

Lecture 4: Convolutional Neural Networks

Deep Learning @ UvA

Lecture overview

- Inductive bias: what makes images special?
- Convolution, pooling, dropout
- Study I: AlexNet
- Visualizations
- Transfer learning

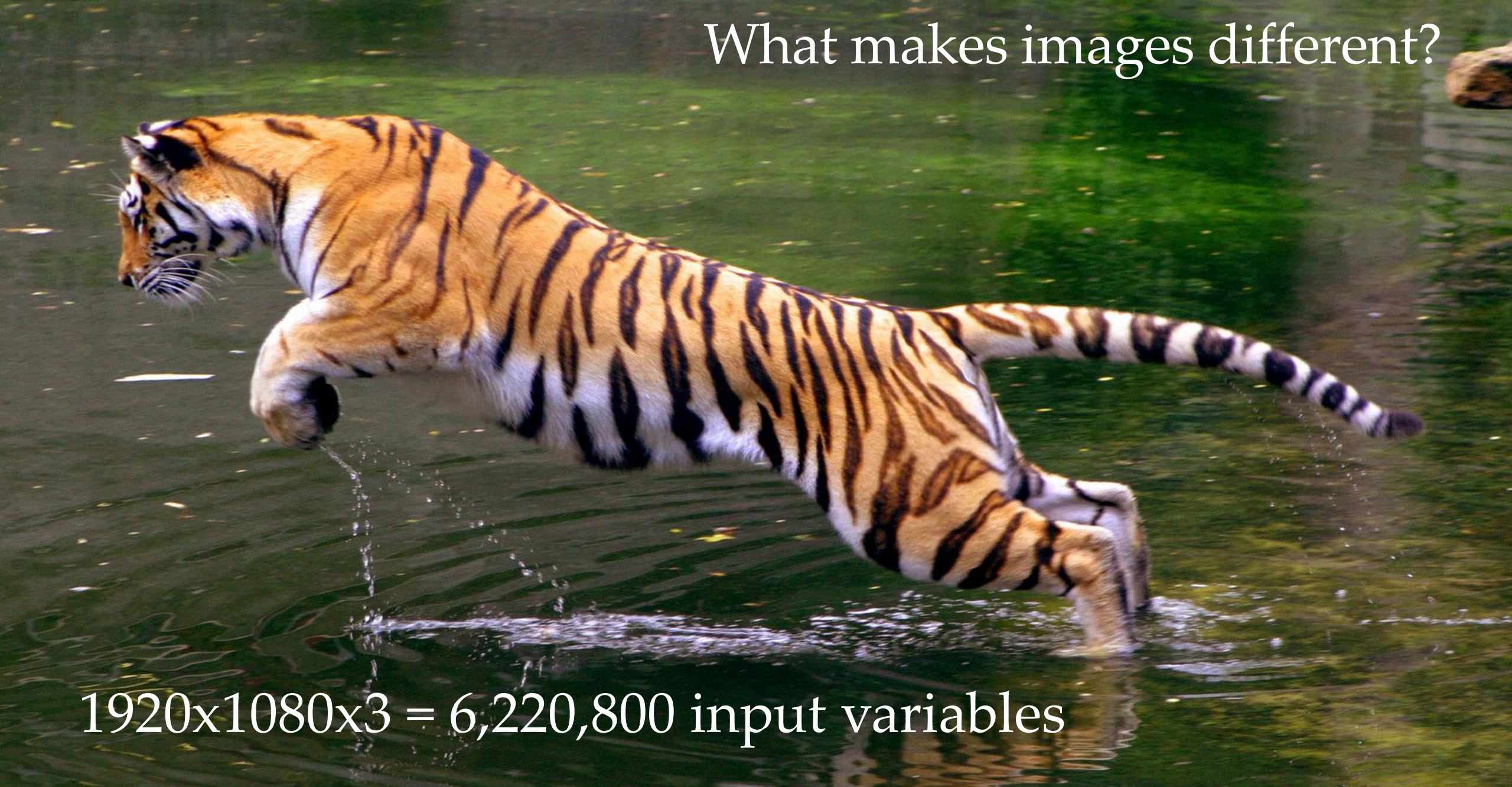
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$1920 \times 1080 \times 3 = 6,220,800$ input variables

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Image has shifted a bit to the up and the left!

Input dimensions are correlated

Traditional task: Predict my salary!

Shift 1 dimension makes no sense

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"Higher"	28	6	Researcher	Spain
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Shifting images by several dimensions (pixels) barely makes a difference



First 5x5 values

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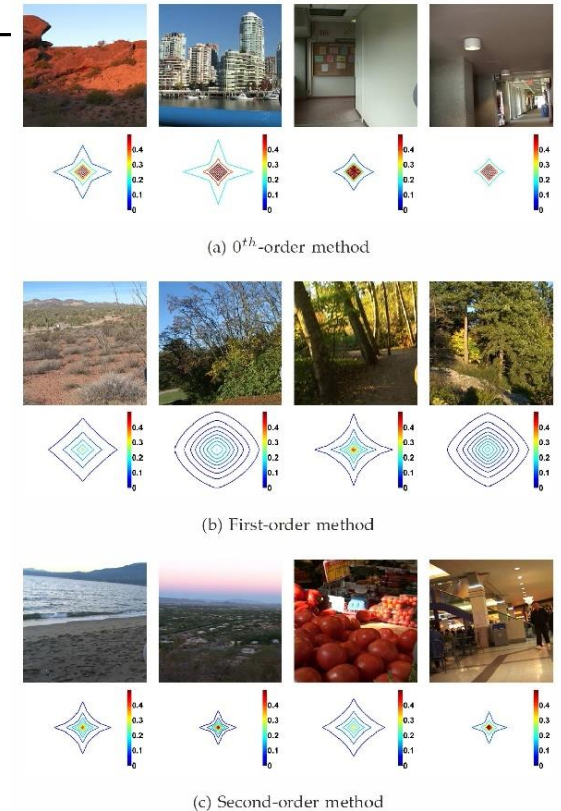


First 5x5 values

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What makes images different?

- An image has spatial structure
- Huge dimensionality
 - 256x256 RGB image ~200M dimensions
 - 1-layered NN with 1,000 neurons → 200M parameters
- Images are stationary signals → they share features
 - Cropping/shifting/occluding dimensions → still an image
 - Possibly with same semantics
 - Basic natural image statistics are the same

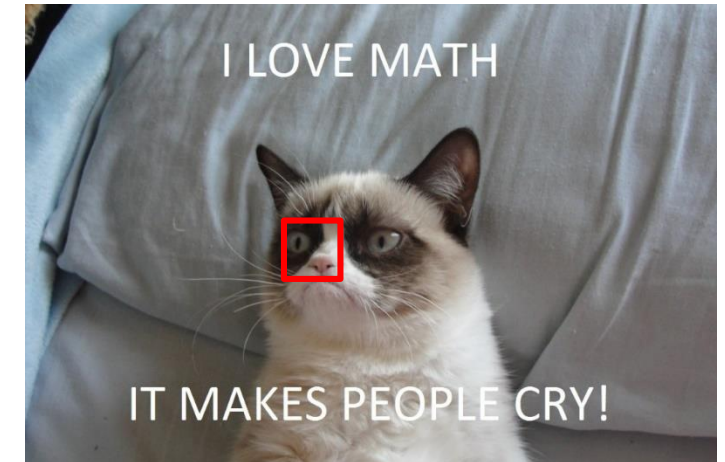
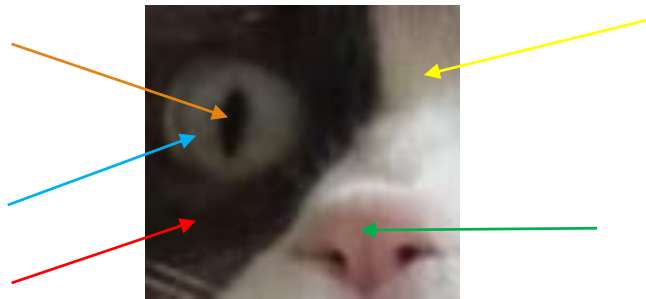


Convolutional Neural Networks

- Adding inductive bias to neural networks to deal with spatial signals
- Use convolutional filters to encode spatial structure
- Use local connectivity, parameter sharing, translation equivariance, to account for the huge input dimensionalities
- Use spatial pooling to remain robust to local variations

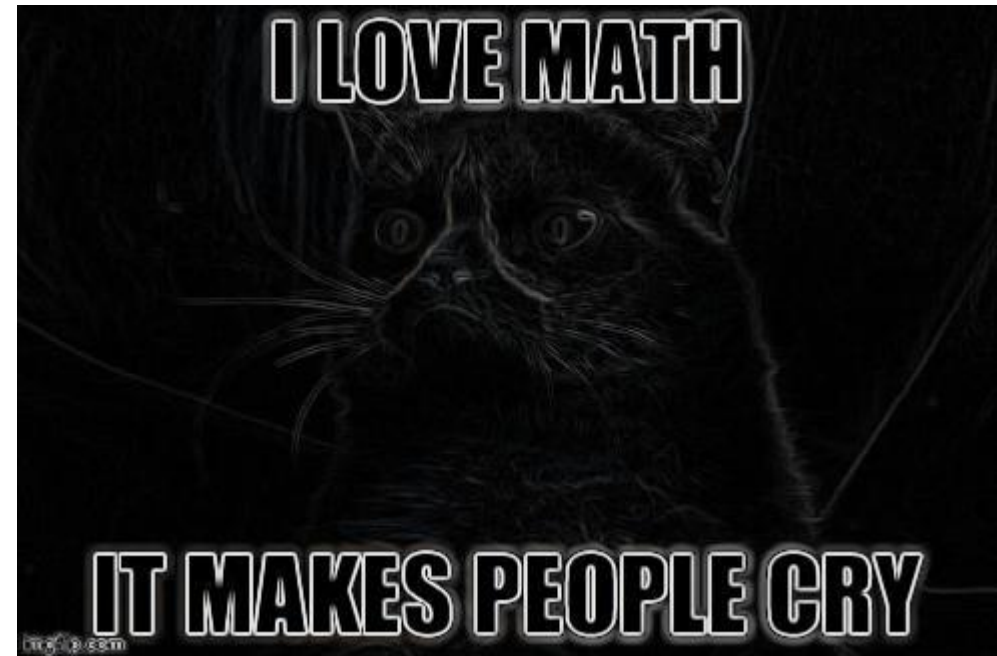
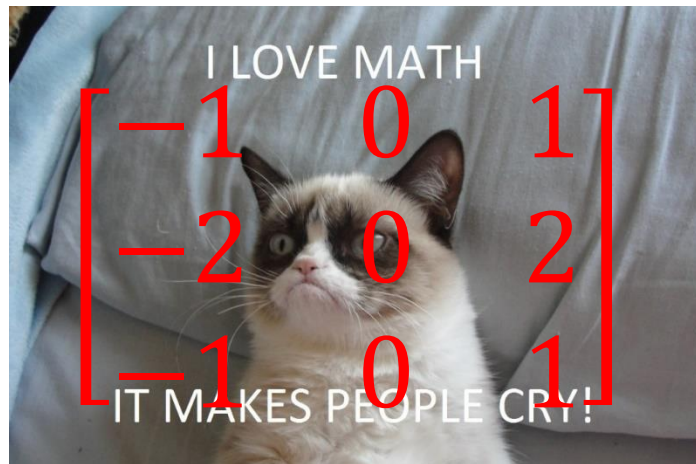
Why spatial?

- Images are 2-D
 - 3-D if you also count the extra channels
 - RGB, hyperspectral, etc.
- What does a 2-D input really mean?
 - Neighboring variables are locally correlated



Example filter when K=1

e.g. Sobel 2-D filter



Learnable filters

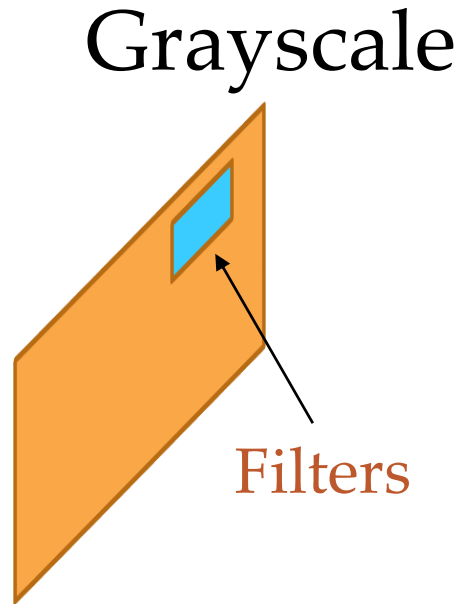
- Image processing and computer vision has many handcrafted filters
 - Canny, Sobel, Gaussian blur, morphological filters, Gabor filters, etc
- Are they optimal for recognition?
- Can we learn optimal filters from our data instead?
- Are they going resemble the handcrafted filters?



vs.
$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} \\ w_{31} & w_{32} & w_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

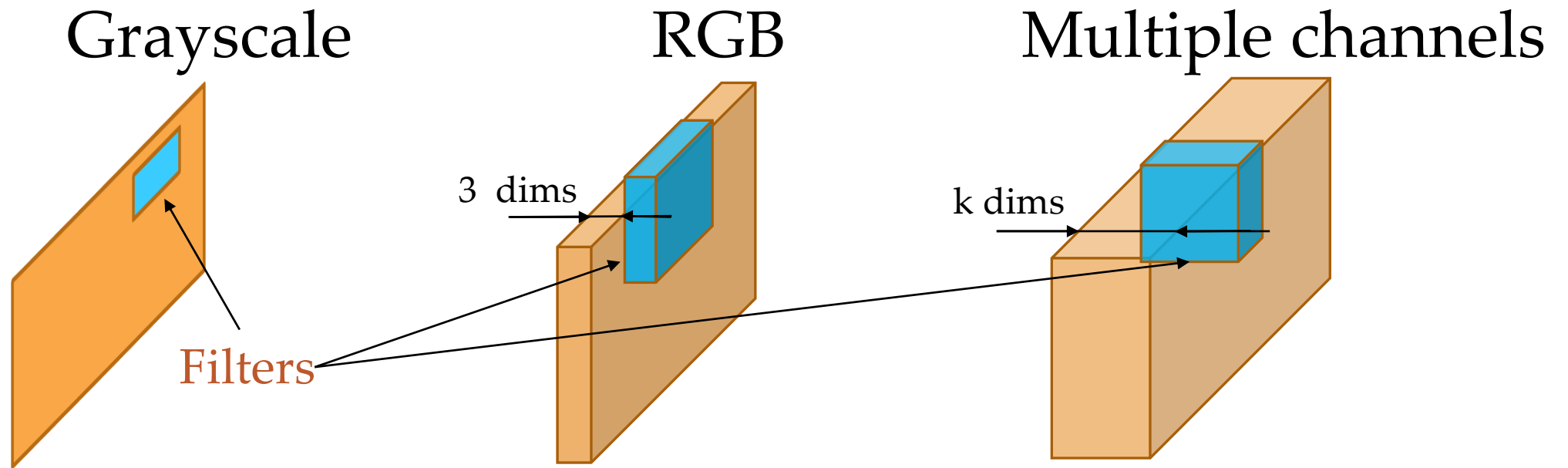
2-D Filters (Parameters)

- If images are 2-D, parameters should also be organized in 2-D
 - That way they can learn the local correlations between input variables
 - That way they can “exploit” the spatial nature of images



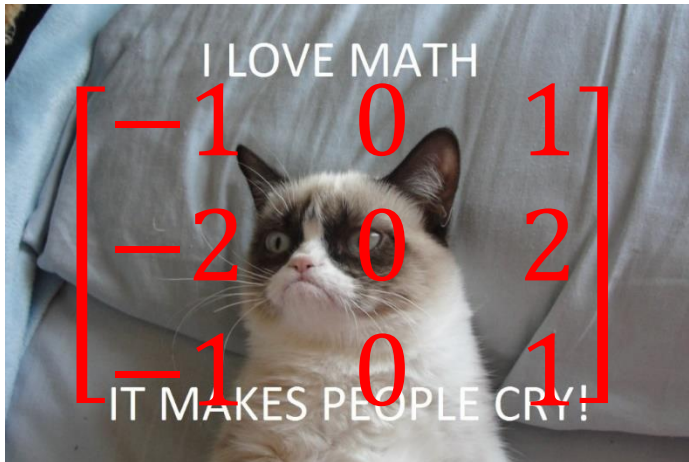
3-D Filters (Parameters)

- Similarly, if images have k channels, parameters should also have k channels

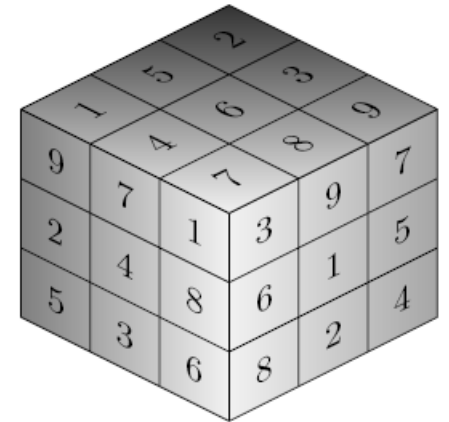


What does a 3-D filter look like?

2-D filter



3-D filter



Hypothesis

- Image statistics are not location dependent
 - Natural images are stationary
- The same filters should work on every corner of the image similarly
- Perhaps move and reuse the same (red, yellow, green) filter across the whole image?

