

3. Intensity transformations & spatial filtering

- Background
- Some basic intensity transformation
- Histogram-based image processing
- Fundamentals of spatial filtering
- Smoothing spatial filters
- Sharpen spatial filters

3.3 Histogram processing

➤ **Motivation**

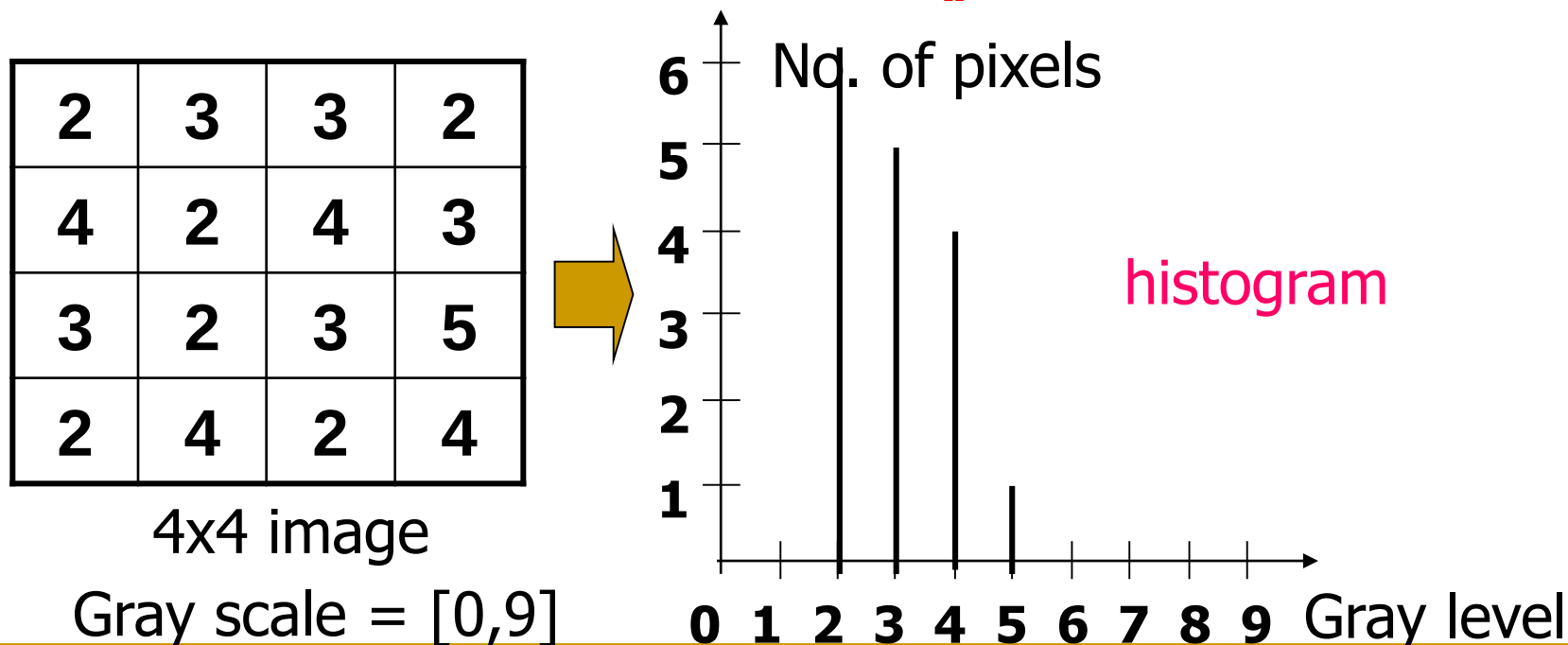
Intensity transform can enhance image because it properly changes the image histogram. So we can directly design an intensity transform function based on histogram

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➤ Definition of histogram (hist=bar,gram=图)

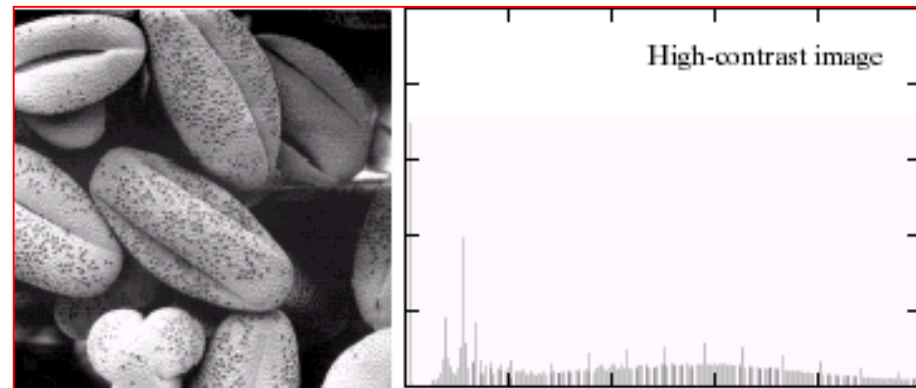
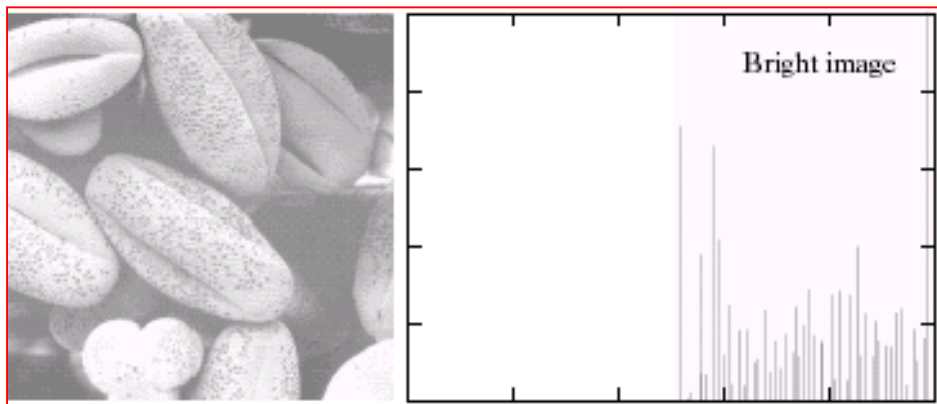
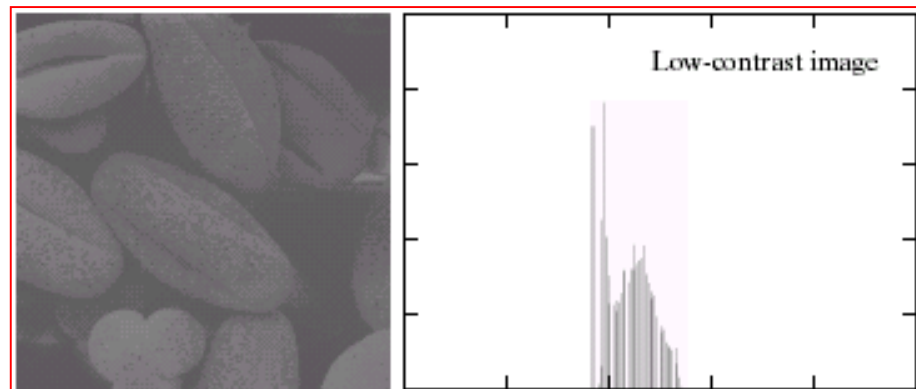
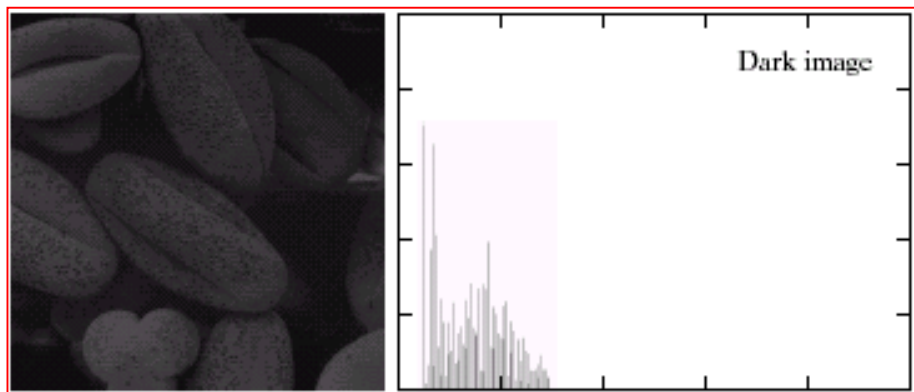
If the intensity levels is in the range $[0, L-1]$, the histogram is a discrete function $h(r_k) = n_k$, ($k=0, 1, \dots, L-1$).

where r_k is the k th intensity value, and n_k is the number of pixels in the image with intensity r_k .

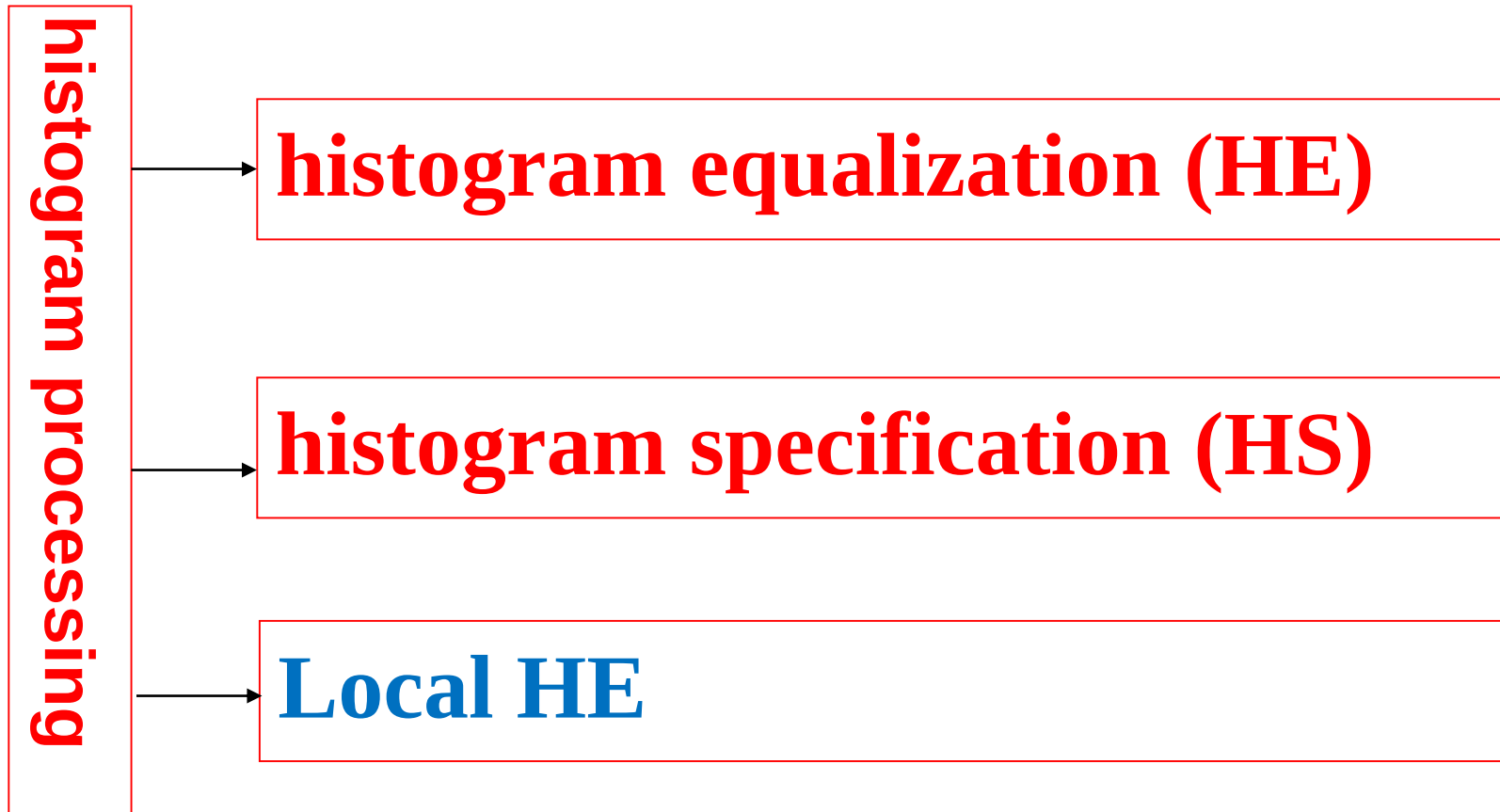


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3.3.1 Histogram Equalization (HE)

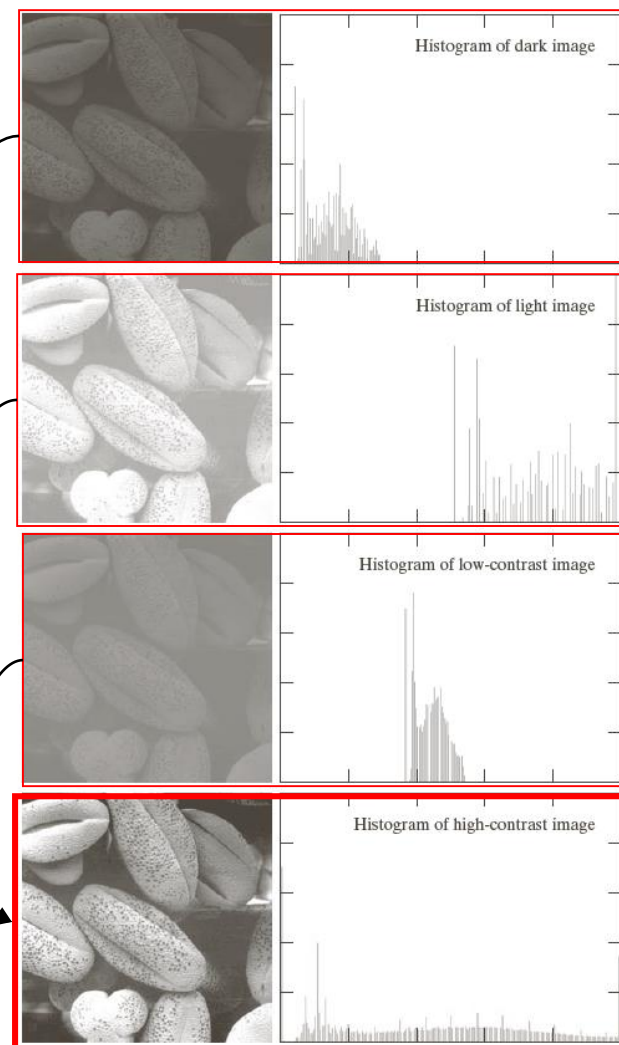
➤ What's histogram equalization ?

A process that seek an intensity transform function $s=T(r)$ so that the histogram of transformed image becomes flat.



The advantages of HE

Automatically and adaptly determine an optimal transform function

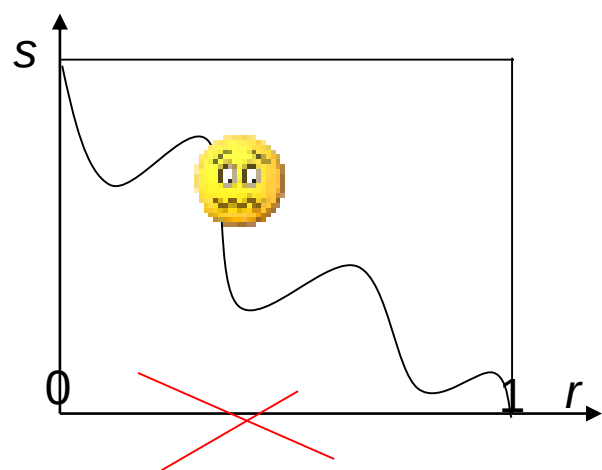
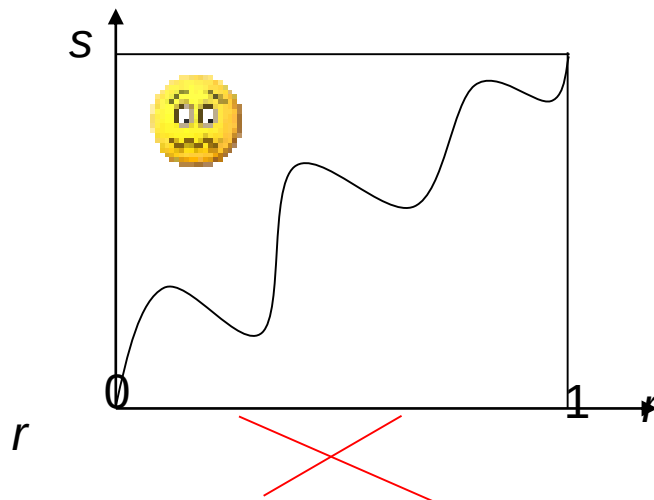
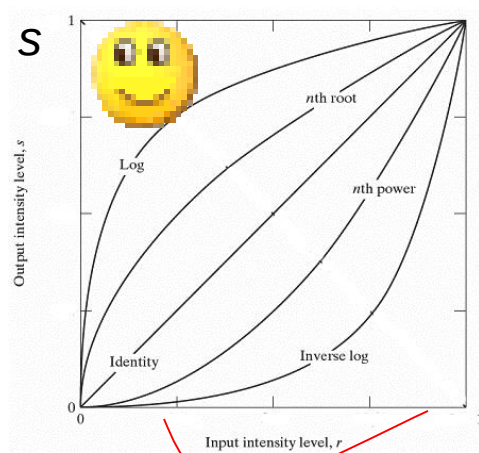


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➤ The constraints of HE

Let $r \in [0, L-1]$ be the input intensity, $s = T(r)$ is the transformed intensity. It is required that the function T satisfies:

- 1) $T(r)$ is a monotonically increasing function in the interval $0 \leq r \leq L-1$.
- 2) $0 \leq T(r) \leq L-1$ for $0 \leq r \leq L-1$,



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How to HE based on the relationship



The formula of HE

If $s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$, then $p_s(s) = \frac{1}{L - 1}, 0 \leq s \leq L - 1$

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) is used as the HE transform function

Proof: Because $s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$

$$\text{so } \frac{dT(r)}{dr} = \frac{d[(L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw]}{dr} = (L - 1)p_r(r)$$

$$\text{substitute } p_s(s) = p_r(r) \frac{1}{dT(r)/dr} = p_r(r) * \frac{1}{(L - 1)p_r(r)} = \frac{1}{L - 1}$$

随机变量s具有均匀PDF表征

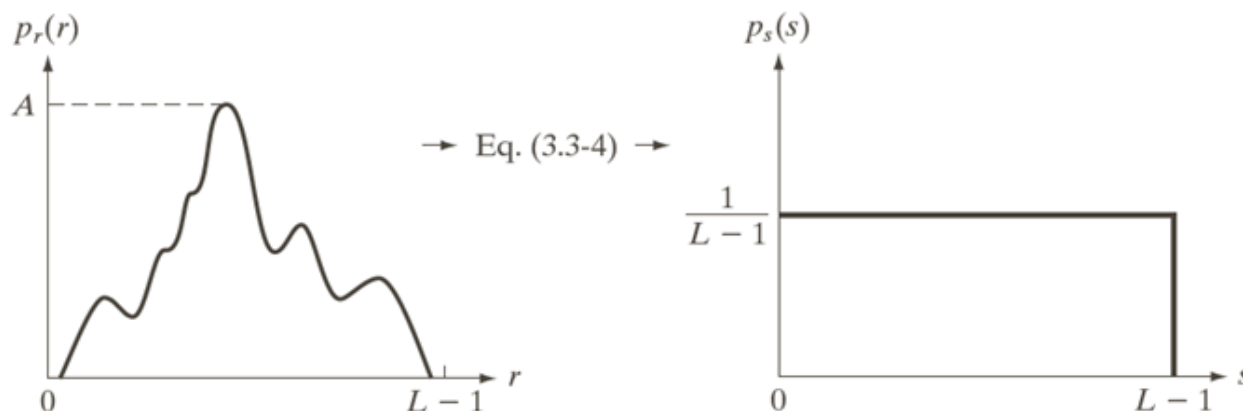
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FIGURE 3.18 (a) An arbitrary PDF. (b) Result of applying the transformation in Eq. (3.3-4) to all intensity levels, r . The resulting intensities, s , have a uniform PDF, independently of the form of the PDF of the r 's.

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discrete
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$$p_k(r_k) = \frac{n_k}{n} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$$

$$s_k = T(r_k) = (L - 1) \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) = (L - 1) \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{n_j}{n} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$$

例 1 . 直方图均衡化

(1) 统计原始图象的直方图

对64×64的图像, L=8, 图像中各灰度级的像素数目为:

r_k (灰度级)	n_k	r_k (灰度级)	n_k
0	790	4	329
1	1023	5	245
2	850	6	122
3	656	7	81

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(2) 计算直方图累积分布函数

$$s_k = T(r_k) = \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{n_j}{n}$$

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(3) 用累积分布函数作变换函数进行图像灰度变换

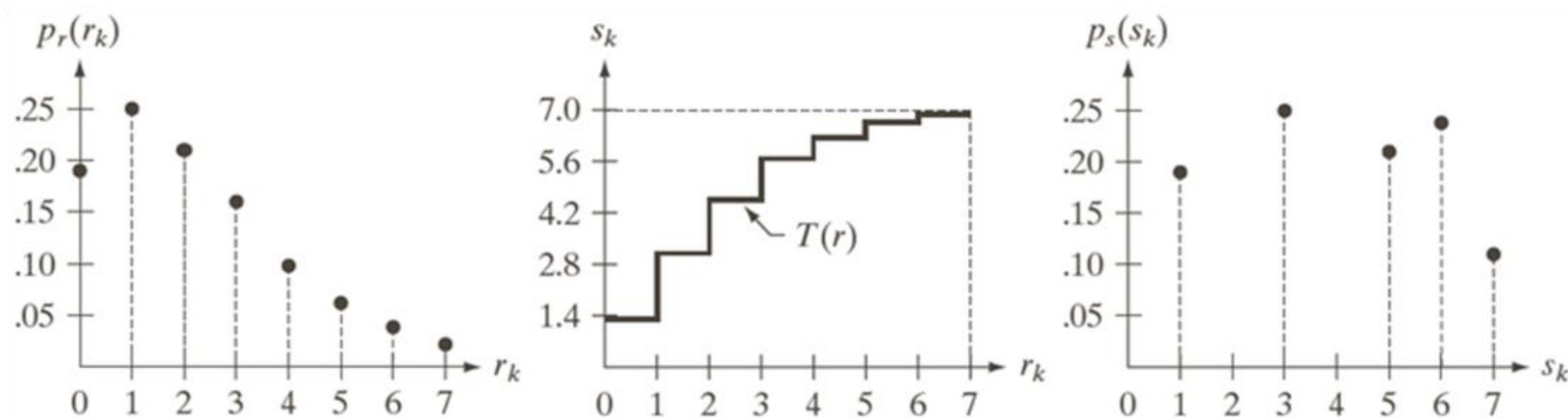
$$S(k) = \text{int} \left[((L - 1) - 0) \cdot s_k + 0.5 \right]$$

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5	确定映射对应关系 $r_k \rightarrow S(k)$	0 → 1	1 → 3	2 → 5	3, 4 → 6		5, 6, 7 → 7		
6	根据映射关系计算均衡化直方图		0.19		0.25		0.21	0.24	0.11

例

均衡化前后直方图比较



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FIGURE 3.19 Illustration of histogram equalization of a 3-bit (8 intensity levels) image. (a) Original histogram. (b) Transformation function. (c) Equalized histogram.

小结：

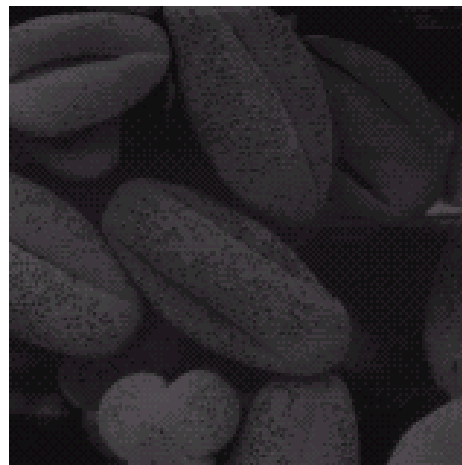
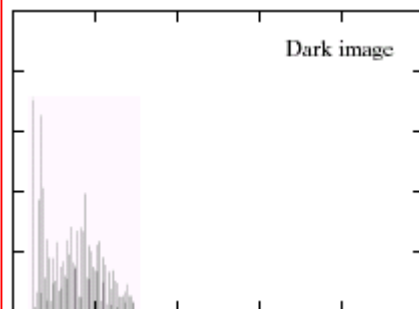
- (1) 因为直方图是概率密度函数的近似，而且均衡化过程中不产生新的灰度级，所以直方图均衡化很少得到完全平坦的结果；
- (2) 变换后灰度级减少，即出现灰度“简并”现象，造成一些灰度层次的损失。

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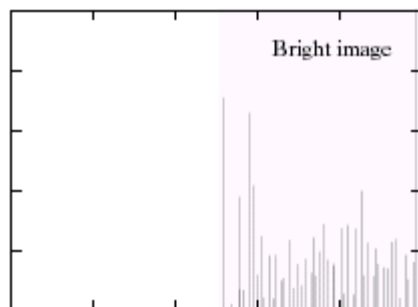
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暗图像



亮图像

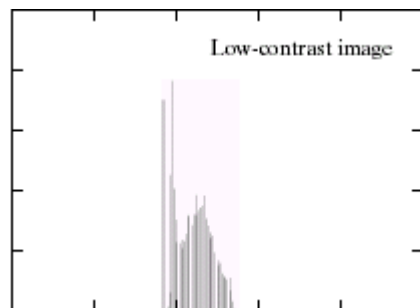


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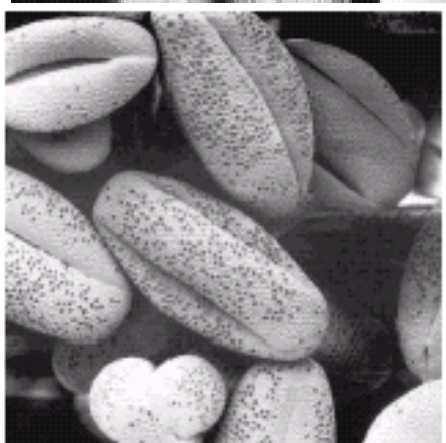
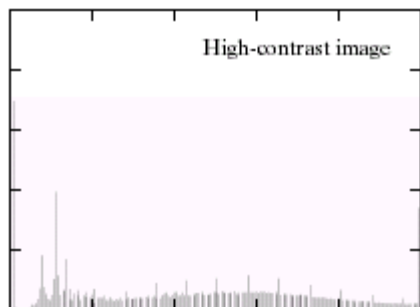
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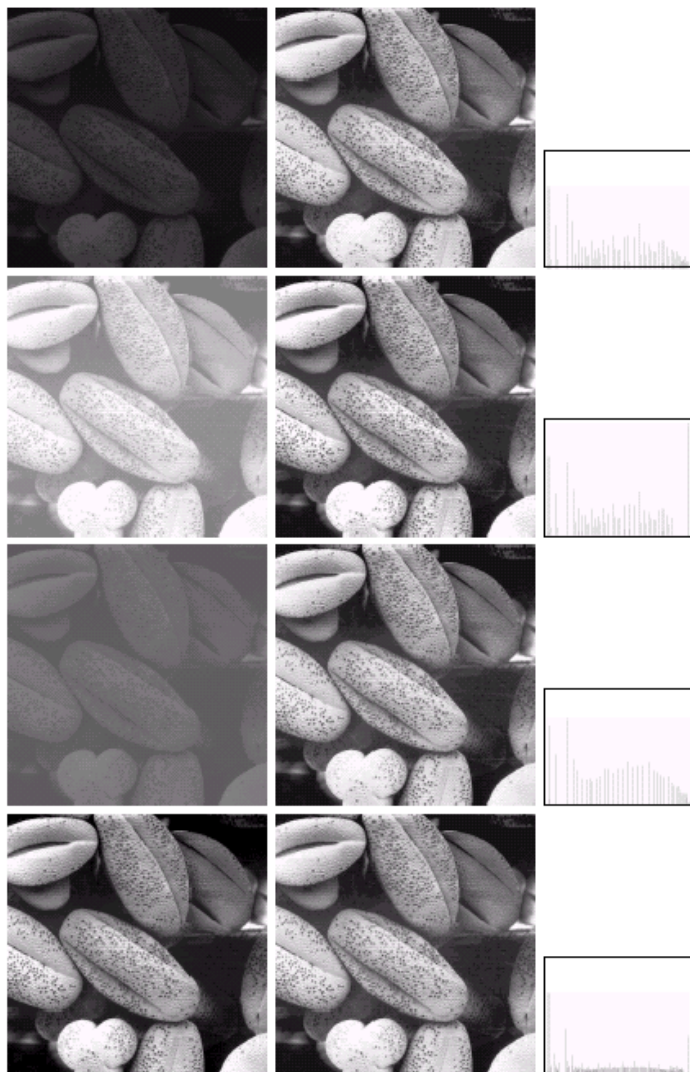


高对比度图像

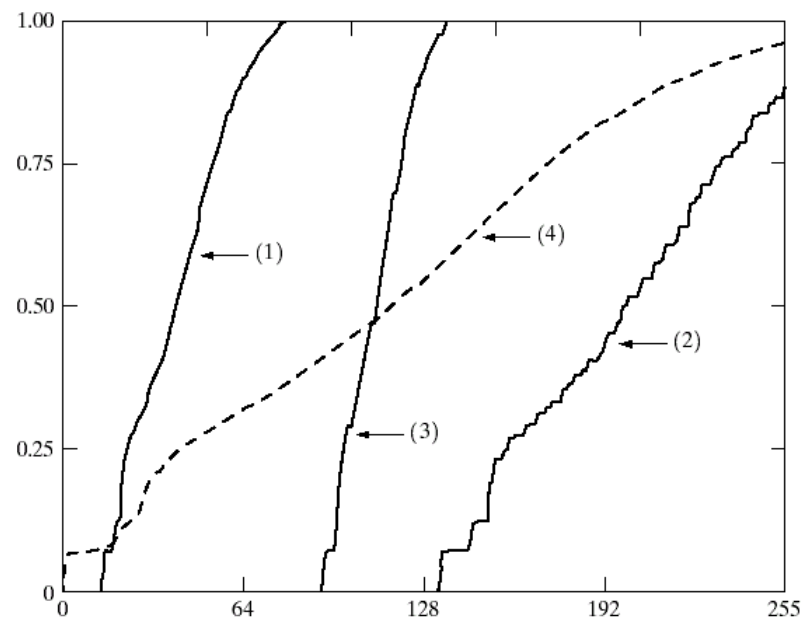


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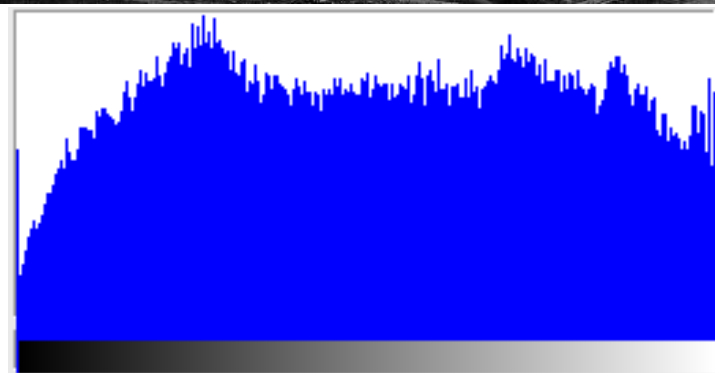
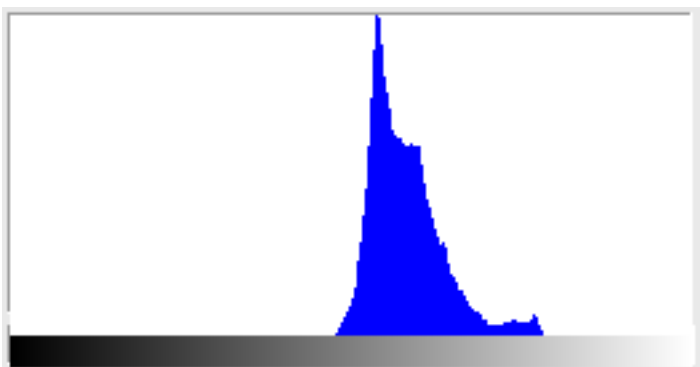


- 原始图像差别很大, 经直方图均衡化后的图像视觉效果接近
- 高对比度图像经直方图均衡化后变化不大



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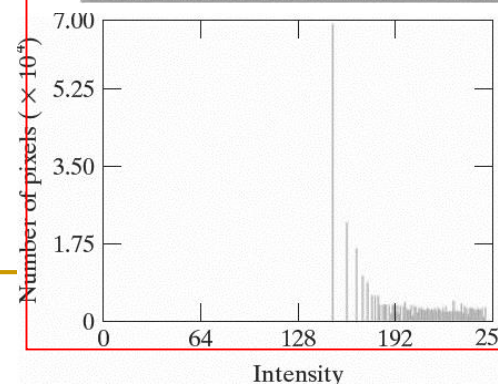
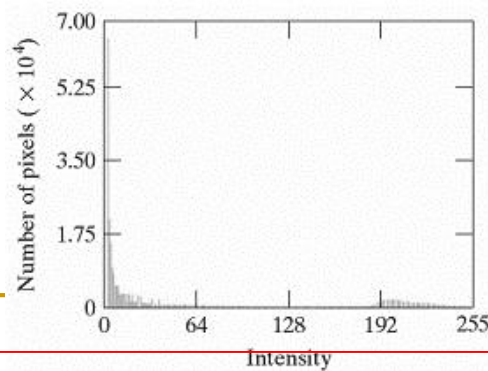
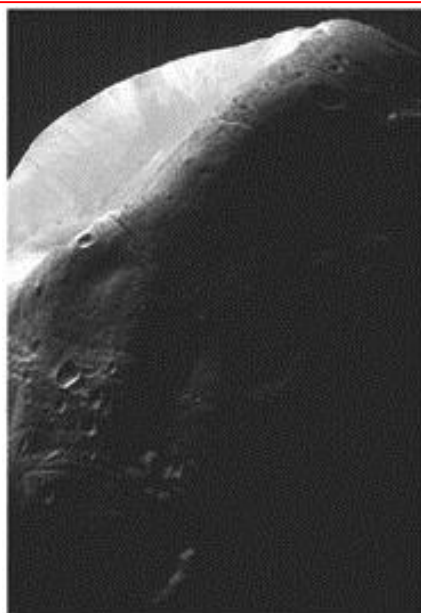
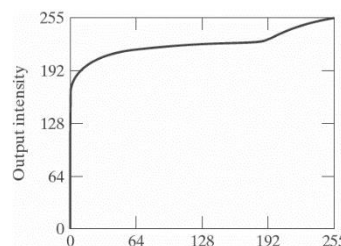


3.3.2 Histogram specification (matching)

➤ **Motivation: overcome the shortcoming of HE**

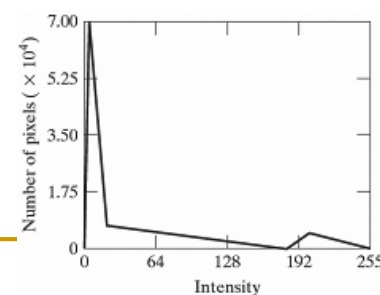
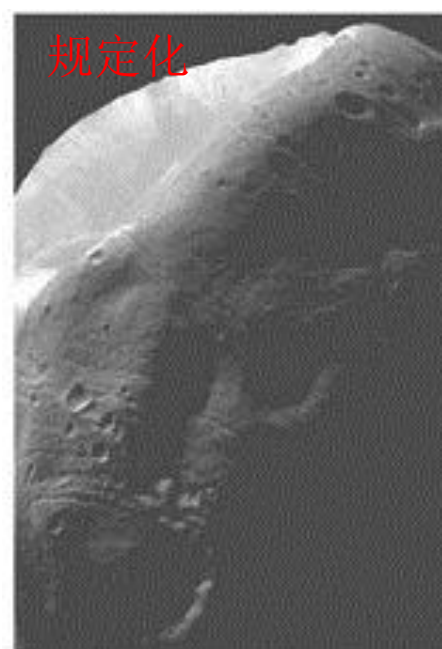
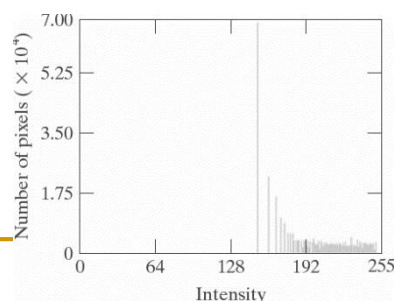
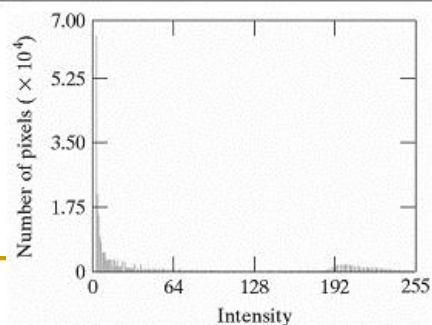
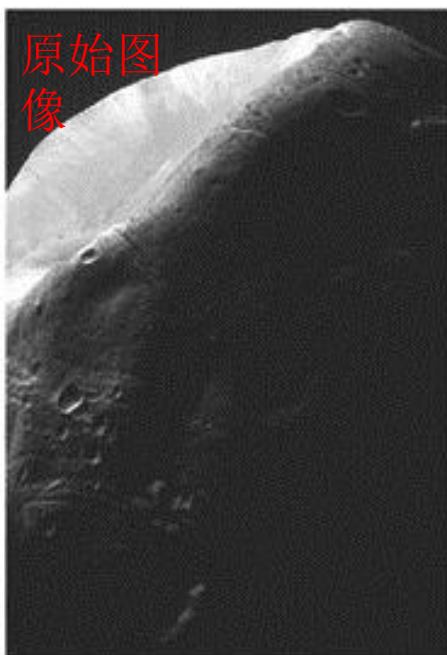
Light, washed out appearance

$$s = T(r) = \int_0^r p_r(w)dw$$



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- **Motivation: overcome the shortcoming of HE**
Specify a possible and reasonable output histogram



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➤ The principle of histogram specification

Given: 输入图像的直方图为 $p_r(r)$ ，规定输出图像的直方图为 $p_z(z)$

Find: 一个变换 $r \mapsto z$ ，使得输出图像的直方图为 $p_z(z)$

考察使输入图像的直方图均衡化的变换函数： $T(r): r \mapsto s$

$$s = T(r) = (L - 1) \int_0^r p_r(w) dw$$

考察使输出图像的直方图均衡化的变换函数： $G(z): z \mapsto s$

$$G(z) = (L - 1) \int_0^z p_z(t) dt = s$$

得到：
$$z = G^{-1}(s) = G^{-1}[T(r)]$$

$$s_k = T(r_k) = (L - 1) \sum_{j=0}^k p_r(r_j) \qquad z_k = G^{-1}(s_k) = G^{-1}(T(r_k))$$

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直方图规定化的实现

(1) 求出已知图像的直方图 $P_r(r)$

(2) 寻找 $P_r(r)$ 的直方图均衡变换，对每一灰度级 r_k 预计算映射灰度级 s_k

(3) 利用 $v_k = G(z_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k p_z(z_i)$ 从给定的 $P_z(z)$ 得到变换函数 G .

(4) 对一个 s_k 值计算满足 $G(z_k) - s_k = 0$ 的最接近整数 z_k

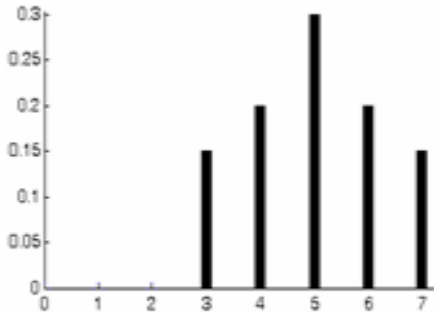
(5) 对于原始图像的每个像素, 若像素值为 r_k , 将该值映射到其对应的灰度级 s_k ; 然后映射灰度级 s_k 到最终灰度级 z_k .

例：P 8 0

$r_j \rightarrow s_j$

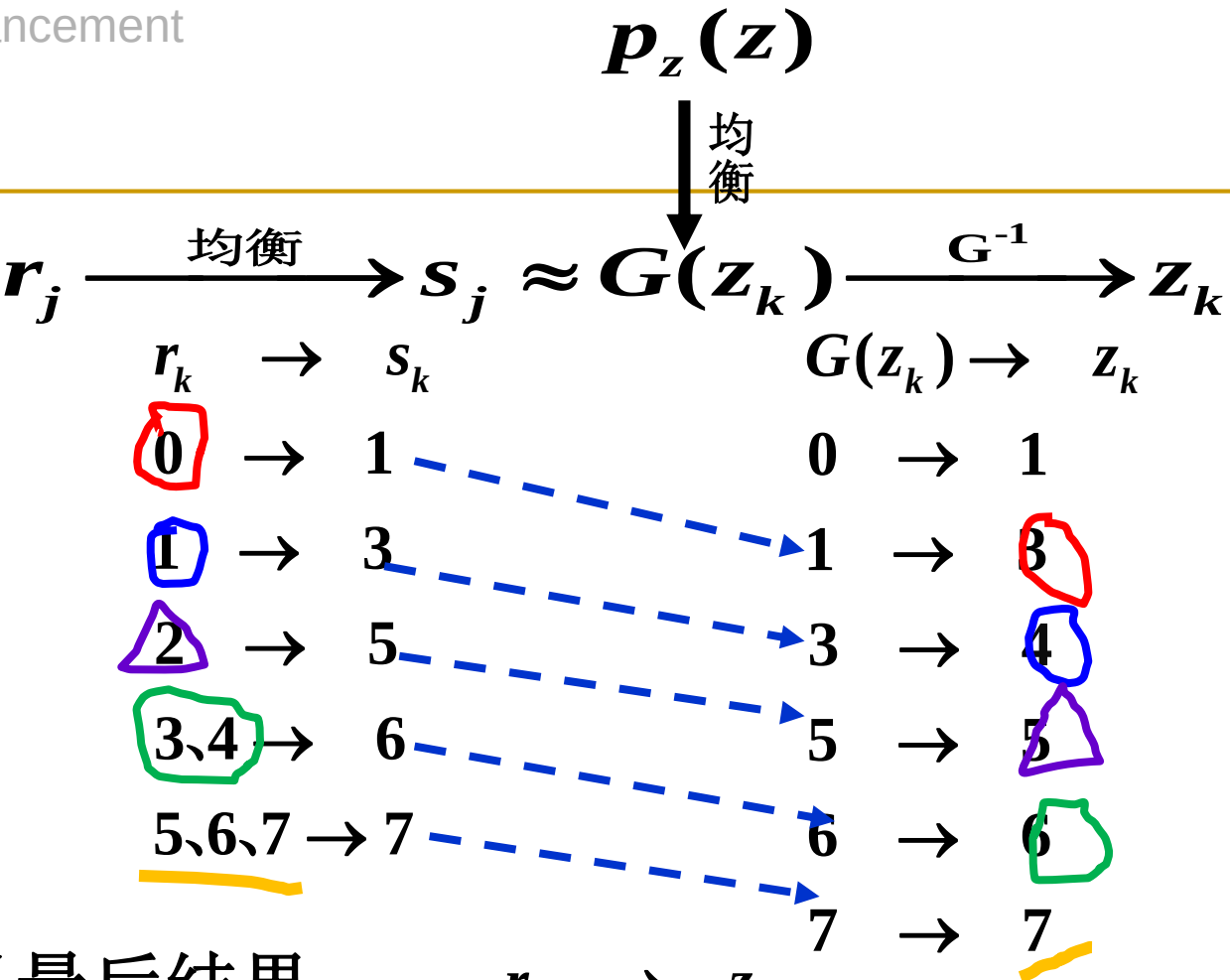
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6	根据映射关系计算均衡化直方图		0.19		0.25		0.21	0.24	0.11

$$z_k \leftrightarrow v_k$$



规定直方图

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2	期望直方图 $p_z(z_k)$	0. 0	0. 0	0. 0	0. 15	0. 20	0. 30	0. 20	0. 15
3	计算累计直方图各项 $G(z_k)$	0. 0	0. 0	0. 0	0. 15	0. 35	0. 65	0. 85	1
4	取整扩展 $G(z_k) = \text{int} \left[\frac{(L-1) \cdot G(z_k) + 0.5}{255} \right]$	0	0	0	1	3	5	6	7
5	确定映射对应关系 $z_k \rightarrow G(z_k)$	0 $\rightarrow$ 0	1 $\rightarrow$ 0	2 $\rightarrow$ 0	3 $\rightarrow$ 1	4 $\rightarrow$ 3	5 $\rightarrow$ 5	6 $\rightarrow$ 6	7 $\rightarrow$ 7

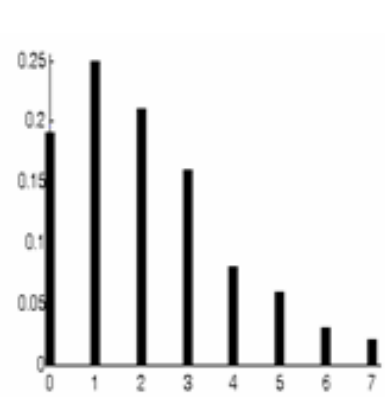


所以最后结果:

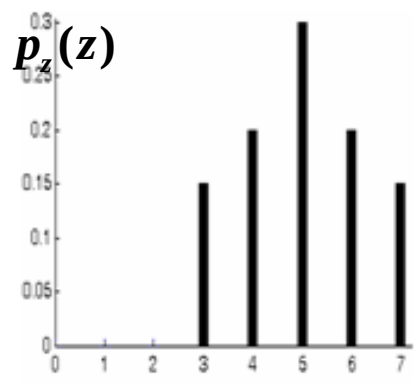
$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &\rightarrow z_3 \\ r_1 &\rightarrow z_4 \\ r_2 &\rightarrow z_5 \\ r_3, r_4 &\rightarrow z_6 \\ r_5, r_6, r_7 &\rightarrow z_7 \end{aligned}$$

规定化后的直方图 $\tilde{p}_z(z)$

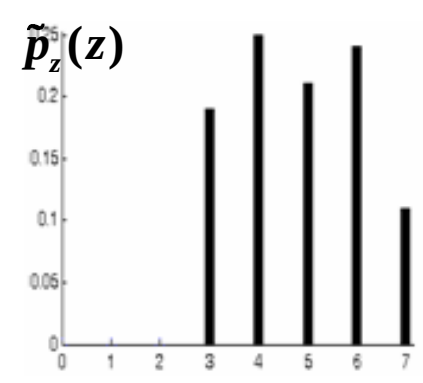
灰度级	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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概率	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.25	0.21	0.24 0.16 + 0.08	0.11 0.06 + 0.03 + 0.02



原始直方图



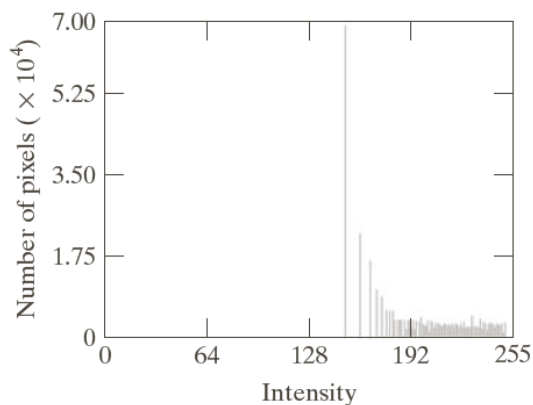
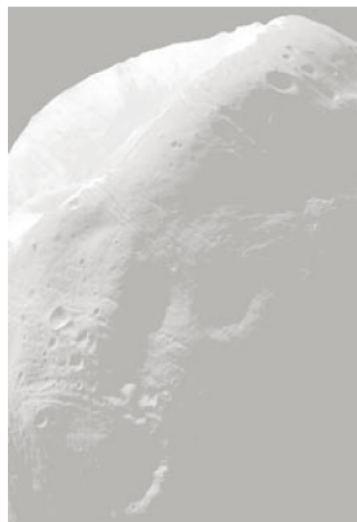
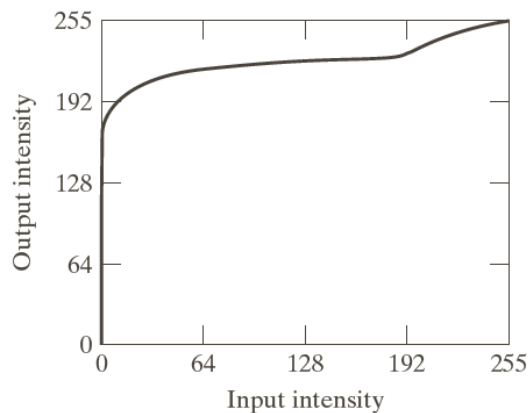
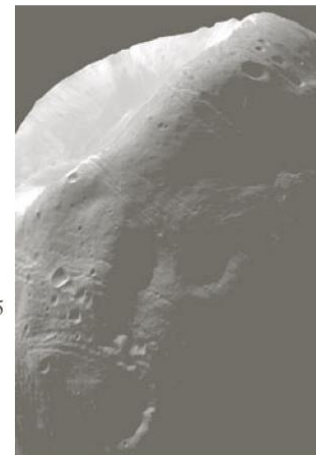
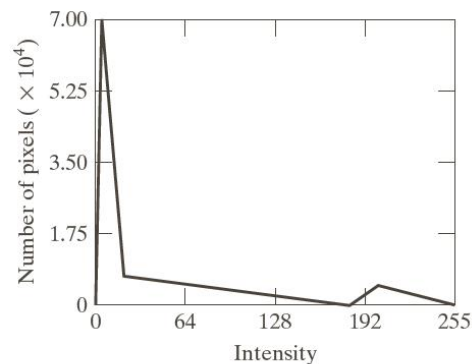
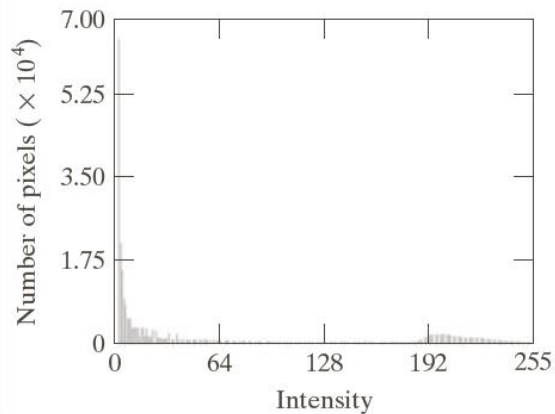
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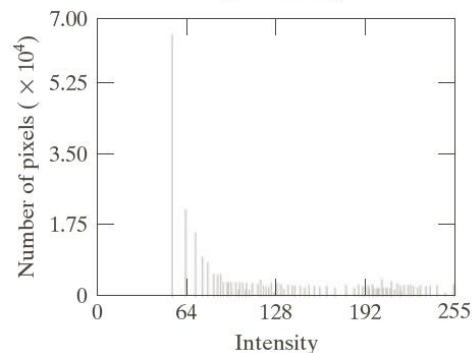
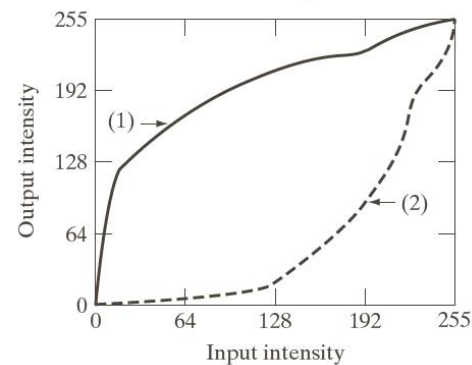
结果直方图

原始图像

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直方图均衡处理



直方图规定化处理