

Digital Image Fundamentals

Digital Image Representation

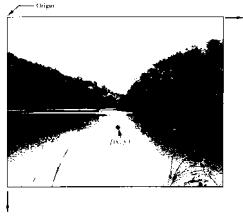


IMAGE MODEL

$f(x,y)$: a function of the spatial coordinates (x,y) .

Image values $f(x,y)$ usually represent physical parameters such as light intensity, density, mass, x-ray attenuation coefficient, etc. Hence,

$$0 < f(x,y) < f_{\max}$$

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When imaging an object or a transparency by reflected or transmitted light, we have the **multiplicative model**.

$$f(x,y) = i(x,y)r(x,y)$$

Where $0 < i(x,y) < i_{\max}$ is the incident illumination function (usually uniform), and $0 < r(x,y) < 1$ is the reflectivity or transmittivity function of the object imaged.

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OPTICAL DENSITY, DYNAMIC RANGE, AND CONTRAST

The **optical density OD** is the logarithm of the ratio of the intensity of light entering a point on a film I_i to the intensity of light leaving the film I_o :

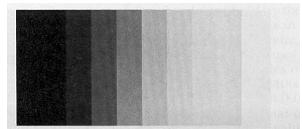
$$OD = \log_{10} \frac{I_i}{I_o}$$

The **dynamic range** of an image is $f_{\max}(x,y) - f_{\min}(x,y)$

The **simultaneous contrast** of an object region of brightness A situated on a background region of brightness B is defined as

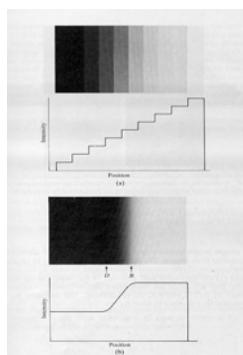
$$C = \frac{A-B}{A+B} \quad \text{or} \quad C = \frac{A-B}{B}$$

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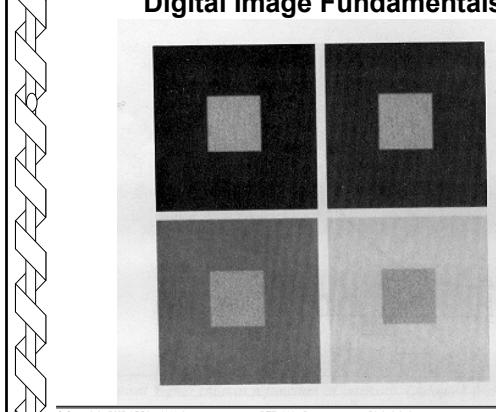


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- perceived brightness is not a simple function of intensity (Gonzalez, pp. 29)
- better discrimination at higher levels of illumination



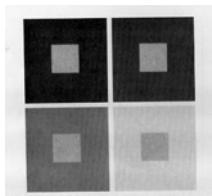
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SIMULTANEOUS CONTRAST

- all the small squares have exactly the same intensity, but they appear progressively darker as the background becomes lighter.
(Gonzalez, pp. 30)



ILLUSION & PERCEPTION LINKS

- dragon.uml.edu/psych/illusion.html
- www.yorku.ca/eye/funthing.htm
- www-users.cs.umn.edu/~interran/percept_links.html
- www.du.edu/~jcalvert/optics/ophom.htm
- snow.utoronto.ca/Learn2/resources/attnpcpt.html
- www.psych.purdue.edu/~coglab/VisLab/demos.html

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SAMPLING AND QUANTIZATION

- For digital processing, a continuous image is converted into an array of discrete picture elements (pixels) with discrete values (gray levels).

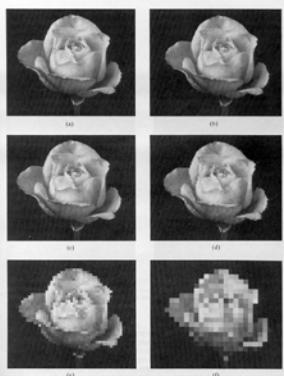
$$f(x, y) \approx \begin{bmatrix} f(0,0) & f(0,1) & \dots & f(0, M - 1) \\ f(1,0) & f(1,1) & \dots & f(1, M - 1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ f(N - 1,0) & f(N - 1,1) & \dots & f(N - 1, M - 1) \end{bmatrix}$$

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SAMPLING AND QUANTIZATION

- In common practice, the TV raster scanning mechanism is used to break the given image into a set of rows (scan lines).
- An analog-to-digital converter (ADC) is then used to sample each row into a set of discrete values.
- Typically, *digitizing frame buffers* convert a given image into an array of 512x480 pixels, each pixel having an integral value between 0 (black) and 255 (white).
- Charge-coupled device (CCD) arrays are available in 2D arrays up to 2048 x 2048 and 1D arrays with 4096 or more pixels.

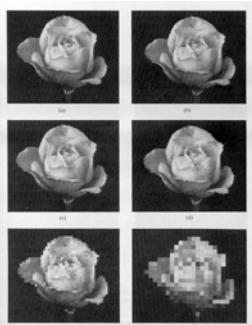
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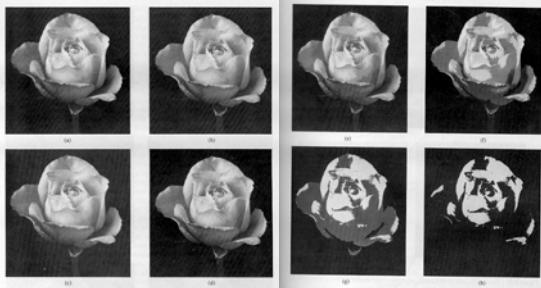
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- effects of reducing spatial resolution
(Gonzalez, pp. 35)



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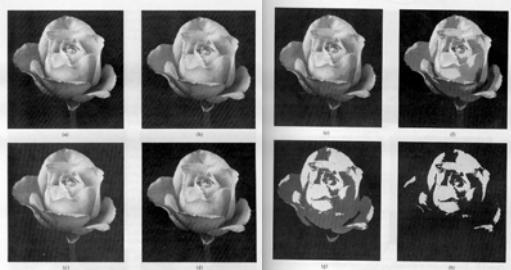
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SAMPLING AND QUANTIZATION

- effects of decreasing the number of bits used to represent the gray levels in an image (Gonzalez, pp. 36-37)



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SOME BASIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PIXELS

• Neighbors of a pixel $p(x,y)$

- horizontal and vertical neighbors: $N_4(p)$
 $(x+1,y), (x-1,y), (x,y+1), (x,y-1)$
- diagonal neighbors: $N_D(p)$
 $(x+1,y+1), (x+1,y-1), (x-1,y+1), (x-1,y-1)$
- $N_8(p): N_4(p)$ and $N_D(p)$



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SOME BASIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PIXELS

Connectivity

- adjacent pixels and satisfy a specified *criterion of similarity* (example, if they have the same gray level or a gray level of $V = \{ \dots \}$)
 - 4-connectivity
 - $p \in V, q \in V, q$ is in the set $N_4(p)$
 - 8-connectivity
 - $p \in V, q \in V, q$ is in the set $N_8(p)$
 - m-connectivity (mixed connectivity)
 - $p \in V, q \in V, q$ is in the set $N_m(p)$
 - or q is in the set $N_D(p)$ and $[N_4(p) \cap N_4(q)] = \emptyset$
 - eliminate the multiple path connections



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SOME BASIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PIXELS

Distance between $p(x,y)$ and $q(s,t)$

• Euclidean distance $D_e(p,q) = \sqrt{(x-s)^2 + (y-t)^2}$

• D_4 distance (city-block distance)

$$D_4(p,q) = |x-s| + |y-t|$$

4	3	2	3	4
3	2	1	2	3
2	1	0	1	2
3	2	1	2	3
4	3	2	3	4

• D_8 distance (chessboard distance)

$$D_8(p,q) = \max(|x-s|, |y-t|)$$

2	2	2	2	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	1	0	1	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	2	2	2	2

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SOME BASIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PIXELS

• Arithmetic Operations

- Addition: $p + q$ (remove static background)

- Subtraction: $p - q$ (correct gray level shading)

- Multiplication: $p \times q$

- Division: $p \div q$

• Logic Operations (apply only to binary images)

- AND: $p \text{ AND } q$

- OR: $p \text{ OR } q$

- COMPLEMENT: $\text{NOT } q$

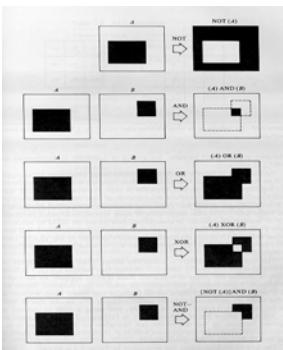
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- Examples of Logic Operations on binary images
(Gonzalez, pp. 49)



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- Translation

$$\begin{aligned} X_{new} &= X + X_0 \\ Y_{new} &= Y + Y_0 \\ Z_{new} &= Z + Z_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{new} \\ Y_{new} \\ Z_{new} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & X_0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & Y_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & Z_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Homogeneous coordinates (useful to concatenate several transformations)

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IMAGING GEOMETRY

- Scaling

$$\begin{aligned} X_{new} &= X \cdot S_x \\ Y_{new} &= Y \cdot S_y \\ Z_{new} &= Z \cdot S_z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{new} \\ Y_{new} \\ Z_{new} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

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IMAGING GEOMETRY

- Rotation

- Z axis by an angle of θ

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{new} \\ Y_{new} \\ Z_{new} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{R}_\theta \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

- X axis by an angle of α

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{new} \\ Y_{new} \\ Z_{new} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\alpha & \sin\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{R}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

- Y axis by an angle of β

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{new} \\ Y_{new} \\ Z_{new} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\beta & 0 & -\sin\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin\beta & 0 & \cos\beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{R}_\beta \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

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- Example of Concatenation of transformations:

$$\mathbf{v}_{new} = \mathbf{R}_\theta(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{R}_\theta \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{T}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

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Exercises

- Gonzalez pp. 77 - problem 2.13
- Gonzalez pp. 78 - problem 2.14

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