

IN4640 Assignment 1 on Intensity Transformations and Neighborhood Filtering

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1. Apply the following intensity transform to the image in Fig. 1:



Figure 1: Runway image for 1.

- (a) Gamma correction with $\gamma = 0.5$.
- (b) Gamma correction with $\gamma = 2$.
- (c) Contrast Stretching (linear piecewise transformation)

$$s(r) = \begin{cases} 0, & r < r_1, \\ \frac{r - r_1}{r_2 - r_1}, & r_1 \leq r \leq r_2, \\ 1, & r > r_2, \end{cases}$$

where

r : input pixel intensity, normalized to the range $[0, 1]$.

$s(r)$: output pixel intensity after contrast stretching.

$r_1 = 0.2, \quad r_2 = 0.8$

2. Consider the image shown in Fig. 2¹.
 - (a) Apply gamma correction to the L plane in the $L^*a^*b^*$ color space and state the γ value.
 - (b) Show the histograms of the original and corrected images.
3. Write your own function to equalize the histogram of an image. Apply this function to the runway image.



Figure 2: Image for gamma correction.

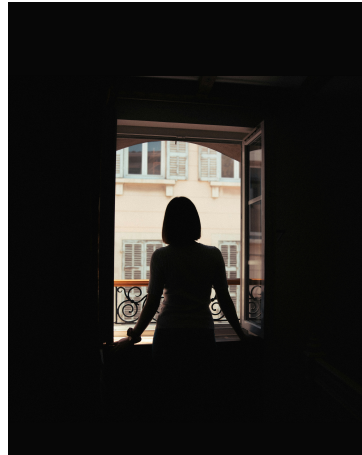


Figure 3: Woman standing in front of an open door.

4. Fig. 3 is a photo of a woman standing in front of an open window². Convert this to grayscale.
 - (a) Use Otsu thresholding to obtain the binary mask for the foreground comprising the woman and the room. Report the resulting threshold value.
 - (b) Carry out histogram equalization only for the foreground region. What are the hidden features that are revealed in the resulting image?
5. Gaussian filtering:
 - (a) Using NumPy, compute a normalized 5×5 Gaussian kernel for $\sigma = 2$.
 - (b) Visualize a 51×51 computed Gaussian kernel as a 3D surface plot, where the kernel coefficients represent the height.
 - (c) Apply Gaussian smoothing to a given grayscale image using the manually computed Gaussian kernel.
 - (d) Do the same using OpenCV's built-in `cv.GaussianBlur()` function.
6. Derivative of Gaussian:
 - (a) Consider the two-dimensional Gaussian function

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

¹<https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud/photography/discover/highlights-and-shadows.html>

²Ronak Valobobhai, https://unsplash.com/photos/a-woman-standing-in-front-of-an-open-door-6YzA45_b2vA.

Show that its first-order partial derivatives are given by

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{\sigma^2} G(x, y), \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} = -\frac{y}{\sigma^2} G(x, y).$$

- (b) Using NumPy, compute normalized 5×5 kernels corresponding to the derivatives of a Gaussian for $\sigma = 2$ in the x - and y -directions.
 - (c) Visualize a 51×51 derivative-of-Gaussian kernel (for either the x or y direction) as a 3D surface plot, where the kernel coefficients represent the height.
 - (d) Apply the computed derivative-of-Gaussian kernels to a given grayscale image to obtain the image gradients in the horizontal and vertical directions.
 - (e) Using OpenCV, compute the image gradients by applying `cv.Sobel()`. Compare the results with those obtained above and comment on any observed differences.
7. Write a program to zoom images by a given factor $s \in (0, 10]$. You must use a function to zoom the image, which can handle
- (a) nearest-neighbor, and
 - (b) bilinear interpolation.

I have included several images, large originals, and their zoomed-out versions. Test your algorithm by computing the normalized sum of squared difference (SSD) when you scale-up the given small images to match the size of the large original images. The SSD should be small when comparing with the original images.

8. Fig. 4 is an image corrupted with salt and pepper noise.
- (a) Apply Gaussian smoothing.
 - (b) Apply median filtering.

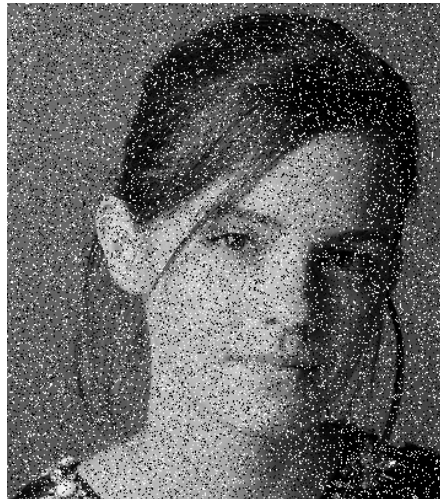


Figure 4: Image corrupted with salt and pepper noise.

9. Carry out image sharpening on an image of your choice.
10. Bilateral filtering:
- (a) Write a Python function to manually implement a bilateral filter for grayscale images. Take as input a grayscale image, a kernel diameter, a spatial standard deviation σ_s , and a range (intensity) standard deviation σ_r .

- (b) Apply Gaussian smoothing using OpenCV's `cv.GaussianBlur()` function.
- (c) Bilateral filtering using OpenCV's `cv.bilateralFilter()` function.
- (d) Your manually implemented bilateral filter from part (a).

GitHub Profile

You must include the link to your GitHub (or some other SVN) profile, so that I can see that you have worked on this assignment over a reasonable duration. Therefore, make commits regularly. However, I will use only the pdf for grading to save time.

Submission

Upload a report (eight pages or less) named as `your_index_a01.pdf`. Include the index number and the name *within the pdf* as well. The report must include important parts of code, image results, and comparison of results. The interpretation of results and the discussion are important in the report. Extra-page penalty is 20 marks per page.