

Continuing operations at a pixel level

Cross - Correlation & Convolution

# Correlation & Convolution

- Basic operation to extract information from an image.
- These operations have two key features:
  - shift invariant
  - linear
- Applicable to 1-D and multi dimensional images.

# Correlation Example - 1D (Averaging)

Image I

2	3	6	5	5	1	8	9	7
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$$G = f(I)$$

$$I[2] = 3$$

$$G[2] = \frac{2 + 3 + 6}{3} = \frac{11}{3}$$

2	$\frac{11}{3}$	6	5	5	1	8	9	7
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$$I[3] = 6$$

$$G[3] = \frac{3 + 6 + 5}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$$

2	$\frac{11}{3}$	$\frac{14}{3}$	5	5	1	8	9	7
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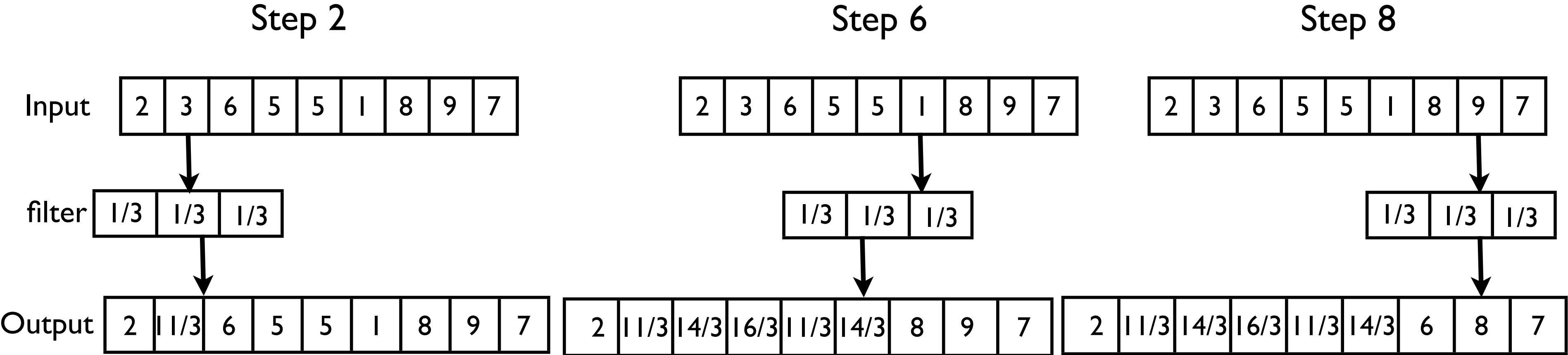
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$$I[8] = 9$$

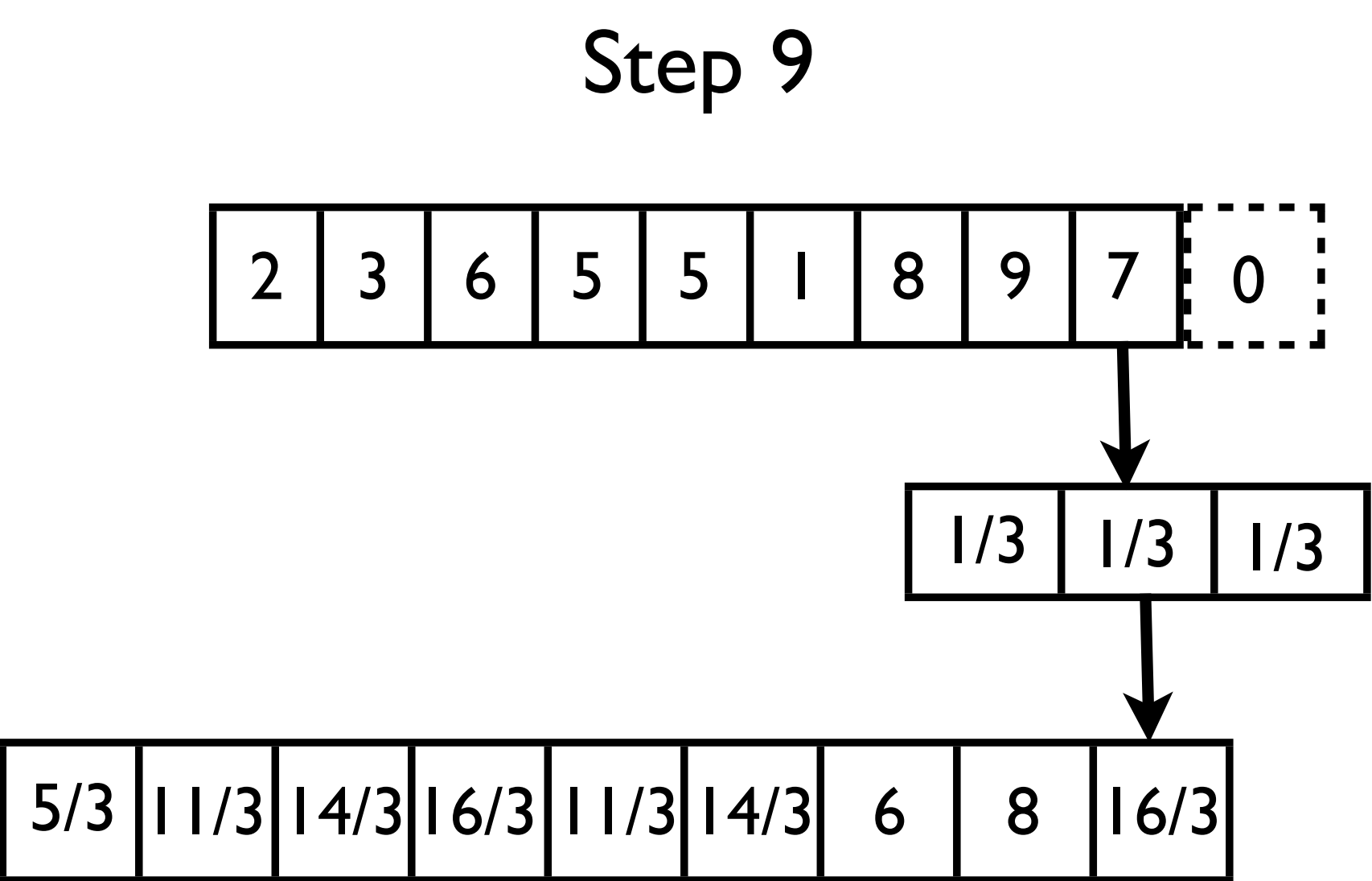
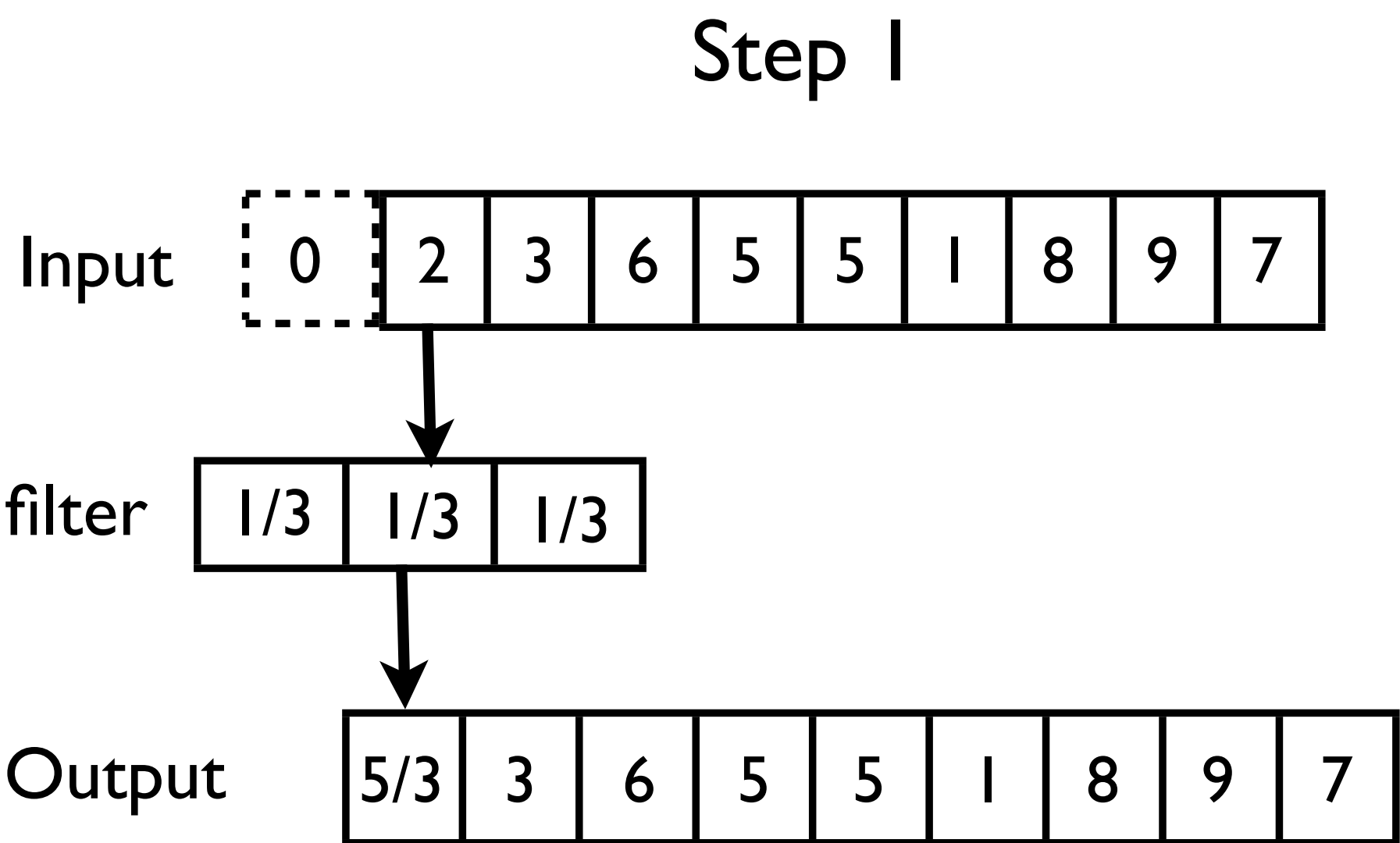
$$G[8] = \frac{8 + 9 + 7}{3} = 8$$

2	$\frac{11}{3}$	$\frac{14}{3}$	$\frac{16}{3}$	$\frac{11}{3}$	$\frac{14}{3}$	6	8	7
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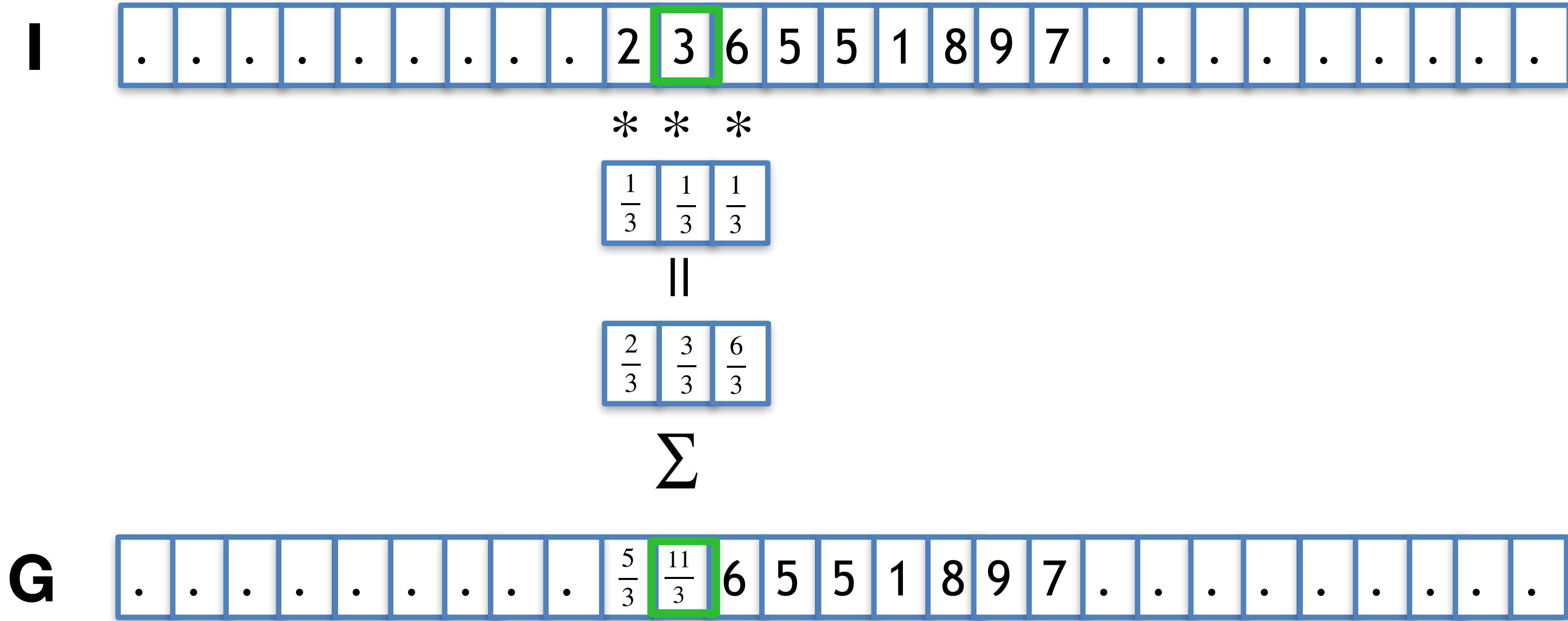
# Correlation Example - 1D



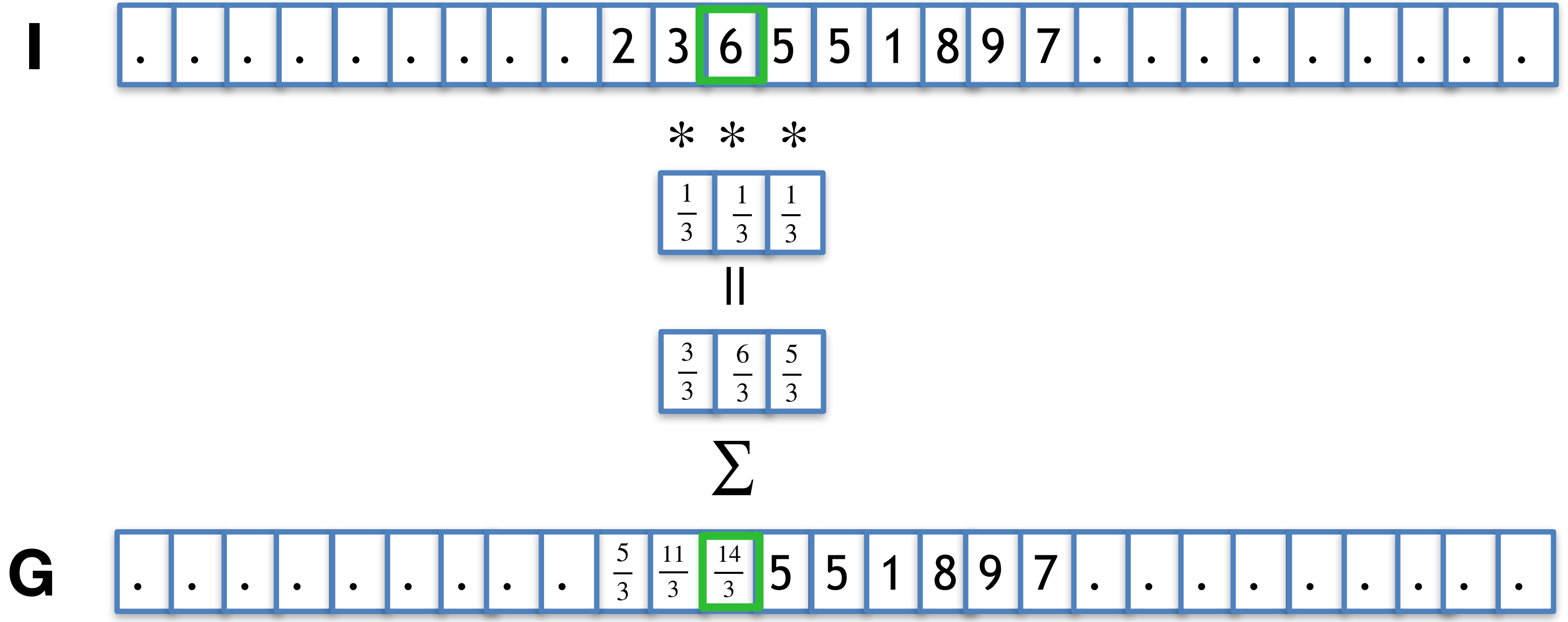
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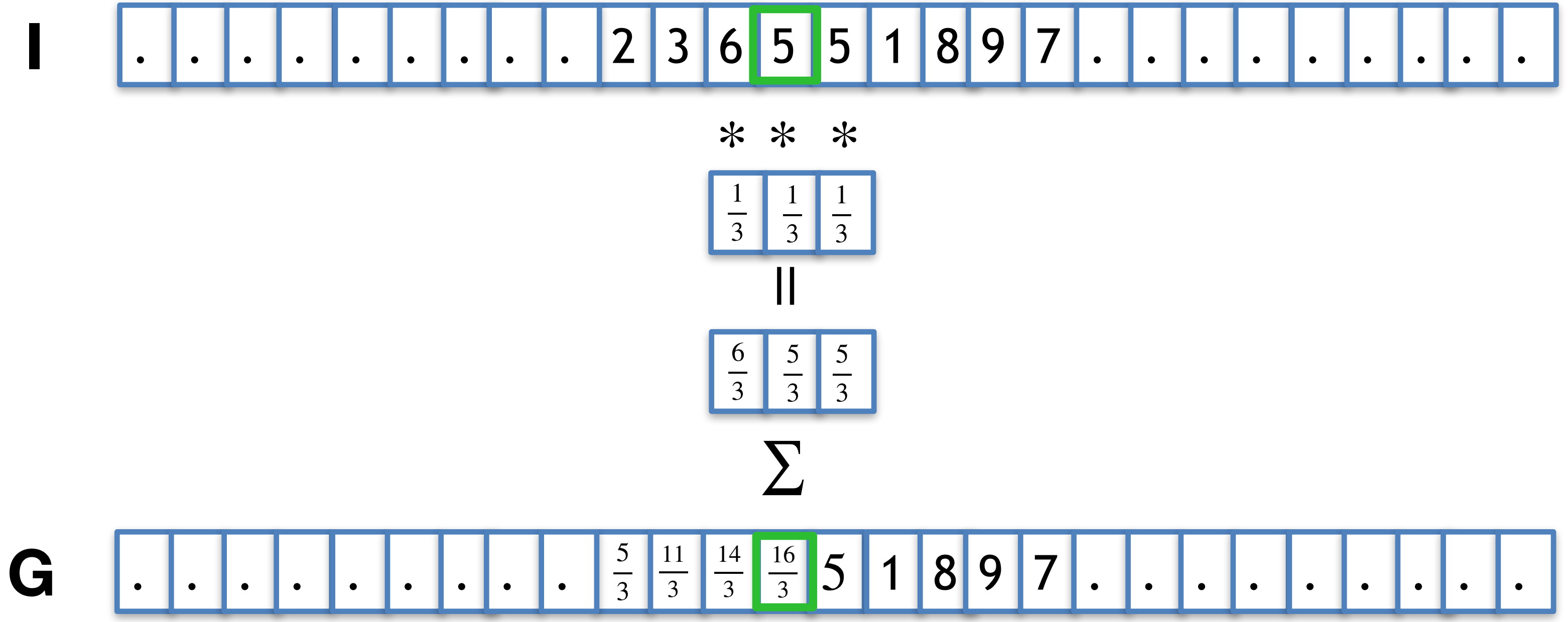
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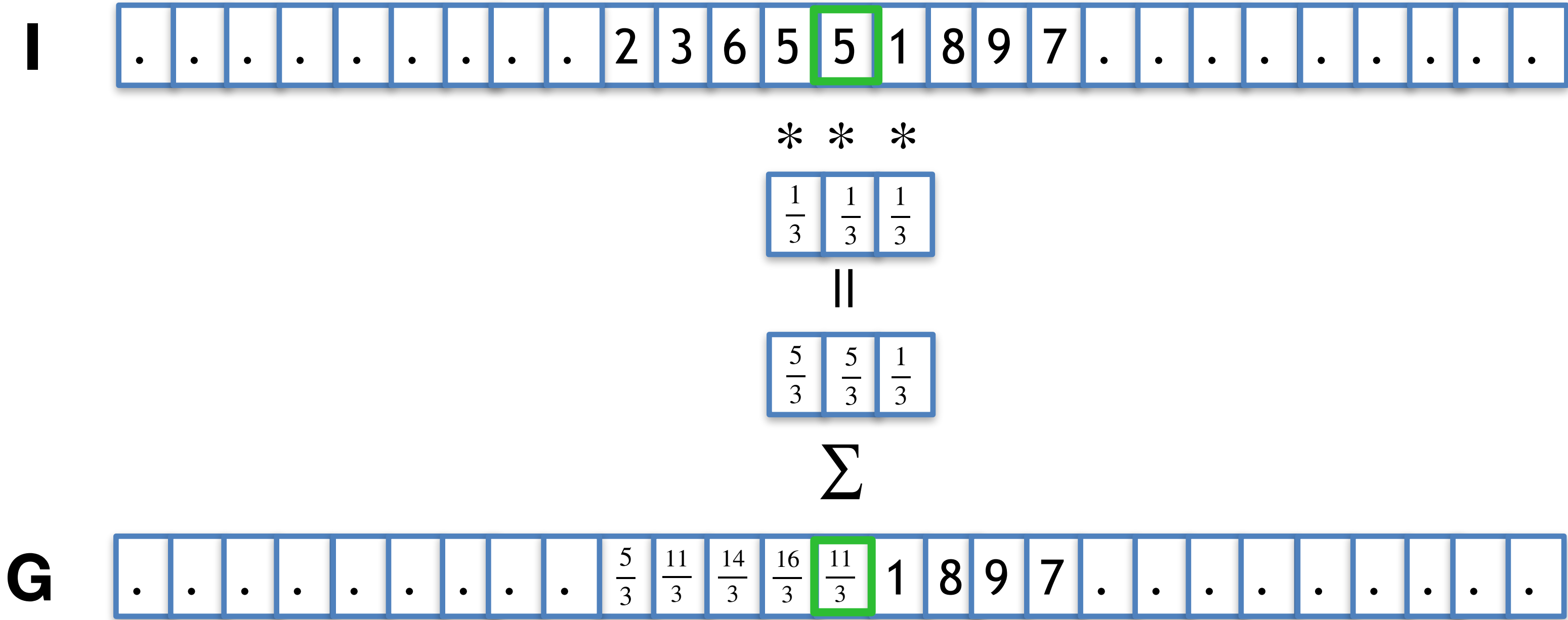


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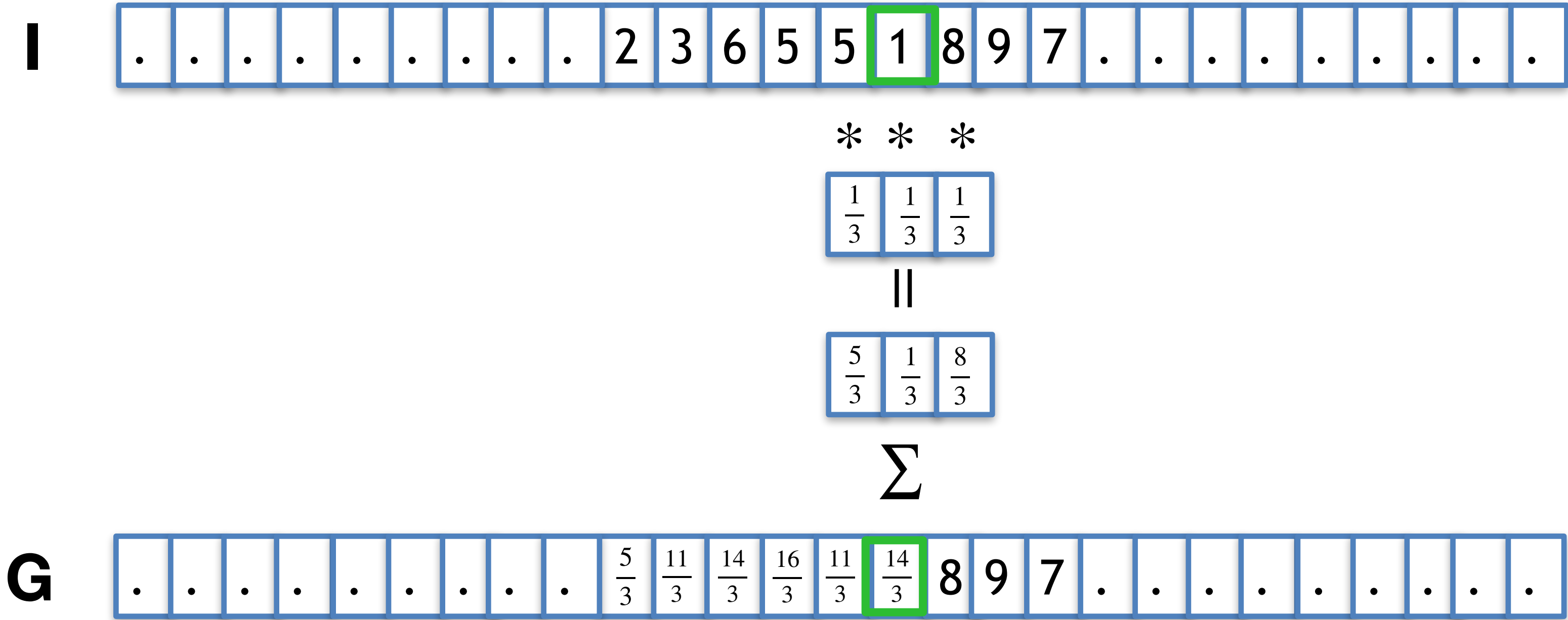




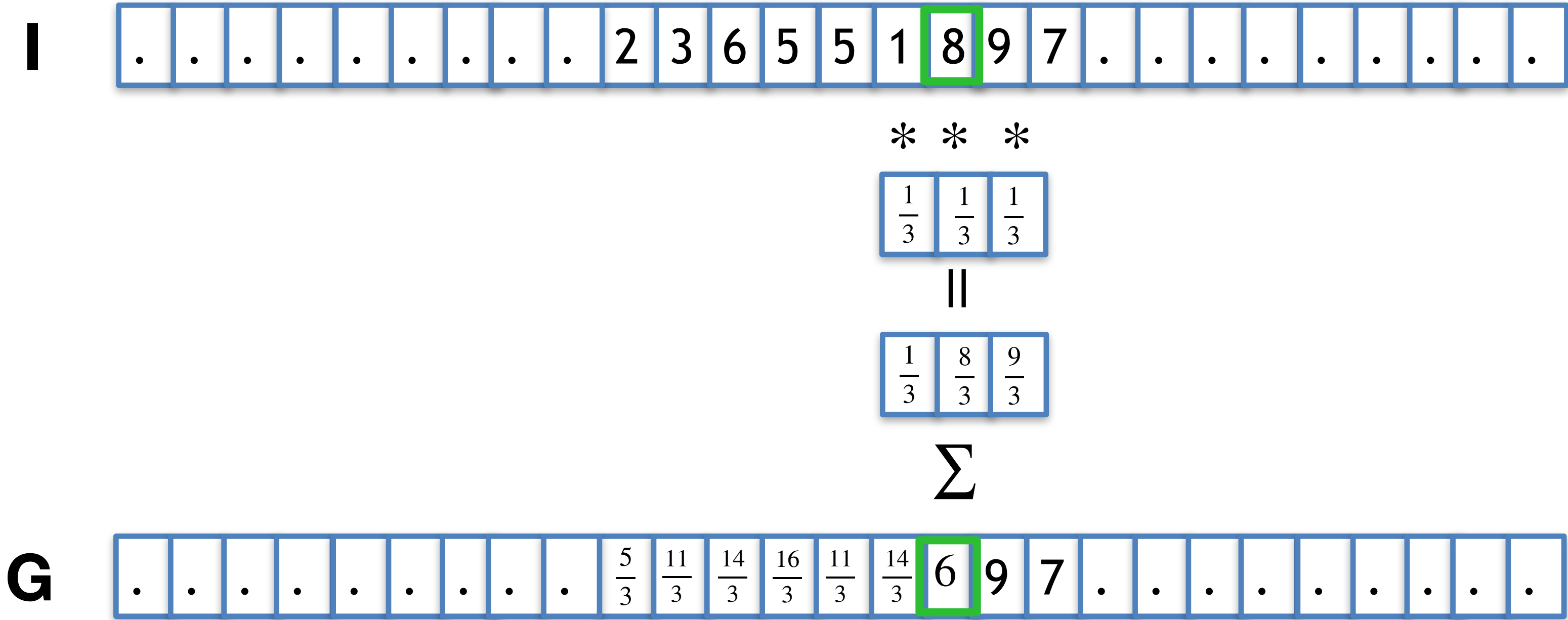
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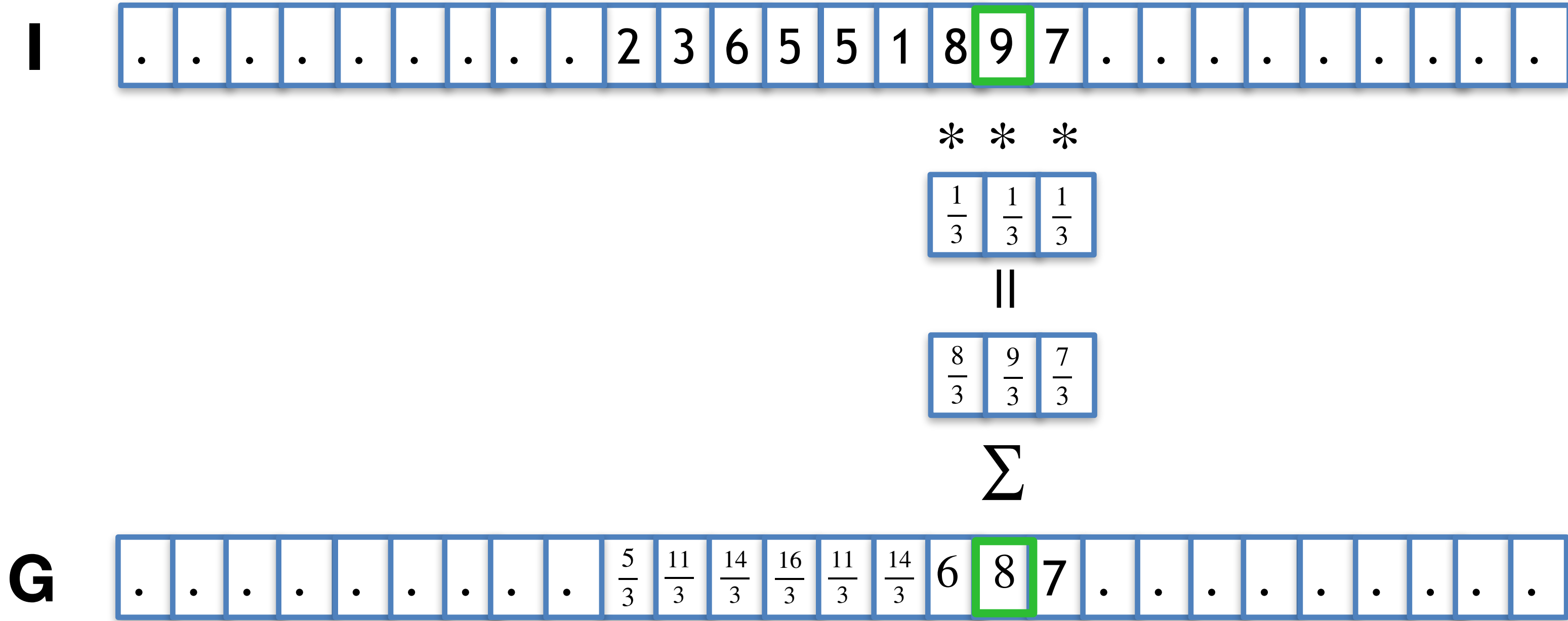
# Correlation Example - 1D



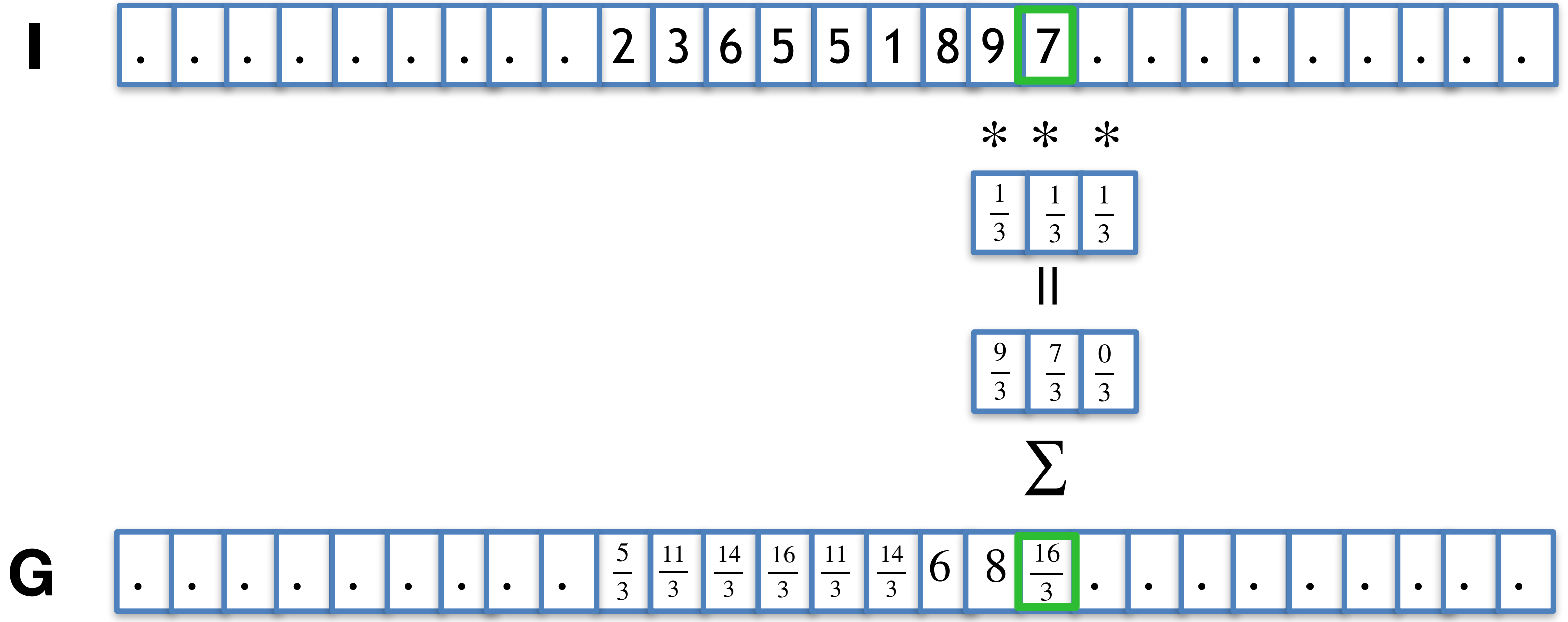
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# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

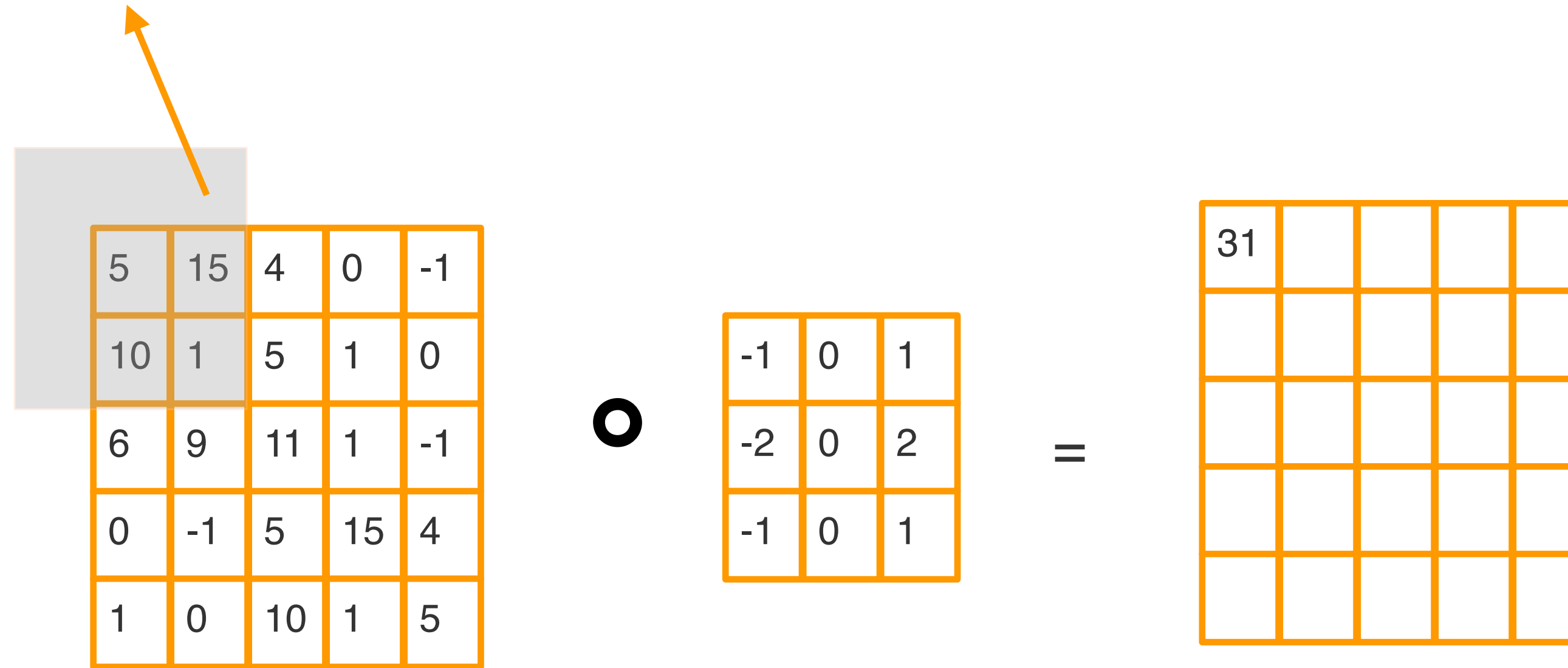
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10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

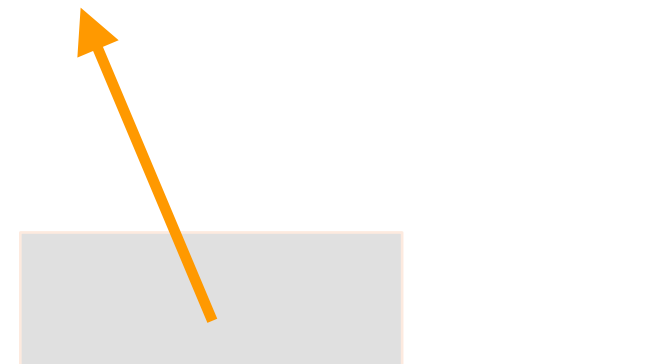
# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$2 \times 15 + 1 \times 1 = 31$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$-2 \times 5 + 2 \times 4 - 1 \times 10 + 5 \times 1 = 7$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

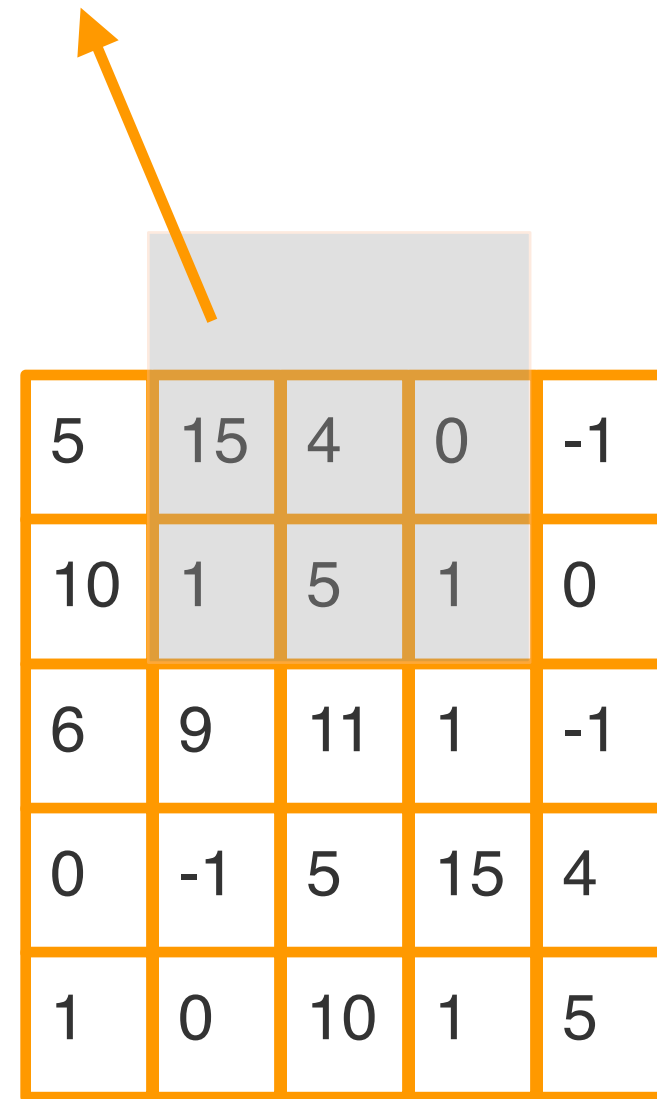
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31	-7			



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$-2 \times 15 - 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 = -30$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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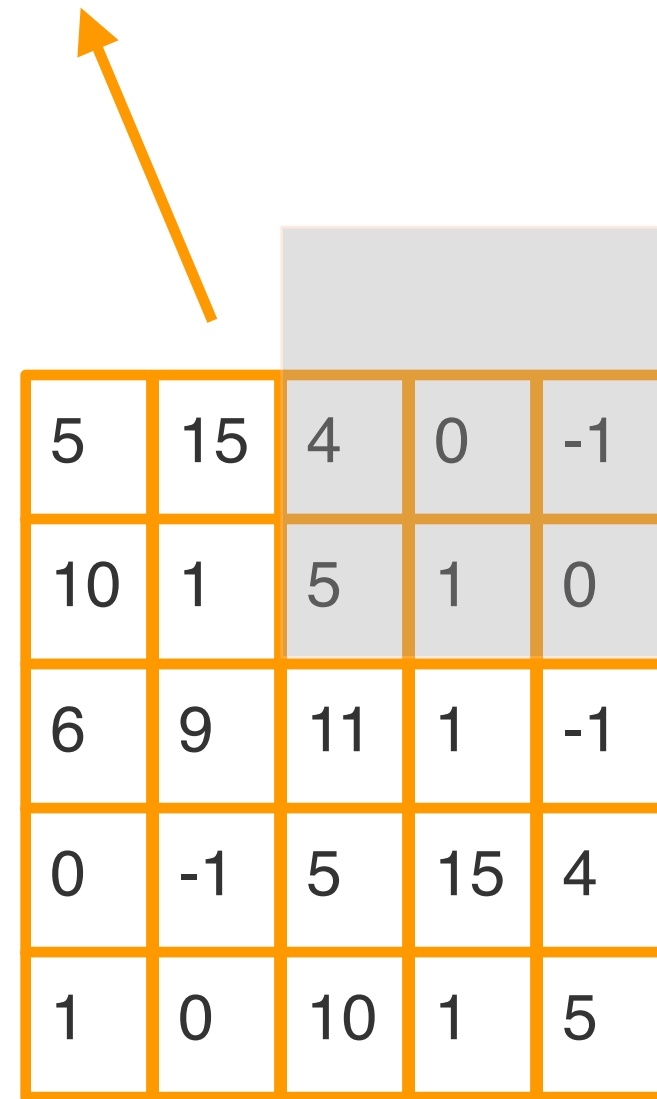
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31	-7	-30		

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$-2 \times 4 - 1 \times 2 - 5 \times 1 = -15$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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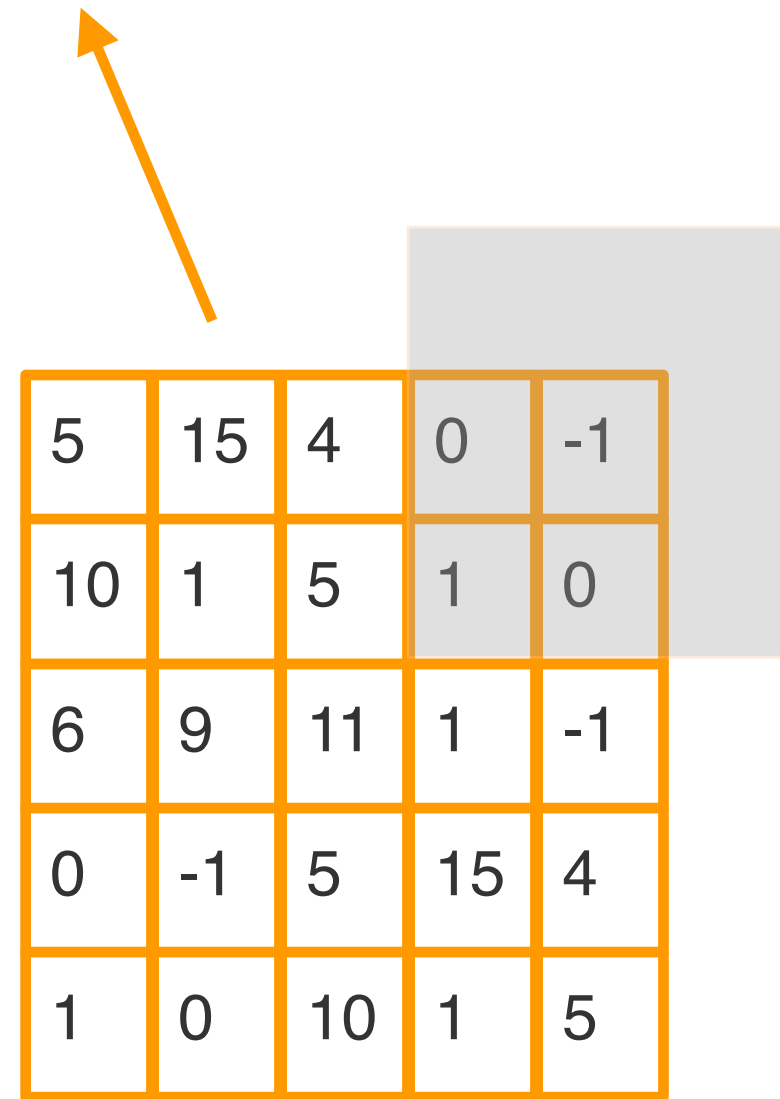
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31	-7	-30	-15	

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$-1 \times 1 = -1$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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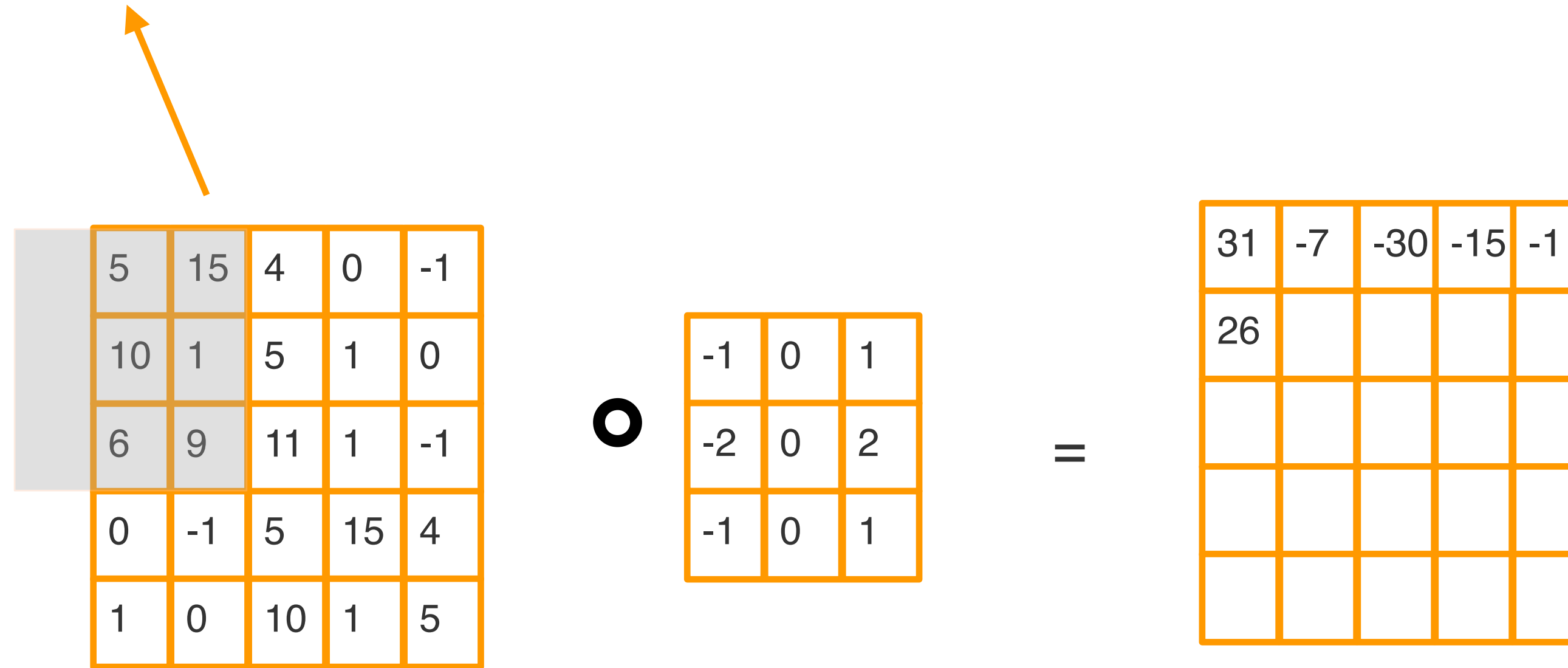
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-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$15 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 9 \times 1 = 26$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$5 \times (-1) + 10 \times (-2) + 6 \times (-1) + 4 \times 1 + 5 \times 2 + 11 \times 1 = -6$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6			

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$15 \times (-1) + 1 \times (-2) + 9 \times (-1) + 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = -23$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23		

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$4 \times (-1) + 5 \times (-2) + 11 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + (-1) \times 1 = -27$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$0 \times (-1) + 1 \times (-2) + 1 \times (-1) = -3$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

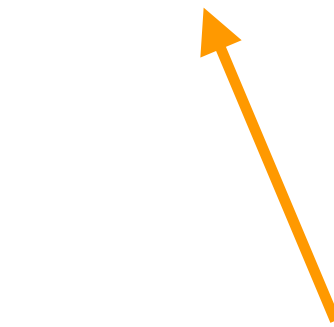
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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$1 \times 1 + 9 \times 2 + -1 \times 1 = 18$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18				

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$10 \times (-1) + 6 \times (-2) + 5 \times 1 + 11 \times 2 + 5 \times 1 = 10$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10			

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$1 \times (-1) + 9 \times (-2) + (-1) \times (-1) + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 15 \times 1 = 0$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0		

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$5 \times (-1) + 11 \times (-2) + 5 \times (-1) + 0 \times 1 + (-1) \times 2 + 4 \times 1 = -30$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



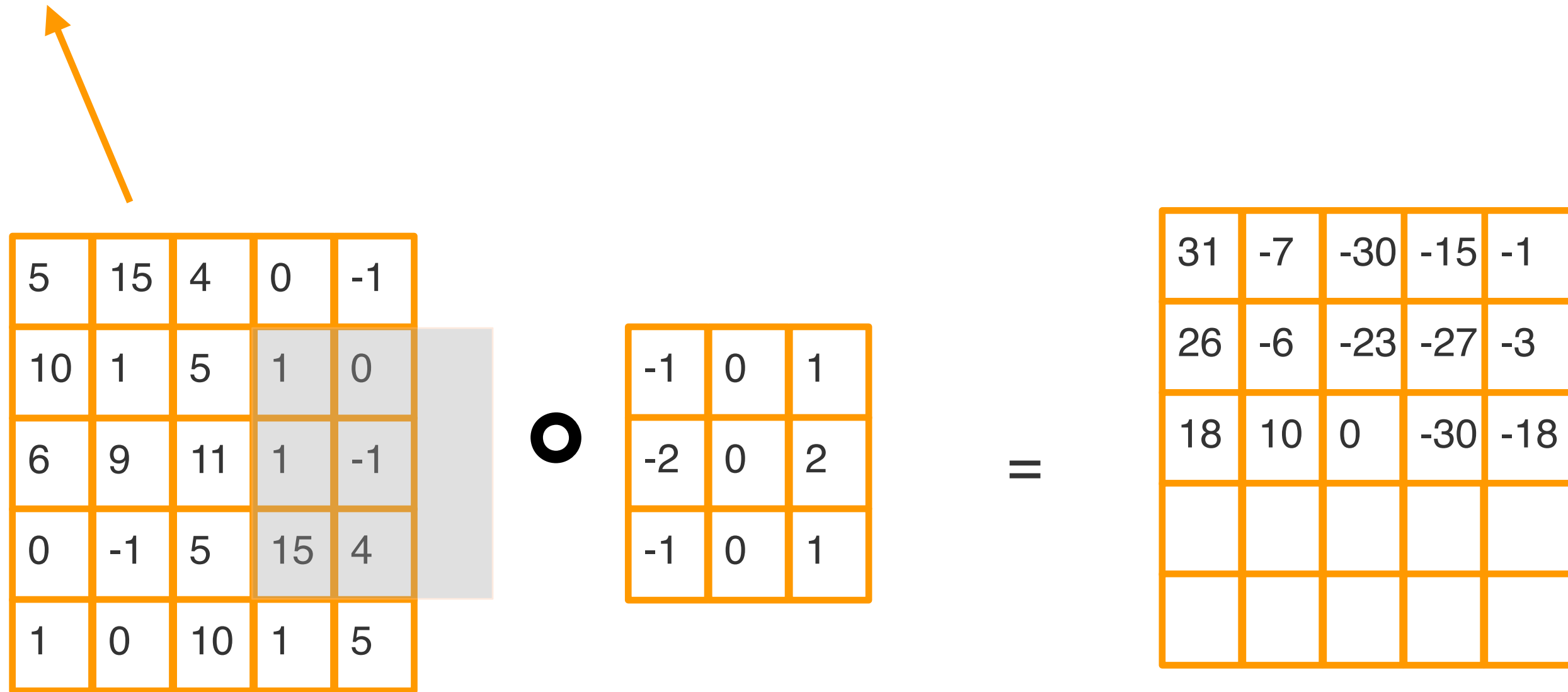
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26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	

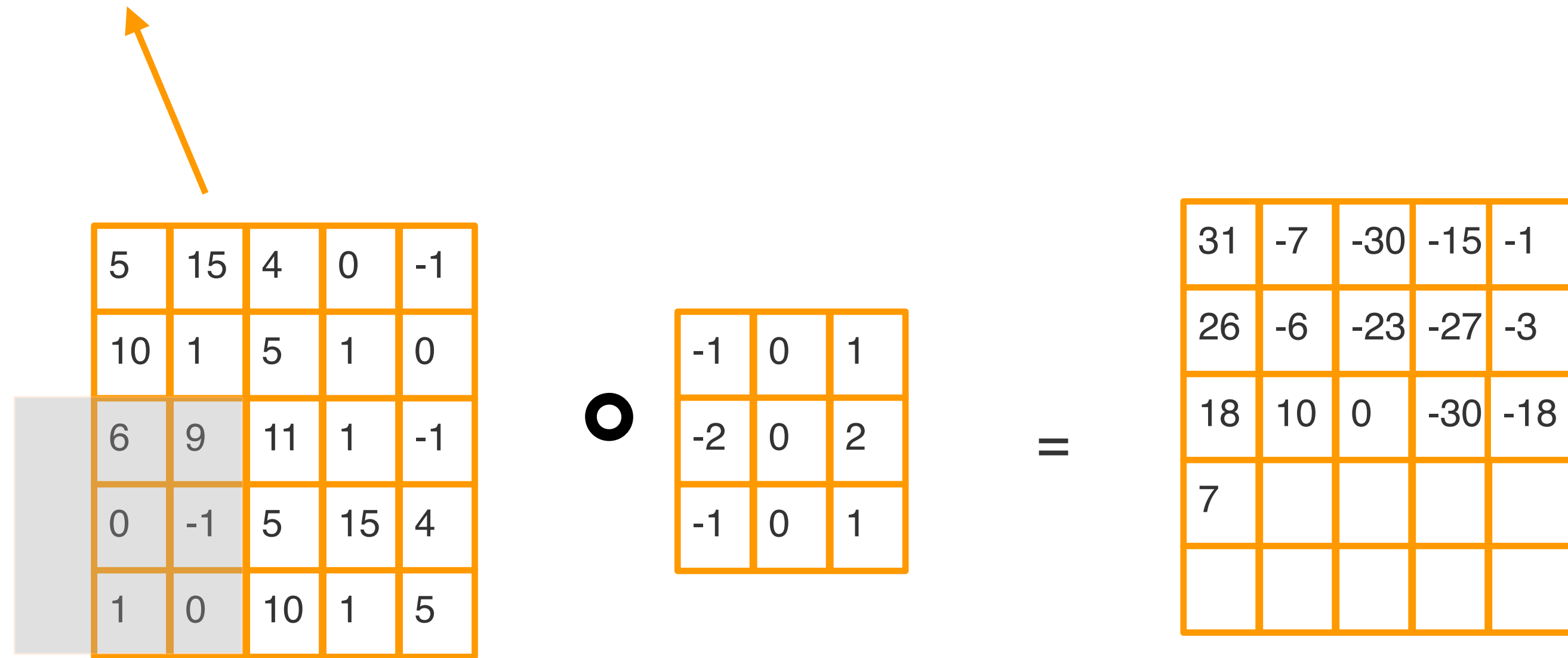
# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$1 \times (-1) + 1 \times (-2) + 15 \times (-1) + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -18$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$0 \times (-1) + 0 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 9 \times 1 + (-1) \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 7$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$6 \times (-1) + 0 \times (-2) + 1 \times (-1) + 11 \times 1 + 5 \times 2 + 10 \times 1 = 24$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

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-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24			

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$9 \times (-1) + -1 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 1 \times 1 + 15 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = 25$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24	25		



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$11 \times (-1) + 5 \times (-2) + 10 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 1 + 4 \times 2 + 5 \times 1 = -19$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



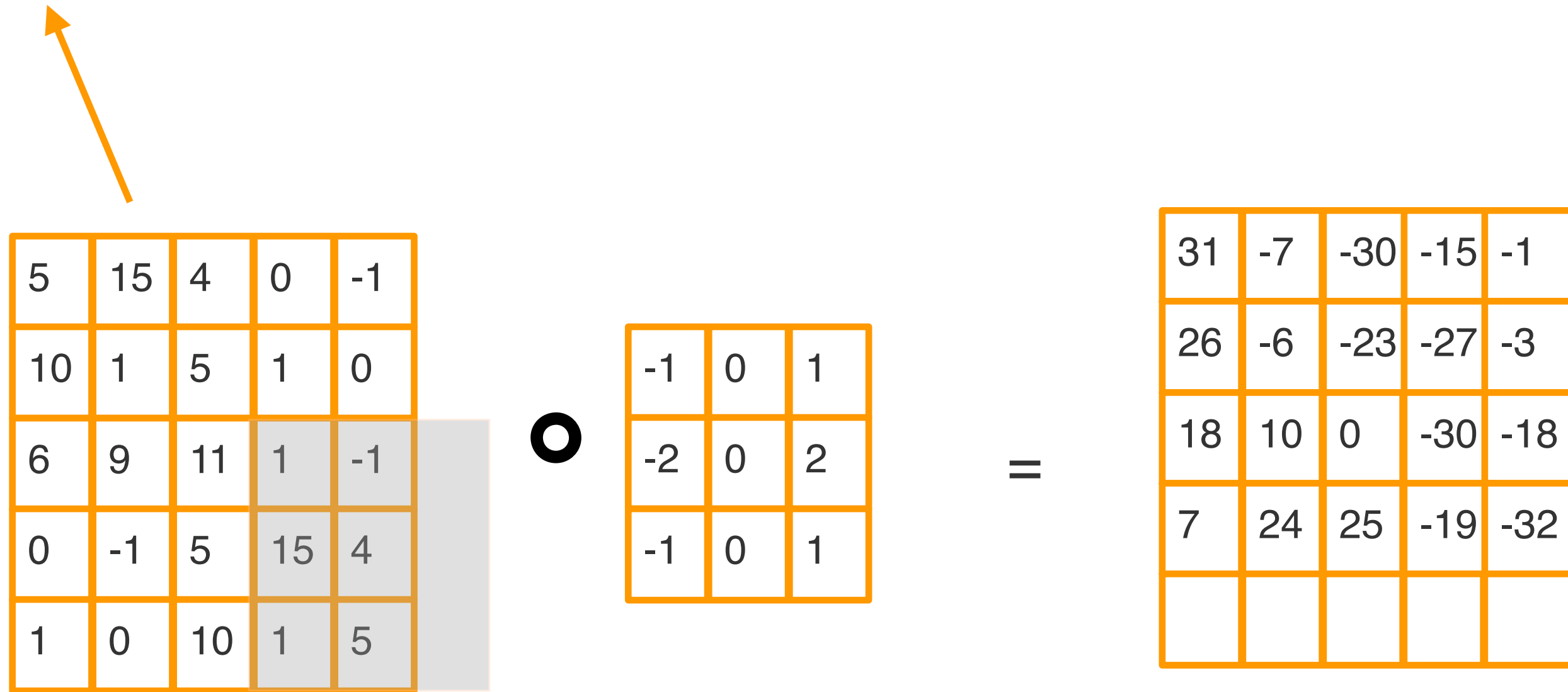
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-2	0	2
-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24	25	-19	

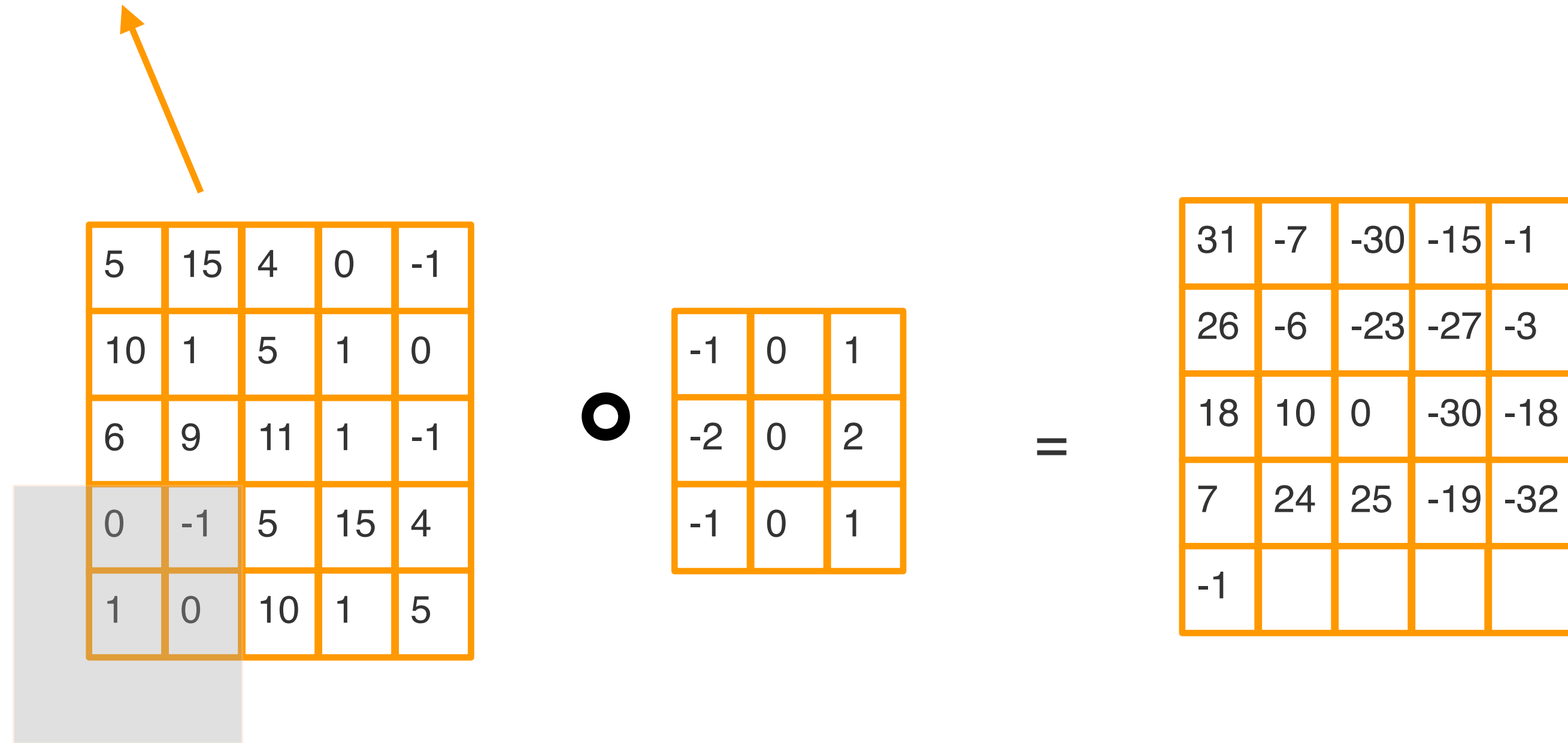
# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$1 \times (-1) + 15 \times (-2) + 1 \times (-1) + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -32$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$0 \times (-1) + 0 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + (-1) \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -1$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$0 \times (-1) + 1 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 5 \times 1 + 10 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 23$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



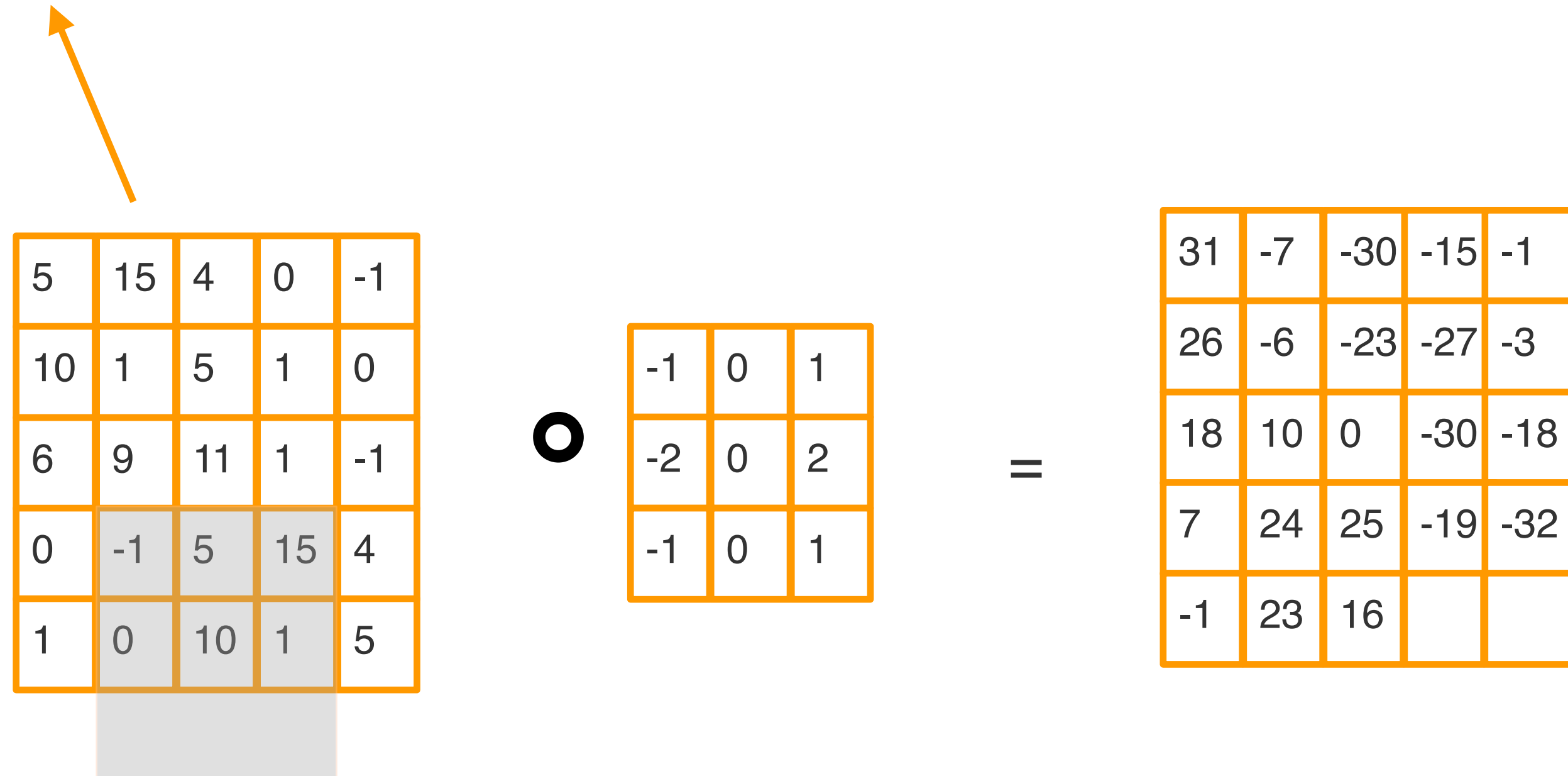
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-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24	25	-19	-32
-1	23			

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$-1 \times (-1) + 0 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 15 \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 16$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$5 \times (-1) + 10 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 4 \times 1 + 5 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -11$$



5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5



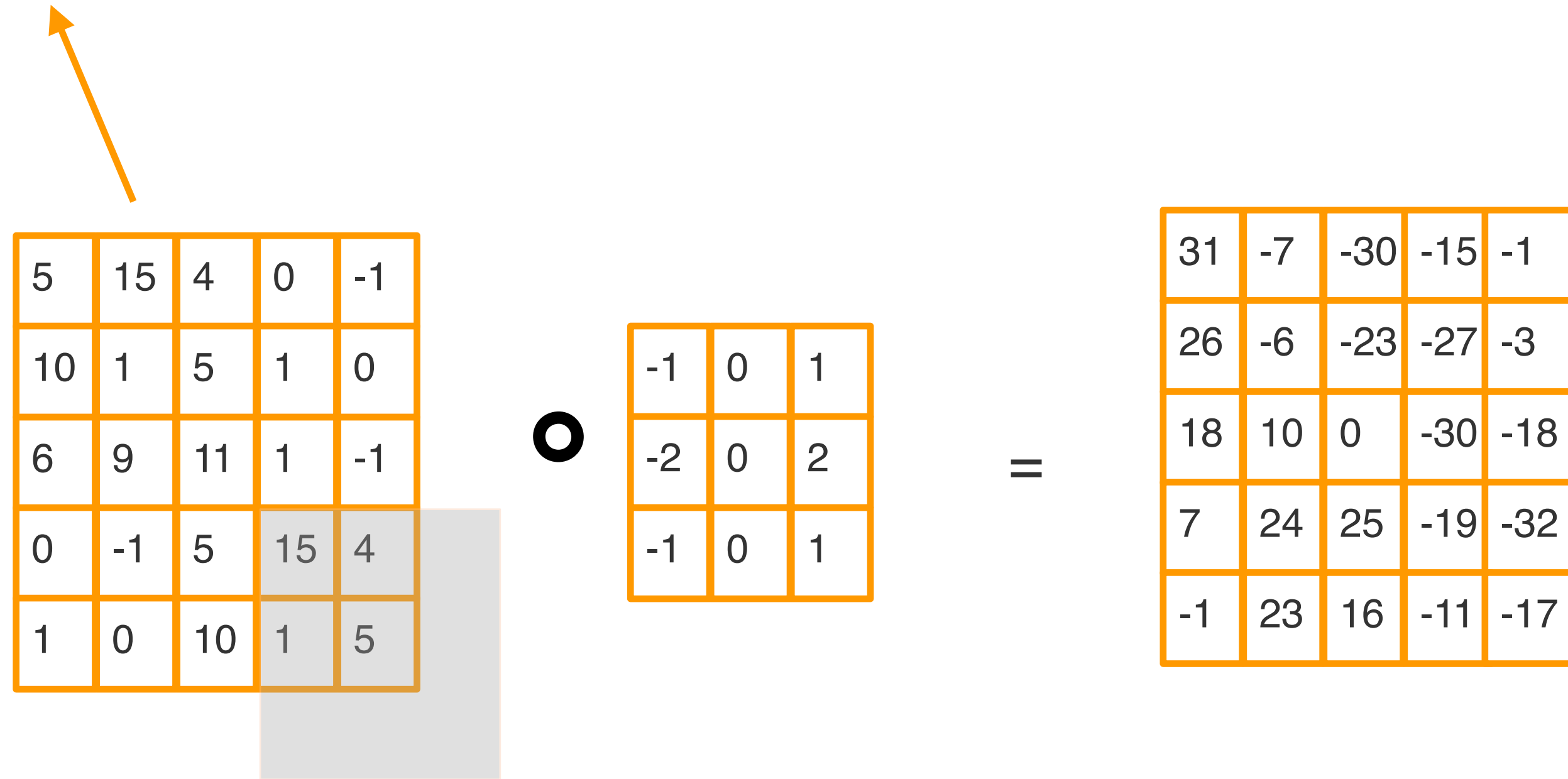
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-1	0	1

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24	25	-19	-32
-1	23	16	-11	

# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

$$15 \times (-1) + 1 \times (-2) + 0 \times (-1) + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = -17$$



# Cross-Correlation and Convolution

5	15	4	0	-1
10	1	5	1	0
6	9	11	1	-1
0	-1	5	15	4
1	0	10	1	5

Image, I



-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

Filter/template

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31	-7	-30	-15	-1
26	-6	-23	-27	-3
18	10	0	-30	-18
7	24	25	-19	-32
-1	23	16	-11	-17

Output image



# Cross-Correlation - Mathematically

1D

$$G = F \circ I[i] = \sum_{u=-k}^k F[u]I[i+u] \quad F \text{ has } 2k+1 \text{ elements}$$

Box filter  $F[u] = \frac{1}{3}$  for  $u = -1, 0, 1$  and 0 otherwise

# Cross-correlation filtering - 2D

Let's write this down as an equation. Assume the averaging window is  $(2k+1) \times (2k+1)$ :

$$G[i, j] = \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \sum_{u=-k}^k \sum_{v=-k}^k F[i+u, j+v]$$

We can generalize this idea by allowing different weights for different neighboring pixels:

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

This is called a **cross-correlation** operation and written:

$$G = F \circ I$$

F is called the “filter,” “kernel,” or “mask.”

# Convolution

Filter is flipped before correlating

1D  $F$  has  $2k + 1$  elements

$$G = F * I[i] = \sum_{u=-k}^k F[u]I[i - u]$$

Box filter  $F[u] = \frac{1}{3}$  for  $u = -1, 0, 1$  and 0 otherwise

for example, convolution of 1D image with the filter  $[3, 5, 2]$

is exactly the same as correlation with the filter  $[2, 5, 3]$

# Convolution filtering - 2D

For 2D the filter is flipped both horizontally and vertically

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

Convolution with the filter

1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

is the same as Correlation with the filter

-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1

Correlation and convolution are identical for symmetrical filters

# Correlation and Convolution

- Convolution is associative:  
if  $F$  and  $G$  are filters, then  $F * (G * I) = (F * G) * I$
- Generally, convolution is used for image processing operations like smoothing
- Correlation is used for template matching to an image.
- We combine two convolution filters but not two correlation filters.

# Correlation and Convolution Terminology

We used

$G$  for correlation/convolution output

$I$  for image - In literature sometimes  $F$  is used for image

$F$  for filter - In literature sometimes  $H$  is used for filter

$$G = H \circ F$$
$$G = H * F$$

Filter                      Image

# Mean kernel

What's the kernel for a 3x3 mean filter?

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	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	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

$F[i, j]$

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

$H[u, v]$

Box filter

# Mean filtering (average over a neighborhood)

$F[x, y]$

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	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	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

$H[u, v]$

$G[x, y]$

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

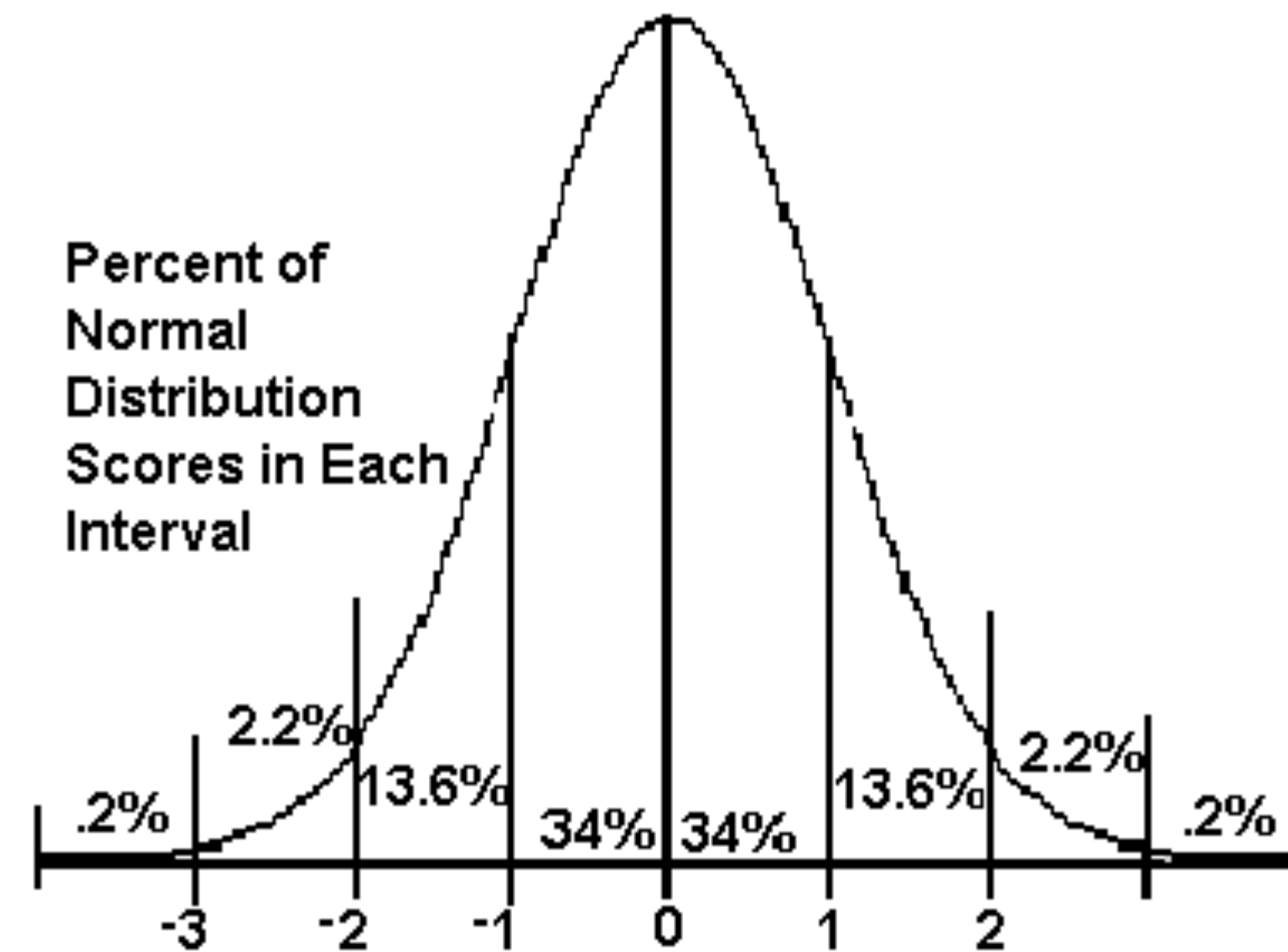


# Gaussian Averaging

Rotationally symmetric.

Weights nearby pixels more than distant ones.

- ◆ This makes sense as probabilistic inference.

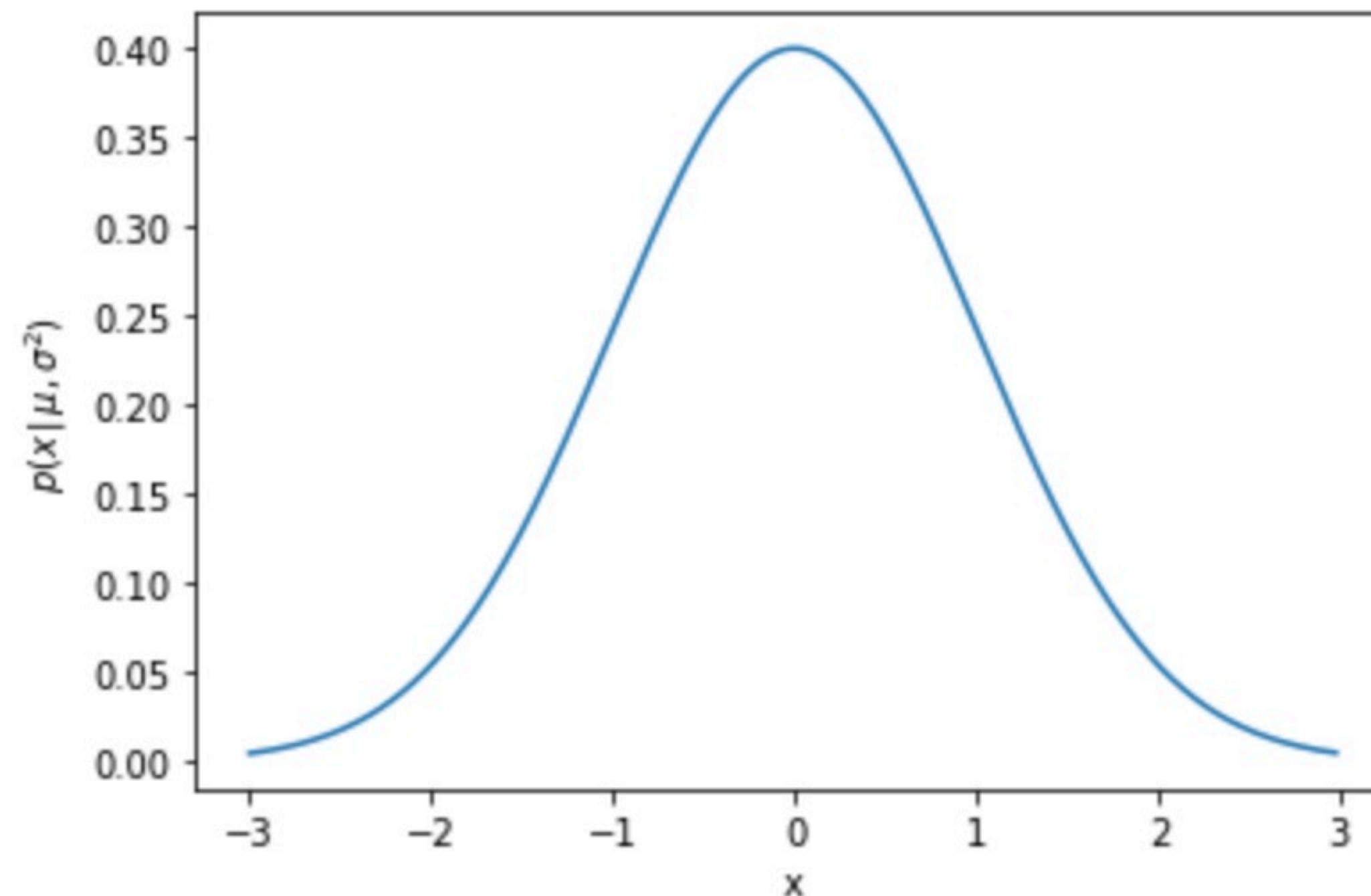


A Gaussian gives a good model of a fuzzy blob

# Notation: Normal distribution 1D case

$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$  is a 1D normal (Gaussian) distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  (so the variance is  $\sigma^2$ ).

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



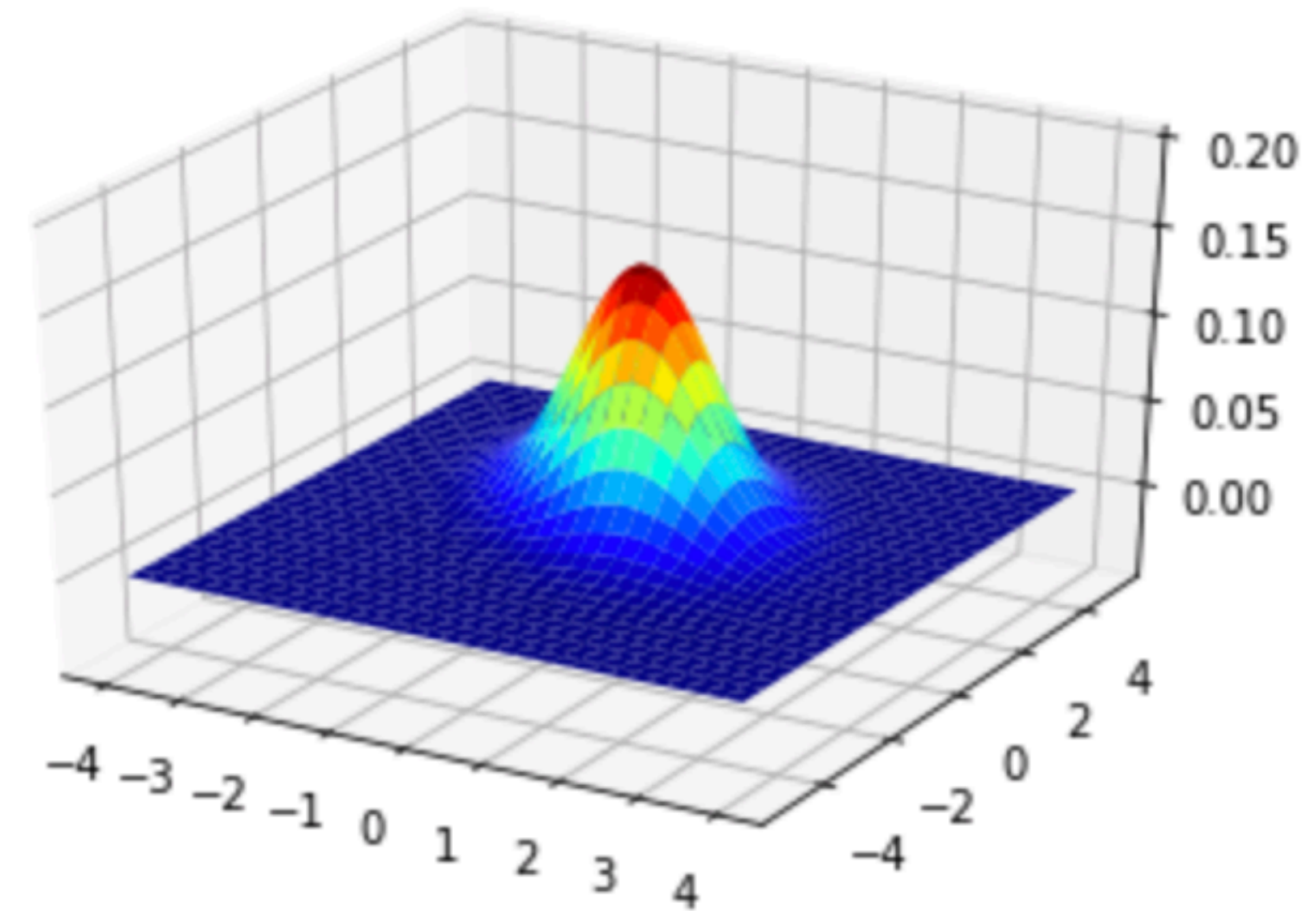
# Multivariate Normal distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(z|\mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{D}{2}}} \frac{1}{|\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(z - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(z - \mu)\right\}$$

$z$  is a D dimensional vector

$\mu$  is a D-dimensional mean vector

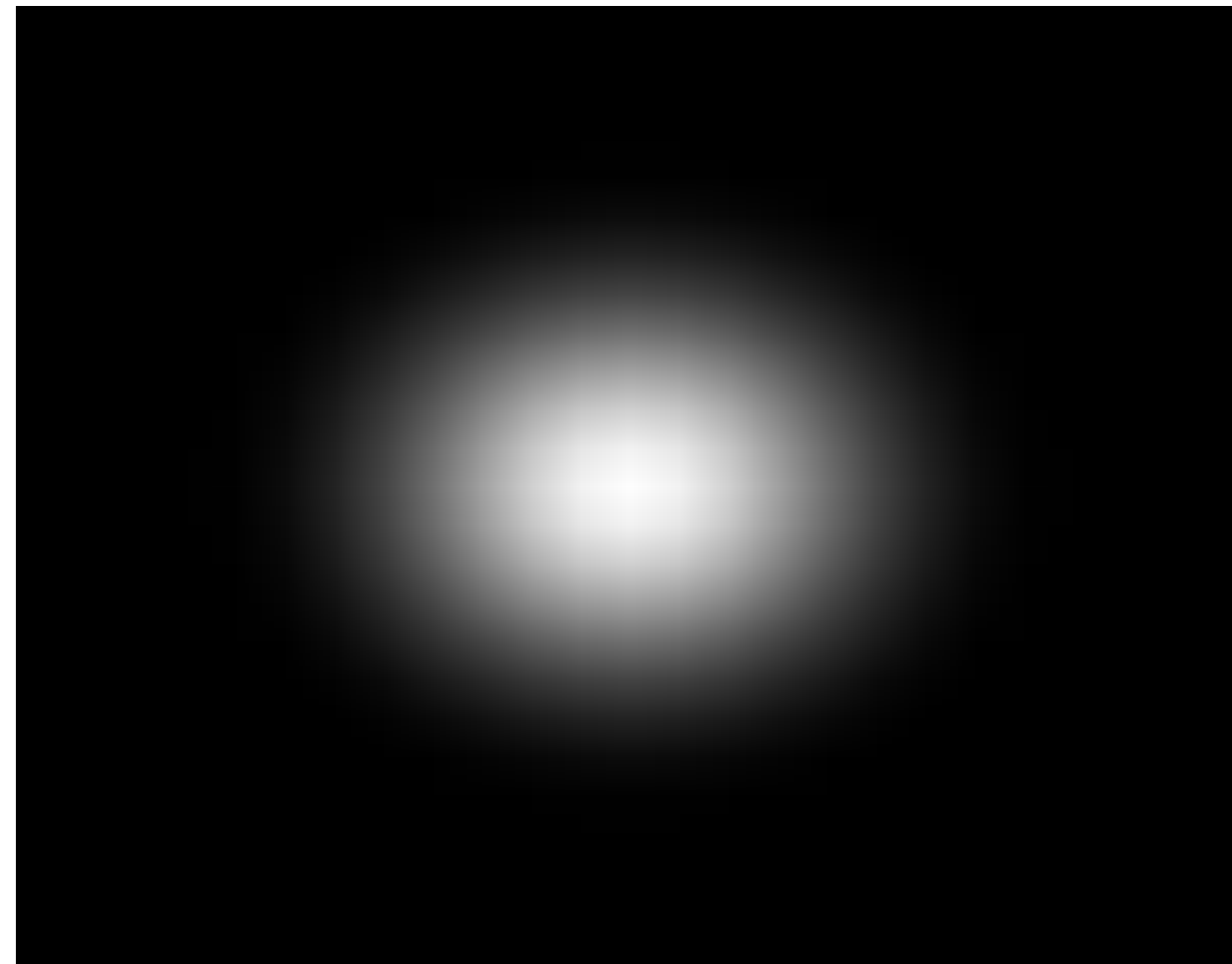
$\Sigma$  is a D x D covariance matrix



Example: when D =2

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

# An Isotropic Gaussian



The picture shows a smoothing kernel proportional to

$$\exp\left(-\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right)$$

(which is a reasonable model of a circularly symmetric fuzzy blob)

# Gaussian Filtering

A Gaussian kernel gives less weight to pixels further from the center of the window

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	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	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

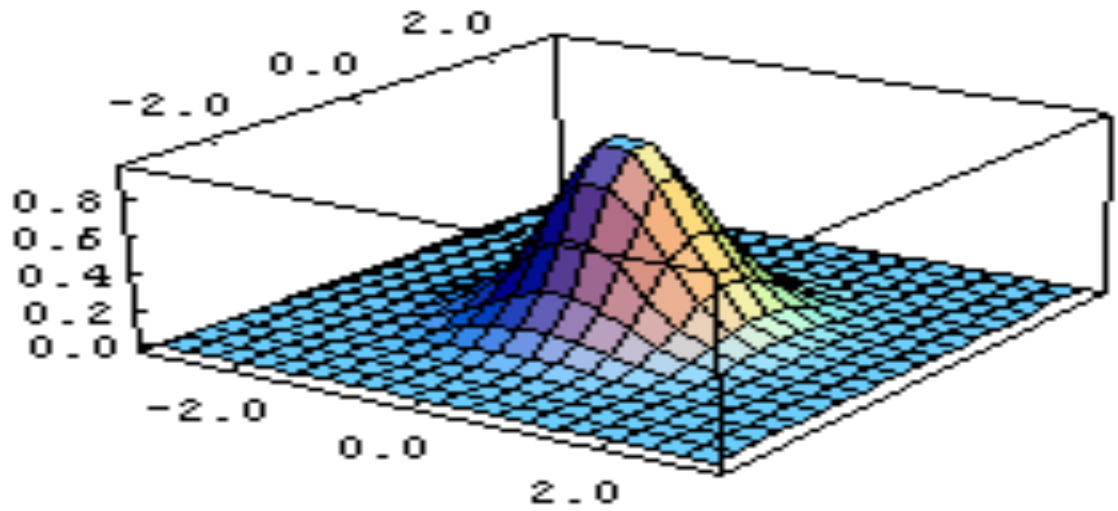
$F[x, y]$

This kernel is an approximation of

$$h(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{u^2+v^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

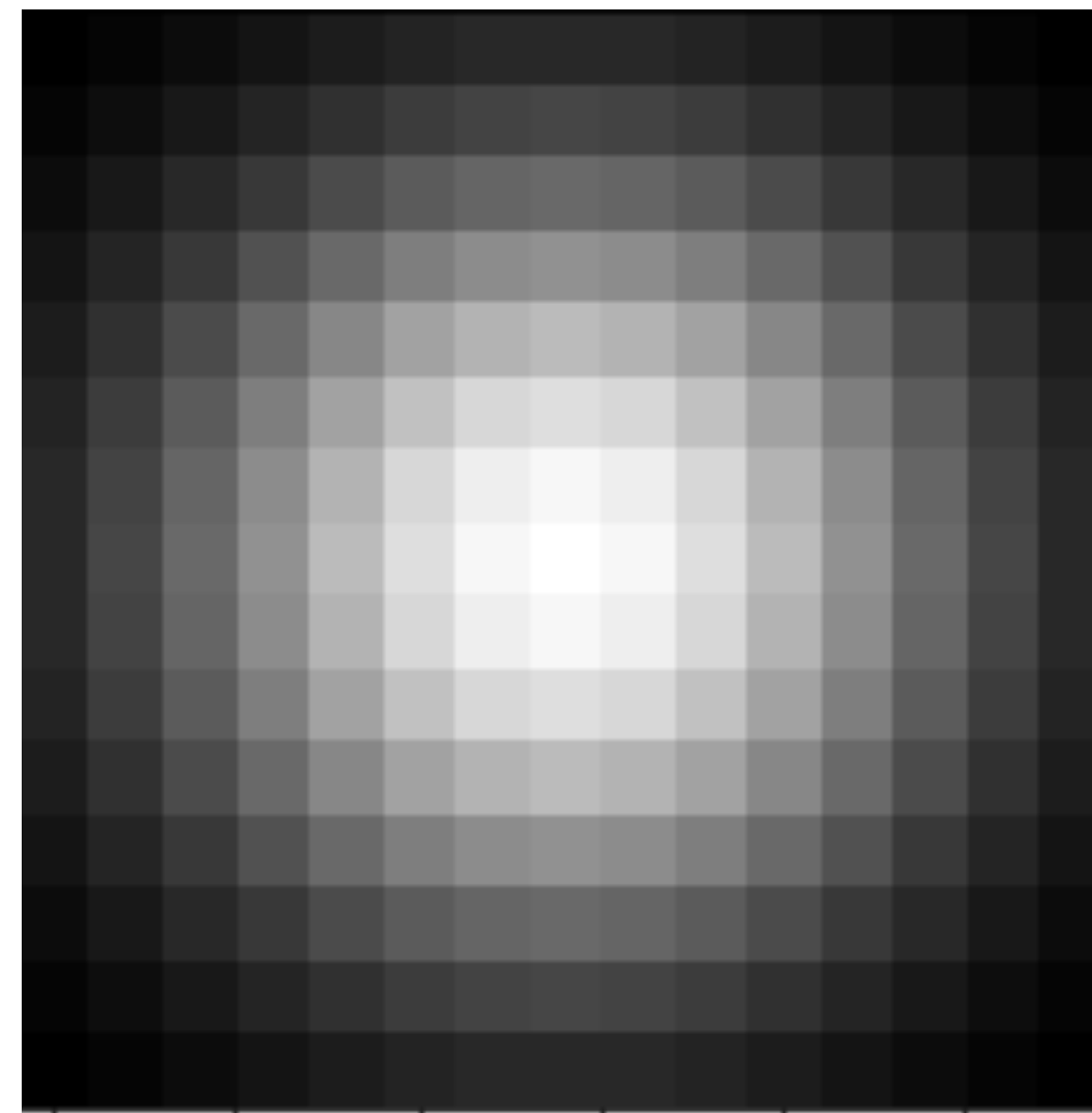
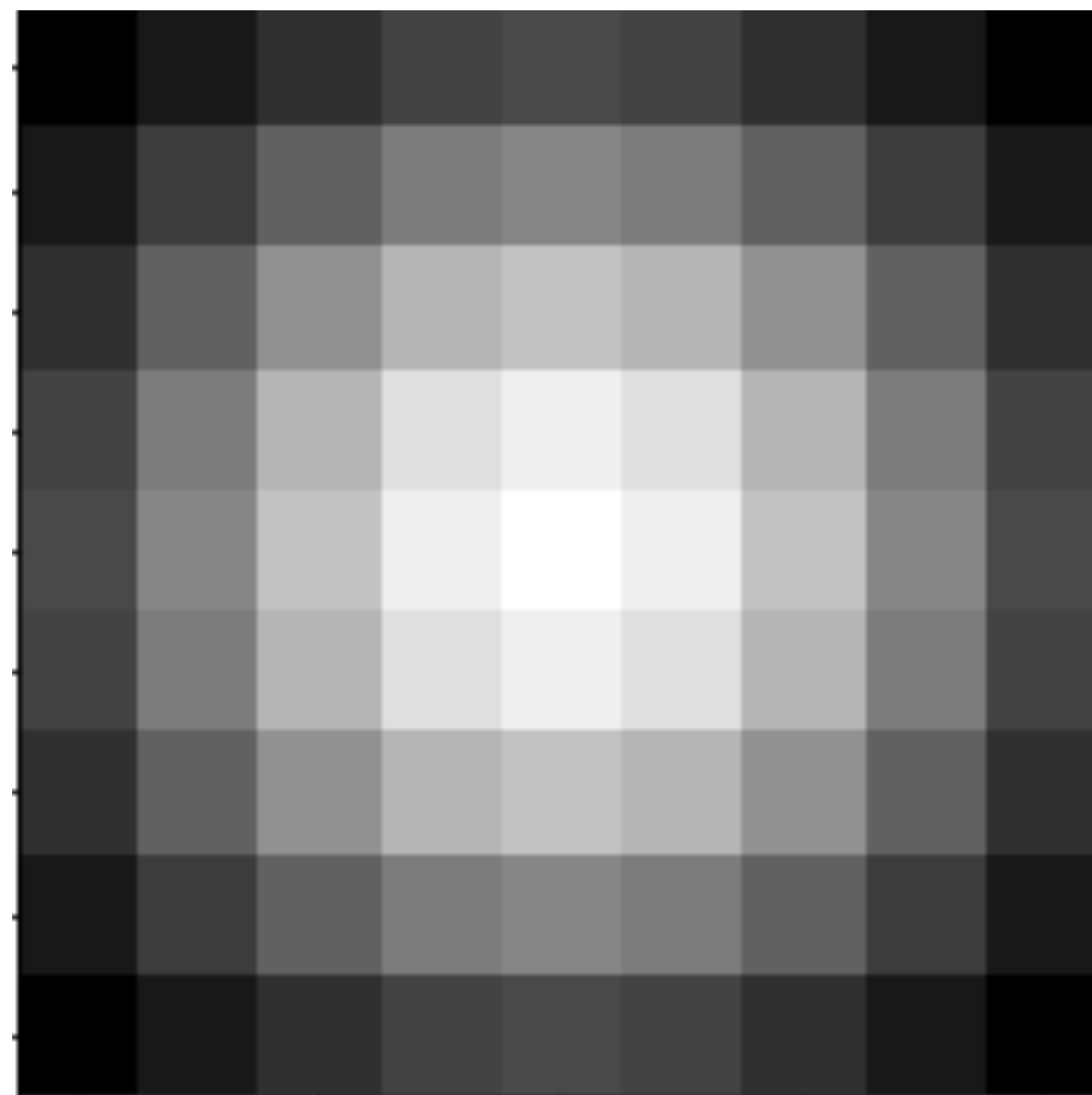
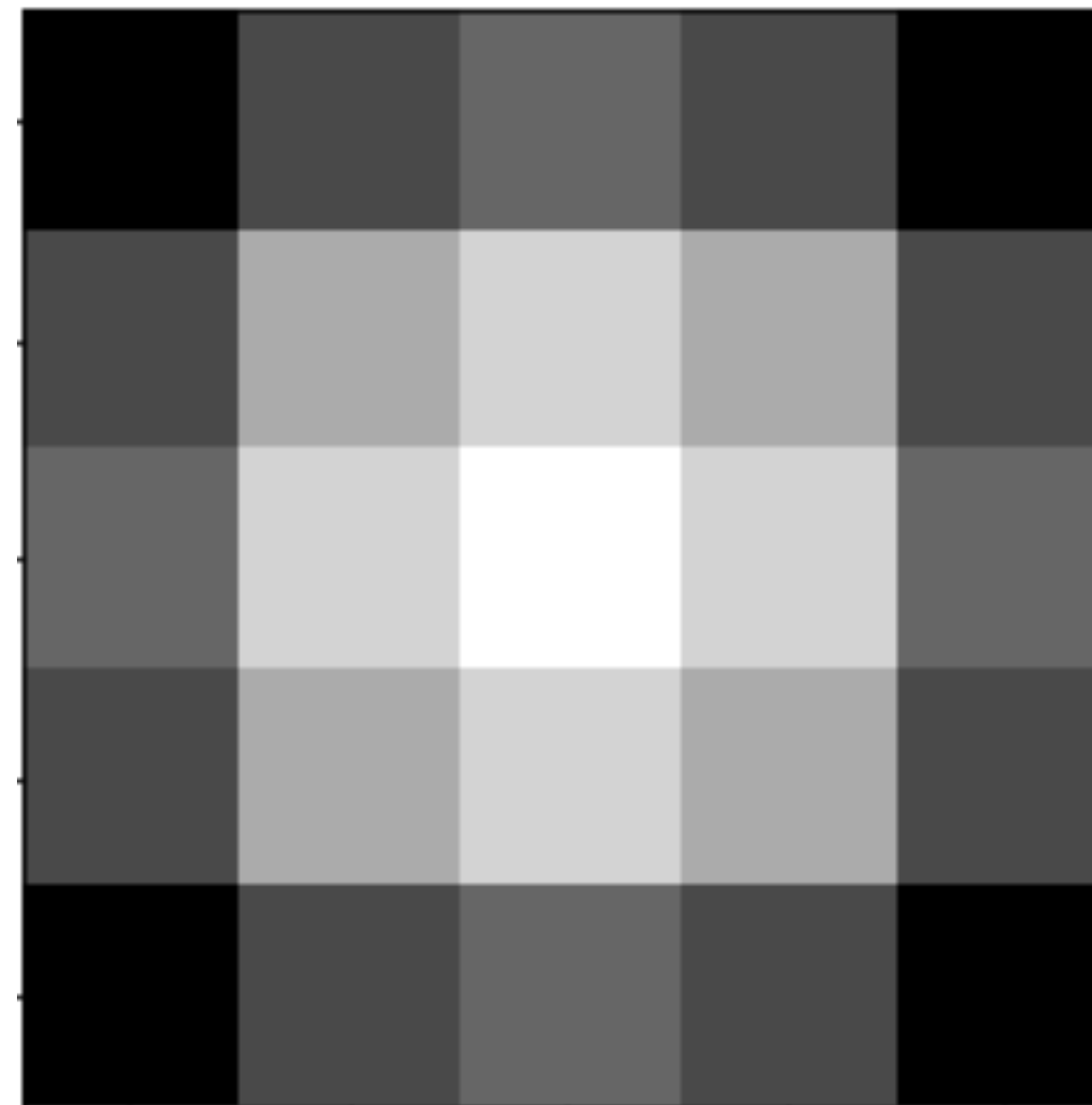
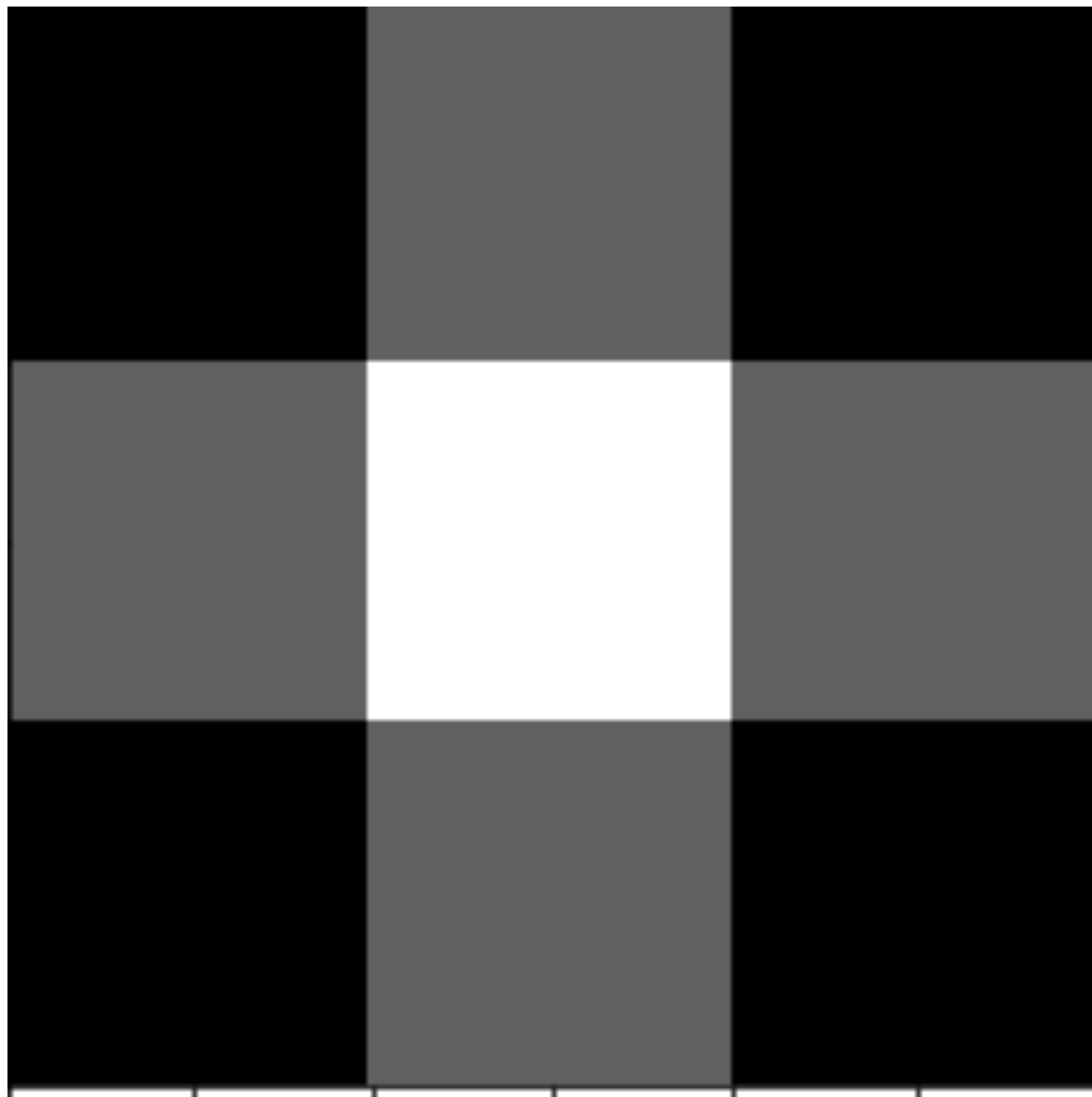
$H[u, v]$



# The size of the mask

- Bigger mask:
  - more neighbors contribute.
  - smaller noise variance of the output.
  - bigger noise spread.
  - more blurring.
  - more expensive to compute.

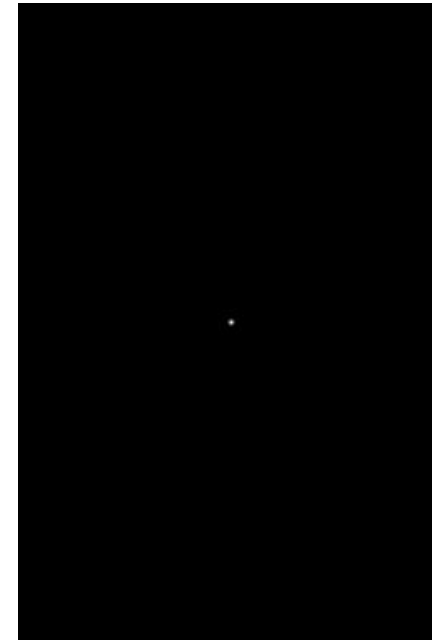
# Gaussians masks of different sizes



# Convolution with masks of different sizes



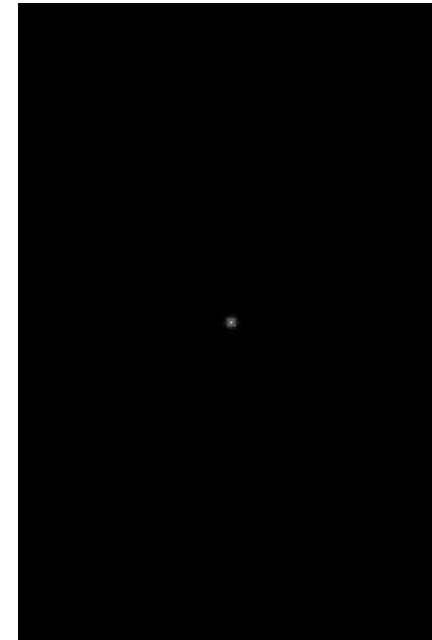
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$\sigma = 1$



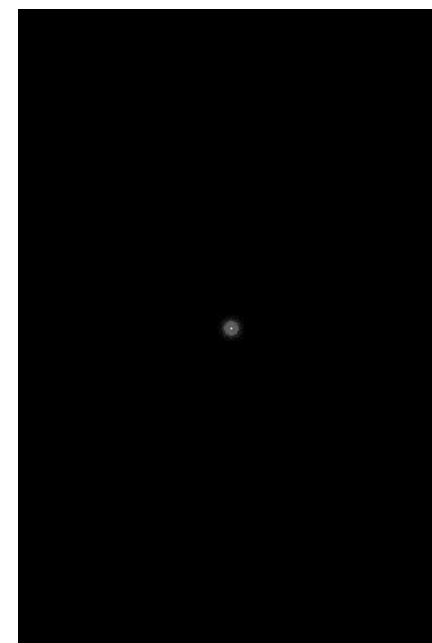
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$\sigma = 2$



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$\sigma = 3$





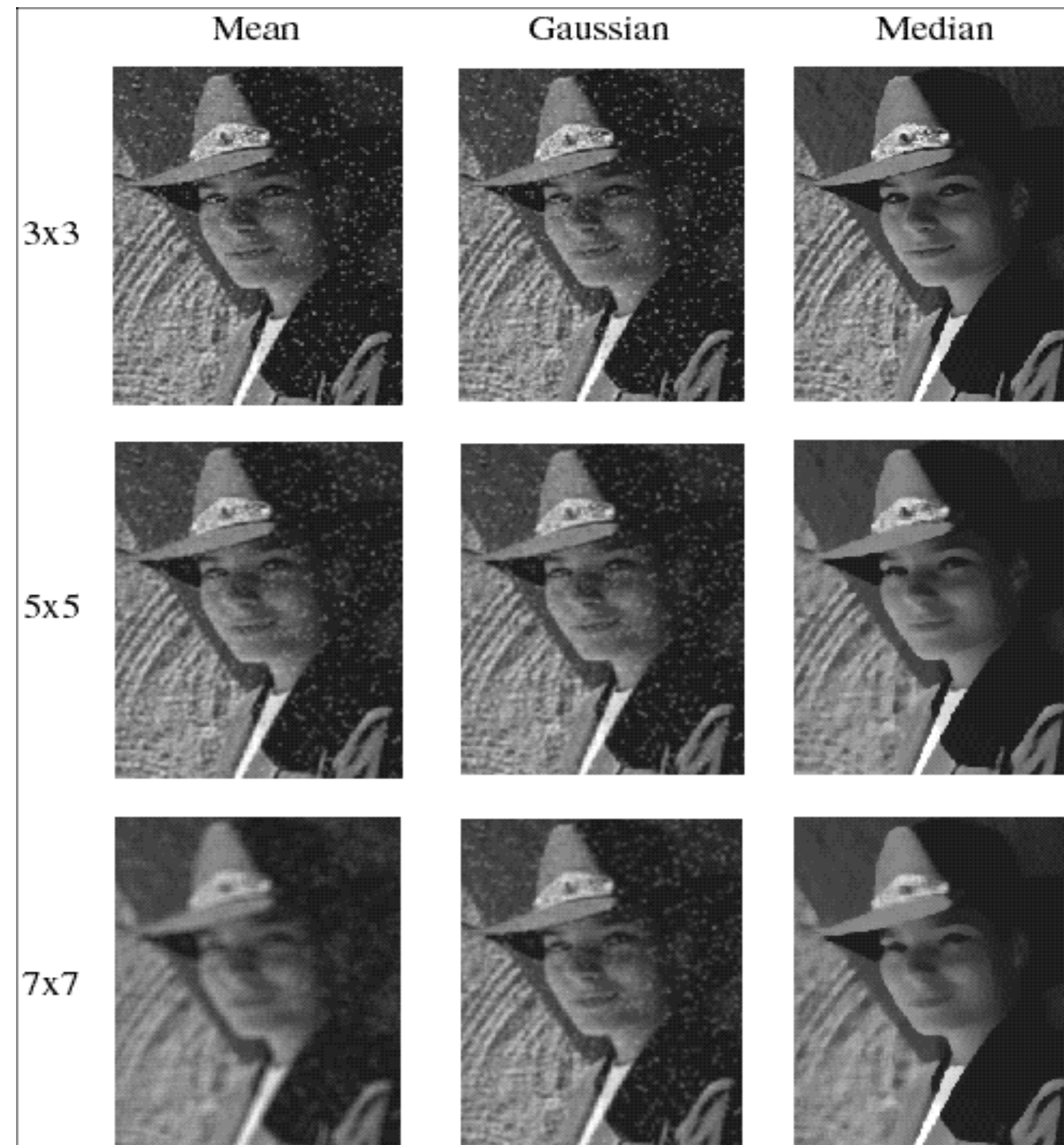
# Gaussian filters

- Remove “high-frequency” components from the image (low-pass filter)
- Convolution with self is another Gaussian
- Separable kernel
  - Factors into product of two 1D Gaussians

# Median filter



# Comparison: salt and pepper noise





# Comparison: Gaussian noise

