

# Lecture 2

# Pixels and Filters

# Administrative

A0 is out.

- It is ungraded
- Meant to help you with python and numpy basics
- Learn how to do homeworks and submit them on gradescope.

# Grading policy - Assignments

- **Assignment 0** (Using Colabs, Python basics)
  - Recommended Due by Jan 14 (Ungraded)
- **Assignment 1** (Filters, Convolutions, Edges)
  - Due Jan 24, 11:59 PST
- **Assignment 2** (Keypoints, Panaromas, Seam Carving)
  - Due Feb 7, 11:59 PST
- **Assignment 3** (Cameras, Clustering, Segmentation)
  - Due Feb 21, 11:59 PST
- **Assignment 4** (kNN, PCA, LDA, Detection)
  - Due Mar 7, 11:59 PST
- **Assignment 5** (Optical Flow, Tracking, Machine Learning)
  - Due Mar 15, 11:59 PST

# Grading policy - assignments

- Most assignments will have an extra credit worth 1% of your total grade.
- Late policy
  - 5 free late days – use them in your ways
  - Maximum of 2 late days per assignment
  - Afterwards, 25% off per day late
- Collaboration policy
  - Read the student code book, understand what is ‘collaboration’ and what is ‘academic infraction’
  - We have links to this on the course webpage

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Recitations (2 options)

- Friday mornings 9:30-10:20am @ MGH 231
- Friday afternoons 12:30-1:20pm @ CSE2 G01

This week:

We will go over Linear algebra basics

# amusement park

sky

The Wicked Twister

ride

Cedar Point

Lake Erie

Ferris wheel

water

ride

12 E

tree

tree

deck

bench

tree

carousel

pedestrians

-12 E-

people waiting in line

people sitting on ride

umbrellas

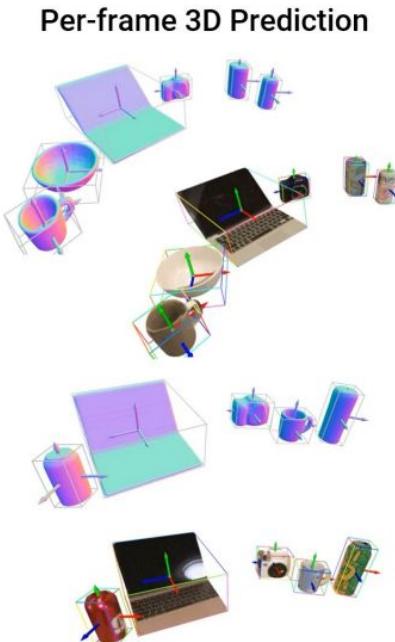
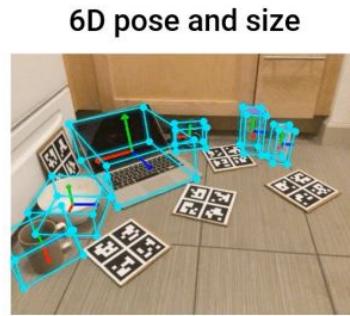
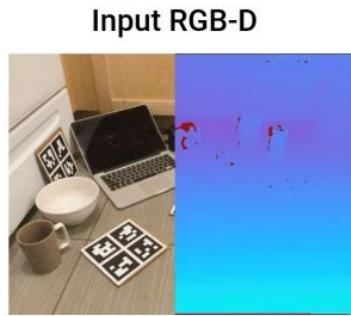
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Objects  
Activities  
Scenes  
Locations  
Text / writing  
Faces  
Gestures  
Motions  
Emotions...

So far:  
computer  
Vision  
extracts  
semantic  
information

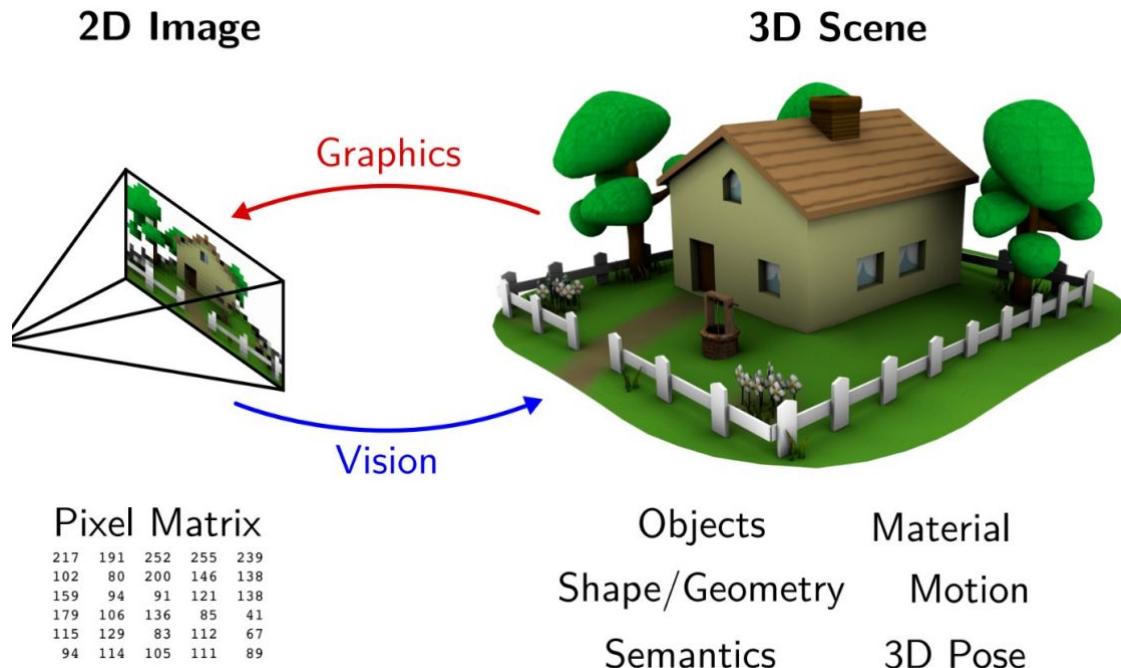
January 09, 2024

# So far: Computer vision extracts geometric 3D information from 2D images



TRI & GATech's ShaPO (ECCV'22): <https://zubair-irshad.github.io/projects/ShAPO.html>

# So far: why is computer vision hard?



It is an ill posed  
problem

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- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

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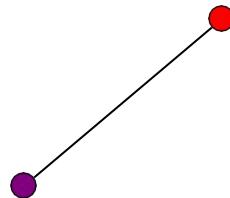
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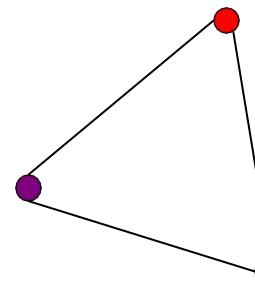
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# Linear color spaces

- Defined by a choice of three *primaries*
- The coordinates of a color are given by the weights of the primaries used to match it

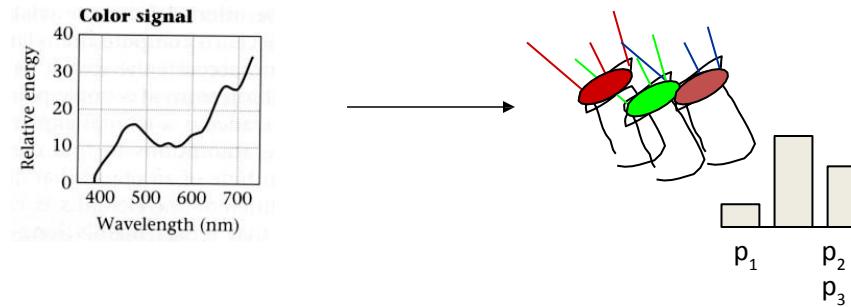


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produces colors that lie  
along a straight line in  
color space



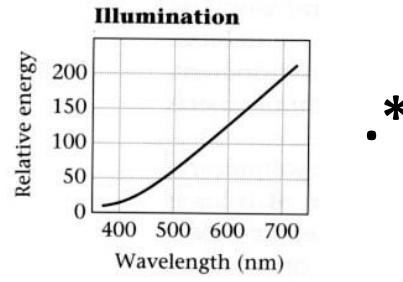
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colors that lie within the  
triangle they define in color  
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# How to compute the weights of the primaries to match any spectral signal

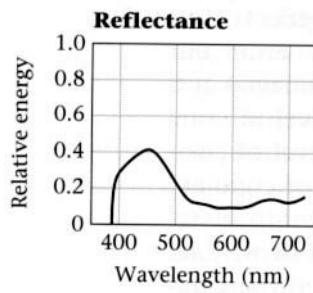


**Matching functions:** the amount of each primary needed to match a monochromatic light source at each wavelength

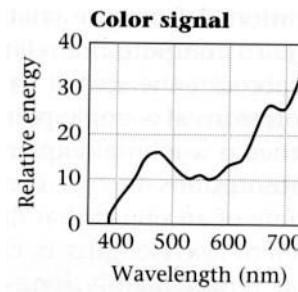
# Explaining Color - Simplified



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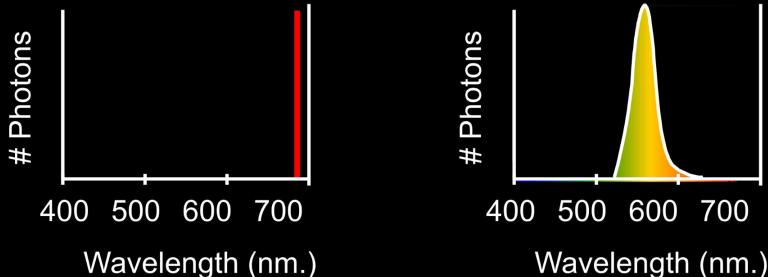
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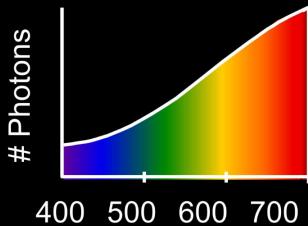
# The Physics of Light Sources

Some examples of the spectra of light sources

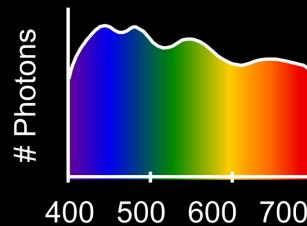
A. Ruby Laser B. Gallium Phosphide Crystal



C. Tungsten Lightbulb

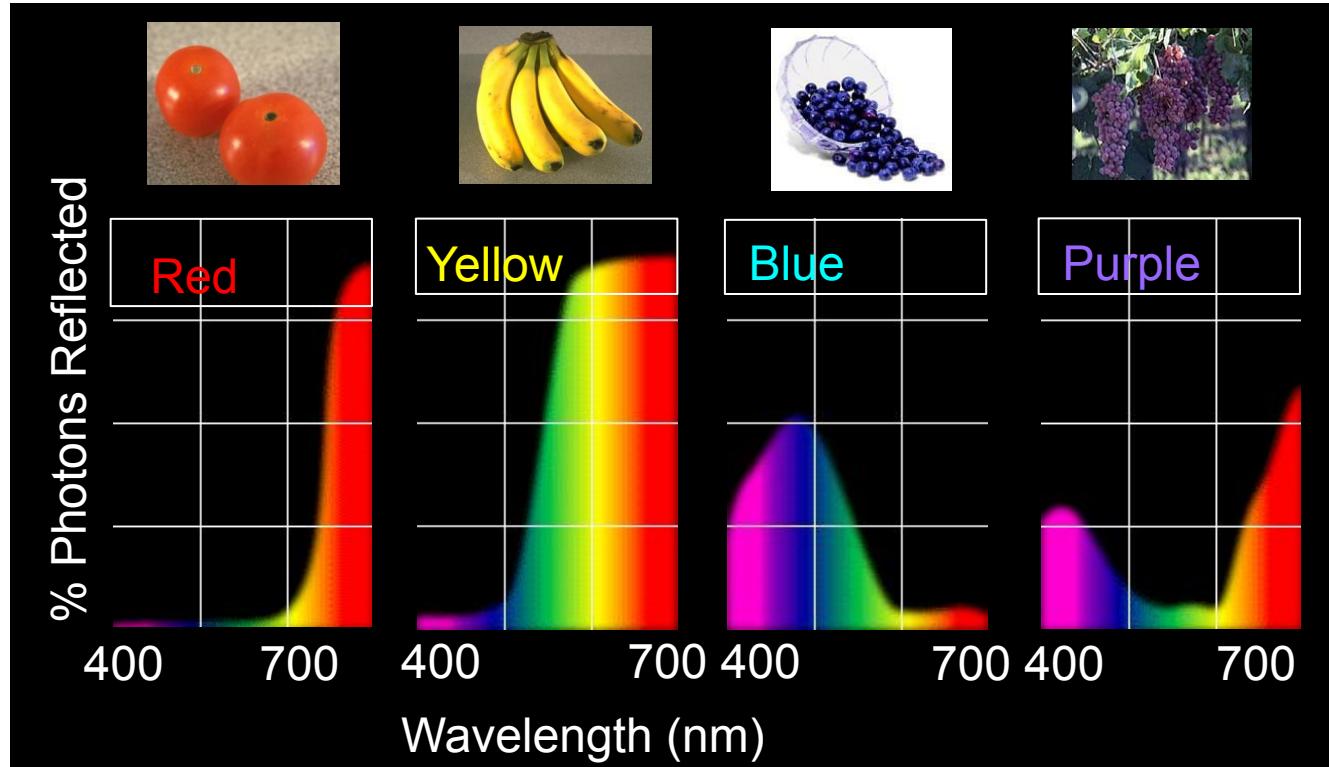


D. Normal Daylight

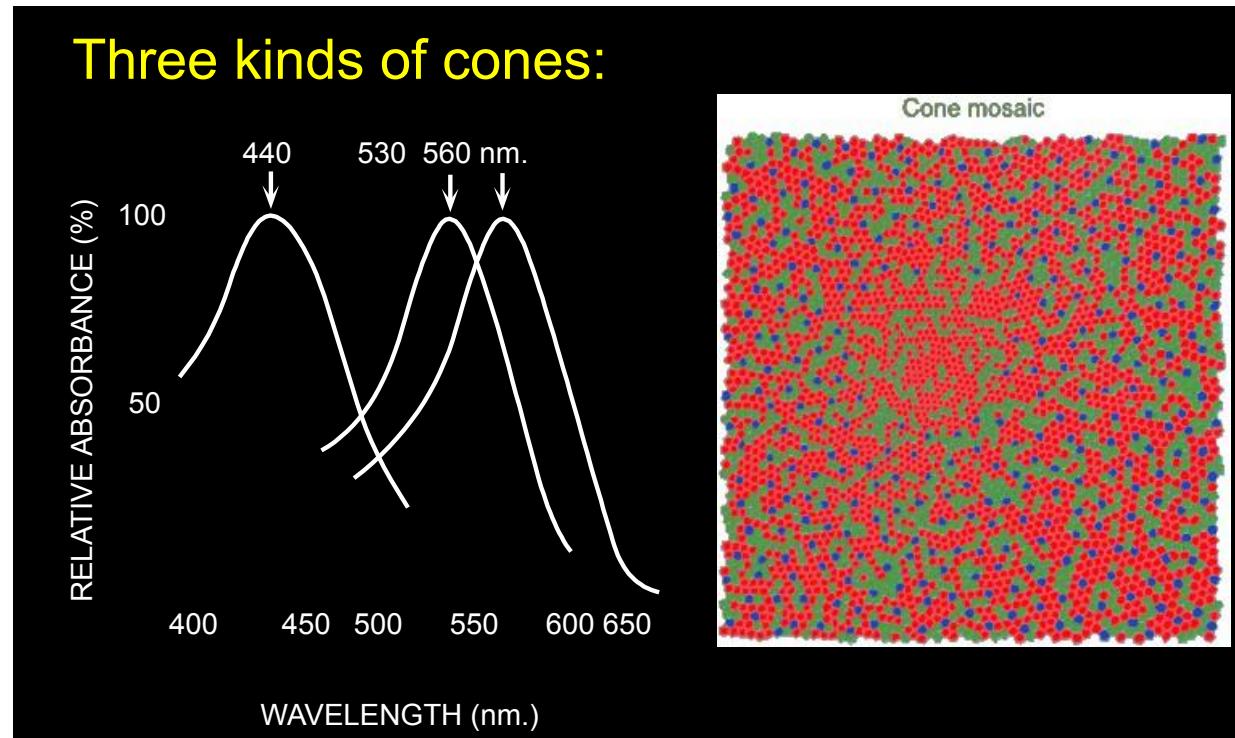


# The Physics of Reflectance

Some examples of the reflectance spectra of surfaces

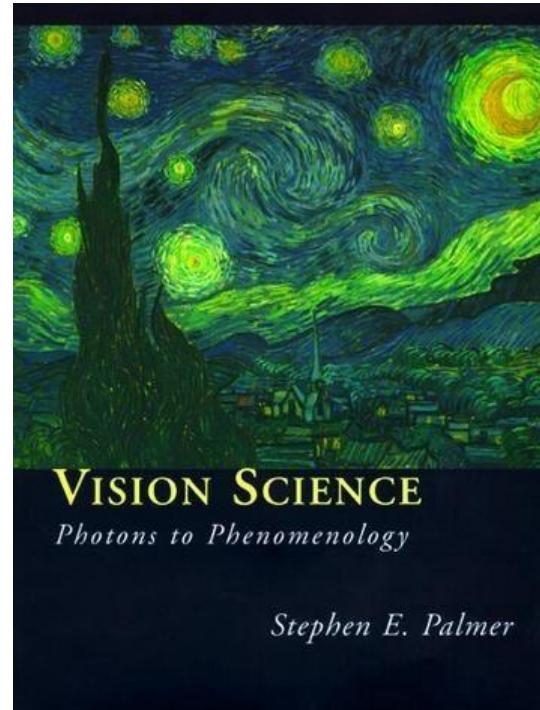


# Physiology of Human Vision



# Color is a psychological phenomenon

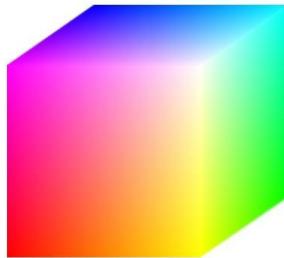
- The result of interaction between physical light in the environment and our visual system.
- A *psychological property* of our visual experiences when we look at objects and lights, *not a physical property* of those objects or lights.



# RGB space

**Primaries** are monochromatic lights (for monitors, they correspond to the three types of phosphors)

RGB primaries

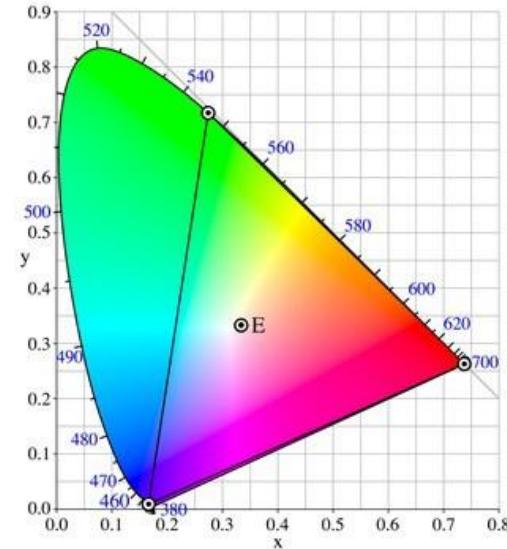


- $p_1 = 645.2 \text{ nm}$
- $p_2 = 525.3 \text{ nm}$
- $p_3 = 444.4 \text{ nm}$

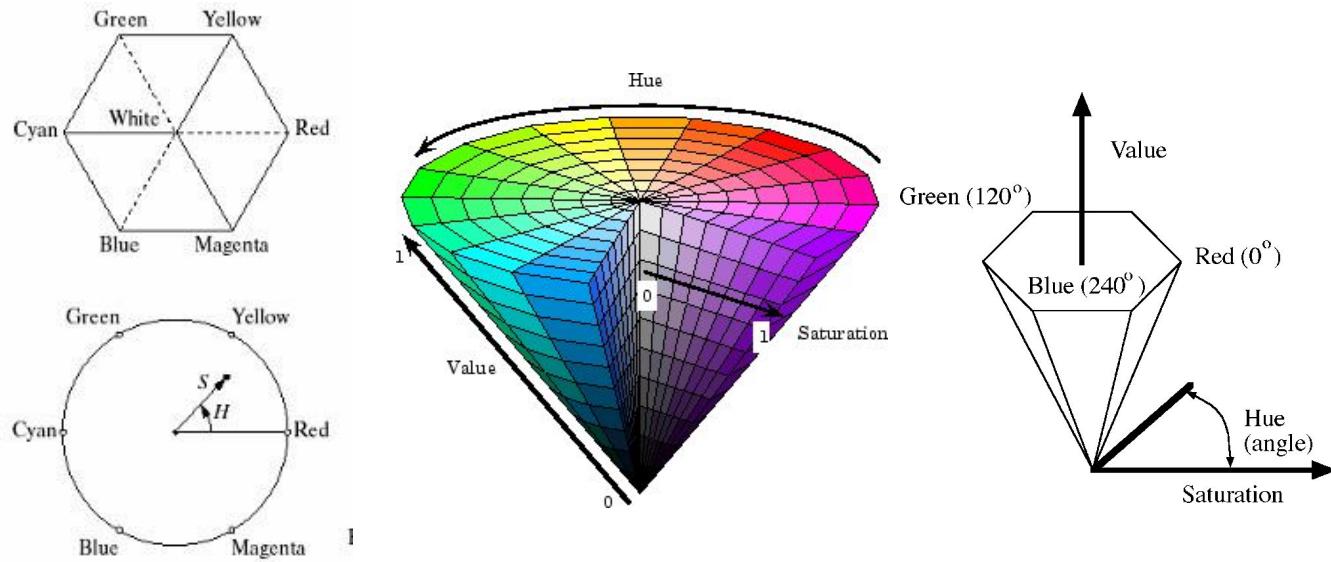
# Linear color spaces: CIE XYZ

- Primaries (X, Y and Z) are imaginary
  - X: Represents a mix of red and green.
  - Y: Represents luminance (brightness).
  - Z: Represents a mix of blue and green.
- 2D visualization: draw  $(x,y)$ , where  
 $x = X/(X+Y+Z)$ ,  $y = Y/(X+Y+Z)$

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE\\_1931\\_color\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIE_1931_color_space)



# Nonlinear color spaces: HSV



- Perceptually meaningful dimensions: Hue, Saturation, Value (Intensity)

# Nonlinear color spaces: HSV



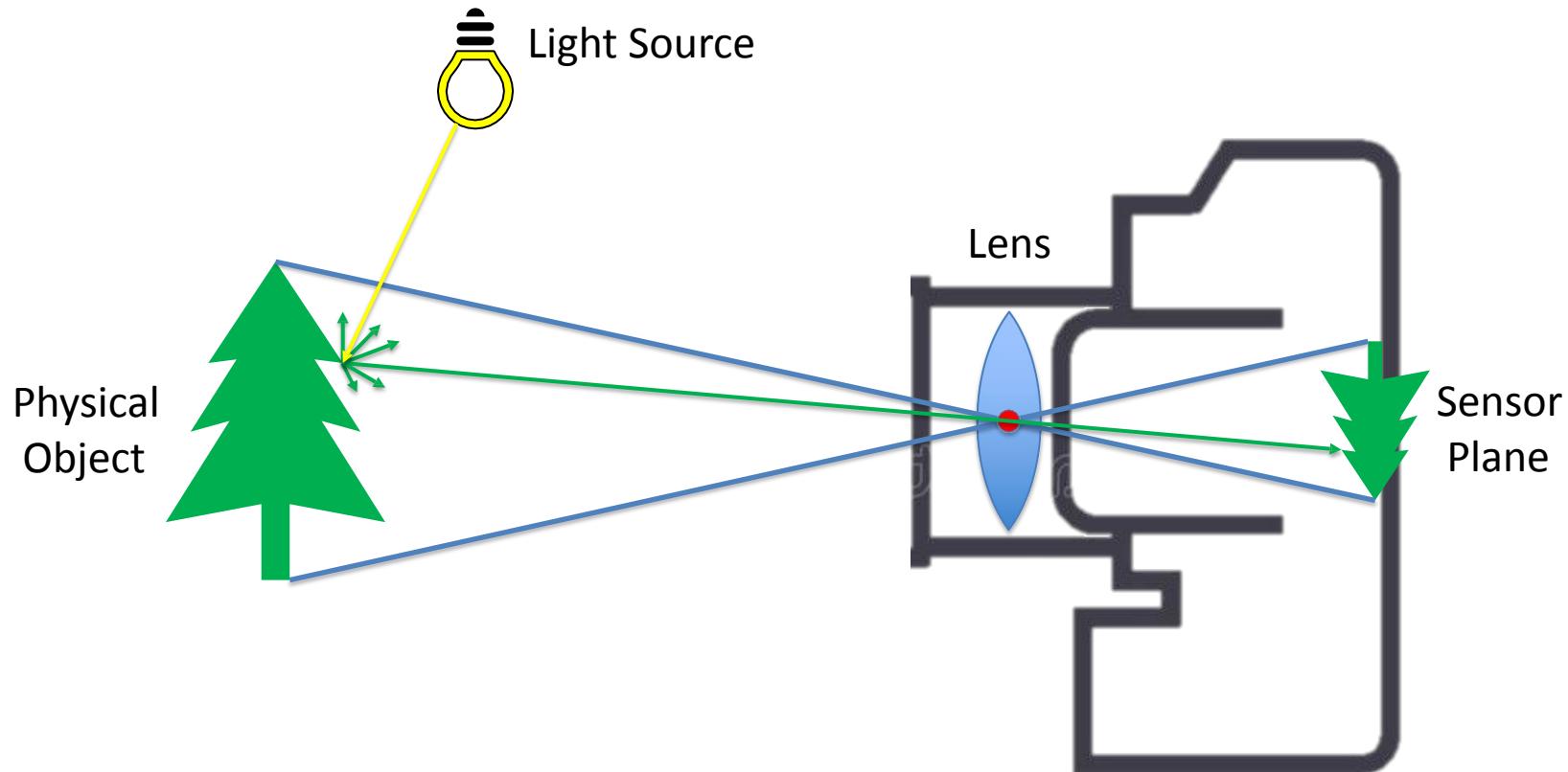
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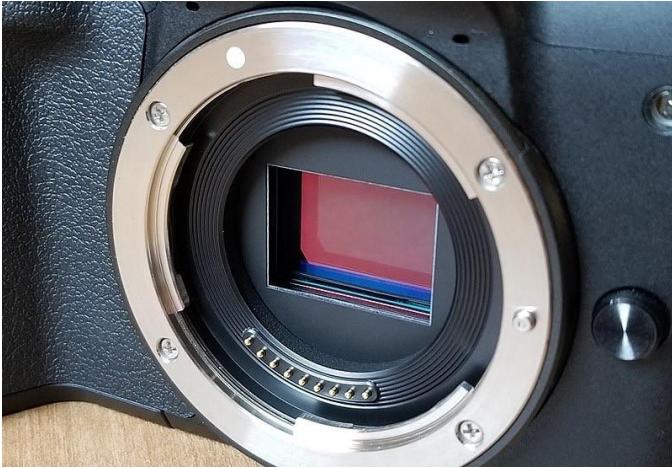
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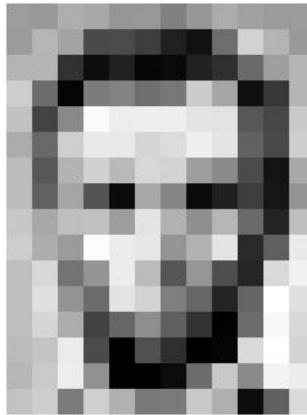
# Image Formation



# Camera sensors produce discrete outputs



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mirrorless\\_Camera\\_Sensor.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mirrorless_Camera_Sensor.jpg)



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# Types of Images

Binary



Grayscale

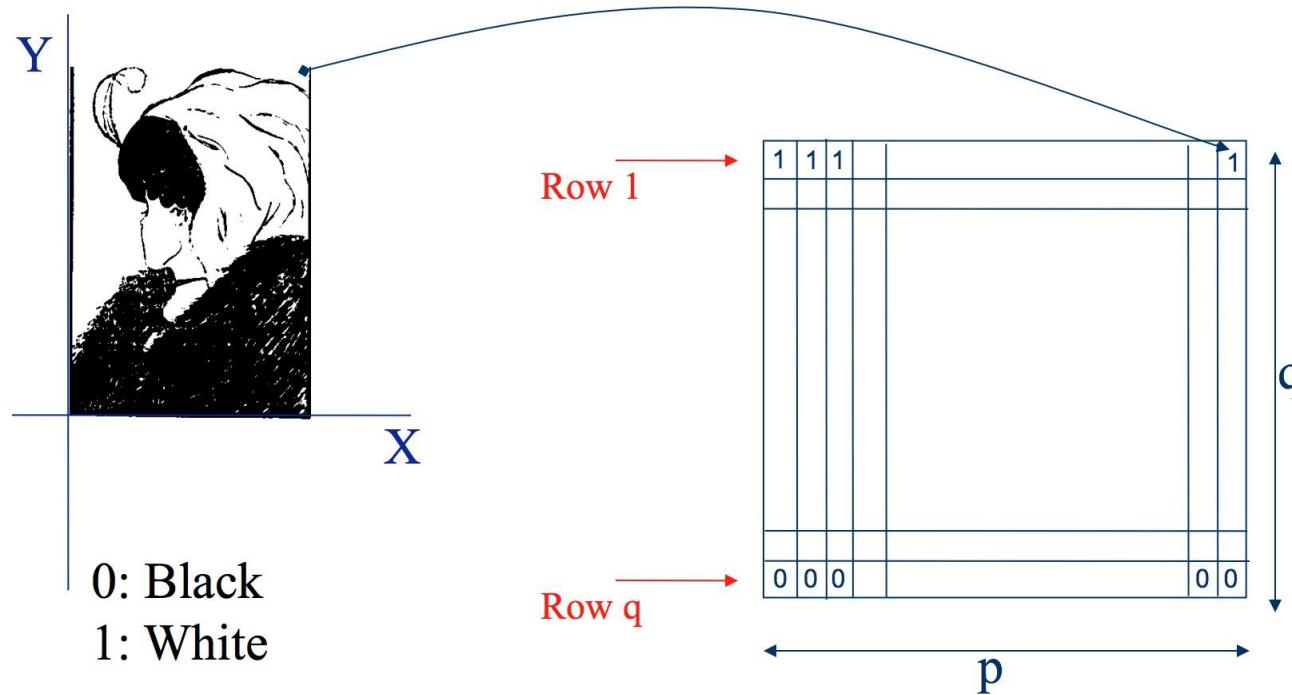


Color



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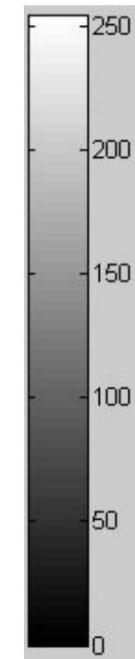
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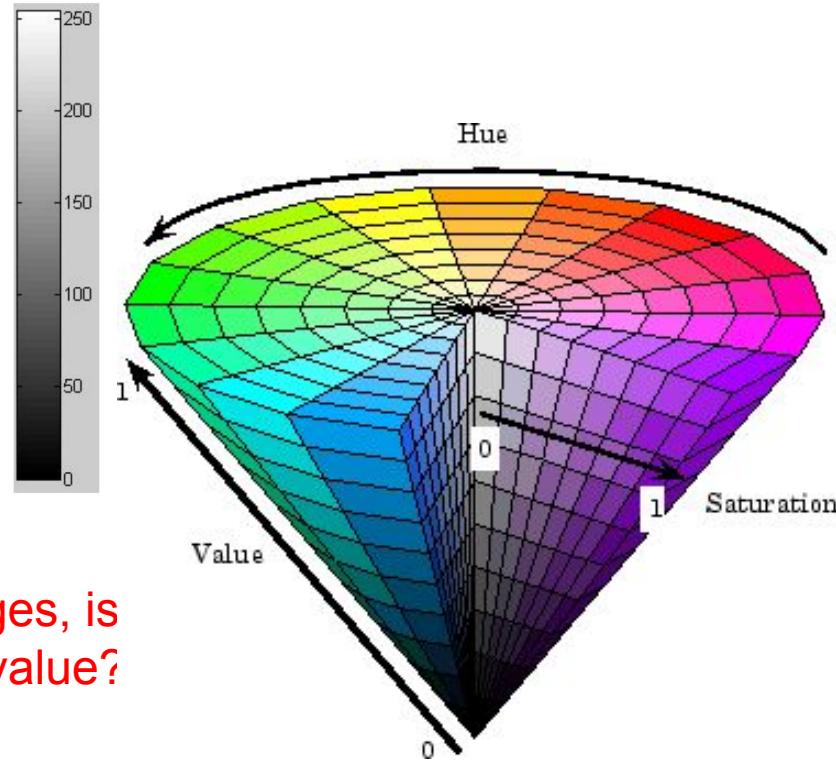
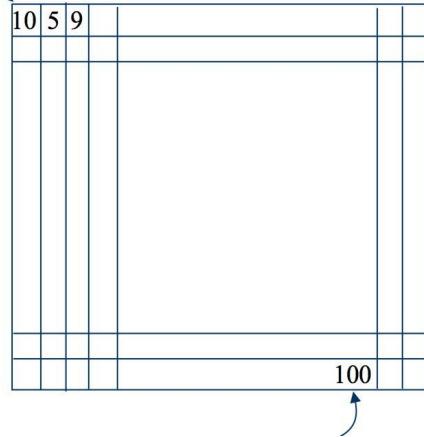


# Grayscale image representation



10	5	9			
			100		





Q. If you used HSV to represent grayscale images, is the slider representing hue? Or saturation? Or value?

# Color image representation



B channel

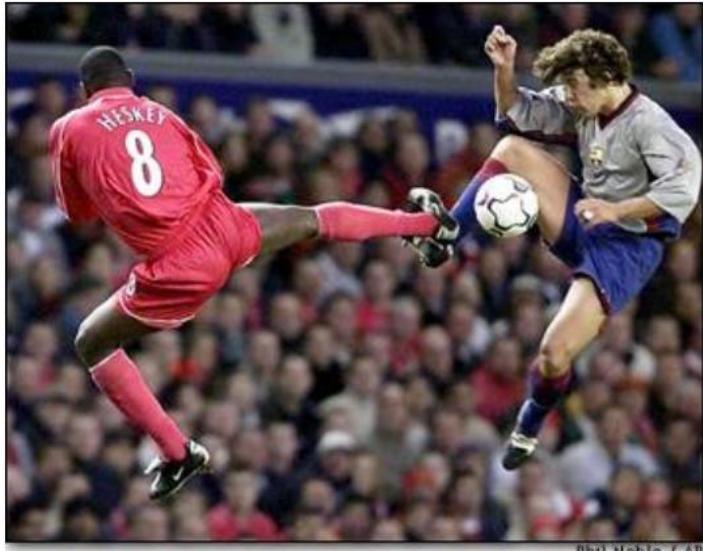


G channel



R channel

# Color image - one channel



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R channel



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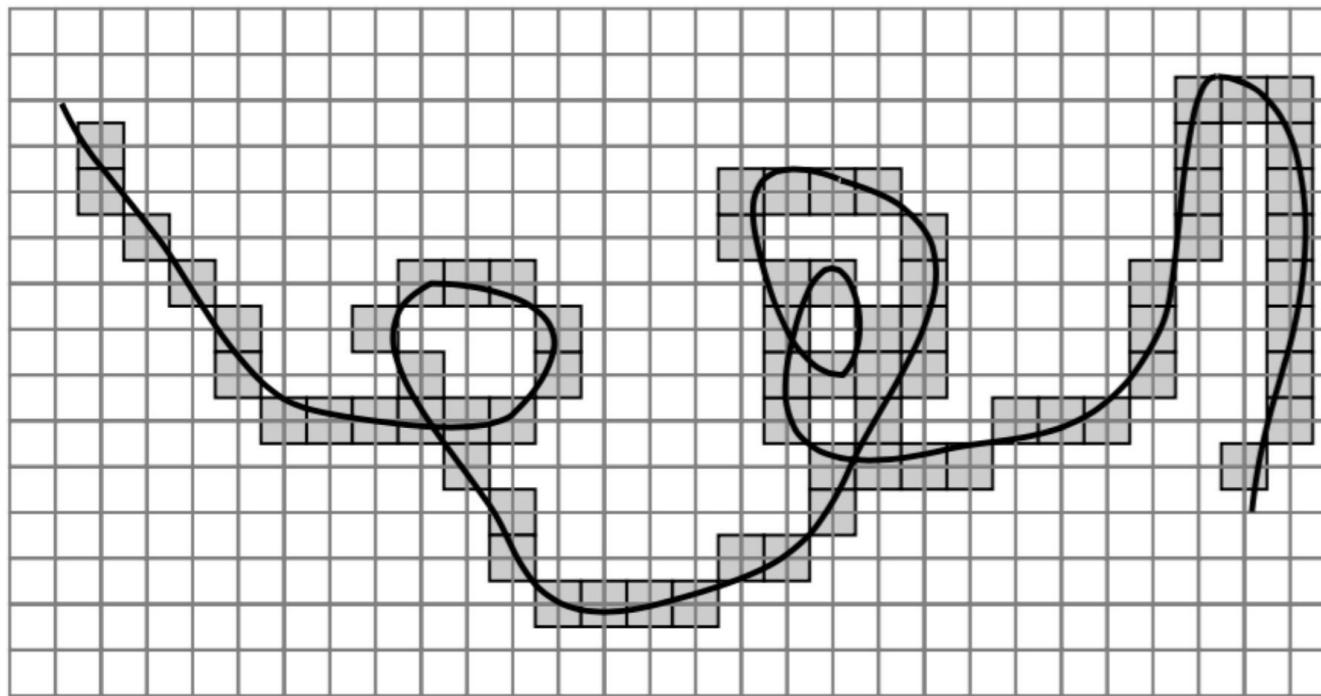
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# Digital Images are sampled

What happens when we zoom  
into the images we capture?

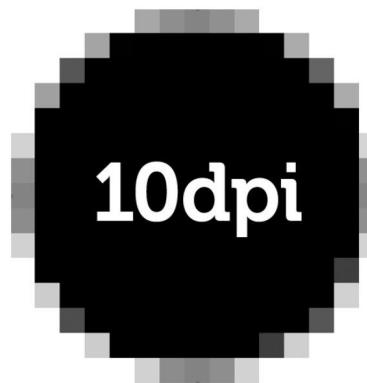


# Errors due to Sampling



# Resolution

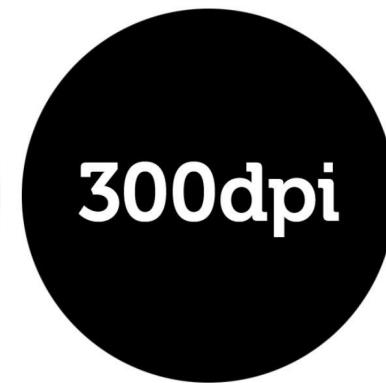
is a **sampling** parameter, defined in dots per inch (DPI) or equivalent measures of spatial pixel density



10dpi



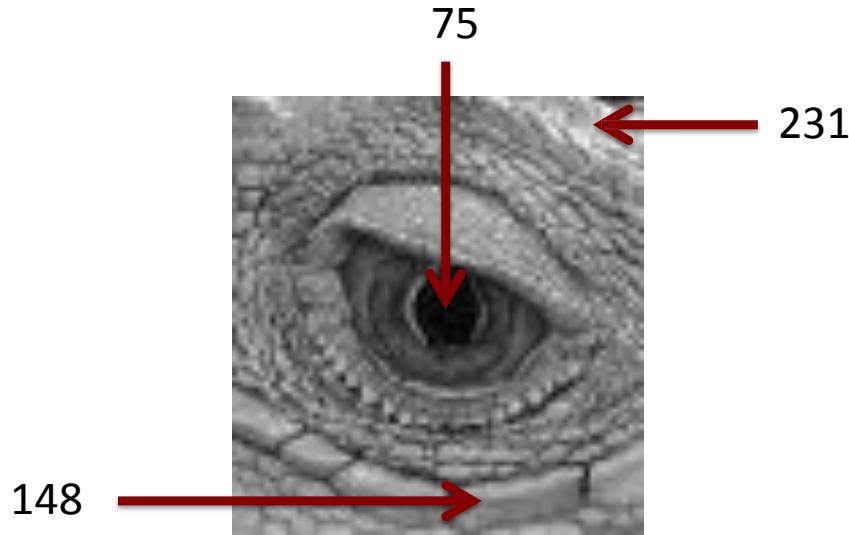
72dpi



300dpi

# Images are Sampled and Quantized

- An image contains discrete number of pixels
  - Pixel value:
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(or “intensity”): [0,255]



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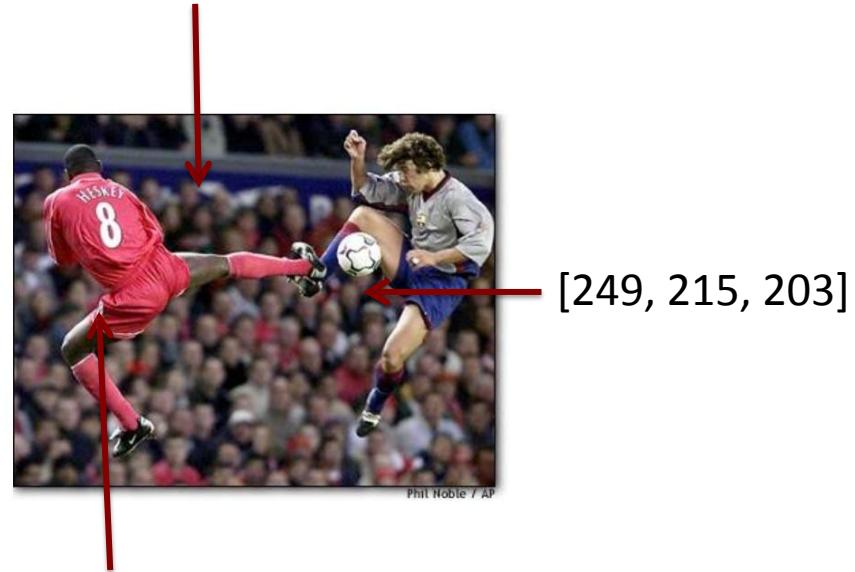
- [90, 0, 53]

- “grayscale”

- (or “intensity”): [0,255]

- “color”

- RGB: [R, G, B]



[213, 60, 67]

With this loss of information (from sampling and quantization),

Can we still use images for useful tasks?

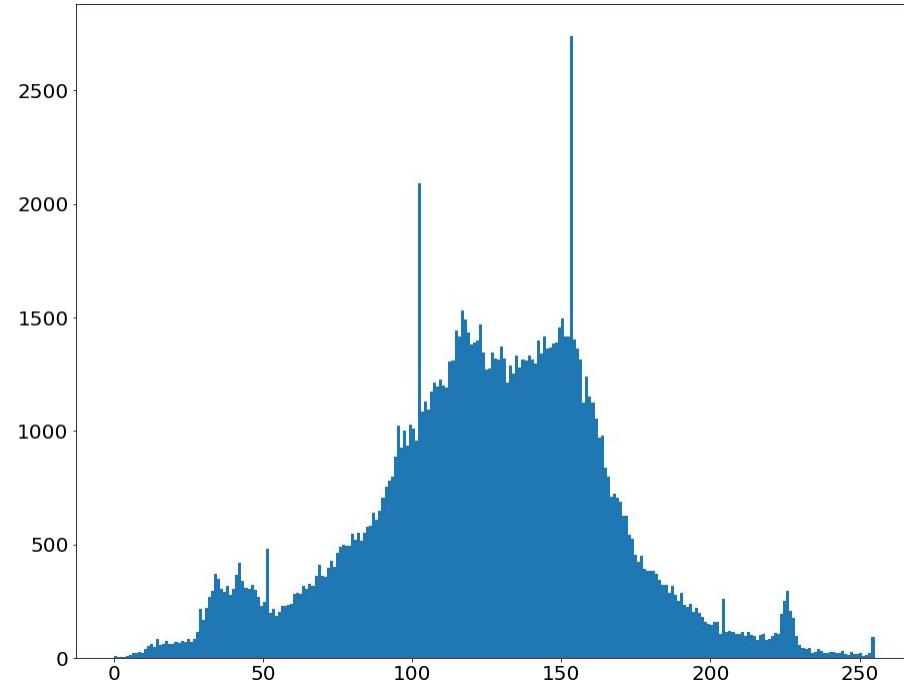
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# Starting with grayscale images:

- Histogram captures the **distribution of gray levels** in the image.
- How frequently each gray level occurs in the image



# Grayscale histograms in code

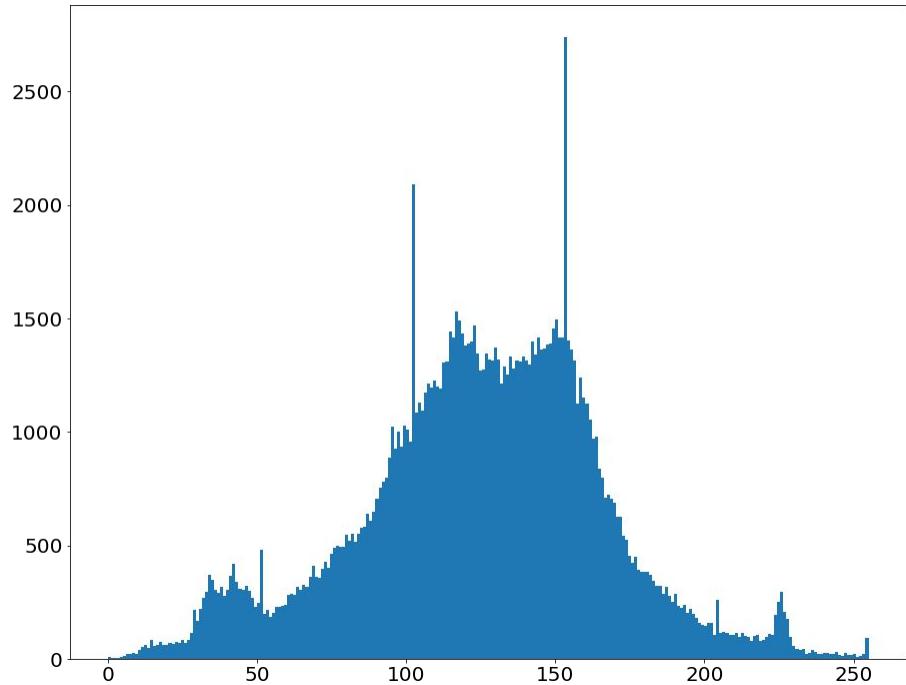
- Histogram of an image provides the frequency of the brightness (intensity) value in the image.

Here is an efficient implementation of calculating histograms:

```
def histogram(im):  
    h = np.zeros(255)  
    for row in im.shape[0]:  
        for col in im.shape[1]:  
            val = im[row, col]  
            h[val] += 1
```

# Visualizing h[:]

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# Visualizing Histograms for patches

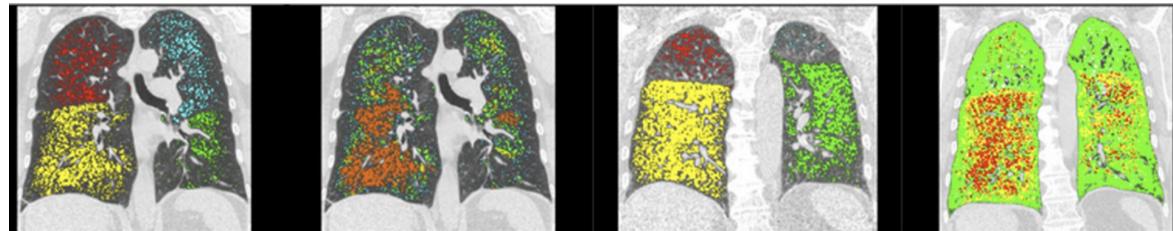
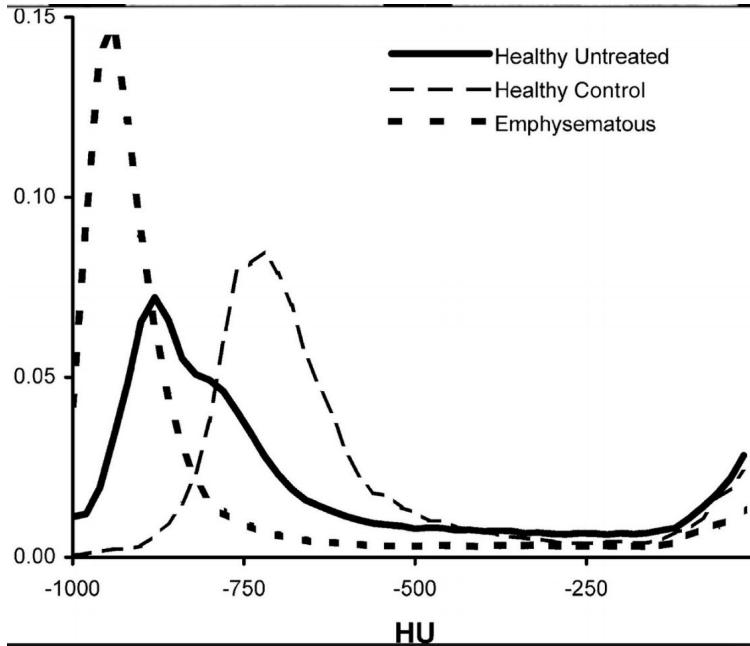


Slide credit: Dr. Mubarak

# Histogram – use case

In emphysema, the inner walls of the lungs' air sacs called alveoli are damaged, causing them to eventually rupture.

You can take a picture of the lung with special dye to mark the alveoli



Histograms are a convenient representation to extract information

Can we develop better transformations than histograms?

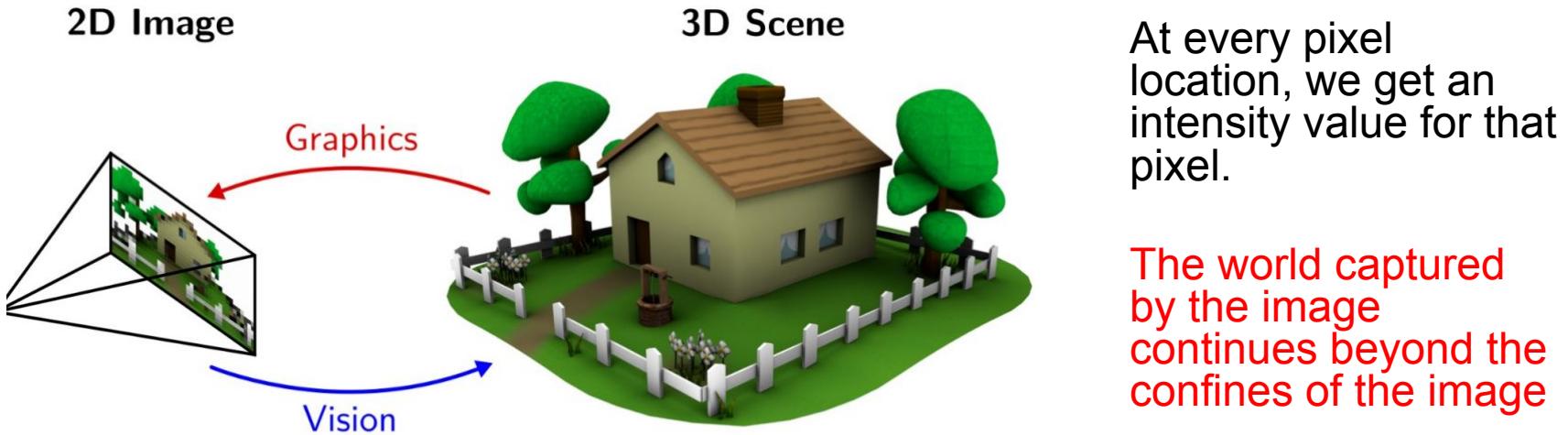
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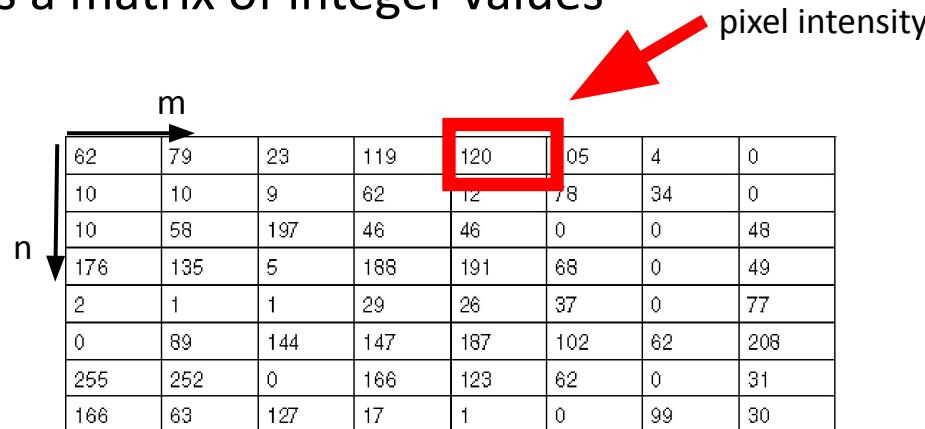
# Images are a function!!!

This is a new formalism that will allow us to borrow ideas from signal processing to extract meaningful information.



# Images as discrete functions

- Digital images are usually **discrete**:
  - **Sample** the 2D space on a regular grid
- Represented as a matrix of integer values



A 9x9 matrix of integer values representing pixel intensities. The matrix is indexed by  $m$  (horizontal) and  $n$  (vertical). The value at index  $(m, n)$  is highlighted with a red box and labeled "pixel intensity".

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# Images as discrete function $f$

- The **input** to the image function is a pixel location,  $[n m]$
- The **output** to the image function is the pixel intensity

A diagram illustrating a 9x9 grid of pixel intensities. The grid is labeled with axes: 'm' for columns and 'n' for rows. The value 120 is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow points to it from the text "pixel intensity".

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Q1. What is  $f[0, 0]$ ?

pixel intensity

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Q2. What is  $f[0, 4]$ ?

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Q2. What is  $f[0, -8]$ ?

A 9x9 grid of integers representing pixel intensities. The grid is indexed by axes  $n$  (vertical) and  $m$  (horizontal). The value at position  $[n=5, m=6]$  is highlighted with a red box and labeled "pixel intensity".

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# Images as coordinates

We can represent this function as  $f$ .

$f[n, m]$  represents the pixel intensity at that value.

$$f[n, m] = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & & \vdots & \\ & f[-1, -1] & f[-1, 0] & f[-1, 1] \\ \dots & f[0, -1] & \underline{f[0, 0]} & f[0, 1] & \dots \\ & f[1, -1] & f[1, 0] & f[1, 1] & \\ & & \vdots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation for discrete functions

$n$  and  $m$  can be any integer  
Even negative!!

We don't have the intensity values for negative indices

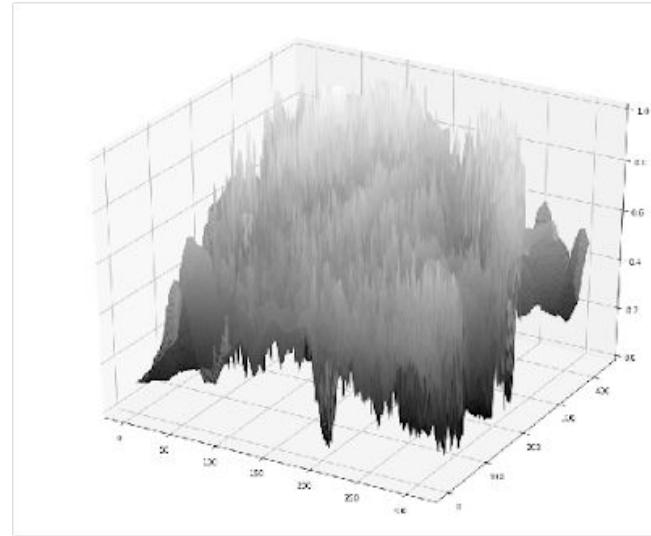
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*n and m can be any integer*  
*Even negative!!*



# Images as functions

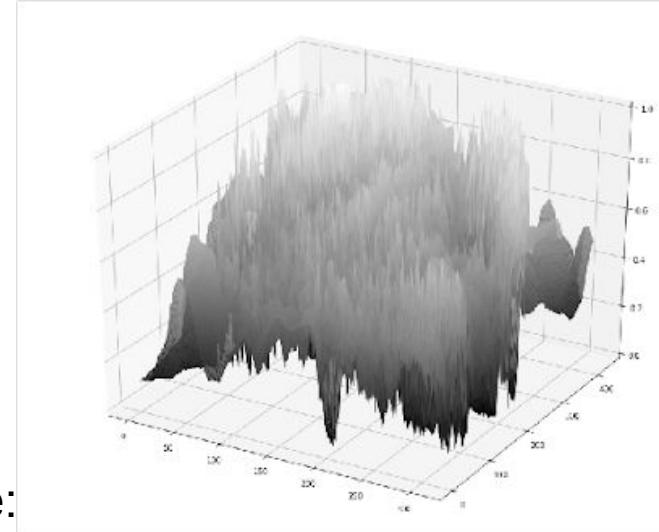
- An **Image** as a function  $f$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^C$ :
  - if grayscale then  $C=1$ ,
  - if color then  $C=3$



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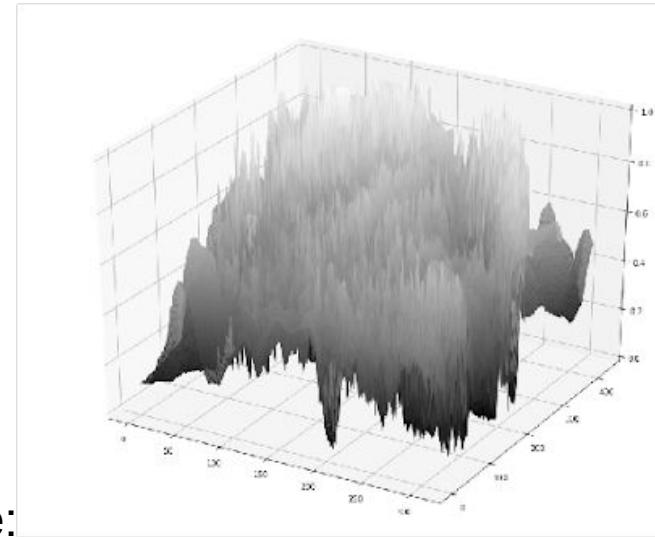


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- Doesn't have values outside of the image rectangle
- we assume that  $f[n, m] = 0$  outside of the image rectangle



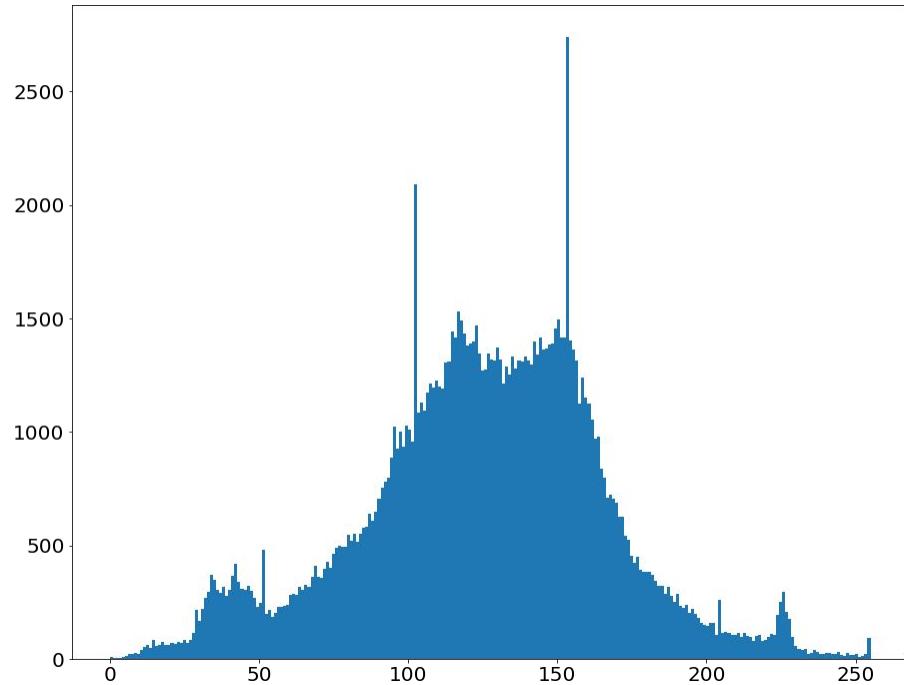
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Domain support      range

# Histograms are also a type of function



# Today's agenda

- Color spaces
- Image sampling and quantization
- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- **Filters**
- Properties of systems

Some background reading:

Forsyth and Ponce, Computer Vision, Chapter 7

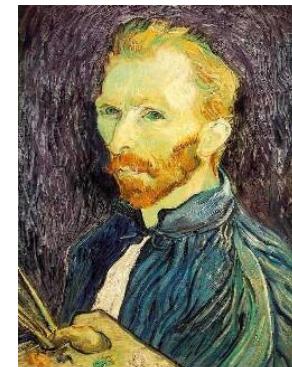
# Applications of filters

De-noising

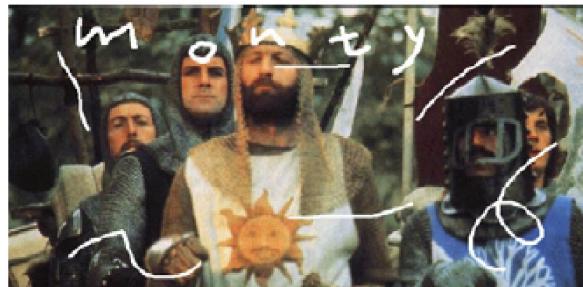


Salt and pepper noise

Super-resolution



In-painting



# Systems and Filters

## Filtering:

- Forming a new image whose pixel values are transformed from original pixel values

## Goals of filters:

- Goal is to extract useful information from images, or transform images into another domain where we can modify/enhance image properties
  - Features (edges, corners, blobs...)
  - super-resolution; in-painting; de-noising

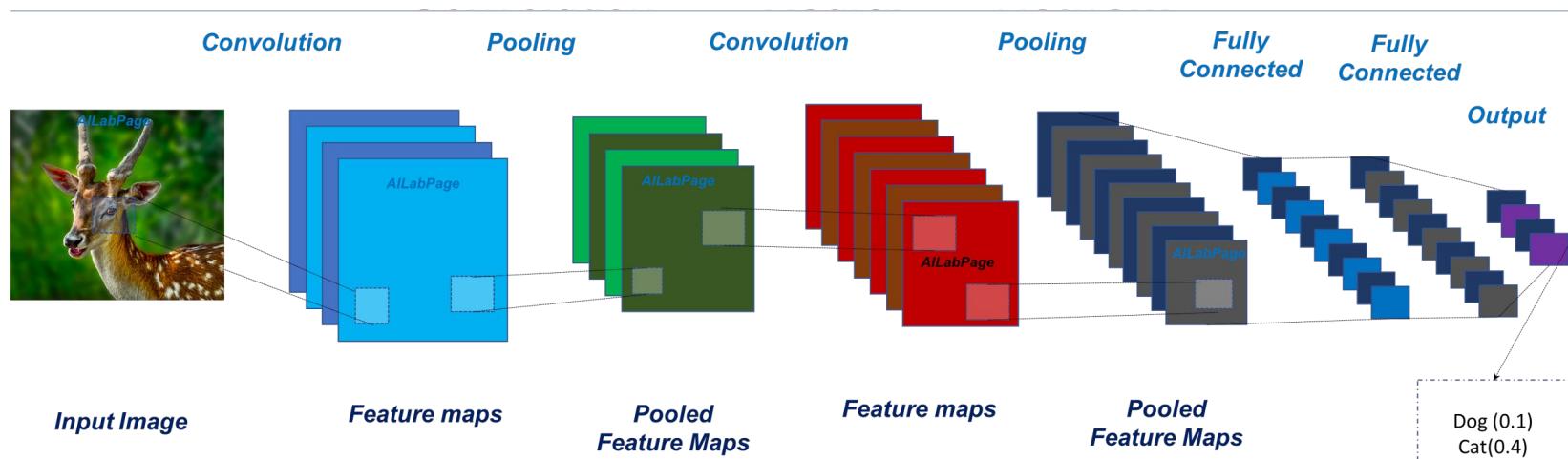
# Intuition behind systems

- We will view systems as a sequence of filters applied to an image
- For example, multiplying by a constant leaves the semantic content intact
  - but can reveal interesting patterns



# As an aside - we will go into detail later in the course:

- Neural networks and specifically **convolutional** neural networks are a sequence of filters (except they are a non-linear system) that contains multiple individual linear sub-systems.



# Systems use Filters

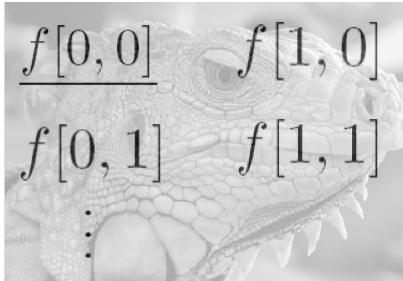
- we define a system as a unit that converts an input function  $f[n,m]$  into an output (or **response**) function  $g[n,m]$ 
  - where  $(n,m)$  index into the function
  - In the case for images,  $(n,m)$  represents the **spatial position in the image.**

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

Images produce a 2D matrix with pixel intensities at every location

$$f[n, m] = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \vdots & \\ & f[-1, -1] & f[0, -1] & f[1, -1] \\ \dots & f[-1, 0] & \underline{f[0, 0]} & f[1, 0] & \dots \\ & f[-1, 1] & f[0, 1] & f[1, 1] & \ddots \\ & \vdots & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

Notation for discrete functions



# 2D discrete system (system is a sequence of filters)

$S$  is the **system operator**, defined as a **mapping or assignment** of possible inputs  $f[n,m]$  to some possible outputs  $g[n,m]$ .

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Other notations:

$$g = \mathcal{S}[f], \quad g[n, m] = \mathcal{S}\{f[n, m]\}$$

$$f[n, m] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}} g[n, m]$$

# Filter example #1: Moving Average



Q. What do you think will happen to the photo if we use a moving average filter?

Assume that the moving average replaces each pixel with an average value of itself and all its neighboring pixels.

# Filter example #1: Moving Average



# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

The red box is  
the  $\mathbf{h}$  matrix

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


Courtesy of S. Seitz

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

0											

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$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

			0	10						

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

			0	10	20						

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$

			0	10	20	30						

# Visualizing what happens with a moving average filter

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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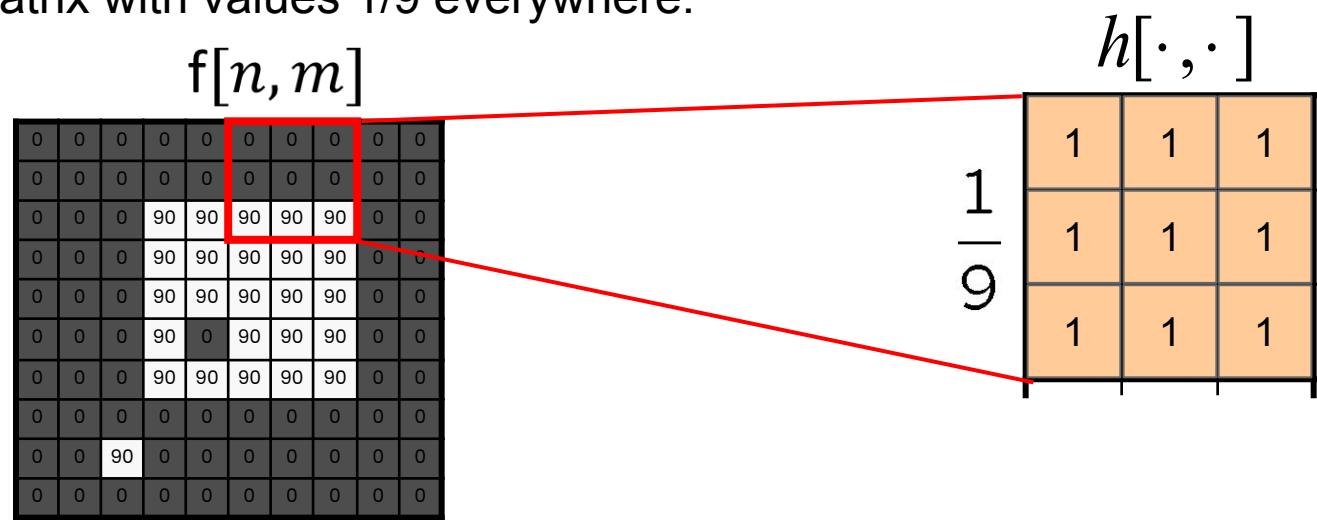
$g[n, m]$

	0	10	20	30	30	30	20	10	
	0	20	40	60	60	60	40	20	
	0	30	60	90	90	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20	
	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

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Q. Why are the values  $1/9$ ?

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

A 3x3 matrix where every element is 1/9. The matrix is enclosed in a black border. Above the matrix, the label  $h[\cdot, \cdot]$  is written in a large font. To the left of the matrix, the fraction  $\frac{1}{9}$  is displayed vertically.

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

# Filter example #1: Moving Average

In summary:

- This filter “Replaces” each pixel with an average of its neighborhood.
- Achieve smoothing effect (remove sharp features)

$$h[\cdot, \cdot] = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

How do we represent applying this filter mathematically?

$$f[n, m] \rightarrow \boxed{\text{System } \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow g[n, m]$$

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$f[0, 0]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[0, 0]$


# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

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$$g[0, 0] = f[-1, -1] + f[-1, 0] + f[-1, 1]$$

+ ...

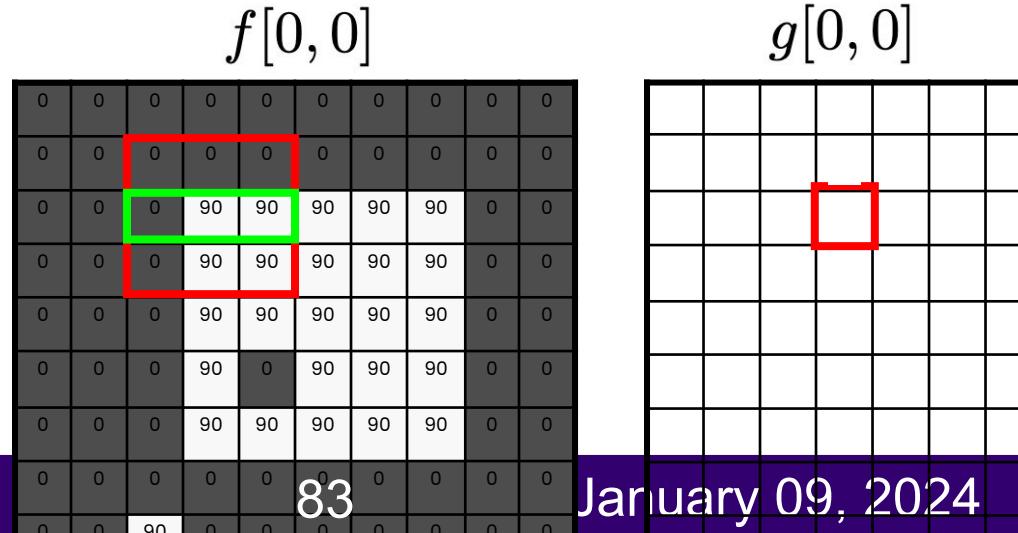
$f[0, 0]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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$$+ f[0, -1] + f[0, 0] + f[0, 1]$$

$$+ \boxed{f[1, -1] + f[1, 0] + f[1, 1]}$$

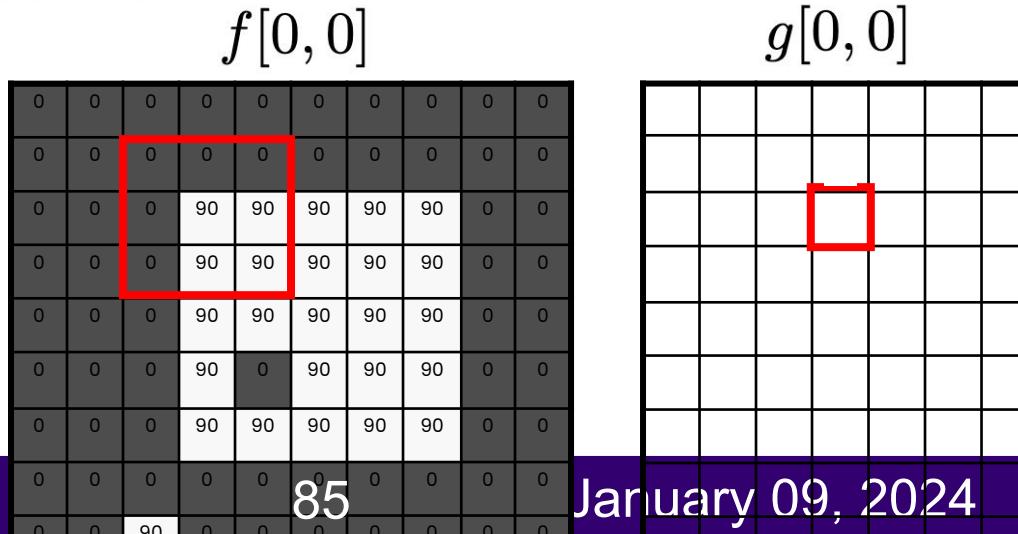
$$f[0, 0]$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$$g[0, 0]$$


# Lastly, divide by 1/9

$$g[0,0] = \frac{1}{9}[f[-1,-1] + f[-1,0] + f[-1,1] \\ + f[0,-1] + f[0,0] + f[0,1] \\ + f[1,-1] + f[1,0] + f[1,1]]$$



Now, instead of [0, 0], let's do [n, m]

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


# Now, instead of [0, 0], let's do [n, m]

$g[n, m] = \dots$

$f[n, m]$								
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$								

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$$g[n, m] = f[n - 1, m - 1] + \dots$$

$f[n, m]$								
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
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$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


Now, instead of [0, 0], let's do [n, m]

$$g[n, m] = f[n - 1, m - 1] + \boxed{f[n - 1, m]} + \dots$$

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


# Now, instead of [0, 0], let's do [n, m]

$$g[n, m] = f[n - 1, m - 1] + f[n - 1, m] + \dots$$

$f[n, m]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$g[n, m]$


Now, instead of [0, 0], let's do [n, m]

$$g[n, m] = f[n - 1, m - 1] + f[n - 1, m] + \boxed{f[n - 1, m + 1]}$$

$f[n, m]$								
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
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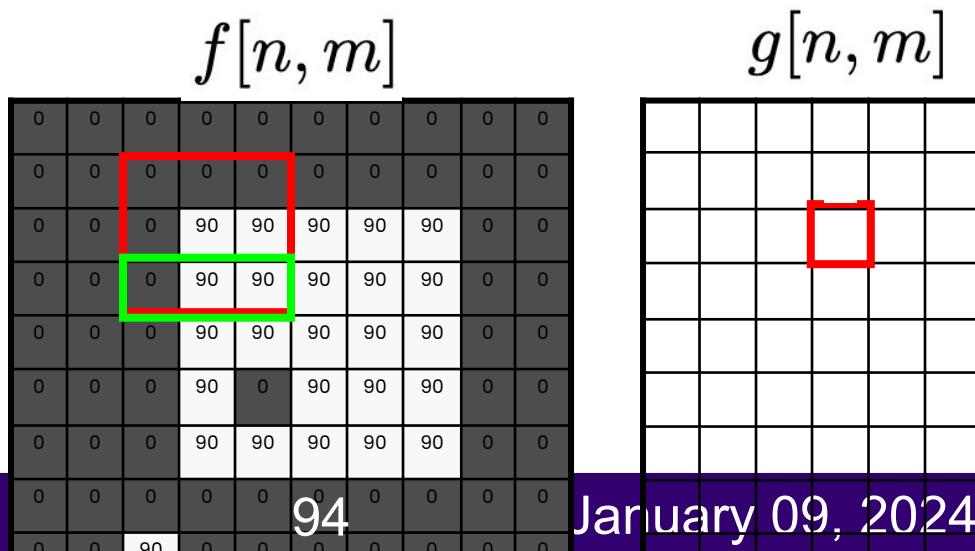
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$f[n, m]$								
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0
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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0
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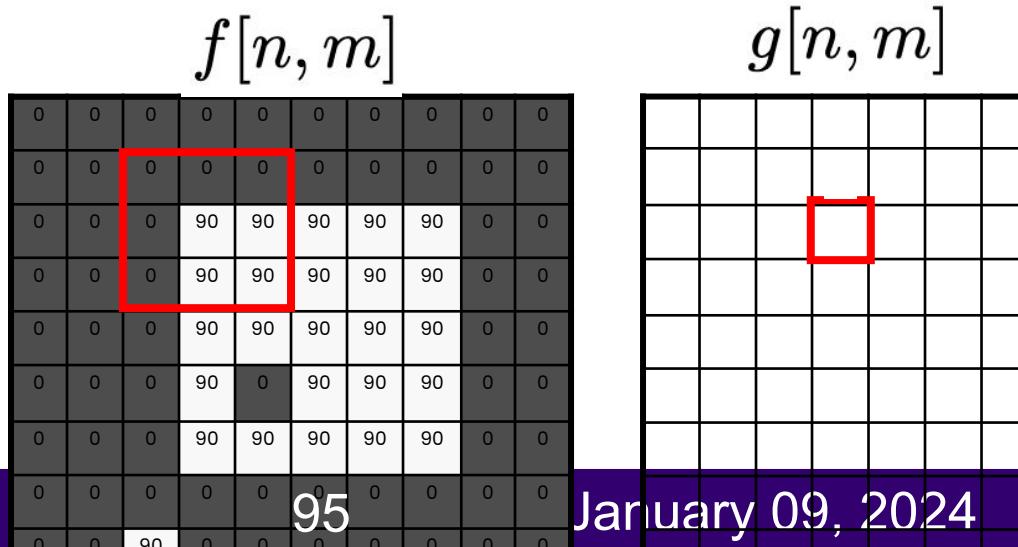
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# Lastly, divide by 1/9

$$\begin{aligned}g[n, m] &= \frac{1}{9}[f[n - 1, m - 1] + f[n - 1, m] + f[n - 1, m + 1] \\&\quad + f[n, m - 1] + f[n, m] + f[n, m + 1] \\&\quad + f[n + 1, m - 1] + f[n + 1, m] + f[n + 1, m + 1]]\end{aligned}$$



# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

We can re-write the equation using summations

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=??}^{??} \sum_{l=??}^{??} f[k, l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} h[\cdot, \cdot] \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q. What values will **k** take?

# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

How do we represent applying this filter mathematically?

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=??}^{??} f[k, l]$$

k goes from n-1 to n+1

$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
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$$\frac{1}{9}$$

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1	1	1

I goes from m-1 to m+1

# Math formula for the moving average filter

A moving average over a  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood window

We can write this operation mathematically:

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

A 3x3 matrix representing a filter kernel. The matrix is filled with the value 1/9. The label  $h[\cdot, \cdot]$  is positioned above the matrix. The matrix is defined by a black border.

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

# Rewriting this formula

We are almost done. Let's rewrite this formula a little bit

Let  $k' = n - k$

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$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

Now we can replace k in the equation above

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{matrix} h[\cdot, \cdot] \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

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Let  $k' = n - k$

therefore,  $\textcolor{red}{k} = n - k'$

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{\substack{n-k'=n-1 \\ \textcolor{red}{n-k'=n+1}}} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[n - k', l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} h[\cdot, \cdot] \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\frac{1}{9}$$

1	1	1
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We can simplify the equations in red:

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k'=1}^{k'=-1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[n - k', l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

# Rewriting this formula

So now we have this:

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{\substack{k'=1 \\ k'=-1}}^1 \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[n - k', l]$$

Remember that summations are just for-loops!!

$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

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$$\frac{1}{9} h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

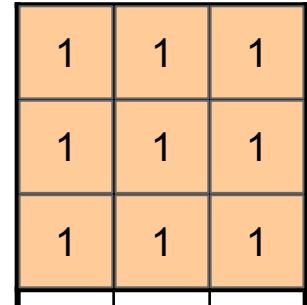
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# Rewriting this formula

One last change: since there are no more k and only k', let's just write k' as k

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k'=-1}^1 \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[n - k', l]$$

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# Mathematical interpretation of moving average

Let's repeat for  $\mathbf{l}$ , just like we did for  $\mathbf{k}$

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=n-1}^{n+1} \sum_{l=m-1}^{m+1} f[k, l]$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} h[\cdot, \cdot] \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Filter example #1: Moving Average



## Filter example #2: Image Segmentation

Q. How would you use pixel values to design a filter to segment an image so that you only keep around the edges?



## Filter example #2: Image Segmentation

- Use a simple pixel threshold: 
$$g[n, m] = \begin{cases} 255, & f[n, m] > 100 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Summary so far

- Discrete systems convert input discrete signals and convert them into something more meaningful.
- There are an infinite number of possible filters we can design.
- What are ways we can category the space of possible systems?

# Today's agenda

- Color spaces
- Image sampling and quantization
- Image histograms
- Images as functions
- Filters
- Properties of systems

# Properties of systems

- Amplitude properties:

- Additivity

$$\mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m] + f_j[n, m]] = \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

# Example question:

Q. Is the moving average filter additive?

$$\mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m] + f_j[n, m]] = \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

$$\frac{1}{9}$$

How would you prove it?

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

$h[\cdot, \cdot]$

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$$\mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m] + f_j[n, m]] = \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

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$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

$h[\cdot, \cdot]$ 

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$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 [f_i[n - k, m - l] + f_j[n - k, m - l]]$$

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$$= \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f_i[n - k, m - l] + \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f_j[n - k, m - l]]$$

$$= \mathcal{S}[f_i[n, m]] + \mathcal{S}[f_j[n, m]]$$

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

# Properties of systems

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- Homogeneity

$$\mathcal{S}[\alpha f[n, m]] = \alpha \mathcal{S}[f[n, m]]$$

# Another question:

Q. Is the moving average filter homogeneous?

$$\mathcal{S}[\alpha f[n, m]] = \alpha \mathcal{S}[f[n, m]]$$

$$h[\cdot, \cdot]$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Practice proving it at home using:

$$g[n, m] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=-1}^1 \sum_{l=-1}^1 f[n - k, m - l]$$

# What we covered today

- Color spaces
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Next time:

Linear systems and convolutions