Homework 01: Working with Images

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Due: 2025-09-15, 11:59pm, on Canvas

General Instructions:

- You should solve the homework and submit your report **individually**. Identical submissions will receive a grade of zero.
- Getting help from others or checking your answers with other students (not the TAs) is okay and encouraged.
- Ask any questions on **Ed Discussion** (instead of emailing).
- **Before** the homework due date, TAs are strictly prohibited from **pre-grading** your homework. Do not expect the TAs to help you verify if your answers are correct or give you the problem solution.
- After the homework due date, if you do not know how to solve a problem, reach out to the TAs. They will walk you through the solution and help you understand it. Note that homework solutions will **not** be posted because some problems will be used in next year's class.
- **Exams** may contain questions related to homework, so make sure you learn how to solve the homework problems correctly.
- The deliverables are outlined for each problem, and you should carefully follow the instructions. Failing to follow instructions will result in points being subtracted.
- You will submit a **single PDF** file to Canvas as your homework report. The PDF must contain your **answers** and any requested **outputs** (e.g., printouts, snapshots of code, or GUIs). If requested, follow the instructions specified by the problem to provide your **code** (e.g., in a compressed .zip or .tar file) in addition to the PDF file.
- Grading: Each homework in this class will contribute 5pts to your final grade (there will be 12 homework assignments, each 5pts, leading to 60pts for all assignments). A detailed grading rubric will be posted on Canvas after the homework due date. Any bonus points will be added to your overall course bonus points, which will be added to your final grade.
- Late submission: Late or missed submission will not be accepted and will receive a grade a zero. Any excused absence must be documented and disclosed to the instructor (extensions will be granted on a case-by-case basis). Three or more missed homework lead to an INC grade.

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EXERCISE 1 (5pts) – The objective of this homework is to learn more about image filtering. Do **NOT** use generative AI to solve this homework; otherwise, you will not learn to code!

Steps:

- Load an image of *yourself* (e.g., the one used in HW01). Convert it to grayscale and appropriate type (e.g., float32) if needed.
- Apply the following 3x3 filters *without* using an existing implementation by implementing the filtering equation yourself. You need to implement the filter yourself using for loops. If you use existing filtering implementations in Python libraries (such as correlate and convolve filters), you will not get any points.

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad f_3 = \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hint: consider downsampling your image for speedup. Having 50 to 100 pixels in each dimension should be sufficient.

- Display the filtered image. You may need to adjust the pixel values/ranges (e.g., if they are negative) and select a colormap so that the output image looks correct.
- Explain what each filter does. If the filter has a name, mention it.

Deliverables:

- Snapshot of your entire code, e.g.:
 Snapshot of your input (grayscale) image
- Snapshots of your filtered images for filters f_1 , f_2 , and f_3
- Explanation of what each filter does and its name (if discussed in class)