
Cvision – 3

Image Pre-processing: Filtering & Enhancement

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Outline

- Frequency Space
- Spatial Convolution
- Spatial filters
 - Gaussian; Oriented Gaussian; Mean; Median
- Frequency domain filtering
- Edge detection

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Topic: Frequency Space

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How does this apply to images?

- We have defined the Fourier Transform as

$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-iux} dx$$

- But images are:
 - Discrete.
 - Two-dimensional.

0	3	2	5	4	7	6	9	8
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6
5	2	3	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	3	2	1	0	3	2	5	4
7	4	5	2	3	0	1	2	3
6	5	4	3	2	1	0	3	2
9	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

What a computer sees



2D Discrete FT

- In a 2-variable case, the discrete FT pair is:

$$F(u, v) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{x=0}^{M-1} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} f(x, y) \exp[-j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)]$$

For $u=0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1$ and $v=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

New matrix
with the
same size!

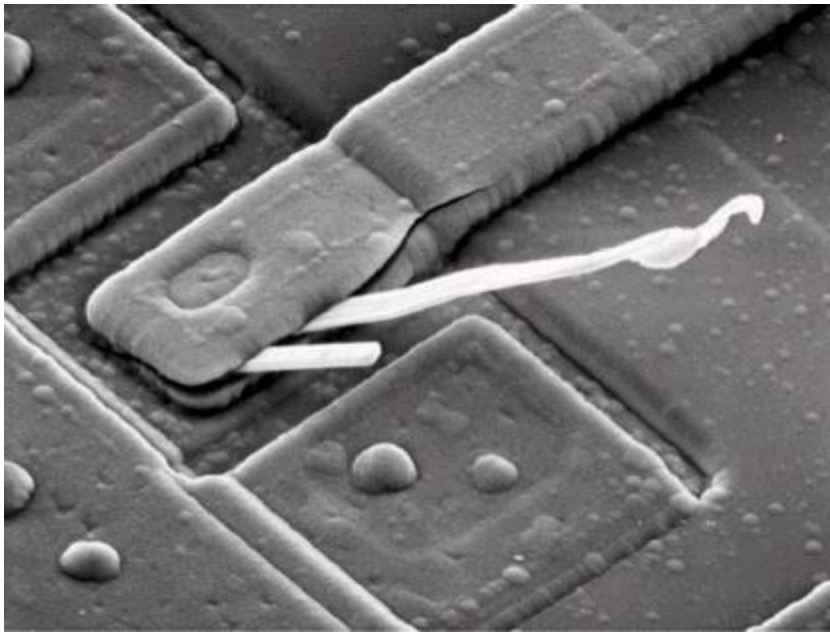
AND:
$$f(x, y) = \sum_{u=0}^{M-1} \sum_{v=0}^{N-1} F(u, v) \exp[j2\pi(ux/M + vy/N)]$$

For $x=0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1$ and $y=0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$

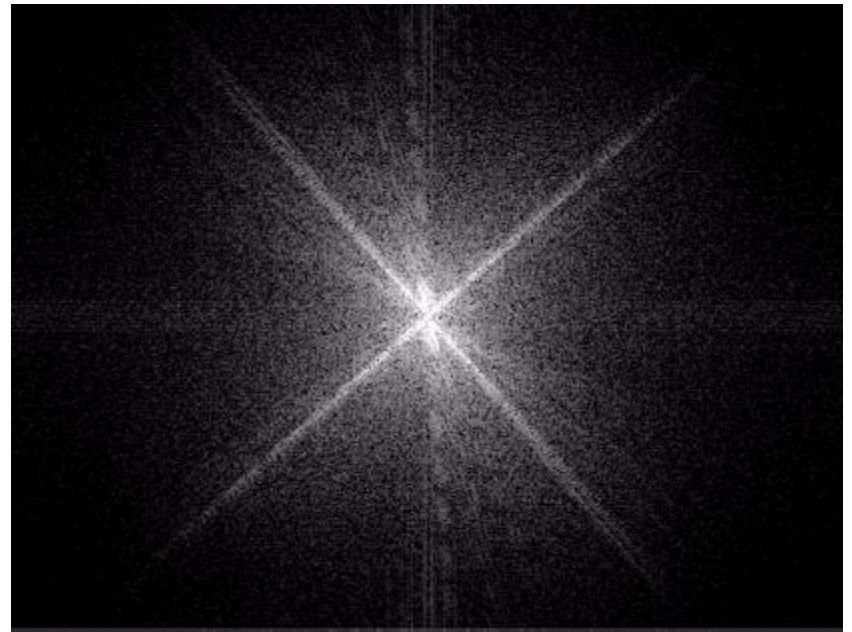


Frequency Space

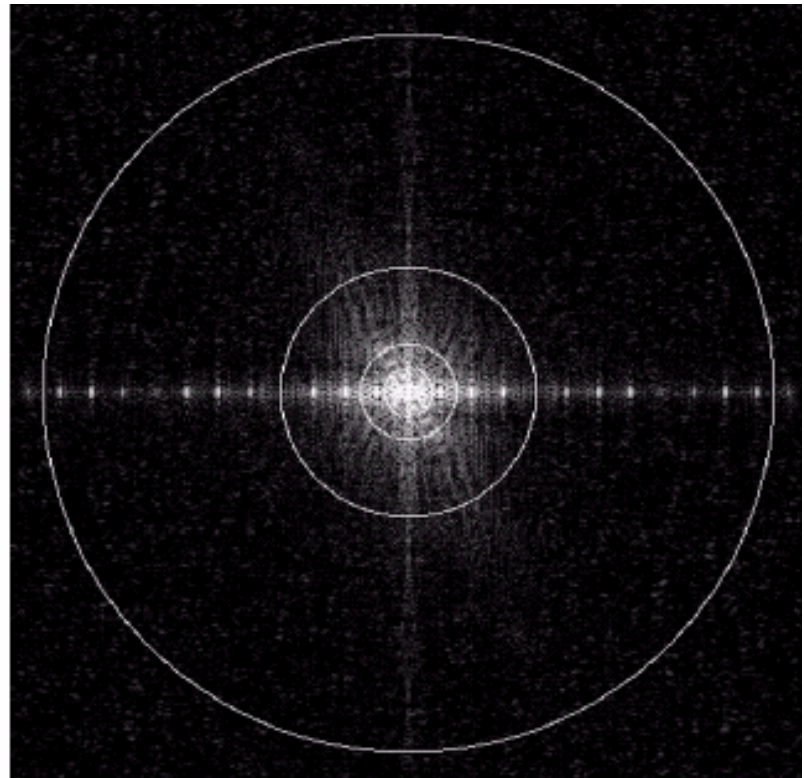
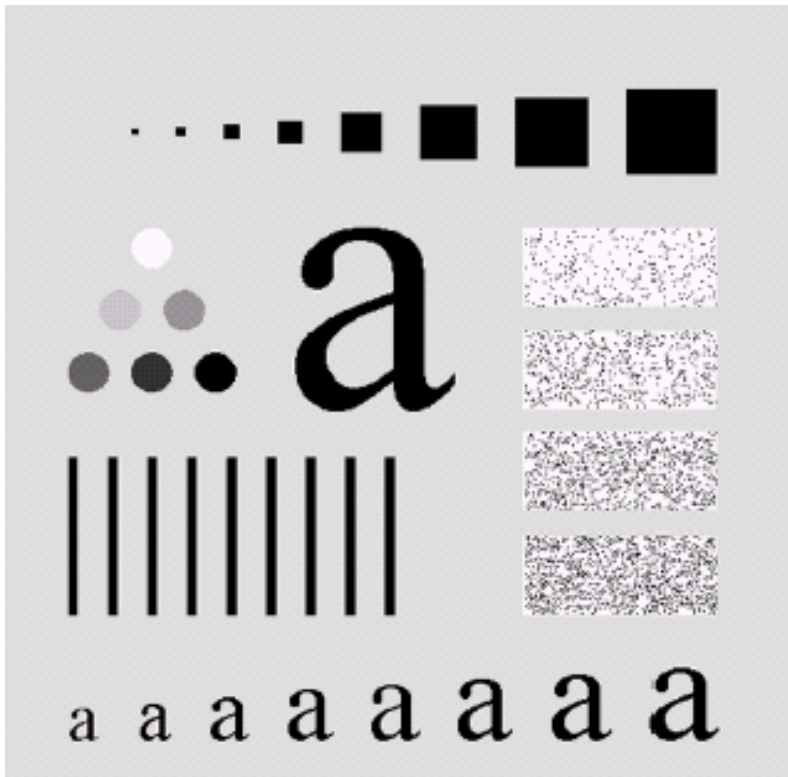
- Image Space
 - $f(x,y)$
 - Intuitive



- Frequency Space
 - $F(u,v)$
 - What does this mean?



Power distribution

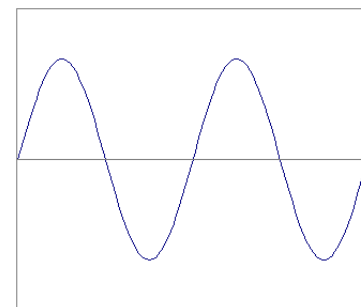


An image (500x500 pixels) and its Fourier spectrum. The super-imposed circles have radii values of 5, 15, 30, 80, and 230, which respectively enclose 92.0, 94.6, 96.4, 98.0, and 99.5% of the image power.

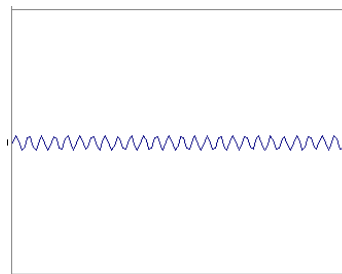


Power distribution

- Most power is in low frequencies.
- Means we are using more of this:



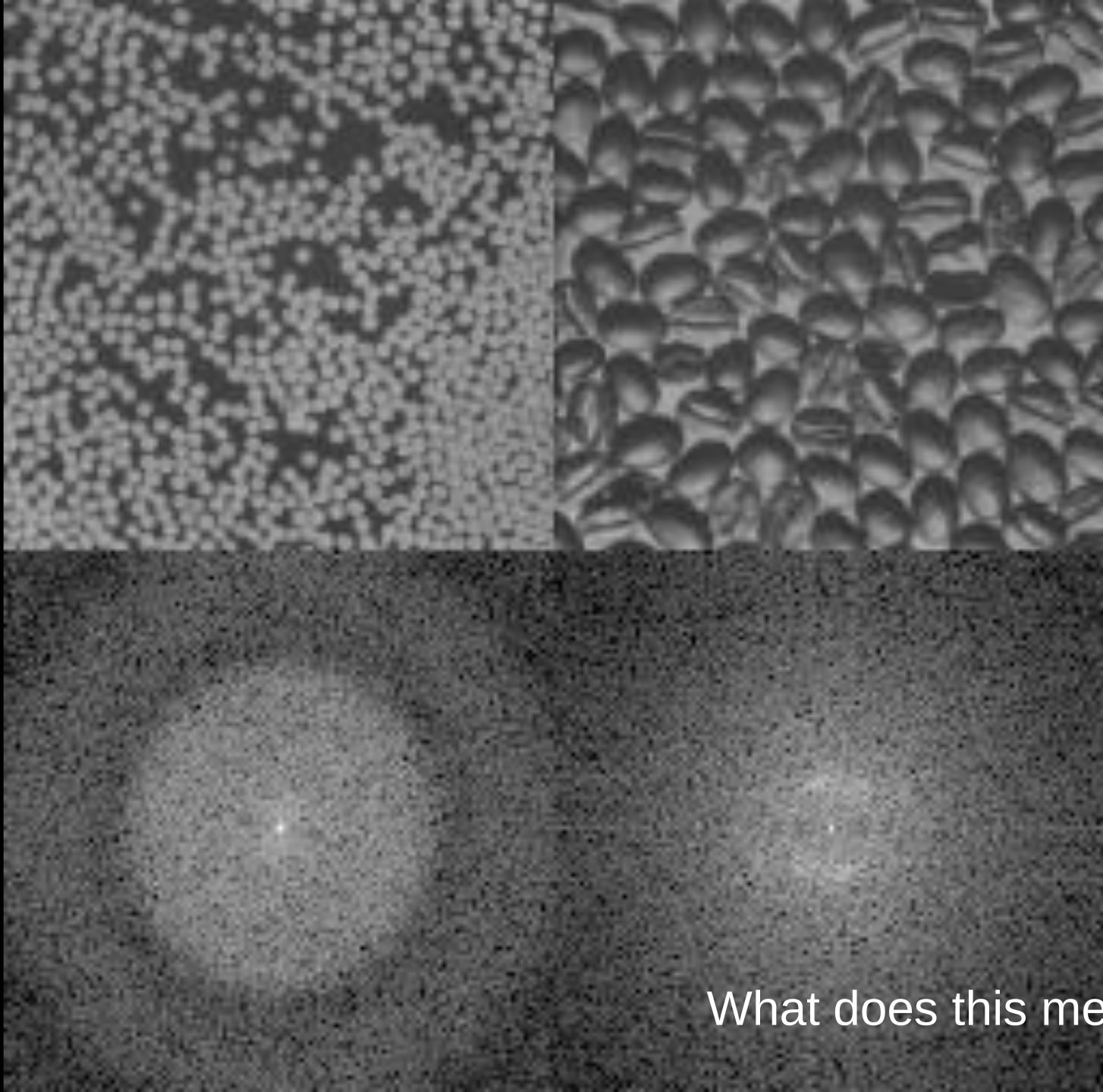
And less of this:



To represent our signal.

- Why?

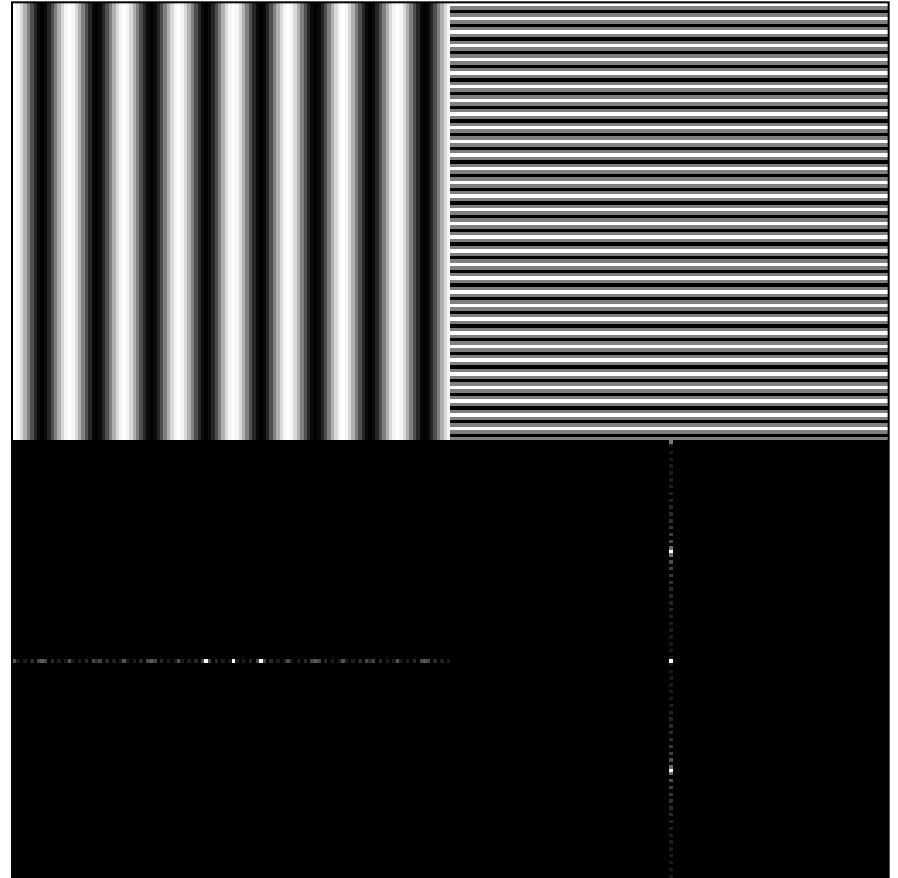


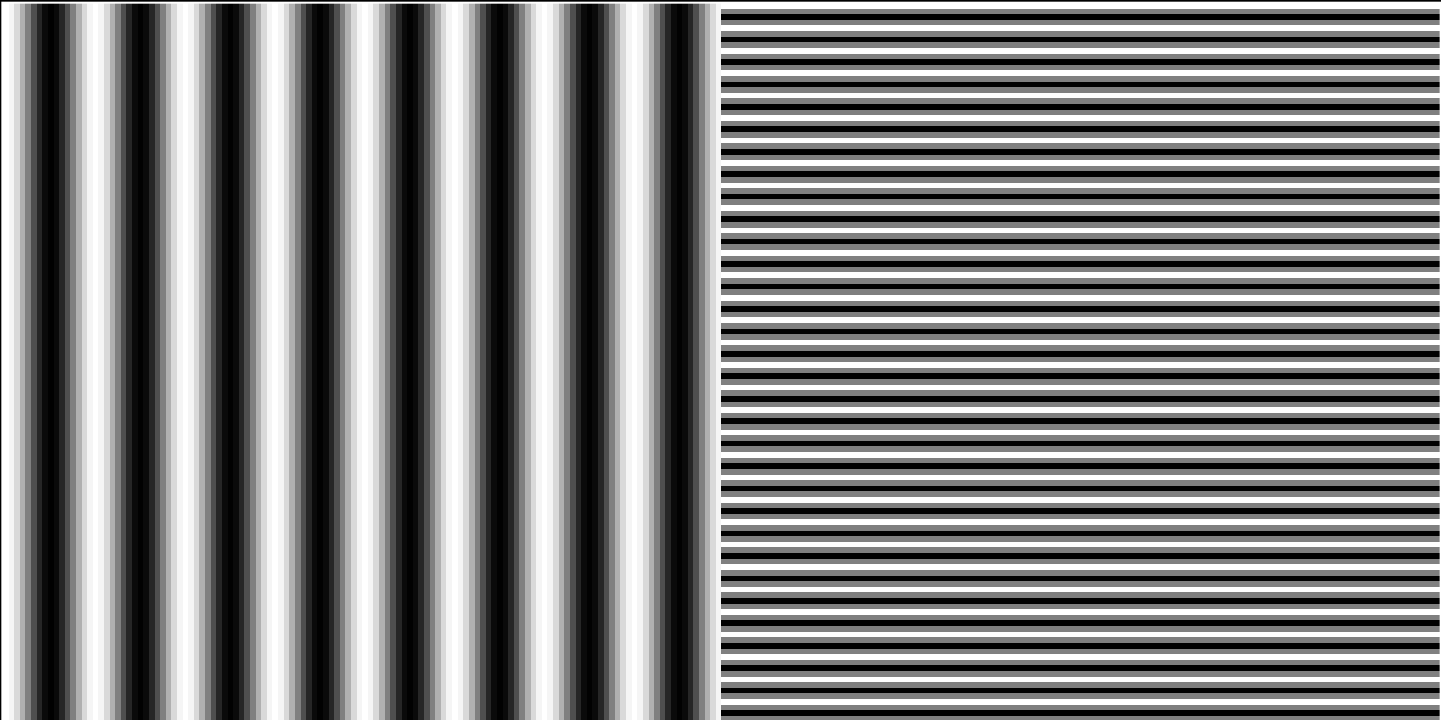


What does this mean??

Horizontal and Vertical Frequency

- Frequencies:
 - Horizontal frequencies correspond to horizontal gradients.
 - Vertical frequencies correspond to vertical gradients.
- What about diagonal lines?







If I discard high-frequencies, I get a blurred image...
Why?

Why bother with FT?

- Great for filtering.
- Great for compression.
- In some situations: Much faster than operating in the spatial domain.
- Convolutions are simple multiplications in Frequency space!
- ...

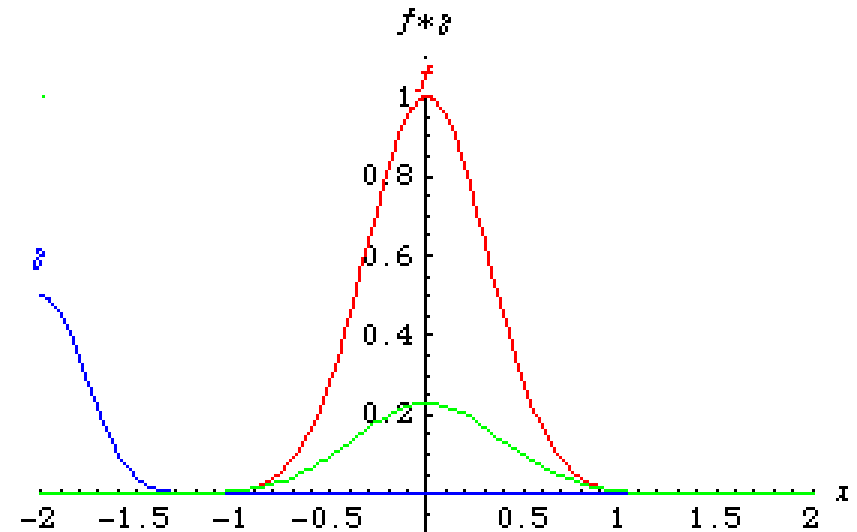
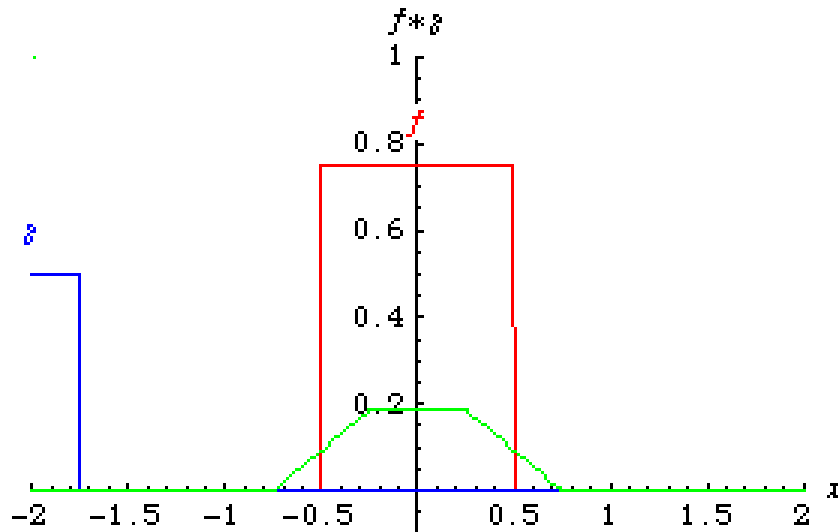


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Convolution

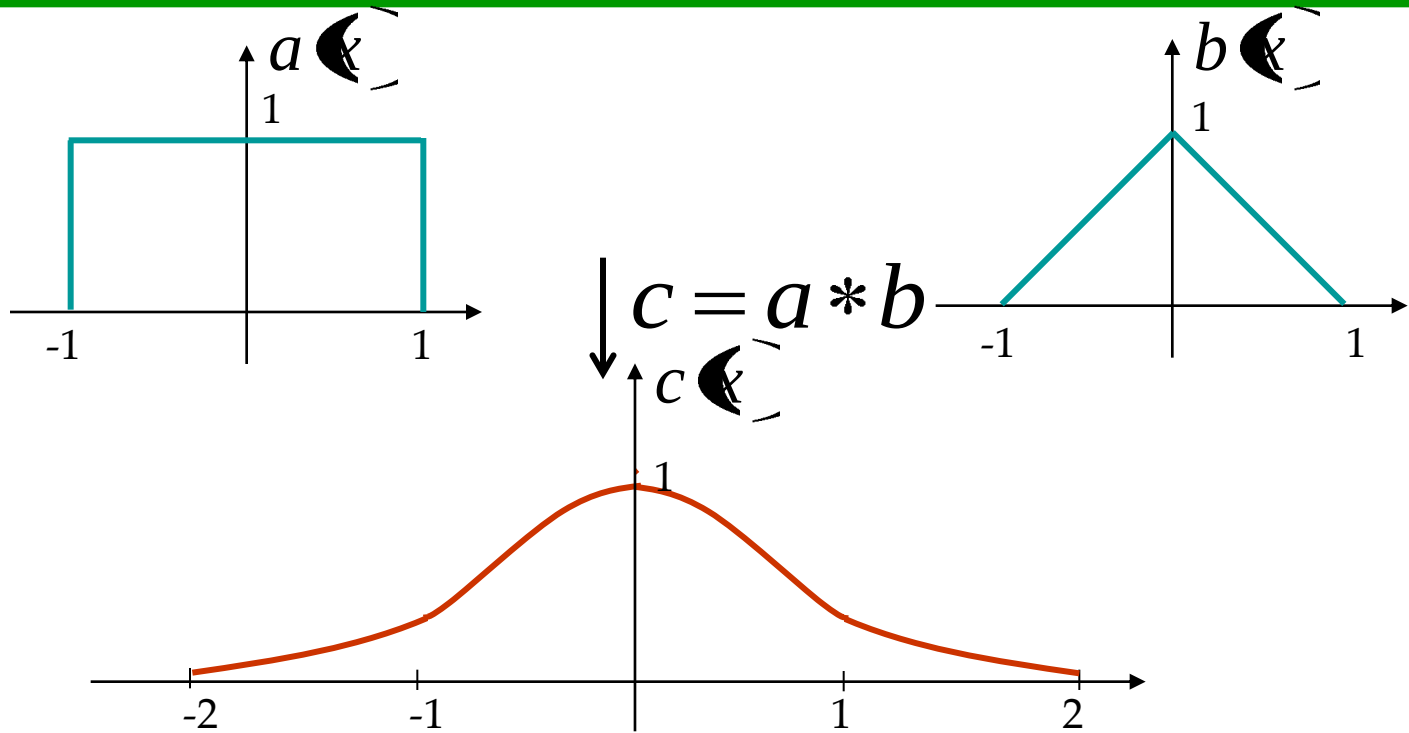


— f
— g
— $f * g$

Eric Weinstein's Math World



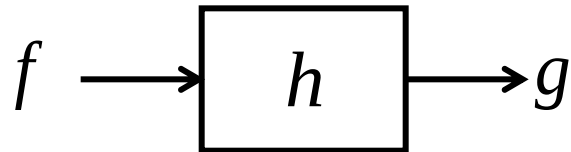
Convolution



$$g(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\omega) \overline{h(\omega - \tau)} d\tau \quad g = f * h$$



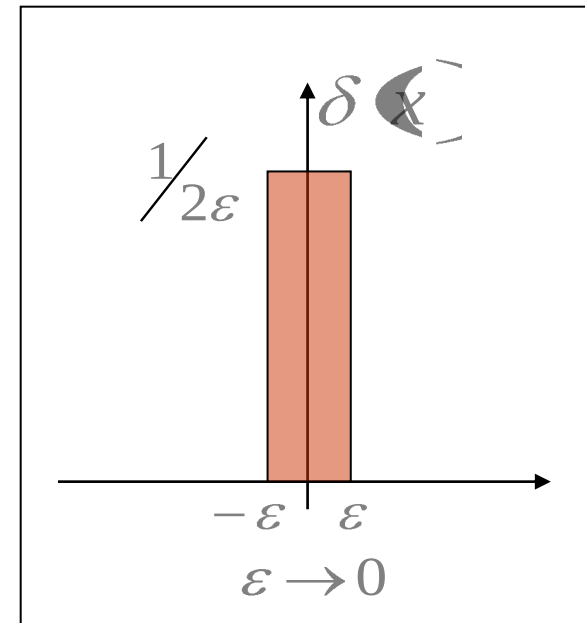
Convolution Kernel – Impulse Response



$$g = f * h$$

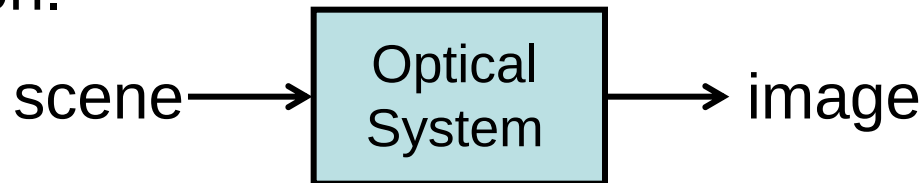
- What h will give us $g = f$?

Dirac Delta Function (Unit Impulse)

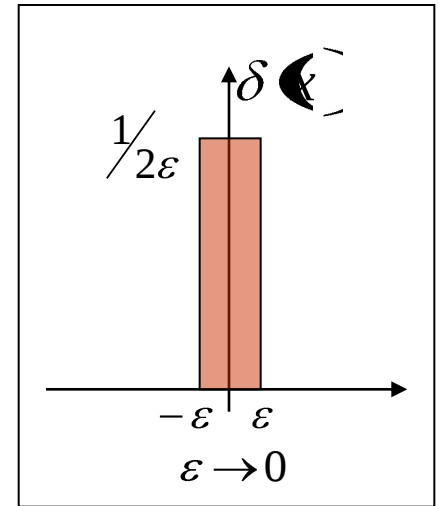
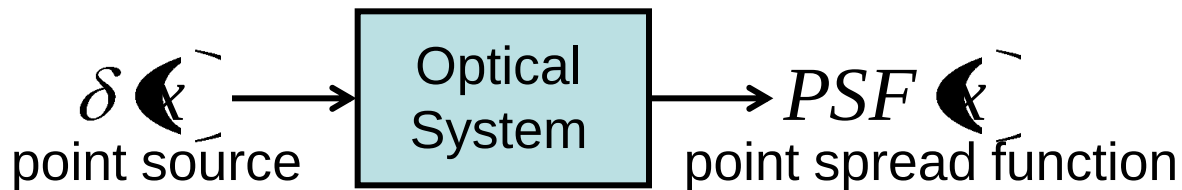


Point Spread Function

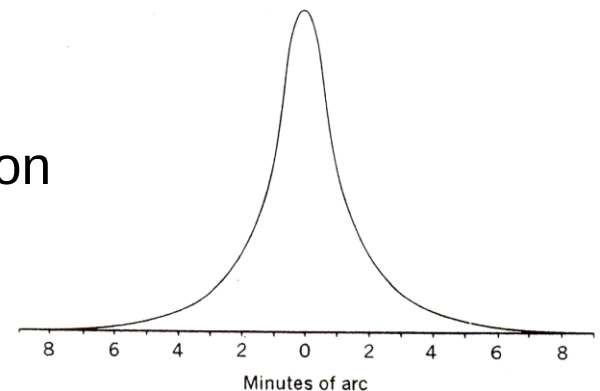
- Ideally, the optical system should be a Dirac delta function.



- However, optical systems are never ideal.



- Point spread function of Human Eyes.



Point Spread Function



normal vision



myopia



hyperopia



Properties of Convolution

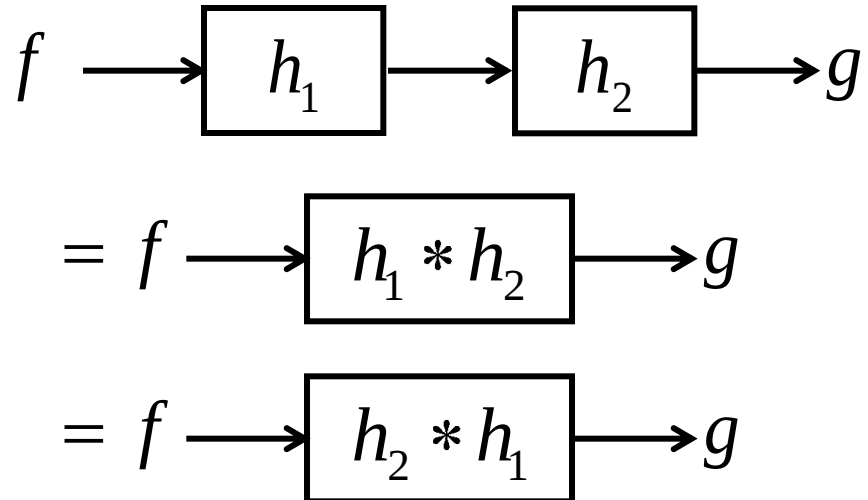
- Commutative

$$a * b = b * a$$

- Associative

$$(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$

- Cascade system



Fourier Transform and Convolution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } g &= f * h & \text{Then } G &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-i2\pi ux} dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(x-\tau) e^{-i2\pi ux} d\tau dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-i2\pi u\tau} d\tau \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x-\tau) e^{-i2\pi u(x-\tau)} dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) e^{-i2\pi u\tau} d\tau \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x') e^{-i2\pi ux'} dx' & = F(u) H(u)
 \end{aligned}$$

Convolution in spatial domain

$\Leftrightarrow$ Multiplication in frequency domain



Fourier Transform and Convolution

Spatial Domain (x)		Frequency Domain (u)
$g = f * h$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$G = FH$
$g = fh$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$G = F * H$

So, we can find $g(x)$ by Fourier transform

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} g & = & f & * & h \\ \uparrow & & | & & | \\ \boxed{\text{IFT}} & & \boxed{\text{FT}} & & \boxed{\text{FT}} \\ | & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ G & = & F & \times & H \end{array}$$

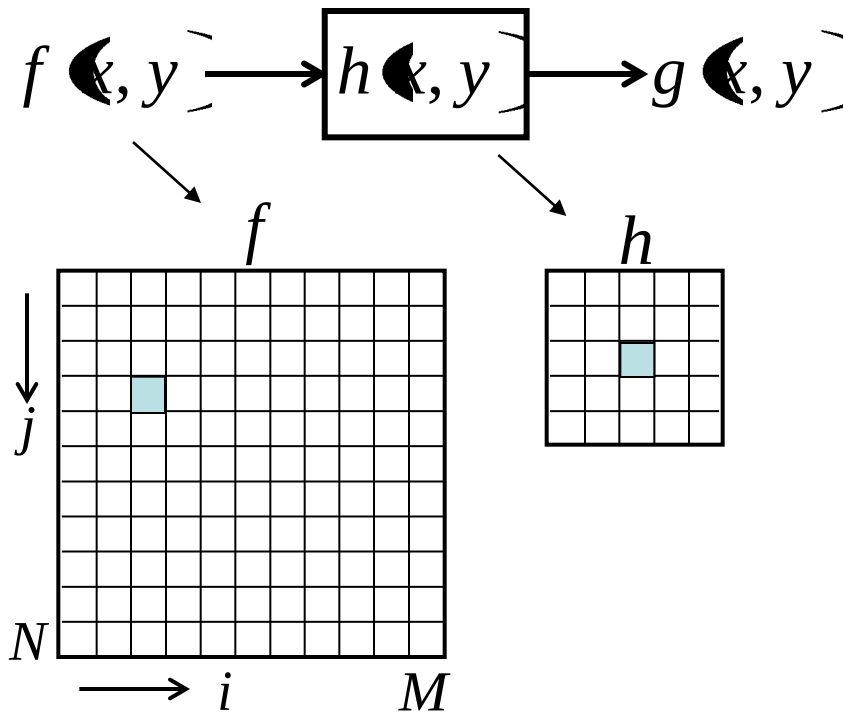


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Images are Discrete and Finite



Convolution

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N f(m, n) h(-m, j-n)$$

Fourier Transform

$$F(u, v) = \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N f(m, n) e^{-i2\pi \left(\frac{mu}{M} + \frac{nv}{N} \right)}$$

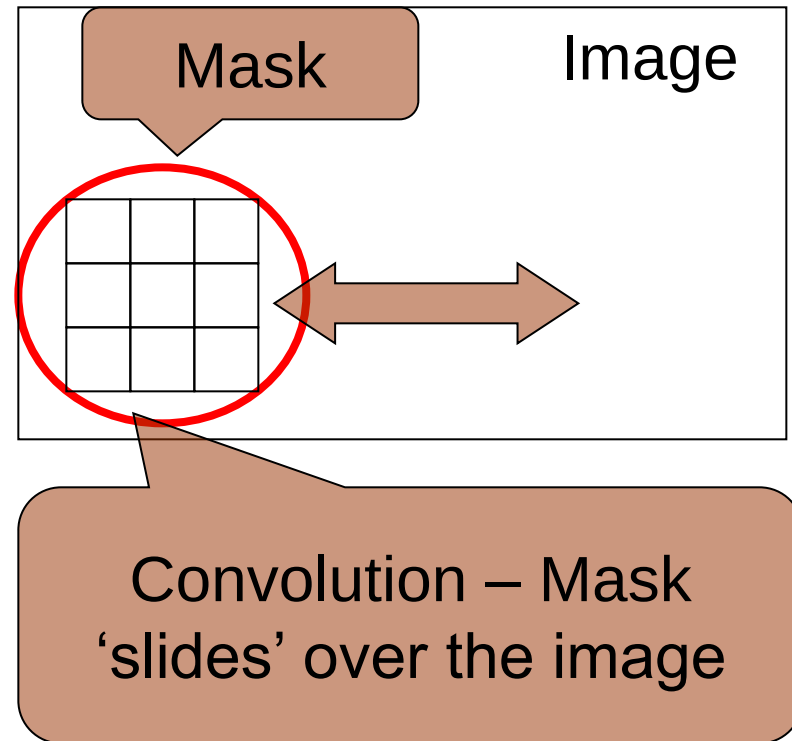
Inverse Fourier Transform

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{u=1}^M \sum_{v=1}^N F(u, v) e^{i2\pi \left(\frac{ku}{M} + \frac{lv}{N} \right)}$$



Spatial Mask

- Simple way to process an image.
- Mask defines the processing function.
- Represents a spatial convolution that corresponds to a multiplication in frequency domain.



Example (1 pixel)

- Each mask position has weight **w**.
- The result of the operation for each pixel is given by:

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

Mask

2	2	2
4	4	4
4	5	6

Image

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{s=-a}^a \sum_{t=-b}^b w(s, t) f(x + s, y + t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1*2 + 2*2 + 1*2 + \dots \\ &= 8 + 0 - 20 \\ &= -12 \end{aligned}$$



Definitions

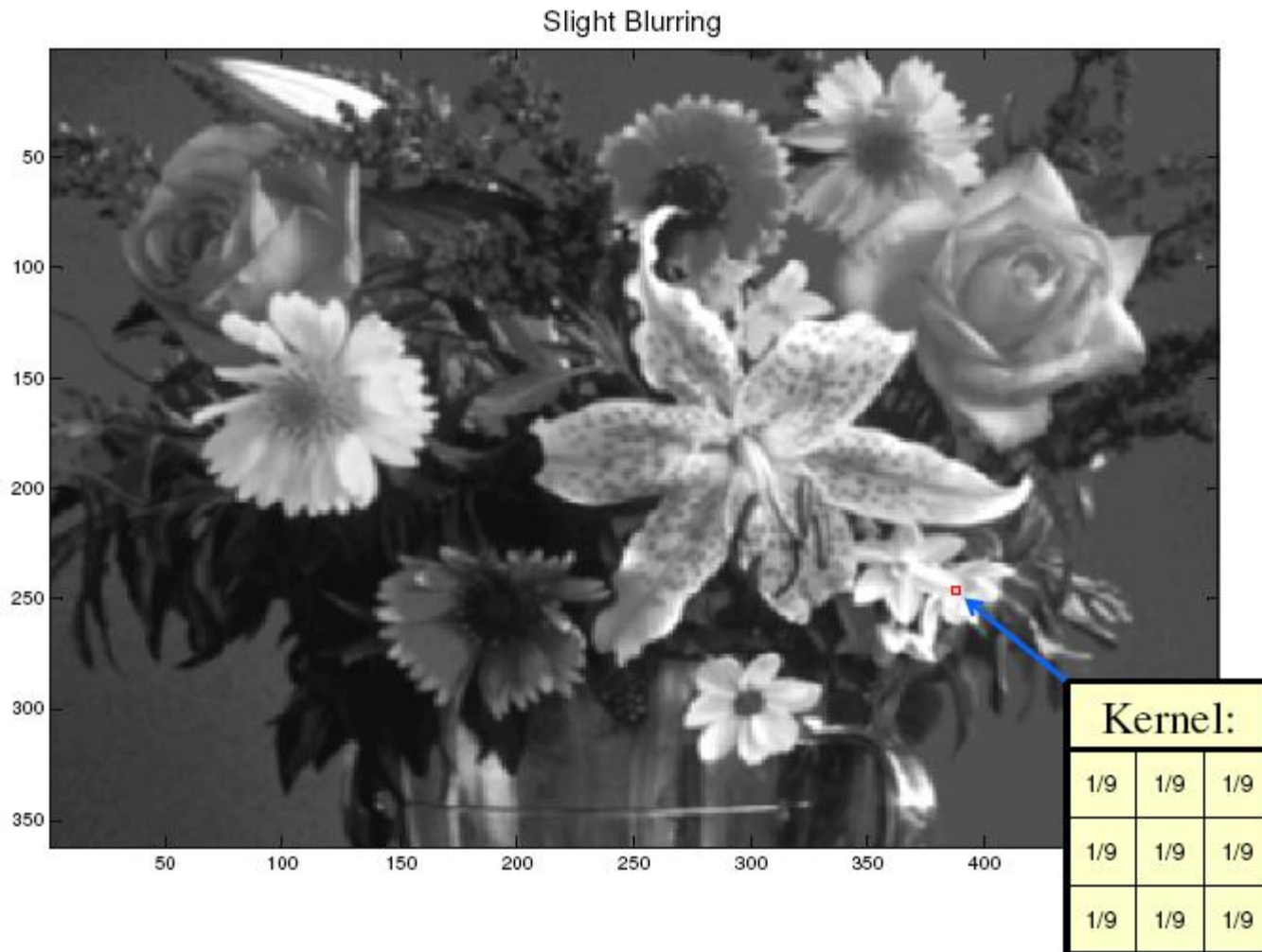
- Spatial filters
 - Use a **mask (kernel)** over an image region.
 - Work directly with pixels.
 - As opposed to: **Frequency filters**.
- Advantages
 - Simple implementation: **convolution** with the kernel function.
 - Different masks offer a **large variety of functionalities**.



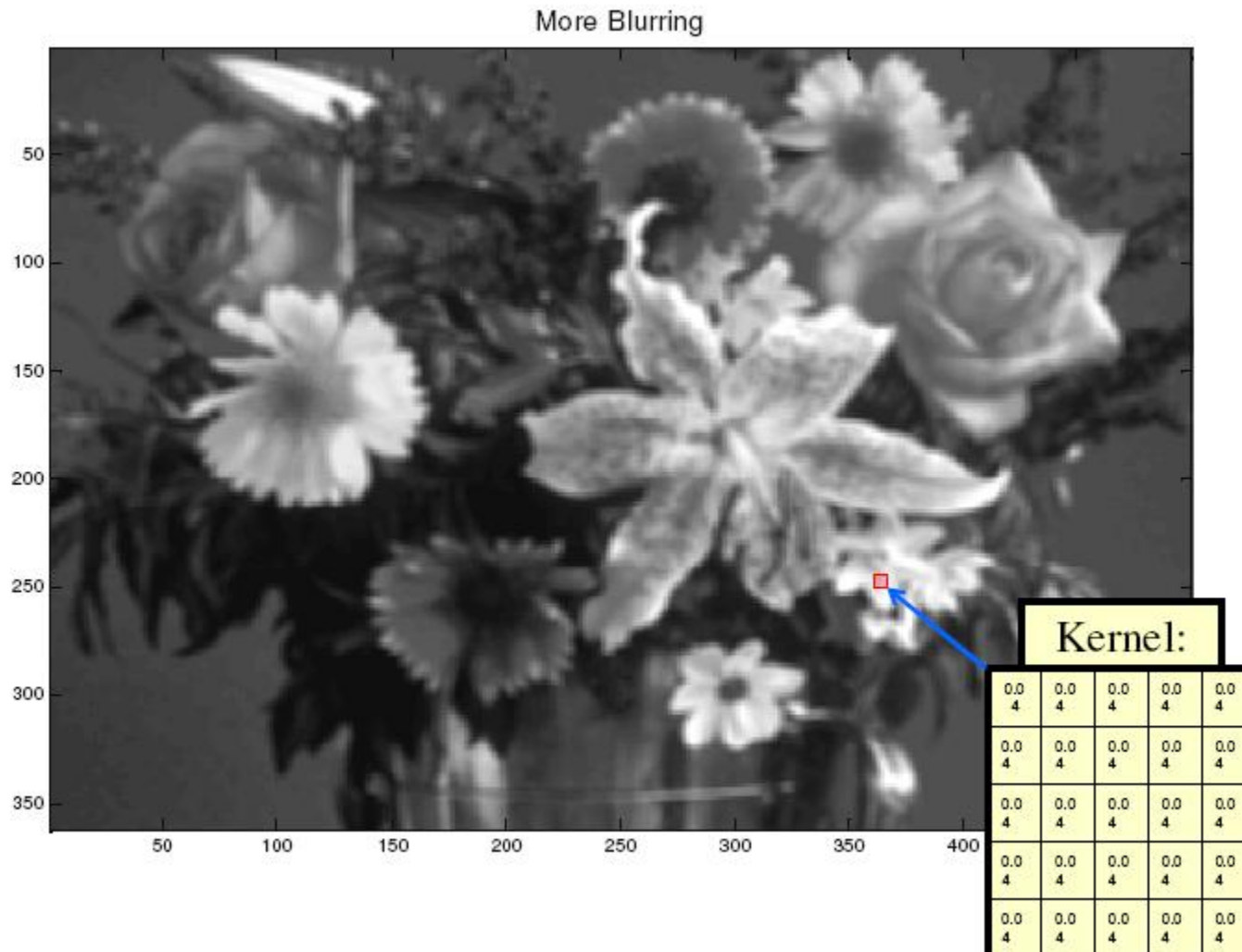
Example (360x500 image)



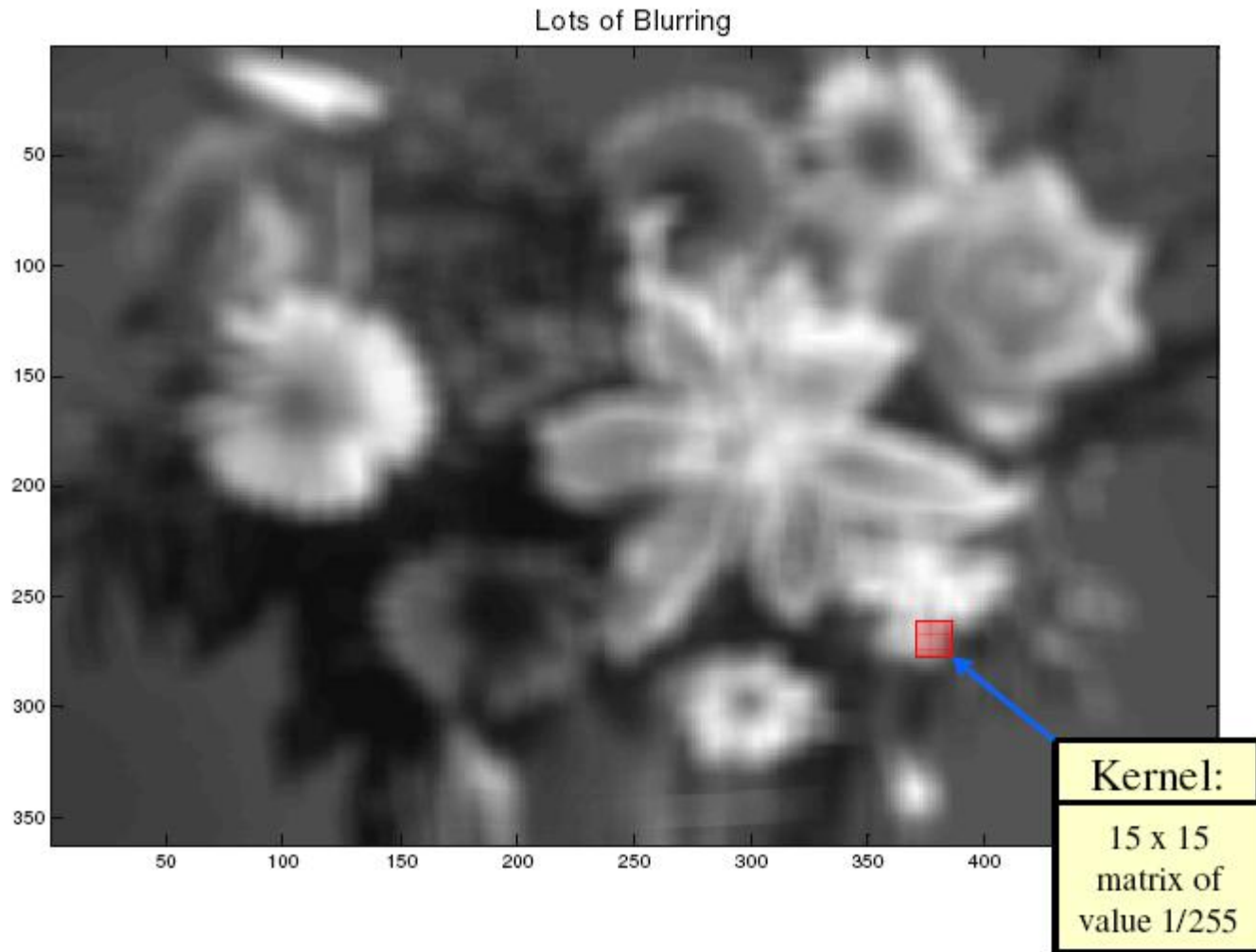
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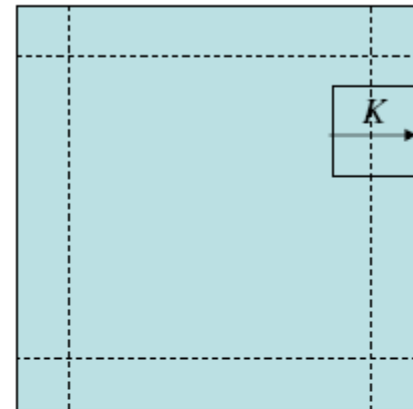
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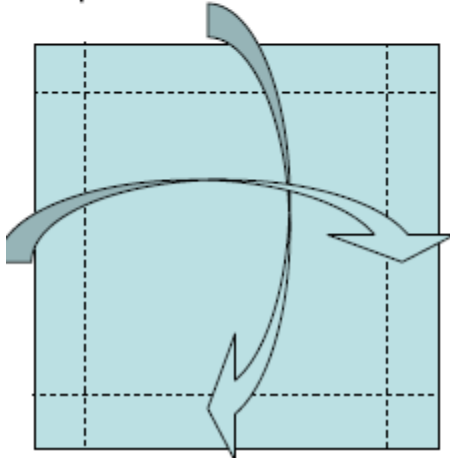
Convolution Border Issues

Practicalities (discrete convolution)

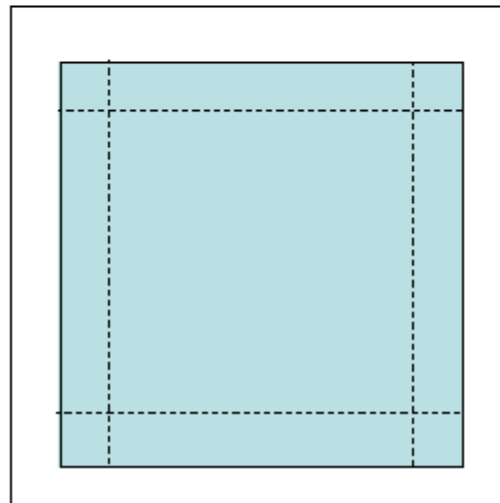
- MATLAB: `conv` (1D) or `conv2` (2D)
- Border issues:
 - When applying convolution with a $K \times K$ kernel, the result is undefined for pixels closer than K pixels from the border of the image
- Options:



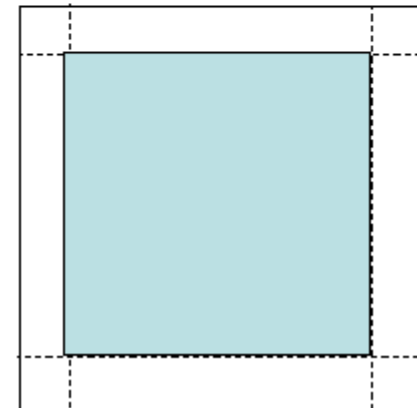
Warp around



Expand/Pad



Crop



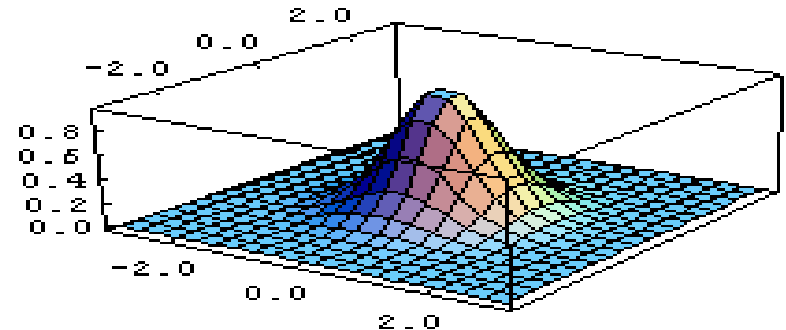
Gaussian Smoothing

- A Gaussian kernel gives less weight to pixels further from the center of the window

$$H[u, v] = \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This kernel is an approximation of a Gaussian function:

$$F[x, y]$$
$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{\sigma^2}}$$



original



$\sigma = 2$



$\sigma = 2.8$



$\sigma = 4$

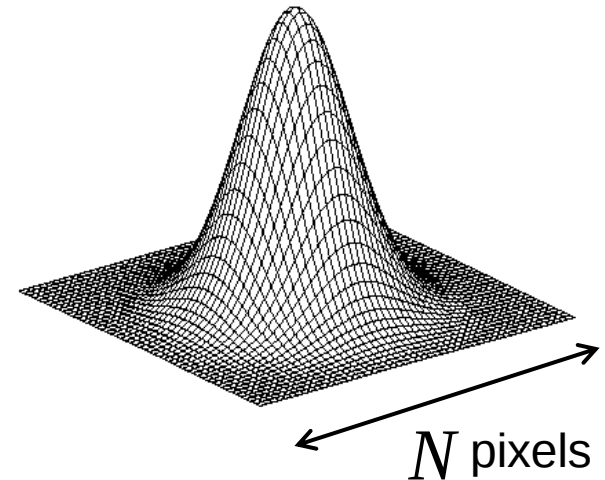


Gaussian Smoothing (maths)

Gaussian kernel

$$h(i, j) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{i^2+j^2}{\sigma^2}\right)}$$

Filter size $N \propto \sigma$...can be very large
(truncate, if necessary)



$$g(i, j) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \sum_{m=1} \sum_{n=1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{m^2+n^2}{\sigma^2}\right)} f(-m, j-n)$$

2D Gaussian is separable!

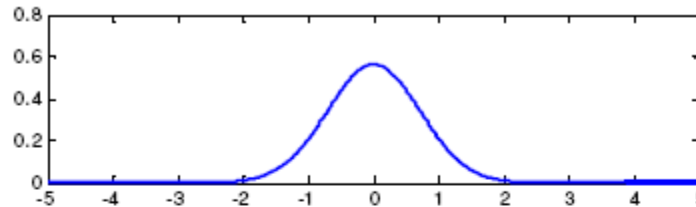
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Use two 1D
Gaussian
Filters!

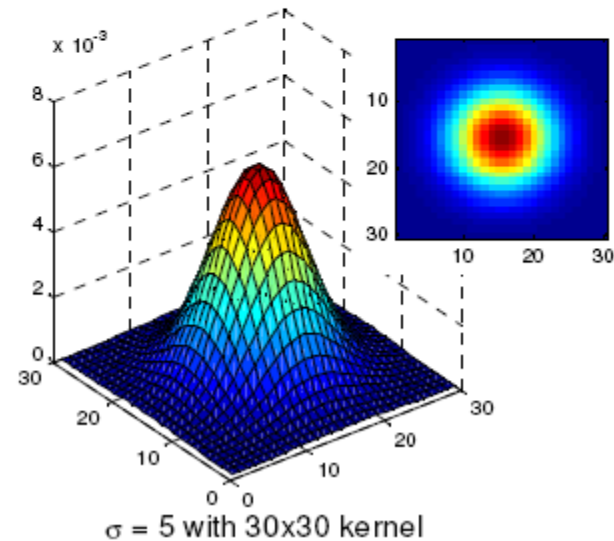
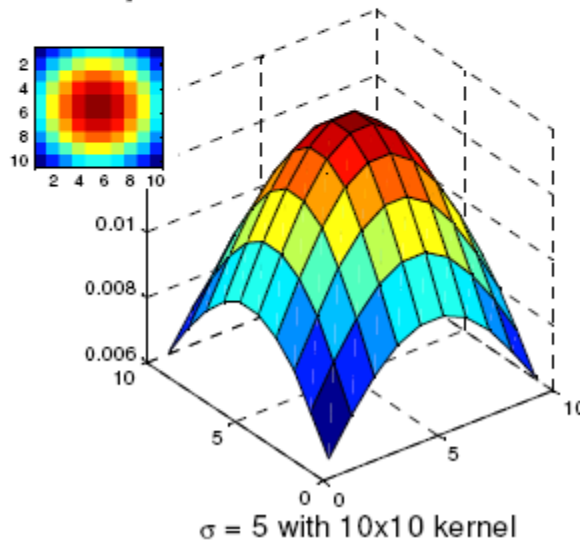


Finite kernel support

- Gaussian function has infinite support

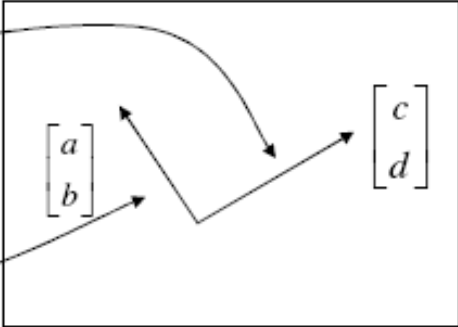


- In discrete filtering, we have finite kernel



Oriented Gaussian Filters

- G_σ smooths the image by the same amount in all directions
- If we have some information about preferred directions, we might want to smooth with some value σ_1 in the direction defined by the unit vector $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \end{bmatrix}$ and by σ_2 in the direction defined by $\begin{bmatrix} c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$G = e^{-\frac{(ax+by)^2}{2\sigma_1^2} - \frac{(cx+dy)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$


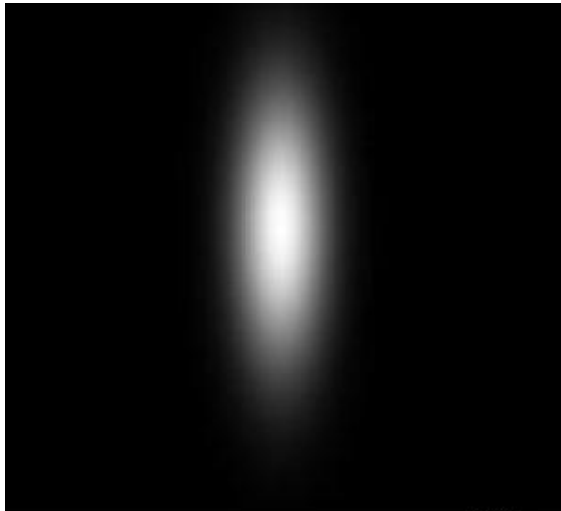
- We can write this in a more compact form by using the standard multivariate Gaussian notation:

$$G_\Sigma = e^{-\frac{X^T \Sigma^{-1} X}{2}} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

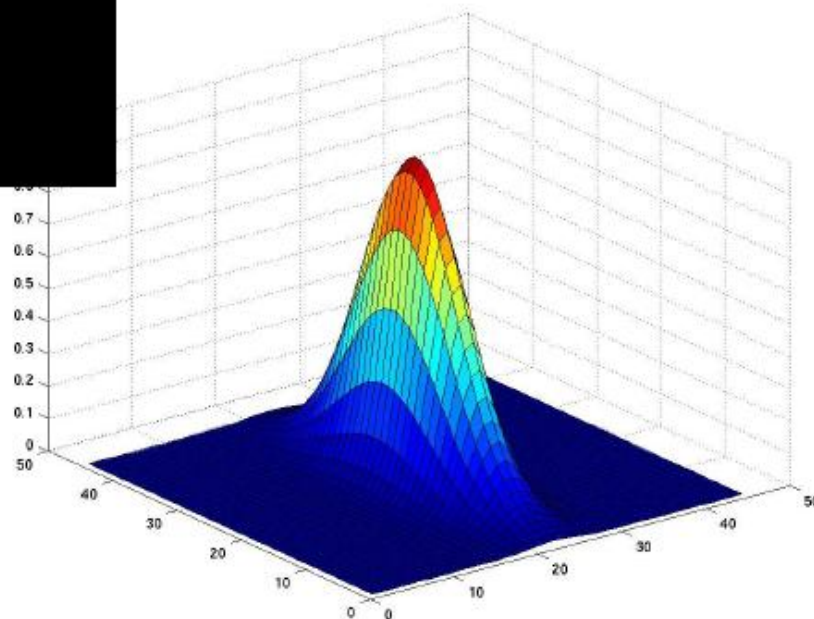
- The two (orthogonal) directions of filtering are given by the eigenvectors of Σ , the amount of smoothing is given by the square root of the corresponding eigenvalues of Σ .



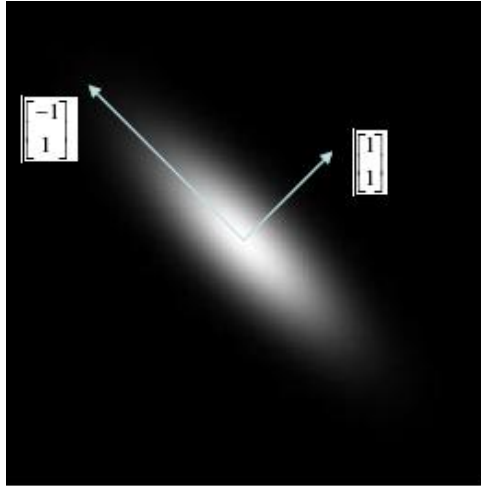
Oriented Gaussian Filters



$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \quad a \ll b$$

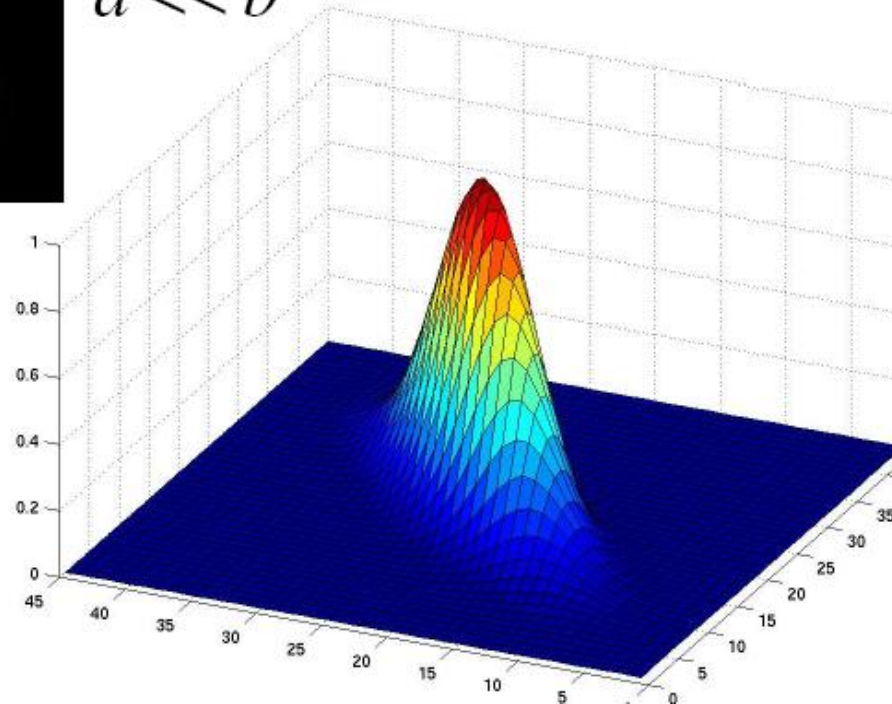


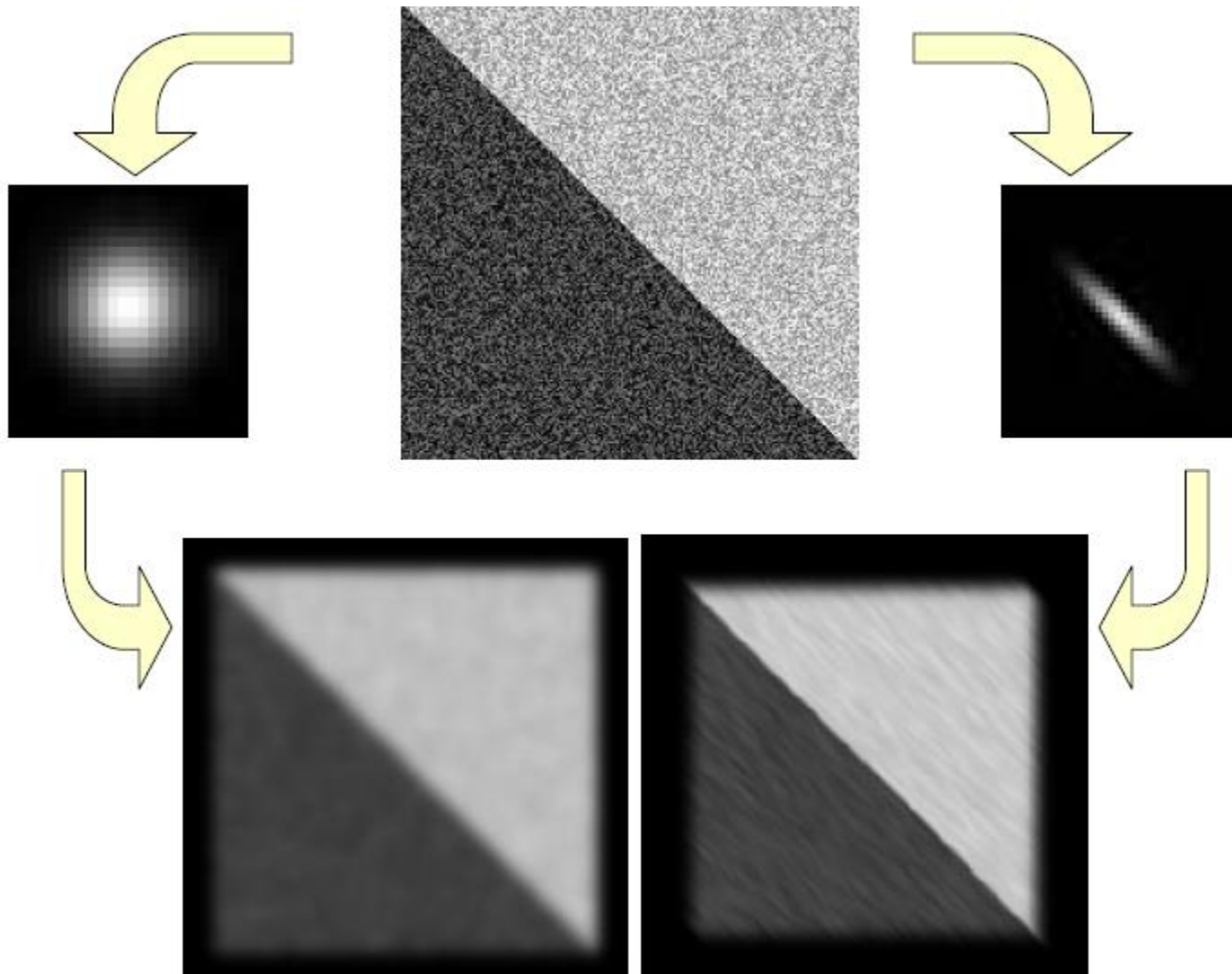
Oriented Gaussian Filters



$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

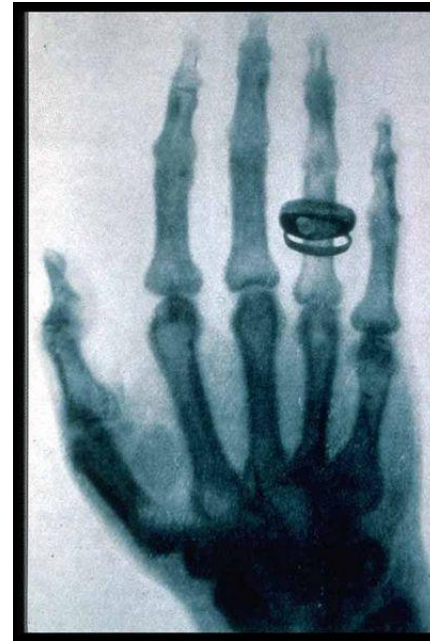
$$a \ll b$$





Mean Filtering

- We are degrading the energy of the high spatial frequencies of an image (**low-pass filtering**).
 - Makes the image 'smoother'.
 - Used in noise reduction.
- Can be implemented with spatial masks or in the frequency domain.



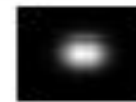
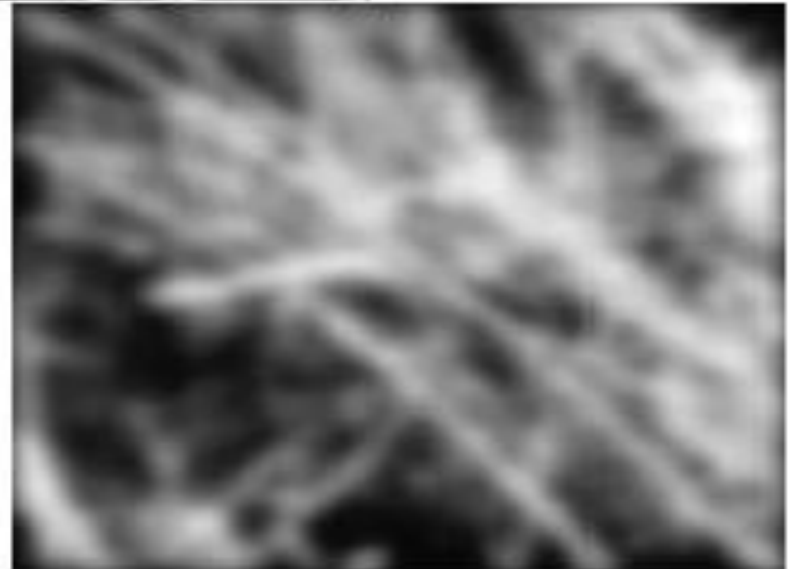
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1	1	1

$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
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Mean filter



Gaussian filter



by Charles Allen Gillbert



by Harmon & Julesz



Median Filter

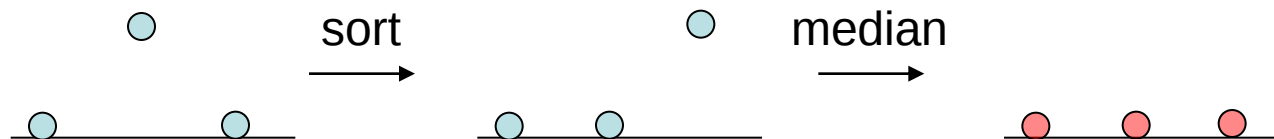
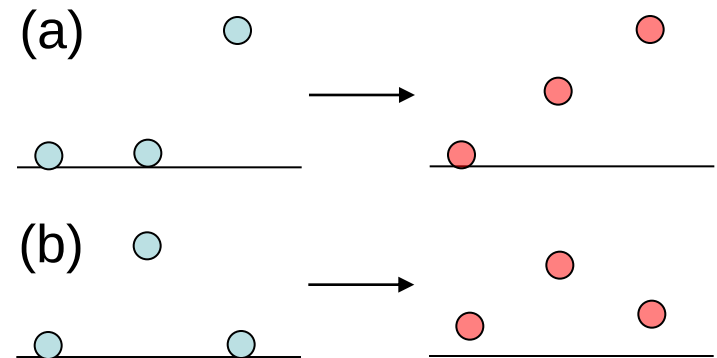
- Smoothing is averaging

(a) Blurs edges

(b) Sensitive to outliers

- Median filtering

- Sort $N^2 - 1$ values around the pixel
- Select middle value (median)



- Non-linear (Cannot be implemented with convolution)



Salt and pepper noise

Gaussian

Median

3x3



5x5



7x7



Gaussian noise

Gaussian

Median



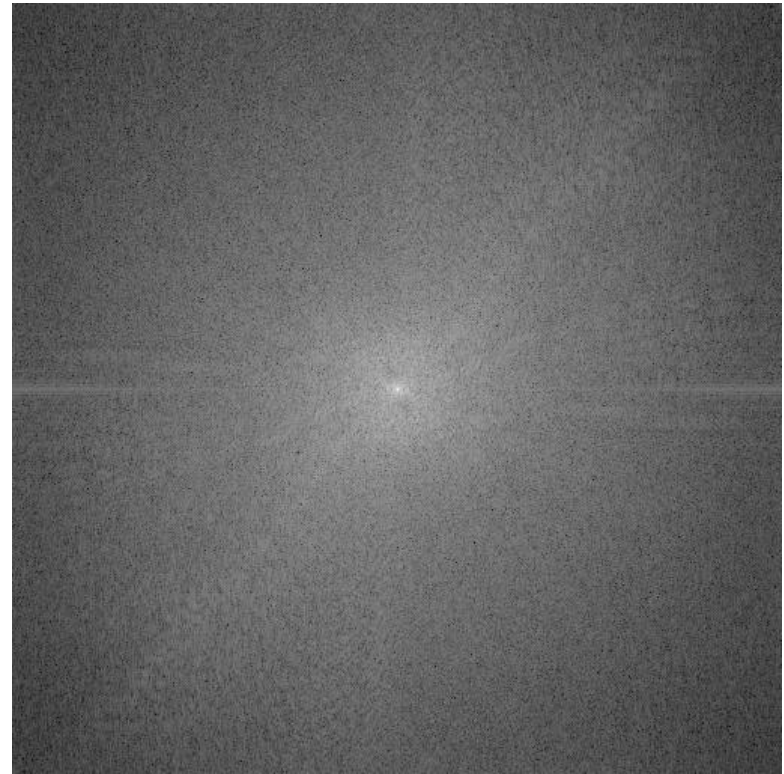
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Image Processing in the Fourier Domain

Magnitude of the FT



Does not look anything like what we have seen

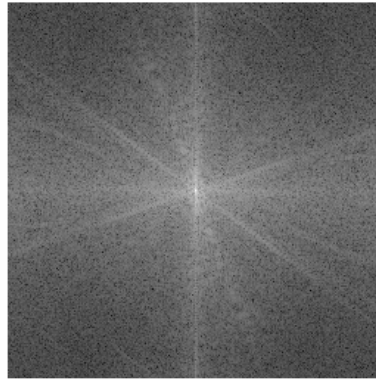


Low-pass Filtering

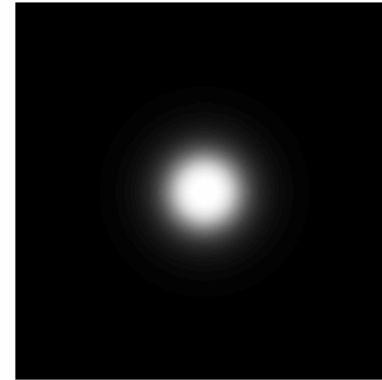
Original image



FFT of original image



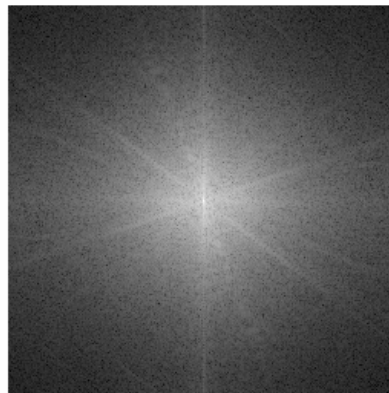
Low-pass filter



Low-pass image



FFT of low-pass image



Lets the low frequencies pass and eliminates the high frequencies.

Generates image with overall shading, but not much detail

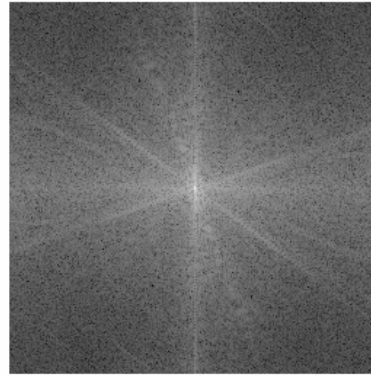


High-pass Filtering

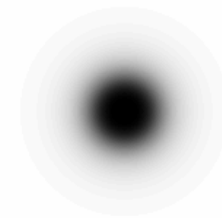
Original image



FFT of original image



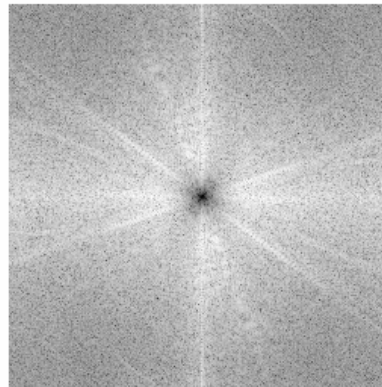
High-pass filter



High-pass image



FFT of high-pass image



Lets through the high frequencies (the detail), but eliminates the low frequencies (the overall shape). It acts like an edge enhancer.

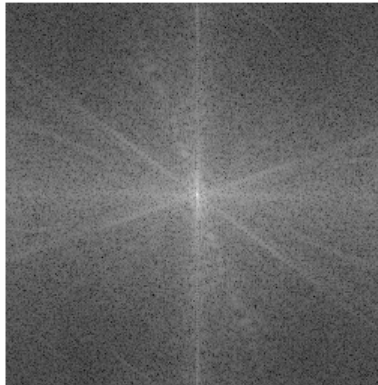


Boosting High Frequencies

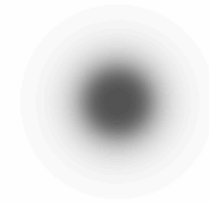
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FFT of original image



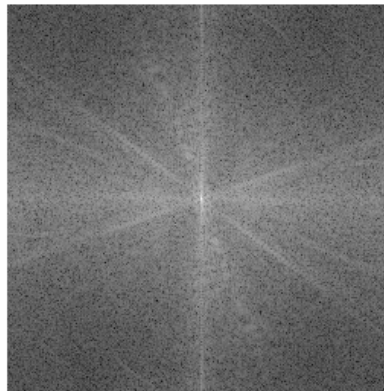
High-boost filter



High boosted image



FFT of high boosted image



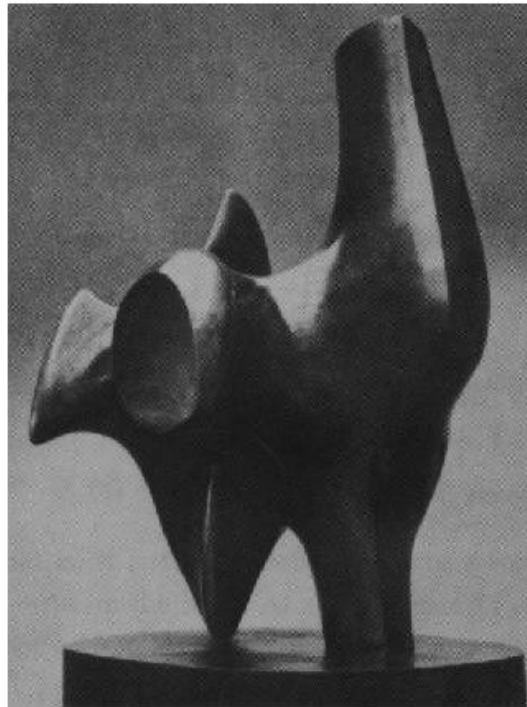
Topic: Edge detection

- Frequency Space
- Spatial Convolution
- Spatial filters
- Frequency domain filtering
- Oriented Gaussian filters
- Edge detection

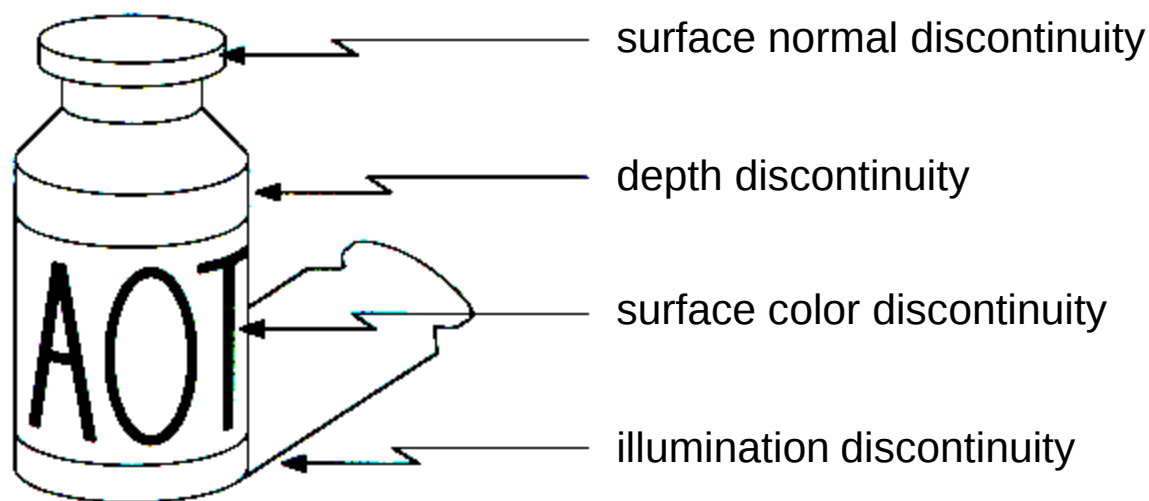


Edge Detection

- Convert a 2D image into a set of curves
 - Extracts salient features of the scene
 - More compact than pixels



Origin of Edges



- Edges are caused by a variety of factors



How can you tell that a pixel is on an edge?

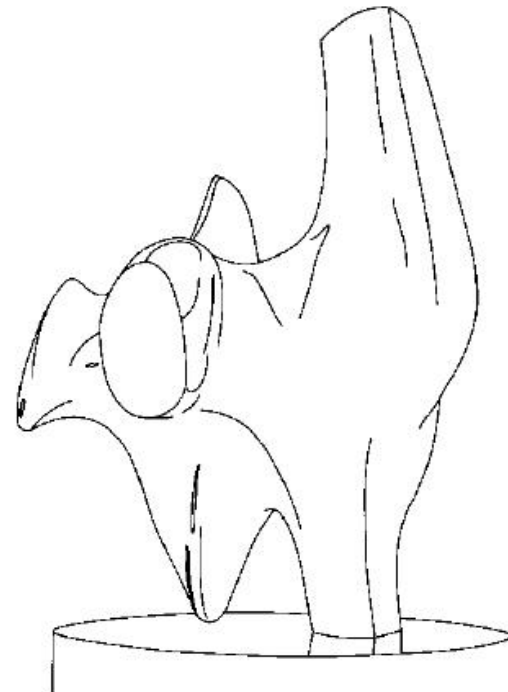
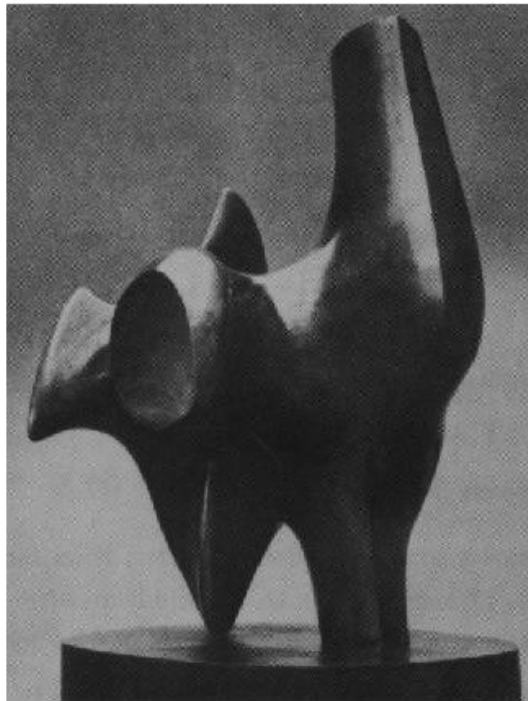


Image derivatives

- We want to compute, at each pixel (x,y) the derivatives:
- In the discrete case we could take the difference between the left and right pixels:

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \approx I(i+1, j) - I(i-1, j)$$

- Convolution of the image by

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

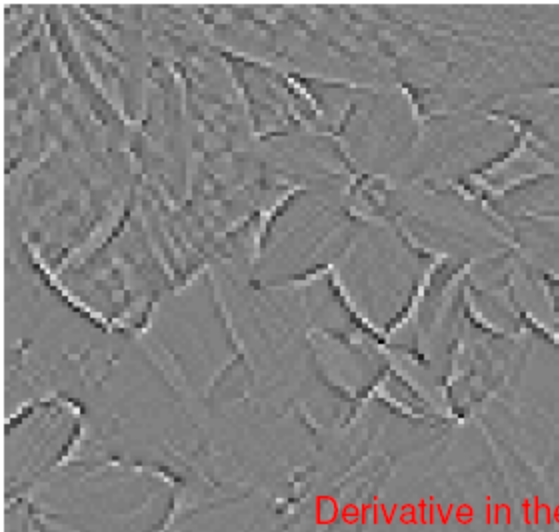
- Problem: Increases noise

$$\underbrace{I(i+1, j) - I(i-1, j)}_{\substack{\text{Difference between} \\ \text{Actual image values}}} = \underbrace{\hat{I}(i+1, j) - \hat{I}(i-1, j)}_{\substack{\text{True difference} \\ \text{(derivative)}}} + \underbrace{n_+ + n_-}_{\substack{\text{Twice the amount of} \\ \text{noise as in the original} \\ \text{image}}}$$

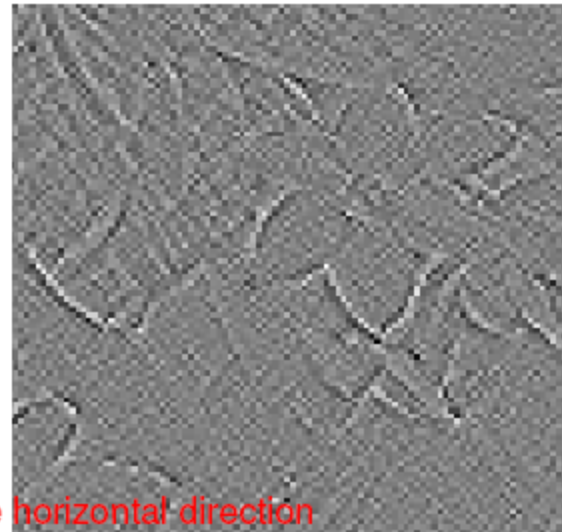


Image derivatives

Original Image



Noise Added



Smooth derivative

- Solution: First smooth the image by a Gaussian G_σ and then take derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{\partial (G_\sigma * f)}{\partial x}$$

- Applying the differentiation property of the convolution:

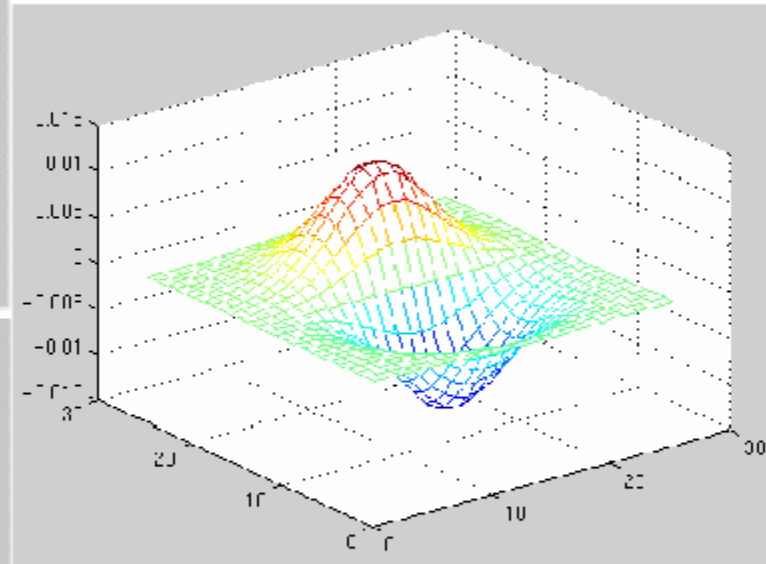
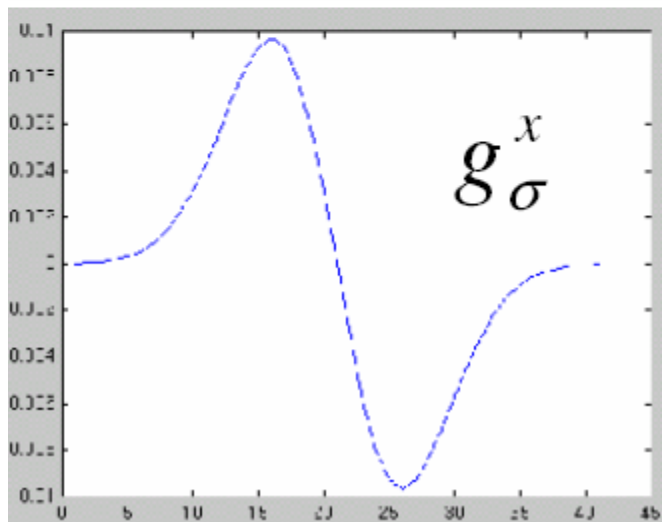
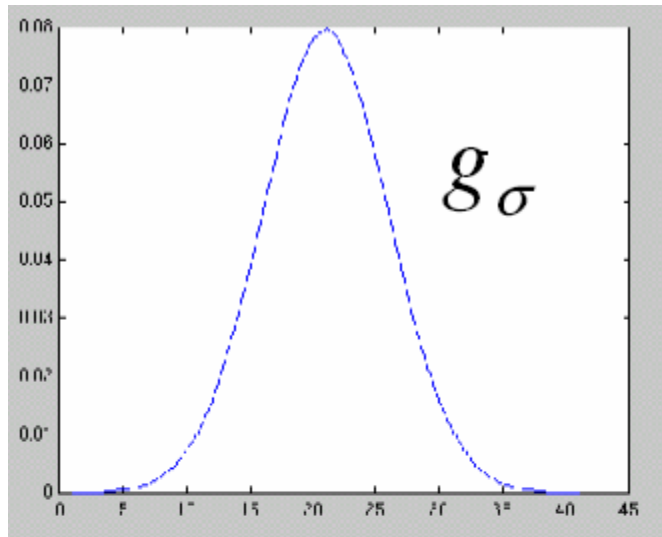
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{\partial G_\sigma}{\partial x} * f$$

- Therefore, taking the derivative in x of the image can be done by convolution with the derivative of a Gaussian:

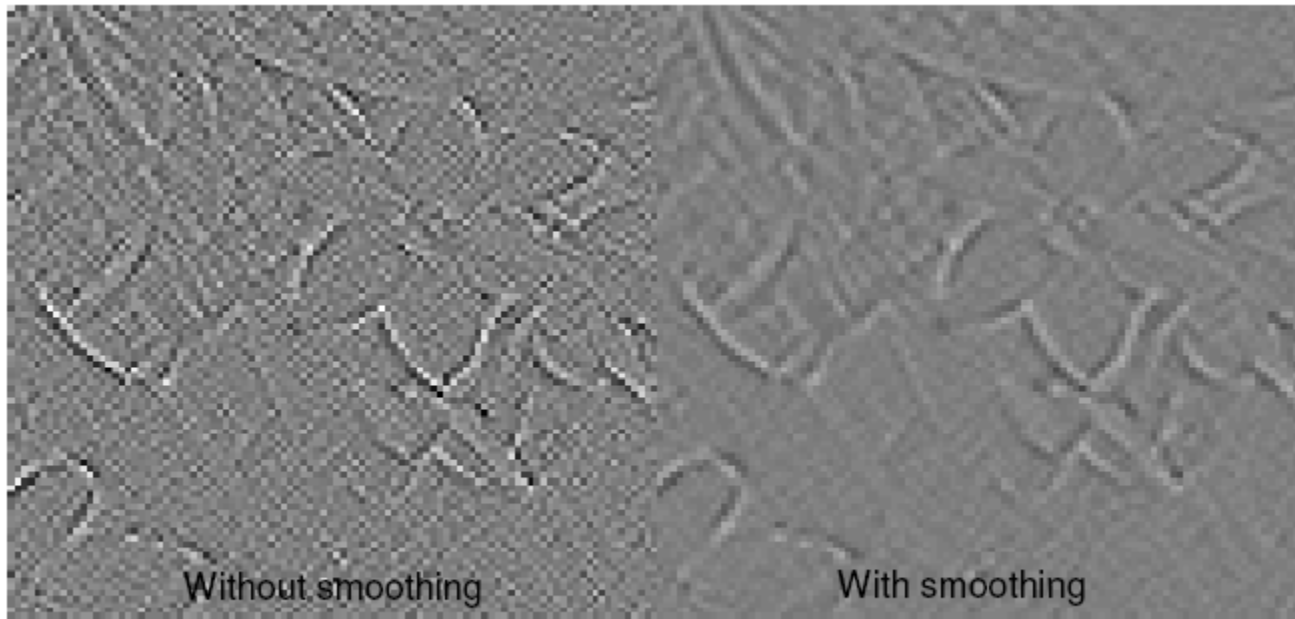
$$G_\sigma^x = \frac{\partial G_\sigma}{\partial x} = x e^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



Smooth derivative



Smooth derivative



Better but still blurs away edge information

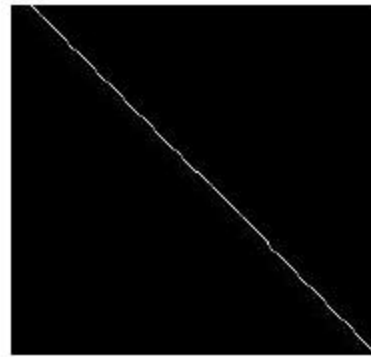


Smooth but ...

There is ALWAYS a tradeoff between smoothing and good edge localization!



Image with Edge



Edge Location

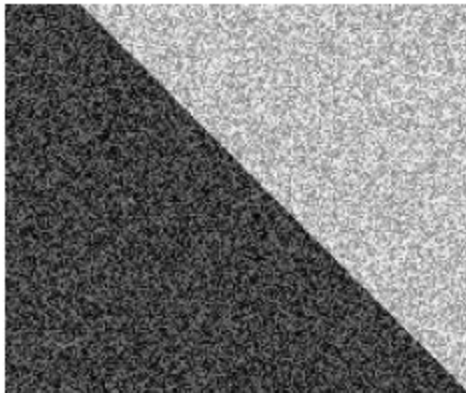
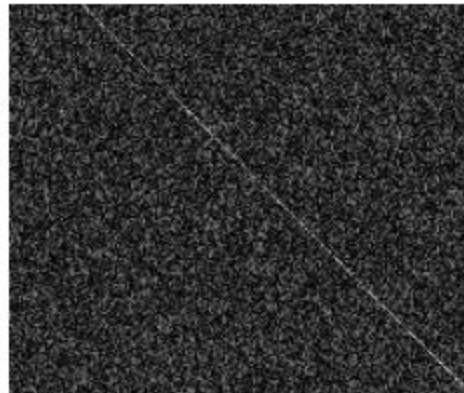
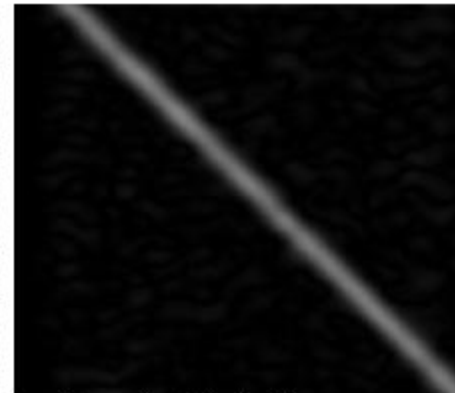


Image + Noise



Derivatives detect edge *and* noise



Smoothed derivative removes noise, but blurs edge



Gradient

- Gradient equation: $\nabla f = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]$
- The *edge strength* is given by the gradient magnitude $\|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}$



Gradient

Applying the first derivative of Gaussian

I

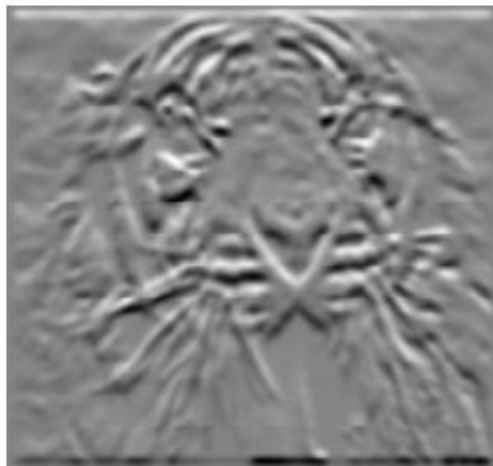


$$|\nabla I| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial I^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial I^2}{\partial y}}$$

$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$

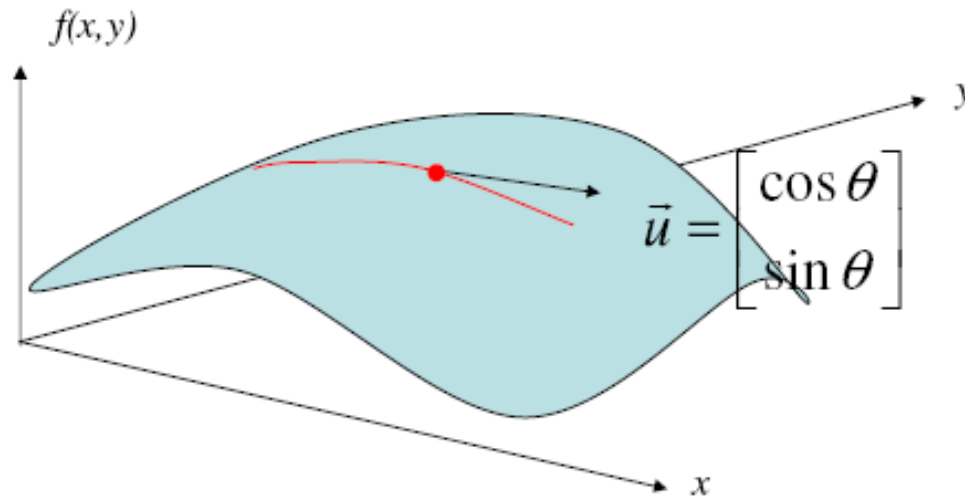


$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$



Directional derivatives

- In some cases, it might be interesting to compute the derivative of the image in some arbitrary direction defined by a unit vector:



- Conveniently, the derivative is obtained by convolution of the image with a simple linear combination of the axis derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{u}} = (\cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) * f$$

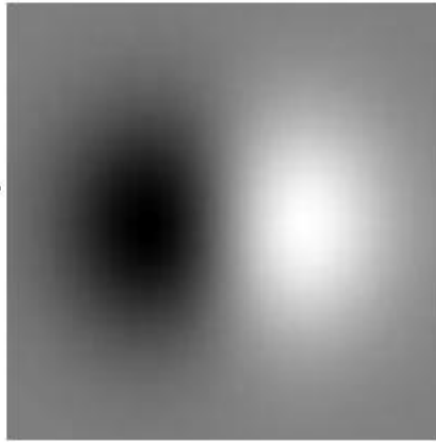
- Note: More generally, filters that can be computed at any orientation as a linear combination of other, fixed filters are called steerable filters

$$F(\theta) = \sum a_i(\theta) F_i$$

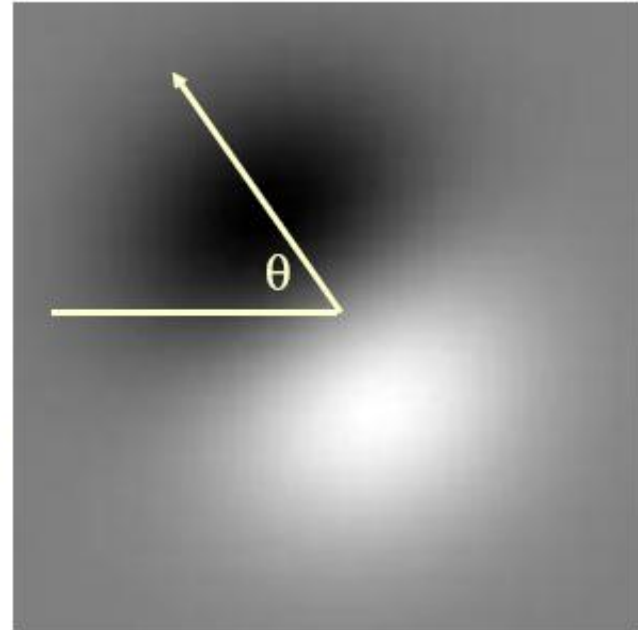
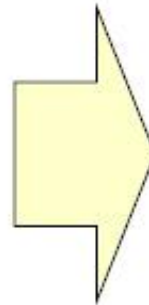
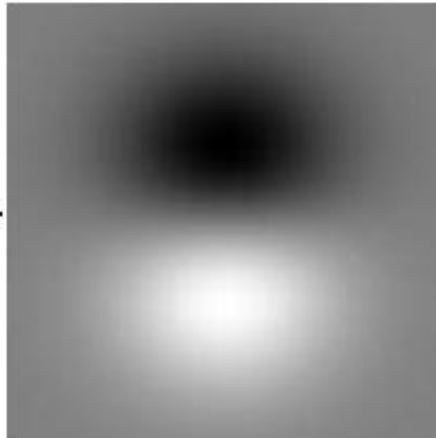


Directional derivatives

$$\frac{\partial G_{\sigma}}{\partial x}$$



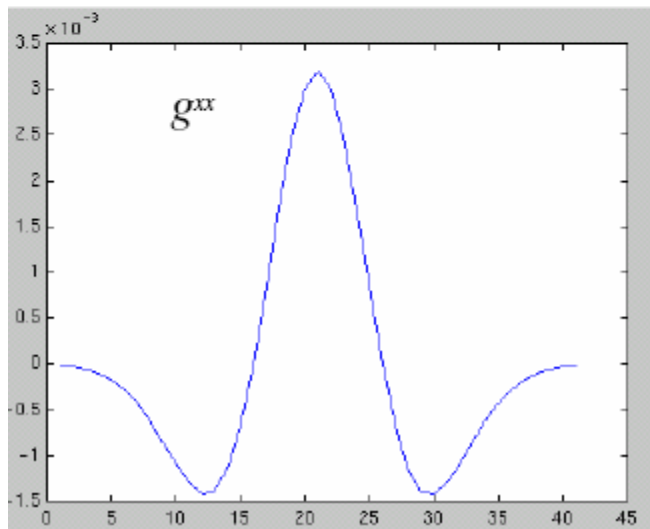
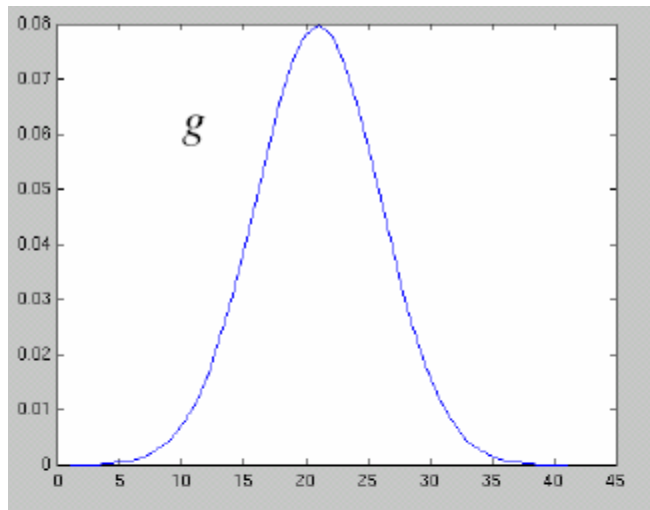
$$\frac{\partial G_{\sigma}}{\partial y}$$



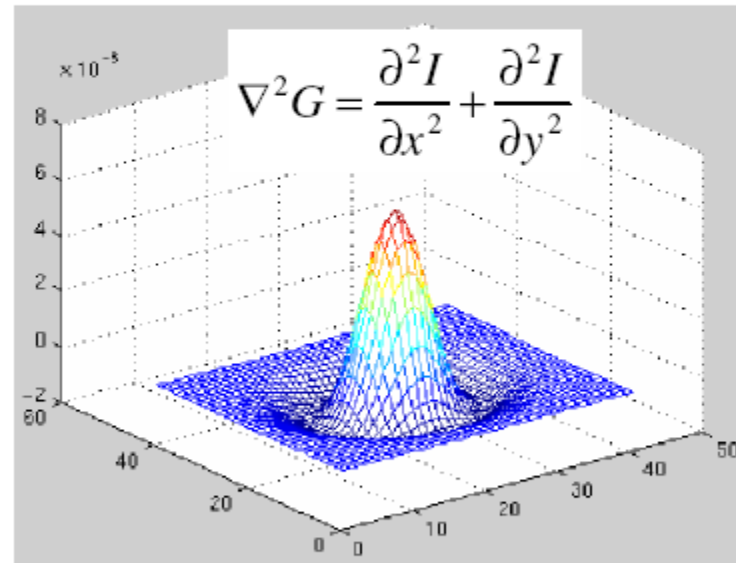
$$\cos \theta \frac{\partial G_{\sigma}}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial G_{\sigma}}{\partial y}$$



Laplacian Operator



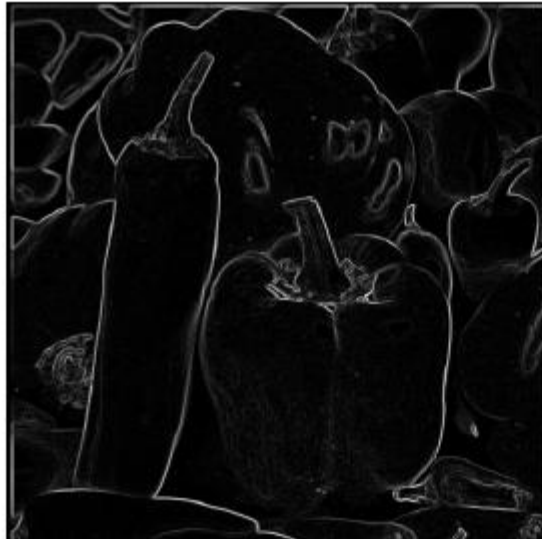
Second derivatives:
Laplacian



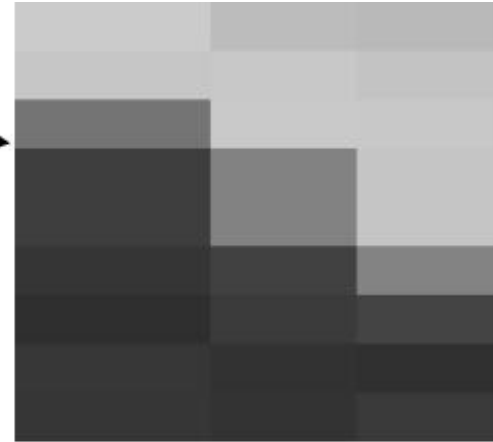
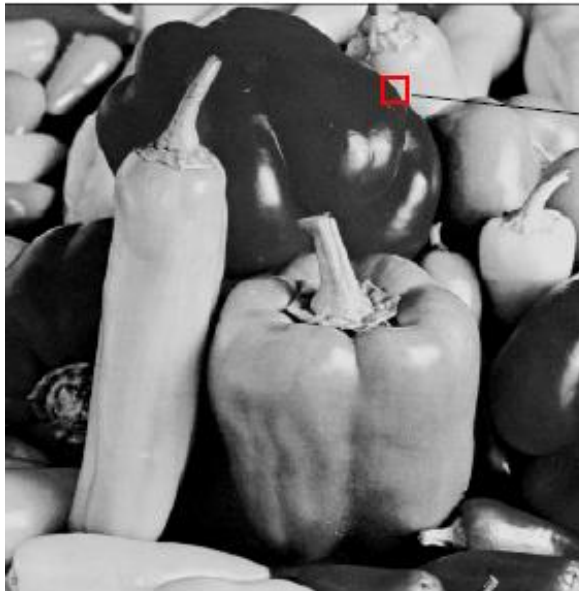
Operators for edge detection

Edge Detection

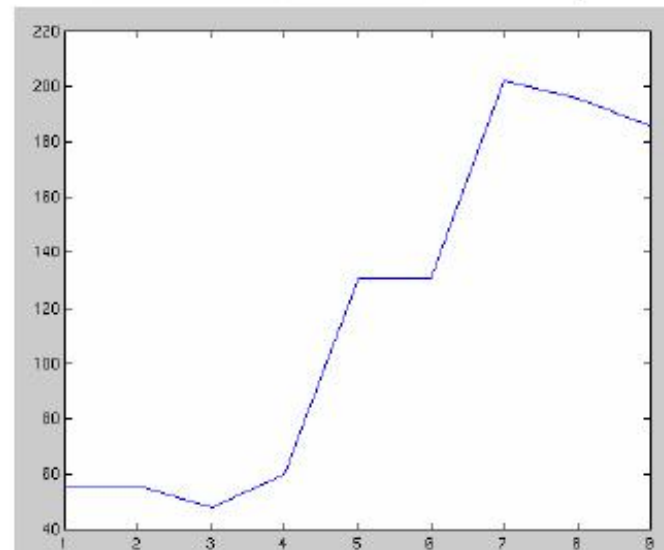
- Edge Detection
 - Gradient operators
 - Canny edge detectors
 - Laplacian detectors



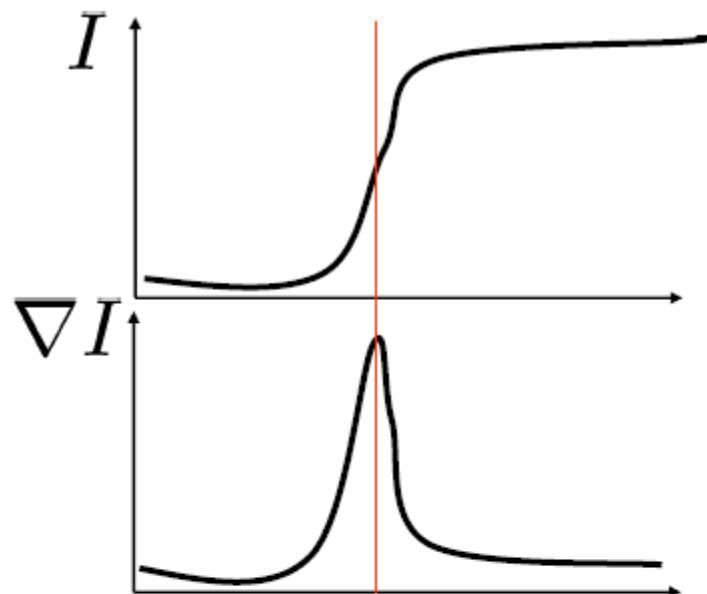
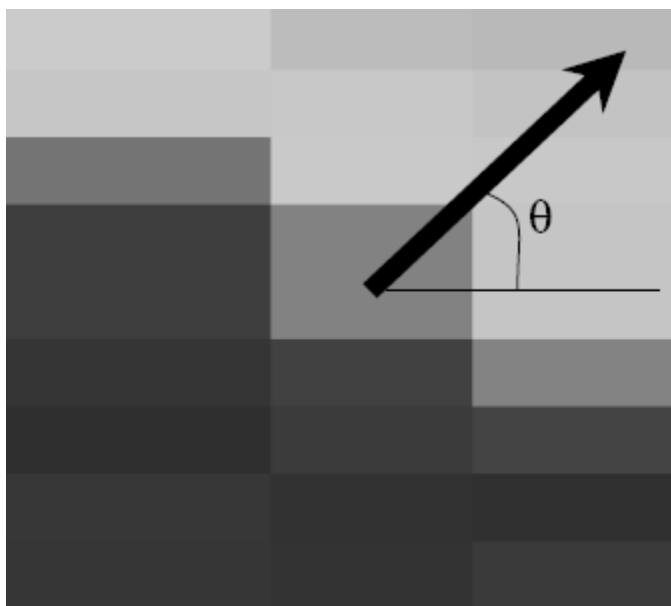
What is an edge ?



Edge = discontinuity of intensity in some direction.
Could be detected by looking for places where the derivatives of the image have large values.



Gradient of an edge

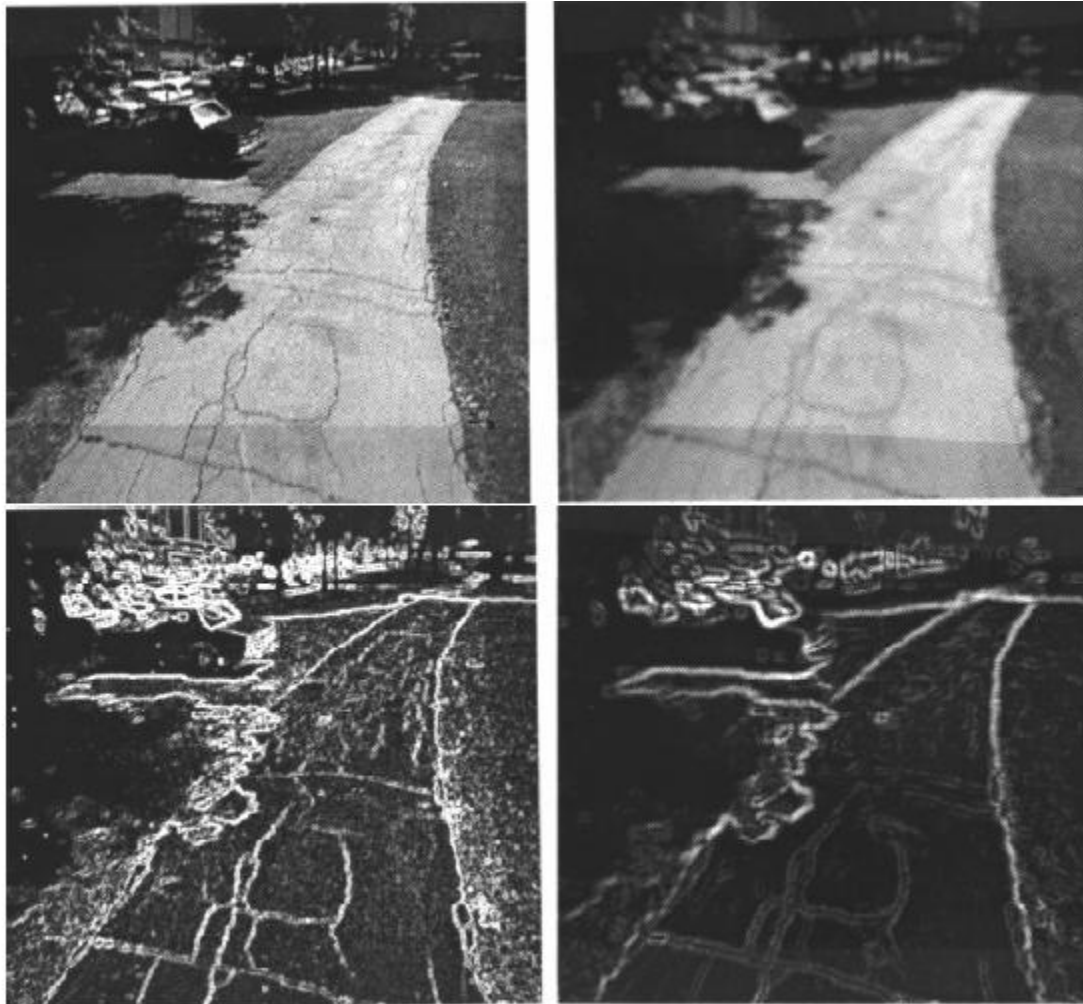


Edge pixels are at local maxima of gradient magnitude
Gradient computed by convolution with Gaussian derivatives
Gradient direction is always perpendicular to edge direction

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} = G_x^{\sigma} * I \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} = G_y^{\sigma} * I$$
$$|\nabla I| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}\right)^2} \quad \theta = \text{atan2}\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}\right)$$



Gradient operator for edge detection

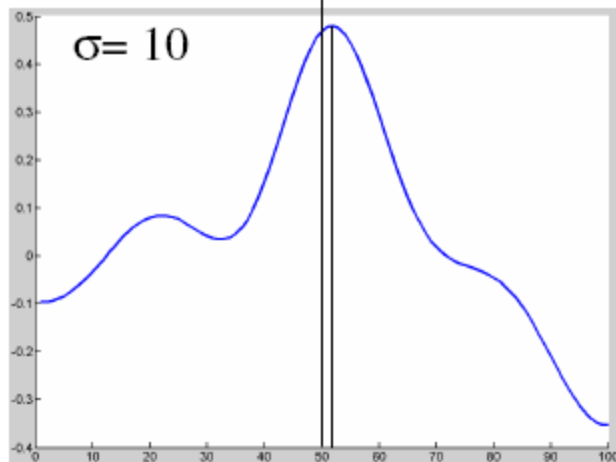
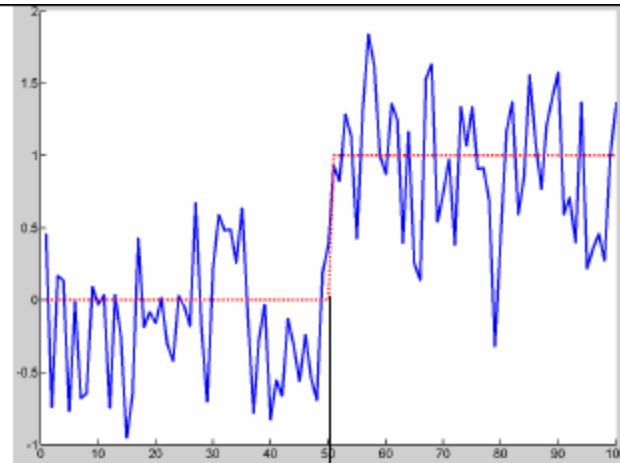
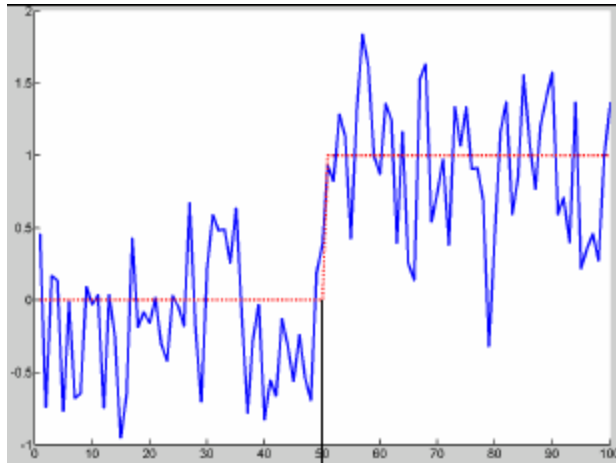


Small sigma

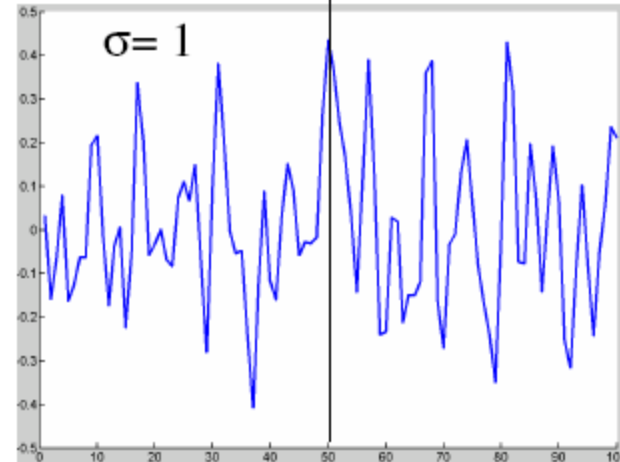
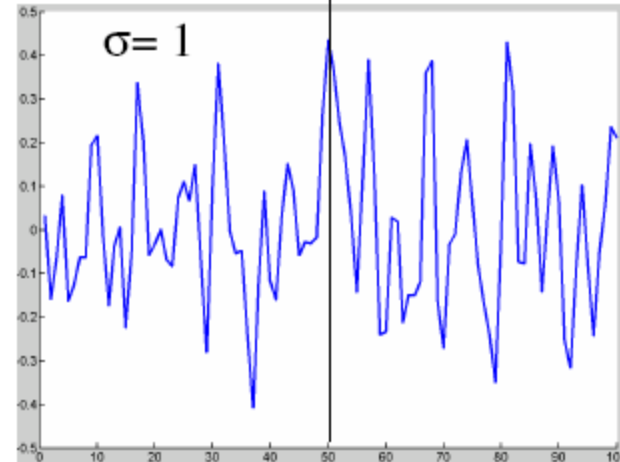
Large sigma



Gradient operator for edge detection



Large $\sigma \rightarrow$ Good detection (high SNR)
Poor localization



Small $\sigma \rightarrow$ Poor detection (low SNR)
Good localization



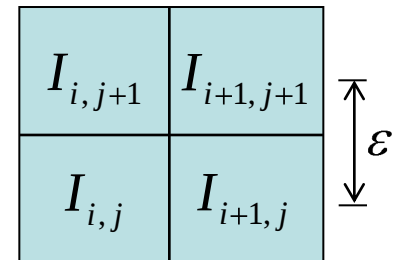
Discrete Edge Operators

- How can we differentiate a *discrete* image?

Finite difference approximations:

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{⤵} \\ \text{⤵} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} I_{i+1,j+1} - I_{i,j+1} \\ I_{i+1,j} - I_{i,j} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \approx \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{⤵} \\ \text{⤵} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} I_{i+1,j+1} - I_{i+1,j} \\ I_{i,j+1} - I_{i,j} \end{array} \right)$$



Convolution masks :

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \approx \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline -1 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \approx \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Discrete Edge Operators

- Second order partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (I_{i-1,j} - 2I_{i,j} + I_{i+1,j})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial y^2} \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} (I_{i,j-1} - 2I_{i,j} + I_{i,j+1})$$

$I_{i-1,j+1}$	$I_{i,j+1}$	$I_{i+1,j+1}$
$I_{i-1,j}$	$I_{i,j}$	$I_{i+1,j}$
$I_{i-1,j-1}$	$I_{i,j-1}$	$I_{i+1,j-1}$

- Laplacian :**

$$\nabla^2 I = \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial y^2}$$

Convolution masks :

$$\nabla^2 I \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{6\varepsilon^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & -20 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(more accurate)



The Sobel Operators

- Better approximations of the gradients exist
 - The *Sobel* operators below are commonly used

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

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



Comparing Edge Operators

Gradient: $\nabla f = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]$

Good Localization
Noise Sensitive
Poor Detection

Roberts (2 x 2):

0	1
-1	0

1	0
0	-1

Sobel (3 x 3):

-1	0	1
-1	0	1
-1	0	1

1	1	1
0	0	0
-1	-1	1

Sobel (5 x 5):

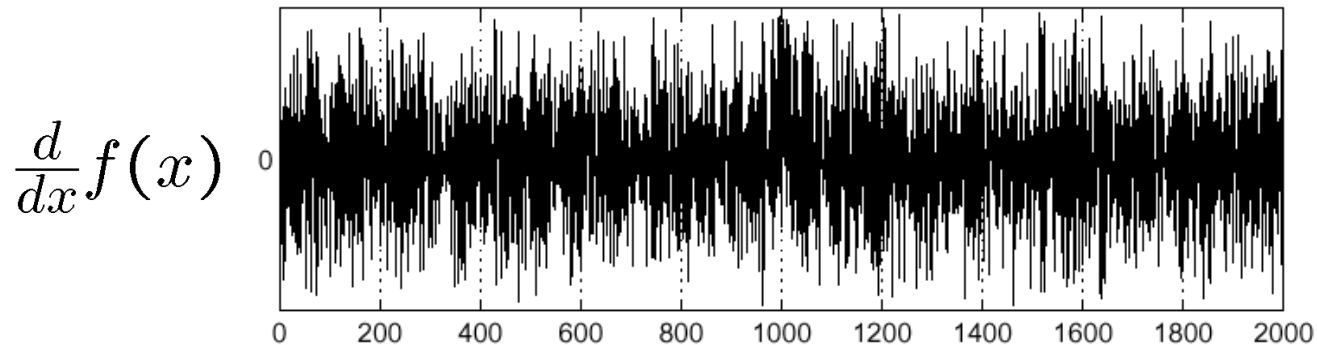
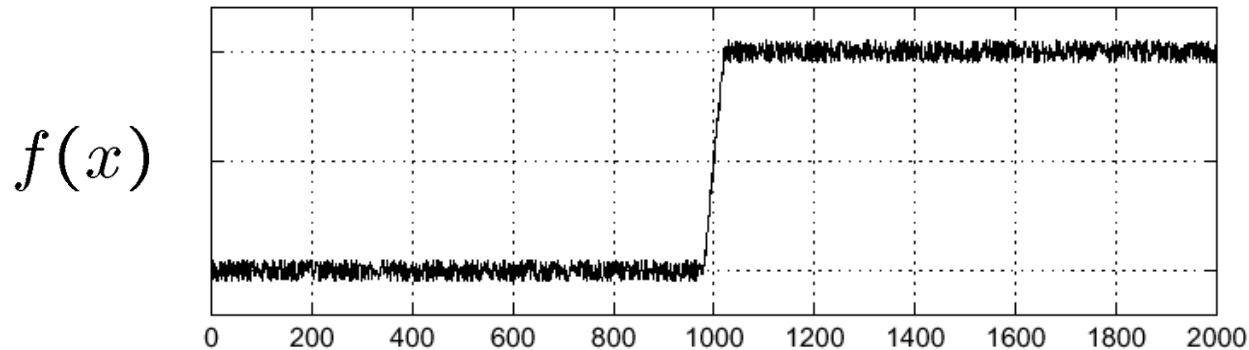
-1	-2	0	2	1
-2	-3	0	3	2
-3	-5	0	5	3
-2	-3	0	3	2
-1	-2	0	2	1

1	2	3	2	1
2	3	5	3	2
0	0	0	0	0
-2	-3	-5	-3	-2
-1	-2	-3	-2	-1

Poor Localization
Less Noise Sensitive
Good Detection

Effects of Noise

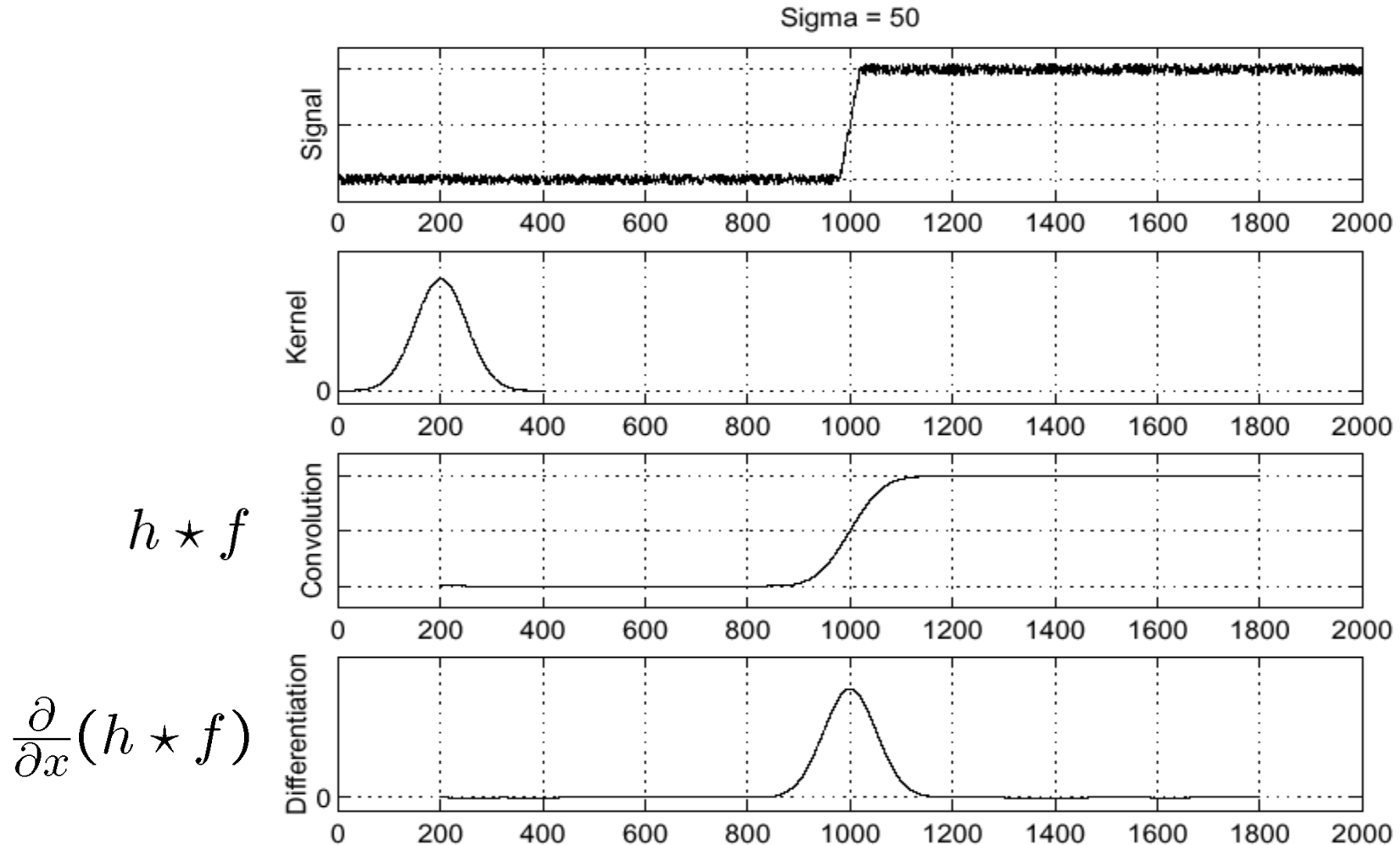
- Consider a single row or column of the image
 - Plotting intensity as a function of position gives a signal



Where is
the edge??



Solution: Smooth First



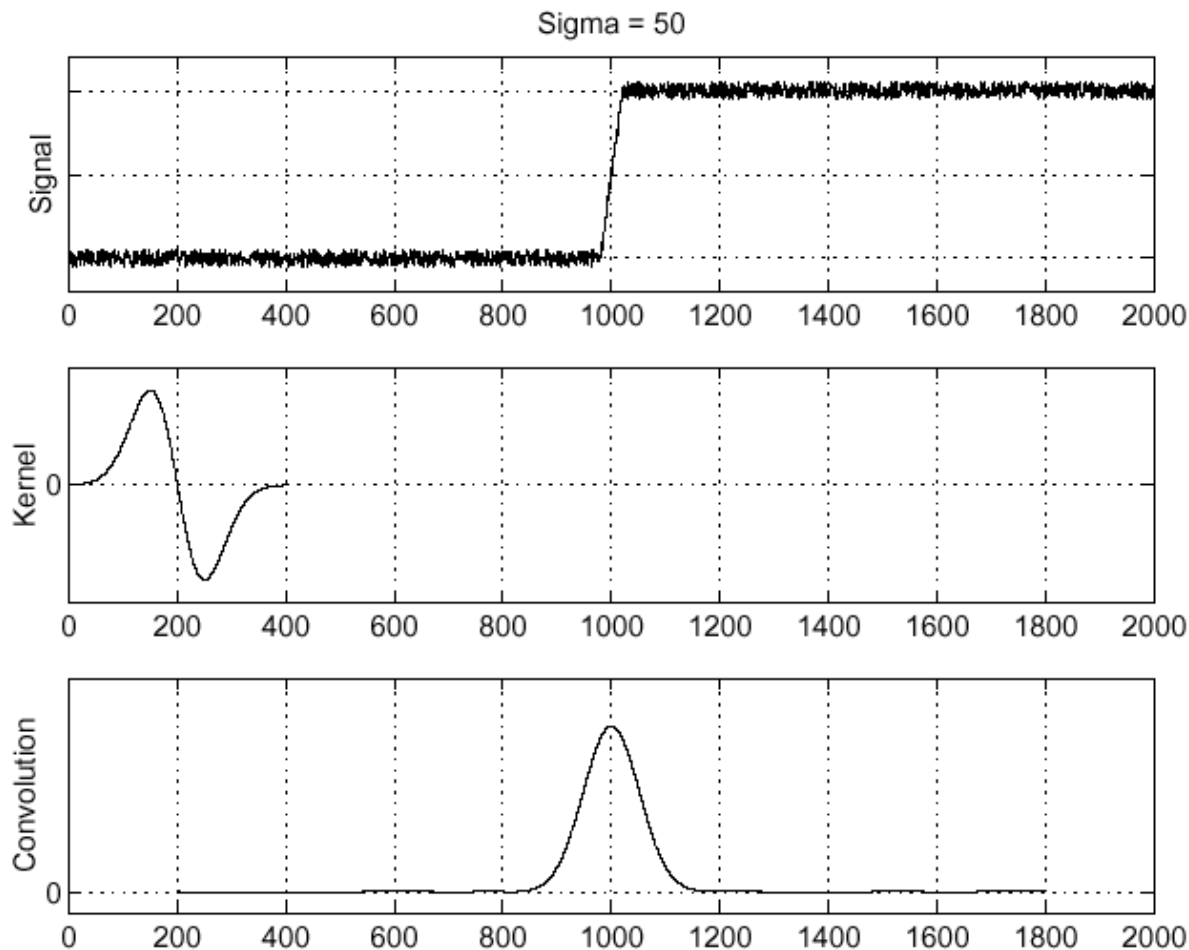
Where is the edge?

Look for peaks in $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h \star f)$

Derivative Theorem of Convolution

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h \star f) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h\right) \star f \quad \dots \text{saves us one operation.}$$

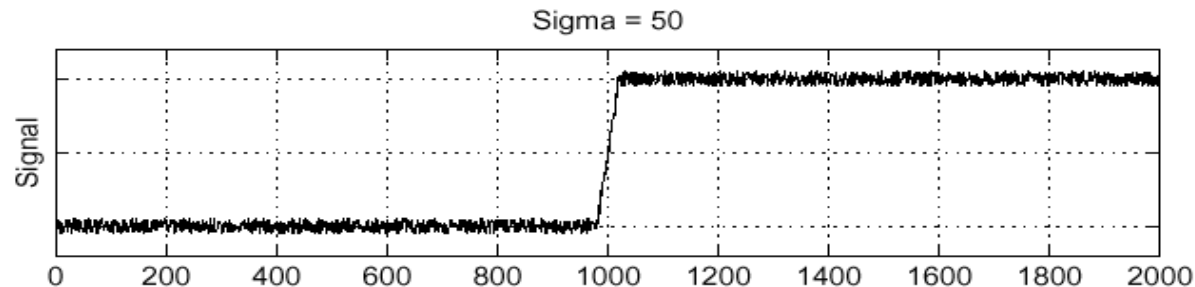
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h$$
$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h\right) \star f$$



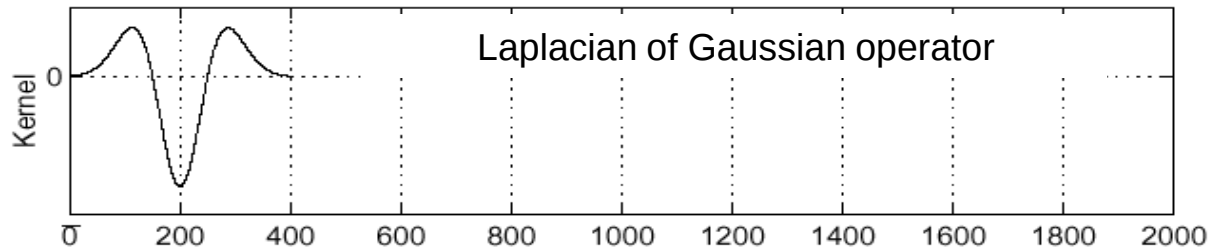
Laplacian of Gaussian (LoG)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (h * f) = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h \right) * f$$

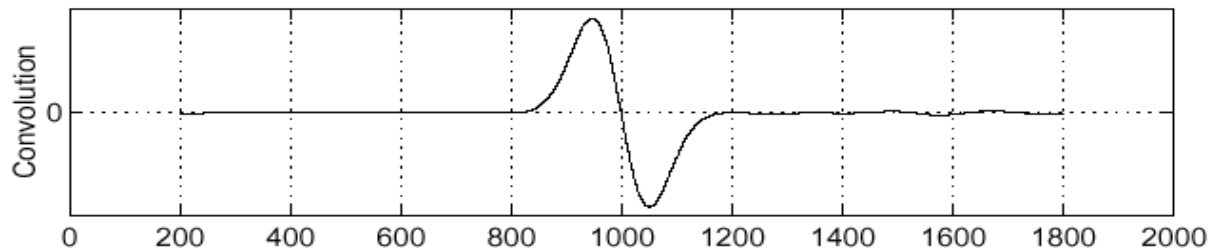
Laplacian of Gaussian



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h$$



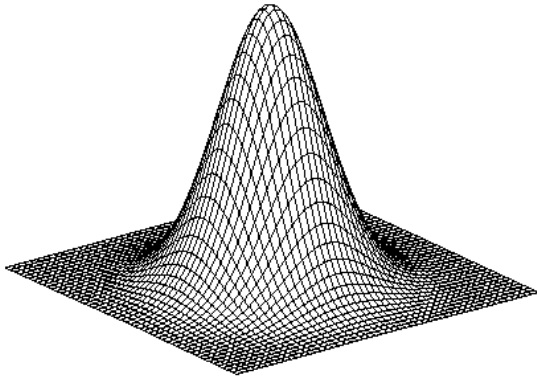
$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} h \right) * f$$



Where is the edge?

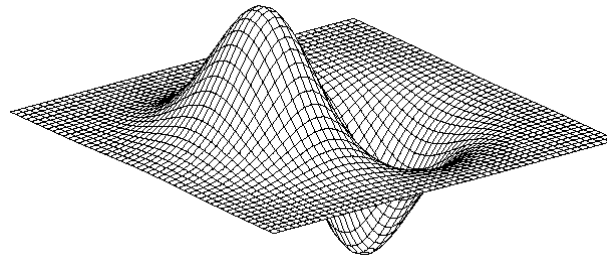
Zero-crossings of bottom graph !

2D Gaussian Edge Operators



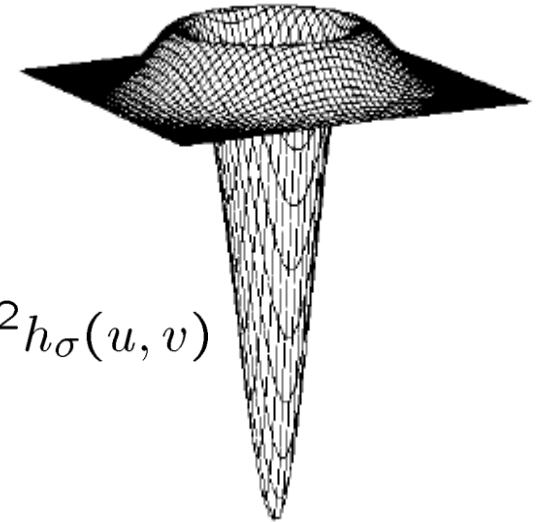
$$h_{\sigma}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Gaussian



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} h_{\sigma}(u, v)$$

Derivative of Gaussian (DoG)



$$\nabla^2 h_{\sigma}(u, v)$$

Laplacian of Gaussian
Mexican Hat (Sombrero)

- ∇^2 is the **Laplacian** operator: $\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$



Canny Edge Operator

- Smooth image I with 2D Gaussian: $G * I$
- Find local edge normal directions for each pixel

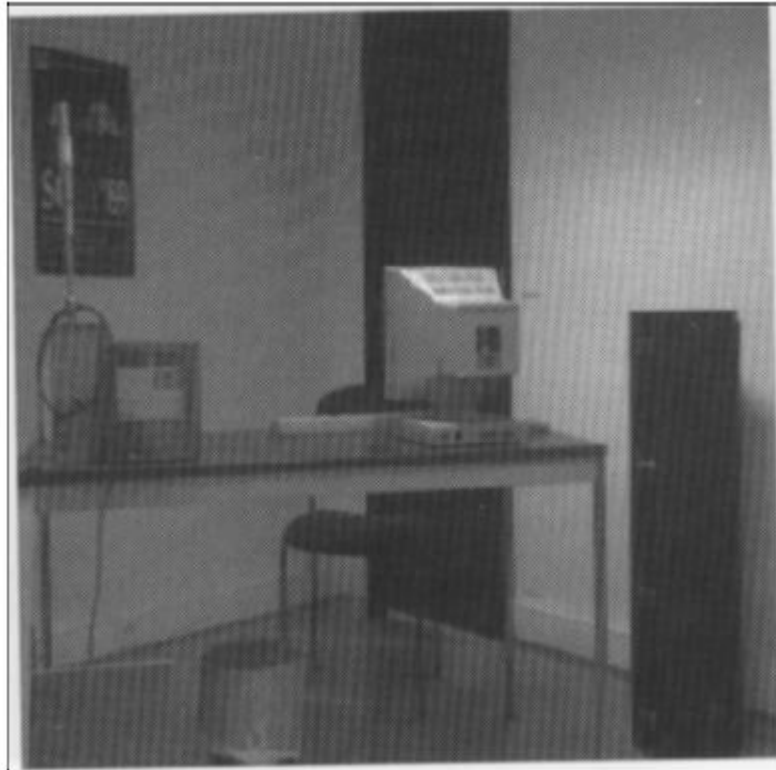
$$\bar{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\nabla (G * I)}{|\nabla (G * I)|}$$

- Compute edge magnitudes $|\nabla (G * I)|$
- Locate edges by finding zero-crossings along the edge normal directions (**non-maximum suppression**)

$$\frac{\partial^2 (G * I)}{\partial \bar{\mathbf{n}}^2} = 0$$

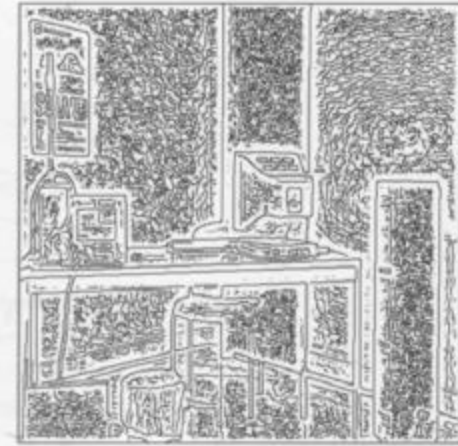
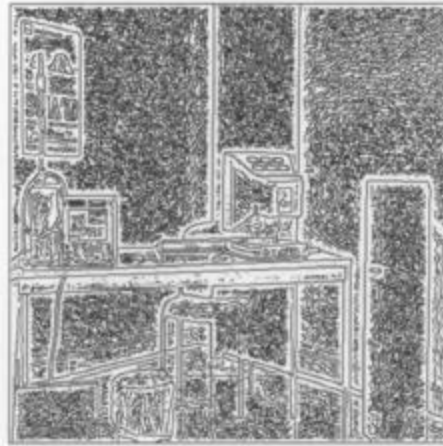


Canny Edge Operator

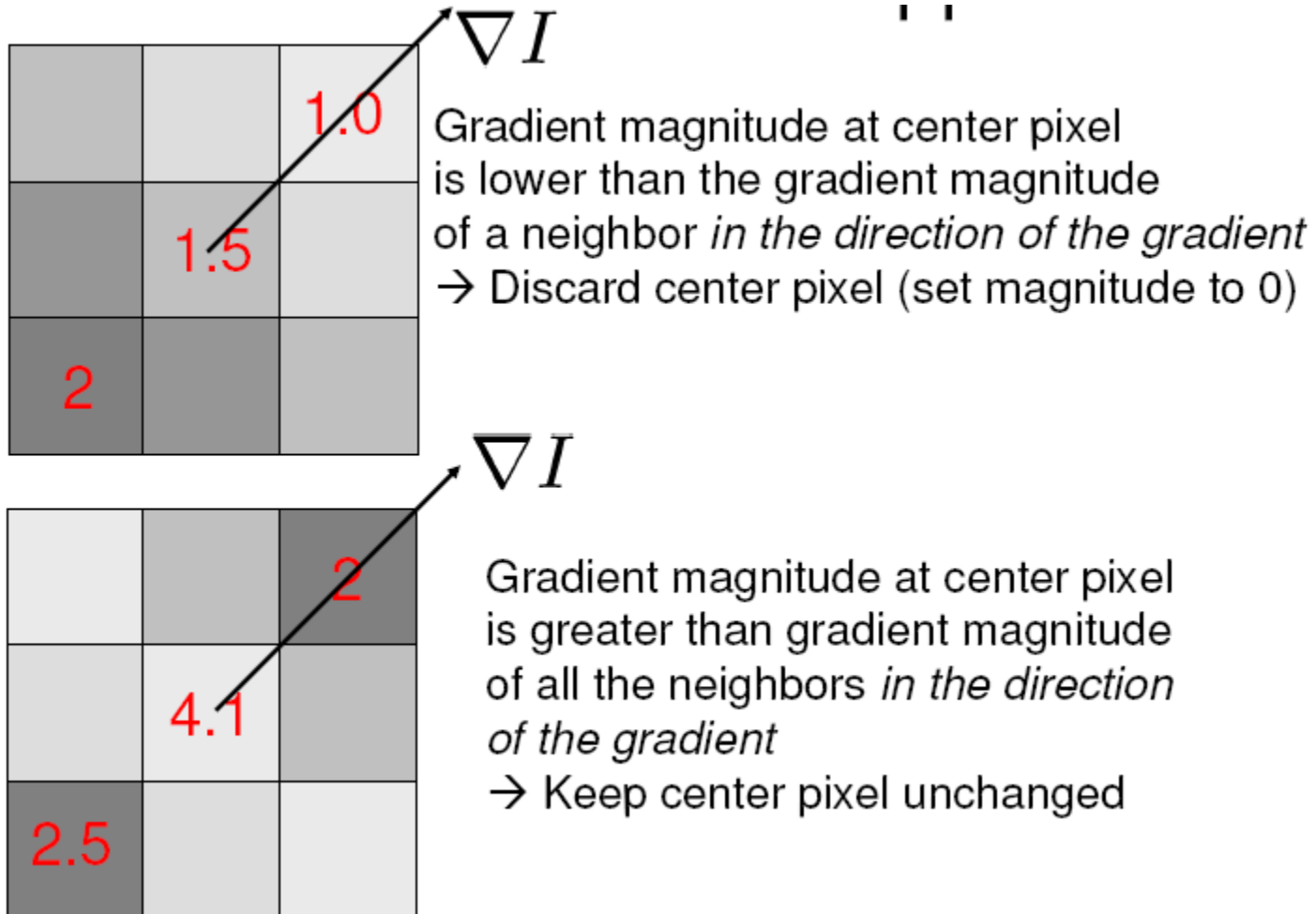


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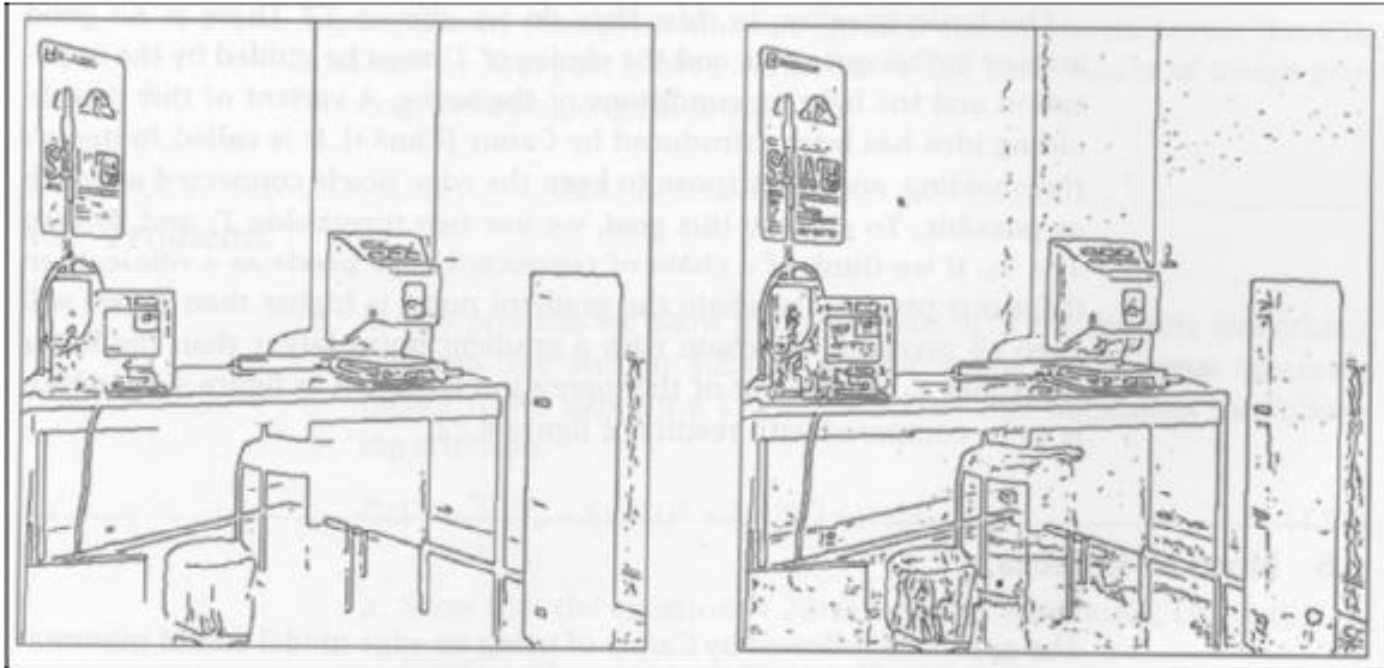
Different thresholds
applied to gradient
magnitude



Non-local maxima suppression



Non-local maxima suppression



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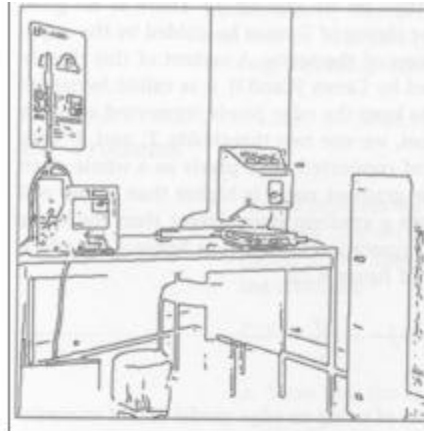
$T = 5$

Two thresholds applied to gradient magnitude

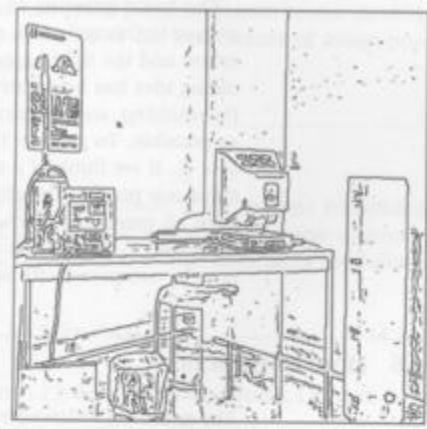


Hysteresis thresholding

$T=15$



$T=5$



Hysteresis
 $T_h=15 \quad T_l=5$

Hysteresis
thresholding



Resources

- Russ – Chapter 8, 9
- Gonzalez & Woods – Chapter 4
- <http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/HIPR2/canny.htm>

