

EE106A Discussion 6: Vision

1 Convolutions

A **convolution** is the treatment of one matrix M (the original image) by another usually smaller one K (the kernel). The result of a convolution is a filtered image matrix $K * M$. The convolution is performed by sliding the kernel over the original image and taking the matrix dot product of the kernel and the part of original matrix that it covers. Let's look at an example:

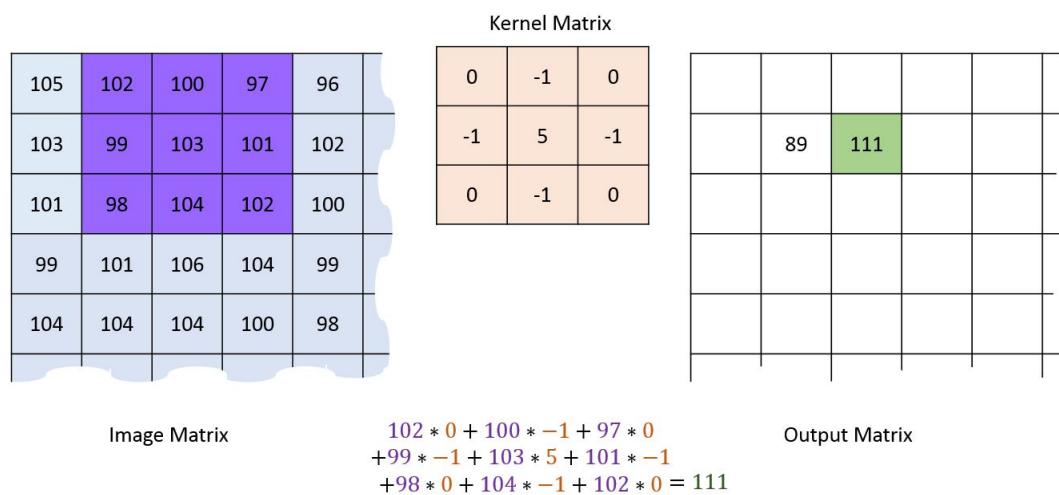

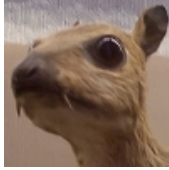
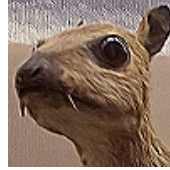


Figure 1: Example of a convolution.

Problem 1. If the original matrix has dimensions $m \times n$ and the kernel has dimensions $p \times q$, what will be the size of the matrix resulting from the convolution?

Problem 2. Convolution kernels are useful for applying effects to images and extracting features for machine learning. Match the resulting image to the kernel applied as well as the name of its effect.

			
Result			
Kernel			
Name of effect			

Kernels:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Names of effects: {Identity, Box Blur, Sharpen}

Problem 3. What is the form of a Gaussian blur kernel?

1.1 Sobel Kernels

The Sobel kernels are kernels (G_x and G_y) that approximate the horizontal and vertical derivatives of an image respectively upon convolution.

Problem 4. Which of these following kernels is G_x ? Which one is G_y ?

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

We can combine these two kernels into G to approximate the overall gradient of the image:

$$G = \sqrt{G_x^2 + G_y^2}$$

Problem 5. How is the Sobel kernel G useful in edge detection? Ie., how can $G * M$ help us detect the edges in the image M ?

2 Pinhole Camera Model

When we take a 2D picture, we are essentially transforming points in the real 3D world to points on a 2D image. Let's see if we can work out what this transformation is, which we call the *intrinsic camera matrix*. To do so, we model our camera as a standard pinhole model camera, in which light rays from the real world are projected onto an image plane and there is no lens involved.

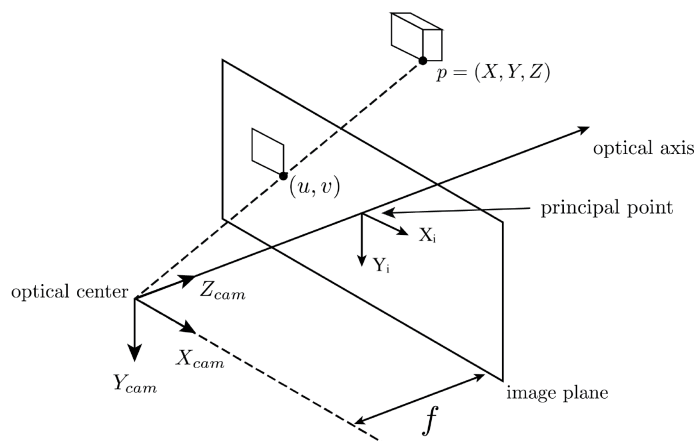


Figure 2: A pinhole camera projects a 3D object into a 2D image.

Let's look at Fig. 2 to derive our matrix. We have two frames of reference here. One is the camera frame with axes $X_{cam}, Y_{cam}, Z_{cam}$ from which 3D locations can be expressed. For example, point p has position (X, Y, Z) .

We have another 2D frame of reference in the image plane with axes X_i, Y_i . The point p projected onto the image frame has coordinates (u, v) in this image frame.

Problem 6. Write expressions for u and v as functions of the 3D position (X, Y, Z) and the focal length f .

2.1 Scaling

In the real world, there may be scaling effects present that may differ for the horizontal and vertical directions. This is as if f is scaled by a factor m_x when doing projections in the x direction, and scaled by m_y when doing projections in the y direction. Thus, we replace the f in the expressions for u and v by $f_x := m_x * f$ and $f_y := m_y * f$ respectively.

Problem 7. *Update the expressions for u and v using f_x and f_y instead of f .*

2.2 Translation of origin

In computer vision, the origin of a 2D image may not actually lie on the principal point. Thus, let's allow the image frame with axes X_i, Y_i be free to move around, such that the principal point is now at an arbitrary coordinate (x_o, y_o) .

Problem 8. *Update the expressions for u and v to take into account this arbitrary origin shift.*

2.3 Homogeneous coordinates

We define a clever way to express 2D coordinates in the image plane with three dimensions. We do this by appending a w to the end of the vector and dividing u and v by this w . That is, $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$ turns into $\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ w \end{bmatrix}$ where $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{w} \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix}$.

Problem 9. *In homogeneous coordinates where w is set to be Z , find the intrinsic camera matrix that maps a real 3D point to a point in the image plane.*

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{intrinsic camera matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$