

Workshop on Computer vision, graphics and Image processing

Optimization

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Overview

- Motivation
- Optimization methods
- SR problem
- Different solutions to SR problems
- Conclusion

What is Optimization?

- **Optimization** is the mathematical discipline which is concerned with finding the maxima and minima of functions, possibly subject to constraints.

Uses of optimization

- Architecture
- Nutrition
- Electrical circuits
- Economics
- Transportation
- etc.

What do we optimize?

- A real function of n variables

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

- with or without constraints

Unconstrained optimization

$$\min f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$$

Optimization with constraints

$$\min f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$$

$$x > 0$$

or

$$\min f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$$

$$-2 < x < 5, y \geq 1$$

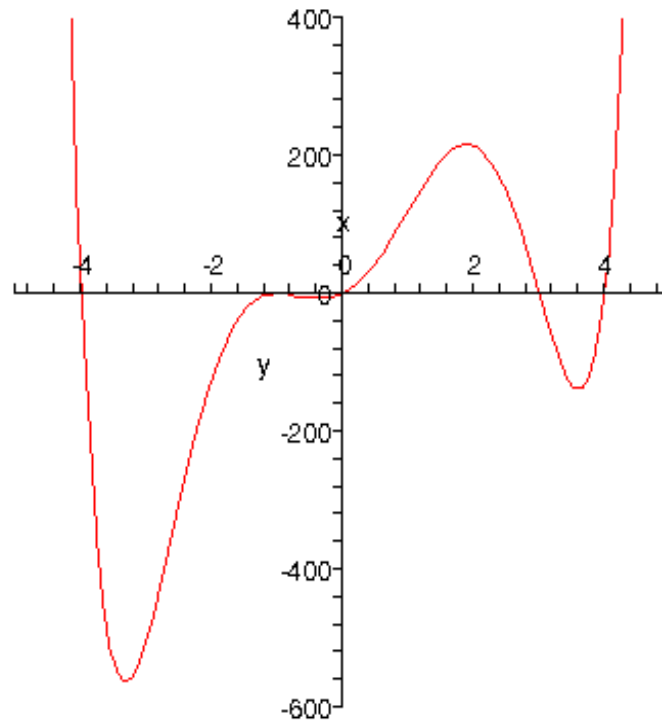
or

$$\min f(x, y) = x^2 + 2y^2$$

$$x + y = 2$$

Lets Optimize

- Suppose we want to find the minimum of the function



Review max-min

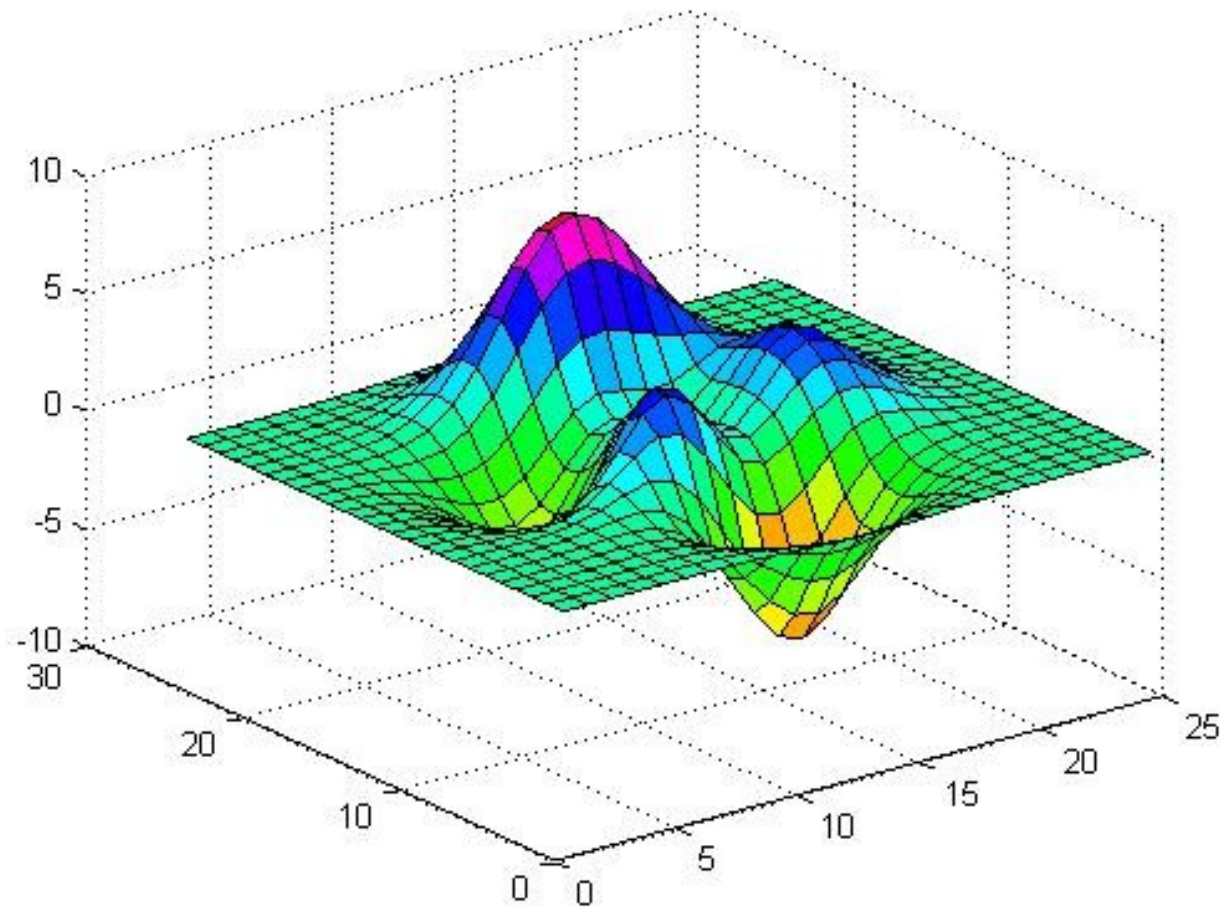
- What is special about a local max or a local min of a function $\mathbf{f}(x)$?

at local max or local min $\mathbf{f}'(x)=0$

$\mathbf{f}''(x) > 0$ if local min

$\mathbf{f}''(x) < 0$ if local max

Review max-min



Review max-min

- Second Derivative Test
- Local min, local max, saddle point
- Gradient of \mathbf{f} – vector $(d\mathbf{f}/dx, d\mathbf{f}/dy, d\mathbf{f}/dz)$
direction of fastest increase of \mathbf{f}
- Global min/max vs. local min/max

Gradient Descent Method, ex

- Minimize function

$$f(x, y) = 0.5(\alpha x^2 + y^2)$$

$$-11 \leq x, y \leq 11$$

- Minimize function

$$f(x, y) = \cos(x) \cos(y)$$

$$-4 \leq x, y \leq 4$$

Gradient Descent Method

- Use function `gd(alpha,x0)`
 - Does `gd.m` converge to a local min? Is there a difference if $\alpha > 0$ vs. $\alpha < 0$?
 - How many iterations does it take to converge to a local min? How do starting points `x0` affect number of iterations?
- Use function `gd2(x0)`
 - Does `gd2.m` converge to a local min?
 - How do starting points `x0` affect number of iterations and the location of a local minimum?

How good are the optimization methods?

- Starting point
- Convergence to global min/max.
- Classes of nice optimization problems

Example: $f(x,y) = 0.5(\alpha x^2 + y^2)$, $\alpha > 0$

Every local min is global min.

The Super-Resolution Problem

$$\underline{Y}_k = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{F}_k \underline{X} + \underline{V}_k, \quad \underline{V}_k \sim \mathbf{N}\{0, \sigma_n^2\}$$

- Given

\underline{Y}_k – The measured images (noisy, blurry, down-sampled ..)

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\mathbf{D} – The decimation is dictated by the required resolution ratio

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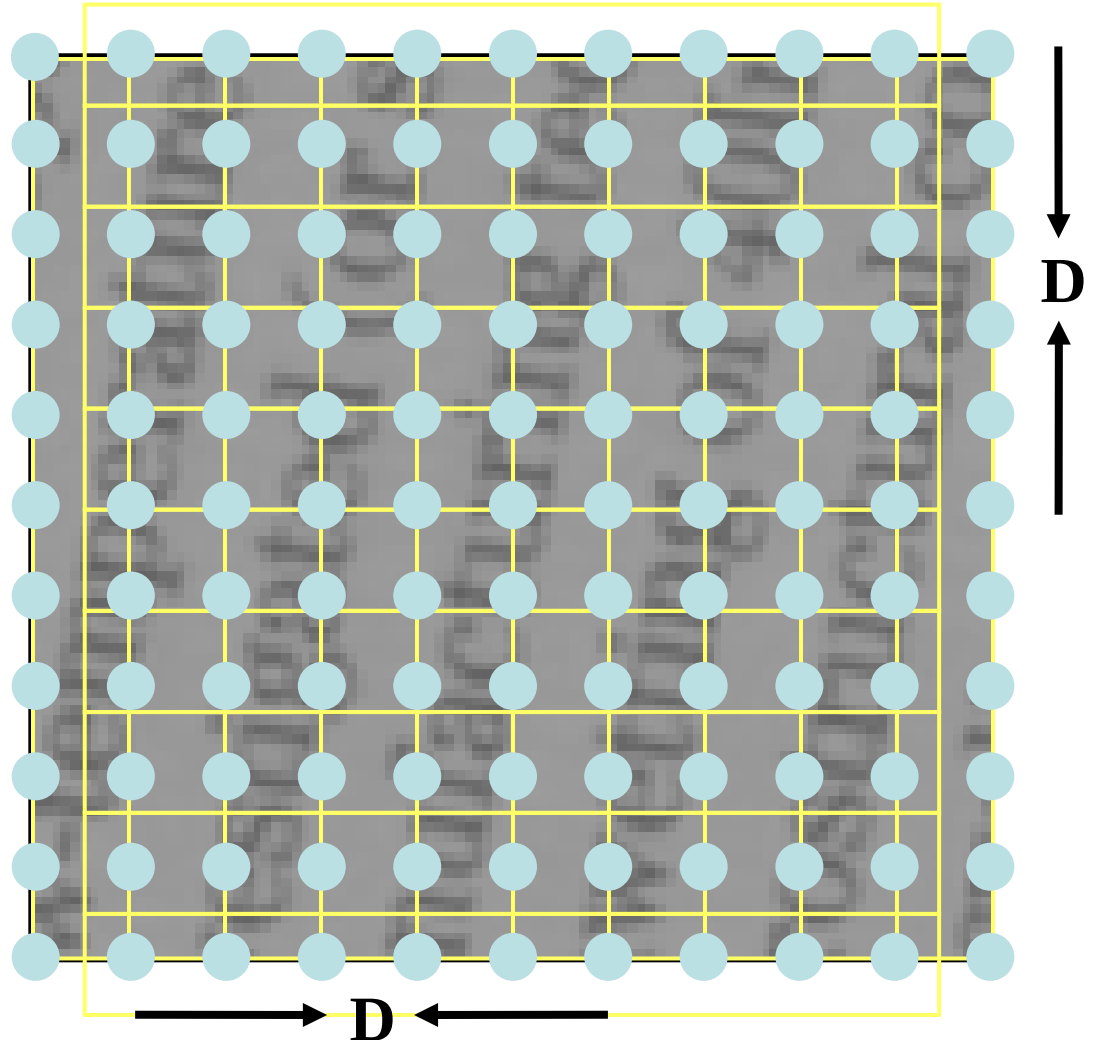
σ_n – The noise can be extracted from the camera / image

- Recover

\underline{X} – HR image

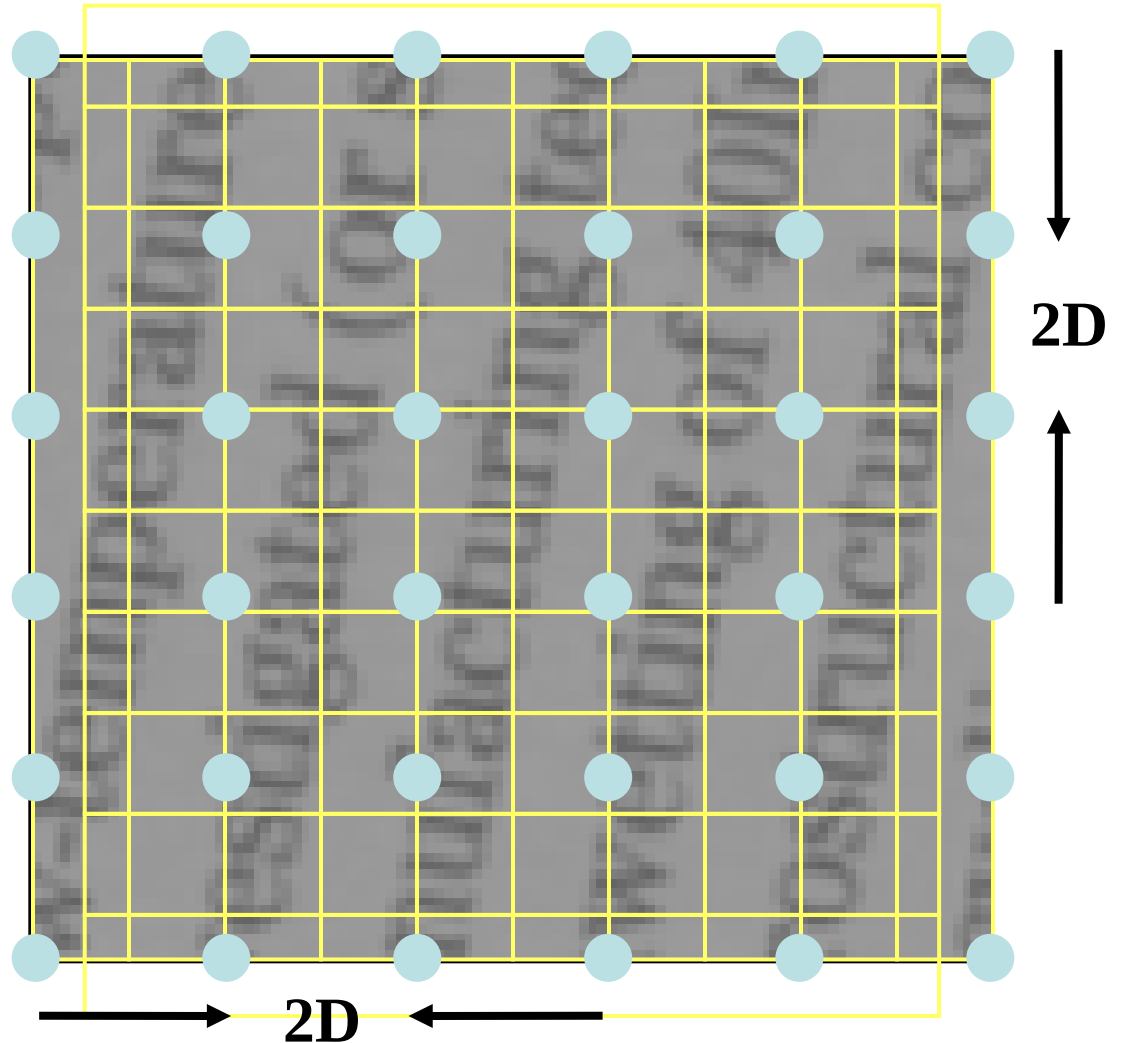
Intuition

For a given band-limited image, the Nyquist sampling theorem states that if a uniform sampling is fine enough ($\geq \mathbf{D}$), perfect reconstruction is possible.



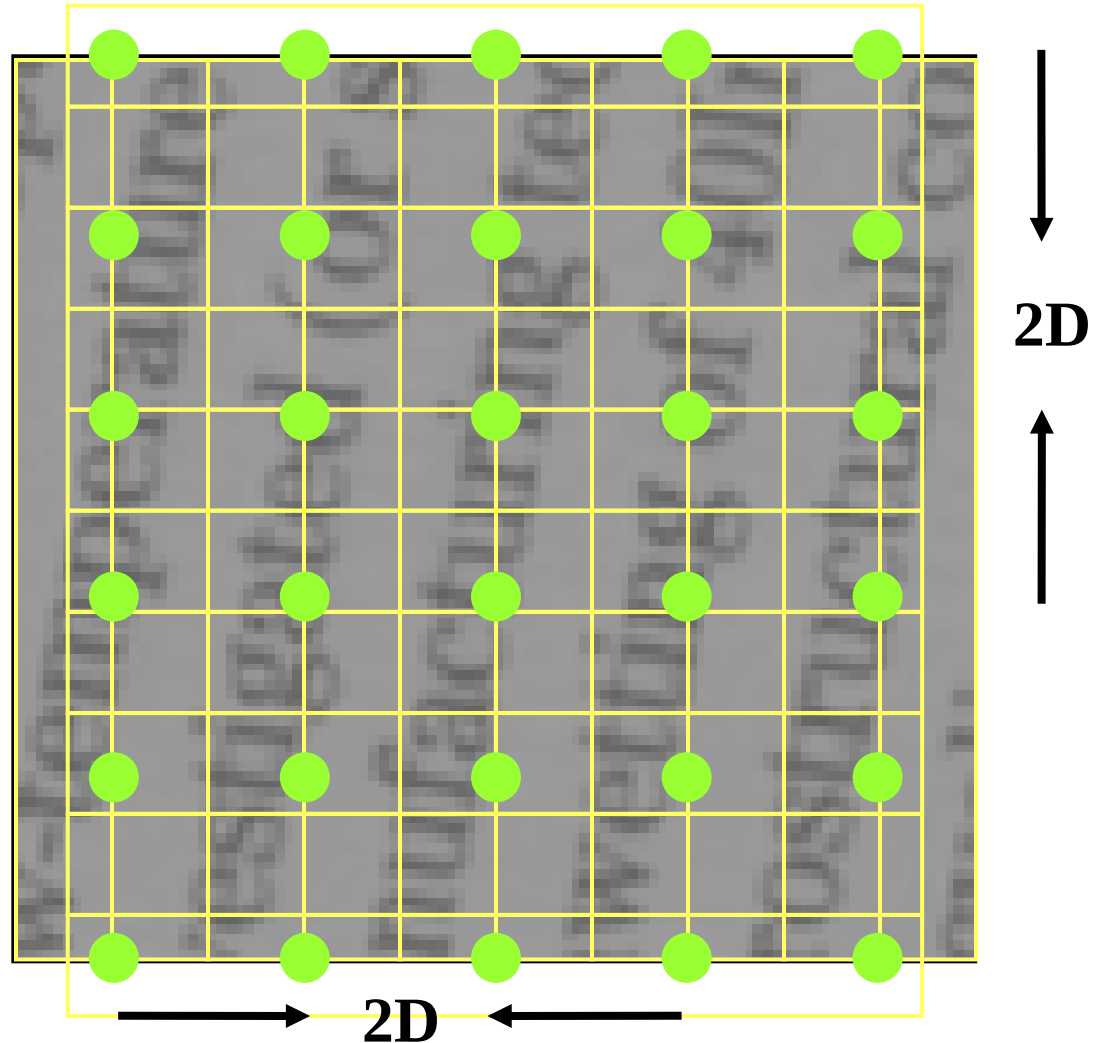
Intuition

Due to our limited camera resolution, we sample using an insufficient 2D grid



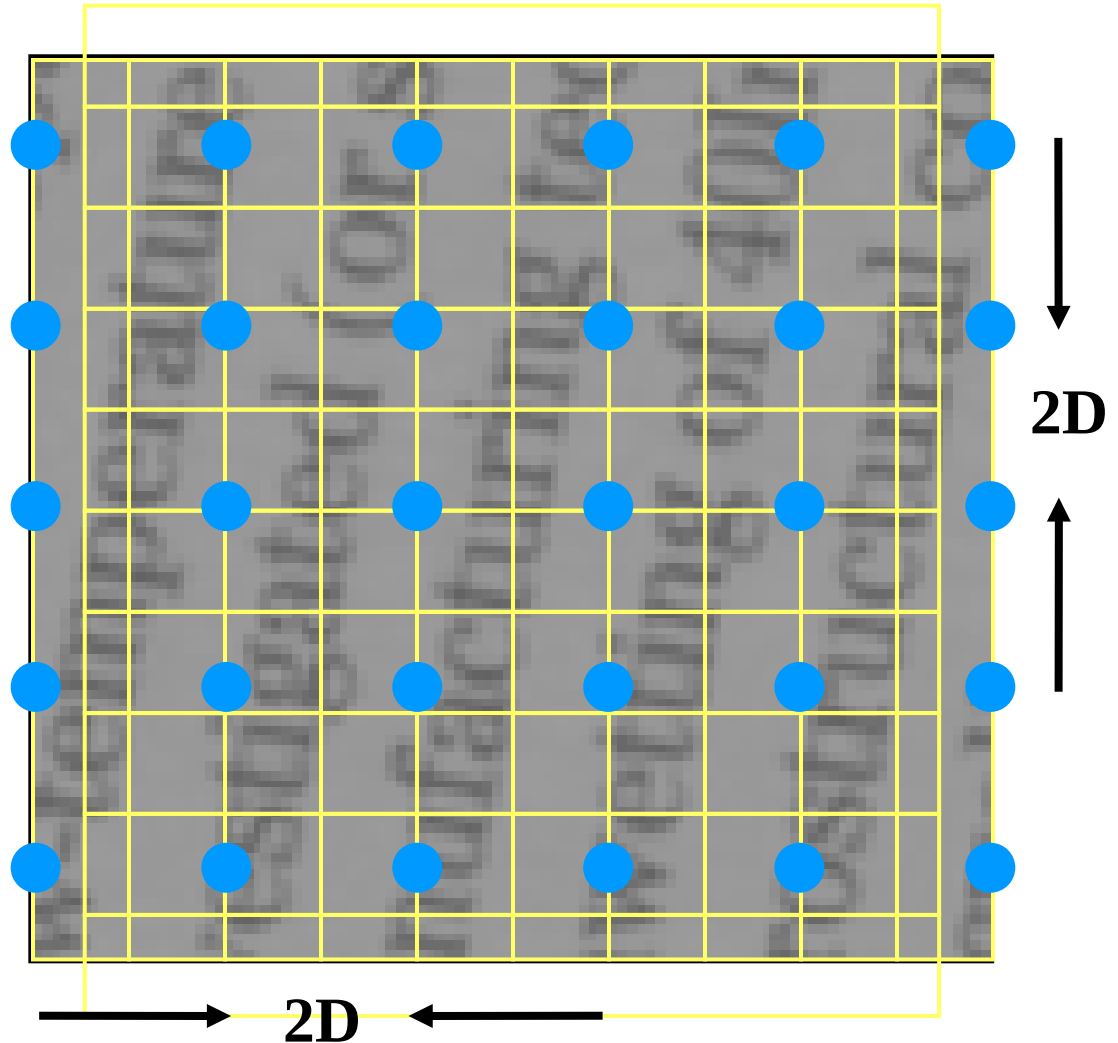
Intuition

However, if we take a second picture, shifting the camera 'slightly to the right' we obtain:



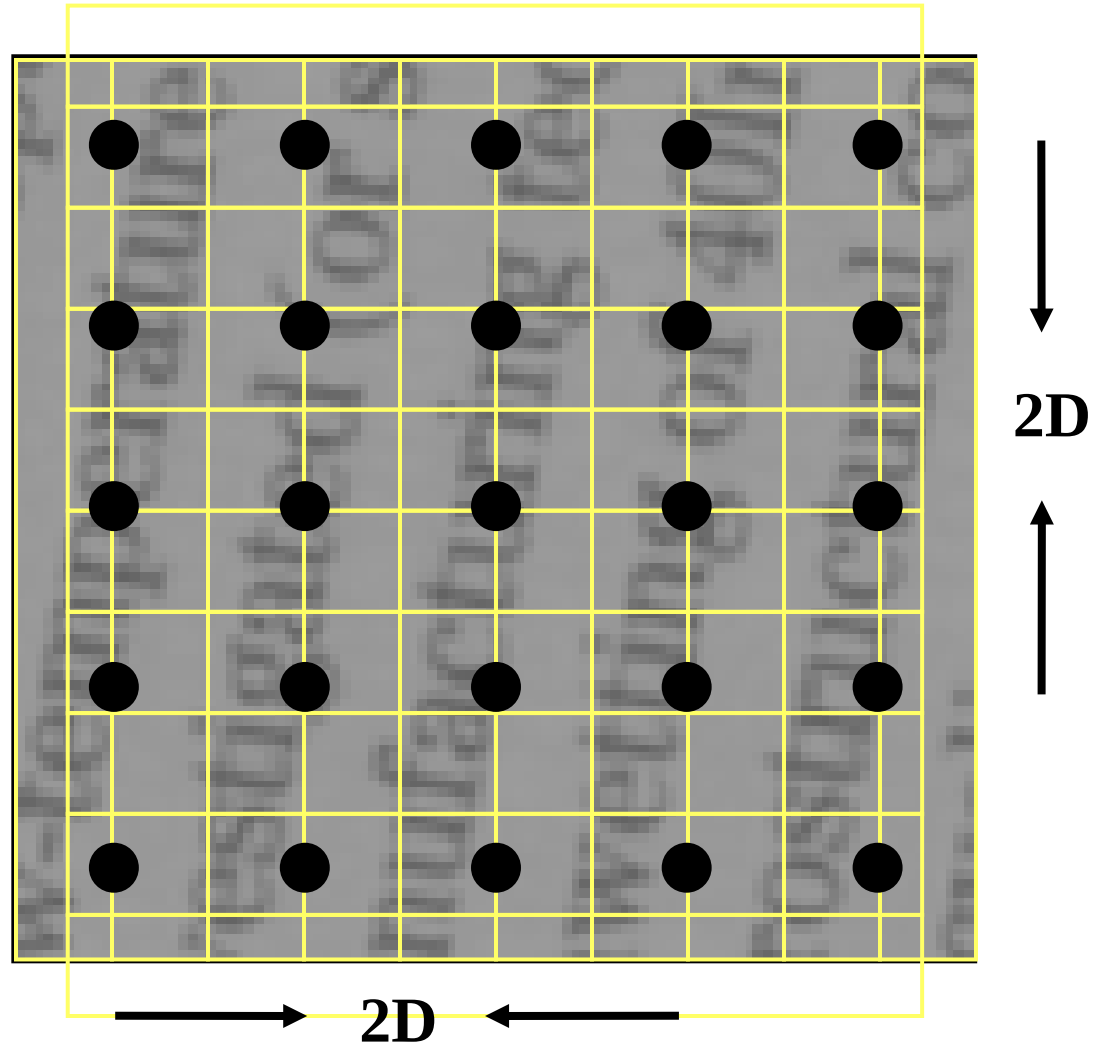
Intuition

Similarly, by shifting down we get a third image:



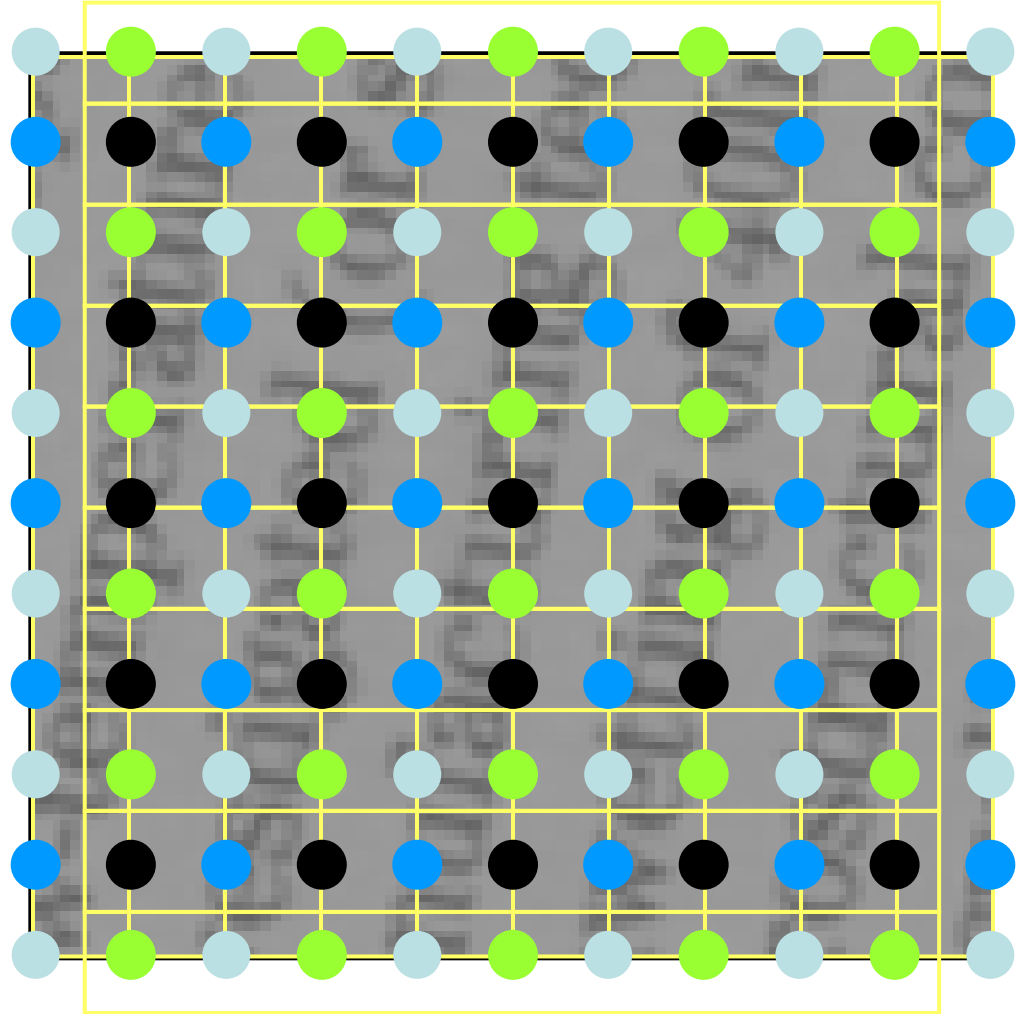
Intuition

And finally, by shifting down and to the right we get the fourth image:



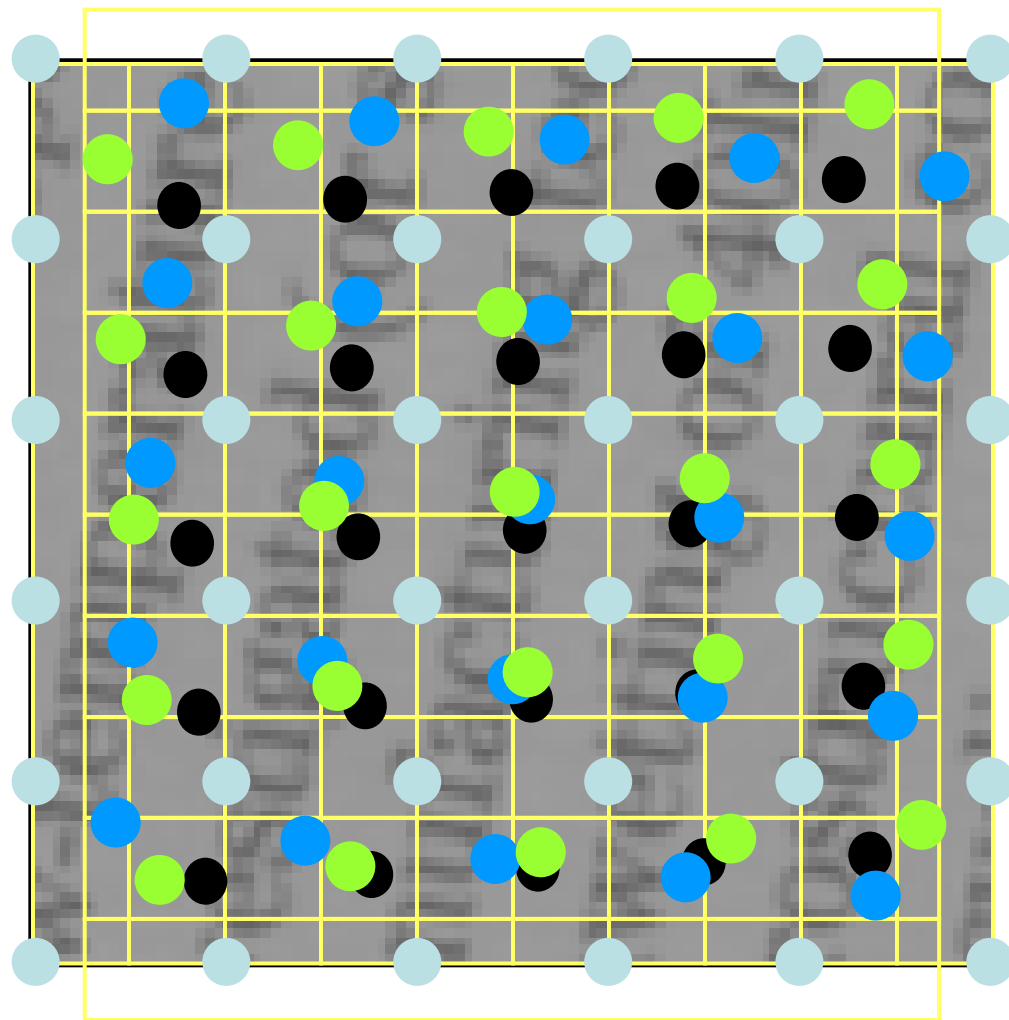
Intuition

It is trivial to see that interlacing the four images, we get that the desired resolution is obtained, and thus perfect reconstruction is guaranteed.



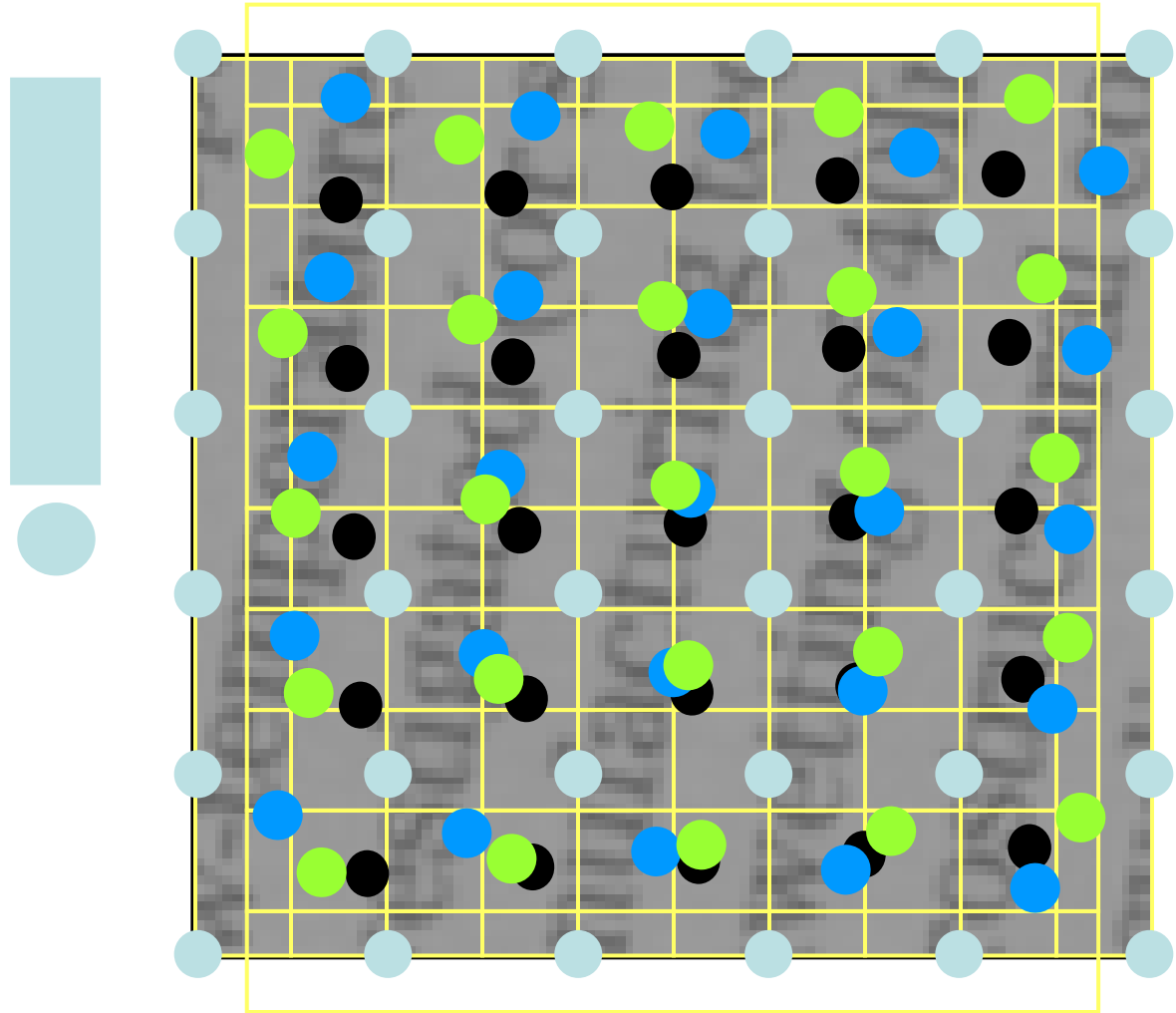
Rotation/Scale/Disp.

What if the camera displacement is Arbitrary ?
What if the camera rotates? Gets closer to the object (zoom)?

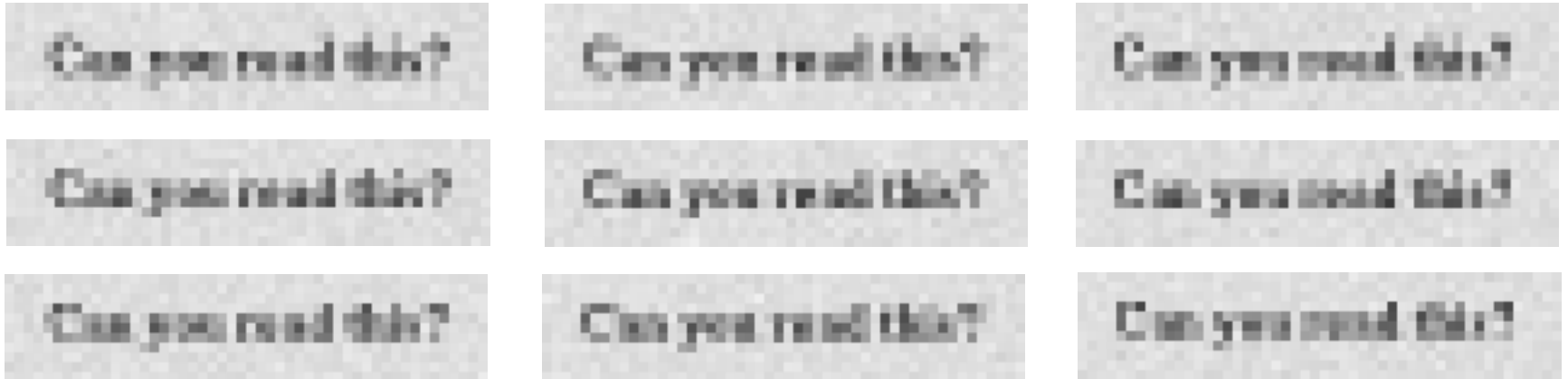


Rotation/Scale/Disp.

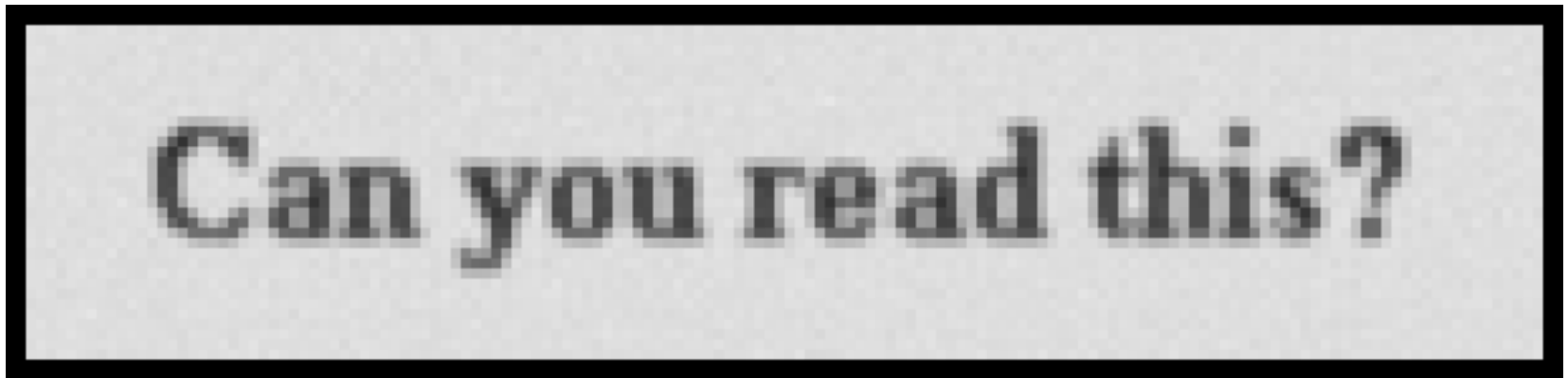
**There is no
sampling
theorem
covering
this case**



A Small Example



3:1 scale-up in each axis using 9 images, with pure global translation between them



Further Complications

- Complicated motion
 - perspective, local motion, ...
- Blur
 - sampling is not a point operation
 - Spatially variant blur
 - Temporally variant blur
- Noise
- Changes in the scene

Super-Resolution - Agenda

- The basic idea
- **Image formation process**
- Formulation and solution
- Special cases and related problems
- Limitations of Super-Resolution
- SR in time

Image Formation



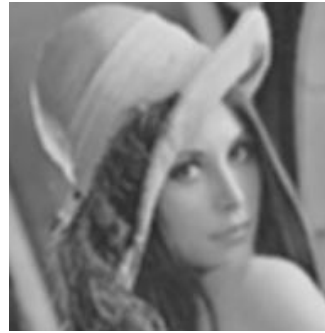
Scene

HR



Geometric
transformation

\mathbf{F}_k



Optical
Blur

\mathbf{H}_k



Sampling

\mathbf{D}_k



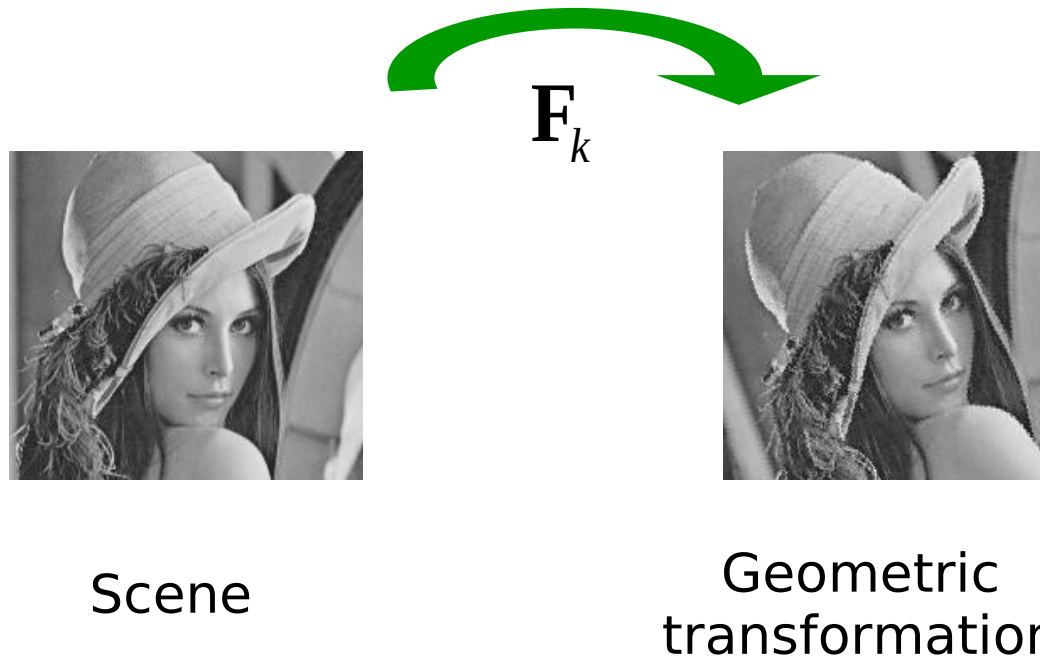
Noise

LR

Can we write these steps as linear operators?

$$\text{LR} = \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{F}_k \cdot \text{HR}$$

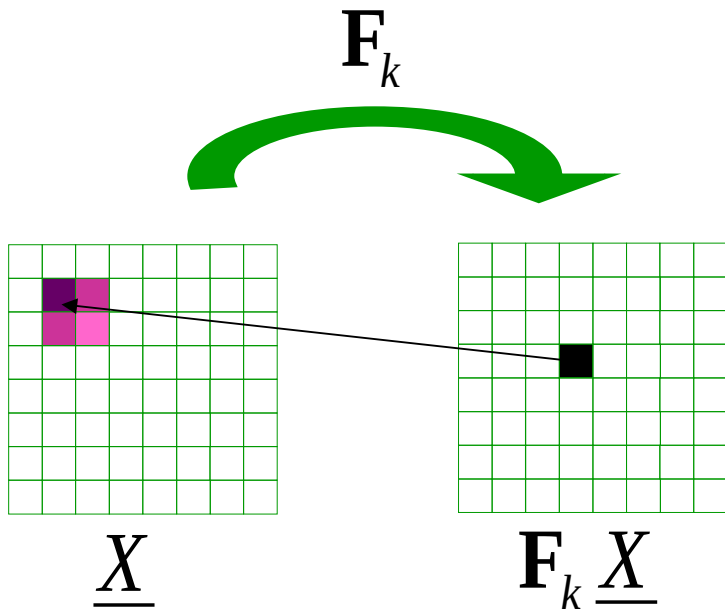
Geometric Transformation



- Any appropriate motion model
- Every frame has different transformation
- Usually found by a separate registration algorithm

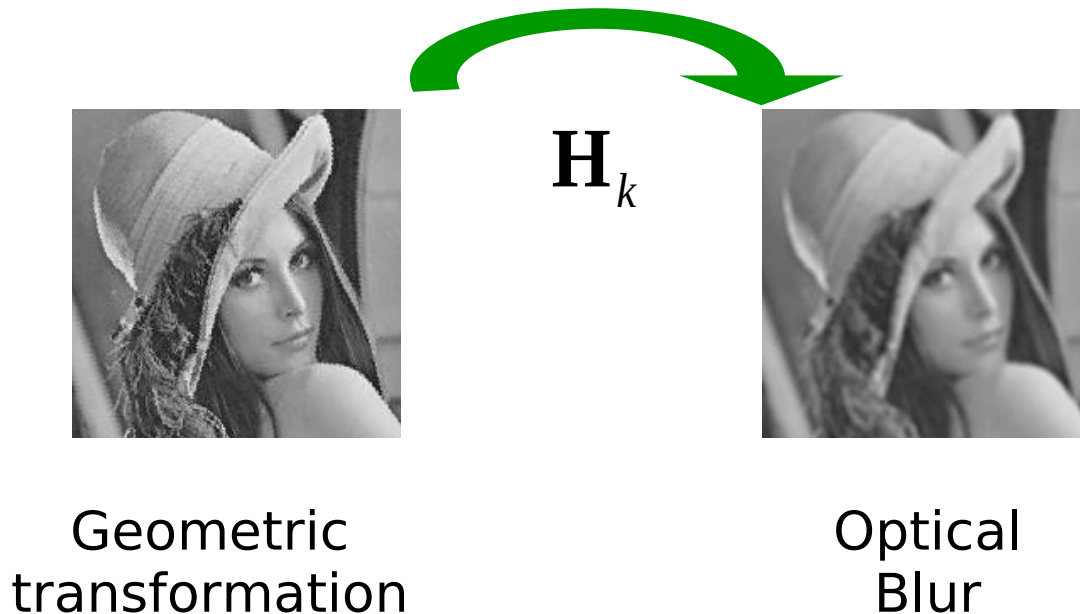
Geometric Transformation

Can be modeled as a linear operation $\mathbf{F}_k \underline{X}$



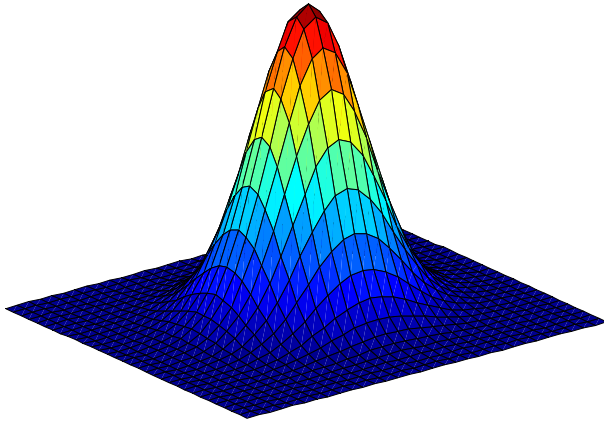
$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cdots & \boxed{\text{white}} & \boxed{\text{dark purple}} & \boxed{\text{purple}} & \boxed{\text{white}} & \cdots & \boxed{\text{white}} & \boxed{\text{dark purple}} & \boxed{\text{purple}} & \boxed{\text{white}} & \cdots \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{F}_k} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\text{white}} \\ \boxed{\text{white}} \\ \boxed{\text{white}} \\ \boxed{\text{white}} \\ \boxed{\text{white}} \\ \vdots \\ \boxed{\text{white}} \end{pmatrix}}_{\underline{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \blacksquare \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Optical Blur

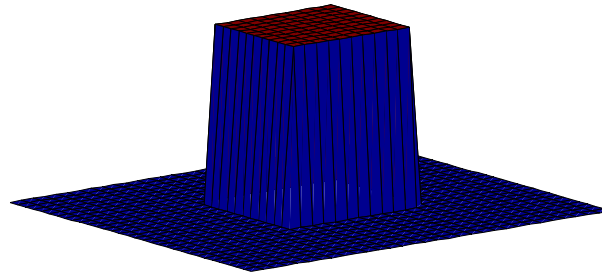


- Due to the lens PSF and pixel integration
- Usually $\mathbf{H}_k = \mathbf{H}$

H

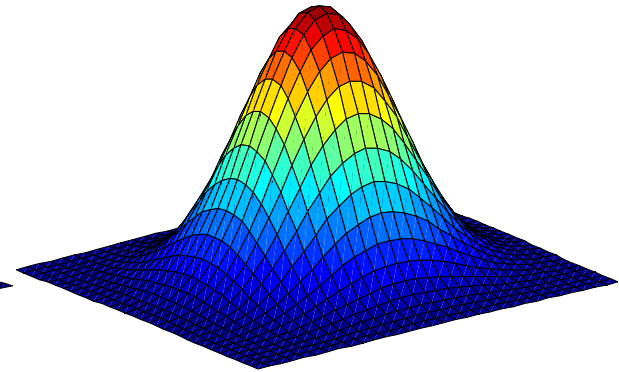


PSF



PIXEL

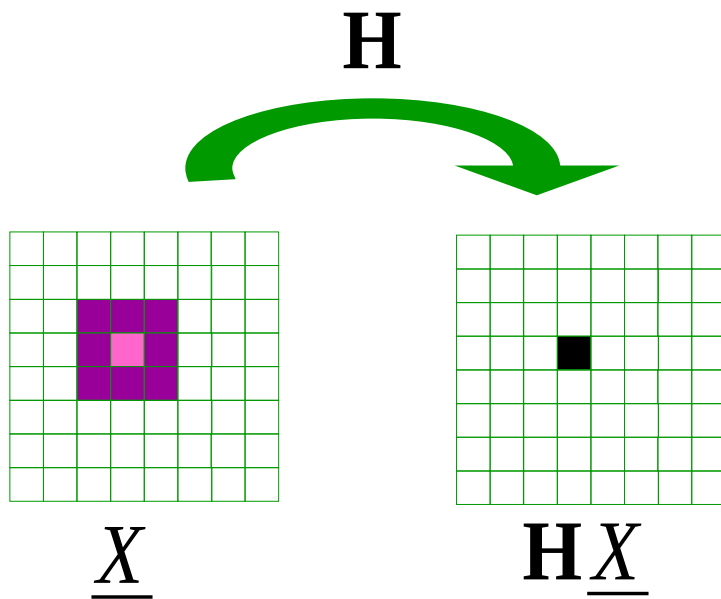
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H

Optical Blur

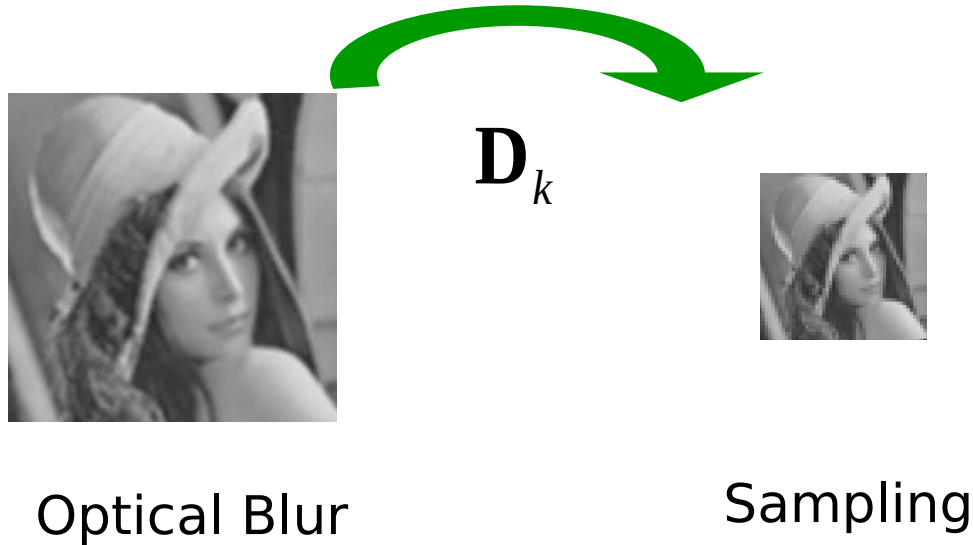
Can be modeled as a linear operation $\mathbf{H}\underline{X}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} \dots & \text{purple row} & \dots & \text{purple row} & \dots & \text{purple row} & \dots \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \text{green column} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \text{black pixel} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

\mathbf{H} \underline{X}

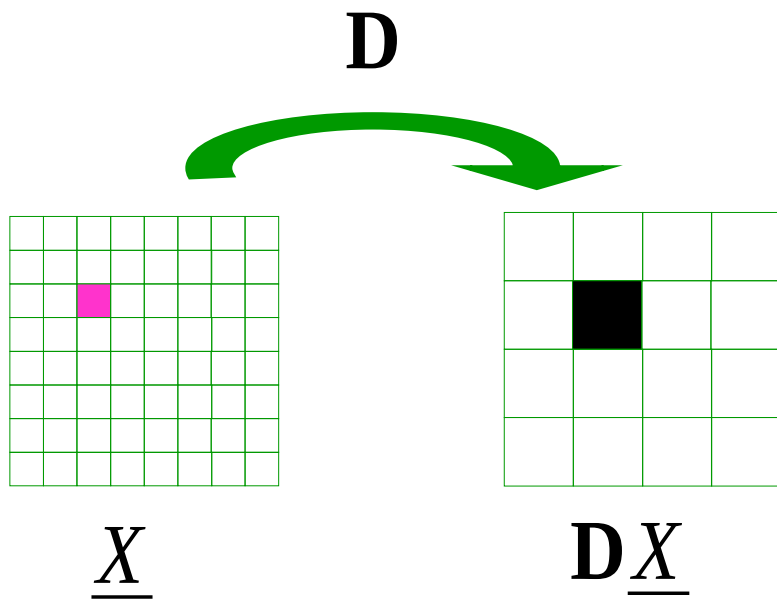
Sampling



- Pixel operation consists of area integration followed by decimation
- \mathbf{D} is the decimation only
- Usually $\mathbf{D}_k = \mathbf{D}$

Decimation

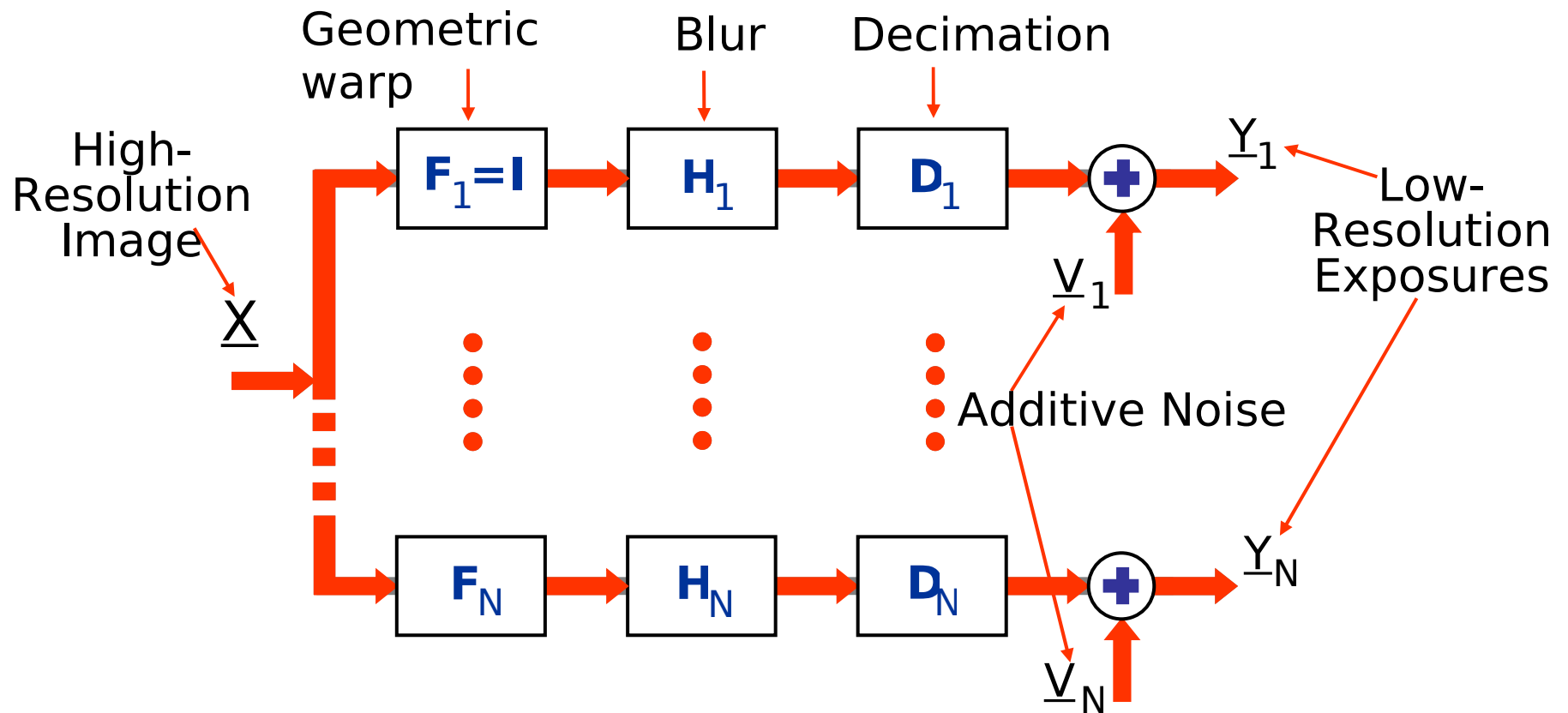
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$$\mathbf{D} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & & & & & & & & \\ & 1 & 0 & & & & & & & \\ & & 1 & 0 & & & & & & \\ & & & 1 & 0 & & & & & \\ & & & & 1 & 0 & & & & \\ & & & & & 1 & 0 & & & \\ & & & & & & 1 & 0 & & \\ & & & & & & & 1 & 0 & \\ & & & & & & & & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \square \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

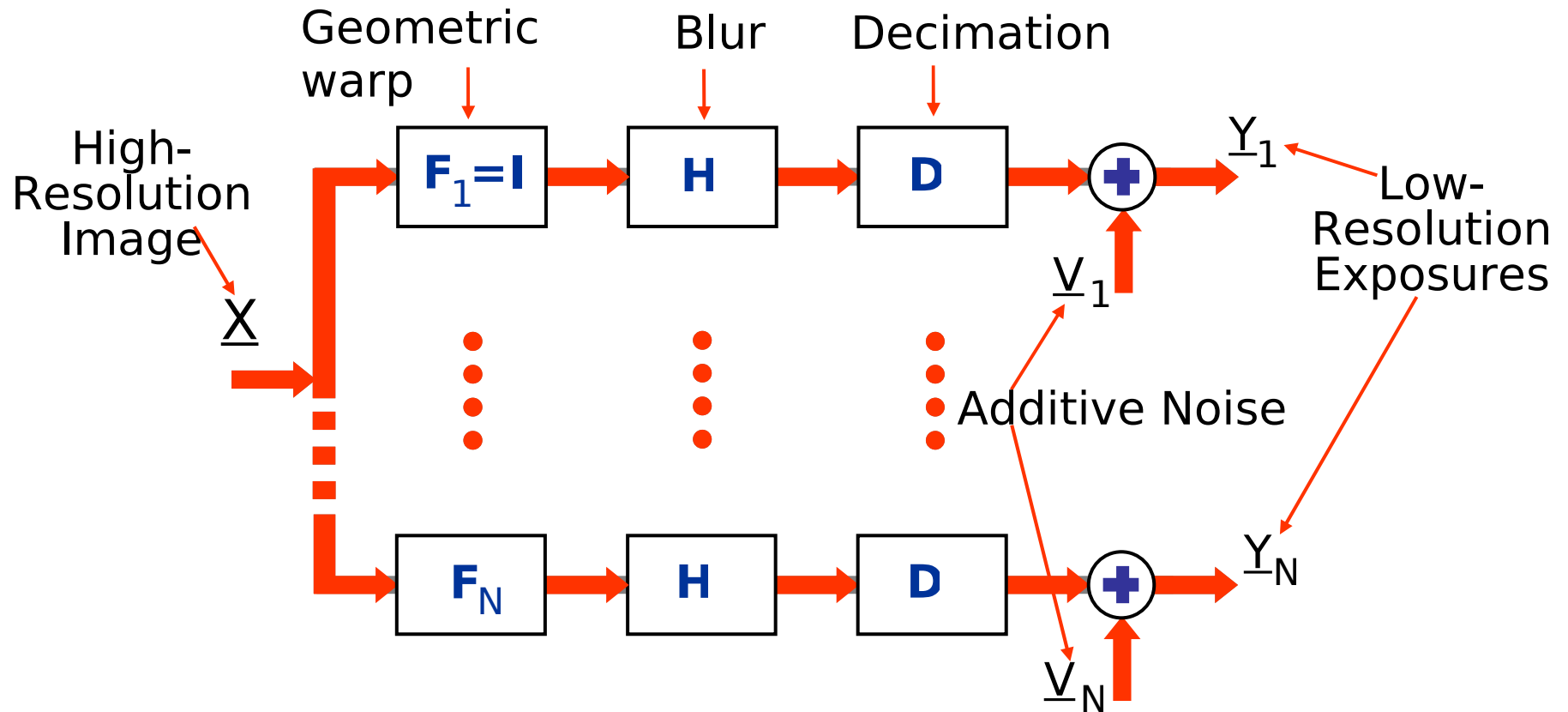
\mathbf{D} \underline{X}


Super-Resolution - Model



➔
$$\left\{ \underline{Y}_k = \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{F}_k \underline{X} + \underline{V}_k, \quad \underline{V}_k \sim \mathbf{N}\{0, \sigma_n^2\} \right\}_{k=1}^N$$
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Simplified Model





$$\left\{ \underline{Y}_k = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{F}_k \underline{X} + \underline{V}_k, \quad \underline{V}_k \sim \mathbf{N}\{0, \sigma_n^2\} \right\}_{k=1}^N$$

The Super-Resolution Problem

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The Model as One Equation

$$\underline{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{Y}_1 \\ \underline{Y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{Y}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{F}_1 \\ \mathbf{D}_2 \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{F}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{D}_N \mathbf{H}_N \mathbf{F}_N \end{bmatrix} \underline{X} + \begin{bmatrix} \underline{V}_1 \\ \underline{V}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{V}_N \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{G} \underline{X} + \underline{V}$$

r = resolution factor = 4

MXM = size of the frames = 1000X1000

N = number of frames = 10

\underline{Y} of size $[NM^2 \times 1]$ = [10M × 1]

\mathbf{G} of size $[NM^2 \times r^2 M^2]$ = [10M × 16M]

$\underline{X}, \underline{V}$ of size $[r^2 M^2 \times 1]$ = [16M × 1]

Linear algebra notation is intended only to develop algorithm

SR - Solutions

- Maximum Likelihood (ML):

$$\underline{X} = \arg \min_{\underline{X}} \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{DHF}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|^2$$

Often ill posed problem!

- Maximum A posteriori Probability (MAP)

$$\underline{X} = \arg \min_{\underline{X}} \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{DHF}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|^2 + \lambda A\{\underline{X}\}$$

Smoothness constraint
regularization³⁹

ML Reconstruction (LS)

Minimize: $\mathcal{E}_{ML}^2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{D} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|^2$

Thus,
require: $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_{ML}^2(\underline{X})}{\partial \underline{X}} = 2 \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T (\mathbf{D} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_k \hat{\underline{X}} - \underline{Y}_k) = 0$



$$\underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_k}_{\mathbf{A}} \cdot \hat{\underline{X}} = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T \underline{Y}_k}_{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \hat{\underline{X}} = \mathbf{B}$$

LS - Iterative Solution

- Steepest descent

$$\underline{\hat{X}}_{n+1} = \underline{\hat{X}}_n - \beta \sum_{k=1}^N \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T}_{\text{Back projection}} \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_k \underline{\hat{X}}_n - \underline{Y}_k \right)}_{\text{Simulated error}}$$

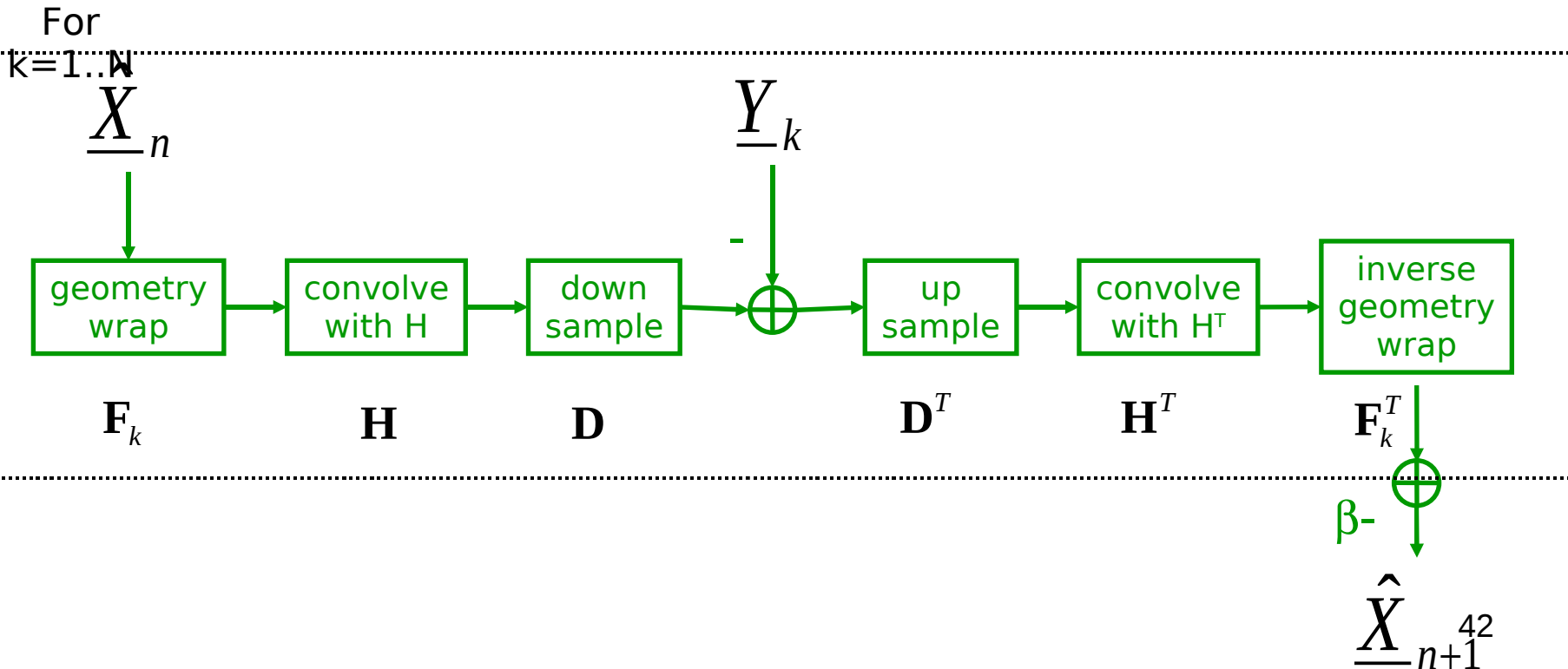


All the above operations can be interpreted as operations performed on images.

There is no actual need to use the Matrix-Vector notations as shown here.

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Robust Reconstruction

- Cases of measurements outlier:
 - Some of the images are irrelevant
 - Error in motion estimation
 - Error in the blur function
 - General model mismatch

Robust Reconstruction

Minimize: $\varepsilon^2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{DHF}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|_1$

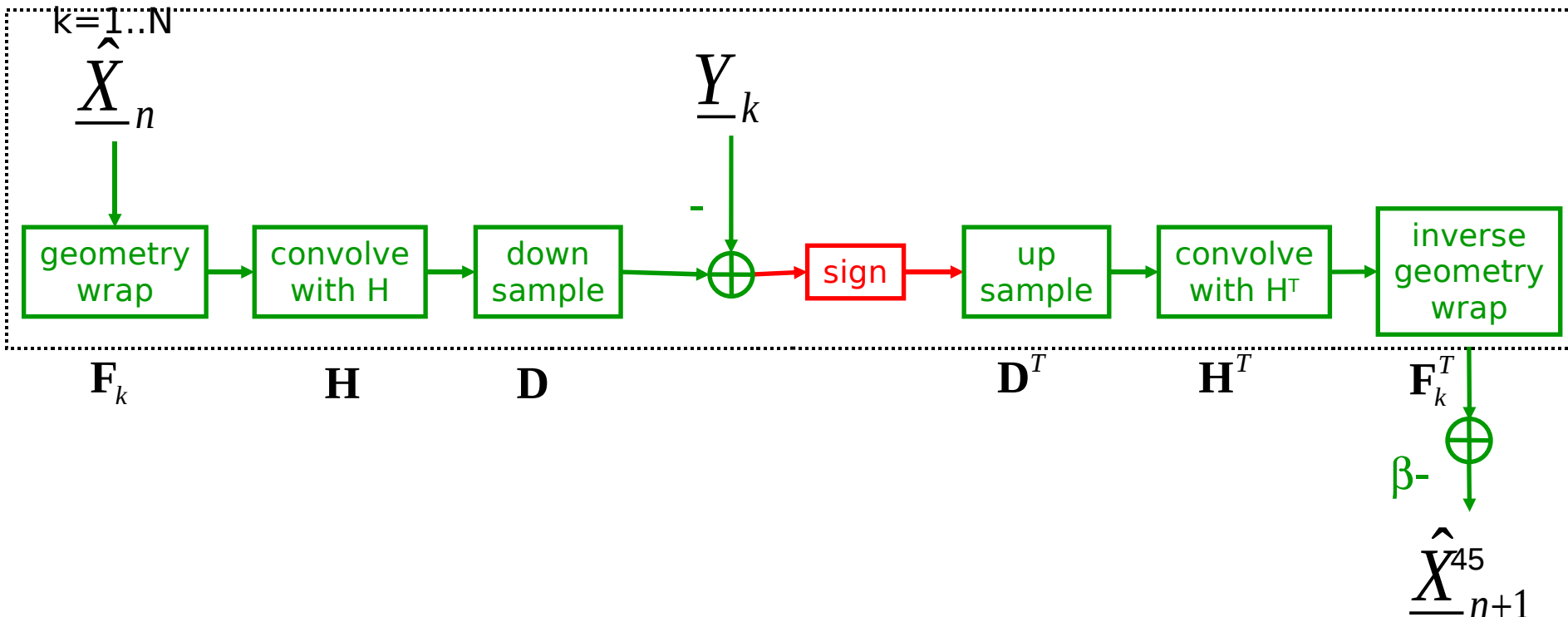
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Robust Reconstruction

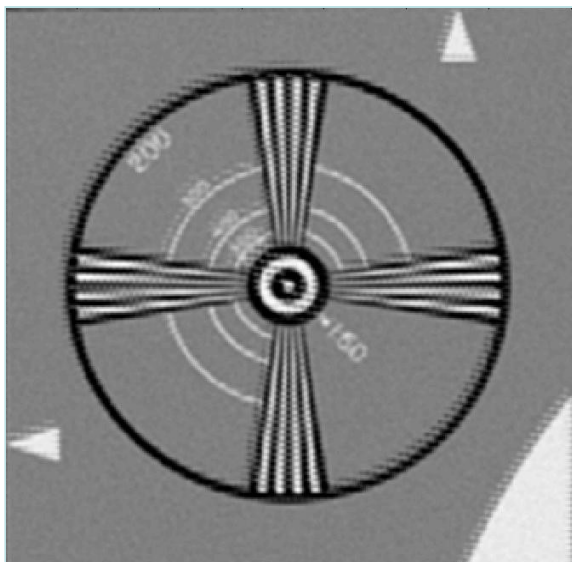
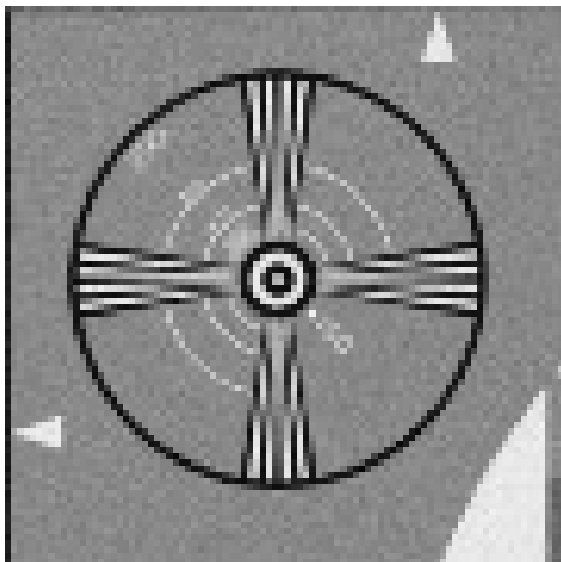
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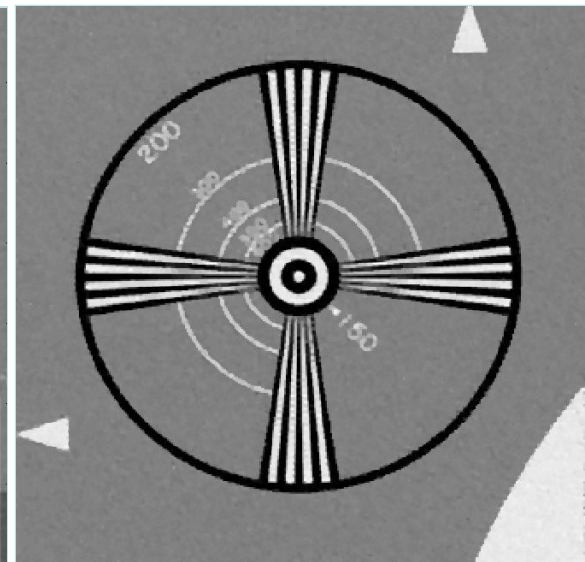
For
 $k=1..N$



Example – Registration Error



L_2 norm based



L_1 norm based

20 images, ratio 1:4

MAP Reconstruction

$$\varepsilon_{MAP}^2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{DHF}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|^2 + \lambda A\{\underline{X}\}$$

- Regularization term:

- Tikhonov cost function

$$A_T\{\underline{X}\} = \|\Gamma \underline{X}\|^2$$

- Total variation

$$A_{TV}\{\underline{X}\} = \|\nabla \underline{X}\|_1$$

- Bilateral filter

$$A_B\{\underline{X}\} = \sum_{l=-P}^P \sum_{m=-P}^P \alpha^{|l|+|m|} \left\| \underline{X} - S_x^l S_y^m \underline{X} \right\|_1 \quad 47$$

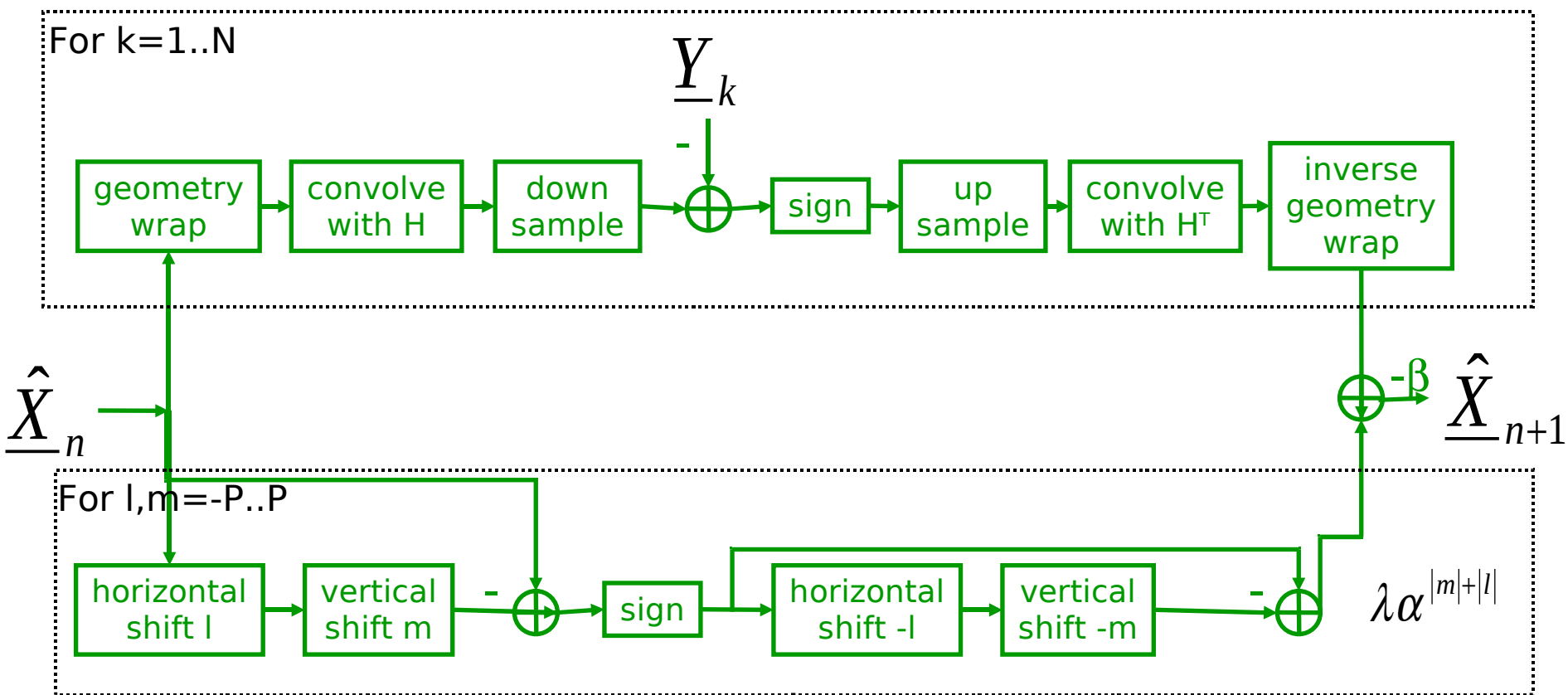
Robust Estimation + Regularization

Minimize: $\varepsilon^2(\underline{X}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{DHF}_k \underline{X} - \underline{Y}_k \right\|_1 + \lambda \sum_{l=-P}^P \sum_{m=-P}^P \alpha^{|l|+|m|} \left\| \underline{X} - S_x^l S_y^m \underline{X} \right\|_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\underline{X}}_{n+1} = \hat{\underline{X}}_n - \beta \Bigg\{ & \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T \operatorname{sign}(\mathbf{DHF}_k \hat{\underline{X}}_n - \underline{Y}_k) \\ & + \lambda \sum_{l=-P}^P \sum_{m=-P}^P \alpha^{|l|+|m|} \left[I - S_x^{-l} S_y^{-m} \right] \operatorname{sign}(\hat{\underline{X}}_n - S_x^l S_y^m \hat{\underline{X}}_n) \Bigg\} \end{aligned}$$

Robust Estimation + Regularization

$$\hat{\underline{X}}_{n+1} = \hat{\underline{X}}_n - \beta \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{F}_k^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{D}^T \text{sign}(\mathbf{D} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{F}_k \hat{\underline{X}}_n - \underline{Y}_k) + \lambda \sum_{l=-P}^P \sum_{m=-P}^P \alpha^{|l|+|m|} [I - S_x^{-l} S_y^{-m}] \text{sign}(\hat{\underline{X}}_n - S_x^l S_y^m \hat{\underline{X}}_n) \right\}$$



Example

- 8 frames
- Resolution factor of 4



Conclusions

- Optimization is essential in many problems
- SR using different approaches
- Selection of the algorithm