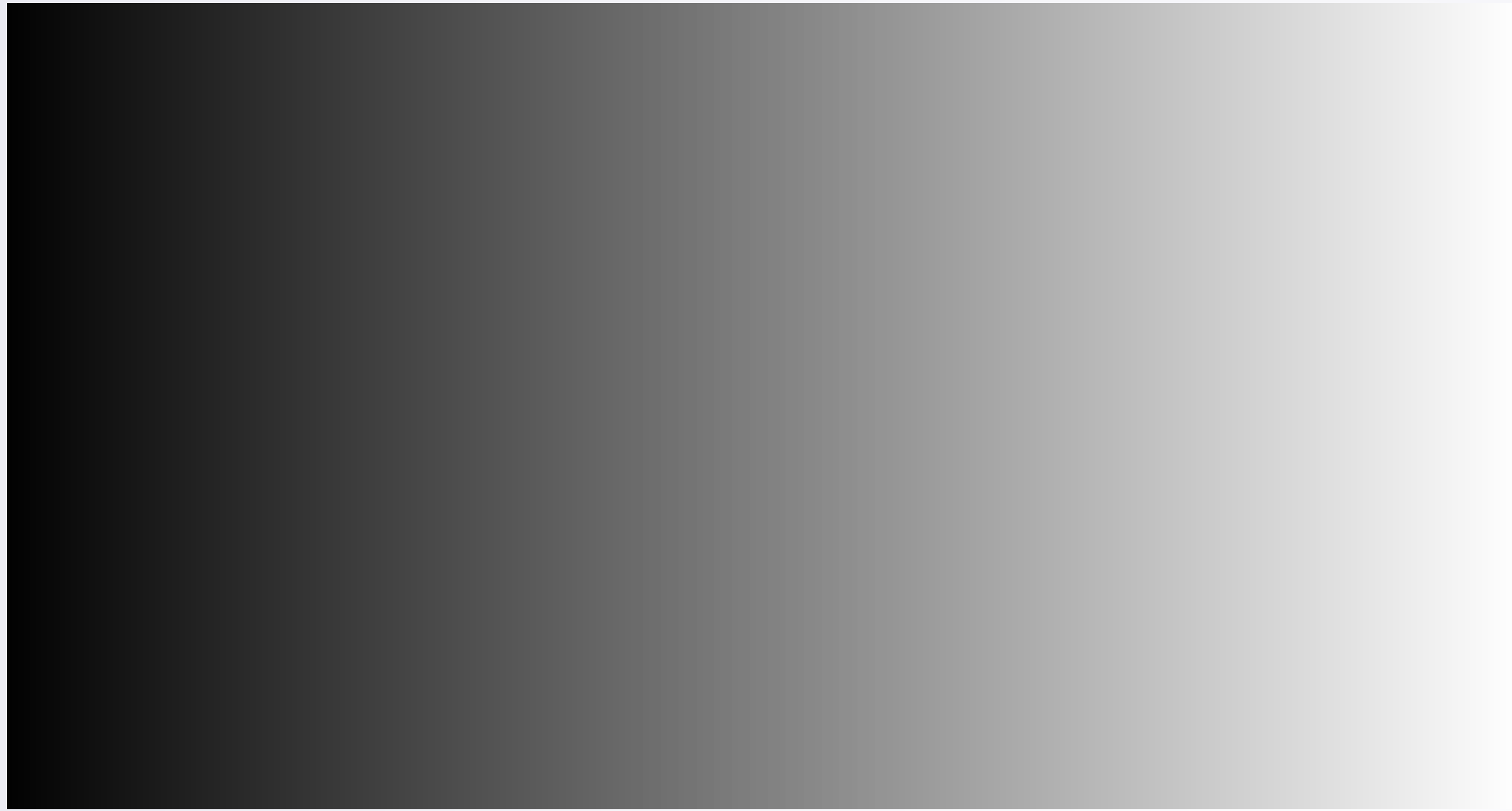


# Grayscale Algorithm

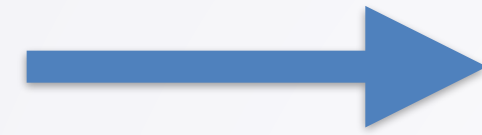
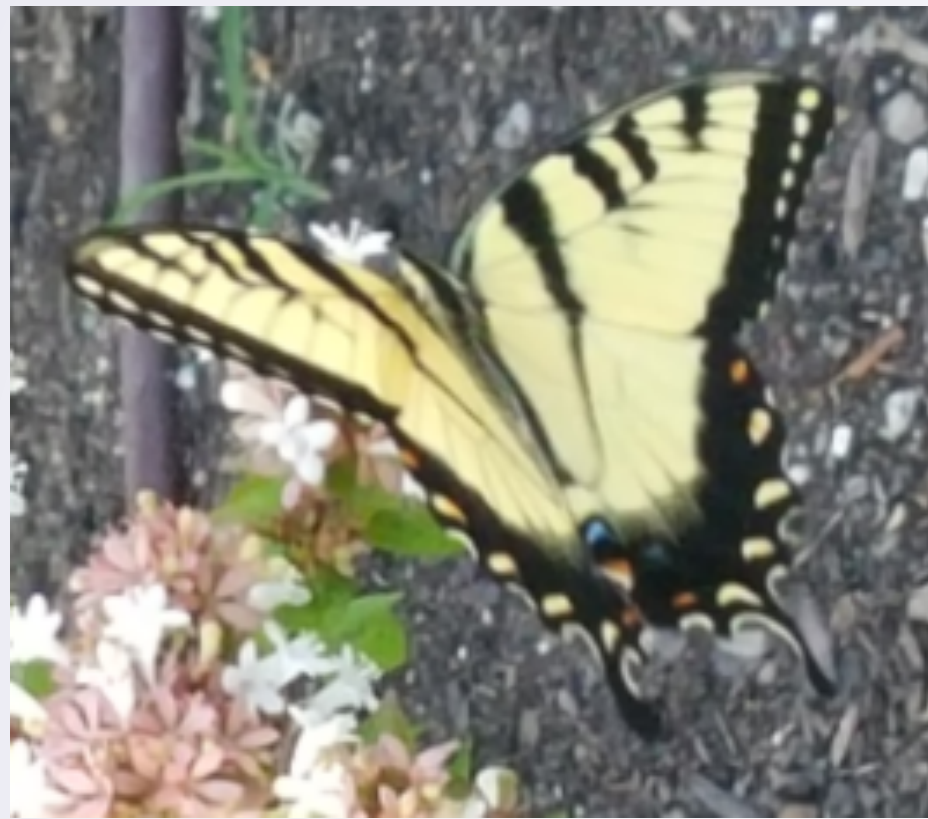
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# Convert Image to Grayscale



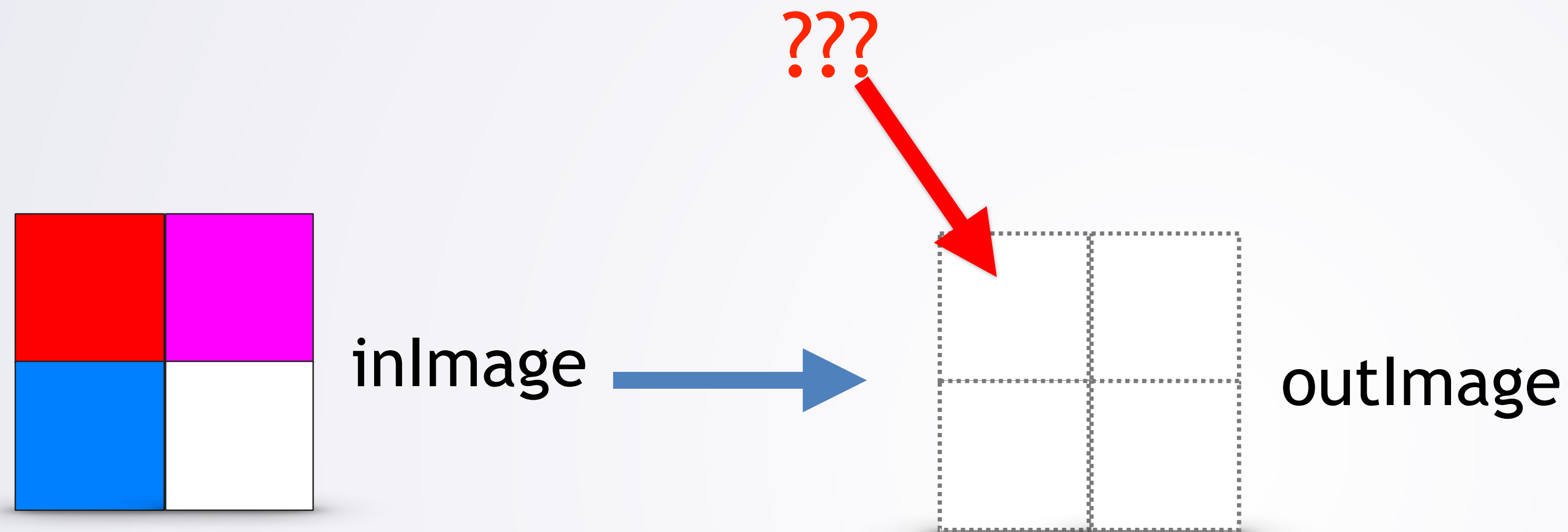
- Problem: grayscale

# Convert Image to Grayscale




- Problem: grayscale
  - Color image  $\Rightarrow$  shades of gray
- 7 Steps

# Step 1: Small Instance by Hand



- Work with a 2x2 image
- Need **domain knowledge**

# Domain Knowledge

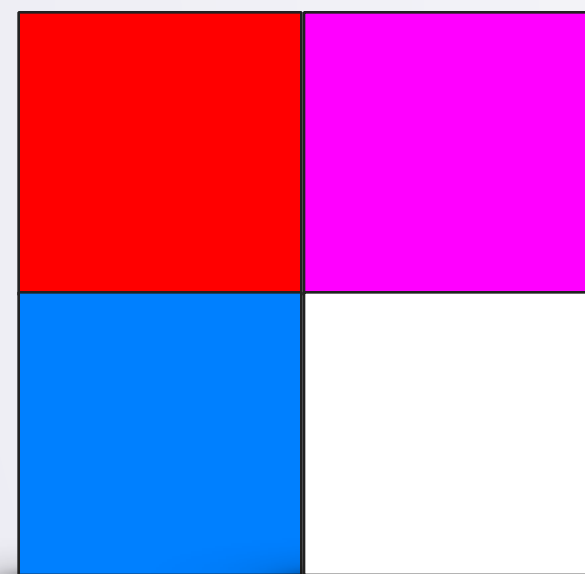
- What is gray?
  - $\text{Red} = \text{Green} = \text{Blue}$
- How to convert RGB to gray?
  - Average?  Simple, works for us
  - Weighted Average?
  - More complex formula?



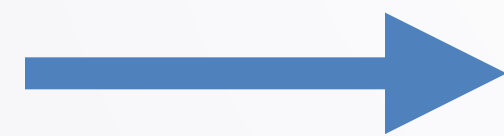
# Step 1: Small Instance by Hand

- Work with a 2x2 image
- Now have domain knowledge

R=255, G=0, B=0



inImage

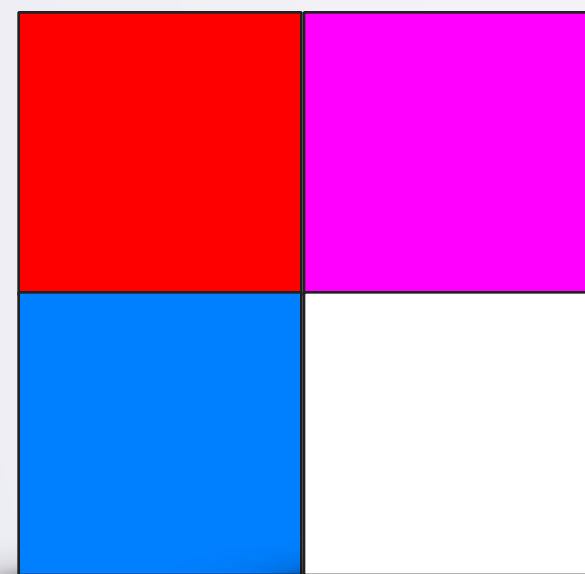


outImage

# Step 1: Small Instance by Hand

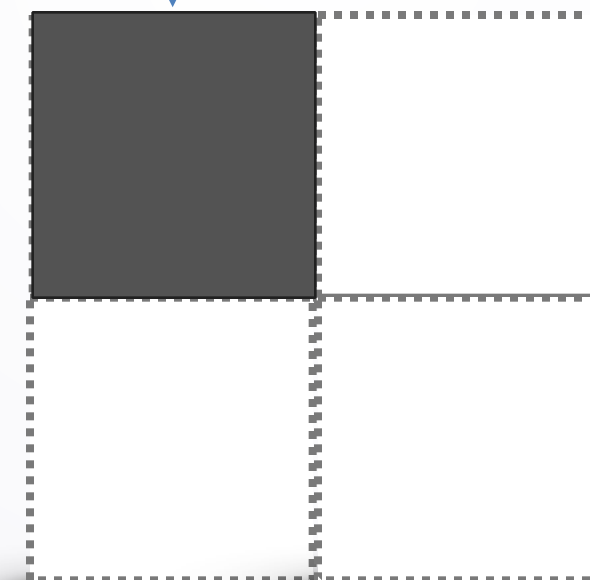
- Work with a 2x2 image
- Now have domain knowledge

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$



inImage

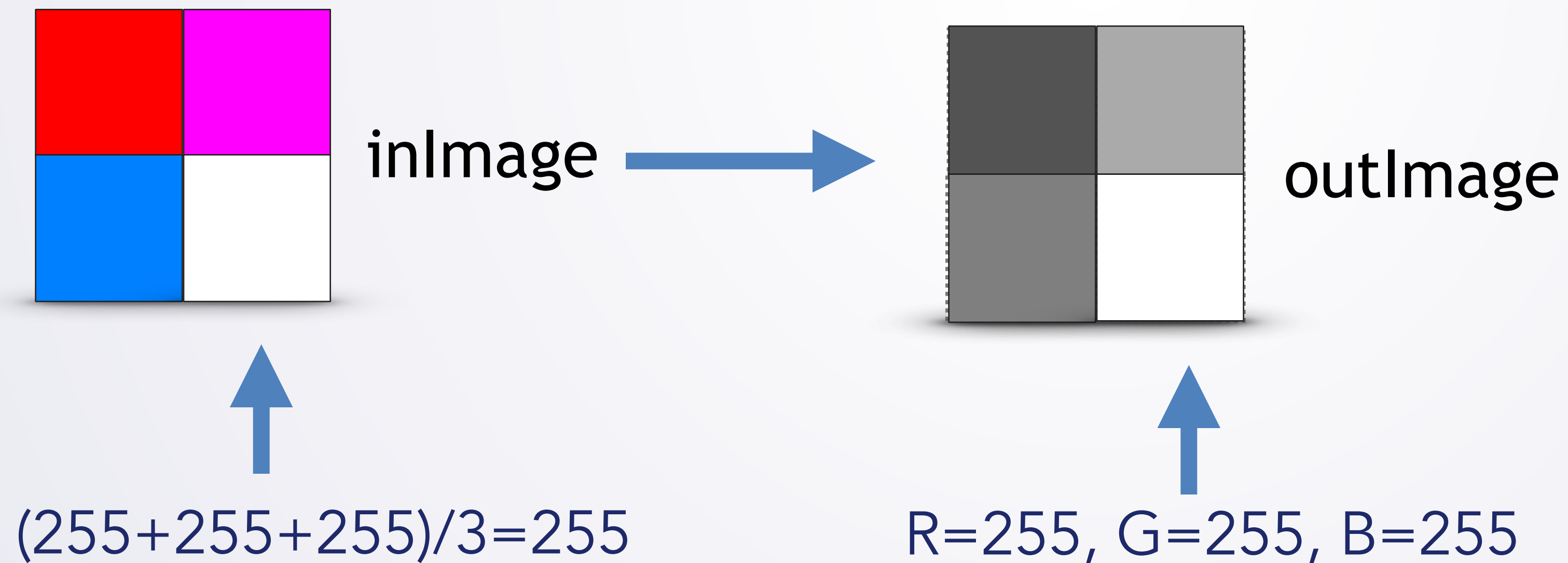
$$R=83, G=83, B=83$$



outImage

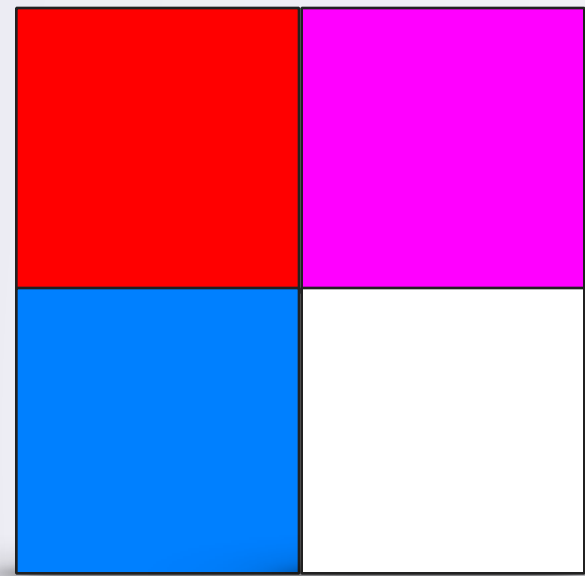
# Step 1: Small Instance by Hand

- Work with a 2x2 image
- Now have domain knowledge



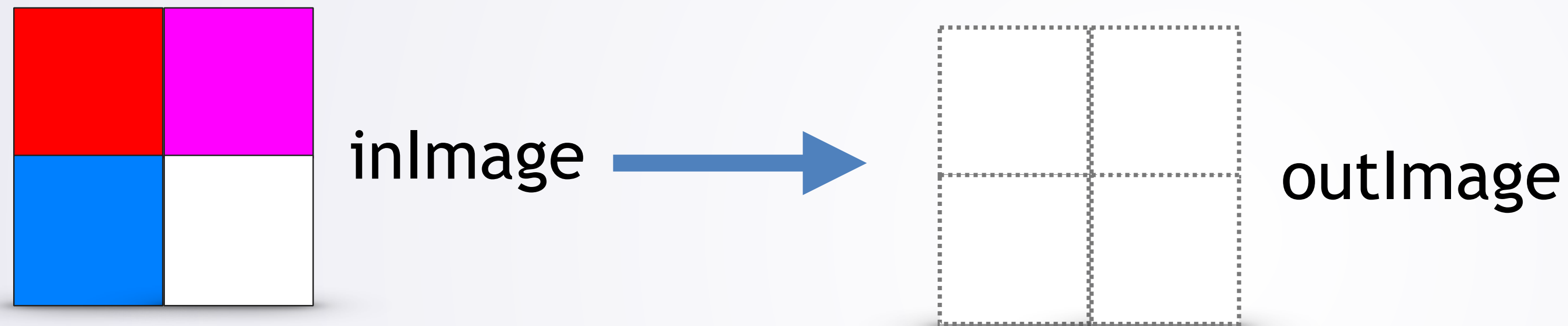


# Step 2: Write Down Steps



- 1 I started with the image I wanted (inImage)

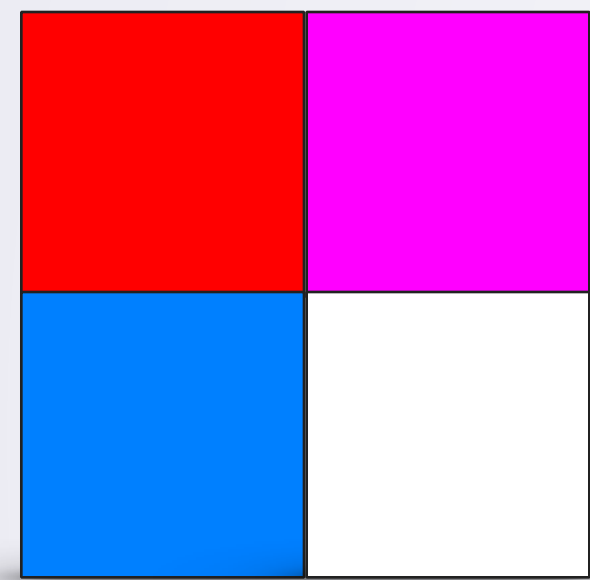
# Step 2: Write Down Steps



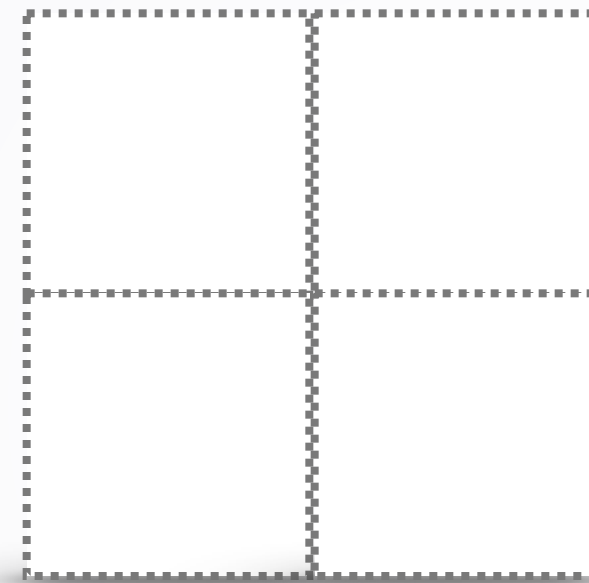
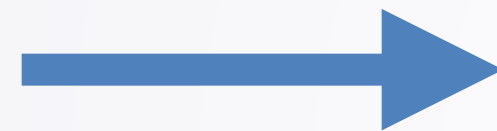
- 2 I made a blank image of the same size (outImage)

# Step 2: Write Down Steps

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$



inImage



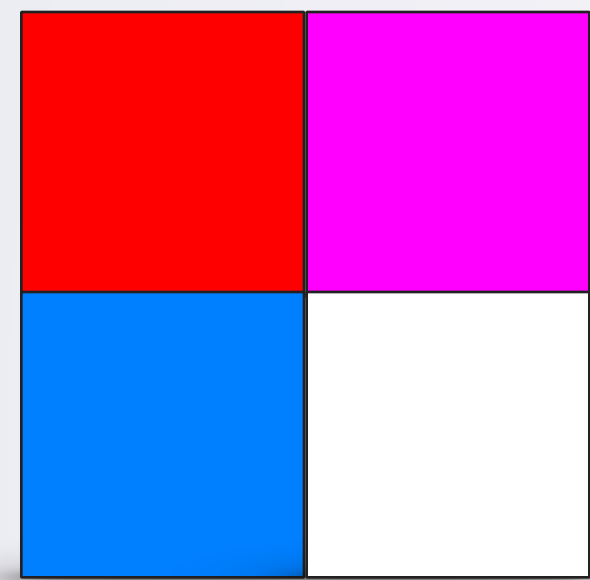
outImage

3 I computed  $(255+0+0)/3=83$

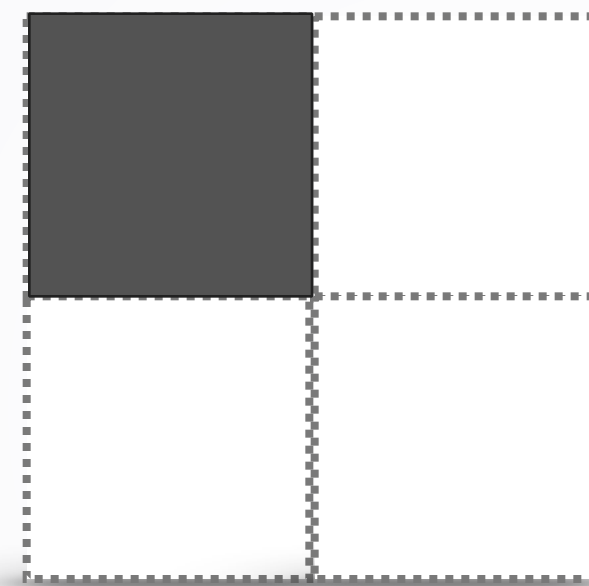
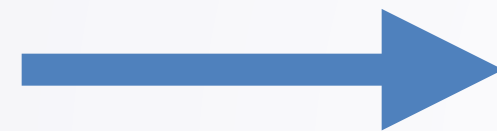
# Step 2: Write Down Steps

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$R=83, G=83, B=83$$



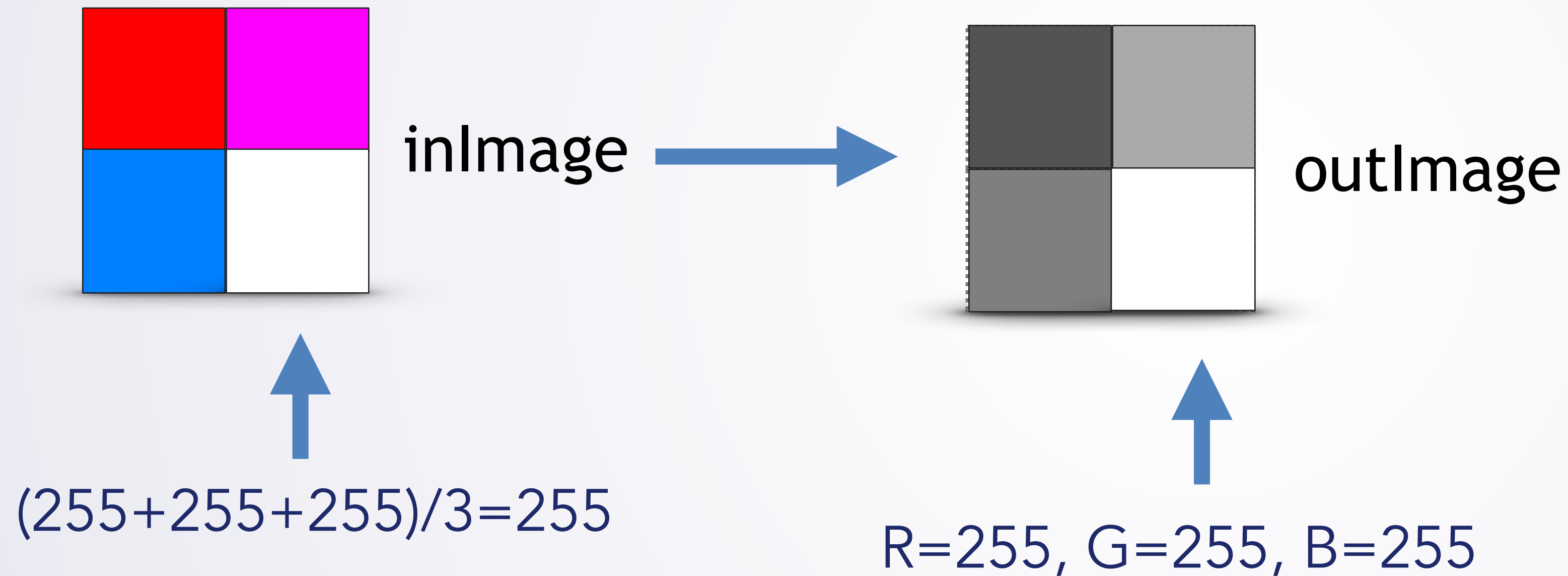
inImage



outImage

- 4 I made the first pixel of outImage  
R=83, G=83, B=83

# Step 2: Write Down Steps



- 10 I made the fourth pixel of outImage  
 $R=255, G=255, B=255$



# Step 2: Write Down Steps

- 1 I started with the image I wanted (inImage)
- 2 I made a blank image of the same size (outImage)
- 3 I computed  $(255+0+0)/3=83$
- 4 I made the first pixel of outImage R=83, G=83, B=83
- 5 I computed  $(255+0+255)/3=170$
- 6 I made the second pixel of outImage R=170, G=170, B=170
- 7 I computed  $(0+128+255)/3=127$
- 8 I made the third pixel of outImage R=127, G=127, B=127)
- 9 I computed  $(255+255+255)/3=255$
- 10 I made the fourth pixel of outImage R=255, G=255, B=255

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

$$(255+0+0)/3=83 \quad \text{Why 255 here?}$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127 \quad \text{Why 0?}$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

Corresponding pixel in inImage's red

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

$$(255+0+0)/3=83 \quad \text{Why 0 here?}$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127 \quad \text{Why 128?}$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255 \quad \text{Why 255?}$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

Corresponding pixel in inImage's green

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$



# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

Corresponding pixel in inImage's blue

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns

We need to give a name.

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

Look for repetitions and patterns  
(R+G+B)/3 is always "average"

$$(255+0+0)/3=83$$

$$(255+0+255)/3=170$$

$$(0+128+255)/3=127$$

$$(255+255+255)/3=255$$

# Step 3: Find Patterns

- 1 I started with the image I wanted (inImage)
- 2 I made a blank image of the same size (outImage)
- 3 For each pixel in outImage
  - a Look at the corresponding pixel in inImage (inPixel):
  - b Compute inPixel's red + inPixel's green + inPixel's blue
  - c Divide that sum by 3 (call it average)
  - d Set pixel's red to average
  - e Set pixel's green to average
  - f Set pixel's blue to average
- 4 outImage is your answer

# Step 4: Test Algorithm

- ① I started with the image I wanted (inImage)
- ② I made a blank image of the same size (outImage)
- ③ For each pixel in outImage
  - a Look at the corresponding pixel in inImage (call it inPixel)
  - a Compute inPixel's red + inPixel's green + inPixel's blue
  - b Divide that sum by 3 (call it average)
  - c set pixel's red to average
  - d Set pixel's green to average
  - e set pixel's blue to average
- ④ outImage is your answer

Now it's your turn.  
Think about if your  
answer is right



Yes. Answer is right!  
Now let's write code

