

Morphology for Image Processing. Part I¹

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Summary. In this article we defined mathematical morphology image processing with set operations. First, we defined Minkowski set operations and proved their properties. Next, we defined basic image processing, dilation and erosion proving basic fact about them [5], [8].

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The terminology and notation used in this paper have been introduced in the following papers: [10], [7], [1], [2], [6], [9], [4], and [3].

1. MINKOWSKI SET OPERATIONS

Let E be a non empty RLS structure. A binary image of E is a subset of E . In the sequel E denotes a real linear space and A denotes a binary image of E .

Let E be a real linear space and let A, B be binary images of E . The functor $A \ominus B$ yielding a binary image of E is defined as follows:

(Def. 1) $A \ominus B = \{z \in E: \bigwedge_{b: \text{element of } E} (b \in B \Rightarrow z - b \in A)\}$.

Let a be a real number, let E be a real linear space, and let A be a subset of E . We introduce $a \cdot A$ as a synonym of $a \odot A$. The following propositions are true:

- (1) Let E be a real linear space and A, B be subsets of E . If $B = \emptyset$, then $A \oplus B = B$ and $B \oplus A = B$ and $A \ominus B =$ the carrier of E .
- (2) For every real linear space E and for all subsets A, B of E such that $A \neq \emptyset$ and $B = \emptyset$ holds $B \ominus A = B$.

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- (3) Let E be a real linear space and A, B be subsets of E . If $B =$ the carrier of E and $A \neq \emptyset$, then $A \oplus B = B$ and $B \oplus A = B$.
- (4) For every real linear space E and for all subsets A, B of E such that $B =$ the carrier of E holds $B \ominus A = B$.
- (5) $A \oplus B = \bigcup\{b + A; b \text{ ranges over elements of } E: b \in B\}$.

Let E be a non empty RLS structure. A binary image family of E is a family of subsets of the carrier of E .

We follow the rules: F, G are binary image families of E and A, B, C are non empty binary images of E . We now state four propositions:

- (6) $A \ominus B = \bigcap\{b + A; b \text{ ranges over elements of } E: b \in B\}$.
- (7) $A \oplus B = \{v \in E: (v + (-1) \cdot B) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$.
- (8) $A \ominus B = \{v \in E: v + (-1) \cdot B \subseteq A\}$.
- (9) $((\text{The carrier of } E) \setminus A) \oplus B = (\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus A \oplus B$ and $((\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus A) \ominus B = (\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus A \oplus B$.

Let E be a non empty Abelian additive loop structure and let A, B be subsets of E . Let us note that the functor $A \oplus B$ is commutative.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (10) For every non empty add-associative additive loop structure E and for all subsets A, B, C of E holds $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$.
- (11) $(A \oplus B) \oplus C = A \oplus (B \oplus C)$.
- (12) $\bigcup F \oplus B = \bigcup\{X \oplus B; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (13) $A \oplus \bigcup F = \bigcup\{A \oplus X; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (14) $\bigcap F \oplus B \subseteq \bigcap\{X \oplus B; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (15) $A \oplus \bigcap F \subseteq \bigcap\{A \oplus X; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (16) For every non empty additive loop structure E and for all subsets A, B, C of E such that $B \subseteq C$ holds $A + B \subseteq A + C$.
- (17) $(v + A) \oplus B = A \oplus (v + B)$ and $(v + A) \oplus B = v + A \oplus B$.
- (18) $\bigcap F \ominus B = \bigcap\{X \ominus B; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (19) $\bigcap\{B \ominus X; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\} \subseteq B \ominus \bigcap F$.
- (20) $\bigcup\{X \ominus B; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\} \subseteq \bigcup F \ominus B$.
- (21) If $F \neq \emptyset$, then $B \ominus \bigcup F = \bigcap\{B \ominus X; X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (22) If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \ominus C \subseteq B \ominus C$.
- (23) If $A \subseteq B$, then $C \ominus B \subseteq C \ominus A$.
- (24) $(v + A) \ominus B = A \ominus (v + B)$ and $(v + A) \ominus B = v + A \ominus B$.
- (25) $A \ominus B \ominus C = A \ominus (B \oplus C)$.

2. DILATION AND EROSION

Let E be a real linear space and let B be a binary image of E . The functor dilation B yields a function from $2^{\text{the carrier of } E}$ into $2^{\text{the carrier of } E}$ and is defined as follows:

(Def. 2) For every binary image A of E holds $(\text{dilation } B)(A) = A \oplus B$.

Let E be a real linear space and let B be a binary image of E . The functor erosion B yields a function from $2^{\text{the carrier of } E}$ into $2^{\text{the carrier of } E}$ and is defined by:

(Def. 3) For every binary image A of E holds $(\text{erosion } B)(A) = A \ominus B$.

The following propositions are true:

- (26) $(\text{dilation } B)(\bigcup F) = \bigcup\{(\text{dilation } B)(X); X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (27) If $A \subseteq B$, then $(\text{dilation } C)(A) \subseteq (\text{dilation } C)(B)$.
- (28) $(\text{dilation } C)(v + A) = v + (\text{dilation } C)(A)$.
- (29) $(\text{erosion } B)(\bigcap F) = \bigcap\{(\text{erosion } B)(X); X \text{ ranges over binary images of } E: X \in F\}$.
- (30) If $A \subseteq B$, then $(\text{erosion } C)(A) \subseteq (\text{erosion } C)(B)$.
- (31) $(\text{erosion } C)(v + A) = v + (\text{erosion } C)(A)$.
- (32) $(\text{dilation } C)((\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus A) = (\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus (\text{erosion } C)(A)$
and $(\text{erosion } C)((\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus A) = (\text{the carrier of } E) \setminus (\text{dilation } C)(A)$.
- (33) $(\text{dilation } C)((\text{dilation } B)(A)) = (\text{dilation}(\text{dilation } C)(B))(A)$ and
 $(\text{erosion } C)((\text{erosion } B)(A)) = (\text{erosion}(\text{dilation } C)(B))(A)$.

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