write(response.content)
   print(f"File đã được tải thành công: {filename}")
else:
   print(f"Anh {filename} đã tồn tại.")
def read image(image path='image.png'):
    """ Đọc ảnh và chuyển thành ảnh xám """
    image = cv2.imread(image_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    return image
```

```
def prewitt operator(image):
    """ Tự code Prewitt Operator """
    kernel_x = np.array([[-1, 0, 1], [-1, 0, 1], [-1, 0, 1]))
    kernel_y = np.array([[-1, -1, -1], [0, 0, 0], [1, 1, 1]])
    edges_x = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel_x)
    edges y = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel_y)
    edges = np.sqrt(edges x ** 2 + edges y ** 2)
    return edges
def robert operator(image):
    """ Tự code Robert Operator """
    h, w = image.shape
    edges = np.zeros_like(image)
    for y in range(h - 1):
        for x in range(w - 1):
            gx = int(image[y, x]) - int(image[y + 1, x + 1])
            gy = int(image[y + 1, x]) - int(image[y, x + 1])
            edges[y, x] = np.sqrt(gx ** 2 + gy ** 2)
    return edges
def frei chen operator(image):
    """ Tự code Frei-Chen Operator """
    sqrt2 = np.sqrt(2)
    kernel_x = np.array([[-1, 0, 1], [-sqrt2, 0, sqrt2], [-1, 0, 1]])
    kernel y = np.array([[-1, -sqrt2, -1], [0, 0, 0], [1, sqrt2, 1]])
    edges_x = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel_x)
    edges_y = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel_y)
    edges = np.sqrt(edges_x ** 2 + edges_y ** 2)
    return edges
```

```
def non maximum suppression(magnitude, angle):
    """ Làm mảnh biên """
    h, w = magnitude.shape
    nms = np.zeros((h, w), dtype=np.float32)
    angle = angle * 180.0 / np.pi
    angle[angle < 0] += 180
    for y in range(1, h - 1):
        for x in range(1, w - 1):
            q, r = 255, 255
            if (0 <= angle[y, x] < 22.5) or (157.5 <= angle[y, x] <= 180):
                q = magnitude[y, x + 1]
                r = magnitude[y, x - 1]
            elif (22.5 <= angle[y, x] < 67.5):
                q = magnitude[y + 1, x - 1]
                r = magnitude[y - 1, x + 1]
            elif (67.5 <= angle[y, x] < 112.5):
                q = magnitude[y + 1, x]
                r = magnitude[y - 1, x]
            elif (112.5 <= angle[y, x] < 157.5):
                q = magnitude[y - 1, x - 1]
                r = magnitude[y + 1, x + 1]
            if (magnitude[y, x] >= q) and (magnitude[y, x] >= r):
                nms[y, x] = magnitude[y, x]
            else:
                nms[y, x] = 0
    return nms
```

```
def double_threshold(nms, low_threshold, high_threshold):
    """ Ngưỡng hóa biên kép """
   strong = 255
   weak = 50
   strong edges = (nms >= high threshold)
   weak_edges = ((nms <= high_threshold) & (nms >= low_threshold))
   result = np.zeros like(nms, dtype=np.uint8)
   result[strong_edges] = strong
   result[weak_edges] = weak
   return result
def select thresholds(image):
   """ Chọn ngưỡng thích hợp cho thuật toán Canny """
   # Vẽ histogram của ảnh
   plt.hist(image.ravel(), bins=256, range=(0, 256))
   plt.title("Histogram of Image")
   plt.xlabel("Pixel intensity")
   plt.ylabel("Frequency")
   plt.show()
   # Hướng dẫn người dùng chọn ngưỡng thủ công
   print("Xem histogram và chọn ngưỡng thấp và ngưỡng cao.")
    low threshold = int(input("Nhập ngưỡng thấp (low_threshold): "))
   high threshold = int(input("Nhập ngưỡng cao (high threshold): "))
   return low threshold, high threshold
```

```
def edge_tracking_by_hysteresis(result):
    """ Theo dõi biên bằng ngưỡng hóa """
    h, w = result.shape
    strong = 255
    weak = 50
    for y in range(1, h - 1):
        for x in range(1, w - 1):
            if result[y, x] == weak:
                if (strong in result[y-1:y+2, x-1:x+2]):
                    result[y, x] = strong
                else:
                    result[y, x] = 0
    return result
def feature synthesis(edges list):
    """ Tổng hợp các thông tin từ nhiều tỷ lệ """
    return np.max(np.array(edges_list), axis=0)
```

```
def canny_custom(image, sigma_values=[1.0, 1.4, 2.0, 2.4, 3.0]):

""" Cài đặt đày đủ 7 bước của Canny với ngưỡng chi chọn một lần """

edges_list = []

# Bước 1: Chọn ngưỡng chi 1 lần (sử dụng sigma đầu tiên)
sigma = sigma_values[0]
print(f"Chọn ngưỡng bằng sigma = {sigma}")

# Giảm nhiều và tính biên bước đầu
blurred = gaussian_blur(image, kernel_size=9, sigma=sigma)
magnitude, gx, gy = sobel_operator_forcanny(blurred)
angle = np.arctan2(gy, gx)
nms = non_maximum_suppression(magnitude, angle)

# Kiém tra xem NMS đã hoạt động chưa
if np.max(nms) == 0:
    print("Cánh báo: Không có biên phát hiện sau Non-Maximum Suppression. Kiếm tra lại ảnh đầu vào hoặc tham số.")

# Chọn ngưỡng chi 1 lần
low_threshold, hịgh_threshold = select_thresholds(nms)
print(f"Ngưỡng đã chọn: low_threshold = {low_threshold}, high_threshold = {high_threshold}")

# Ap dụng quy trình Canny với tất cả các sigma
for sigma in sigma_values:
    print(f"Xi lý với sigma = {sigma}")

# Bước 1: Giảm nhiều bằng Gaussian Blur
blurred = gaussian_blur(image, kernel_size=5, sigma=sigma)
```

```
def main():
    image = cv2.imread('image.png', cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    while True:
       choice = menu()
        if choice == 5:
           break
        if choice == 1: # Gradient Operator
           operator_choice = gradient_menu()
           operators = ['sobel', 'prewitt', 'robert', 'frei_chen']
            if 1 <= operator choice <= 4: # Ensure valid input for operator
               operator name = operators[operator choice - 1]
               if operator_name == 'sobel':
                       edges = sobel_operator(image)
               elif operator_name == 'prewitt':
                       edges = prewitt operator(image)
               elif operator_name == 'robert':
                       edges = robert_operator(image)
               elif operator_name == 'frei_chen':
                       edges = frei_chen_operator(image)
               if operator_name == 'sobel':
                       edges_cv = cv2.Sobel(image, cv2.CV_64F, 1, 1, ksize=3)
               elif operator_name == 'prewitt':
                       edges = prewitt_operator(image) # OpenCV doesn't have Prewitt
               elif operator_name == 'robert':
                       edges = robert_operator(image) # OpenCV doesn't have Robert
               elif operator name == 'frei chen':
                       edges = frei_chen_operator(image) # OpenCV doesn't have Frei-Chen
```

```
def main():
                plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
                plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
                plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
                plt.title('Anh gốc')
               plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
                plt.imshow(edges, cmap='gray')
                plt.title(f"{operator_name} (Tự code)")
                if operator_name == 'sobel':
                   plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
                   plt.imshow(edges_cv, cmap='gray')
                   plt.title('Sobel (OpenCV)')
                plt.show()
        elif choice == 2: # Laplace
            edges = laplace_operator(image)
            edges_cv = cv2.Laplacian(image, cv2.CV_64F)
            plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
            plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Anh gốc')
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
            plt.imshow(edges, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Laplace (Tự code)')
```

```
def main():
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
            plt.imshow(edges_cv, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Laplace (OpenCV)')
            plt.show()
        elif choice == 3: # Laplace of Gaussian (LoG)
            edges = laplace of gaussian(image)
            # Áp dung Gaussian Blur
            blurred_image = cv2.GaussianBlur(image, (5, 5), 0)
            # Áp dụng Laplacian
            edges cv = cv2.Laplacian(blurred image, cv2.CV 64F)
            edges_cv = np.uint8(np.absolute(edges_cv))
            plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
            plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Anh gốc')
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
            plt.imshow(edges, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Laplace of Gaussian (Tự code)')
            plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
            plt.imshow(edges_cv, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Laplace of Gaussian (OpenCV)')
            plt.show()
        elif choice == 4: # Canny
```

```
elif choice == 4: # Canny
           edges = canny_custom(image)
           edges_cv = cv2.Canny(image, 100, 200) # Tham số có thể điều chỉnh (minVal, maxVal)
           plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
           plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
            plt.imshow(image, cmap='gray')
           plt.title('Anh gốc')
           plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
           plt.imshow(edges, cmap='gray')
           plt.title('Canny (Tự code)')
           plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
           plt.imshow(edges_cv, cmap='gray')
            plt.title('Canny (OpenCV)')
           plt.show()
# Run the program
main()
```

# III. Summarization of the usage

# 1. Image Handling Functions

- read\_image(image\_path): Used to load and convert an input image to grayscale for edge detection. Essential for preprocessing the image before applying edge detection algorithms.
- o **gaussian\_blur(image, kernel\_size, sigma)**: Reduces noise by smoothing the image, which is crucial for all edge detection methods, especially Canny.
- measure\_time(function, image): Used to calculate the runtime of each edge detection function to analyze performance.

### 2. Gradient Operator Functions

- sobel\_operator(image): Detects edges by calculating gradients along x and y axes.
   Used to highlight vertical and horizontal edges.
- prewitt\_operator(image): Similar to Sobel, but simpler and less sensitive to noise.
   Used for detecting vertical and horizontal edges.
- o **robert\_operator(image)**: Detects edges using a smaller 2x2 kernel, providing sharper edge detection but more sensitive to noise.
- o **frei\_chen\_operator(image)**: An advanced version of Prewitt with better diagonal edge detection. Used for detecting edges at multiple angles.

## 3. Laplace and LoG Functions

- o **laplace\_operator(image)**: Detects edges by calculating second-order derivatives, identifying regions with rapid intensity change.
- laplace\_of\_gaussian(image): Combines Gaussian smoothing with Laplacian edge detection to reduce noise before detecting edges.

### 4. Canny Edge Detection Functions

- canny\_custom(image, sigma\_values): Full implementation of the 7-step Canny edge detection process, which includes Gaussian blur, gradient calculation, NMS, double thresholding, edge tracking, and synthesis of multiple scales.
- o **sobel\_operator\_forcanny(image)**: Calculates gradient magnitude and direction as part of the Canny process.
- o **non\_maximum\_suppression(magnitude, angle)**: Thins edges by suppressing non-maximum points, making edges thinner and cleaner.
- double\_threshold(nms, low\_threshold, high\_threshold): Classifies edges as strong, weak, or non-edge for edge tracking.
- edge\_tracking\_by\_hysteresis(result): Tracks weak edges and connects them to strong edges, ensuring that connected edges remain visible.
- feature\_synthesis(edges\_list): Aggregates edge maps at multiple scales into a single final edge map.

 select\_thresholds(image): Used to manually select low and high threshold values, giving users control over Canny's edge-detection sensitivity.

#### 5. Menu and Control Functions

- o **menu()**: Displays a menu to select the type of edge detection method (Gradient, Laplace, LoG, or Canny) and exits the program.
- o **gradient\_menu()**: Allows users to select one of four gradient-based edge detection operators (Sobel, Prewitt, Robert, or Frei-Chen).
- o **main()**: The main control loop for running the program. It displays menus, captures user input, and calls the appropriate edge detection functions.

# IV. Implementation:

# **Description of Methods and Pseudo code**

- 1. read\_image(image\_path)
  - Purpose: Load and convert an input image to grayscale for edge detection.
  - **Details**: This function reads the image from the provided path and converts it to grayscale using OpenCV's cv2.imread() with cv2.IMREAD\_GRAYSCALE flag. Grayscale images are necessary for most edge detection algorithms.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION read\_image(image\_path):

image = READ image from image\_path as grayscale

RETURN image

### 2. gaussian\_blur(image, kernel\_size, sigma)

- **Purpose**: Reduce image noise and smooth the image to prepare it for edge detection.
- **Details**: This function applies a Gaussian filter to the image using a manually calculated Gaussian kernel. It pads the image to avoid boundary issues and convolves the image with the kernel.

# Pseudo code:

FUNCTION gaussian\_blur(image, kernel\_size, sigma):

Calculate Gaussian kernel based on kernel size and sigma

Pad image to prevent boundary issues

FOR each pixel in image:

Extract local region around pixel

Convolve local region with Gaussian kernel

**RETURN** blurred image

### 3. sobel\_operator(image)

• **Purpose**: Detect vertical and horizontal edges using the Sobel operator.

• **Details**: Applies two 3x3 Sobel kernels to compute the gradients in the x and y directions. The gradient magnitude is calculated as the Euclidean norm of the x and y components.

#### Pseudo code:

```
FUNCTION sobel_operator(image):

Apply Sobel kernel in X direction to get Gx

Apply Sobel kernel in Y direction to get Gy

Calculate gradient magnitude = sqrt(Gx^2 + Gy^2)

Normalize gradient to range [0, 255]

RETURN edges
```

### 4. prewitt\_operator(image)

- Purpose: Detect edges in vertical and horizontal directions.
- **Details**: Similar to Sobel, but uses a simpler 3x3 kernel. The gradient magnitude is computed using Prewitt kernels in the x and y directions.

#### Pseudo code:

```
FUNCTION prewitt_operator(image):

Apply Prewitt kernel in X direction to get Gx

Apply Prewitt kernel in Y direction to get Gy

Calculate gradient magnitude = sqrt(Gx^2 + Gy^2)

RETURN edges
```

## 5. robert\_operator(image)

- **Purpose**: Detect edges using Robert's cross operator (2x2 kernel).
- **Details**: Applies Robert's cross kernels to detect diagonal edges. This operator is simple but sensitive to noise.

#### Pseudo code:

```
FUNCTION robert_operator(image):

FOR each pixel in image (except the last row and column):

Calculate Gx using Robert's kernel

Calculate Gy using Robert's kernel

Calculate gradient magnitude = sqrt(Gx^2 + Gy^2)

RETURN edges
```

# 6. frei\_chen\_operator(image)

- Purpose: Detect edges using the Frei-Chen operator for diagonal and vertical edges.
- **Details**: Similar to Prewitt but uses square root of 2 in the kernel to enhance diagonal edge detection.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION frei\_chen\_operator(image):

Apply Frei-Chen kernel in X direction to get Gx

Apply Frei-Chen kernel in Y direction to get Gy

Calculate gradient magnitude =  $sqrt(Gx^2 + Gy^2)$ 

**RETURN** edges

## 7. laplace\_operator(image)

- Purpose: Detect regions of rapid intensity change using the Laplace operator.
- **Details**: Computes the second-order derivative of the image using the Laplace kernel. It detects edge-like regions without considering edge direction.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION laplace\_operator(image):

Apply Laplace kernel to image

**RETURN** edges

### 8. laplace\_of\_gaussian(image)

- **Purpose**: Combine Gaussian smoothing with Laplace edge detection.
- **Details**: Blurs the image using a Gaussian filter and then applies the Laplace operator to detect edges.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION laplace\_of\_gaussian(image):

Blur the image using Gaussian kernel

Apply Laplace operator to the blurred image

**RETURN** edges

# canny\_custom(image, sigma\_values)

- Purpose: Detect edges using the 7-step Canny edge detection algorithm.
- **Details**: Performs all 7 steps of Canny edge detection, including Gaussian blur, gradient calculation, NMS, double thresholding, and edge tracking.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION canny\_custom(image, sigma\_values):

FOR each sigma in sigma values:

Step 1: Blur image using Gaussian filter

Step 2: Calculate gradient magnitude and direction using Sobel

Step 3: Apply Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS) to thin edges

Step 4: Apply double thresholding to classify strong, weak, and non-edges

Step 5: Perform edge tracking by hysteresis

Save edges for this scale

Step 6 & 7: Aggregate edges from multiple scales

**RETURN** combined edges

# 10. sobel\_operator\_forcanny(image)

- Purpose: Calculate gradient magnitude and direction for Canny edge detection.
- **Details**: Similar to Sobel but returns the x and y gradients separately for use in Canny.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION sobel operator forcanny(image):

Apply Sobel kernel in X direction to get Gx

Apply Sobel kernel in Y direction to get Gy

Calculate gradient magnitude =  $sqrt(Gx^2 + Gy^2)$ 

RETURN magnitude, Gx, Gy

# 11. non\_maximum\_suppression(magnitude, angle)

- **Purpose**: Thin edges by suppressing non-maximum pixels.
- **Details**: Uses the gradient direction to keep only the local maximum values in the gradient image.

## Pseudo code:

FUNCTION non\_maximum\_suppression(magnitude, angle):

FOR each pixel in magnitude (ignore edges of the image):

Check if pixel is maximum along gradient direction

If not, set pixel to 0

**RETURN** thinned edges

# 12. double\_threshold(nms, low\_threshold, high\_threshold)

- Purpose: Classify pixels as strong, weak, or non-edges.
- Details: Pixels are categorized as strong, weak, or suppressed based on two threshold values.

# Pseudo code:

FUNCTION double\_threshold(nms, low\_threshold, high\_threshold):

Strong pixels = pixels >= high\_threshold

Weak pixels = pixels between low\_threshold and high\_threshold

RETURN image with strong, weak, and non-edges marked

## 13. edge\_tracking\_by\_hysteresis(result)

- **Purpose**: Track edges by connecting weak edges to strong edges.
- Details: Connects weak edges to strong edges if they are connected by a neighboring pixel.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION edge\_tracking\_by\_hysteresis(result):

FOR each weak pixel in image:

If connected to a strong edge, convert to a strong edge

RETURN final edge image

## 14. feature\_synthesis(edges\_list)

- **Purpose**: Combine edges from multiple scales.
- **Details**: Takes the maximum edge intensity from multiple edge maps to create a final edge map.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION feature\_synthesis(edges\_list):

Combine edges from multiple scales using max value at each pixel

RETURN final edge map

# 15. select\_thresholds(image)

- Purpose: Manually select low and high thresholds for Canny edge detection.
- Details: Displays a histogram of pixel intensities and allows users to manually input thresholds.

#### Pseudo code:

FUNCTION select\_thresholds(image):

Display histogram of pixel intensities

Prompt user to enter low and high threshold

RETURN low\_threshold, high\_threshold

# 16. menu()

- Purpose: Display main menu for user to select an edge detection method.
- **Details**: Provides options for Gradient, Laplace, LoG, and Canny edge detection.

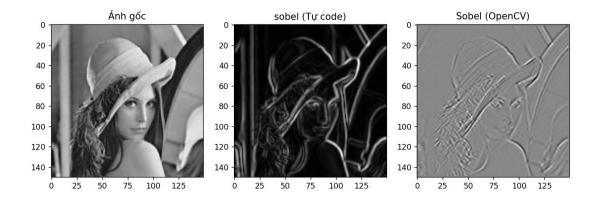
### Pseudo code:

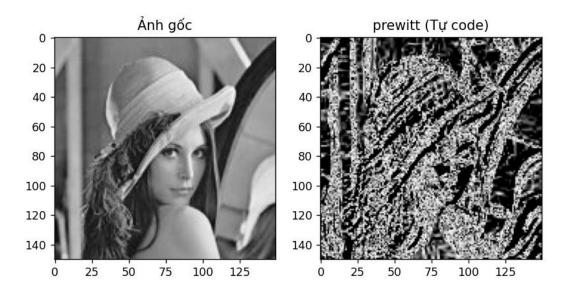
FUNCTION menu():

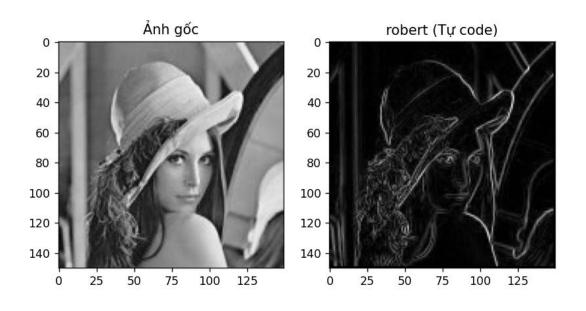
Display menu with edge detection options

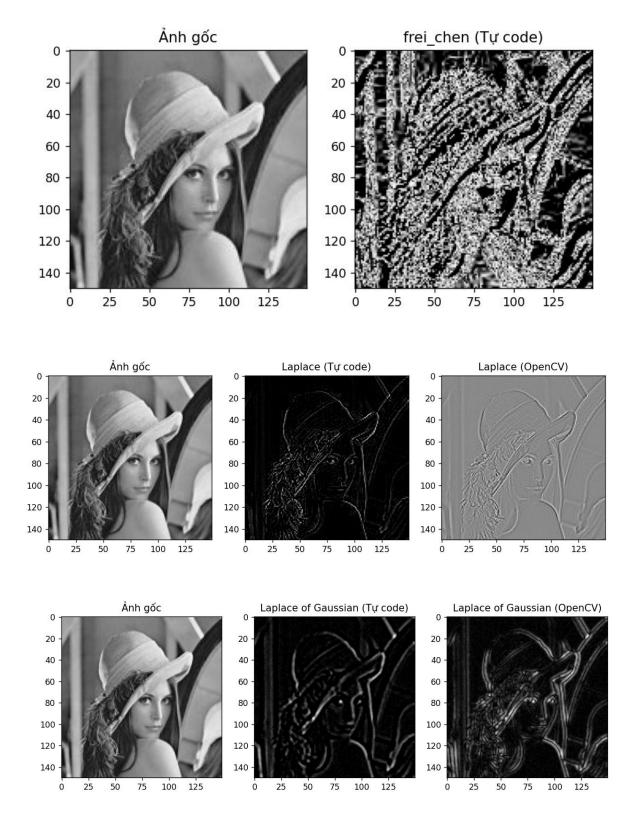
**RETURN** user choice

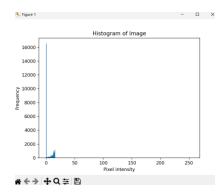
### V. RESULTS:

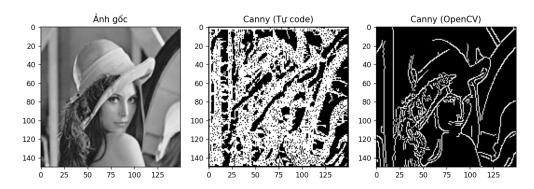












### VI. COMPARISON

# **Comparison of Custom-Coded Algorithms vs OpenCV Implementations**

### 1. Accuracy

- **Custom Code**: Prone to slight inaccuracies due to manual normalization and kernel design.
- **OpenCV**: Highly accurate, with robust handling of edge detection using pre-tested methods.

# 2. Speed

- Custom Code: Slow, especially for large images due to loops and manual convolution.
- **OpenCV**: Fast, leveraging SIMD instructions and parallel processing.

### 3. Customization

- Custom Code: Full control to modify kernels, edge thresholds, and gradient methods.
- OpenCV: Limited customization but offers configurable parameters.

#### 4. Robustness

- Custom Code: Less robust, errors often occur in gradient, NMS, and edge tracking.
- OpenCV: More robust, with precise border handling and cleaner edge detection.

# 5. Ease of Use

- Custom Code: Hard to debug and maintain, requires deep knowledge of image processing.
- **OpenCV**: Simple and reusable with one-liner functions like cv2.Canny.

### 6. Error-Prone

- **Custom Code**: Prone to logic errors, especially in NMS, border padding, and kernel issues.
- **OpenCV**: Rarely encounters errors unless used incorrectly.

# 7. Maintainability

- **Custom Code**: Harder to maintain as every part is explicitly coded.
- **OpenCV**: Easy to maintain and update with one-liner methods.