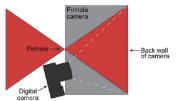
Cameras and Images

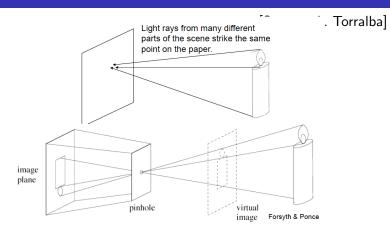




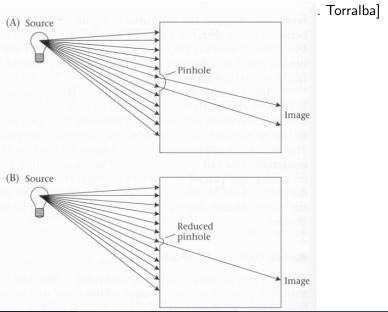
[Source: A. Torralba]



- Make your own camera
- http://www.foundphotography.com/PhotoThoughts/ archives/2005/04/pinhole_camera_2.html



- How it works
- The pinhole camera only allows rays from one point in the scene to strike each point of the paper.



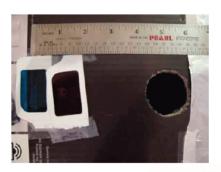
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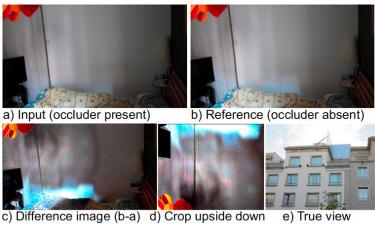
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- Remember this example?
- In this case the window acts as a pinhole camera into the room

Digital Camera



[Adopted from S. Seitz]



- A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array
- Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
- http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/ cameras-photography/digital/digital-camera.htm

Image Formation

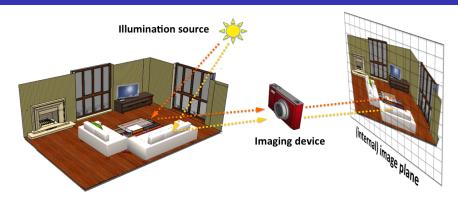


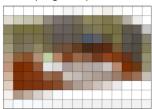
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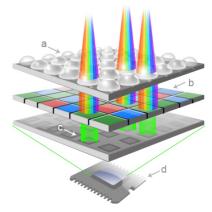
- lighting conditions
- scene geometry
- surface properties
- camera optics

Continuous image projected to sensor array



Sampling and quantization





http://pho.to/media/images/digital/digital-sensors.jpg

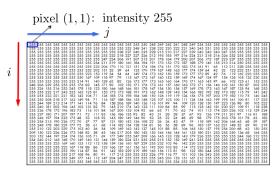
- Sample the 2D space on a regular grid
- Quantize each sample (round to nearest integer)

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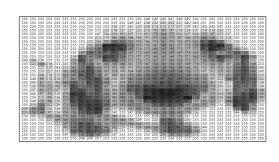
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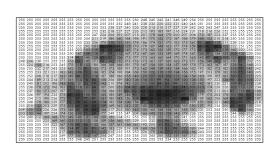
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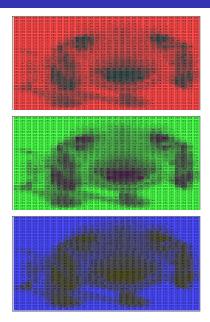
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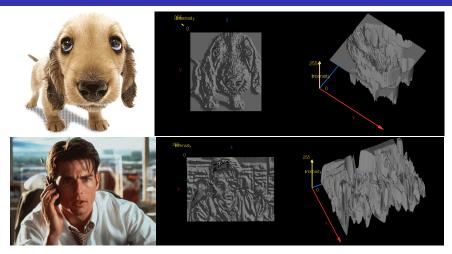


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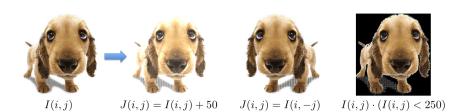
Intensity



- We can think of a (grayscale) image as a function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ giving the intensity at position (i,j)
- Intensity 0 is black and 255 is white

Image Transformations

• As with any function, we can apply operators to an image, e.g.:



 We'll talk about special kinds of operators, correlation and convolution (linear filtering)

[Adapted from: N. Snavely]

Linear Filters

Reading: Szeliski book, Chapter 3.2

Motivation: Finding Waldo

• How can we find Waldo?





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Answer

- Slide and compare!
- In formal language: filtering

Motivation: Noise reduction

• Given a camera and a still scene, how can you reduce noise?



Image Filtering

- Modify the pixels in an image based on some function of a local neighborhood of each pixel
- In other words... Filtering

10	5	3
4	5	1
1	1	7

Local image data



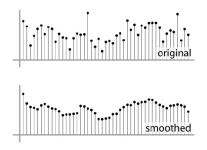
Modified image data

[Source: L. Zhang]

Applications of Filtering

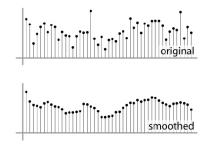
- Detect patterns, e.g., template matching.
- Enhance an image, e.g., denoise, resize.
- Extract information, e.g., texture, edges.

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- This assumes that neighboring pixels are similar, and the noise to be independent from pixel to pixel.



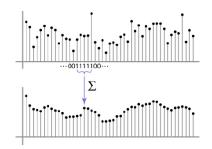
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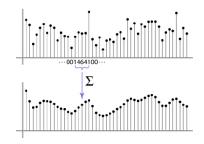
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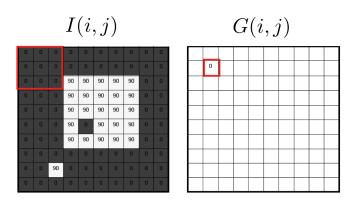


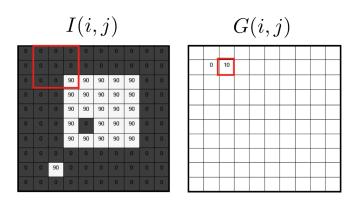
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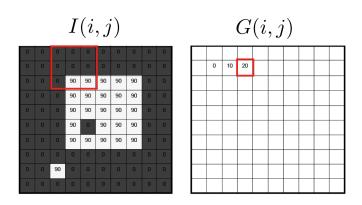
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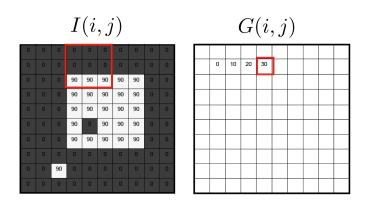


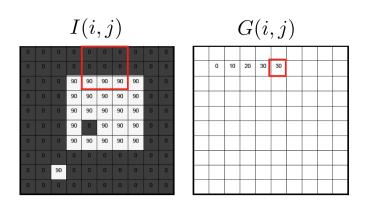
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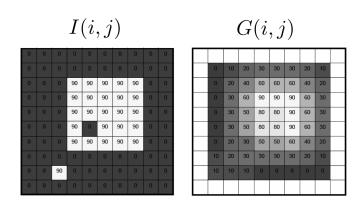












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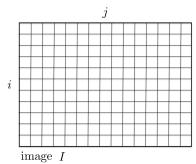
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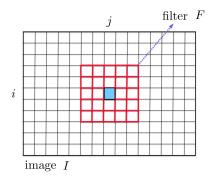
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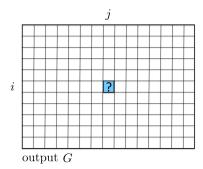




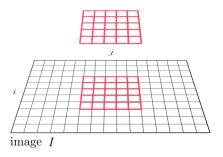
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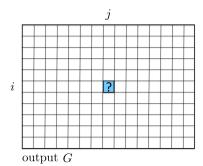
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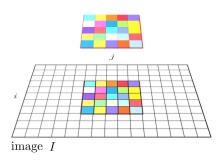


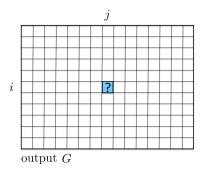
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$$G(i,j) = F(\square) \cdot I(\square) + F(\square) \cdot I(\square) + F(\square) \cdot I(\square) + \dots + F(\square) \cdot I(\square)$$

• What's the result?



0	0	0		
0	1	0		
0	0	0		

?

Original

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Original



Filtered (no change)

• What's the result?



0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

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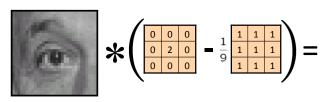


0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0



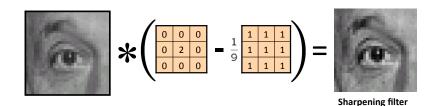
[Source: D. Lowe]

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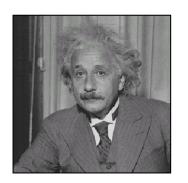


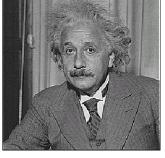
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(accentuates edges)

Sharpening



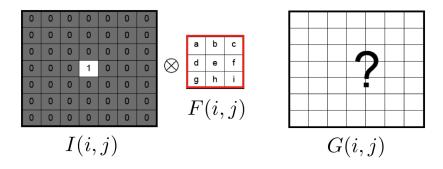


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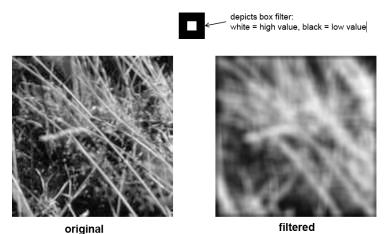
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Example of Correlation

• What is the result of filtering the impulse signal (image) I with the arbitrary filter F?



Smoothing by averaging



• What if the filter size was 5×5 instead of 3×3 ?

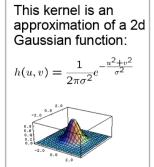
Gaussian filter

- What if we want nearest neighboring pixels to have the most influence on the output?
- Removes high-frequency components from the image (low-pass filter).

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0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
0	0	0	90	90	90	90	90	0	0
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0	0	0	90	0	90	90	90	0	0
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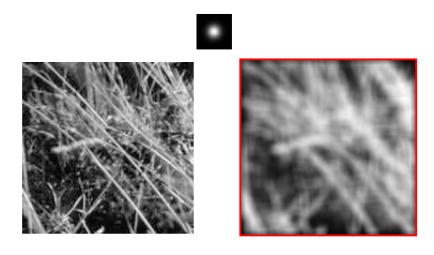


F(i,j)



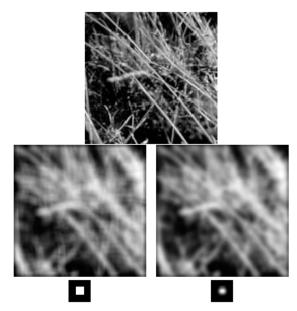
[Source: S. Seitz]

Smoothing with a Gaussian



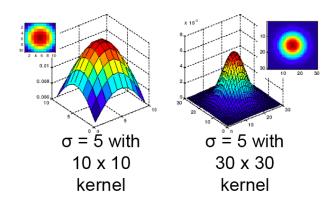
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Mean vs Gaussian



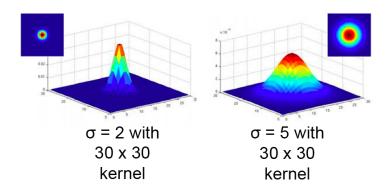
Gaussian filter: Parameters

• Size of filter or mask: Gaussian function has infinite support, but discrete filters use finite kernels.

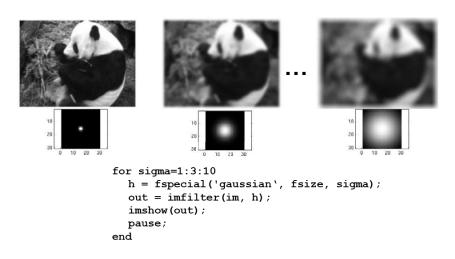


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• Variance of the Gaussian: determines extent of smoothing.



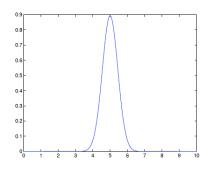
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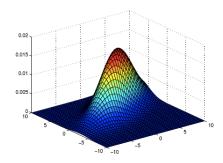


Is this the most general Gaussian?

ullet No, the most general form for $\mathbf{x} \in \Re^d$

$$\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{x};\ \boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}-\boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$





But the simplified version is typically use for filtering.

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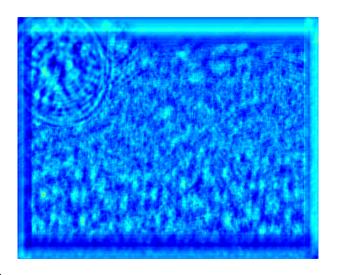




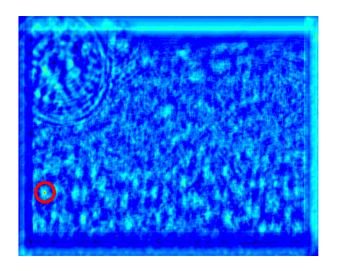
image I

 $\mathsf{filter}\; F$

• Let's do normalized cross-correlation



Result



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Voila!

• Homework: Do it yourself! Code on class webpage. Don't cheat ;)

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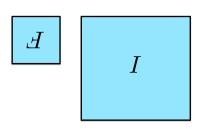
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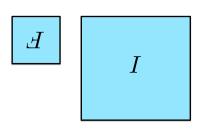


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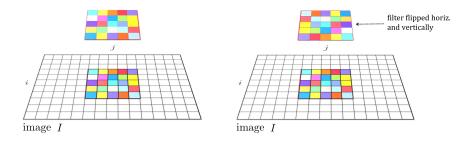
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Correlation vs Convolution



- For a Gaussian or box filter, how will the outputs differ?
- If the input is an impulse signal, how will the outputs differ? $\delta*I$?, and $\delta\otimes I$?

"Optical" Convolution

Camera Shake



Figure: Fergus, et al., SIGGRAPH 2006

• Blur in out-of-focus regions of an image.



Figure: Bokeh: http://lullaby.homepage.dk/diy-camera/bokeh.html Click for more info

[Source: N. Snavely]

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Gaussian Filter

Convolution with itself is another Gaussian



- Convolving twice with Gaussian kernel of width σ is the same as convolving once with kernel of width $\sigma\sqrt{2}$
- We don't need to filter twice, just once with a bigger kernel

[Source: K. Grauman]

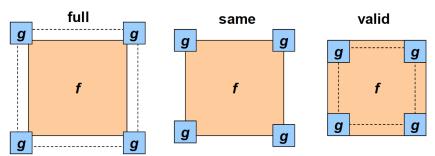
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$$G(i,j) = \mathbf{f}^T \cdot \mathbf{t}_{ij}$$

where \cdot is a dot product

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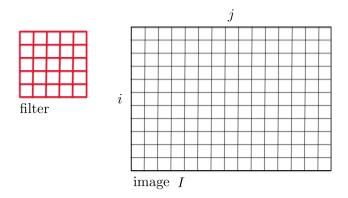
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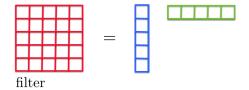
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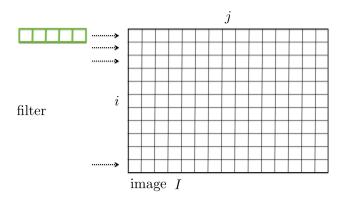
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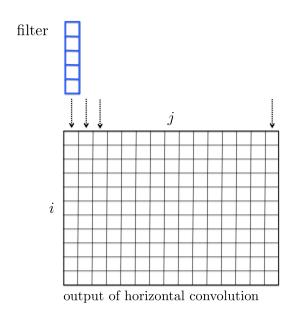
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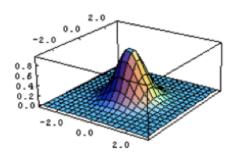


Separable Filters: Gaussian filters

One famous separable filter we already know:

Gaussian :
$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

= $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{\sigma^2}}\right)$



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Sharpening revisited

• What does blurring take away?



• Let's add it back



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Summary – Stuff You Should Know

- Correlation: Slide a filter across image and compare (via dot product)
- Convolution: Flip the filter to the right and down and do correlation
- ullet Smooth image with a Gaussian kernel: bigger σ means more blurring
- **Some** filters (like Gaussian) are **separable**: you can filter faster. First apply 1D convolution to each row, followed by another 1D conv. to each column
- Applying first a Gaussian filter with σ_1 and then another Gaussian with σ_2 is the same as applying one Gaussian filter with $\sigma=\sqrt{\sigma_1^2+\sigma_2^2}$

Matlab functions:

- IMFILTER: can do both correlation and convolution
- CORR2, FILTER2: correlation, NORMXCORR2 normalized correlation
- CONV2: does correlation
- FSPECIAL: creates special filters including a Gaussian

Next time:

Edge Detection