

# Filtering

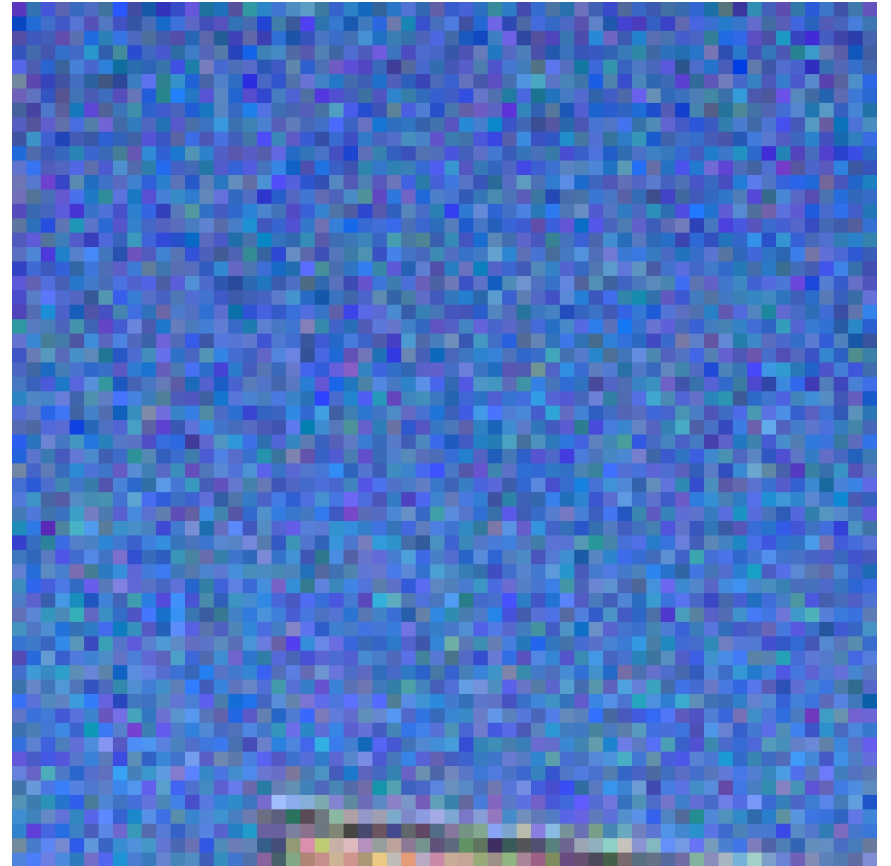
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Note: I'll ask the front row on the right to participate in a demo. All you have to do is say a number that I'll give to you. If you don't want to, it's fine, but don't sit in the front.

# Let's Take An Image



# Let's Fix Things

- We have noise in our image
- Let's replace each pixel with a *weighted* average of its neighborhood
- Weights are *filter kernel*

	Out	

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

# 1D Case

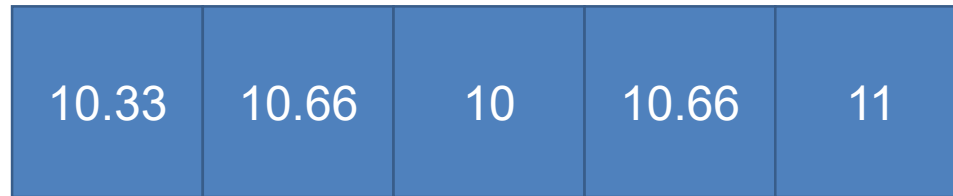
Signal/  
Front Row



Filter/  
David



Output



# Applying a Linear Filter

## Input

I11	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16
I21	I22	I23	I24	I25	I26
I31	I32	I33	I34	I35	I36
I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56

## Filter

F11	F12	F13
F21	F22	F23
F31	F32	F33

## Output

O11	O12	O13	O14
O21	O22	O23	O24
O31	O32	O33	O34

# Applying a Linear Filter

Input & Filter

F11	F12	F13	I14	I15	I16
F21	F22	F23	I24	I25	I26
F31	F32	F33	I34	I35	I36
I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56

Output

O11
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$$O_{11} = I_{11} * F_{11} + I_{12} * F_{12} + \dots + I_{33} * F_{33}$$

# Applying a Linear Filter

## Input & Filter

I11	F11	F12	F13	I15	I16
I21	F21	F22	F23	I25	I26
I31	F31	F32	F33	I35	I36
I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56

## Output

O11	O12
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$$O12 = I12 * F11 + I13 * F12 + \dots + I34 * F33$$

# Applying a Linear Filter

Input

I11	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16
I21	I22	I23	I24	I25	I26
I31	I32	I33	I34	I35	I36
I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56

Filter

F11	F12	F13
F21	F22	F23
F31	F32	F33

Output

**How many times can we apply a  
3x3 filter to a 5x6 image?**



# Applying a Linear Filter

Input

I11	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16
I21	I22	I23	I24	I25	I26
I31	I32	I33	I34	I35	I36
I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56

Filter

F11	F12	F13
F21	F22	F23
F31	F32	F33

Output

O11	O12	O13	O14
O21	O22	O23	O24
O31	O32	O33	O34

$$O_{ij} = I_{ij} * F_{11} + I_{i(j+1)} * F_{12} + \dots + I_{(i+2)(j+2)} * F_{33}$$

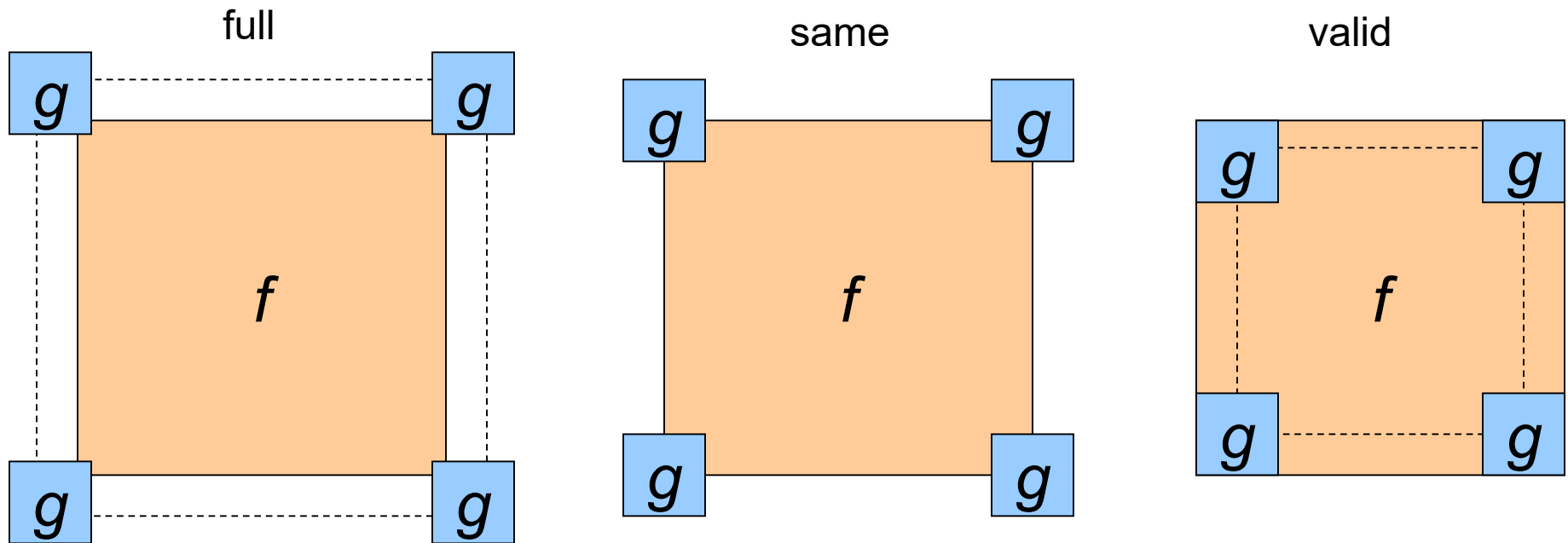
# Painful Details – Edge Cases

Convolution doesn't keep the whole image.

Suppose  $f$  is the image and  $g$  the filter.

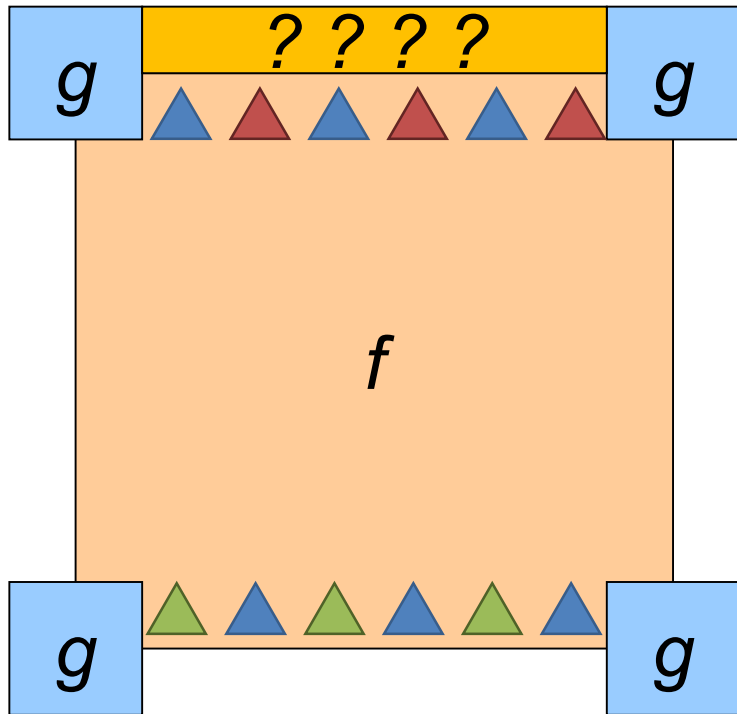
**Full** – any part of  $g$  touches  $f$ . **Same** – same size as  $f$ ;

**Valid** – only when filter doesn't fall off edge.

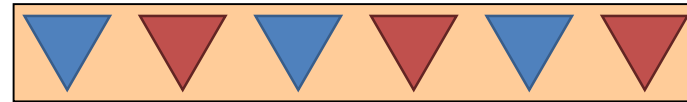


# Painful Details – Edge Cases

What to about the “?” region?



Symm: fold sides over



Circular/Wrap: wrap around



pad/fill: add value, often 0

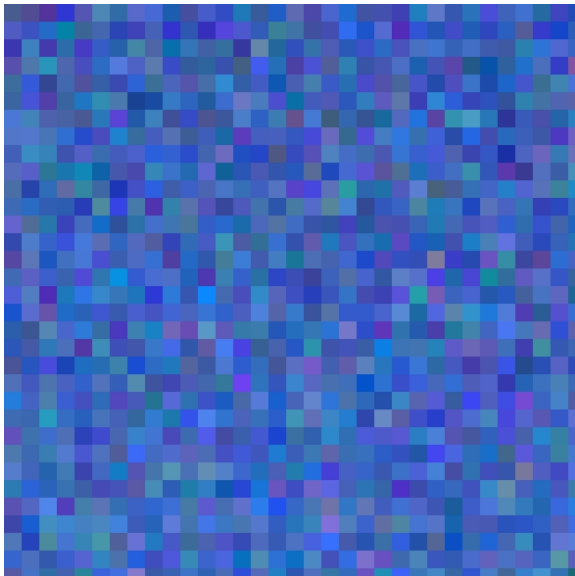


# Painful Details – Does it Matter?

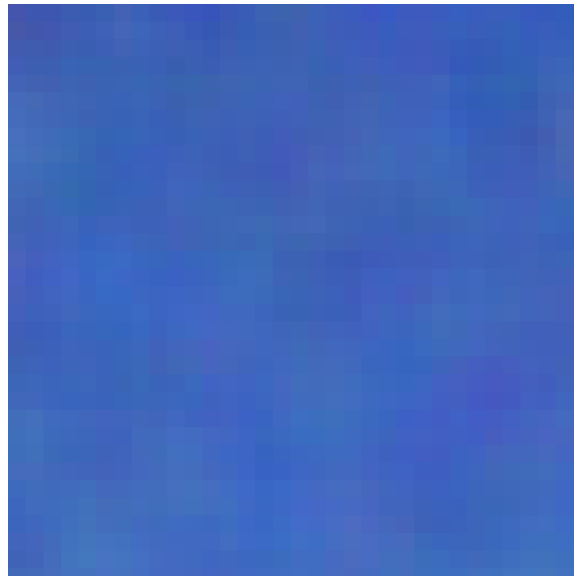
(I've applied the filter per-color channel)

**Which padding did I use and why?**

Input  
Image



Box Filtered  
???



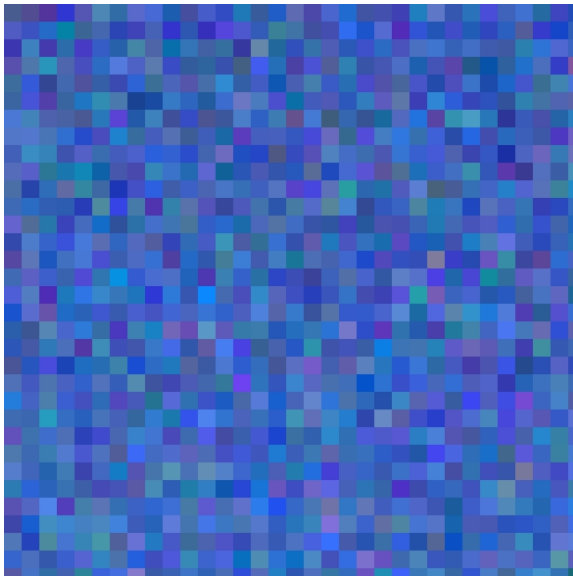
Box Filtered  
???



# Painful Details – Does it Matter?

(I've applied the filter per-color channel)

Input  
Image



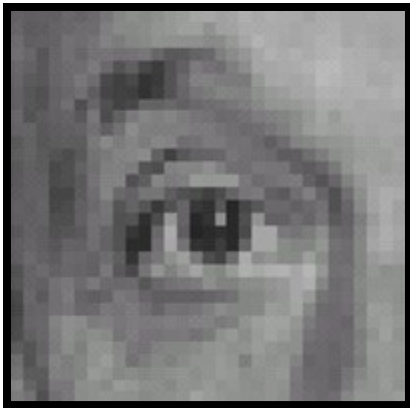
Box Filtered  
Symm Pad



Box Filtered  
Zero Pad



# Practice with Linear Filters

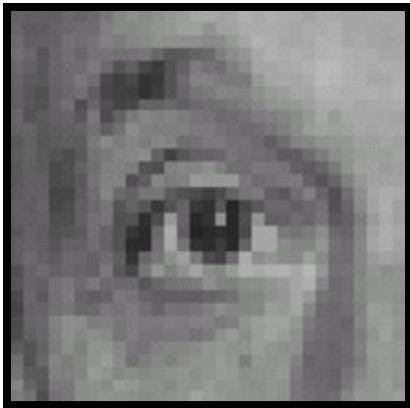


Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

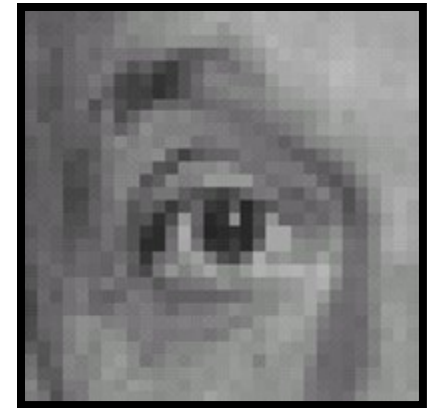
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# Practice with Linear Filters



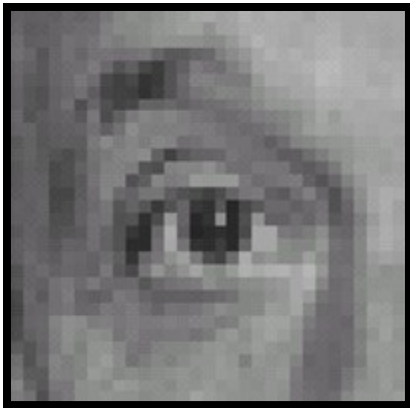
Original

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0



The Same!

# Practice with Linear Filters



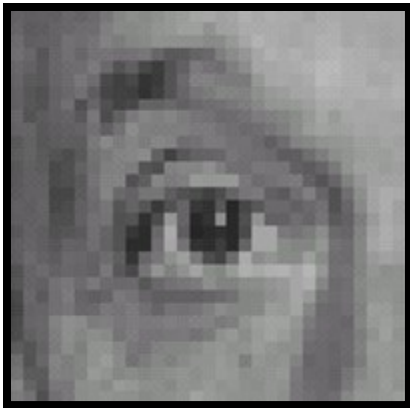
Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0

?



# Practice with Linear Filters



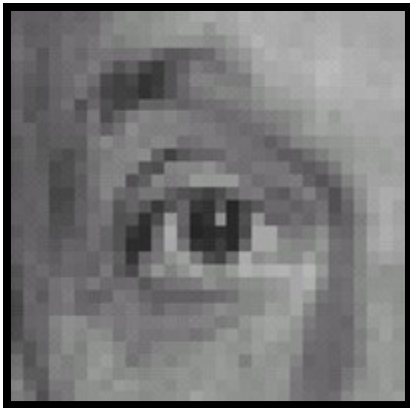
Original

0	0	0
0	0	1
0	0	0



Shifted  
**LEFT**  
1 pixel

# Practice with Linear Filters

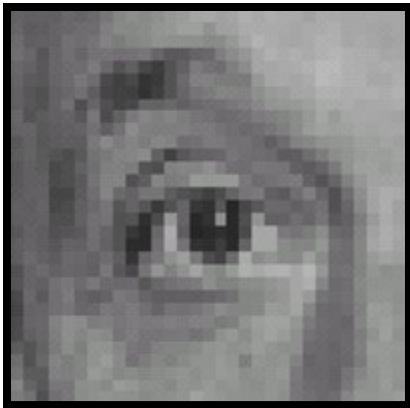


Original

0	1	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

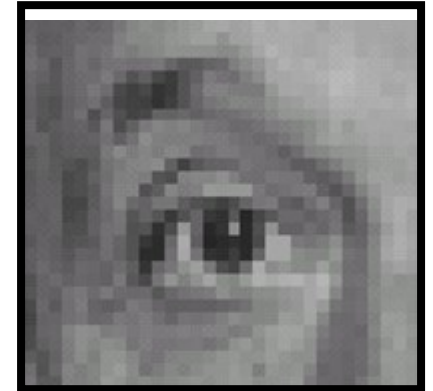
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# Practice with Linear Filters



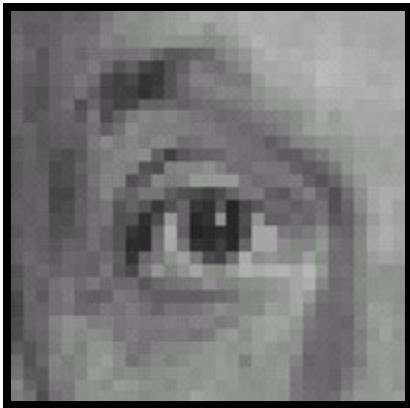
Original

0	1	0
0	0	0
0	0	0



Shifted  
**DOWN**  
1 pixel

# Practice with Linear Filters

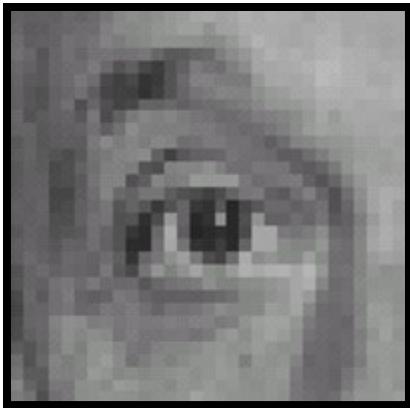


Original

$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$

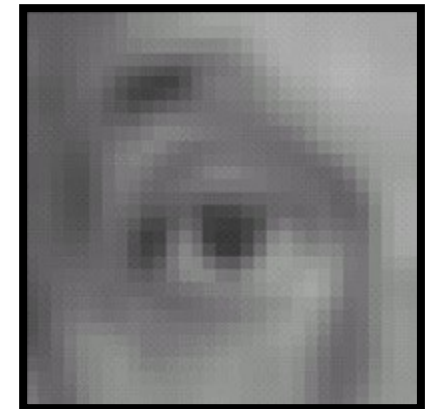
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# Practice with Linear Filters



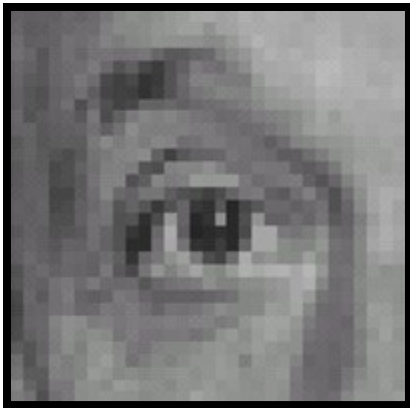
Original

$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$



Blur  
(Box Filter)

# Practice with Linear Filters



Original

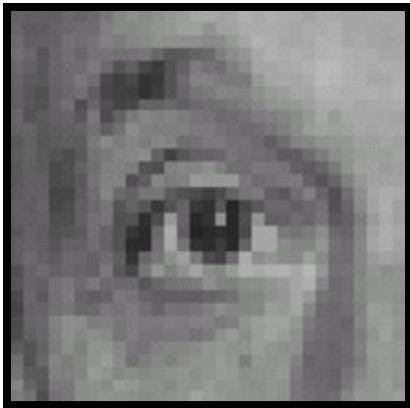
0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

-

$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$

?

# Practice with Linear Filters



Original

0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0

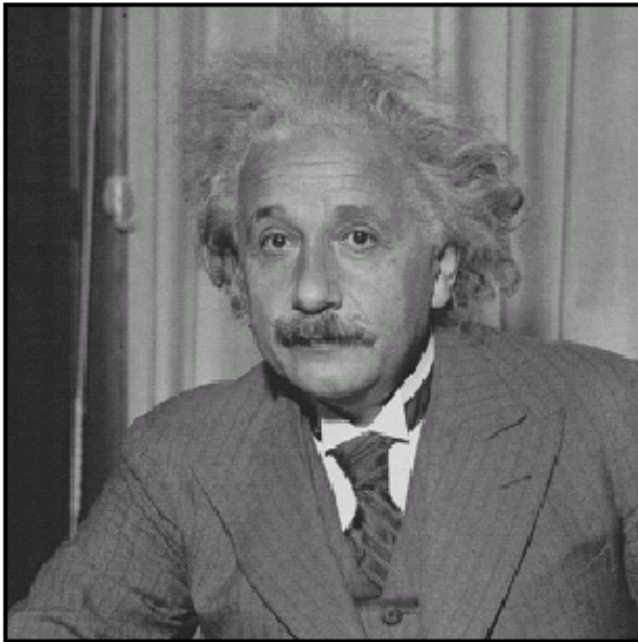
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$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$
$1/9$	$1/9$	$1/9$

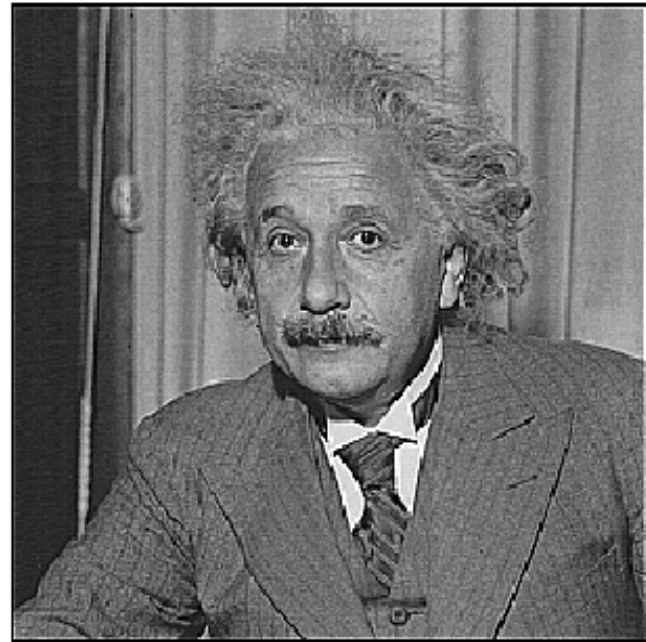


Sharpened  
(Accentuates  
difference from  
local average)

# Sharpening



**before**



**after**



# Properties – Linear

Assume: I image f1, f2 filters

**Linear:**  $\text{apply}(I, f1+f2) = \text{apply}(I, f1) + \text{apply}(I, f2)$

I is a box on black, and f1, f2 are boxes

$$A\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}\right) = A\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$A\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}\right) + A\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \blacksquare \\ \hline \end{array}$$

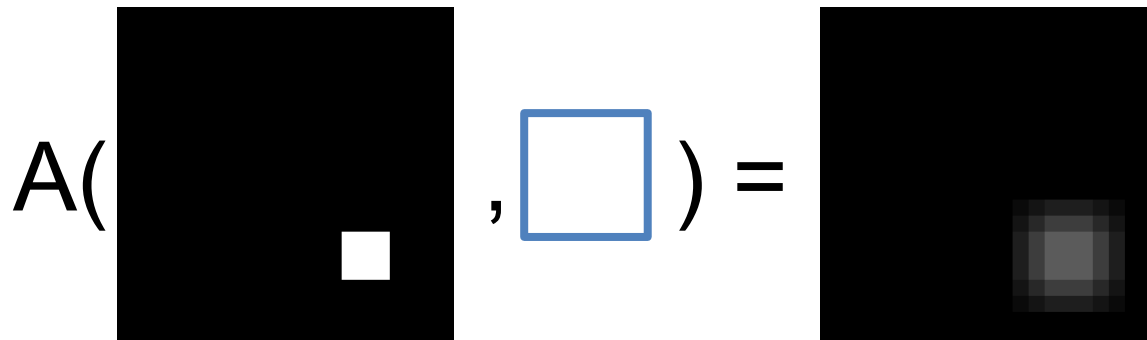
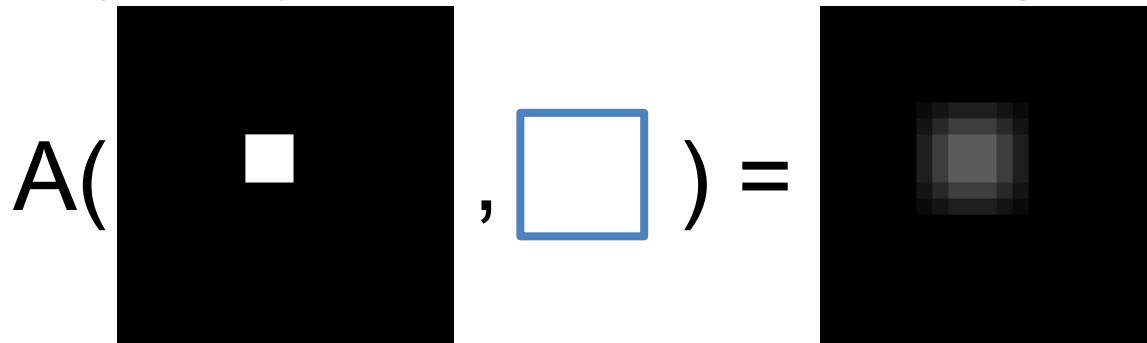
Note: I am showing filters un-normalized and blown up. They're a smaller box filter (i.e., each entry is  $1/(\text{size}^2)$ )

# Properties – Shift-Invariant

Assume: I image, f filter

**Shift-invariant:**  $\text{shift}(\text{apply}(I, f)) = \text{apply}(\text{shift}(I, f))$

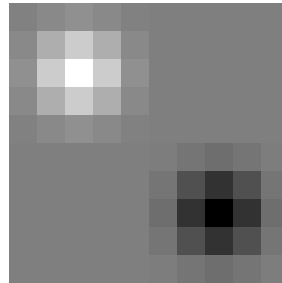
Intuitively: only depends on filter neighborhood



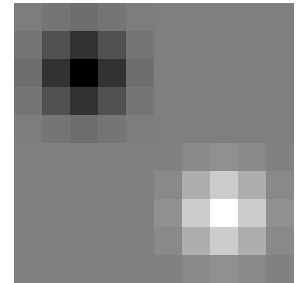
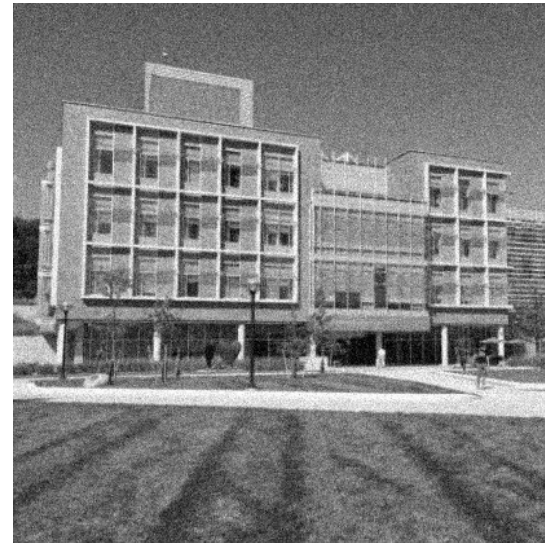
# Painful Details – Signal Processing

Often called “convolution”. *Actually* cross-correlation.

Cross-Correlation  
(Original Orientation)

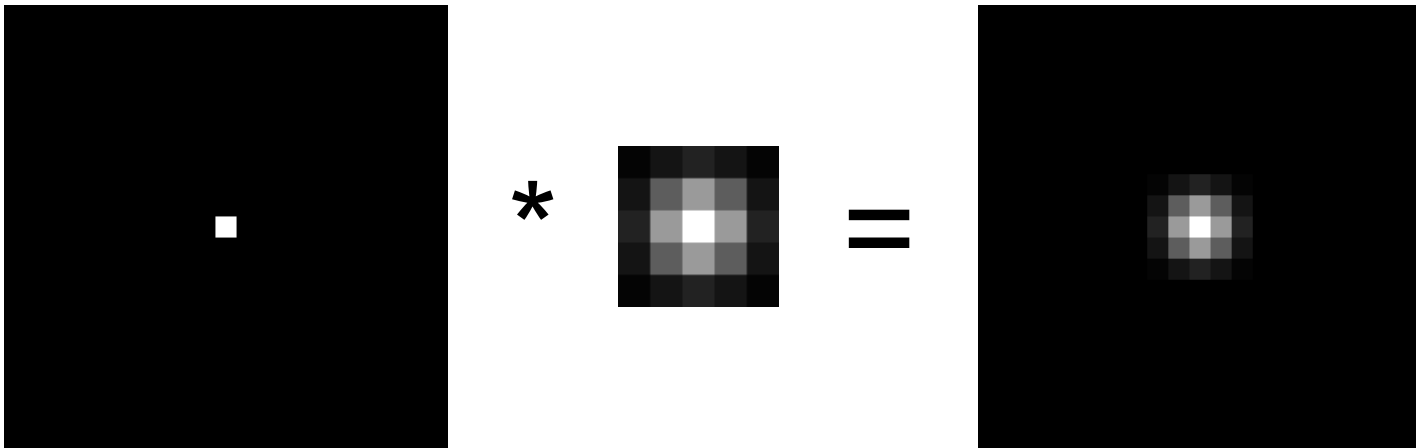


Convolution  
(Flipped in x and y)



# Properties of Convolution

- Any shift-invariant, linear operation is a convolution
- Commutative:  $f * g = g * f$
- Associative:  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$
- Distributes over +:  $f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$
- Scalars factor out:  $kf * g = f * kg = k(f * g)$
- Identity (a single one with all zeros):



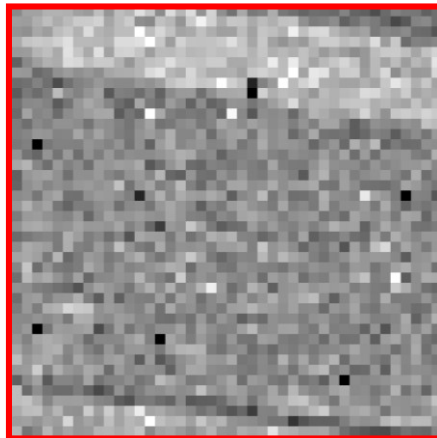
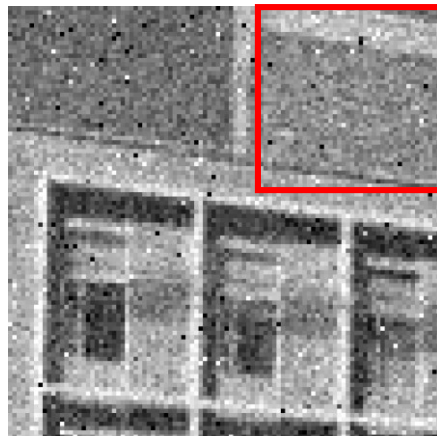
# Questions?

- Nearly everything onwards is a convolution.
- This is important to get right.

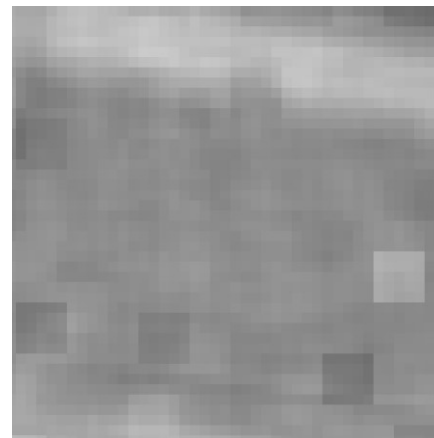
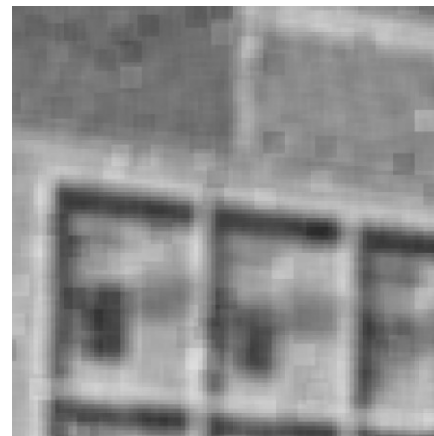
# Smoothing With A Box

Intuition: if filter touches it, it gets a contribution.

Input



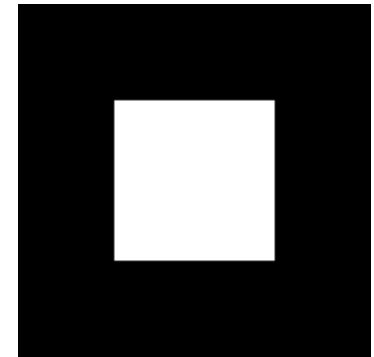
Box Filter



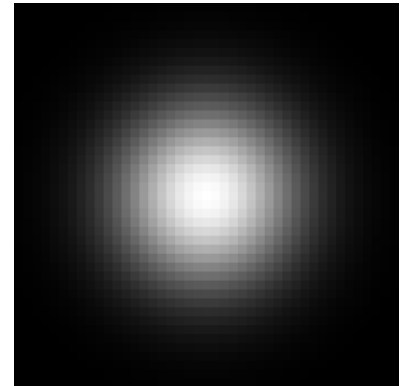
# Solution – Weighted Combination

Intuition: weight contributions according to closeness to center.

$$Filter_{ij} \propto 1$$



$$Filter_{ij} \propto \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

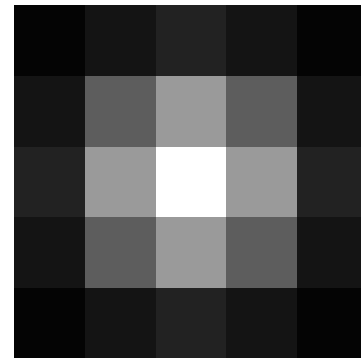


# Recognize the Filter?

It's a Gaussian!

$$Filter_{ij} \propto \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

0.003	0.013	0.022	0.013	0.003
0.013	0.060	0.098	0.060	0.013
0.022	0.098	0.162	0.098	0.022
0.013	0.060	0.098	0.060	0.013
0.003	0.013	0.022	0.013	0.003

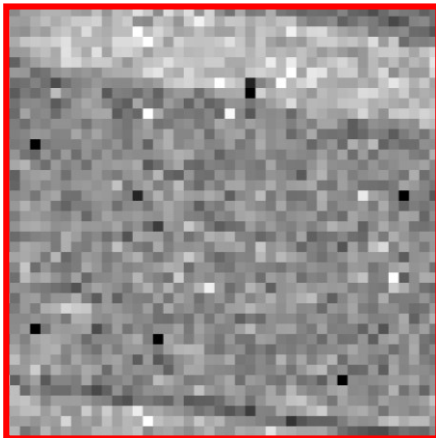
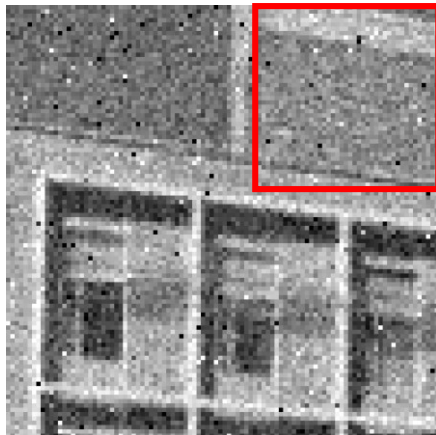




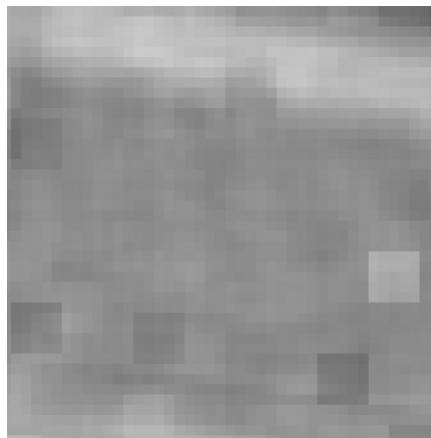
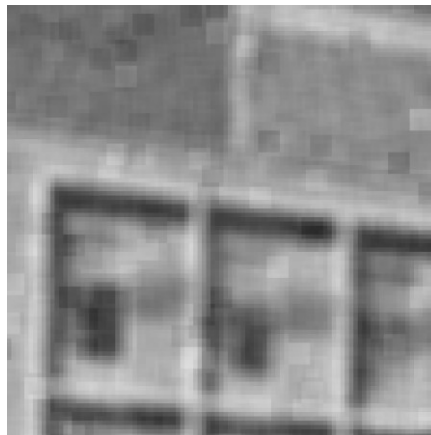
# Smoothing With A Box & Gauss

Still have some speckles, but it's not a big box

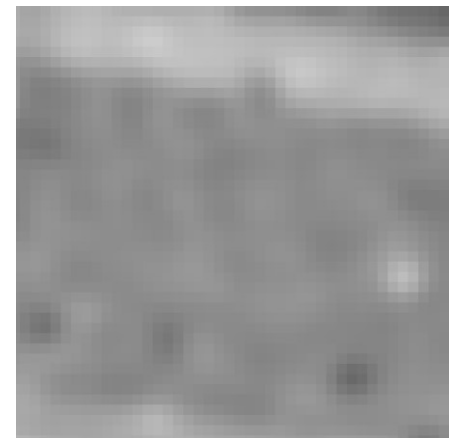
Input



Box Filter

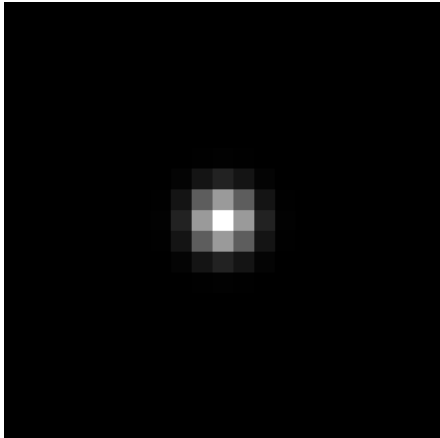


Gauss. Filter

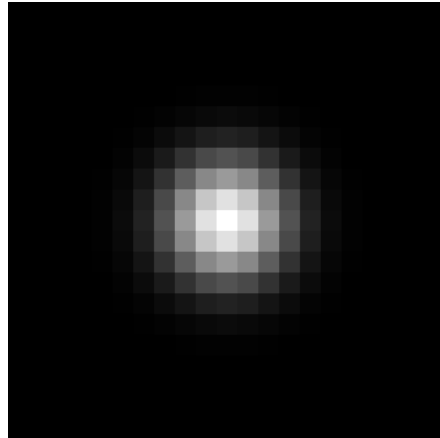


# Gaussian Filters

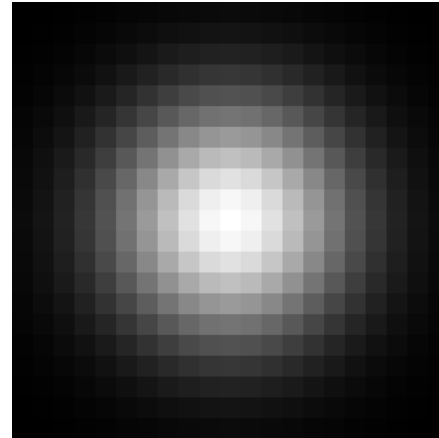
$\sigma = 1$   
filter = 21x21



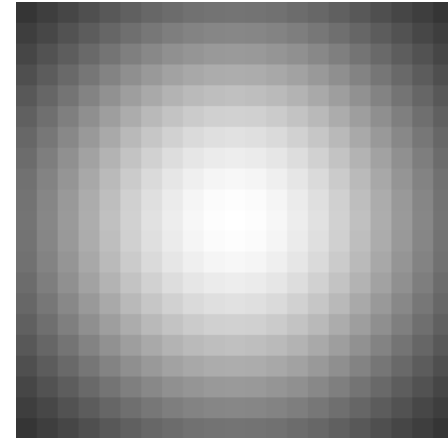
$\sigma = 2$   
filter = 21x21



$\sigma = 4$   
filter = 21x21

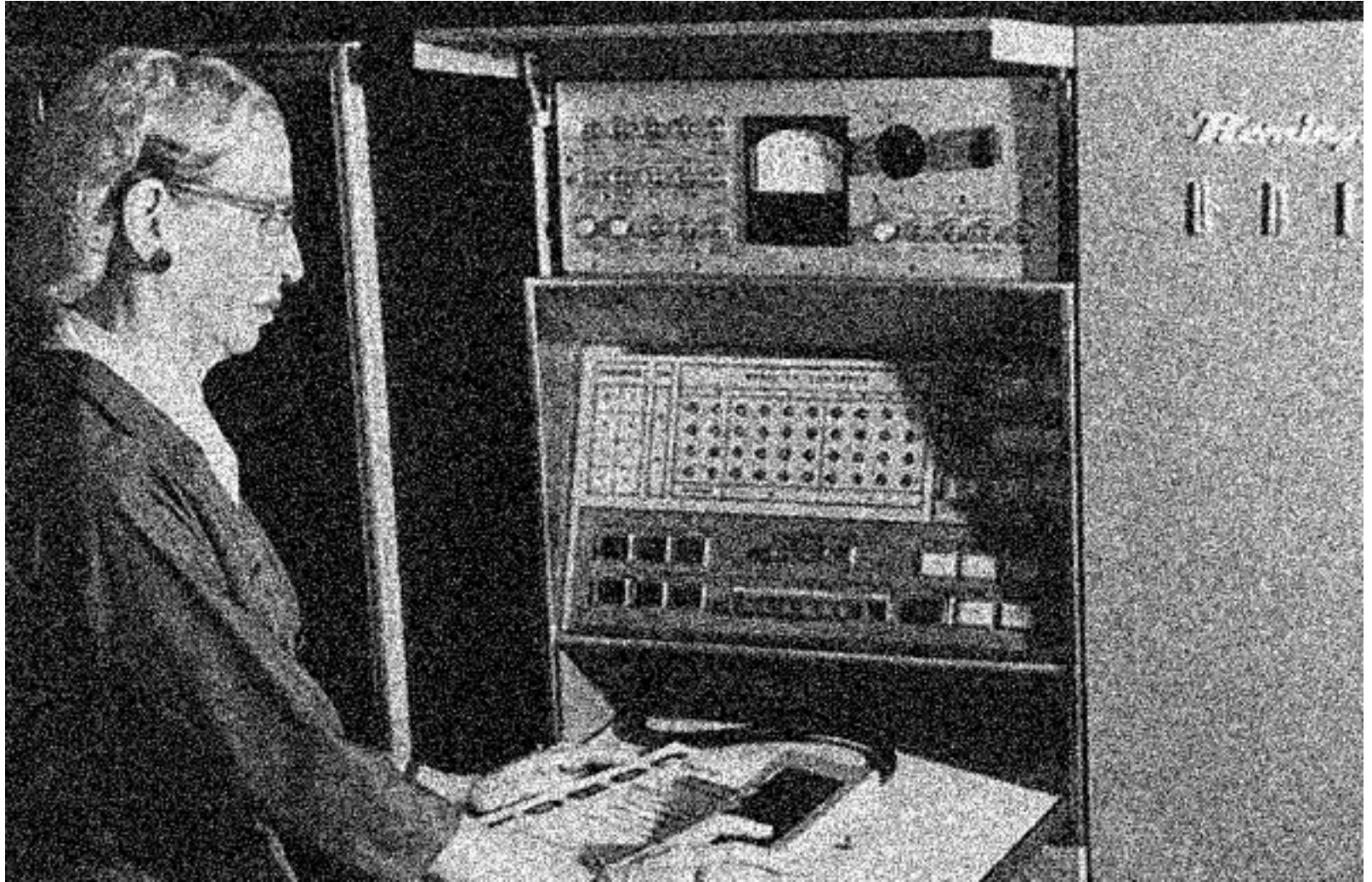


$\sigma = 8$   
filter = 21x21



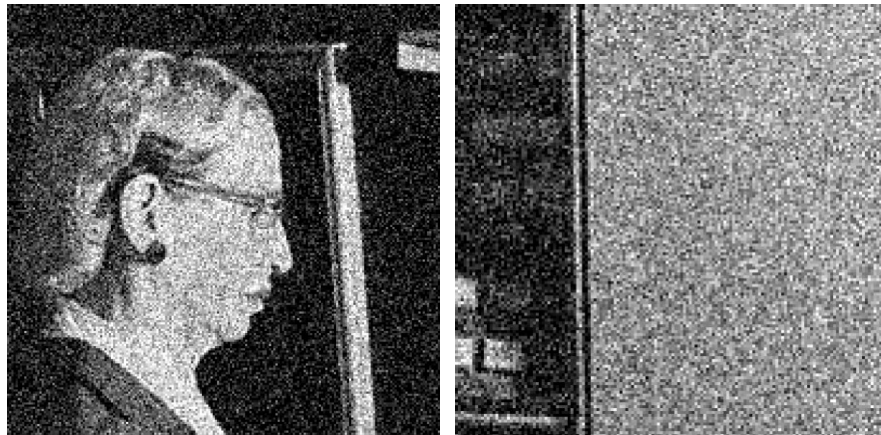
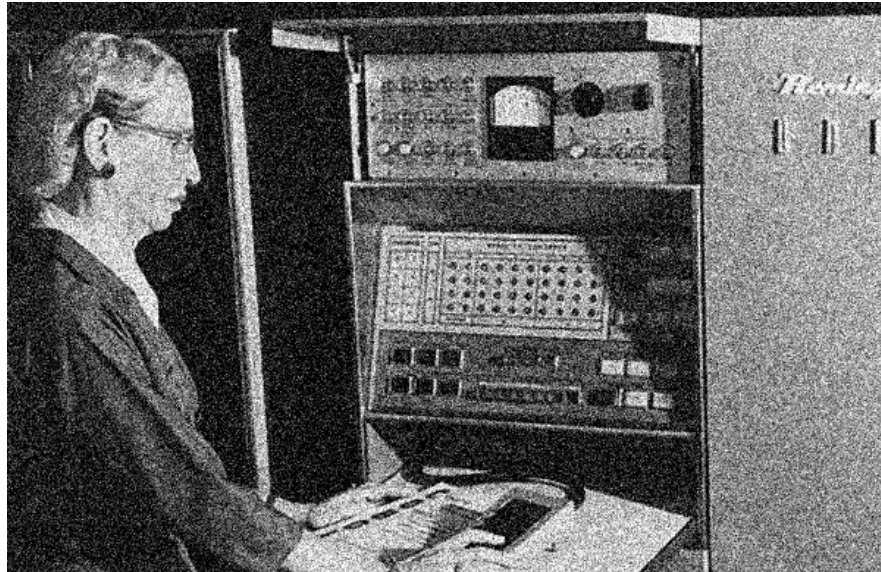
Note: filter visualizations are independently normalized throughout the slides so you can see them better

# Applying Gaussian Filters



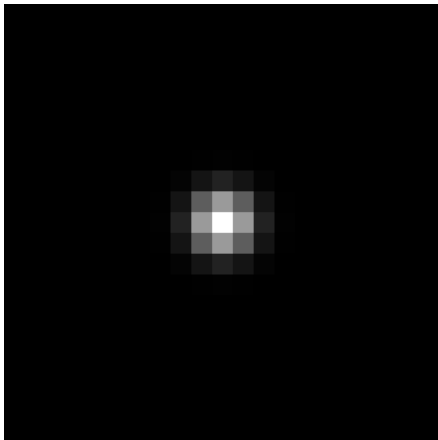
# Applying Gaussian Filters

Input Image  
(no filter)



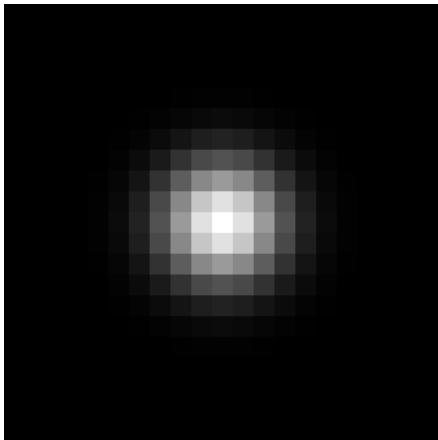
# Applying Gaussian Filters

$$\sigma = 1$$



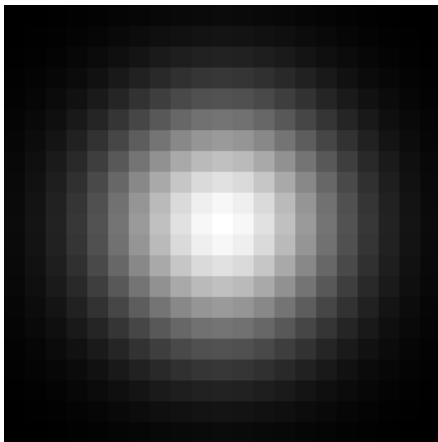
# Applying Gaussian Filters

$$\sigma = 2$$



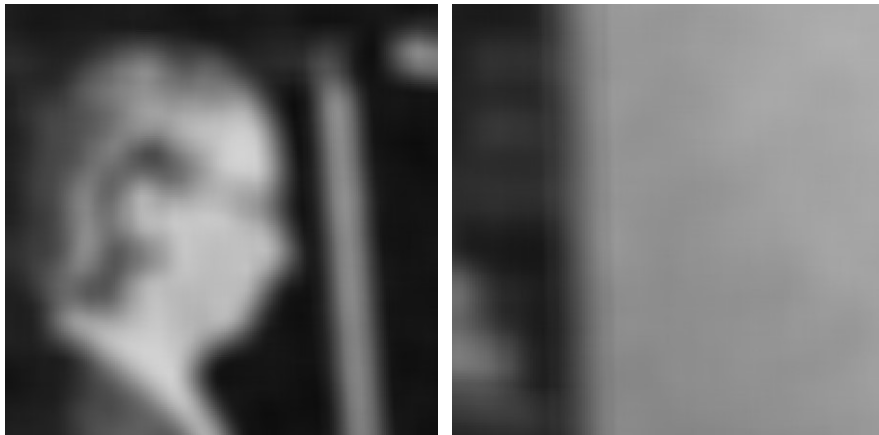
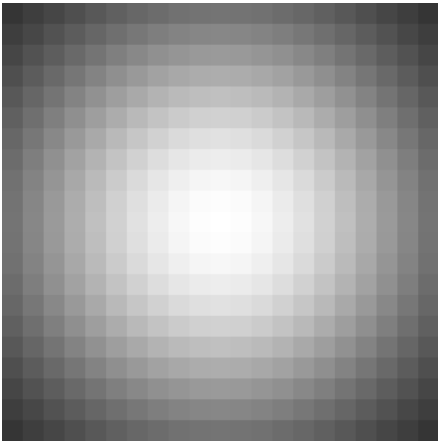
# Applying Gaussian Filters

$$\sigma = 4$$



# Applying Gaussian Filters

$\sigma = 8$





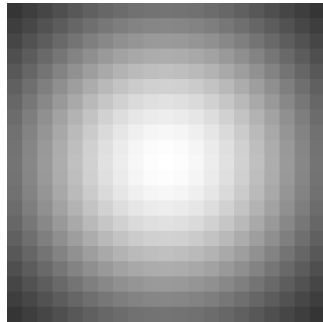
# Picking a Filter Size

Too small filter  $\rightarrow$  bad approximation

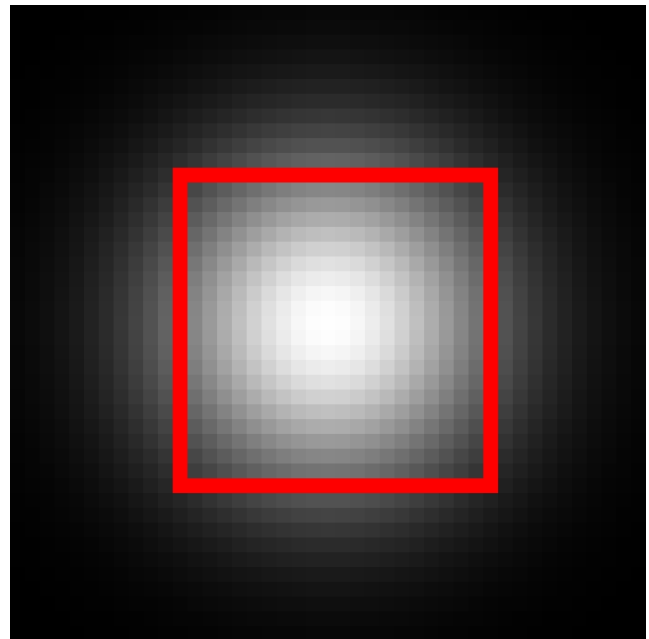
Want size  $\approx 6\sigma$  (99.7% of energy)

Left far too small; right slightly too small!

$\sigma = 8$ , size = 21



$\sigma = 8$ , size = 43



# Runtime Complexity

Image size =  $N \times N = 6 \times 6$

Filter size =  $M \times M = 3 \times 3$

I11	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16
I21	F11	F12	F13	I25	I26
I31	F21	F22	F23	I35	I36
I41	F31	F32	F33	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56
I61	I62	I63	I64	I65	I66

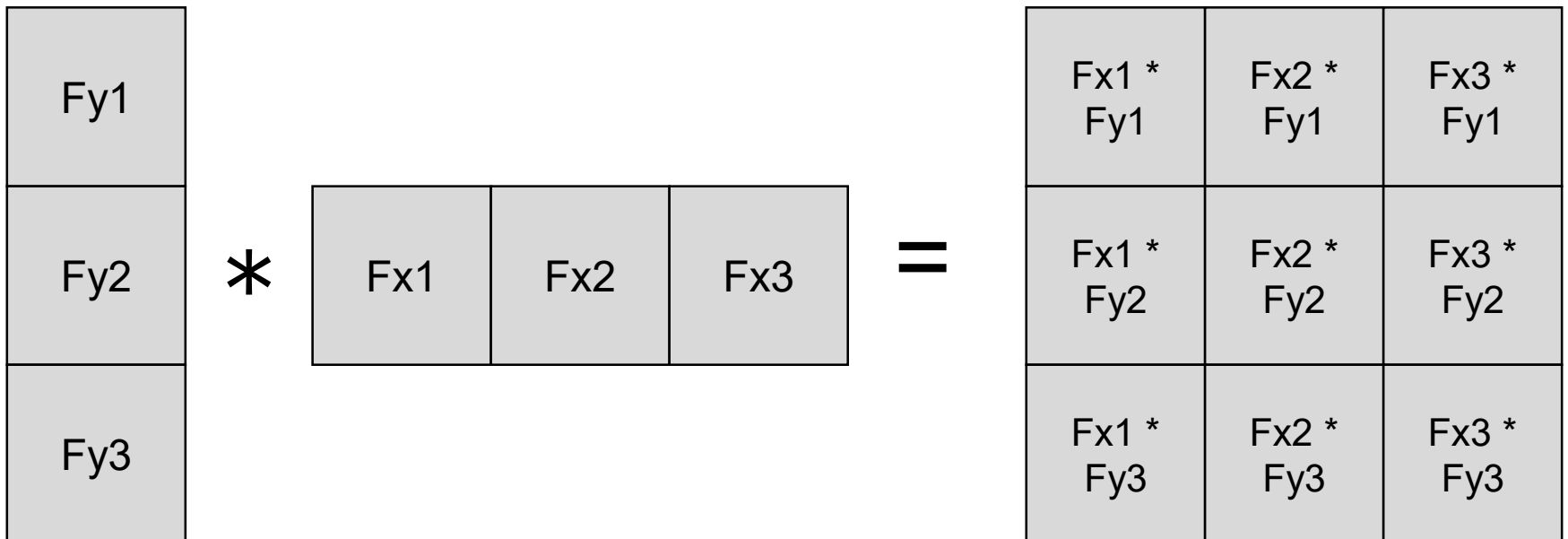
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for ImageY in range(N):  
    for ImageX in range(N):  
        for FilterY in range(M):  
            for FilterX in range(M):
```

...

Time:  $O(N^2M^2)$

# Separability

Conv(vector, transposed vector)  $\rightarrow$  outer product



# Separability

$$Filter_{ij} \propto \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

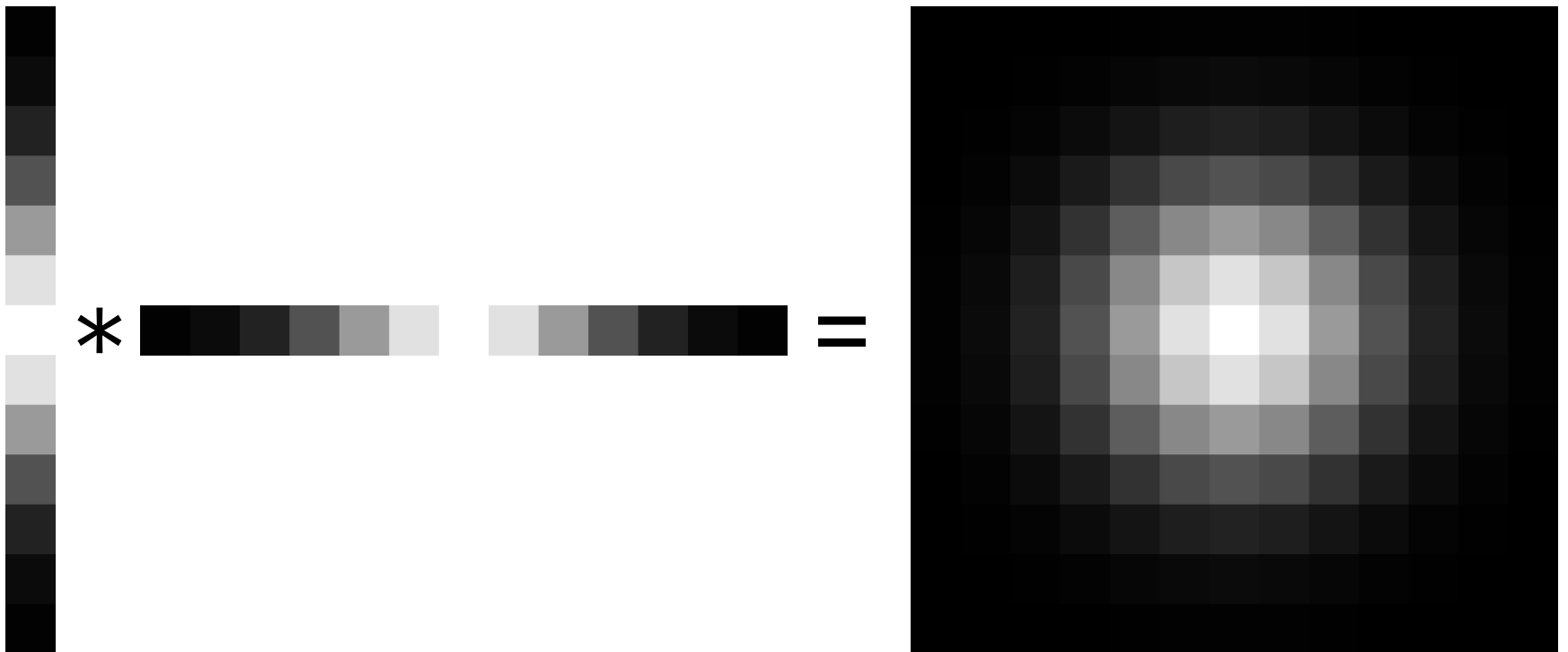
→

$$Filter_{ij} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

# Separability

1D Gaussian \* 1D Gaussian = 2D Gaussian

Image \* 2D Gauss = Image \* (1D Gauss \* 1D Gauss )  
= (Image \* 1D Gauss) \* 1D Gauss



# Runtime Complexity

Image size =  $N \times N = 6 \times 6$

Filter size =  $M \times 1 = 3 \times 1$

I11	I12	I13	I14	I15	I16
I21	F1	I23	I24	I25	I26
I31	F2	I33	I34	I35	I36
I41	F3	I43	I44	I45	I46
I51	I52	I53	I54	I55	I56
I61	I62	I63	I64	I65	I66

**What are my compute savings for a 13x13 filter?**

```
for ImageY in range(N):  
    for ImageX in range(N):  
        for FilterY in range(M):  
            ...  
        for ImageY in range(N):  
            for ImageX in range(N):  
                for FilterX in range(M):  
                    ...
```

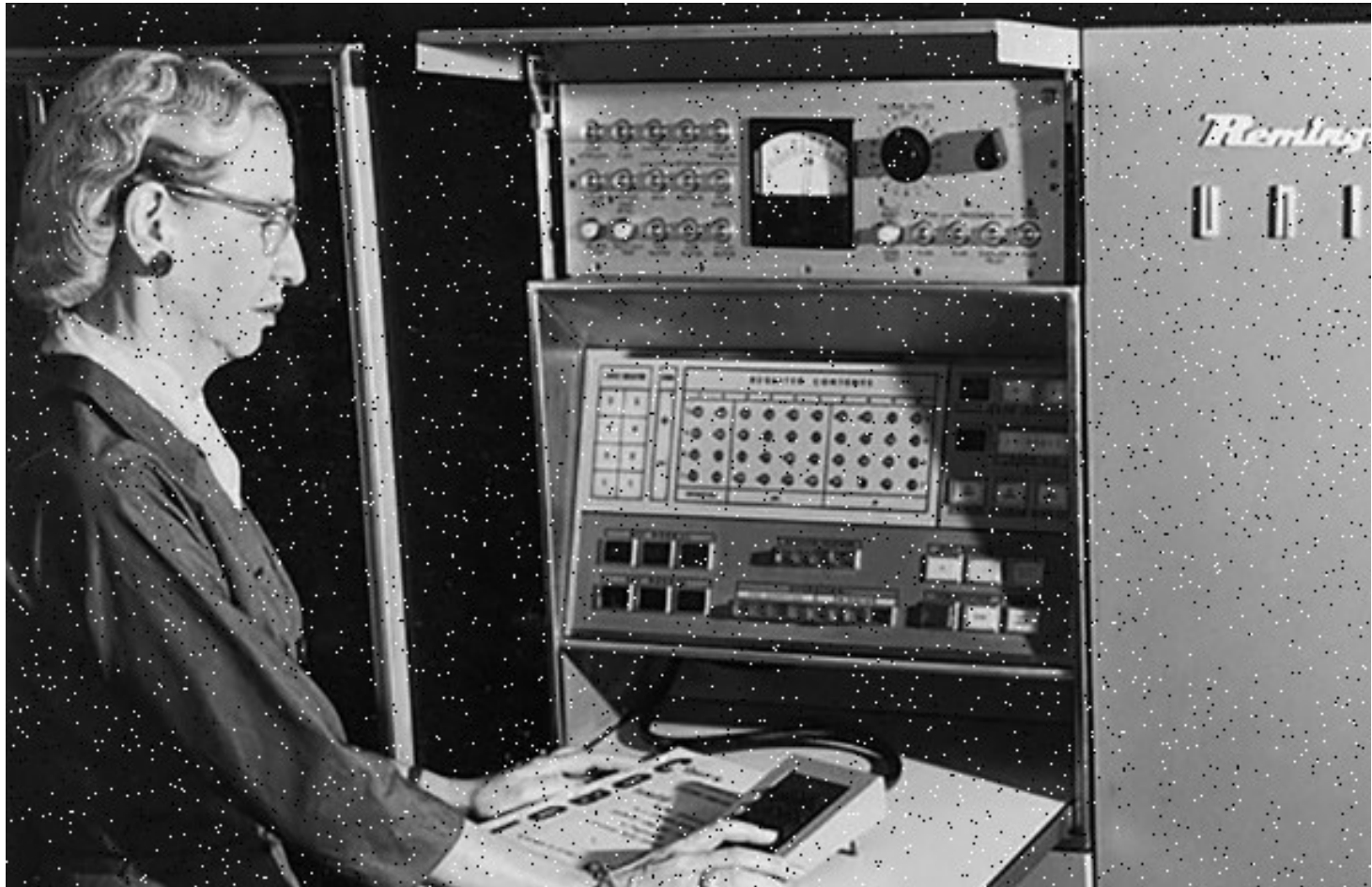
Time:  $O(N^2M)$

# Why Gaussian?

Gaussian filtering removes parts of the signal above a certain frequency. Often noise is high frequency and signal is low frequency.



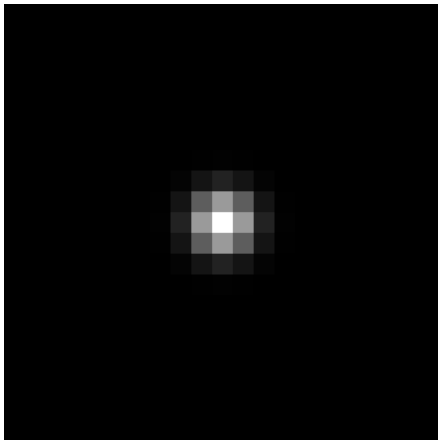
# Where Gaussian Fails





# Applying Gaussian Filters

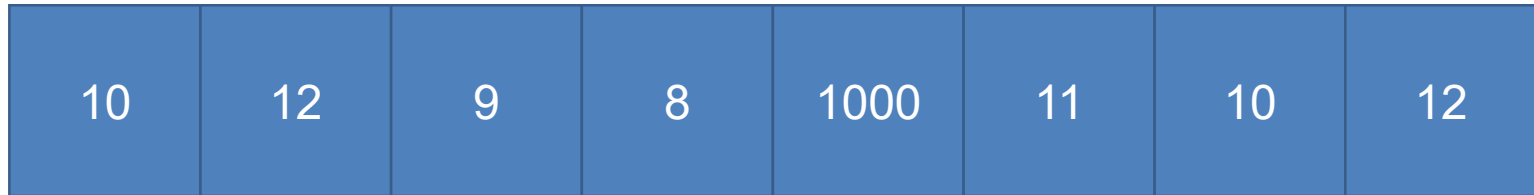
$$\sigma = 1$$



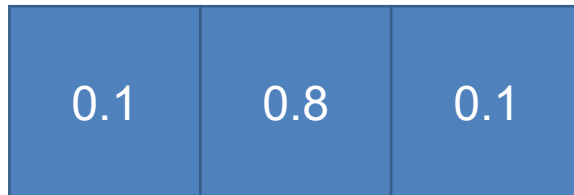
# Why Does This Fail?

Means can be arbitrarily distorted by outliers

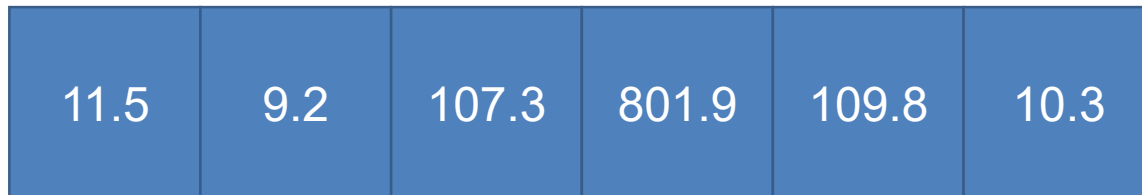
Signal



Filter



Output



**What else is an “average” other than a mean?**

# Non-linear Filters (2D)

40	81	13	22
125	830	76	80
144	92	108	95
132	102	106	87

[040, 081, 013, 125, 830, 076, 144, 092, 108]

↓ Sort ↓

[013, 040, 076, 081, 092, 108, 125, 144, 830]

↓  
92

[830, 076, 080, 092, 108, 095, 102, 106, 087]

↓ Sort ↓

[076, 080, 087, 092, 095, 102, 106, 108, 830]

↓  
95

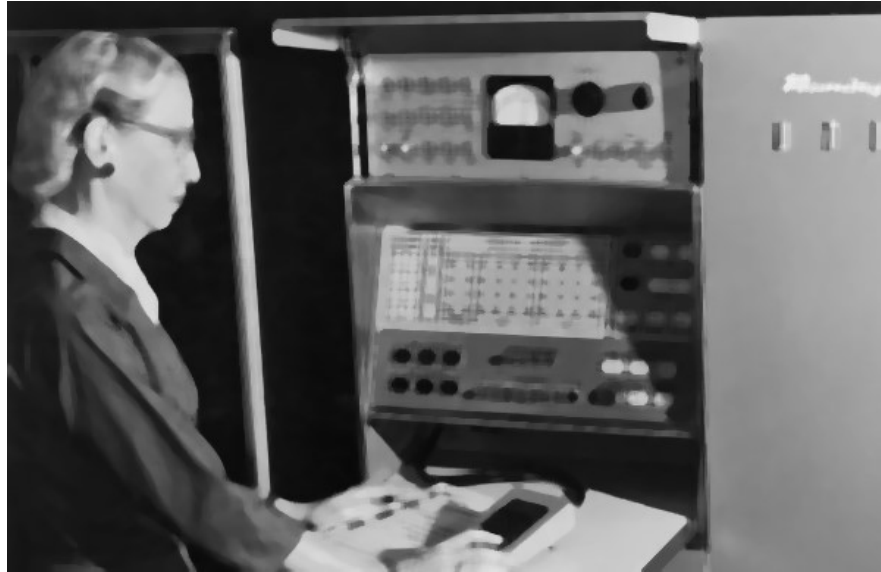
# Applying Median Filter

Median  
Filter  
(size=3)



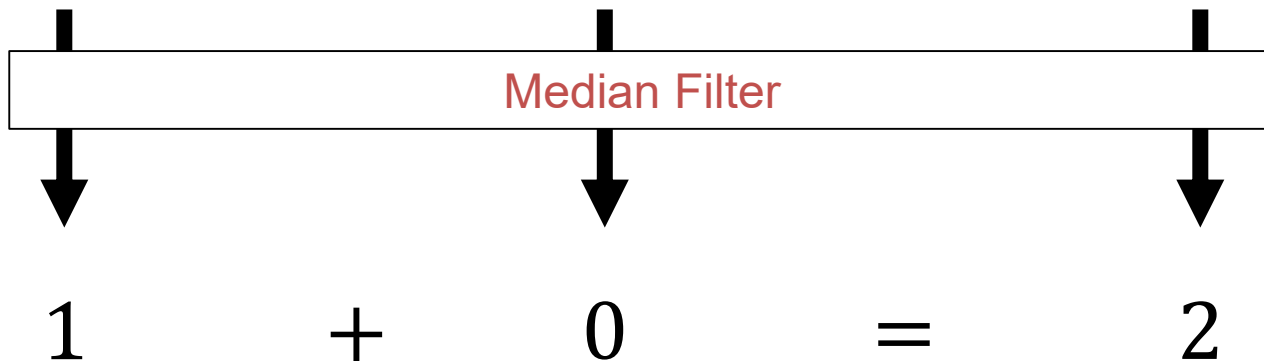
# Applying Median Filter

Median  
Filter  
(size = 7)



# Is Median Filtering Linear?

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



# Some Examples of Filtering

# Filtering – Sharpening

Image



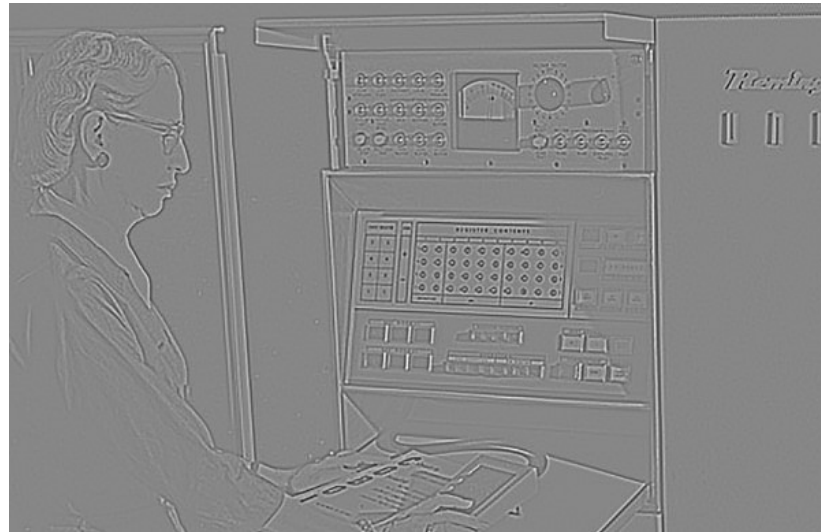
Smoothed



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Details

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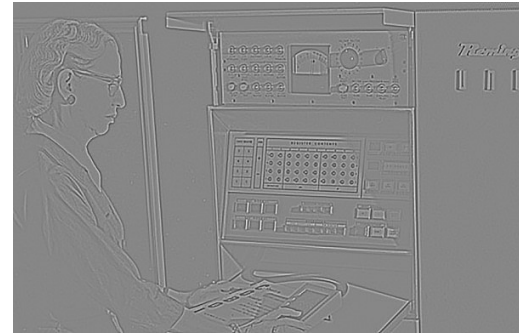
# Filtering – Sharpening

Image



+ $\alpha$

Details



“Sharpened”  $\alpha=1$

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# Filtering – Sharpening

Image



+ $\alpha$

Details



“Sharpened”  $\alpha=0$

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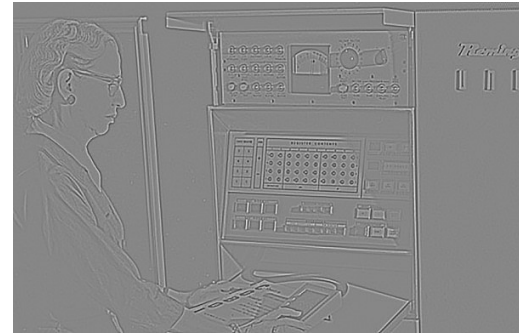
# Filtering – Sharpening

Image



+ $\alpha$

Details



“Sharpened”  $\alpha=2$

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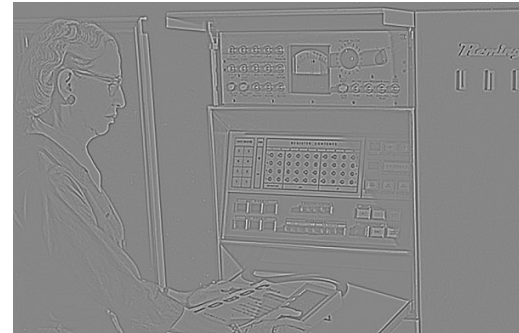
# Filtering – Sharpening

Image



+ $\alpha$

Details



“Sharpened”  $\alpha=0$

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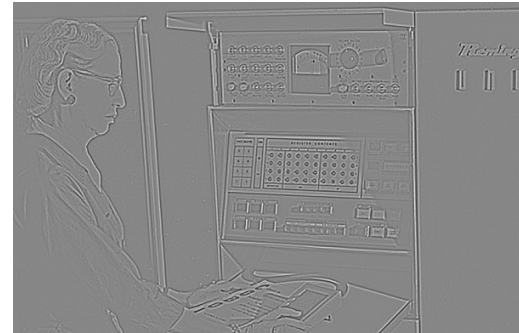
# Filtering – Extreme Sharpening

Image



+ $\alpha$

Details



“Sharpened”  $\alpha=10$

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# Filtering

What's this Filter?

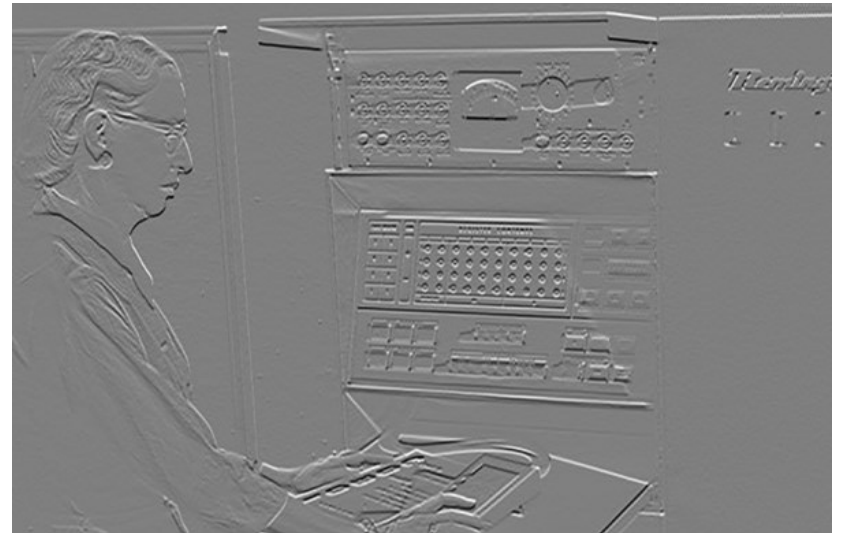
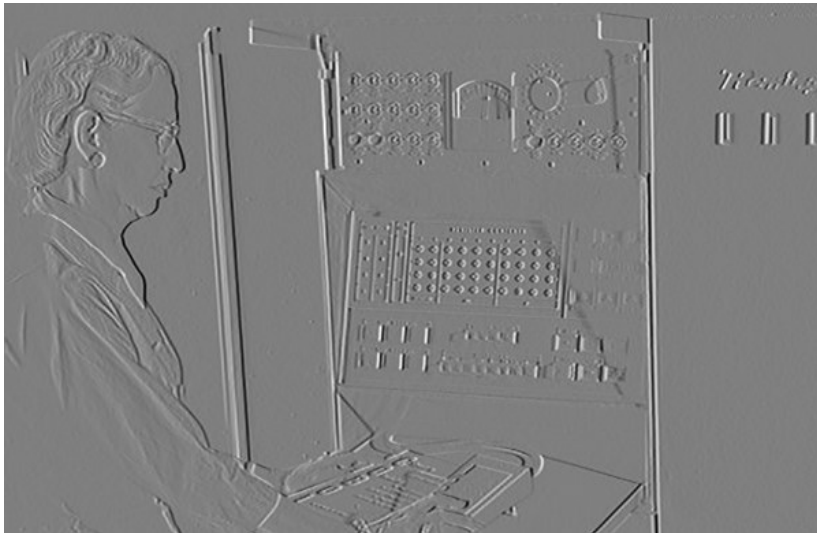
-1	0	1
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Dx

-1	0	1
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<sup>T</sup>

Dy



# Filtering – Derivatives

$$(Dx^2 + Dy^2)^{1/2}$$



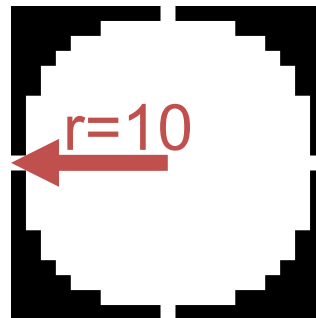
# Filtering – Counting

How many “on” pixels have  
10+ neighbors within 10 pixels?

Pixels



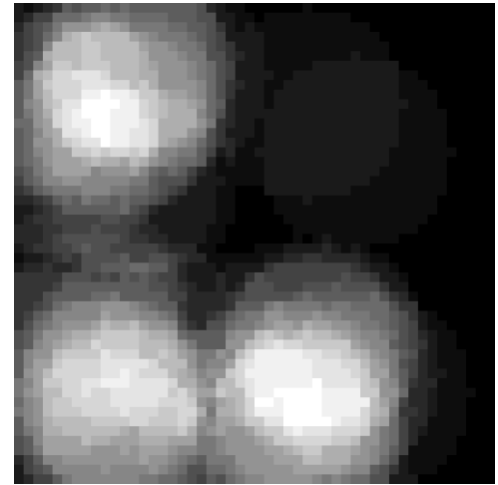
Disk



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# Filtering – Counting

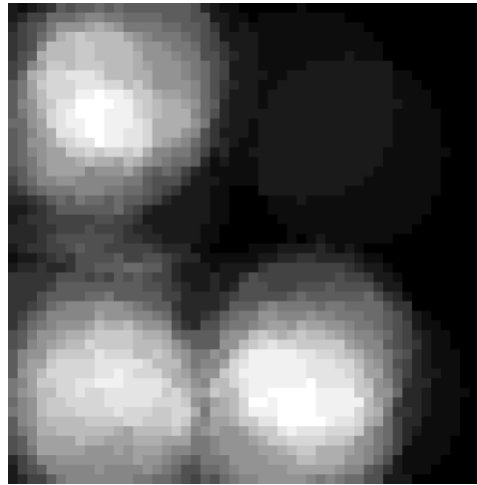
How many “on” pixels have  
10+ neighbors within 10 pixels?

Pixels



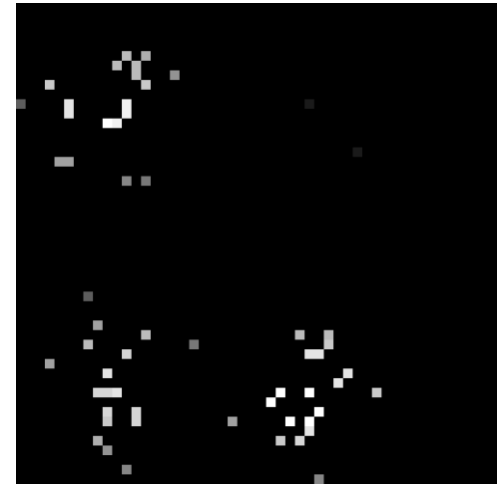
X

Density



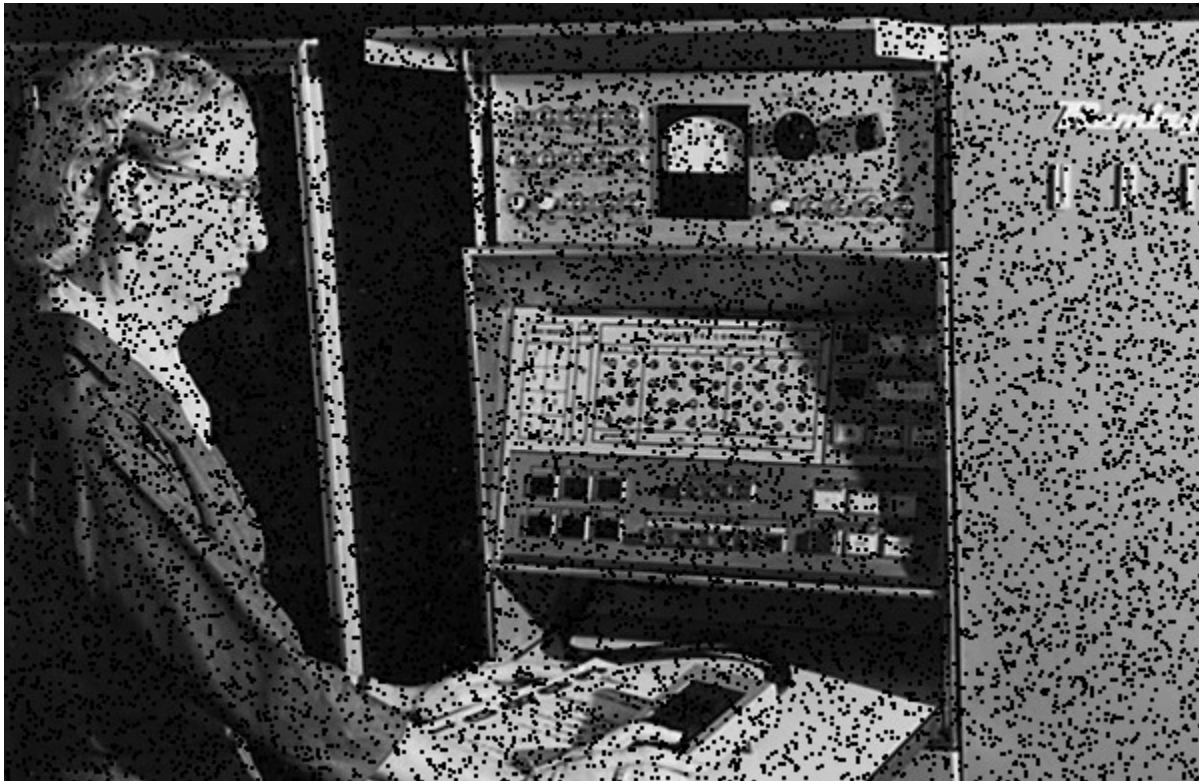
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Answer



# Filtering – Missing Data

Oh no! Missing data!  
(and we know where)



Common with many non-normal cameras (e.g., depth cameras)

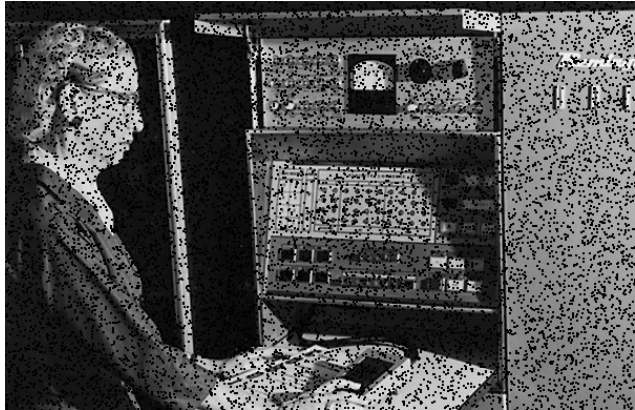
# Aside (Added after class)

- Element-wise operations on matrices A,B:
- Addition (same as normal):
  - $\text{Out}_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}$
- Division:
  - $\text{Out}_{ij} = A_{ij} / B_{ij}$
- Multiplication (aka Hadamard Product):
  - $\text{Out}_{ij} = A_{ij} * B_{ij}$

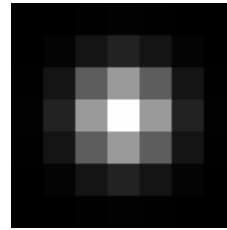
Not typically taught in entry-level linear algebra.  
Common when working with real matrix data.

# Filtering – Missing Data

Image

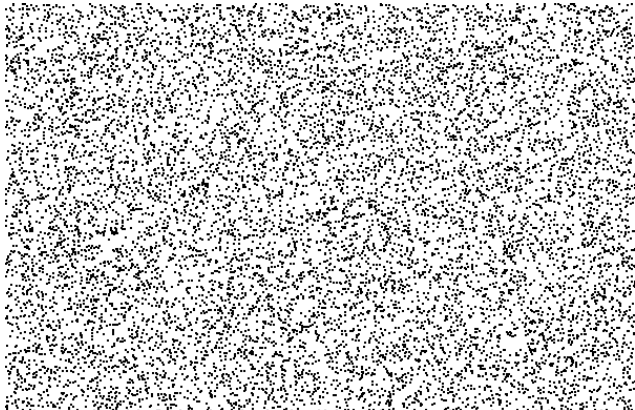


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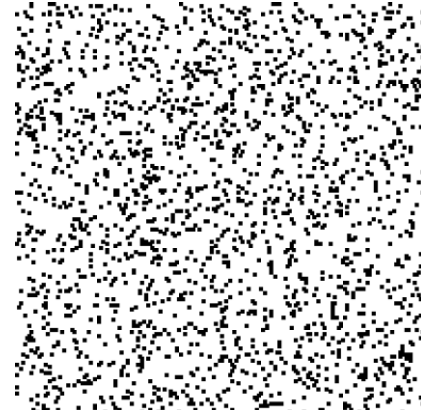
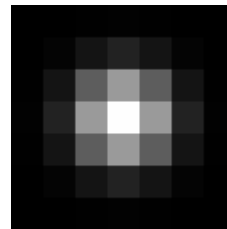


Per-element /

Binary  
Mask

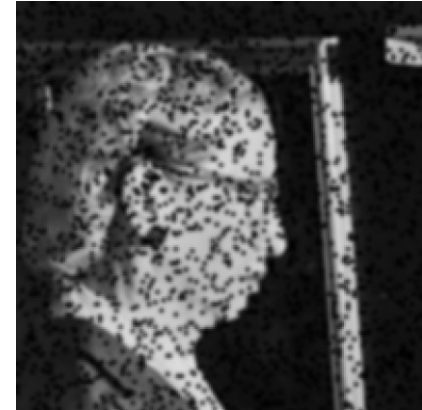
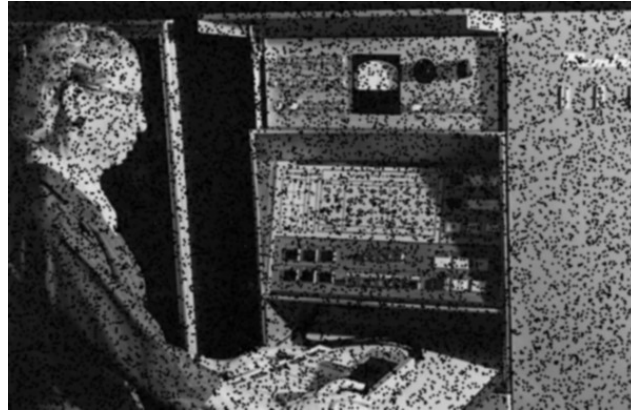


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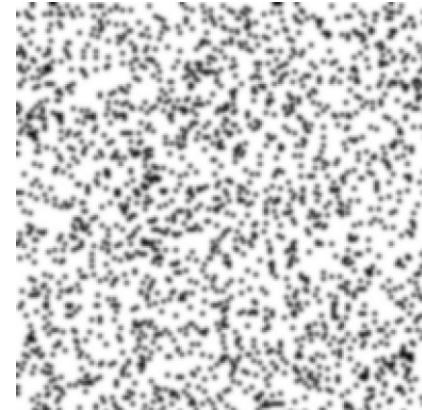
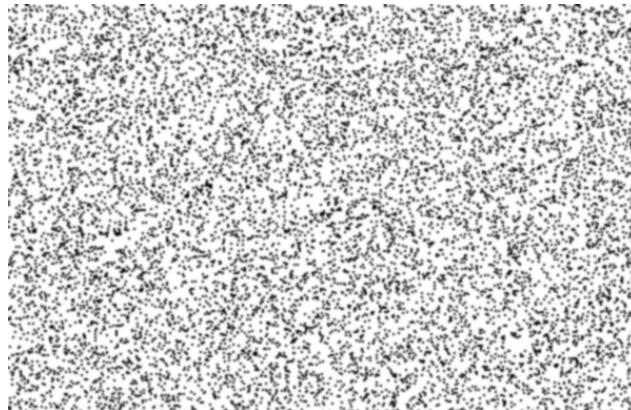
# Filtering – Missing Data

Image



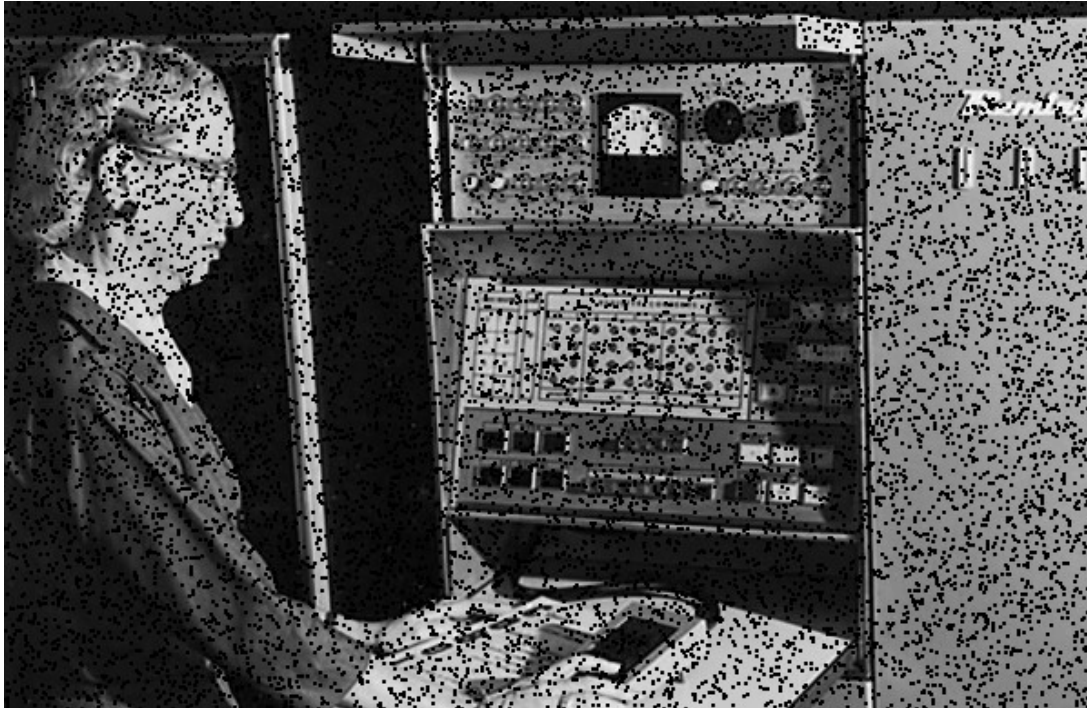
Per-element /

Binary  
Mask



# Filtering – Missing Data

Before



# Filtering – Missing Data

After





# Filtering – Missing Data

After (without missing data)

