

# Other Filters, etc.

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[Winter in Kraków photographed by Marcin Ryczek](#)

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Taking derivative by convolution

# Partial derivatives with convolution

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For 2D function  $f(x,y)$ , the partial derivative is:

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \varepsilon, y) - f(x, y)}{\varepsilon}$$

For discrete data, we can approximate using finite differences:

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f(x + 1, y) - f(x, y)}{1}$$

To implement above as convolution, what would be the associated filter?

# Partial derivatives of an image

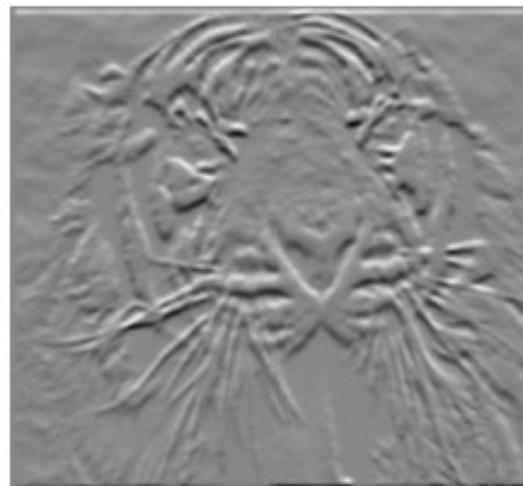
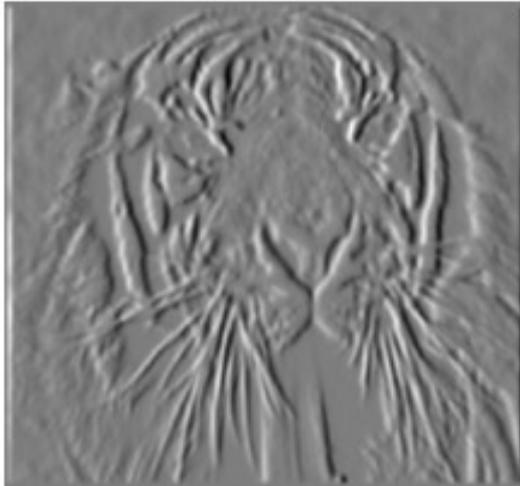
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$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y}$$

-1	1
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-1	or	1
1		-1

Which shows changes with respect to x?

# Finite difference filters

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Other approximations of derivative filters exist:

**Prewitt:**  $M_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ;  $M_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

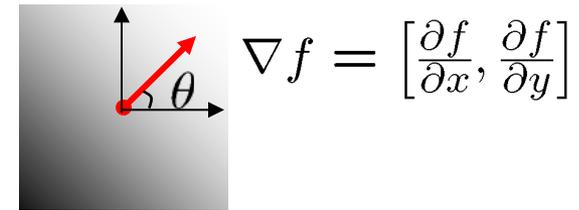
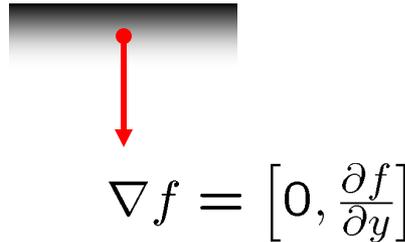
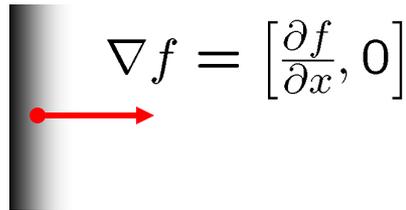
**Sobel:**  $M_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  ;  $M_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Roberts:**  $M_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  ;  $M_y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Image gradient

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The gradient of an image:  $\nabla f = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]$



The gradient points in the direction of most rapid increase in intensity

- How does this direction relate to the direction of the edge?

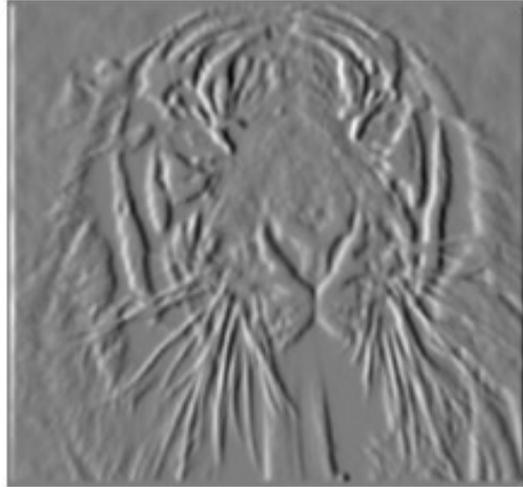
The gradient direction is given by  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} / \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$

The *edge strength* is given by the gradient magnitude

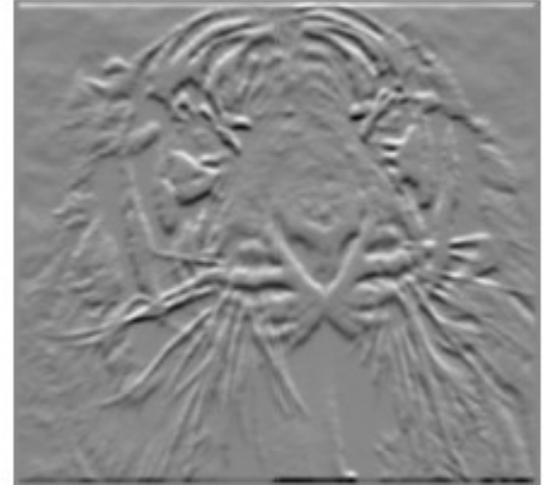
$$\|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

# Image Gradient

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$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x}$$



$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y}$$

$$\|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

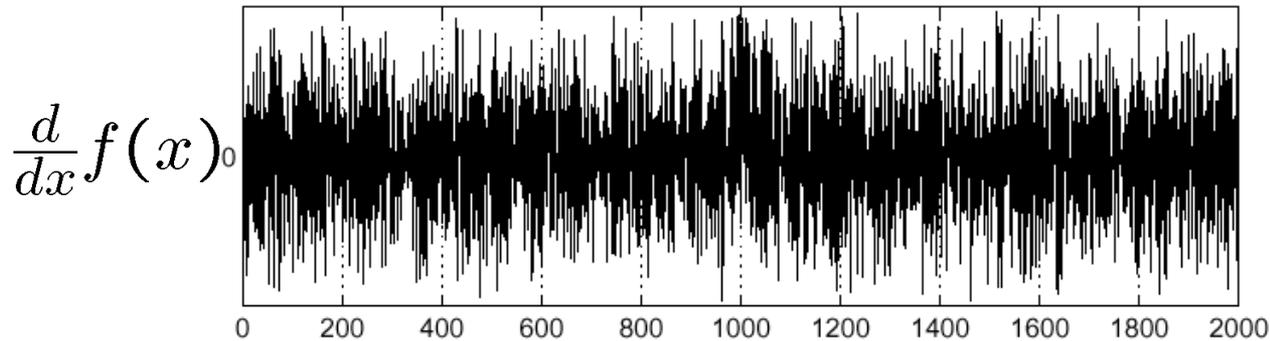
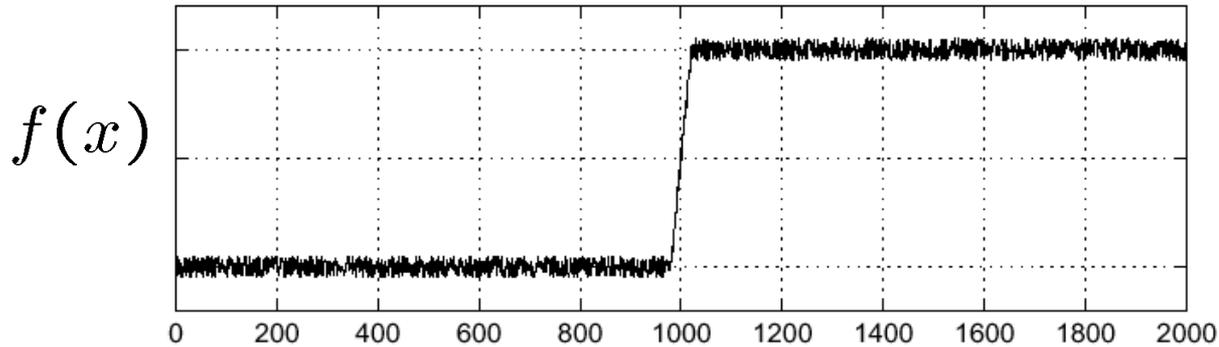


# Effects of noise

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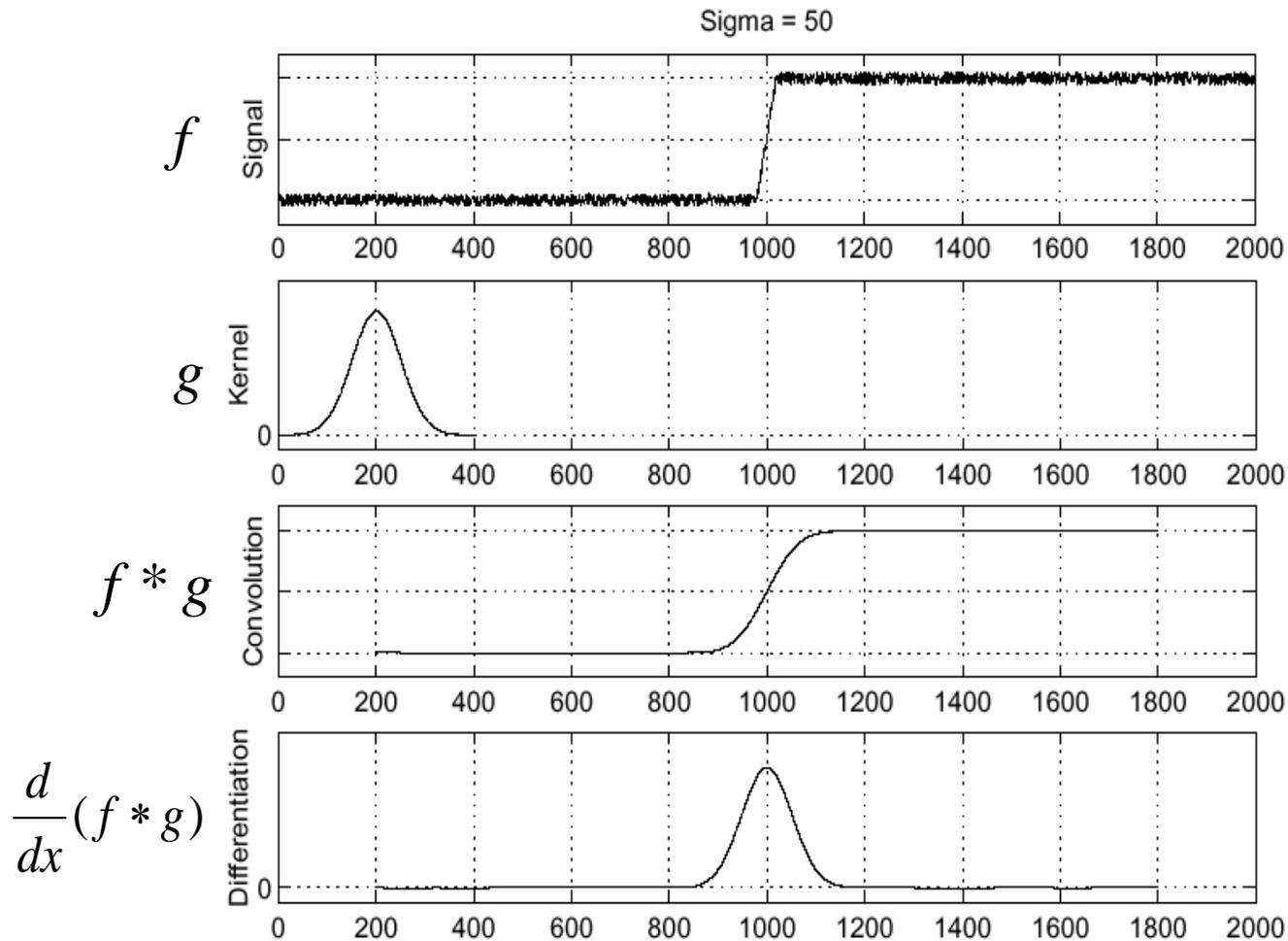
Consider a single row or column of the image

- Plotting intensity as a function of position gives a signal



Where is the edge?

# Solution: smooth first



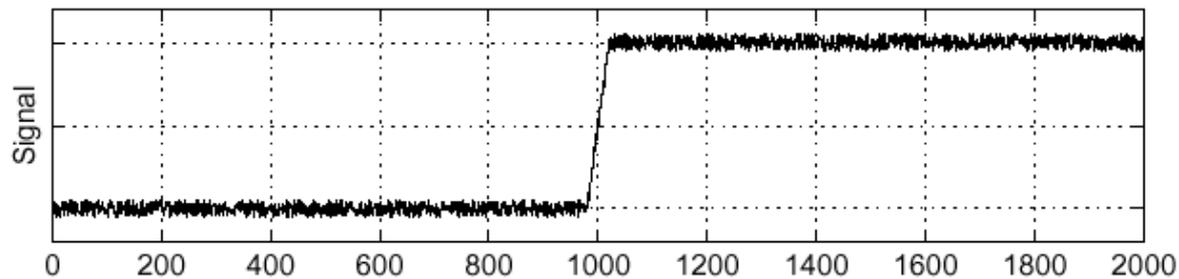
- To find edges, look for peaks in  $\frac{d}{dx}(f * g)$

# Derivative theorem of convolution

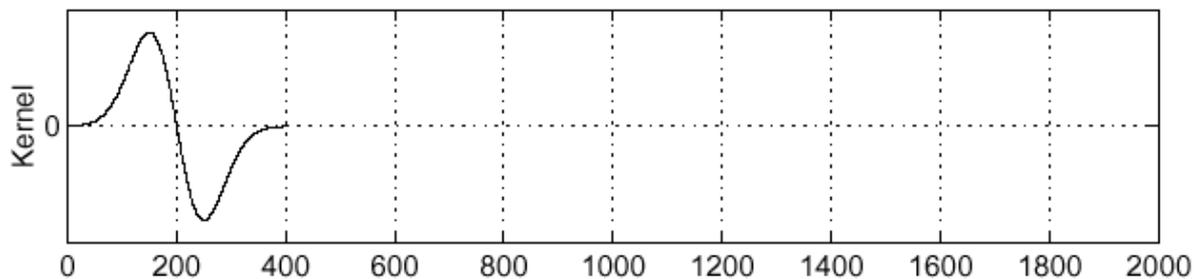
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(h \star f) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h\right) \star f$$

This saves us one operation:

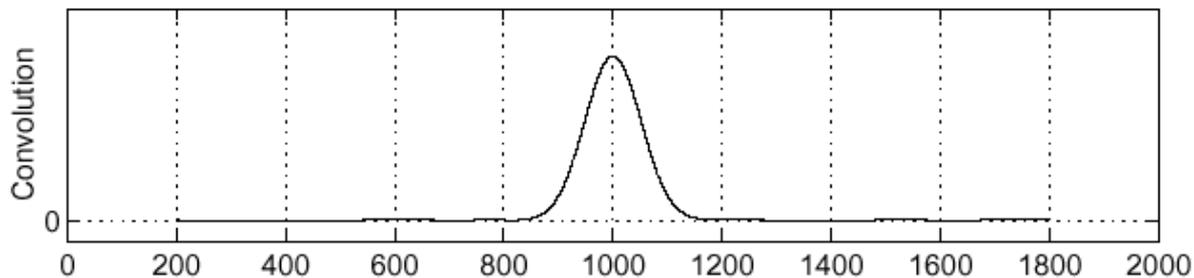
Sigma = 50



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h$$

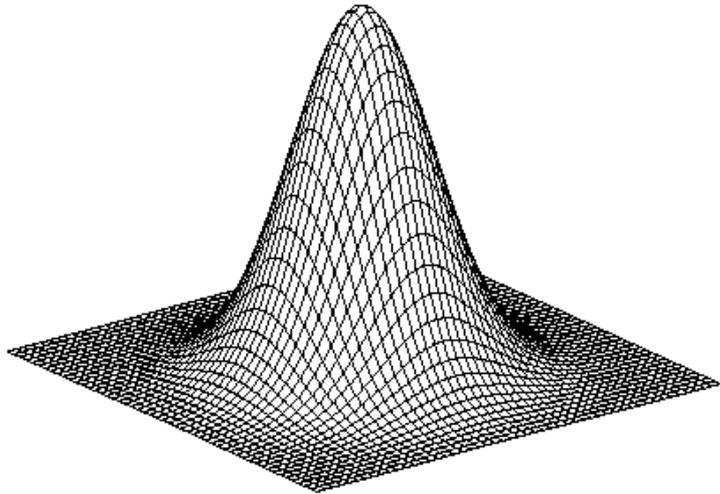


$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}h\right) \star f$$

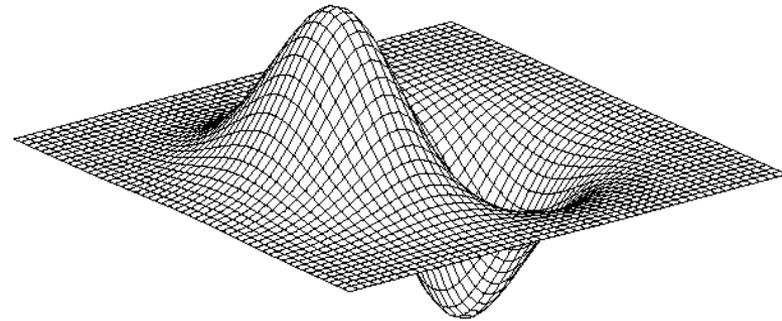


# Derivative of Gaussian filter

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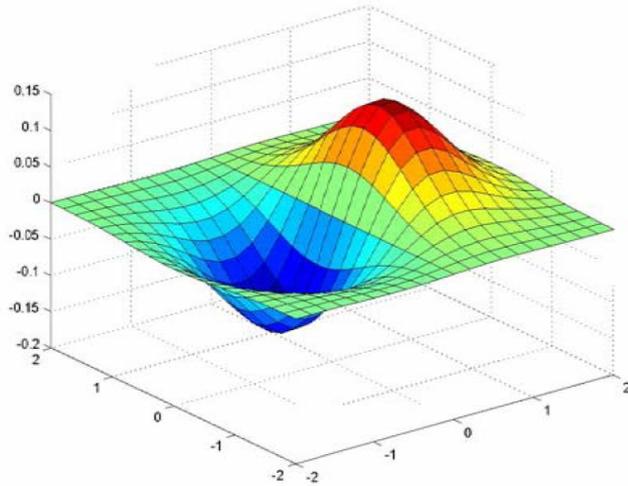


$$* [1 \ -1] =$$

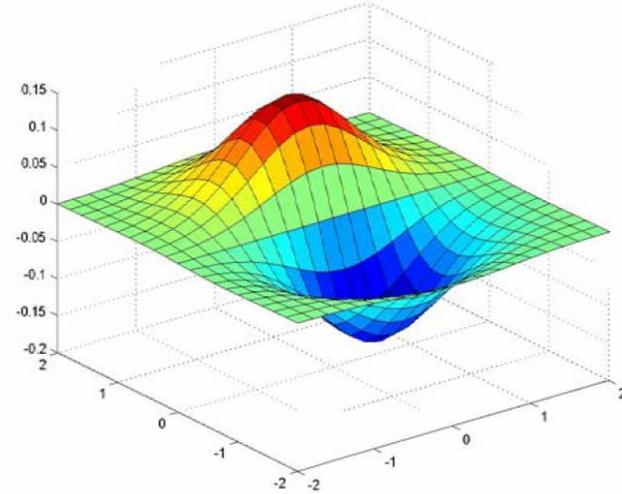
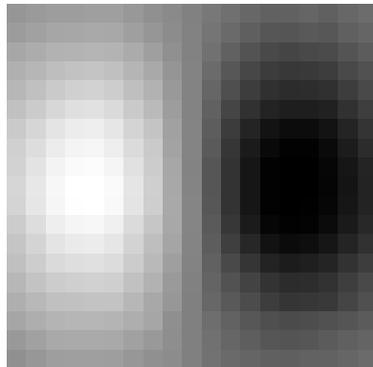


# Derivative of Gaussian filter

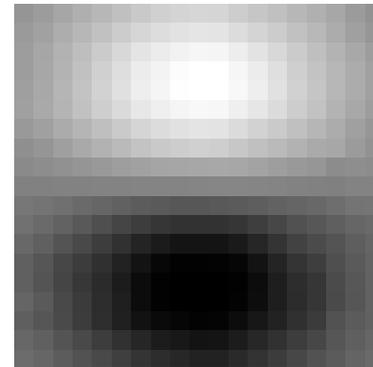
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x-direction



y-direction



Which one finds horizontal/vertical edges?

# Example

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input image (“Lena”)

# Compute Gradients (DoG)

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X-Derivative of  
Gaussian



Y-Derivative of  
Gaussian



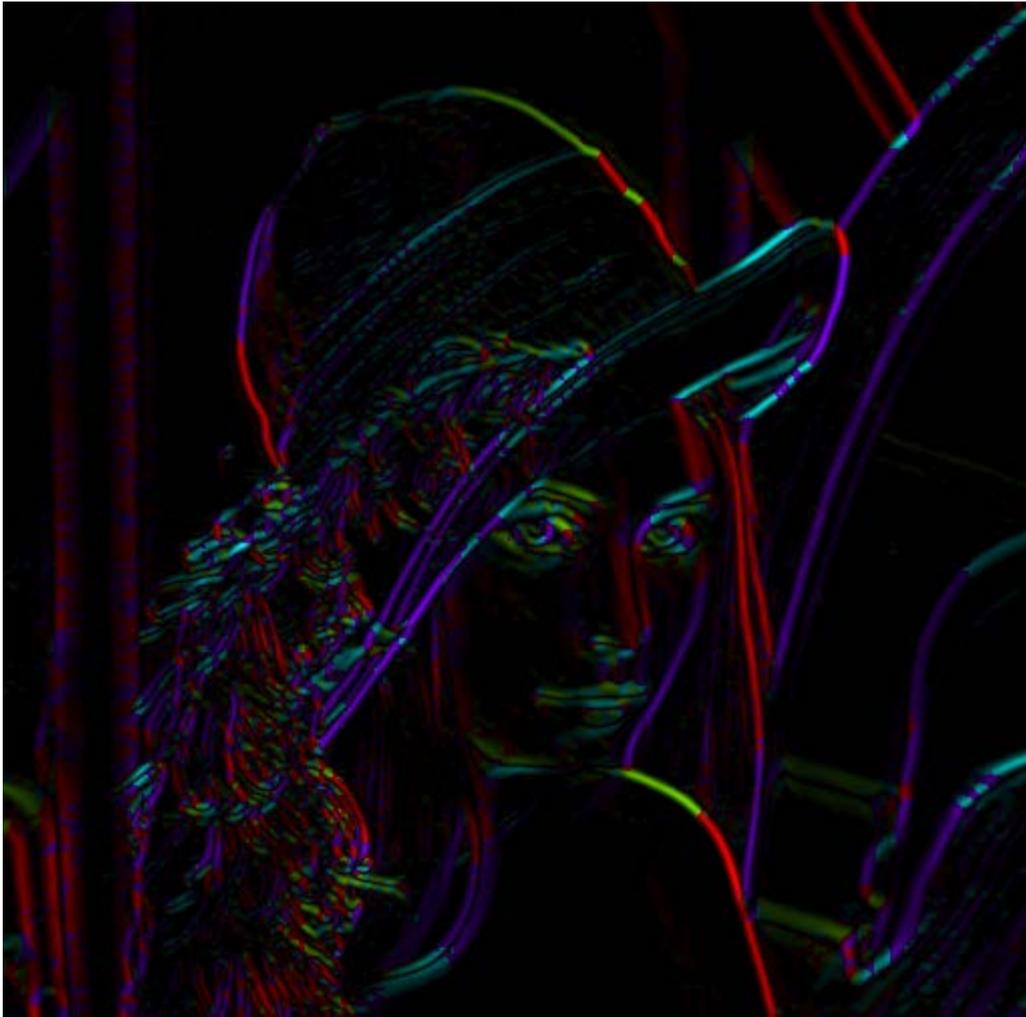
Gradient Magnitude

# Get Orientation at Each Pixel

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Threshold at minimum level

Get orientation



$$\text{theta} = \text{atan2}(-g_y, g_x)$$

# MATLAB demo

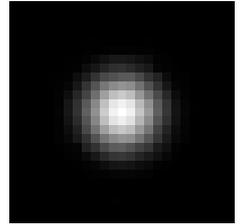
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im = im2double(imread(filemane));  
g = fspecial('gaussian',15,2);  
imagesc(g);  
surfl(g);  
gim = conv2(im,g,'same');  
imagesc(conv2(im,[-1 1],'same'));  
imagesc(conv2(gim,[-1 1],'same'));  
dx = conv2(g,[-1 1],'same');  
Surfl(dx);  
imagesc(conv2(im,dx,'same'));
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# Review: Smoothing vs. derivative filters

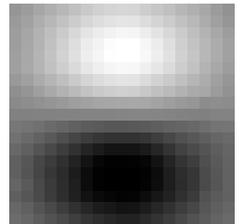
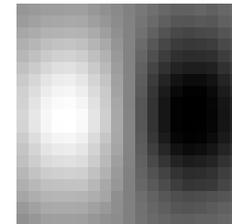
## Smoothing filters

- Gaussian: remove “high-frequency” components; “low-pass” filter
- Can the values of a smoothing filter be negative?
- What should the values sum to?
  - **One**: constant regions are not affected by the filter



## Derivative filters

- Derivatives of Gaussian
- Can the values of a derivative filter be negative?
- What should the values sum to?
  - **Zero**: no response in constant regions
- High absolute value at points of high contrast



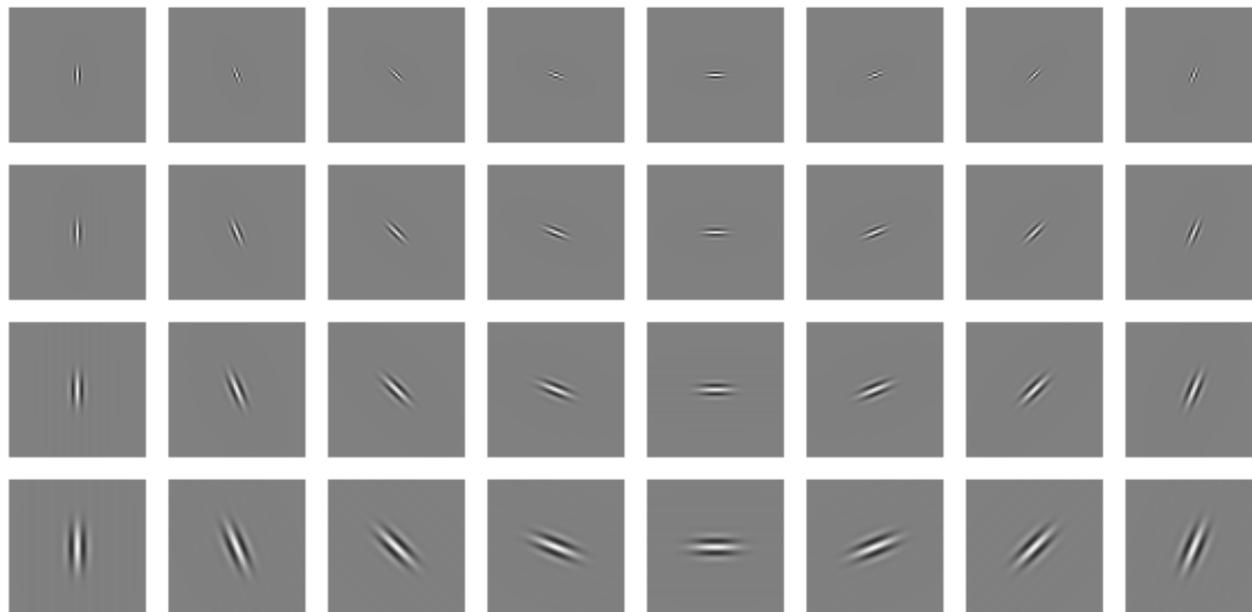
# Clues from Human Perception

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Early processing in humans filters for various orientations and scales of frequency

Perceptual cues in the mid frequencies dominate perception

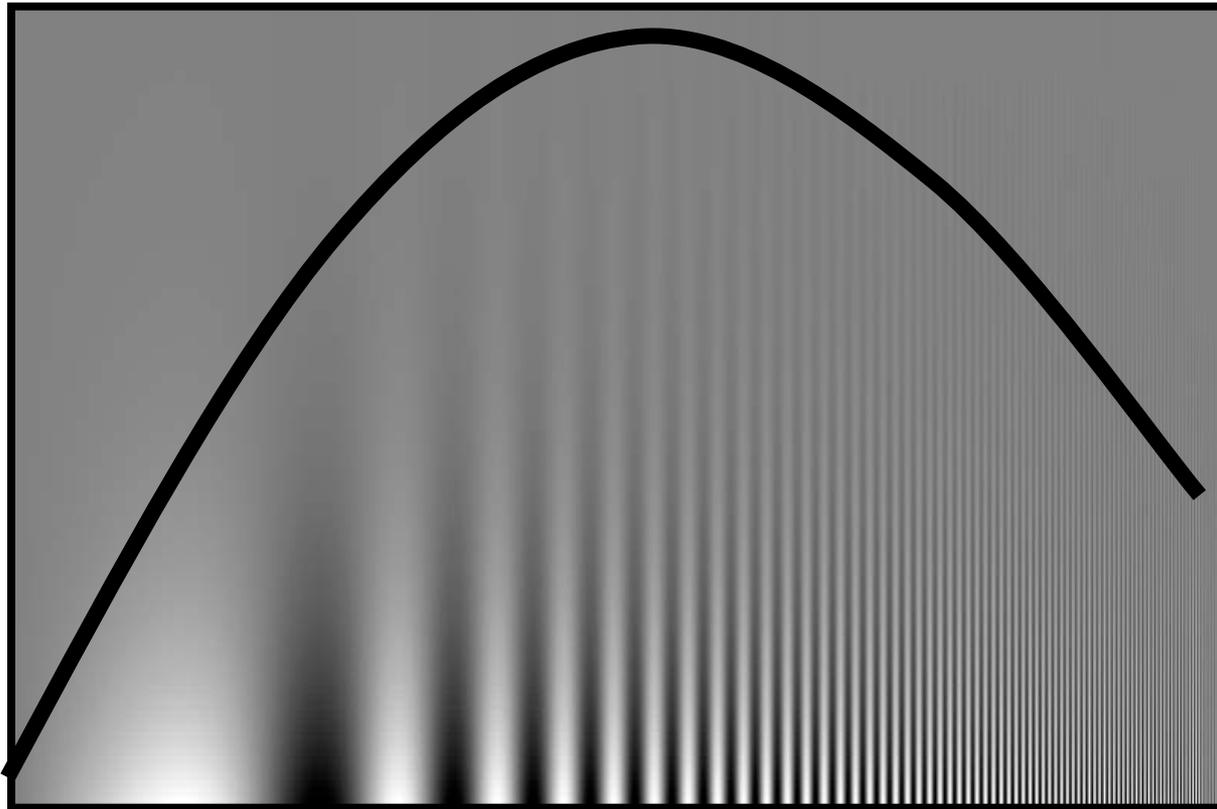
When we see an image from far away, we are effectively subsampling it



Early Visual Processing: Multi-scale edge and blob filters

# Frequency Domain and Perception

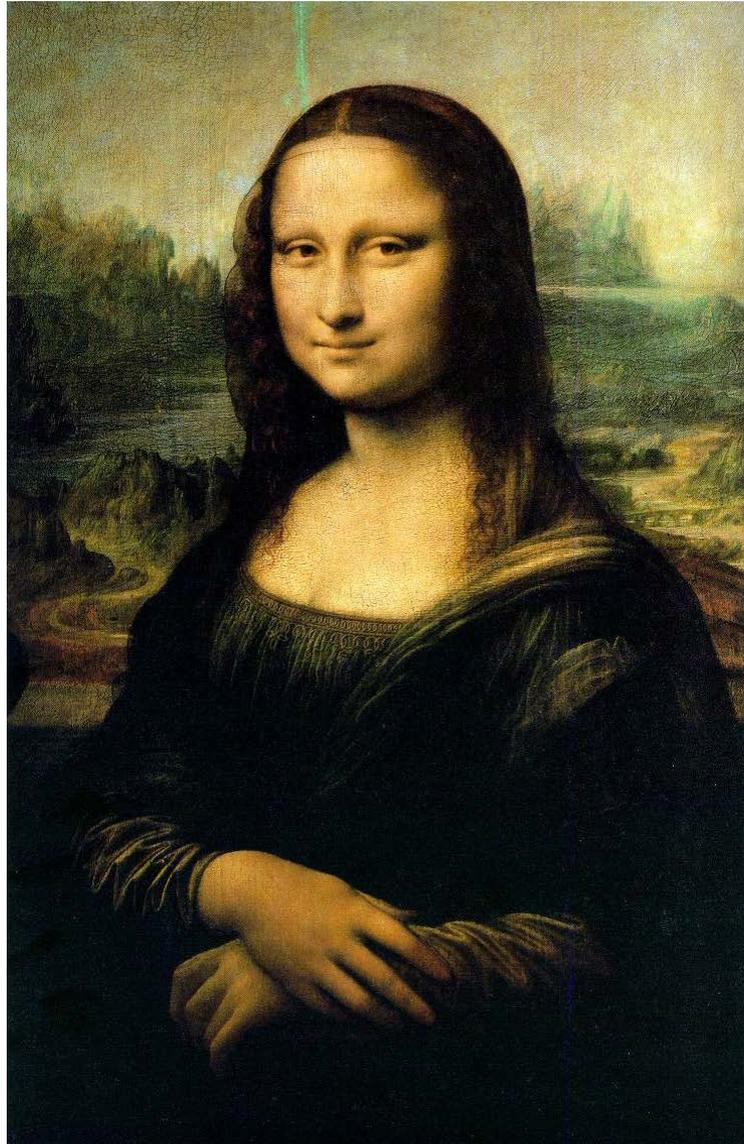
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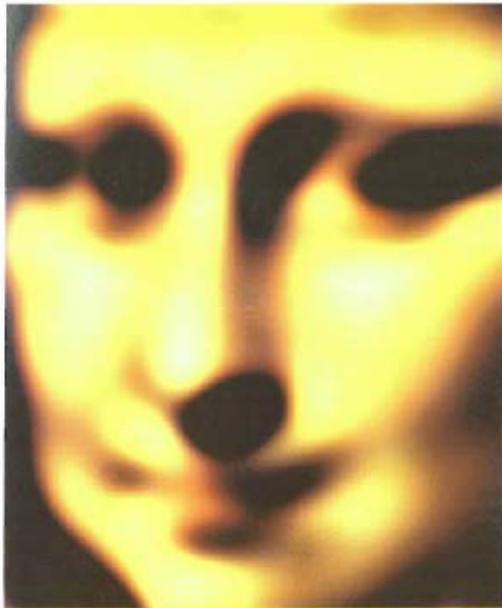


Campbell-Robson contrast sensitivity curve

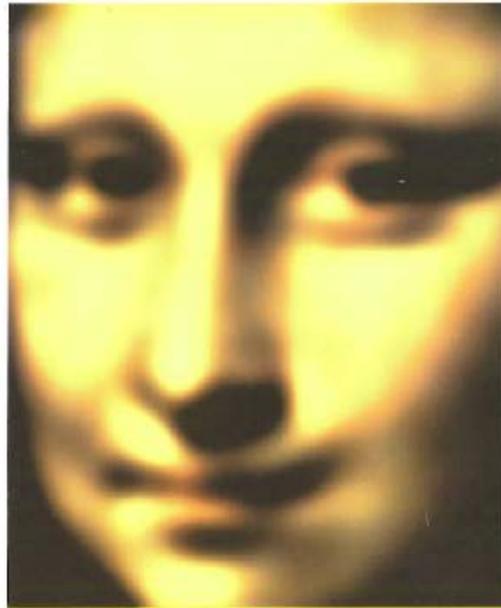
# Da Vinci and Peripheral Vision

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coarse components  
(peripheral vision)



medium components  
(near peripheral vision)



fine details  
(central vision)

Leonardo playing with peripheral vision

# Freq. Perception Depends on Color

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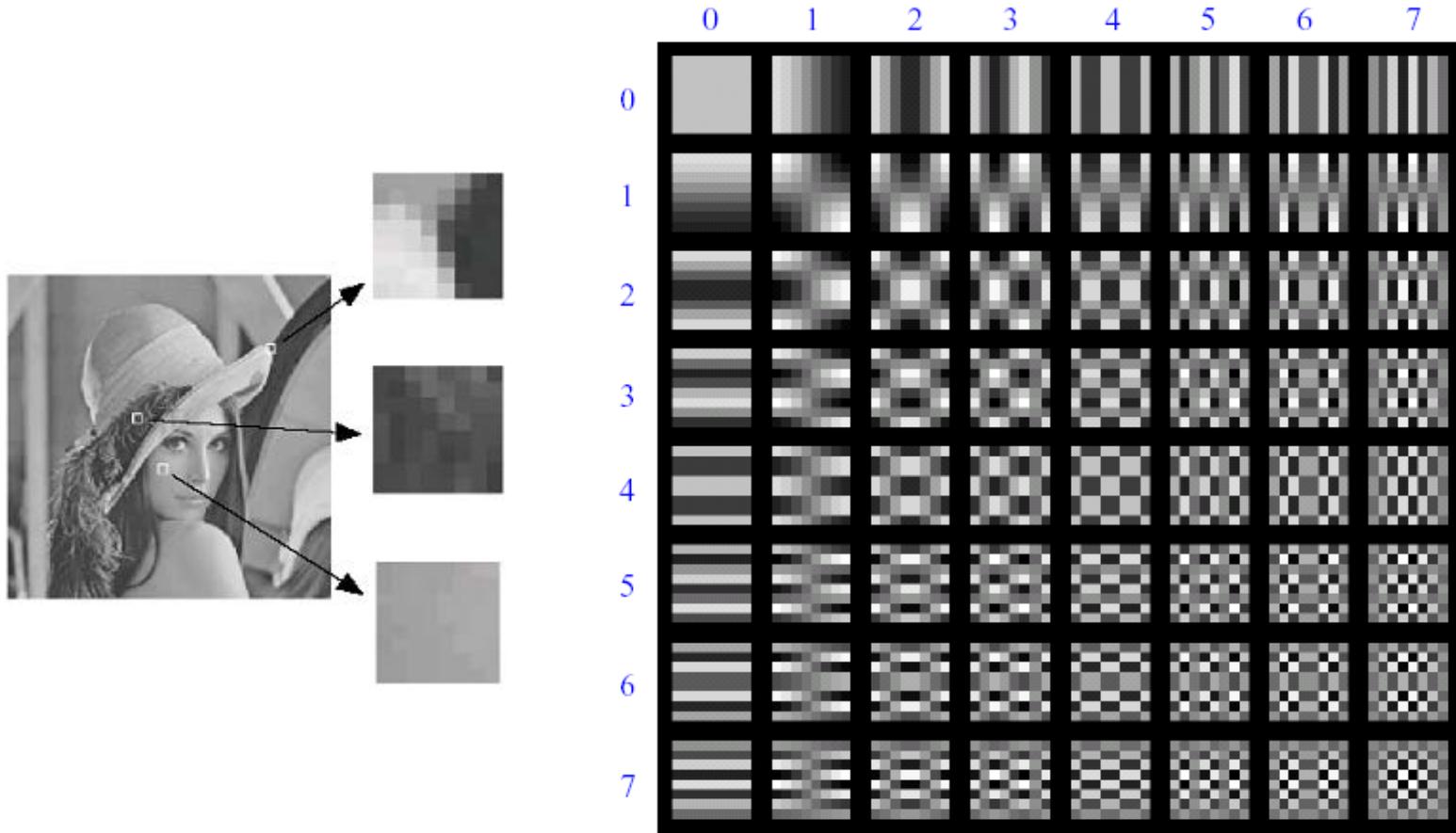
G

B



# Lossy Image Compression (JPEG)

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Block-based Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)



# Image compression using DCT

## Quantize

- More coarsely for high frequencies (which also tend to have smaller values)
- Many quantized high frequency values will be zero

## Encode

- Can decode with inverse dct

## Filter responses

$$G = \begin{matrix} & & & \xrightarrow{u} & & & & & \\ \begin{matrix} \downarrow v \\ \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -415.38 & -30.19 & -61.20 & 27.24 & 56.13 & -20.10 & -2.39 & 0.46 \\ 4.47 & -21.86 & -60.76 & 10.25 & 13.15 & -7.09 & -8.54 & 4.88 \\ -46.83 & 7.37 & 77.13 & -24.56 & -28.91 & 9.93 & 5.42 & -5.65 \\ -48.53 & 12.07 & 34.10 & -14.76 & -10.24 & 6.30 & 1.83 & 1.95 \\ 12.12 & -6.55 & -13.20 & -3.95 & -1.88 & 1.75 & -2.79 & 3.14 \\ -7.73 & 2.91 & 2.38 & -5.94 & -2.38 & 0.94 & 4.30 & 1.85 \\ -1.03 & 0.18 & 0.42 & -2.42 & -0.88 & -3.02 & 4.12 & -0.66 \\ -0.17 & 0.14 & -1.07 & -4.19 & -1.17 & -0.10 & 0.50 & 1.68 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## Quantization table

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 11 & 10 & 16 & 24 & 40 & 51 & 61 \\ 12 & 12 & 14 & 19 & 26 & 58 & 60 & 55 \\ 14 & 13 & 16 & 24 & 40 & 57 & 69 & 56 \\ 14 & 17 & 22 & 29 & 51 & 87 & 80 & 62 \\ 18 & 22 & 37 & 56 & 68 & 109 & 103 & 77 \\ 24 & 35 & 55 & 64 & 81 & 104 & 113 & 92 \\ 49 & 64 & 78 & 87 & 103 & 121 & 120 & 101 \\ 72 & 92 & 95 & 98 & 112 & 100 & 103 & 99 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Quantized values

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -26 & -3 & -6 & 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# JPEG Compression Summary

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Subsample color by factor of 2

- People have bad resolution for color

Split into blocks (8x8, typically), subtract 128

For each block

- a. Compute DCT coefficients for
- b. Coarsely quantize
  - Many high frequency components will become zero
- c. Encode (e.g., with Huffman coding)

# Block size in JPEG

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## Block size

- small block
  - faster
  - correlation exists between neighboring pixels
- large block
  - better compression in smooth regions
- It's 8x8 in standard JPEG

# JPEG compression comparison

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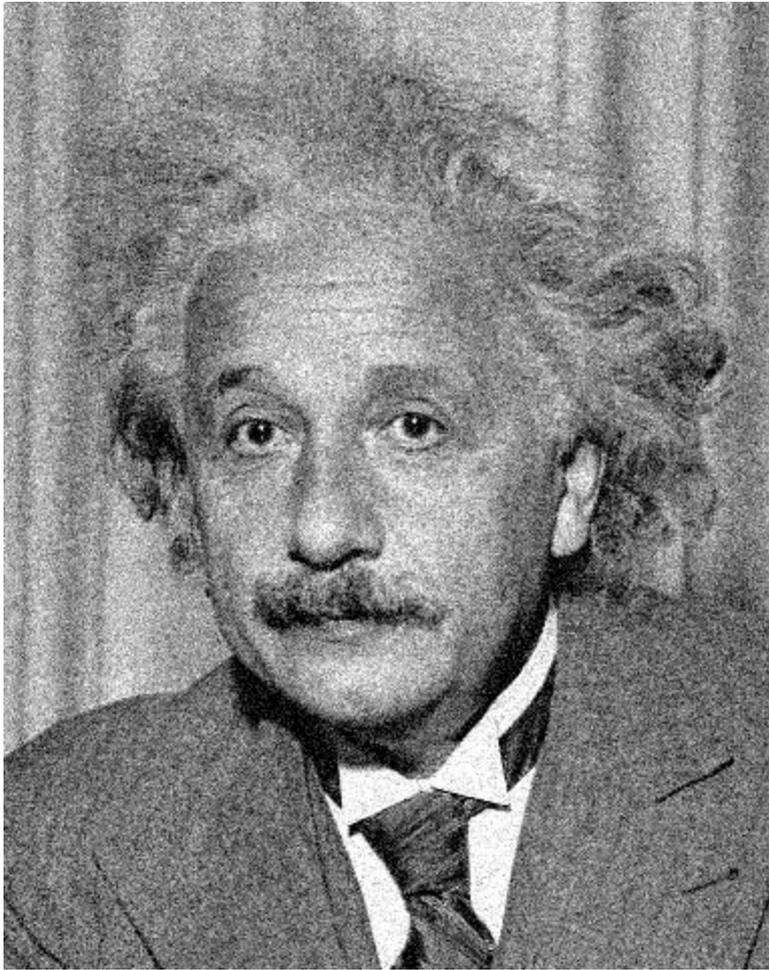
89k



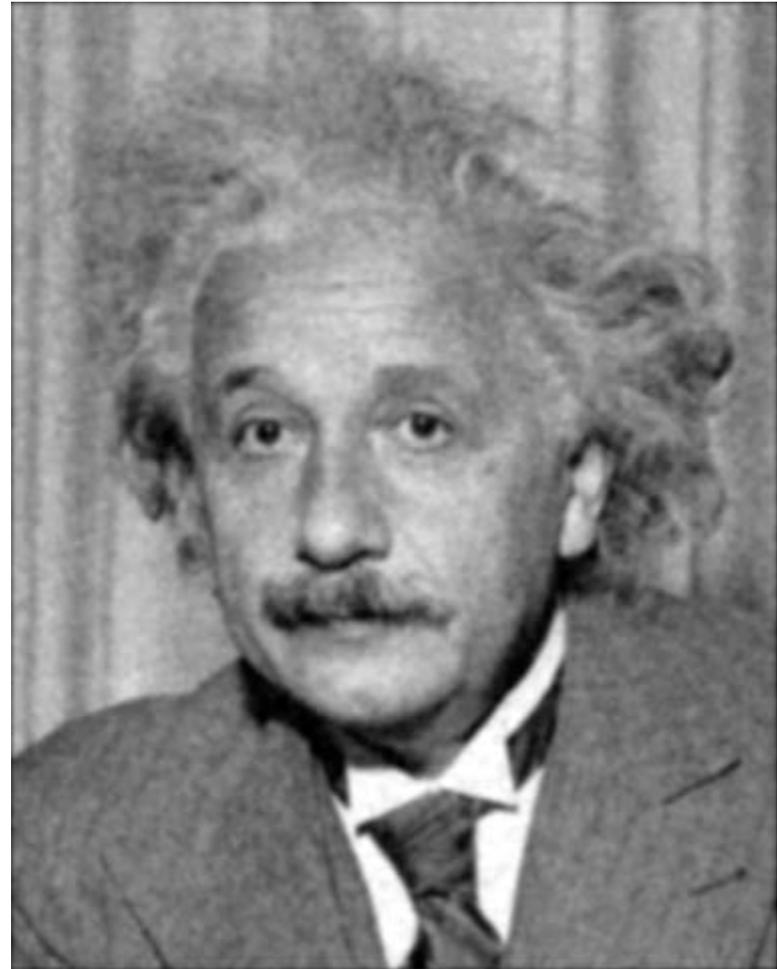
12k

# Denoising

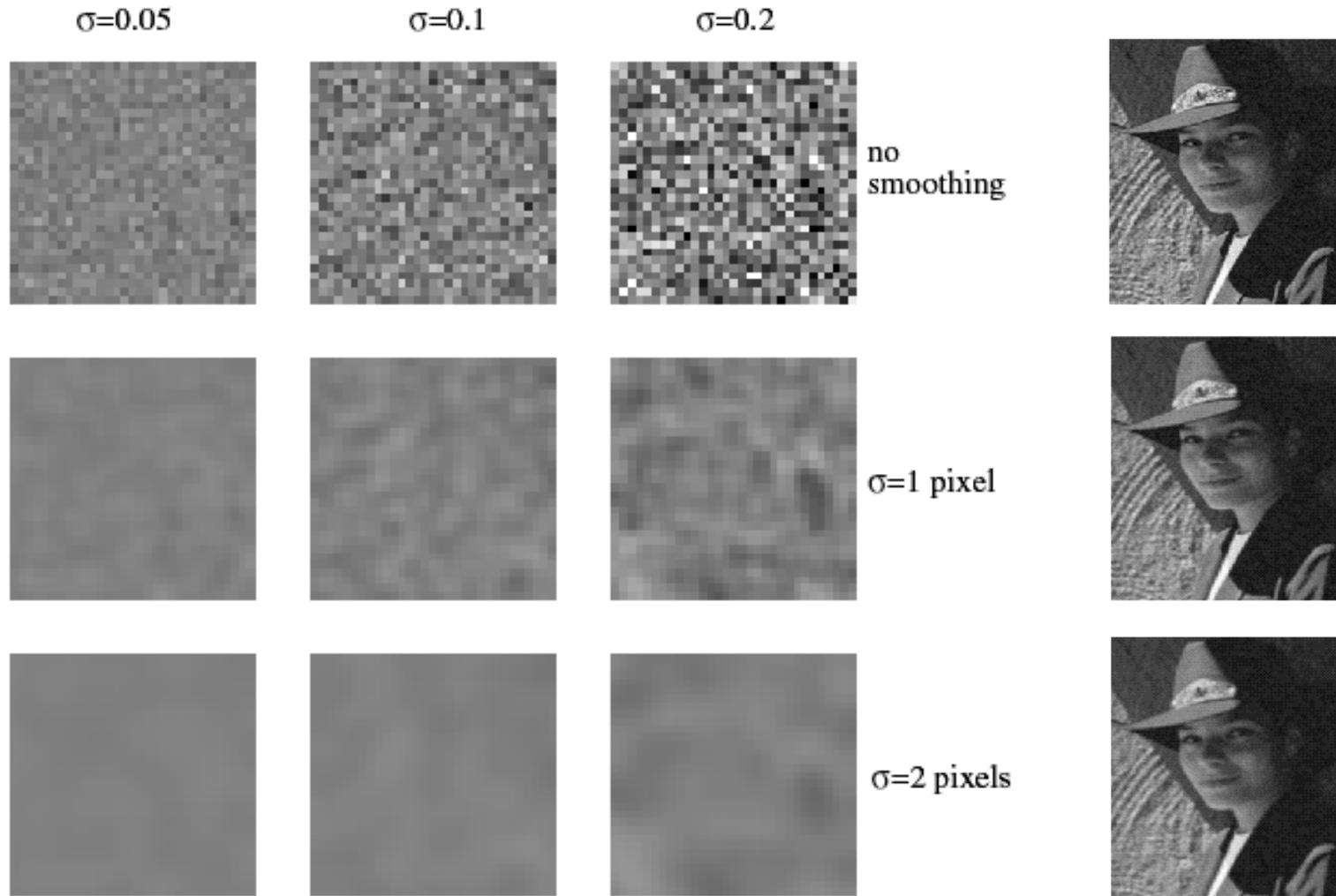
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Additive Gaussian Noise



# Reducing Gaussian noise



Smoothing with larger standard deviations suppresses noise, but also blurs the image

# Reducing salt-and-pepper noise by Gaussian smoothing

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3x3



5x5



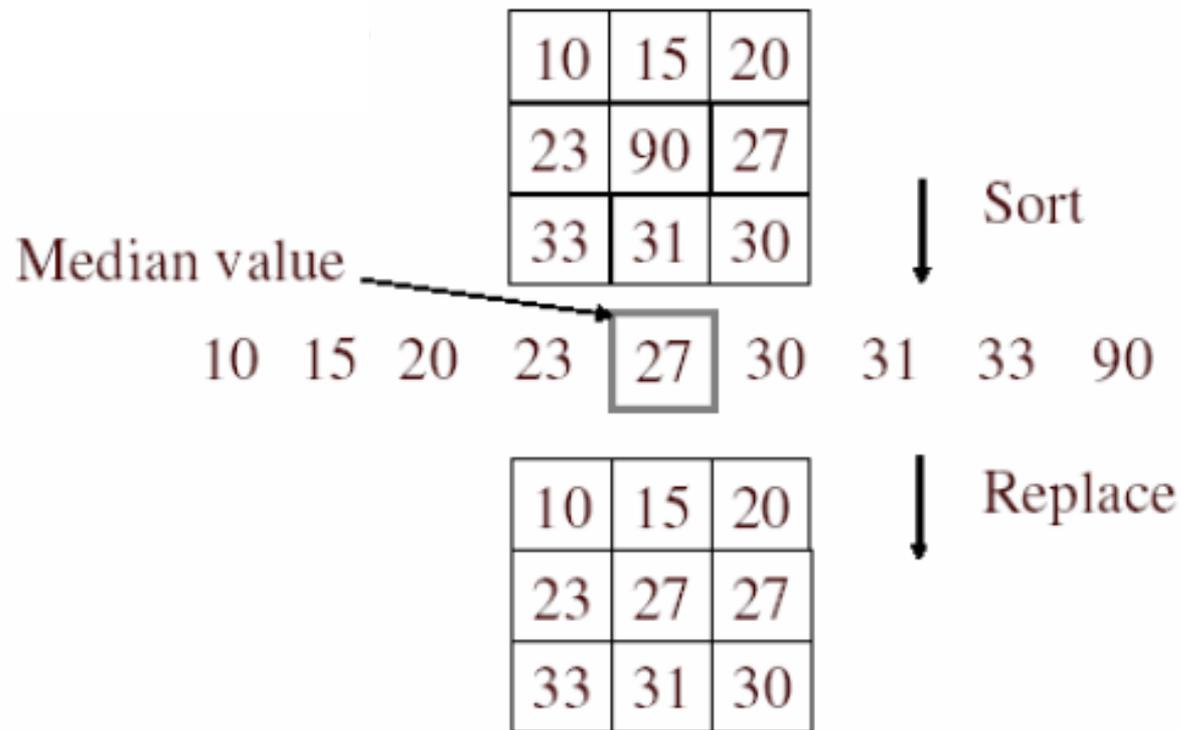
7x7



# Alternative idea: Median filtering

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A **median filter** operates over a window by selecting the median intensity in the window



- Is median filtering linear?

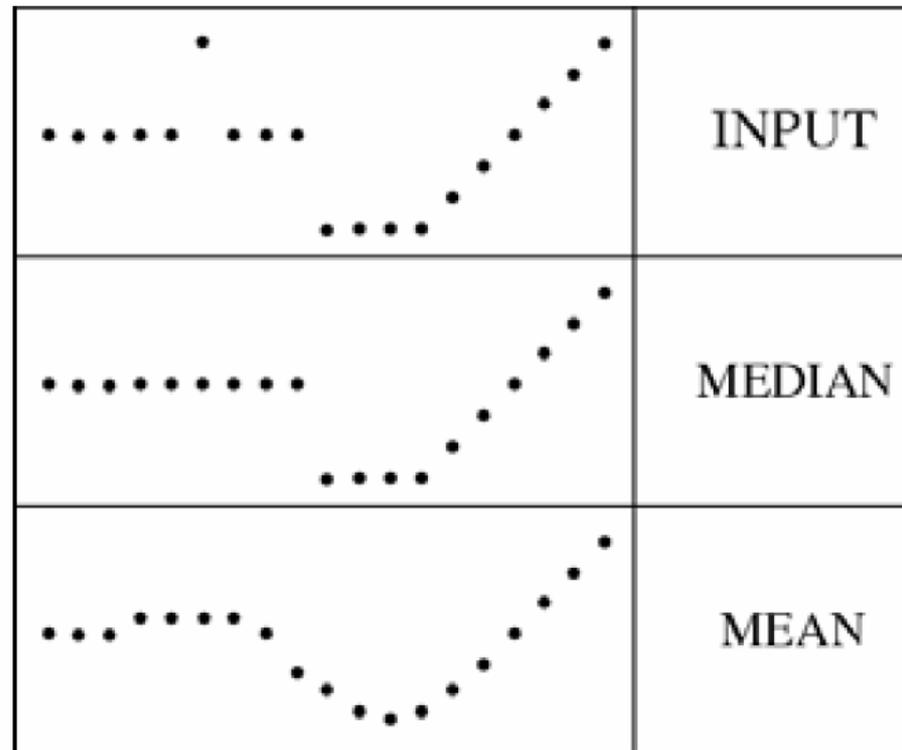
# Median filter

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What advantage does median filtering have over Gaussian filtering?

- Robustness to outliers

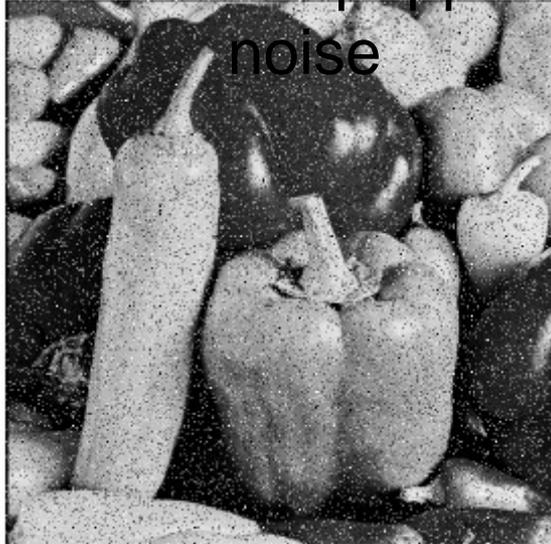
filters have width 5 :



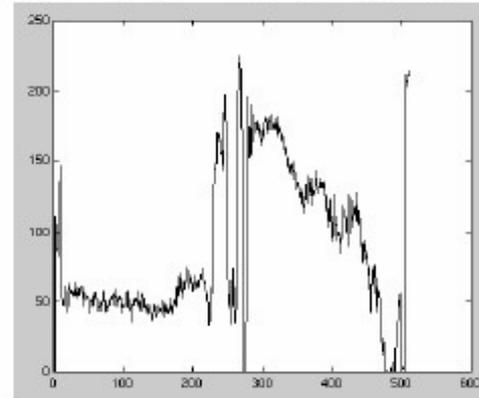
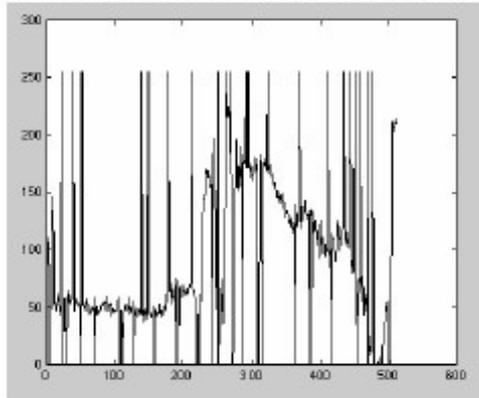
# Median filter

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Salt-and-pepper  
noise



Median filtered



MATLAB: `medfilt2(image, [h w])`

# Median vs. Gaussian filtering

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3x3

5x5

7x7

Gaussian



Median



**A Gentle Introduction  
to Bilateral Filtering  
and its Applications**

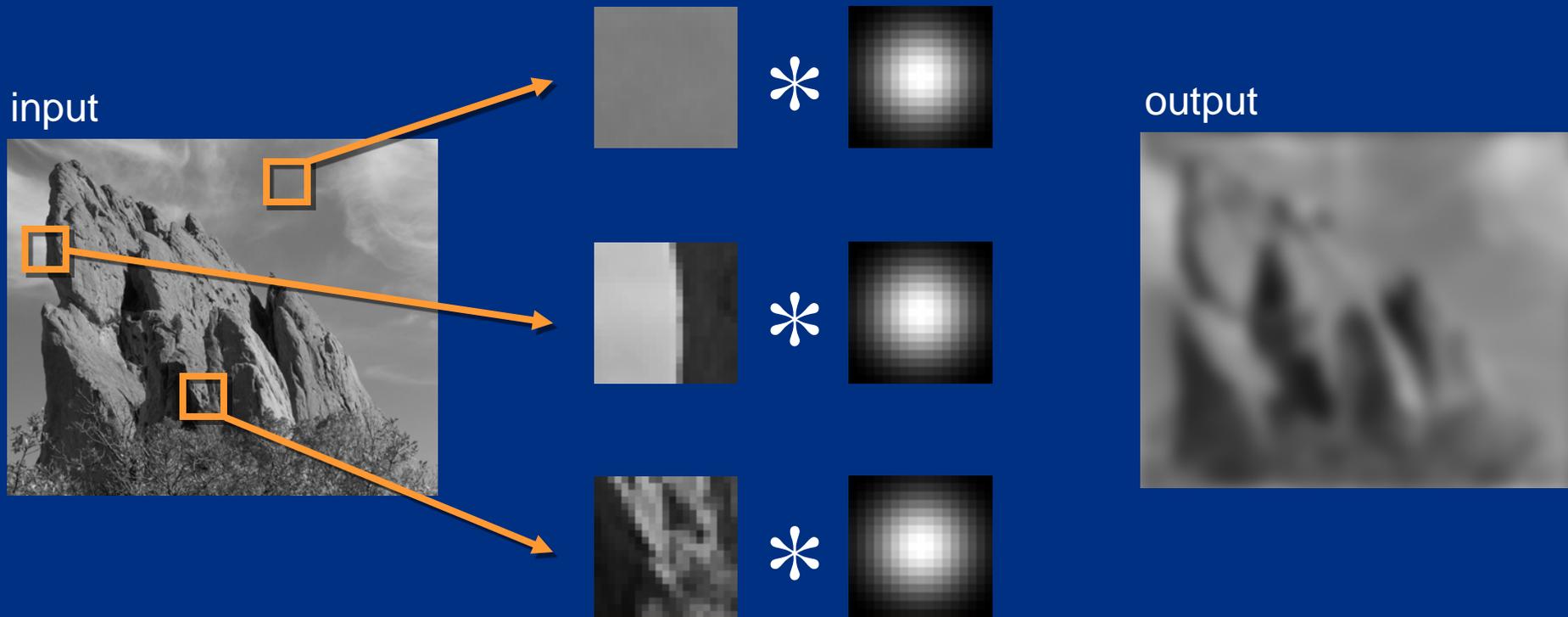


**SIGGRAPH2007**

**“Fixing the Gaussian Blur”:  
the Bilateral Filter**

*Sylvain Paris – MIT CSAIL*

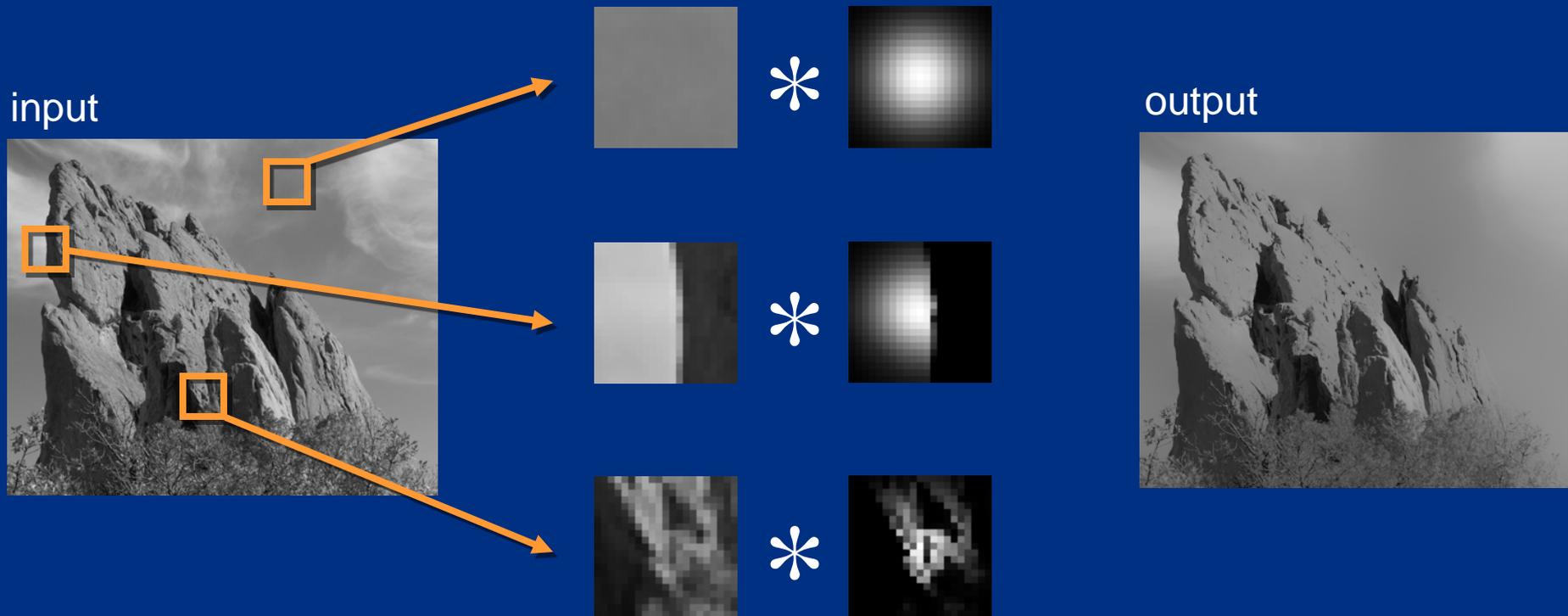
# Blur Comes from Averaging across Edges



Same Gaussian kernel everywhere.

# Bilateral Filter [Aurich 95, Smith 97, Tomasi 98]

## No Averaging across Edges



The kernel shape depends on the image content.

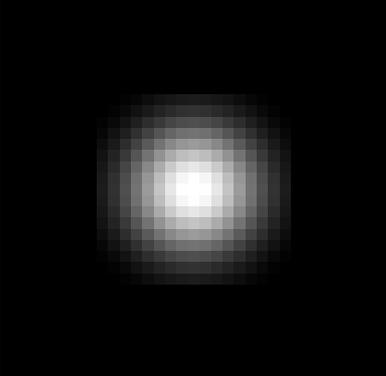
# Bilateral Filter Definition: an Additional Edge Term

Same idea: weighted average of pixels.

$$BF[I]_p = \frac{1}{W_p} \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_s}(\|p - q\|) G_{\sigma_r}(|I_p - I_q|) I_q$$

new  
not new  
new

normalization factor      *space* weight      *range* weight

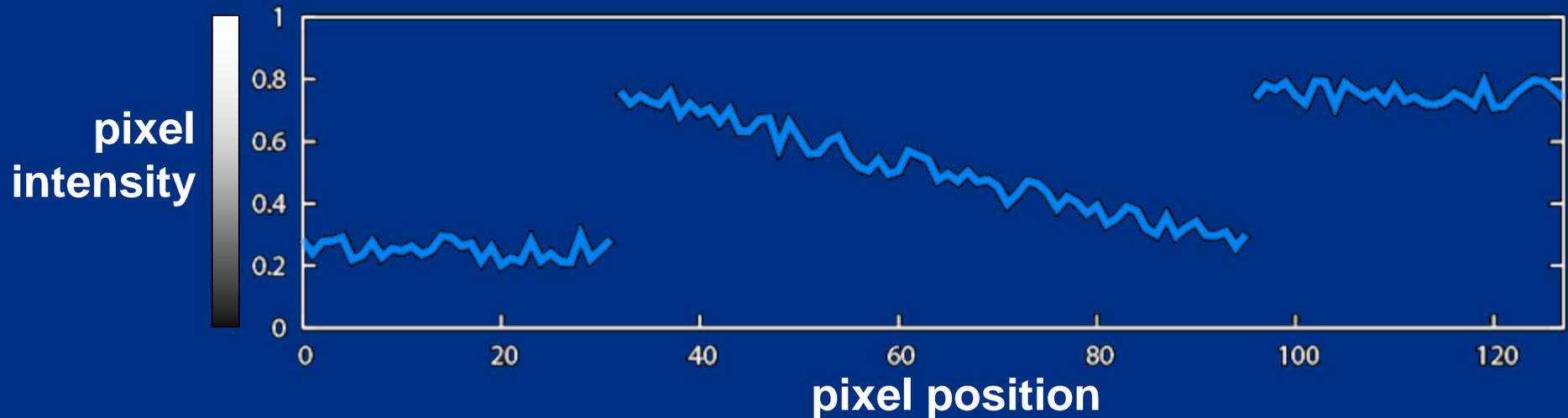


# Illustration a 1D Image

- 1D image = line of pixels

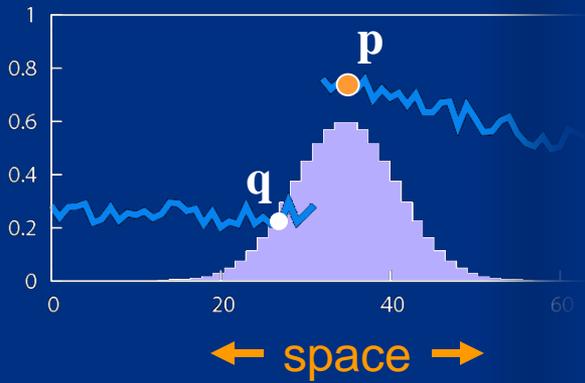


- Better visualized as a plot



# Gaussian Blur and Bilateral Filter

## Gaussian blur

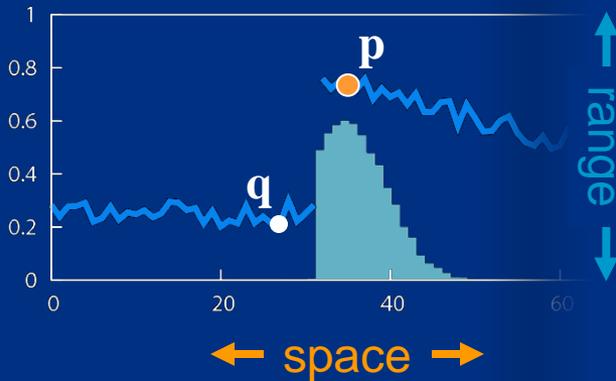


$$GB[I]_p = \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma}(\|p - q\|) I_q$$

space

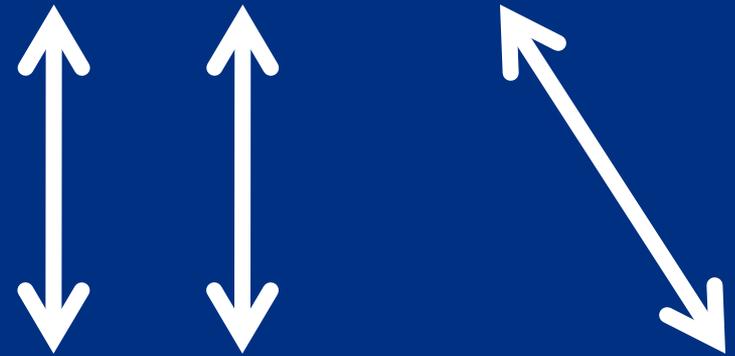
## Bilateral filter

[Aurich 95, Smith 97, Tomasi 98]



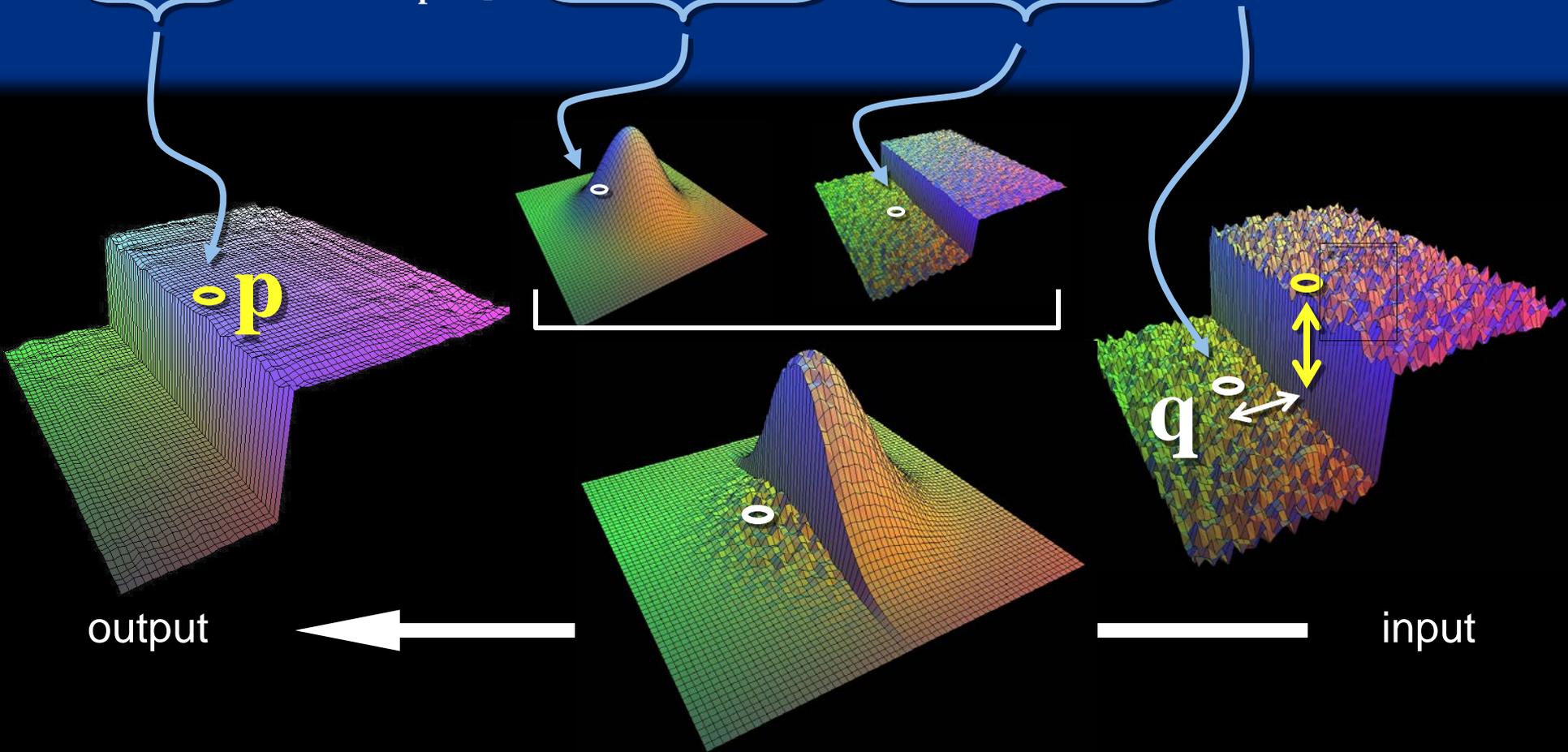
$$BF[I]_p = \frac{1}{W_p} \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_s}(\|p - q\|) G_{\sigma_r}(|I_p - I_q|) I_q$$

normalization      space      range



# Bilateral Filter on a Height Field

$$BF[I]_p = \frac{1}{W_p} \sum_{q \in S} \underbrace{G_{\sigma_s}(\|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|)}_{\text{spatial}} \underbrace{G_{\sigma_r}(\|I_p - I_q\|)}_{\text{range}} I_q$$



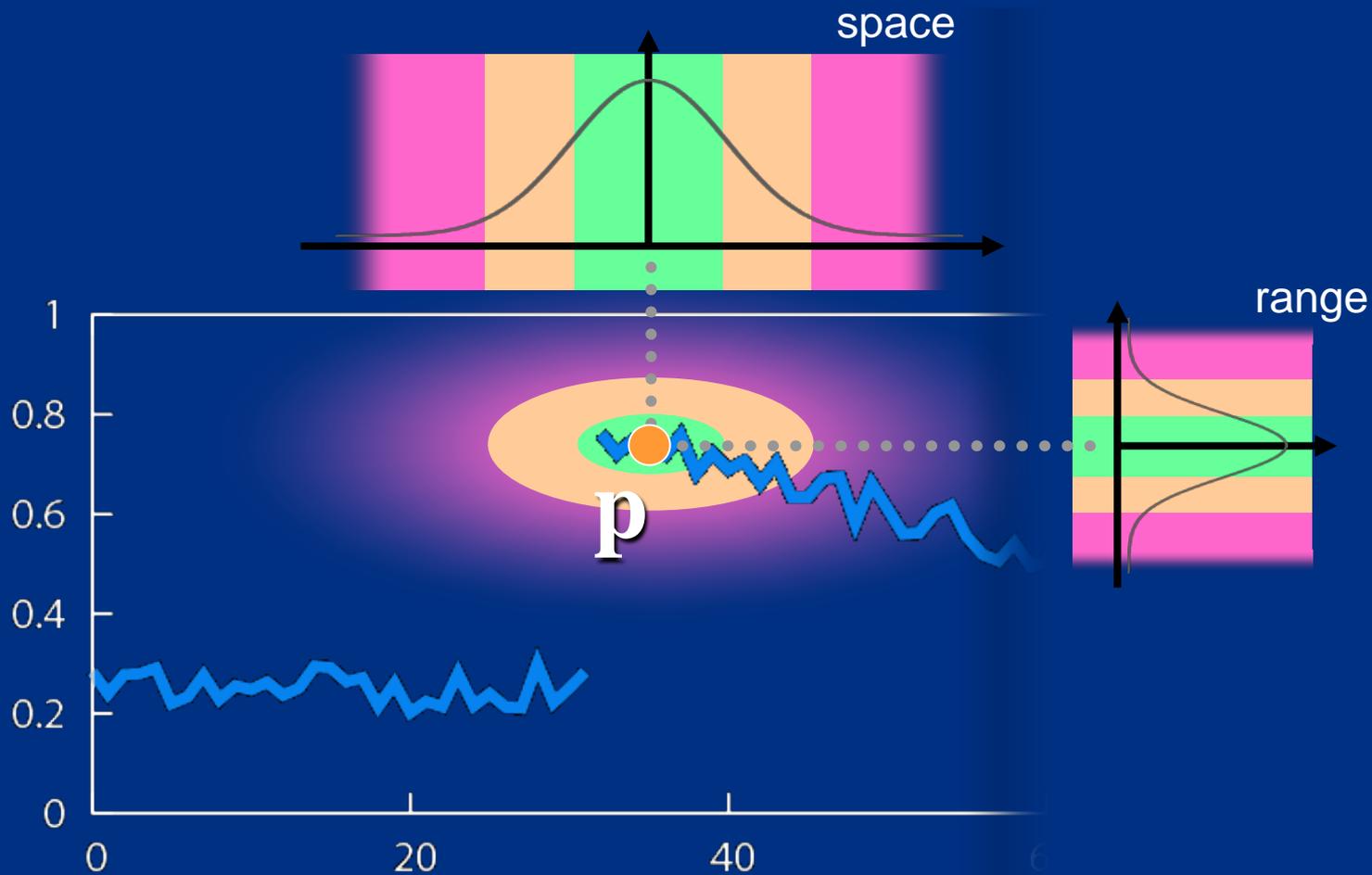
# Space and Range Parameters

$$BF[I]_p = \frac{1}{W_p} \sum_{q \in S} G_{\sigma_s}(\|p - q\|) G_{\sigma_r}(|I_p - I_q|) I_q$$


- space  $\sigma_s$  : spatial extent of the kernel, size of the considered neighborhood.
- range  $\sigma_r$  : “minimum” amplitude of an edge

# Influence of Pixels

Only pixels close in space and in range are considered.



# Exploring the Parameter Space



input

$$\sigma_r = 0.1$$



$$\sigma_r = 0.25$$



$$\sigma_r = \infty$$

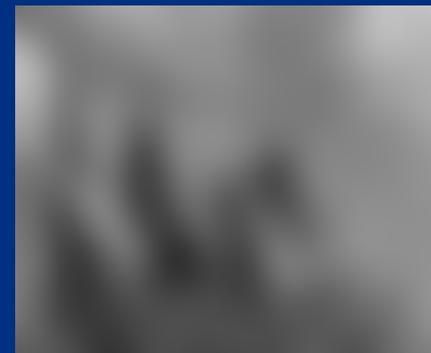
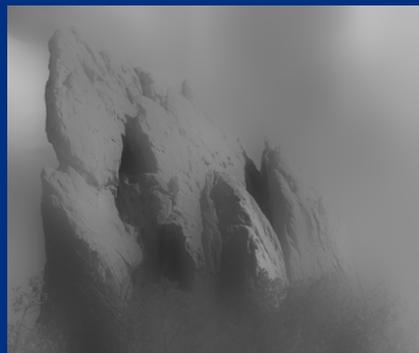
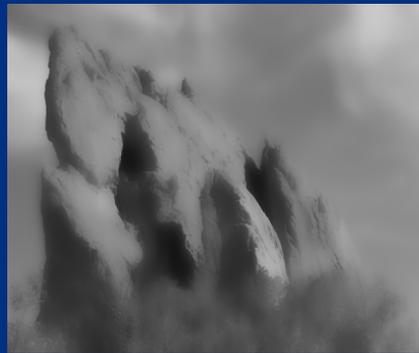
(Gaussian blur)



$$\sigma_s = 2$$

$$\sigma_s = 6$$

$$\sigma_s = 18$$



# Varying the Range Parameter



input

$\sigma_s = 2$

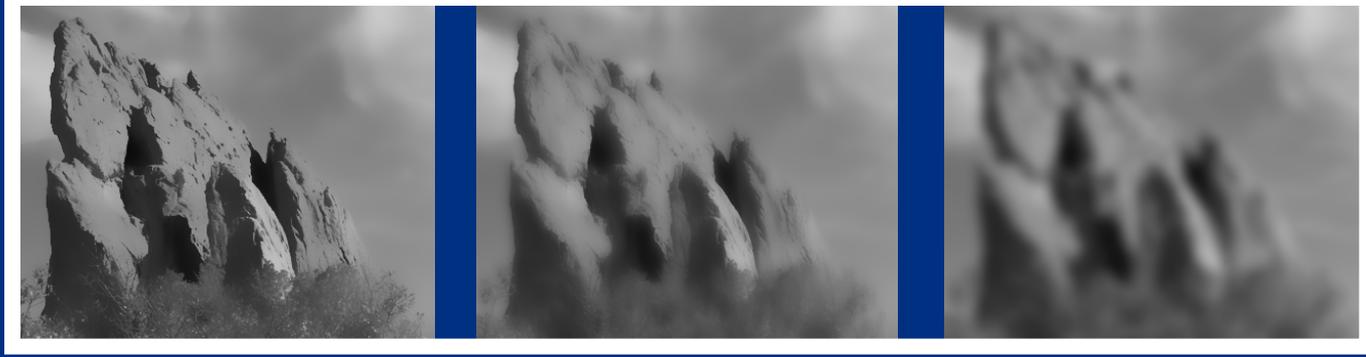
$\sigma_r = 0.1$

$\sigma_r = 0.25$

$\sigma_r = \infty$   
(Gaussian blur)



$\sigma_s = 6$



$\sigma_s = 18$



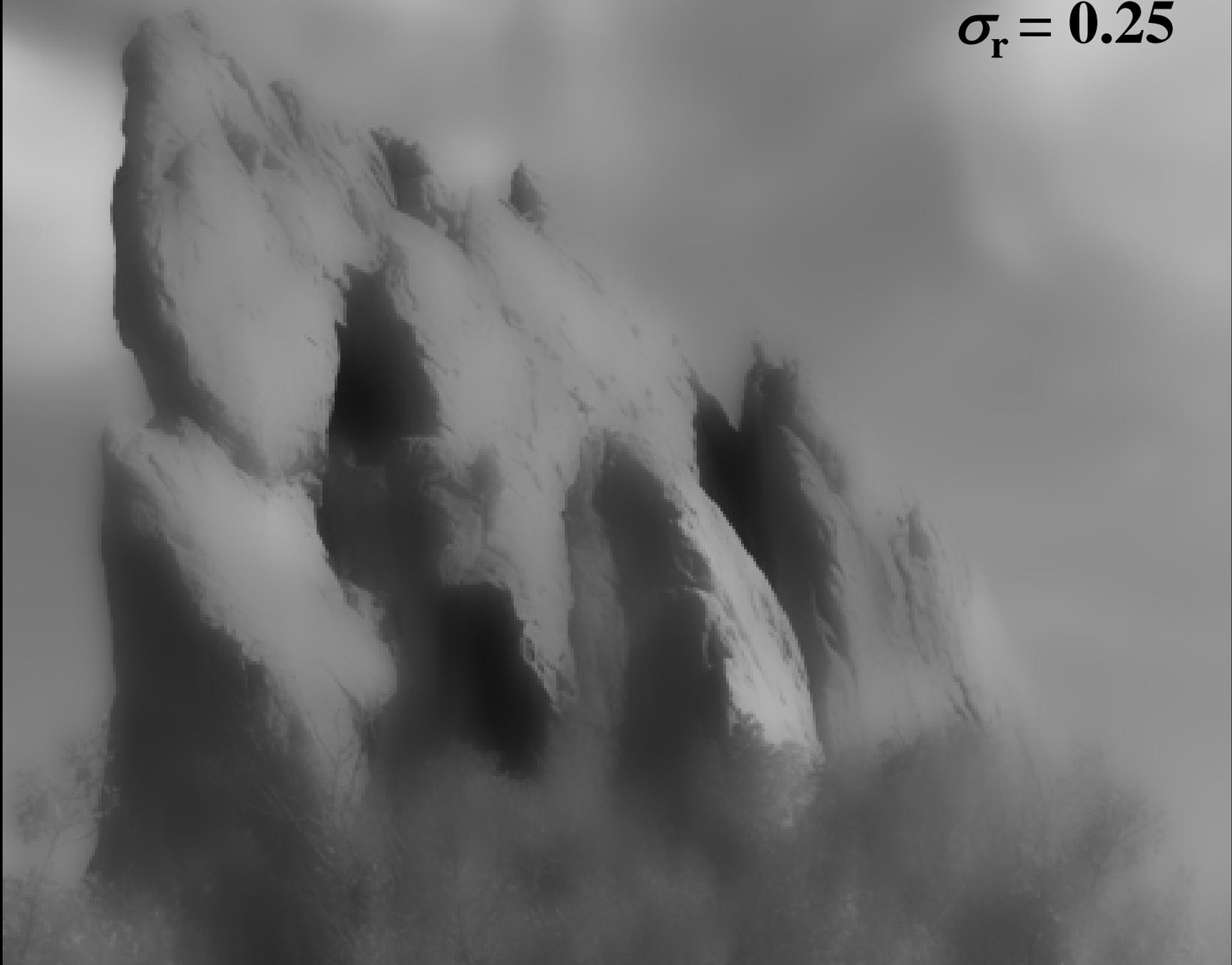
**input**



$$\sigma_r = 0.1$$



$$\sigma_r = 0.25$$



$$\sigma_r = \infty$$

(Gaussian blur)



# Varying the Space Parameter



input

$\sigma_s = 2$



$\sigma_r = 0.1$

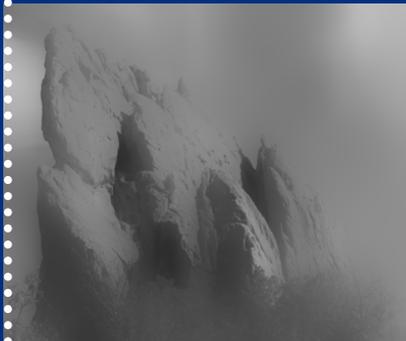
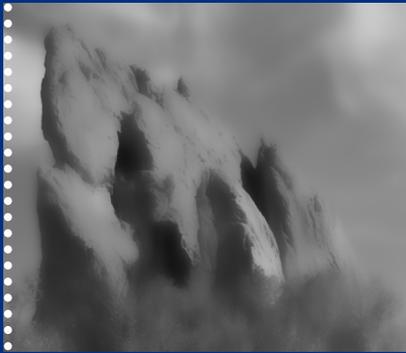


$\sigma_s = 6$

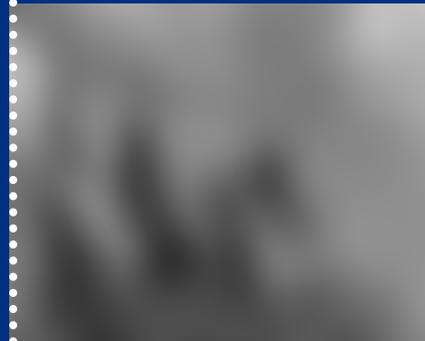


$\sigma_s = 18$

$\sigma_r = 0.25$



$\sigma_r = \infty$   
(Gaussian blur)



**input**



$$\sigma_s = 2$$



$$\sigma_s = 6$$



$$\sigma_s = 18$$

