

13.09.2019

Digital Image Processing (CSE/ECE 478)

Lecture-12: Morphological Operations, Intro to Geometric Operations

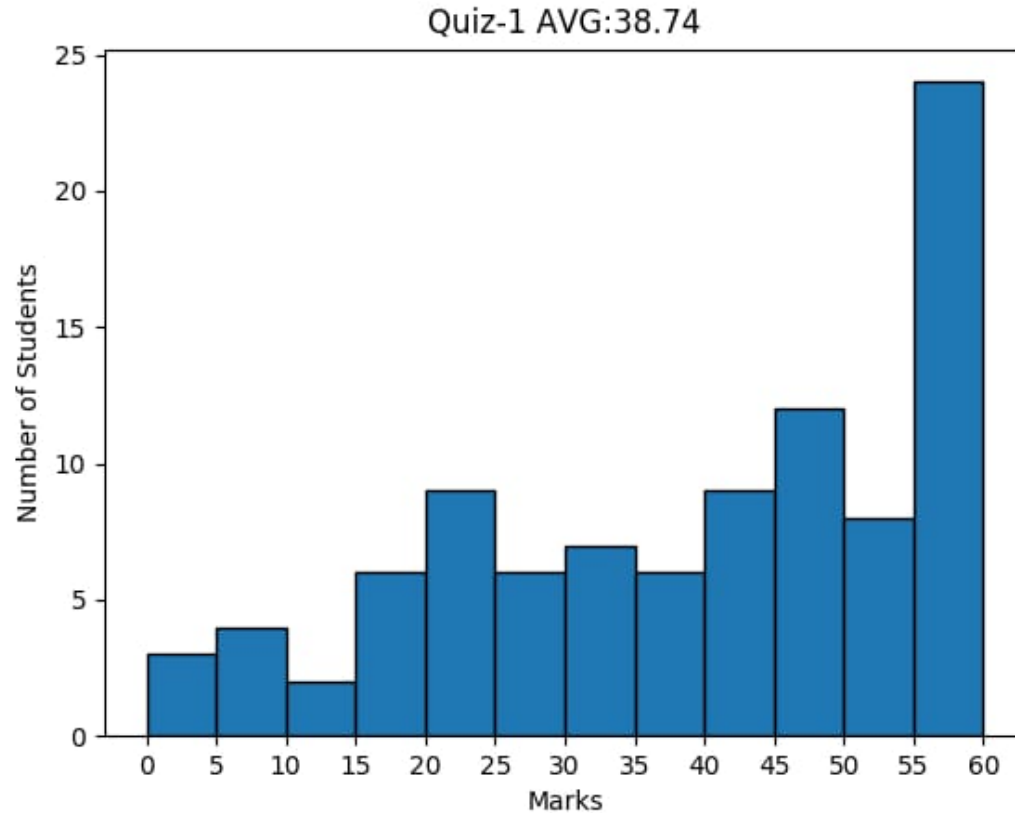
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Announcements



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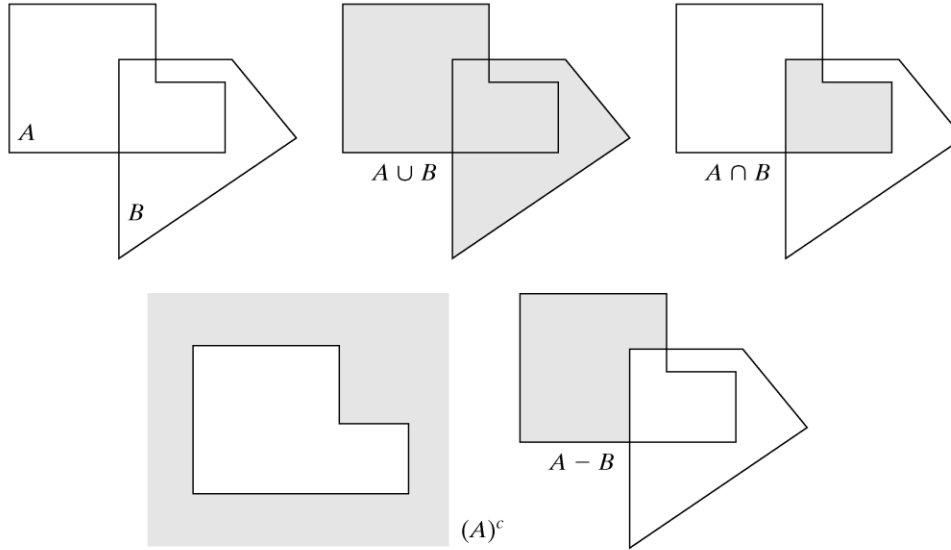
- Projects
 - Form group(s) of ≥ 1 and ≤ 3
 - List will be announced at 9pm on 16th September
 - Read guidelines re: project preferences carefully
- Mid-1
 - Up to the Lecture of September 6
 - MCQ (negative marking), Numerical Questions (carry calculator)
 - No derivations 😊

Announcements

- No class next Tuesday
- Make-up class TBA (tentative: Wednesday afternoon after Mid-1 week)

Binary Images

Object = set of pixels (or coordinates of pixels)



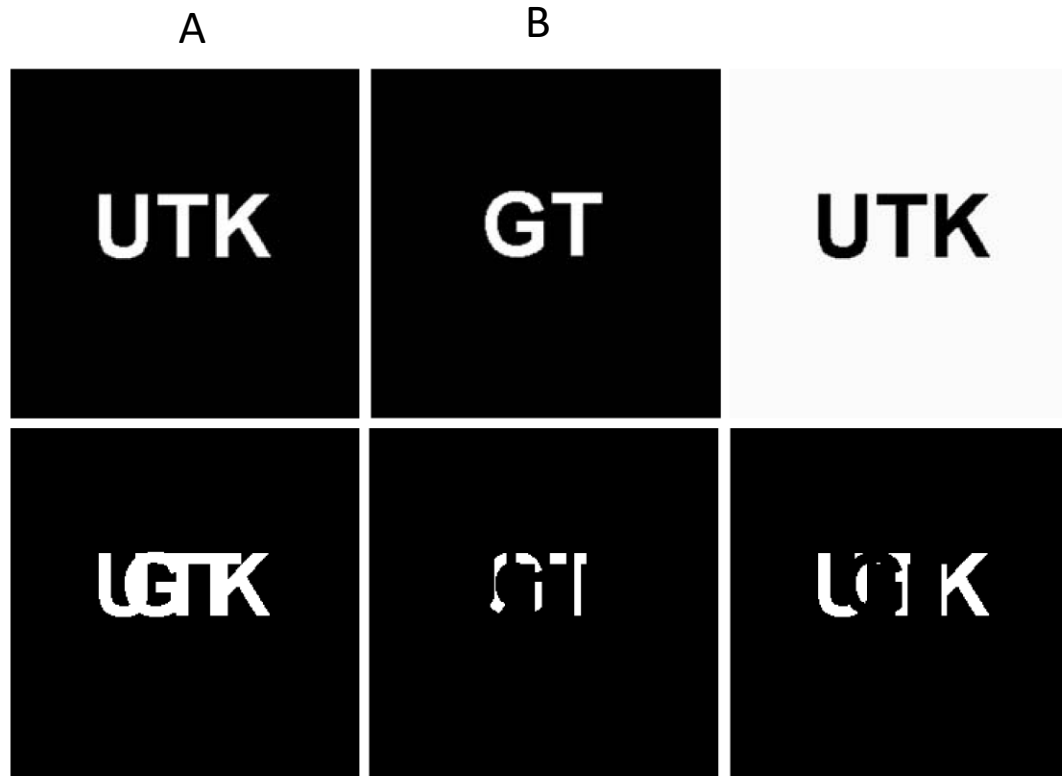
a	b	c
d	e	

FIGURE 9.1

(a) Two sets A and B . (b) The union of A and B . (c) The intersection of A and B . (d) The complement of A . (e) The difference between A and B .

Basic operations on
shapes

Set Operations on Binary Images



a b c
d e f

FIGURE 9.3 (a) Binary image A. (b) Binary image B. (c) Complement $\sim A$. (d) Union $A \cup B$. (e) Intersection $A \cap B$. (f) Set difference $A \setminus B$.

Structuring Elements

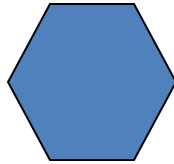
A **structuring element** is a shape mask used in the basic morphological operations.

They can be any shape and size that is digitally representable, and each has an **origin**.

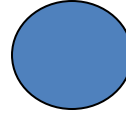


box

`box(length,width)`

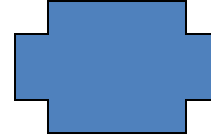


hexagon



disk

`disk(diameter)`



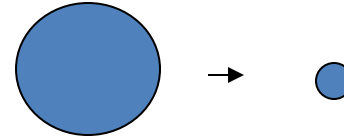
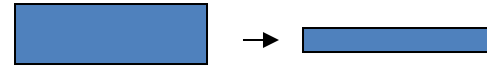
something

Erosion

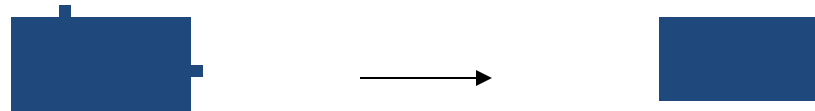
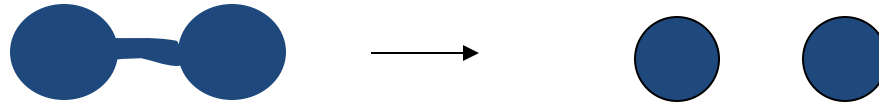
Erosion **shrinks** the connected sets of 1s of a binary image.

It can be used for

1. shrinking features



2. Removing bridges, branches and small protrusions

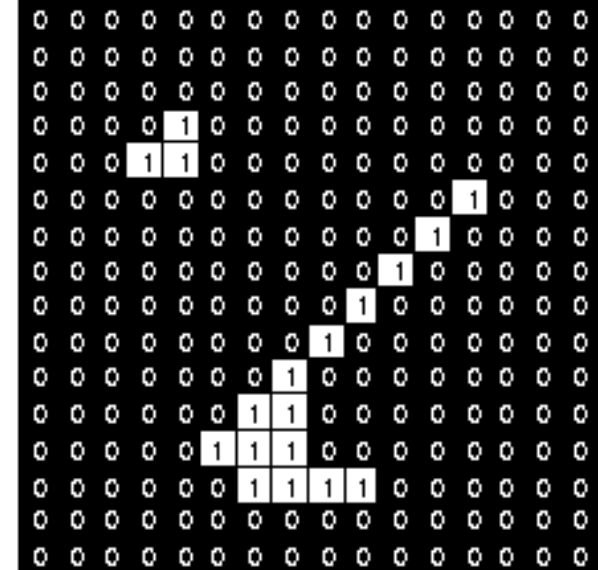
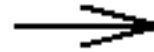
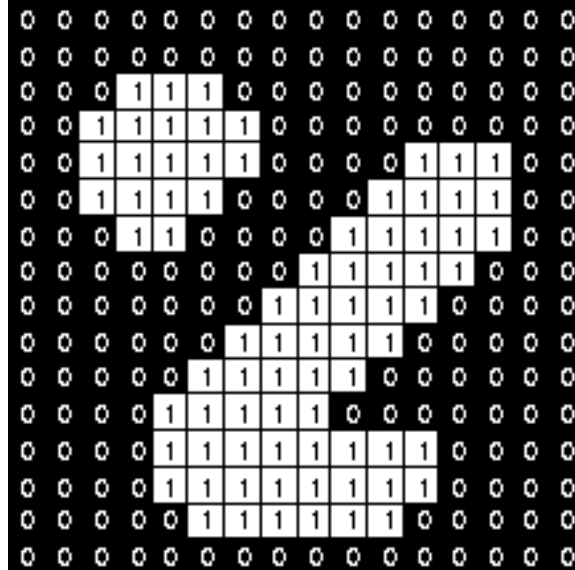


Erosion : Operation (**min** filter)

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

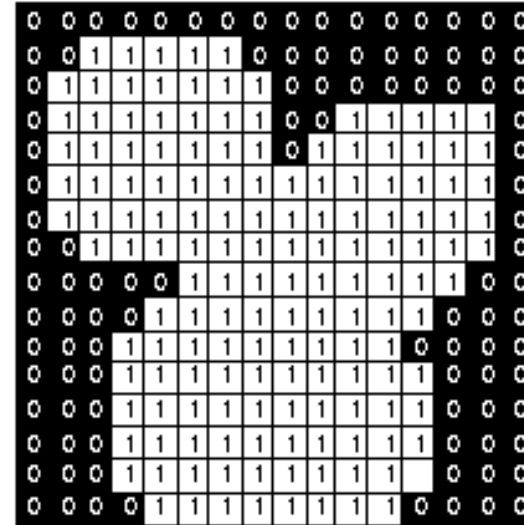
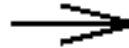
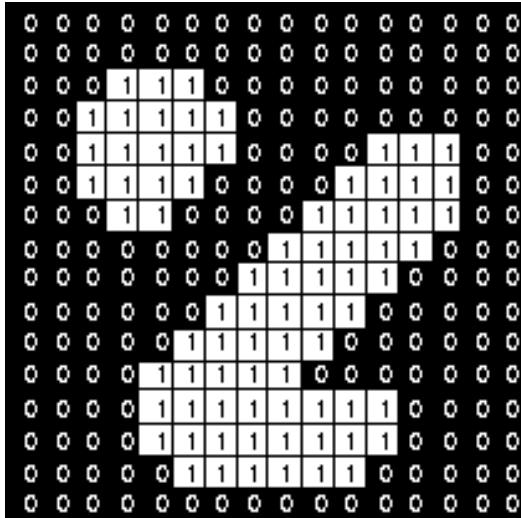
Set of coordinate points =

{ (-1, -1), (0, -1), (1, -1),
(-1, 0), (0, 0), (1, 0),
(-1, 1), (0, 1), (1, 1) }



Dilation (**max** filter)

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

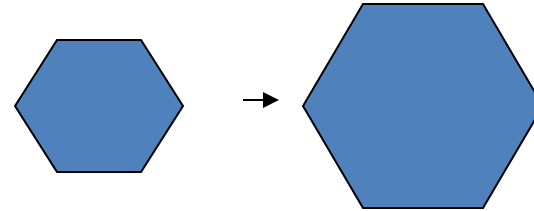


Dilation

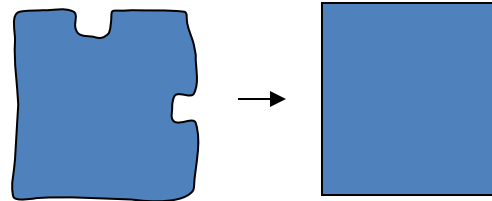
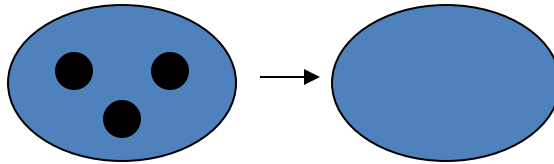
Dilation **expands** the connected sets of 1s of a binary image.

It can be used for

1. growing features

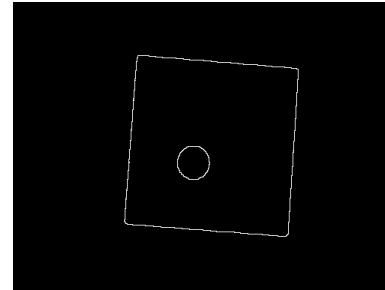
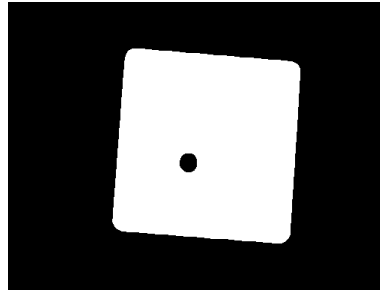
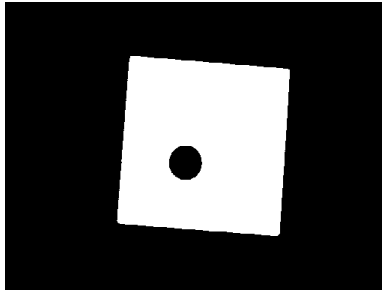


2. filling holes and gaps



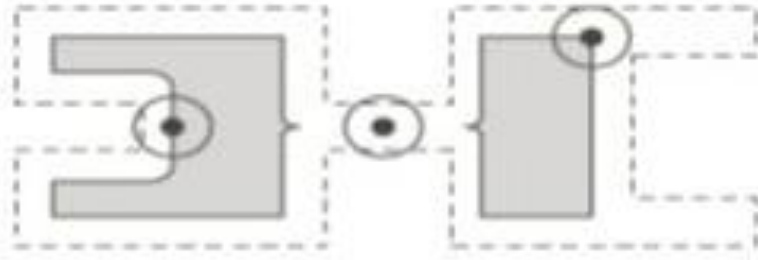
Boundary Detection

1. Dilate input image
2. Subtract input image from dilated image
3. Boundaries remain!

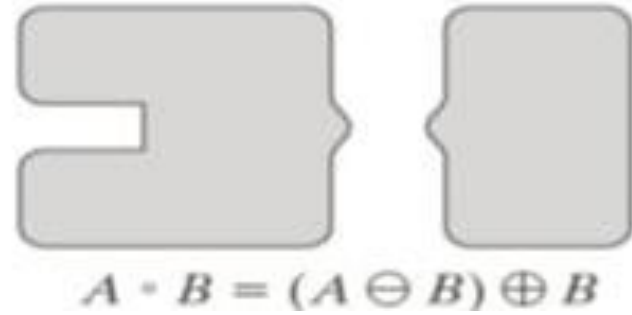
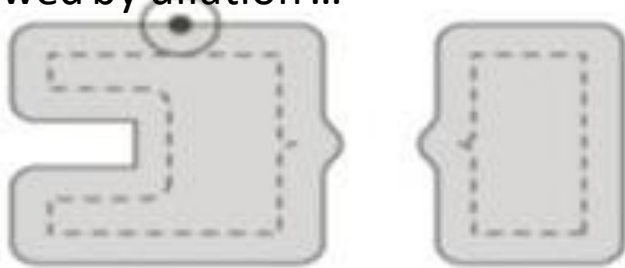


Opening

Erosion

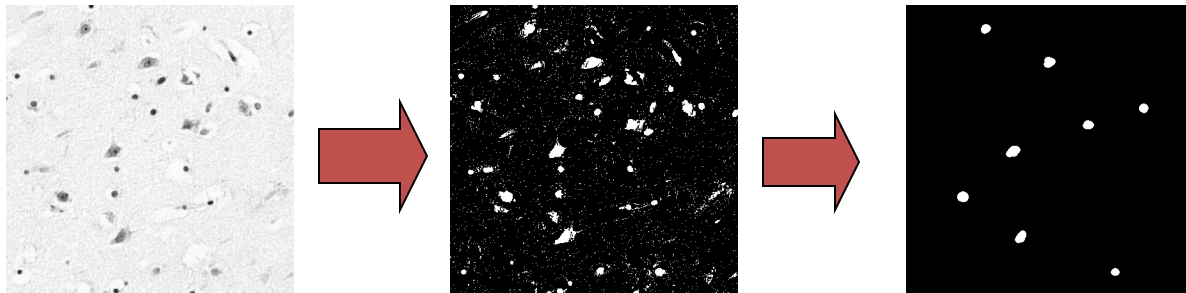


Followed by dilation ...



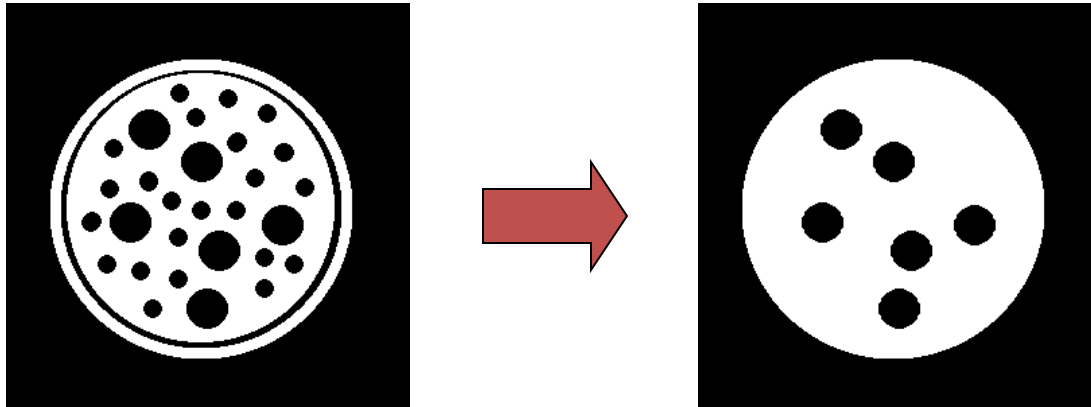
Use Opening for Separating Blobs

- Use large structuring element that fits into the big blobs
- Structuring Element: 11 pixel disc

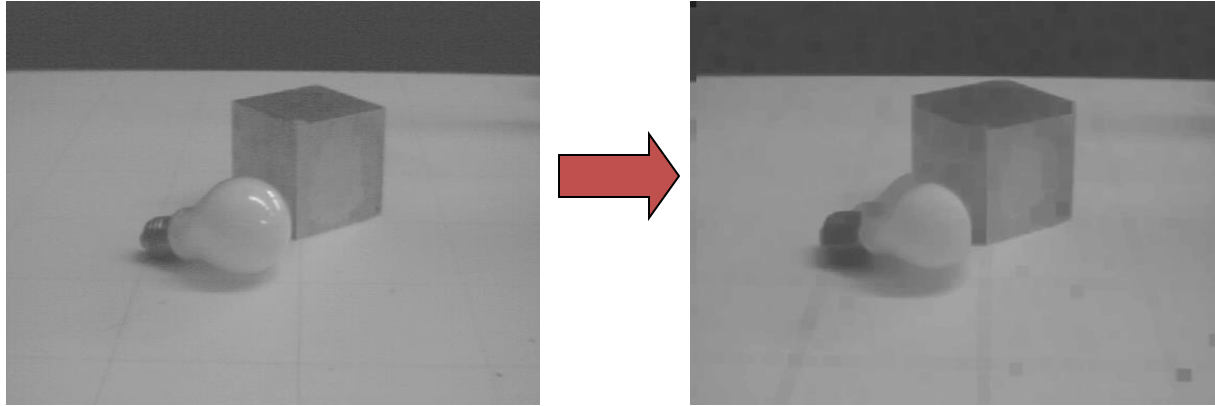


Closing: Example

- Closing operation with a 22 pixel disc
- Closes small holes in the foreground

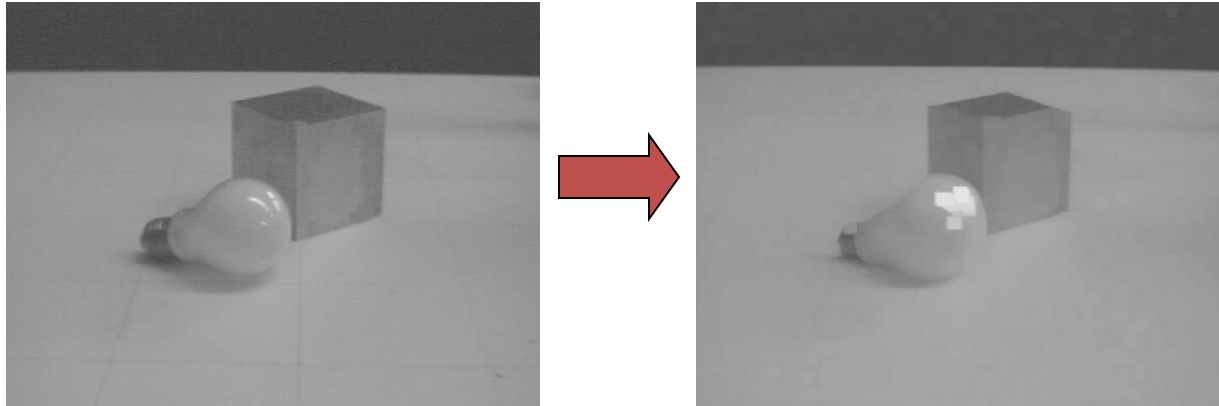


Erosion on Gray Value Images



- min filter
- Images get darker!

Dilation on Gray Value Images

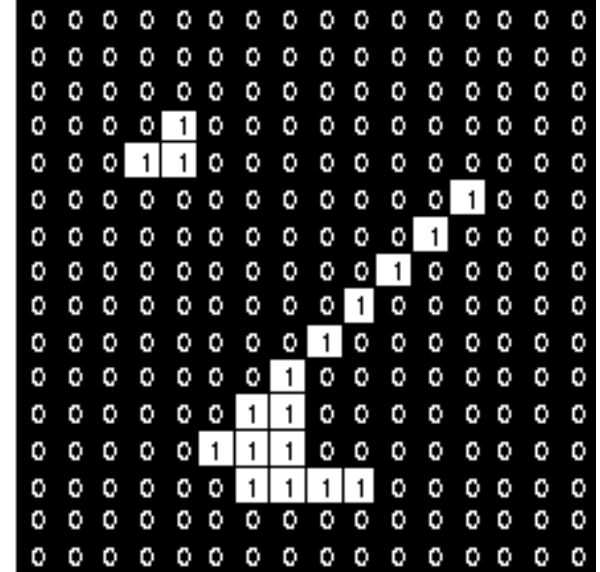
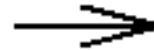
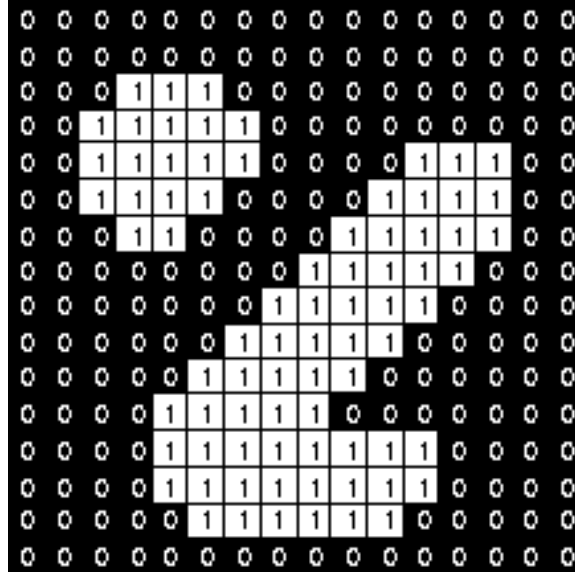


- max filter
- More uniform intensity

Erosion




- Simple application of **pattern matching**

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1	1	1
1	1	1



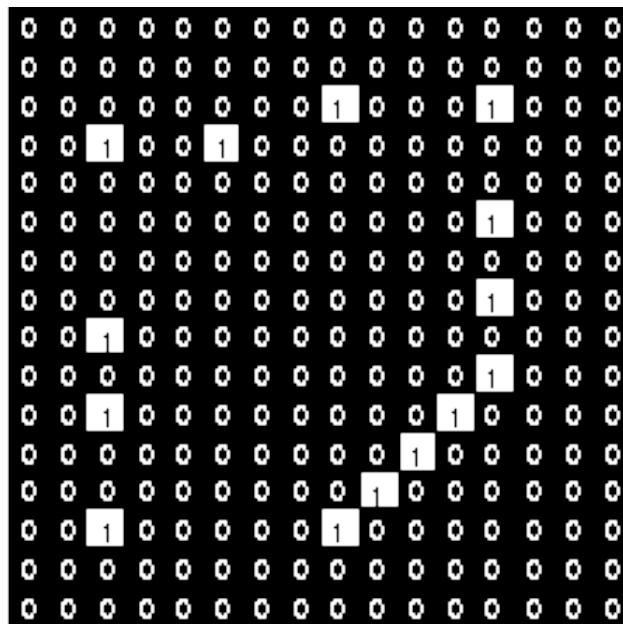
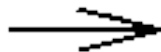
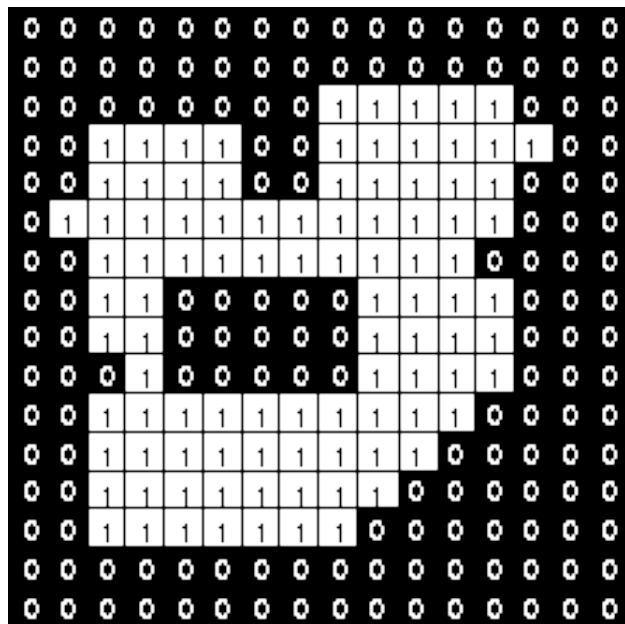
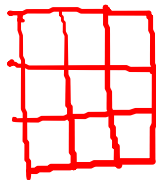
Hit-and-miss Transform

- Look for particular patterns of foreground and background pixels.

	1	
0	1	1
0	0	

- If matched, set pixel = 1

Example: Find right-angled convex corners



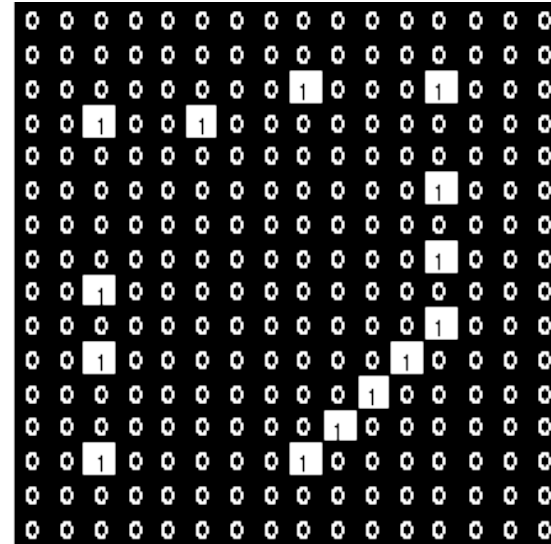
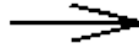
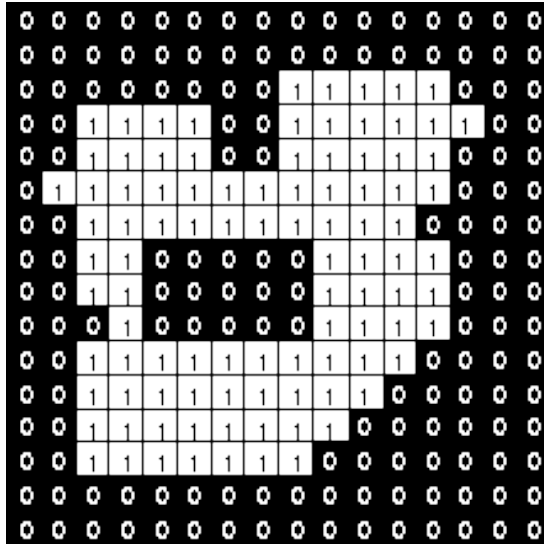
Example: Find right-angled convex corners

	1	
0	1	1
0	0	

	1	
1	1	0
	0	0

	0	0
1	1	0
	1	

0	0	
0	1	1
	1	



Sample HAM transforms

1)

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

Locate isolated
points

Sample HAM transforms

1)

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

Locate isolated
points

2)

0	1	0
0	0	0

Locate end points
on thin lines

Sample HAM transforms

1)

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

Locate isolated
points

2)

0	1	0
0	0	0

Locate end points
on thin/tapering
structures

3a)

	1	
	1	
1		1

3b)

1		
	1	
1		1

3c)

*	0	1
1	1	0
*	1	*

Locate triple junctions

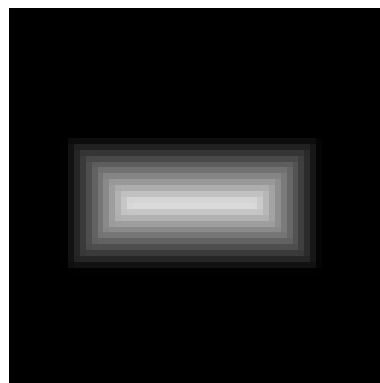
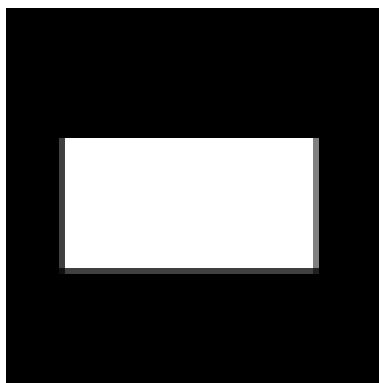
Distance Transform

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0

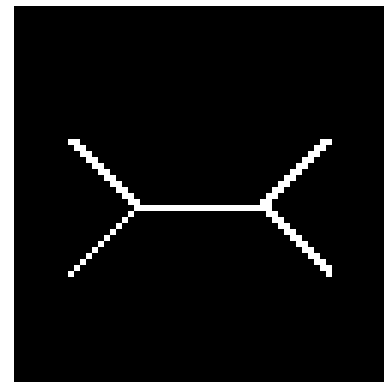
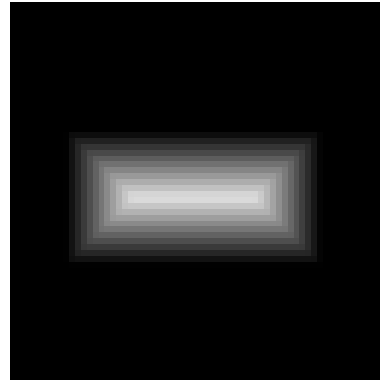
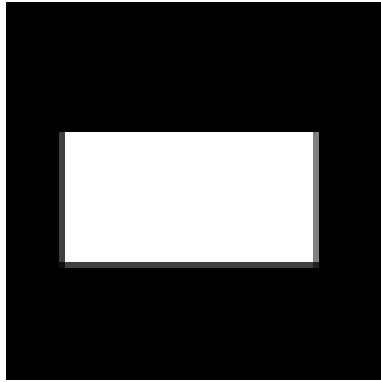
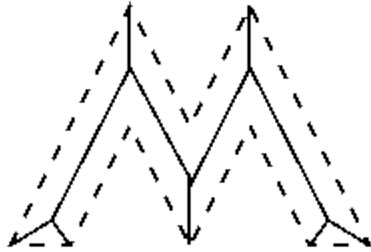
Binary Image

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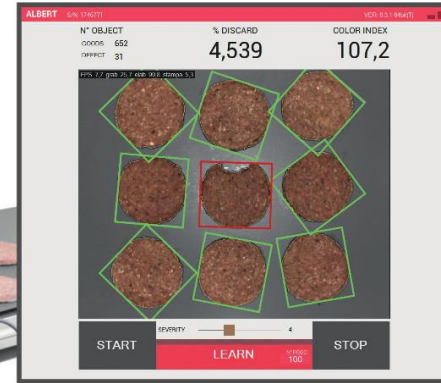
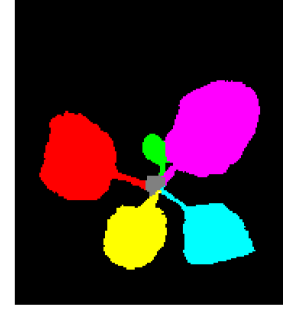
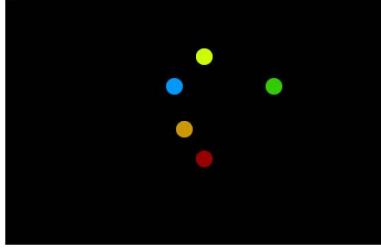
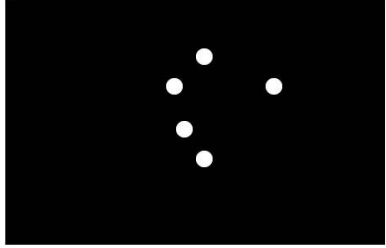
Distance transformation

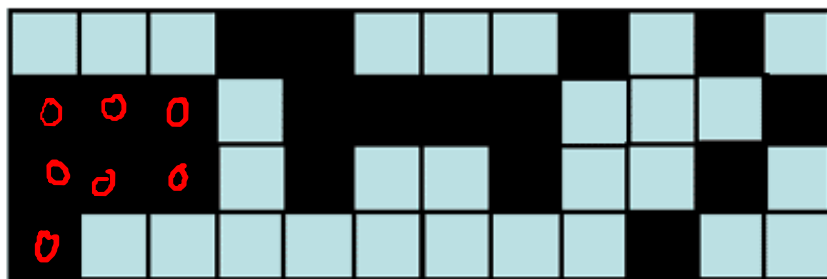


Skeletonization



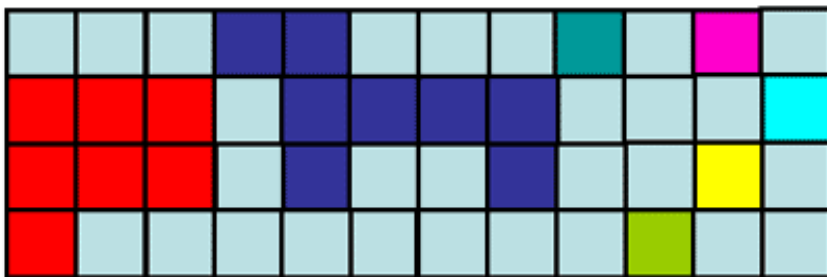
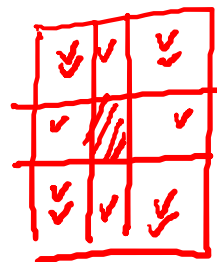
Components



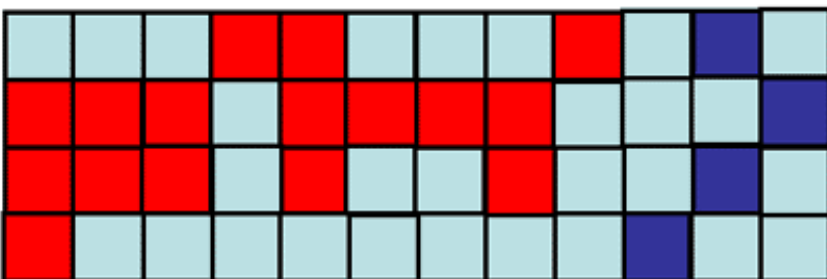


Binary image:
0 - objects;
1 -background

4-conn

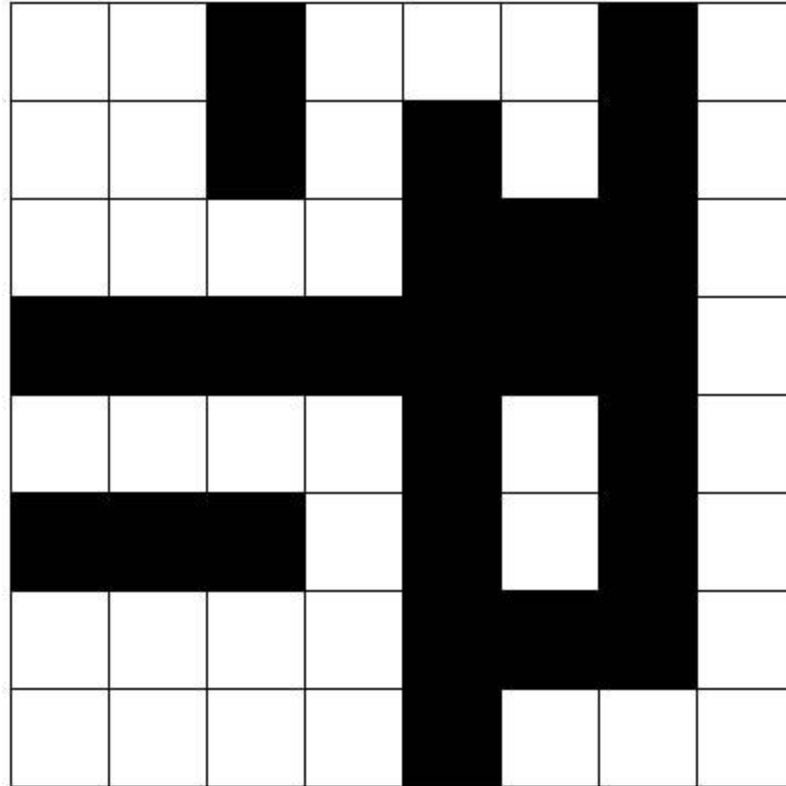


4-connected
objects +
8-connected
background

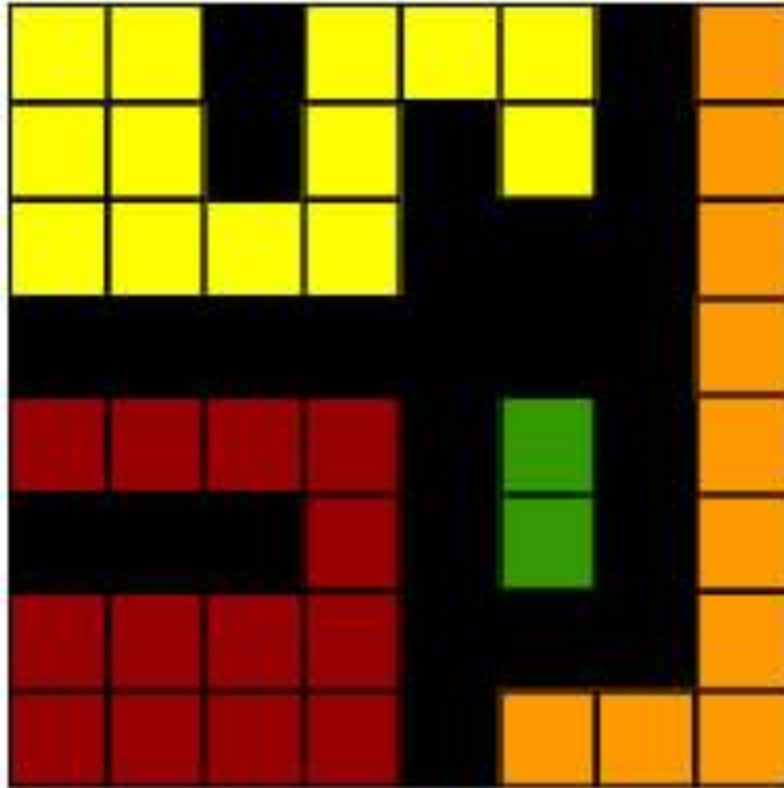


8-connected
objects +
8-connected
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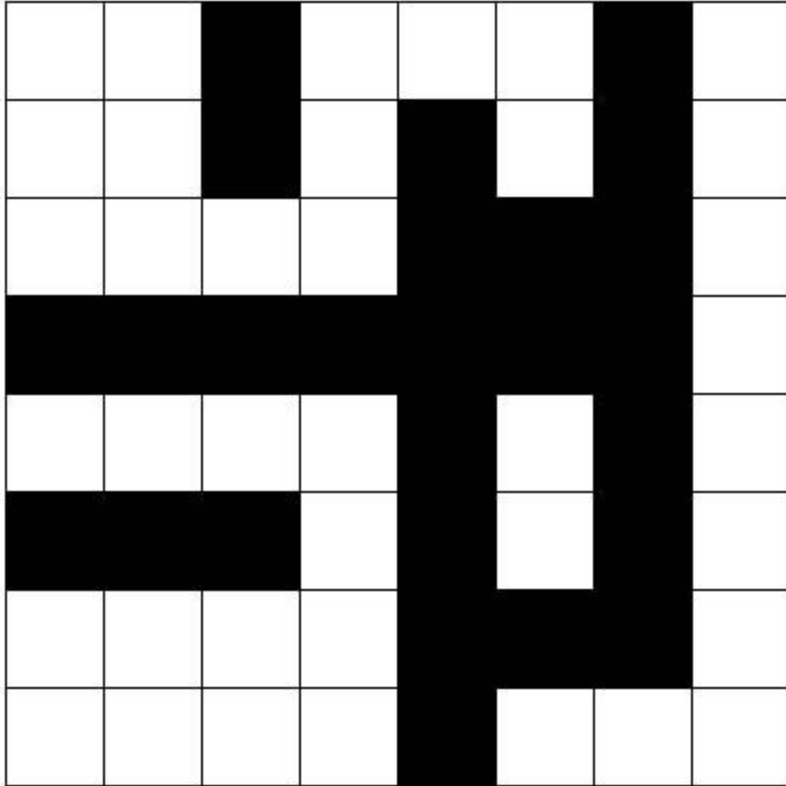
Two-Pass Algorithm for Connected Component Labelling



Two-Pass Algorithm for CCL

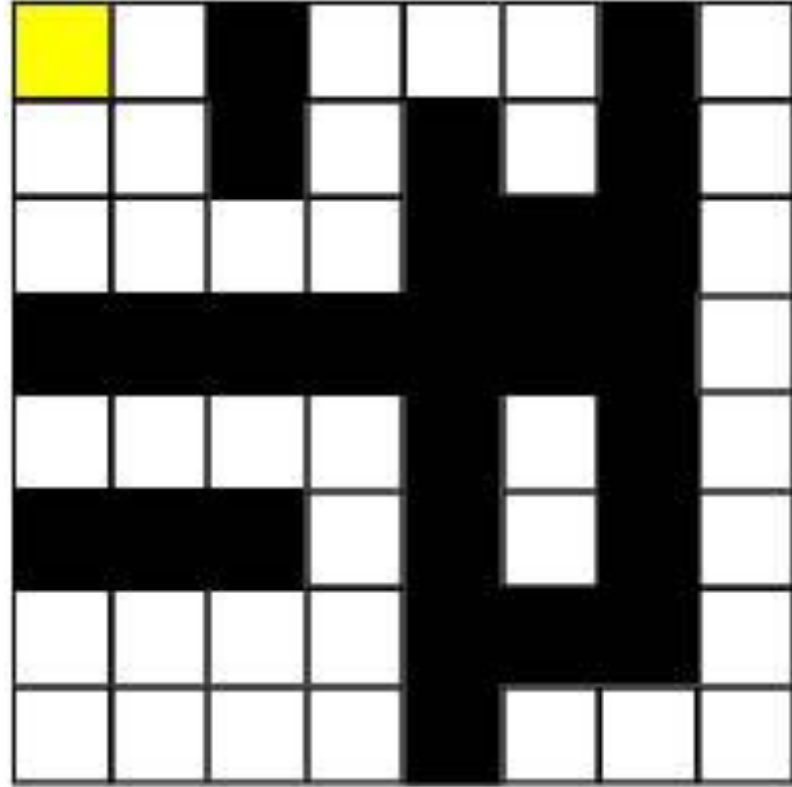
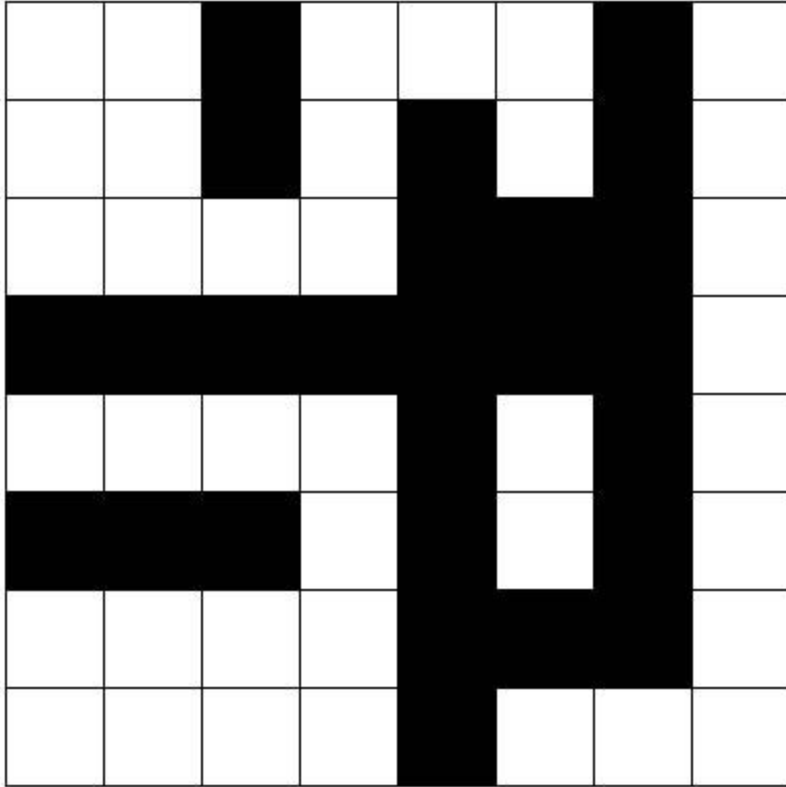


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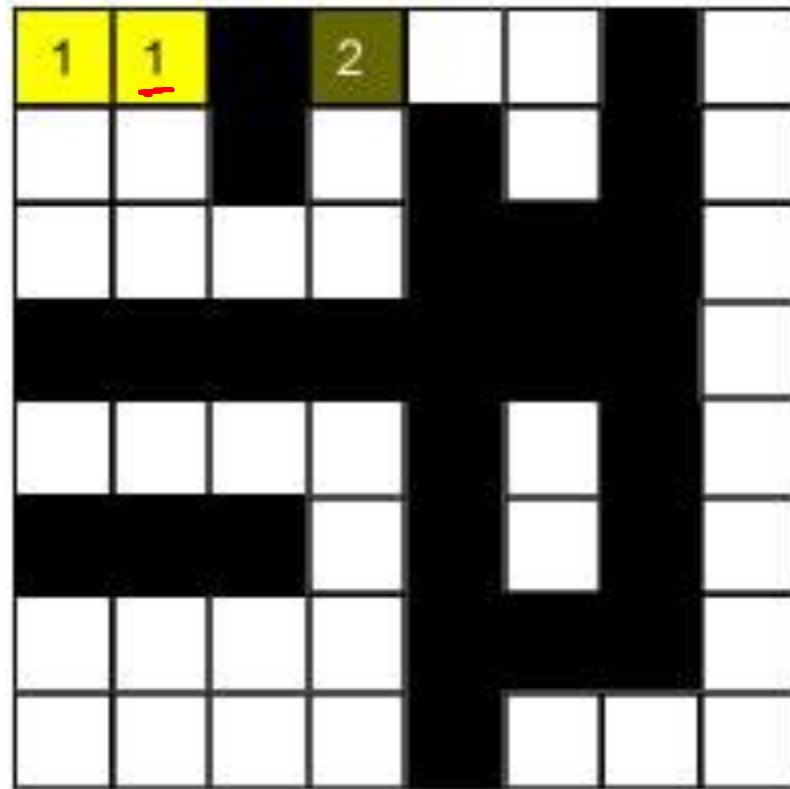
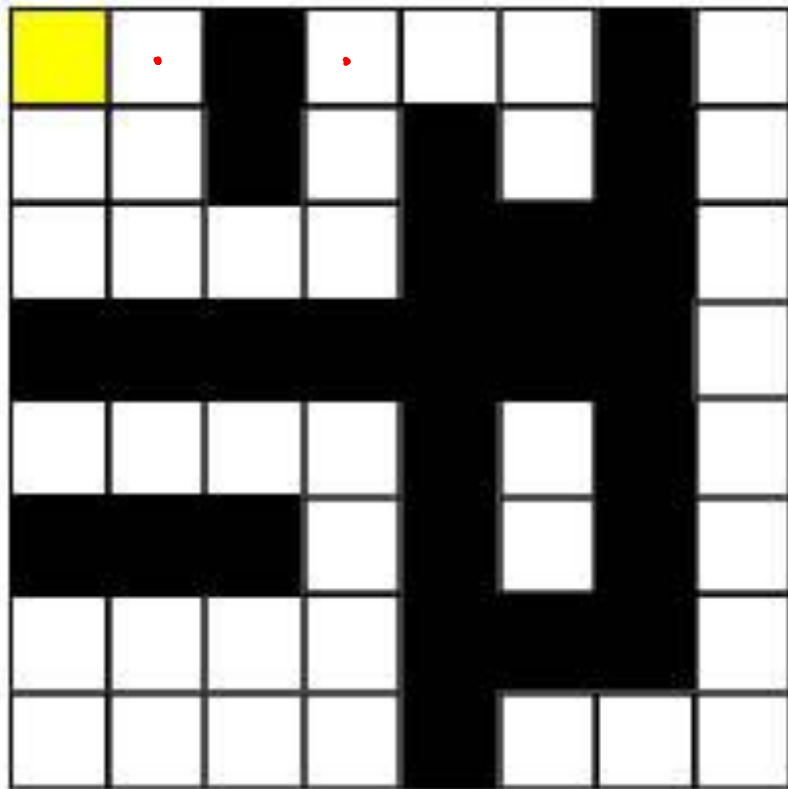


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1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
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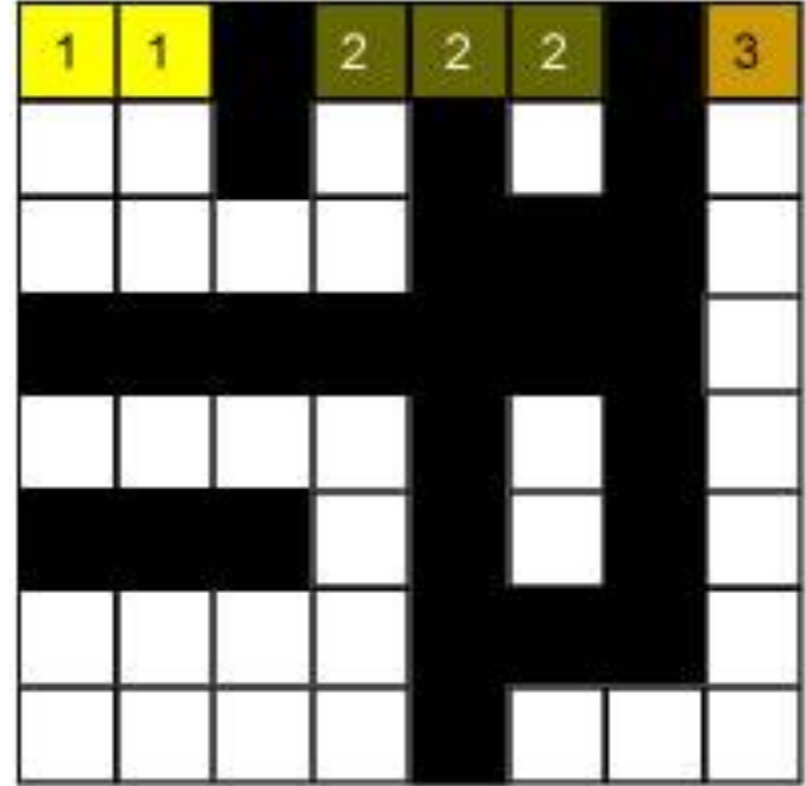
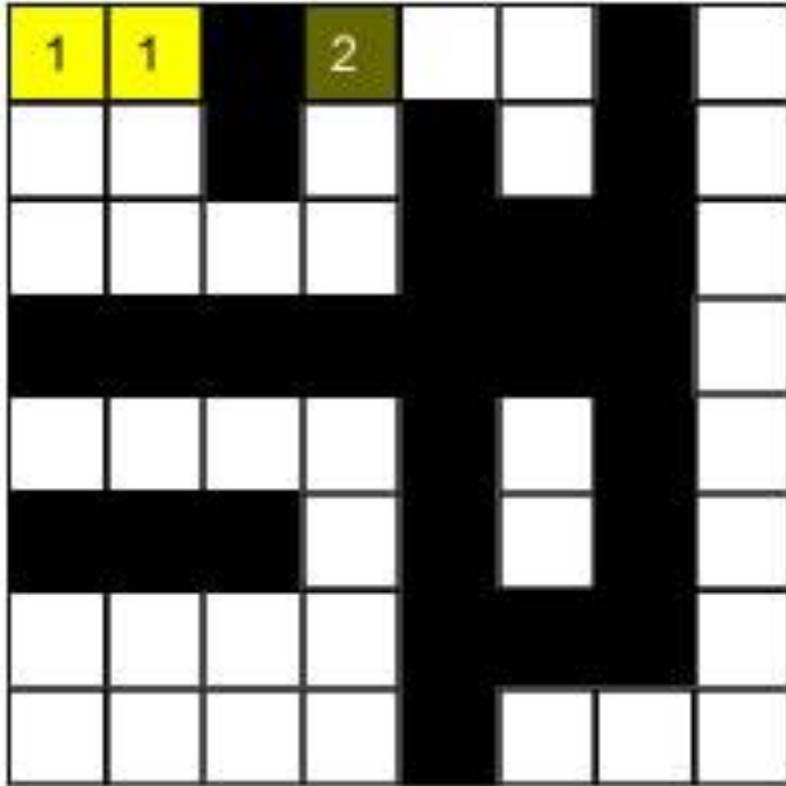
2PA: No top, left pixels → Create new label



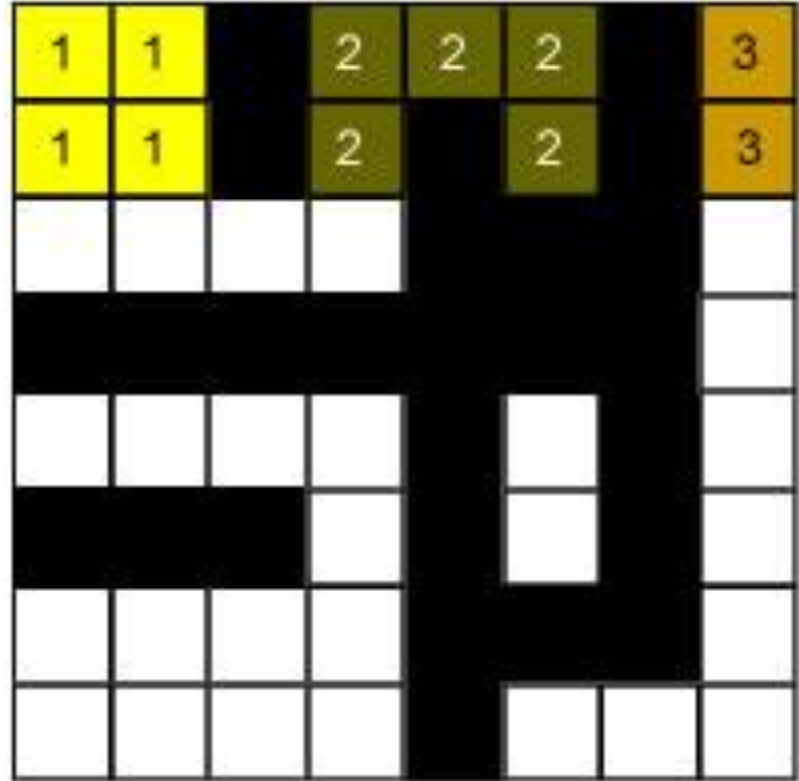
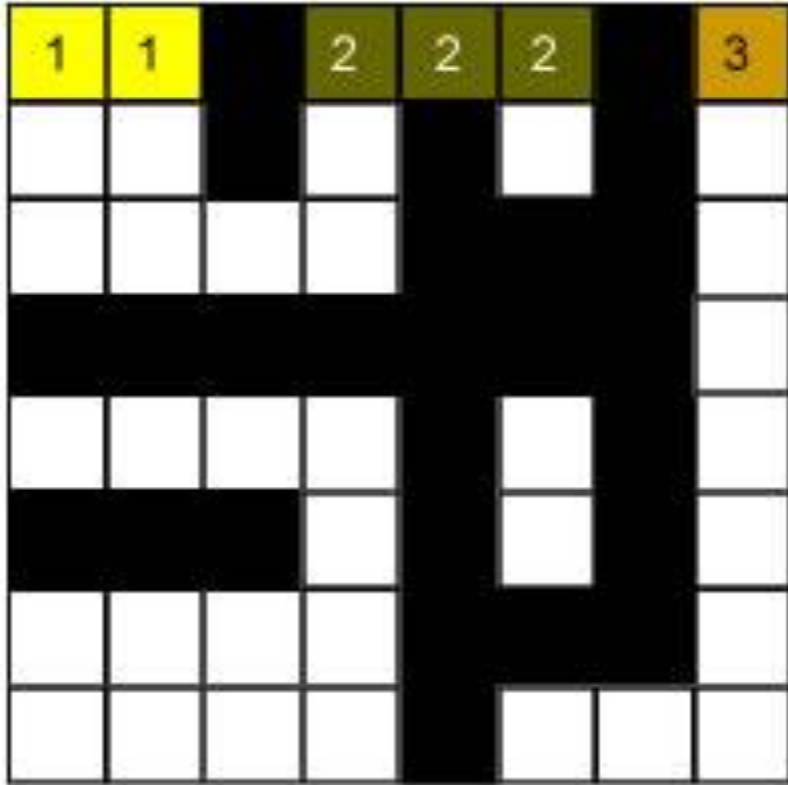
2PA: left pixel labeled → Copy label ; left pixel BG → new label



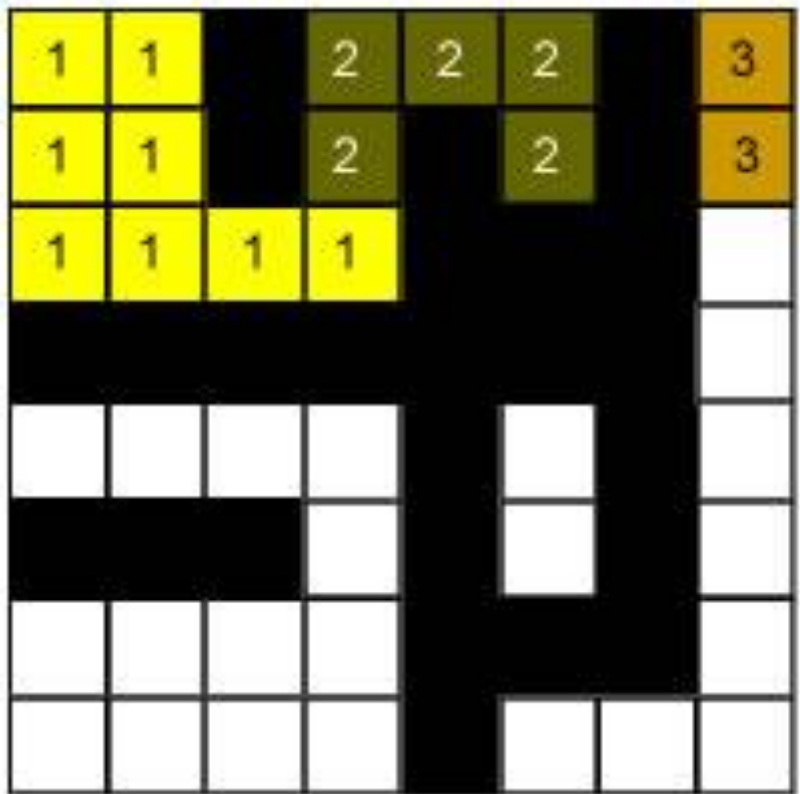
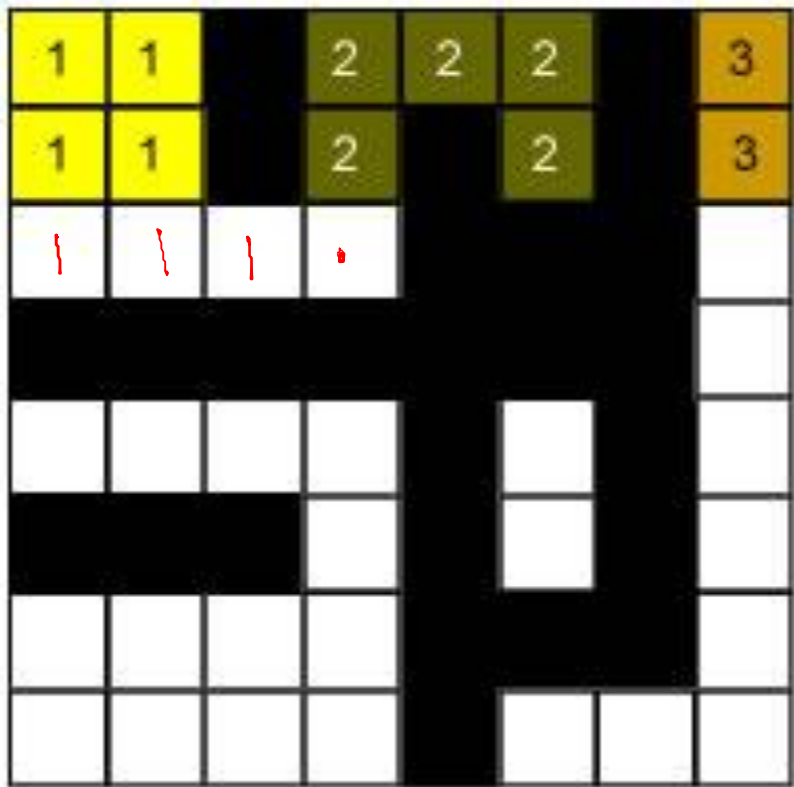
2PA: After row 1 is done



(overrides) left pixel BG → new label

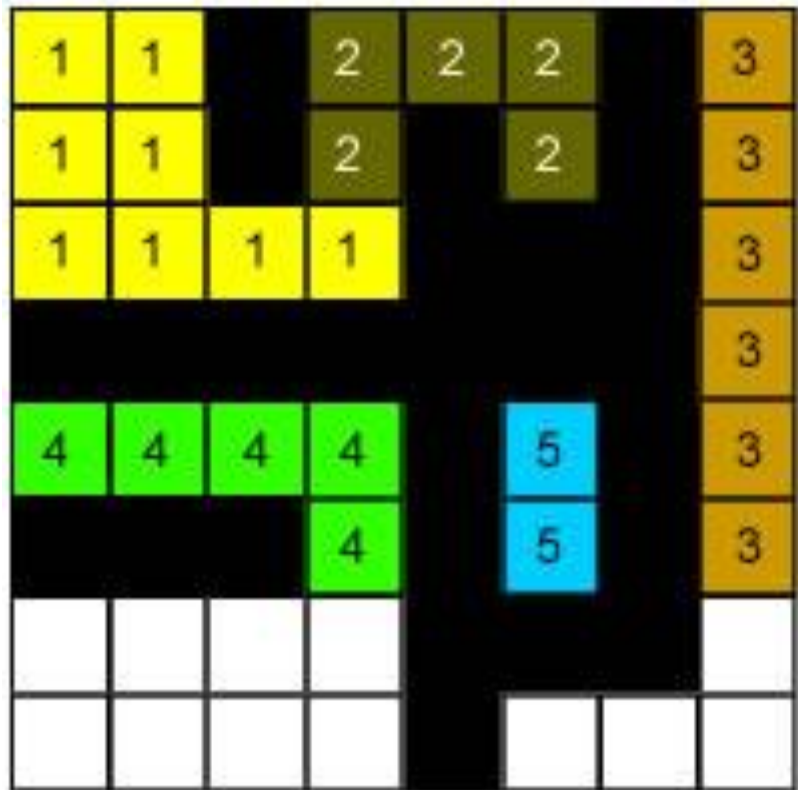
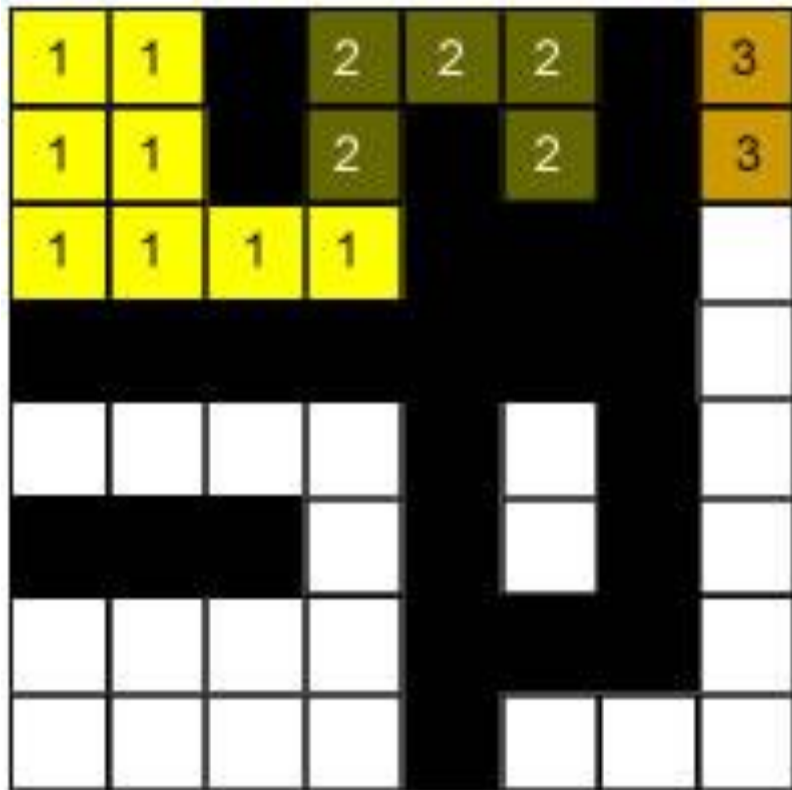


2PA: left/top pixel labeled, different labels → Copy smaller id label, record the association



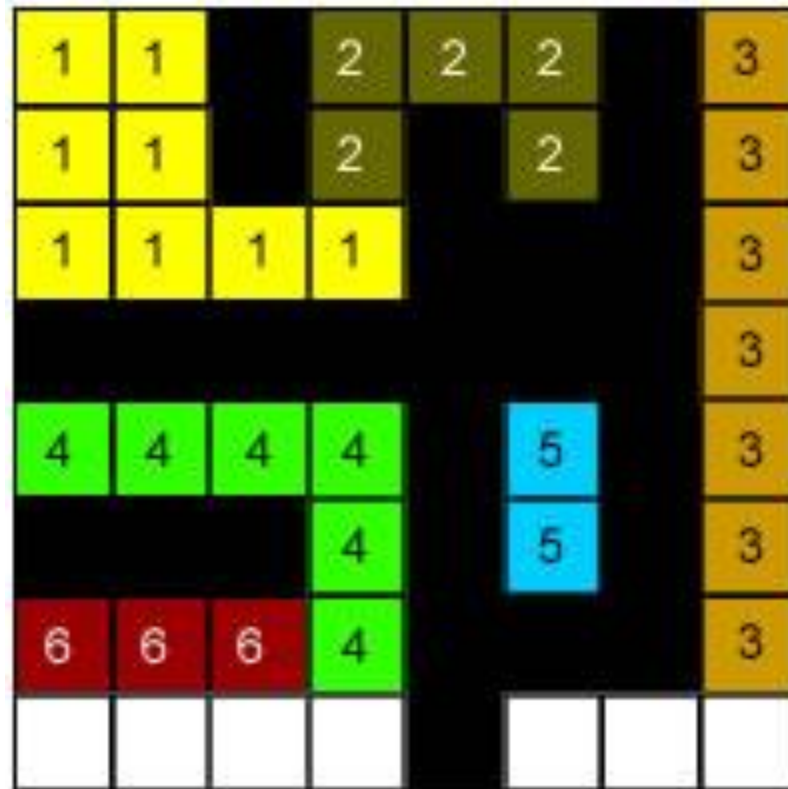
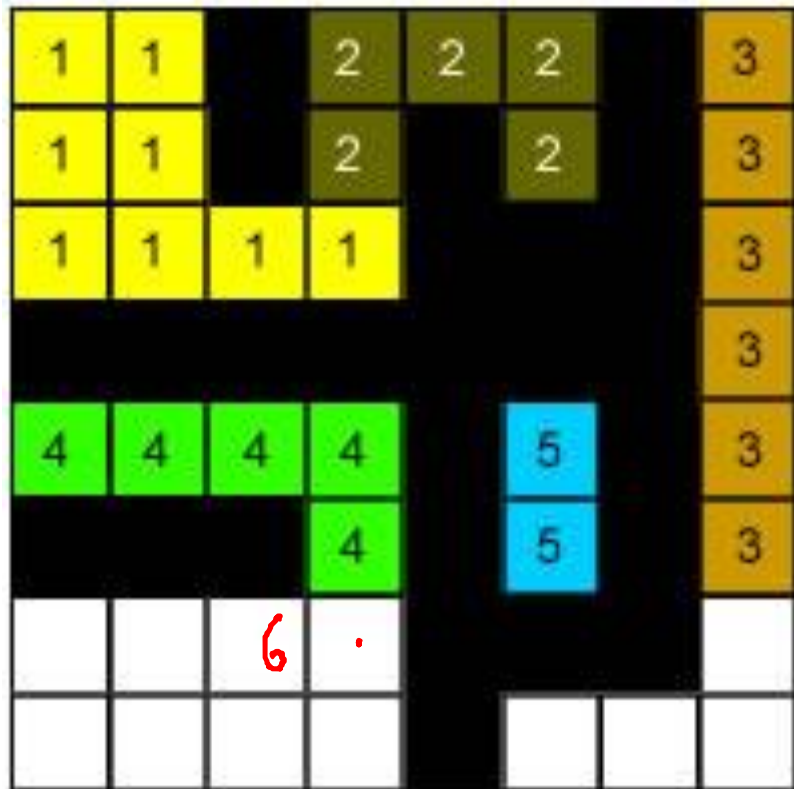
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2PA: left/top pixel labeled, different labels → Copy smaller id label, record the association



1
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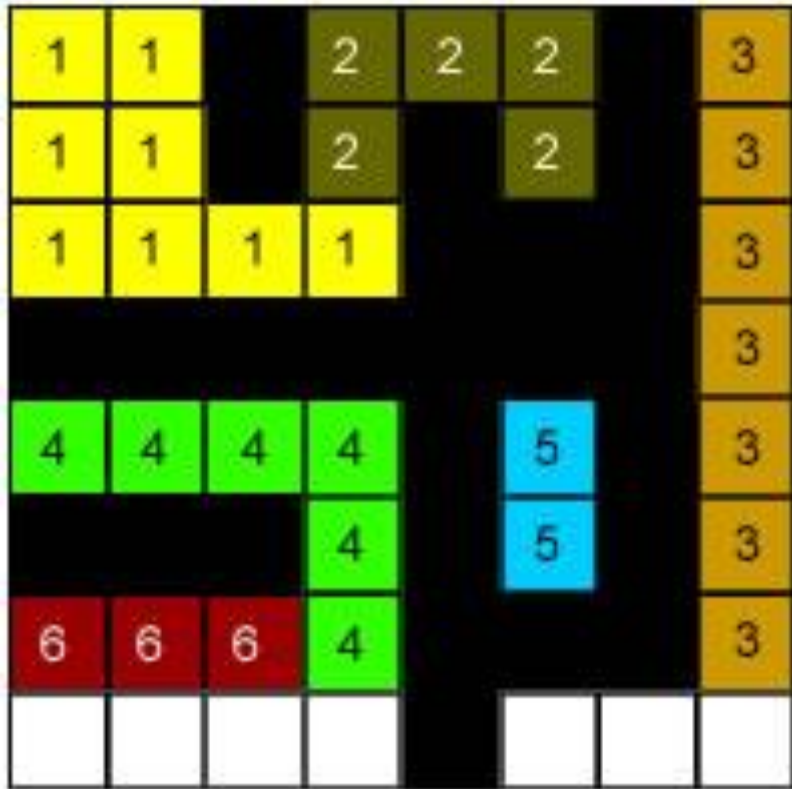
2PA



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4
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6

2PA: After first pass is complete

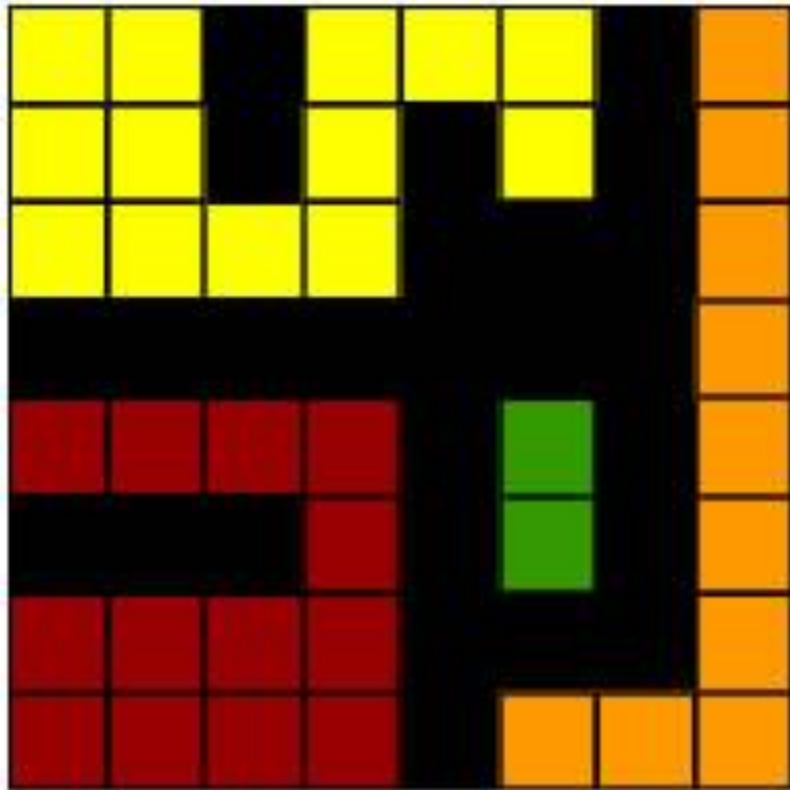


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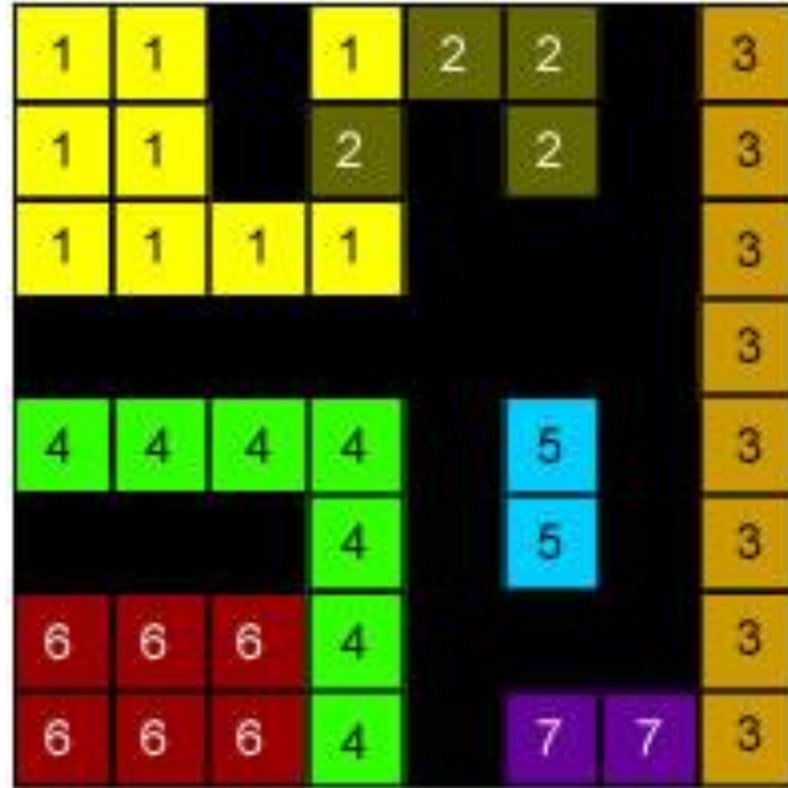
2PA: After first pass is complete



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2PA: Second pass: Replace child label with root label.

Union-Find data structure ensures 'find'  ing root is $O(1)$.



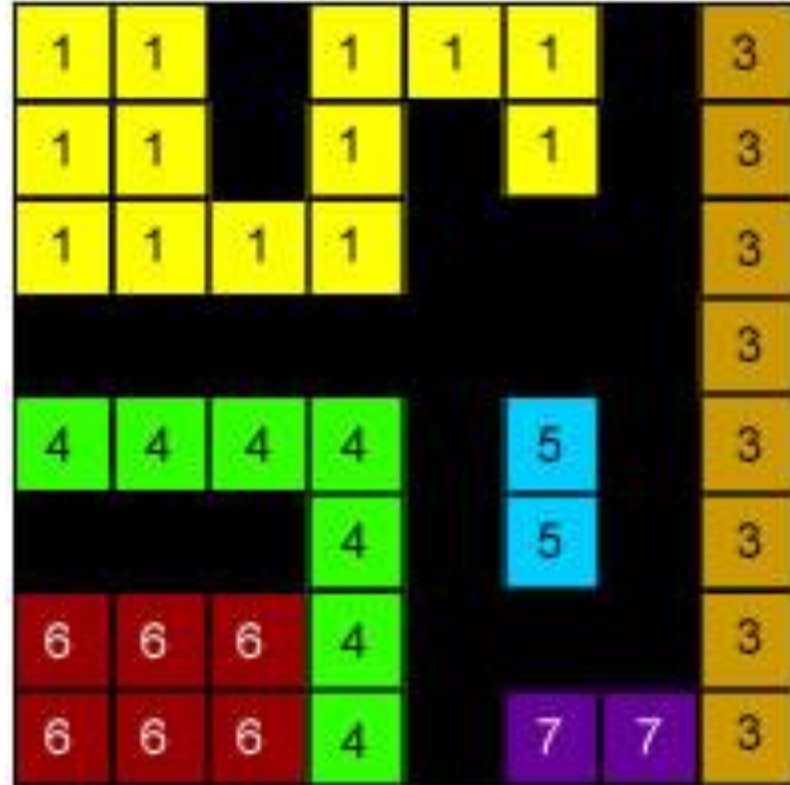
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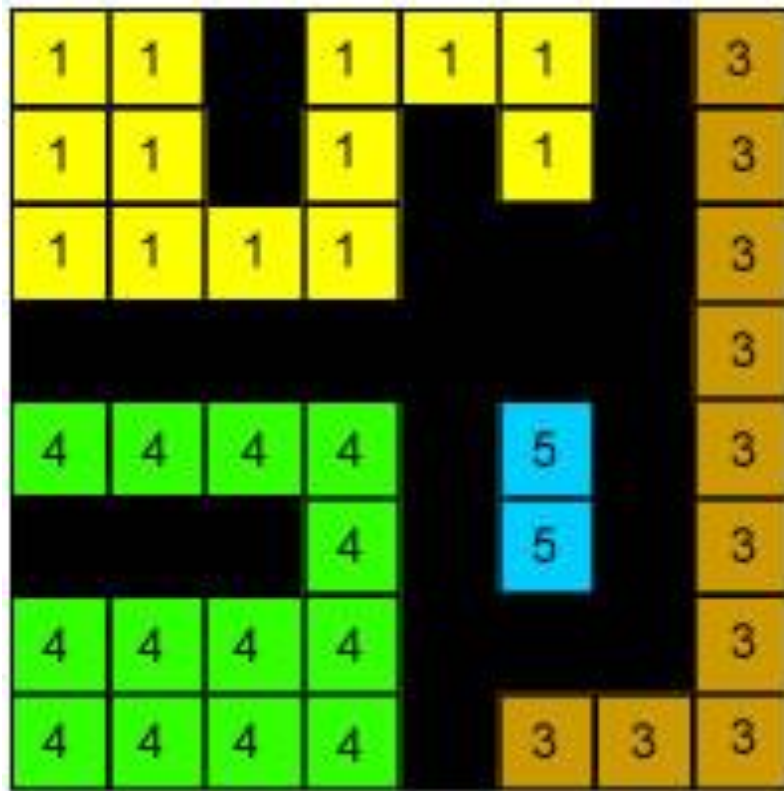
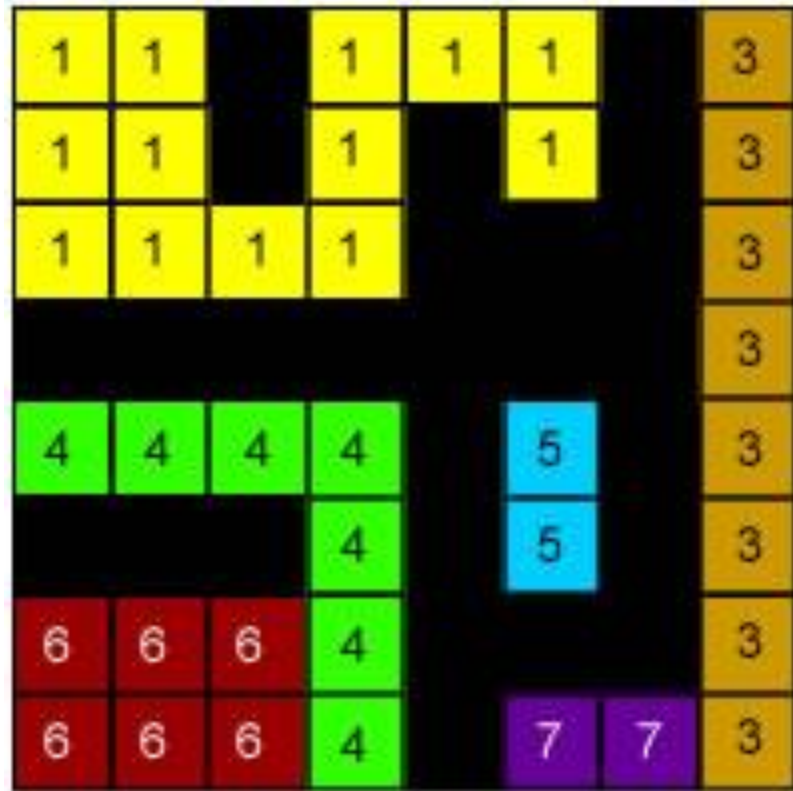
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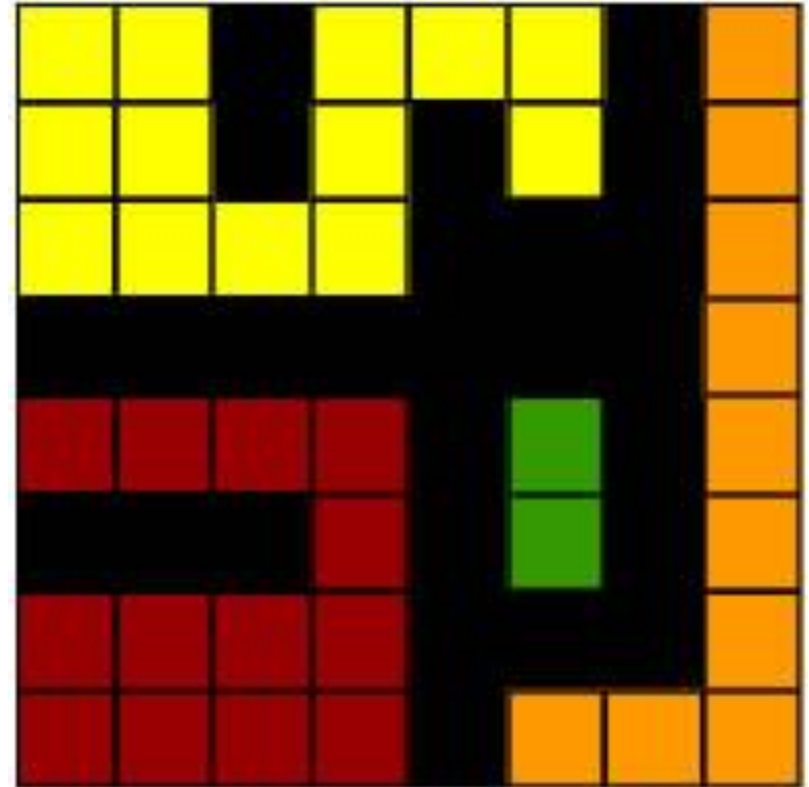
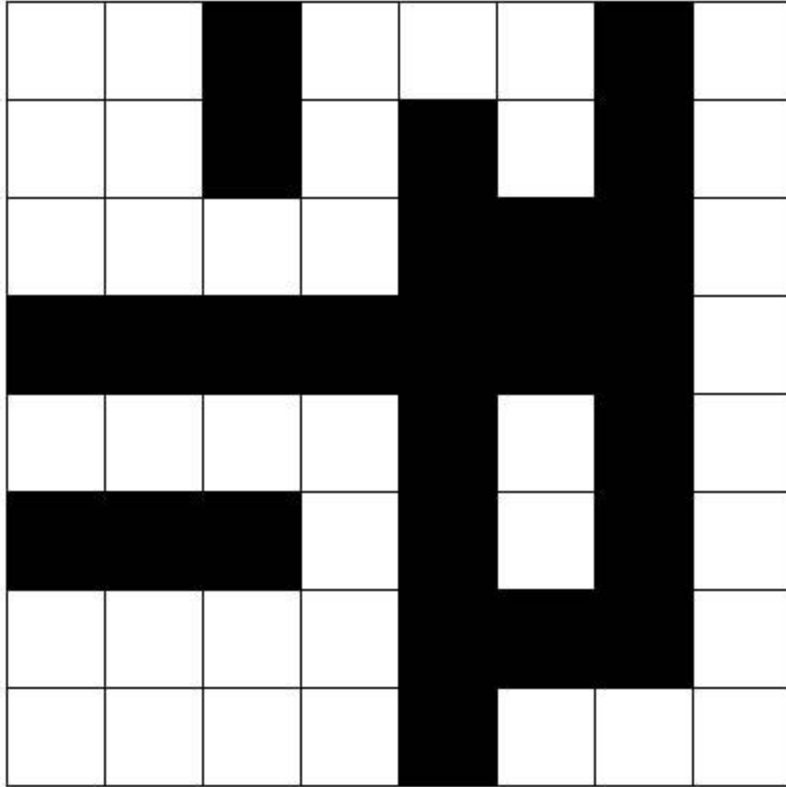


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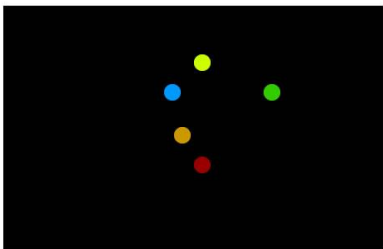
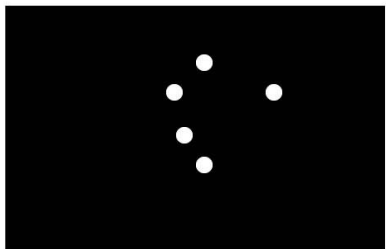
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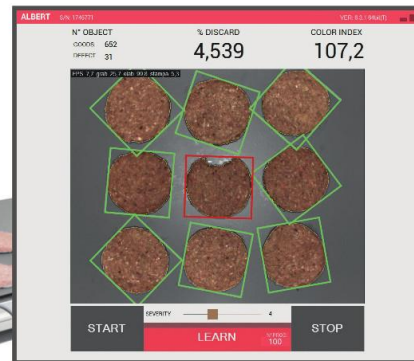
2PA-CCL (Rosenfeld&PFaltz 1968): Requires only two rows of image at a time

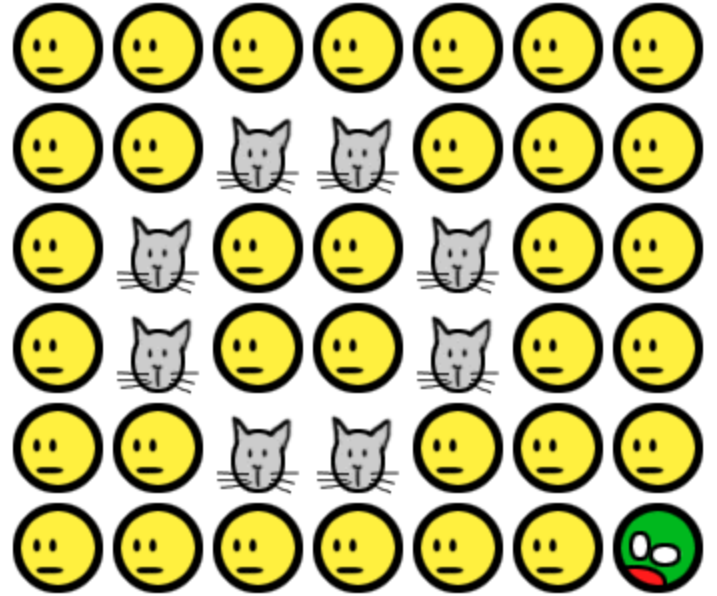
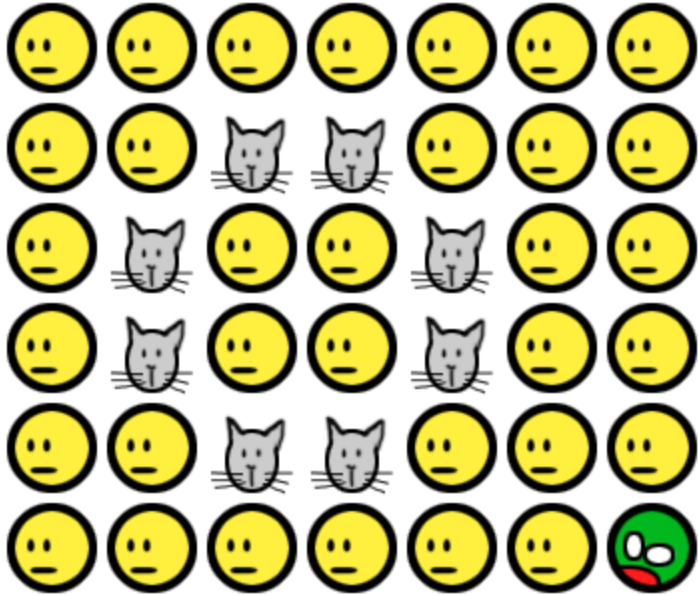


Connected Component Labeling

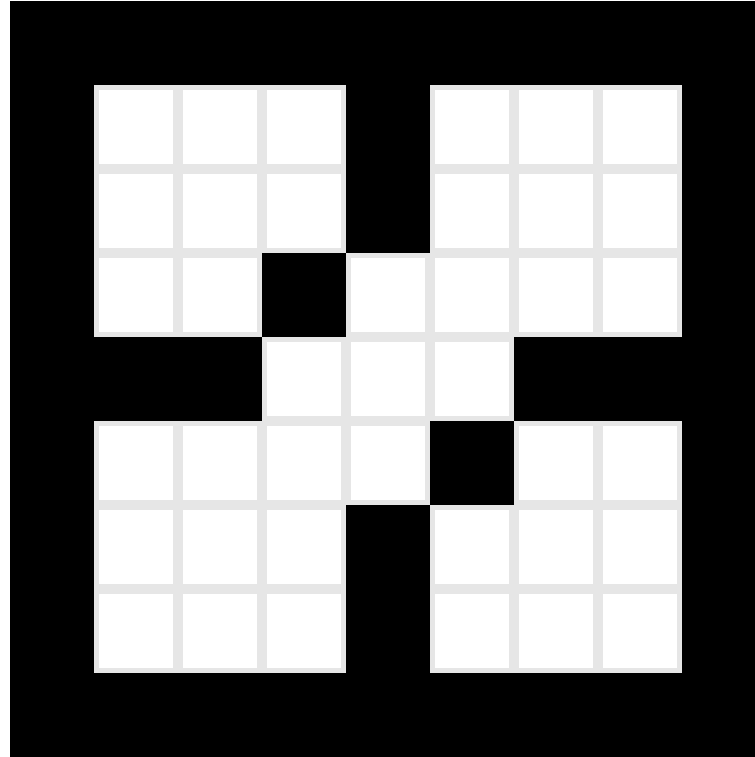
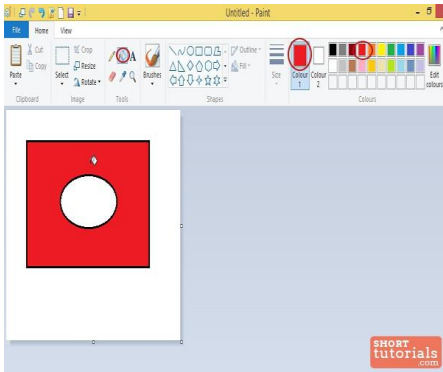


MATLAB: `bwlabel`, `label2rgb`

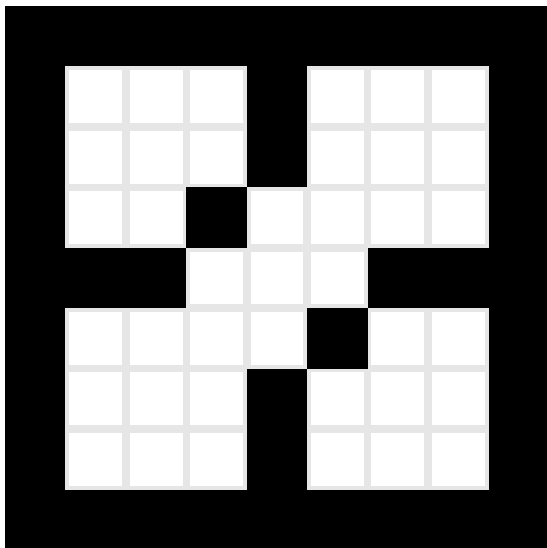




Flood-Fill



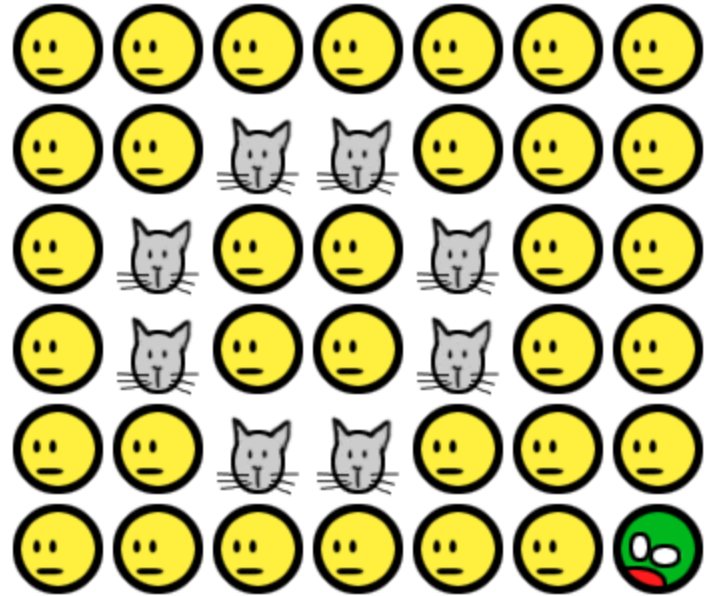
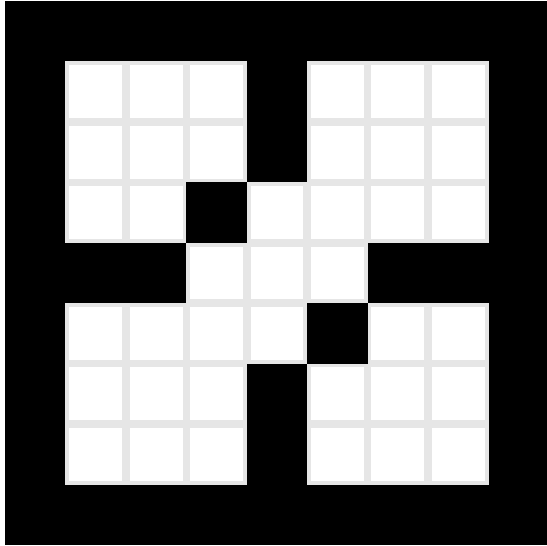
Flood-Fill Algorithm (4-conn)



```
void floodFill(int x, int y, int fill, int old)
{
    if ((x < 0) || (x >= width)) return;
    if ((y < 0) || (y >= height)) return;
    → if (getPixel(x, y) == old) {
        → setPixel(fill, x, y);
        floodFill(x+1, y, fill, old);
        floodFill(x, y+1, fill, old);
        floodFill(x-1, y, fill, old);
        floodFill(x, y-1, fill, old);
    }
}
```

Many/More efficient versions exist !

If 8-conn, all white pixels filled
(all humans eventually become zombie !)



Results of Morphological Operations

Original image



Dilated image



Eroded image



Internal Boundary



External Boundary



Morphological Gradient



Thinning of the Image



Thickening of the Image



Skeletonization - 9 iterations



Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

Summary of Morphological Filtering

Operation	Equation	Comments
		(The Roman numerals refer to the structuring elements shown in Fig. 9.26).
Translation	$(A)_z = \{w w = a + z, \text{ for } a \in A\}$	Translates the origin of A to point z .
Reflection	$\hat{B} = \{w w = -b, \text{ for } b \in B\}$	Reflects all elements of B about the origin of this set.
Complement	$A^c = \{w w \notin A\}$	Set of points not in A .
Difference	$A - B = \{w w \in A, w \notin B\}$ $= A \cap B^c$	Set of points that belong to A but not to B .
Dilation	$A \oplus B = \{z (\hat{B})_z \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$	"Expands" the boundary of A . (I)
Erosion	$A \ominus B = \{z (B)_z \subseteq A\}$	"Contracts" the boundary of A . (I)
Opening	$A \circ B = (A \ominus B) \oplus B$	Smooths contours, breaks narrow isthmuses, and eliminates small islands and sharp peaks. (I)
Closing	$A \bullet B = (A \oplus B) \ominus B$	Smooths contours, fuses narrow breaks and long thin gulfs, and eliminates small holes. (I)

MATLAB codes

`circshift(A,z)`

`fliplr(flipud(B))`

`~A` or `1-A`

`A & ~B`

`imdilate(A,B)`

`imerode(A,B)`

`imopen(A,B)`

`imclose(A,B)`

Summary (Con'd)

Hit-or-miss transform	$A \odot B = (A \ominus B_1) \cap (A^c \ominus B_2)$ $= (A \ominus B_1) - (A \oplus \hat{B}_2)$	The set of points (coordinates) at which, simultaneously, B_1 found a match ("hit") in A and B_2 found a match in A^c .	<code>bwhitmiss(A,B)</code>
Boundary extraction	$\beta(A) = A - (A \ominus B)$	Set of points on the boundary of set A . (I)	<code>A & ~(imerode(A,B))</code>
Region filling	$X_k = (X_{k-1} \oplus B) \cap A; X_0 = p \text{ and } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	Fills a region in A , given a point p in the region. (II)	<code>region_fill.m</code>
Thinning	$A \otimes B = A - (A \oplus B)$ $= A \cap (A \oplus B)^c$ $A \otimes \{B\} =$ $(((\dots ((A \otimes B^1) \otimes B^2) \dots) \otimes B^n)$ $\{B\} = \{B^1, B^2, B^3, \dots, B^n\}$	<p>Thins set A. The first two equations give the basic definition of thinning.</p> <p>The last two equations denote thinning by a sequence of structuring elements. This method is normally used in practice. (IV)</p>	<code>bwmorph(A,'thin');</code>

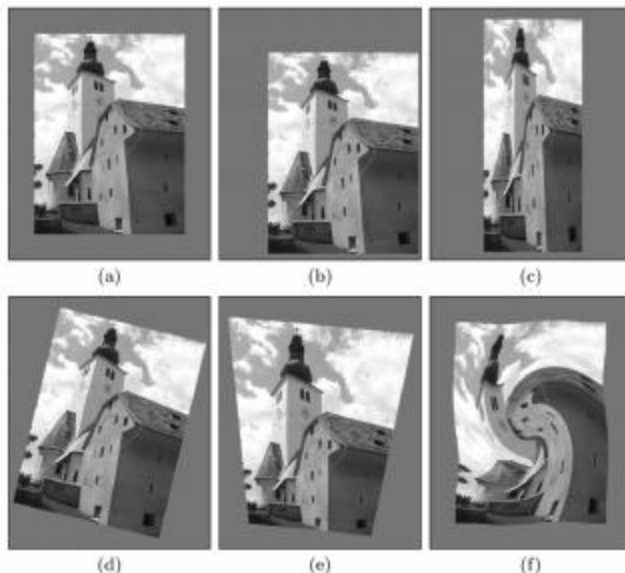
Morphological Filtering using MATLAB

- <https://in.mathworks.com/help/images/morphological-filtering.html>

GEOMETRIC OPERATIONS

Geometric Operations

- Filters, point operations change intensity
- Pixel position (and geometry) unchanged
- Geometric operations: change image geometry
- **Examples:** translating, rotating, scaling an image



**Examples of
Geometric
operations**

Geometric Operations

- Example applications of geometric operations:

- Zooming images, windows to arbitrary size
- Computer graphics: deform textures and map to arbitrary surfaces

- **Definition:** Geometric operation transforms image I to new image I' by modifying **coordinates of image pixels**

$$I(x, y) \rightarrow I'(x', y')$$

- Intensity value originally at (x, y) moved to new position (x', y')

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$I(x, y)$

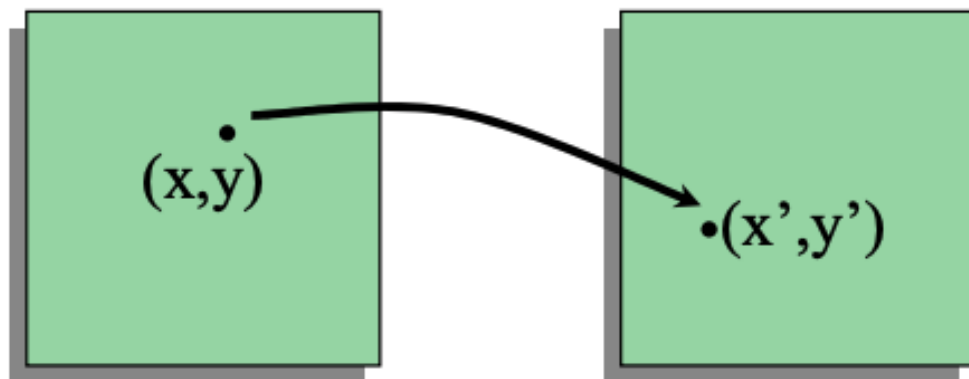
Example: Translation
geometric operation
moves value at
 (x, y) to $(x + d_x, y + d_y)$



$$x \rightarrow f_x(x, y) = x'$$

$$y \rightarrow f_y(x, y) = y'$$

$$I(x, y) = I'(f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$$



$I(x, y)$

$I'(x', y')$

Common Geometric Operations



- **Scale** - change image content size



- **Rotate** - change image content orientation



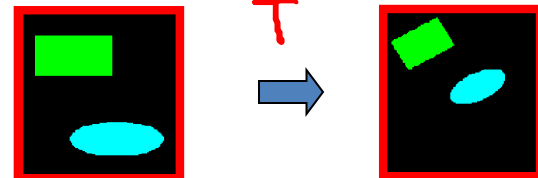
- **Reflect** - flip over image contents



- **Translate** - change image content position



- **Affine Transformation**
 - general image content linear geometric transformation



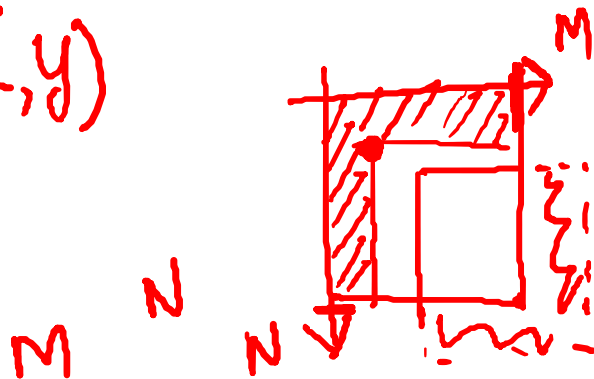
Simple Mappings

- **Translation:** (shift) by a vector (d_x, d_y)

$$\begin{aligned} T_x : x' &= x + d_x \\ T_y : y' &= y + d_y \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d_x \\ d_y \end{pmatrix}$$



$$I_2(x', y') \leftarrow I(x, y)$$



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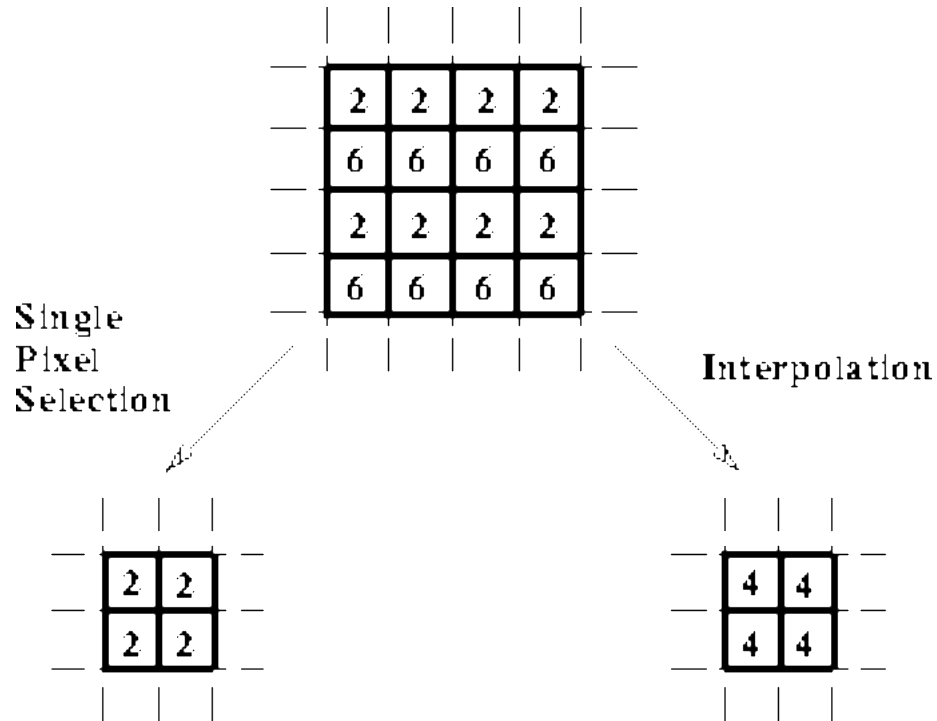
- **Scaling:** (contracting or stretching) along x or y axis by a factor s_x or s_y

$$\begin{aligned} T_x : x' &= s_x \cdot x \\ T_y : y' &= s_y \cdot y \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

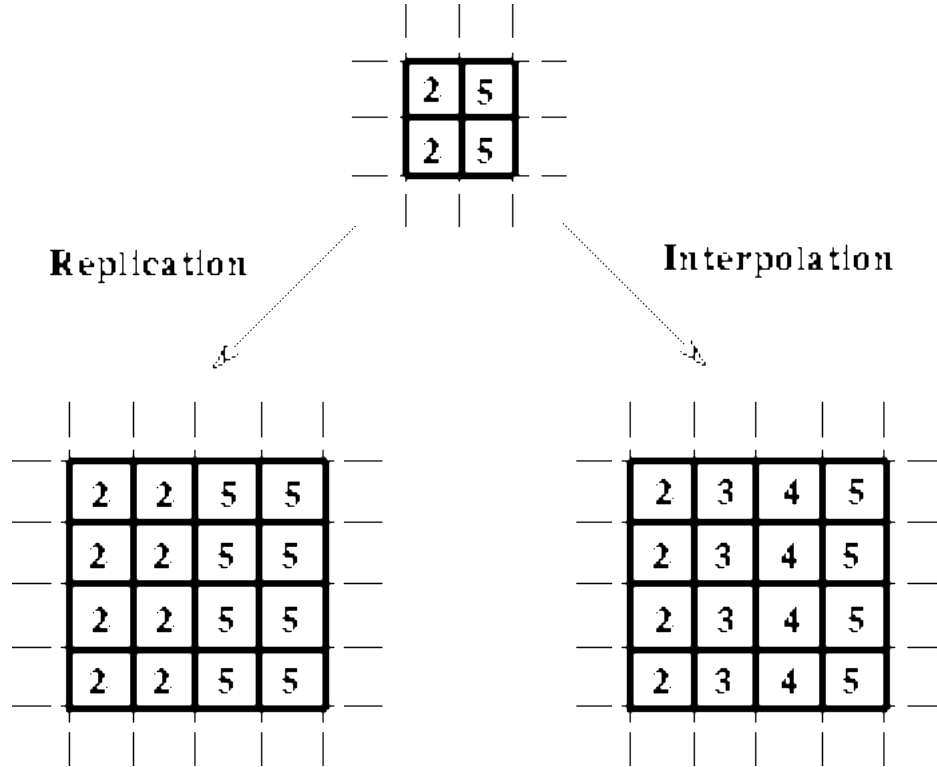


$$x' = s_x x$$

Scaling (Shrink)



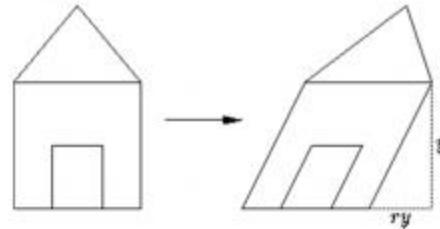
Scaling (Stretch)



Simple Mappings

- **Shearing:** along x and y axis by factor b_x and b_y

$$\begin{aligned} T_x : x' &= x + b_x \cdot y \\ T_y : y' &= y + b_y \cdot x \end{aligned} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b_x \\ b_y & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



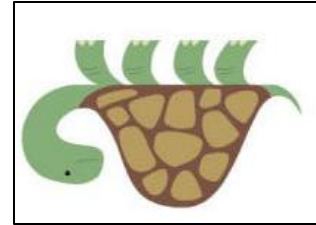
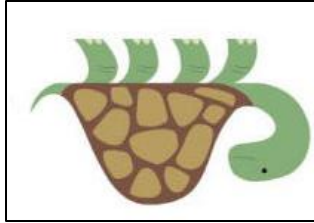
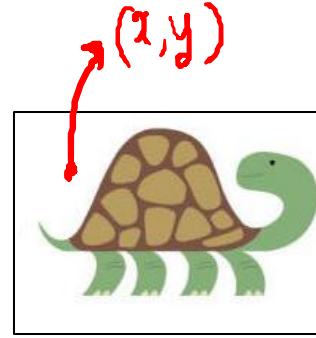
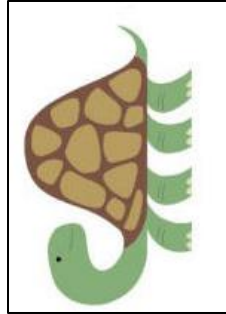
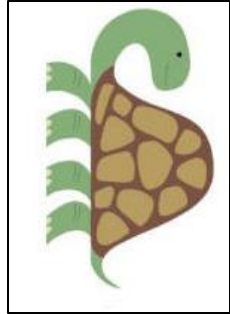
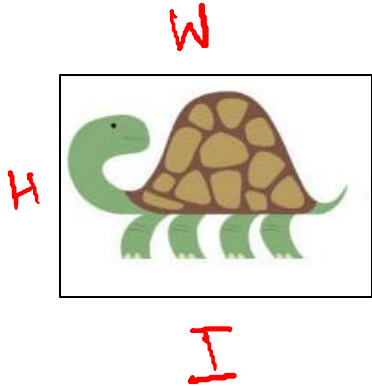
- **Rotation:** the image by an angle α

$$\begin{aligned} T_x : x' &= x \cdot \cos \alpha - y \cdot \sin \alpha \\ T_y : y' &= x \cdot \sin \alpha + y \cdot \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



90, 180 rotations , Flipping



- **Image warping:** we can use a function to select which pixel somewhere else in the image to look up
- For example: apply function on both texel coordinates (x, y)

$$x' = x + y * \sin(\pi * x)$$



Homogeneous Coordinates

- Notation useful for converting scaling, translation, rotating into point-matrix multiplication
- To convert ordinary coordinates into homogeneous coordinates

$$\underline{x = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}} \quad \text{converts to} \quad \underline{\hat{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \\ h \end{pmatrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} h x \\ h y \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x \\ y \end{matrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

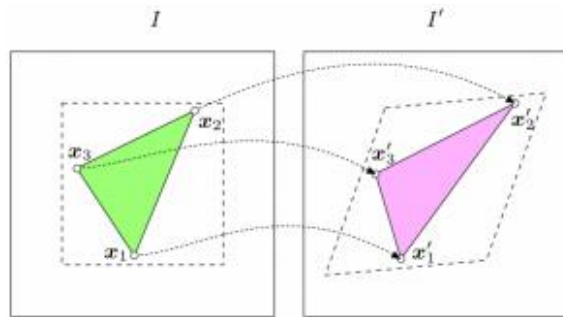
Affine (3-Point) Mapping

- Can use homogeneous coordinates to rewrite translation, rotation, scaling, etc as vector-matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x' \\ y' \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{bmatrix}$$

- Affine mapping:** Can then derive values of matrix that achieve desired transformation (or combination of transformations)

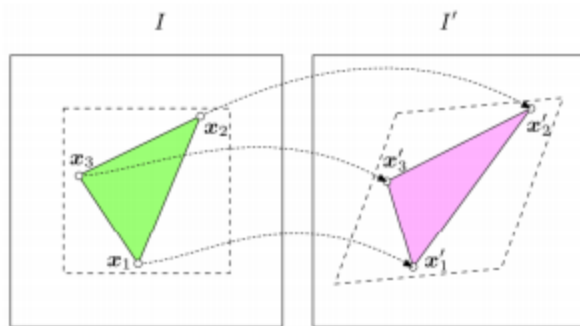


- Inverse of transform matrix is **inverse mapping**

T_1, T_2, P
↑ ↑
rot translation

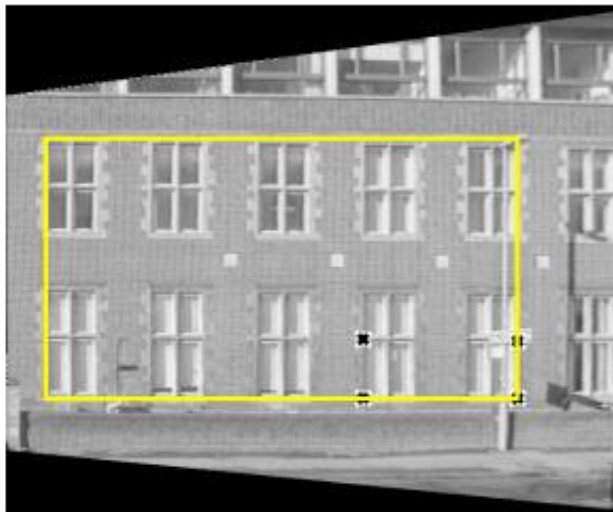
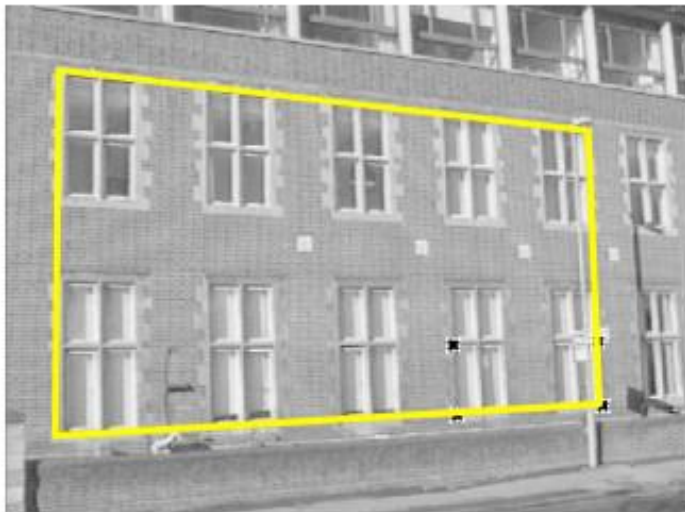
Affine (3-Point) Mapping

- What's so special about affine mapping?



- Maps
 - straight lines \rightarrow straight lines,
 - triangles \rightarrow triangles
 - rectangles \rightarrow parallelograms
 - Parallel lines \rightarrow parallel lines
- Distance ratio on lines do not change

Homography



from Hartley & Zisserman

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1 \\ x'_2 \\ x'_3 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} \end{bmatrix}} \times \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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