



The OpenVX[™] S16 Extension

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Chapter 1. Extension Specification

This extension is intended to define the subset of behaviors and data types of the signed 16-bit support for OpenVX™.

1.1. Changes to the OpenVX 1.1 Specification

The S16 extension enhances the input and output types per each kernel defined in the OpenVX 1.1 standard. The table below indicates the changes to each kernel for input and output.

Input and output argument types should be the same (e.g. input S16 and output S16) unless stated otherwise in the function description. In cases where having S16 inputs could lead to the overflow of S16 outputs, the behavior is analogous to what is currently in the standard for when the inputs are U8.

In the main standard, where the input is U8 and the output is also U8, then the output is converted according to the overflow policy in the function definition. Analogously, for this extension, where the inputs and outputs are both S16, the output is converted as necessary according to the overflow policy in the function definition.

In the main standard, where the input can be U8 and the output S16, the zero-extended answer is just written into the output. Analogously, for this extension, where the input can be S16 and the output S32, the sign-bit-extended result is written to the output.

1.2. Inputs

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
AbsDiff	1.0		1.0.1				
Accumulate	1.0		ext				
AccumulateSquared	1.0		ext				
AccumulateWeighted	1.0		ext				
Add	1.0		1.0				
And	1.0		ext				
Box3x3	1.0		ext				
CannyEdgeDetector	1.0		ext				
ChannelCombine	1.0						
ChannelExtract							1.0

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
ColorConvert							1.0
ConvertDepth	1.0	ext	1.0	ext	ext		
Convolve	1.0		ext				
Dilate3x3	1.0						
EqualizeHistogram	1.0		ext				
Erode3x3	1.0						
FastCorners	1.0		ext				
Gaussian3x3	1.0		ext				
HarrisCorners	1.0		ext				
HalfScaleGaussian	1.0		ext				
Histogram	1.0		ext				
IntegralImage	1.0						
TableLookup	1.0		1.1				
LaplacianPyramid	1.1						
LaplacianReconstruct			1.1				
Magnitude			1.0				
MeanStdDev	1.0		ext				
Median3x3	1.0		ext				
MinMaxLoc	1.0		1.0				
Multiply	1.0		1.0				
NonLinearFilter	1.1						
Not	1.0		ext				
OpticalFlowPyrLK	1.0		ext				
Or	1.0		ext				
Phase			1.0				

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
GaussianPyramid	1.0		ext				
Remap	1.0		ext				
ScaleImage	1.0		ext				
Sobel3x3	1.0		ext				
Subtract	1.0		1.0				
Threshold	1.0		ext				
WarpAffine	1.0		ext				
WarpPerspective	1.0		ext				
Xor	1.0		ext				

1.3. Outputs

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
AbsDiff	1.0	ext	1.0.1				
Accumulate			1.0		ext		
AccumulateSquared			1.0		ext		
AccumulateWeighted	1.0				ext		
Add	1.0		1.0		ext		
And	1.0		ext				
Box3x3	1.0		ext				
CannyEdgeDetector	1.0		ext				
ChannelCombine							1.0
ChannelExtract	1.0						
ColorConvert							1.0
ConvertDepth	1.0	ext	1.0	ext	ext		
Convolve	1.0		1.0		ext		
Dilate3x3	1.0						

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
EqualizeHistogram	1.0		ext				
Erode3x3	1.0						
FastCorners	1.0						
Gaussian3x3	1.0		ext				
HarrisCorners	1.0						
HalfScaleGaussian	1.0		ext				
Histogram				1.0			
IntegralImage				1.0			
TableLookup	1.0		1.1				
LaplacianPyramid			1.1				
LaplacianReconstruct	1.1						
Magnitude			1.0				
MeanStdDev						1.0	
Median3x3	1.0		ext				
MinMaxLoc	1.0		1.0	1.0			
Multiply	1.0		1.0		ext		
NonLinearFilter	1.1						
Not	1.0		ext				
OpticalFlowPyrLK							
Or	1.0		ext				
Phase	1.0						
GaussianPyramid	1.0		ext				
Remap	1.0		ext				
ScaleImage	1.0		ext				
Sobel3x3			1.0		ext		

Vision Function	U8	U16	S16	U32	S32	F32	color
Subtract	1.0		1.0		ext		
Threshold	1.0		ext				
WarpAffine	1.0		ext				
WarpPerspective	1.0		ext				
Xor	1.0		ext				

1.4. Vision Functions

The following sections describe additional changes and clarifications to existing kernel definitions beyond those already described in sections [Inputs](#) and [Outputs](#).

1.4.1. Bitwise Operations

Referring to: AND, EXCLUSIVE OR, INCLUSIVE OR, and NOT.

All bit-wise operations on signed operands are executed in twos-complement representation of the values.

1.4.2. Custom Convolution

The current spec says if the input type is U8 and the output type is S16, then the output is simply the sum/scale. However, if the output type is U8, then the output saturates on both ends: 0 if sum/scale < 0, and 255 if sum/scale > 255. Analogously, S16 outputs should saturate to -32768 if sum/scale < -32768, and 32767 if sum/scale > 32767, and just sum/scale otherwise.

For **VX_DF_IMAGE_S16** output, an additional step is taken:

$$output(x, y) = \begin{cases} -32768 & \text{if } sum / scale < -32768 \\ 32767 & \text{if } sum / scale > 32767 \\ sum / scale & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For **VX_DF_IMAGE_S32** output, the summation is simply set to the output

$$output(x, y) = sum / scale$$

1.4.3. Fast Corners

When the input image is of type **VX_DF_IMAGE_S16**, the value of the intensity difference threshold *strength_thresh.* of type **VX_TYPE_FLOAT32** must be within:

$$UINT16_MIN < t < UINT16_MAX$$