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# Lecture: Pixels and Filters

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# Announcements

- HW1 due Monday
- HW2 is out
- Class notes – Make sure to find the source and cite the images you use.

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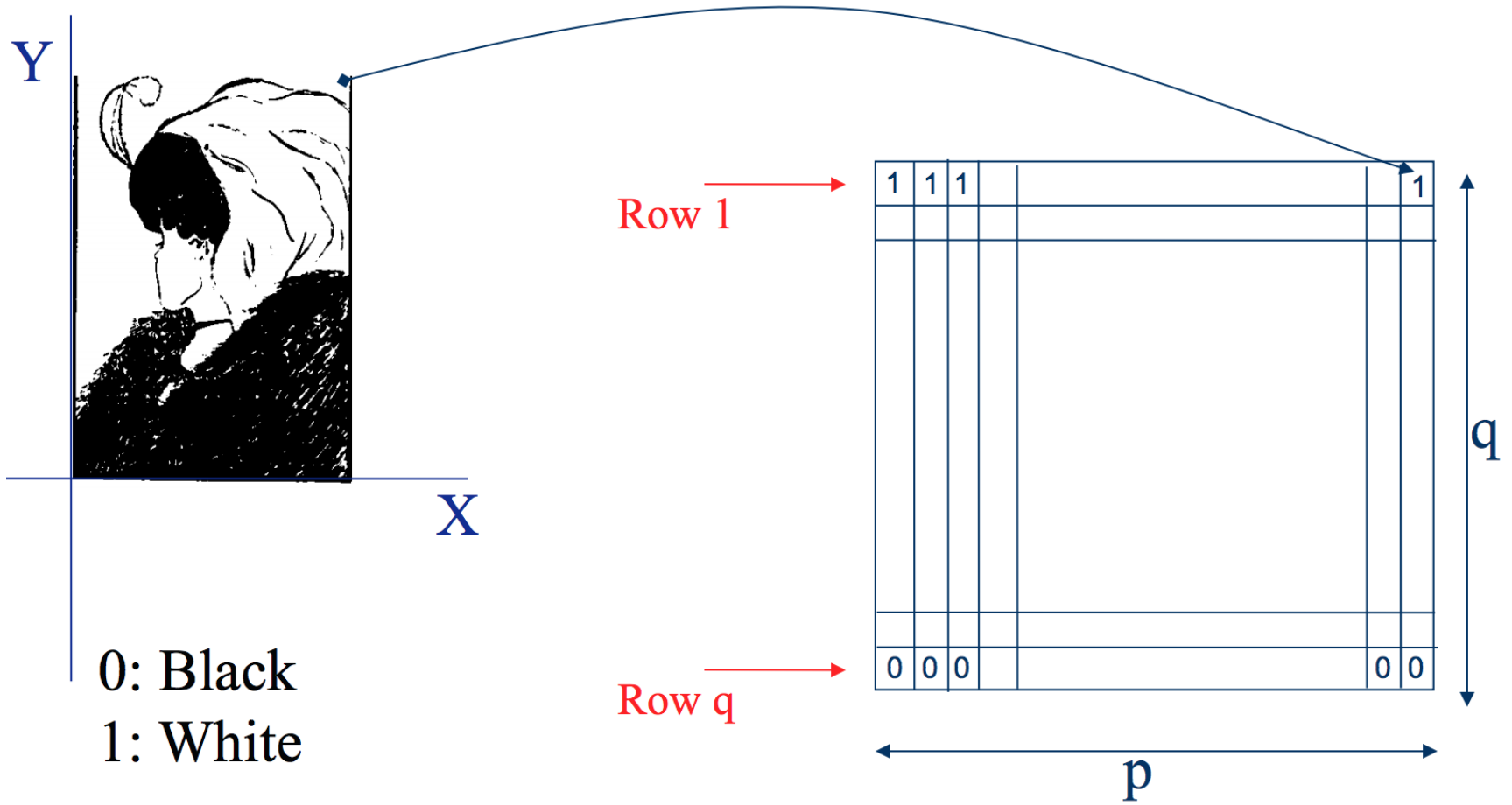
**Gray Scale**



**Color**



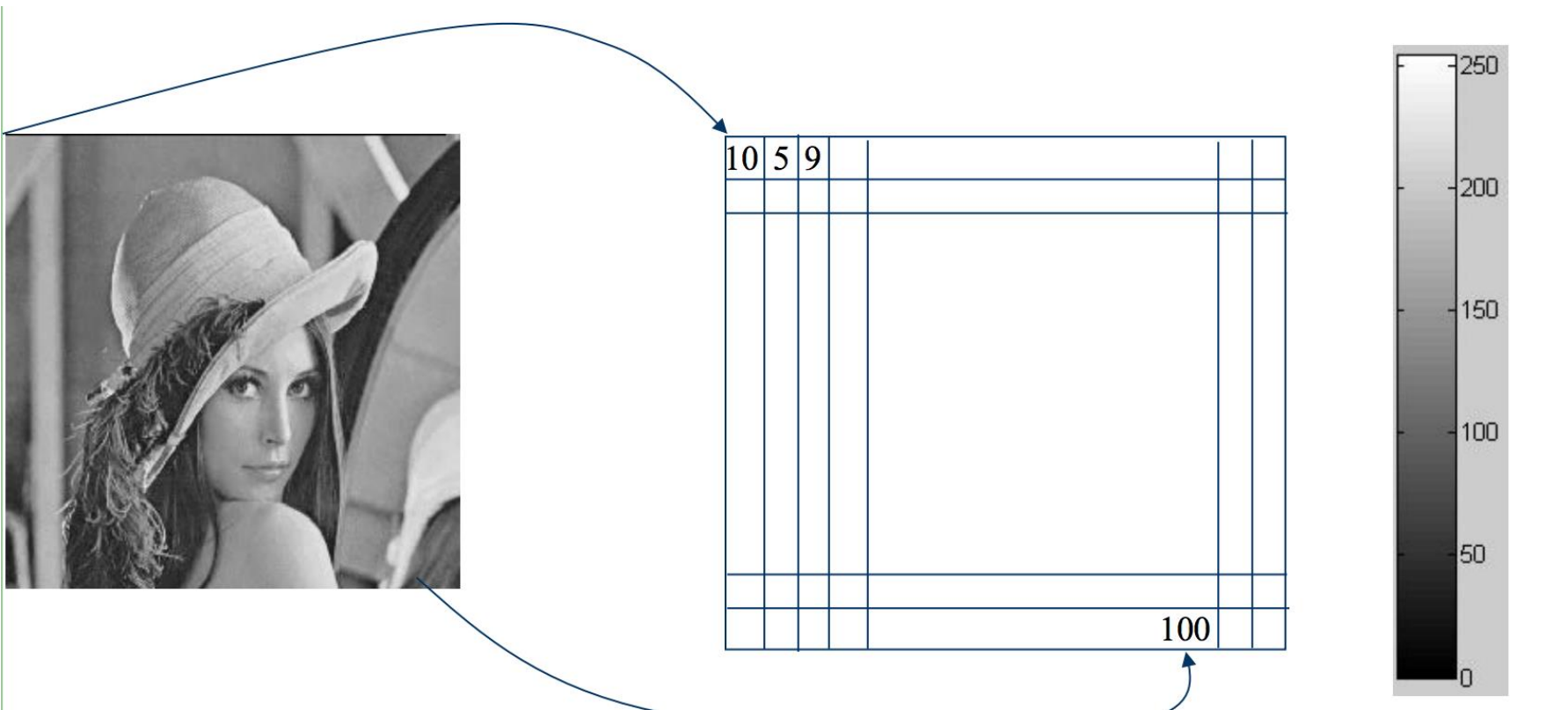
# Binary image representation



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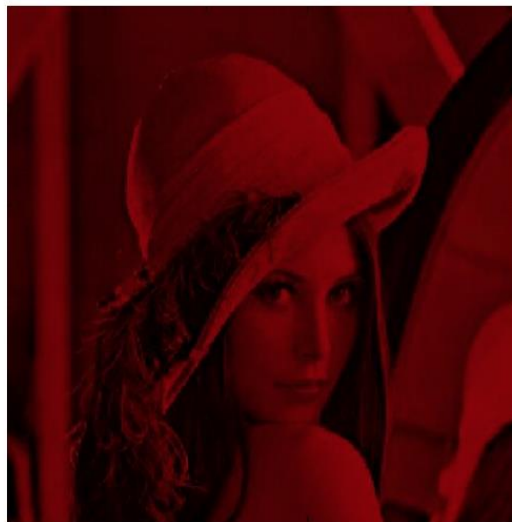


# Grayscale image representation



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# Color Image - one channel



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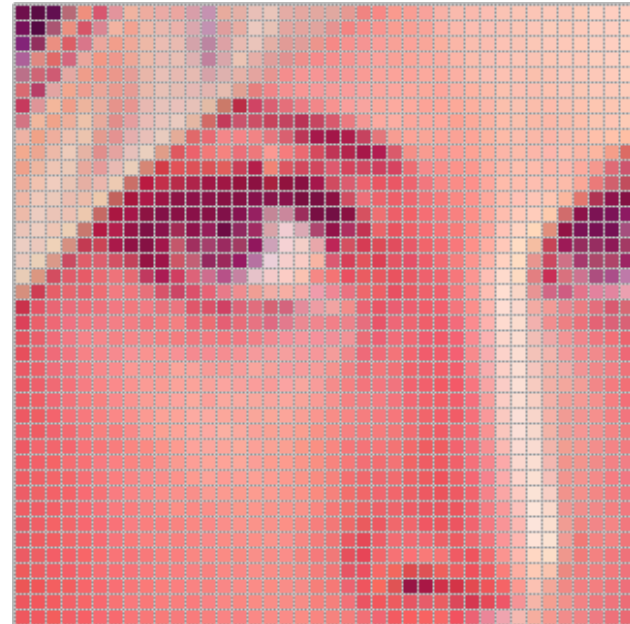
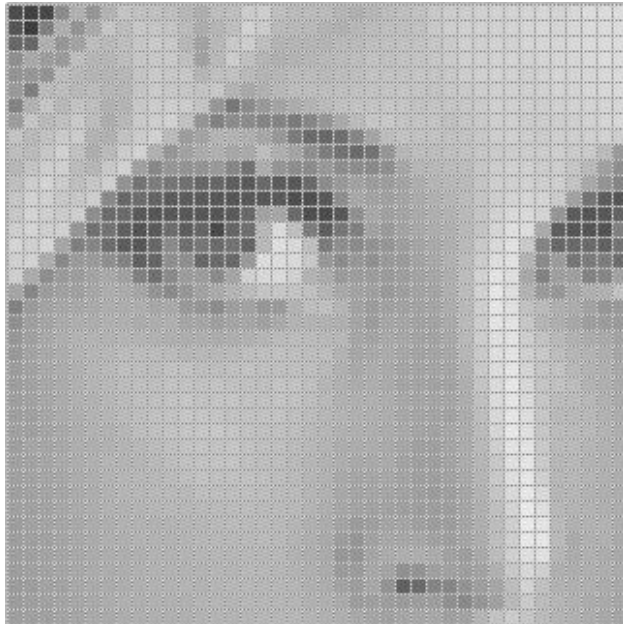
# Color image representation



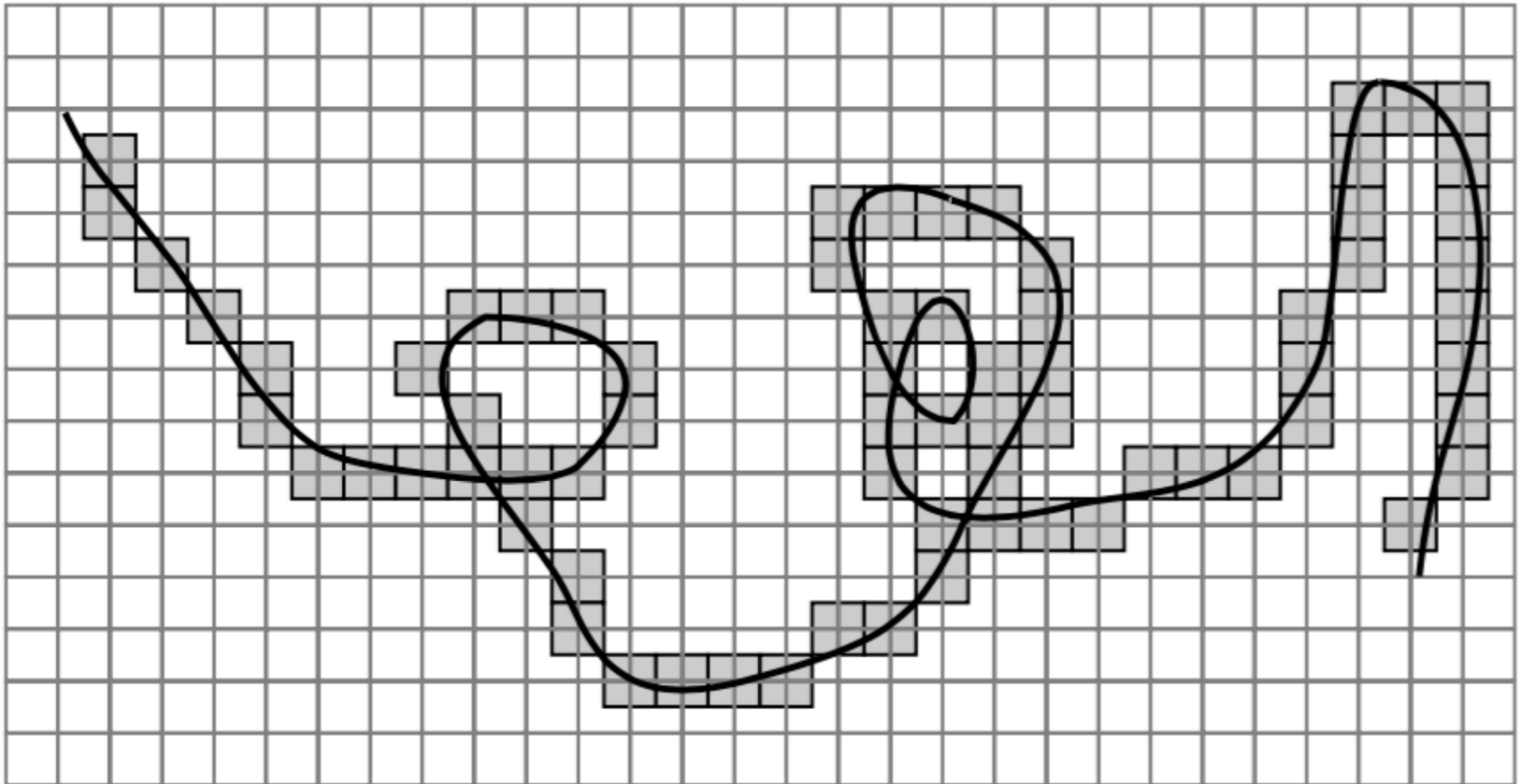
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# Images are sampled

What happens when we zoom into the images we capture?



# Errors due Sampling



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# Resolution

is a **sampling** parameter, defined in dots per inch (DPI) or equivalent measures of spatial pixel density, and its standard value for recent screen technologies is 72 dpi

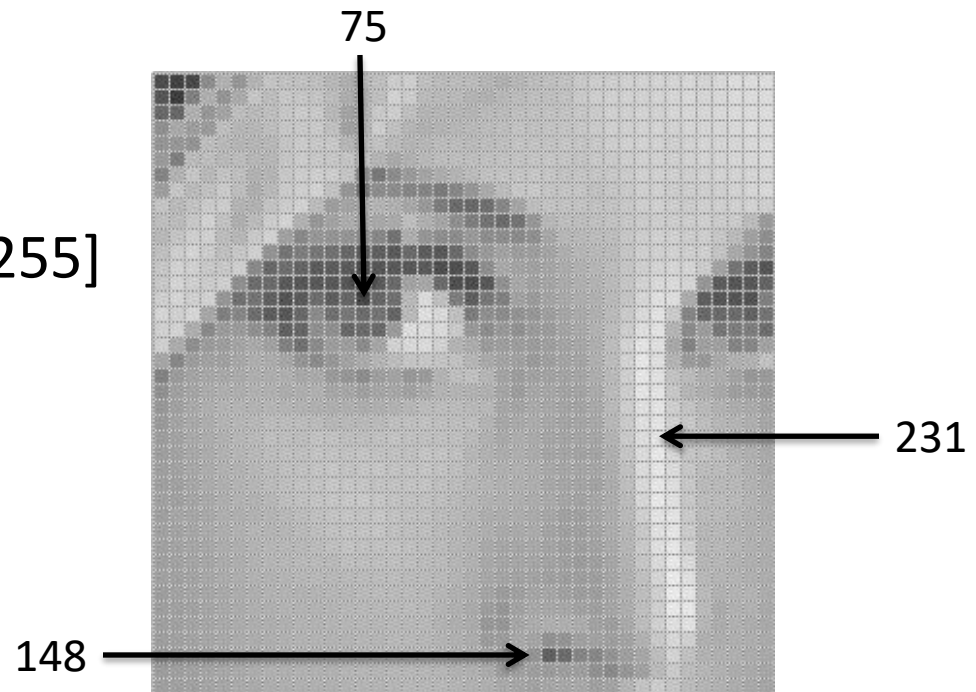


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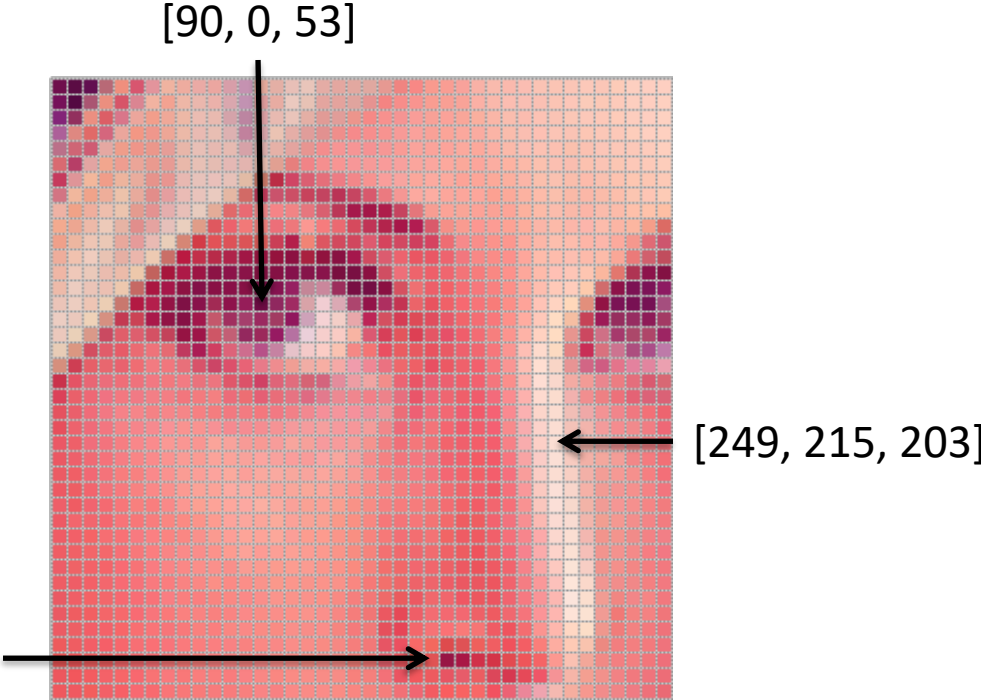


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        - Lab:  $[L, a, b]$
        - HSV:  $[H, S, V]$
- 
- The image shows a 2D grid of pixels. Three arrows point to specific pixels with their corresponding values:
- Top arrow:  $[90, 0, 53]$
  - Right arrow:  $[249, 215, 203]$
  - Bottom arrow:  $[213, 60, 67]$



With this loss of information (from sampling and quantization),

Can we still use images for useful tasks?

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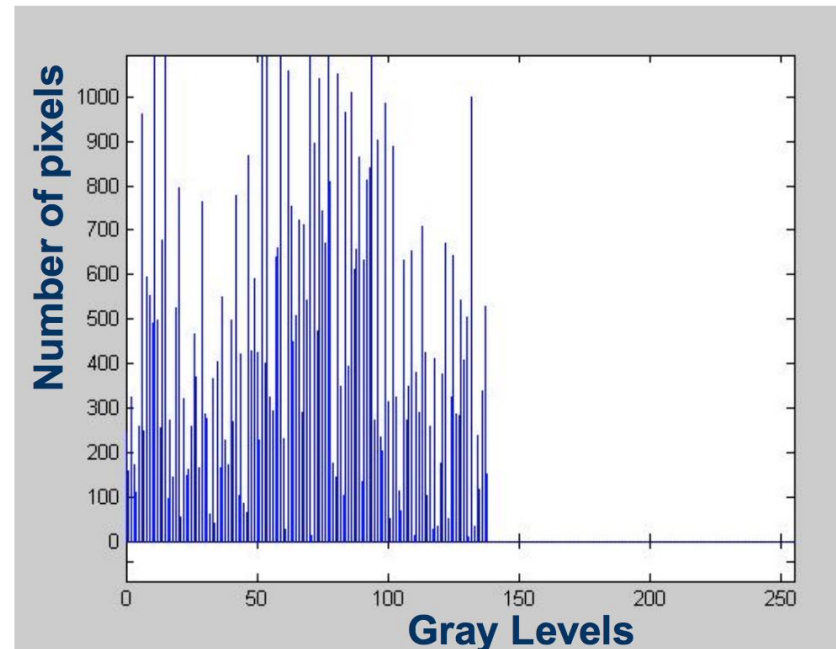
# Histogram

- Histogram of an image provides the frequency of the brightness (intensity) value in the image.

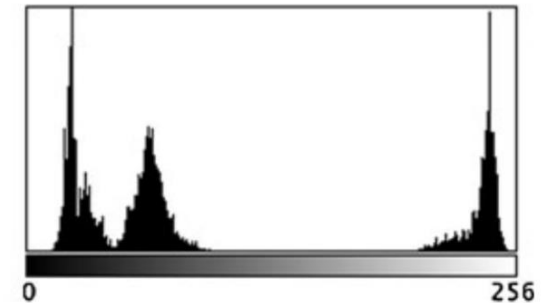
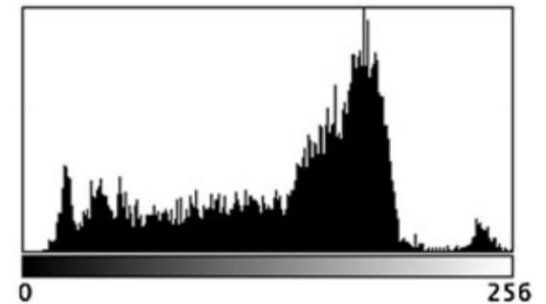
```
def histogram(im):  
    h = np.zeros(255)  
    for row in im.shape[0]:  
        for col in im.shape[1]:  
            val = im[row, col]  
            h[val] += 1
```

# Histogram

- Histogram captures the distribution of gray levels in the image.
- How frequently each gray level occurs in the image

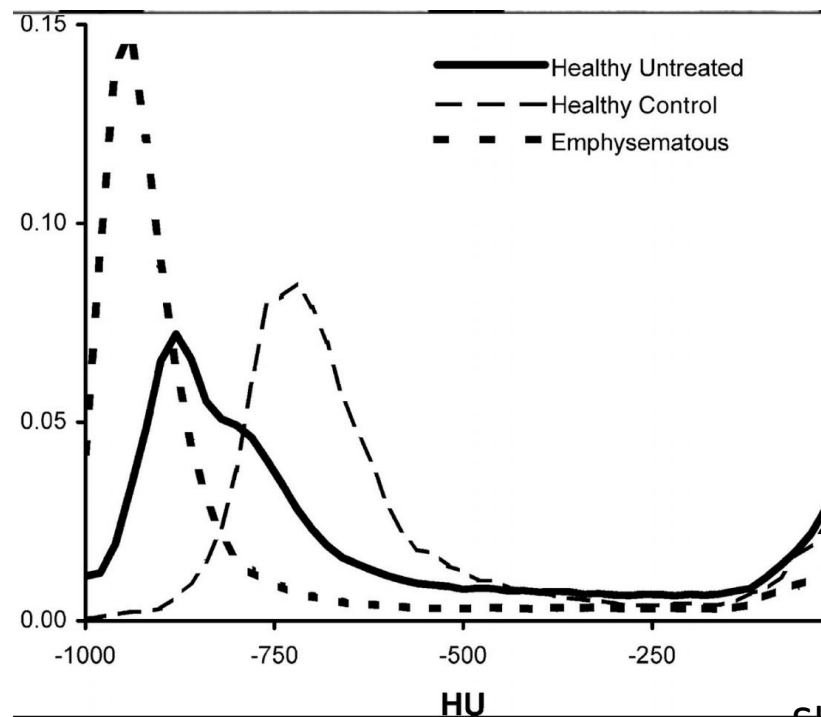
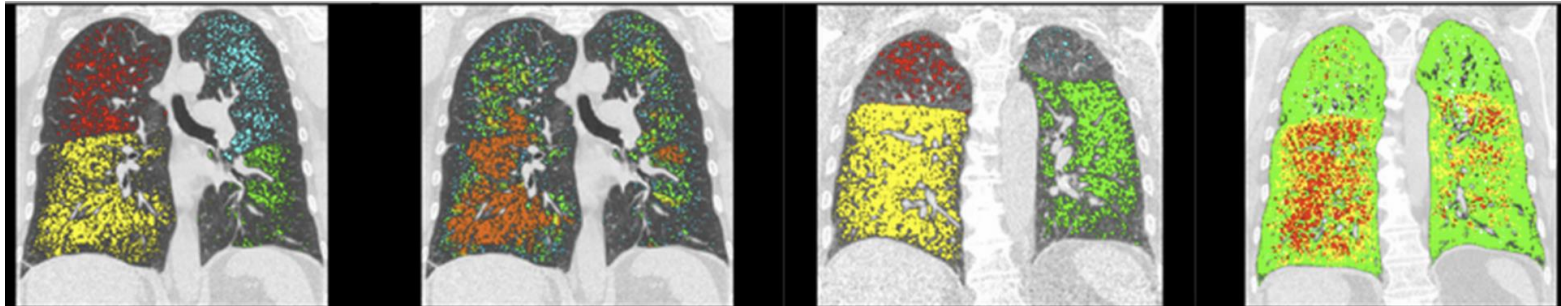


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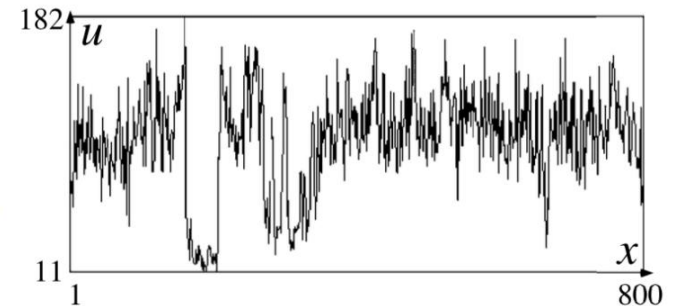
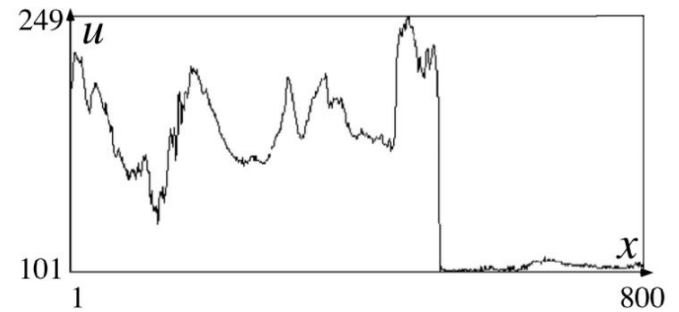
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# Histogram – use case



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# Histogram – another use case



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# Images as discrete functions

- Images are usually **digital (discrete)**:
  - **Sample** the 2D space on a regular grid
- Represented as a matrix of integer values

pixel



$j$	62	79	23	119	120	05	4	0
$i$	10	10	9	62	12	78	34	0
	10	58	197	46	46	0	0	48
	176	135	5	188	191	68	0	49
	2	1	1	29	26	37	0	77
	0	89	144	147	187	102	62	208
	255	252	0	166	123	62	0	31
	166	63	127	17	1	0	99	30

# Images as coordinates

## Cartesian coordinates

$f[n, m]$  =

Notation for discrete functions

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \vdots & & \ddots \\ & f[-1, -1] & f[0, -1] & f[1, -1] & \\ \dots & f[-1, 0] & \underline{f[0, 0]} & f[1, 0] & \dots \\ & f[-1, 1] & f[0, 1] & f[1, 1] & \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

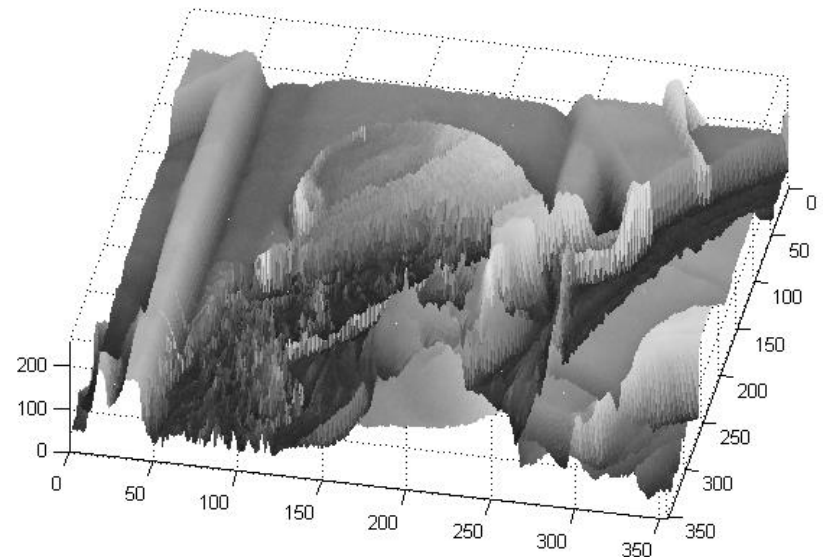
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  - Defined over a rectangle, with a finite range:

$$f: [a,b] \times [c,d] \rightarrow [0,255]$$

Domain  
support

range



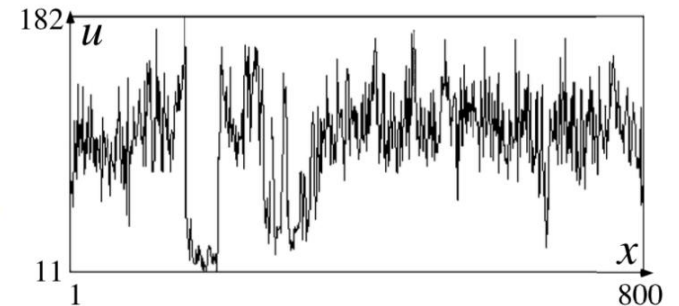
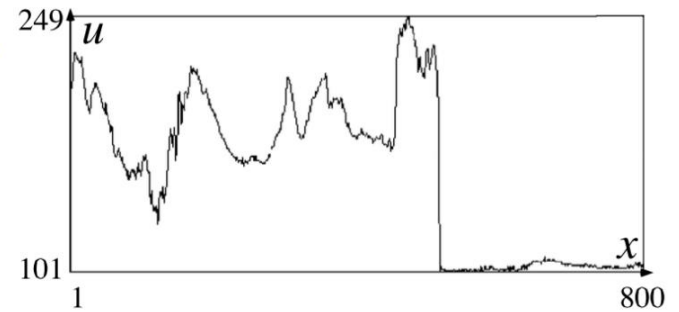
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- A color image:  $f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} r(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \\ b(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$

# Histograms are a type of image function



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# Systems and Filters

## Filtering:

- Forming a new image whose pixel values are transformed from original pixel values

## Goals:

- Goal is to extract useful information from images, or transform images into another domain where we can modify/enhance image properties
  - Features (edges, corners, blobs...)
  - super-resolution; in-painting; de-noising

# System and Filters

- we define a system as a unit that converts an input function  $f[n,m]$  into an output (or response) function  $g[n,m]$ , where  $(n,m)$  are the independent variables.
  - In the case for images,  $(n,m)$  represents the **spatial position in the image**.

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$



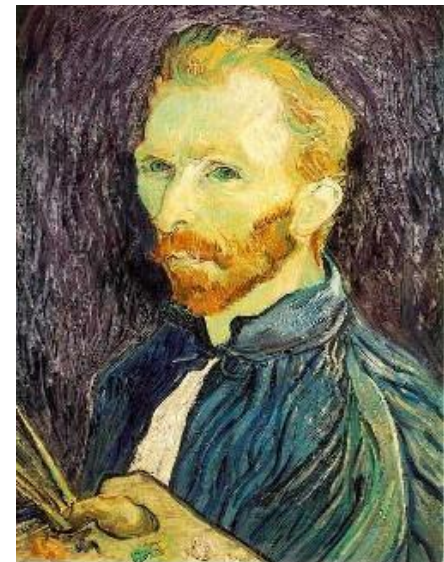
## De-noising



Salt and pepper noise



## Super-resolution



## In-painting



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# 2D discrete-space systems (filters)

$\mathcal{S}$  is the **system operator**, defined as a mapping or assignment of a member of the set of possible outputs  $g[n,m]$  to each member of the set of possible inputs  $f[n,m]$ .

$$f[n, m] \longrightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \longrightarrow g[n, m]$$

$$g = \mathcal{S}[f], \quad g[n, m] = \mathcal{S}\{f[n, m]\}$$

$$f[n, m] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n, m]$$

# Filter example #1: Moving Average

2D DS moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  window of neighborhood

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

h

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

$\frac{1}{9}$

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$F[x, y]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$G[x, y]$


$$(f * h)[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} f[k, l] h[m - k, n - l]$$

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
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0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$G[x, y]$

	0	10							

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0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$G[x, y]$

	0	10	20						

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0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	10	20	30					

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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$G[x, y]$

	0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10	
	0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20	
	0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20	
	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

$$(f * h)[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} f[k, l] h[m - k, n - l]$$

Source: S. Seitz

# Filter example #1: Moving Average

In summary:

- This filter “Replaces” each pixel with an average of its neighborhood.
- Achieve smoothing effect (remove sharp features)

$$\frac{1}{9} h[x, y]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
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# Filter example #1: Moving Average



# Filter example #2: Image Segmentation

- Image segmentation based on a simple threshold:

$$g[n, m] = \begin{cases} 255, & f[n, m] > 100 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



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- Invertibility

$$S^{-1}[S[f_i[n, m]]] = f[n, m]$$

# Properties of systems

- Spatial properties

- Causality

$$\text{for } n < n_0, m < m_0, \text{ if } f[n, m] = 0 \implies g[n, m] = 0$$

- Shift invariance:

$$f[n - n_0, m - m_0] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

# Is the moving average system is shift invariant?

$$f[n, m] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n-k, m-l]$$

$F[x, y]$

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10	
	0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20	
	0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
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	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

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$$f[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[(n - n_0) - k, (m - m_0) - l]$$

$$= g[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

Yes!

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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
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# Linear Systems (filters)

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

- Linear filtering:
  - Form a new image whose pixels are a weighted sum of original pixel values
  - Use the same set of weights at each point
- **S** is a linear system (function) iff it *S satisfies*

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**superposition property**

# Linear Systems (filters)

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

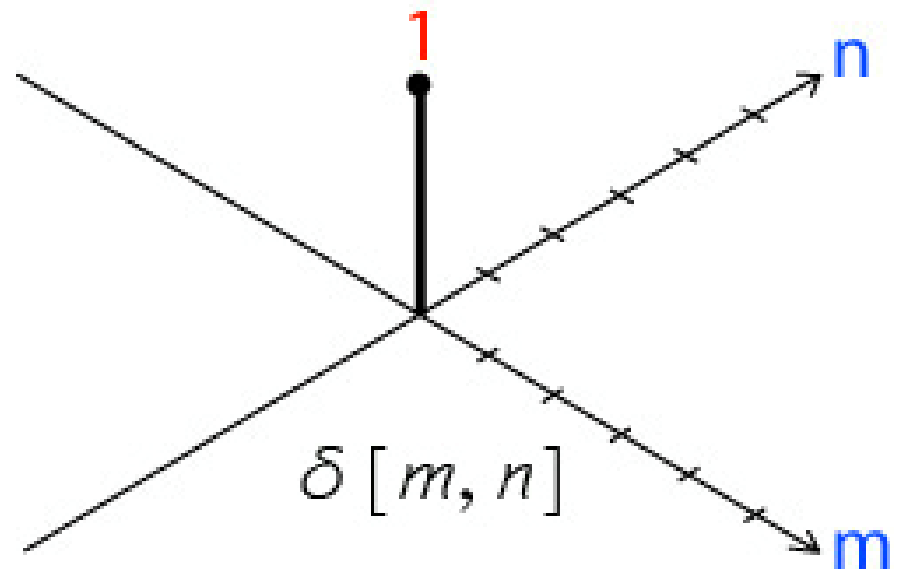
- Is the moving average a linear system?
- Is thresholding a linear system?
  - $f_1[n, m] + f_2[n, m] > T$
  - $f_1[n, m] < T$
  - $f_2[n, m] < T$

No!



# 2D impulse function

- 1 at  $[0,0]$ .
- 0 everywhere else



# LSI (linear *shift invariant*) systems

## Impulse response

$$\delta_2[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow h[n, m]$$

$$\delta_2[n - k, m - l] \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{S} \text{ (SI)}} \rightarrow h[n - k, m - l]$$

# LSI (linear *shift invariant*) systems

**Example:** impulse response of the 3 by 3 moving average filter:

$$h[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 \delta_2[n - k, m - l]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

h

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

$\frac{1}{9}$

# Filter example #1: Moving Average

- 2D DS moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  window of neighborhood

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{matrix} & \text{h} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$(f * h)[m, n] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k, l} f[k, l] h[m - k, n - l]$$

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shifting property of the delta function

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Remember the superposition property:

$$S[\alpha f_i[n, m] + \beta f_j[h, m]] = \alpha S[f_i[n, m]] + \beta S[f_j[h, m]]$$

**superposition property**

# LSI (linear *shift invariant*) systems

With the superposition property, any LSI system can be represented as a weighted sum of such shifting systems:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_1 \sum_k \sum_l f[k, l] \delta_{2,1}[k - n, l - m] \\ & + \alpha_2 \sum_k \sum_l f[k, l] \delta_{2,2}[k - n, l - m] \\ & + \alpha_3 \sum_k \sum_l f[k, l] \delta_{2,3}[k - n, l - m] \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# LSI (linear *shift invariant*) systems

Rewriting the above summation:

$$\sum_k \sum_l f[k, l] (\alpha_1 \delta_{2,1}[k - n, l - m] \\ + \alpha_2 \delta_{2,2}[k - n, l - m] \\ + \alpha_3 \delta_{2,3}[k - n, l - m] \\ + \dots)$$



# LSI (linear *shift invariant*) systems

We define the filter of a LSI as:

$$\begin{aligned} h[k, l] = & \alpha_1 \delta_{2,1}[k, l - m] \\ & + \alpha_2 \delta_{2,2}[k - n, l - m] \\ & + \alpha_3 \delta_{2,3}[k - n, l - m] \\ & + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$f[n, m] * h[n, m] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] h[n - k, m - l]$$

# What we will learn today?

- Images as functions
- Linear systems (filters)
- Convolution and correlation

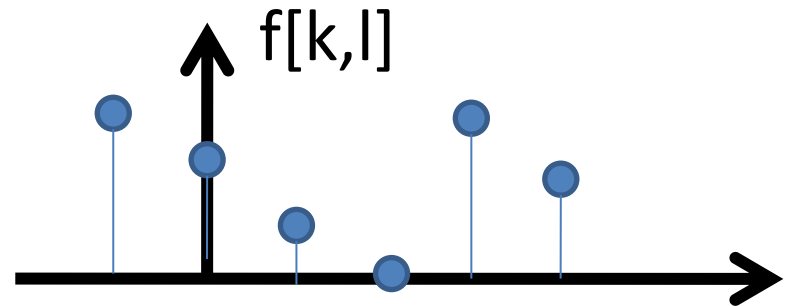
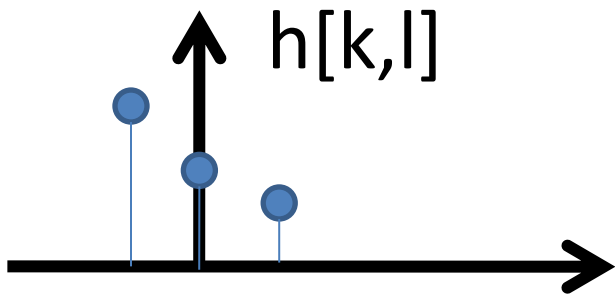
Some background reading:

Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter 7

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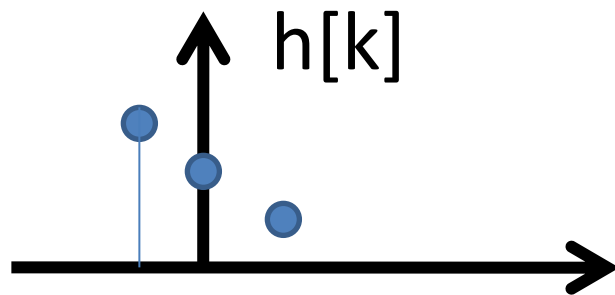
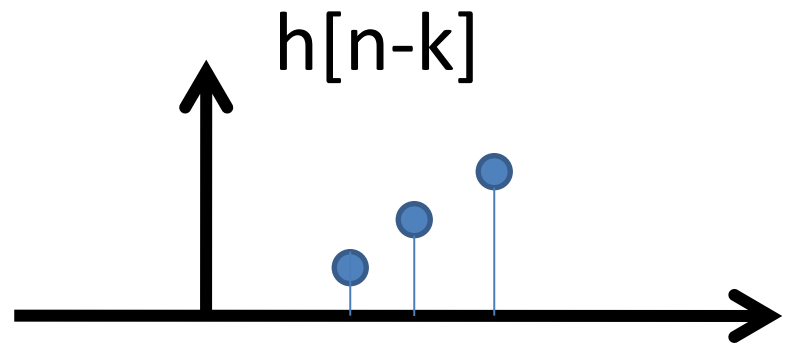
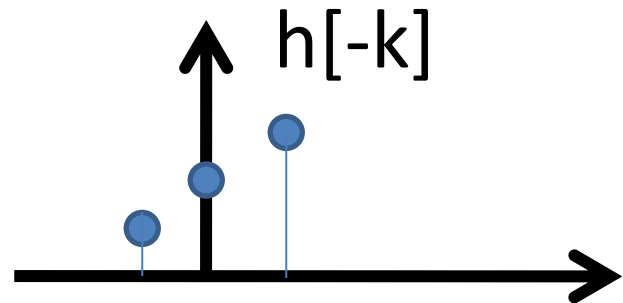


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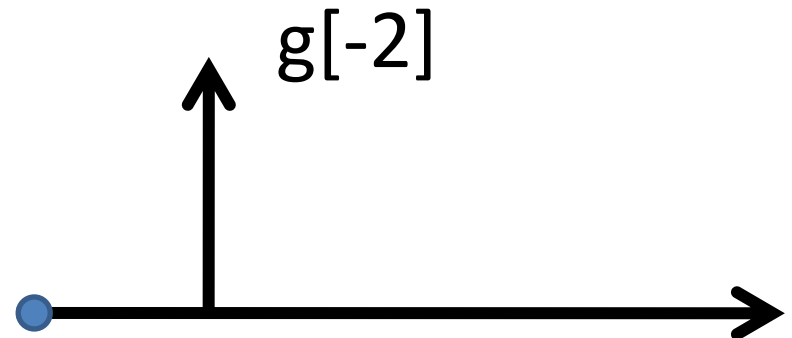
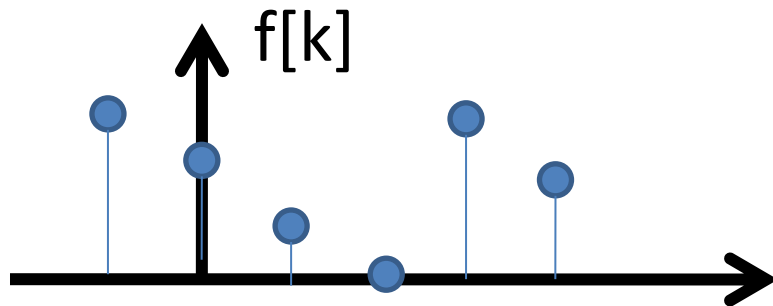
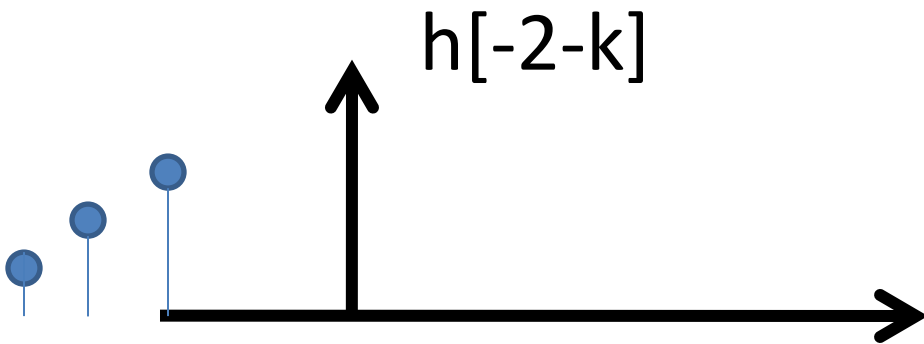
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We first need to calculate  $h[n-k, m-l]$



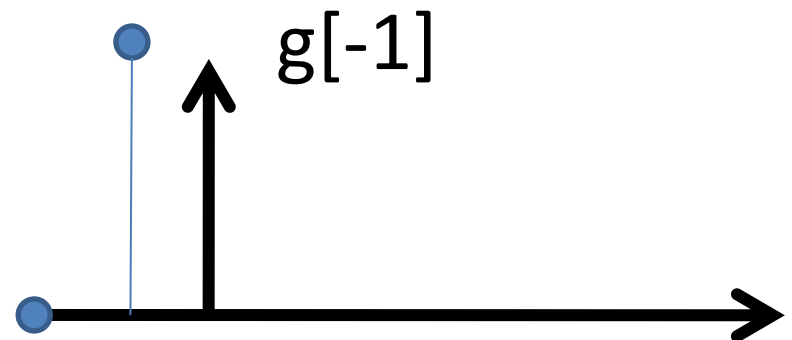
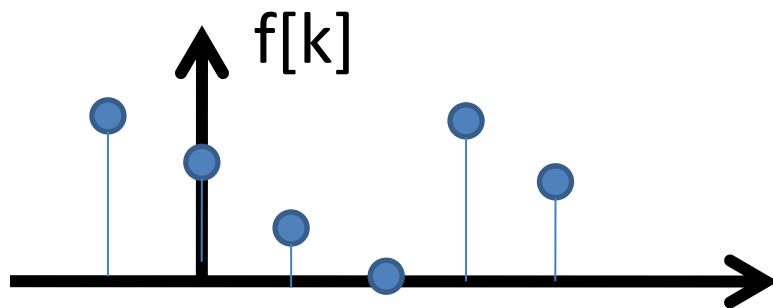
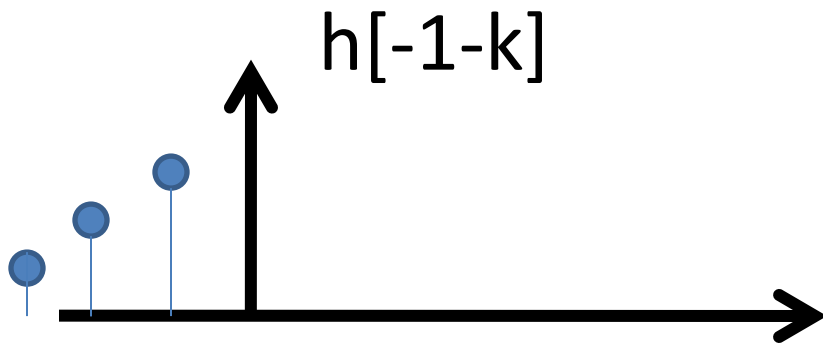
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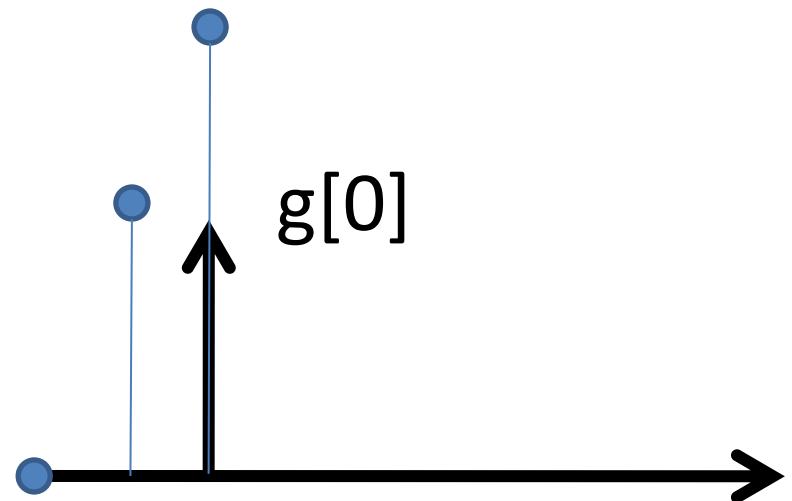
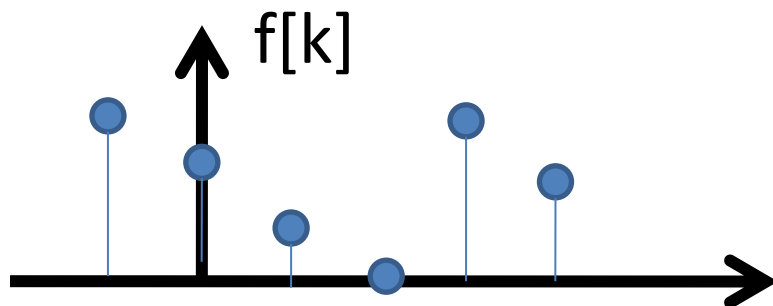
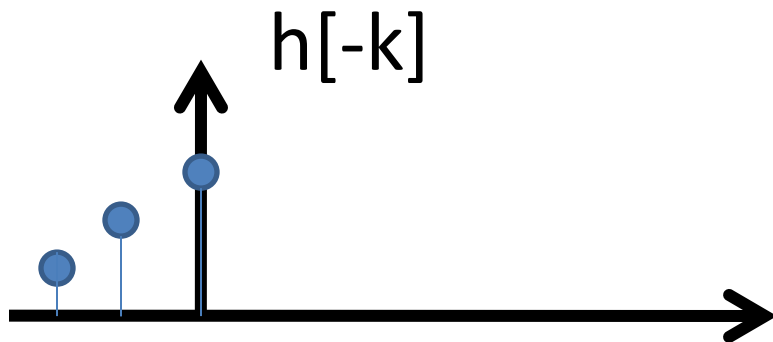
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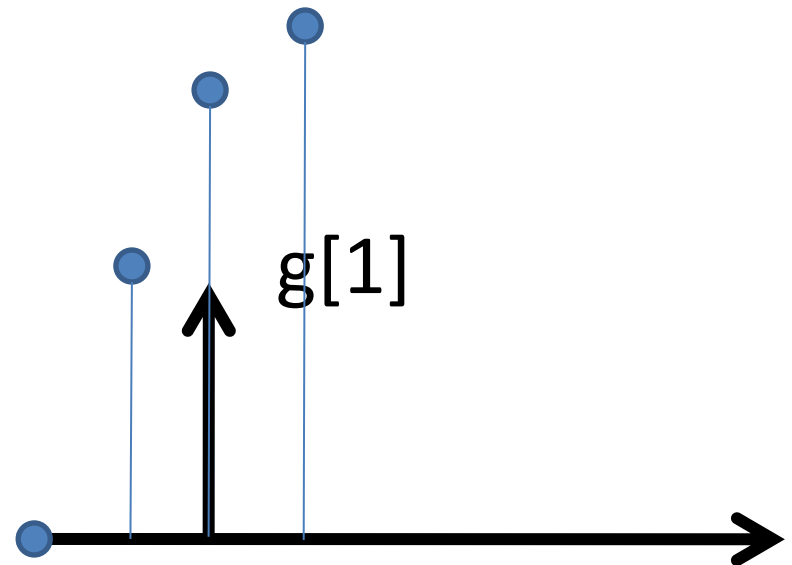
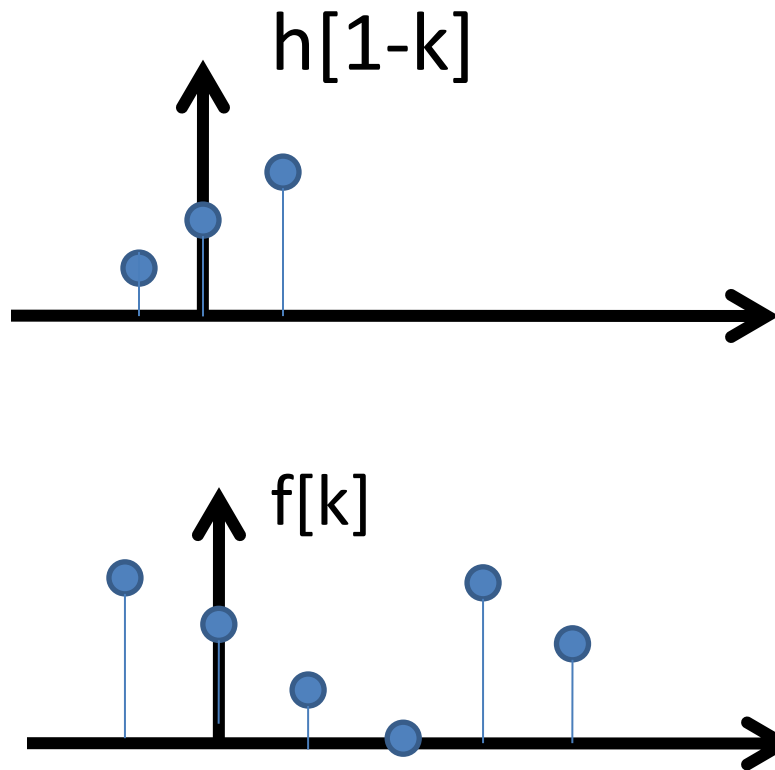
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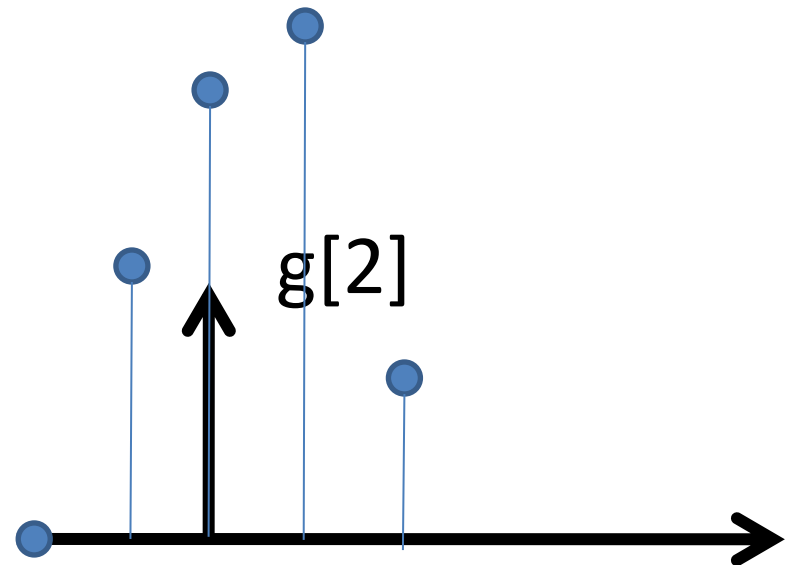
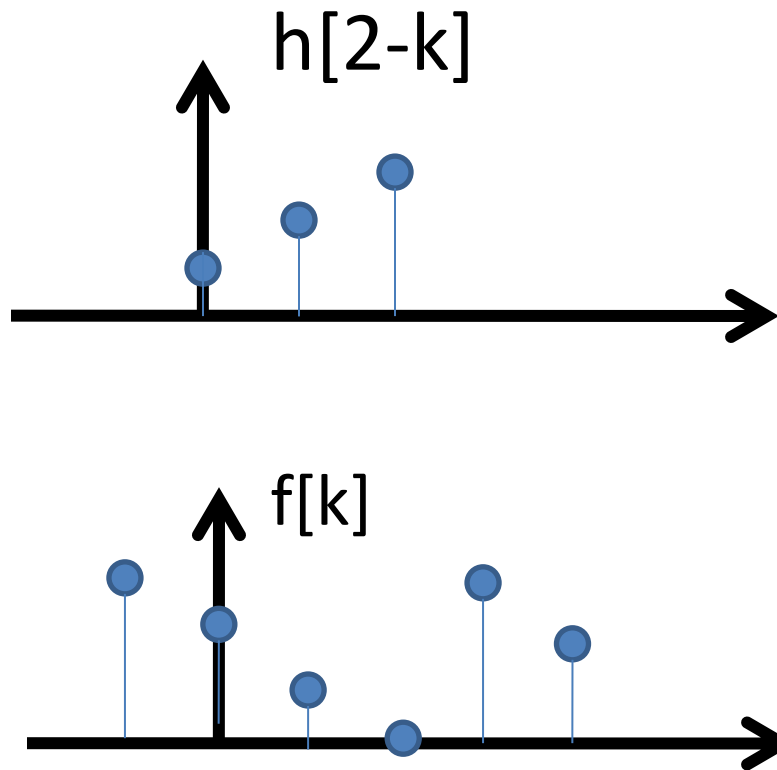
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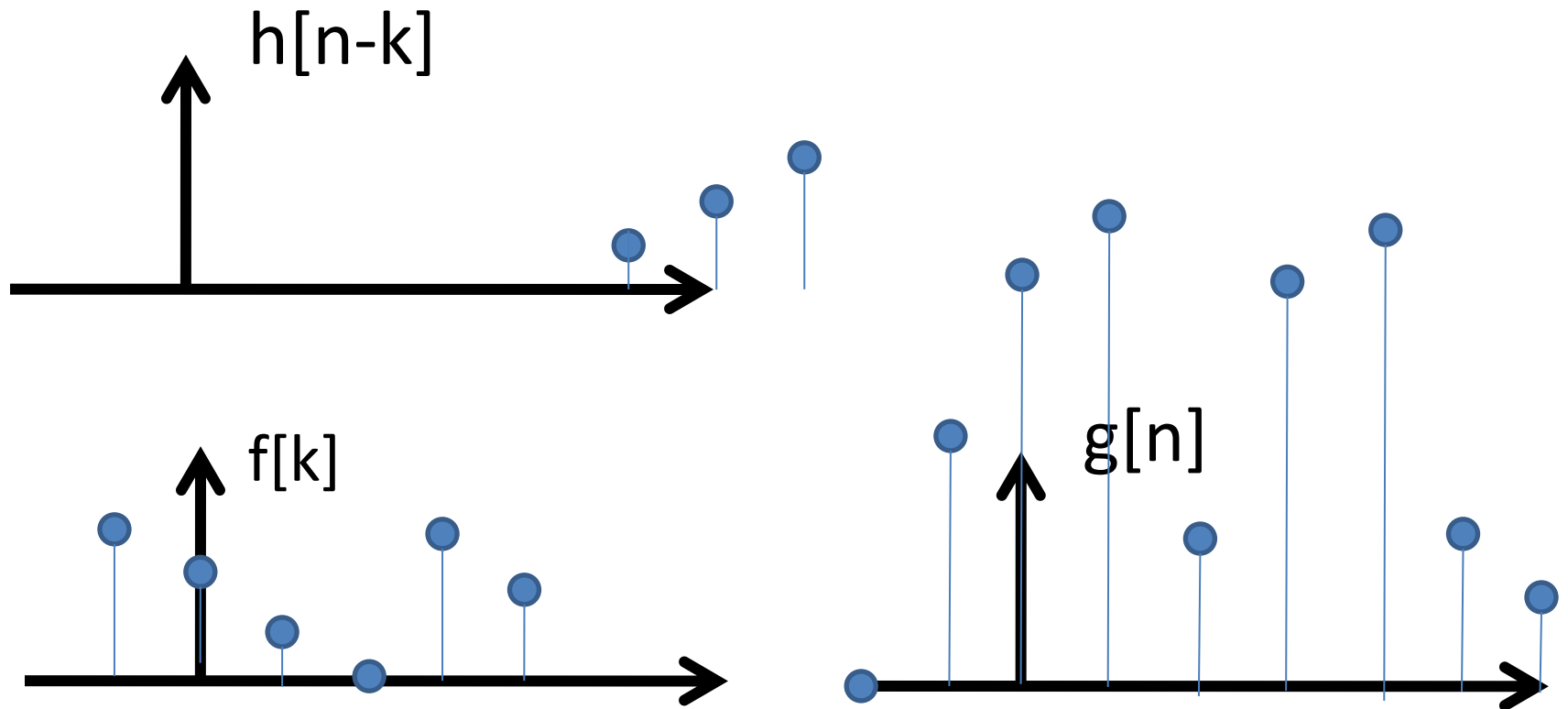
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# Discrete convolution (symbol: $*$ )

In summary, the steps for discrete convolution are:

- Fold  $h[k,l]$  about origin to form  $h[-k]$
- Shift the folded results by  $n$  to form  $h[n - k]$
- Multiply  $h[n - k]$  by  $f[k]$
- Sum over all  $k$
- Repeat for every  $n$

$$g[n] = \sum_k f[k][h - k]$$

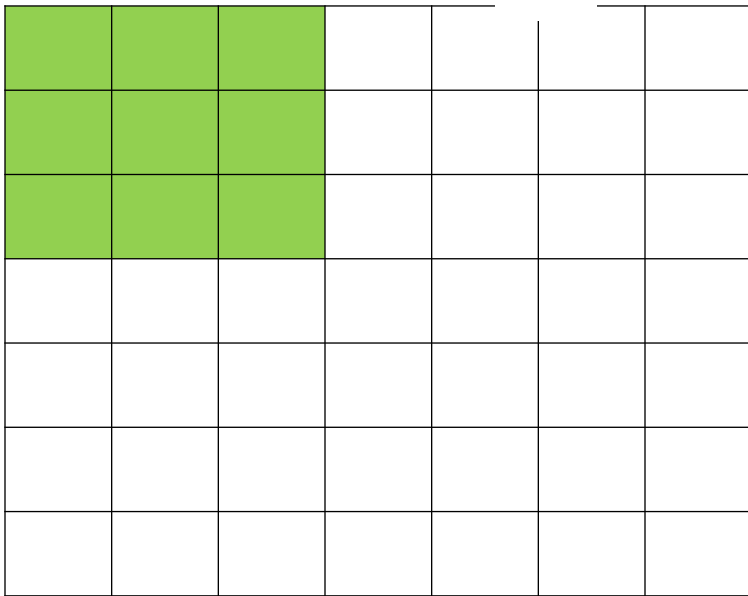
$n$

# 2D convolution

2D convolution is very similar to 1D.

- The main difference is that we now have to iterate over 2 axis instead of 1.

$$f[n, m] * h[n, m] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] h[n - k, m - l]$$



Assume we have a filter(h[,]) that is 3x3. and an image (f[,]) that is 7x7.

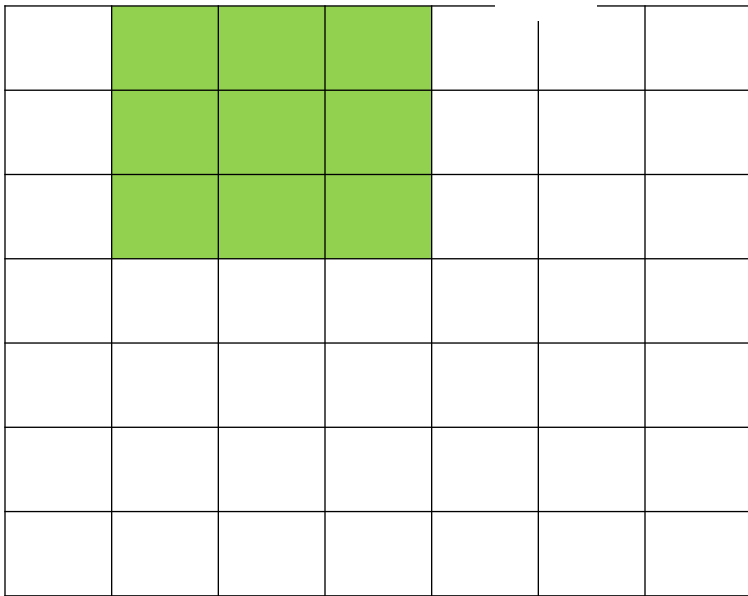
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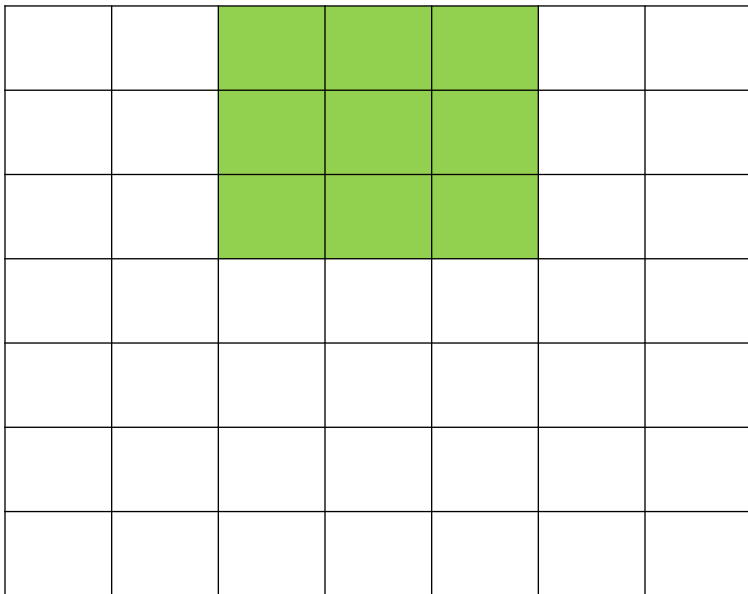
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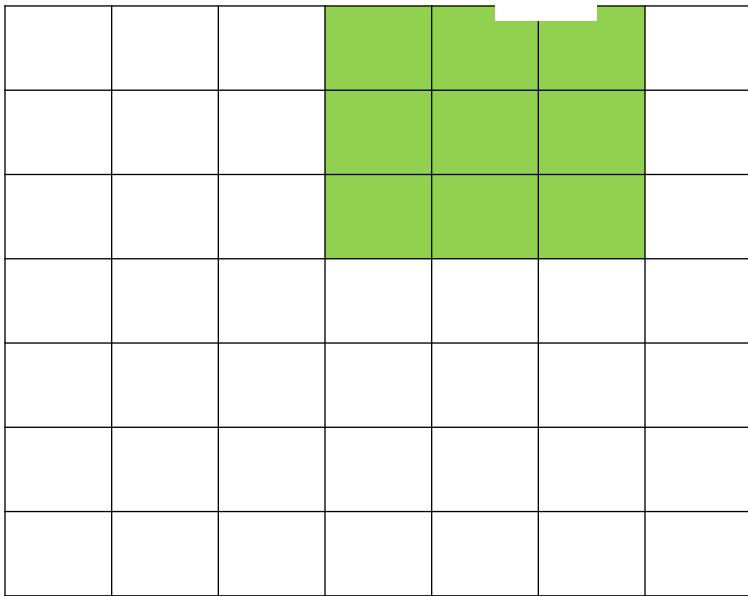
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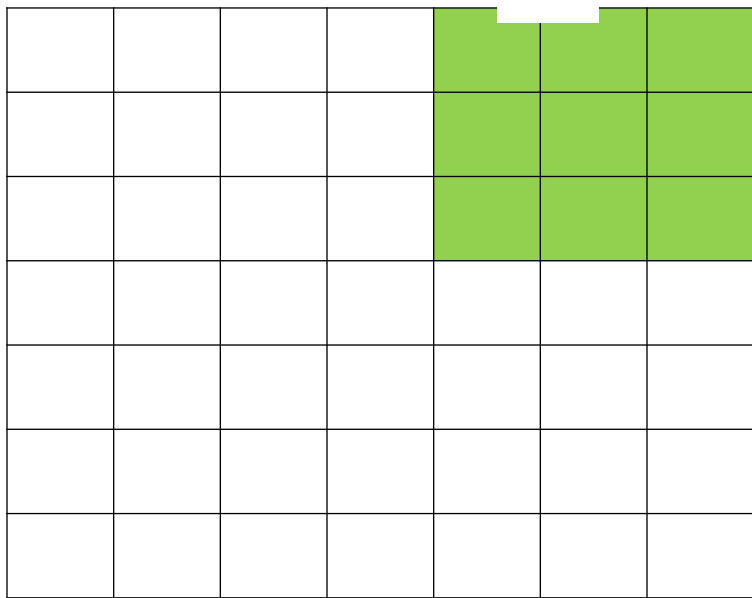
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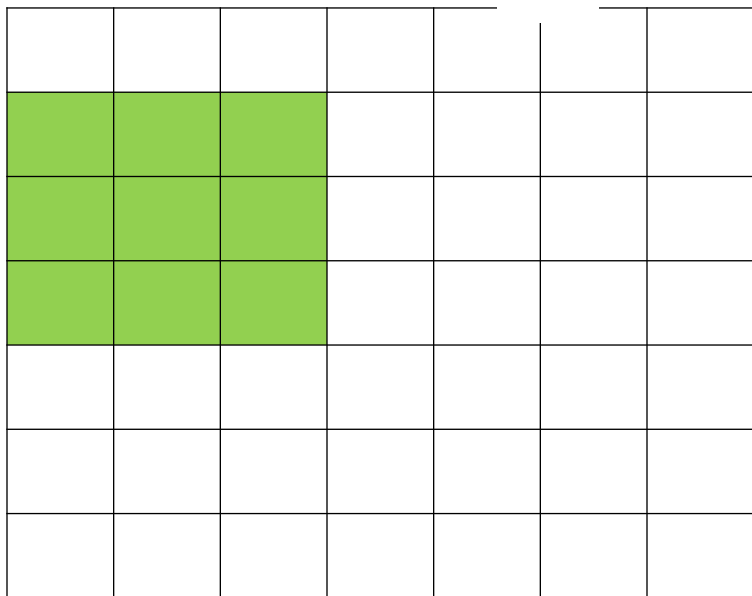


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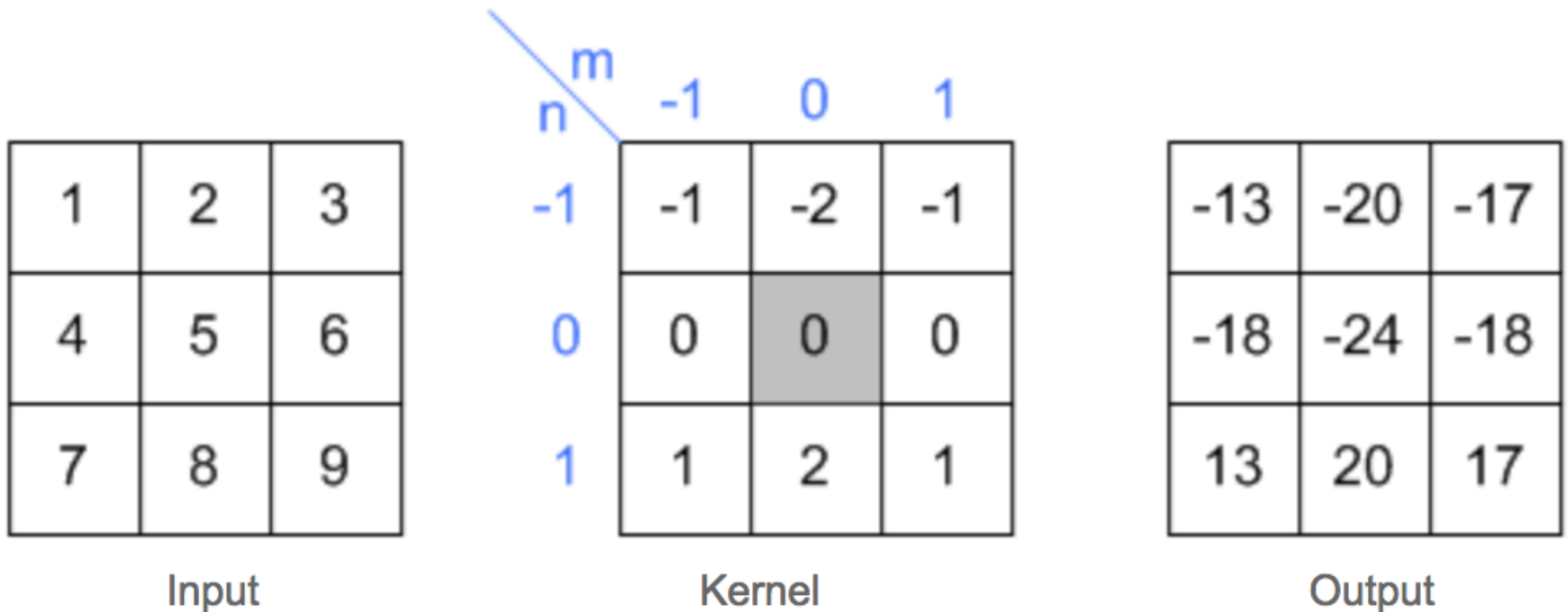
superposition

$$\delta_2[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow h[n, m] \quad \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{S} \text{ LSI}} \rightarrow \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] h[n - k, m - l]$$

Discrete convolution

$$f[n, m] * h[n, m]$$

# 2D convolution example



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# 2D convolution example

1	2	1	
0	0	0	3
-1	-2	-1	6
	7	8	9

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x[-1,-1] \cdot h[1,1] + x[0,-1] \cdot h[0,1] + x[1,-1] \cdot h[-1,1] \\
 &\quad + x[-1,0] \cdot h[1,0] + x[0,0] \cdot h[0,0] + x[1,0] \cdot h[-1,0] \\
 &\quad + x[-1,1] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[0,1] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[1,1] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\
 &= 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot (-2) + 5 \cdot (-1) = -13
 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
-18	-24	-18
13	20	17

Output

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# 2D convolution example

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1
4	5	6
7	8	9

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x[0,-1] \cdot h[1,1] + x[1,-1] \cdot h[0,1] + x[2,-1] \cdot h[-1,1] \\
 &\quad + x[0,0] \cdot h[1,0] + x[1,0] \cdot h[0,0] + x[2,0] \cdot h[-1,0] \\
 &\quad + x[0,1] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[1,1] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[2,1] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\
 &= 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot (-2) + 6 \cdot (-1) = -20
 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
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Output

# 2D convolution example

		1	2	1	
	0	2	0	0	
1					
4	-1	5	-2	-1	
7	8	9			

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\quad + x[1,0] \cdot h[1,0] + x[2,0] \cdot h[0,0] + x[3,0] \cdot h[-1,0] \\
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-13	-20	-17
-18	-24	-18
13	20	17

Output

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# 2D convolution example

1	2	1	
	1	2	3
0	0	0	
	4	5	6
-1	-2	-1	
	7	8	9

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 &= x[-1,0] \cdot h[1,1] + x[0,0] \cdot h[0,1] + x[1,0] \cdot h[-1,1] \\
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 &\quad + x[-1,2] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[0,2] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[1,2] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\
 &= 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 7 \cdot (-2) + 8 \cdot (-1) = -18
 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
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Output

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# 2D convolution example

1	2	1
4	5	6
-1	-2	-1

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-13	-20	-17
-18	-24	-18
13	20	17

Output



# 2D convolution example

1	1	2	1
4	0	0	0
7	-1	-2	-1

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Output

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# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

\*

•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0

=

?

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original



•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0



Filtered  
(no change)

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

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•0	•0	•0
•0	•0	•1
•0	•0	•0

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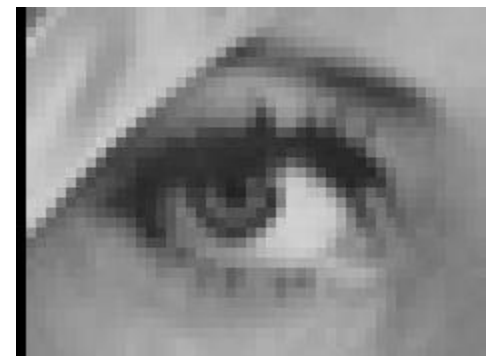
# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original



•0	•0	•0
•0	•0	•1
•0	•0	•0



Shifted right  
By 1 pixel

Courtesy of D Lowe

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

$$\ast \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

\*

$\frac{1}{9}$

•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1

=



Blur (with a  
box filter)

Courtesy of D Lowe

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

•0	•0	•0
•0	•2	•0
•0	•0	•0

−

$\frac{1}{9}$

•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1

= ?

(Note that filter sums to 1)

“details of the image”

•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0

+

•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0

−

$\frac{1}{9}$

•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1



• What does blurring take away?



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• Let's add it back:



+ a



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# Convolution in 2D – Sharpening filter



Original

•0	•0	•0
•0	•2	•0
•0	•0	•0

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$\frac{1}{9}$

•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1
•1	•1	•1

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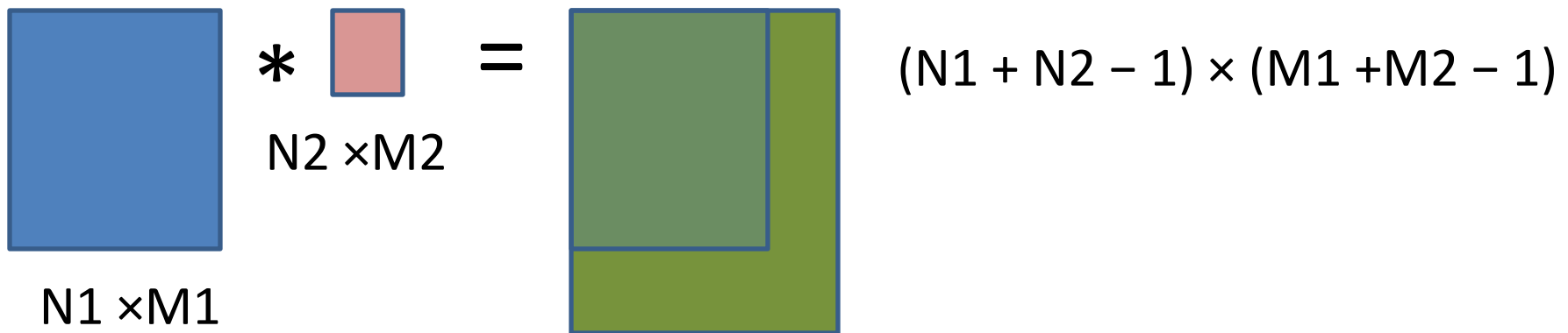


**Sharpening filter:** Accentuates differences with local average

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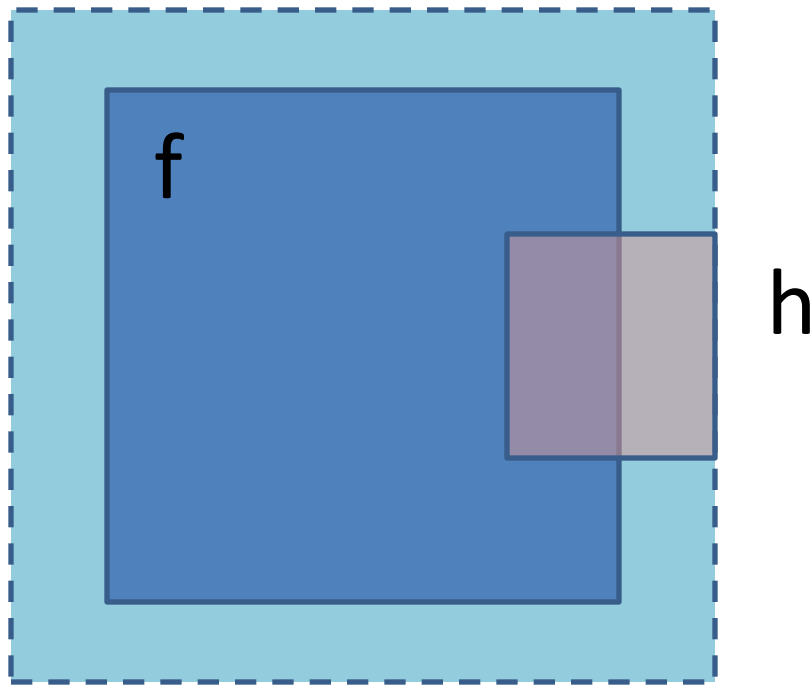
# Image support and edge effect

- A computer will only convolve **finite support signals**.
  - That is: images that are zero for  $n, m$  outside some rectangular region
- numpy's convolution performs 2D DS convolution of finite-support signals.



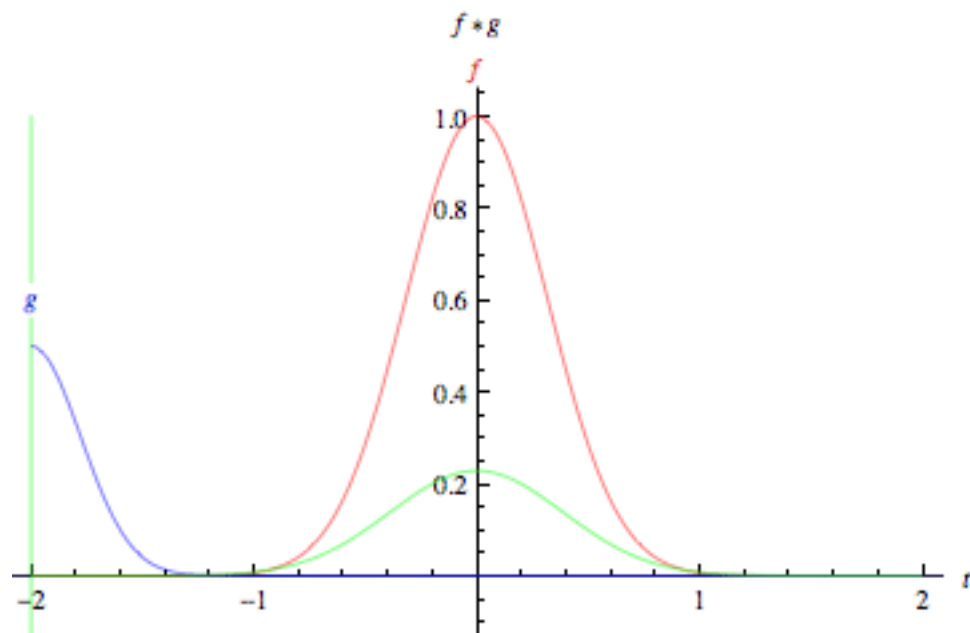
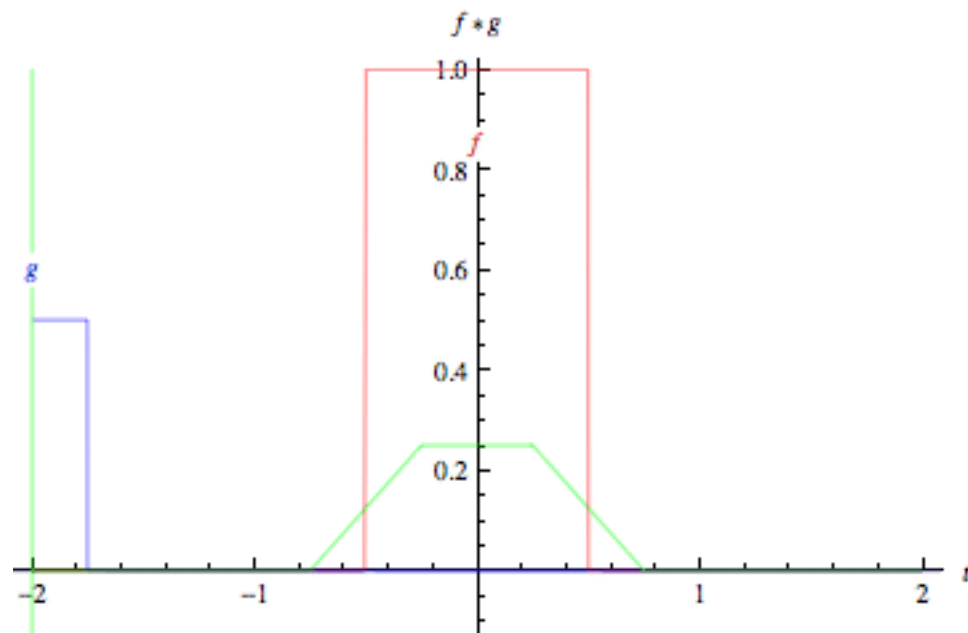
# Image support and edge effect

- A computer will only convolve **finite support signals**.
- What happens at the edge?



- zero “padding”
- edge value replication
- mirror extension
- more (beyond the scope of this class)

-> Matlab conv2 uses zero-padding



Slide credit: Wolfram Alpha

# What we will learn today?

- Image sampling and quantization
- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Linear systems (filters)
- Convolution and correlation

Some background reading:

Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter 7

# (Cross) correlation (symbol: $**$ )

Cross correlation of two 2D signals  $f[n,m]$  and  $g[n,m]$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{fg}[k, l] &\triangleq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f[n, m] g^*[n - k, m - l] \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f[n + k, m + l] g^*[n, m], \quad k, l \in \mathbb{Z}, \end{aligned}$$

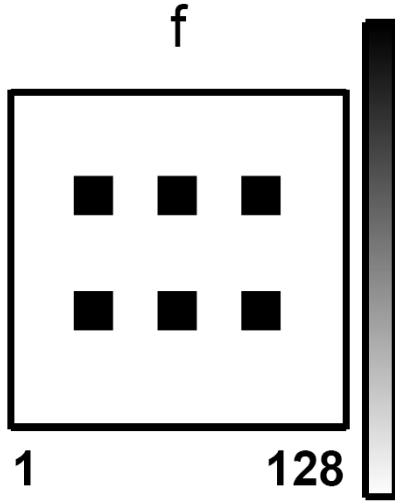
$(k, l)$  is called the **lag**

- Equivalent to a convolution without the flip

$$r_{fg}[n, m] = f[n, m] * g^*[-n, -m]$$

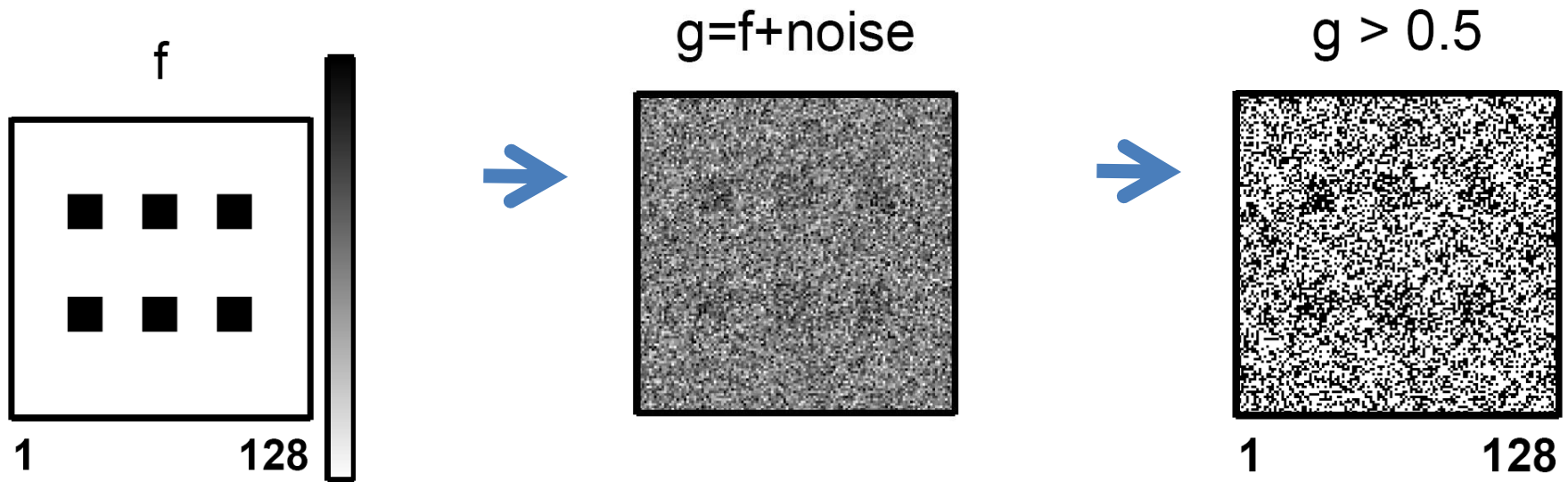
( $g^*$  is defined as the *complex conjugate* of  $g$ . In this class,  $g(n,m)$  are real numbers, hence  $g^*=g$ .)

# (Cross) correlation – example



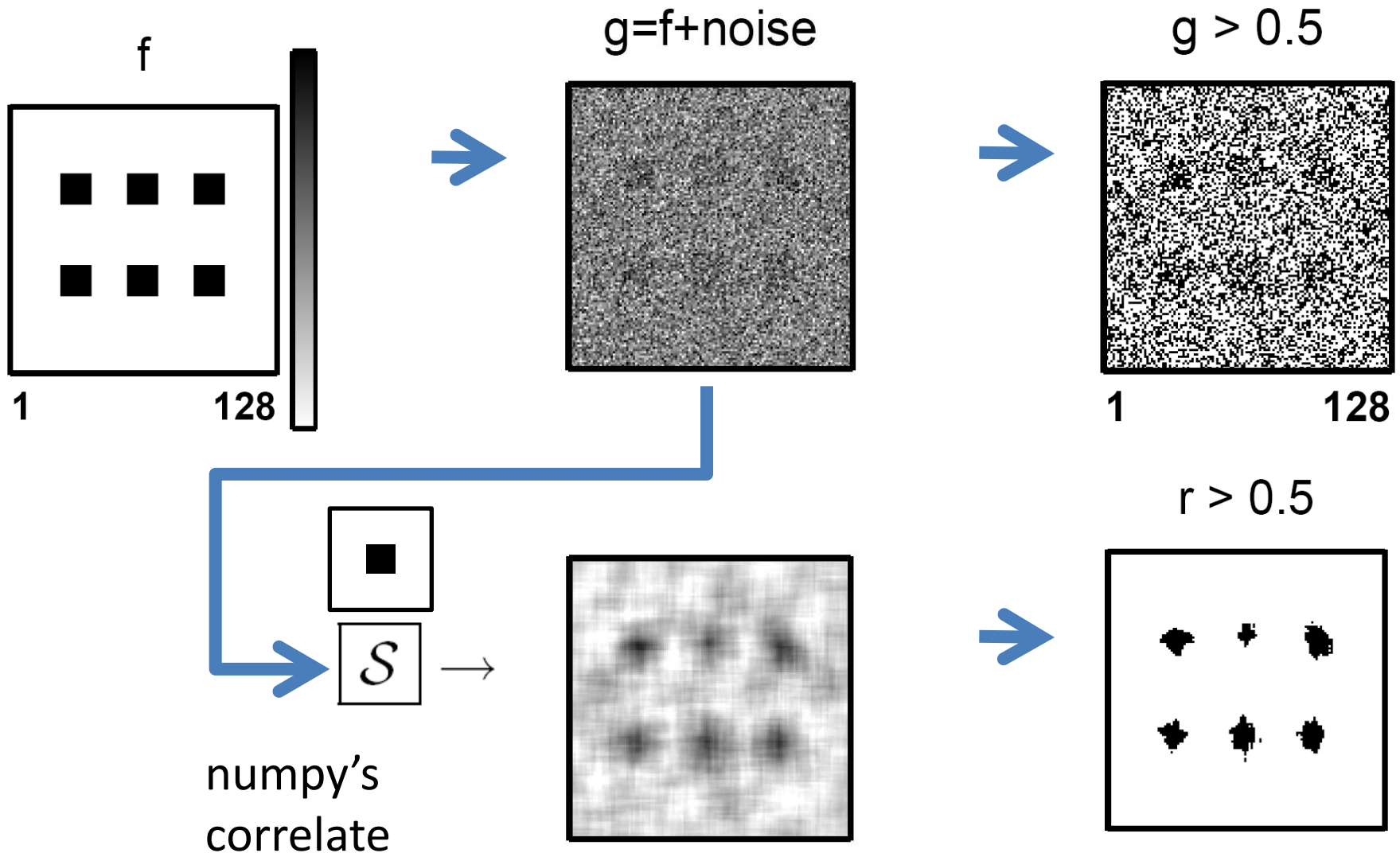


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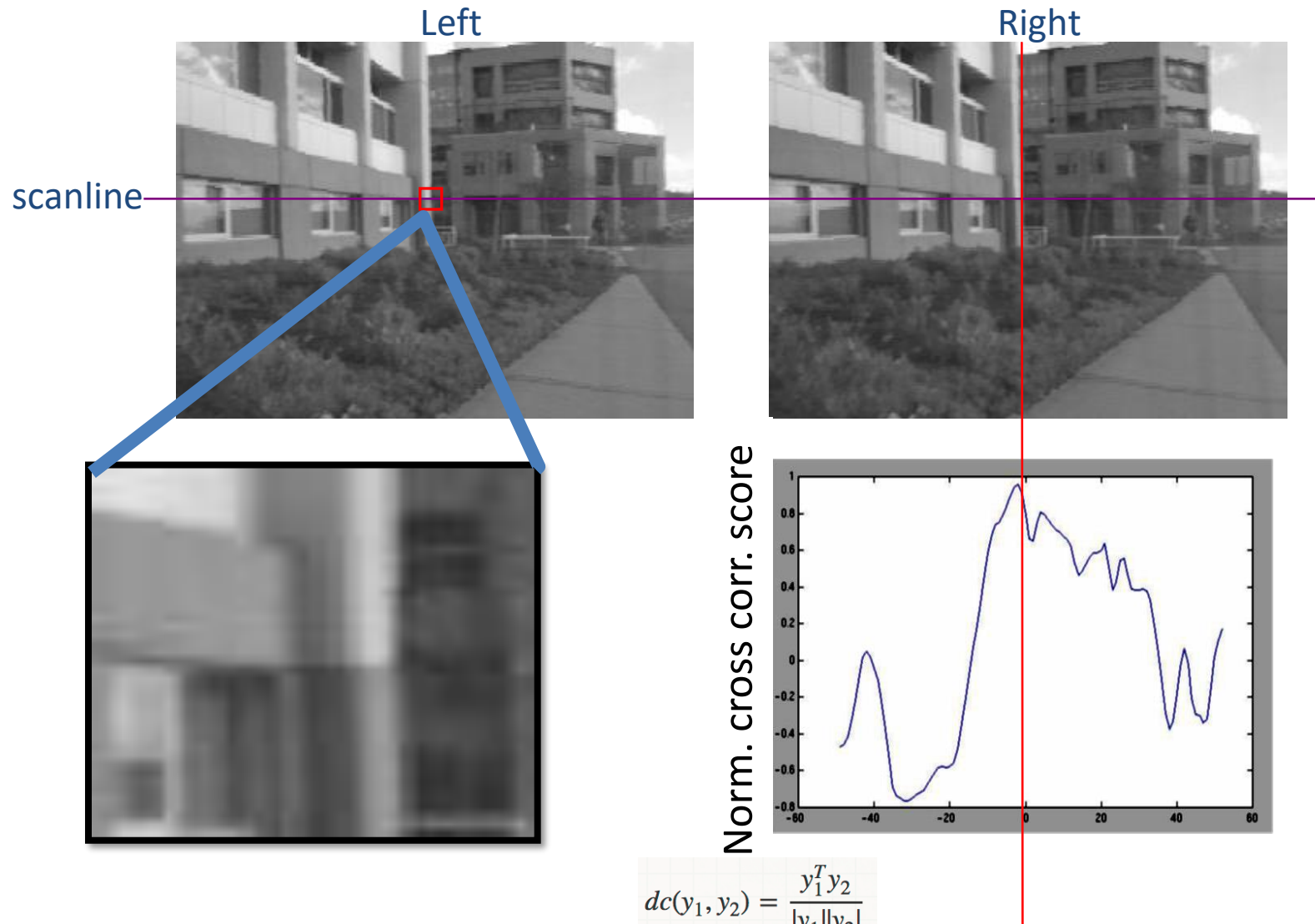
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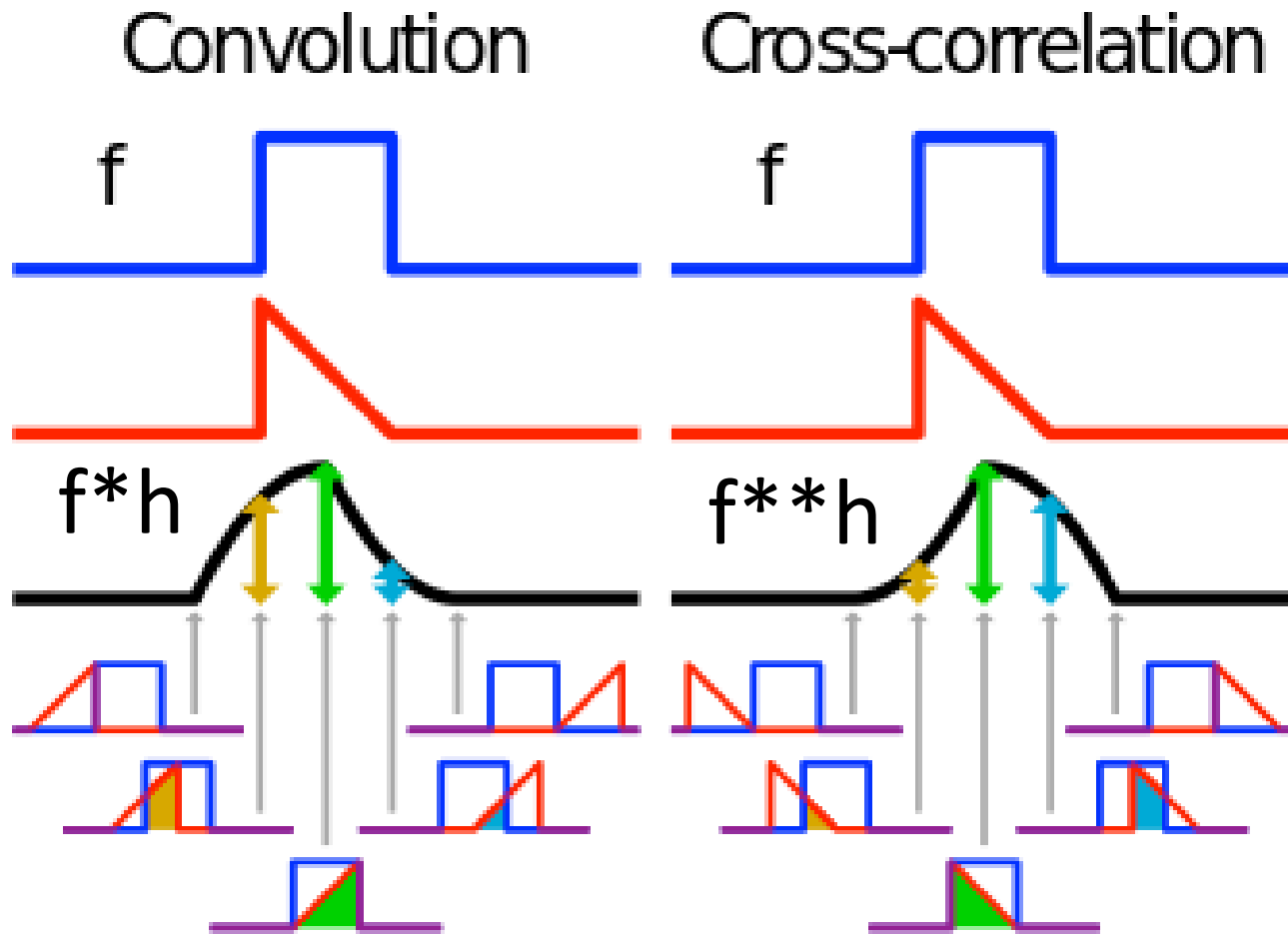


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# Convolution vs. (Cross) Correlation



# Cross Correlation Application: Vision system for TV remote control

- uses template matching

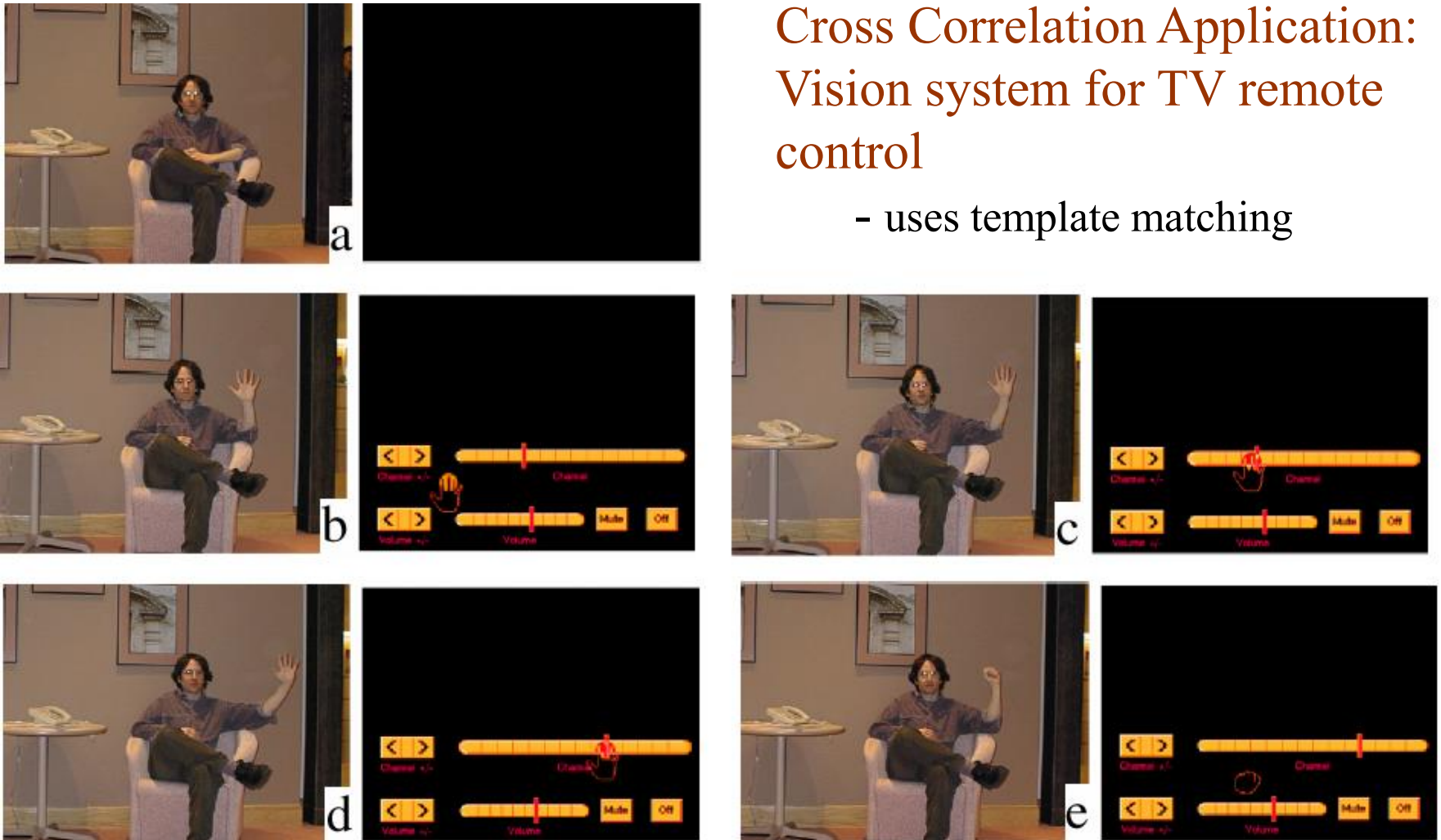


Figure from “Computer Vision for Interactive Computer Graphics,” W.Freeman et al, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, 1998 copyright 1998, IEEE

# properties

- **Associative property:**

$$(f ** h_1) ** h_2 = f ** (h_1 ** h_2)$$

- **Distributive property:**

$$f ** (h_1 + h_2) = (f ** h_1) + (f ** h_2)$$

The order doesn't matter!  $h_1 ** h_2 = h_2 ** h_1$

# properties

- **Shift property:**

$$f[n, m] ** \delta_2[n - n_0, m - m_0] = f[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

- **Shift-invariance:**

$$\begin{aligned} g[n, m] &= f[n, m] ** h[n, m] \\ \implies f[n - l_1, m - l_1] ** h[n - l_2, m - l_2] \\ &= g[n - l_1 - l_2, m - l_1 - l_2] \end{aligned}$$

# Convolution vs. (Cross) Correlation

- A **convolution** is an integral that expresses the amount of overlap of one function as it is shifted over another function.
  - convolution is a filtering operation
- **Correlation** compares the ***similarity of two sets of data***. Correlation computes a measure of similarity of two input signals as they are shifted by one another. The correlation result reaches a maximum at the time when the two signals match best .
  - correlation is a measure of relatedness of two signals



# What we have learned today?

- Image sampling and quantization
- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Linear systems (filters)
- Convolution and correlation