

Media and Features

Text vs. images

- Text
 - Symbolic
 - Artificial
 - Single meaning (reader independent ?)
 - Small storage requirements
- Images
 - Visual
 - Natural, artificial
 - Multiple meanings (viewer dependent)
 - Large storage requirements

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Processing vs. analysis..

- Image processing
 - I → IPE → I'
- Image analyzing
 - I → IAE → (Histograms)
 - cat, man, umbrella..

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Image processing

- Operators
 - Sharpening
 - Blurring
 - Rotating
 - Translating
 - Brightening
 - Cut/paste/resize
 - Warping

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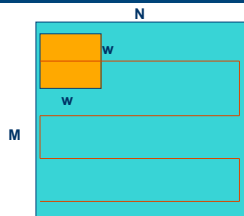
Feature extraction

- Image analysis gives the features
 - Color histogram
 - Texture
 - Edges
 - Shapes
 - Objects
 - Semantics
 - Depth (stereoscopic images)

- Many of these operators require a filter to be convoluted over the original image

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Processing requirements...

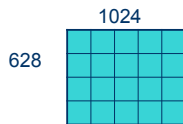


Cost of the operation: $M \times N \times w \times w$

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Storage size

- # of pixel: 628×1024
- # of bytes: $628 \times 1024 \times 3$



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What to do???

- Change coding
 - Data have coding redundancies
 - Get rid of them
 - Loseless!
- Examples:
 - Static/dynamic Huffman coding
 1. Count the character frequencies
 2. Find patterns that are repeated (less information!!)
 3. Replace them with shorter codewords
 - Arithmetic coding
 - LZW (Lempel-Ziv-Welch) coding

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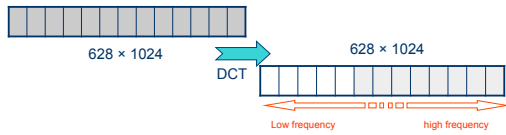
What to do???

- Lossy compression
 - Image may contain details that human eye can not recognize
 - Use domain transformation
 - Convert images from spatial domain to frequency domain
 - DCT (discrete cosine transform)
 - DFT (discrete fourier transform)
 - DWT (discrete wavelet transform)
 - Get rid of the frequencies which do not contain information

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Domain transformations

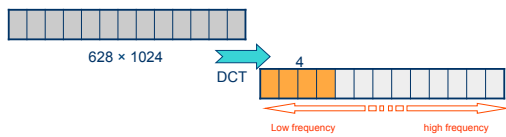
- Given a signal of length "n" you get a sequence of "n" frequencies



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Domain transformations

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Domain transformations

- Given a signal of length "n" you get a sequence of "n" frequencies
 - preserves euclidean distance



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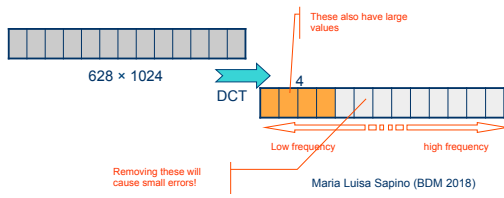
Domain transformations

- Given a signal of length “n” you get a sequence of “n” frequencies
 - not sensitive to shifts!
 - take an image and shift it...both images will be mapped to the same point

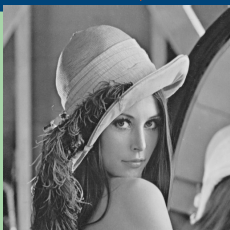
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Domain transformations

- Given a signal of length “n” you get a sequence of “n” frequencies
 - concentrates energy better



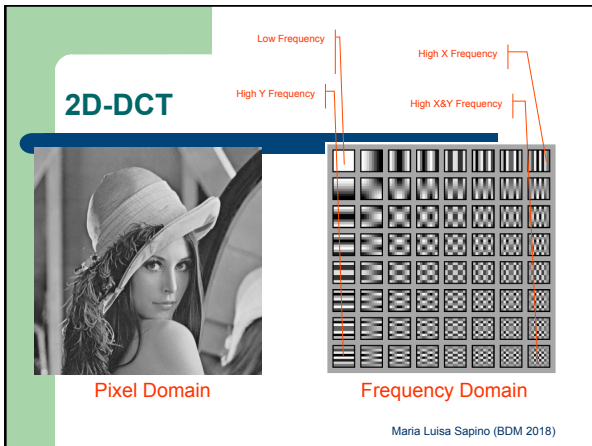
2D-DCT

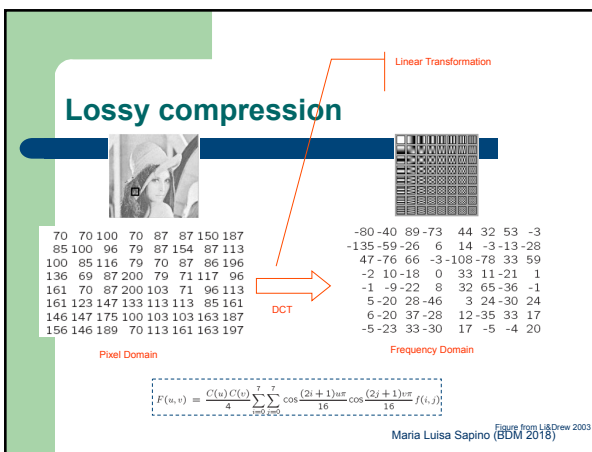


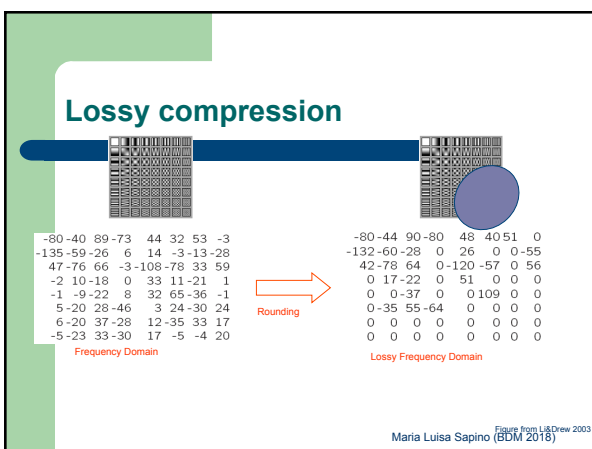
Pixel Domain

Meet "Lena"; this picture is the most commonly used benchmark in image processing

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Under-estimation of distances

- If we remove some frequencies, this will cause underestimation of distances.
 - Why?
 - Why is this important?



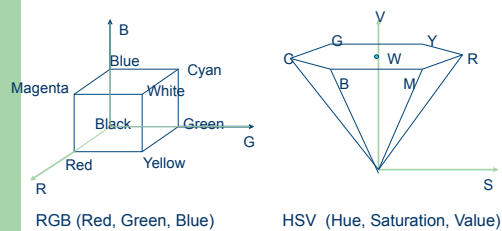
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What to do???

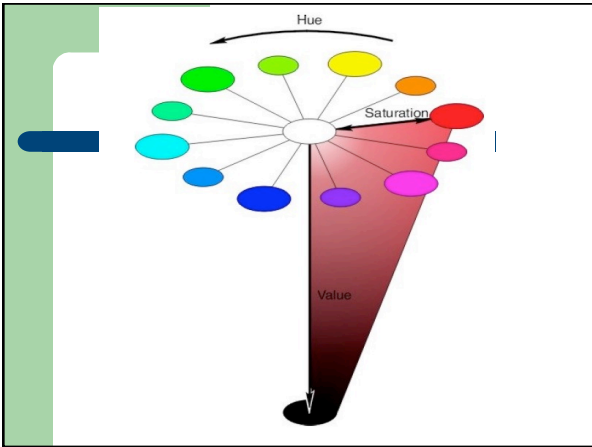
- Lossy compression
 - Image may contain details that human eye can not recognize
 - Color table:
 1. reduce the number of colors to 256 (1 byte per pixel)
 2. Cluster similar colors into a single bucket and assign a single color to the bucket
 3. the set of buckets is called **color table**

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Alternative color spaces...



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Color models

- RGB: describes colors in terms of the combinations of the intensities of Red, Green and Blue colors
- HSV
 - Hue: main color
 - Saturation: Amount of white
 - Value: Amount of energy

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Why different color models?

- Some color models reflect human perception better.
- Ex: CIELAB models the perceived differences in color and brightness

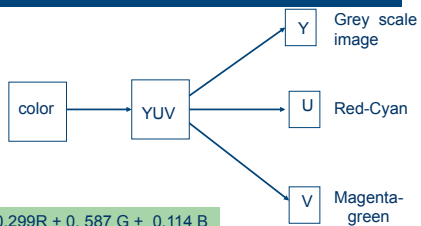
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YUV model

- YUV, a linear transformation from RGB
 - Y: luminance (amount of light) – grey scale
 - U: red - cyan
 - V: magenta-green

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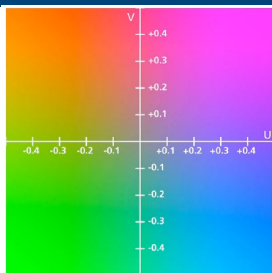
YUV (ex. PAL television system)



$$Y = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B$$
$$U = 0.492(B - Y)$$
$$V = 0.877(R - Y)$$

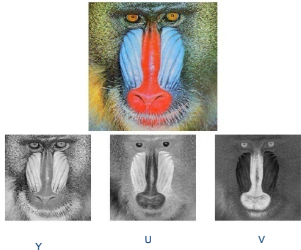
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YUV transforms the space



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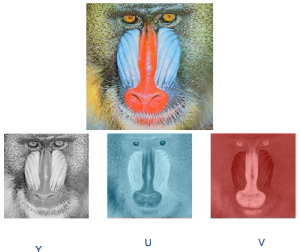
Y is more important than U and V



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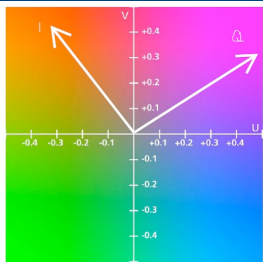
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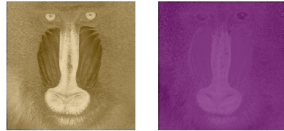
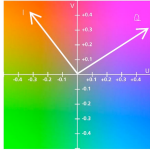
..not enough (YIQ)..



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Human eye is more sensitive to the Orange-Blue range than the Purple-Green range

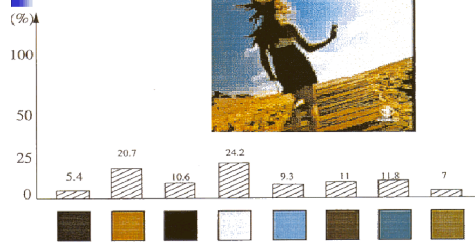
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What to do???

- Lossy compression
 - Image may contain details that human eye can not recognize
 - Change the color representation (don't use RGB!)
 - human eye is not sensitive to color anyway
 - Human eye is more sensitive to contrast!
 - Use a representation which increases the contrast and compress the color element
 - Use YRB (Luminance, Red, Blue)
 - Quantization:
 - 1 byte for Luminance
 - ¼ byte for Red
 - ¼ byte for Blue

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Color histograms



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Problems with histograms



Histogram: {green:4, purple:2, red:3}



- Are these similar???

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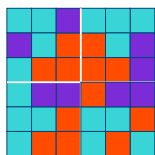
- Are these similar???

- Color associations????:

- blue is similar to purple
- yellow is similar to orange

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Color locality??



Hist1	Hist2
Hist3	Hist4

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Comparison of color histograms

- Euclidean distance

$$\sqrt{(b_1-b_2)^2 + (g_1-g_2)^2 + (p_1-p_2)^2 + (r_1-r_2)^2 + \dots}$$

- Intersection similarity

$$\frac{\min(b_1,b_2) + \min(g_1,g_2) + \min(p_1,p_2) + \min(r_1,r_2) + \dots}{b_2 + g_2 + p_2 + r_2 + \dots}$$

$$b_2 + g_2 + p_2 + r_2 + \dots$$

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Complete Euclidean Distance

- Let x and y be two histogram vectors, each of length n

$$d^2 = \sum_{i=1..n} \sum_{j=1..n} a_{ij} (x_i - y_j)^2$$

- a_{ij} = cross talk factor between i -th and j -th color

$$\text{No cross-talk} \rightarrow \begin{cases} a_{ij} = 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ a_{ij} = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Quadratic distance bounding

- Use average color of an image

$$R_{\text{avg}} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1..N} R(p_i) \quad G_{\text{avg}} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1..N} G(p_i) \\ B_{\text{avg}} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1..N} B(p_i)$$

$$\underline{x} = (R_{\text{avg}}, G_{\text{avg}}, B_{\text{avg}})^T$$

$$d_{\text{avg}}^2(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = (\underline{x} - \underline{y})^T (\underline{x} - \underline{y}) \\ = (R_{\text{avg}x} - R_{\text{avg}y})^2 + (G_{\text{avg}x} - G_{\text{avg}y})^2 + (B_{\text{avg}x} - B_{\text{avg}y})^2$$

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Quadratic distance bounding

$$d_{\text{avg}}^2(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) \leq c \cdot d_{\text{hist}}^2(\underline{x}, \underline{y})$$

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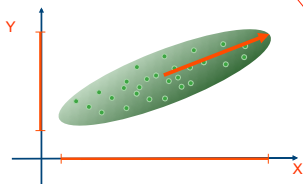
Why is this good??

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$$S[x, y] = \text{Cov}(x, y) = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$$

Mahalanobis Distance

$$\Delta_{\text{Mah}}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \sqrt{(\vec{a} - \vec{b})^T S^{-1} (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}$$



Covariance matrix

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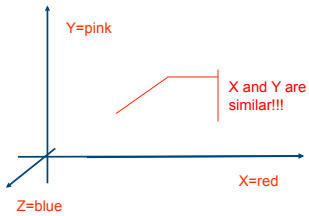
Covariance matrix

$$S[i, j] = \text{Cov}(i, j) = E((i - \mu_i)(j - \mu_j))$$

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Quadratic Distance

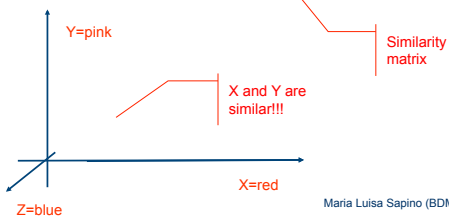
$$\Delta_{\text{Euc}}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \sqrt{(\vec{a} - \vec{b})^T (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}$$



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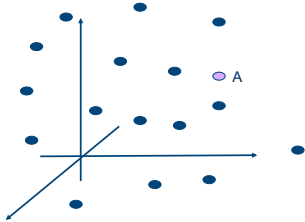
Quadratic Distance

$$\Delta_{\text{quad}}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \sqrt{(\vec{a} - \vec{b})^T A (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}$$



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Are there other similarity measures?



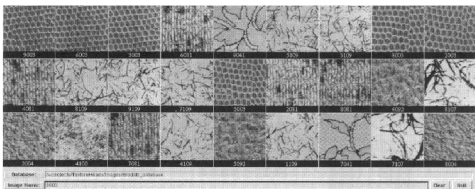
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Intersection similarity

$$\text{sim}_{\text{int}}(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1..n} \min(a_i, b_i)}{\sum_{i=1..n} \max(a_i, b_i)}$$

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Texture



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Texture

- Primitives:
 - Grey level
 - Shape
 - Homogeneity
 - Smoothness
 - Finess
 - Coarseness
 - Granularity
 - Regularity
 - Linearity
 - Directionality

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Image segmentation

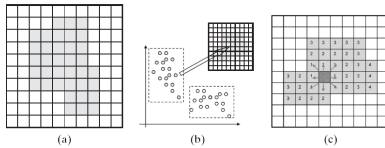


Figure 2.17. (a) An image with a single region. (b) Clustering-based segmentation uses a clustering algorithm that identifies which pixels of the image are similar to each other first, and then finds the boundary on the image between different clusters of pixels. (c) Regiongrowing techniques start from a seed and grow the region until a region boundary with pixels with different characteristics is found (the numbers in the figure correspond to the distance from the seed).

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Watershed transformation

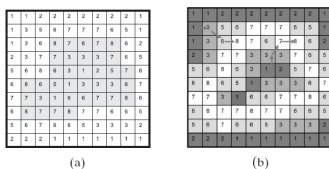


Figure 2.18. (a) Gradient values for the example in Figure 2.17 and (b) the topographical surface view (darker pixels correspond to the highest points of the surface and the lightest pixels correspond to the watershed) – the figure also shows the quickest descent (or water drainage) paths for two flood starting points.

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Chaining

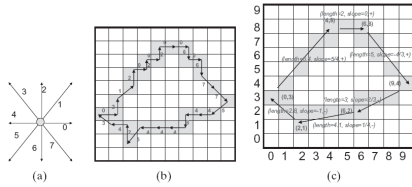


Figure 2.19. (a) The eight direction codes. (b) If we start from the leftmost pixel the 8-connected chain code for the given boundary is "02120202226267754464445243." (c) Piecewise linear approximation of the shape boundary.

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Hough Transform

- a technique for isolating features of a particular shape within an image.
- computes a global description of a feature given (possibly noisy) local measurements.
- Most commonly used for the detection of regular curves such as lines, circles, ellipses
- Generalized Hough transform in applications where simple analytic description of features is not possible

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