

Pixels and Image Filtering



Computational Photography

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Administrative stuff

- Any questions?
- Office hours:
 - Derek – Monday at 2
 - Amin – Thursday at 5
- Tutorial:
 - Looks like Sept 2 at 5pm, but will finalize later ---
vote soon

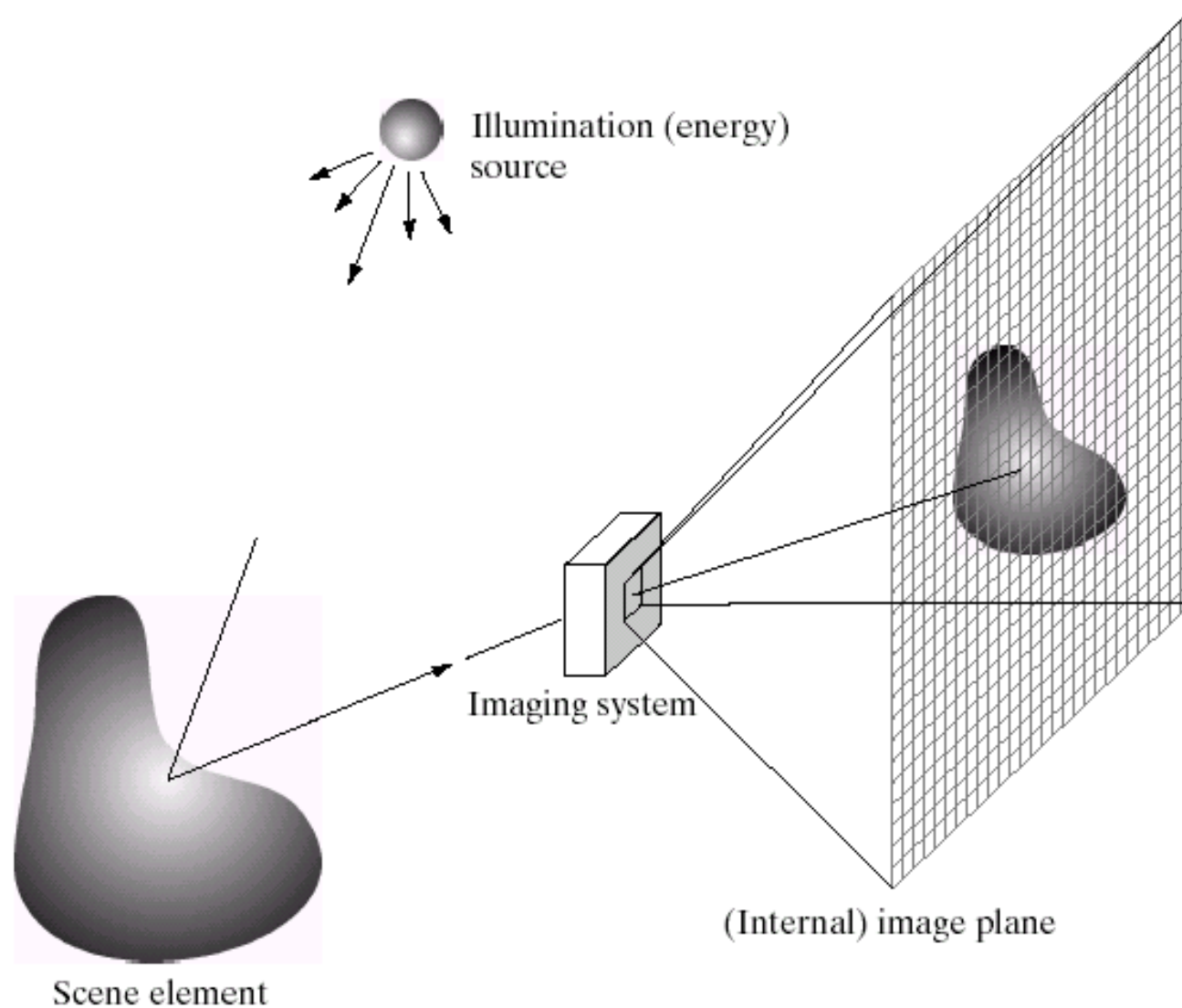
Today's Class: Pixels and Linear Filters

- What is a pixel? How is an image represented?
- What is image filtering and how do we do it?
- Introduce Project 1: Hybrid Images

Next three classes

- Image filters in spatial domain
 - Smoothing, sharpening, measuring texture
- Image filters in the frequency domain
 - Denoising, sampling, image compression
- Templates and Image Pyramids
 - Detection, coarse-to-fine registration

Image Formation



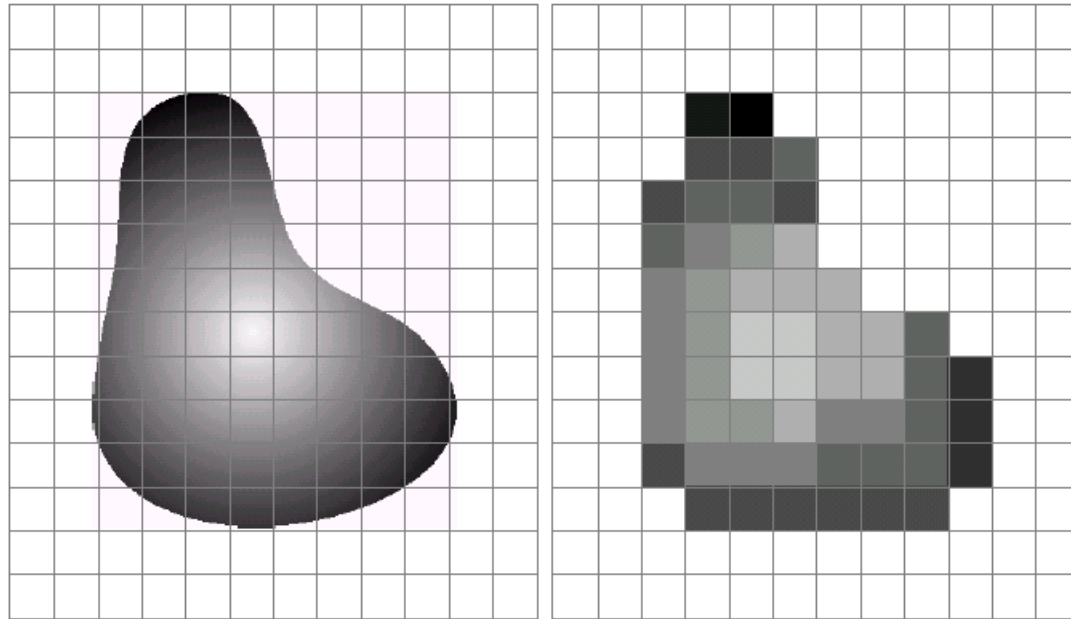
Digital camera



A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array

- Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
- Two common types:
 - Charge Coupled Device (CCD): larger yet slower, better quality
 - Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS): high bandwidth, lower quality
- <http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm>

Sensor Array

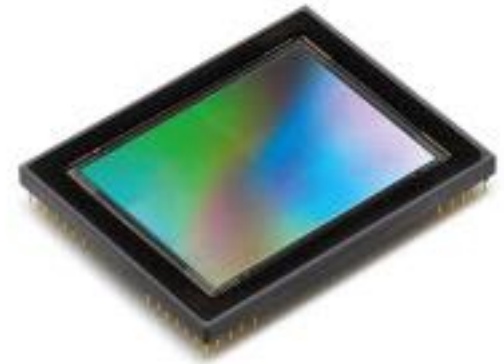


a b

FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuous image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

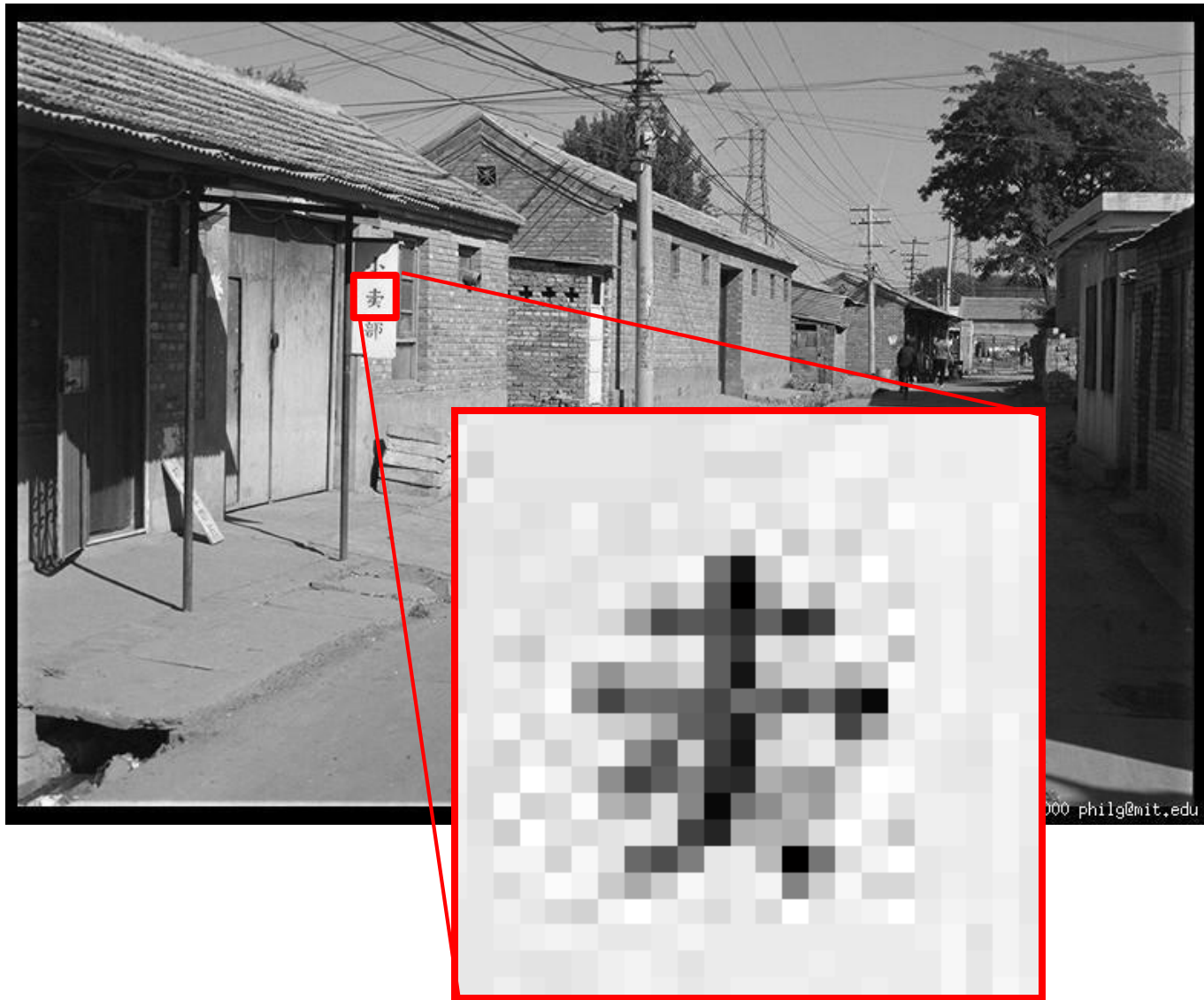


CMOS sensor

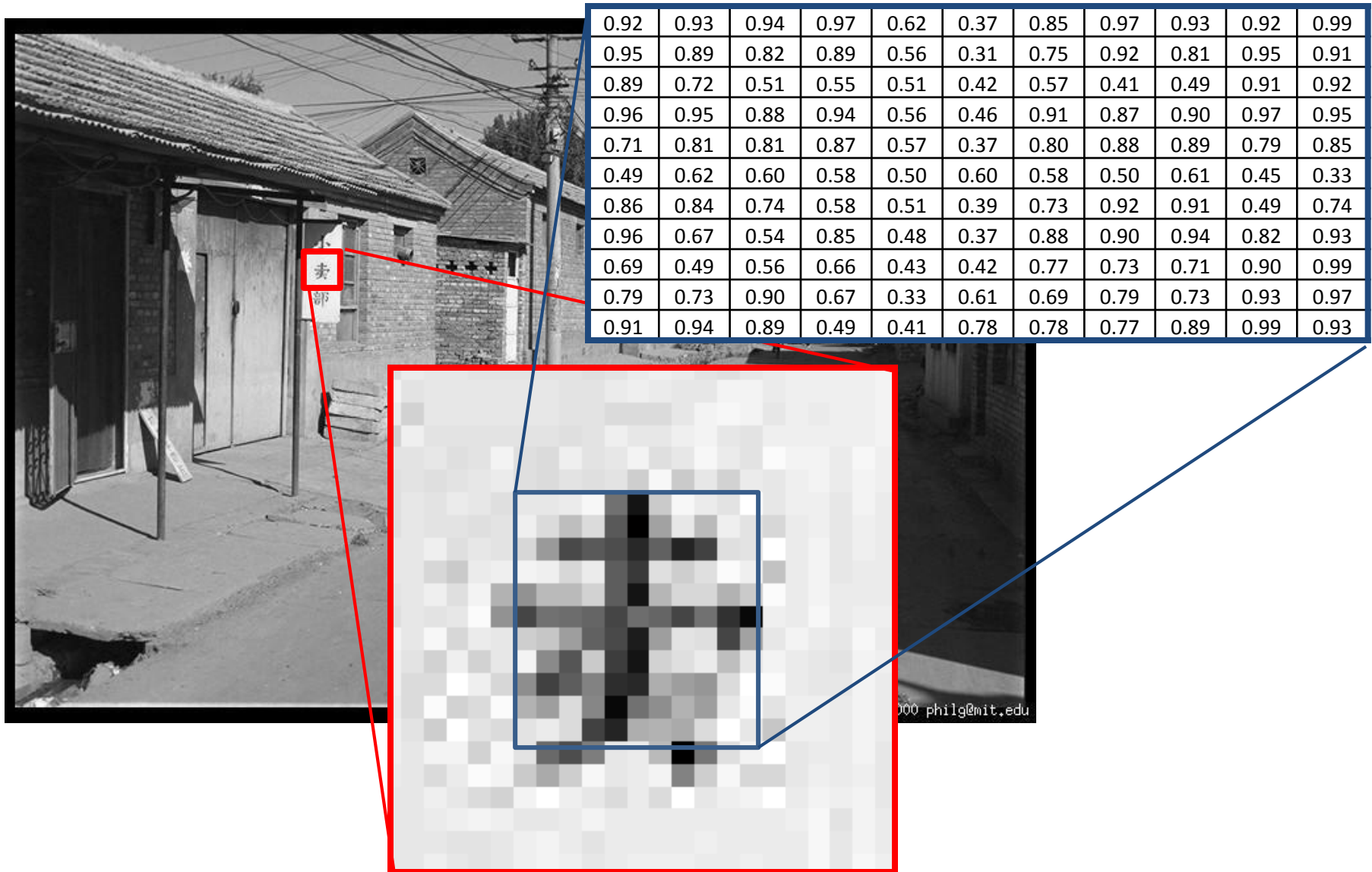


CCD sensor

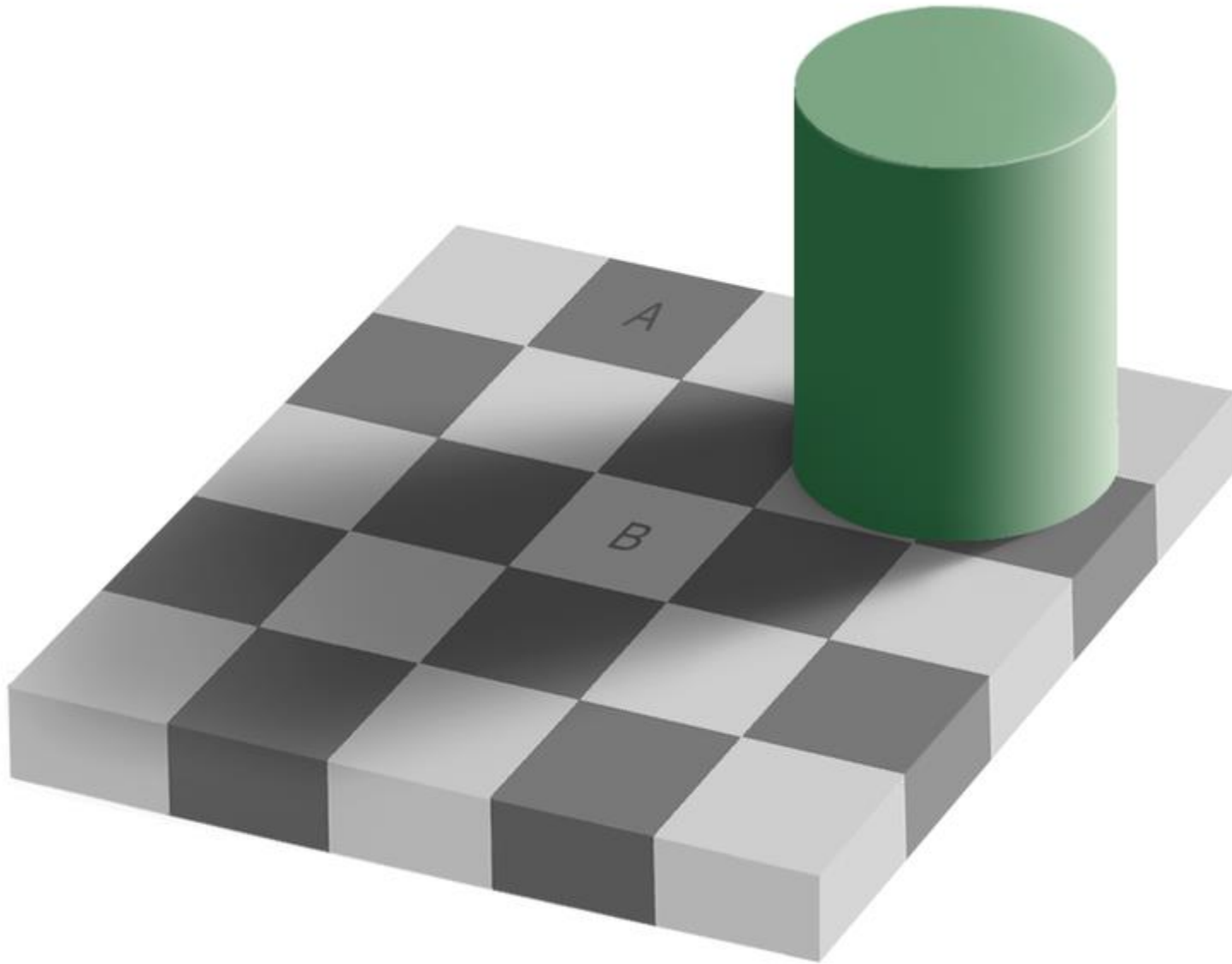
The raster image (pixel matrix)



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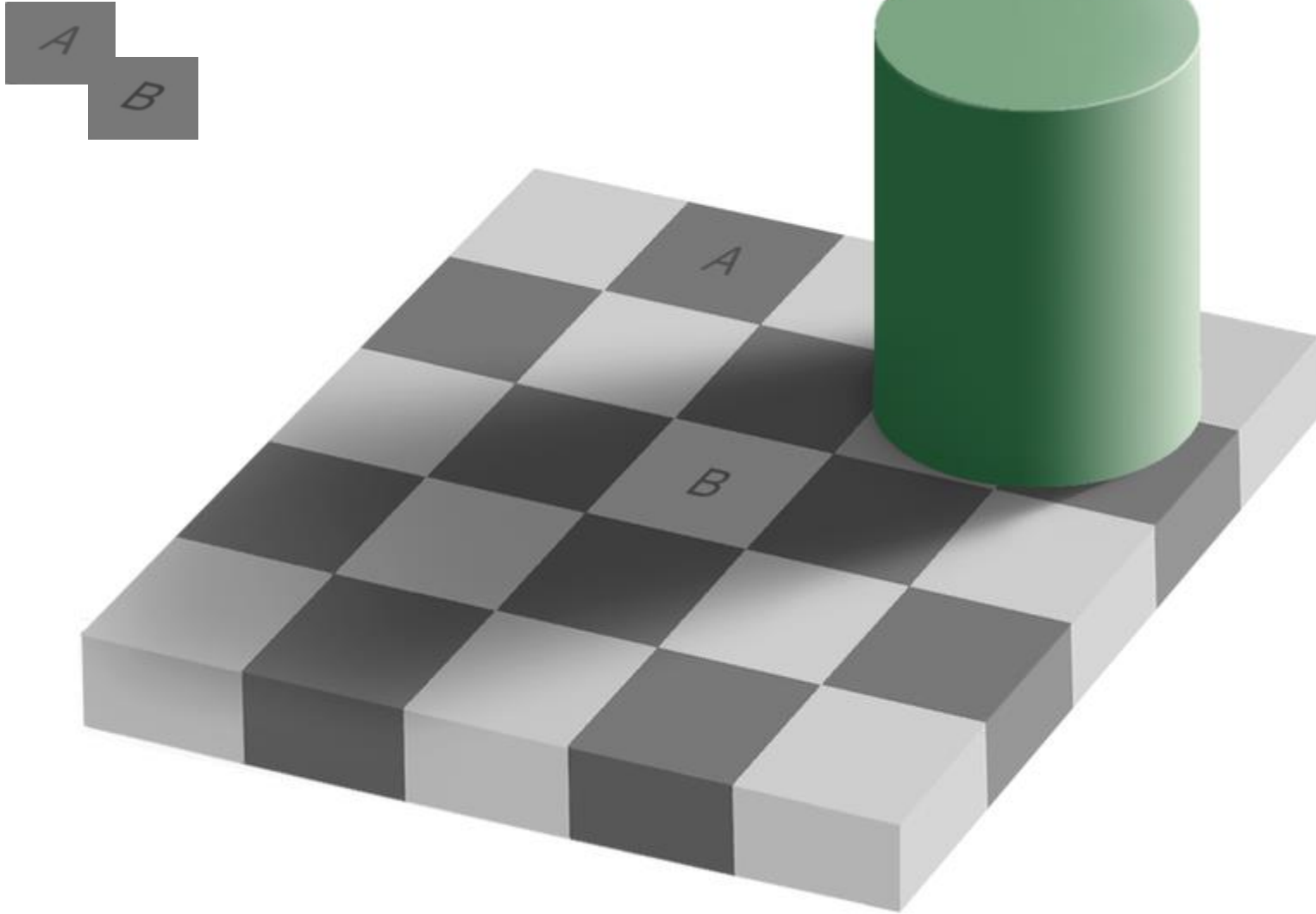


Perception of Intensity

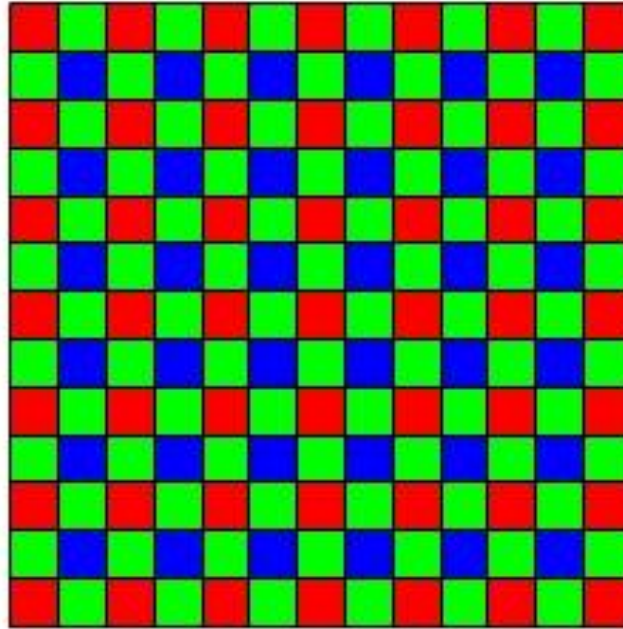


from Ted Adelson

Perception of Intensity



Digital Color Images



Bayer filter

Color Image

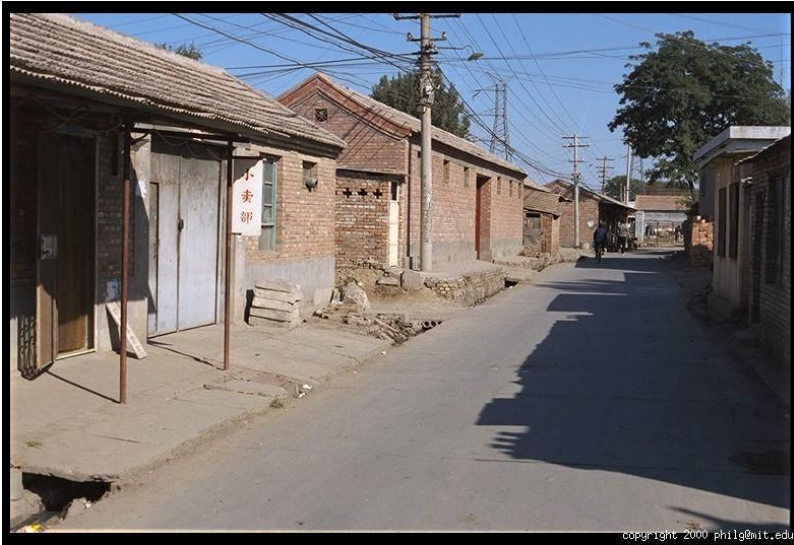
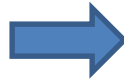
R



G



B



Images in Matlab

- Images represented as a matrix
- Suppose we have a NxM RGB image called “im”
 - $\text{im}(1,1,1)$ = top-left pixel value in R-channel
 - $\text{im}(y, x, b)$ = y pixels down, x pixels to right in the b^{th} channel
 - $\text{im}(N, M, 3)$ = bottom-right pixel in B-channel
- `imread(filename)` returns a uint8 image (values 0 to 255)
 - Convert to double format (values 0 to 1) with `im2double`

row

column

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Image filtering

- Image filtering: compute function of local neighborhood at each position
- Really important!
 - Enhance images
 - Denoise, resize, increase contrast, etc.
 - Extract information from images
 - Texture, edges, distinctive points, etc.
 - Detect patterns
 - Template matching

Example: box filter

$$\frac{1}{9} g[\cdot, \cdot]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

Image filtering

$$g[\cdot, \cdot] \frac{1}{9}$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

$f[\cdot, \cdot]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0
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0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$h[\cdot, \cdot]$

$$h[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m + k, n + l]$$

Image filtering

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$f[\cdot, \cdot]$

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	0	10							

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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	10	20						

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0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$h[\cdot, \cdot]$

	0	10	20	30	30				
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$$h[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m + k, n + l]$$

Image filtering

$$g[\cdot, \cdot] \quad \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$f[\cdot, \cdot]$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$h[\cdot, \cdot]$

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	0	30	50	80	80	90	60	30	
	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20	
	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

$$h[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m + k, n + l]$$

Image filtering

$$g[\cdot, \cdot] = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$f[\cdot, \cdot]$

$h[\cdot, \cdot]$

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	0	20	30	50	50	60	40	20	
	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	
	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	

Informally, what does the filter do?

$$h[m, n] = \sum_{k, l} g[k, l] f[m + k, n + l]$$

Box Filter

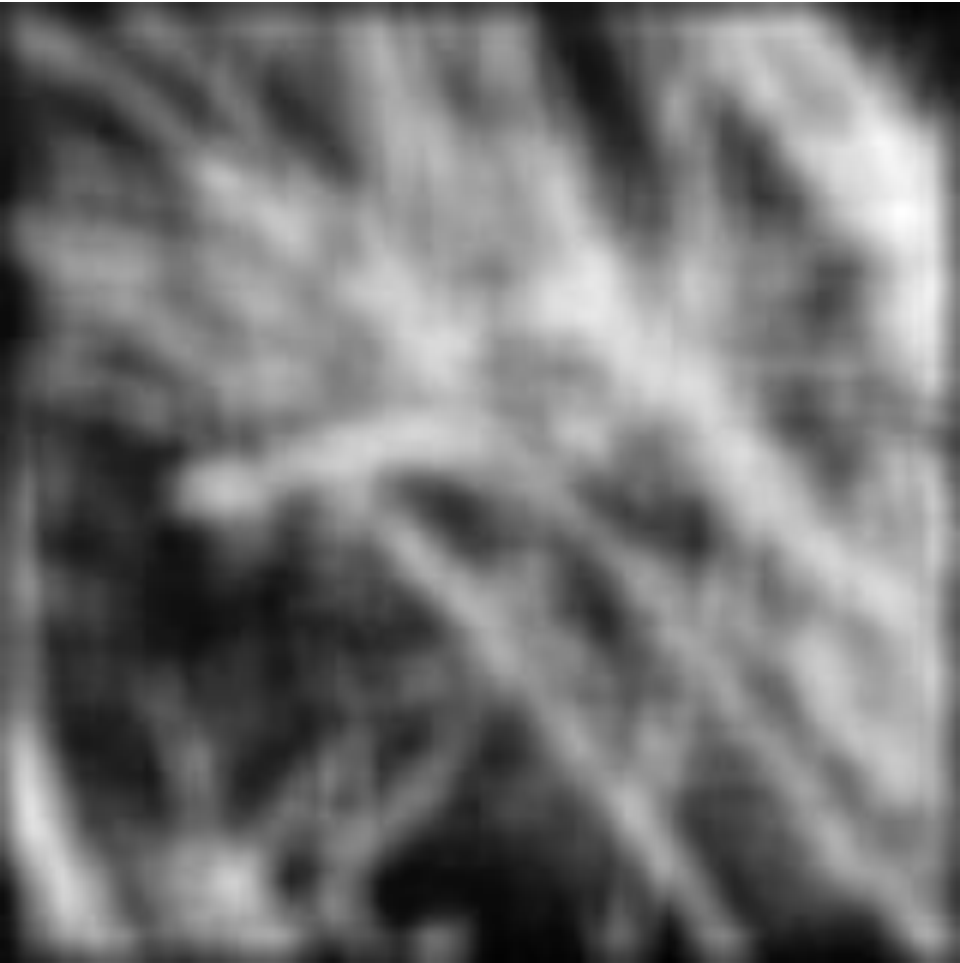
What does it do?

- Replaces each pixel with an average of its neighborhood
- Achieve smoothing effect (remove sharp features)

$$\frac{1}{9} g[\cdot, \cdot]$$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

Smoothing with box filter



One more on board...

Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

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Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0



Filtered
(no change)

Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

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Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0



Shifted left
By 1 pixel

Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

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$\frac{1}{9}$

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1

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(Note that filter sums to 1)

Practice with linear filters



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

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$\frac{1}{9}$

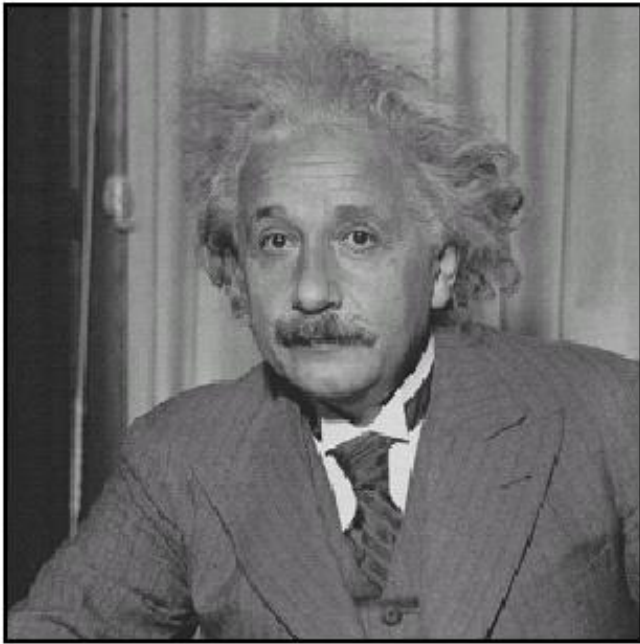
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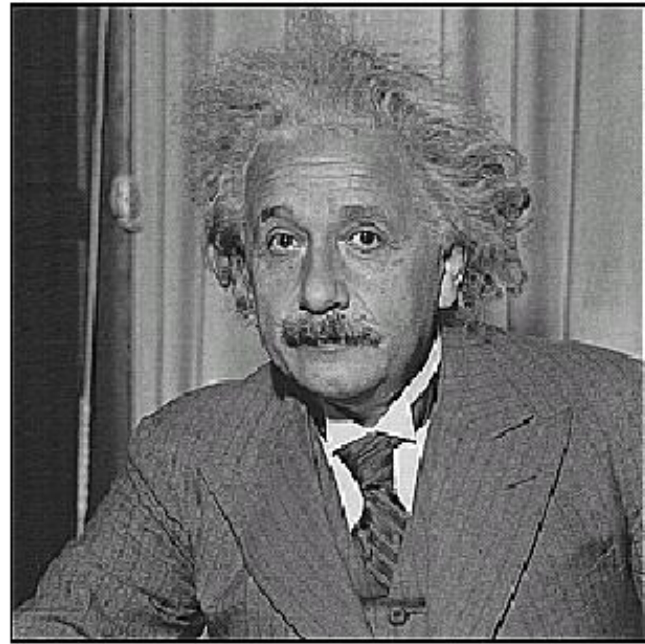
Sharpening filter

- Accentuates differences with local average

Sharpening

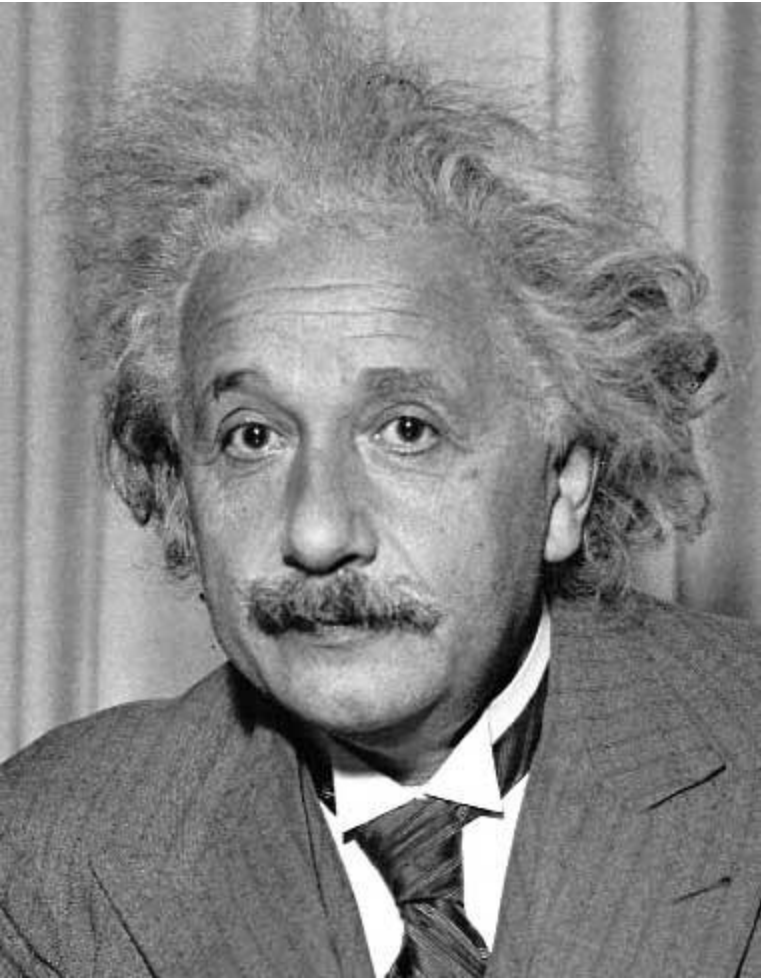


before



after

Other filters



1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

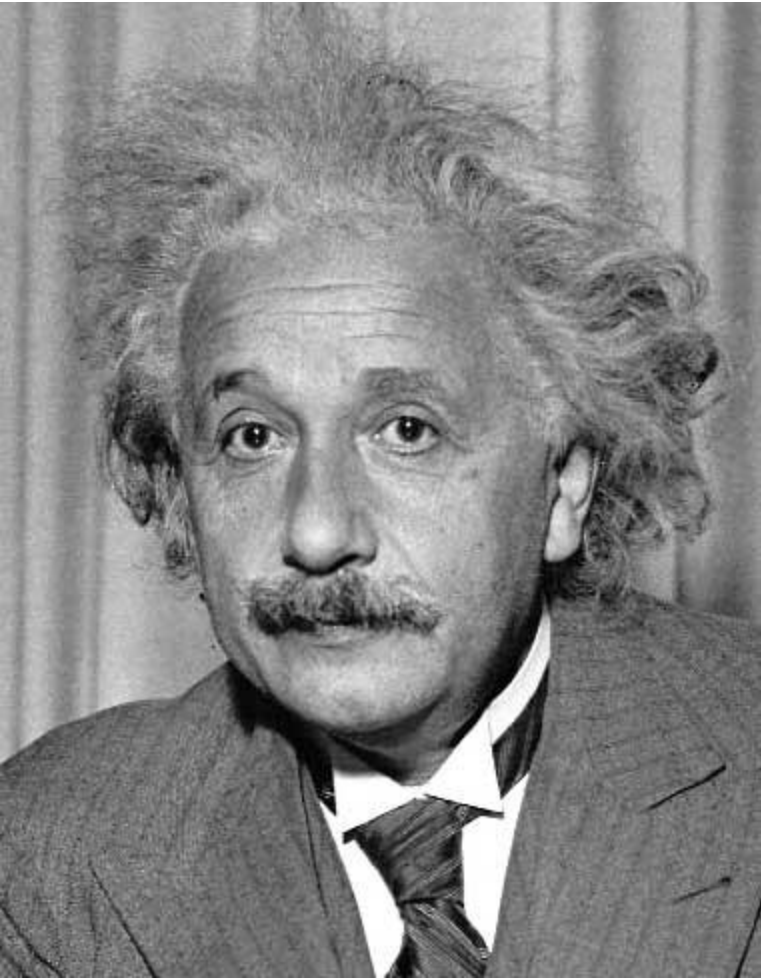
Sobel



Vertical Edge
(absolute value)

Other filters

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1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

Sobel

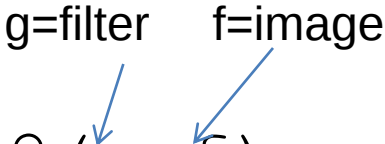


Horizontal Edge
(absolute value)

How could we synthesize motion blur?

```
theta = 30; len = 20;  
fil = imrotate(ones(1, len), theta, 'bilinear');  
fil = fil / sum(fil(:));  
figure(2), imshow(imfilter(im, fil));
```

Filtering vs. Convolution

- 2d filtering 
 - `h=filter2 (g, f) ;` or
`h=imfilter (f, g) ;`

$$h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} g[k,l] f[m+k,n+l]$$

- 2d convolution
 - `h=conv2 (g, f) ;`

$$h[m,n] = \sum_{k,l} g[k,l] f[m-k,n-l]$$

Key properties of linear filters

Linearity:

$$\text{filter}(f_1 + f_2) = \text{filter}(f_1) + \text{filter}(f_2)$$

Shift invariance: same behavior regardless of pixel location

$$\text{filter}(\text{shift}(f)) = \text{shift}(\text{filter}(f))$$

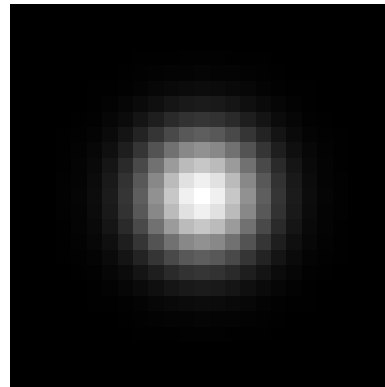
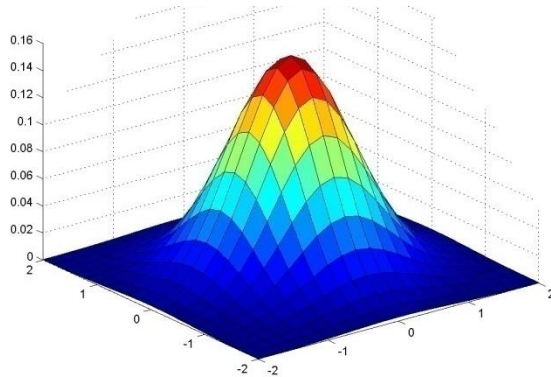
Any linear, shift-invariant operator can be represented as a convolution

More properties

- Commutative: $a * b = b * a$
 - Conceptually no difference between filter and signal (image)
- Associative: $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$
 - Often apply several filters one after another: $((a * b_1) * b_2) * b_3$
 - This is equivalent to applying one filter: $a * (b_1 * b_2 * b_3)$
- Distributes over addition: $a * (b + c) = (a * b) + (a * c)$
- Scalars factor out: $ka * b = a * kb = k(a * b)$
- Identity: unit impulse $e = [0, 0, 1, 0, 0]$,
 $a * e = a$

Important filter: Gaussian

- Weight contributions of neighboring pixels by nearness

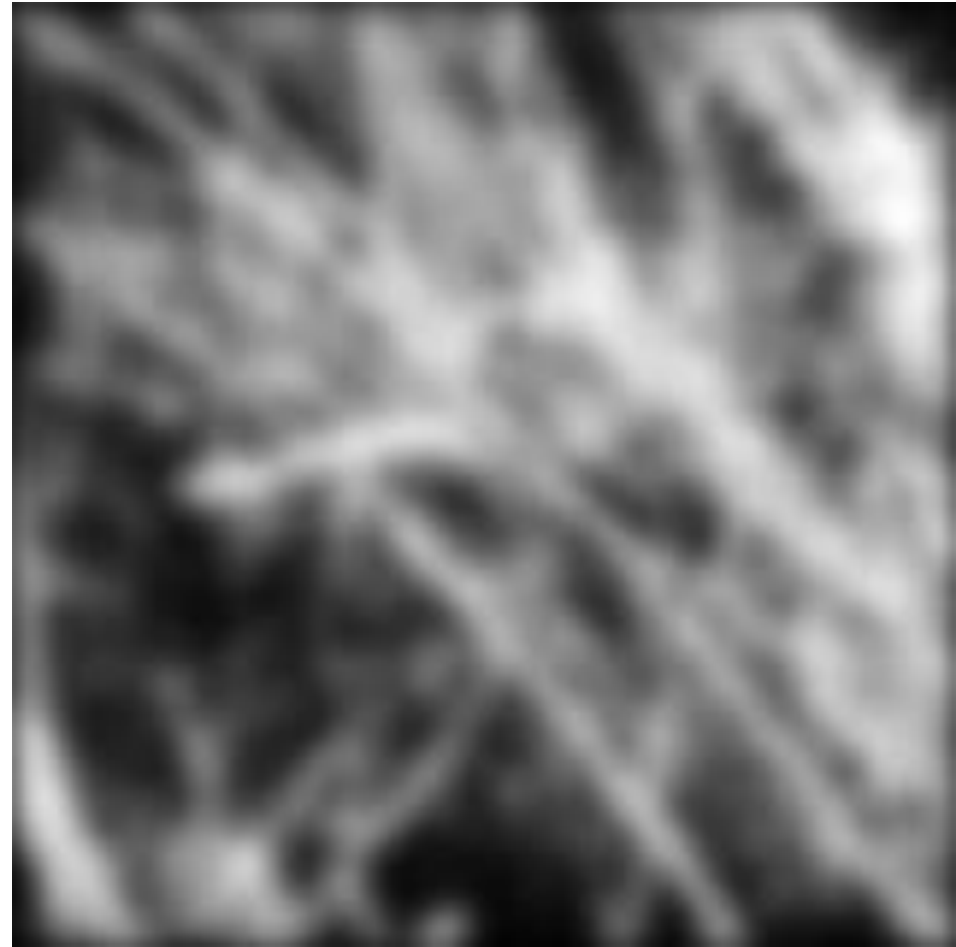


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0.013	0.059	0.097	0.059	0.013
0.022	0.097	0.159	0.097	0.022
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0.003	0.013	0.022	0.013	0.003

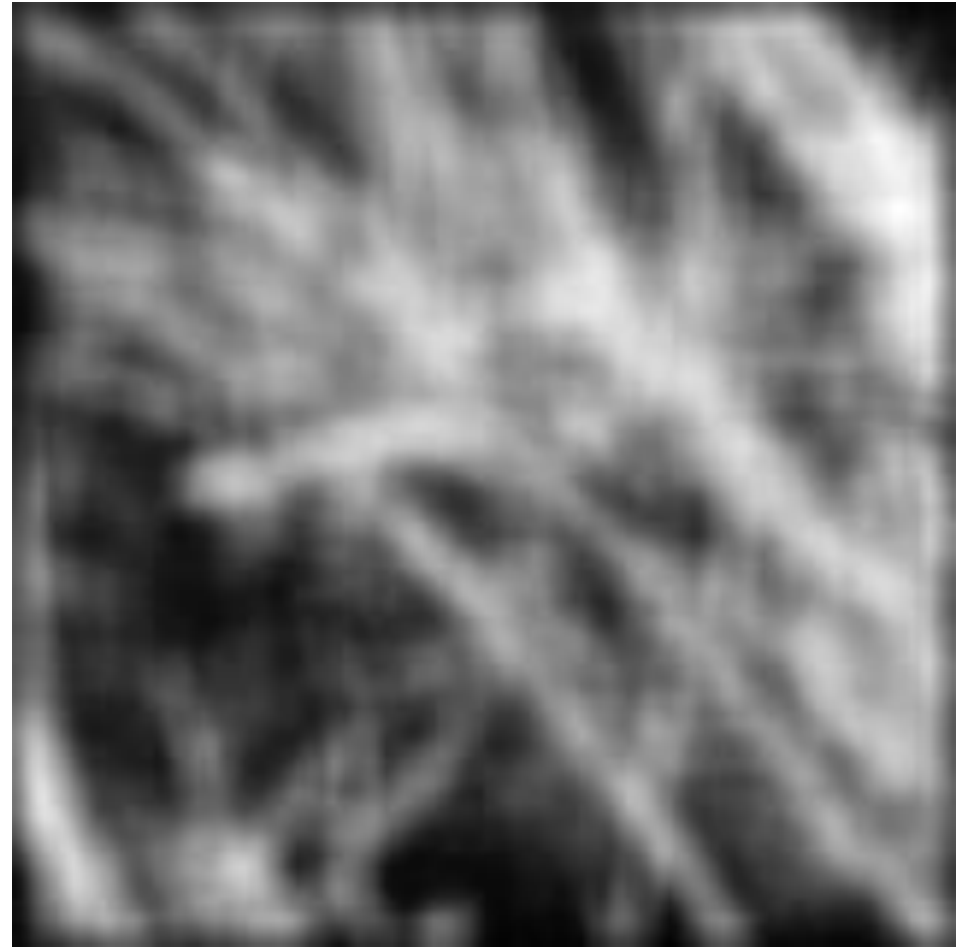
5 x 5, $\sigma = 1$

$$G_{\sigma} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Smoothing with Gaussian filter



Smoothing with box filter



Gaussian filters

- Remove “high-frequency” components from the image (low-pass filter)
 - Images become more smooth
- Convolution with self is another Gaussian
 - So can smooth with small-width kernel, repeat, and get same result as larger-width kernel would have
 - Convoluting two times with Gaussian kernel of width σ is same as convoluting once with kernel of width $\sigma\sqrt{2}$
- *Separable* kernel
 - Factors into product of two 1D Gaussians

Separability of the Gaussian filter

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\sigma}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp -\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp -\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The 2D Gaussian can be expressed as the product of two functions, one a function of x and the other a function of y

In this case, the two functions are the (identical) 1D Gaussian

Separability example

2D filtering
(center location only)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

The filter factors
into a product of 1D
filters:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform filtering
along rows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & 11 & \\ & 18 & \\ & 18 & \end{bmatrix}$$

Followed by filtering
along the remaining column:

Separability

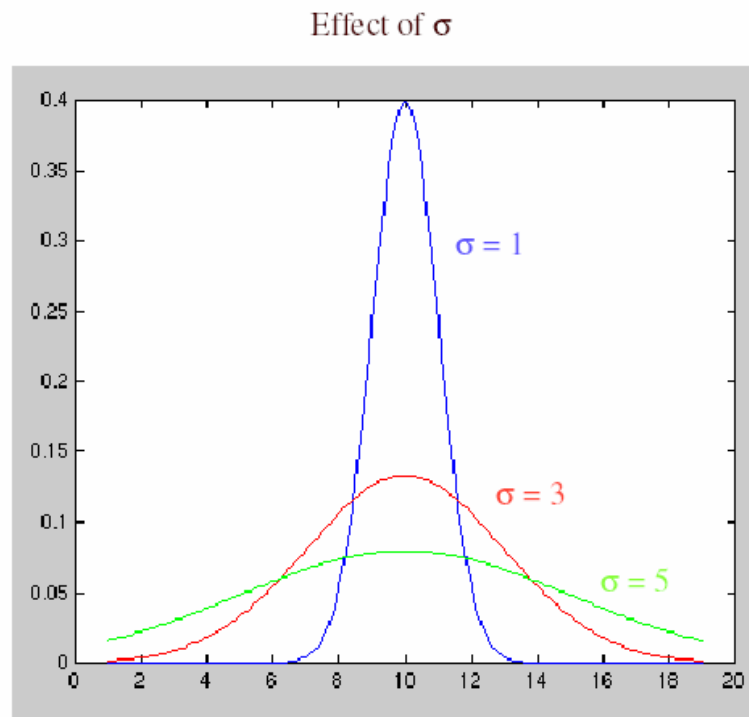
- Why is separability useful in practice?

Some practical matters

Practical matters

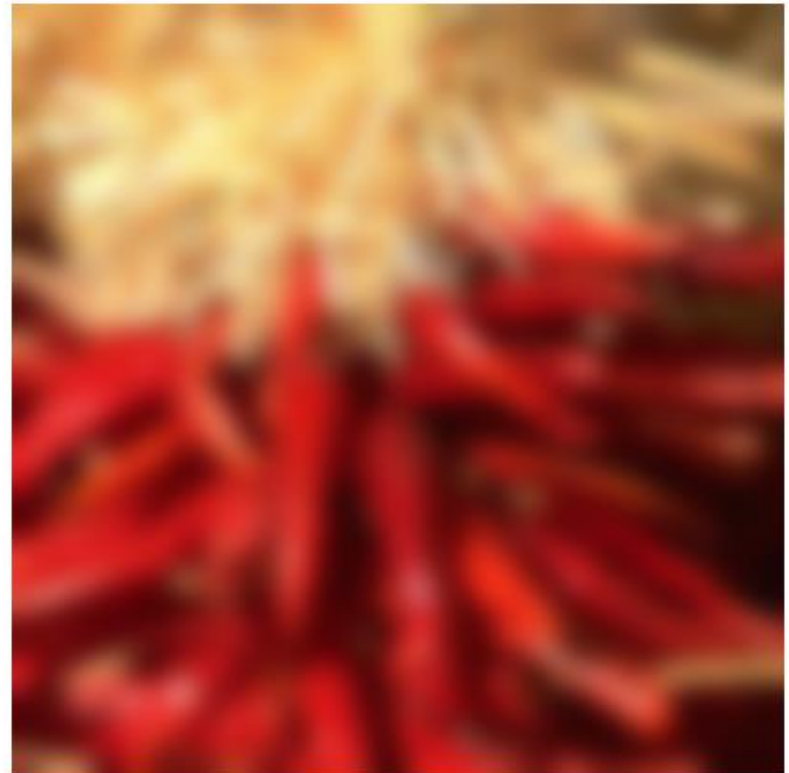
How big should the filter be?

- Values at edges should be near zero
- Rule of thumb for Gaussian: set filter half-width to about 3σ



Practical matters

- What about near the edge?
 - the filter window falls off the edge of the image
 - need to extrapolate
 - methods:
 - clip filter (black)
 - wrap around
 - copy edge
 - reflect across edge



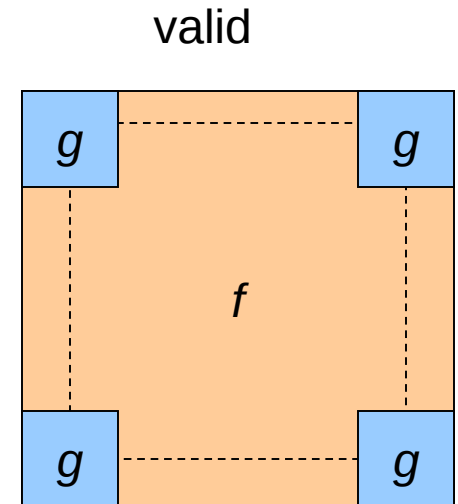
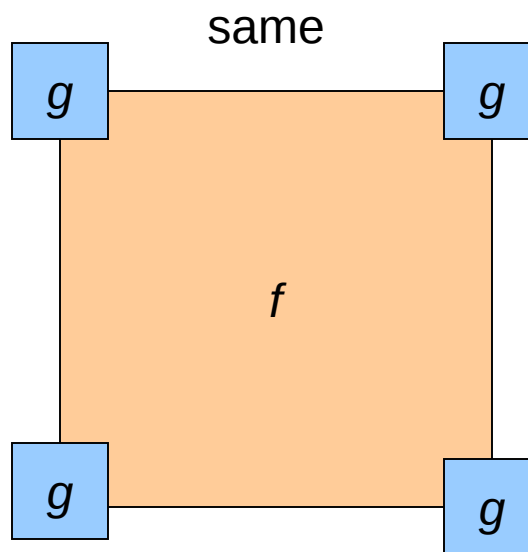
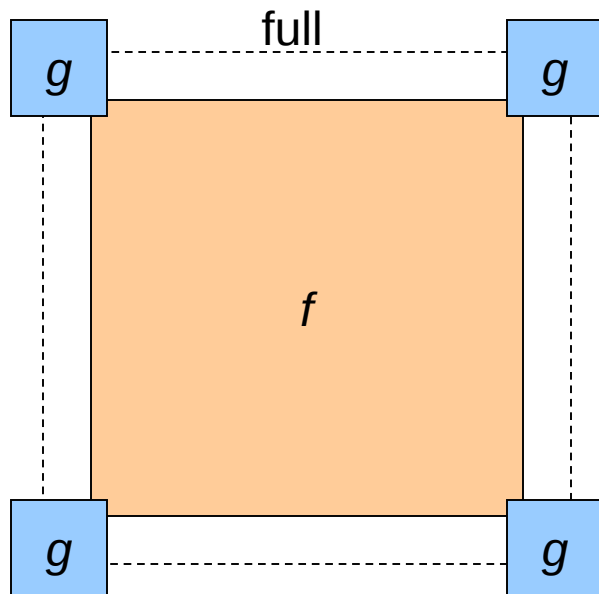
Practical matters

– methods (MATLAB):

- clip filter (black): `imfilter(f, g, 0)`
- wrap around: `imfilter(f, g, 'circular')`
- copy edge: `imfilter(f, g, 'replicate')`
- reflect across edge: `imfilter(f, g, 'symmetric')`

Practical matters

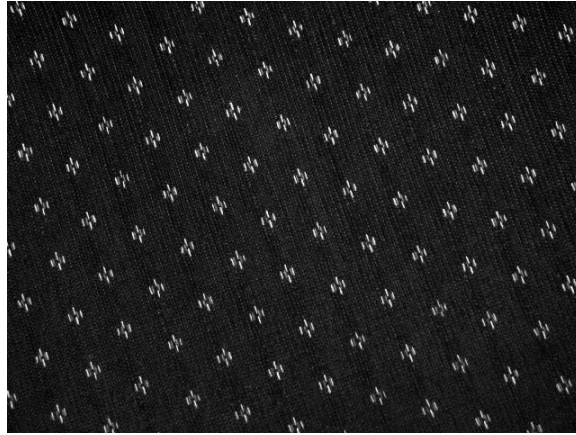
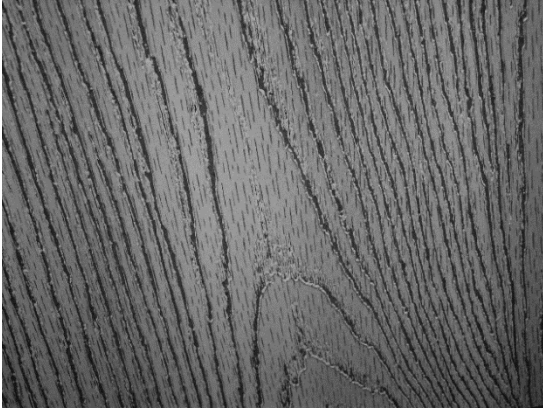
- What is the size of the output?
- MATLAB: `filter2(g, f, shape)`
 - *shape* = 'full': output size is sum of sizes of *f* and *g*
 - *shape* = 'same': output size is same as *f*
 - *shape* = 'valid': output size is difference of sizes of *f* and *g*



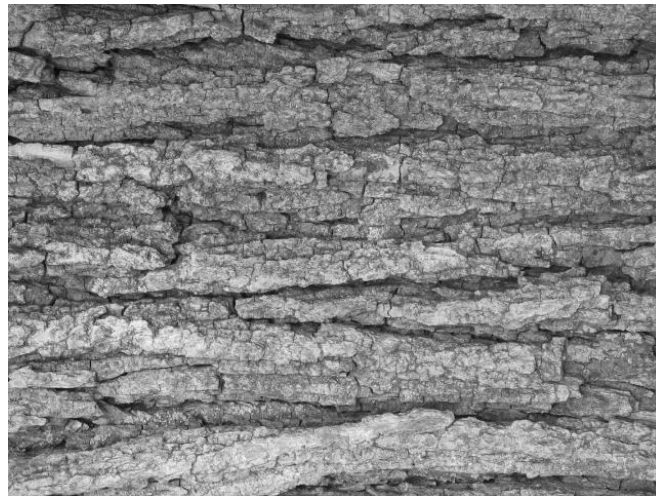
Application: Representing Texture



Texture and Material



Texture and Orientation



Texture and Scale



What is texture?

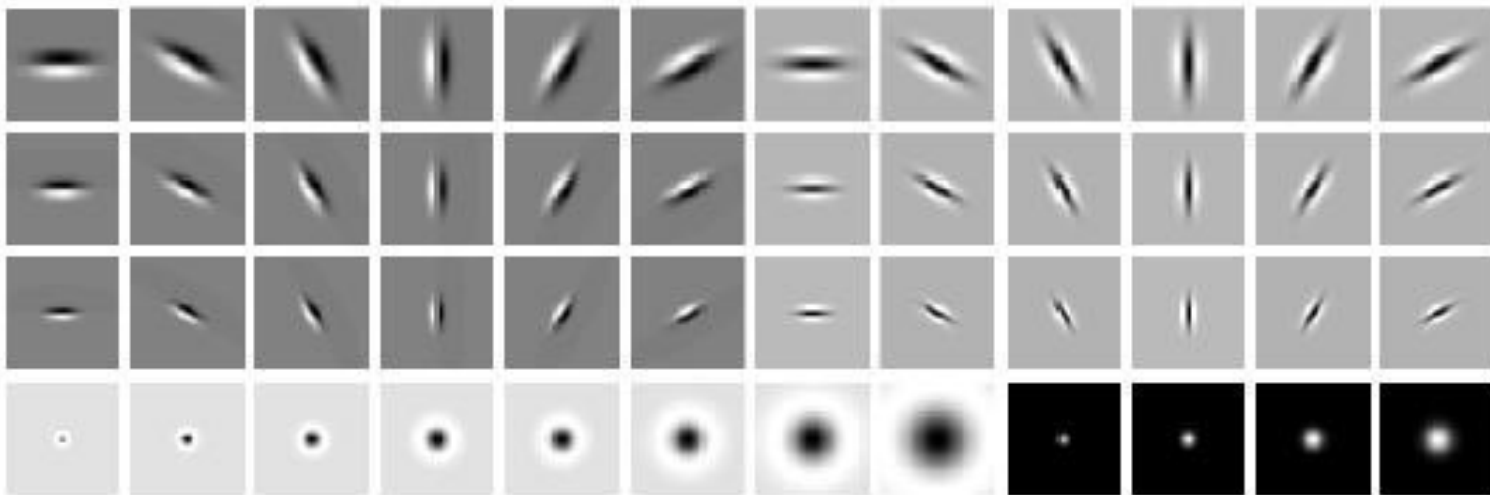
Regular or stochastic patterns caused by bumps, grooves, and/or markings

How can we represent texture?

- Compute responses of blobs and edges at various orientations and scales

Overcomplete representation: filter banks

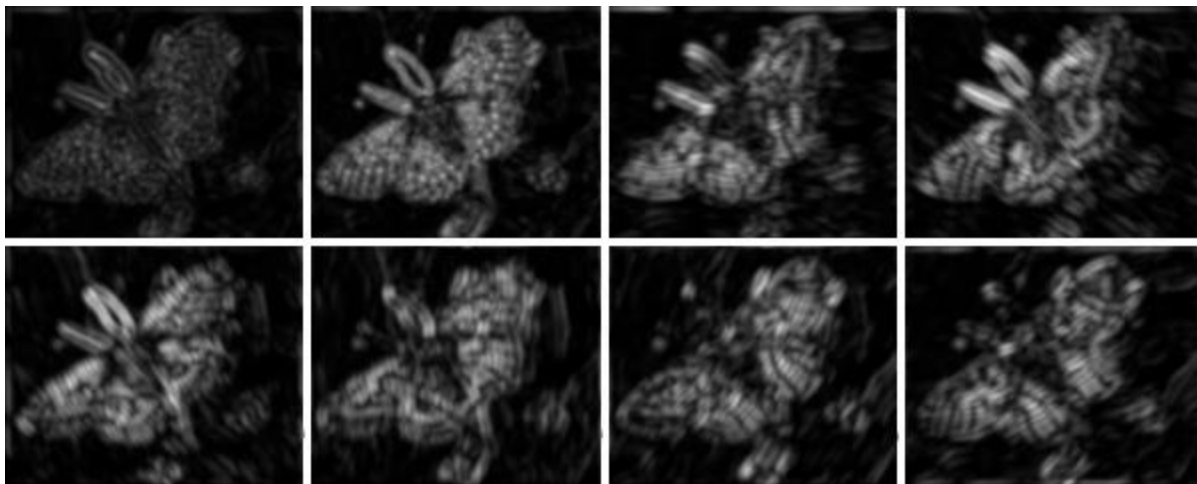
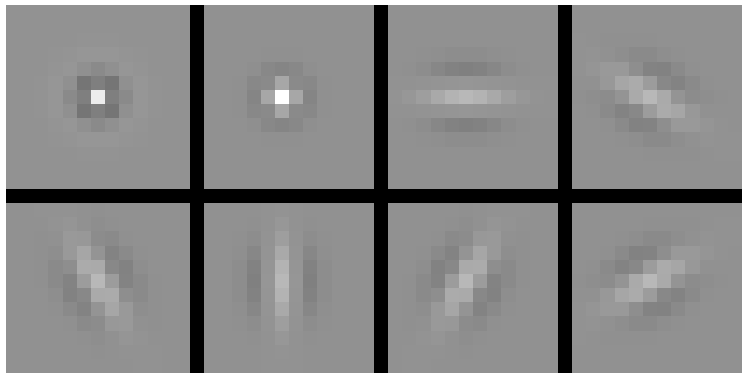
LM Filter Bank



Code for filter banks: www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/texclass/filters.html

Filter banks

- Process image with each filter and keep responses (or squared/abs responses)

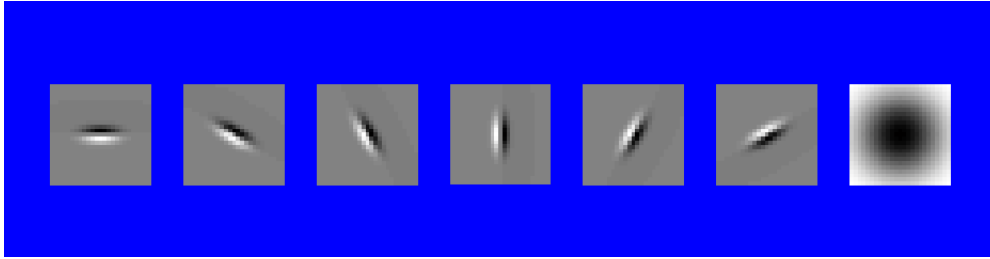


How can we represent texture?

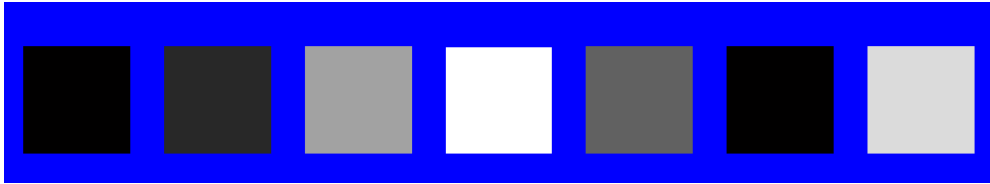
- Measure responses of blobs and edges at various orientations and scales
- Record simple statistics (e.g., mean, std.) of absolute filter responses

Can you match the texture to the response?

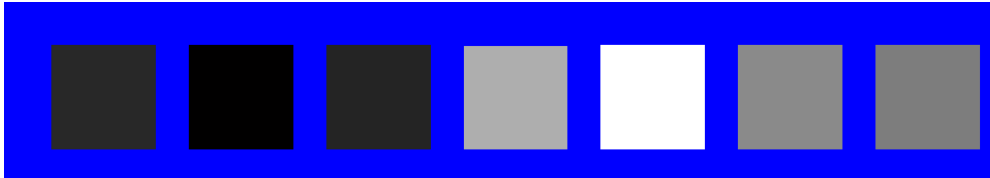
Filters



1



2

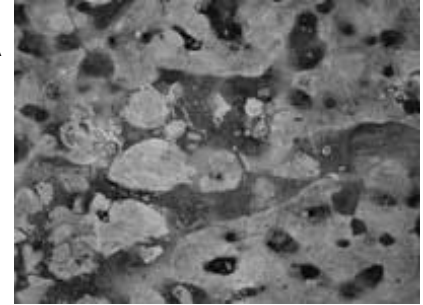


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Mean abs responses

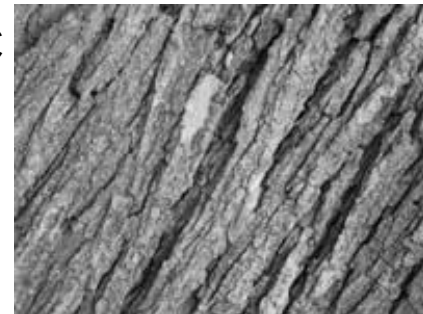
A



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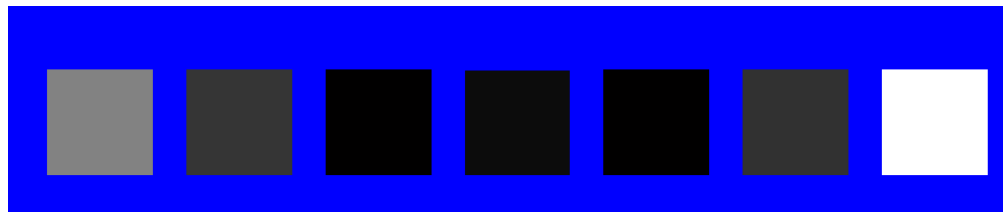
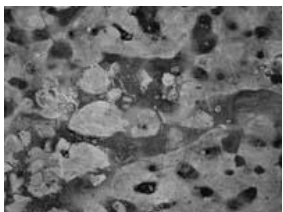
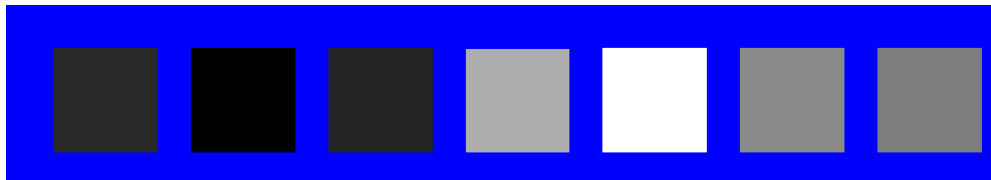
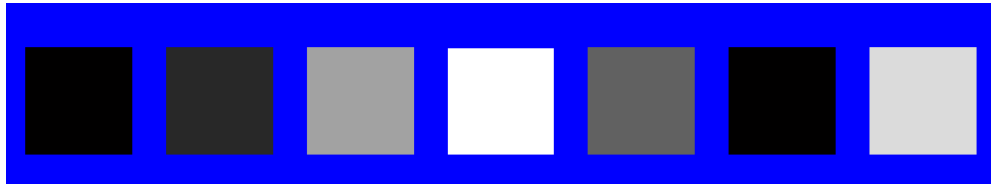
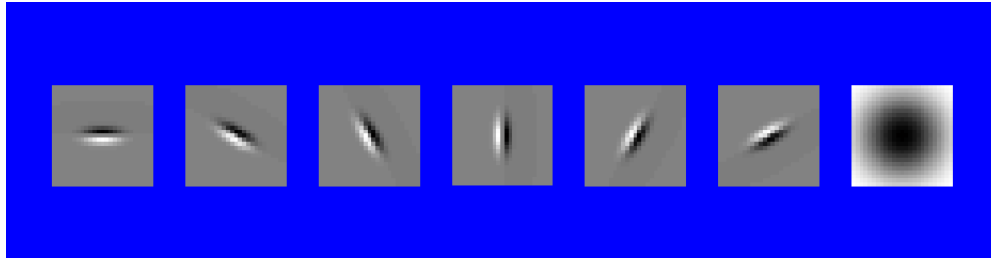


C



Representing texture by mean abs response

Filters

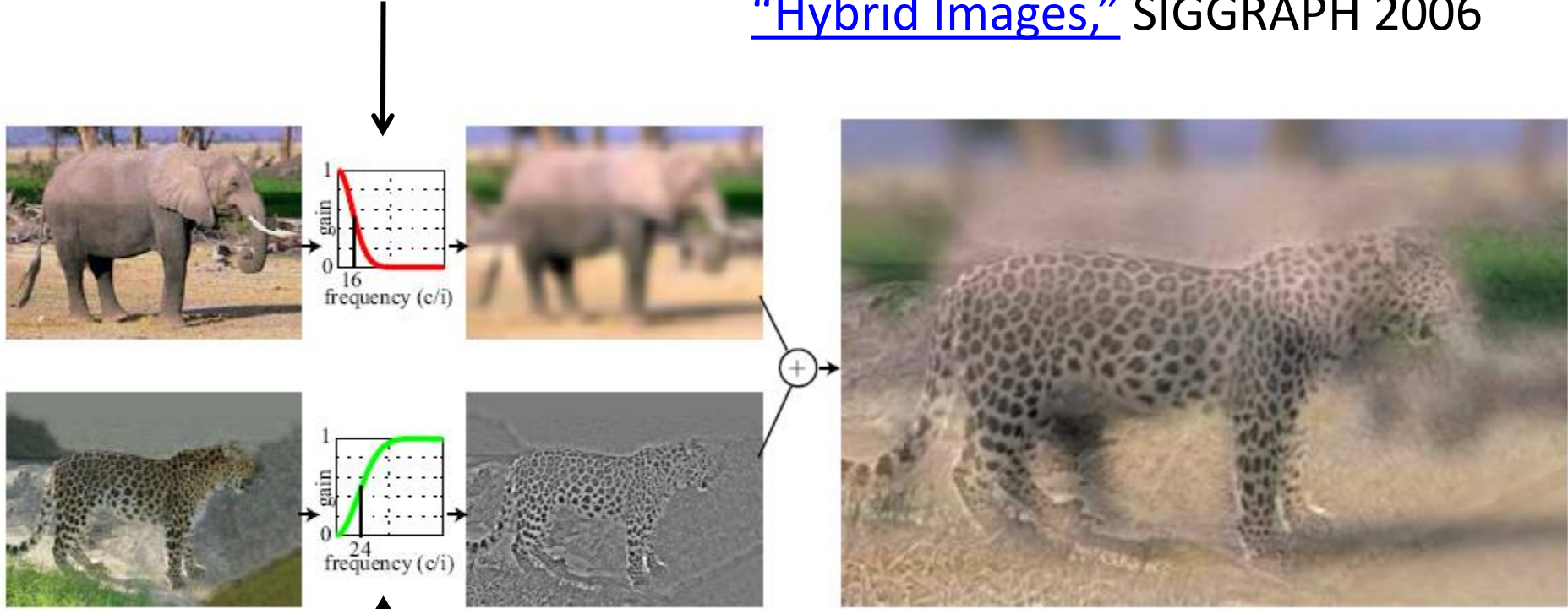


Mean abs responses

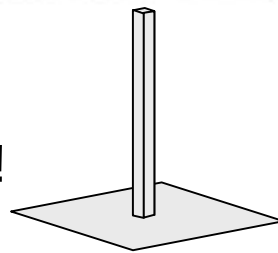
Project 1: Hybrid Images

A. Oliva, A. Torralba, P.G. Schyns,
[“Hybrid Images,”](#) SIGGRAPH 2006

Gaussian Filter!

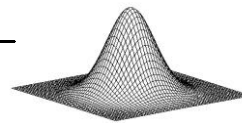


Laplacian Filter!



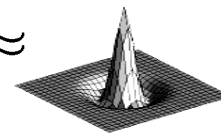
unit impulse

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Gaussian

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Laplacian of Gaussian

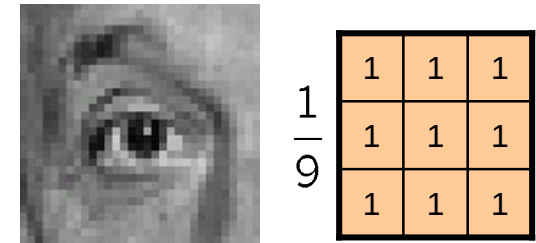
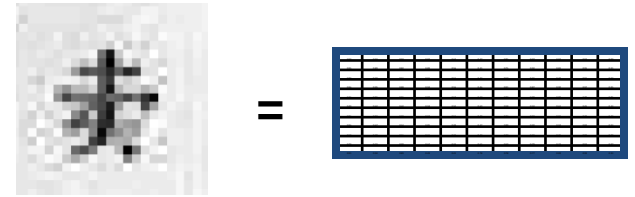
Project Instructions:

http://courses.engr.illinois.edu/cs498dh3/projects/hybrid/ComputationalPhotography_ProjectHybrid.html



Take-home messages

- Image is a matrix of numbers
- Linear filtering is a dot product at each position
 - Can smooth, sharpen, translate (among many other uses)
- Be aware of details for filter size, extrapolation, cropping
- Start thinking about project (read the paper, create a test project page)



Take-home questions

1. Write down a 3x3 filter that returns a positive value if the average value of the 4-adjacent neighbors is less than the center and a negative value otherwise
2. Write down a filter that will compute the gradient in the x-direction:

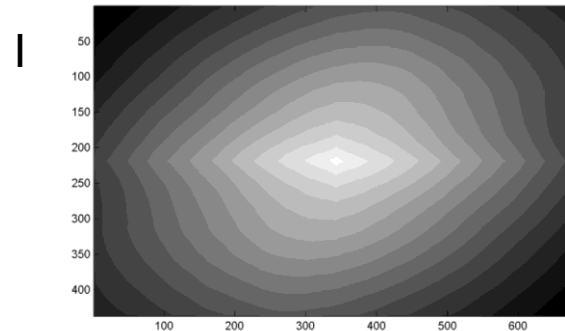
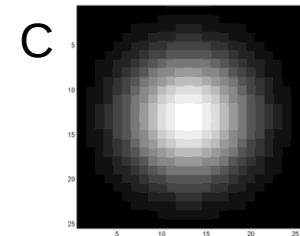
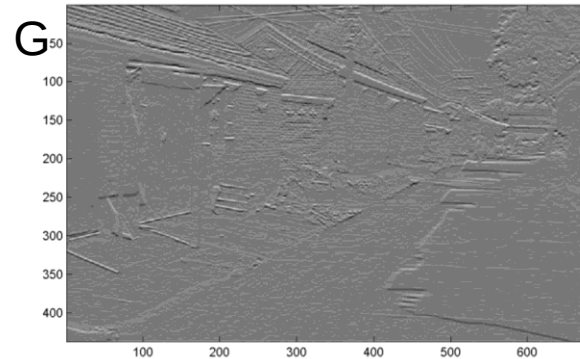
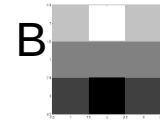
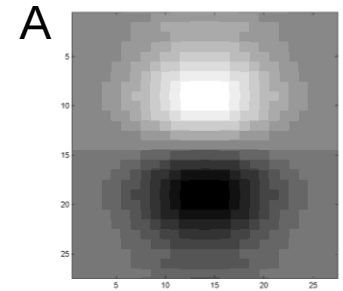
$$\text{gradx}(y, x) = \text{im}(y, x+1) - \text{im}(y, x) \quad \text{for each } x, y$$

Take-home questions

3. Fill in the blanks:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad & _ = D * B \\ \text{b)} \quad & A = _ * _ \\ \text{c)} \quad & F = D * _ \\ \text{d)} \quad & _ = D * D \end{aligned}$$

Filtering Operator



Next class: Thinking in Frequency

