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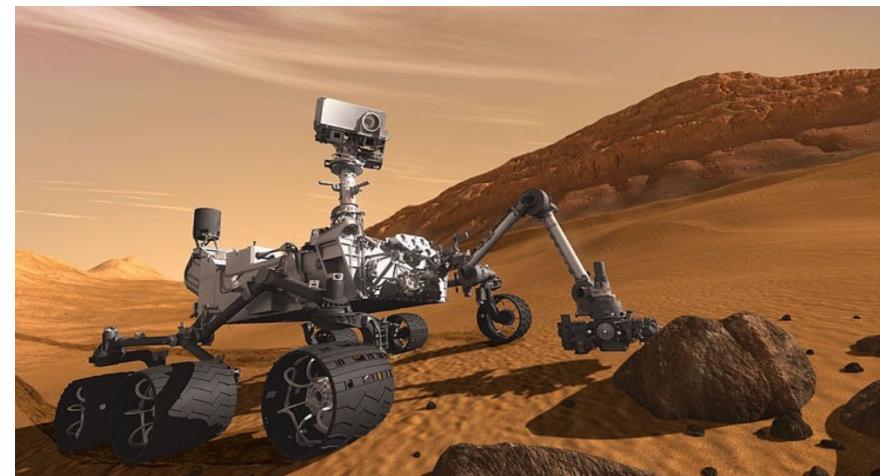
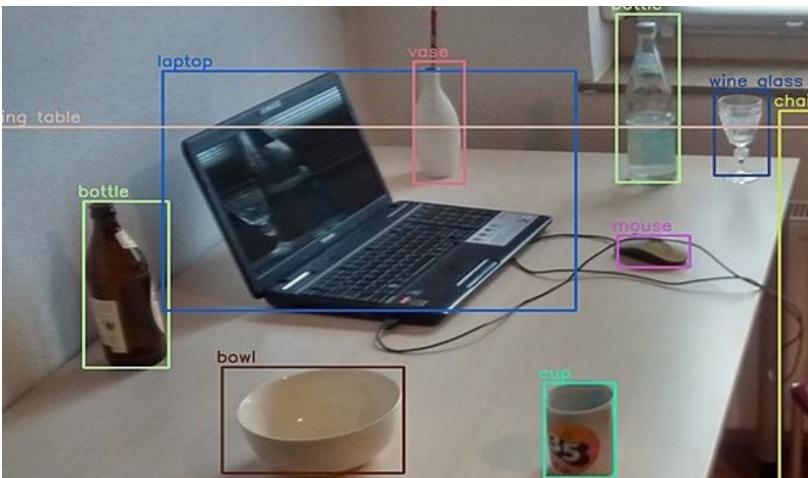
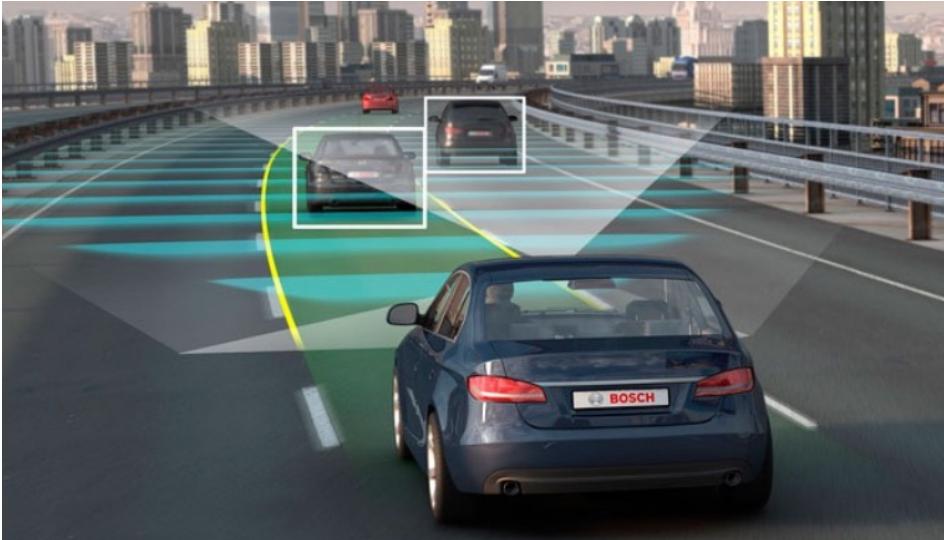
Lecture 11 - Vision

Introduction to Computer Vision,
Image Processing and Analysis

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What is Computer Vision



Goal of Computer Vision



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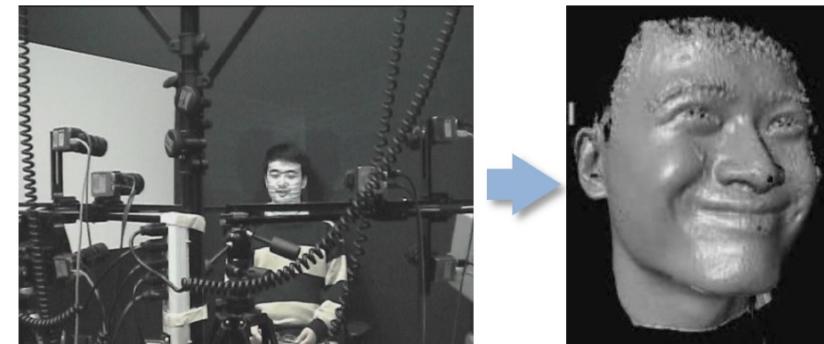
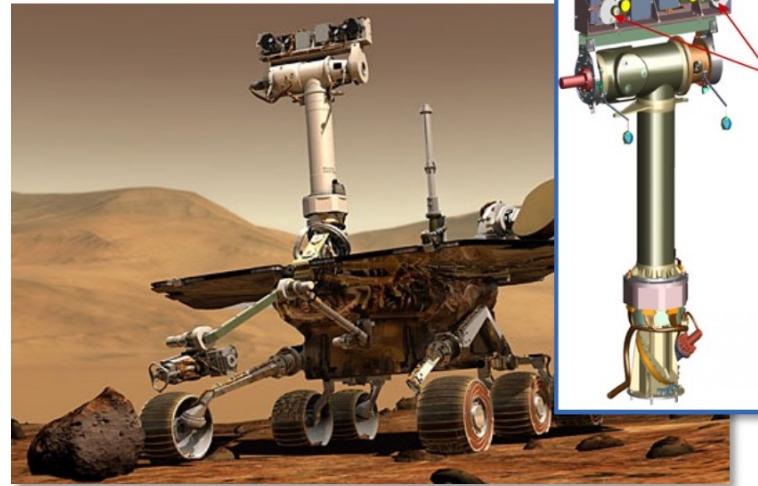
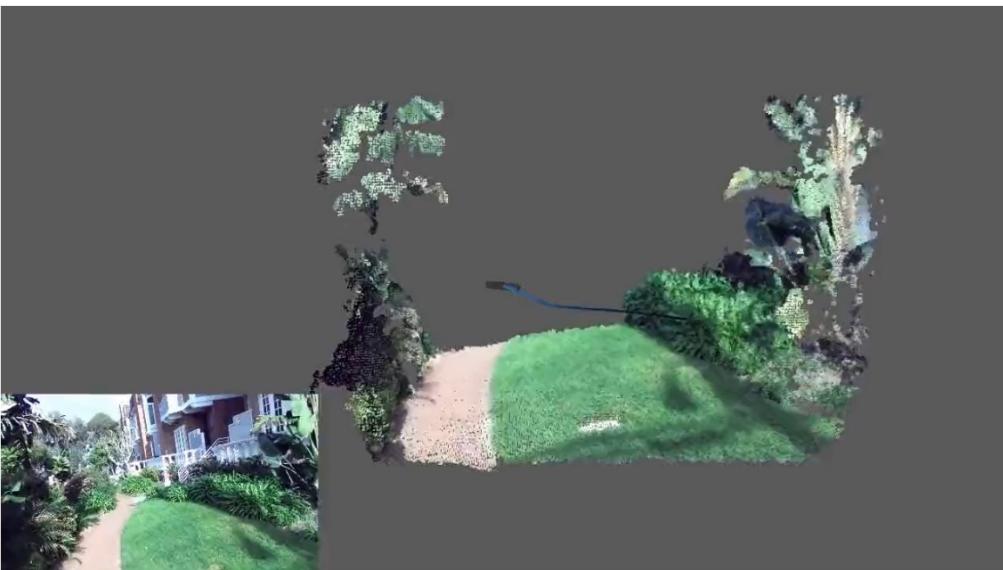
1. Image Recognition
2. Object Detection
3. Image Segmentation
4. Image Generation
5. Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
6. Pose Estimation
7. Scene Understanding
8. Action Recognition

Goal of Computer Vision

- Compute the 3d shape of the world

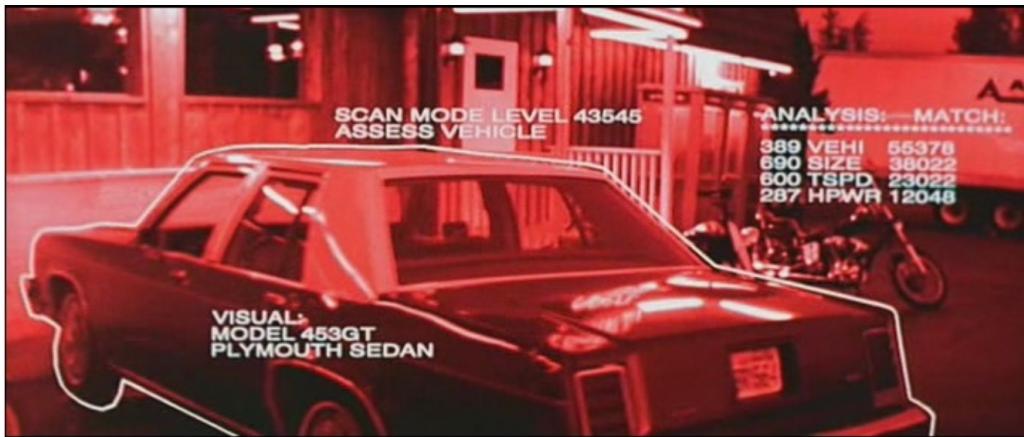


ZED 2i Camera



Goal of Computer Vision

- Recognize objects and people

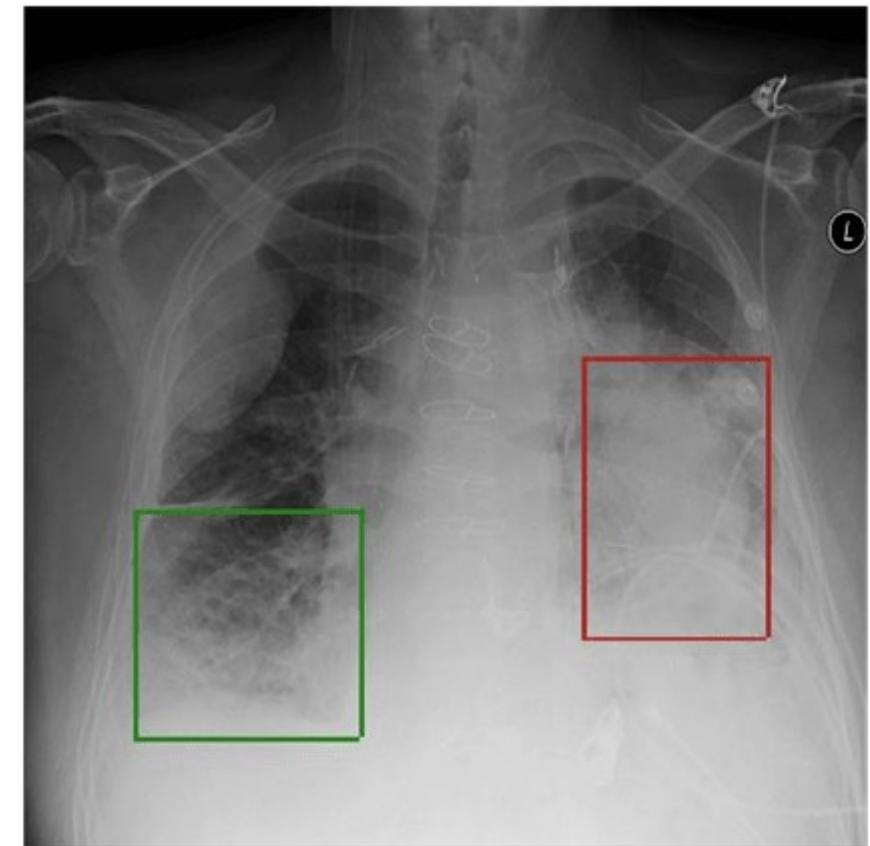


Terminator 2, 1991



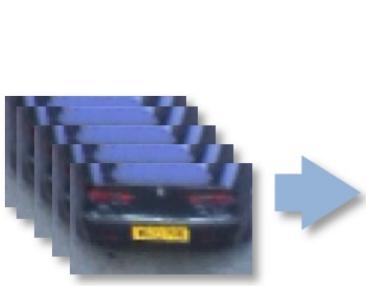
Goal of Computer Vision

- “Enhance” images



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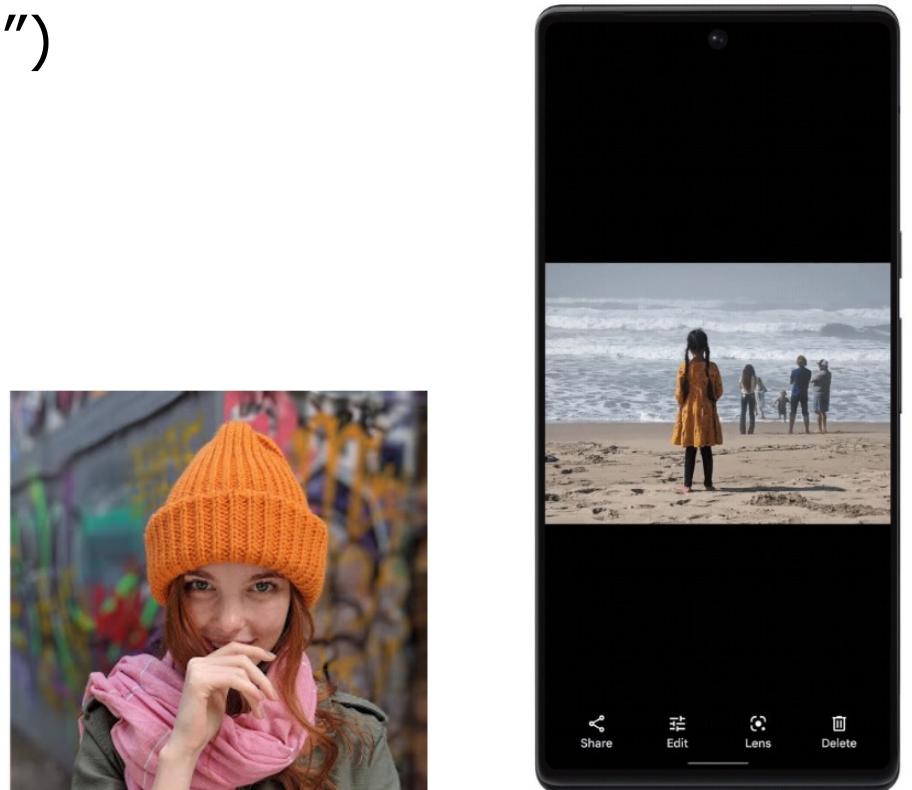
- Improve photos ("Computational Photography")



Super-resolution (source: 2d3)



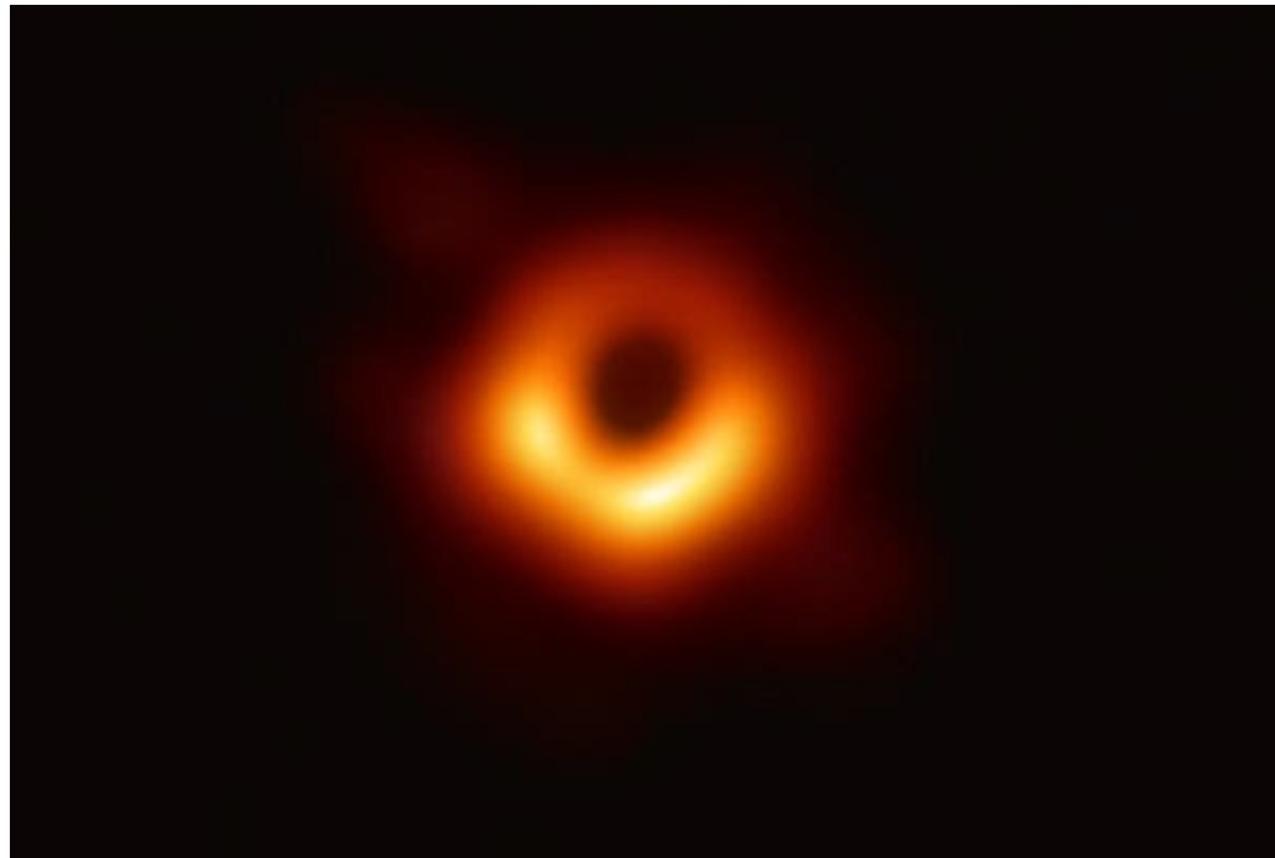
Depth of field on cell phone camera



Removing objects

Goal of Computer Vision

- Reconstruction of objects and “black holes” – April 10, 2019



Why study Computer Vision

- Understanding the world through visual data
- Automation and efficiency
- Enhancing human-computer interaction
- Medical applications
- Images and video analysis
- Research and Innovation
- Ethical considerations
- Cross-disciplinary impact
- Career opportunities

State of the art: Optical character recognition

- If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



Automatic check processing



Sudoku grabber

<http://sudokugrab.blogspot.com/>

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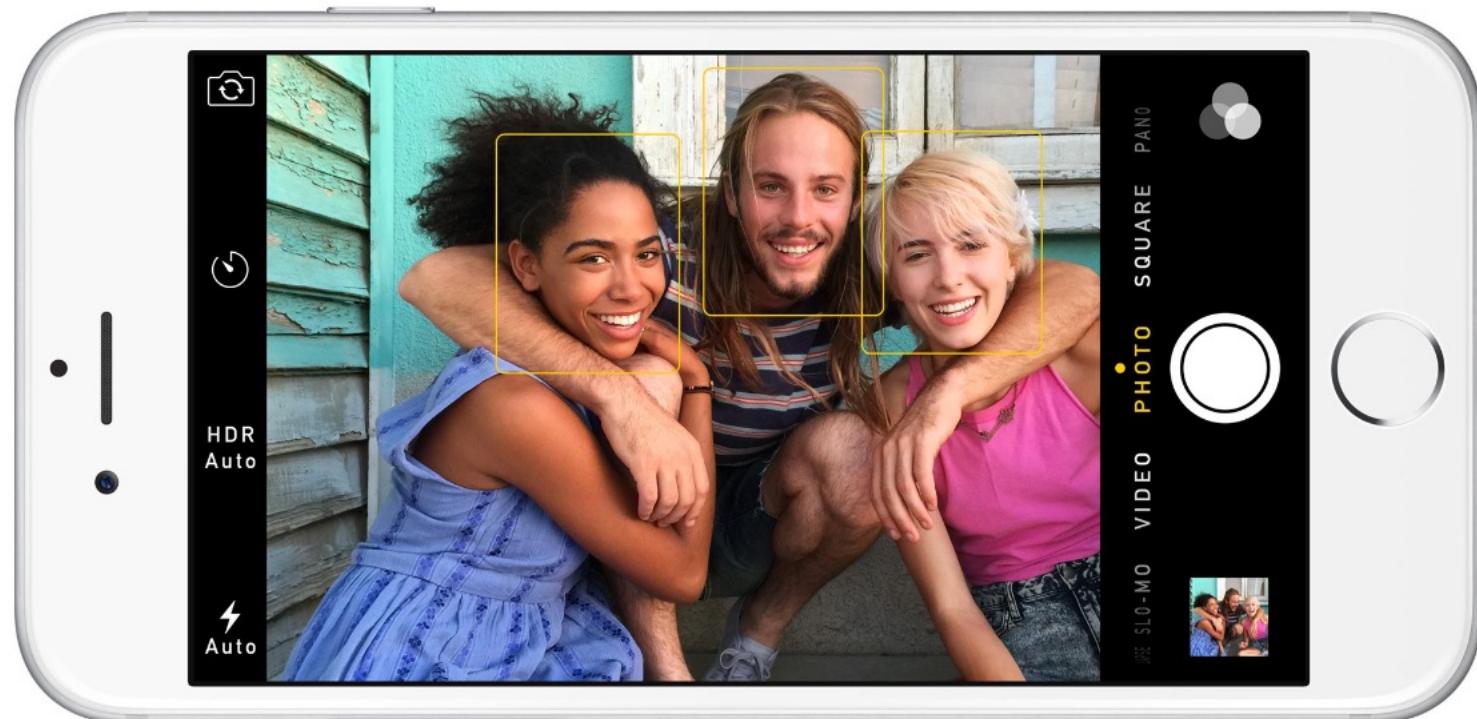
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License plate readers

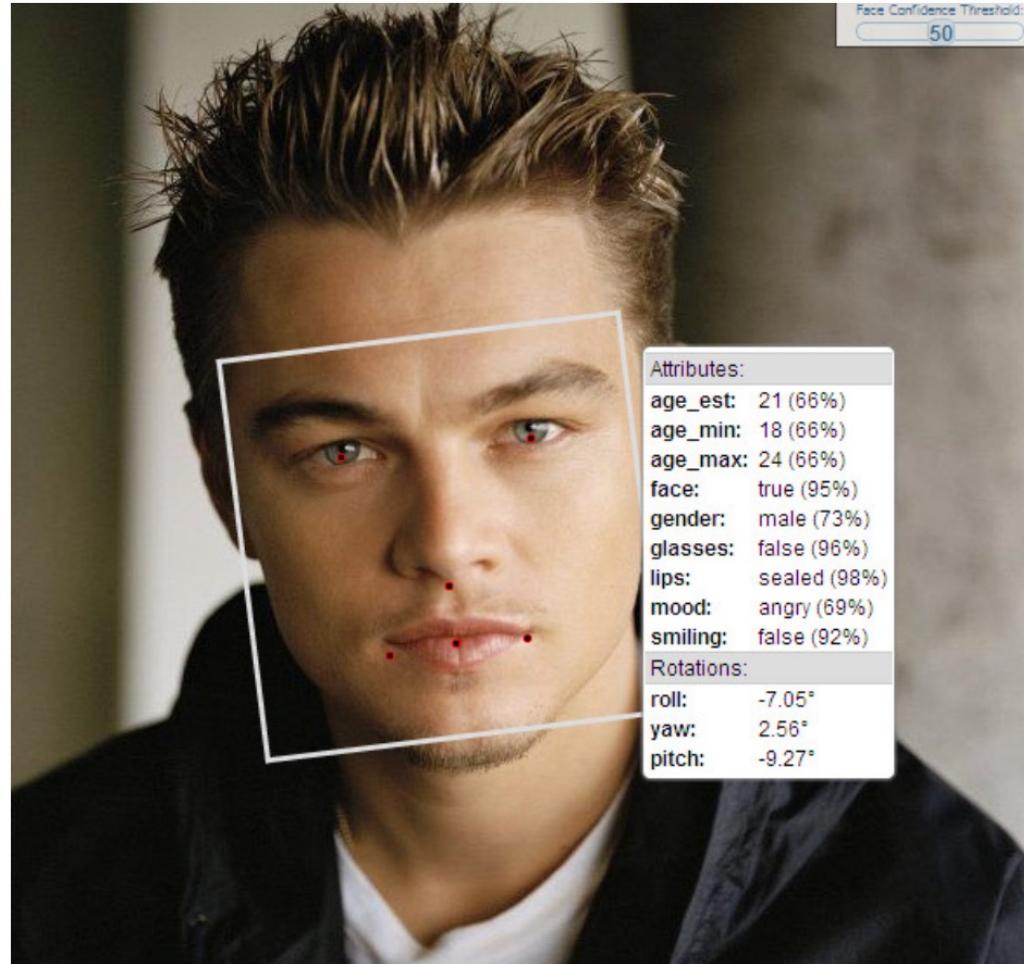
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_number_plate_recognition

State of the art: Face detection

- Nearly all cameras detect faces in real time

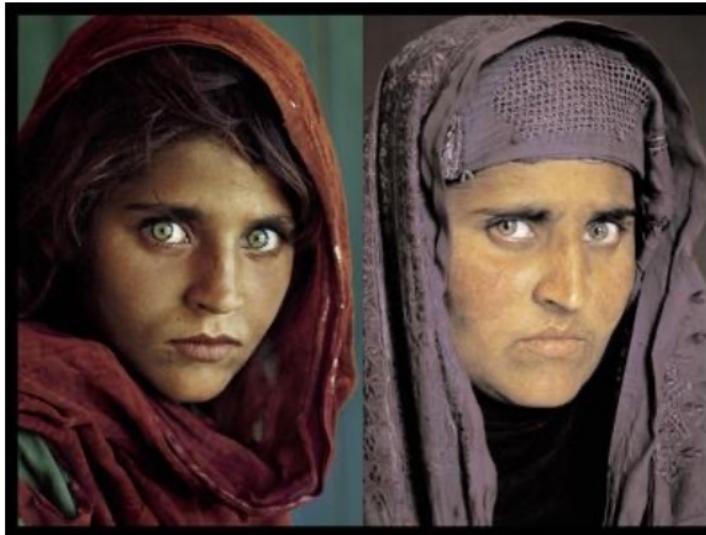
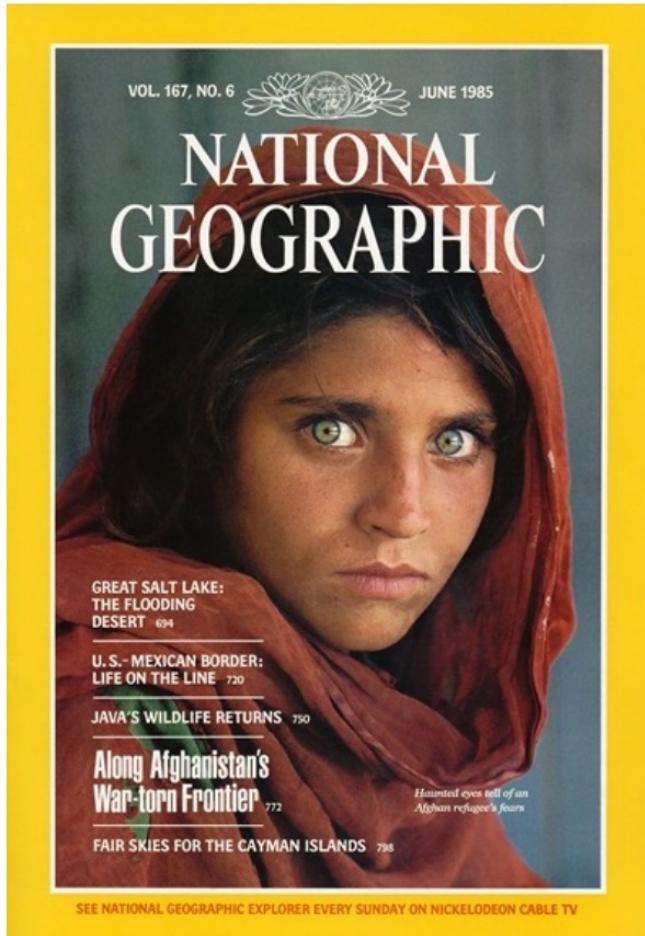


State of the art: Face analysis and recognition

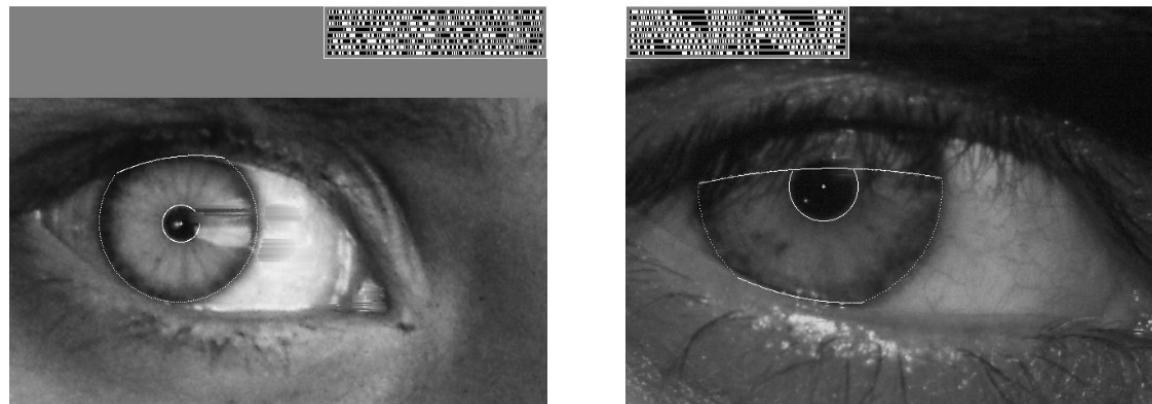


State of the art: Vision-based biometrics

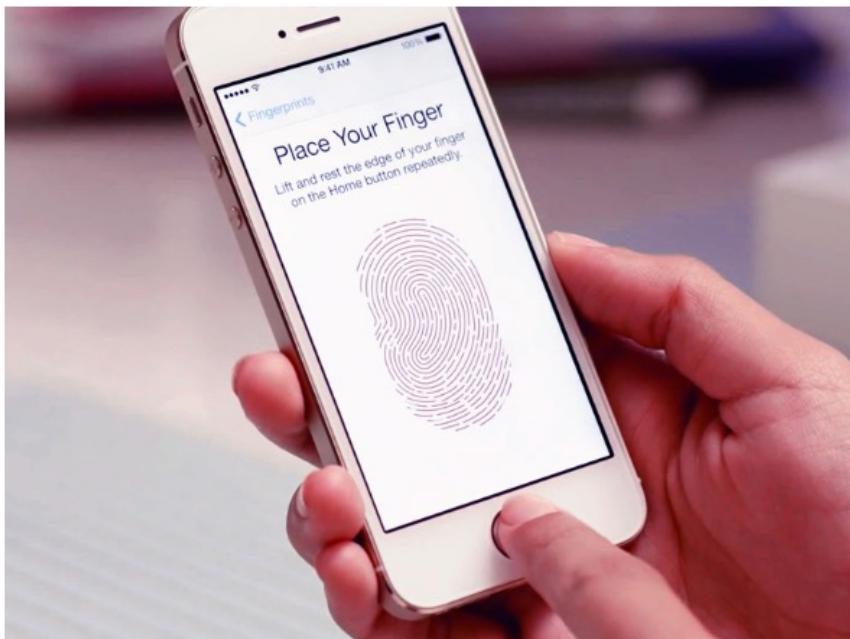
- Who is she?



"How the Afghan Girl was Identified by Her Iris Patterns"



State of the art: Login without a password

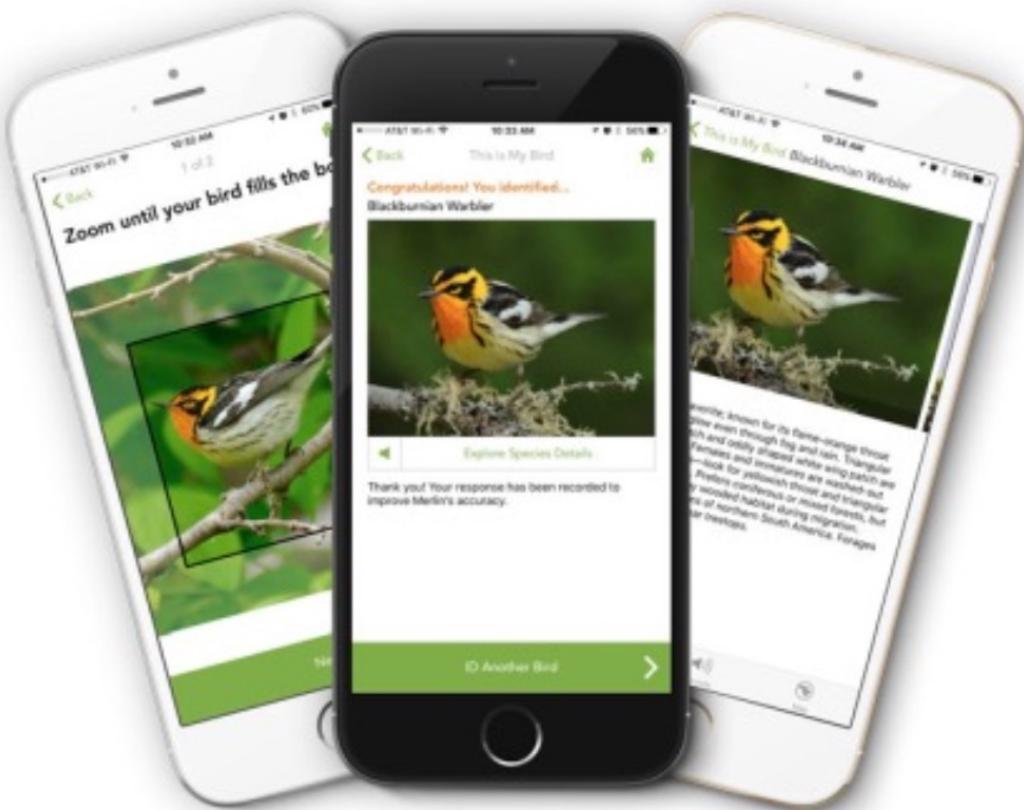


Fingerprint scanners on
many new smartphones
and other devices



Face unlock on Apple iPhone X
<http://www.sensiblevision.com/>

State of the art: Bird identification



Merlin Bird ID (based on Cornell Tech technology!)

State of the art: Special effects - shape capture



The Matrix movies, ESC Entertainment, XYZRGB, NRC

State of the art: Special effects - motion capture



Pirates of the Caribbean, Industrial Light and Magic

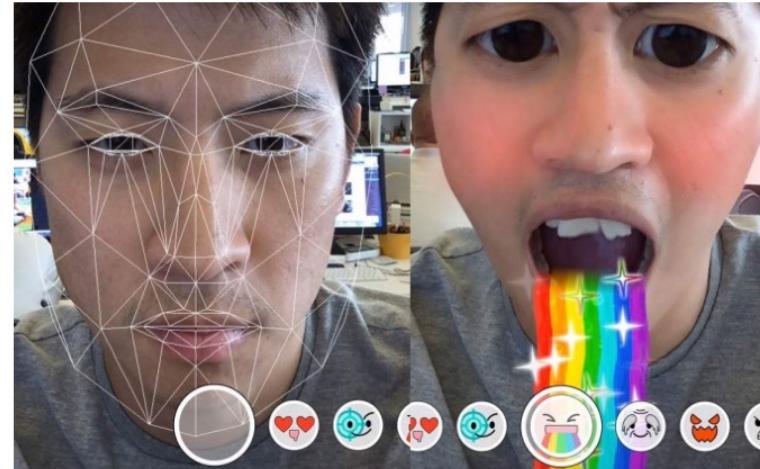
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State of the art: No green screen - motion capture

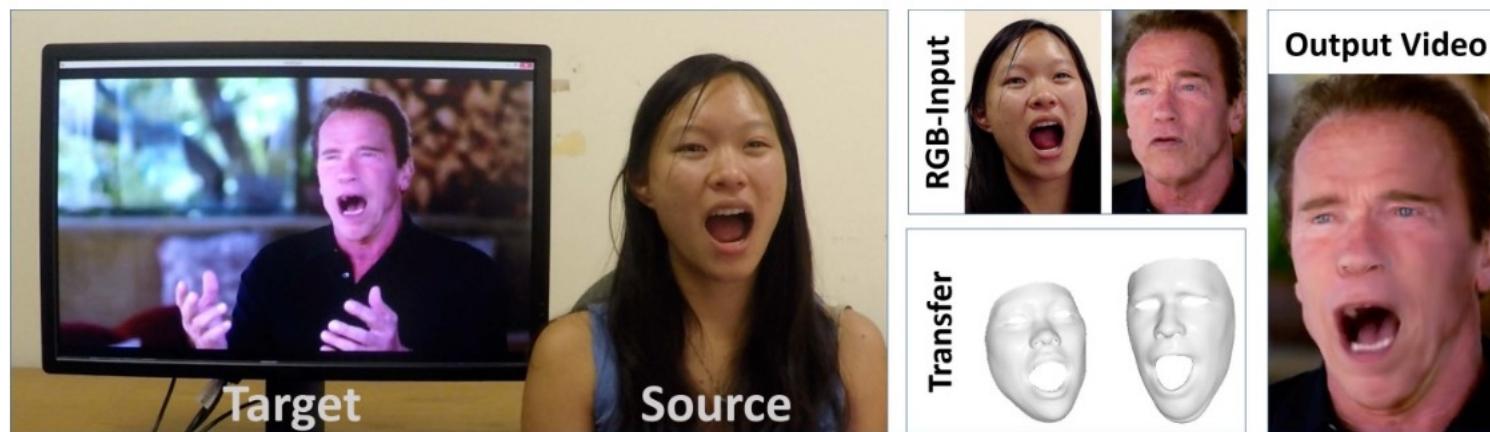


<https://www.vulture.com/2020/01/how-the-irishman-used-cgi-and-special-effects-on-actors.html>

State of the art: 3D face tracking



Snapchat Lenses



State of the art: Image synthesis



"An astronaut riding a horse in a photorealistic style" – DALL-E 2

<https://openai.com/dall-e-2>



"A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat" – Imagen

<https://imagen.research.google>

State of the art: Sports



Day 5: Swimming - Men's 4X200M Final



Highlights of the men's 4x200m relay final on Day 5.

State of the art: Smart cars

- Advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS)
- Tesla Autopilot
- Safety features in many cars
- Self-driving cars

The screenshot shows the Mobileye website's homepage. At the top, there are two tabs: "manufacturer products" and "consumer products". Below them, the slogan "Our Vision. Your Safety." is displayed above a central image of a car from a top-down perspective. Three cameras are highlighted: a "rear looking camera" at the back, a "forward looking camera" at the front, and a "side looking camera" on the side. To the right, a sidebar titled "News" lists articles like "Mobileye Advanced Technologies Power Volvo Cars World First Collision Warning With Auto Brake System" and "Volvo: New Collision Warning with Auto Brake Helps Prevent Rear-end". Below the news is a section titled "Events" with links to "Mobileye at Equip Auto, Paris, France" and "Mobileye at SEMA, Las Vegas, NV". At the bottom, there are three cards: one for "EyeQ Vision on a Chip" showing a close-up of a chip, one for "Vision Applications" showing a pedestrian crossing, and one for "AWS Advance Warning System" showing a circular display.

<https://www.synopsys.com/automotive/what-is-adas.html>

State of the art: Robotics



NASA's Mars Curiosity Rover

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_\(rover\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_(rover))

<http://www.robocup2016.org/en/events/amazon-picking-challenge/>



Amazon Picking Challenge

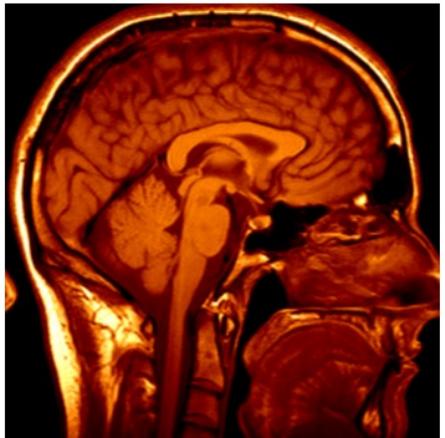


Amazon Scout

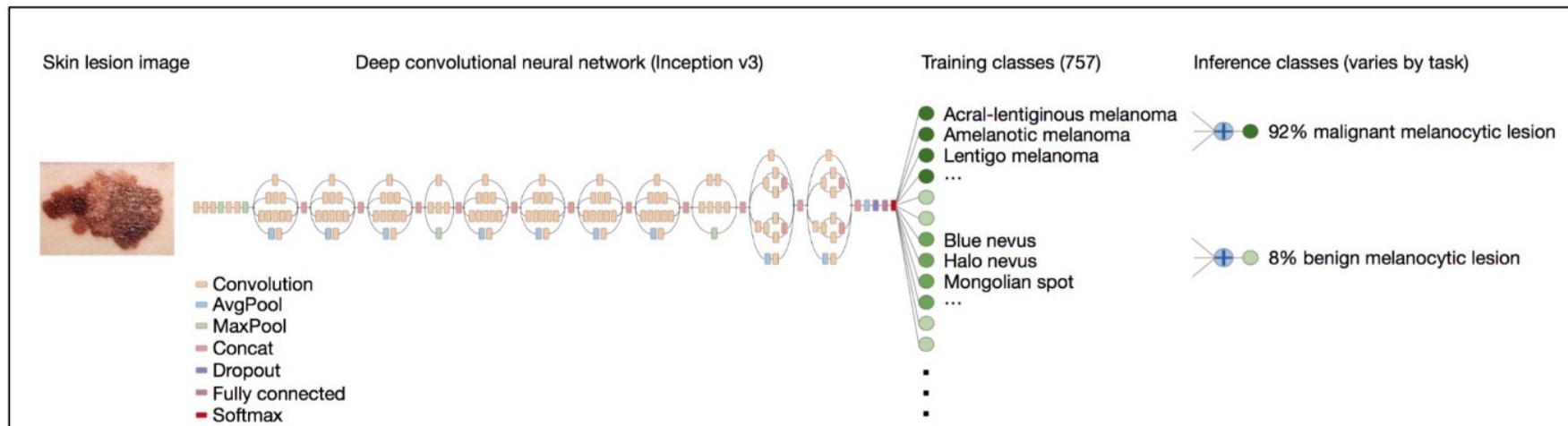
<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/transportation/meet-scout>

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State of the art: Medical imaging

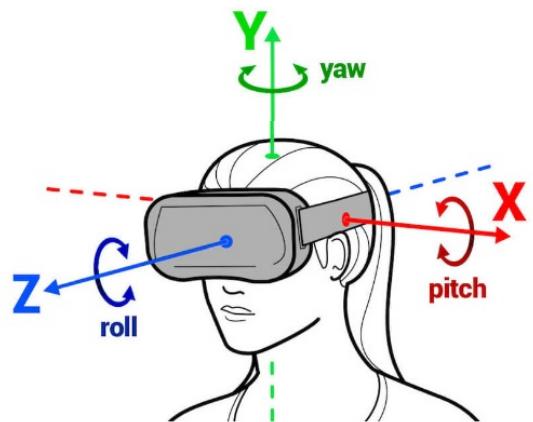


3D imaging
(MRI, CT)



Skin cancer classification with deep learning
<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/esteva/nature/>

State of the art: Spatial Computing



6DoF head tracking



Hand & body tracking



3D scene understanding



3D-360 video capture

Current state of the art

- You just saw many examples of current systems.
 - Many of these are less than 5 years old
- Computer vision is an active research area, and rapidly changing
 - Many new apps in the next 5 years
 - Deep learning powering many modern applications
- Many startups across a dizzying array of areas
 - Deep learning, robotics, autonomous vehicles, medical imaging, construction, inspection, VR/AR, ...

Why Computer Vision is difficult?



Viewpoint variation



Illumination



Credit: Flickr user michaelpaul

Scale

Why Computer Vision is difficult?



Intra-class variation



Background clutter

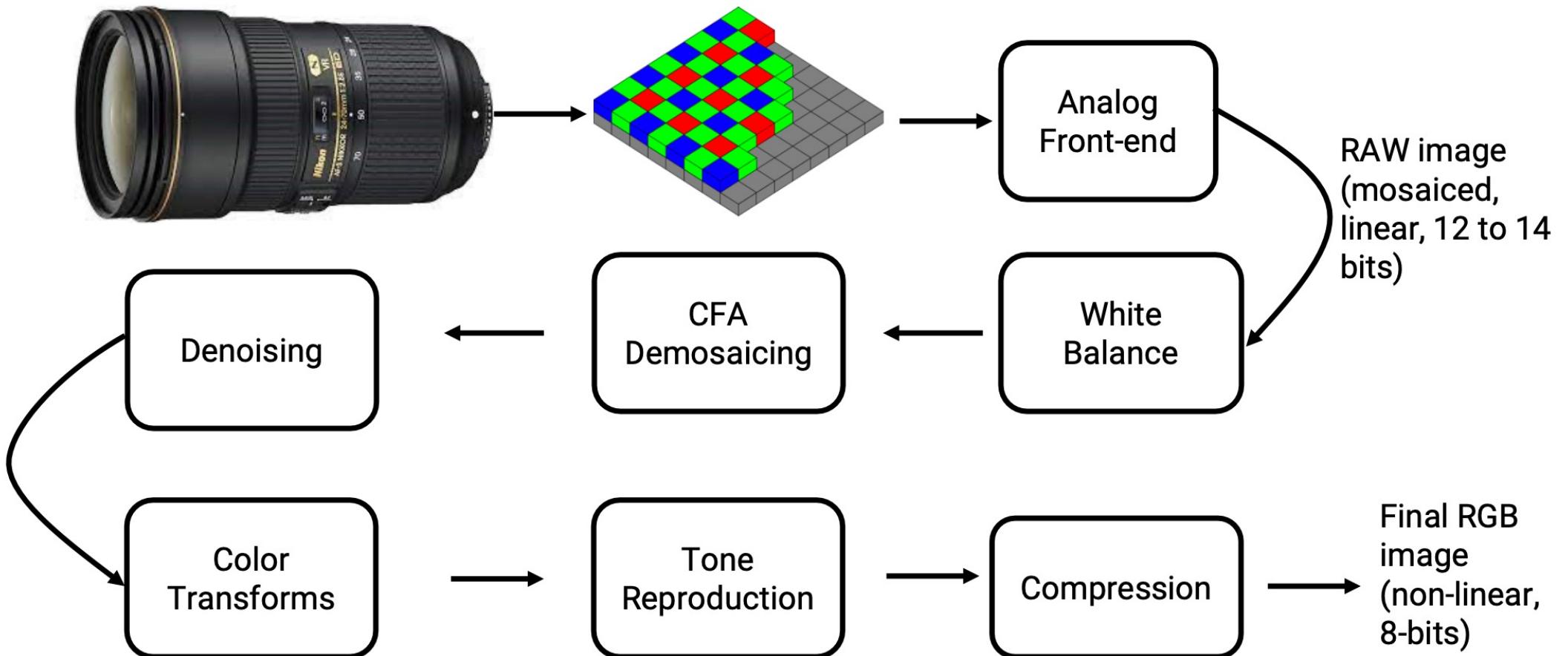


Motion (Source: S. Lazebnik)



Occlusion

What it takes to capture an image?

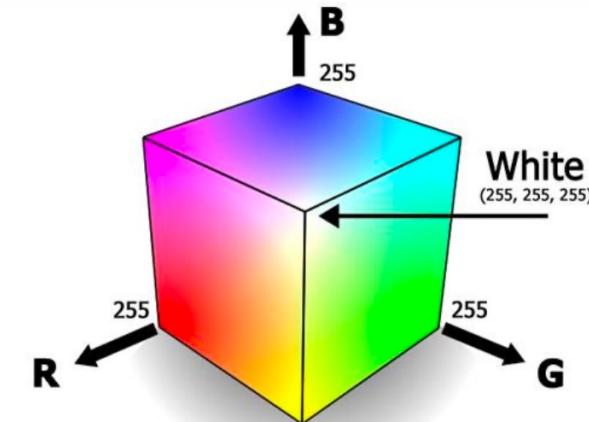
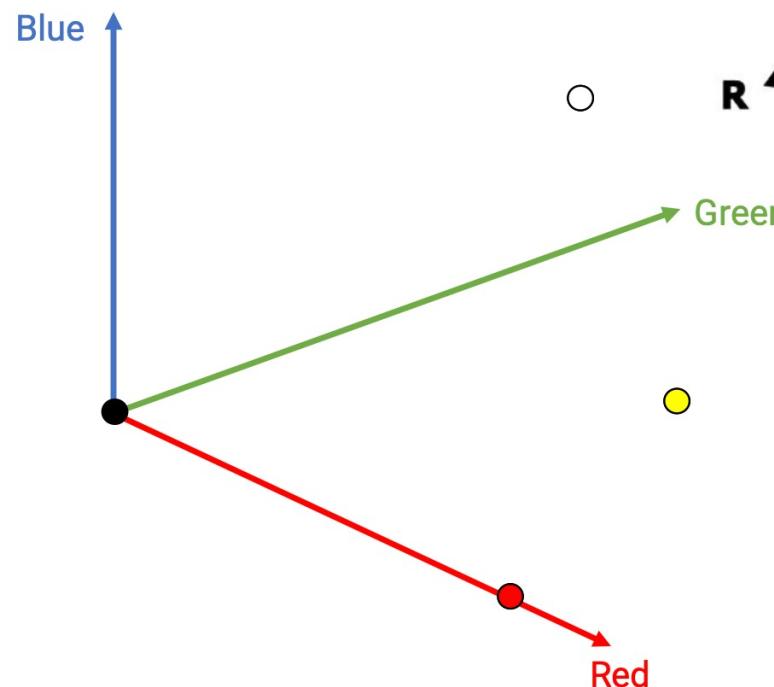


Color - Red/Blue/Green (RGB)

RGB Color Cube

$$\mathbf{x} = [r \ g \ b]$$

Why is this a cube and
not any other shape?
Cartesian Coordinates



Color - Hue/Saturation/Value (HSV)

$$R' = \frac{R}{255}$$

$$G' = \frac{G}{255}$$

$$B' = \frac{B}{255}$$

$$C_{max} = \max(R', G', B')$$

$$C_{min} = \min(R', G', B')$$

$$\Delta = C_{max} - C_{min}$$

Hue is calculated as follows:

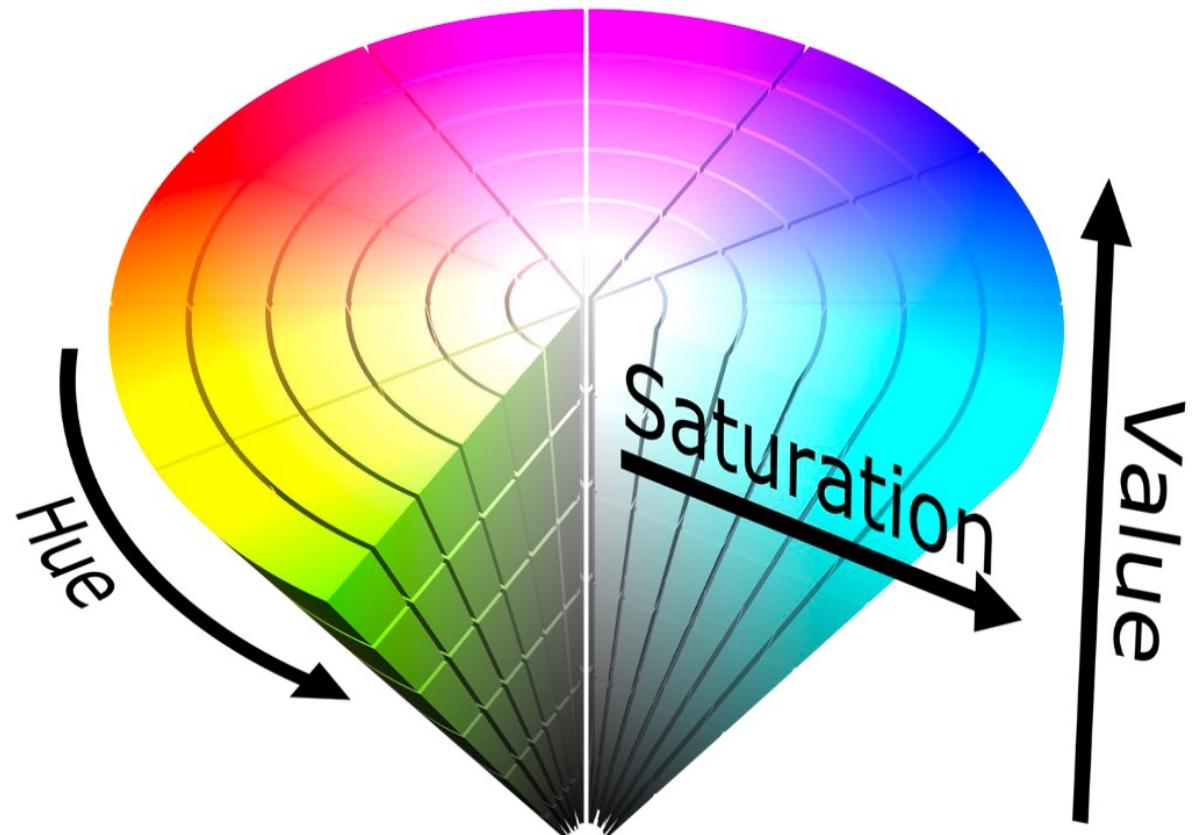
$$\begin{cases} 0^\circ & \text{if } \Delta = 0 \\ 60^\circ \times \frac{G'-B'}{\Delta} & \text{if } C_{max} = G' \\ 60^\circ \times \frac{R'-G'}{\Delta} + 4 & \text{if } C_{max} = B' \end{cases}$$

Saturation is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } C_{max} = 0 \\ \frac{\Delta}{C_{max}} & \text{if } C_{max} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Value is calculated as follows:

$$V = C_{max}$$



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSL_and_HSV

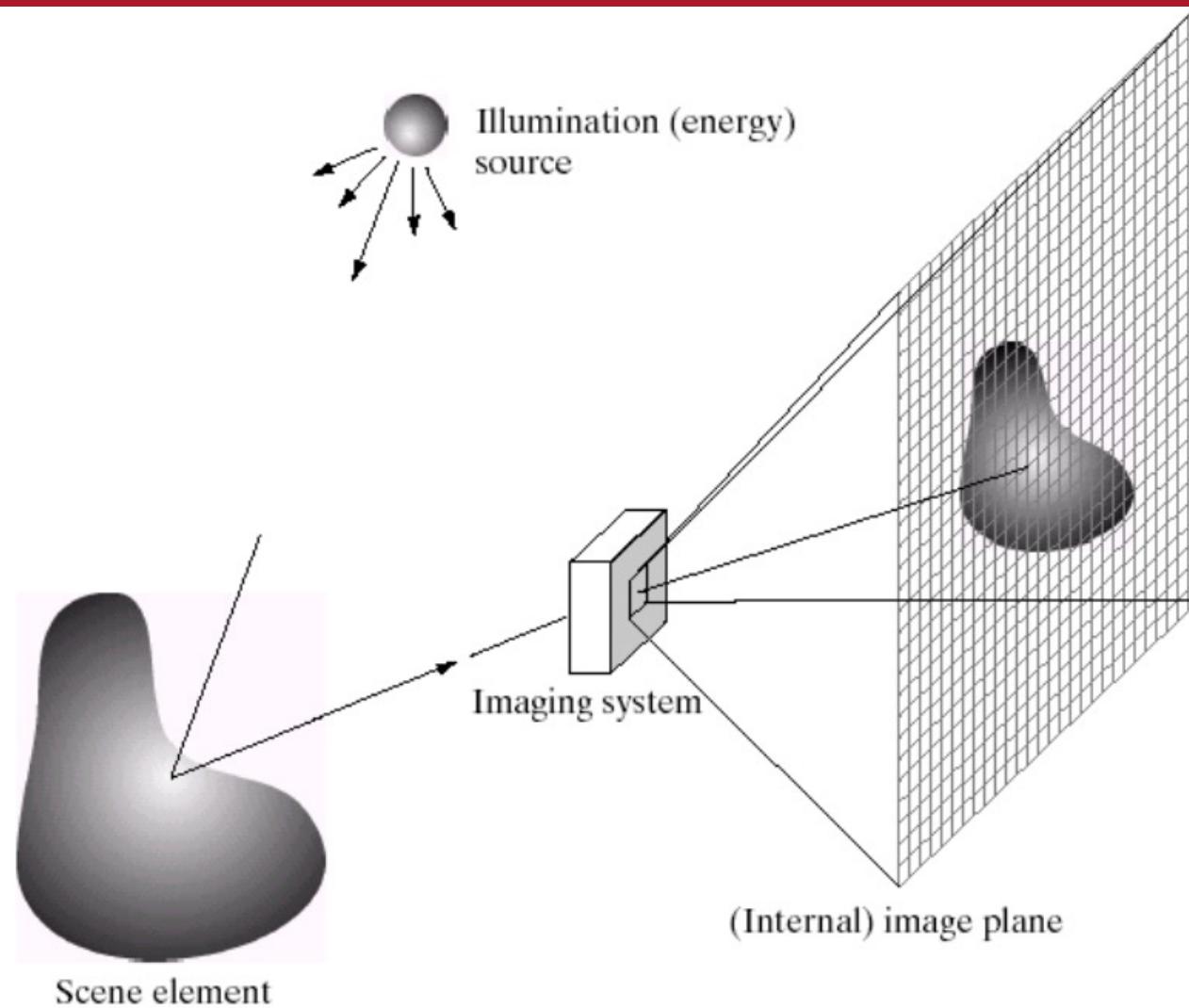
Canonical Image Processing problems

- 1. Image Filtering (*Apply filters or convolution kernels*)
- 2. Image Enhancement (*Adjust contrast, brightness, color balance*)
- 3. Image Restoration (*Denoising, Deblurring*)
- 4. Image Segmentation (*Partition an image*)
- 5. Image Registration (*Align images in a scene*)
- 6. Object Detection (*Identify objects or region of interest "ROI"*)
- 7. Image Compression (*Reduce size - "JPEG, HEIF, MPEG"*)
- 8. Image Recognition (*Classifying objects or patterns*)
- 9. Image Super-Resolution (*Increase the resolution*)
- 10. Image Synthesis (*Generate new images*)

What is an image?

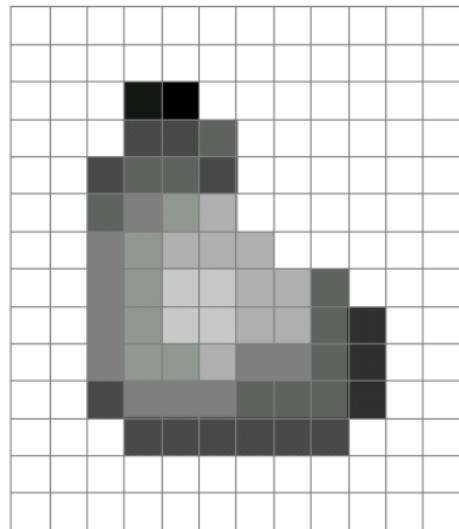


What is an image?



What is an image?

- A grid (matrix) of intensity values



255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255
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255	255	255	75	75	75	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255
255	255	75	95	95	75	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255	255
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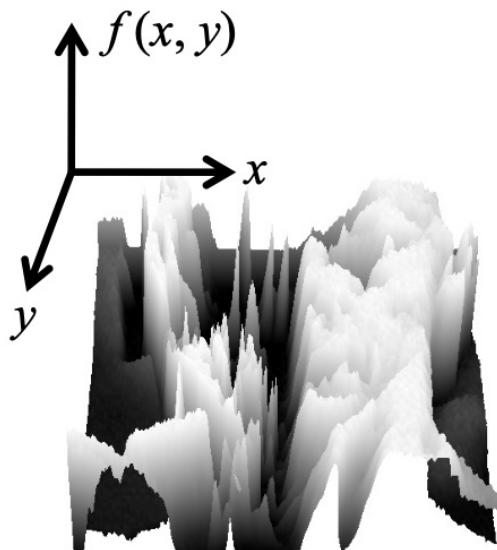
— (common to use one byte per value: 0 = black, 255 = white)

What is an image?

- Can think of a (grayscale) image as a **function** f from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} :
 - $f(x,y)$ gives the **intensity** at position (x,y)



[snoop](#)

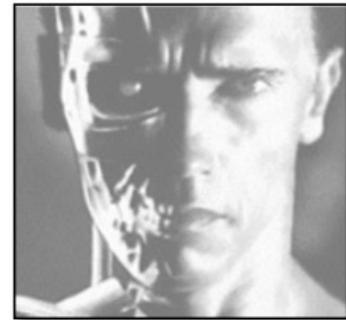


[3D view](#)

- A **digital** image is a discrete (**sampled, quantized**) version of this function

Image transformations

- As with any function, we can apply operators to an image



$$g(x,y) = f(x,y) + 20$$



$$g(x,y) = f(-x,y)$$

- Today we'll talk about a special kind of operator, *convolution* (linear filtering)

Filters

- Filtering
 - Form a new image whose pixel values are a combination of the original pixel values
- Why?
 - To get useful information from images
 - E.g., extract edges or contours (to understand shape)
 - To enhance the image
 - E.g., to remove noise
 - E.g., to sharpen and “enhance image”

Image filtering

- Modify the pixels in an image based on some function of a local neighborhood of each pixel

10	5	3
4	5	1
1	1	7

Local image data

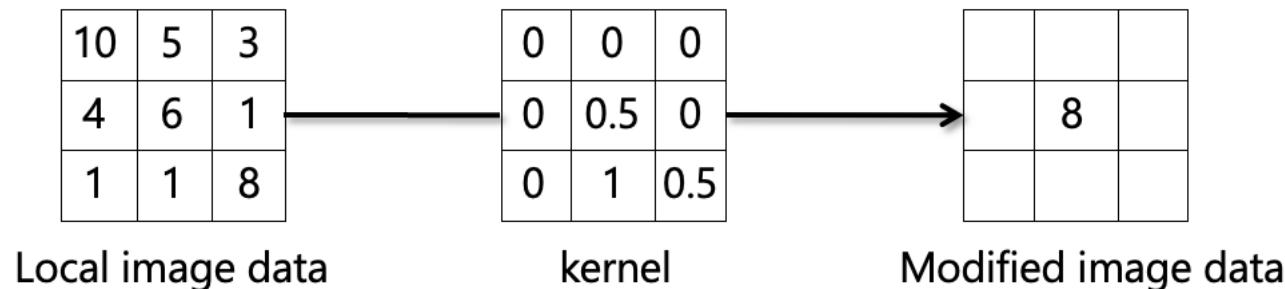
Some function


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Modified image data

Linear filtering

- One simple version of filtering: linear filtering (cross-correlation, convolution)
 - Replace each pixel by a linear combination (a weighted sum) of its neighbors
- The prescription for the linear combination is called the “kernel” (or “mask”, “filter”)



Cross-correlation

- Let F be the image, H be the kernel (of size $2k+1 \times 2k+1$), and G be the output image

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v]F[i + u, j + v]$$

This is called a **cross-correlation** operation:

$$G = H \otimes F$$

- Can think of as a “dot product” between local neighborhood and kernel for each pixel

Convolution

- Same as cross-correlation, except that the kernel is “flipped” (horizontally and vertically)

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v]F[i - u, j - v]$$

This is called a **convolution** operation:

$$G = H * F$$

- Convolution is **commutative** and **associative**

Mean filtering

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{matrix} \\ H \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 0 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 0 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \end{matrix} \\ F \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & 0 & & 10 & & 20 & & 30 & & 30 & & 30 & & 20 & & 10 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 20 & & 40 & & 60 & & 60 & & 60 & & 40 & & 20 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 30 & & 60 & & 90 & & 90 & & 90 & & 60 & & 30 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 30 & & 50 & & 80 & & 80 & & 90 & & 60 & & 30 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 30 & & 50 & & 80 & & 80 & & 90 & & 60 & & 30 & & \\ & & & 0 & & 20 & & 30 & & 50 & & 50 & & 60 & & 40 & & 20 & & \\ & & & 10 & & 20 & & 30 & & 30 & & 30 & & 30 & & 20 & & 10 & & \\ & & & 10 & & 10 & & 10 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 & & \end{matrix} \\ G \end{array}$$

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$G[x, y]$

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

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$G[x, y]$

0	10									

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

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$G[x, y]$

0	10	20									

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

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$G[x, y]$

			0	10	20	30			

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

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$G[x, y]$

0 10 20 30 30

Mean filtering / Moving average

$F[x, y]$

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$G[x, y]$

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

Linear filters - Examples

$$\text{Original} \quad * \quad \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \quad = \quad \text{Identical image}$$

Linear filters - Examples

$$\text{Original} \quad * \quad \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \quad = \quad \text{Shifted left by 1 pixel}$$

Linear filters - Examples

The diagram illustrates the application of a linear filter to an image. On the left is a grayscale image of a person's face, labeled "Original". In the center is a mathematical expression showing the image being multiplied by a filter: $\text{Original} * \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. To the right of the expression is the result, labeled "Blur (with a mean filter)", which shows the original face image with a uniform gray overlay, indicating it has been blurred.

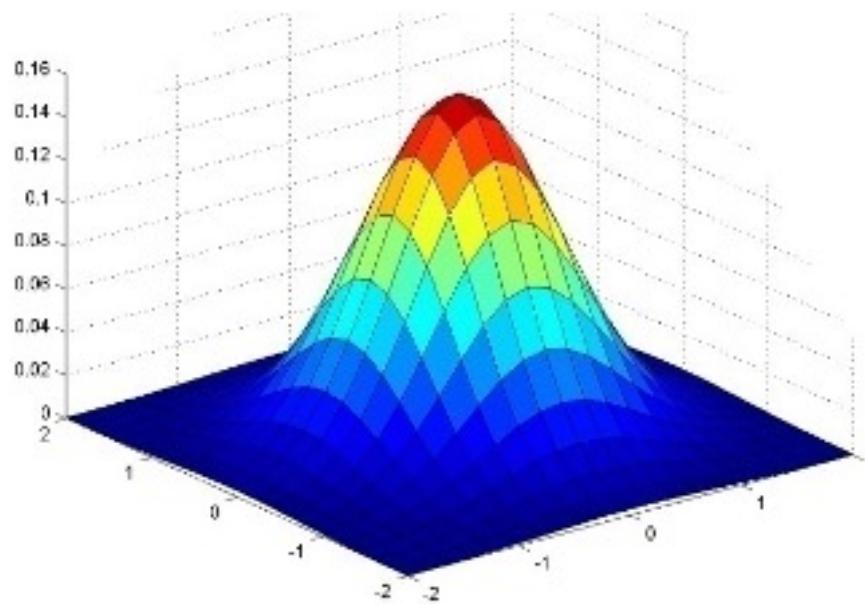
Linear filters - Examples

$$\text{Original} * \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{Sharpening filter (accentuates edges)}$$

Smoothing with box filter revisited

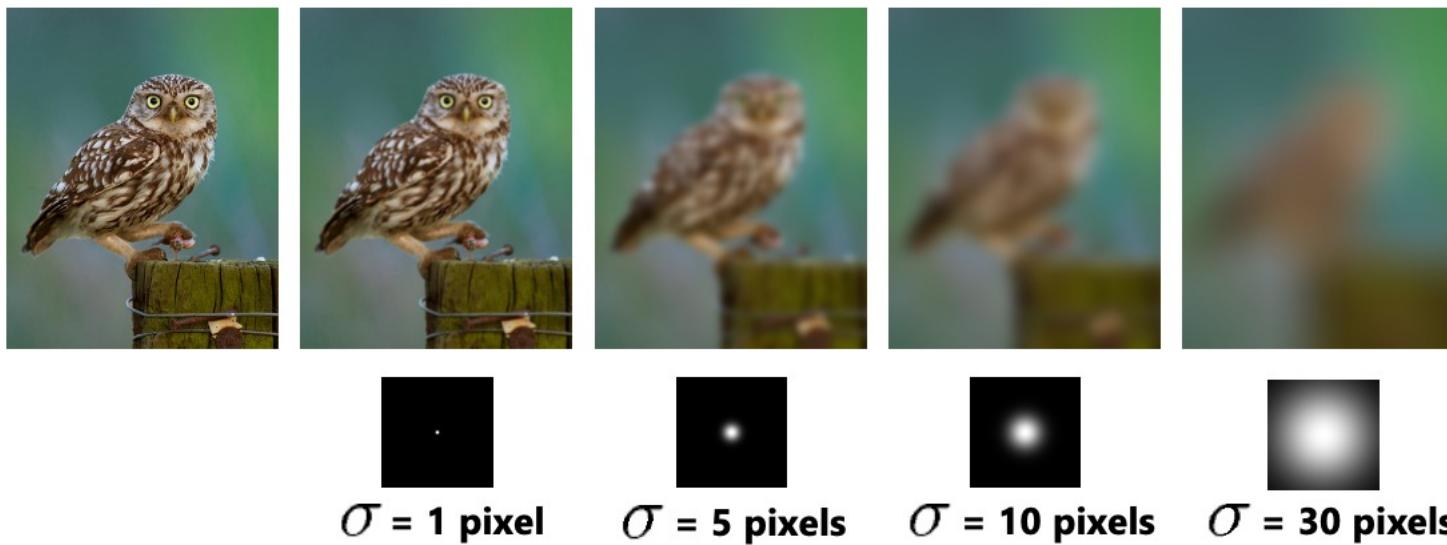


Gaussian kernel



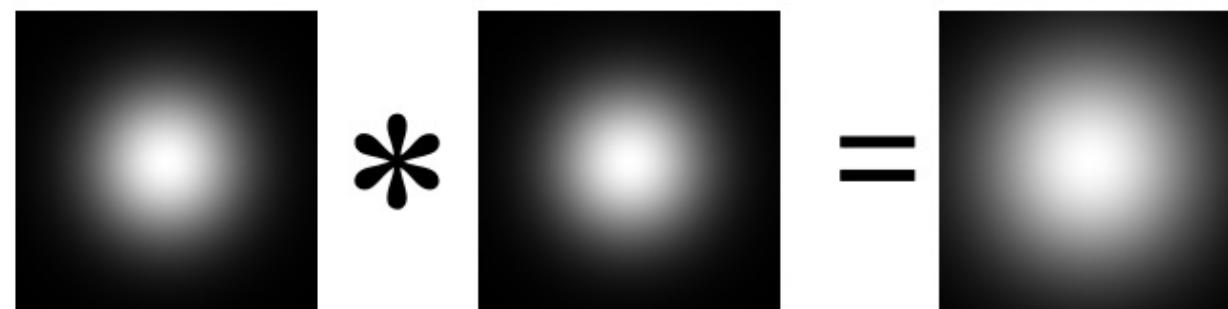
$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Gaussian filters



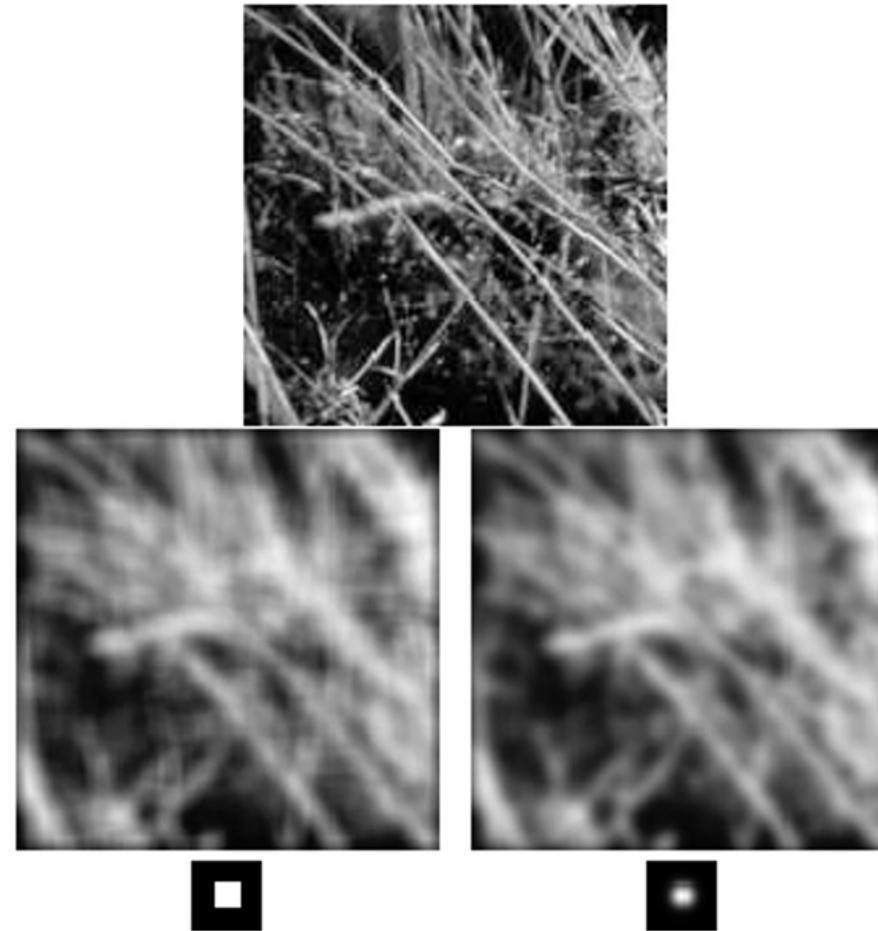
Gaussian filter

- Removes “high-frequency” components from the image (low-pass filter)
- Convolution with self is another Gaussian

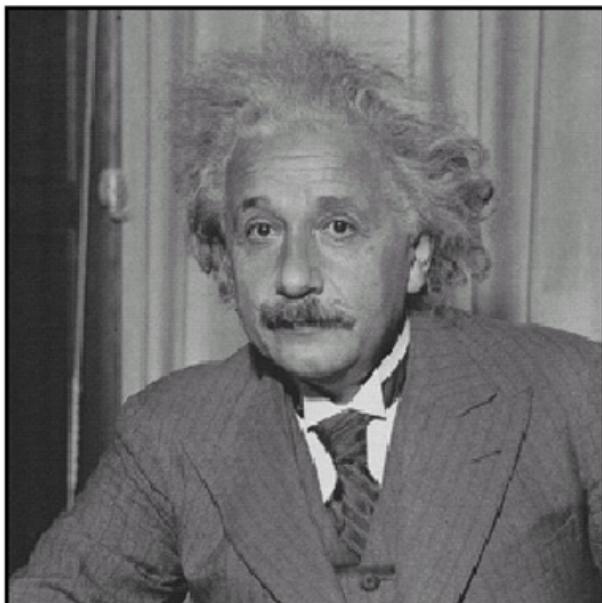


- Convolving twice with Gaussian kernel of width σ
= convolving once with kernel of width $\sigma\sqrt{2}$

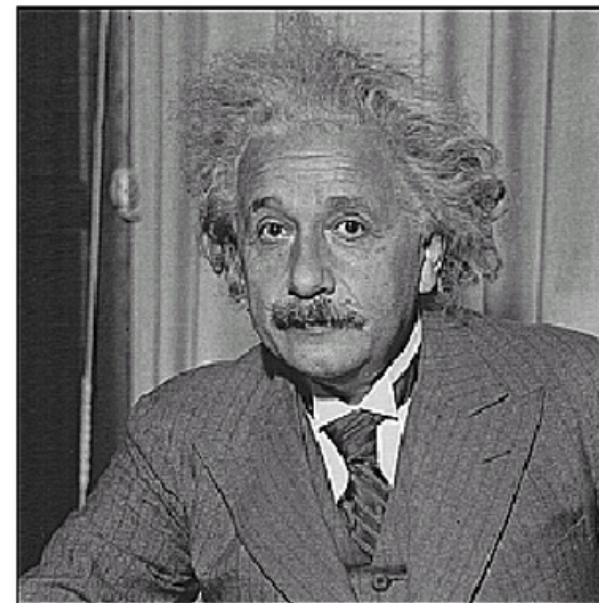
Mean vs. Gaussian



Sharpening



before



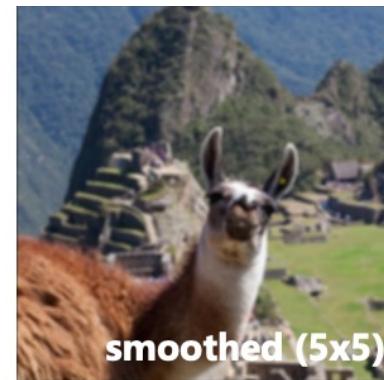
after

Sharpening revisited

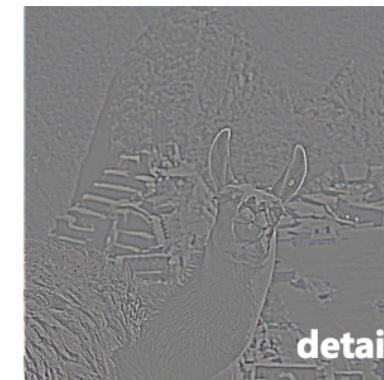
- What does blurring take away?



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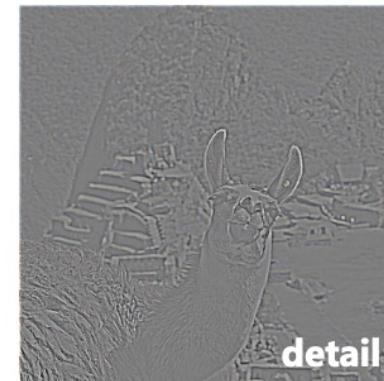
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Let's add it back:



$+ \alpha$



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(This “detail extraction” operation is also called a **high-pass filter**)

Thresholding filter



$$g(m, n) = \begin{cases} 255, & f(m, n) > A \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

... end of Lecture 1

