

# CMPE 362

# Digital Image Processing

## Spatial Domain Operations II: Spatial Filtering

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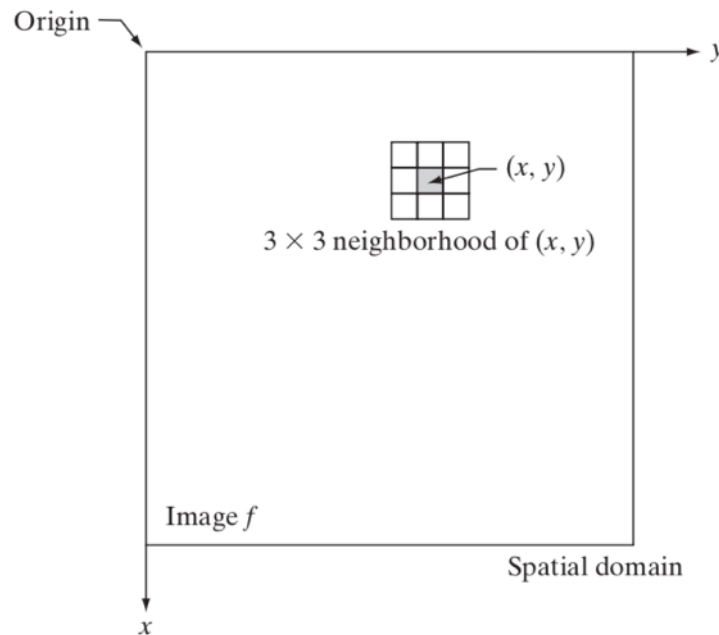
# Spatial domain operations

$$g(x, y) = T[f(x, y)]$$

$f(x, y)$  : input image

$g(x, y)$  : output image

$T$  : operator defined over a neighborhood of  $(x, y)$



**FIGURE 3.1**

A  $3 \times 3$  neighborhood about a point  $(x, y)$  in an image in the spatial domain. The neighborhood is moved from pixel to pixel in the image to generate an output image.

# Spatial filtering

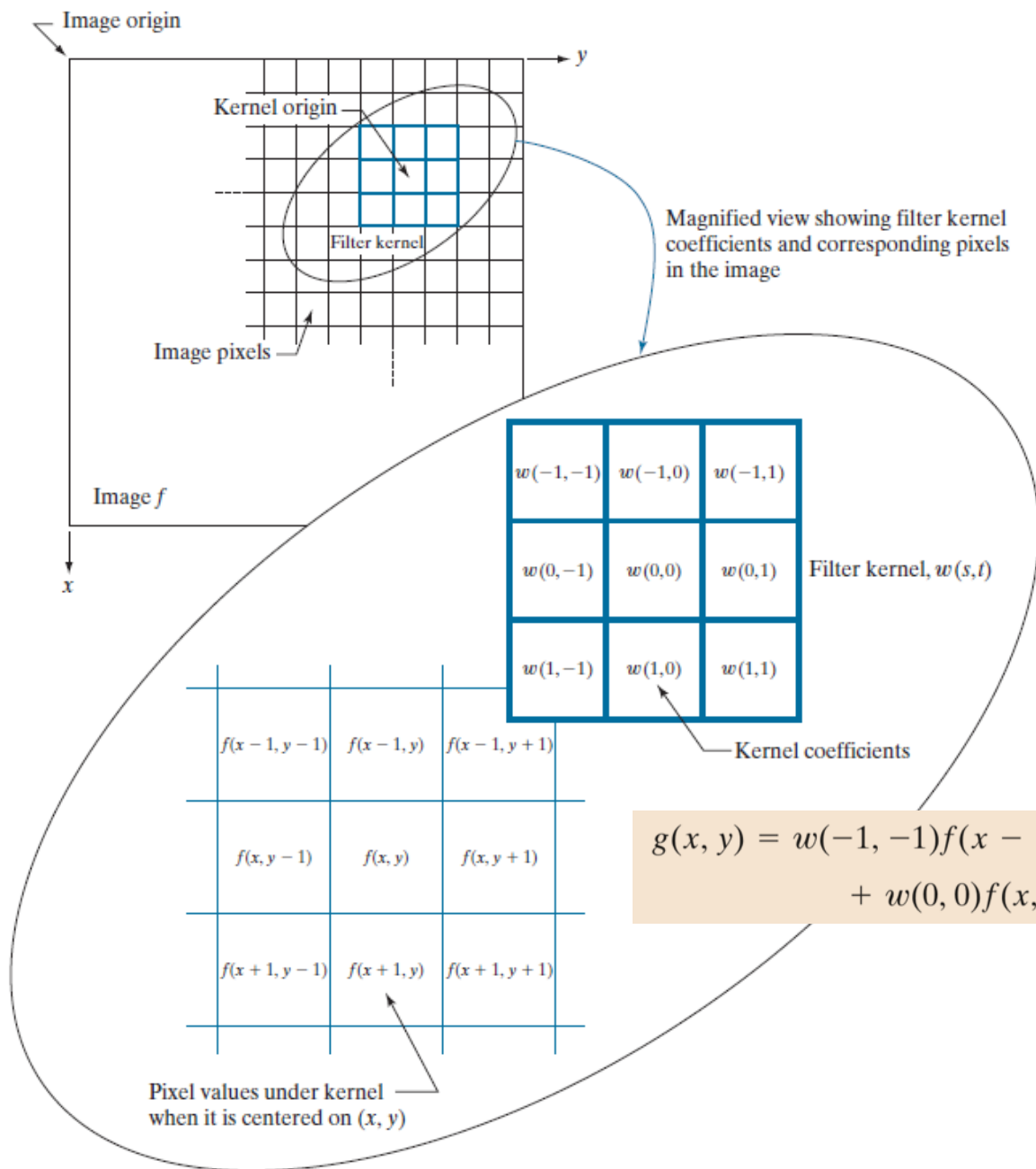
- Spatial filtering consists of
  1. a neighborhood (typically a small rectangle)
  2. a predefined operation
    - If the operation is linear, the filter is linear.
    - Otherwise, the filter is nonlinear.
- Uses
  - Enhance images
    - Noise reduction, resize, increase contrast, artistic effect, etc.
  - Extract information from images
    - Texture, edges, distinctive points, etc.
  - Detect patterns
    - Template matching

# Linear spatial filtering

- Linear spatial filtering of an  $M \times N$  image with a  $m \times n$  filter is given by

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

where  $m = 2a + 1$  and  $n = 2b + 1$ .



input image f

	0	1	2	3	4
0	10	80	60	50	20
1	20	40	40	30	20
2	30	10	10	20	60
3	40	10	20	10	40
4	60	10	30	10	30

filter w

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

output image g

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1		?			
2					
3					
4					

$g(1, 1) = ?$

Poll 1

input image f

	0	1	2	3	4
0	10	80	60	50	20
1	20	40	40	30	20
2	30	10	10	20	60
3	40	10	20	10	40
4	60	10	30	10	30

filter w

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

output image g

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1		?			
2					
3					
4					

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(1, 1) &= 10*1 + 80*2 + 60*1 + 20*2 + 40*4 + 40*2 + 30*1 + 10*2 + 10*1 \\
 &= 10 + 160 + 60 + 40 + 160 + 80 + 30 + 20 + 10 \\
 &= 570
 \end{aligned}$$

input image f

	0	1	2	3	4
0	10	80	60	50	20
1	20	40	40	30	20
2	30	10	10	20	60
3	40	10	20	10	40
4	60	10	30	10	30

filter w

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

output image g

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1			?		
2					
3					
4					

$g(1, 2) = ?$

Poll 2



input image f

	0	1	2	3	4
0	10	80	60	50	20
1	20	40	40	30	20
2	30	10	10	20	60
3	40	10	20	10	40
4	60	10	30	10	30

filter w

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

output image g

	0	1	2	3	4
0					
1			?		
2					
3					
4					

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(1, 2) &= 80*1 + 60*2 + 50*1 + 40*0 + 40*0 + 30*0 + 10*-1 + 10*-2 + 20*-1 \\
 &= 80 + 120 + 50 + 0 + 0 + 0 + -10 + -20 + -20 \\
 &= 200
 \end{aligned}$$

# Linear spatial filtering

## Correlation vs. Convolution

- **Correlation:**

1. Move the filter mask to a location
2. Compute the sum of products
3. Go to 1

- **Convolution:**

1. Rotate the filter by 180 degrees  
(flip the filter in both dimensions: bottom to top, right to left)
2. Correlation

# Linear spatial filtering

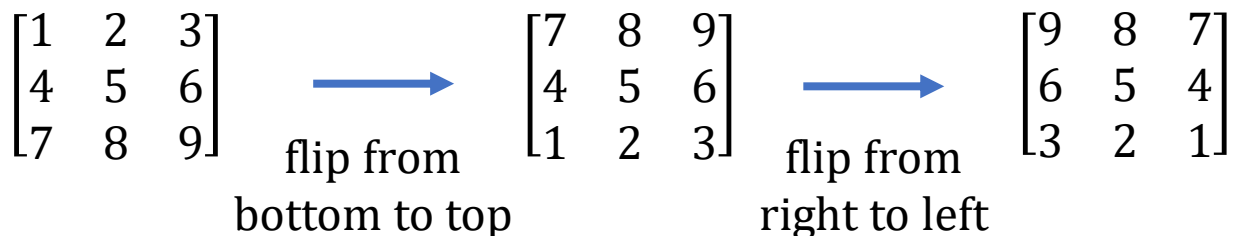
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2. Correlation



# Linear spatial filtering

## Correlation vs. Convolution

- Correlation:

$$(w \star f)(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x + s, y + t) \quad (3-34)$$

- Convolution:

$$(w \star f)(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x - s, y - t) \quad (3-35)$$

## Correlation

(a)      ↖ Origin       $f$                        $w$   
 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0      1 2 4 2 8

(b)                      ↓  
                          0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0  
 1 2 4 2 8  
                          ↑ Starting position alignment

(c)                      — Zero padding —  
                          ↙                      ↘  
 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 1 2 4 2 8  
                          ↑ Starting position

(d)      0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
                  1 2 4 2 8  
                          ↑ Position after 1 shift

(e)      0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
                  1 2 4 2 8  
                          ↑ Position after 3 shifts

(f)      0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
                                  1 2 4 2 8  
                                  Final position —↑

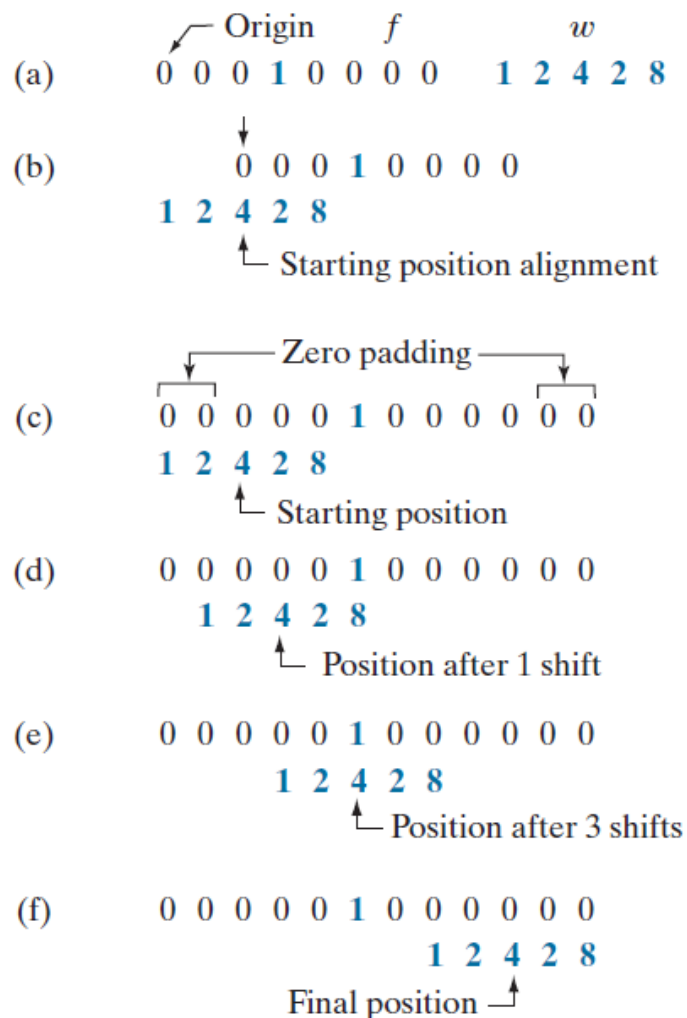
### Correlation result

(g)                      0 8 2 4 2 1 0 0

### Extended (full) correlation result

(h)      0 0 0 8 2 4 2 1 0 0 0 0

## Correlation



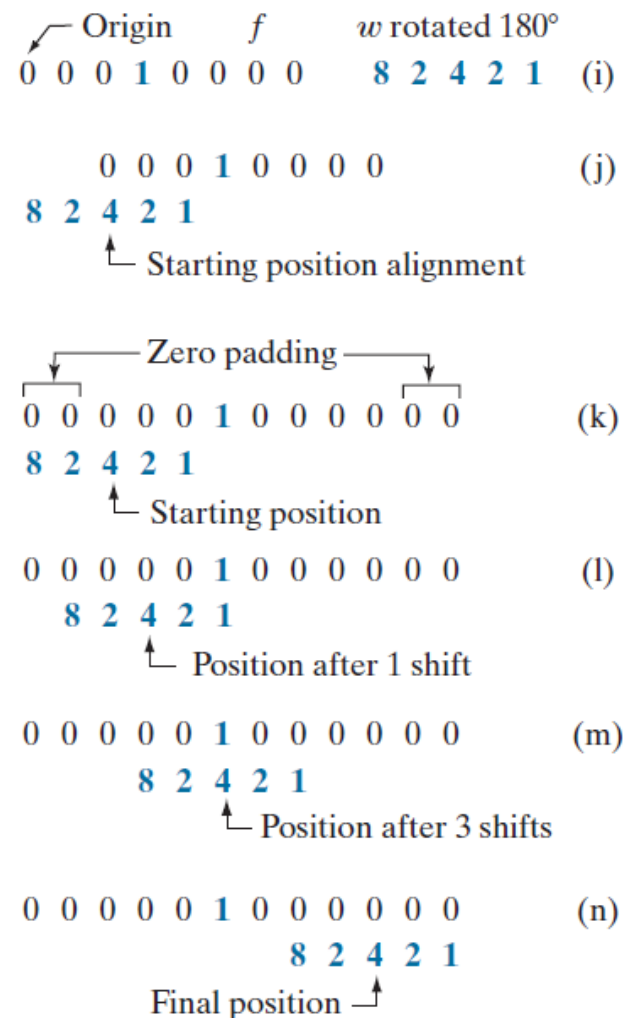
## Correlation result

(g) 0 8 2 4 2 1 0 0

## Extended (full) correlation result

(h) 0 0 0 8 2 4 2 1 0 0 0 0

## Convolution



## Convolution result

(o) 0 1 2 4 2 8 0 0

## Extended (full) convolution result

(p) 0 0 0 1 2 4 2 8 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	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

 $\mathcal{W}$ 

(b)

Initial position for  $w$

1	2	3	0	0	0	0
4	5	6	0	0	0	0
7	8	9	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	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	9	8	7	0
0	6	5	4	0
0	3	2	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	9	8	7	0	0
0	0	6	5	4	0	0
0	0	3	2	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(e)

Rotated $w$							
9	8	7	0	0	0	0	
6	5	4	0	0	0	0	
3	2	1	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	1	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	1	2	3	0
0	4	5	6	0
0	7	8	9	0
0	0	0	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	0	0
0	0	4	5	6	0	0
0	0	7	8	9	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### (h)

**TABLE 3.5**  
 Some fundamental properties of convolution and correlation. A dash means that the property does not hold.

Property	Convolution	Correlation
Commutative	$f \star g = g \star f$	—
Associative	$f \star (g \star h) = (f \star g) \star h$	—
Distributive	$f \star (g + h) = (f \star g) + (f \star h)$	$f \star (g + h) = (f \star g) + (f \star h)$



# Linear spatial filtering

## Correlation vs. Convolution

- What if the values of the filter are symmetric about its center?

# Practical matters

## What about near the edge?

- the filter window falls off the edge of the image
- need to extrapolate
- methods:
  - clip filter (black) 000000|abcdefgh|000000  
`g = cv2.filter2D(f, -1, w, borderType=cv2.BORDER_CONSTANT)`
  - copy edge aaaaaa|abcdefgh|hhhhhhh  
`g = cv2.filter2D(f, -1, w, borderType=cv2.BORDER_REPLICATE)`
  - reflect across edge fedcba|abcdefgh|hgfedcb  
`g = cv2.filter2D(f, -1, w, borderType=cv2.BORDER_REFLECT)`
  - reflect across edge gfedcb|abcdefgh|gfedcba  
`g = cv2.filter2D(f, -1, w, borderType=cv2.BORDER_REFLECT_101)`

# Poll 4

	0	1	2	3
0	10	80	60	50
1	20	40	40	30
2	30	10	10	20
3	40	10	20	10

input image f

	0	1	2
0	1	1	1
1	1	2	1
2	2	4	2
3	1	2	1
4	1	1	1

filter w

BORDER\_CONSTANT  
BORDER\_REPLICATE  
BORDER\_REFLECT  
BORDER\_REFLECT\_101

**A**

	0	1	2	3
0	700	840	880	800
1				
2				
3				

**B**

	0	1	2	3
0	600	1030	1130	970
1				
2				
3				

**C**

	0	1	2	3
0	580	980	1050	910
1				
2				
3				

**D**

	0	1	2	3
0	320	650	690	450
1				
2				
3				

# Smoothing spatial filters

- Linear filters
  - Averaging filter (Box filter)
  - Gaussian filter
- Nonlinear filters
  - Median filter

# Common types of noise

Poll 5

- Salt and pepper noise:



Original



Salt and pepper noise

- Impulse noise:



Impulse noise

- Gaussian noise:



Gaussian noise

# Common types of noise

- **Salt and pepper noise:** random occurrences of black and white pixels
- **Impulse noise:** random occurrences of white pixels
- **Gaussian noise:** variations in intensity drawn from a Gaussian normal distribution



Original



Salt and pepper noise

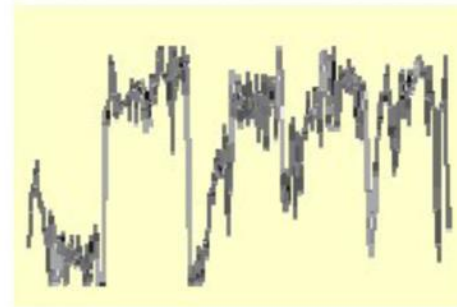
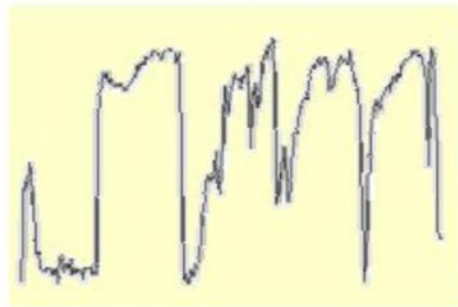
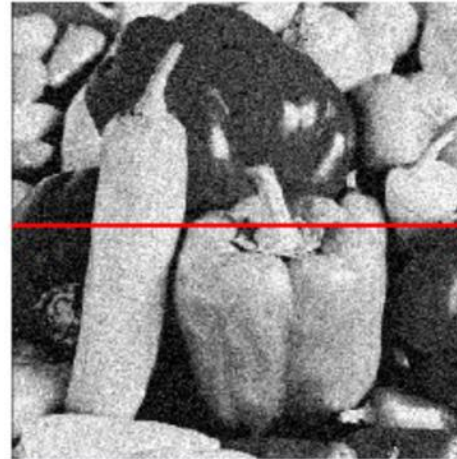


Impulse noise



Gaussian noise

# Gaussian noise



$$f(x, y) = \underbrace{\bar{f}(x, y)}_{\text{Ideal Image}} + \underbrace{\eta(x, y)}_{\text{Noise process}}$$

Gaussian i.i.d. ("white") noise:  
 $\eta(x, y) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$

# Averaging filter

$F[x, y]$

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

$G[x, y]$

	0	10							



# Averaging filter

$F[x, y]$

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

$G[x, y]$

	0	10	20						

# Averaging filter

$$F[x, y]$$

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

$$G[x, y]$$

	0	10	20	30					

# Averaging filter

$$F[x, y]$$

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

$$G[x, y]$$

	0	10	20	30	30				

# Averaging filter

$$F[x, y]$$

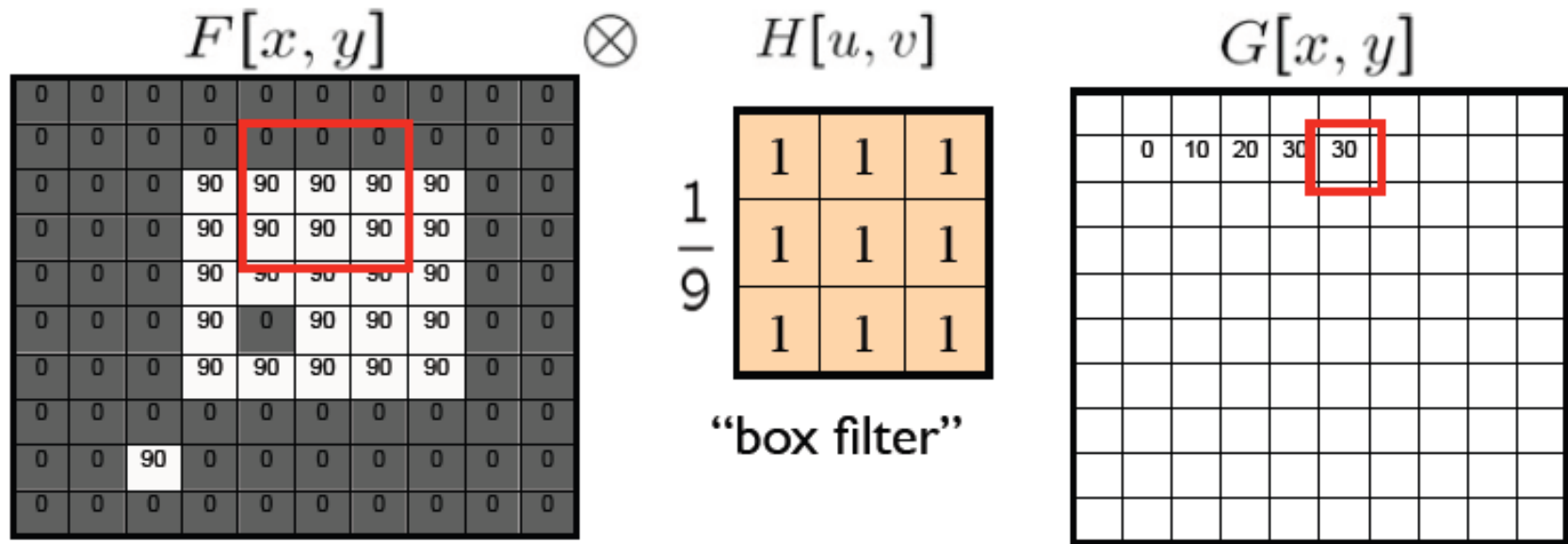
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$$G[x, y]$$

	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	

# Averaging filter

- What values belong in the kernel  $H$  for the moving average example?



$$G = H \otimes F$$

# Smoothing by averaging filter

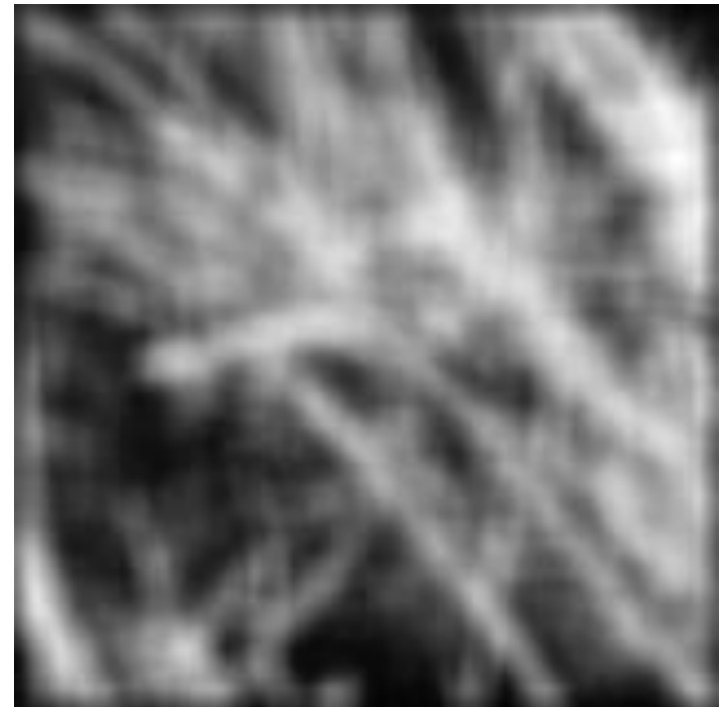


box filter

white = high value, black = low value



original



filtered

What if the filter size increases?

# Gaussian filter

A Gaussian kernel gives less weight to pixels further from the center of the filter.

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

$F[x, y]$

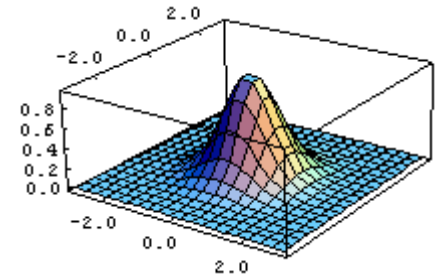
1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

$\frac{1}{16}$

$H[u, v]$

This kernel is an approximation of a Gaussian function:

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\sigma = 1$$

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{2}}$$

$$h(0,0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{0^2+0^2}{2}} = 0.1592$$

$$h(-1,0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(-1)^2+0^2}{2}} = 0.0965$$

$$h(0,-1) = h(0,1) = h(1,0) = h(-1,0)$$

$$h(-1,-1) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(-1)^2+(-1)^2}{2}} = 0.0585$$

$$h(-1,1) = h(1,-1) = h(1,1) = h(-1,-1)$$

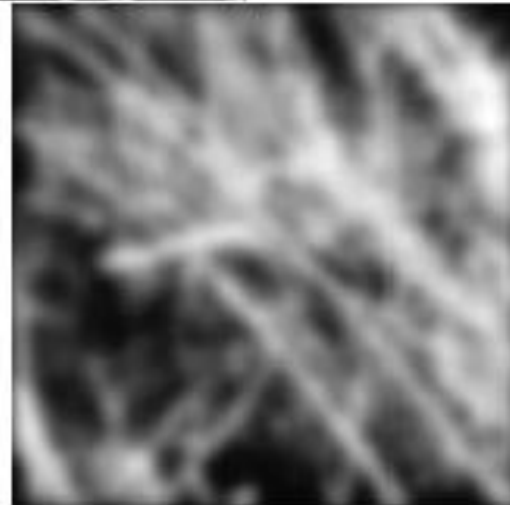
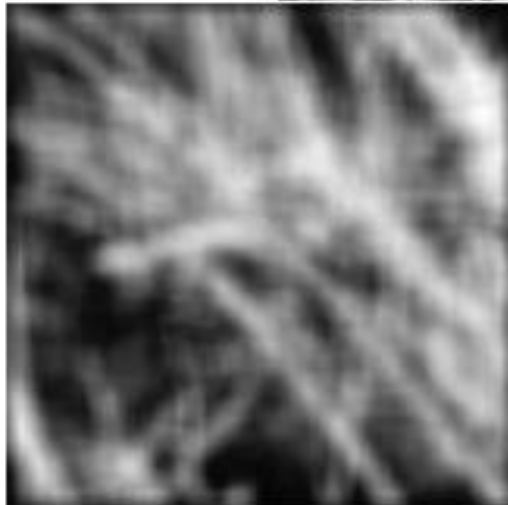
	-1	0	1
-1	0.0585	0.0965	0.0585
0	0.0965	0.1592	0.0965
1	0.0585	0.0965	0.0585

Normalized to have sum 1

	-1	0	1
-1	0.0751	0.1238	0.0751
0	0.1238	0.2043	0.1238
1	0.0751	0.1238	0.0751

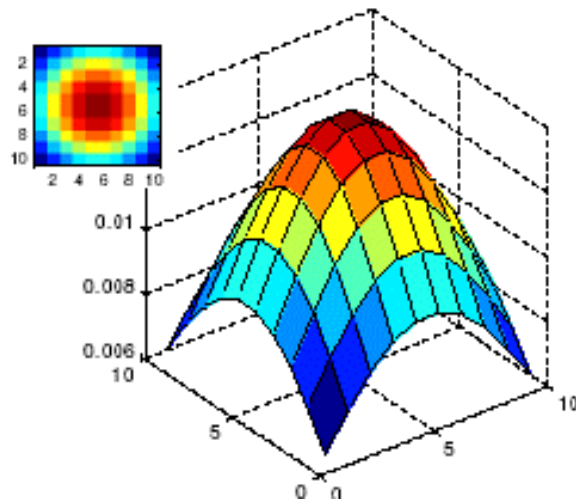


# Averaging filter vs. Gaussian filter

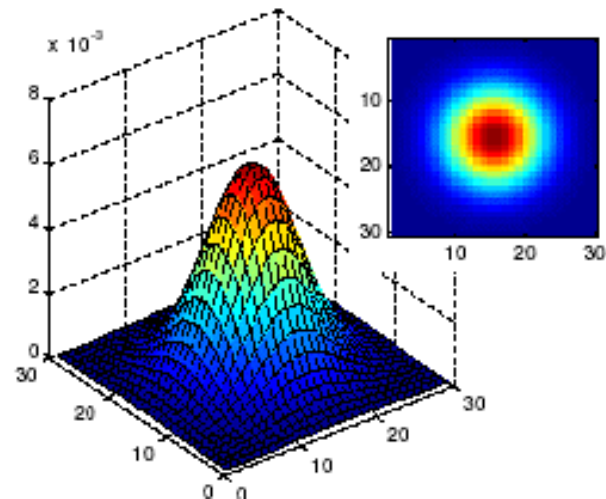


# Gaussian filters

- What parameters matter here?
- **Size** of kernel or mask
  - Note, Gaussian function has infinite support, but discrete filters use finite kernels



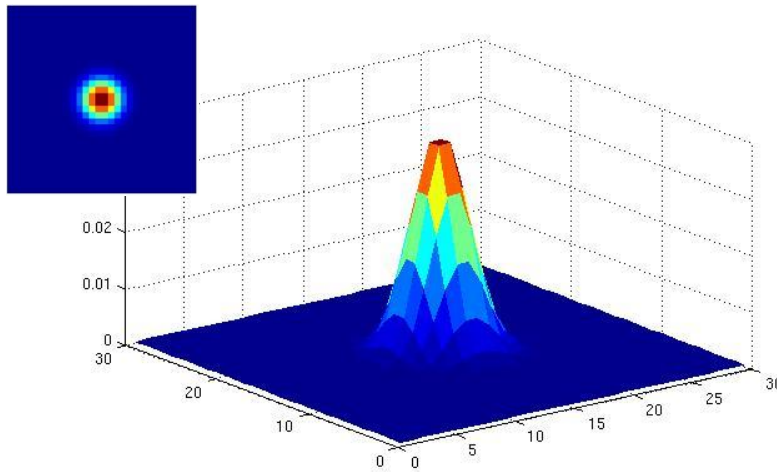
$\sigma = 5$   
with 10 x 10 kernel



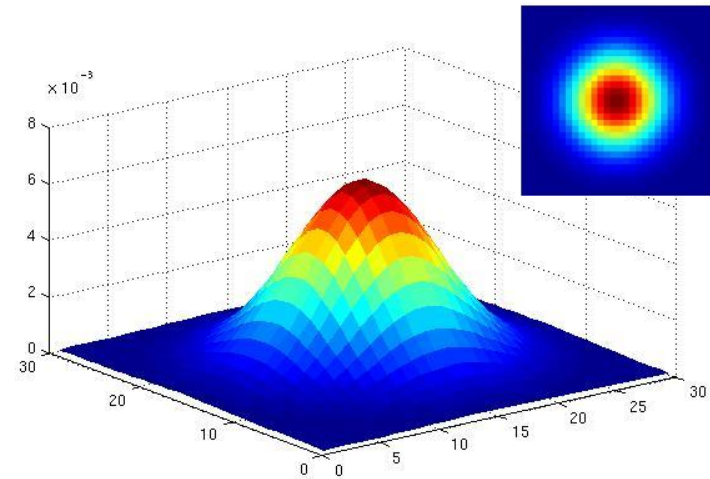
$\sigma = 5$   
with 30 x 30 kernel

# Gaussian filters

- What parameters matter here?
- **Variance** of Gaussian: determines extent of smoothing



$\sigma = 2$   
with 30 x 30 kernel

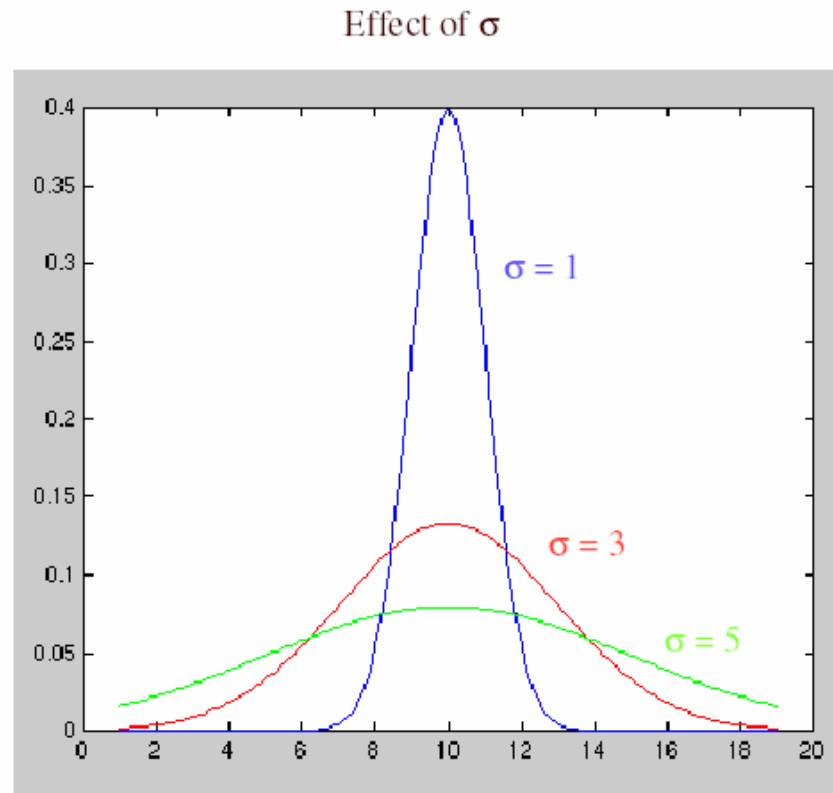


$\sigma = 5$   
with 30 x 30 kernel

# Gaussian filters

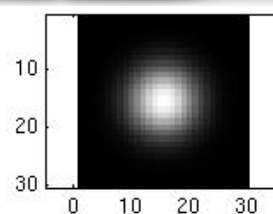
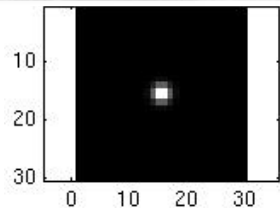
## Choosing kernel width

- Rule of thumb: set filter half-width to about  $3\sigma$

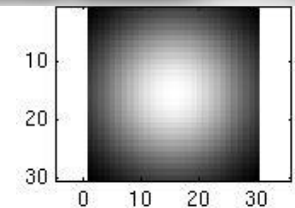


# Smoothing with a Gaussian

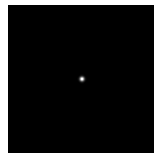
Parameter  $\sigma$  is the scale/width/spread of the Gaussian kernel, and controls the amount of smoothing.



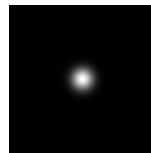
...



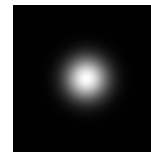
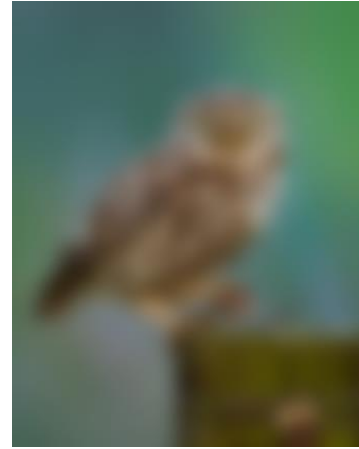
# Gaussian filters



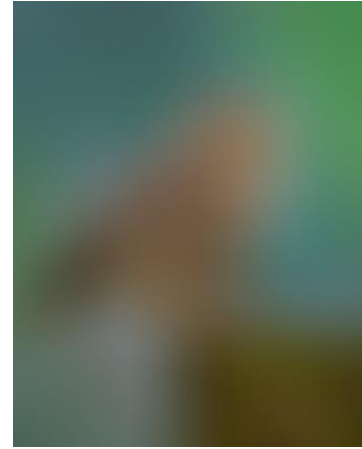
$$\sigma = 1$$



$$\sigma = 5$$



$$\sigma = 10$$



$$\sigma = 30$$

# Gaussian Kernel

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- *Separable* kernel
  - Factors into product of two 1D Gaussians
  - Discrete example: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Separability of Gaussian filter

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\sigma}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The 2D Gaussian can be expressed as the product of two functions, one a function of  $x$  and the other a function of  $y$

In this case, the two functions are the (identical) 1D Gaussian

# Separability

- In some cases, filter is separable, and we can factor into two steps:
  - Convolve all rows
  - Convolve all columns

# Separability example

2D convolution  
(center location only)

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} = 2 + 6 + 3 = 11 \\ = 6 + 20 + 10 = 36 \\ = 4 + 8 + 6 = 18 \\ \hline 65 \end{array}$$

The filter factors into  
a product of 1D  
filters:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Perform convolution  
along rows:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 5 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & 11 & \\ \hline & 18 & \\ \hline & 18 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Followed by  
convolution along the  
remaining column:

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & 11 & \\ \hline & 18 & \\ \hline & 18 & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline & 65 & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$


# Why is separability useful?


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  - $O(N^2 M)$

# Predict outputs using correlation filtering


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$



Input image

**A**

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

**B**

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

**C**

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

**D**

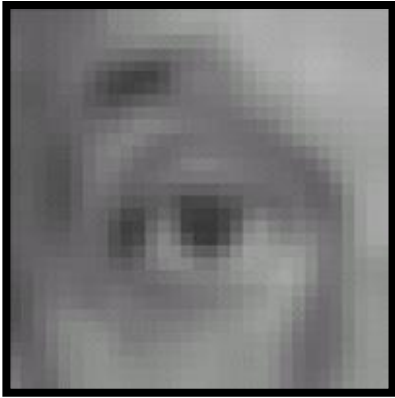
0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{9}$	1	1	1
0	2	0		1	1	1
0	0	0		1	1	1

**1**



Shifted *left* by 1 pixel

**2**



Smoothed

**3**



Sharpened

**4**



No change

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

?

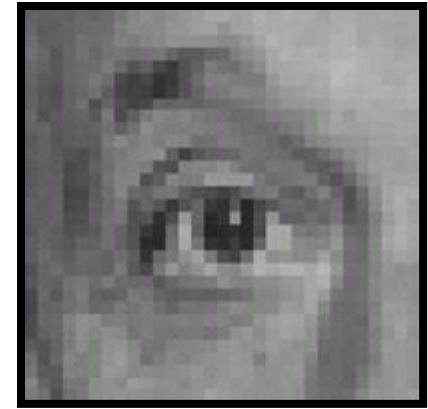


# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0



Filtered  
(no change)

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

?

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0



Shifted *left*  
by 1 pixel

# Practice with linear filters



Original

 $\frac{1}{9}$ 

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

?

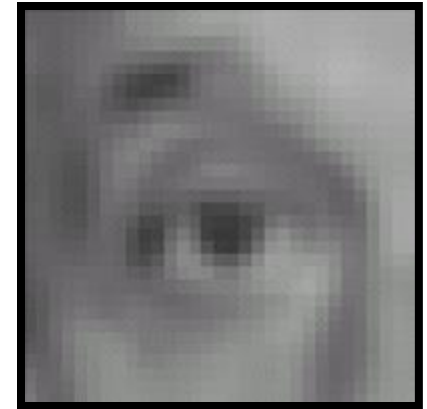
# Practice with linear filters



Original

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

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1



Blur (with a  
box filter)

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

—

$\frac{1}{9}$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

?

(Note that filter sums to 1)

# Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

—

$\frac{1}{9}$

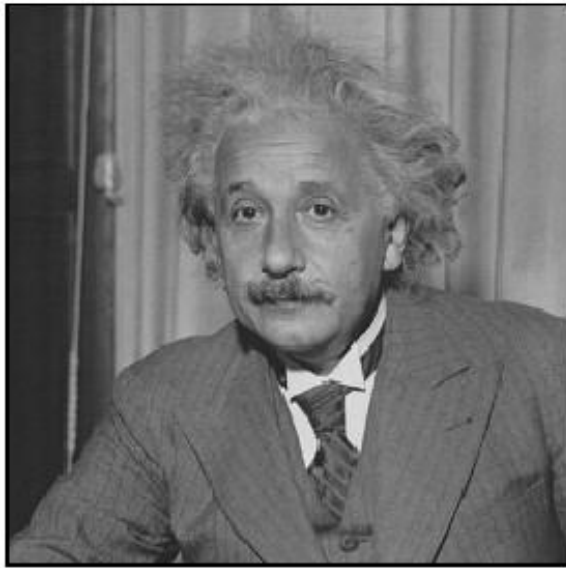
1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1



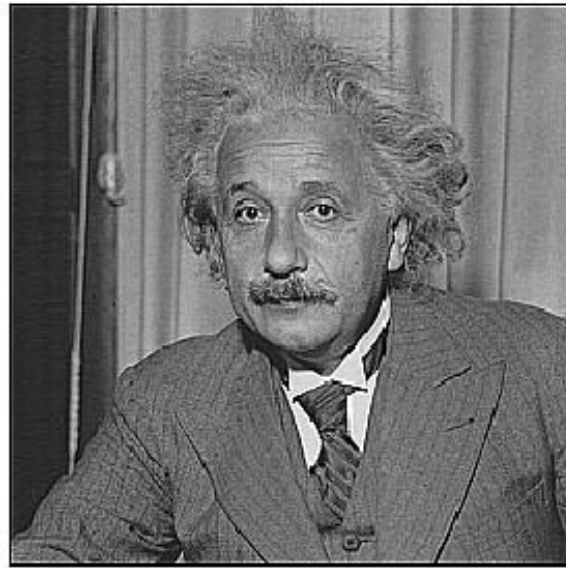
**Sharpening filter:**

Accentuates differences with local average

# Filtering examples: sharpening



**before**



**after**



# Sharpening

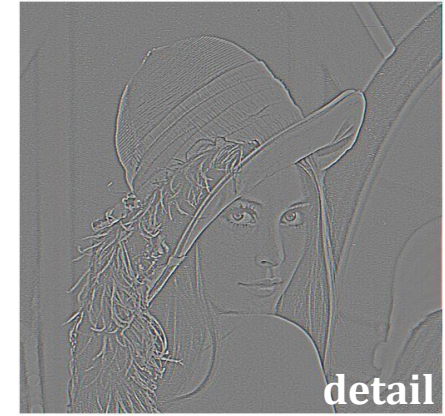
What does blurring take away?



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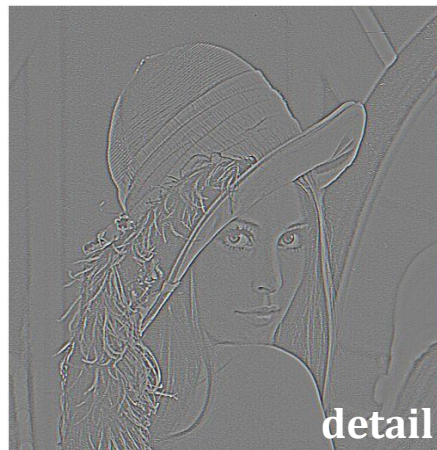
=



Let's add it back:



+



=



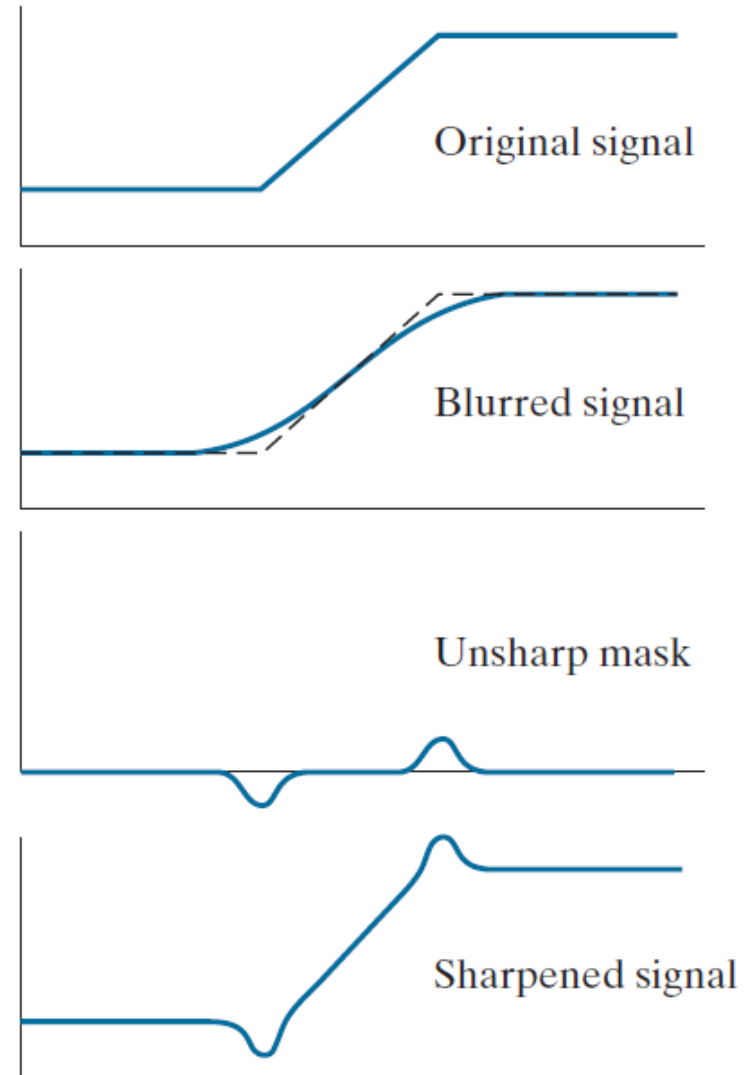
## Unsharped Masking

- Blur the original image
- Subtract the blurred one from the original one
- Add the mask to the original

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) + k(f(x, y) - \overline{f(x, y)})$$

$k = 1$  unsharped masking

$k > 1$  highboost filtering



# Unsharp Masking



original

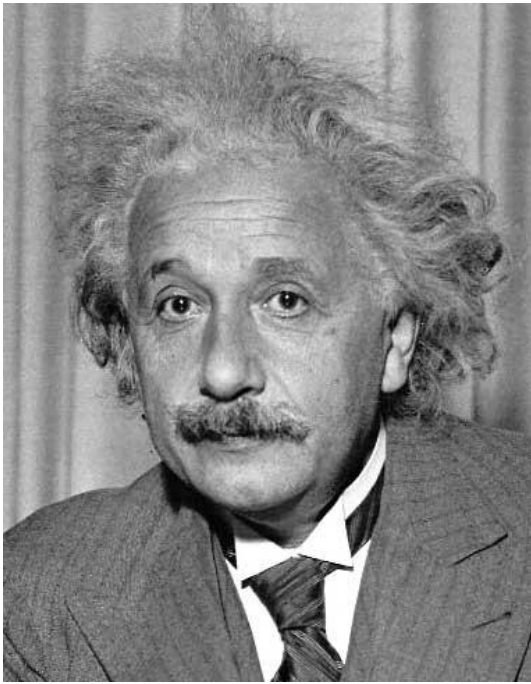


sharpened

# Unsharp Masking







input image

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

Sobel

**A**

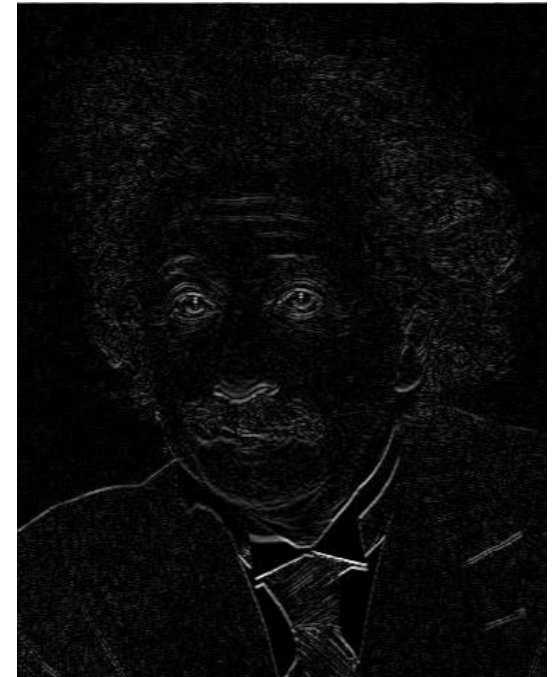
1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

Sobel

**B**

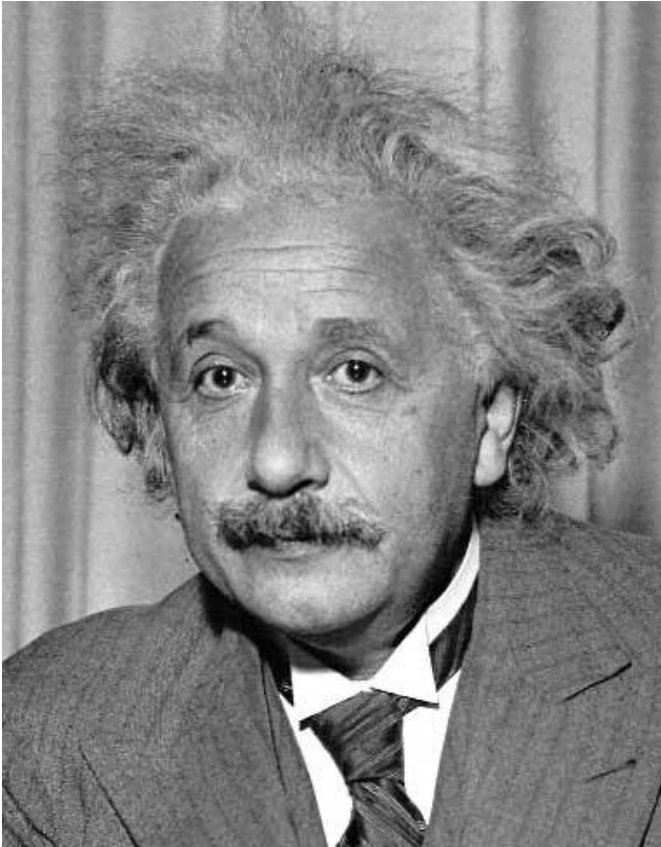


**1 vertical edge  
(absolute value)**



**2 horizontal edge  
(absolute value)**

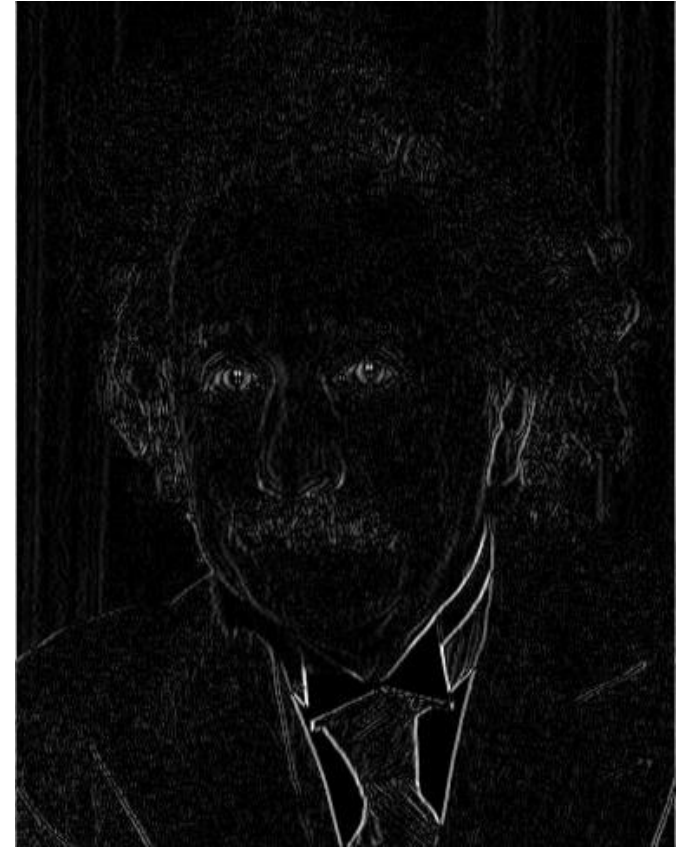
# Other filters



1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

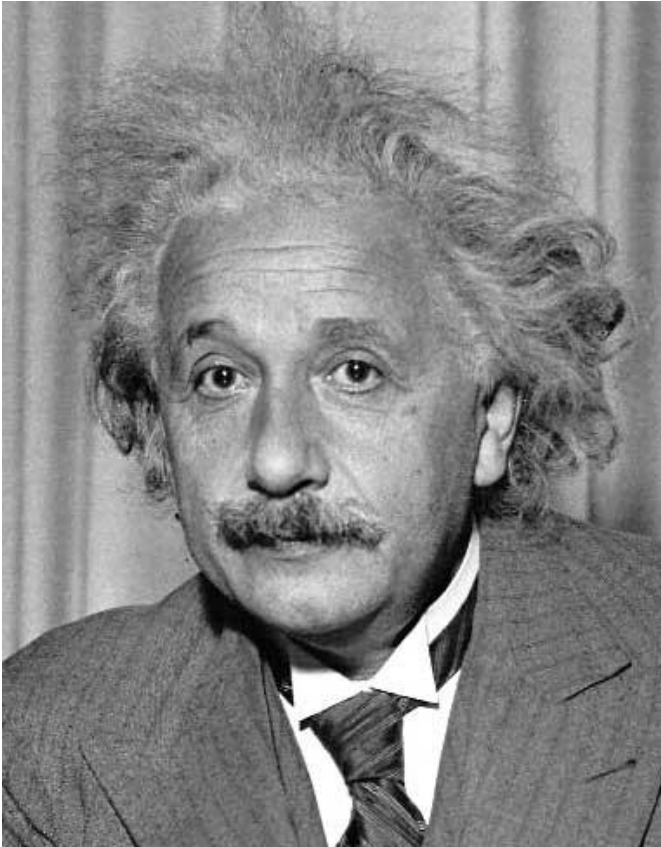
Sobel

**B**



vertical edge  
(absolute value)

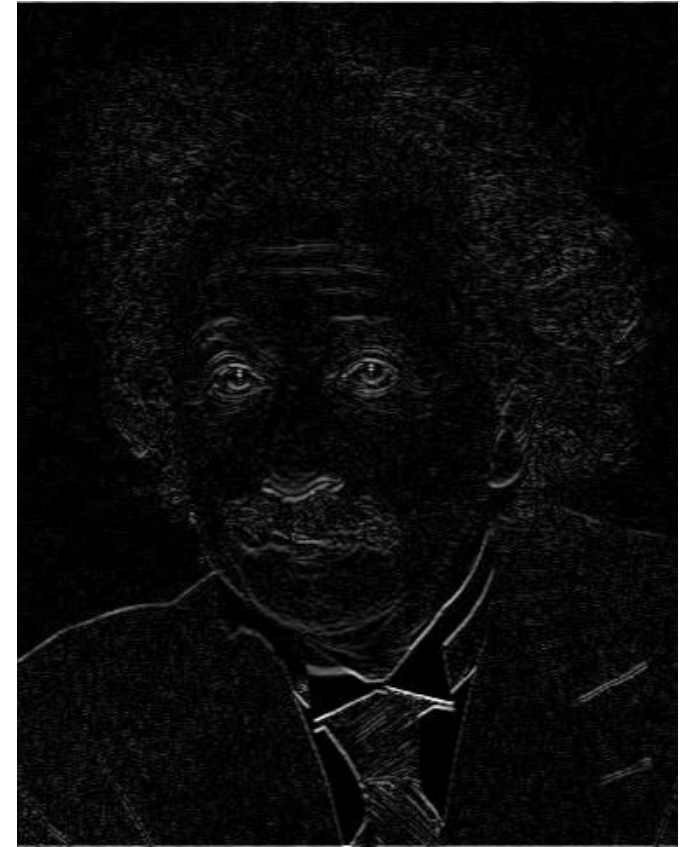
# Other filters



1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

Sobel

**A**



horizontal edge  
(absolute value)

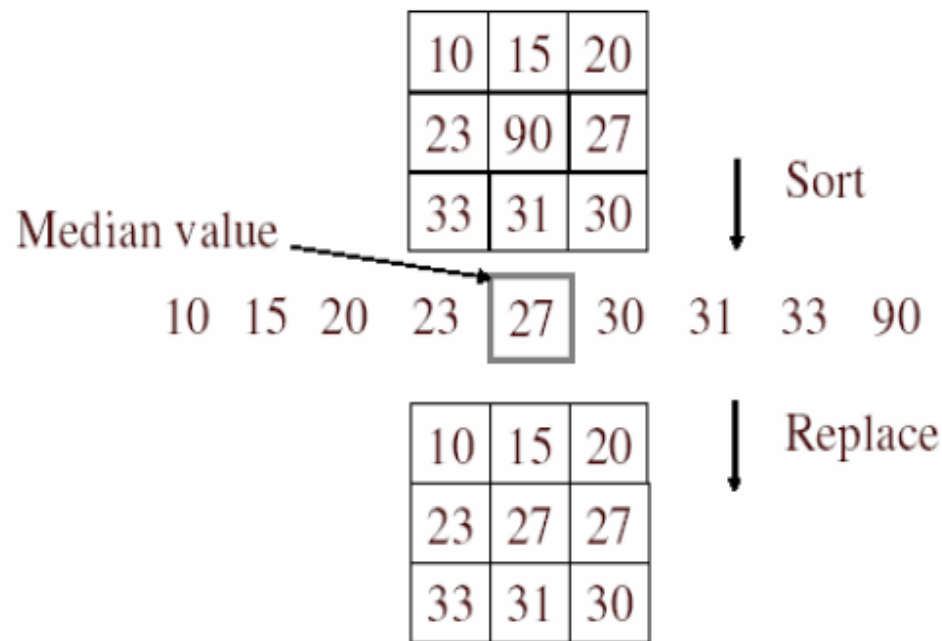
# Nonlinear Filters

- Median filter



# Median filter

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



- Is median filtering linear?

	0	1	2	3
0	10	80	60	50
1	20	40	40	30
2	30	10	10	20
3	40	10	20	10

input image f

3x3  
median filter

	0	1	2	3
0				
1				
2		?		
3				

output image g

$$g(2, 1) = ?$$

	0	1	2	3
0	10	80	60	50
1	20	40	40	30
2	30	10	10	20
3	40	10	20	10

input image f

3x3  
median filter

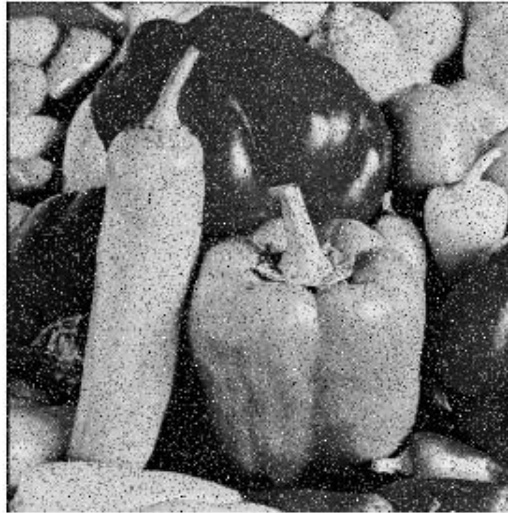
	0	1	2	3
0				
1				
2		?		
3				

output image g

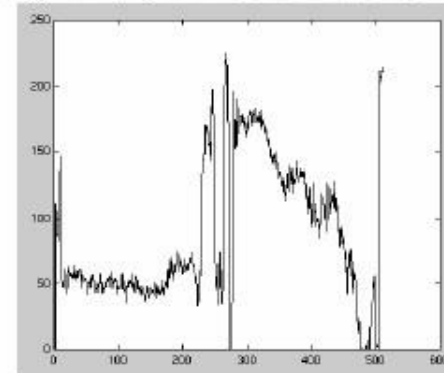
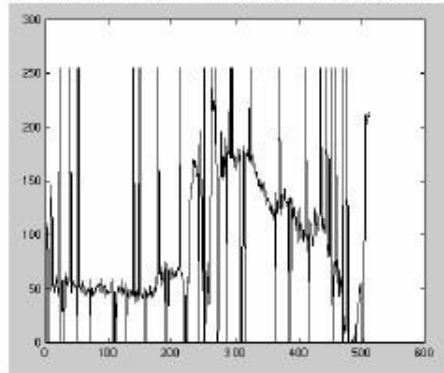
20, 40, 40, 30, 10, 10, 40, 10, 20  
 Sorted: 10, 10, 10, 20, 20, 30, 40, 40, 40  
 $g(2, 1) = 20$

# Median filter

Salt-and-pepper noise



Median filtered

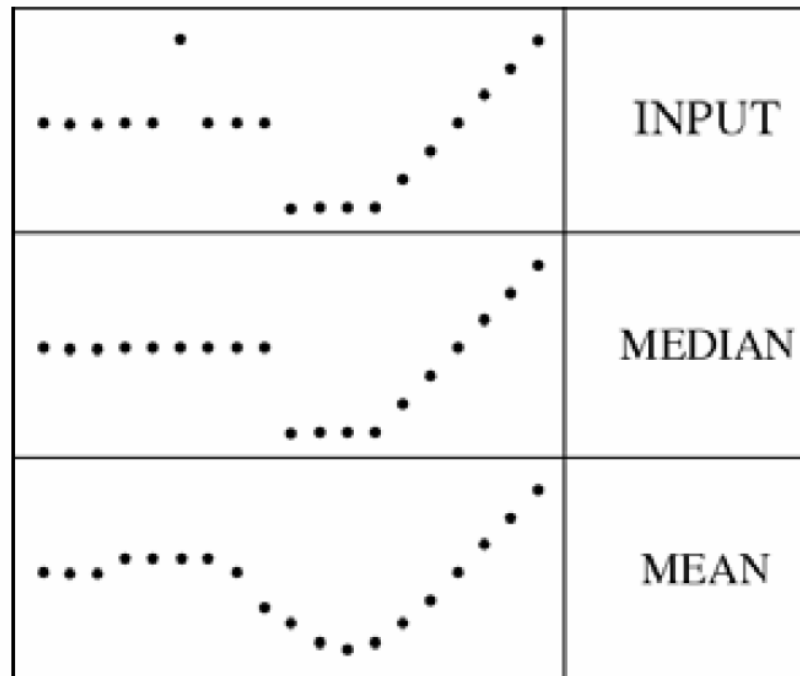


Plots of a row of the image

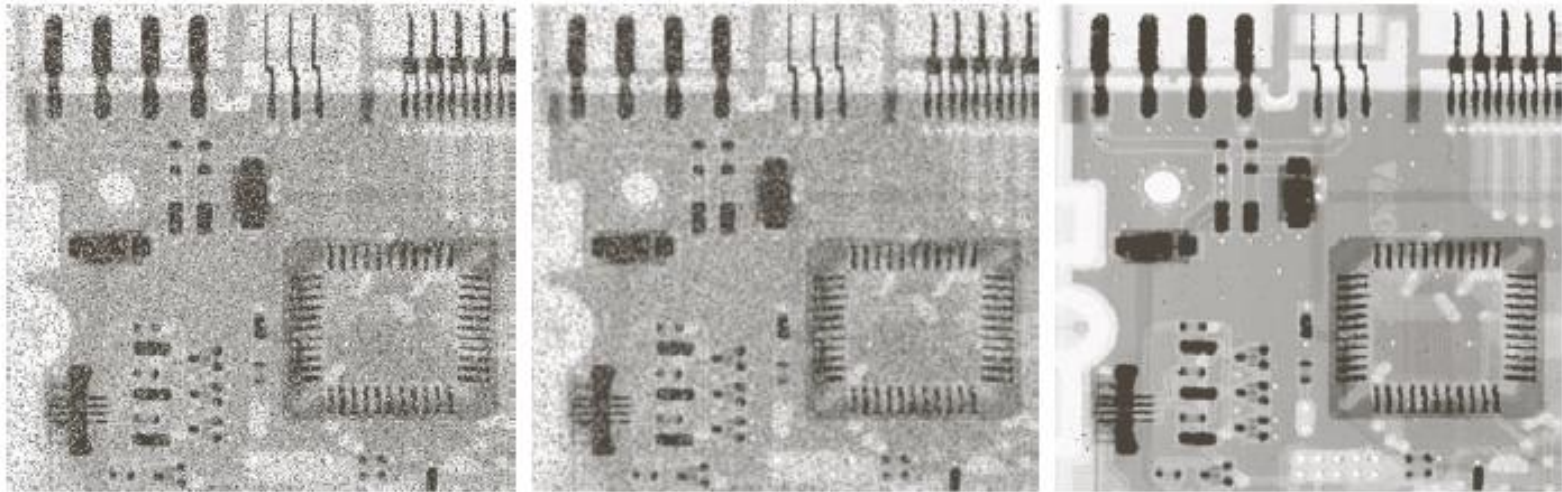
# Median filter

- What advantage does median filtering have over Gaussian filtering?
  - Robustness to outliers
  - Median filter is edge preserving

filters have width 5 :



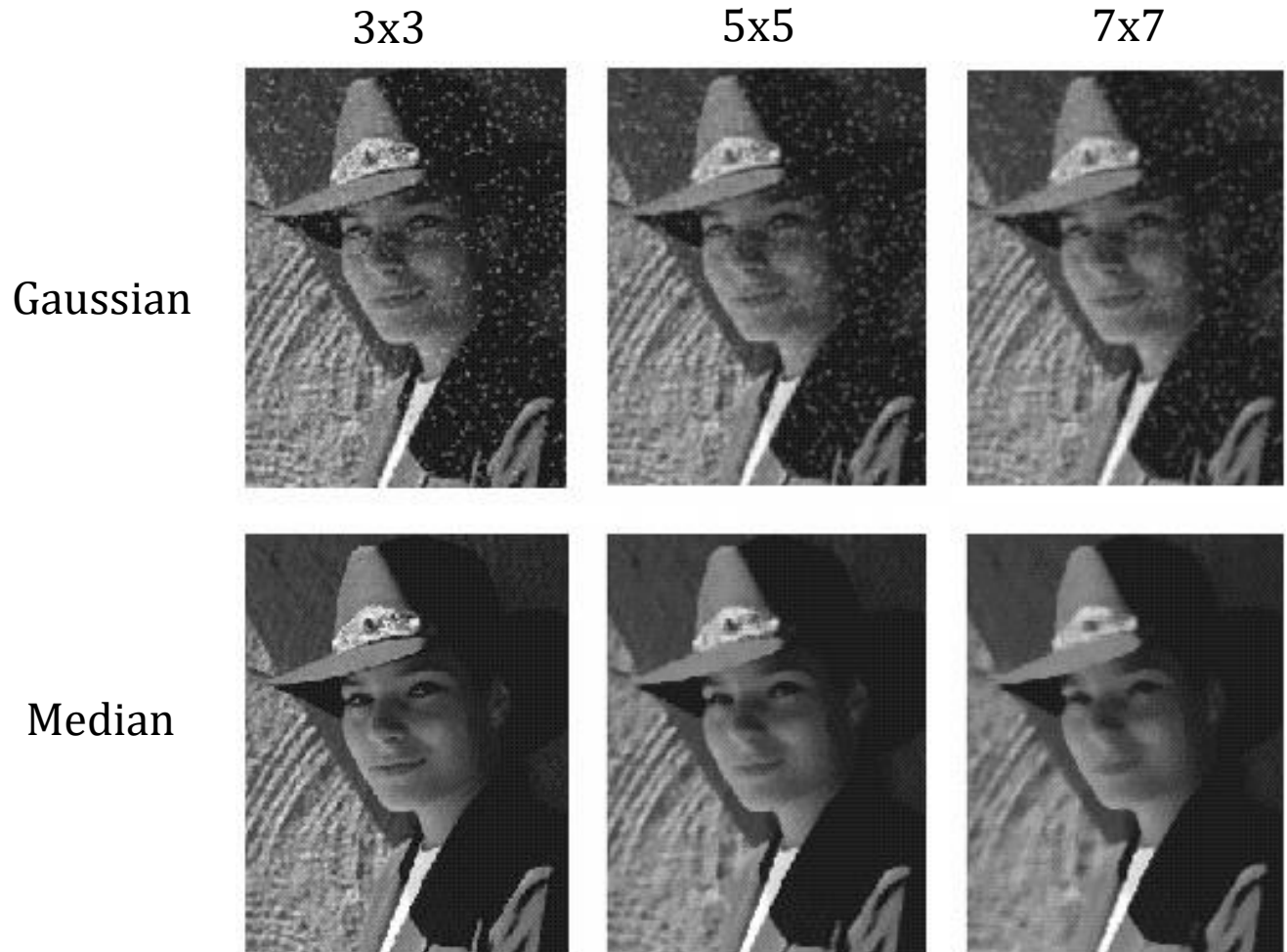
# Averaging filter vs. Median filter



a b c

**FIGURE 3.35** (a) X-ray image of circuit board corrupted by salt-and-pepper noise. (b) Noise reduction with a  $3 \times 3$  averaging mask. (c) Noise reduction with a  $3 \times 3$  median filter. (Original image courtesy of Mr. Joseph E. Pascente, Lixi, Inc.)

# Gaussian filter vs. Median filter



Isolated clusters of pixels that are light or dark with respect to their neighbors, and whose area is less than  $m^2/2$  (one-half the filter area), are forced by an  $m \times m$  median filter to have the value of the median intensity of the pixels in the neighborhood.

# Week 04 – Hands on activity

- Prepare and submit a Jupyter Notebook file containing the code and the results for the following Task



# Task

- Read a colored image of your choice.
- Convert it into a gray-scale image and display the result.
- Filter the gray-scale image using each of the following filters.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Display the result using a colormap other than gray.
- Display the absolute value of the result using a colormap that you choose.