

Measurement

Basics

Where?

- the whole image
- at a specific point
- in a region
- within a threshold
- in an object

What to measure?

What?

- Position
- Distance
- Number
- Extend
- Shape
- Intensity

Position:

-*absolute*: xyz coordinate of a point

x=0 left

y=0 top

z=0 no clear definition

t=0 first recorded time point

Watch out for calibration
know what you are measuring!!

-*relative*: xyz distance to reference

to image boarder

to reference point

to other time point

to other object (e.g. to nucleus)

Calibration

- Stored in image header AND read out correctly
- stored in image header but NOT read out
- known from acquisition settings
 - pixel size of camera / total magnification used
 - information in confocal images
 - use ruler – calibrate (stereo microscope)

Position:

-*absolute*: xyz coordinate of **an object**

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z=0 no clear definition

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-*relative*: xyz distance to reference

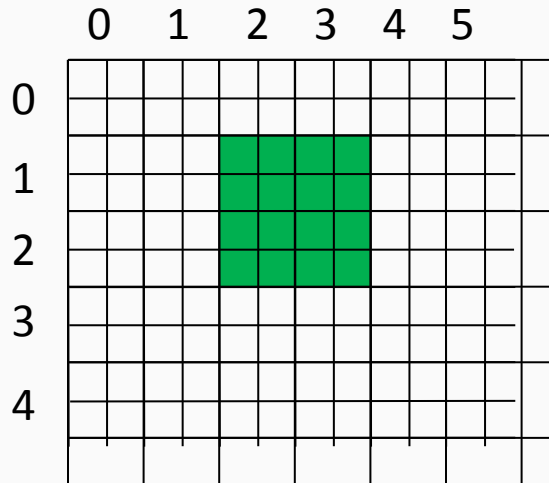
to image boarder

to reference point

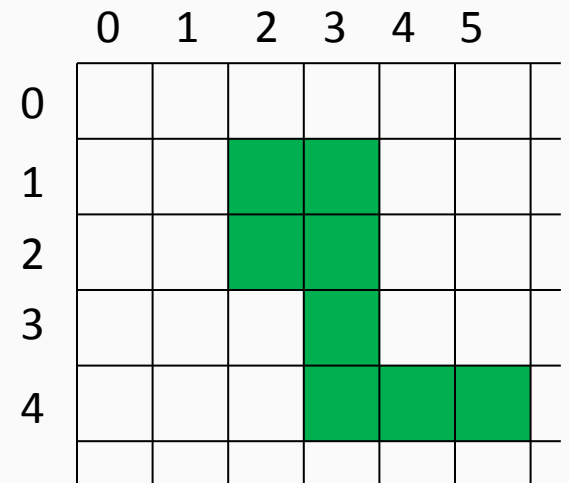
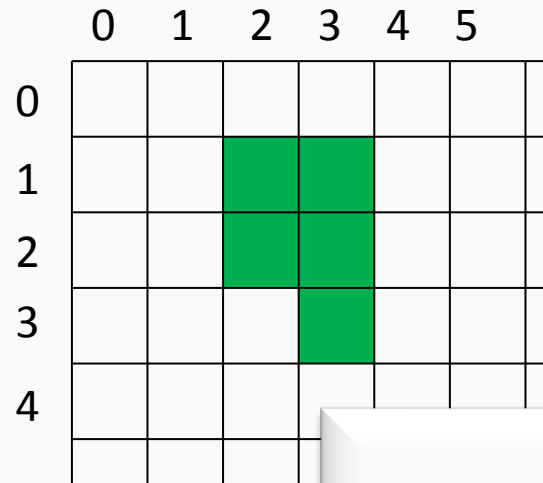
to other time point

to other object (e.g. to nucleus)

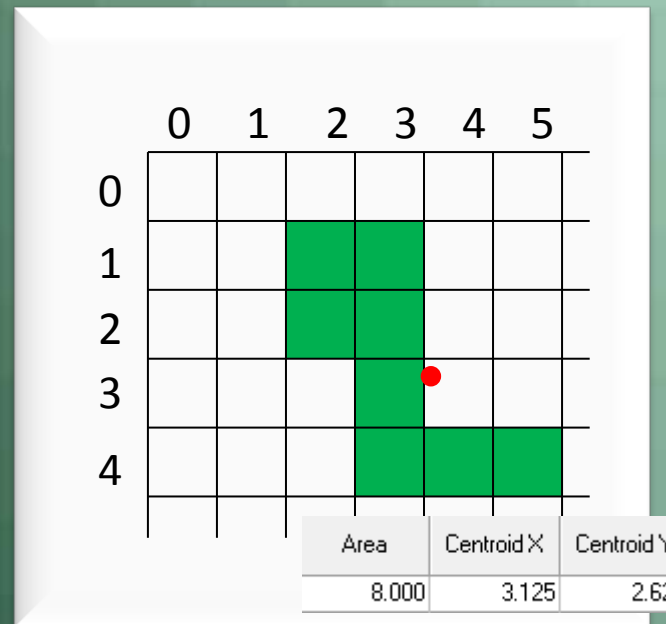
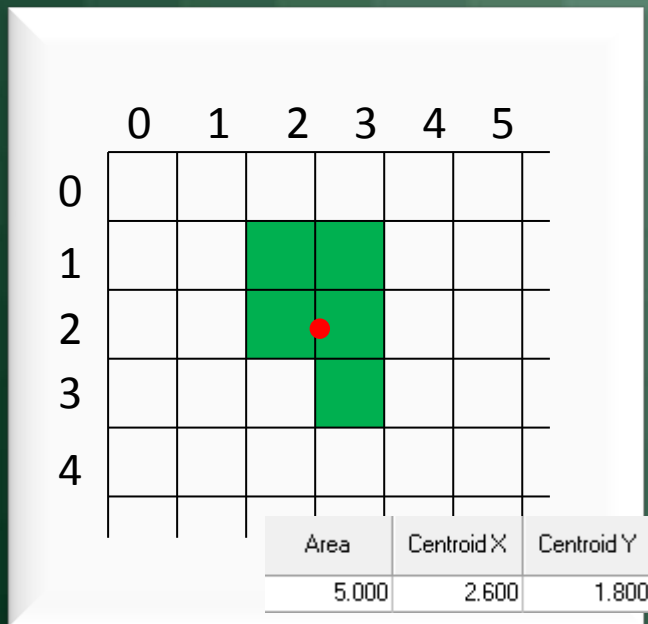
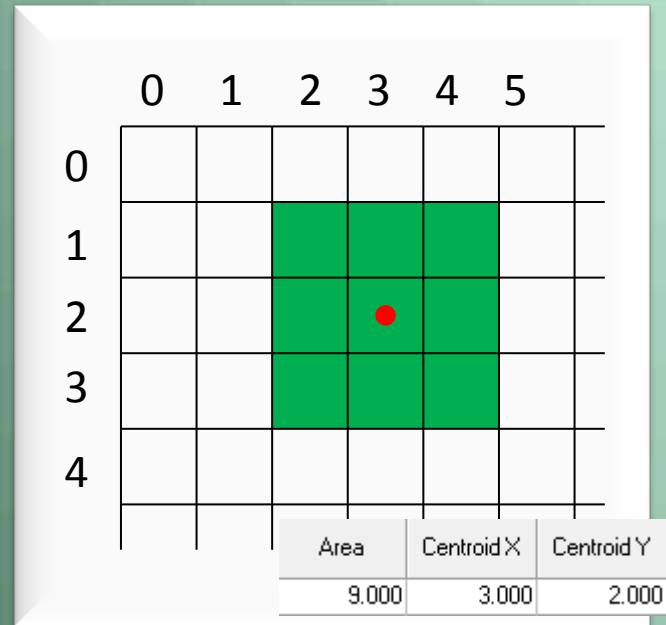
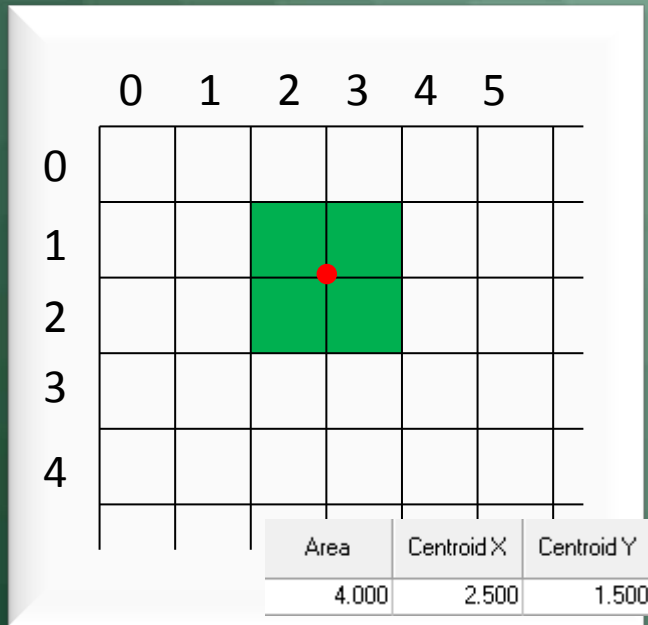
Position



Center = x 2.5 y 1.5



Position

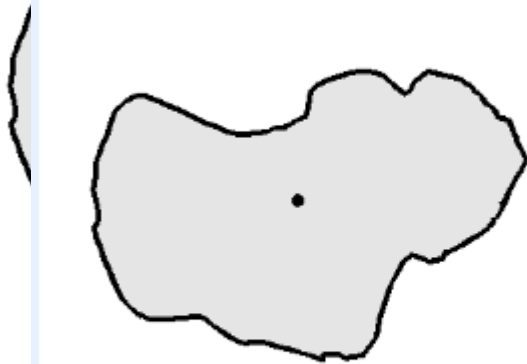


Position

Metamorph

Centroid

Centroid X and Y



The pc

The X and Y coordinates of the centroid of the object.

Wikipedia

2 Locating the centroid

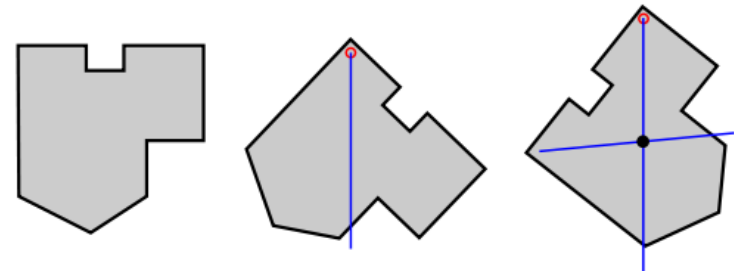
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2.2 Balancing Method

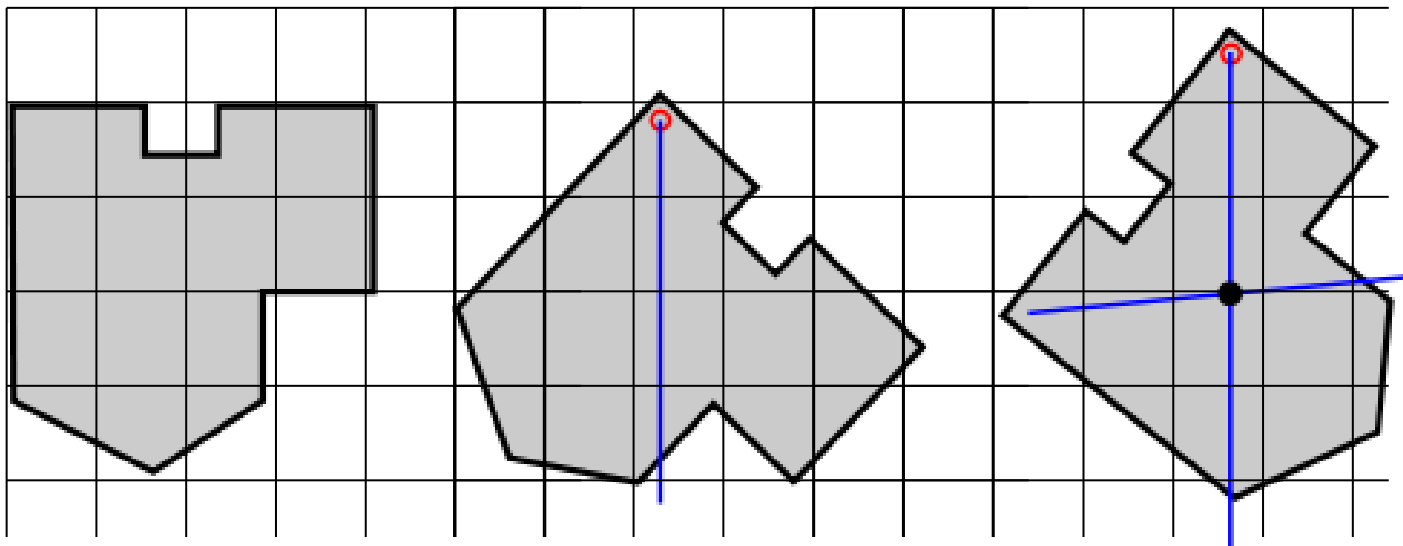
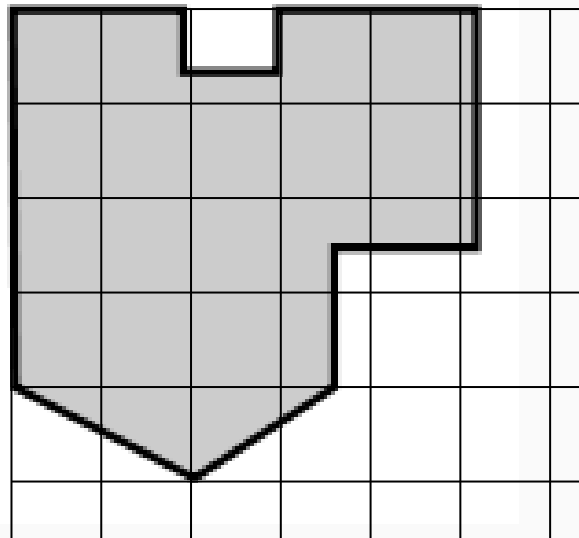
2.3 Of a finite set of points

2.4 By geometric decomposition

2.5 By integral formula



Position



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Wikipedia

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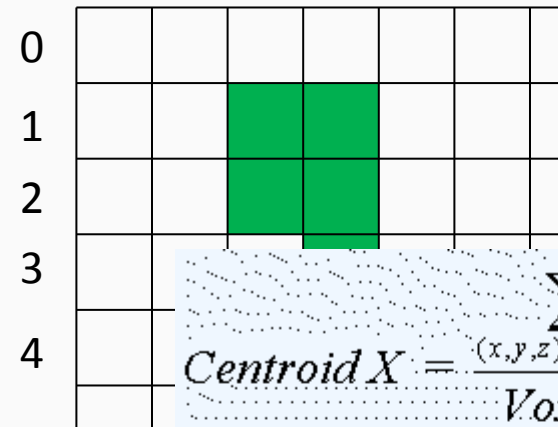
- 2.1 Plumb line method
- 2.2 Balancing Method
- 2.3 Of a finite set of points
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- 2.5 By integral formula

Of a finite set of points

The centroid of a finite set of k points $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ in \mathbb{R}^n is

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{x}_k}{k}$$

0 1 2 3 4 5



Centroid Y — The Y coordinate value (in pixels) then dividing by the total voxels.

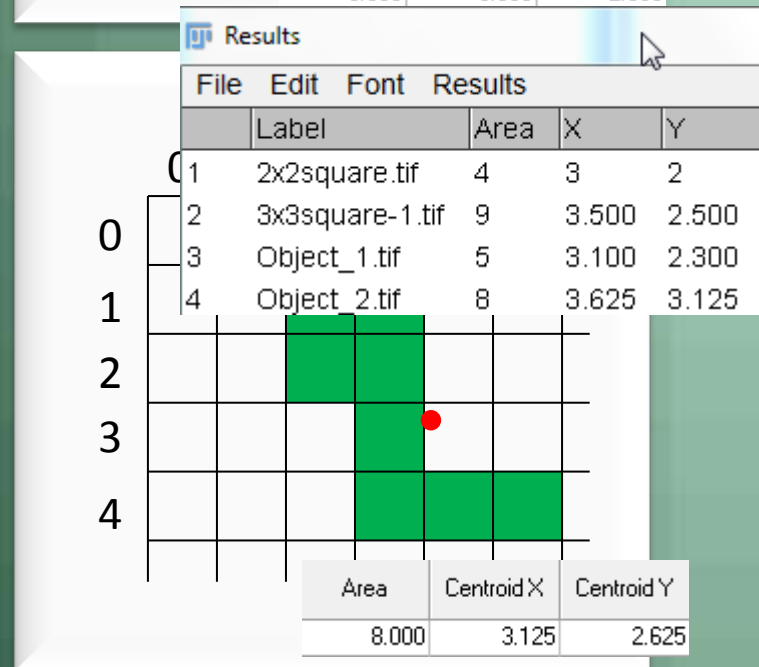
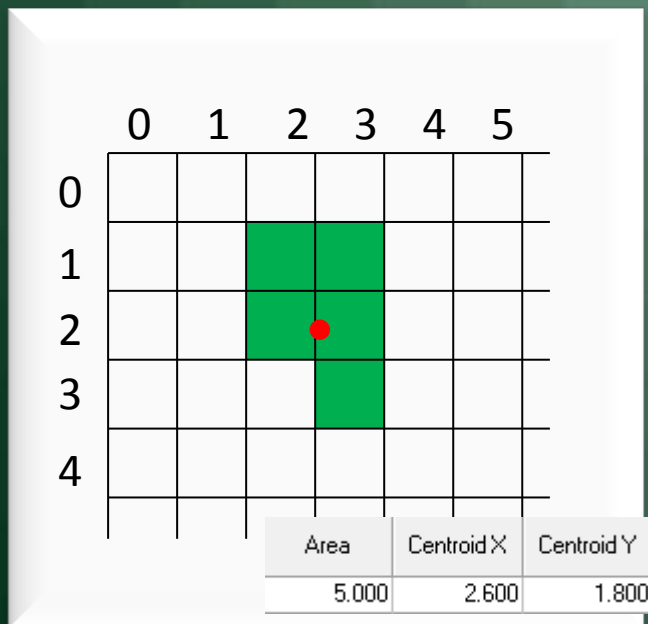
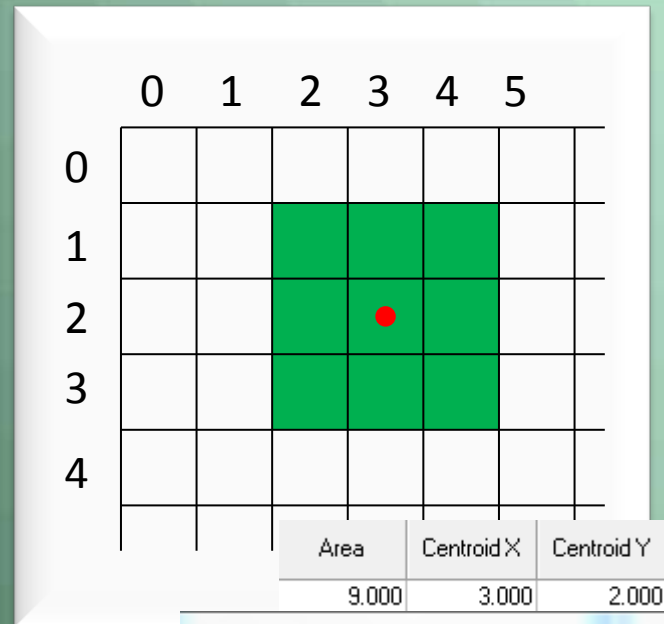
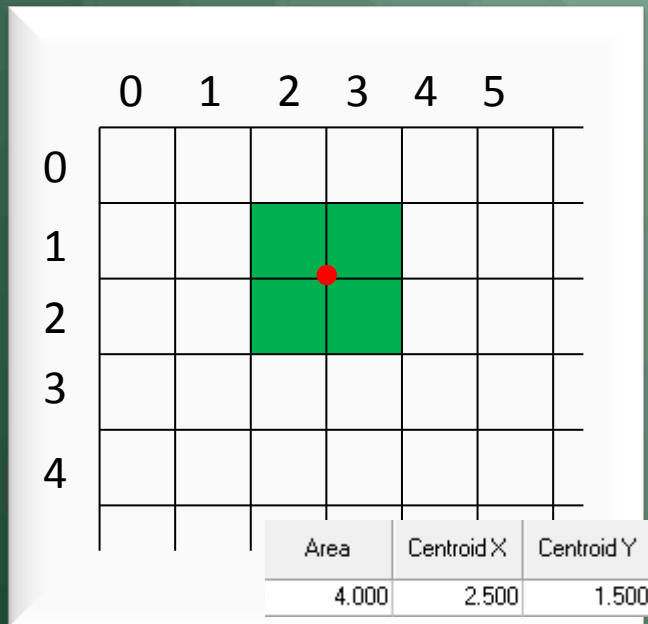
$\frac{2+2+3+3+3+3}{8}$

Centroid $Y = \frac{\sum_{(x,y,z) \in \text{Object}} y}{\text{Voxels}}$

Area centroid Z — The Z plane number of the object then dividing by the total voxels.

Centroid $Z = \frac{\sum_{(x,y,z) \in \text{Object}} z}{\text{Voxels}}$

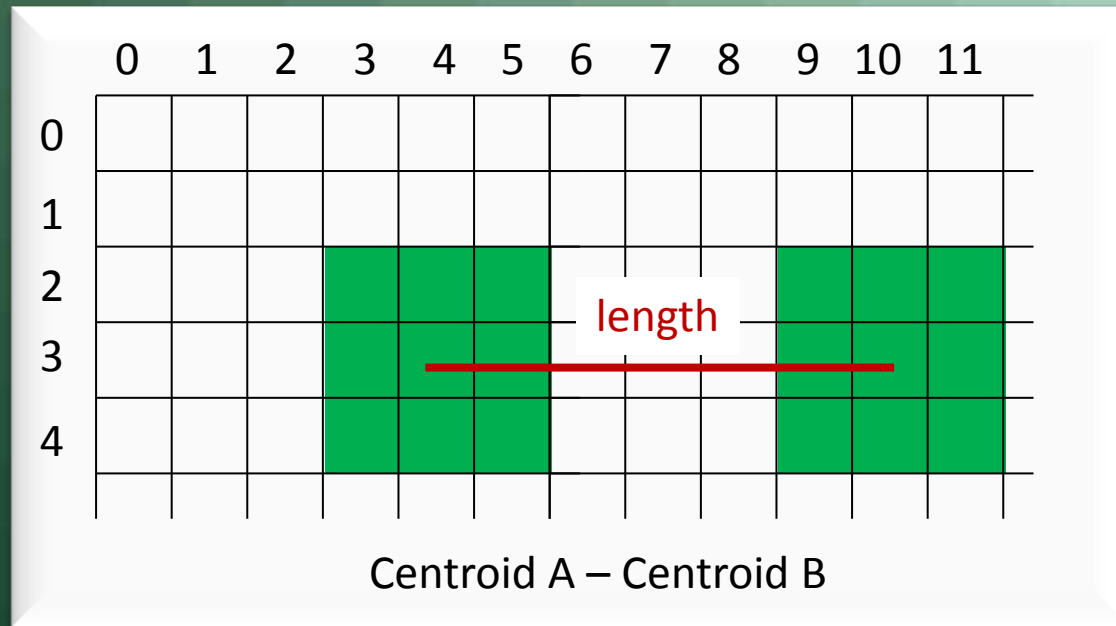
Position



Results

Label	Area	X	Y
1 2x2square.tif	4	3	2
2 3x3square-1.tif	9	3.500	2.500
3 Object_1.tif	5	3.100	2.300
4 Object_2.tif	8	3.625	3.125

Position – relative (distance)



**A Pixel Is *Not* A Little Square,
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(And a Voxel is *Not* a Little Cube)¹**

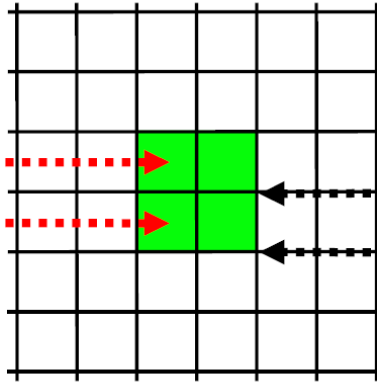
Technical Memo 6

Alvy Ray Smith
July 17, 1995

http://alvyray.com/Memos/CG/Microsoft/6_pixel.pdf

The pixel – square problem

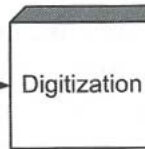
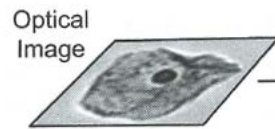
Yes!



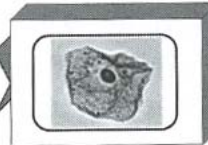
No!



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and Genetics



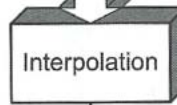
Digital Image



Displayed Image



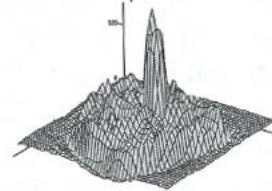
Objective
Lens



Continuous
Image

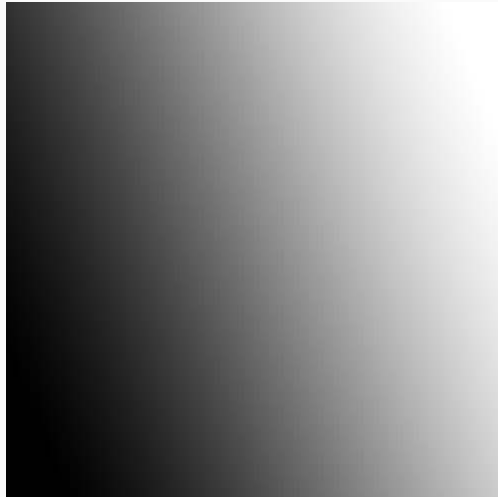


Specimen

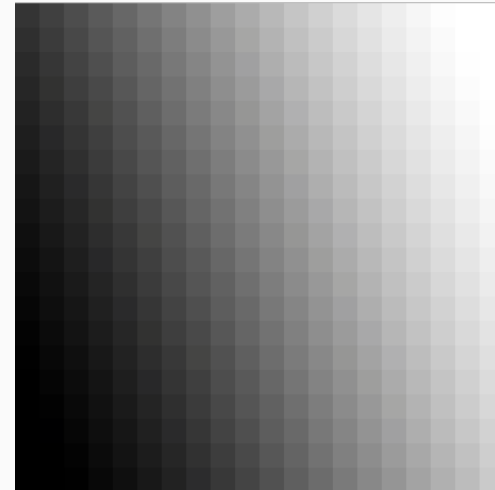


The pixel – square problem

Continuous Light



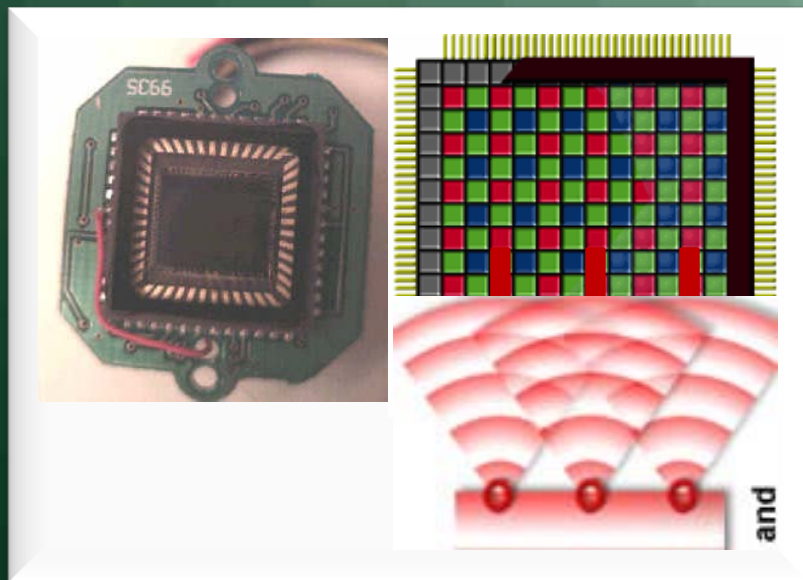
Spatial Sampling/Temporal Sampling



Digitalization

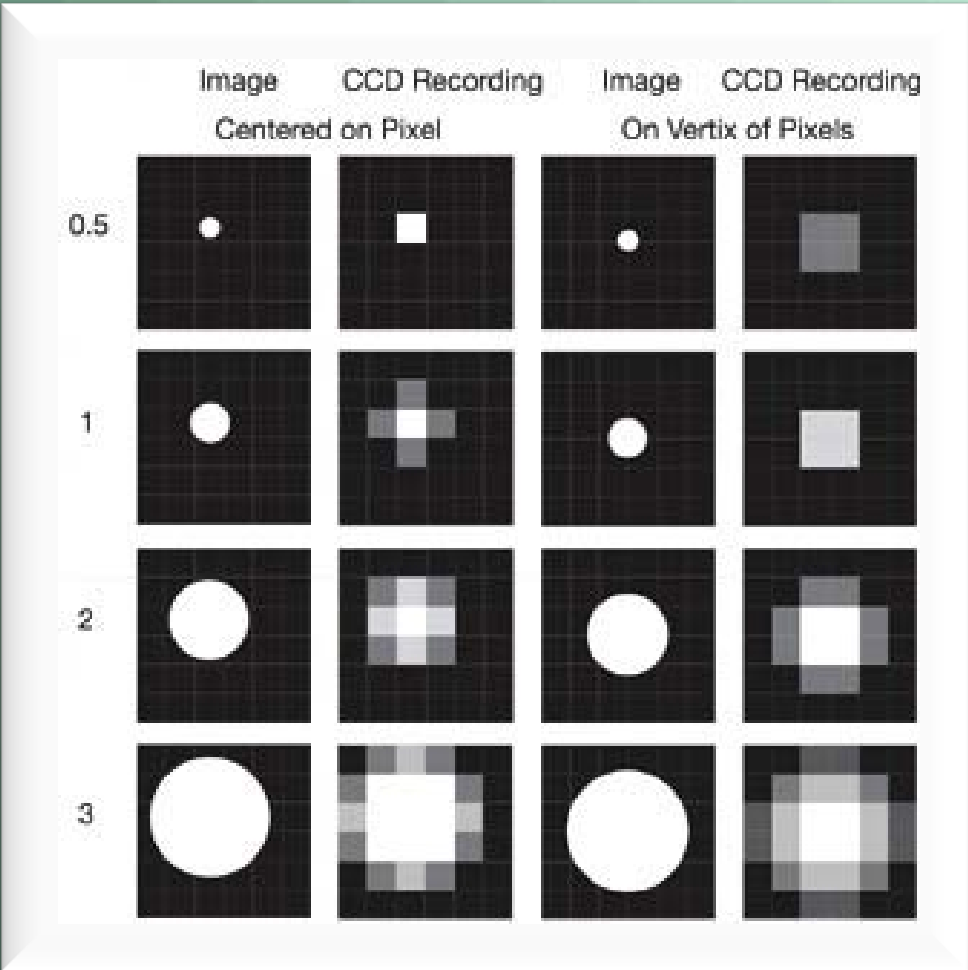
52	64	77	90	103	238	246	253	255	255
47	59	72	85	97	235	243	250	255	255
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0	0	3	11	19	155	168	181	193	206
0	0	1	8	15	149	163	176	188	202

The pixel – square problem

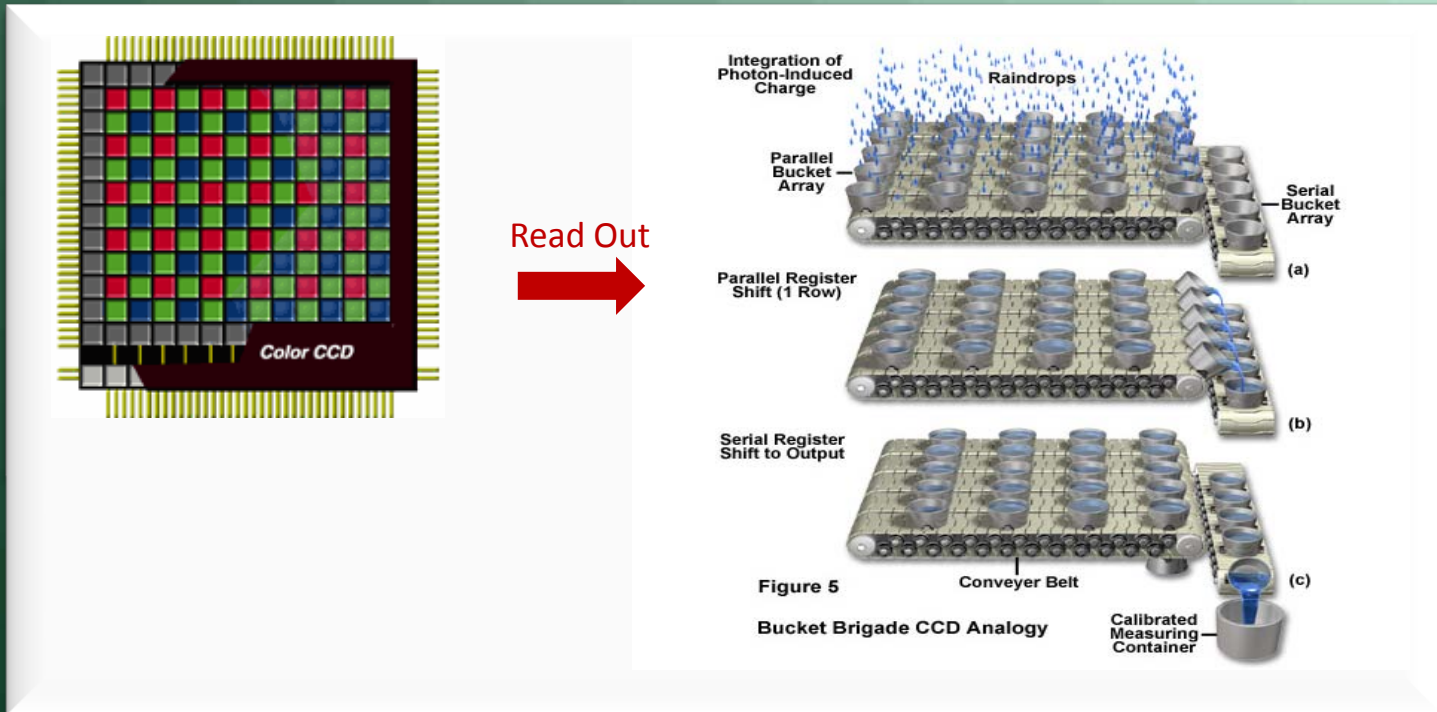


“Microscope Problem”

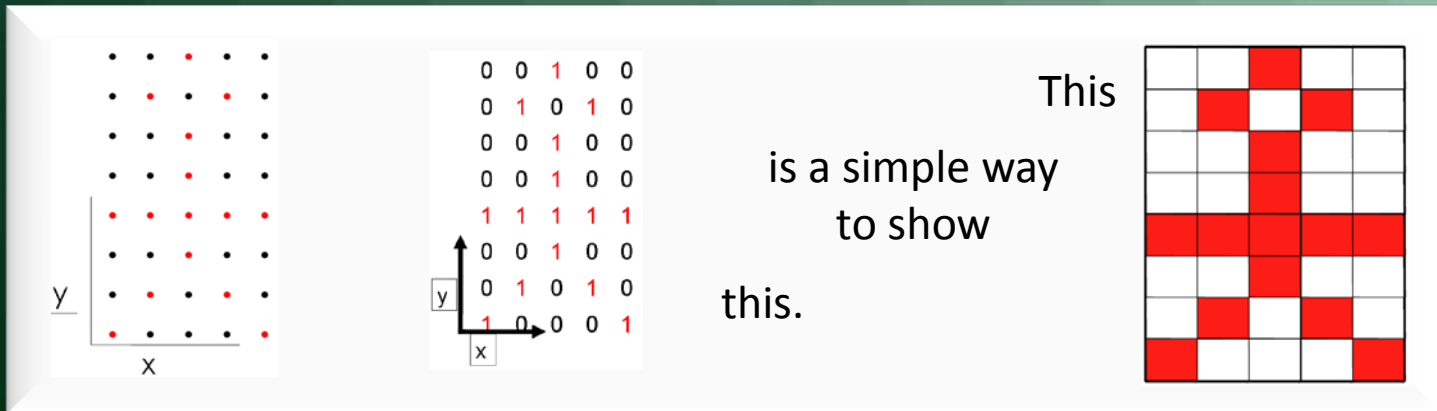
“Localization Problem”



The pixel – square problem



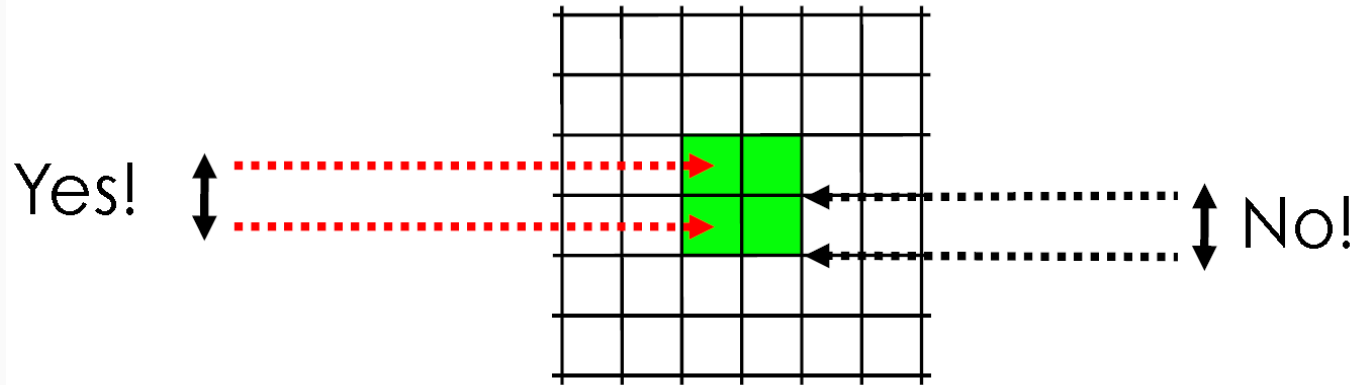
“Detector Problem”



The pixel – square problem

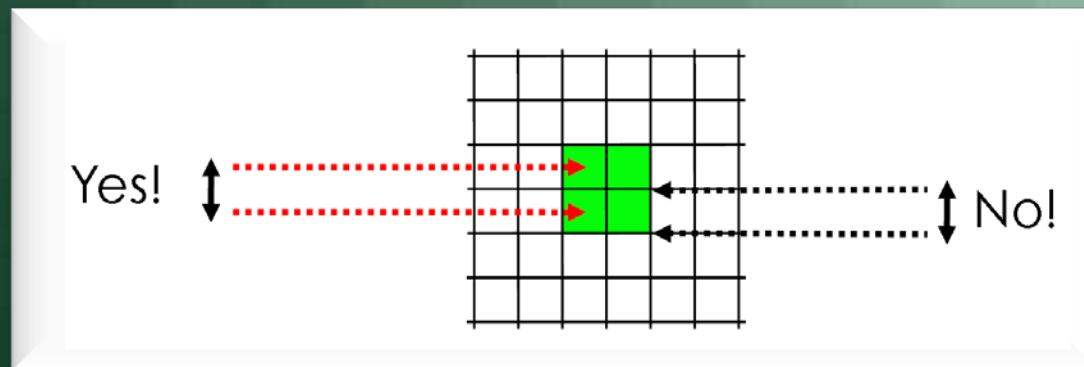
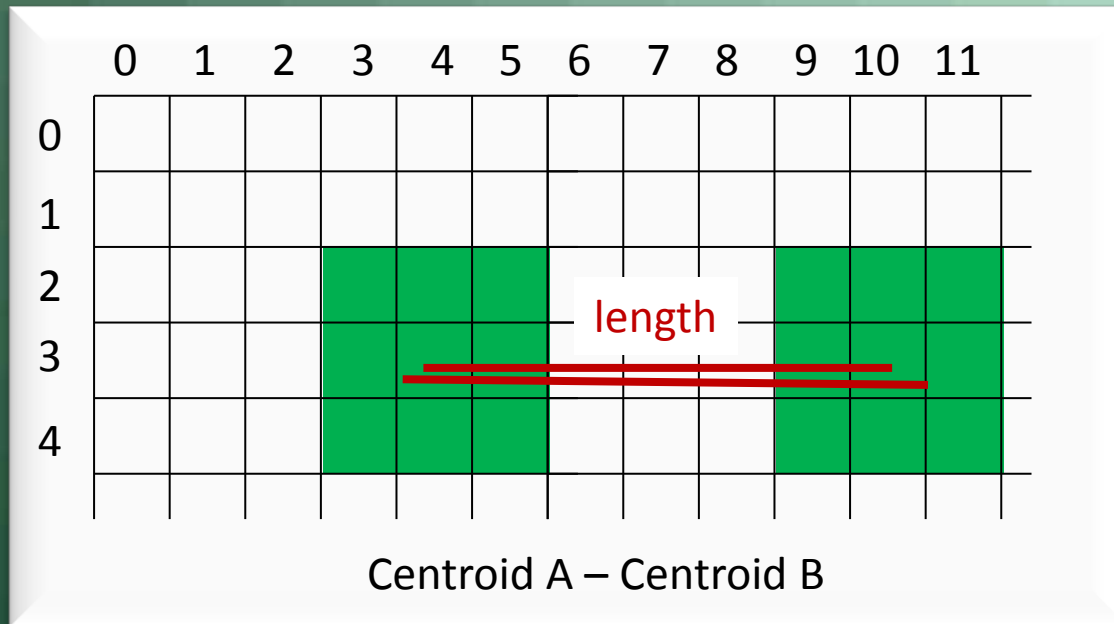
A pixel is a sample of “intensity” from a POINT in space

“pixel size” is pixel spacing distance, not the imaginary pixel edge length!



A pixel is not a little square!

Position – relative (distance)



Position - Tools

Metamorph

- Measure > Measure Pixel
- Measure > Integrated Morphological Analysis
- 4D Viewer > Measure > Measure Objects

Fiji

- Analyze > Measure
- Analyze > Analyze Particles
- View5D > Marker

Absolute Position

Centroid

The center point of the selection. This is the average of the x and y coordinates of all of the pixels in the selection.

Center of Mass

This is the brightness-weighted average of the x and y coordinates all pixels in the selection.

Metamorph

- Measure > Integrated Morphological Analysis
- Measure > Region Measurements
- Apps > Measure XYZ Distance
- 4D Viewer > Measure > Measure Distances
(centroid distance, shortest distance)

Fiji

- Analyze > Measure
- Analyze > Analyze Particles
- View5D > Marker

Relative Position

What to measure?

What?

- Position
- Distance
- Number
- Extend
- Shape
- **Intensity**

Metamorph

- Measure > Manually count objects
- Measure > Integrated Morphological Analysis (2D)
- 4D Viewer > Measure > Measure Objects

Fiji

- Analyze > Analyze Particles (2D)
- Analyze > 3D Objects counter
- Plugin > Process > Particle Analyser (3D)

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Dimension Measurement Terms

Width



The horizontal dimension of the object.

Height



The vertical dimension of the object.

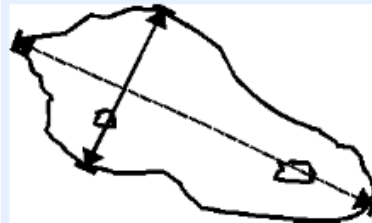
Bounding Rectangle - The smallest rectangle enclosing the selection. Uses the headings **BX, BY, Width and Height**, where **BX** and **BY** are the coordinates of the upper left corner of the rectangle.

Length



The span of the longest chord through the object.

Breadth



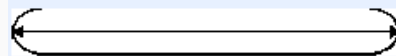
The caliper width of the object, perpendicular to the longest chord. (See also *Length*.)

Fit Ellipse - Fit an ellipse to the selection. Uses the headings **Major, Minor** and **Angle**. **Major** and **Minor** are the primary and secondary axis of the best fitting ellipse. **Angle** is the angle between the primary axis and a line parallel to the x-axis of the image.

Fiber Length

$$\text{Fiber Length} = \frac{1}{4} (P + \sqrt{P^2 - 16A})$$

Where P = Perimeter and A = Area



The length of an object, assuming that it is a fiber.

Fiber Breadth

$$\text{Fiber Breadth} = \frac{1}{4} (P - \sqrt{P^2 - 16A})$$

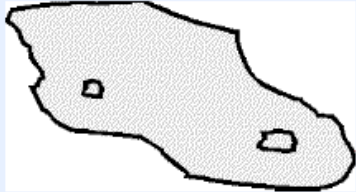
Where P = Perimeter and A = Area



The width of an object, assuming that it is a fiber.

Area Measurement Terms

Total Area



The area of the entire object, including any holes present, regardless of hole-filling.

Pixel Area



Hole filling turned on

The number of *pixels* in the object.
(Pixels inside holes are not included unless hole-filling is enabled in the Measure Objects Preferences dialog box.)

Hole Area



The area of the holes in the object.
If hole-filling has been enabled in the Measure Objects Preferences dialog box, this area should be equal to 0.

Area - Area of selection in square pixels. Area is in calibrated units, such as square millimeters, if *Analyze>Set Scale* was used to spatially calibrate the image.

Area Fraction - The percentage of pixels in the image or selection that have been highlighted in red using *Image>Adjust>Threshold*. For non-thresholded images, the percentage of non-zero pixels.

Area



Hole filling turned on

The area of the object in *calibrated units*.
(The area inside holes is not included unless hole-filling is enabled in the Measure Objects Preferences dialog box.)

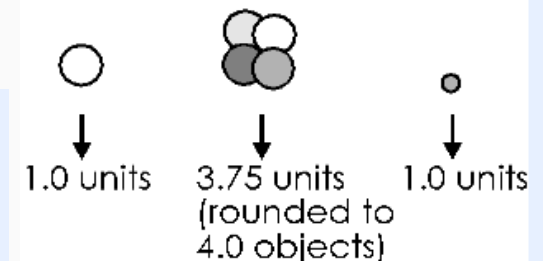
Relative Hole Area

$$\text{Relative Hole Area} = \frac{\text{Hole Area}}{\text{Total Area}}$$

The ratio of the *hole area* to the *total area* of the object. A relative hole area of 0 indicates that the object has no holes, whereas a relative hole area near 1 indicates that the object consists mostly of holes.

Standard Area Count

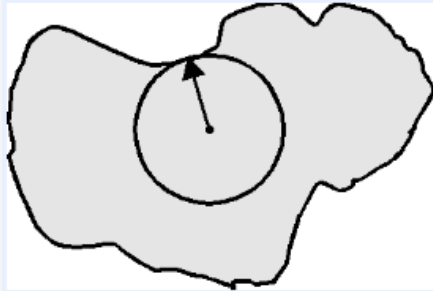
○ = standard area value



The number of times larger that the object is than the value defined as the *standard area*.
If an object has a standard area count less than 1.0, it will count as a single object.

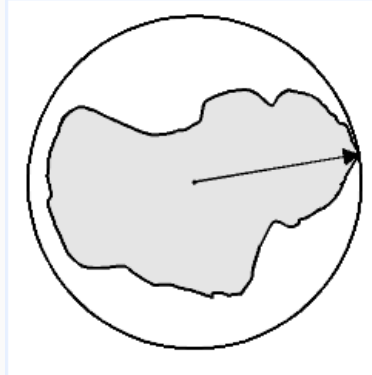
Circular Measurement Terms

Inner Radius



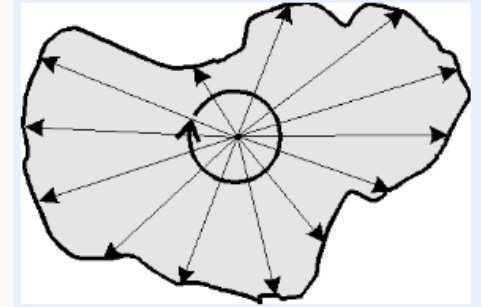
The distance from the centroid to the nearest point along the object's edge.

Outer Radius



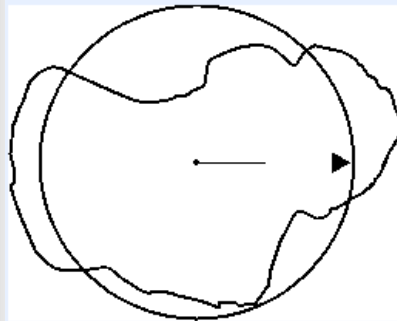
The distance from the centroid to the farthest point along the object's edge.

Mean Radius



The average distance from the centroid to all points along the object's edge.

Equivalent Radius



The radius of a circle that would contain an that of the object.

Shape Factor

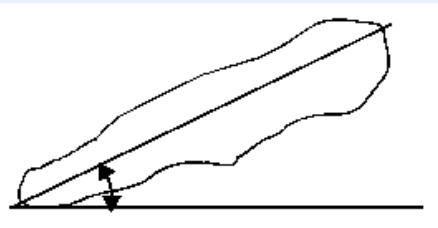
$$\text{Shape Factor} = \frac{4\pi A}{P^2}$$

Where P = Perimeter and A = Area

A value from 0 to 1 representing how closely the object represents a circle.

A value near 0 indicates a flattened object, whereas a value of 1.0 indicates a perfect circle.

Orientation



The angle between (1) the longest chord through and (2) the horizontal axis. The orientation will range from 90 to +90 degrees.

Elliptical Form Factor

$$\text{Elliptical Form Factor} = \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Breadth}}$$

The ratio of the object's breadth to its length.

Shape Descriptors (previously Circularity) :

Circ. (circularity): $4\pi \cdot \text{area} / \text{perimeter}^2$. A value of 1.0 indicates a perfect circle. As the value approaches 0.0, it indicates an increasingly elongated shape. Values may not be valid for very small particles.

AR (aspect ratio): $\text{major_axis} / \text{minor_axis}$.

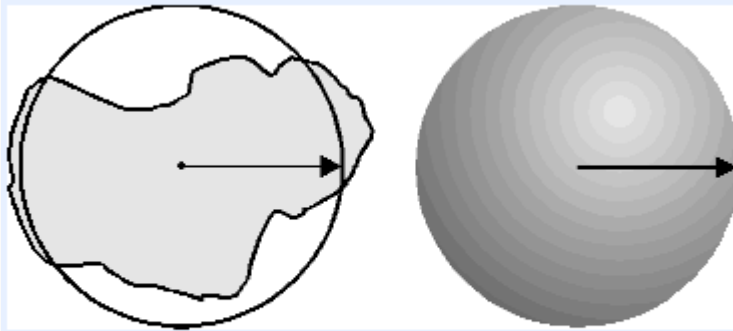
Round (roundness): $4 \cdot \text{area} / (\pi \cdot \text{major_axis}^2)$, or the inverse of the aspect ratio.

Solidity: $\text{area} / \text{convex area}$.

Feret's Diameter - The longest distance between any two points along the selection boundary, also known as maximum caliper. Uses the *Feret* heading. The angle (0-180 degrees) of the Feret's diameter is displayed under *FeretAngle*, as well as the minimum caliper diameter (*MinFeret*). The starting coordinates of the Feret's diameter (*FeretX* and *FeretY*) are also displayed.

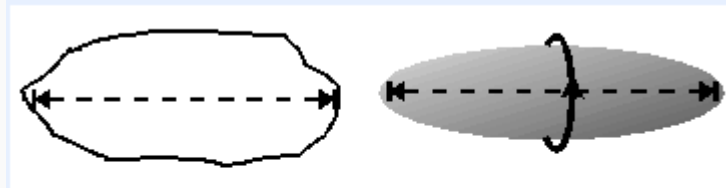
Circular Measurement Terms

Equivalent Sphere Volume



The volume of a sphere that would have an equatorial cross-sectional area equal to that of the object.

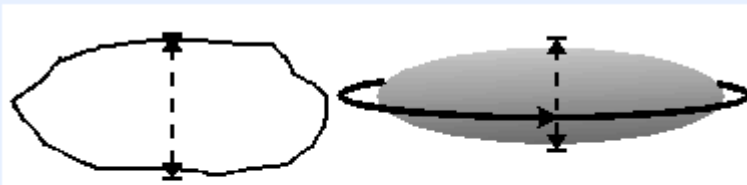
Equivalent Prolate Volume



The volume of a prolate spheroid (cigar-shaped object) with a major axis matching that of the object.

A prolate spheroid is produced by revolving an ellipse around its major axis.

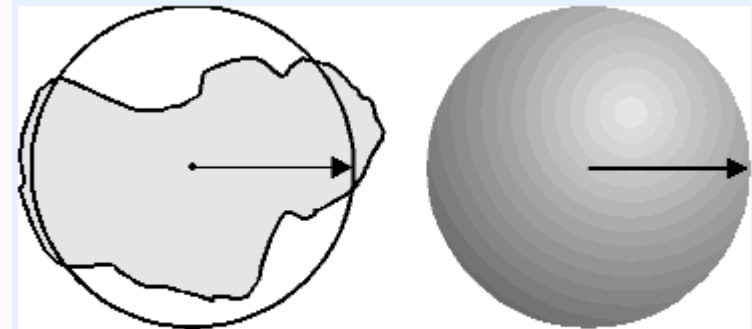
Equivalent Oblate Volume



The volume of an oblate spheroid (squashed sphere or disk) with a minor axis matching that of the object.

An oblate spheroid is produced by revolving an ellipse around its minor axis.

Equivalent Sphere Surface Area



The surface area of a sphere with a cross-sectional area equal to that of the object.

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Metamorph

- Measure > Show Region Stats
- Measure > Region Measurements
- Measure > Measure Pixel
- Measure > Integrated Morphological Analysis (2D)
- Measure > Linescan
- 4D Viewer > Measure > Measure Objects

Fiji

- Analyze > Measure
- Analyze > Analyze Particles (2D)
- Analyze > 3D Objects counter
- Plugin > Process > Particle Analyser (3D)
- View5D
- Analyze > Plot Profile
- Plugins > Analyze > Dynamic ROI Profiler