

Code Samples:

The Fog Filter = Weighted Fast Average Filter in C#

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This code has been developed with Visual C#2.0.

The algorithm accepts any rectangular filter sizes $M \neq N$ or $M=N$ where M, N must be positive odd integers $M < b0.Width, N < b0.Height$.

It works with any image format that can be read and written with the `GetPixel(..)`, `SetPixel(..)` methods of the `Bitmap`-class.

Adjust the desired blur effect by choosing 3 const-values in lines 9 - 11:

a) Blur increases with increasing filter sizes M and N .

b) Blur decreases with an extra weight `extraCentralVotes` ≥ 0 which rises the voting power of the central pixel compared to its neighbors.

Create a new Windows-project "fog_filter". Delete the files `Form1.Designer.cs` and `Program.cs` from the project. Clear any prefabricated content from `Form1.cs` and replace it by the following code:

```
using System;
using System.Drawing;
using System.Drawing.Imaging;
using System.Windows.Forms;

public class Form1 : Form
{ static void Main() { Application.Run( new Form1() ); }
  Bitmap b0, b1;
  const Int32 M = 21, Mh = M/2;           //M must be an odd integer < b0.Width
  const Int32 N = 21, Nh = N/2, MN=M*N;   //N must be an odd integer < b0.Height
  const Int32 extraCentralVotes = MN/2;    //0 -> maximal fog, MN ->
  CentralVotes==PeripheralVotes
  float eCVRatio = (float)extraCentralVotes/(M*N);
  Byte[,] R0, G0, B0;
  String s;

  public Form1()
  { MenuItem miRead = new MenuItem( "&Read", new EventHandler( MenuFileRead ) );
    MenuItem miExit = new MenuItem( "&Exit", new EventHandler( MenuFileExit ) );
    MenuItem miFile = new MenuItem( "&File", new MenuItem[] { miRead, miExit } );
    Menu = new System.Windows.Forms.MainMenu( new MenuItem[] { miFile } );
    Text = "Fog Filter = Weighted Fast Average Filter";
    SetStyle( ControlStyles.ResizeRedraw, true );
    try { b0 = new Bitmap( typeof( Form1 ), "fog_filter.Butterfly.jpg" );
      byte_arrays_and_b1_image();
      fast_average_filter();
    } catch {}
    Width = 800;
    Height = 600;
  }

  void MenuFileRead( object obj, EventArgs ea )
  { OpenFileDialog dlg = new OpenFileDialog();
    if ( dlg.ShowDialog() != DialogResult.OK ) return;
    b0 = (Bitmap)Image.FromFile( dlg.FileName );
    byte_arrays_and_b1_image();
    fast_average_filter();
    Invalidate();
  }

  void MenuFileExit( object obj, EventArgs ea )
  { Application.Exit(); }
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protected override void OnPaint( PaintEventArgs e )
{
    Graphics g = e.Graphics;
    g.Clear( BackColor );
    try
    {
        g.DrawImage( b0, 0, 0, b0.Width, b0.Height );
        g.DrawImage( b1, b0.Width+10, 0 );
        g.DrawString( s, new Font( "Arial", 16 ), new SolidBrush( Color.Red ),
                      0, ClientRectangle.Height-120 );
    } catch{} }
}

private void byte_arrays_and_b1_image()
{
    R0 = new Byte [b0.Height, b0.Width];
    G0 = new Byte [b0.Height, b0.Width];
    B0 = new Byte [b0.Height, b0.Width];
    if ( b1 != null ) b1.Dispose();
    b1 = new Bitmap( b0 );
    for ( int y=0; y < b0.Height; y++ )
        for ( int x=0; x < b0.Width; x++ )
        {
            Color c = b0.GetPixel( x, y );
            R0[y,x] = (Byte)c.R;
            G0[y,x] = (Byte)c.G;
            B0[y,x] = (Byte)c.B;
            b1.SetPixel( x, y, Color.Black );
        }
}

private void fast_average_filter()
{
    Int32 x, x0, x1, x2, x3;
    Int32 y, y0, y1, y2, y3;
    Int64 t0, t1;
    float Rf, Gf, Bf;
    //Intermediary arrays
    Int32[,] R1 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Int32[,] G1 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Int32[,] B1 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Int32[,] R2 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Int32[,] G2 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Int32[,] B2 = new Int32[b0.Height, b0.Width];
    Cursor.Current = Cursors.WaitCursor;
    t0 = DateTime.Now.Ticks;
    //Horizontal integration Matrix0 -> Matrix1
    for ( y=0; y < b0.Height; y++ )
    {
        for ( x=0; x < M; x++ ) //first column = column[Mh]
        {
            R1[y,Mh] += R0[y,x];
            G1[y,Mh] += G0[y,x];
            B1[y,Mh] += B0[y,x];
        }
        for ( x0=0, x1=Mh, x2=Mh+1, x3=M; x3 < b0.Width; x0++, x1++, x2++, x3++ )
        {
            R1[y,x2] = R1[y,x1] - R0[y,x0] + R0[y,x3];
            G1[y,x2] = G1[y,x1] - G0[y,x0] + G0[y,x3];
            B1[y,x2] = B1[y,x1] - B0[y,x0] + B0[y,x3];
        }
    }
    //Vertical integration Matrix1 -> Matrix2
    for ( x=Mh; x < b0.Width-Mh; x++ )
    {
        for ( y=0; y < N; y++ ) //first row = row[Nh]
        {
            R2[Nh,x] += R1[y,x];
            G2[Nh,x] += G1[y,x];
            B2[Nh,x] += B1[y,x];
        }
        for ( y0=0, y1=Nh, y2=Nh+1, y3=N; y3 < b0.Height; y0++, y1++, y2++, y3++ )
        {
            R2[y2,x] = R2[y1,x] - R1[y0,x] + R1[y3,x];
            G2[y2,x] = G2[y1,x] - G1[y0,x] + G1[y3,x];
            B2[y2,x] = B2[y1,x] - B1[y0,x] + B1[y3,x];
        }
    }
}

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//reduction of filter strength by a single extra weight at the center
if ( extraCentralVotes > 0 ) //if ( center_weight > 0 )
{ for ( y=0; y < b0.Height; y++ )
    for ( x=0; x < b0.Width; x++ )
    { R2[y,x] += extraCentralVotes * R0[y,x];
      G2[y,x] += extraCentralVotes * G0[y,x];
      B2[y,x] += extraCentralVotes * B0[y,x];
    }
}
//final output
Int32 divisor = MN + extraCentralVotes;
for ( y=Nh; y < b0.Height-Nh; y++ )
    for ( x=Mh; x < b0.Width-Mh; x++ )
    { Rf = R2[y,x]/divisor; Gf = G2[y,x]/divisor; Bf = B2[y,x]/divisor;
      b1.SetPixel( x, y, Color.FromArgb( Convert.ToInt32(Rf),
                                       Convert.ToInt32(Gf),
                                       Convert.ToInt32(Bf) ) );
    }
t1 = DateTime.Now.Ticks;
s = "Fast average filter with middle weight = Fog filter\r\n" +
    "Image: " + b0.Width.ToString() + " x " + b0.Height.ToString() + "\r\n" +
    "Filter: " + M.ToString() + " x " + N.ToString() + "\r\n" +
    "Vote Ratio center/periphery = " + String.Format( "{0:F1}", eCVRatio ) + " / 1\r\n" +
    "Filter Time: " + String.Format( "{0:F1}", (t1 - t0)/1000000f ) + " MegaTicks";
Cursor.Current = Cursors.Arrow;
}
}

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Recommended experiments:

- 1) In line 9 of the code change `const Int32 M = 21` to any odd integer $1 \leq M < \text{image.Width}$.
- 2) In line 10 of the code change `const Int32 N = 21` to any odd integer $1 \leq N < \text{image.Height}$.
- 3) In line 11 of the code change `const Int32 extraCentralVotes = MN/2` to any integer $0 \leq \text{extraCentralVotes} < 2*MN$.
- 4) Load different images via the `File` menu.

How to embed an arbitrary sample image into the code:

Copy all the code into an empty `Form1.cs` of a new Windows Application C#-project fog_filter and delete `Form1.Designer.cs` and `Program.cs`.

- 1) In the `Solution Explorer` window right click on `fog_filter`. A context menu opens.
- 2) Click `Add`. Click `Existing Item`. A file dialog box opens.
- 3) At the bottom of the box is a drop-down menu: `Files of type:`
- 4) Select `Image Files (*.gif;*.jpg;...)`
- 5) Choose an arbitrary image from your computer and leave the file dialog box with button `Add`.
- 6) The file name should now appear in the `Solution Explorer` tree. Right click this name.
- 7) A context menu opens. Click `Properties`.
A `Properties`-window opens below the `Solution Explorer` window.
- 8) Click its first property: `Build Action` and set it to `Embedded Resource`.
- 9) Line 23 of the program below is: `b0 = new Bitmap(typeof(Form1), "fog_filter.Butterfly.jpg");`
Replace `Butterfly.jpg` by the name of your image.