Image Pyramids

Finding Waldo

- Let's revisit the problem of finding Waldo
- This time he is on the road

image

template (filter)

Finding Waldo

- He comes closer but our filter doesn't know that
- How can we find Waldo?

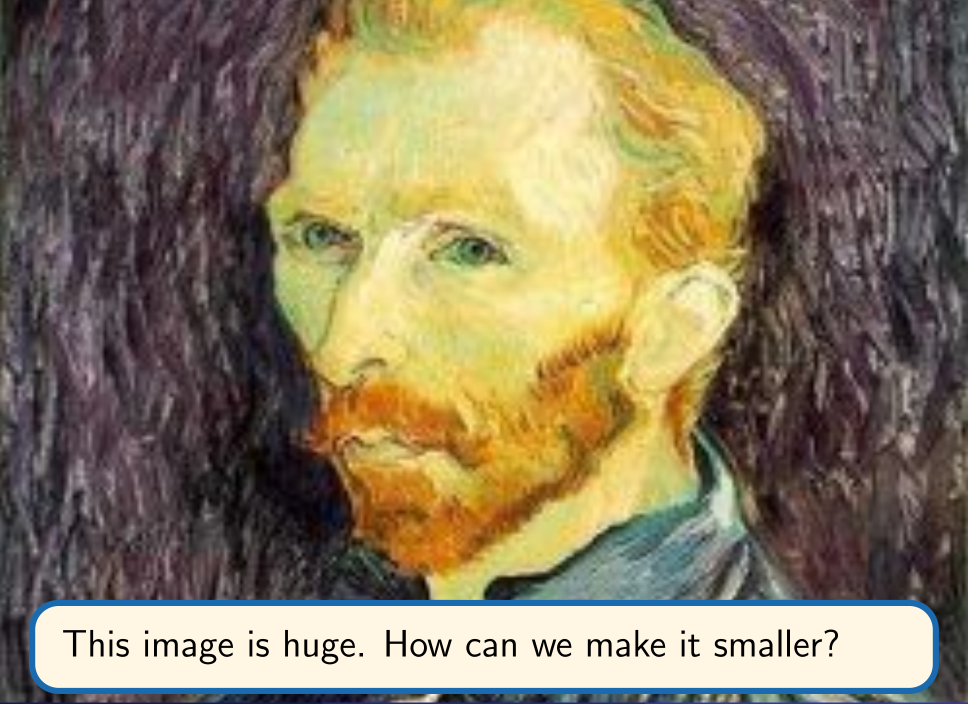
image

template (filter)

Idea: Re-size Image

- Re-scale the image multiple times! Do correlation on every size!

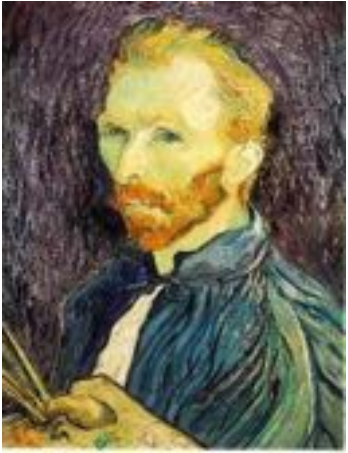
template (filter)

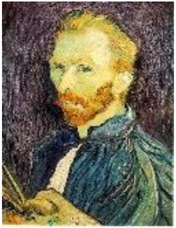


This image is huge. How can we make it smaller?

Image Sub-Sampling

- **Idea**: Throw away every other row and column to create a 1/2 size image





1/4

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[Source: S. Seitz]

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- Why does this look so crufty?

1/2   1/4 (2x zoom)   1/8 (4x zoom)

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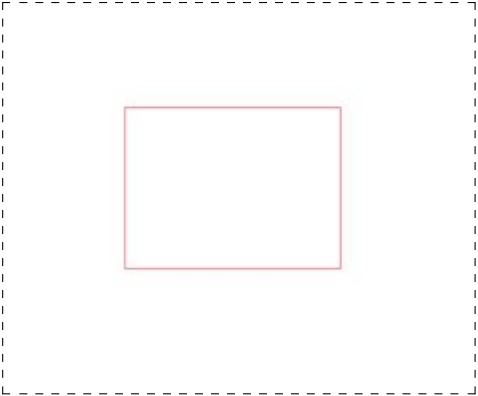

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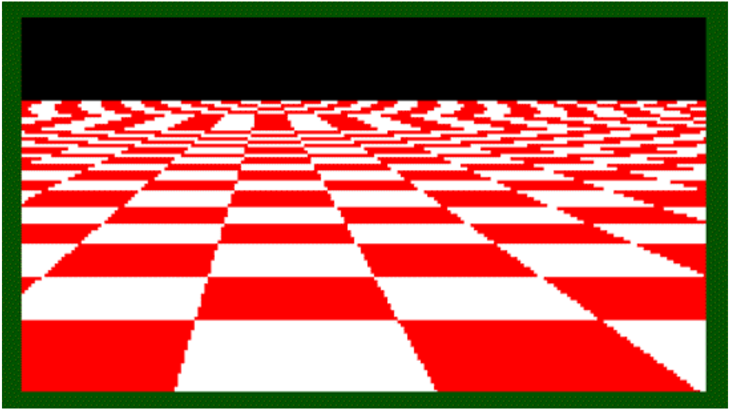

[Source: L. Zhang]

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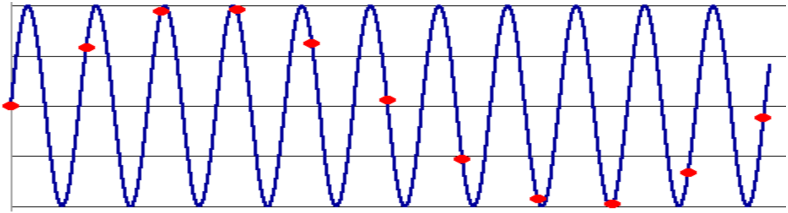

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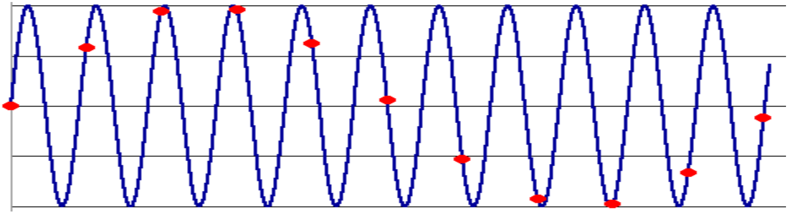

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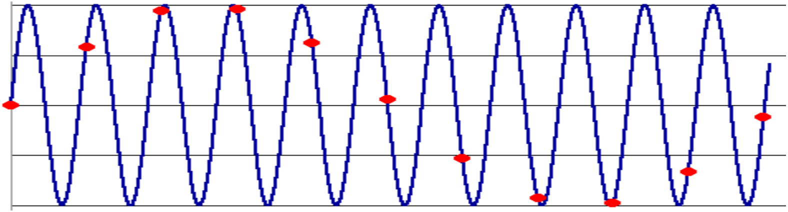

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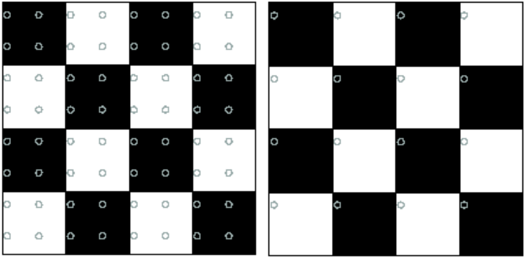
Mr. Nyquist

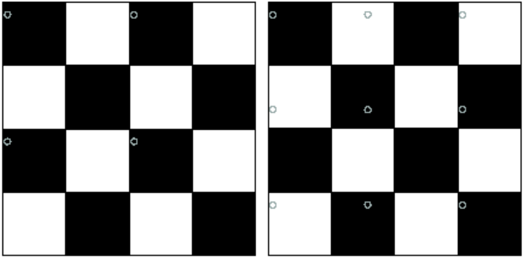
- Harry Nyquist says that one should look at the frequencies of the signal.
- One should find the highest frequency (via Fourier Transform)
- To sample properly you need to sample with at least twice that frequency
- For those interested: `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nyquist%E2%80%93Shannon_sampling_theorem`

- He looks like a smart guy, we'll just believe him

2D example



Good sampling



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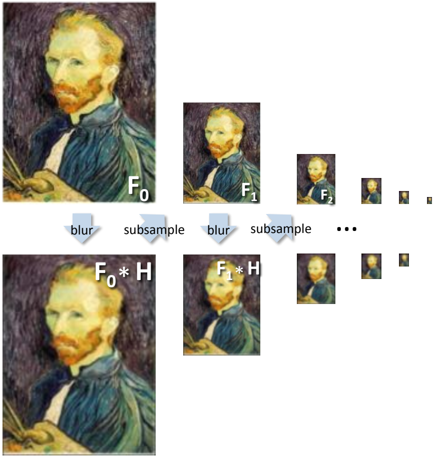
Gaussian pre-filtering

- Solution: Blur the image via Gaussian, then subsample. Very simple!



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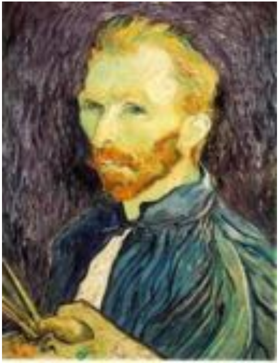
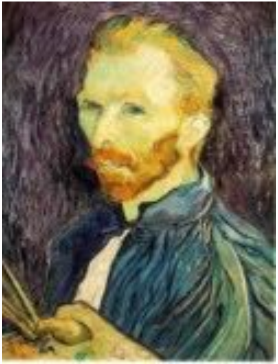
Subsampling with Gaussian pre-filtering



Gaussian 1/2



G 1/4

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Compare with ...

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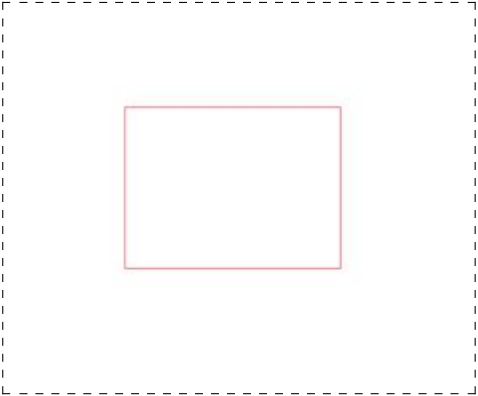

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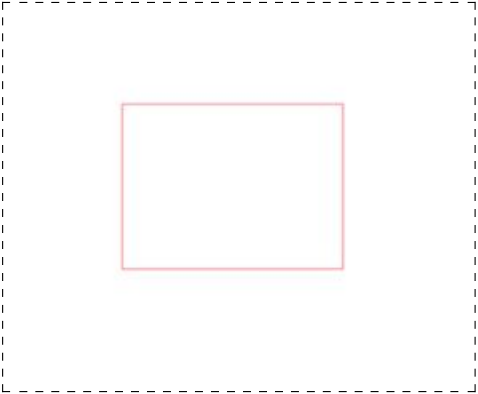

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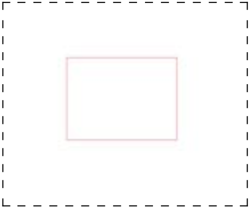

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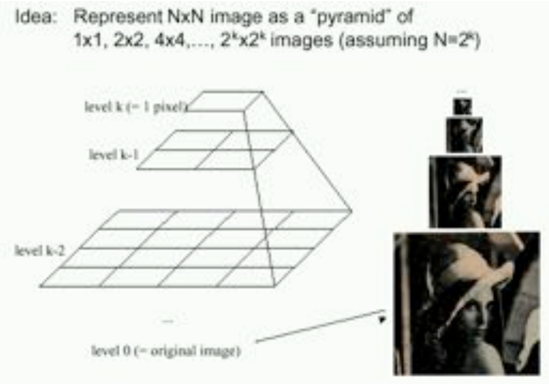

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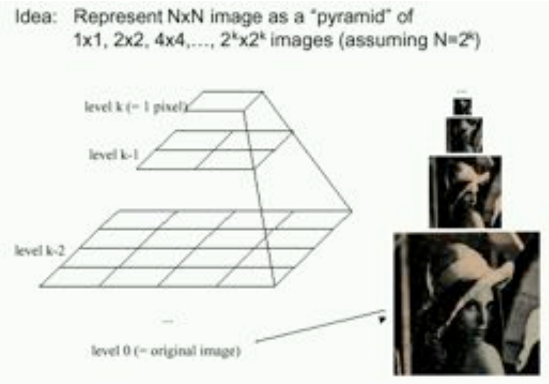

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Example of Gaussian Pyramid

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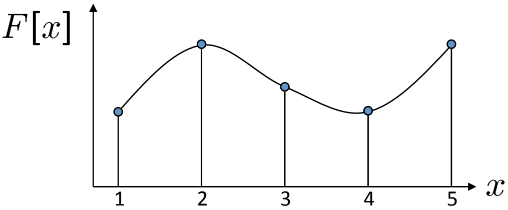

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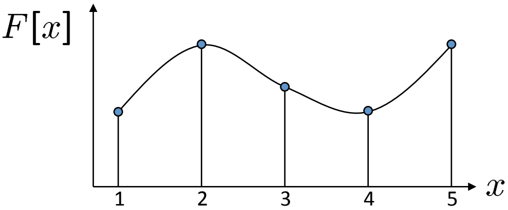

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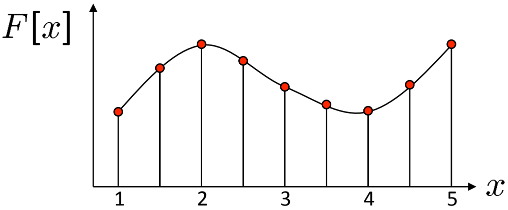

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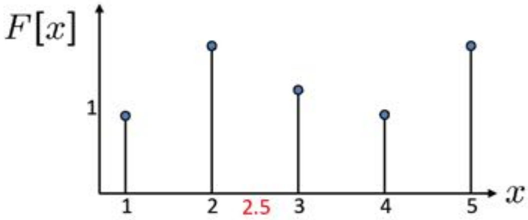

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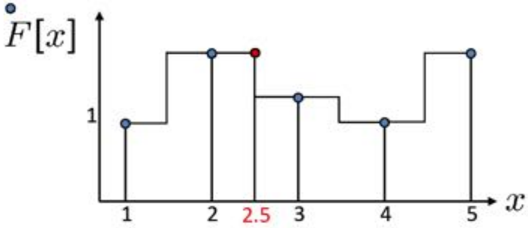

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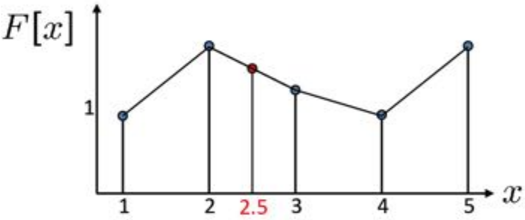

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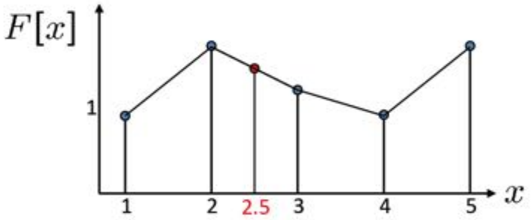

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- More complex approximations: cubic, B-splines

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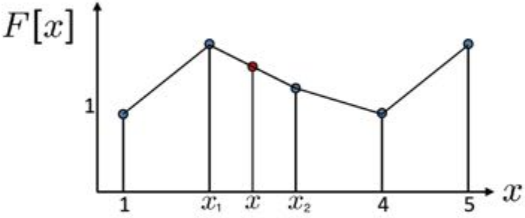

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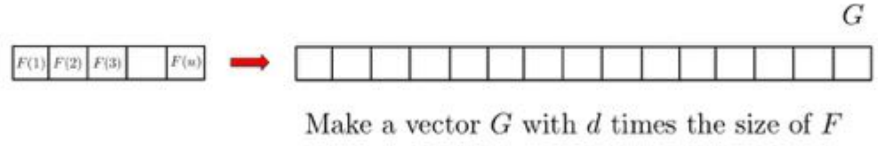

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where
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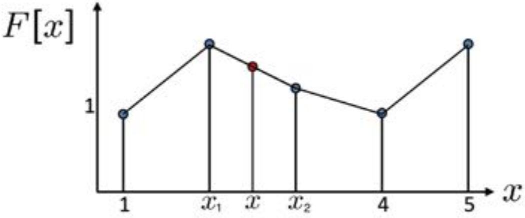

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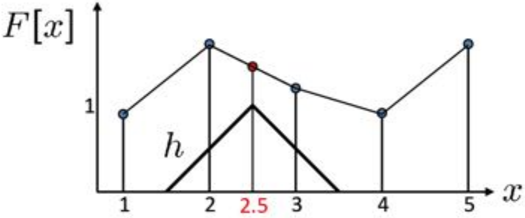

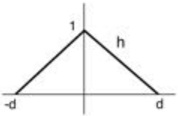

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(Kind of looks like convolution: $G(x) = \sum_t h(t) F(x - t)$))

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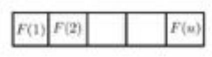

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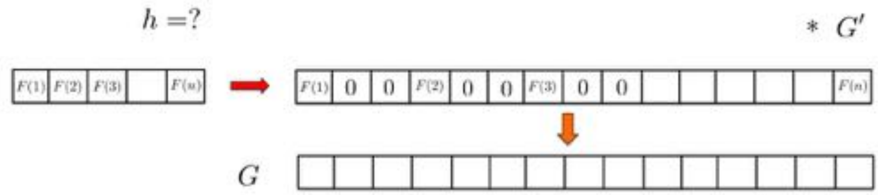

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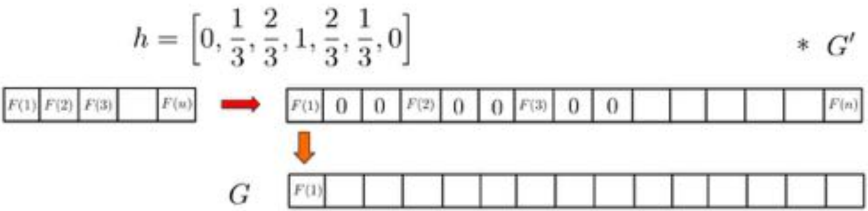

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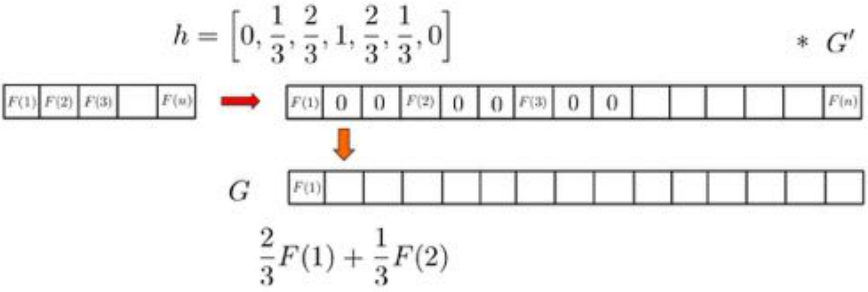

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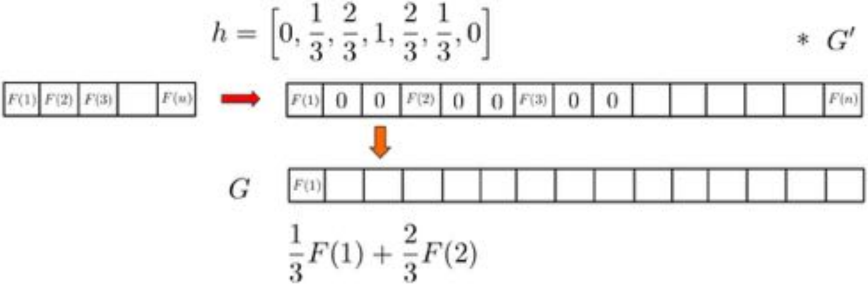

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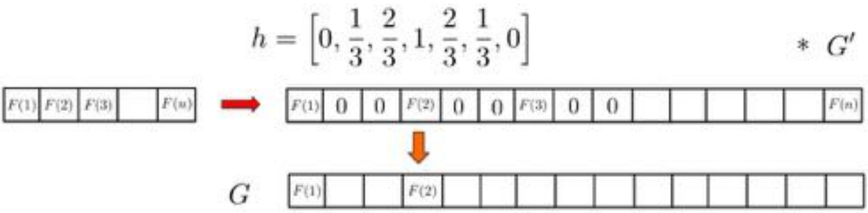

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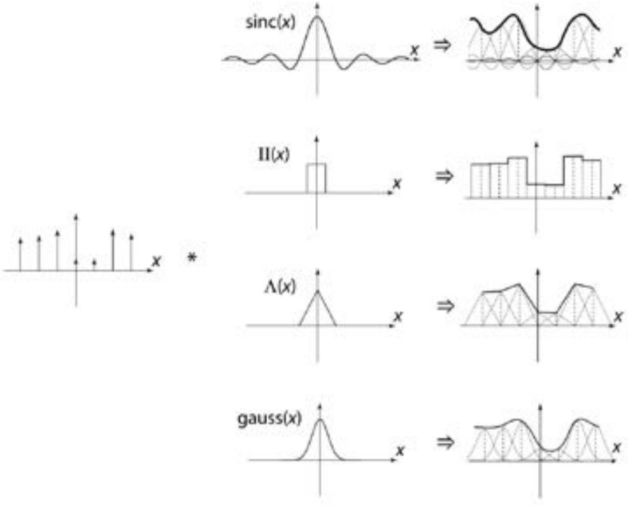


"Ideal" reconstruction

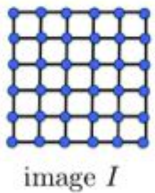
Nearest-neighbor interpolation

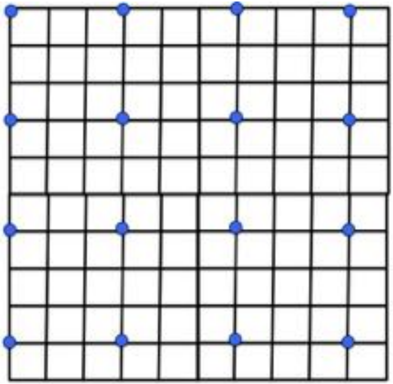
Linear interpolation

Gaussian reconstruction

Source: B. Curless

Image Interpolation (2D)





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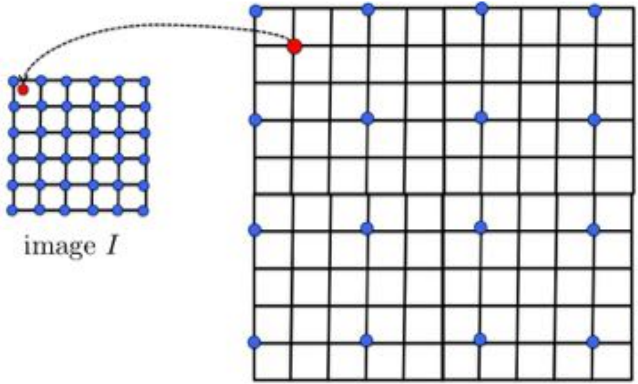

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- How shall we compute this value?

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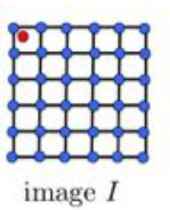

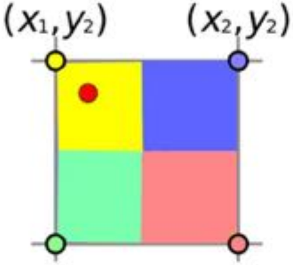

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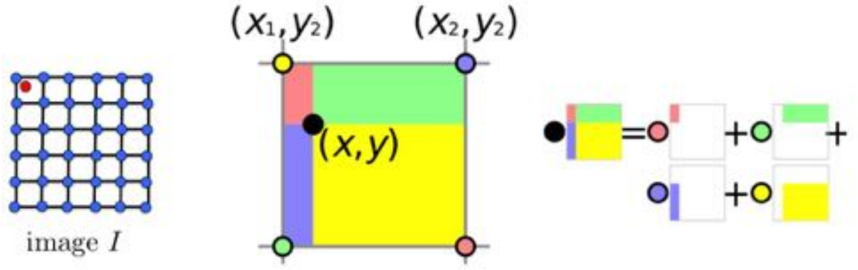

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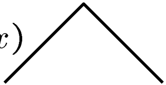
- Better: bilinear interpolation (check out details: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilinear_interpolation)

- What does the 2D version of this hat function look like?

$h(x)$



performs
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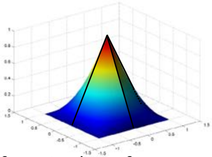

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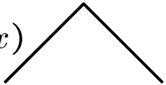

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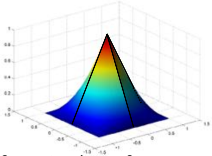

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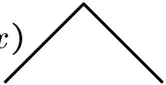
$h(x)$ 

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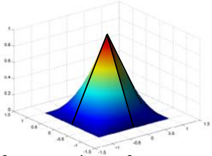
$h(x, y)$ 

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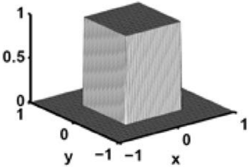

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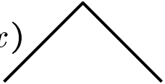

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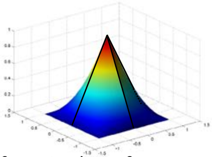

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- Better filters give better resampled images: Bicubic is a common choice

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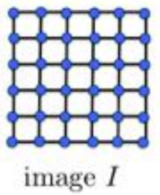

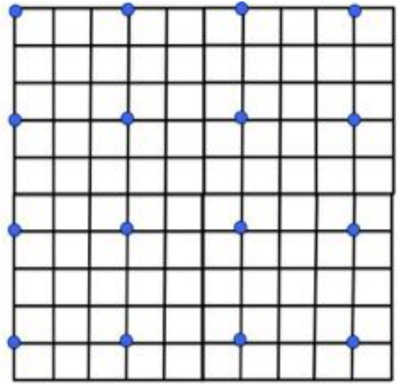

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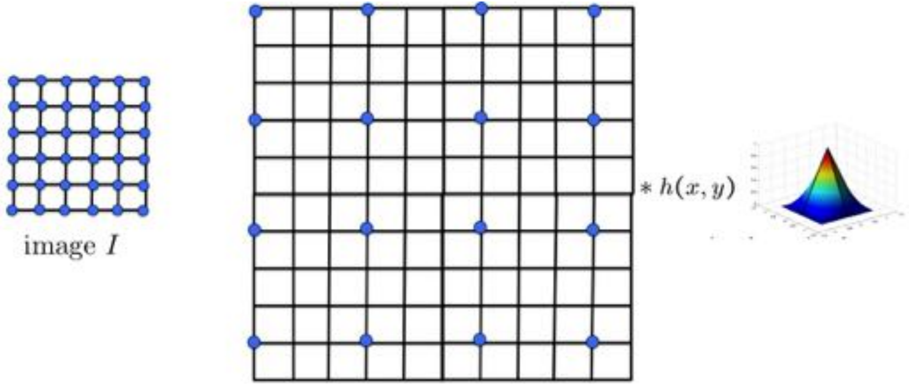

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- Convolution with a reconstruction filter (e.g., bilinear) and you get the interpolated image

Image Interpolation

Original image

Interpolation results

Nearest-neighbor interpolation

Bilinear interpolation

Bicubic interpolation

[Source: N. Snavely]

Summary – Stuff You Should Know

- To down-scale an image: blur it with a small Gaussian (e.g., $\sigma = 1.4$) and downsample
- To up-scale an image: interpolation (nearest neighbor, bilinear, bicubic, etc)
- Gaussian pyramid: Blur with Gaussian filter, downsample result by factor 2, blur it with the Gaussian, downsample by 2...

Matlab functions:

- FSPECIAL: creates a Gaussian filter with specified σ
- IMFILTER: convolve image with the filter
- I(1:2:END, 1:2:END): takes every second row and column
- IMRESIZE(IMAGE, SCALE, METHOD): Matlab's function for resizing the image, where METHOD="nearest", "bilinear", "bicubic" (works for downsampling and upsampling)