# Digital Image Processing Module 3 Image Restoration

# Unit Outline

- · A model of the image degradation / restoration process
- · Noise models
- · Restoration in the presence of noise only spatial filtering
- · Periodic noise reduction by frequency domain filtering
- · Linear, position-invariant degradations
- · Estimating the degradation function
- · Inverse filtering

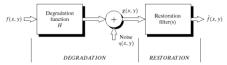
# Preview

- · Goal of image restoration
  - Improve an image in some predefined sense
  - Difference with image enhancement?
- · Features
  - Image restoration v.s image enhancement
  - Objective process v.s. subjective process
  - A prior knowledge v.s heuristic process
  - A prior knowledge of the degradation phenomenon is considered.
  - Modeling the degradation and apply the inverse process to recover the original image

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# Concept of Image Restoration

Image restoration is to restore a degraded image back to the original image while image enhancement is to manipulate the image so that it is suitable for a specific application.



Degradation model:

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

where h(x,y) is a system that causes image distortion and  $\eta(x,y)$  is noise.

# Preview (cont.)

- Target
  - Degraded digital image
  - Sensor, digitizer, display degradations are less considered
- Spatial domain approach
- Frequency domain approach

# Noise models

- · Source of noise
  - Image acquisition (digitization)
  - Image transmission
- · Spatial properties of noise
  - Statistical behavior of the gray-level values of pixels
  - Noise parameters, correlation with the image
- · Frequency properties of noise
  - Fourier spectrum
  - Ex. white noise (a constant Fourier spectrum)

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# **Noise Models**

Noise cannot be predicted but can be approximately described in statistical way using the probability density function (PDF)

Gaussian noise:

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

Rayleigh noise

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

Erlang (Gamma) noise

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

# Noise probability density functions

- · Noises are taken as random variables
- · Random variables
  - Probability density function (PDF)

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# Noise Models (cont.)

Exponential noise

 $p(z) = ae^{-az}$ 

Uniform noise

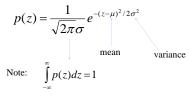
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{for } a \le z \le b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Impulse (salt & pepper) noise

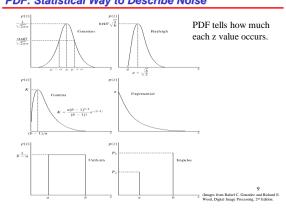
$$p(z) = \begin{cases} P_a & \text{for } z = a \\ P_b & \text{for } z = b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Gaussian noise

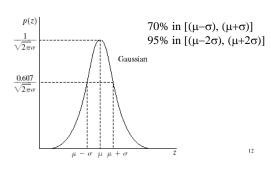
- Math. tractability in spatial and frequency domain
- · Electronic circuit noise and sensor noise



PDF: Statistical Way to Describe Noise



Gaussian noise (PDF)



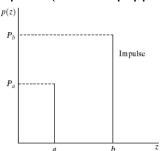
# Uniform noise

• Less practical, used for random number generator

$$p(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \le z \le b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
Mean:  $y = \frac{a+b}{a}$ 

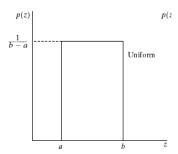
Variance:  $\sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$ 

# Impulse (salt-and-pepper) nosie PDF

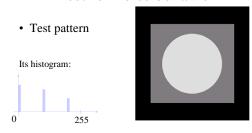


# **Uniform Noise PDF**

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# Test for noise behavior



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# Impulse (salt-and-pepper) nosie

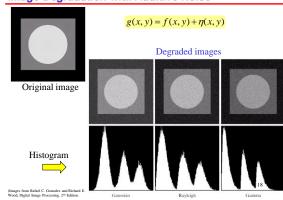
Quick transients, such as faulty switching during imaging

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

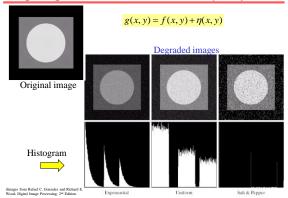
If either  $P_a$  or  $P_b$  is zero, it is called *unipolar*. Otherwise, it is called bipoloar.

•In practical, impulses are usually stronger than image signals. Ex., a=0(black) and b=255(white) in 8-bit image.

Image Degradation with Additive Noise



# Image Degradation with Additive Noise (cont.)



# Estimation of noise parameters

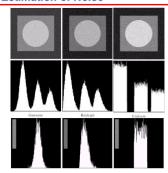
- · Periodic noise
  - Observe the frequency spectrum
- · Random noise with unknown PDFs
  - Case 1: imaging system is available
    - · Capture images of "flat" environment
  - Case 2: noisy images available
    - · Take a strip from constant area
    - · Draw the histogram and observe it
    - · Measure the mean and variance

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# Periodic noise

- Source: electrical or electromechanical interference during image acquisition
- · Characteristics
  - Spatially dependent
  - Periodic easy to observe in frequency domain
- · Processing method
  - Suppressing noise component in frequency domain

# **Estimation of Noise**

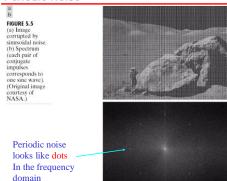


We cannot use the image histogram to estimate noise PDF.

It is better to use the histogram of one area of an image that has constant intensity to estimate noise PDF.

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#### **Periodic Noise**



#### Restoration in the presence of Noise Only- Spatial Filtering

When only degradation present in an image is noise,

Degradation model:



Spatial filtering is the method of choice in situations when only additive noise is present.

Enhancement and Restoration become almost indistinguishable disciplines in this particular case.

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#### Mean Filters (Noise Reduction Spatial Filters)

Arithmetic mean filter or moving average filter

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

### Geometric mean filter

$$\hat{f}(x, y) = \left(\prod_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)\right)^{\frac{1}{mm}}$$

mn = size of moving window

Achieves smoothing comparable to arithmetic mean filter, but it tends to lose less image detail in the process.

# Contraharmonic Filters: Example



Image

obtained

using a 3x3

contra-

harmonic

mean filter

With Q = 1.5

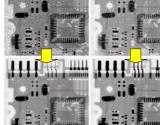
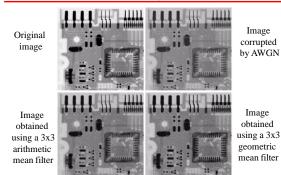


Image corrupted by salt noise with prob. = 0.1

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

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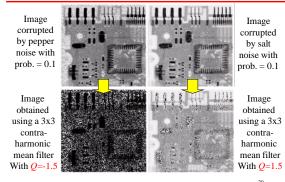
# Geometric Mean Filter: Example



AWGN: Additive White Gaussian Noise

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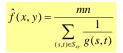
# Contraharmonic Filters: Incorrect Use Example



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# Harmonic and Contraharmonic Filters

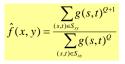
### Harmonic mean filter



Works well for salt noise but fails for pepper noise Works well for Gaussian Noise

mn = size of moving window

#### Contraharmonic mean filter

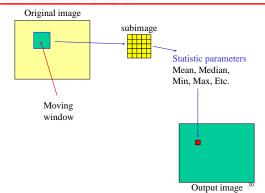


Reduces salt and pepper noise,
Positive *Q* is suitable for
eliminating pepper noise.
Negative *Q* is suitable for
eliminating salt noise.
Cannot do both simultaneously

Q = the filter order

For Q = 0, the filter reduces to an arithmetic mean filter. For Q = -1, the filter reduces to a harmonic mean filter.

# Order-Statistic Filters: Revisit



#### **Order-Statistics Filters**

### Median filter

$$\hat{f}(x, y) = \underset{(s,t) \in S_{--}}{\text{median}} \{g(s,t)\}$$

# Max filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \max_{(s,t) \in S_{vv}} \left\{ g(s,t) \right\}$$

Reduce "dark" noise (pepper noise)

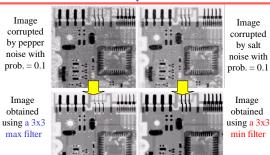
#### Min filter

$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \min_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \{g(s,t)\}$$
 Reduce "bright" noise (salt noise)

# Midpoint filter

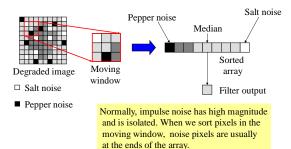
$$\hat{f}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \max_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \left\{ g(s,t) \right\} + \min_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} \left\{ g(s,t) \right\} \right)$$

### Max and Min Filters: Example



# Median Filter: How it works

#### A median filter is good for removing impulse, isolated noise



Therefore, it's rare that the noise pixel will be a median value32

# Alpha-trimmed Mean Filter

#### Formula:

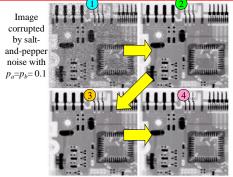
$$\hat{f}(x,y) = \frac{1}{mn - d} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g_r(s,t)$$

where  $g_r(s,t)$  represent the remaining mn-d pixels after removing the d/2 highest and d/2 lowest values of g(s,t).



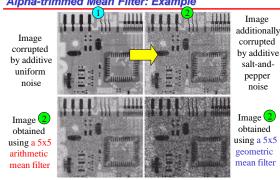
This filter is useful in situations involving multiple types of noise such as a combination of salt-and-pepper and Gaussian noise.

#### Median Filter: Example

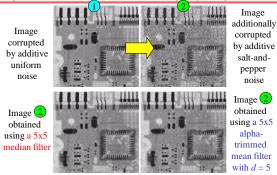


Images obtained using a 3x3 median filter market C. Gor

# Alpha-trimmed Mean Filter: Example



# Alpha-trimmed Mean Filter: Example (cont.)



### Adaptive Filter

#### General concept:

- -Filter behavior depends on statistical characteristics of local areas inside mxn moving window
- More complex but superior performance compared with "fixed"

### Statistical characteristics:

Local mean:  $m_L = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} g(s,t)$  Noise variance:



$$\sigma_L^2 = \frac{1}{mn} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} (g(s,t) - m_L)^2$$

# Alpha-trimmed Mean Filter: Example (cont.)

Image obtained using a 5x5 arithmetic mean filter

Image

obtained

using a 5x5

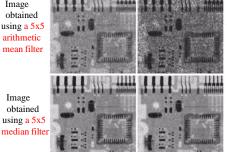


Image obtained using a 5x5 geometric mean filter

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

# Adaptive, Local Noise Reduction Filter

Purpose: want to preserve edges

### Concept:

- 1. If  $\sigma_n^2$  is zero,  $\rightarrow$  No noise the filter should return g(x,y) because g(x,y) = f(x,y)
- 2. If  $\sigma_L^2$  is high relative to  $\sigma_n^2$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Edges (should be preserved), the filter should return the value close to g(x,y)
- 3. If  $\sigma_L^2 = \sigma_n^2$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Areas inside objects the filter should return the arithmetic mean value  $m_L$

Formula:

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

# Adaptive Filters

- · The filters discussed so far are applied to an entire image without any regard for how image characteristics vary from one point to another
- · The behaviour of adaptive filters changes depending on the characteristics of the image inside the filter region

#### Adaptive Noise Reduction Filter: Example

Image corrupted by additive Gaussian noise with zero mean and  $\sigma^2=1000$ 

Image obtained using a 7x7 geometric mean filter

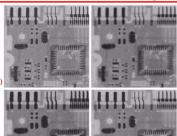


Image obtained using a 7x7 arithmetic mean filter

Image obtained using a 7x7 adaptive noise reduction filter

# Adaptive Median Filtering

- The median filter performs relatively well on impulse noise as long as the spatial density of the impulse noise is not large
- The adaptive median filter can handle much more spatially dense impulse noise, and also performs some smoothing for nonimpulse noise
- The key insight in the adaptive median filter is that the filter size changes depending on the characteristics of the image

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### Adaptive Median Filter: How it works

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Level A: A1= z_{\text{median}} - z_{\text{min}}
                                                                 Determine
            A2 = z_{\text{median}} - z_{\text{max}}
                                                                 whether z_{\text{median}}
                                                                 is an impulse or not
            If A1 > 0 and A2 < 0, goto level B
                   Else → Window is not big enough
                             increase window size
                             If window size \leq S_{\text{max}} repeat level A
                                       Else return z_{xy}
Level B: \rightarrow z_{median} is not an impulse
                                          Determine
            \mathbf{B1} = z_{\mathrm{xy}} - z_{\mathrm{min}}
                                              whether z_{yy}
                                              is an impulse or not
            B2 = z_{xy} - z_{max}
            If B1 > 0 and B2 < 0, \rightarrow z_{xy} is not an impulse
                    return z_{xy} \rightarrow to preserve original details
                   return z_{\text{median}} \rightarrow to remove impulse
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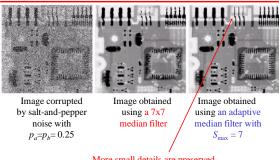
# Adaptive Median Filtering (cont...)

The key to understanding the algorithm is to remember that the adaptive median filter has three purposes:

- Remove impulse noise
- Provide smoothing of other noise
- Reduce distortion

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# Adaptive Median Filter: Example



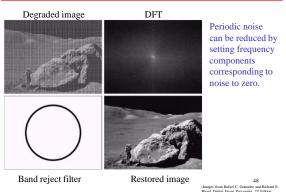
More small details are preserved

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# Adaptive Median Filter

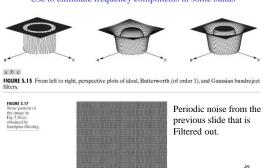
Purpose: want to remove impulse noise while preserving edges Algorithm: Level A:  $A1 = z_{\text{median}} - z_{\text{min}}$ If A1 > 0 and A2 < 0, goto level B Else increase window size If window size  $\leq S_{\text{max}}$  repeat level A Else return  $z_{xy}$ Level B:  $\mathbf{B1} = z_{\mathrm{xy}} - z_{\mathrm{min}}$  $B2 = z_{xy} - z_{ma}$ If B1 > 0 and B2 < 0, return  $z_{xy}$ Else return  $z_{\text{median}}$ where  $z_{\min} = \min \max \text{ gray level value in } S_{\infty}$  $z_{\text{max}} = \text{maximum gray level value in } S_{xy}$  $z_{\text{median}} = \text{median of gray levels in } S_{xy}$  $z_{xy}$  = gray level value at pixel (x,y) $S_{\text{max}}$  = maximum allowed size of  $S_{xy}$ 

# Periodic Noise Reduction by Freq. Domain Filtering

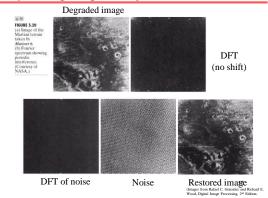


### **Band Reject Filters**

#### Use to eliminate frequency components in some bands

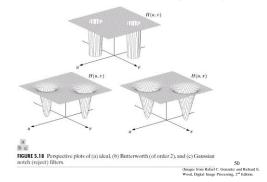


### Example: Image Degraded by Periodic Noise



# **Notch Reject Filters**

#### A notch reject filter is used to eliminate some frequency components.



# **Estimation of Degradation Model**

# Degradation model:

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) * h(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$
 or 
$$G(u, v) = F(u, v)H(u, v) + N(u, v)$$

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

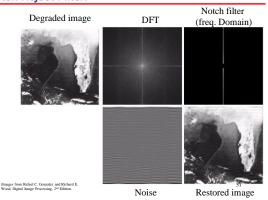
Why? If we know exactly h(x,y), regardless of noise, we can do deconvolution to get f(x,y) back from g(x,y).

### Methods:

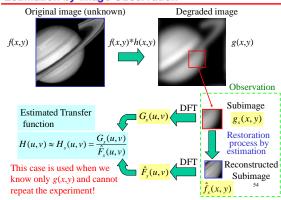
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- 2. Estimation by Experiment
- 3. Estimation by Modeling

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# Notch Reject Filter:

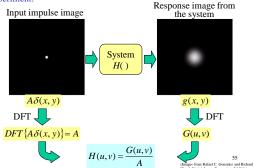


# **Estimation by Image Observation**



# **Estimation by Experiment**

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



# Estimation by Modeling: Motion Blurring (cont.)

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

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

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

Then we get, the motion blurring transfer function:

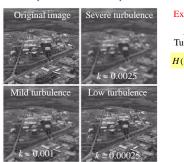
$$H(u,v) = \int_{0}^{T} e^{-j2\pi(ux_0(t)+vy_0(t))} dt$$

For constant motion  $(x_0(t), y_0(t)) = (at, bt)$ 

$$H(u,v) = \int_{0}^{T} e^{-j2\pi(ua+vb)} dt = \frac{T}{\pi(ua+vb)} \sin(\pi(ua+vb)) e^{-j\pi(ua+vb)}$$

# **Estimation by Modeling**

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



Example:

Atmospheric Turbulence model

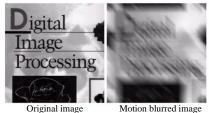
$$H(u,v) = e^{-k(u^2+v^2)^{5/6}}$$

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# Motion Blurring Example

For constant motion

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



a = b = 0.1, T = 1

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# Estimation by Modeling: Motion Blurring

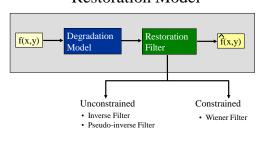
Assume that camera velocity is  $(x_0(t), y_0(t))$ The blurred image is obtained by

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

where T =exposure time.

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

**Restoration Model** 



### 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 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.

# WIENER FILTERING

- · Inverse filtering has no explicit provision for handling noise
- The wiener filter incorporates both degradation function, and statistical characteristics of noise in the restoration process.
- Objective of the wiener filter is to find the estimate of uncorrupted image f, such that the mean square error is minimum.
- · The wiener filter is an optimum filter
- Conditions
  - (1) Noise and image are uncorrelated
  - (2) One or the other has zero mean
  - (3) Gray levels in fare linear function of gray levels in g

# **Inverse Filtering**

#### Limitations:

- Even if the degradation function is known the undegraded image cannot be recovered exactly because N(u,v) is the random function which is not known.
- If the degradation function has '0' or small value the ratio easily dominates the estimate F(u,v)
- One approach to get rid of 0 or small value problem is to limit the filter frequency to the value near the origin.

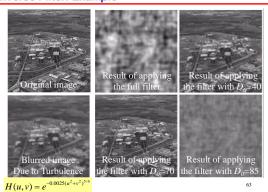
# Norbert Wiener (1894-1964)



The renowned MIT professor Norbert Wiener was famed for his absent-mindedness. While crossing the MIT campus one day, he was stopped by a student with a mathematical problem. The perplexing question answered, Norbert followed with one of his own: "In which direction was I walking when you stopped me?" he asked, prompting an answer from the curious student. "Ah," Wiener declared, "then I've had my lunch"

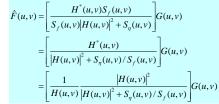
Anecdote of Norbert Wiener

#### Inverse Filter: Example



# Wiener Filter: Minimum Mean Square Error Filter

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



H(u,v) =Degradation function

 $S_n(u,v)$  = Power spectrum of noise

 $S_{i}(u,v)$  = Power spectrum of the undegraded image

# Wiener Filter: Minimum Mean Square Error Filter...

- H(u, v) = degradation function
- $H^*(u, v) = complex conjugate of H(u, v)$
- $|H(u, v)|^2 = H^*(u, v) H(u, v)$
- $S_n(u, v) = |N(u, v)|^2 = \text{power spectrum of the noise}$
- $S_f(u, v) = |F(u, v)|^2 = \text{power spectrum of undegraded image}$
- No problem with zeros unless  $H(u,\,v)$  and  $S\eta(u,\,v)$  are both zero
- When noise is zero, Wiener filter = inverse filter

# Image Example





motion blurred image

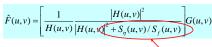
deblurred image after wiener filtering (K=0.01)

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# Approximation of Wiener Filter

Since  $S\eta(u,v)=|N(u,v)|^2$  and  $S_f(u,v)=|F(u,v)|^2$  are seldom known, the Wiener filter is frequently approximated

Wiener Filter Formula:



Difficult to estimate

Approximated Formula:

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

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

# Image Example (Con't)







K=0.01 K=0.001

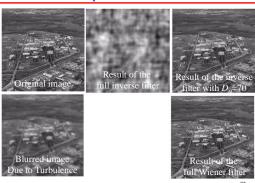
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# Wiener Filtering

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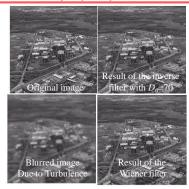
- 1. The wiener filter does not have zero value problem.
- 2.The result obtained by wiener filter is more closer to the original image than inverse filter.

# Wiener Filter: Example



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# Wiener Filter: Example (cont.)



# Constrained Least Squares Filter: Example

Constrained least square filter

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

 $\gamma$  is adaptively adjusted to achieve the best result.

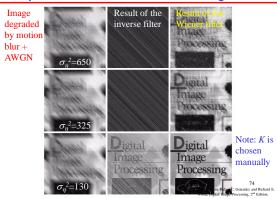


Results from the previous slide obtained from the constrained least square filter

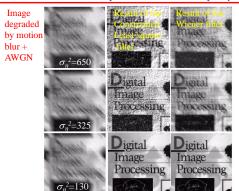
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# **Example: Wiener Filter and Motion Blurring**



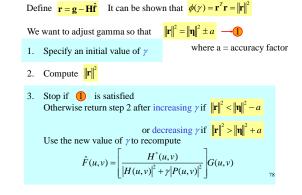
# Constrained Least Squares Filter: Example (cont.)



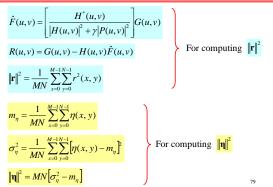
# **Constrained Least Squares Filter**

Degradation model: Written in a matrix form  $g(x, y) = f(x, y) *h(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$   $g = Hf + \eta$ Objective: to find the minimum of a criterion function  $C = \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[ \nabla^2 f(x, y) \right]^2$ Subject to the constraint  $\|\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{Hf}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{\eta}\|^2 \qquad \text{where} \qquad \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}$ We get a constrained least square filter  $\hat{F}(u, v) = \left[ \frac{H^*(u, v)}{|H(u, v)|^2 + \gamma |P(u, v)|^2} \right] G(u, v)$ where  $P(u, v) = \text{Fourier transform of } p(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{75}$ 

### Constrained Least Squares Filter: Adjusting y



# Constrained Least Squares Filter: Adjusting γ (cont.)



# Constrained Least Squares Filter: Example

Results obtained from constrained least square filters

