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## Image Filtering

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### Reading Today's Lecture

- Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, ``Chapter 4: Image Filtering,`` McGraw-Hill, pp. 112-139.

### Reading for Next Time

- Burt and Adelson (1983). [``The Laplacian Pyramid as a Compact Image Code.``](#) IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 31(4), pp. 532-540.
- Posted on the reading web page
- (not WebCT)

### Some Questions from Last Lecture

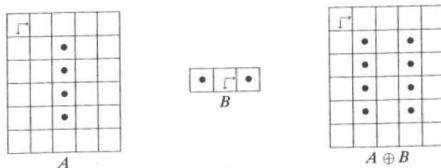
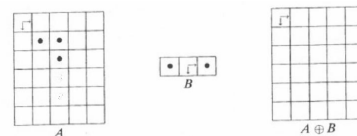


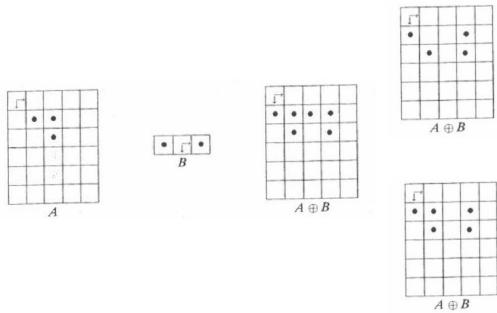
Figure 5.2 Set  $A$  dilated by a structuring element  $B$  that does not contain the origin. As a result, the dilated set is not even guaranteed to have a single point in common with  $A$ . However, there are always translations of  $A \oplus B$  that can contain  $A$ .

[Haralick and Shapiro (1993). "Computer and Robot Vision," Ch. 5]

### What would be the result?



Which one is correct?

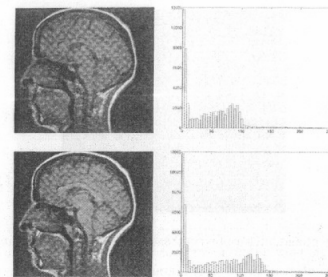


Let's verify this using matlab

## Histogram Modification

- Scaling
- Equalization
- Normalization

## Histogram Scaling



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Histogram Scaling (Contrast Stretching)

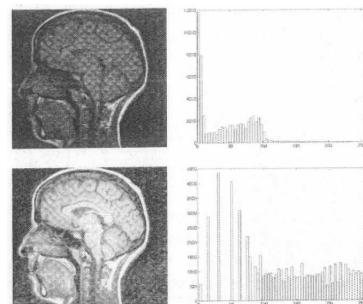
the pixels in the range  $[a, b]$  are expanded to fill the range  $[z_1, z_k]$

$$z' = \frac{z_k - z_1}{b - a}(z - a) + z_1$$

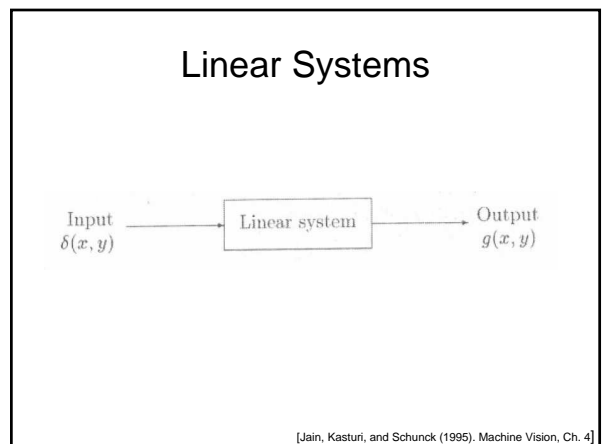
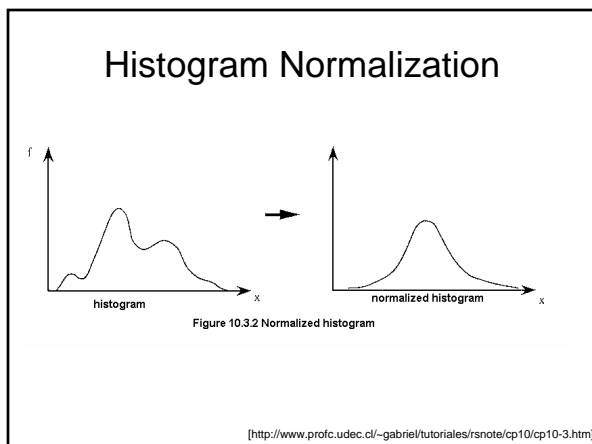
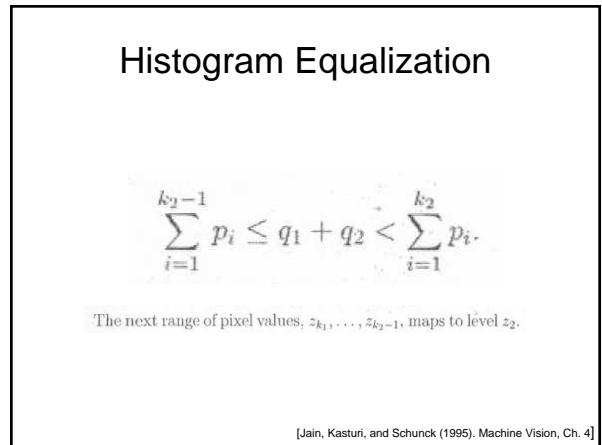
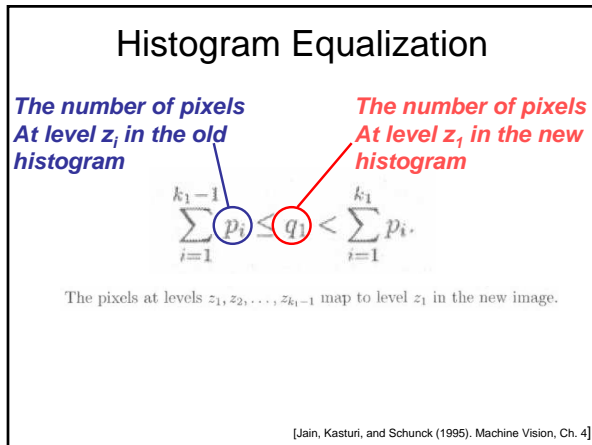
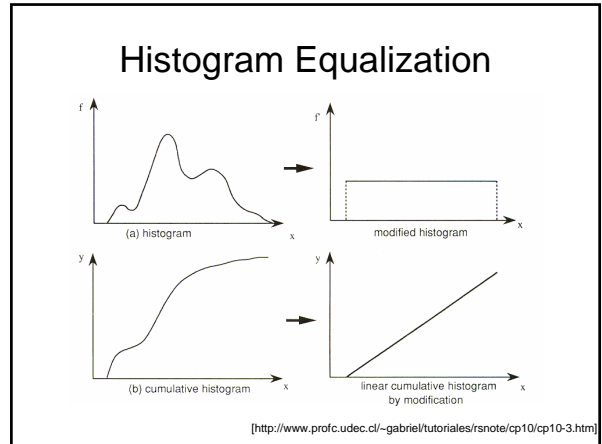
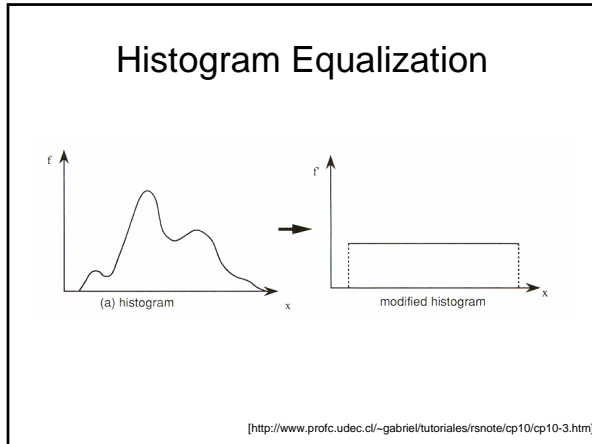
$$= \frac{z_k - z_1}{b - a}z + \frac{z_1 b - z_k a}{b - a}$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

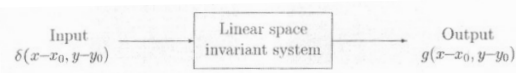
## Histogram Equalization



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]



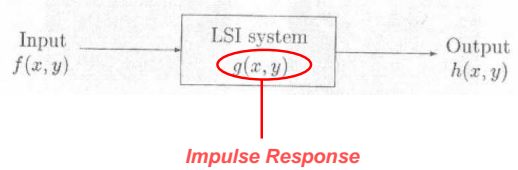
## Linear Space Invariant System



A system whose response remains the same irrespective of the position of the input pulse is called a space invariant system.

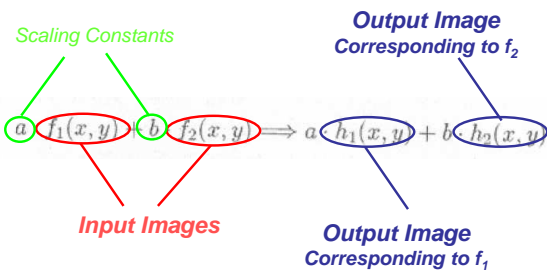
[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Linear Space Invariant System



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## This relation must hold



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Convolution

For such a system the output  $h(x,y)$  is the convolution of  $f(x,y)$  with the impulse response  $g(x,y)$

$$h(x, y) = f(x, y) * g(x, y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x', y') g(x - x', y - y') dx' dy'$$

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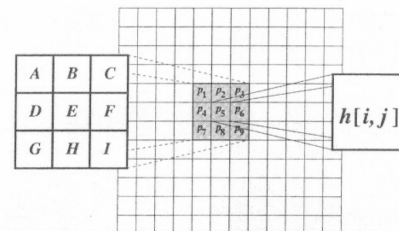
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x', y') g(x - x', y - y') dx' dy'$$

$$h[i, j] = f[i, j] * g[i, j]$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^m f[k, l] g[i - k, j - l].$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

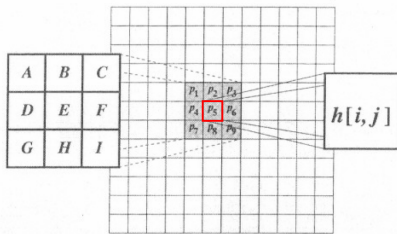
## Example of 3x3 convolution mask



$$h[i, j] = A p_1 + B p_2 + C p_3 + D p_4 + E p_5 + F p_6 + G p_7 + H p_8 + I p_9$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

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### In plain words

Convolution is essentially equivalent to computing a weighted sum of image pixels.

### Convolution is a linear operation

$$g[i, j] * \{a_1 h_1[i, j] + a_2 h_2[i, j]\} = a_1 \{g[i, j] * h_1[i, j]\} + a_2 \{g[i, j] * h_2[i, j]\}$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### Types of Image Noise

- Salt and Pepper Noise
  - random occurrences of black and white pixels
- Impulse noise
  - Random occurrences of white pixels only
- Gaussian noise
  - Variations of intensity that are drawn from a Gaussian or normal distribution

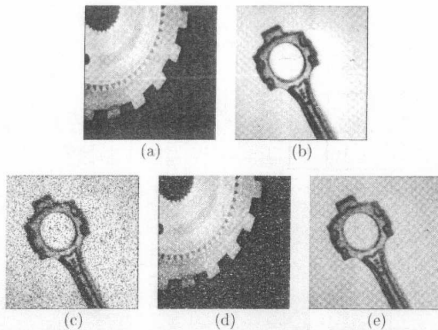


Figure 4.5: Examples of images corrupted by salt and pepper, impulse, and Gaussian noise. (a) & (b) Original images. (c) Salt and pepper noise. (d) Impulse noise. (e) Gaussian noise.

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### Mean Filter

- Arbitrary neighborhood

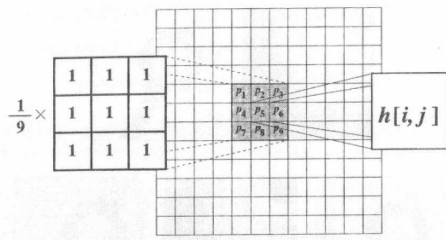
$$h[i, j] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{(k,l) \in N} f[k, l]$$

- For a 3x3 neighborhood

$$h[i, j] = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=i-1}^{i+1} \sum_{l=j-1}^{j+1} f[k, l].$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### 3x3 Mean Filter



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### 3x3 Linear Smoothing Filter

In general, it is a good idea to have only a single peak in your smoothing filter:

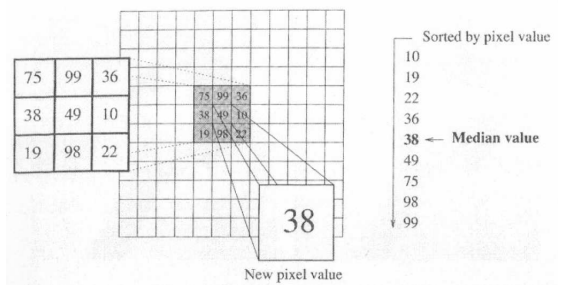
|                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{16}$ |
| $\frac{1}{8}$  | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$  |
| $\frac{1}{16}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{16}$ |

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### Median Filter

- Sort the pixels into ascending order by their gray level values
- Select the value of the middle pixel as the new value for pixel  $[i, j]$

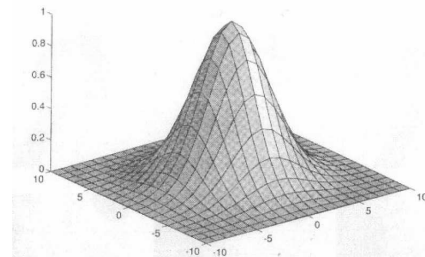
### 3x3 Median Filter



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

### Matlab Demo

### Gaussian Smoothing



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## The Gaussian Function

- Zero mean 1D Gaussian

$$g(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

- Zero mean 2D Gaussian for image processing applications

$$g[i, j] = e^{-\frac{(i^2+j^2)}{2\sigma^2}},$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Gaussian Properties

- Rotationally symmetric in 2D
- Has a single peak
- The width of the filter and the degree of smoothing are determined by sigma
- Large Gaussian filters can be implemented very efficiently using small Gaussian filters

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Rotational Symmetry

- Original formula

$$g[i, j] = e^{-\frac{(i^2+j^2)}{2\sigma^2}}.$$

- Switch to polar coordinates

$$r^2 = i^2 + j^2$$

- Result (does not depend on  $\theta$ )

$$g(r, \theta) = e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Gaussian Separability

$$\begin{aligned} g[i, j] * f[i, j] &= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n g[k, l] f[i-k, j-l] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{l=1}^n e^{-\frac{(k^2+l^2)}{2\sigma^2}} f[i-k, j-l] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m e^{-\frac{k^2}{2\sigma^2}} \left\{ \sum_{l=1}^n e^{-\frac{l^2}{2\sigma^2}} f[i-k, j-l] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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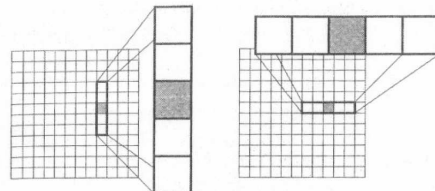
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The convolution of the input image  $f[i, j]$  with a vertical 1D Gaussian function

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Cascading Gaussians



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

The convolution of a Gaussian with itself yields a scaled Gaussian with larger sigma

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) * g(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{2\sigma^2}} d\xi \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(\frac{x}{2}+\xi)^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\frac{x}{2}-\xi)^2}{2\sigma^2}} d\xi, \quad \xi \rightarrow \xi + \frac{x}{2} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(2\xi^2 + \frac{x^2}{4})}{2\sigma^2}} d\xi \\
 &= e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{\sigma^2}} d\xi \\
 &= \sqrt{\pi}\sigma e^{-\frac{x^2}{2(\sqrt{2}\sigma)^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

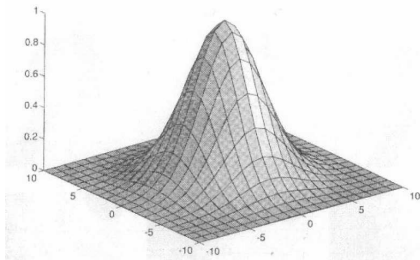
[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Properties

The product of the convolution of two Gaussian functions with a spread  $\sigma$  is a Gaussian function with a spread  $\sqrt{2}\sigma$  scaled by the area of the Gaussian filter

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Designing Gaussian Filters



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Pascal's Triangle (Binomial Expansion)

$$(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n.$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Example: 6 choose 3

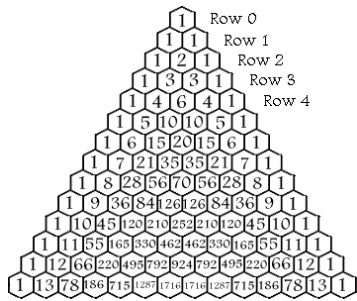
$$\text{For example, } [6:3] = \frac{6 * 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1}{3 * 2 * 1 * 3 * 2 * 1} = 20$$

## Binomial Coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x+1)^0 &= 1 \\
 (x+1)^1 &= 1 + x \\
 (x+1)^2 &= 1 + 2x + x^2 \\
 (x+1)^3 &= 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 \\
 (x+1)^4 &= 1 + 4x + 6x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4 \\
 (x+1)^5 &= 1 + 5x + 10x^2 + 10x^3 + 5x^4 + x^5 \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

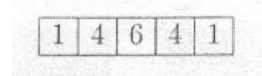


## Pascal's Triangle



[http://ptr1.tripod.com/]

## A Five Point Approximation



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Another Way: Compute the Weights

- Start with a discrete Gaussian

$$g[i, j] = c e^{-\frac{(i^2+j^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- Normalize the weights

$$\frac{g[i, j]}{c} = e^{-\frac{(i^2+j^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Example: sigma^2=2, n=7

| [i, j] | -3   | -2   | -1   | 0     | 1    | 2    | 3    |
|--------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| -3     | .011 | .039 | .082 | .105  | .082 | .039 | .011 |
| -2     | .039 | .135 | .287 | .368  | .287 | .135 | .039 |
| -1     | .082 | .287 | .606 | .779  | .606 | .287 | .082 |
| 0      | .105 | .368 | .779 | 1.000 | .779 | .368 | .105 |
| 1      | .082 | .287 | .606 | .779  | .606 | .287 | .082 |
| 2      | .039 | .135 | .287 | .368  | .287 | .135 | .039 |
| 3      | .011 | .039 | .082 | .105  | .082 | .039 | .011 |

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## To keep them all integers

$$\frac{g[3, 3]}{k} = e^{-\frac{(3^2+3^2)}{2(2)^2}} = 0.011 \implies k = \frac{g[3, 3]}{0.011} = \frac{1.0}{0.011} = 91.$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Integer Weights

| [i, j] | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| -3     | 1  | 4  | 7  | 10 | 7  | 4  | 1  |
| -2     | 4  | 12 | 26 | 33 | 26 | 12 | 4  |
| -1     | 7  | 26 | 55 | 71 | 55 | 26 | 7  |
| 0      | 10 | 33 | 71 | 91 | 71 | 33 | 10 |
| 1      | 7  | 26 | 55 | 71 | 55 | 26 | 7  |
| 2      | 4  | 12 | 26 | 33 | 26 | 12 | 4  |
| 3      | 1  | 4  | 7  | 10 | 7  | 4  | 1  |

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Normalization constant

$$\sum_{i=-3}^3 \sum_{j=-3}^3 g[i, j] = 1115.$$

$$h[i, j] = \frac{1}{1115} (f[i, j] * g[i, j])$$

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

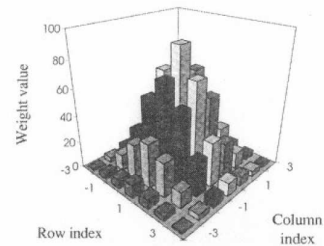
## Discrete Gaussian Filters

## 7x7 Gaussian Mask

|   |   |   |    |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 4  | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 8  | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 8  | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 4  | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 2 | 1 | 1 |

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## 3D Plot of the 7x7 Gaussian



[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## 15 x 15 Gaussian Mask

|   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| 2 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 5  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 5  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 4  | 5  | 7  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 6  | 7  | 9  | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9  | 7  | 6  | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 7  | 9  | 10 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9  | 7  | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 7 | 9  | 11 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 9  | 7 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 5 |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 6 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 6 |
| 6 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 9  | 11 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 9  | 7 | 5 |
| 4 | 5 | 7  | 9  | 10 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9  | 7  | 5 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 6  | 7  | 9  | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9  | 7  | 6  | 4 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 4  | 5  | 7  | 7  | 8  | 8  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 5  | 4  | 3 | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 5  | 6  | 6  | 6  | 5  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2 | 2 |

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

## Properties of Discrete Gaussian Filters

- Step 1: smooth with  $n \times n$  discrete Gaussian Filter
- Step 2: smooth the intermediary result from Step 1 with  $m \times m$  discrete Gaussian Filter
- Step 1 + Step 2 are equivalent to smoothing the original with  $(n+m-1) \times (n+m-1)$  discrete Gaussian Filter

[Jain, Kasturi, and Schunck (1995). Machine Vision, Ch. 4]

THE END