

CS4442 Assignment 3

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- 1.) Showing the Gaussian kernel is spatially separable convolution.

(Two 1D kernels applied to the image row-wise and column-wise in sequence)

$$h(i, j) = g(u, v) \cdot f(u, v) = \sum_{i,j} g(u, v) f(u, v)$$

Because of commutative property

$$(1) \quad h(i, j) = f(u, v) \cdot g(u, v) = \sum_{i,j} f(i, j) \cdot g(v-i, v-j)$$

and $f(u, v)$ is separable to 1D kernels)
 $f(m, n) = f_1[m] \cdot f_2[n]$

subbing this in to (1)

$$\begin{aligned} h(i, j) &= \sum_{i,j} f_1[i] \cdot f_2[j] \cdot g(v-i, v-j) \\ &= \sum_j f_2[j] \left(\sum_i f_1[i] \cdot g(v-i, v-j) \right) \end{aligned}$$

This is a convolution of the input and f_1 , then another convolution with h_2 . This is a convolution of a row-wise and column-wise vector in sequence. And due to associativity, there can be done in either order. Therefore the 2D gaussian kernel is spatially separable.

The Sobel kernel is a 3×3 matrix giving horizontal detection and vertical detection in the case of images.

This is a separable convolution as a 3×3 matrix can be separated into a 1×3 and a 3×1 .

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

Separable convolutions are preferred as they reduce the number of parameters, and makes each making each convolution operation cheaper reducing memory limitations.