

**Problem 1.1** *Properties of convolution*

Recall that 1D convolution between two signals  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is defined:

$$(f * g)[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f[n-k]g[k]. \quad (1)$$

(a) Construct a matrix multiplication that produces the same result as a 1D convolution with a given filter. In other words, given a filter  $f$ , construct a matrix  $H$  such that  $f * g = Hg$  for any input  $g$ . Here  $Hg$  denotes matrix multiplication between the matrix  $H$  and vector  $g$ .

**(2 points)**

*Note:* One option is to define  $H$  in “bracket” notation using “...” symbols, e.g.,  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & N-1 \\ N-1 & N-2 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Another option is to explicitly define the entries  $H_{ij}$ .

$$(a) \quad [Hg]_i = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} H_{ij} g_j, \quad H_{ij} = f[i-j] \quad \#$$

(b) In class, we showed that convolution with a 2D Gaussian filter can be performed efficiently as a sequence of convolutions with 1D Gaussian filters. This idea also works with other kinds of filters. We say that a 2D filter  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is separable if  $F = uv^T$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , i.e.,  $F$  is the *outer product* of  $u$  and  $v$ . Show that if  $F$  is separable, then the 2D convolution  $G * F$  can be computed as a sequence of two one-dimensional convolutions **(2 points)**.

$$(b) \quad \text{Given } F = uv^T \Rightarrow F[m,n] = u[m] \cdot v[n]$$

$$(G * F)[i,j] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} G[i-m, j-n] F[m,n]$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} G[i-m, j-n] u[m] v[n]$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} u[m] \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} G[i-m, j-n] v[n] \right)$$

$$\text{let } G'[i,j] = (G * v^T)[i,j] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} G[i, j-n] v[n] = G * v^T$$

$$(G * F)[i,j] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} G'[i-m, j] u[m] = G' * u = G * v^T * u \quad \#$$