

# 2D Convolution

A 2D convolution combines two matrices: an **input** (usually an image) and a **kernel/filter** (a small matrix). You slide the kernel over the image, do element-wise multiplication, then sum up the values. The result is a new matrix that highlights features.

**Formula in Discrete Case:**

$$(I * K)(i, j) = \sum_m \sum_n I(i + m, j + n) K(m, n)$$

**Example:**

<b>-1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

This is the Sobel mask in the horizontal direction (x axis)