



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Image Processing and Computer Vision

# Aims

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- Introduction to Image Processing
- Introduction to Computer Vision

# Image Processing

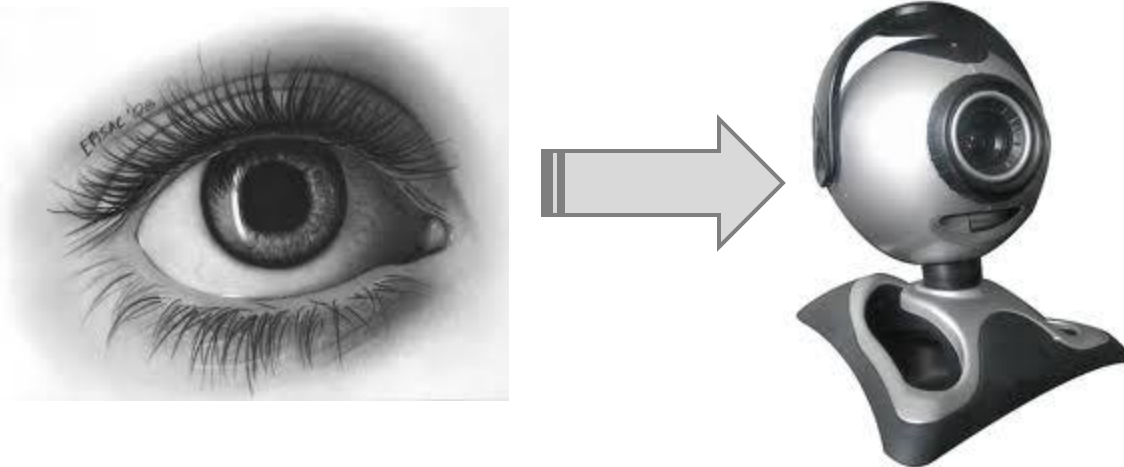
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- **Image Processing** is any form of signal processing for which the input is an image, such as photographs or frames of video;
- the output of image processing can be either an image or a set of characteristics or parameters related to the image.
- Most image-processing techniques involve treating the image as a 2D signal and applying standard signal-processing techniques to it.

# Computer Vision

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- **Computer Vision** is a field that includes methods for acquiring, processing, analyzing, and understanding images / video.

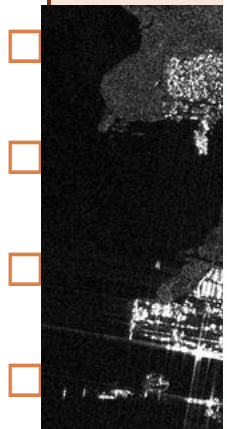


# Applications

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□ Comp

□ Face

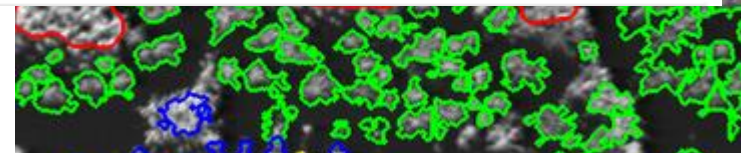


□ Remo

□ Face generation



Some of Nvidia's AI-generated faces. | Image: Karras, Laine, Aila



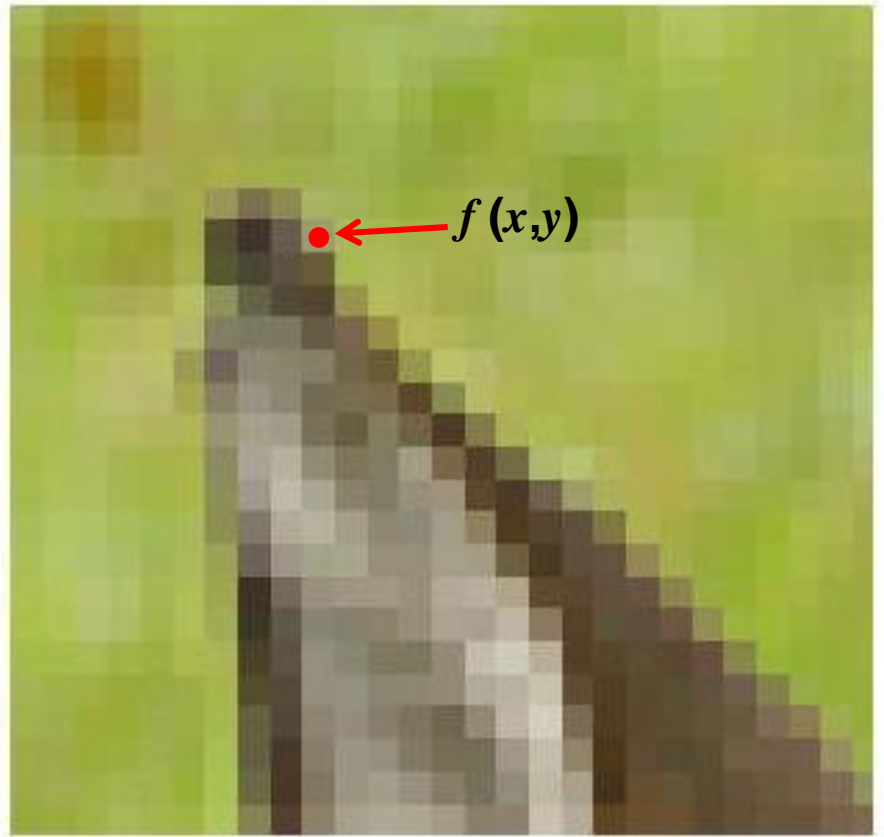
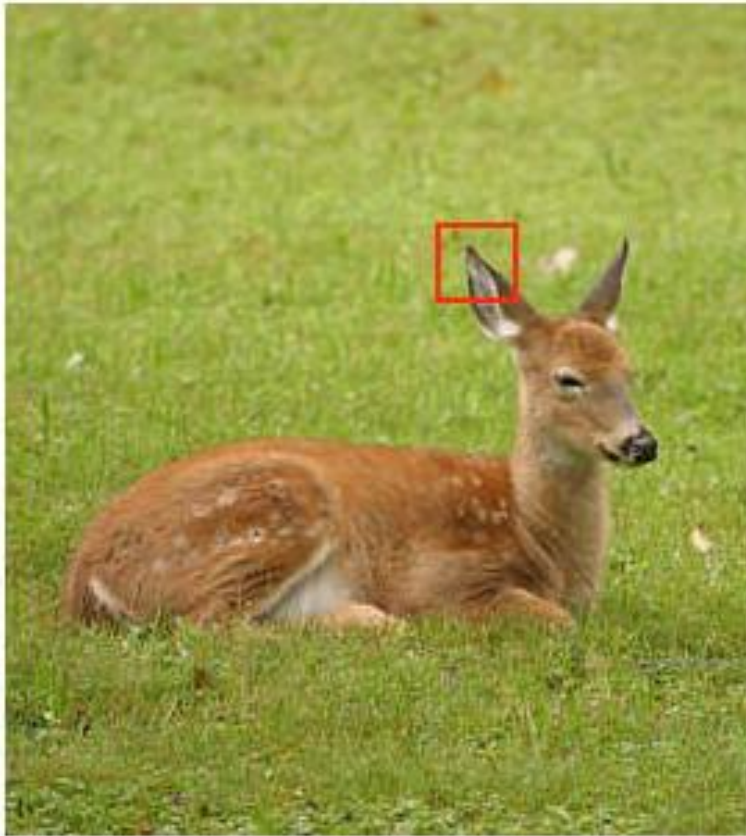
*Those people on the right aren't real; they're the product of machine learning*

By James Vincent | @jjvincent | Dec 17, 2018, 11:49am EST

# Digital Image Representation

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$f(0,0)$



$f(x,y)$  is proportional to the brightness (or gray level) of the image at that point



# Digital Image Representation

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- A digital image is an image  $f(x,y)$  that has been discretized both in spatial coordinates and brightness.
- A digital image can be considered as a matrix whose row and column indices identify a point in the image and the corresponding matrix element value identifies the gray level at that point.
- The elements of such a digital array called picture elements or pixels.

Do you know what “pixel” stands for?

# Properties of Images

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## Spatial Resolution

- Width pixels/ width cm and height pixels / height cm
- The number of independent pixels values per inch

## Intensity Resolution

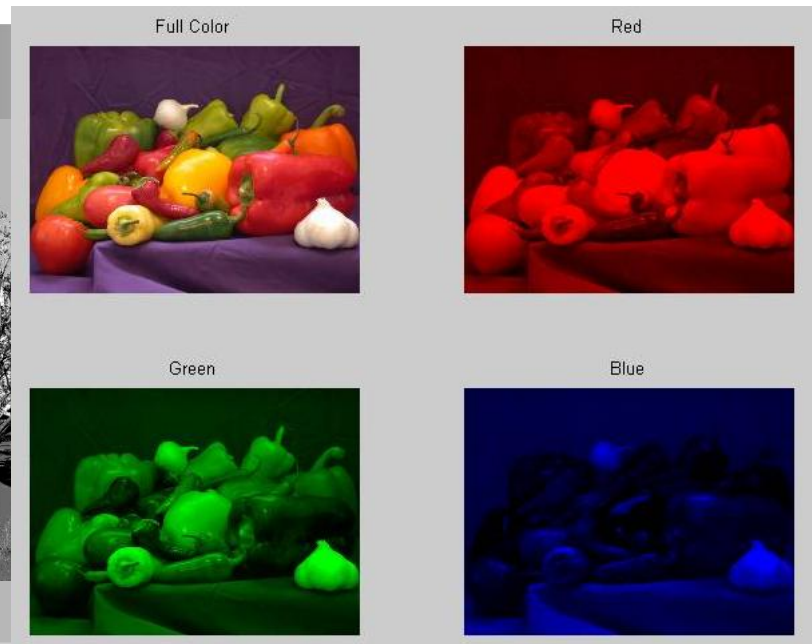
- Intensity bits / intensity range (per channel)

## Number of channels

- RGB is 3 channels
- Grayscale is 1 channel



4 gray levels





# What is a Digital Image?

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- Pixel values typically represent gray levels, colours, opacities etc

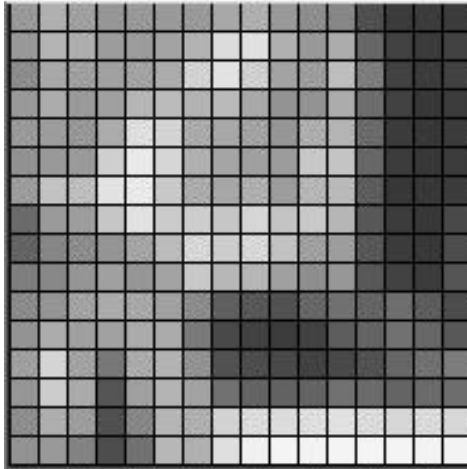


# Grayscale VS Color Images

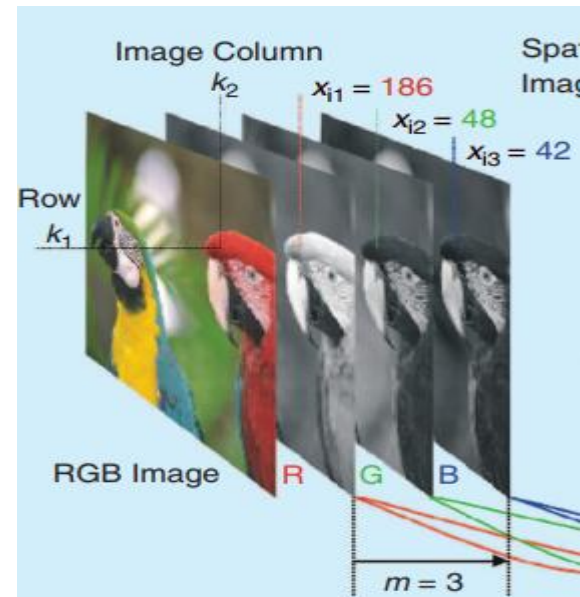
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- An image has a vector at each pixel. For colour images, these vectors each have 3 components (RGB) while Grayscale images have only 1 component.

Greyscale



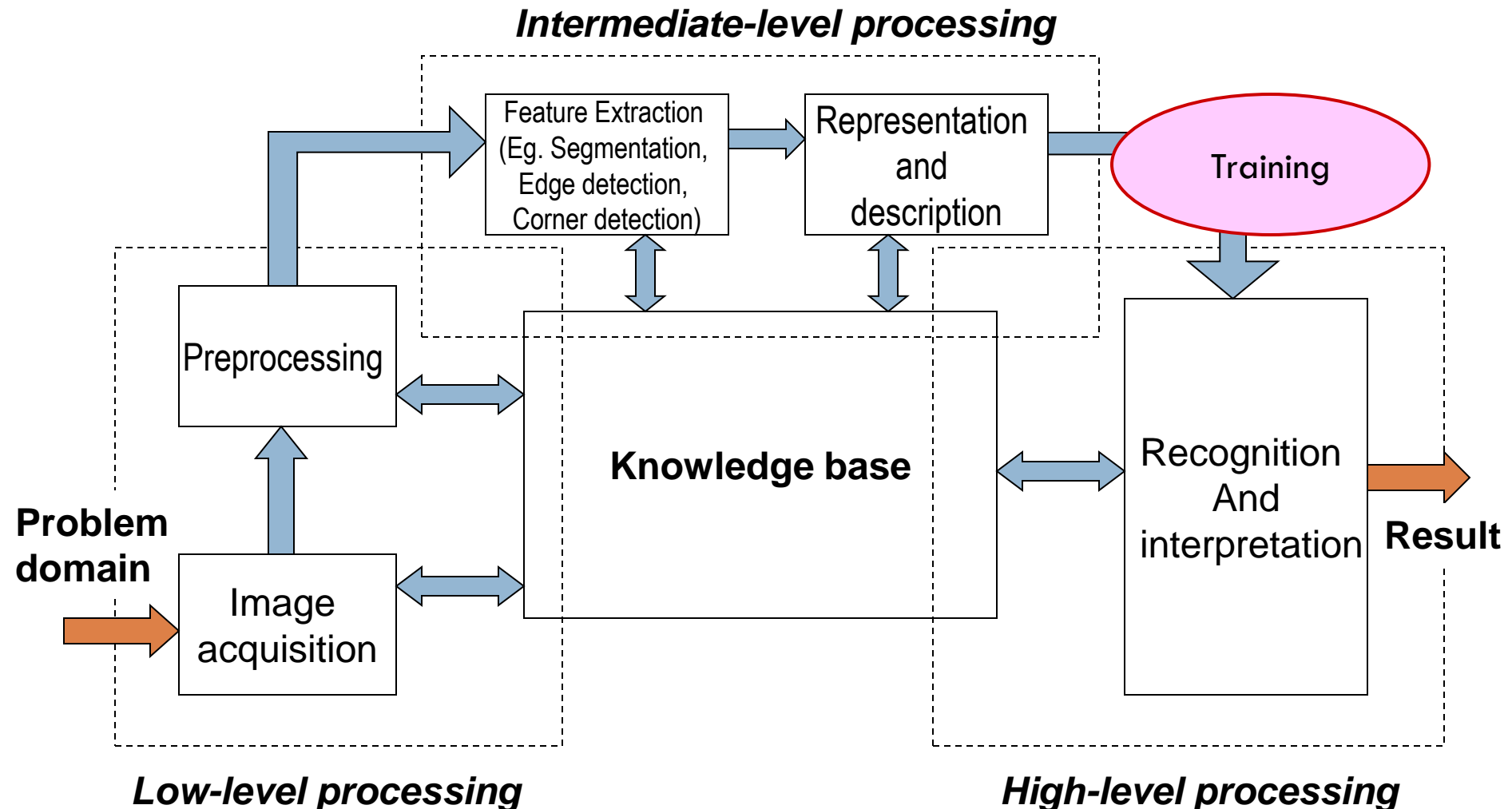
$$f(x, y) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$$



$$f(x, y) \rightarrow [ \{0, \dots, N\}, \{0, \dots, N\}, \{0, \dots, N\} ]$$

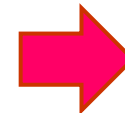
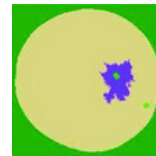
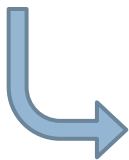
\* Normally 0 to 255

# Fundamental Steps in Image Processing





# Fruit Recognition

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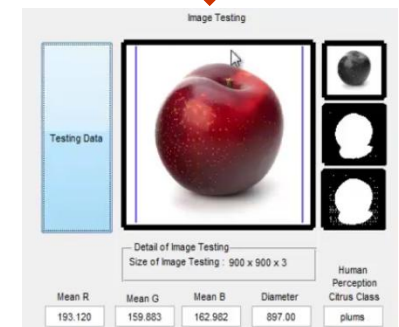


Descriptor in vector  
= [1.0 1.0 0.9 0.6 0.6 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.5 .... 1.0]

Statistical features

Image	Entropy	SD	Mean
	7.7	65	142
	7.5	56	109

Representation & description



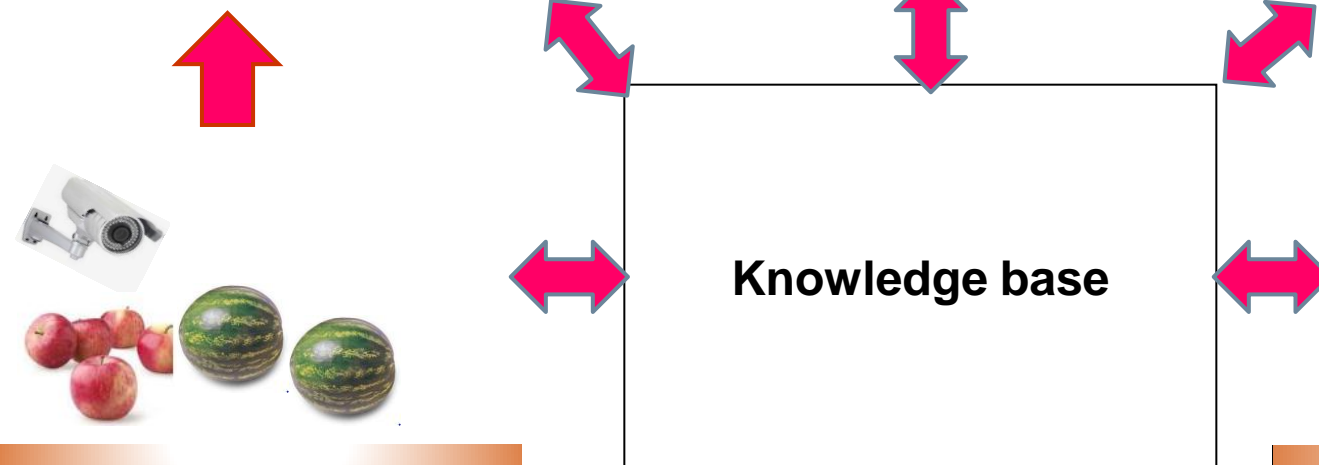
Recognition & interpretation

Feature extraction

Image pre-processing

Knowledge base

Image acquisition



# Image Acquisition

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- Requires imaging sensor and capability to digitize the signal produced by the sensor.
- Example of imaging sensor: digital camera, scanner

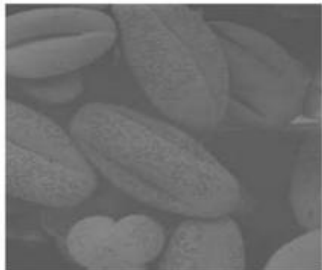


# Preprocessing

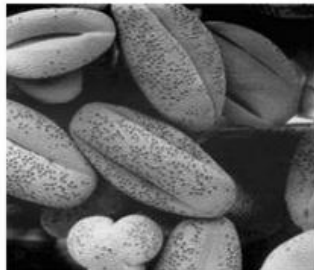
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- To improve the image (to increase chance for success of other processes)

## Enhancing Contrast



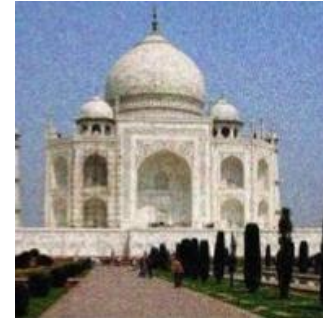
Original Image



Contrast Enhanced Image

Examples

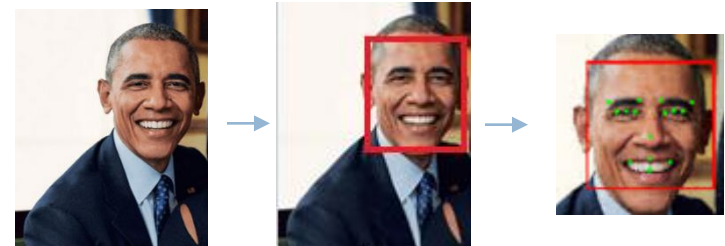
## Removing noise



## Morphological Operation



## Isolating Regions





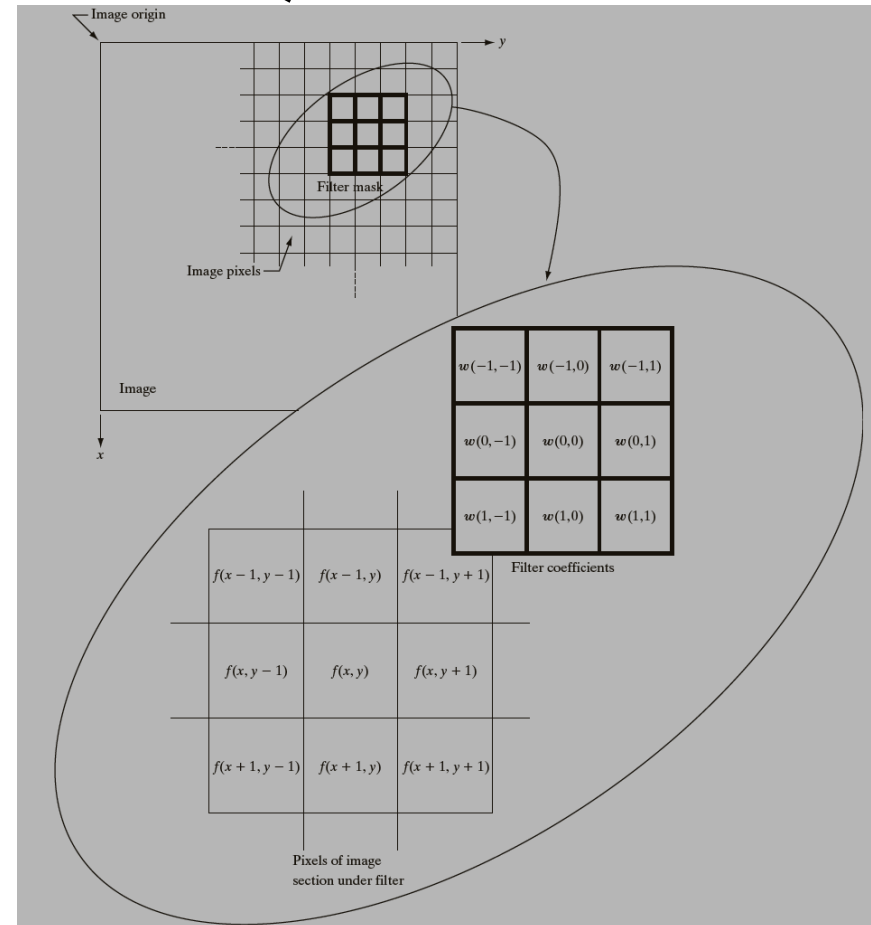
# Preprocessing

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- Beforehand, you need to understand how image filtering (Correlation & Convolution) works.
- Typically linear combinations of pixel values.
  - e.g., weight pixel values and add them together.
- Different results can be obtained using different weights.
  - e.g., smoothing, sharpening, edge detection).

Filter/mask

w1	w2	w3
w4	w5	w6
w7	w8	w9



# Correlation

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Correlation

244	255	246
255	240	183
255	250	12

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Filter

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

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244	510	738
1020	1200	1098
1785	2000	108

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8703
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244	255	246
255	240	183
255	250	12



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## Average filter

[illegible]

## Image Matrix

## Kernel Matrix

### Output Matrix

# Filtering-move filter over the image

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$i_{11}$	$i_{12}$	$i_{13}$	$i_{14}$	$i_{15}$	$i_{16}$
$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$	$i_{24}$	$i_{25}$	$i_{26}$
$w_4$	$w_5$	$w_6$	$i_{34}$	$i_{35}$	$i_{36}$
$w_7$	$w_8$	$w_9$	$i_{44}$	$i_{45}$	$i_{46}$
$i_{51}$	$i_{52}$	$i_{53}$	$i_{54}$	$i_{55}$	$i_{56}$
$i_{61}$	$i_{62}$	$i_{63}$	$i_{64}$	$i_{65}$	$i_{66}$

# Correlation – Examples

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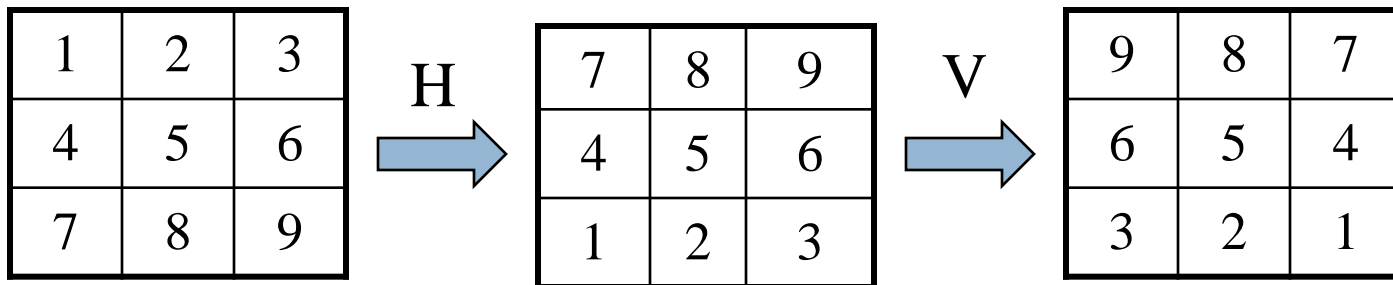




# Convolution

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- Same as correlation except that the mask is **flipped**, both horizontally and vertically.



For symmetric masks, convolution is equivalent to correlation.

0	1	0
1	6	1
0	1	0

# Convolution Example


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Correlation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 244 & 255 & 246 \\ 255 & 240 & 183 \\ 255 & 250 & 12 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 244 & 510 & 738 \\ 1020 & 1200 & 1098 \\ 1785 & 2000 & 108 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 8703$$

Convolution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 244 & 255 & 246 \\ 255 & 240 & 183 \\ 255 & 250 & 12 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2196 & 2040 & 1722 \\ 1530 & 1200 & 732 \\ 765 & 500 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 10697$$



244	255	246
255	240	183
255	250	12



	10697	

# Correlation/Convolution Example

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45	60	98	127	132	133	137	133
46	65	98	123	126	128	131	133
47	65	96	115	119	123	135	137
47	63	91	107	113	122	138	134
50	59	80	97	110	123	133	134
49	53	68	83	97	113	128	133
50	50	58	70	84	102	116	126
50	50	52	58	69	86	101	120

Original image

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0.1	0.1	0.1
0.1	0.2	0.1
0.1	0.1	0.1

Symmetric kernel

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69	95	116	125	129	132
68	92	110	120	126	132
66	86	104	114	124	132
62	78	94	108	120	129
57	69	83	98	112	124
53	60	71	85	100	114

Output

# Preprocessing - Image Noise Remover

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- Image Noise Remover
  - ▣ Remove unwanted signal in the image
- Importance of Image Noise Remover:
  - ▣ To recover from the Image noise that might caused by different intrinsic (i.e., sensor) and extrinsic (i.e., environment) conditions which are often not possible to avoid in practical situations.
  - ▣ To ensure the smoothness and the best performance of the later processing steps.
  - ▣ To eliminate unintended information during feature extraction.

# Image noise

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- ❑ Image processing is useful for noise reduction...
- ❑ Common types of noise:
  - ▣ **Salt and pepper noise:** contains random occurrences of black and white pixels
  - ▣ **Impulse noise:** contains random occurrences of white pixels
  - ▣ **Gaussian noise:** variations in intensity drawn from a Gaussian normal distribution



Original



Salt and pepper noise



Impulse noise



Gaussian noise

# Image noise

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Original image



White Gaussian noise



Salt and pepper noise  
(each pixel has some chance of  
being switched to zero or one)

**Can be recovered by filtering with different filters such as Gaussian filter, Median filter, and average filter.**



# Gaussian noise – Gaussian Filtering

Filter with Gaussian Filter with different standard deviation value.



$$F[x, y] + \mathcal{N}(0, 5\%)$$



$$\sigma = 1 \text{ pixel}$$



$$\sigma = 2 \text{ pixels}$$

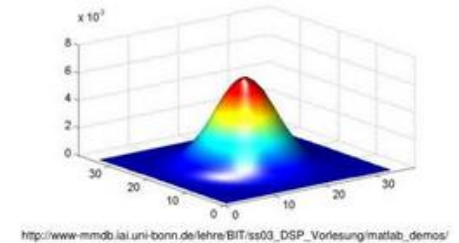
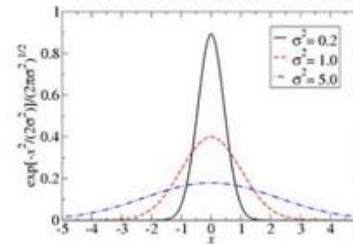


$$\sigma = 5 \text{ pixels}$$

Smoothing with larger standard deviations suppresses noise, but also blurs the image

- 1D Gaussian filter:  $f(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

- 2D Gaussian filter:  $f(x, y) = e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$



# Salt & pepper noise – Gaussian Filtering

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Filter with Gaussian Filter with different standard deviation value.



$p = 10\%$



$\sigma = 1$  pixel



$\sigma = 2$  pixels



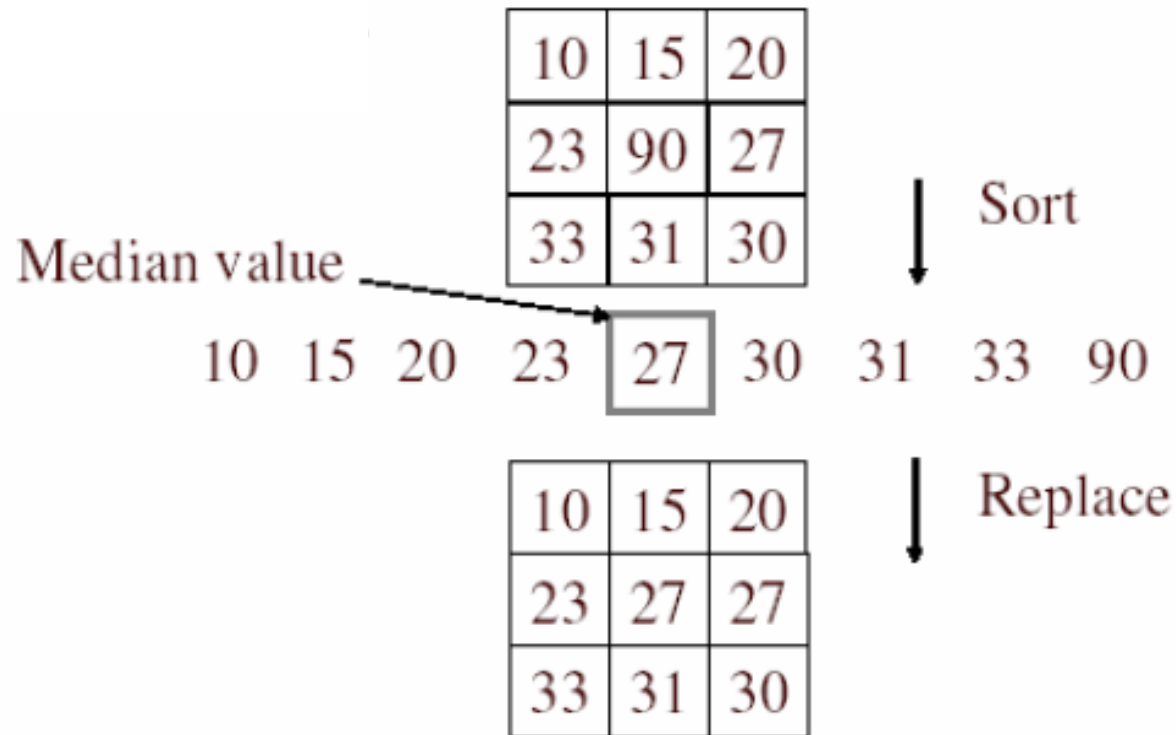
$\sigma = 5$  pixels

- What's wrong with the results?

# Alternative idea: Median filtering

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- A **median filter** operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window



# Salt & pepper noise – median filtering

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$p = 10\%$



$\sigma = 1$  pixel



$\sigma = 2$  pixels



$\sigma = 5$  pixels



3x3 window



5x5 window



7x7 window



# Common types of noise



Salt and pepper noise

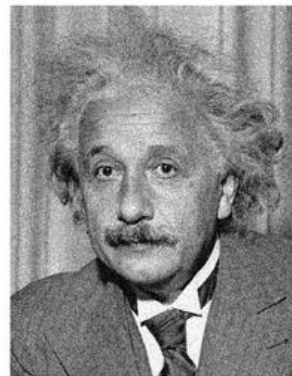
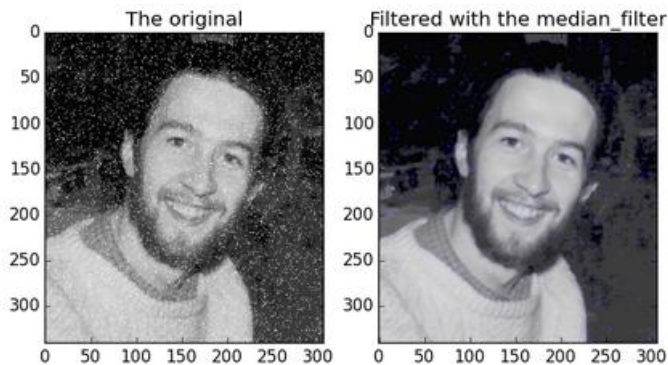


Impulse noise

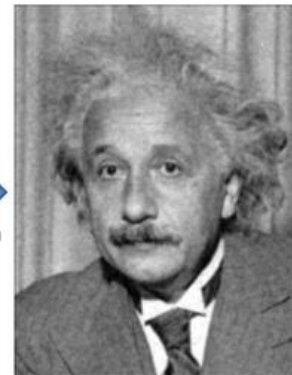


Gaussian noise

## Filtering methods



Additive Gaussian Noise

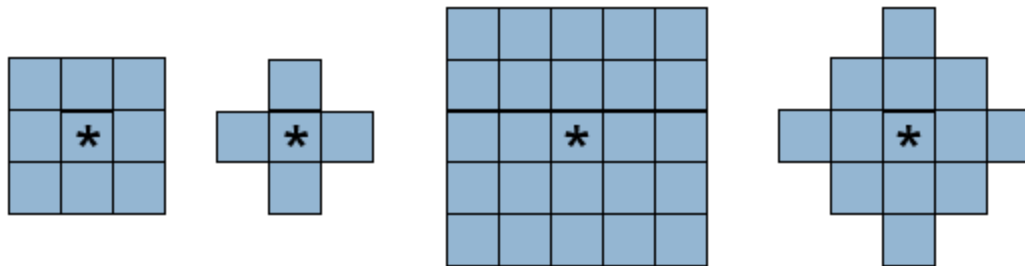


Mean Filter

# Preprocessing - Morphological operation

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- To simplify the objects by
  - ▣ Filling in small holes
  - ▣ Eliminating small protrusions from their boundaries
- Boundary pixels
  - ▣ Object pixels that have background neighbors
    - Various definition of neighbor
- Support by structuring element





# Morphology Operations

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## □ Erosion

- Elimination of boundary pixels from objects in binary images
- $R' = (R \ominus A)$
- Making objects smaller, also called shrinking

## □ Dilation

- Each background pixel that has a neighbor in the object is relabeled as an object pixel
- $R' = (R \oplus A)$
- Making object bigger, also called growing

# Morphology Operations

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## □ Opening

- ▣ A single erosion followed by a single dilation by the same operator
- ▣  $R' = (R \ominus A) \oplus A$

## □ Closing

- ▣ A single dilation followed by a single erosion by the same operator
- ▣  $R' = (R \oplus A) \ominus A$

# Morphological Operations

Original image



Eroded image



Erosion

Dilated image



Dilation

Closing  
(Dilation -> Closing)

Opening  
(Erosion -> Dilation)

# Dilation - Example

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$$\square R' = R \oplus A$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(a)



1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

(b)

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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	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(c)

# Dilation - Example

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$$\square R' = R \oplus A$$

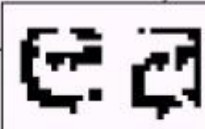
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0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(a)

Good in remove the hole and bridging the gaps.

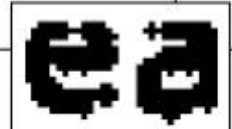
1	0	0
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Historically, certain computer programs were written using only two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. Accordingly, the company's software may recognize a date using "00" as 1900 rather than the year 2000.



0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

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# Erosion - Example

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$$\square R' = R \ominus A$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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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

(a)



1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

(b)

=

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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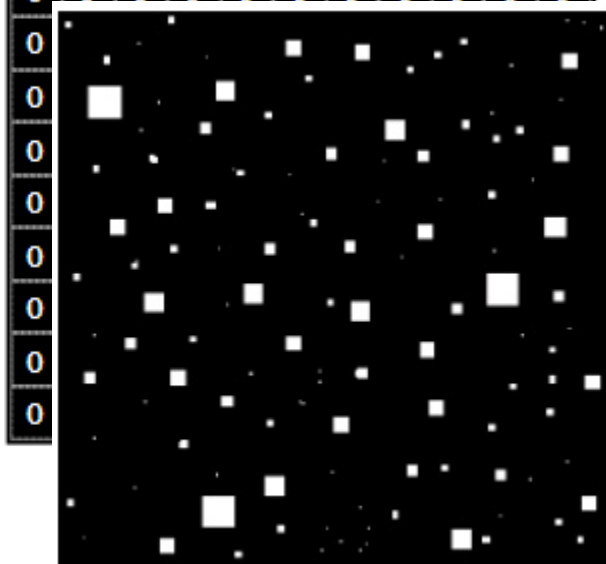
(c)

# Erosion - Example

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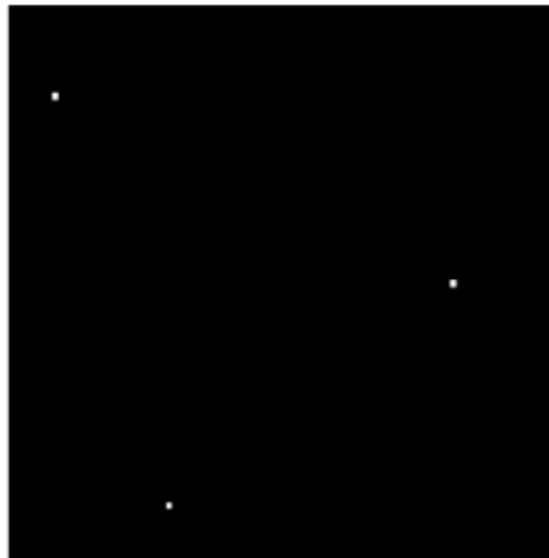
$$\square R' = R \ominus A$$

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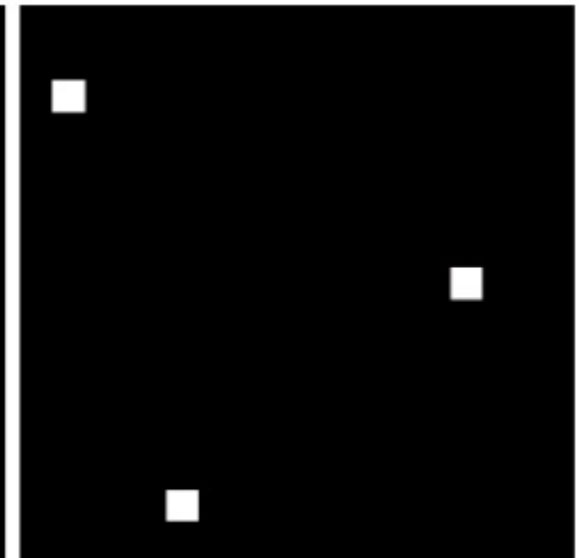


Original

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Erosion



Dilation

Good in removing irrelevant details.



# Opening



# Closing



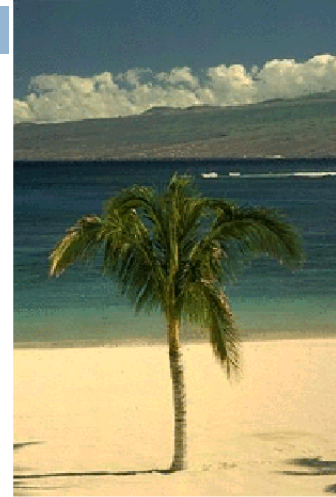
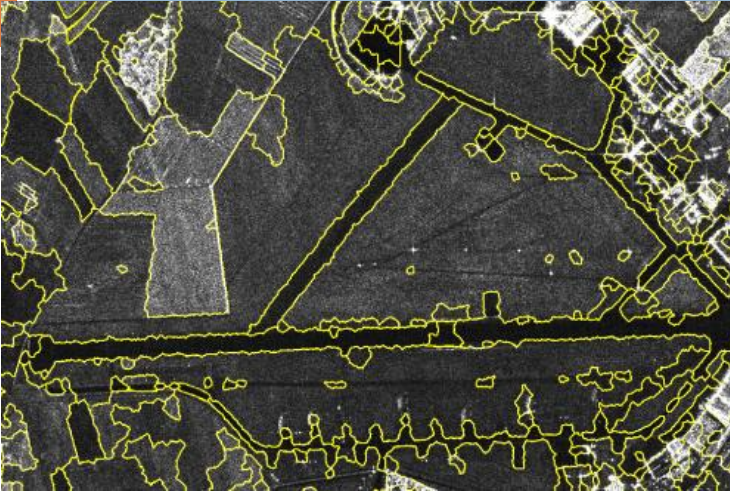
# Segmentation

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- Image segmentation is the process of partitioning a digital image into a set of non-overlapping regions that together cover the entire image.
- All pixels in a region are similar with respect to some characteristics, such as color, intensity, or texture.
- Adjacent regions are significantly different with respect to the same characteristics.
- Image segmentation is typically used to locate objects and boundaries (lines, curves, etc.) in images.

# Segmentation (Examples)

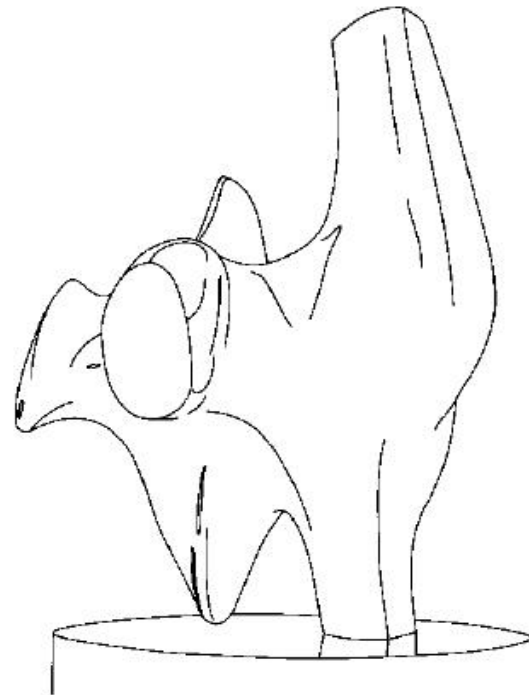
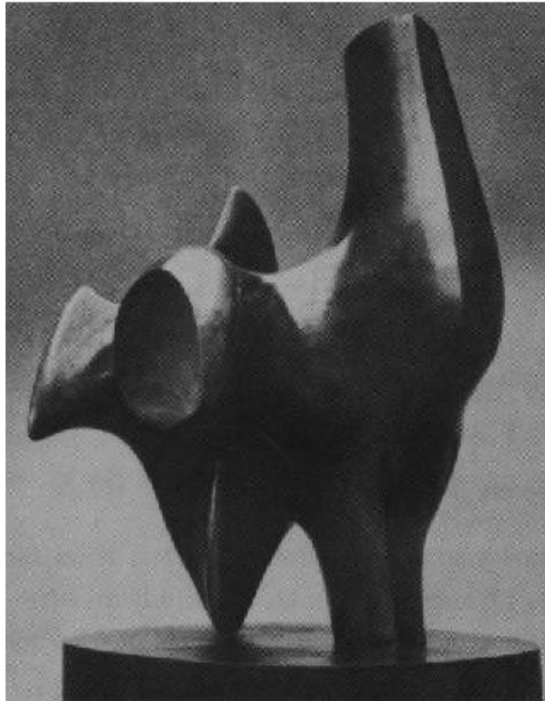
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- The output of segmentation stage usually is raw pixel data, constituting either the boundary of a region, or all the points in the region itself.

# Edge detection

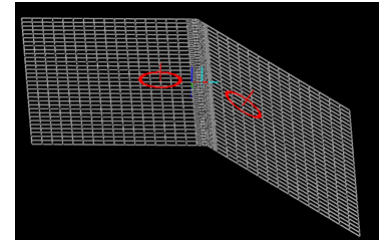
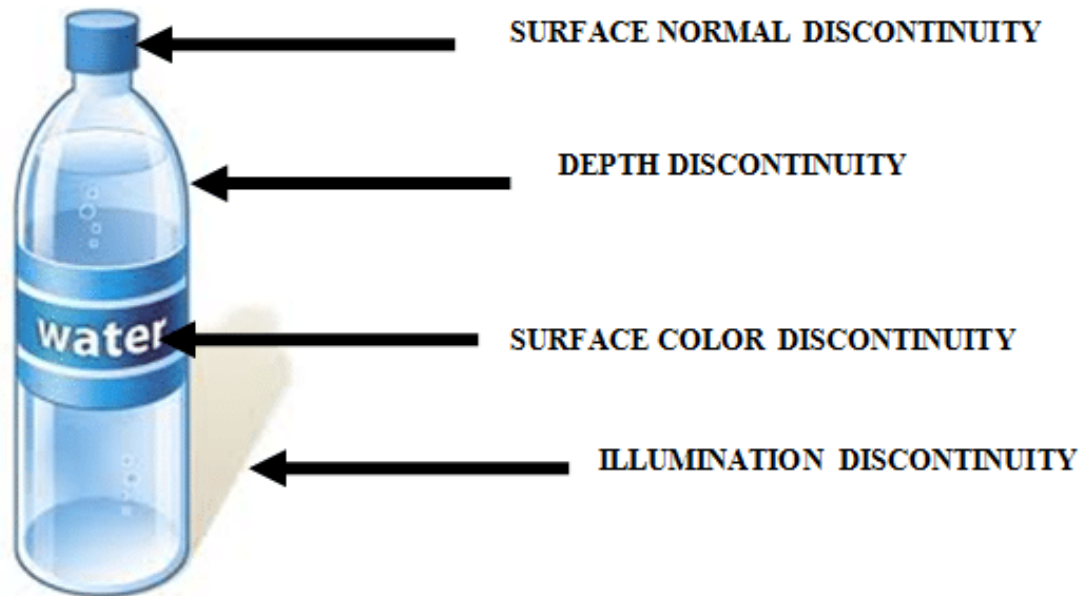
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- Convert a 2D image into a set of curves
  - Extracts salient features of the scene
  - More compact than pixels

# Edge detection - Origin of Edges

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- Edges are caused by a variety of factors
- An edge is a place of rapid change in the image intensity function

# Edge detection - Characterizing edges

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Source: Hays, Brown



Source: D. Hoiem



# Edge detection - Characterizing edges

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Source: Hays, Brown

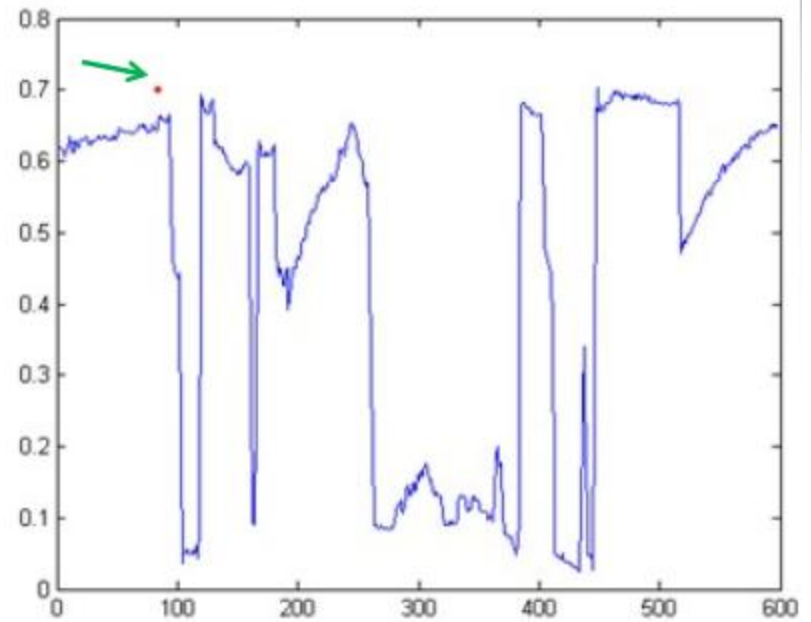
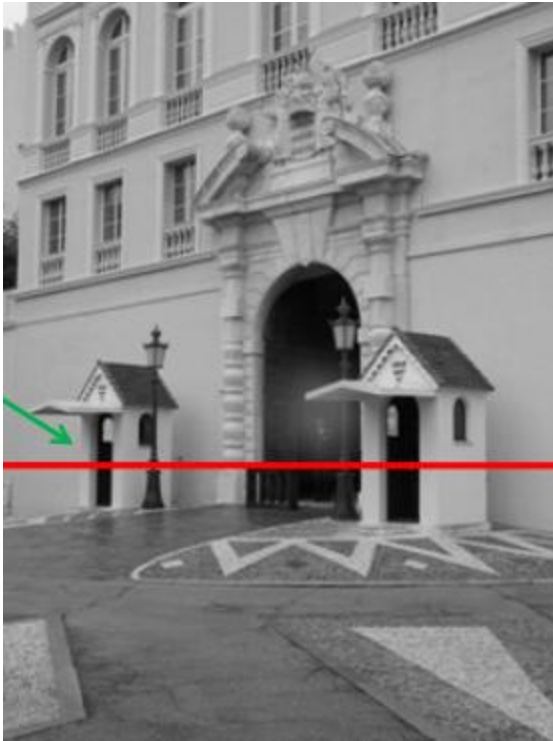


Source: D. Hoiem



# Edge detection - Characterizing edges

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# Edge detection - Characterizing edges

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- So, at each point convolve with 1<sup>st</sup> derivative filter / mask

$$G_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Edge detection algorithms:

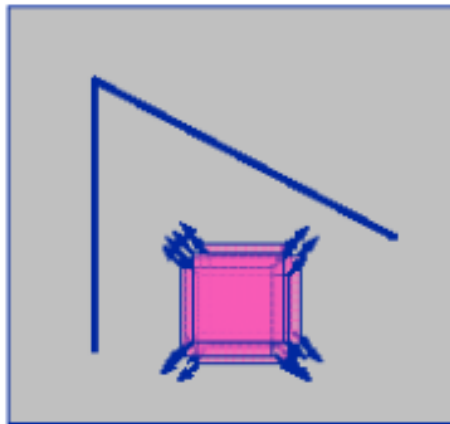
- 1) Canny
- 2) Prewitts
- 3) Sobel



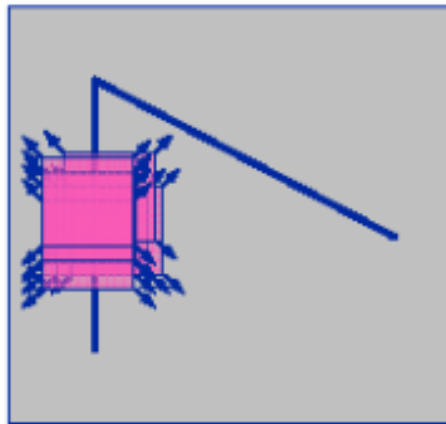
# Corner detection

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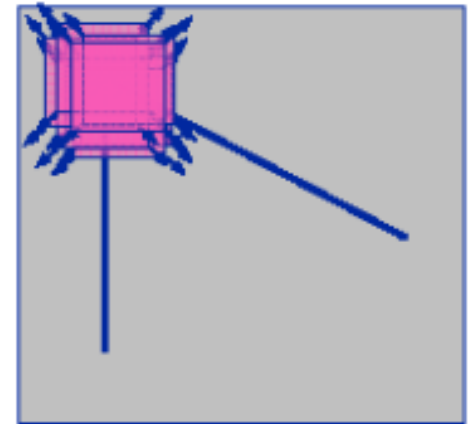
- Shifting the window in any direction should yield a large change in appearance.



“flat” region:  
no change in  
all directions



“edge”:  
no change along  
the edge direction



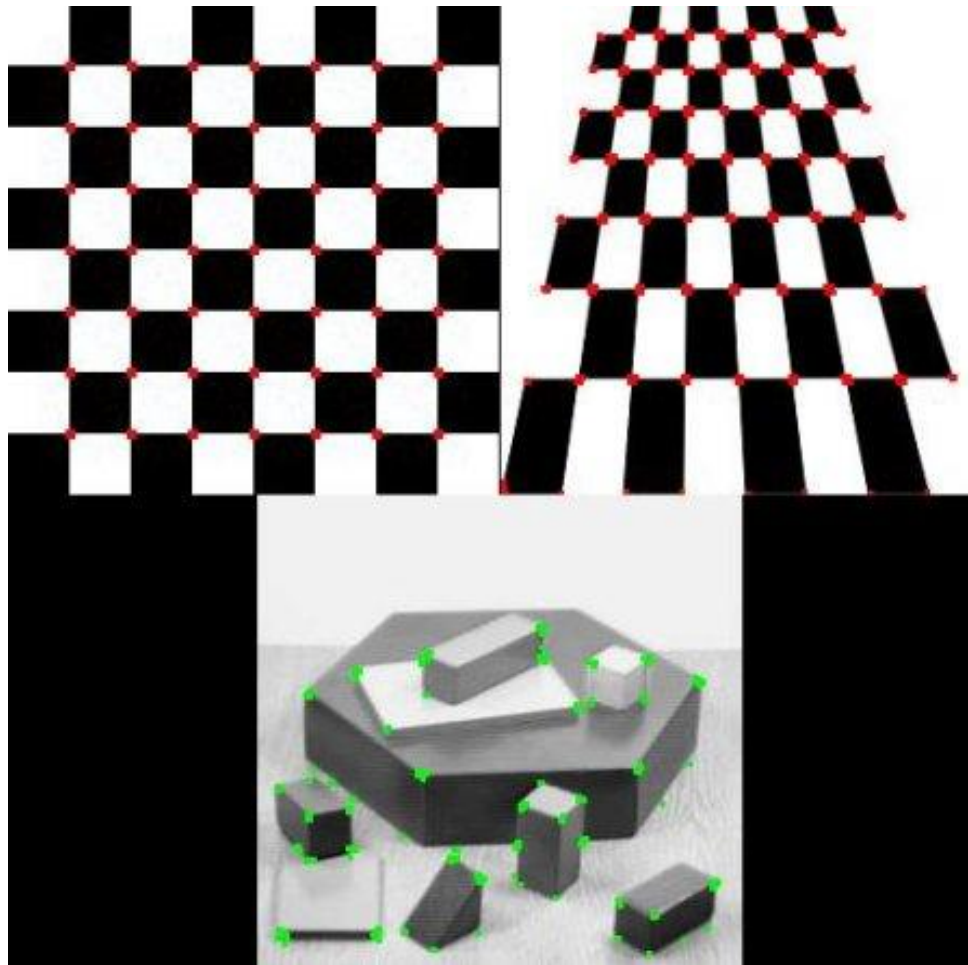
“corner”:  
significant change  
in all directions

Of course, Harris corner detector gives a mathematical approach for determining which case holds.

# Corner detection

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- At each point convolve with



# Representation and Description

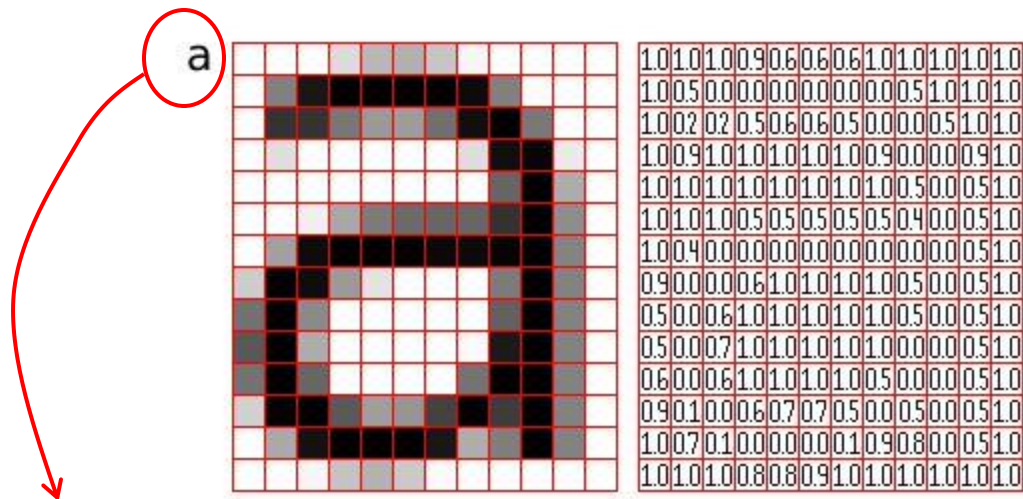
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- Representation is to transform raw data into a form suitable for subsequent computer processing.
- Description (feature selection) extracting features that result in some quantitative information, to differentiate one class/object from another.
- E.g. descriptor for size and shape of boat will differentiate it from ship

# Representation & Description

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## Representation of letter "a"



A rasterized form of the letter 'a' magnified 16 times using pixel doubling

Descriptor in vector

= [1.0 1.0 0.9 0.6 0.6 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.5 .... 1.0]

# Vectors

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- Represented by bold lower case letters, such as **x**, **y**, and **z** and take the form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{OR} \quad \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

- Where each component  $x_i$ , represents  $i$ th descriptor and  $n$  is the number of descriptor.



# Recognition

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- determining whether or not the image data contains some specific object, feature, or activity
  - ▣ **Object recognition** – to recognize one or several pre-specified objects or object classes, usually together with their 2D positions in the image or 3D poses in the scene.
  - ▣ **Identification** – an individual instance of an object is recognized. Examples include identification of a specific person's face or fingerprint
  - ▣ **Detection** – the image data are scanned for a specific condition. Examples include detection of a vehicle in an automatic road toll system.

# Interpretation

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- Interpretation involves assigning meaning to an ensemble of recognized image. E.g. a string of five numbers can be interpreted as ZIP code.

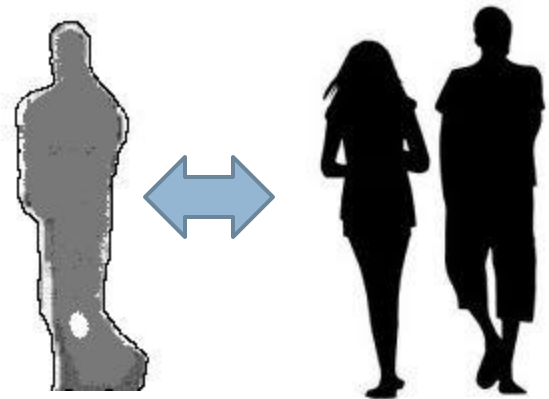
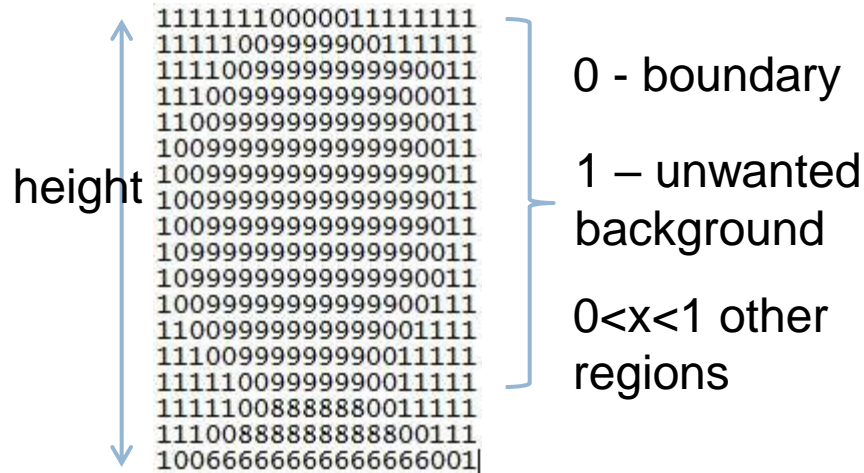
# Classification

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- **classification** is the problem of identifying which of a set of categories (sub-populations) a new observation belongs, on the basis of a training set of data containing observations (or instances) whose category membership is known.
- Each segmented object can be classified to one of a set of meaningful classes.
- For example, an image of ocean may contain classes such as ships, small boats, water body, etc.
- Expert systems, semantic networks, neural-network-based system can perform such task quite efficiently.

# Recap – Image Recognition Process

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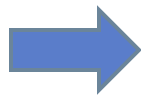
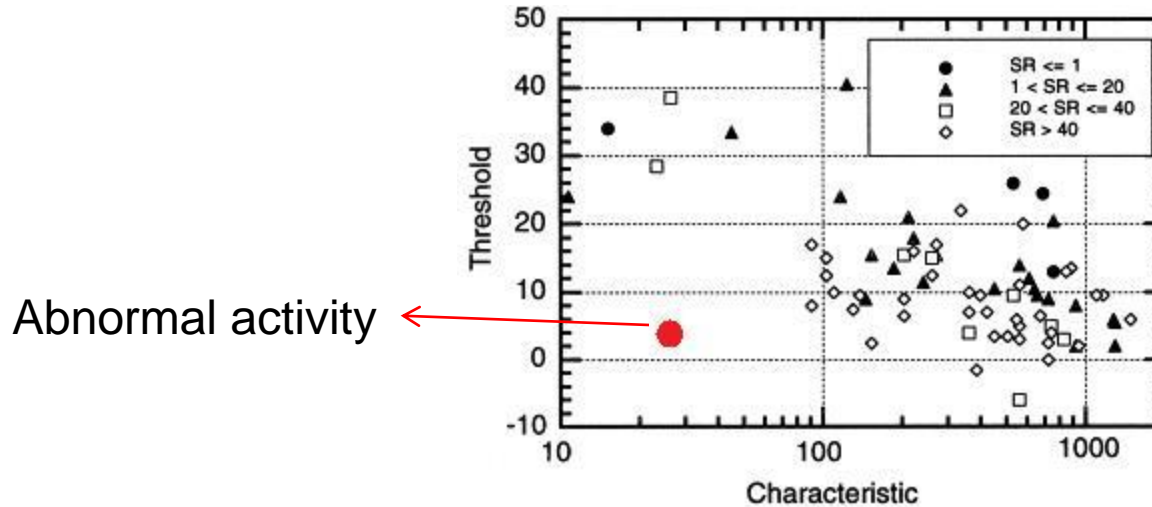


recognized as a human  
Interpreted as a man



# Recap – Image Recognition Process

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Classification – abnormality detection

# Challenges of Image Processing

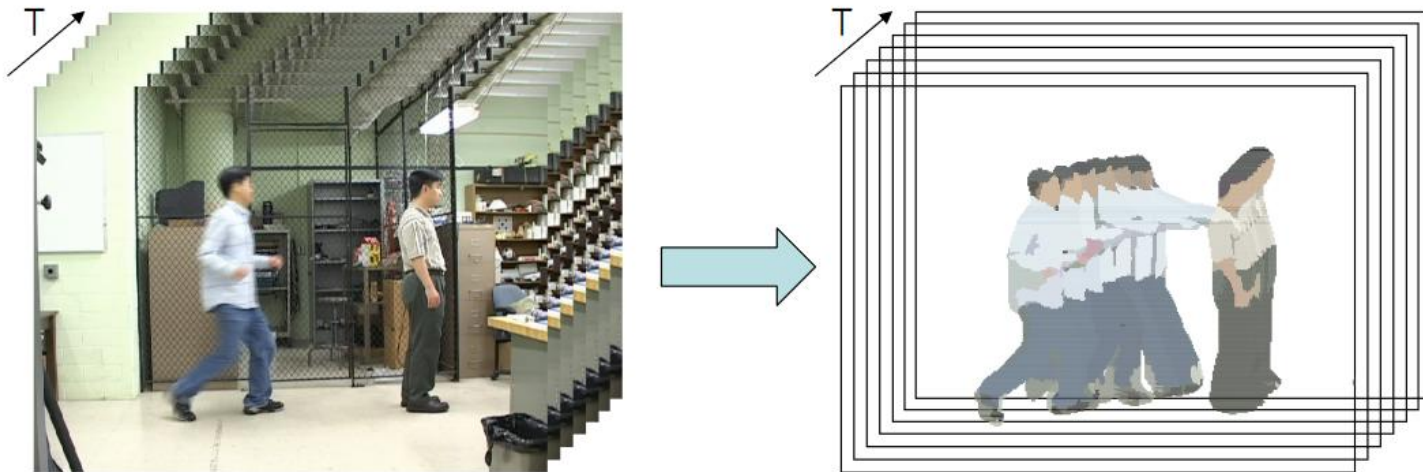
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1. The ability to extract pertinent information from a background of irrelevant details.
2. The capability to learn from examples and to generalize this knowledge so that it will apply in new and different circumstances.
3. Ability to make inferences from incomplete information

# Computer Vision

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- Dealing with video
- Video is visual multimedia source that combines a sequence of images/frames to form a moving picture.
- Temporal information is available. A single image only provide spatial information.



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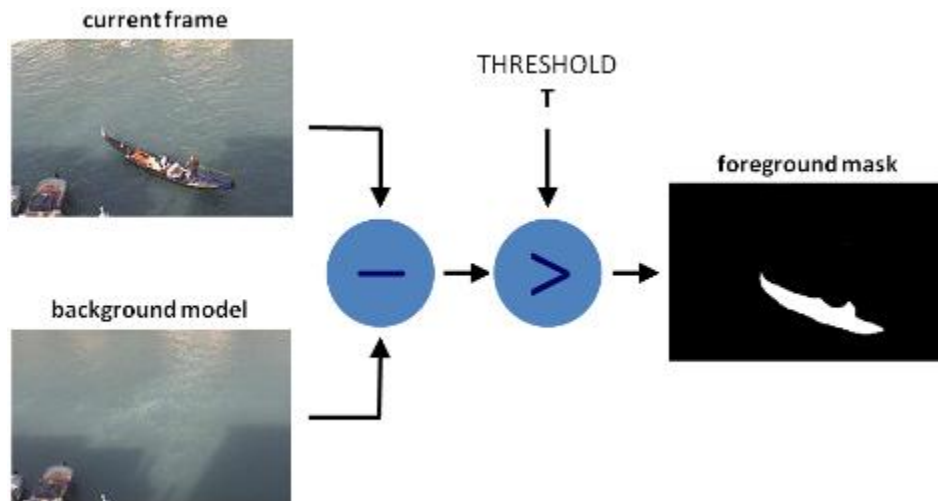


# Computer Vision

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## □ Background subtraction

- also known as Foreground Detection, is a technique in the fields of image processing and computer vision wherein an image's foreground is extracted for further processing (object recognition etc.).
- Generally an image's regions of interest are objects (humans, cars, text etc.) in its foreground.



# Computer Vision

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## □ Motion tracking

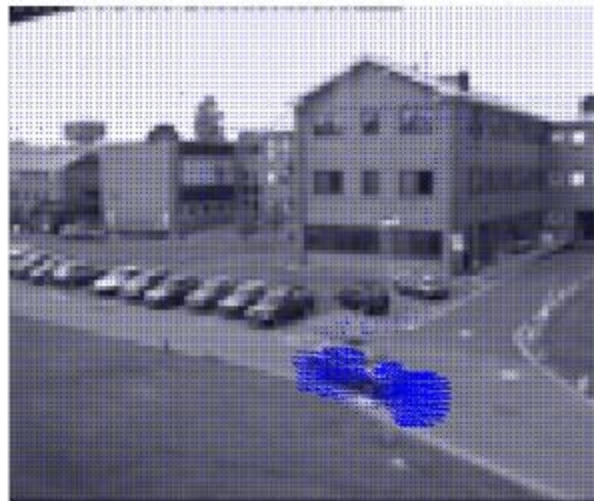
- is the process of locating a moving object (or multiple objects) over time using a camera. It has a variety of uses, some of which are: human-computer interaction, security and surveillance, video communication and compression, augmented reality, traffic control, medical imaging and video editing.



Frame  $t$



Frame  $t + dt$



Techniques:

- 1) Optical Flow
- 2) Kalman Filter
- 3) Particle Filter

# Computer Vision

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- Example of steps involved in Computer Vision:
  - ▣ Video acquisition
  - ▣ Video slicing
  - ▣ Preprocessing (E.g. background subtraction, image enhancement, etc.)
  - ▣ Feature extraction (E.g. motion features, edge, corner, etc.)
  - ▣ Perform Machine Learning (Training)
  - ▣ Perform classification / recognition / interpretation