

Lecture 4

Digital Image Processing

Histograms and point operations

Say you have an image and you want to improve its contrast.
how does it work under the hood.

$$I(x, y)$$

pixel location

gray scale value / colour → also discretized the grayscale and x, y

An inherent property of an Image is its histogram

define histogram as $\langle \text{the image} \rangle$

$h(D) = \# \text{ of pixels : } I(x, y) \text{ that have intensity } D$

$$= |\{I(x, y) \mid I(x, y) = D\}|$$

The cardinality of a set is the measure of "number of elements of a set"

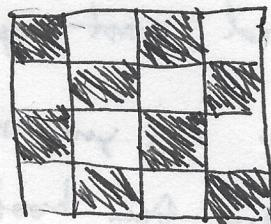
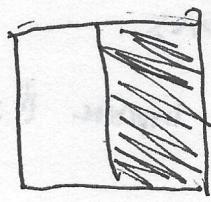
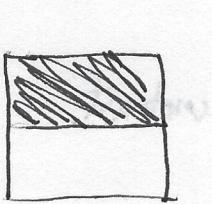
ex $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$, so $|A| = 3 \Rightarrow$ "the set A has cardinality of 3"

We may read it as the cardinality of the set of pixels
where such that the pixel value is D (Intensity)

→ Matlab example around 3:24

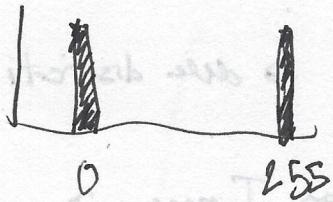
Note: histogram is not a 1 to 1 property of an image
There are many images that have the same histogram.

consider the images



The histogram for these images

will look like



We cannot see from the image, but we can infer the pixel density distribution \rightarrow good enough for contrast enhancement.

Point Operations

$$\frac{J_{(x,y)}}{\text{After}} = f(\underline{I(x,y)}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{After} \\ \text{Before} \end{matrix}$$

Afterwards image
 \Rightarrow a function of the image intensity

\rightarrow turn the intensity at x,y into a new intensity

from D to $f(D)$

We want to map the below colors
to the other colors

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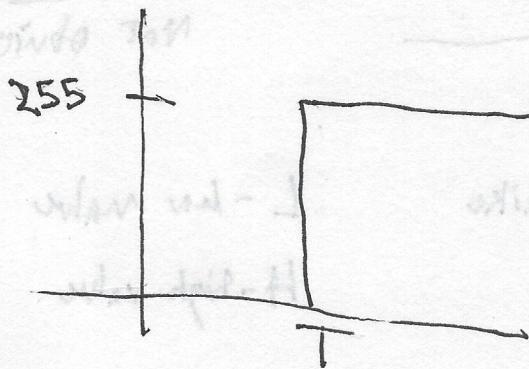


① changing the
intensity of the
pixels?

examples of these operations:

→ Thresholding → happens a lot in Image processing and
computer vision.

$$F(D) = H(D-T)(255) \rightarrow \text{scale it to } 255$$



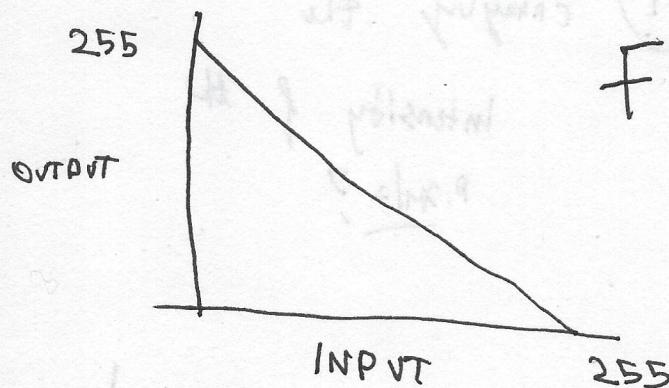
matlab example, before 9:00

$$J = (im > 200) \rightarrow \text{we lose information}$$

→ This operation is not a
1-to-1 mapping

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DIGITAL Negative



$$F(D) = 255 - D$$

\rightarrow matlab 10:10

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im = imread(~)
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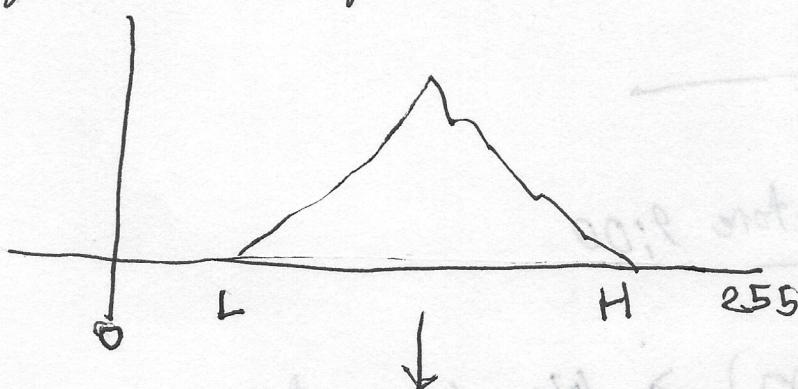
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imshow(im)
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imshow(255-im) ← negative,
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we are interested
in the negatives as
we may see certain
information ~~frankly~~
~~too often~~
Not obvious

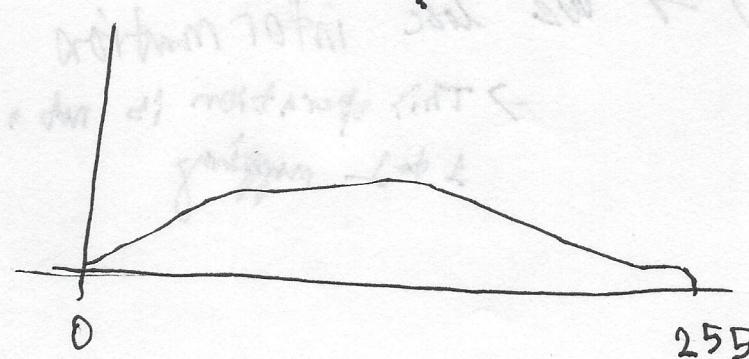
Contrast Stretching

suppose the histogram looks like



L - low value

H - high value



We scale the lowest value
to zero and the highest to
255

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$$L \rightarrow 0$$

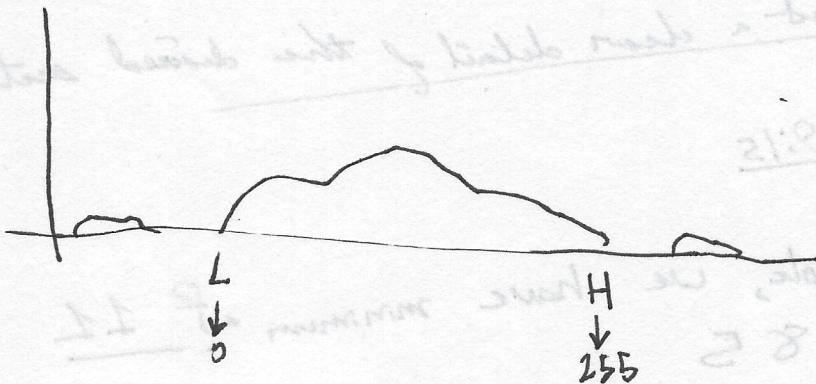
$$H \rightarrow 255$$

Assume everything else stretches out linearly

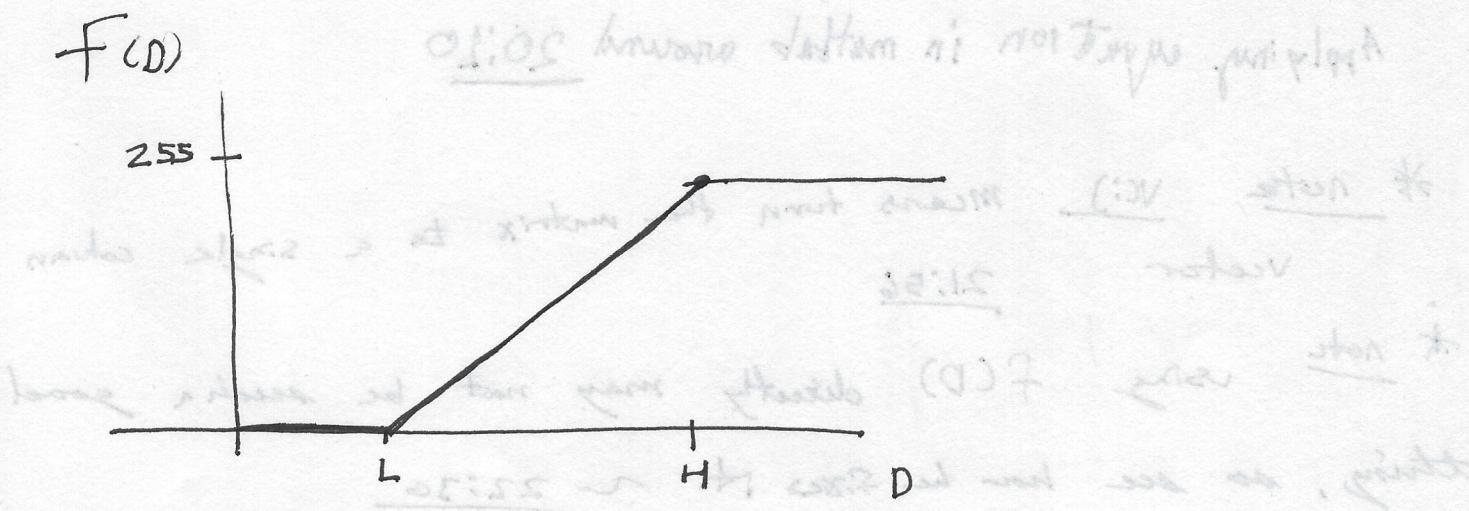
OUR function may be $F(D) = \frac{255}{H-L} (D-L)$

we recall that D is intensity (the x -axis of the histogram)

Realistically, we may have something that looks like



Realistically, we should clip the intensities to
[0, 255]



imtool (im) % imtool command around 14:44

"The grey stuff becomes black and the light grey becomes white"

- ⑥ we may not lose information in the image,
we may be able to see details we would not be able
to notice otherwise
- the medical terms may be: windowing + leveling of
Medical Images.

→ We may use this technique to analyze an unclear portion
of the Image to get a clear detail of the desired section.

Take note at

19:15

In the matlab example, we have minimum of 11
with a maximum of 85

Applying equation in matlab around 20:10

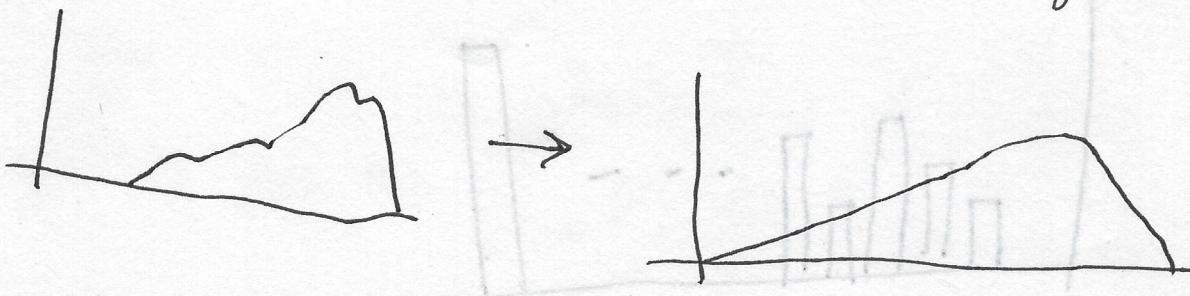
* Note, $V(:,)$ means turn the matrix to a single column
vector 21:56

* Note using $f(D)$ directly may not be such a good
thing, so see how he fixes it ~ 22:36

imadjust 24:16

Histogram equalization 26:00

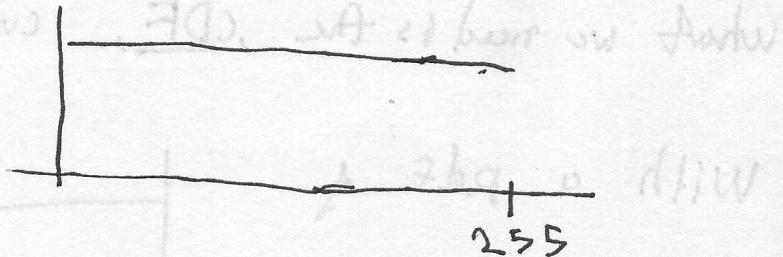
There are cases where contrast stretching doesn't work.



We may desire to create an image where there is an equal amount of the gray values as possible.

Desired Histogram

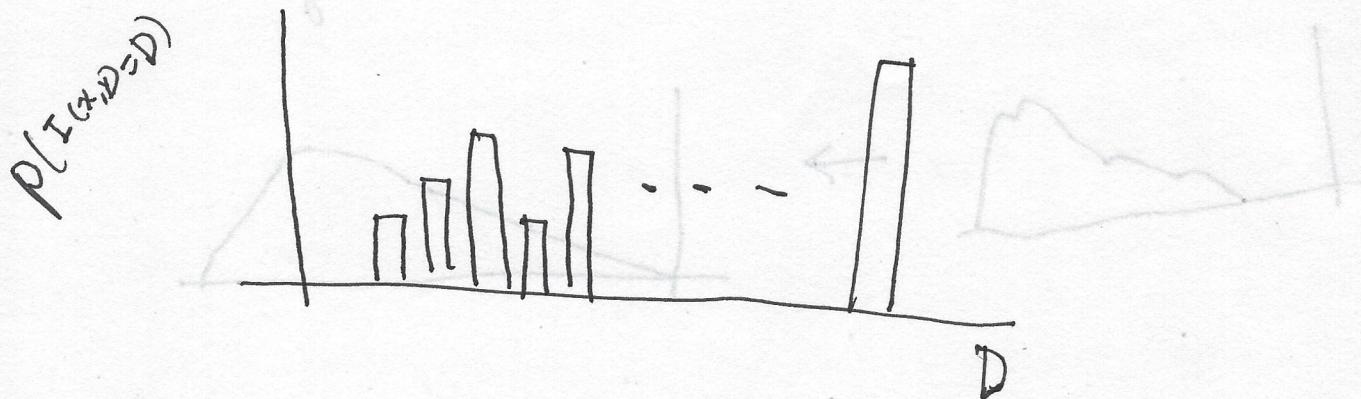
To what is $F(D)$?



Histogram is similar to a probability distribution function. Histogram is a pixel count for every value of intensity (adding all values in the histogram should give the number of pixels in the image)

* Get the number of pixels, divide the values in the histogram by that number, you get a Probability Mass Function.

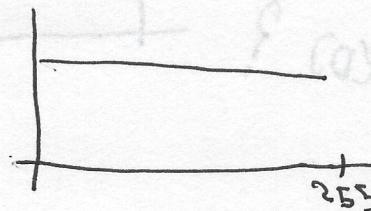
(8) Think of the image histogram as a Probability Mass Function.



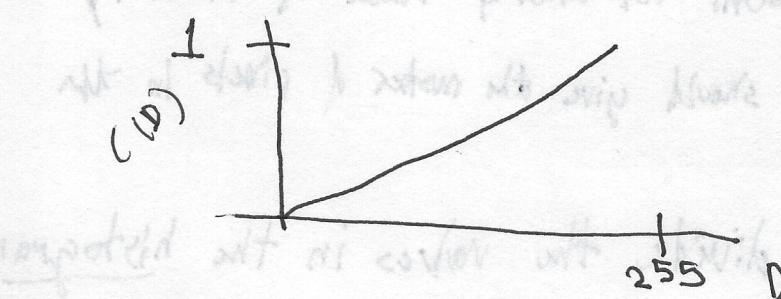
$$\sum_{D=0}^{255} p(I(x,y)=D) = 1$$

what we need is the CDF, cumulative Density function

With a p.d.f. of



we have a c.d.f. of



$$C(D) = P(I(x,y) \leq D)$$

So the Idea is that we want to turn our old c.d.f. into the new c.d.f.

So what mapping do we want?

→ what $F(D)$ converts the original image histograms
INTO UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION?

Replies: turns out that function is the original
CDF

$$\text{So } F(D) = C(D) \leftarrow \text{CDF of Original Image}$$

say the function goes from

$$I(x, y) \rightarrow J(x, y)$$

$$P(J(x, y) \leq D) = P(C(I(x, y)) \leq D) = (1)$$

$$= P(I(x, y) \leq C^{-1}(D))$$

$$= C(C^{-1}(D))$$

$$= D \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{where the intensities} \\ \text{are scaled from 0 to 1} \\ [0, 1] \end{array}$$

IN Practice

$$f(D) = \frac{\sum_{x=0}^D h(D)}{\sum_{x=0}^{255} h(D)} \rightarrow \text{scale to } [0, 255]$$

$\sum_{x=0}^D h(D) \leftarrow \text{all of the values of the histogram}$

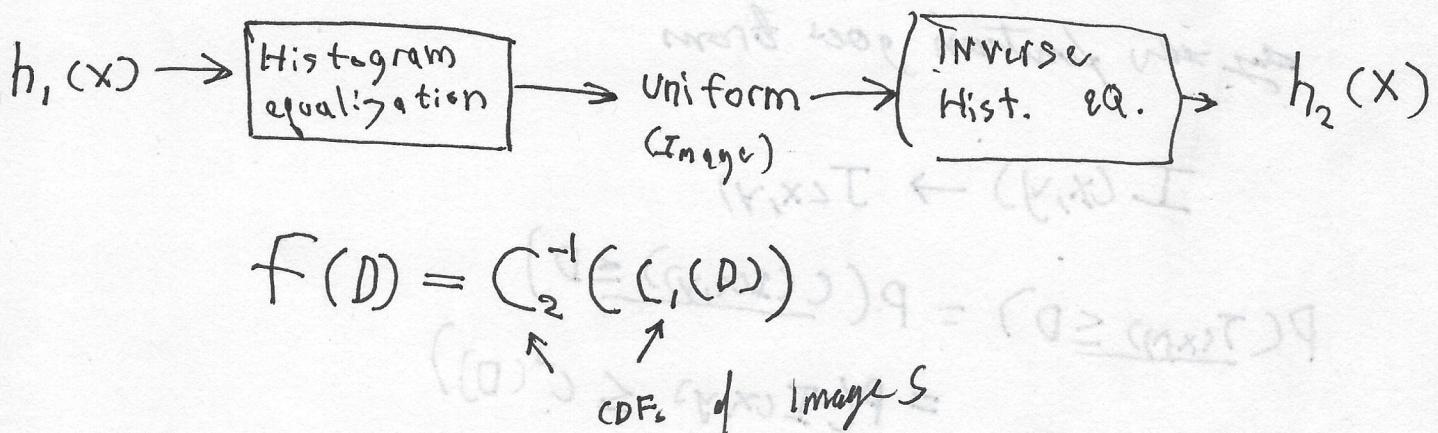
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→ With this implementation, we can't get the histogram totally flat

→ Matlab example → 34.42

Histogram SPECIFICATION

old $h_1(D) \rightarrow h_2(D)$ New Hist
Hist



$$f(D) = C_2^{-1}(C_1(D))$$

\uparrow
CDF of Images

"Gamma Correction"

Problem: Every display device has a

Different nonlinear relationship between Pixel

Input Intensity and Display output Luminance

ex, the relationship between the current and the voltage was not linear in a cathode-Ray-tube

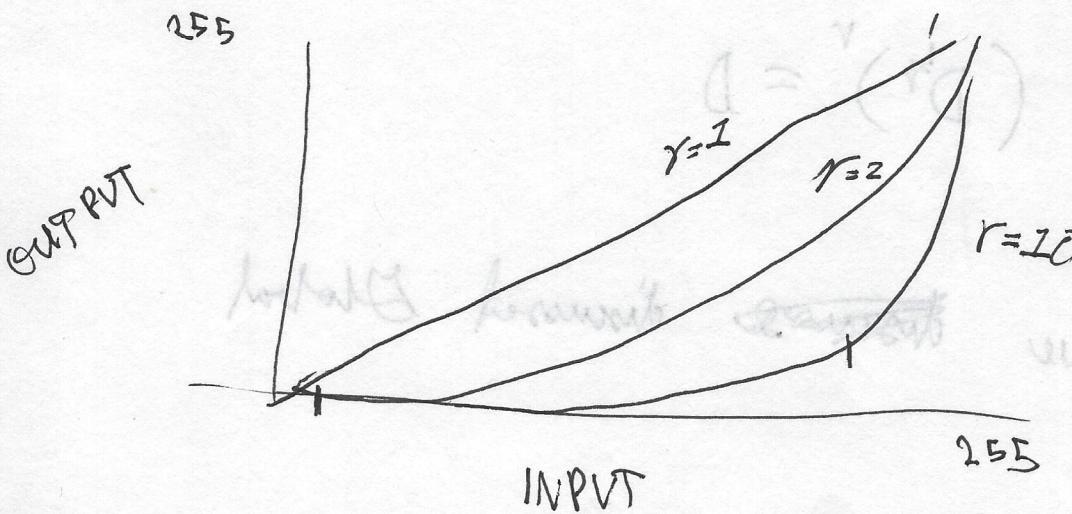
- Images appear fine on screen, but on a projector, they would look washed-out. (Too dark)
- The mapping of pixel colors to my screen was a different function than the color pixels (mapping) that get sent to the projector.

This is Gamma Correction

The relationship for real devices is often modeled as a power function

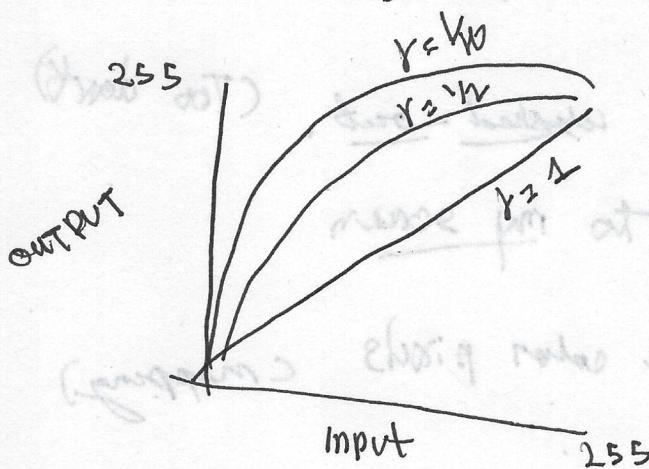
$$f(D) = D^r$$

What do these functions look like?



So say that $r=10$, so $1 \rightarrow 150$ is getting mapped to a small window of the output.

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For $\gamma > 1$ 

Rudke claims this issue has been mitigated.

→ he's not an expert

VGA may cause issues

orders versus newer

How to deal with this problem?

Solution: If we know the γ of the display device, → Pre compensate intensities.

We send Intensity ~~(D^{γ})~~ $D^{1/\gamma}$ to the Display

That will be corrected by the gamma of the display to get the result we originally wanted

$$(D^{\gamma})^r = D$$

So far we ~~discussed~~ discussed Global operations,

Point Operations Affect every pixel)

The same gray scale value the same every
(with the) (Intensity) / in

→ Say we want to do local contrast enhancement or
local histogram equalization.

Many Image Process operations are more local.

One possibility

only spatial Filters,

So DSP is a pre-requisite because these
spatial filters are analog to the FIR
filters

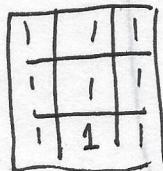
e.g. Filter an image to replace each pixel
by the average of its neighbors

$$J(x, y) = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=-1}^1 I(x+i, y+j)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} [I(x, y) + I(x-1, y) + I(x+1, y) + \dots]$$

y_0	y_1	y_2
y_3	y_4	y_5
y_6	y_7	y_8

$$= \frac{1}{9}$$



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Matlab, 52:26

→ we make the Image blurred

Why would we want to do this?

→ Get rid of noise

denote $\frac{1}{9} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array}$ as $h(x,y)$

We may write,

$$J[x,y] = \sum_i \sum_j h[i,j] I[x-i, y-j]$$

Looks scary,
looks like
convolution

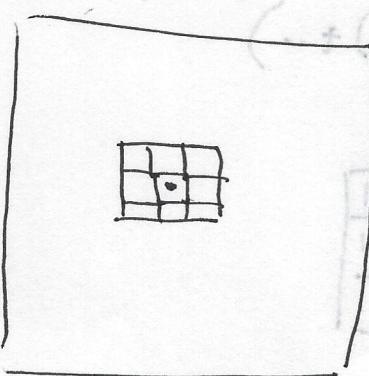
2D convolution of this 2D spatial filter with

the whole image

As stated

$$J[x,y] = h * I$$

Convolution of filter and
Image



place filter over a center pixel, apply a combination of the pixel values of the pixels surrounding the center pixel to get our result

→ the result is a single pixel

Something more unexpected

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example

1	-1	1
-1	8	-1
-1	-1	-1

→ middle pixel is multiplied by 8, and subtract all of the neighbors

→ for a block of uniform color, nothing will happen. Look at 58:18

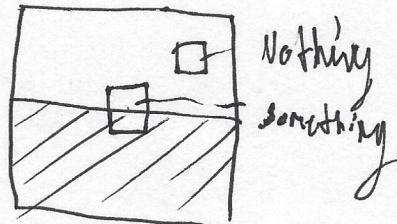
Spatially selective filter.

→ EDGE-DETECTING SPATIAL Filter

Suppose

-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1

This responds to sharp edges (Horizontal)



→ MatLab, 1 hr

Next lecture we change the shape of the pixels