IMAGE RESTORATION

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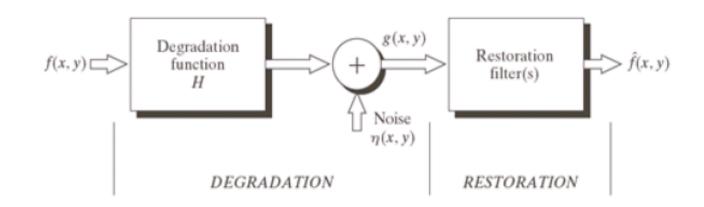
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Introduction

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- The principle goal of image restoration is similar to that of image enhancement in obtaining an improved image according to some criterion
- Image enhancement is subjective in the sense that the used techniques are heuristic and applied to take advantage of the psychophysical aspects of the human visual system
- Image restoration is objective in the sense that a the degradation introduced into the image is known based a priori knowledge of the degradation phenomena
- Restoration can be performed in spatial or frequency domains. Spatial treatment is applicable only when the degradation is additive noise

A Degradation /Restoration Model





- The primary objective of restoration is to obtain an estimate of the original image based on the knowledge of the degradation and noise functions
- The degraded image g(x,y) can be modeled as

$$g(x, y) = h(x, y) \bullet f(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$

Or
$$G(u, v) = H(u, v)F(u, v) + N(u, v)$$

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- Noise is introduced into a digital image during image acquisition and/or transmission
- Noise introduced during acquisition is dependent on the quality of sensing elements and the environmental conditions (Light levels and temperature)
- Image corruption during transmission is primarily due to channel interference (lightning and atmospheric disturbances)
- In our discussion, we assume that the noise introduced into the image is a random variable that is independent (uncorrelated) of the spatial coordinates and pixel values

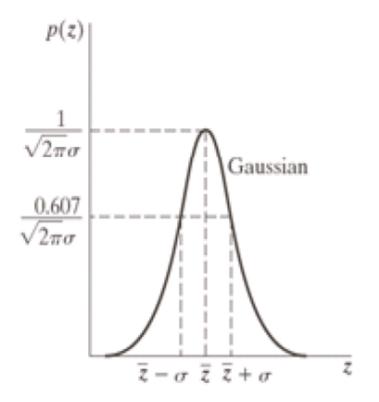
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Gaussian Noise

$$p(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-(z-z_0)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

 z_0 is the mean value σ^2 is the variance

 It is useful in characterizing noise of electronic circuits and sensors





Rayleigh Noise

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{b}(z-a)e^{-(z-a)^2/b}, z \ge a\\ 0, z < a \end{cases}$$

• The mean is

$$z_0 = a + \sqrt{\pi b/4}$$

• The variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{b(4-\pi)}{4}$$

- It is useful in characterizing noise in range imaging
- It is useful in approximating skewed histograms

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Erlang (Gamma) Noise

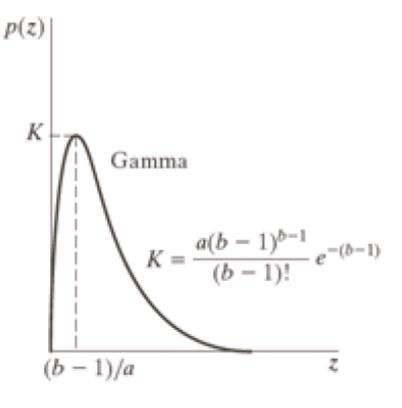
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{a^{b} z^{b-1}}{(b-1)!} e^{-az}, z \ge 0\\ 0, z < 0 \end{cases}$$

The mean is

$$z_0 = \frac{b}{a}$$

The variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{b}{a^2}$$



- a>0 and b is a positive integer
- It is useful in characterizing noise in laser imaging



• Exponential Noise

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} ae^{-az}, z \ge 0\\ 0, z < 0 \end{cases}$$
of the mean is
$$z_0 = \frac{1}{a}$$
of the variance
$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

• It is useful in characterizing noise in laser imaging

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Uniform Noise

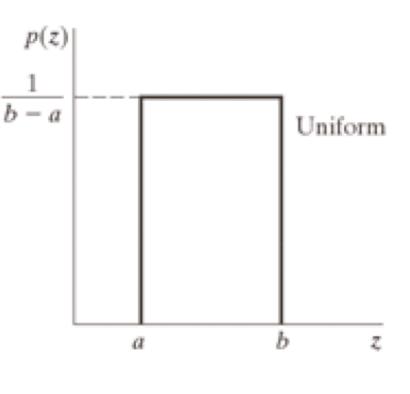
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-1}, a \le z \le b\\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$$

The mean is

$$z_0 = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

The variance

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$



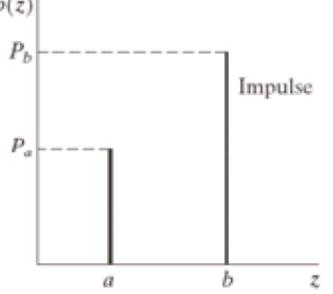
It is the least descriptive of all types

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Impulse (salt-and-pepper) Noise

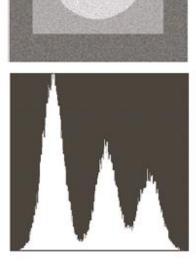
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} P_a , z=a \\ P_b , z=b \\ 0 , otherwise \end{cases}$$

- Usually represented as black and white dots in the image
- It appears in in situations with quick transitions such as faulty switching p(z)



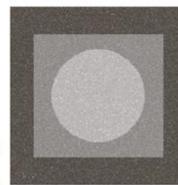
• Example





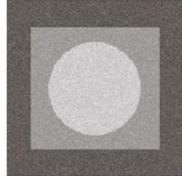


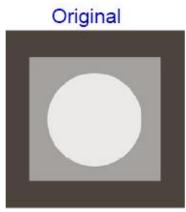








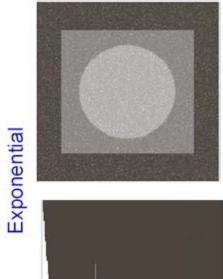




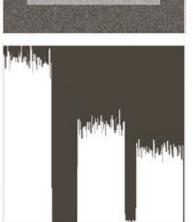
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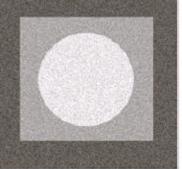
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• Example



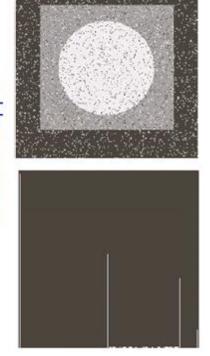
Uniform





Original

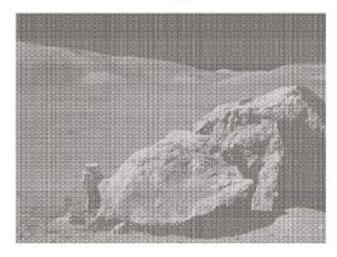
Salt-and-Pepper

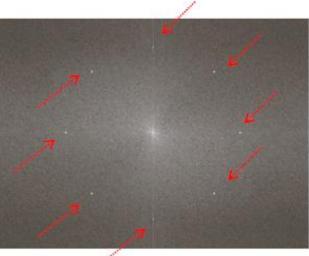


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Periodic Noise

- Periodic noise is usually added to the image from electrical and electromechanical interference during image acquisition
- It is the only type of <u>spatially dependent</u> noise that we will discuss
- Periodic noise can be greatly reduced using frequency domain filtering





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Estimating Noise Parameters

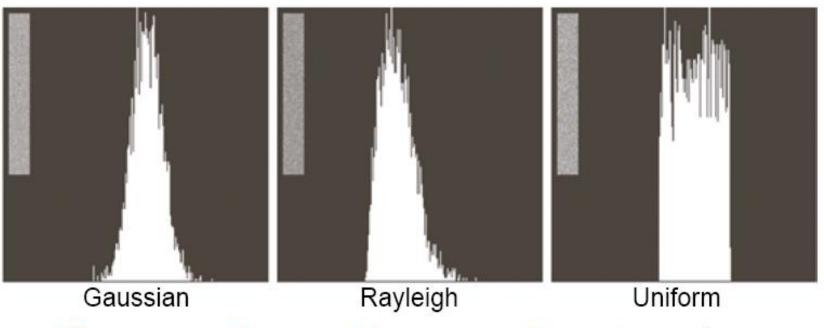
Periodic noise parameters can be estimated by

- Inspection of the Fourier transform of the image since periodic noise tend to produce spikes that can be easily detected visually
- Infer periodicity of noise components from the image (difficult)
- The parameters of noise PDFs may be
 - Known partially from sensor specifications
 - Estimated from acquired images by examining the histograms of small patches of reasonably constant background intensity.
 - The approximate shape of the histogram determines the type of noise and we can compute the mean and variance

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$$\overline{z} = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} zi \times p_s(z_i)$$
 $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (zi - \overline{z})^2 p_s(z_i)$

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Estimating Noise Parameters – Example



 Histograms of reasonably constant intensity region extracted from images corrupted by Gaussian, exponential, and uniform

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 - If noise is the only degradation present, the degradation model becomes

$$g(x,y) = f(x,y) + \eta(x,y)$$

Or
$$G(u,v) = F(u,v) + N(u,v)$$

- Restoration can be simply done by subtraction if the noise values are known!
- Alternatively, we use spatial filtering when only additive noise is present
- In what follows, we explore new types of spatial filters. Filtering using the new filters is done in the same way discussed in Chapter 3

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Mean Filters

- For a rectangular subimage window S_{xy} of size mxn that is centered at pixel (x,y), we define the following mean filters
 - Arithmetic Mean Filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)$$

- It's capable of reducing noise levels, but it smoothes local variations in an image
- Geometric Mean Filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \left[\prod_{(s,t)\in S_{XY}} g(s,t)\right]^{\frac{1}{mn}}$$

 Achieves similar smoothing results as the arithmetic mean filter, but tends to lose less details in the image

Original image

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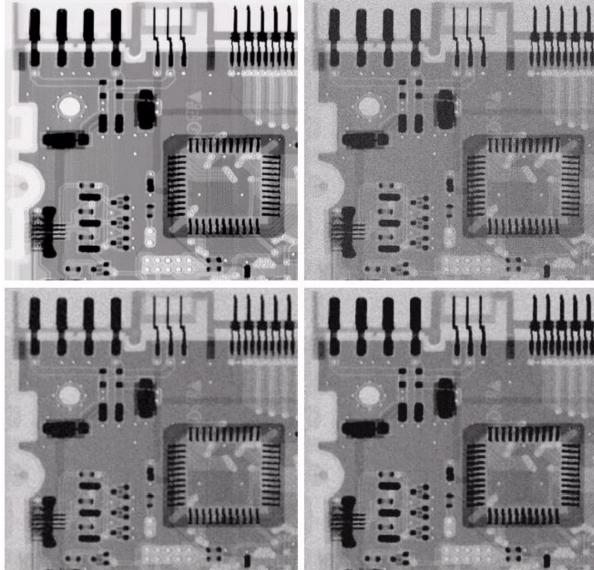


Image corrupted by AWGN

Image obtained using a 3x3 geometric mean filter

Image obtained using a 3x3 arithmetic mean filter

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- Mean Filters
 - Harmonic Mean Filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{mn}{\sum_{(s,t)\in S_{xy}} \frac{1}{g(s,t)}}$$

- The harmonic mean filter works well for salt noise, but fails for pepper noise. It does well also for other types of noise
- Contraharmonic Mean Filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{(s,t)\in S_{xy}} g(s,t)^{Q+1}}{\sum_{(s,t)\in S_{xy}} g(s,t)^Q}$$

- Q is the order of the filter
- Well suited reducing or virtually eliminating salt-and-pepper noise.
 Positive Q eliminates pepper noise while positive Q eliminates salt noise
- It is important to select the proper sign of the filter

Image corrupted by pepper noise with prob. = 0.1

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Image obtained using a 3x3contraharmonic mean filter With Q = 1.5

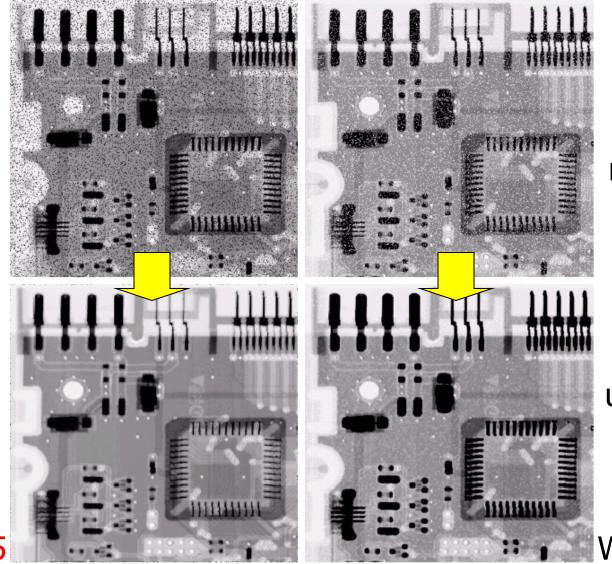


Image corrupted by salt noise with prob. = 0.1

Image obtained using a 3x3 contraharmonic mean filter With *Q*=-1.5

Image corrupted by pepper noise with prob. = 0.1

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Image obtained using a 3x3 contraharmonic mean filter With *Q*=-1.5

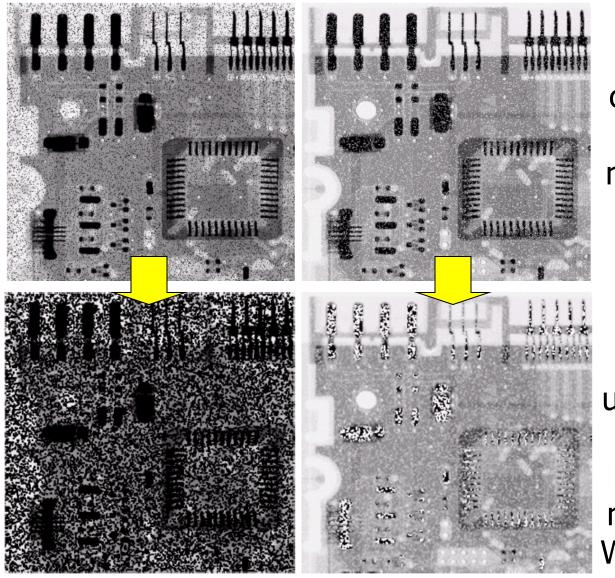


Image corrupted by salt noise with prob. = 0.1

Image obtained using a 3x3 contraharmonic mean filter With *Q*=1.5

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Order-Statistic Filters

Order-statistic filters are spatial filters whose response is based on ordering of the values of the pixels contained the image area under the filter mask

Median Filter

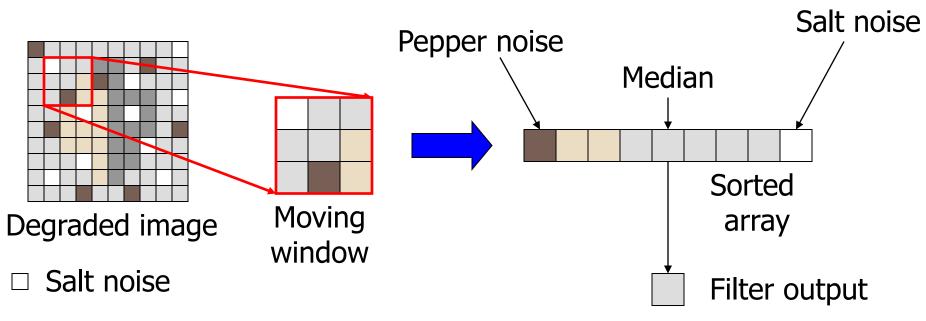
 Replaces the value of the pixel by the median of the intensity levels in the neighborhood of the pixel

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \mathop{median}_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s,t)\}$$

- It's capable of reducing noise levels with considerably less blurring than linear smoothing filters
- It's particularly effective on unipolar or bipolar impulsive noise

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A median filter is good for removing impulse, isolated noise



Pepper noise

Normally, impulse noise has high magnitude and is isolated. When we sort pixels in the moving window, noise pixels are usually at the ends of the array.

Therefore, it's rare that the noise pixel will be a median value.

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Recursive median filtering

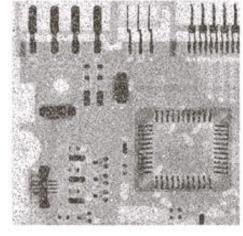
Image corrupted with pepper noise

3x3

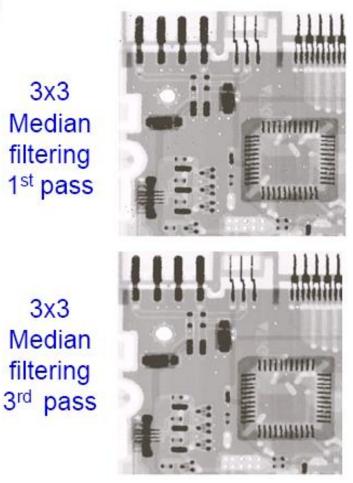
Median

filtering

2nd pass



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Recursive median filtering is perfect for impulse noise. However, recursion filtering may lead to blurring

Order-Statistic Filters

Maximum Filter

 Replaces the value of the pixel by the maximum of the intensity levels in the neighborhood of the pixel

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \max_{\substack{(s,t) \in S_{xy}}} \{g(s,t)\}$$

 It is useful in finding the brightest points in the image and in reducing pepper noise

Minimum Filter

 Replaces the value of the pixel by the minimum of the intensity levels in the neighborhood of the pixel

 $f(x,y) = \min_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s,t)\}$

 It is useful in finding the darkest points in the image and in reducing salt noise

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Min and Max Filtering



Image filtered with 3x3 max filter

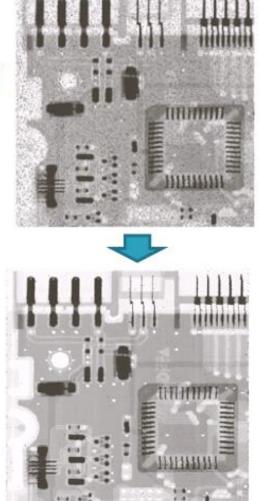
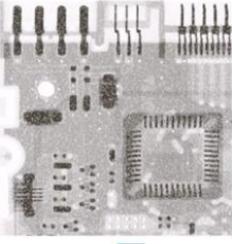
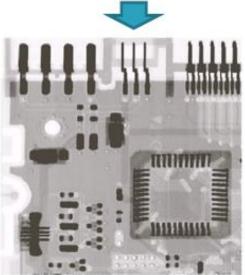


Image corrupted with white noise







Order-Statistic Filters

Midpoint Filter

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$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\max_{\substack{(s,t) \in S_{xy} \\ (s,t) \in S_{xy}}} \{g(s,t)\} + \min_{\substack{(s,t) \in S_{xy}}} \{g(s,t)\} \right]$$

 It works best for randomly distributed noise such as Gaussian and uniform noise

• Alpha-Trimmed Mean Filter

 Compute the mean intensity of the trimmed values for the pixels in the neighborhood. Trimming is performed by deleting d/2 lowest and d/2 highest intensity values

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{1}{mn-d} \sum_{(s,t)\in S_{xy}} g_r(s,t)$$

 It is useful in situations involving multiple types of noise such as a combination of impulse and Gaussian noise

Image corrupted by additive uniform noise

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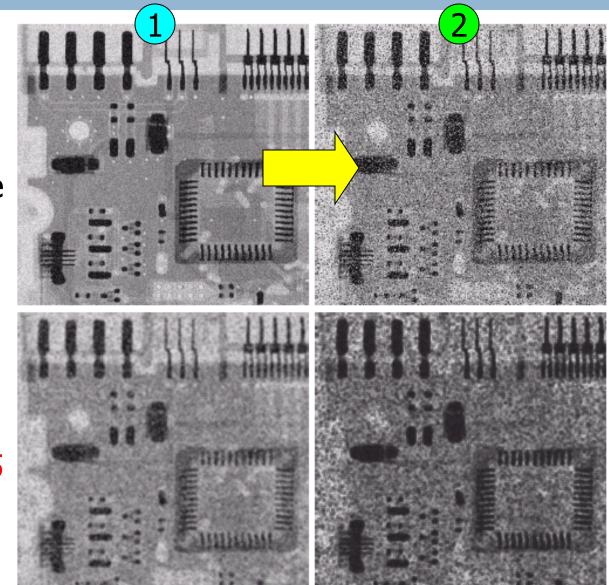


Image additionally corrupted by additive salt-andpepper noise

Image 2 obtained using a 5x5 geometric mean filter

Image 2 obtained using a 5x5 arithmetic mean filter

Image corrupted by additive uniform noise

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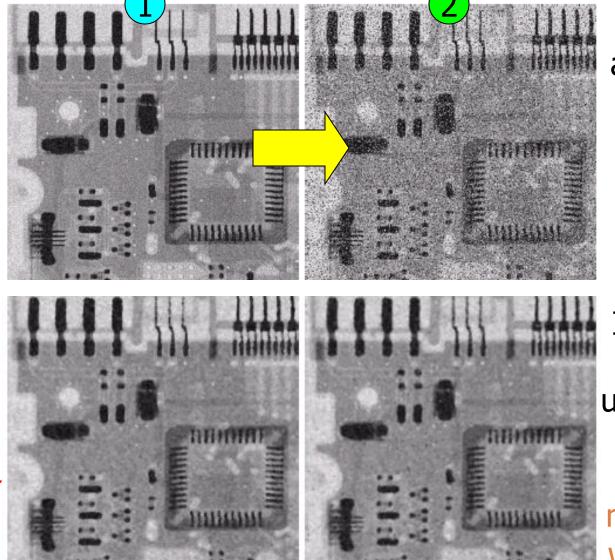
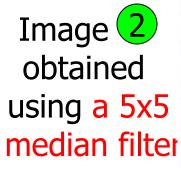


Image additionally corrupted by additive salt-andpepper noise

Image 2obtained using a 5x5 alphatrimmed mean filter with d = 5



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Adaptive Filters

- The filters discussed so far are applied to an image without considering the fact that image characteristics may vary from one location to another
- In what follow, we discuss a new class of filters called adaptive filters
- In such filters, the filtering operation is modified from one location to another based on some local measures, such as the mean and variance of the pixel neighborhood
- Adaptive filters are usually much better but at the expense of increased filter complexity

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Adaptive , Local Noise Reduction Filter

- The mean intensity and variance are two statistical measures that are widely used because of their closely related relation with the appearance of the image
- The mean gives the average intensity in the region while variance is a measure of contrast
- The filter under discussion uses four different values to perform filtering in a certain neighborhood
 - g(x,y) : the value of the pixel (x,y) in the noisy image
 - σ_{η}^2 : the variance of the noise corrupting f(x,y)
 - σ_L^2 : the local variance for the pixels in S_{xy}
 - m_L: the local mean for the pixels in S_{xy}

• Adaptive , Local Noise Reduction Filter

Assumptions of Operation

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- If σ_{η}^2 is zero, the filter should return the value of g(x,y). This is the trivial case in which there is no noise in the image
- If the local variance is high relative to σ_{η}^2 , the filter should return a value close to g(x,y) since high local variance is usually associated with edges and these have to be preserved
- If the two variances are equal, the filter should return the mean value of the pixels in S_{xy} . This situation correspond to the case when the local area has similar properties as the overall image, and local noise is to be removed by averaging.
- Based on these assumptions, we can define this adaptive filter as

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = g(x,y) - \frac{\sigma_{\eta}^2}{\sigma_L^2}(g(x,y) - m_L)$$

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Image corrupted by additive Gaussian noise with zero mean and s²=1000

Image obtained using a 7x7 geometric mean filter

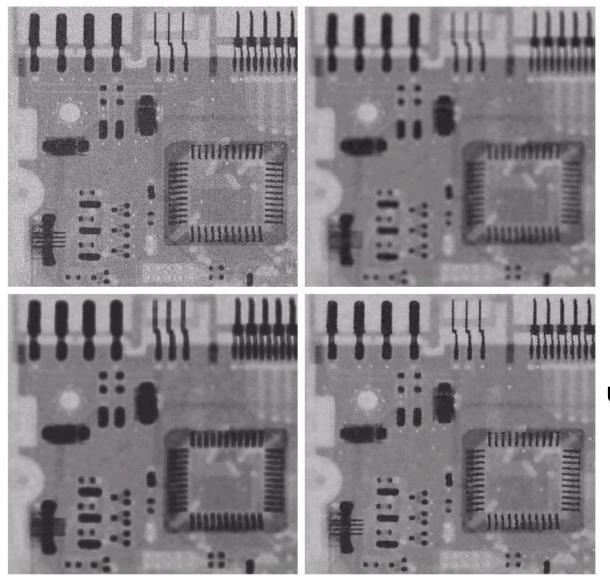


Image obtained using a 7x7 arithmetic mean filter

Image obtained using a 7x7 adaptive noise reduction filter

Restoration in the Presence of Noise Only Adaptive Median Filter

Purpose: want to remove impulse noise while preserving edges

Algorithm: Level A:

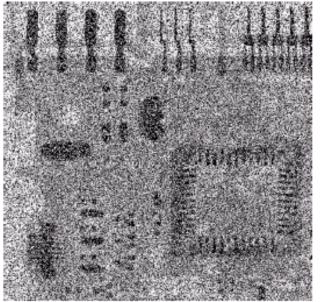
Level A: A1= $Z_{median} - Z_{min}$ A2= $Z_{median} - Z_{max}$ If A1 > 0 and A2 < 0, goto level B Else increase window size If window size <= S_{max} repeat level A Else return Z_{xy} Level B: B1= $Z_{xy} - Z_{min}$ B2= $Z_{xy} - Z_{max}$ If B1 > 0 and B2 < 0, return Z_{xy} Else return Z_{median}

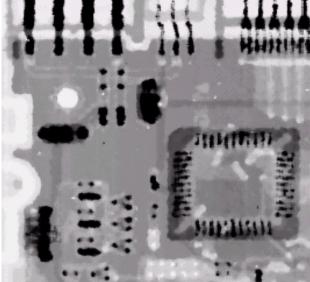
where $Z_{min} = minimum \text{ gray level value in } S_{xy}$ $Z_{max} = maximum \text{ gray level value in } S_{xy}$ $Z_{median} = median \text{ of gray levels in } S_{xy}$ $Z_{xy} = \text{ gray level value at pixel } (X, Y)$ $S_{max} = maximum \text{ allowed size of } S_{xy}$

Restoration in the Presence of Noise Only Adaptive Median Filter

Level A: A1= $z_{\text{median}} - z_{\text{min}}$ Determine whether *z*_{median} $A2 = z_{median} - z_{max}$ is an impulse or not If A1 > 0 and A2 < 0, goto level B Else \rightarrow Window is not big enough increase window size If window size $\leq S_{max}$ repeat level A Else return z_{xy} Level B: $\rightarrow z_{\text{median}}$ is not an impulse Determine $B1=z_{xy}-z_{min}$ $B2=z_{xy}-z_{max}$ If B1 > 0 and B2 < 0, whether z_{xy} is an impulse or not $\rightarrow z_{xy}$ is not an impulse return $z_{xy} \rightarrow$ to preserve original details Else return $z_{\text{median}} \rightarrow$ to remove impulse

Restoration in the Presence of Noise Only Adaptive Median Filter





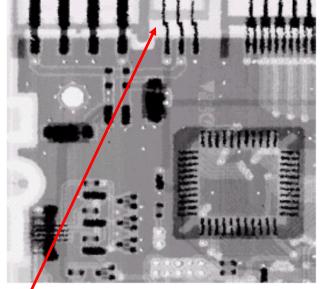


Image corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise with $p_a = p_b = 0.25$ Image obtained using a 7x7 median filter Image obtained using an adaptive median filter with $S_{max} = 7$

More small details are preserved

Periodic Noise Reduction By Frequency Domain Filtering

- Periodic noise appears as concentrated bursts of energy in the frequency domain at locations corresponding to the periodic frequencies
- Thus, periodic noise can be analyzed and filtered effectively using frequency domain filtering
- Use selective filtering
 - Bandpass filters
 - Notch filters

Periodic Noise Reduction By Frequency Domain Filtering

Bandreject Filters

- One principle application of bandreject filters is in removing noise components whose locations are approximately known
- A good example is an image that is corrupted by periodic noise that can be approximated as two-dimensional sinusoidal functions
- We know that the Fourier transform of a sine consists of two impulses that are mirror images of each other about the origin of the transform
- We may use ideal, Butterworth, or Gaussian bandreject filters



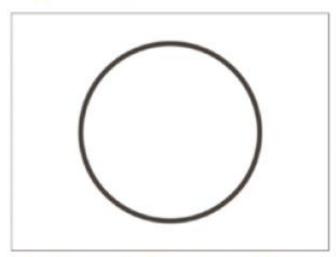
Periodic Noise Reduction By Frequency Domain

Filtering

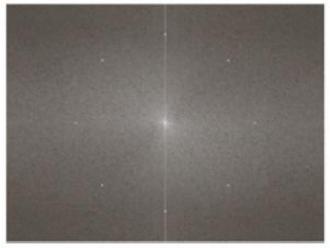
• Bandreject Filters - Example



Image corrupted Sinusoidal Noise



Butterworth Bandreject Filter



Magnitude of Spectrum

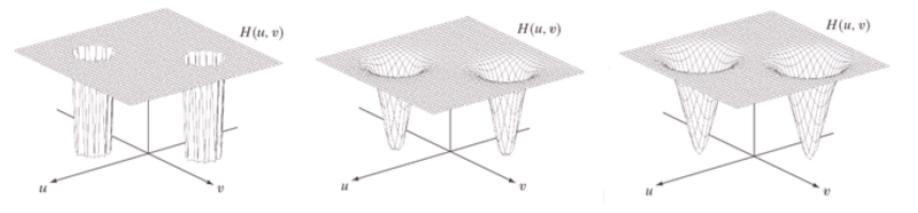


Filtered image

Periodic Noise Reduction By Frequency Domain Filtering

Notch Filters

- Notch filters perform filtering by rejecting frequencies in a predefined neighborhoods about the center of the frequency rectangle
- Due to the symmetry of the Fourier transform, notch filters should appear symmetric about the origin
- We may use ideal, Butterworth, or Gaussian notch filters
- Notch filters can be arbitrary shape



Periodic Noise Reduction By Frequency Domain Filtering

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• Notch-reject Filters – Example



Image Corrupted by Sinusoidal Noise





Magnitude of Spectrum



Filtered image

Estimation of Degradation Model

Degradation model:

or

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) * h(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$

$$G(u, v) = F(u, v)H(u, v) + N(u, v)$$

Purpose: to estimate
$$h(x,y)$$
 or $H(u,v)$

Why? If we know exactly h(x,y), regardless of noise, we can do deconvolution to get f(x,y) back from g(x,y).

Methods:

- 1. Estimation by Image Observation
- 2. Estimation by Experiment
- 3. Estimation by Modeling

Estimation by Image Observation

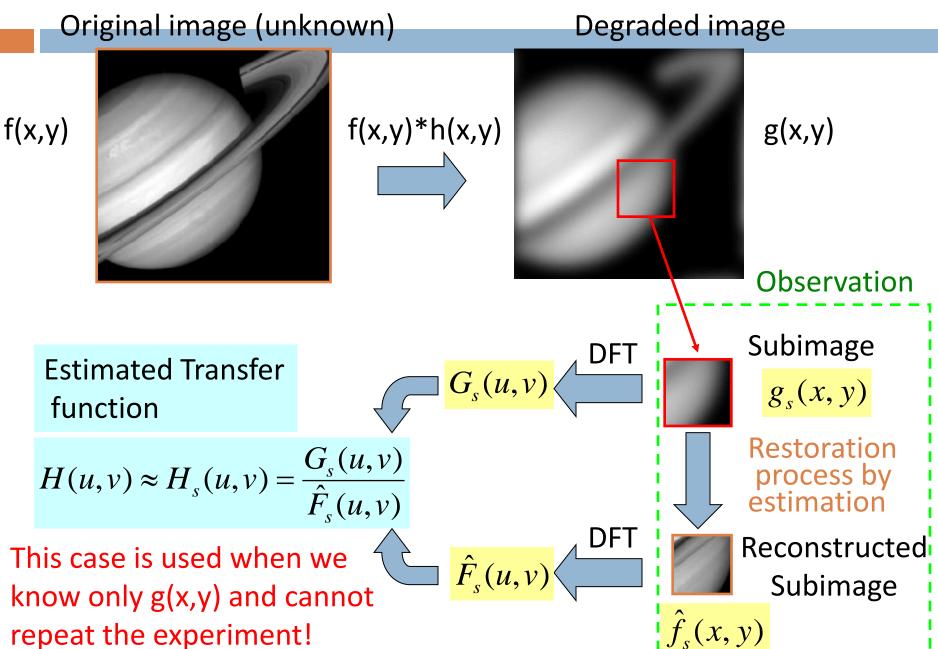
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- Assume that a degraded image is available without any knowledge about the degradation function, which is assumed to be linear, position-invariant
- One way to estimate the degradation function is to gather information from the image itself (like a blurred image)
- For example, we can look at small patch of the image where the noise is minimum and then process the patch to arrive at pleasant result
- From the degraded image and the processed image (the estimate of original) we compute

$$H_{s}(u,v) = \frac{G_{s}(u,v)}{\hat{F}(u,v)}$$

 Then we can generalize to find H(u,v) with the same characteristics of Hs(u,v)

Estimation by Image Observation



Estimation by Experimentation

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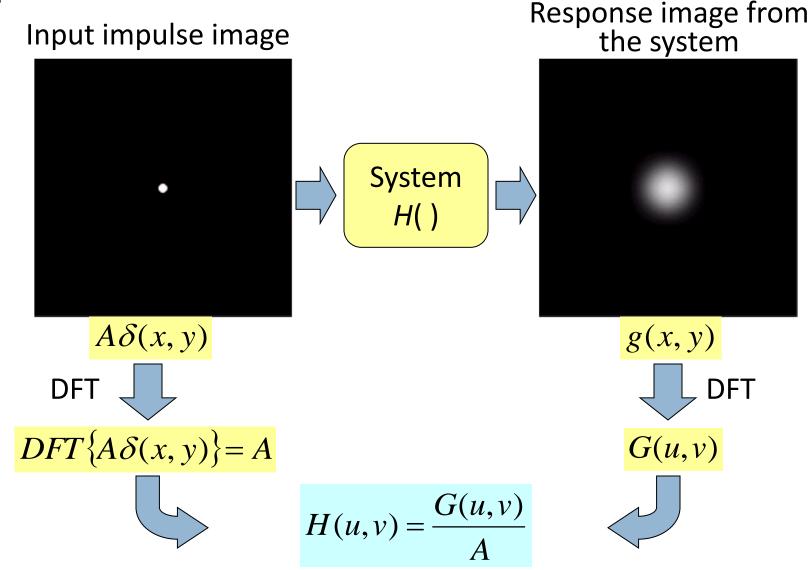
- It is possible if the imaging system used to acquire the degraded image is available
- Imaging is repeated with different system settings until the almost the same degraded image is obtained
- Using such settings, the system is used to image an impulse (a small dot of light that is as bright as possible) to obtain the impulse response of the degradation
- In the frequency domain, we can compute the degradation function H(u,v) from the degraded image by

$$H(u,v) = \frac{G(u,v)}{A}$$

where A is the impulse strength

Estimation by Experiment

Used when we have the same equipment set up and can repeat the experiment.



• Estimation by Modeling

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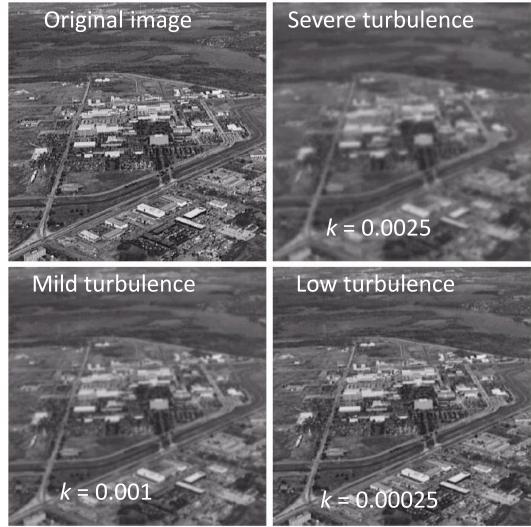
- It is based on finding a mathematical expression for the degradation function
- Finding such mathematical expression can be through
 - some assumptions such as physical characteristics of the environment during the imaging process
 - deriving the mathematical model from basic principles
- For example, a model proposed to model atmospheric turbulence is

$$H(u,v) = e^{-k(u^2 + v^2)^{5/6}}$$

where k is a constant that depends on the nature of the turbulence with higher values indicating higher turbulence effects

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Used when we know physical mechanism underlying the image formation process that can be expressed mathematically.



Example:

Atmospheric Turbulence model

$$H(u,v) = e^{-k(u^2 + v^2)^{5/6}}$$

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- Estimation by Modeling Example
 - Estimation of blurring degradation based on linear uniform motion
 - Assume that the image function undergoes a planner motion and that x₀(t) and y₀(t) are the time-dependant components of motion in the x and y directions
 - The total exposure at any point of the recording medium is obtained by integrating the instantaneous exposure over the time interval of imaging event
 - If T is the duration of exposure , it follows that

$$g(x,y) = \int_{0}^{T} f(x - x_0(t), y - y_0(t)) dt$$

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 - Estimation by Modeling Example
 - Estimation of blurring degradation based on linear uniform motion
 - The Fourier transform of g(x,y) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} G(u,v) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) e^{-j2\pi(ux+vy)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{T} f\left[x - x_0(t), y - y_0(t)\right] dt \ e^{-j2\pi(ux+vy)} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Reversing the order of integration

$$G(u,v) = \int_{0}^{T} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left[x - x_0(t), y - y_0(t) \right] e^{-j2\pi(ux + vy)} dx dy \right] dt$$

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• Estimation by Modeling - Example

- Estimation of blurring degradation based on linear uniform motion
- The term inside the outer brackets from the previous slide is the Fourier transform of the displaced function f[x-x₀(t),y-y₀(t)]

$$G(u,v) = \int_{0}^{T} F(u,v) e^{-j2\pi(ux_0(t)+vy_0(t))} dt$$
$$= F(u,v) \int_{0}^{T} e^{-j2\pi(ux_0(t)+vy_0(t))} dt$$
$$= F(u,v)H(u,v)$$

 If x₀(t) and y₀(t) are known, the degradation function is can be directly found

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- **Estimation by Modeling Example**
 - Estimation of blurring degradation based on linear uniform motion
 - Let the image undergoes a uniform motion in the x direction only with x₀(t) = at/T, then the degradation function is given by

$$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{\pi u a} \sin(\pi u a) e^{-j\pi u a}$$

If we also have a uniform motion in the y direction also by y₀(t)
 = bt/T, then the degradation function is

$$H(u,v) = \frac{1}{\pi(ua+vb)} \sin(\pi(ua+bv))e^{-j\pi(ua+vb)}$$

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 - Estimation by Modeling Example
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Example of blurring by the function on the previous slide with a = b = 0.1 and T = 1

Inverse Filter

From degradation model: G(u,v) = F(u,v)H(u,v) + N(u,v)

after we obtain H(u, v), we can estimate F(u, v) by the inverse filter:

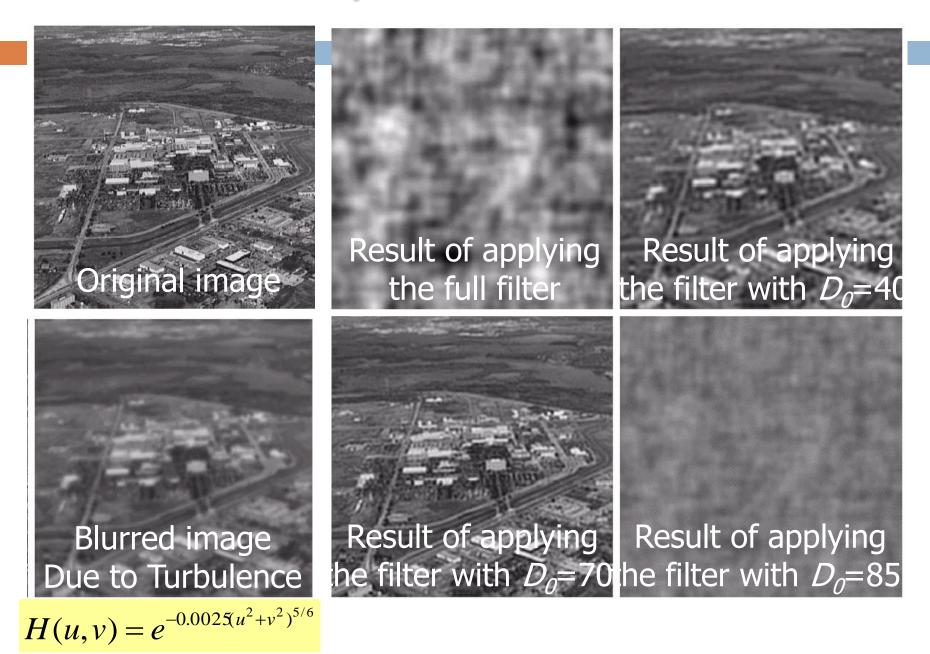
$$\hat{F}(u,v) = \frac{G(u,v)}{H(u,v)} = F(u,v) + \frac{N(u,v)}{H(u,v)}$$

Noise is enhanced \checkmark when H(u, v) is small.

To avoid the side effect of enhancing noise, we can apply this formulation to freq. component (u, v) with in a radius D_0 from the center of H(u, v).

In practical, the inverse filter is not Popularly used.

Inverse Filter: Example



Wiener Filter: Minimum Mean Square Error Filter

Objective: optimize mean square error: $e^2 = E \left\{ (f - \hat{f})^2 \right\}$

Wiener Filter Formula:

$$\hat{F}(u,v) = \left[\frac{H^{*}(u,v)S_{f}(u,v)}{S_{f}(u,v)|H(u,v)|^{2} + S_{\eta}(u,v)}\right]G(u,v)$$

$$= \left[\frac{H^{*}(u,v)}{|H(u,v)|^{2} + S_{\eta}(u,v)/S_{f}(u,v)}\right]G(u,v)$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{|H(u,v)|^{2}}\frac{|H(u,v)|^{2}}{|H(u,v)|^{2} + S_{\eta}(u,v)/S_{f}(u,v)}\right]G(u,v)$$

where

H(u, v) = Degradation function $S_{\eta}(u, v) =$ Power spectrum of noise $S_{\Lambda}(u, v) =$ Power spectrum of the undegraded image

Approximation of Wiener Filter

Wiener Filter Formula:

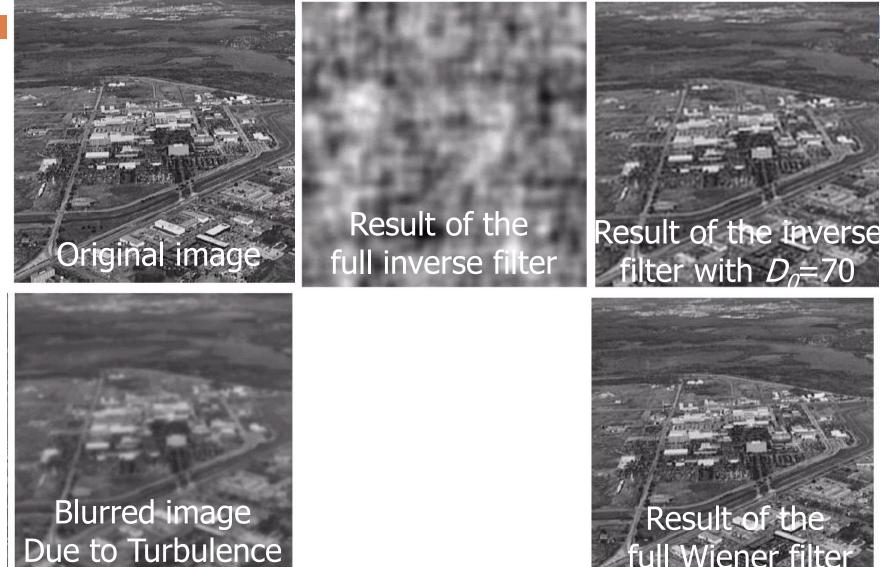
$$\hat{F}(u,v) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{H(u,v)} & |H(u,v)|^2 \\ |H(u,v)|^2 + S_\eta(u,v) / S_f(u,v) \end{bmatrix} G(u,v)$$
Difficult to estimate

Approximated Formula:

$$\hat{F}(u,v) = \left[\frac{1}{H(u,v)} \frac{\left|H(u,v)\right|^2}{\left|H(u,v)\right|^2 + K}\right] G(u,v)$$

Practically, K is chosen manually to obtained the best visual result!

Wiener Filter: Example

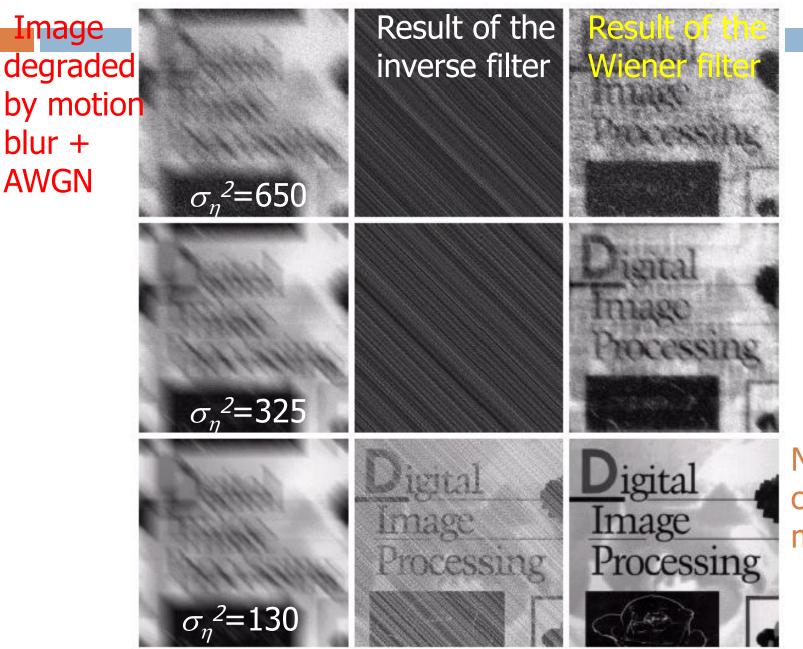


full Wiener filter

Wiener Filter: Example (cont.)



Example: Wiener Filter and Motion Blurring



Note: *K* is chosen manually