

# CS195: Computer Vision

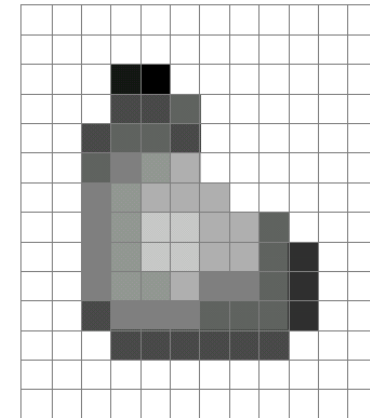
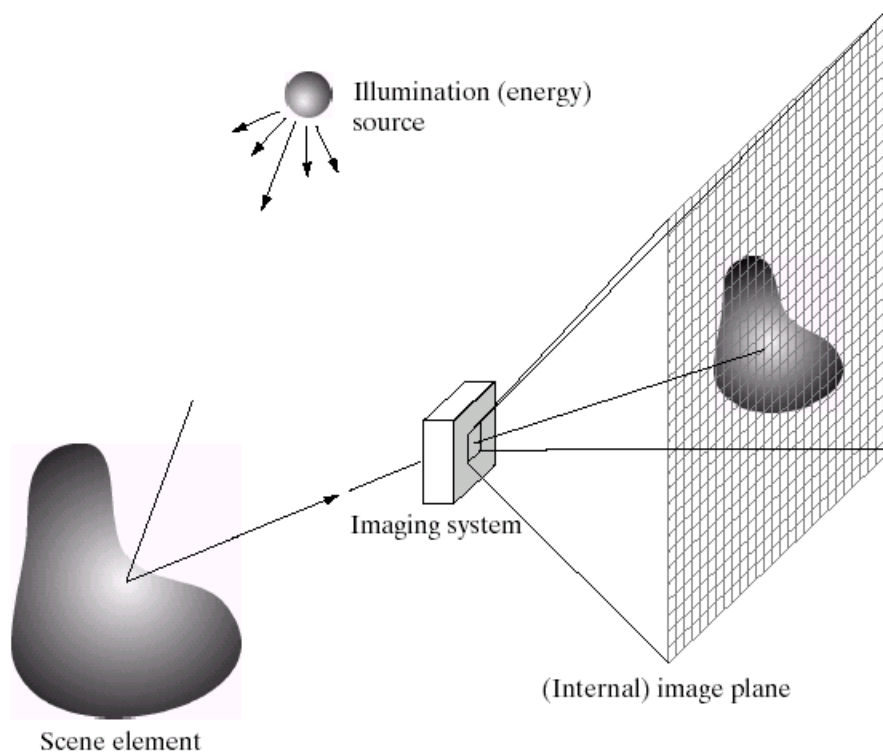
Image Filtering  
Cross-correlation

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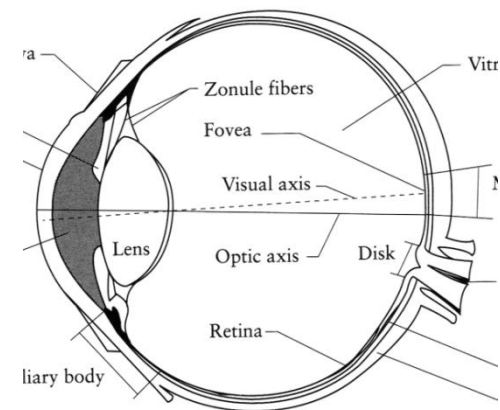


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# What is an image?



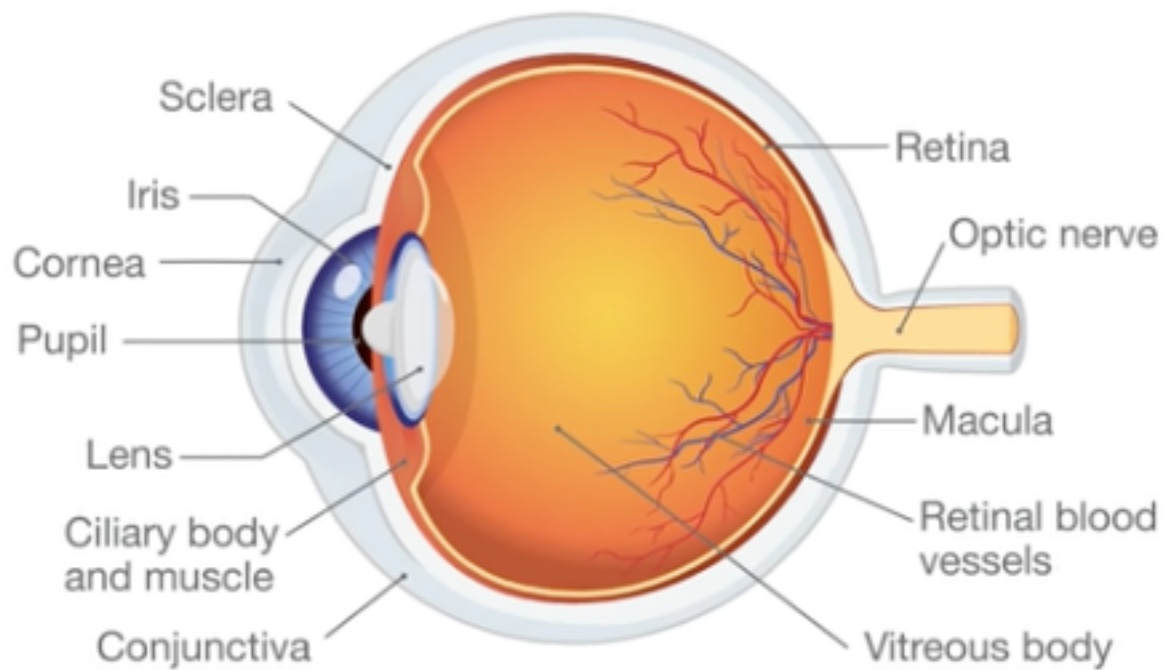
**Digital Camera**



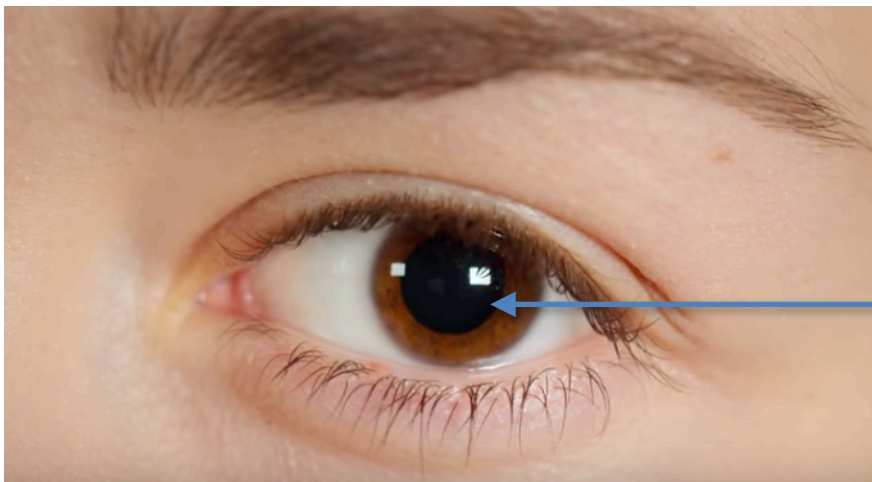
**The Eye**

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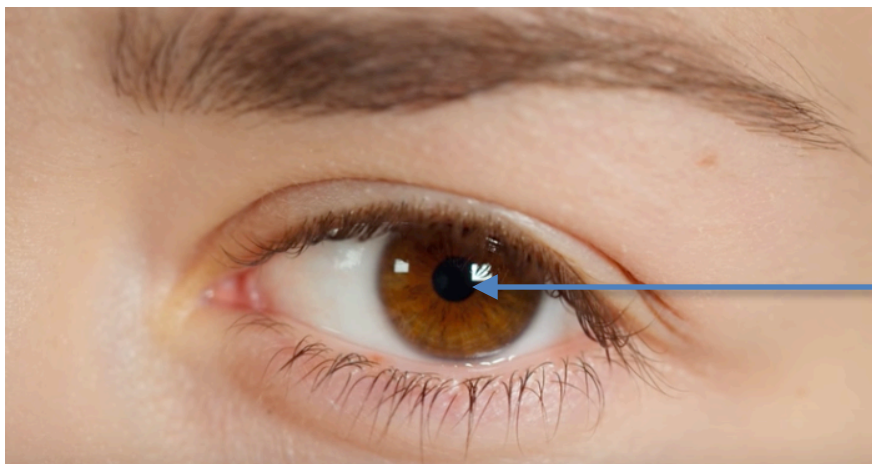
# Human vision



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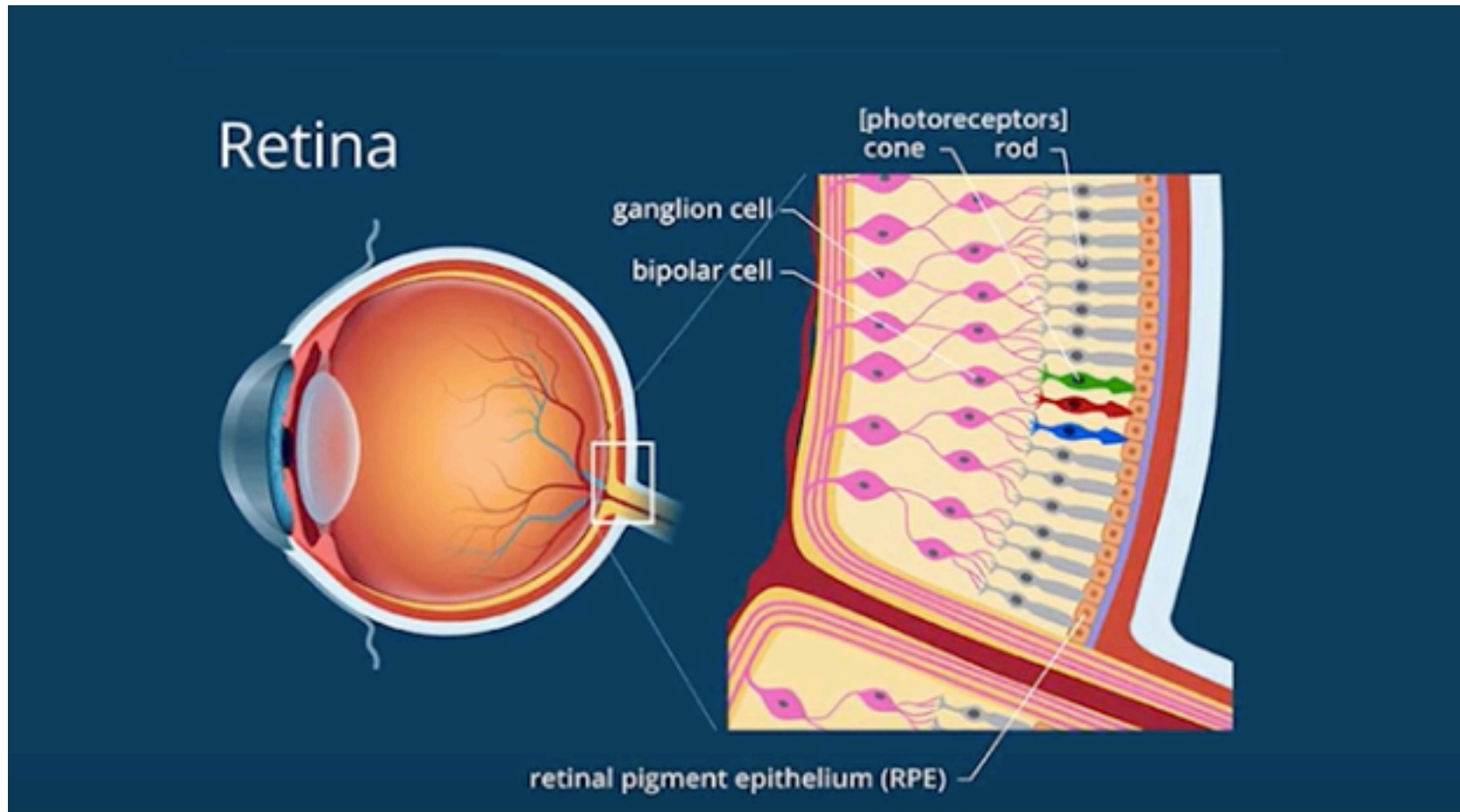
In the dark



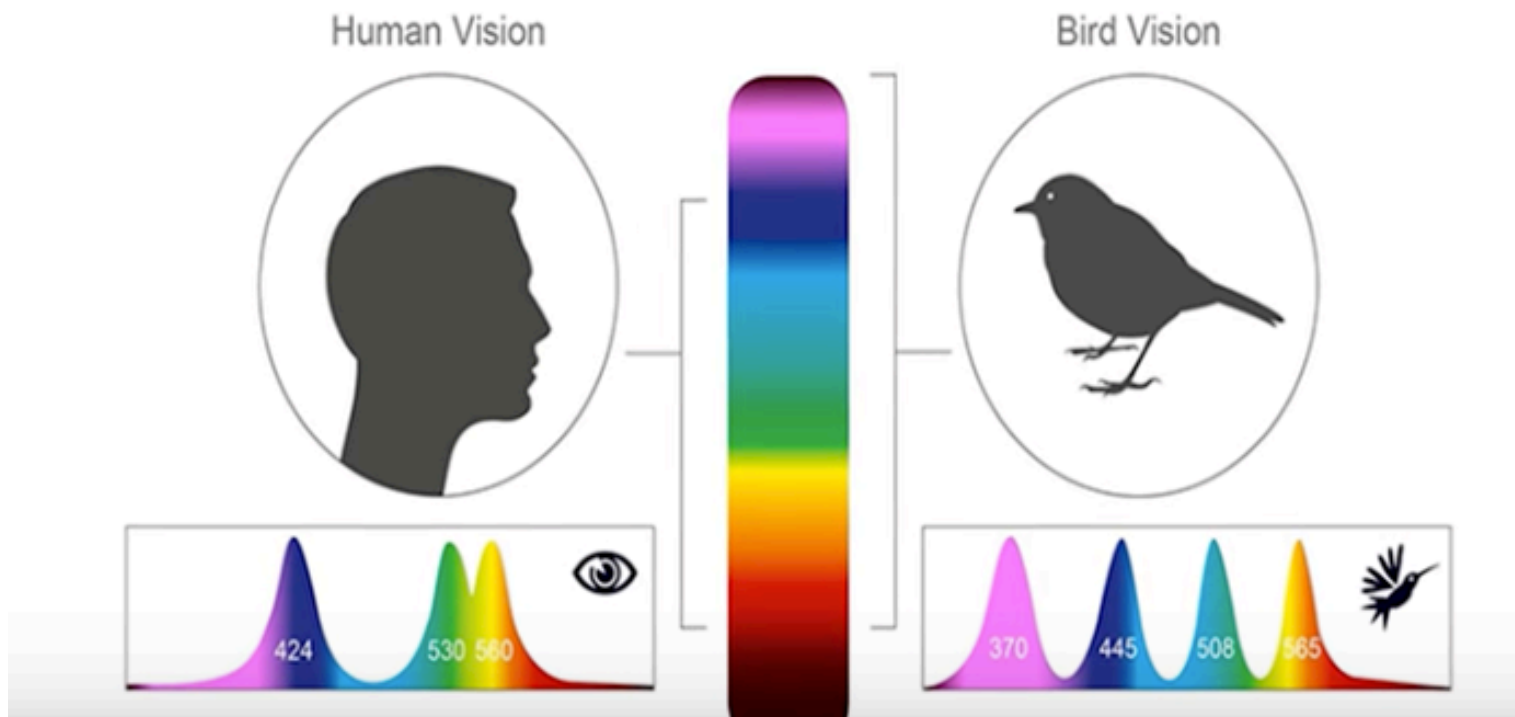
In bright light



# Human vision

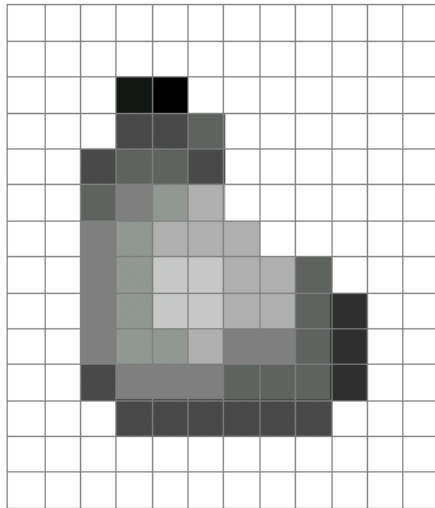


# Human vision



# What is an image?

- A grid of intensity values



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| 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
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| 255 | 255 | 255 | 75  | 75  | 75  | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 75  | 95  | 95  | 75  | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
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| 255 | 255 | 127 | 145 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 127 | 145 | 200 | 200 | 175 | 175 | 95  | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 127 | 145 | 200 | 200 | 175 | 175 | 95  | 47  | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 127 | 145 | 145 | 175 | 127 | 127 | 95  | 47  | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 74  | 127 | 127 | 127 | 95  | 95  | 95  | 47  | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 255 | 74  | 74  | 74  | 74  | 74  | 74  | 255 | 255 | 255 |
| 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 | 255 |
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(common to use one byte per value: 0 = black, 255 = white)

Red

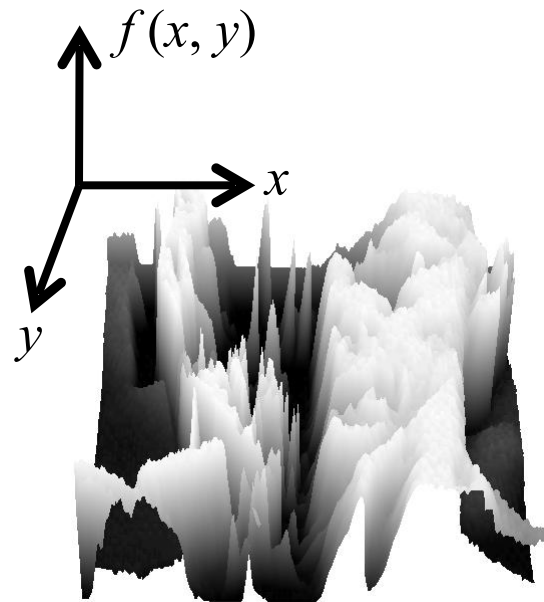


Green

Blue

# What is a (grayscale) image?

- A **2D function**  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $f(x, y)$  gives the **grayscale intensity** at position  $(x, y)$



- A **digital image** is a discrete (**domain is sampled, range is quantized**) version of this function

# Image transformations

- As with any function, we can apply operators to an image



$$g(x,y) = f(x,y) + 20$$

Becomes brighter  
than the original

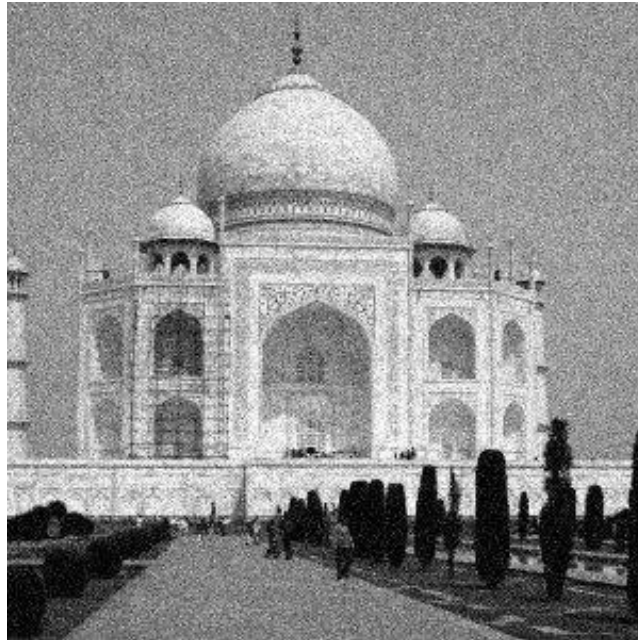
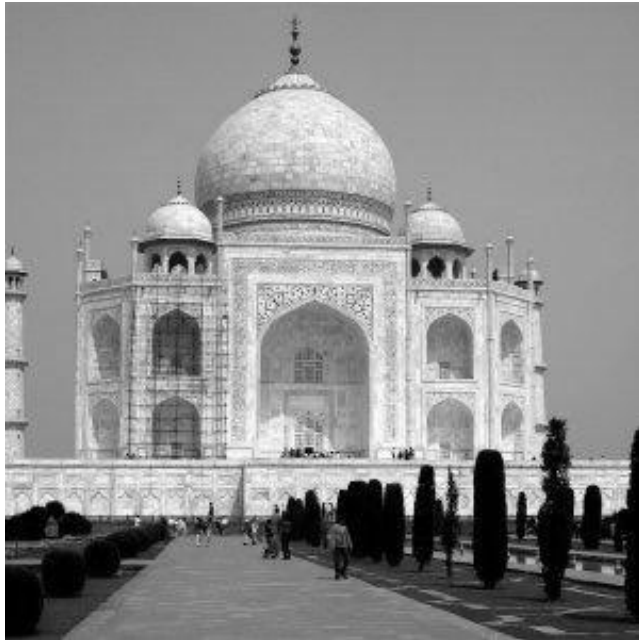


$$g(x,y) = f(-x,y)$$

Create  
mirror reflection of  
the original

# Image noise

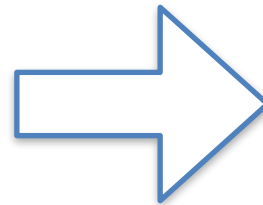
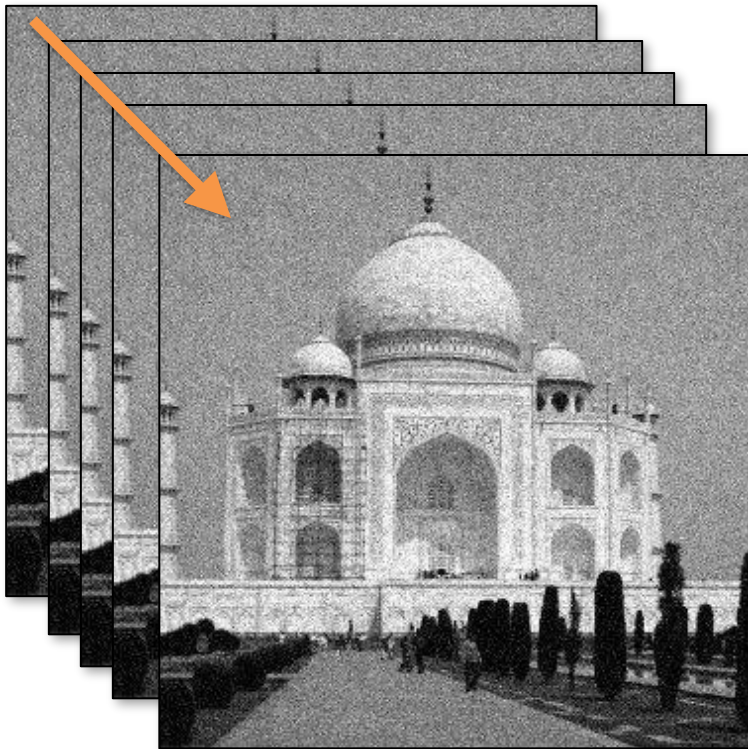
- Imaging systems (sensor, lens, compression algorithm, etc.) add unwanted noise





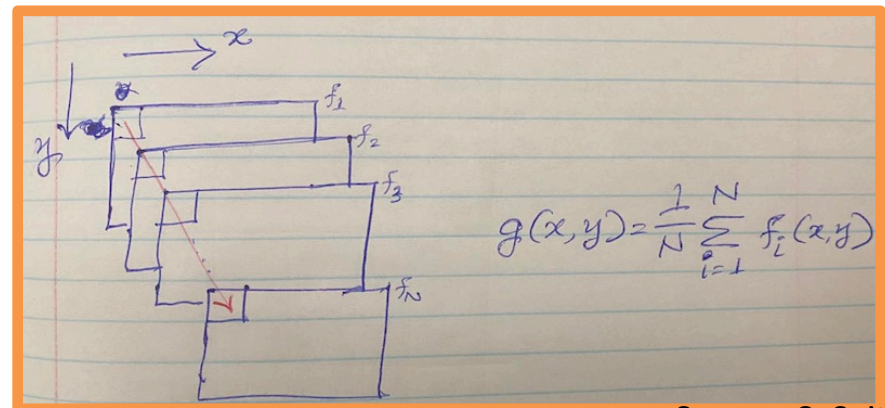
# Question: Noise reduction

- Given a camera and a still scene, how can you reduce noise?



Take lots of images and average them!

What's the next best thing?





# Question: What assumptions need to be correct for proposed averaging method?

- Given a camera and a still scene, we assume a particular noise model
  - Additive Gaussian Noise

$$f_{\text{noise}}(x, y) = f_{\text{actual}}(x, y) + \epsilon$$

where,  $\epsilon = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

zero mean      sigma standard deviation

$$\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Image filtering

- Modify the pixels in an image based on some function of a local neighborhood of each pixel

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| 10 | 5 | 3 |
| 4  | 5 | 1 |
| 1  | 1 | 7 |

Local image data

Some function

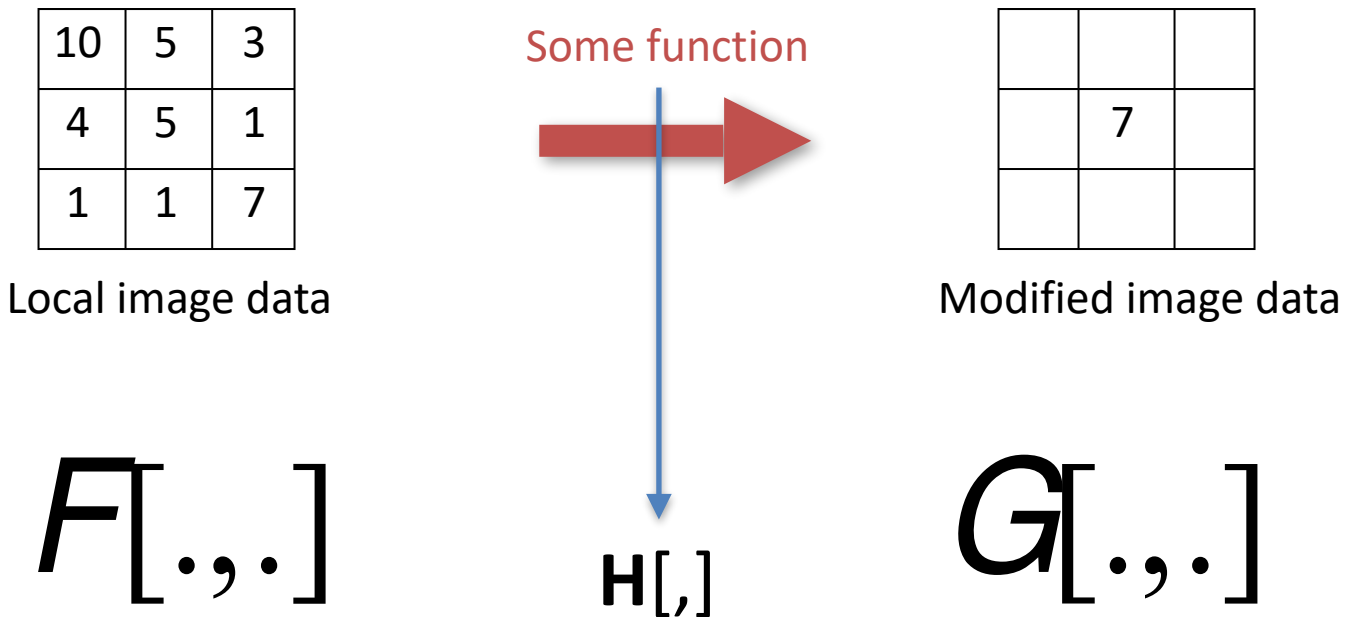


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Modified image data

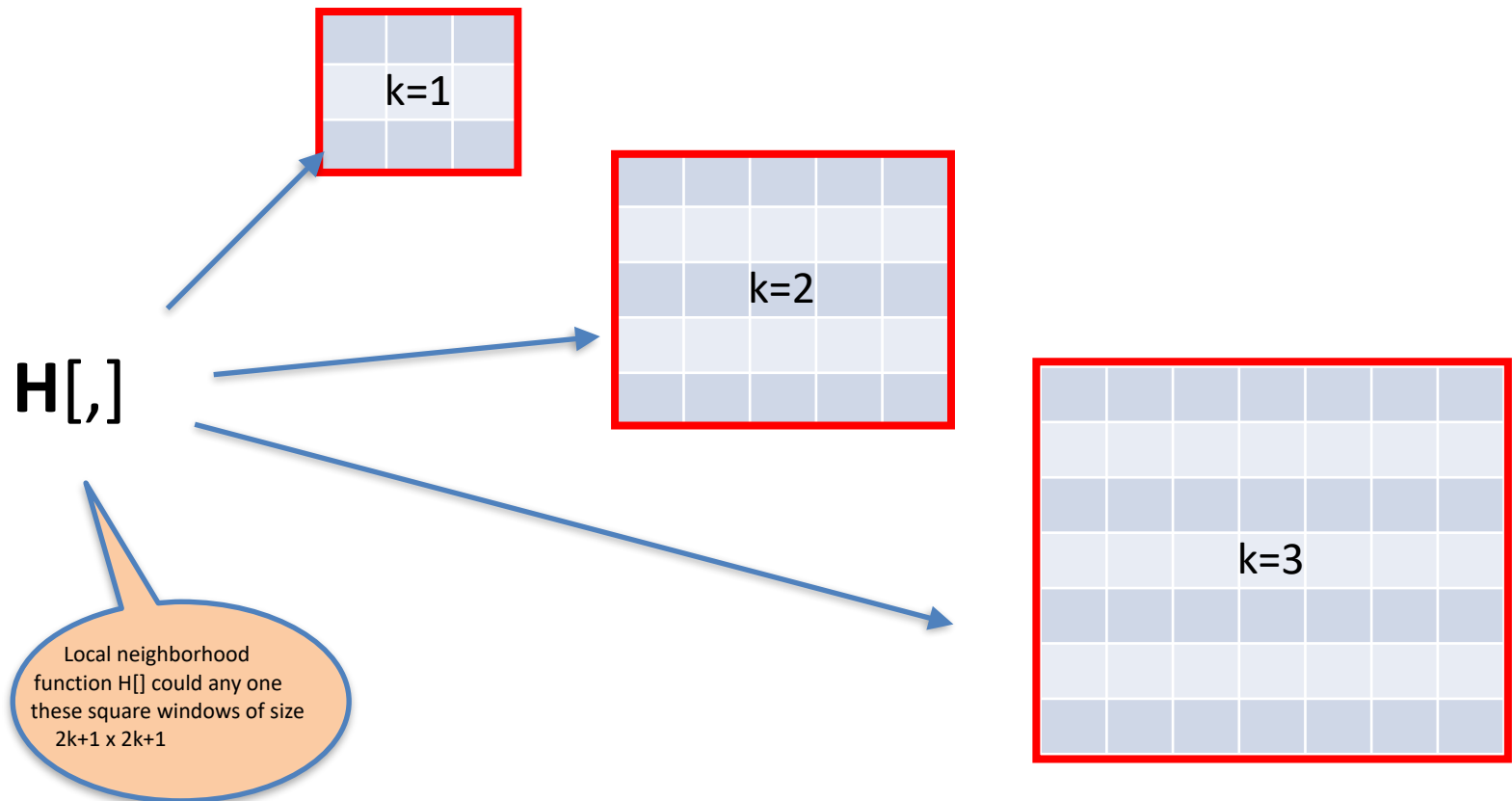
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# Mean filtering

$F[.,.]$

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| 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0  | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0  | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0  | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 0 | 0 |
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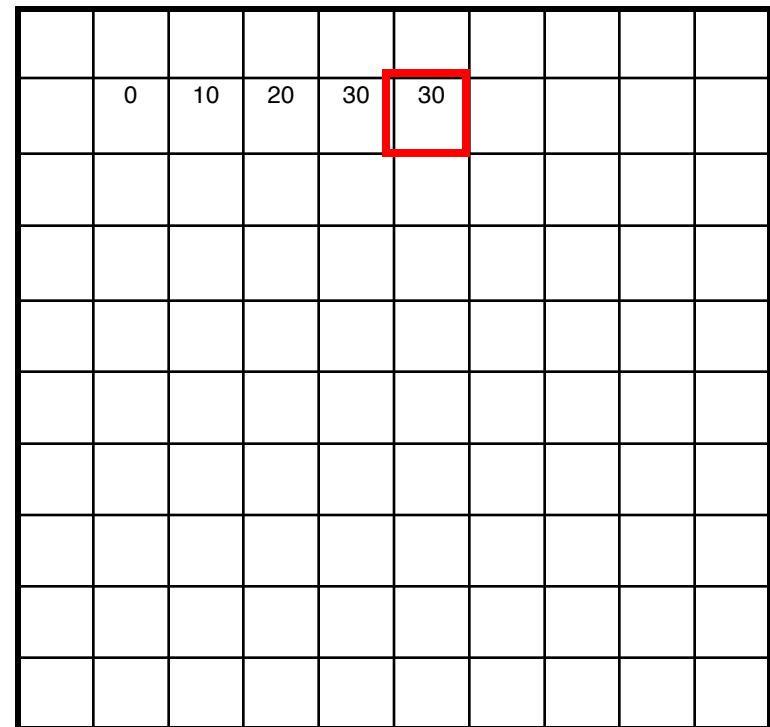
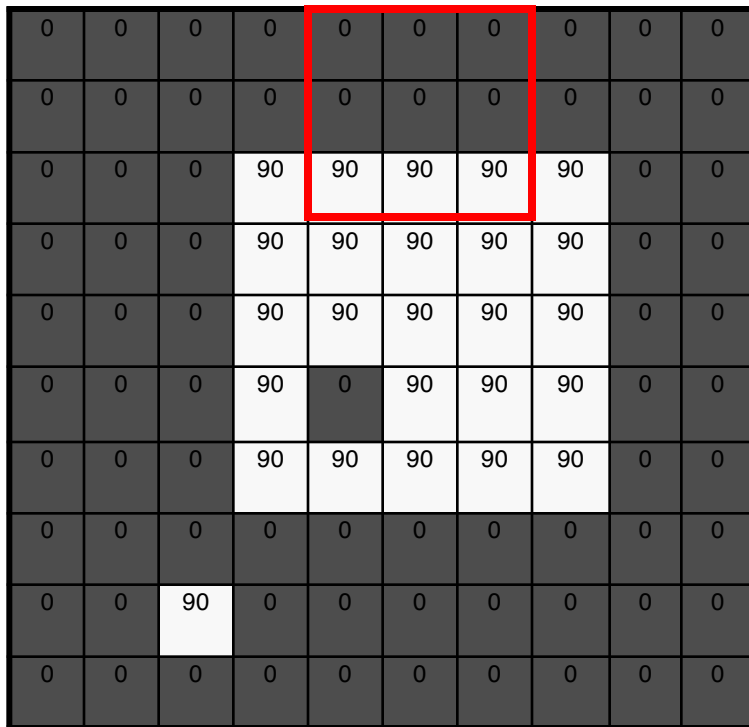
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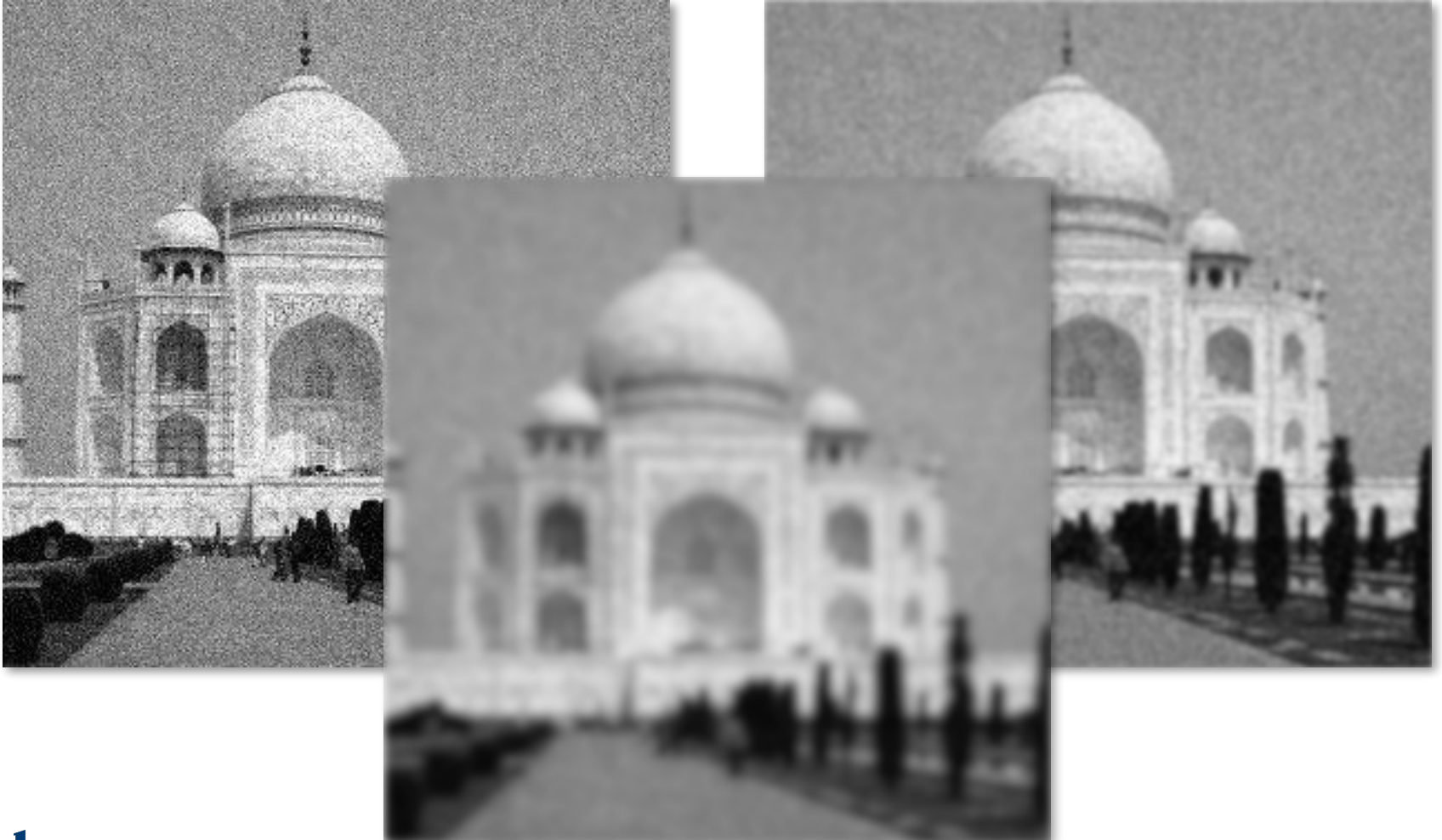
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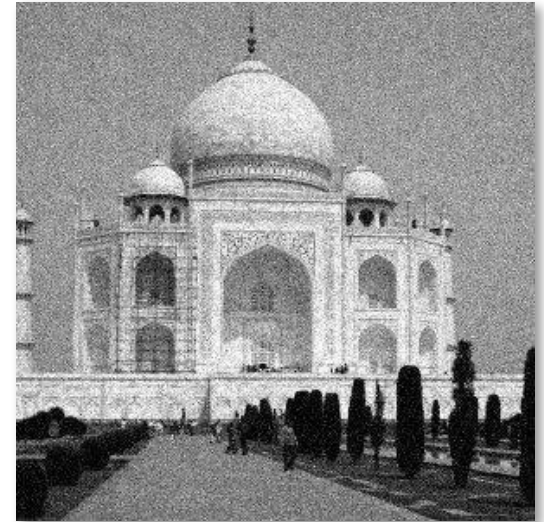
# Mean filtering

- Larger  $k$  => more blurring



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Mean filtering  $k=1$



Mean filtering  $k=3$



Mean filtering  $k=5$

# Cross-correlation

The mean filter is just a specific case of a *cross-correlation*, a very general operation

Let  $F$  an image,  $H$  be a kernel (of size  $2k+1 \times 2k+1$ ), then the cross-correlation of  $F$  with  $H$  is:

$$G = H \otimes F$$

| H   |     |     | F  |    |    |
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| 1/9 | 1/9 | 1/9 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 90 | 90 | 90 |

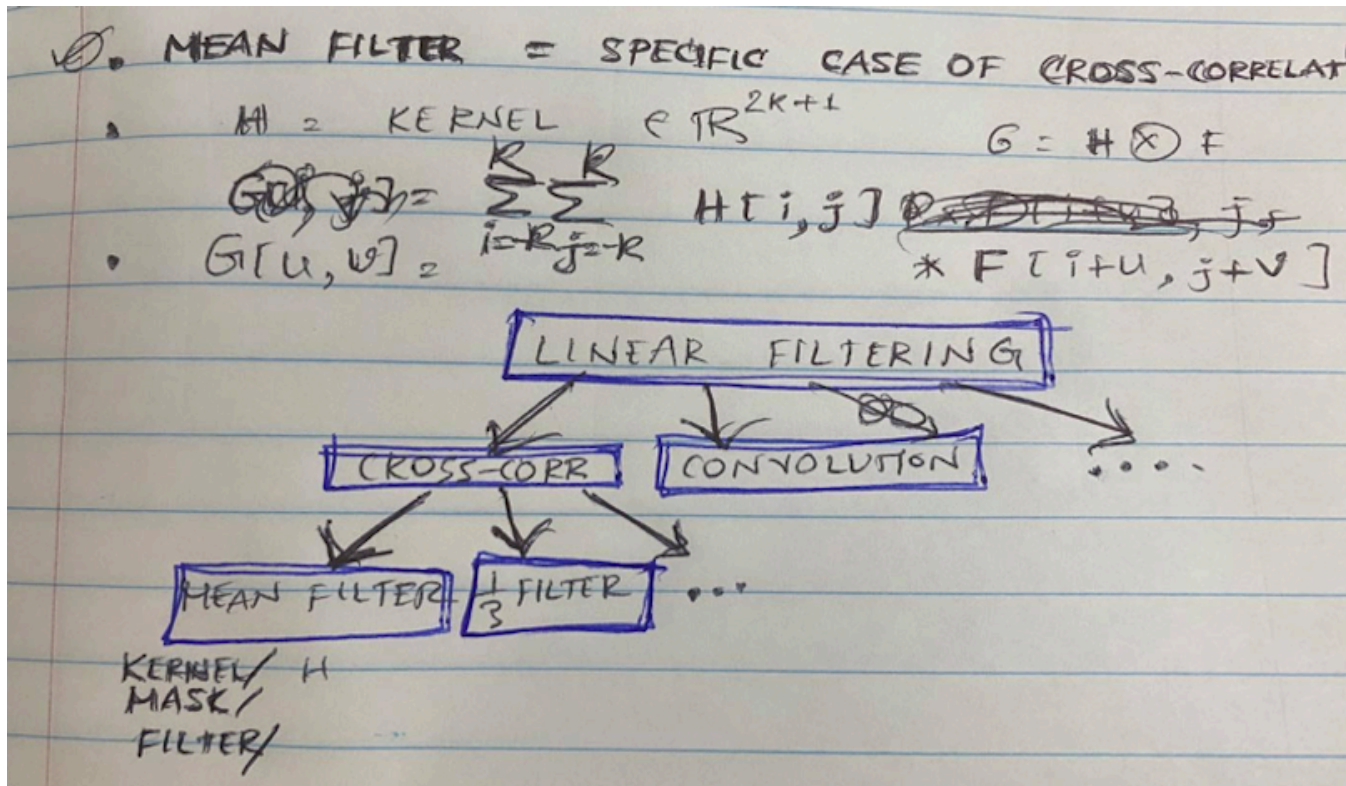
$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v] F[i + u, j + v]$$

$0+0+0+0+0+0+(1/9*90)+(1/9*90)+(1/9*90)$   
 $= 30$



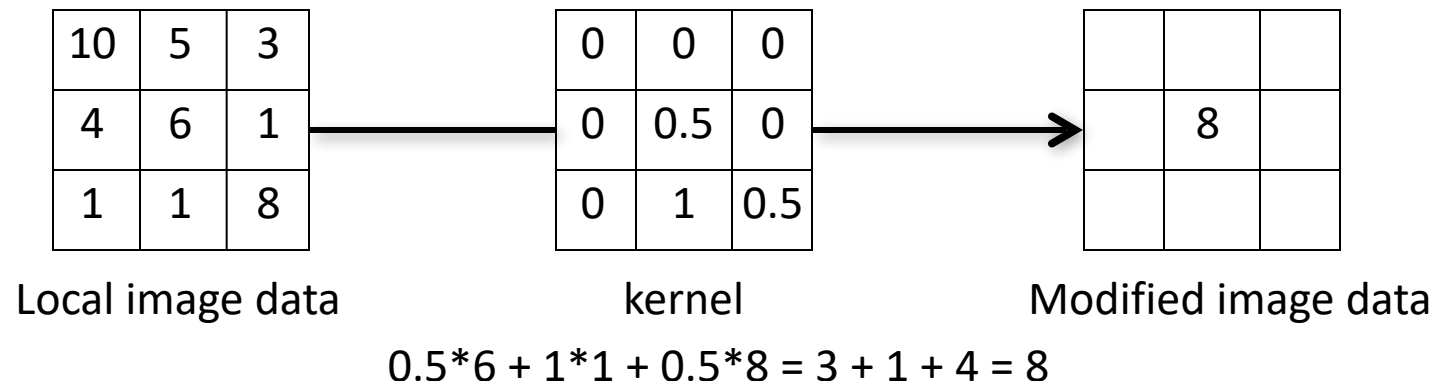
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  - Replace each pixel by a *linear combination* of its neighbors



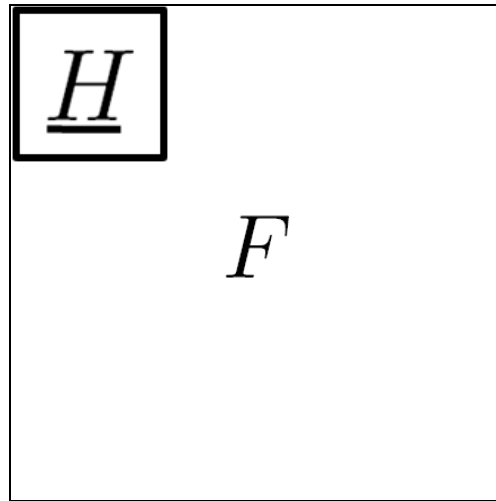
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  - Replace each pixel by a *linear combination* of its neighbors
- The prescription for the linear combination is called the “kernel” (or “mask”, “filter”)



Source: L. Zhang

# Cross correlation



Adapted from F. Durand

# Cross-correlation examples

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| 0 | 0 | 0 |

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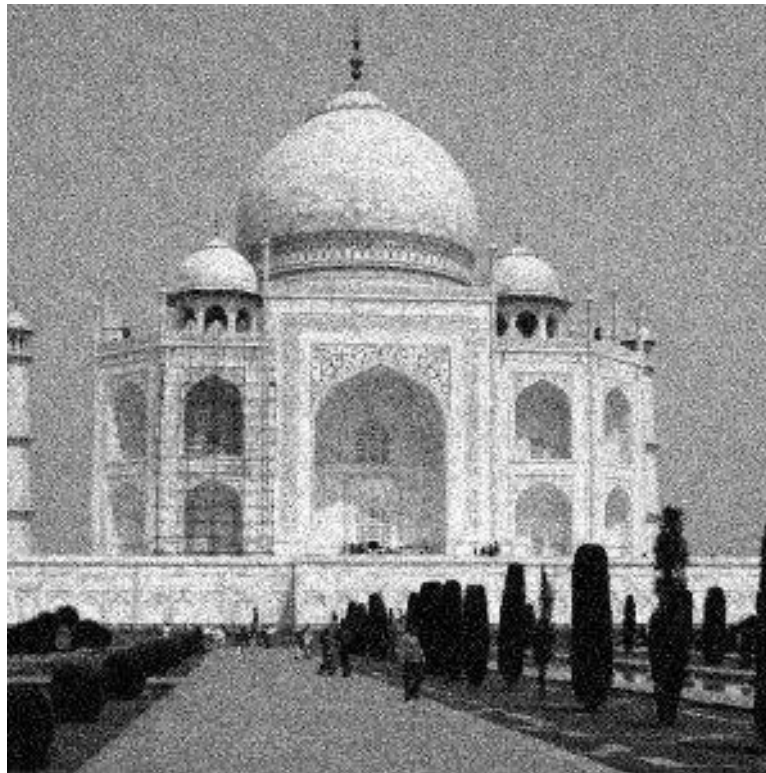
|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

 $=$ 

H                      F

# Coding activity: cross-correlation

- Reduce noise using cross-correlation from the given still scene 'Tajmahal' and others.



# Coding activity: simple image manipulation tasks using PIL library

# Coding activity: cross-correlation

## Cross-correlation

The mean filter is just a specific case of a *cross-correlation*, a very general operation

Let  $F$  be an image,  $H$  be a kernel (of size  $2k+1 \times 2k+1$ ), then the cross-correlation of  $F$  with  $H$  is:

$$G = H \otimes F$$

| H   |     |     | F  |    |    |
|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| 1/9 | 1/9 | 1/9 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0   | 0   | 0   | 90 | 90 | 90 |

$$G[i, j] = \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k H[u, v] F[i + u, j + v]$$

$0+0+0+0+0+(1/9*90)+(1/9*90)+(1/9*90)$   
 $= 30$

```
print('')
...

# compute cross-correlation
F = img_pil
new_img = img_pil

for y in range(kernel_size, rows-kernel_size):
    for x in range(kernel_size, cols-kernel_size):

        # compute cross-correlation centered at pixel location (x, y)
        old_pixel_value = F.getpixel((x, y)) # we don't need it anymore

        new_pixel_value = 0.0
        for v_row in range(-k, k+1):
            for u_col in range(-k, k+1):
                cur_kernel_value = H[v_row + k, u_col + k] # small trick to adjust the indexing
                cur_pixel_value = F.getpixel((x + u_col, y + v_row))
                # MODIFICATION 1: calculate the updated value of pixel
                # your code ...

        # update the value at location (x,y) with newly computed pixel value
        # MODIFICATION 1: change the pixel value in the 'new_img' with the calculate new value
        # your code ...
```

# More activities

- In class activities: Implement linear filtering with the following Kernels.

|     |   |   |
|-----|---|---|
| .33 | 0 | 0 |
| .33 | 0 | 0 |
| .33 | 0 | 0 |

Kernel 1

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 0   | 0   | .33 |
| 0   | .33 | 0   |
| .33 | 0   | 0   |

Kernel 2

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| .33 | .33 | .33 |
| 0   | 0   | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | 0   |

Kernel 3

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| .33 | 0   | 0   |
| 0   | .33 | 0   |
| 0   | 0   | .33 |

Kernel 4