



## Lecture 3. Filters and Convolutions

# Convolution and correlation

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# What we will learn today?

- Convolution
- Correlation

Some background reading:

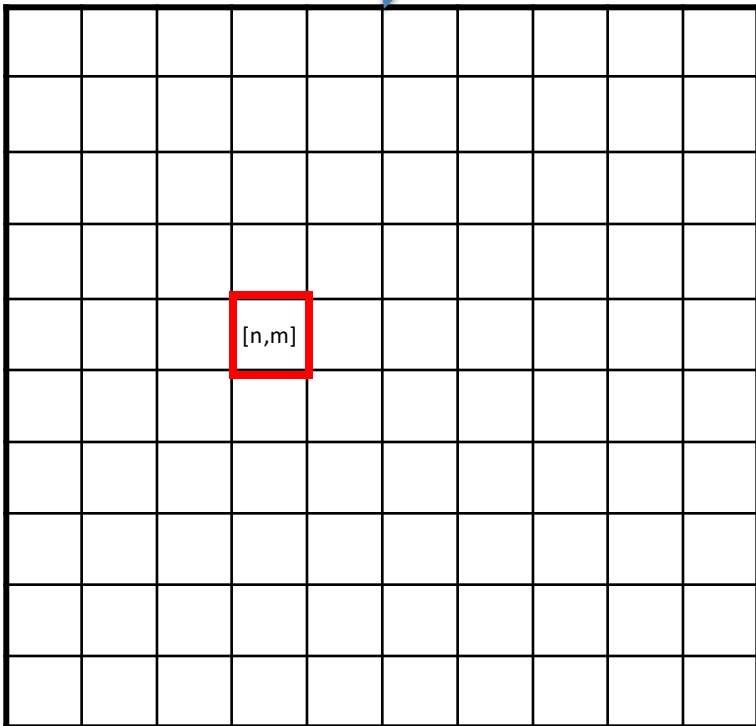
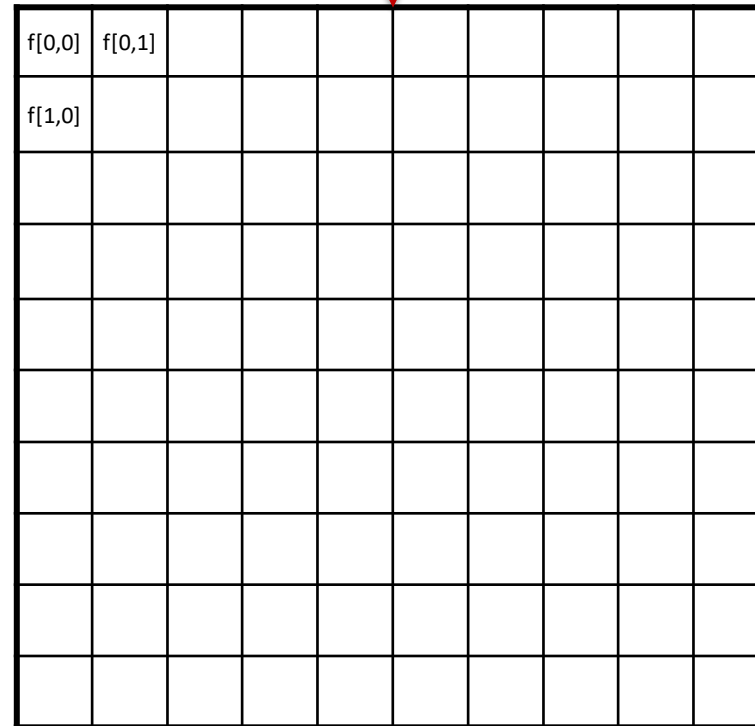
Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter 7





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

Output  $f * h$ Image  $f[k, l]$ 

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Kernel  $h[k, l]$



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Kernel  $h[k, l]$



Fold

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

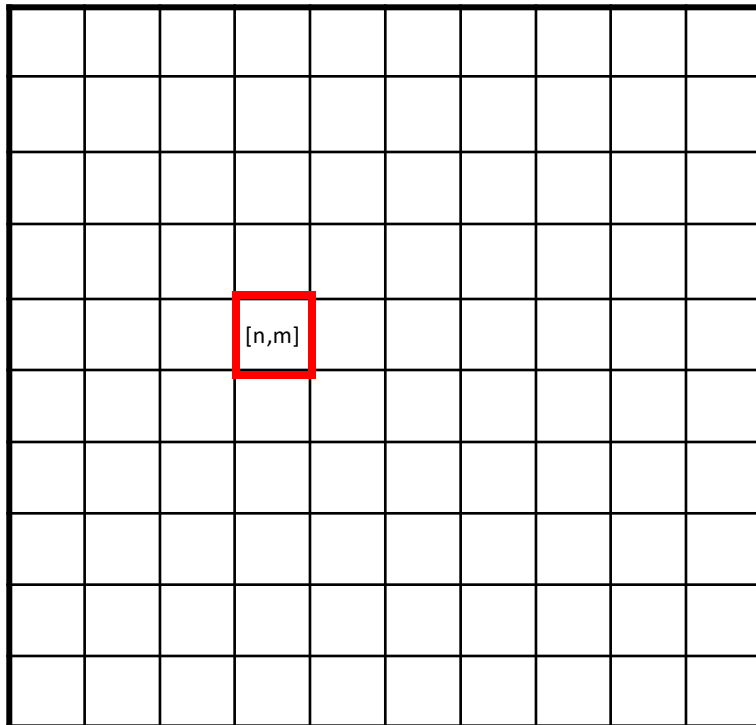


Shift


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

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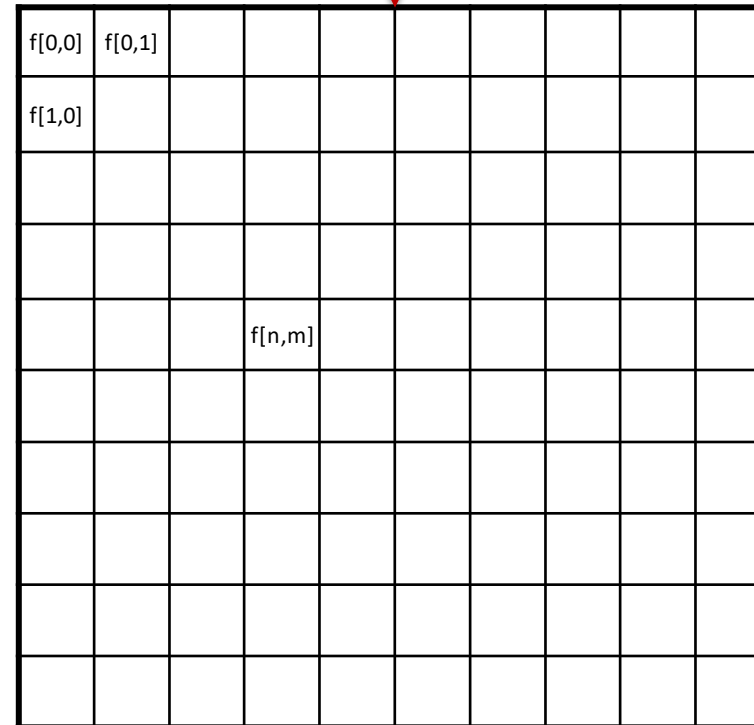
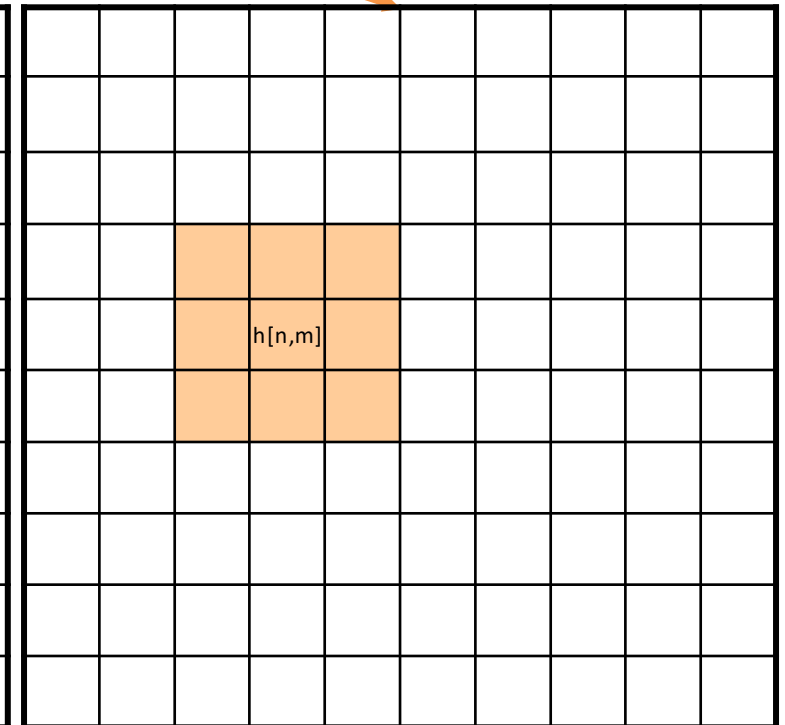


Image  $f[k, l]$

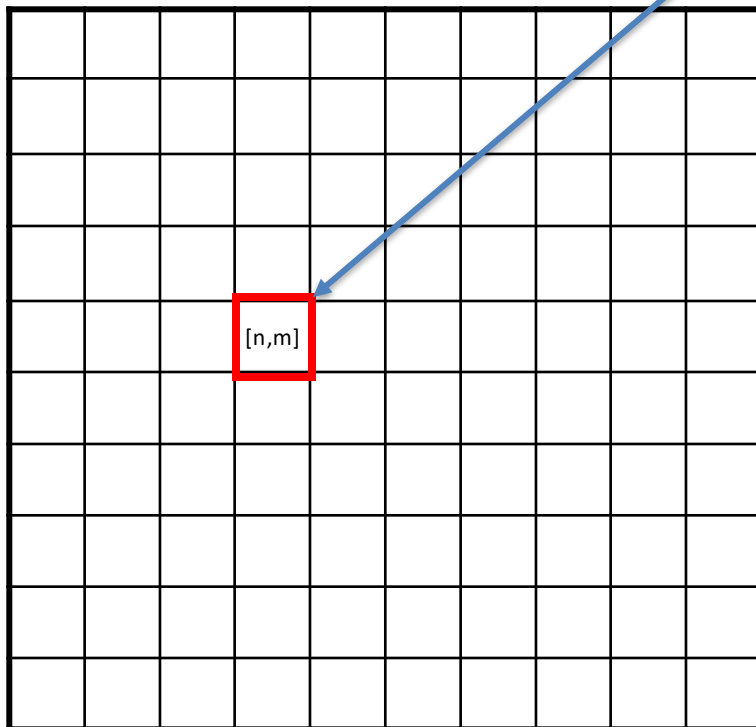


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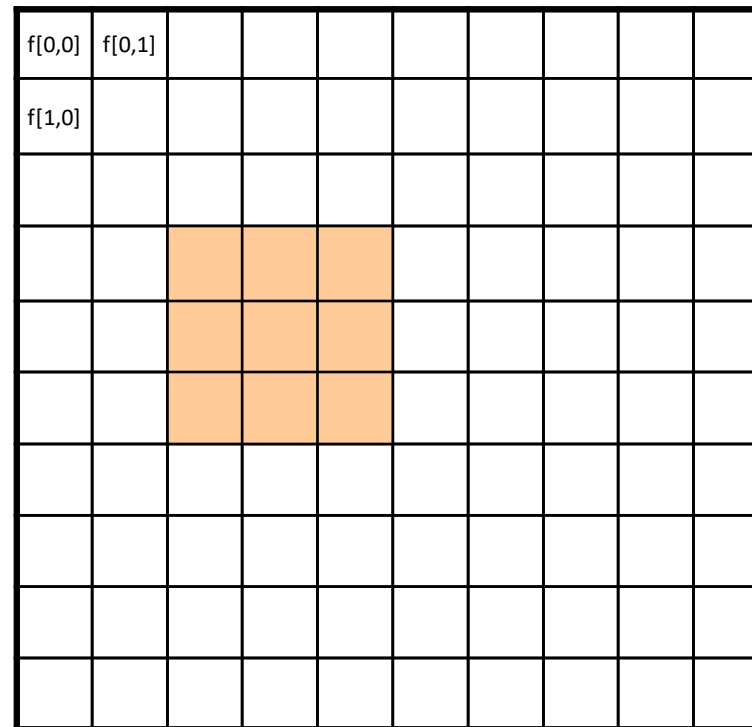


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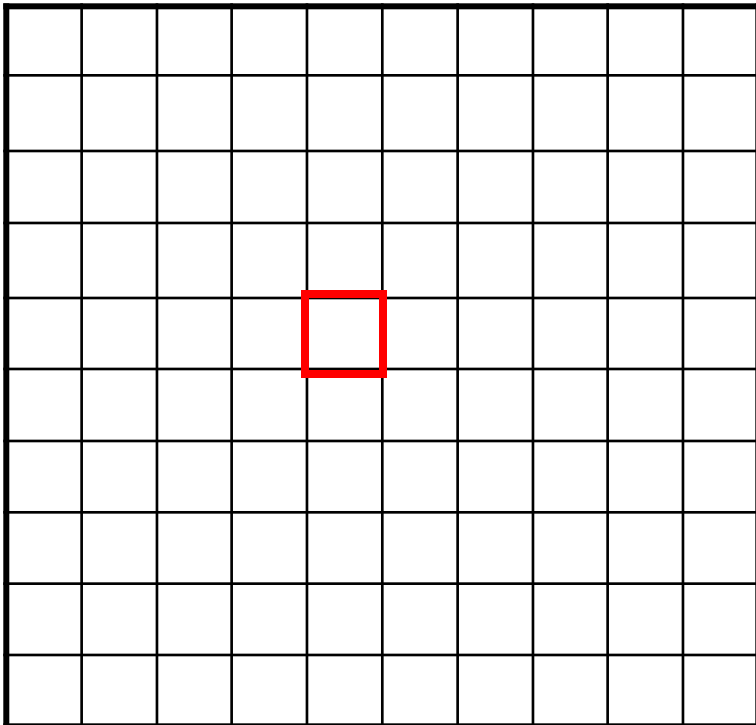
Element-wise multiplication  
Image  $f[k, l] \cdot$  Kernel  $h[n-k, m-l]$



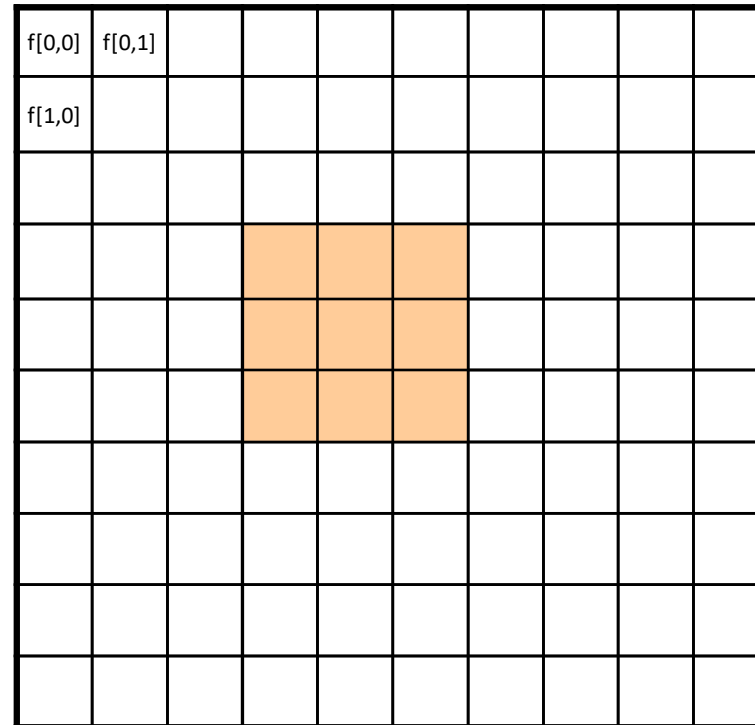


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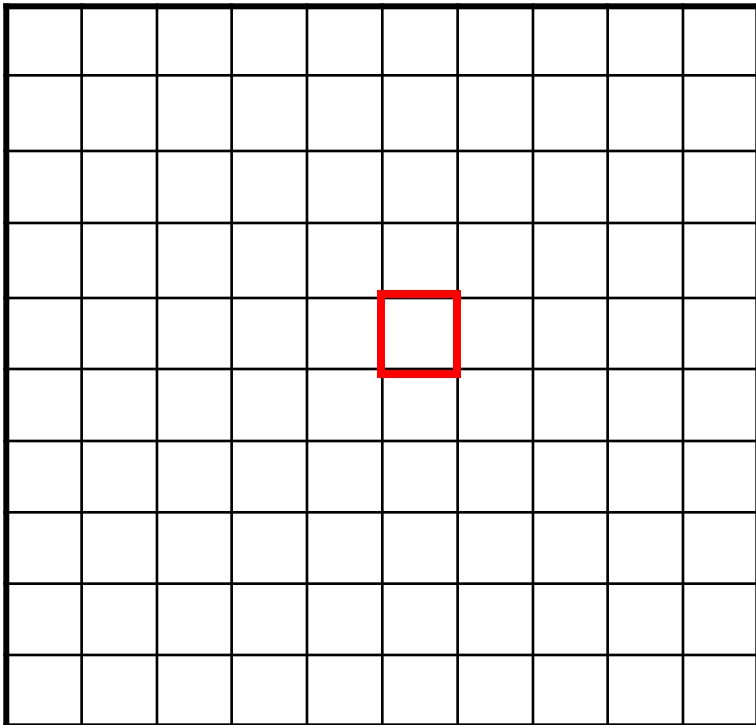


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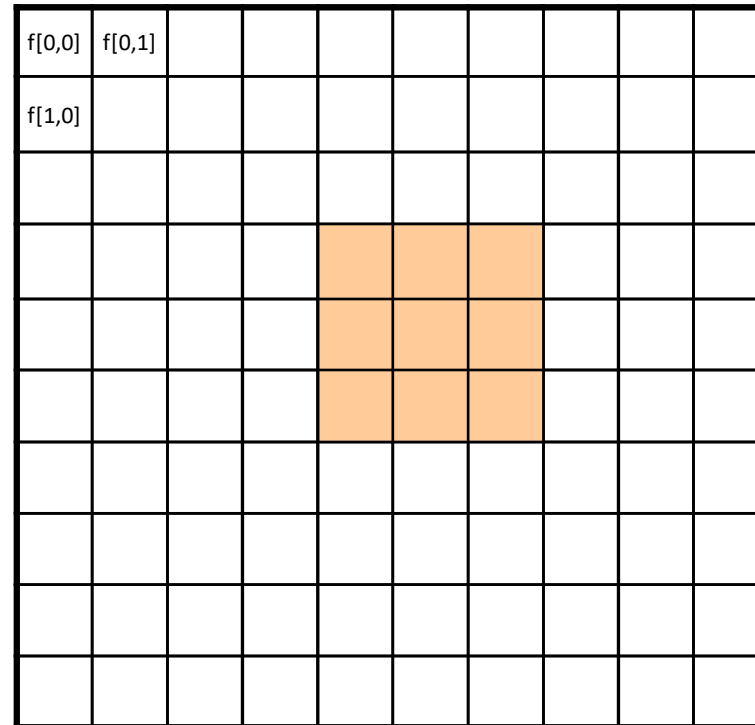


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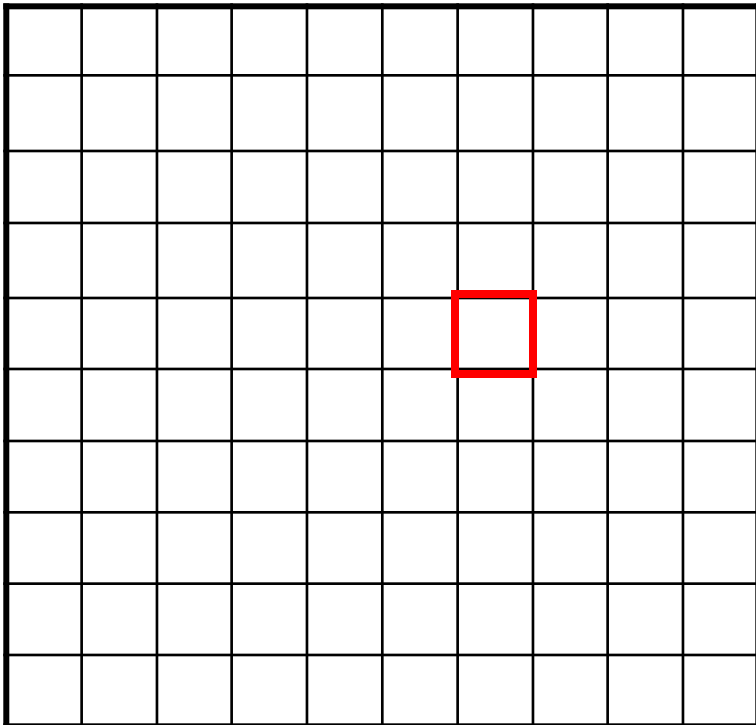


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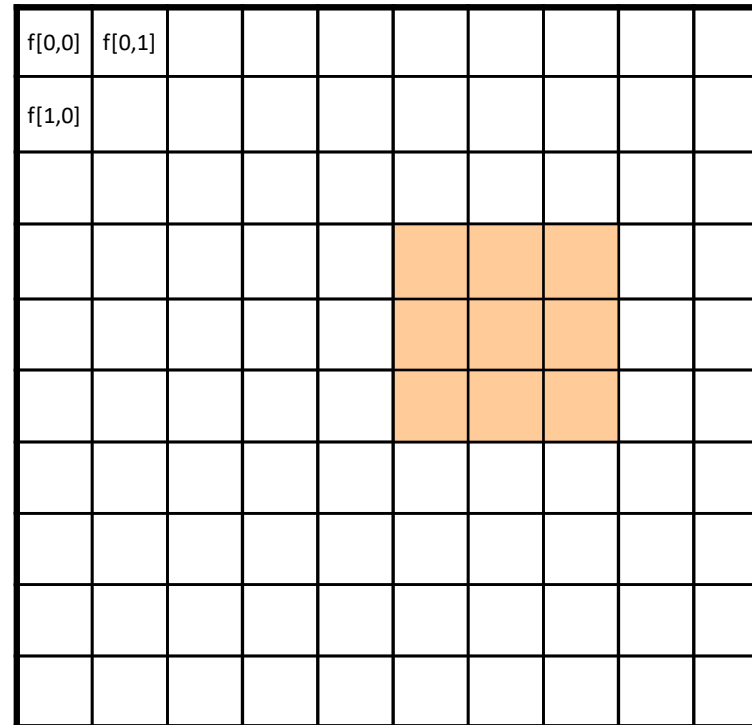


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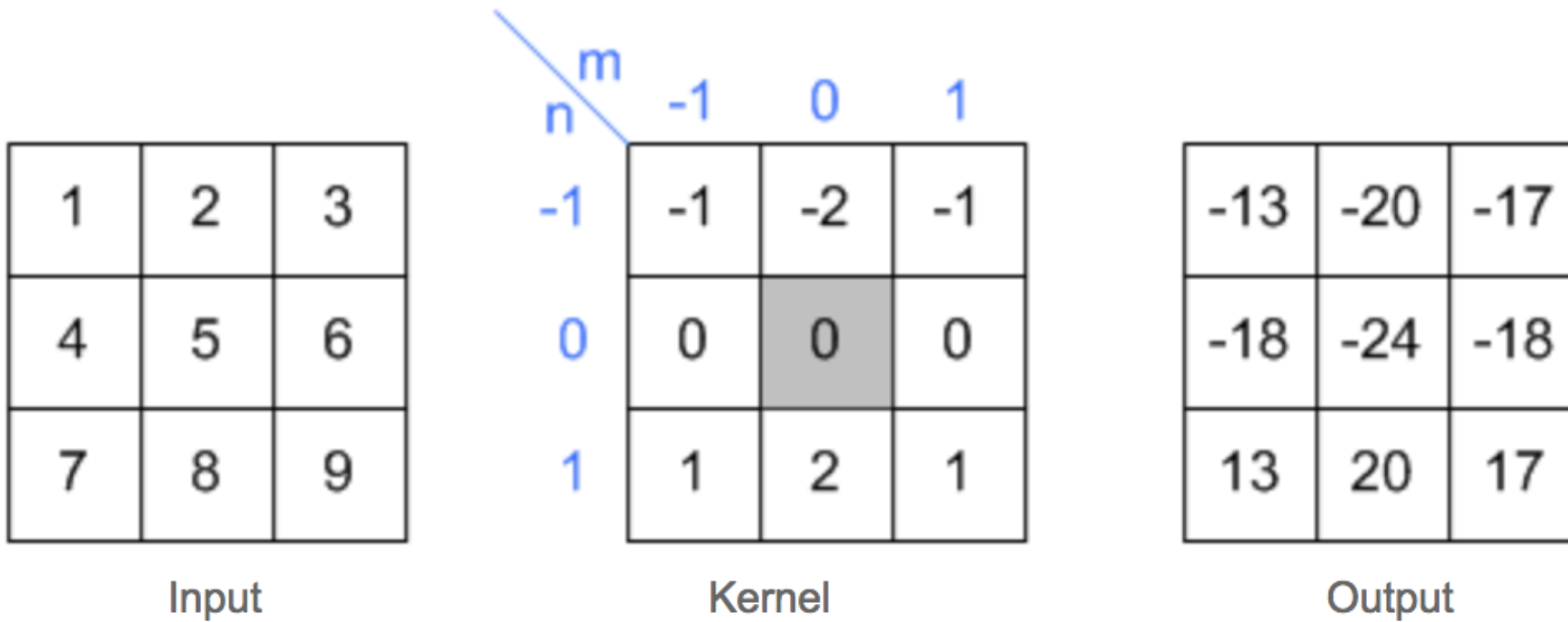
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## Algorithm:

- 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  $k, l$
- Repeat for every  $n, m$

# 2D convolution example



Slide credit: Song Ho Ahn





# 2D convolution example

1	2	1	
0	0	0	3
-1	-2	-1	6
	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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Output



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Output

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

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•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0

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# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original



•0	•0	•0
•0	•1	•0
•0	•0	•0



Filtered  
(no change)



# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

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•0	•0	•0
•0	•0	•1
•0	•0	•0

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# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original



•0	•0	•0
•0	•0	•1
•0	•0	•0



Shifted right  
By 1 pixel

# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

$$\ast \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

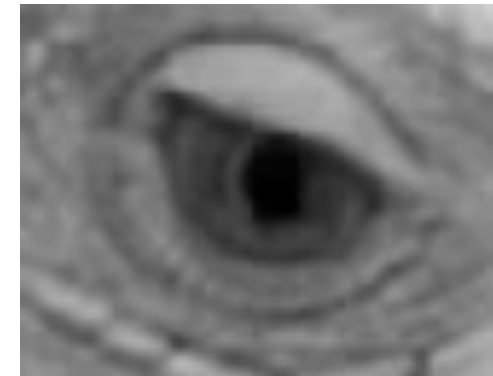


# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

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Blur (with a  
box filter)



# Convolution in 2D - examples



Original

$$* \left( \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 2 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = ?$$

(Note that filter sums to 1)

“details of the image”

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 0 \\ \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 & \bullet 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \\ \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 & \bullet 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





# What does blurring take away?



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- Let's add it back:



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# Convolution in 2D – Sharpening filter



Original

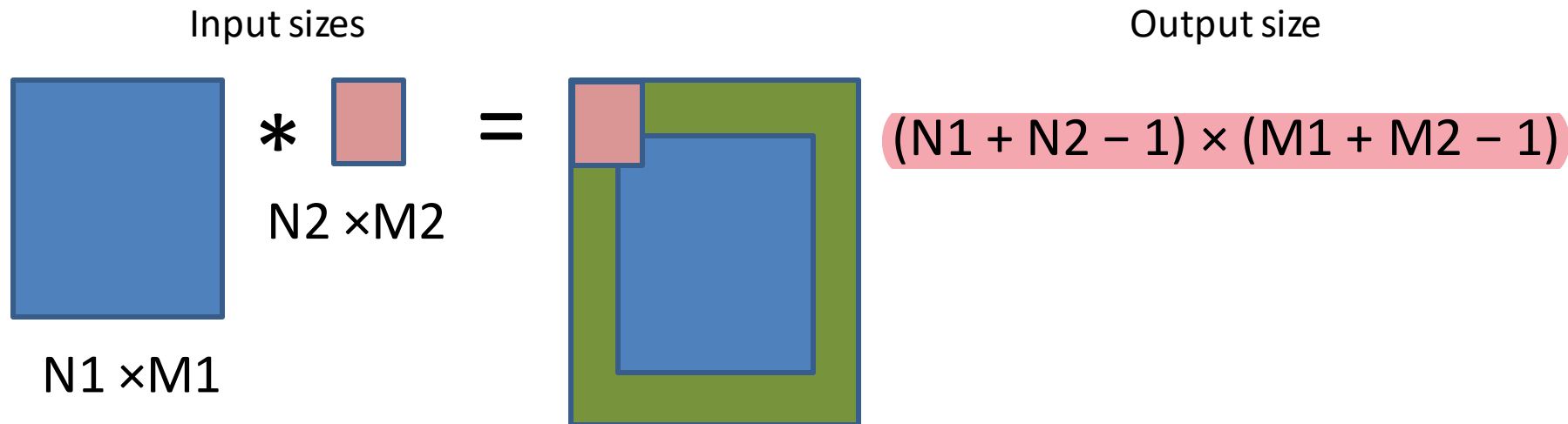
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**Sharpening filter:** Accentuates differences with local average

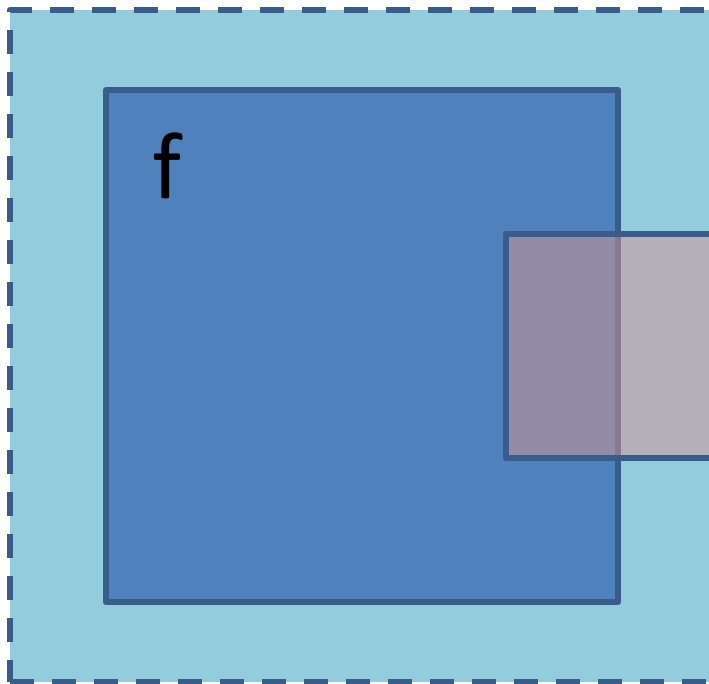
# Implementation detail: Image support and edge effect

- 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 Discrete convolution of finite-support signals.



# Implementation detail: 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)

# What we will learn today?

- Convolution
- Correlation

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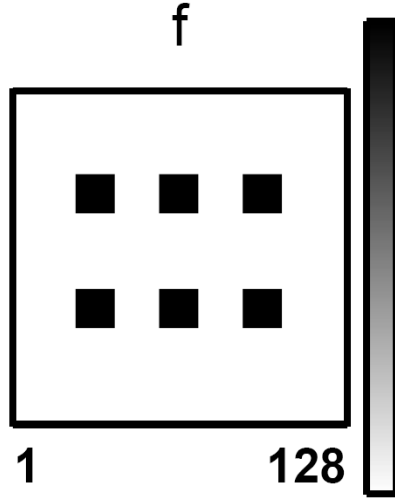
# (Cross) correlation – symbol: $**$

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

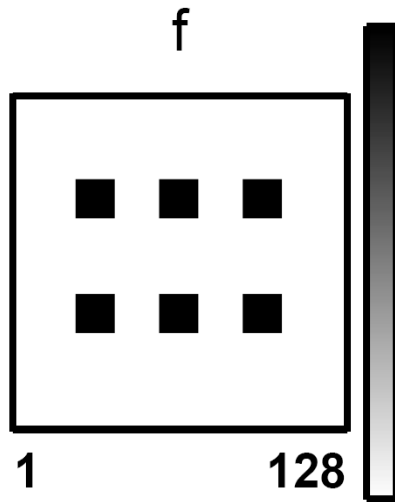
$$f[n, m] ** h[n, m] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} f[k, l] \cdot h[n + k, m + l]$$

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

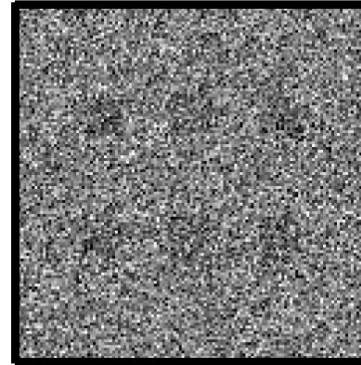
# (Cross) correlation – example



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$g = f + \text{noise}$

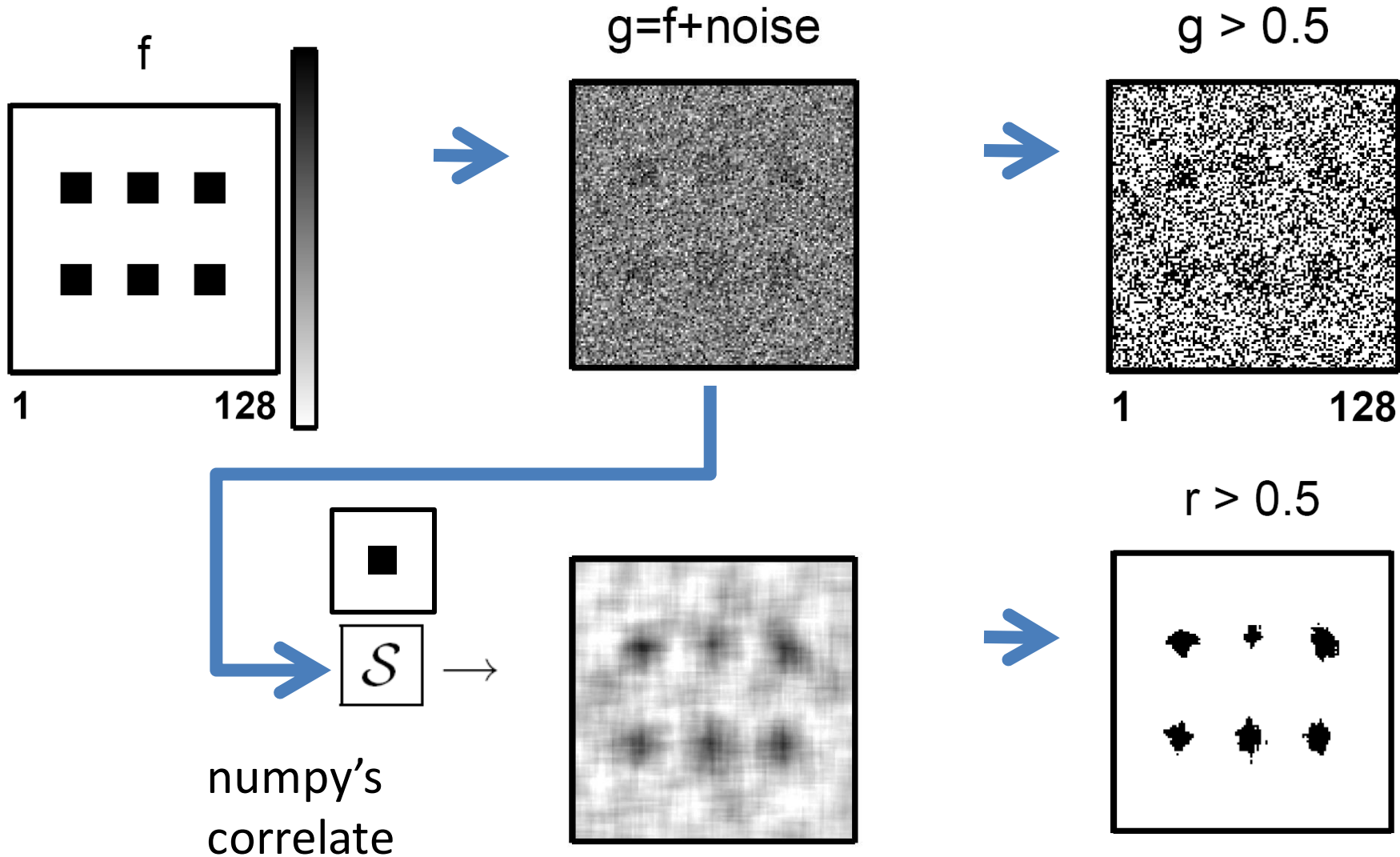


$g > 0.5$





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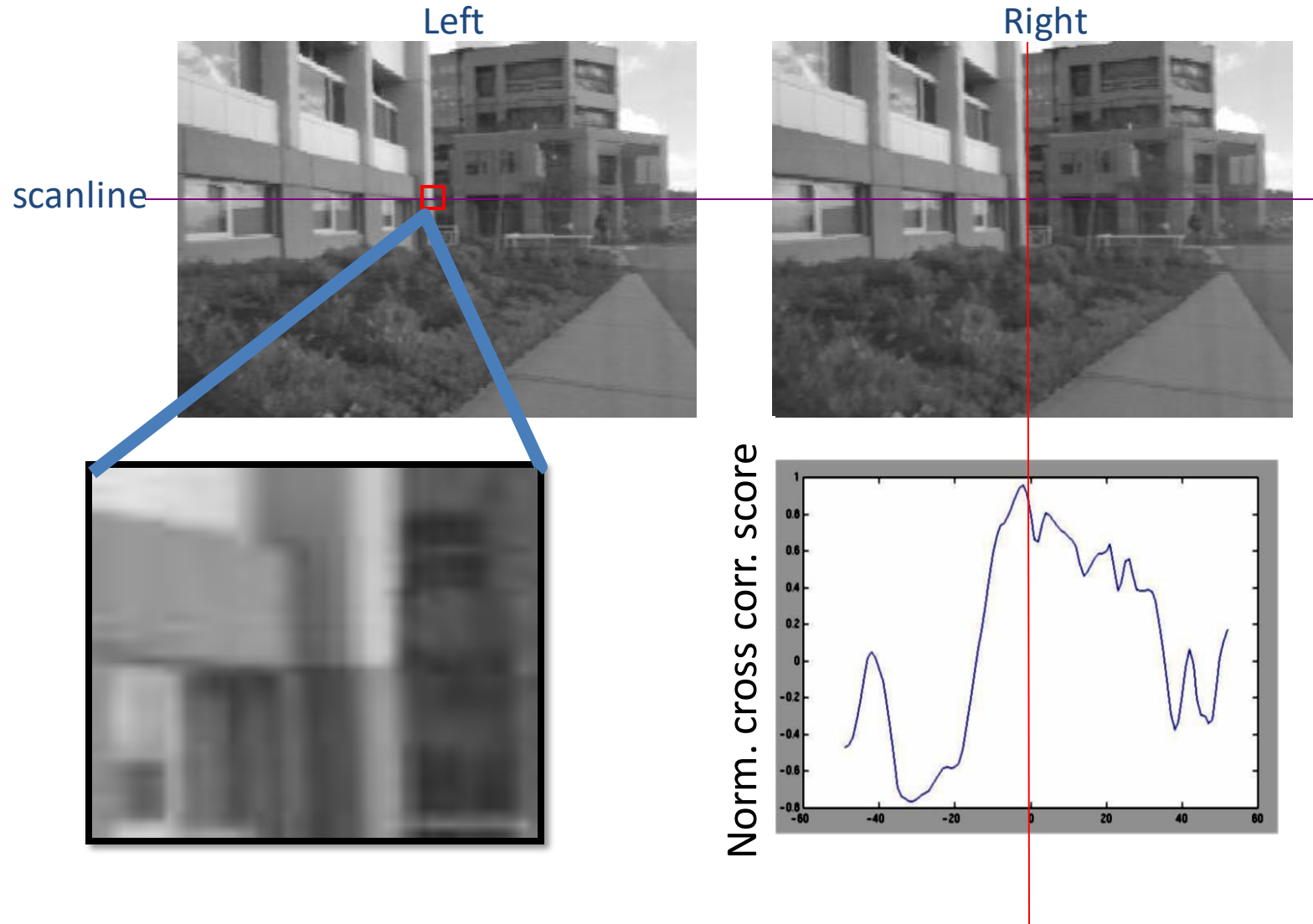


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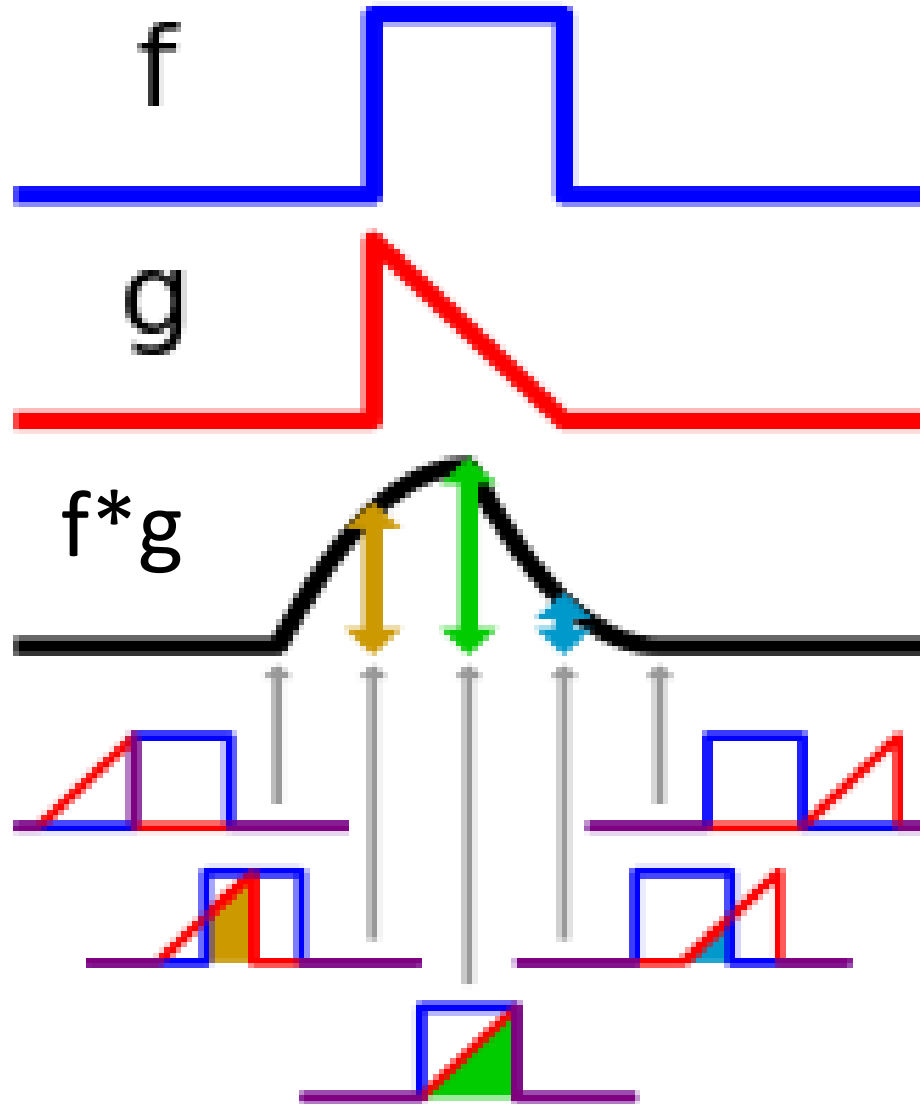


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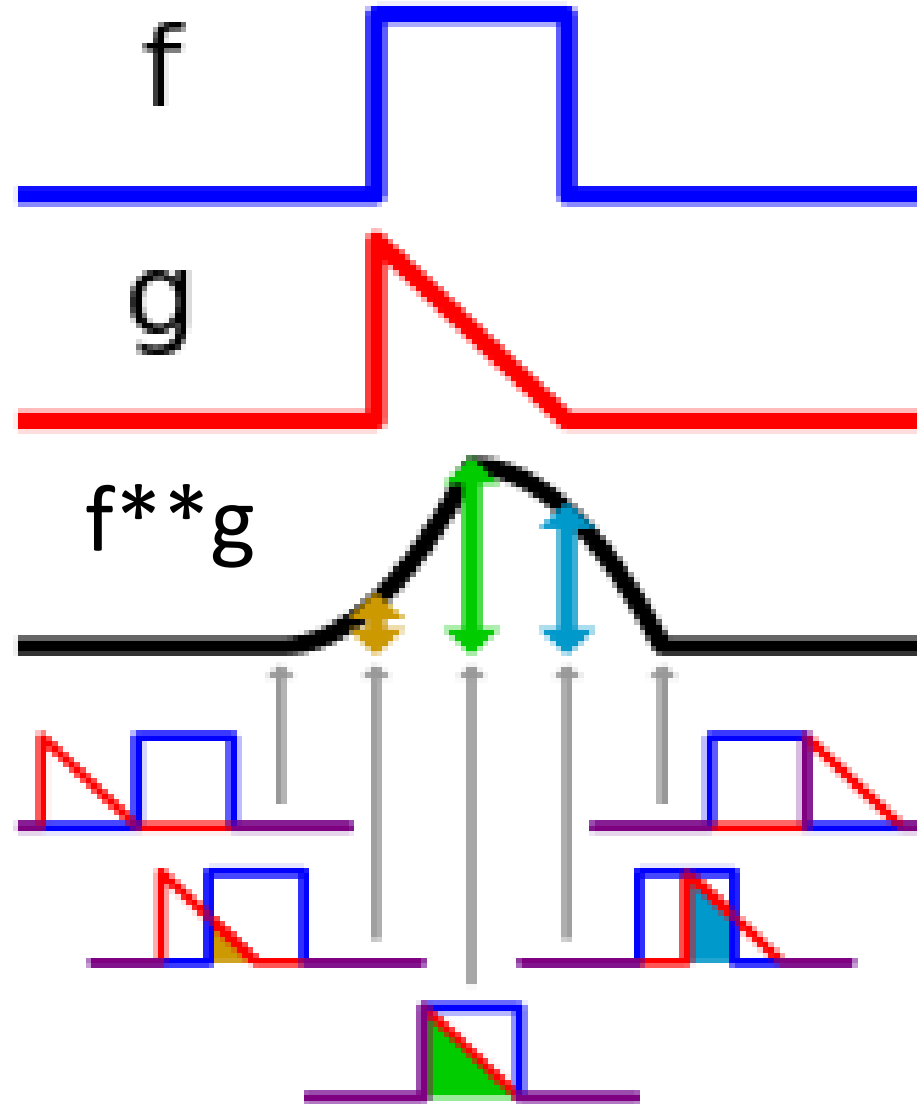




# Convolution



# Cross-correlation



# Cross Correlation Application: Vision system for TV remote control

- uses template matching

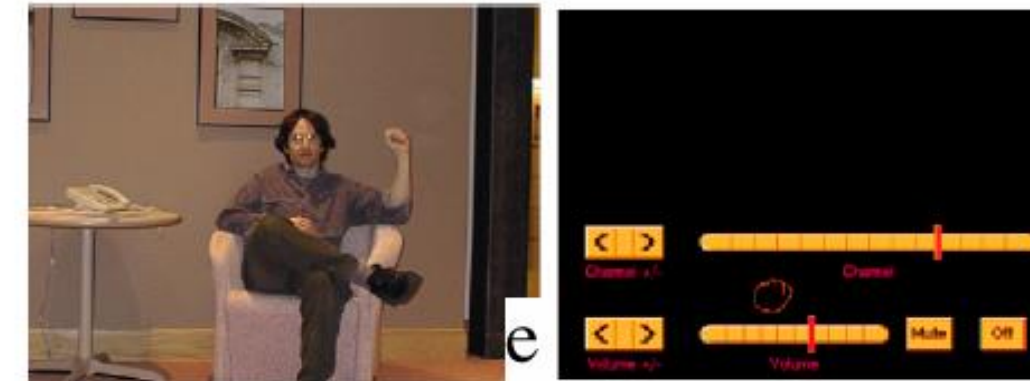
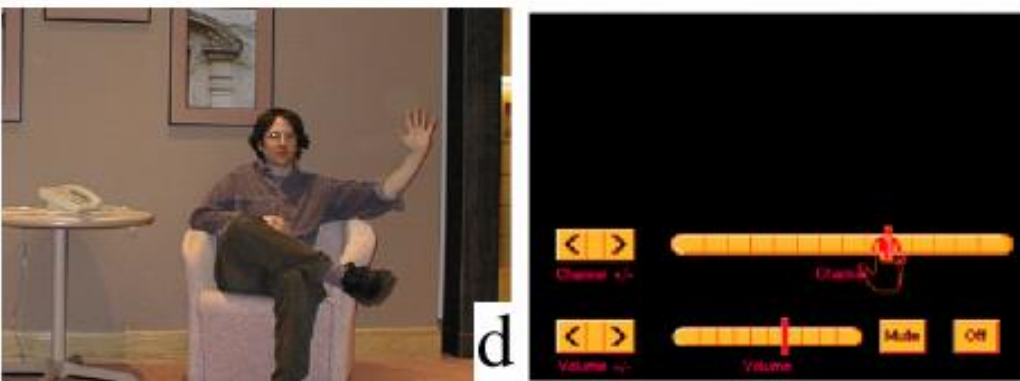
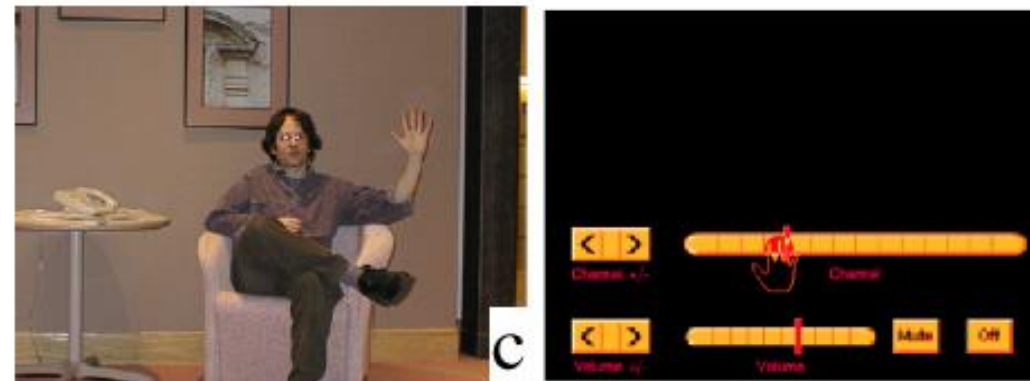
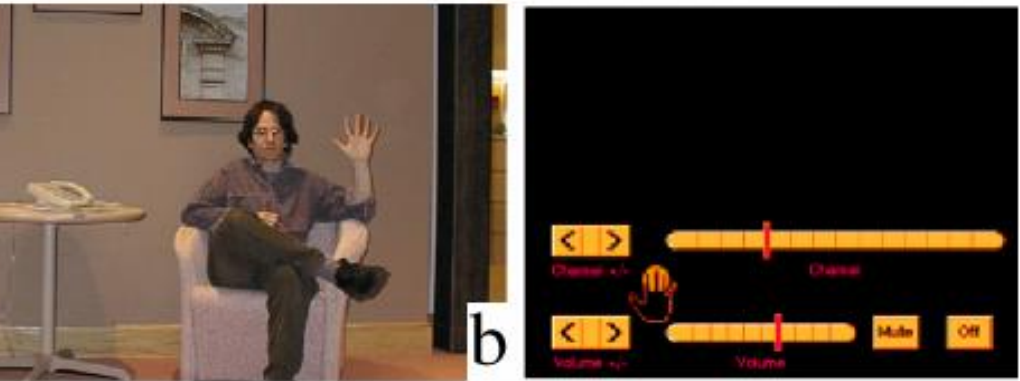


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# Convolution vs. (Cross) Correlation

- When is correlation equivalent to convolution?
- In other words, 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

# Summary

- Convolution
- Correlation

