

# Intensity Transformation-01

## Spatial Domain vs. Transform Domain

- Spatial domain  
image plane itself, directly process the intensity values of the image plane
- Transform domain  
process the transform coefficients, not directly process the intensity values of the image plane

## Spatial Domain Process

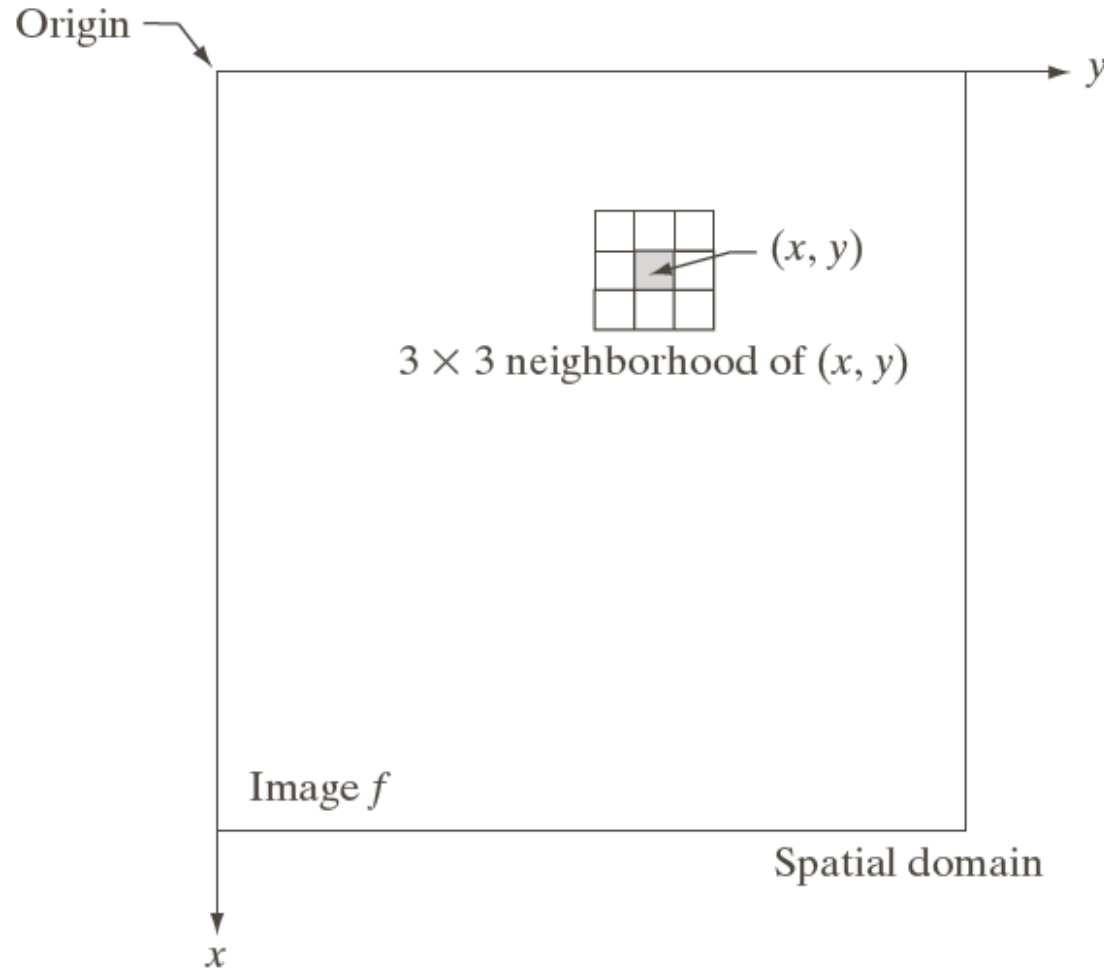
$$g(x, y) = T[f(x, y)]$$

$f(x, y)$  : input image

$g(x, y)$  : output image

$T$  : an operator on  $f$  defined over  
a neighborhood of point  $(x, y)$

# Spatial Domain Process

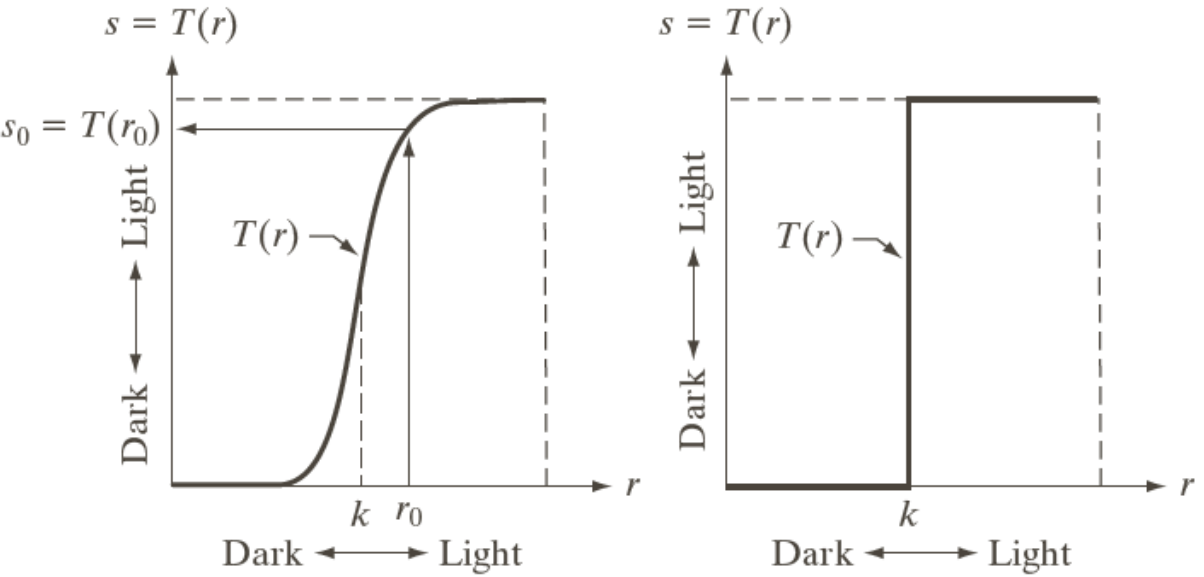
**FIGURE 3.1**

A  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood about a point  $(x, y)$  in an image in the spatial domain. The neighborhood is moved from pixel to pixel in the image to generate an output image.

# Spatial Domain Process

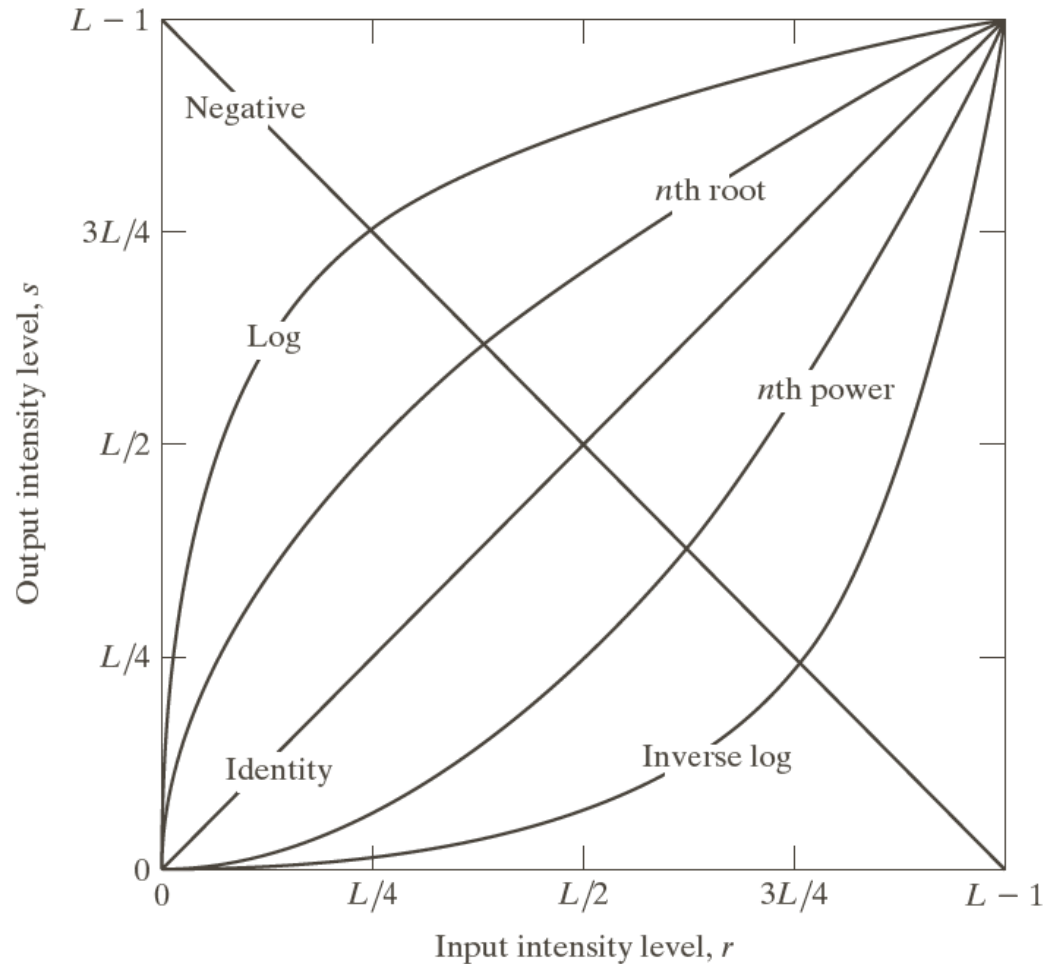
## Intensity transformation function

$$s = T(r)$$



a b  
**FIGURE 3.2**  
Intensity transformation functions.  
(a) Contrast-stretching function.  
(b) Thresholding function.

# Some Basic Intensity Transformation Functions



**FIGURE 3.3** Some basic intensity transformation functions. All curves were scaled to fit in the range shown.

# Image Negatives

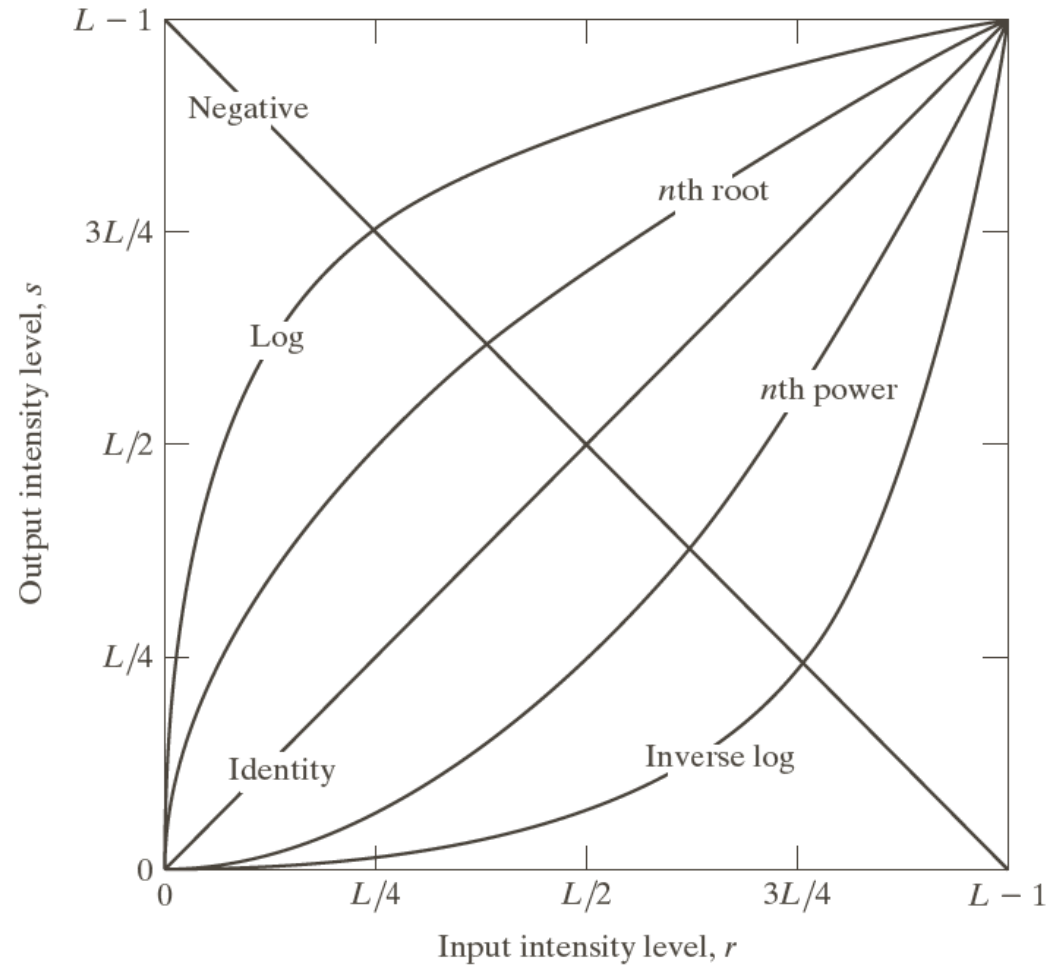


Image negatives

$$s = L - 1 - r$$

# Example: Image Negatives



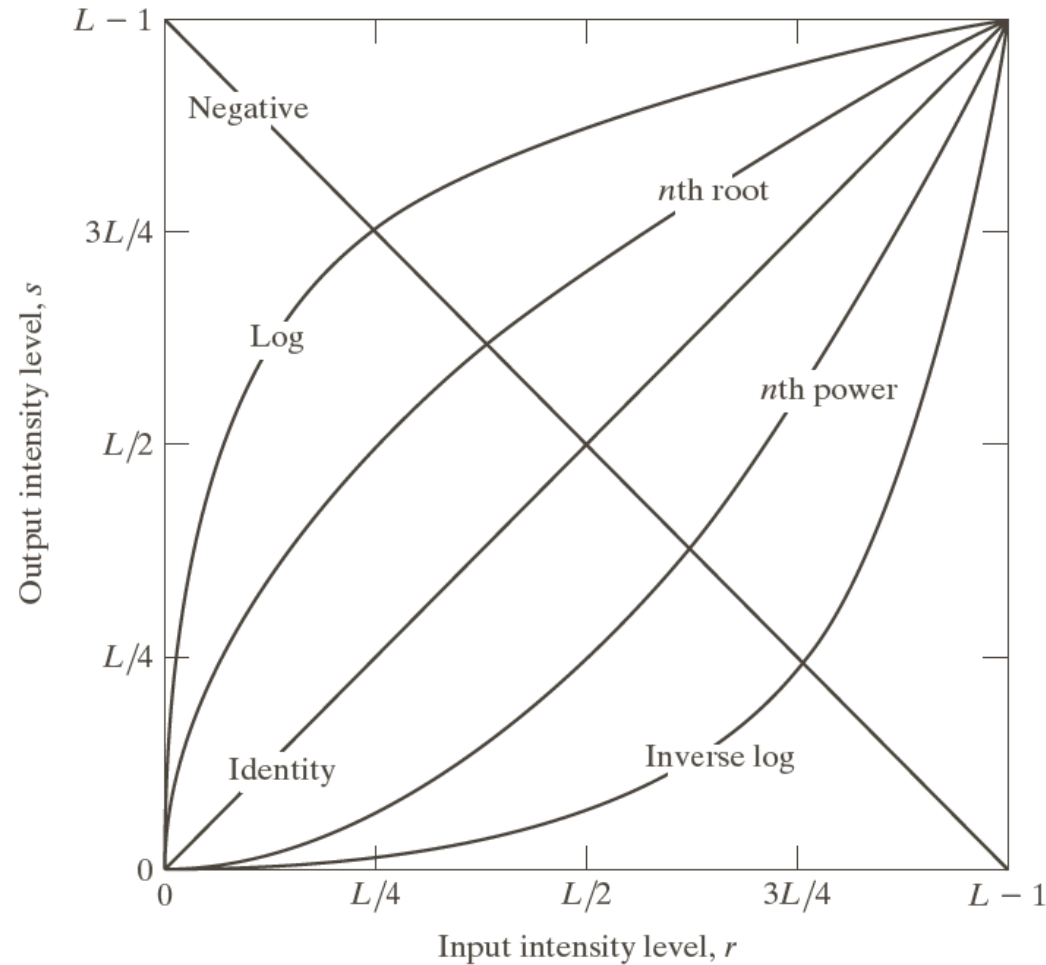
a b

**FIGURE 3.4**  
(a) Original digital mammogram.  
(b) Negative image obtained using the negative transformation in Eq. (3.2-1).  
(Courtesy of G.E. Medical Systems.)

Small lesion



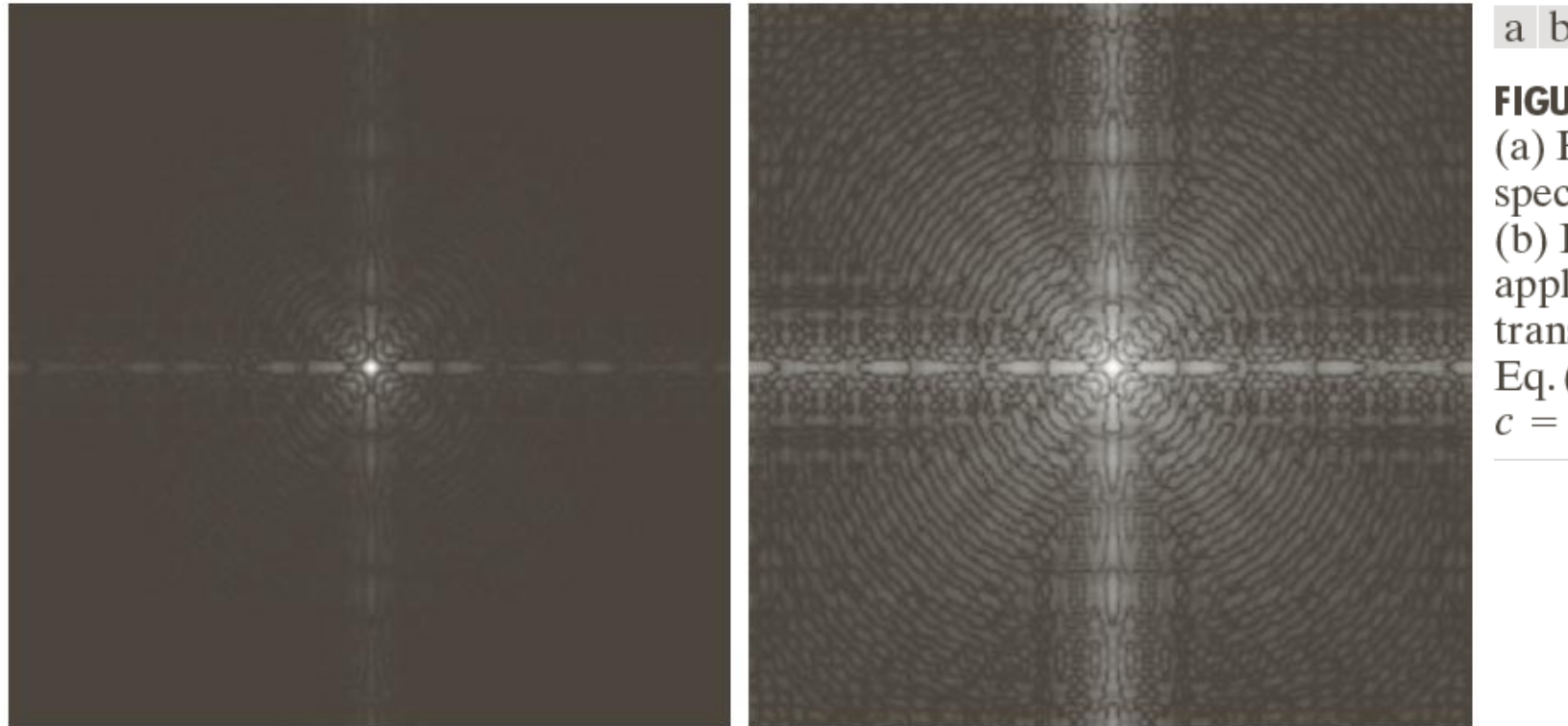
# Log Transformations



## Log Transformations

$$s = c \log(1 + r)$$

# Example: Log Transformations



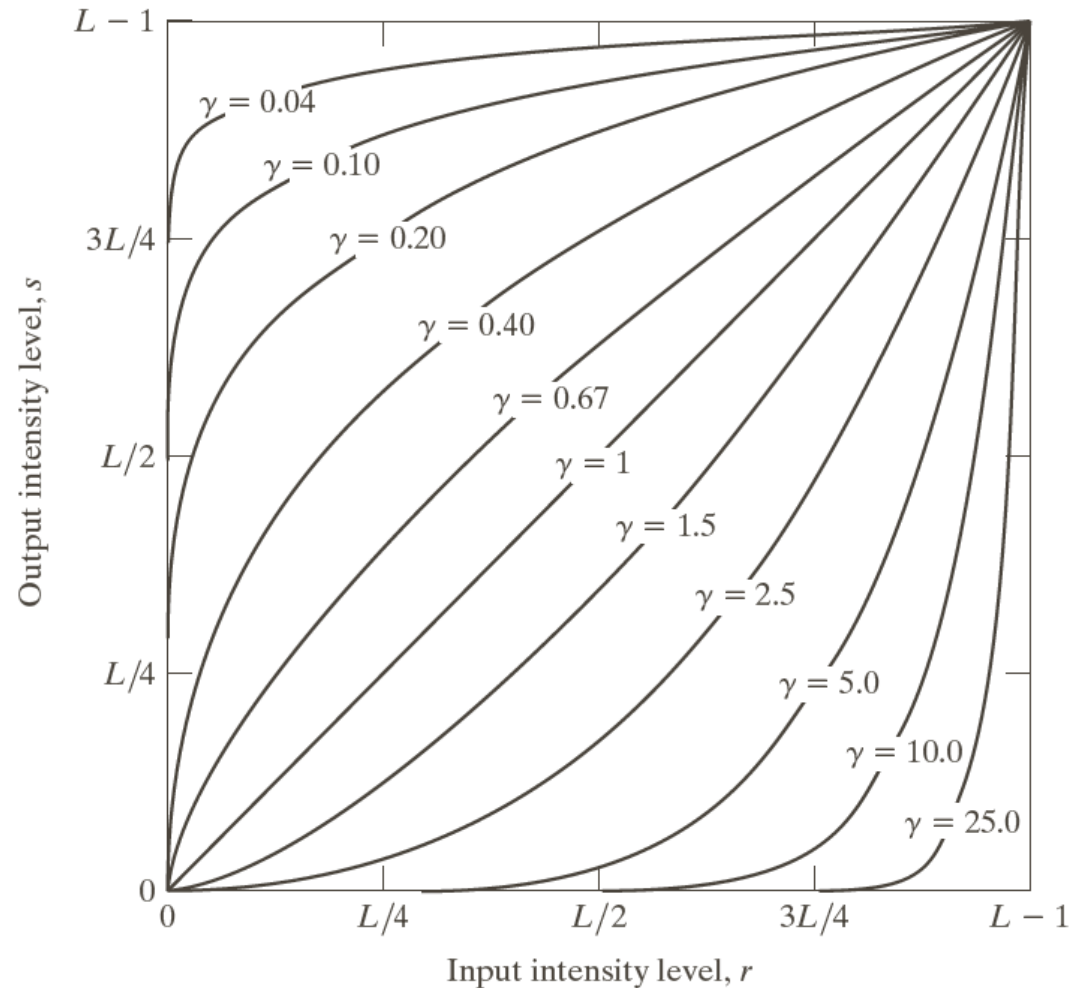
a b

**FIGURE 3.5**

(a) Fourier spectrum.

(b) Result of applying the log transformation in Eq. (3.2-2) with  $c = 1$ .

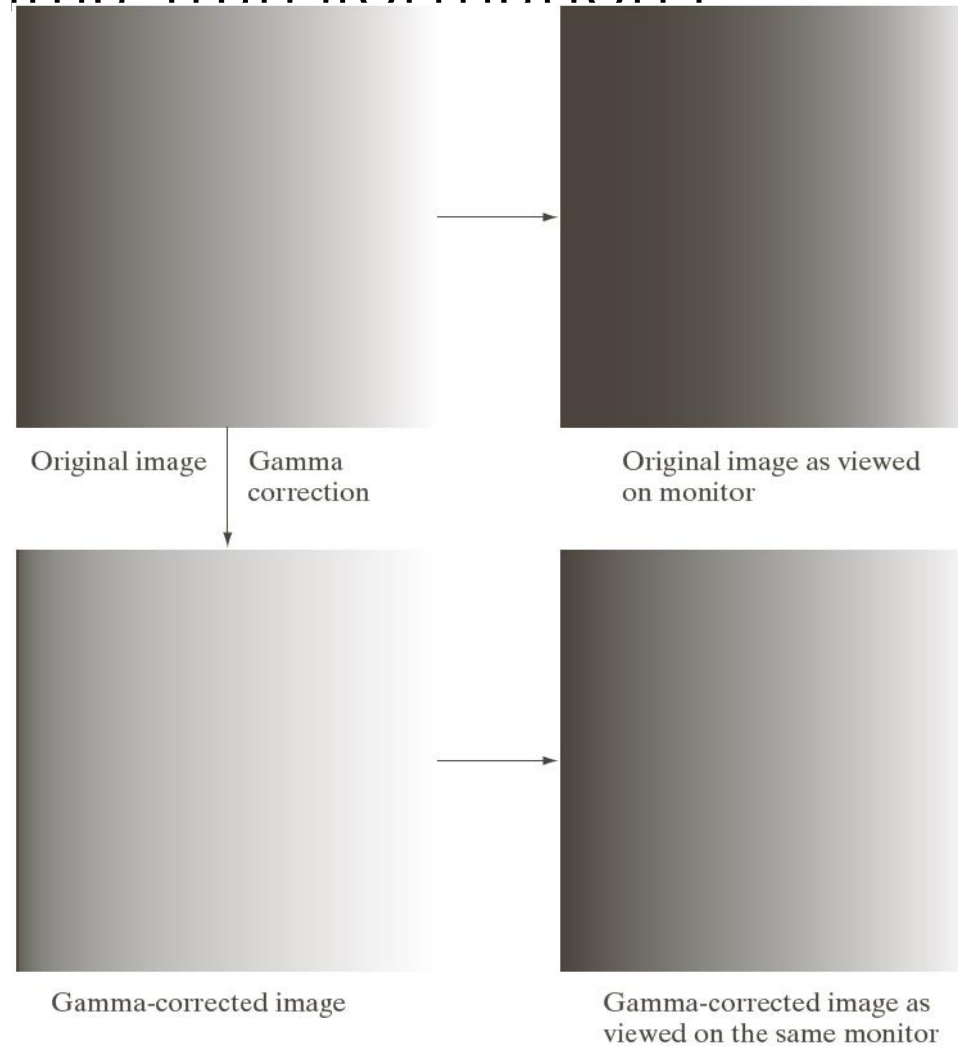
# Power-Law (Gamma) Transformations



$$s = cr^\gamma$$

**FIGURE 3.6** Plots of the equation  $s = cr^\gamma$  for various values of  $\gamma$  ( $c = 1$  in all cases). All curves were scaled to fit in the range shown.

## Example: Gamma Transformations

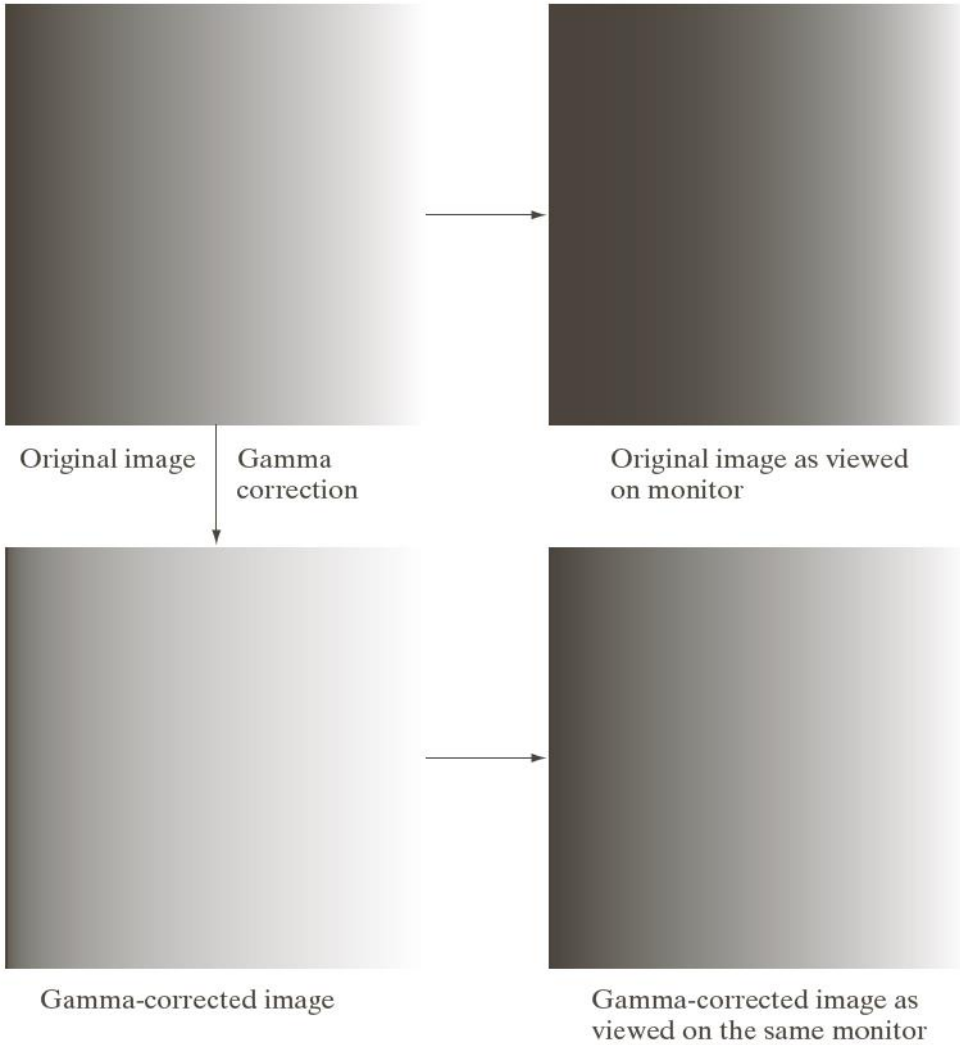


a	b
c	d

**FIGURE 3.7**

(a) Intensity ramp image. (b) Image as viewed on a simulated monitor with a gamma of 2.5. (c) Gamma-corrected image. (d) Corrected image as viewed on the same monitor. Compare (d) and (a).

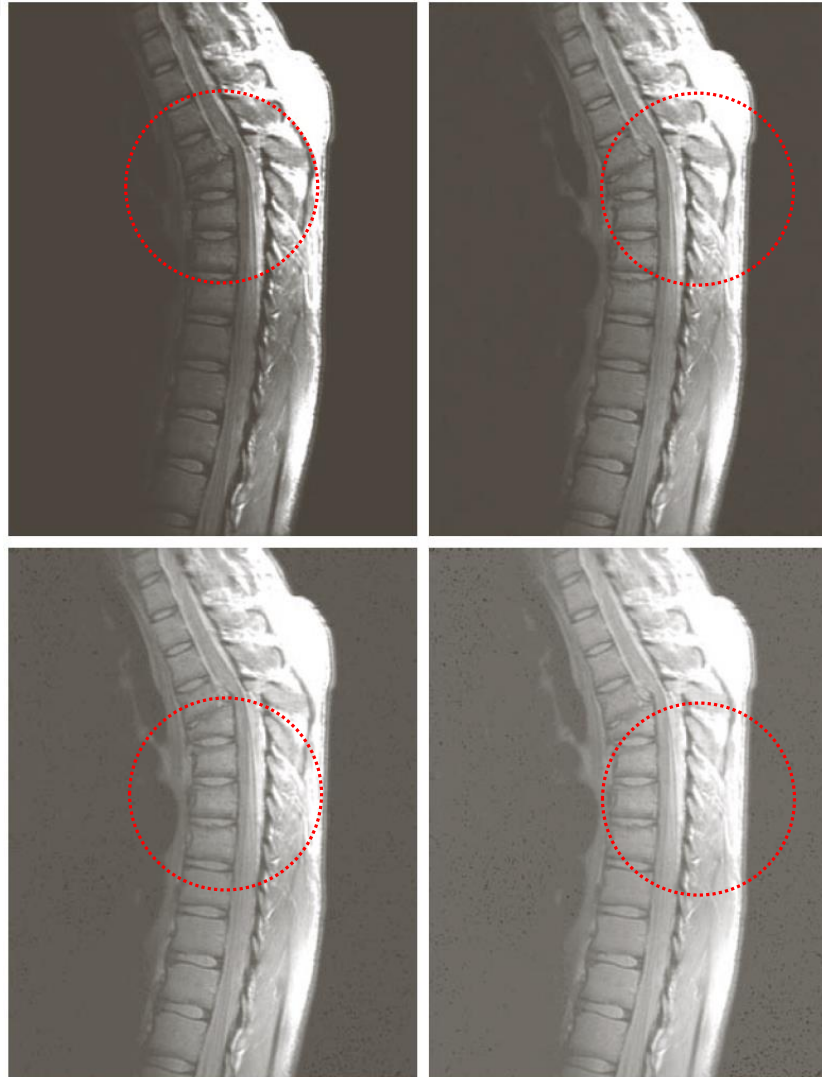
# Example: Gamma Transformations



$$S = r^{1/2.5}$$

Cathode ray tube (CRT) devices have an intensity-to-voltage response that is a power function, with exponents varying from approximately 1.8 to 2.5

## Example: Gamma Transformations



a	b
c	d

**FIGURE 3.8**

(a) Magnetic resonance image (MRI) of a fractured human spine.

(b)–(d) Results of applying the transformation in Eq. (3.2-3) with  $c = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0.6, 0.4,$  and  $0.3,$  respectively. (Original image courtesy of Dr. David R. Pickens, Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.)

# Example: Gamma Transformations



a	b
c	d

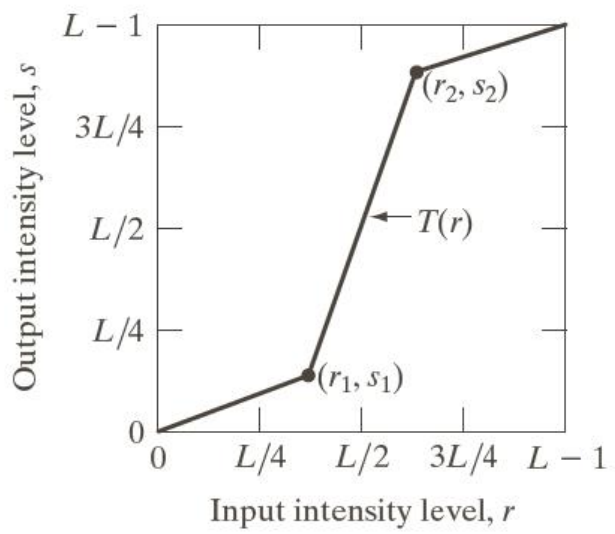
**FIGURE 3.9**

(a) Aerial image.  
(b)–(d) Results of applying the transformation in Eq. (3.2-3) with  $c = 1$  and  $\gamma = 3.0, 4.0,$  and  $5.0,$  respectively. (Original image for this example courtesy of NASA.)

# Piecewise-Linear Transformations

- **Contrast Stretching**
  - Expands the range of intensity levels in an image so that it spans the full intensity range of the recording medium or display device.
- **Intensity-level Slicing**
  - Highlighting a specific range of intensities in an image often is of interest.





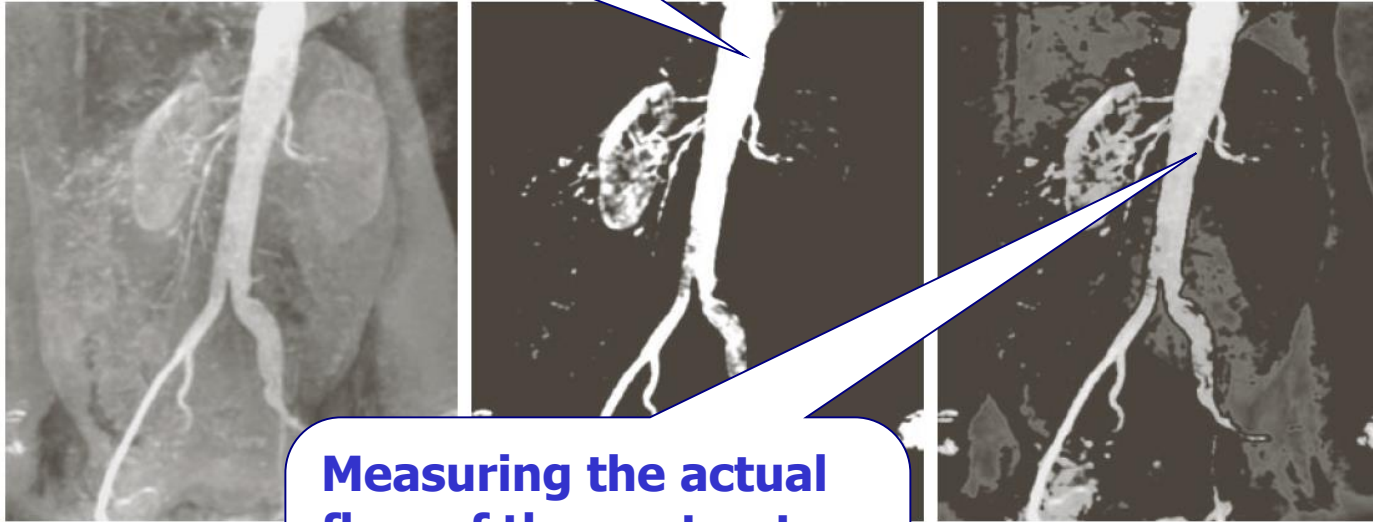
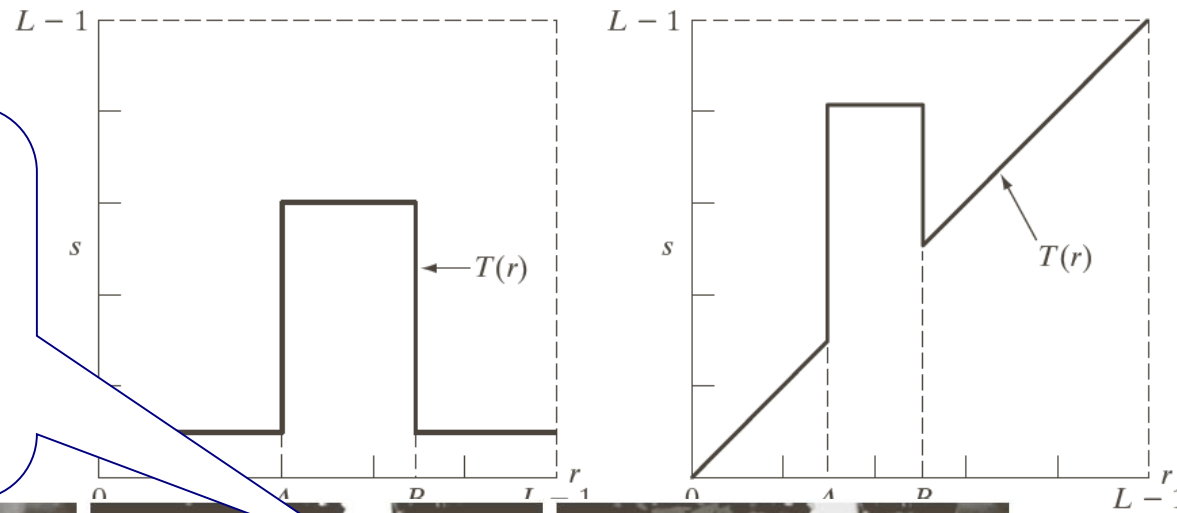
a	b
c	d

**FIGURE 3.10** Contrast stretching. (a) Form of transformation function. (b) A low-contrast image. (c) Result of contrast stretching. (d) Result of thresholding. (Original image courtesy of Dr. Roger Heady, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.)

a b

FIGURE 3.11 (a) This

Highlight the major blood vessels and study the shape of the flow of the contrast medium (to detect blockages, etc.)



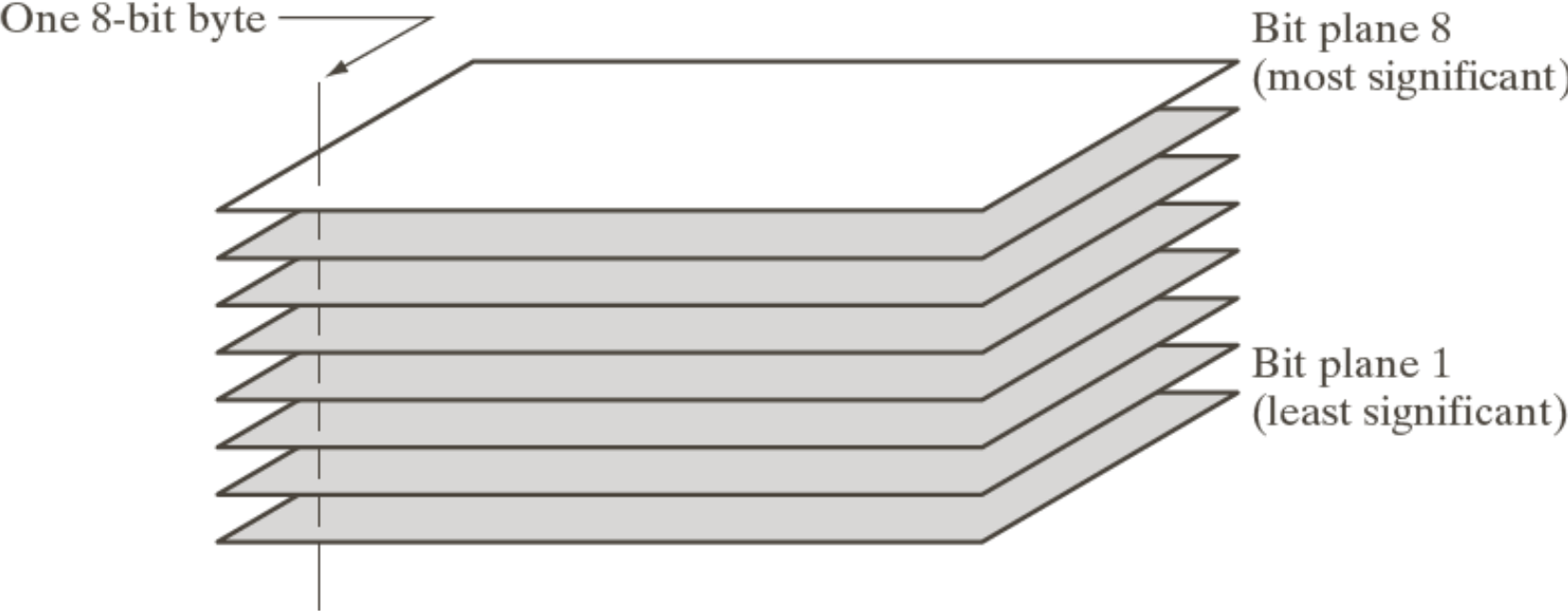
a b c

FIGURE 3.12 (a) Aorta... 3.11(a), with the rang... using the transformat... blood vessels and kid... Michigan Medical School.

Measuring the actual flow of the contrast medium as a function of time in a series of images

ormation of the type illustrated in Fig... r end of the gray scale. (c) Result of... black, so that grays in the area of the... of Dr. Thomas R. Gest, University of

# Bit-plane Slicing



**FIGURE 3.13**  
Bit-plane  
representation of  
an 8-bit image.

# Bit-plane Slicing



a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i

**FIGURE 3.14** (a) An 8-bit gray-scale image of size  $500 \times 1192$  pixels. (b) through (i) Bit planes 1 through 8, with bit plane 1 corresponding to the least significant bit. Each bit plane is a binary image.

# Bit-plane Slicing



a b c

**FIGURE 3.15** Images reconstructed using (a) bit planes 8 and 7; (b) bit planes 8, 7, and 6; and (c) bit planes 8, 7, 6, and 5. Compare (c) with Fig. 3.14(a).