

# Lecture 3

Pixels and Filters

# Administrative

A0 is out.

- It is upgraded
- Meant to help you with python and numpy basics
- Learn how to do homeworks and submit them on gradescope.

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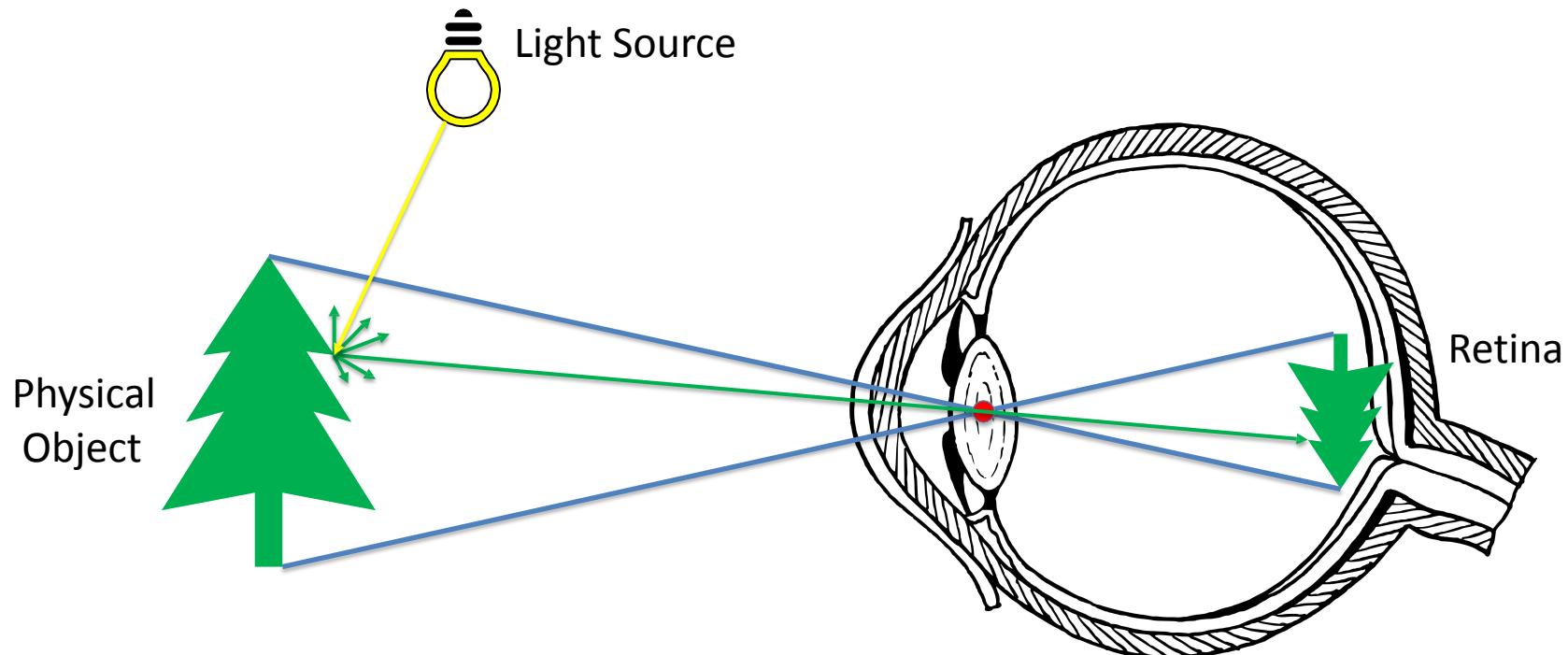
Recitation sections on fridays

- (optional)
- Fridays 12:30pm-1:20pm
- JHU 102
- It will be recorded

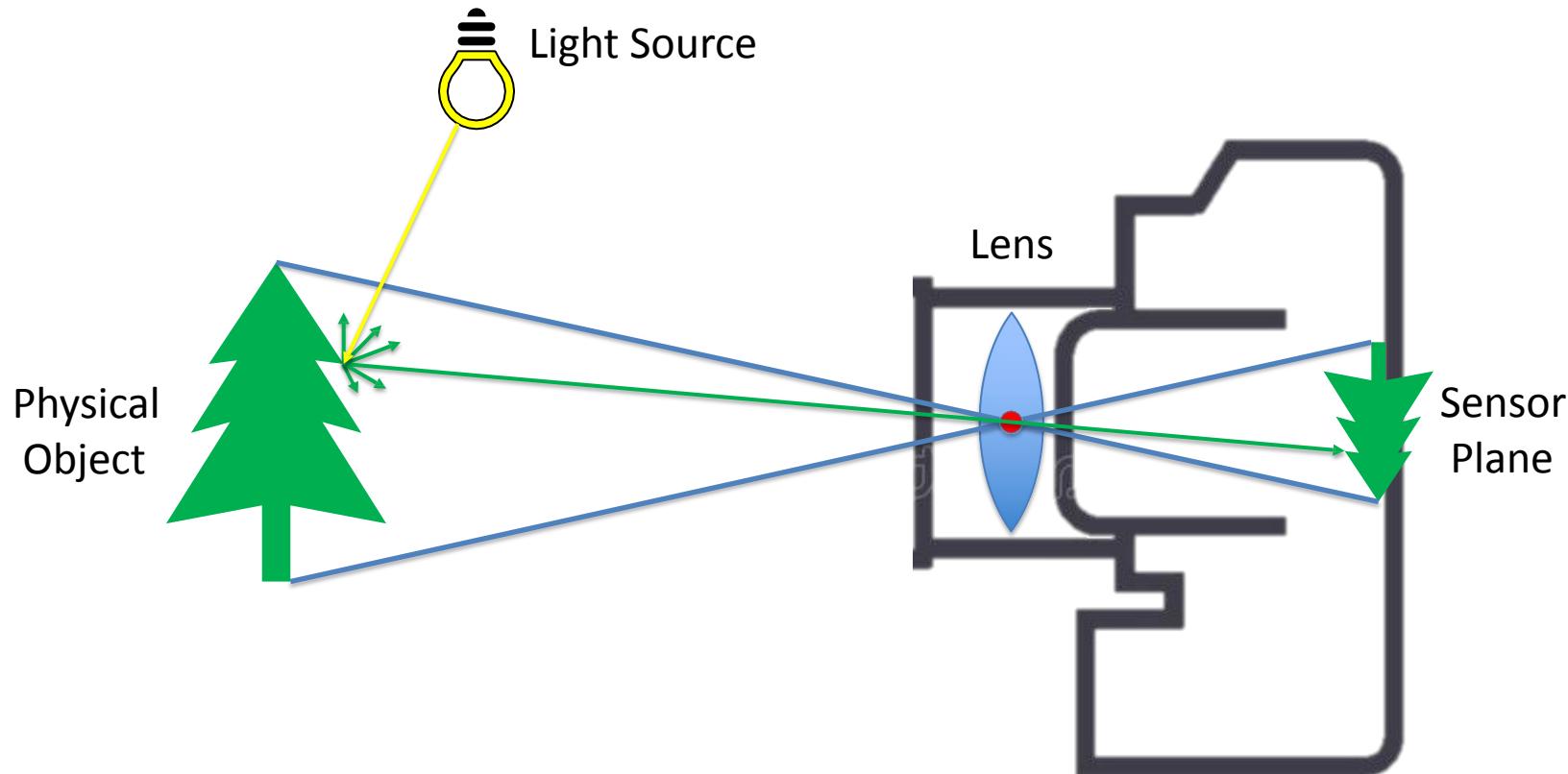
This week:

We will go over Python & Numpy basics

**So far:** The lossy process through which we see



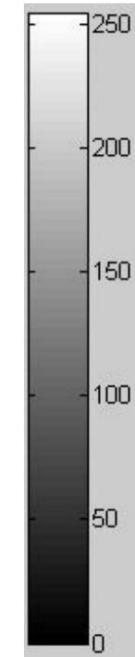
# So far: The lossy process through which images form



**So far:** Grayscale images can be represented as matrices



10	5	9		
			100	

A 5x5 matrix representing a grayscale image. The values in the first three columns of the first row are 10, 5, and 9 respectively. The value in the bottom-right cell is 100. A blue arrow points from the bottom-right cell to a grayscale color bar on the right.

**So far:** Color image can be represented as  $H \times W \times C$  tensors



Phil Noble / AP



B channel



G channel



R channel

# What we will learn today?

- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

Some background reading:

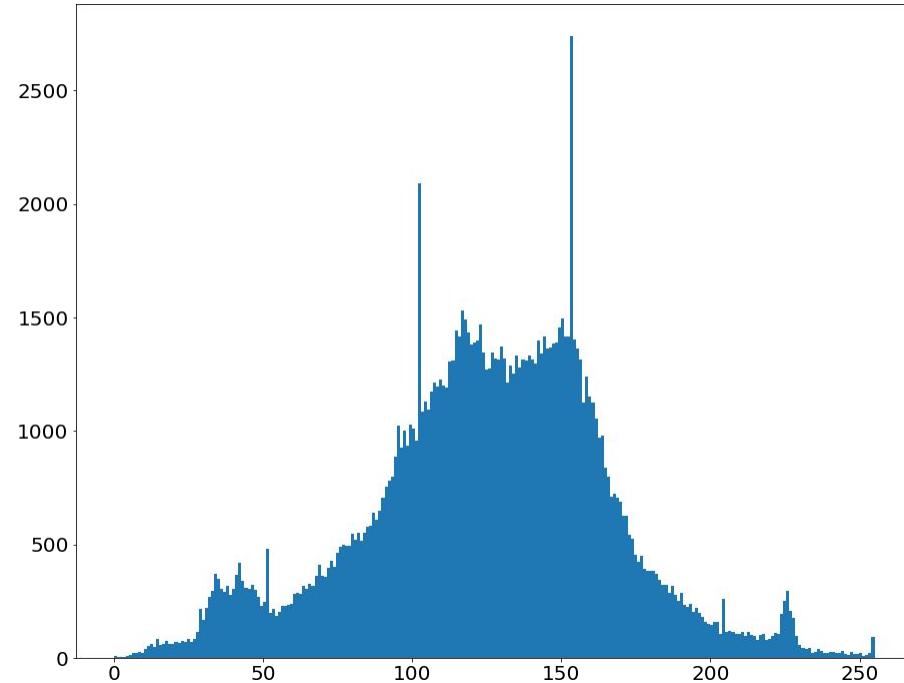
Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter

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# Starting with grayscale images:

- Histogram captures the **distribution of gray levels** in the image.
- How frequently each gray level occurs in the image



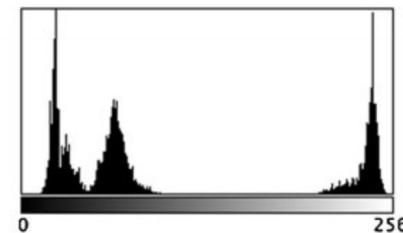
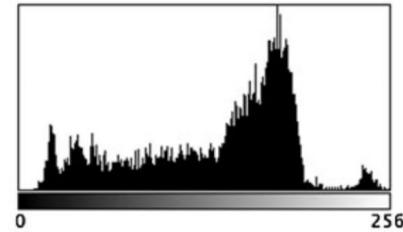
# Grayscale histograms in code

- Histogram of an image provides the frequency of the brightness (intensity) value in the image.

Here is an efficient implementation of calculating histograms:

```
def histogram(im):  
    h = np.zeros(255)  
    for row in im.shape[0]:  
        for col in im.shape[1]:  
            val = im[row, col]  
            h[val] += 1
```

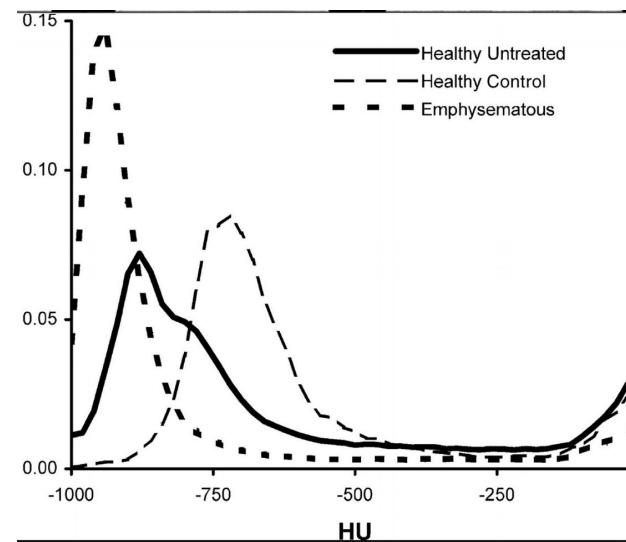
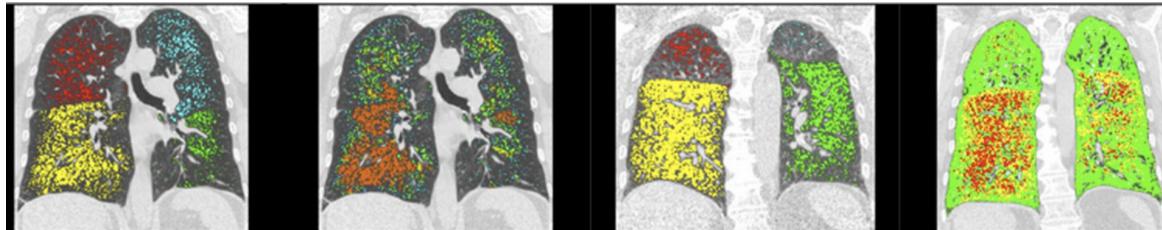
# Visualizing Histograms for patches



Slide credit: Dr. Mubarak

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# Histogram – use case

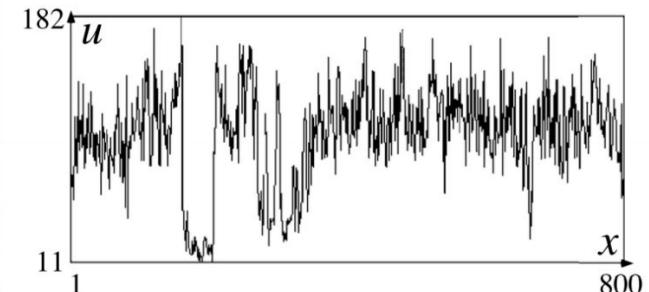
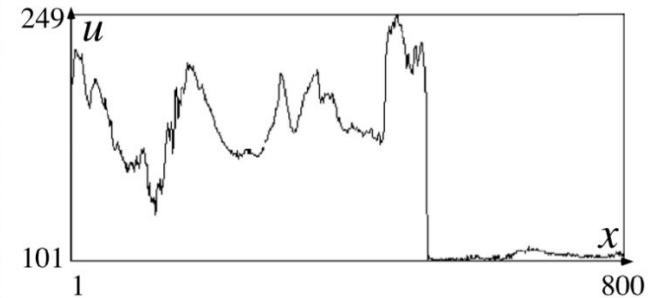


# Another type of Histogram

x axis represents the width of the image.

Each histogram represents the intensity at a specific height of the image

Regions with sharp changes are likely to contain objects



Histograms are a convenient representation to extract information

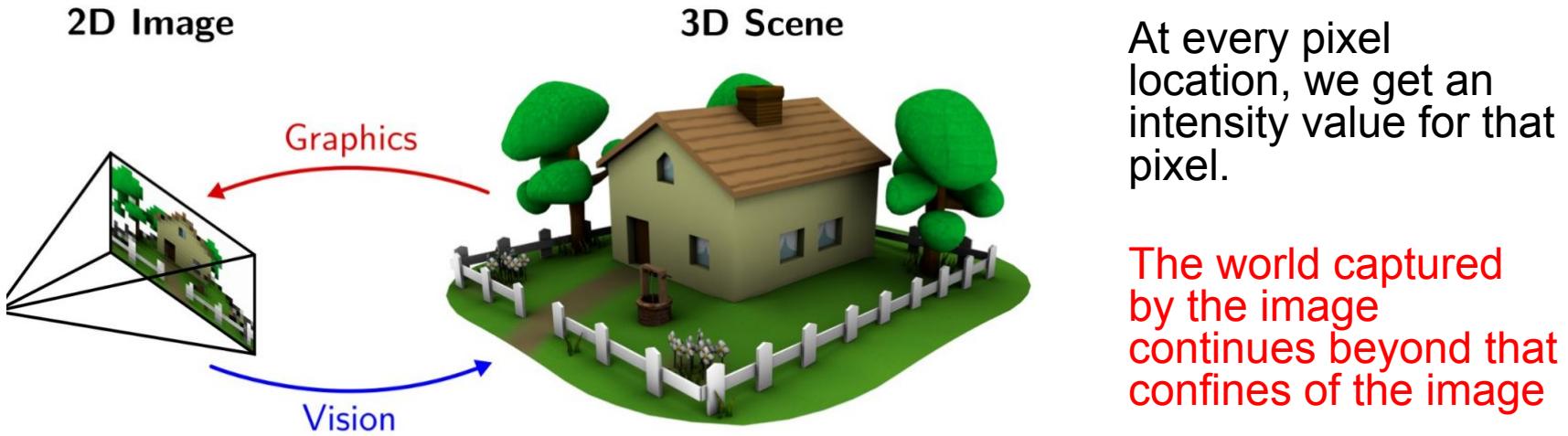
Can we develop better transformations than histograms?

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- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

# Images are a function!!!

This is a new formalism that will allow us to borrow ideas from signal processing to extract meaningful information.



# Images as discrete functions

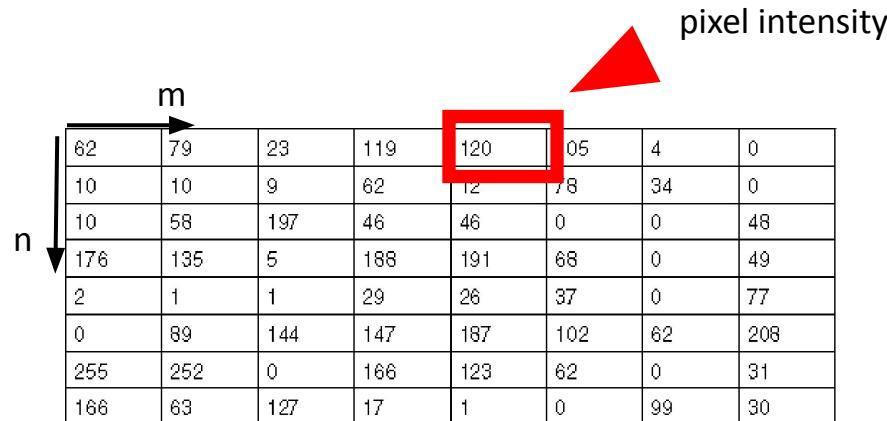
- Digital images are usually **discrete**:
  - **Sample** the 2D space on a regular grid
- Represented as a matrix of integer values

pixel intensity

62	79	23	119	120	05	4	0
10	10	9	62	12	78	34	0
10	58	197	46	46	0	0	48
176	135	5	188	191	68	0	49
2	1	1	29	26	37	0	77
0	89	144	147	187	102	62	208
255	252	0	166	123	62	0	31
166	63	127	17	1	0	99	30

# Images as discrete function f

- The **input** to the image function is a pixel location, [n m]
- The **output** to the image function is the pixel intensity



A 9x9 grid of integers representing pixel intensities. The grid is indexed by  $m$  (horizontal) and  $n$  (vertical). A red box highlights the cell at position  $(m, n)$ , which contains the value 120. A red arrow points from the text "pixel intensity" to this highlighted cell.

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Q1. What is  $f[0, 0]$ ?

A 9x9 grid of integers representing pixel intensities. The grid is indexed by  $n$  (vertical) and  $m$  (horizontal). The top-left cell,  $f[0, 0]$ , contains the value 255. A red arrow points from the question "What is  $f[0, 0]$ ?" to this cell.

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# Images as discrete function $f$

- The **input** to the image function is a pixel location,  $[n m]$
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Q2. What is  $f[0, 0]$ ?

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# Images as discrete function $f$

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Q2. What is  $f[0, 4]$ ?

A 9x9 grid of integers representing pixel intensities. The grid is indexed by axes  $n$  (vertical) and  $m$  (horizontal). A red box highlights the element at  $n=0, m=4$ , which is 120. A red arrow points from the question "What is  $f[0, 4]$ ?" to this highlighted cell. The grid values are:

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# Images as coordinates

We can represent this function as  $f$ .

$f[n, m]$  represents the pixel intensity at that value.

$$f[n, m] = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & & \vdots & \\ & f[-1, -1] & f[-1, 0] & f[-1, 1] \\ \dots & f[0, -1] & \underline{f[0, 0]} & f[0, 1] & \dots \\ & f[1, -1] & f[1, 0] & f[1, 1] & \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation for discrete functions

$n$  and  $m$  can be any real valued numbers.  
Even negative!!

We don't have the intensity values for negative indices

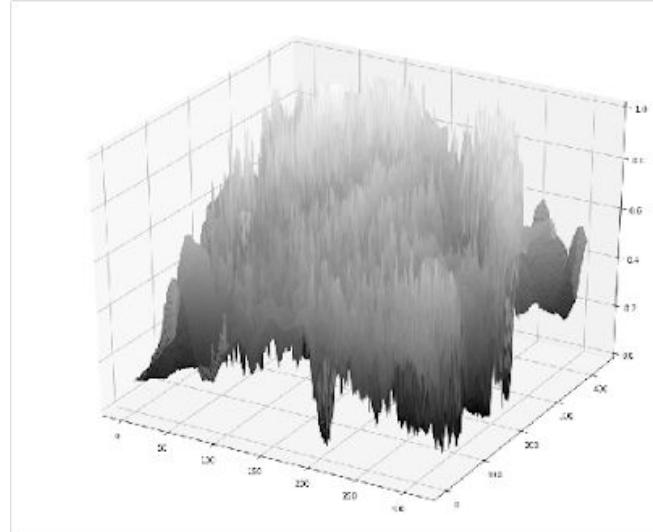
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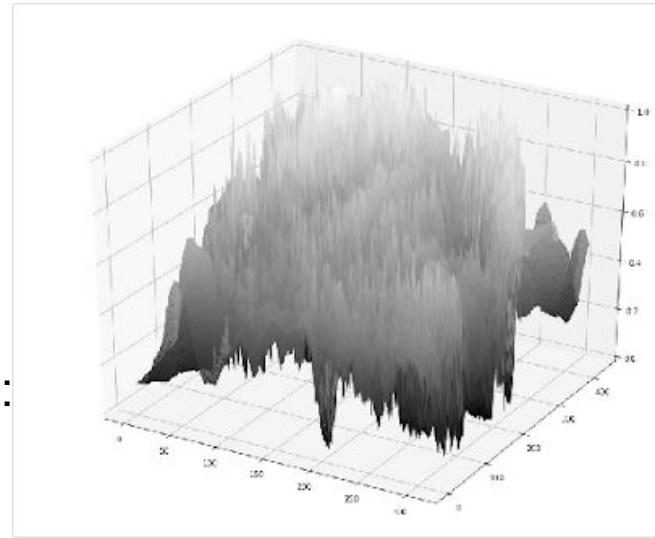
# Images as functions

- An **Image** as a function  $f$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^C$ :
  - if grayscale then  $C=1$ , if color then  $C=3$



# Images as functions

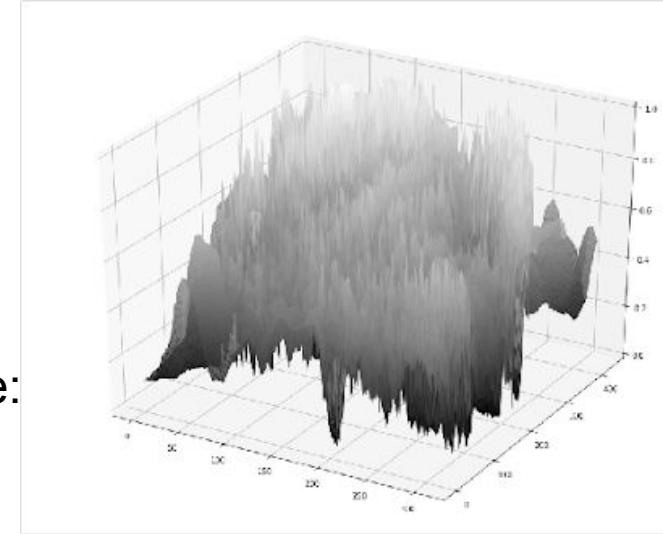
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  - Has values over a rectangle, with a finite range:  
$$f: [0, H] \times [0, W] \rightarrow [0, 255]$$
  
Domain support      range



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$$f: \underbrace{[0, H]}_{\text{Domain support}} \times \underbrace{[0, W]}_{\text{range}} \rightarrow [0, 255]$$



- Doesn't have values outside of the image rectangle
  - $f: [-\infty, \infty] \times [-\infty, \infty] \rightarrow [0, 255]$
- we assume that  $f[n, m] = 0$  outside of the image rectangle



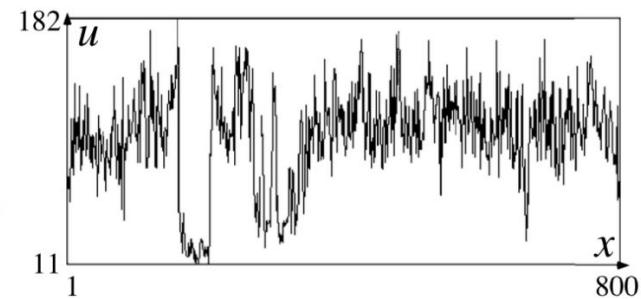
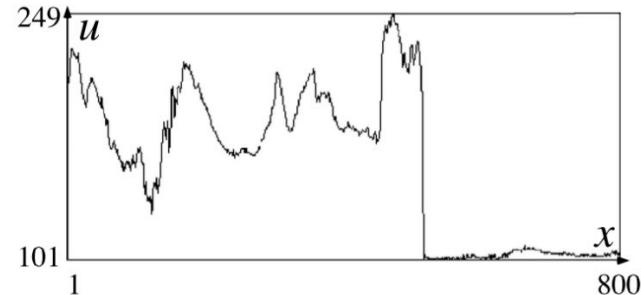
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  - Defined over a rectangle, with a finite range:

$$f: [a,b] \times [c,d] \rightarrow [0,255]$$

A mathematical diagram illustrating the function definition. The function  $f$  is shown mapping from a domain support, represented by a blue bracket under the interval  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ , to a range, represented by a blue bracket under the interval  $[0, 255]$ .

# Histograms are a type of image function



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# Applications of linear systems or filters

De-noising

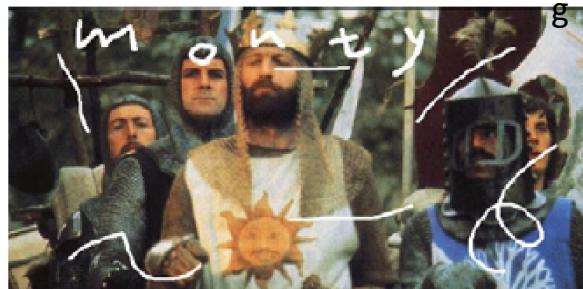


Salt and pepper noise

Super-resolution



In-painting



# Systems and Filters

## Filtering:

- Forming a new image whose pixel values are transformed from original pixel values

## Goals of filters:

- Goal is to extract useful information from images, or transform images into another domain where we can modify/enhance image properties
  - Features (edges, corners, blobs...)
  - super-resolution; in-painting; de-noising

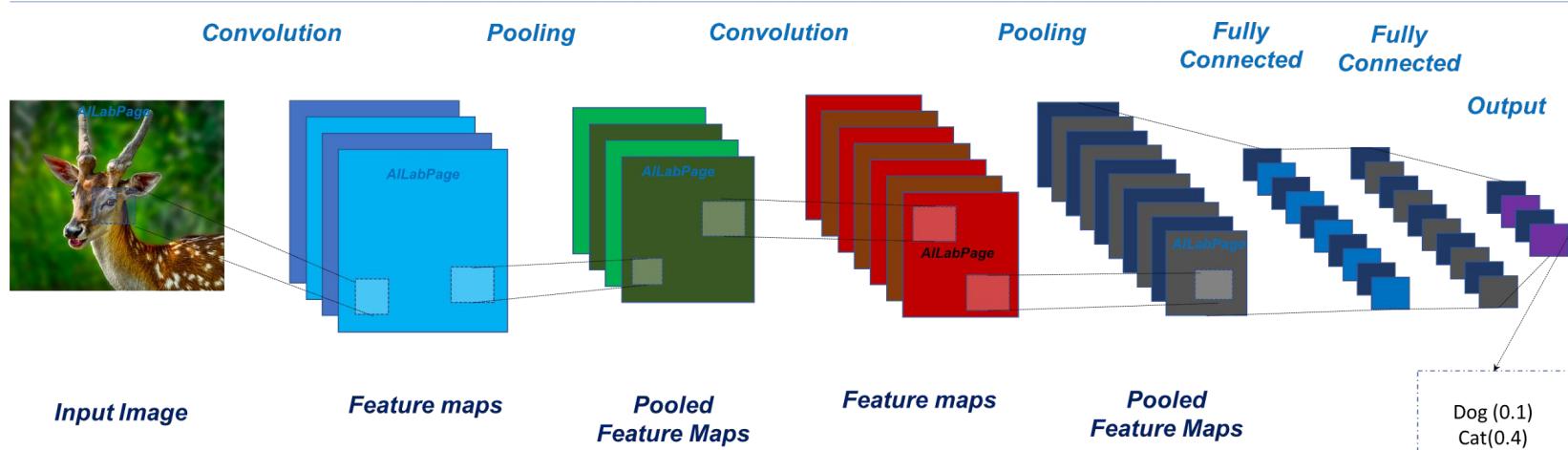
# Intuition behind linear systems

- We will view linear systems as a type of function that operates over images
- Translating an image or multiplying by a constant leaves the semantic content intact
  - but can reveal interesting patterns



# Aside

- Neural networks and specifically **convolutional** neural networks are a sequence of filters (except they are a non-linear system) that contains multiple individual linear sub-systems.
- (we will learn more about this later in class)



# Systems use Filters

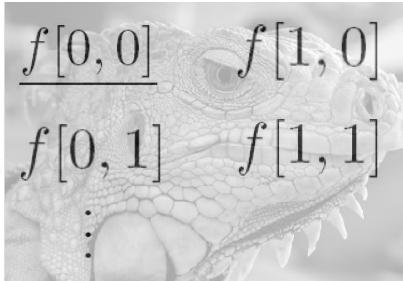
- we define a system as a unit that converts an input function  $f[n,m]$  into an output (or **response**) function  $g[n,m]$ , where  $(n,m)$  are the independent variables.
  - In the case for images,  $(n,m)$  represents the **spatial position in the image**.

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

# Images produce a 2D matrix with pixel intensities at every location

$$f[n, m] = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \vdots & \\ & f[-1, -1] & f[0, -1] & f[1, -1] \\ \dots & f[-1, 0] & \underline{f[0, 0]} & f[1, 0] & \dots \\ & f[-1, 1] & f[0, 1] & f[1, 1] & \ddots \\ & \vdots & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation for discrete functions



# 2D discrete system (filters)

**S** is the **system operator**, defined as a **mapping or assignment** of possible inputs  $f[n,m]$  to some possible outputs  $g[n,m]$ .

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Other notations:

$$g = S[f], \quad g[n, m] = S\{f[n, m]\}$$

$$f[n, m] \xrightarrow{S} g[n, m]$$

# Filter example #1: Moving Average



Q. What do you think will happen to the photo if we use a moving average filter?

Assume that the moving average replaces each pixel with an average value of itself and all its neighboring pixels.

# Filter example #1: Moving Average



# Visual interpretation of moving average

A moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood window

$\mathbf{h}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with values  $1/9$  everywhere.

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

A 3x3 matrix with all elements equal to  $1/9$ . The matrix is labeled  $h[\cdot, \cdot]$  at the top right. The elements are arranged in a 3x3 grid:

$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

The red box is  
the  $\mathbf{h}$  matrix

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


Courtesy of S.  
Seitz

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

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	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

0	10										

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

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	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

			0	10	20						

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

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	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
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0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

			0	10	20	30						

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

f[n, m]

$\mathbf{g}[n, m]$

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

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	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

	0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10	
	0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20	
	0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20	
	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

# Visual interpretation of moving average

A moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood window

$\mathbf{h}$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with values  $1/9$  everywhere.

Q. Why are the values  $1/9$ ?

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

A 3x3 matrix represented by a grid of nine orange squares. Each square contains the value '1'. The matrix is enclosed in a black border. To the left of the matrix, the fraction  $\frac{1}{9}$  is written vertically, and above the matrix, the label  $h[\cdot, \cdot]$  is centered.

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

# Filter example #1: Moving Average

In summary:

- This filter “Replaces” each pixel with an average of its neighborhood.
- Achieve smoothing effect (remove sharp features)

$$h[\cdot, \cdot] = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

How do we represent applying this filter mathematically?

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q. What values will  $k$  take?

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$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

k goes from n-1 to n+1

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$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

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I goes from m-1 to m+1

# Math formula for the moving average filter

A moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood window

We can write this operation mathematically:

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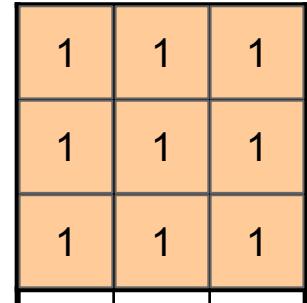
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Now we can replace k in the equation above

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We can simplify the equations in red:

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k'=1}^{k'=-1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[n - k', l]$$

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One last change: since there are no more  $k$  and only  $k'$ , let's just write  **$k'$  as  $k$**

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# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

Let's repeat for  $\mathbf{l}$ , just like we did for  $\mathbf{k}$

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# Filter example #1: Moving Average



## Filter example #2: Image Segmentation

Q. How would you use pixel values to design a filter to segment an image so that you only keep around the edges?



## Filter example #2: Image Segmentation

- Use a simple pixel threshold: 
$$g[n, m] = \begin{cases} 255, & f[n, m] > 100 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Summary so far

- Discrete Systems convert input discrete signals and convert them into something more meaningful.
- There are an infinite number of possible filters we can design.
- What are ways we can category the space of possible systems?

# What we will learn today?

- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

# Properties of systems

- Amplitude properties:

- Additivity

$$\mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m] + f_j[n, m]] = \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

# Example question:

Q. Is the moving average filter additive?

$$\mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m] + f_j[n, m]] = \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

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

How would you prove it?

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

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# Another question:

Q. Is the moving average filter homogeneous?

$$\mathcal{S}[\alpha f[n, m]] = \alpha \mathcal{S}[f[n, m]]$$

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Practice proving it at home using:

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This is an important property. Make sure you know how to prove if any system has this property

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Q. Is the 3x3 moving average filter invertible?

# Properties of systems

- Spatial properties
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for  $n < n_0, m < m_0$ , if  $f[n, m] = 0 \implies g[n, m] = 0$

Is the moving average filter causal?

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

$f[n, m]$

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	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

	0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10		
	0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20		
	0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30		
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30		
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30		
	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20		
10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10			
10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0		

← HINT

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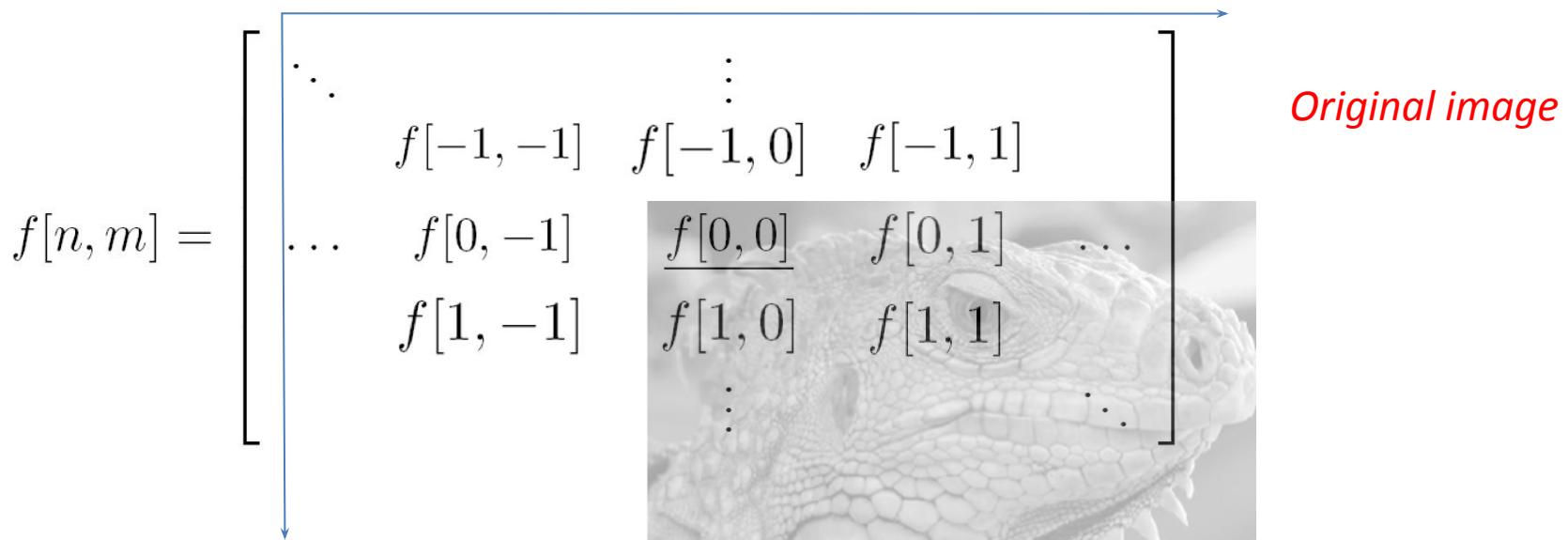
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- Shift invariance:

$$f[n - n_0, m - m_0] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

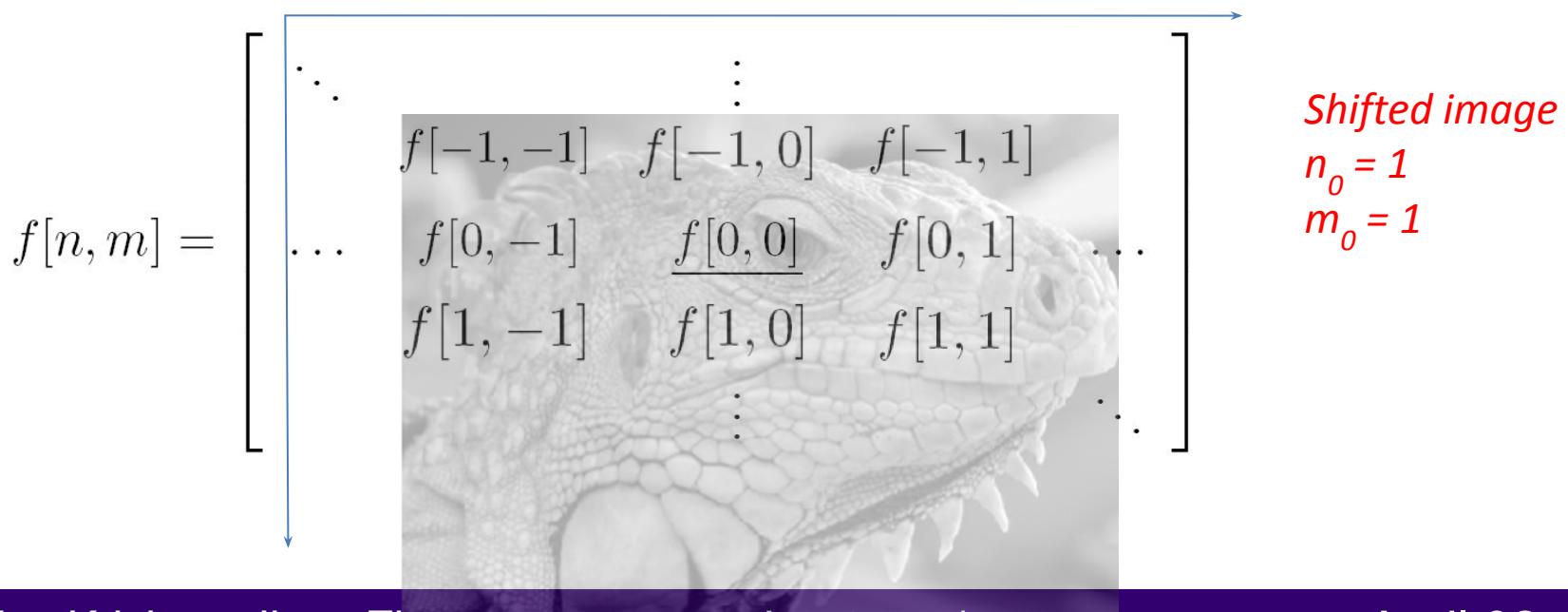
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# Is the moving average system shift invariant?

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$$f[n - n_0, m - m_0] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n - n_0, m - m_0]$$

Is the moving average system is **shift invariant**?

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

Let  $n' = n - n_0$  and  $m' = m - m_0$

$$\begin{aligned} g[n - n_0, m - m_0] &= g[n', m'] \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n' - k, m' - l] \\ &= \mathcal{S}[f[n', m']] \\ &= \mathcal{S}[f[n - n_0, m - m_0]] \end{aligned}$$

# What we covered today?

- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

Next time:

Linear systems and convolutions