

Lecture 4

Derivatives and edges

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- It is graded
- Due **Jan 24**

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Recitations (2 options)

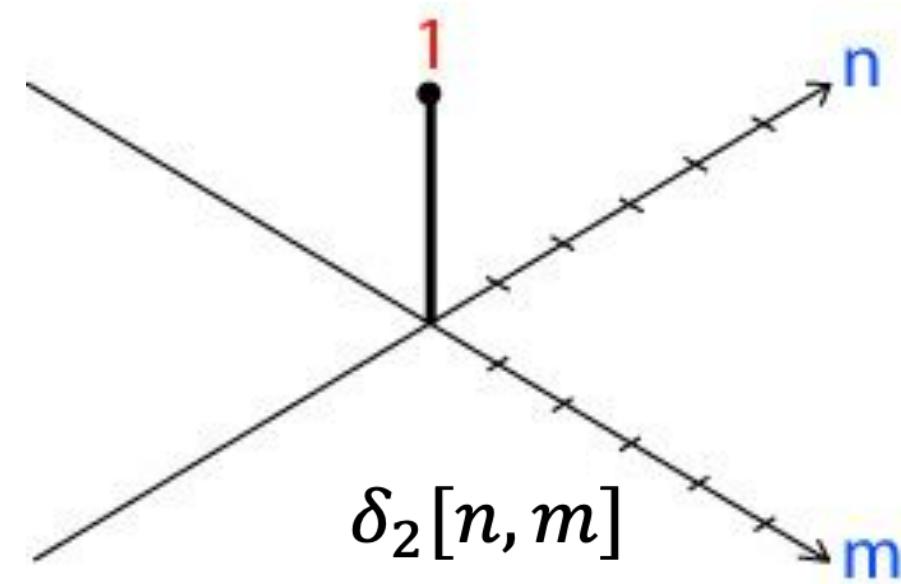
- Friday mornings 9:30-10:20am @ MGH 231
- Friday afternoons 12:30-1:20pm @ CSE2 G01

This week:

We will go over Python & Numpy basics

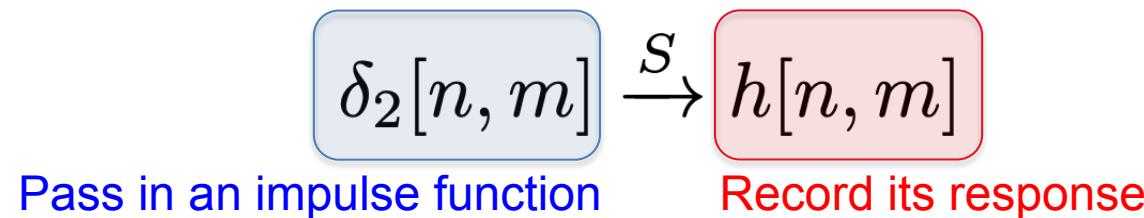
So far: 2D impulse function

- A special function
- 1 at the origin [0,0].
- 0 everywhere else



So far: We get the **impulse response** when we pass an **impulse function** through a LSI system

- The moving average filter equation again: $g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$



$$h[n, m] = \begin{bmatrix} 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \end{bmatrix}$$

So far: write down f as a sum of impulses

Let's say our input f is a 3x3 image:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline f[0,0] & f[0,1] & f[1,1] \\ \hline f[1,0] & f[1,1] & f[1,2] \\ \hline f[2,0] & f[2,1] & f[2,2] \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline f[0,0] & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & f[0,1] & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} + \dots + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & f[2,2] \\ \hline \end{array}$$
$$= f[0,0] \times \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} + f[0,1] \times \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} + \dots + f[2,2] \times \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
$$= f[0,0] \cdot \delta_2[n, m] + f[0,1] \cdot \delta_2[n, m - 1] + \dots + f[2,2] \cdot \delta_2[n - 2, m - 2]$$

So far: We derived convolutions

- An LSI system is completely specified by its impulse response.
 - For any input f , we can compute the output g in terms of the impulse response h .

Discrete Convolution

$$f[n, m] * h[n, m] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] \cdot h[n - k, m - l]$$

So far: We created a sharpening system by combining filters

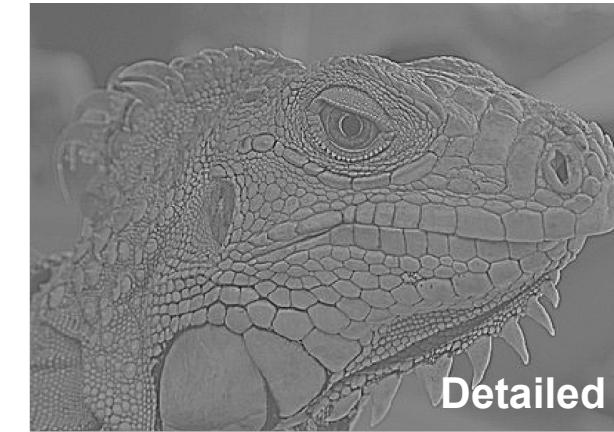


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smoothed (3x3)

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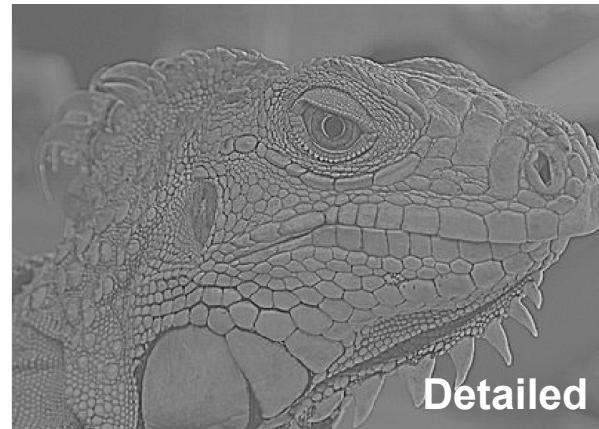


Detailed

Let's add it back to get a **sharpening system**:



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Sharpened

(Cross) correlation – symbol: **

Cross correlation of two 2D signals $f[n,m]$ and $h[n,m]$

$$f[n, m] \text{** } h[n, m] = \sum_k \sum_l f[k, l] h[n + k, m + l]$$

Equivalent to a convolution without the flip

Today's agenda

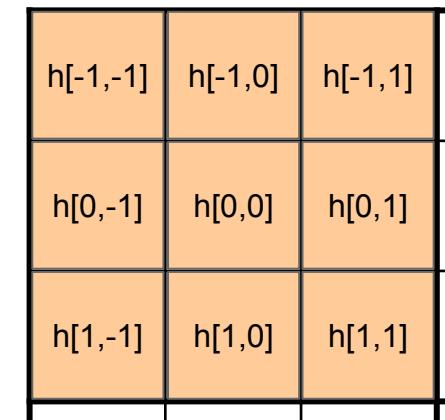
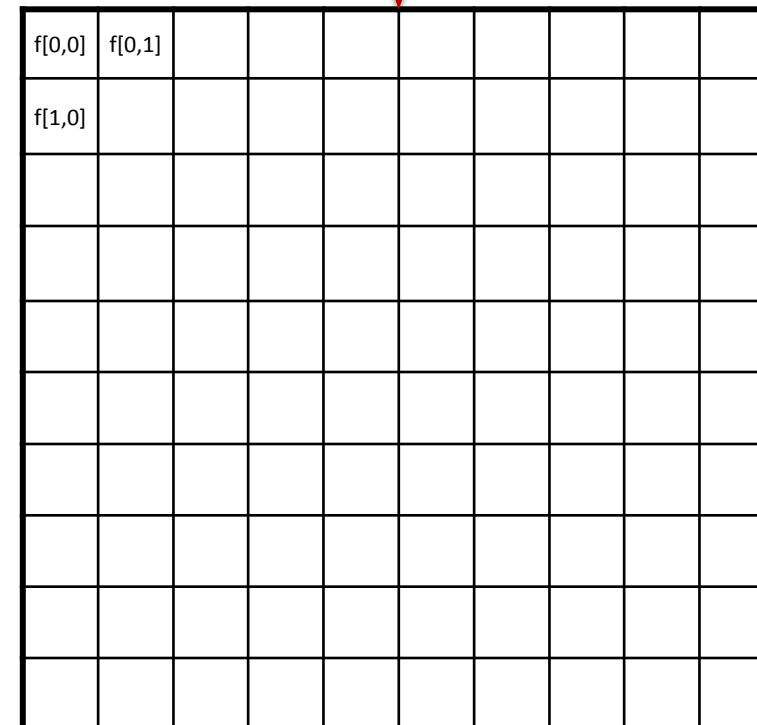
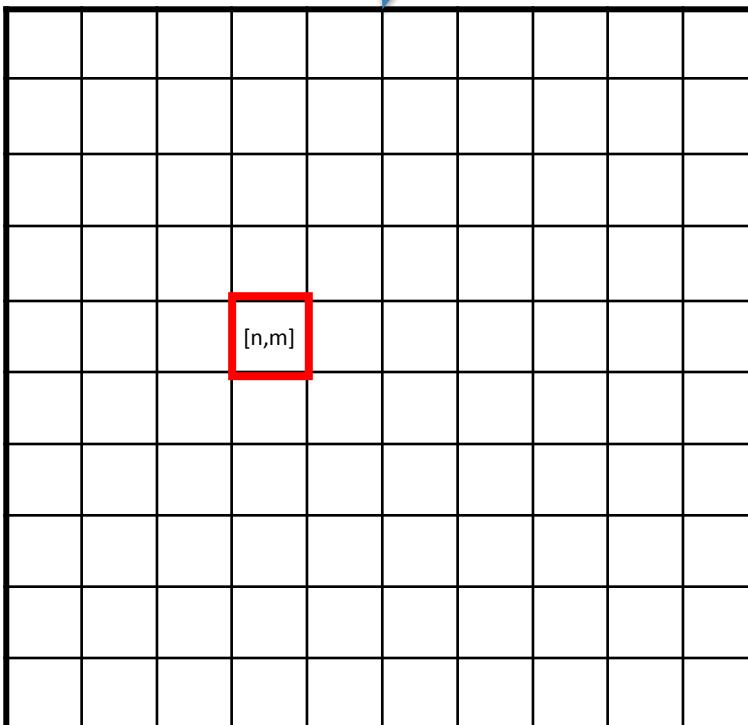
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- Image Gradients
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Kernel $h[k, l]$

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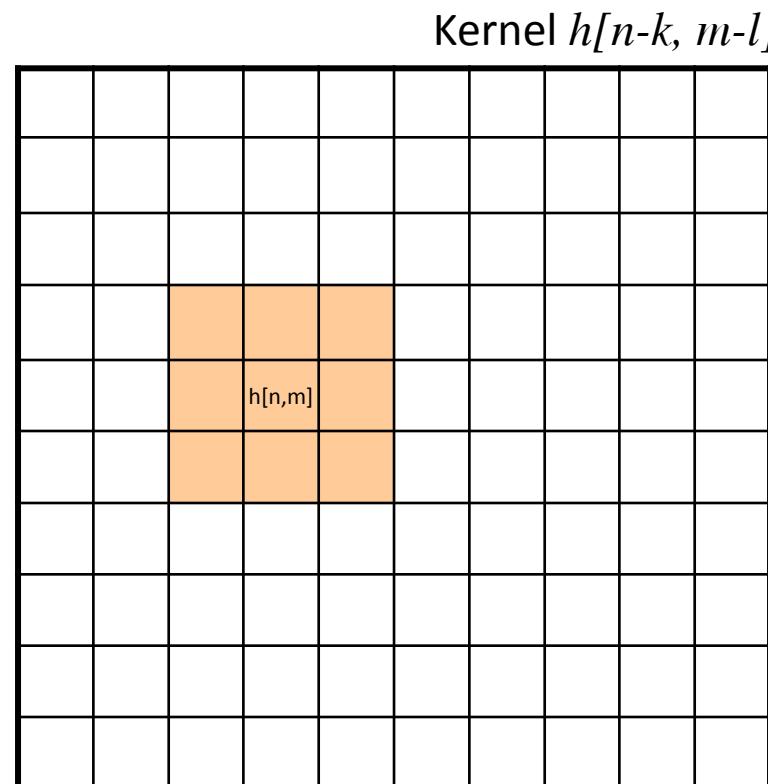
$h[-1, -1]$	$h[-1, 0]$	$h[-1, 1]$
$h[0, -1]$	$h[0, 0]$	$h[0, 1]$
$h[1, -1]$	$h[1, 0]$	$h[1, 1]$

Fold

$h[1, 1]$	$h[1, 0]$	$h[1, -1]$
$h[0, 1]$	$h[0, 0]$	$h[0, -1]$
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Kernel $h[k, l]$

Shift



Kernel $h[n, m]$

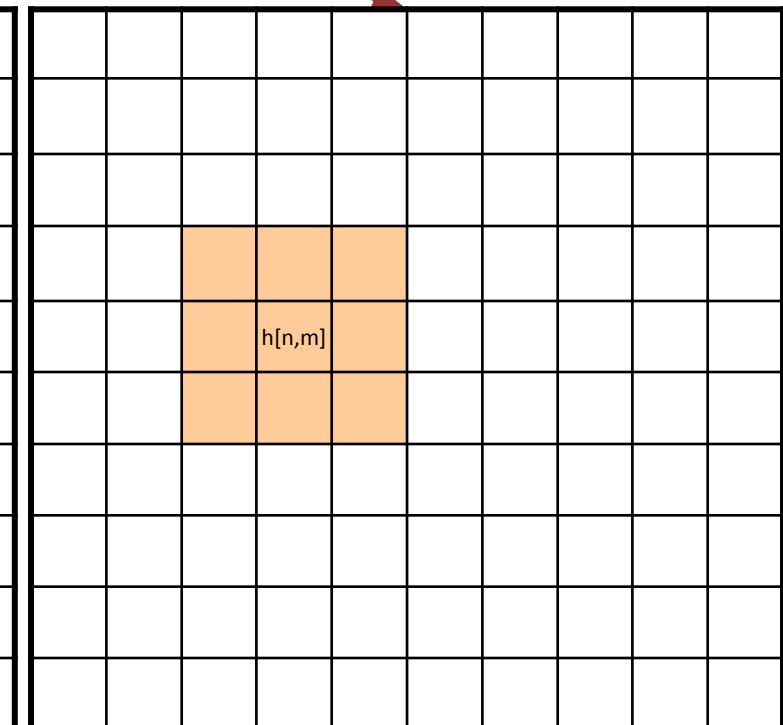
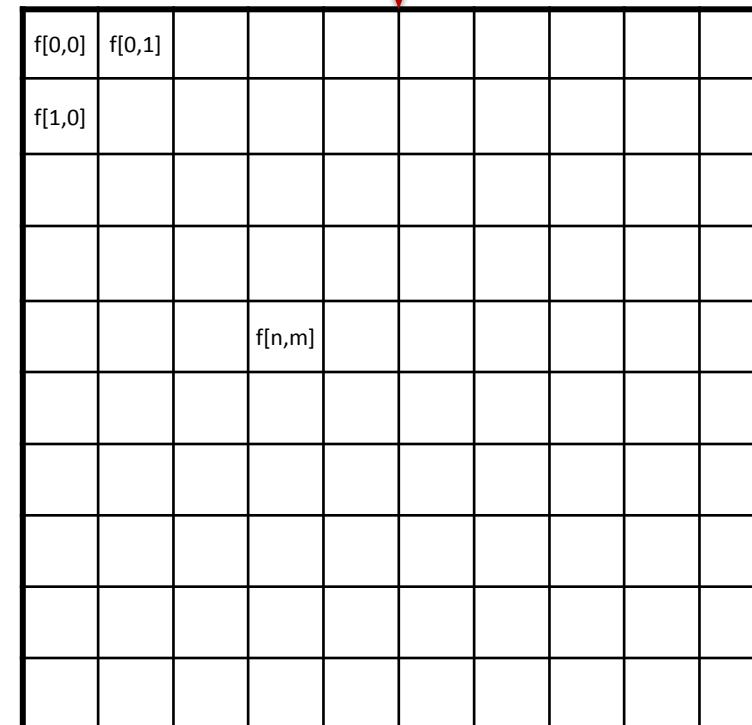
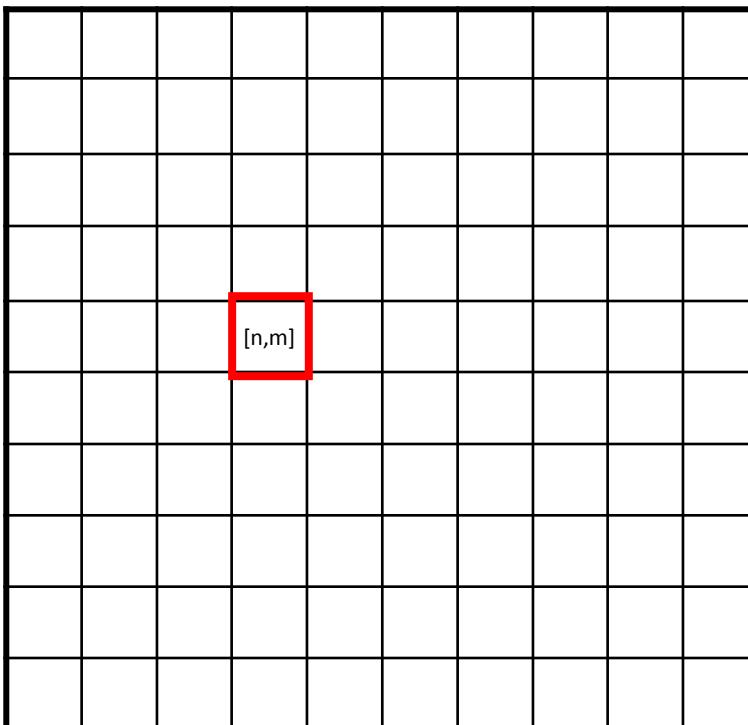
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Output $f * h$

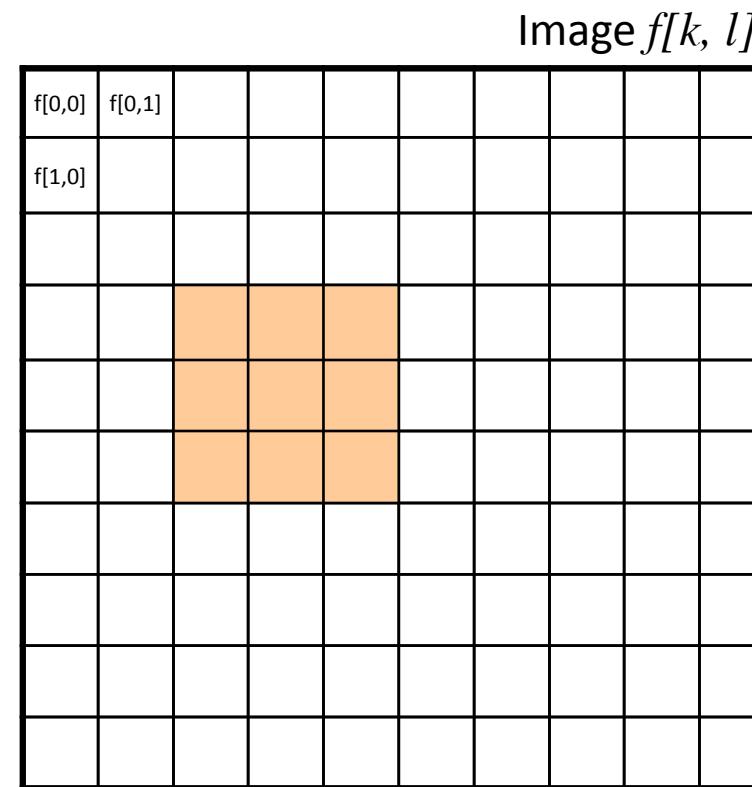
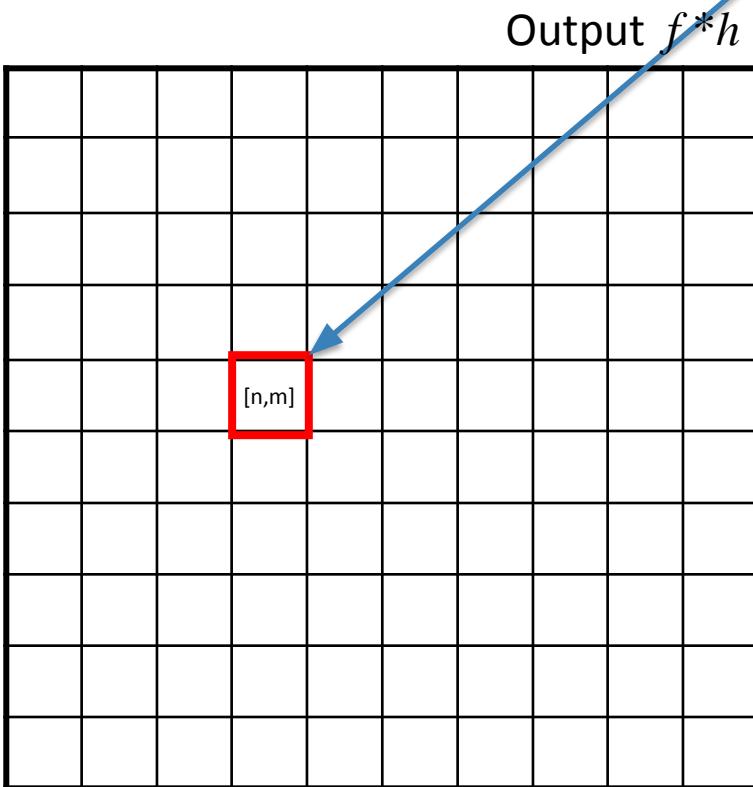
Image $f[k, l]$

Kernel $h[n-k, m-l]$



2D Discrete Convolution

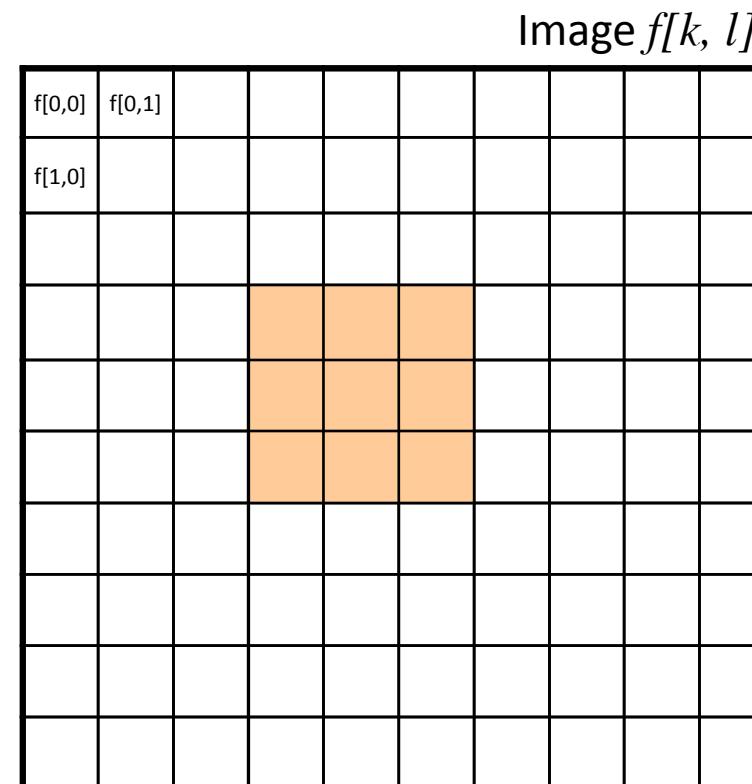
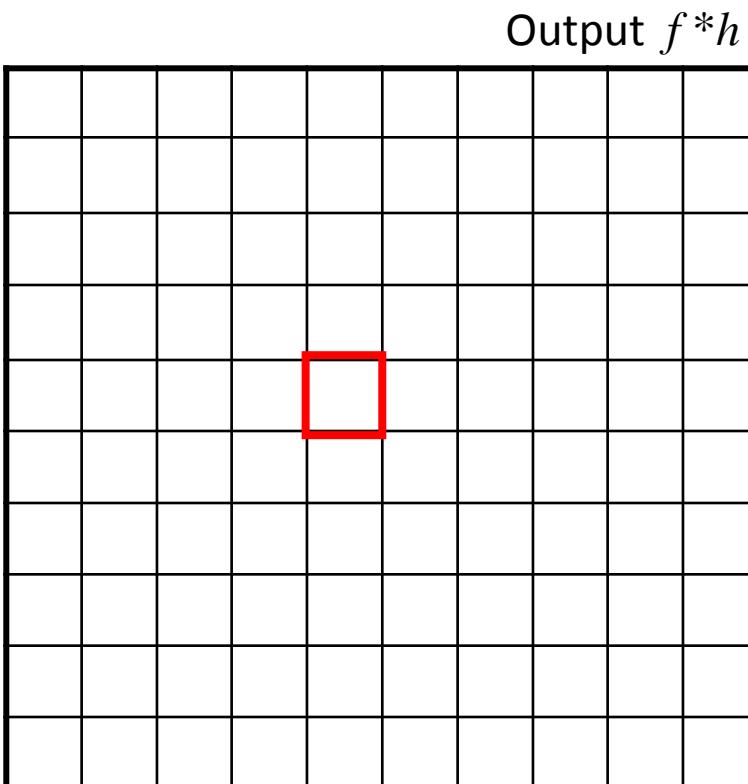
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Element-wise multiplication
Image $f[k, l] \bullet$ Kernel $h[n-k, m-l]$

2D Discrete Convolution

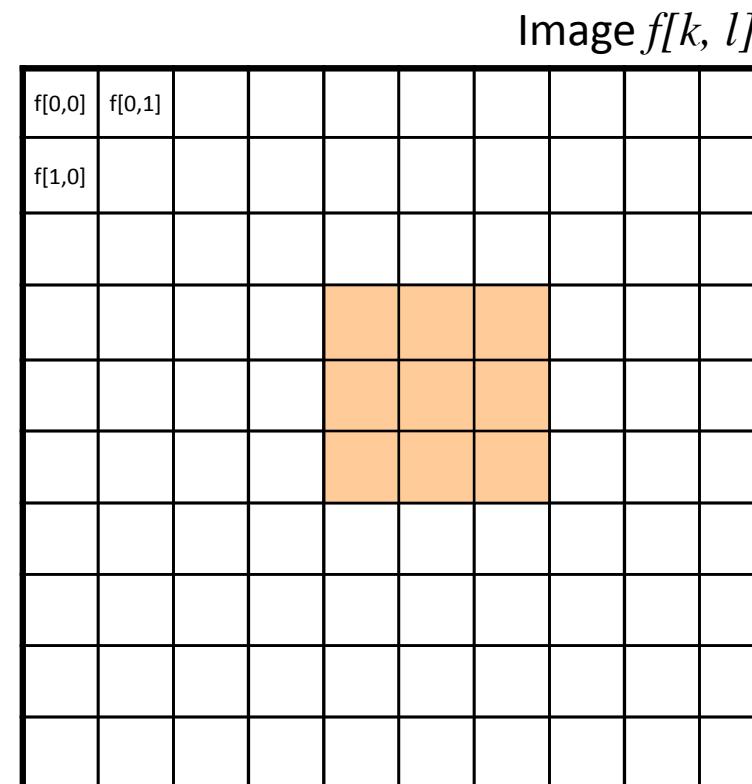
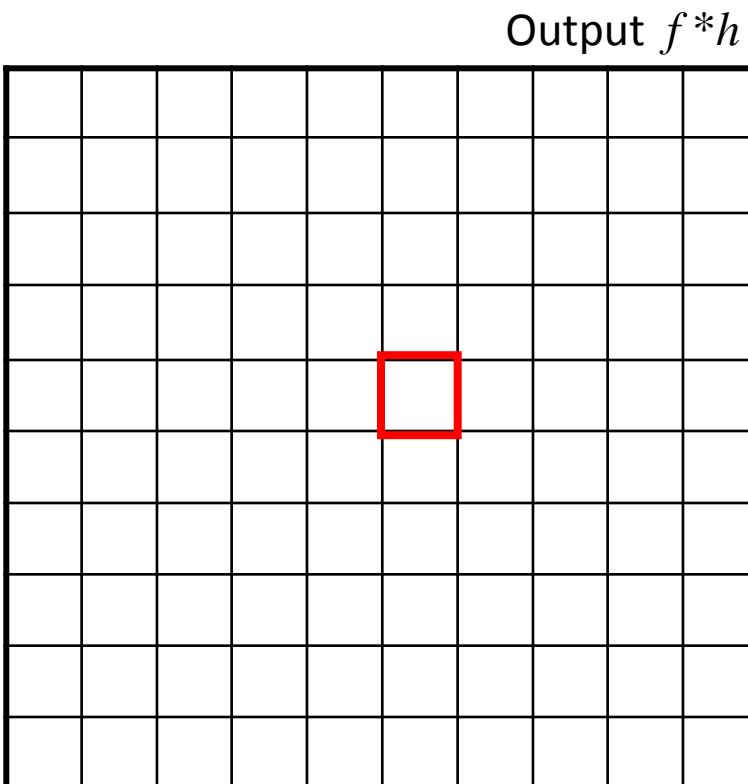
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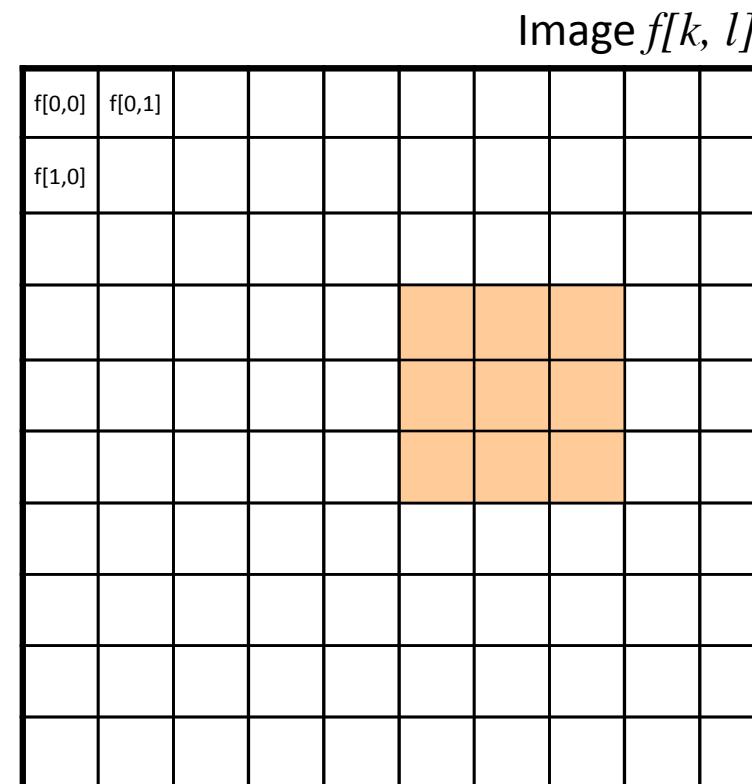
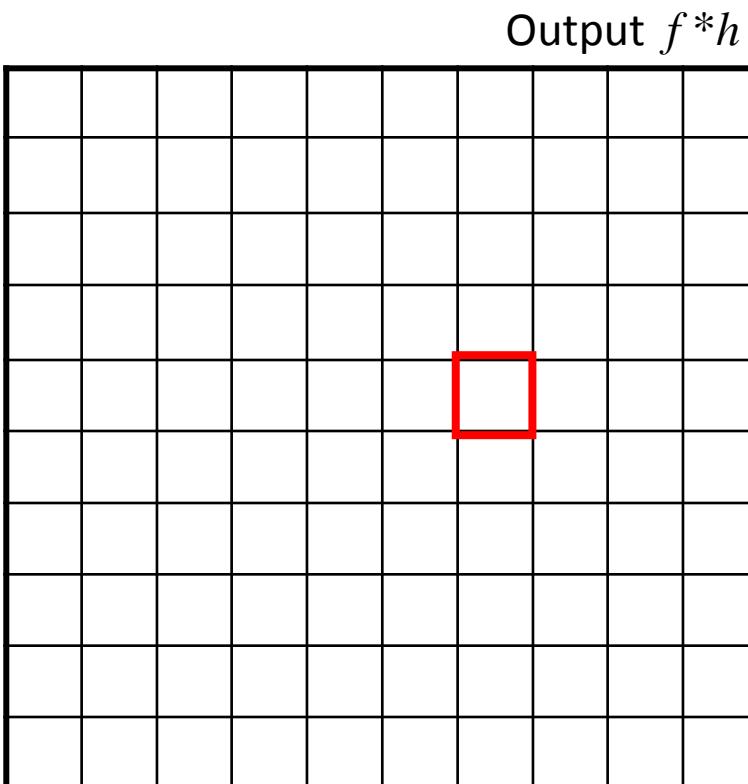
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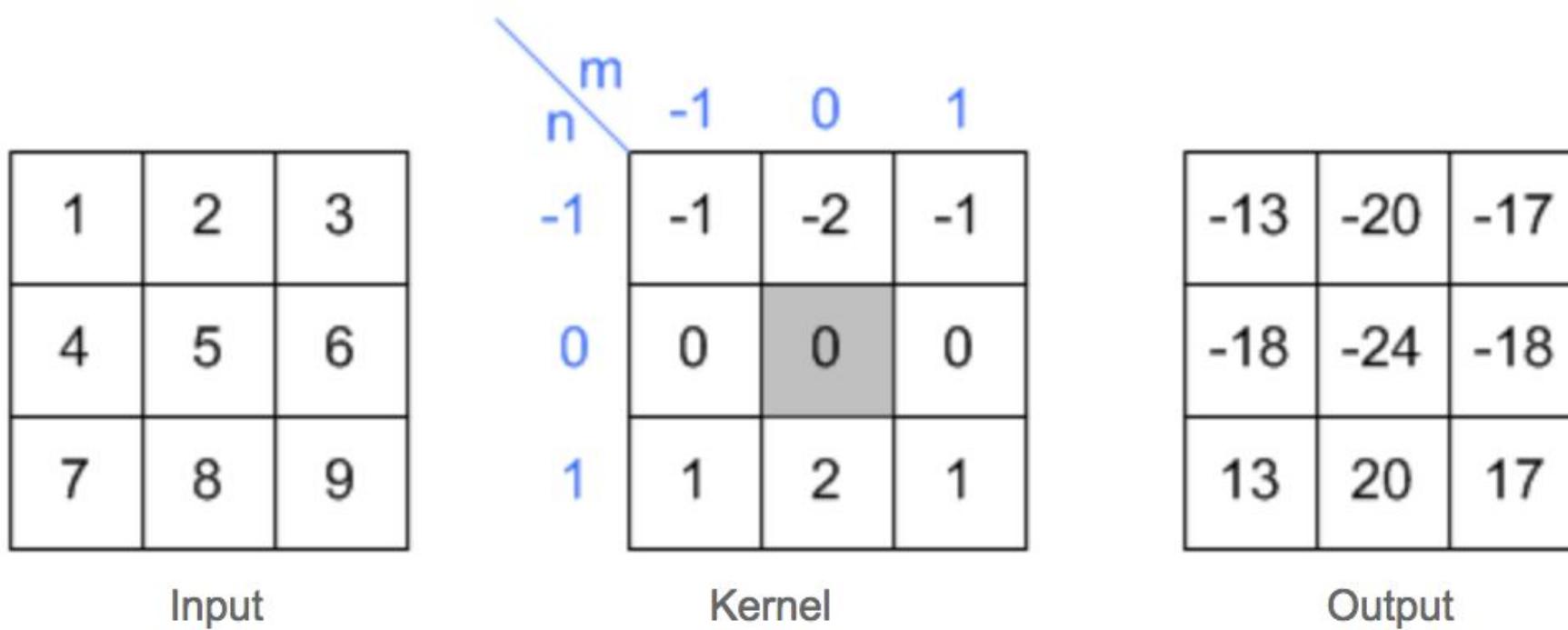
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$$\bullet \quad f[n, m] * h[n, m] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] \cdot h[n - k, m - l]$$

Algorithm:

- Fold $h[k, l]$ about origin to form $h[-k, -l]$
- Shift the folded results by n, m to form $h[n - k, m - l]$
- Multiply $h[n - k, m - l]$ by $f[k, l]$
- Sum over all k, l , store result in output position $[n, m]$
- Repeat for every n, m

2D convolution example



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2D convolution example

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1
7	8	9

$$\begin{aligned} &= x[-1,-1] \cdot h[1,1] + x[0,-1] \cdot h[0,1] + x[1,-1] \cdot h[-1,1] \\ &\quad + x[-1,0] \cdot h[1,0] + x[0,0] \cdot h[0,0] + x[1,0] \cdot h[-1,0] \\ &\quad + x[-1,1] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[0,1] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[1,1] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 4 \cdot (-2) + 5 \cdot (-1) = -13 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
-18	-24	-18
13	20	17

Output

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2D convolution example

1	2	1
0	0	0
1	2	3
-1	-2	-1
4	5	6

| 7 | 8 | 9 |

$$\begin{aligned} &= x[0,-1] \cdot h[1,1] + x[1,-1] \cdot h[0,1] + x[2,-1] \cdot h[-1,1] \\ &\quad + x[0,0] \cdot h[1,0] + x[1,0] \cdot h[0,0] + x[2,0] \cdot h[-1,0] \\ &\quad + x[0,1] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[1,1] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[2,1] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot (-2) + 6 \cdot (-1) = -20 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
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13	20	17

Output

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Output

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2D convolution example

1	2	1	2	3
0	0	0	5	6
-1	-2	-1	8	9

$$\begin{aligned} &= x[-1,0] \cdot h[1,1] + x[0,0] \cdot h[0,1] + x[1,0] \cdot h[-1,1] \\ &\quad + x[-1,1] \cdot h[1,0] + x[0,1] \cdot h[0,0] + x[1,1] \cdot h[-1,0] \\ &\quad + x[-1,2] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[0,2] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[1,2] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\ &= 0 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 7 \cdot (-2) + 8 \cdot (-1) = -18 \end{aligned}$$

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Output

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13	20	17

Output

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2D convolution example

1	1	2	3	1
4	0	0	6	0
7	-1	8	-2	9

$$\begin{aligned} &= x[1,0] \cdot h[1,1] + x[2,0] \cdot h[0,1] + x[3,0] \cdot h[-1,1] \\ &\quad + x[1,1] \cdot h[1,0] + x[2,1] \cdot h[0,0] + x[3,1] \cdot h[-1,0] \\ &\quad + x[1,2] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[2,2] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[3,2] \cdot h[-1,-1] \\ &= 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 0 + 6 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 8 \cdot (-1) + 9 \cdot (-2) + 0 \cdot (-1) = -18 \end{aligned}$$

-13	-20	-17
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Output

Practice with convolution


$$\text{Original} \quad * \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} = ?$$

Practice with convolution

Original

$*$

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

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Filtered
(no change)

Practice with convolution



$$\text{Original} \quad * \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} = ?$$

Practice with convolution

Original

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0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

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Shifted right
By 1 pixel

Practice with convolution



Original

$$\text{Original} * \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

Practice with convolution

$$\text{Original} \quad * \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Blurry output}$$

What happens if a system contains multiple filters?



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

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

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(Note that filter sums to 1)

What happens if a system contains multiple filters?



Original

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{9}$$
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

+
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

What does blurring take away?



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smoothed (3x3)

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Detailed

$$\begin{matrix} & = & \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} & + & \boxed{\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}} & - \frac{1}{9} \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the mathematical operation of a 3x3 smoothing kernel. It shows the original image as a 3x3 grid of values (0, 0, 0; 0, 1, 0; 0, 0, 0). This is followed by a plus sign, indicating addition. Then, a red-bordered box encloses the 3x3 identity matrix (0, 0, 0; 0, 1, 0; 0, 0, 0), representing the input to the convolution step. Finally, a minus sign followed by a fraction $\frac{1}{9}$ and another red-bordered box encloses a 3x3 matrix of all ones (1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1; 1, 1, 1), representing the kernel being applied. This visualizes how the original image is combined with the kernel to produce the smoothed result.

What does blurring take away?



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Let's add it back to get a **sharpening system**:



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Convolution in 2D – Sharpening filter



Original

Sharpening system



Sharpening system: Accentuates differences with local average

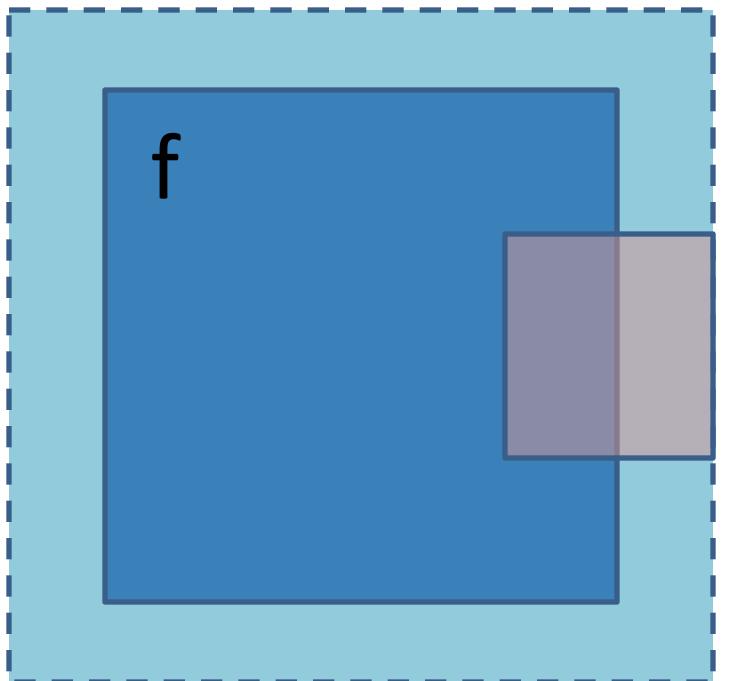
Implementation detail: Image support and edge effect

- A computer will only convolve **finite support signals**.
 - That is: images that are zero for n, m outside some rectangular region
 - numpy's convolution performs 2D convolution of finite-support signals.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Blue square} \\ \text{N}_1 \times M_1 \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} \text{Red square} \\ N_2 \times M_2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Large green L-shaped block} \\ (N_1 + N_2 - 1) \times (M_1 + M_2 - 1) \end{array}$$

Image support and edge effect

- A computer will only convolve **finite support signals**.
- What happens at the edge?



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- zero “padding”
- edge value replication
- mirror extension
- more (beyond the scope of this class)

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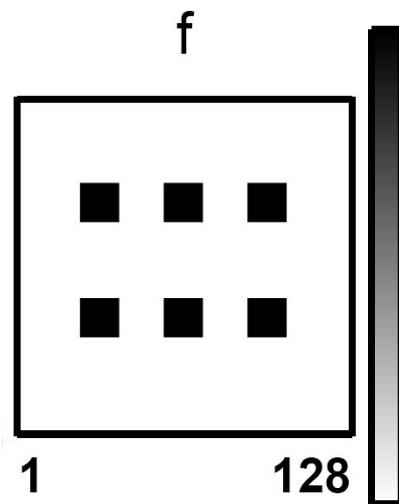
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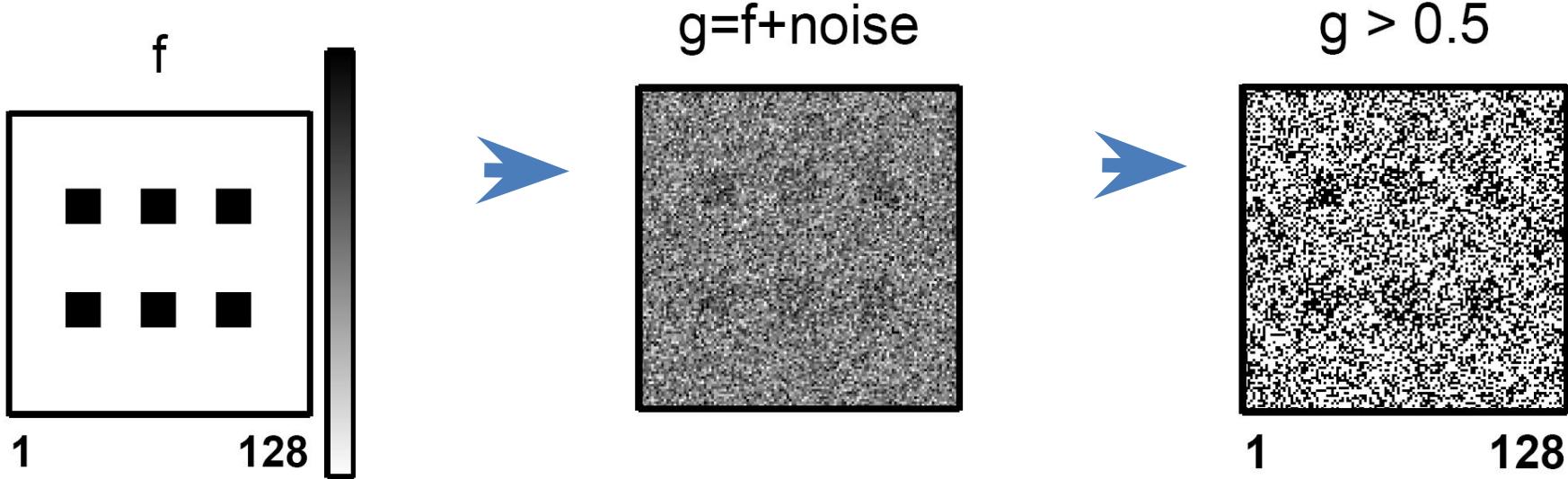
- Equivalent to a convolution without the flip
- Use it to measure ‘similarity’ between f and h .

(Cross) correlation – example



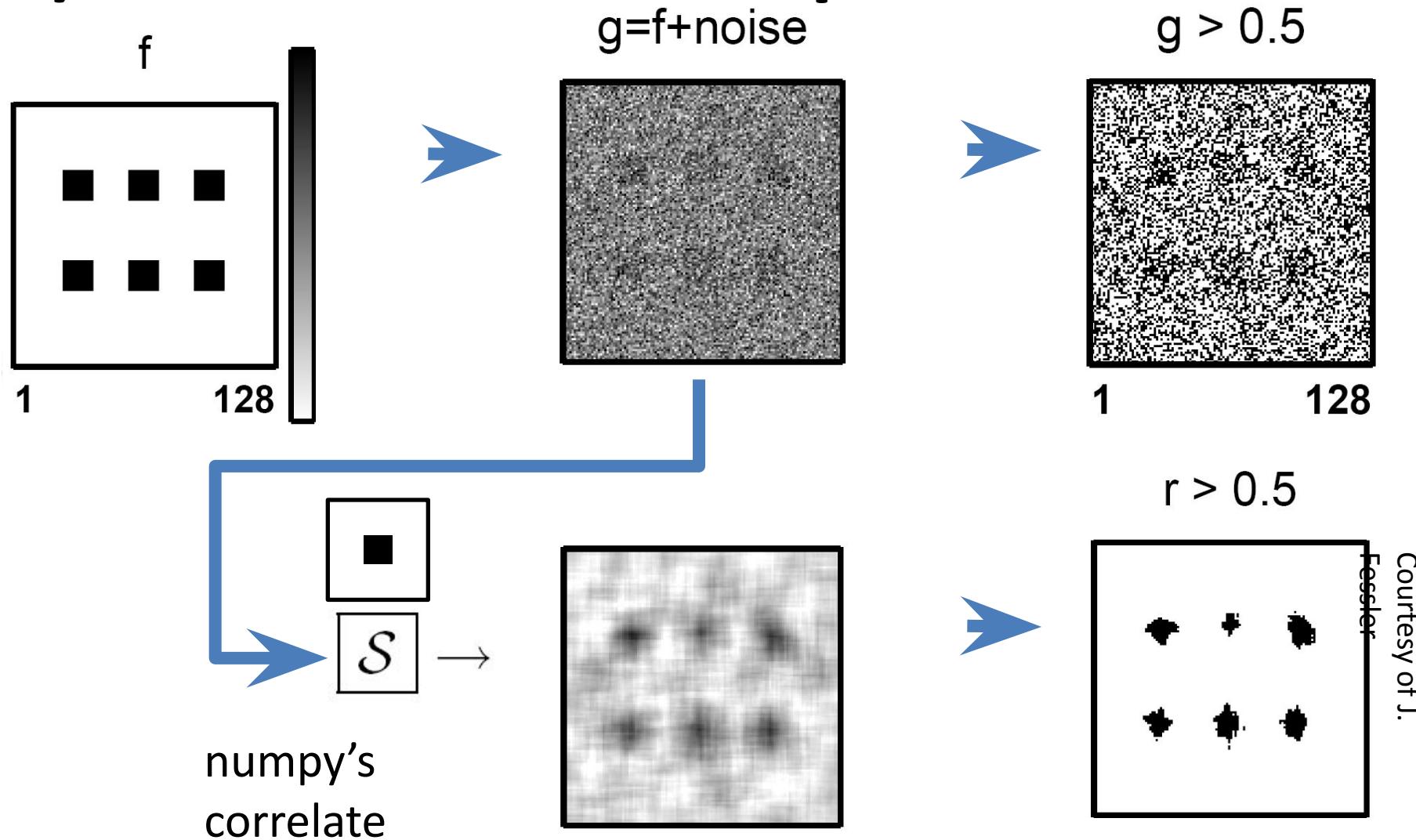
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(Cross) correlation – example

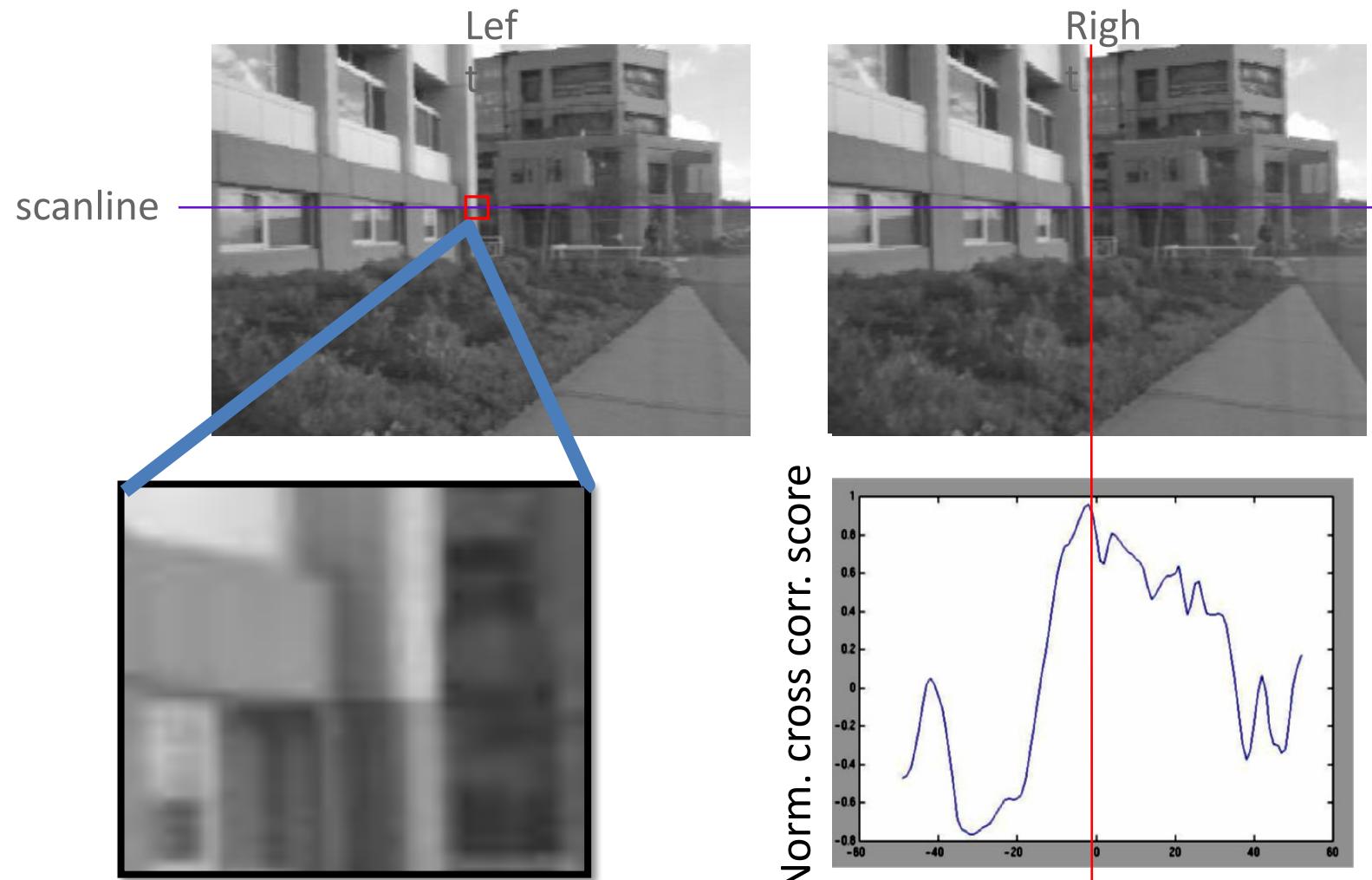


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(Cross) correlation – example



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Cross Correlation Application: Vision system for TV remote control

- uses template matching

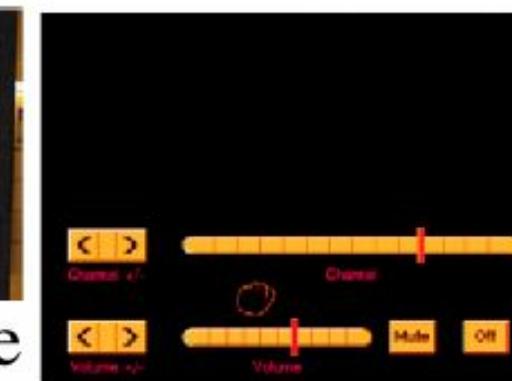
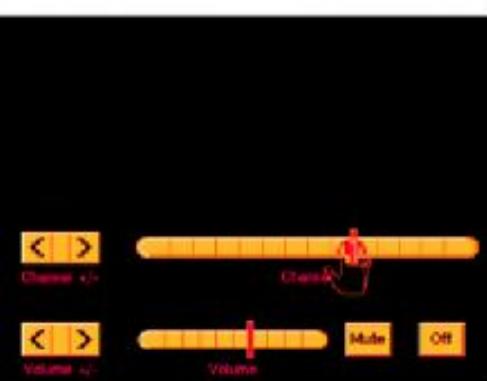
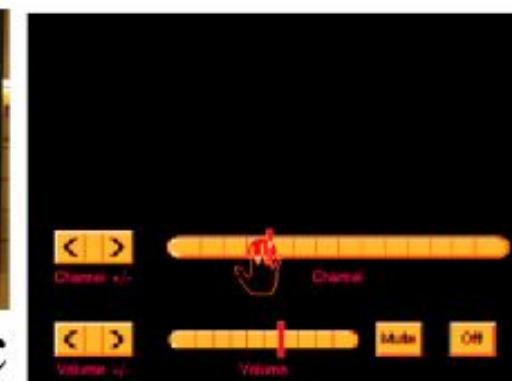
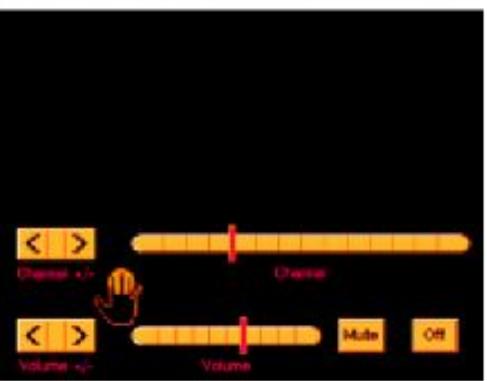


Figure from "Computer Vision for Interactive Computer Graphics," W.Freeman et al, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, 1998 copyright 1998, IEEE

Properties of cross correlation

- Associative property:

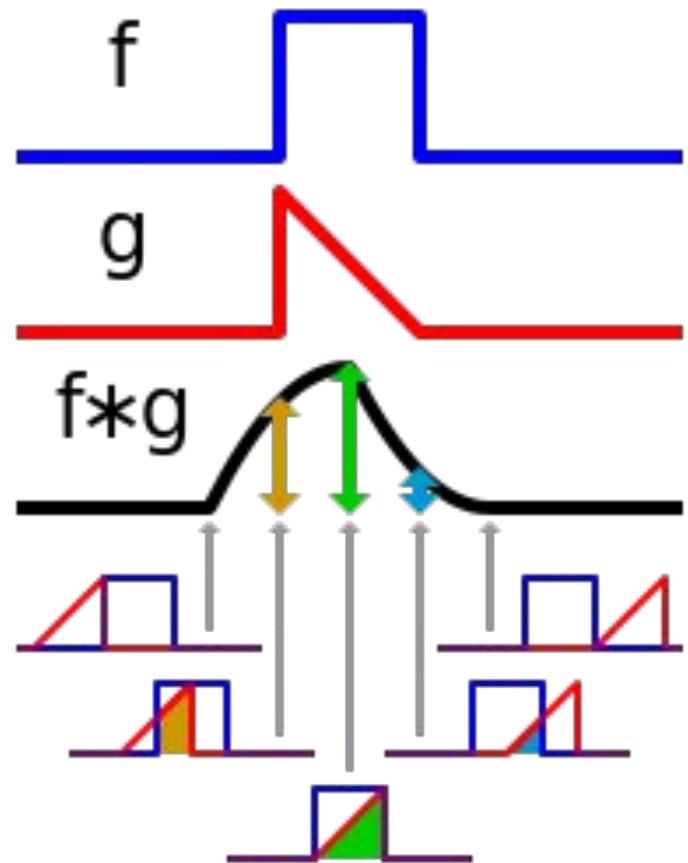
$$(f \ast\ast h_1) \ast\ast h_2 = f \ast\ast (h_1 \ast\ast h_2)$$

- Distributive property:

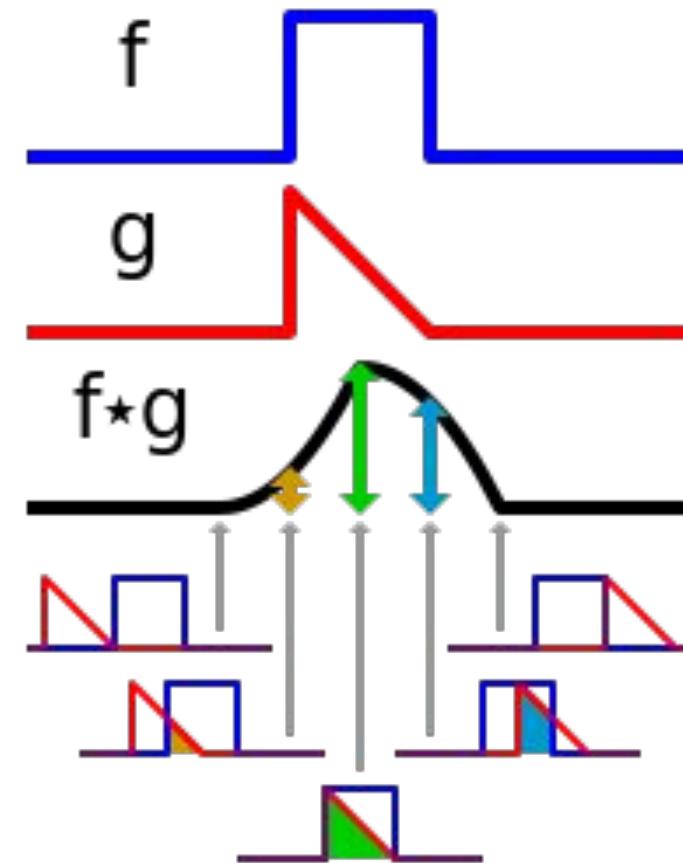
$$f \ast\ast (h_1 + h_2) = (f \ast\ast h_1) + (f \ast\ast h_2)$$

The order doesn't matter! $h_1 \ast\ast h_2 = h_2 \ast\ast h_1$

Convolution



Cross-correlation



Convolution vs. (Cross) Correlation

- When is correlation equivalent to convolution?
- In other words, Q. when is $f^{**}g = f^*g$?

Convolution vs. (Cross) Correlation

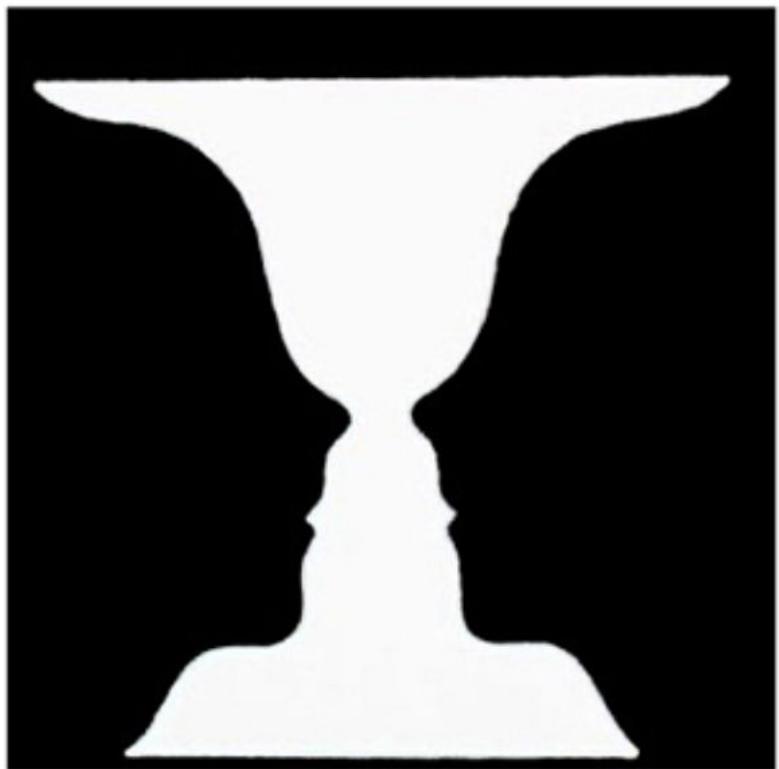
- A **convolution** is an integral that expresses the amount of overlap of one function as it is shifted over another function.
 - convolution is a **filtering** operation
- **Correlation** compares the ***similarity of two sets of data***. Correlation computes a measure of similarity of two input signals as they are shifted by one another. The correlation result reaches a maximum at the time when the two signals match best .
 - correlation is a measure of relatedness of two signals

What we will learn today

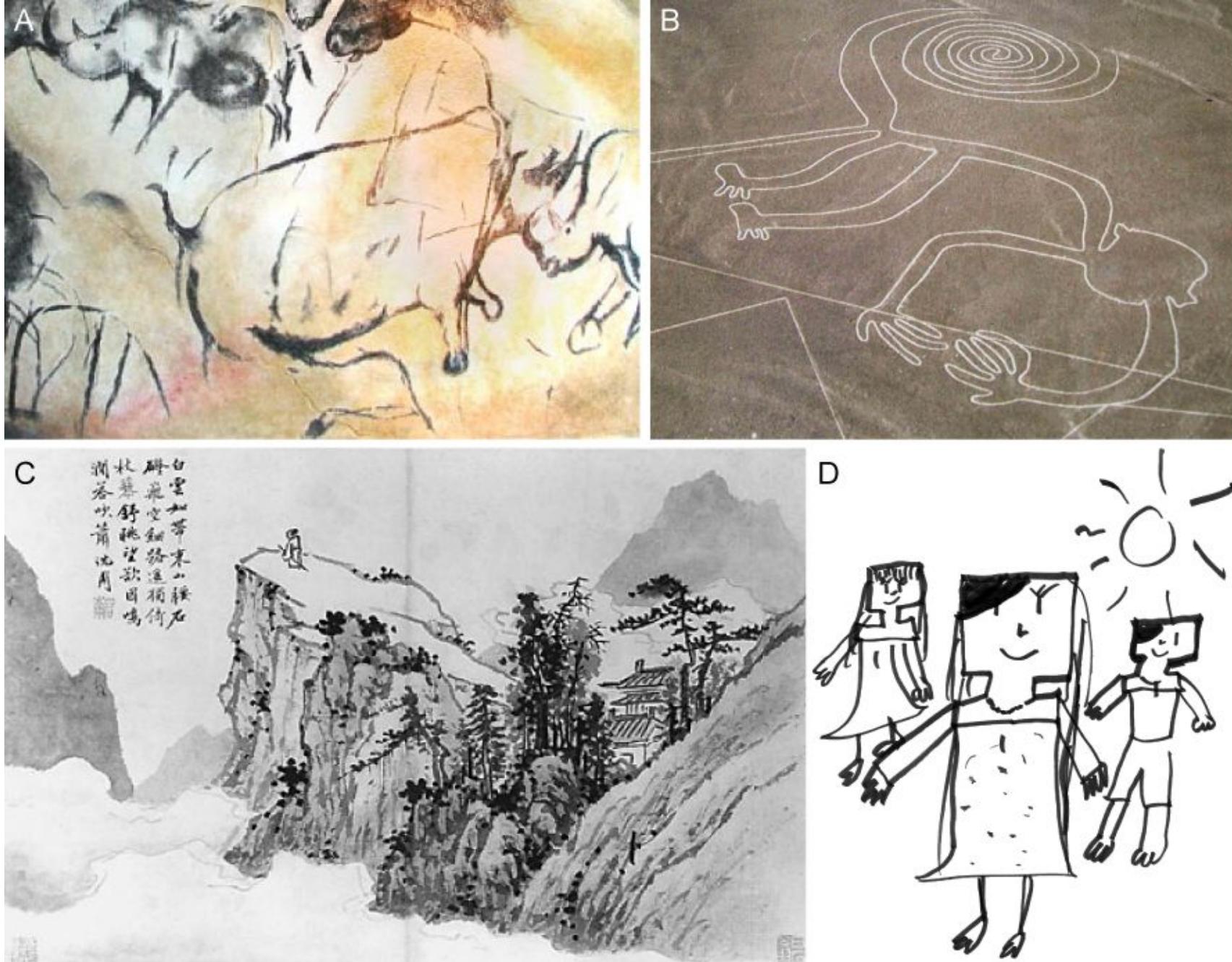
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- Edge detection
- Image Gradients
- A simple edge detector

Some background reading:
Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter 8

Q. What do you see?

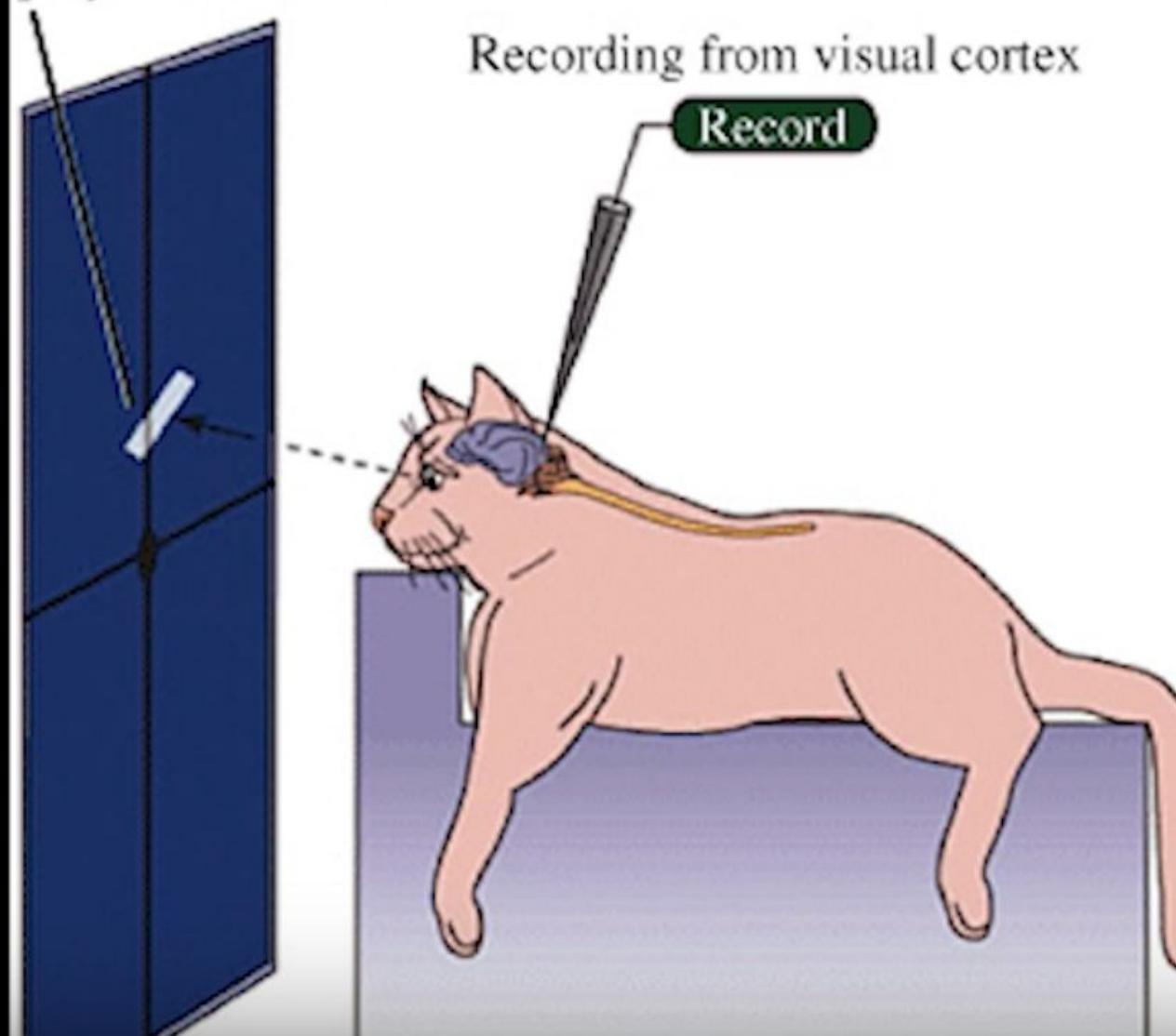


- (A) Cave painting at Chauvet, France, about 30,000 B.C.;
- (B) Aerial photograph of the picture of a monkey as part of the Nazca Lines geoglyphs, Peru, about 700 – 200 B.C.;
- (C) Shen Zhou (1427-1509 A.D.): Poet on a mountain top, ink on paper, China;
- (D) Line drawing by 7-year old I. Lleras (2010 A.D.).



A Experimental setup

Light bar stimulus
projected on screen



B Stimulus orientation



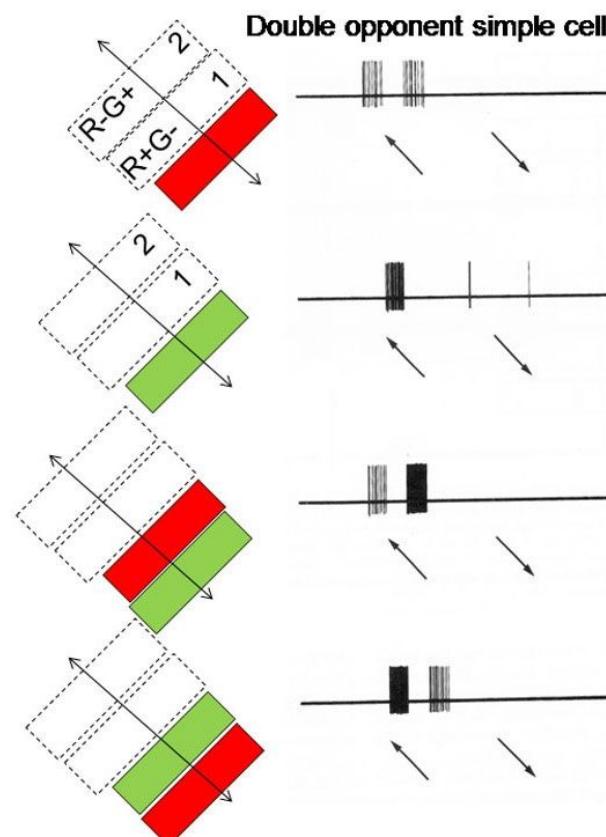
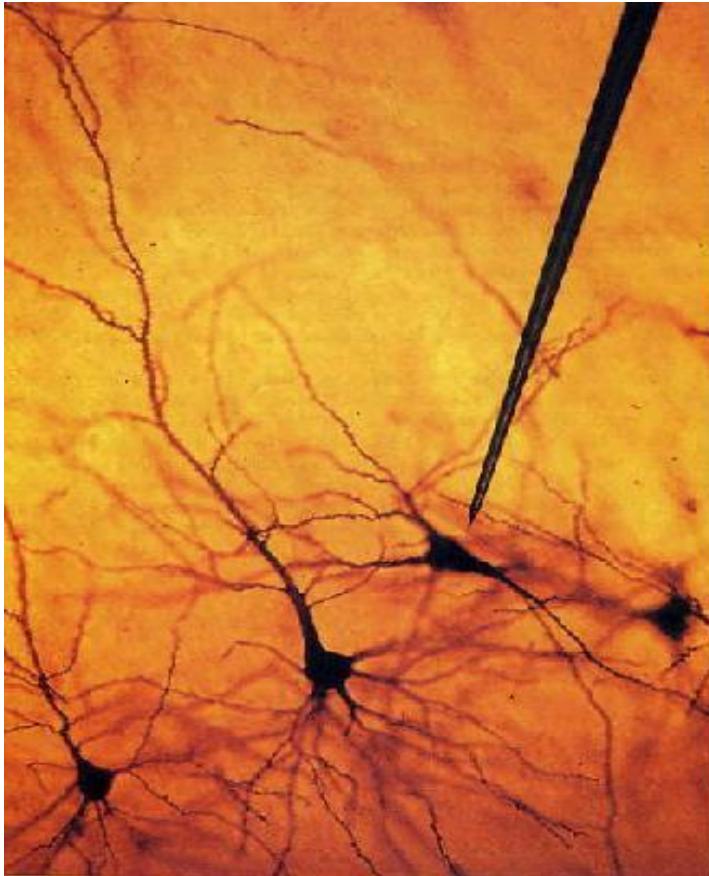
Stimulus presented



Hubel & Wiesel, 1960s

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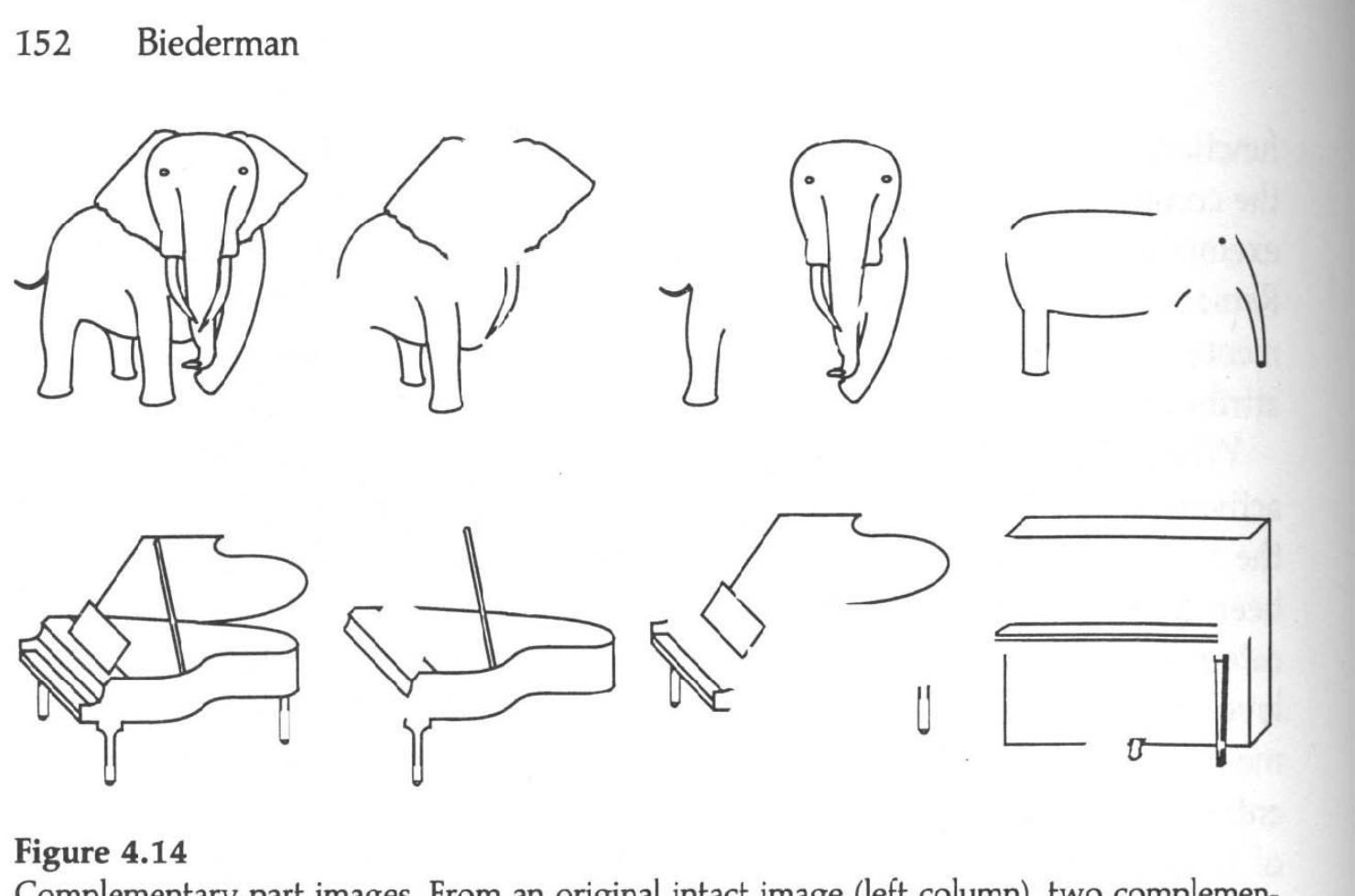
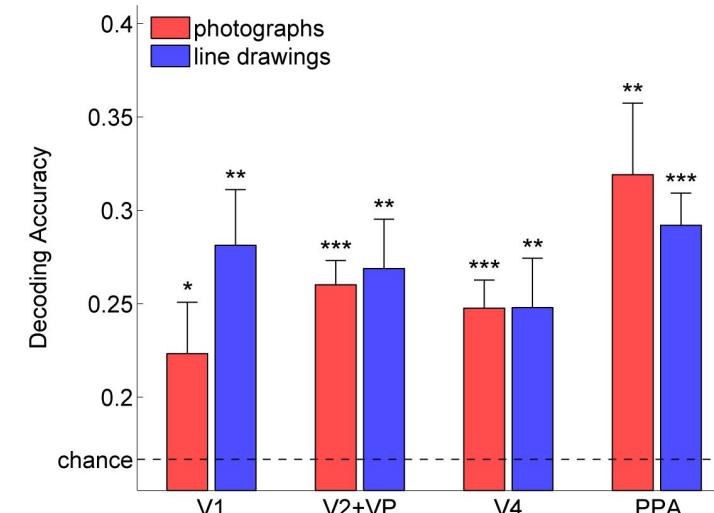
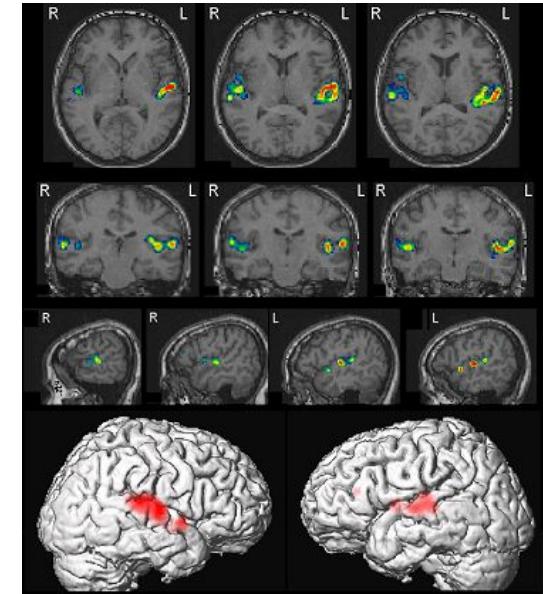


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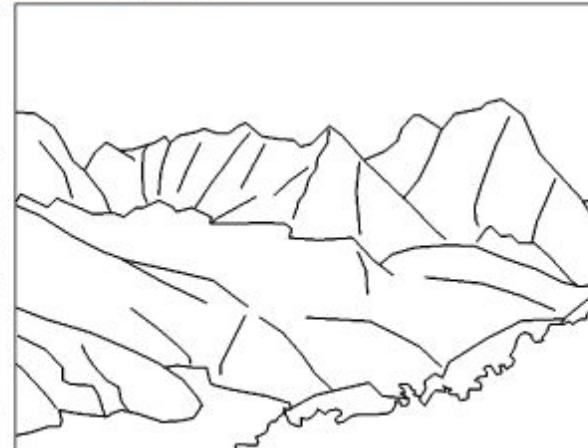
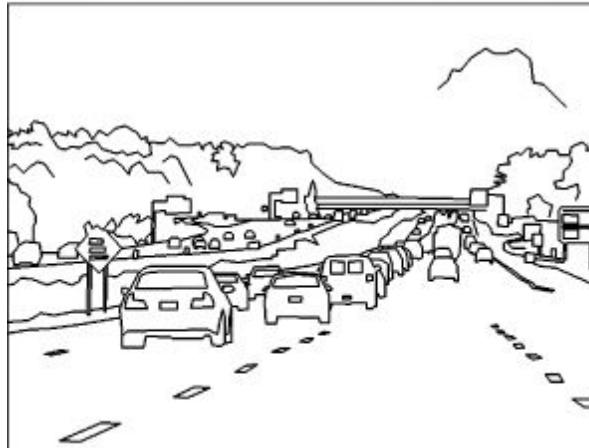
Complementary-part images. From an original intact image (left column), two complemen-



Walther, Chai, Caddigan, Beck & Fei-Fei, *PNAS*, 2011

Edge detection

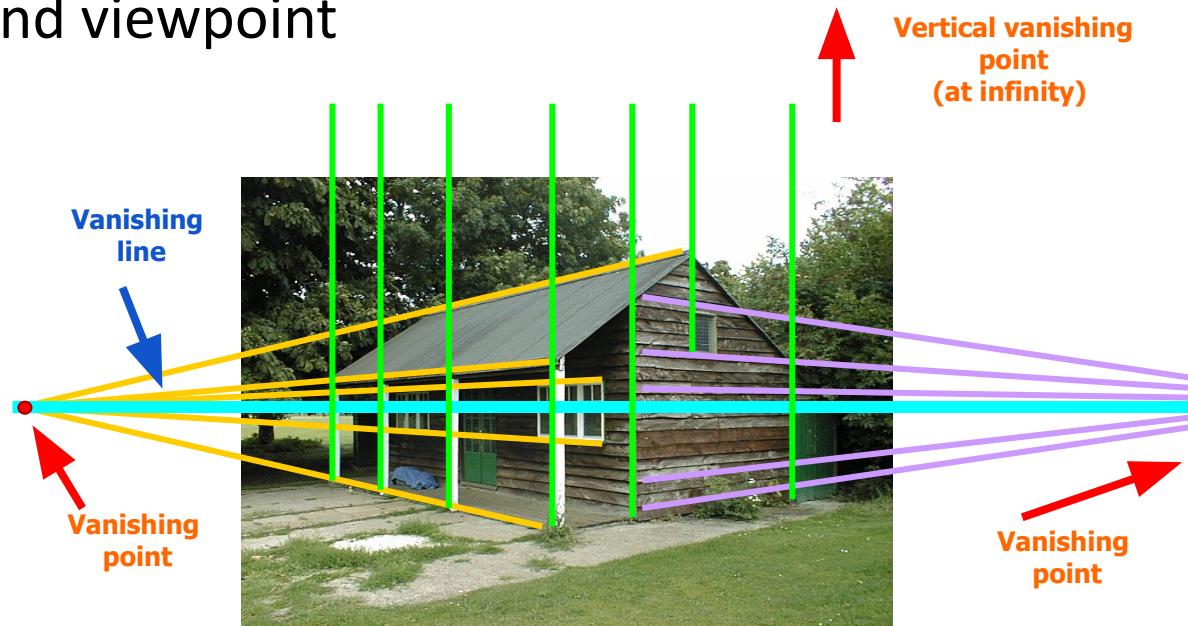
- **Goal:** Identify sudden changes (discontinuities) in an image
 - Intuitively, most semantic and shape information from the image can be encoded in the edges
 - More compact than pixels
- **Ideal:** artist's line drawing (but artist is also using object-level knowledge)



Why do we care about edges?

- Extract information, recognize objects

- Recover geometry and viewpoint



Origins of edges



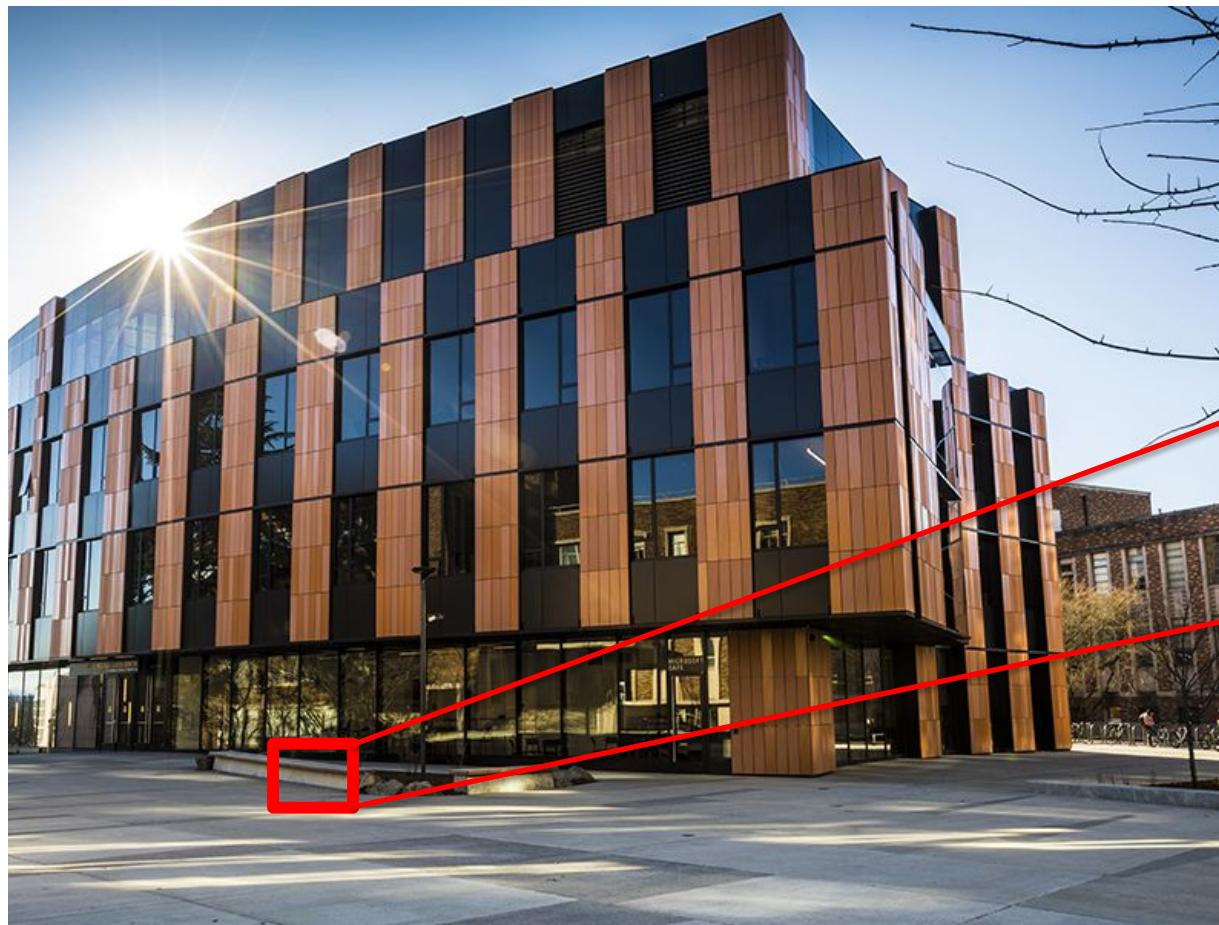
surface normal discontinuity

depth discontinuity

surface color discontinuity

illumination discontinuity

Closeup of edges



Surface normal discontinuity



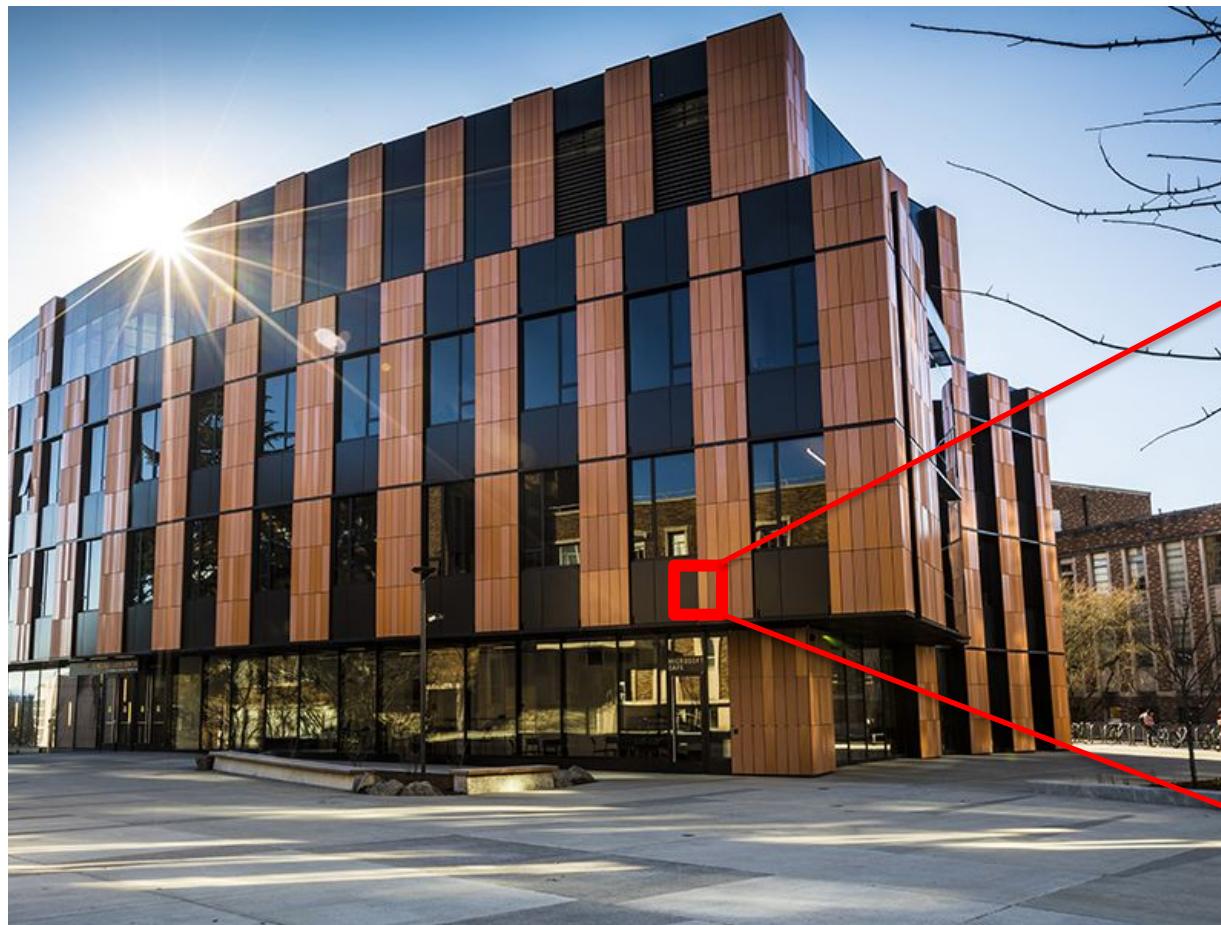
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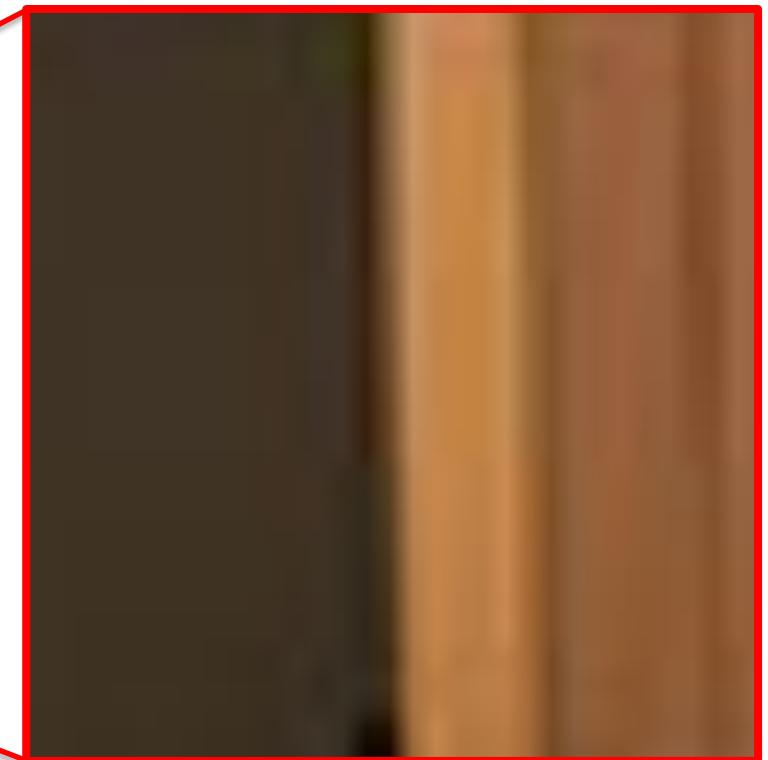
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In discrete derivatives with images, smallest value of x is 1 pixel

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dx} &= \lim_{\Delta x=0} \frac{f[x + \Delta x] - f[x]}{\Delta x} = f'(x) = f_x \\ &= \frac{f[x + 1] - f[x]}{1} \\ &= f[x + 1] - f[x]\end{aligned}$$

This is called a forward derivative

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Designing filters that perform differentiation

- Using Backward differentiation

$$g[n, m] = ??$$

Q. What is the equation in width (2nd) dimension?

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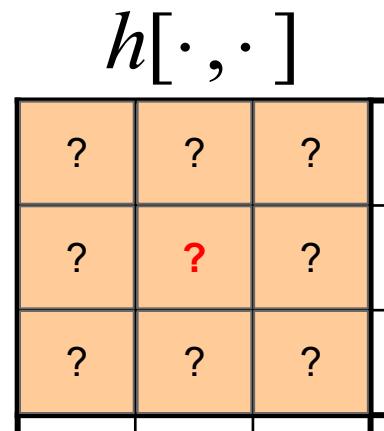
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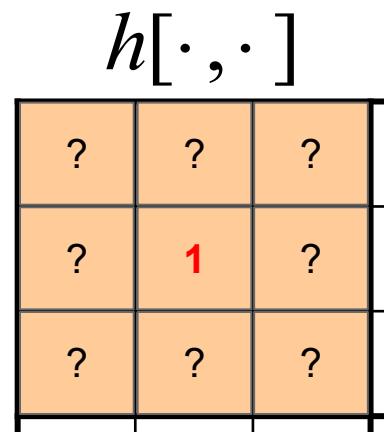
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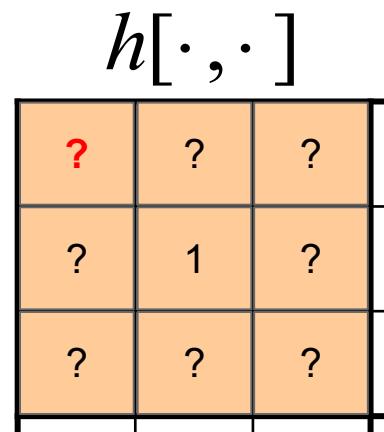
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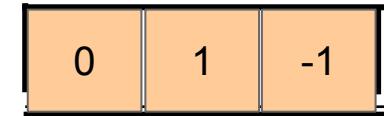
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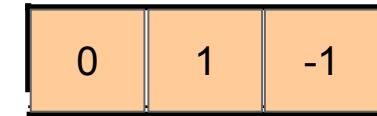
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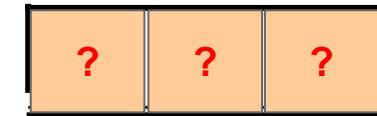
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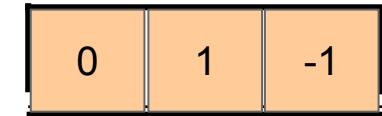


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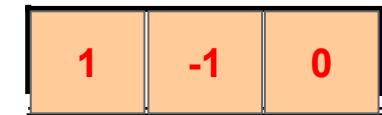
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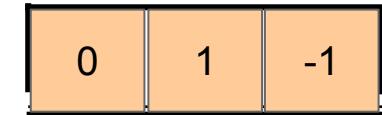
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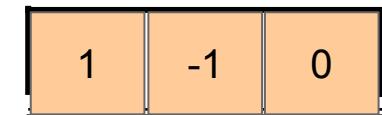
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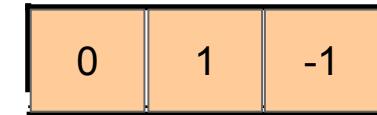
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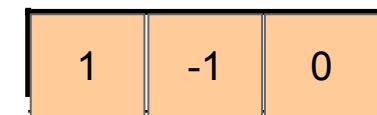
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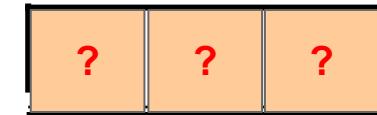
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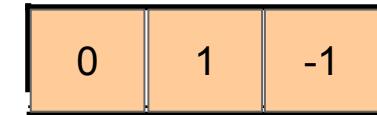


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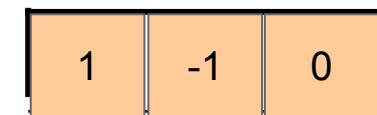
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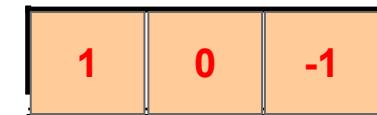
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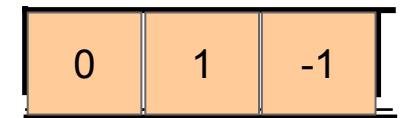
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Let's do the other one

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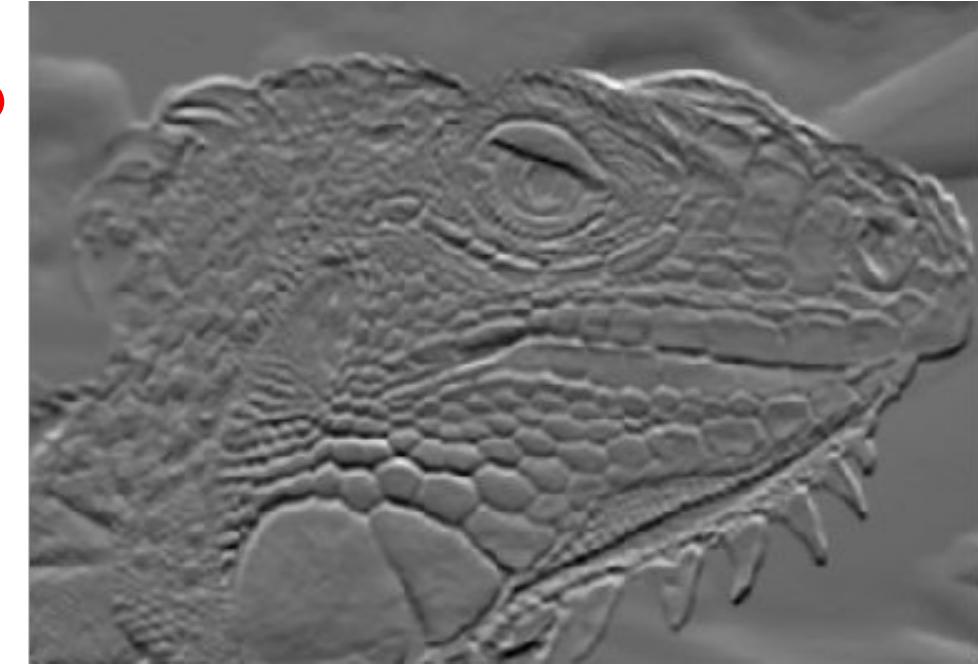
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B



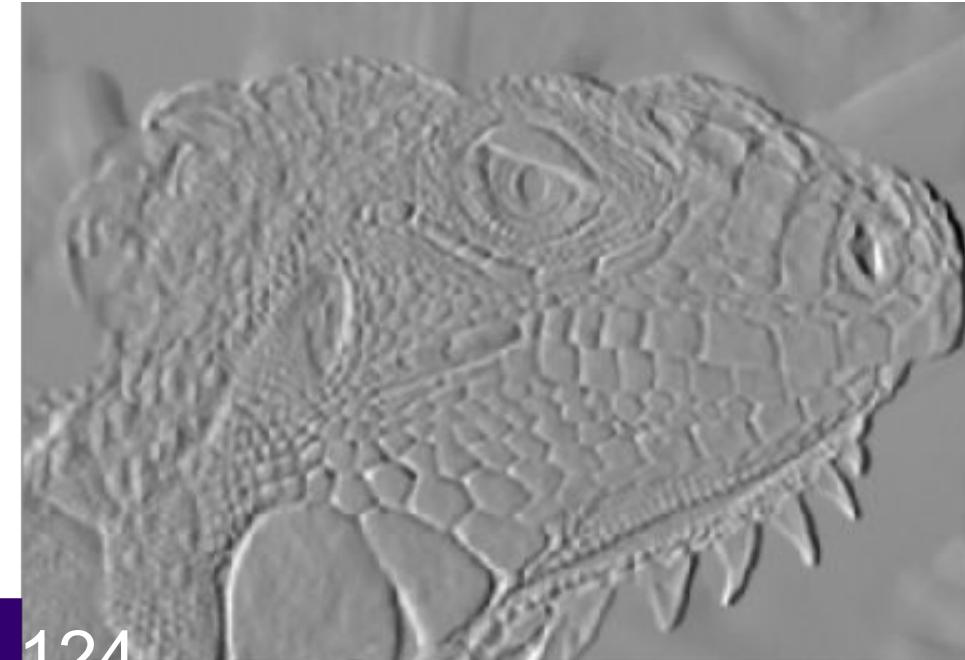
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What we will learn today

- Convolutions and Cross-Correlation
- Edge detection
- Image Gradients
- A simple edge detector

Characterizing edges

An edge is a place of rapid change in the image intensity function

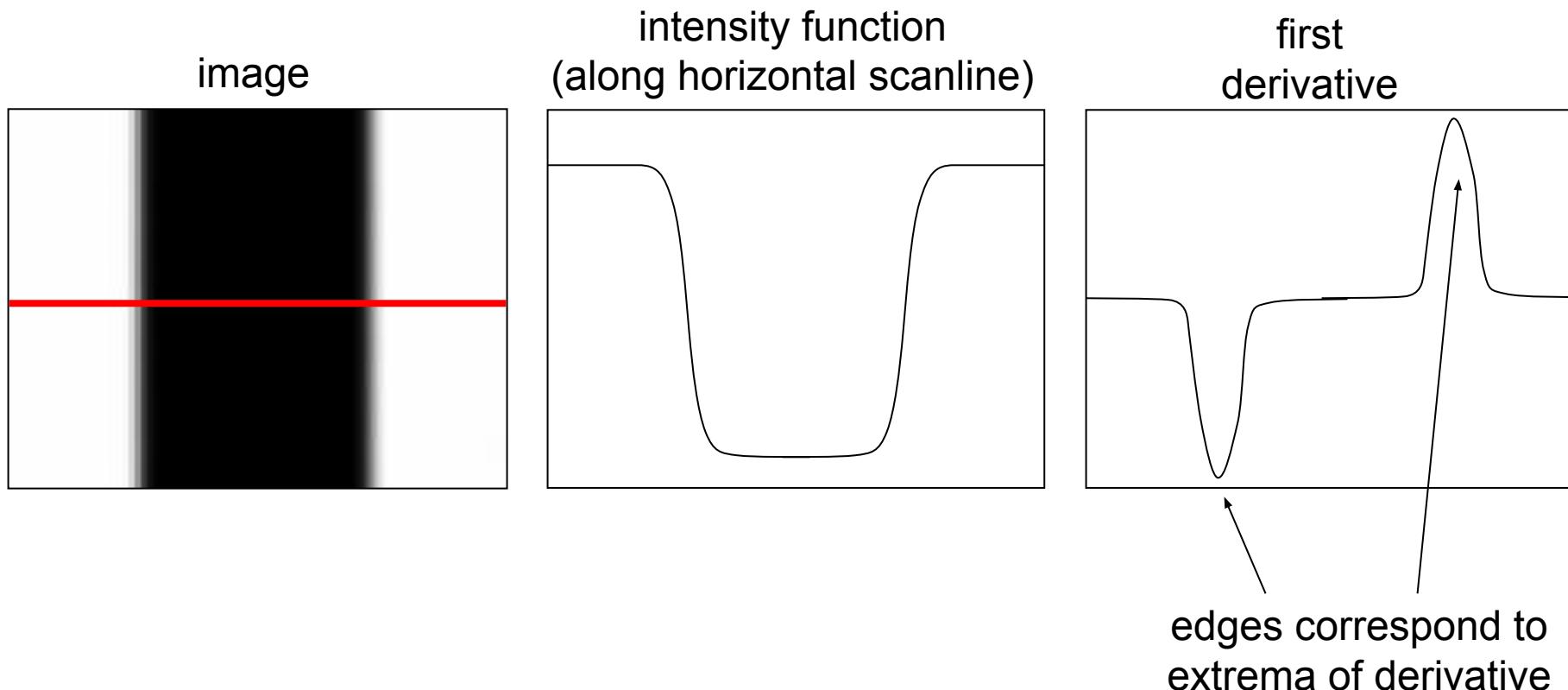
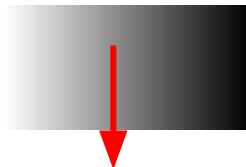


Image gradient

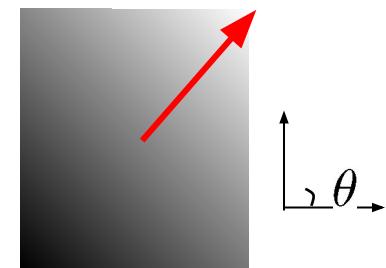
The gradient of an image:



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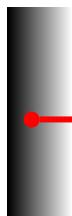
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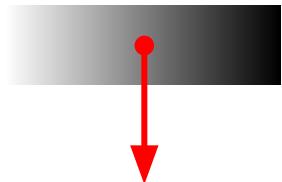
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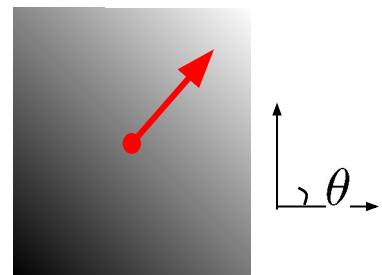


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The *edge strength* is given by the gradient magnitude

$$|\nabla f[n, m]| = \sqrt{f_n^2 + f_m^2}$$

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Finite differences: example

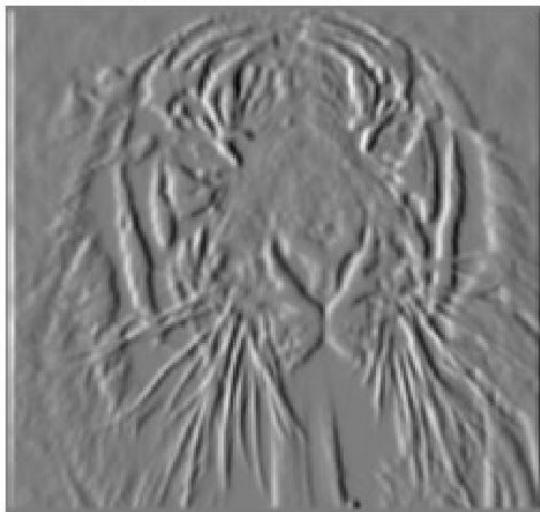
Original
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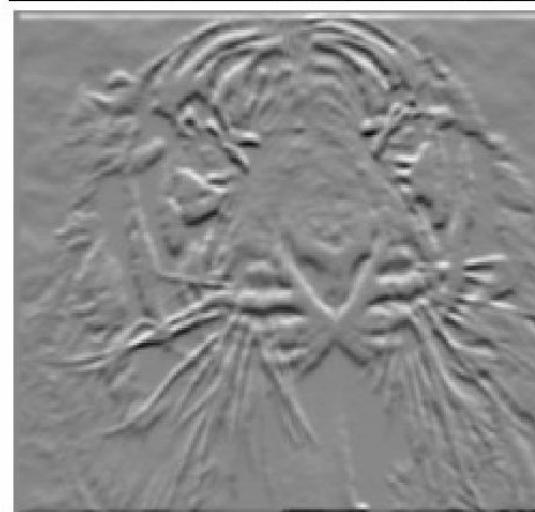
Gradient
magnitude



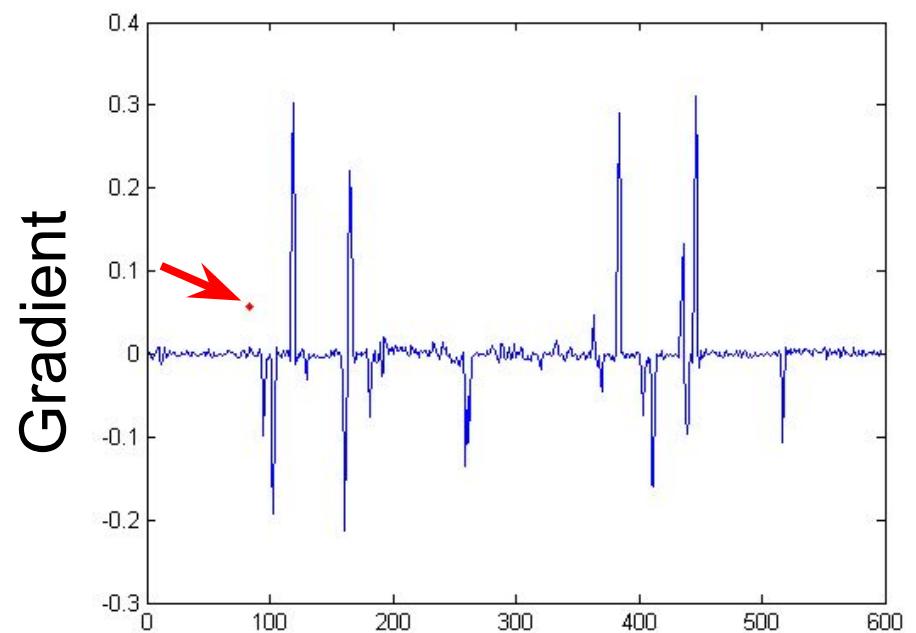
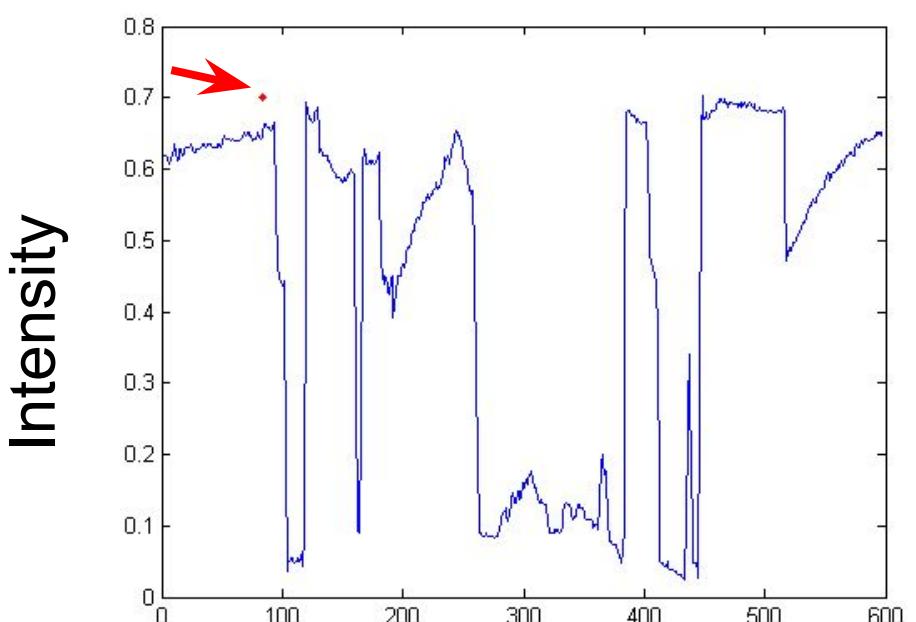
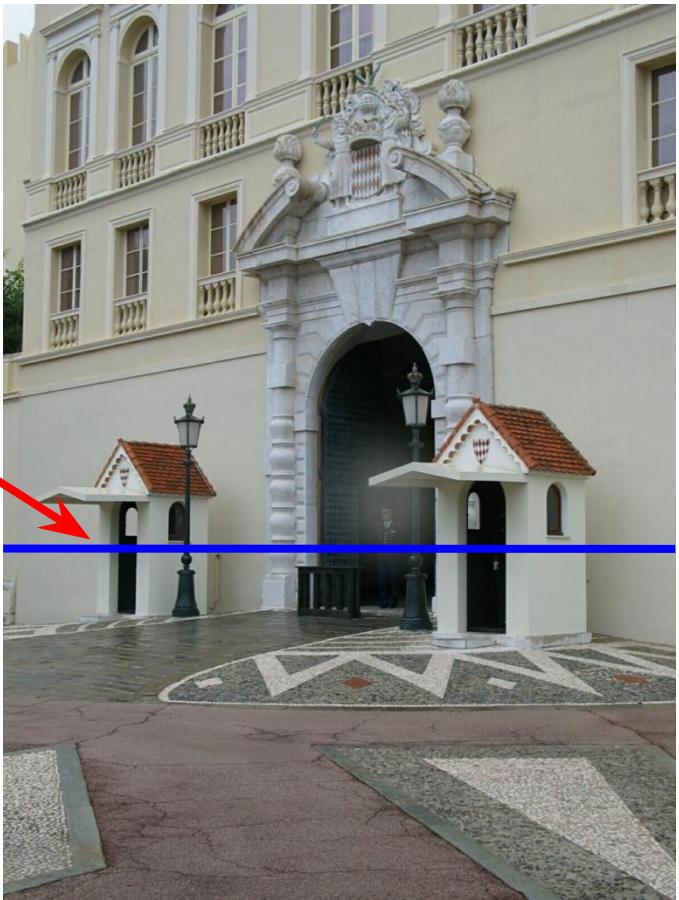
width-direction



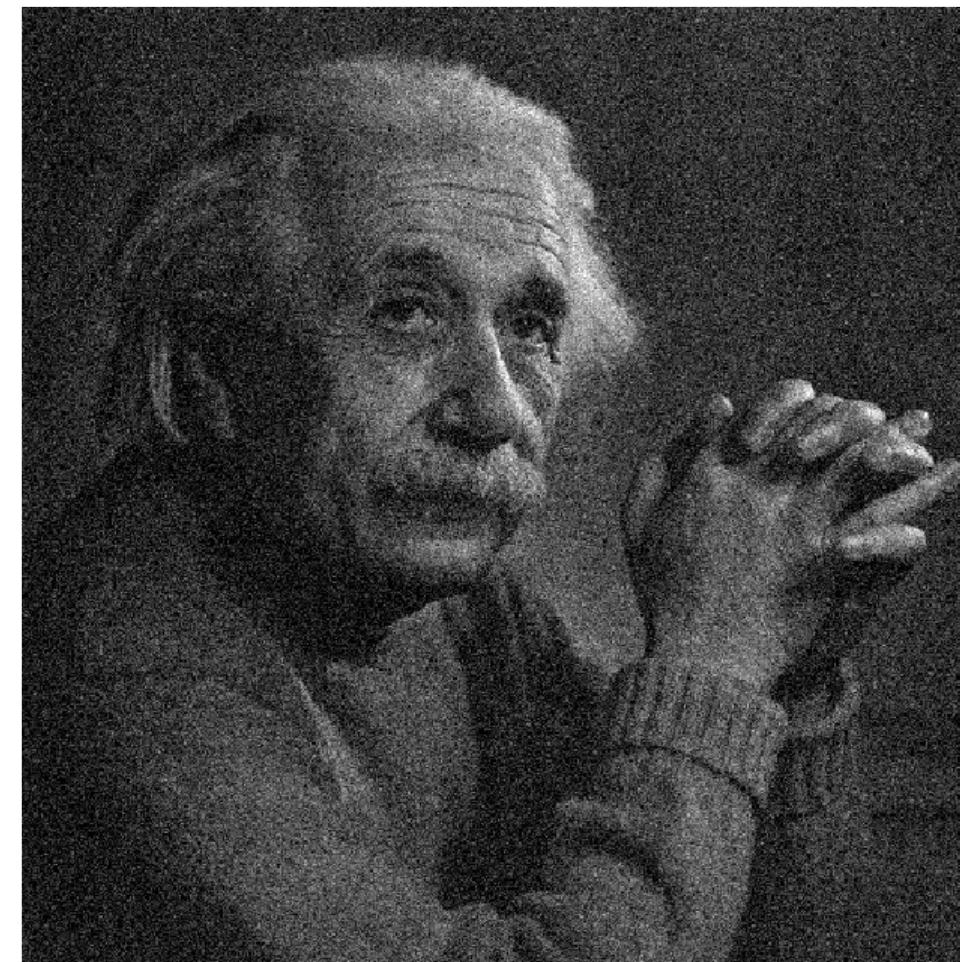
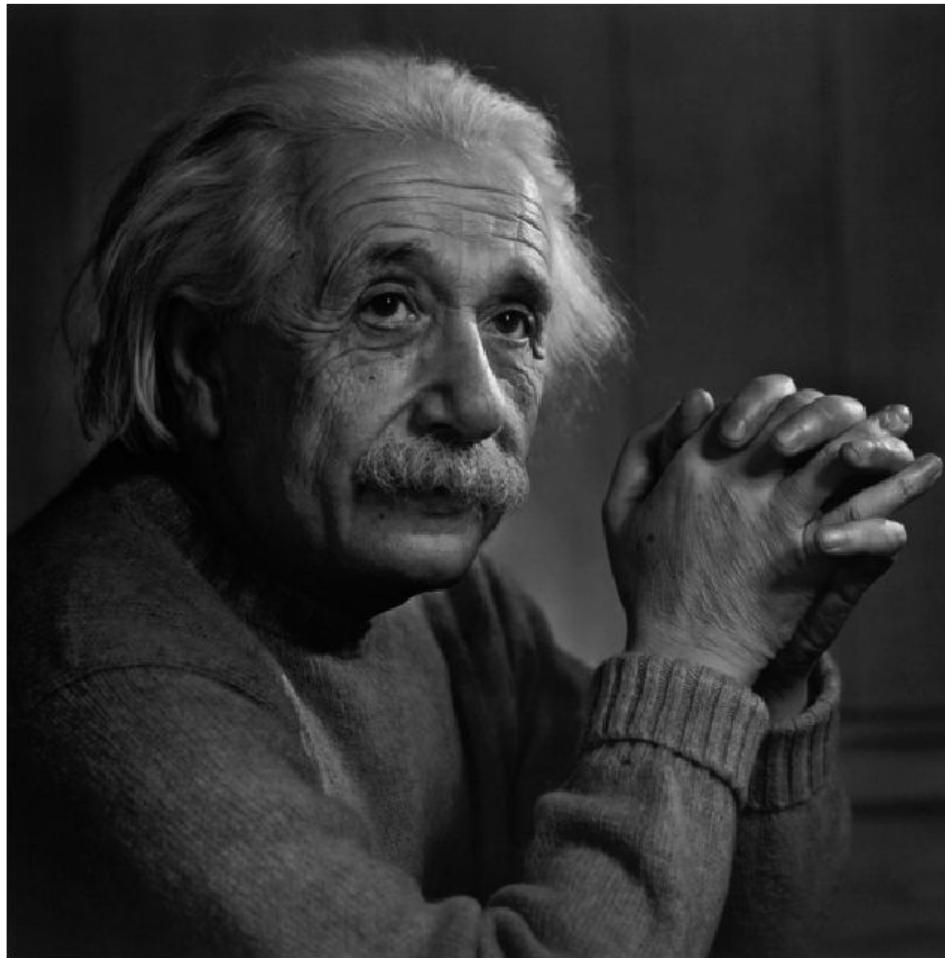
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Intensity profile

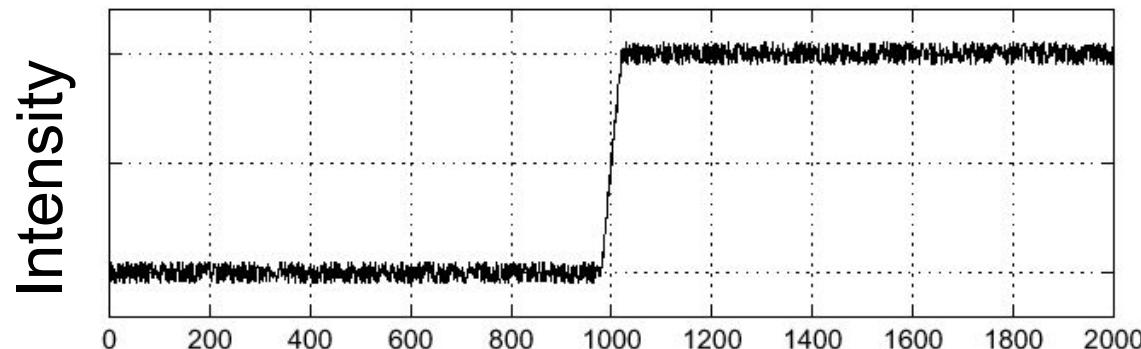


Q. What will happen if we use this edge detector on a noisy pixels?



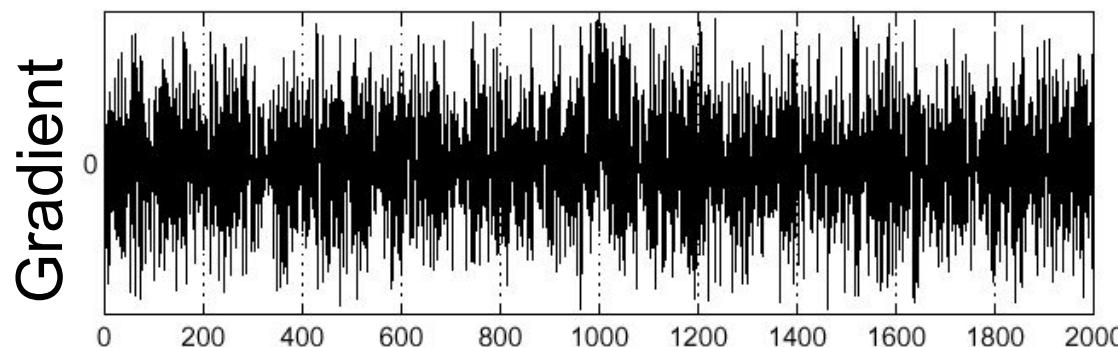
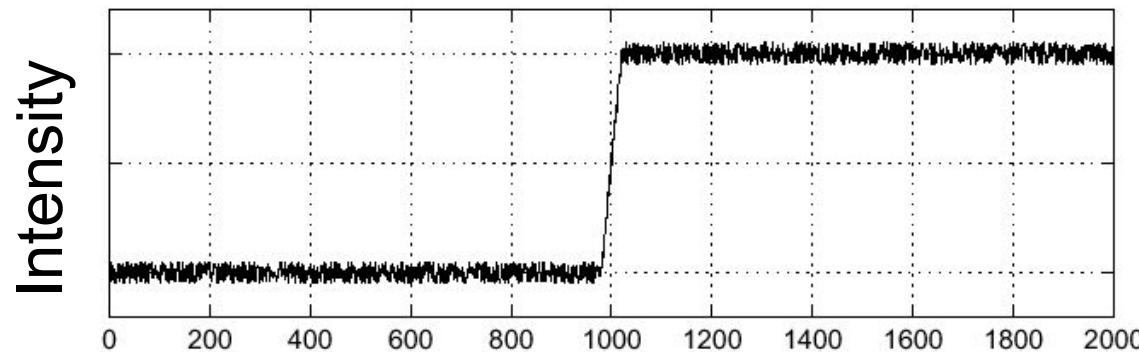
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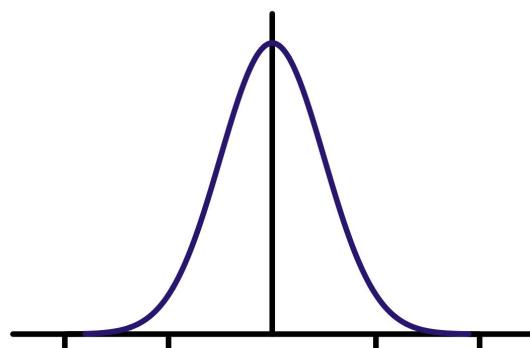
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- Smoothing the image should help, by forcing pixels different to their neighbors (=noise pixels?) to look more like neighbors

Smoothing with different filters

- Mean smoothing

$$\frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{1}{3} [1 \ 1 \ 1]$$

- Gaussian (smoothing * derivative)



$$\frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Smoothing with different filters

3x3

Mean



Gaussian



Median



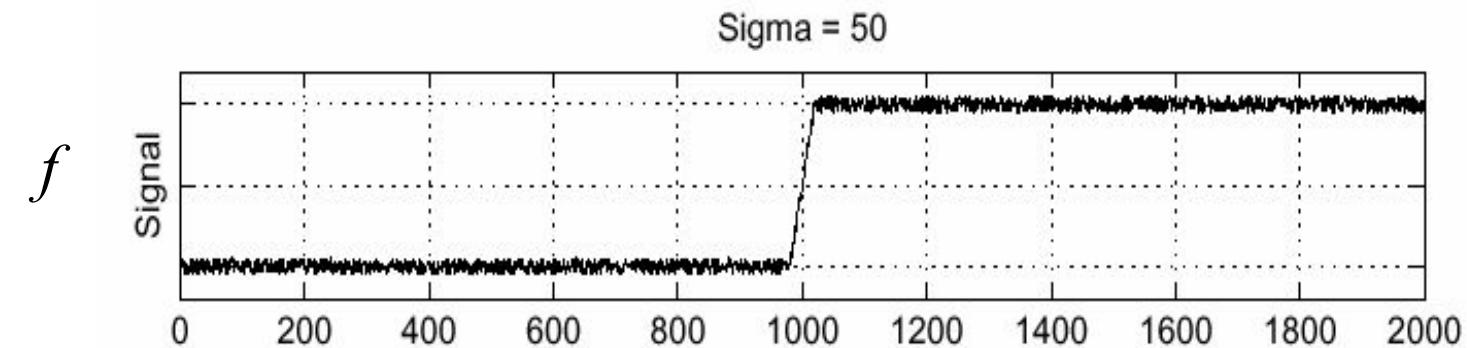
5x5



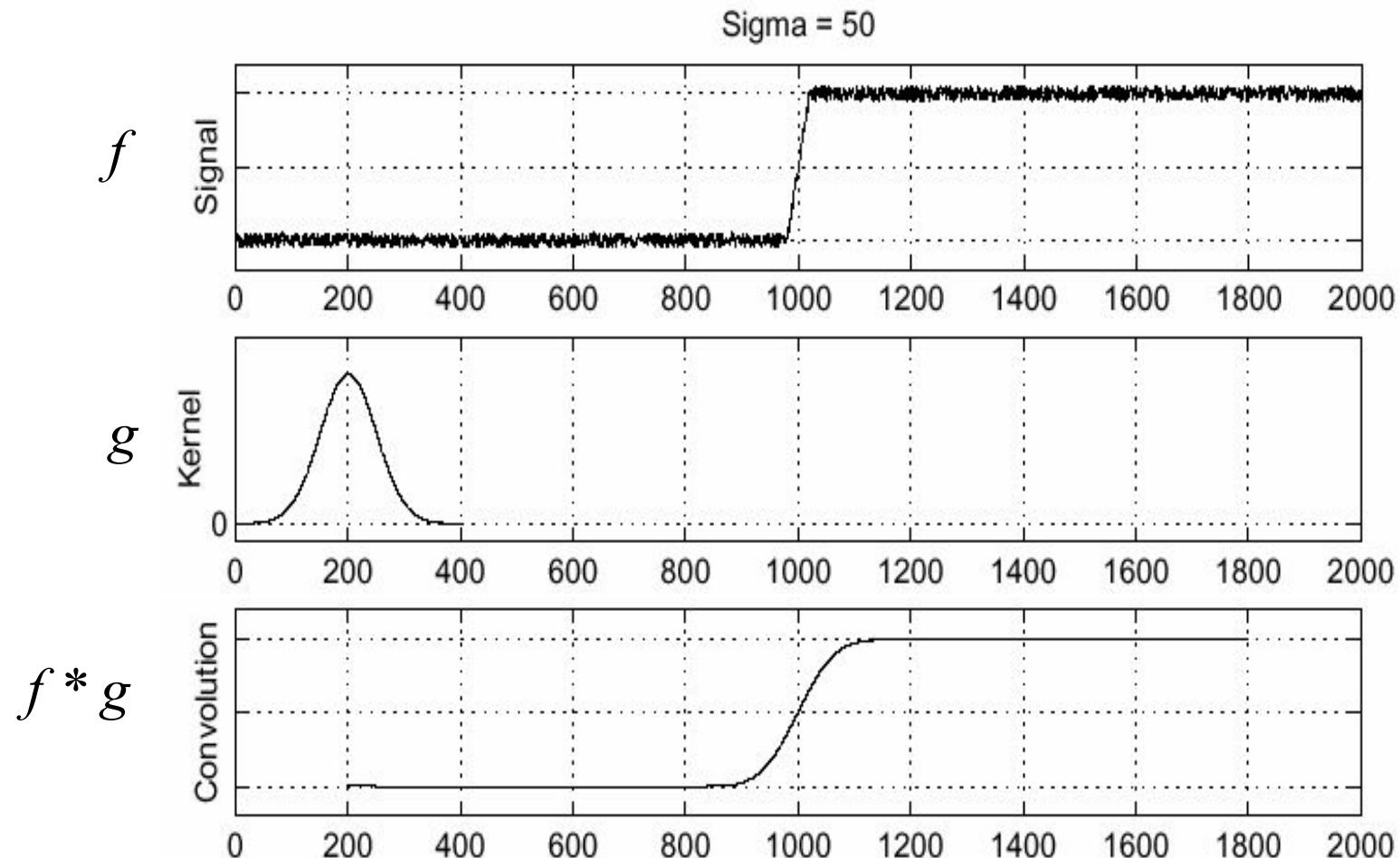
7x7



Solution: input function



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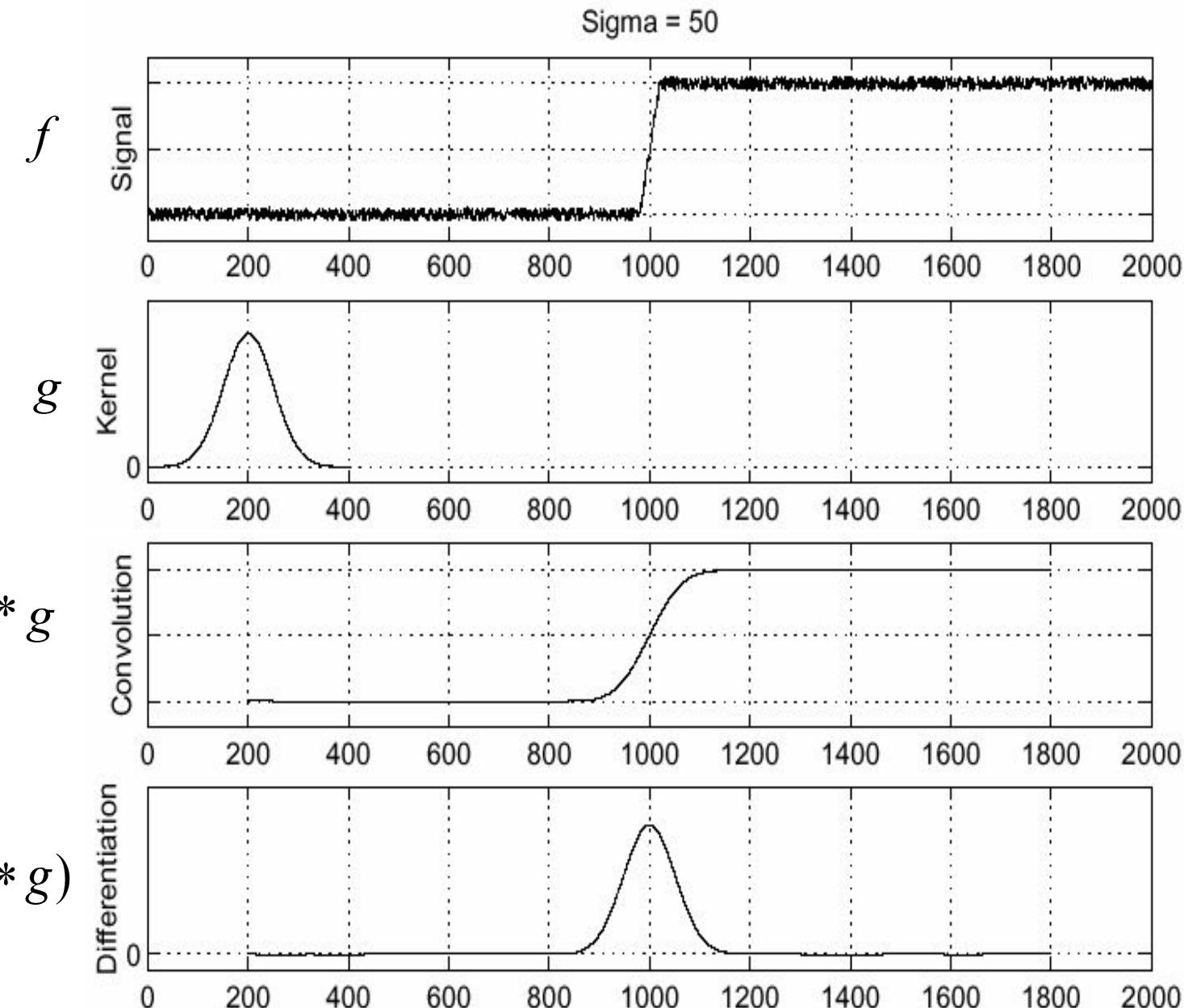


Solution: smooth first

To find edges, look for peaks in

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f * g)$$

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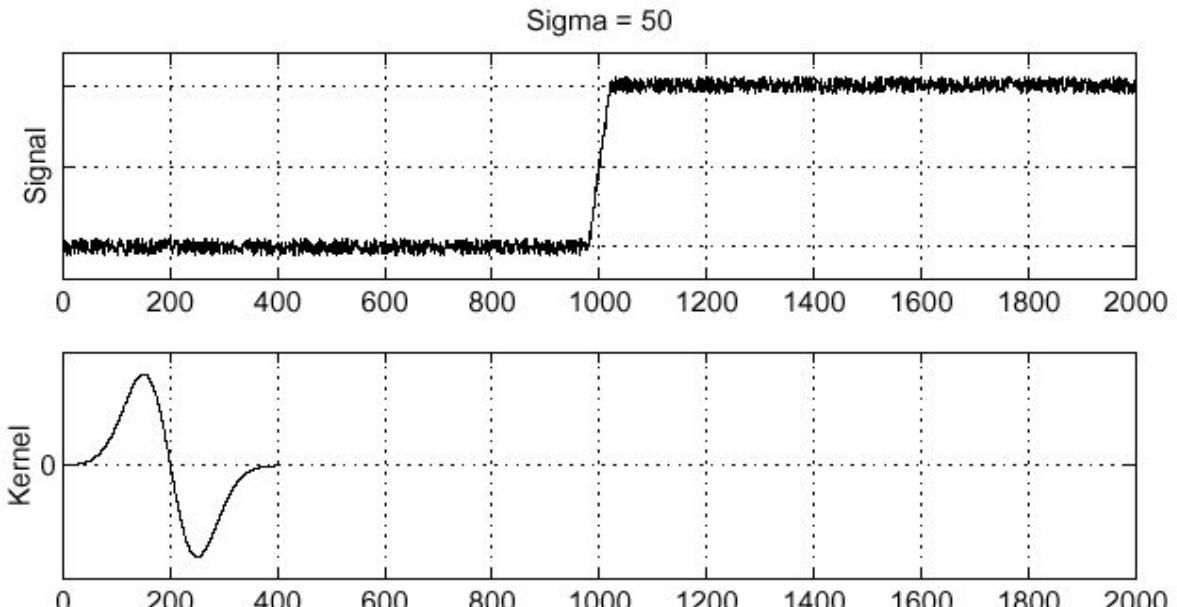
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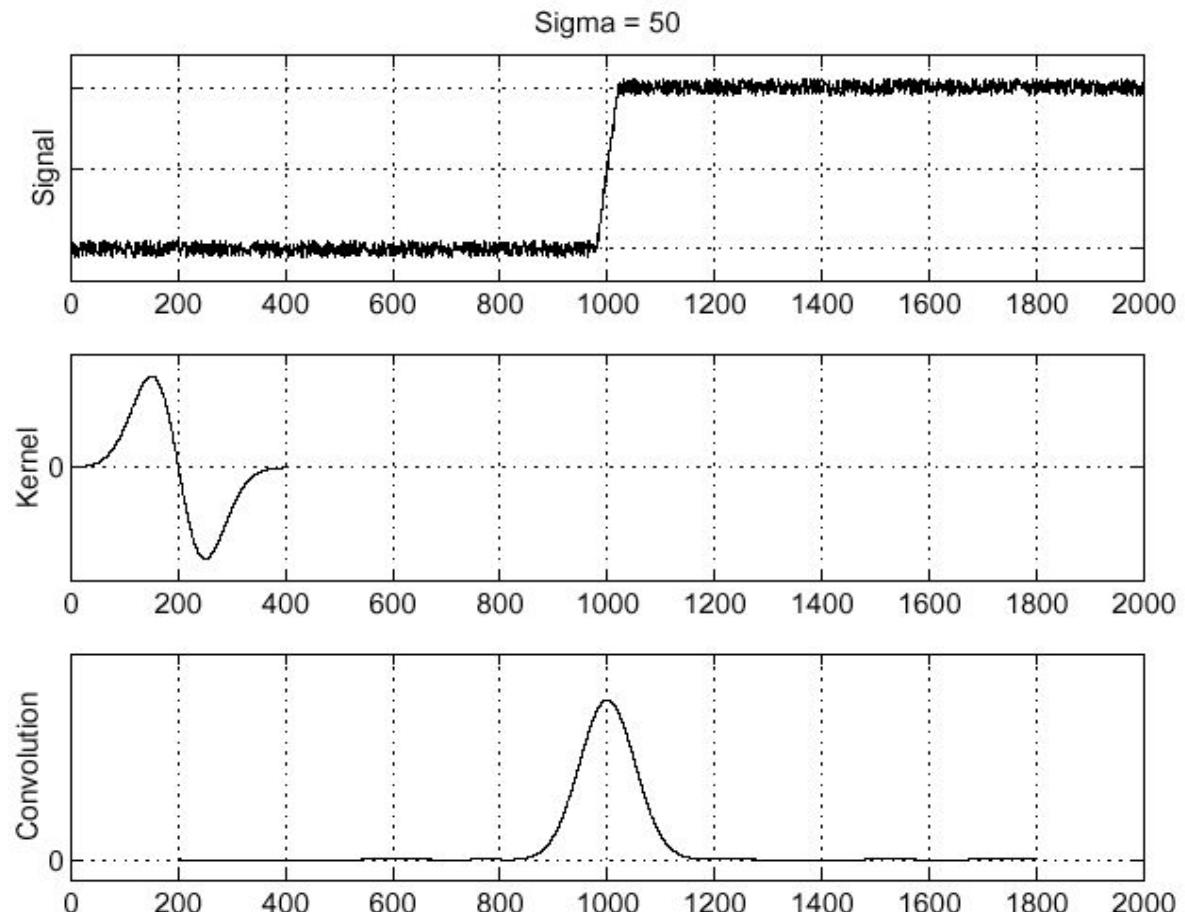
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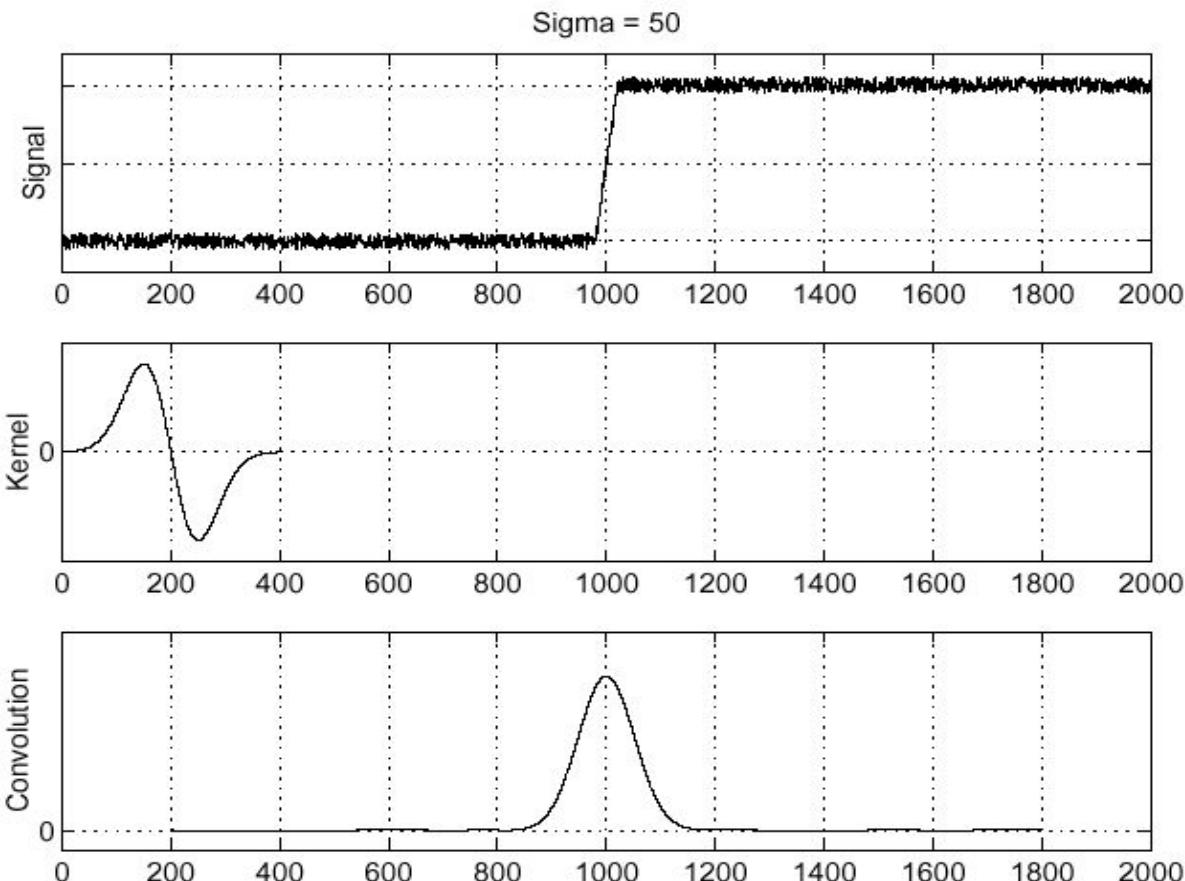
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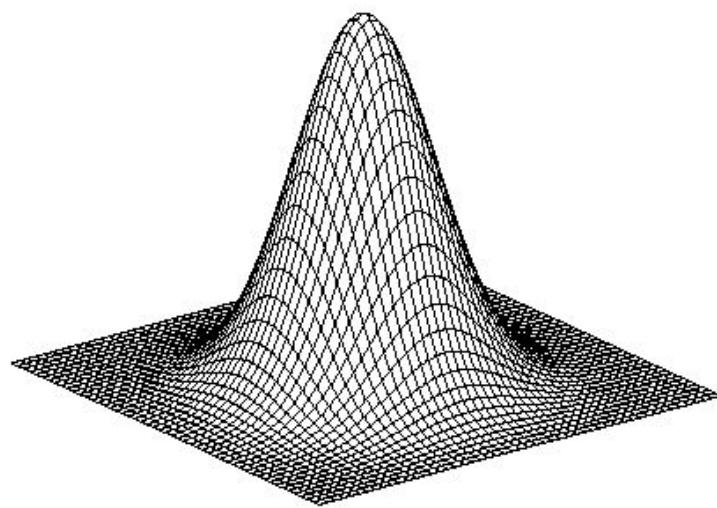
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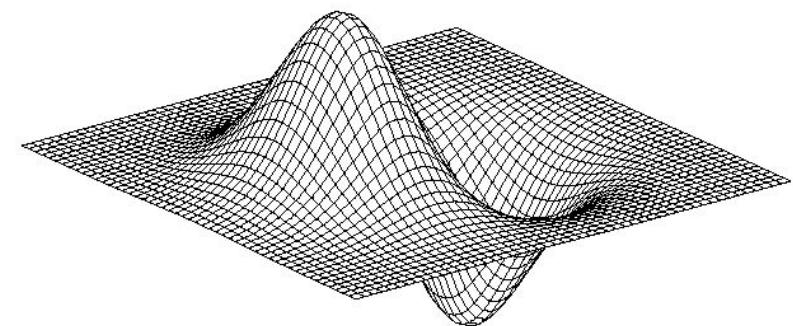
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Derivative of Gaussian filter (central derivative)



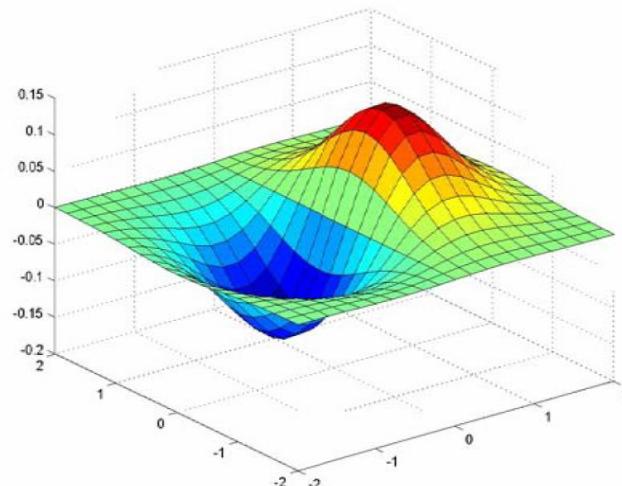
$$* \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} =$$



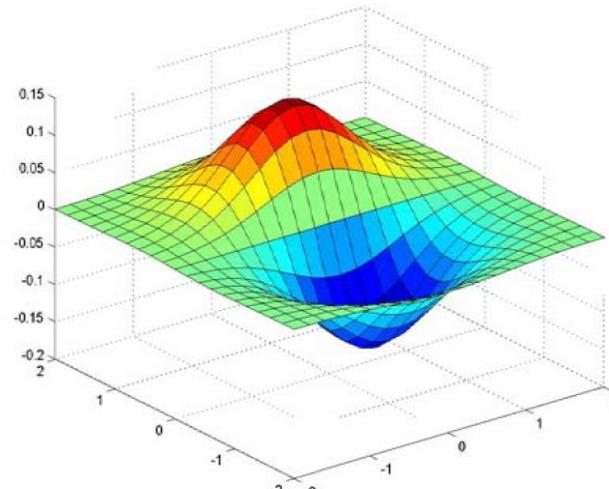
2D-gaussian

x - derivative

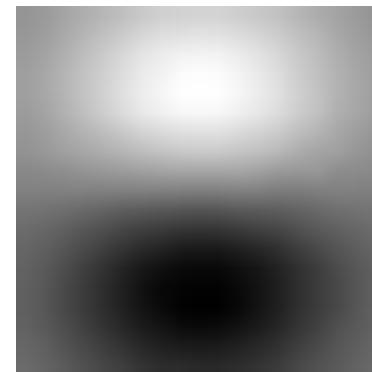
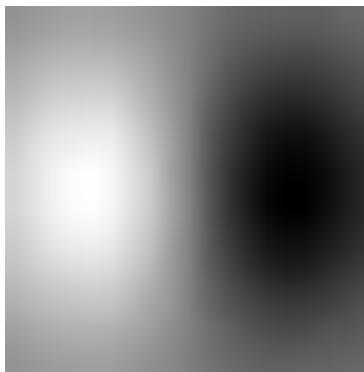
Derivative of Gaussian filter



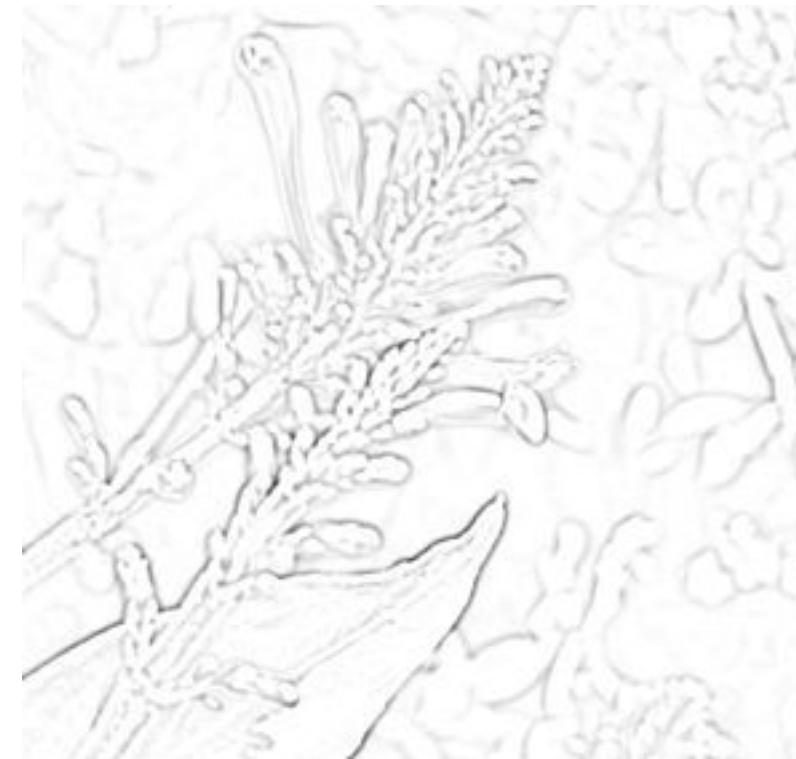
x-direction



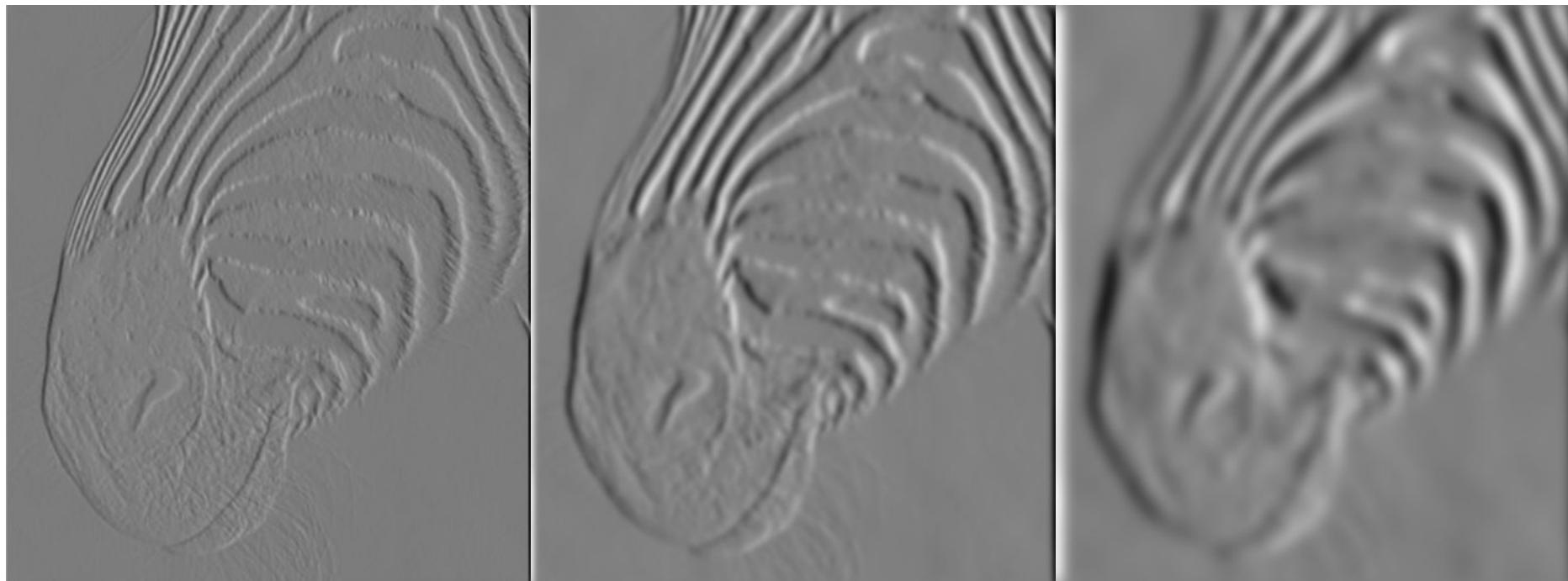
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Derivative of Gaussian filter



Tradeoff between smoothing at different scales



1 pixel

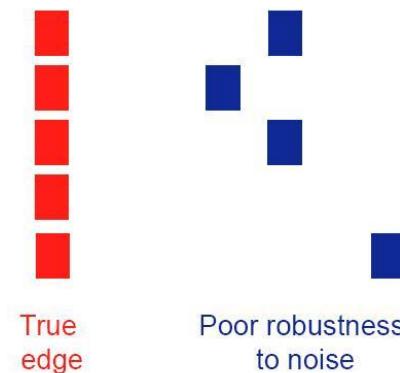
3 pixels

7 pixels

Smoothed derivative removes noise, but blurs edge.
Also finds edges at different “scales”.

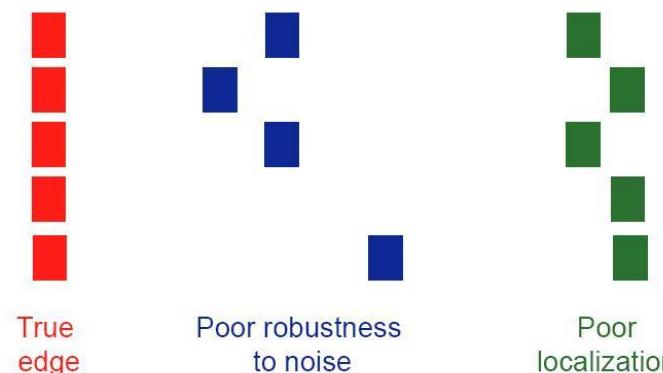
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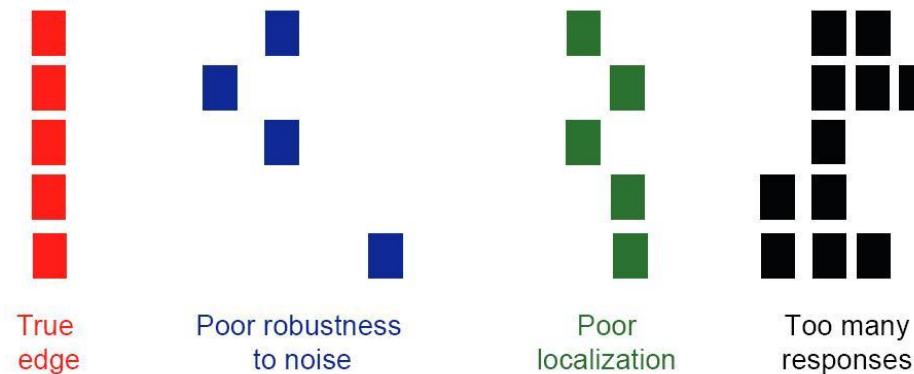
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Next time: Detecting lines