Medical Image Visualization

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Image Processing/Analysis

- Image Processing

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- Analysis

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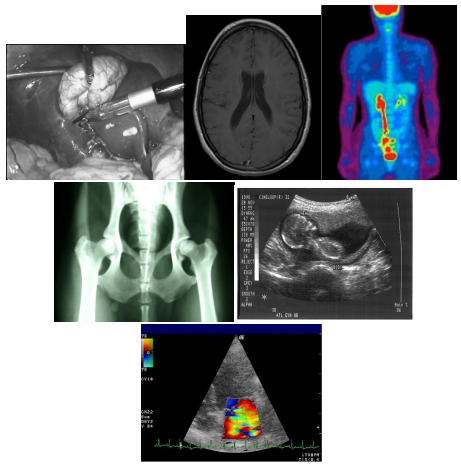
- Yellow skin
- Small ears
- Eyes : $5cm$ of diameter
- ...

Recall: What Do Medical Images Show ?

- Intensity
- Magnetic Field Measures
- Concentrations
- Absorption Coefficients
- Distances to interfaces
- Speeds
- Coefficients of elasticity
- ...



Recal: Use of Medical Images ?

- Knowledge of Human Organs
  - Shape
  - Composition
  - How they work
- Representation of the parameters of a model
  - Elasticity
  - Speed
- Diagnosis
- Therapy
  - Planing
  - Computer Assisted Medical Intervention
  - Patient care

Why a numerical analysis of images ?

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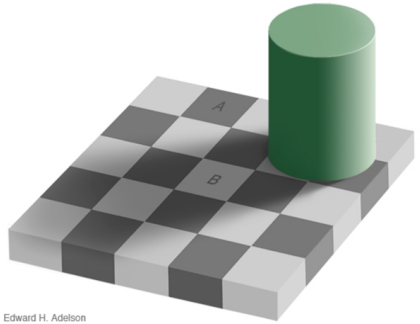
Human Being

- Identification
- A Priori Knowledge
- Interpretation

Ordinateur

- Quantitative
- Objective
- Reproducible



Edward H. Adelson

Numerical Image

Analogical variable:

- continuous
- in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Numerical variable:

- discrete/countable
- in $\mathbb{Z}^n$

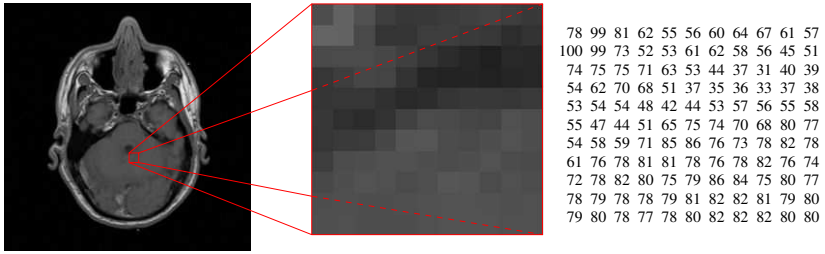


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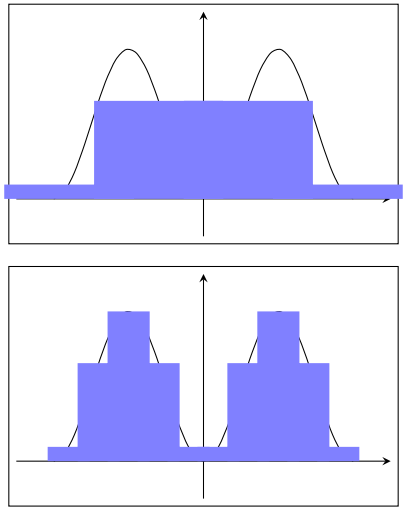
Image Discretization

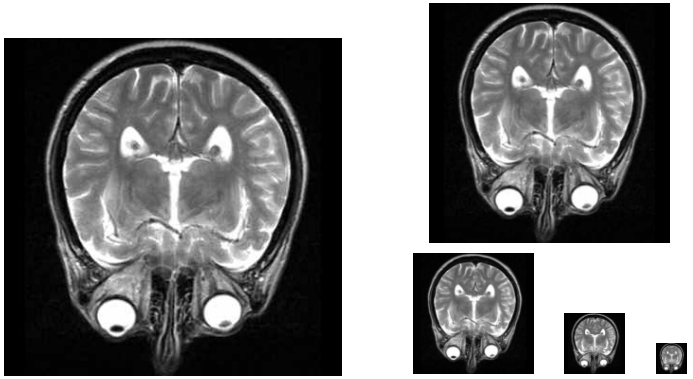
$$F_{continuous}: \quad \mathbb{R}^n \quad \longmapsto \quad \mathbb{R}$$
$$I_{discrete} \; :G = [0,...,l] \times ... \times [0,...,m] \longmapsto A = [0,...255]$$

- Spatial Discretization ($\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow G$) : sampling
  - Shannon Theorem
    To what extend may the high frequencies of a signal be reconstructed with respect to the sampling resolution ?
- Grey Level discretization : ($\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow A$): quantization

Recall: Shannon Theorem



Spatial Sampling



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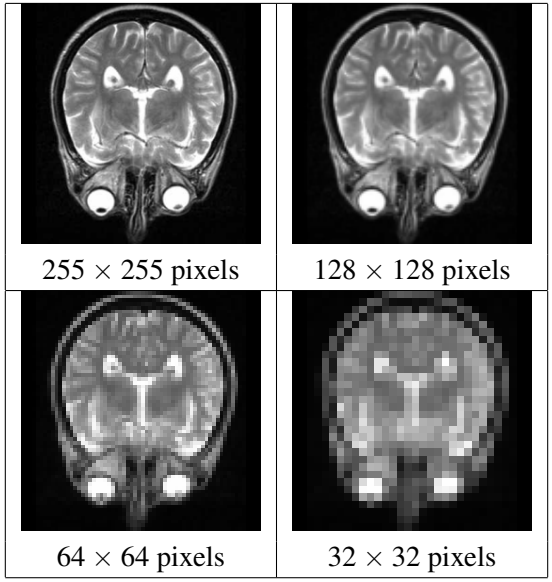
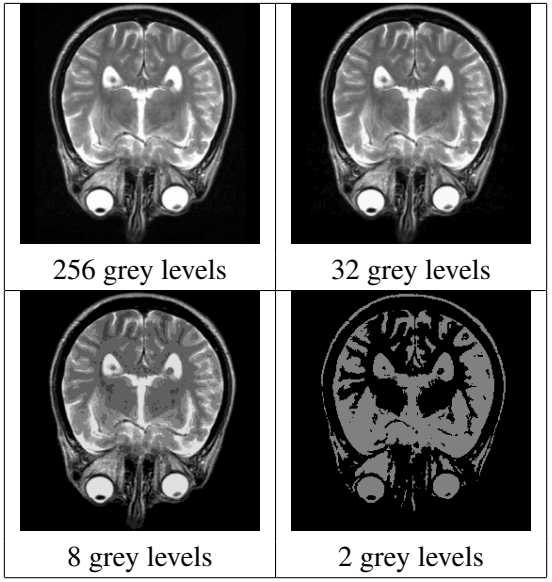
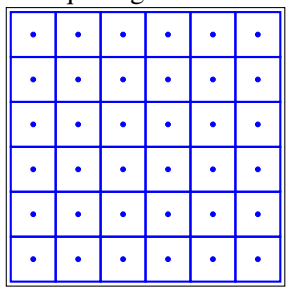


Quantization



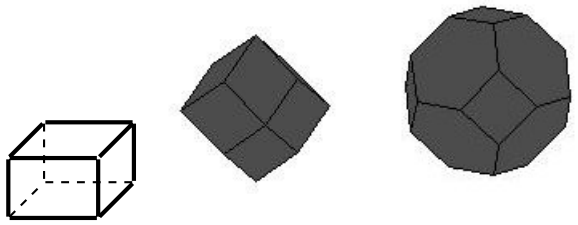
Spatial Sampling: 2D grids

- 2D square grid



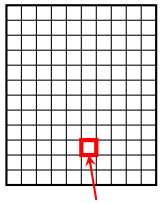
Spatial Sampling: 3D Grids

- 3D
  - cubic/parallelepiped grid
  - Face Centred Cubic grid
  - Body Centred Cubic grid

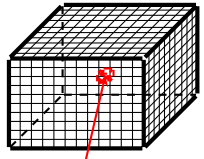


Medical Image Dimensionality

- 2D Images
  - Image 2D by nature (ex: endoscopy)
  - Projections (ex: radiography)
  - Slices (ex: MRI or X-Scan slices)
- 3D Volumes
  - Tomography
  - MRI
- 4D Images
  - 3D Volumes + Time



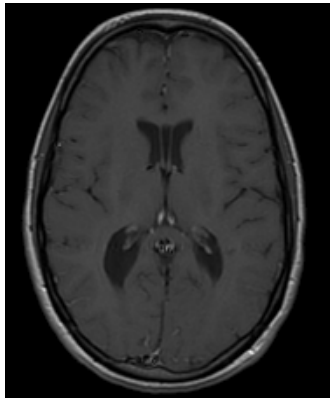
pixel (*picture element*)

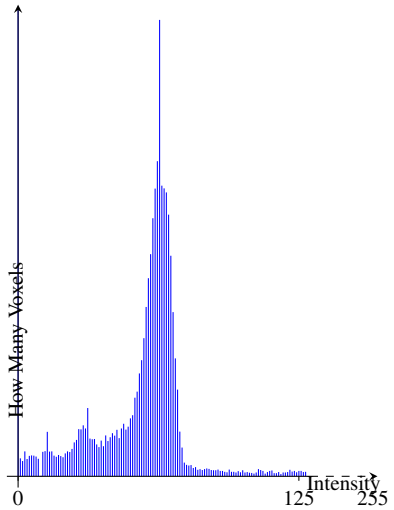


voxel (*volume element*)

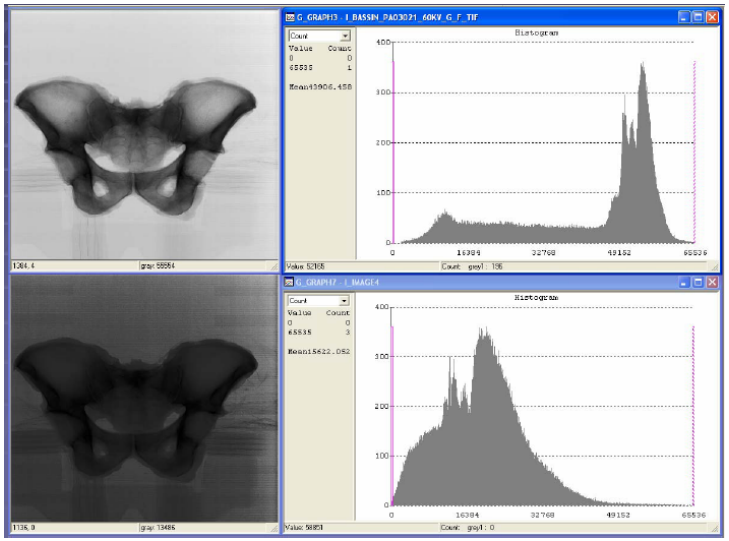
Resolution : size of a pixel / voxel

Histogram





Several types of histogram



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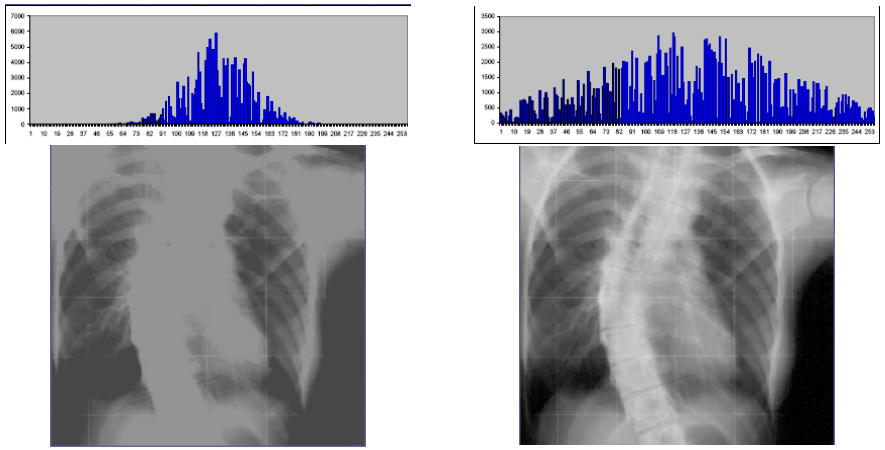

Problem: 3D data, 2D display

- Stereo visualization

Problem: pseudo 3D reconstruction made by the brain → fatigue during long interventions.

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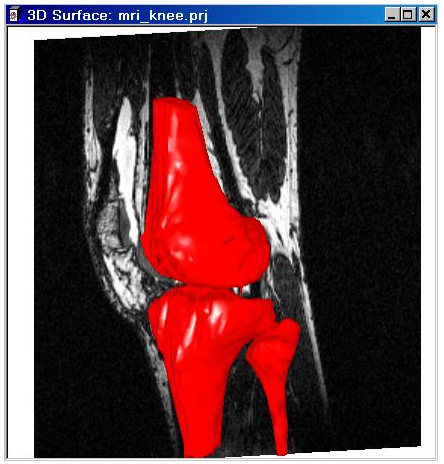
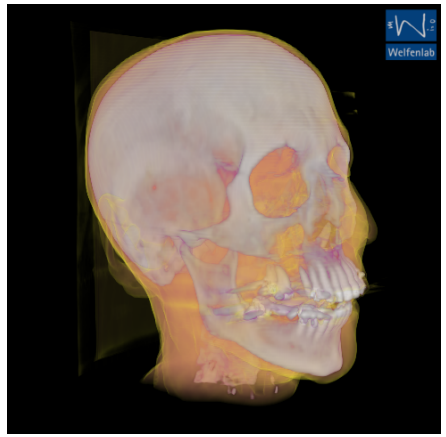
- 3D Visualization on 2D screens



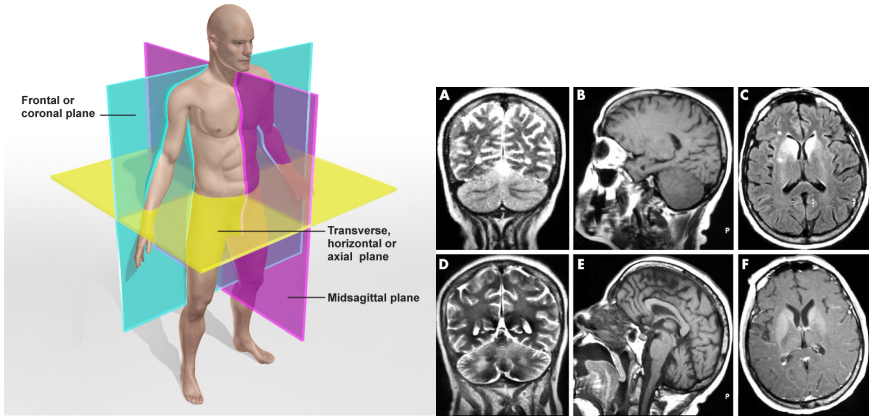
Surface extraction



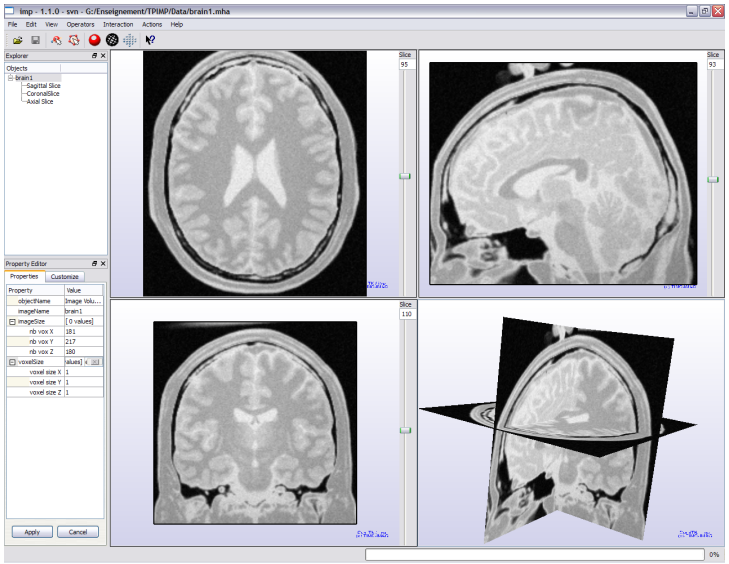
Volume rendering

Problem: 3D data, 2D display

Medical images planes



Planes of Medical Images



Vtk

What is Vtk ?

- Vtk = Visualization Tool Kit
- C++ library
- Open Source, Free, produced by Kitware
- Object-Oriented (interfaced with C++, Tcl/Tk, Pyton and Java)
- Allows visualization of
  - scalar data
  - vector data
  - tensor data
- Contains data rendering methods
  - Surface rendering
  - Volume rendering (ray tracing, 2D and 3D texture mapping, etc.)
- Contains some algorithms of image processing

Visualization System

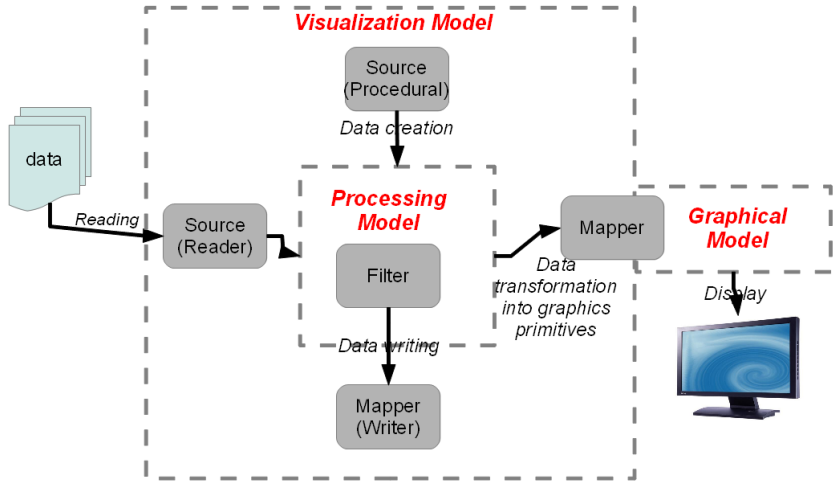
Reading, Processing and Displaying data as images

2 Steps

- Converts data in graphics primitives (points, lignes, triangles, etc.)
- Converts graphical data in images

Vtk Objects are organized in 3 models:

- Visualization Model
  Step 1: Geometrical representation of data
- Graphical Model
  Step 2: Geometrical representation rendering
- Processing Model
  Step 3: image processing



Visualization Model

Objectif

- Transform data into graphics primitives
- Build a geometrical represnetation of objects to be displaied

Based on *Pipeline*

- Data transformation is decomposed into modules
- Each module performes one operation on data
- Modules are interconnected to build a nettwork or pipeline
- Data ar going through the pipeline going from one module to the other.

Visualization Model

2 Object types

- *Data* objects
  - data going through the pipeline
  - called datasets
- *Process* objects
  - Algorithm module or component of the pipeline

Process Objects

Source

Start the pipeline

- Reading output data (images)
- New data generation
- No input
- One or more output(s)

Filter

Process data objects

- Receives one or more input(s)
- Generates one or more output(s)

Mapper

Ends the pipeline

- Generates graphic primitives
- Transmits the graphical model to the visualization pipeline