What is an image?

• An image is a discrete array of samples representing a continuous 2D function





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Spectral Analysis

- So our image (function f(x,y)) describes how the signal changes over "time" (x and y axes)
- Aliasing occurs when we use too few samples (what is enough?)
- The more an image changes, the more we need to sample it.
- How do we measure how fast a signal changes? • Frequencies

Aliasing

What happens when we use too few samples?
 Aliasing







Fourier

- Joseph Fourier discovered in 1822 that
 - Any periodic function can be expressed as the sum of sines and/or cosines if different frequencies (Fourier Series)
 - Even functions that are not periodic can be expressed as the integral of sines and/or cosines (Fourier Transform)
 - Initial application was in heat diffusion



Fourier Transform (ID)

• Fourier transform:

$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i2\pi x u} dx$$

• Inverse Fourier transform:

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u) e^{+i2\pi u x} du$$



Pixel operations

- Add random noise
- Add luminance
- Add contrast
- Add saturation
- Filtering
 - Blur
 - Detect edges
 - Sharpen
- Emboss
- Median

Image Processing

- Quantization
- Uniform Quantization
- Floyd-Steinberg dither
- Warping
 - Scale
 - Rotate
 - Warps
- Combining
- Composite
 - Morph

Sampling Theorem

- A signal can be reconstructed from its samples, if the original signal has no frequencies above 1/2 the sampling frequency - Shannon
- The minimum sampling rate for bandlimited function is called "Nyquist rate"

A signal is bandlimited if its highest frequency is bounded. The frequency is called the bandwidth.

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Compute mean luminance L for all pixels
 Iuminance = 0.30*r + 0.59*g + 0.11*b

Scale deviation from L for each pixel component
 Must clamp to range (e.g., 0 to 1)





More Contrast



Adjusting Contrast





Linear Filtering (Spatial Domain)

Convolution

 Each output pixel is a linear combination of input pixels in neighborhood with weights prescribed by a filter









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More on blur (lowpass filters)

 We can either take a uniform 	[1/9	1/9	16
kernel (mean filter)	1/9	1/9	1/9
	1/9	1/9	1/9]

- Or a Gaussian kernel
- A Gaussian kernel tends to provide gentler smoothing and preserve edges better







Sharpen

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 16 & 16 & 16 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 16 & 4 & 2 \\ 16 & 2 & 16 \\ 1 & 2 & 16 \\ 16 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$

· Sum detected edges with original image



Original







Edge Detection

· Convolve with a filter that finds differences between neighbor pixels



Original

What do you think happens in the frequency domain?





Emboss



Non-linear filtering











- Reduce intensity resolution
 - · Frame buffers have limited number of bits per pixel
 - Physical devices have limited dynamic range







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• Images with decreasing bits per pixel:





4 bits



l bit







- Distribute errors among pixels Exploit spatial integration in our eye
 - Display greater range of perceptible intensities





(I bit)

Quantization



Dither (1 bit)



- Dithering
 - Random dither
 - Ordered dither
 - Error diffusion dither
- Halftoning
 - Classical halftoning





Basic idea: organize successive integers such that the average distance between two successive numbers in the map is as large as possible





Ordered Dither



Dither (I bit)

Original (8 bits)

















Classical halftoning



Figure 14.37 from H&B



Classical Halftoning



From New York Times, 9/21/99



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Figure 14.37 from H&B



Source image

Destination image















Artifacts due to limited temporal resolution

Strobing
 Flickering









Antialiasing

- Sample at higher rate
 - Not always possible
 - Doesn't always solve problem
- Pre-filter to form bandlimited signal
 - $^{\circ}$ Form bandlimited function (low-pass filter)
 - Trades aliasing for blurring









Reconstructed Function









Bandlimited Function

















Image Resampling

• For isotropic Triangle and Gaussian filters, k(ix,iy) is a function of d and w







How do we resample?

int iu = round(u);

- Point sampling

 Simple but causes aliasing
- Triangle and Gaussian
 - Algorithm as we saw earlier

(u,v)	f (ix,iy)
Source image	Destination image



Image Warping	(in General)
 Alternative (forward) 	
<pre>Warp(src, dst) { for (int iu = 0; iu < umax; i for (int iv = 0; iv < vmax; float x = f_x(iu,iv); float y = f_y(iu,iv); float w ≈ 1 / scale(x, y) Splat(src(iu,iv), x, y, w } }</pre>	u++) { iv++) { ;); weighting ???
}	Destination image



That's it for today

- Next time?
 - $^{\circ}$ Finishing corners on image processing
- Transformations and Projections
- Rendering