

Image De-Noising Using Various Filters

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Abstract: Image processing is basically a use of computer algorithm to perform image processing on digital images. Image de-noising is nothing but removal of noise from noisy image. Image de-noising can be considered as a component of processing or as a process itself. Image de-noising has remained a fundamental problem in the field of image processing. Image de-noising is an important pre-processing task before further processing of image like segmentation, feature extraction, texture etc. The purpose of de-noising is to remove the unwanted noise present in the image while retaining the edges and other detailed features as much as possible. Image filtering is applied in numerous applications. Although most images after processing are subject to visualization and analysis by humans. Image processing allows a much wider range of algorithms to be applied to the input data and can avoid problems such as the build up of noise and signal distortion during processing of images. Wavelet transforms have become a very powerful tool for de-noising an image. One of the most popular methods is Wiener filter. In this work two types of noise Gaussian noise, salt and pepper noise is used an image denoising performed for different noise by mean filter, median filter, adaptive median filter, Gaussian filter and wavelet filter. MSE and PSNR metrics that do not adequately characterize image visual quality are still basically used in filter design and performance comparisons. Noise is one of main obstacles degrading quality of original image of different nature: optic, infrared radar, ultrasound once.

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1. IMAGE NOISES

Image noise is a random variation of brightness or colour information in images produced by sensor and

circuitry of a scanner or digital camera. Image noise can also originate in film grain and in unavoidable shot noise of an ideal photon detector. Image noise is generally regarded as an undesirable by-product of image capture. Although these unwanted fluctuations became known as "noise" by analogy with unwanted sound they are inaudible and such as dithering. The types of noises are salt-and-pepper noise and Gaussian noise.

1.1 Salt and pepper noise.

An image containing salt and pepper noise will have dark pixels in bright pixels and bright pixels in dark regions. This type of noise can be caused by dead pixels, analog-to-digital converter errors, bit errors in transmission etc. This can be eliminated in large part by part dark frame subtraction and by interpolating around dark/bright pixels.

2. FILTERS

Filter play a major role in the image restoration process. The basic concept behind image restoration is digital convolution using linear filters and moving window principle.

2.1

MEAN FILTER- We can use linear filtering to remove certain type of noises. Such as averaging or Gaussian filter, are appropriate for this purpose.

2.2

MEDIAN FILTER- The median filter is a nonlinear digital filtering technique, often used to remove noise. Such noise reduction is a typical pre-processing step to improve results of later processing.

2.3

WIENER FILTER-

The main aim of wiener filter is to filter out the image that has been corrupted by noise. Wiener filter is based on a statistical approach. Desired frequency response can be acquired using this filter.

2.4

ADAPTIVE MEDIAN FILTER-

The Adaptive median filter performs spatial processing to determine which pixels in an image have been affected by impulse noise. The adaptive median filter classifies pixels as noise by comparing each pixel in the image to its surrounding neighbor pixels.

2.5

GAUSSIAN FILTER-

Gaussian filter is used to blur images and remove noise and details. The Gaussian filtering scheme is based on peak detection. The peak detection is based on the fact that peaks are to be impulses. The key point is that this filter corrects not only the spectral coefficient of interest but also the amplitude spectrum coefficients within the filter window.

2.6

WAVELET FILTER-

In digital image processing, wavelet transform is a very important tool for analyzing the image characteristics. For better analyzing purpose we transform the image from one domain to wavelet domain. Wavelet allows filters to be constructed for stationary as well as non-stationary signals. So wavelet transform is being preferred comparing to other transform.

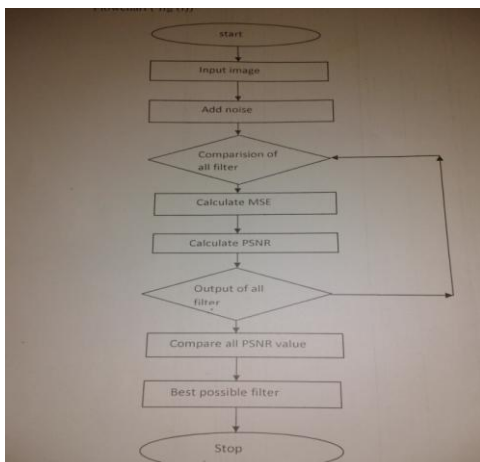


Fig 1: Flow chart

In this project we are going to add a noise (salt and pepper) to a plane image. And this image is allowed to pass through the different filters. The output of this filter is used to find the MSE (Mean Square Error) value. PSNR (Peak Signal To Noise Ratio) value is calculated from the MSE value. The maximum PSNR value is considered as the best filter among the six filters.

RESULTS



Fig 2: Fruit

TABLE:

Filters	MSE	PSNR
Mean	0.139248	8.5621225
Median	0.000047	43.298912
Adaptive median	24167.613076	4.298466
Gaussian	0.002838	25.469923
Wiener	0.138925	8.572210
Wavelet	74.3314	29.42

3. CONCLUSIONS

We used a fruit image in "tif" format adding noise (salt and pepper noise) to the original image. De-noised all noisy images by all the filters and conclude from the results that:

The performance of the median filter after de-noising for all salt and pepper noise is better than the mean and Wiener filter.

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