

Computer Vision - Sheet 1

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Question 3

$$\begin{aligned} 3) \quad ((f * g) * h)(x) &= \int_{t=0}^x (f * g)(t) h(x-t) dt \\ &= \int_{t=0}^x \left(\int_{k=0}^t f(k) g(t-k) dk \right) h(x-t) dt \\ &= \int_{k=0}^x \int_{t=k}^x f(k) g(t-k) h(x-t) dt dk \\ &= \int_{k=0}^x \int_{t=0}^{x-k} f(k) g(t) h(x-t-k) dt dk \\ &= \int_{k=0}^x f(k) \left(\int_{t=0}^{x-k} g(t) h(x-t-k) dt \right) dk \\ &= \int_{k=0}^x f(k) (g * h)(x-k) dk \\ &= (f * (g * h))(x) \end{aligned}$$

Question 6

The Fourier Transform of a gaussian is another gaussian:

$$FT(G(x, \sigma)) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma} G(w, \sigma^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

A convolution in the space domain is a multiplication in the frequency one:

$$G(x, \sigma) * G(x, \sigma) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma} G(w, \sigma^{-1}) \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

Therefore, two convolutions with the standard deviation σ is equivalent to a convolution of standard deviation σ' :

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sigma^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{\frac{-x^2}{\sigma^2}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma'} G(w, \sigma'^{-1}) \quad (3)$$

$$e^{\frac{-x^2}{\sigma^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sigma'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma'^{-1}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2(\sigma'^{-1})^2}} \quad (4)$$

$$e^{\frac{-x^2}{\sigma^2}} = e^{\frac{-x^2}{2(\sigma'^{-1})^2}} \quad (5)$$

$$\sigma^{-2} = 2(\sigma'^{-1})^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\sigma^{-1} = \sqrt{2}\sigma'^{-1} \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma\sqrt{2} = \sigma' \quad (8)$$

So, applying two convolutions with std. dev of σ is the same as applying once with $\sigma\sqrt{2}$