

# Morphological Image Processing

Image Processing

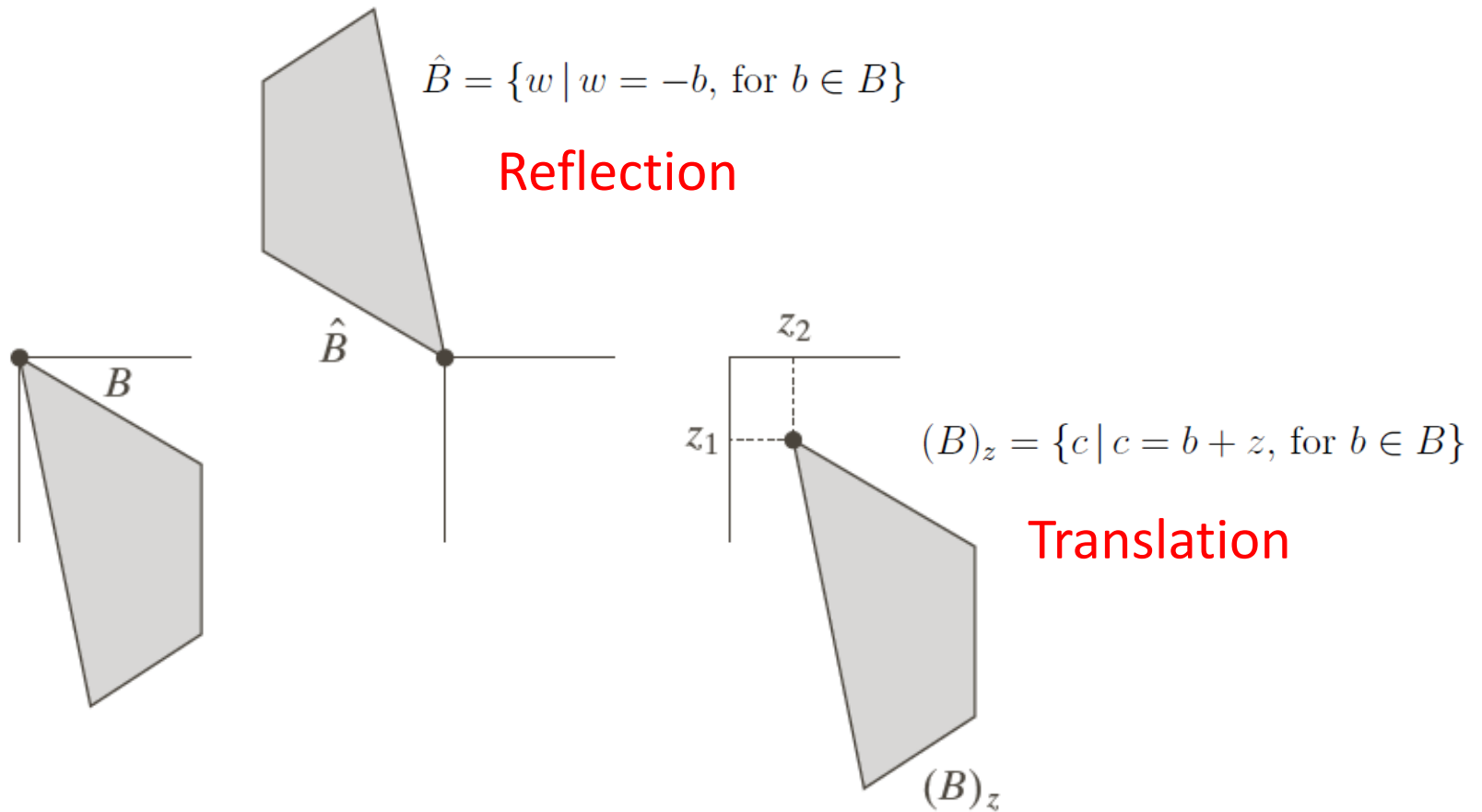
CSE 166

Lecture 15

# Announcements

- Assignment 4 is due today, 11:59 PM
- Reading
  - Chapter 9: Morphological image processing
    - Sections 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and 9.5 (through subsection connected components)

# Reflection and translation

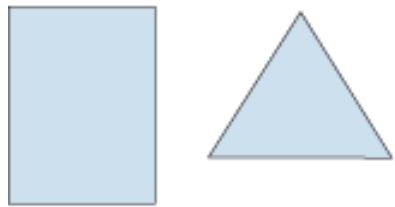


# Sets of pixels: objects and structuring elements (SEs)

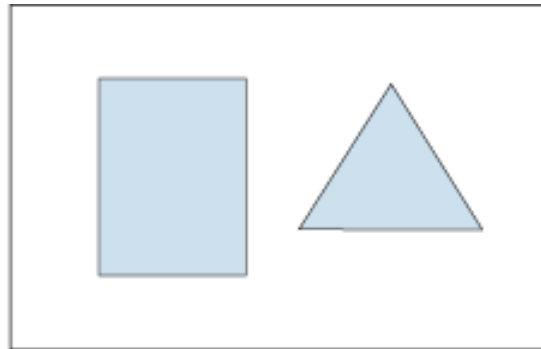
Border of  
background  
pixels  
around  
objects



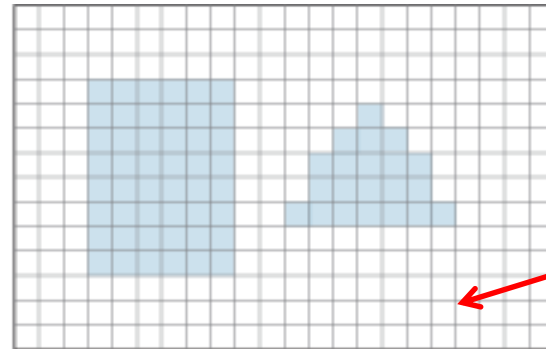
Tight border  
around SE



Objects represented  
as sets



Objects represented as  
a graphical image



Digital image



Structuring element  
represented as a set

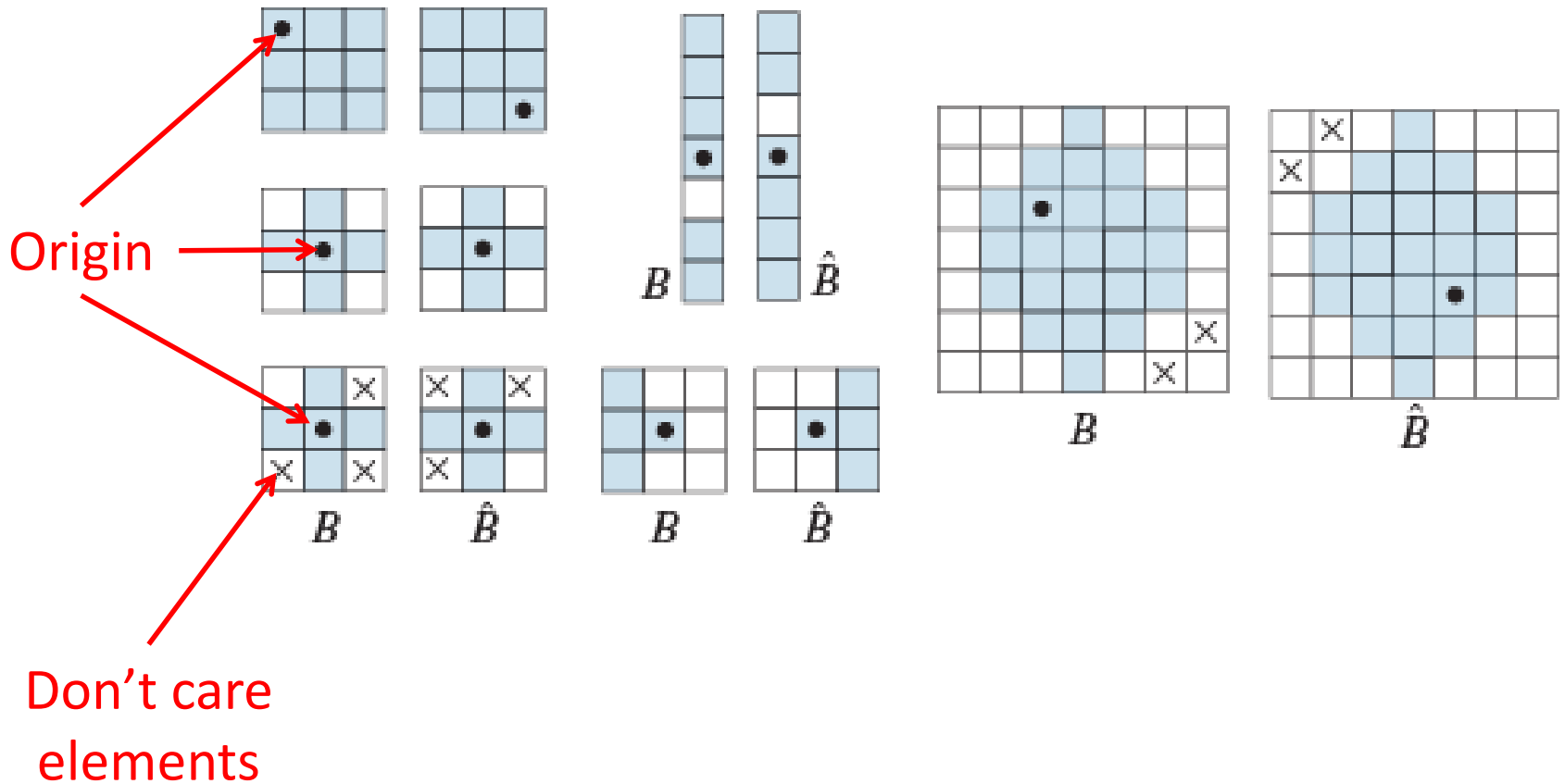


Structuring element  
represented as a graphical image



Digital  
structuring element

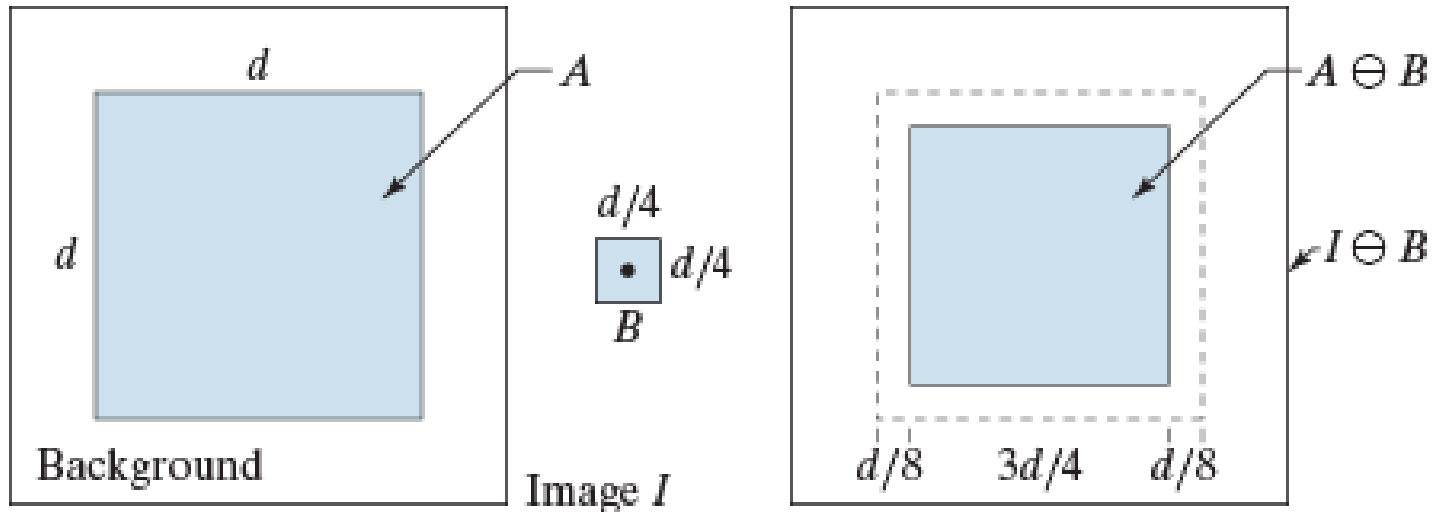
# Reflection about the origin



# Erosion

Example: square SE

$$A \ominus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \subseteq A\}$$



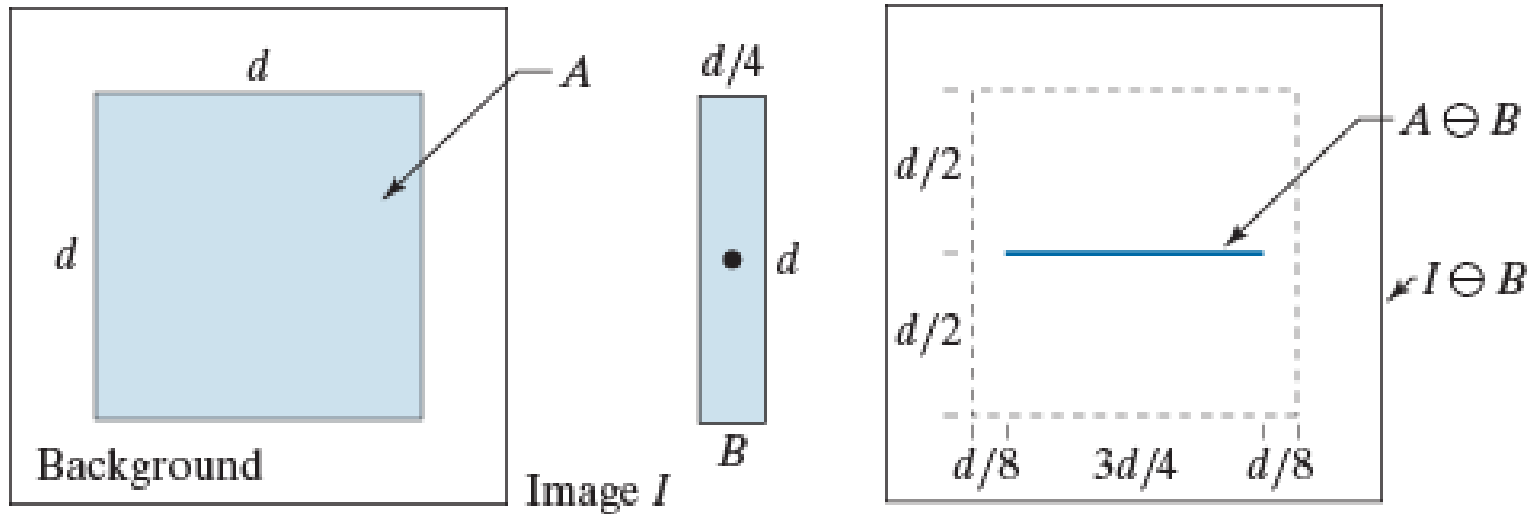
$$I \ominus B = \{z \mid (B)_z \subseteq A \text{ and } A \in I\} \cup \{A^c \mid A^c \subseteq I\}$$

Complement of  $A$   
(i.e., set of elements not in  $A$ )

# Erosion

Example: elongated SE

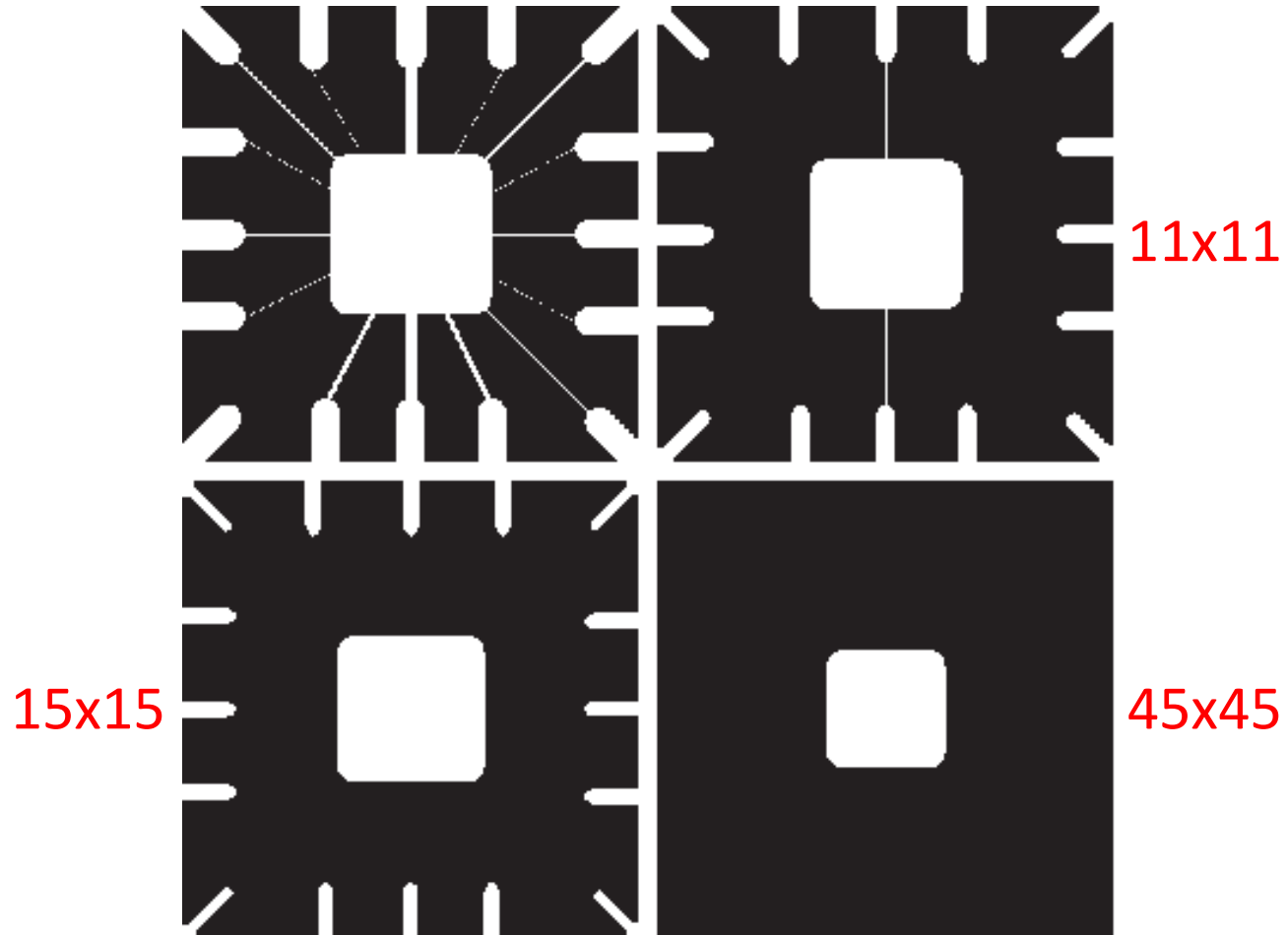
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# Erosion

Shrinks

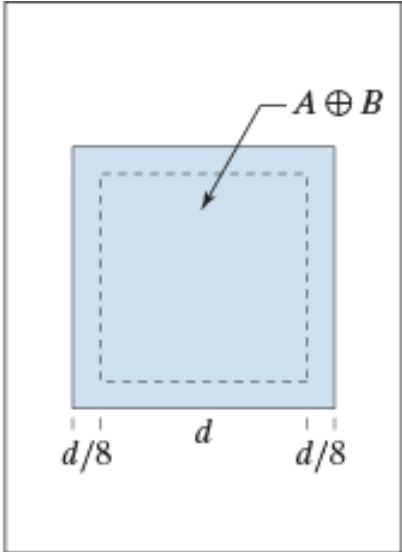
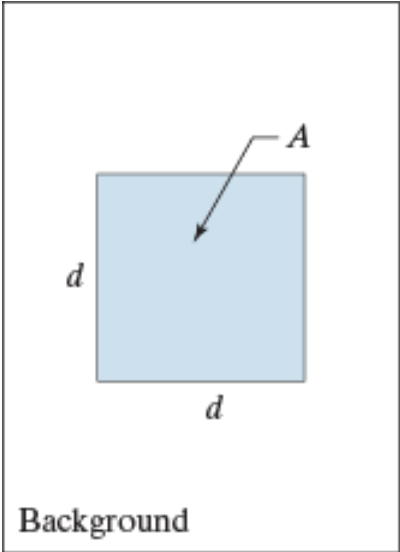




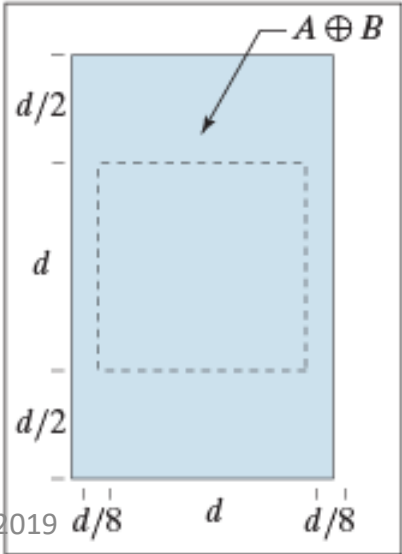
# Dilation

$$A \oplus B = \{z \mid (\hat{B})_z \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$$

Examples



Square SE



Elongated SE

# Dilation

Expands

Historically, certain computer programs were written using only two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. Accordingly, the company's software may recognize a date using "00" as 1900 rather than the year 2000.

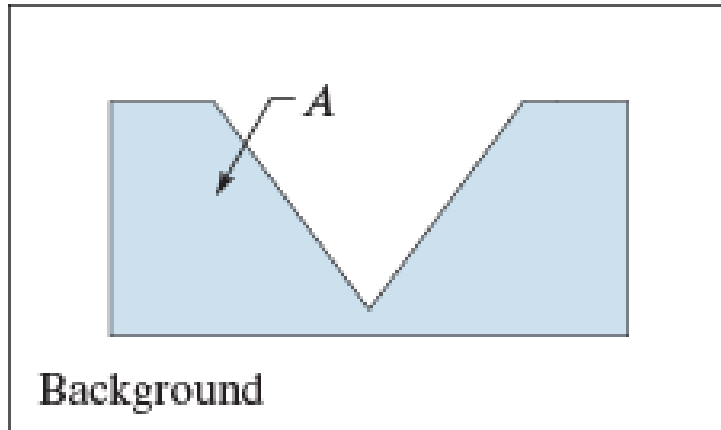


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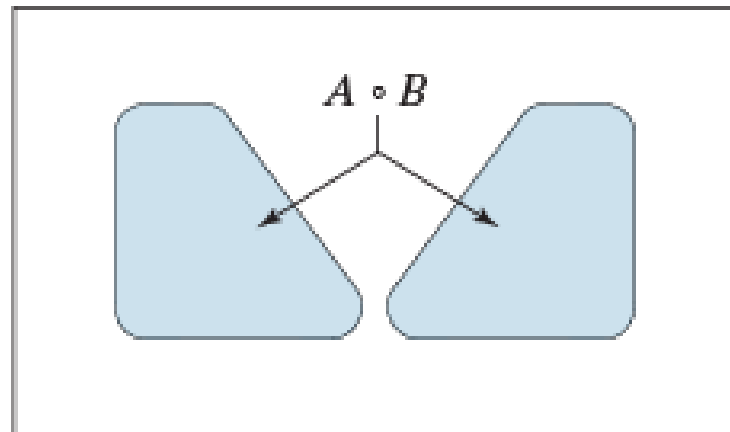
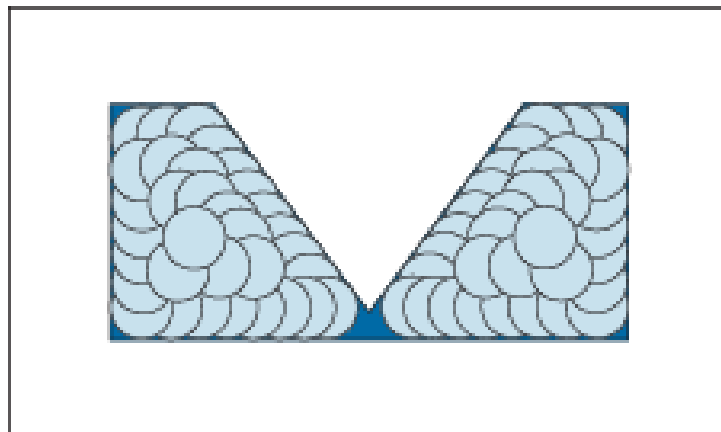
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

# Opening



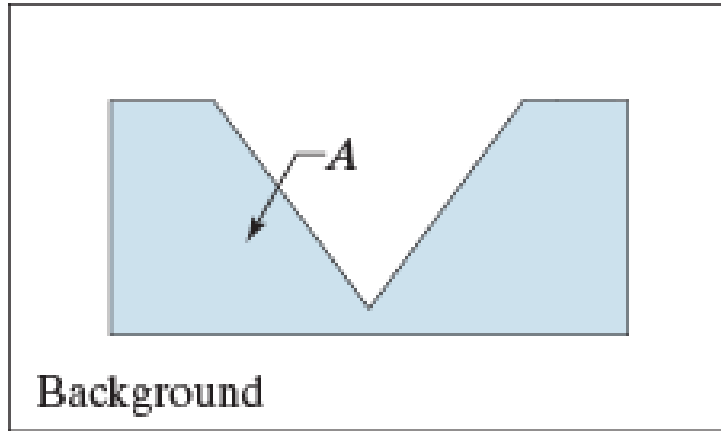
Image,  $I$

$$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B$$



Structuring element rolls along **inner** boundary

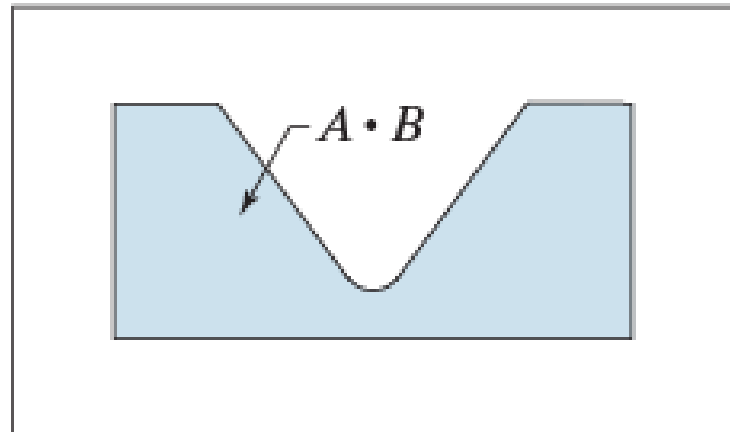
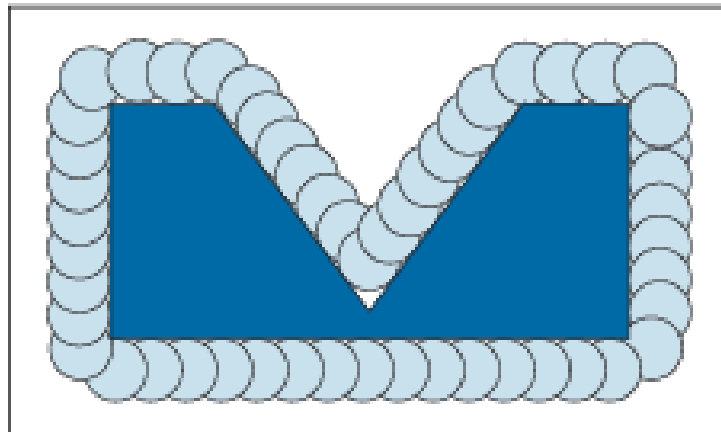
# Closing



Image,  $I$

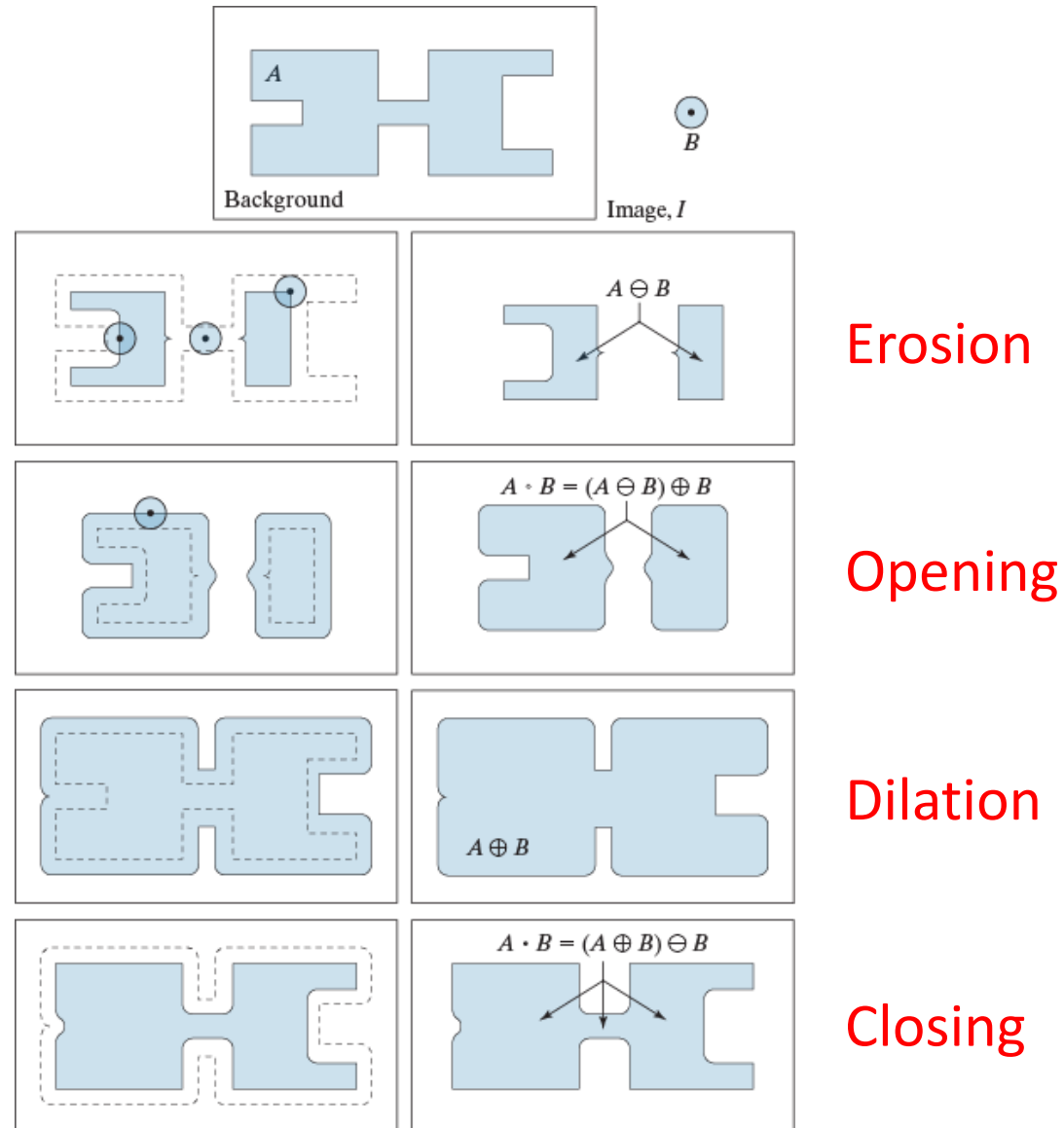


$$A \bullet B = (A \oplus B) \ominus B$$

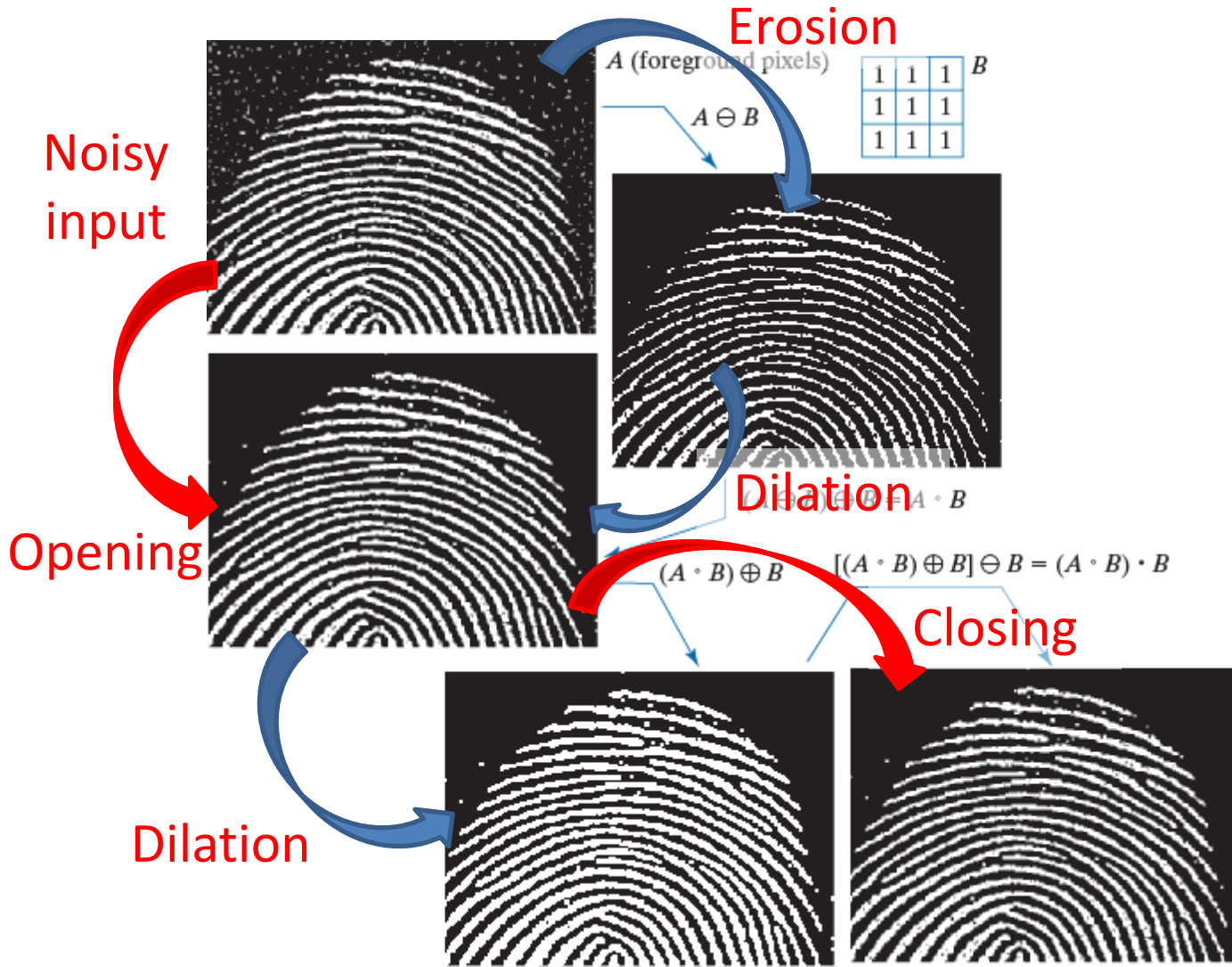


Structuring element rolls along **outer** boundary

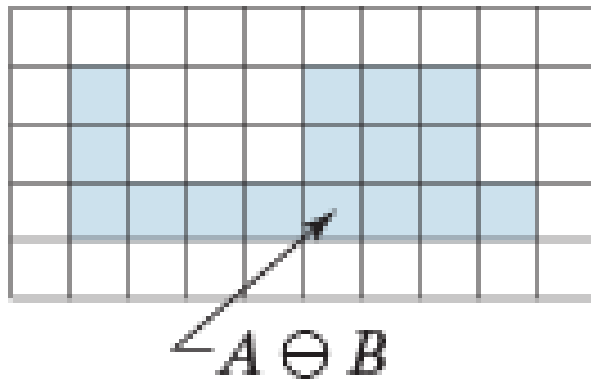
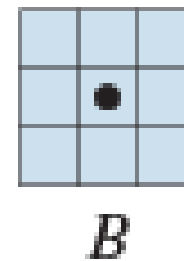
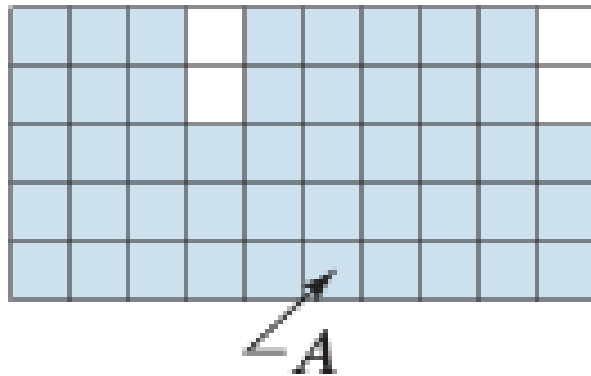
# Opening and closing



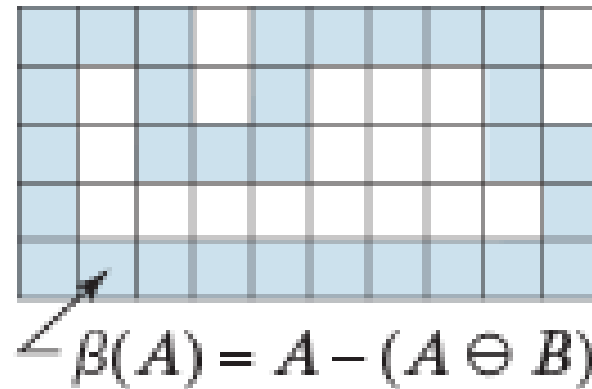
# Morphological image processing



# Boundary extraction

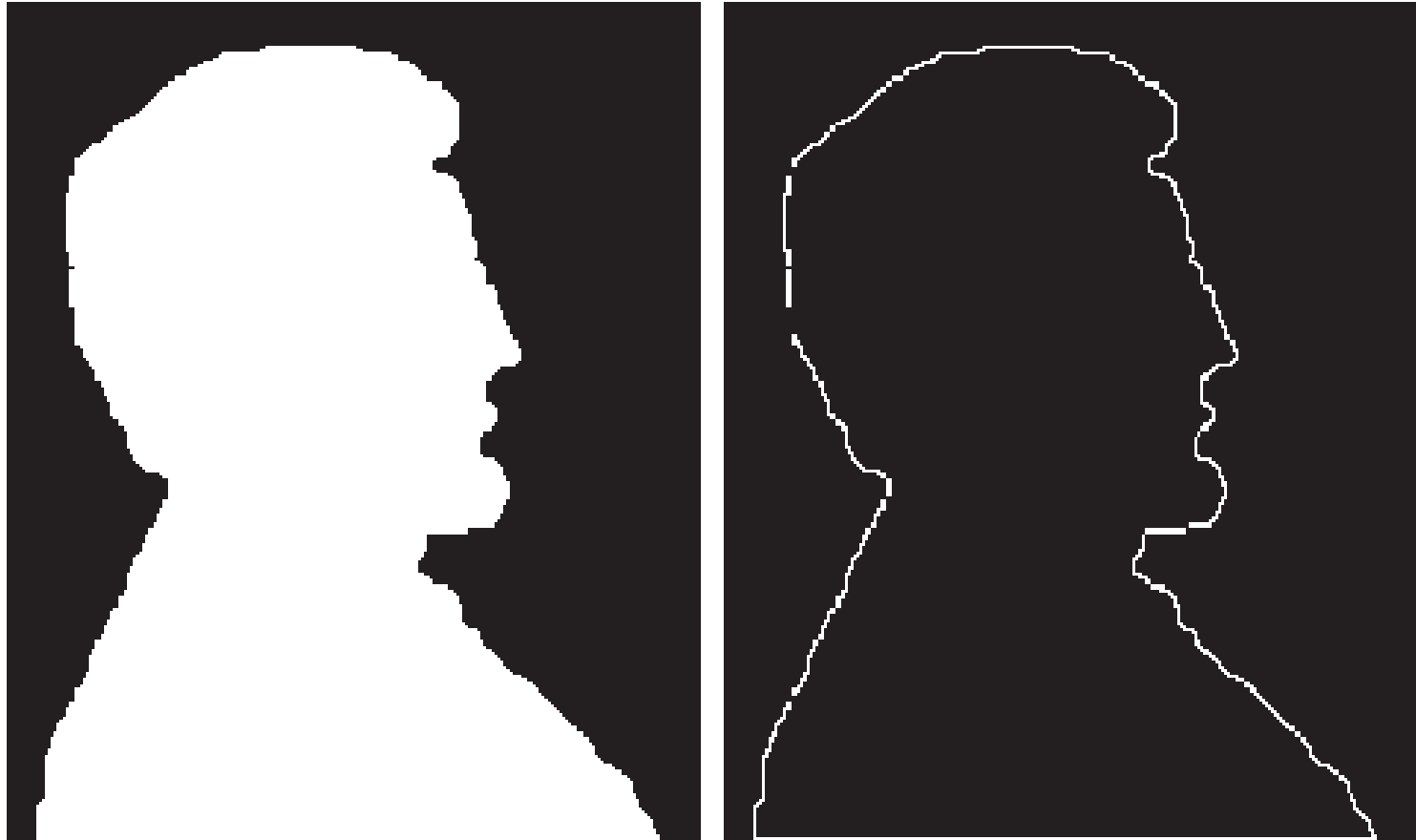


Erosion



Set difference

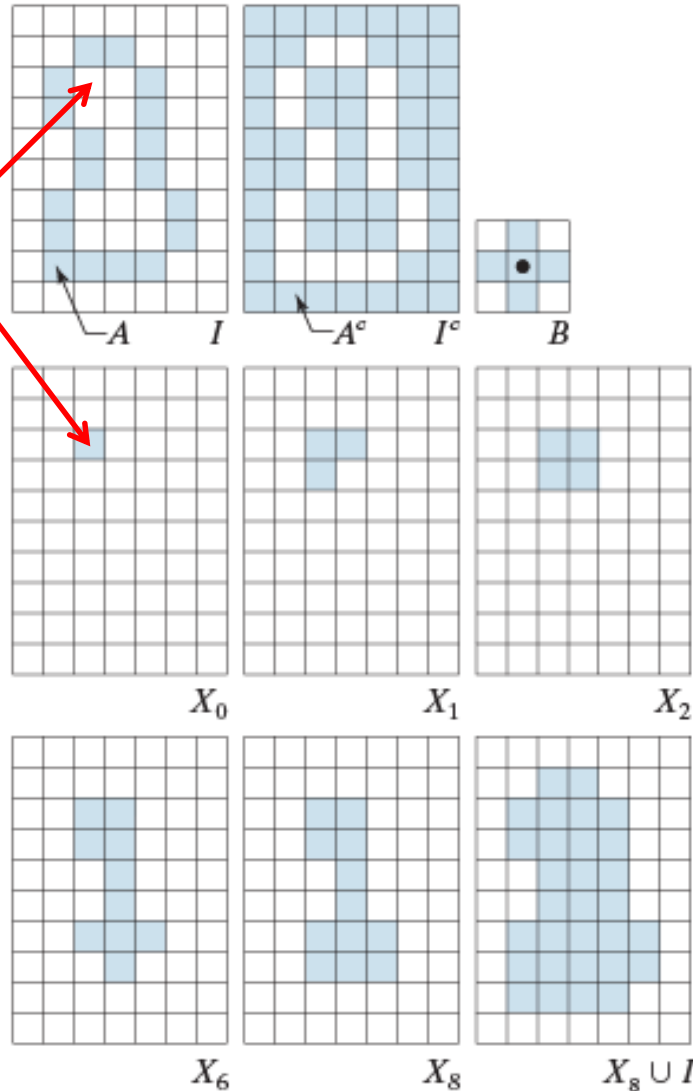
# Boundary extraction





# Hole filling

Given point  
in hole

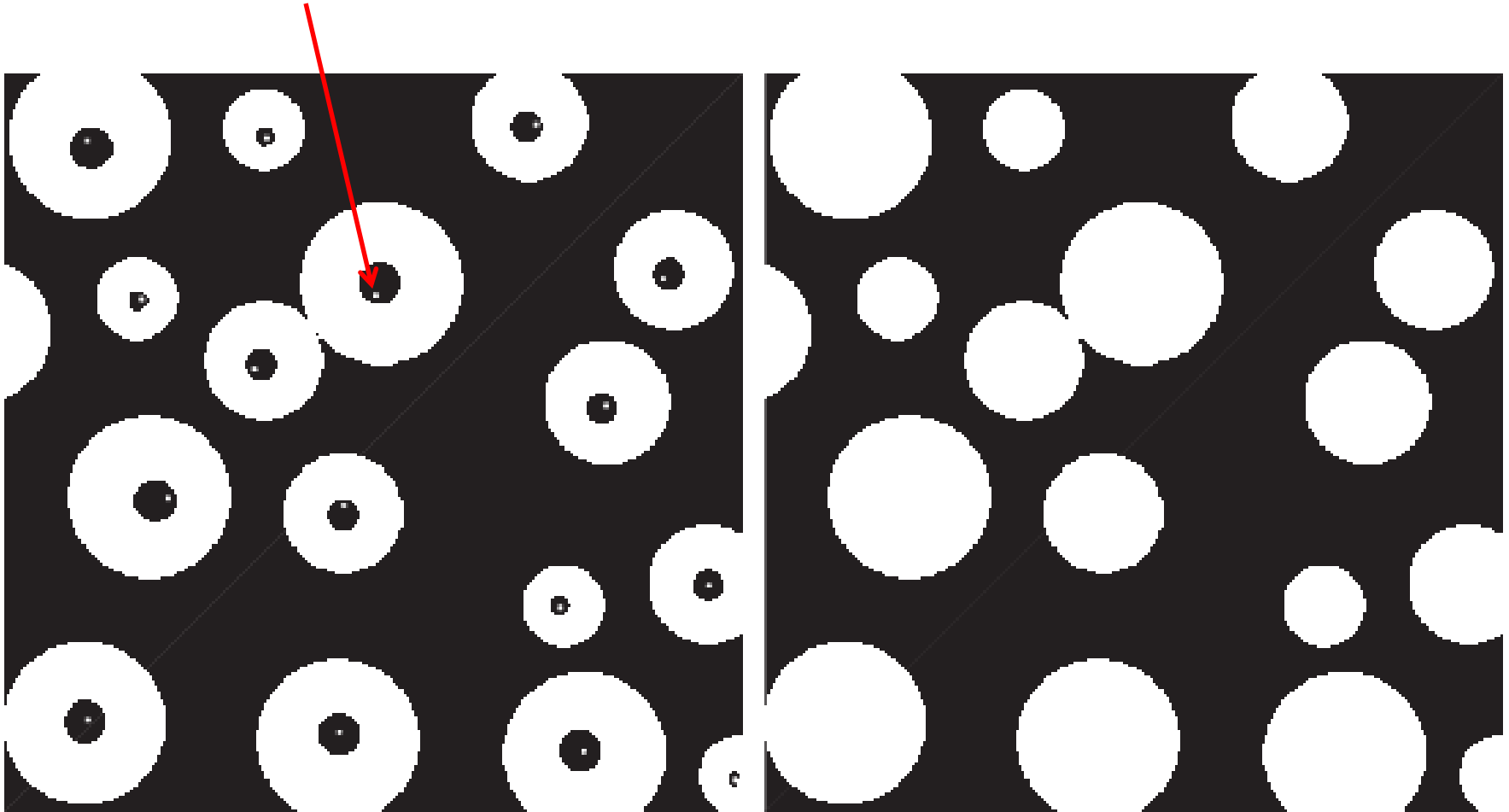


$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A^c \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Hole filling

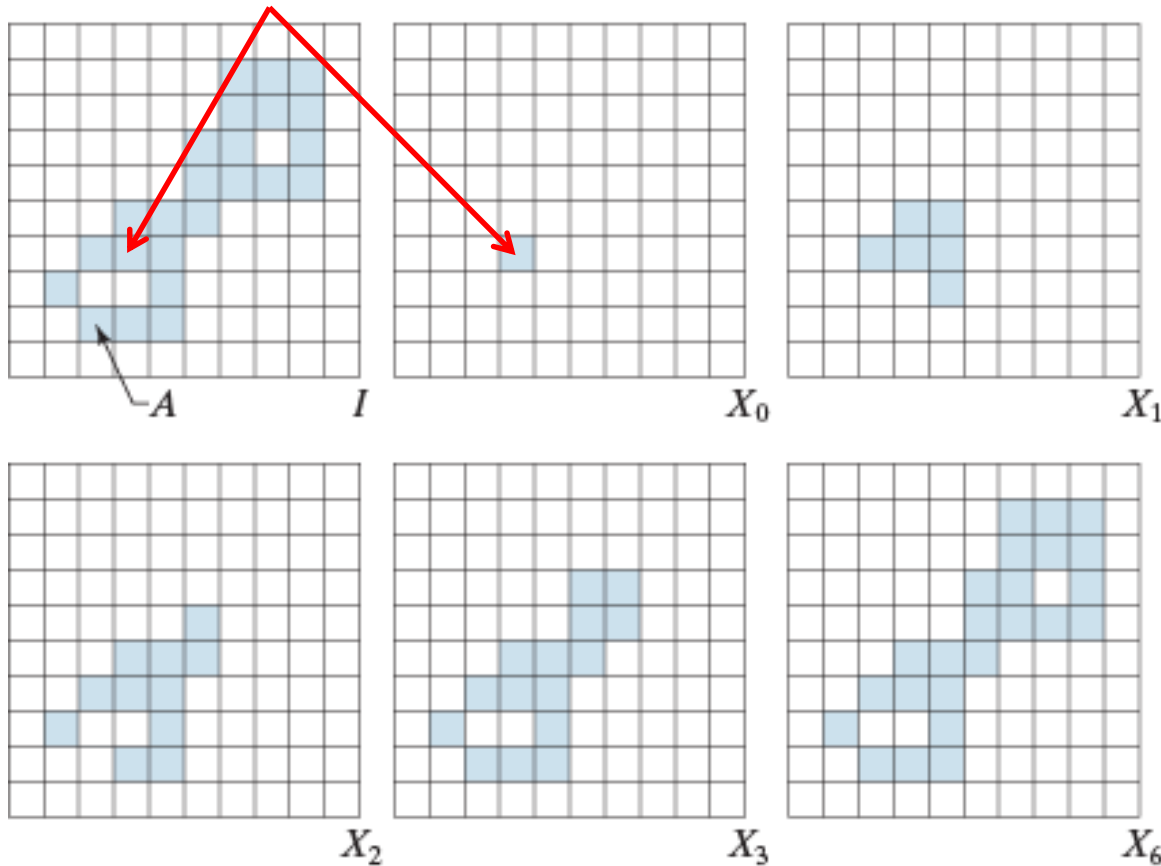
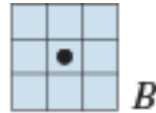
Given points in holes

All holes filled



# Connected components

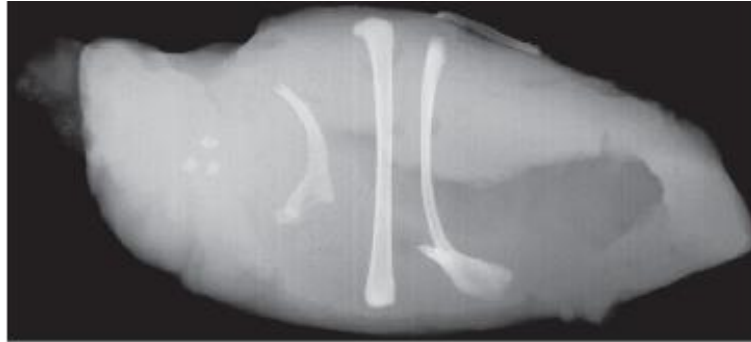
Given point  
in A



$$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Connected components

X-ray image



Threshold  
(negative)



Connected component	No. of pixels in connected comp
01	11
02	9
03	9
04	39
05	133
06	1
07	1
08	743
09	7
10	11
11	11
12	9
13	9
14	674
15	85

15  
connected  
components

# Next Lecture

- Image segmentation
- Reading
  - Chapter 10: Image segmentation I: edge detection, thresholding, and region detection
    - Sections 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3