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Background in image convolution and filtering

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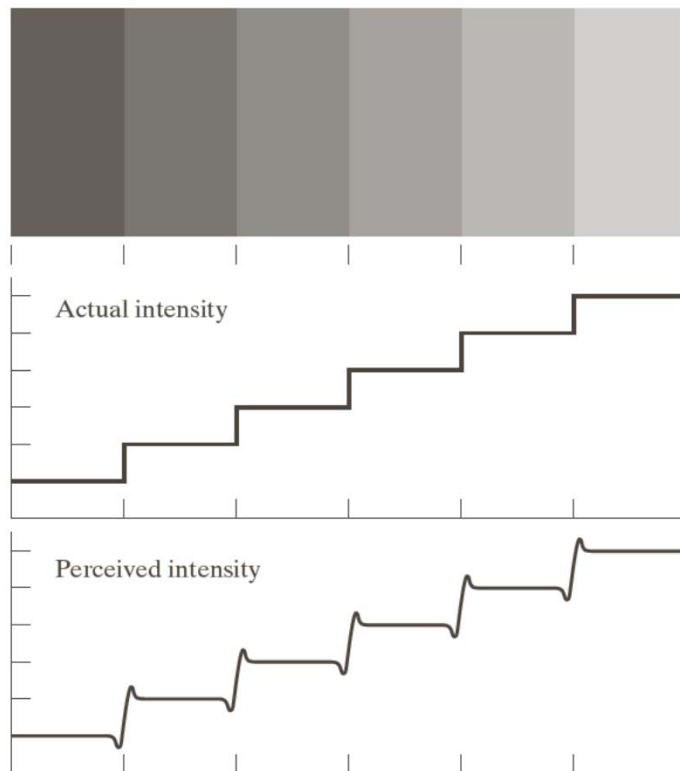
# Today

- Image filtering
- 2D convolution
- Edge detection filters
  
- Implementing convolution in python
  
- PURPOSE: give a short background to those without a background in image analysis
- Convolutional nets use convolution as the basic operation.

# Properties of the human visual system

- We can see light intensities over a broad range
  - The largest is about  $10^{10}$  times higher than the lowest we can sense.
- We can only see a certain number of levels simultaneously,
  - About 50 different gray levels, but many more colors.
- When we focus on a different area, the eye adapts and we see local intensity differences.

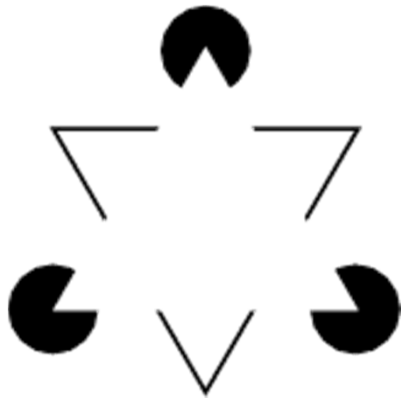
# Neural processes in the retina



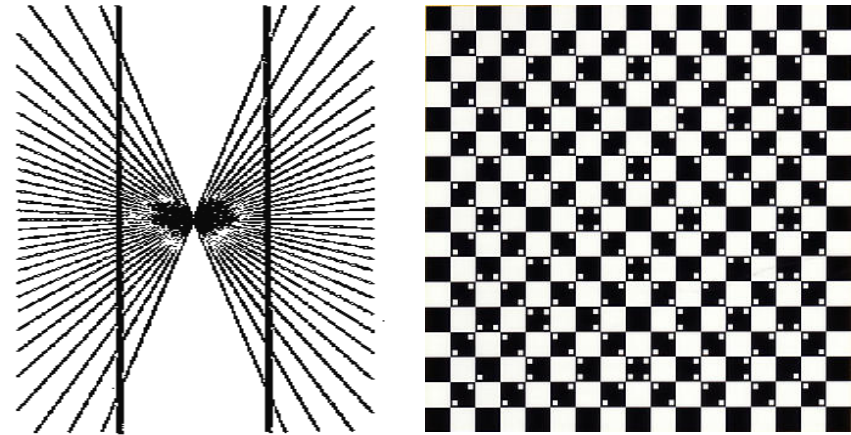
- Amplifies edges.
- Stimulating one part suspends other parts.
  - See one orientation at a time
- Increased contrast in edges between uniform regions
  - Called **Mach band**

# Optical illusions

- Illusional contours



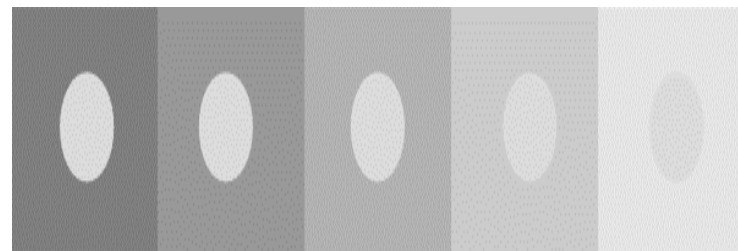
Straight or curved lines



- Multistable images



Simultaneous contrast



# Image filtering

- One of the most used operations on images
- A filter kernel is applied either in the image domain or 2D Fourier domain.
- Applications:
  - Image enhancement
  - Image restoration
  - Image analysis – preprocessing
- Used to:
  - Reduce noise
  - Enhance sharpness
  - Detect edges and other structures
  - Detect objects
  - Extract texture information

# Spatial filtering

- A filter is given as a matrix:

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

- The size of the matrix and the coefficients decides the result.

# 2-D convolution

- Output image:  $g$ . Input image  $f$ .

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{j=x-m_2}^{x+m_2} \sum_{k=y-n_2}^{y+n_2} w(x-j, y-k) f(j, k)$$

- $w$  is a  $m \times n$  filter of size  $m=2m_2+1$ ,  $n=2n_2+1$ ,  
 $m_2=m//2$ ,  $n_2=n//2$
- $m$  and  $n$  usually odd.
- We will use square filters  $m=n$
- Output image: weighted sum of input image pixels surrounding pixel  $(x,y)$ . Weights:  $w(j,k)$ .
- This operation is done for every pixel in the image



## Step 1: convolution: rotate the image 180 degrees

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

In this case, nothing changes

## Rotation in Python

```
In [9]: import numpy as np  
kernel = [[1,2,1], [0,0,0],[-1,-2,-1]]  
kernel = np.array(kernel)  
print(kernel)
```

```
[[ 1  2  1]  
 [ 0  0  0]  
 [-1 -2 -1]]
```

```
In [10]: kernel = kernel[::-1,::-1]  
print(kernel)
```

```
[[ -1 -2 -1]  
 [  0  0  0]  
 [  1  2  1]]
```

## Step 2: Iterate over all locations where the filter overlaps the image

1/9	1/9	1/9				
1/9	1/9	1/9				
1/9	1/9	1•1/9	3	2	1	
			5	4	5	3
			4	1	1	2
			2	3	2	6

Figure 1.1.14. C

Multiply the image and the mask  
Compute the result for location (x,y)

## Step 3

Multiply the filter and the image coefficients, and sum to get the result for ONE pixel in the output image

1/9	1/9	1/9				
1/9	1/9	1/9				
1/9	1/9	1•1/9	3	2	1	
			5	4	5	3
			4	1	1	2
			2	3	2	6

Inn-bildet  $f$

$$1 \cdot 1/9 = 1/9 \approx 0,1$$

0,1					

Foreløpig ut-bilde  $g$

## Repeat for next output pixel

1/9	1/9	1/9		
1/9	1/9	1/9		
1/9	1·1/9	3·1/9	2	1
	5	4	5	3
	4	1	1	2
	2	3	2	6

Inn-bildet  $f$

$$1 \cdot 1/9 + 3 \cdot 1/9 \\ = 4/9 \approx 0,4$$

0,1	0,4				

Foreløpig ut-bilde  $g$

## Repeat for next output pixel

1	$3 \cdot 1/9$	$2 \cdot 1/9$	$1 \cdot 1/9$
5	$4 \cdot 1/9$	$5 \cdot 1/9$	$3 \cdot 1/9$
4	$1 \cdot 1/9$	$1 \cdot 1/9$	$2 \cdot 1/9$
2	3	2	6

Inn-bildet  $f$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3 \cdot 1/9 + 2 \cdot 1/9 + 1 \cdot 1/9 + \\
 &4 \cdot 1/9 + 5 \cdot 1/9 + 3 \cdot 1/9 + \\
 &1 \cdot 1/9 + 1 \cdot 1/9 + 2 \cdot 1/9 \\
 &= 22/9 \approx 2,4
 \end{aligned}$$

0,1	0,4	0,7	0,7	0,3	0,1
0,7	1,4	2,2	2,0	1,2	0,4
1,1	2,0	2,9	$2,4$		

Foreløpig ut-bilde  $g$

# The solution is

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ \hline 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ \hline 1/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 5 & 4 & 5 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 2 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0,1 & 0,4 & 0,7 & 0,7 & 0,3 & 0,1 \\ \hline 0,7 & 1,4 & 2,2 & 2,0 & 1,2 & 0,4 \\ \hline 1,1 & 2,0 & 2,9 & 2,4 & 1,6 & 0,7 \\ \hline 1,2 & 2,1 & 3,0 & 3,0 & 2,1 & 1,2 \\ \hline 0,7 & 1,1 & 1,4 & 1,7 & 1,2 & 0,9 \\ \hline 0,2 & 0,6 & 0,8 & 1,2 & 0,9 & 0,7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

3x3-middelverdifilteret

Inn-bildet  $f$

Ut-bildet  $g$

- To get the result for one pixel in the output image, we compute

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{j=x-m_2}^{x+m_2} \sum_{k=y-n_2}^{y+n_2} w(j, k) f(x - j, y - k)$$

- Straightforward implementation: use two for-loops over j and k to compute g(x,y)
- To get the result for ALL pixels in the image with size (X,Y), we would need two additional for-loops over all pixels:

for x in range(n2: X-n2):

IN this case we compute the result only where the filter completely overlaps the image

for y in range(m2:Y-n2):

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{j=x-m_2}^{x+m_2} \sum_{k=y-n_2}^{y+n_2} w(j, k) f(x - j, y - k)$$

The inner sum (formula above) can be more efficiently implemented using np.sum.

For color images: add an outer for loop over the bands (c=1:3 for RGB images)



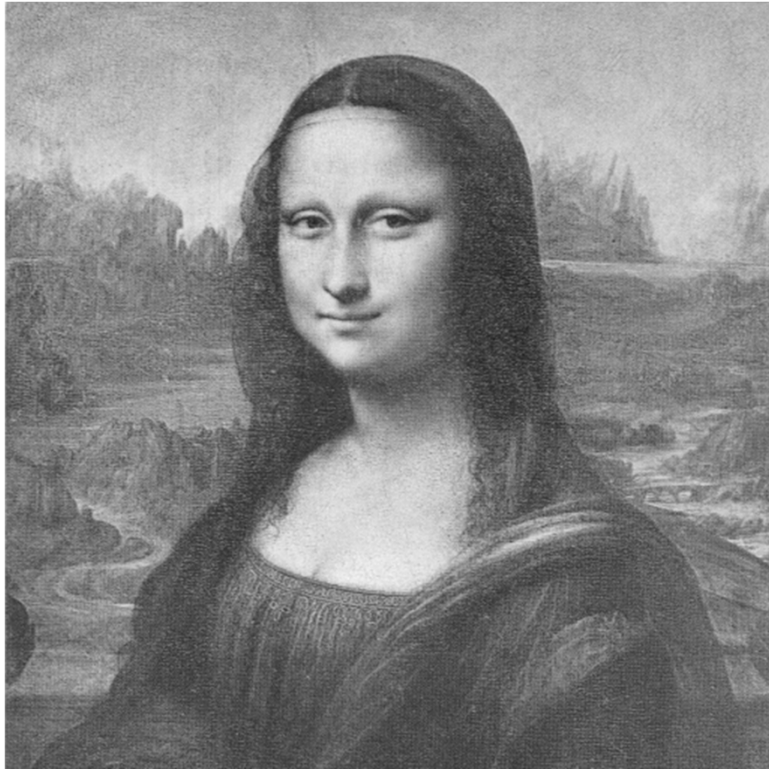
## Mean filters

- $3 \times 3$ :  $\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $5 \times 5$ :  $\frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $7 \times 7$ :  $\frac{1}{49} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- Scale the result by the sum of the coefficients to keep the range of the input image



Original



Filtered 3x3



9x9



25x25

# Gradients

- Gradient of  $F$  along  $r$  in direction  $\theta$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$$

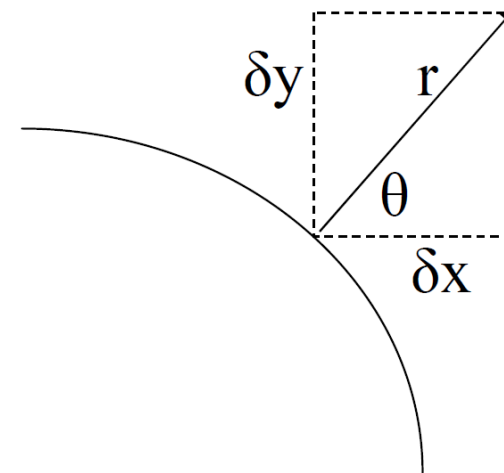
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \sin \theta$$

- Largest gradient when  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} \right) = 0$

- This is the angle  $\theta_g$  where

$$-\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \sin \theta_g + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cos \theta_g = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cos \theta_g = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \sin \theta_g$$

- $g_x = \delta F / \delta x$  and  $g_y = \delta F / \delta y$  are the horizontal and vertical components of the gradient.
- Gradient points in the direction where the function has the largest increase.



# Gradient magnitude and direction

- Gradient direction:

$$\frac{g_y}{g_x} = \frac{\sin \theta_g}{\cos \theta_g} = \tan \theta_g \quad \theta_g = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{g_y}{g_x} \right)$$

- Gradient magnitude

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} \right)_{\max} = [g_x^2 + g_y^2]^{1/2}$$

# Gradient-filters

These filter do gradient computation in one direction, and smoothing in the other direction

- Prewitt-operator

$$H_x(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} H_y(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Sobel-operator

$$H_x(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} H_y(i, j) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- On this slide, the filters are denoted h, not w

## Computing the gradients

- Find the horizontal edges by convolving with  $h_x$ :
  - Compute  $g_x = h_x * f$
- Find the vertical edges by convolving with  $h_y$ :
  - Compute:  $g_y = h_y * f$
- Compute gradient magnitude and direction:

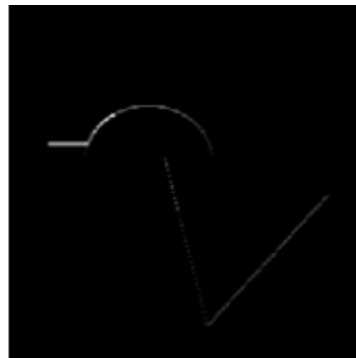
$$M(i, j) = \sqrt{g_x^2(i, j) + g_y^2(i, j)} \quad \text{Gradient-magnitude}$$

$$\theta(i, j) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{g_y(i, j)}{g_x(i, j)} \right) \quad \text{Gradient-retning}$$

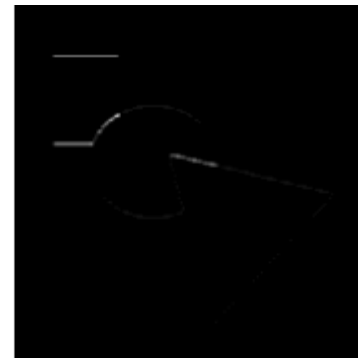
# Gradient example



Inn-bilde f



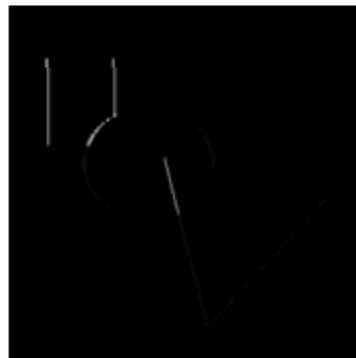
$g_x = f * h_x$



$g_x^2$



$g_y = f * h_y$



$g_y^2$



$(g_x^2 + g_y^2)^{1/2}$



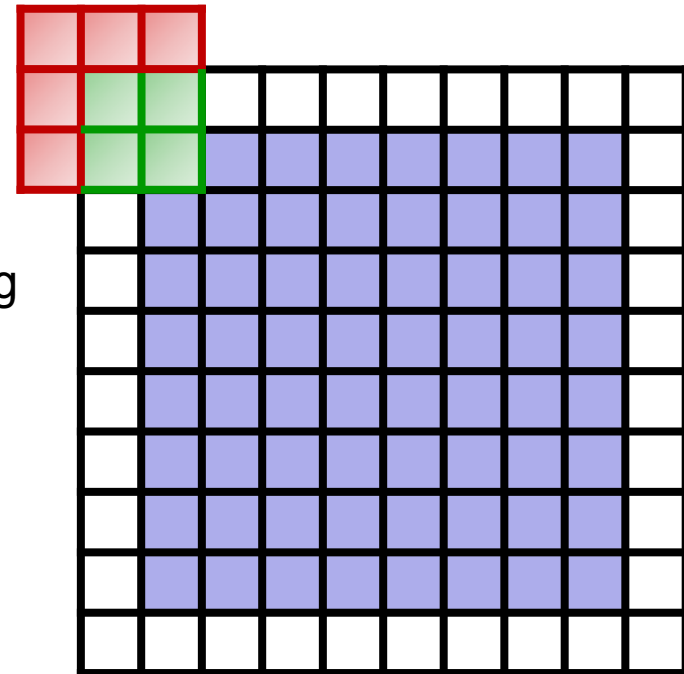
## Size of the resulting image

Alt.1. Compute the result only where the filter fits inside the input image.

- Assume the image has  $X \times Y$  pixels and that the filter has size  $m \times n$  ( $m, n$  odd numbers)
- Output size:  
 $(M-m+1) \times (N-n+1)$ 
  - 3x3-filter:  $(M-2) \times (N-2)$
  - 5x5-filter:  $(M-4) \times (N-4)$

Alt.2. Keep the size of the input image

- Will normally be used for deep learning
- Common for image filtering also
- Special considerations at the border
  - Zero-pad the input image
  - Or, change the filter size at the boundary



## Filtrering II: Correlation

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

- Difference from convolution: **Pluss replaces minus.**
  - No rotation!
- Normally applied in convolutional nets as the net itself will estimate the filter coefficients (and they could be estimated with the rotation included)

## Like to learn more:

- See lecture notes from INF2310 (notes in English)
  - [http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/INF2310/v17/undervisningsmateriale/slides\\_inf2310\\_s17\\_week06.pdf](http://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/INF2310/v17/undervisningsmateriale/slides_inf2310_s17_week06.pdf)
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## This weeks exercise

- Task: complete the notebooks:
  - math\_operations.ipynb
  - indexing.ipynb
  - convolution.ipynb
- See lecture notes on how to start jupyter notebooks
- <https://jupyter-notebook-beginner-guide.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

## Useful links:

- <http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial/>
- <http://cs231n.github.io/ipython-tutorial/>