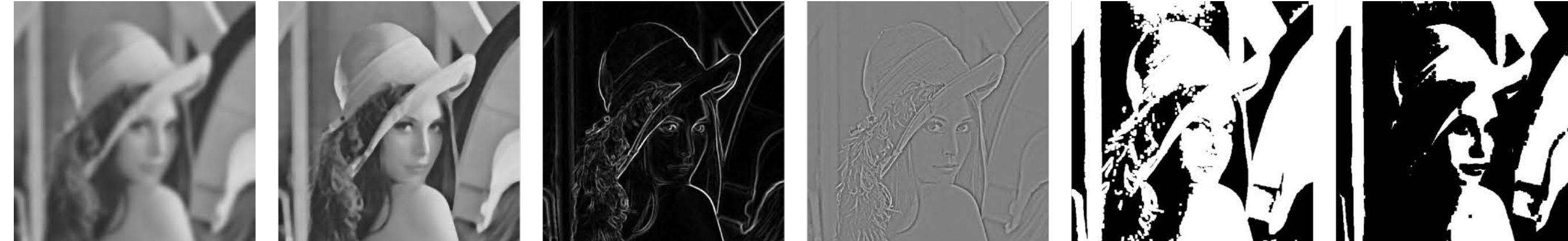




# CPSC 425: Computer Vision



## Lecture 5: Image Filtering (final)

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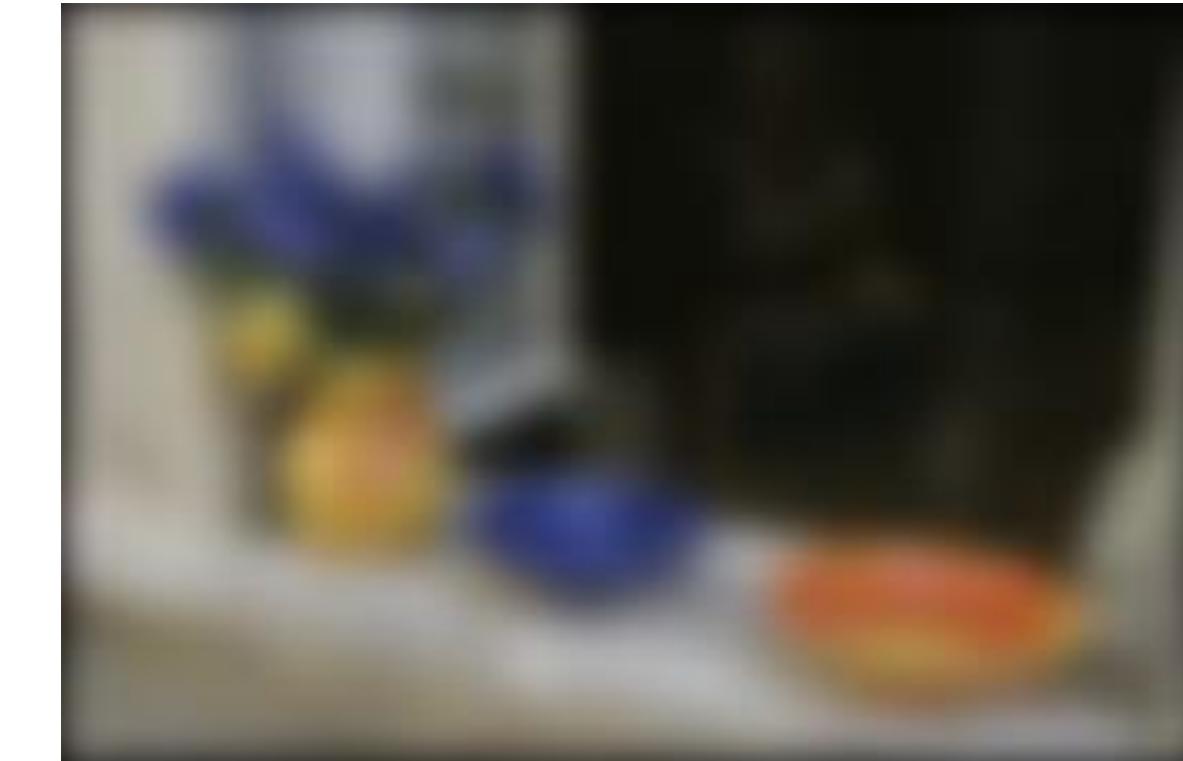
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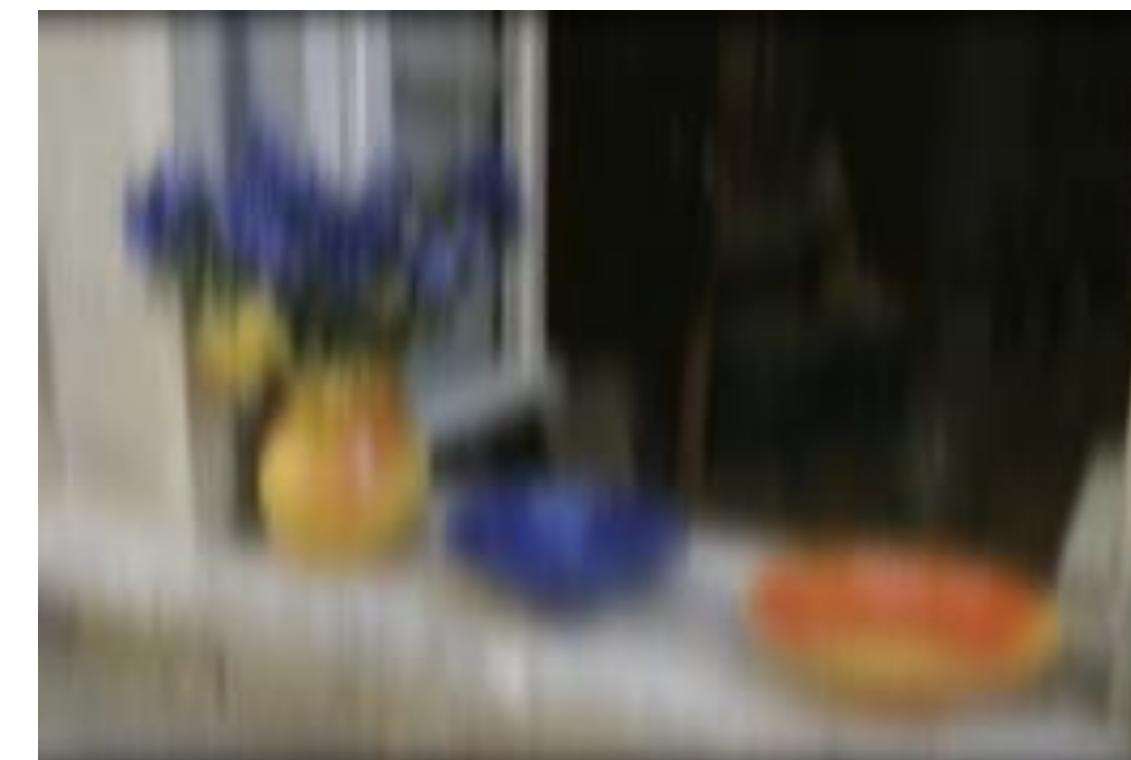
2D Gaussian blur by horizontal/vertical blur



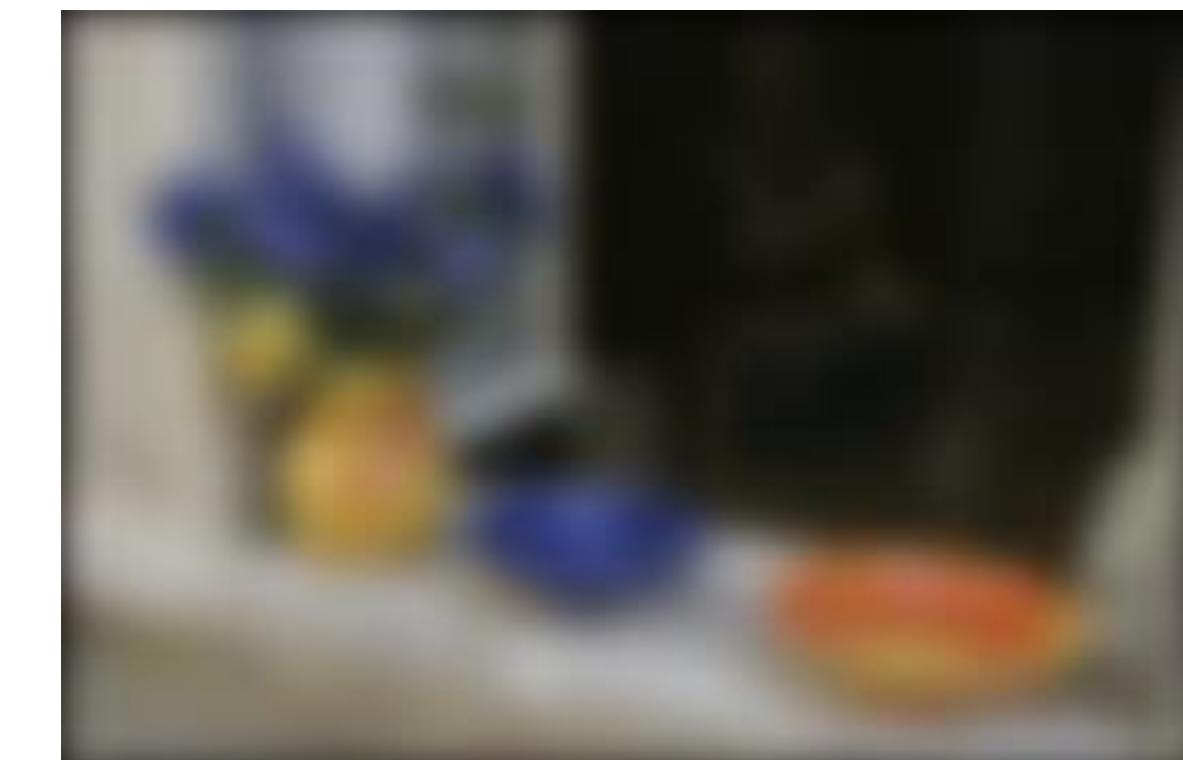
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vertical



vertical



horizontal

# Separable Filtering

Several useful filters can be applied as independent row and column operations

$$\frac{1}{K^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & 1 & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{256} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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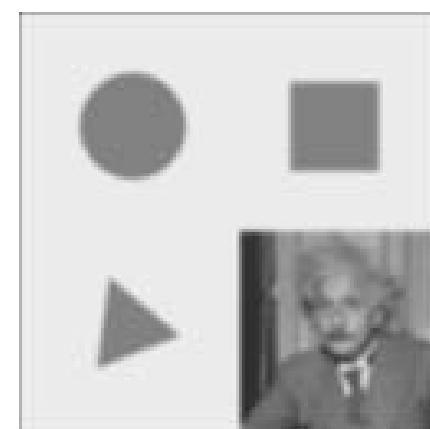
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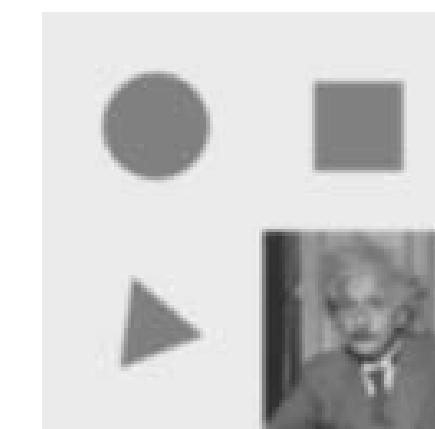
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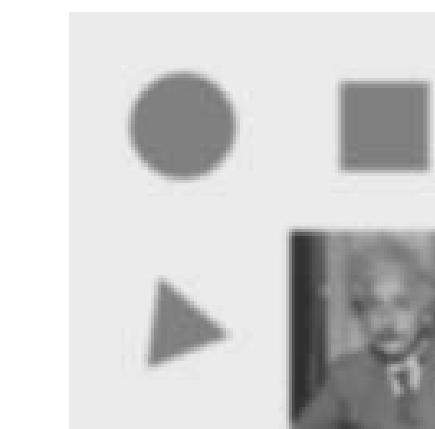
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(a) box,  $K = 5$



(b) bilinear



(c) “Gaussian”



(d) Sobel



(e) corner

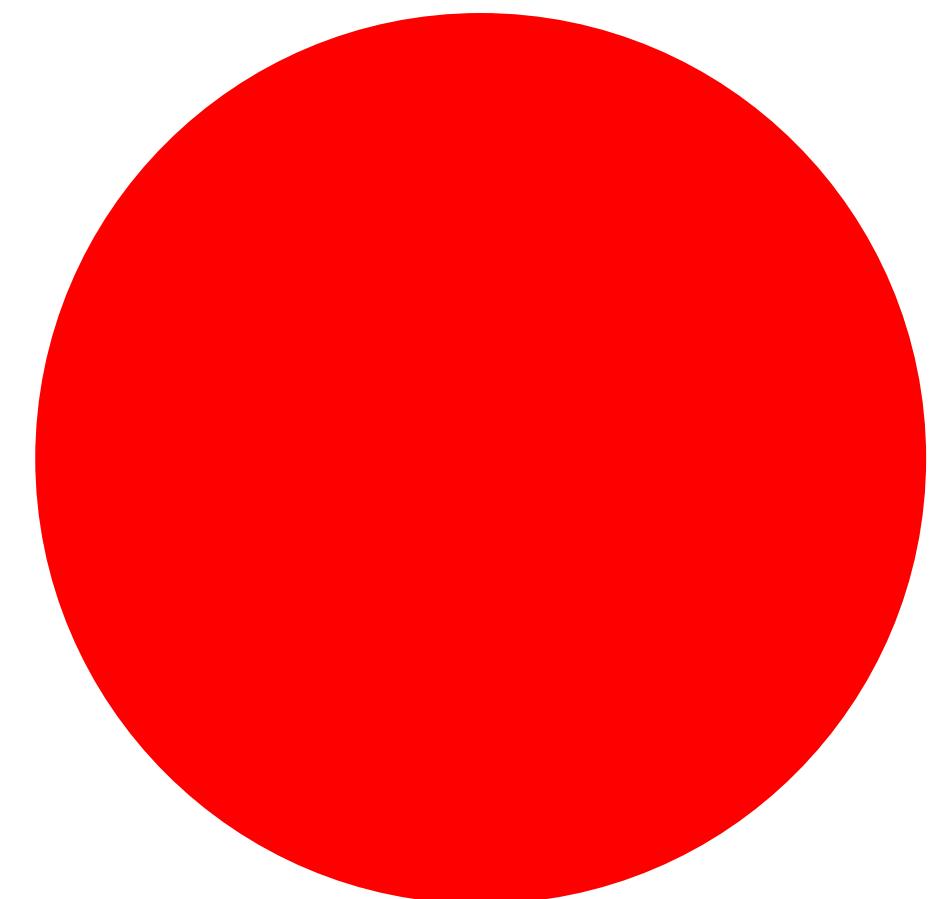
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**Box Filter**

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

**Pillbox Filter**



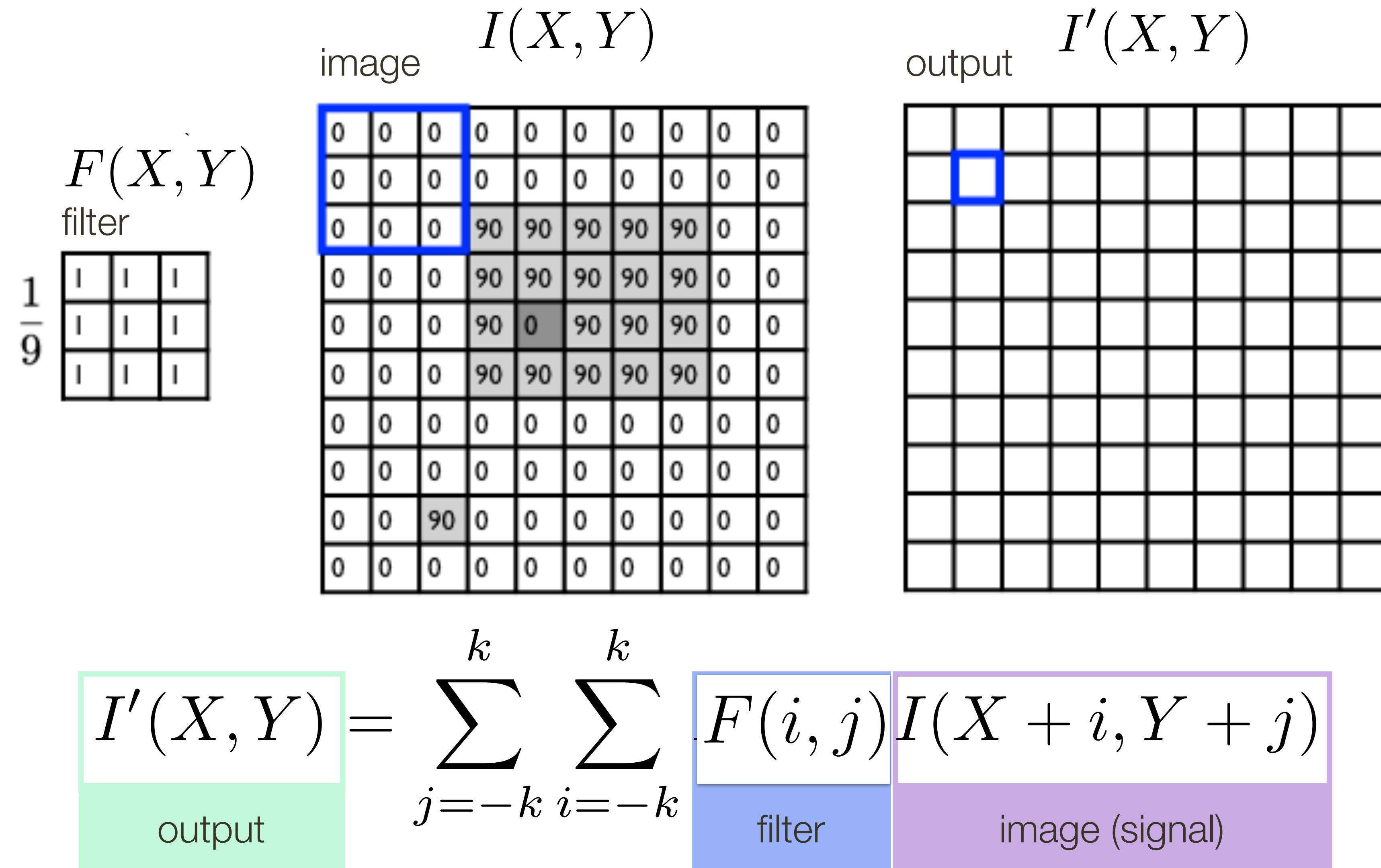
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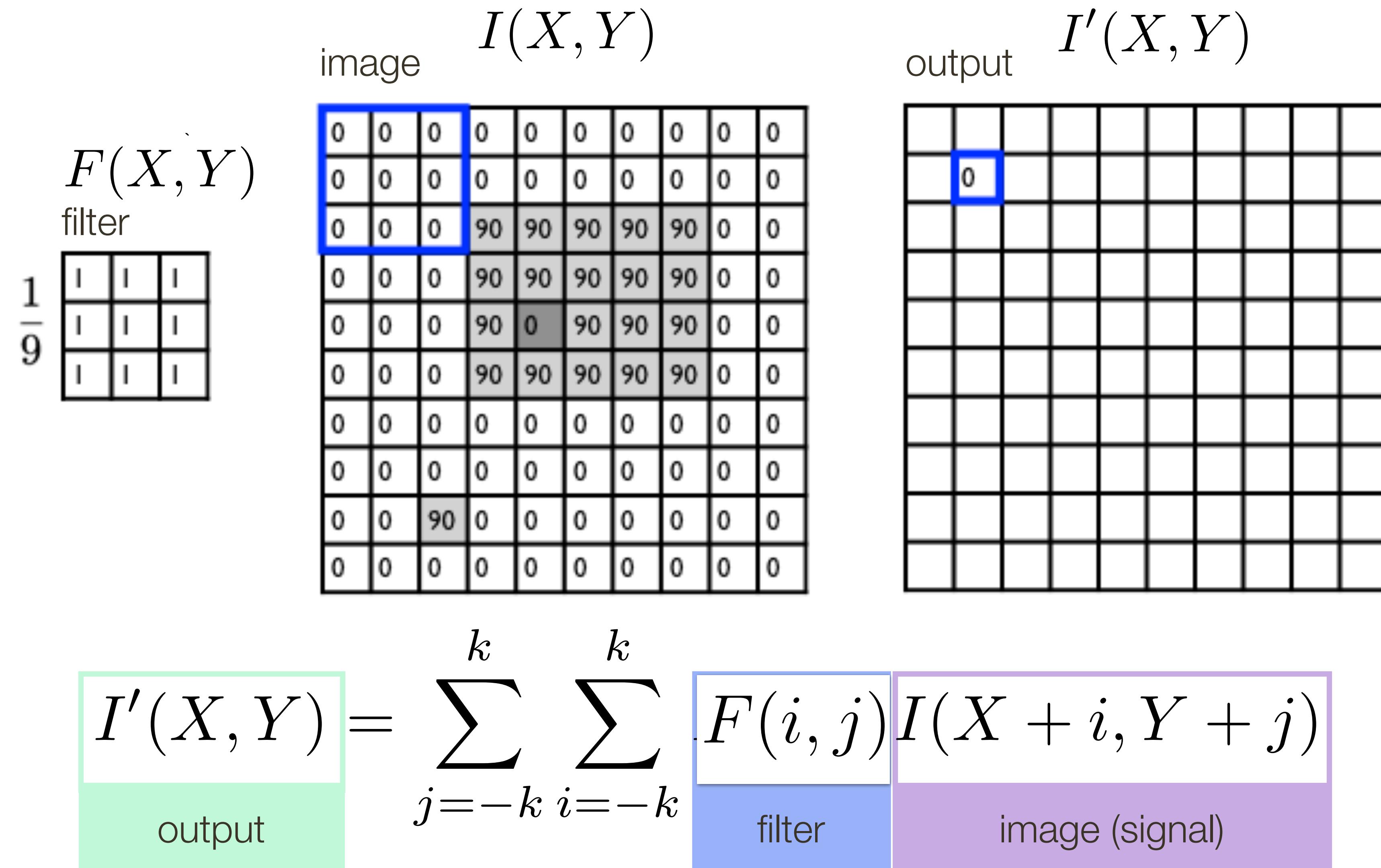
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|---|----|----|----|---|
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| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 6 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 6 |
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Not a separable filter!

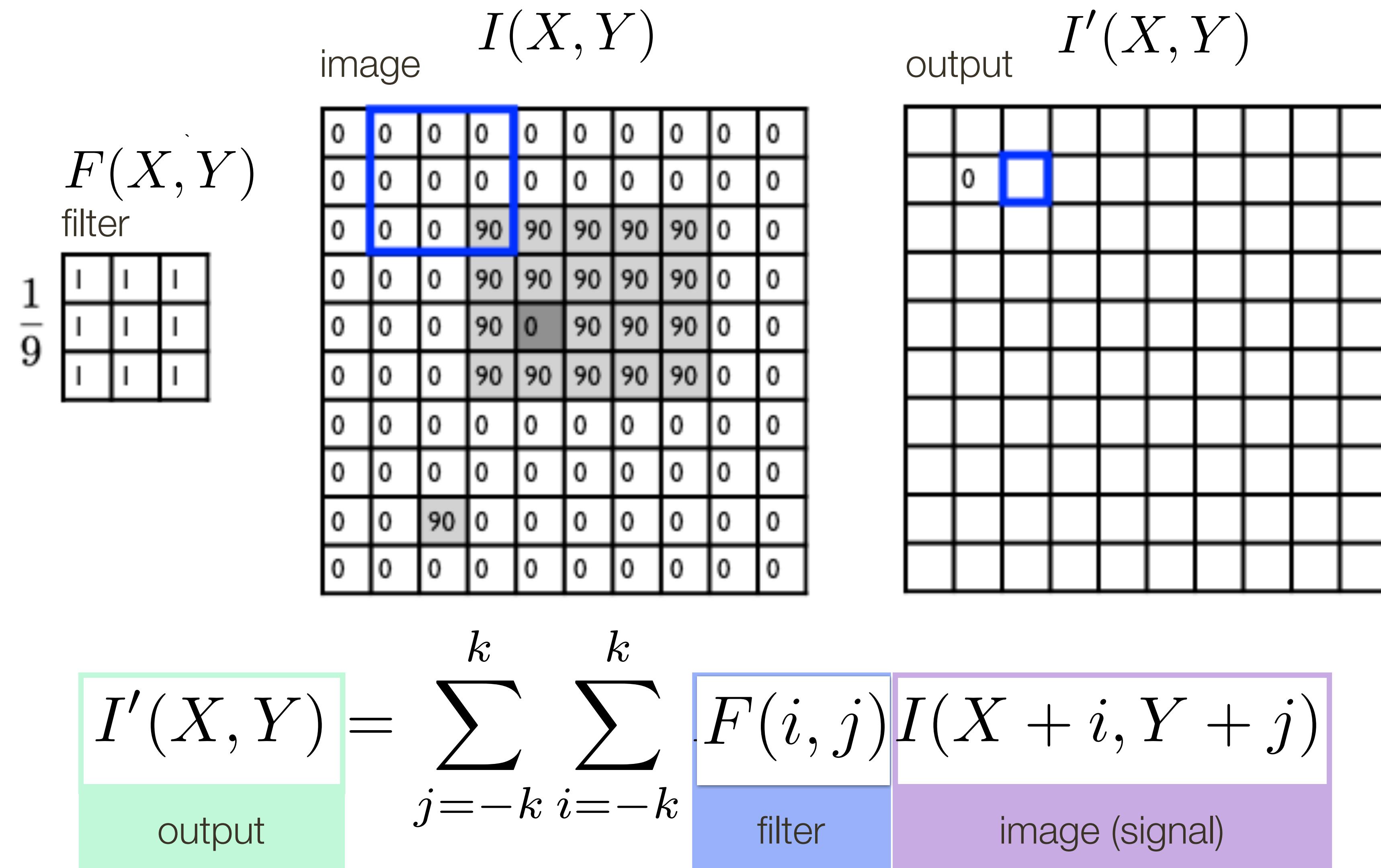
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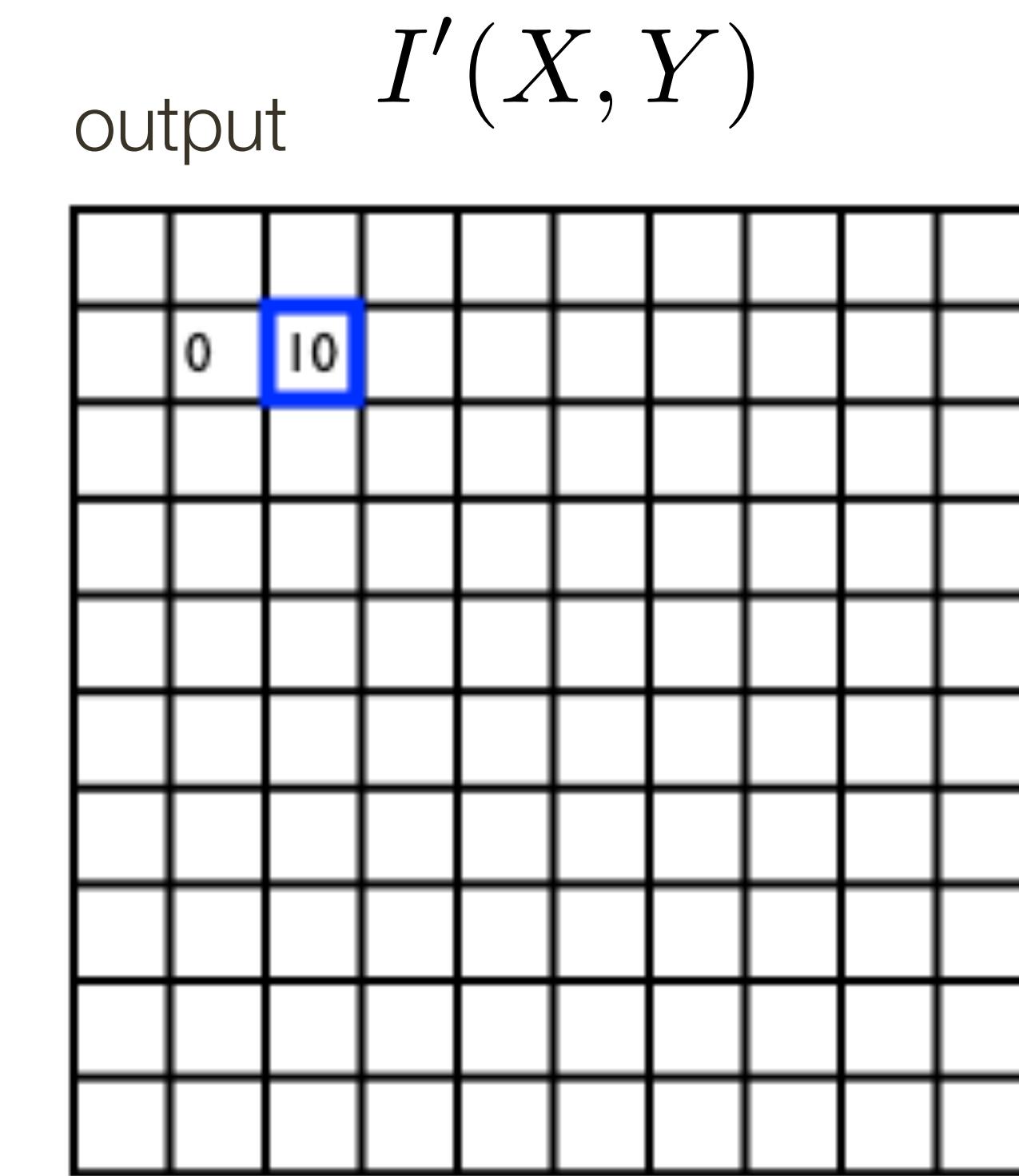
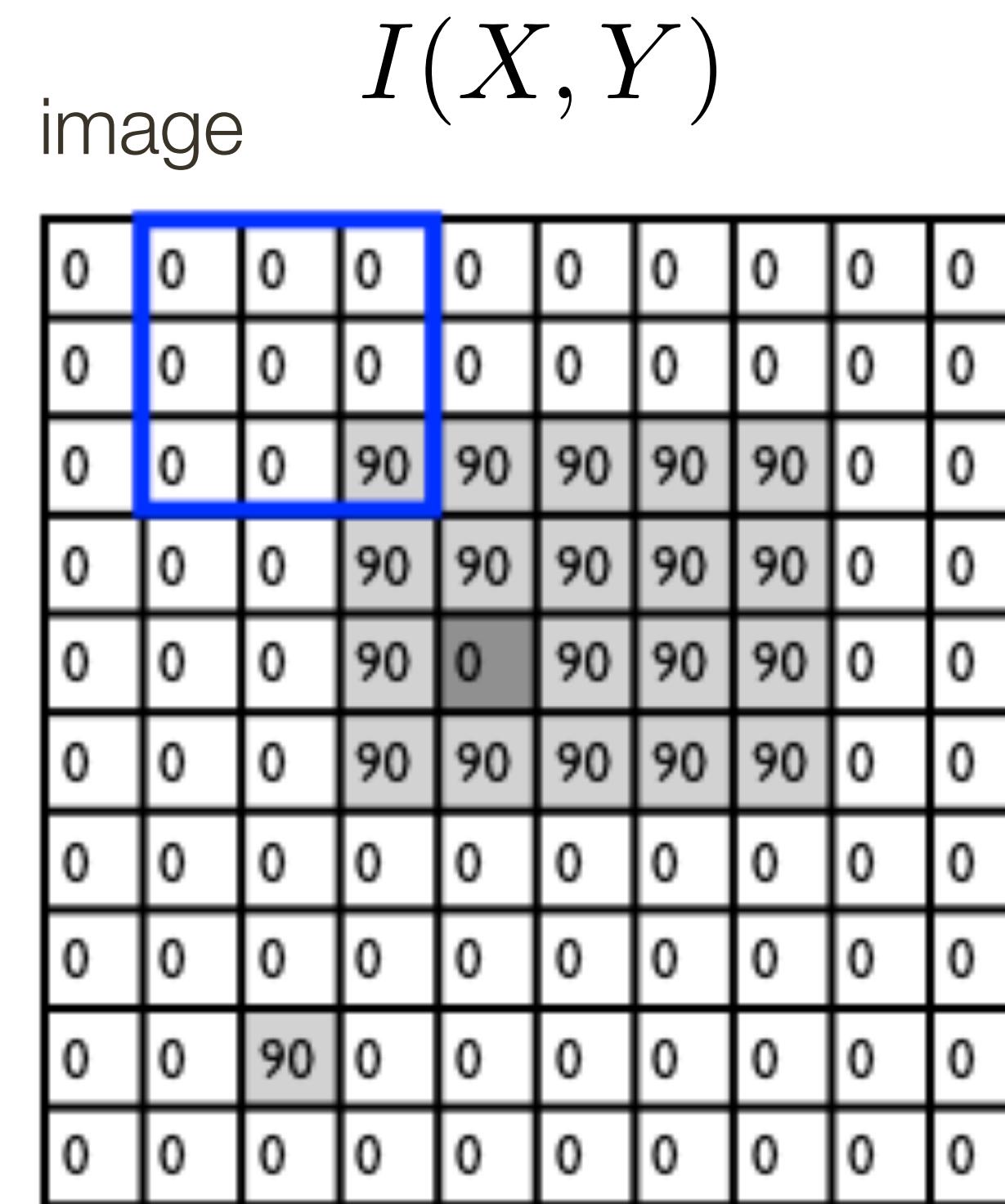


# Linear Filter Example

$$F(X, Y)$$

filter

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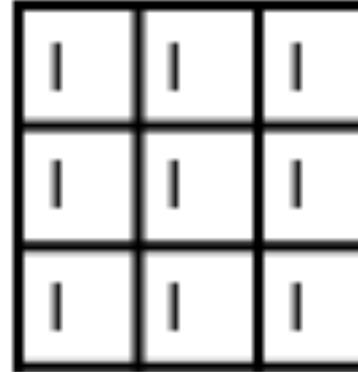
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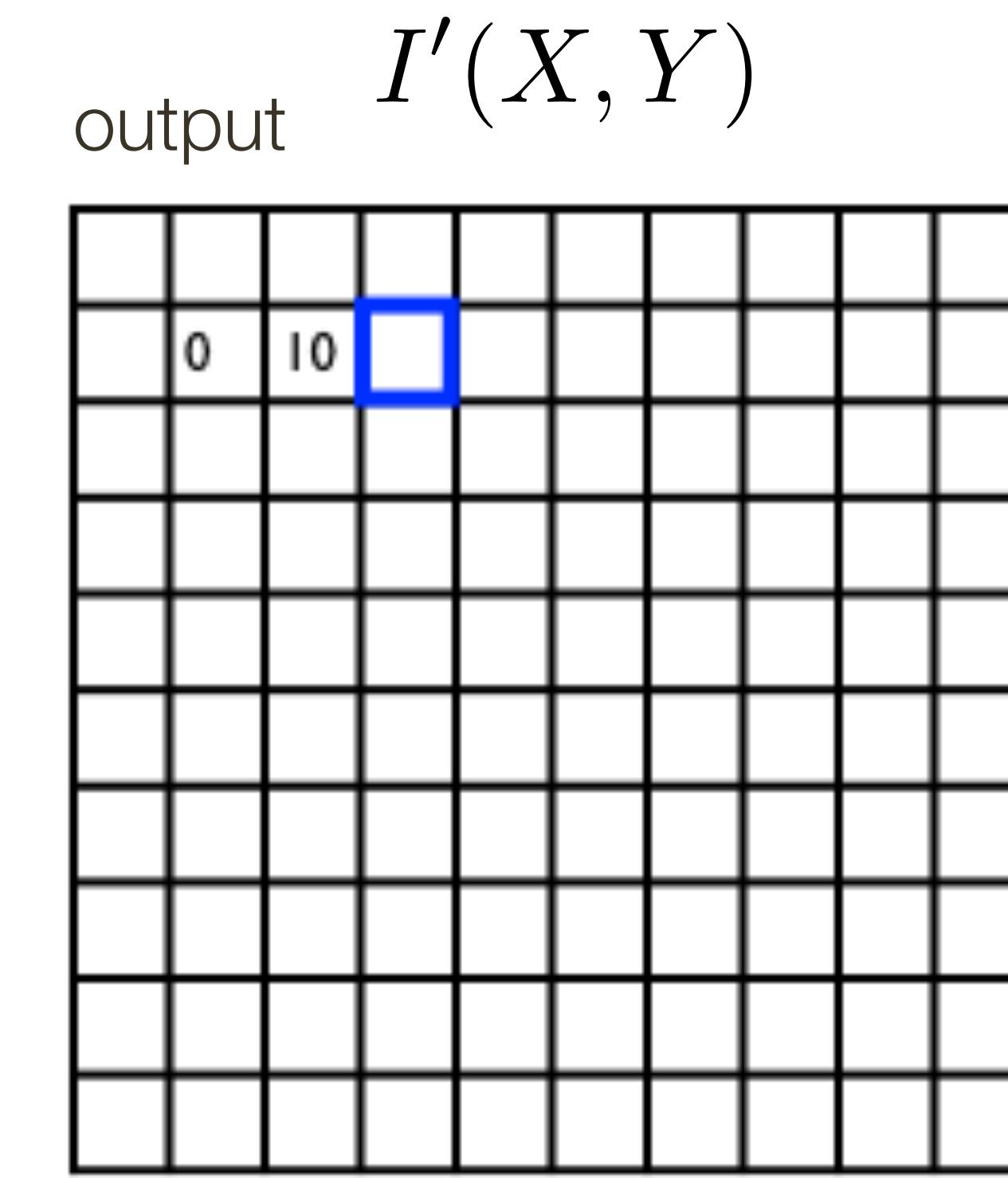
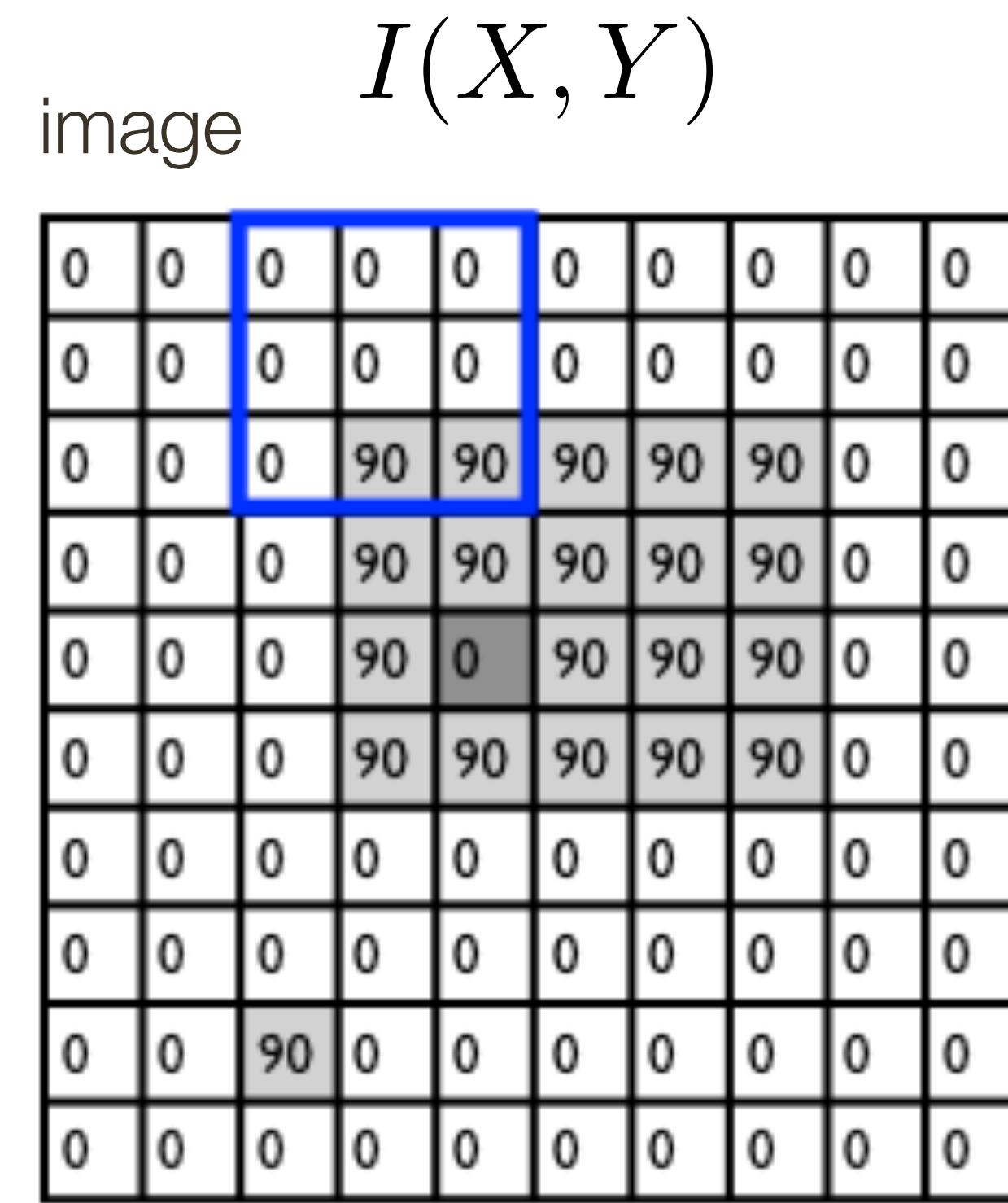
output

filter

image (signal)

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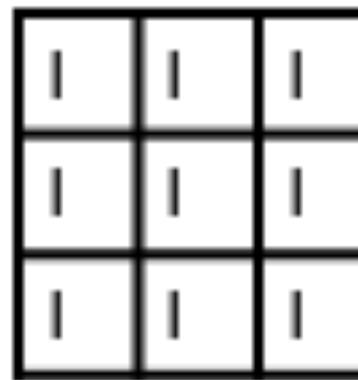
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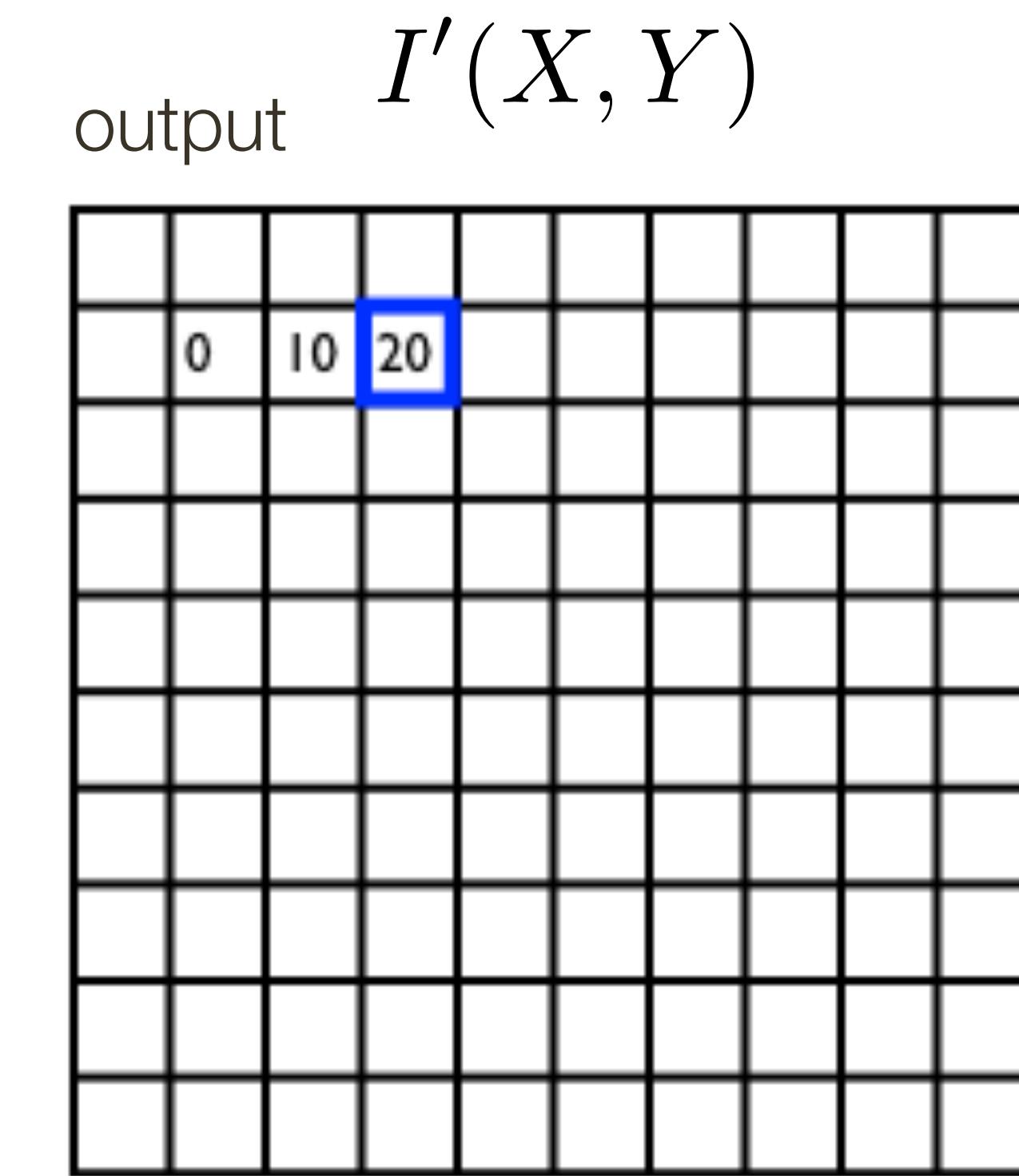
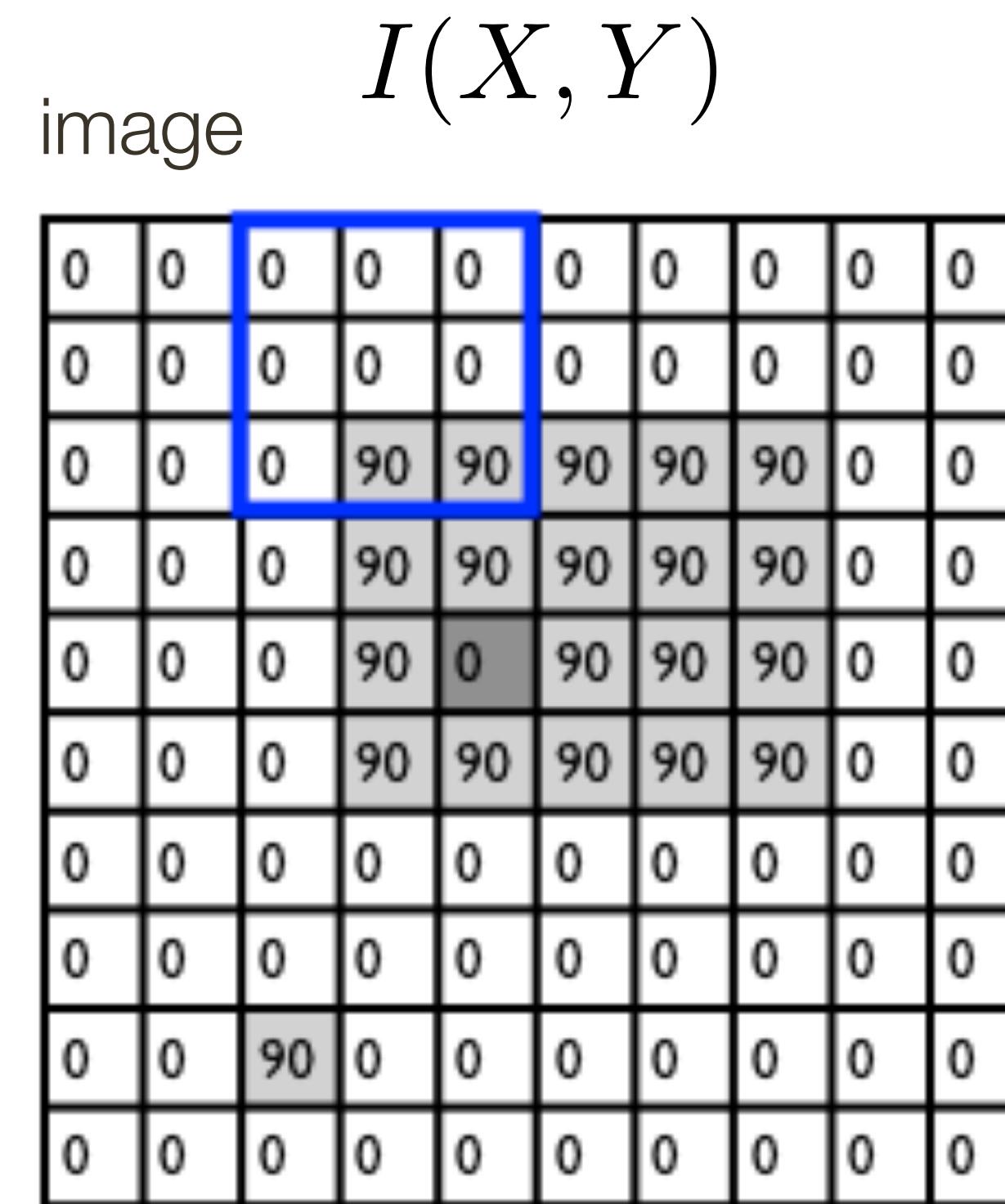


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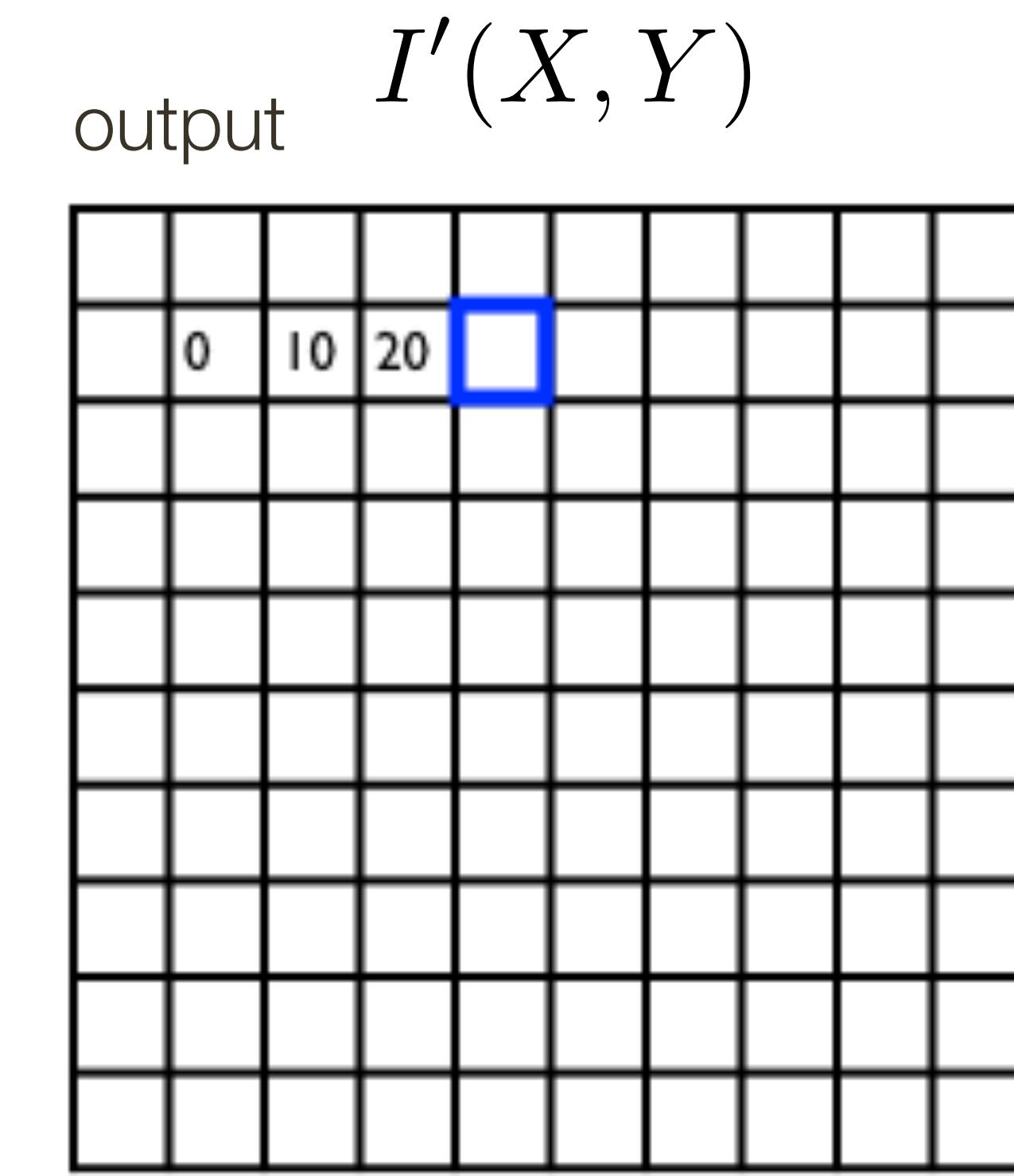
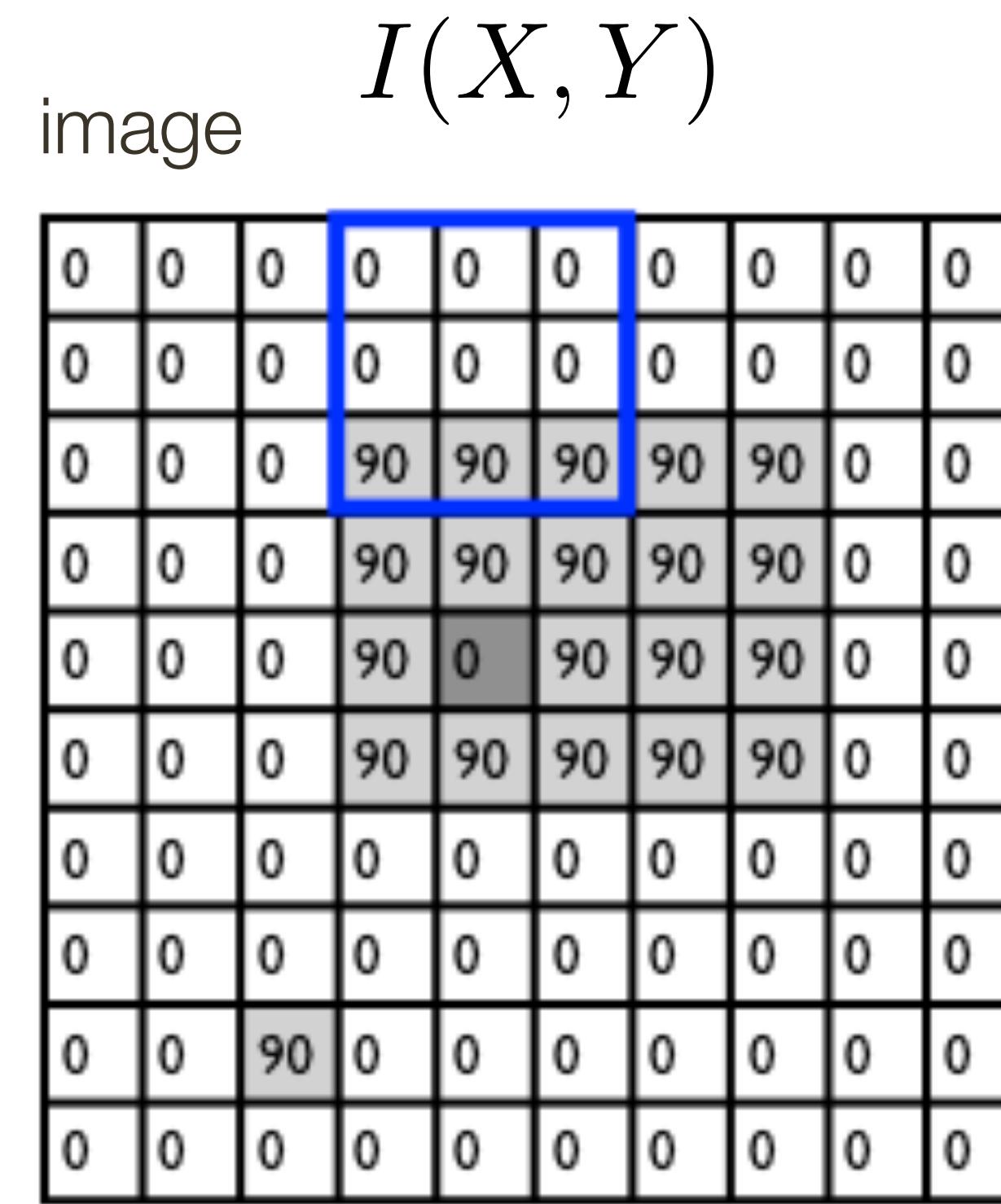
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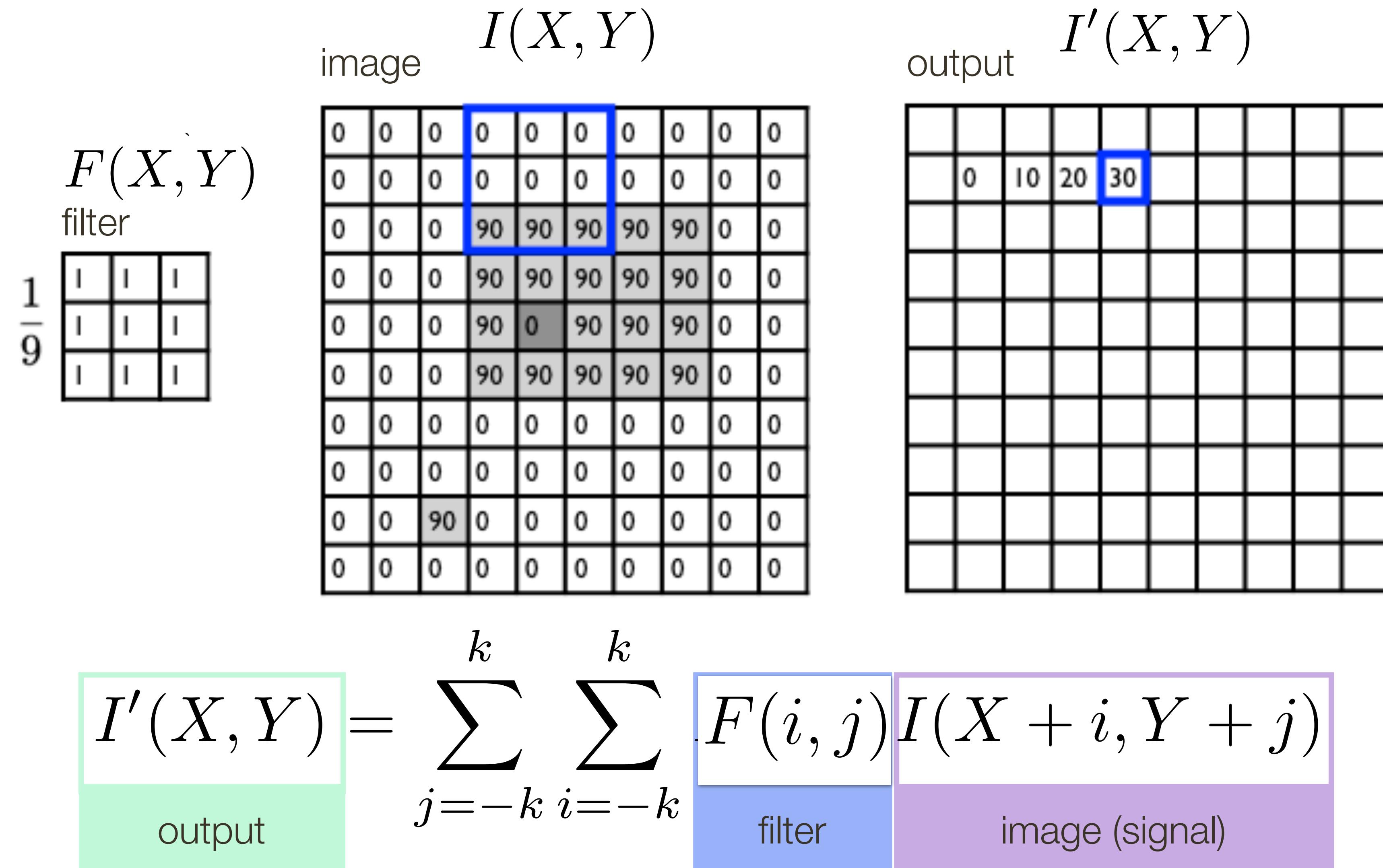
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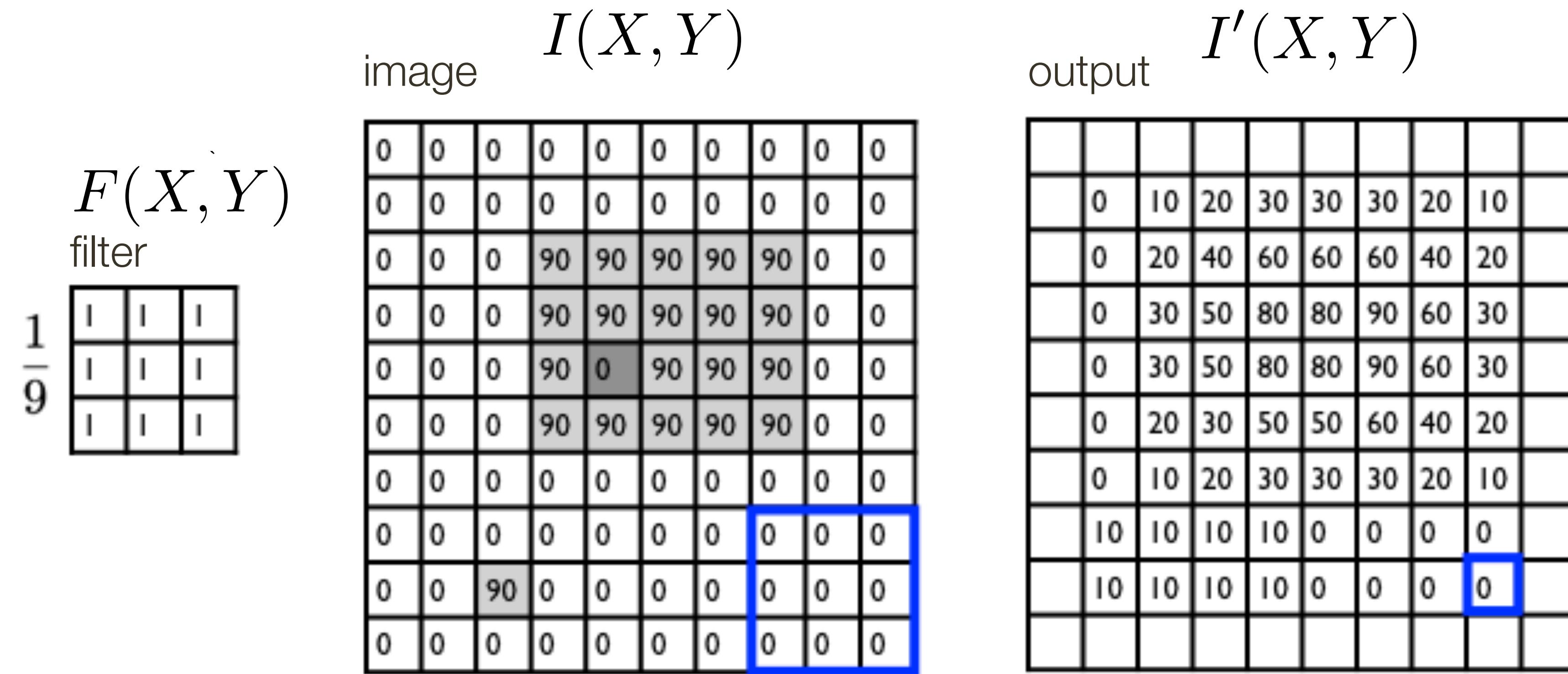
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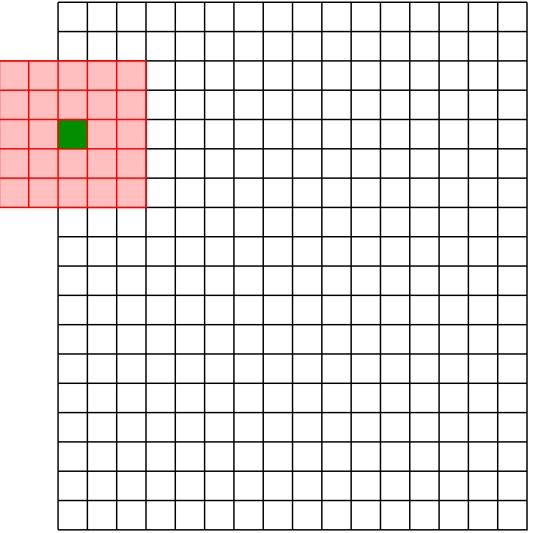
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# Linear Filters: **Boundary** Effects



Four standard ways to deal with boundaries:

1. **Ignore these locations:** Make the computation undefined for the top and bottom  $k$  rows and the leftmost and rightmost  $k$  columns
2. **Pad the image with zeros:** Return zero whenever a value of  $I$  is required at some position outside the defined limits of  $X$  and  $Y$
3. **Assume periodicity:** The top row wraps around to the bottom row; the leftmost column wraps around to the rightmost column
4. **Reflect border:** Copy rows/columns locally by reflecting over the edge

# Lecture 4: Re-cap

**Linear** filtering (one interpretation):

- new pixels are a weighted sum of original pixel values
- “filter” defines weights

**Linear** filtering (another interpretation):

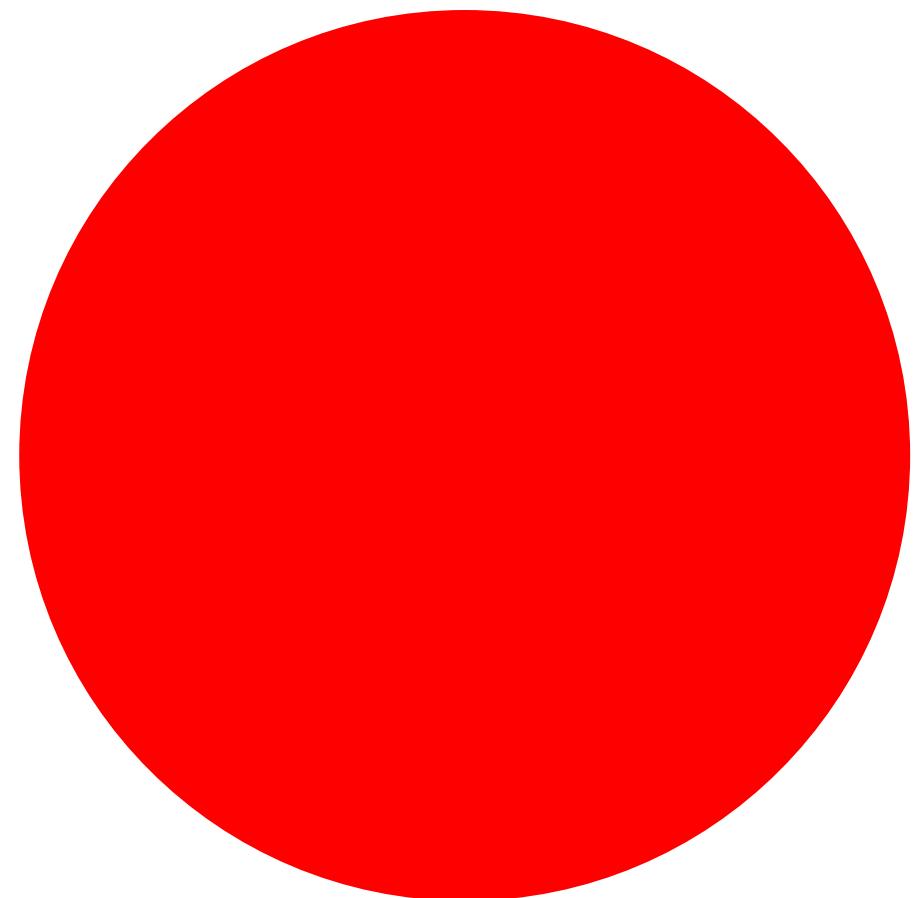
- each pixel creates a scaled copy of point spread function in its location
- “filter” specifies the point spread function

# Low-pass Filtering = “Smoothing”

**Box Filter**

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All of these filters are **Low-pass Filters**

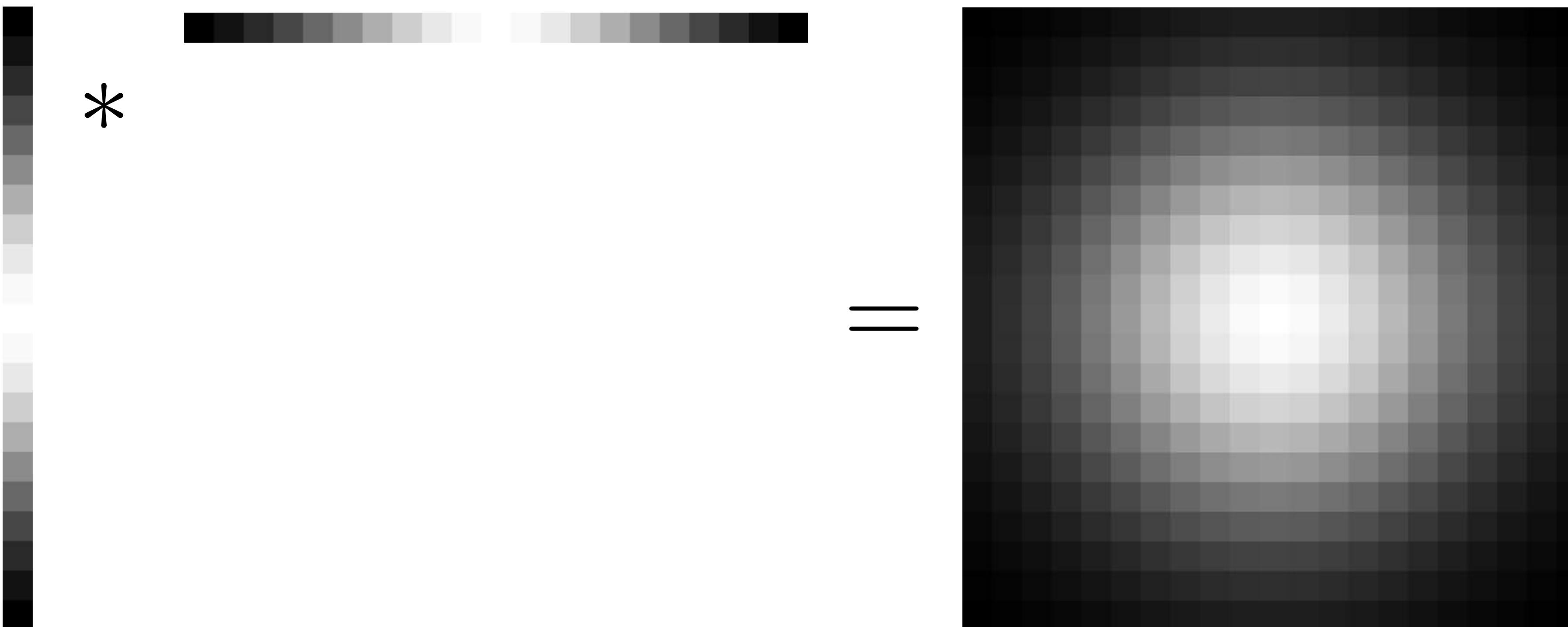
**Low-pass filter:** Low pass filter filters out all of the high frequency content of the image, only low frequencies remain

# Example: Separable Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{256} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Gaussian Blur

2D Gaussian filter can be thought of as an **outer product** or **convolution** of row and column filters

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Vertical Row Filter} \\ | \\ \text{Horizontal Column Filter} \end{matrix} \quad * \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Horizontal Column Filter} \\ | \\ \text{Vertical Row Filter} \end{matrix} \quad = \quad \text{Gaussian Blur Result}$$
The diagram illustrates the computation of a 2D Gaussian blur kernel. It shows two 1D filters: a vertical row filter on the left and a horizontal column filter at the top. An asterisk (\*) between them indicates convolution, while an equals sign (=) to the right indicates the resulting 2D blur kernel.

# Point Spread Function

$$\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} * \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

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$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 7 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} * \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$

# Advanced Convolution Topics

- Multiple filters
- Fourier transforms

# Linear Filters: Properties

Let  $\otimes$  denote convolution. Let  $I(X, Y)$  be a digital image

**Superposition:** Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be digital filters

$$(F_1 + F_2) \otimes I(X, Y) = F_1 \otimes I(X, Y) + F_2 \otimes I(X, Y)$$

**Scaling:** Let  $F$  be digital filter and let  $k$  be a scalar

$$(kF) \otimes I(X, Y) = F \otimes (kI(X, Y)) = k(F \otimes I(X, Y))$$

**Shift Invariance:** Output is local (i.e., no dependence on absolute position)

An operation is **linear** if it satisfies both **superposition** and **scaling**

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$$(G \otimes F) \otimes I(X, Y) = (F \otimes G) \otimes I(X, Y)$$

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# Symmetry Example

A=            B=

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| [[1 1 6] | [[6 6 4] |
| [4 1 7]  | [1 9 5]  |
| [9 0 6]] | [3 3 8]] |

A conv B=            B conv A=

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| [[ 40 84 105] | [[ 40 84 105] |
| [ 97 137 130] | [ 97 137 130] |
| [ 96 107 83]] | [ 96 107 83]] |

A corr B=            B corr A=

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| [[ 34 111 79] | [[102 97 109] |
| [ 78 159 124] | [124 159 78]  |
| [109 97 102]] | [ 79 111 34]] |

$$conv(A, B) = conv(B, A)$$

$$corr(A, B) \neq corr(B, A)$$

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# Example: Two Box Filters

```
filter = boxfilter(3)
```

```
signal.correlate2d(filter, filter, 'full')
```

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \frac{1}{9} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \frac{1}{81} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3x3 Box                    3x3 Box

# Example: Two Box Filters

Treat one filter as padded “image”

**Note**, in this case you have to pad maximally until two filters no longer overlap

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

3x3 Box

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3x3 Box

$$= \frac{1}{81}$$

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

Output

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Treat one filter as padded “image”

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \otimes \frac{1}{9} \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{81} \begin{matrix} & & & & & \\ & 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ & 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ & 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ & 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ & 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & & \end{matrix}$$

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3x3 Box

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

3x3 Box

$$= \frac{1}{81}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 6 & 9 & 6 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Output

# Example: Two Box Filters

```
filter = boxfilter(3)
```

```
temp = signal.correlate2d(filter, filter, 'full')
```

```
signal.correlate2d(filter, temp, 'full')
```

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{729}$$

**3x3 Box      3x3 Box      3x3 Box**

|   |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| 1 | 3  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 3  | 1 |
| 3 | 9  | 18 | 21 | 18 | 9  | 3 |
| 6 | 18 | 36 | 42 | 36 | 18 | 6 |
| 7 | 21 | 42 | 49 | 42 | 21 | 7 |
| 6 | 18 | 36 | 42 | 36 | 18 | 6 |
| 3 | 9  | 18 | 21 | 18 | 9  | 3 |
| 1 | 3  | 6  | 7  | 6  | 3  | 1 |



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# Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{256} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \otimes \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{256}$$

The diagram illustrates the application of a separable Gaussian filter. It shows a 5x5 input matrix on the left, a 1x5 kernel matrix in the middle, and the resulting output matrix on the right.

The input matrix (5x5) is:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |

The kernel matrix (1x5) is:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

The resulting output matrix (5x5) is:

|  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |  |
|  | 1 |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  |  |  |

The element at the intersection of the first column and first row of the output matrix is highlighted with a red box, resulting in a value of  $\frac{1}{256}$ .

# Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \otimes \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{256}$$

The diagram illustrates the application of a separable Gaussian filter. It shows three matrices: an input matrix, a 1D filter, and an output matrix.

- Input Matrix:** A 5x5 matrix with values:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
- Filter:** A 1D vector with values:

|   |
|---|
| 1 |
| 4 |
| 6 |
| 4 |
| 1 |
- Output Matrix:** A 5x5 matrix with values:

|   |    |   |   |   |
|---|----|---|---|---|
|   |    |   |   |   |
|   |    |   |   |   |
| 1 | 4  | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 16 |   |   |   |
|   |    |   |   |   |

The center element of the output matrix is highlighted with a red box.

# Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \otimes \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{matrix} = \frac{1}{256}$$

The diagram illustrates the convolution of a 5x5 input matrix with a 1D kernel. The input matrix has a value of 1 at its bottom-right corner, highlighted by a red border. The 1D kernel is shown vertically below the input. The result of the convolution is a 5x5 output matrix where the bottom-right corner also has a value of 1, highlighted by a red border. The other values in the output matrix are 0.

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |
|---|
| 1 |
| 4 |
| 6 |
| 4 |
| 1 |

|   |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|---|
|   |    |    |    |   |
|   |    |    |    |   |
| 1 | 4  | 6  | 4  | 1 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 6 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 6 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4  | 6  | 4  | 1 |
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|   |    |    |    |   |

# Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$\frac{1}{16} \otimes \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{256}$$

The diagram illustrates the convolution of a 5x5 input matrix with a 1D kernel. The input matrix is a 5x5 identity matrix scaled by  $\frac{1}{16}$ . The kernel is a 5-element vector also scaled by  $\frac{1}{16}$ , representing a separable Gaussian filter. The result is a 5x5 output matrix scaled by  $\frac{1}{256}$ .

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

|   |
|---|
| 1 |
| 4 |
| 6 |
| 4 |
| 1 |

|   |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|---|
| 1 | 4  | 6  | 4  | 1 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 6 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 6 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4  | 6  | 4  | 1 |

# Pre-Convoving Filters

Convolving two filters of size  $m \times m$  and  $n \times n$  results in filter of size:

$$(n + m - 1) \times (n + m - 1)$$

More broadly for a set of  $K$  filters of sizes  $m_k \times m_k$  the resulting filter will have size:

$$\left( m_1 + \sum_{k=2}^K (m_k - 1) \right) \times \left( m_1 + \sum_{k=2}^K (m_k - 1) \right)$$

# Gaussian: An Additional Property

Let  $\otimes$  denote convolution. Let  $G_{\sigma_1}(x)$  and  $G_{\sigma_2}(x)$  be two 1D Gaussians

$$G_{\sigma_1}(x) \otimes G_{\sigma_2}(x) = G_{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}}(x)$$

Convolution of two Gaussians is another Gaussian

**Special case:** Convolving with  $G_\sigma(x)$  twice is equivalent to  $G_{\sqrt{2}\sigma}(x)$

What follows is for fun  
(you will **NOT** be tested on this)

# Convolution using Fourier Transforms

[ Szeliski 3.4 ]

Convolution **Theorem**:

Let  $i'(x, y) = f(x, y) \otimes i(x, y)$

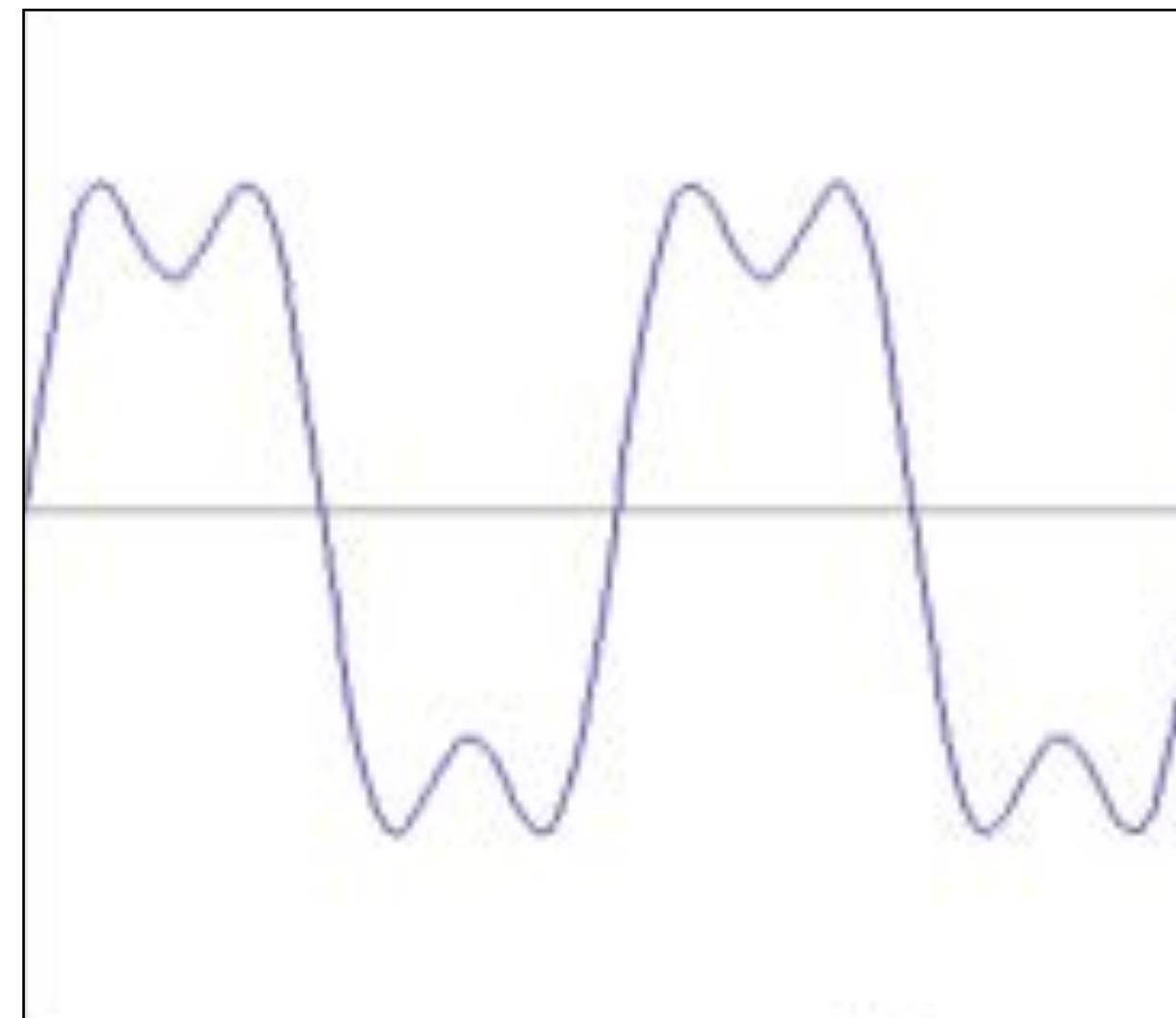
then  $\mathcal{I}'(w_x, w_y) = \mathcal{F}(w_x, w_y) \mathcal{I}(w_x, w_y)$

where  $\mathcal{I}'(w_x, w_y)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(w_x, w_y)$ , and  $\mathcal{I}(w_x, w_y)$  are Fourier transforms of  $i'(x, y)$ ,  $f(x, y)$  and  $i(x, y)$

At the expense of two **Fourier** transforms and one inverse Fourier transform, convolution can be reduced to (complex) multiplication

# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

How would you generate this function?



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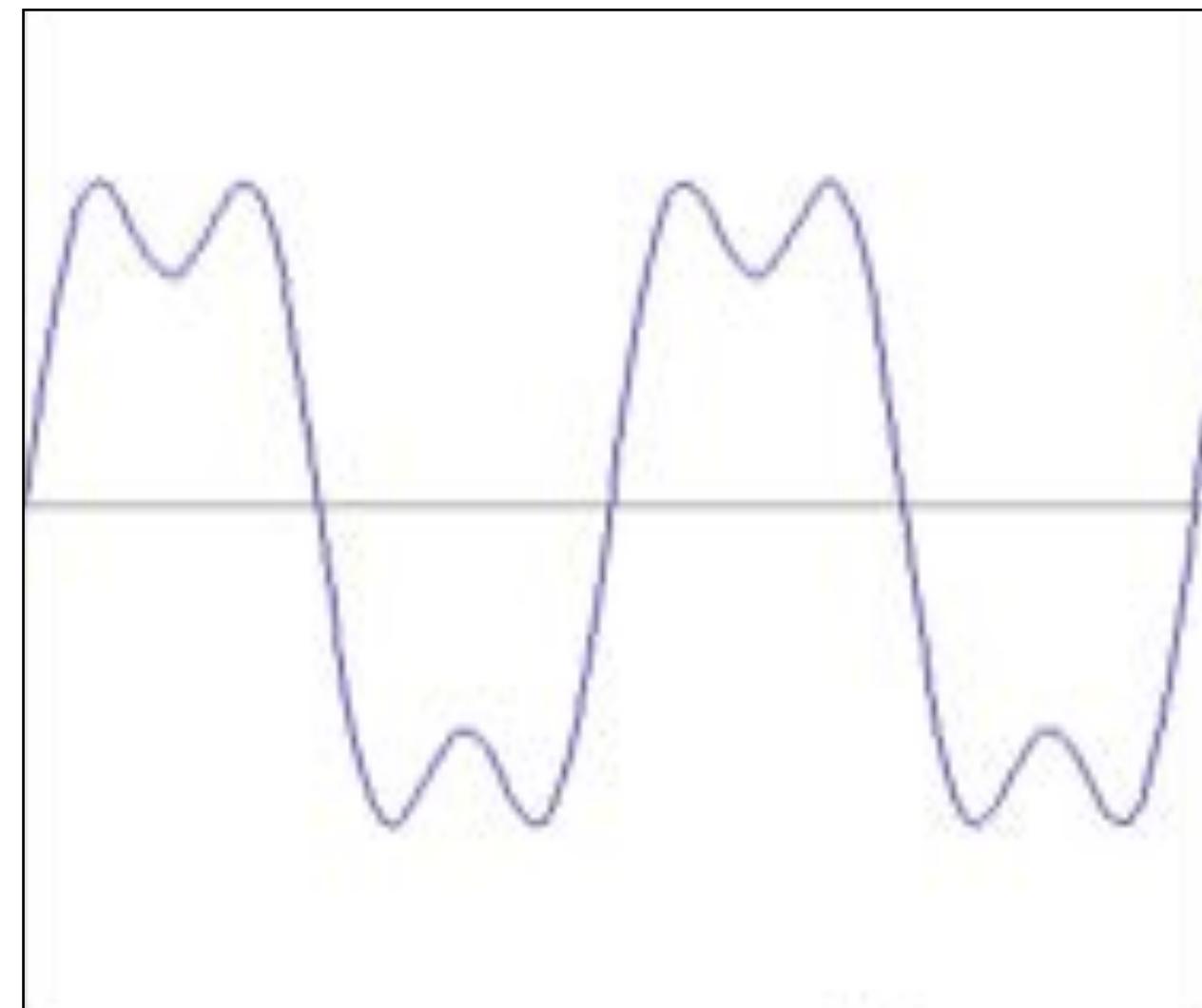
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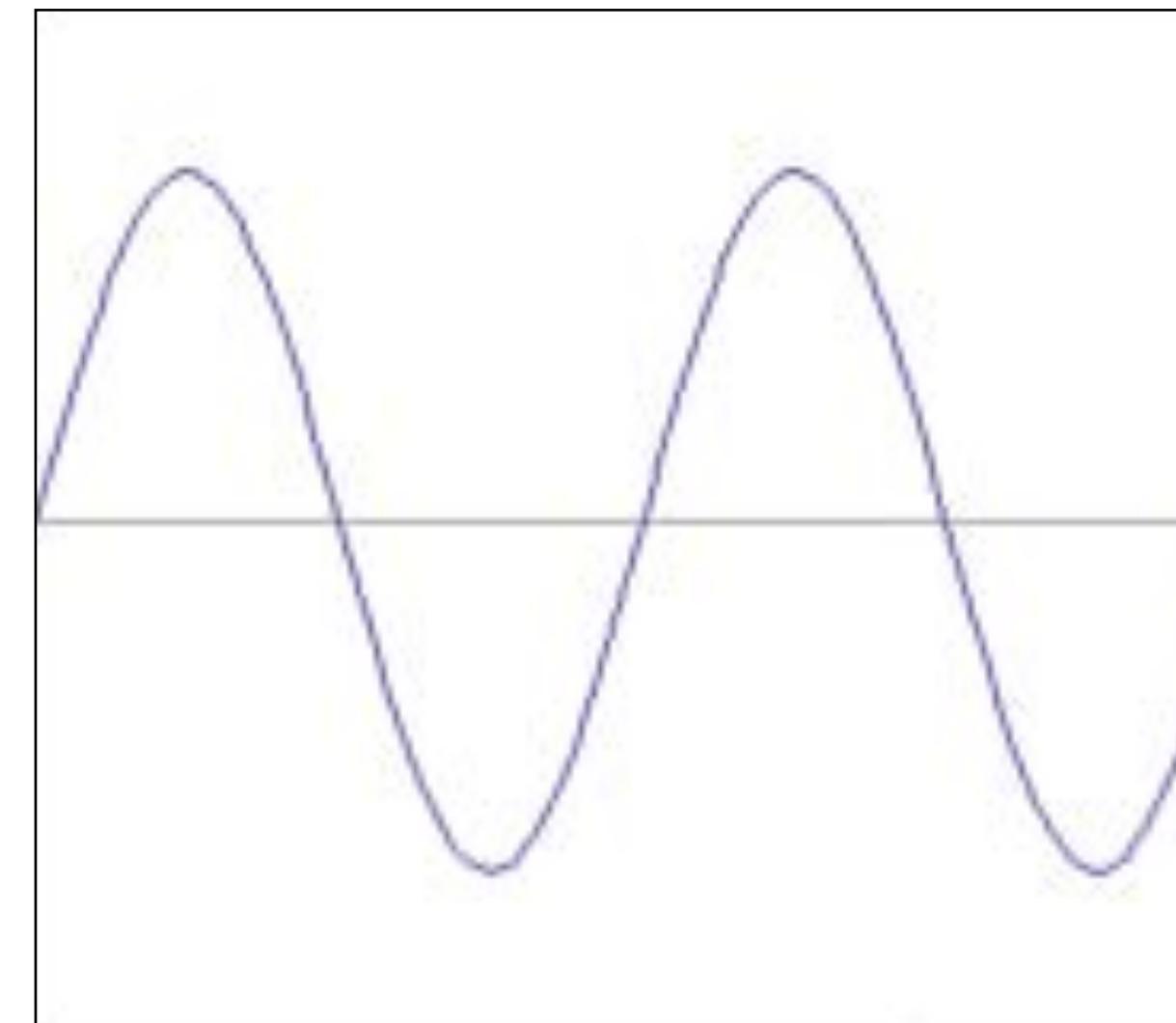
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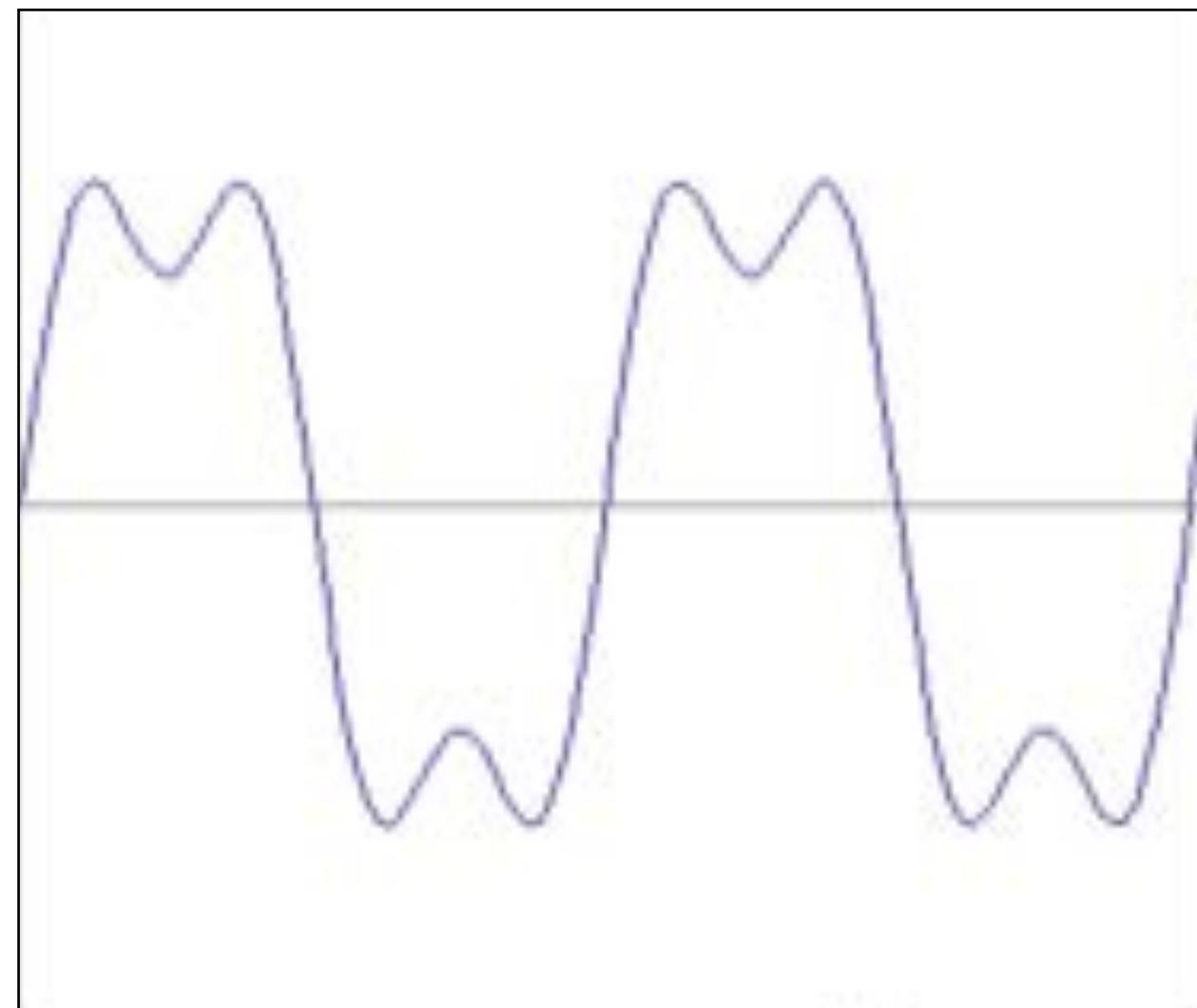
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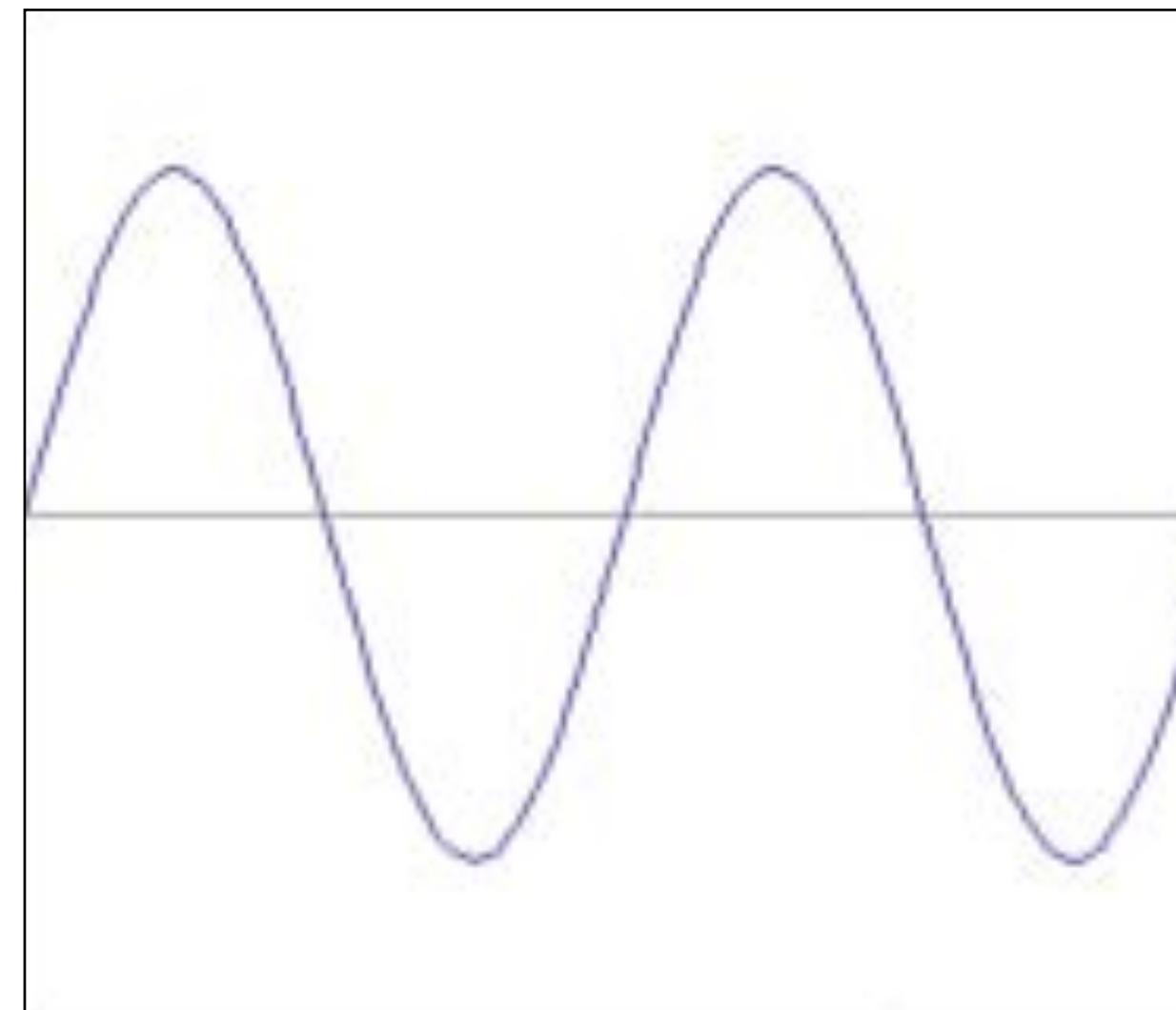
$$\sin(2\pi x)$$

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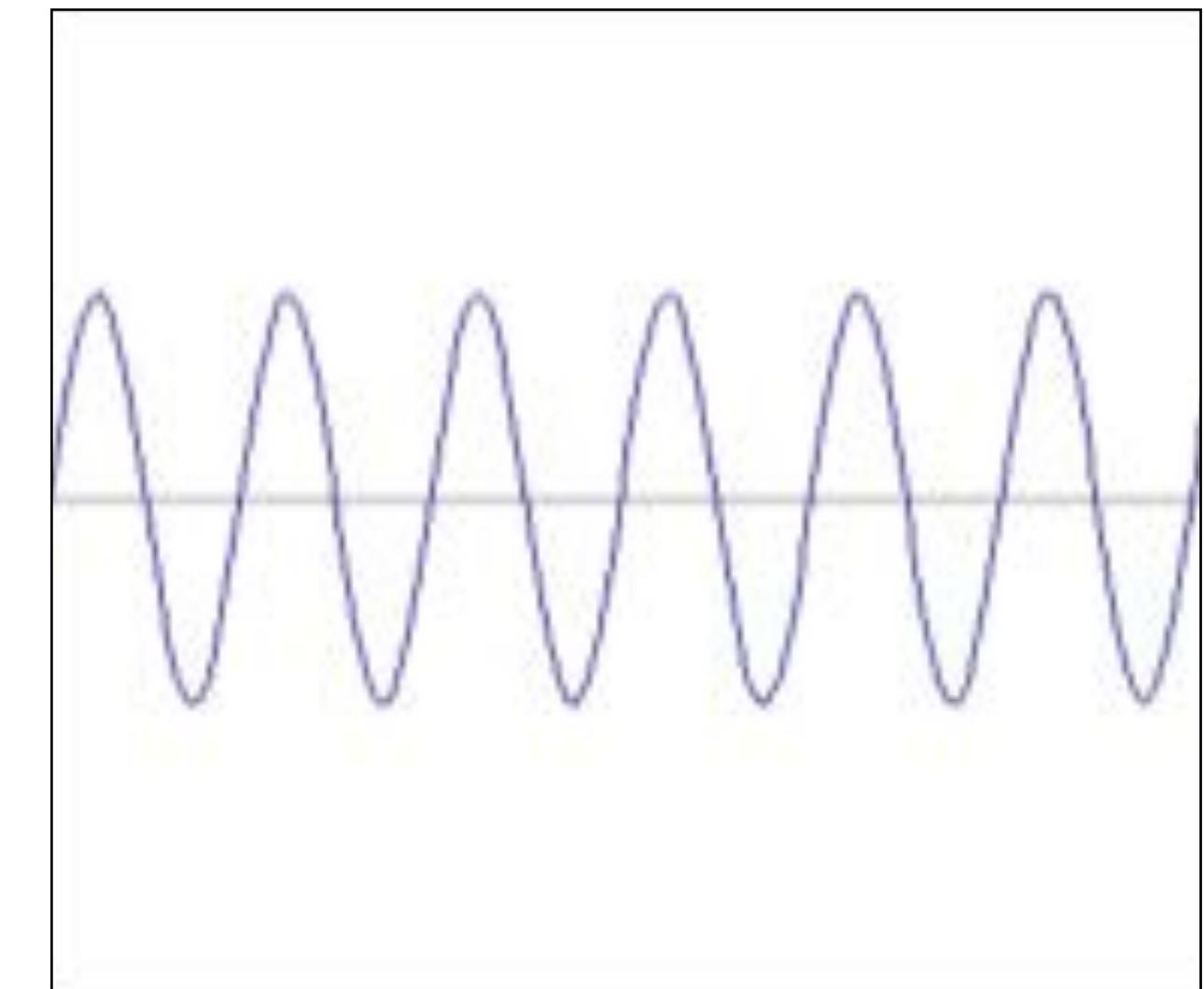


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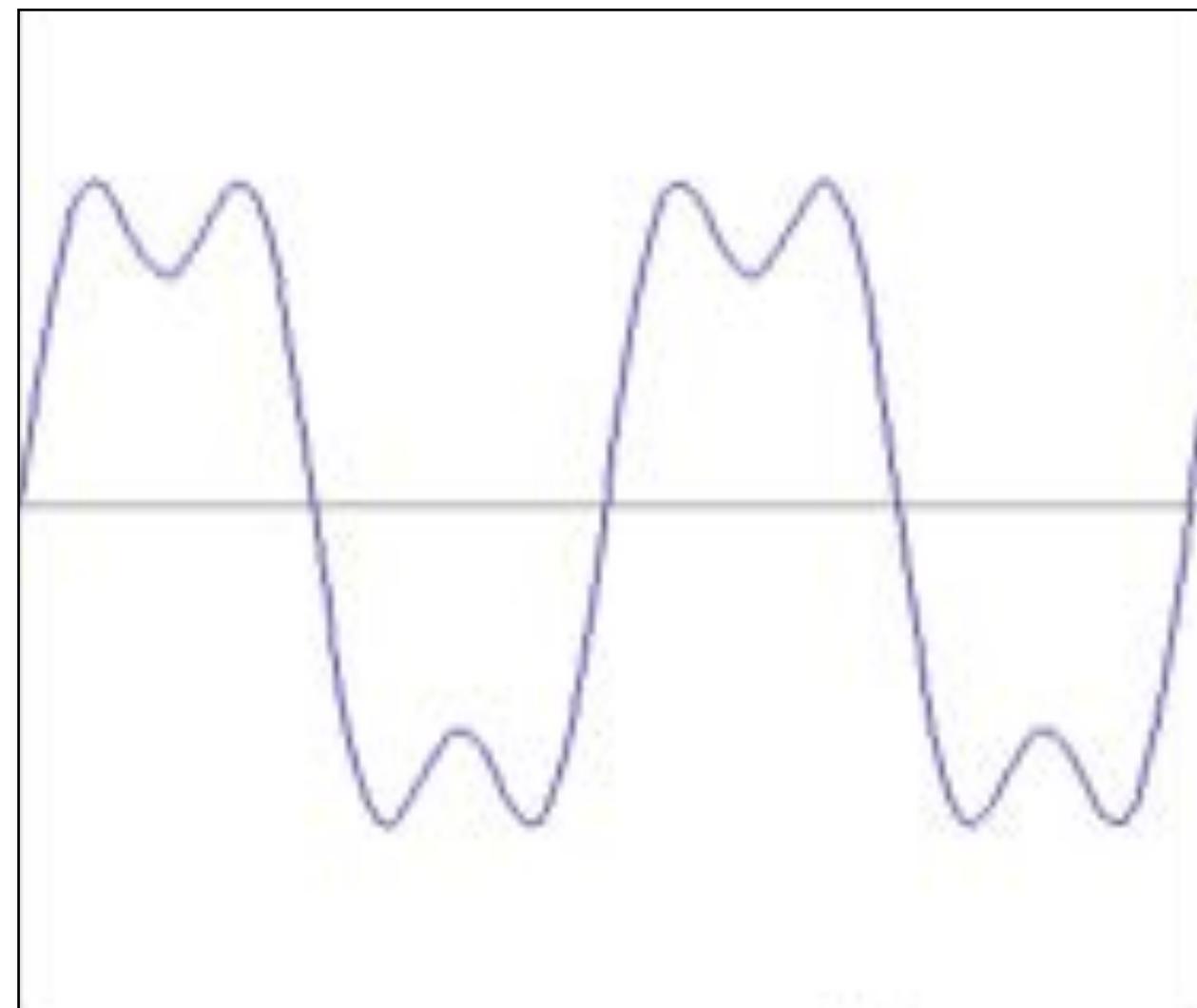
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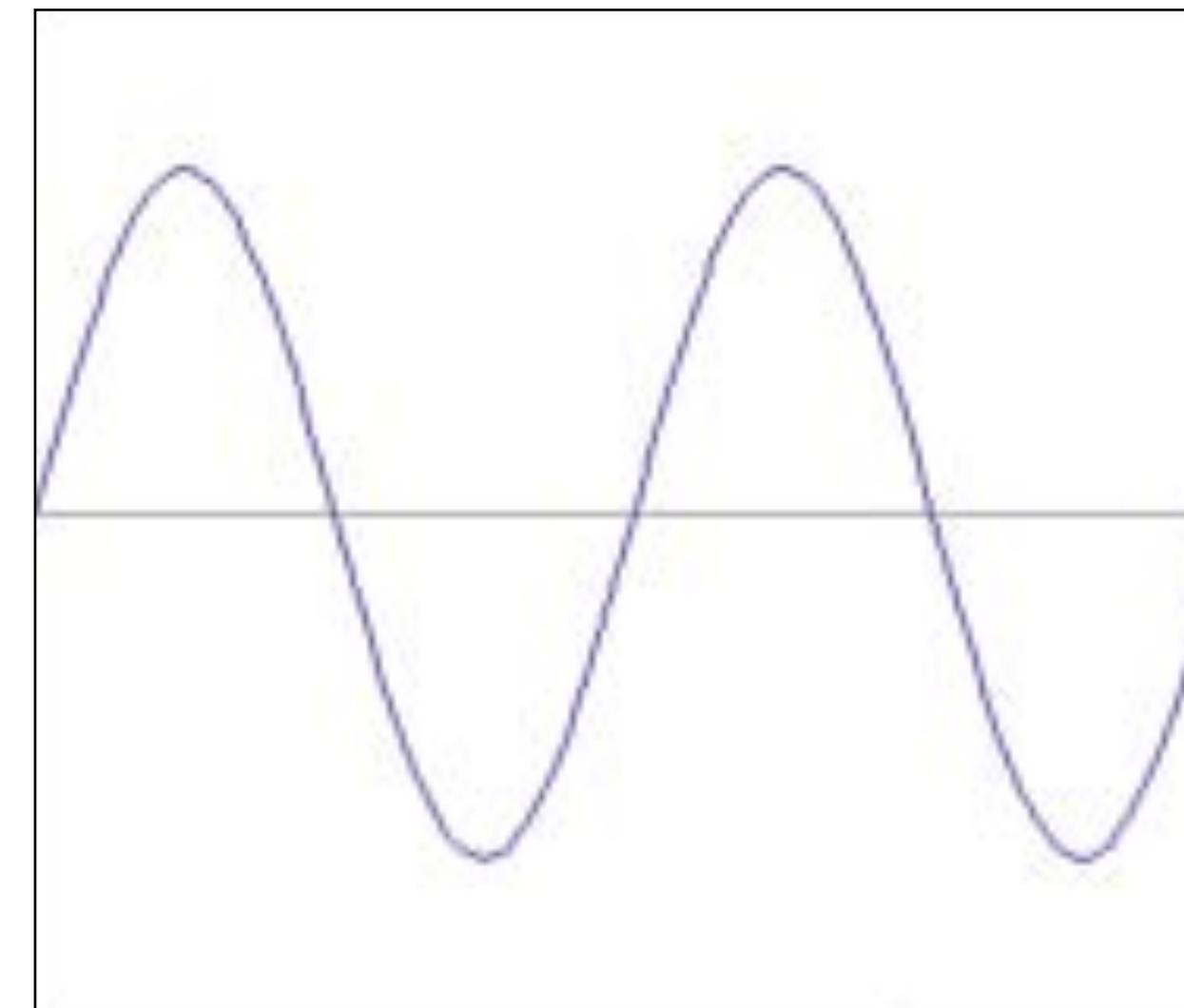
$$\frac{1}{3} \sin(2\pi 3x)$$

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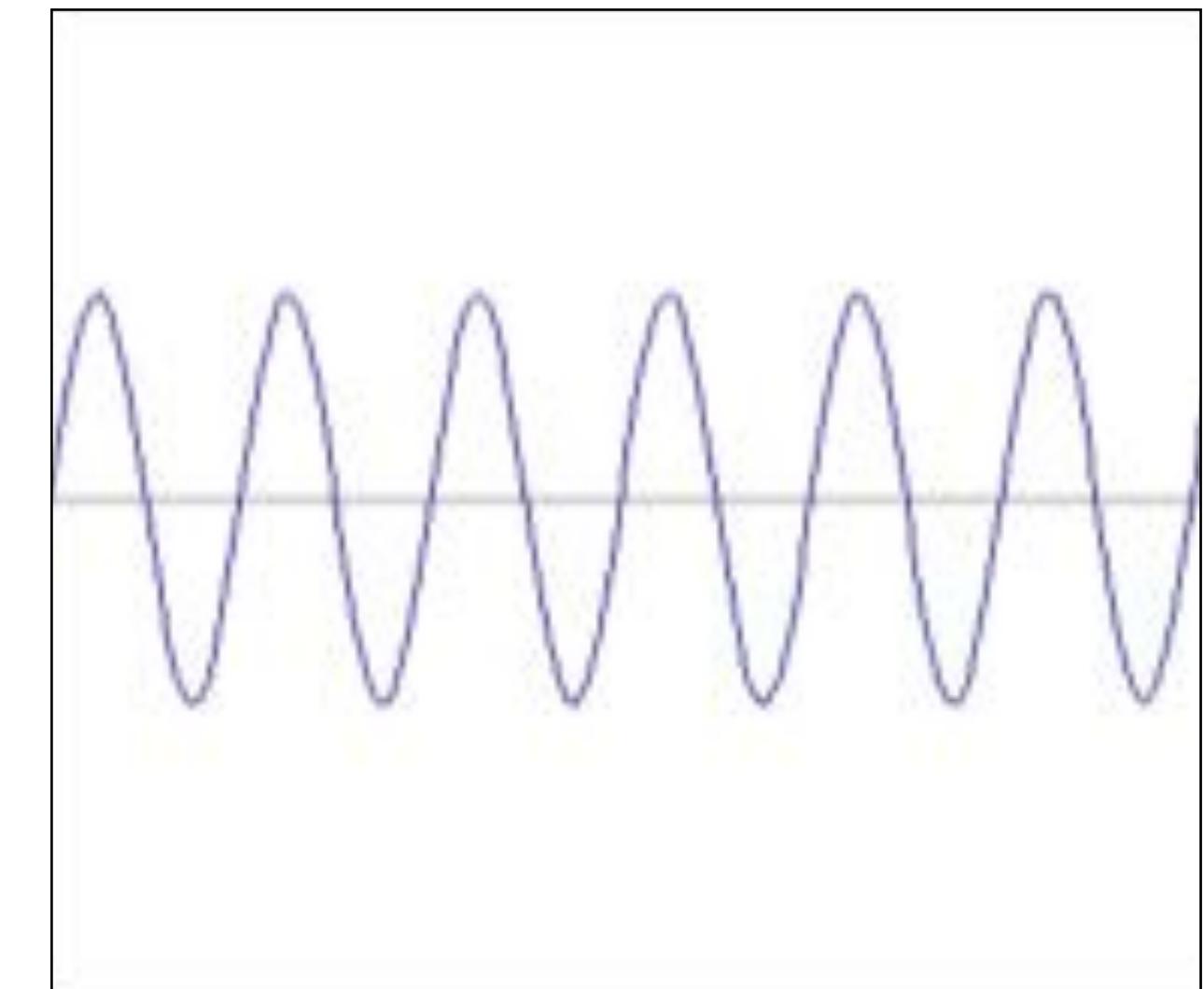
How would you generate this function?



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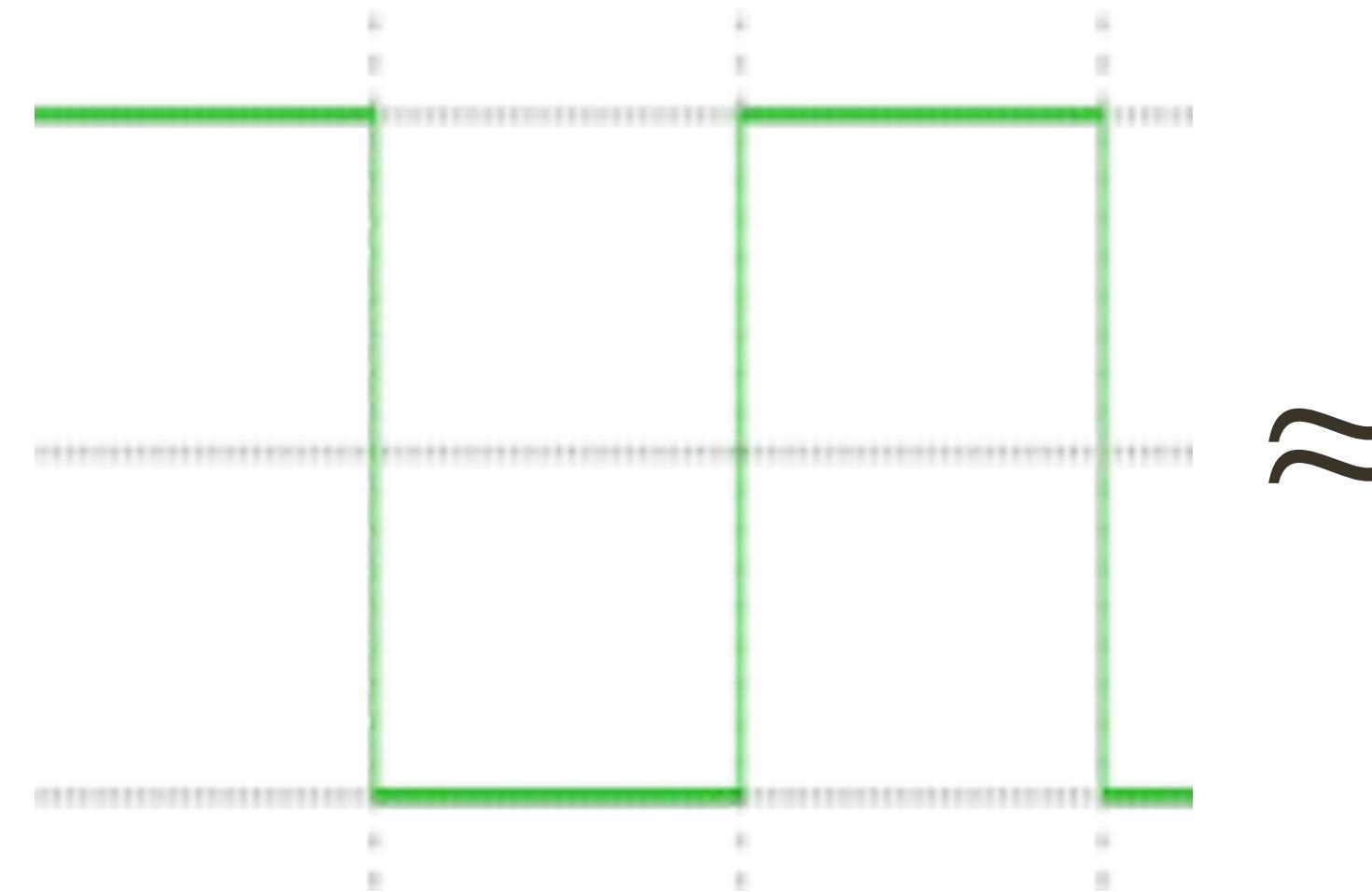
$$f(x) = \sin(2\pi x) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(2\pi 3x)$$

$$\sin(2\pi x)$$

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# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

How would you generate this function?



$\approx$

square wave

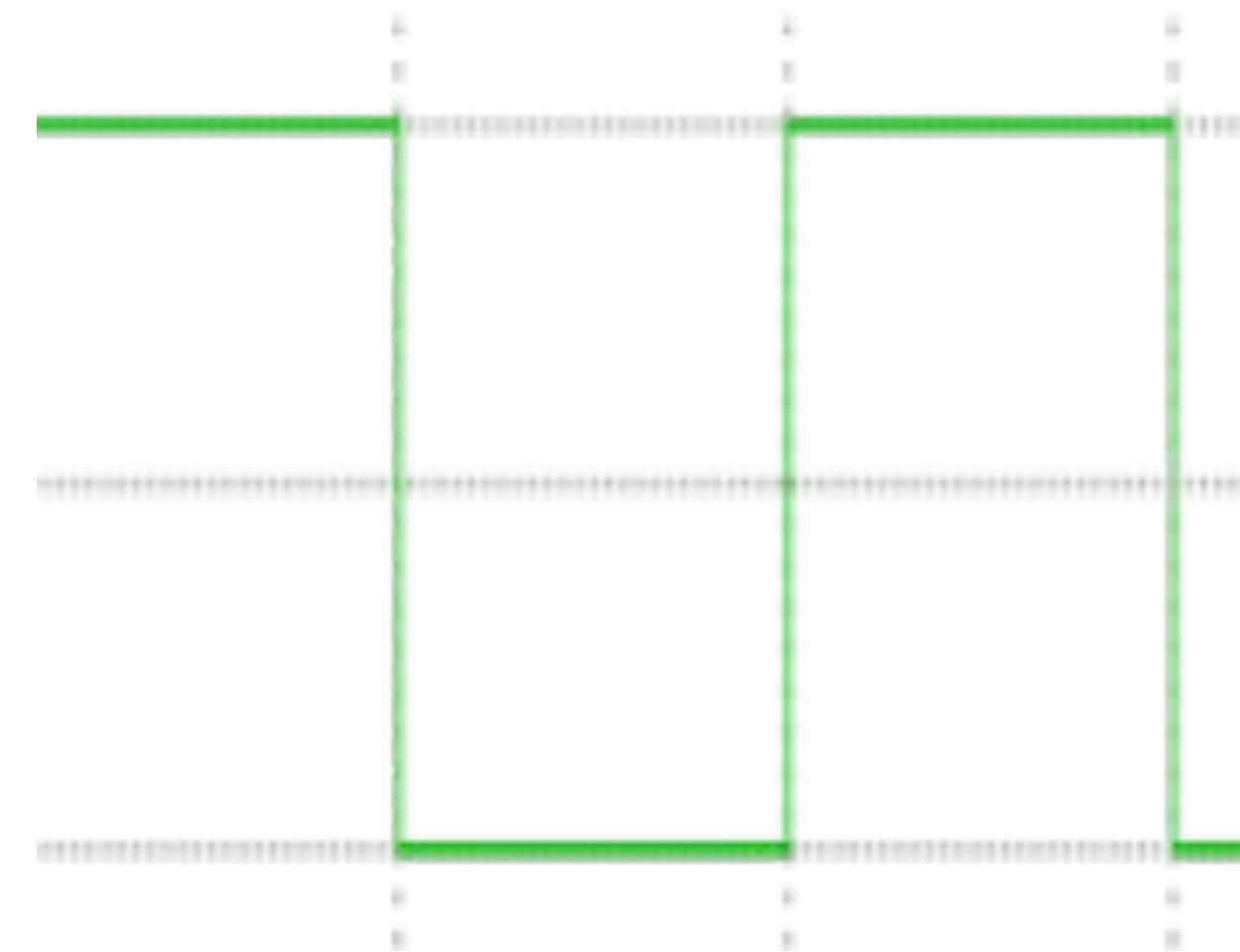
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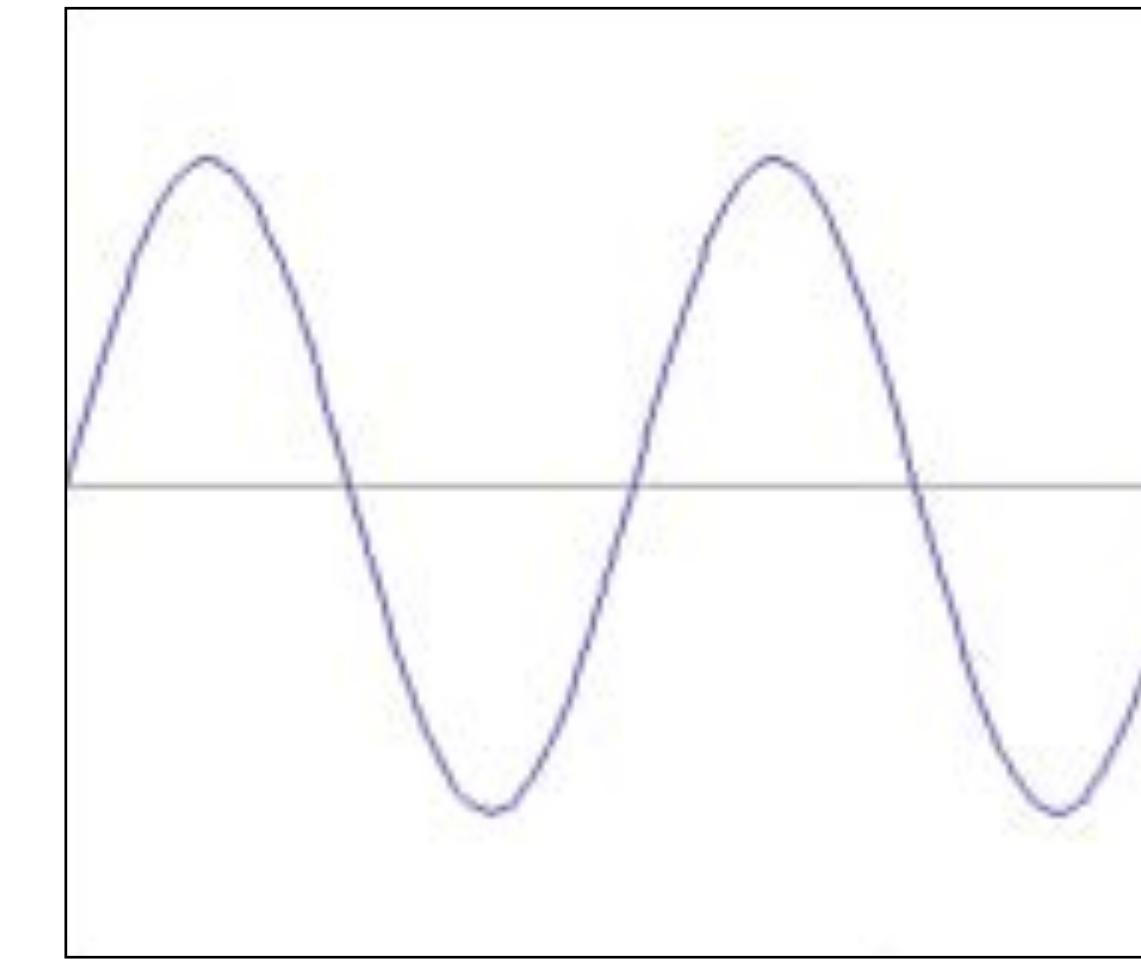
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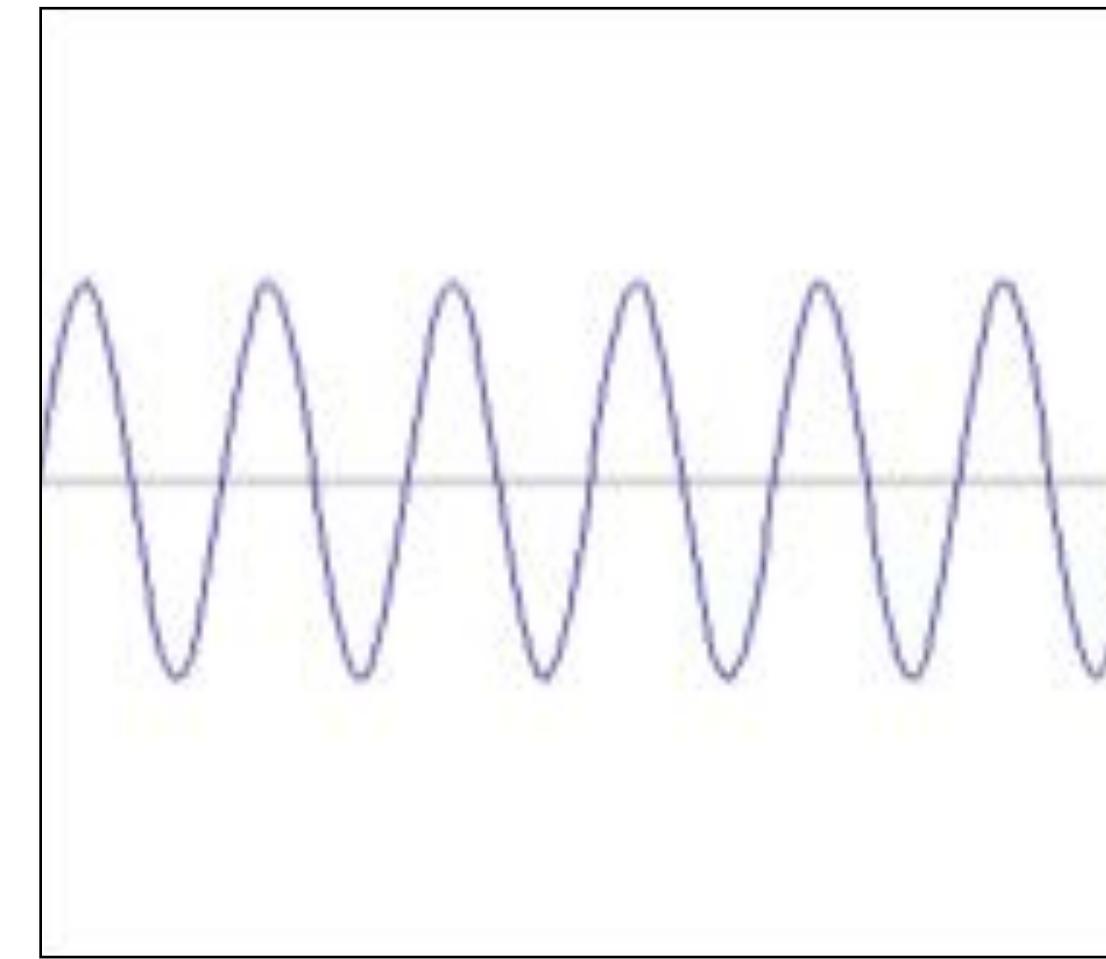


square wave

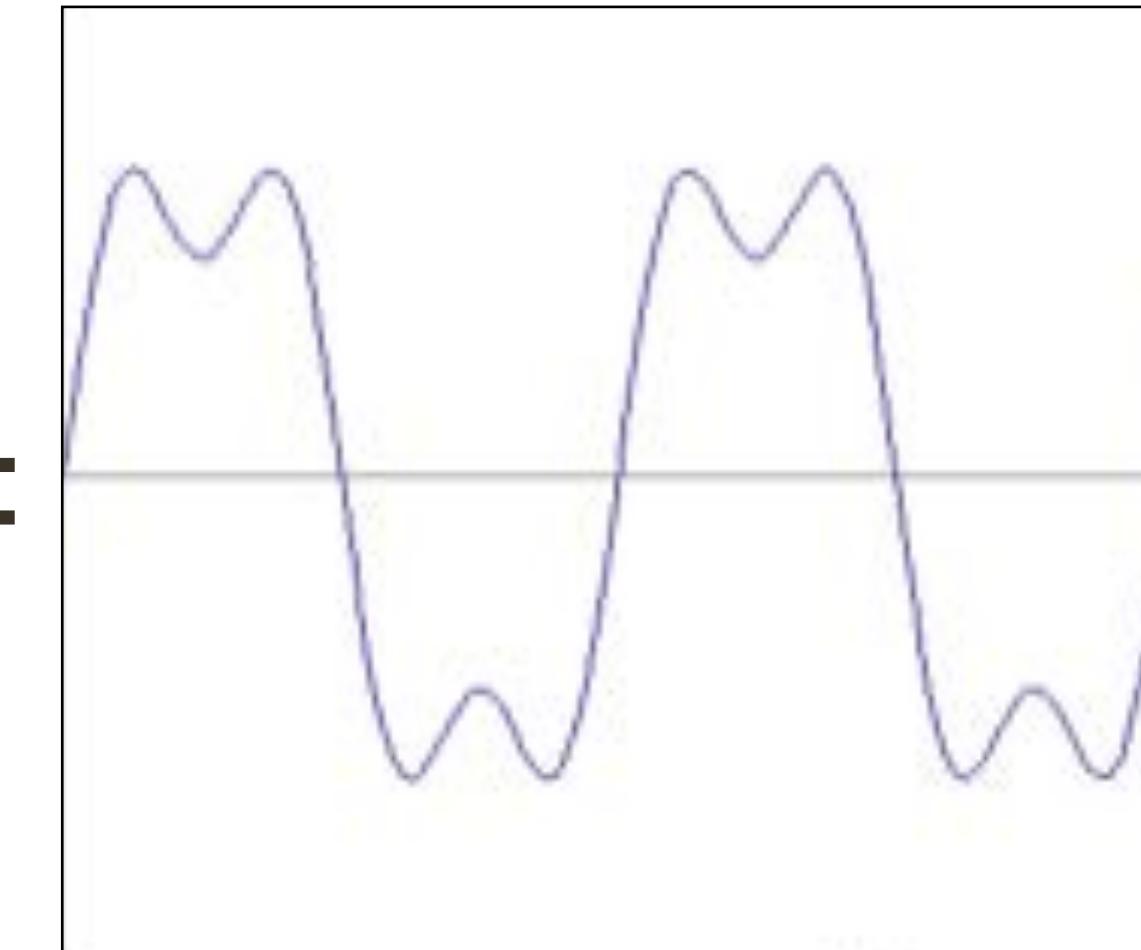
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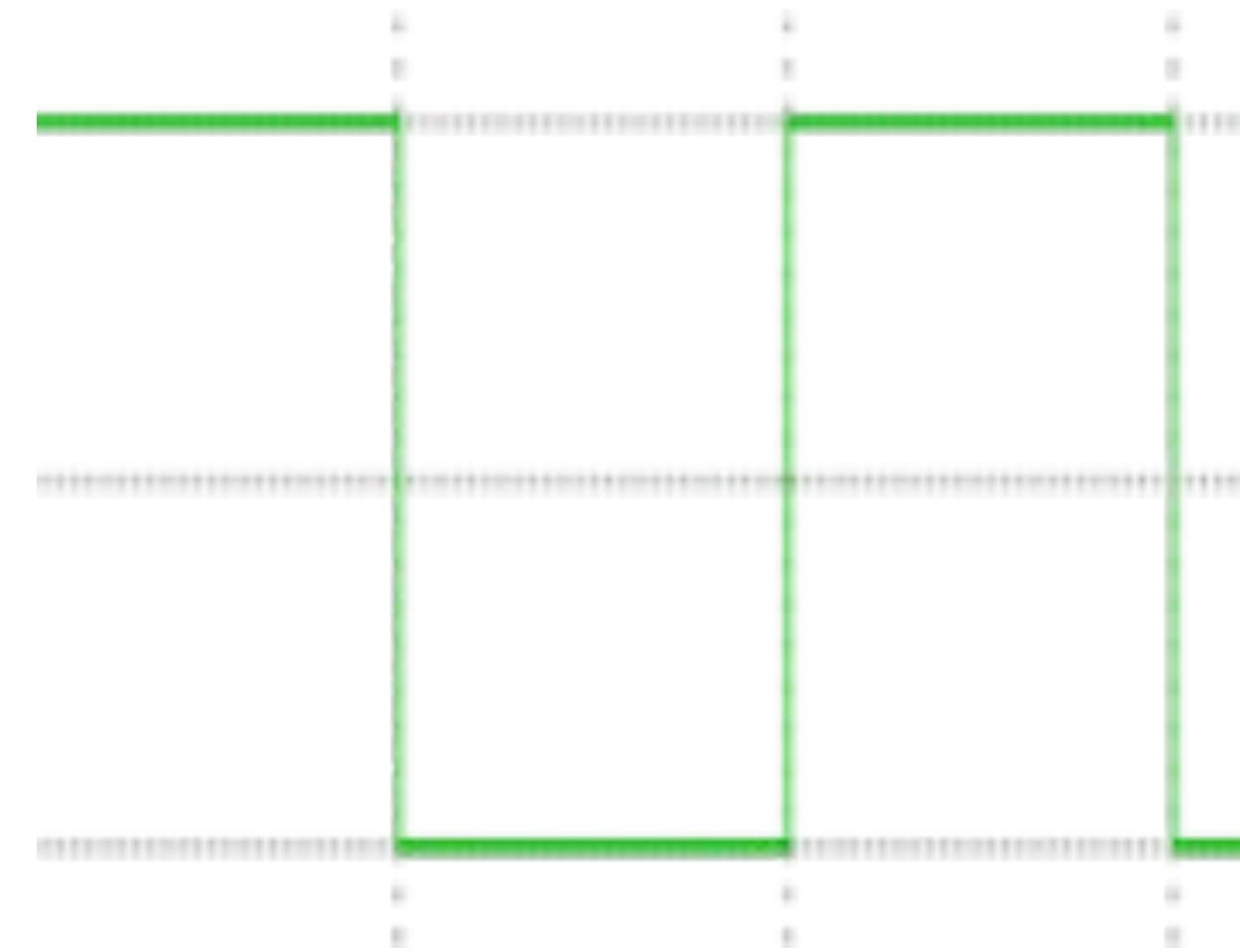


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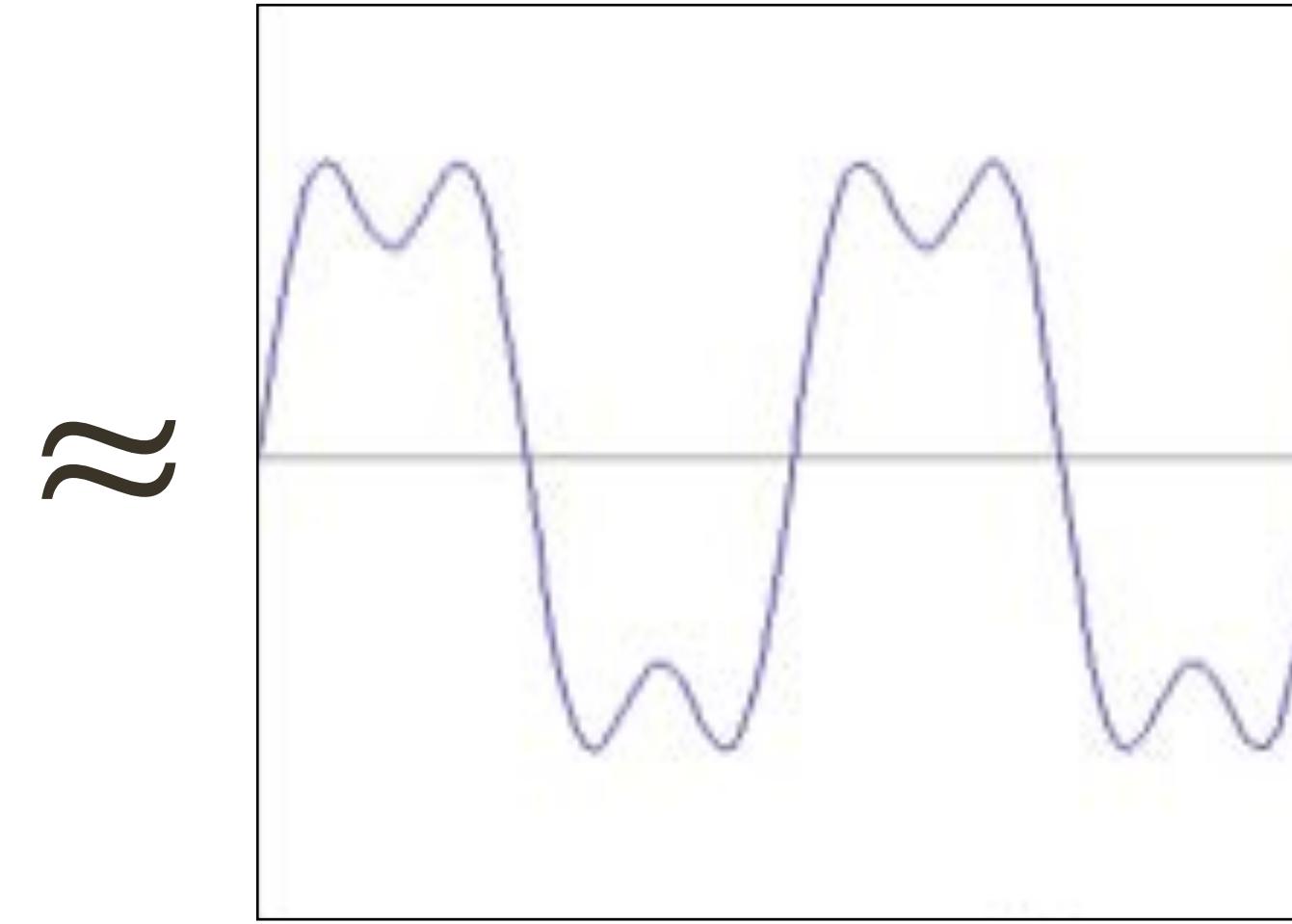


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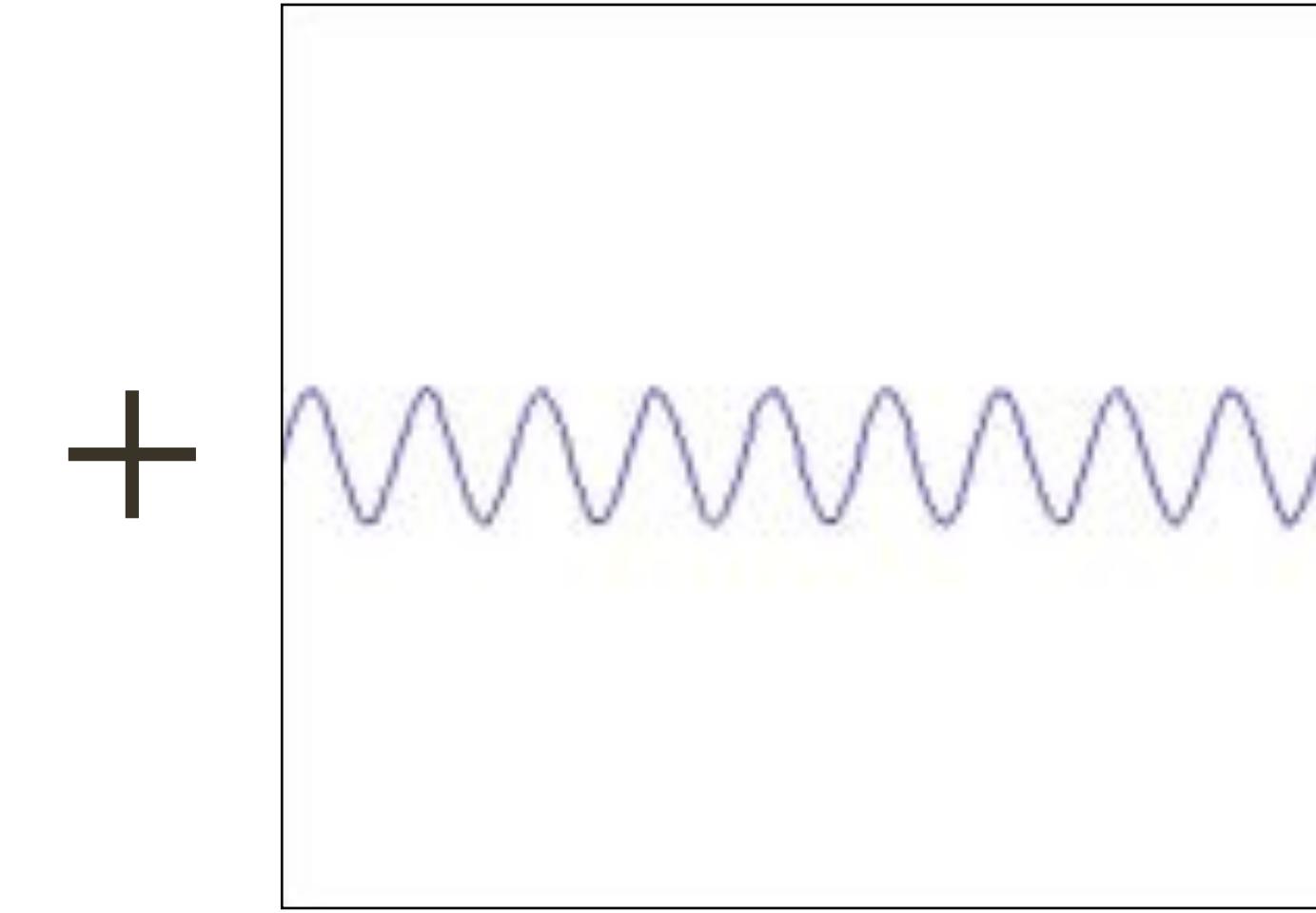
How would you generate this function?



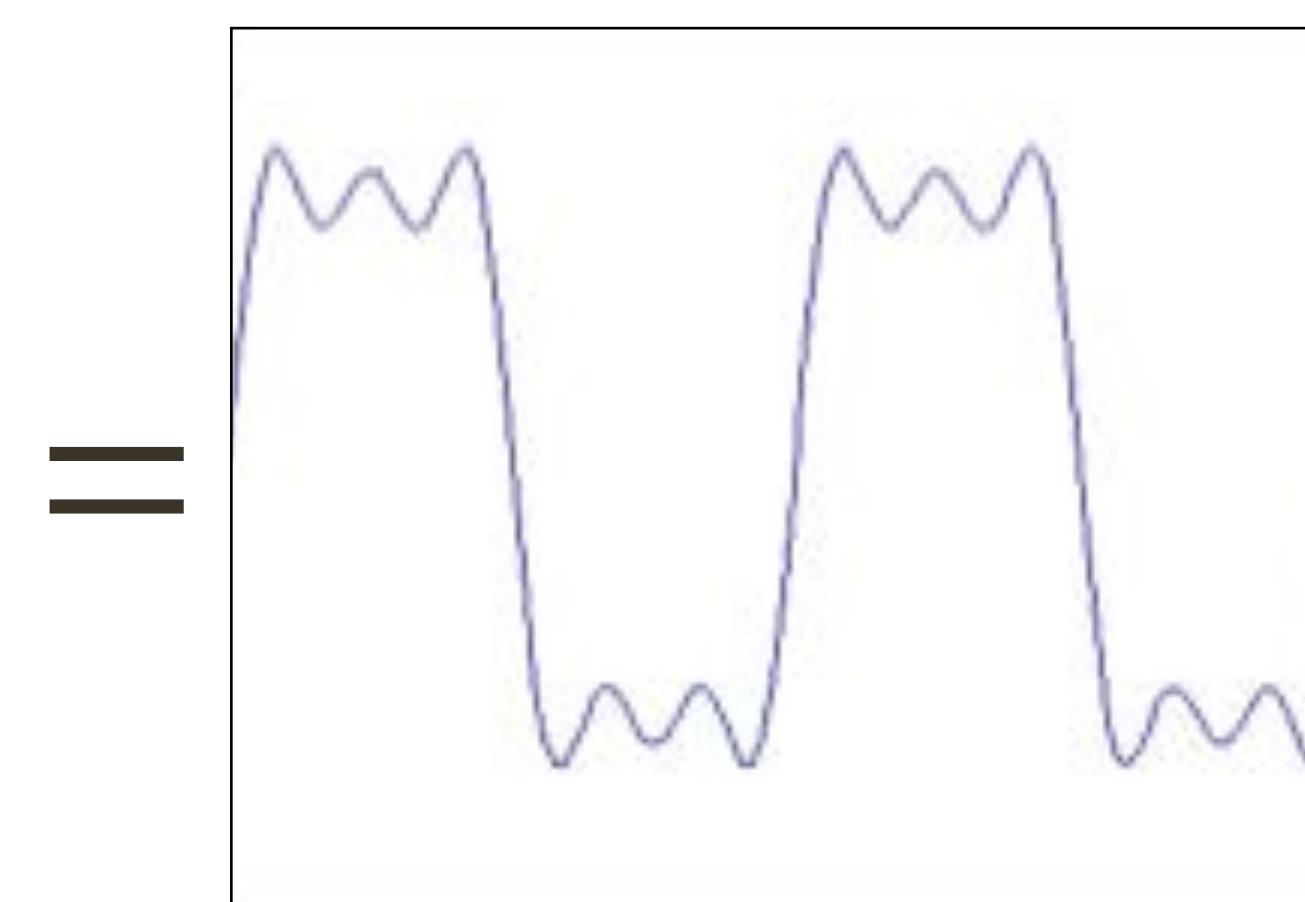
square wave



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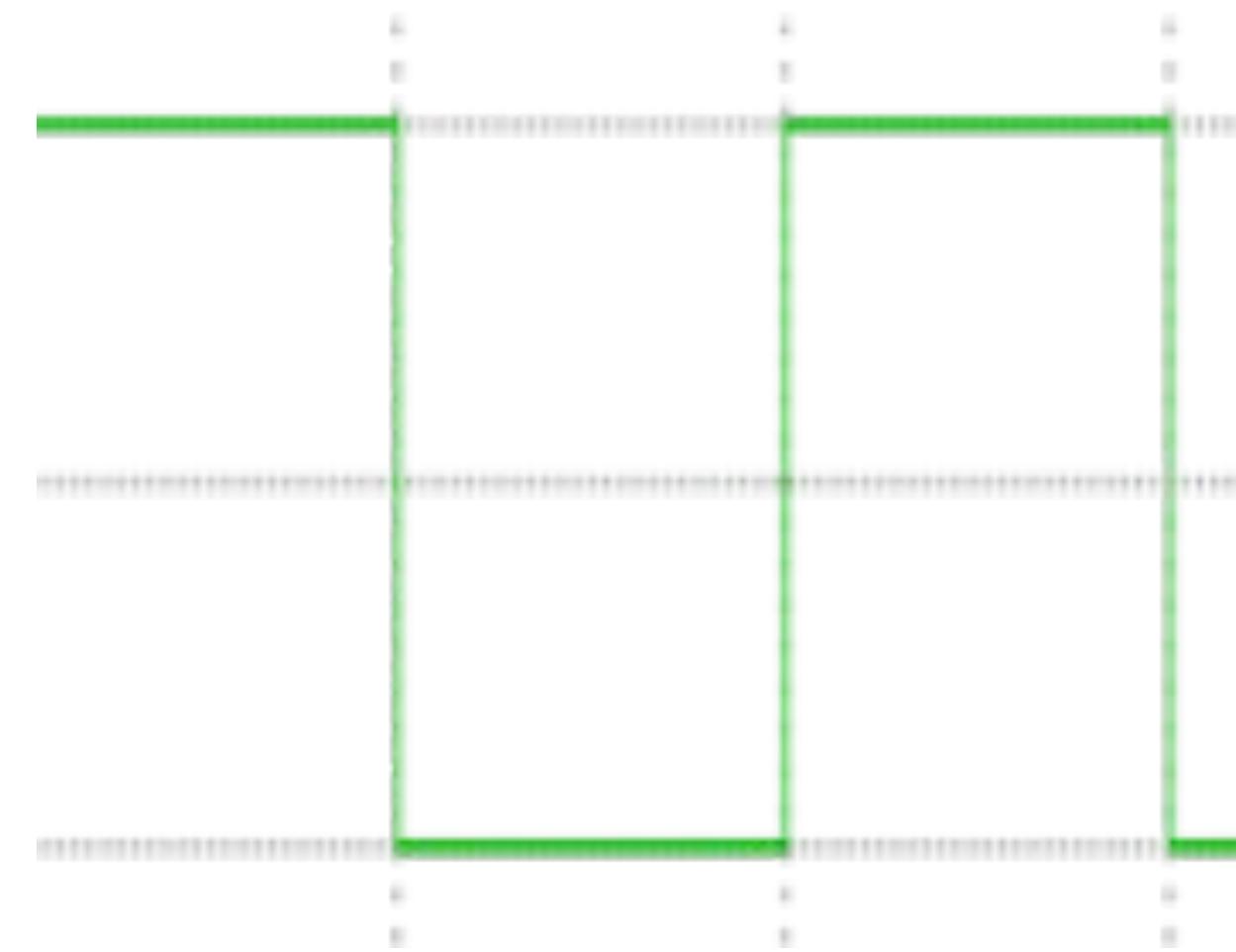
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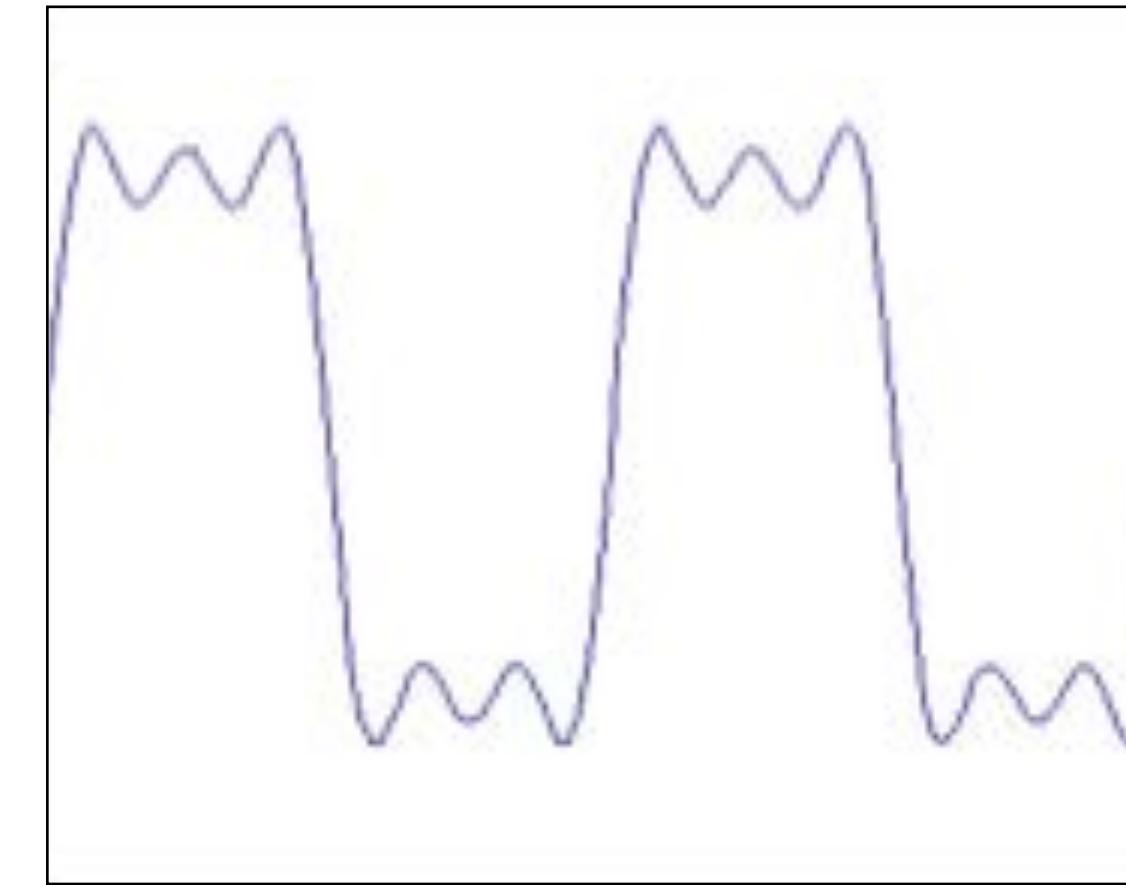
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How would you generate this function?

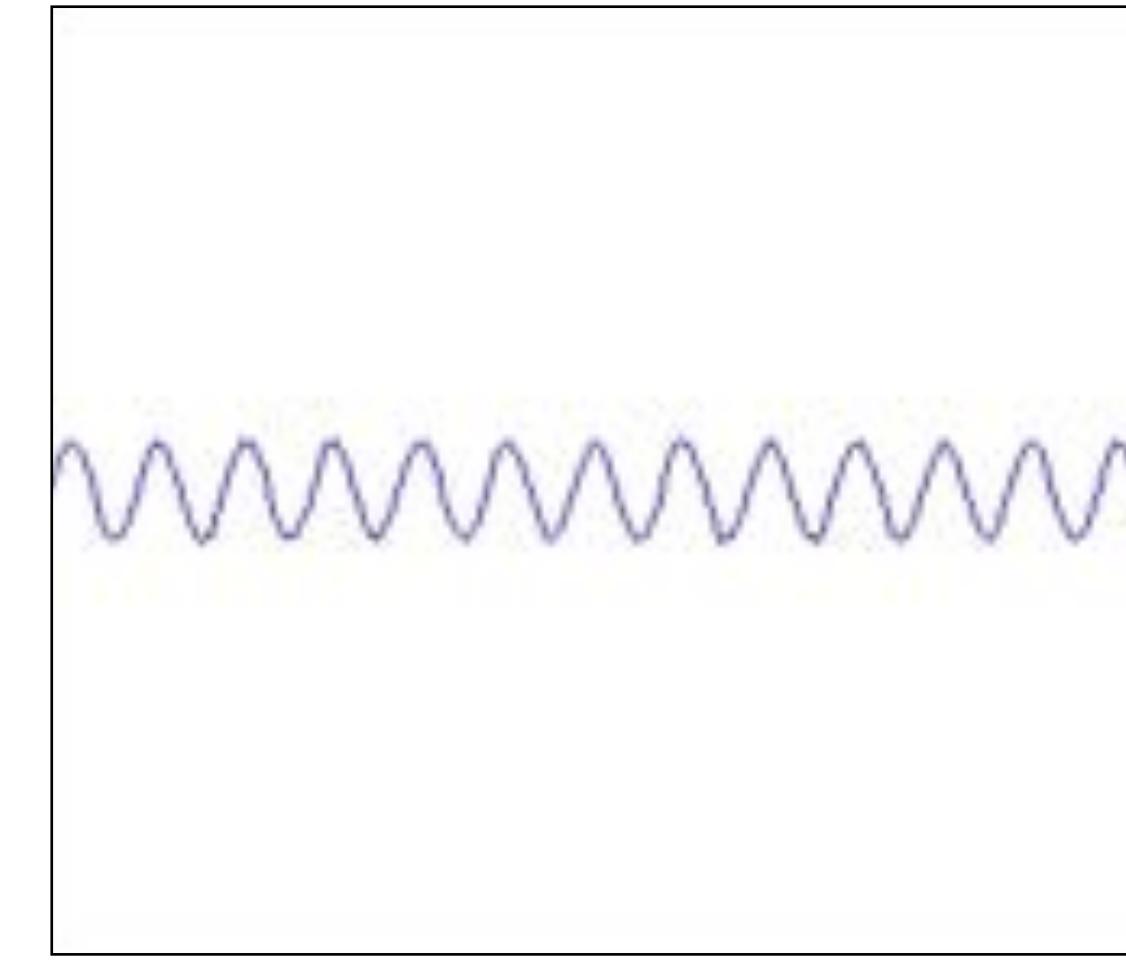


square wave

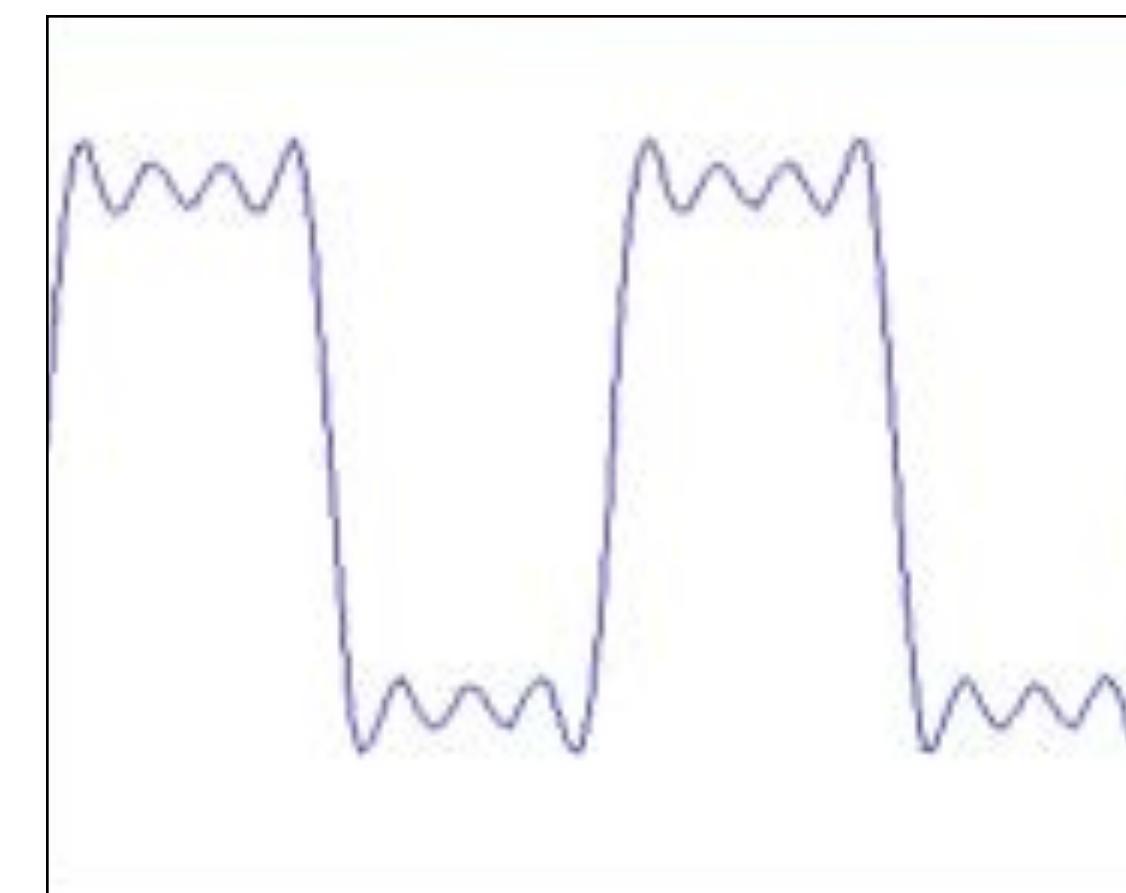
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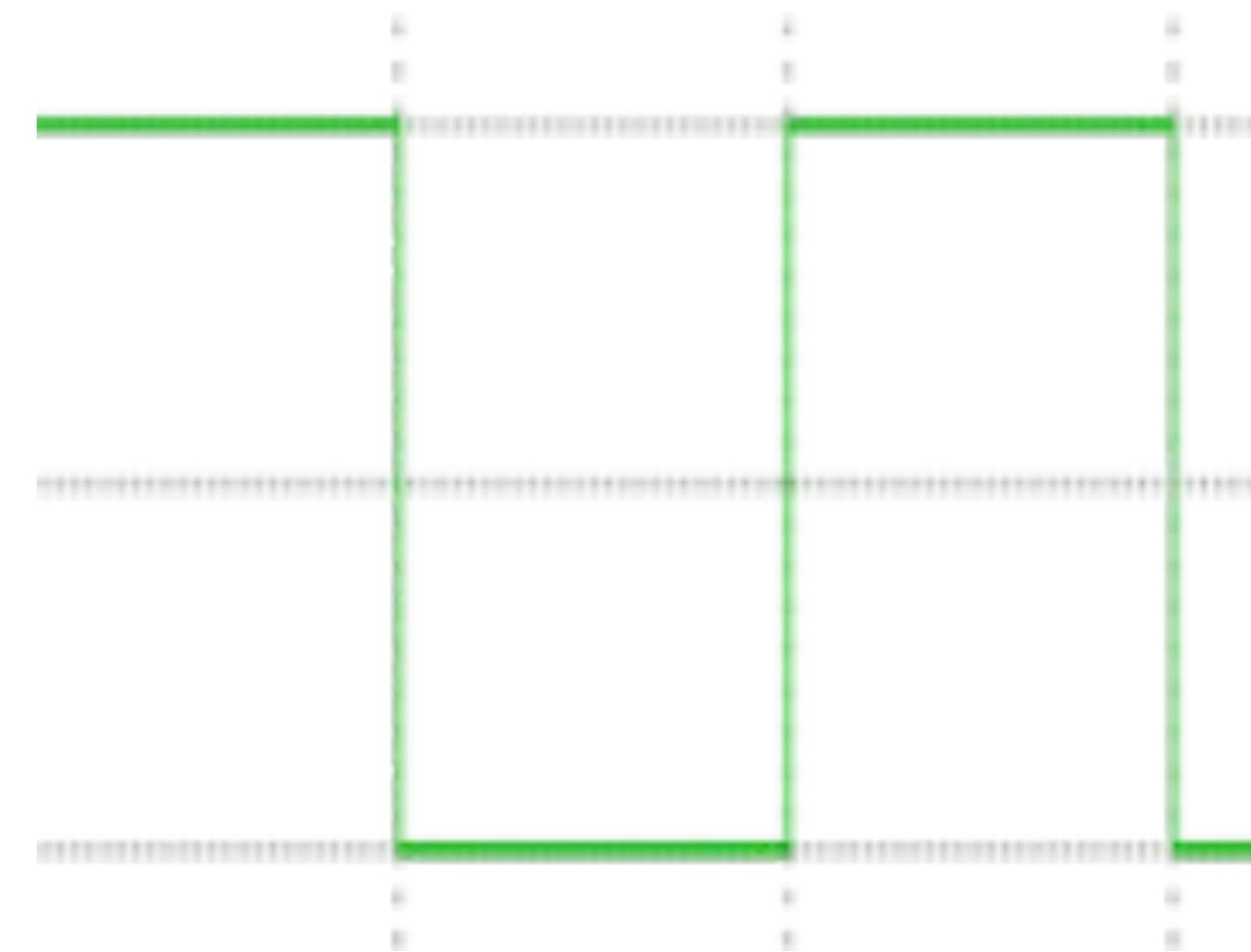


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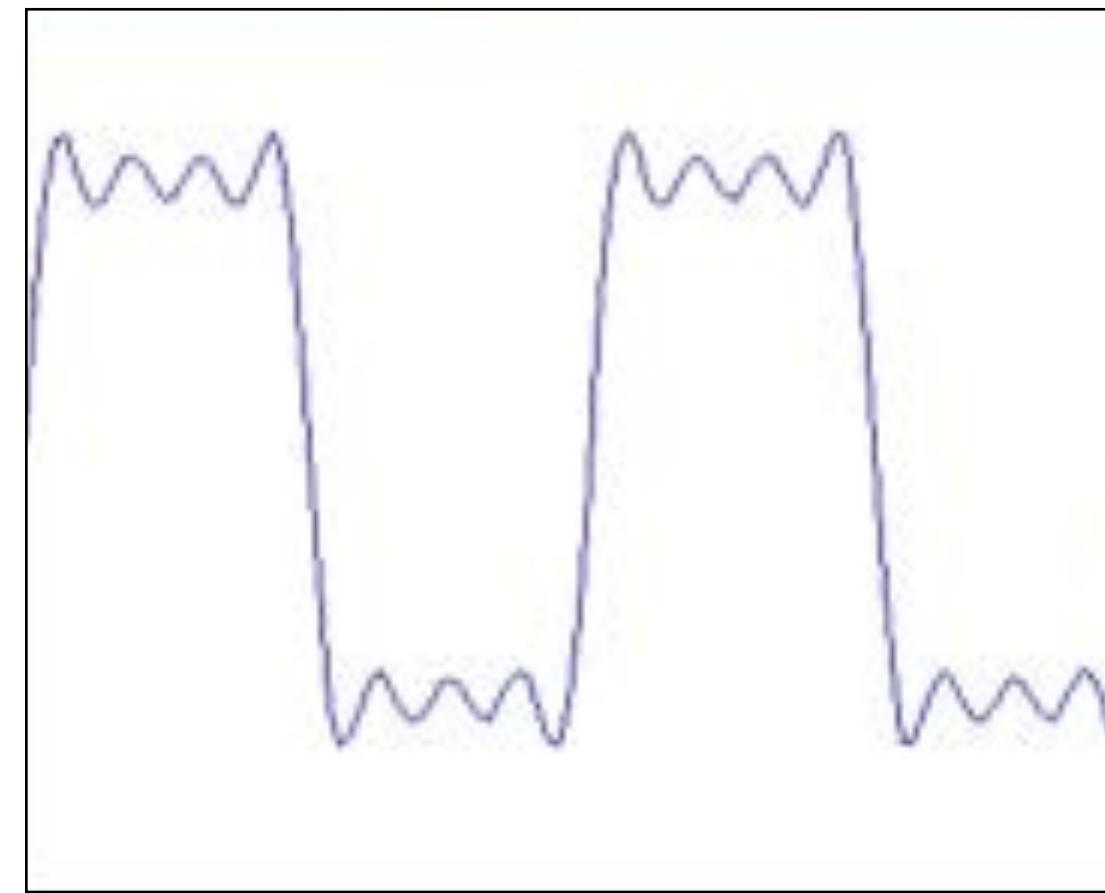
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How would you generate this function?

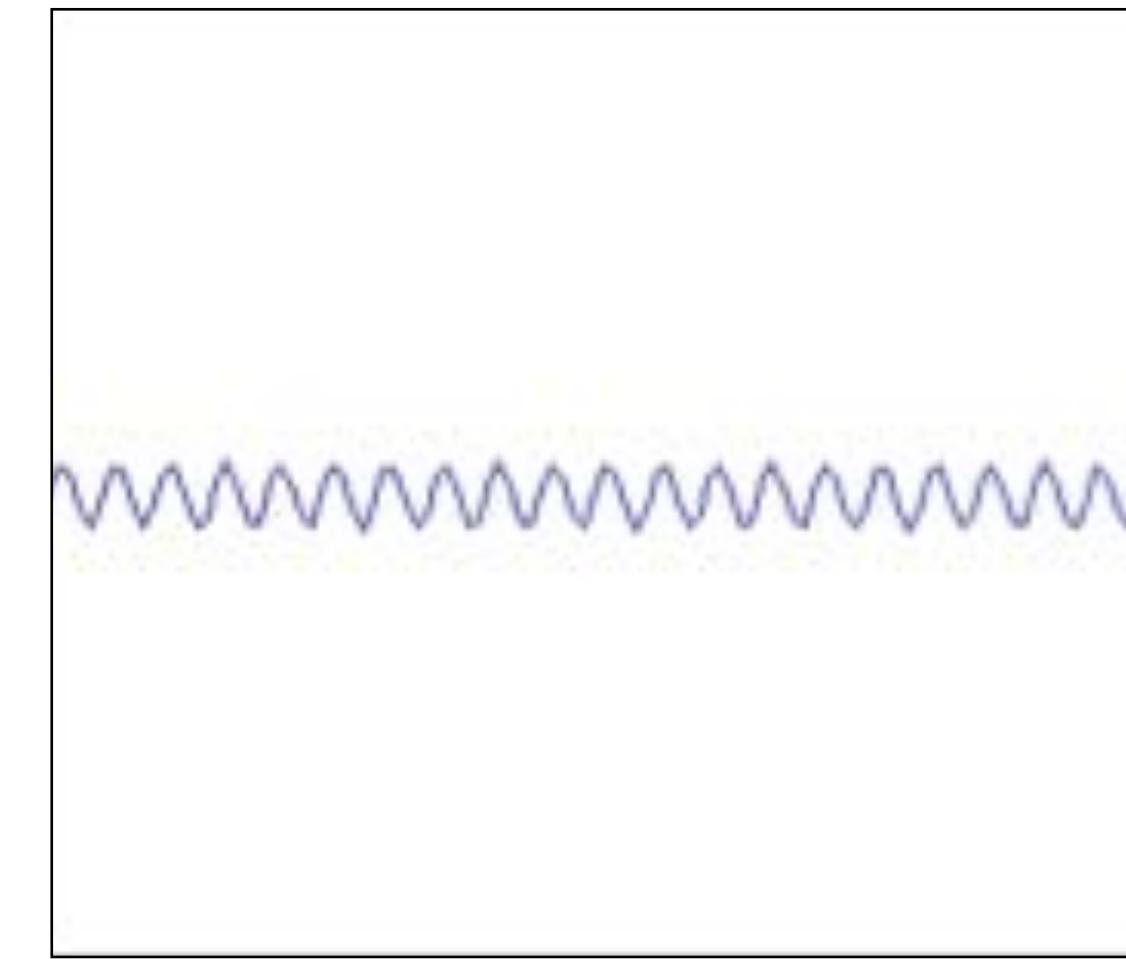


square wave

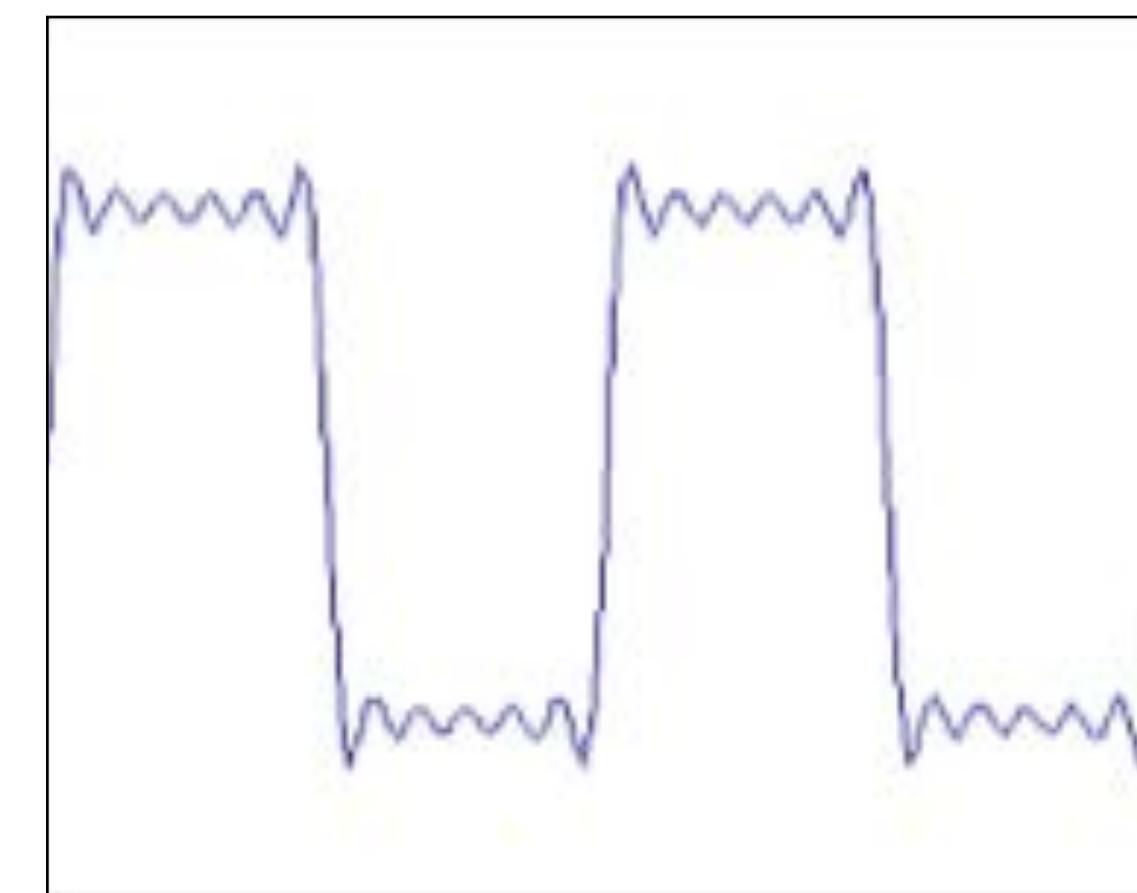
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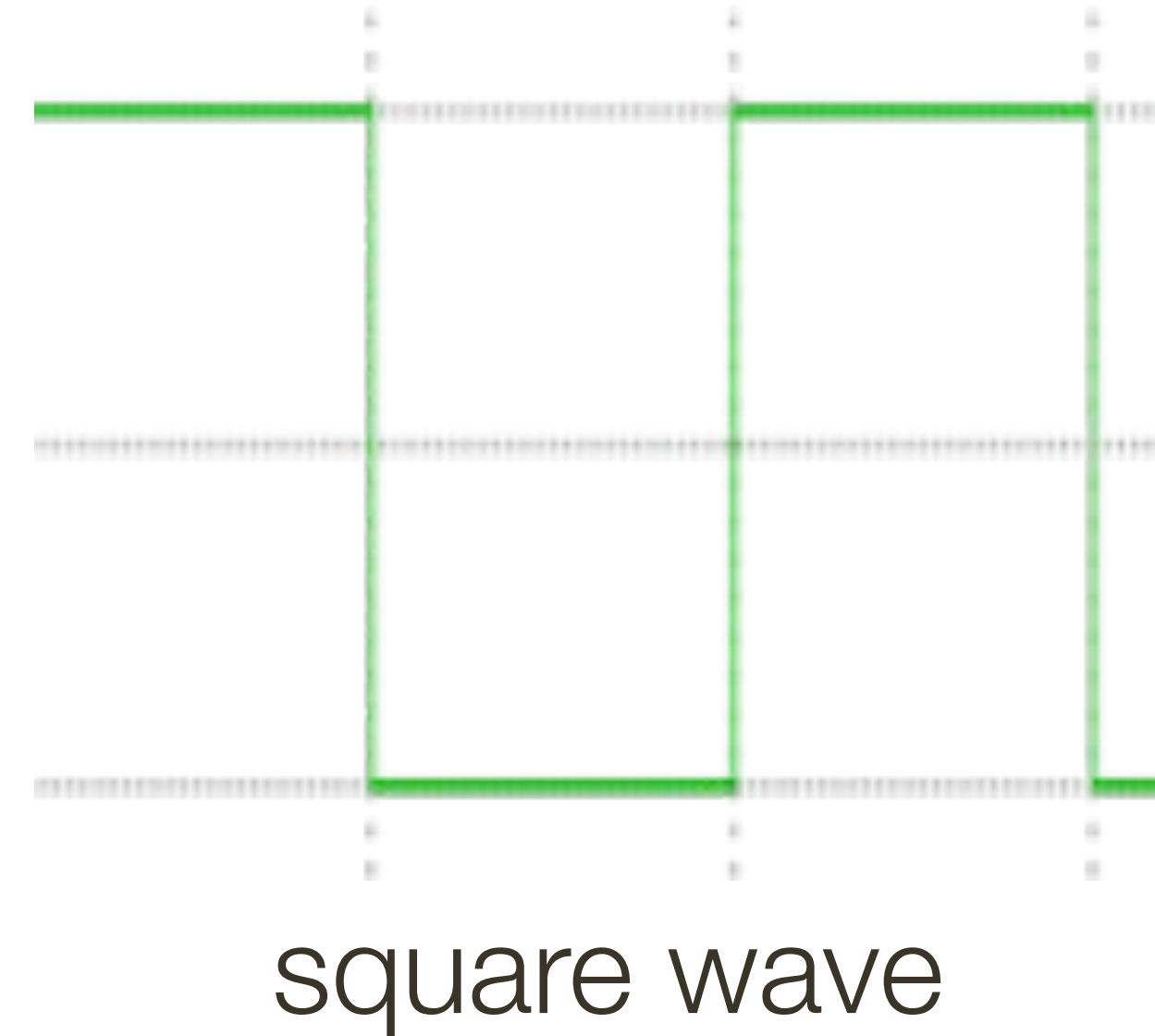
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How would you  
express this  
mathematically?

# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

How would you generate this function?



$$= A \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \sin(2\pi kx)$$

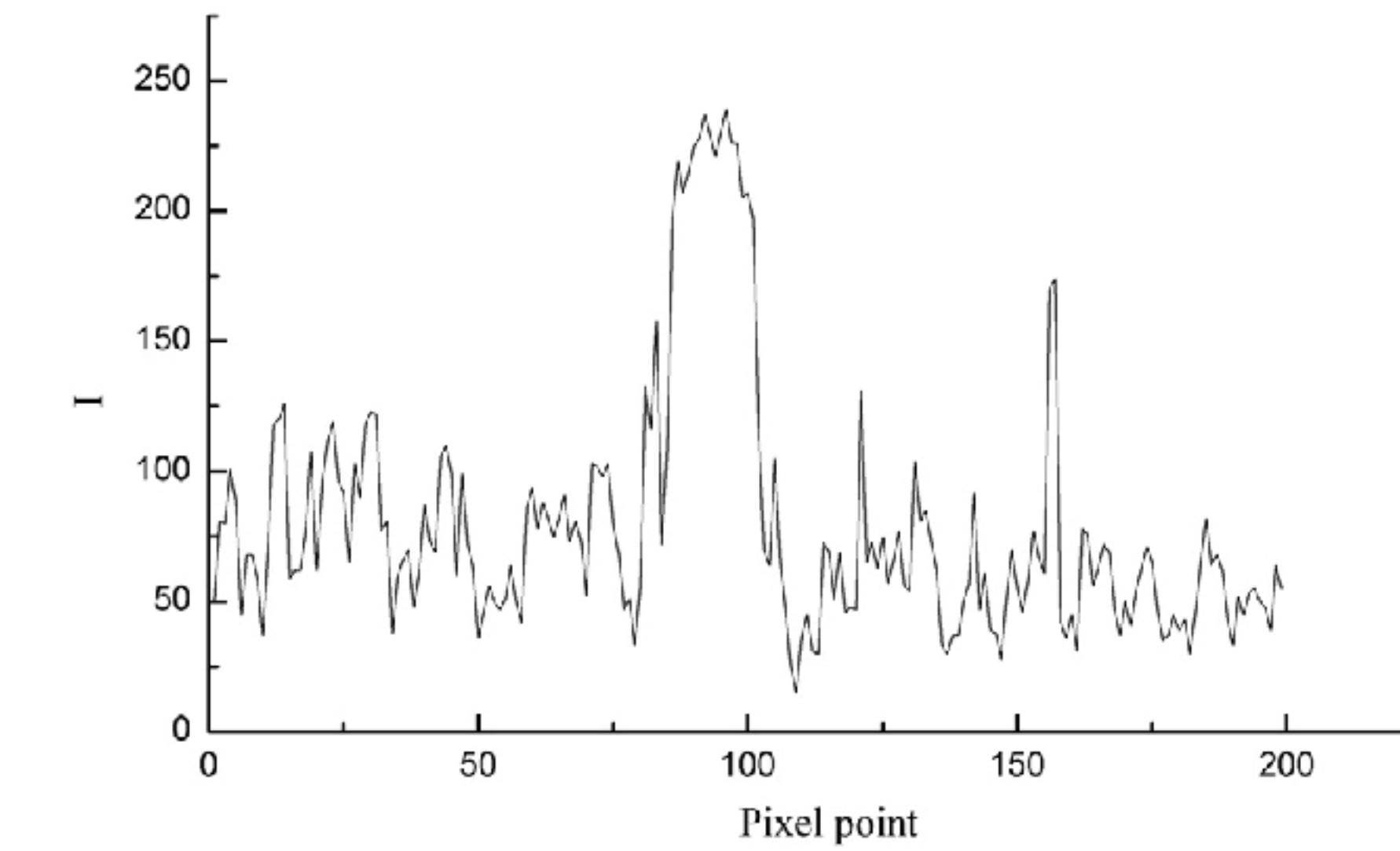
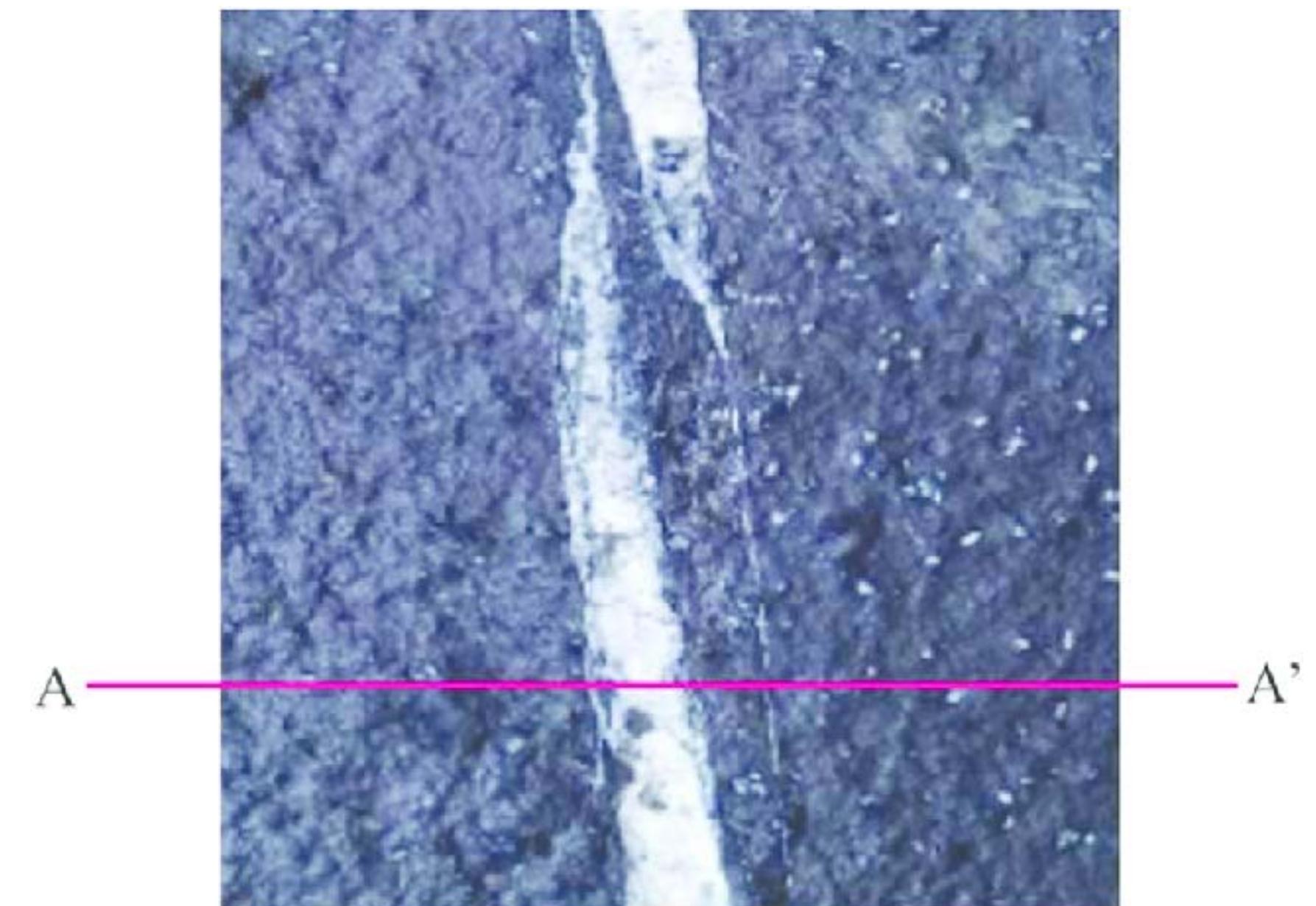
infinite sum of sine waves

# Low-Pass Filtering in 1D



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# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

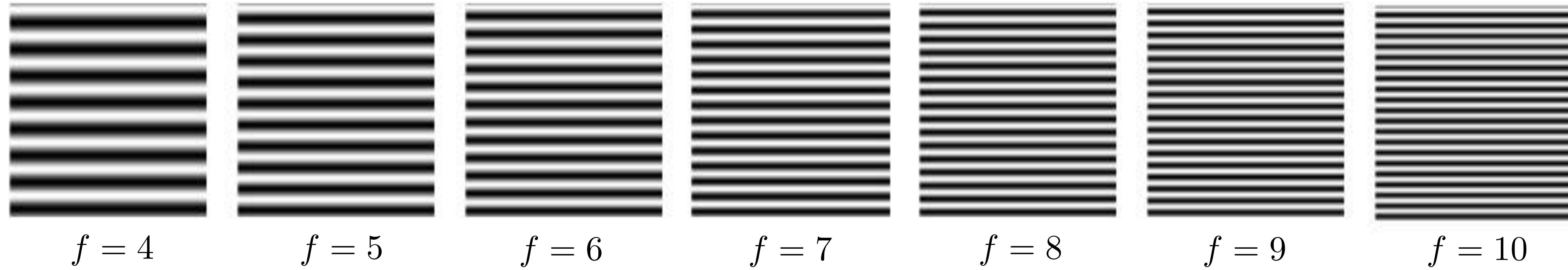


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# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

What are “frequencies” in an image?

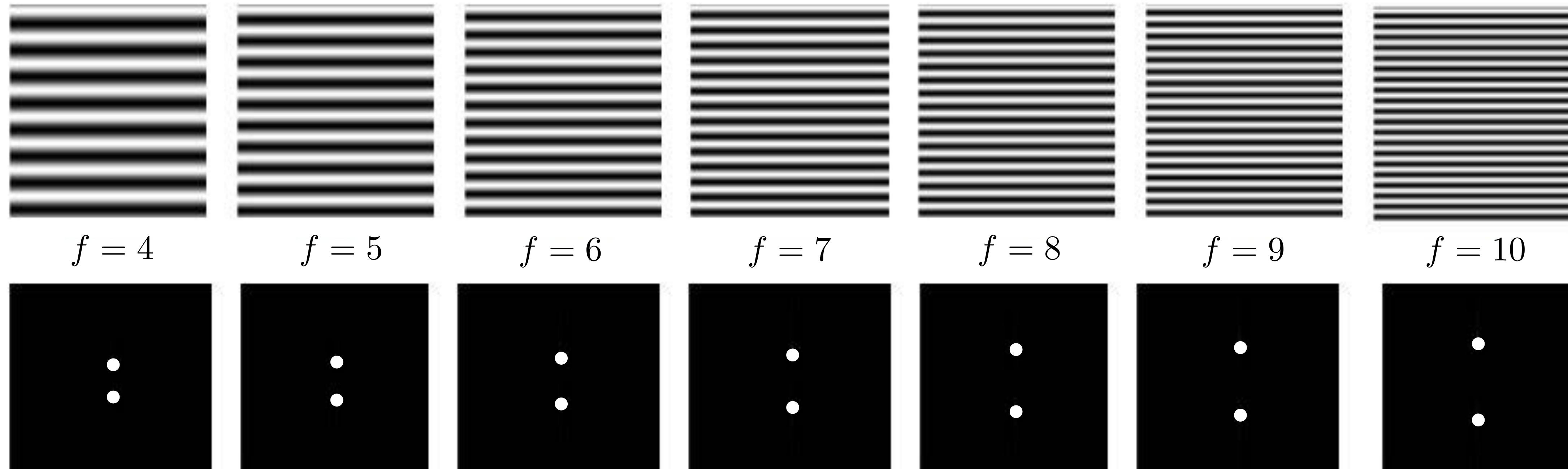
**Spatial** frequency



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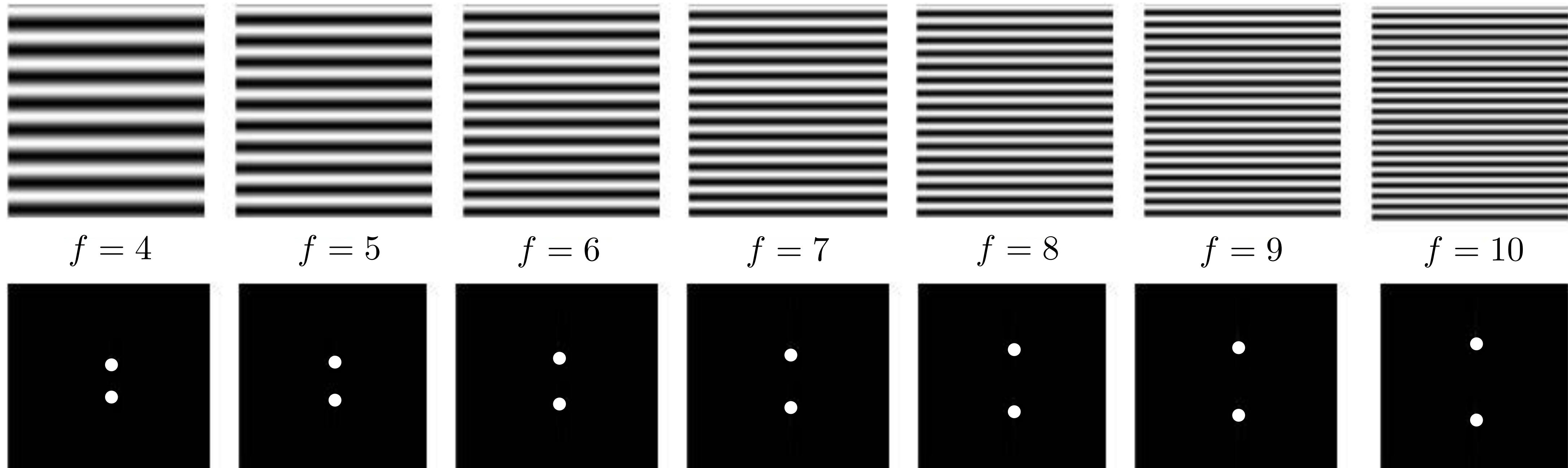


**Amplitude** (magnitude) of Fourier transform (phase does not show desirable correlations with image structure)

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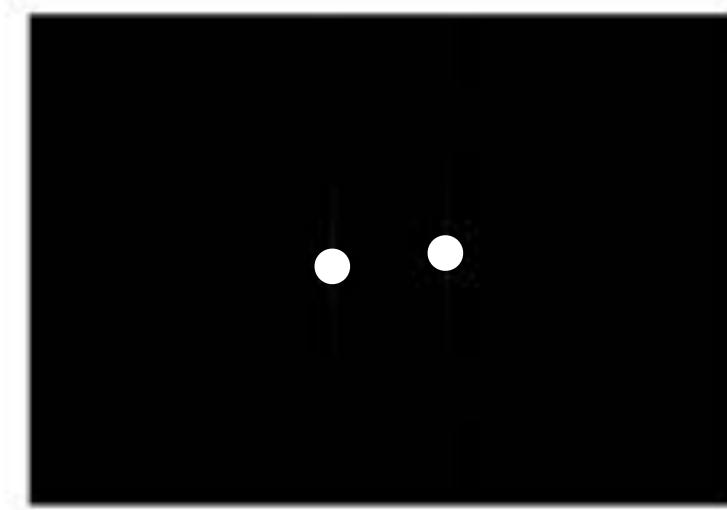
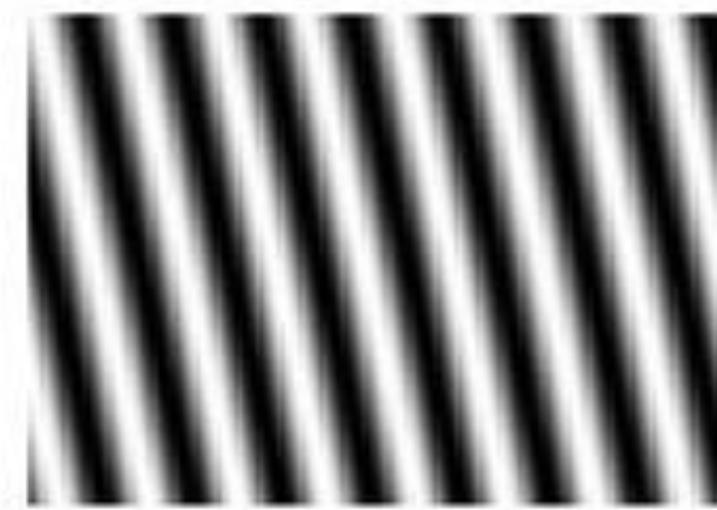
**Amplitude** (magnitude) of Fourier transform (phase does not show desirable correlations with image structure)

**Observation:** low frequencies close to the center

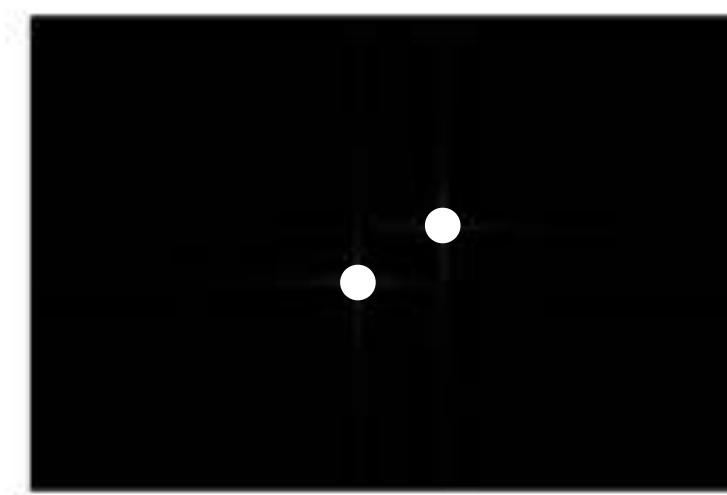
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What are “frequencies” in an image?

**Spatial** frequency



$\Theta=30^\circ$

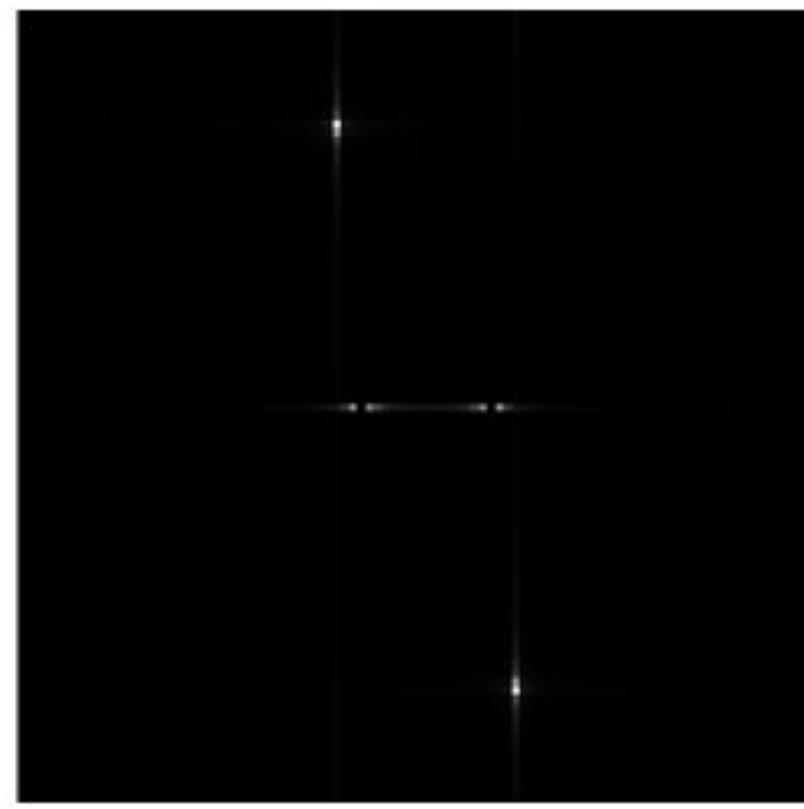
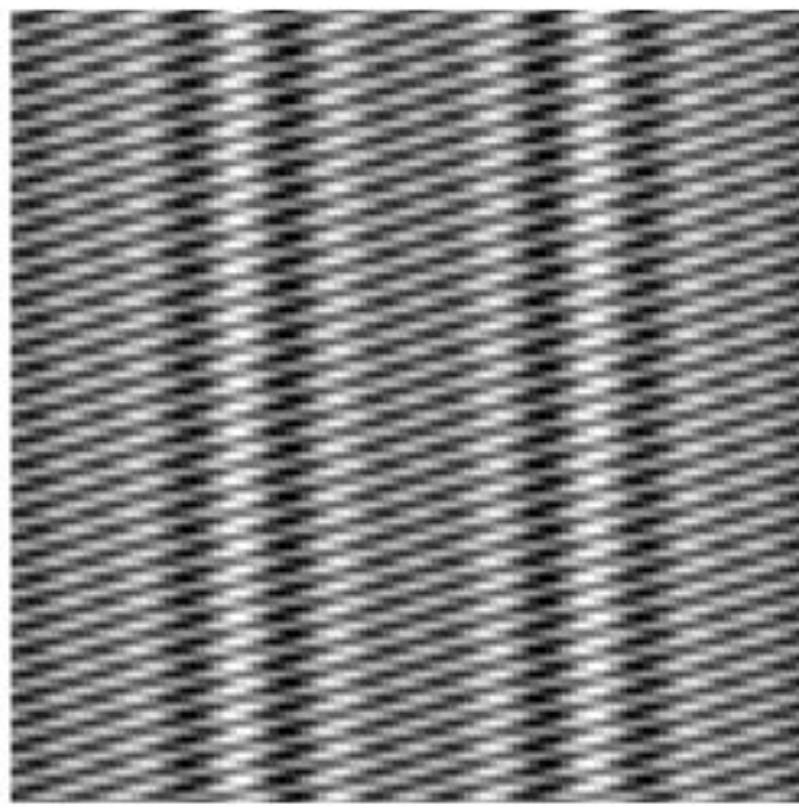
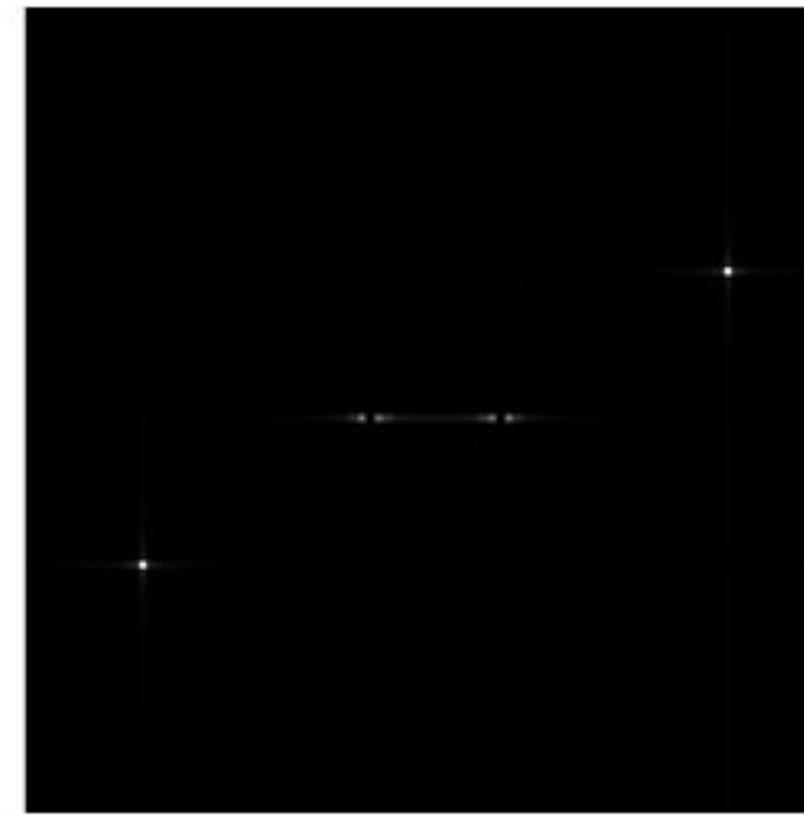
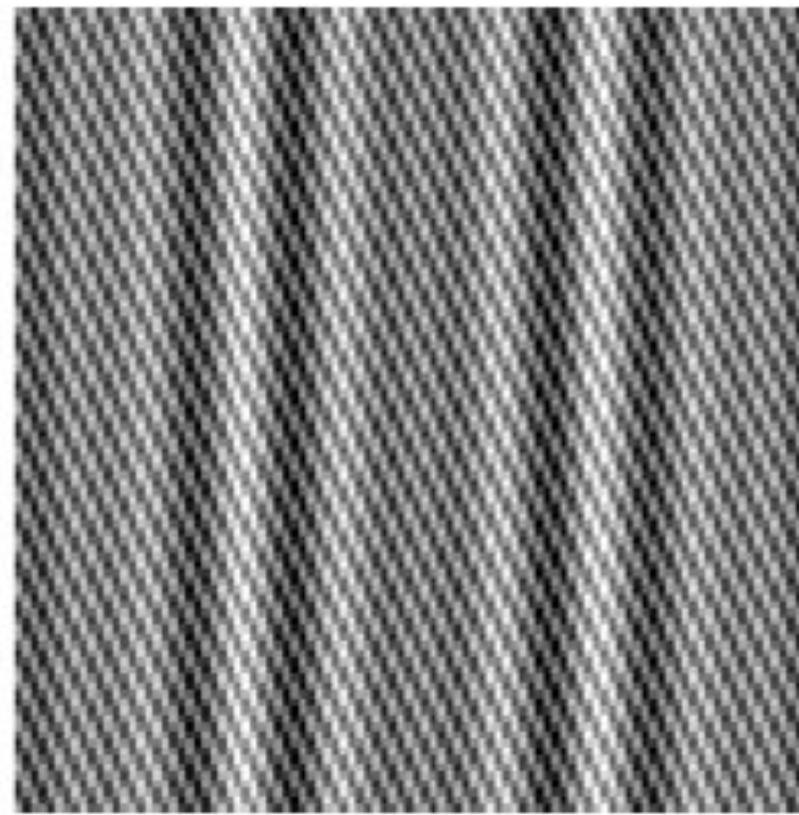


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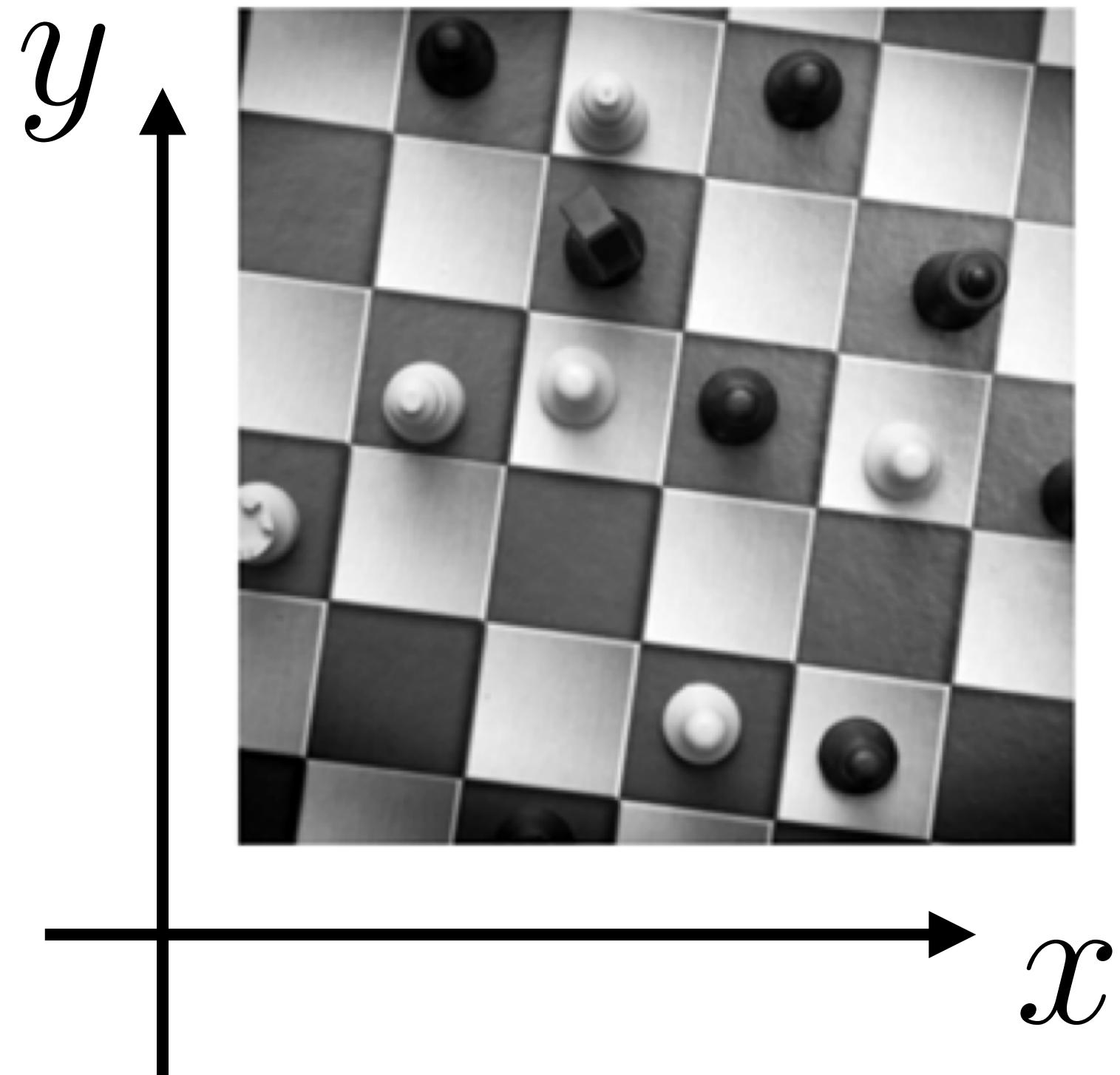
# Fourier Transform (you will **NOT** be tested on this)

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**Spatial** frequency



# 2D Fourier Transforms: Images

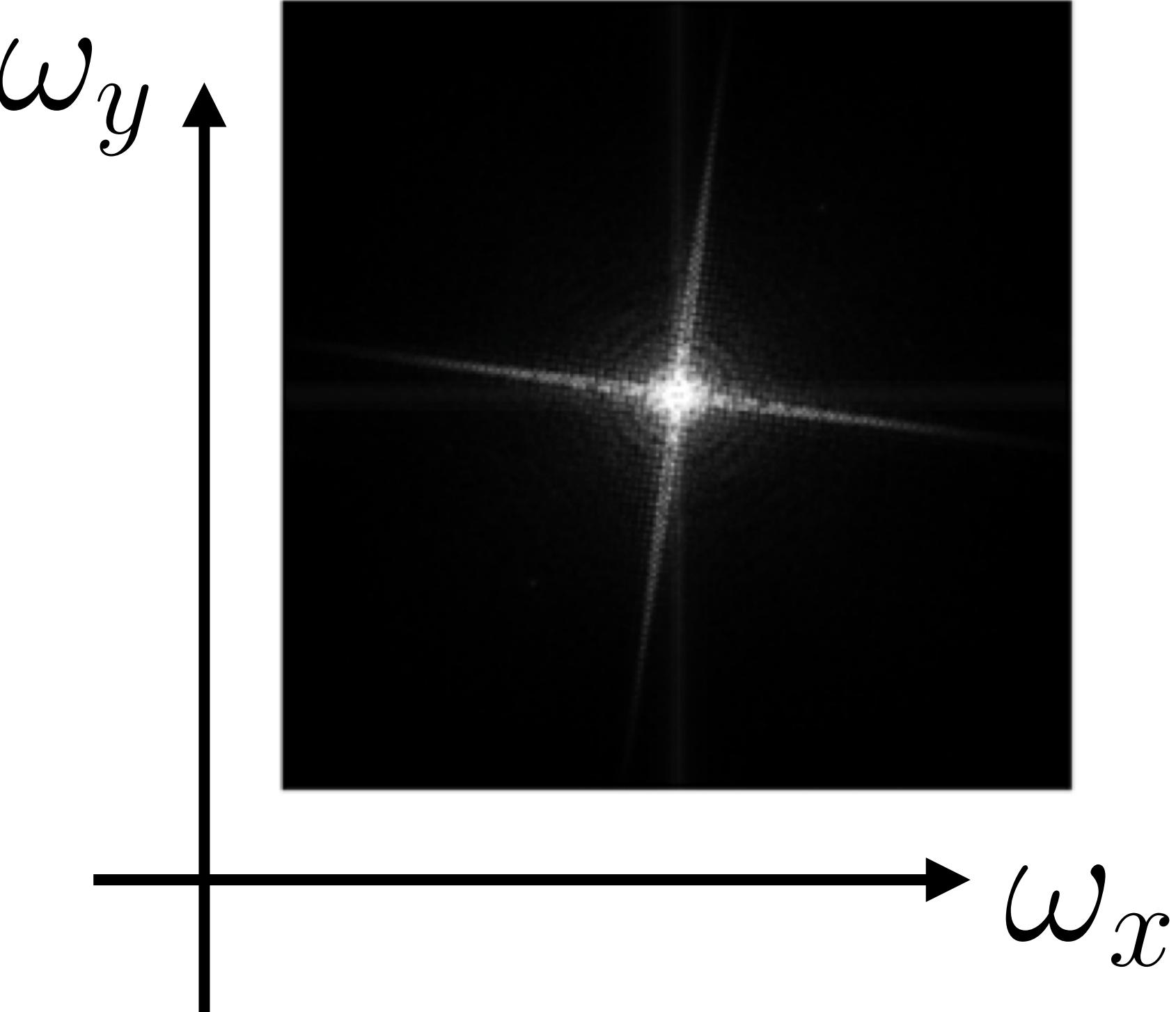


$$f(x, y)$$

Image



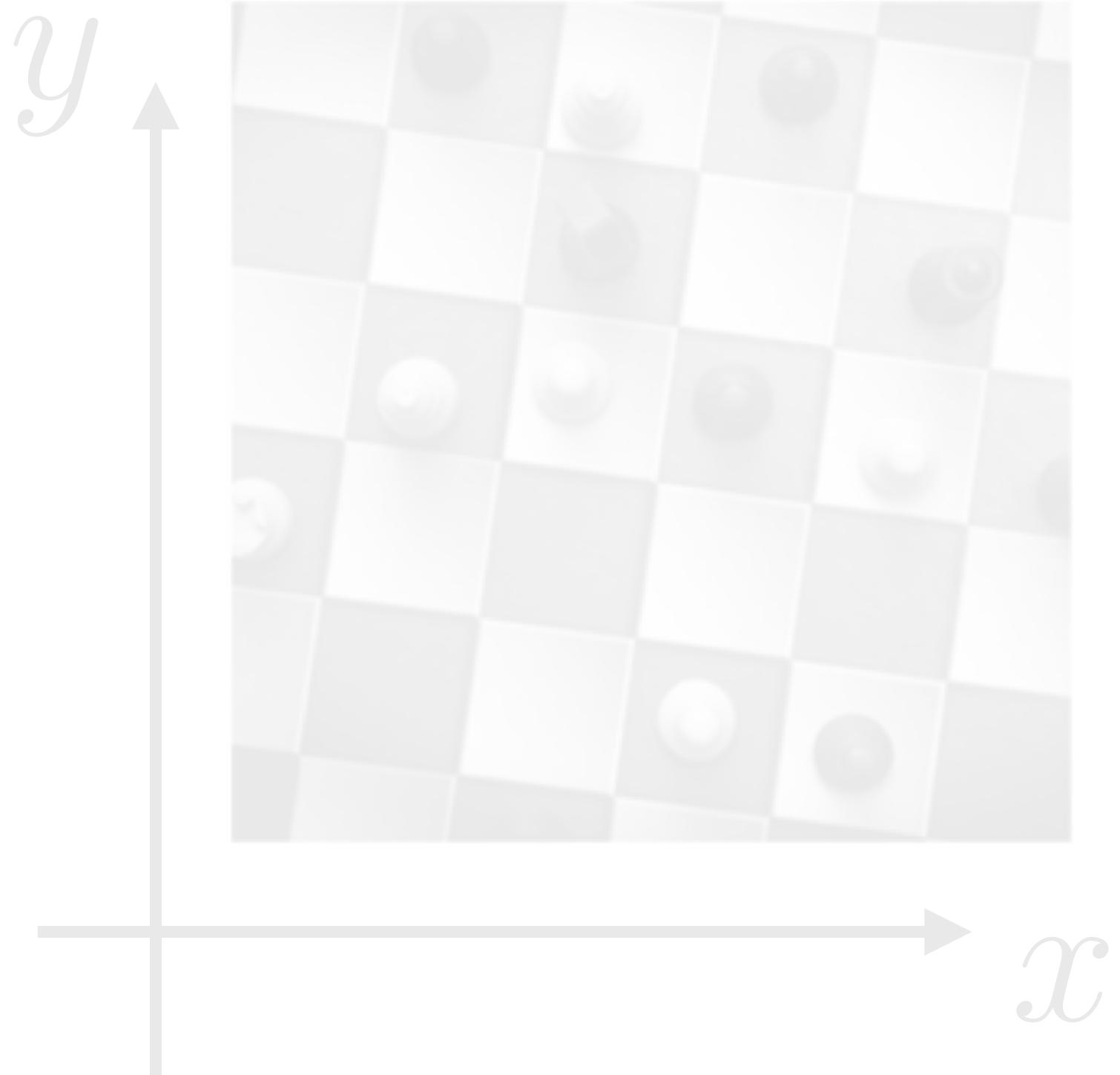
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$$F(\omega_x, \omega_y)$$

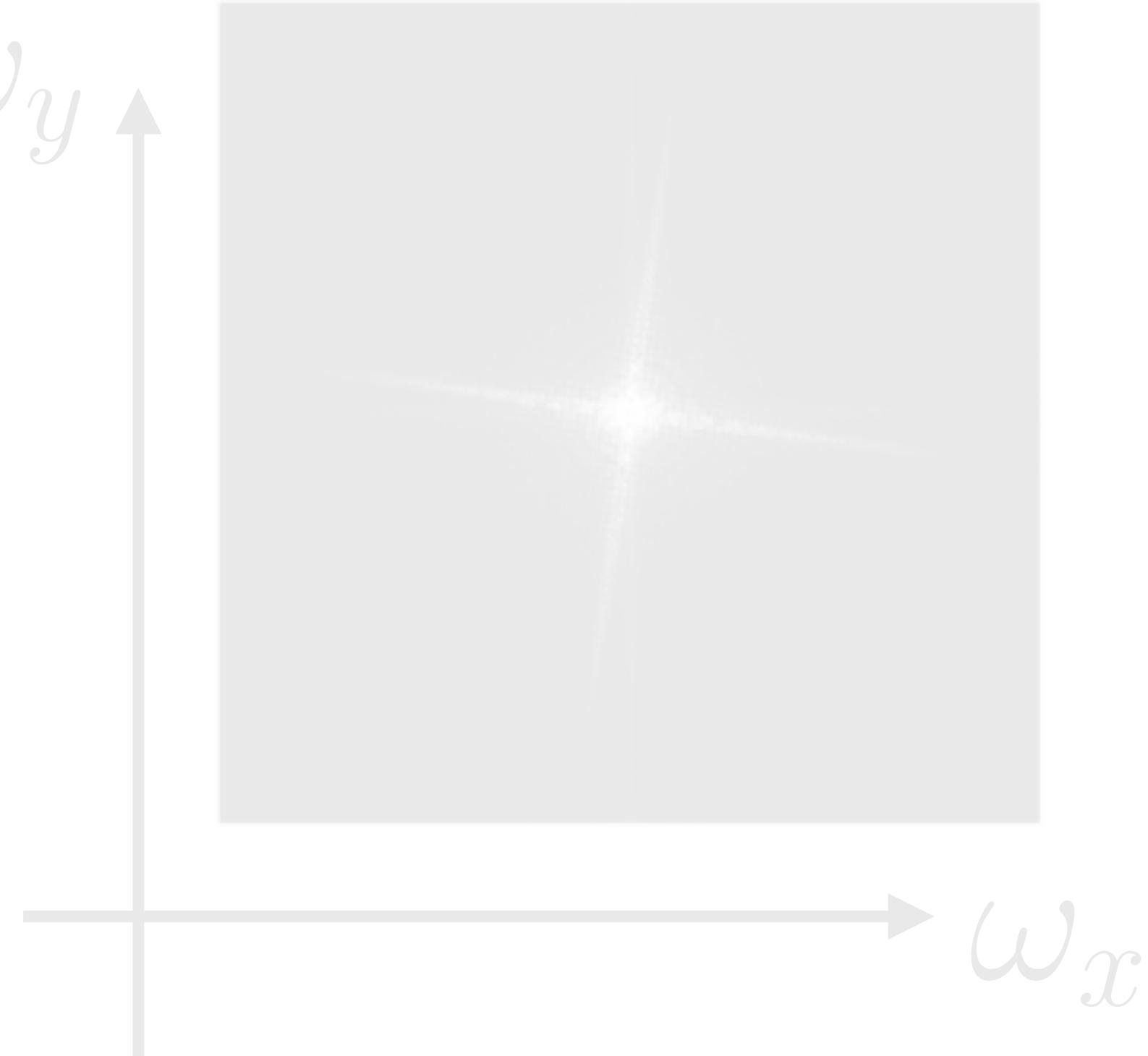
Fourier Transform

# 2D Fourier Transforms: Images



$$f(x, y)$$

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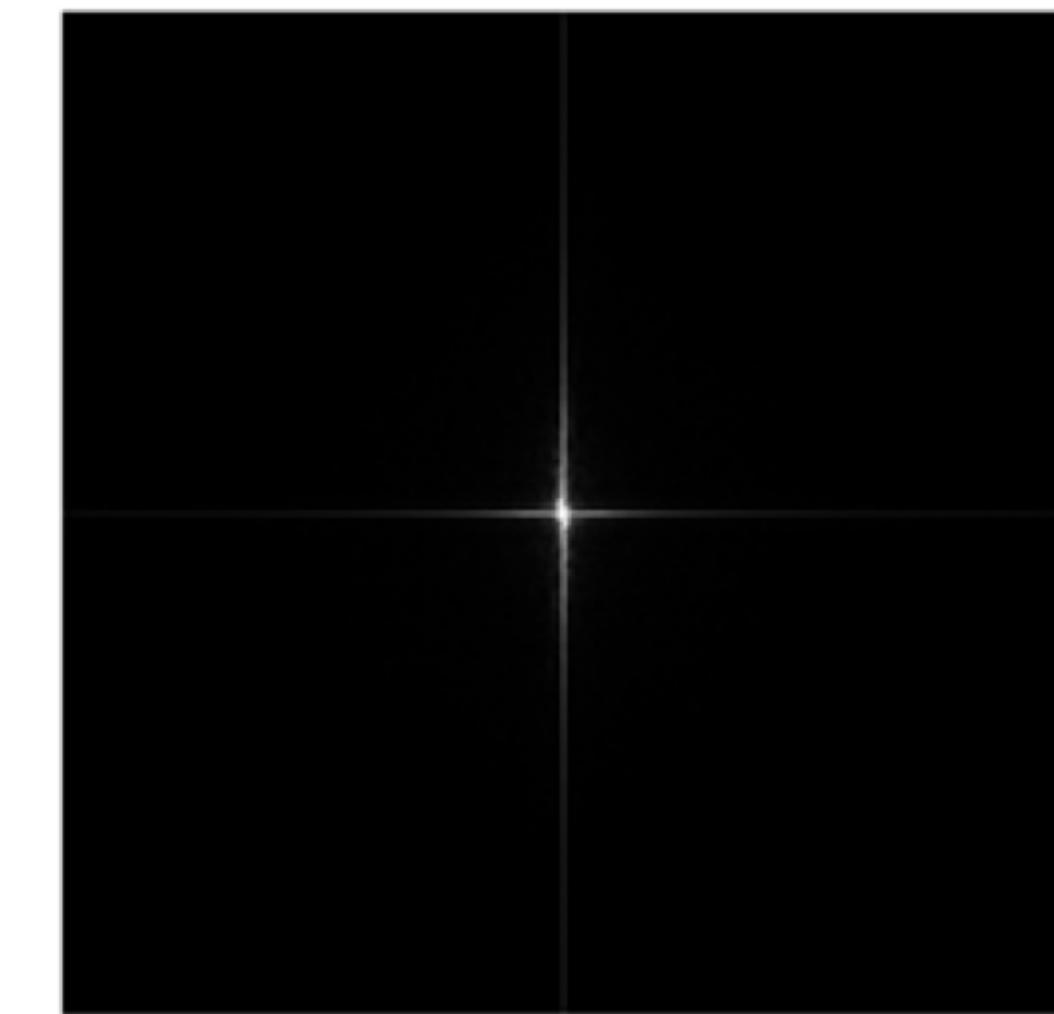
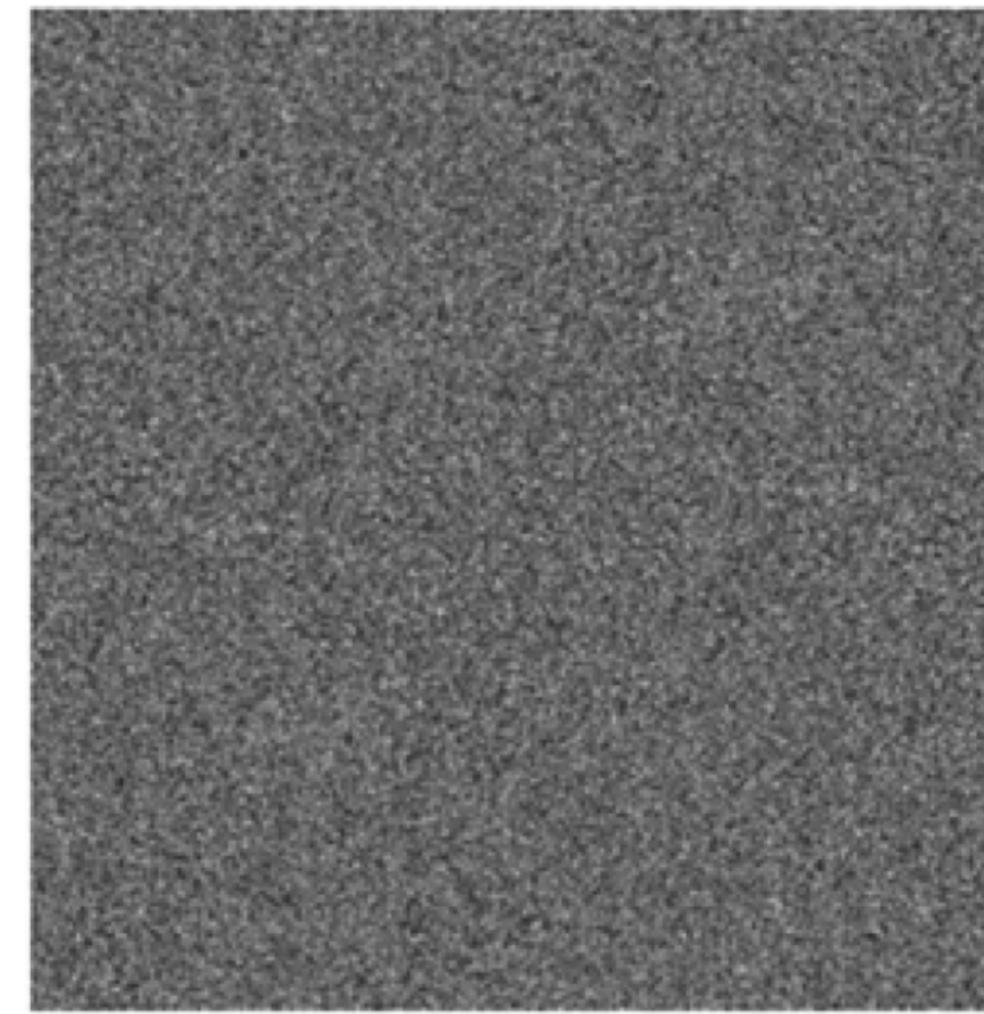
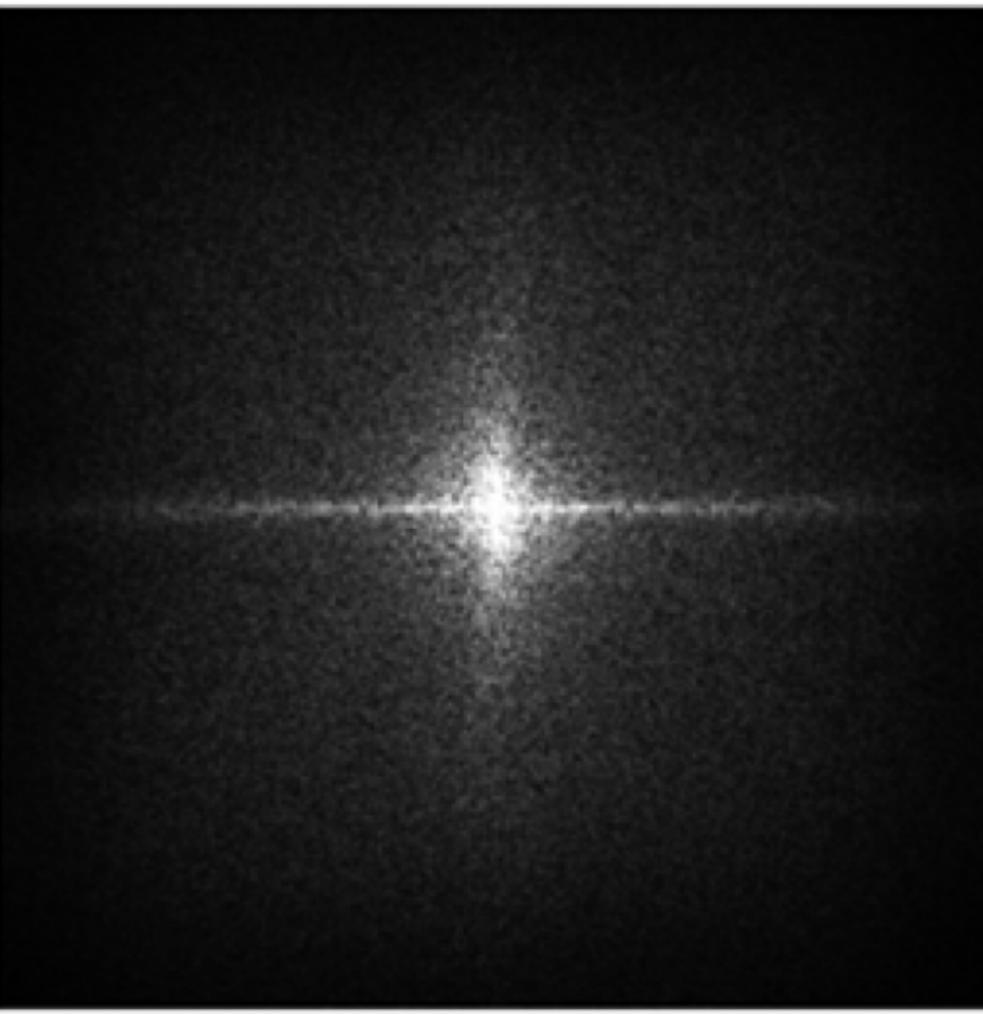
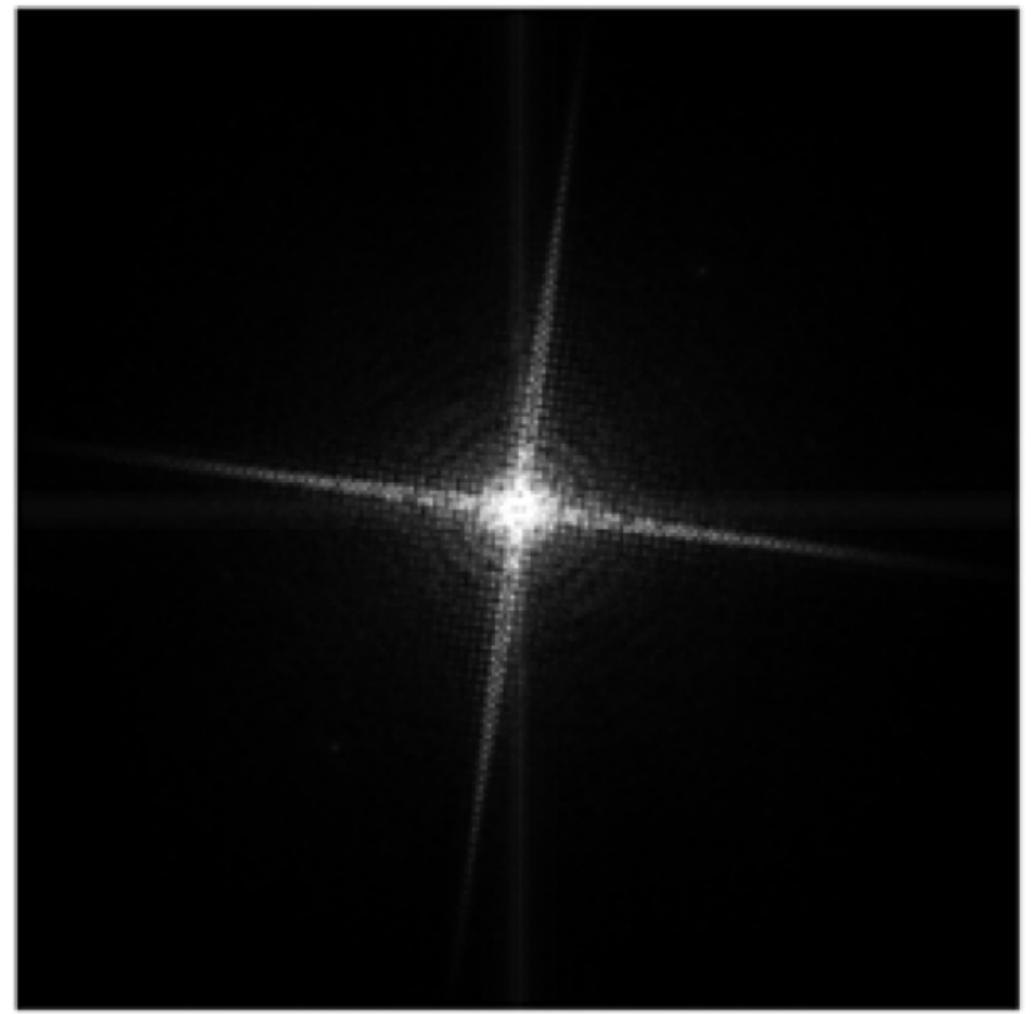
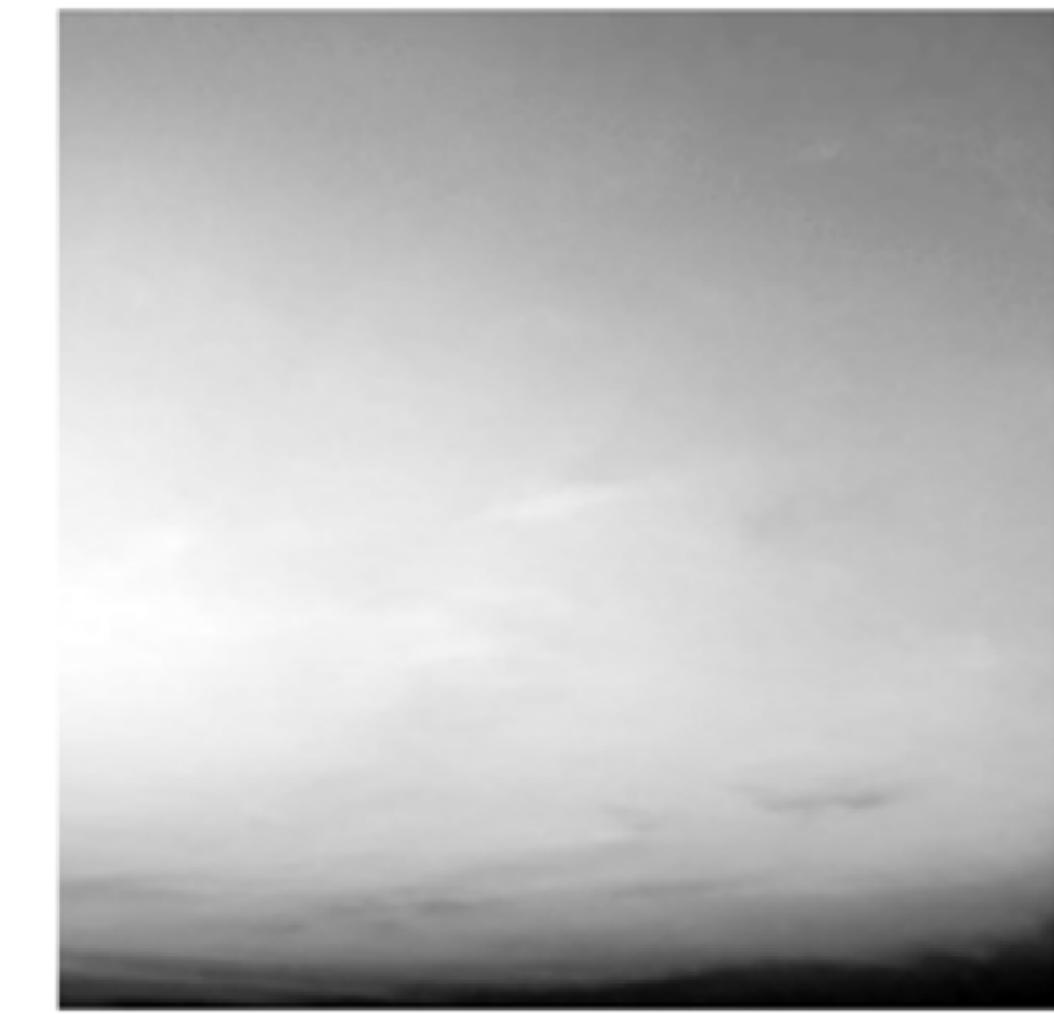
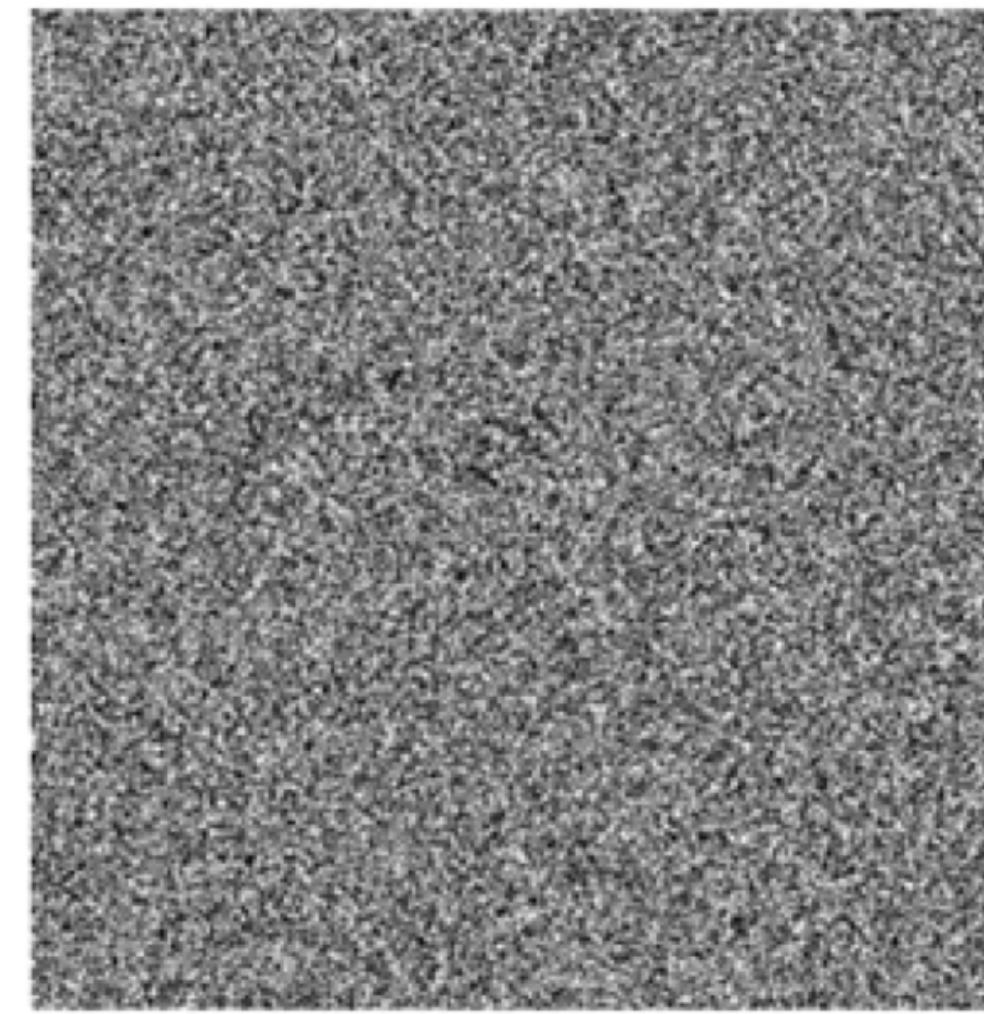
$$F(\omega_x, \omega_y)$$

Fourier Transform



5.2

# 2D Fourier Transforms: Images



# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



## Image

<https://photo.stackexchange.com/questions/40401/what-does-frequency-mean-in-an-image/40410#40410>

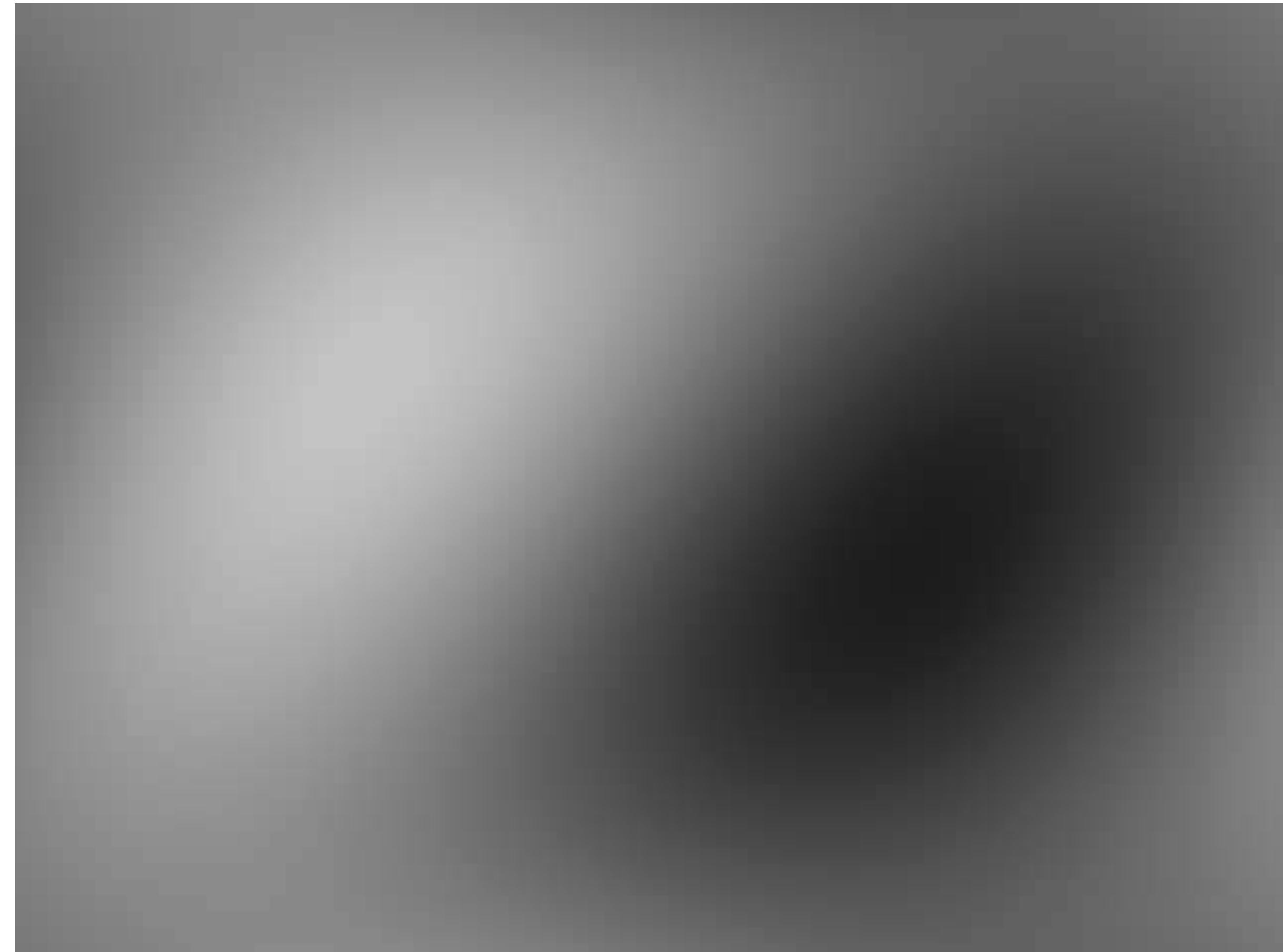
# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



**First** (lowest) frequency, a.k.a. average

<https://photo.stackexchange.com/questions/40401/what-does-frequency-mean-in-an-image/40410#40410>

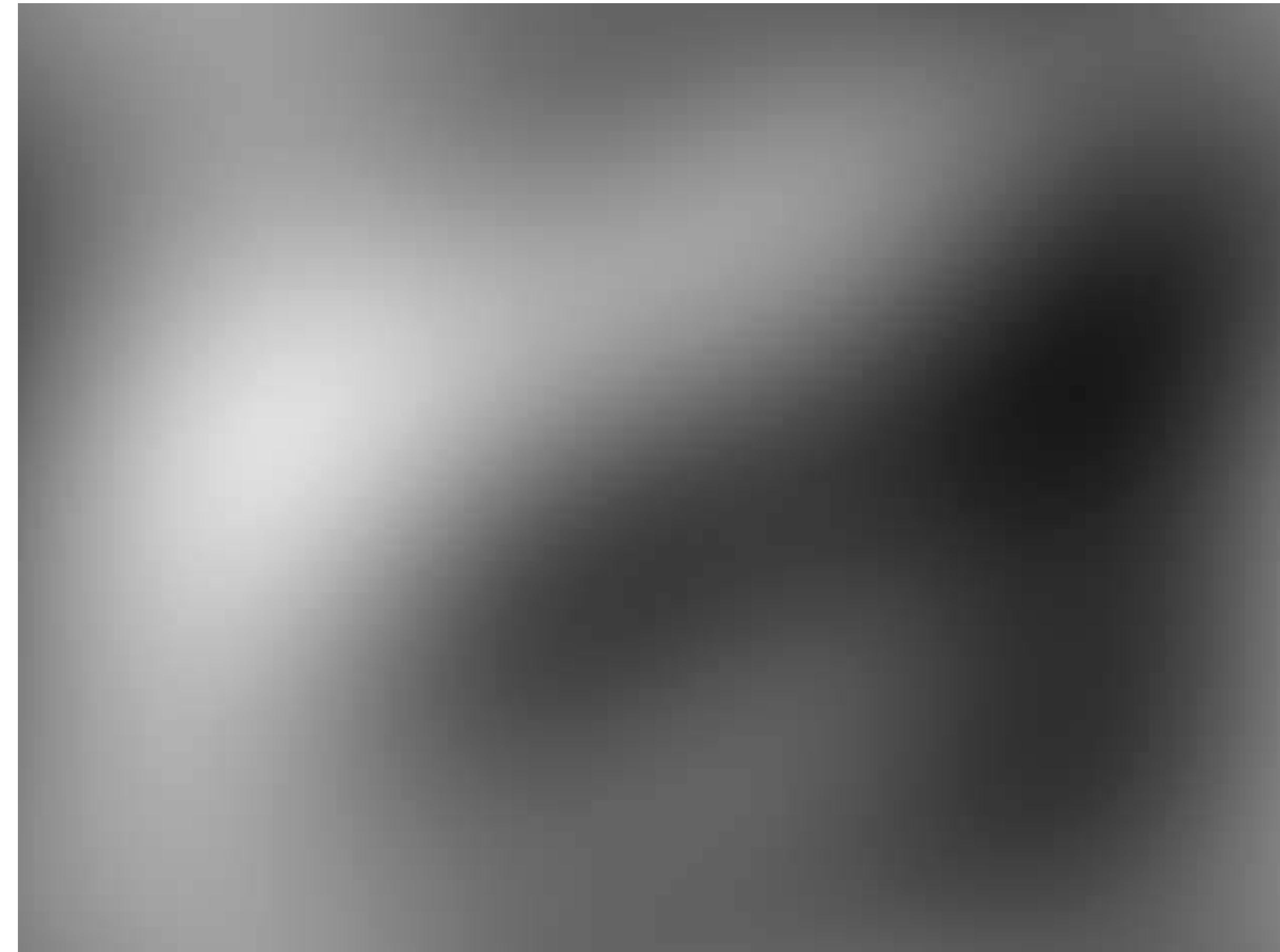
# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



+ **Second** frequency

<https://photo.stackexchange.com/questions/40401/what-does-frequency-mean-in-an-image/40410#40410>

# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



+ **Third** frequency

<https://photo.stackexchange.com/questions/40401/what-does-frequency-mean-in-an-image/40410#40410>

# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



+ **50%** of frequencies

<https://photo.stackexchange.com/questions/40401/what-does-frequency-mean-in-an-image/40410#40410>

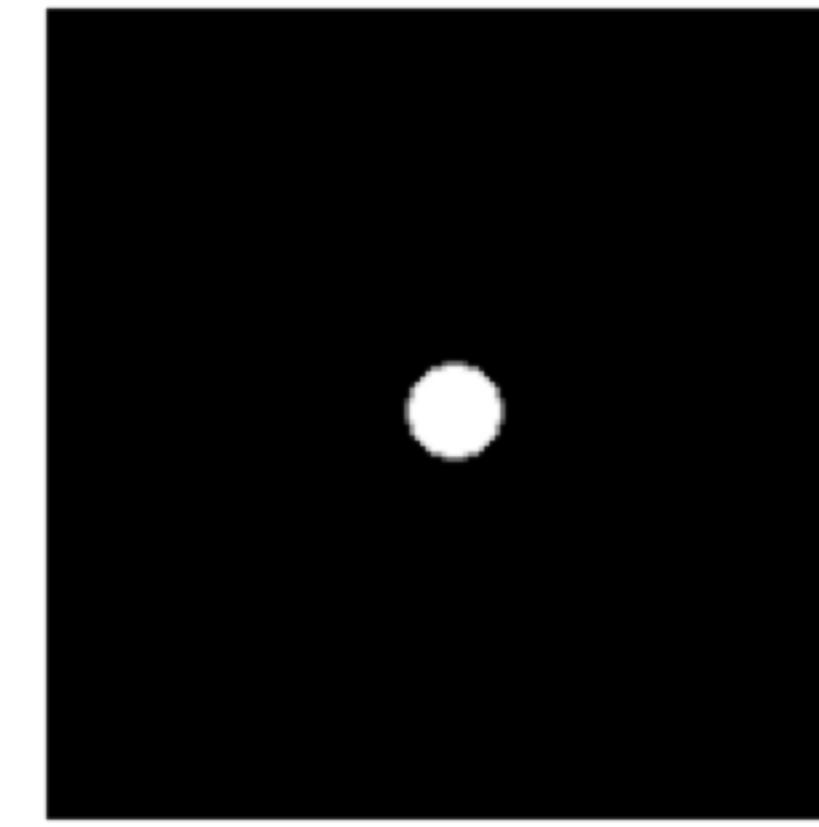
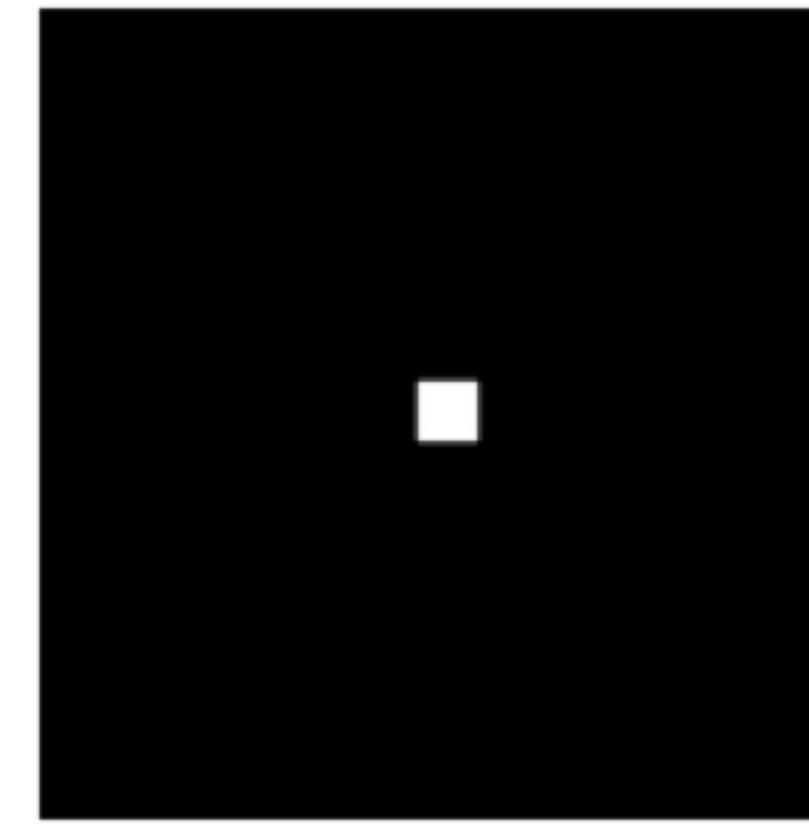
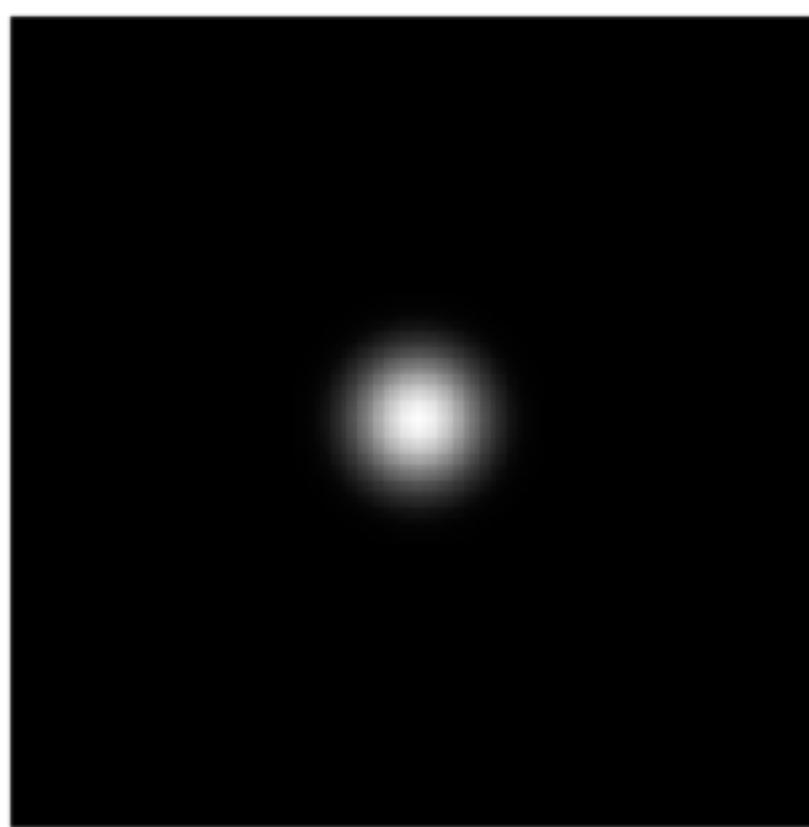
# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...



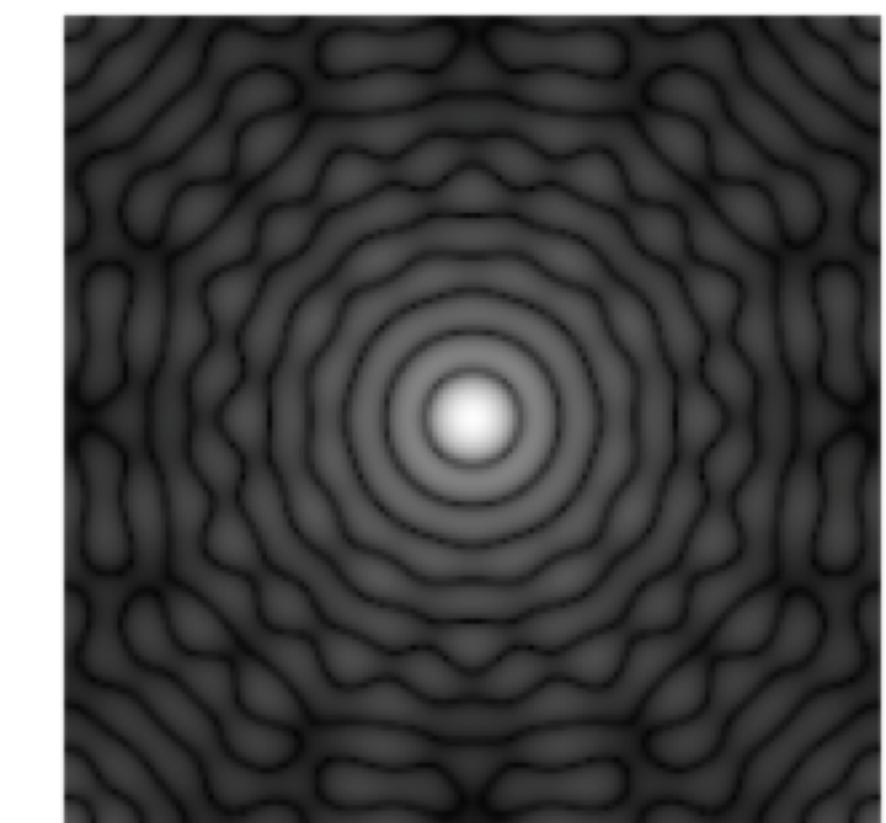
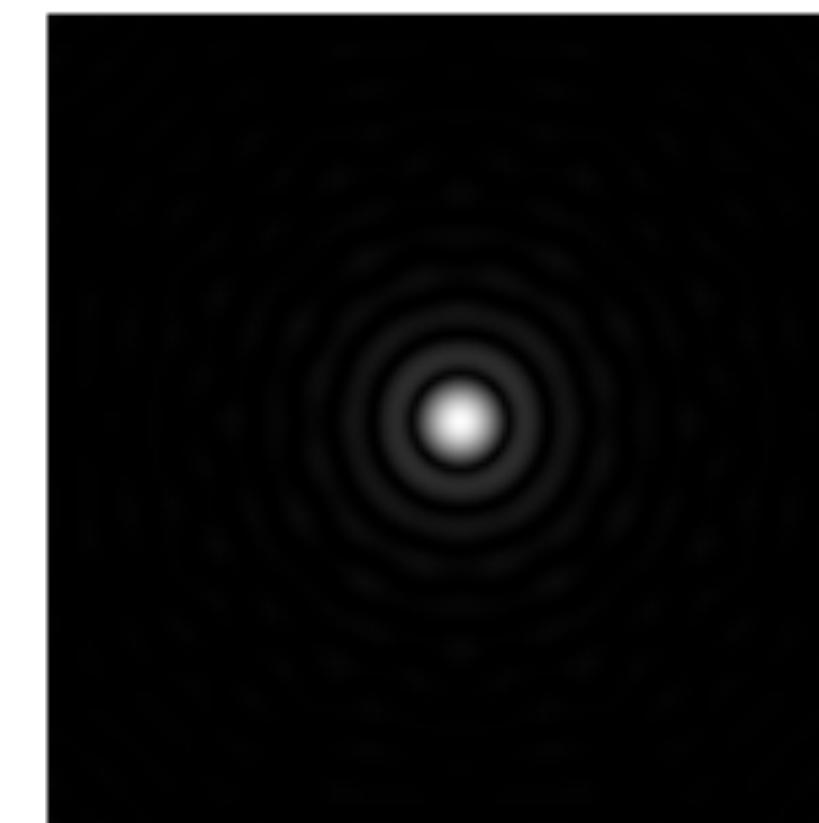
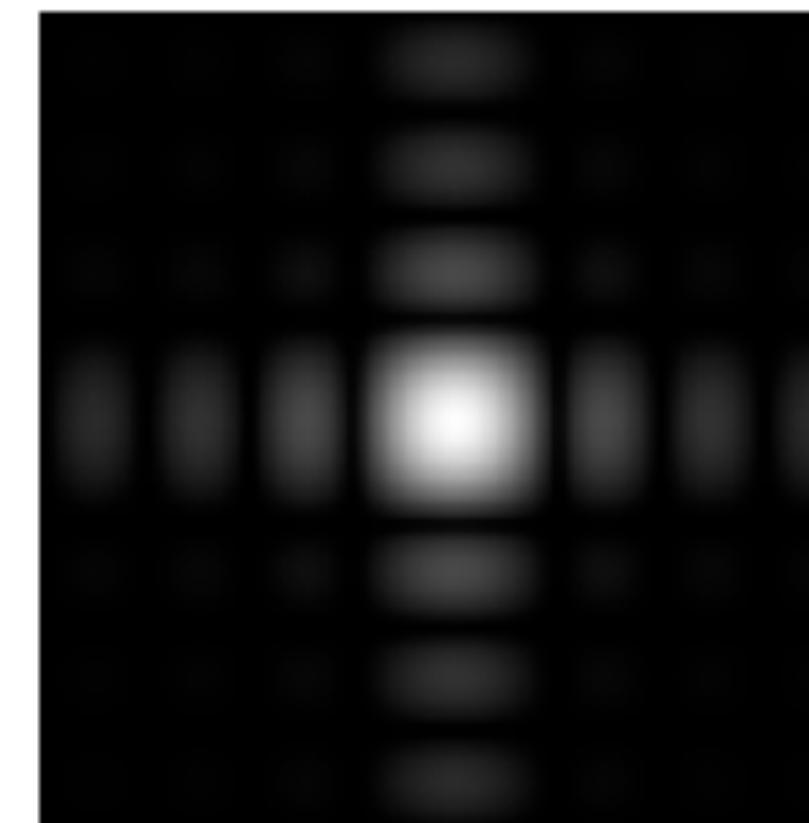
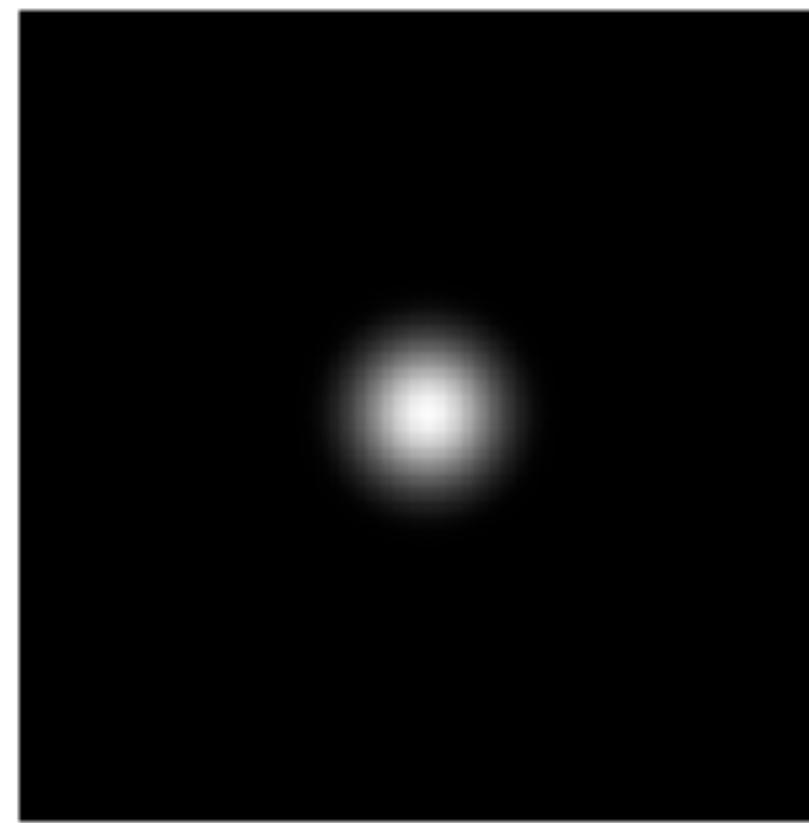
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# 2D Fourier Transforms: Kernels

$f(x, y)$



$F(\omega_x, \omega_y)$

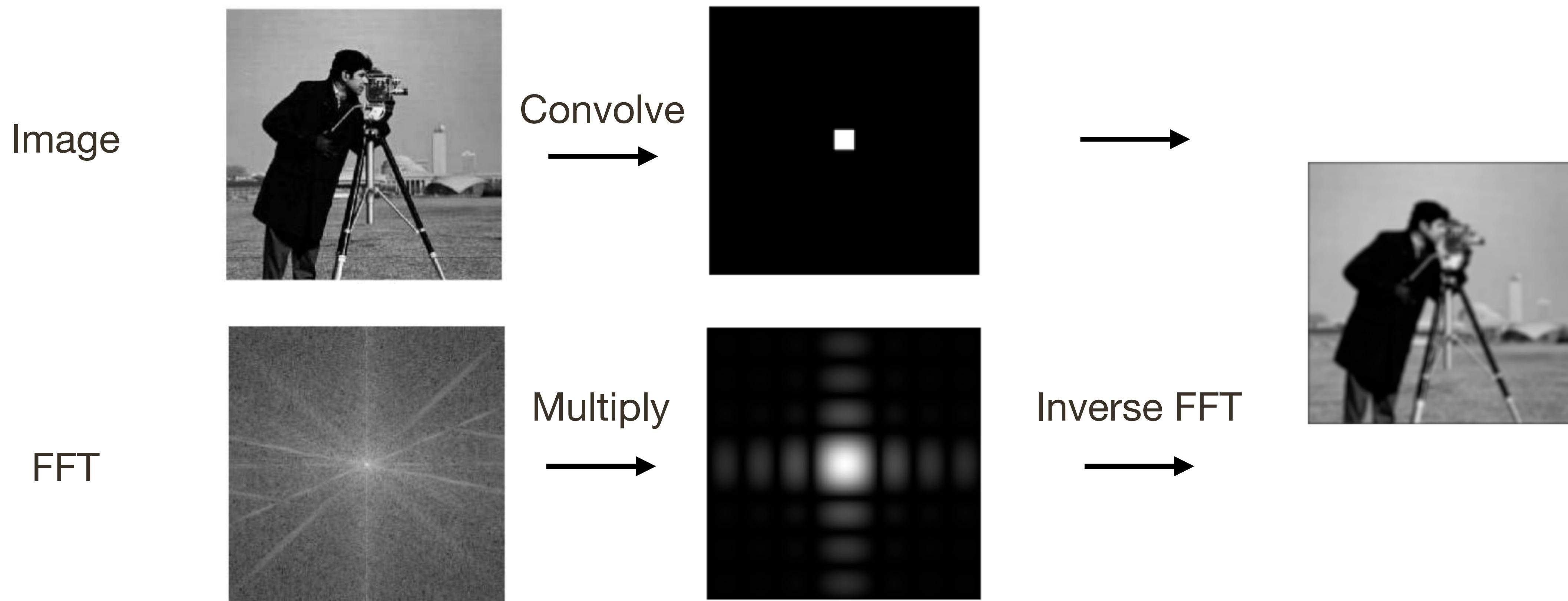


Compress power 0.5  
to exaggerate lobes  
(just for visualization)

# Convolution using Fourier Transforms

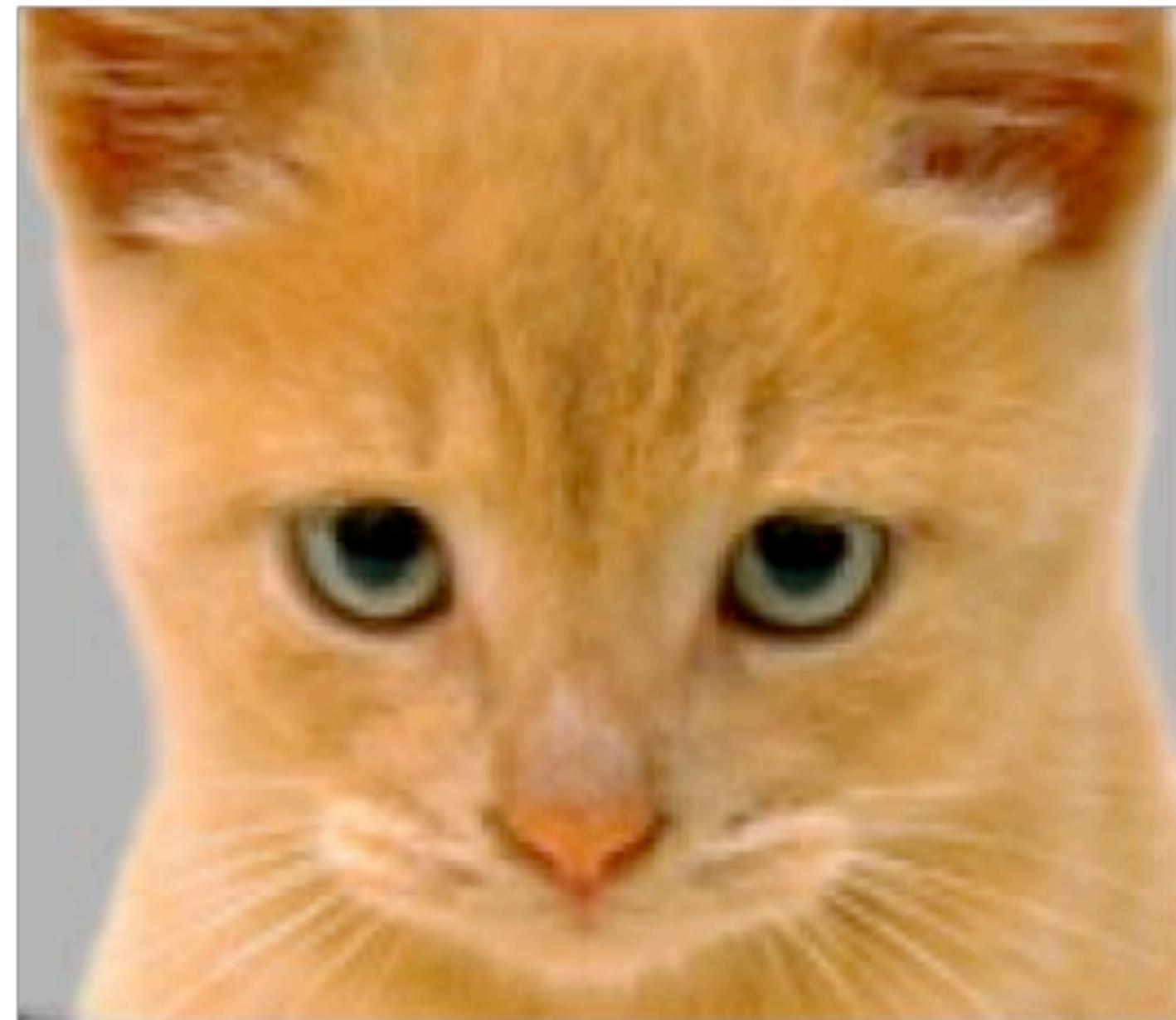
Convolution **Theorem**:  $i'(x, y) = f(x, y) \otimes i(x, y)$

$$\mathcal{I}'(w_x, w_y) = \mathcal{F}(w_x, w_y) \mathcal{I}(w_x, w_y)$$



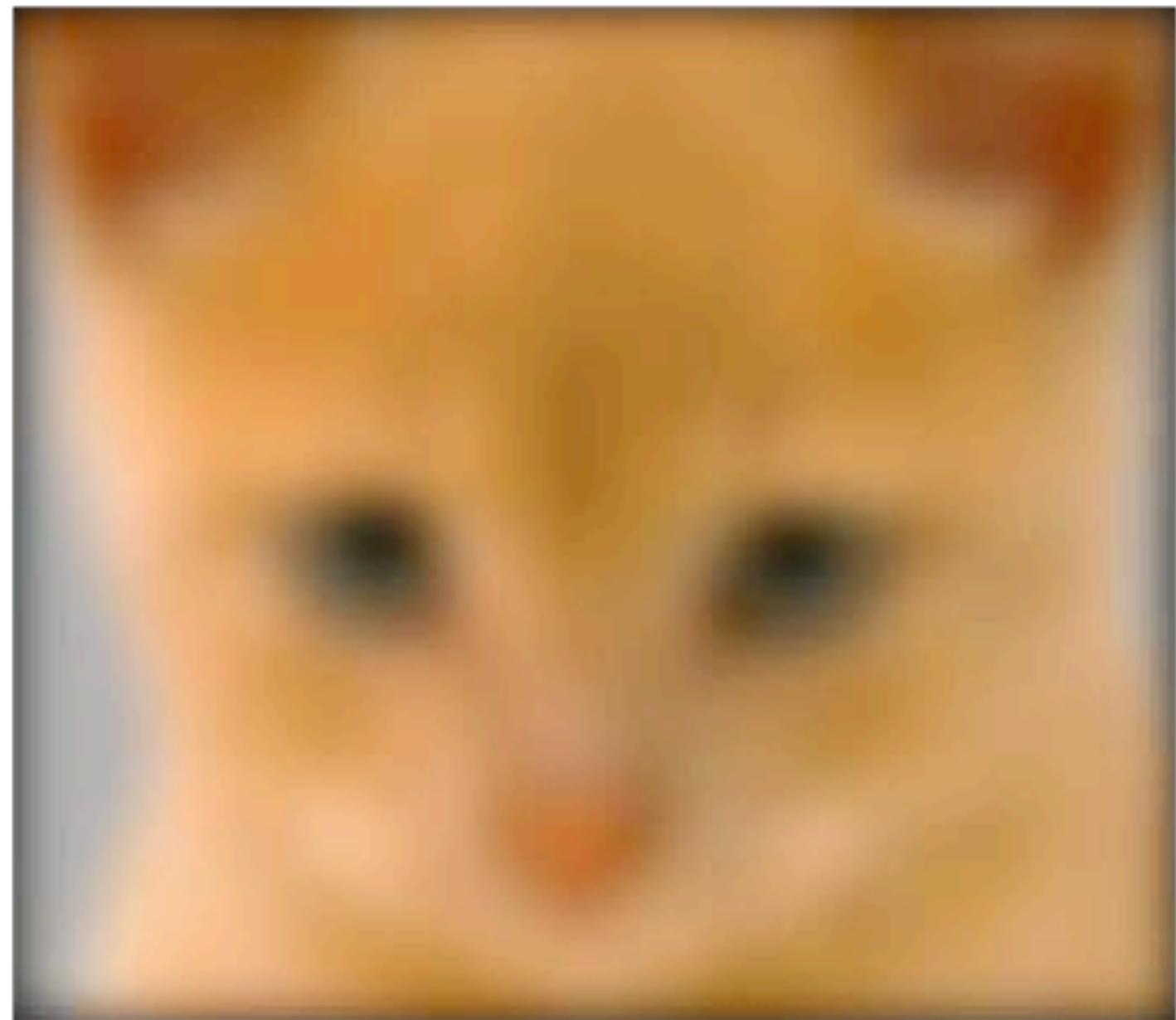
What preceded was for fun  
(you will **NOT** be tested on it)

# Assignment 1: Low/High Pass Filtering



Original

$$I(x, y)$$



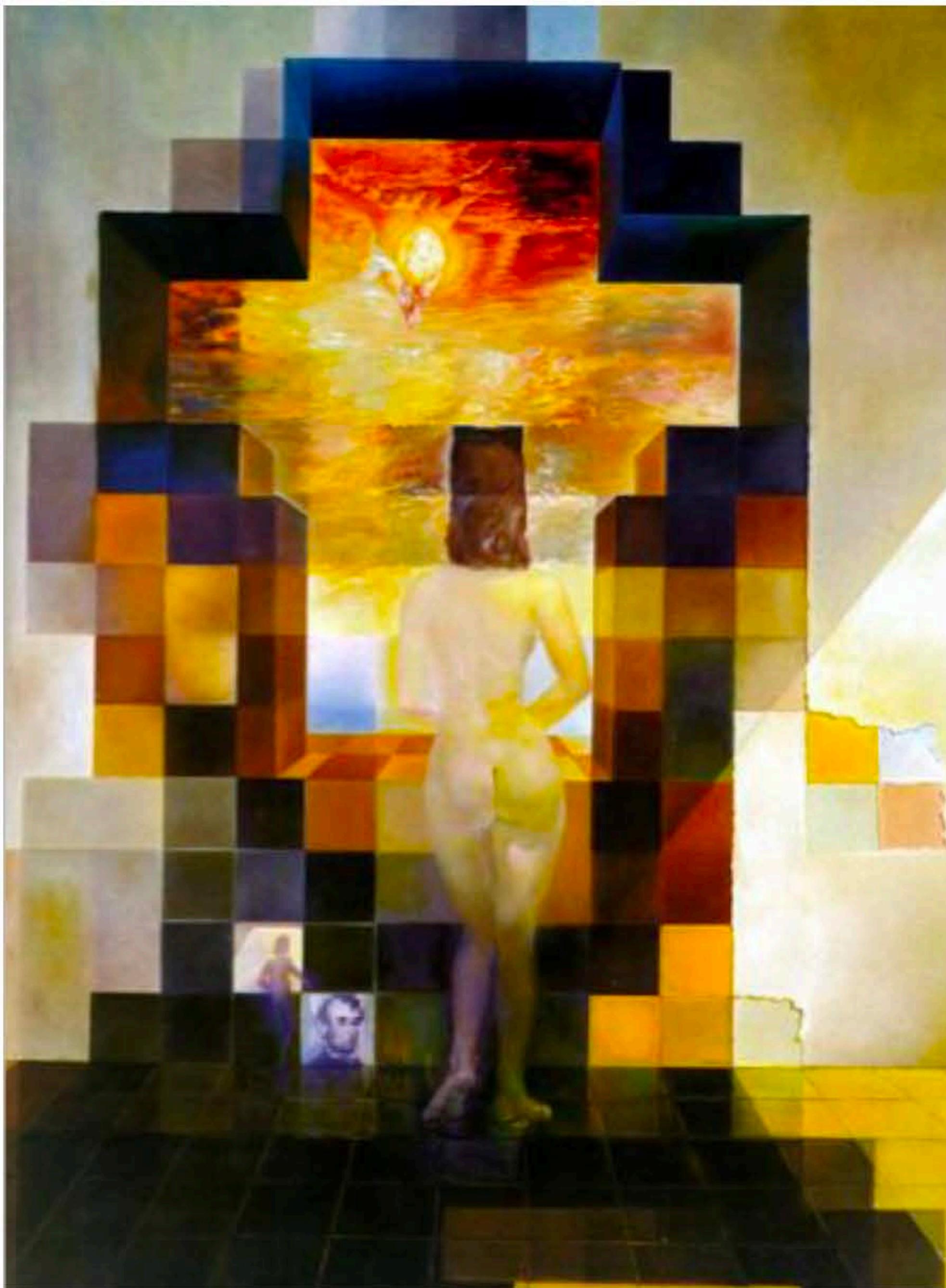
Low-Pass Filter

$$I(x, y) * g(x, y)$$



High-Pass Filter

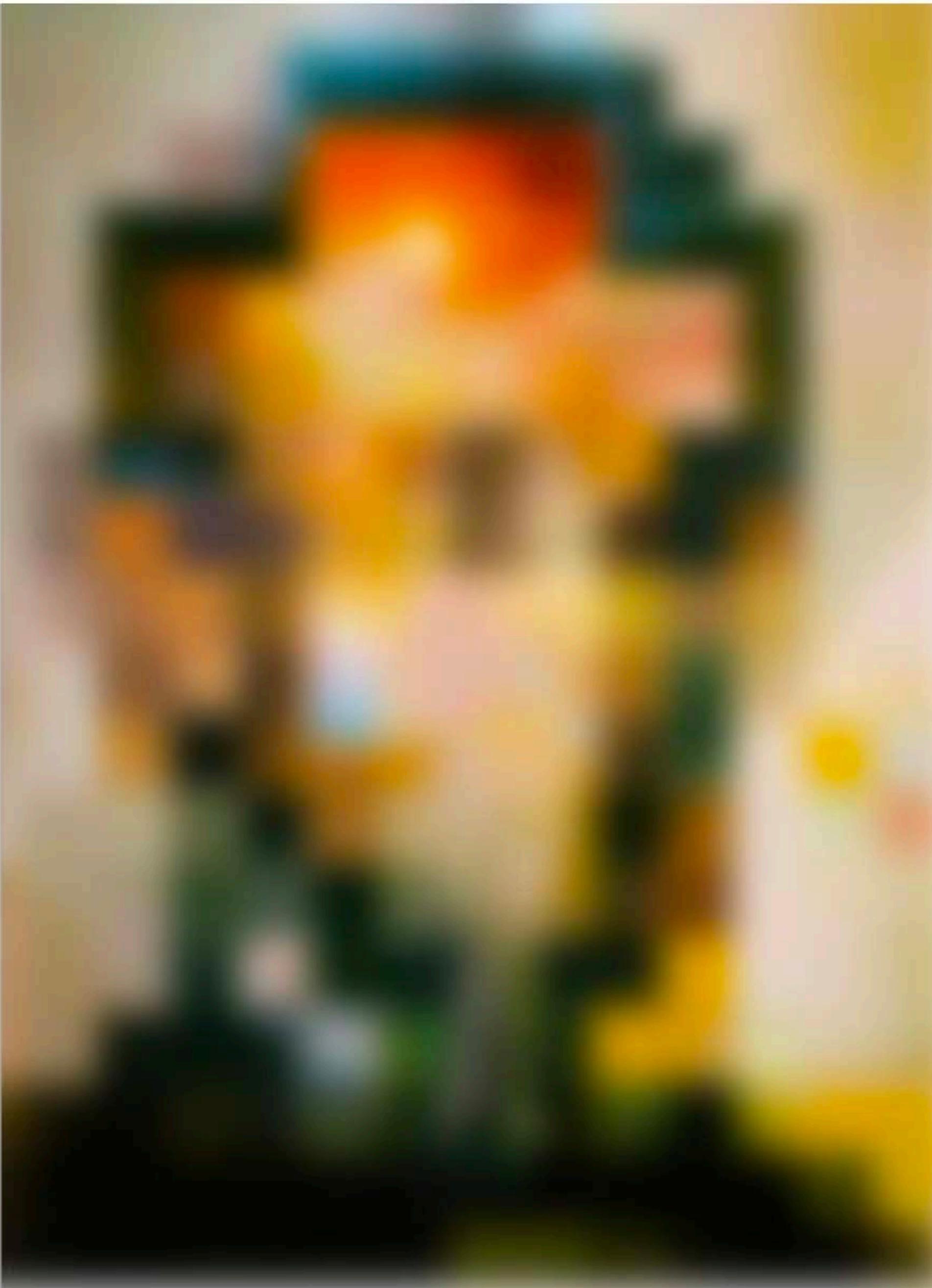
$$I(x, y) - I(x, y) * g(x, y)$$



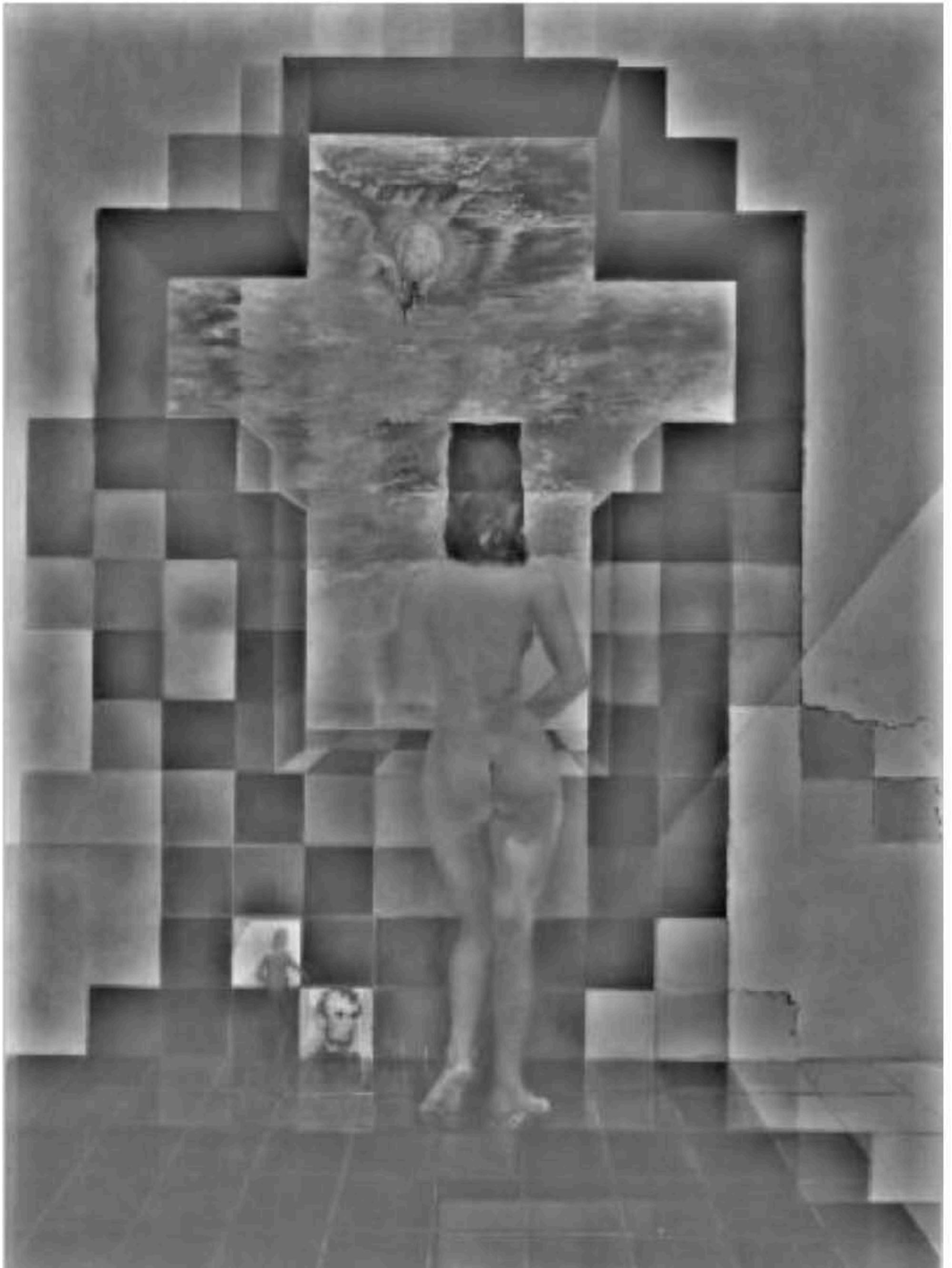
*Gala Contemplating the Mediterranean  
Sea Which at Twenty Meters Becomes  
the Portrait of Abraham Lincoln  
(Homage to Rothko)*

Salvador Dali, 1976

**Slide Credit:** Ioannis (Yannis) Gkioulekas (CMU)



Low-pass filtered version

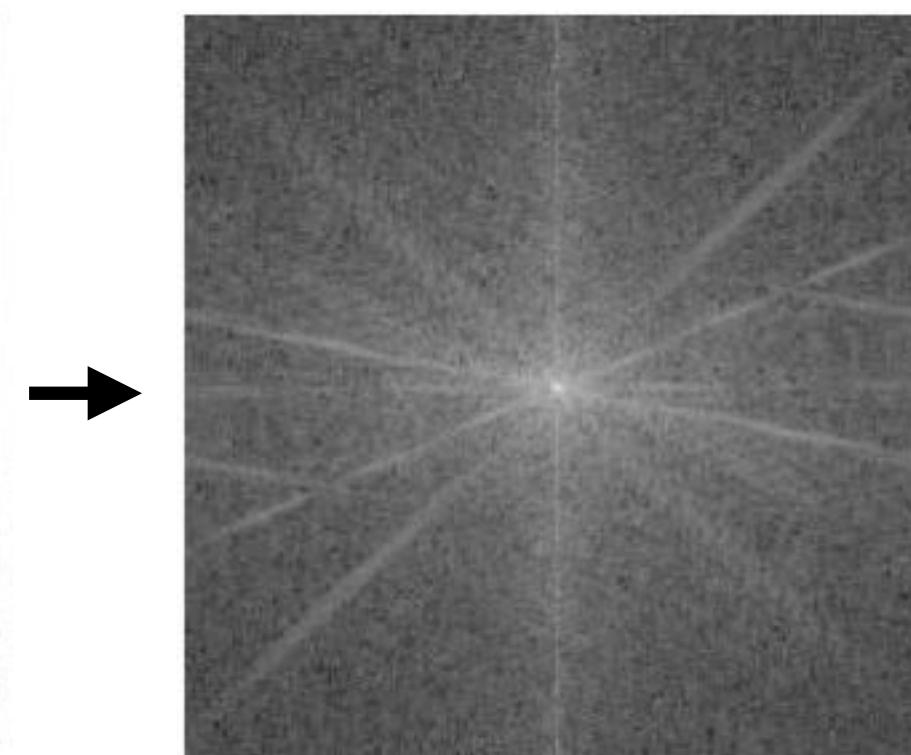


High-pass filtered version

# Aside: You will not be tested on this ...

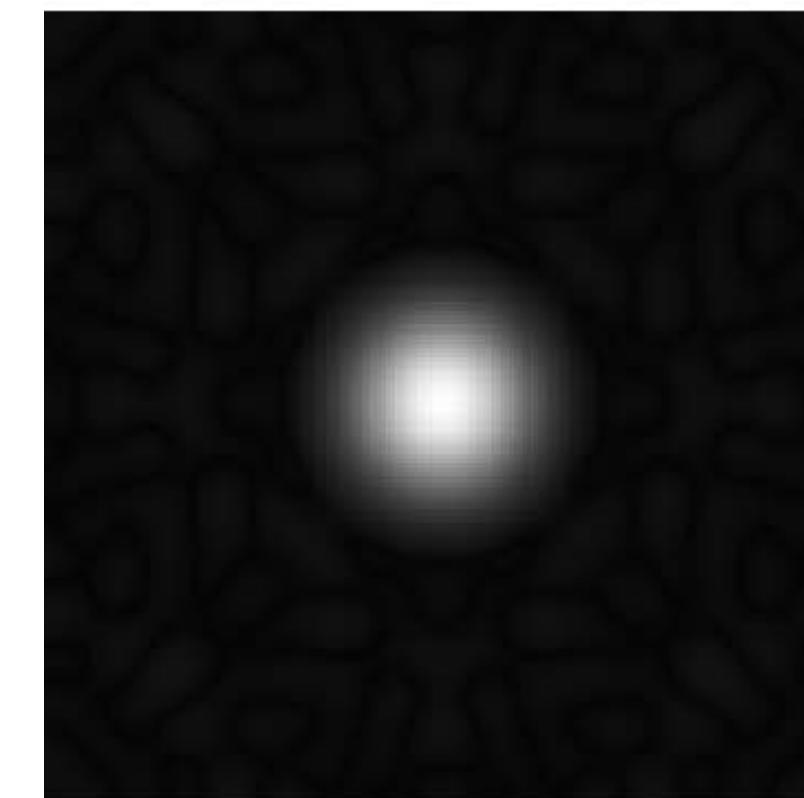


image

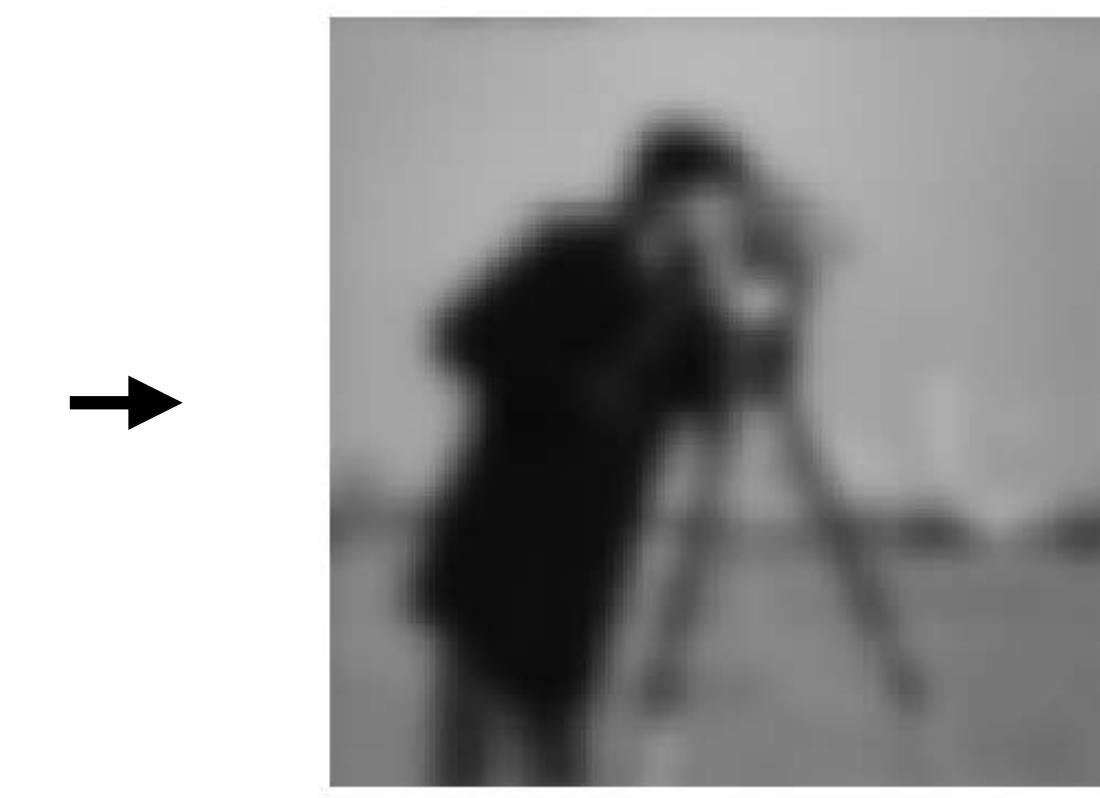


FFT (Mag)

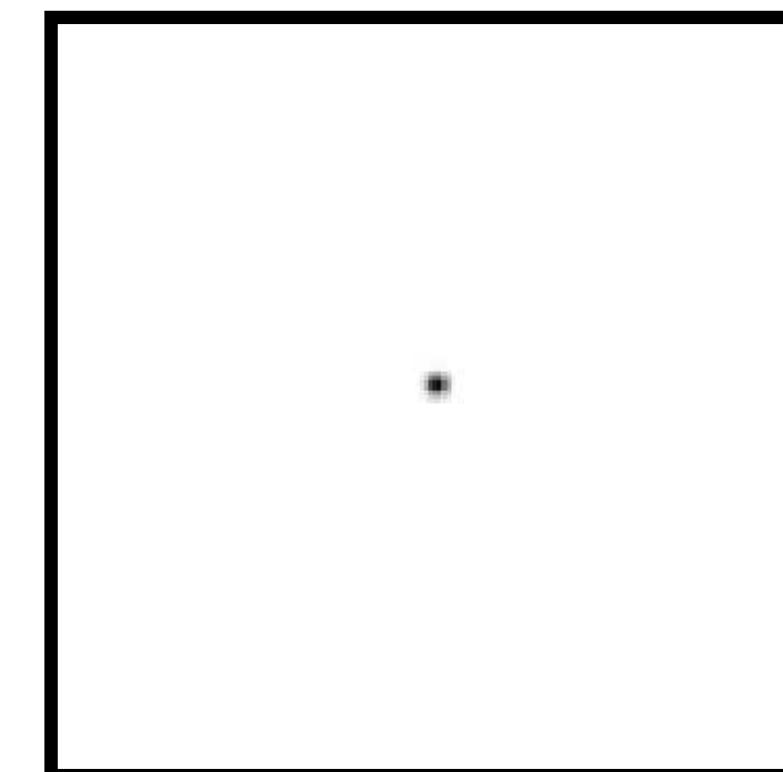
complex  
element-wise  
multiplication



Low pass



filtered image



High pass



filtered image

# Convolution using Fourier Transforms

**General** implementation of **convolution**:

At each pixel,  $(X, Y)$ , there are  $m \times m$  multiplications

There are  $n \times n$  pixels in  $(X, Y)$

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**Total:**  $m^2 \times n^2$  multiplications

**Convolution** in FFT space:

Cost of FFT/IFFT for image:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log n)$

Cost of FFT/IFFT for filter:  $\mathcal{O}(m^2 \log m)$

Worthwhile if image and kernel are **both** large

# Non-linear Filters

We've seen that **linear filters** can perform a variety of image transformations

- shifting
- smoothing
- sharpening

In some applications, better performance can be obtained by using **non-linear filters**.

For example, the median filter selects the **median** value from each pixel's neighborhood.

# Non-linear Filtering



“shot” noise



gaussian blurred



median filtered

# Median Filter

Take the **median value** of the pixels under the filter:

|    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|-----|
| 5  | 13 | 5  | 221 |
| 4  | 16 | 7  | 34  |
| 24 | 54 | 34 | 23  |
| 23 | 75 | 89 | 123 |
| 54 | 25 | 67 | 12  |

Image

|   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 16 | 24 | 34 | 54 |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|



|  |    |  |  |
|--|----|--|--|
|  |    |  |  |
|  | 13 |  |  |
|  |    |  |  |
|  |    |  |  |
|  |    |  |  |

Output

# Median Filter

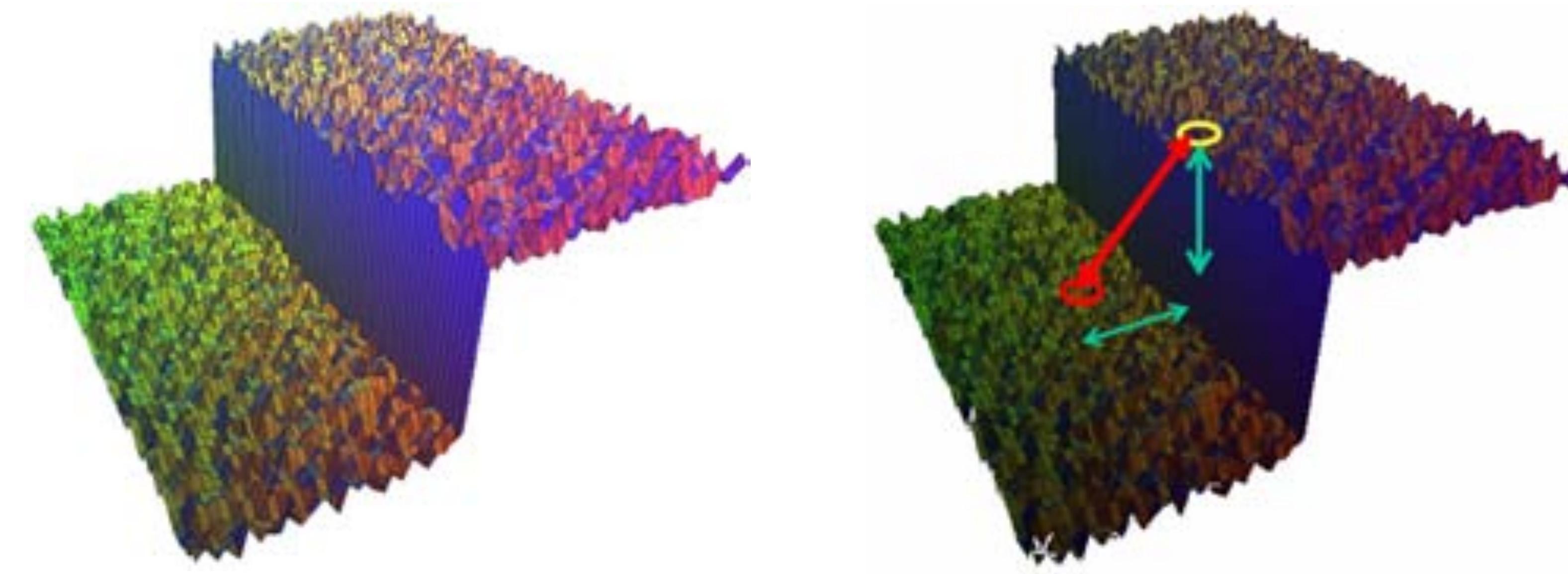
Effective at reducing certain kinds of noise, such as impulse noise (a.k.a ‘salt and pepper’ noise or ‘shot’ noise)

The median filter forces points with distinct values to be more like their neighbors



**Image credit:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median\\_filter#/media/File:Medianfilterp.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_filter#/media/File:Medianfilterp.png)

# Bilateral Filter



Suppose we want to smooth a noisy step function

A Gaussian kernel performs a weighted average of points over a spatial neighbourhood..

But this averages points both at the top and bottom of the step – blurring

**Bilateral Filter** idea: look at distances in **range** (value) as well as **space** x,y

# Bilateral Filter

An edge-preserving non-linear filter

**Like** a Gaussian filter:

- The filter weights depend on spatial distance from the center pixel
- Pixels nearby (in space) should have greater influence than pixels far away

**Unlike** a Gaussian filter:

- The filter weights also depend on range distance from the center pixel
- Pixels with similar brightness value should have greater influence than pixels with dissimilar brightness value

# Bilateral Filter

**Gaussian** filter: weights of neighbor at a spatial offset  $(x, y)$  away from the center pixel  $I(X, Y)$  given by:

$$G_\sigma(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

(with appropriate normalization)

# Bilateral Filter

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**Bilateral** filter: weights of neighbor at a spatial offset  $(x, y)$  away from the center pixel  $I(X, Y)$  given by a product:

$$\exp^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma_d^2}} \exp^{-\frac{(I(X+x, Y+y) - I(X, Y))^2}{2\sigma_r^2}}$$

(with appropriate normalization)

# Bilateral Filter

**Gaussian** filter: weights of neighbor at a spatial offset  $(x, y)$  away from the center pixel  $I(X, Y)$  given by:

$$G_\sigma(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

(with appropriate normalization)

**Bilateral** filter: weights of neighbor at a spatial offset  $(x, y)$  away from the center pixel  $I(X, Y)$  given by a product:

The diagram illustrates the bilateral filter kernel as a product of two exponential terms. On the left, a green box labeled "domain kernel" contains the term  $\exp^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma_d^2}}$ . On the right, a blue box labeled "range kernel" contains the term  $\exp^{-\frac{(I(X+x, Y+y) - I(X, Y))^2}{2\sigma_r^2}}$ . The two boxes are separated by a vertical line, and their product forms the complete bilateral kernel.

$$\exp^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma_d^2}} \exp^{-\frac{(I(X+x, Y+y) - I(X, Y))^2}{2\sigma_r^2}}$$

(with appropriate normalization)

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.9 | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   | 0.9 | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |



**Domain Kernel**  
 $\sigma_d = 1$

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
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| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |

**Range Kernel**

$$\sigma_r = 0.45$$

|      |      |     |
|------|------|-----|
| 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.2 |
| 1    | 1    | 0.1 |
| 0.98 | 1    | 0.1 |

(differences based on  
**centre pixel**)

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.9 | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   | 0.9 | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |

**Domain Kernel**  
 $\sigma_d = 1$

|      |      |      |
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| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
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|------|------|-----|
| 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.2 |
| 1    | 1    | 0.1 |
| 0.98 | 1    | 0.1 |

**Range \* Domain Kernel**

multiply

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.01 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.01 |

(differences based on  
**centre pixel**)

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.9 | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   | 0.9 | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |

**Domain Kernel**  
 $\sigma_d = 1$

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |

**Range Kernel**

$$\sigma_r = 0.45$$

|      |      |     |
|------|------|-----|
| 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.2 |
| 1    | 1    | 0.1 |
| 0.98 | 1    | 0.1 |

**Range \* Domain Kernel**

multiply

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.01 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.01 |

sum to 1

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.03 |
| 0.16 | 0.26 | 0.01 |
| 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.01 |

(differences based on  
**centre pixel**)

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.9 | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   | 0.9 | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |

**Domain Kernel**  
 $\sigma_d = 1$

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |

**Range Kernel**

$$\sigma_r = 0.45$$

|      |      |     |
|------|------|-----|
| 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.2 |
| 1    | 1    | 0.1 |
| 0.98 | 1    | 0.1 |

multiply  
→

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.01 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.01 |

(differences based on  
**centre pixel**)

**Bilateral Filter**

# Bilateral Filter

image  $I(X, Y)$

|    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 0  | 230 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 25 | 25 | 255 | 230 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 0  | 0  | 25 | 255 | 255 | 255 |

Normalised

image  $I(X, Y)$

|     |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0.1 | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.9 | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   | 0.9 | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| 0   | 0   | 0.1 | 1   | 1   | 1 |



**Domain Kernel**

$$\sigma_d = 1$$

$\sum$

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.08 |

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   | 0.9 |
| 0.1 | 0.1 | 1   |
| 0   | 0.1 | 1   |

$$= 0.3$$

**Gaussian Filter (only)**

**Range Kernel**

$$\sigma_r = 0.45$$

|      |      |     |
|------|------|-----|
| 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.2 |
| 1    | 1    | 0.1 |
| 0.98 | 1    | 0.1 |

**Range \* Domain Kernel**

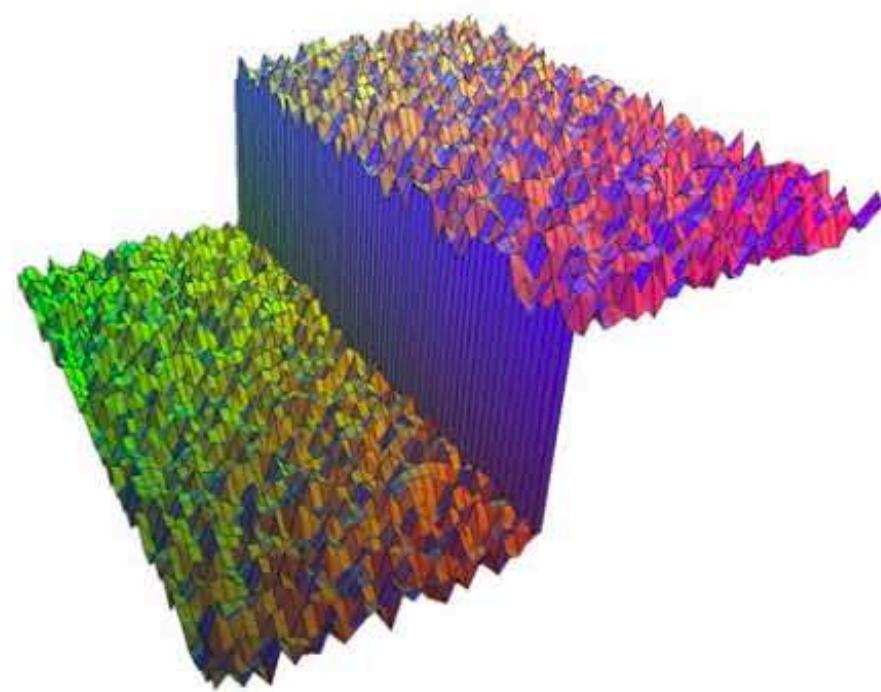
multiply

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.01 |
| 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.01 |

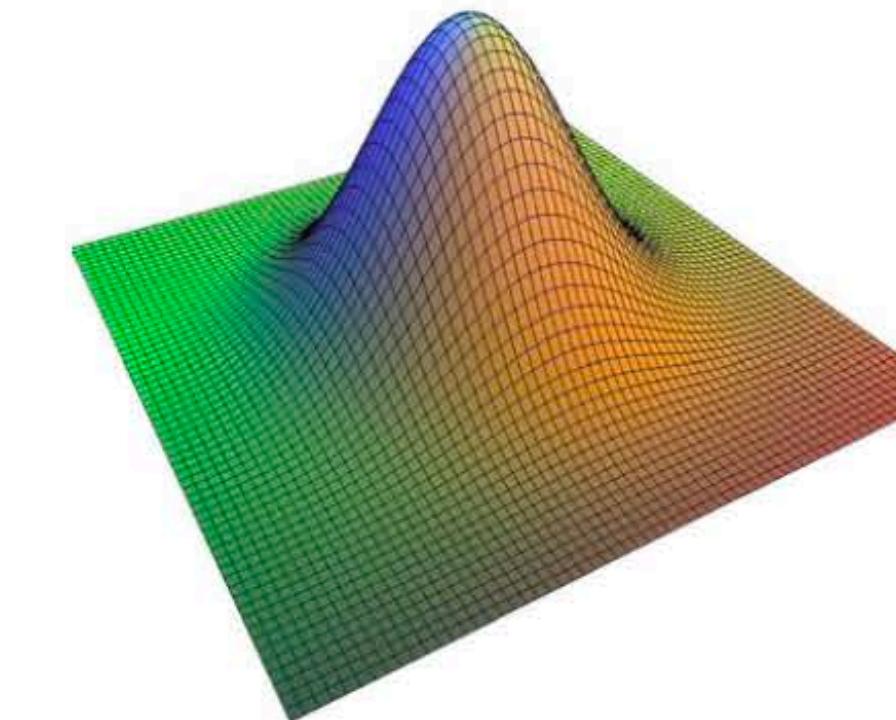
(differences based on  
**centre pixel**)

**Bilateral Filter**

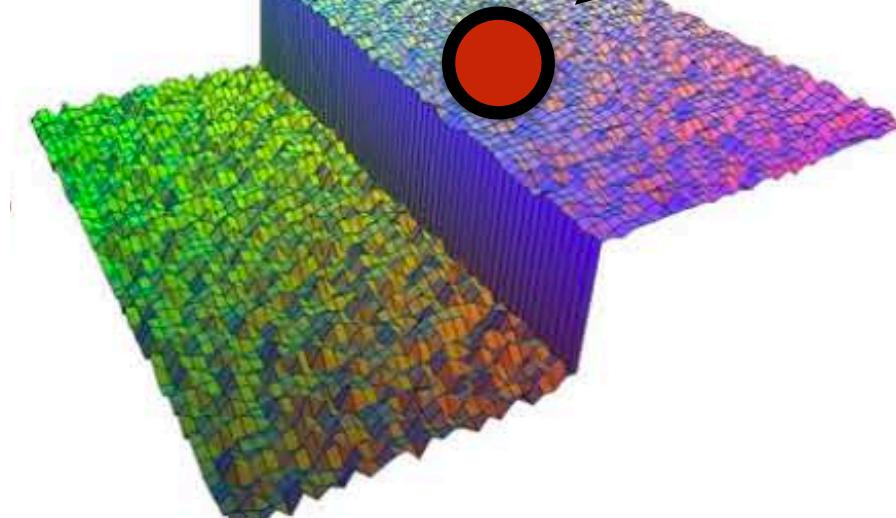
# Bilateral Filter



**Input**

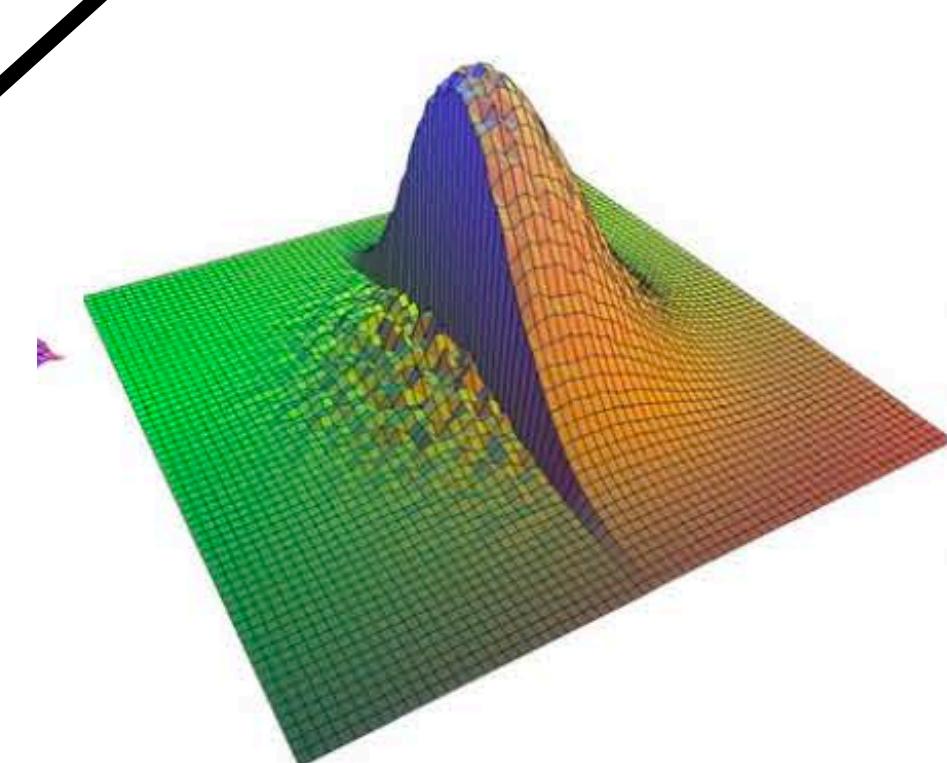


**Domain Kernel**

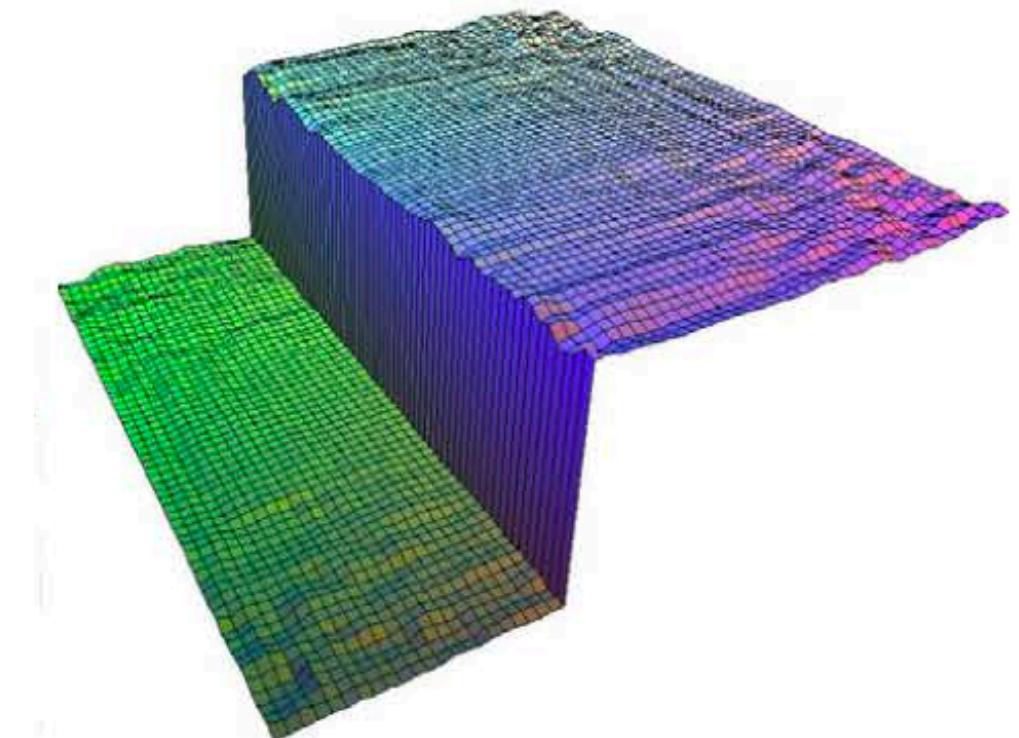


**Range Kernel Influence**

This example:  
weights for point  
on top of edge



**Bilateral Filter**  
(domain \* range)



**Output**

**Images from:** Durand and Dorsey, 2002

# Bilateral Filter Application: Denoising



**Noisy Image**



**Gaussian Filter**



**Bilateral Filter**

# Bilateral Filter Application: Cartooning



Original Image



After 5 iterations of **Bilateral Filter**

# Bilateral Filter Application: Flash Photography

Non-flash images taken under low light conditions often suffer from excessive **noise** and **blur**

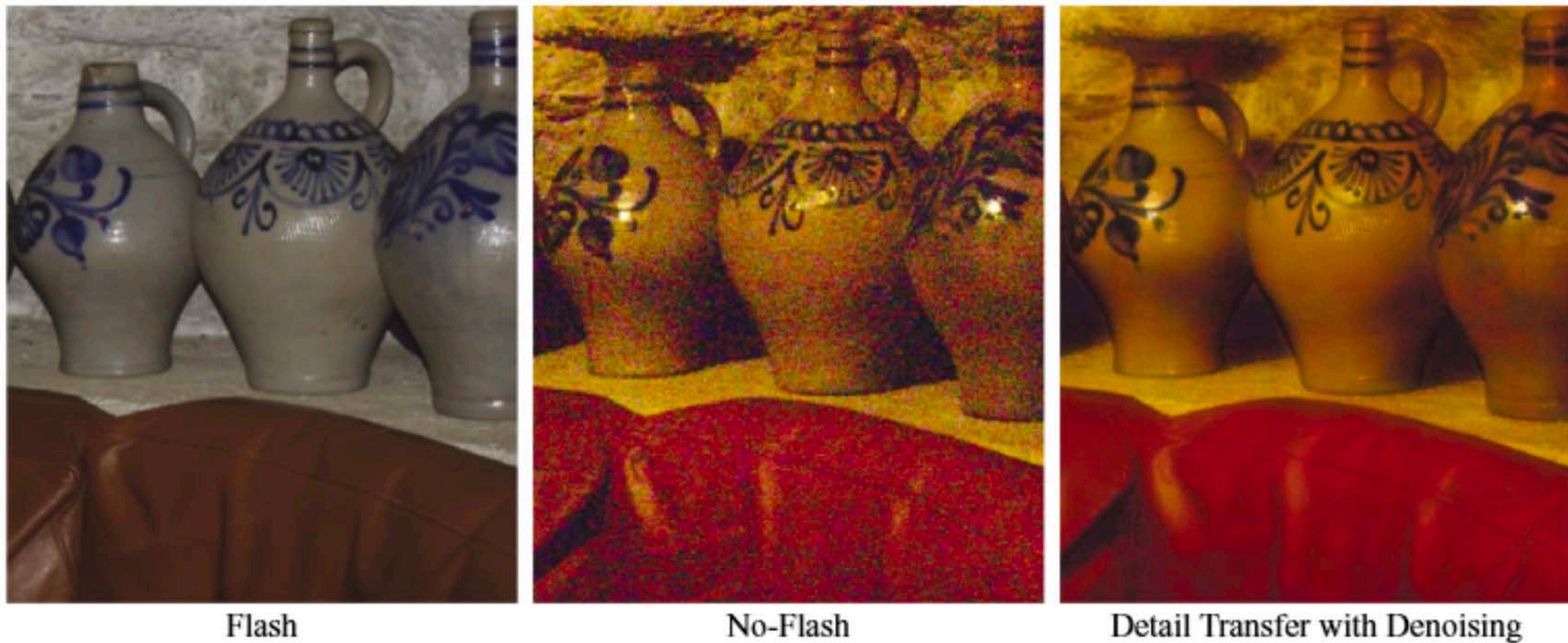
But there are problems with **flash images**:

- colour is often unnatural
- there may be strong shadows or specularities

**Idea:** Combine flash and non-flash images to achieve better exposure and colour balance, and to reduce noise

# Bilateral Filter Application: Flash Photography

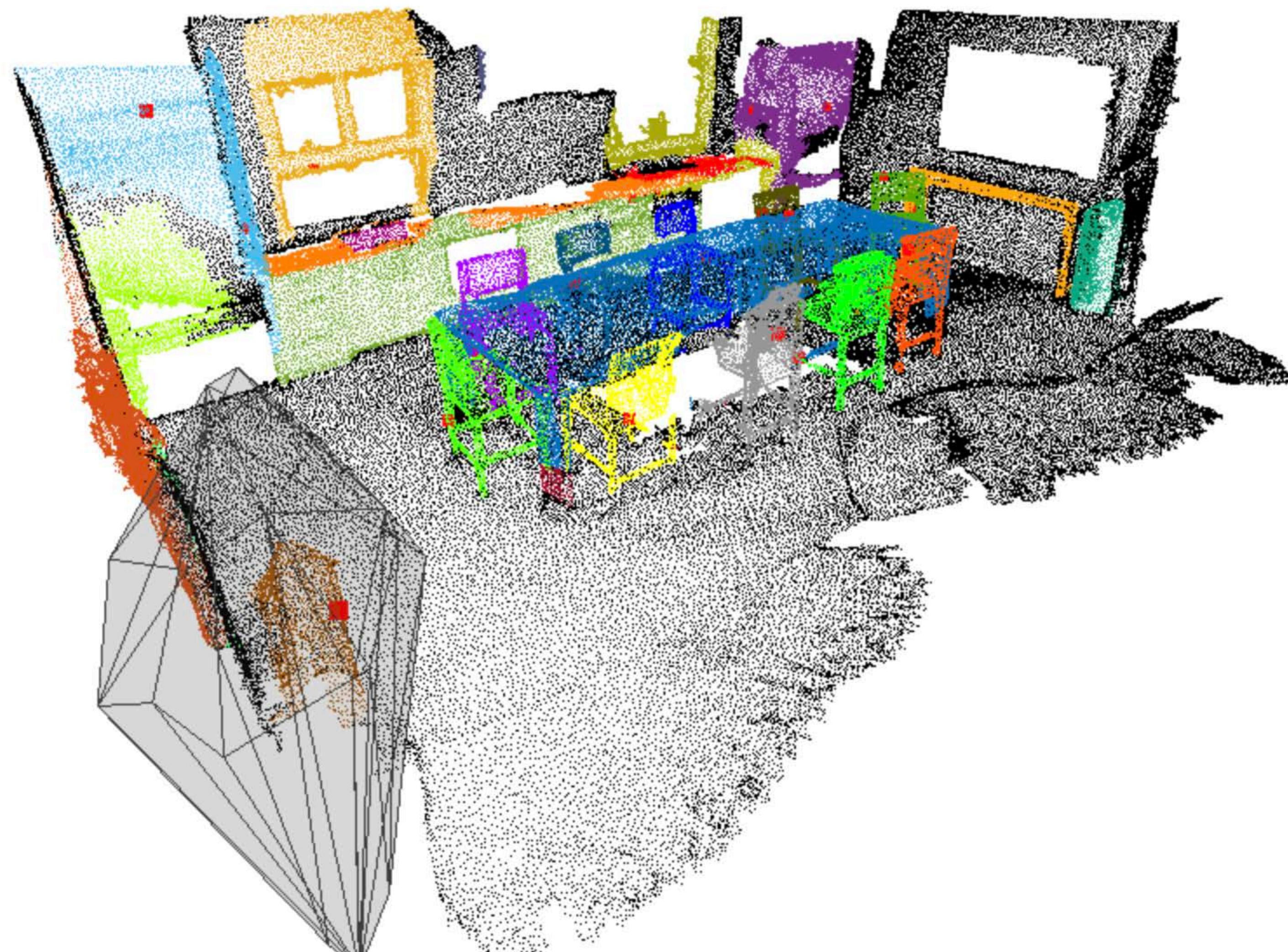
System using ‘joint’ or ‘cross’ bilateral filtering:



**‘Joint’ or ‘Cross’ bilateral:** Range kernel is computed using a separate guidance image instead of the input image

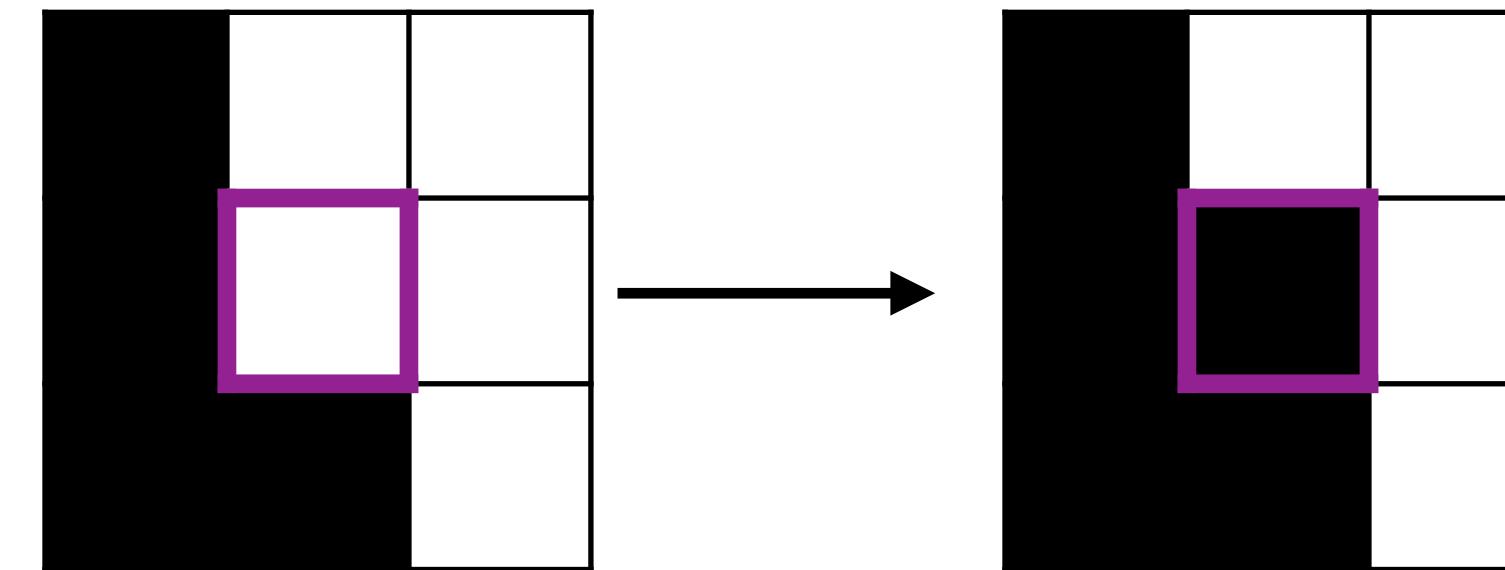
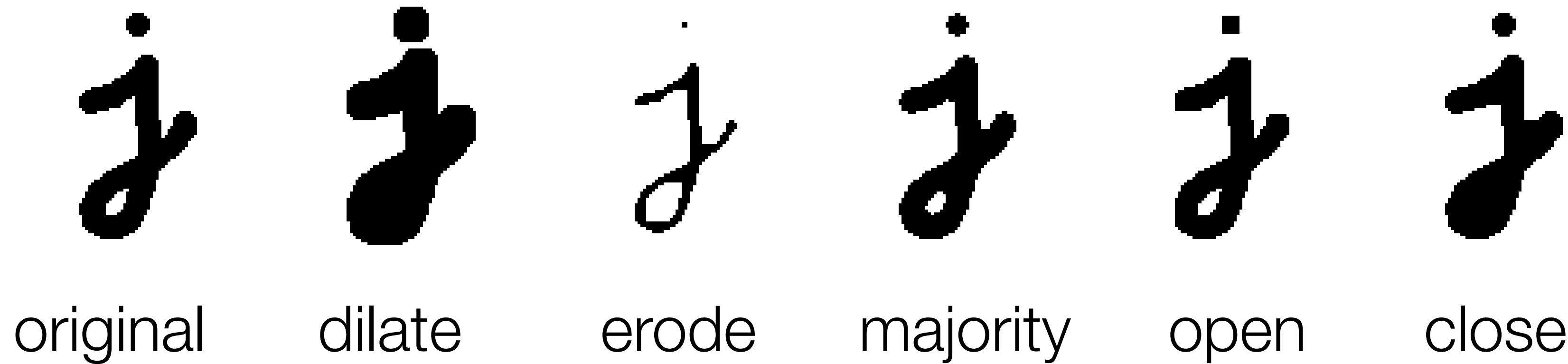
**Figure Credit:** Petschnigg et al., 2004

# Bilateral Filter: “Modern” take



<https://neuralbf.github.io/>

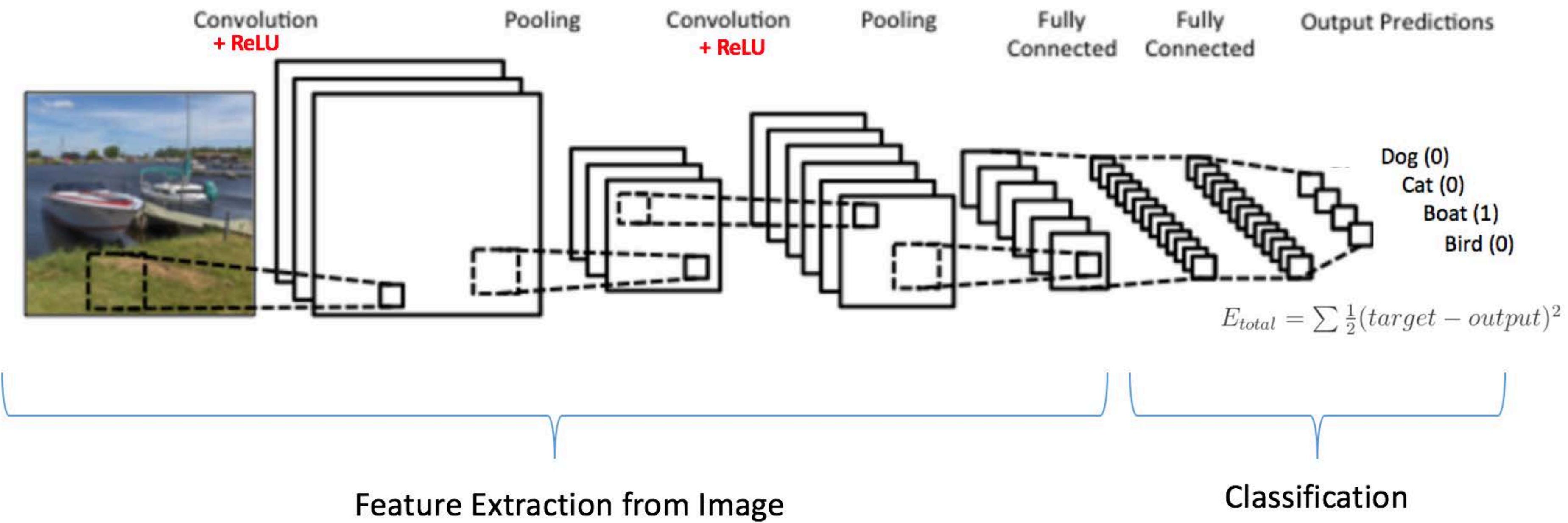
# Morphology



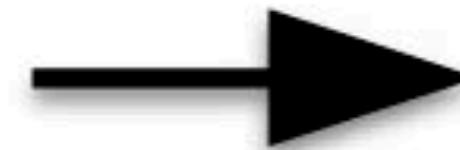
Threshold function  
in local structuring  
element

$\text{close}(\cdot) = \text{erode}(\text{dilate}(\cdot))$  etc., see Szeliski 3.3.2

# Aside: Linear Filter with ReLU



|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 9  | 3  | 5  | -8 |
| -6 | 2  | -3 | 1  |
| 1  | 3  | 4  | 1  |
| 3  | -4 | 5  | 1  |



|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

Result of:      Linear Image Filtering

After Non-linear ReLU

# Summary

We covered two three **non-linear filters**: Median, Bilateral, ReLU

The **median filter** is a non-linear filter that selects the median in the neighbourhood

The **bilateral filter** is a non-linear filter that considers both spatial distance and range (intensity) distance, and has edge-preserving properties

**Speeding-up Convolution** can be achieved using separable filters or Fourier Transforms if the filter and image are both large

**Fourier Transforms** give us a way to think about image processing operations in Frequency Space, e.g., low pass filter = removing high frequency components