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Image Manipulation: Filters and Convolutions

Elements of Graphics CS324e

Per-Pixel Manipulation

- Individual pixels do not influence neighboring pixels
- Possible modifications include shifts in:
 - Color
 - * Brightness
 - * Opacity



- RGB channels of pixel have the same value
- Content of image expressed through color value rather than hue or saturation
- How might we find a single value that captures the information of three color channels?





High Contrast

- Increase or decrease value of RGB channels based on pixel
 brightness
- Changes in value across image further emphasized
- How might we make some pixels darker and some pixels brighter?





HSV/HSB

- Hue-Saturation-Value
 commonly used in digital color
 pickers
- * Hue: pure color
- Saturation: amount of color
- Value (Brightness): darkness or lightness of color



Setting Color Mode

- * colorMode(model, range1, range2, range3)
- * Examples:

colorMode(RGB, 255, 255, 255); colorMode(HSB, 360, 100, 100); colorMode(RGB, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0); colorMode(HSB, 100);

RGB Methods

- * Extract red, green, and blue channels from a pixel:
 - * red(color c)
 - * green(color c)
 - * blue(color c)



HSB Methods

- * Extract hue, saturation and brightness from a pixel:
 - * hue(color c)
 - * saturation(color c)
 - * brightness(color c)



Consider...

```
colorMode(RGB, 255, 255, 255);
fill(50, 100, 100);
rect(0, 0, 50, 50); //Rect1
colorMode(HSB, 360, 100, 100);
fill(50, 100, 100);
rect(50, 50, 50, 50); //Rect2
```



Image Kernels

- Also called convolution matrix or mask
- * Matrix used to **convolve** kernel values with image values
 - Square and small (3x3, 5x5 etc)
 - * The larger the matrix, the more local information is lost
- Allows for "area" effects such as blur, sharpening and edge-detection
- * Note: not a matrix multiply!!

Convolution

- Matrix convolution
 - 1. Multiplication of corresponding cells
 - 2. Summation of these values

39	33	35	36	31	
35	34	36	33	34	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 34 & 2 \cdot 36 & 1 \cdot 33 \end{bmatrix}$
34	33	36	34	32	$\otimes 2 4 2 = 2 \cdot 33 4 \cdot 36 2 \cdot 34 = \{139 + 278 + 142\} = 559$
32	36	35	36	35	1 2 1 1.36 2.35 1.36
33	31	34	31	32	

Kernel Application

- * Each pixel has the convolution matrix applied to it
- * Value is stored at **corresponding location**



Hands-on: Understanding Convolutions

- * Today's activities:
 - Complete your tint method if it's not finished (do not resubmit)
 - 2. Experiment with colorMode, switching between RGB and HSB
 - 3. Use RGB and HSB methods to extract a color's information
 - 4. Construct this kernel* in Processing:

*You do not need to use it yet!

0

-1

0

-1

0

5

-1

Applying Convolutions



Original Image

Sharpened Image



Kernel Traversal

* How can we traverse both the image pixels and the cells of the kernel?

Accessing pixel neighborhoods

* Consider the call:

int index = (x + i - 1) + img.width*(y +
j - 1);

- * Provides an *offset* to the target pixel
- Based on i and j values, offset reaches certain number of neighboring pixels in the x and y directions

Sharpen Example Code

float[][] matrix = {{0, -1, 0}, {-1, 5, -1}, {0, -1, 0}};

/* Access individual pixel location (x, y) and initialize rgb floats to store new color channel values */

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
```

```
for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
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int index = (x + i - 1) + img.width*(y + j - 1);red += red(img.pixels[index]) * matrix[i][j]; ... //Perform convolution on green and blue } red = constrain(abs(red), 0, 255);

... //Clamp green and blue

}

Revisiting the Convolution Matrix

- * Each pixel has the convolution matrix applied to it
- Value is stored at corresponding location



* What happens if we store values in existing image?

Intermediate Buffer

- * Array of pixels that matches the size of the image
- * Provides "safe" location for storing image data
- Allows program to preserve original image data if necessary
- Buffering is also a common trick to increase speed of rendering (aka double buffering)

Creating a Buffer

- * Can create a duplicate image:
 - * loadImage(image_file); //load twice
- * Or can create a blank image:
 - * createImage(width, height, ARGB);
- * Then copy pixel values from one buffer to another
 - * copy(img, x, y, width, height, x, y, width, height);

Copying an Image

* Shallow copy:

PImage img1;

PImage img2 = img1;

* Deep copy*:

img2.copy(img1, 0, 0, img1.width, img1.height, 0, 0, img2.width, img2.height);

* Note that img2 must be initialized (either loaded from image or created as a blank image) before a deep copy will work!

Box Blur

* Pixel value is based on average of its neighborhood:

```
1/9 * \{\{1, 1, 1\}, \\ \{1, 1, 1\}, \\ \{1, 1, 1\}\}
```

or approximately:

```
{{0.11, 0.11, 0.11},
{0.11, 0.11},
{0.11, 0.11, 0.11},
{0.11, 0.11, 0.11}}
```

Gaussian Blur

 Use of Gaussian function for convolution:

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

- Low-pass filter that reduces high frequency features including noise
- Weighted average better preserves features



1D Gaussian distribution

Approximate Gaussian Blur

- Same idea as a
 Gaussian blur but now
 discretized
- Apply weights to neighbors in kernel
 based on distance from the center
- Total weight must still equal 1



A 5x5 kernel

Edge Detection

- * Determines sharp discontinuities in value (i.e. edges)
- Provides information about scene:
 - * Depth
 - Illumination
 - Material
- Important filter for computer vision / feature extraction

Sobel Operator

 Two 3x3 kernels that approximate horizontal and vertical derivatives (i.e. changes in light intensity)

$$\mathbf{G}_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & +1 \\ -2 & 0 & +2 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{G}_{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & +2 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A}$$

- Horizontal and vertical convolutions performed independently
- Gradient magnitude (i.e. rate of change in both directions) calculated from results









- * What happens when we try to convolve the edge pixels of our image?
- * How can we handle this "missing" data?
 - Leave edges untouched (easiest)
 - * Fill in missing pixels with 0 or 255
 - * Wrap missing pixels (from the other side of the image)
 - * Mirror missing pixels (from the other side of the kernel)
- * How do these choices affect the image appearance?

Hands-on: Using Convolutions

- * Today's activities:
 - 1. Take your "sharpen" kernel and place it in a 3x3 2D array in Processing
 - 2. Create an image buffer to store the final, convolved image data
 - Apply the sharpen kernel to an image and store the convolved data into your secondary image buffer (this should display to the screen)