

HCI/ComS 575X:  
Computational Perception

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## Binary Image Processing

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### Readings

- Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, "Chapter 1: Introduction," McGraw-Hill, pp. 1-24.
- Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, "Chapter 2: Binary Image Processing," McGraw-Hill, pp. 25-72.

### Reading for Next Lecture

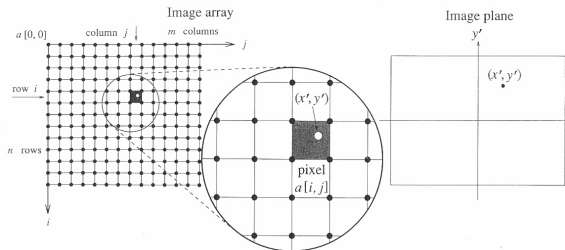
- Haralick and Shapiro (1993). Computer and Robot Vision, "Chapter 5: Mathematical Morphology," Addison-Wesley.

### What is an image?

### Intensity Levels

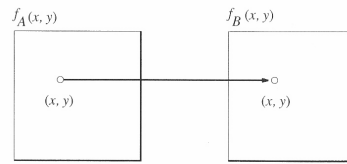
- 2
- 32
- 64
- 128
- 256 (8 bits)
- 512
- ...
- 4096 (12 bits)

## Image Plane v.s. Image Array



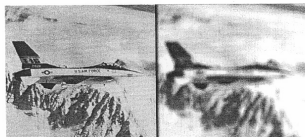
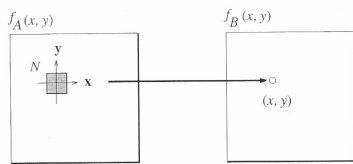
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## Point Operations



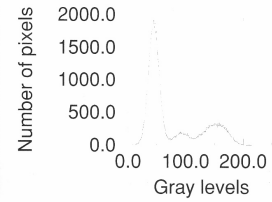
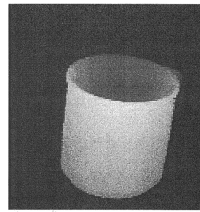
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## Local Operations



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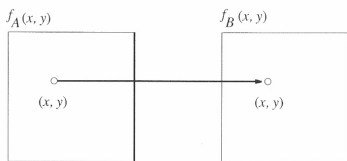
## Global Operations



$$P = O_{\text{global}}\{f[i,j]\}$$

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## Thresholding an Image



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## Dark Image on a Light Background

$$F_T[i,j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } F[i,j] \leq T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 2]

## Selecting a range of intensity values

$$F_T[i, j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } T_1 \leq F[i, j] \leq T_2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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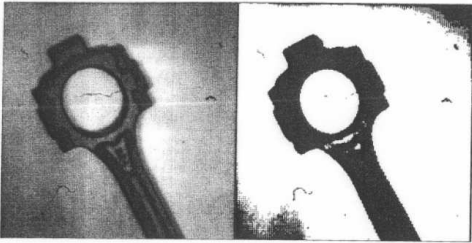
## Generalized Thresholding

A general thresholding scheme in which the intensity levels for an object may come from several disjoint intervals may be represented as

$$F_T[i, j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } F[i, j] \in Z \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

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## Thresholding Example (1)



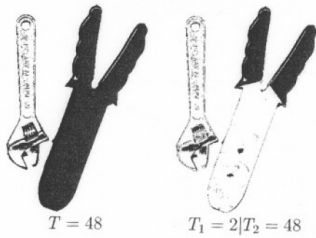
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## Thresholding Example (2)

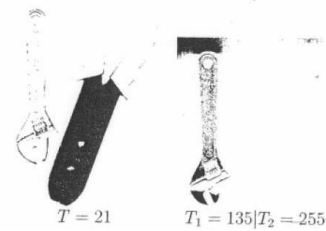


Original grayscale Image

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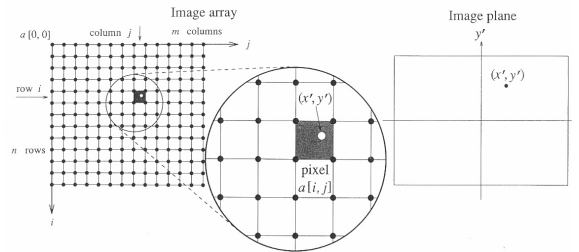
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## Area of a Binary Image

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m B[i, j].$$

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## This figure now becomes important



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## Calculating the Position of an Object

$$\bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m B[i, j] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m j B[i, j]$$

$$\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m B[i, j] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m i B[i, j]$$

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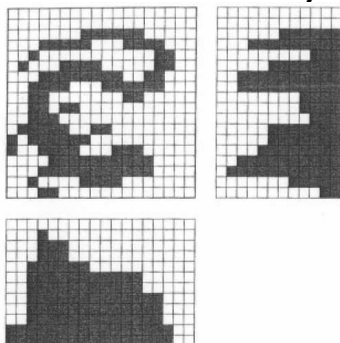
## The center is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m j B[i, j]}{A}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m i B[i, j]}{A}$$

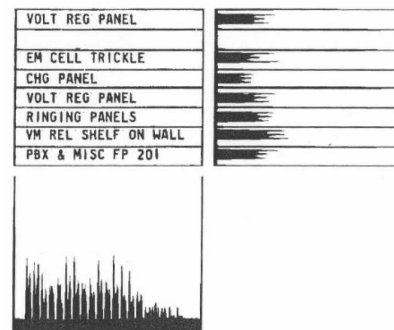
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## Horizontal and Vertical Projections



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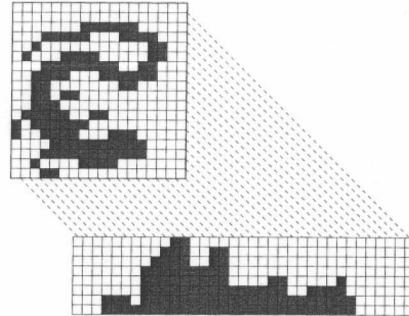
## Projection Formulas

$$H[i] = \sum_{j=1}^m B[i, j]$$

$$V[j] = \sum_{i=1}^n B[i, j]$$

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## Diagonal Projection



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The area and the position can be computed from the H and V projections

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^m V[j] = \sum_{i=1}^n H[i]$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n iH[i]}{A}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m jV[j]}{A}$$

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## Run-Length Encoding

Binary image:

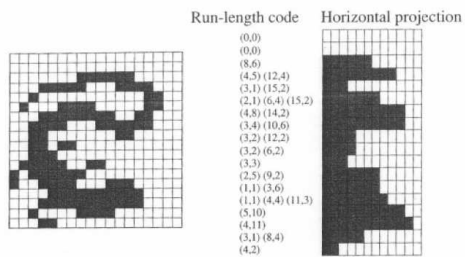
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1

Start and length of 1 runs: (1, 3) (7, 2) (12, 4) (17, 2) (20, 3)  
(5, 13) (19, 4)  
(1, 3) (17, 6)

Length of 1 and 0 runs: 3, 3, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 1, 3  
0, 4, 13, 1, 4  
3, 13, 6

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## Horizontal Projections Calculated from run-length code



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The area of an object can be obtained by summing the lengths of all 1 runs

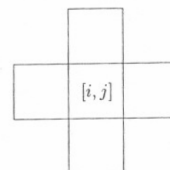
$$A = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\left(\frac{m_i-1}{2}\right)} r_{i,2k+1}$$

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## Neighbors and Connectivity

### 4-Connected

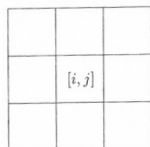
4-neighbors  $[i + 1, j]$ ,  $[i - 1, j]$ ,  $[i, j + 1]$ ,  $[i, j - 1]$



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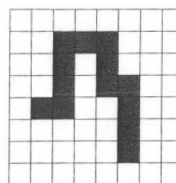
### 8-connected

8-neighbors  $[i + 1, j + 1]$ ,  $[i + 1, j - 1]$ ,  $[i - 1, j + 1]$ ,  $[i - 1, j - 1]$  plus all of the 4-neighbors

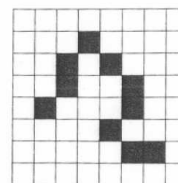


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### Examples of Paths



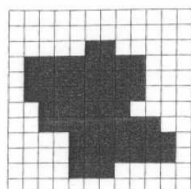
(a) 4-path



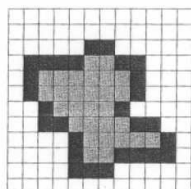
(b) 8-path

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### Boundary, Interior, and Background



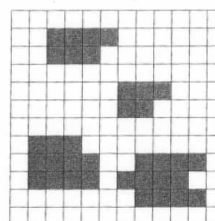
(a) Original image



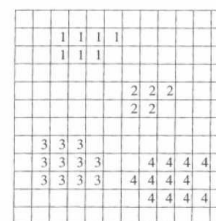
- (b) ■ Boundary pixels
- Interior pixels
- Surrounds pixels

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### An Image (a) and Its Connected Components (b)



(a)



(b)

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### Algorithm 2.1 Recursive Connected Components Algorithm

1. Scan the image to find an unlabeled 1 pixel and assign it a new label  $L$ .
2. Recursively assign a label  $L$  to all its 1 neighbors.
3. Stop if there are no more unlabeled 1 pixels.
4. Go to step 1.

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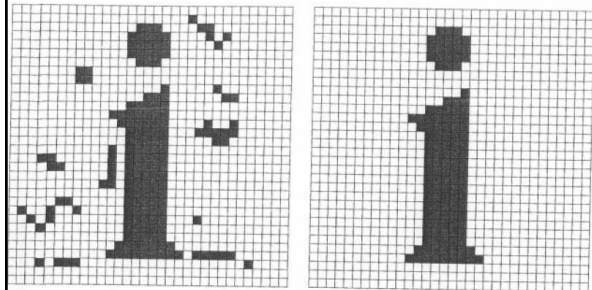
### Algorithm 2.2 Sequential Connected Components Algorithm using 4-connectivity

1. Scan the image left to right, top to bottom.
2. If the pixel is 1, then
  - (a) If only one of its upper and left neighbors has a label, then copy the label.
  - (b) If both have the same label, then copy the label.
  - (c) If both have different labels, then copy the upper's label and enter the labels in the equivalence table as equivalent labels.
  - (d) Otherwise assign a new label to this pixel and enter this label in the equivalence table.
3. If there are more pixels to consider, then go to step 2.
4. Find the lowest label for each equivalent set in the equivalence table.
5. Scan the picture. Replace each label by the lowest label in its equivalent set.

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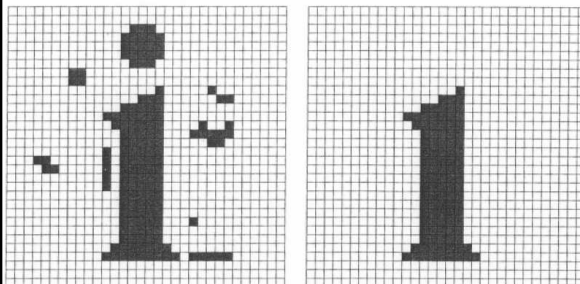
## Thresholding by Size

## Before and after a size filter ( $T=10$ )



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## Before and after a size filter ( $T=25$ )



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## Distance Metrics

## Properties of a Good Distance Metrics

1.  $d(p, q) \geq 0$  and  $d(p, q) = 0$  iff  $p = q$
2.  $d(q, p) = d(p, q)$
3.  $d(p, r) \leq d(p, q) + d(q, r)$

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## Examples

*Euclidean*

$$d_{\text{Euclidean}}([i_1, j_1], [i_2, j_2]) = \sqrt{(i_1 - i_2)^2 + (j_1 - j_2)^2} \quad (2.38)$$

*City-block*

$$d_{\text{city}} = |i_1 - i_2| + |j_1 - j_2| \quad (2.39)$$

*Chessboard*

$$d_{\text{chess}} = \max(|i_1 - i_2|, |j_1 - j_2|) \quad (2.40)$$

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## Examples (2)

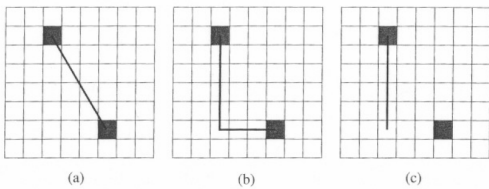


Figure 2.17: Examples of (a) Euclidean, (b) city-block, and (c) chessboard distance measures.

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## Euclidean Distance

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 3 & & \\
 & \sqrt{8} & \sqrt{5} & 2 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{8} & \\
 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{5} & \\
 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\
 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} & 1 & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{5} & \\
 & \sqrt{8} & \sqrt{5} & 2 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{8} & \\
 & & & & 3 & & 
 \end{array}$$

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## City-block Distance

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & 3 & & \\
 & & & & 3 & 2 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \\
 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & \\
 & & & & 3 & 2 & 3 \\
 & & & & 3 & & 
 \end{array}$$

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## Chessboard distance

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\
 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\
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 \end{array}$$

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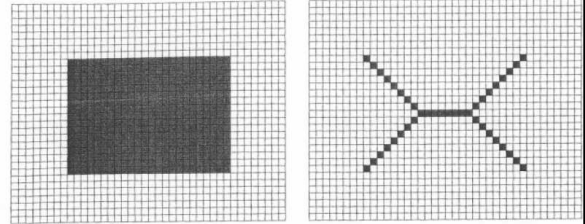
## Iterative Distance Transforms

1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 2 2 2 1	1 2 2 2 2 1
1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 2 2 2 1	1 2 3 3 2 1
1 1 1 1 1 1	1 2 2 2 2 1	1 2 2 2 2 1
1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1

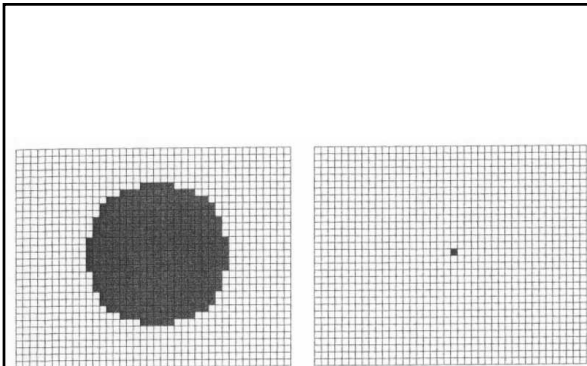
**Original**
**1-st iteration**
**2-nd iteration**

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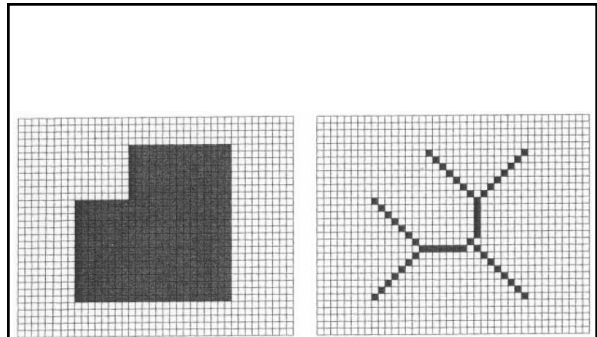
## Medial Axis Example



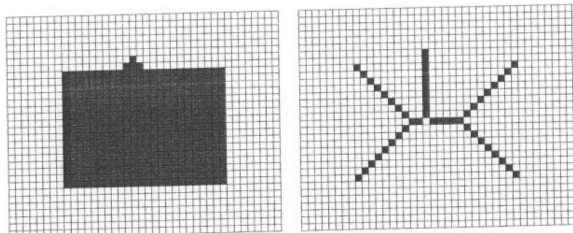
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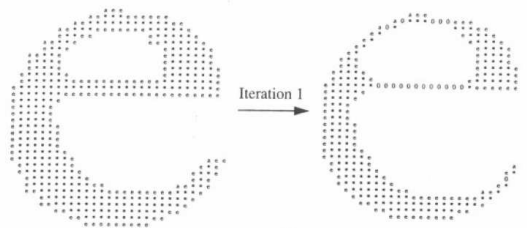


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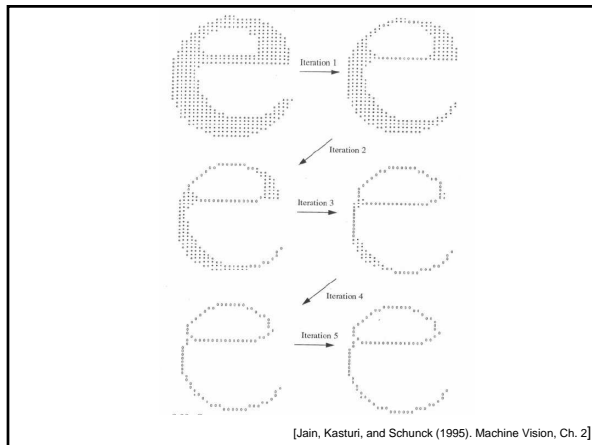
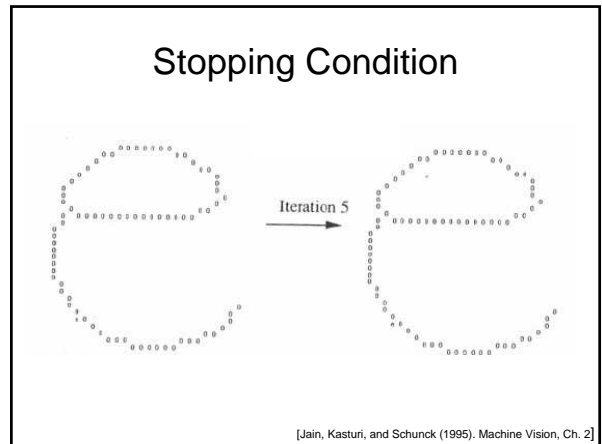
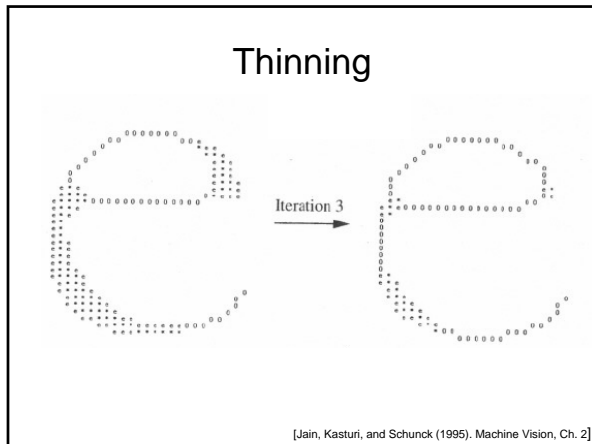


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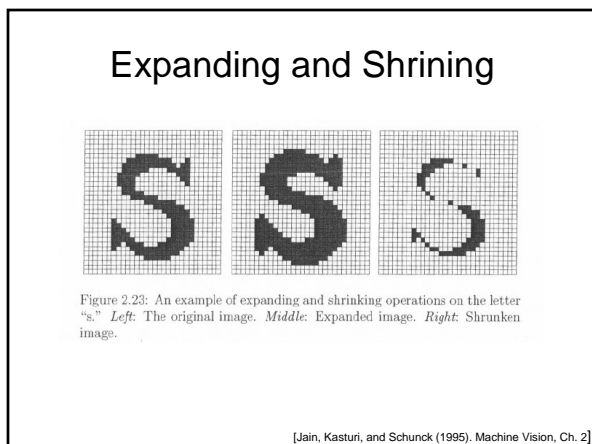
## Thinning



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- ### Expanding and Shrining
- **Expanding:** change a pixel from 0 to 1 if any neighbors of the pixel are 1.
  - **Shrinking:** change a pixel from 1 to 0 if any neighbors of the pixel are 0.



### Properties and Notation

$S^{(k)}$ :  $S$  expanded  $k$  times  
 $S^{(-k)}$ :  $S$  shrunk  $k$  times

the following properties hold:

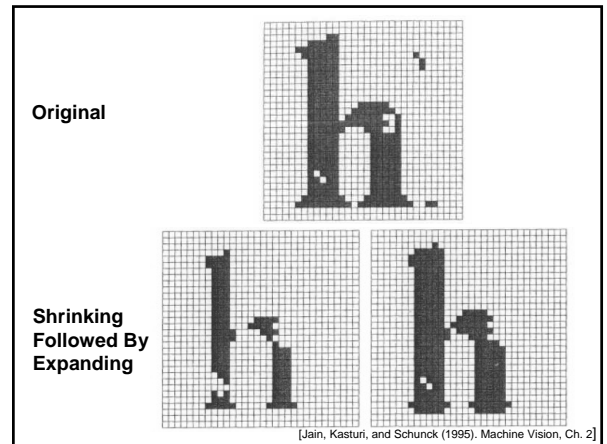
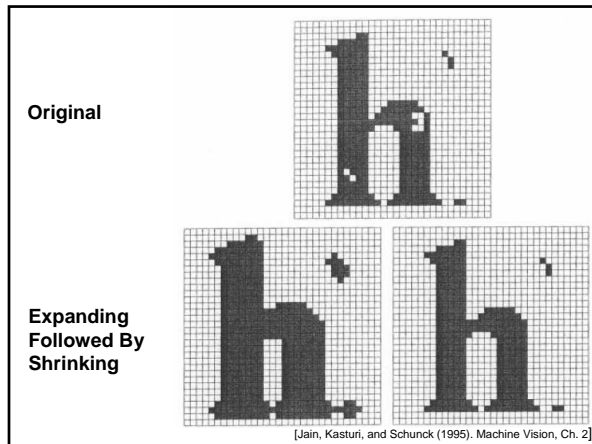
$$(S^m)^{-n} \neq (S^{-n})^m$$

$$\neq S^{(m-n)}$$

$$S \subset (S^k)^{-k}$$

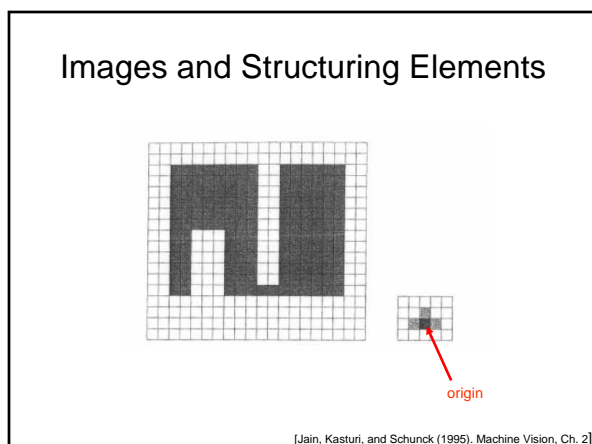
$$S \supset (S^{-k})^k$$

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## Morphological Operators

- Intersection  $A \cap B = \{p | p \in A \text{ and } p \in B\}.$
  - Union  $A \cup B = \{p | p \in A \text{ or } p \in B\}.$
  - Complement  $\bar{A} = \{p | p \in \Omega \text{ and } p \notin A\}.$
- [Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 2]



- ### Erosion
- Erosion of an image by a structuring element results in an image that gives all locations where the structuring element is contained in the image.

## Dilation

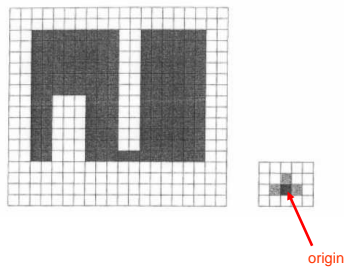
- The union of the translations of the image A by the 1 pixels of the image B is called the dilation of A by B.

## Notation

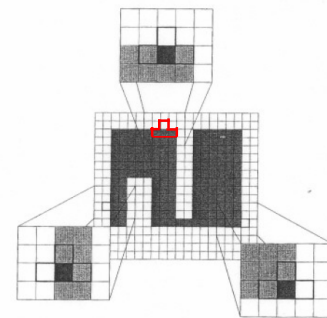
- Erosion  $A \ominus B = \{p | B_p \subseteq A\}$ .

- Dilation  $A \oplus B = \bigcup_{b_i \in B} A_{b_i}$

## Images and Structuring Elements

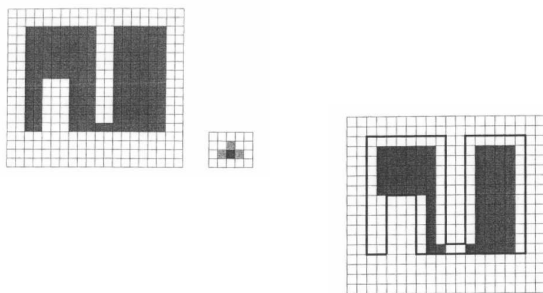


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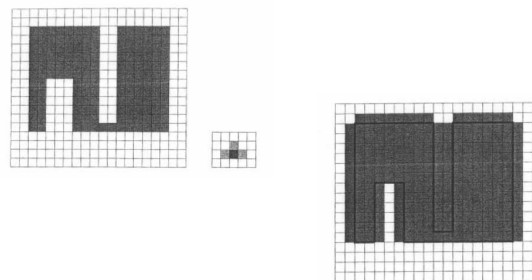
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