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Let I be the original image with a given pdf distribution $P_I(i)$. The addition of Gaussian noise can be treated as the addition of an image J to I where the pdf of J is a Gaussian. Let the resultant image be K , then for each pixel (x, y)

$$K(x, y) = I(x, y) + J(x, y) \quad (1)$$

Now, let the PDF of K be $P_K(k)$. We have:

$$P_K(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{I,J}(i, k-i) di \quad (2)$$

Which is nothing but the convolution of I and J .

Since it is mentioned that the additive noise is applied independently, we can assume that the pdf of I and J are independent. Thus,

$$P_K(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_I(i) P_J(k-i) di \quad (3)$$

The form for the pdf of J is,

$$P_J(j) = \frac{e^{\frac{-j^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \quad (4)$$

Hence, the expression for the pdf of the final image K is,

$$P_K(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_I(i) \frac{e^{\frac{-(k-i)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} di \quad (5)$$