

CSL7320: Digital Image Analysis

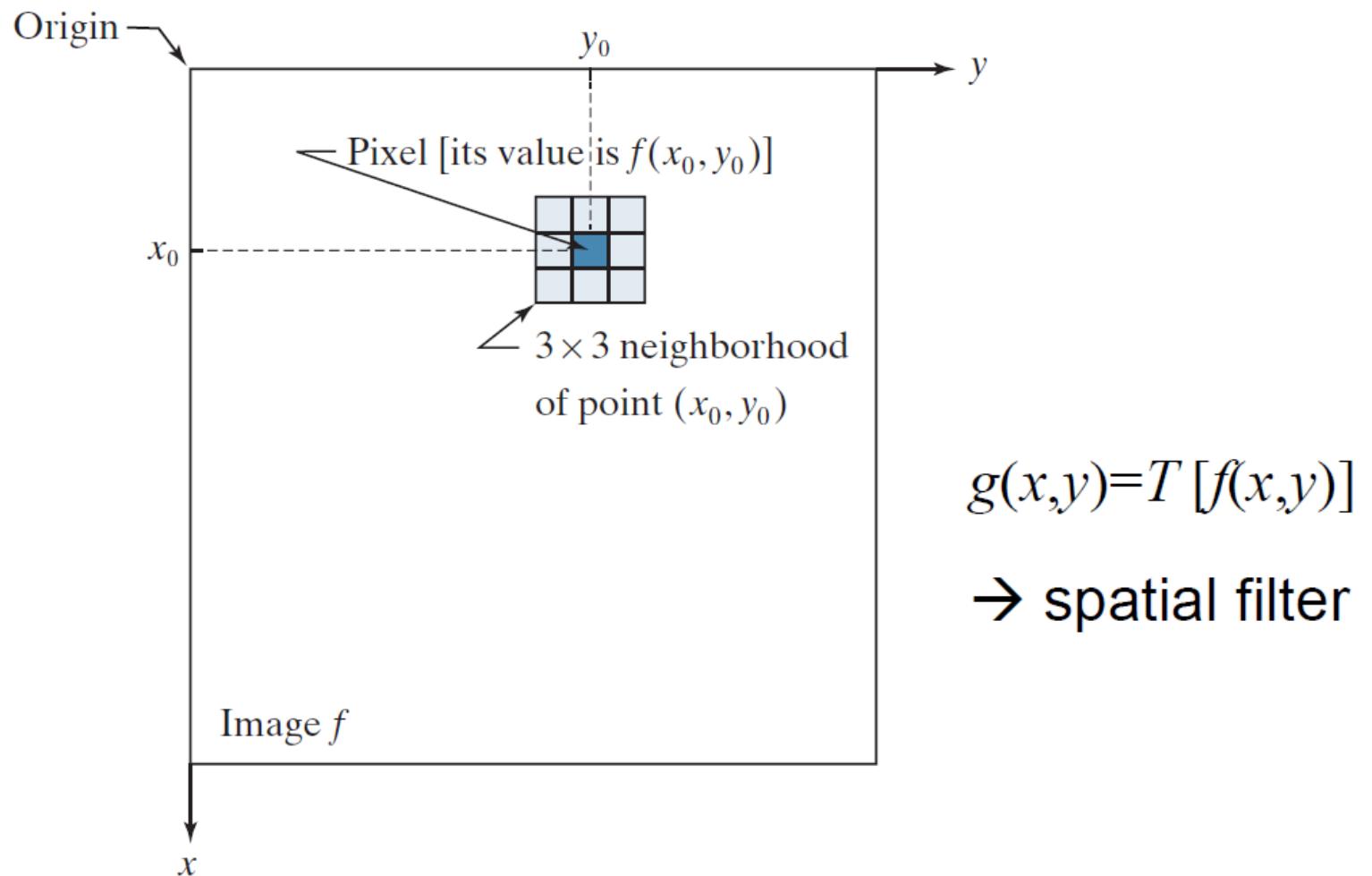
Image Enhancements

Intensity Transformation

Spatial Domain

FIGURE 3.1

A 3×3 neighborhood about a point (x_0, y_0) in an image. The neighborhood is moved from pixel to pixel in the image to generate an output image. Recall from Chapter 2 that the value of a pixel at location (x_0, y_0) is $f(x_0, y_0)$, the value of the image at that location.



Point Processing

Point processing methods (image enhancement techniques) are based only on the transformation of single pixel intensity.

$$s=f(r)$$

where r is the pixel value before processing;

s is the pixel value after processing;

f is a transformation that maps pixel value r into pixel value s .

1x1 Neighborhood → Intensity Transformation → Image Enhancement

a b

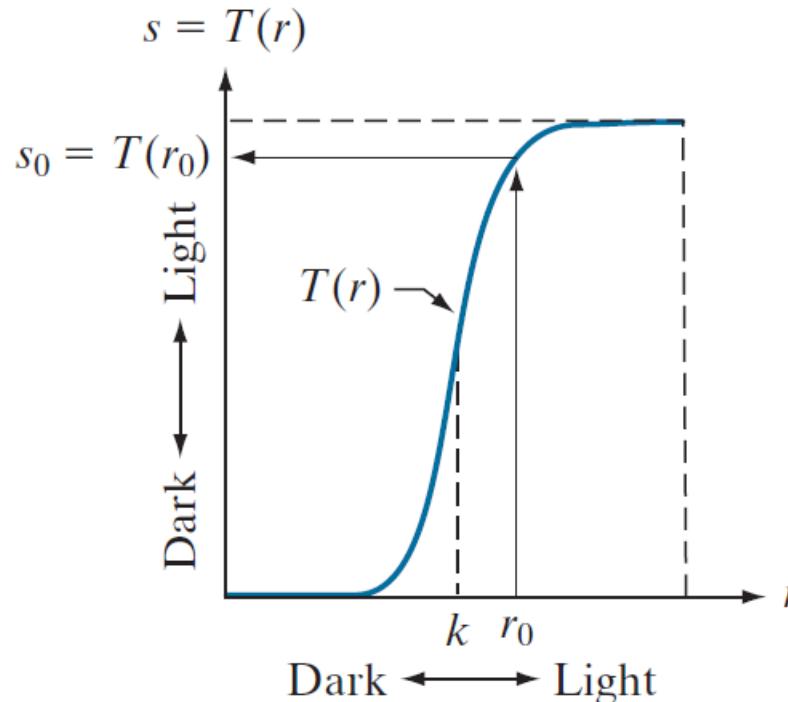
Contrast stretch

FIGURE 3.2

Intensity transformation functions.

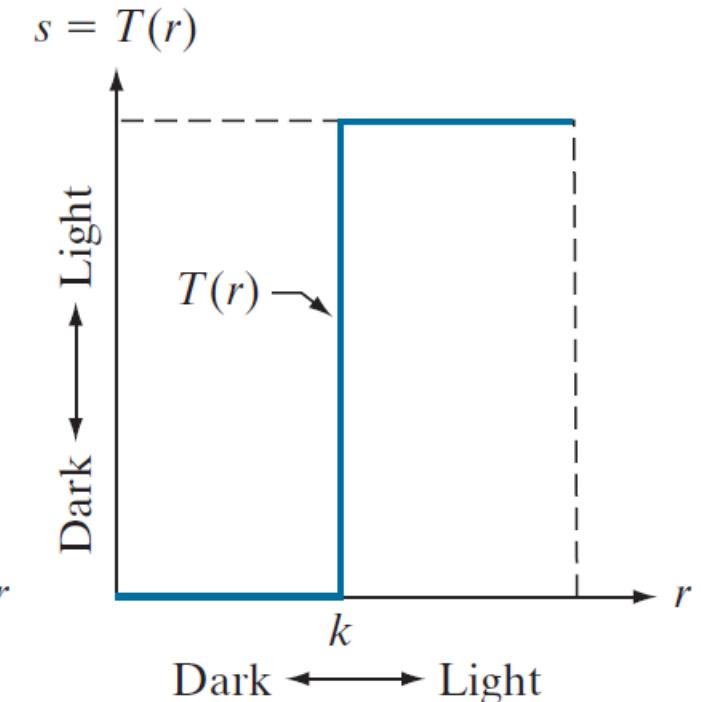
(a) Contrast stretching function.

(b) Thresholding function.



Soft thresholding (logistic function)

$$\sim s = \frac{1}{1 + e^r}$$



Hard thresholding (step function)

Some Basic Intensity Transformation Functions

- **Thresholding – Logistic function**
- **Log transformation**
- **Power-law (Gamma correction)**
- **Piecewise-linear transformation**
- **Histogram processing**

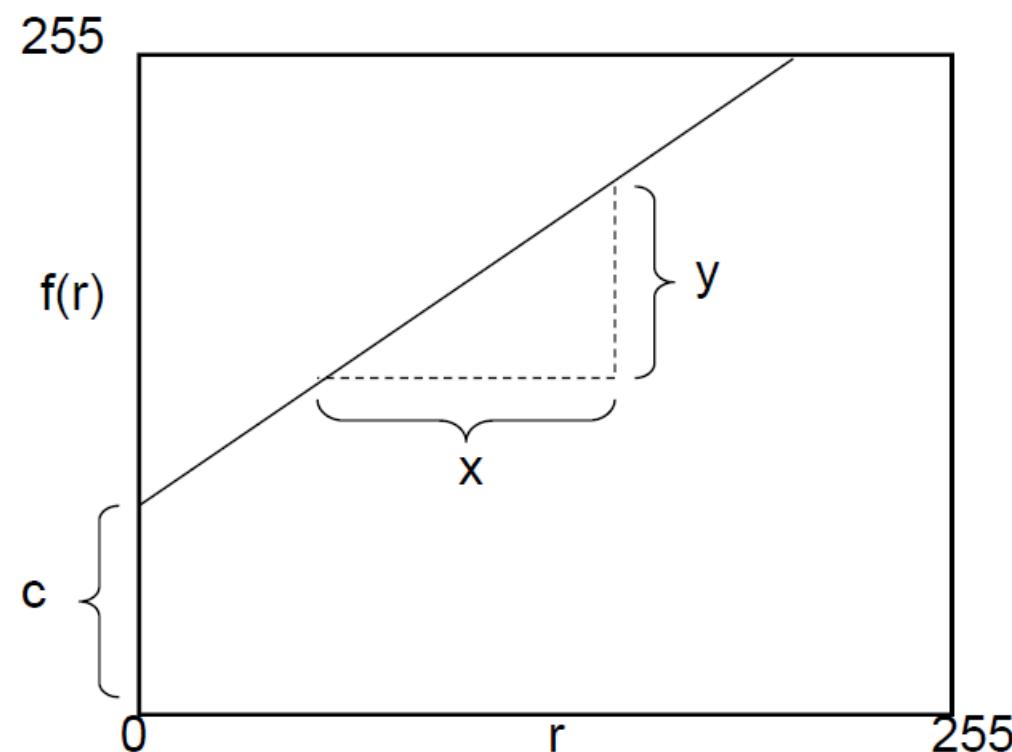
Linear Transformation

It is of the form: $f(r) = m \cdot r + c$

where m = slope = y/x

c = y – intercept

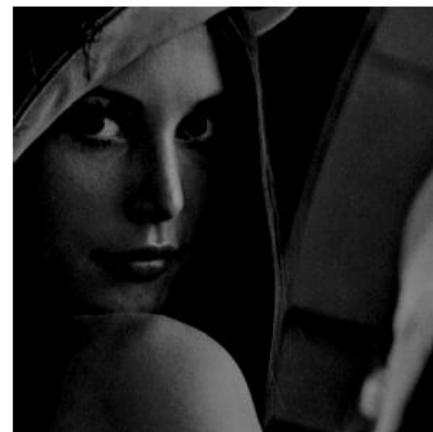
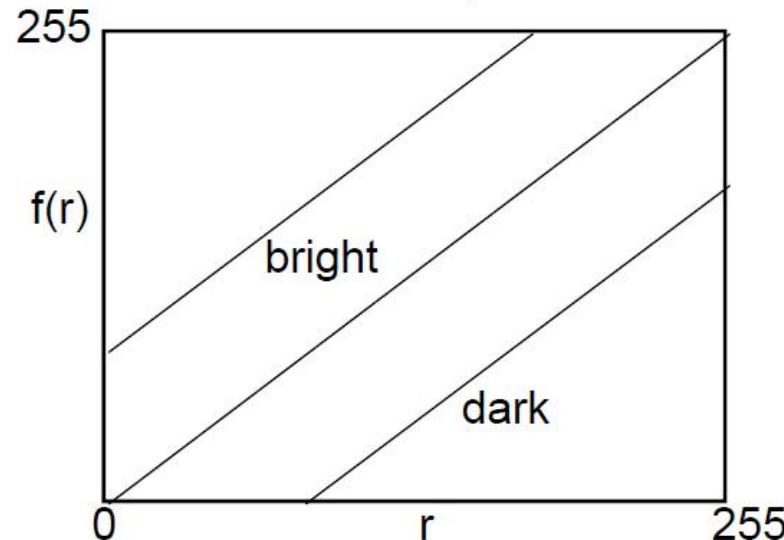
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Linear Transformation: effect on brightness

In order to make the image darker we choose ' c ' < 0.

In order to make the Image brighter we choose ' c ' > 0.

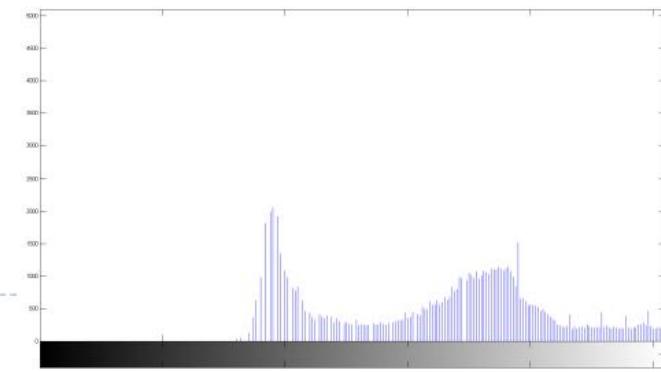
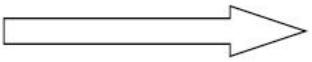
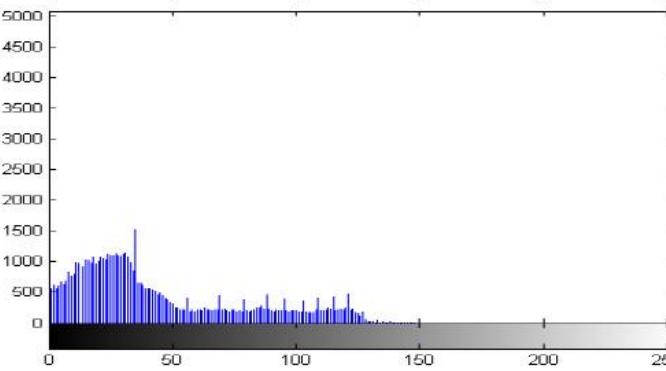
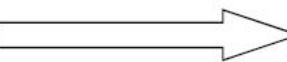
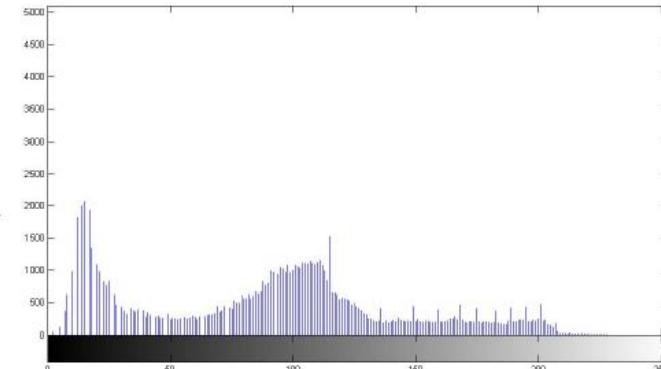
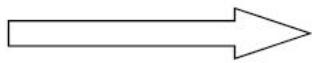


$C=-80$



$C=80$

Linear Transformation: effect on brightness

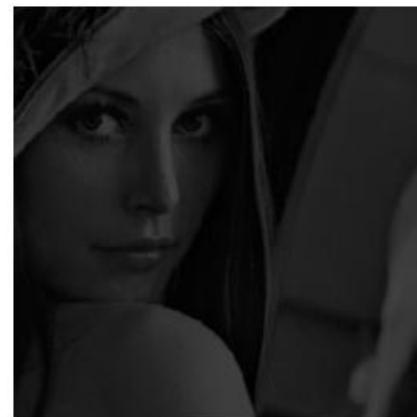
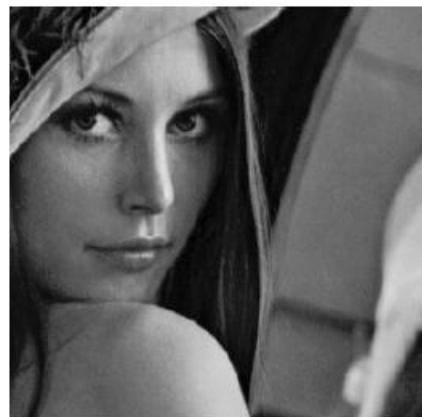
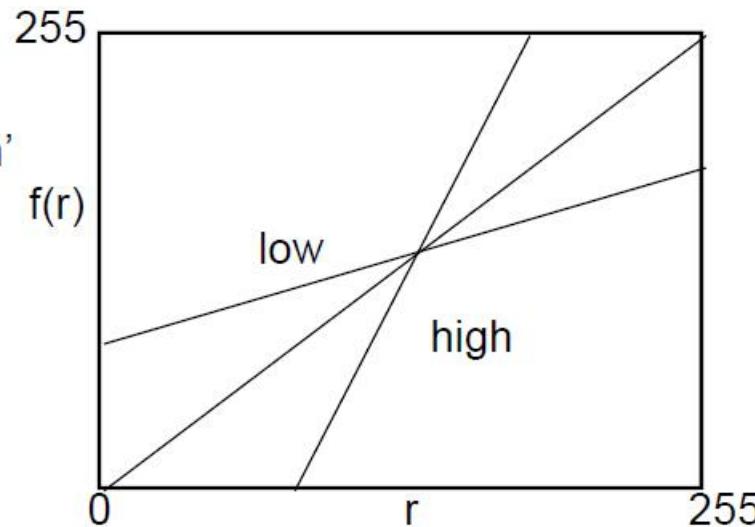


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Linear Transformation: effect on brightness

To increase contrast increase the slope 'm'

Similarly, decrease the slope in order to decrease the contrast.



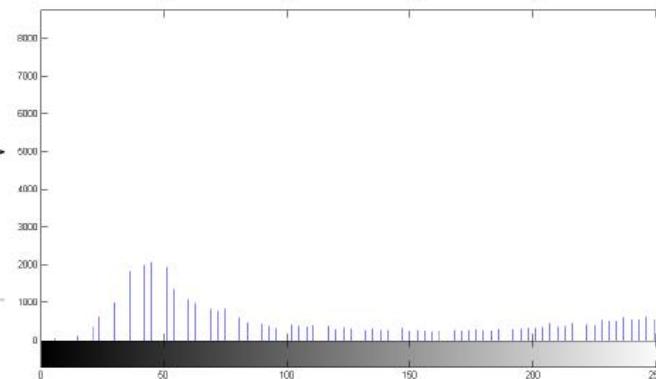
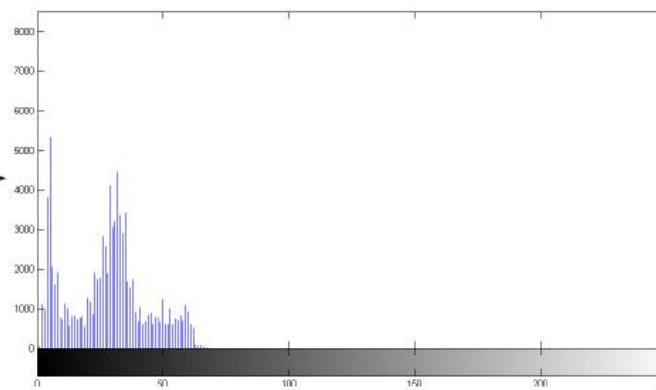
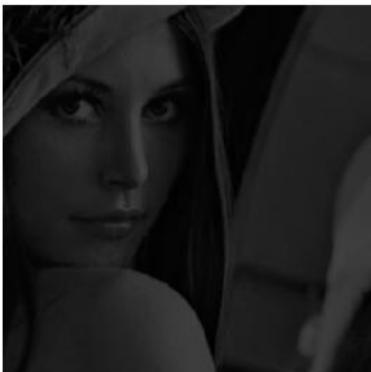
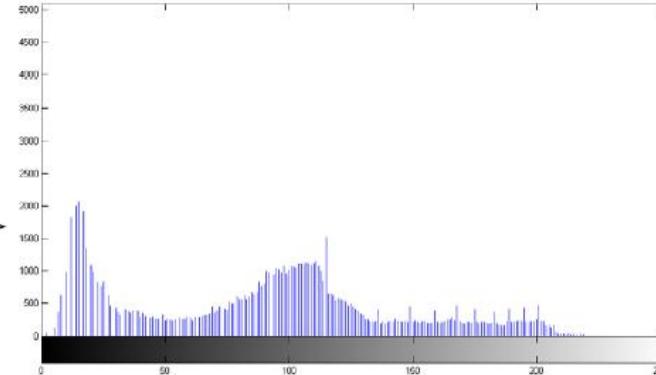
$m = 0.3$



$m = 3.0$

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Linear Transformation: effect on brightness



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Image Negative

Image negative is obtained by using the transformation function $s = f(r) = (L-1) - r$.
The range of gray levels is $[0, L-1]$.

This function reverses the order from black to white so that the intensity of the output image decreases as the intensity of the input image increases.

It is used in medical images and to produce slides of the screen.

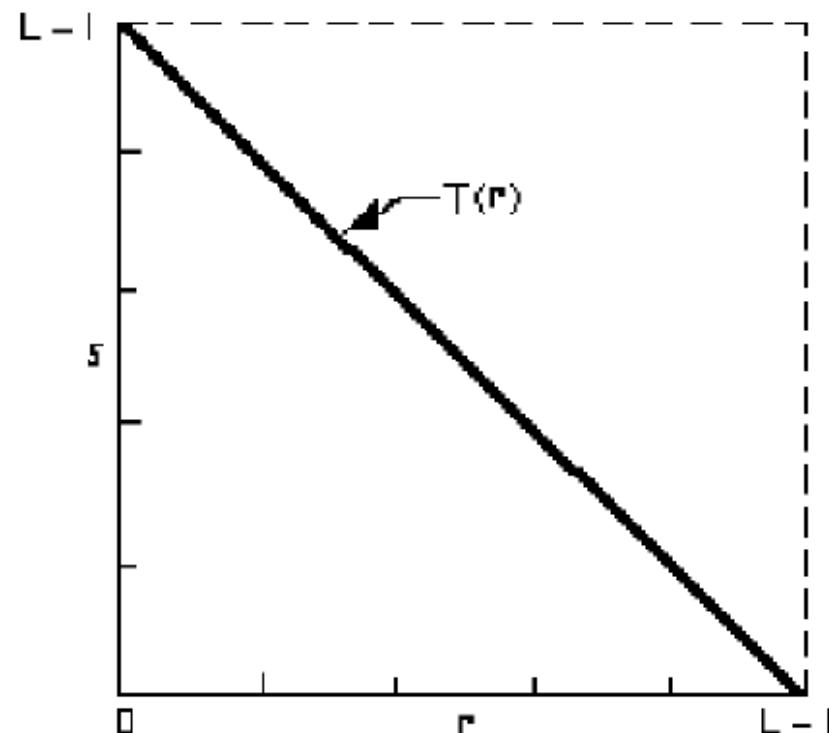


Image Negative

a b

FIGURE 3.4

(a) A digital mammogram.
(b) Negative image obtained using Eq. (3-3).
(Image (a) Courtesy of General Electric Medical Systems.)

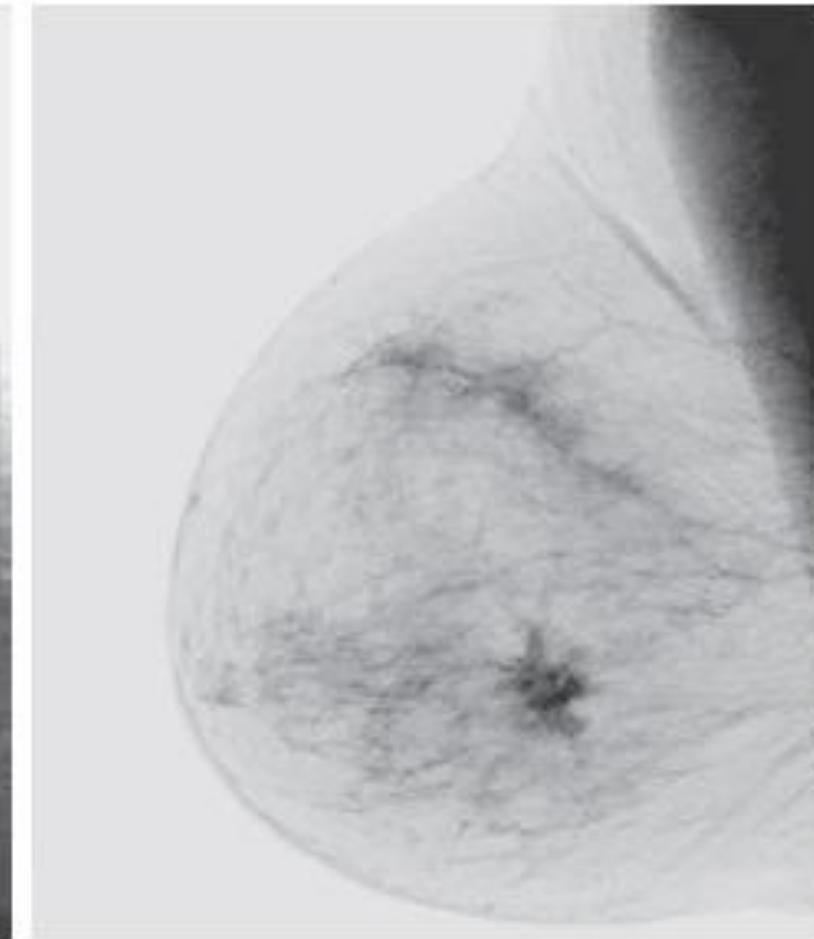
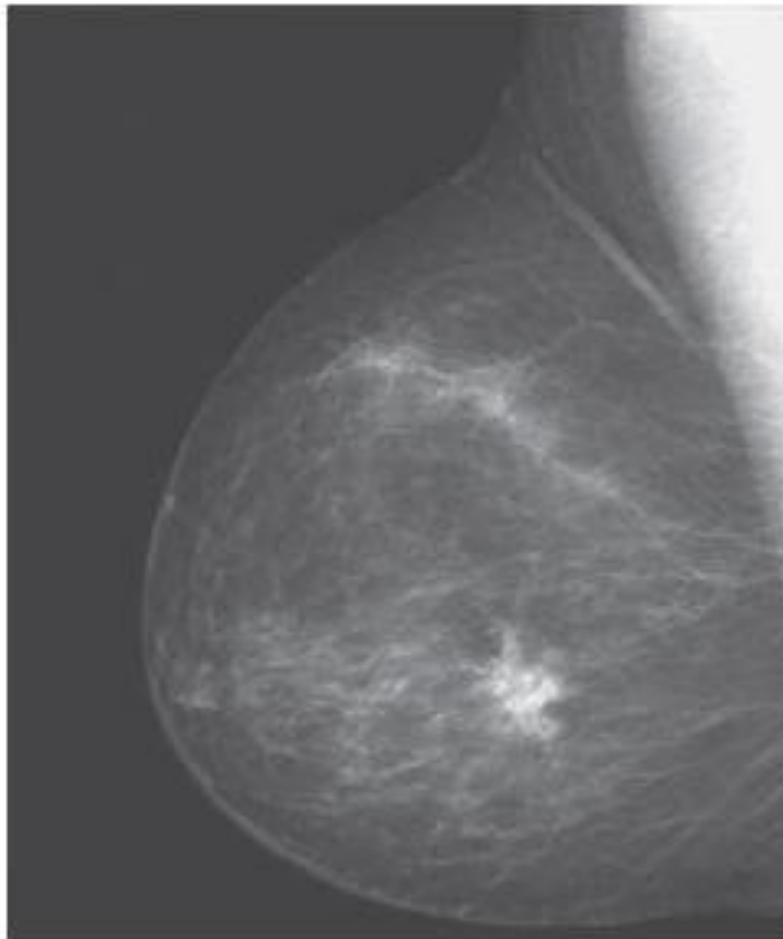


Image Negative

original image

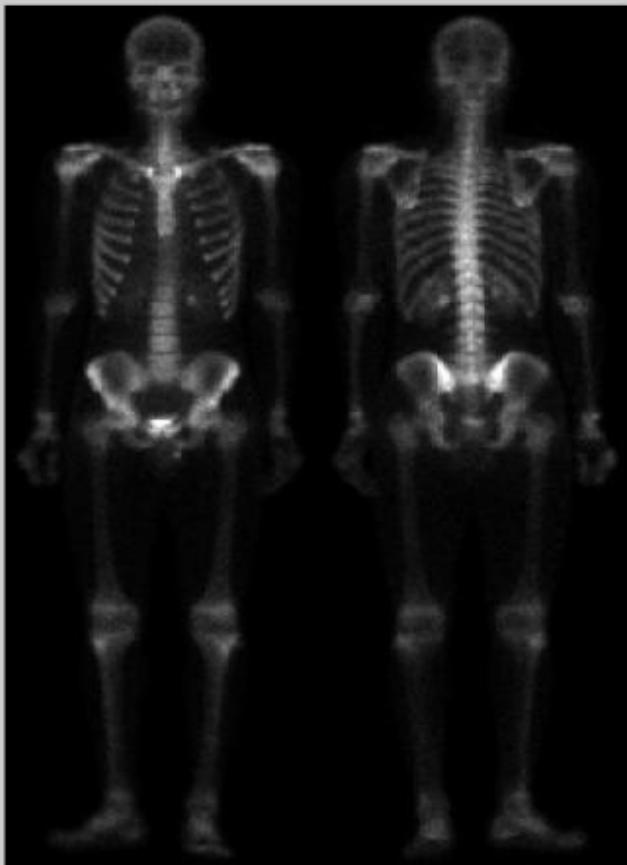


image after negative transformation



Image Negative

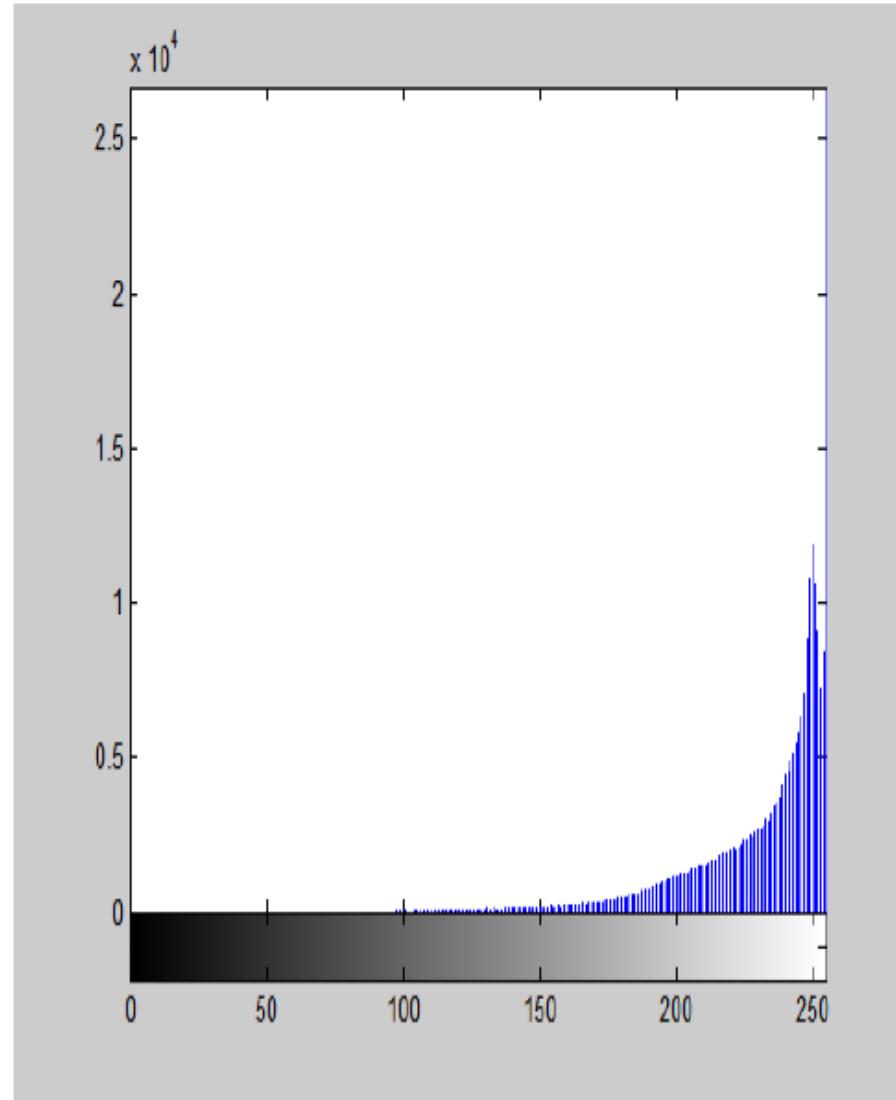
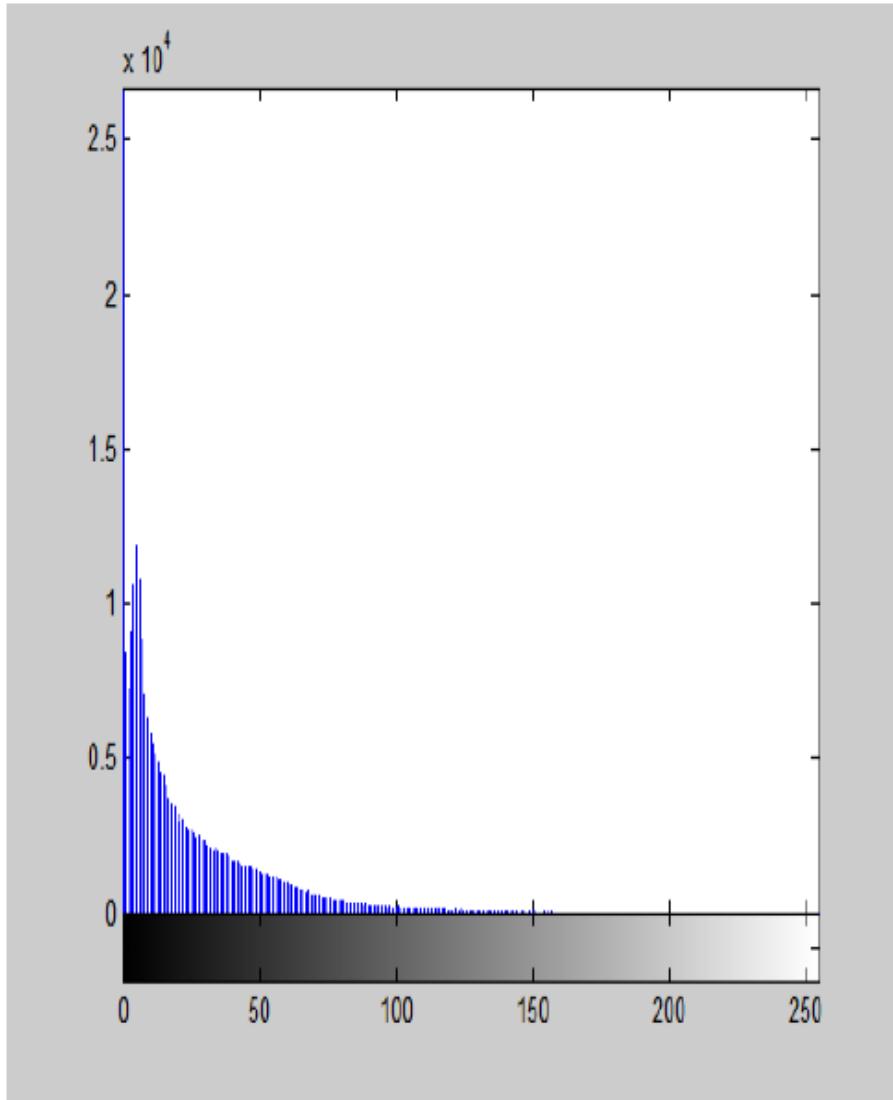


Image Negative



Basic Intensity Transformation Functions

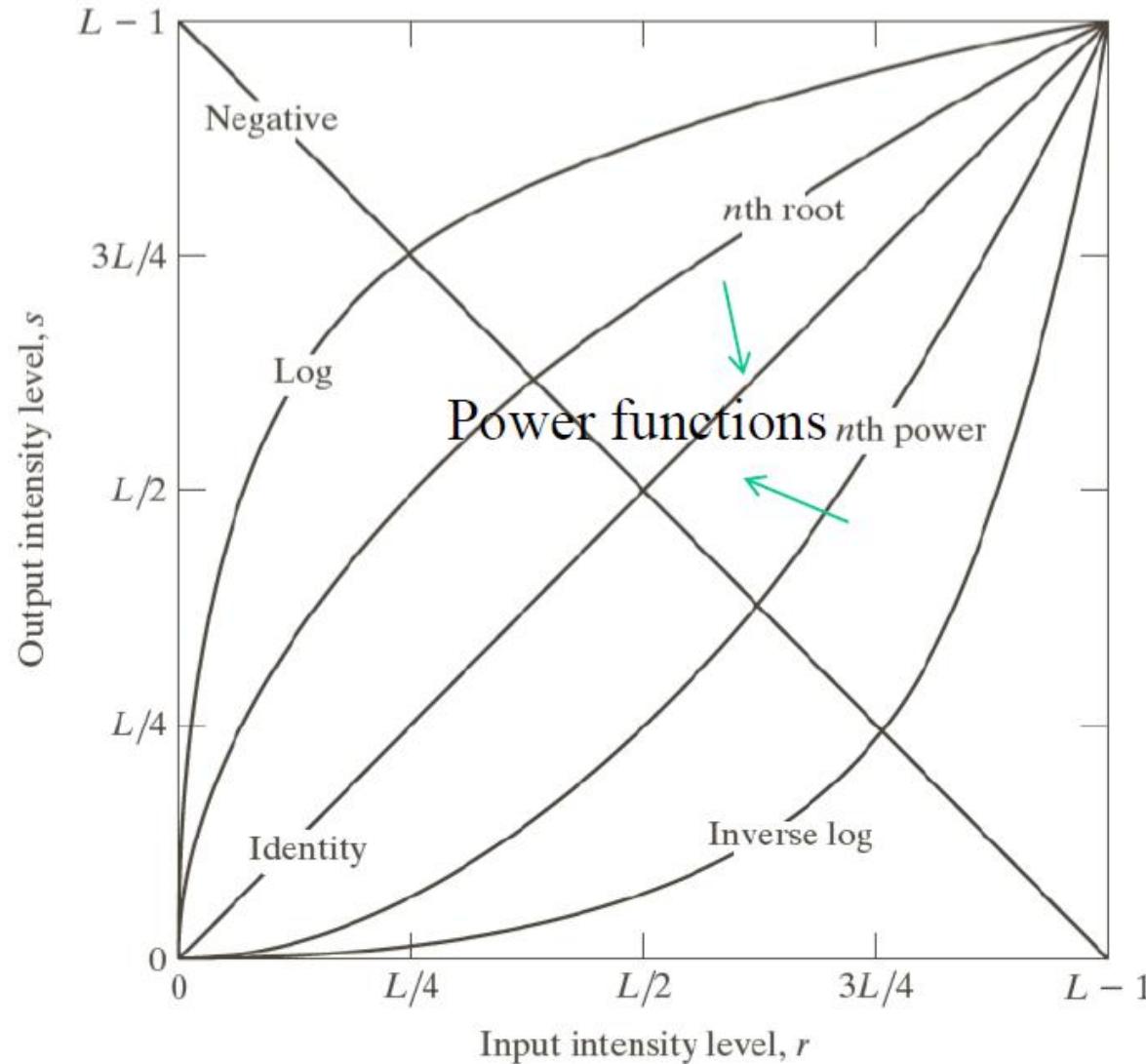


FIGURE 3.3 Some basic intensity transformation functions. All curves were scaled to fit in the range shown.

Log/Inverse Log Transformation Functions

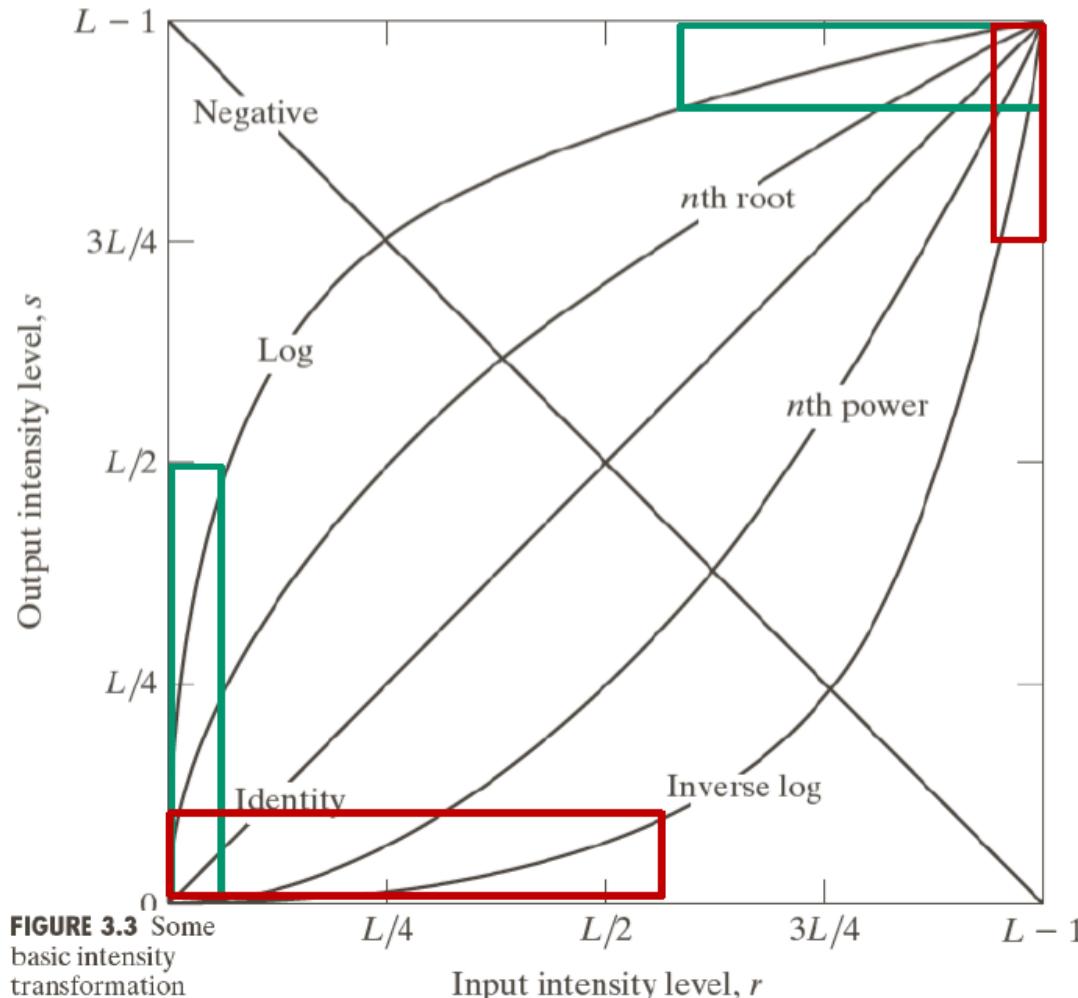


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Log function:
$$s = c \log(1 + r) \quad r \geq 0$$

Stretch low intensity levels
Compress high intensity levels

Inverse log function:

$$s = c \log^{-1}(r)$$

Stretch high intensity levels
Compress low intensity levels

Log Transformations

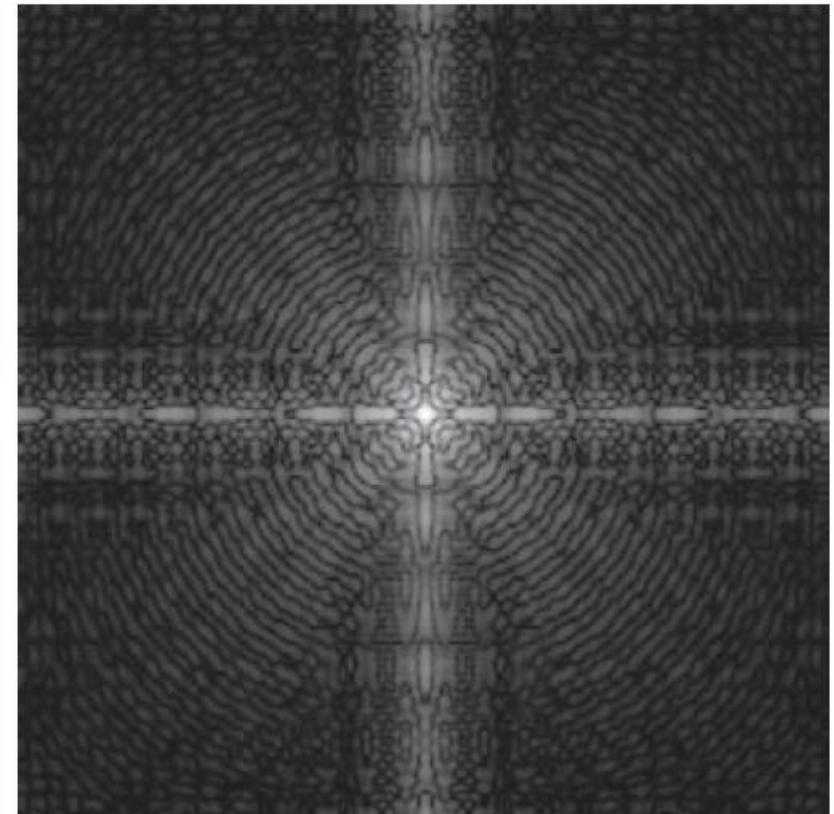
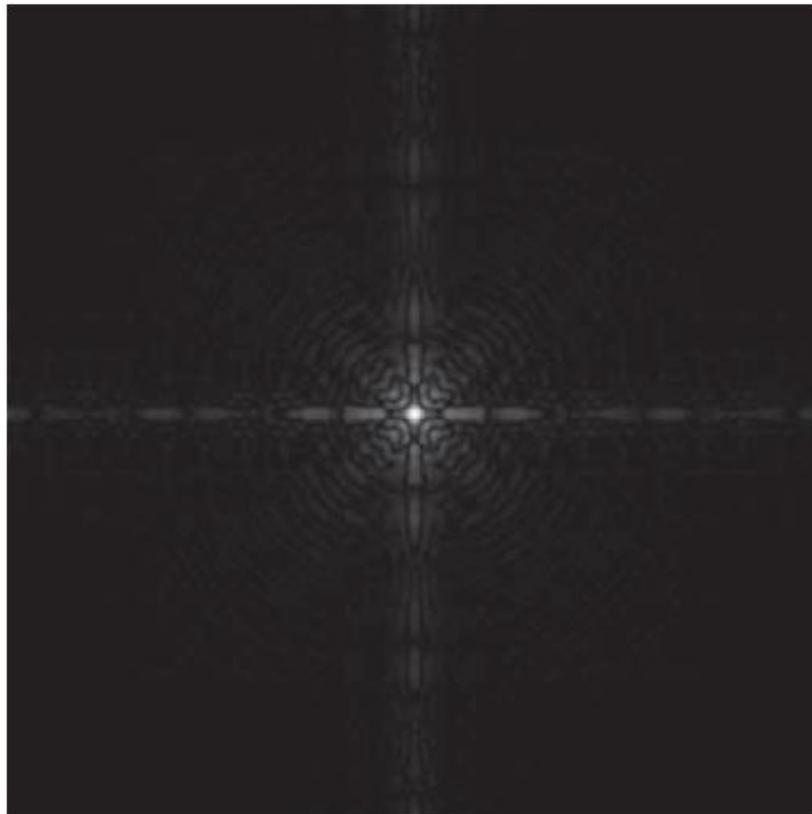
$$s = c \log(1 + r)$$

where c is a constant and it is assumed that $r \geq 0$

a b

FIGURE 3.5

- (a) Fourier spectrum displayed as a grayscale image.
(b) Result of applying the log transformation in Eq. (3-4) with $c = 1$. Both images are scaled to the range $[0, 255]$.



Log Transformations

original image

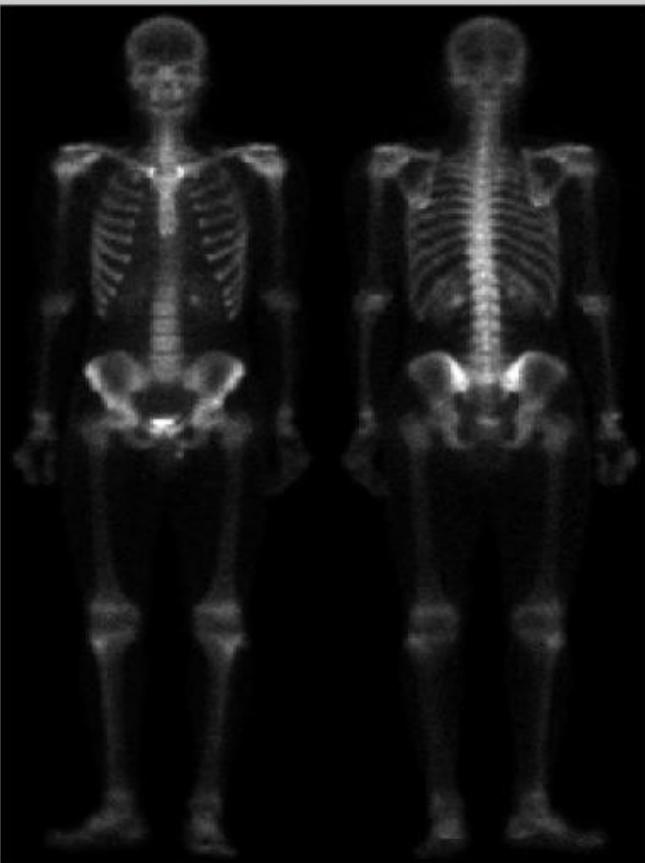
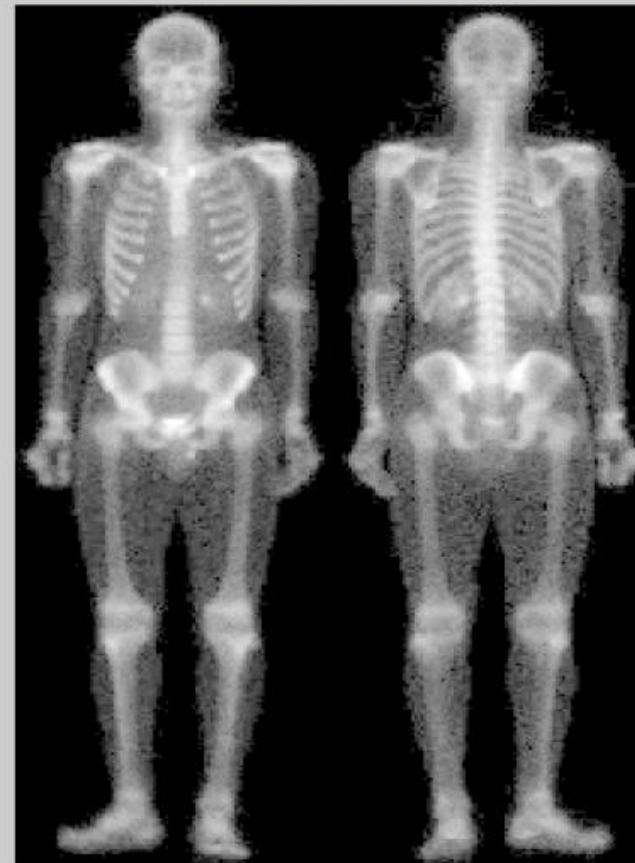
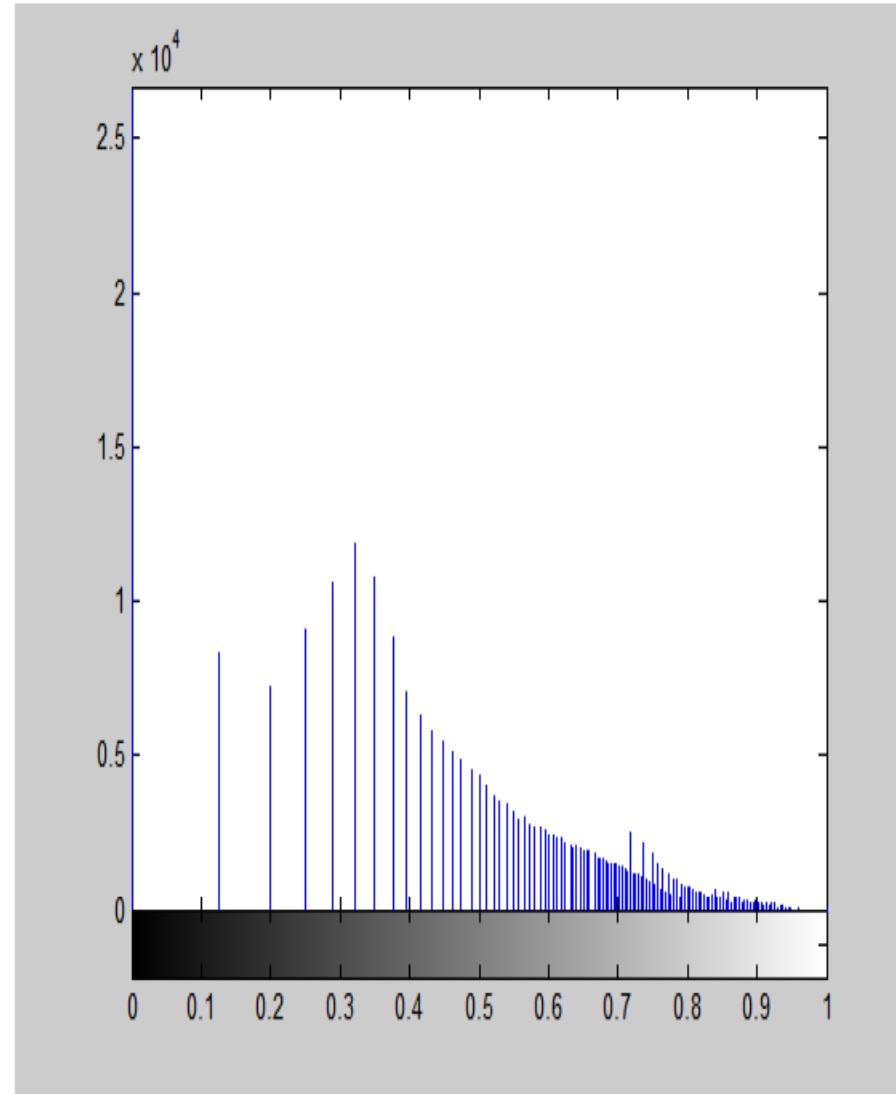
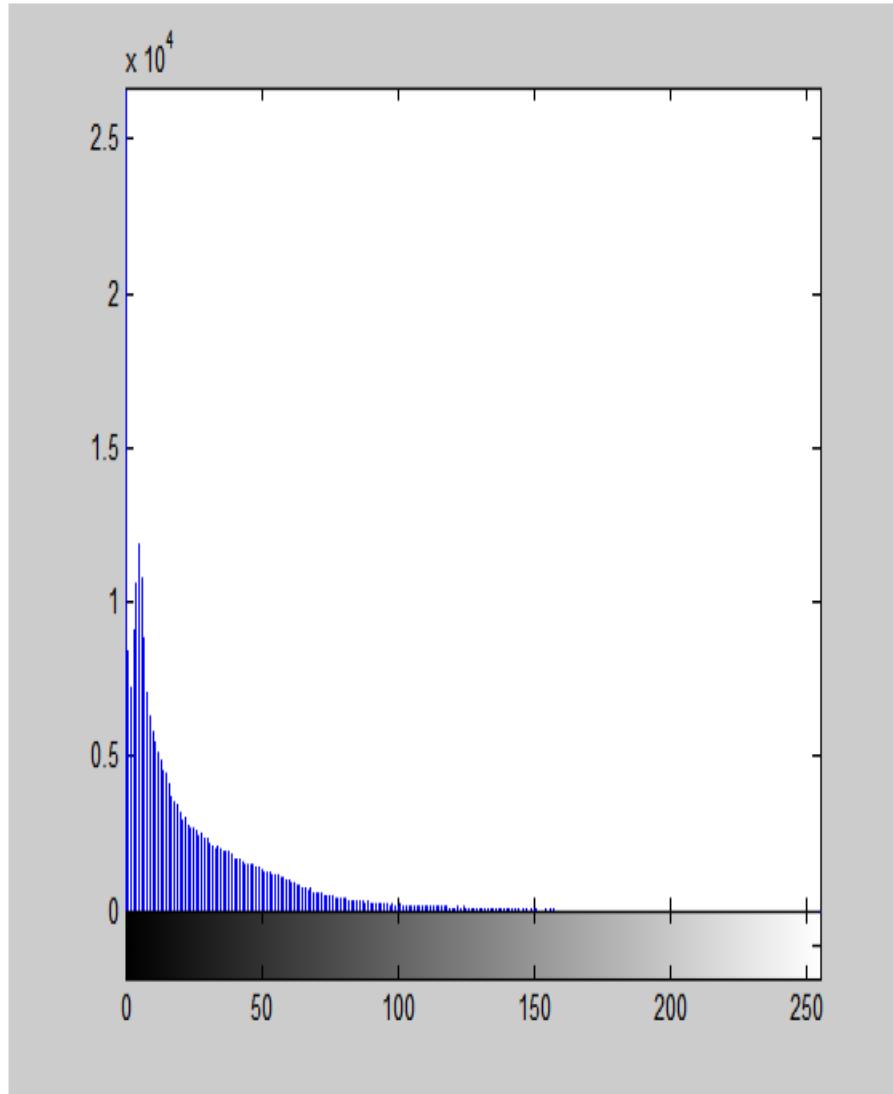


image after log transformation



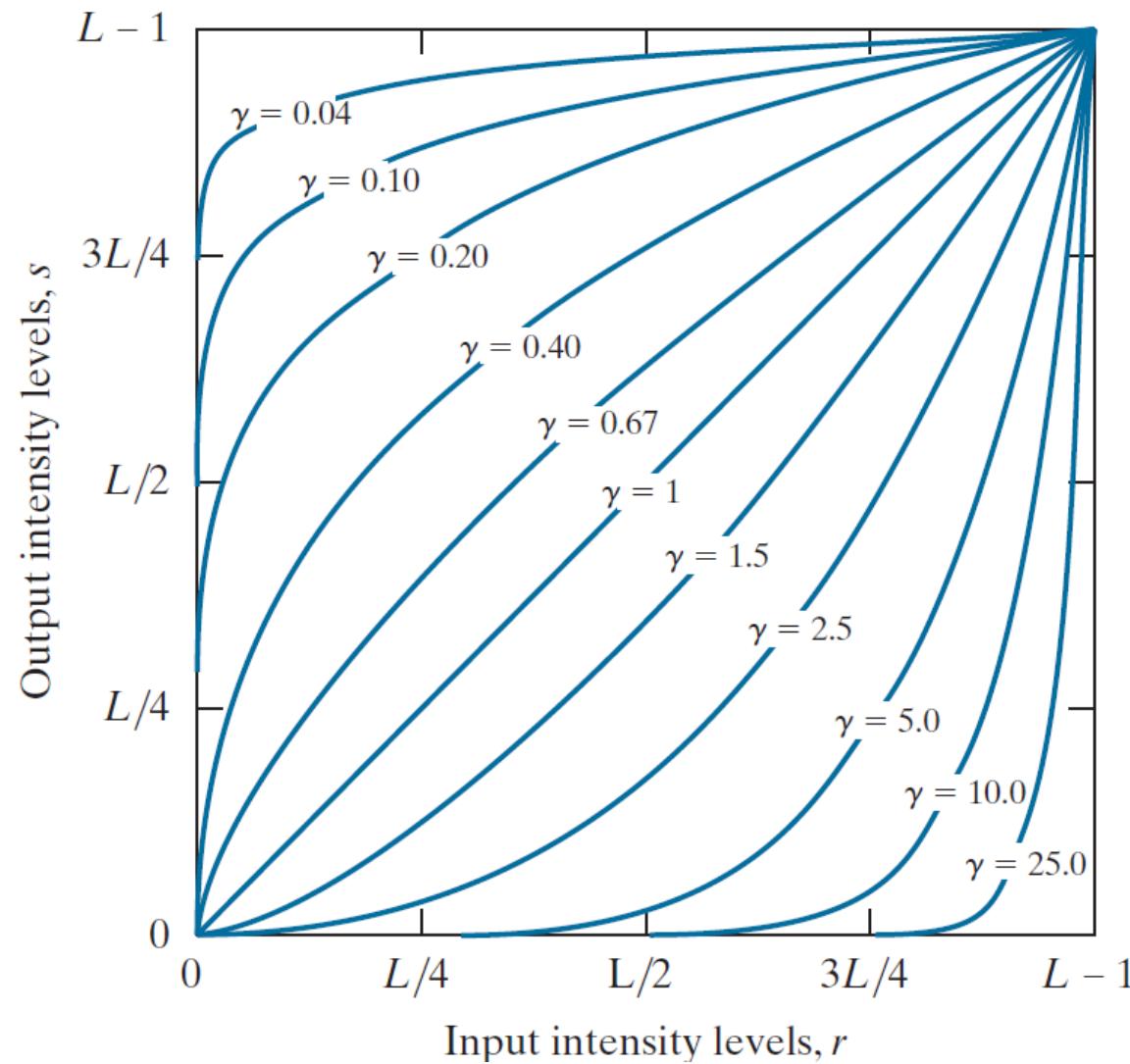
Log Transformations



Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations

FIGURE 3.6

Plots of the gamma equation $s = cr^\gamma$ for various values of γ ($c = 1$ in all cases). Each curve was scaled *independently* so that all curves would fit in the same graph. Our interest here is on the *shapes* of the curves, not on their relative values.



$$s = cr^\gamma$$

- More versatile than log transformation
- Performed by a lookup table

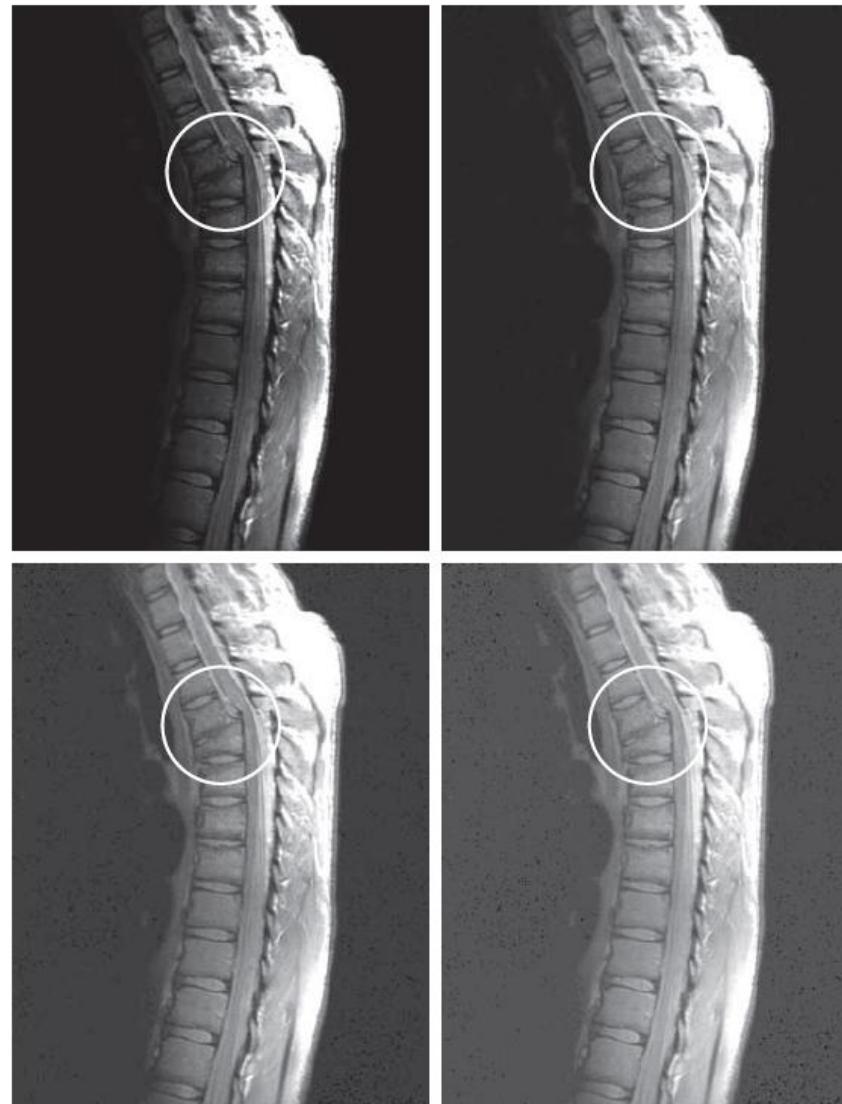
Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations

Power-law curves with fractional values of \gamma map a narrow range of dark input values into a wider range of output values, with the opposite being true for higher values of input levels.

Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations

a b
c d

FIGURE 3.8
(a) Magnetic resonance image (MRI) of a fractured human spine (the region of the fracture is enclosed by the circle).
(b)-(d) Results of applying the transformation in Eq. (3-5) with $c = 1$ and $\gamma = 0.6, 0.4$, and 0.3 , respectively.
(Original image courtesy of Dr. David R. Pickens, Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.)



The fracture is visible in the region highlighted by the circle. Because the image is predominantly dark, an expansion of intensity levels is desirable. This can be accomplished using a power-law transformation with a fractional exponent.

Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations

a b
c d

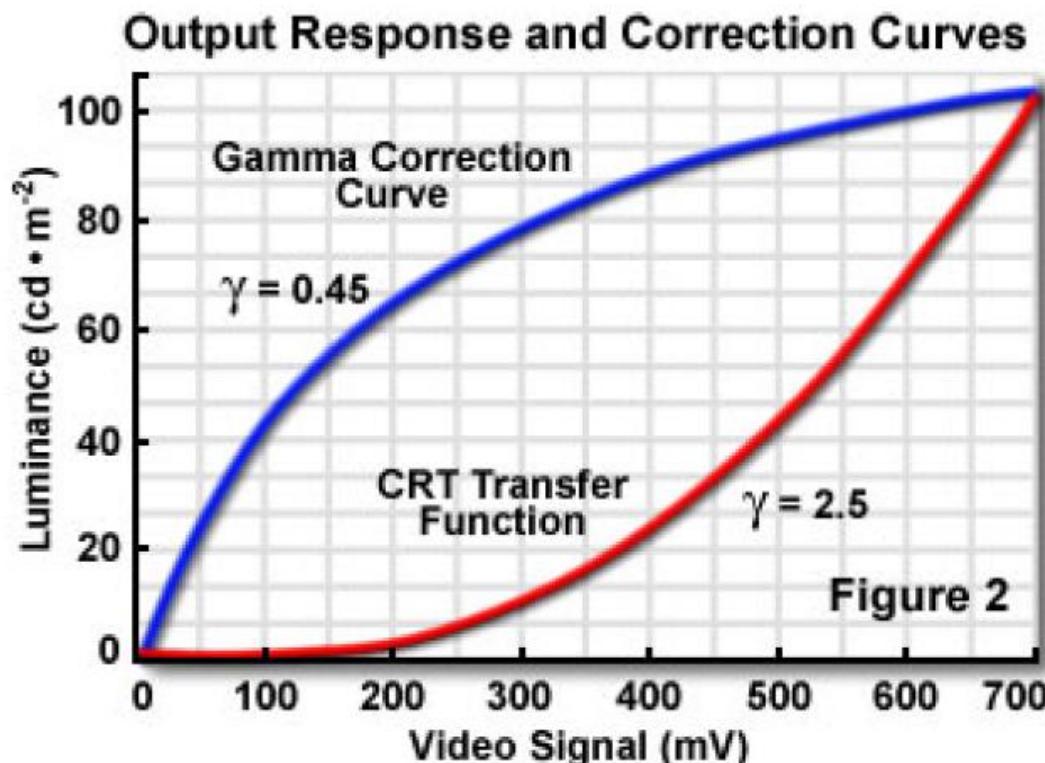
FIGURE 3.9
(a) Aerial image.
(b)–(d) Results
of applying the
transformation
in Eq. (3-5) with
 $\gamma = 3.0, 4.0,$ and
 5.0 , respectively.
($c = 1$ in all cases.)
(Original image
courtesy of
NASA.)



The image to be processed now has a washed-out appearance, indicating that a compression of intensity levels is desirable.

Gamma Correction

- If we take the image file and turn each pixel value into a **voltage** and feed it into a CRT, it will be observed that the CRT does not give an amount of light proportional to the voltage.



Gamma Correction

- The amount of light coming from the phosphor in the screen depends on the voltage according to the relation:

$$\text{Light_output} = \text{Voltage}^{\wedge} \text{CRT_gamma}$$

- So if the image is fed to the CRT as it is, it will look much too dark. To fix this we need to "gamma correct" the image first.
- Do the opposite of what the CRT will do to the image, so that things cancel out. So we must feed this image:

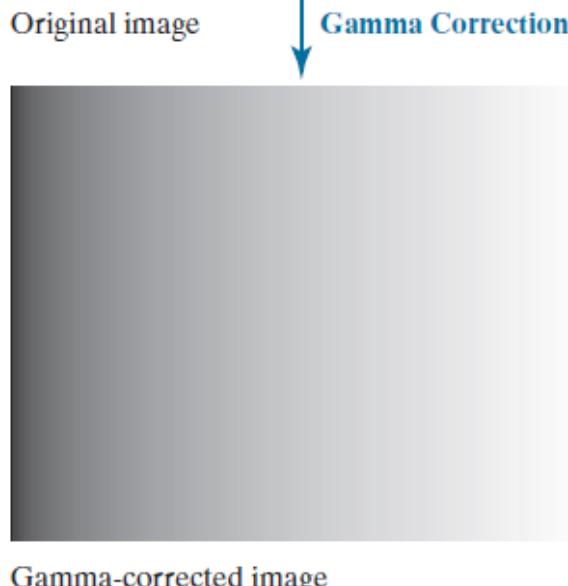
$$\text{Gamma_Corrected_Image} = \text{Image}^{\wedge} (1/\text{CRT_gamma})$$

Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations

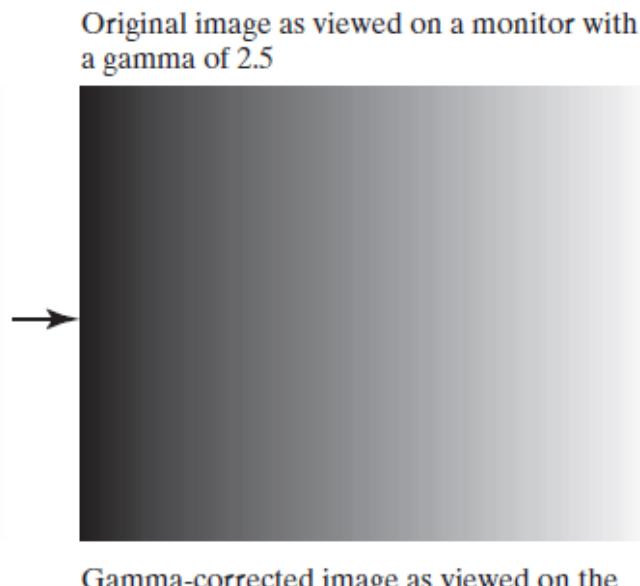
a	b
c	d

FIGURE 3.7

(a) Intensity ramp image. (b) Image as viewed on a simulated monitor with a gamma of 2.5. (c) Gamma-corrected image. (d) Corrected image as viewed on the same monitor. Compare (d) and (a).



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Gamma Correction



Monitors have an intensity-to-voltage response with a power function

$$s = r^{1/2.5}$$

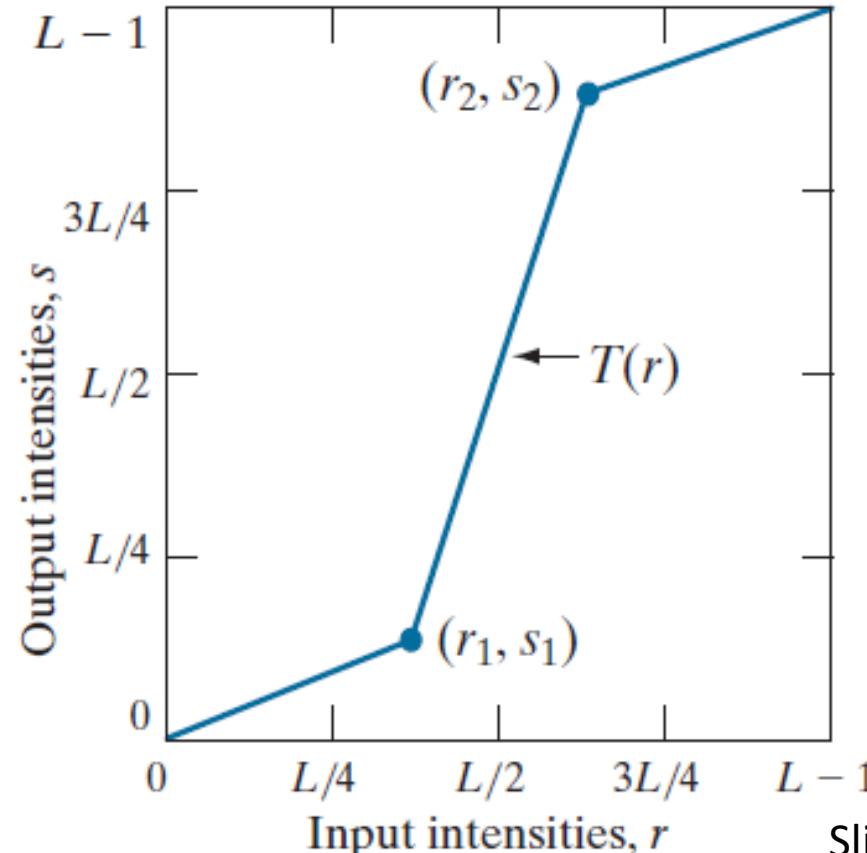
Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching

Contrast Stretching is used to increase the dynamic range of the gray levels in the image being processed.

The locations of (r_1, s_1) and (r_2, s_2) control the shape of the transformation function.

It is generally assumed that $r_1 \leq r_2$ and $s_1 \leq s_2$.

Let us consider some examples.

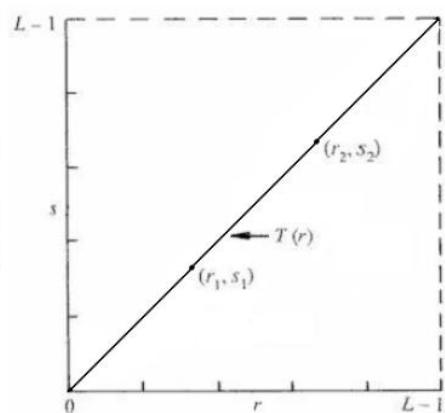


Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching

$$r_1 = s_1$$

$$r_2 = s_2$$

Transformation is a linear function and produces no changes.



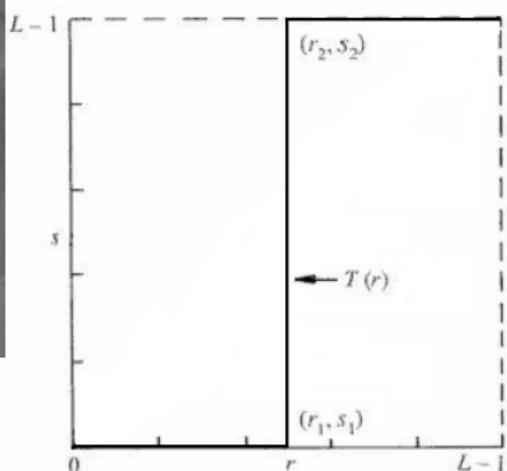
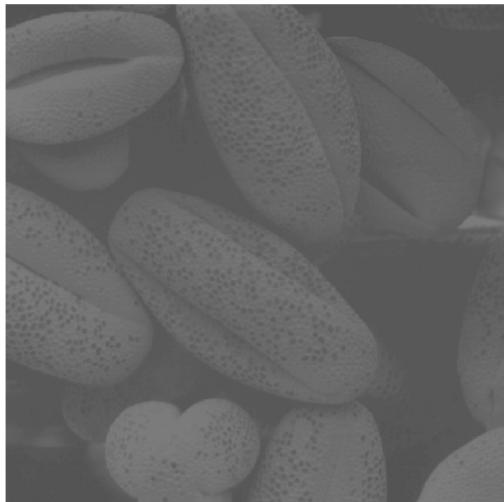
Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching

$$r_1 = r_2$$

$$s_1 = 0$$

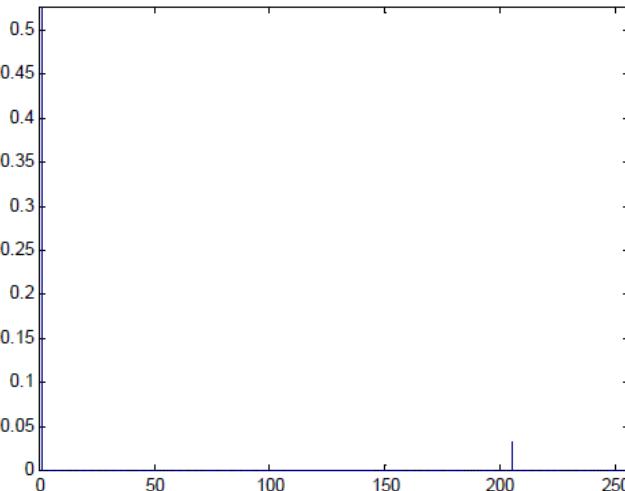
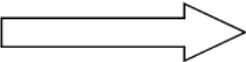
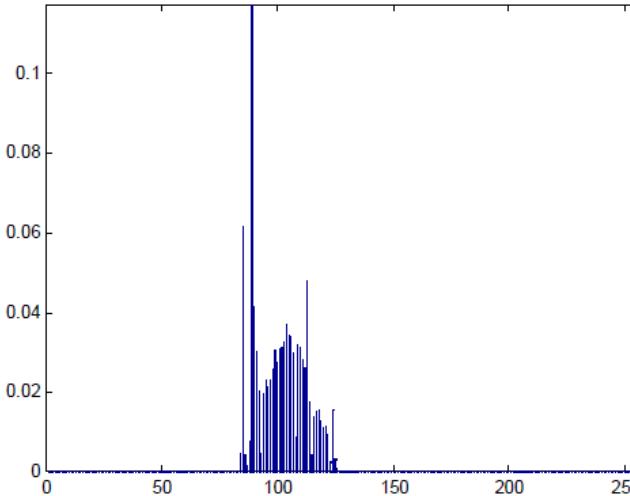
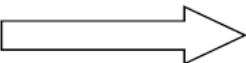
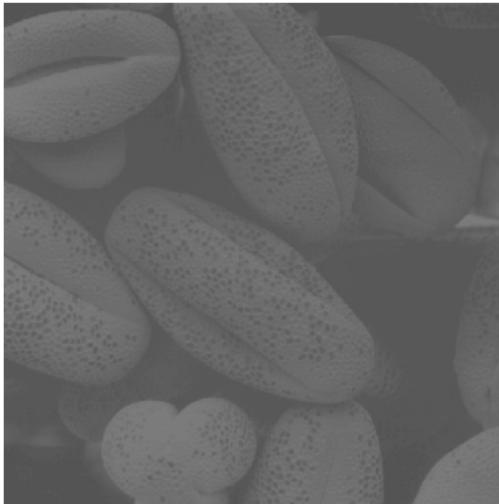
$$s_2 = L-1$$

Transformation is a thresholding function creating a binary image.



$$r_1 = r_2 = 102$$

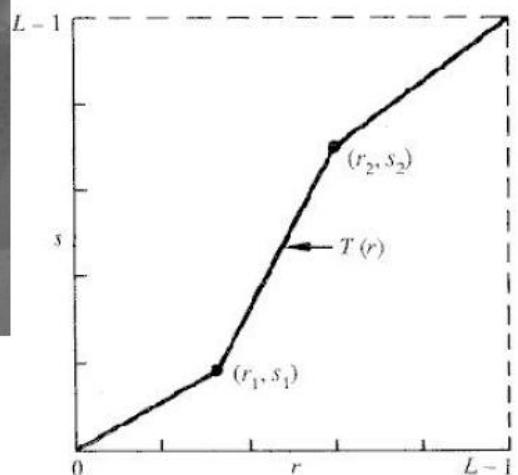
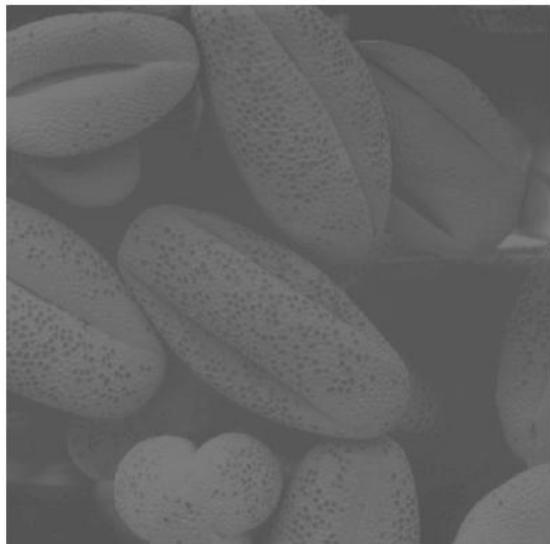
Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching



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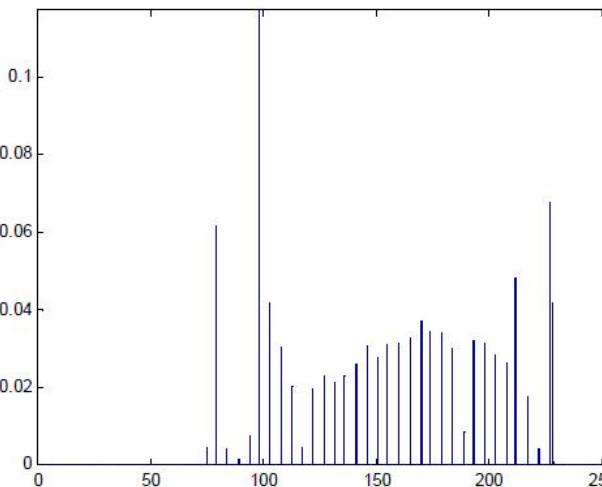
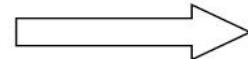
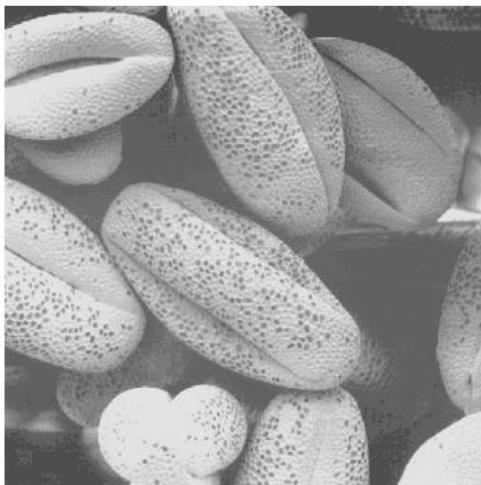
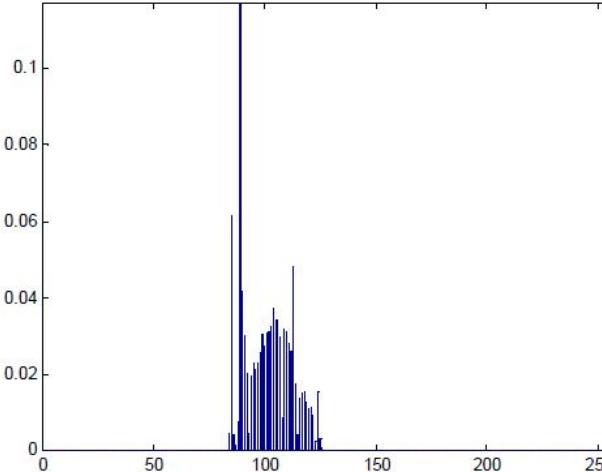
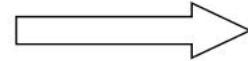
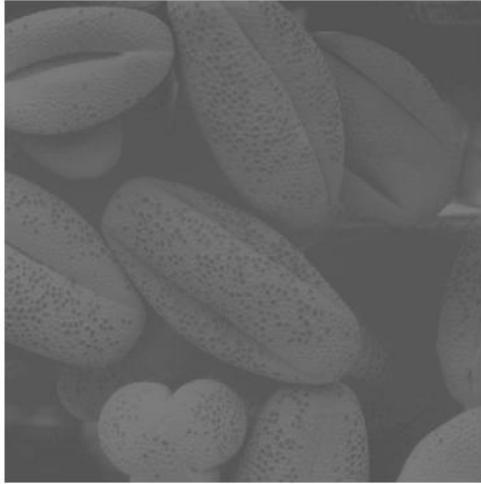
Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching

Intermediate values of (r_1, s_1) and (r_2, s_2) produce various degrees of spread in the gray levels of the output image, thus affecting its contrast.



$$r_1 = 71 \quad r_2 = 115 \quad s_1 = 17 \quad s_2 = 226$$

Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Contrast Stretching

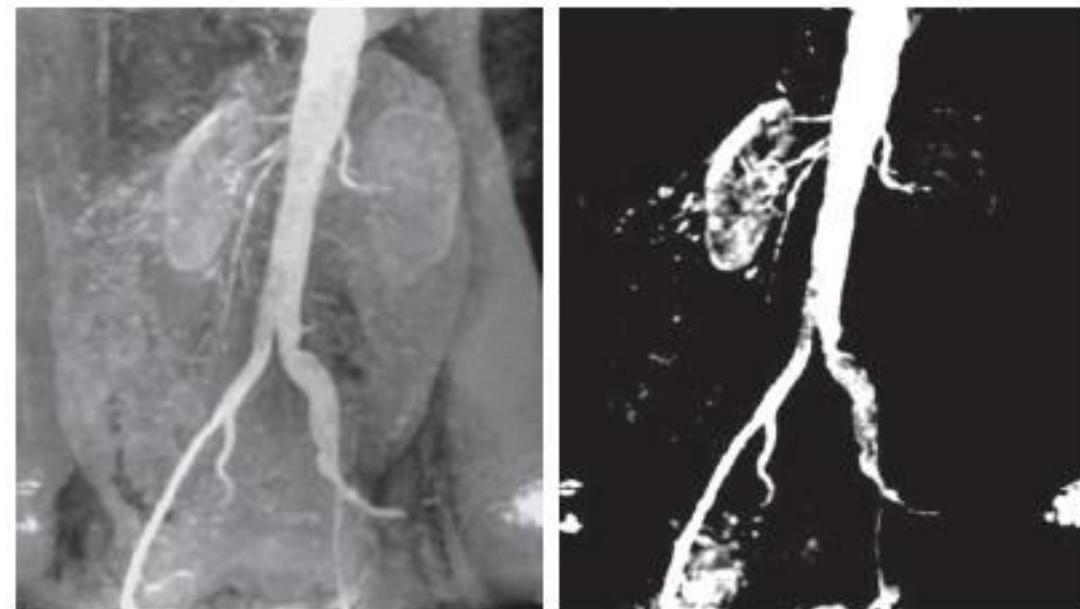
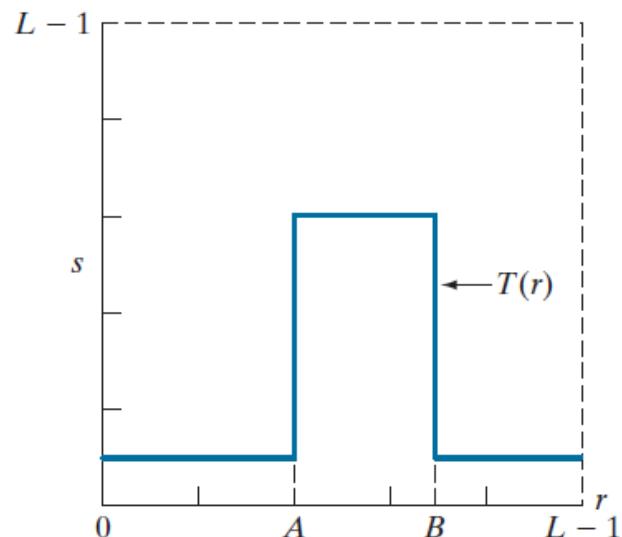


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Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Gray-Level / Intensity-Level Slicing

Gray-level slicing is carried out to highlight a specific range of gray levels in an image to enhance certain features.

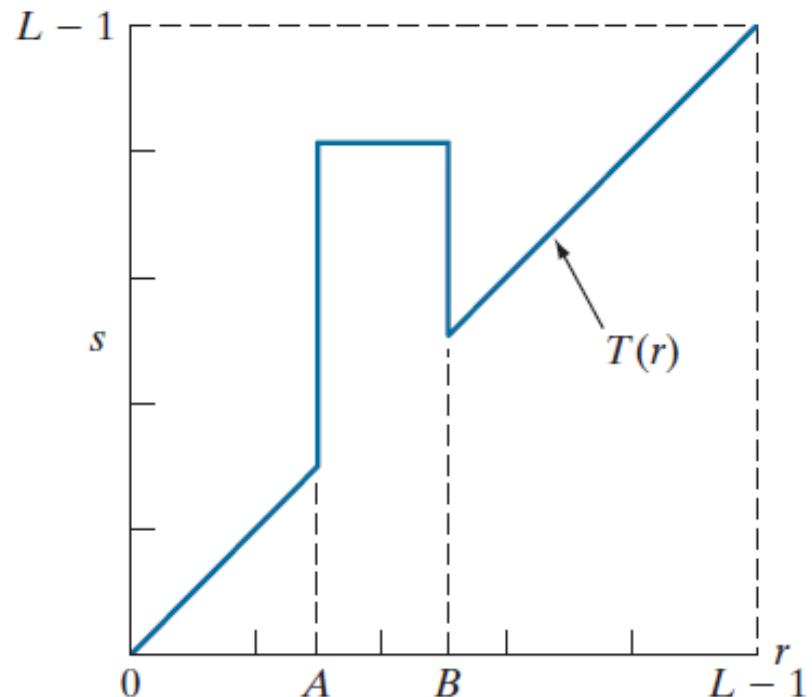
- One way is to display a high value for all gray levels in the range of interest and a low value for all other gray levels (binary image).



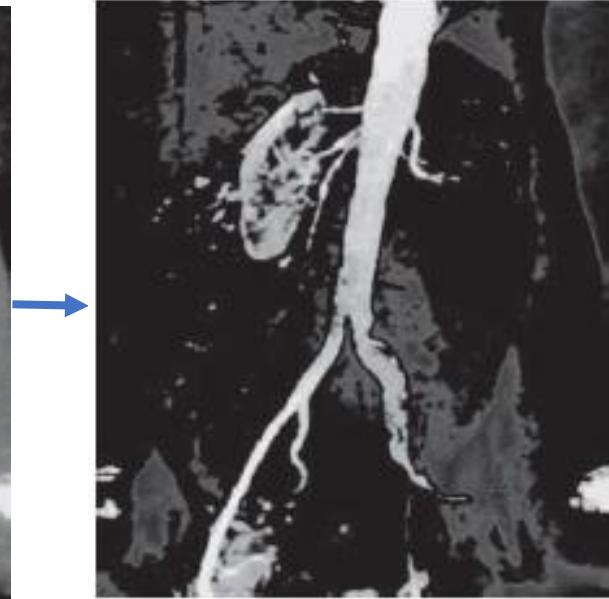
with the range of intensities of interest selected in the upper end of the gray scale

Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Gray-Level / Intensity-Level Slicing

The second approach is to brighten the desired range of gray levels but preserve the background and gray-level tonalities in the image.



Aortic angiogram



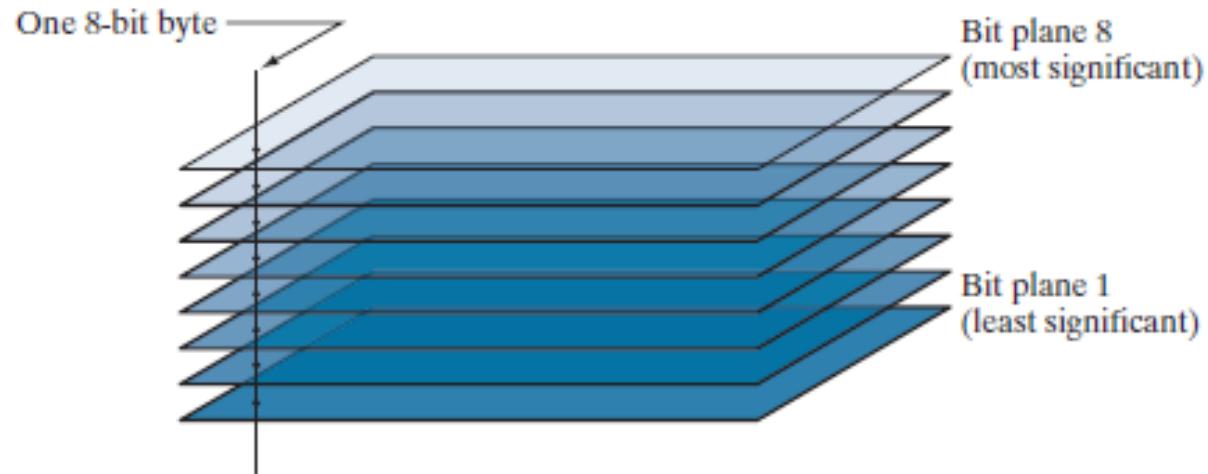
with the selected range set near black, so that the grays in the area of the blood vessels and kidneys were preserved

Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

Bit-plane slicing is carried out to highlight the contribution made to the total image appearance by specific bits.

Assuming that each pixel is represented by 8 bits, the image is composed of eight 1-bit planes.

FIGURE 3.13
Bit-planes of an
8-bit image.

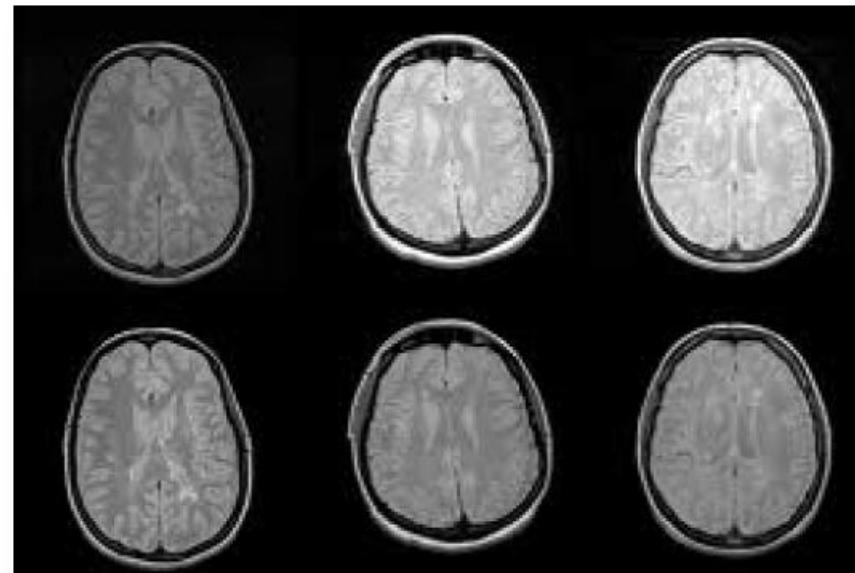


Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

Plane 0 contains the **least** significant bit and plane 7 contains the **most** significant bit.

Only the higher order bits (top four) contain visually significant data. The other bit planes contribute the more subtle details.

Plane 7 corresponds exactly with an image thresholded at gray level 128.



Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

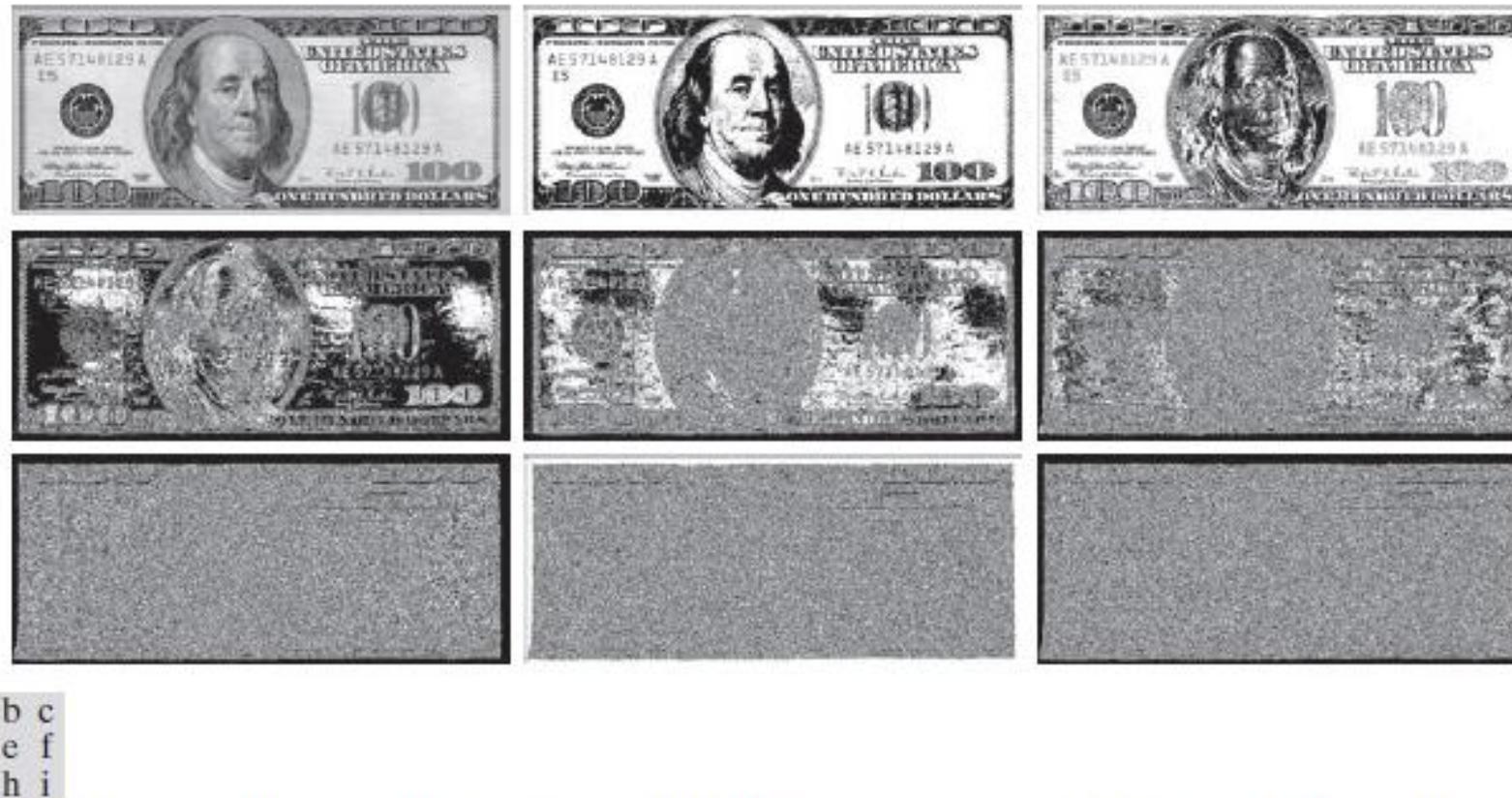


FIGURE 3.14 (a) An 8-bit gray-scale image of size 550×1192 pixels. (b) through (i) Bit planes 8 through 1, with bit plane 1 corresponding to the least significant bit. Each bit plane is a binary image..

Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

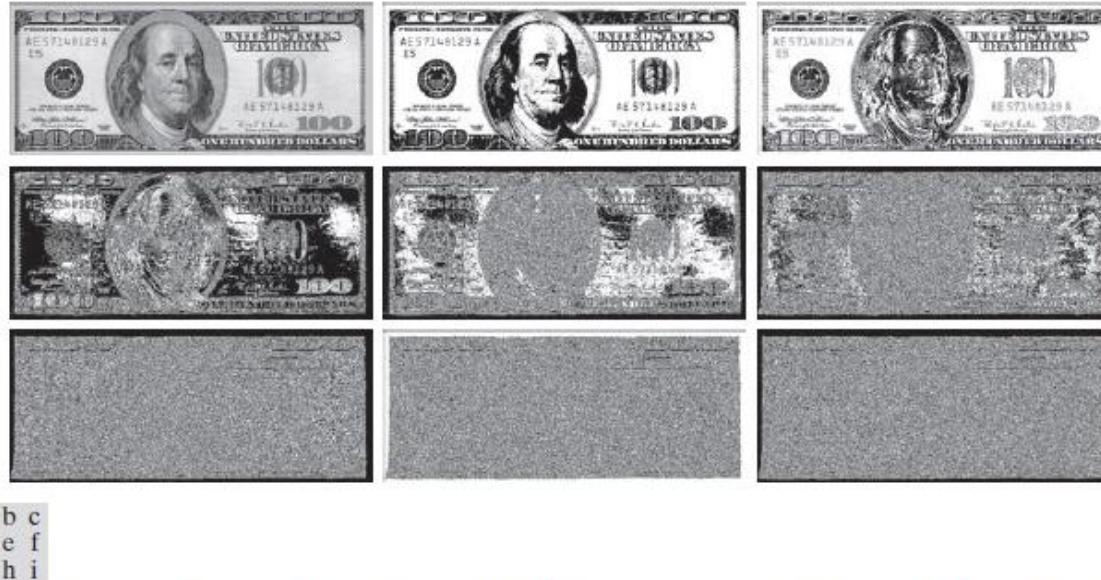


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Less bit planes are sufficient to obtain an acceptable details, while require half of the storage



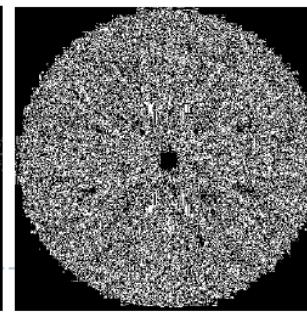
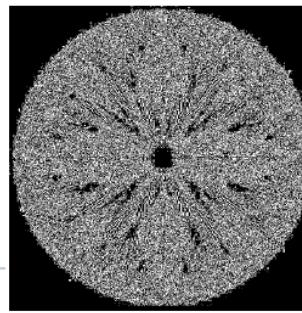
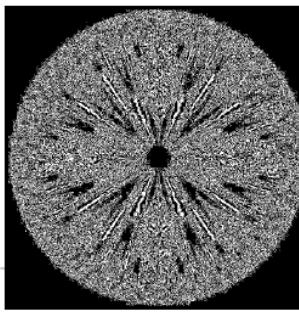
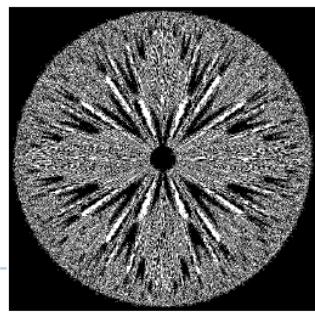
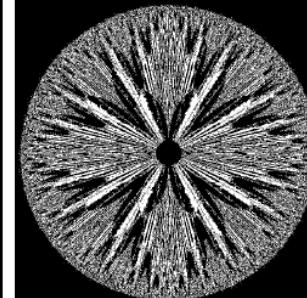
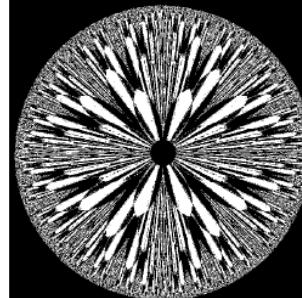
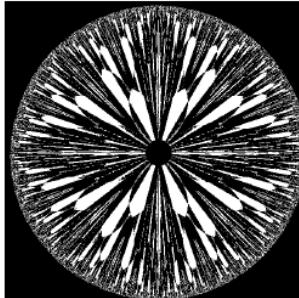
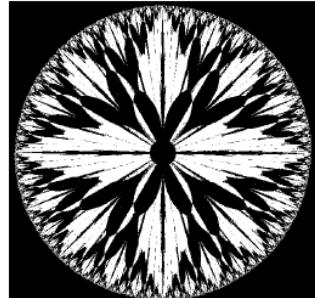
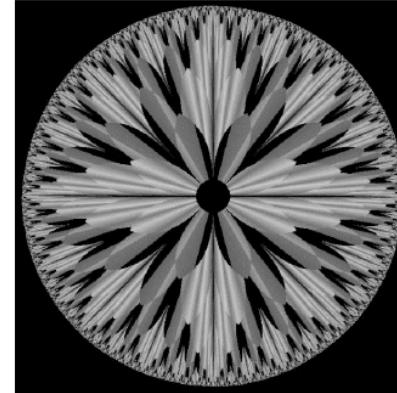
FIGURE 3.15 Image reconstructed from bit planes: (a) 8 and 7; (b) 8, 7, and 6; (c) 8, 7, 6, and 5.

Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

Here is a fractal image.

Let us see its constituent bit-planes.

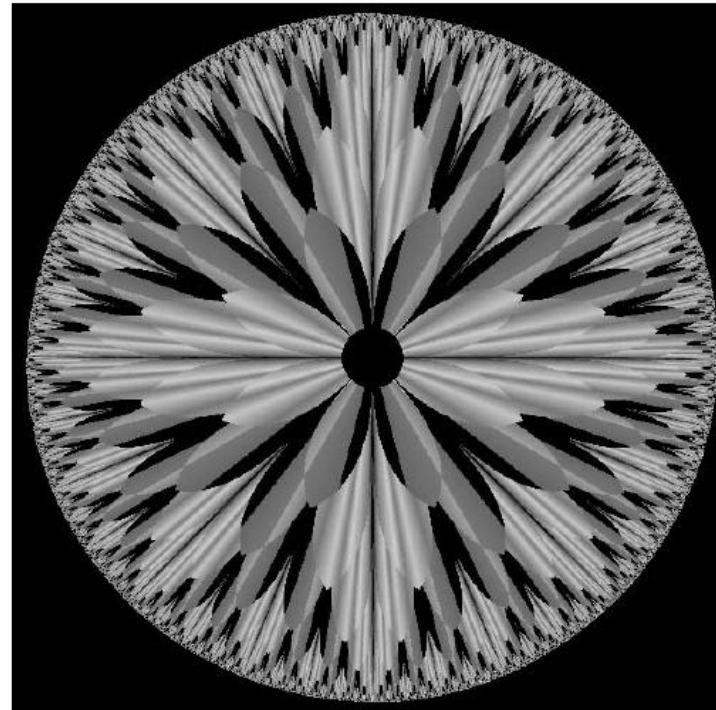
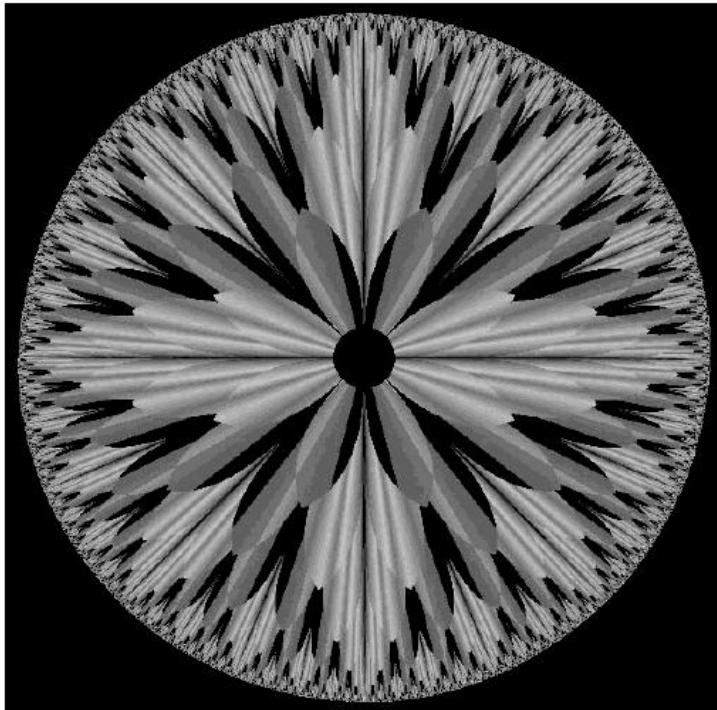
The MSB contains the most information while
the LSB contains the least amount of information.



Piecewise-Linear Transformation Functions: Bit-Plane Slicing

Let us take a look at the effect of removing the last 4 bits .

Now compare this with the original image.



Histogram Processing

The histogram of a digital image with gray levels from 0 to $L-1$ is a discrete function $h(r_k)=n_k$, where:

- r_k is the k^{th} gray level
- n_k is the number of pixels with that gray level, and
- n is the total number of pixels in the image

Here, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L-1$

The normalized histogram is obtained by dividing the n_k by n . Thus $p(r_k) = n_k/n$

The plot of $p_r(r_k)$ versus r_k is called a histogram.

Histograms are the basis for numerous spatial domain techniques.

Histogram Processing

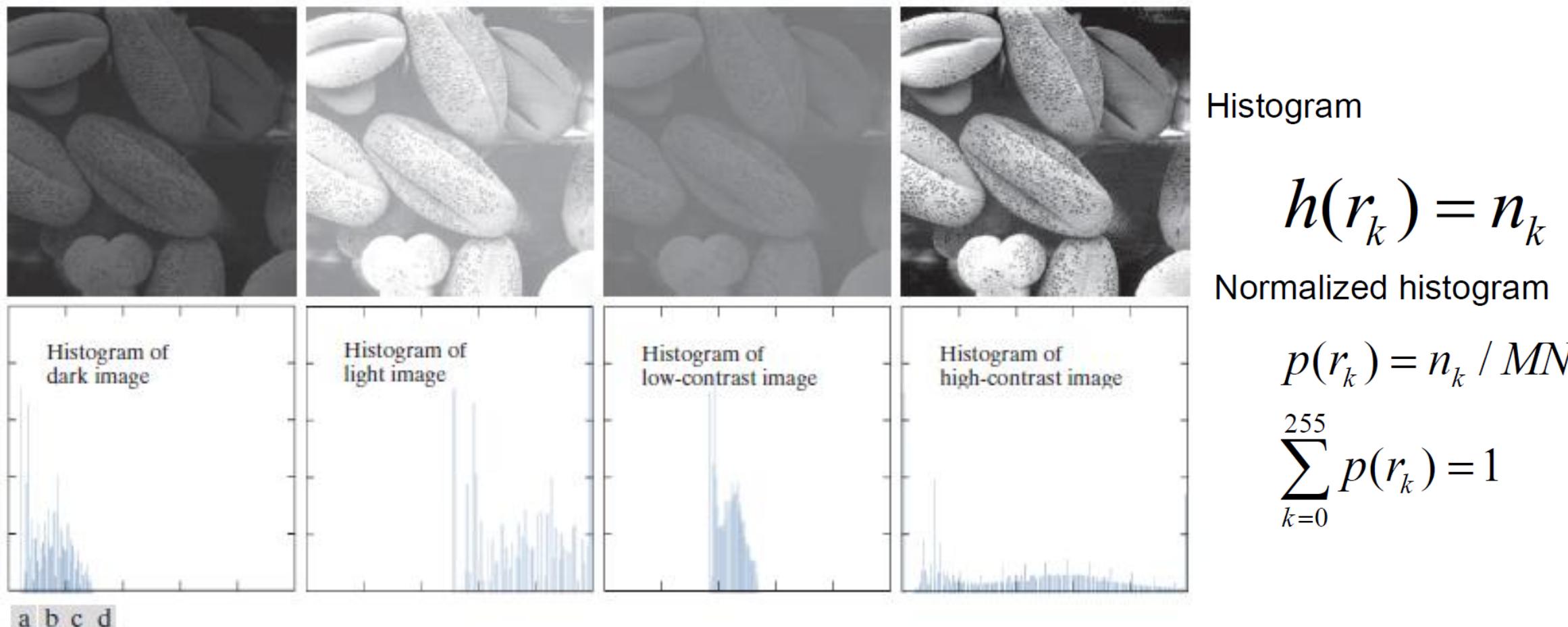


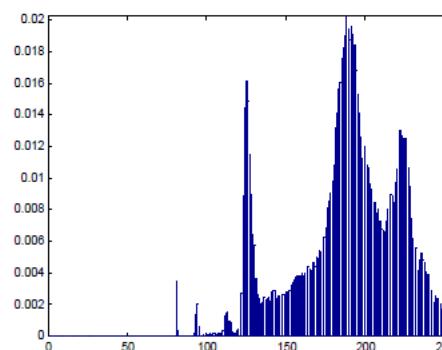
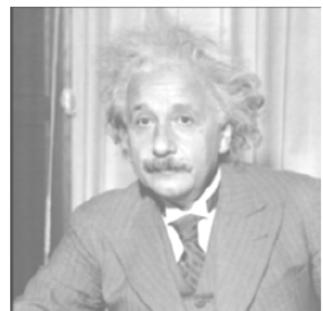
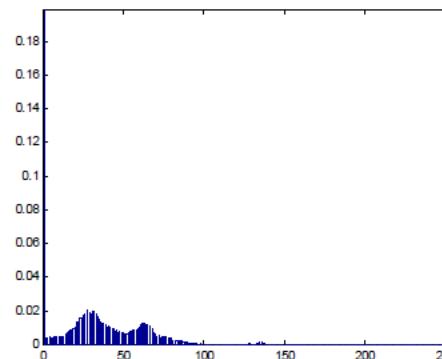
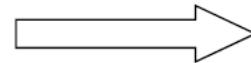
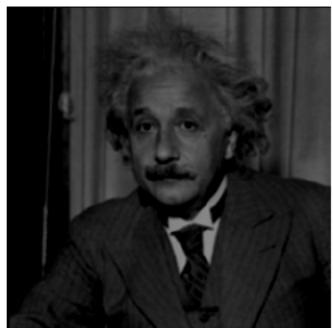
FIGURE 3.16 Four image types and their corresponding histograms. (a) dark; (b) light; (c) low contrast; (d) high contrast. The horizontal axis of the histograms are values of r_k and the vertical axis are values of $p(r_k)$.

Histogram Processing

The shape of the histogram provides useful information

In the case of a dark image, the components of the histogram are concentrated on the lower side of the gray scale.

Similarly the components of the histogram of a bright image are concentrated on the higher side of the gray scale.



Histogram Processing

OVEREXPOSED



PROPERLY EXPOSED



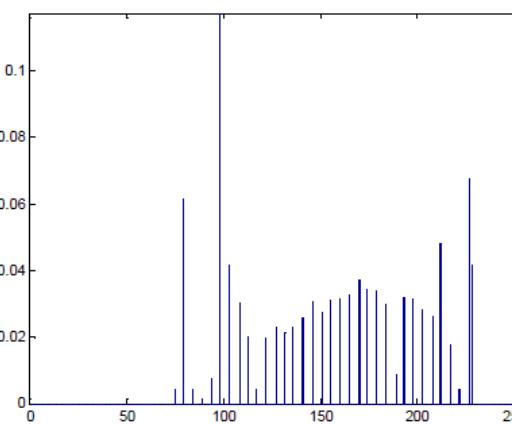
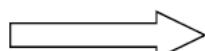
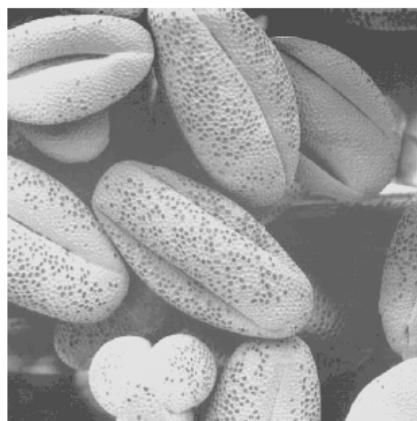
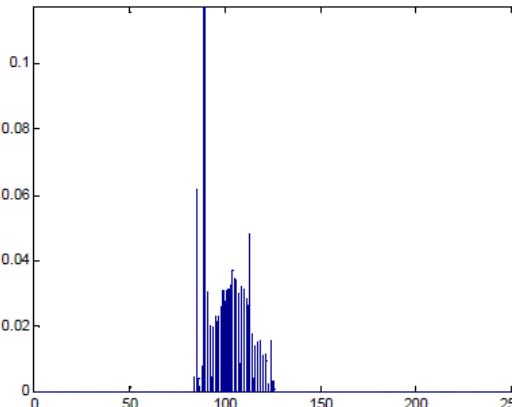
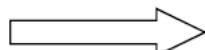
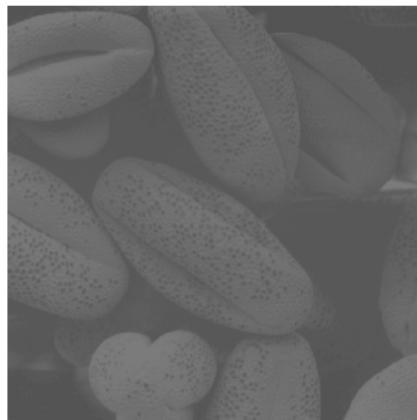
UNDEREXPOSED



Histogram Processing

In the case of a low contrast image the histogram is narrow and centered towards the middle of the gray scale.

It is spread out in the case of a high contrast image.



Histogram Processing

Major histogram processing types are:

Histogram equalization

Histogram matching (specification)

Local enhancement

Histogram Equalization

- ▶ **Histogram equalization:**
 - ▶ To improve the contrast of an image.
 - ▶ To transform an image in such a way that the transformed image. has a nearly **uniform distribution** of pixel values.

Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

$$s = T(r) \quad 0 \leq r \leq L - 1$$

A valid transformation function must satisfy two conditions:

- (a) $T(r)$ is monotonically increasing, i.e., $T(r_1) \geq T(r_2)$ if $r_1 > r_2$
- (b) $0 \leq T(r) \leq L - 1$ The same range as input
- (a') $T(r)$ is strictly monotonic : one - to - one mapping $r = T'(s)$

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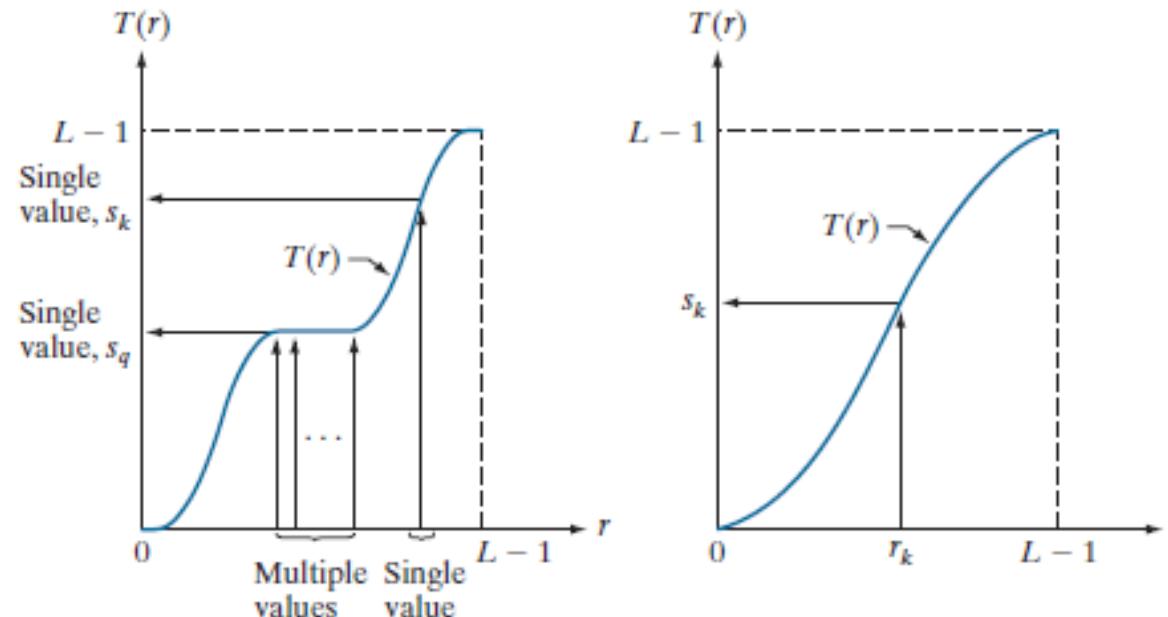
(b) $0 \leq T(r) \leq L - 1$

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a | b

FIGURE 3.17

(a) Monotonic increasing function, showing how multiple values can map to a single value. (b) Strictly monotonic increasing function. This is a one-to-one mapping, both ways.



Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

If $T(r)$ is continuous and differentiable over the range of r , then

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right|$$



Probability density function of intensity value

Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

A special transformation function

$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$


Cumulative distribution function of r

Is it a valid transformation function?

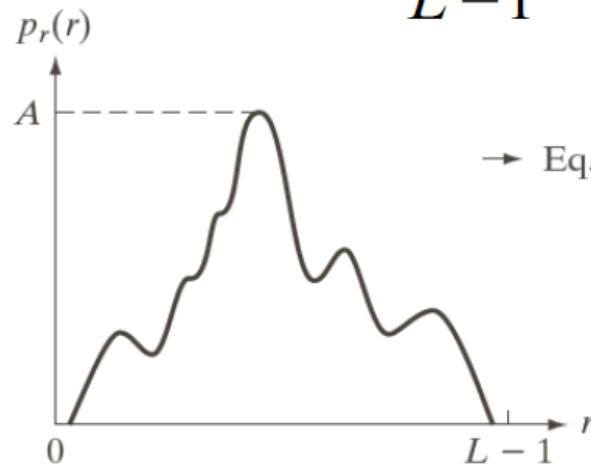
Yes.

- (a) $T(r)$ is monotonically increasing, i.e., $T(r_1) \geq T(r_2)$ if $r_1 > r_2$
- (b) $0 \leq T(r) \leq L - 1$

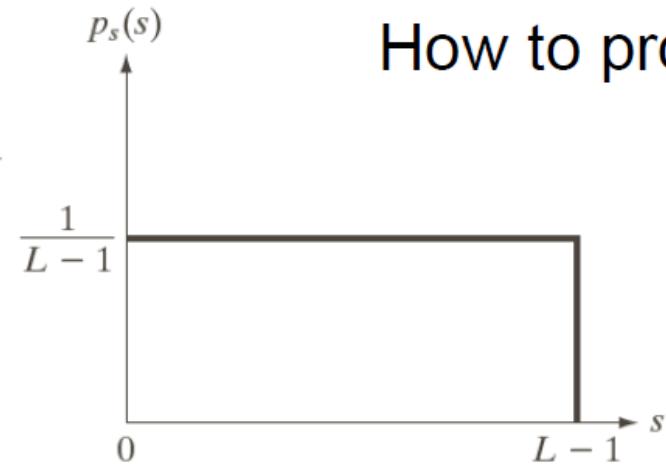
Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

$$\rightarrow p_s(s) = \frac{1}{L-1}$$



→ Eq. (3.3-4) →



How to prove it?

a | b

FIGURE 3.18 (a) An arbitrary PDF. (b) Result of applying the transformation in Eq. (3.3-4) to all intensity levels, r . The resulting intensities, s , have a uniform PDF, independently of the form of the PDF of the r 's.

Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

Proof:

$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

$$\frac{ds}{dr} = \frac{dT(r)}{dr}$$

$$= (L - 1) \frac{d}{dr} \left[\int_0^r p_r(w) dw \right]$$

$$= (L - 1)p_r(r)$$

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right|$$

$$= p_r(r) \left| \frac{1}{(L - 1)p_r(r)} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{L - 1} \quad 0 \leq s \leq L - 1$$

Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

Example:

$$p_r(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{2r}{(L-1)^2} & \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq L-1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$s = T(r) = (L-1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw = \frac{2}{L-1} \int_0^r w dw = \frac{r^2}{L-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_s(s) &= p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right| = \frac{2r}{(L-1)^2} \left| \left[\frac{ds}{dr} \right]^{-1} \right| \\ &= \frac{2r}{(L-1)^2} \left| \left[\frac{d}{dr} \frac{r^2}{L-1} \right]^{-1} \right| = \frac{2r}{(L-1)^2} \left| \frac{(L-1)}{2r} \right| = \frac{1}{L-1} \end{aligned}$$

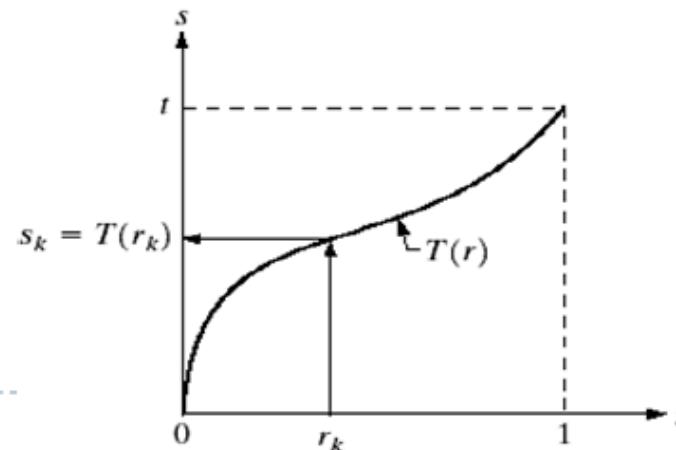
Histogram Equalization: Transformation Function

▶ Transformation:

- ▶ Assume r has been normalized to the interval $[0, 1]$, with $r = 0$ representing black and $r = 1$ representing white.

$$s = T(r) \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1$$

- ▶ The transformation function satisfies the following conditions:
 - ▶ $T(r)$ is single-valued and monotonically increasing in the interval $0 \leq r \leq 1$
 - ▶ $0 \leq T(r) \leq 1$ for $0 \leq r \leq 1$.



Histogram Equalization

- ▶ Histogram equalization is based on a transformation of the probability density function of a random variable.
- ▶ Let $p_r(r)$ and $p_s(s)$ denote the probability density function of random variable r and s , respectively.
- ▶ If $p_r(r)$ and $T(r)$ are known, then the probability density function $p_s(s)$ of the transformed variable s can be obtained

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right|$$

- ▶ Define a transformation function $s = T(r) = \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$

where w is a dummy variable of integration and the right side of this equation is the cumulative distribution function of random variable r .

Histogram Equalization

- Given transformation function $T(r)$,

$$\frac{ds}{dr} = \frac{dT(r)}{dr} = \frac{d}{dr} \left[\int_0^r p_r(w) dw \right] = p_r(r)$$

$$p_s(s) = p_r(r) \left| \frac{dr}{ds} \right| = p_r(r) \left| \frac{1}{p_r(r)} \right| = 1 \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1$$

$p_s(s)$ now is a uniform probability density function.

- $T(r)$ depends on $p_r(r)$, but the resulting $p_s(s)$ always is uniform.

Histogram Equalization: Discrete Case

$$p_r(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{MN}$$

$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

$$s_k = T(r_k) = (L - 1) \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L - 1$$

Thus, an output image is obtained by mapping each pixel with level r_k in the input image into a corresponding pixel with level s_k .

Histogram Equalization

TABLE 3.1
Intensity distribution and histogram values for a 3-bit, 64×64 digital image.

r_k	n_k	$p_r(r_k) = n_k / MN$
$r_0 = 0$	790	0.19
$r_1 = 1$	1023	0.25
$r_2 = 2$	850	0.21
$r_3 = 3$	656	0.16
$r_4 = 4$	329	0.08
$r_5 = 5$	245	0.06
$r_6 = 6$	122	0.03
$r_7 = 7$	81	0.02

Histogram Equalization

$$s_0 = T(r_0) = 7 \sum_{j=0}^0 p_r(r_j) = 7 p_r(r_0) = 1.33$$

r_k	n_k	$p_r(r_k) = n_k / MN$
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$r_1 = 1$	1023	0.25
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$r_3 = 3$	656	0.16
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$r_5 = 5$	245	0.06
$r_6 = 6$	122	0.03
$r_7 = 7$	81	0.02

Similarly, $s_1 = T(r_1) = 3.08$, $s_2 = 4.55$, $s_3 = 5.67$, $s_4 = 6.23$, $s_5 = 6.65$, $s_6 = 6.86$, and $s_7 = 7.00$.

At this point, the s values are fractional because they were generated by summing probability values, so we round them to their nearest integer values in the range $[0, 7]$:

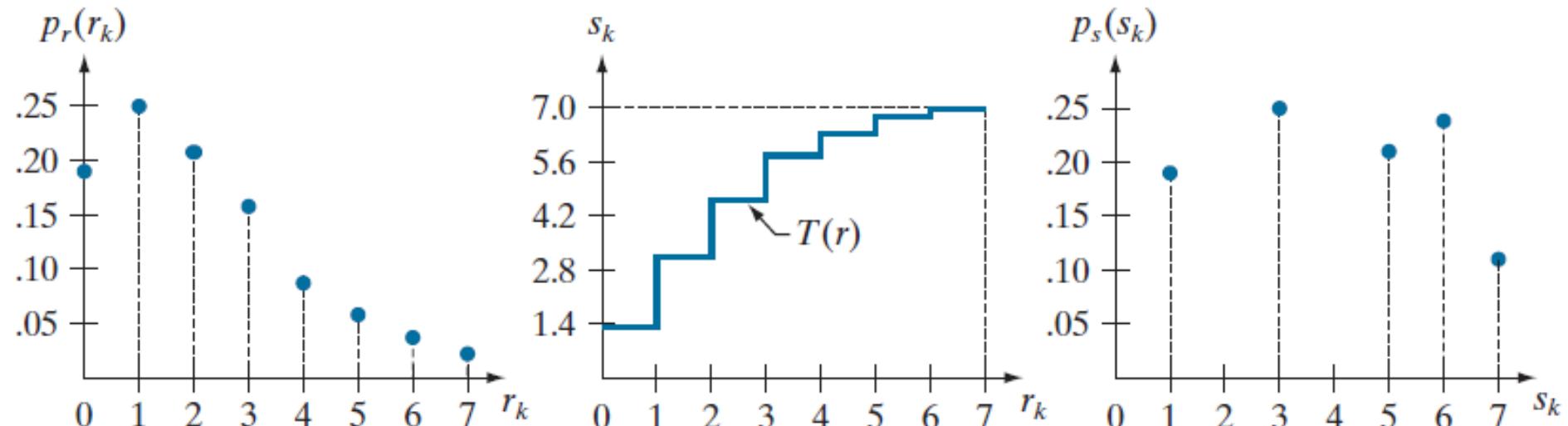
$$\begin{array}{llll} s_0 = 1.33 \rightarrow 1 & s_2 = 4.55 \rightarrow 5 & s_4 = 6.23 \rightarrow 6 & s_6 = 6.86 \rightarrow 7 \\ s_1 = 3.08 \rightarrow 3 & s_3 = 5.67 \rightarrow 6 & s_5 = 6.65 \rightarrow 7 & s_7 = 7.00 \rightarrow 7 \end{array}$$

Histogram Equalization

r_k	n_k	$p_r(r_k) = n_k/MN$
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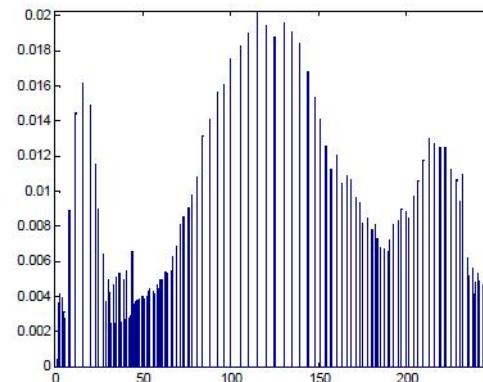
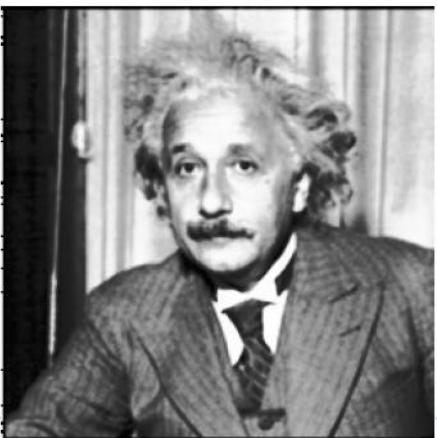
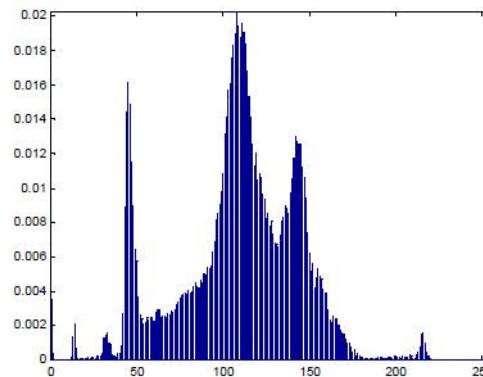
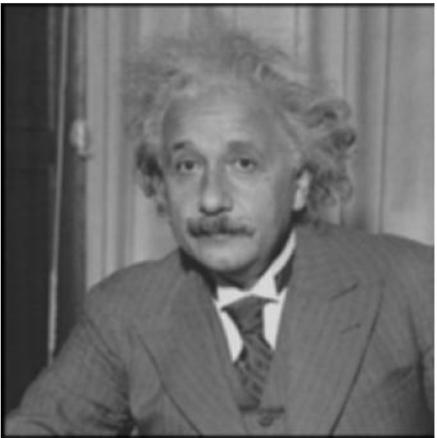
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FIGURE 3.19
Histogram equalization.
(a) Original histogram.
(b) Transformation function.
(c) Equalized histogram.



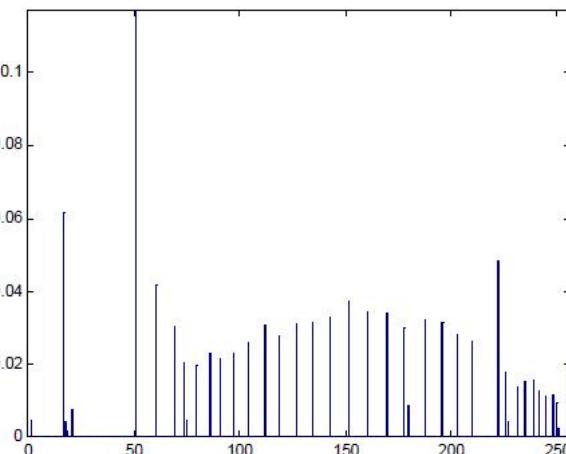
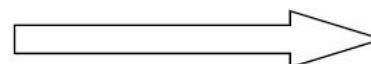
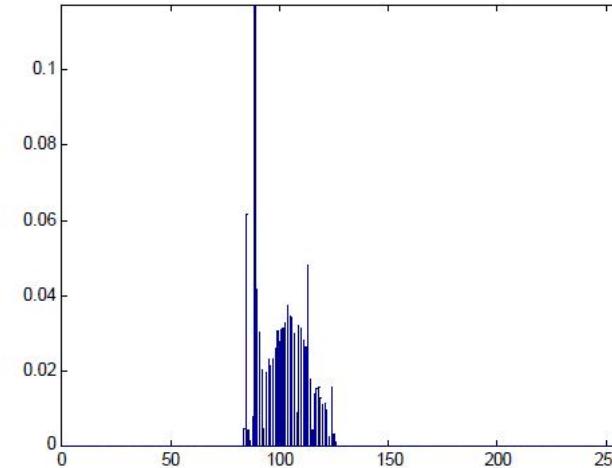
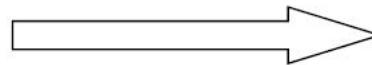
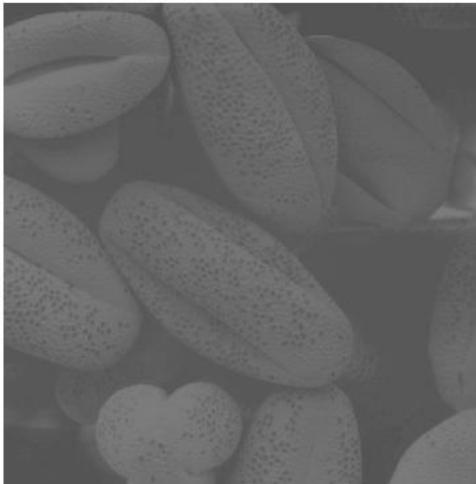
Histogram Equalization

Effect of applying the Histogram Equalization.



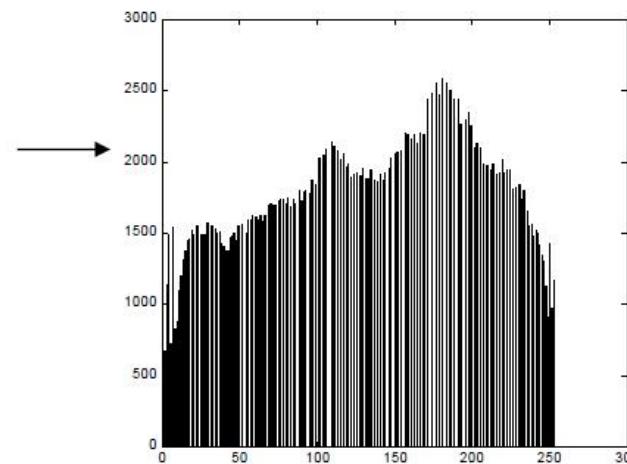
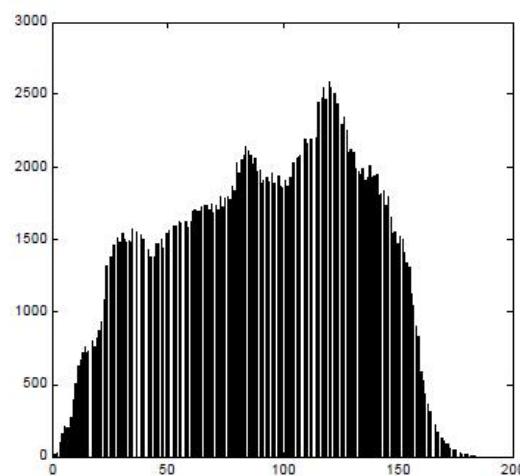
Histogram Equalization

Another example highlighting the effectiveness of this technique



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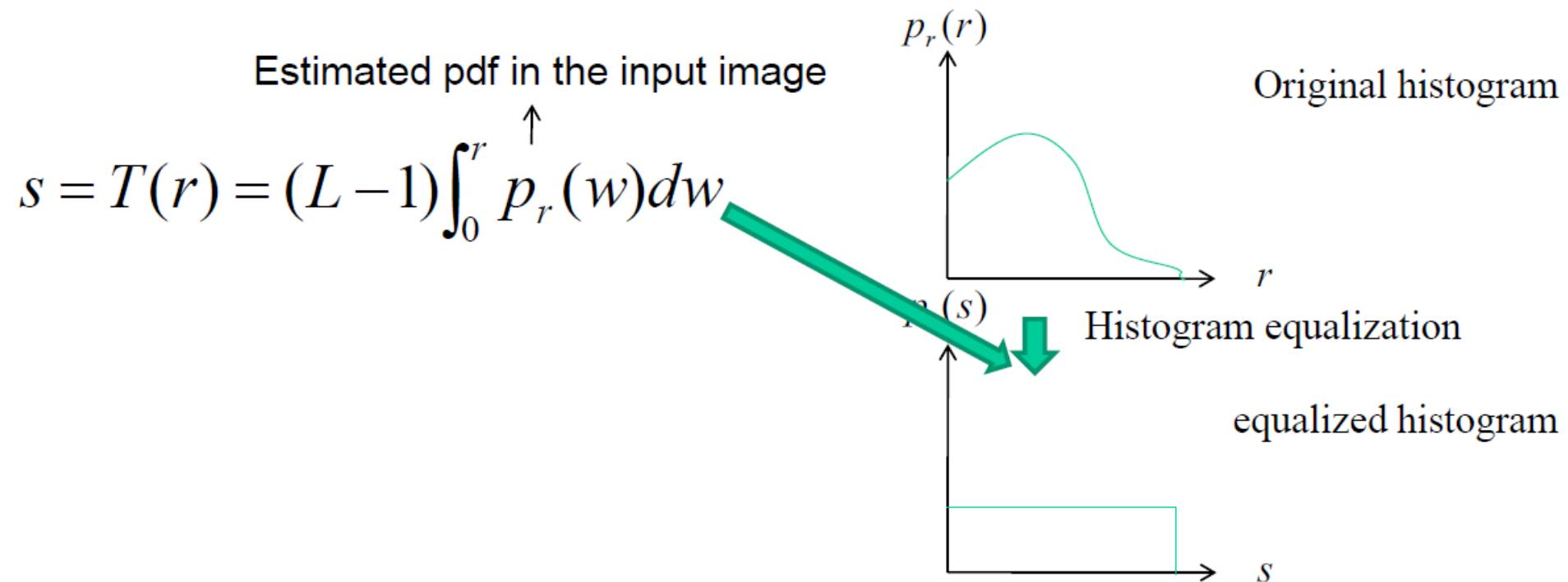
Histogram Matching

Histogram equalization does *not* allow interactive image enhancement and generates only one result that is an approximation to a uniform histogram.

When we need to specify a particular histogram shape capable of highlighting certain gray-level ranges, the technique is called **histogram matching**.

It is desired here that the output image have a specified probability density function $p_z(z)$.

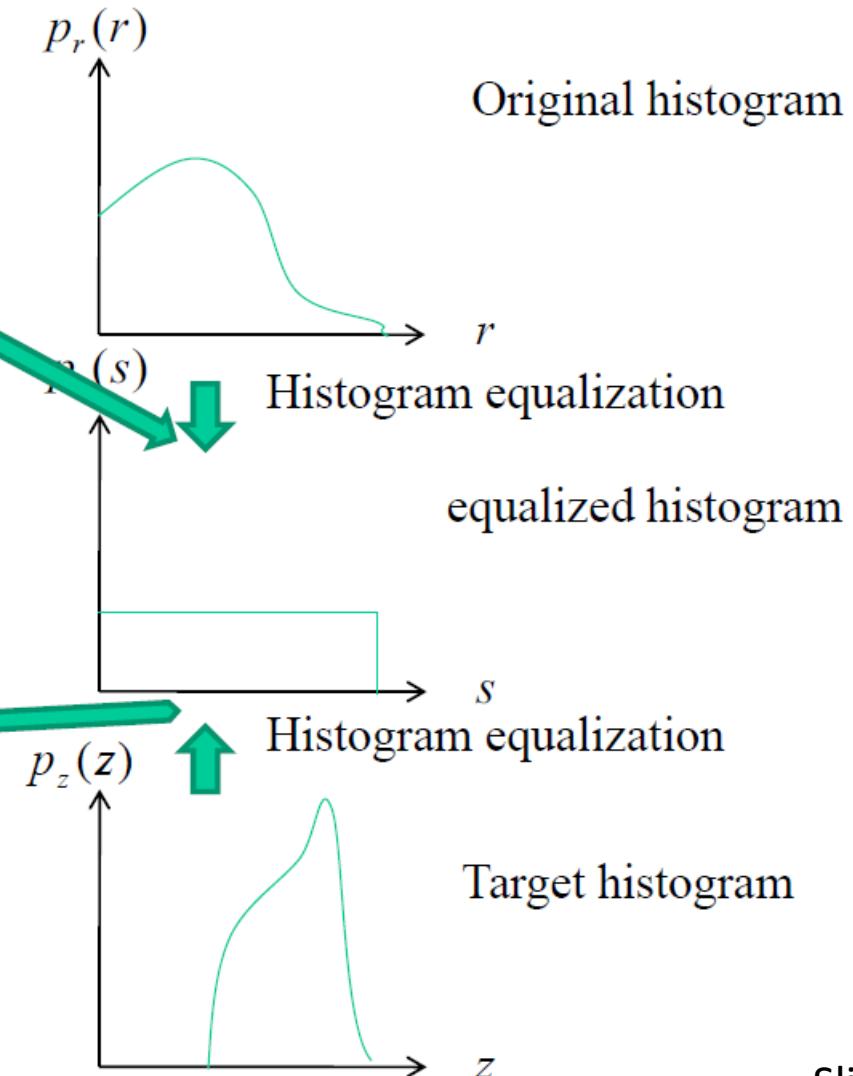
Histogram Matching



Histogram Matching

$$s = T(r) = (L-1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

$$s = G(z) = (L-1) \int_0^z p_z(t) dt$$



Histogram Matching

Estimated pdf in the input image

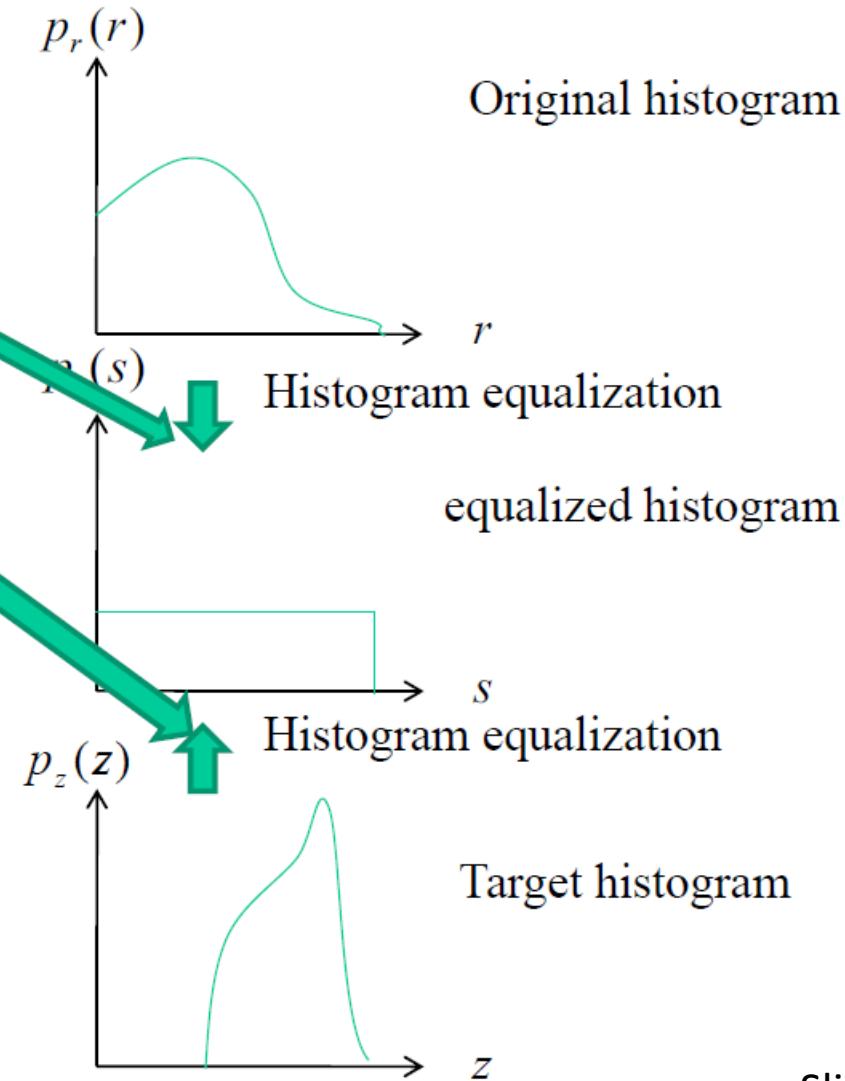
$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

Desired pdf in the output image

$$s = G(z) = (L - 1) \int_0^z p_z(t) dt$$

$$z = G^{-1}(s) = G^{-1}(T(r))$$

Green circles represent known
Red circles represent unknown



Histogram Matching

Discrete histogram require a discretization of the output intensity values

Step1: Compute histogram of the input image $p_r(r)$ and the histogram equalized image $s = T(r)$

Step2: Compute $G(z)$ given the desired histogram $p_z(z)$

Ideally, $G(z) = s$. In practice, $G(z) \approx s$

Step3: Given the s_k value, find the value of z_q so that $G(z_q)$ is closest to s_k

Step4: form the histogram-specified image using the mapping r-z found above

Histogram Matching

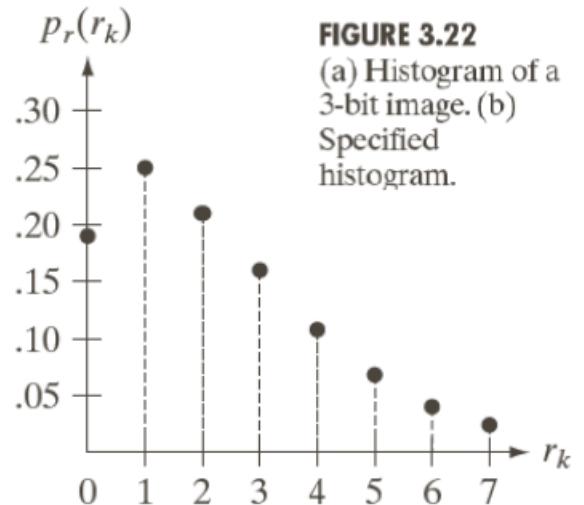
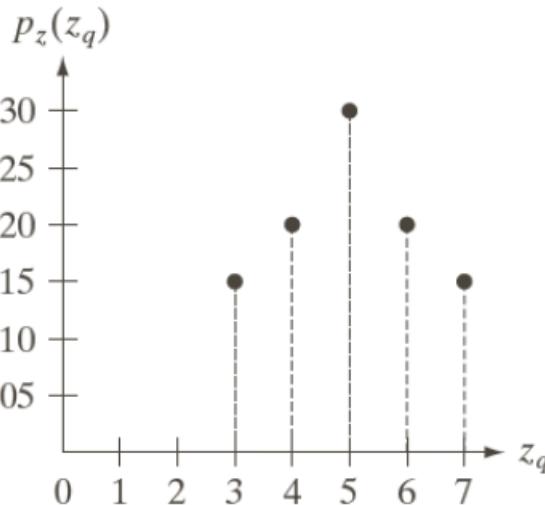


FIGURE 3.22

(a) Histogram of a 3-bit image. (b) Specified histogram.



$$s_k = T(r_k) = (L-1) \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L-1$$

$$G(z_q) = (L-1) \sum_{i=0}^q p_z(z_i)$$

$$G(z_q) = s_k$$

Histogram Matching

$$s_0 = 1.33 \rightarrow 1 \quad s_2 = 4.55 \rightarrow 5 \quad s_4 = 6.23 \rightarrow 6 \quad s_6 = 6.86 \rightarrow 7$$

$$s_1 = 3.08 \rightarrow 3 \quad s_3 = 5.67 \rightarrow 6 \quad s_5 = 6.65 \rightarrow 7 \quad s_7 = 7.00 \rightarrow 7$$

$$s_0 = 1; \quad s_1 = 3; \quad s_2 = 5; \quad s_3 = 6; \quad s_4 = 6; \quad s_5 = 7; \quad s_6 = 7; \quad s_7 = 7$$

$$G(z_0) = 0.00 \quad G(z_2) = 0.00 \quad G(z_4) = 2.45 \quad G(z_6) = 5.95$$

$$G(z_1) = 0.00 \quad G(z_3) = 1.05 \quad G(z_5) = 4.55 \quad G(z_7) = 7.00$$

$$G(z_0) = 0.00 \rightarrow 0 \quad G(z_4) = 2.45 \rightarrow 2$$

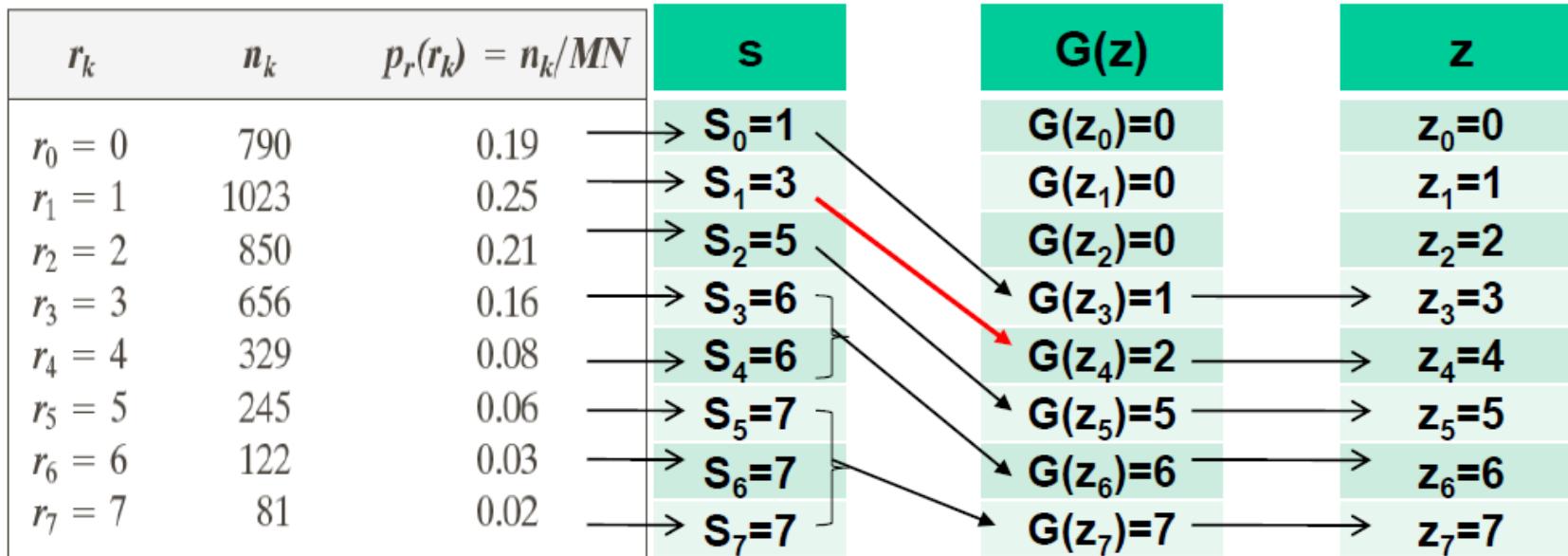
$$G(z_1) = 0.00 \rightarrow 0 \quad G(z_5) = 4.55 \rightarrow 5$$

$$G(z_2) = 0.00 \rightarrow 0 \quad G(z_6) = 5.95 \rightarrow 6$$

$$G(z_3) = 1.05 \rightarrow 1 \quad G(z_7) = 7.00 \rightarrow 7$$

Histogram Matching

$$s_k = T(r_k) = (L-1) \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L-1$$



$$r_0 \rightarrow z_3$$

$$r_1 \rightarrow z_4$$

$$r_2 \rightarrow z_5$$

$$r_3, r_4 \rightarrow z_6$$

$$r_5, r_6, r_7 \rightarrow z_7$$

z_q	Specified $p_z(z_q)$	Actual $p_z(z_k)$
$z_0 = 0$	0.00	0.00
$z_1 = 1$	0.00	0.00
$z_2 = 2$	0.00	0.00
$z_3 = 3$	0.15	0.19
$z_4 = 4$	0.20	0.25
$z_5 = 5$	0.30	0.21
$z_6 = 6$	0.20	0.24
$z_7 = 7$	0.15	0.11

$$G(z_q) = (L-1) \sum_{i=0}^q p_z(z_i)$$

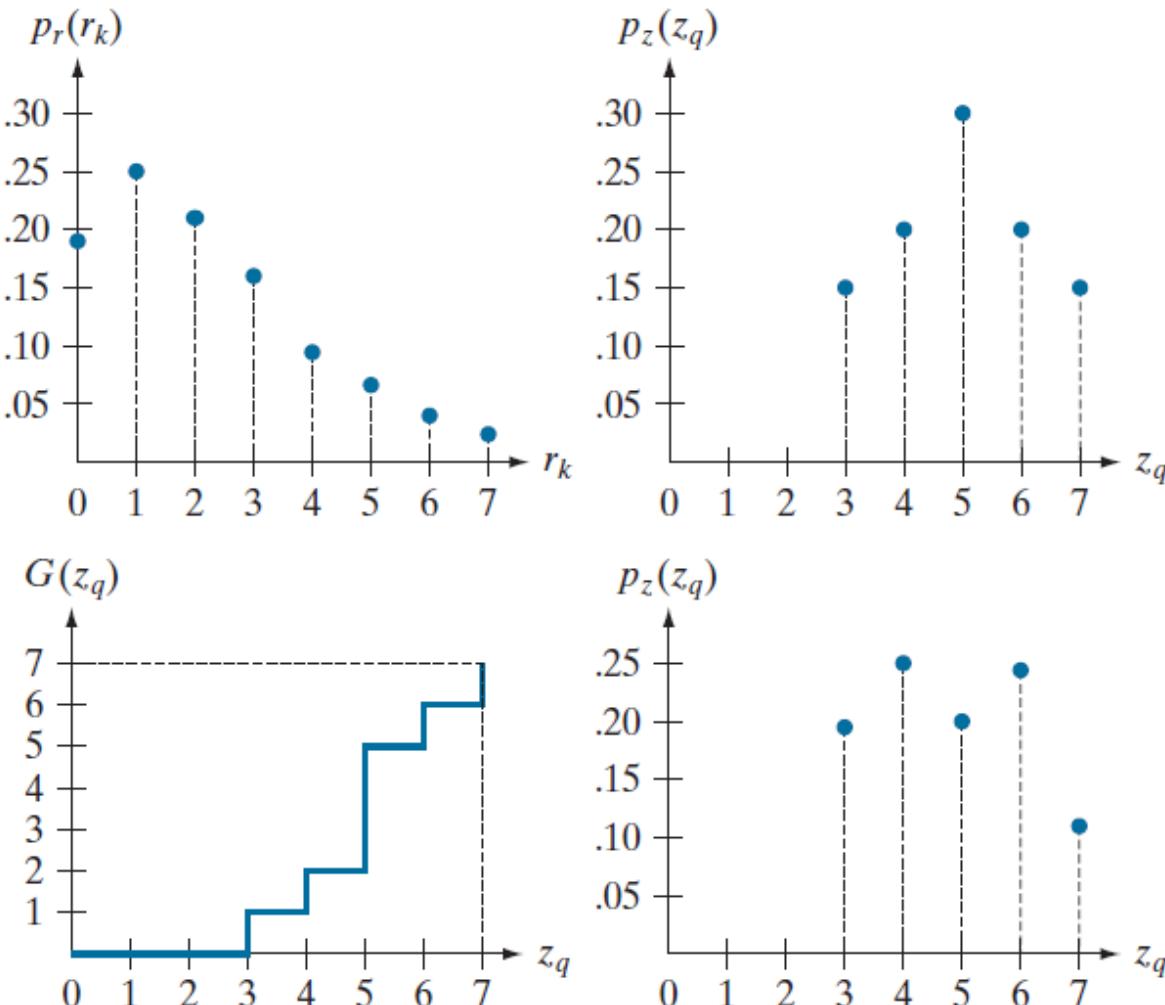
$$G(z_q) = s_k$$

Histogram Matching

a	b
c	d

FIGURE 3.22

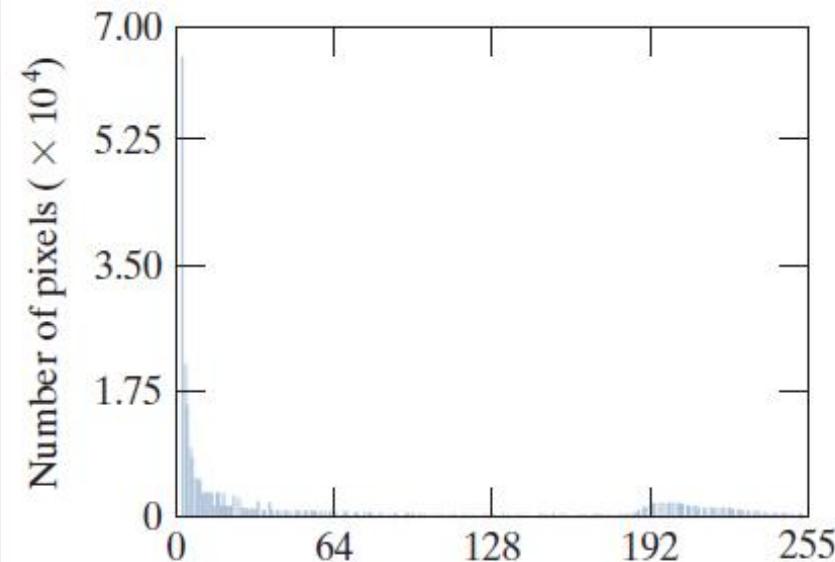
- (a) Histogram of a 3-bit image.
- (b) Specified histogram.
- (c) Transformation function obtained from the specified histogram.
- (d) Result of histogram specification. Compare the histograms in (b) and (d).



Histogram Matching: Example

a b

FIGURE 3.23
(a) An image, and
(b) its histogram.

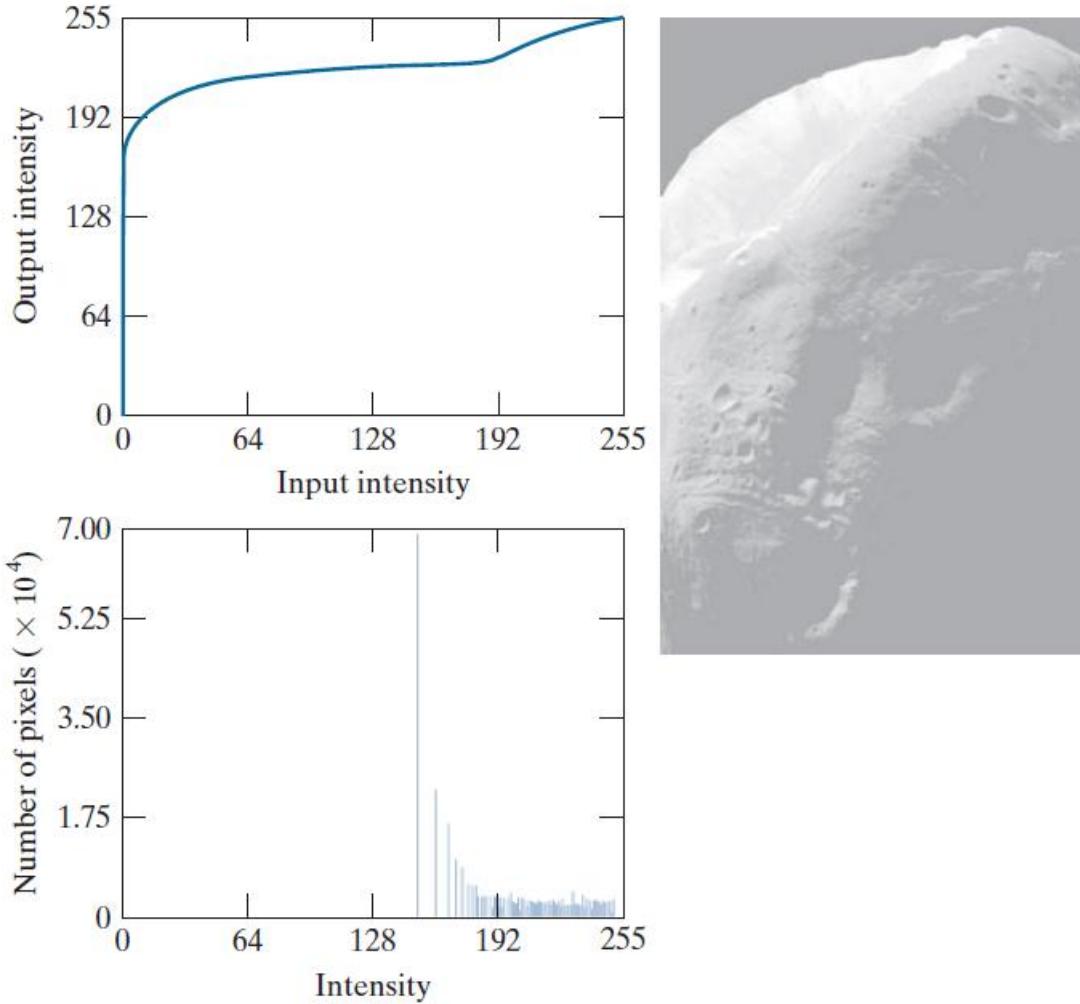


Histogram Matching: Example

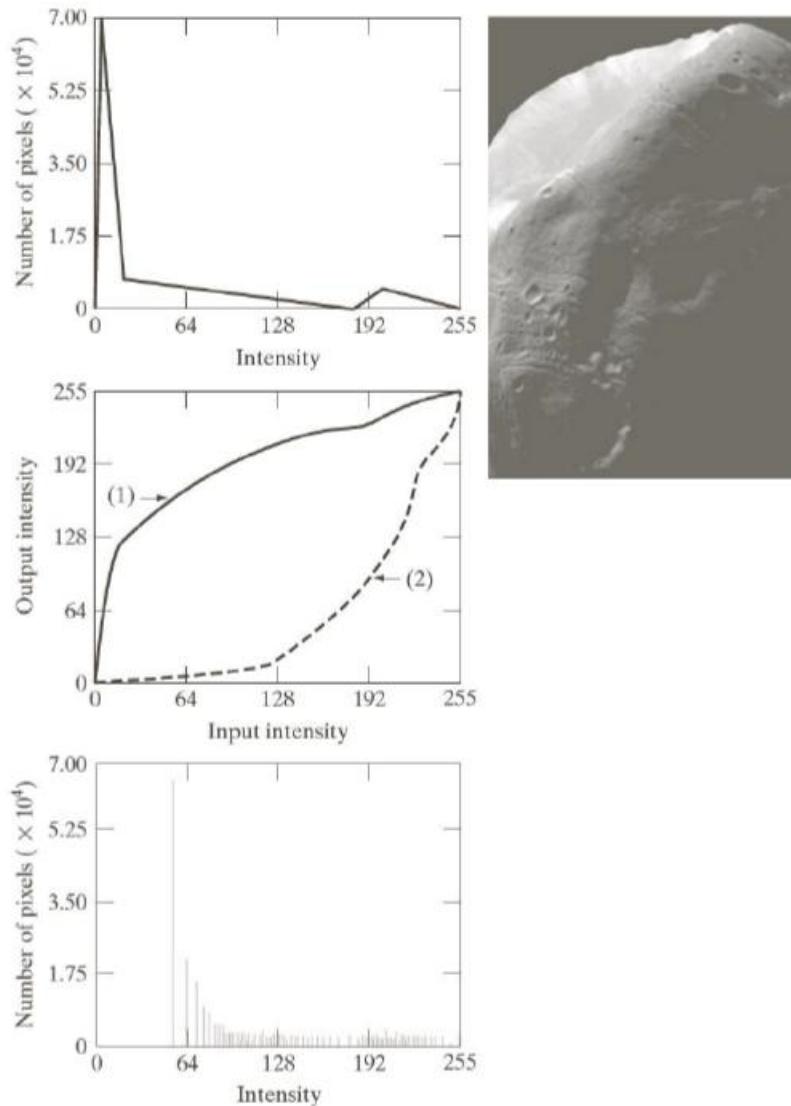
a b
c

FIGURE 3.24

- (a) Histogram equalization transformation obtained using the histogram in Fig. 3.23(b).
- (b) Histogram equalized image.
- (c) Histogram of equalized image.



Histogram Matching: Example

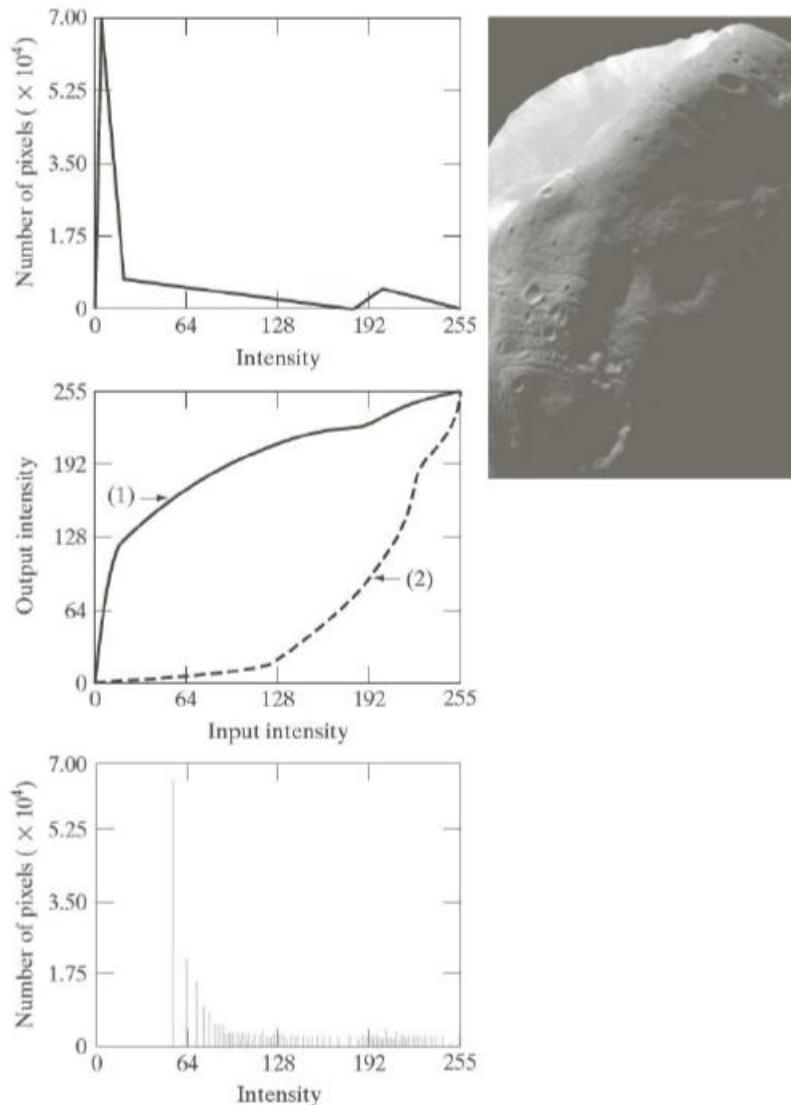


a
b
d

FIGURE 3.25

- (a) Specified histogram.
- (b) Transformations.
- (c) Enhanced image using mappings from curve (2).
- (d) Histogram of (c).

Histogram Matching: Example



a
b
d

FIGURE 3.25

- (a) Specified histogram.
- (b) Transformations.
- (c) Enhanced image using mappings from curve (2).
- (d) Histogram of (c).

Local Histogram Processing

Local Enhancement is used when it is necessary to enhance details over smaller areas.

The transformation functions are based on the gray-level distribution in the neighborhood of every pixel.

The **procedure** is:

Define a square/rectangular neighborhood.

Compute the histogram of the points in the neighborhood.

Obtain a histogram equalization/specification transformation.

Use this function to map the gray level of the center pixel.

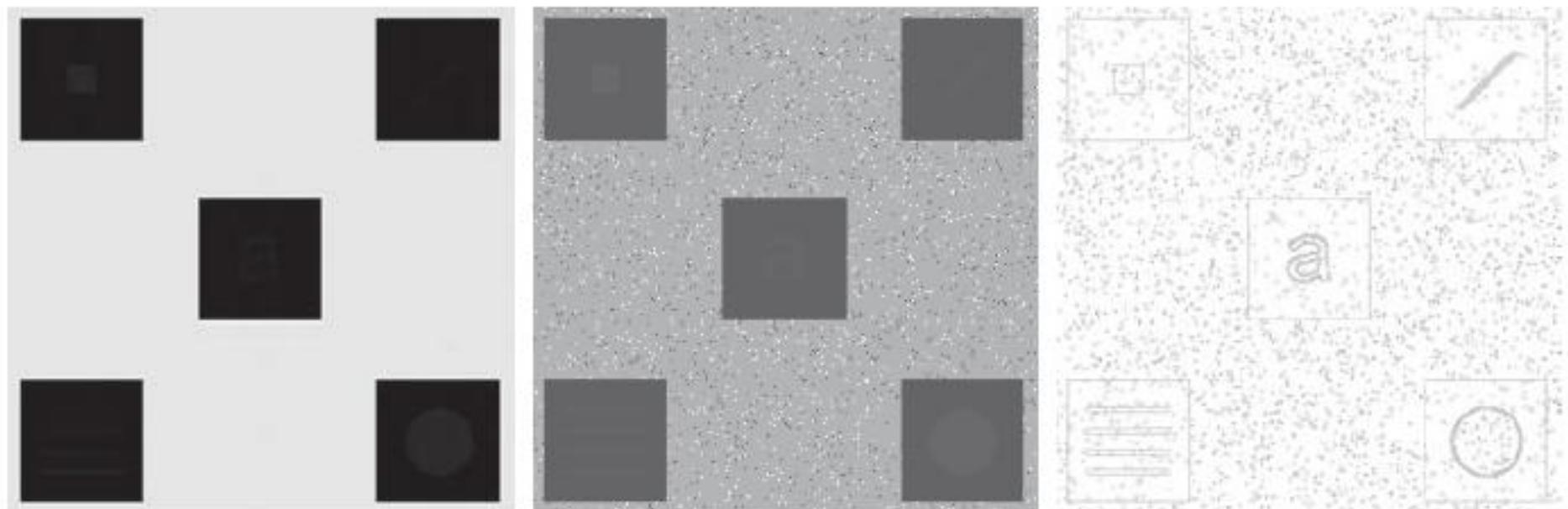
Move the center to the adjacent pixel location and repeat.

Local Histogram Processing

a b c

FIGURE 3.26

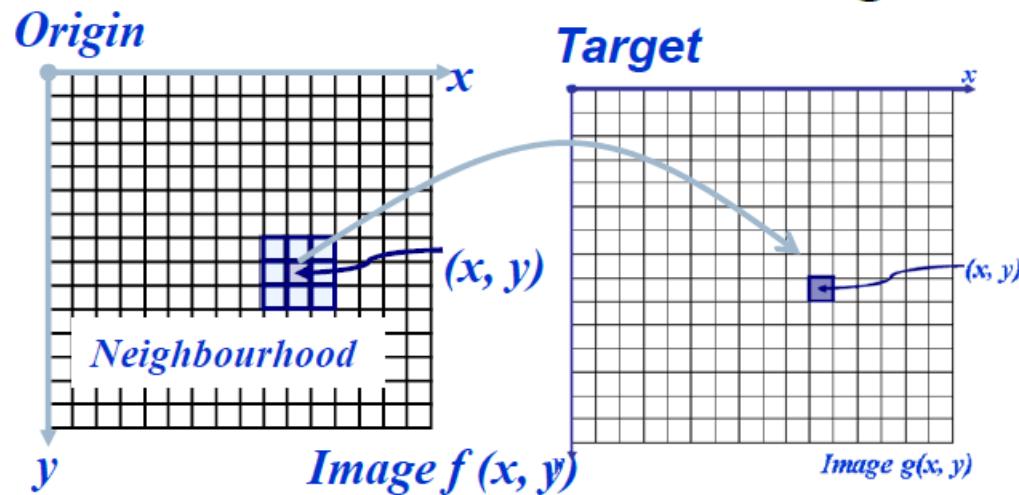
- (a) Original image. (b) Result of global histogram equalization.
(c) Result of local histogram equalization.



Spatial Filtering

Neighbourhood Operations

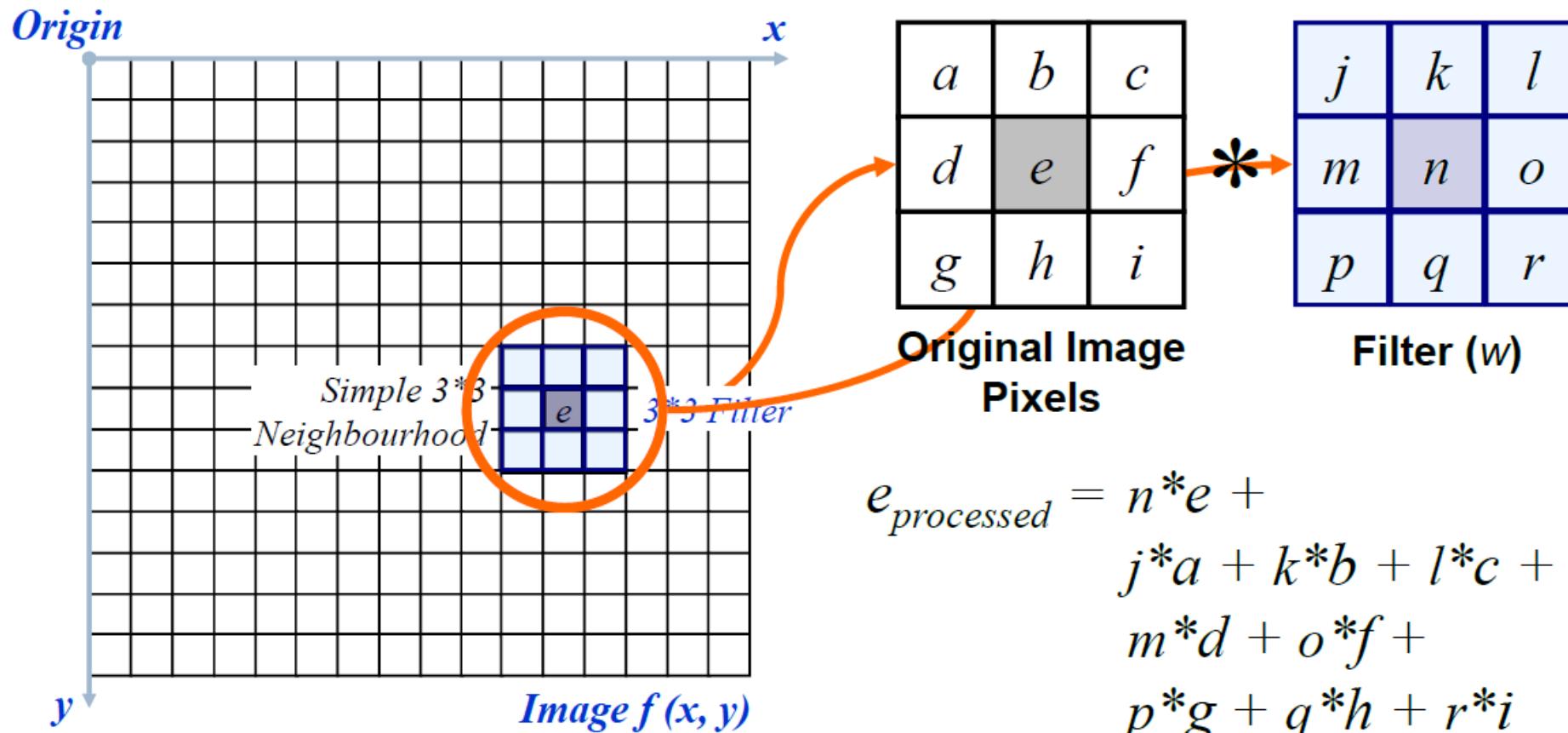
- ▶ Neighbourhood operations simply operate on a larger neighbourhood of pixels than point operations
- ▶ Neighbourhoods are mostly rectangular
- ▶ Filters of any shape and size are possible
- For each pixel in the original image, the outcome is written on the same location at the target image.



Neighbourhood Operations

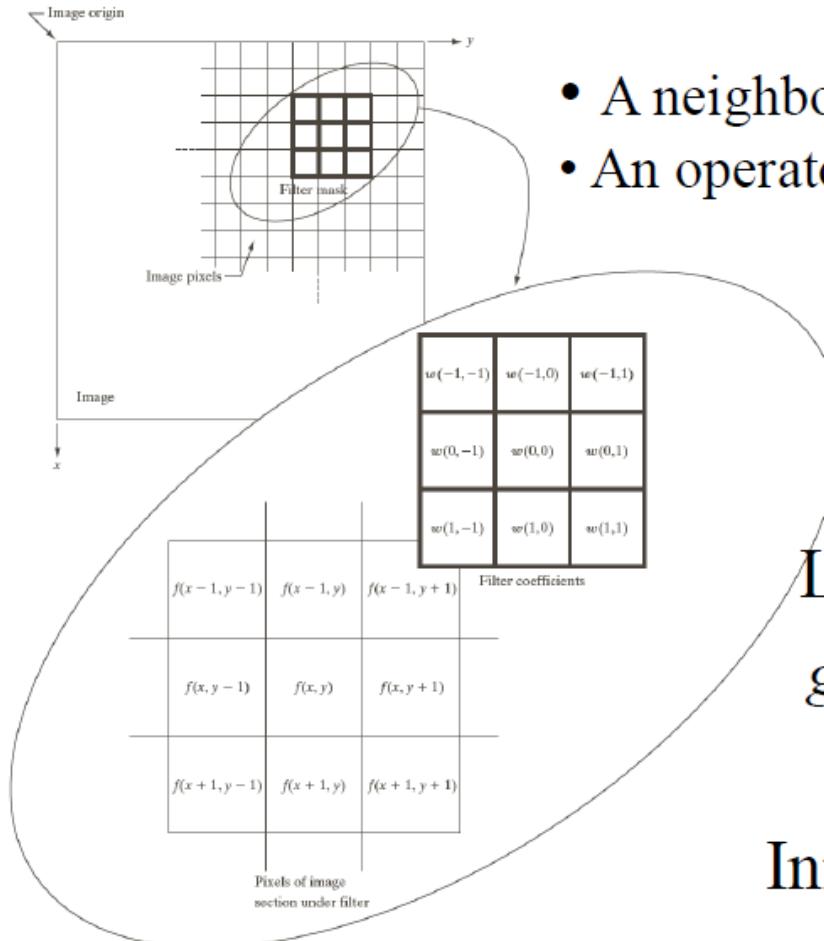
- ▶ Simple neighbourhood operations example:
 - ▶ **Min:** Set the pixel value to the minimum in the neighbourhood
 - ▶ **Max:** Set the pixel value to the maximum in the neighbourhood

Spatial Filtering Process



- The above is repeated for every pixel in the original image to generate the filtered image

Fundamentals of Spatial Filtering



- A neighborhood
- An operator with the same size: linear/nonlinear

Note: Each element in w will visit every pixel in the image just once.

Linear spatial filtering:

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{s=-1}^1 \sum_{t=-1}^1 w(s, t) f(x+s, y+t)$$

Inner product $g(x, y) = \mathbf{w} \bullet \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{f}$

FIGURE 3.28 The mechanics of linear spatial filtering using a 3×3 filter mask. The form chosen to denote the coordinates of the filter mask coefficients simplifies writing expressions for linear filtering.

Fundamentals of Spatial Filtering

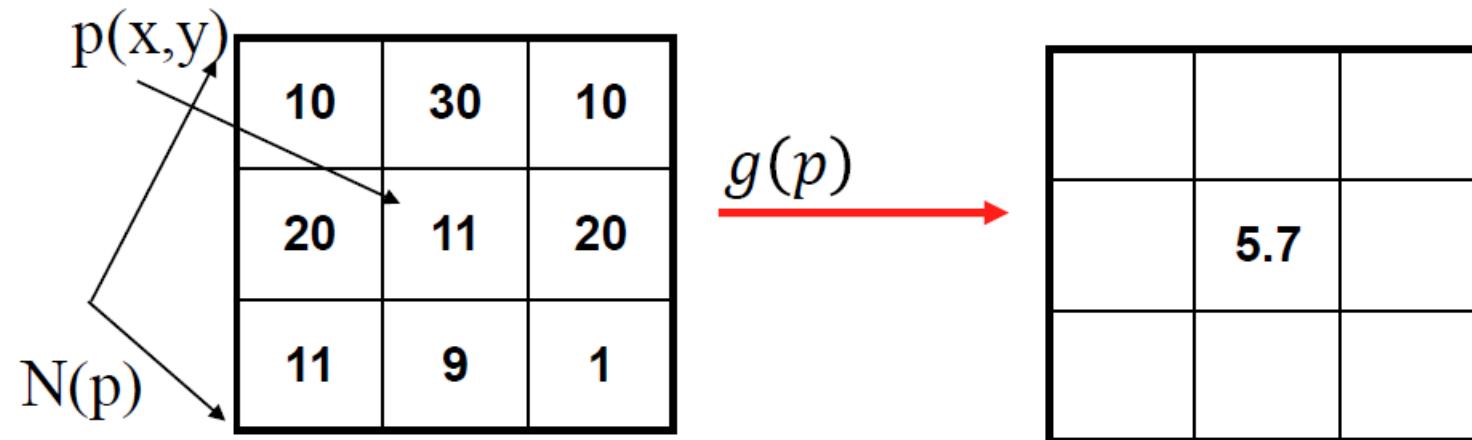
- ✓ Low-pass filters eliminate or attenuate high frequency components in the frequency domain, and result in image blurring.
- ✓ High-pass filters attenuate or eliminate low-frequency components resulting in sharpening edges and other sharp details.

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x + s, y + t)$$

- ❑ Here $w(s,t)$ is the mask of size $m \times n$. $a = (m-1)/2$ and $b = (n-1)/2$, m, n are ODD numbers.
- ❑ $g(x,y)$ is calculated for $x=0,1,\dots,M-1$ and $y=0,1,\dots,N-1$ to get the final filtered image.
- ❑ Non-linear filters also use pixel neighborhoods but do not explicitly use coefficients.

Fundamentals of Spatial Filtering

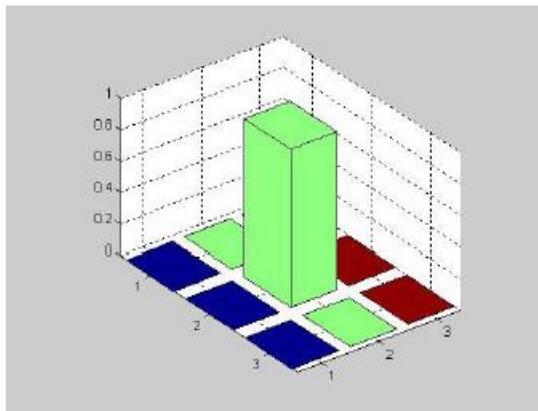
Modifying the pixels in an image based on some function of a local neighborhood of the pixels



$g(p)$:

- Linear function
 - Correlation
 - Convolution
- Nonlinear function
 - Order statistic (median)

Linear Filtering



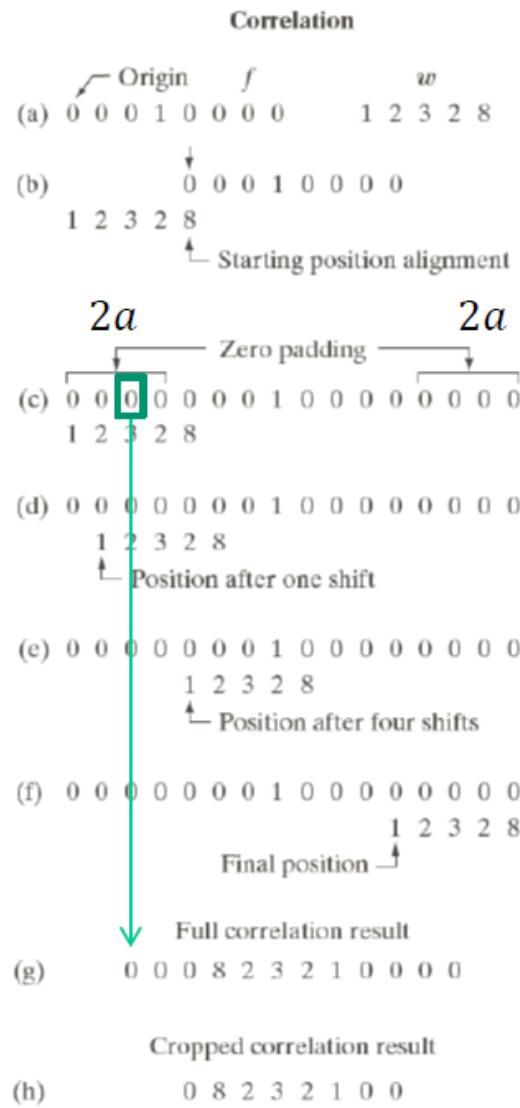
$$\begin{matrix} * & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} & = & \text{Output Image} \end{matrix}$$



Spatial Correlation: 1D Signal

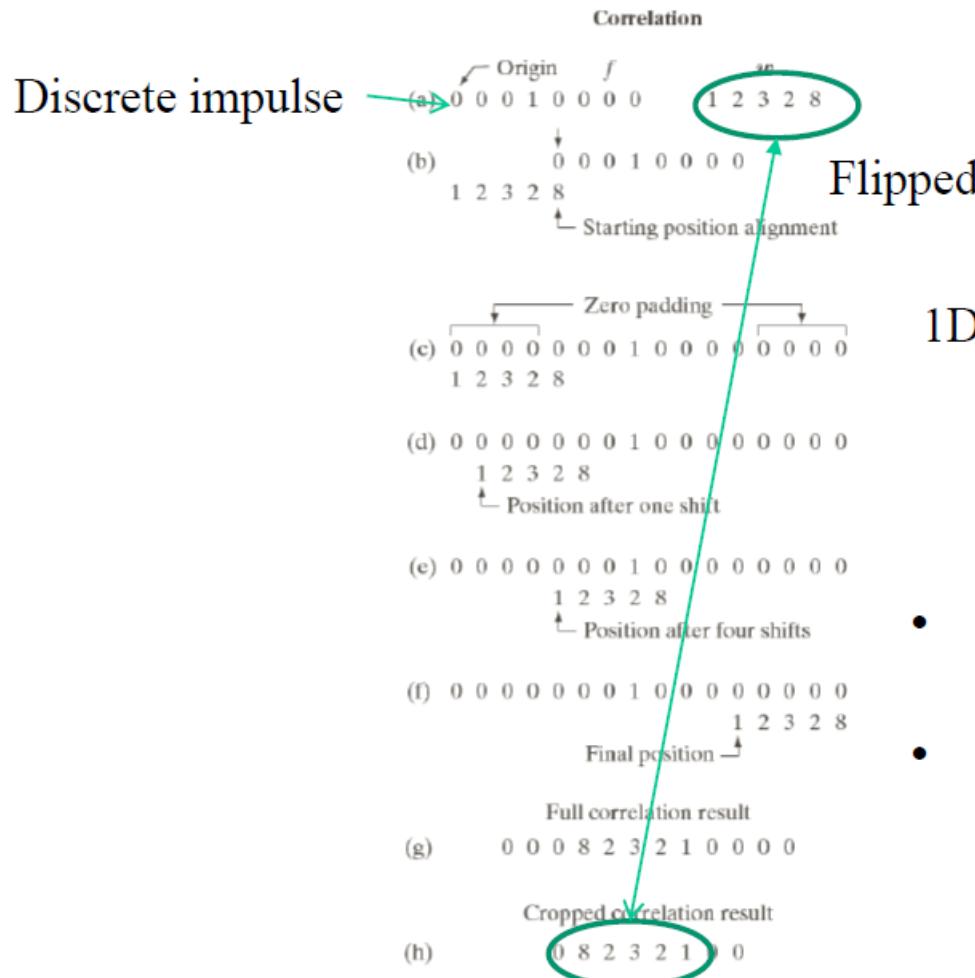
$$1D \text{ correlation} \sum_{s=-a}^a w(s)f(x+s)$$

Zero-padding: add zeros on the left and right margin, respectively



- **Full correlation result** has the size of $M + 2a$
- **Cropped result** has the size of M – the size of the original signal

Spatial Correlation: 1D Signal

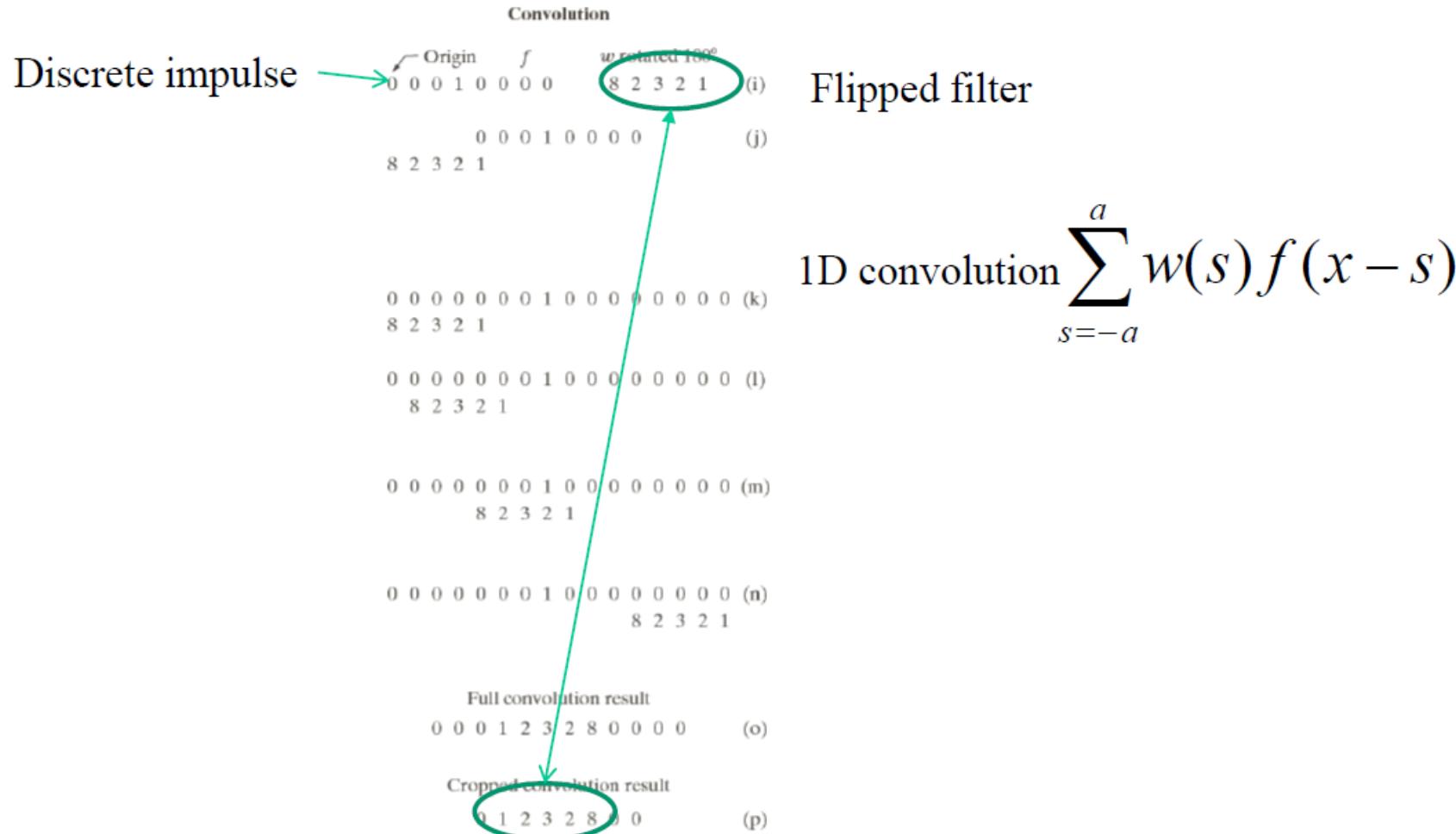


$$1D \text{ correlation} \sum_{s=-a}^a w(s)f(x+s)$$

- Full correlation result has the size of $M + 2a$
- Cropped result has the size of M – the size of the original signal

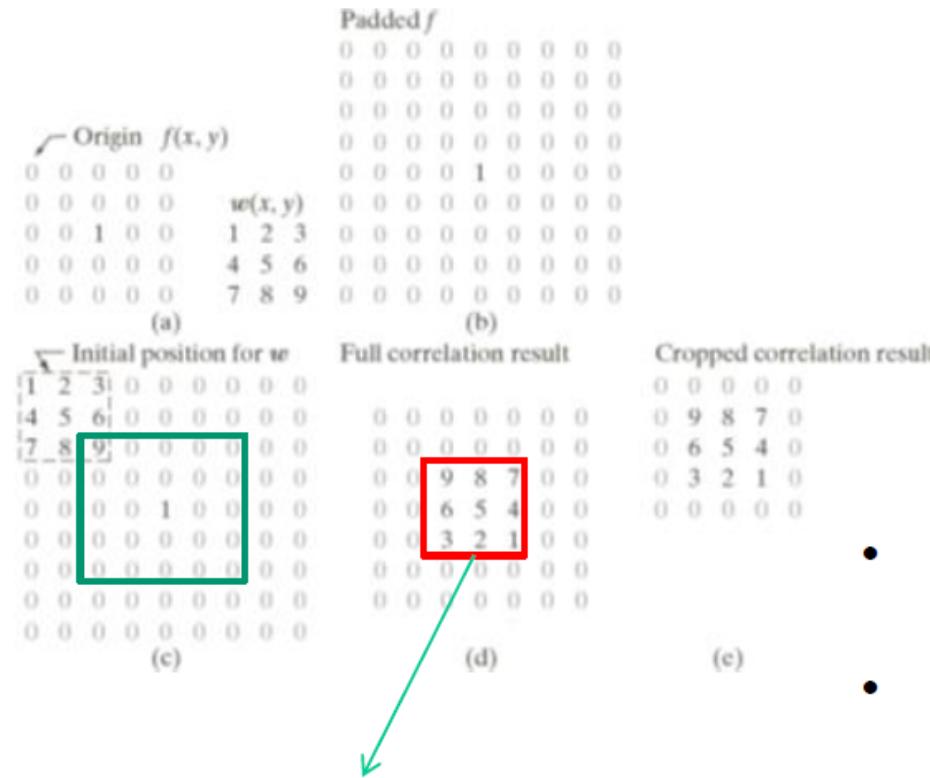
The impulse response is a rotation of the filter by 180 degree

Spatial Convolution: 1D Signal



The impulse response is the same as the filter

Extend to 2D Image: 2D Image Correlation



$$\sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x+s, y+t)$$

- Full correlation result has the size of $(M + 2a, N + 2b)$
- Cropped result has the size of (M, N) – the size of the original image

The 2D impulse response of image correlation is a rotation of the filter by 180 degree

Extend to 2D Image: 2D Image Convolution

Padded f	
✓ Origin $f(x, y)$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
w(x, y)	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
(a)	(b)

Rotated w	Full convolution result	Cropped convolution result
9 8 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
6 5 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 1 2 3 0
3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 4 5 6 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 7 8 9 0
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 4 5 6 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
(f)	(g)	(h)

The 2D impulse response of image convolution is the same as the filter

$$\sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x-s, y-t)$$

- Flip in both horizontal and vertical directions (rotate 180 degree) -> same if the filter is symmetric
- Convolution filter/mask/kernel
- Full convolution result has the size of $(M + 2a, N + 2b)$
- Cropped result has the size of (M, N) – the size of the original image

Linear Filters

General process:

- Form new image whose pixels are a weighted sum of original pixel values, using the same set of weights at each point.

Properties

- Output is a linear function of the input
- Output is a shift-invariant function of the input (i.e. shift the input image two pixels to the left, the output is shifted two pixels to the left)

Example: smoothing by averaging

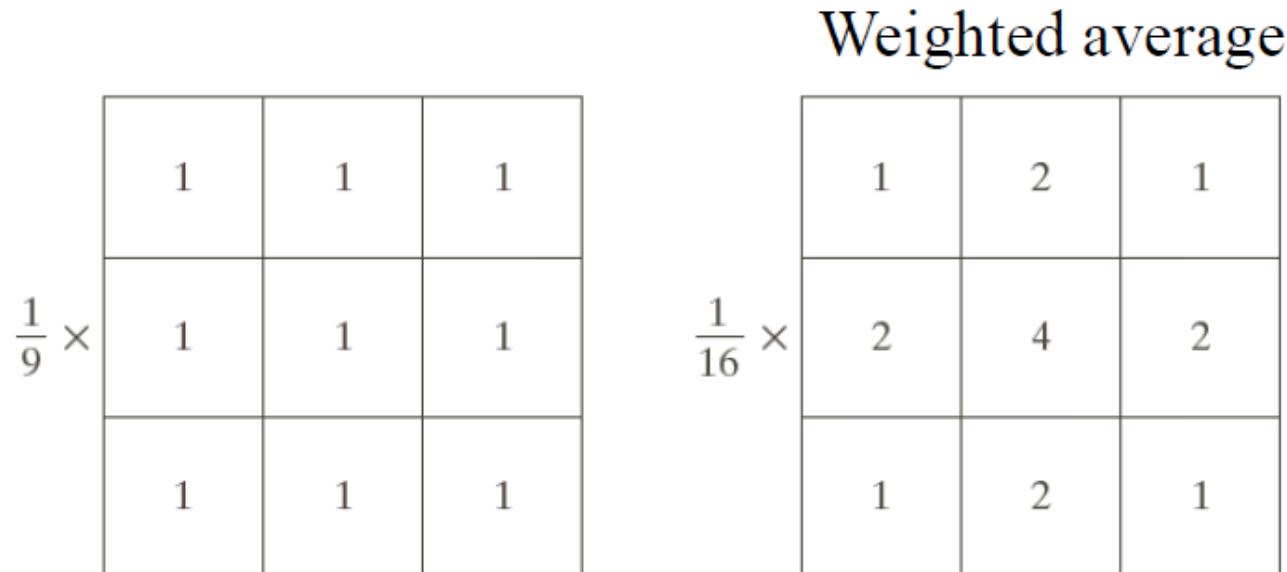
- form the average of pixels in a neighborhood

Example: smoothing with a Gaussian

- form a weighted average of pixels in a neighborhood

Example: finding an edge

Smoothing Spatial Filter – Low Pass Filters



$$g(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x + s, y + t)}{\sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t)}$$

Normalization factor

a b

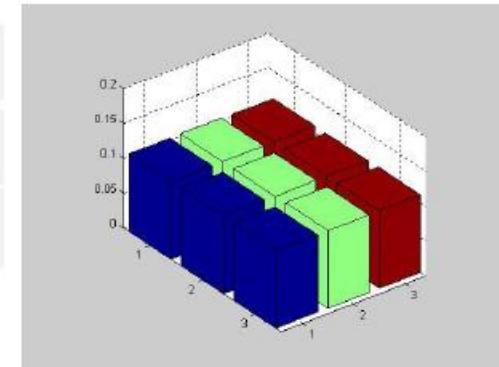
FIGURE 3.32 Two 3×3 smoothing (averaging) filter masks. The constant multiplier in front of each mask is equal to 1 divided by the sum of the values of its coefficients, as is required to compute an average.

- Noise deduction
- reduction of “irrelevant details”
- edge blurred

Smoothing Spatial Filter

Image averaging $R = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^9 z_i$

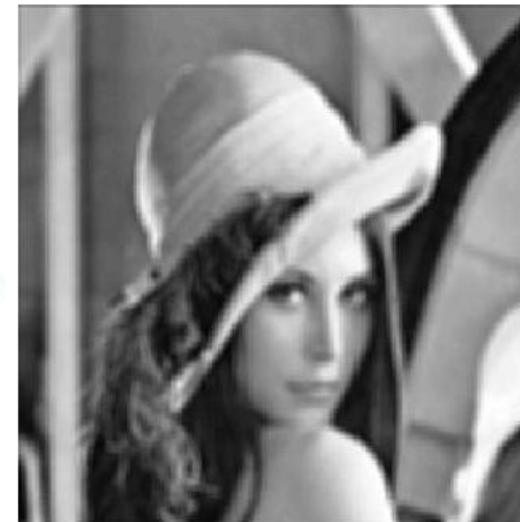
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9



$$*\frac{1}{9}$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

=



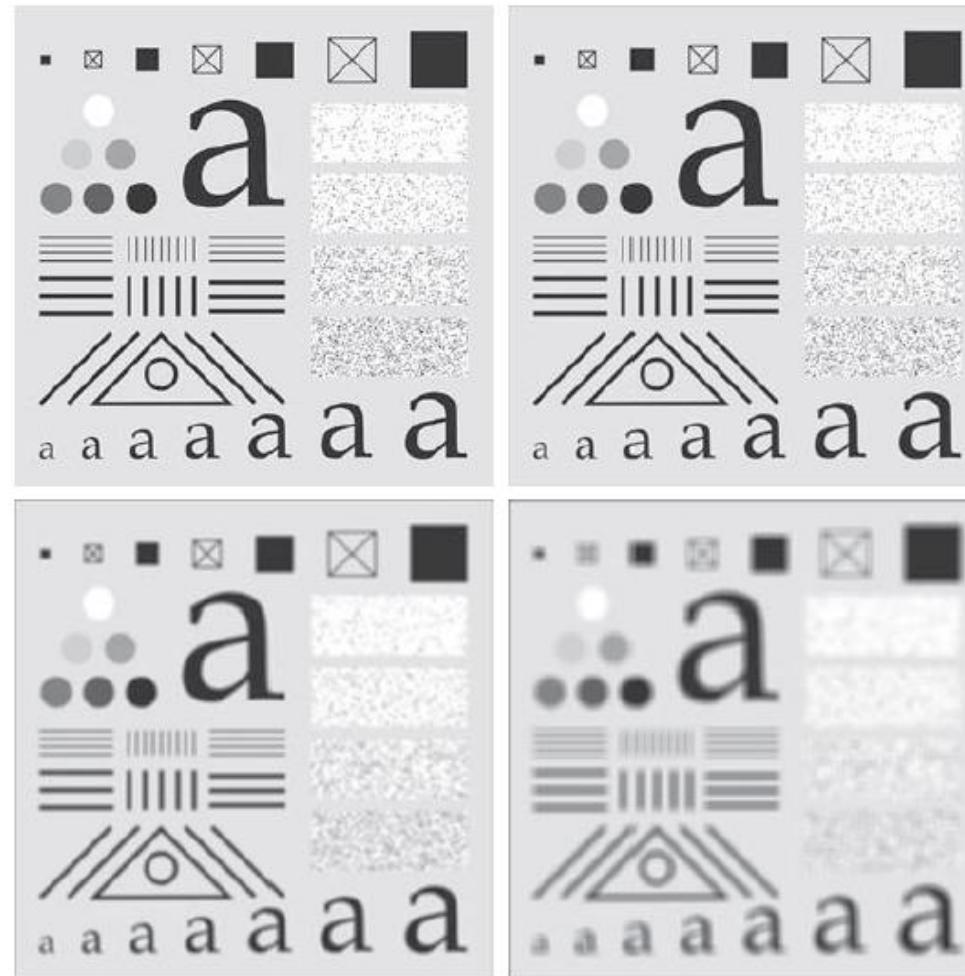
Comparison using Different Smoothing Filters

– Different Kernels

a | b
c | d

FIGURE 3.33

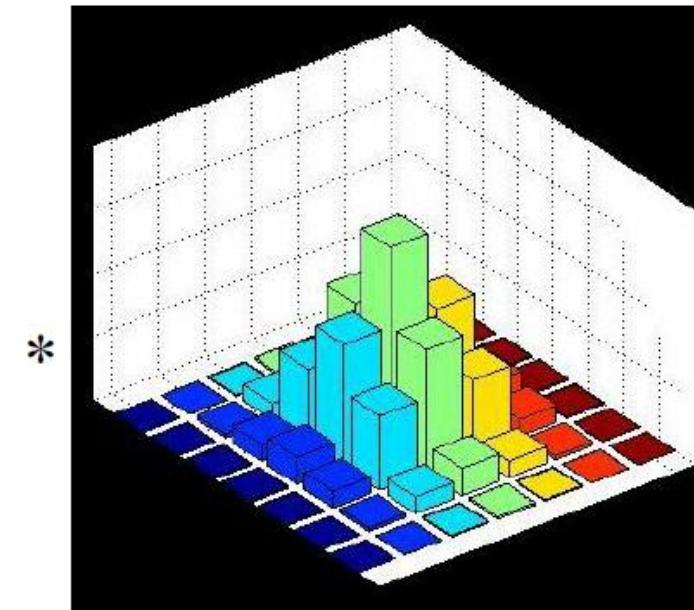
(a) Test pattern of size 1024×1024 pixels.
(b)-(d) Results of lowpass filtering with box kernels of sizes 3×3 , 11×11 , and 21×21 , respectively.



Smoothing Spatial Filter

2D Gaussian filter

$$h(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

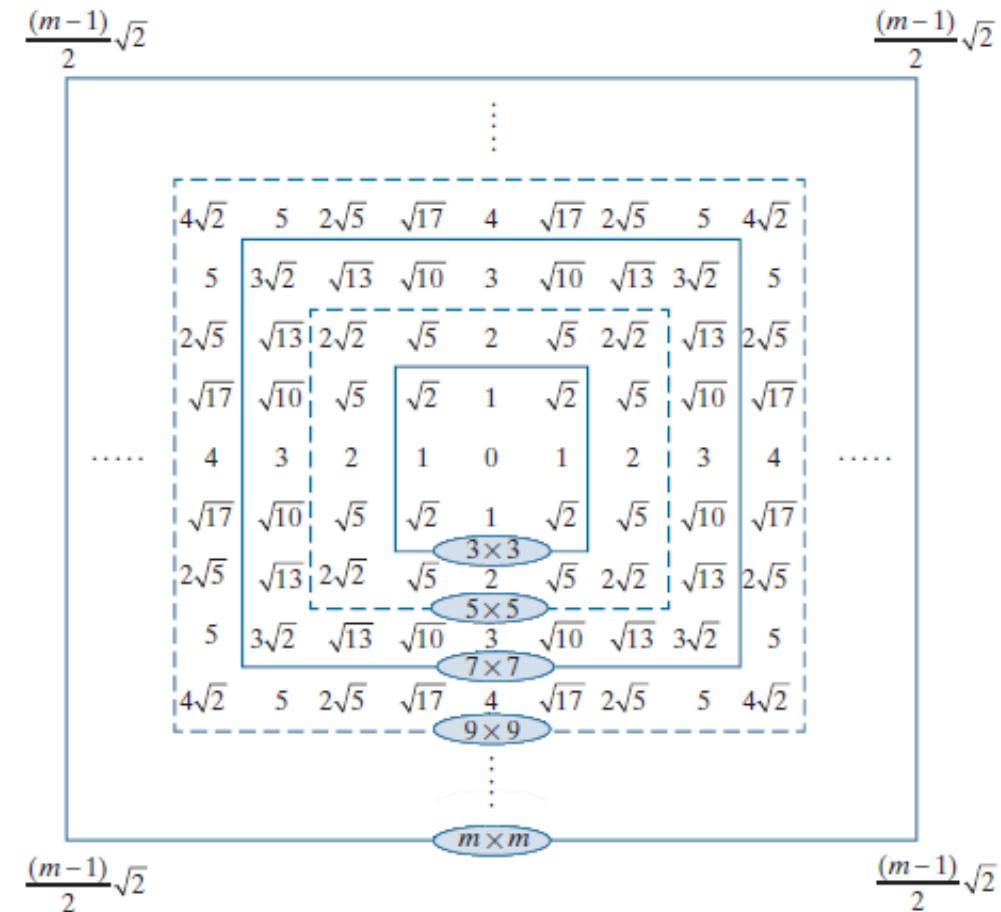


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Smoothing Spatial Filter

FIGURE 3.34
Distances from
the center for
various sizes of
square kernels.



Comparison using Different Smoothing Filters

- Different Kernels



Average



Gaussian

Comparison using Different Smoothing Filters

- Different Kernels

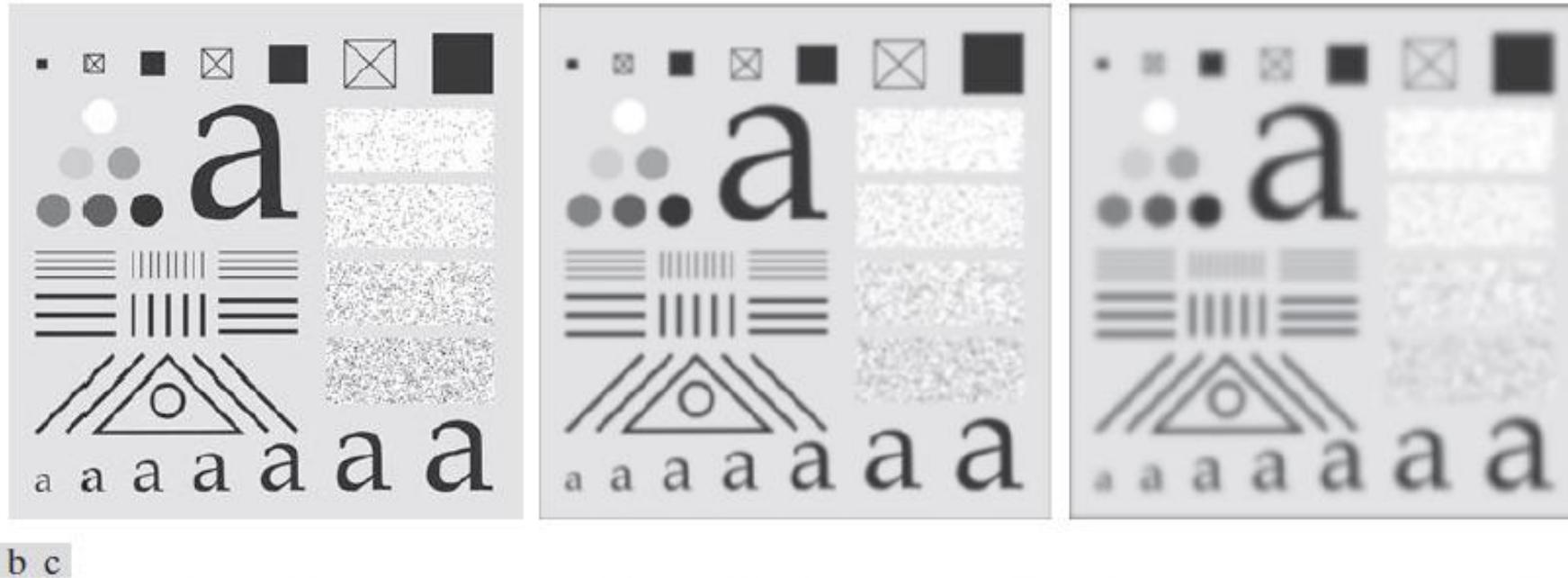
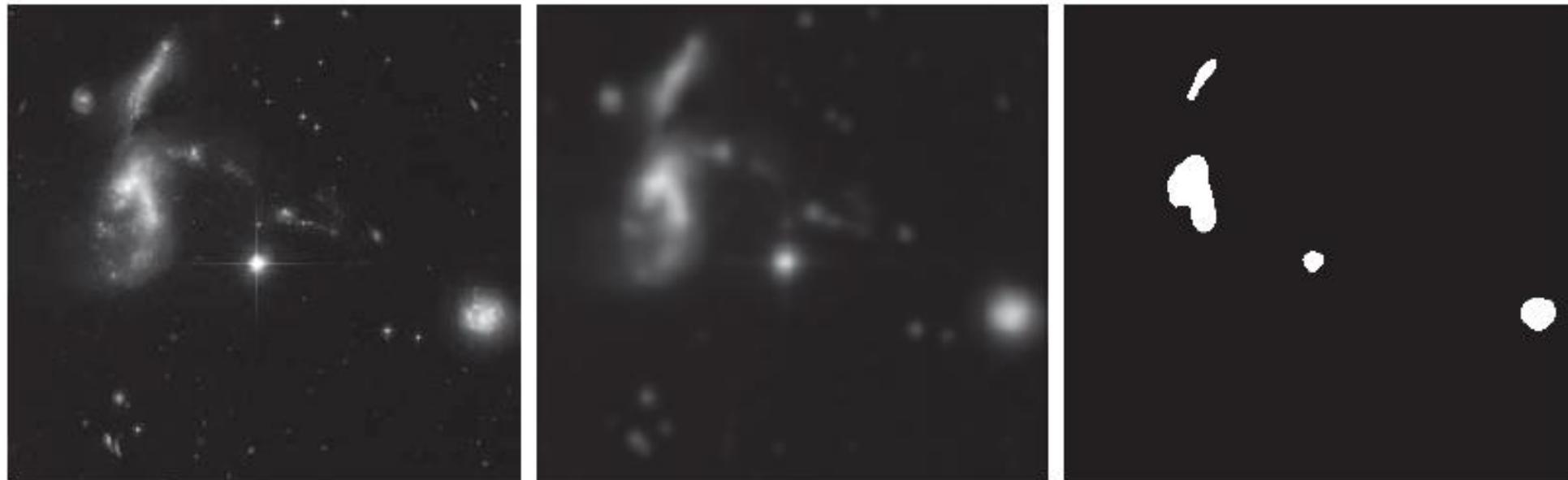


FIGURE 3.36 (a) A test pattern of size 1024×1024 . (b) Result of lowpass filtering the pattern with a Gaussian kernel of size 21×21 , with standard deviations $\sigma = 3.5$. (c) Result of using a kernel of size 43×43 , with $\sigma = 7$. This result is comparable to Fig. 3.33(d). We used $K = 1$ in all cases.

Image Smoothing and Thresholding

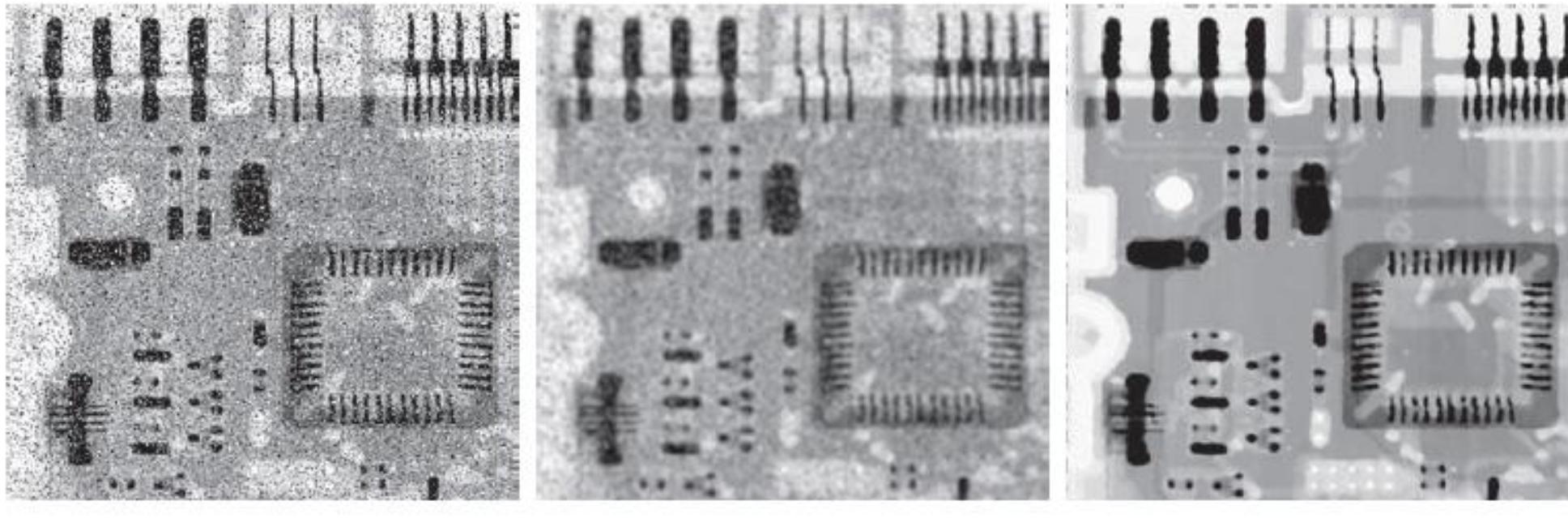
Figure 3.41(b) is the result of filtering the original image with a Gaussian kernel of size 151×151 (approximately 6% of the image width) and standard deviation $s = 25$.



a b c

FIGURE 3.41 (a) A 2566×2758 Hubble Telescope image of the *Hickson Compact Group*. (b) Result of lowpass filtering with a Gaussian kernel. (c) Result of thresholding the filtered image (intensities were scaled to the range $[0, 1]$). The Hickson Compact Group contains dwarf galaxies that have come together, setting off thousands of new star clusters. (Original image courtesy of NASA.)

Order-Statistic (Non-linear) Filters – Median Filter



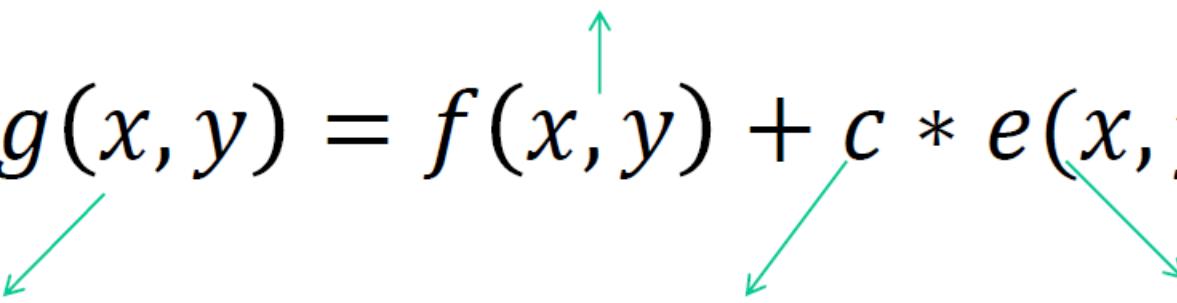
a b c

FIGURE 3.43 (a) X-ray image of a circuit board, corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise. (b) Noise reduction using a 19×19 Gaussian lowpass filter kernel with $\sigma = 3$. (c) Noise reduction using a 7×7 median filter. (Original image courtesy of Mr. Joseph E. Pascente, Lixi, Inc.)

Sharpening Spatial Filters

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + c * e(x, y)$$

Original image



Sharpened image Magnifying factor Edge map

We will briefly introduce edge detection here and will have a more comprehensive discussion when we discuss image segmentation.

Spatial Filters for Edge Detection

first derivative

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f(x+1) - f(x)$$

zero in areas of constant intensity

Nonzero at

- onset of ramp and step
- along ramp or step

second derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f(x+1)$$

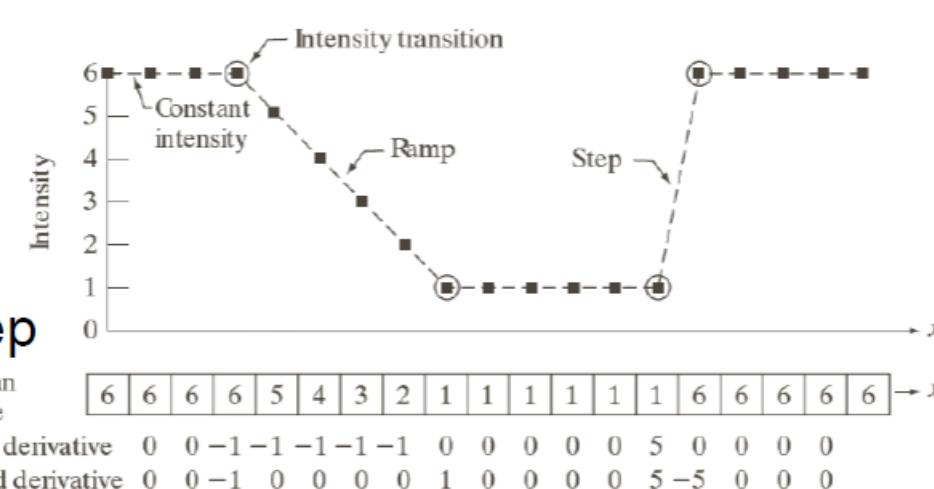
$$+ f(x-1) - 2f(x)$$

zero in areas of constant intensity

Nonzero at

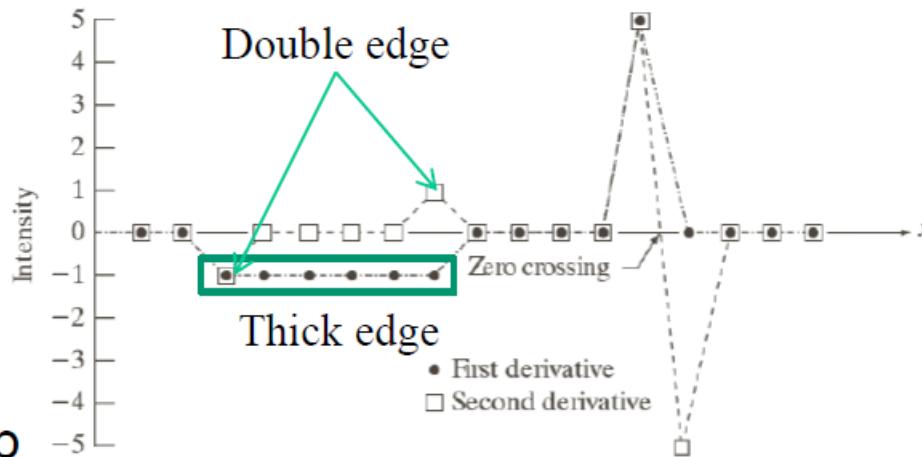
- onset of ramp and step
- end of ramp and step

zero along intensity ramps



a
b
c

FIGURE 3.36
Illustration of the first and second derivatives of a 1-D digital function representing a section of a horizontal intensity profile from an image. In (a) and (c) data points are joined by dashed lines as a visualization aid.



First-order VS Second-order Derivative for Edge Detection

- First-order derivative produces thick edge along the direction of the transition
- Second-order derivative produces thinner edges

Gradient for Image Sharpening

Direction of change

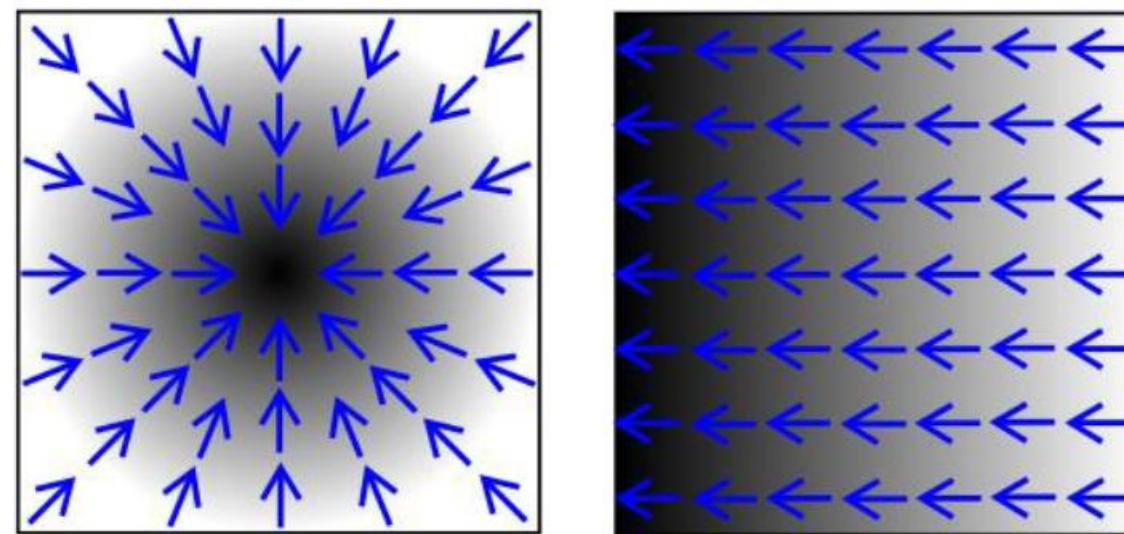
$$\nabla f = \text{grad}(f) = \begin{bmatrix} g_x \\ g_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

Magnitude of change (gradient image)

$$M(x, y) = \text{mag}(\nabla f)$$

$$= \sqrt{g_x^2 + g_y^2}$$

$$M(x, y) \approx |g_x| + |g_y|$$



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image_gradient

Gradient for Image Sharpening

Sum of the coefficients is 0 –
the response of a constant
region is 0

Edge detectors:

- Roberts cross – fast
while sensitive to noise
- Sobel - smooth

z_1	z_2	z_3
z_4	z_5	z_6
z_7	z_8	z_9

-1	0	0	-1
0	1	1	0

-1	-2	-1	-1	0	1
0	0	0	-2	0	2
1	2	1	-1	0	1

a
b
c
d
e

FIGURE 3.50
(a) A 3×3 region of an image, where the z s are intensity values.
(b)–(c) Roberts cross-gradient operators.
(d)–(e) Sobel operators. All the kernel coefficients sum to zero, as expected of a derivative operator.

Gradient Operators

- ▶ Robert's Operator:
 - ▶ the operator consists of a pair of 2×2 convolution masks

+1	0
0	-1

G_x

0	+1
-1	0

G_y

- ▶ Perwitt's Operator:
 - ▶ the operator uses two 3×3 convolution mask.

-1	0	+1
-1	0	+1
-1	0	+1

G_x

-1	-1	-1
0	0	0
+1	+1	+1

G_y

Examples: Gradient Operators



Original Image



Roberts operator



Perwitt operator

Slide credit: Ashish Ghosh

Sobel Operator

- The operator uses two 3×3 convolution mask.
- Doesn't make a difference for edge detection

-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

In the X-direction

-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1

In the Y-direction

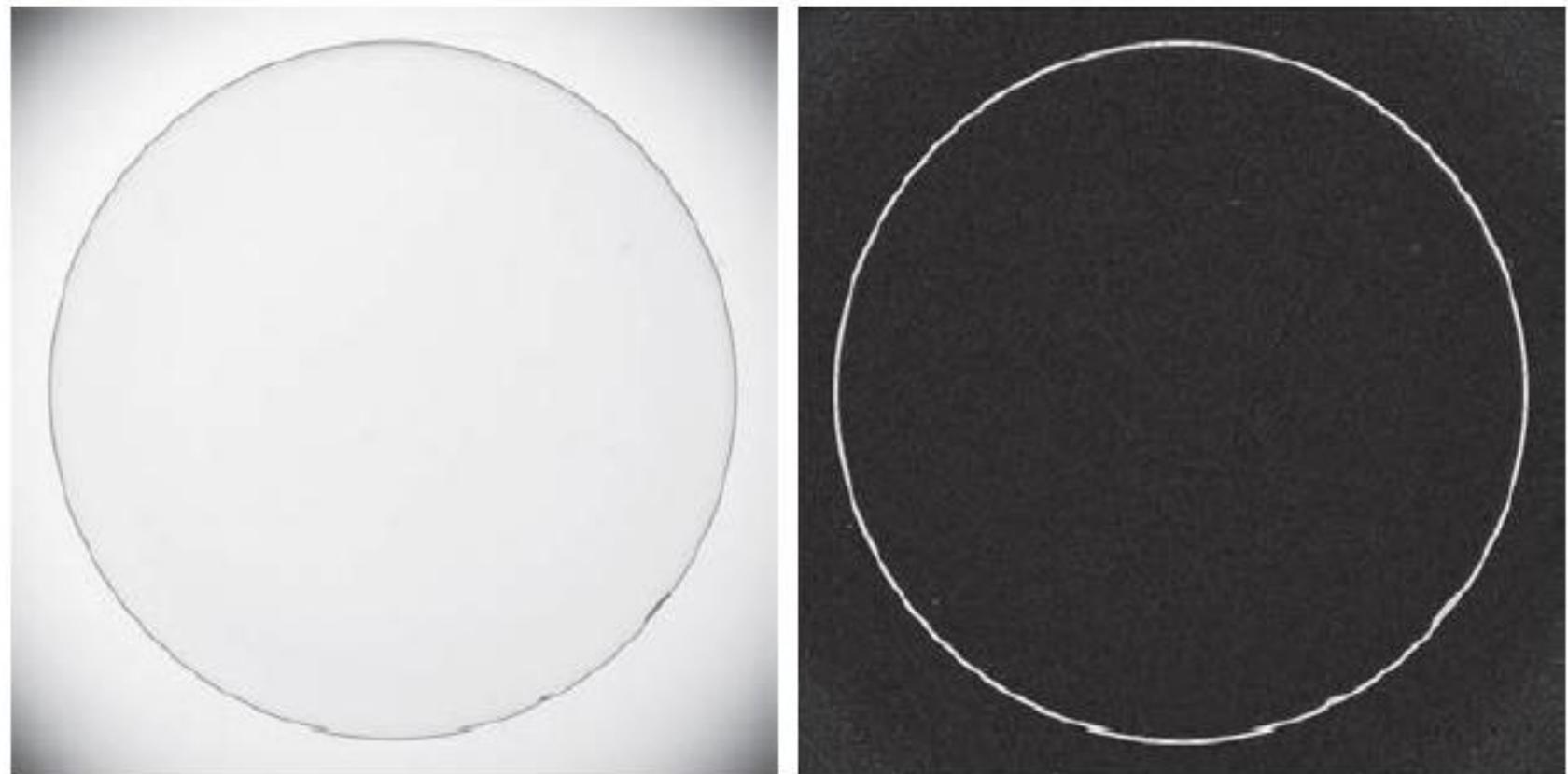
Effect of applying the Sobel Operator: Edge Enhancement

a b

FIGURE 3.51

(a) Image of a contact lens (note defects on the boundary at 4 and 5 o'clock).

(b) Sobel gradient. (Original image courtesy of Perceptics Corporation.)



Gradient for Image Sharpening

2D Isotropic filters – rotation invariant

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

Laplacian operator

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + c[\nabla^2 f(x, y)]$$

Image sharpening with Laplacian

0	1	0	1	1	1
1	-4	1	1	-8	1
0	1	0	1	1	1
0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1
-1	4	-1	-1	8	-1
0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1

a	b
c	d

FIGURE 3.37

- (a) Filter mask used to implement Eq. (3.6-6).
(b) Mask used to implement an extension of this equation that includes the diagonal terms.
(c) and (d) Two other implementations of the Laplacian found frequently in practice.

Laplacian Operator

- The simplest isotropic (rotation invariant) derivative operator is the Laplacian.

It is defined by:

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

- The partial second-order derivatives in the x and y-direction are:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f(x+1,y) + f(x-1,y) - 2f(x,y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = f(x,y+1) + f(x,y-1) - 2f(x,y)$$

- The digital implementation of the 2-D Laplacian operator is obtained by summing these two components to get:

$$\nabla^2 f = [f(x+1,y) + f(x-1,y) + f(x,y+1) + f(x,y-1)] - 4f(x,y)$$

Laplacian Mask

-1	-1	-1
-1	8	-1
-1	-1	-1

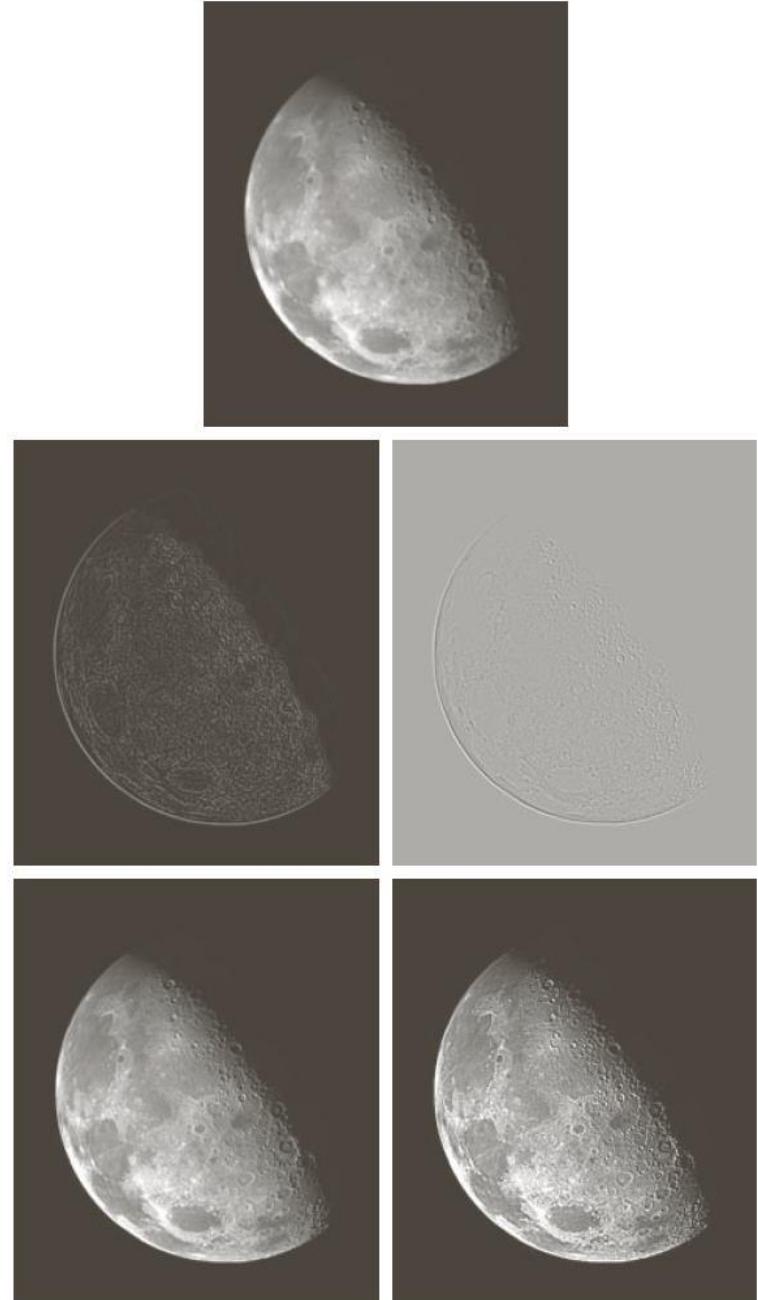
- The filter has positive coefficients near the center and negative in the outer periphery.
- The sum of the coefficients is 0, indicating that when the filter is passing over regions of almost uniform gray levels, the output of the mask is very small.
- Some scaling must be done to the final result to compensate for possible negative gray levels after filtering.

Gradient for Image Sharpening

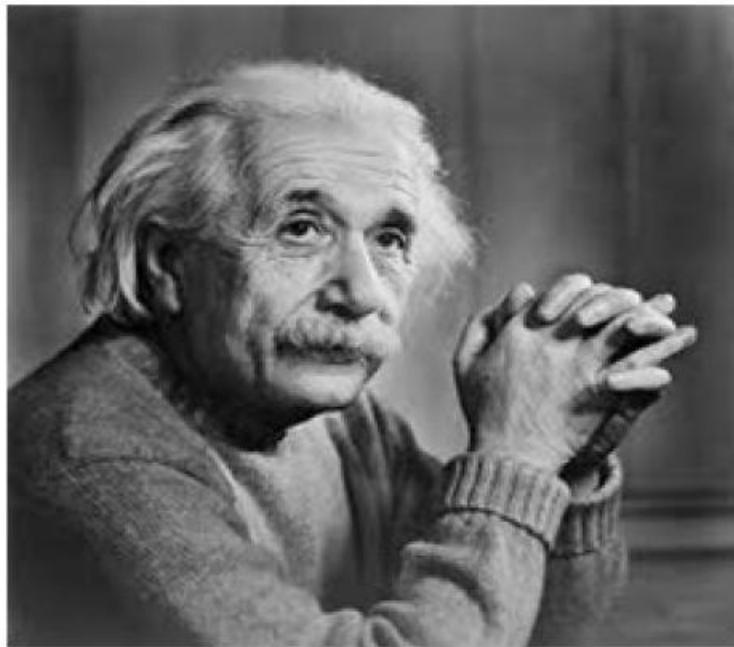
Scale the Laplacian by shifting the intensity range to $[0, L-1]$

a
b c
d e

FIGURE 3.38
(a) Blurred image of the North Pole of the moon.
(b) Laplacian without scaling.
(c) Laplacian with scaling.
(d) Image sharpened using the mask in Fig. 3.37(a).
(e) Result of using the mask in Fig. 3.37(b).
(Original image courtesy of NASA.)



The Laplacian



Original Image



Laplacian Image

The Laplacian

- To recover background features the image must be added back to the Laplacian filtered image. Thus we get:

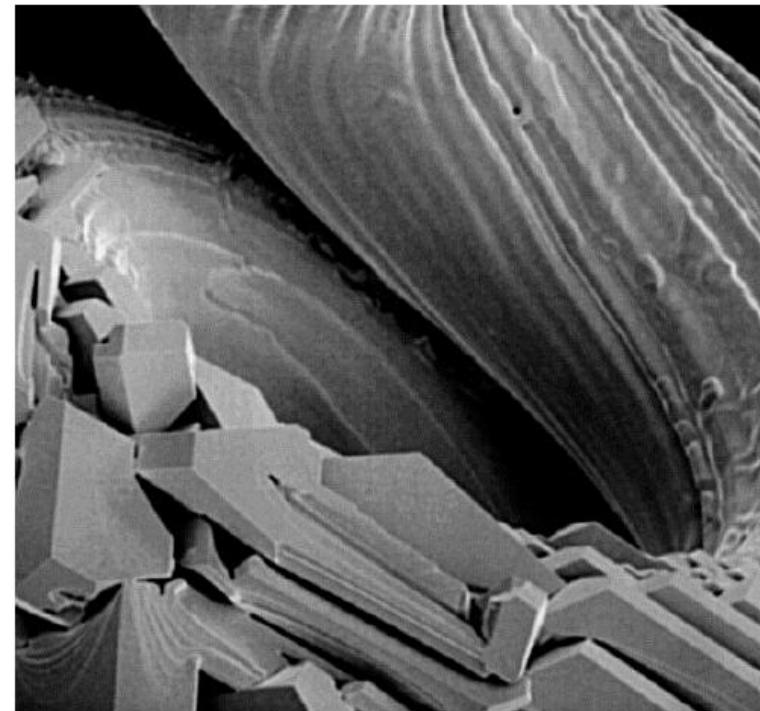
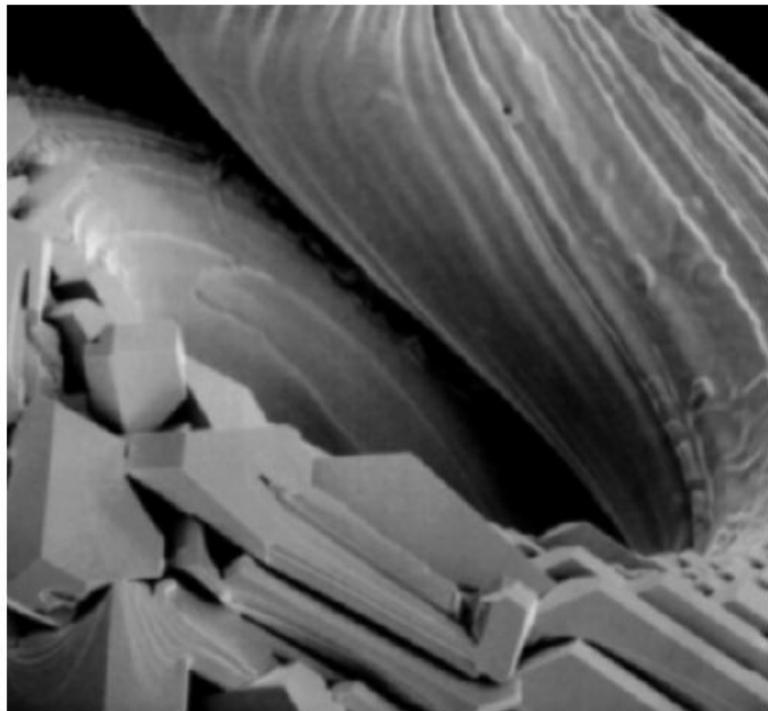
$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + \nabla^2 f(x, y)$$

- Thus the composite Laplacian mask would be:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & 8 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & 9 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The Laplacian

Effect of applying the composite Laplacian filter.

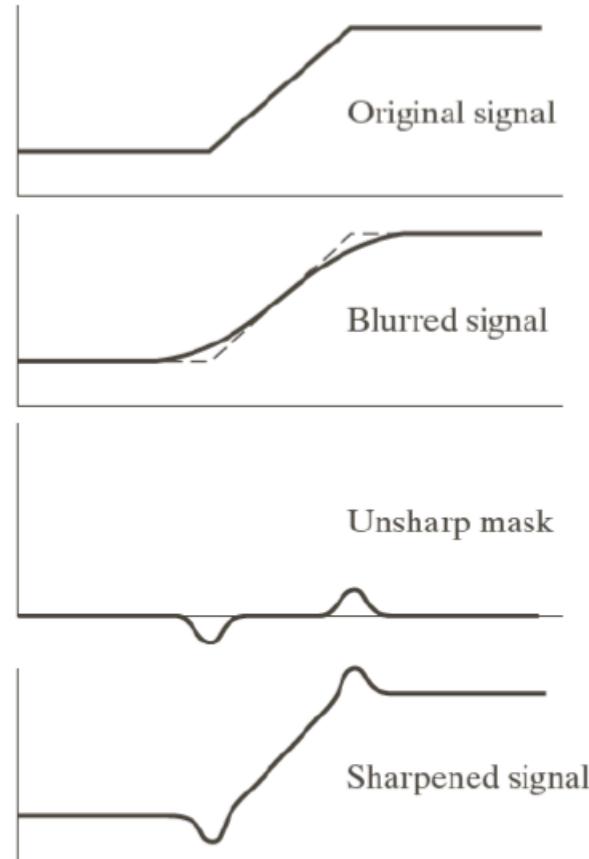


Observe the sharpened result.

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Image Sharpening by Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering

- 1. Blur the original image**
- 2. Subtract the blurred image from the original to get the mask**
- 3. Add the mask to the original**



a
b
c
d

FIGURE 3.39 1-D illustration of the mechanics of unsharp masking.
(a) Original signal. (b) Blurred signal with original shown dashed for reference. (c) Unsharp mask. (d) Sharpened signal, obtained by adding (c) to (a).

Image Sharpening by Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + k * (f(x, y) - \bar{f}(x, y)) \quad k \geq 0$$

When $k > 1$, it becomes a highboost filtering.

Example: when $k = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 17 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sum of the coefficients is 1

Example: Image Sharpening by Unsharp Masking and Highboost Filtering



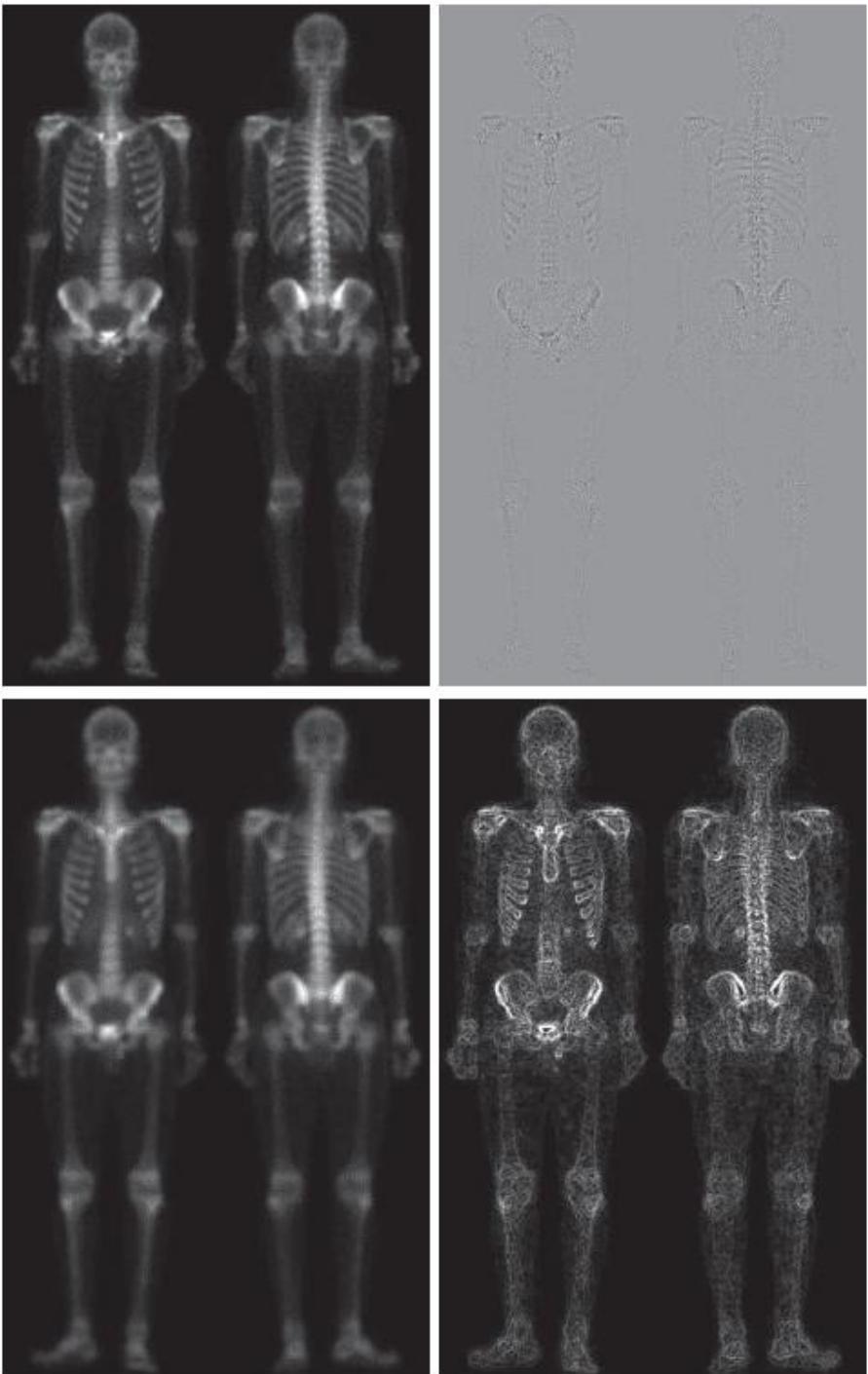
FIGURE 3.49 (a) Original image of size 600×259 pixels. (b) Image blurred using a 31×31 Gaussian lowpass filter with $\sigma = 5$. (c) Mask. (d) Result of unsharp masking using Eq. (3-56) with $k = 1$. (e) Result of highboost filtering with $k = 4.5$.

Combining Spatial Enhancement Methods

a
b
c
d

FIGURE 3.57

- (a) Image of whole body bone scan.
- (b) Laplacian of (a).
- (c) Sharpened image obtained by adding (a) and (b).
- (d) Sobel gradient of image (a). (Original image courtesy of G.E. Medical Systems.)

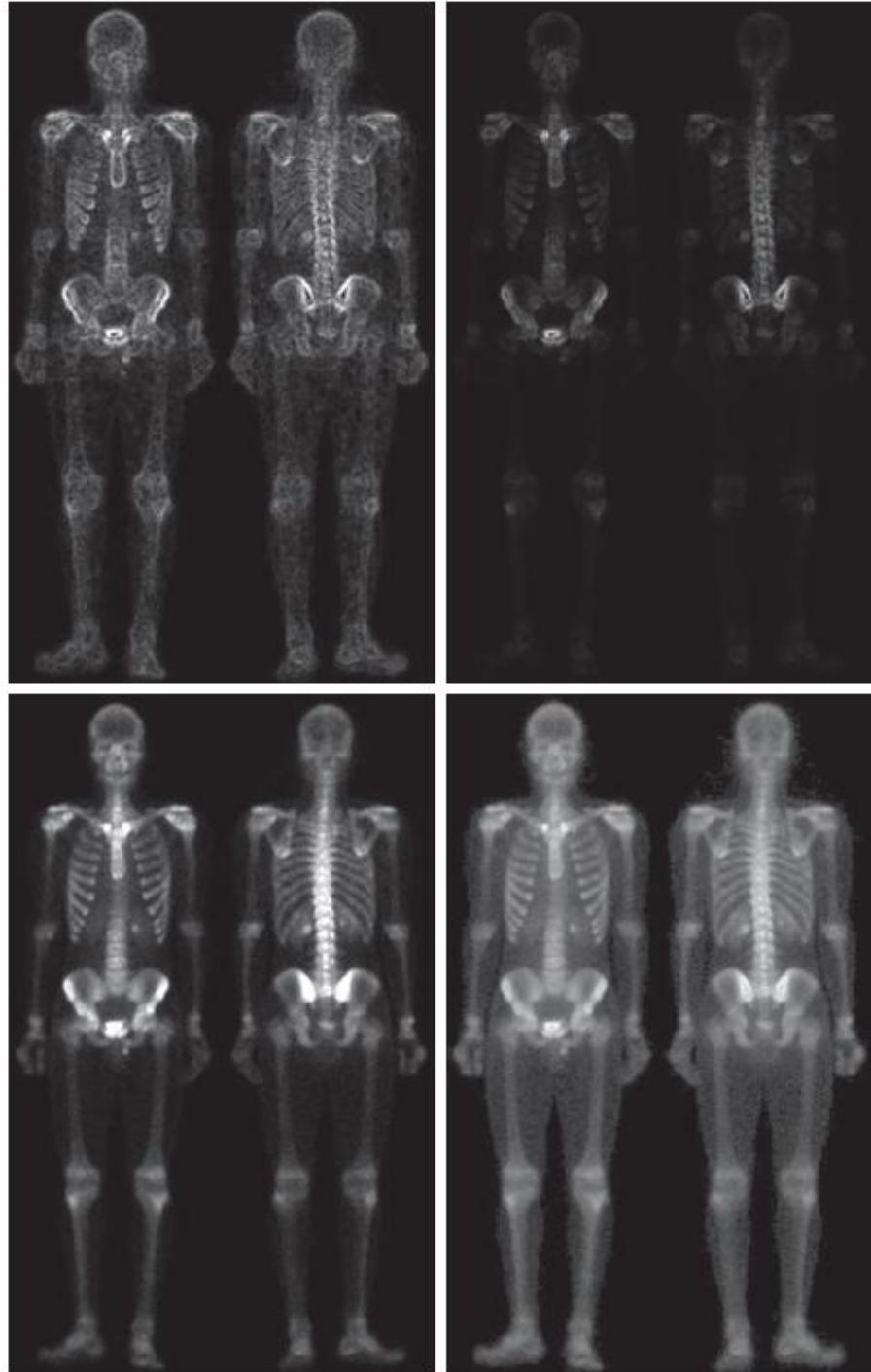


Combining Spatial Enhancement Methods

e
f
g
h

FIGURE 3.57

(Continued)
(e) Sobel image smoothed with a 5×5 box filter.
(f) Mask image formed by the product of (b) and (e).
(g) Sharpened image obtained by the adding images (a) and (f).
(h) Final result obtained by applying a power-law transformation to (g). Compare images (g) and (h) with (a). (Original image courtesy of G.E. Medical Systems.)

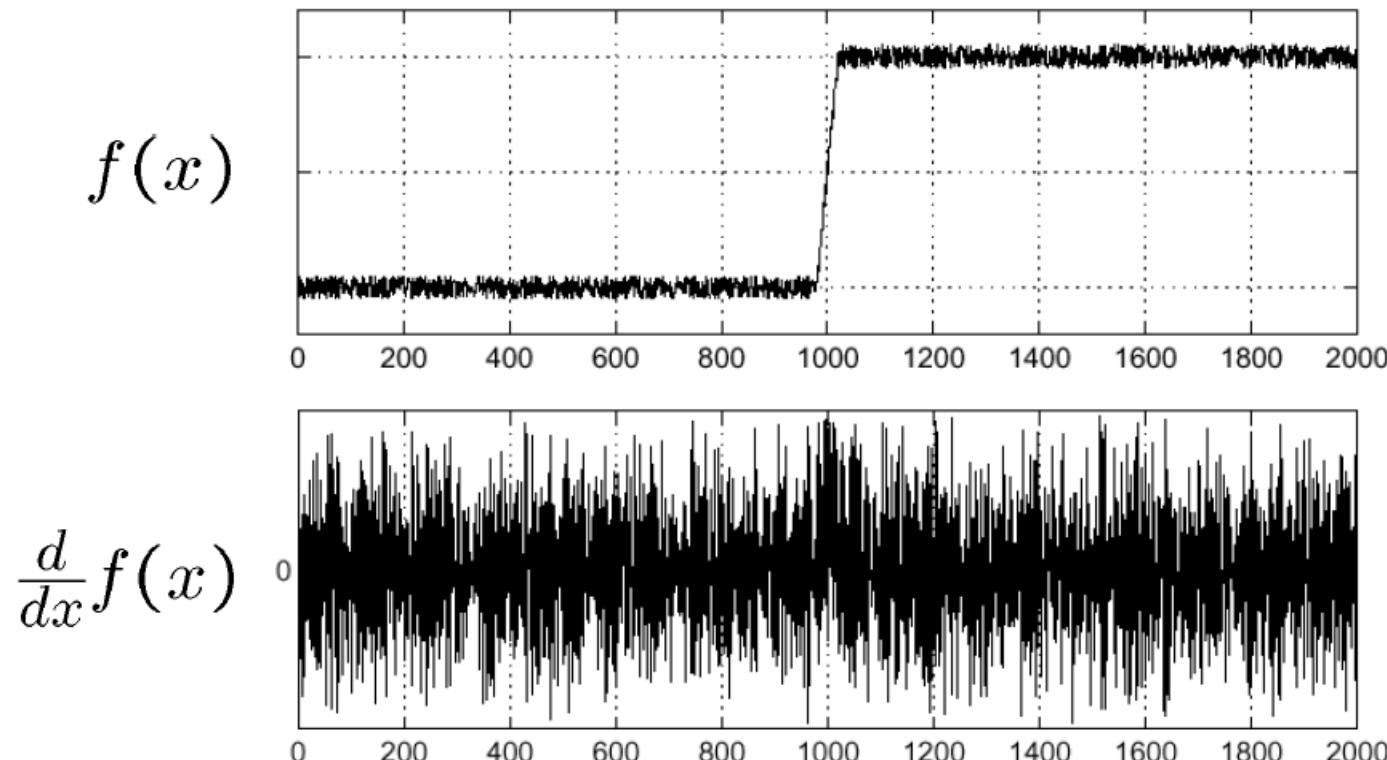


Laplacian of Gaussian

- ▶ Laplace operator may detect edges as well as noise (isolated, out-of-range).
- ▶ It may be desirable to smooth the image first by a convolution with a Gaussian kernel and then detect the edges.

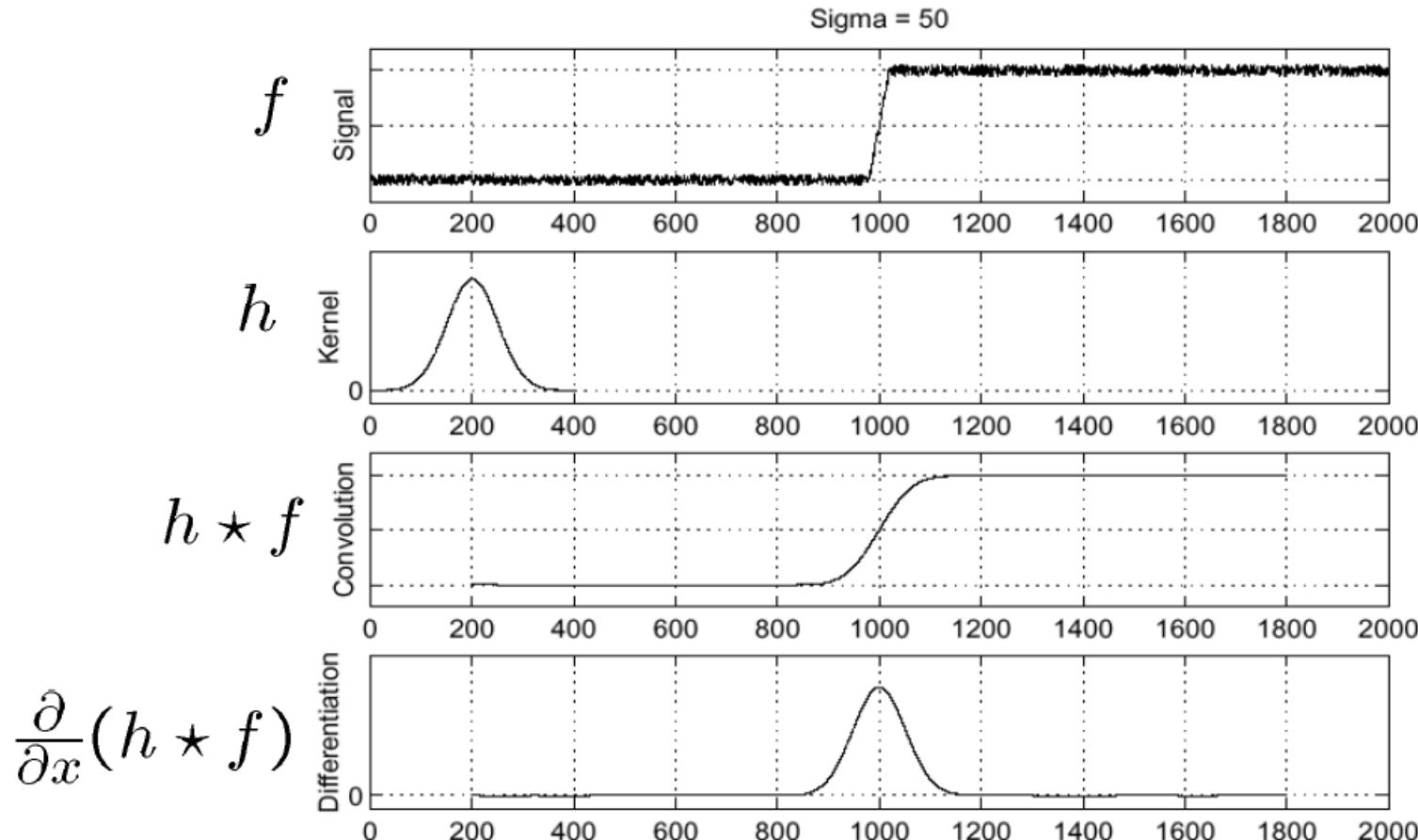
Effects of Noise

- ▶ Consider a single row or column of the image
 - ▶ Plotting intensity as a function of position gives a signal



Where is the edge??

Solution: Smooth First



Where is the edge?

Look for peaks in $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h \star f)$

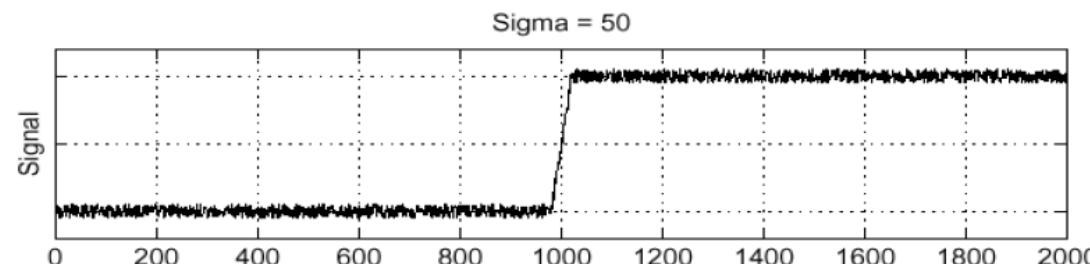
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Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG)

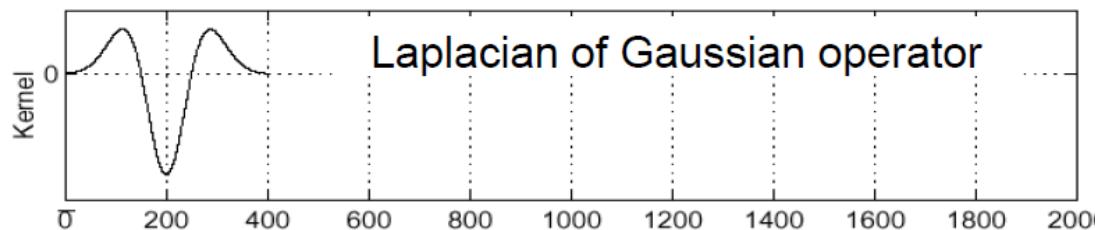
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (h * f) = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h \right) * f$$

Laplacian of Gaussian

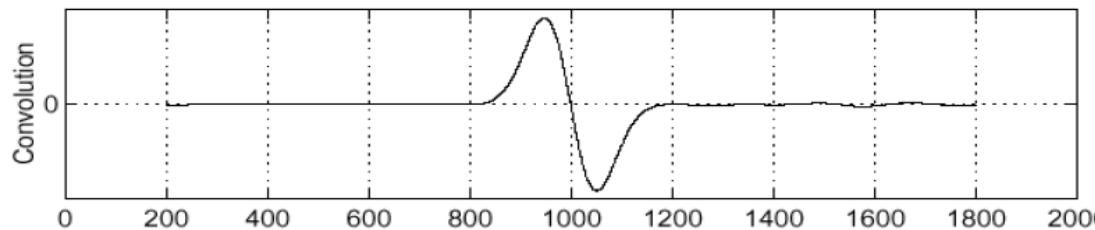
f



$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h$



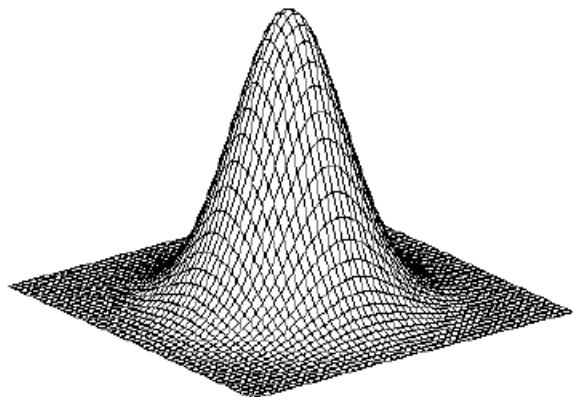
$(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h) * f$



Where is the edge?

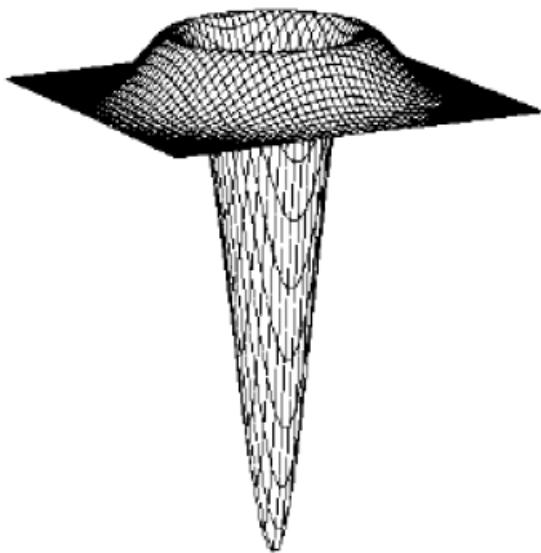
Zero-crossings of bottom graph !

Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG)



$$h(r) = -e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Gaussian



$$\nabla^2 h_\sigma(r)$$

Laplacian of Gaussian

$$\nabla^2 h_\sigma(r) = - \left[\frac{r^2 - \sigma^2}{\sigma^4} \right] e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}}; \text{ where } r^2 = u^2 + v^2$$

Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG)

0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	0
1	2	4	5	5	5	4	2	1
1	4	5	3	0	3	5	4	1
2	5	3	-12	-24	-12	3	5	2
2	5	0	-24	-40	-24	0	5	2
2	5	3	-12	-24	-12	3	5	2
1	4	5	3	0	3	5	4	1
1	2	4	5	5	5	4	2	1
0	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	0

LoG convolution mask with $\sigma = 1.4$

