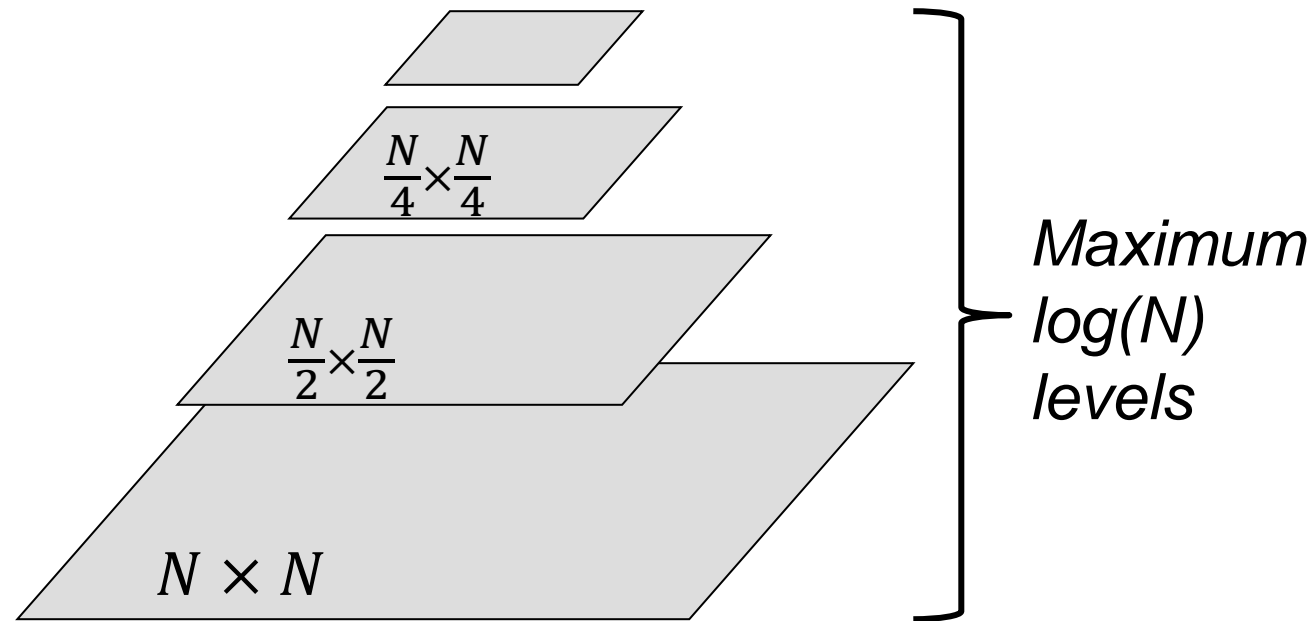


# Image Pyramids



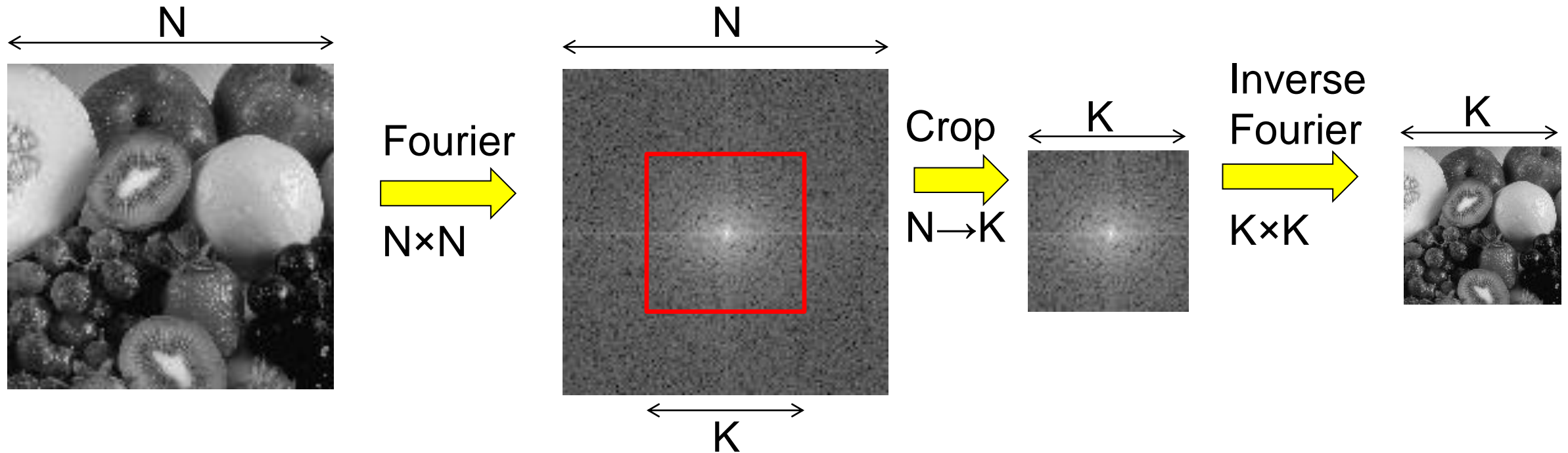
*Number of pixels in this pyramid*

$$N^2 + \frac{1}{4}N^2 + \frac{1}{16}N^2 + \dots = 1\frac{1}{3}N^2$$

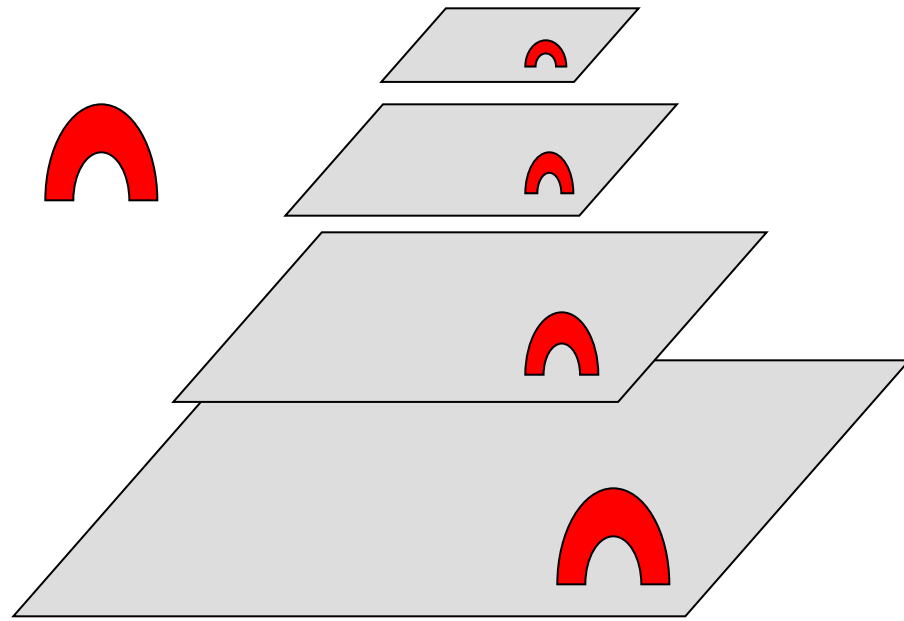
# Image Resizing

- While we will only talk about resizing by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , all scales are possible.
- Resizing by  $\frac{1}{2}$ : Blur & Subsample every 2<sup>nd</sup> pixel in every 2<sup>nd</sup> row. E.g. - From 1024 x 1024 to 512 x 512
  - Convolution in image domain
- Arbitrary resizing: Use Fourier Transform
  - E.g. - From 1024 x 1024 to 712 x 712

# Arbitrary Resizing with Fourier ( $N \rightarrow K$ ) (Reminder)



# Use 1: Efficient Visual Search



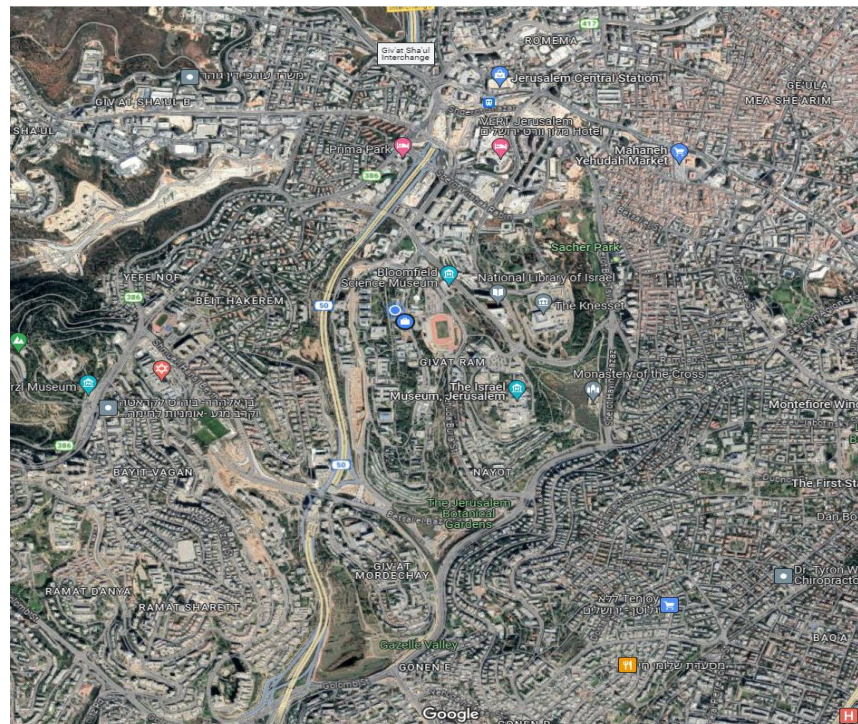
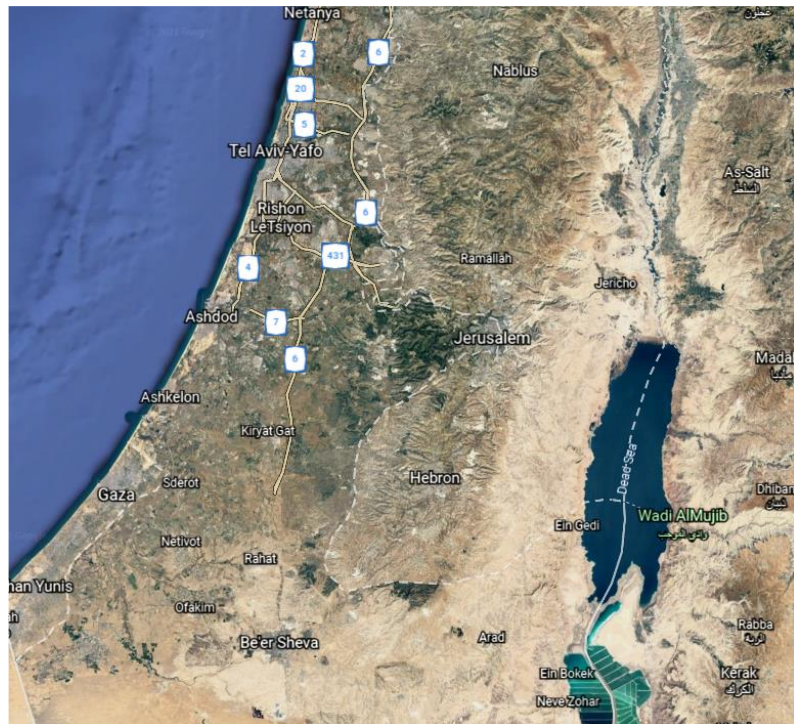
Search Area (pixels)	Pattern Size	Total Operations
$32^2 (2^{10})$	$4^2 (2^4)$	$2^{14}$
$64^2 (2^{12})$	$8^2 (2^6)$	$2^{18}$
$128^2 (2^{14})$	$16^2 (2^8)$	$2^{22}$
$256^2 (2^{16})$	$32^2 (2^{10})$	$2^{26}$

- Pyramids: Start the search in a small image
- Given an estimate from a lower resolution level, search area is small in higher resolution levels (e.g.  $\pm 1$ )
- Complexity at higher resolution:  $9 \times \text{pattern size}$





Search Example:  
Find this building in  
Google Earth  
(30M \* 30M pixels)





# More Applications for Pyramids

- Browsing in Image Databases: Multiple images or Videos
- Motion Computation; Stitching; More... (Later in Course)

Scale by  $1/2$

Scale by  $1/5$



# Image Resizing

## Reduce:

1. Blur (sometimes can be **decomposed**: Horizontal & Vertical)

– E.g. Convolve with a 3×3 filter  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}) * (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4})^T$

or a 5×5 filter  $\frac{1}{256}(1, 4, 6, 4, 1) * (1, 4, 6, 4, 1)^T \dots$  or larger

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

2. Sub-sample

– Select only every 2<sup>nd</sup> pixel in every 2<sup>nd</sup> row

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

## Expand:

1. Zero Padding ( $a_1, 0, a_2, 0, a_3, 0, \dots$ )

2. Blur

- Note: Expand blur needs different normalizations due to zero padding!

- Is zero padding followed by blur with  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2})$  OK?

# Blur Kernels

Commonly Used – **Decomposable** Binomial Coefficients, odd length:

- Odd number of coefficients (have a center pixel)
- Sum of coefficients is normalized to 1
- Fast to compute:
  - Binomial - using shift and integer add; Decomposable:  $2N$  instead of  $N^2$
- Asymptotically similar to a Gaussian

$$1 \ 2 \ 1 \quad / 4$$

$$1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 4 \ 1 \quad / 16$$

$$1 \ 6 \ 15 \ 20 \ 15 \ 6 \ 1 \quad / 64$$

$$(1 \ 1) * \dots^{2k} \dots * (1 \ 1) \quad / 2^{2k}$$



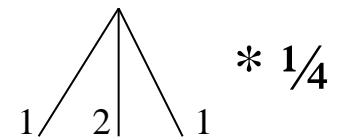
# Decomposition of Kernels

$$P * \frac{1}{256} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\ 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P * \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} * \frac{1}{16} [1 \ 4 \ 6 \ 4 \ 1]$$

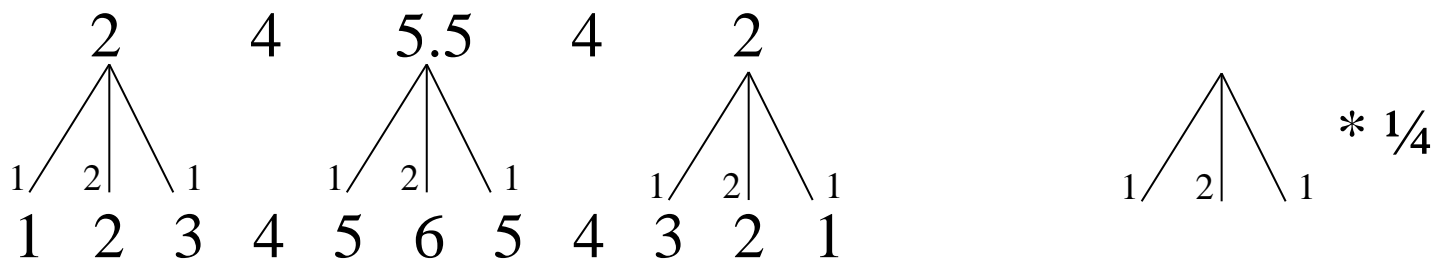
- Saving Computations (E.g. 5 x 5 kernel)
  - Naïve Computation: blur by 5x5 (25 multiplications)
  - If kernel can be decomposed to horizontal and vertical components
  - Blur columns first (5 multiplications), then blur rows
  - 10 multiplications instead of 25

# Reduce: Blur & Sub-sample

1 2 3 4 5 6 5 4 3 2 1



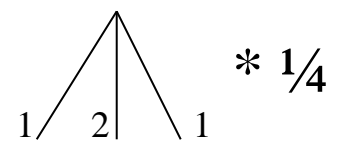
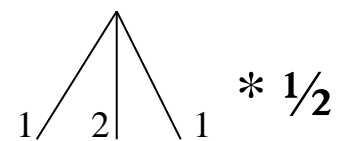
# Reduce: Blur & Sub-sample



# Expand: Zero-Pad & Blur

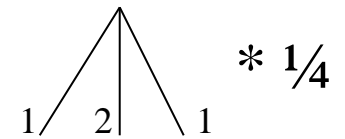
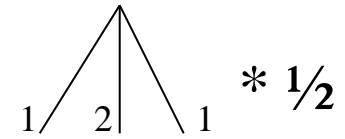
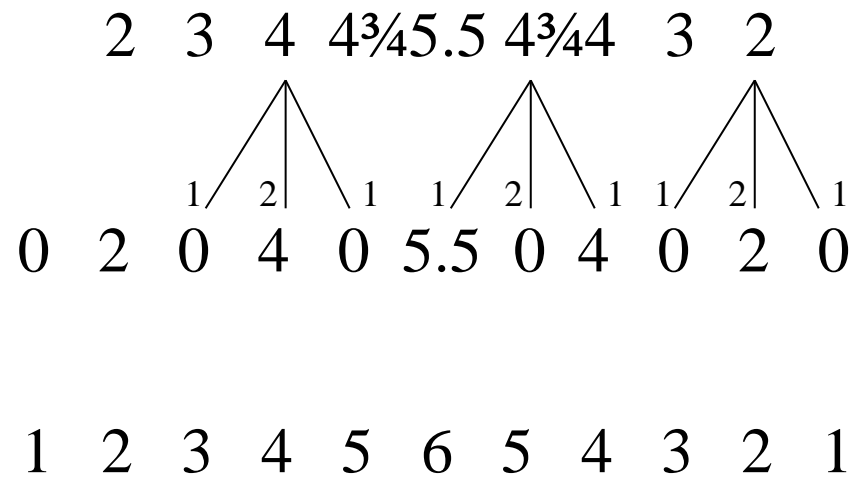
0 2 0 4 0 5.5 0 4 0 2 0

1 2 3 4 5 6 5 4 3 2 1



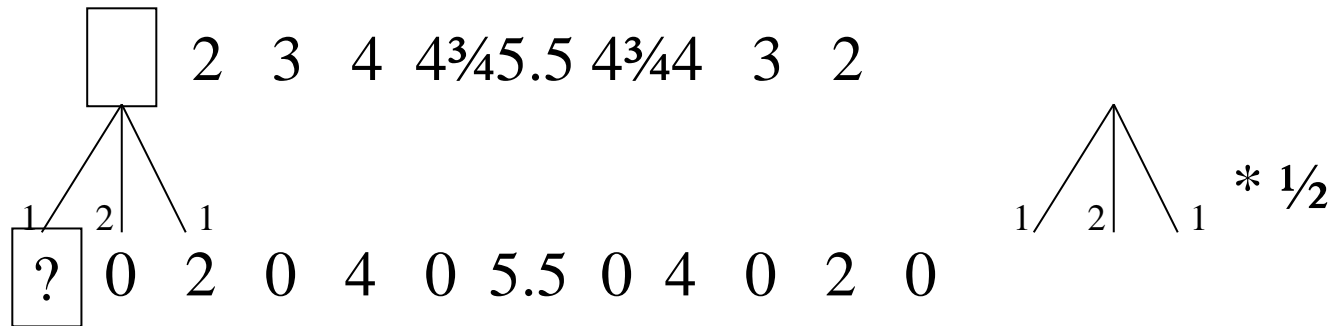


# Expand: Zero-Pad & Blur



# Handling Image Boundaries

## *Never Cyclic...*



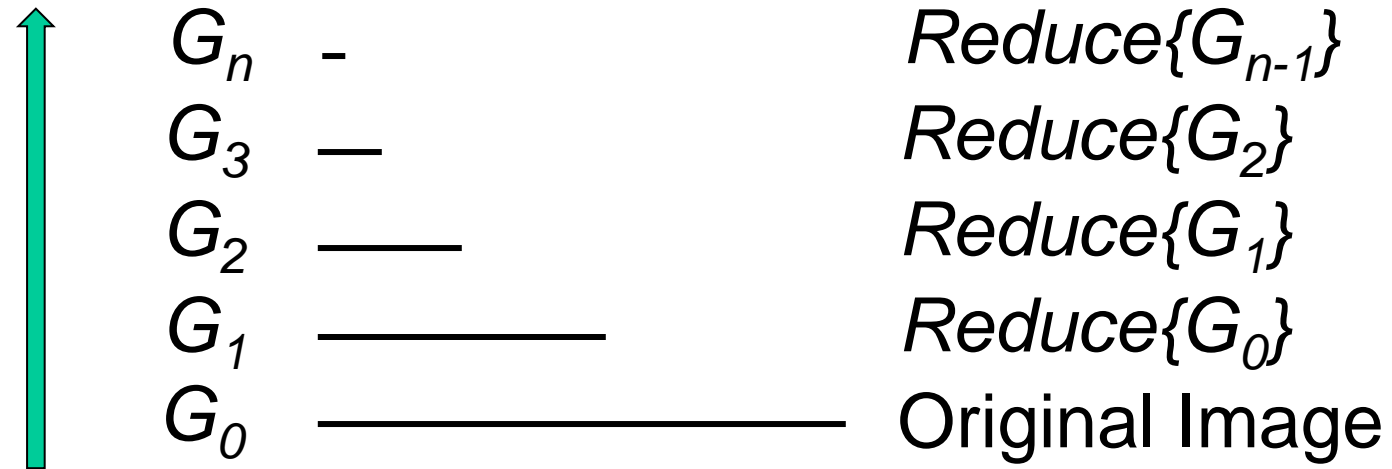
Reflect on last pixel       $?=2$

Zero padding       $?=0$

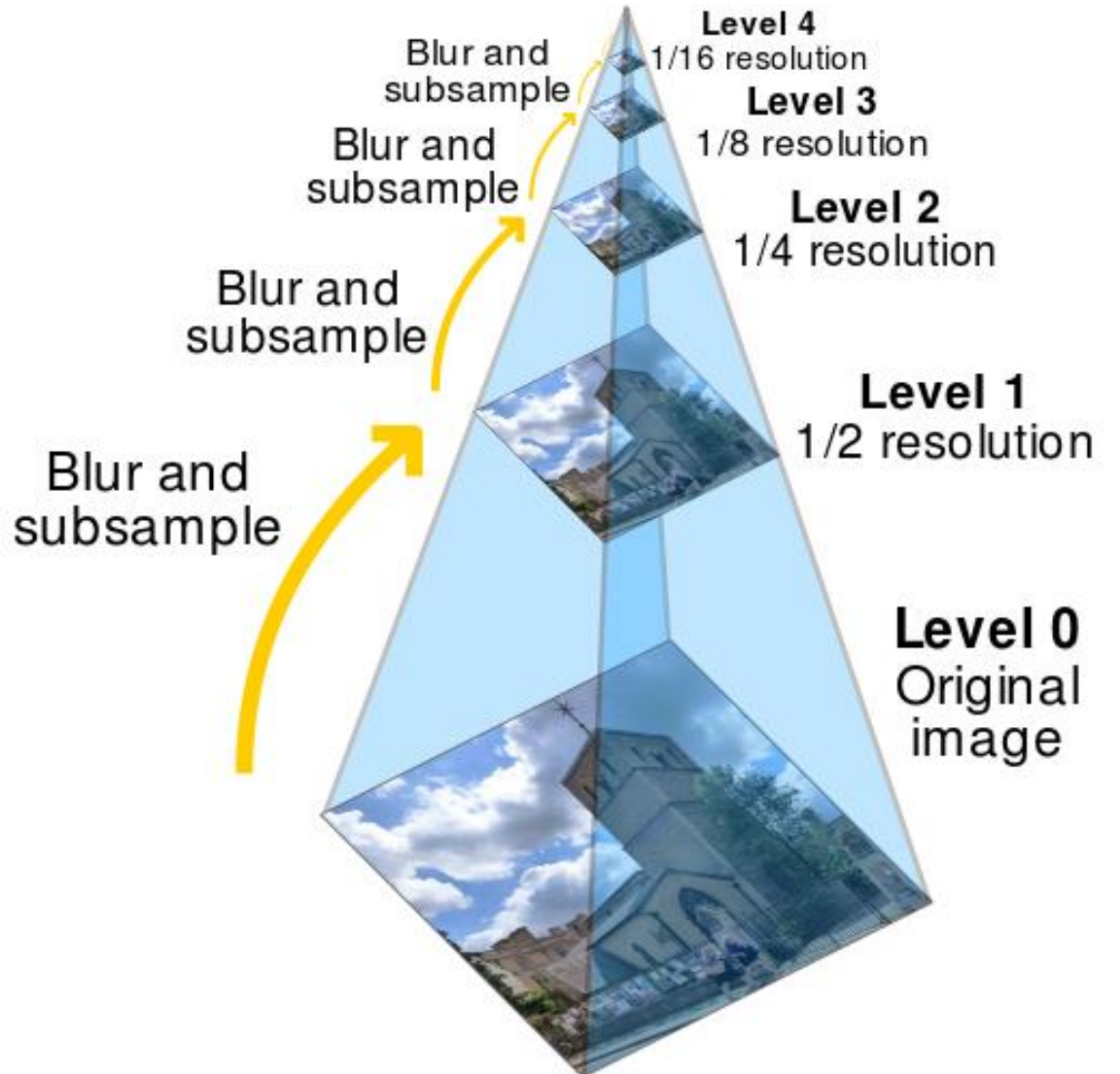
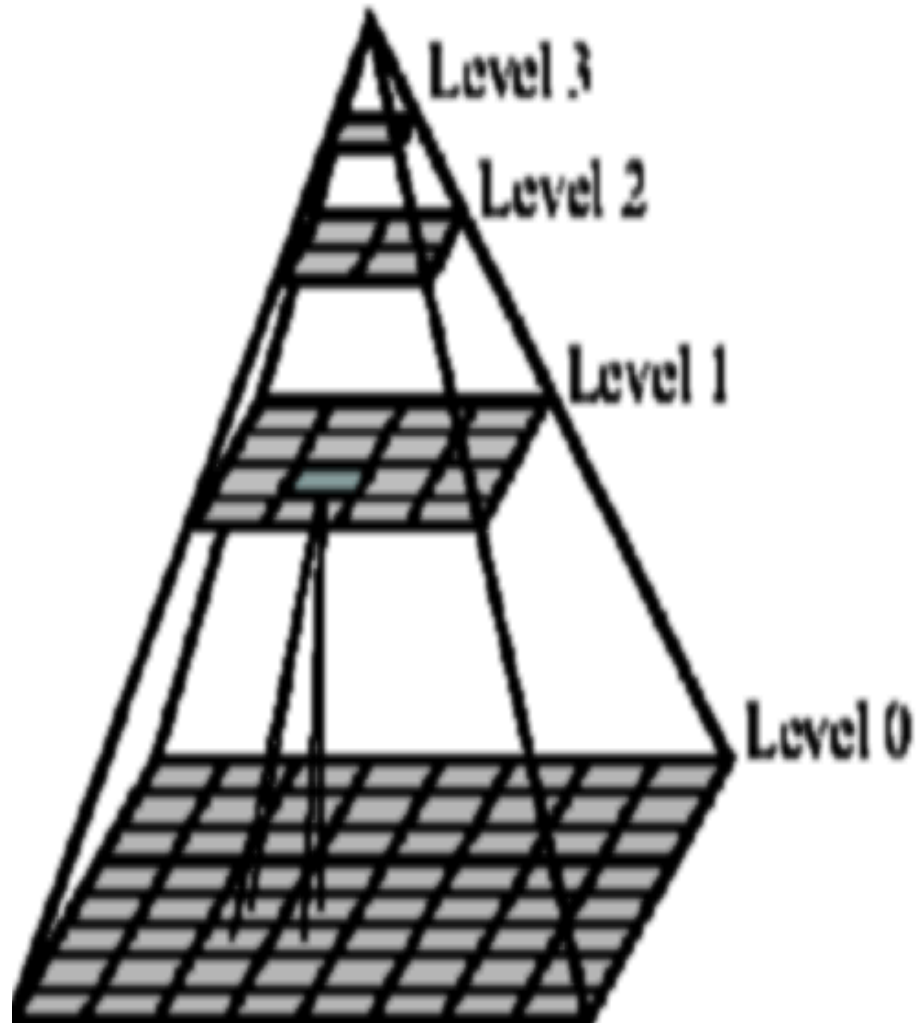
Duplicate last pixel.       $?=0$

# Gaussian Pyramid

## Iterated Reduction of the Image

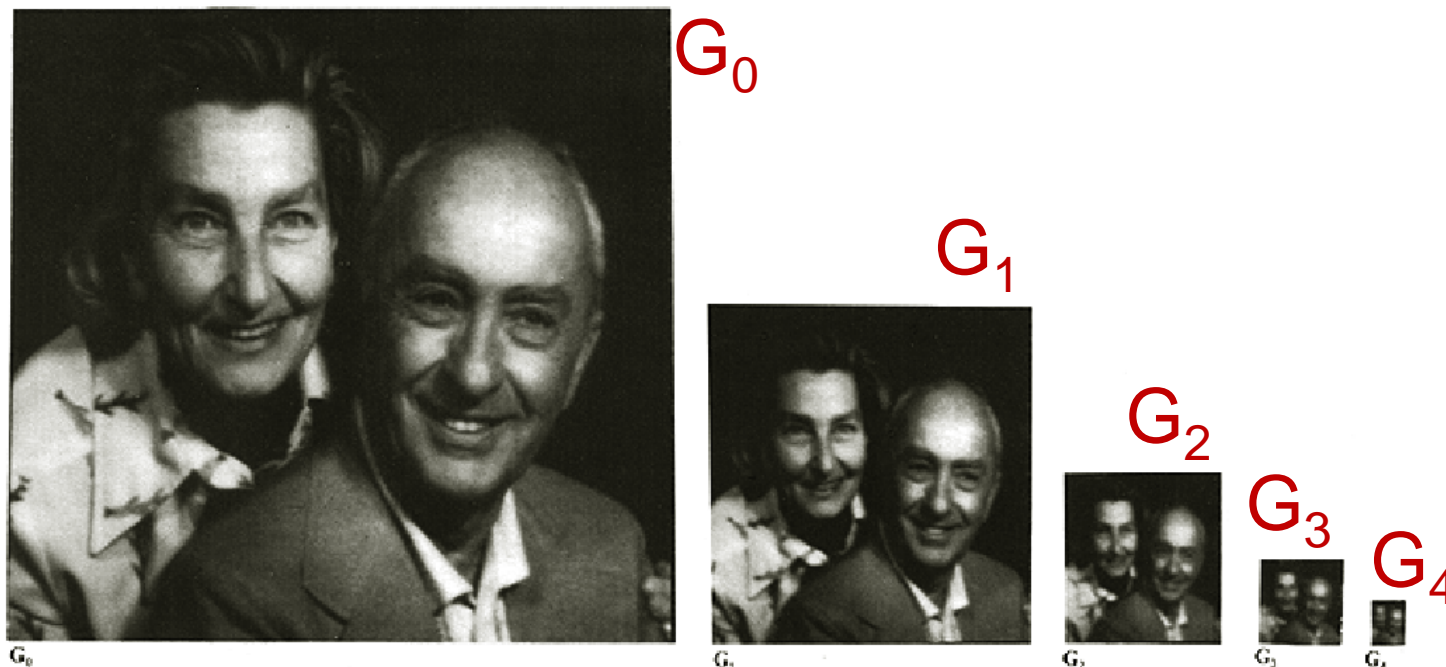


# 5-Level Gaussian Pyramid (Wikipedia)

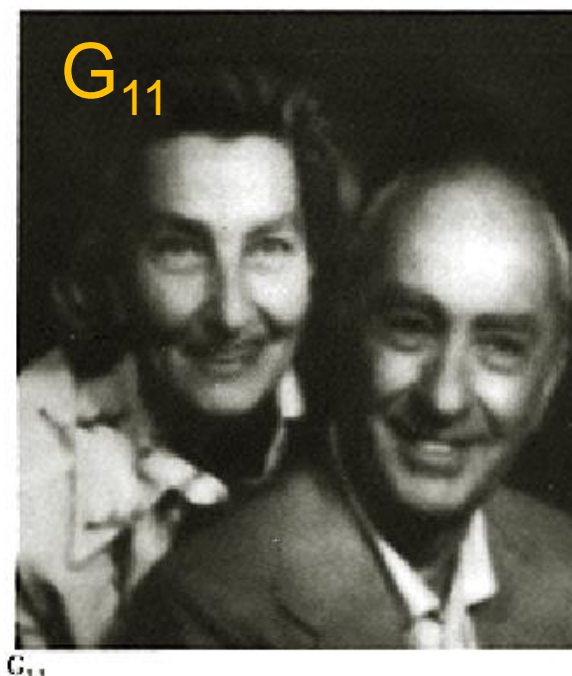
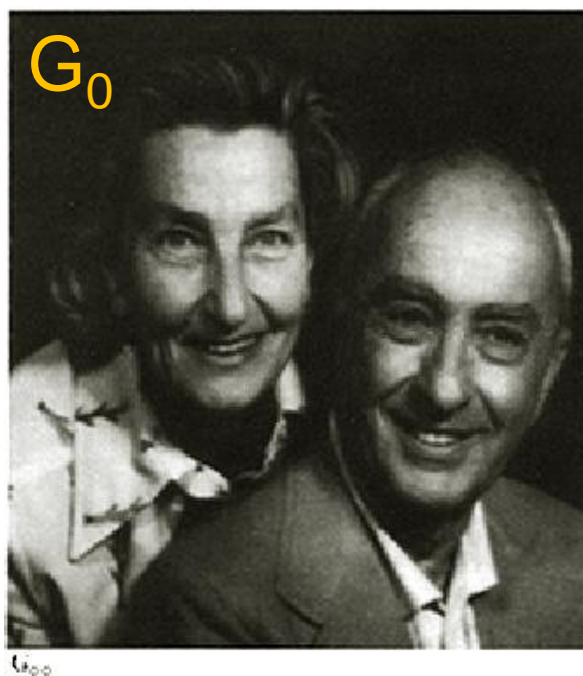




# Gaussian Pyramid



Resize All  
Images to  $G_0$   
by repeated  
Expand



# Laplacian Pyramid

Represents The Information Lost in Each Gaussian Level

	<u>Gaussian</u>	<u>Laplacian</u>	
Top	$G_n$	$L_n$ -	$L_4 = G_n$
	$G_3$	$L_3$ —	$L_3 = G_3 - \text{Expand}\{G_4\}$ $G_4 = \text{Reduce}\{G_3\}$
	$G_2$	$L_2$ ———	$L_2 = G_2 - \text{Expand}\{G_3\}$
	$G_1$	$L_1$ —————	$L_1 = G_1 - \text{Expand}\{G_2\}$
Original	$G_0$	$L_0$ —————	$L_0 = G_0 - \text{Expand}\{G_1\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_n + L_{n-1} &= \text{Expand}\{L_n\} + L_{n-1} = \\
 &= \text{Expand}\{G_n\} + (G_{n-1} - \text{Expand}\{G_n\}) = G_{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=k}^n L_i = G_k$$

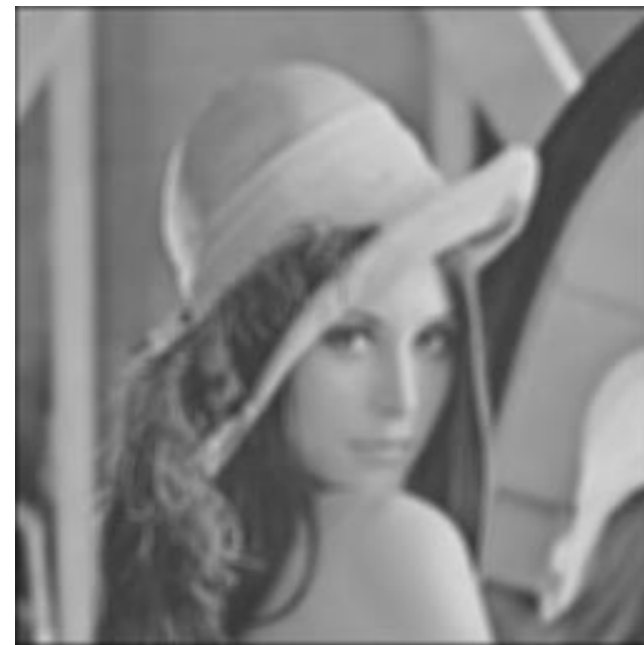
$$\sum_{i=0}^n L_i = G_0$$



$G_0$



$G_1$



$Expand\{G_1\}$

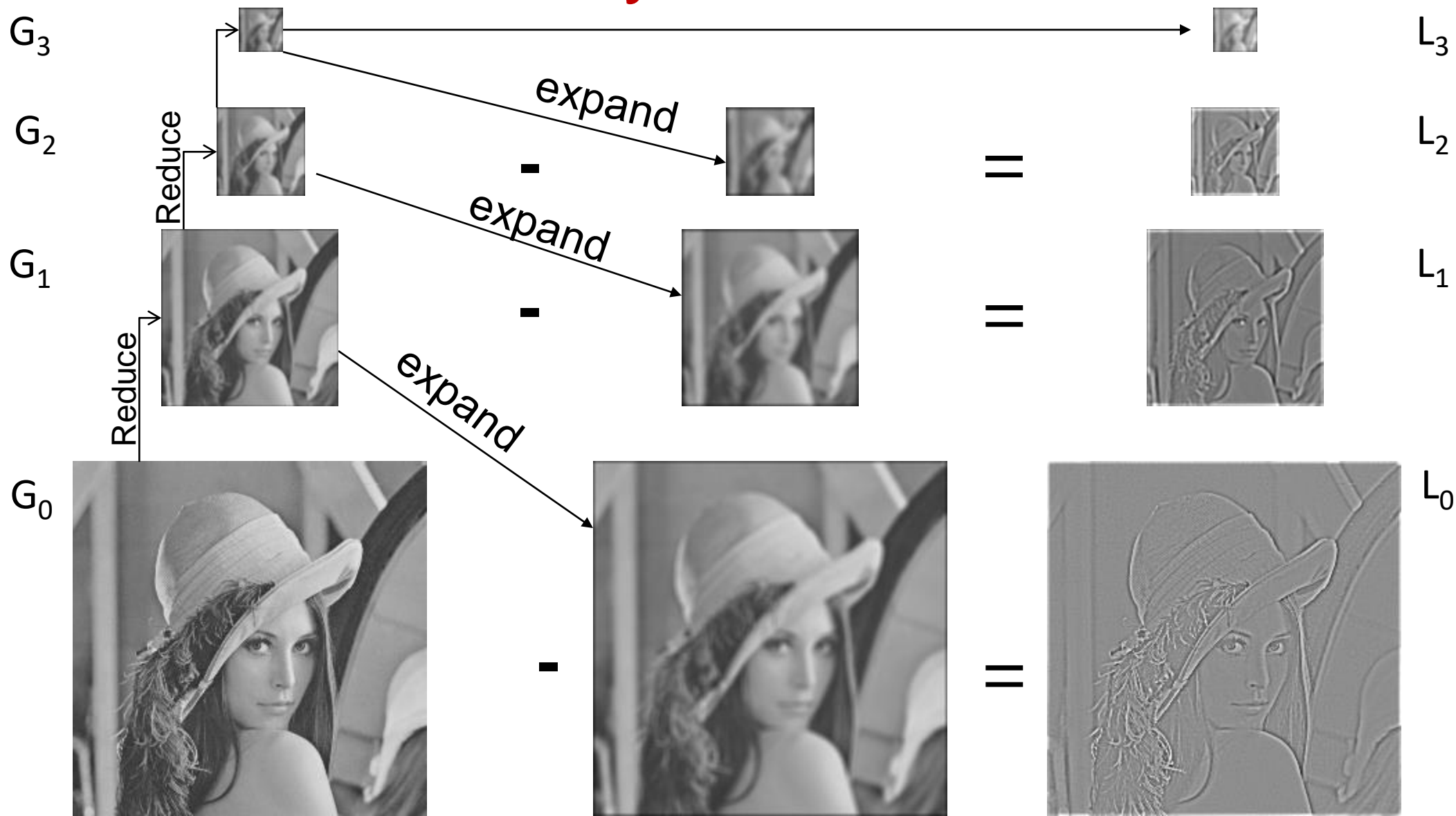
$$L_0 = G_0 - Expand\{G_1\}$$



# Gaussian - Laplacian Pyramids

Gaussian Pyramid

Laplacian Pyramid





# Pyramid Compression (Burt, Adelson)

- Build a Laplacian Pyramid
- Quantize pyramid values to 3-5 values
  - Optimal Quantization (Future Lecture...)
- Compress using Entropy Compression
  - (Huffman, Lempel-Ziv) (Future Lecture...)
- Reconstruct normally

# Pyramid Compression (Burt, Adelson)

65K bytes  
8 bits/pixel



(a)

8K bytes  
1 bits/pixel



(b)

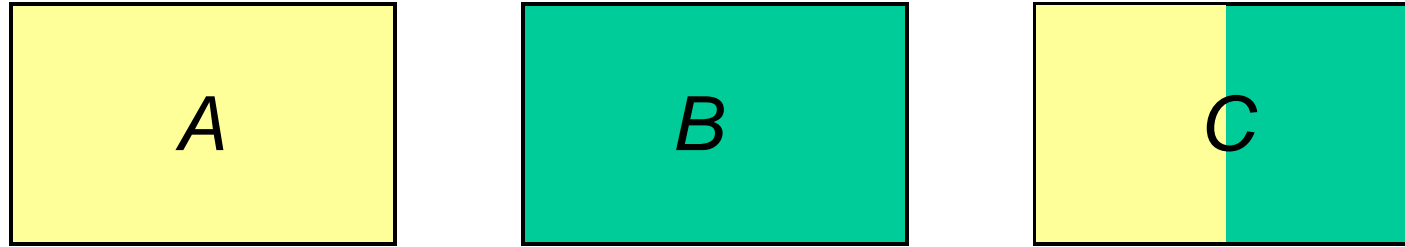
4K bytes  
0.5 bits/pixel



(c)

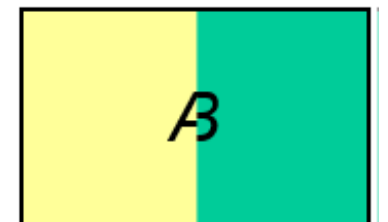
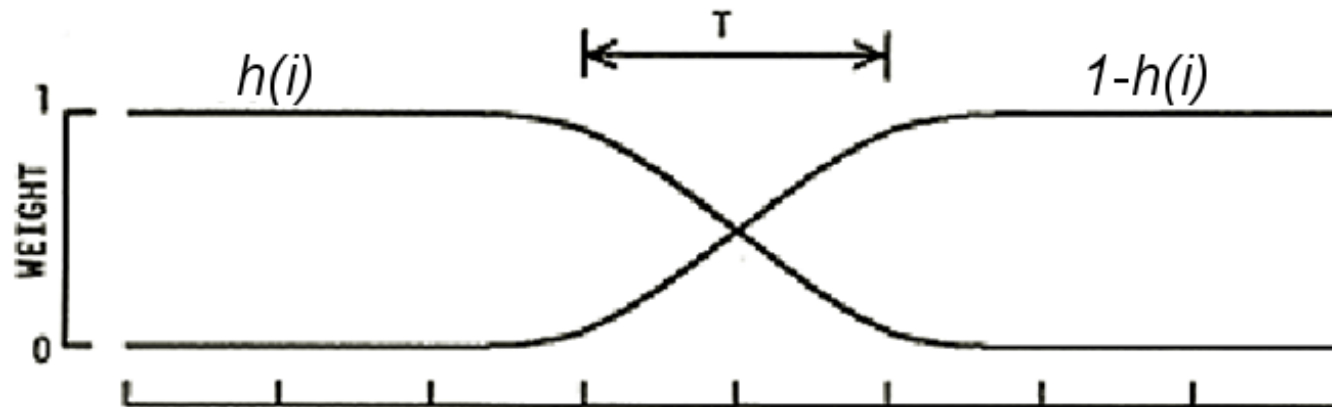
**Fig. 5.** Pyramid data compression. The original image represented at 8 bits per-pixel is shown in (a). The node values of the Laplacian pyramid representation of this image were quantitized to obtain effective data rates of 1 b/p and 1/2 b/p. Reconstructed images (b) and (c) show relatively little degradation.

# Picture Merging with Spline



For every row  $y$ :

$$C(x,y) = h(x) A(x,y) + (1-h(x)) B(x,y)$$



# Multiresolution Pyramid Spline

- Given two images  $A$  and  $B$  to be splined in middle
- Construct Laplacian Pyramid  $L_a$  and  $L_b$
- Create a third Laplacian Pyramid  $L_c$  where for each

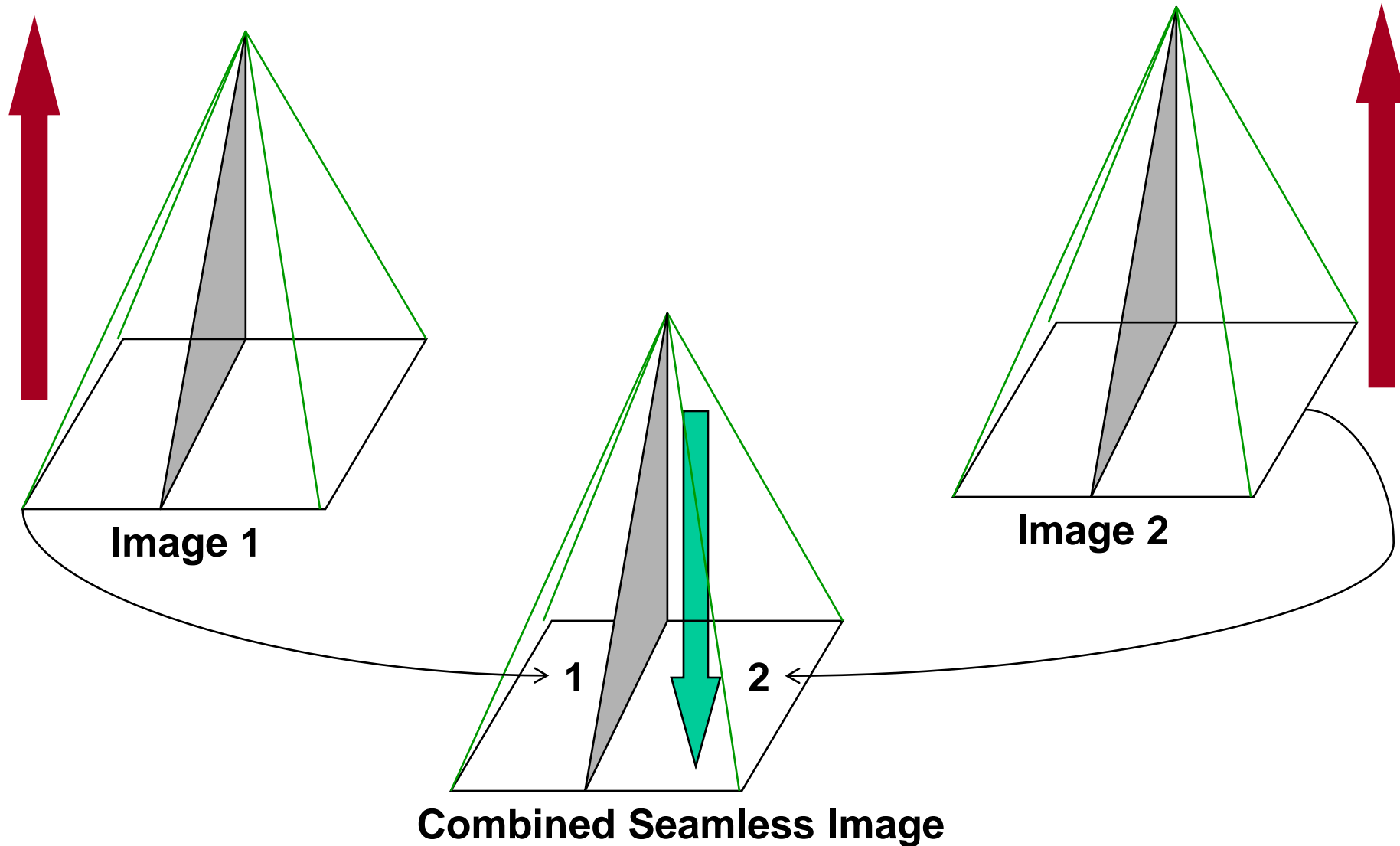
level  $k$ :

$$L_c(i, j) = \begin{cases} L_a(i, j) & \text{if } i < width/2 \\ \frac{L_a(i, j) + L_b(i, j)}{2} & \text{if } i = width/2 \\ L_b(i, j) & \text{if } i > width/2 \end{cases}$$

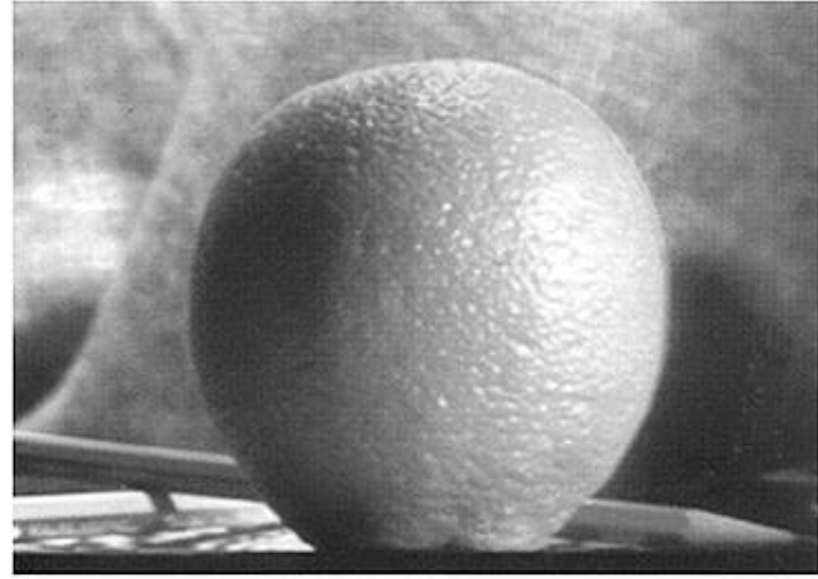
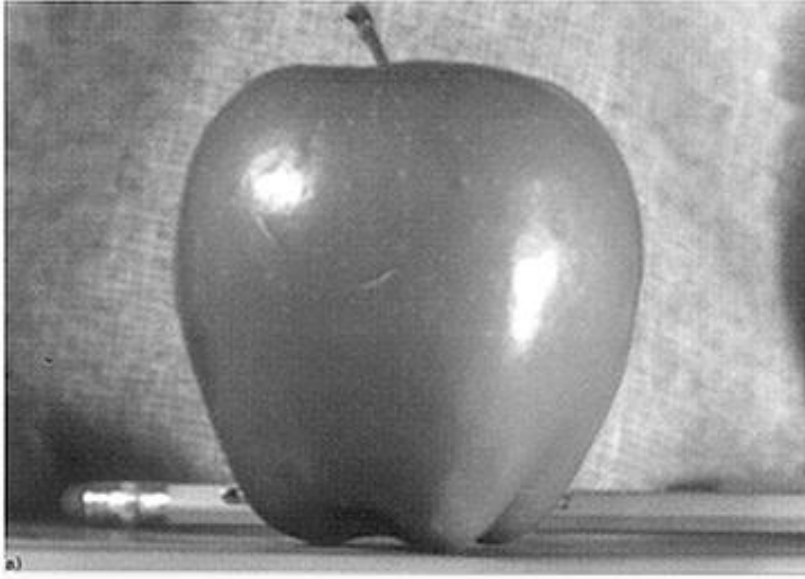
- Sum all levels in  $L_c$  to get the blended image



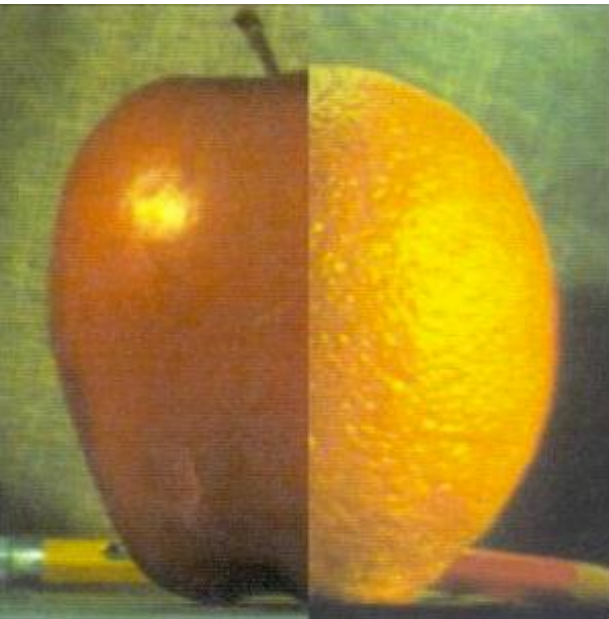
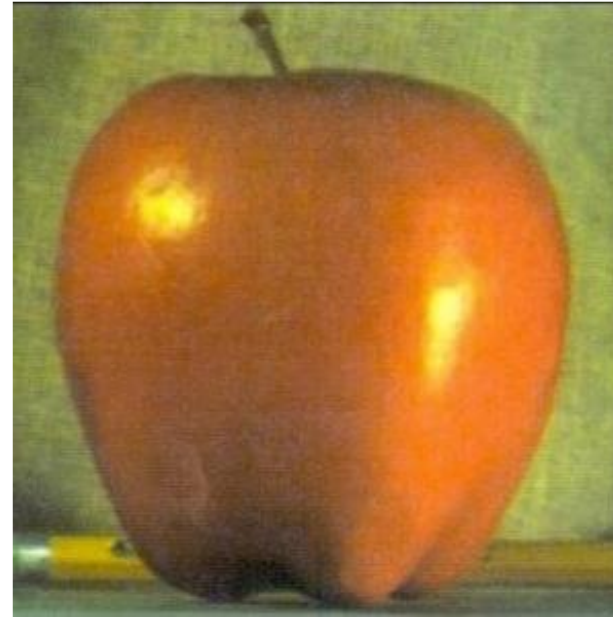
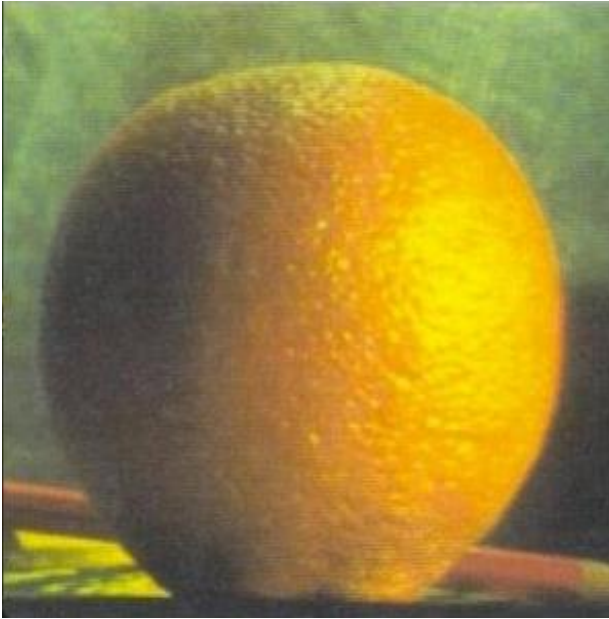
# Image Merging with Laplacian Pyramids



# Pyramid Blending Example 1



# Pyramid Blending Example 1



# Pyramid Blending Arbitrary Shape

- Given two images  $A$  and  $B$ , and a binary mask  $M$
- Construct Laplacian Pyramids  $L_a$  and  $L_b$
- Construct a Gaussian Pyramid from mask  $M$  -  $G_m$
- Create a third Laplacian Pyramid  $L_c$  where for each level  $k$

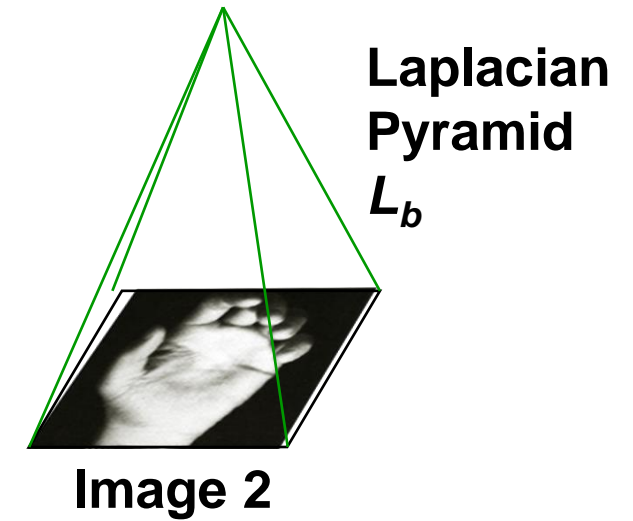
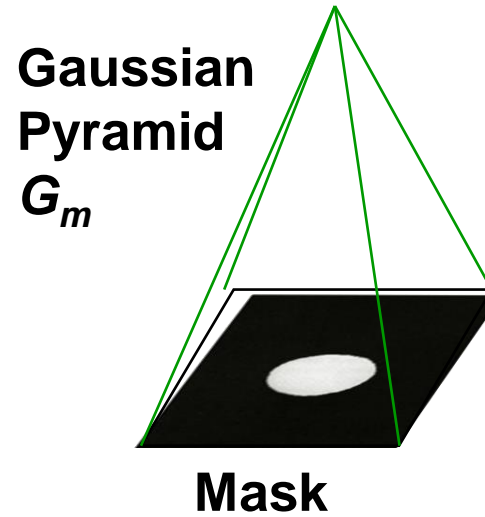
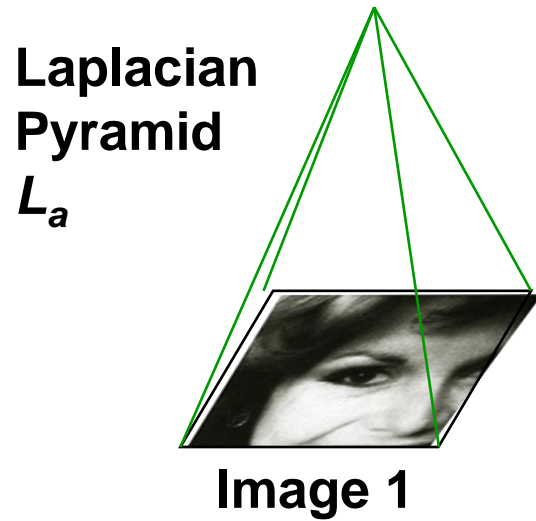
$$L_c(i, j) = G_m(i, j)L_a(i, j) + (1 - G_m(i, j))L_b(i, j)$$

- Sum all levels  $L_c$  in to get the blended image

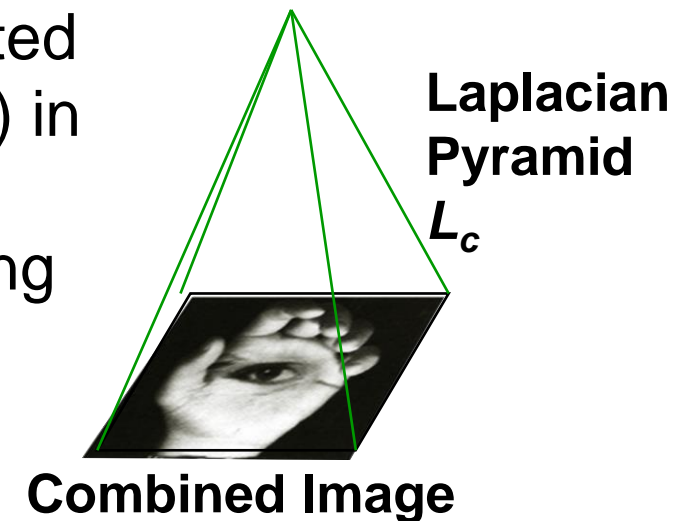
# Pyramid Blending Example 2



# Pyramid Blending – Arbitrary Shape

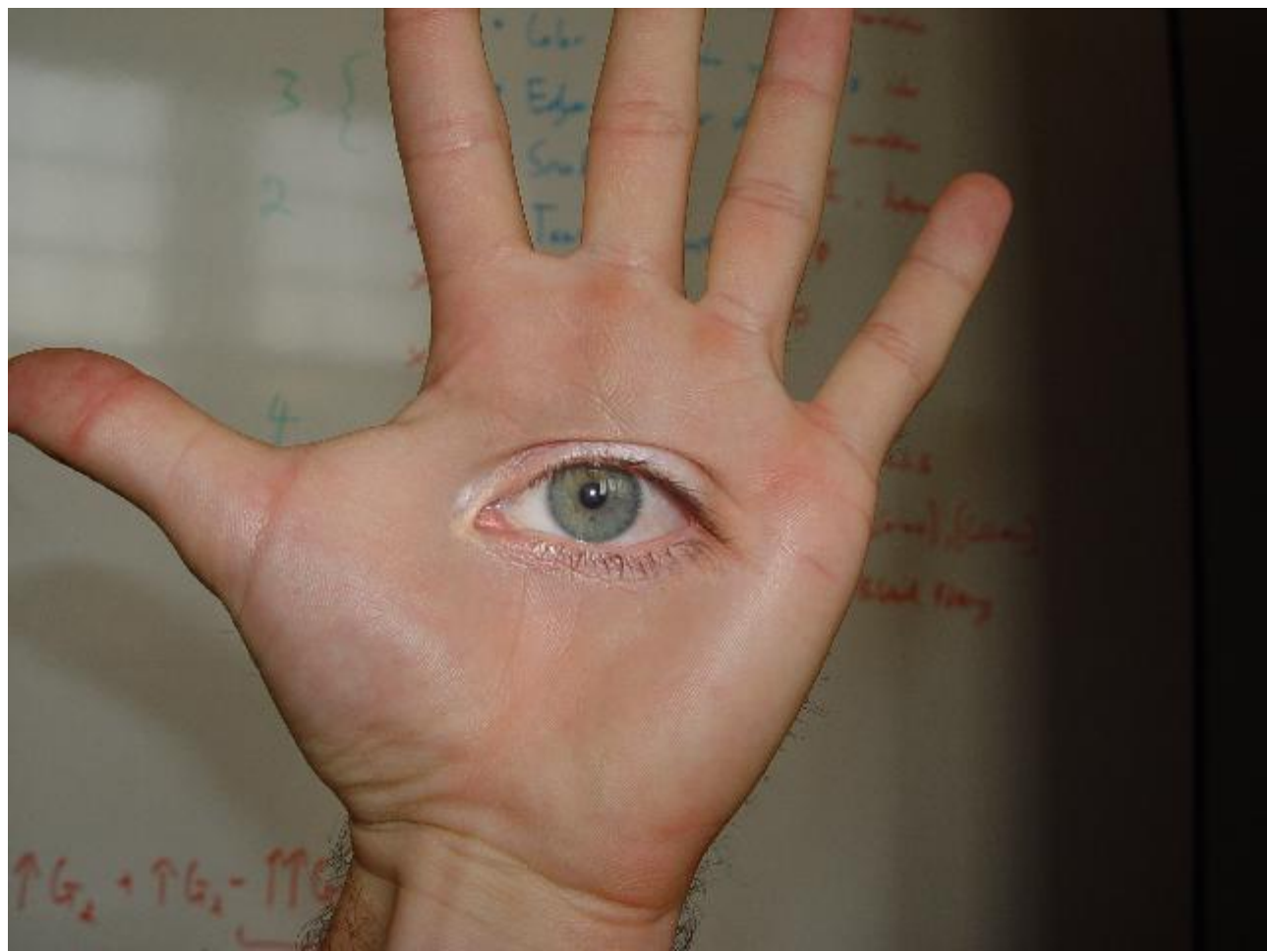


Each pixel  $(i,j)$  in each level in the Laplacian Pyramid  $L_c$  is created by averaging the corresponding pixels (same level and location) in  $L_a$  and  $L_b$  using the corresponding weights in  $G_m$ . After  $L_c$  is completed, the combined image is created by summing all its levels.



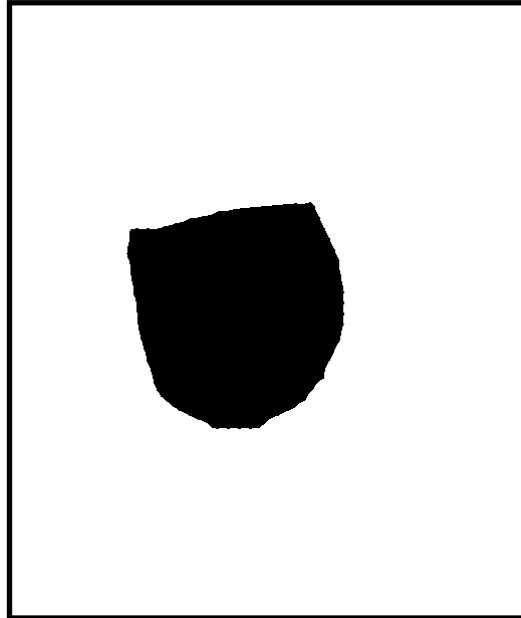
$$L_c(i,j) = G_m(i,j)L_a(i,j) + (1 - G_m(i,j))L_b(i,j)$$





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# Pyramid Blending Example



# Pyramid Blending Example





# Pyramid Blending Example

