



# Lab Instructions - session 4

## Noise and Filtering

### Adding Gaussian noise to an image

File: 'add\_gaussian\_noise.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg', cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE);

# convert I to floating point from unsigned integer
# Note: For displaying floating point images the maximum
# intensity has to be 1 instead of 255
I = I.astype(np.float) / 255

# create the noise image
sigma = 0.04 # notice maximum intensity is 1
N = np.random.randn(*I.shape) * sigma

# add noise to the original image
J = I+N; # or use cv2.add(I,N);

cv2.imshow('original',I)
cv2.waitKey(0) # press any key to exit

cv2.imshow('noisy image',J)
cv2.waitKey(0) # press any key to exit

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- What does the line `I = I.astype(np.float) / 255` do?
- An asterisk "\*" before an argument in a python function call, gives elements of the argument (which is typically a tuple) as separate arguments to the function. In the above, if `I.shape = (200,300)`, then `np.random.randn(*I.shape)` is the same thing as `np.random.randn(I.shape[0], I.shape[1])`. Similarly, if `I.shape = (200,300,3)` for a color image, then `np.random.randn(*I.shape)` is equivalent to `np.random.randn(I.shape[0], I.shape[1], I.shape[2])`.
- Try different values of **sigma** and see the result. What is the effect of small/large sigma on the added noise?
- Change `cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE` to `cv2.IMREAD_COLOR` in `imread` (or remove this argument) and see the result.



## Task 1:

We want to simulate white noise (**snow noise** or **Barfak** in Persian!) in the old analog TVs. We read an image, and then, in every iteration of a loop, we add a **different** randomly generated Gaussian noise to it. We show the image at around **30 frames per second** (Hence the command `cv2.waitKey(33)`). Notice that you need to create a new noise image at every new frame. Your program must increase or decrease the intensity of noise when the user presses the keys 'u' or 'd' respectively. Read the file **snow\_noise.py** and change it to create this demo. **Notice that sigma should never get negative.**

File: 'snow\_noise.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg', cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE);
I = I.astype(np.float) / 255

sigma = 0.04 # initial standard deviation of noise

while True:

    J = I; # change this line so J is the noisy image

    cv2.imshow('snow noise', J)

    # press any key to exit
    key = cv2.waitKey(33)
    if key & 0xFF == ord('u'): # if 'u' is pressed
        pass # increase noise
    elif key & 0xFF == ord('d'): # if 'd' is pressed
        pass # decrease noise
    elif key & 0xFF == ord('q'): # if 'q' is pressed then
        break # quit

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```



## Image Smoothing/Blurring

Smoothing an image with a box kernel

File: 'blur\_box.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg').astype(np.float64) / 255;

# display the original image
cv2.imshow('original', I)
cv2.waitKey()

# creating a box filter
m = 7 # choose filter size

# create an m by m box filter
F = np.ones((m,m), np.float64)/(m*m)
print(F)

# Now, filter the image
J = cv2.filter2D(I,-1, F)
cv2.imshow('blurred', J)
cv2.waitKey()

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- Alter the value of  $m$  and see what happens.
- Why the division by  $(m*m)$  in  $F = \text{np.ones}((m,m), \text{np.float64})/(m*m)$ ?

## Task 2:

You can also apply a box filter to an image using the [cv2.blur](#) (or [cv2.boxFilter](#)) functions. An  $m$  by  $n$  box filter can be applied using

```
J = cv2.blur(I, (m,n))
```

Rewrite the above using [cv2.blur](#) or [cv2.boxFilter](#). Read the [OpenCV documentation](#) for details.

## Smoothing with a Gaussian Kernel

Here, we first create a one-dimensional Gaussian kernel. Then make a two-dimensional Gaussian kernel out of the 1D kernel, and apply the 2D kernel to the image.

File: 'blur\_gaussian.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg').astype(np.float64) / 255;

m = 13; # we will create an m by m filter

# create a 1D Gaussian filter
Fg = cv2.getGaussianKernel(m, sigma=-1);
# by setting sigma=-1, the value of sigma is computed
# automatically as: sigma = 0.3*((ksize-1)*0.5 - 1) + 0.8

print(Fg)
print(Fg.shape) # Fg is 1-dimensional (m by 1)

exit() # delete this to continue

# Now we create a 2D filter
# We use matrix multiplication to create an m by m 2D filter
# out of "m by 1" and "1 by m" 1D filters, which in this case happens
# to be the same thing as the correlation between 1D filters
Fg = Fg.dot(Fg.T) # an "m by 1" matrix multiplied by a "1 by m" matrix

print(Fg)
print(Fg.shape)

exit() # delete this to continue

# filter the image with the Gaussian filter
Jg = cv2.filter2D(I,-1, Fg)

cv2.imshow('original',I)
cv2.waitKey()

cv2.imshow('blurred_Gaussian',Jg)
cv2.waitKey()

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- Alter the value of m and see what happens. Notice that altering m will alter filter  $\sigma = 0.3*((m-1)*0.5 - 1) + 0.8$ . You can also give sigma explicitly.

## Task 3:

You can simply use the [cv2.gaussianBlur](#) function to perform Gaussian smoothing. Read the [OpenCV documentation](#) and change the above so it uses the [cv2.gaussianBlur](#) function. An  $m$  by  $n$  Gaussian filter can be applied using

```
Jg = cv2.GaussianBlur(I, (m,n), 0)
```

## Smoothing with a Bilateral Filter

file: 'blur\_bilateral.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg').astype(np.float32) / 255

size = 9 # bilateral filter size (diameter)
sigma_color = 0.3
sigma_space = 25

J1 = cv2.bilateralFilter(I, size, sigma_color, sigma_space)

cv2.imshow('original', I)
cv2.waitKey()

cv2.imshow('blurred_Gaussian', J1)
cv2.waitKey()

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- Alter the parameter **sigma\_color** and see the effect.
- Alter the parameter **sigma\_space** and see the effect.



## Task 4:

This is an extension to **Task 1**. This time we also filter the noisy image using the box and Gaussian filters. You need to complete the file **noise\_filter\_demo.py**. Your program must have the following functionalities:

- **press the 'b' key:** use a box filter
- **press the 'g' key:** use Gaussian filter
- **press the 'l' key:** use bilateral filter
- **press the '+' key:** increase filter size **m**
- **press the '-' key:** decrease filter size **m**
- **press the 'u' key:** increase noise intensity
- **press the 'd' key:** decrease noise intensity
- **press the 'p' key:** increase **sigma\_color**
- **press the 'n' key:** decrease **sigma\_color**
- **press the 'q' key:** quit the program

File: 'noise\_filter\_demo.py'

```
import numpy as np
import cv2

I = cv2.imread('isfahan.jpg').astype(np.float32) / 255

noise_sigma = 0.04 # initial standard deviation of noise

m = 1 # initial filter size,
# with m = 1 the input image will not change

gm = 3 # gaussian filter size

size = 9 # bilateral filter size
sigmaColor = 0.3
sigmaSpace = 75

filter = 'b' # box filter

while True:
    # add noise to image
    N = np.random.rand(*I.shape) * noise_sigma
    J = I + N

    if filter == 'b':
        # filter with a box filter
        F = np.ones((m,m), np.float64) / (m*m)
    elif filter == 'g':
```



```
# filter with a Gaussian filter
pass
elif filter == 'l':
    # filter with a bilateral filter
    pass

cv2.imshow('img', K)
key = cv2.waitKey(30) & 0xFF

if key == ord('b'):
    filter = 'b' # box filter
    print('Box filter')

elif key == ord('g'):
    filter = 'g' # filter with a Gaussian filter
    print('Gaussian filter')

elif key == ord('l'):
    filter = 'l' # filter with a bilateral filter
    print('Bilateral filter')

elif key == ord('+'):
    # increase m
    m = m + 2
    print('m=', m)

elif key == ord('-'):
    # increase m
    if m >= 3:
        m = m - 2
    print('m=', m)

elif key == ord('u'):
    # increase noise
    pass

elif key == ord('d'):
    # decrease noise
    pass

elif key == ord('p'):
    # increase gm
    pass

elif key == ord('n'):
    # decrease gm
```



```
pass

elif key == ord('>'):
    # increase size
    pass

elif key == ord('<'):
    # decrease size
    pass

elif key == ord('q'):
    break # quit

cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

- Change the noise intensity. In each case try to find the optimal filter size **m**.
- Compare the Gaussian filter with the box filter. Which one performs better?

## References

1. [OpenCV: Smoothing Images](#)