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❖ An edge can be extracted by computing the derivative of the image function

- ✓ **Magnitude of the derivative**, indicates the strength or contrast of edge
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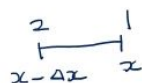


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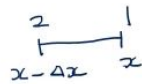


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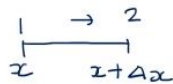
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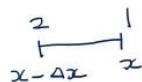


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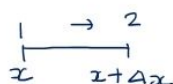
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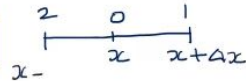


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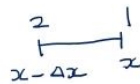
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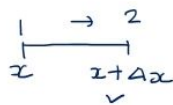
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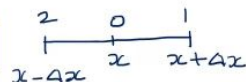
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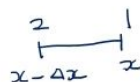
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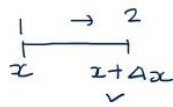


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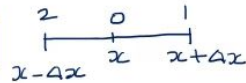
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## (Image Segmentation)

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