

# Image Segmentation I

## Basics

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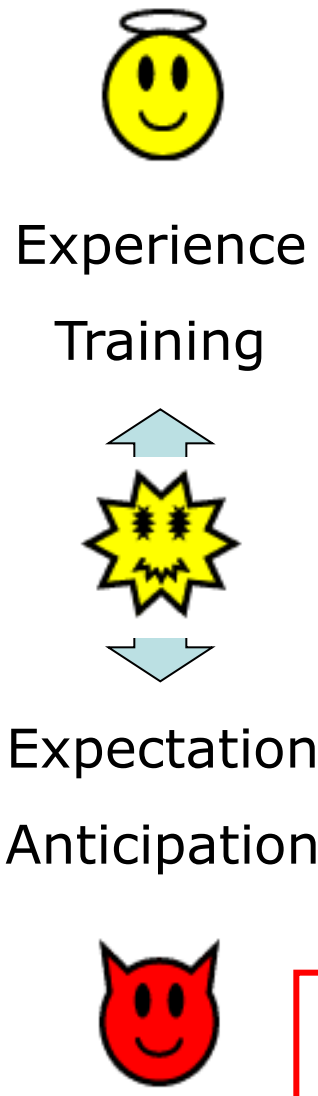
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## 1. Segmentation I

- Digital image processing
- Segmentation basics

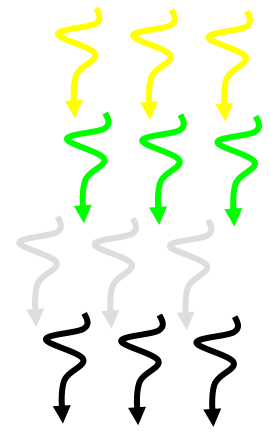
## 2. Segmentation II

- Advanced techniques



Cognitive complement, ...

Symbolic representation, model



- Common criteria

Color similarity  
(regions)



Color transitions or  
gradients (boundaries)



# Introduction

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Options Analyse

Segmentation Cluster | ->

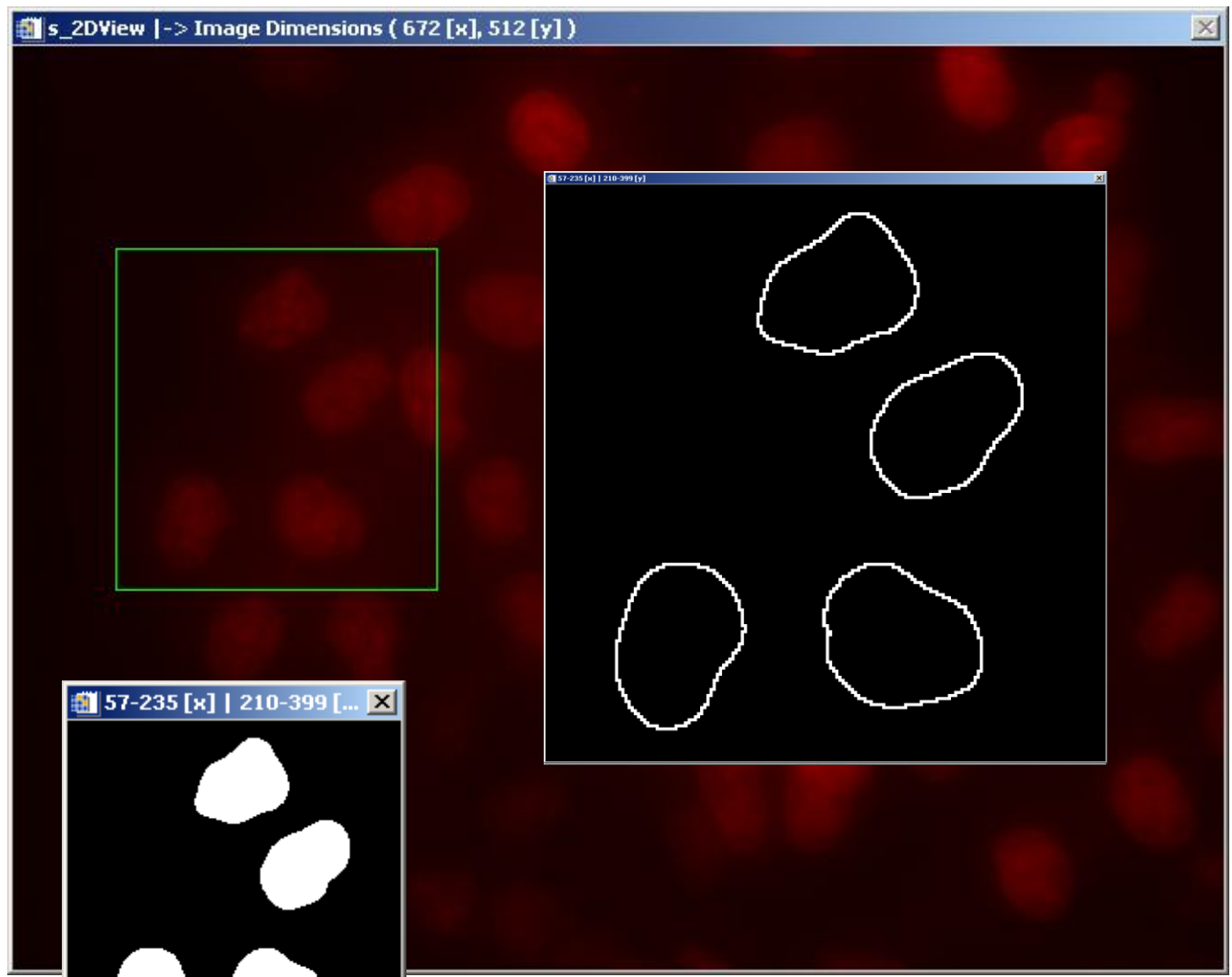
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Add Segmentation Method | ->

- C\_Median
- C\_1stDeviation
- C\_Threshold
- C\_FillRemove
- C\_TouchBorder
- C\_ActiveContours

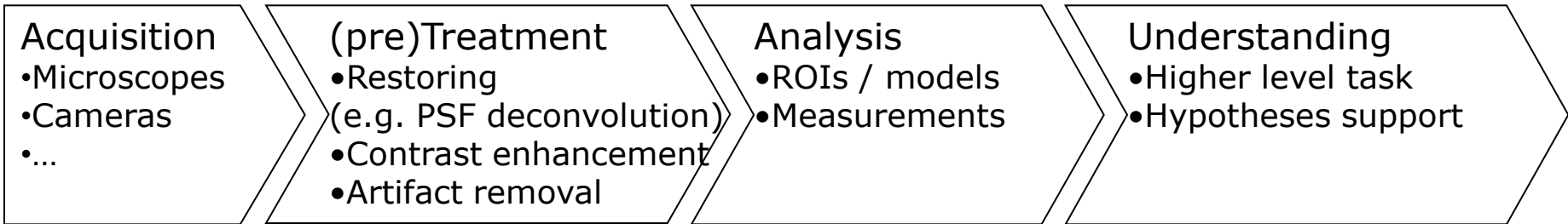
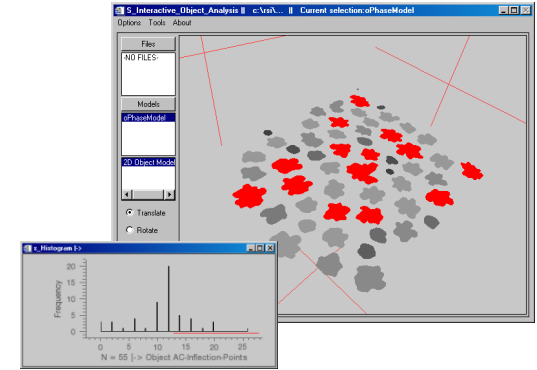
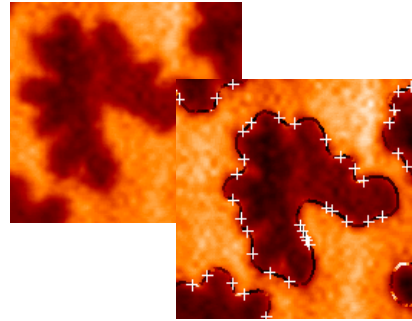
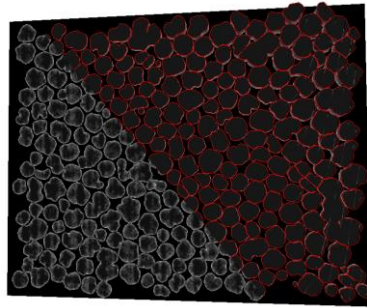
Delete Up Down Copy

s\_2DView | -> Image Dimensions ( 672 [x], 512 [y] )



57-235 [x] | 210-399 [y]

## Image Processing



**Acquisition**  
 •Microscopes  
 •Cameras  
 •...

**(pre)Treatment**  
 •Restoring  
 (e.g. PSF deconvolution)  
 •Contrast enhancement  
 •Artifact removal

**Analysis**  
 •ROIs / models  
 •Measurements

**Understanding**  
 •Higher level task  
 •Hypotheses support

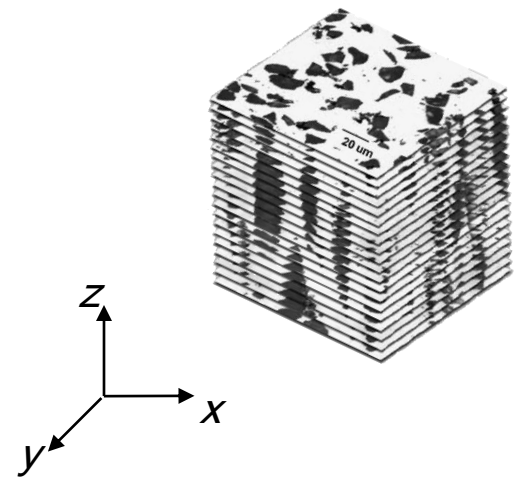
**images**

**images**

**images +  
descriptions**



Digital image processing  
i.e. with math & computers (among others...)



- Digital (computational) image processing
  - Digital... discrete, finite
    - A discrete set is composed by elements that are “isolated” one from another
    - Examples:
      - Natural numbers  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  (infinite set)
      - Natural numbers from 1 to 10 (finite set)
  - If not discrete? Continuum
  - Example: real numbers in the  $[0,1]$  interval (infinite set)

- “Digital” very often implies “computational”, referring to formal methods and machines such as algorithms and computers
- An **algorithm** is a “well defined” procedure, i.e., a non-ambiguous set of:
  - inputs,
  - outputs,  $y$
  - the steps to follow to produce the desired output(s)

## **Algorithm** FindLargestNumberOfList

Input: a non-empty list of numbers, namely  $L$ .

Output: the largest number in  $L$ .

*largest*  $\leftarrow$  first element of  $L$

**if** (numberOfElementsOf  $L \geq 1$ ) **then**

**for each** *item* **in**  $L$ , **do**

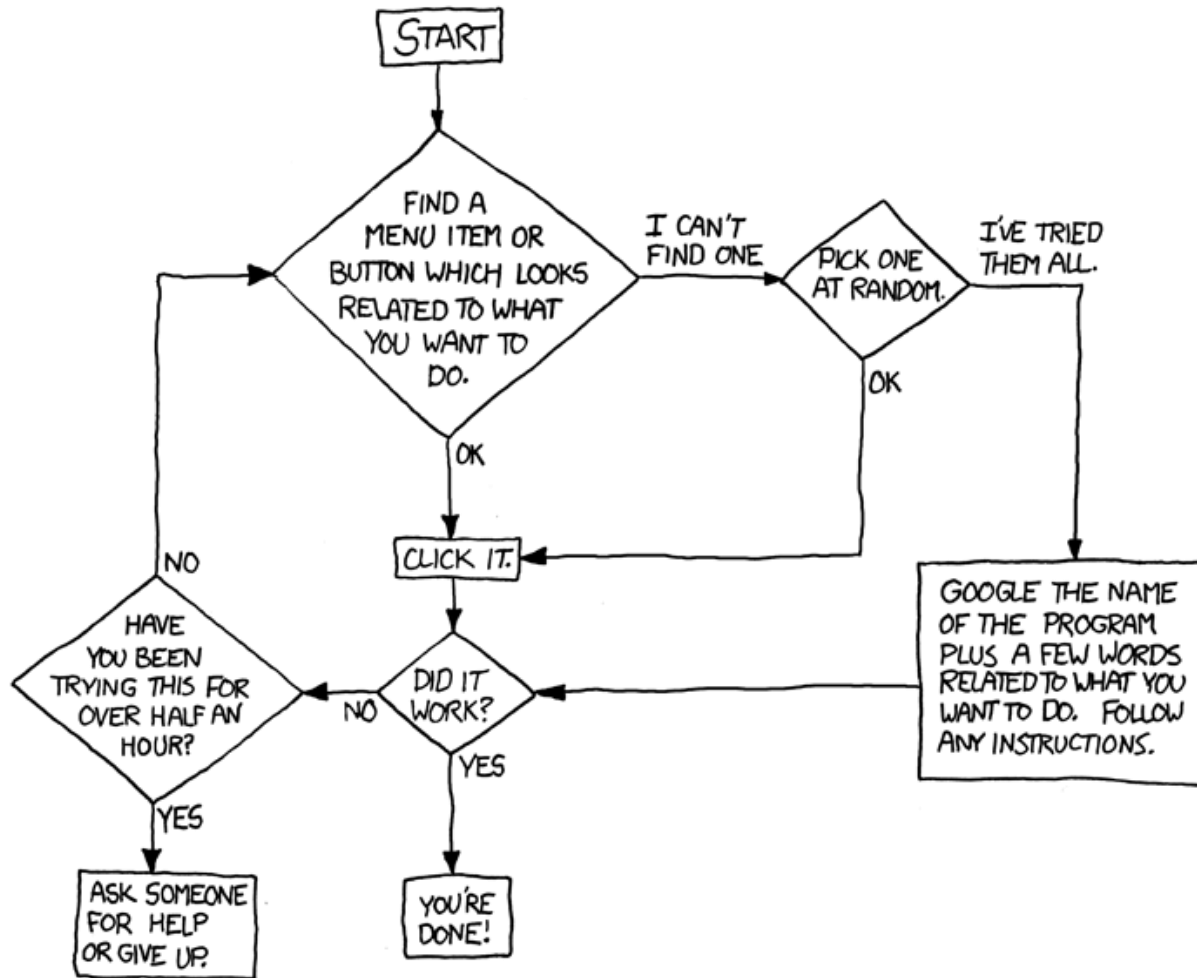
**if** *item*  $>$  *largest* **then** *largest*  $\leftarrow$  *item*

**return** *largest*

An algorithm written in pseudo-code

DEAR VARIOUS PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CO-WORKERS,  
AND OTHER "NOT COMPUTER PEOPLE."

WE DON'T MAGICALLY KNOW HOW TO DO EVERYTHING IN EVERY  
PROGRAM. WHEN WE HELP YOU, WE'RE USUALLY JUST DOING THIS:



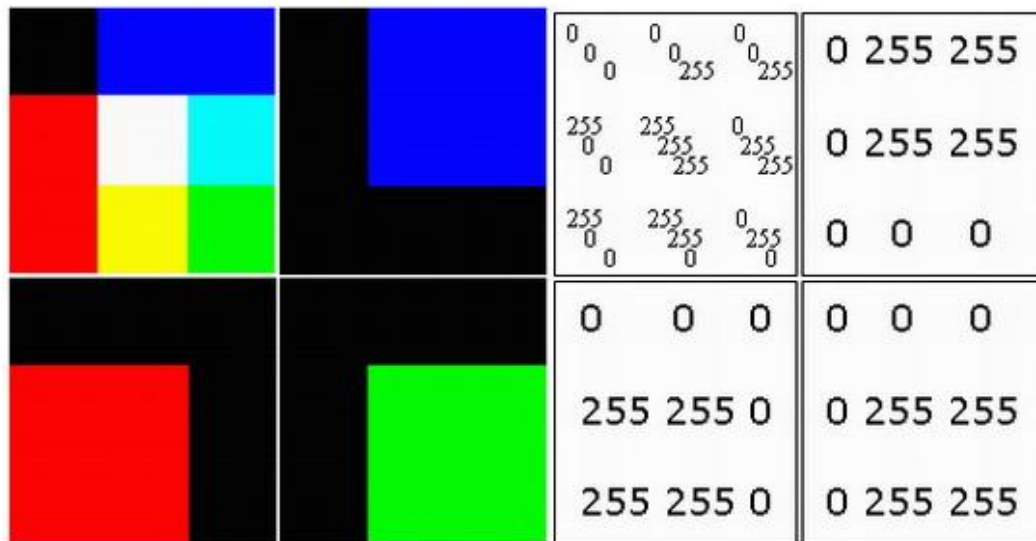
An algorithm depicted  
in a flowchart. From  
<http://xkcd.com/627/>

PLEASE PRINT THIS FLOWCHART OUT AND TAPE IT NEAR YOUR SCREEN.  
CONGRATULATIONS; YOU'RE NOW THE LOCAL COMPUTER EXPERT!

- A **digital image** can be defined as a function over a discrete space

- A typical 2D image model is the **raster image**: array (matrix) of **pixels** in cartesian coordinates  $(x, y)$

- A numeric value for **brightness (intensity)** or **color** is associated to each pixel



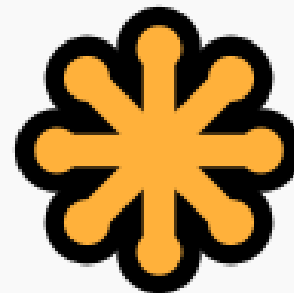
$$I = f(x, y)$$

$$(x, y) \in [0, \dim_x - 1] \times [0, \dim_y - 1]$$

$$I[x_i, y_j] = f[x_i, y_j]$$

- Other than raster images...
  - A **vector image** is defined by using a set of base elements (like shapes or curves), instead of explicitly give the color/intensity for each pixel
  - Example: SVG images; base functions (wavelet, splines, Fourier)
- In order to show a vector image in a common digital screen (pixel matrix) a rasterization algorithm is applied

## Scalable Vector Graphics



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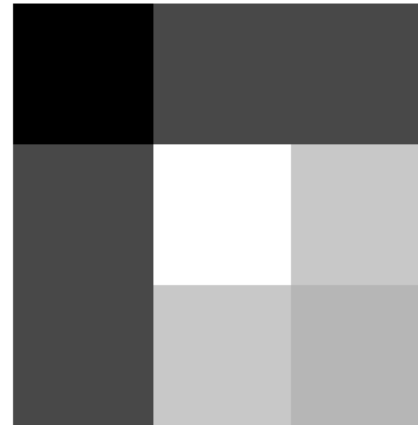


- ...so, a digital image can be treated as a **function** (in the mathematical sense)...
  - on a discrete domain
  - with numeric values associated to each elements, representing a property (such as color, brightness, depth, etc.)

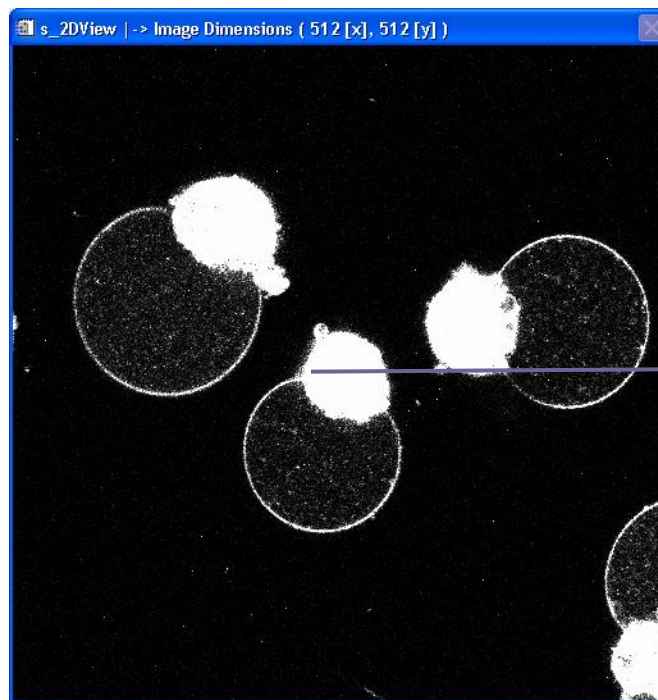
- Greyscale image
  - A brightness (intensity) level is defined for each pixel

0	85	85
85	255	170
85	170	85

$I[x,y]$



Binary value	Decimal value
0000 0000	0 (black)
0000 0001	1
0000 0010	2
0000 0011	3
0000 0100	4
0000 0101	5
0000 0110	6
0000 0111	7
0000 1000	8
...	...
1111 1011	251
1111 1100	252
1111 1101	253
1111 1110	254
1111 1111	255 (blanco)

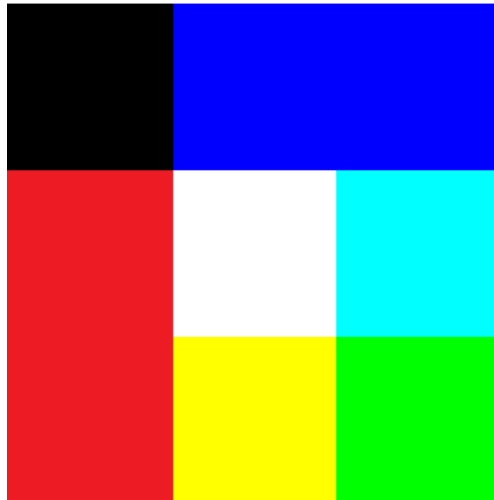


$I(290,267) = 220$

8 bit greyscale image

A  $n$  bit greyscale image encodes up to  $2^n$  intensity values

- RGB image
  - Three channels for respective primary colors: Red, Green, Blue

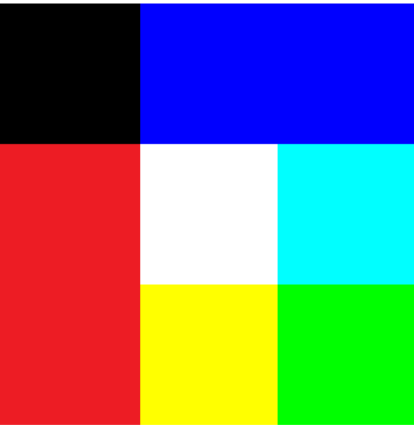


0	0	0
0	0	0
0	255	255
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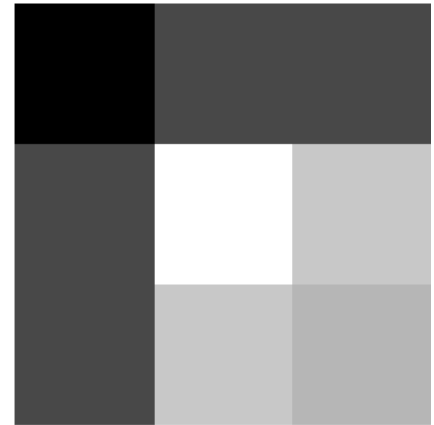
$$r[x, y] \quad g[x, y] \quad b[x, y]$$

- Analogous case: CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black)

- From RGB to greyscale
  - The conversion might not be an average...

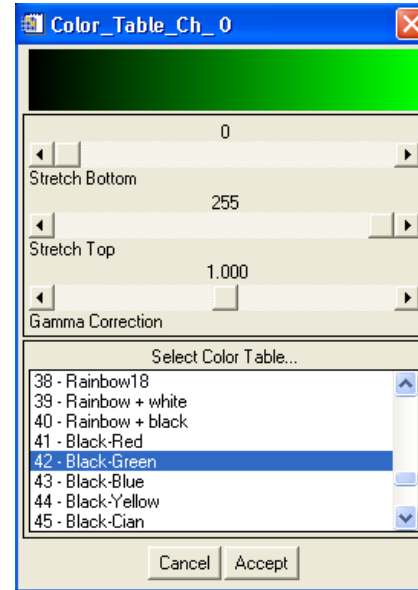
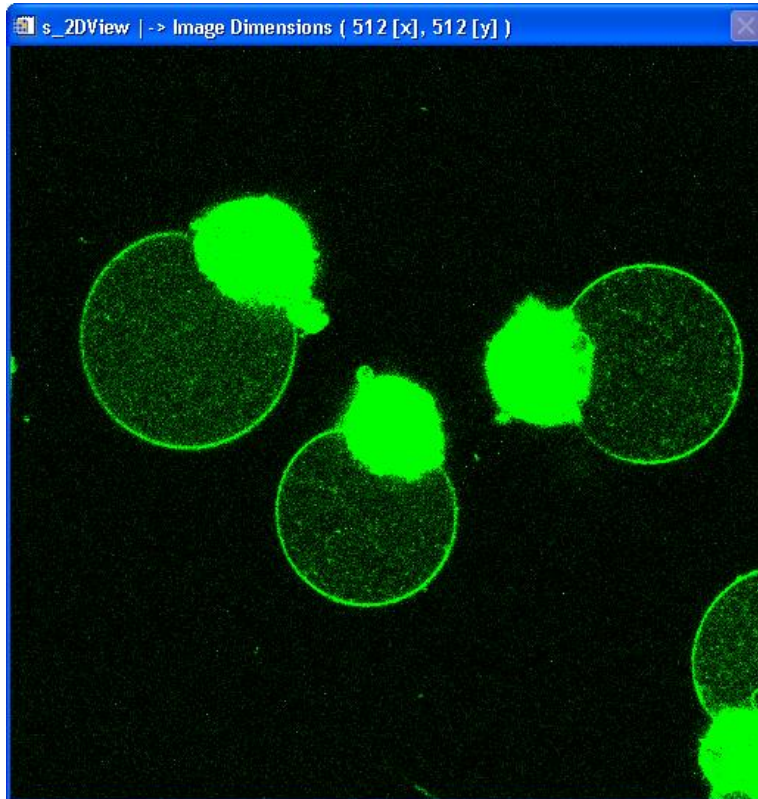


0	0	0			
0	0	0			
0	255	255	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
255	255	0	<b>85</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>170</b>
0	255	255			
0	255	255	<b>85</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>85</b>
255	255	0			
0	255	255			
0	0	0			
	$r[x,y]$	$g[x,y]$	$b[x,y]$		$I[x,y]$



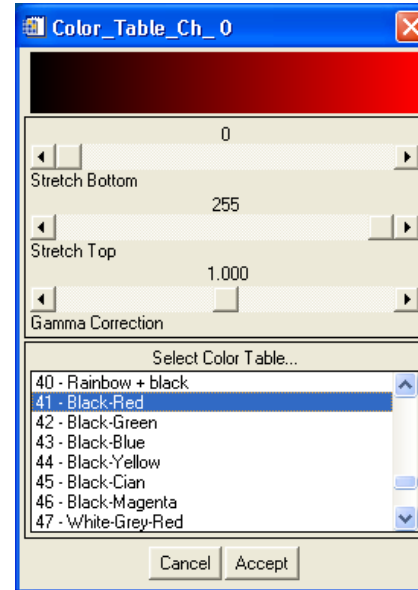
How good is the human eye resolving colors in R, G or B tones?

- It is possible to define color tables (or lookup tables, LUTs) for visualization purposes. A grayscale image can be displayed using a green scale.



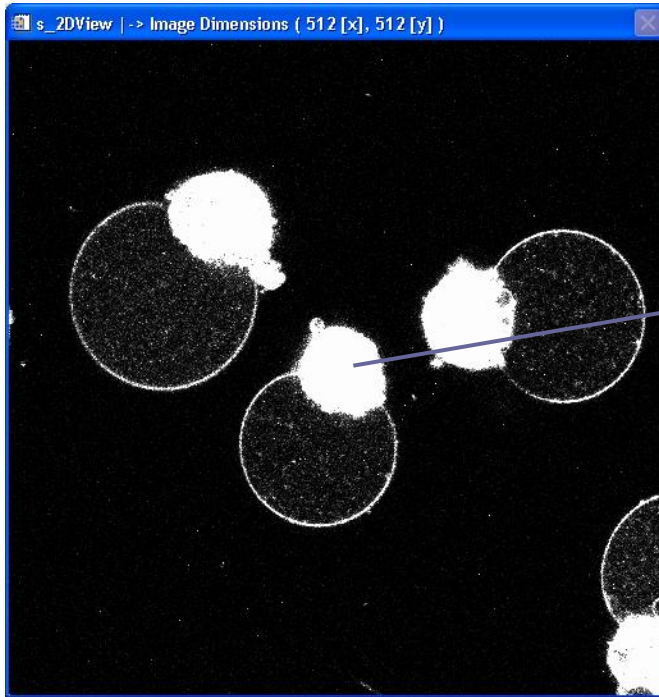
	<b>r</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>b</b>
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	0	2	0
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
0	0	200	0
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
0	255	0	0

- Red scale...



	<b>r</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>b</b>
0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0
2	0	0	0
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
220	0	0	0
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
255	0	0	0

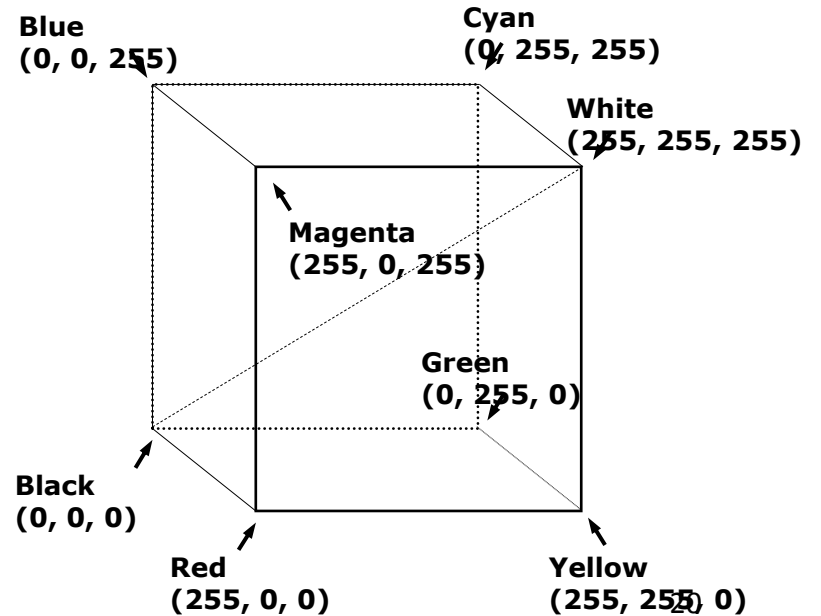
- ...or any custom color table



$I(290,267) = 220$

r	g	b
0	0	0
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
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:	:	:
220	220	220
:	:	:
:	:	:
255	255	255

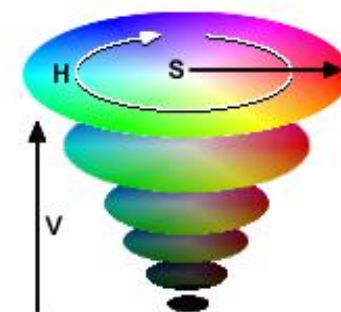
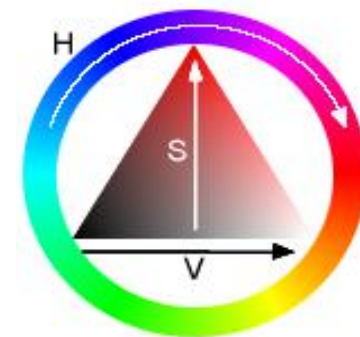
Red =  $[r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{255}]$   
 Green =  $[g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{255}]$   
 Blue =  $[b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{255}]$



## HSV (hue, saturation, value) model

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSV\\_color\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSV_color_space)

- **Hue**  
color „type“, range 0-360° (0° red, 120° green, 240° blue)
- **Saturation**  
color „intensity“, range 0-100%.
- **Value**  
brightness, range 0-100%.



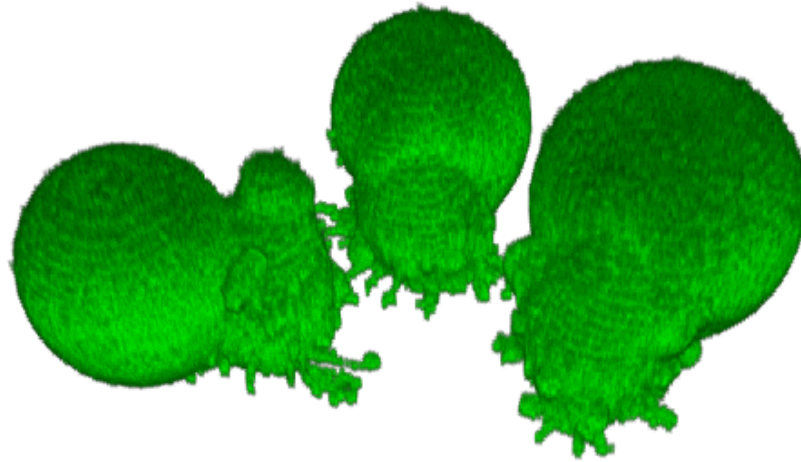
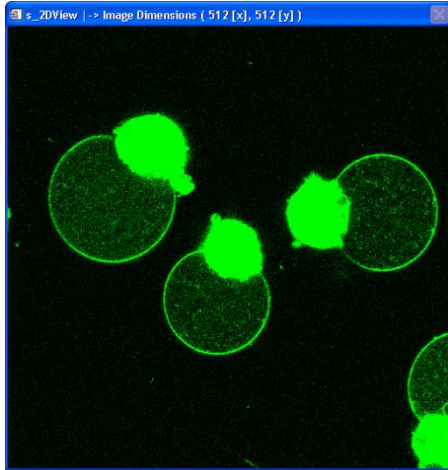
HSV is a **non linear** transformation from the RGB color space.

$$H = \begin{cases} \Theta & G \geq B \\ 2\pi - \Theta & G \leq B \end{cases}$$

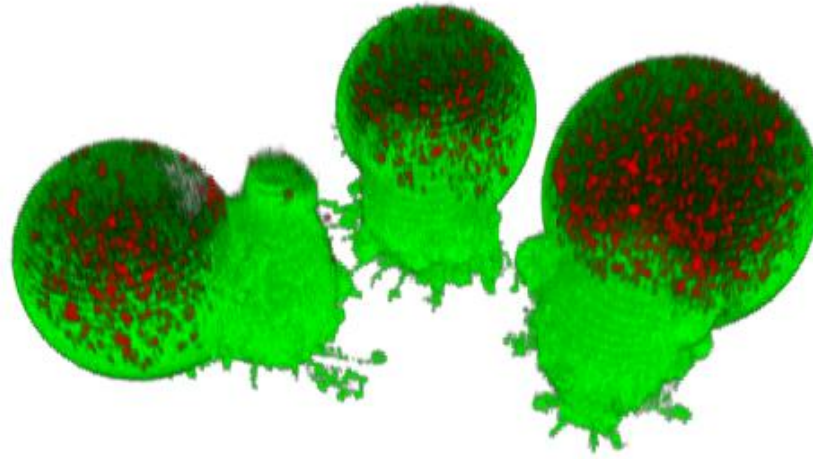
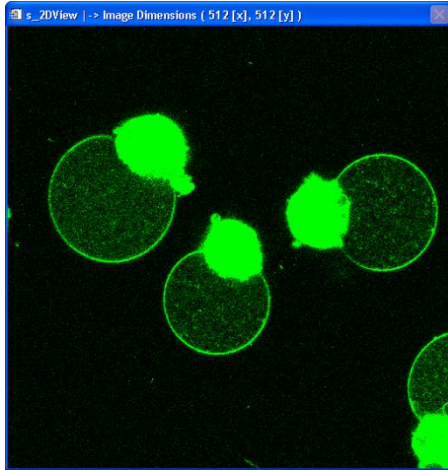
$$S = 1 - 3 \frac{\min(R, G, B)}{R + G + B}$$

$$I = \frac{R + G + B}{3}$$

$$\Theta = \arccos \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{(R - G)(R - B)}{\sqrt{(R - G)^2 + (R - B)(G - B)}} \right]$$



Occlusions may occur in 3D visualization



[R, G, B,  $\alpha$ ]

*Opacity* values can be associated to pixels (or voxels in 3D) for visualization purposes

- Function representation
  - Raster, SVG, base functions
- Color mode
  - grayscale
  - color (RGB, CMYK, HSV, Lab, etc.)
- Color depth (bit depth)
  - How many bits for how many values (e.g. 8 bits, 32 bits)
  - Number format
    - Integer (typically unsigned, e.g. TIFF)
    - Decimal (can be signed, e.g. ICS )
- Also important: storage mode
  - “Raw”: each pixel value is stored (lots of space)
  - Compressed, with or without information loss (e.g. JPEG *lossy* format, TIFF can be compressed or uncompressed)

- Image Analysis
  - The extraction of meaningful descriptions of features of interest from images

Adapted from  
Young I, Gerbrands J, van Vliet L (1995)  
*Fundamentals of Image Processing*. Delft: PH

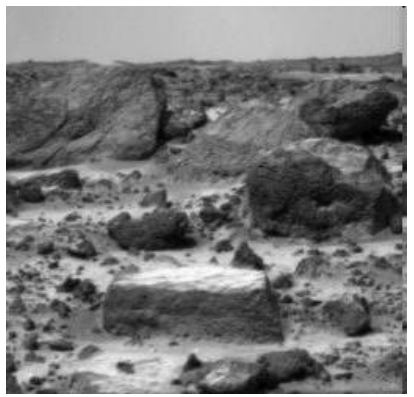
- Some examples of analysis tasks
  - Objects/regions identification (segmentation)
    - Cells and/or their organelles
  - Registration: image, region and/or feature “matching”
    - Drift correction of the sample (from acquisition)
    - Relative speeds/displacements inside a given cell or reference system
    - Correspondence finding between images, objects or sections of these
  - Motion estimation, object tracking
    - Individual & collective migration
  - Morphology, topology, texture characterization
  - Classification
    - Detection of different populations, anomalies

- Segmentation

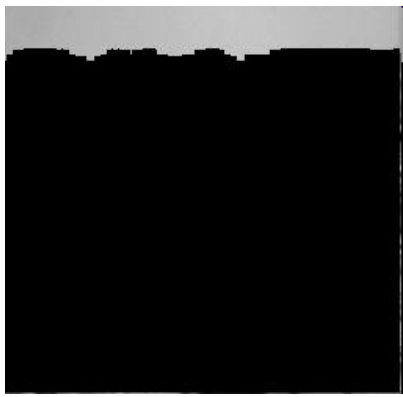
- The partitioning of a given image into regions of interest (ROIs) according to given criteria (e.g. color).
- After segmentation, further characterizations can be performed upon the resulting ROIs.

Shapiro LG and Stockman GC (2001):  
“Computer Vision”, pp 279-325  
New Jersey, Prentice-Hall

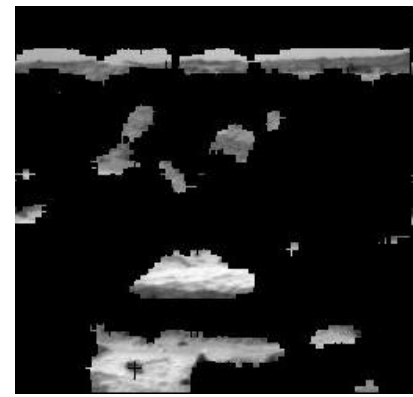
# Segmentation



Sol 3, Mars  
Pathfinder Mission

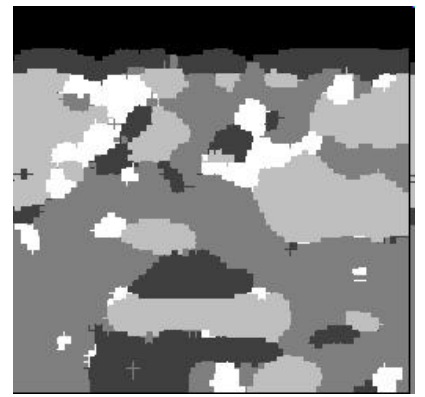


Sky / Flat



Dust / Horizon

...etc...



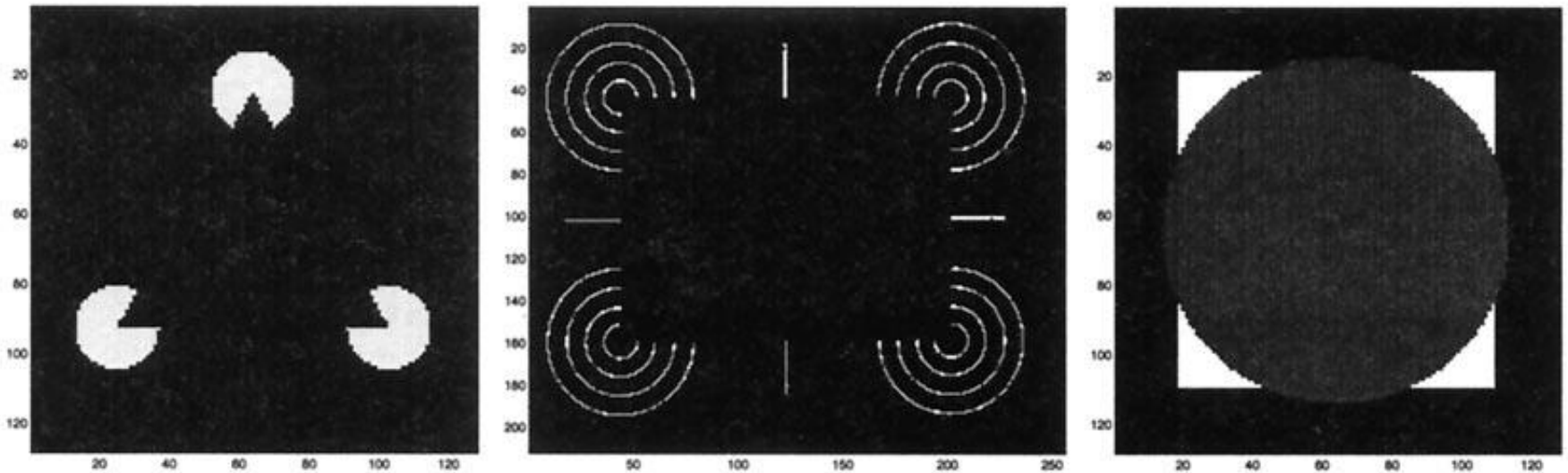
Final segmentation

- Not only objects as ROIs, but features...



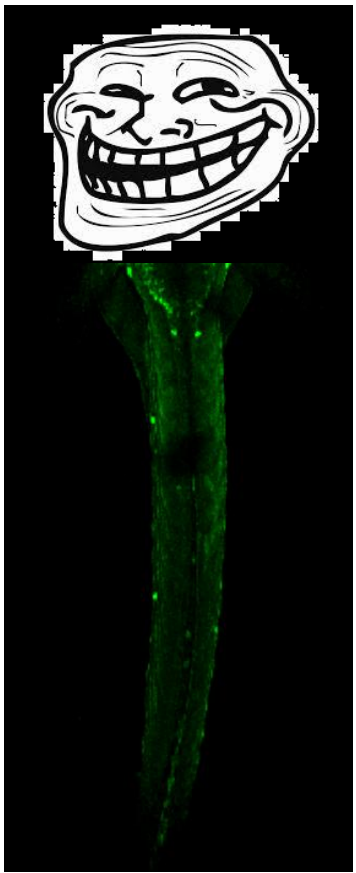
Scale Invariant Feature Transformation (SIFT), D Lowe (2004). Image from J Clemons (2009)

- Segmenting... ¿Which features? ¿Which criteria?



- ...not always (almost never) enough information for a 100% accurate segmentation.

## Problem?

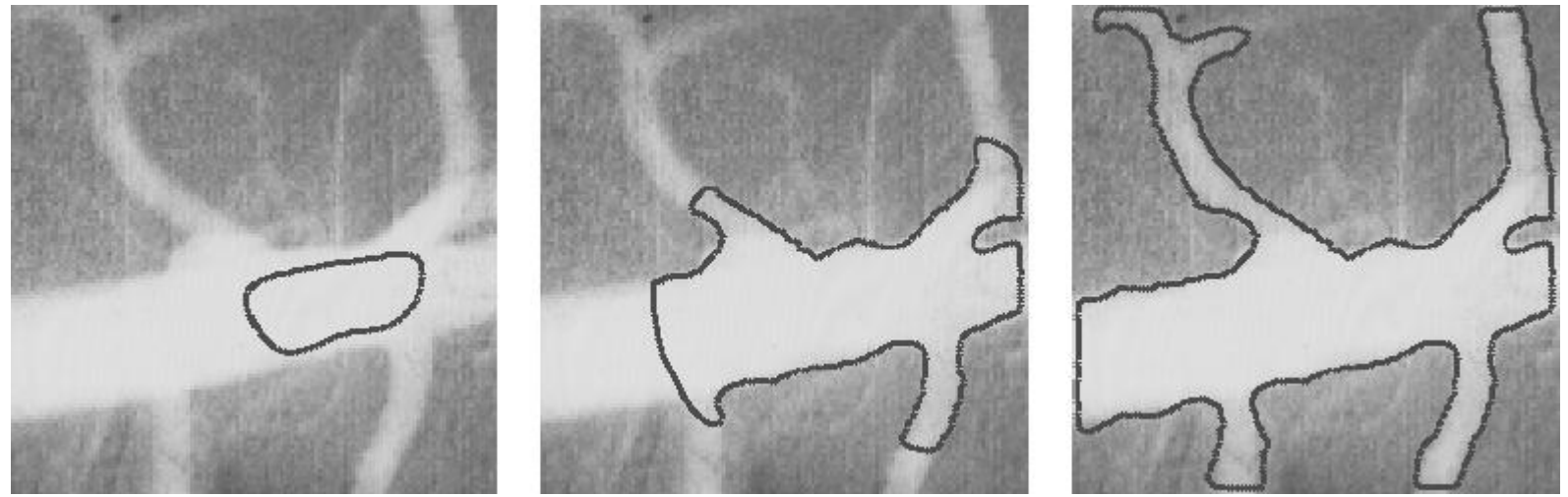


## Problems

- Lack of absolute criteria or standards (Ground Truth, Gold Standard [1,2])
- Missing or erroneous information (e.g. non-specific markers in samples)
- **What to do? A “good” (i.e. carefully performed and controlled) acquisition ease this process**

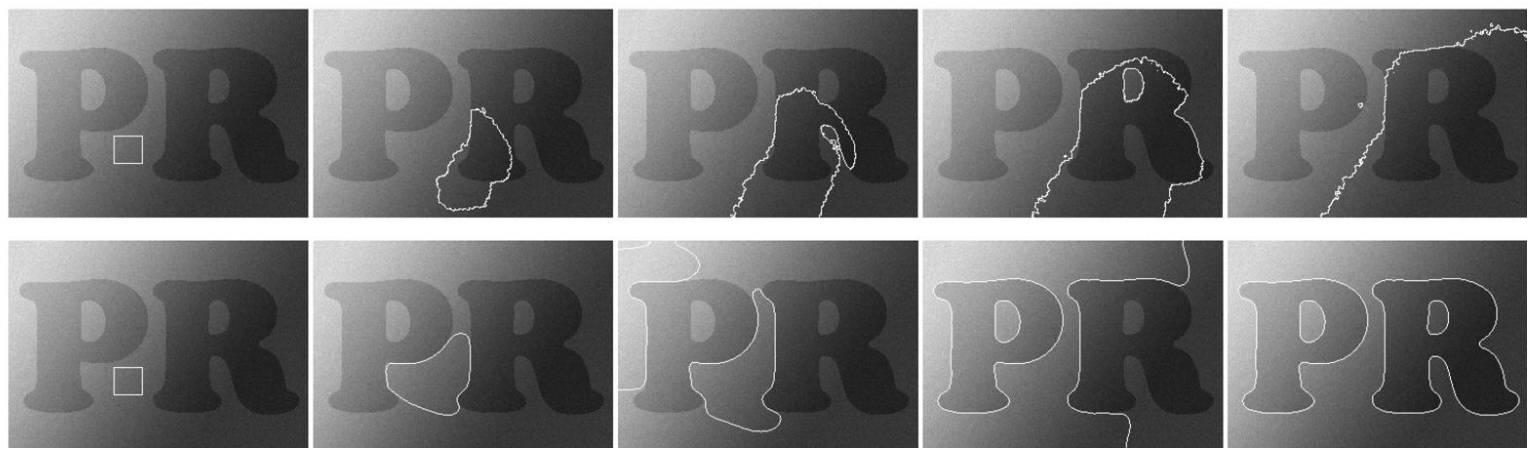
[1] Jason D. Hipp et al. Tryggo: Old Norse for truth: The real truth about ground truth. New insights into the challenges of generating ground truth maps for WSI CAD algorithm evaluation. *Pathol. Inform* 2012, 3:8

[2] Luc Bidaut, Pierre Jannin. Biomedical multimodality imaging for clinical and research applications: principles, techniques and validation. In *Molecular Imaging: Computer Reconstruction and Practice* (NATO Science for Peace and Security Series B: Physics and Biophysics), Springer, 2008, ISBN-13: 978-1402087516.



J A Sethian – Fast marching and level set methods

[http://math.berkeley.edu/~sethian/2006/Applications/Medical\\_Imaging/artery.html](http://math.berkeley.edu/~sethian/2006/Applications/Medical_Imaging/artery.html)

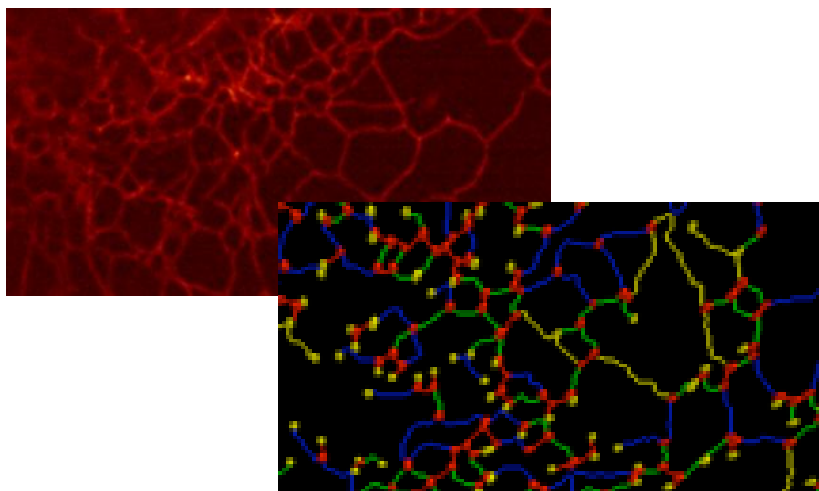


X Xie (2010) Magnetostatic Active Contours

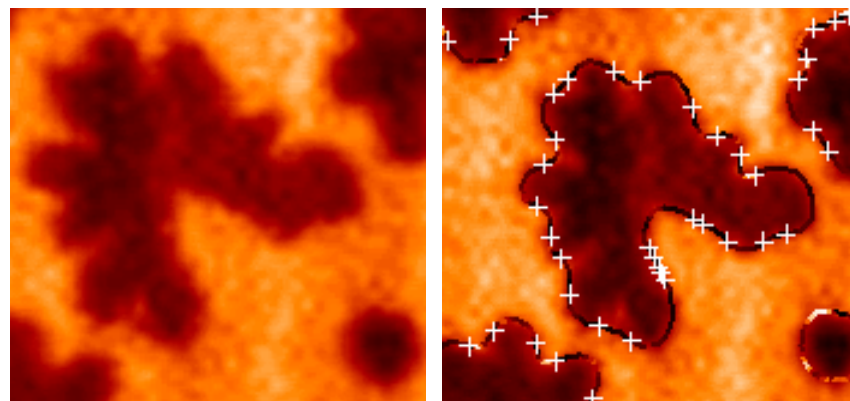
- Segmentation is the first step toward further quantifications
  - In addition to images, ROI models and data structures can suit for different types of descriptions

Parameter estimation...

- Size: area, perimeter
- Boundary: inflections, shape
- Topology: connectivity, endpoints



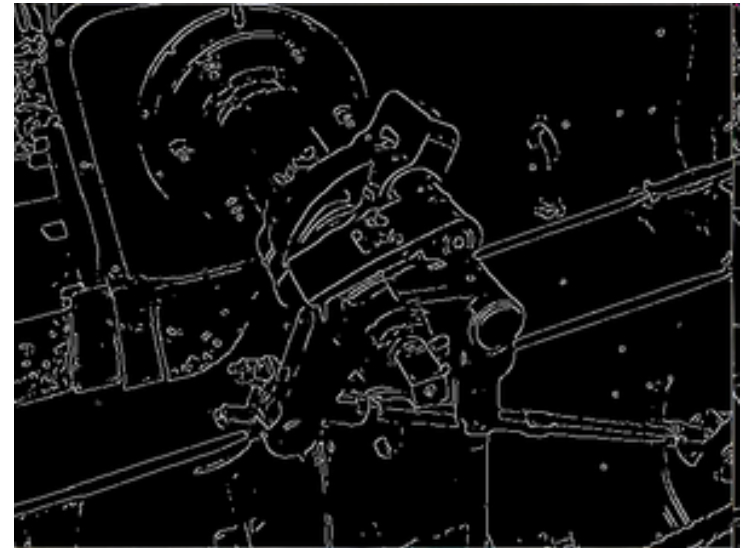
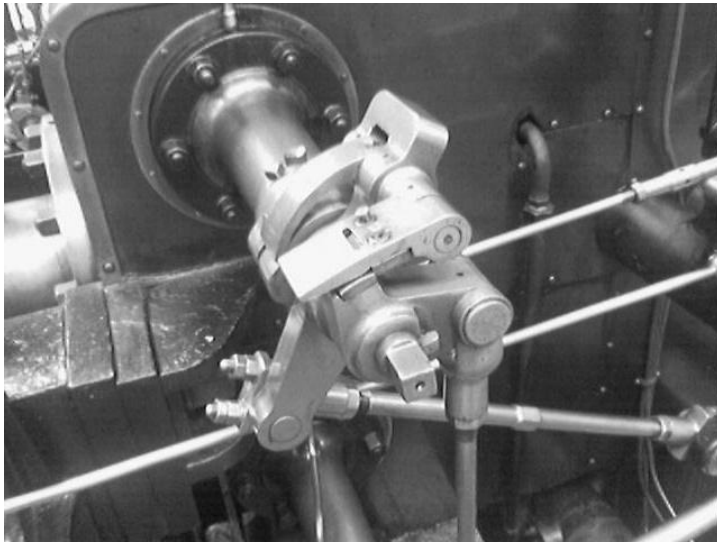
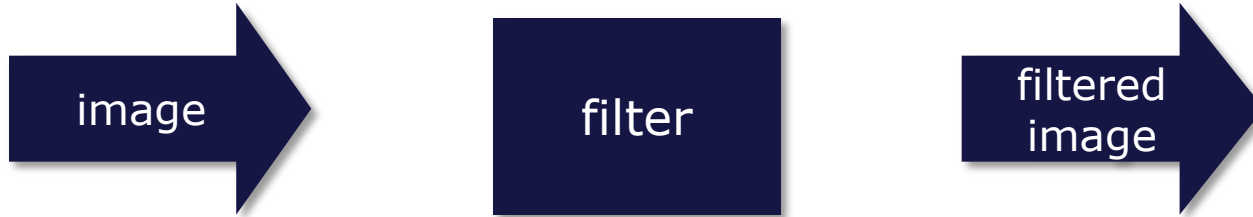
Endoplasmic reticulum in a COS-7 cell  
O Ramírez, L Alcayaga (2012)



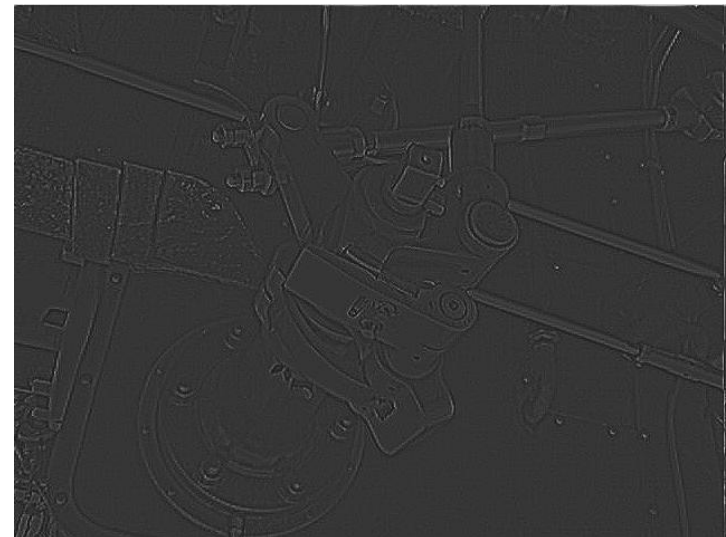
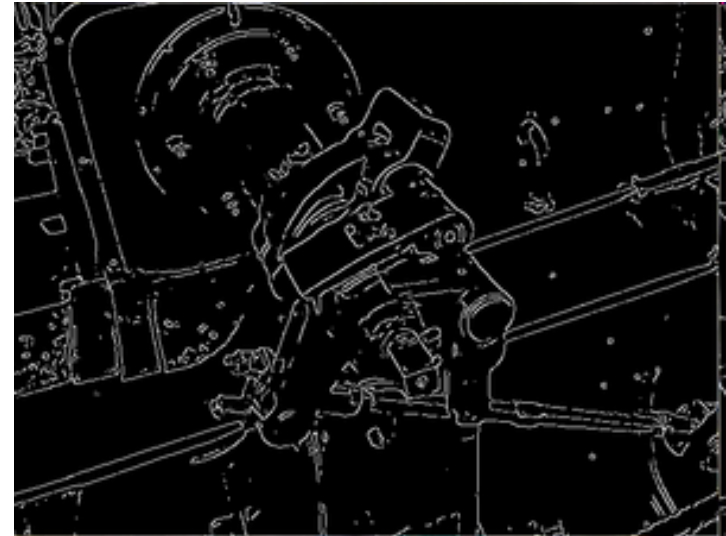
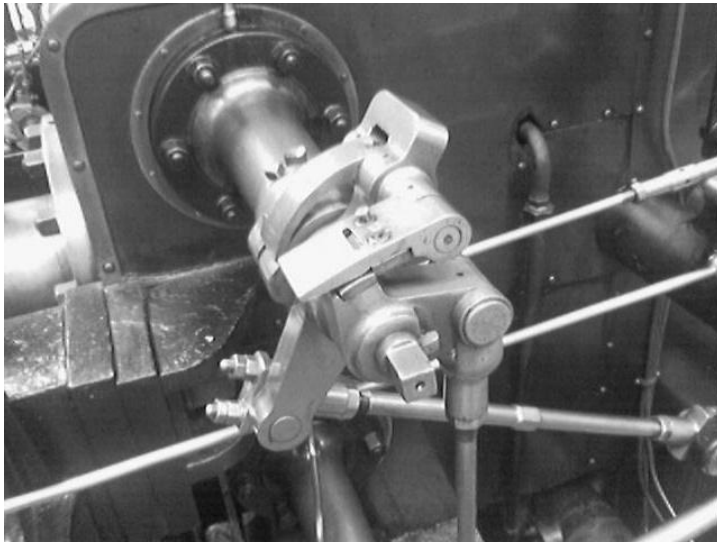
Lipid monolayers  
J Jara (2006), Fanani et al (2010)

1. Classic approaches (filters)
  - Thresholding
  - Matrix convolution filters
  - Mathematical morphology
  - Fourier
  
2. Advanced approaches
  - Shape priors (*pattern matching*)
  - Clustering methods (graph cuts, entropy)
  - Deformable models (active contours)
    - parametric
    - implicit

- Filter



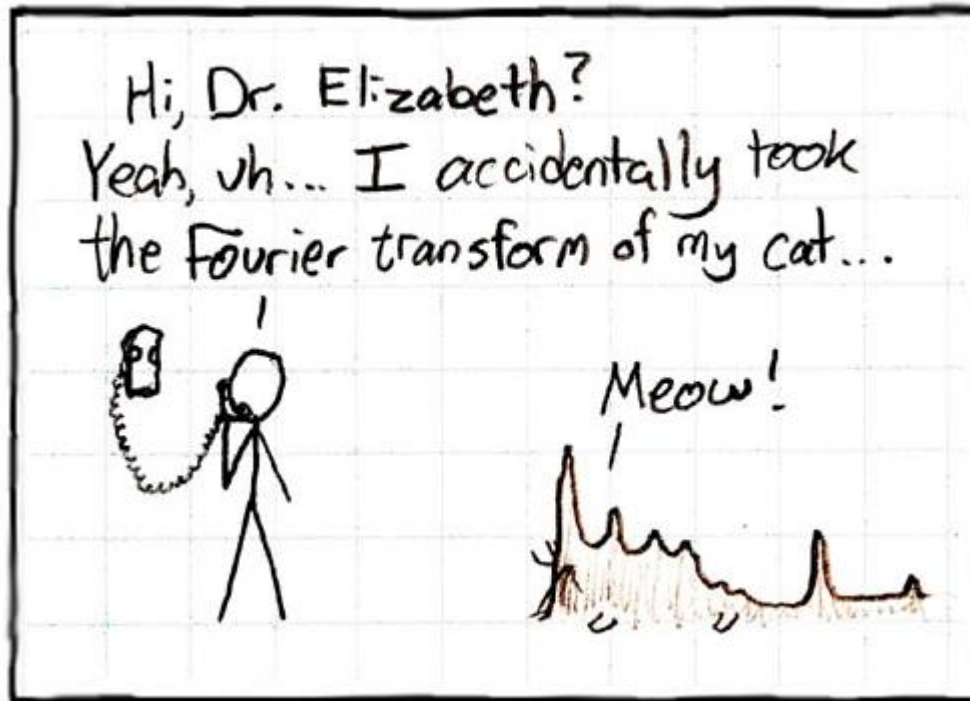
- A sample filter...



## Domain transformation... frequency (Fourier), Wavelets, ...

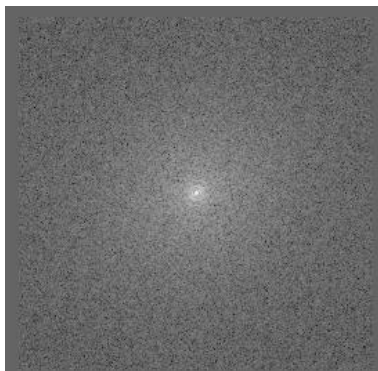
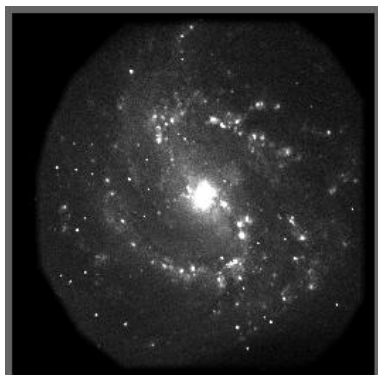
### Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier

**Jean-Baptiste-Joseph Fourier** (21 de marzo 1768 en Auxerre - 16 de mayo 1830 en París), matemático y físico francés conocido por sus trabajos sobre la descomposición de funciones periódicas en series trigonométricas convergentes llamadas **Series de Fourier**, método con el cual consiguió resolver la **ecuación del calor**. La **transformada de Fourier** recibe su nombre en su honor. Fue el primero en dar una explicación científica al **efecto invernadero** en un tratado. Se le dedicó un **asteroide que lleva su nombre** y que fue descubierto en 1992.



## Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier

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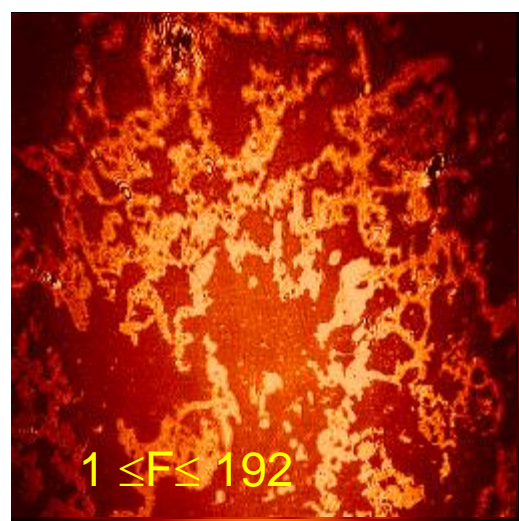
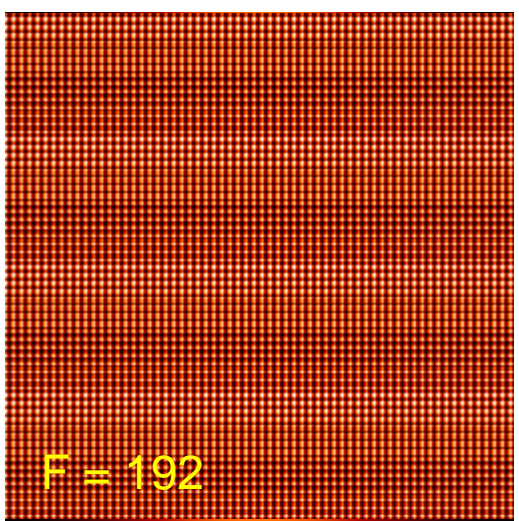
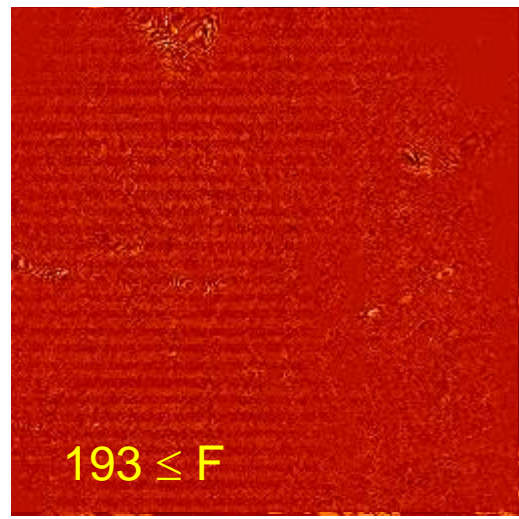
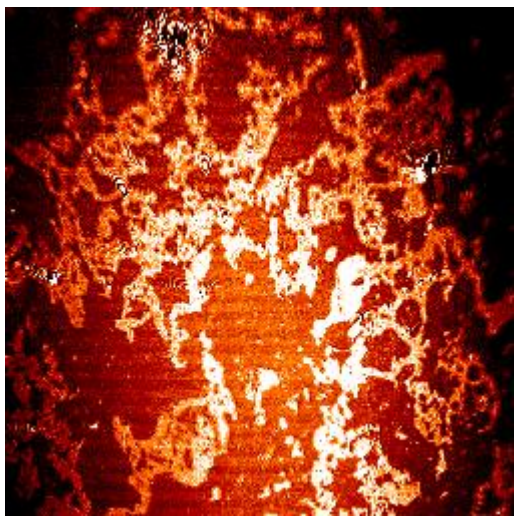
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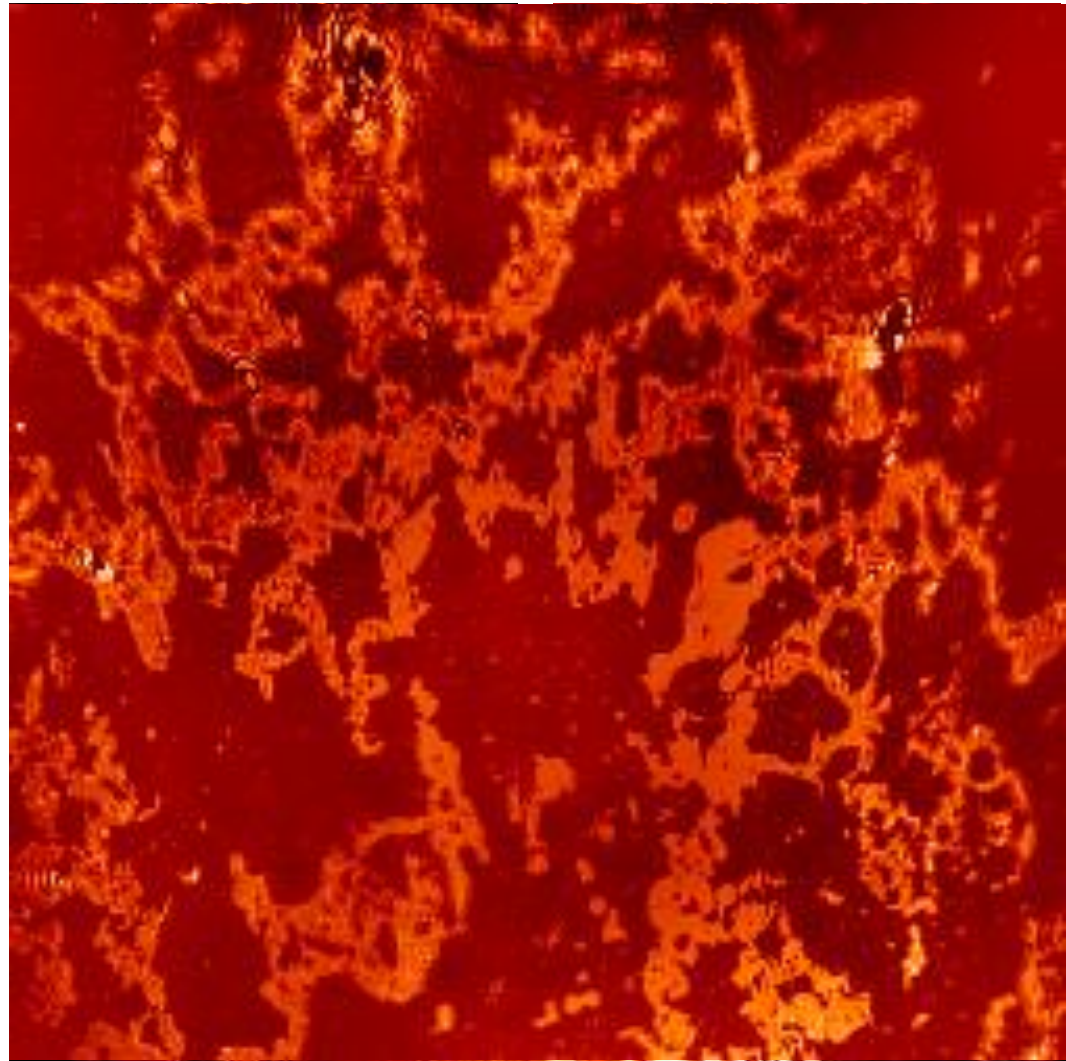
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Thresholding

example: Otsu

Convolution based

Convolution operation

Examples: gradient, Laplace, Sobel,  
Gaussian

Morphological

Morphological operators

Size

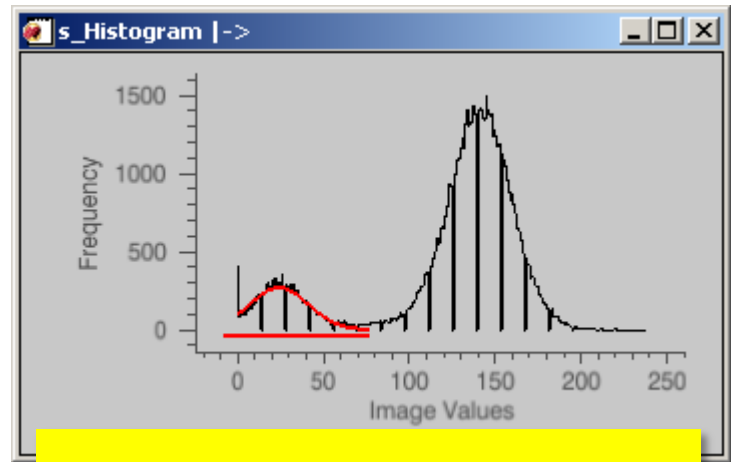
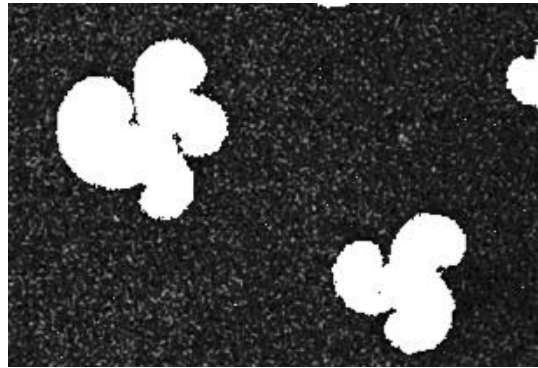
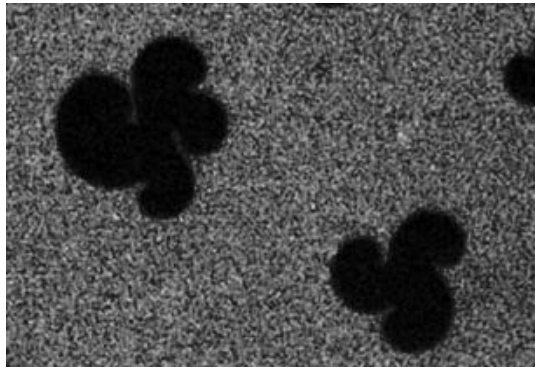
Thinning / skeletonization

Arithmetic-logic

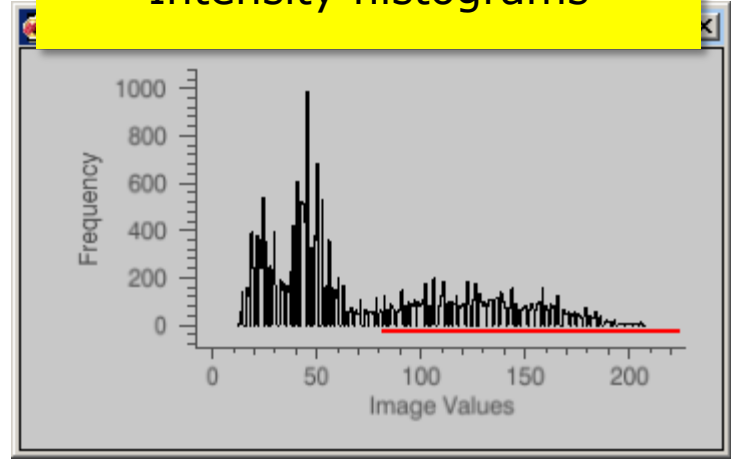
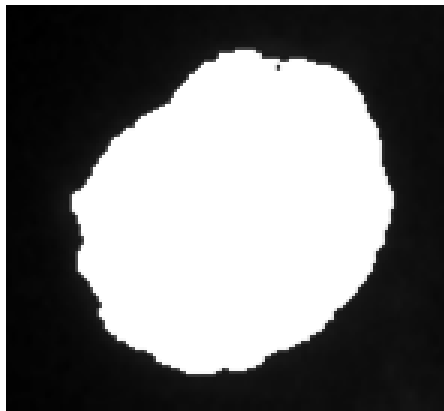
AND, OR, XOR

And a long etc.

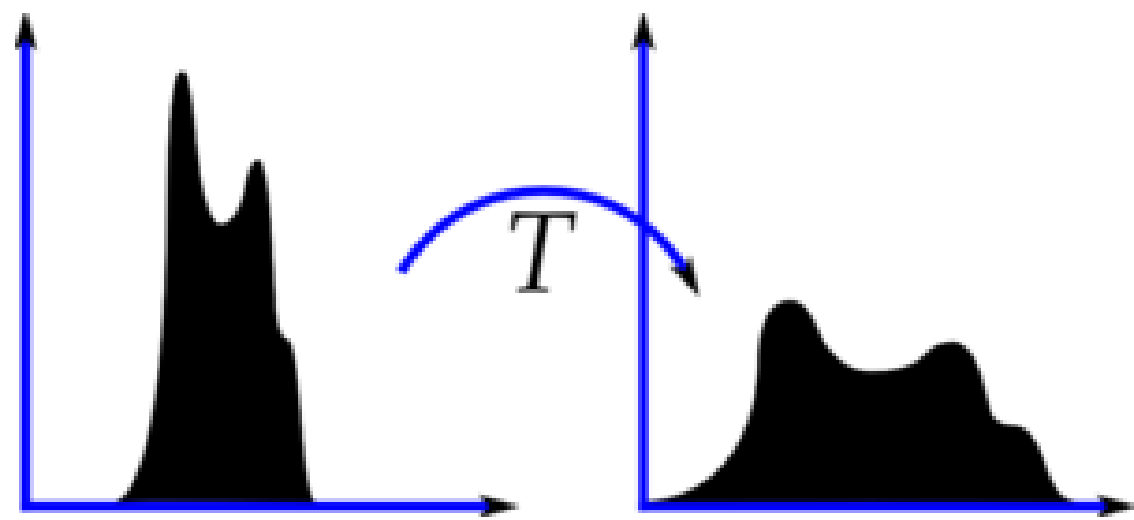
- Threshold filter segmentation: ROIs (white) / background (black)



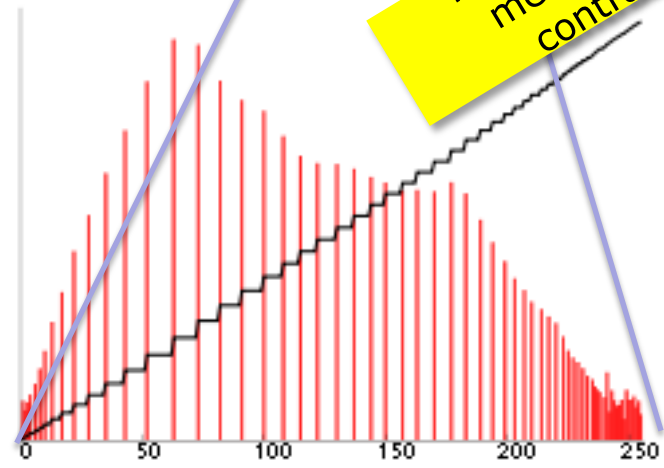
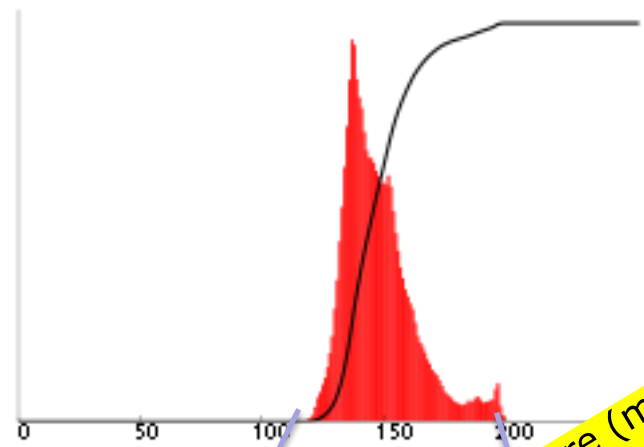
Intensity histograms



- Histogram equalization



- Histogram equalization



There are (many) more methods... adaptive, contrast-limited...

- Otsu threshold
  - Idea: to separate the image pixel in two classes (sets), minimizing the sum of variances from both classes



$$\min \sigma_w^2(t) = \omega_1(t)\sigma_1^2(t) + \omega_2(t)\sigma_2^2(t)$$

$t$  : threshold,  $\omega_i$  : probability of class  $i$

$$\omega_1 = \sum_0^t p(i) \quad \omega_2 = \sum_{t+1}^{top} p(i)$$

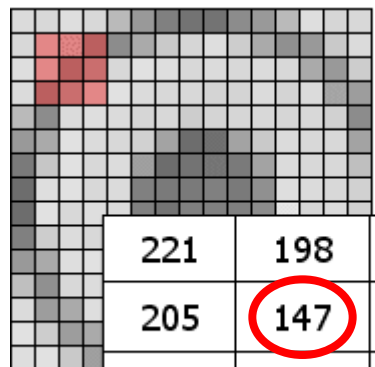
### Algorithm

1. Compute histogram and probabilities of each intensity level
2. Set up initial  $\omega_i(0)$  and  $\mu_i(0)$
3. Step through all possible thresholds  $t = 1 \dots$  maximum intensity
  1. Update  $\omega_i$  and  $\mu_i$
  2. Compute  $\sigma_b^2(t)$
4. Desired threshold corresponds to the maximum  $\sigma_b^2(t)$
5. You can compute two maximums (and two corresponding thresholds).  $\sigma_{b1}^2(t)$  is the greater max and  $\sigma_{b2}^2(t)$  is the greater or equal maximum
6. Desired threshold = 
$$\frac{\text{threshold}_1 + \text{threshold}_2}{2}$$

- Convolution
  - Lots of filters based on this principle  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Convolution>
- Matrix convolution, in our case, is an operation between two matrices, namely...
  - the input image,  $I$
  - a kernel,  $K$

-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

$K$



221	198	149
205	147	173
149	170	222

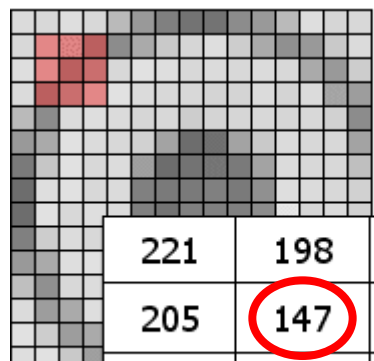
$I$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (K \otimes I)_{i,j} = & (-1 \cdot 221) \\
 & + (0 \cdot 198) \\
 & + (1 \cdot 149) \\
 & + (-2 \cdot 205) \\
 & + (0 \cdot \mathbf{147}) \\
 & + (2 \cdot 173) \\
 & + (-1 \cdot 149) \\
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 & + (1 \cdot 222) = -63
 \end{aligned}$$

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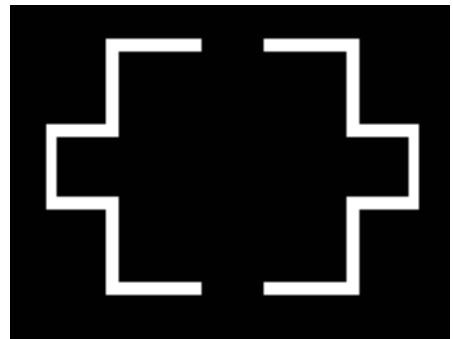
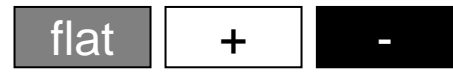
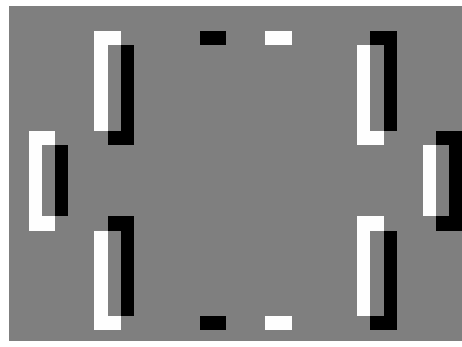
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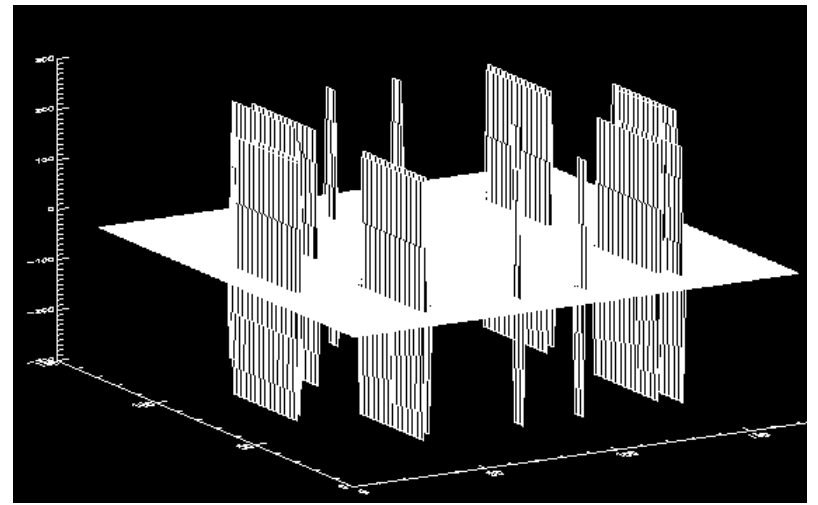
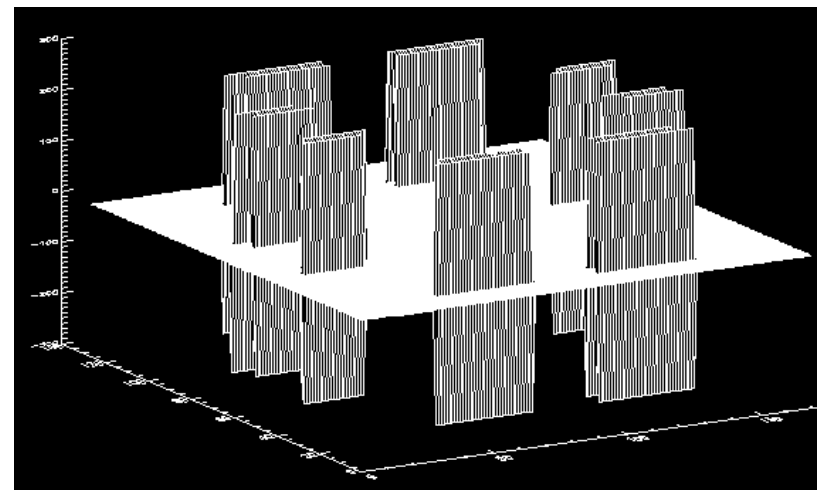
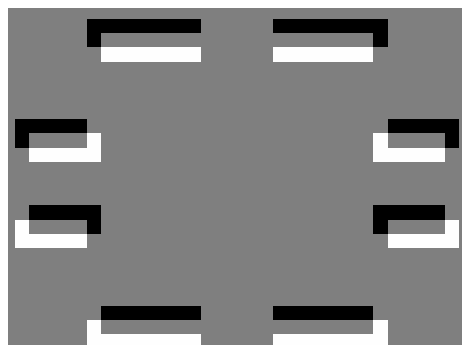
Matrix convolution can be implemented in different ways... beware of the algorithm!

- Intensity gradients (discrete approximation)

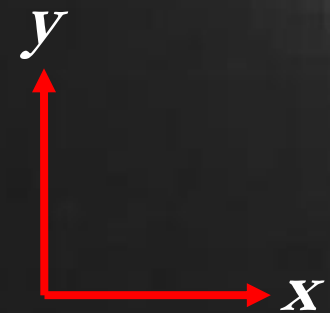
$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \approx$$



$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \approx$$



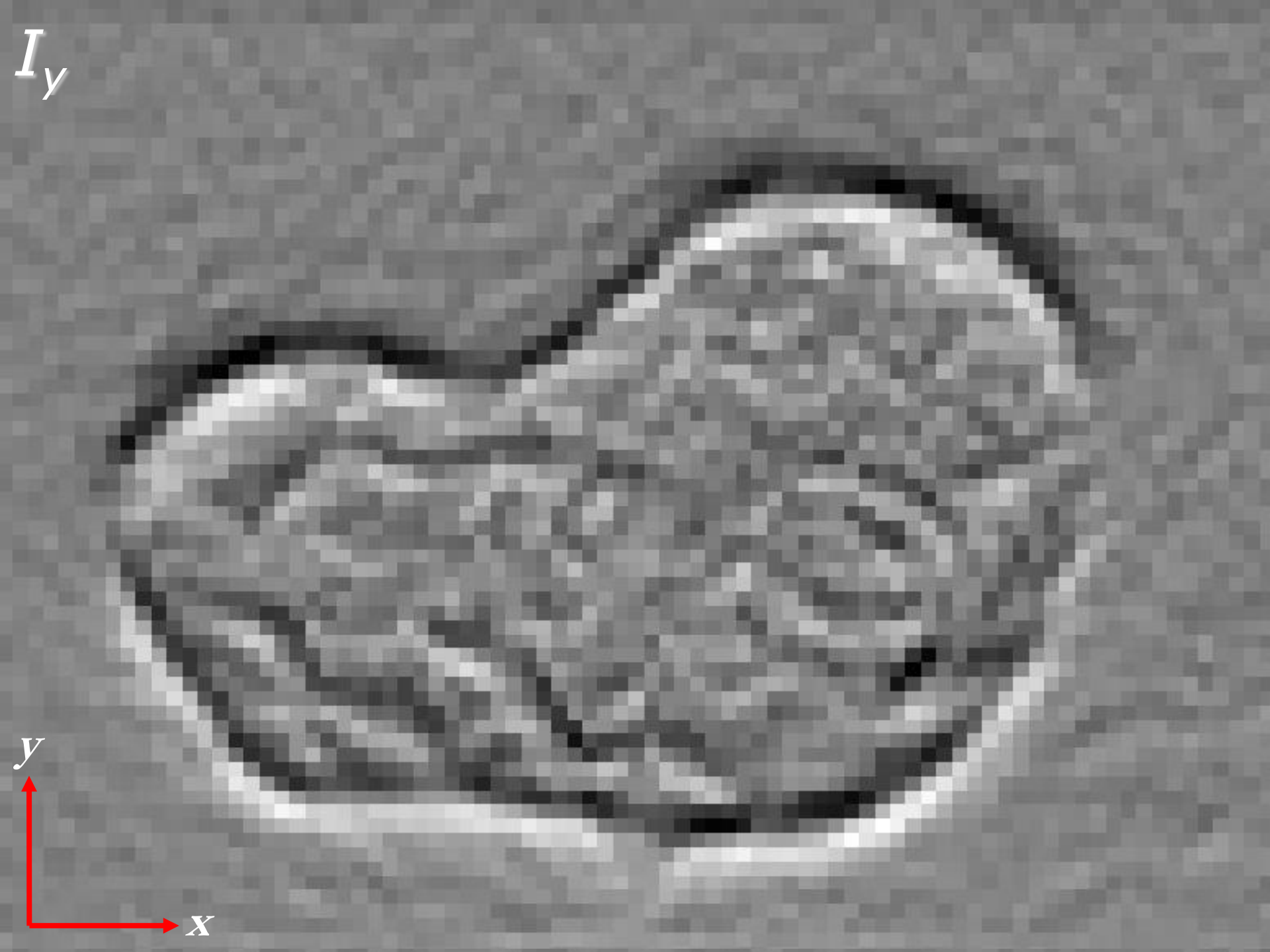
$$I = I(x, y)$$



$I_y$

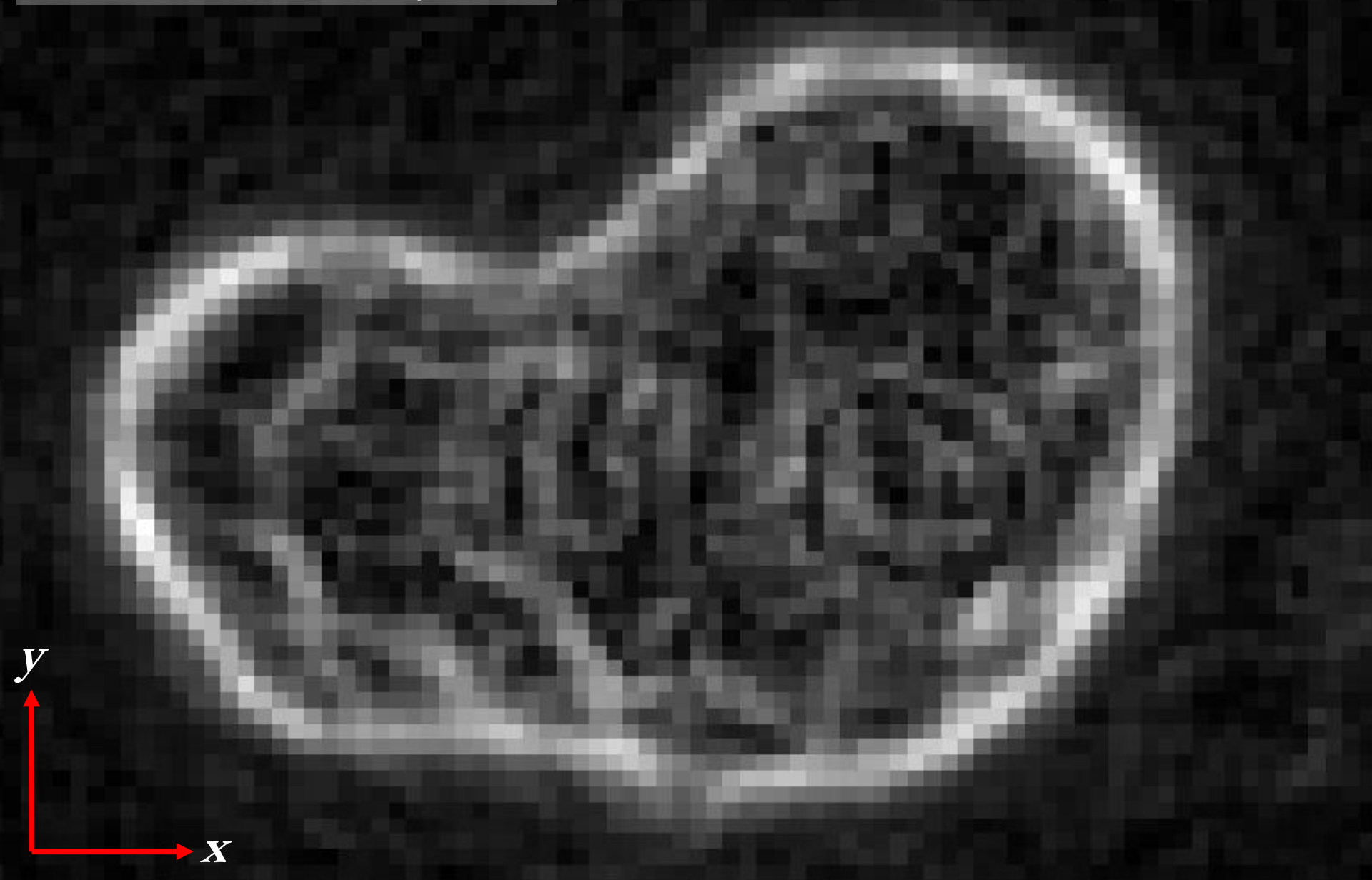
$y$

$x$



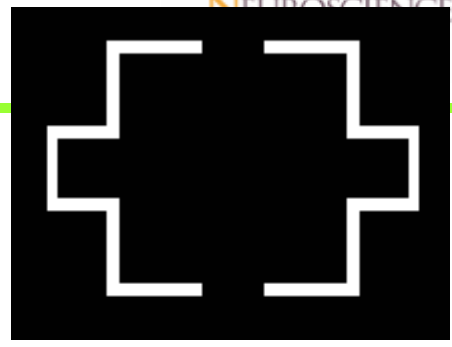
“Edgemap”

$$|\nabla I| = |I_x| + |I_y|$$



# Segmentation – basics

- Intensity gradients (discrete approximation)

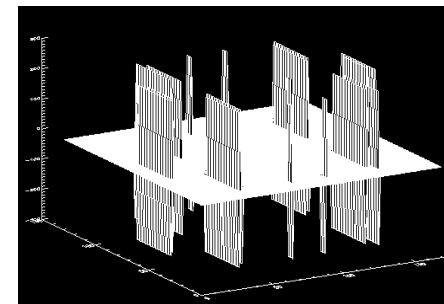


$$I = I(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \approx \frac{I(x + \Delta x, y) - I(x, y)}{\Delta x} = K_x \otimes I$$

$\Delta x = 1$  pixel

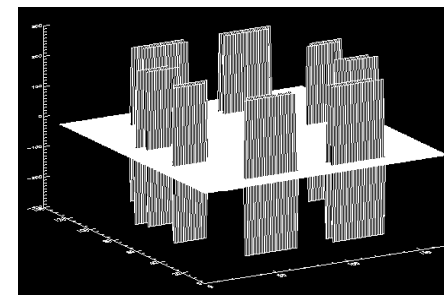
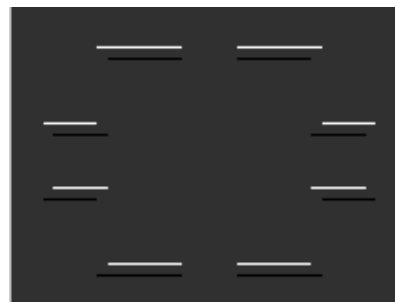
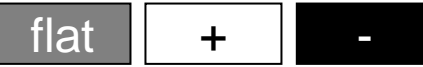
$$K_x = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \approx \frac{I(x, y + \Delta y) - I(x, y)}{\Delta y} = K_y \otimes I$$

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$$K_y = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



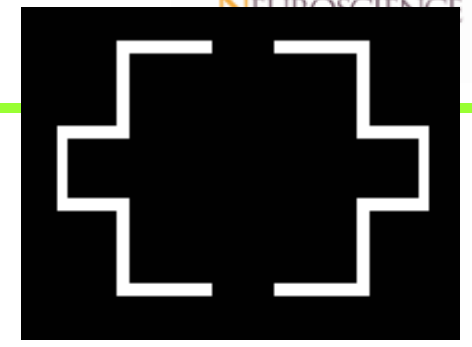
- Kernels...

Laplace

$$\nabla^2 I = \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 I \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) - 2f(x, y) + f(x - \Delta x, y)}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{f(x, y + \Delta y) - 2f(x, y) + f(x, y - \Delta y)}{(\Delta y)^2}$$

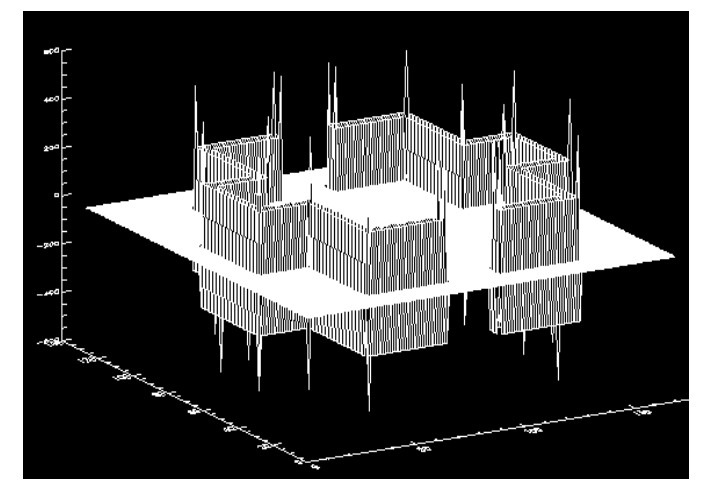
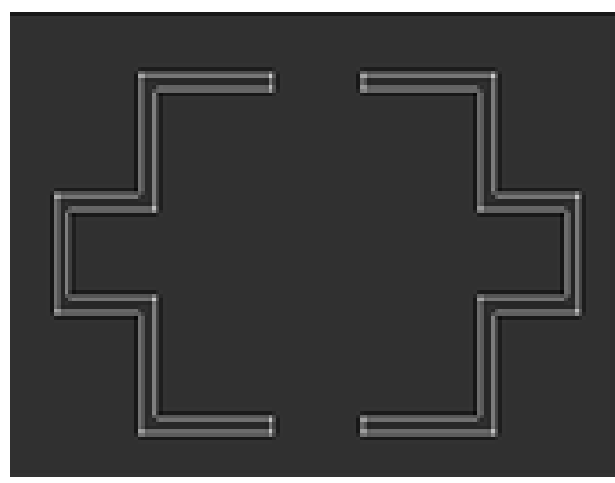
$$\nabla^2 I \approx \frac{f(x + \Delta x, y) + f(x, y + \Delta y) - 4f(x, y) + f(x - \Delta x, y) + f(x, y - \Delta y)}{(\Delta x)^2} = K_L \otimes I$$



$I = I(x, y)$

$\Delta x = \Delta y = 1$  pixel

$$K_L = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$



- Edgemaps

An **edgemap** filter takes intensity changes as ROI boundaries or “edges”

$$f = \sqrt{(Kx \otimes I)^2 + (Ky \otimes I)^2}$$

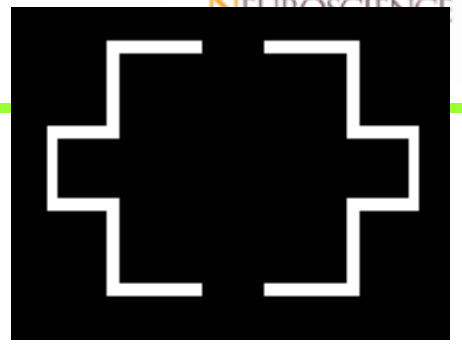
**Example: Sobel filter**  
(notice the thick ROI edges)

$$\begin{matrix}
 \left\{ \begin{matrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right\} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{matrix} \right\} \\
 Sx & Sy
 \end{matrix}$$

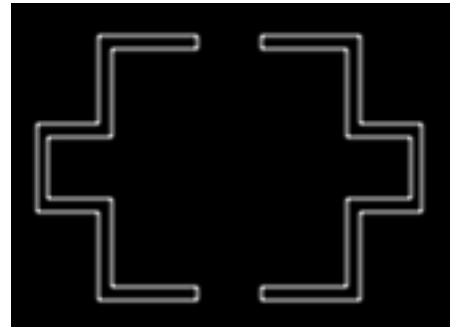
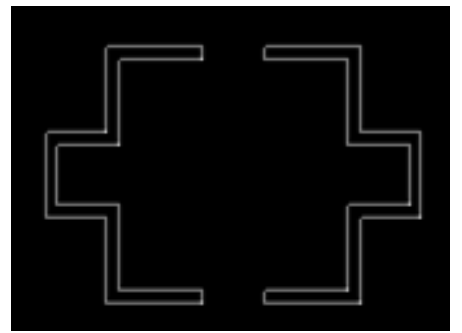
$Sx \otimes I?$

$Sy \otimes I?$

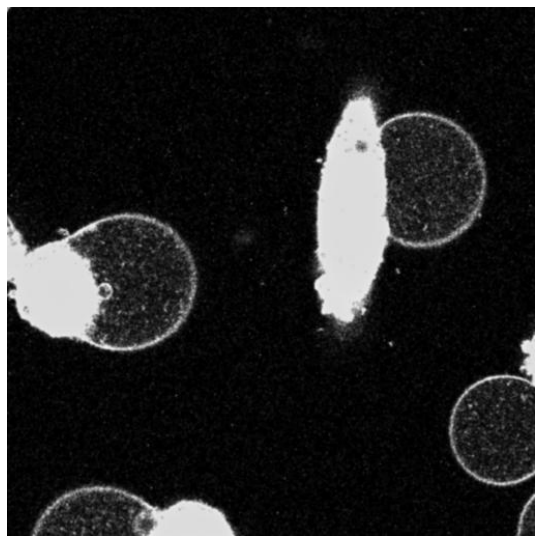
$$f_{Sobel} = \sqrt{(Sx \otimes I)^2 + (Sy \otimes I)^2}$$



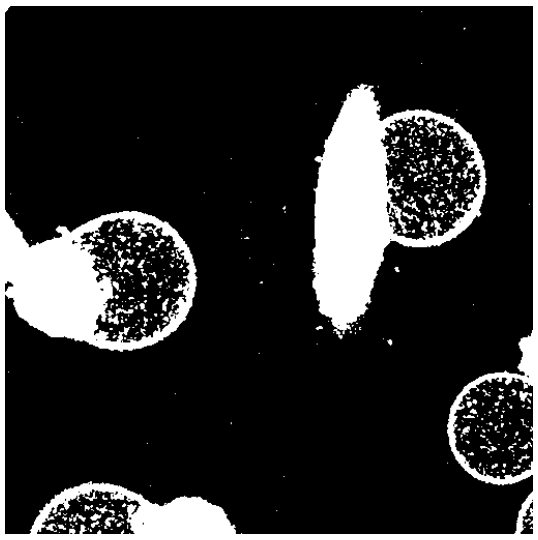
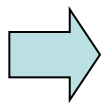
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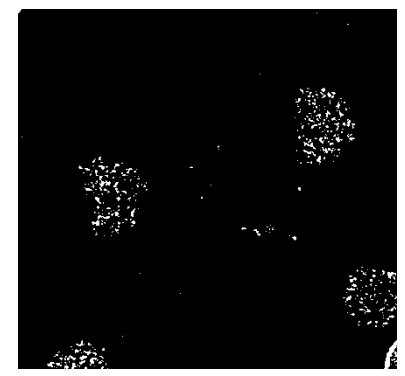
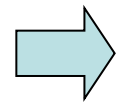
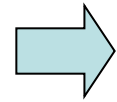
- Morphology based filters
  - Example: size selection



Input greyscale image



After thresholding...

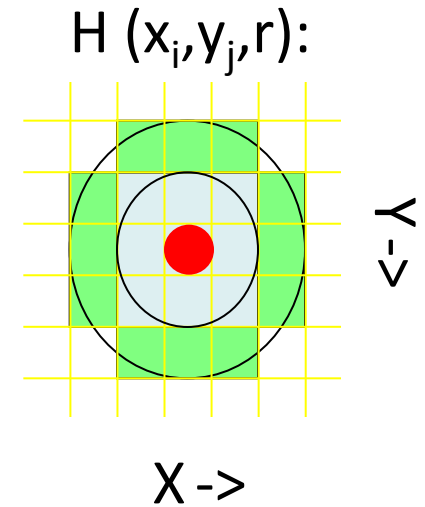
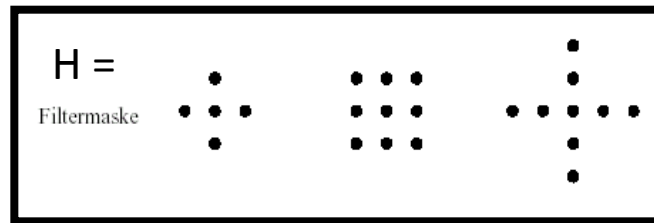


Size selection

How to define a size-select algorithm?

## Filtering with morphological operators:

- Structuring element, template or mask H ...
- Additional rules...



## Polynomial filters

$$y(m, n) = \bar{h}_1[x(m, n)] + \bar{h}_2[x(m, n)],$$

$$\bar{h}_1[x(m, n)] = \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ (p,q) \neq (0,0)}}^{P-1} \sum_{q=0}^{Q-1} a(p, q) \cdot x(m - p, n - q)$$

$$\bar{h}_2[x(m, n)] = \sum_{\substack{p=0 \\ (p,q) \neq (0,0)}}^{P-1} \sum_{\substack{q=0 \\ (k,l) \neq (0,0)}}^{Q-1} \sum_{k=0}^{P-1} \sum_{l=0}^{Q-1} b(p, q, k, l) \cdot x(m - p, n - q) \cdot x(m - k, n - l)$$

- Mathematical morphology

## Minkowski Operations

Addition... dilation:  $A \oplus S = \{(m, n) | [S + (m, n)] \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$ .

Subtraction ... erosion:  $A \ominus S = \{(m, n) | [S + (m, n)] \subseteq A \neq \emptyset\}$

...opening :  $A \circ S = (A \ominus S) \oplus S,$

...closing :  $A \bullet S = (A \oplus S) \ominus S,$

- A: image
- S: structuring element

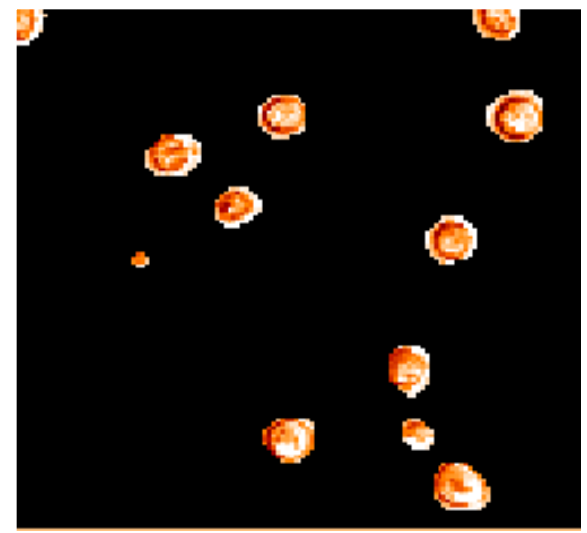
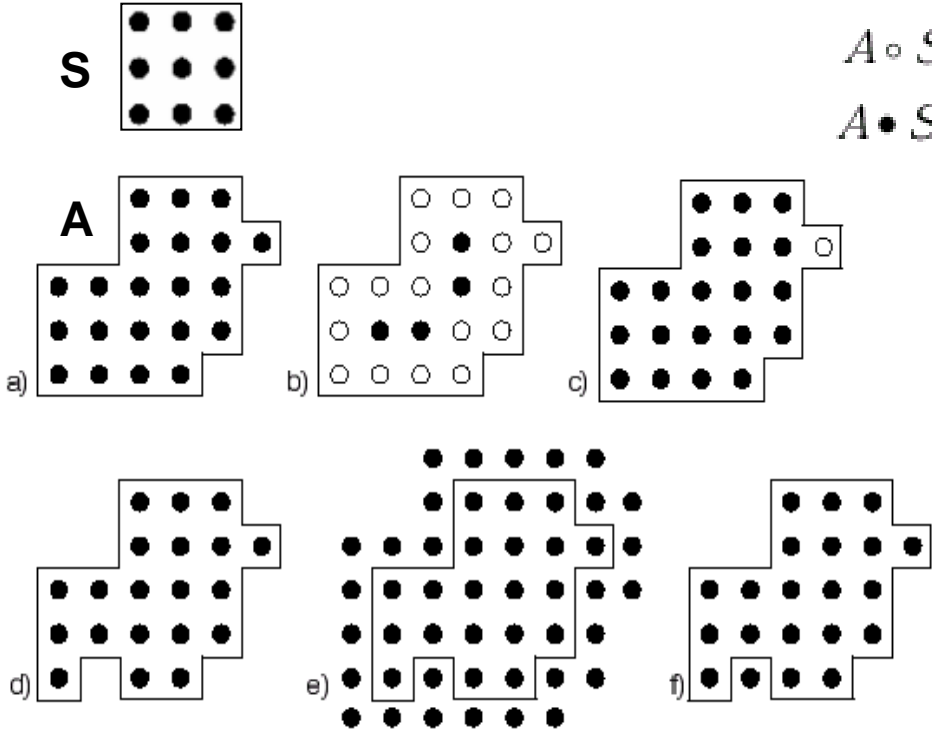
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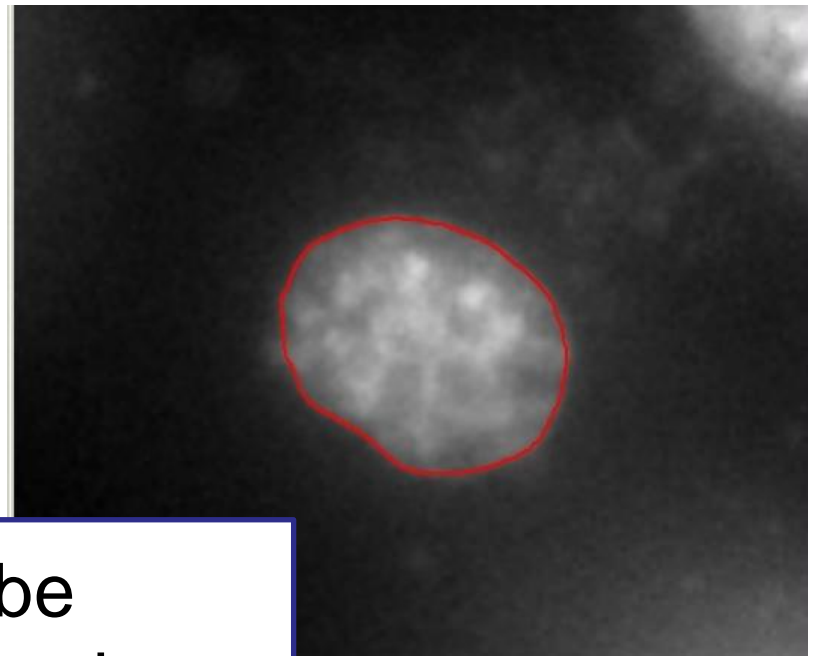
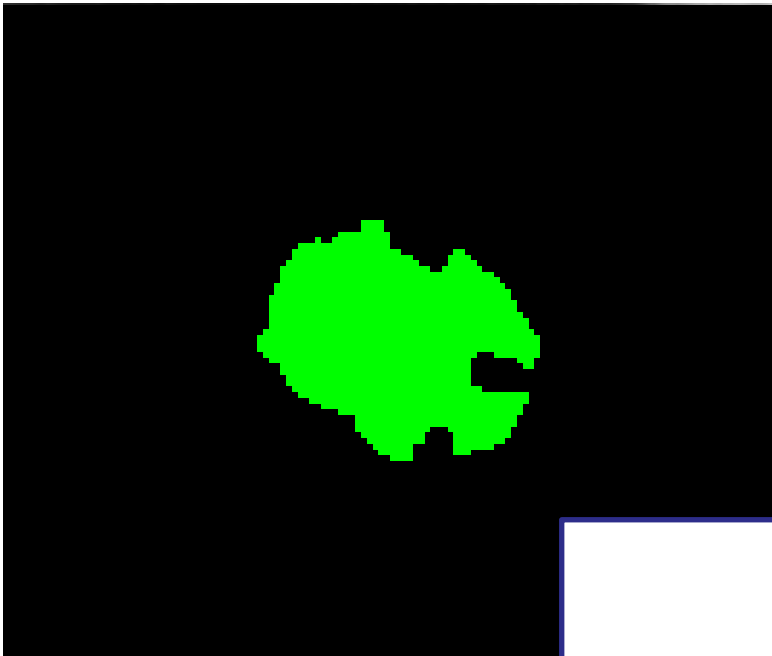
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**Abb. 2.5.** a Originalform b erodiert c opening (Dilatation von b)  
 d Originalform e dilatiert f closing (Erosion von e)

- “Some” times more information is needed in order to achieve a good segmentation



To be  
continued...

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## Some free and open source software tools

- Java based (Java runtime required)
  - ImageJ (<http://rsbweb.nih.gov/ij/>, public domain)
  - Fiji (<http://fiji.sc>; GPL license)
  - Icy (<http://icy.bioimageanalysis.org>; GPLv3 license)
- Others
  - CellProfiler (<http://cellprofiler.org>; GPL, BSD licenses)
  - Slicer ([www.slicer.org](http://www.slicer.org); BSD license)
  - IPOL (Image Processing Online): open access electronic journal with peer reviewed articles + code (in C language) + examples ([www.ipol.im](http://www.ipol.im); BSD / GPL / LGPL licenses or similar)