



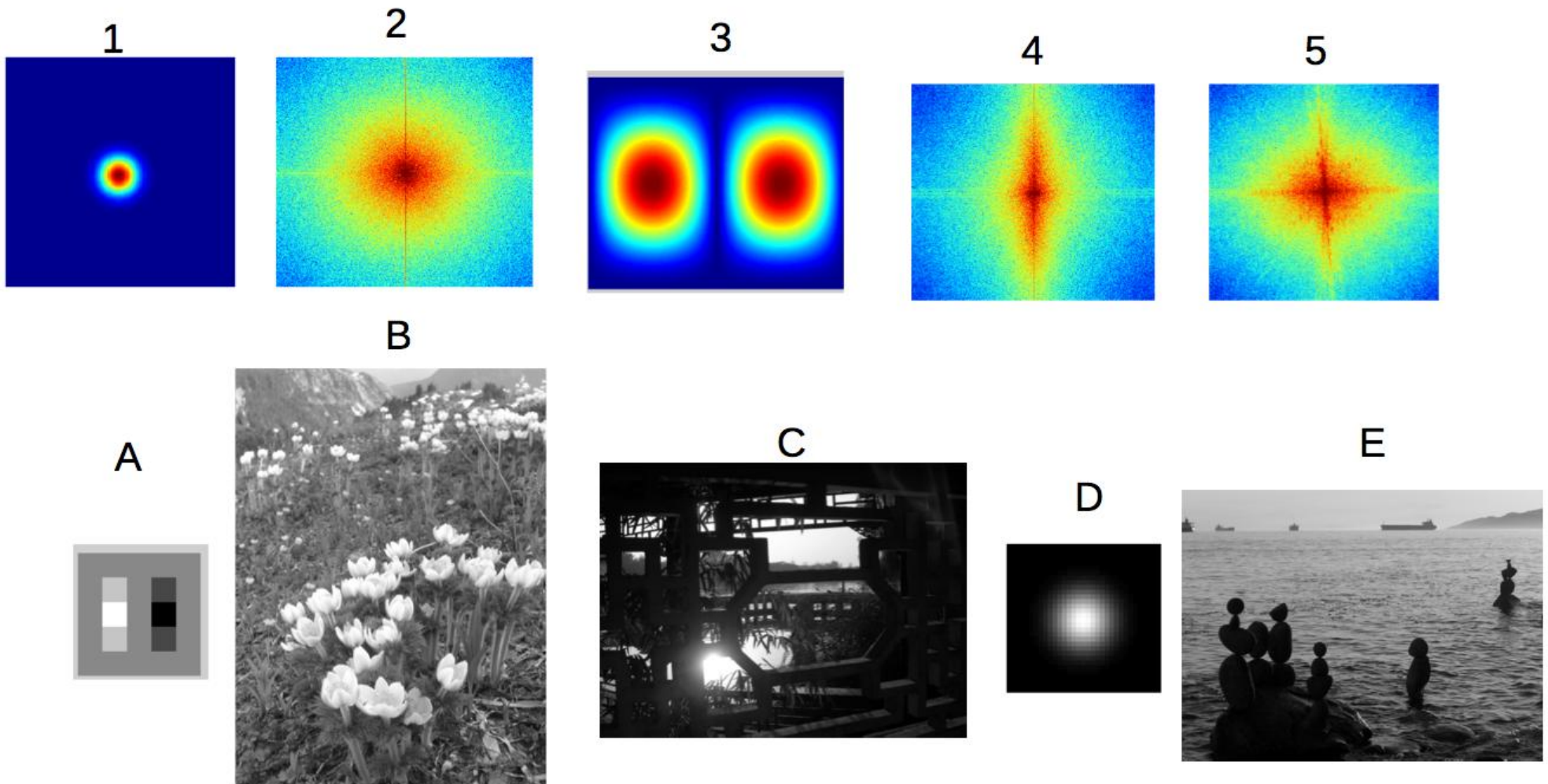
# >>> IMAGE PROCESSING AND COMPUTATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

## SESSION 4: ADVANCED FILTERING

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# TAKE HOME QUESTIONS


1. Match the spatial domain image to the Fourier magnitude image

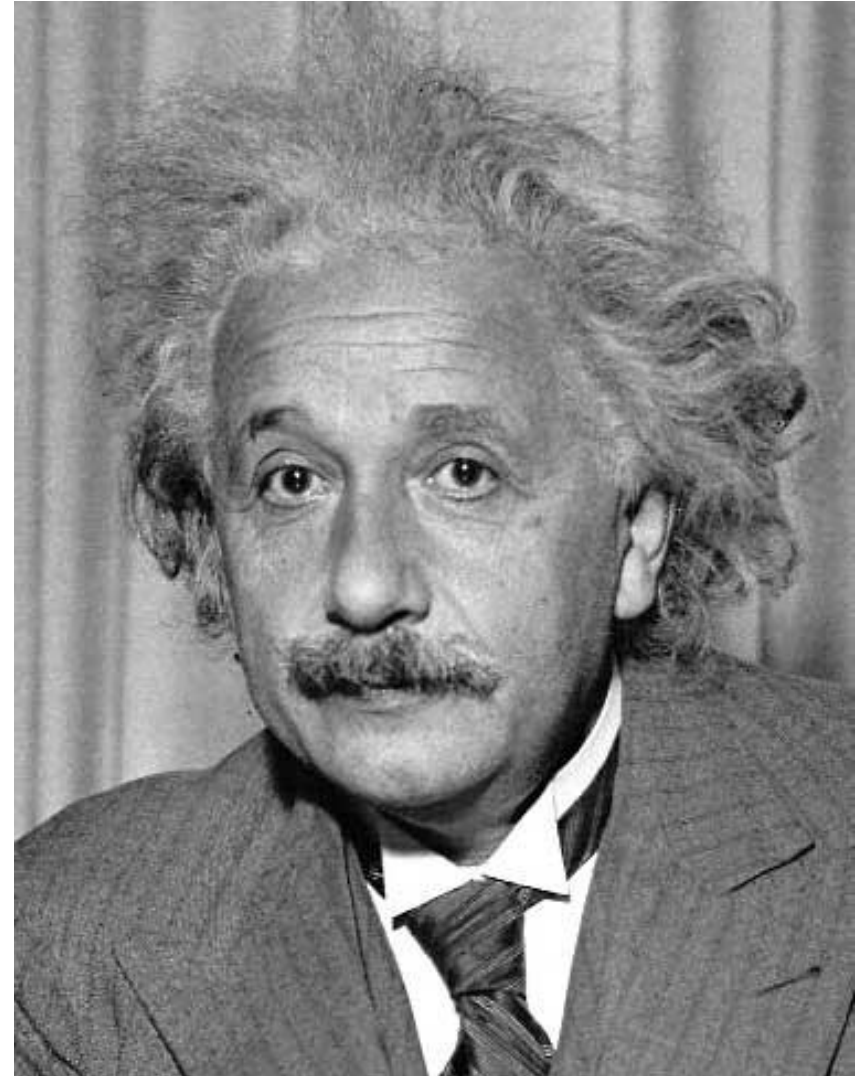


# TODAY'S LECTURE


- Template matching
- Coarse-to-fine alignment
- Denoising
- Sharpening
- Anisotropic filtering

# TEMPLATE MATCHING

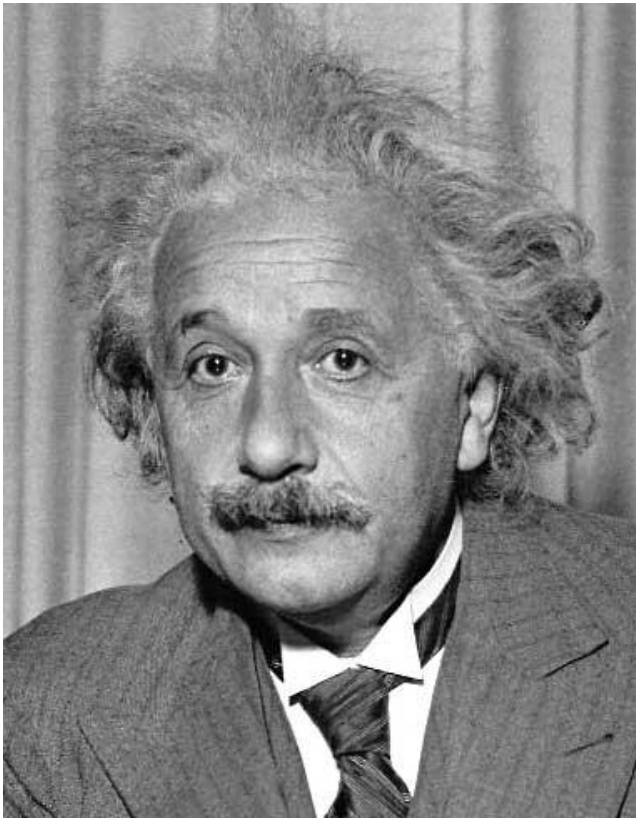
- Goal: find  in image
- Main challenge: What is a good similarity or distance measure between two patches?
  - Correlation
  - Zero-mean correlation
  - Sum Square Difference
  - Normalized Cross Correlation



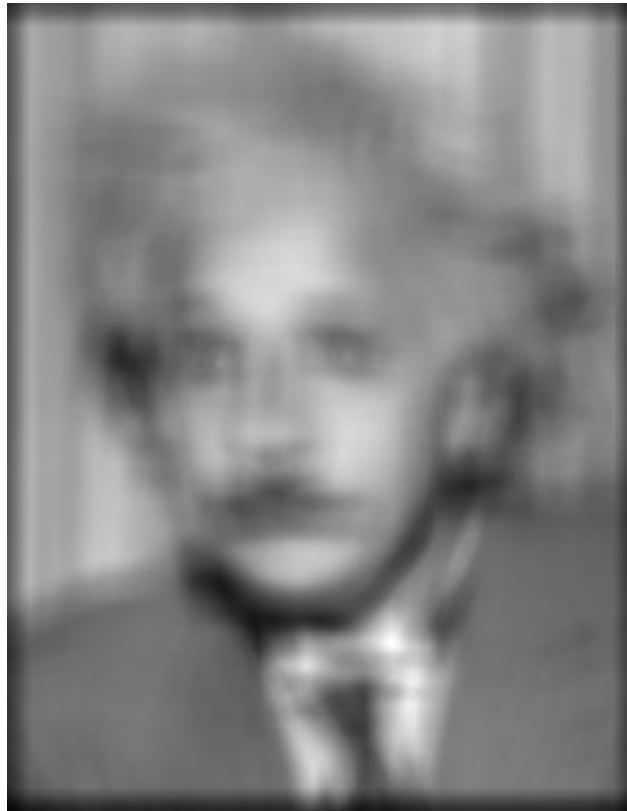
# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Goal: find  in image
- Method 0: filter the image with eye patch

$$h(m, n) = \sum_{k, l} g(k, l) f(m + k, n + l) \quad \begin{array}{l} f = \text{image} \\ g = \text{filter} \end{array}$$



Input



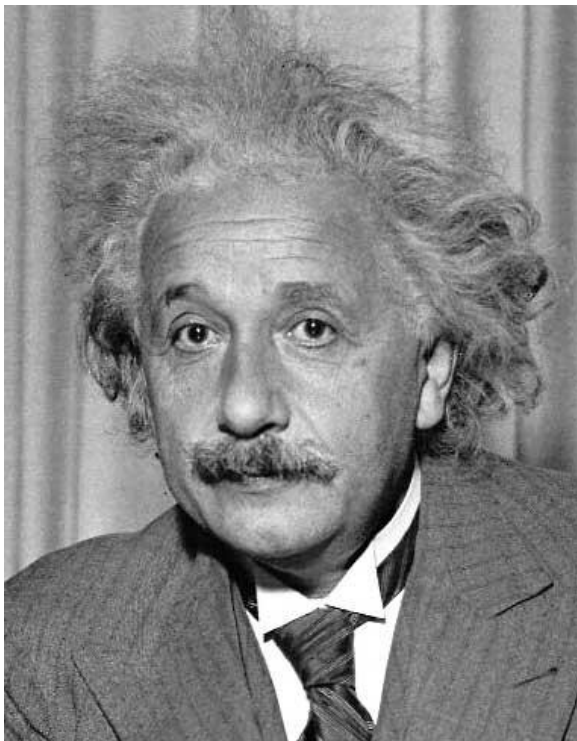
Filtered Image

What went wrong?

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Goal: find  in image
- Method 1: filter the image with a zero mean filter

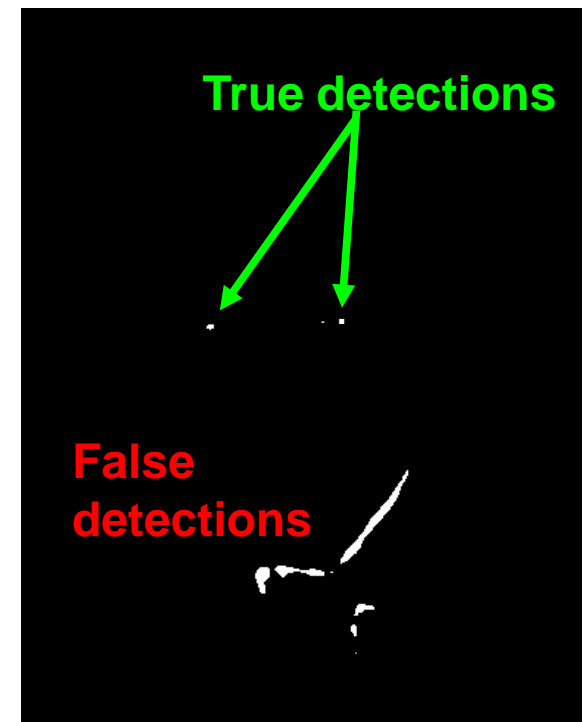
$$h(m, n) = \sum_{k, l} (g(k, l) - \bar{g}) f(m + k, n + l) \quad \begin{array}{l} f = \text{image} \\ g = \text{filter} \end{array}$$



Input



Filtered Image (scaled)

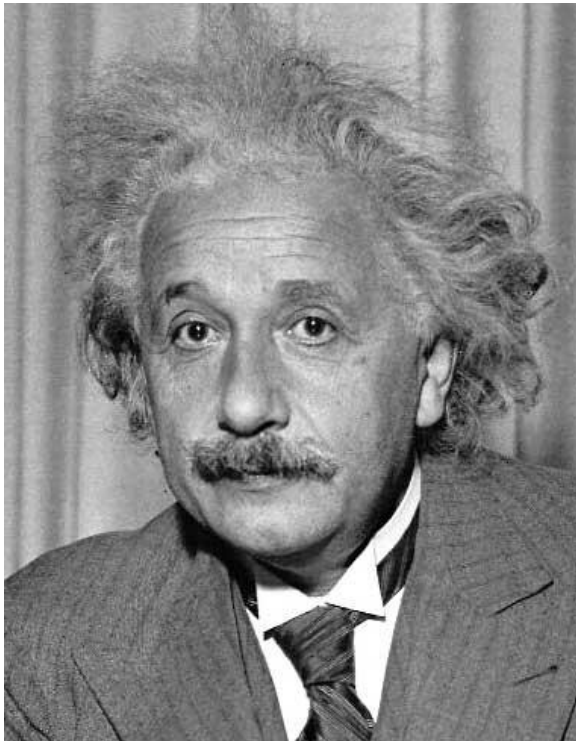


Thresholded Image

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Goal: find  in image
- Method 2: sum of squared differences

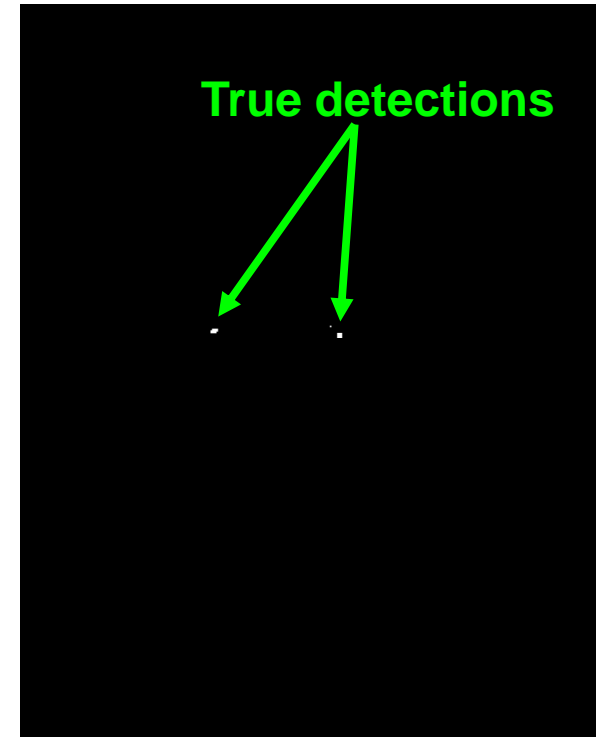
$$h(m, n) = \sum_{k, l} (g(k, l) - f(m + k, n + l))^2 \quad \begin{array}{l} f = \text{image} \\ g = \text{filter} \end{array}$$



Input



1- sqrt(SSD)



Thresholded Image



# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Question: Can this be implemented using linear filters?

$$h(m, n) = \sum_{k, l} (g(k, l) - f(m + k, n + l))^2$$

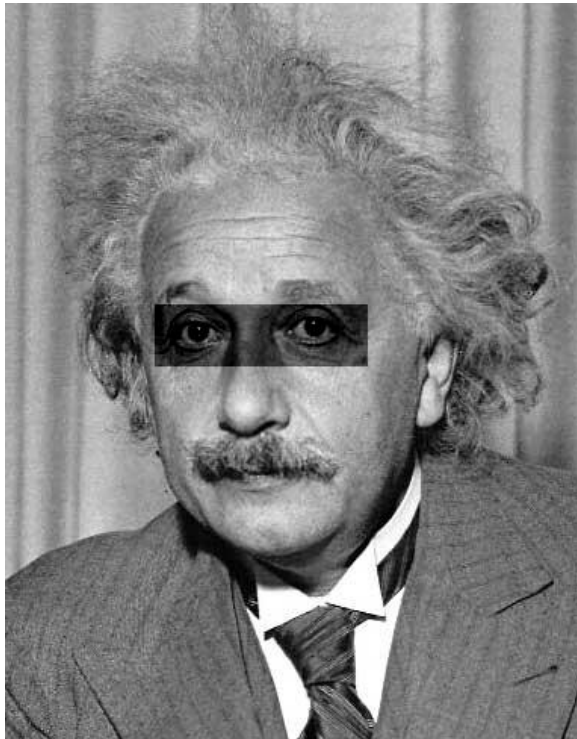


# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Goal: find  in image
- Method 2: sum of squared differences

$$h(m, n) = \sum_{k, l} (g(k, l) - f(m + k, n + l))^2$$

f = image  
g = filter



Input



1- sqrt(SSD)

**Potential  
downside !**

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

- Goal: find  in image
- Method 3: normalized cross-correlation

f = image  
g = filter

$$h(m, n) = \frac{\sum_{k,l} (g(k, l) - \bar{g})(f(m + k, n + l) - \bar{f}_{m,n})}{\sqrt{\sum_{k,l} (g(k, l) - \bar{g})^2 \sum_{k,l} (f(m + k, n + l) - \bar{f}_{m,n})^2}}$$

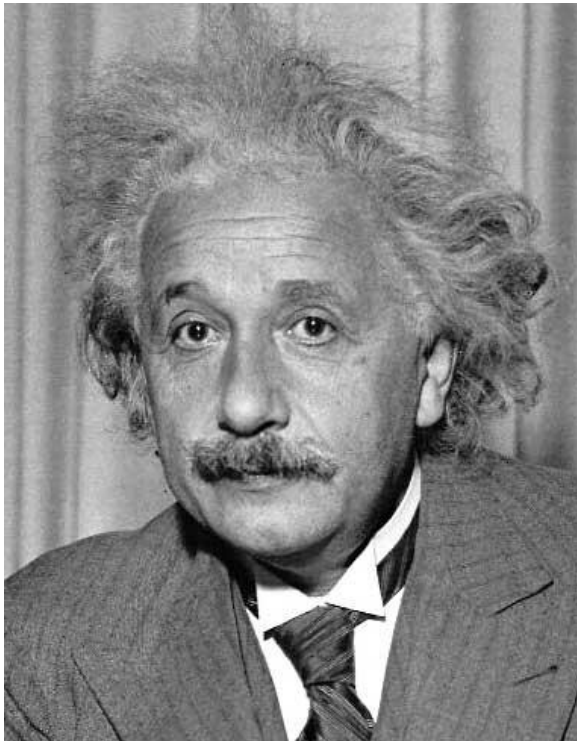
Filter mean                      Image patch mean

↓                                      ↓

Matlab: `normxcorr2(template, im)`

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

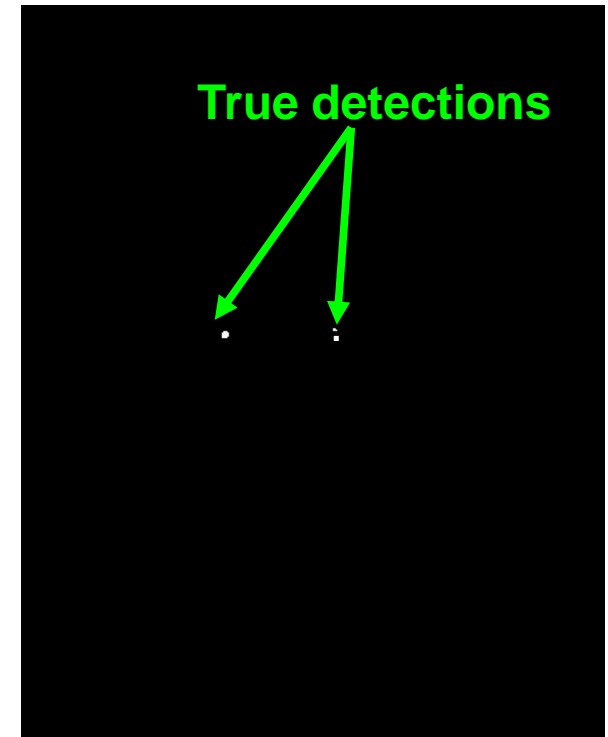
- Goal: find  in image
- Method 3: normalized cross-correlation



Input



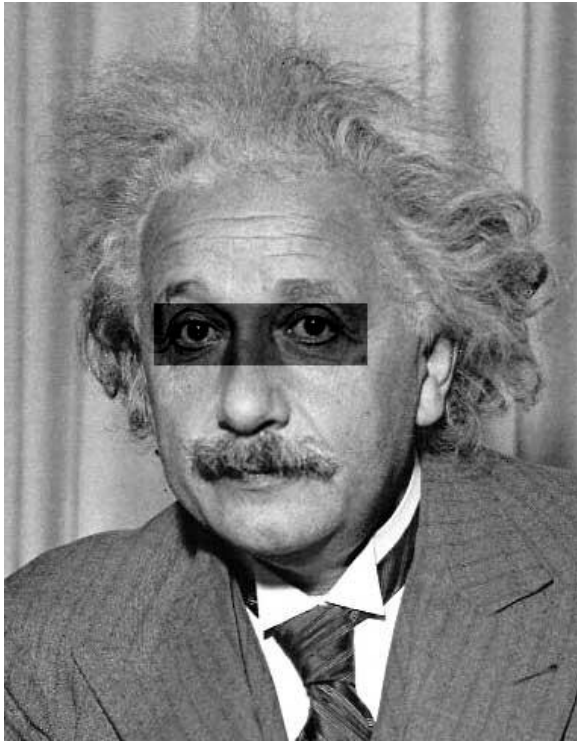
Normalized X-Correlation



Thresholded Image

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

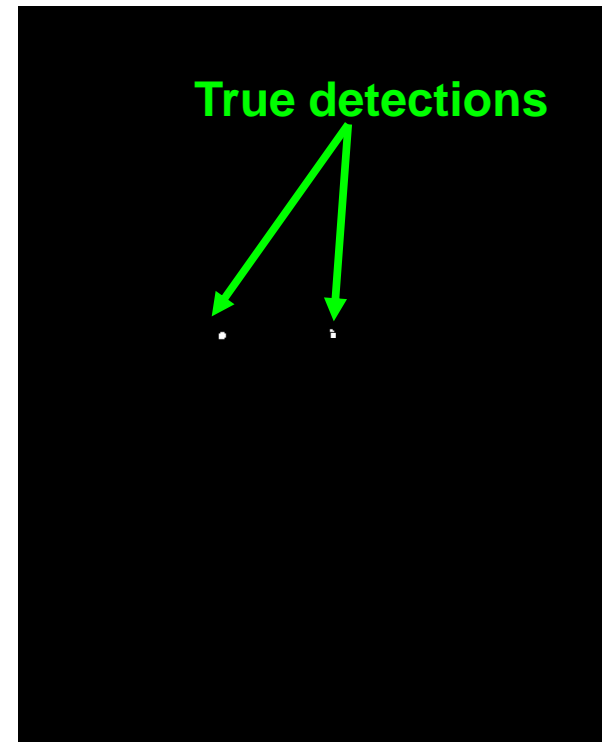
- Goal: find  in image
- Method 3: normalized cross-correlation



Input



Normalized X-Correlation



Thresholded Image

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

Q: What is the best method to use?

A: Depends

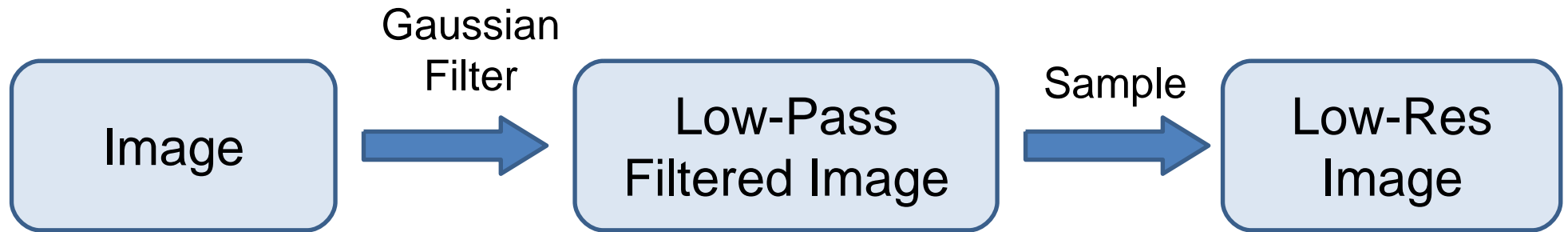
- Zero-mean filter: fastest but not a great matcher
- SSD: next fastest, sensitive to overall intensity
- Normalized cross-correlation: slowest, invariant to local average intensity and contrast

# MATCHING WITH FILTERS

Q: What if we want to find larger or smaller eyes?

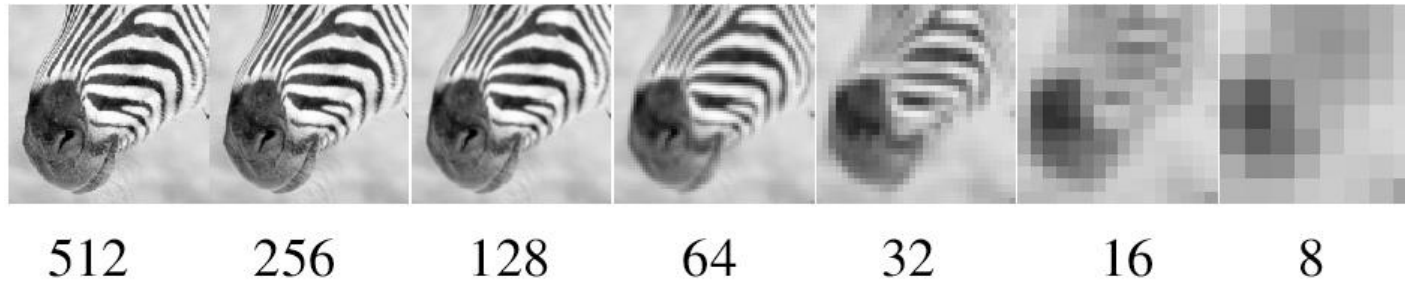
A: Image Pyramid

# REVIEW OF SAMPLING

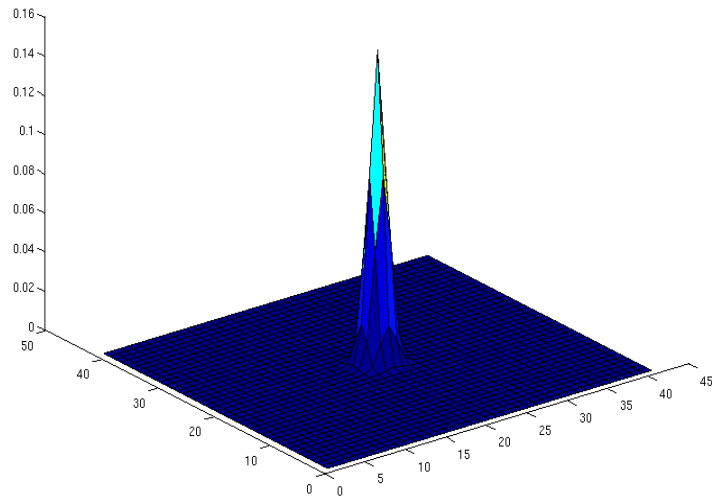




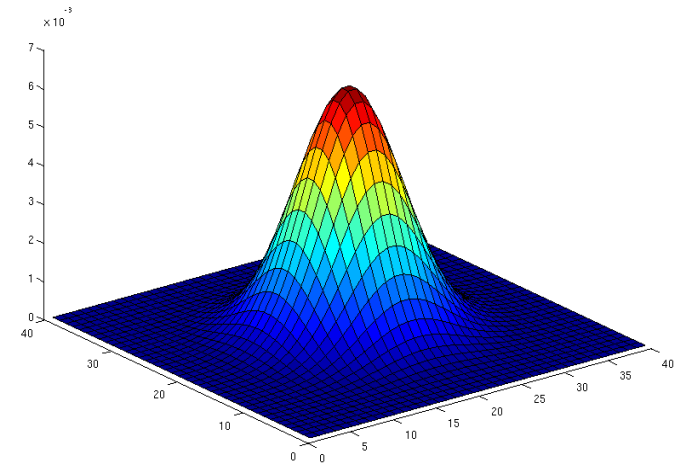
# GAUSSIAN PYRAMID



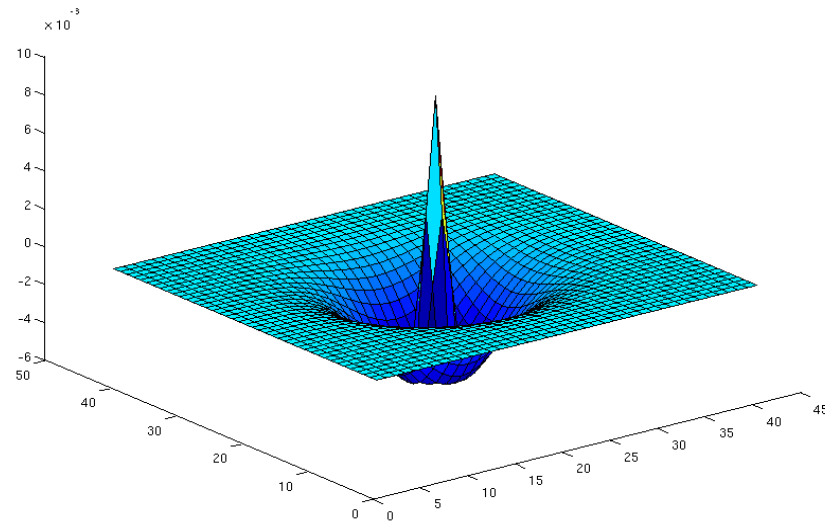
# LAPLACIAN FILTER



Unit response



Gaussian



# LAPLACIAN PYRAMID



512

256

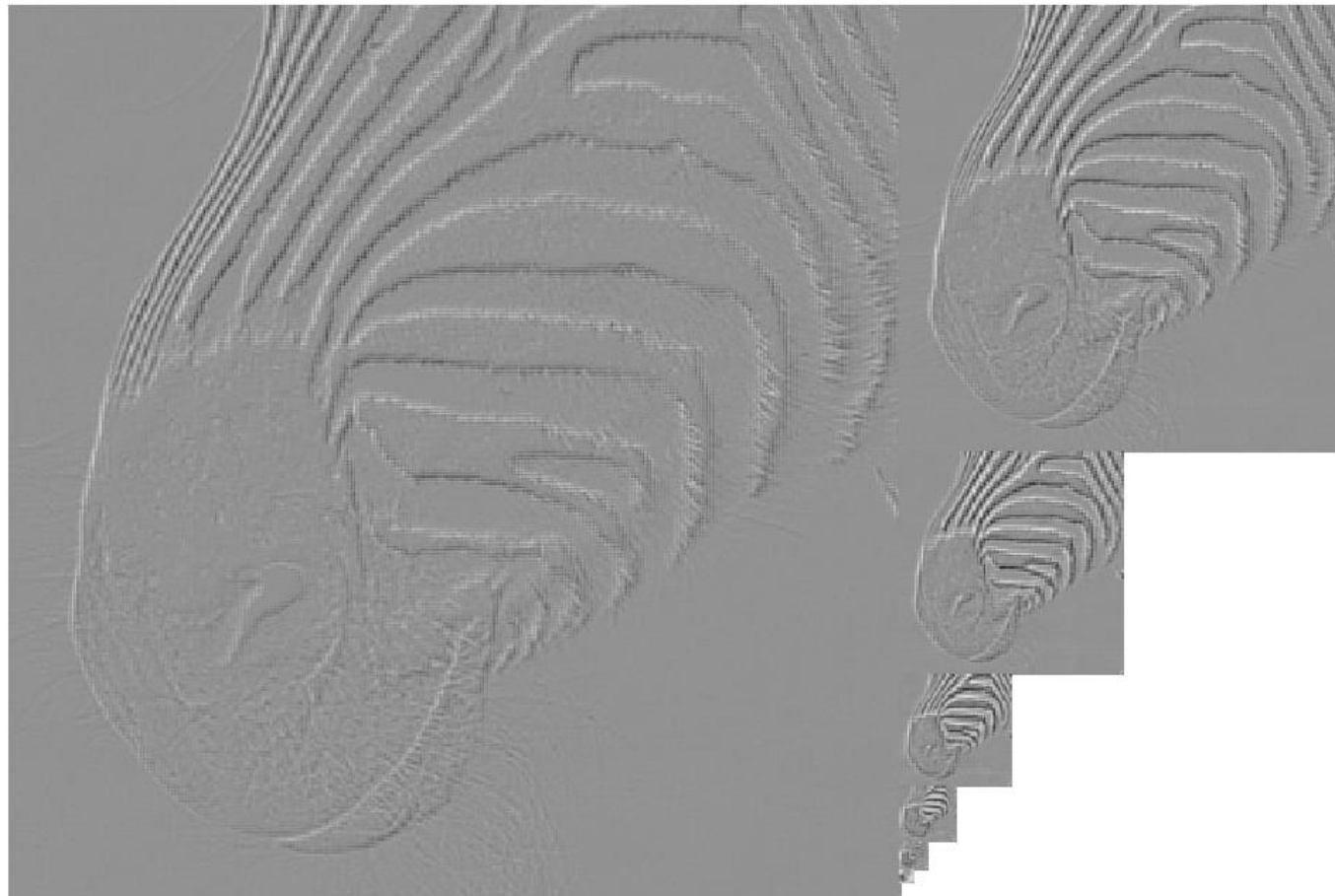
128

64

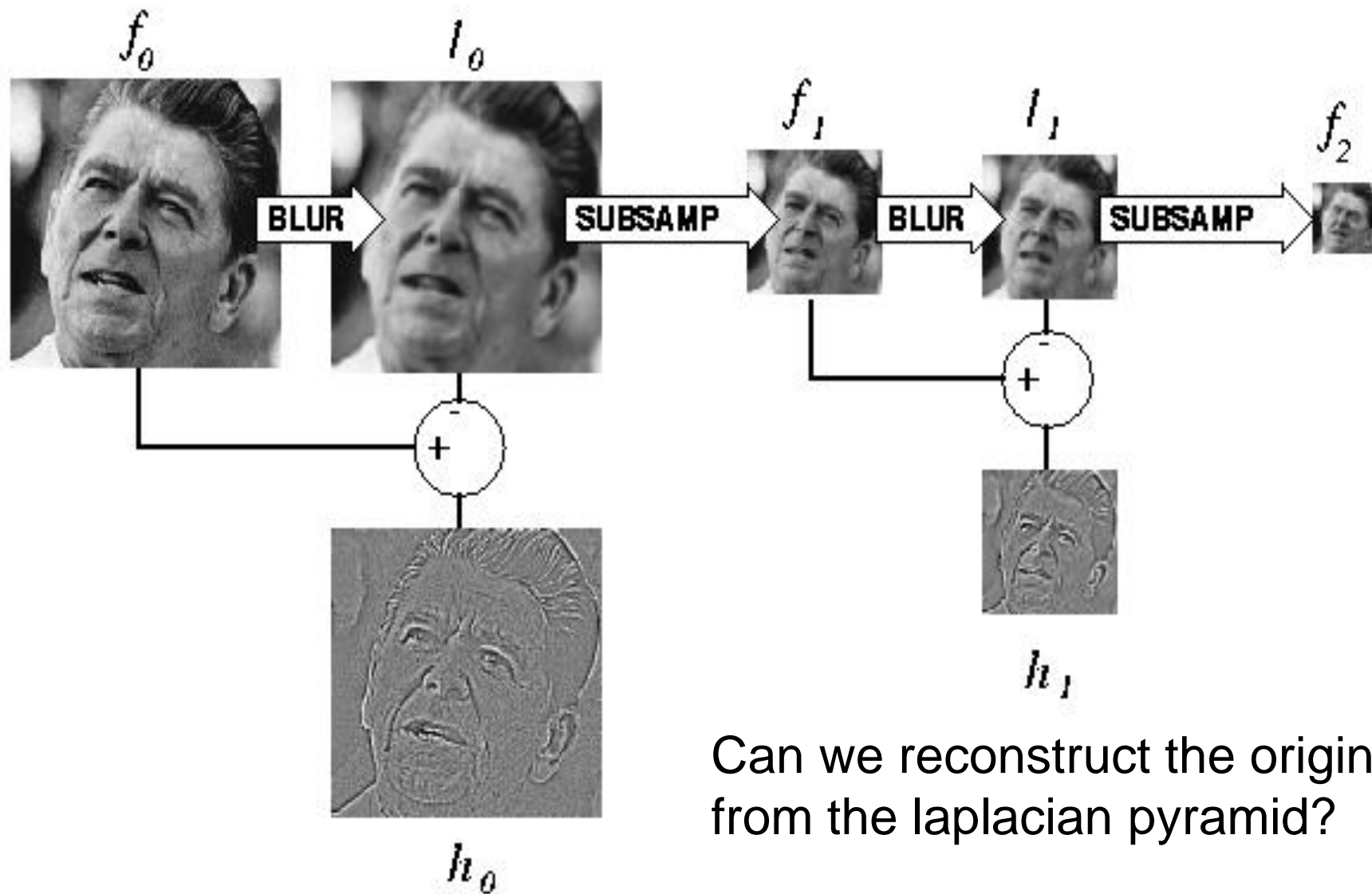
32

16

8



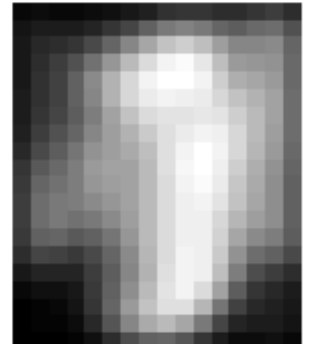
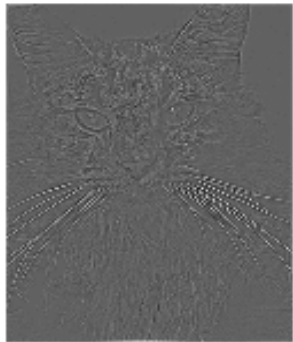
# COMPUTING GAUSSIAN/LAPLACIAN PYRAMID



Can we reconstruct the original from the laplacian pyramid?

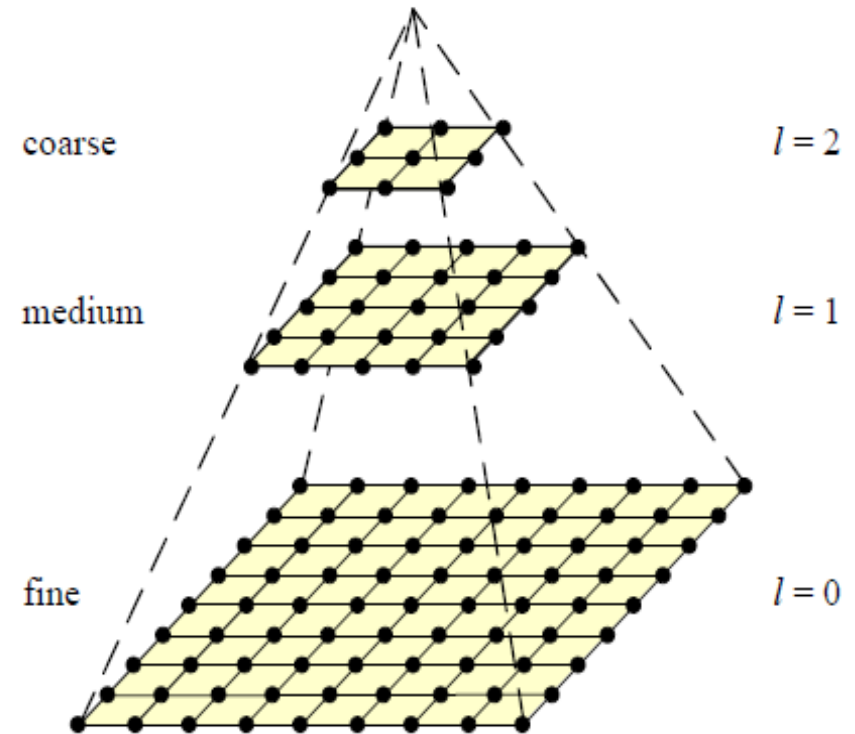
# HYBRID IMAGE IN LAPLACIAN PYRAMID

High frequency  $\rightarrow$  Low frequency



# COARSE TO FINE IMAGE REGISTRATION

1. Compute Gaussian pyramid
2. Align with coarse pyramid
3. Successively align with finer pyramids
  - Search smaller range



Why is this faster?

Are we guaranteed to get the same result?

# DENOISING

Typical noise models:

## Additive

Gaussian noise

Local variance

Poisson

$$I_f = I + \eta, \quad \eta \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

**Shot noise:** Often modeled as a Gaussian

## Other

Salt and pepper

Speckle

$$I_f = I + \eta \cdot I, \quad \eta \in \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$$



# DENOISING ADDITIVE GAUSSIAN NOISE



Additive Gaussian noise (0,1)



Gaussian filter (sigma=1)



Gaussian filter (sigma=3)



Gaussian filter (sigma=6)

# DENOISING S&P WITH GAUSSIAN FILTER



Salt & Pepper noise (20%)



Gaussian filter (sigma=1)



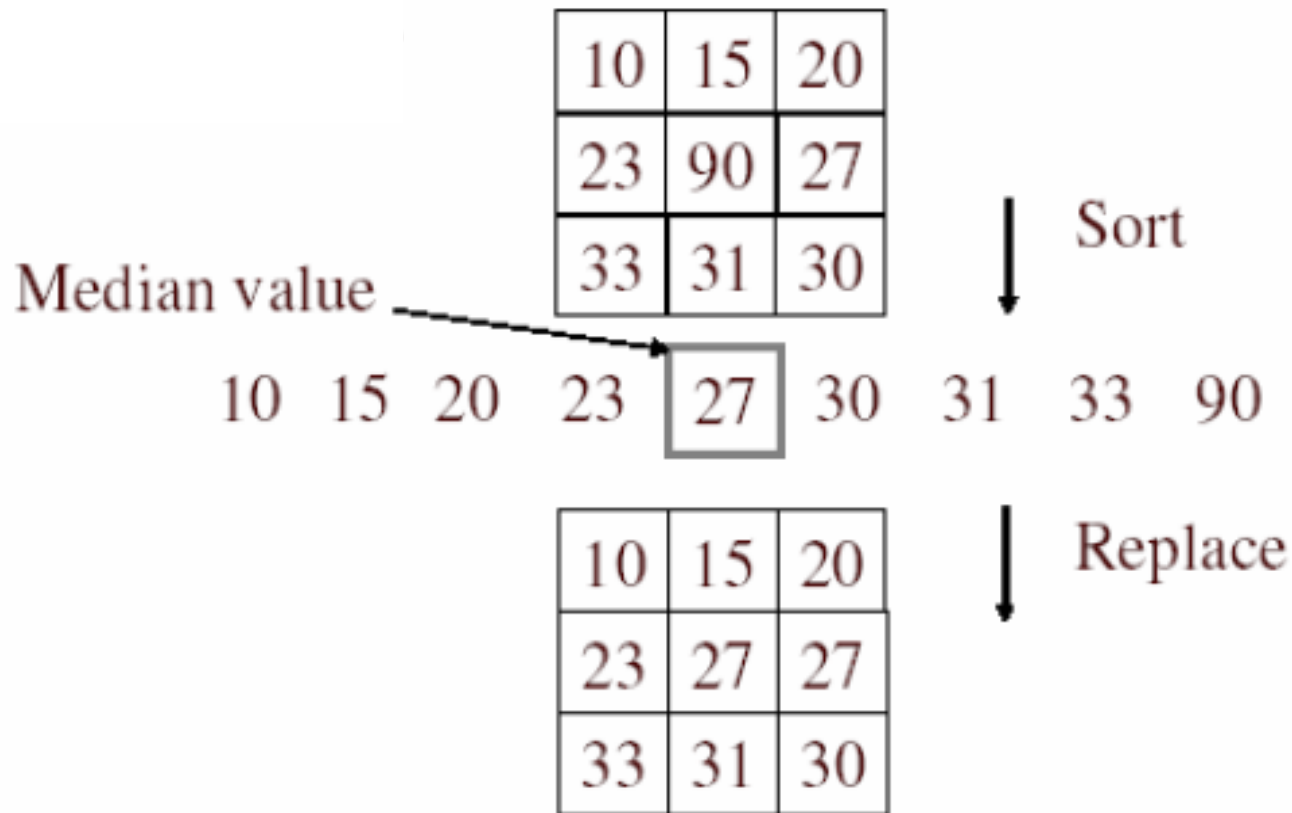
Gaussian filter (sigma=3)



Gaussian filter (sigma=6)

# ALTERNATIVE IDEA: MEDIAN FILTER

- A **median filter** operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window



- Is median filtering linear?



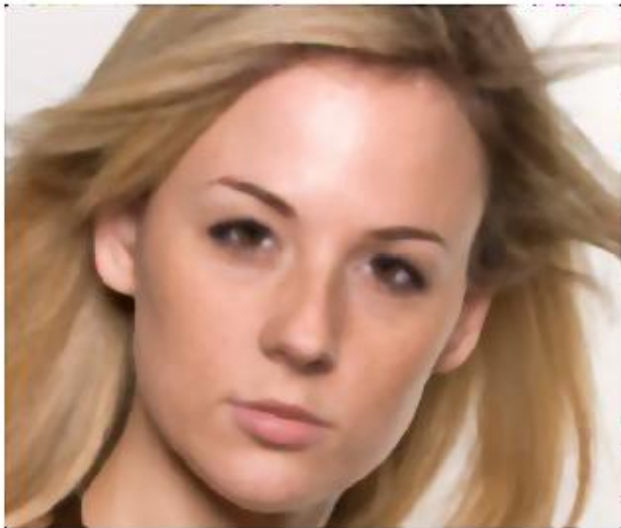
# DENOISING S&P WITH MEDIAN FILTER



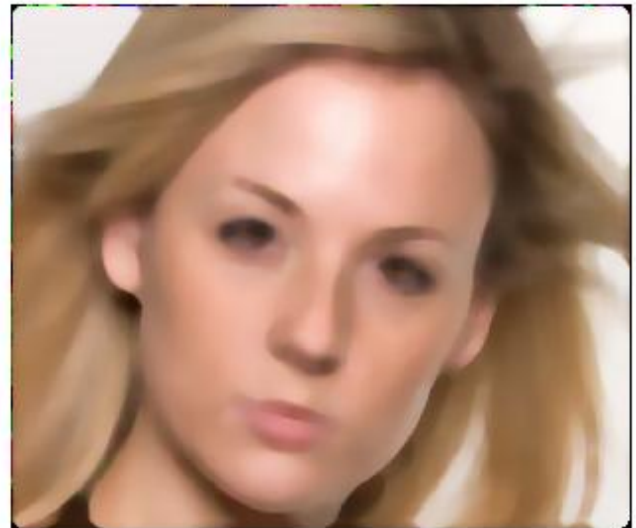
Salt & Pepper noise (20%)



Median filter (w=5)



Median filter (w=10)



Median filter (w=20)

# DENOISING S&P WITH MEDIAN FILTER



CLOSE UP



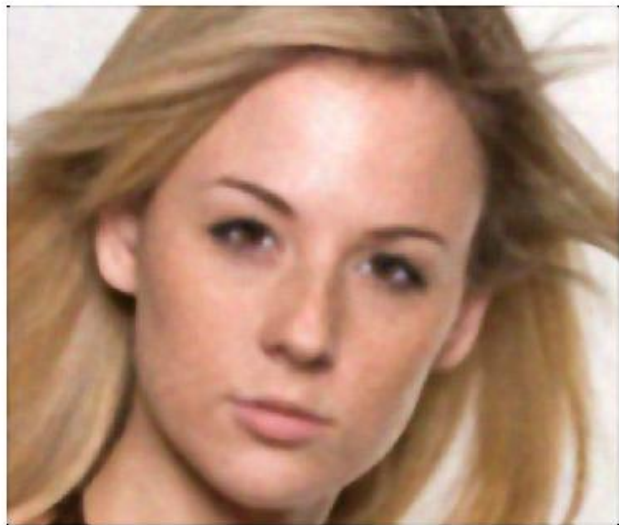
# DENOISING G-N WITH MEDIAN FILTER



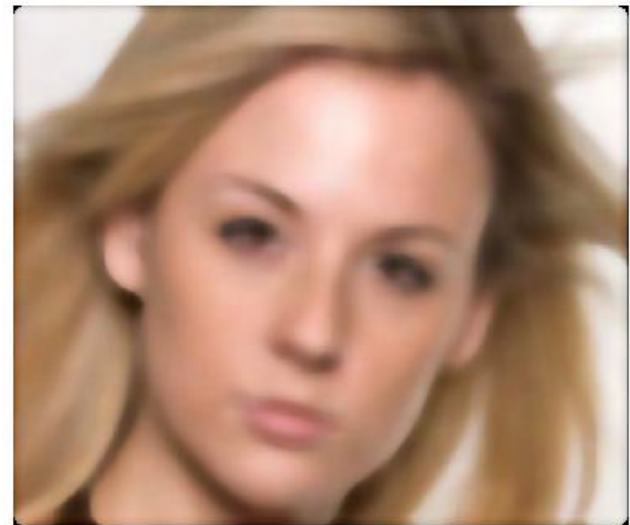
Additive Gaussian noise



Median filter (w=5)



Median filter (w=10)

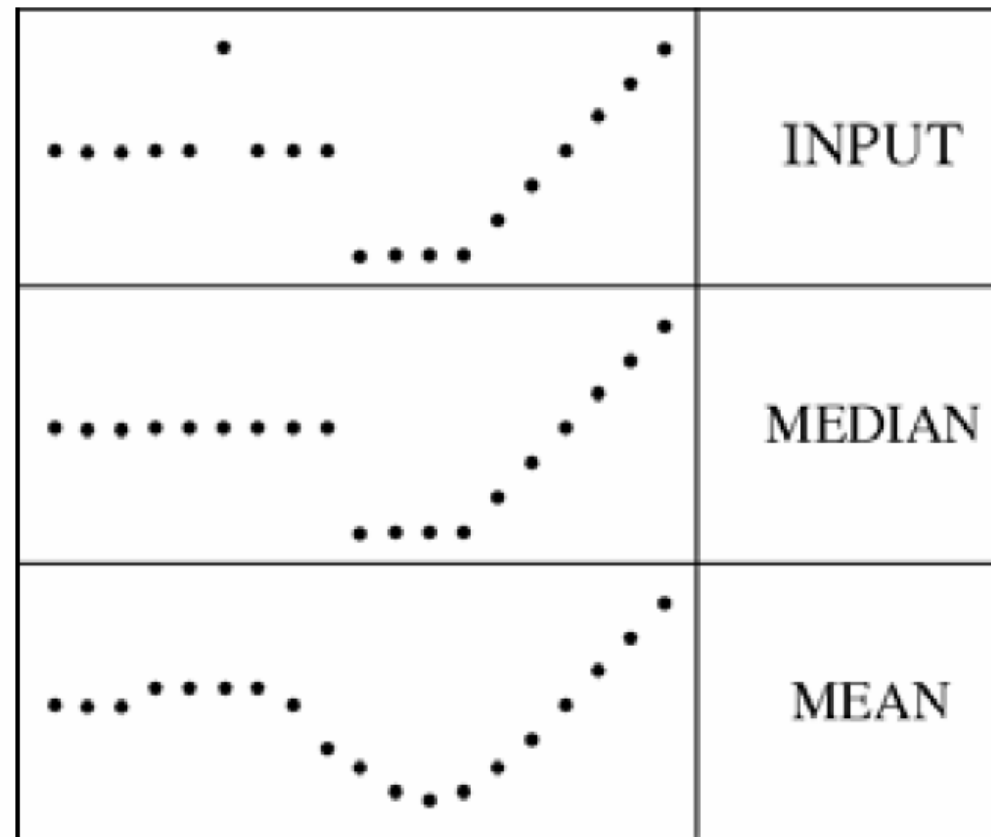


Median filter (w=20)

# MEDIAN FILTER

- What advantage does median filtering have over Gaussian filtering?
  - Robustness to outliers

filters have width 5 :





# ADVANCED FILTERING

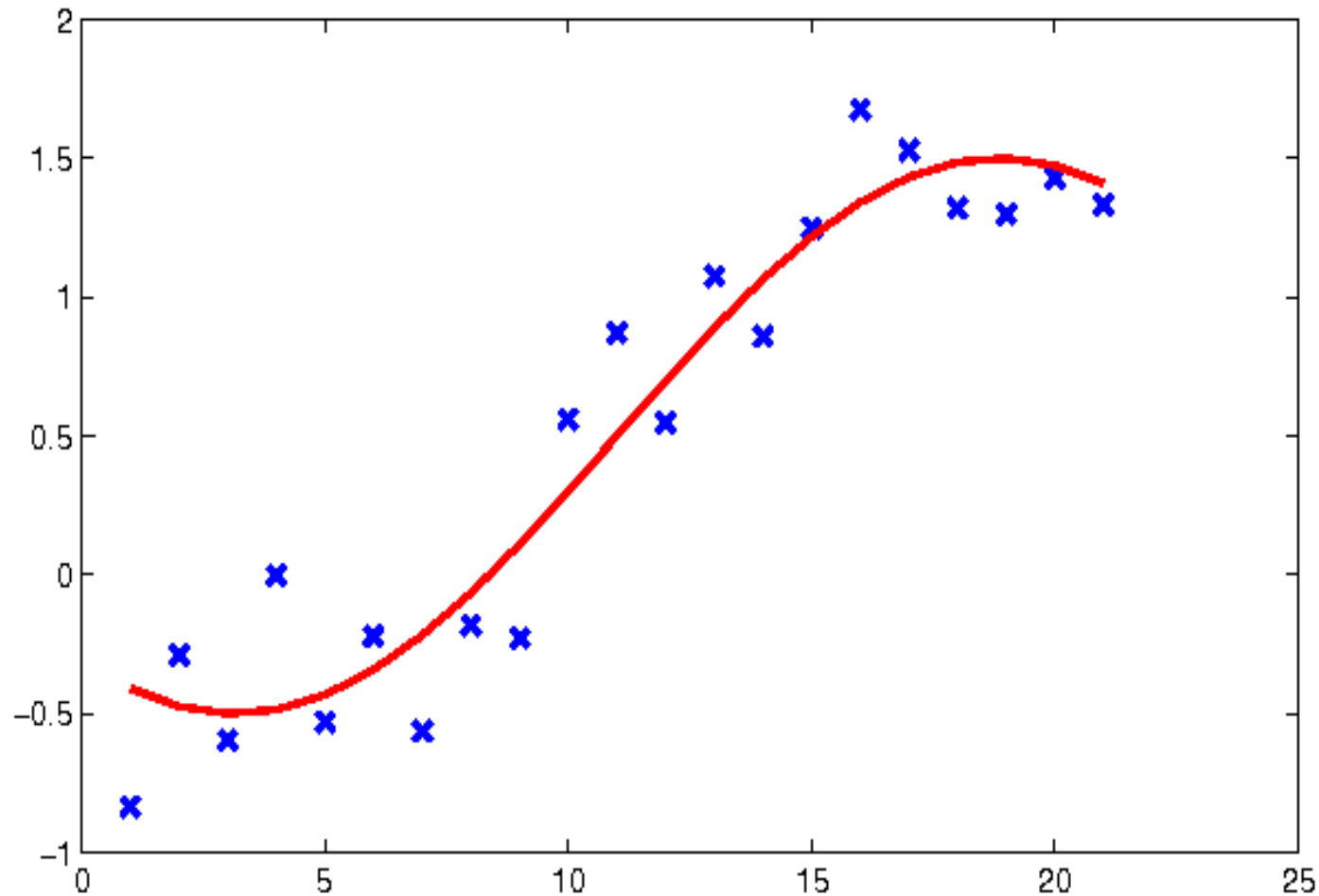
Gaussian and median filtering tend to destroy details.



Would not it be nice to have a filter that smooths but preserve structures?

# RECONSTRUCTION GENERALITIES

The problem of signal reconstruction from observations involves problems such as denoising, deblurring, interpolation, etc.

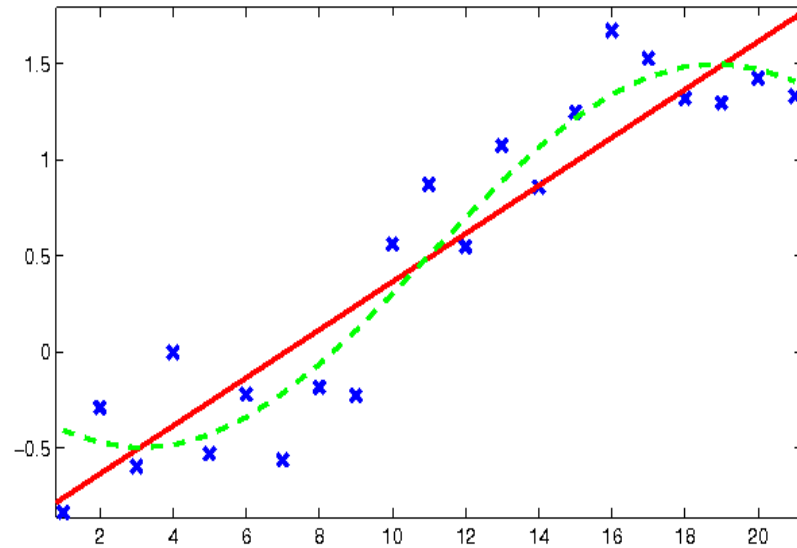


Original signal and noisy sampling.

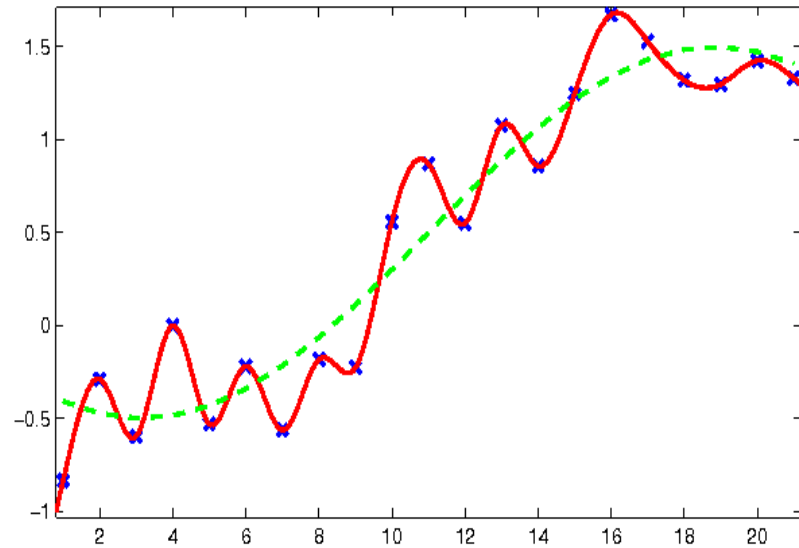
**Goal: To reconstruct the red signal from the blue samples.**

# RECONSTRUCTION GENERALITIES

**Goal: To reconstruct the green signal from the blue samples.**



Reconstruction 1



Reconstruction 2

How can we measure the quality of the reconstruction?

# RECONSTRUCTION GENERALITIES

How can we measure the quality of the reconstruction?

Creating a function representing our dislike or unacceptability about how well the reconstructed function approximates the ideal one.

$$\text{minimize} \quad \phi(y - z)$$

The most well known quality function is:

**Least euclidean norm** (aka Least Squares or Sum of Least Squares)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \quad \|y - z\|_2^2 \\ &= (y - z)^T (y - z) = \sum_i (y_i - z_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

# A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR NON-LINEAR FILTERING

We can easily extend the measure by adding a weight that depends on the position in the image ( $p$ ) and the value of the image pixel ( $y$ )

$$\hat{z}(p_j) = \arg \min_{z(p_j)} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - z(p_j))^2 K(p_i, p_j, y_i, y_j)$$



Measures the similarity  
between two pixels

**Observations:** for each pixel  $j$  we use the weighted value of all the image

# WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES PROBLEM

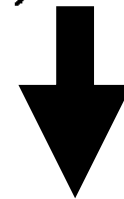
$$\hat{z}(p_j) = \arg \min_{z(p_j)} (y - z(p_j)1_n)^T K_j (y - z(p_j)1_n)$$

where

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \quad 1_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_j = \text{diag} \begin{pmatrix} K(p_1, p_j, y_1, y_j) \\ K(p_2, p_j, y_2, y_j) \\ \vdots \\ K(p_n, p_j, y_n, y_j) \end{pmatrix}$$

# WEIGHTED LEAST SQUARES PROBLEM

$$\hat{z}(p_j) = \arg \min_{z(p_j)} (y - z(p_j)1_n)^T K_j (y - z(p_j)1_n)$$



$$\hat{z}(p_j) = (1_n^T K_j 1_n)^{-1} 1_n^T K_j y$$

$$= \sum_i \frac{K(p_i, p_j, y_i, y_j)}{\sum_i K(p_i, p_j, y_i, y_j)} y_i$$

$$= \sum_i w_{i,j} y_i$$

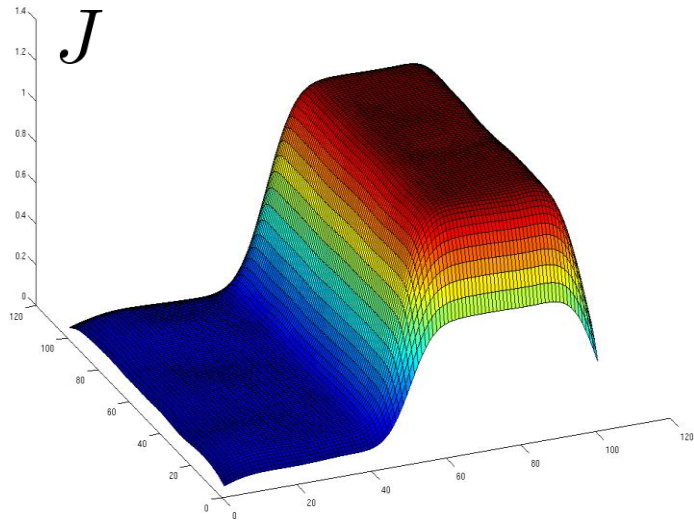
Convex combination  
of all the data

$$= w_j^T y$$

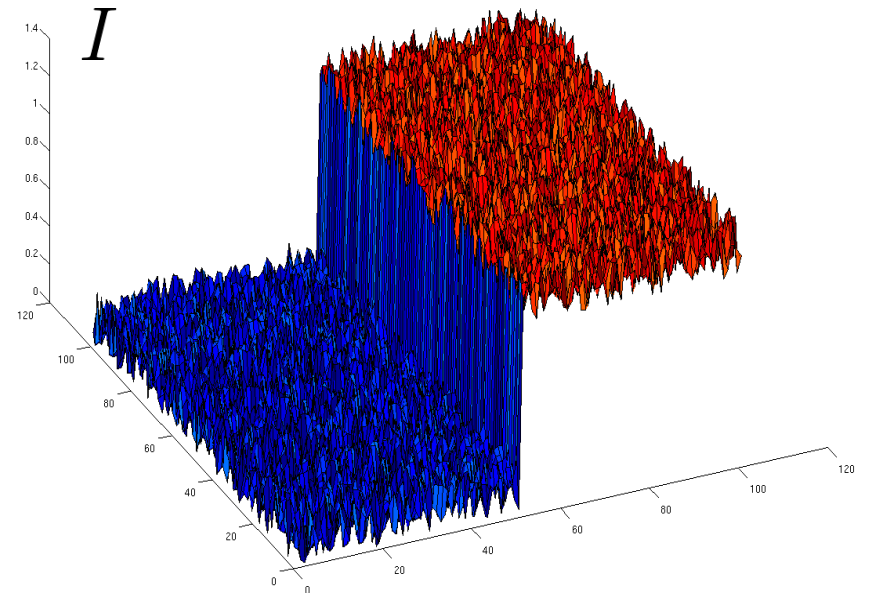
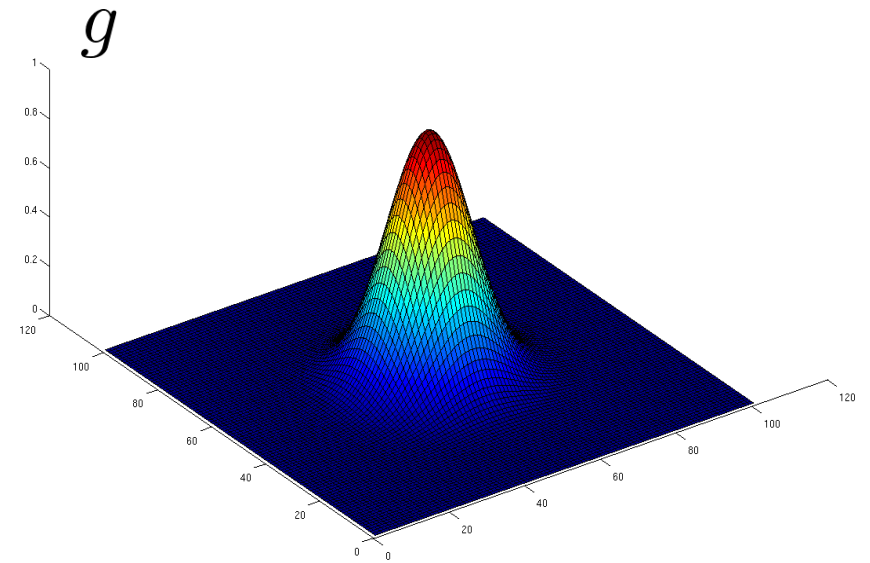


# BILATERAL FILTERING

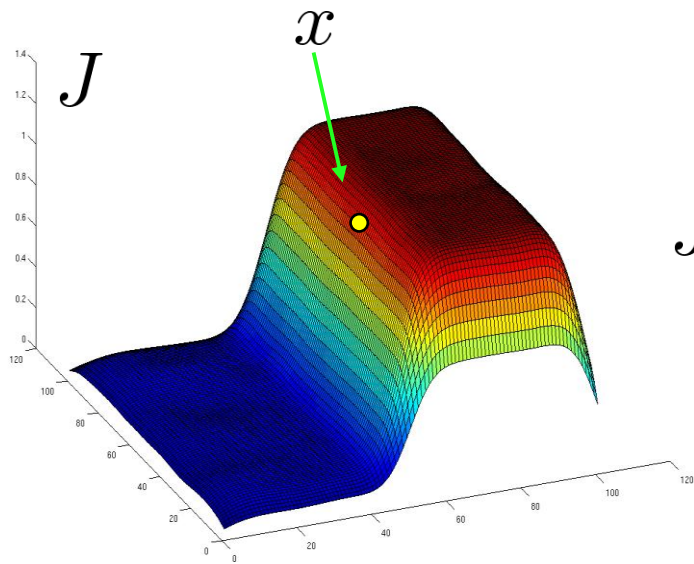
Recall a basic Gaussian filter



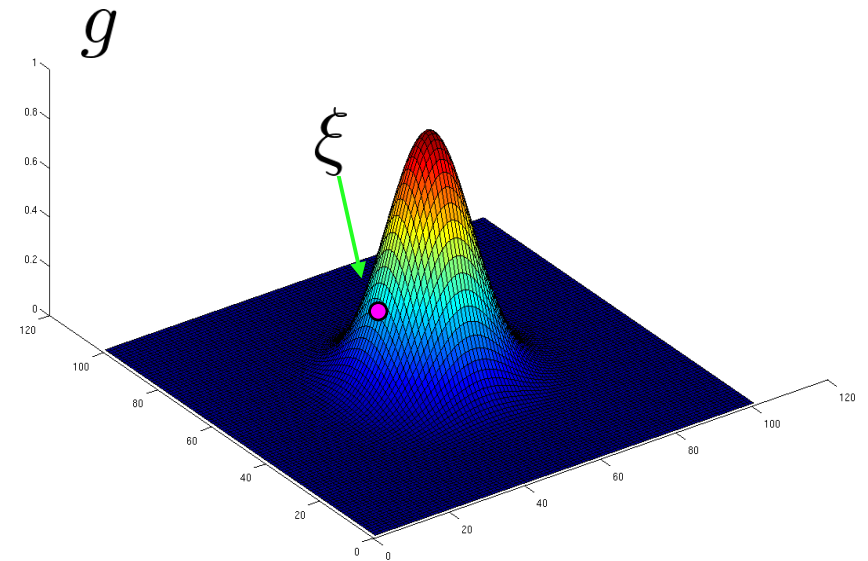
$$J = I \otimes g$$



# BILATERAL FILTERING

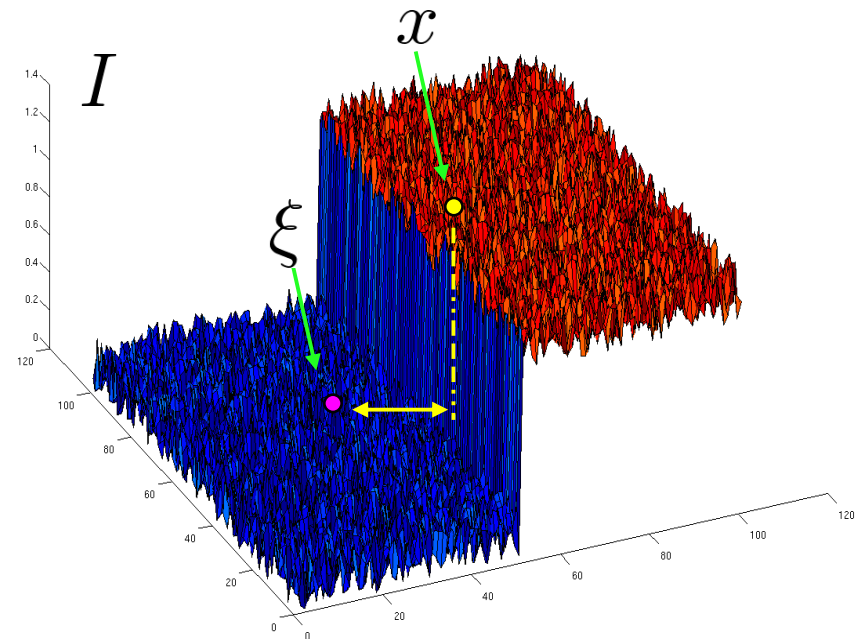


$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} g(\xi, x) I(\xi)$$



Recall a basic Gaussian filter. Observe that it can be seen as a weighted average in which  $g$  encodes the notion of distance.

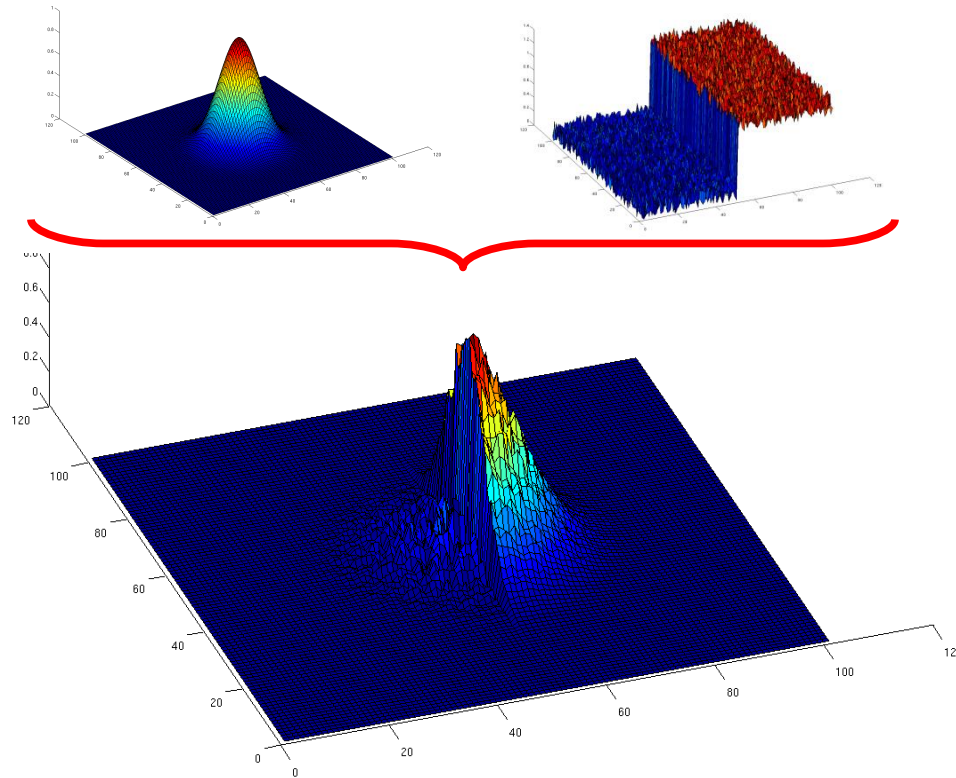
But  $I(\xi)$  pollutes the estimate ... it is so different to  $I(x)$ !!!



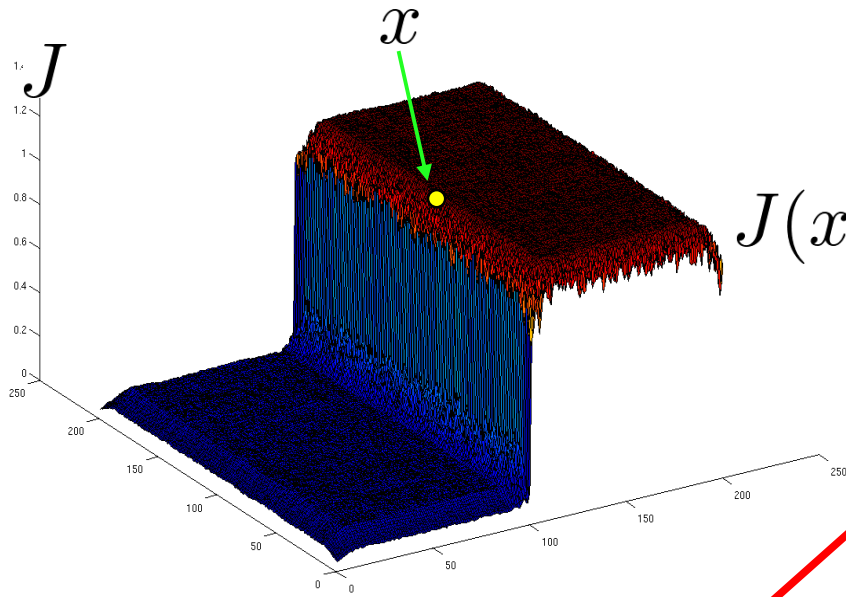
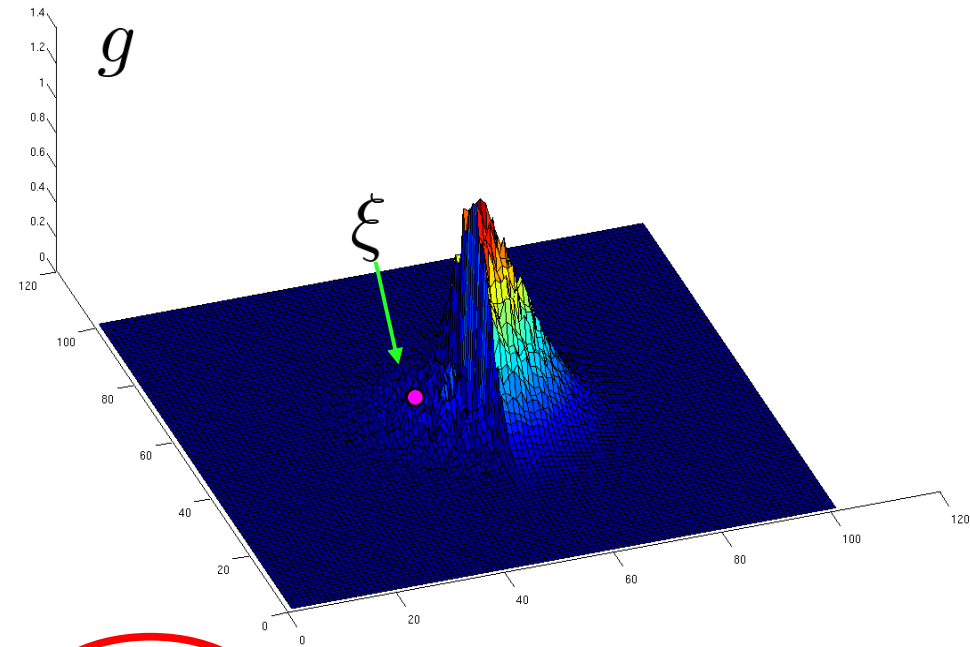
# BILATERAL FILTERING

So, why don't we penalize intensity differences?

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} g_a(\xi, x) g_b(I(\xi) - I(x)) I(\xi)$$

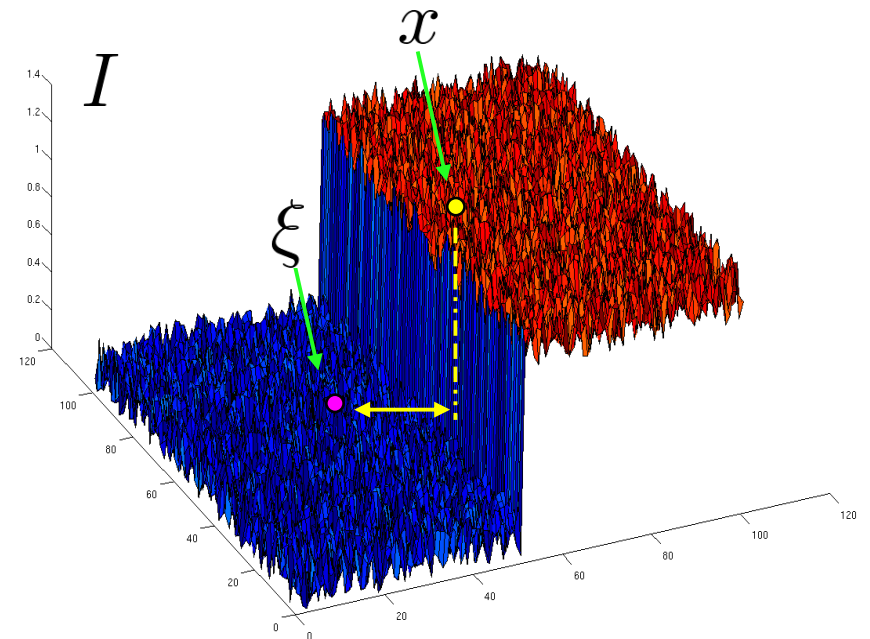


# BILATERAL FILTERING



$$J(x) = \sum_{\xi} g(\xi, x) I(\xi)$$

But this filter changes for each output value!



# BILATERAL FILTERING

Formulation:

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{k(x)} \sum_{\xi} g_a(\xi, x) g_b(I(\xi) - I(x)) I(\xi)$$

$$k(x) = \sum_{\xi} g_a(\xi, x) g_b(I(\xi) - I(x))$$



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