

Lesson answers: Convolution

1 1D discrete convolution

a) The convolution result is the following:

$$f(\lambda): \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & -1 & -2 & \mathbf{0} & -1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$h(x - \lambda): \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline -2 & \mathbf{2} & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow$$

$$g(x): \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & -6 & -2 & \mathbf{3} & -1 & 6 & 1 & -6 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

b)

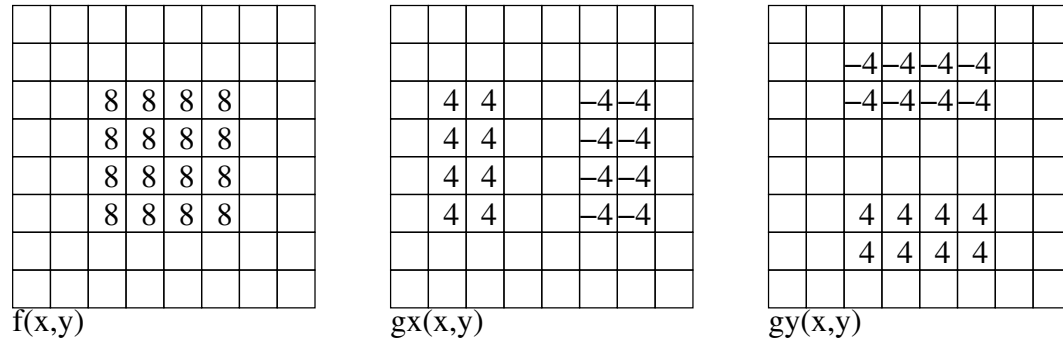
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -6 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ -6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that the matrix is formed as a Toeplitz matrix.

2 2D discrete convolution

$$g(x, y) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 5 & \mathbf{9} & 9 \\ \hline 3 & 8 & 10 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3 2D convolution and correlation applied on images

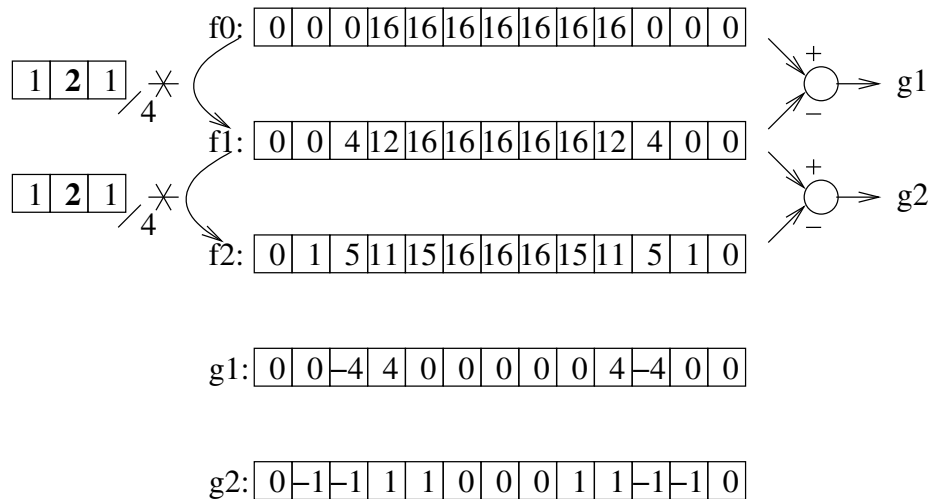


- a) See the figure above.
- b) Where the edge goes from 0 to 8, when going from left to right and when going from bottom to top in the image (matrix), the derivative is **positive**. Therefore, along such edges in the original image, we get **positive** values in the resulting images gx and gy after the convolution.
- Where the edge goes from 8 to 0, when going from left to right and when going from bottom to top in the image, the derivative is **negative**. Therefore, along such edges in the original image, we get **negative** values in the resulting image gx and gy after the convolution.
- c) We get the same results as in problem a) - see the figure above.
- d) *vert* provides a match for **positive** vertical edges, because we get large **positive** values along these edges in the corresponding positions/pixels in the resulting image. Along **negative** vertical edges, we get corresponding large **negative** values.

horis provides a match for **positive** horizontal edges, because we get large **positive** values along such an edge in the corresponding positions/pixels in the resulting image. Along **negative** horizontal edges, we get corresponding large **negative** values.

(Note: Compare this correlation reasoning with the corresponding convolution/derivation reasoning in problem b).)

4 1D lowpass and bandpass filtering



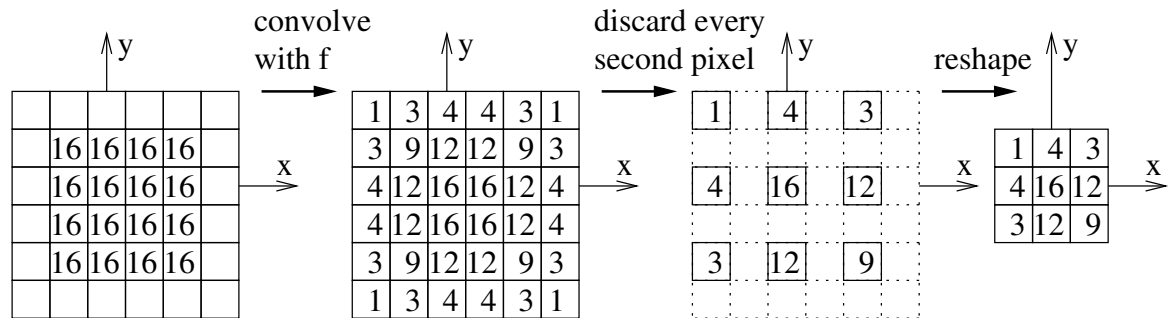
- The edges are blurred (smoothed) more and more after each lowpass filtering.
- Smooth surfaces, i.e. with the same pixel values, are set to zero by both filters.
 - The edge response from the highpass filter is a negative value next to a positive value (-4, 4) or (4, -4). The edge response from the bandpass filter is similar to the highpass response, but wider and weaker.
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} / 8$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} / 16$.
- $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} / 4 * \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / 4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} / 16$

5 The effect of convolution kernels on 2D images

- a and E: E lowpass filters a lot (three times more than A) and results in a very blurry image.
- b and A: A lowpass filters a little and results in a slightly blurred image.
- c and D: Convoluting with D only results in a scaling of all pixel values by a factor 0.5.

- d and C: Convolver with C results in a derivation in the vertical direction, which can be seen as large positive or negative pixel values along horizontal edges in the image.
- e and B: Convolver with B results in a derivation in the horizontal direction, which can be seen as large positive or negative pixel values along vertical edges in the image.
- f and F (unknown): In the image F, the convolution has resulted in large positive or negative values along diagonal edges.

6 Downsampling



- See the figure above.
- In traditional convolution, the convolution kernel is moved **one** step at a time in each horizontal/forward direction. In strided convolution, the kernel is instead moved **two or more** steps in each direction, which results in an image with lower resolution than the original image.
Hence, traditional convolution followed by a downsampling with a factor 2, as in problem a), can alternatively be performed by a stride 2 convolution.