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## Image Processing

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# What is image processing

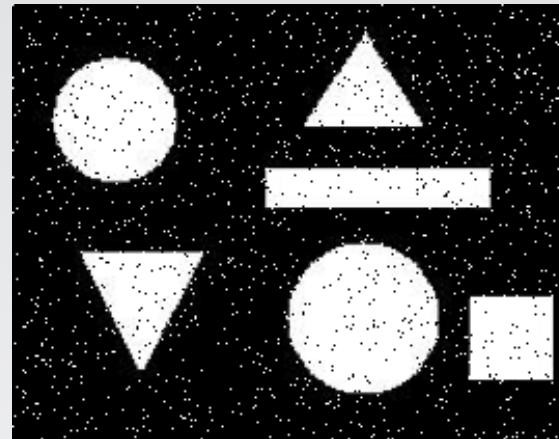
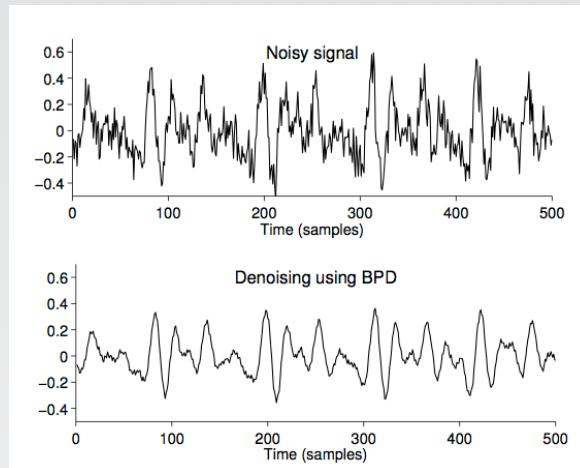


Image Processing usually involves a 2-D or 3-D images but has its roots in Signal Processing.

Signal processing is the science of transferring information contained in many different physical, symbolic, or abstract formats.

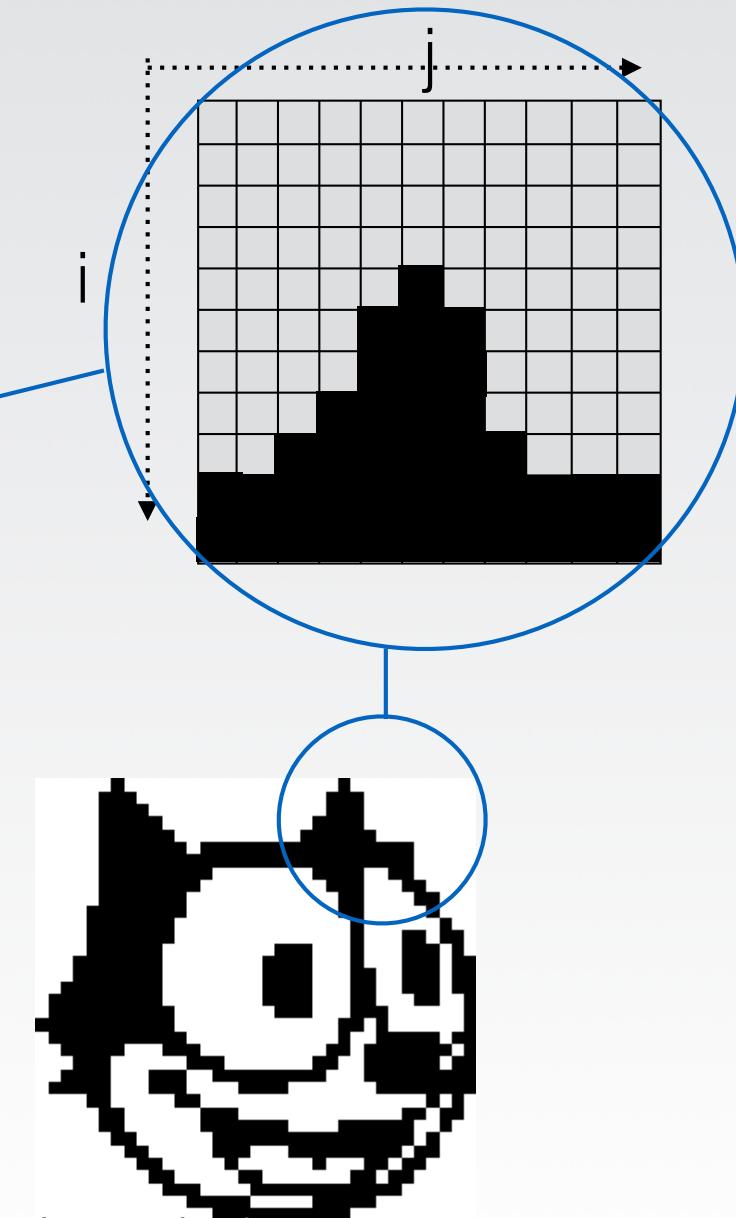
Usually we are trying to extract some type of meaning from our data, we process it to declutter our signal or focus on a particular aspect.

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# Image representation recap: Binary Image

Computer images are 2D arrays of numbers:

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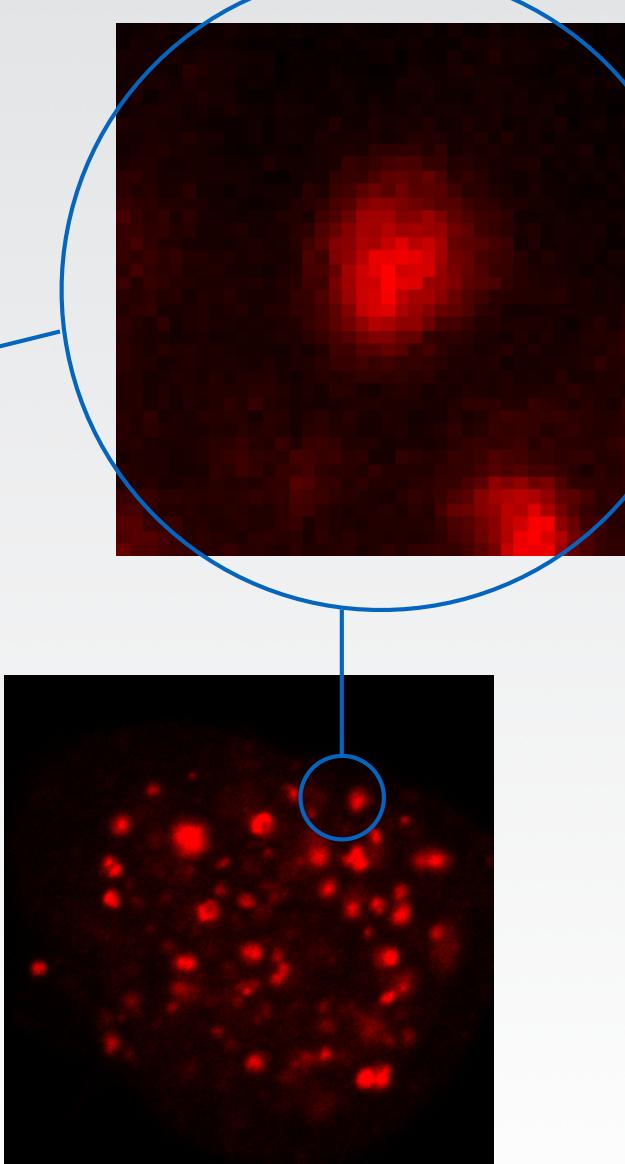


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# Image representation recap: Grayscale Image

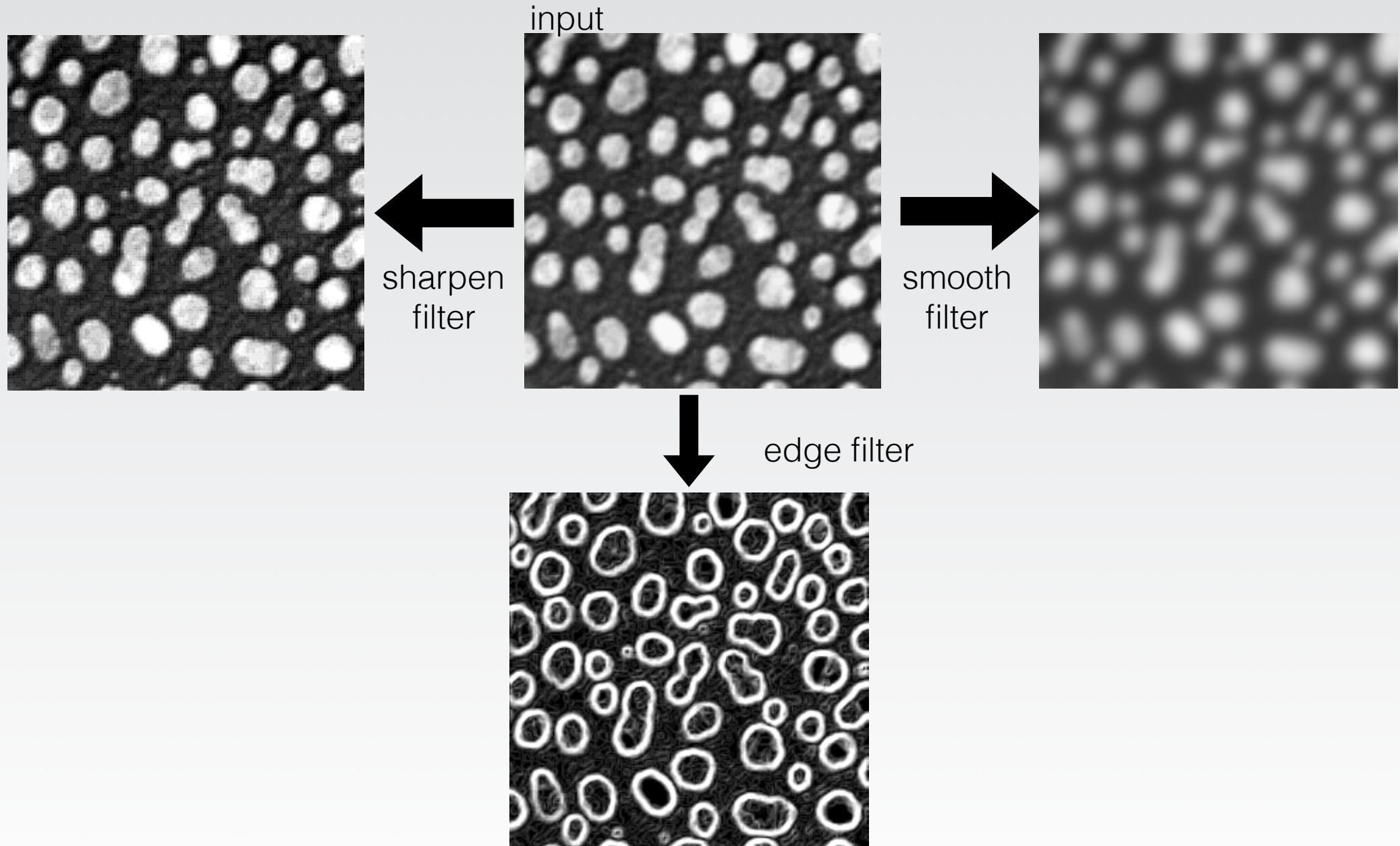
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# Image processing: Image Filtering



# Linear and non-linear filtering.

## Linear Filters

- mean filter
- Gaussian filter
- Sobel filter
- Prewitt filter
- Haar-like filter
- Gabor filter
- Difference of Gaussians

## non-linear filters

- median filter
- percentile filter
- maximum filter
- minimum filter

# Convolution - recap used for linear filtering

**continuous convolution operator**

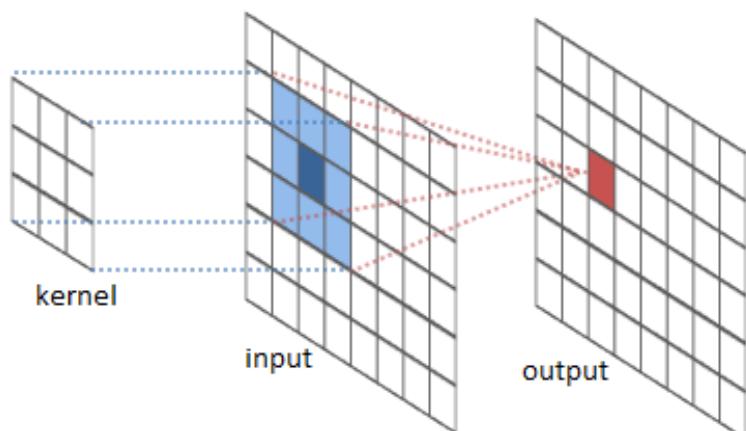
$$(f * g)(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

**discrete convolution operator**

$$w(x, y) \star f(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x + s, y + t)$$

$$1/9 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

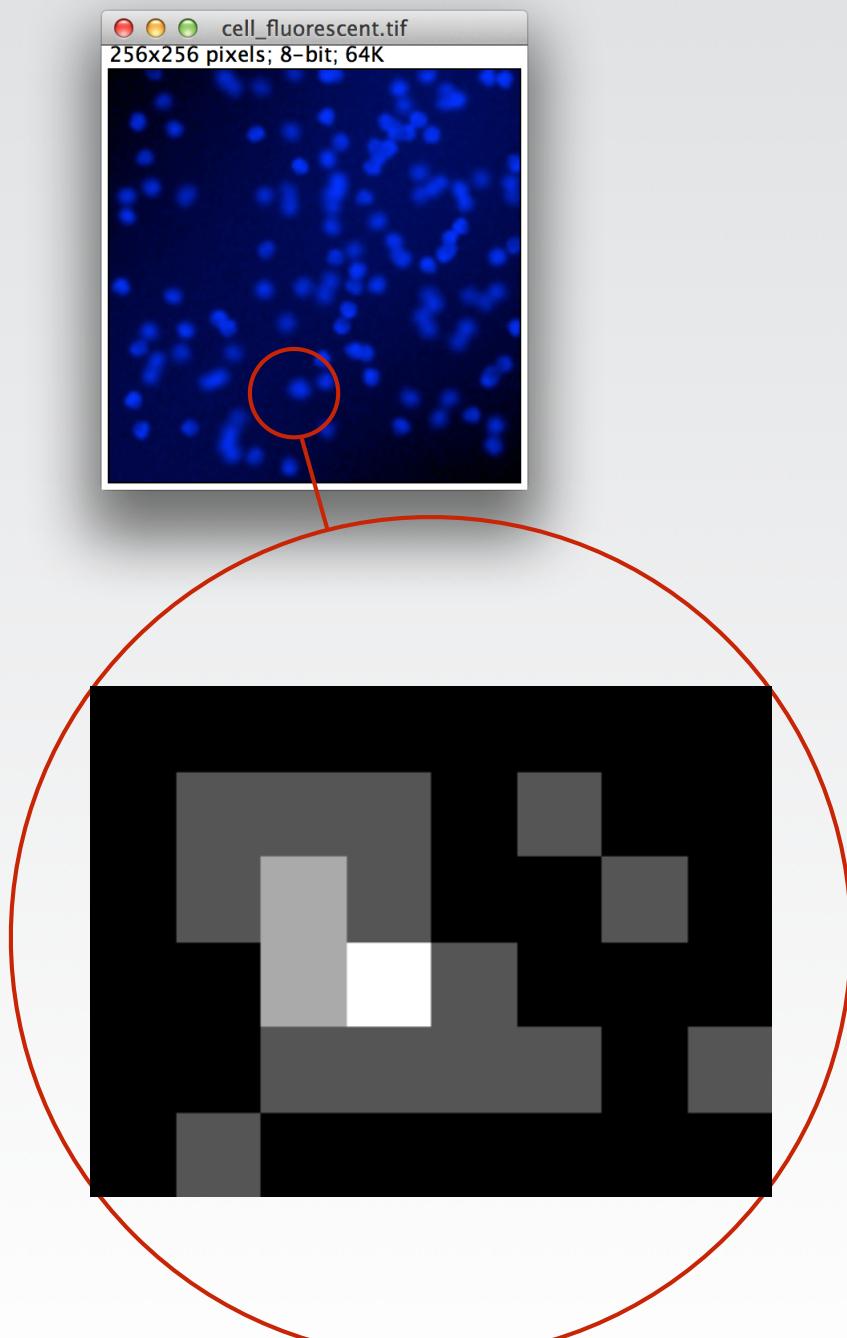
**kernel: 3x3 mean filter**



$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{-1-1} * b_{-1-1}) + \\ & (a_{-10} * b_{-10}) + \\ & (a_{-11} * b_{-11}) + \quad = \text{output} \\ & (a_{0-1} * b_{0-1}) + \\ & (a_{00} * b_{00}) + \\ & \text{etc, etc} \end{aligned}$$

Convolution is the weighted sum of the pixel neighbourhood. The kernel defines the weights.

# Linear filter: Mean filter



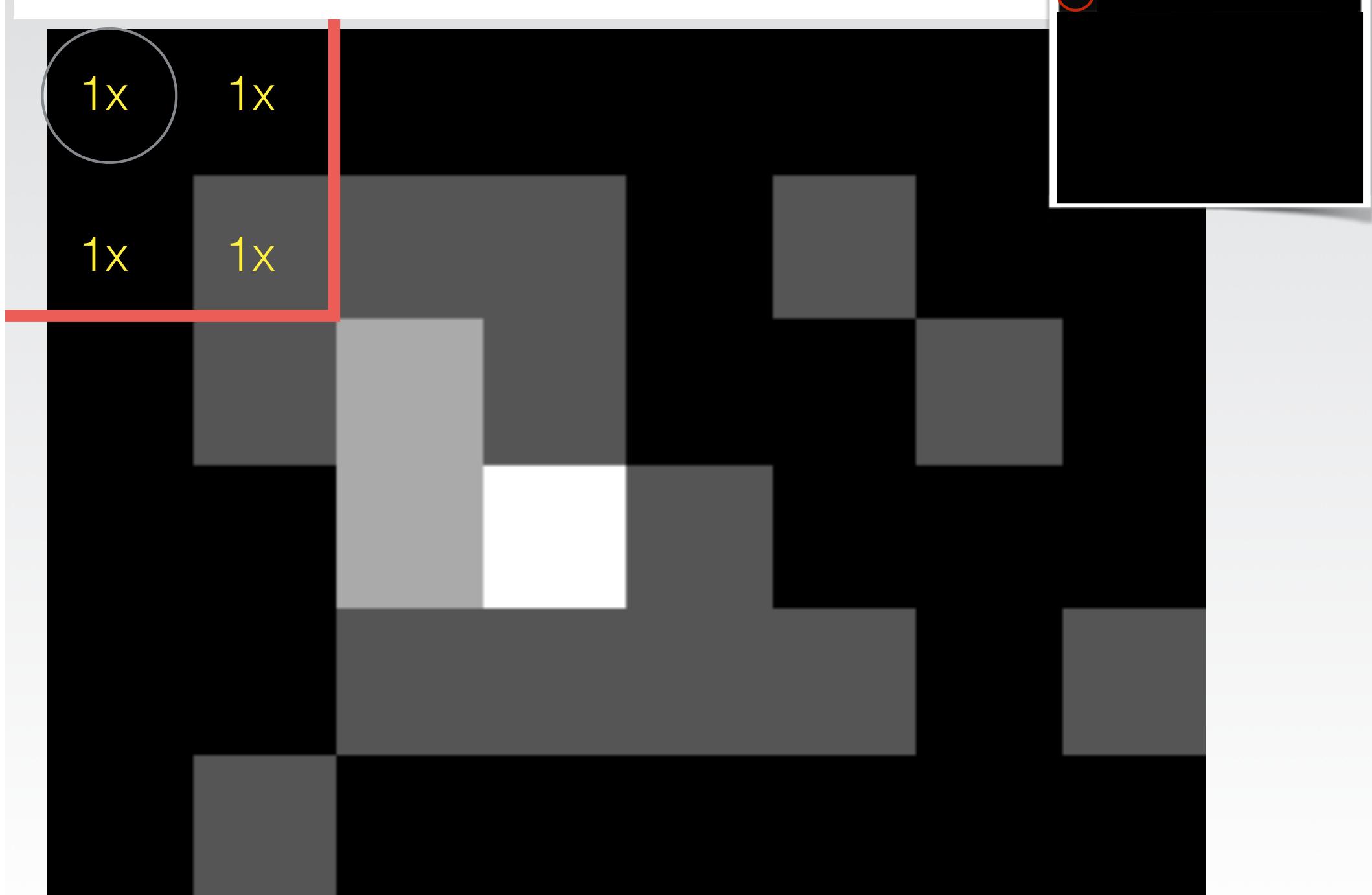
$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

kernel: 3x3 mean filter

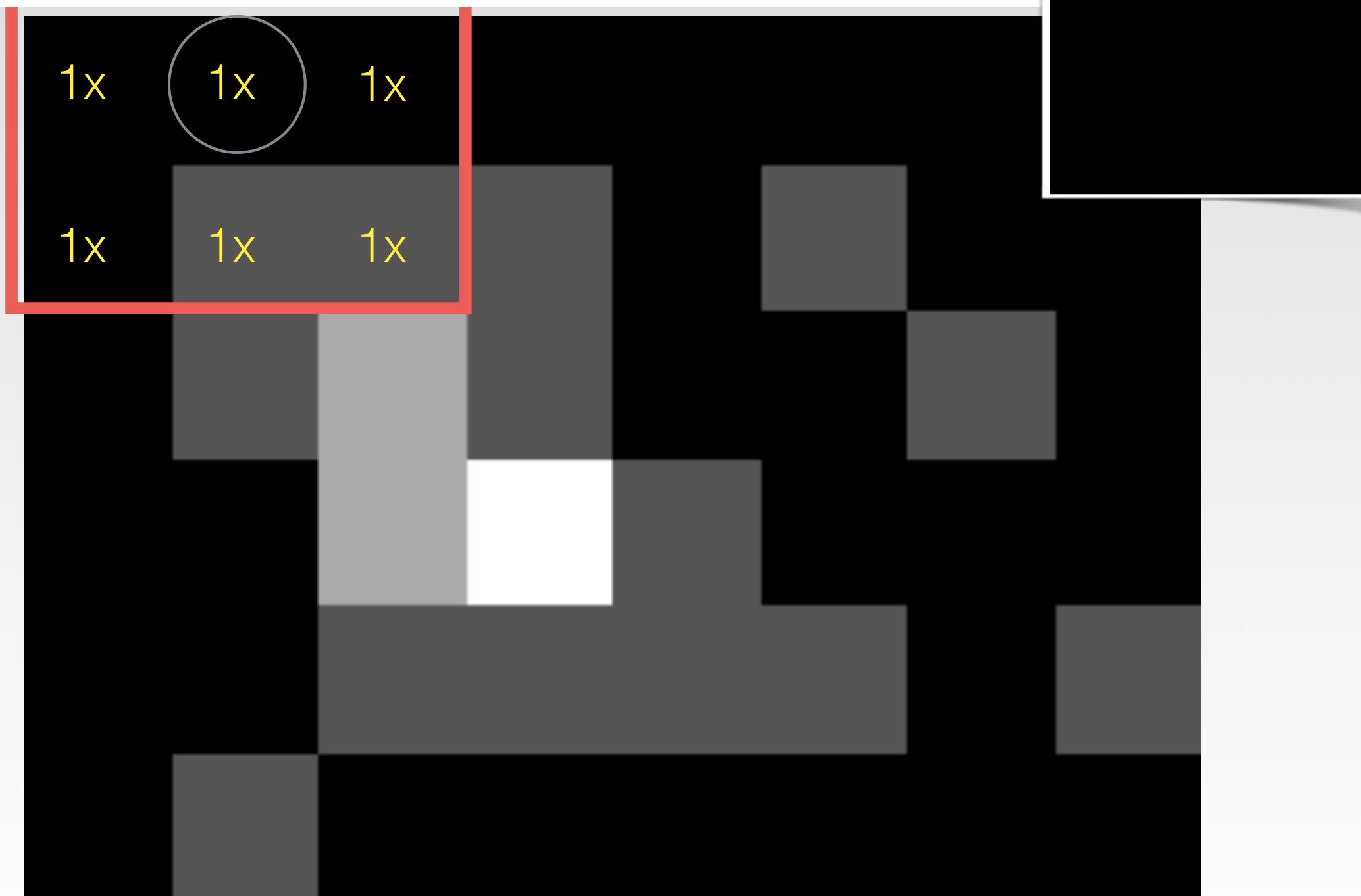
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Image region

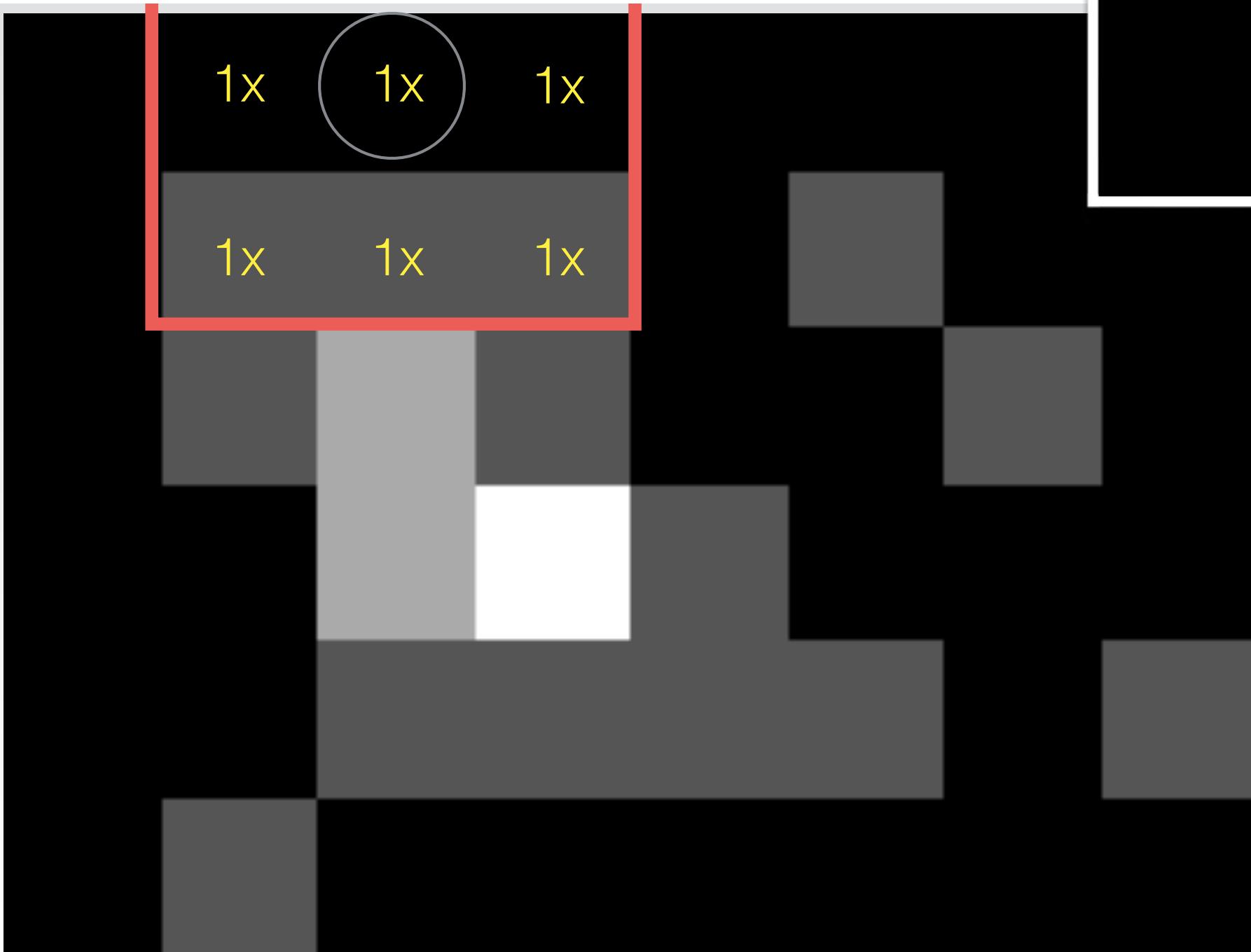
# Mean Filter



# Mean Filter

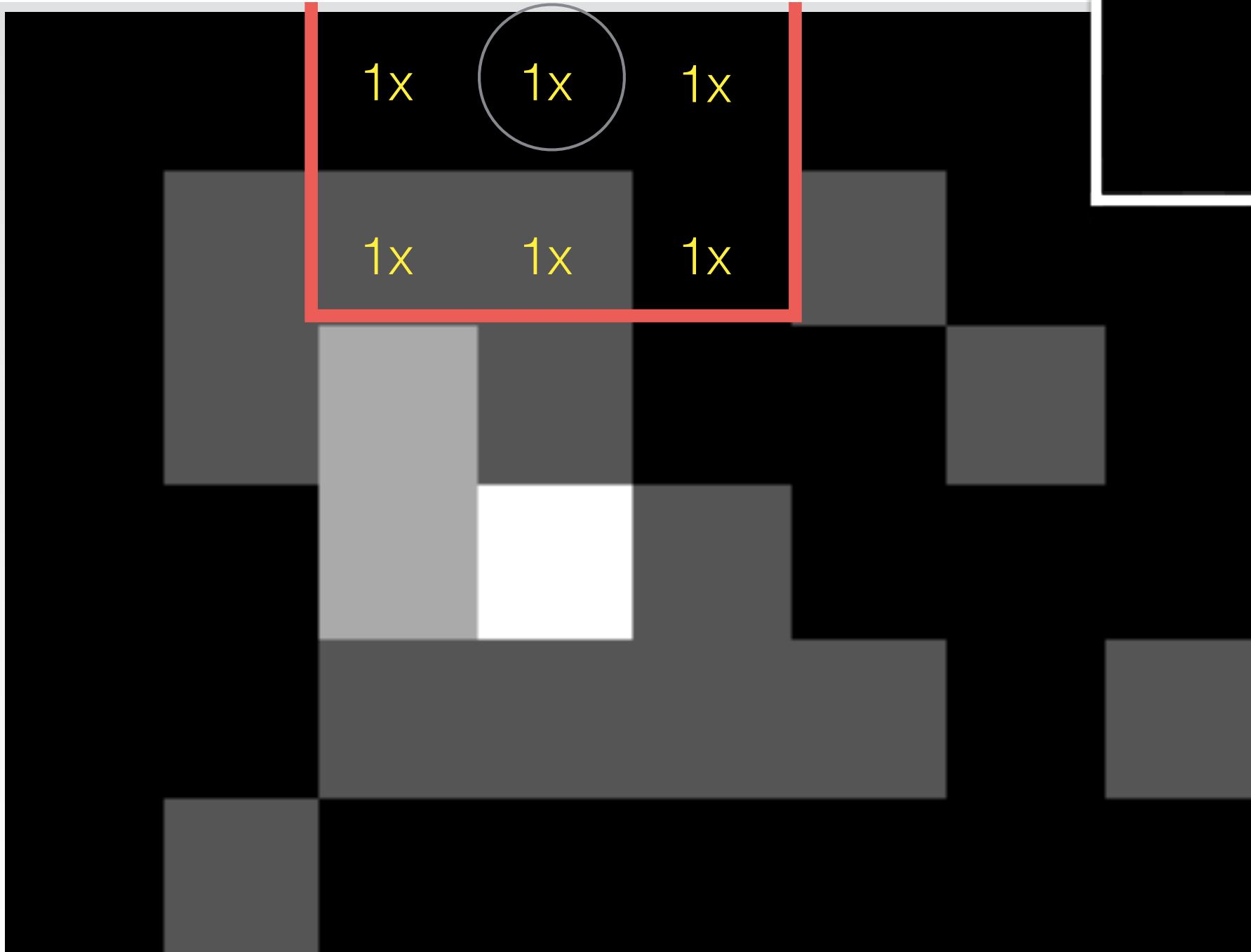


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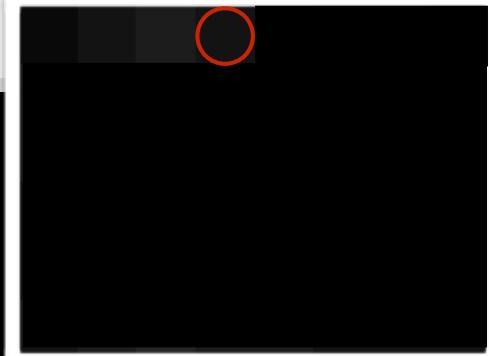


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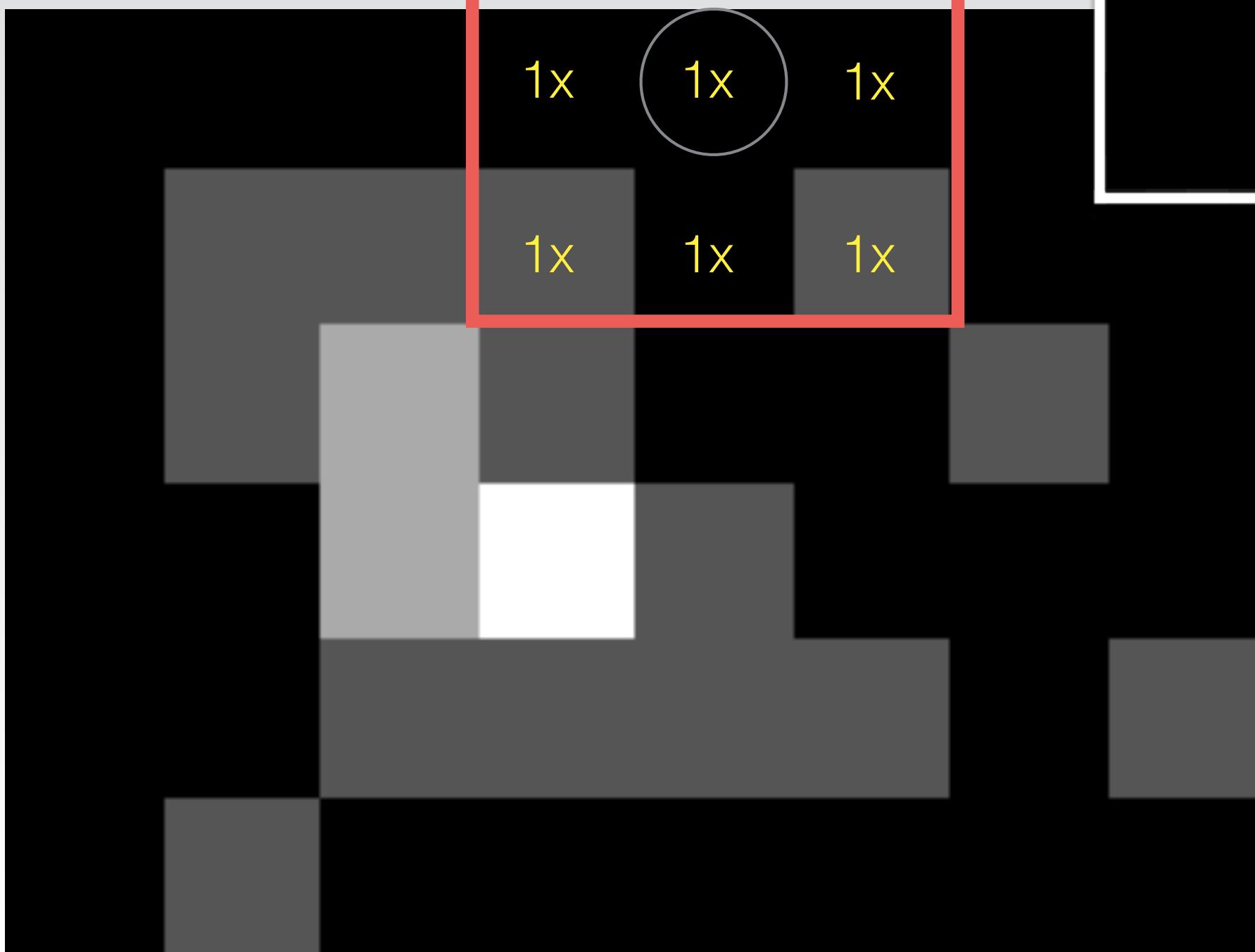
# Mean Filter



output

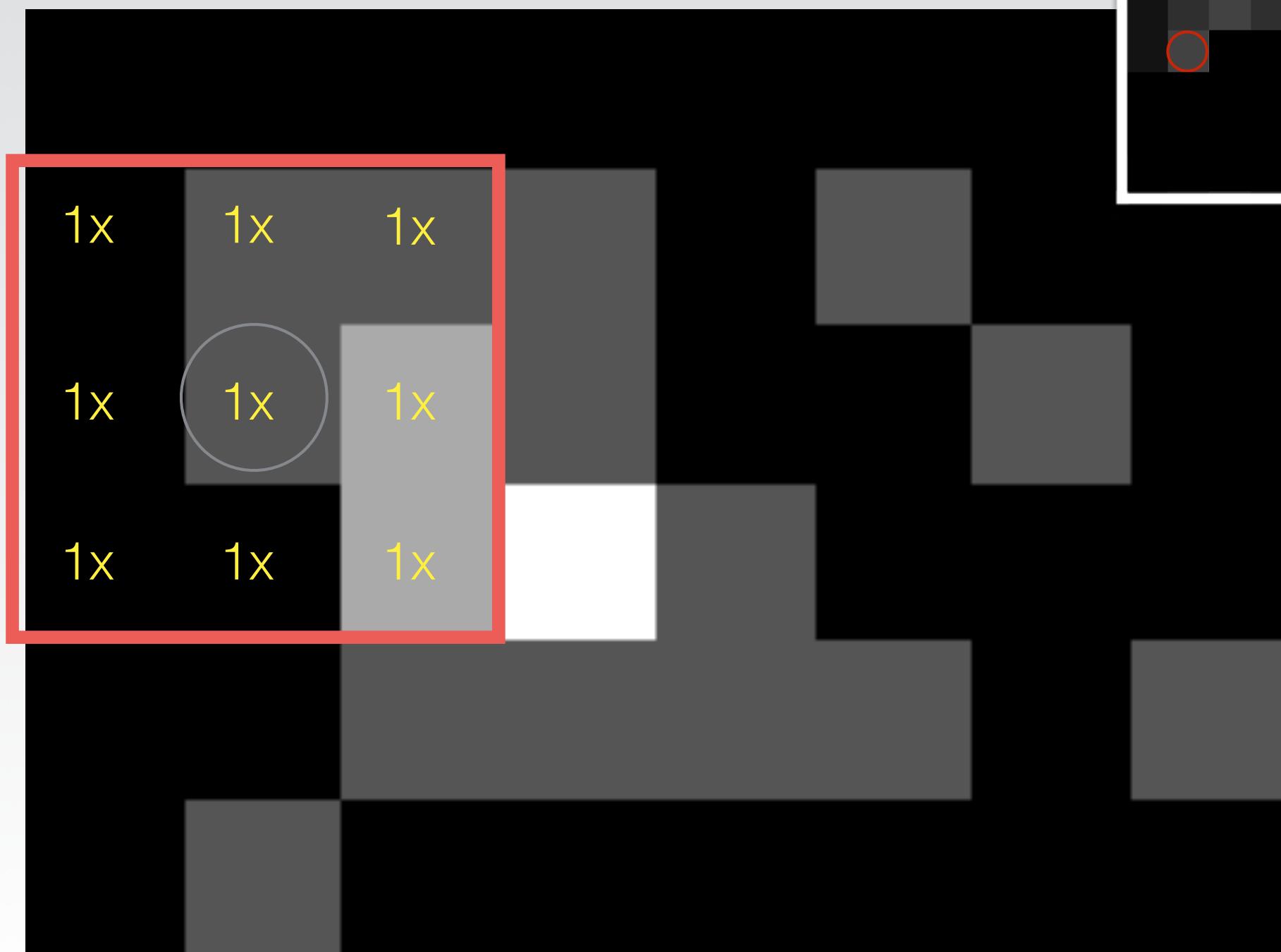


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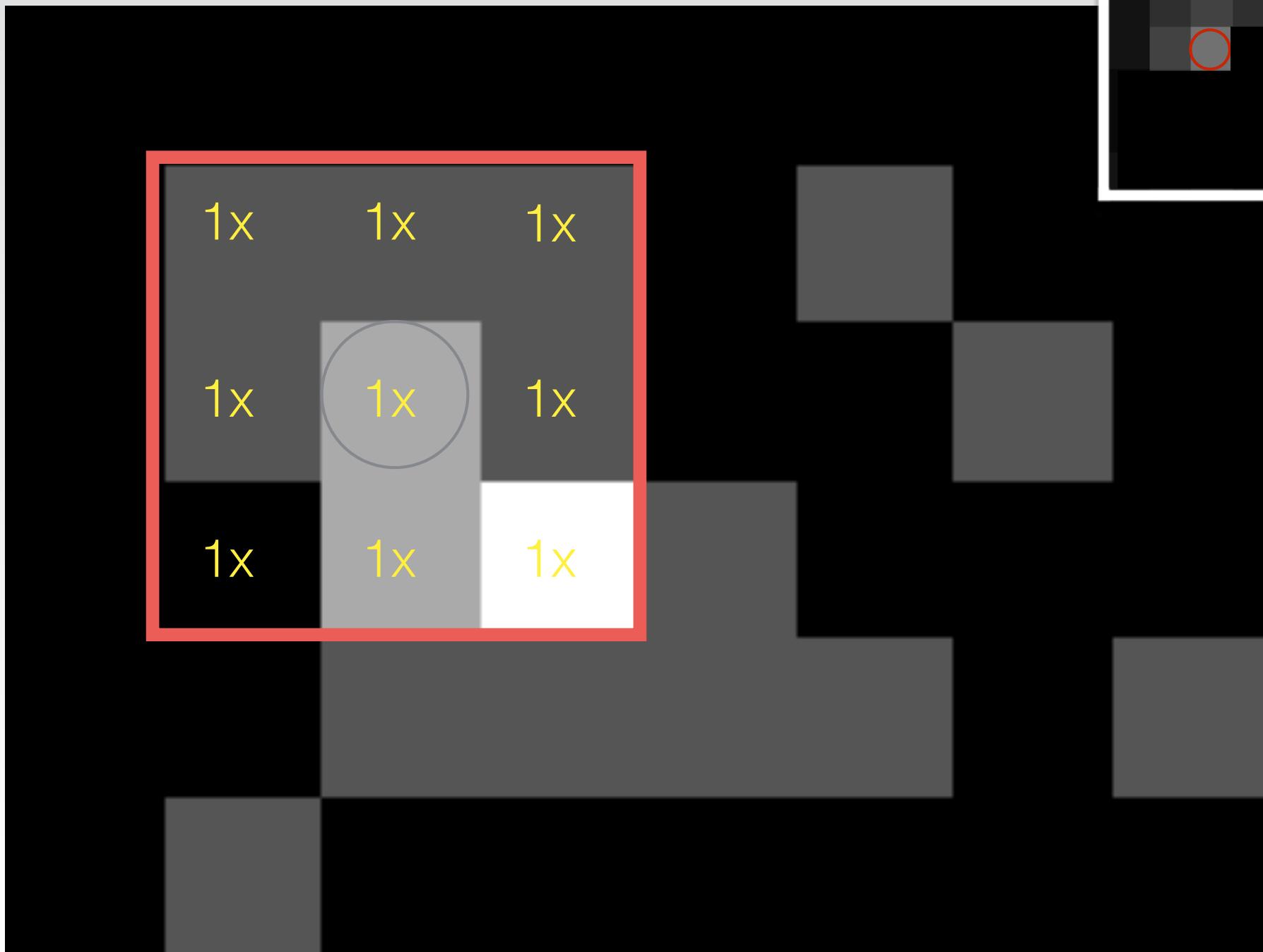
output

# Mean Filter



output

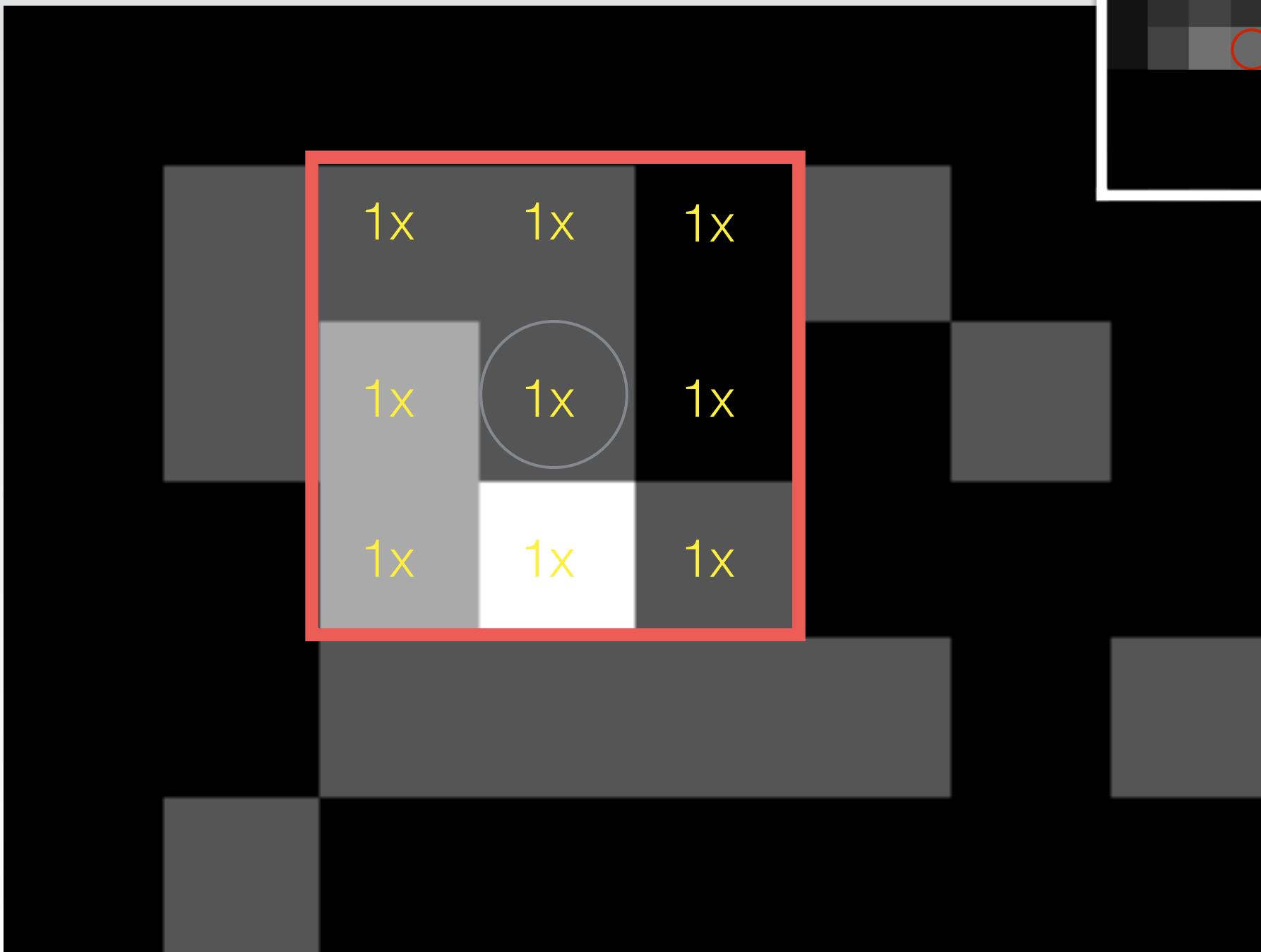
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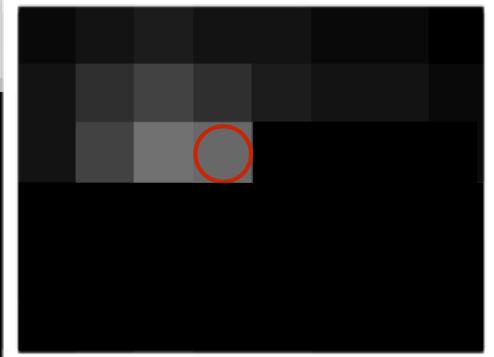
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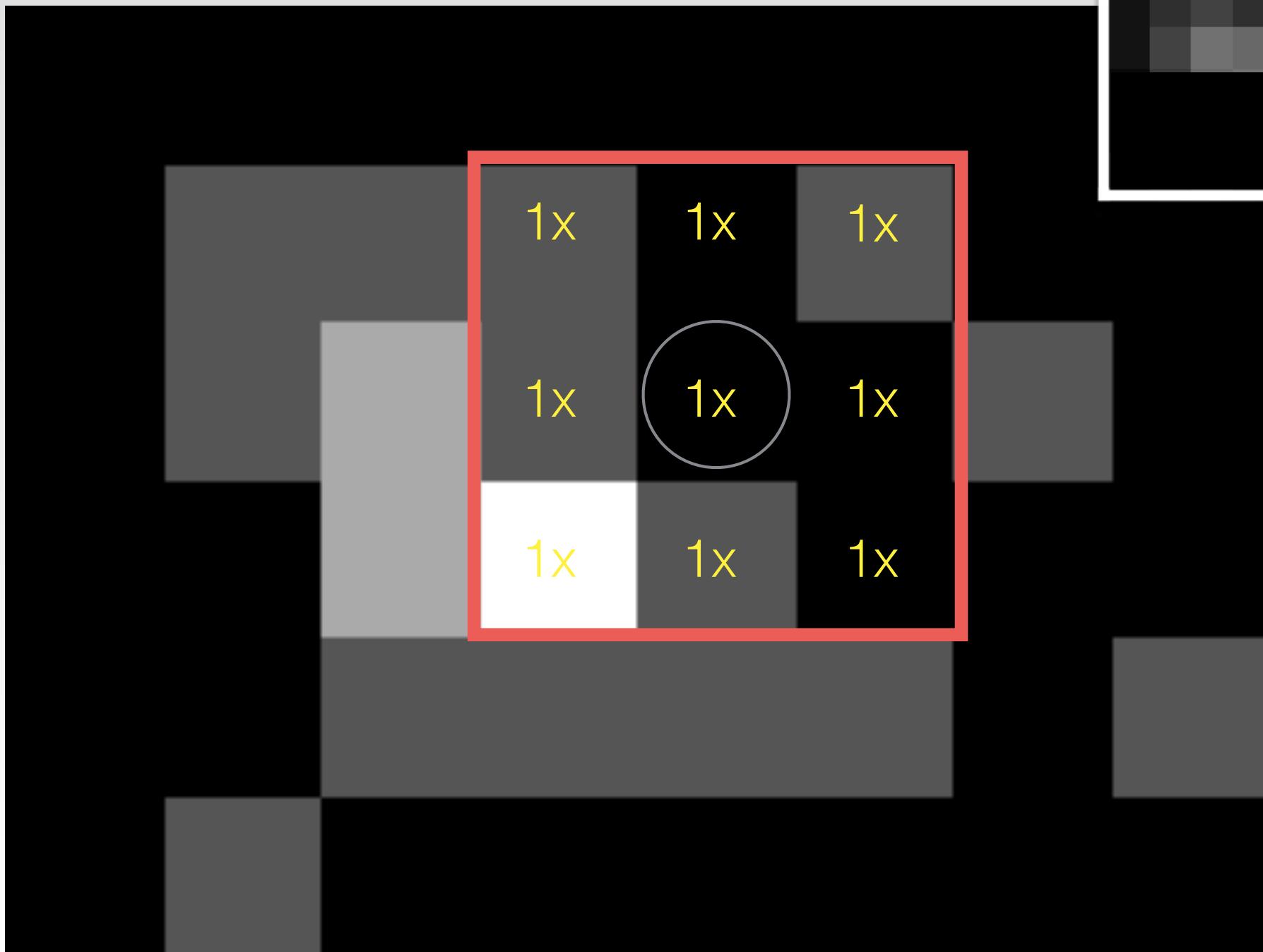
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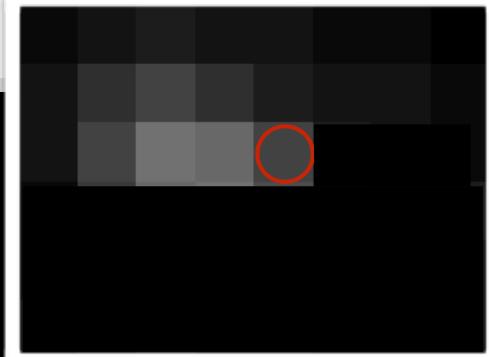
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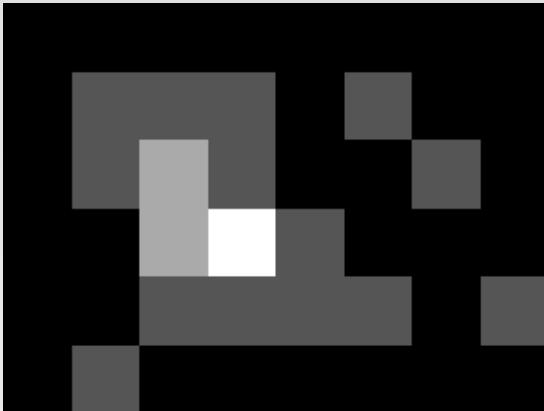
# Mean Filter



output



# Result:

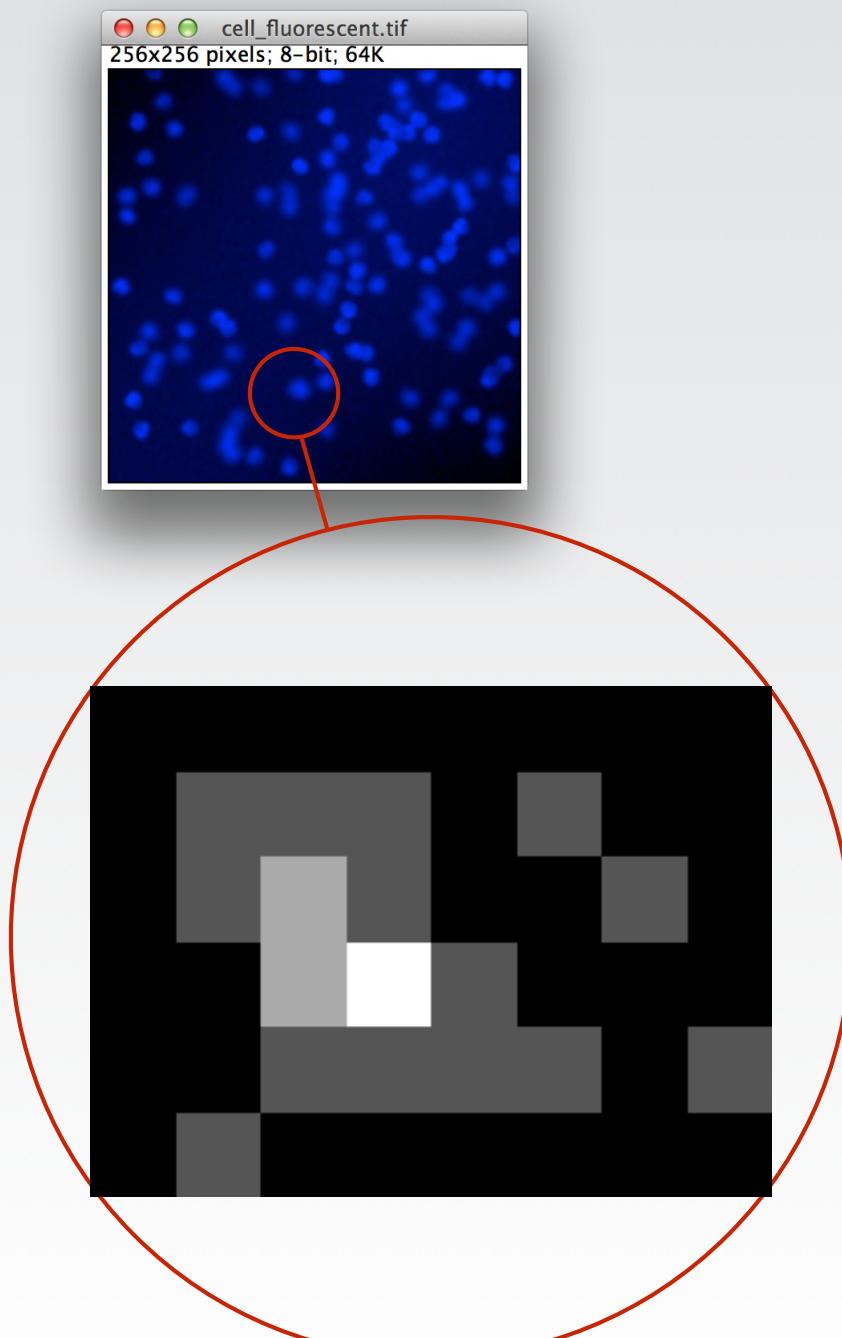


The output is a smoothed representation of the input.



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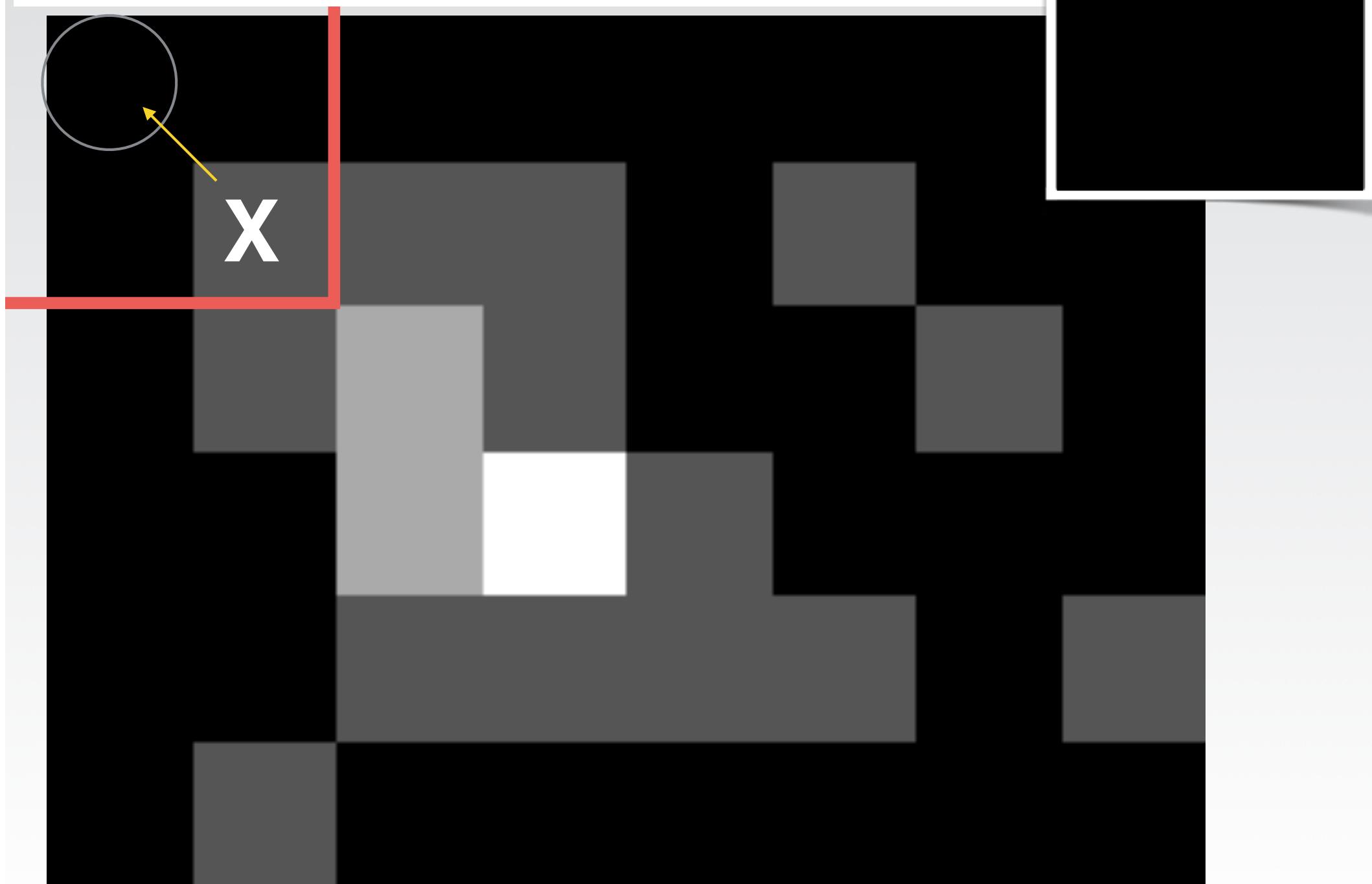
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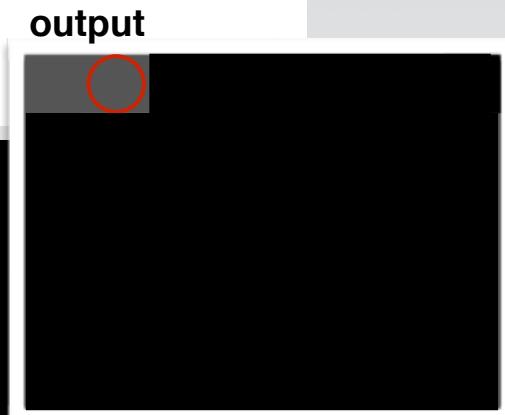
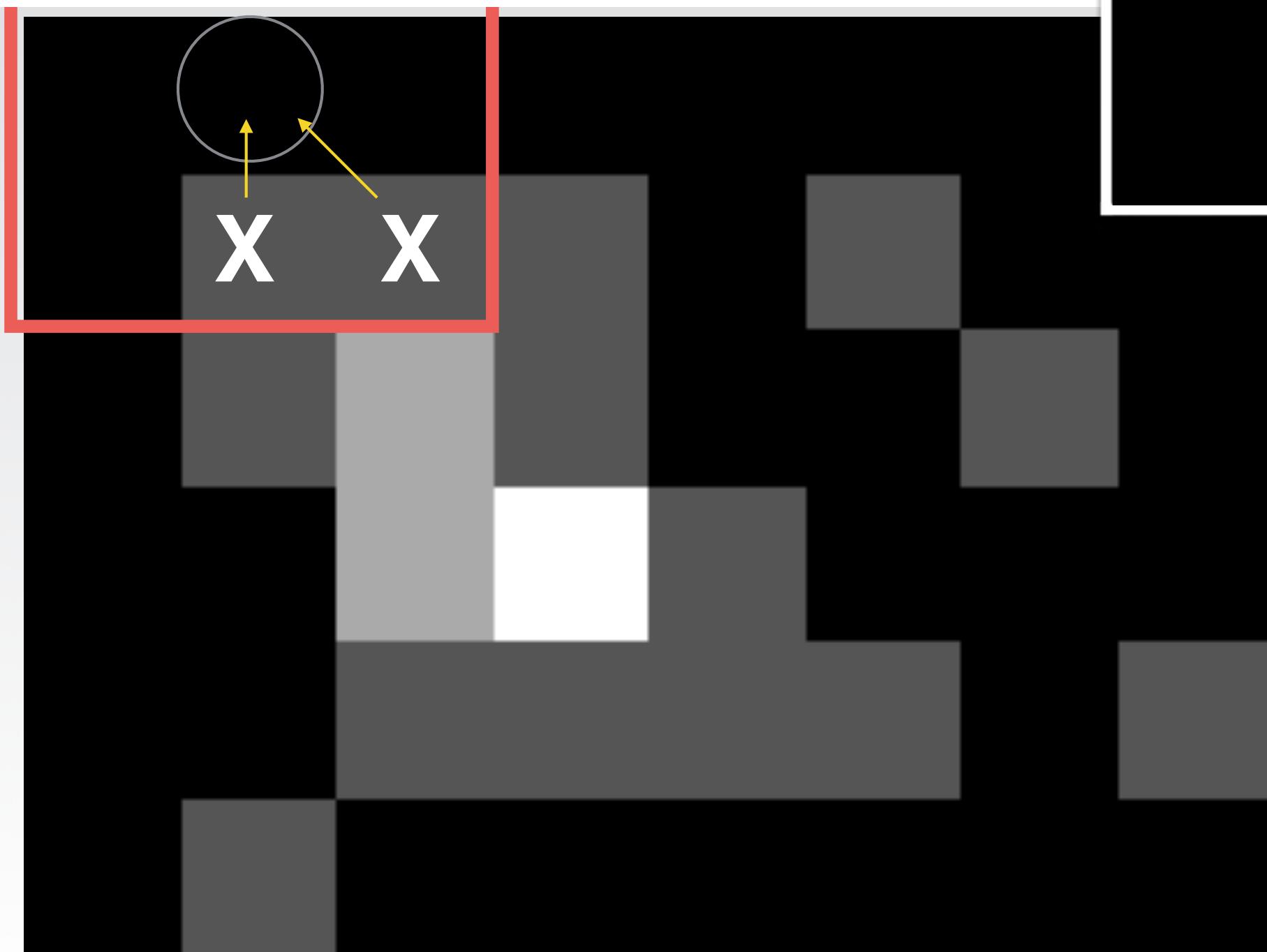
**kernel can not be expressed as is non-linear**

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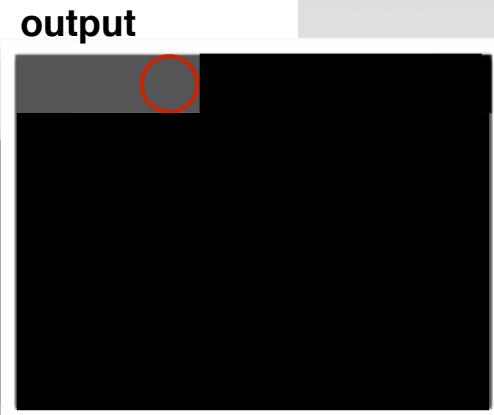
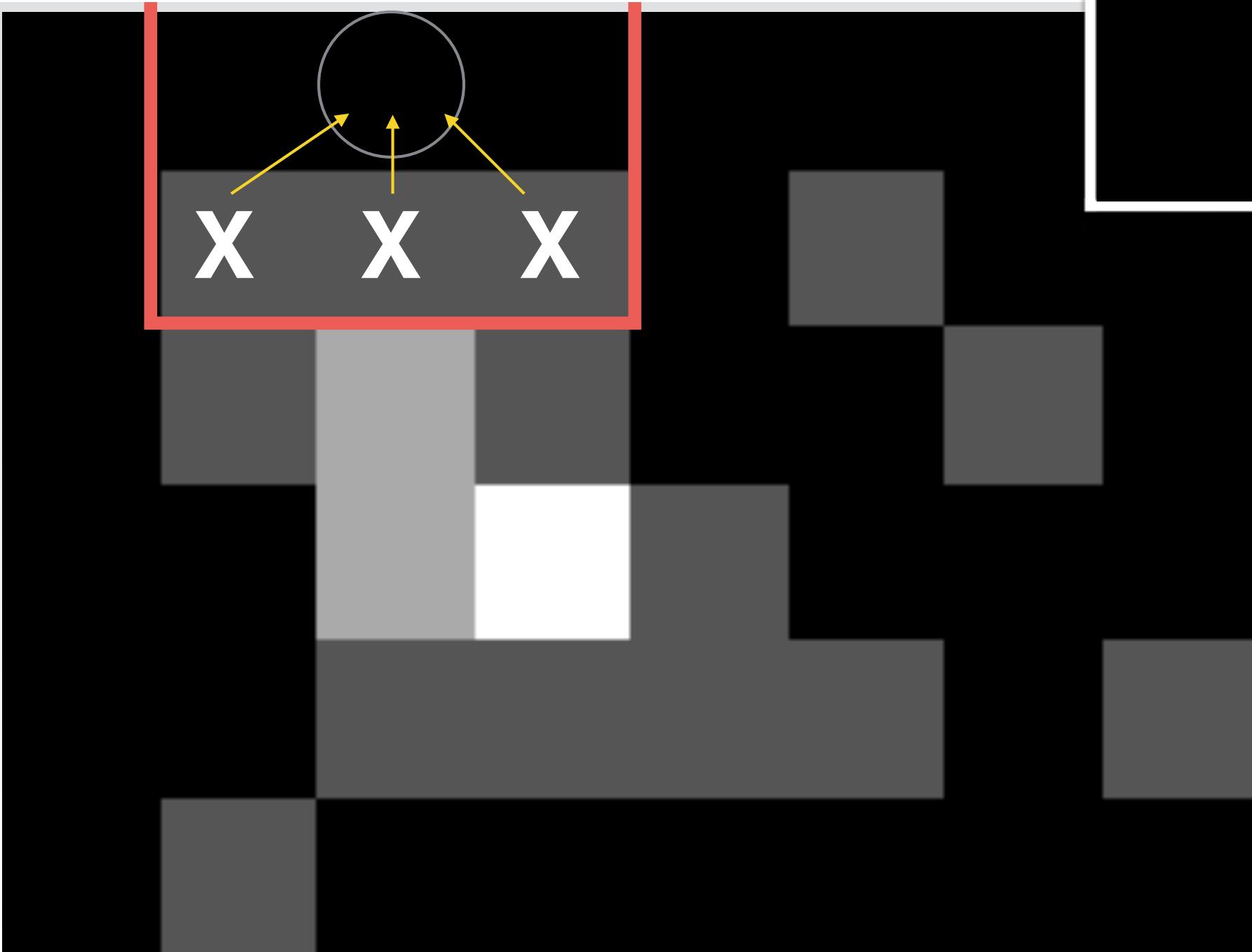
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



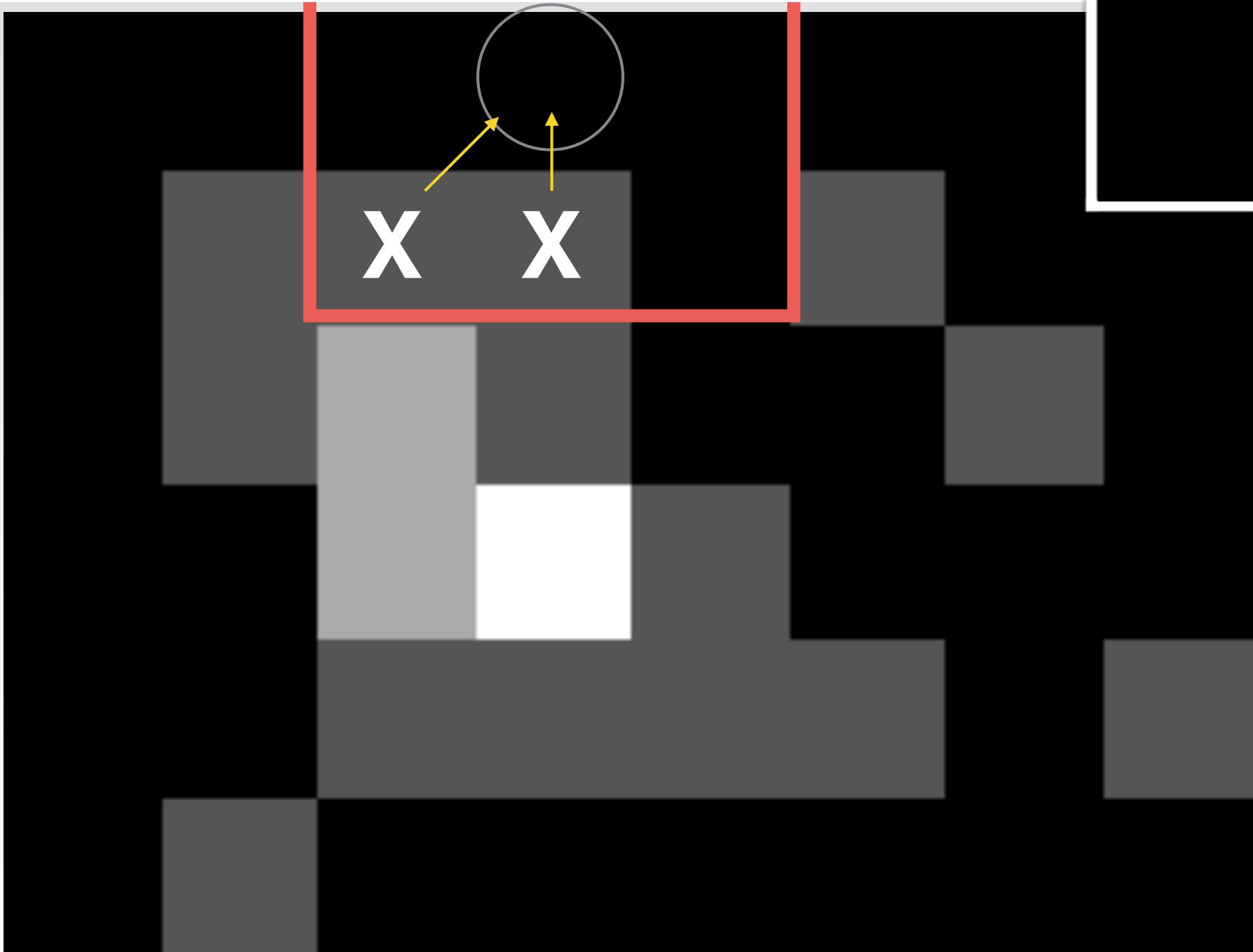
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



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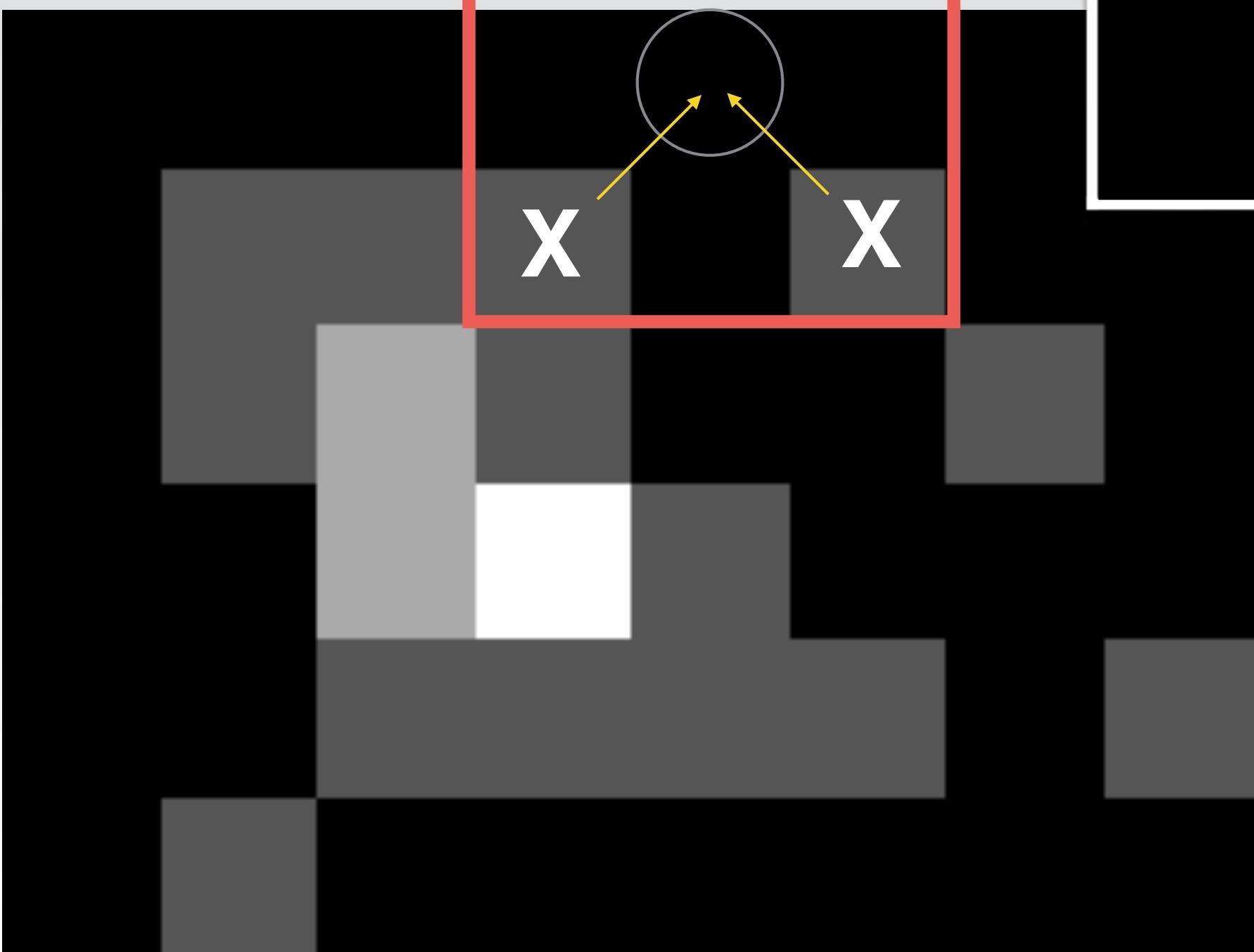


# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter

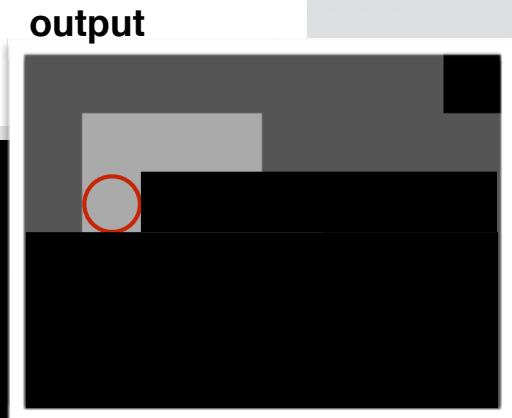
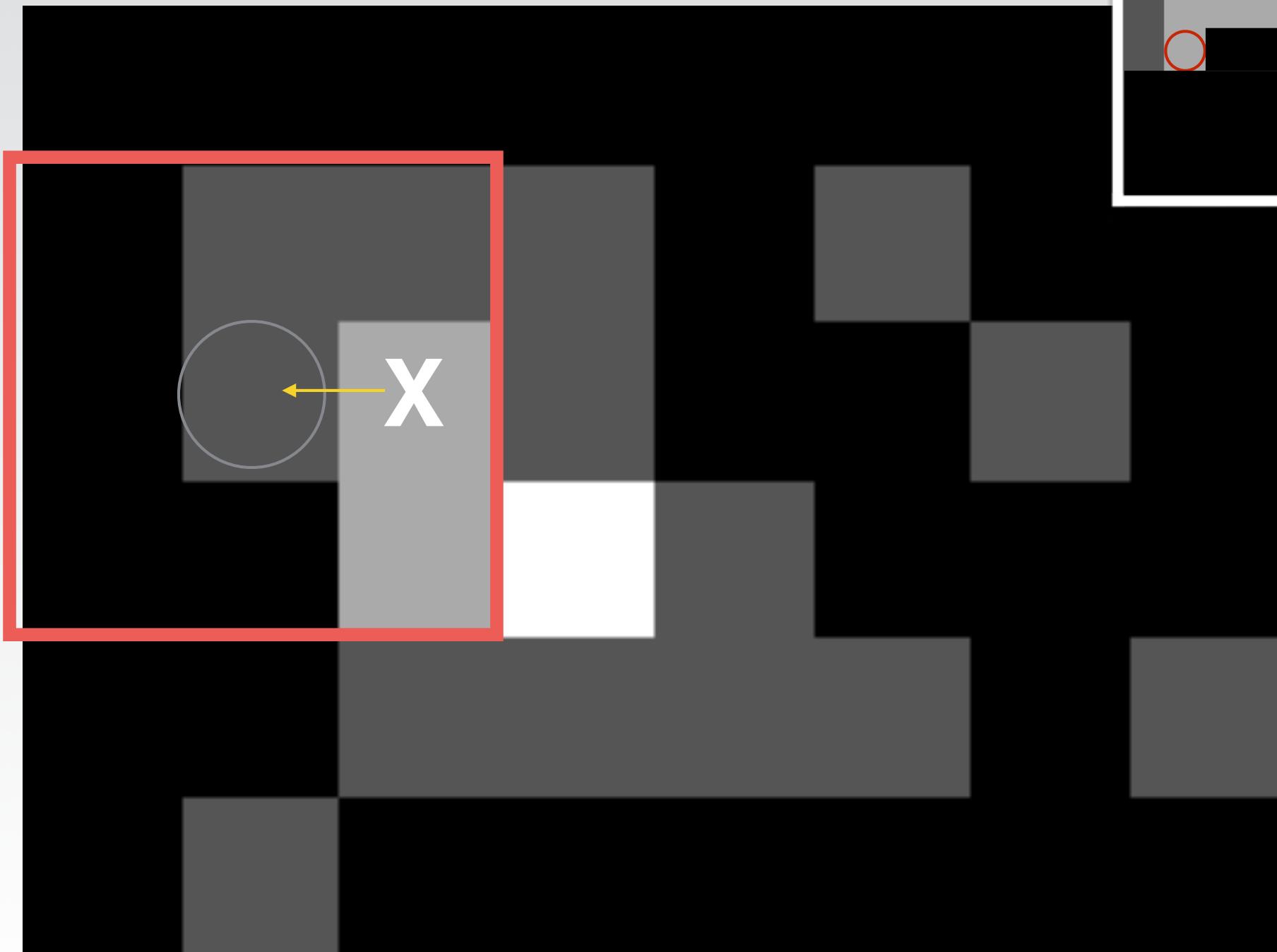


output

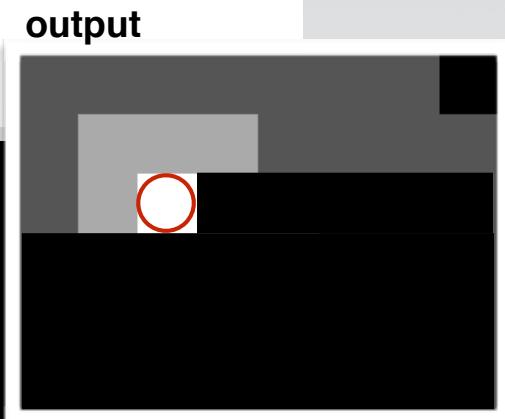
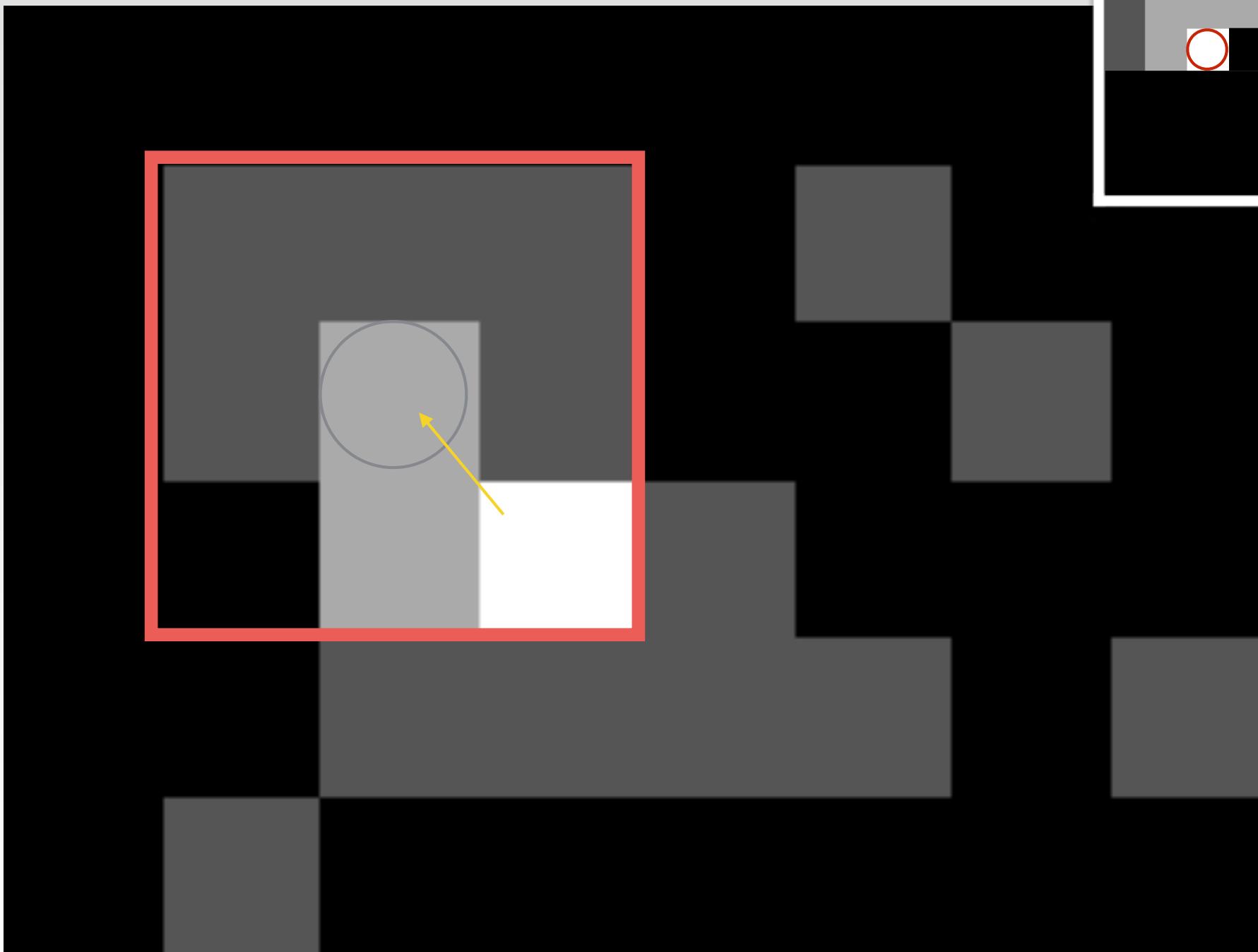
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



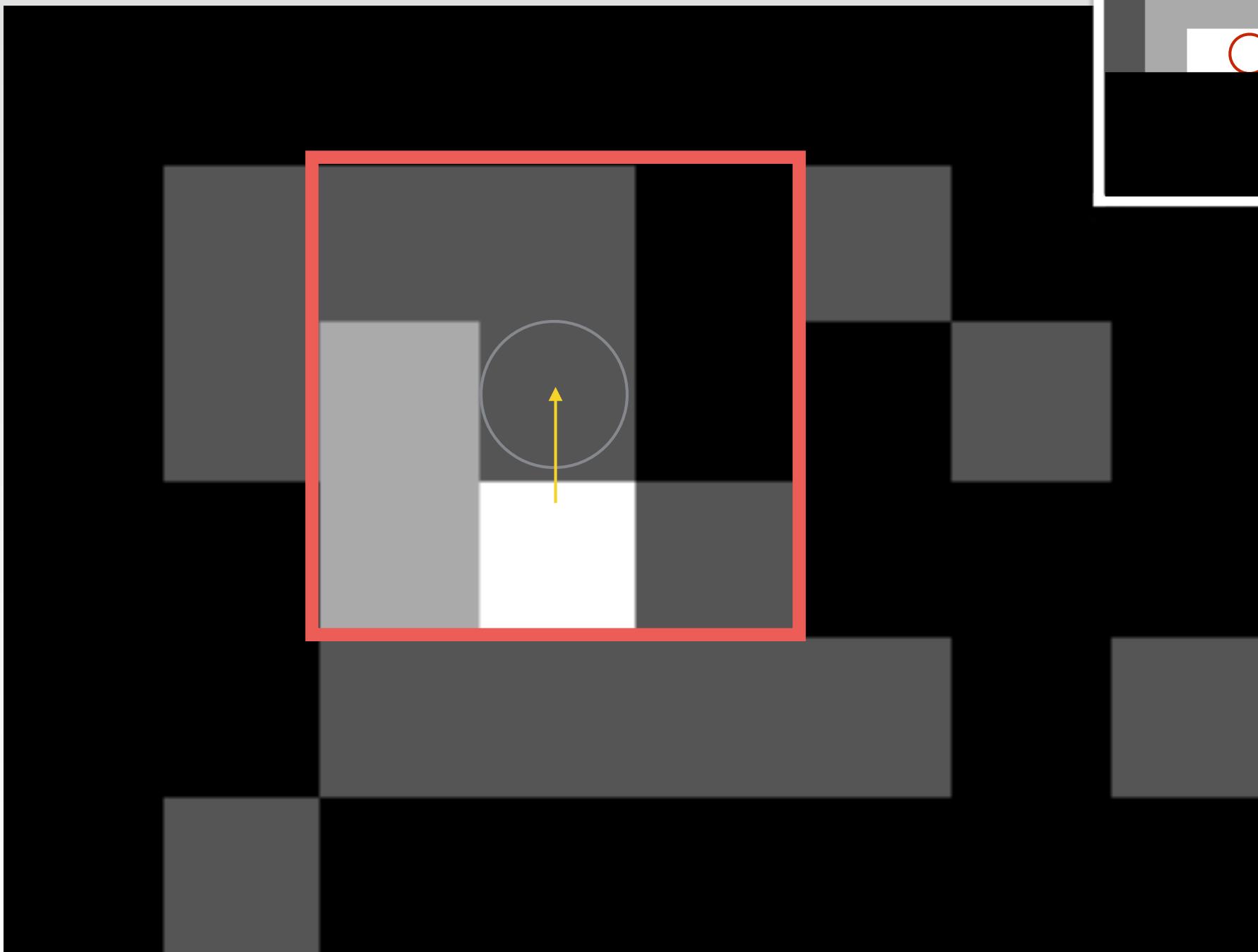
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



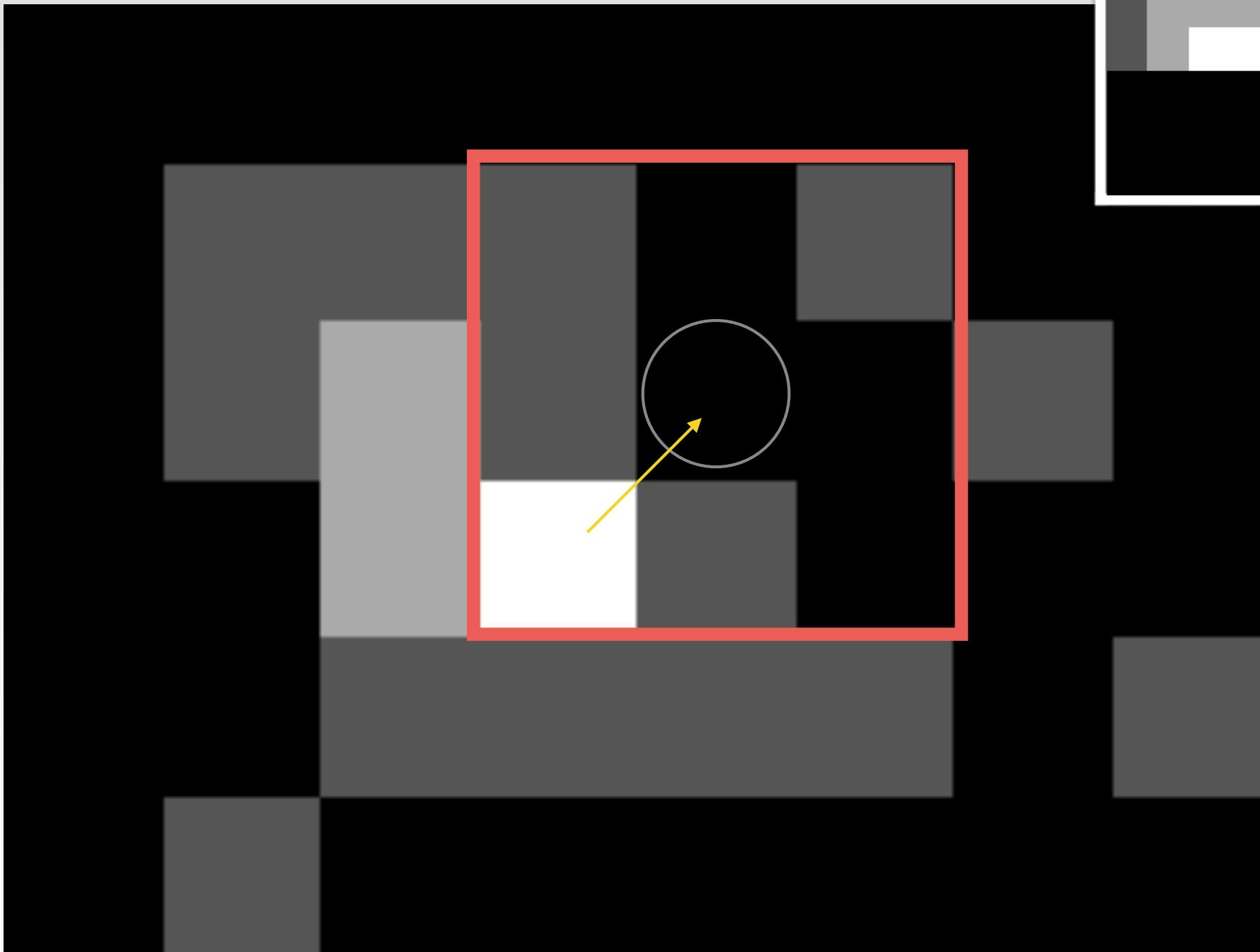
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



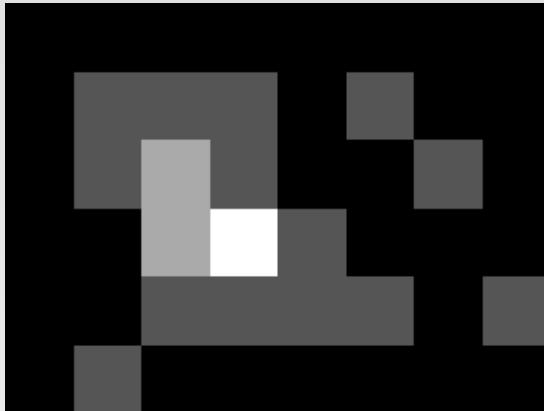
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



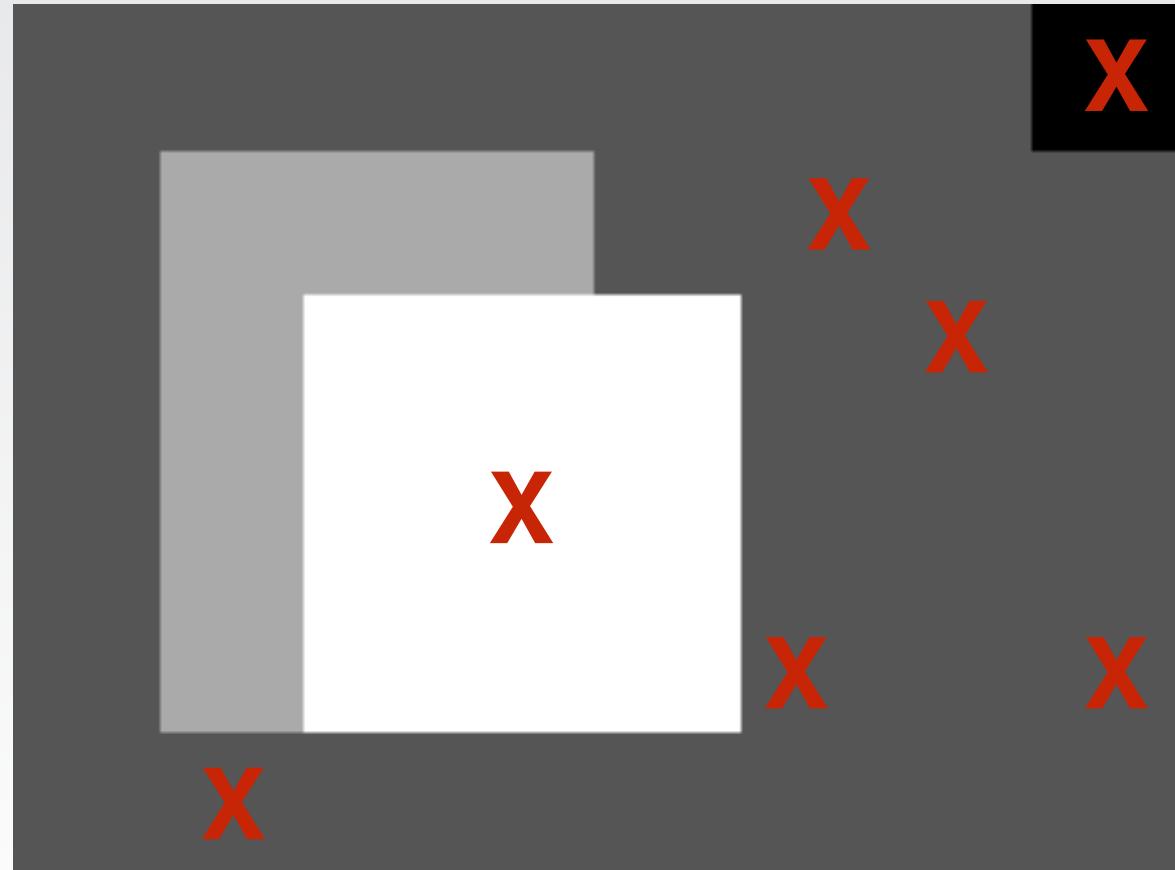
# Non-linear filter: Maximum Filter



# Result:



Where the pixel is the same in the input as the maximum filtered image you find your local maxima



Source:

# Convolution - edge filters

1st derivative filter

kernel

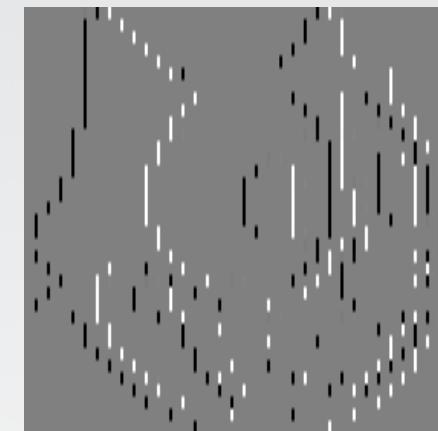
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f(x+1) - f(x)$$

input



output (convolved)



other direction

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Extracts edges in a particular direction

**black is negative**  
**white is positive**

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# Convolution - edge filters

1st derivative filter 2d filter

kernel

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

+

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

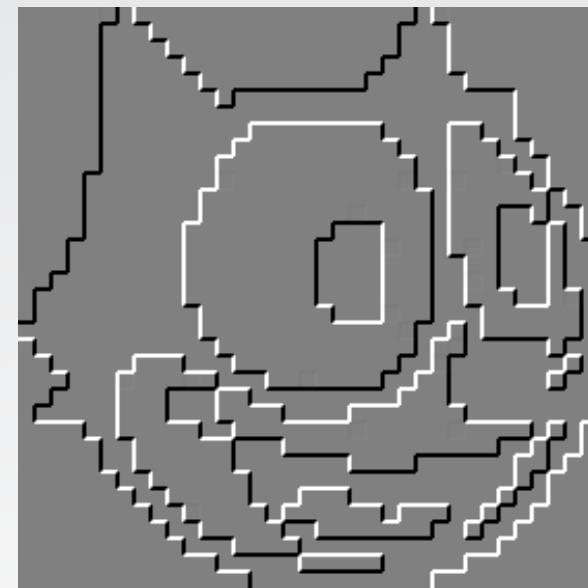
2D filter

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

output (convolved)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f(x + 1) - f(x)$$

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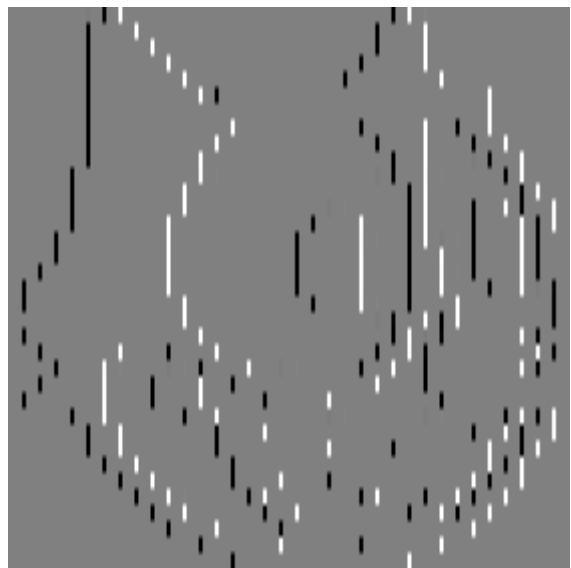
black is negative  
white is positive

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# Convolution - Gradient magnitude give edges



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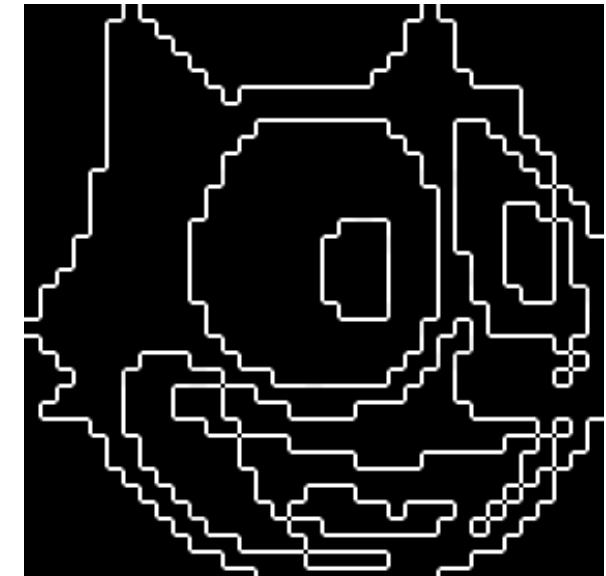
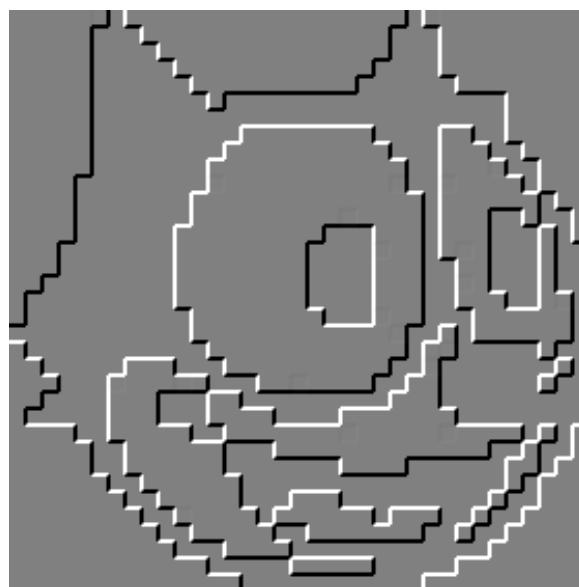
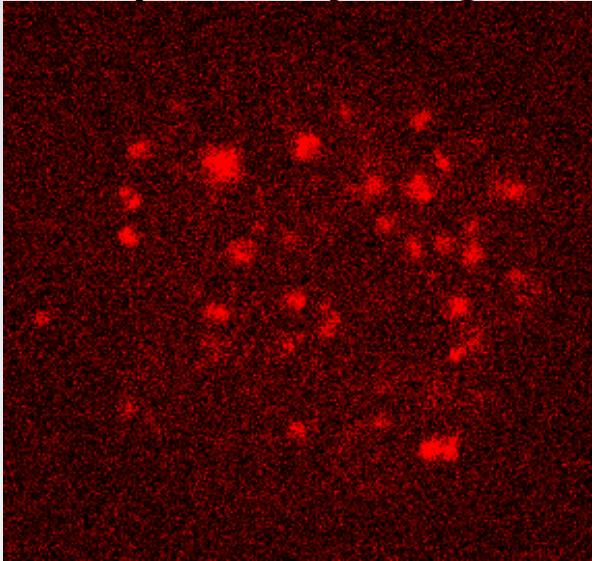


image $^{**2}$



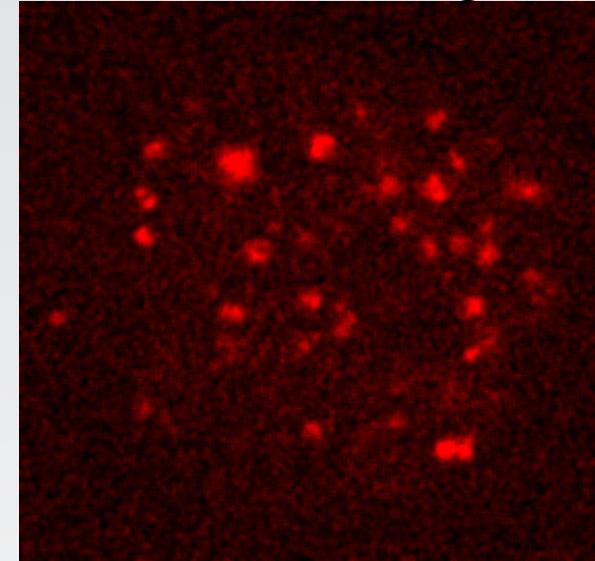
# Mean Filter

input noisy image

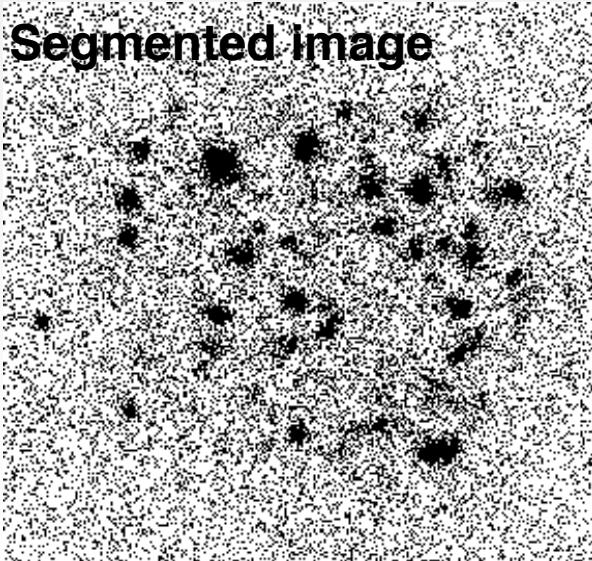


$$\begin{matrix} & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ * & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} =$$

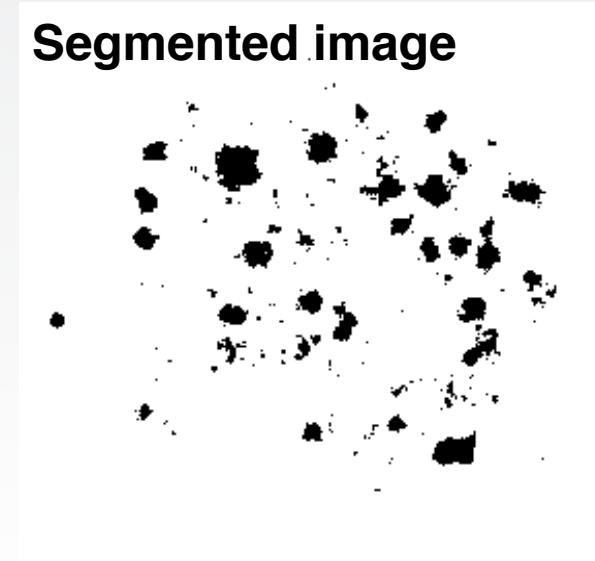
smoothed image



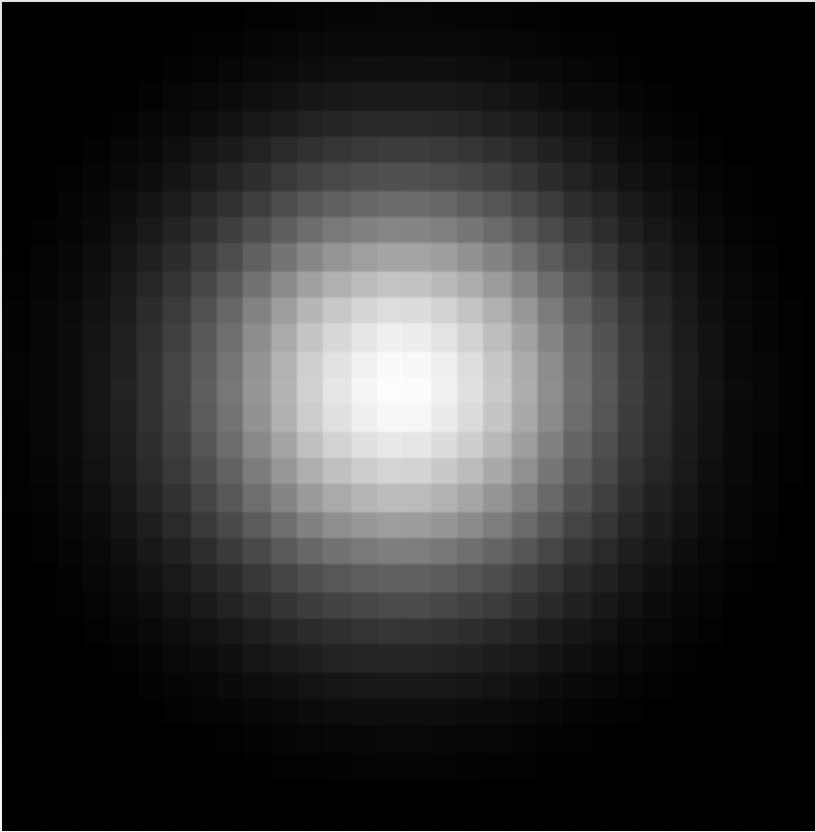
Segmented image



Segmented image



# Gaussian filter.

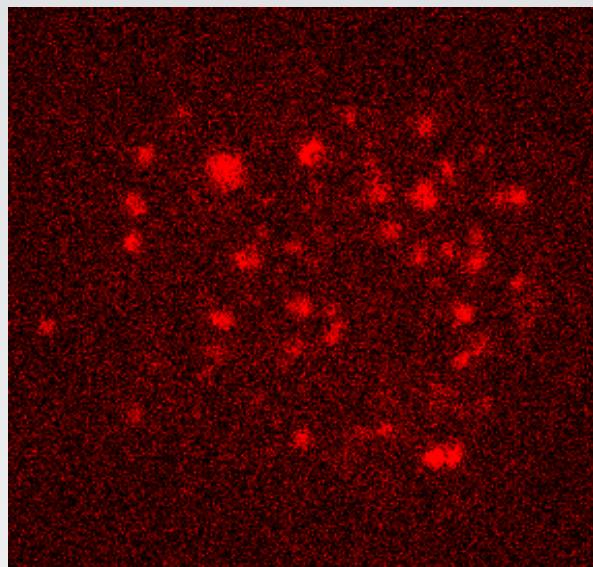


$$f(x, y) = A \exp \left( - \left( \frac{(x - x_o)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(y - y_o)^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right) \right)$$

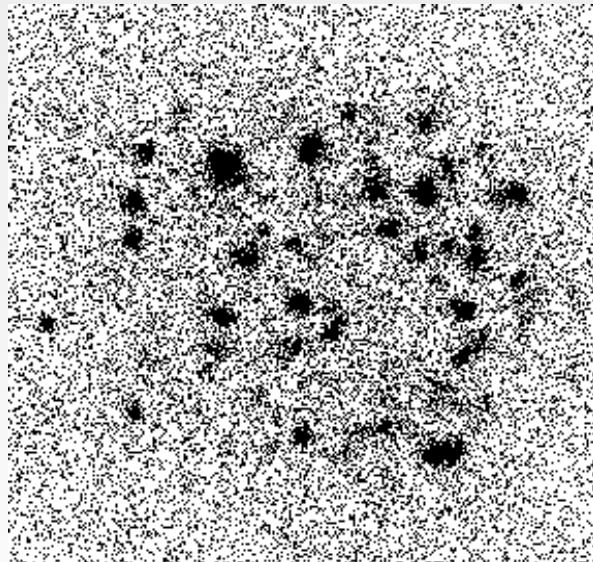
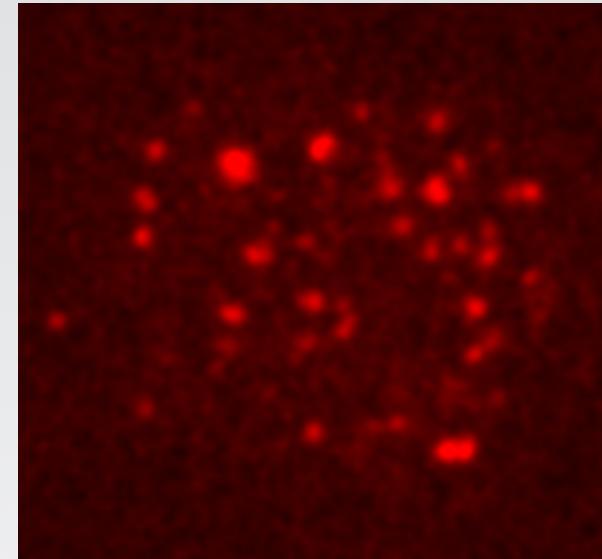
x, y (pixel coordinates)  
sigma of kernel  
x0,y0 center of Gaussian

We can use this to remove the image background.

# Denoising through Gaussian deconvolution



$$\begin{matrix} \text{*} \\ \text{ } \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{matrix} \quad = \quad \begin{matrix} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{matrix}$$



Weights pixels nearer centre more

# Convolution - Laplacian filter

2nd derivate filter

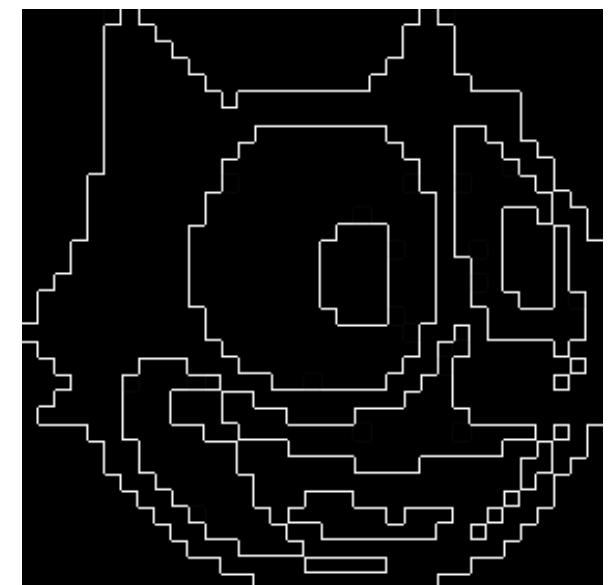
$$\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

1D filter:  $\vec{D}_x^2 = [1 \quad -2 \quad 1],$

2D filter:  $\mathbf{D}_{xy}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

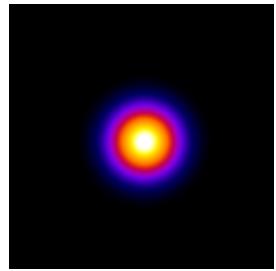
2D filter:  $\mathbf{D}_{xy}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$

2-D laplacian filter detects change no matter in which direction. Wherever the rate of change is large.

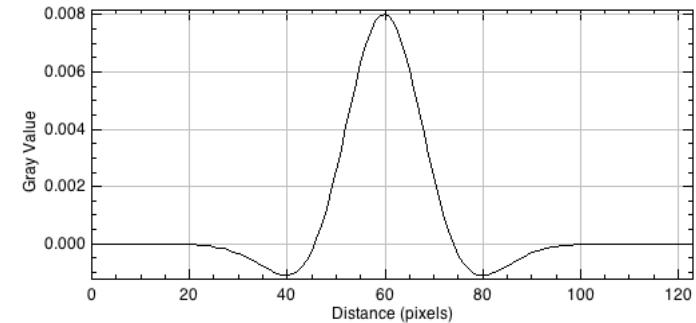
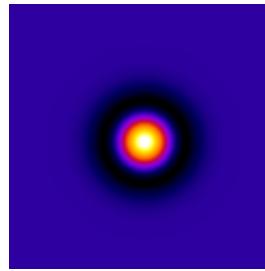


# Gaussian of laplacian filters

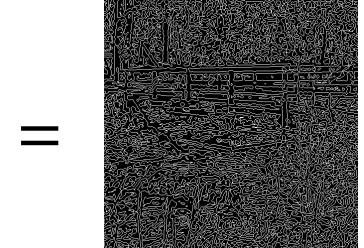
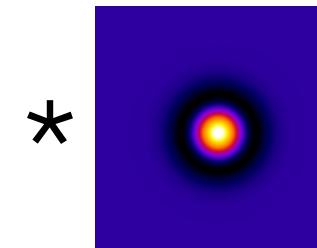
In practice discrete filters are noisy.



$$\begin{matrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ * & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{matrix} =$$



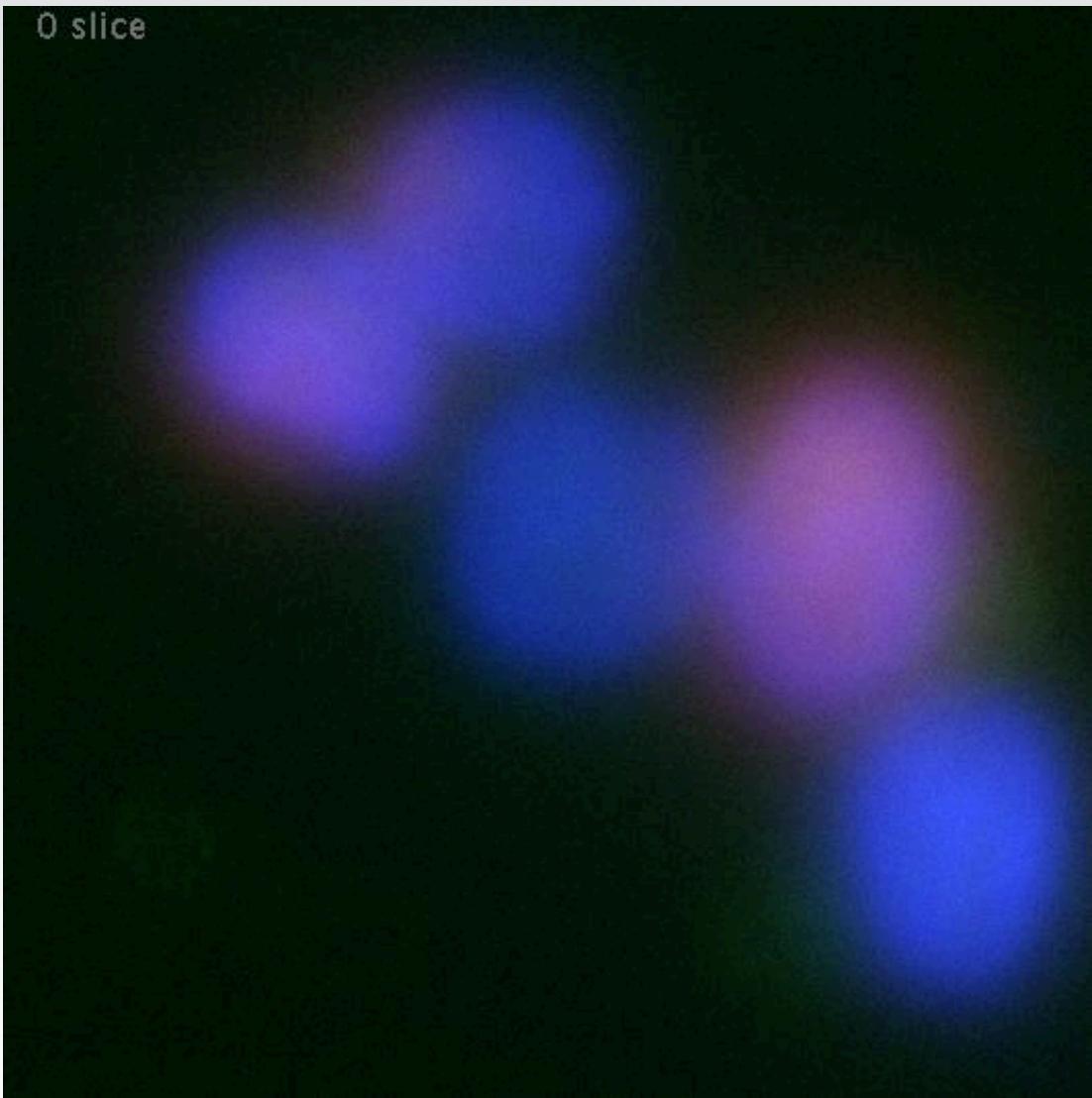
$$\begin{matrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ * & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{matrix} =$$



zero crossing

We can prevent the effects of this by convolving our filter (or our image first with a Gaussian filter).

# Motivation for Analysis



Acquired on a Deltavision wide-field microscope.

Multiple z-slices.

The data is very rich, 3-D.

We want to find the colocalisation of the ATRX protein (Green) and the YH2Ax protein (Red)

Source: David Clynes

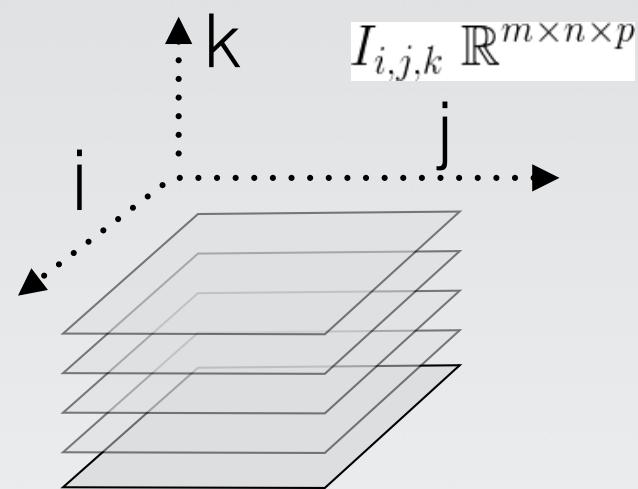
# Motivation for Analysis

Early in your experimental pipeline you need to decide what the role of analysis is in your work.

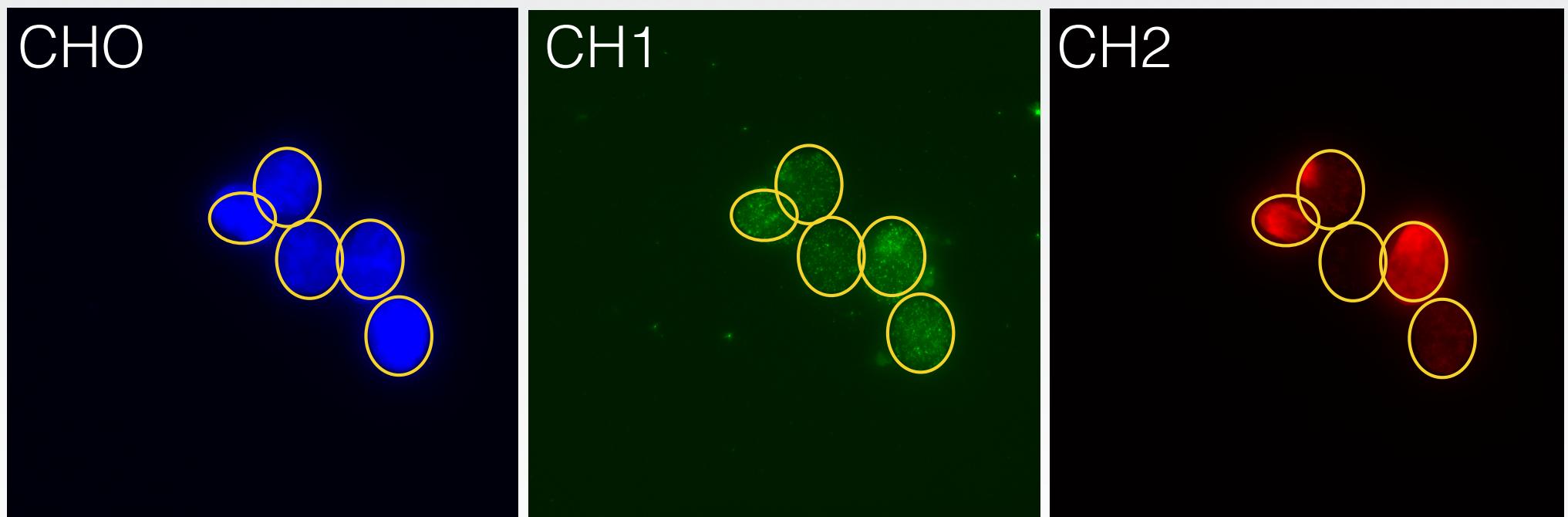
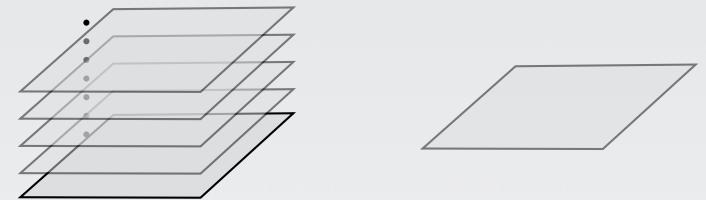
- Is your research focus about developing novel analysis to solve a problem.
- Is your research about using analysis to investigate a biological question.

In this case we are just interested in creating a read-out for the biological experiment which is efficient and robust.

# Typical imaging experiment

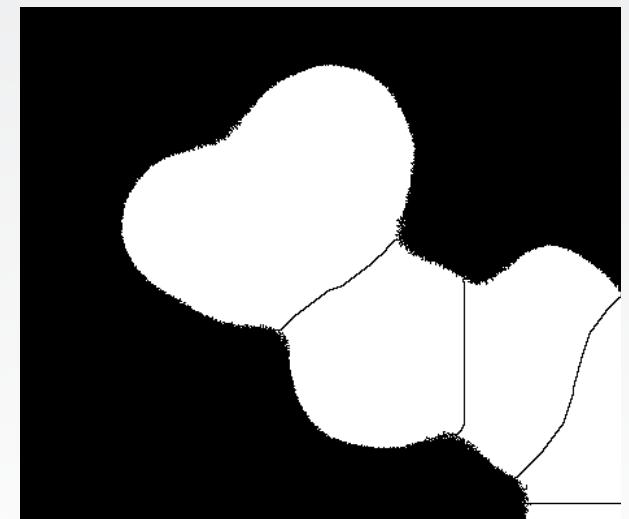
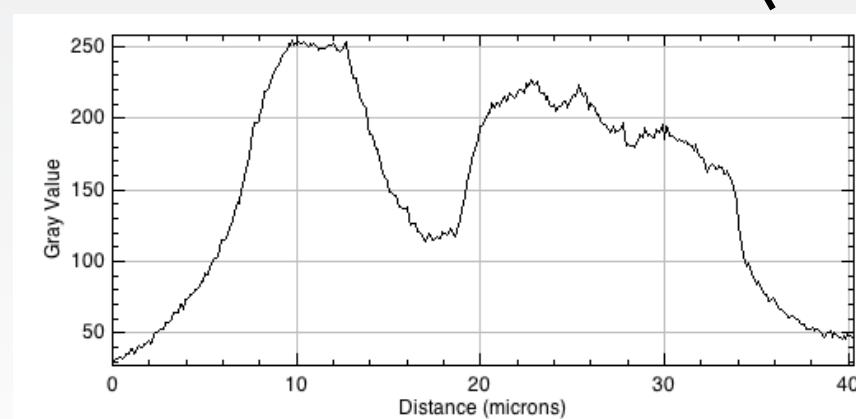
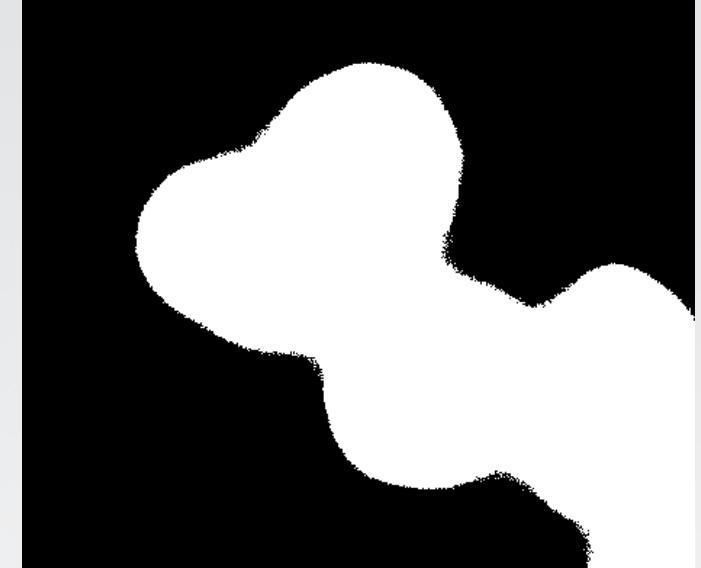
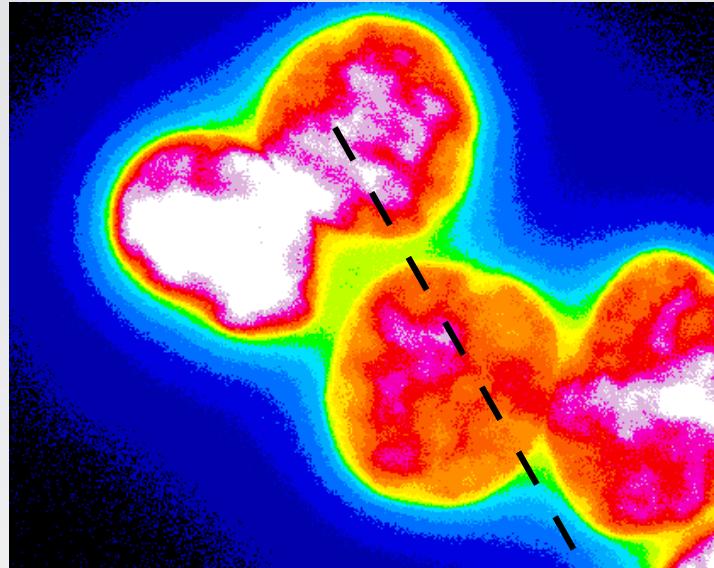
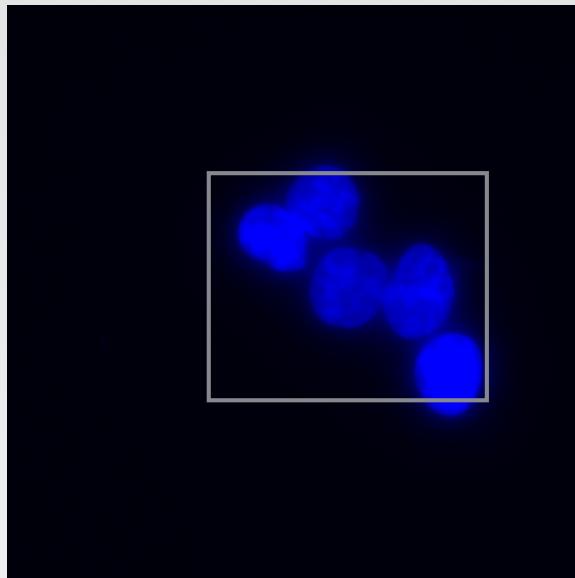


$$I_{i,j} = \max_{k=1}^P (I_{i,j,k})$$



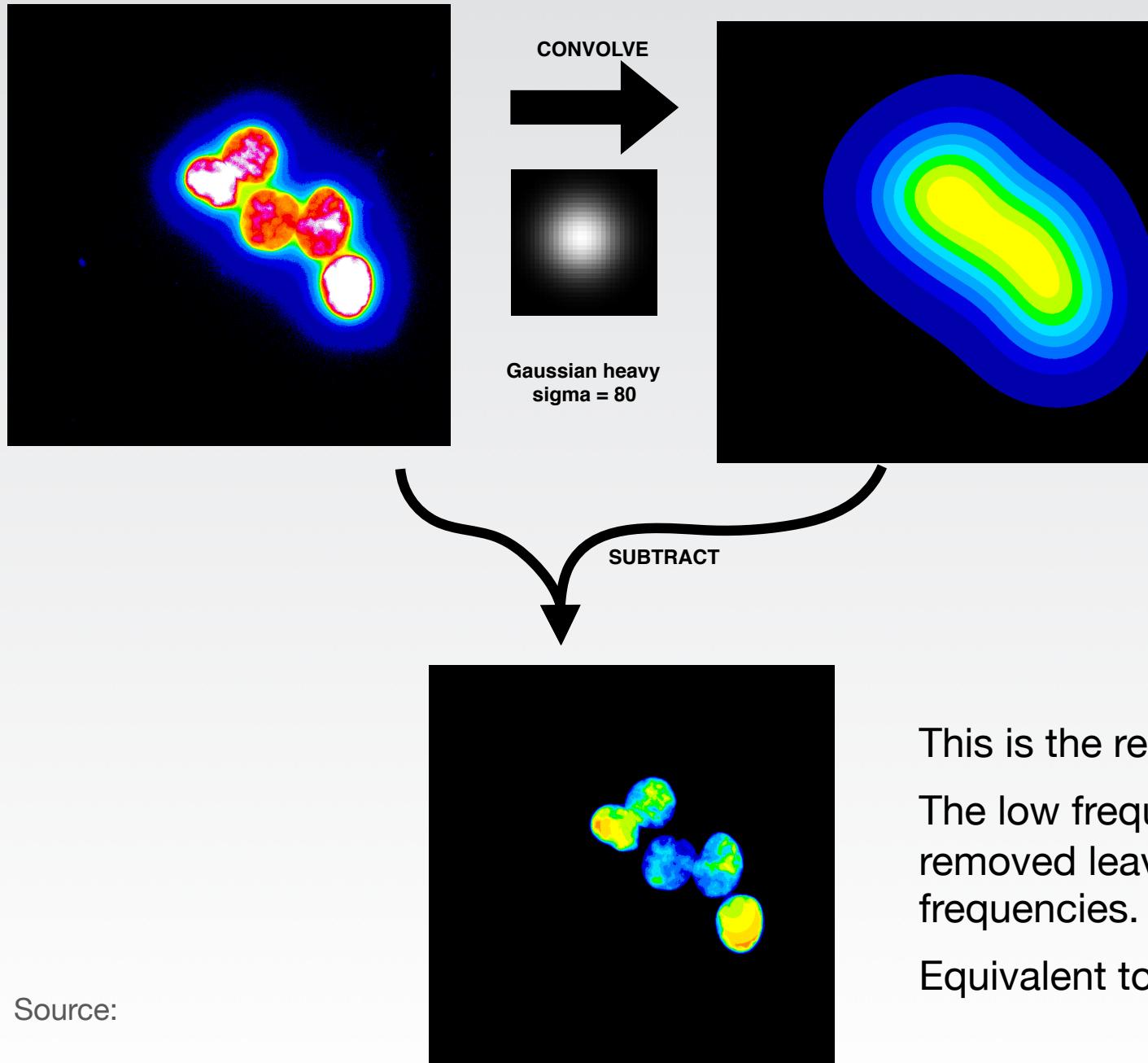
We want to isolate image regions into individual cells and then make measurements.

# High background signal



**Cells will be hard to separate. We need to remove this smooth background signal. This background signal is low-frequency image signal.**

# Background removal, using filtering

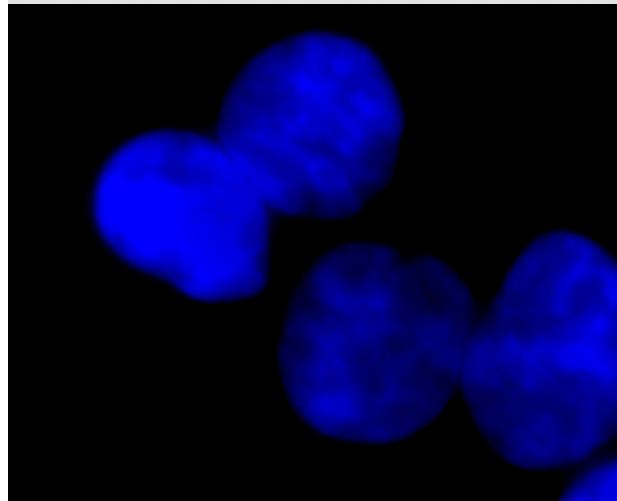


Low frequencies of image.  
equivalent to a low pass filter

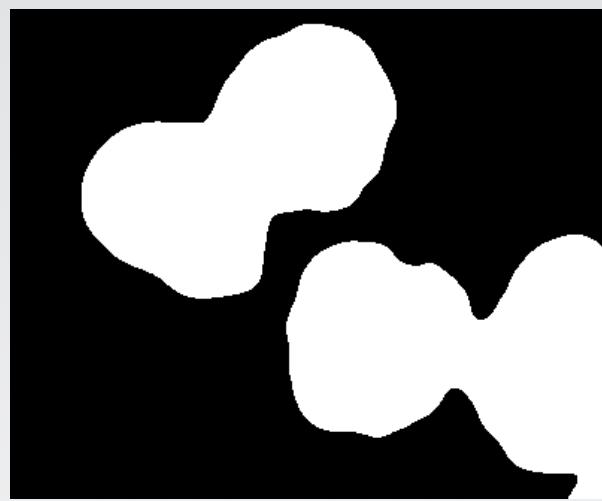
This is the resulting image.  
The low frequencies have been removed leaving all the other frequencies.  
Equivalent to a high pass filter.

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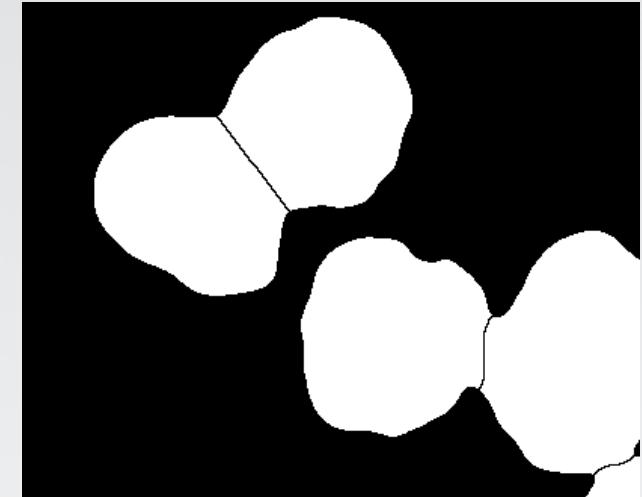
# Segmentation much improved.



Filtered image



Segmented image



Watershedded image

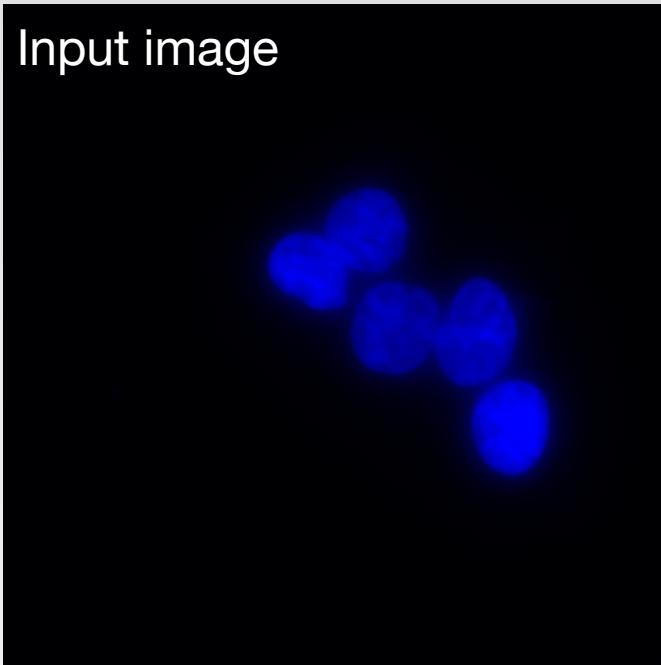


Segmented cells

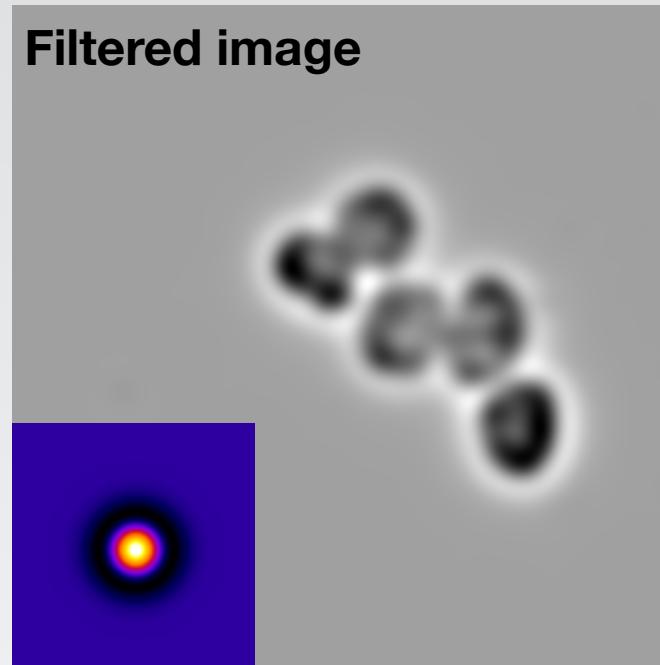
Source:

# Smoothed laplacian filter

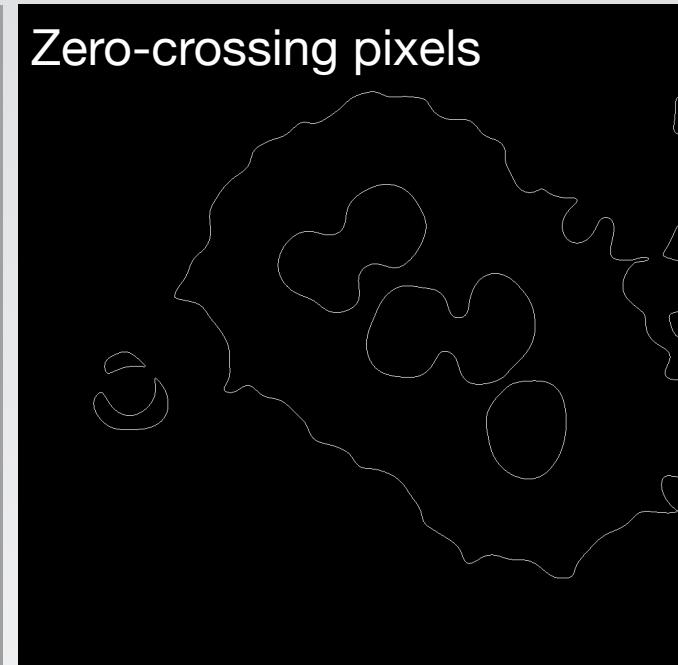
Input image



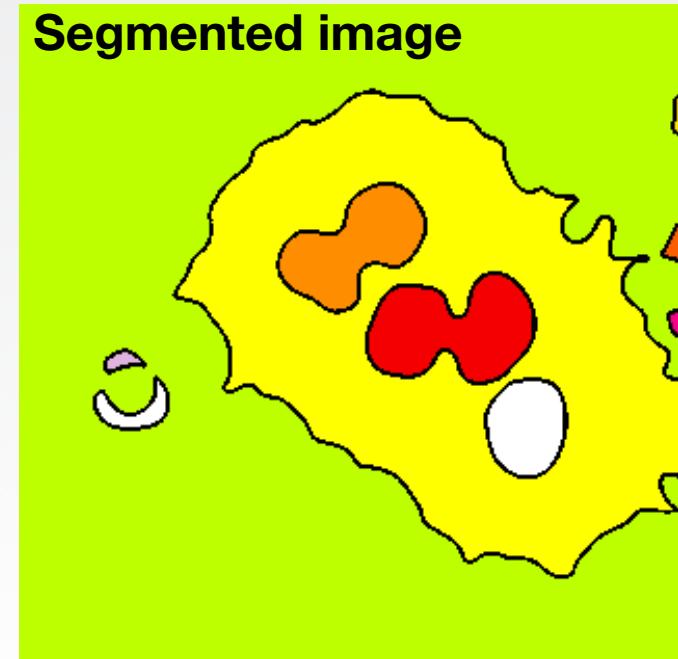
Filtered image



Zero-crossing pixels



Segmented image

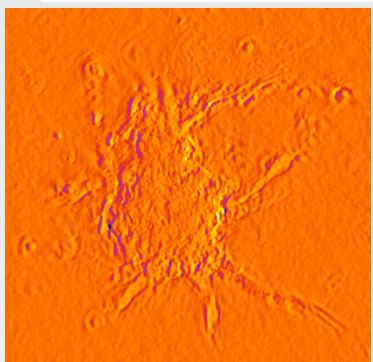


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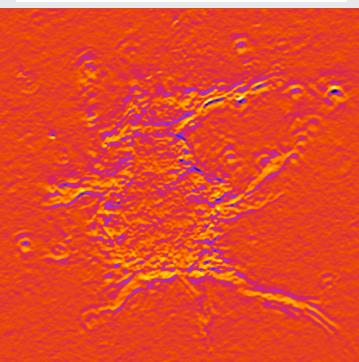
# Feature calculation

If you filter and image with

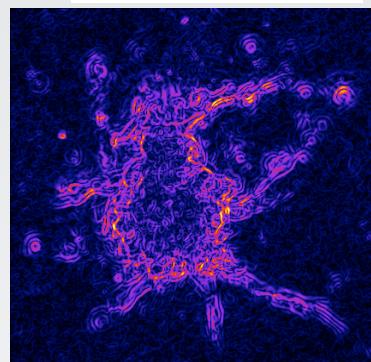
derivative-X



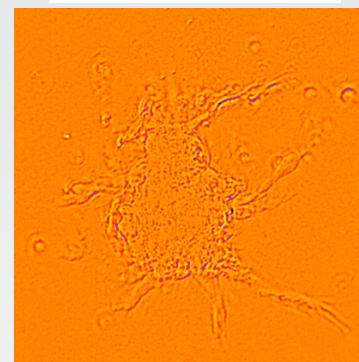
derivative-Y



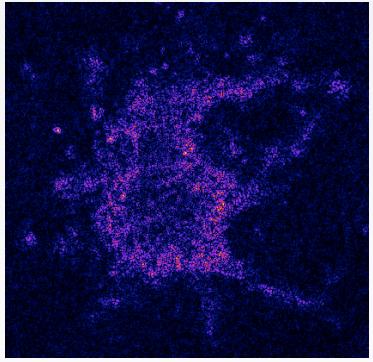
Edge mag.



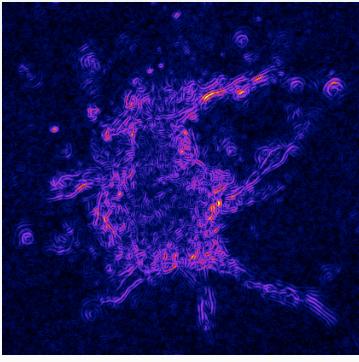
Laplacian



Hessian min

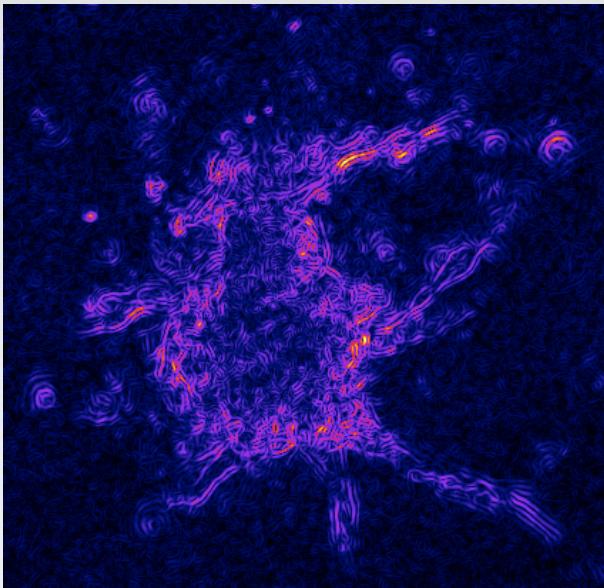


Hessian max

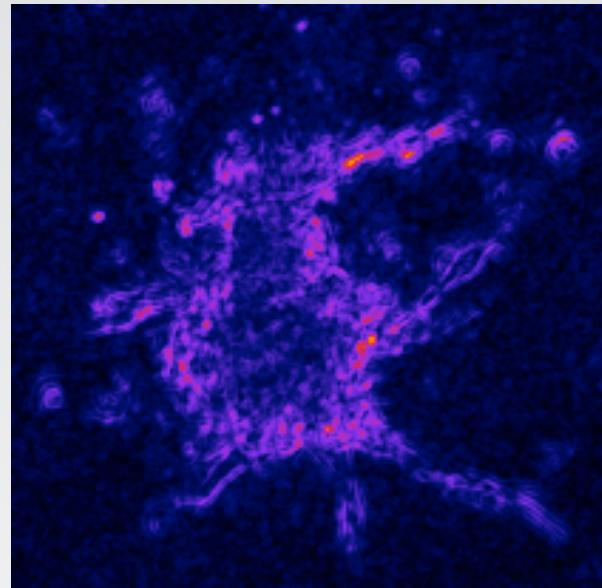


Source:FeatureJ

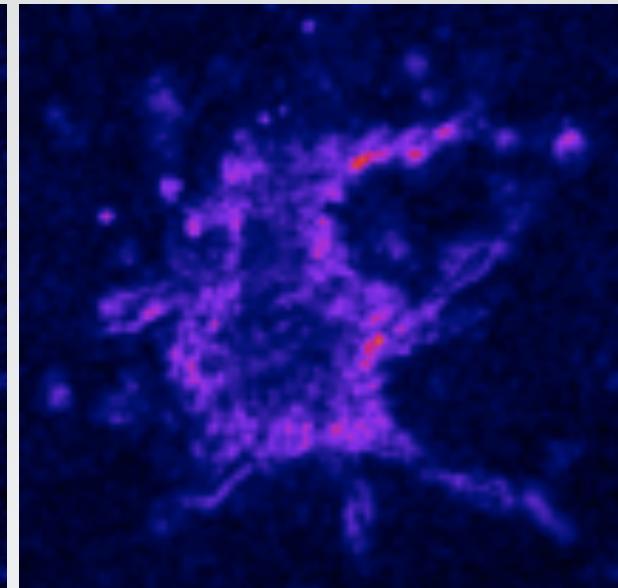
# Feature Calculation different scales



**sigma = 1.0**



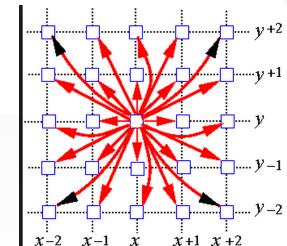
**sigma = 4.0**



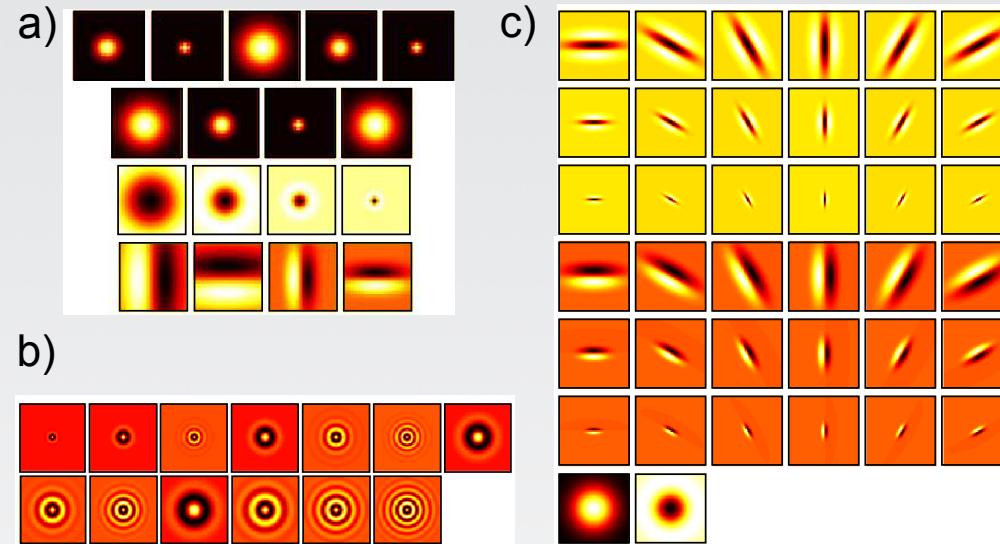
**sigma = 8.0**

By blurring the image and applying the different filters you get a sense of the greater neighbourhood. Many scales can be used in combination.

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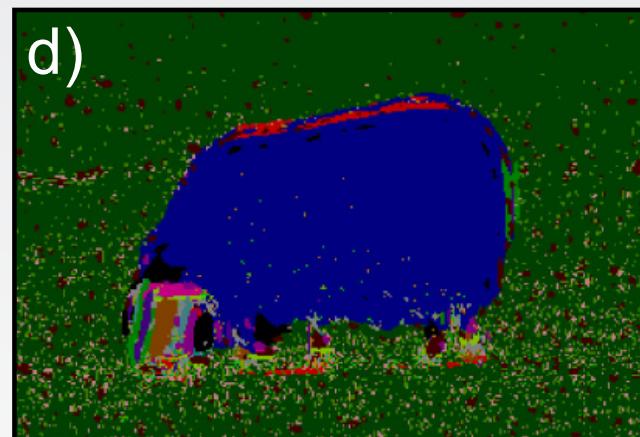
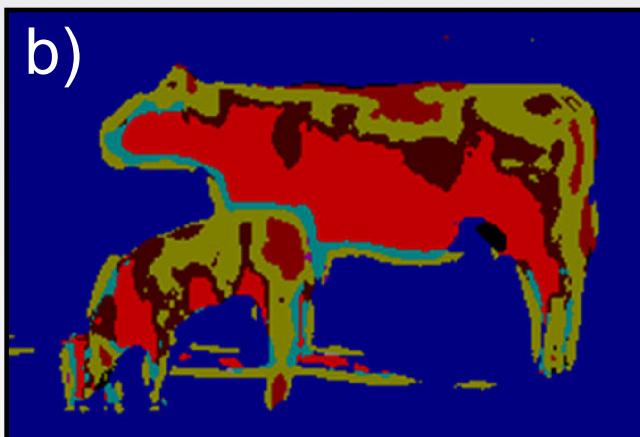
# Filter banks



- a) A combination of Gaussians, derivatives of Gaussians, Laplacians of Gaussians
- b) Some rotationally invariant filters.
- c) The maximum response MR8 filter bank

Source: Computer Vision, Simon Prince

# Filters banks used for semantic segmentation



- a) A combination of Gaussians, derivatives of Gaussians, Laplacians of Gaussians
- b) Some rotationally invariant filters.
- c) The maximum response MR8 filter bank

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# Deconvolution

$$f * g = h$$

convolution

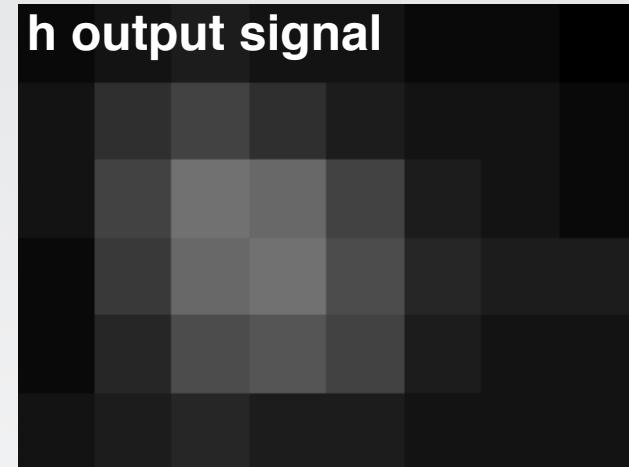
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**f** the signal we are after



kernel: 3x3 mean filter

**h** output signal



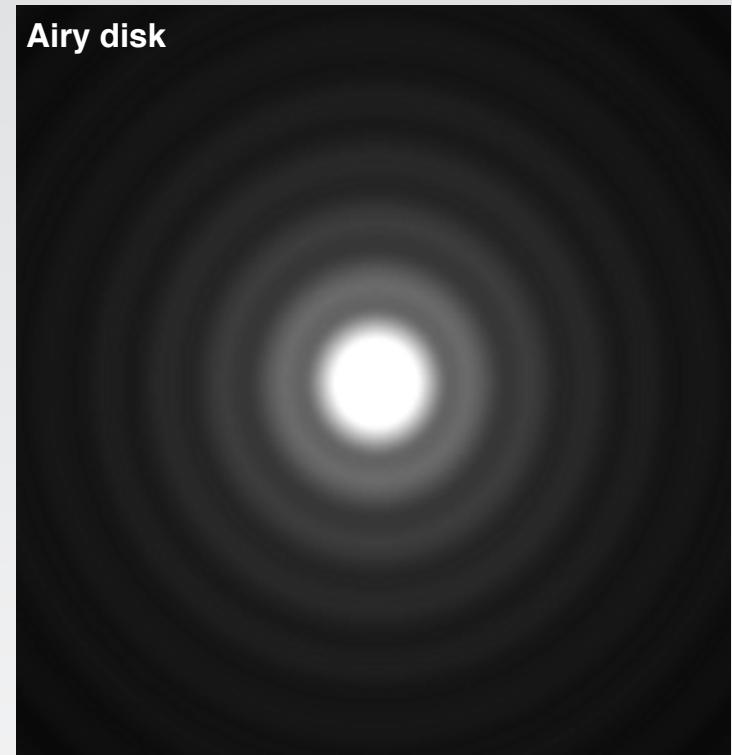
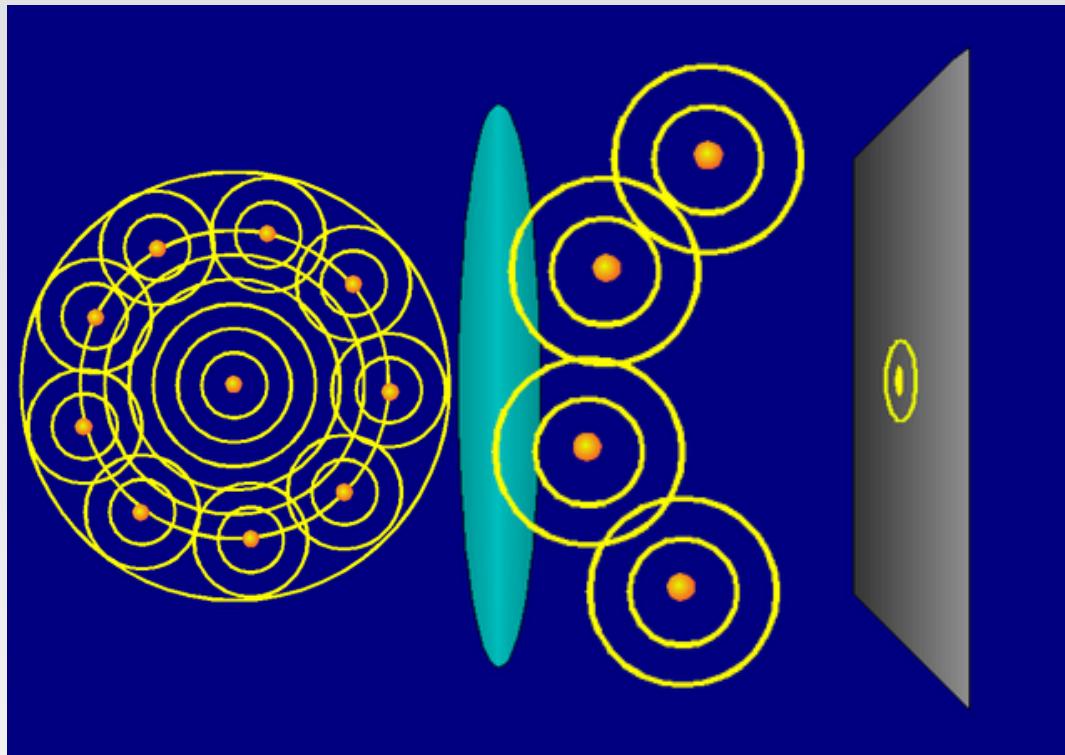
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deconvolution

The goal of deconvolution is to find  $f$  given the kernel  $g$  and the output signal  $h$

Source:

# Deconvolution: Why we deconvolve?

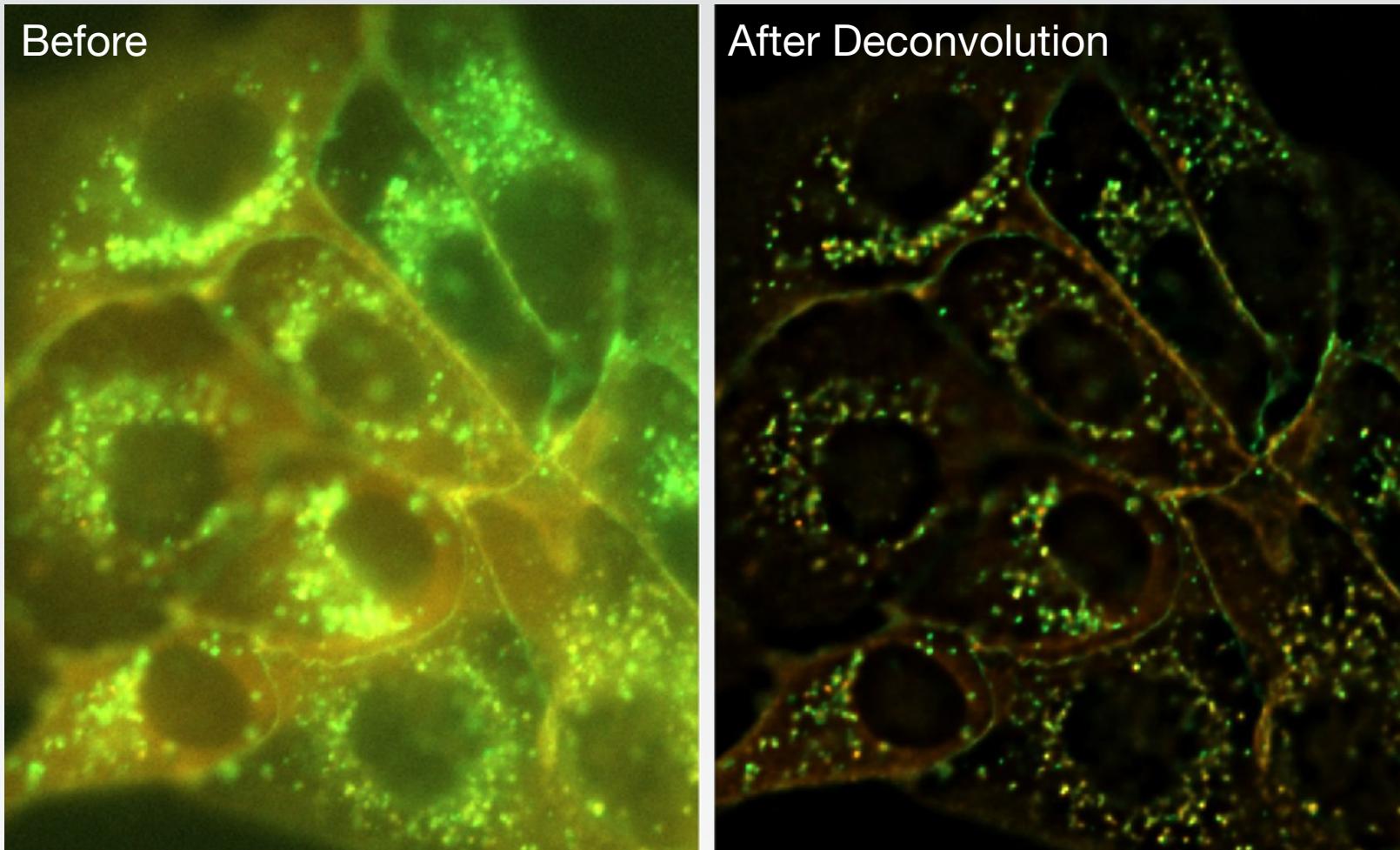


We have out-of-focus light contributing to our image plane, but we also have an artefact of the collection process influencing our final image.

Deconvolution seeks to remedy this issues.

Source: [www.huygens.org](http://www.huygens.org)

# Huygens software



**Deconvolution of cell-cell junctions of MDCK cells.**  
Nikon Ti widefield microscope (Objective 40x; 1.3 NA oil lens).

source: <http://www.svi.nl/ImageGallery>

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# Deconvolution software

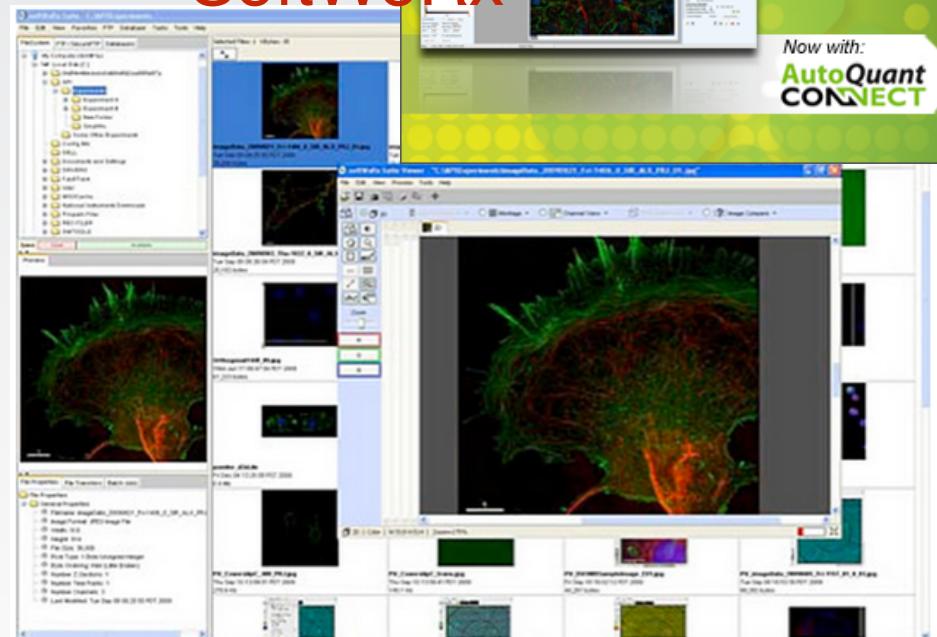


## Deconvolution

- Image restoration
- Volume Visualisation
- Some analysis

## Expensive

WIMM CBRG has the 2nd fastest Huygens server in the world.



Source: <http://www.svi.nl/HuygensSoftware>, <http://www.mediacy.com/index.aspx?page=AutoQuant>, <http://api.gehealthcare.com/api/softworx-suite.asp>

# Conclusions

- Image processing is fundamental to image analysis
- Filtering has many uses including noise removal
- Filtering can be linear or non-linear and play a role in many different types of processing.
- Using many filters in coordination allows texture analysis of objects and pixels.

# Practical content and lectures

Doctoral Training Centre (MPLS)  
Resources /Modules/ 2016-17 /  
Michaelmas term / Week 9-10: Foundations  
of Image Analysis / day01\_practicals

Summary of course: Course-schedule-overview.html

Practicals: day01\_practicals/day01-prac-overview.html

Source: