

# Geometric Transformations

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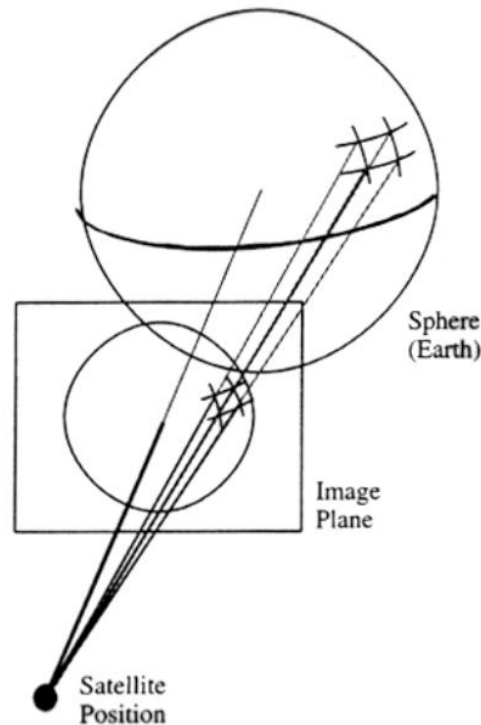
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Let us consider that a traditional digital image is two-dimensional, even if it is made of a three-dimensional object. In this case, we only see the projection of the object, which can cause difficulties in evaluating the image. A typical case is a satellite image taken of the Earth's surface. In fact, digital image analysis was started in the 1970s with the beginning of the space program, at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, to solve such problems.



A two-dimensional image of a spherical body (e.g. Earth) taken from a distant point (e.g. satellite) is merely a projection.



On 4 March 2015, the crew of a Turkish Airlines A330 continued an automatic **non precision RNAV (GPS) approach** below the prescribed minimum descent altitude without having obtained any element of visual reference and when this was acquired a few seconds before the attempted landing, **the aircraft was not aligned with the runway centerline** and during a 2.7g low-pitch landing, the left main gear touched down on the grass. The aircraft then left the runway completely before stopping with a collapsed nose gear and sufficient damage to be assessed a hull loss. None of 235 occupants sustained serious injury.

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SCHEDULED

9:25 AM

SCHEDULED

4:45 PM

ACTUAL

9:35 AM

ESTIMATED

4:15 PM

3,345 km, 03:44 ago

67 km, in 00:10

More QR646 information

AIRCRAFT TYPE (B789)

Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner

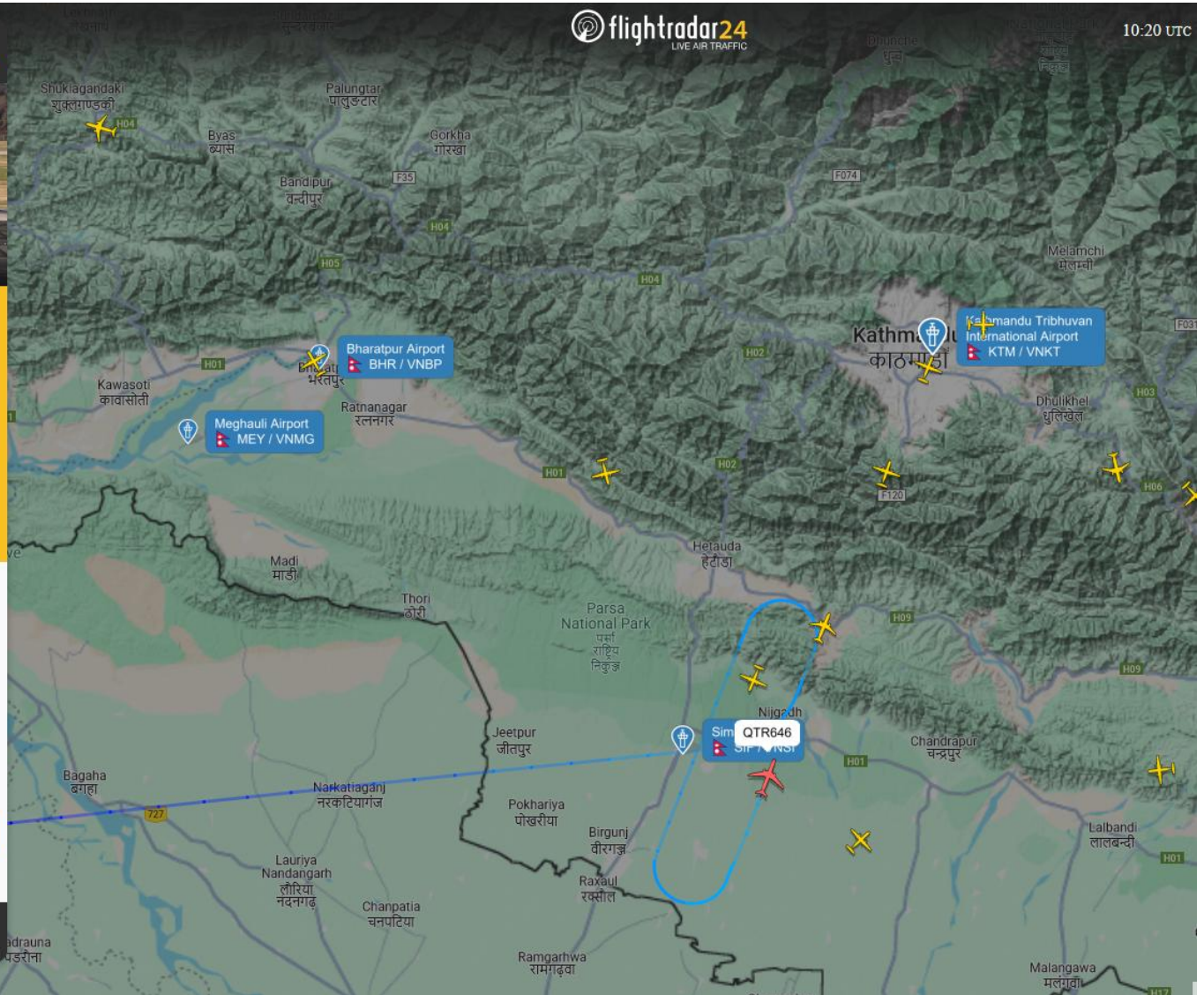
3D view

Route

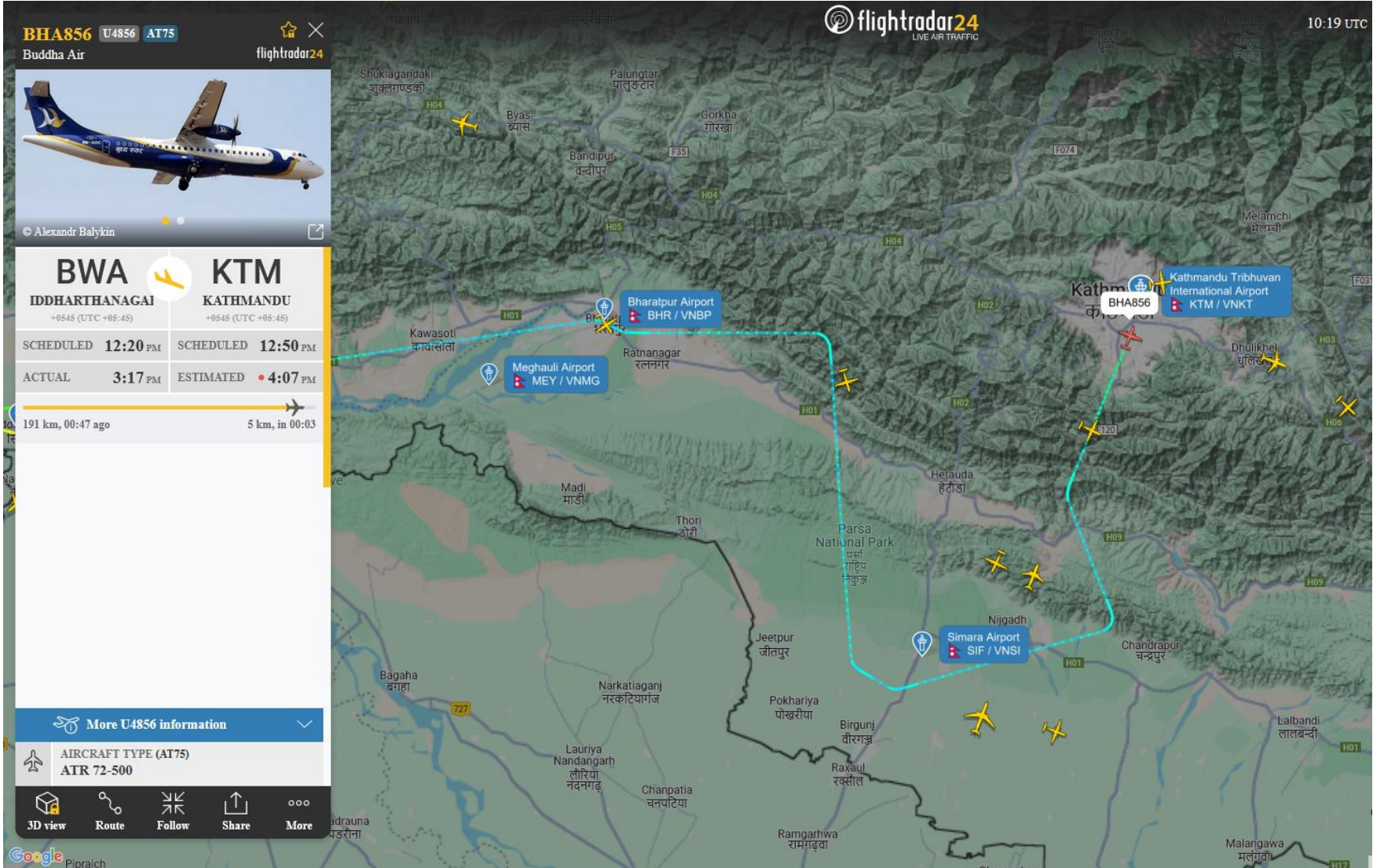
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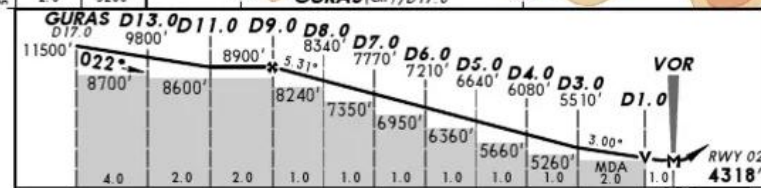
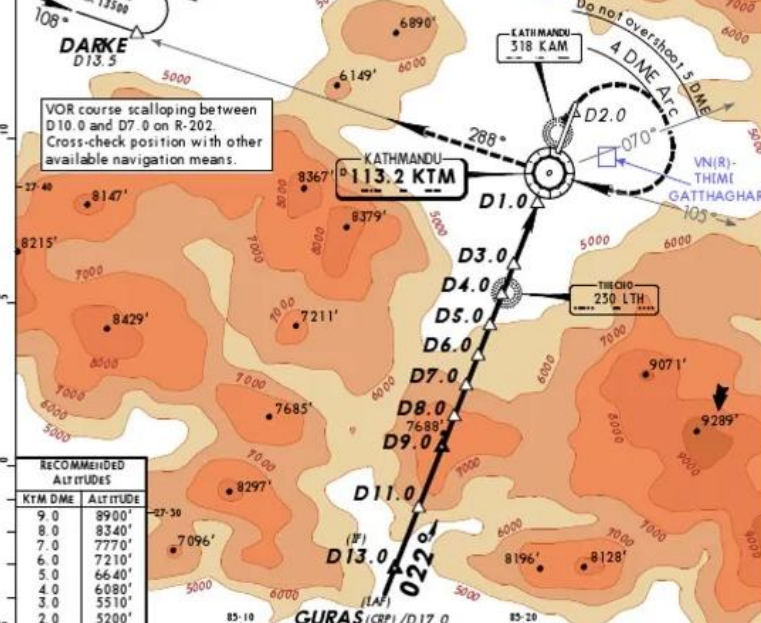
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6 FEB 15 15-1 MISSED APCH CLIMB  
GRAD MIN 5.0%

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VOR DME Rwy 02

| *ATIS               | *KATHMANDU Approach       | *KATHMANDU Tower                       | *Ground                |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 127.0               | 120.6 125.1               | 118.1                                  | 121.9                  |
| VOR<br>KTM<br>113.2 | Final<br>Apch Crs<br>022° | Procedure Alt<br>D9.0<br>8900' (4592') | MDA(H)<br>4950' (632') |
|                     |                           | Apt Elev 4395'                         | RWY 4318'              |

MISSED APCH: Climb STRAIGHT AHEAD on R-022 to D2.0, turn RIGHT (MAX 185 KT) onto 4 DME Arc (do not exceed 5 DME). Crossing R-070 turn RIGHT onto R-105 inbound VOR at or above 7500'. Follow R-288 to DARKE at or above 10500'.

Alt Set: hPa Rwy Elev: 148 hPa Trans level: FL 150 Trans alt: 13500'



| Grnd speed-Kts          | 70    | 90   | 100  | 120  | 140   | 160   |
|-------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Descent Angle D9.0-D3.0 | 5.31° | 6.59 | 8.47 | 9.41 | 11.29 | 13.18 |
| Descent Angle D3.0-THR  | 3.00° | 3.72 | 4.78 | 5.31 | 6.37  | 7.43  |

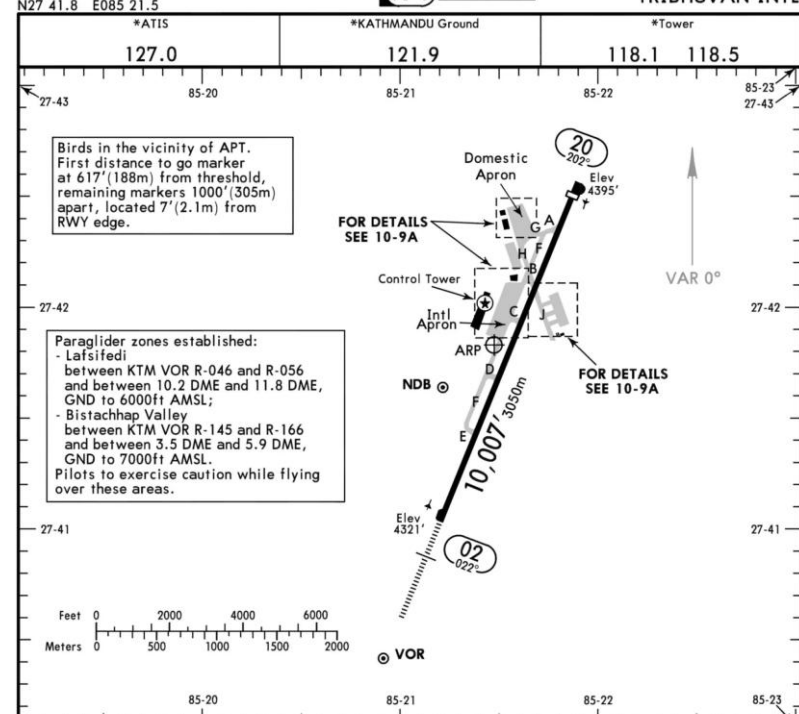
| STRAIGHT-IN LANDING RWY 02          |       | CIRCLE-TO-LAND    |                           |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Missed apch climb gradient min 5.0% |       | DAY               |                           |
| MDA(H) 4950' (632')                 |       | NIGHT             |                           |
| A                                   | 1600m | Max<br>Kts<br>180 | MDA(H) 4950' (632') 2400m |
| B                                   | 2800m | 135               | 5780' (1462') 3700m       |
| C                                   | 3200m |                   | NOT AUTHORIZED            |
| D                                   |       |                   | NOT AUTHORIZED            |

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| ADDITIONAL RUNWAY INFORMATION |      |       |                     |      | USABLE LENGTHS |             |          |       |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| RWY                           |      |       |                     |      | LANDING BEYOND |             | TAKE-OFF | WIDTH |
|                               |      |       |                     |      | Threshold      | Glide Slope |          |       |
| 02                            | HIRL | HIALS | PAPI-L (angle 3.0°) | REIL |                |             |          | 150'  |
| 20                            | HIRL | ①     | PAPI-L (angle 3.0°) | REIL | 9603'          | 2927m       |          | 46m   |
|                               |      |       |                     |      |                |             |          |       |
|                               |      |       |                     |      |                |             |          |       |
|                               |      |       |                     |      |                |             |          |       |
|                               |      |       |                     |      |                |             |          |       |

① PAPI restricted to be usable within 3 NM from rwy thresh with clearly visible.

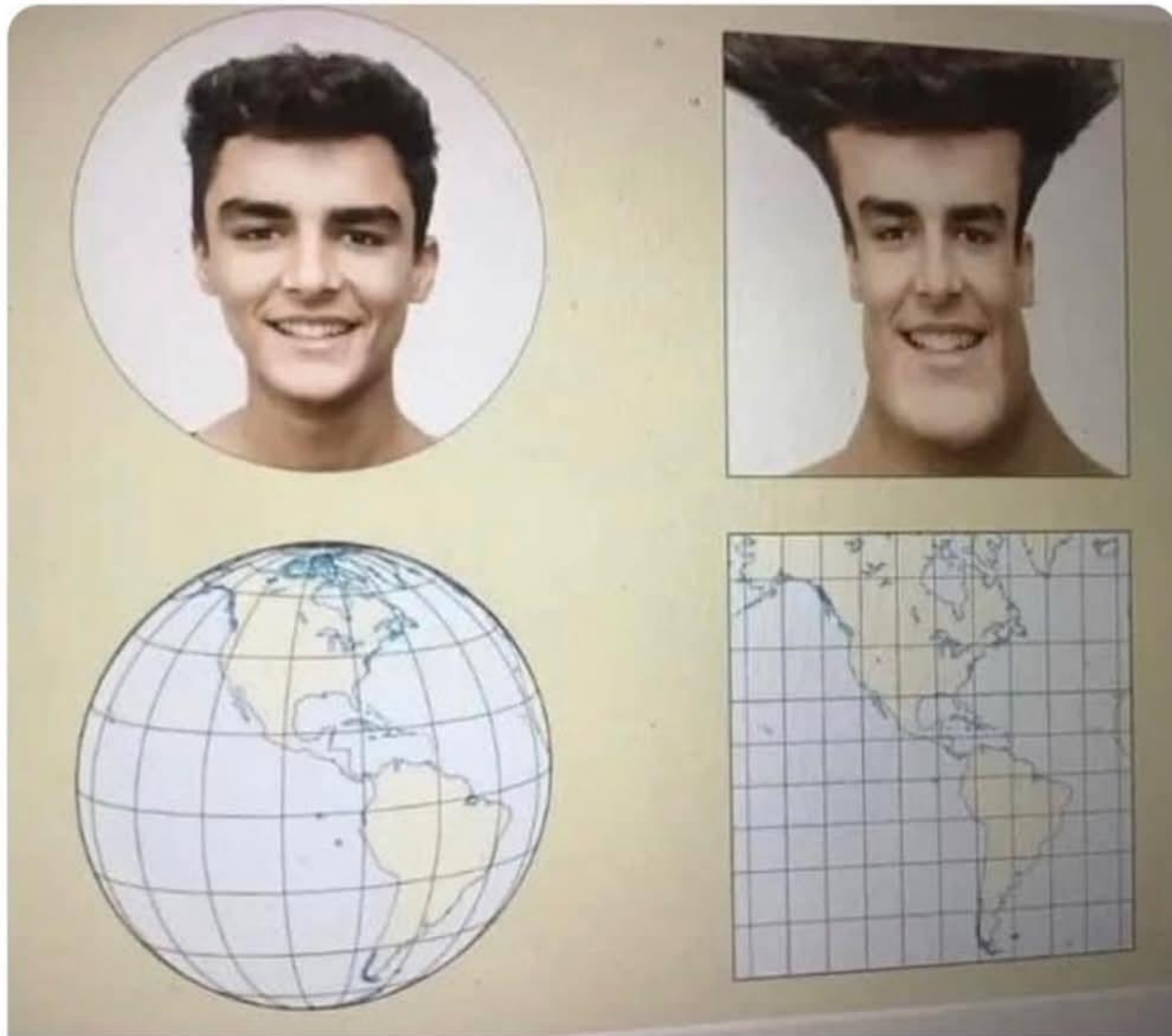
| TAKE-OFF  |      |           |       |
|-----------|------|-----------|-------|
| All Rwy   |      |           |       |
| JET       |      | TURBOPROP |       |
| 2 Eng     | 800m | 2 Eng     | 1600m |
| 3 & 4 Eng |      | 3 & 4 Eng | 800m  |

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## Mercator projection: a simple analogy





# Resolution

The reciprocal of the limit of resolution is called the resolving power („resolution”):  $f = 1 / d$ .



- PPI, pixels per inch (display)
- DPI, dots per inch (printer)
- line pairs / cm
- ...

Reducing the resolution:  
**loss of information,**  
additional increase of the  
resolution: **no additional  
information.**

# Zoom

Pixel size is changed

Bitmap: zoom enables convenient assessment/analysis, but no additional information

Vector: unlimited zoom, but the shapes on the image should be defined with curves

Most images recorded by different medical imaging modalities are bitmap images.



I'm a bitmap.



I'm a vector.

e.g. fonts or simple geometric shapes (triangle, rectangle, circle) are usually defined as vector objects.



# File formats

- **uncompressed**, e.g. BMP (bitmap)

small storage requirement, but  
some image information is lost

- **compressed**

- **lossless**, e.g. TIFF, GIF

- **lossy**, pl. JPG

„Digital Imaging Communications in  
Medicine”  
(standard medical image file format +  
network communication protocol)

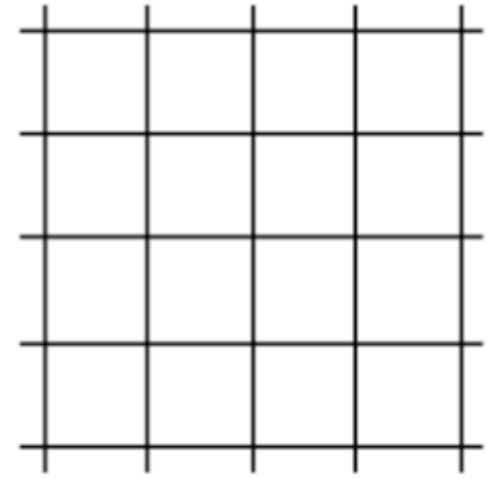
- **DICOM**

- image information (including image series or stacks)
- patient data
- data regarding imaging mode / instrument settings, windowing
- in the case of a CT scan, the radiation dose, etc.

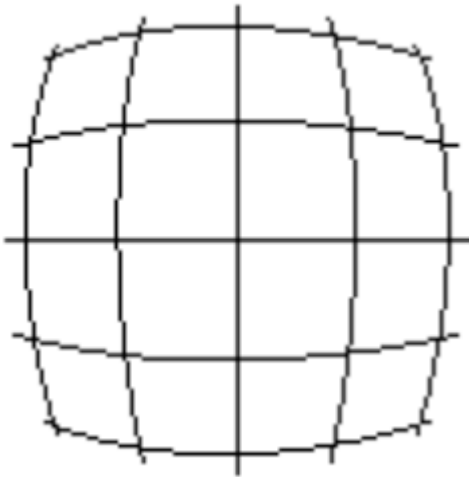


# Distortion

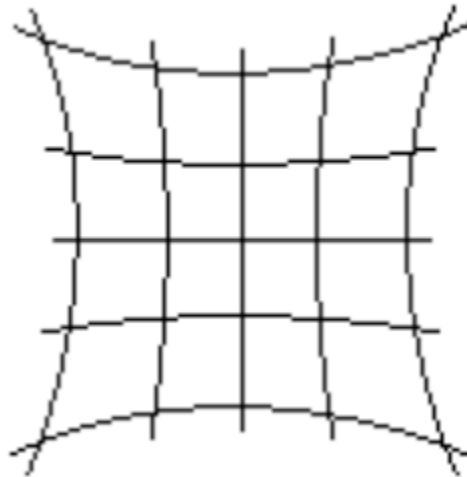
- if 3D object is imaged on a 2D display
- barrel / cushion / keystone



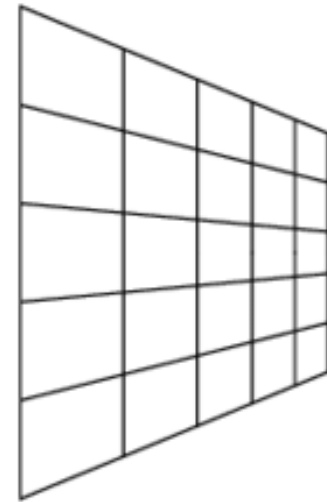
undistorted



barrel

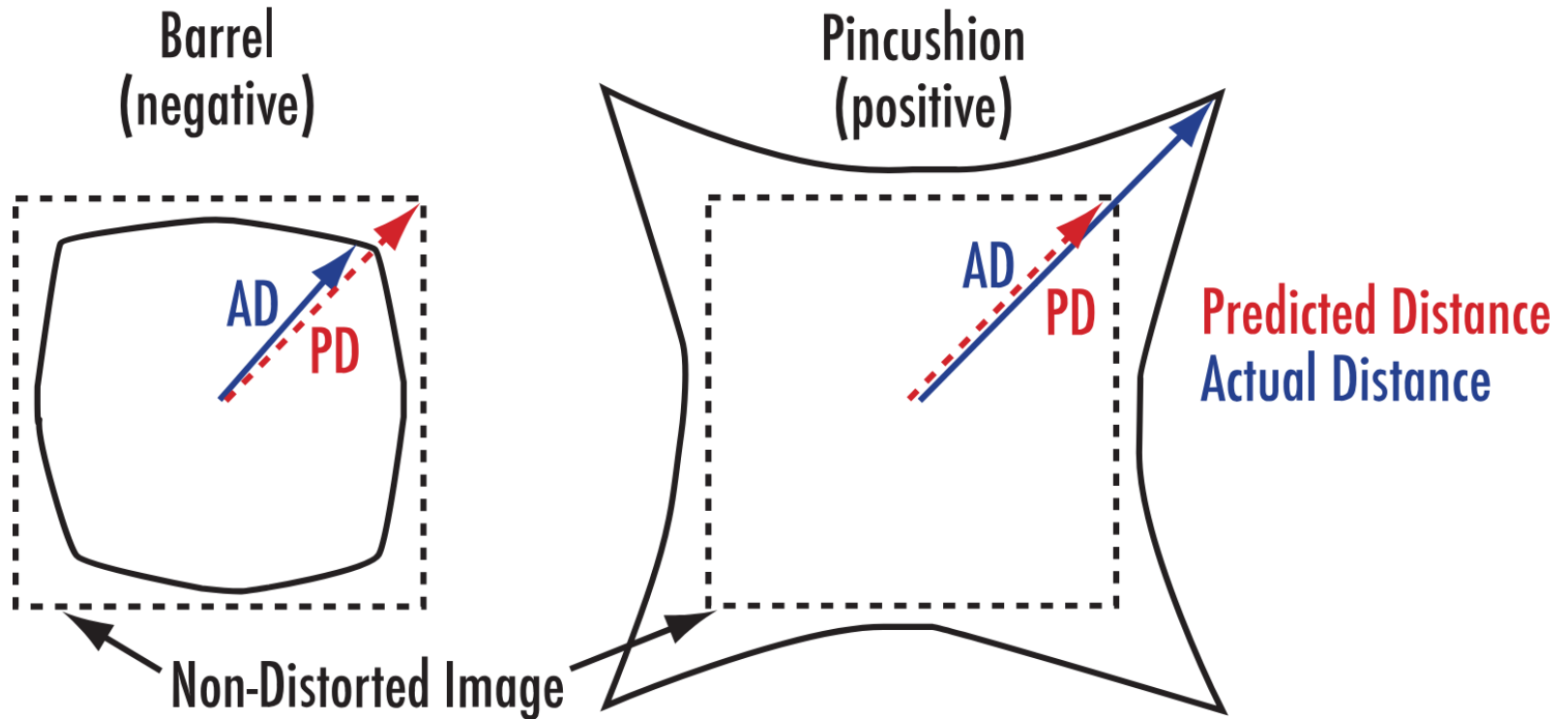


cushion



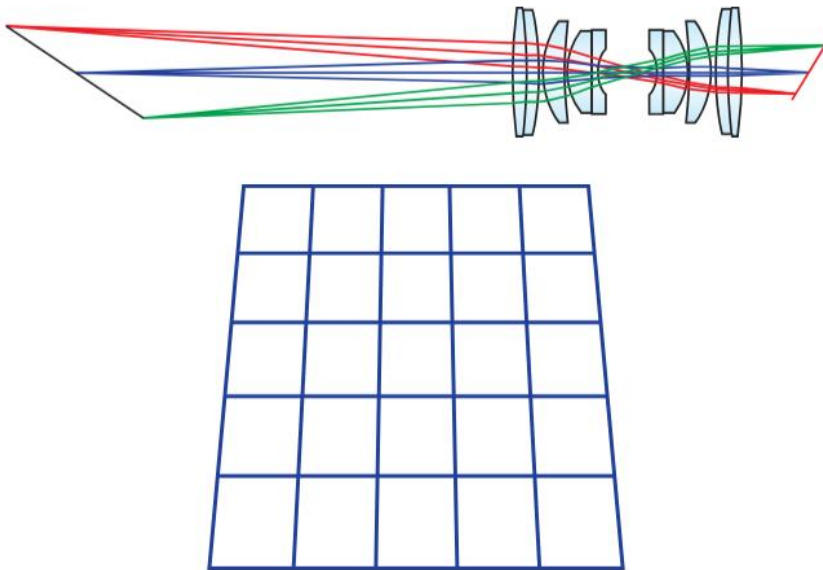
keystone

# Measure of distortion

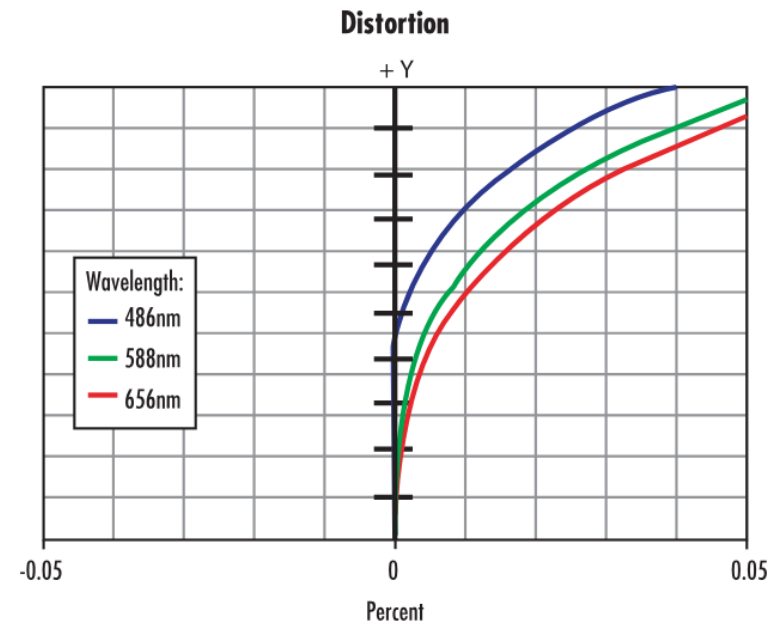


$$D(\%) = \frac{AD - PD}{PD} \times 100\%$$

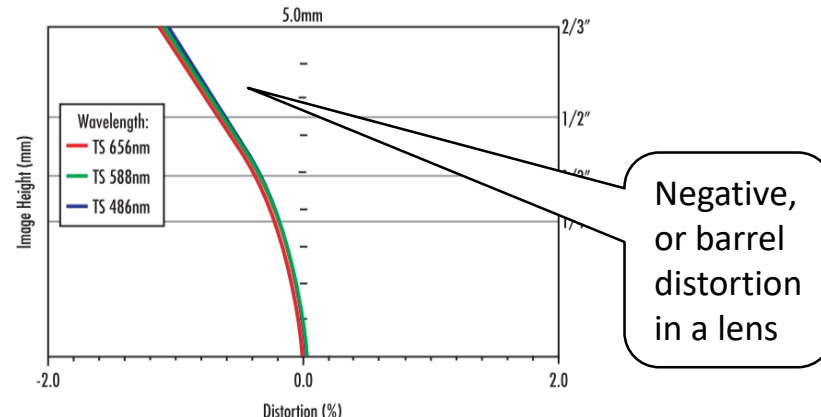
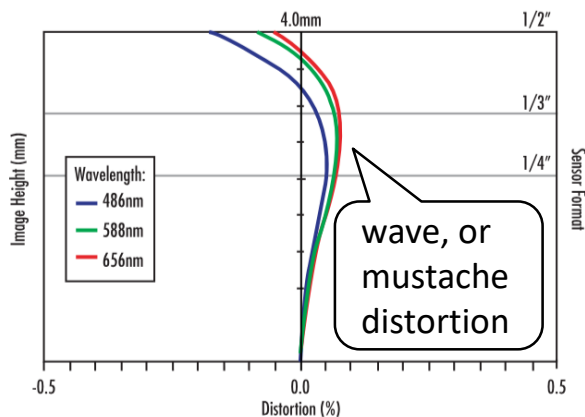
# Distortion of imaging lenses



An example of keystone distortion in a lens layout and as it manifests in the image plane.



A distortion plot showing the variance of distortion with respect to wavelength.

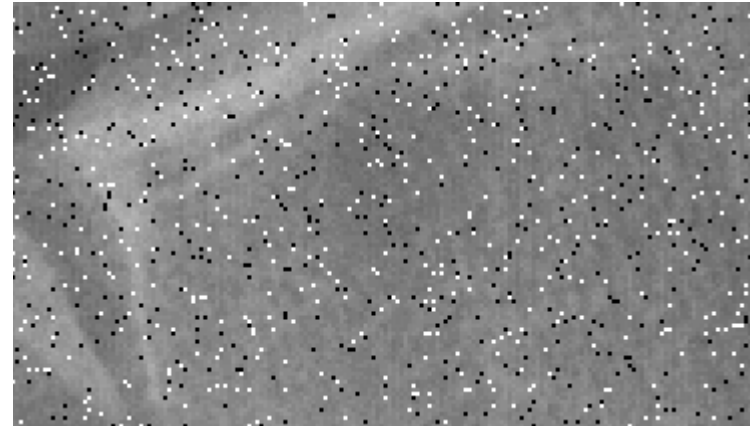




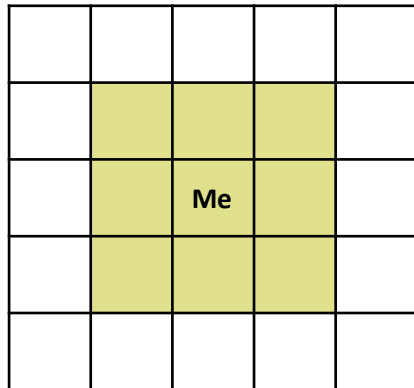
# Noise:

semiconductor detectors  
are temperature  
sensitive: **cooling** reduces  
the imaging noise

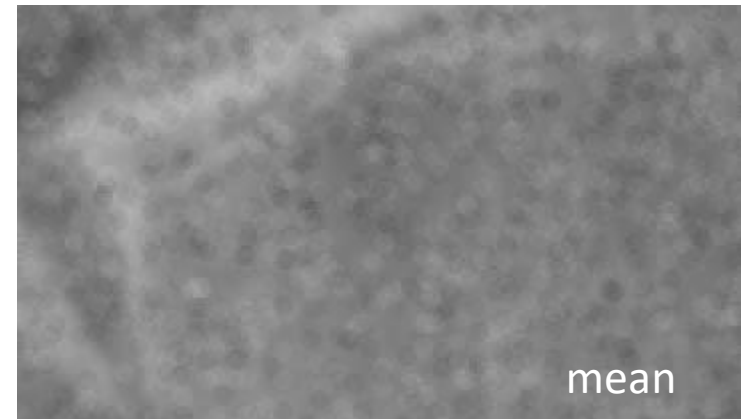
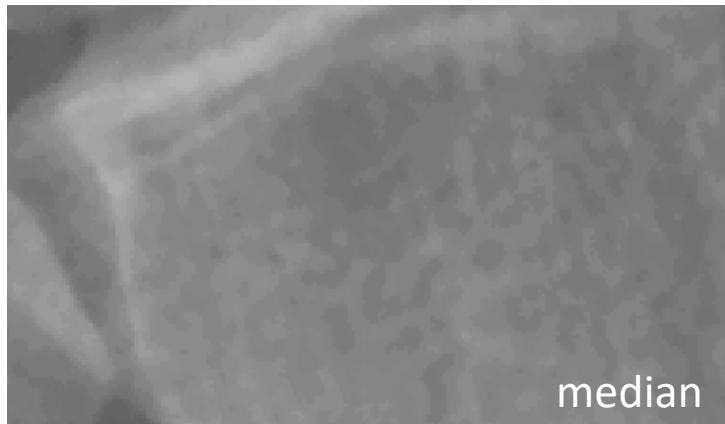
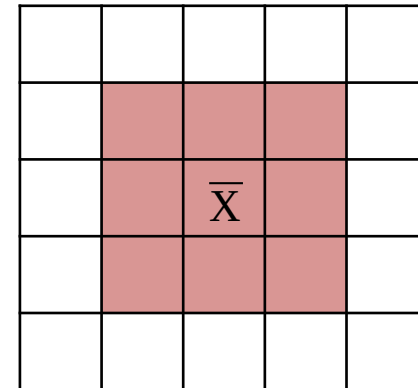
- most common source: detector
- „salt and pepper” (randomly alternating black and white pixels)



# Filtering:



highly  
effective  
against salt-  
and-pepper  
noise



# Convolution

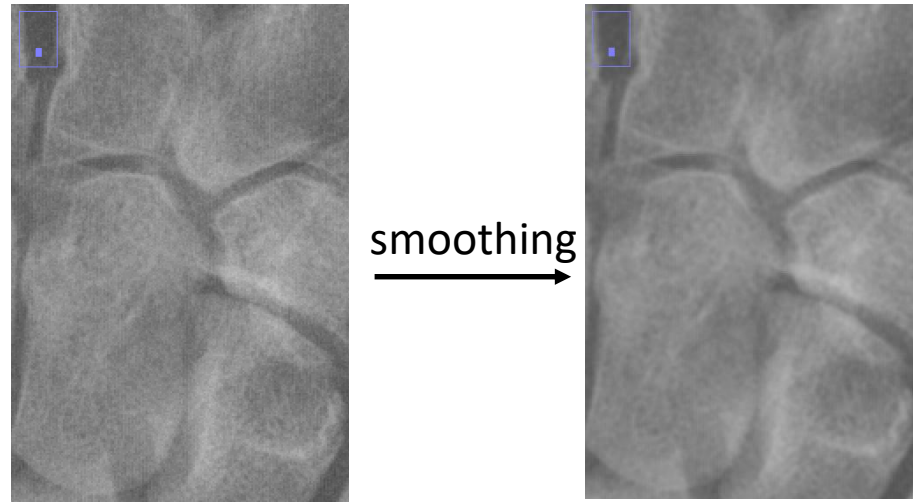
transformation between two functions (digital image and kernel); kernel operation

„smoothing” kernel

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

„smoothing” convolution

$$P_{x,y}^* = \frac{\sum_{i,j=-m}^{+m} W_{i,j} \cdot P_{x+i,y+j}}{\sum_{i,j=-m}^{+m} W_{i,j}}$$



P = original greyscale intensity value

x,y = coordinates of the current pixel

P\* = modified greyscale intensity value

±m = size of the kernel (distance measured from the x,y coordinates)

W = weighing factor of the kernel at a given pixel determined by its i,j coordinates

i,j = coordinates across the kernel (integer numbers between -m and +m)

# Kernel-operations (example)

„smoothing” kernel

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

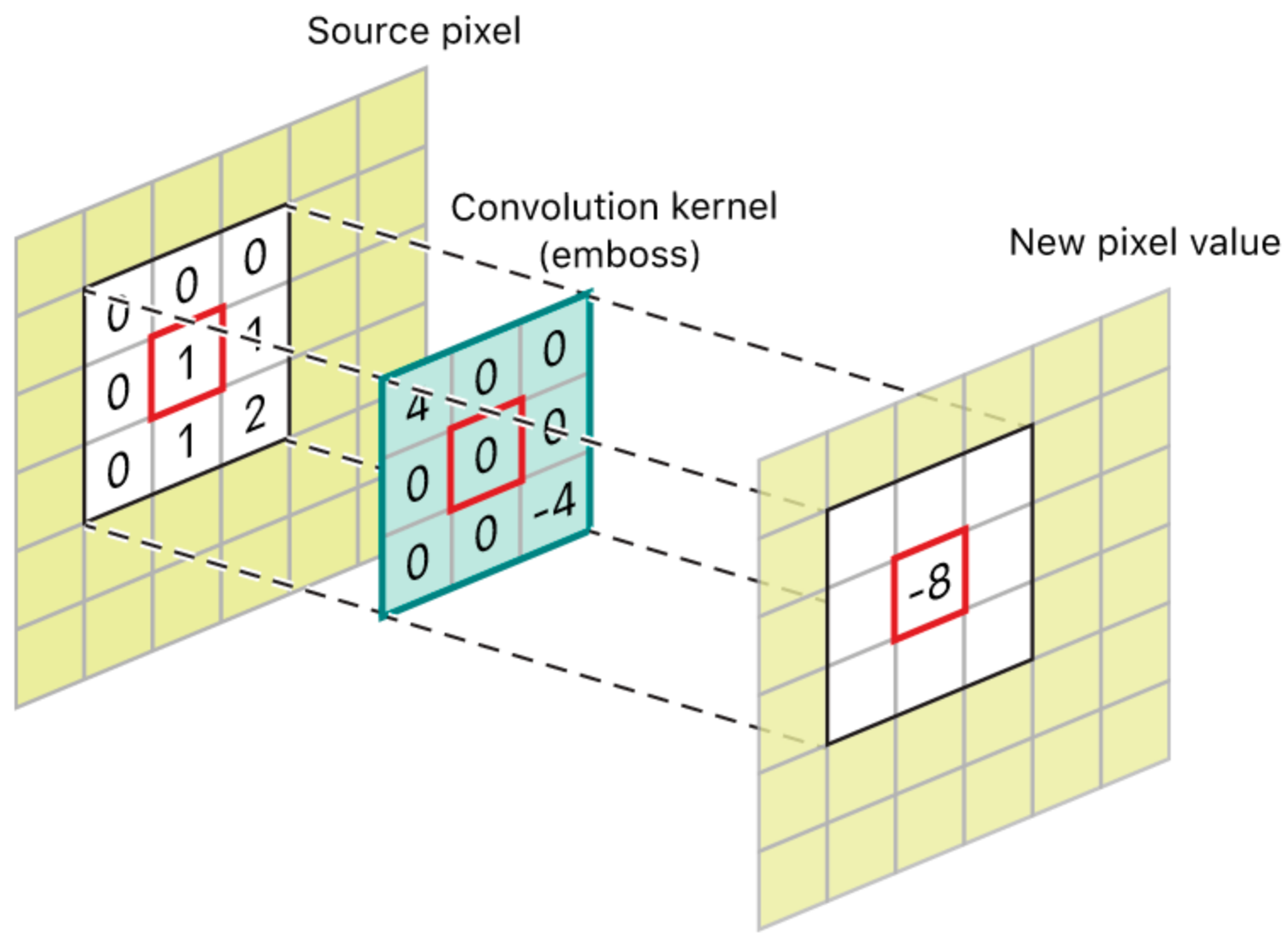
$$P_{x,y}^* = \frac{\sum_{i,j=-m}^{+m} W_{i,j} \cdot P_{x+i,y+j}}{\sum_{i,j=-m}^{+m} W_{i,j}}$$

|   |   |   |  |    |       |    |
|---|---|---|--|----|-------|----|
|   |   |   |  |    |       |    |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 15 | 25    | 38 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 20 | 40    | 25 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 10 | 36    | 20 |
|   |   |   |  |    |       |    |
|   |   |   |  | 15 | 25    | 38 |
|   |   |   |  | 20 | 25.44 | 25 |
|   |   |   |  | 10 | 36    | 20 |

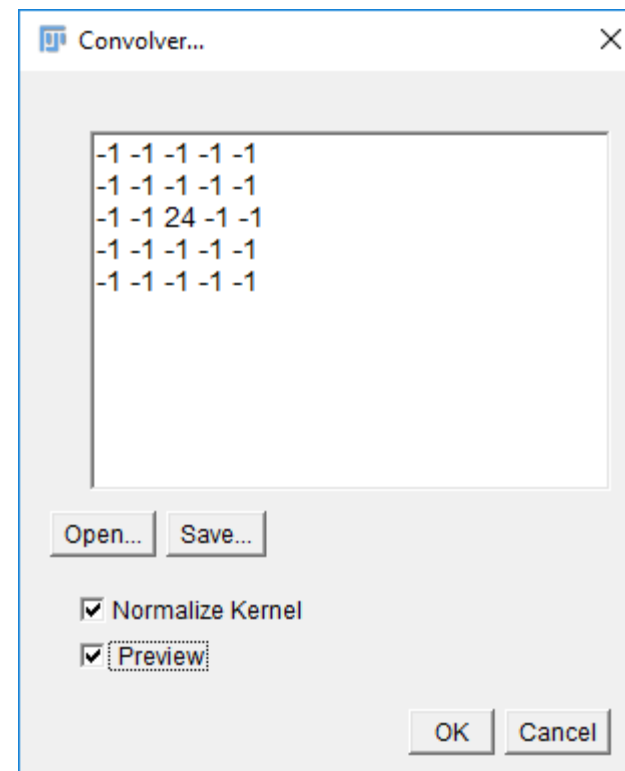
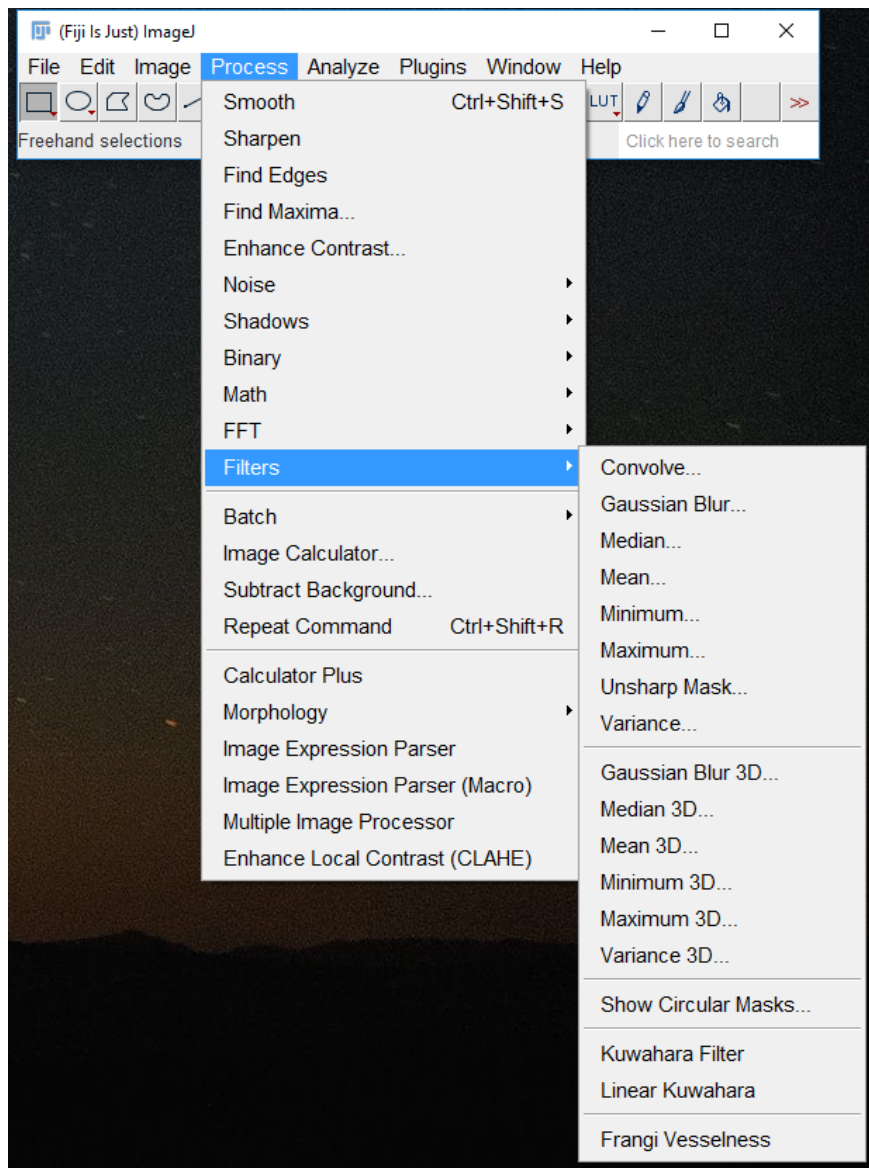
|  |    |    |    |  |
|--|----|----|----|--|
|  |    |    |    |  |
|  | 15 | 25 | 38 |  |
|  | 20 | 40 | 25 |  |
|  | 10 | 36 | 20 |  |
|  |    |    |    |  |

**The following calculation is performed:**

1. The value (40) of the currently selected pixel (which falls on the central pixel of the kernel) is multiplied by 1.
2. The neighboring pixel values are multiplied by the kernel's corresponding pixel values (also 1).
3. The calculated intensity values are added and divided by the total value of the kernel (9).
4. We assign the calculated value (25.44) to the selected pixel (central pixel).

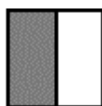






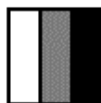


|   |   |   |    |    |    |
|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 |



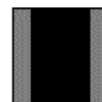
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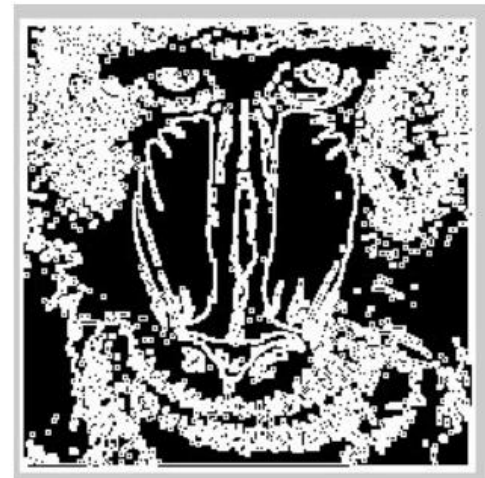
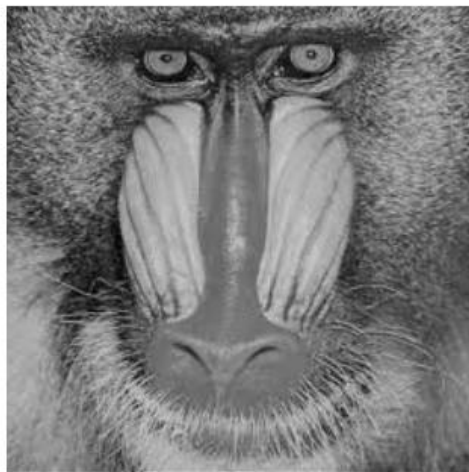
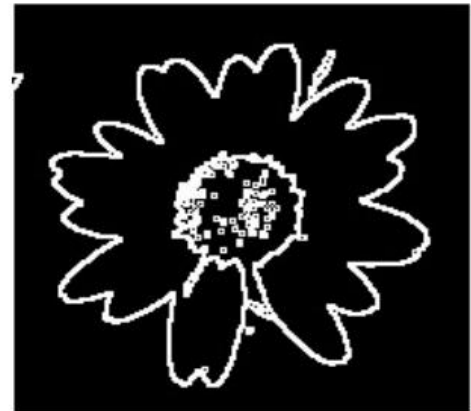
|   |   |    |
|---|---|----|
| 1 | 0 | -1 |
| 1 | 0 | -1 |
| 1 | 0 | -1 |



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|   |     |     |   |
|---|-----|-----|---|
| 0 | -30 | -30 | 0 |
| 0 | -30 | -30 | 0 |
| 0 | -30 | -30 | 0 |
| 0 | -30 | -30 | 0 |





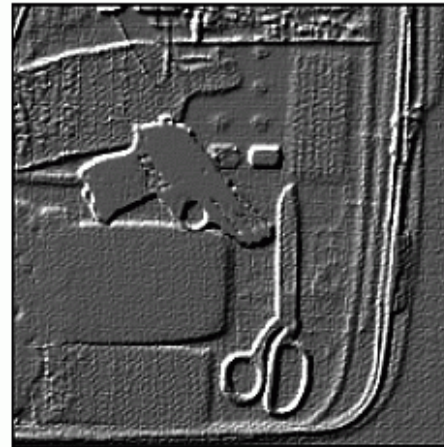
a. Delta function

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |



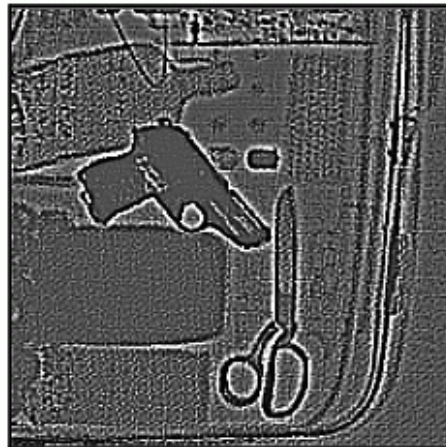
b. Shift and subtract

|   |   |    |
|---|---|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0  |
| 0 | 1 | 0  |
| 0 | 0 | -1 |



c. Edge detection

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| $-1/8$ | $-1/8$ | $-1/8$ |
| $-1/8$ | 1      | $-1/8$ |
| $-1/8$ | $-1/8$ | $-1/8$ |



d. Edge enhancement

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| $-k/8$ | $-k/8$ | $-k/8$ |
| $-k/8$ | $k+1$  | $-k/8$ |
| $-k/8$ | $-k/8$ | $-k/8$ |



FIGURE 24-4

3×3 edge modification. The original image, (a), was acquired on an airport x-ray baggage scanner. The shift and subtract operation, shown in (b), results in a pseudo three-dimensional effect. The edge detection operator in (c) removes all contrast, leaving only the edge information. The edge enhancement filter, (d), adds various ratios of images (a) and (c), determined by the parameter,  $k$ . A value of  $k=2$  was used to create this image.