



# CPSC 425: Computer Vision



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## Lecture 7: Digital Imaging Pipeline, Template Matching

( unless otherwise stated slides are taken or adopted from **Bob Woodham, Jim Little** and **Fred Tung** )

# Menu for Today

## Topics:

- **Digital Imaging** Pipeline
- **Scaled** Representations
- Template **Matching**
- Normalised **Correlation**

## Readings:

- **Today's** Lecture: Szeliski 2.3, 3.5, Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 4.5 - 4.7

## Reminders:

- **Assignment 1:** due **Thursday** September 28th
- **Assignment 2:** Scaled Representations, Face Detection and Image Blending available now

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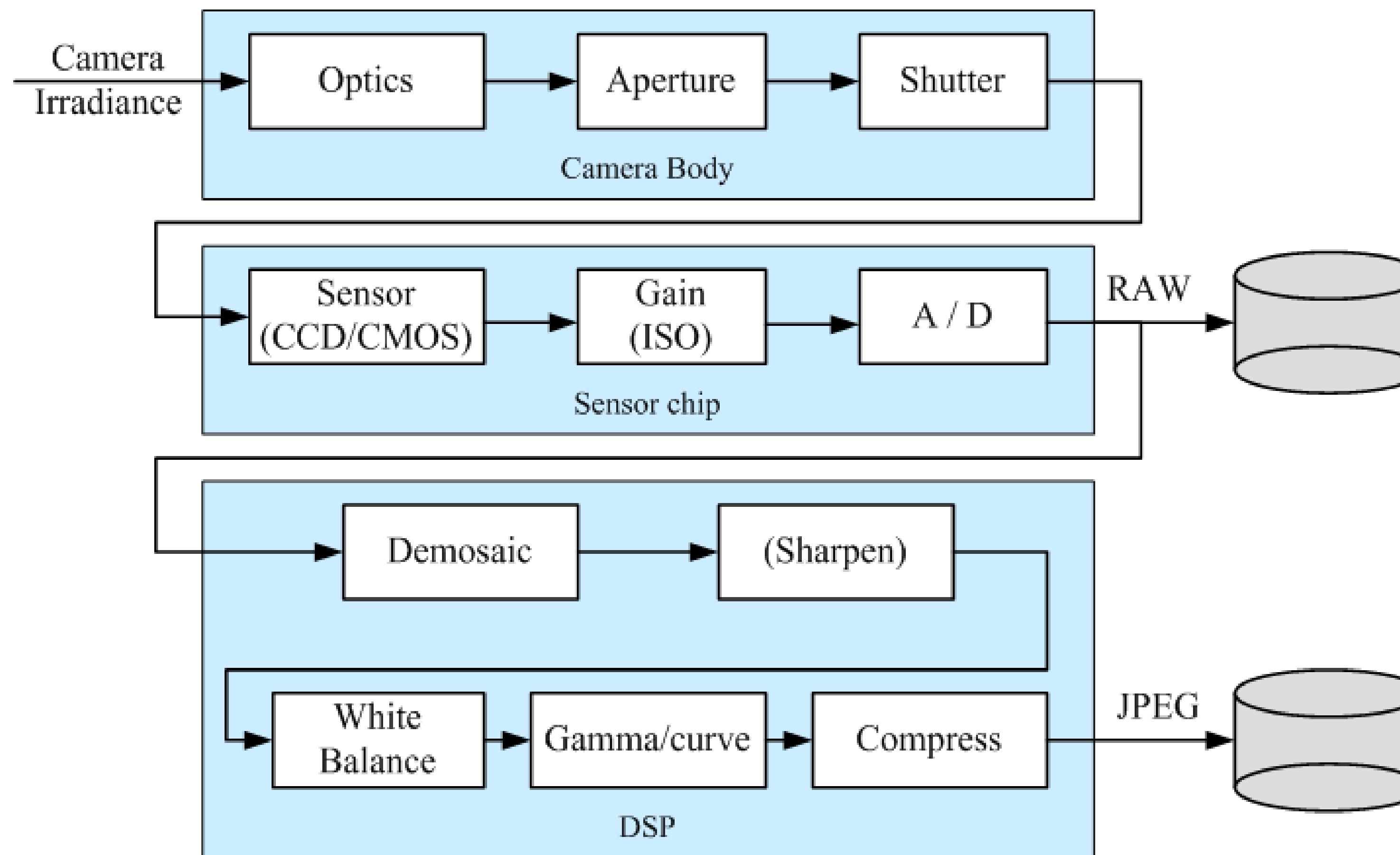
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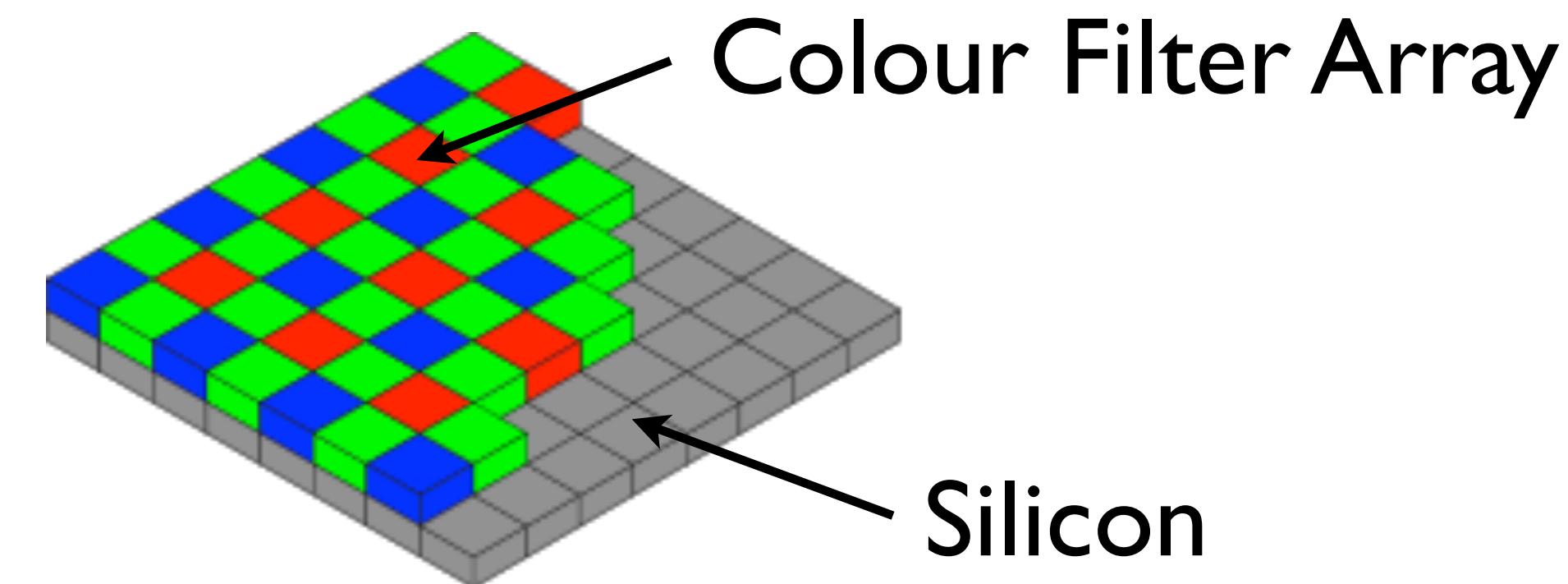
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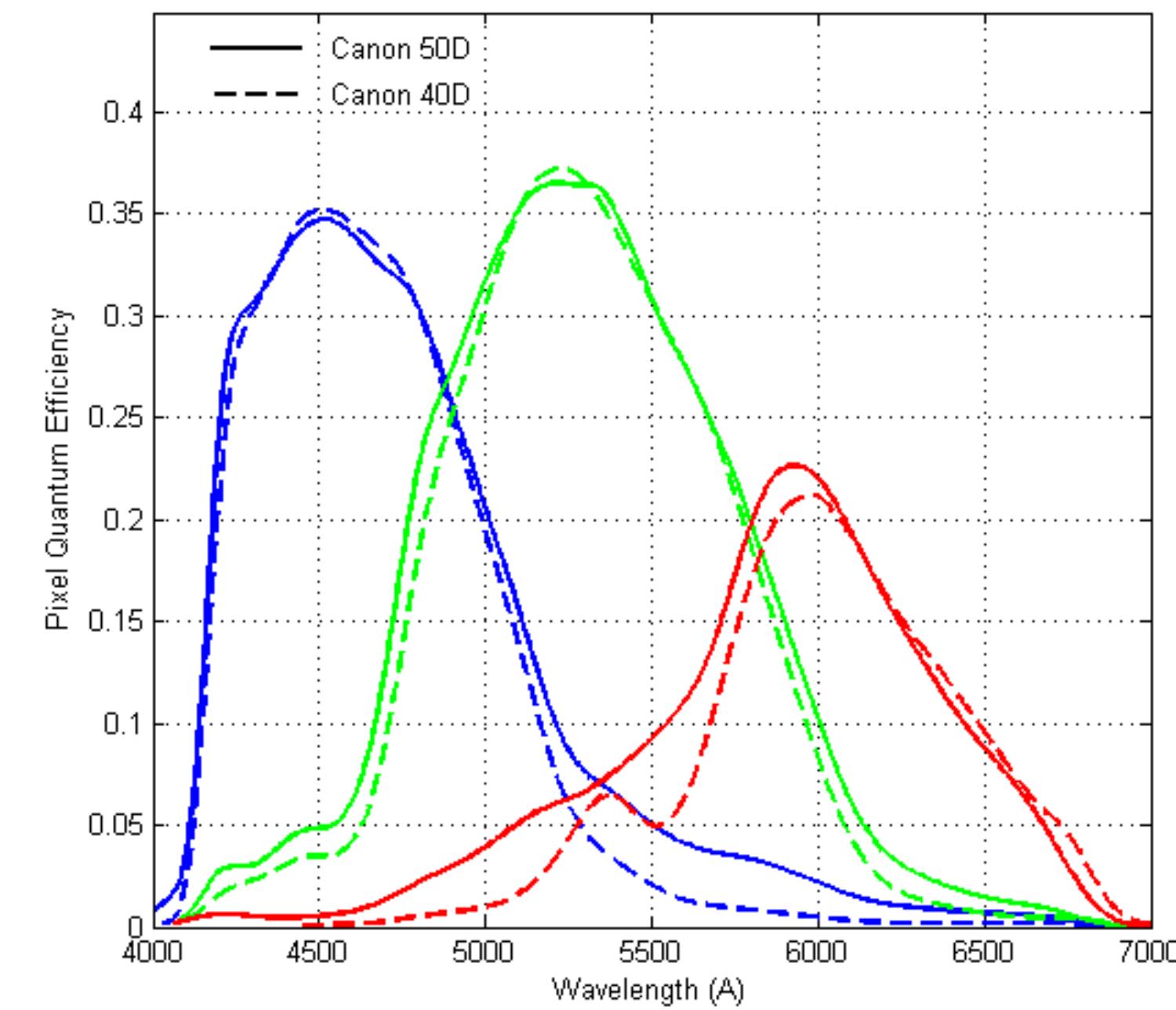
- Main stages in a digital camera



# Digital Sensor



Canon 50D

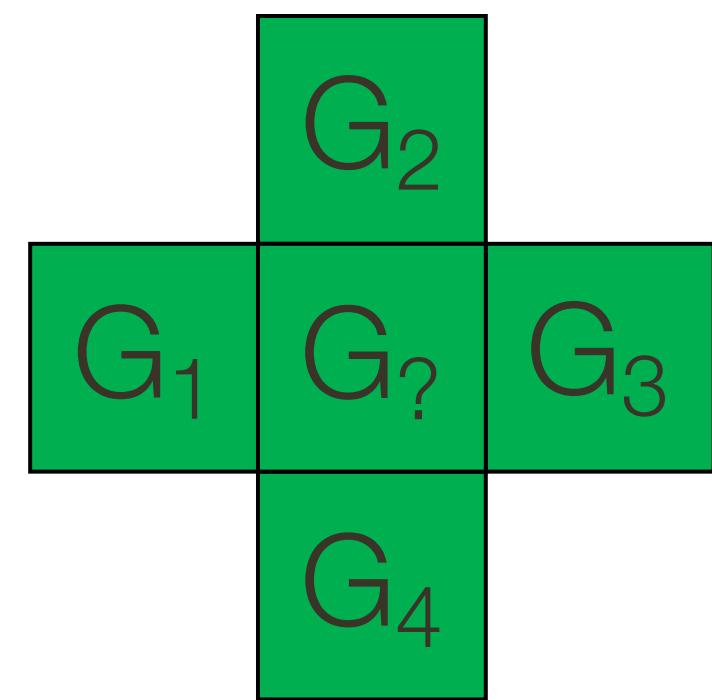


$$f(\lambda)$$

- Analogue image is sampled by a CMOS (or CCD) sensor
- RGB colour filters arranged in a “Bayer” pattern
- Spectral response of R,G,B filters = Quantum Efficiency
- Counts from this sensor are camera RAW

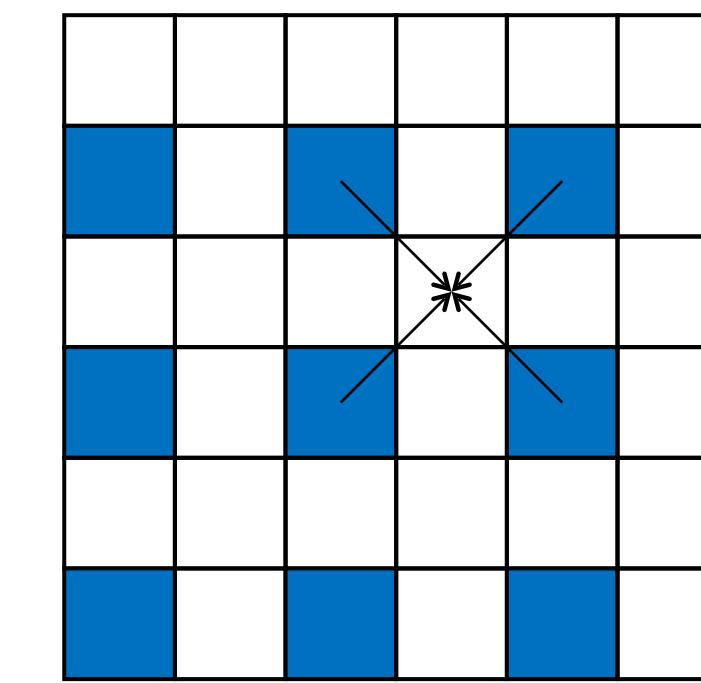
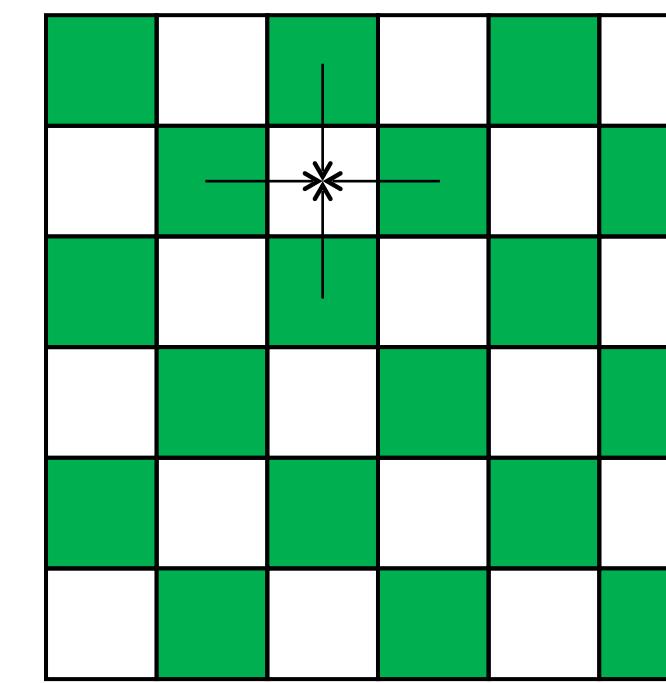
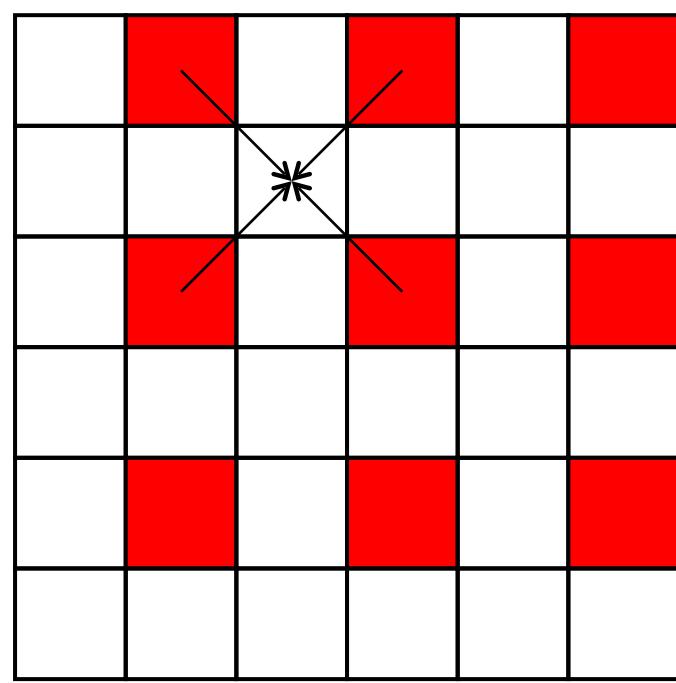
# Demosaicing by Bilinear Interpolation

**Bilinear** interpolation: Simply average your 4 neighbors.



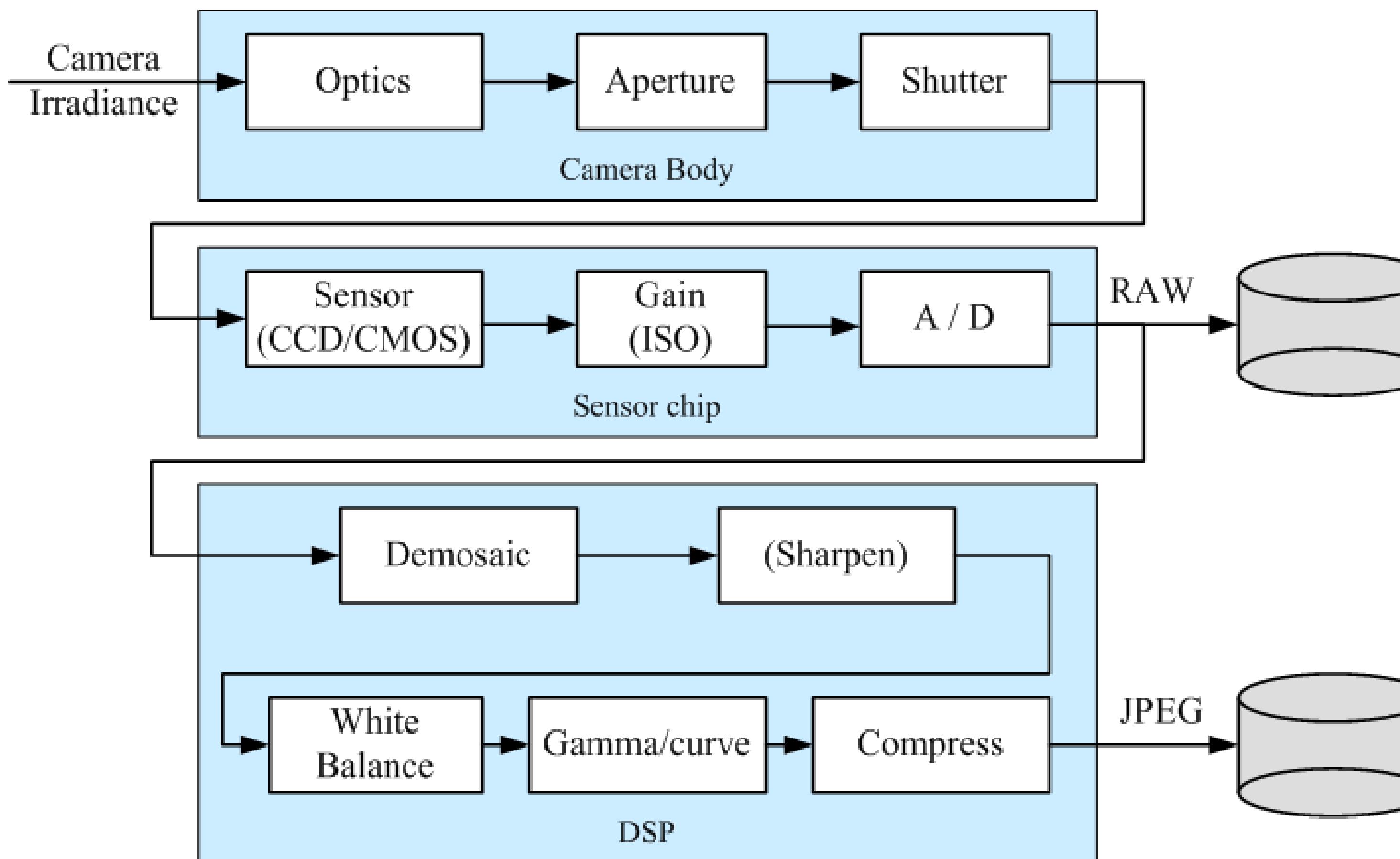
$$G? = \frac{G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + G_4}{4}$$

Neighborhood changes for different channels:



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# White Balance

- Humans are good at adapting to global illumination conditions: you would still describe a white object as white whether under blue sky or candle light.
- However, when the picture is viewed later, the viewer is no longer correcting for the environment and the illuminant colour typically appears too strong.
- **White balancing** is the process of correcting for the illuminant



- A simple white balance algorithm is to assume the scene is grey on average “greyworld”, state of the art methods use learning, e.g., Barron ICCV 2015

# Gamma Correction

- Equal steps in luminance  $\neq$  equal in perceived brightness

linear luminance (raw)



equal brightness steps



- Equal steps in human perceived brightness are achieved by increasingly large steps in luminance (sensor counts)
- So we encode pixel values  $V$  using a power law:

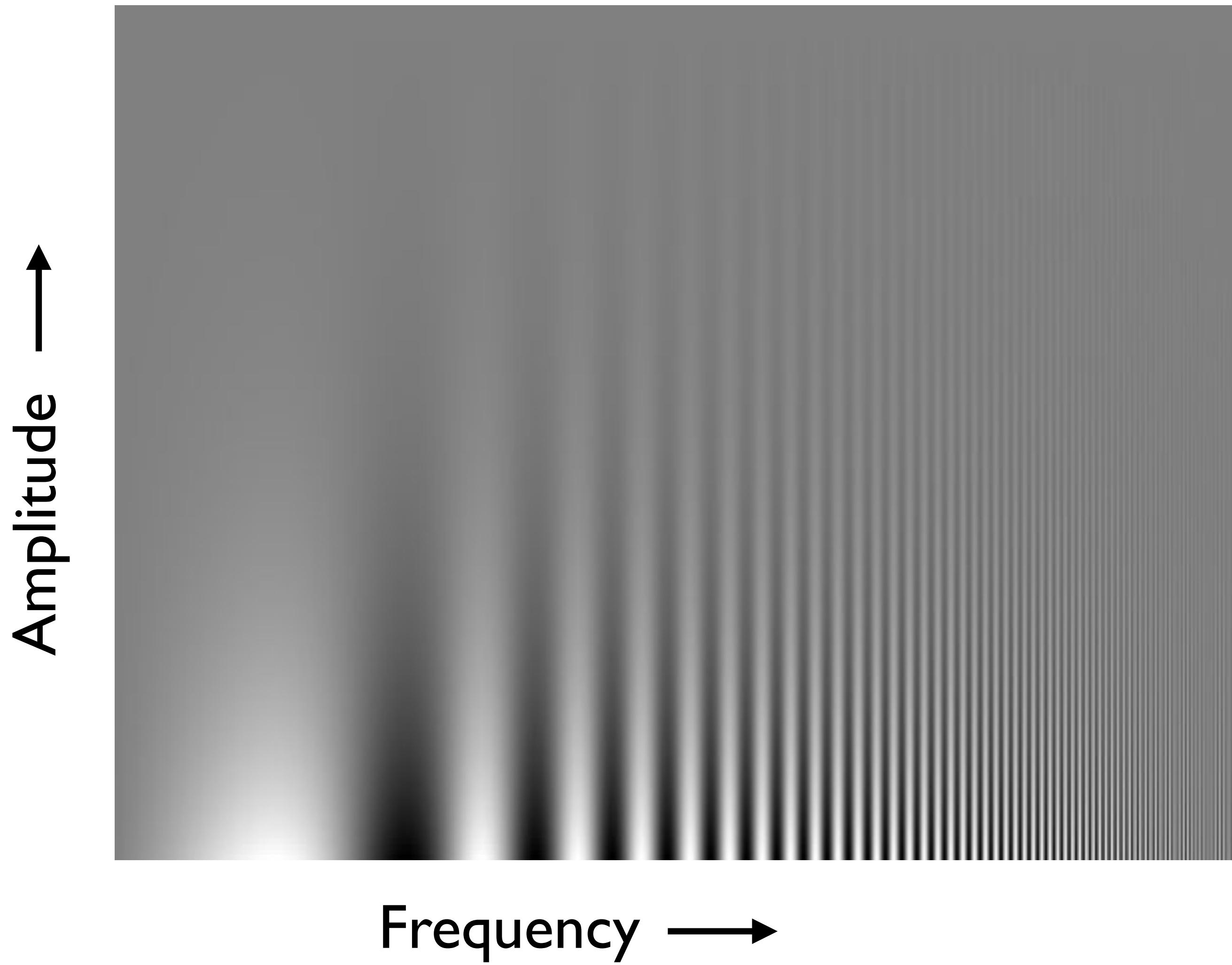


$$L = V^\gamma$$

- Using raw sensor counts wastes bits as we can't differentiate the large values  $\rightarrow$  use **gamma corrected encoding** ( $V$ ) that allocates more bits to smaller values

# Contrast Sensitivity

- Human visual system is most sensitive to mid-frequencies

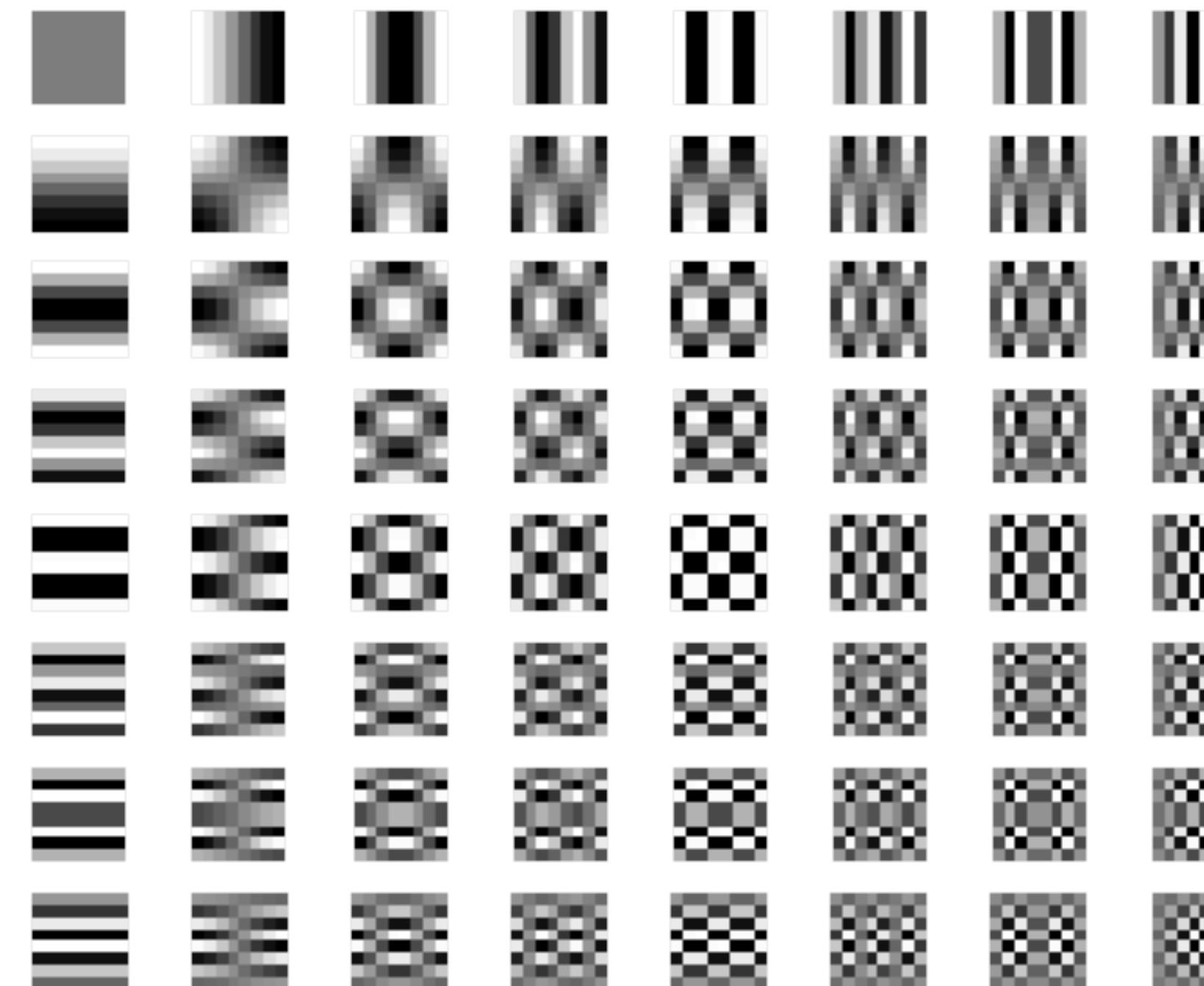


# Discrete Cosine Transform

- Basis functions used in JPEG

$$X(m, n) = \alpha_m \alpha_n \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} x(k, l) \cos\left[\frac{(2k+1)m\pi}{2K}\right] \cos\left[\frac{(2l+1)n\pi}{2L}\right]$$

- Energy is concentrated in the low frequency components
- Efficient algorithm to compute (similar to FFT)



8x8 basis functions

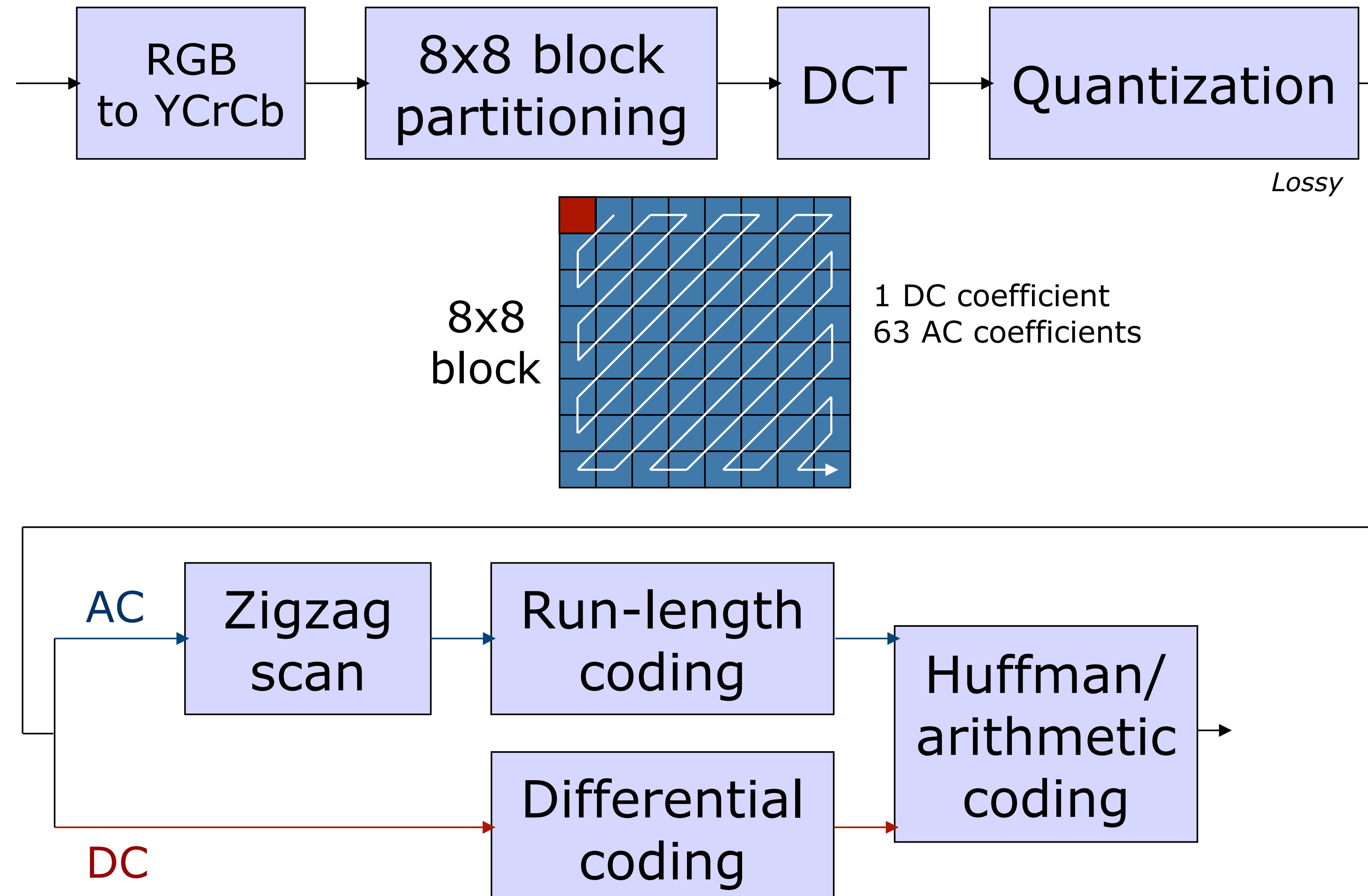
# Coefficient Quantisation

$$F^Q[u, v] = \text{Round} \left( \frac{F[u, v]}{Q[u, v]} \right)$$

- DCT coefficients  $F(u, v)$  are quantised according to a quantisation table
- High frequencies are less important (high factor)
- Quantisation table entries determine the “lossiness” of the compression

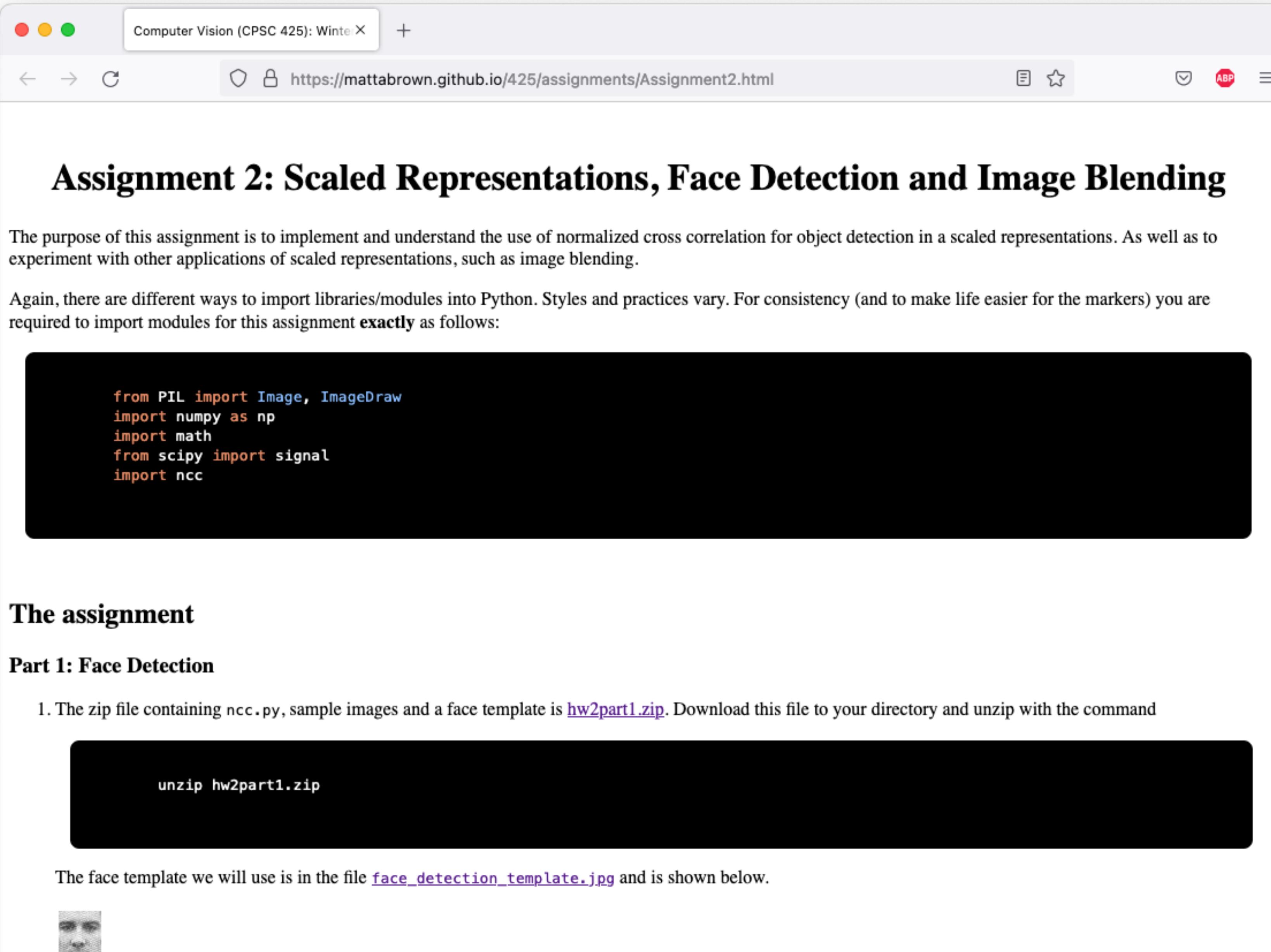
$Q[u, v]$							
16	11	10	16	24	40	51	61
12	12	14	19	26	58	60	55
14	13	16	24	40	57	69	56
14	17	22	29	51	87	80	62
18	22	37	56	68	109	103	77
24	35	55	64	81	104	113	92
49	64	78	87	103	121	120	101
72	92	95	98	112	100	103	99

# JPEG Compression



*The quantized DC coefficient is encoded as the difference from the DC term of the previous block to account for the strong correlation between adjacent CD coefficient*

# Assignment 2 available now



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Computer Vision (CPSC 425): Winter 2018". The URL in the address bar is <https://mattabrown.github.io/425/assignments/Assignment2.html>. The page content is as follows:

## Assignment 2: Scaled Representations, Face Detection and Image Blending

The purpose of this assignment is to implement and understand the use of normalized cross correlation for object detection in a scaled representations. As well as to experiment with other applications of scaled representations, such as image blending.

Again, there are different ways to import libraries/modules into Python. Styles and practices vary. For consistency (and to make life easier for the markers) you are required to import modules for this assignment **exactly** as follows:

```
from PIL import Image, ImageDraw
import numpy as np
import math
from scipy import signal
import ncc
```

### The assignment

#### Part 1: Face Detection

1. The zip file containing `ncc.py`, sample images and a face template is [hw2part1.zip](#). Download this file to your directory and unzip with the command

```
unzip hw2part1.zip
```

The face template we will use is in the file [face\\_detection\\_template.jpg](#) and is shown below.



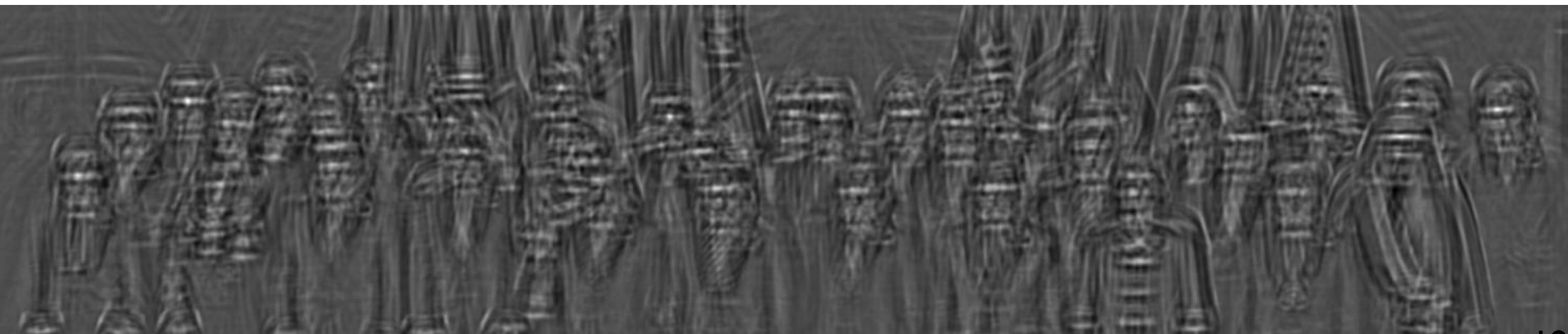
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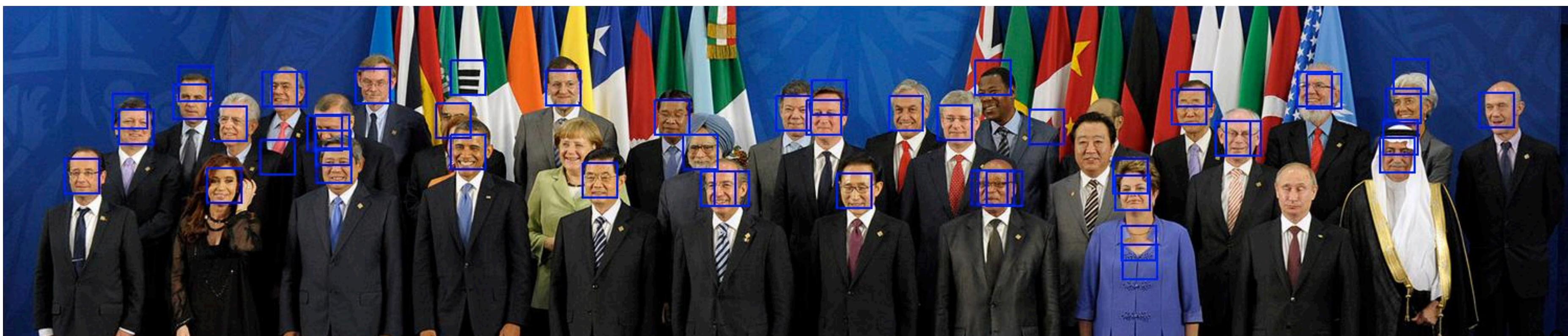


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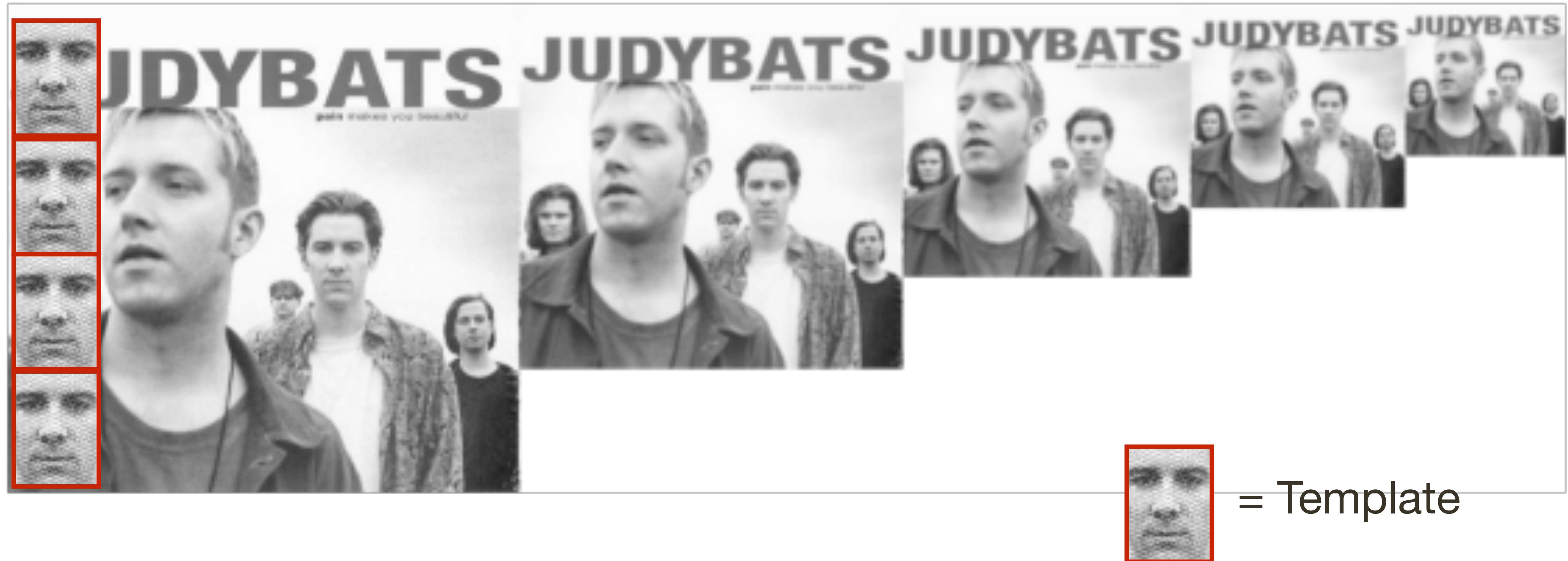


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+ threshold



# Multi-Scale Template Matching

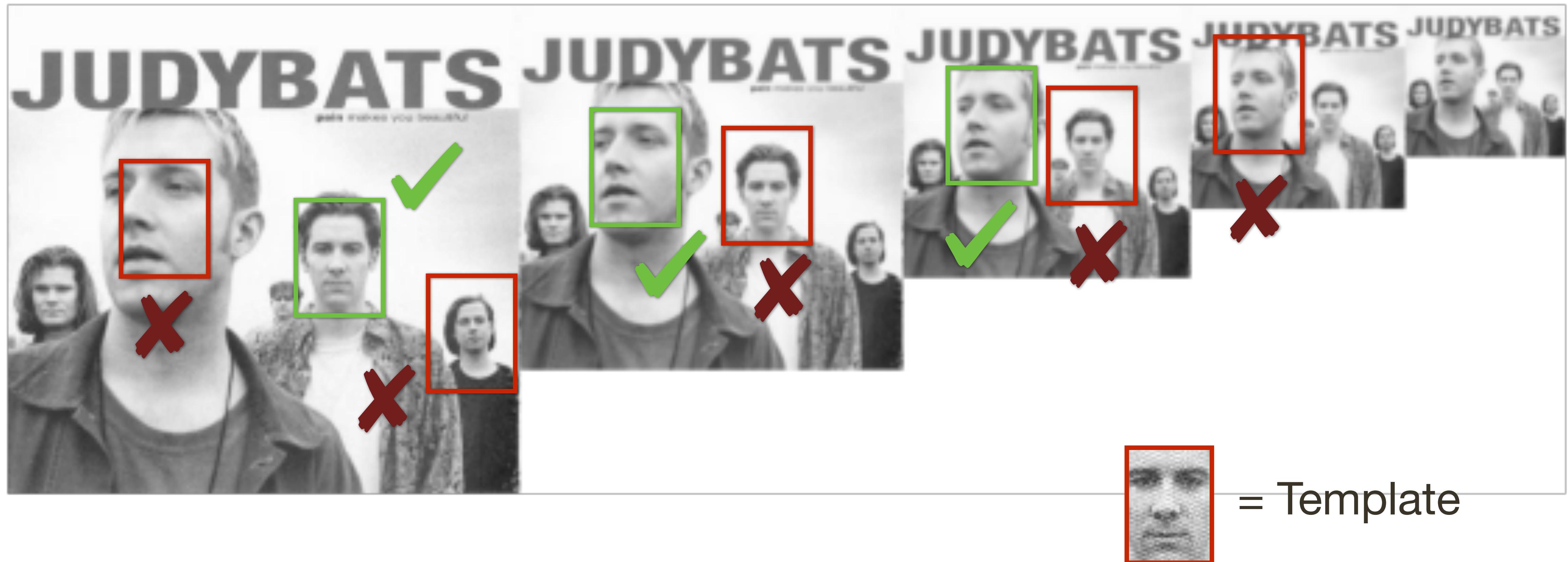
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# Scaled Representations: Goals

to find **template matches** at all scales

- template size constant, image scale varies
- finding hands or faces when we don't know what size they are in the image

**efficient search** for image-to-image correspondences

- look first at coarse scales, refine at finer scales
- much less cost (but may miss best match)

to examine all **levels of detail**

- find edges with different amounts of blur
- find textures with different spatial frequencies (i.e., different levels of detail)

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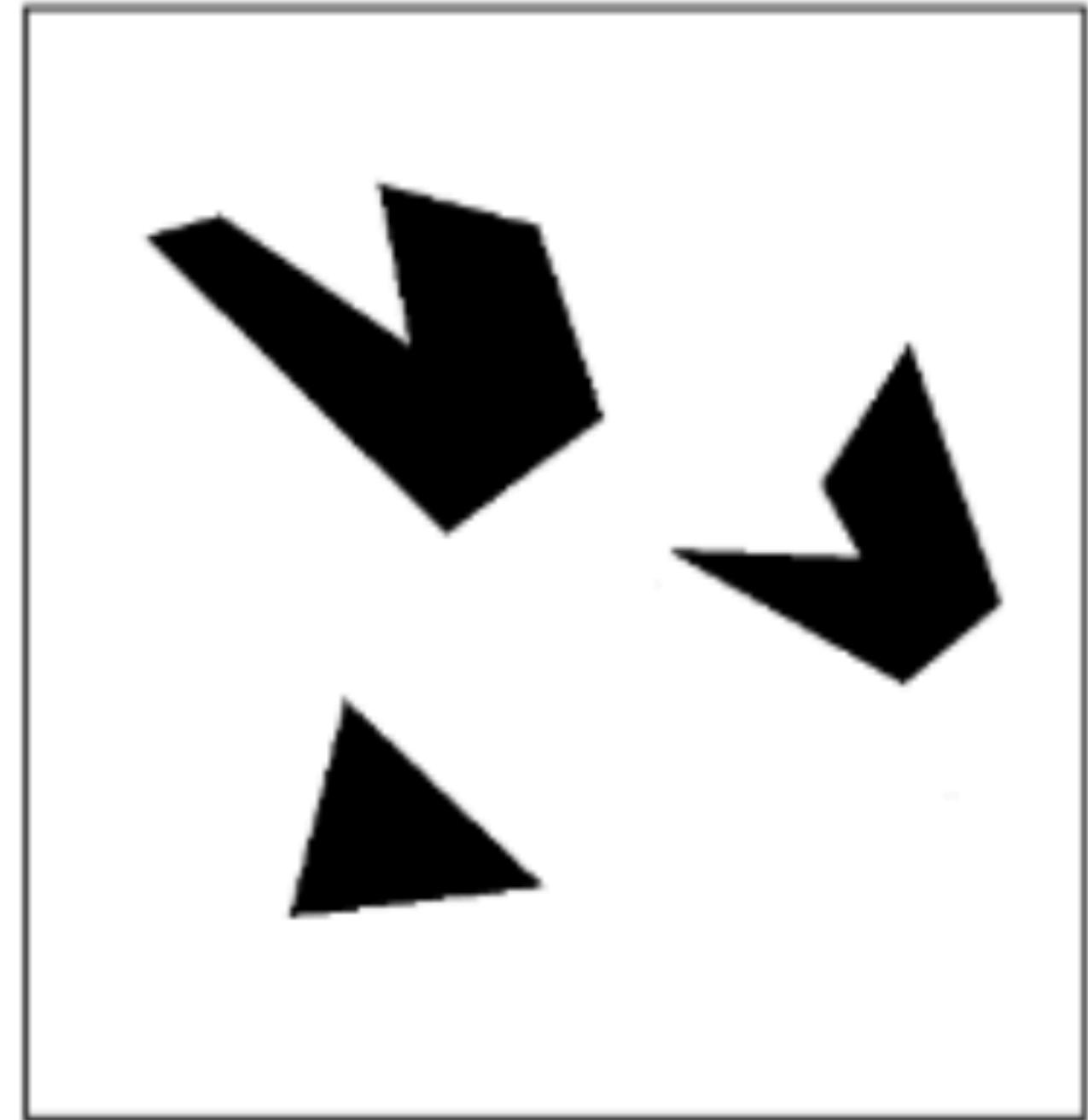
How can we find a part of one image that matches another?

or,

How can we find instances of a pattern in an image?

**Key Idea:** Use the pattern as a **template**

# Template Matching



**Scene**

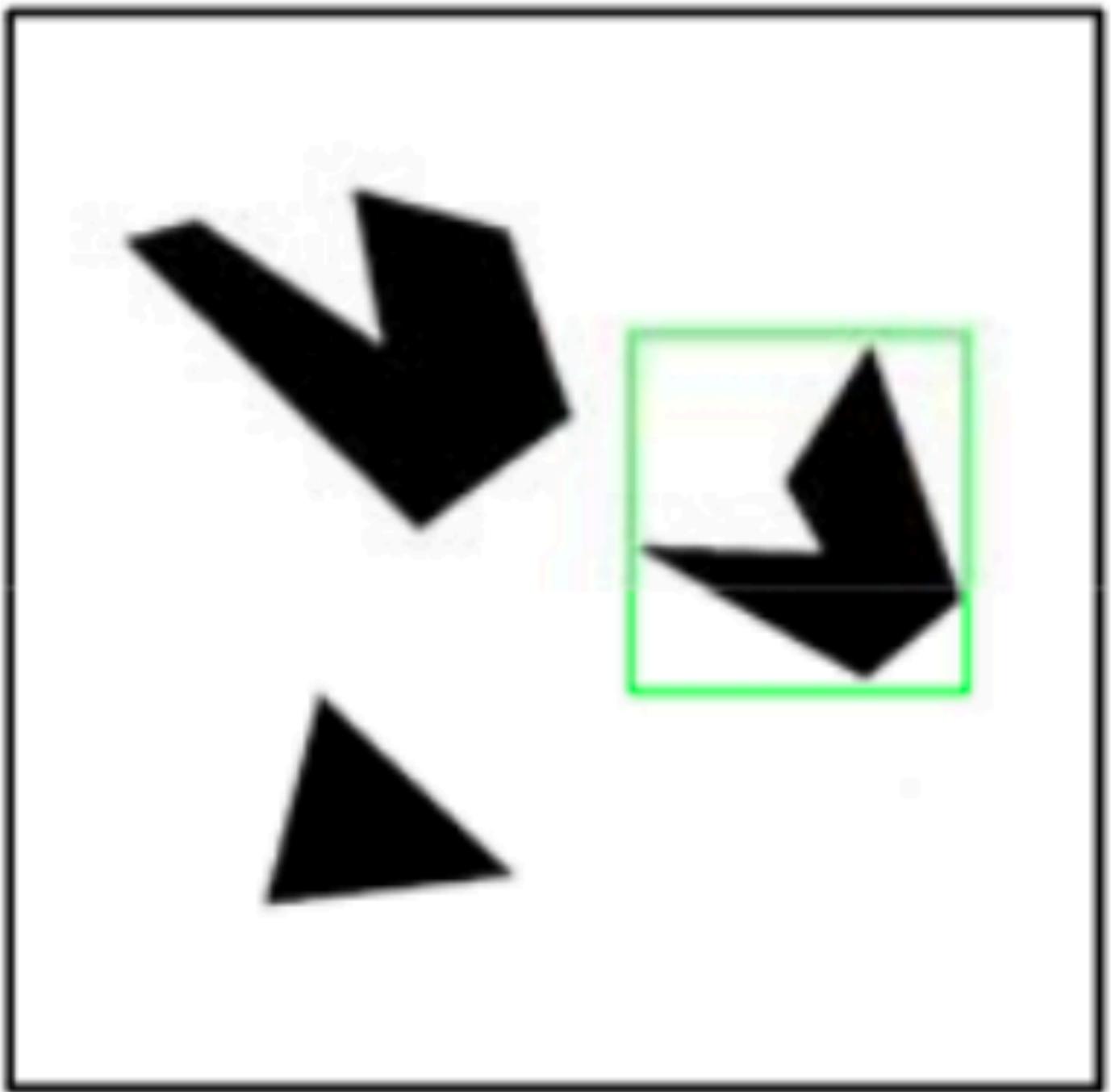


**Template (mask)**

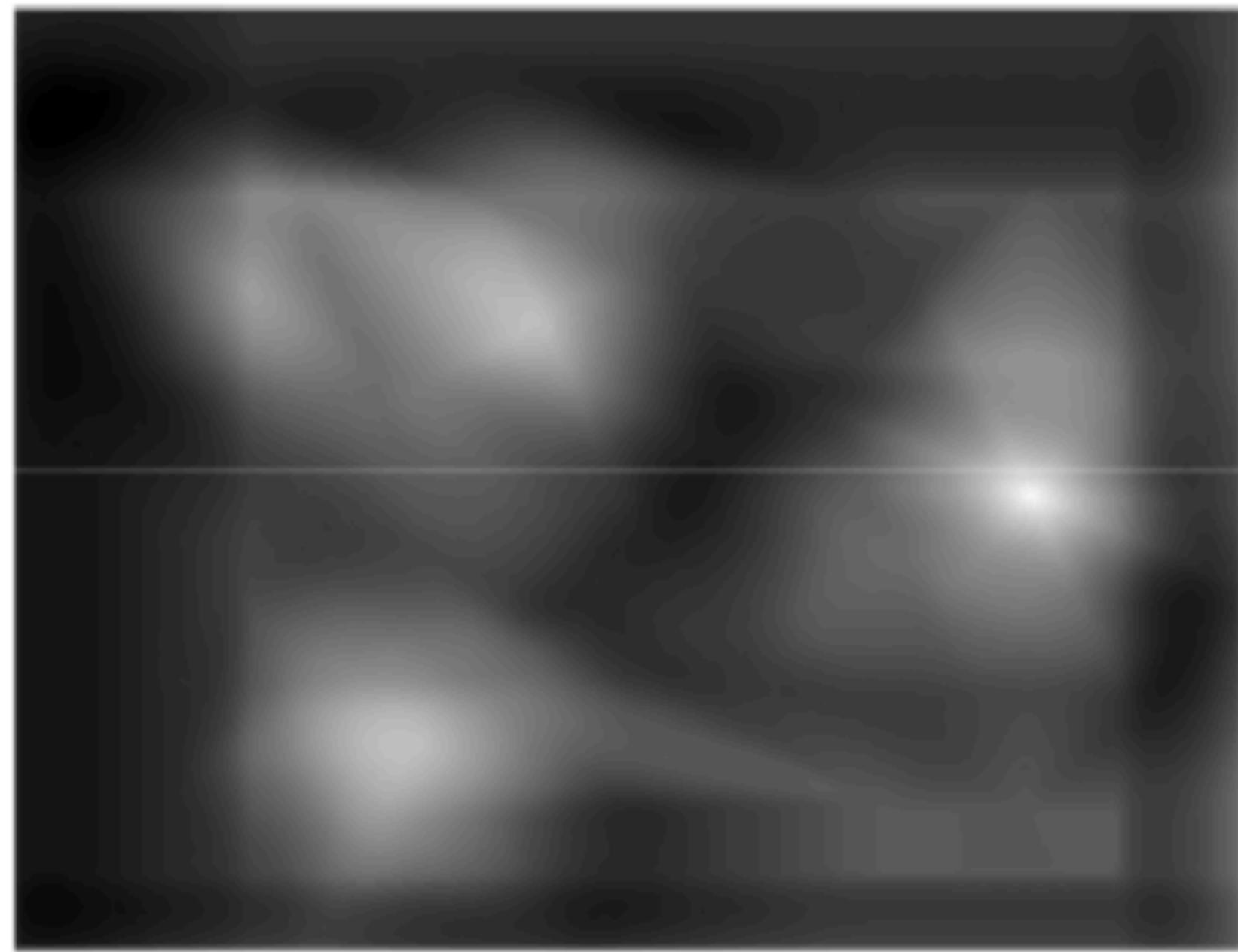
**A toy example**

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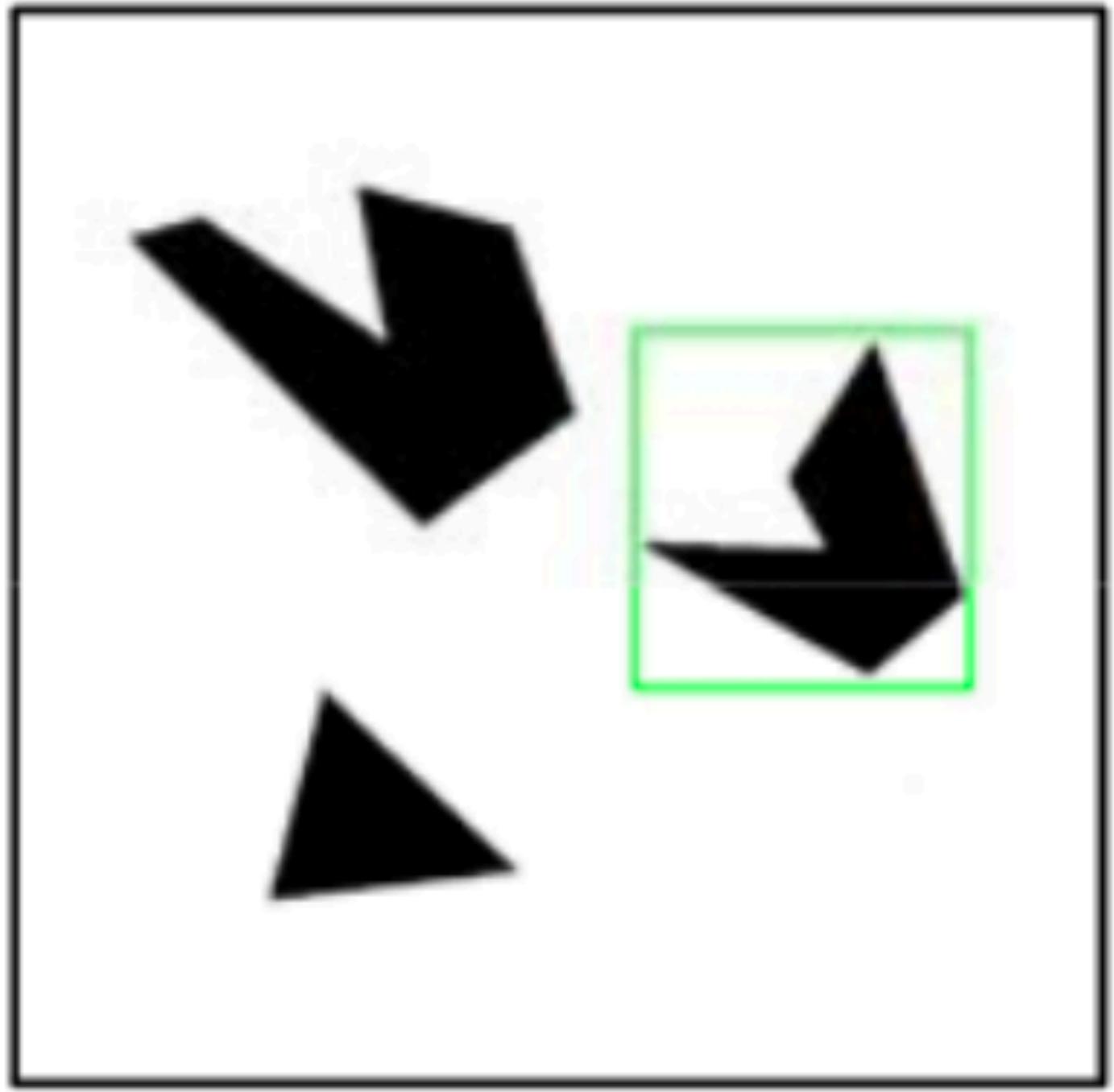


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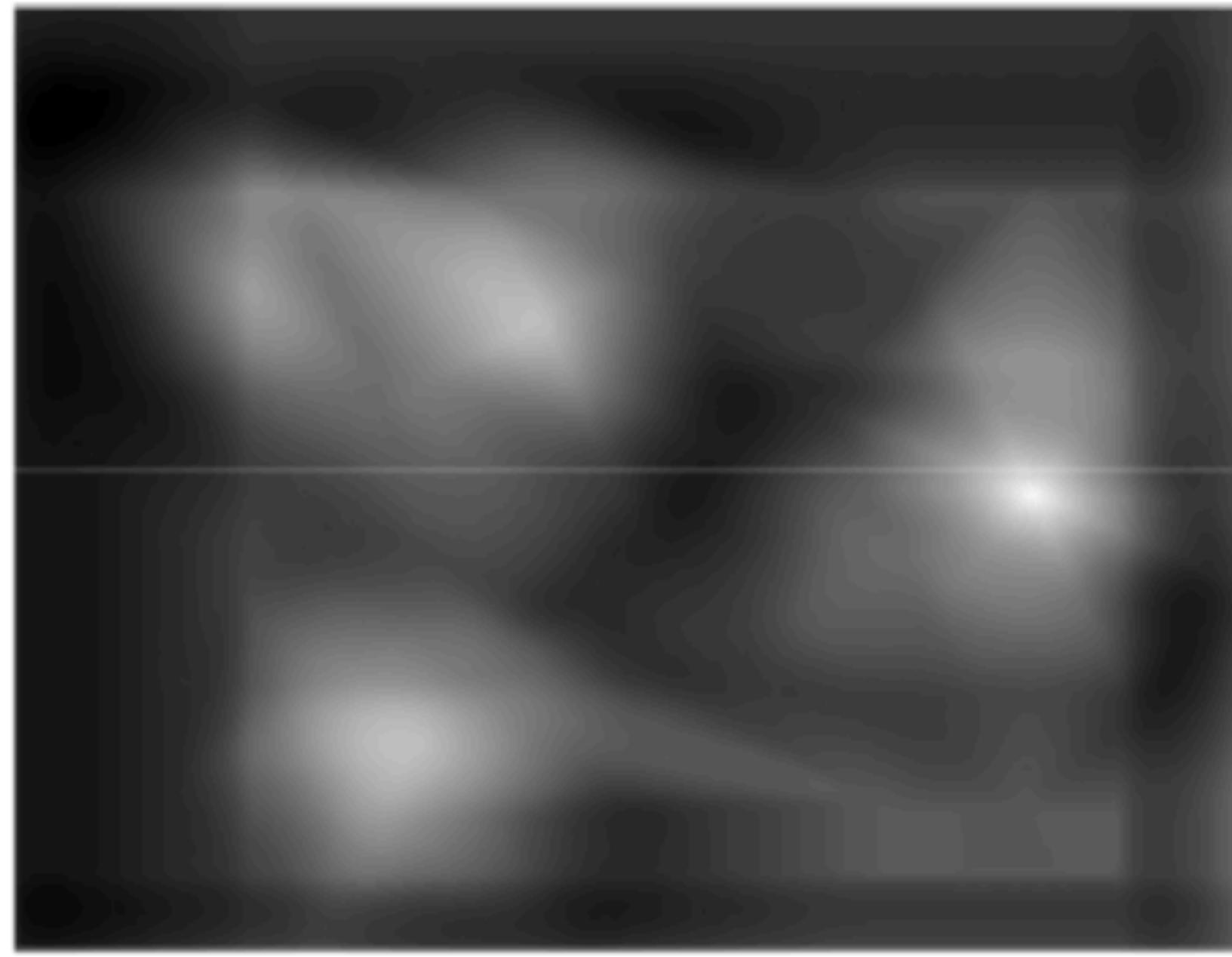
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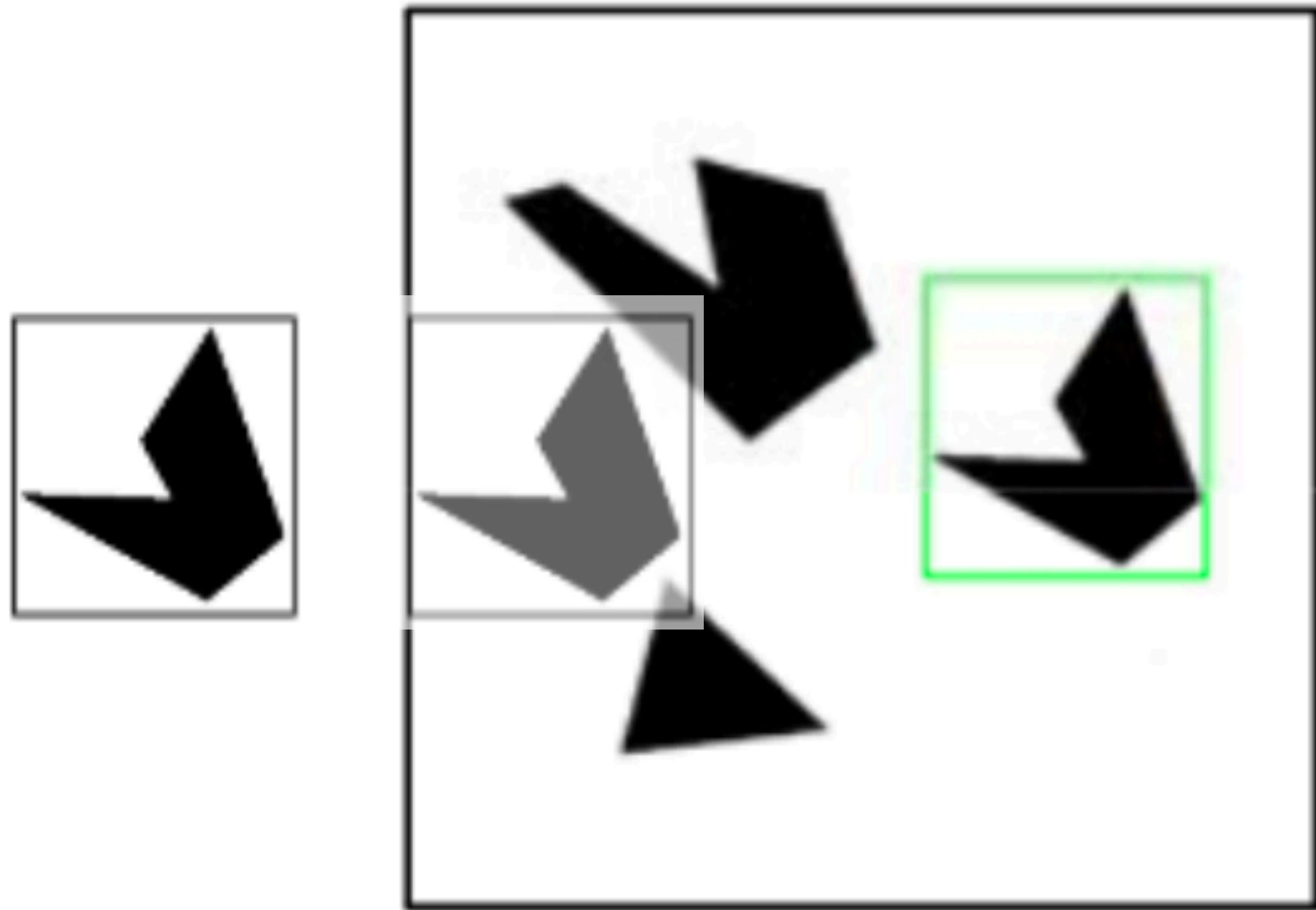


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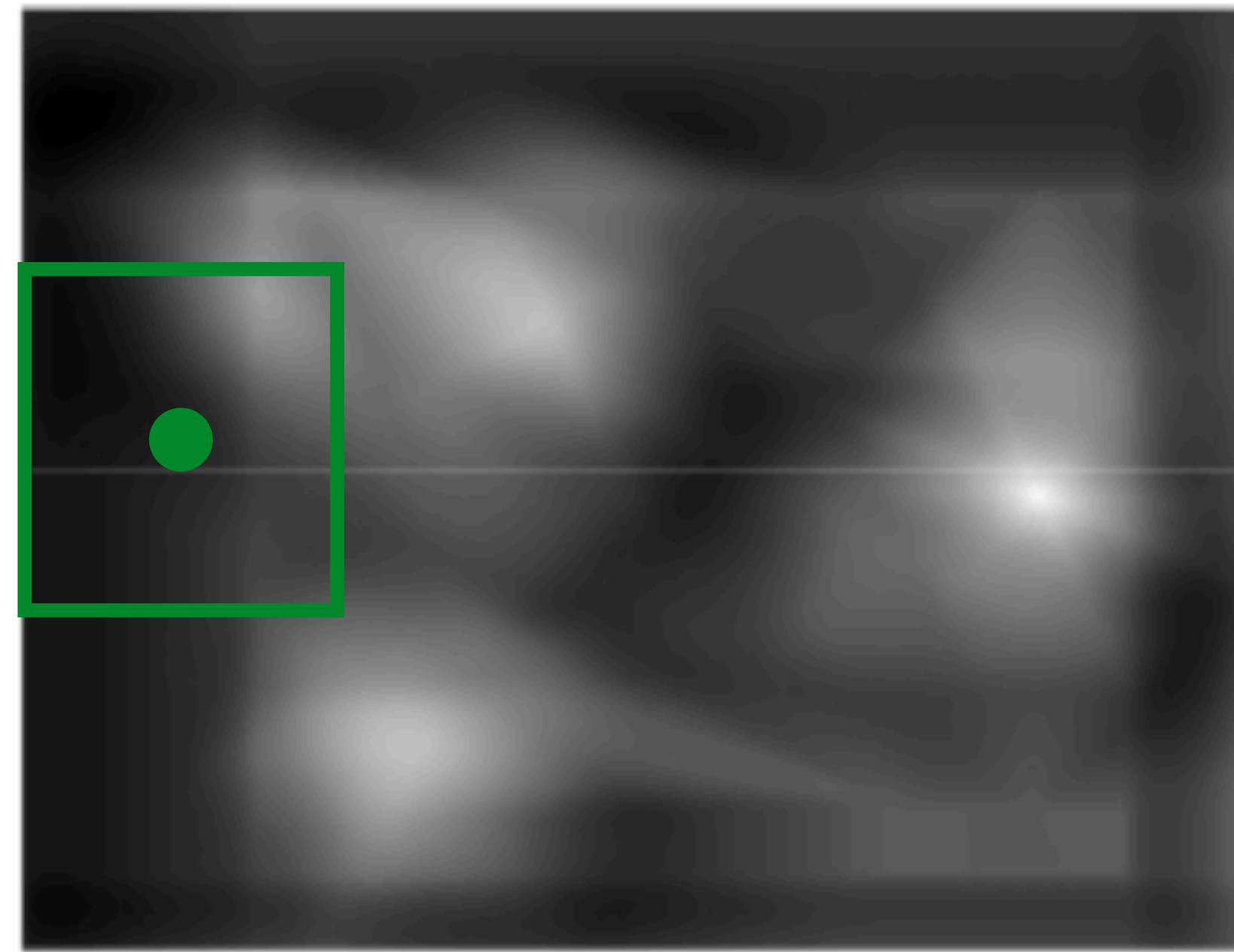
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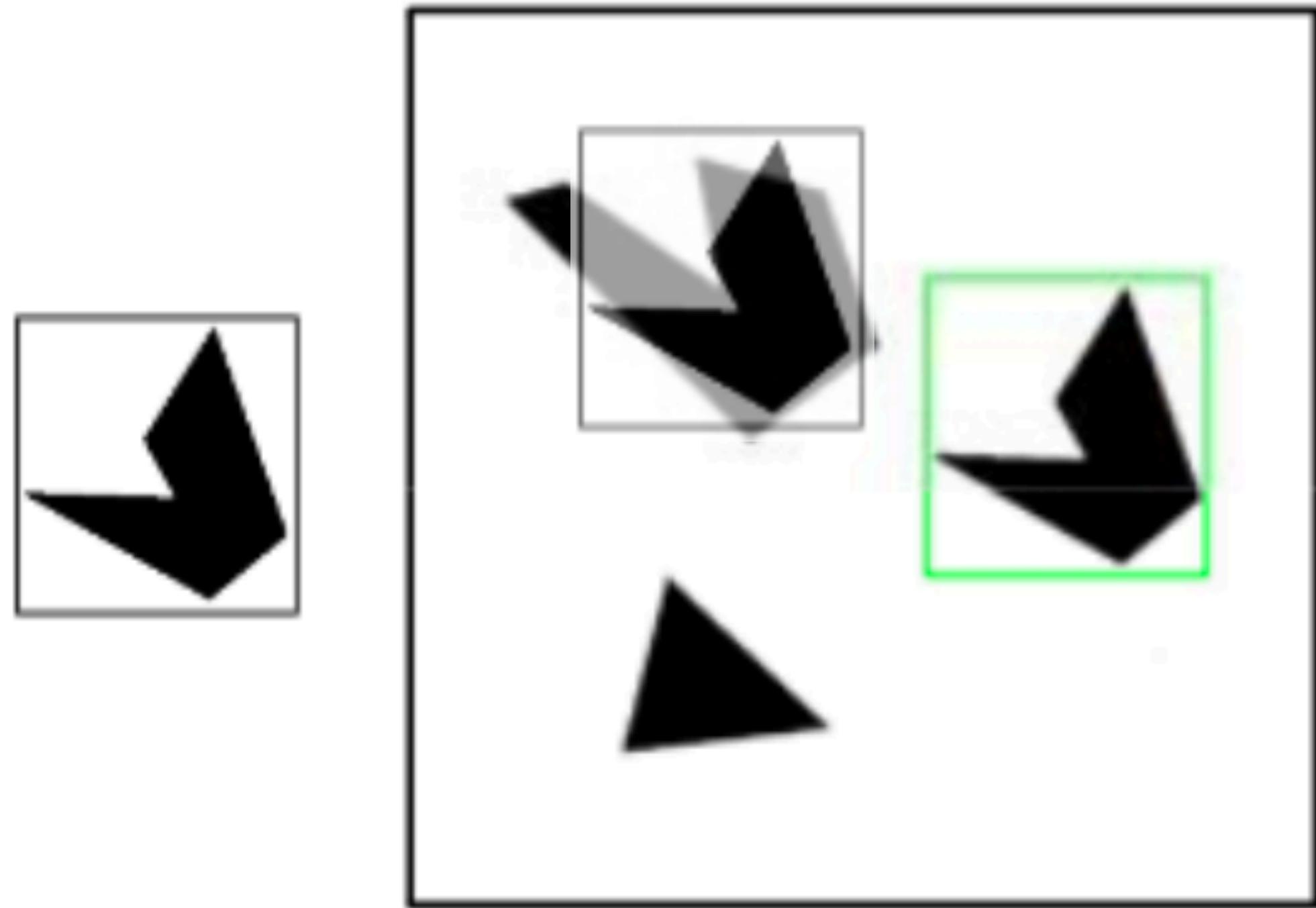
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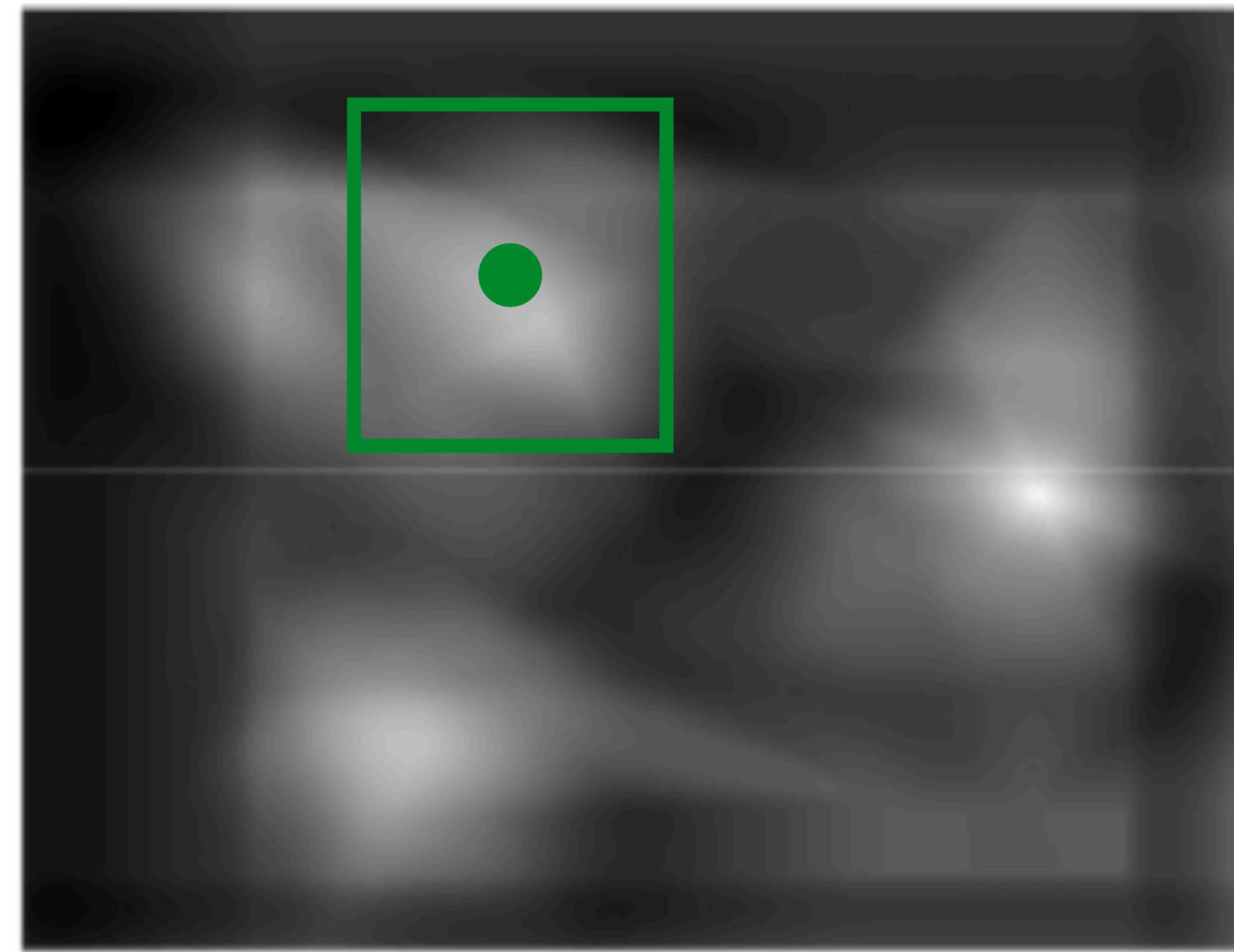
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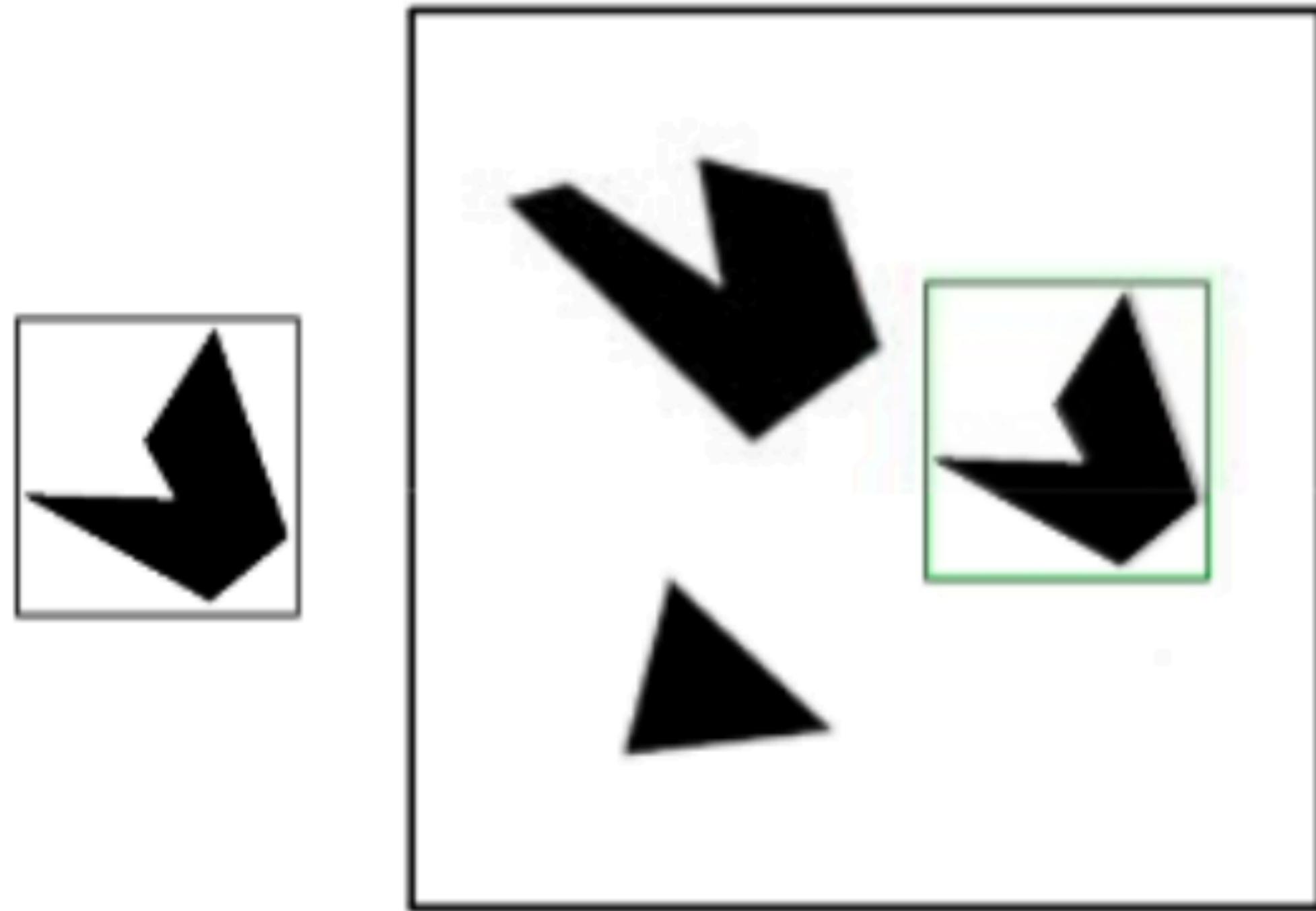
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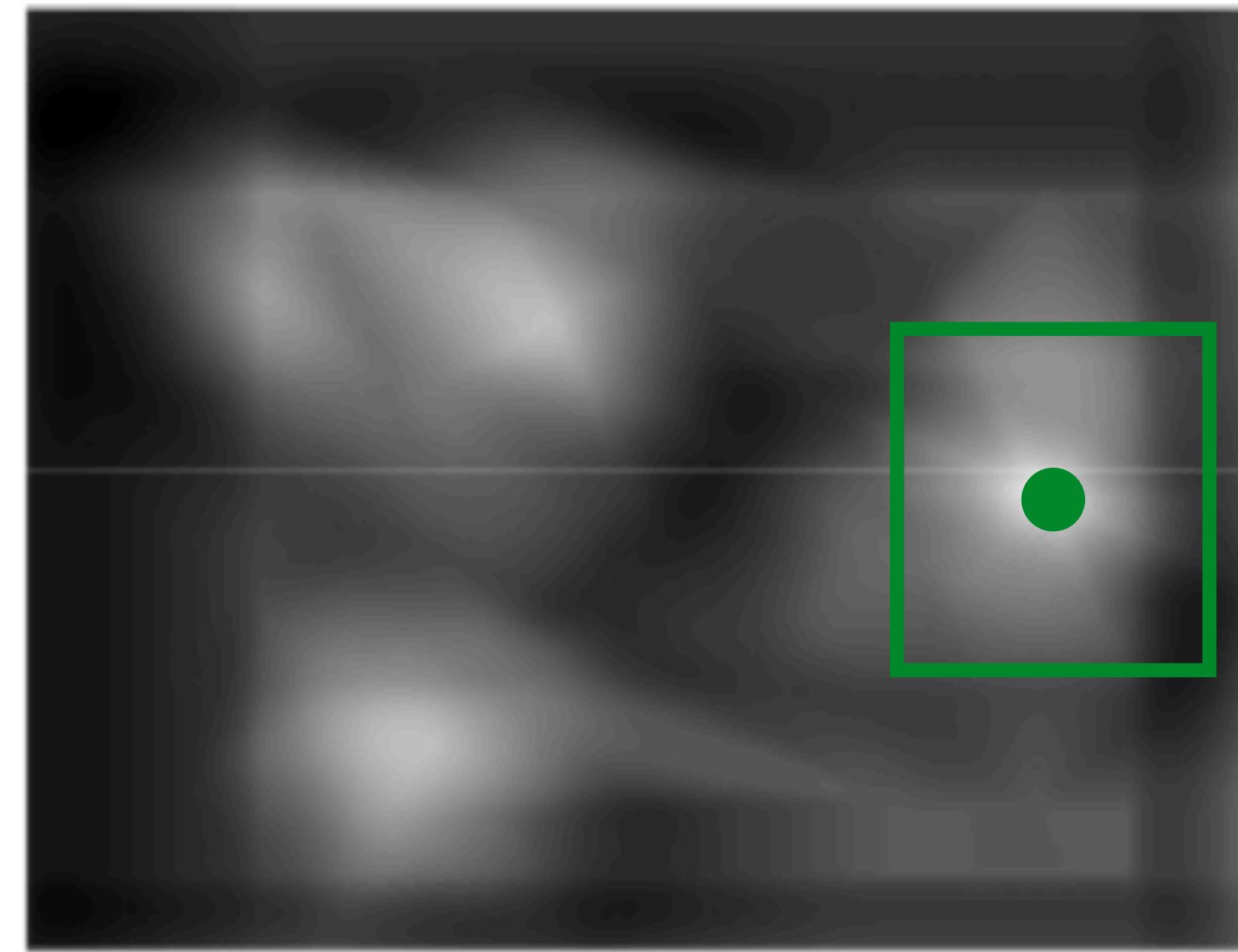
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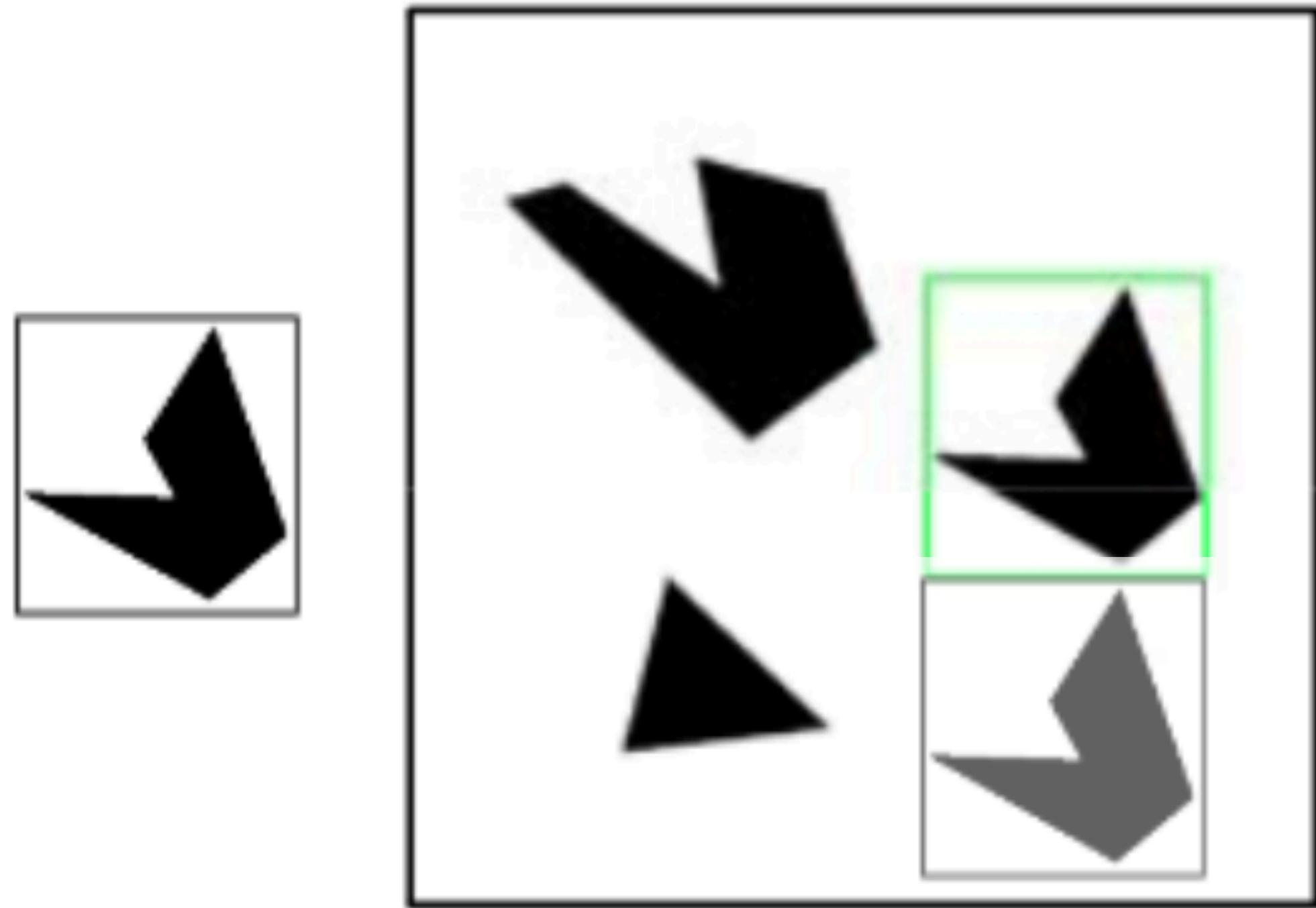
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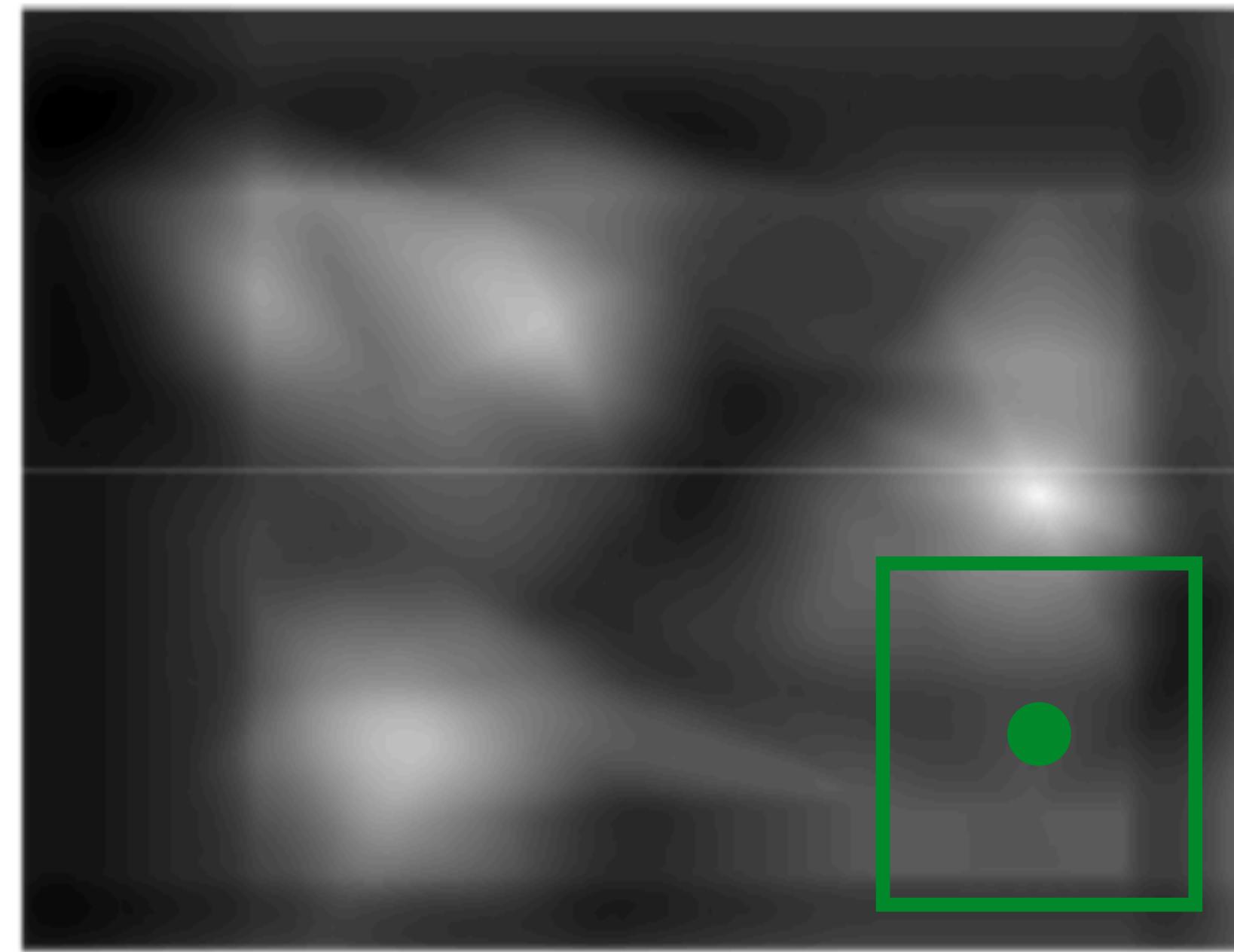
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Image Patch 2

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0	0	0

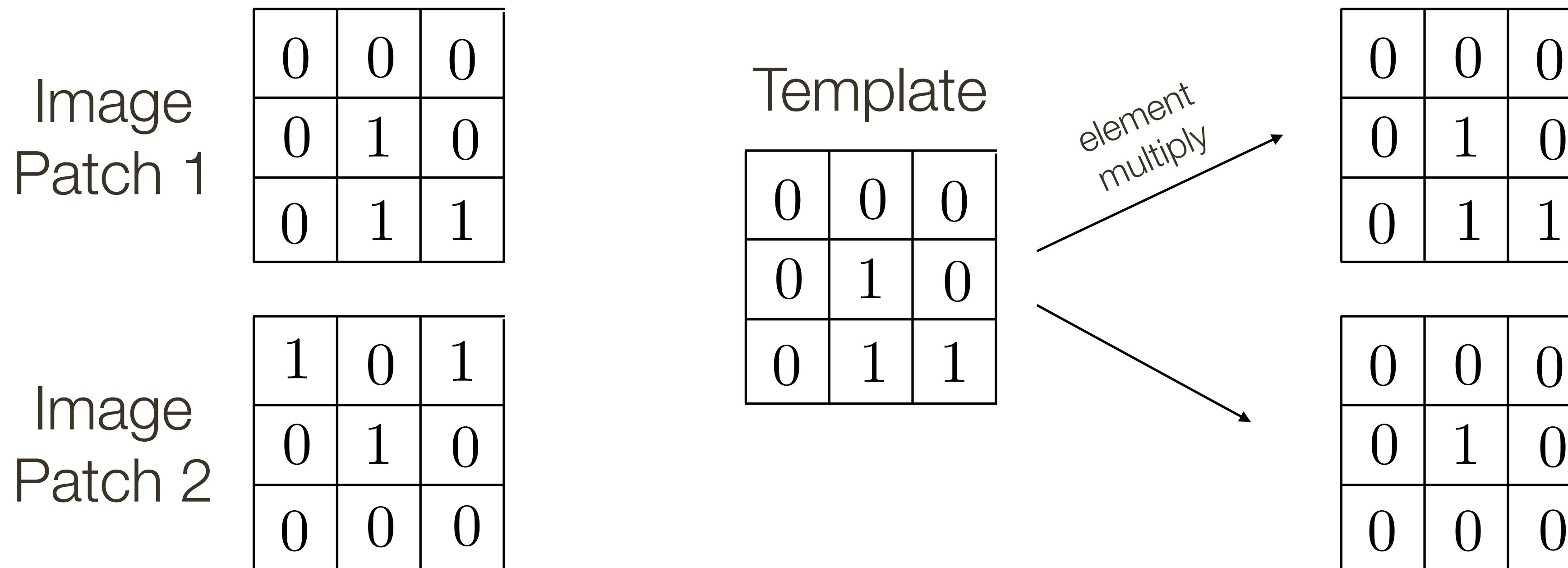
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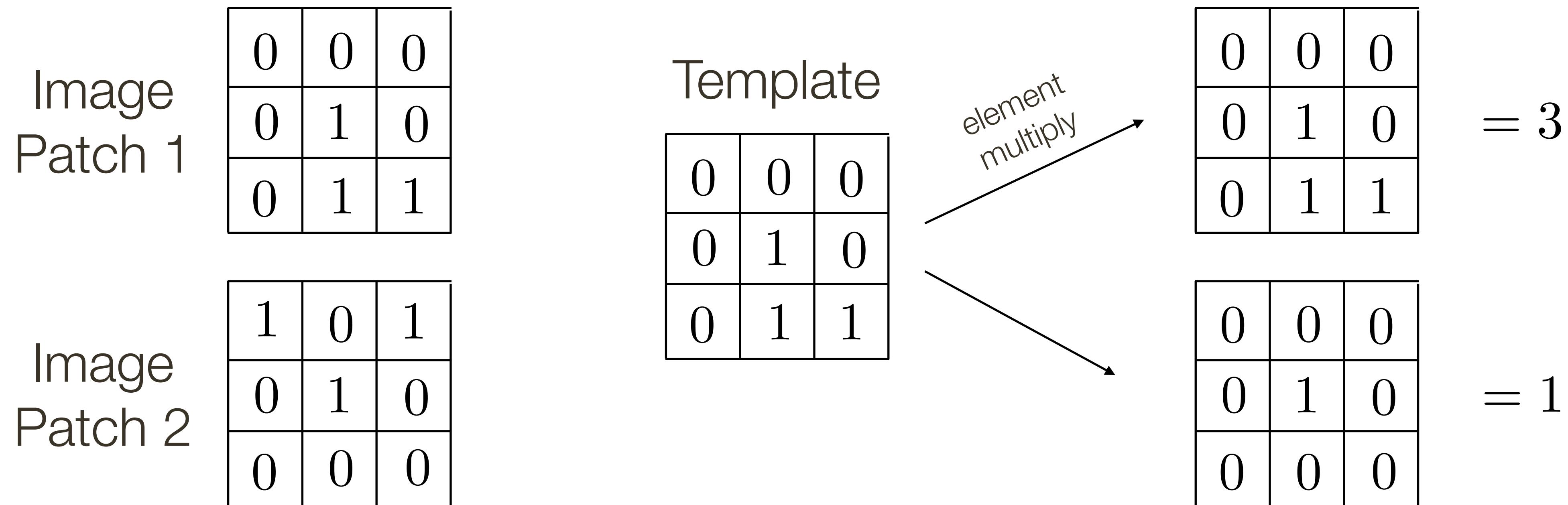
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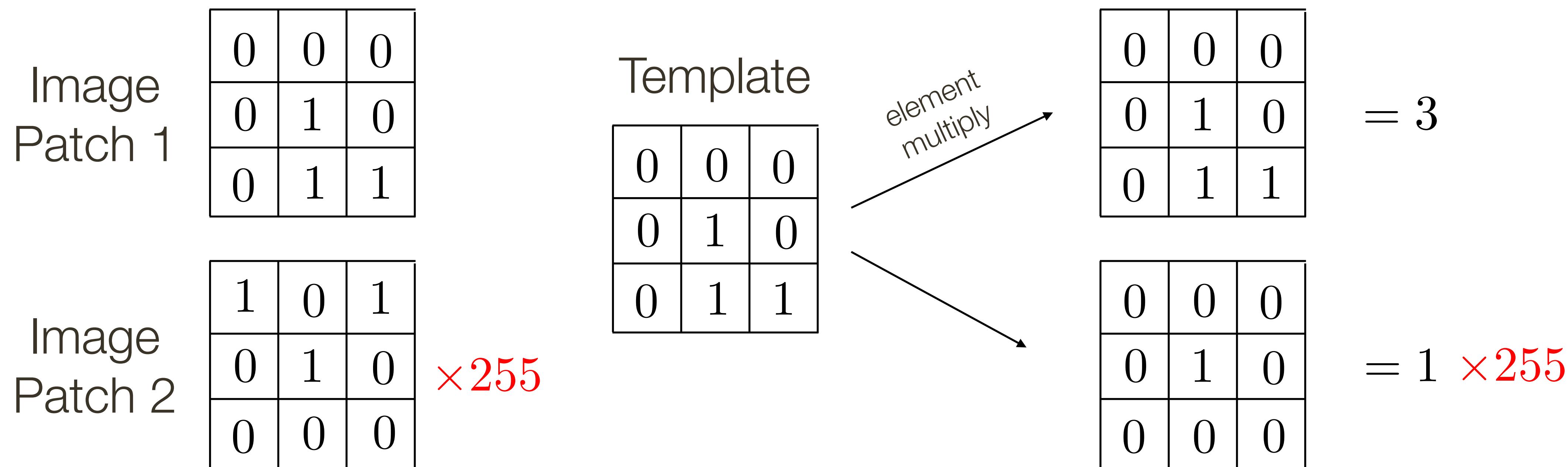
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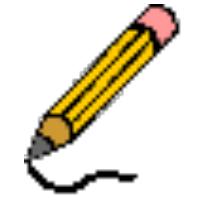


The dot product may be large simply because the image region is bright.

We need to normalize the result in some way.



# Template Matching



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Correlation, Normalised Correlation, SSD

# Template Matching

Similarity measures between a filter  $\mathbf{J}$  local image region  $\mathbf{I}$

**Correlation**,  $\text{CORR} = \mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I}^T \mathbf{J}$

**Normalised Correlation**,  $\text{NCORR} = \frac{\mathbf{I}^T \mathbf{J}}{|\mathbf{I}| |\mathbf{J}|} = \cos \theta$

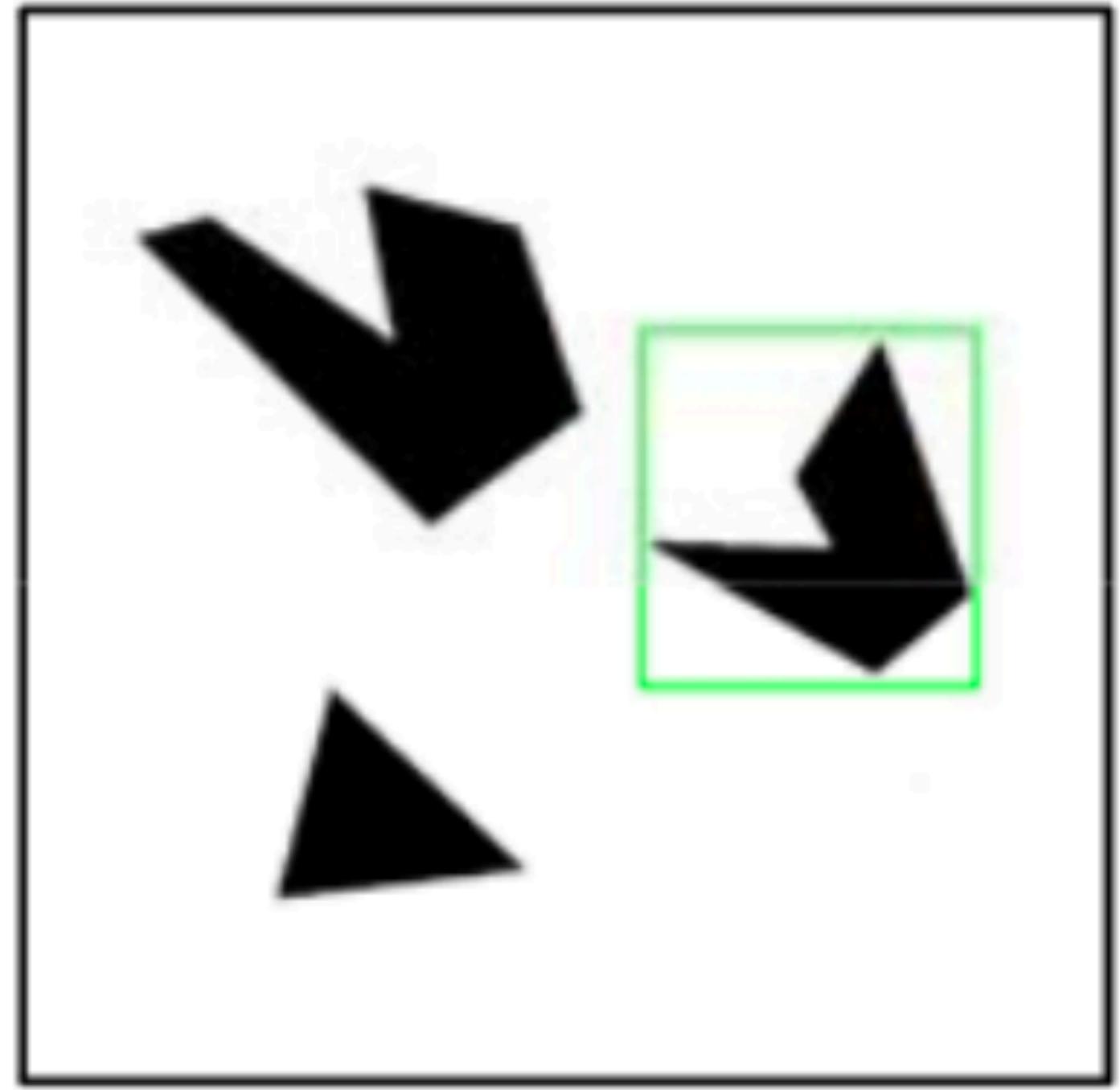
**Sum Squared Difference**,  $\text{SSD} = |\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{J}|^2$

Normalized correlation varies between  $-1$  and  $1$ , attains the value  $1$  when the filter and image region are identical (up to a scale factor)

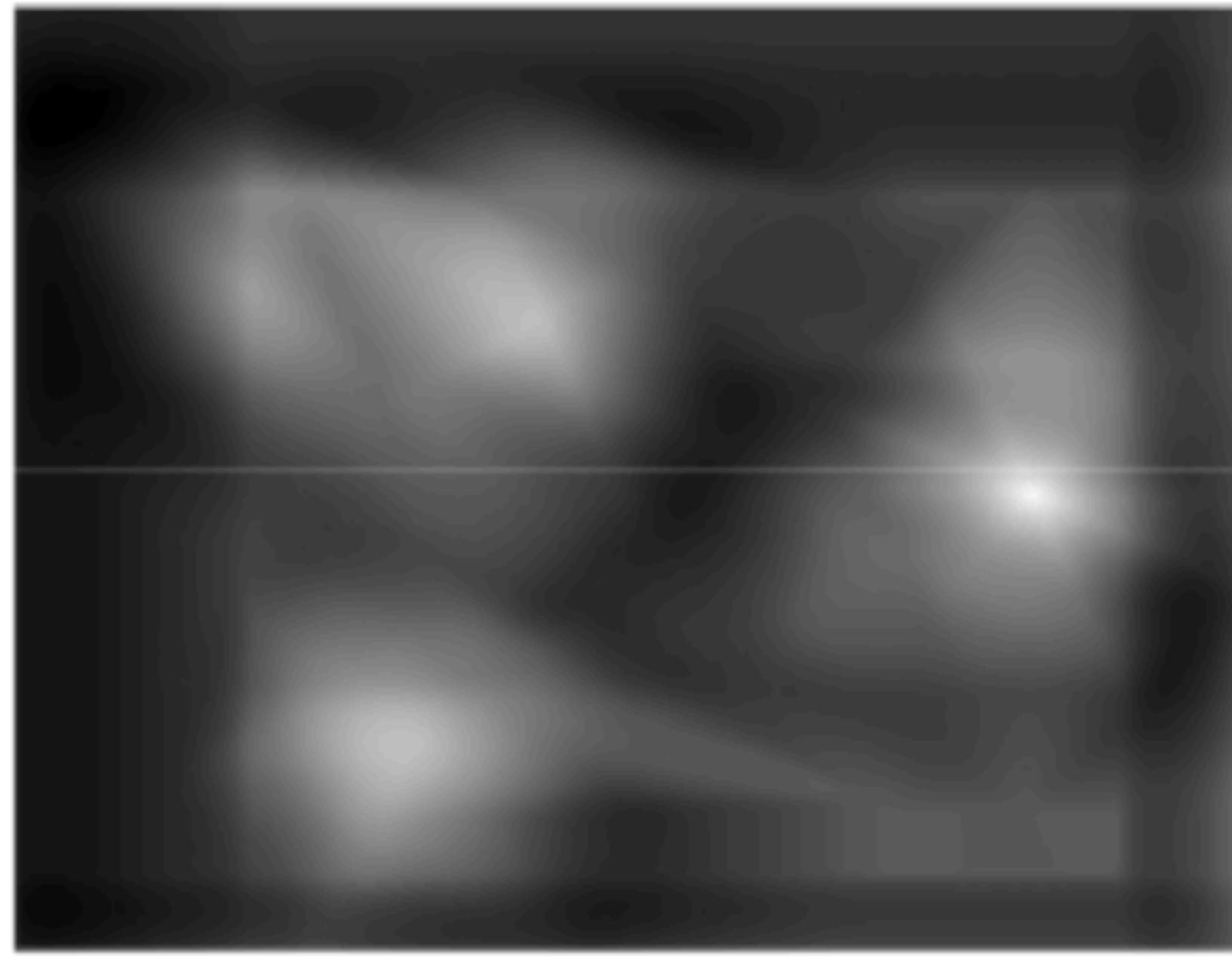
Minimising SSD and maximizing Normalized Correlation  
are equivalent if  $|\mathbf{I}| = |\mathbf{J}| = 1$

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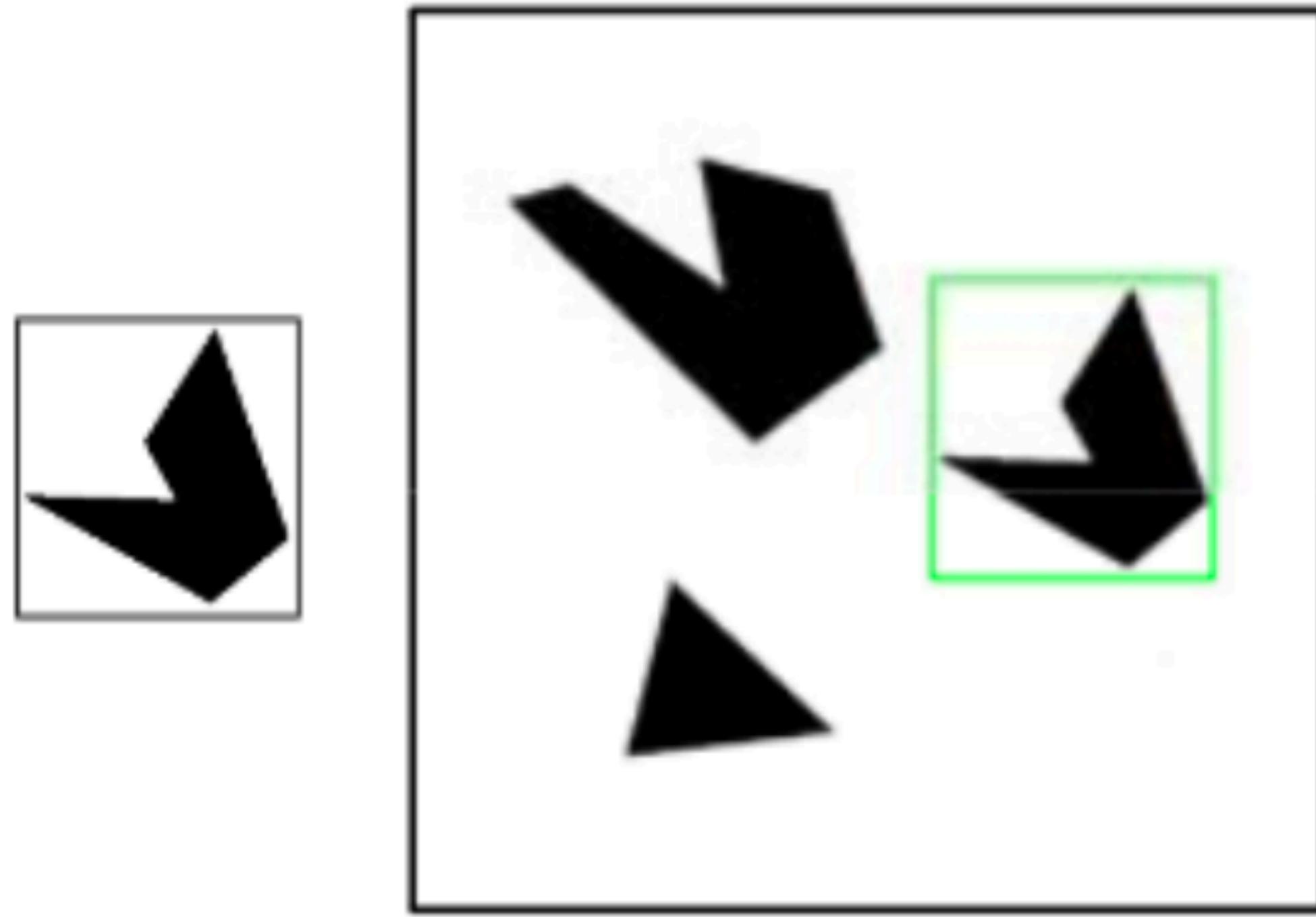
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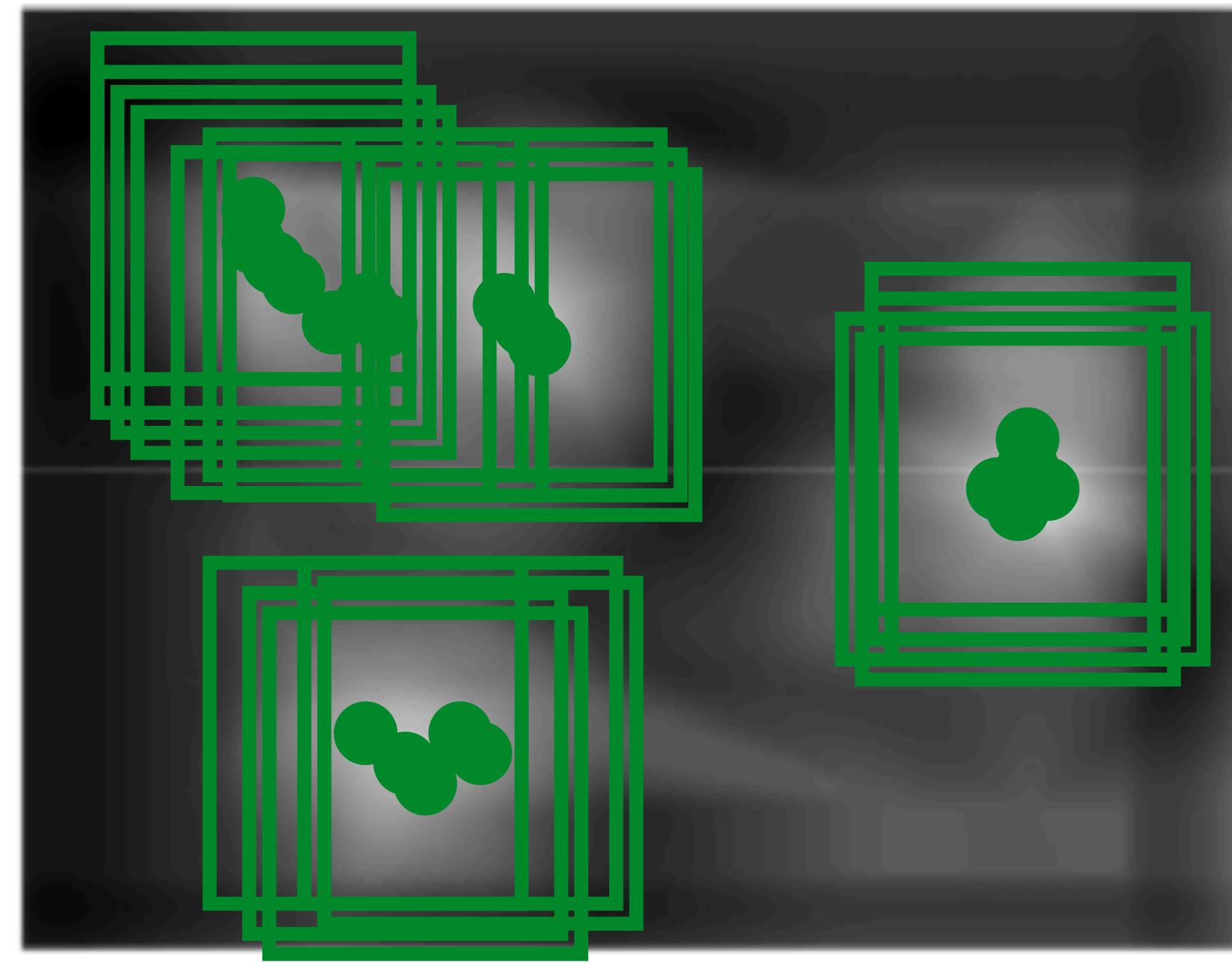
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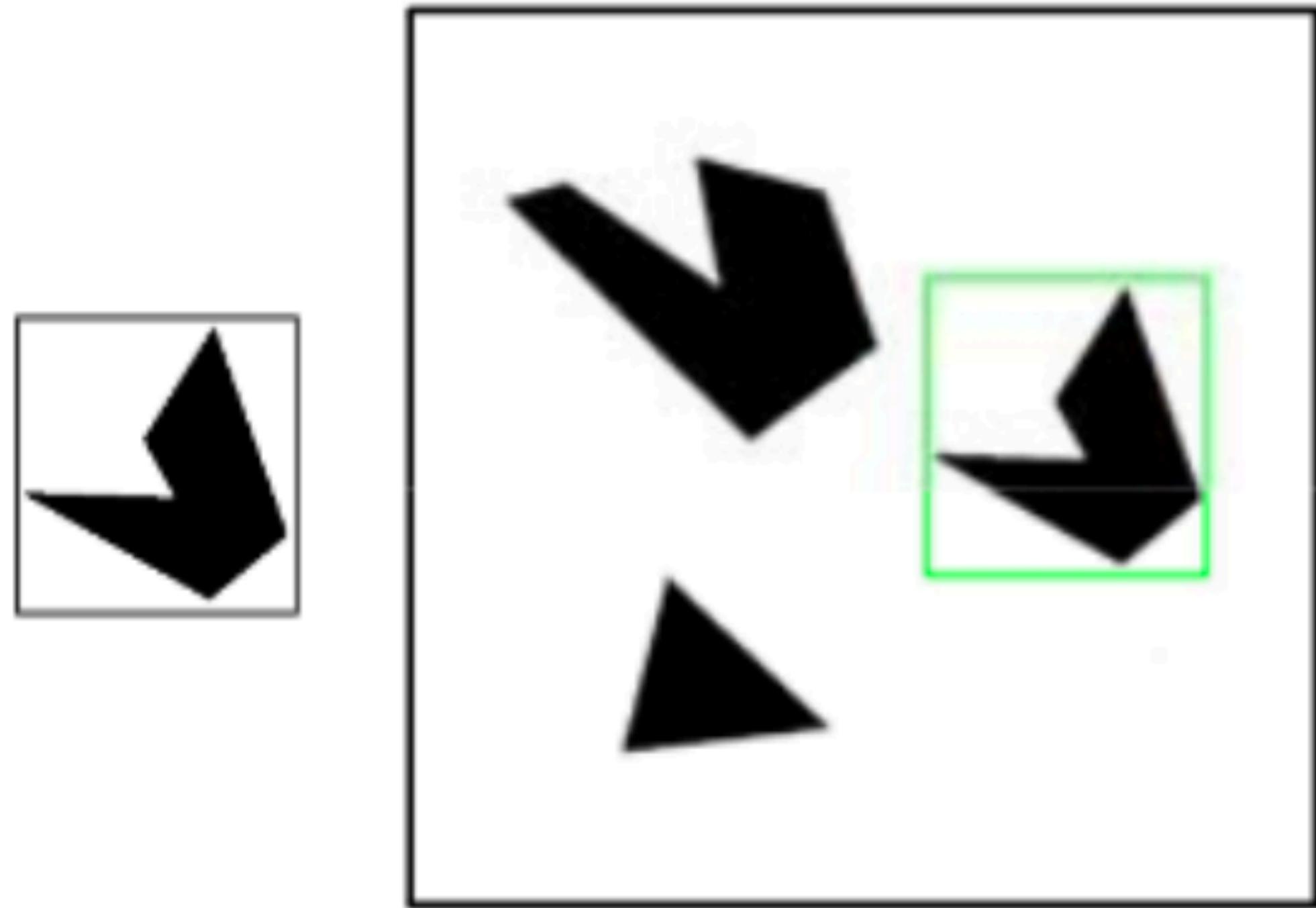
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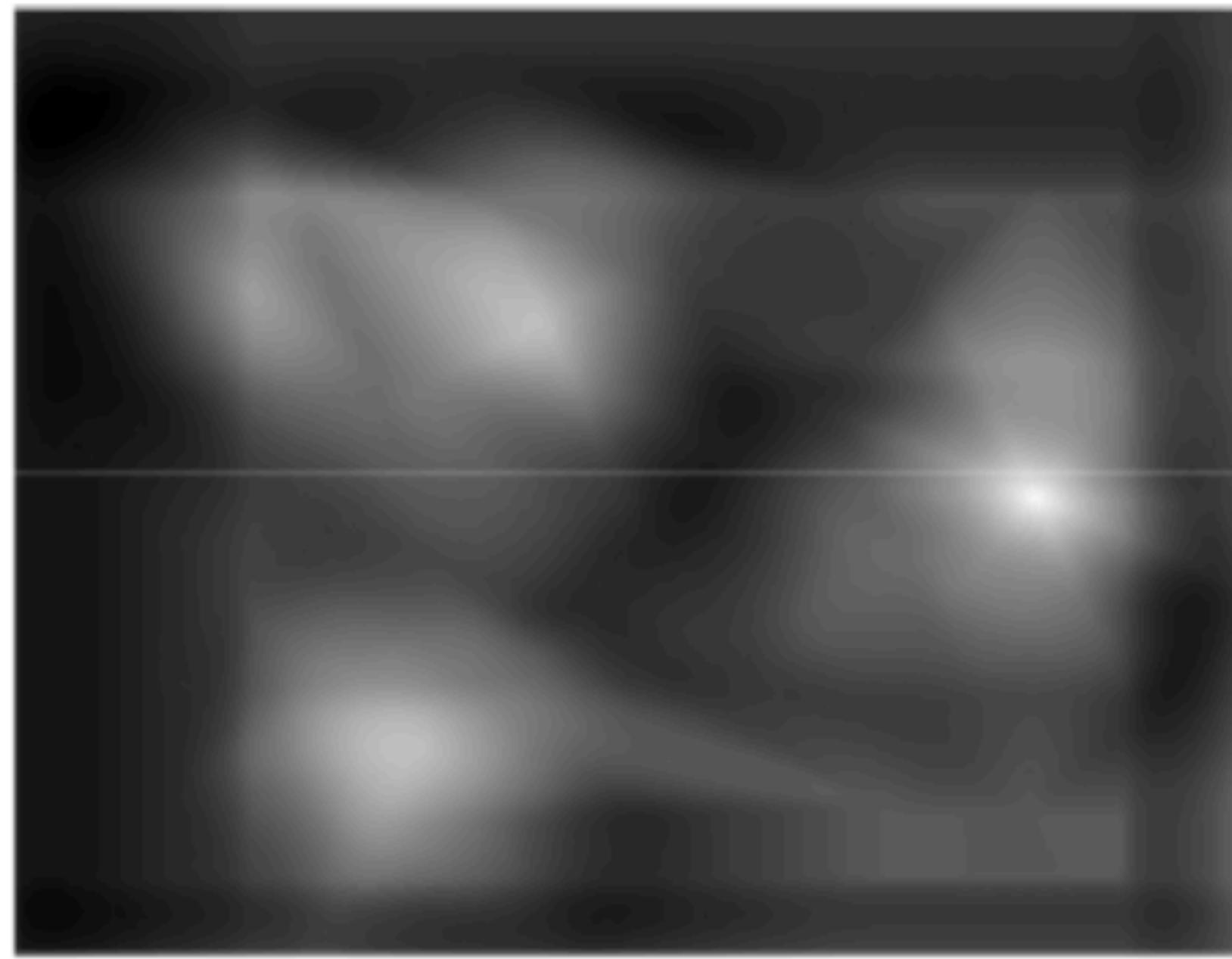
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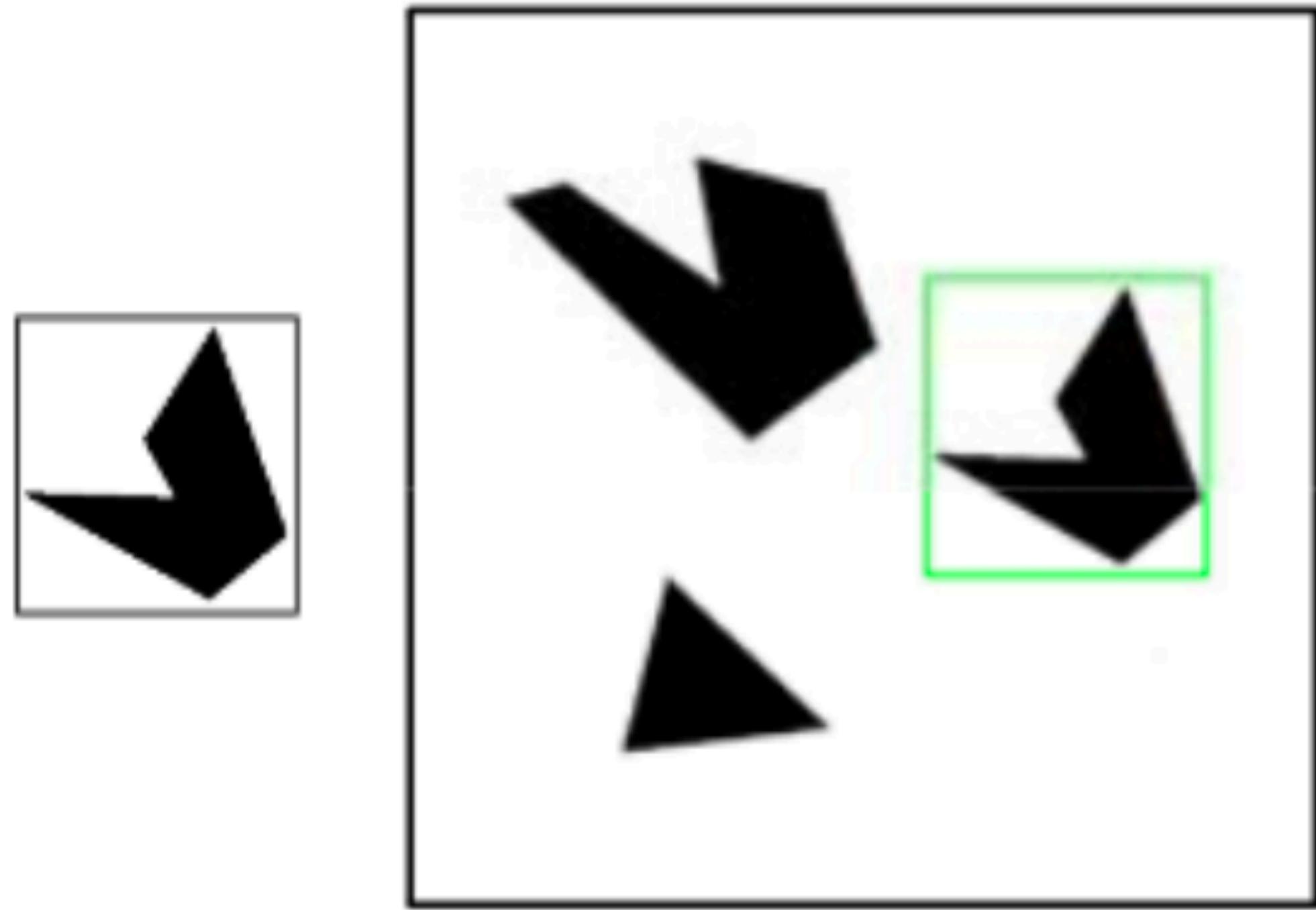
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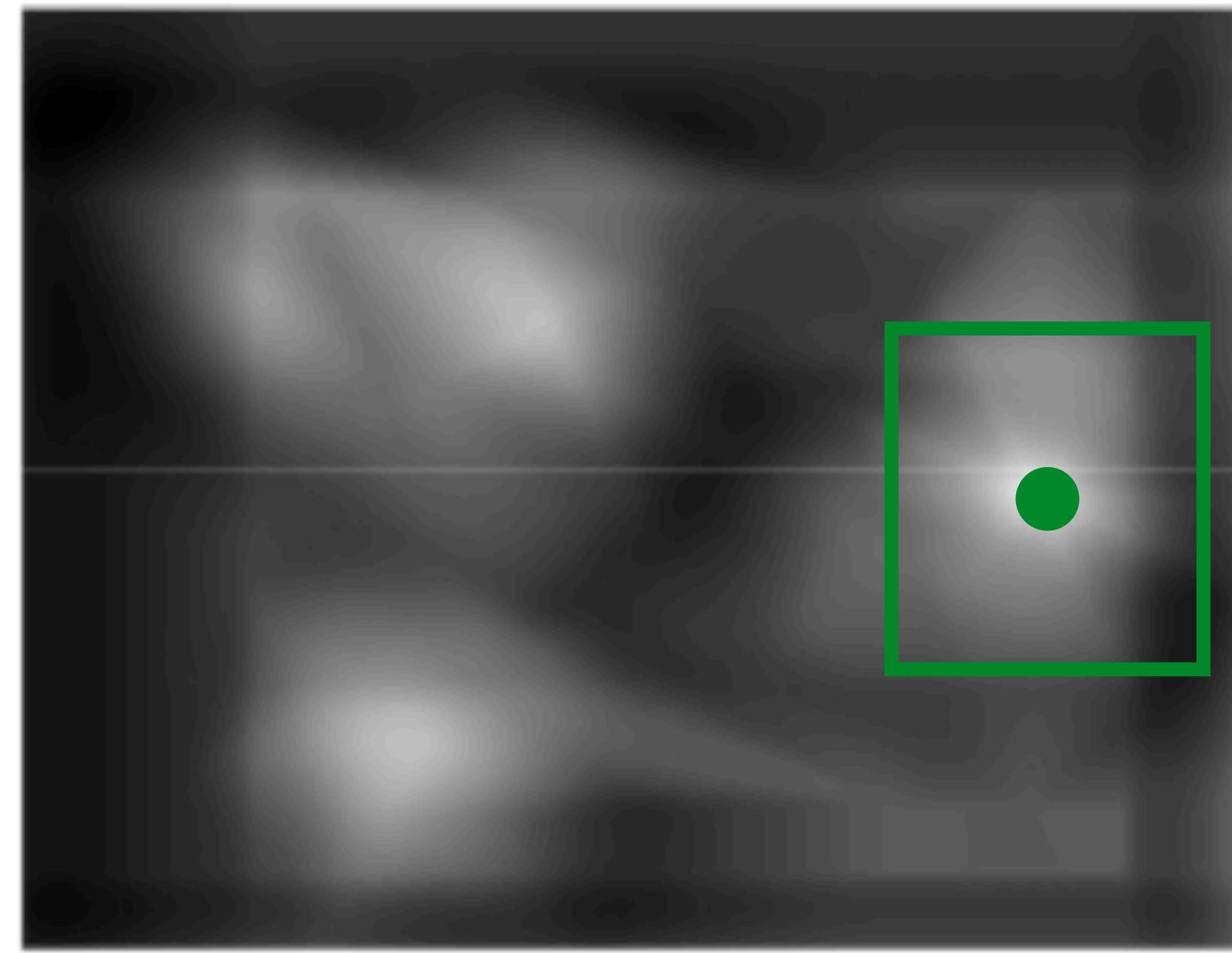
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# Normalised Correlation – Efficient Implementation

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be vectors. Let  $\theta$  be the angle between them. We know

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a||b|} = \frac{a \cdot b}{\sqrt{(a \cdot a)(b \cdot b)}} = \frac{a \cdot b}{|a| |b|}$$

where  $\cdot$  is dot product and  $| |$  is vector magnitude

1. Normalize the template / filter ( $b$ ) in the beginning
2. Compute norm of  $|a|$  by convolving squared image with a filter of all 1's of equal size to the the template and square rooting the response
3. We can compute the dot product by convolution of image ( $a$ ) with normalized filter ( $b$ )
4. We can finally compute the normalized correlation by dividing element-wise result in Step 3 by result ins Step 2

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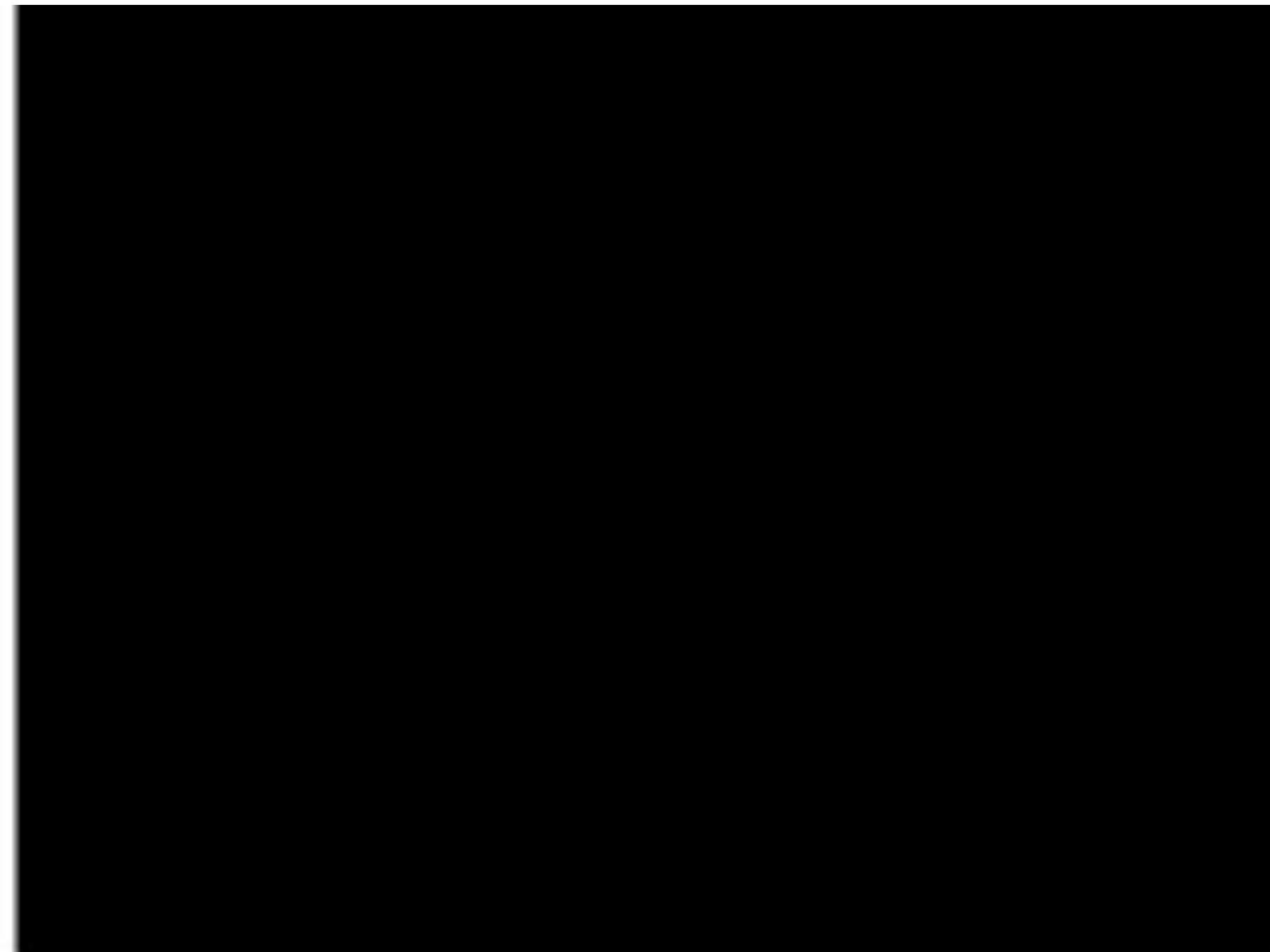
Linear filtering the entire image computes the entire set of dot products, one for each possible alignment of filter and image

Important **Insight**:

- filters look like the pattern they are intended to find
- filters find patterns they look like

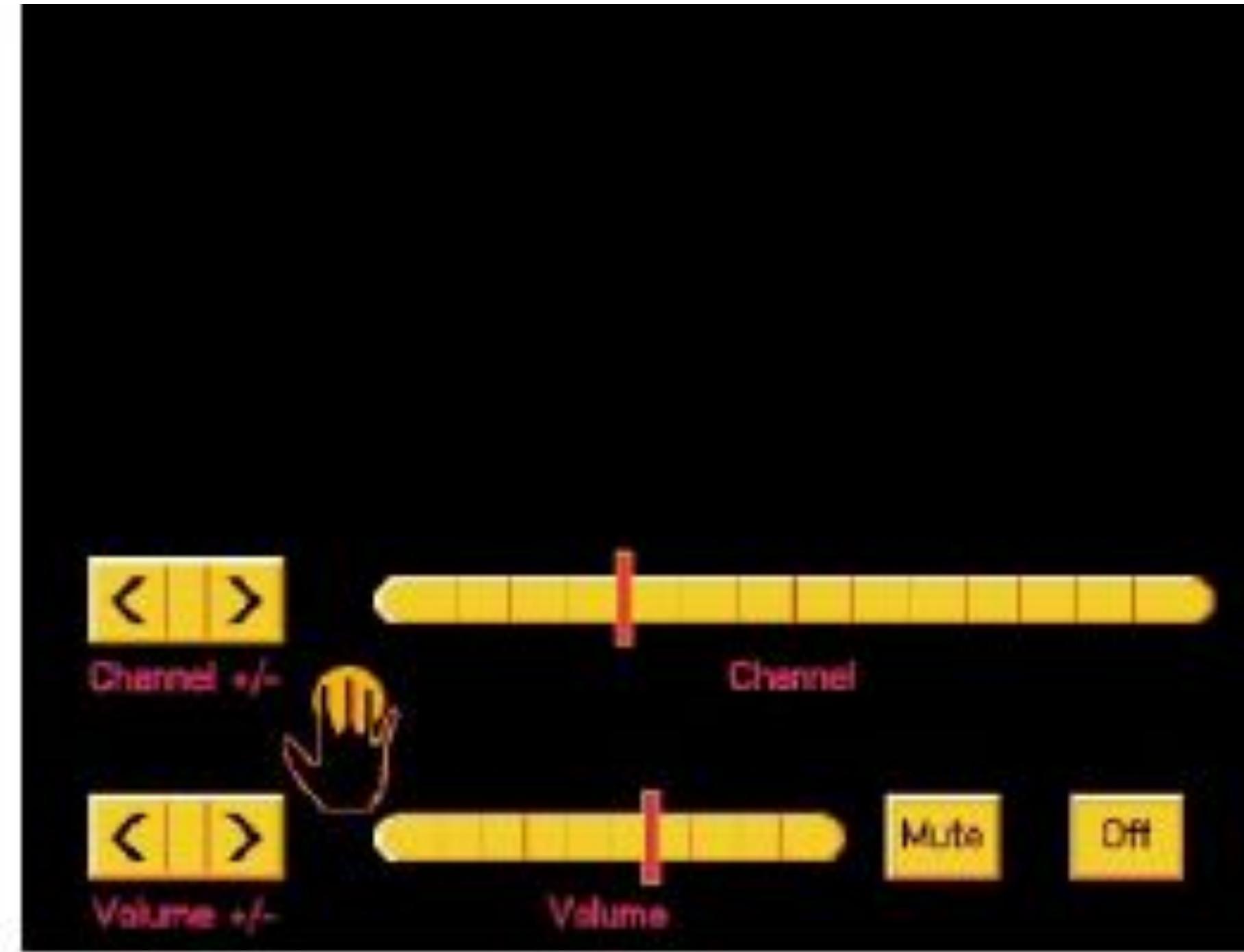
Linear filtering is sometimes referred to as **template matching**

# Example 1:



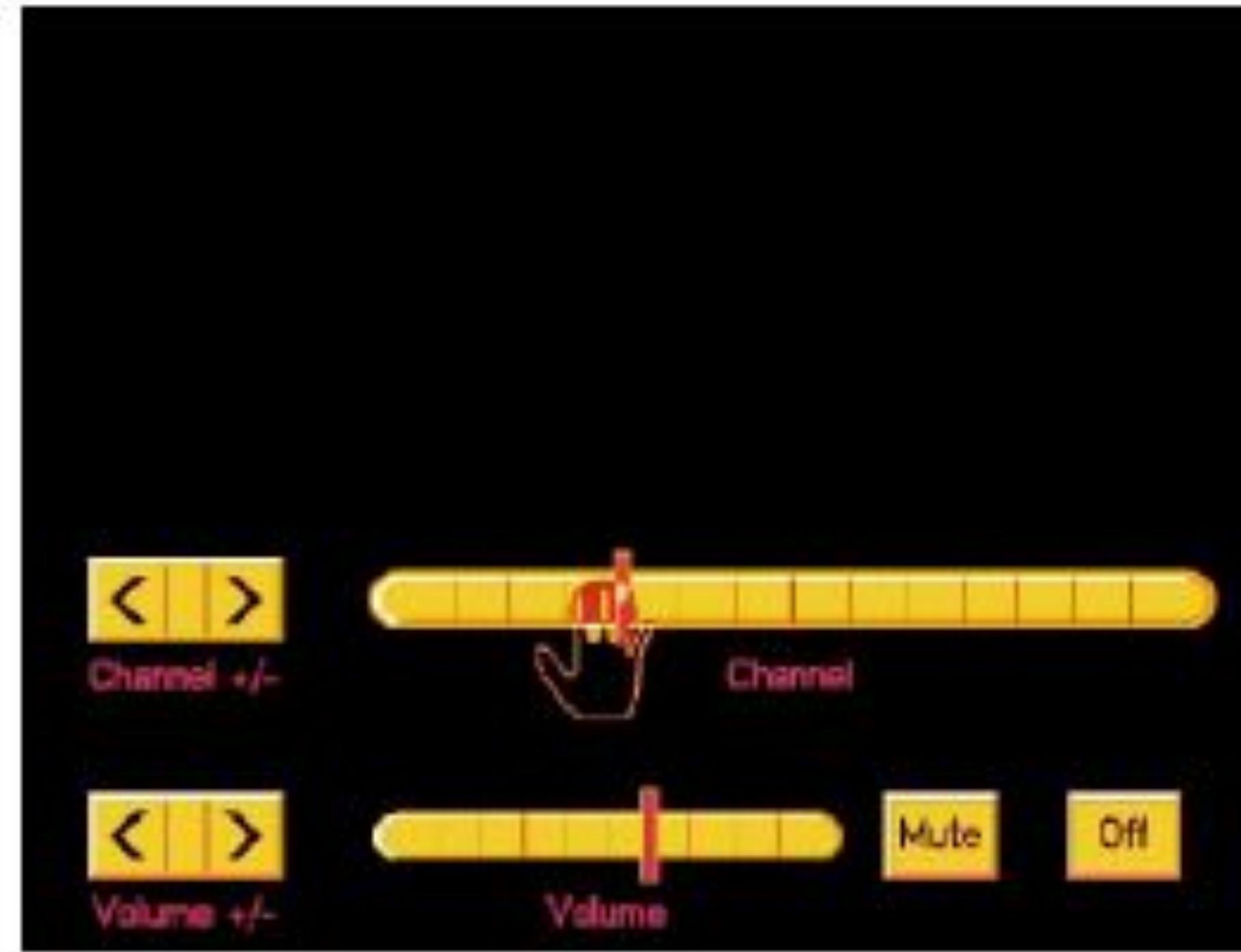
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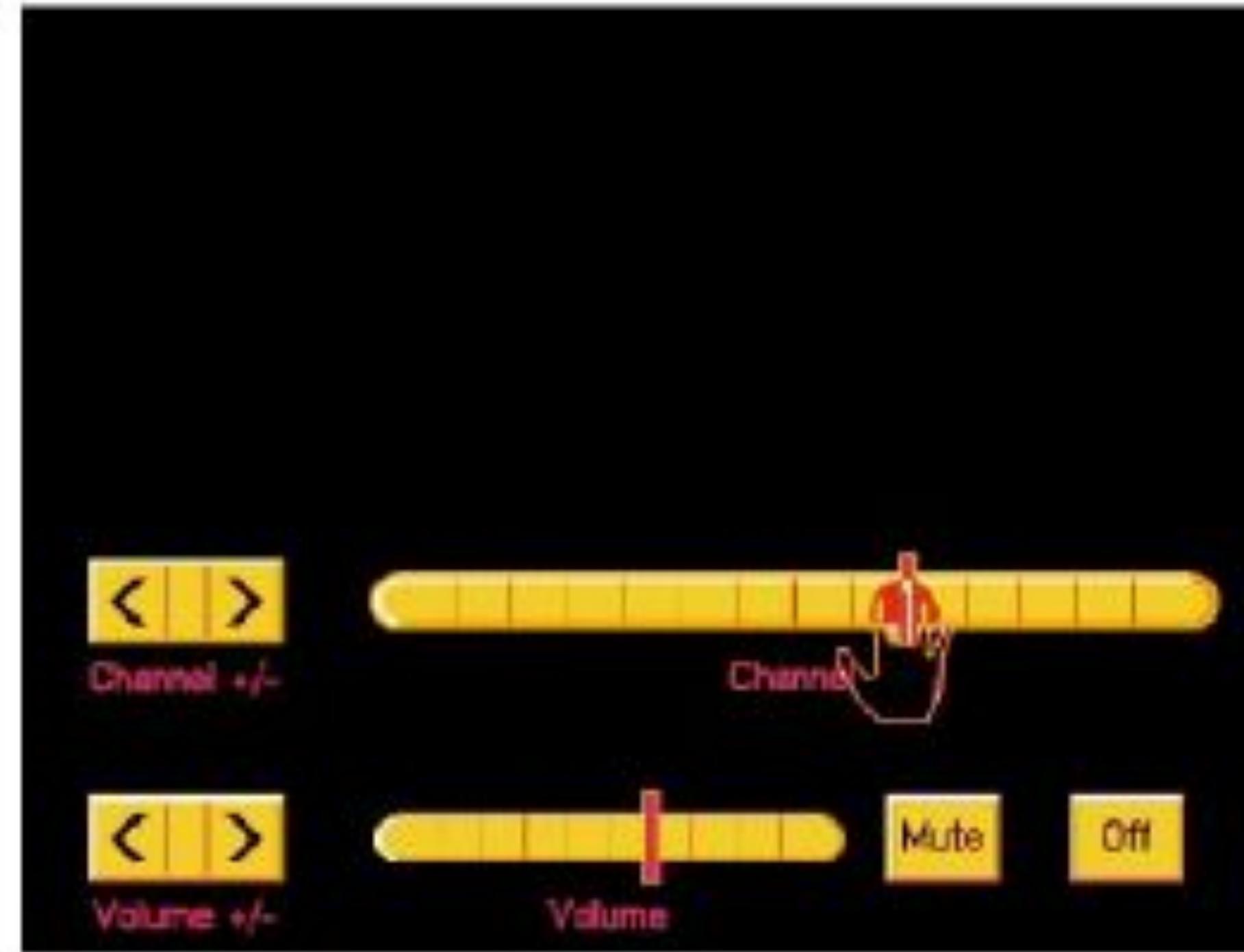
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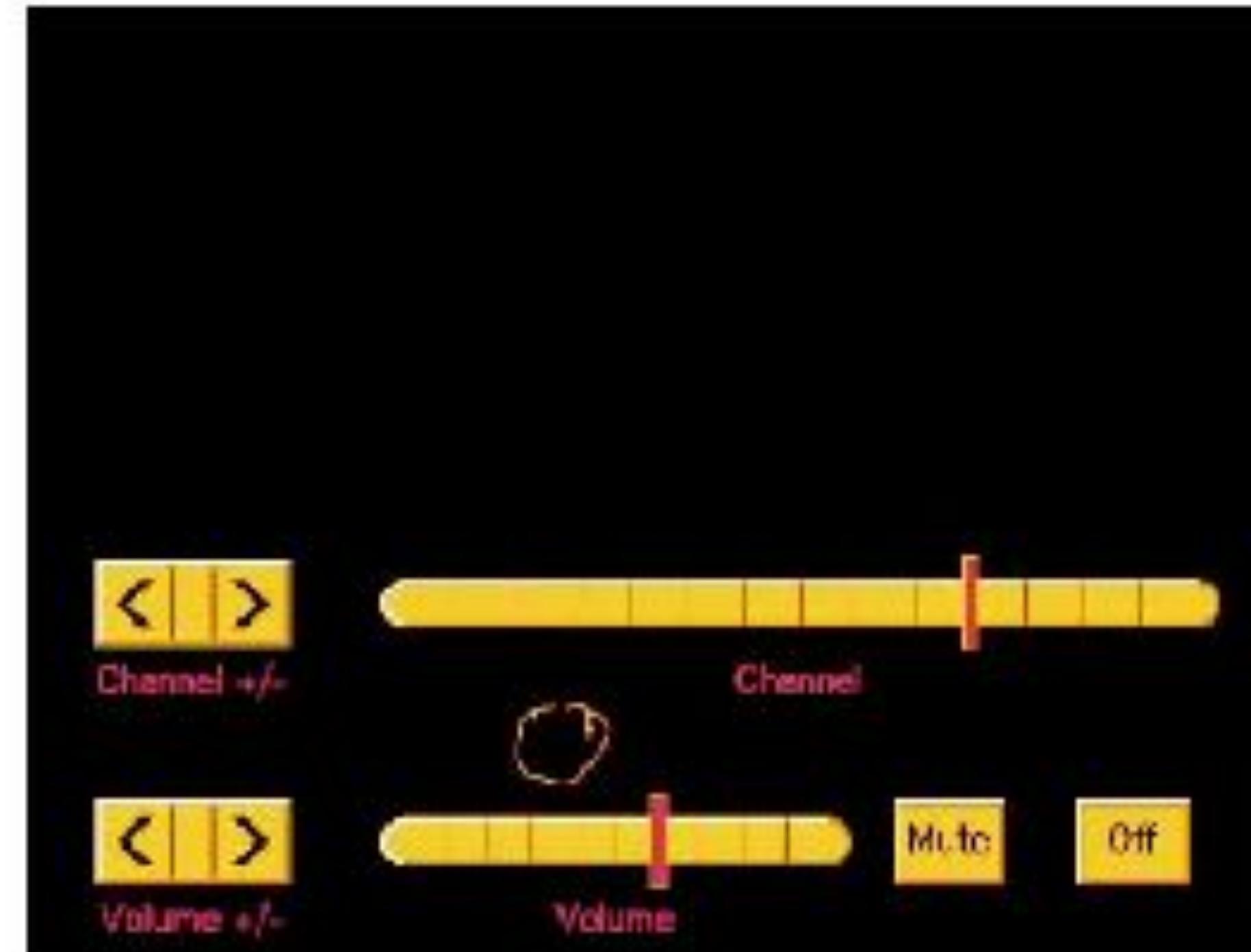
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Template (left), image (middle),  
normalized correlation (right)

Note peak value at the true  
position of the hand



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When might **template matching fail** to recognise objects?



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- Partial Occlusions
- Different Perspective
- Motion / blur



# Template Matching Summary

## Good News:

- works well in presence of noise
- relatively easy to compute

## Bad News:

- sensitive to (spatial) scale change
- sensitive to 2D rotation

## More Bad News:

When imaging 3D worlds:

- sensitive to viewing direction and pose
- sensitive to conditions of illumination

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