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# Spatial Processes – Part 2

Computational Photography (CSCI 3240U)

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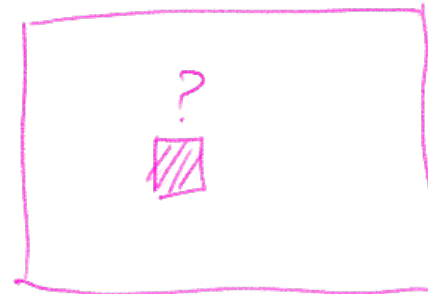


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- Many of the slides are taken with his permission from the computational photography course that he has developed at CMU

# Image Enhancement

- Make an image more suitable for a **particular application** than the original image
- Types of techniques
  - Point processing
  - **Spatial processing (pixel neighbourhoods)** ← **Today's Focus**
  - Frequency domain processing



# Spatial Filtering

- Two main types
  - Linear filtering
  - Non-linear filtering
- Linear filters
  - Remove, isolate, modify frequencies in the image
  - Foundation based upon the [convolution theorem](#)
- Non-linear filters
  - Based upon image statistics

# Linear Filtering in 1D

## Cross-correlation

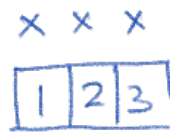
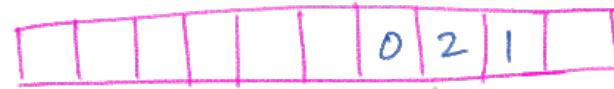
$$CC(i) = \sum_{k \in [-w, w]} \mathbf{f}(i+k) \mathbf{h}(k)$$

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## Convolution

$$(\mathbf{f} * \mathbf{k})_i = \sum_{k \in [-w, w]} \mathbf{f}(i-k) \mathbf{h}(k)$$

Cross-correlation



+



$$(1)(0) + (2)(2) + (3)(1) = 7$$



# Linear Filtering in 1D

1	2	4	-3	2	0
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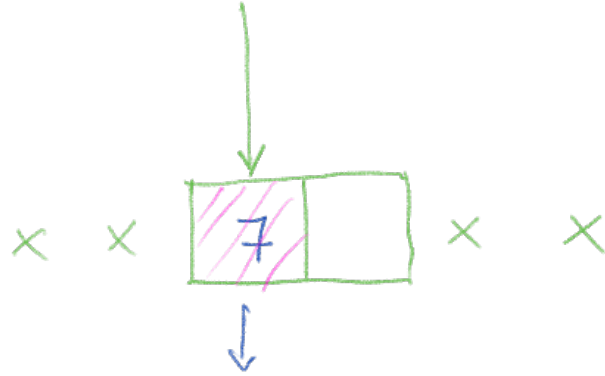
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2	0	0	1	1
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-2 -1 0 1 2

half-width =  $w = 2$

total length =  $2w + 1$



∴ Convolution

1	1	0	0	2
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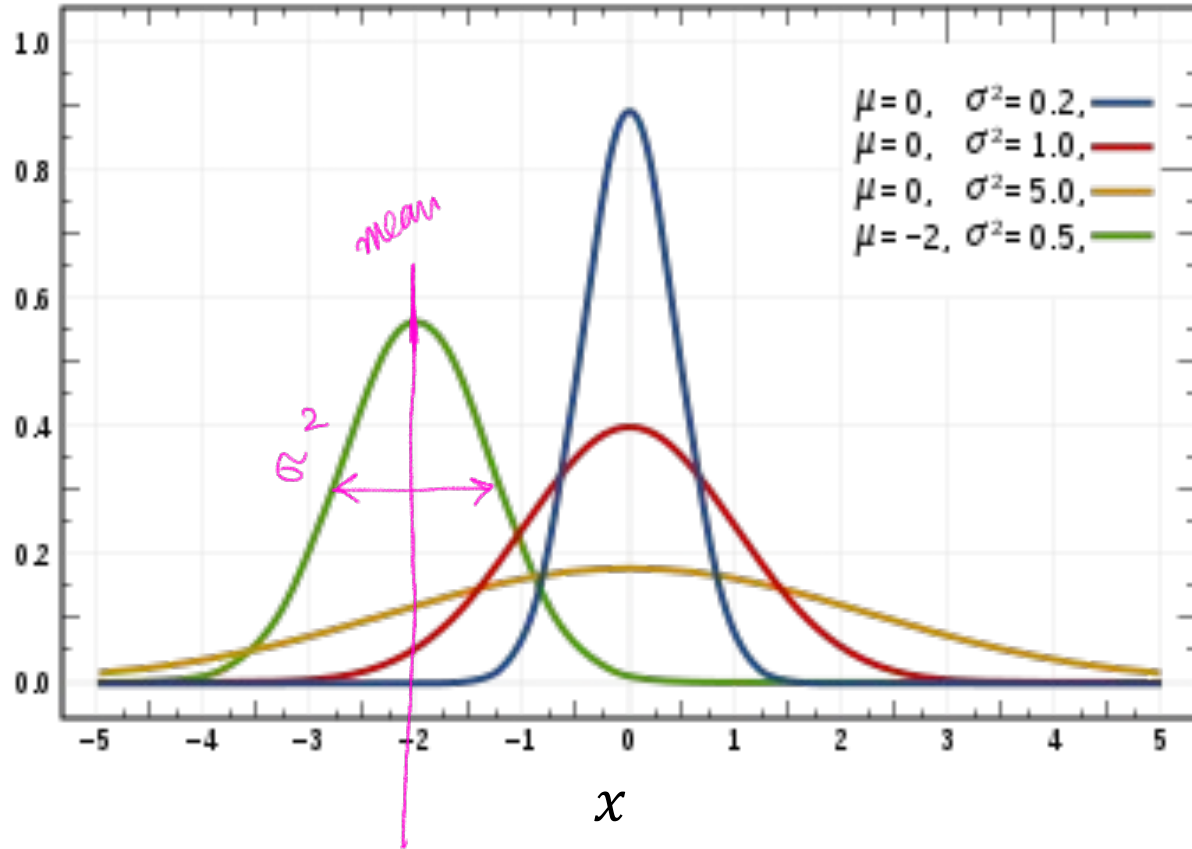
$$(1)(1) + (1)(2) + (0)(4) + (0)(-3) + (2)(2)$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 4$$

$$= 7$$

# Gaussian in 1D

$$G(x; \mu, \sigma^2)$$



From Wikipedia

## Gaussian in 1D

$$G(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Here  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  refer to the mean and standard deviation of this Gaussian.

## Aside: Mean and Standard Deviation

Given  $n$  data points  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$$\mu = E[x] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\sigma^2 = E[(x - \mu)^2] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$



# Gaussian in 1D

Fit Gaussian to the following data:

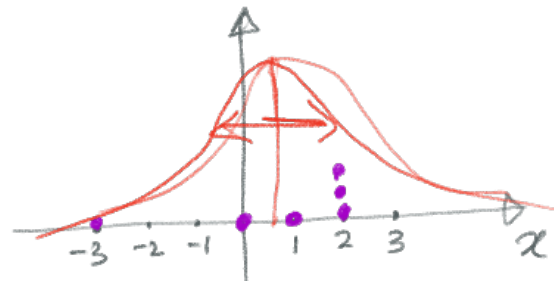
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean of data} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ &= \frac{1+2+2-3+2+0}{6} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \left[ \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-3 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(2 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(0 - \frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \right] / 6 \end{aligned}$$

= ...

6 datapoints.



$G(x; \mu, \sigma^2)$   
↑  
Fn. of  $x$   
↑ ↑  
parametrized by  
 $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$

# Gaussian in 1D

Compute 5-tap Gaussian filter with  $\sigma = 2$

$$G(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

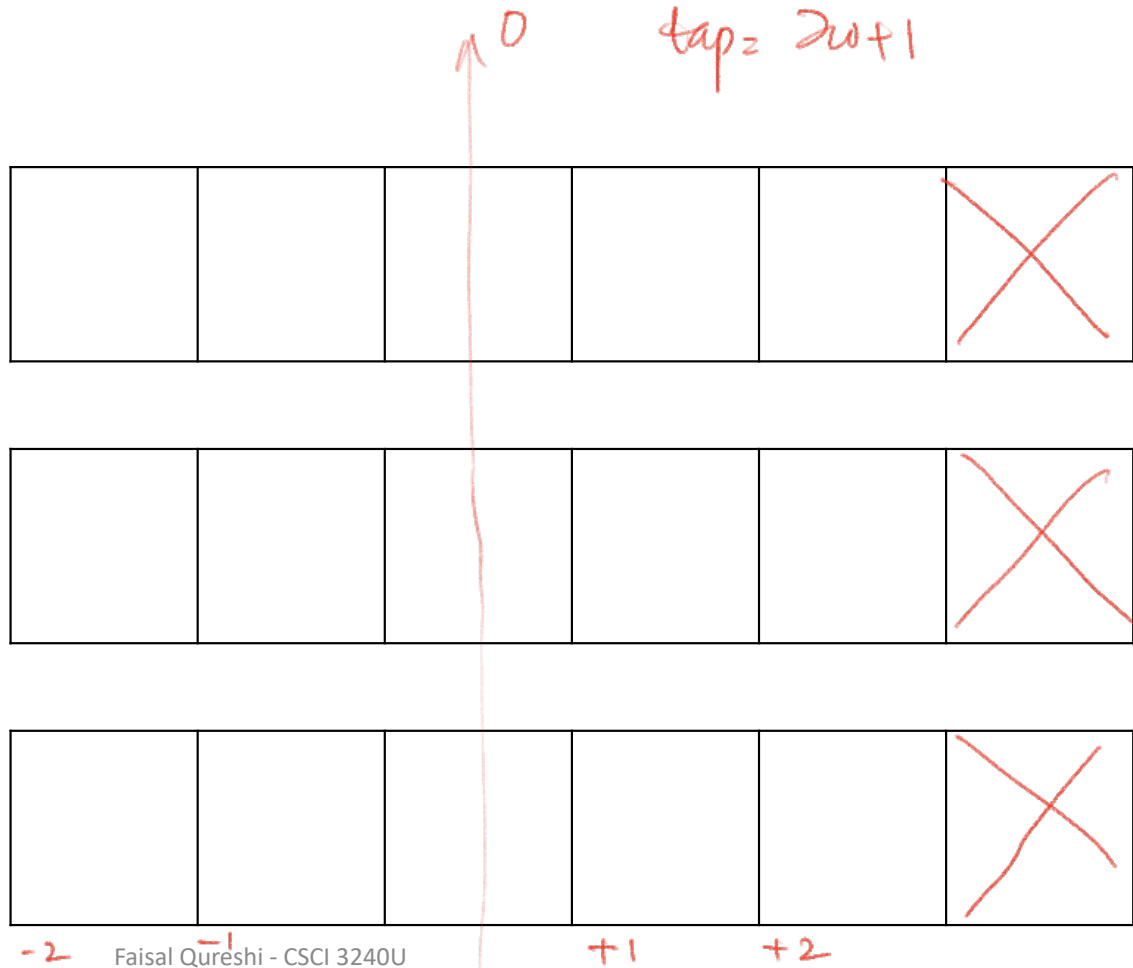
↓

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp^{-\frac{x^2}{8}}$$

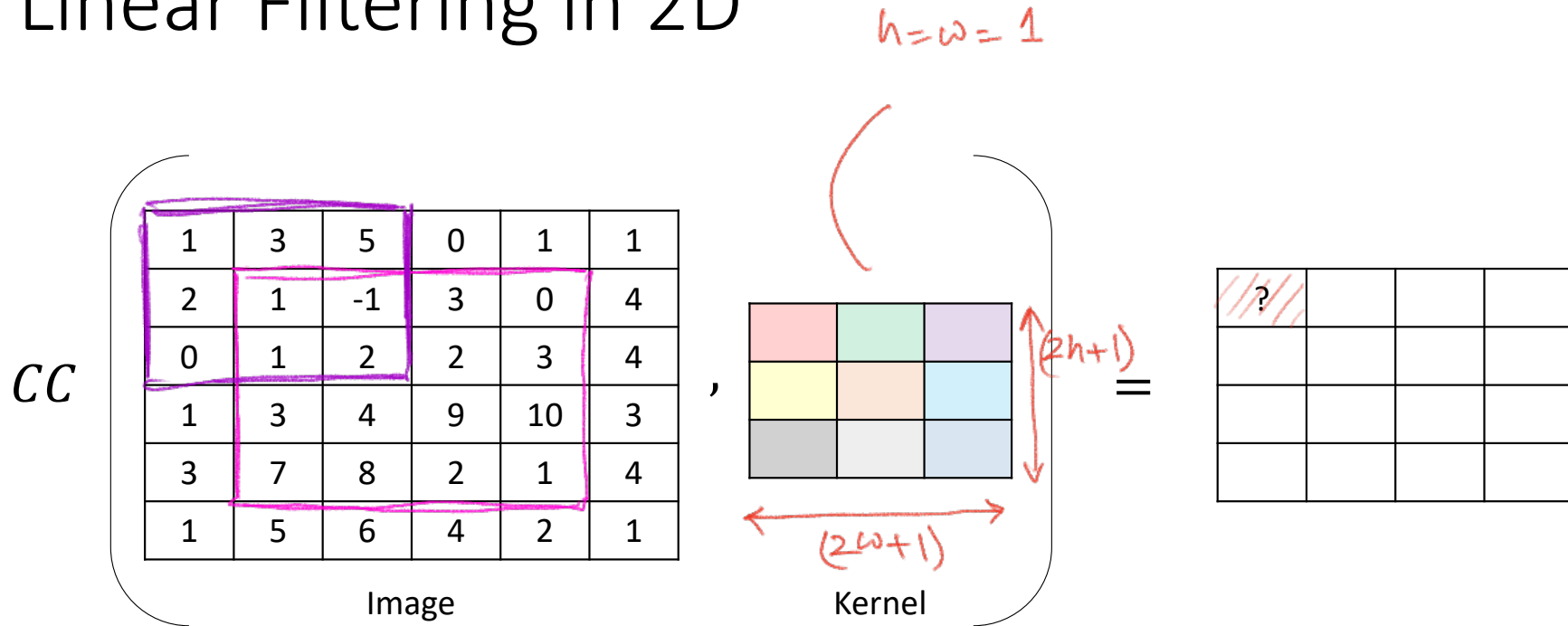
↙

$$x \in \{-2, -1, 0, +1, +2\}$$

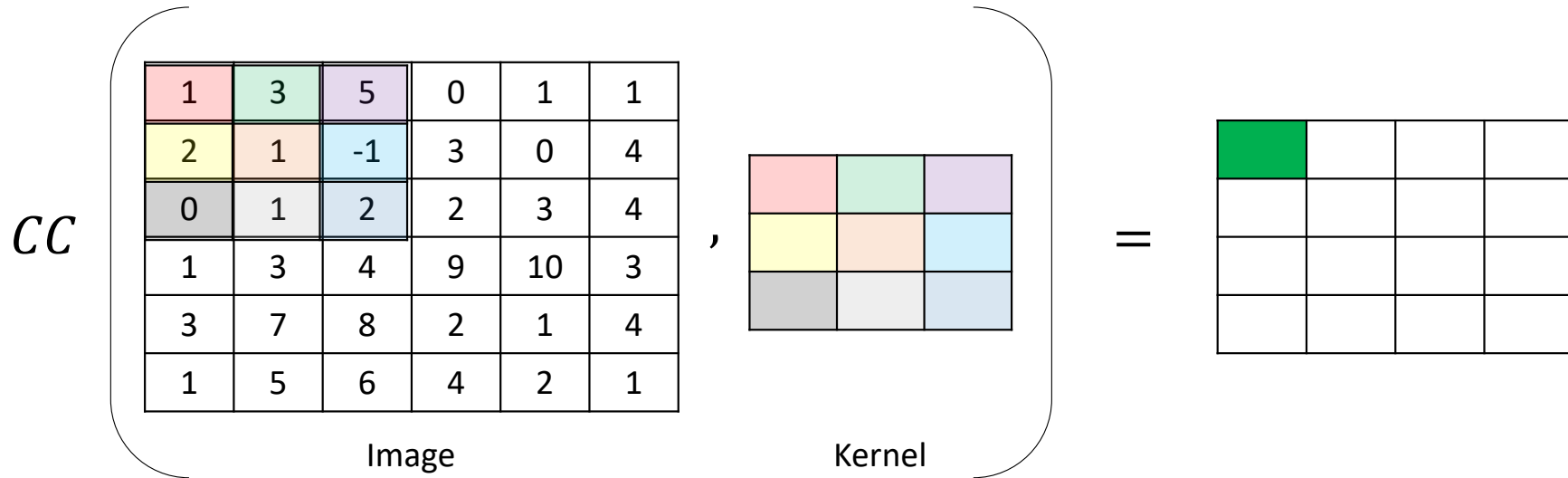
$-w, \quad 0, \quad +w$



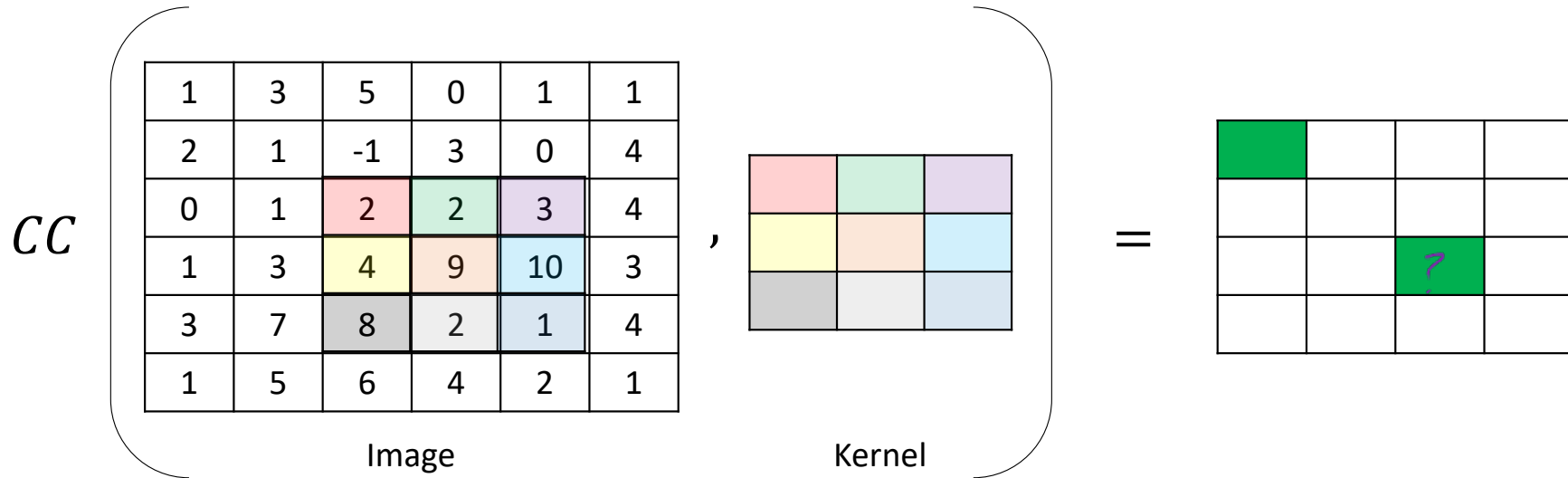
# Linear Filtering in 2D



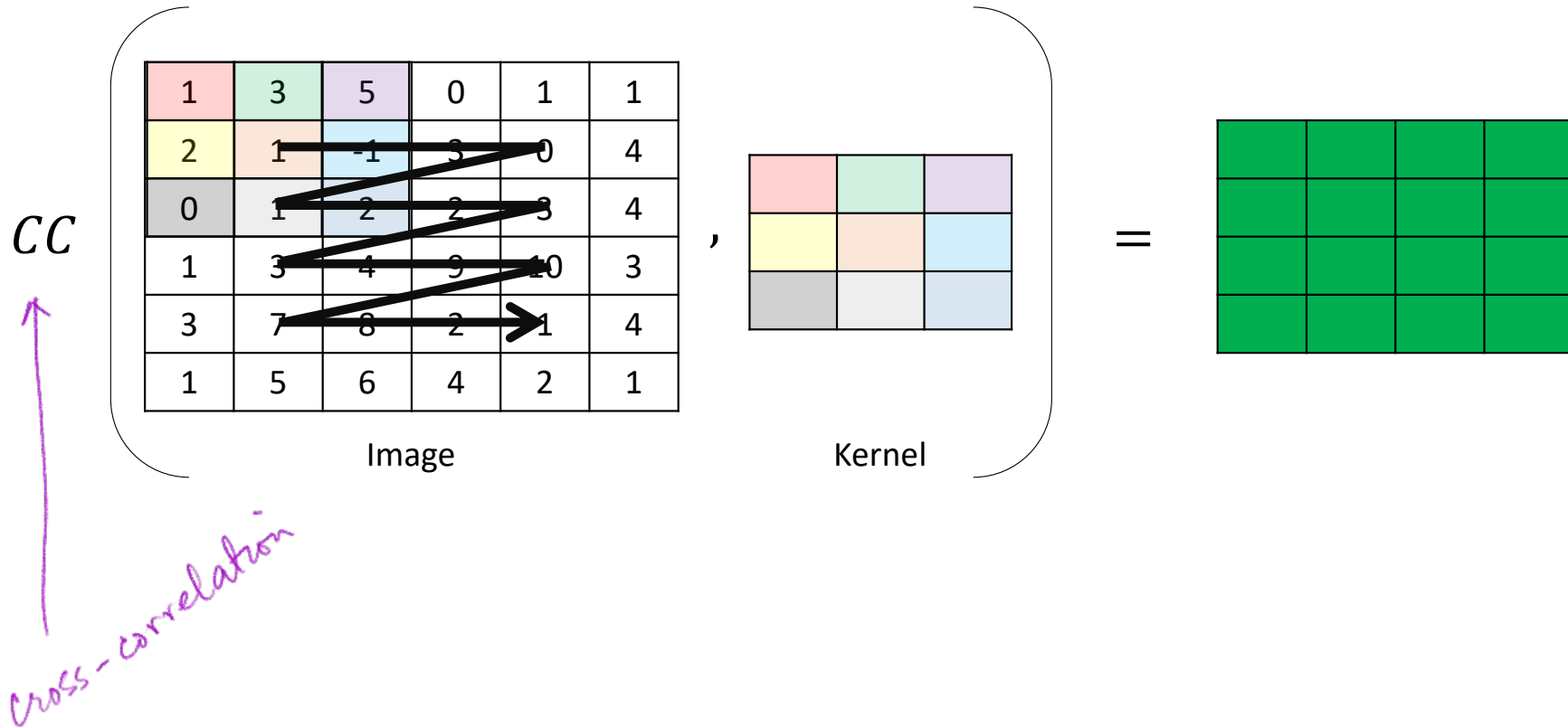
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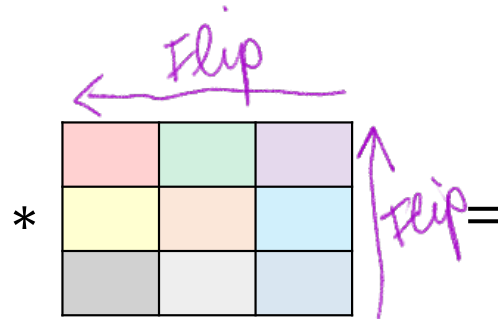
# Linear Filtering in 2D



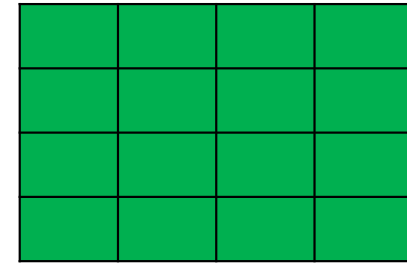
# Linear Filtering in 2D

1	3	5	0	1	1
2	1	-1	3	0	4
0	1	2	2	3	4
1	3	4	9	10	3
3	7	8	2	1	4
1	5	6	4	2	1

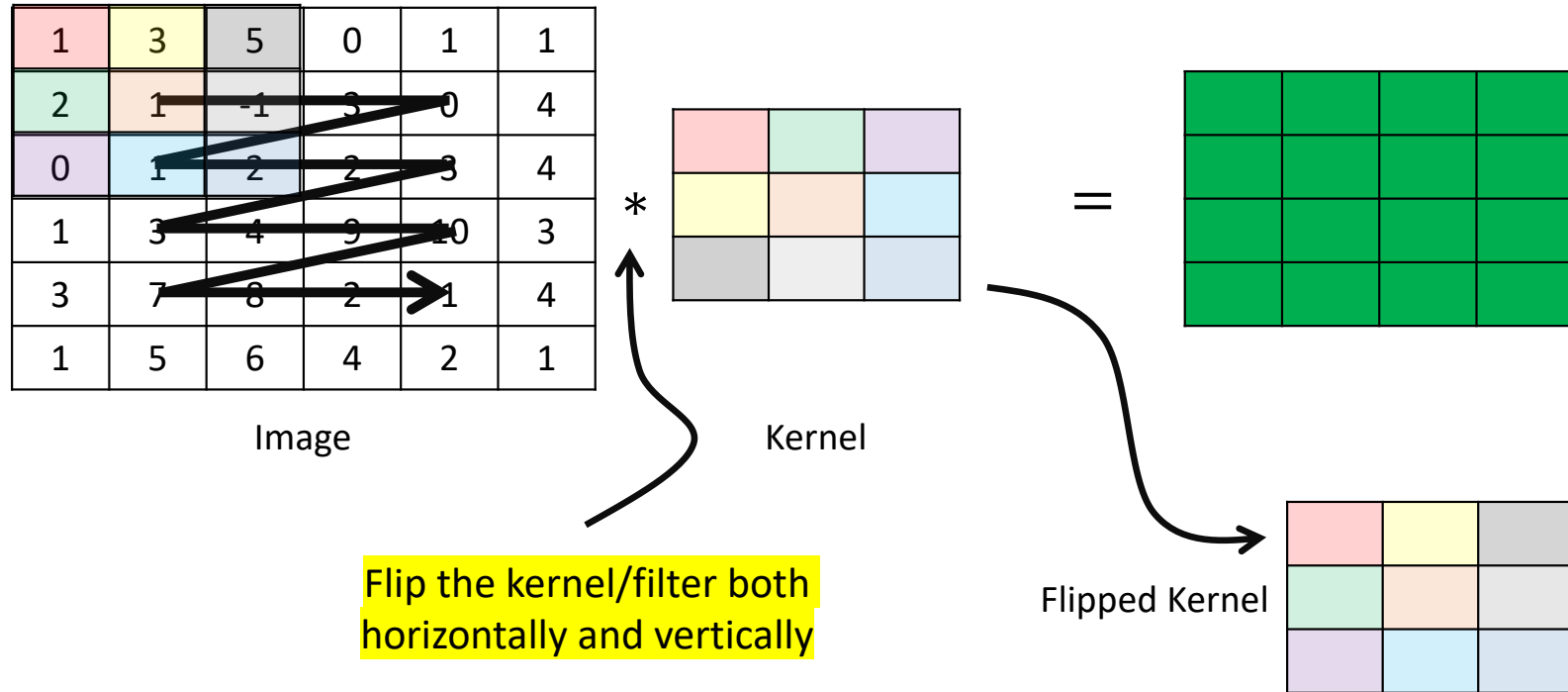
Image



Kernel



# Linear Filtering in 2D





# Linear Filtering in 2D

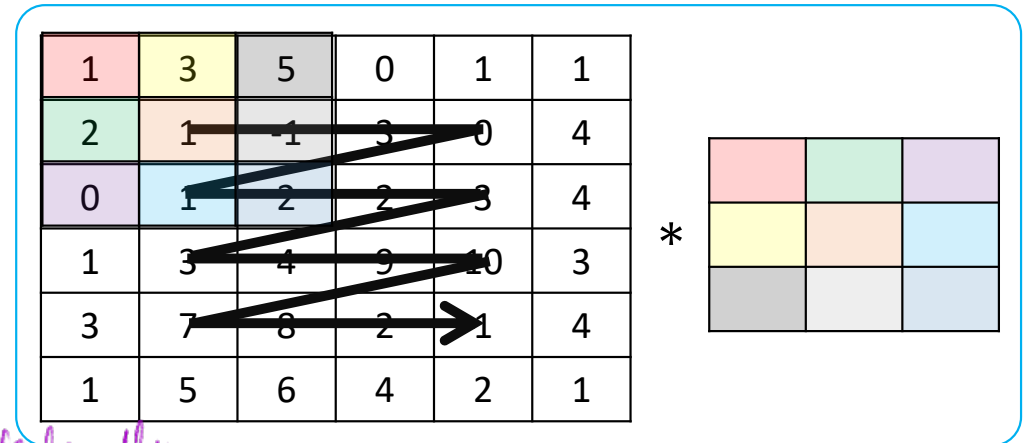
## Cross-correlation

$$CC(i, j) = \sum_{\substack{k \in [-w, w] \\ l \in [-h, h]}} \mathbf{f}(i + k, j + l) \mathbf{h}(k, l)$$

## Convolution

$$(\mathbf{f} * \mathbf{k})_{i,j} == \sum_{\substack{k \in [-w, w] \\ l \in [-h, h]}} \mathbf{f}(i - k, j - l) \mathbf{h}(k, l)$$

↑  
Confirm that this is  
akin to flipping the  
kernel horizontally & vertically.



# Linear Filtering in 2D: Number of multiplications and additions

1	3	5	0	1	1
2	1	1	3	0	4
0	1	2	2	3	4
1	3	4	9	10	3
3	7	8	2	1	4
1	5	6	4	2	1

Image


\*

Kernel

Size of the output.  
↓

$$\# \text{ places} = (4)(4) = 16$$

$$\# \text{ multiplications at each location} = (3)(3) = 9$$

$$\# \text{ additions at each location} = 8$$

$$\text{Putting every thing together} = 16 \times (9 \text{ MUL} + 8 \text{ ADD})$$

Image: 1000 x 1000

Filter: 15 x 15

# Multivariate Gaussian (in k-dimensions)

$$G(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^k \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

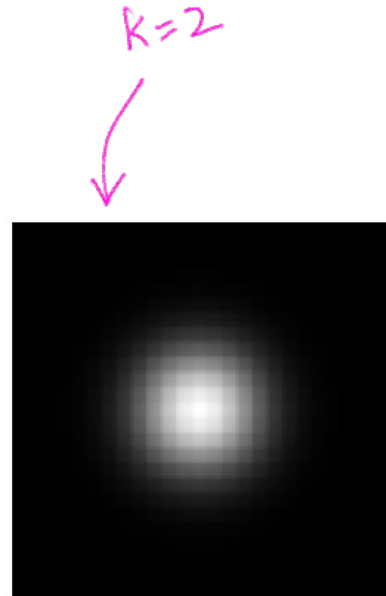
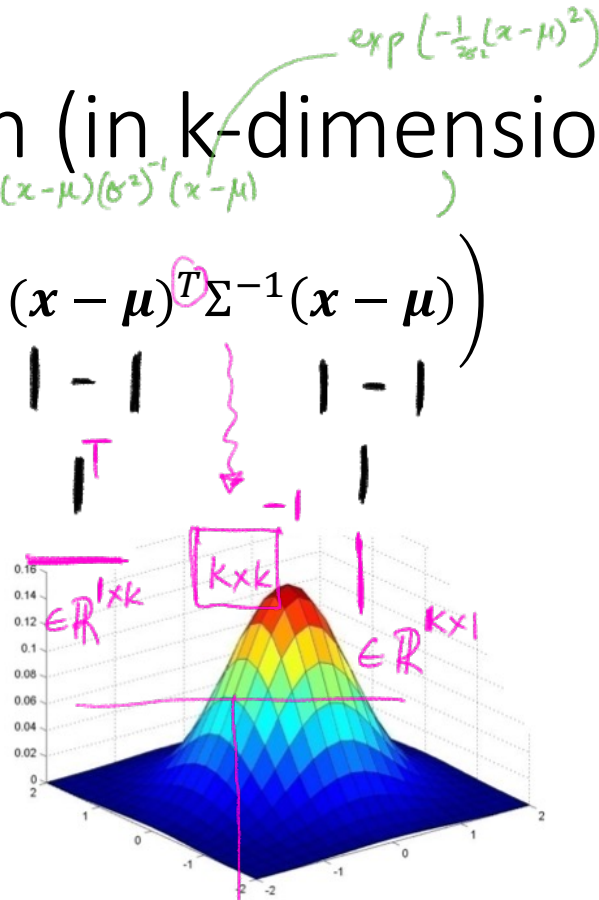
where

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

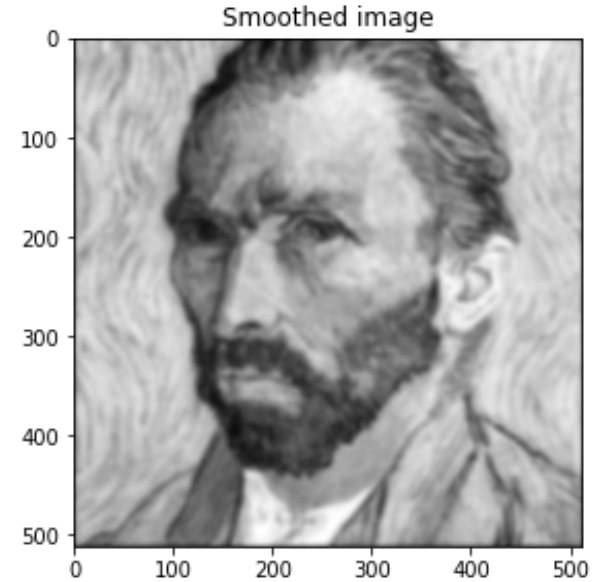
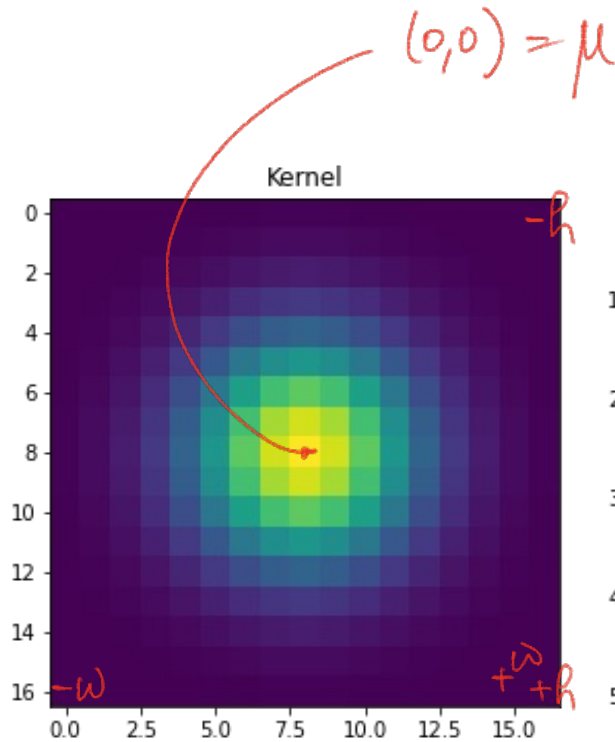
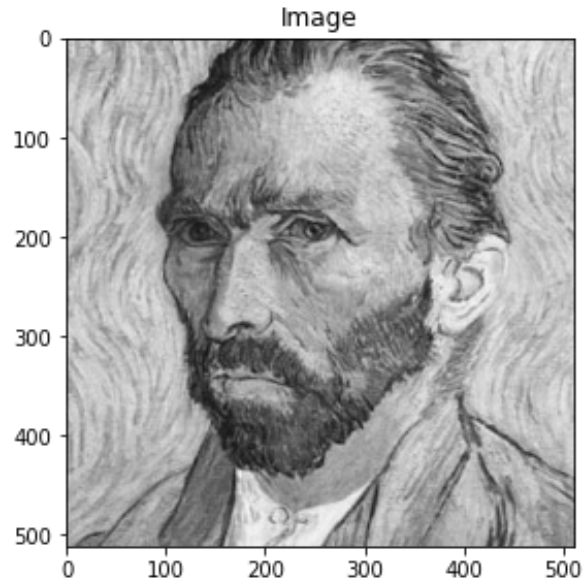
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$$

determinant  
Covariance matrix



Gaussian in 2D

# Gaussian Blurring

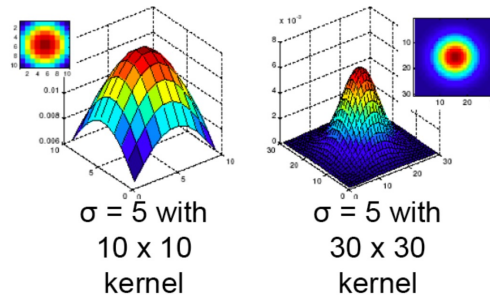


# Gaussian Blurring

- We often use the following approximation of a Gaussian function

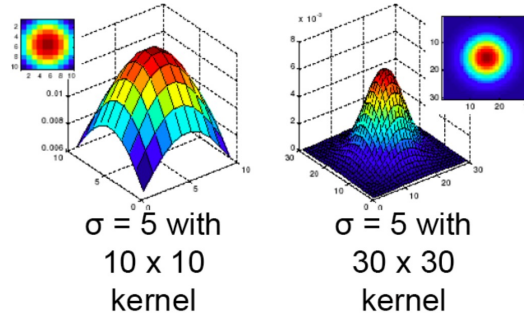
$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 3 \times 3$$

- Gaussian functions have infinite support, but discrete Gaussian kernels are finite



# Gaussian Blurring

- Variance controls how broad or peaky the filter is



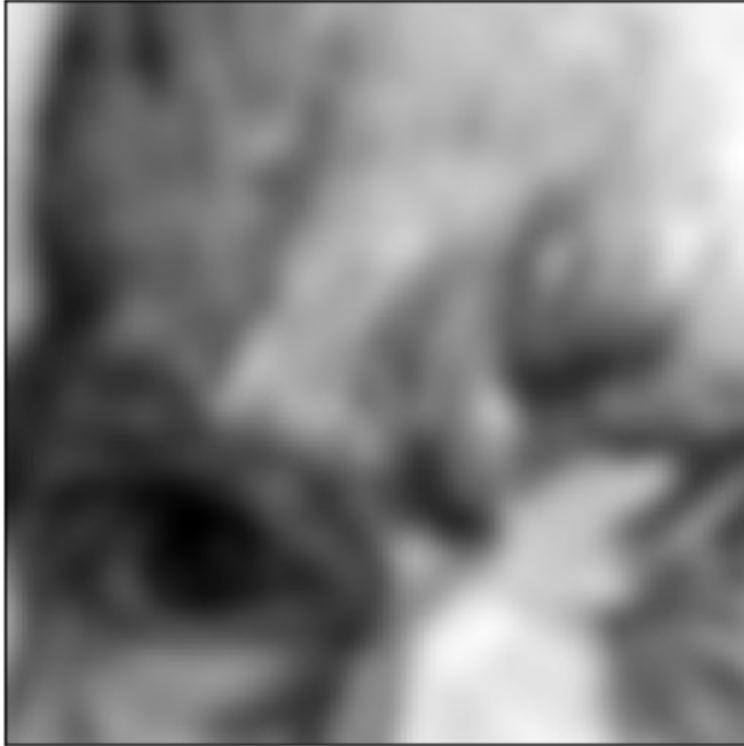
- Removes high-frequency components from the image
  - Blurs the image
  - Acts as a low-pass filter

# Gaussian Blurring

- Convoluting twice with Gaussian kernel of width  $\sigma^2$  is the same as convoluting once with kernel of width  $\sigma\sqrt{2}$
- Applying a Gaussian filter with variance  $\sigma_1^2$ , followed by applying a Gaussian filter with variance  $\sigma_2^2$  is the same as applying once with Gaussian filter with variance  $\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$
- All values are positive
- Values sum to 1?
  - Why is this relevant?
- This size of the filter, plus its variance, determines the extent of smoothing

# Gaussian Blurring vs. Average (Box) Filtering

Gaussian Kernel



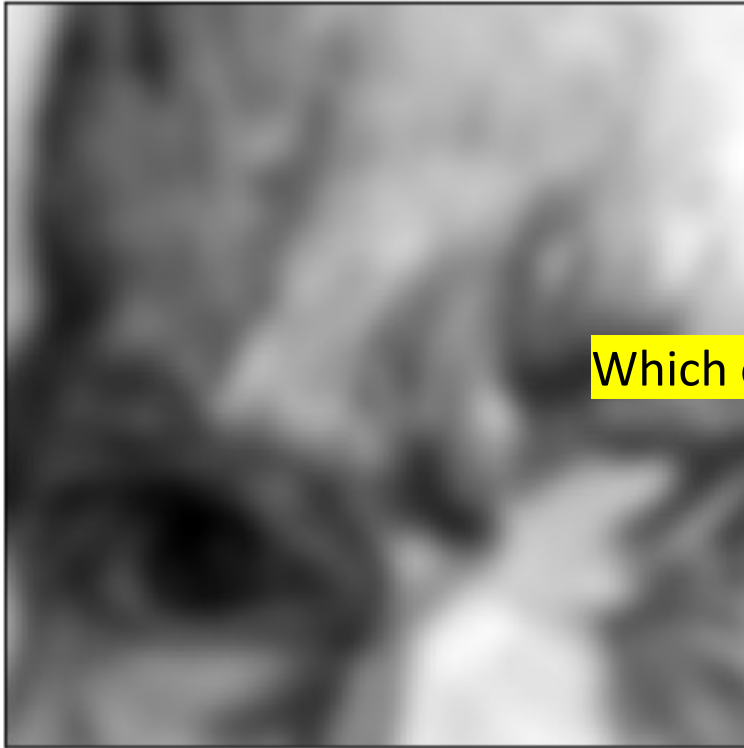
Averaging (Box) Kernel





# Gaussian Blurring vs. Average (Box) Filtering

Gaussian Kernel



Averaging (Box) Kernel



Which one is better?

# Summary

- Linear filtering 1D recap
  - Cross-correlation
  - Convolution
  - Gaussian filtering
- Linear filtering in 2D
- Multivariate Gaussians
- Gaussian Blurring

Check out Linear Filtering notes [here](#).