## CPSC 425: Computer Vision <br> 

Lecture 4: Image Filtering (continued)
( unless otherwise stated slides are taken or adopted from Bob Woodham, Jim Little and Fred Tung )

## Menu for Today

## Topics:

- Recap L3, more examples
- Box, Gaussian, Pillbox filters
- Low/High Pass Filters
- Separability


## Readings:

- Today's Lecture: none
- Next Lecture: Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) 4.4


## Reminders:

- Assignment 1: Image Filtering and Hybrid Images


## Linear Filter Example



Linear Filters: Boundary Effects


## Linear Filters: Boundary Effects

Four standard ways to deal with boundaries:

1. Ignore these locations: Make the computation undefined for the top and bottom $k$ rows and the leftmost and rightmost $k$ columns
2. Pad the image with zeros: Return zero whenever a value of $I$ is required at some position outside the defined limits of $X$ and $Y$
3. Assume periodicity: The top row wraps around to the bottom row; the leftmost column wraps around to the rightmost column
4. Reflect boarder: Copy rows/columns locally by reflecting over the edge

## A short exercise ...

## Example 1: Warm up



| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Filter


Result

## Example 1: Warm up



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Filter


Result
(no change)

## Example 2:



| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Filter


Result

## Example 2:



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |

Filter


Result
(sift left by 1 pixel)

## Example 3:



Original


Filter
(filter sums to 1)

## Example 3:



Original


Filter
(filter sums to 1)


Result
(blur with a box filter)

## Example 4:



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |$-\frac{1}{9}$| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Filter
(filter sums to 1)


Result

## Example 4:



Original

| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |$-\frac{1}{9}$| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Filter
(filter sums to 1 )


Result
(sharpening)

## Example 4: Sharpening



Before


After

## Example 4: Sharpening



Before

## Linear Filters: Correlation vs. Convolution

Definition: Correlation

$$
I^{\prime}(X, Y)=\sum_{j=-k}^{k} \sum_{i=-k}^{k} F(i, j) I(X+i, Y+j)
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| a | b | $c$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d | e | f |
| g | h | $i$ |

Filter

| 1 | 2 | 3 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |  |
| Image |  |  |  |

Image


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Filter

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |

Image


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$$

Definition: Convolution

Filter
(rotated by 180)

| $!$ | 4 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $f$ | $ə$ | $p$ |
| 0 | $q$ | $e$ |

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$$

| a | b | $c$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $d$ | $e$ | $f$ |
| $g$ | $h$ | $i$ |

Filter

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
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| Image |  |  |  |



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Definition: Convolution

$$
\begin{aligned}
I^{\prime}(X, Y) & =\sum_{j=-k}^{k} \sum_{i=-k}^{k} F(i, j) I(X-i, Y-j) \\
& =\sum_{j=-k}^{k} \sum_{i=-k}^{k} F(-i,-j) I(X+i, Y+j)
\end{aligned}
$$

Note: if $F(X, Y)=F(-X,-Y)$ then correlation $=$ convolution.

## Preview: Why convolutions are important?

Who has heard of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)?


Basic operations in CNNs are convolutions (with learned linear filters) followed by non-linear functions.

Note: This results in non-linear filters.

## Linear Filters: Properties

2. (3.3) Convolution as matrix multiplication

## Linear Filters: Properties

Let $\otimes$ denote convolution. Let $I(X, Y)$ be a digital image
Superposition: Let $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ be digital filters

$$
\left(F_{1}+F_{2}\right) \otimes I(X, Y)=F_{1} \otimes I(X, Y)+F_{2} \otimes I(X, Y)
$$

Scaling: Let $F$ be digital filter and let $k$ be a scalar

$$
(k F) \otimes I(X, Y)=F \otimes(k I(X, Y))=k(F \otimes I(X, Y))
$$

Shift Invariance: Output is local (i.e., no dependence on absolute position)

## Linear Filters: Shift Invariance

Same linear operation is applied everywhere, no dependence on absolute position



## Linear Systems: Characterization Theorem

Any linear, shift invariant operation can be expressed as convolution

## Up until now...

- The correlation of $F(X, Y)$ and $I(X, Y)$ is:

$$
I^{\prime}(X, Y)=\sum_{j=-k}^{k} \sum_{i=-k}^{k} \underset{\substack{\text { output }}}{F(i, j) I(X+i, Y+j)} \underset{\text { filter }}{\text { image (signal) }}
$$

- Visual interpretation: Superimpose the filter $F$ on the image $I$ at $(X, Y)$, perform an element-wise multiply, and sum up the values
- Convolution is like correlation except filter rotated $180^{\circ}$
if $F(X, Y)=F(-X,-Y)$ then correlation $=$ convolution.


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Ways to handle boundaries

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- Pad with zeros. Return zero whenever a value of $I$ is required beyond the image bounds
- Assume periodicity. Top row wraps around to the bottom row; leftmost column wraps around to rightmost column.

Simple examples of filtering:

- copy, shift, smoothing, sharpening

Linear filter properties:

- superposition, scaling, shift invariance

Characterization Theorem: Any linear, shift-invariant operation can be expressed as a convolution

## Smoothing

Smoothing (or blurring) is an important operation in a lot of computer vision

- Captured images are naturally noisy, smoothing allows removal of noise
- It is important for re-scaling of images, to avoid sampling artifacts
- Fake image defocus (e.g., depth of field) for artistic effects
(many other uses as well)


## Smoothing with a Box Filter

$\frac{1}{9}$| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

Filter has equal positive values that sum up to 1
Replaces each pixel with the average of itself and its local neighborhood

- Box filter is also referred to as average filter or mean filter

Why should the values sum to 1 ?

## Smoothing with a Box Filter



Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 4.1 (left and middle)

## Smoothing with a Box Filter



Gonzales \& Woods (3rd ed.) Figure 3.3

## Smoothing with a Box Filter

Smoothing with a box doesn't model lens defocus well

- Smoothing with a box filter depends on direction
- e.g., Image in which the center point is 1 and every other point is 0
- Point spread function is a box

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Filter

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Image

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | 0 |
| 0 | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | 0 |
| 0 | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Result

## Smoothing: Circular Kernel



* image credit: https://catlikecoding.com/unity/tutorials/advanced-rendering/depth-of-field/circle-of-confusion/lens-camera.png


## Pillbox Filter

Let the radius (i.e., half diameter) of the filter be $r$
In a contentious domain, a 2D (circular) pillbox filter, $f(x, y)$, is defined as:

$$
f(x, y)=\frac{1}{\pi r^{2}} \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } x^{2}+y^{2} \leq r^{2} \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$



The scaling constant, $\frac{1}{\pi r^{2}}$, ensures that the area of the filter is one

## Pillbox Filter



Original

$11 \times 11$ Pillbox

## Pillbox Filter



Hubble Deep View


With Circular Blur

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## Gaussian Blur

Gaussian kernels are often used for smoothing and resizing images



## Smoothing with a Gaussian

Idea: Weight contributions of pixels by spatial proximity (nearness)

2D Gaussian (continuous case):

$$
G_{\sigma}(x, y)=\frac{1}{2 \pi \sigma^{2}} \exp ^{-\frac{x^{2}+y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}
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Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 4.2

## Example 6: Smoothing with a Gaussian

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1. Define a continuous 2D function
2. Discretize it by evaluating this function on the discrete pixel positions to obtain a filter


Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 4.2

## Example 6: Smoothing with a Gaussian

Quantized an truncated $3 \times 3$ Gaussian filter:

| $G_{\sigma}(-1,1)$ | $G_{\sigma}(0,1)$ | $G_{\sigma}(1,1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
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With $\sigma=1$ :

| 0.059 | 0.097 | 0.059 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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With $\sigma=1$ :

| $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\uparrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\uparrow$ |
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- More blur


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## Smoothing with a Box Filter



Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 4.1 (left and middle)

## Smoothing with a Gaussian



Forsyth \& Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 4.1 (left and right)

## Box vs. Gaussian Filter


original

$7 \times 7$ Gaussian

$7 \times 7$ box

Fun: How to get shadow effect?

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Blur with a Gaussian kernel, then compose the blurred image with the original (with some offset)

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## Gaussian: Area Under the Curve



## Example 6: Smoothing with a Gaussian

With $\sigma=1$ :

| 0.059 | 0.097 | 0.059 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.097 | 0.159 | 0.097 |
| 0.059 | 0.097 | 0.059 |

Better version of the Gaussian filter:

- sums to 1 (normalized)
- captures $\pm 2 \sigma$

$\frac{1}{273}$| 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 16 | 26 | 16 | 4 |
| 7 | 26 | 41 | 26 | 7 |
| 4 | 16 | 26 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |

A good guideline for the Gaussian filter is to capture $\pm 3 \sigma$, for $\sigma=1=>7 \times 7$ filter

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## Lets talk about efficiency

## Efficient Implementation: Separability

A 2D function of x and y is separable if it can be written as the product of two functions, one a function only of $x$ and the other a function only of $y$

## Both the 2D box filter and the 2D Gaussian filter are separable

Both can be implemented as two 1D convolutions:

- First, convolve each row with a 1D filter
- Then, convolve each column with a 1D filter
- Aside: or vice versa

The 2D Gaussian is the only (non trivial) 2D function that is both separable and rotationally invariant.

## Separability: Box Filter Example

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { O} \\ & \times \end{aligned}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 |  | 90 | 90 | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 90 |  | 90 | 90 | 0 |  | 0 |
| T | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 |  | 90 | 90 | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
| ¢ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
| $\boldsymbol{O}$ | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 |

$$
F(X, Y)=F(X) F(Y)
$$

filter

| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 50 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 50 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| 10 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
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|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 |  |  |
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|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |

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$$

| filter |
| :---: |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|l\|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 1 |


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|  | 0 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 10 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

$$
I(X, Y)
$$

image

|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |

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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

filter

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image


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|  | 1 | 1 |
|  | 1 | 1 |


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|  | 0 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 10 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

output $I^{\prime}(X, Y)$

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 0 | 30 | 50 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 60 | 30 |  |
|  | 0 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 40 | 20 |  |
|  | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 20 | 10 |  |
|  | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | 10 | 30 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Separability: Proof

Convolution with $F(X, Y)=F(X) F(Y)$ can be performed as $2 \times 1 \mathrm{D}$ convolutions 6 4.2

## Separability: How do you know if filter is separable?

If a 2D filter can be expressed as an outer product of two 1D filters


## Efficient Implementation: Separability

For example, recall the 2D Gaussian:

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& =\left(\frac { 1 } { ( \frac { 1 } { \sqrt { 2 \pi } \sigma } \operatorname { e x p } ^ { - \frac { x ^ { 2 } } { 2 \sigma ^ { 2 } } } ) } \left(\begin{array}{c}
\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp ^{-\frac{y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}\right) \\
\\
\text { function of } \mathrm{x} \\
\text { function of } \mathrm{y}
\end{array}\right.\right.
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\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp ^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}\right) & \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \exp ^{-\frac{y^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}}\right) \\
& \text { function of } \mathrm{x} \\
\text { function of } \mathrm{y}
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

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In this case the two functions are (identical) 1D Gaussians

## Gaussian Blur

- 2D Gaussian filter can be thought of as an outer product or convolution of row and column filters



## Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$$
\frac{1}{16} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\
\hline
\end{array} \quad \otimes \frac{1}{16} \begin{array}{|c|}
\hline 1 \\
\hline 4 \\
\hline 6 \\
\hline 4 \\
\hline 1 \\
\hline
\end{array}=\frac{1}{256} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\
\hline 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\
\hline 6 & 24 & 36 & 24 & 6 \\
\hline 4 & 16 & 24 & 16 & 4 \\
\hline 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

## Example: Separable Gaussian Filter

$\frac{1}{16}$| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |


$\otimes \frac{1}{16}$| 1 |
| :---: |
| 4 |
| 1 4 6 4 1 <br> 4 1    <br> 4 16 24 16 4 <br> 1     <br> 6 24 36 24 6 <br> 4 16 24 16 4 <br> 1 4 6 4 1 |

## Efficient Implementation: Separability

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Naive implementation of 2D Gaussian:
At each pixel, $(X, Y)$, there are $m \times m$ multiplications
There are $n \times n$ pixels in $(X, Y)$

Total: $\quad m^{2} \times n^{2}$ multiplications

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## Separable 2D Gaussian:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { At each pixel, }(X, Y) \text {, there are } \\
& \text { There are } \\
& \hline \text { Total: } \\
& n \times n
\end{aligned} \begin{aligned}
& \text { multiplications } \\
& \text { pixels in }(X, Y)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Separable Filtering

2D Gaussian blur by horizontal/vertical blur

horizontal
vertical

vertical
horizontal

## Separable Filtering

Several useful filters can be applied as independent row and column operations


$\frac{1}{16}$| 1 | 2 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 |


(b) bilinear

$\frac{1}{256}$| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 6 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 6 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |


(c) "Gaussian"


$\frac{1}{4}$| 1 | -2 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -2 | 4 | -2 |
| 1 | -2 | 1 |

$$
\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}
\hline \frac{1}{2} & \hline 1 & -2 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$


(e) corner

## Example 7: Smoothing with a Pillbox

The 2D Gaussian is the only (non trivial) 2D function that is both separable and rotationally invariant.

A 2D pillbox is rotationally invariant but not separable $\rightarrow$ harder to implement efficiently

## Example 7: Smoothing with a Pillbox



Original

$11 \times 11$ Pillbox

## Low-pass Filtering = "Smoothing"

Box Filter


Pillbox Filter


Gaussian Filter

| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 6 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 6 |
| 4 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |

## All of these filters are Low-pass Filters

Low-pass filter: Low pass filter filters out all of the high frequency content of the image, only low frequencies remain

## Fourier Transform (you will NOT be tested on this)

How would you generate this function?


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Low-Pass Filtering in 1D
$\ell(4)$

## Assignment 1: Low/High Pass Filtering



Original
$I(x, y)$


Low-Pass Filter
$I(x, y) * g(x, y)$


High-Pass Filter

$$
I(x, y)-I(x, y) * g(x, y)
$$



Gala Contemplating the Mediterranean Sea Which at Twenty Meters Becomes the Portrait of Abraham Lincoln (Homage to Rothko)

Salvador Dali, 1976

## Low-pass filtered version



High-pass filtered version

