

# Lecture 7

## Spatial Pyramids

# Today's lecture

Problem set 2 due today

Problem set 3 released today

Reading: course notes, chapter 20

- Gaussian pyramid
  - application: recognition
  - neural network algorithms
- Laplacian pyramid
  - application in image blending
  - neural network algorithms
- Steerable pyramid
  - application in texture synthesis
  - neural network algorithms





We need translation invariance

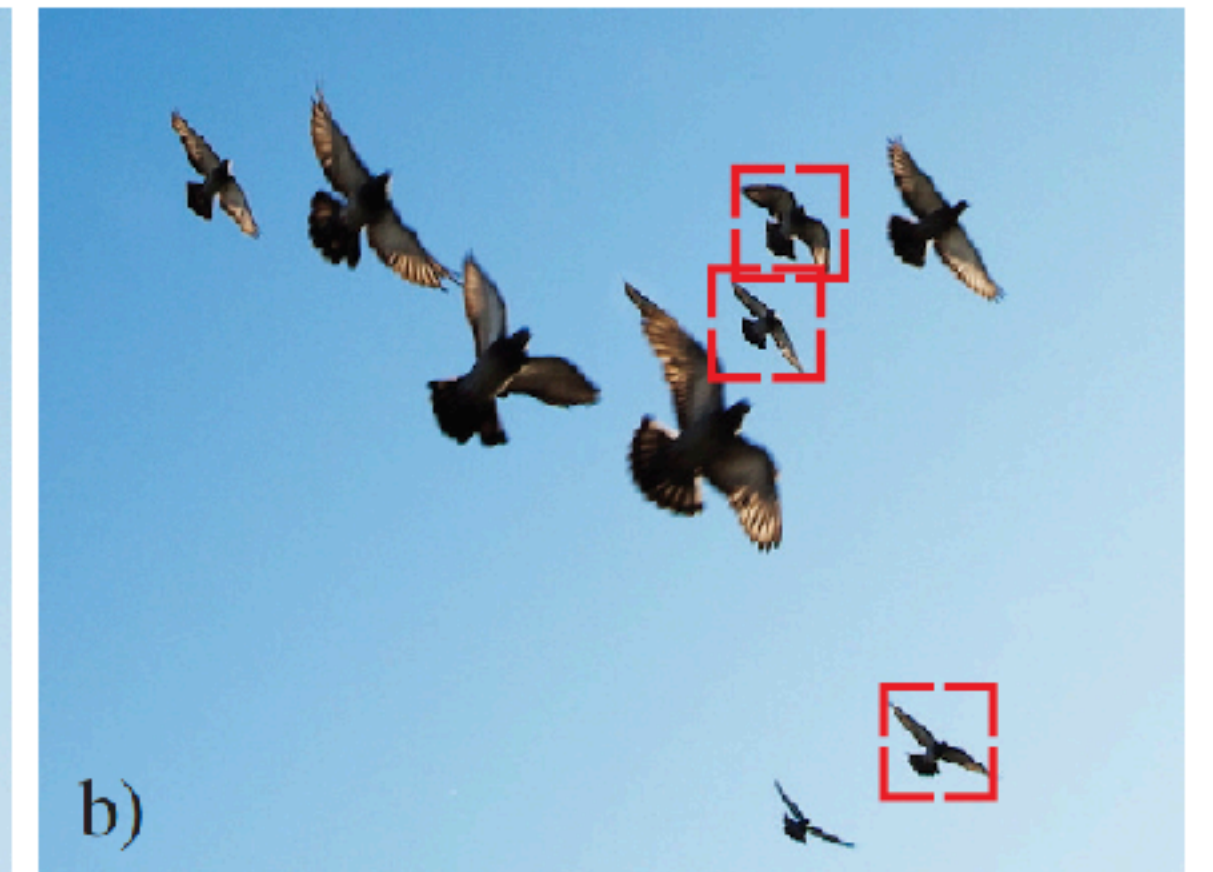
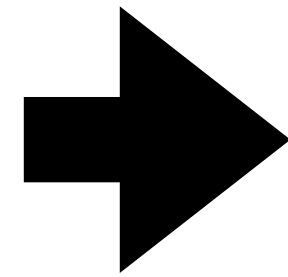




We need translation and scale invariance

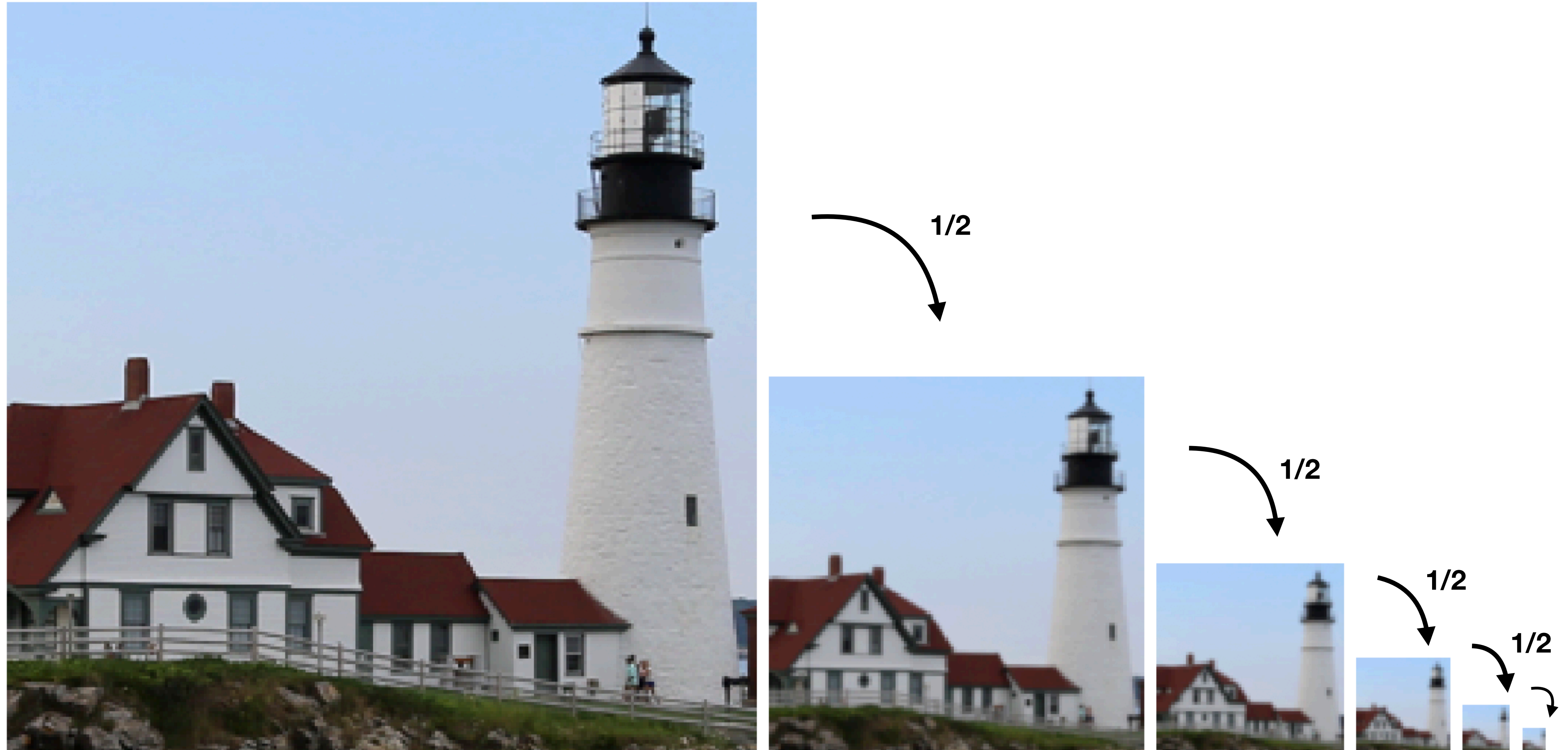


# Image pyramids



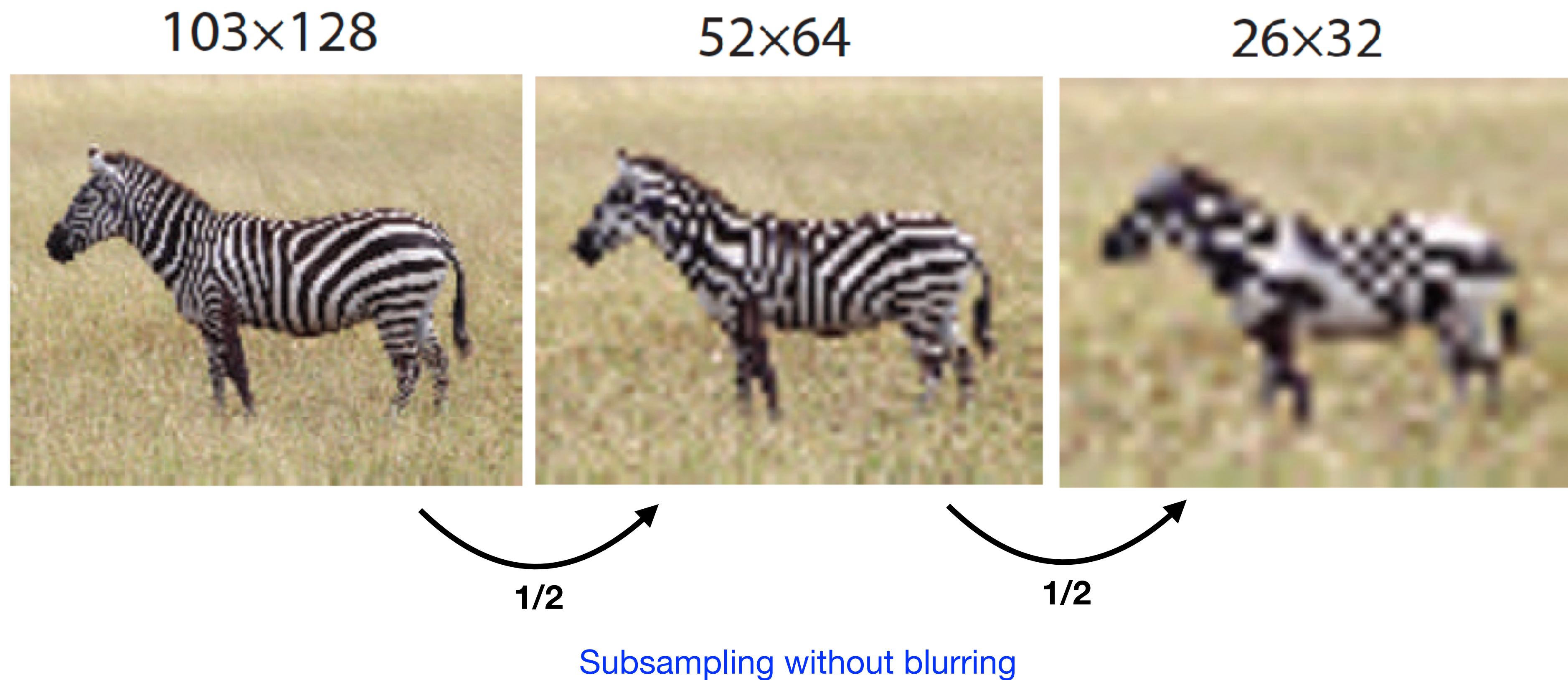


# Gaussian Pyramid





# Subsampling and aliasing



# The Gaussian pyramid

For each level

1. Blur input image with a Gaussian  
(actually, binomial) low-pass filter

$[1, 4, 6, 4, 1]$



$$\bigcirc [1, 4, 6, 4, 1] \bigcirc \begin{array}{c} [1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 1] \end{array} \longrightarrow$$

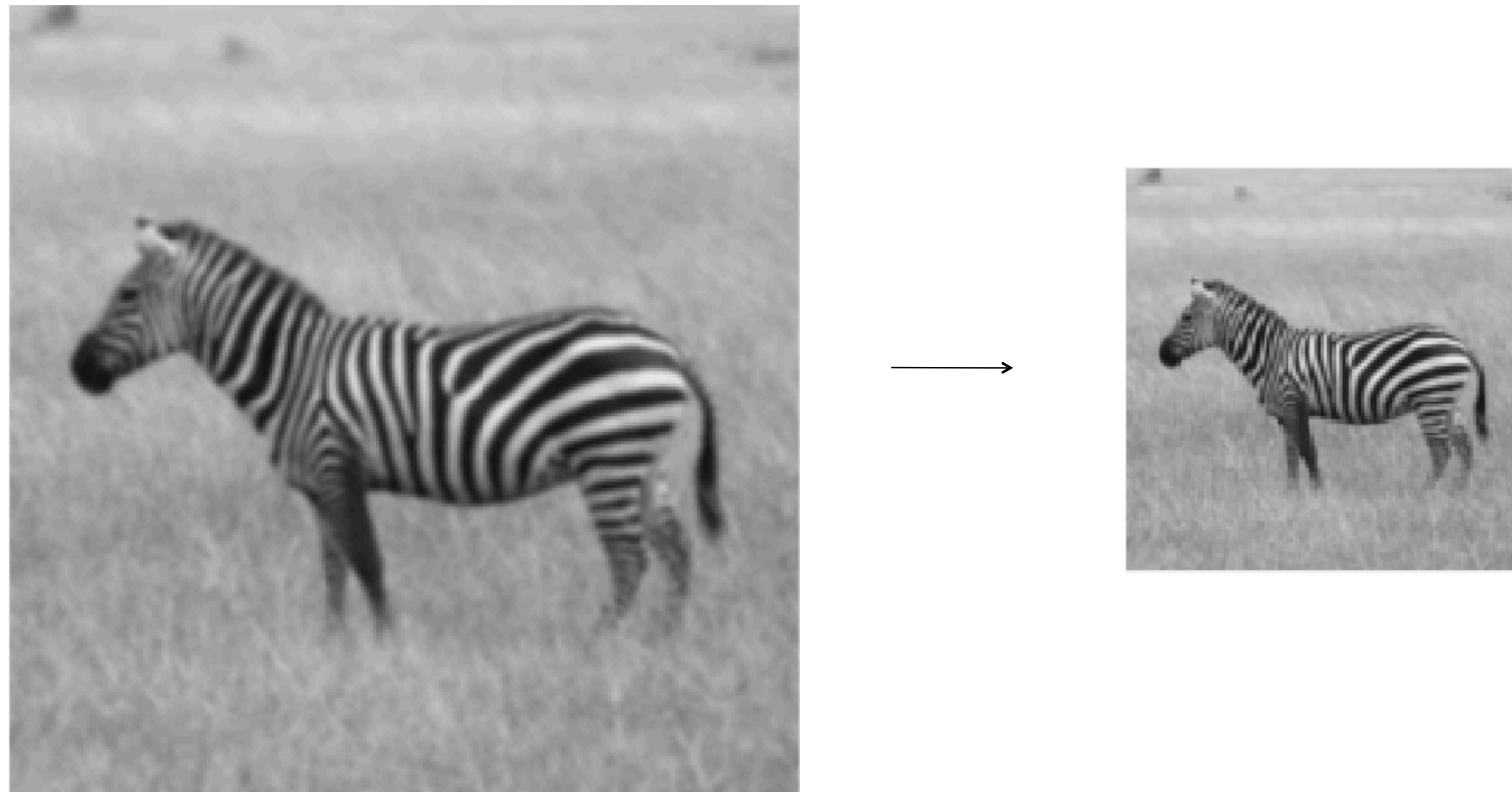




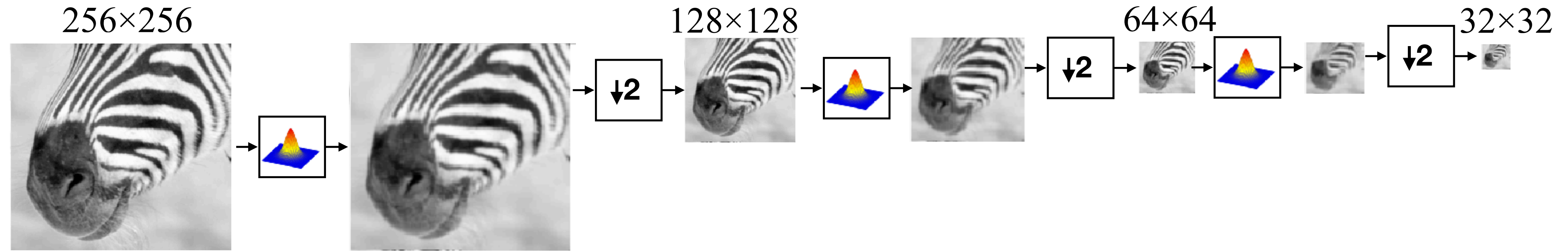
# The Gaussian pyramid

For each level

1. Blur input image with a Gaussian filter
2. Downsample image



# The Gaussian pyramid





# The Gaussian pyramid

512×512

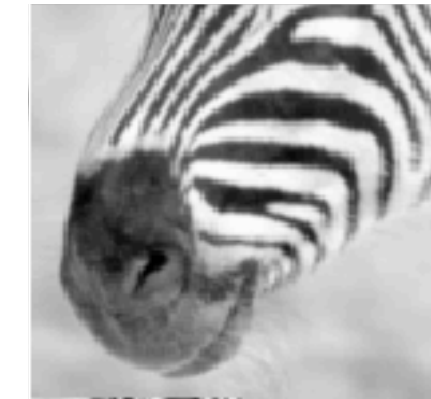


(original image)

256×256



128×128



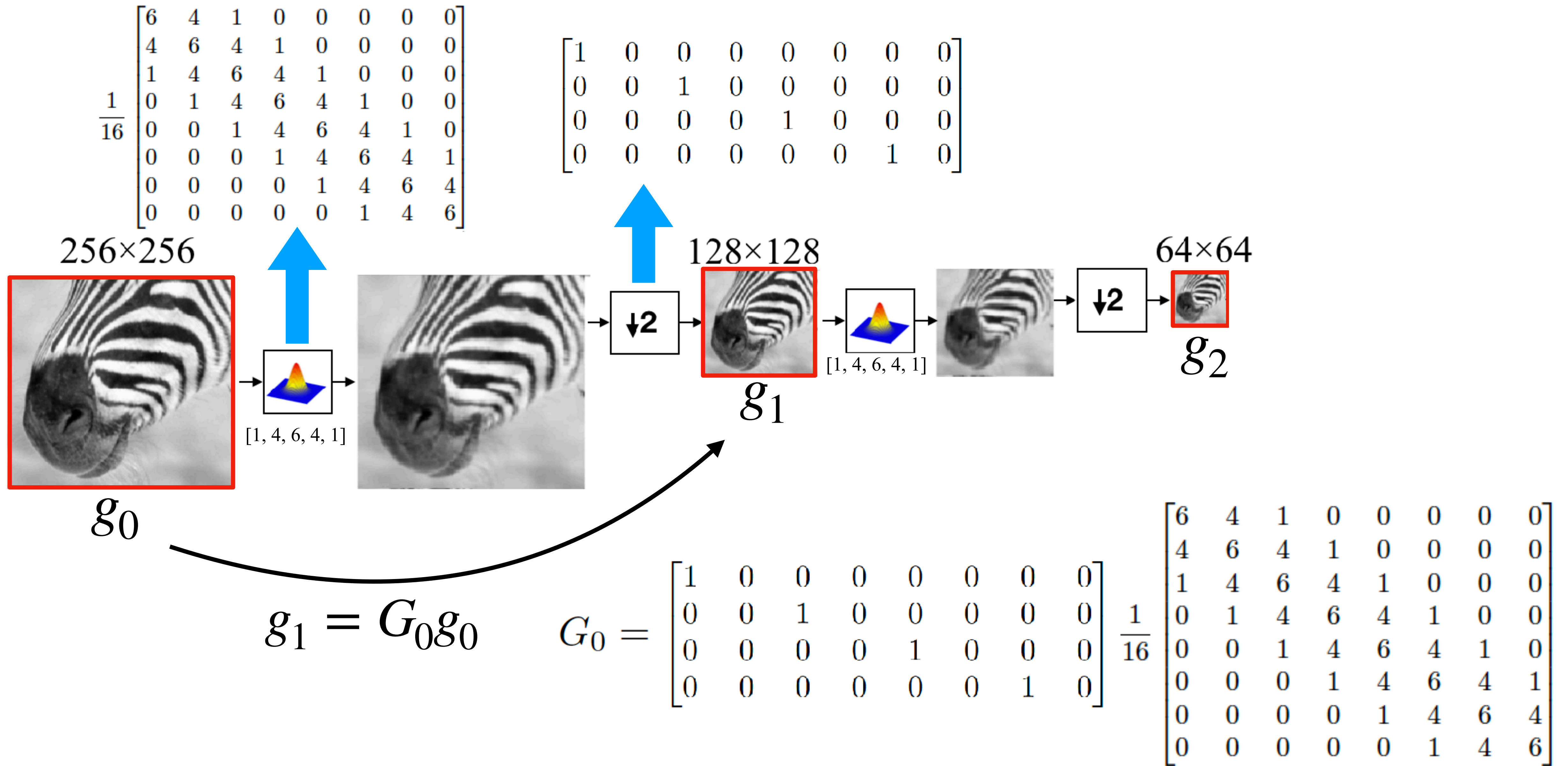
64×64



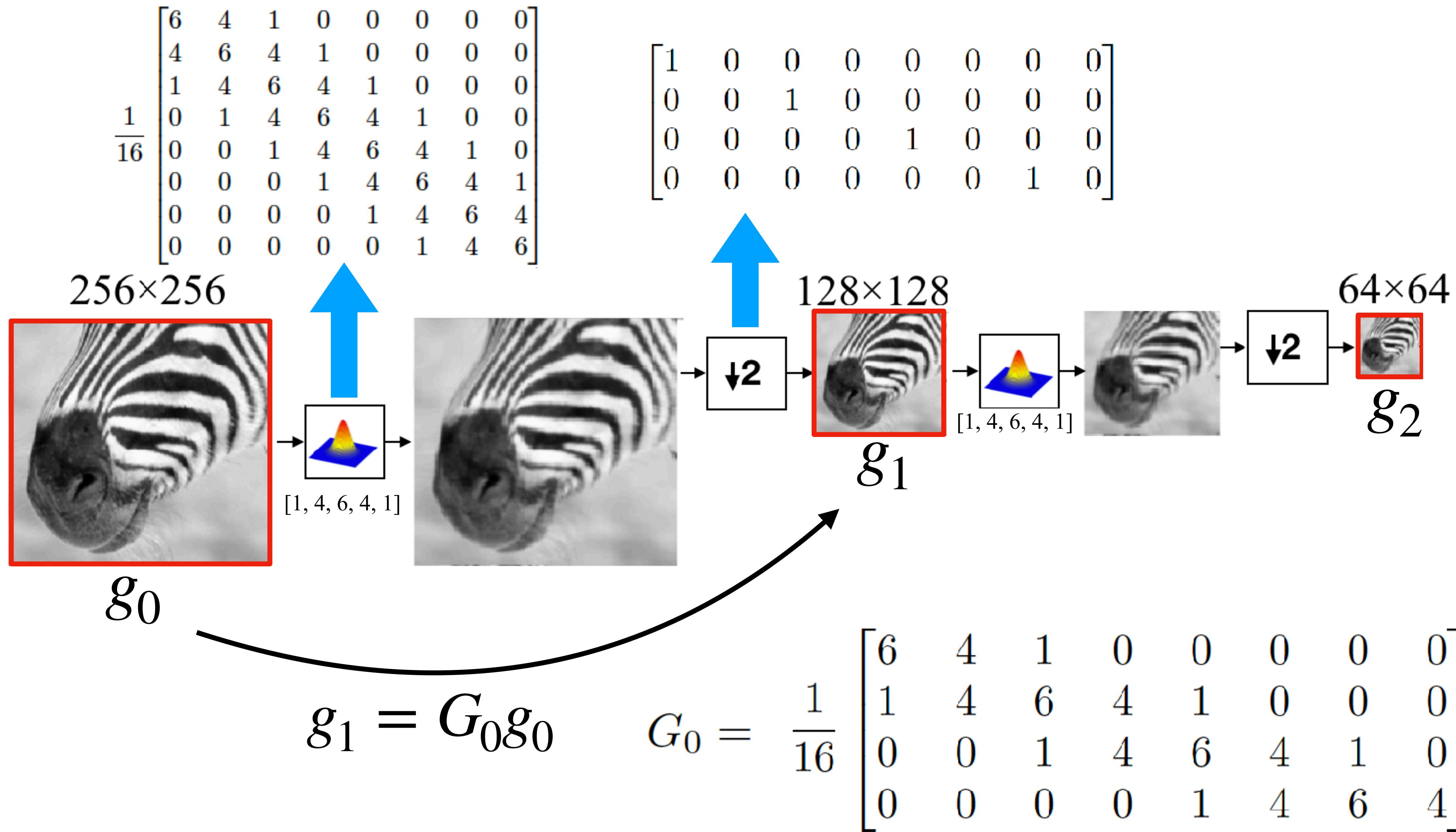
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# The Gaussian pyramid operators, in matrix form

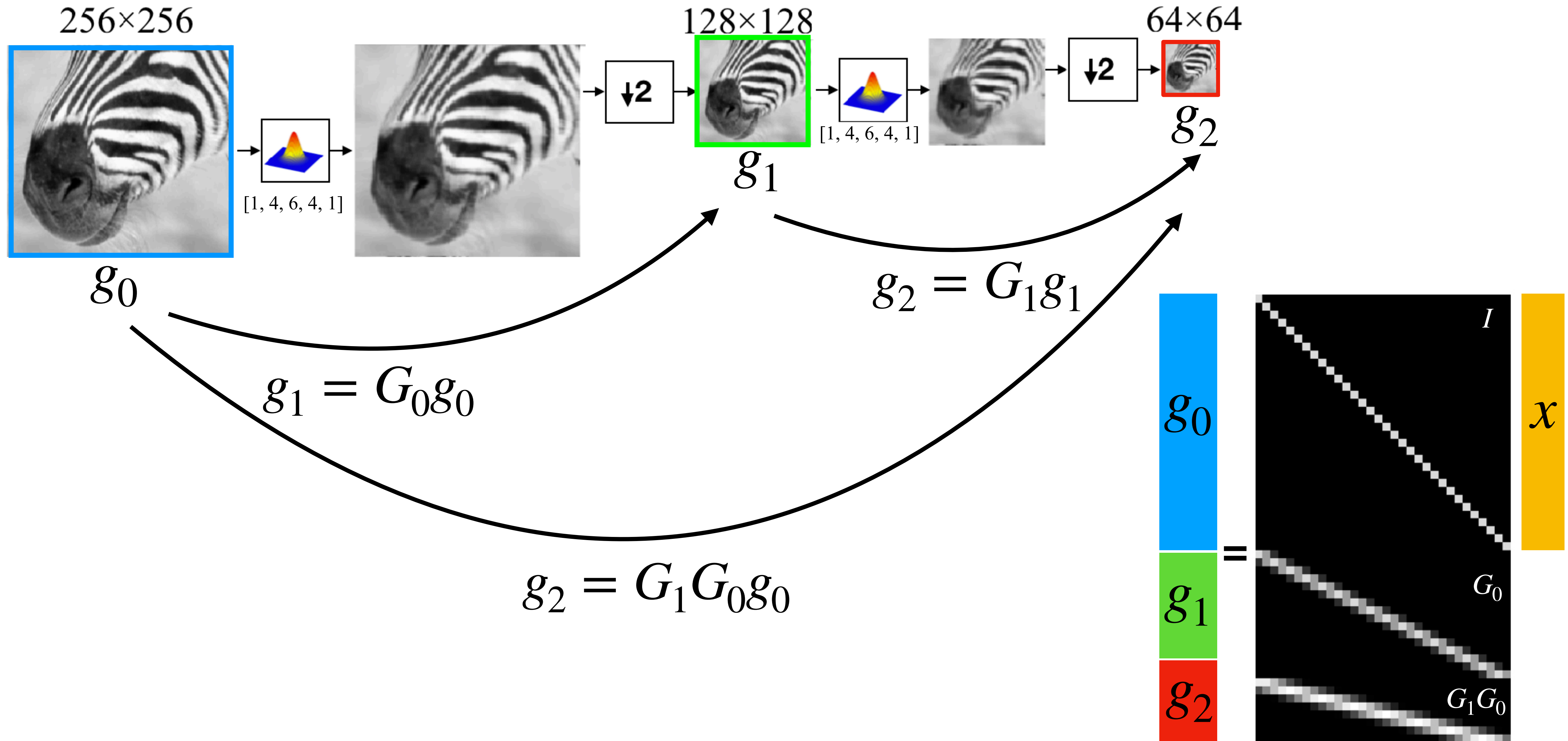


# The Gaussian pyramid operators, in matrix form

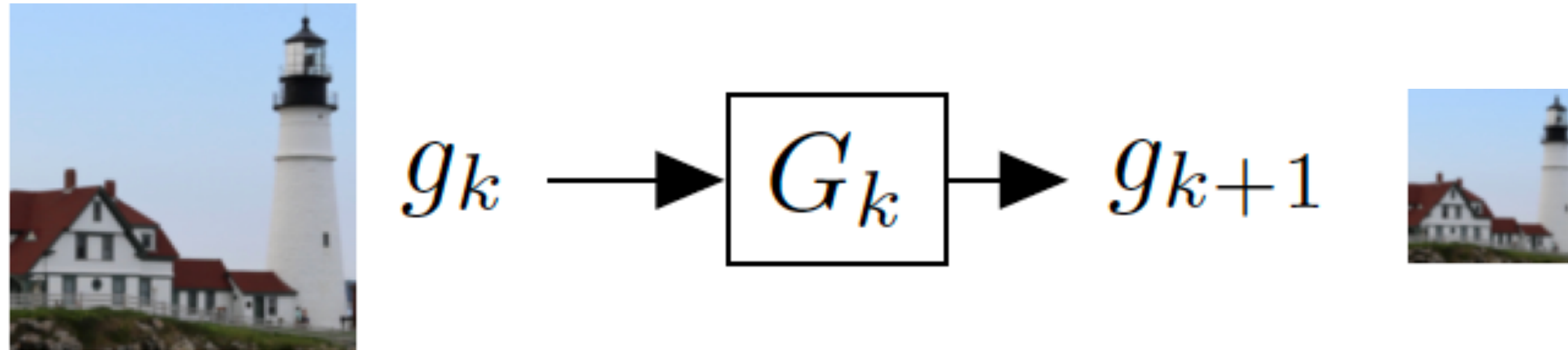




# The Gaussian pyramid as a matrix multiplication



# The Gaussian pyramid summary



For each level

1. Blur input image with a Gaussian filter
2. Downsample image

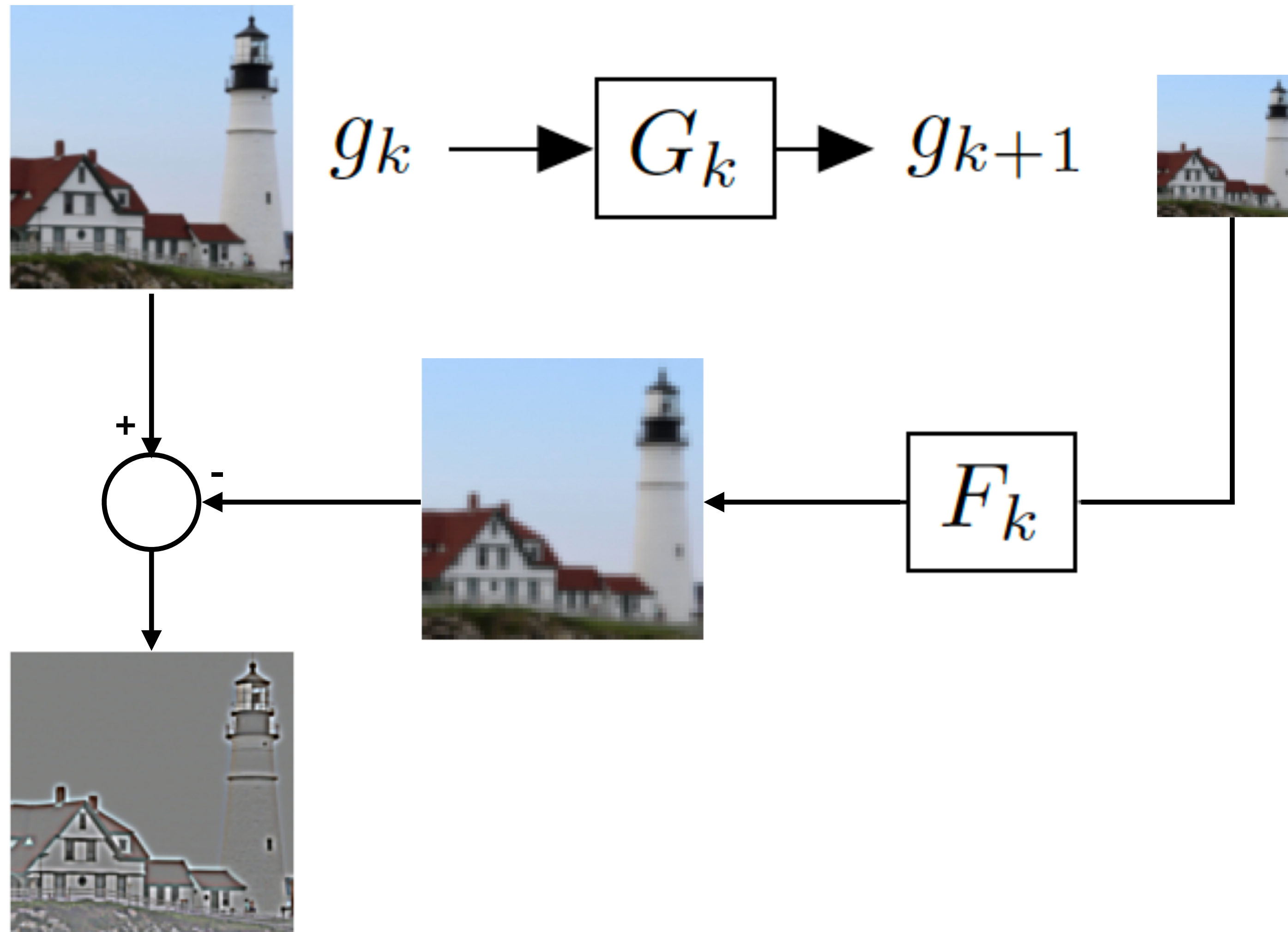
# Gaussian pyramid applications

- Object recognition
- Neural Network image synthesis

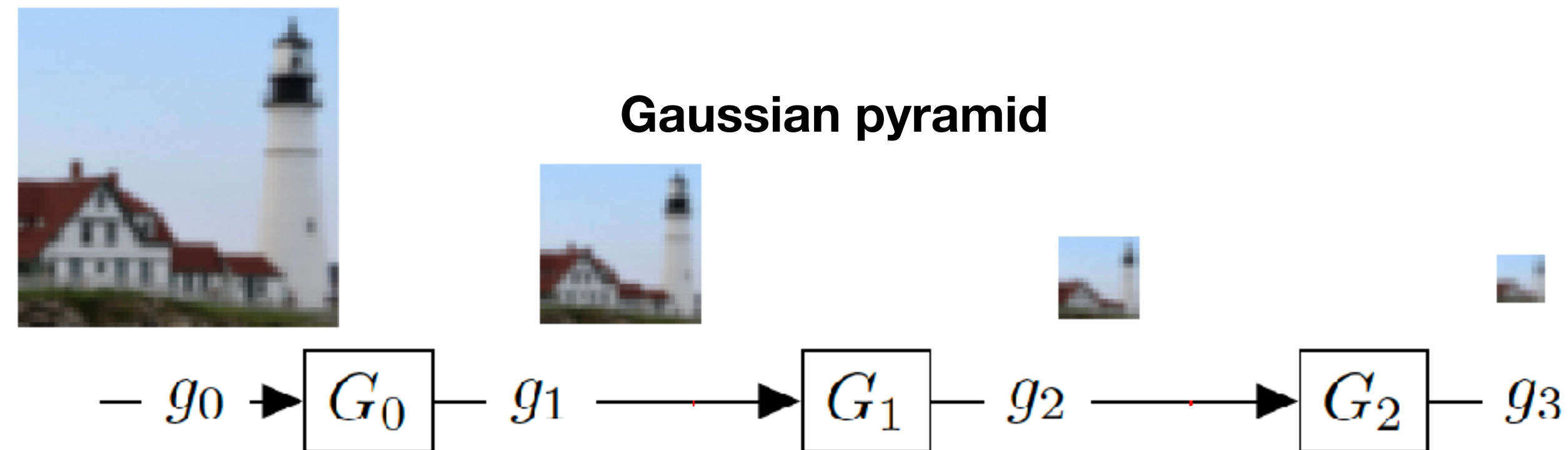


# The Laplacian Pyramid

Compute the difference between upsampled Gaussian pyramid level  $k+1$  and Gaussian pyramid level  $k$ .

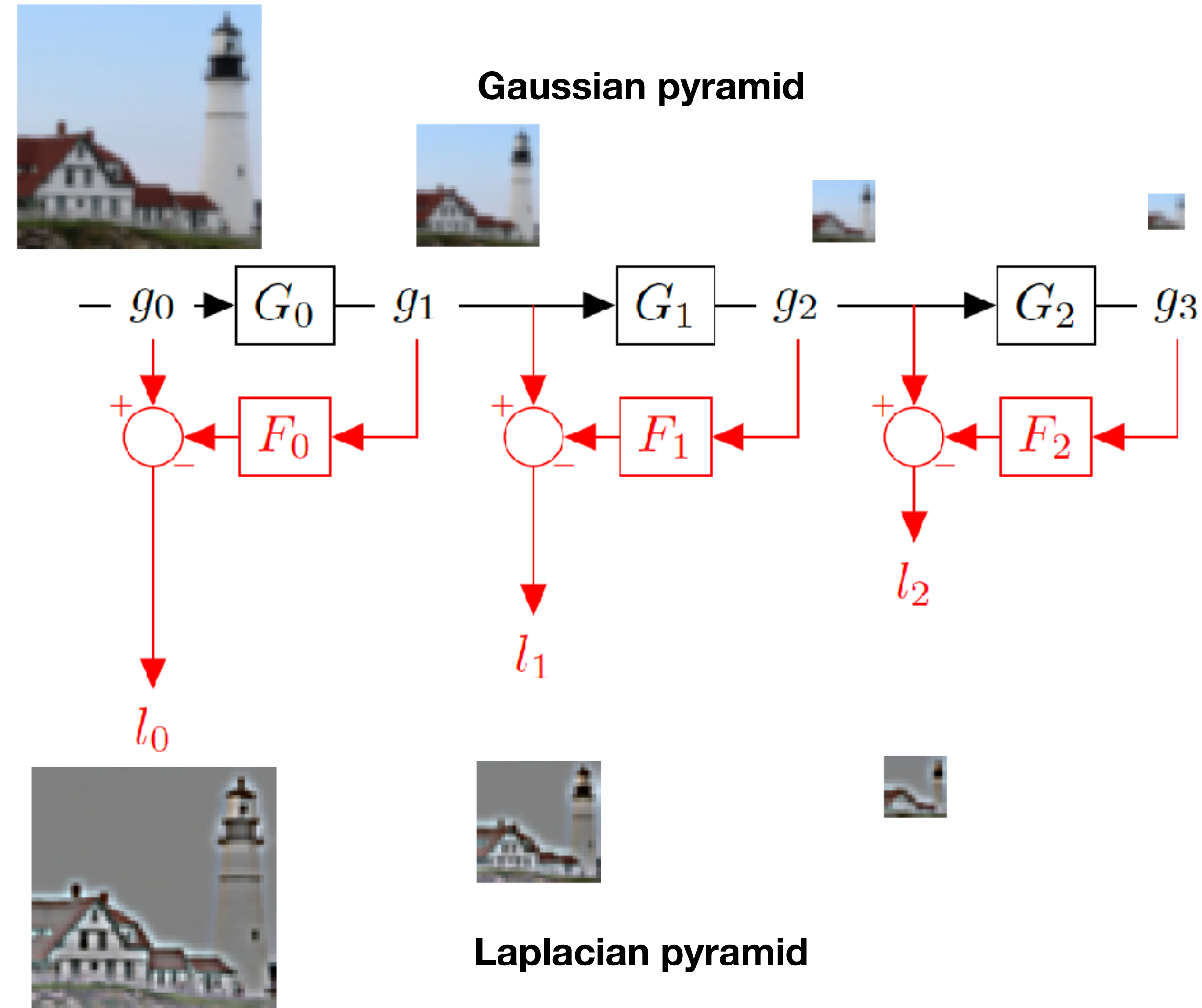


# The Laplacian Pyramid

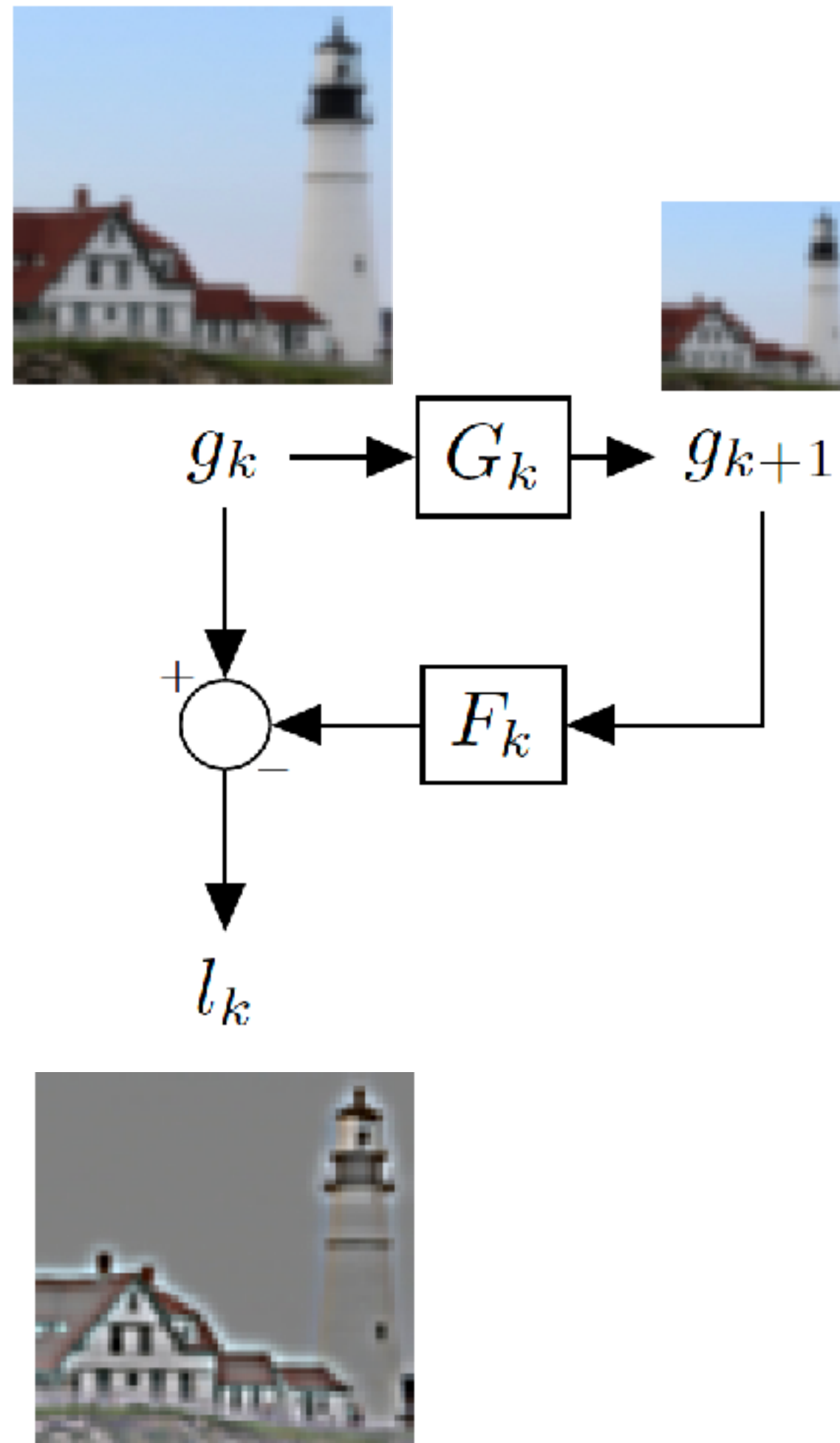




# The Laplacian Pyramid



# The Laplacian Pyramid operators in matrix form



**Blurring and downsampling:**

$$G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{16}$$

(Downsampling by 2)

**Upsampling and blurring:**

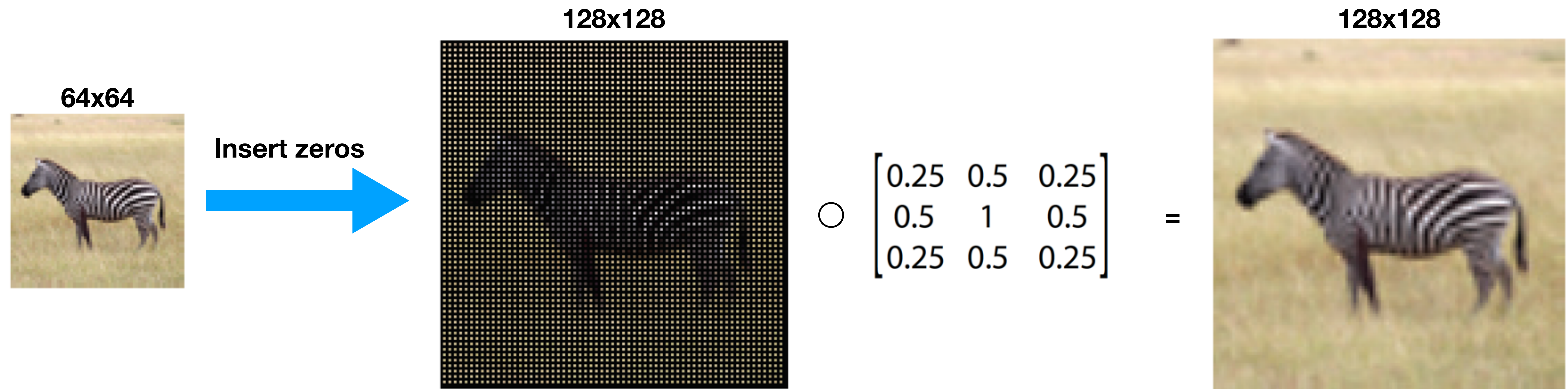
$$F_0 =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

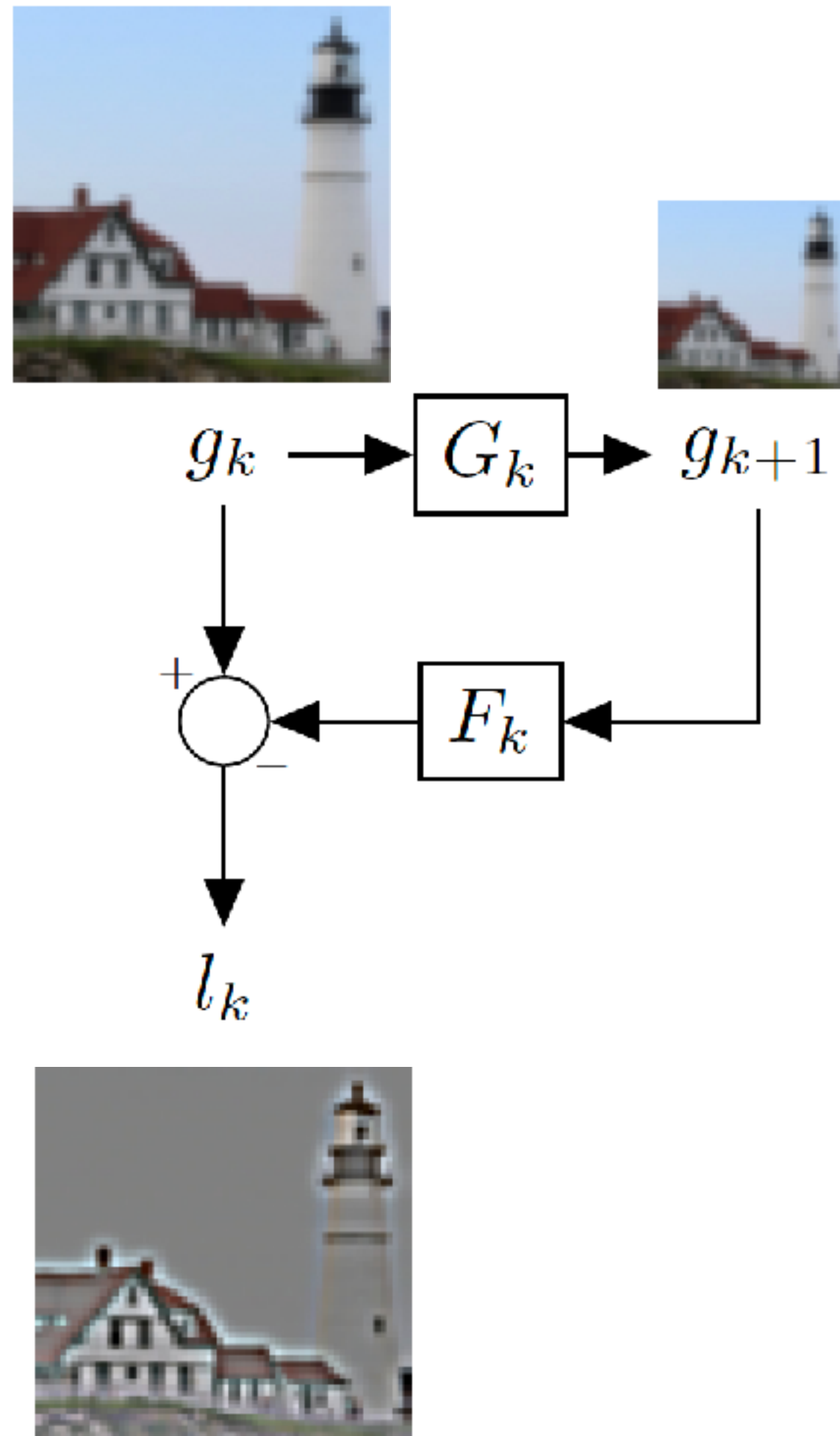
(blur)



# Upsampling



# The Laplacian Pyramid operators in matrix form



**Blurring and downsampling:**

$$G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Downsampling by 2) (blur)

**Upsampling and blurring:**

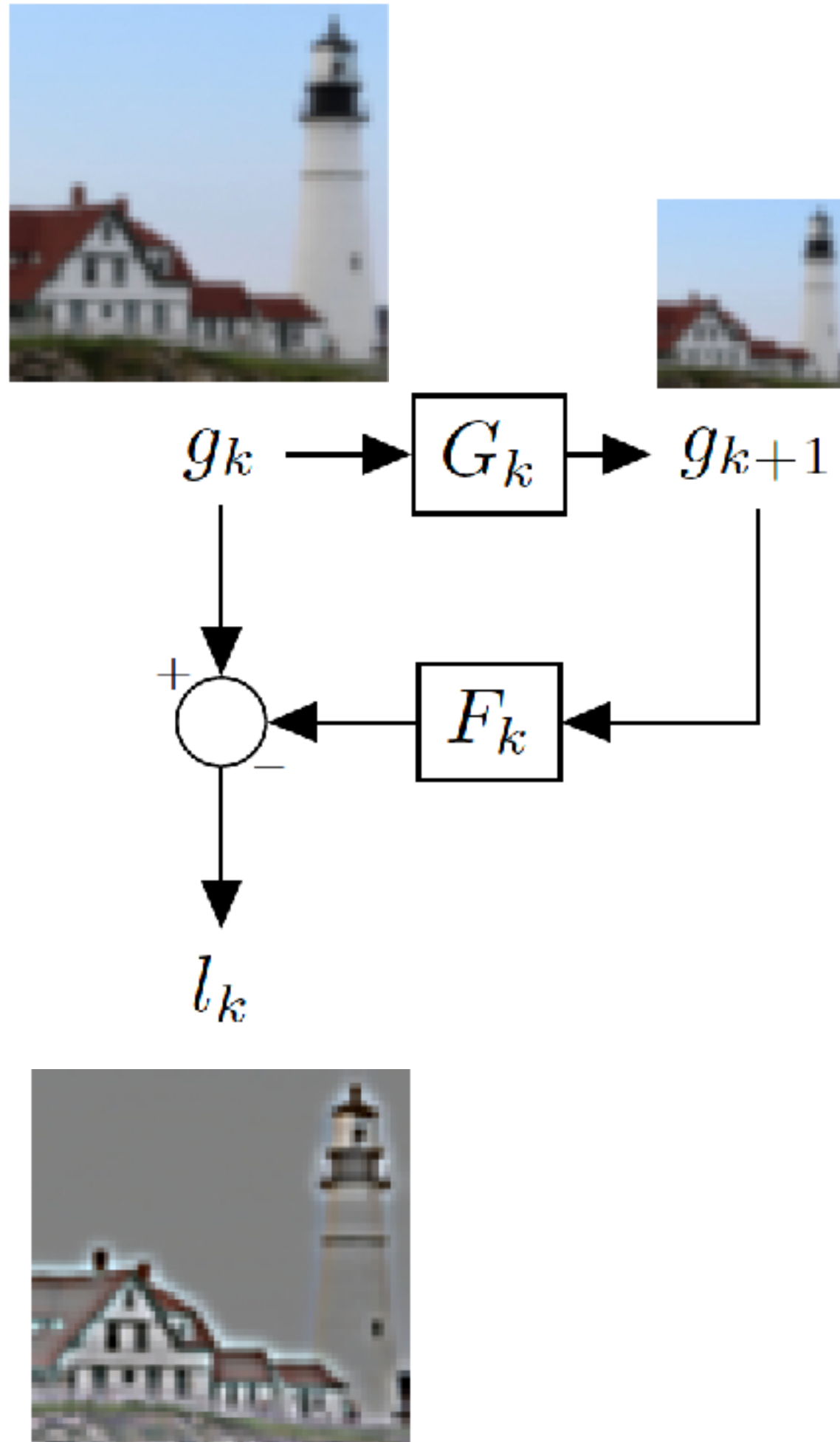
$$F_0 = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(blur) (Upsampling by 2)

$$l_0 = (I_0 - F_0 G_0) g_0$$



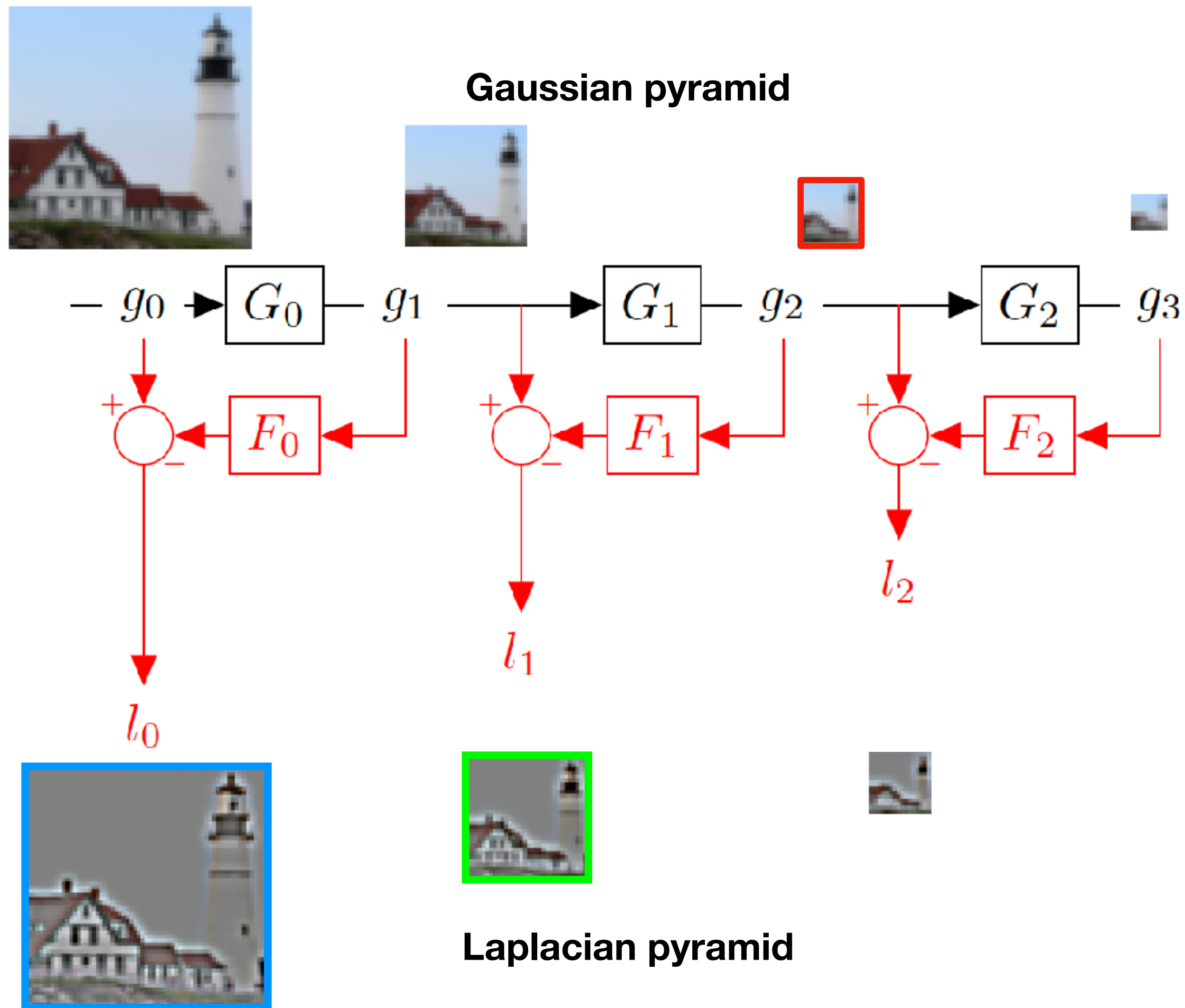
# The Laplacian Pyramid



$$l_0 = (I_0 - F_0 G_0) g_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{256} \begin{bmatrix} 182 & -56 & -24 & -8 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -56 & 192 & -56 & -32 & -8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -24 & -56 & 180 & -56 & -24 & -8 & -2 & 0 \\ -8 & -32 & -56 & 192 & -56 & -32 & -8 & 0 \\ -2 & -8 & -24 & -56 & 180 & -56 & -24 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & -32 & -56 & 192 & -56 & -32 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -8 & -24 & -56 & 182 & -48 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -8 & -32 & -48 & 224 \end{bmatrix} x$$

# The Laplacian Pyramid shown in matrix form



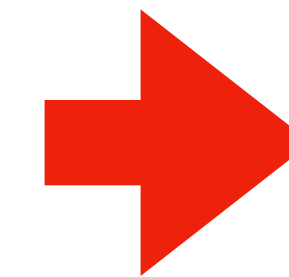
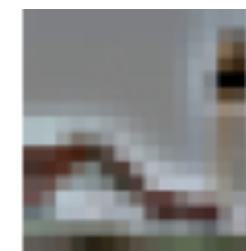
$$\begin{bmatrix} l_0 \\ l_1 \\ g_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{diagonal} \\ \text{diagonal} \\ \text{diagonal} \end{bmatrix} x$$



# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid

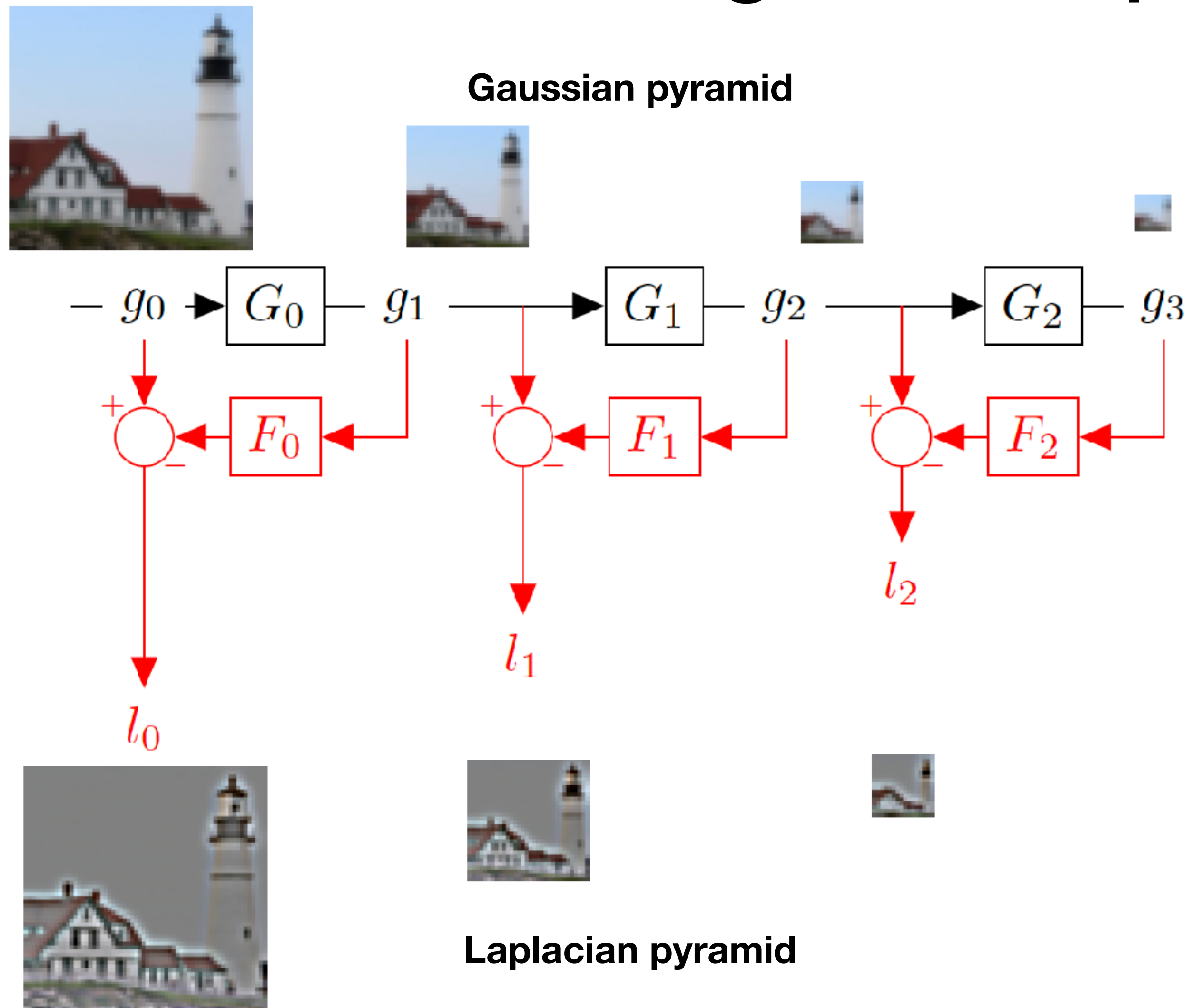


Laplacian pyramid



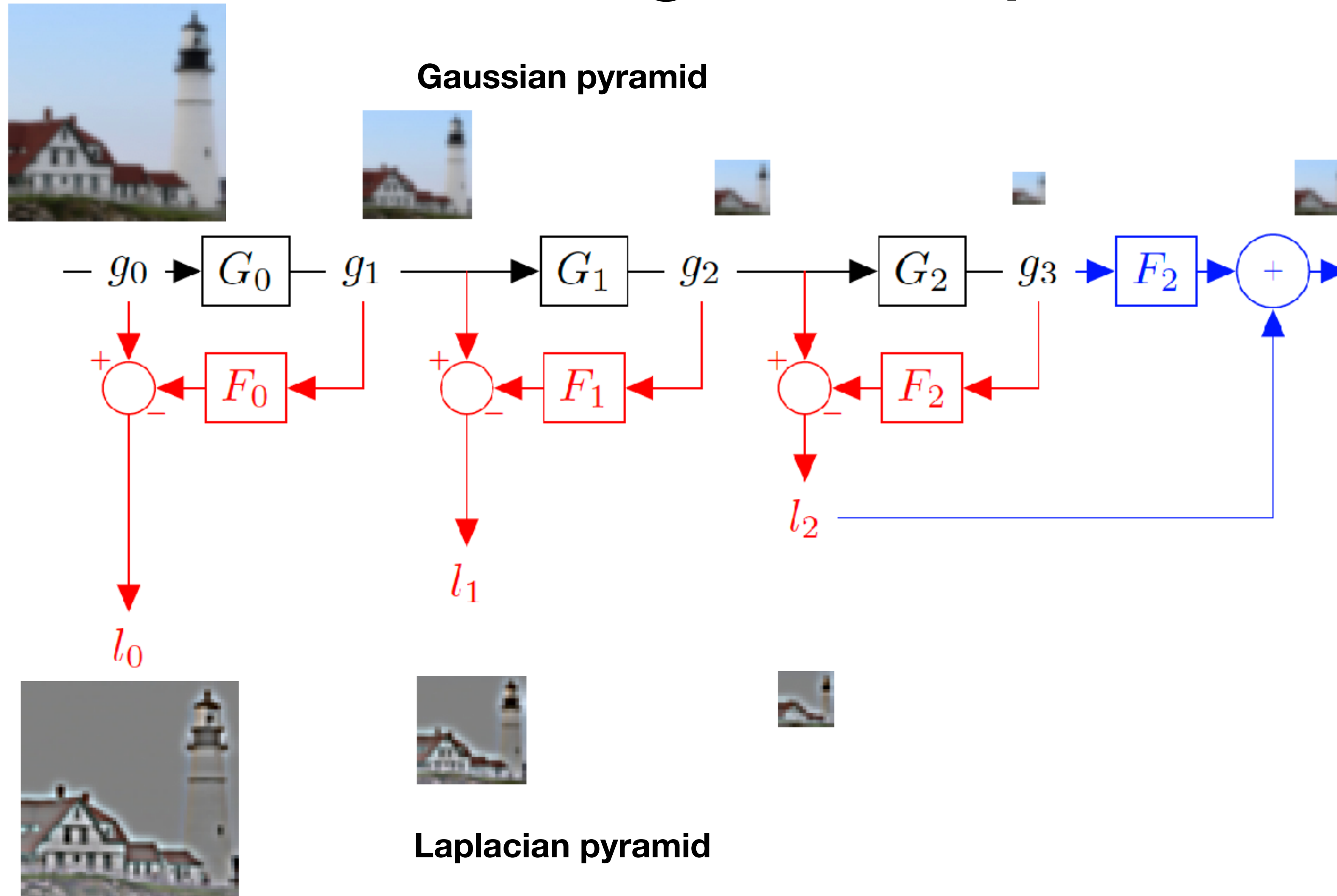
Can we invert the  
Laplacian Pyramid?

# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid

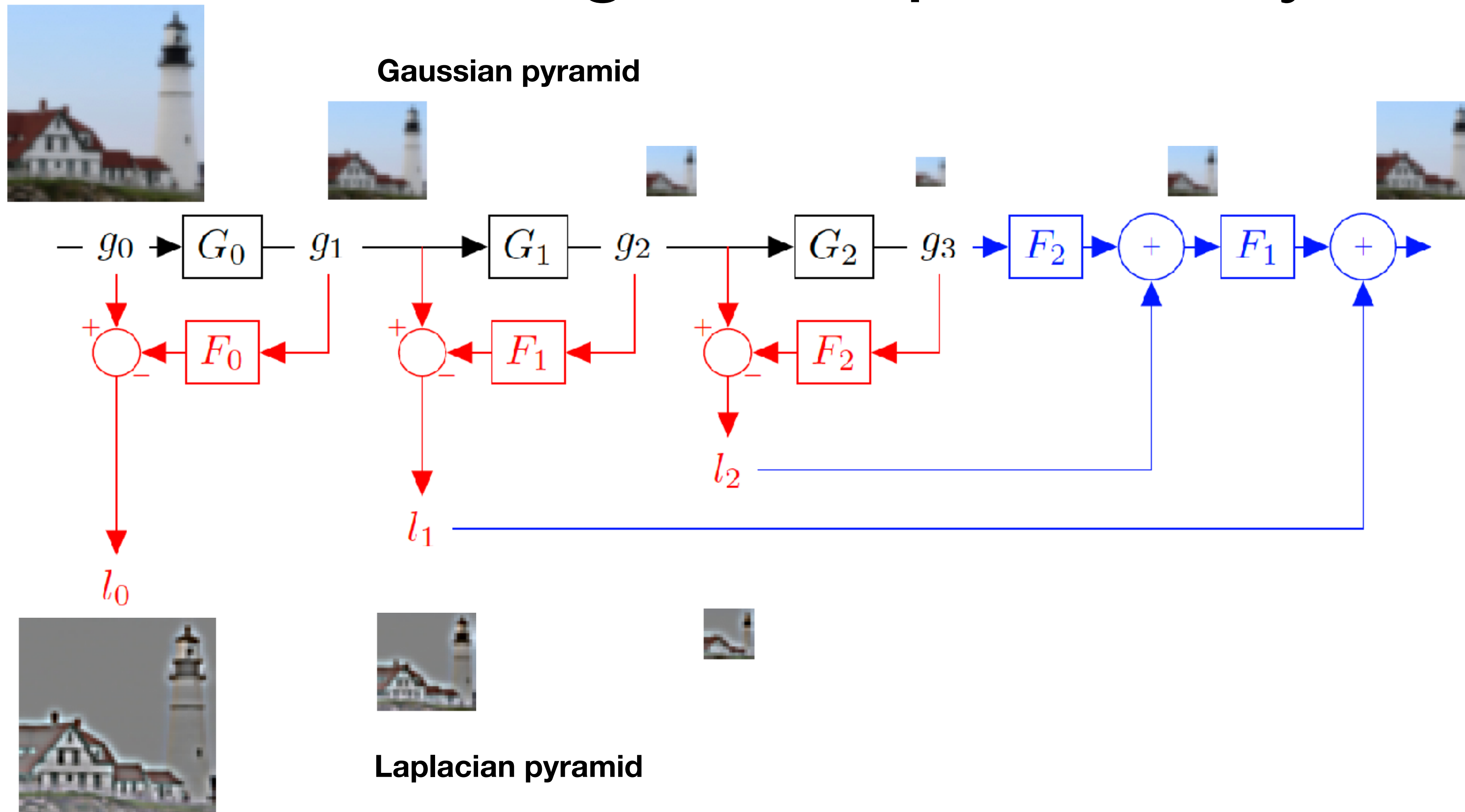




# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid

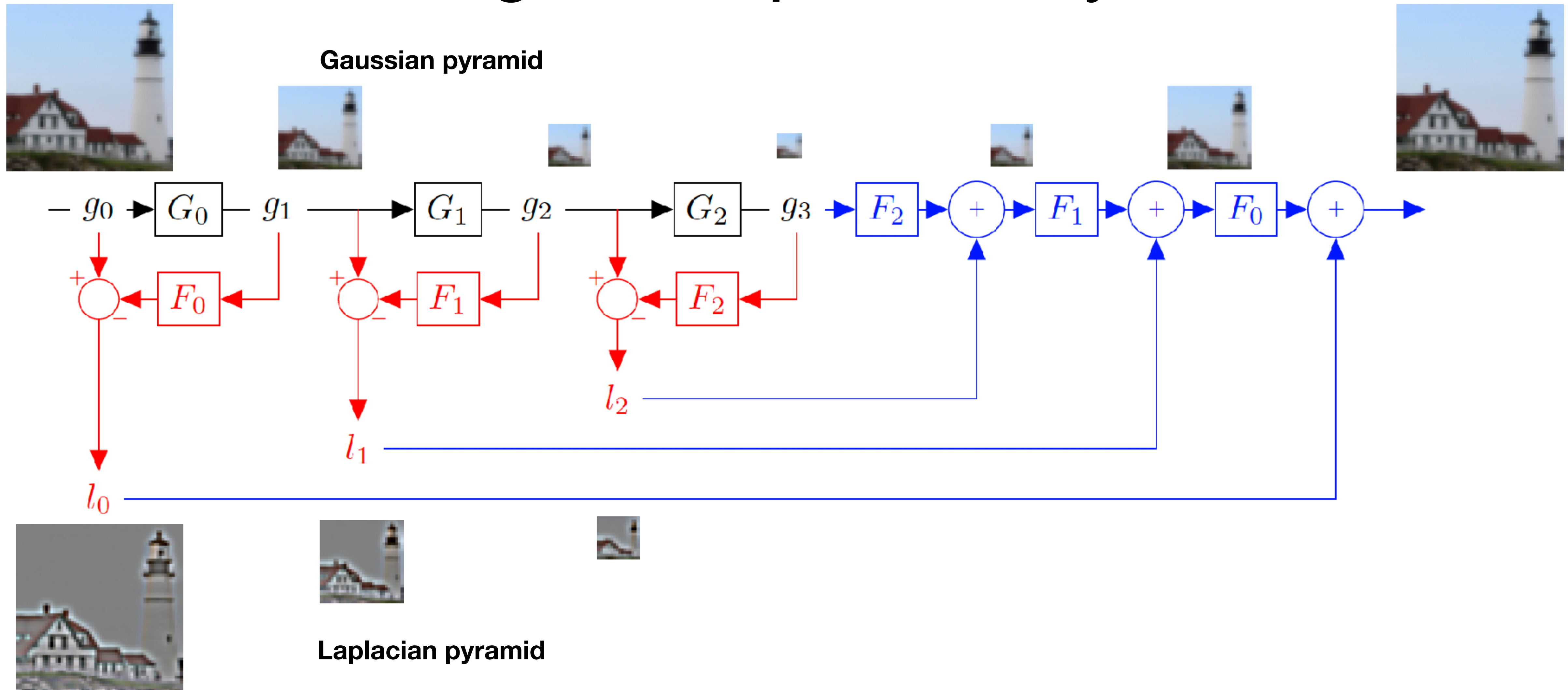


# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid



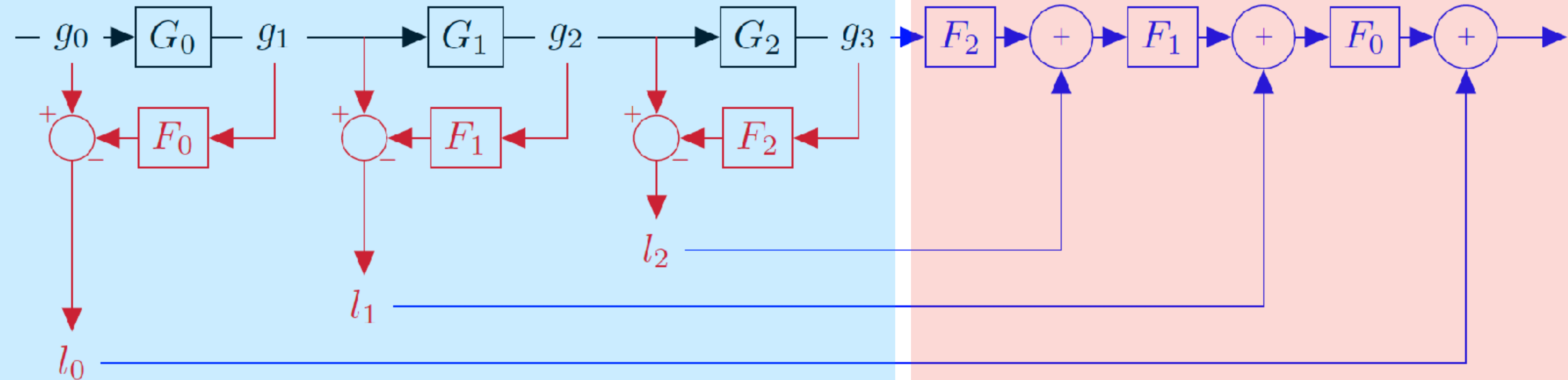


# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid



# Inverting the Laplacian Pyramid

Gaussian pyramid



Laplacian pyramid

Analysis/Encoder

Synthesis/Decoder



# Laplacian pyramid applications

- Texture synthesis
- Image compression
- Noise removal
- Computing image features (e.g., SIFT)
- Image Blending...



# Image Blending





# Image Blending





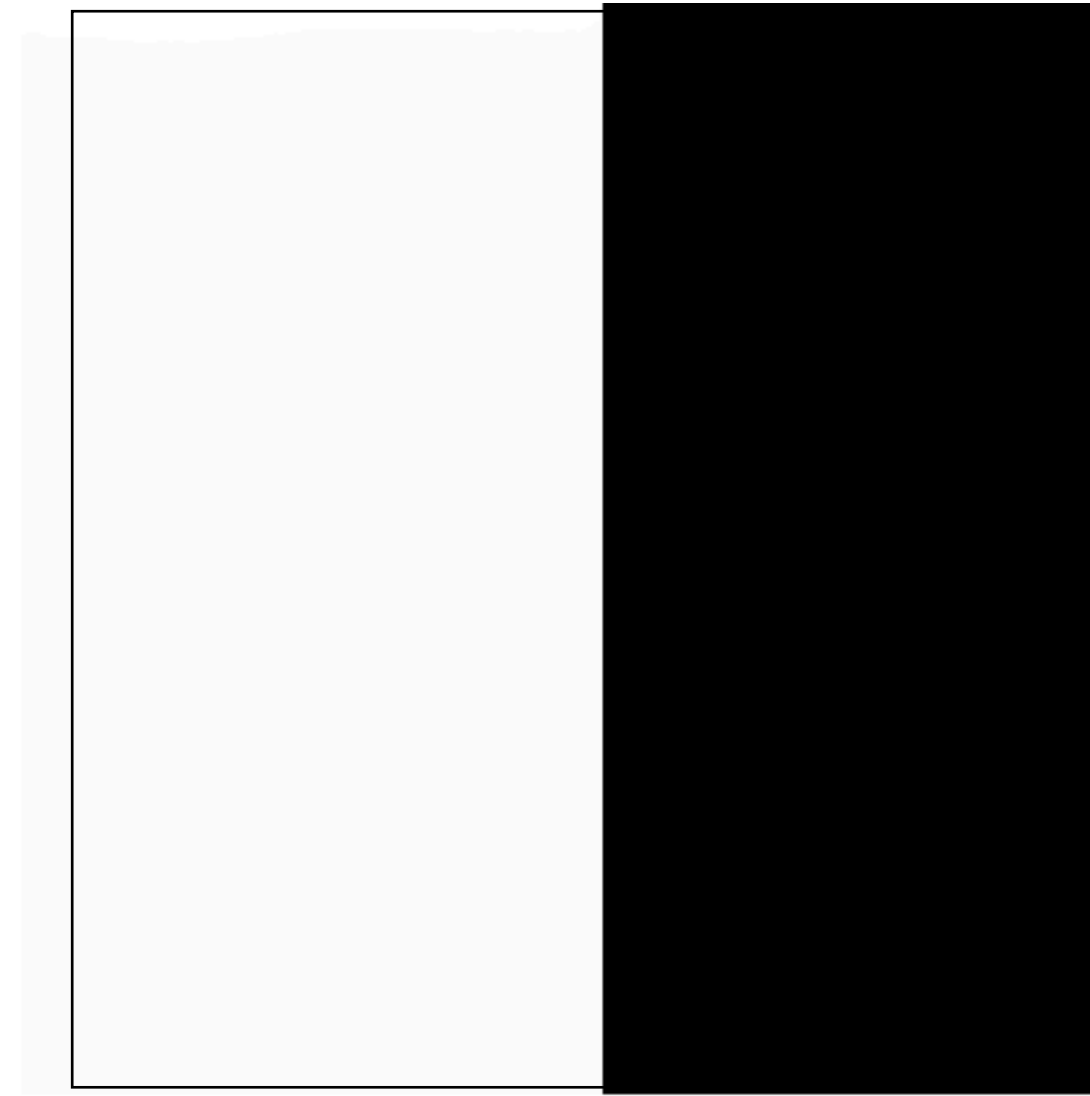
# Image Blending



$I^A$



$I^B$



$m$



$I$

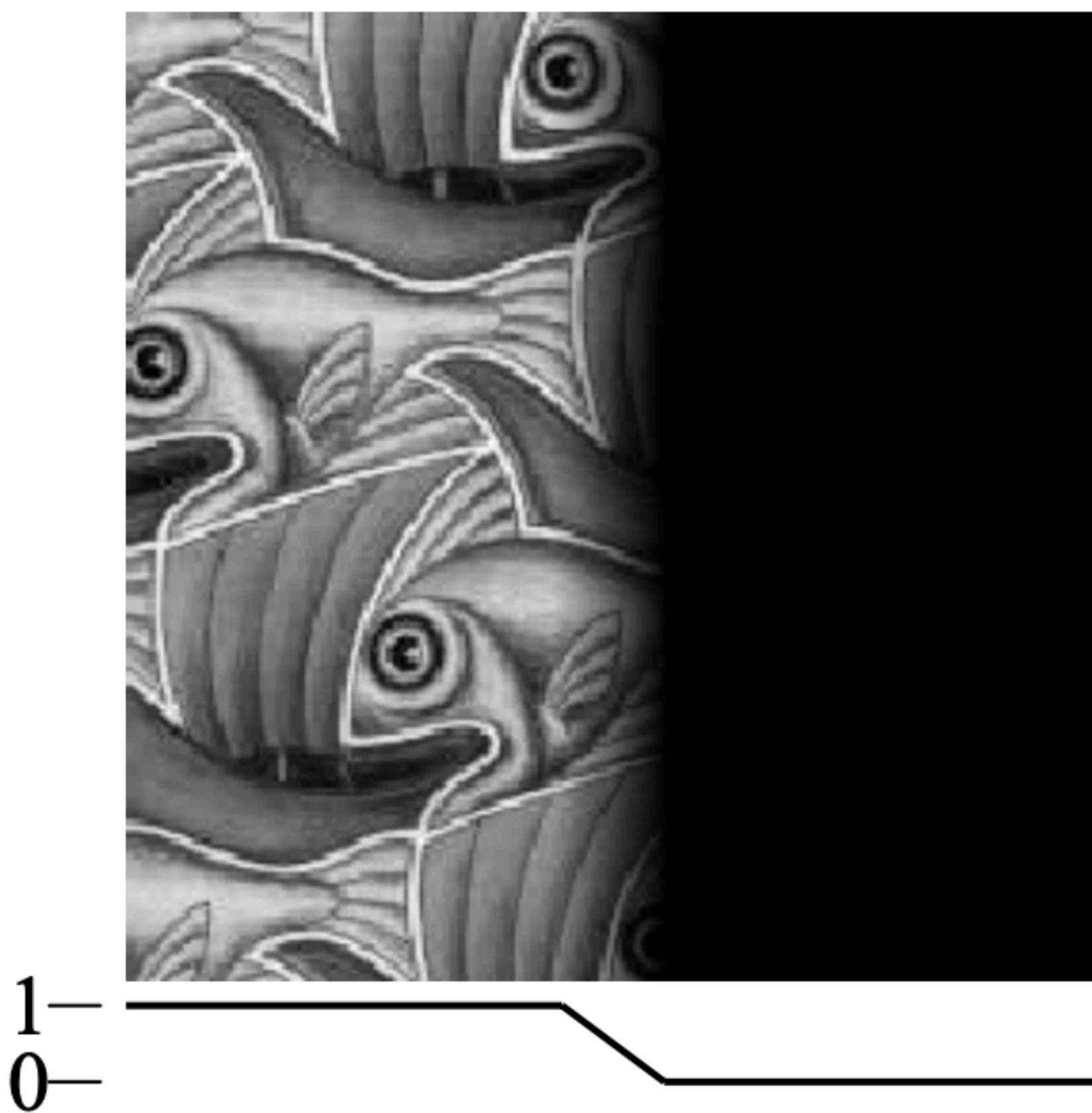
$$I = m * I^A + (1 - m) * I^B$$



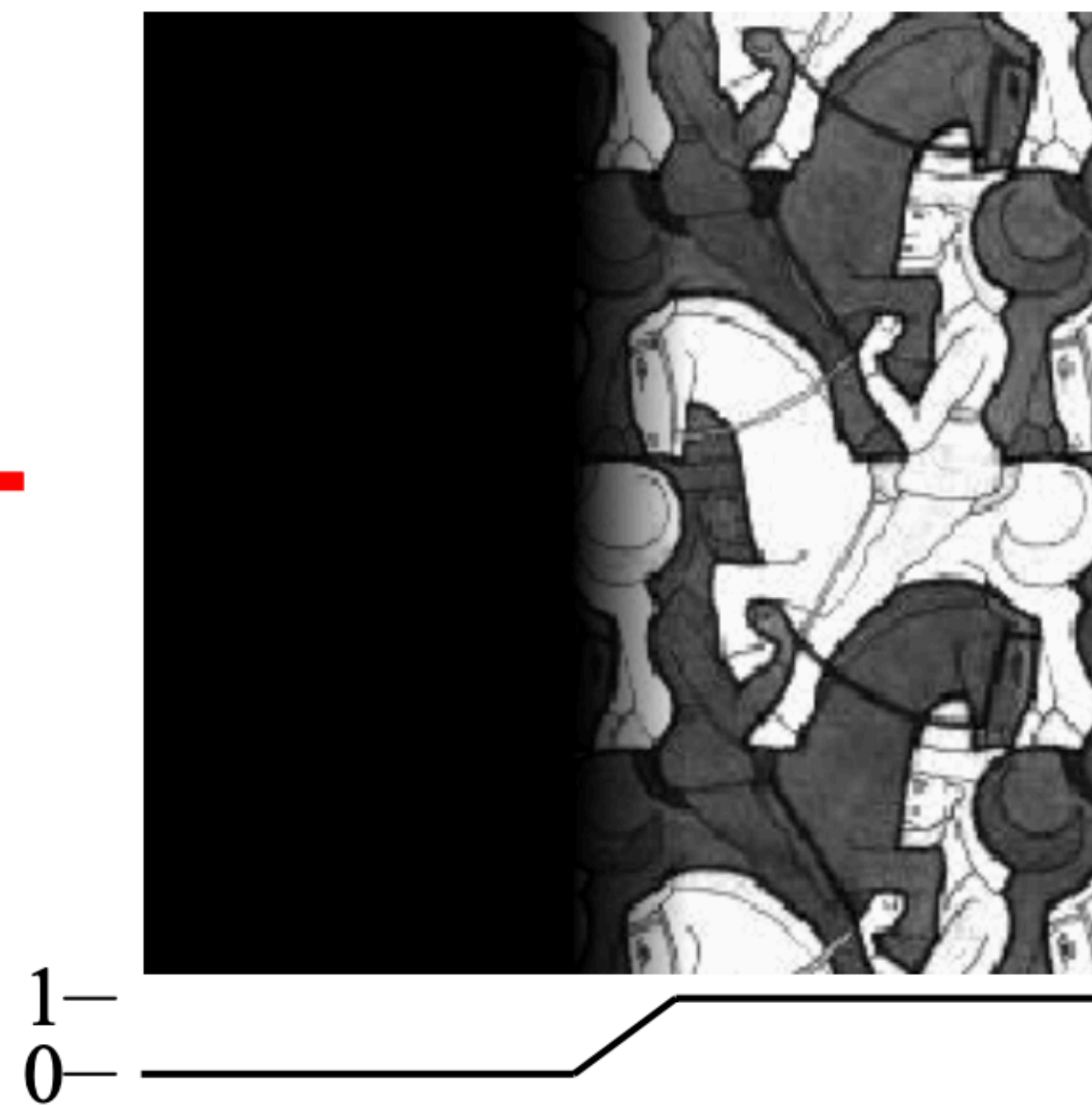
# Image Blending

## Feathering

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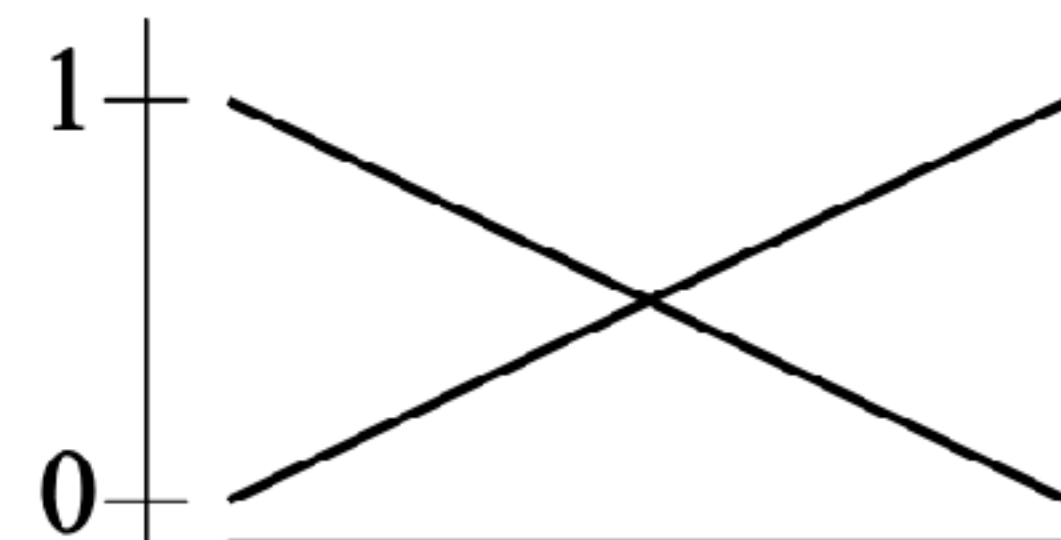
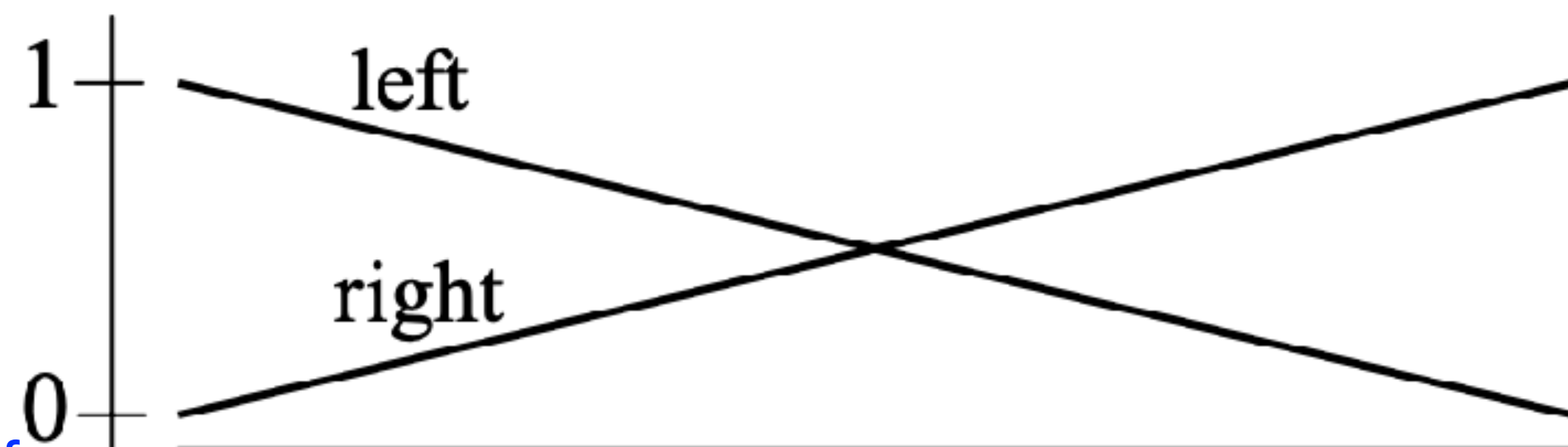


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# Affect of Window Size

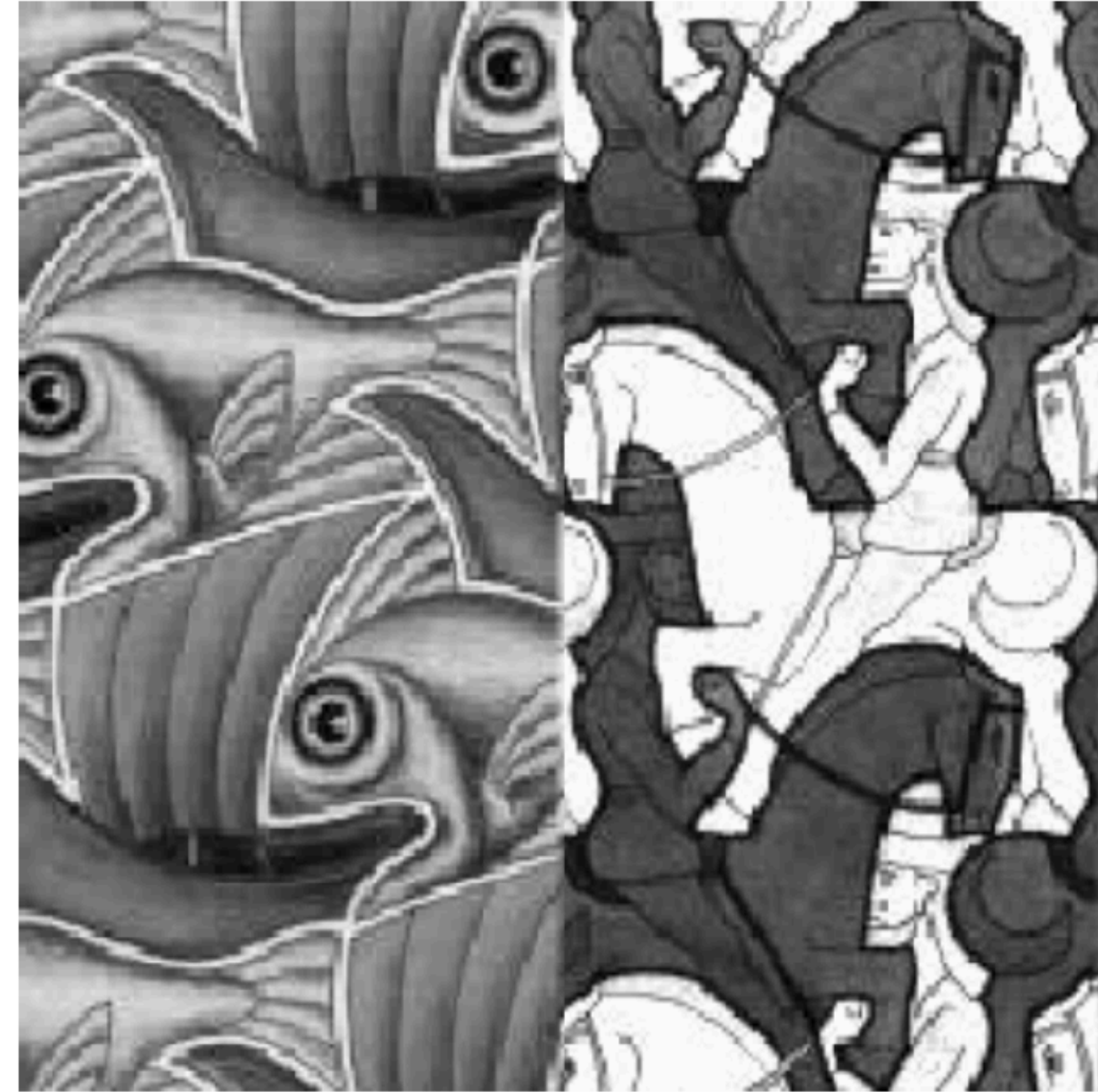
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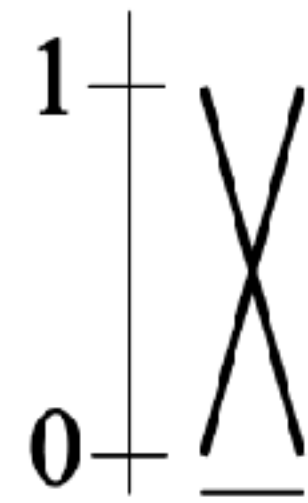
# Affect of Window Size

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# Good Window Size

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**“Optimal” Window: smooth but not ghosted**



# What is the Optimal Window?

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## To avoid seams

- window  $\geq$  size of largest prominent feature

## To avoid ghosting

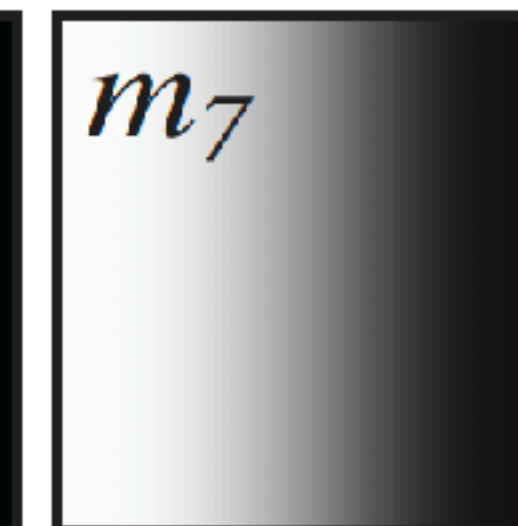
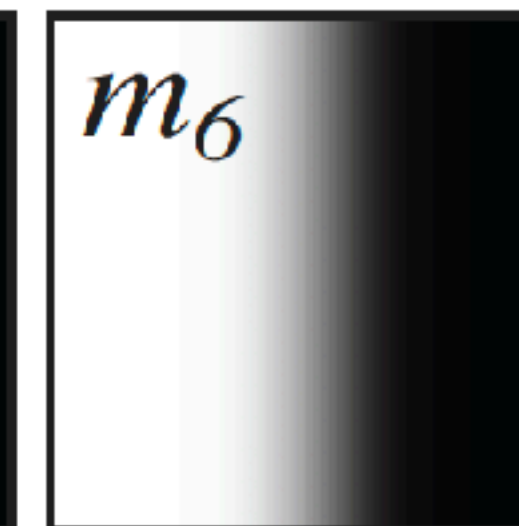
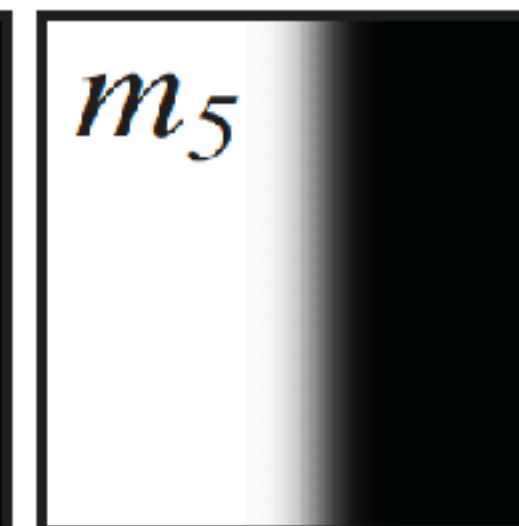
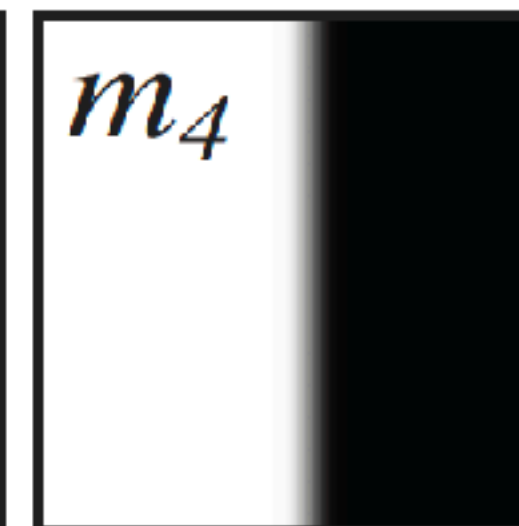
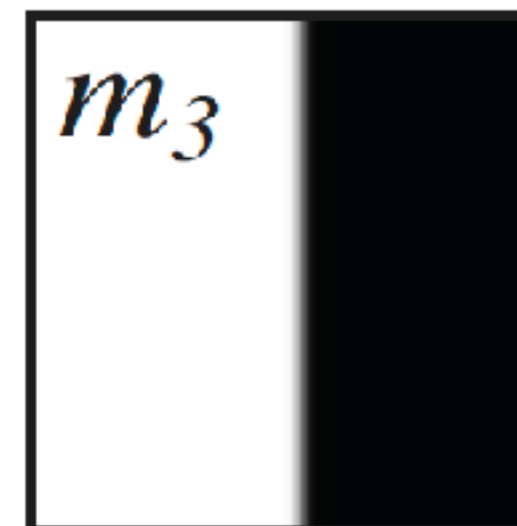
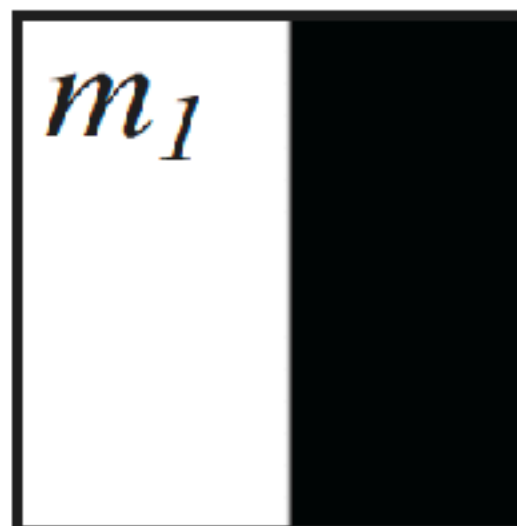
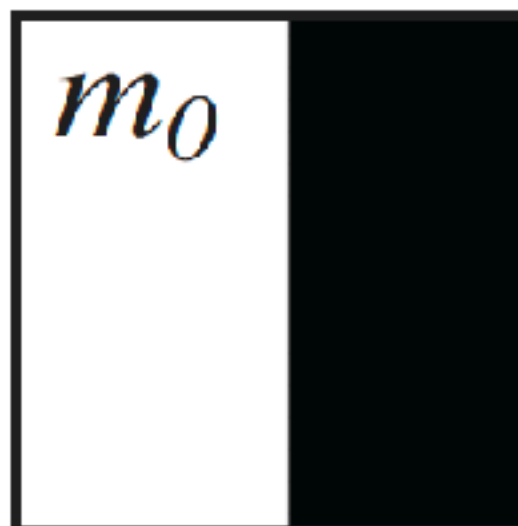
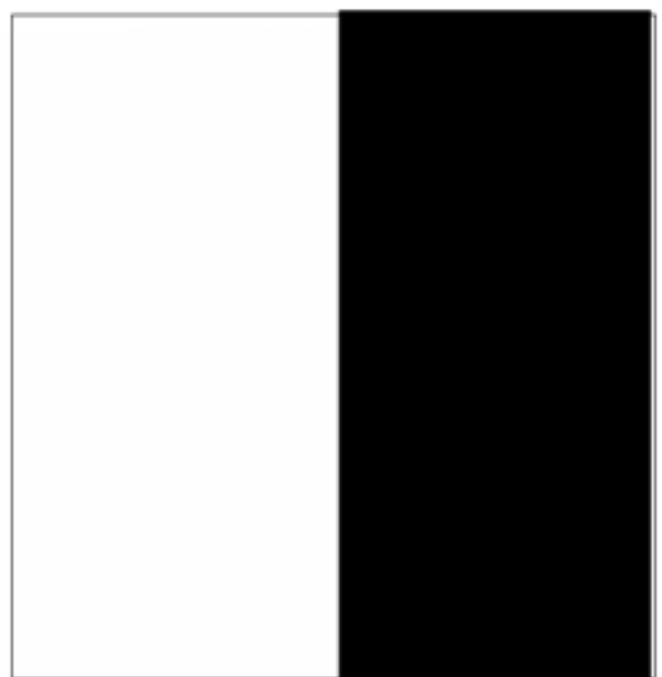
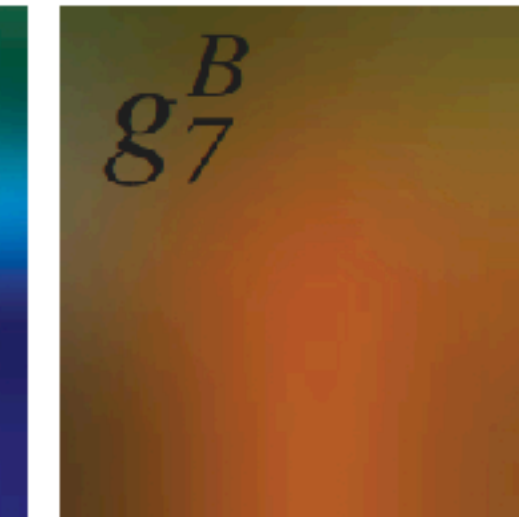
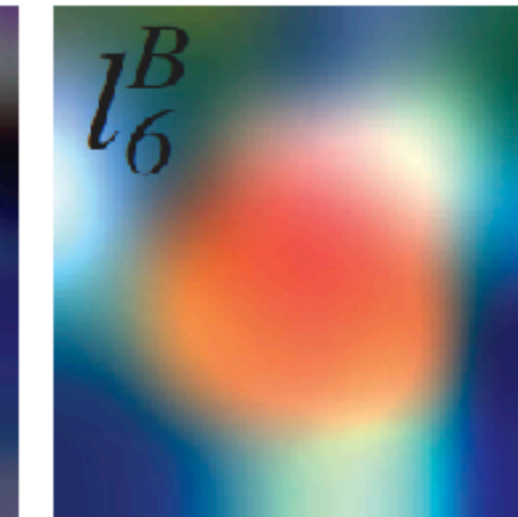
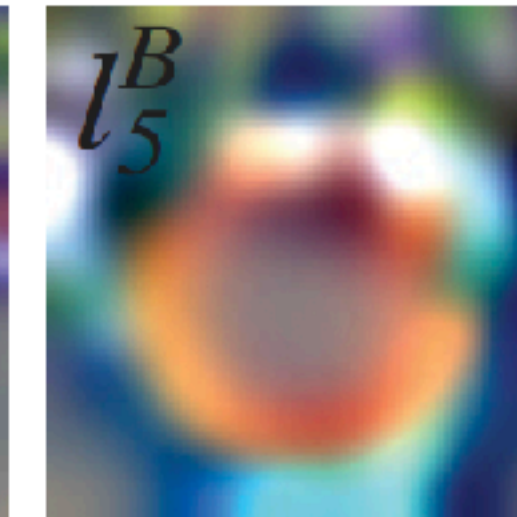
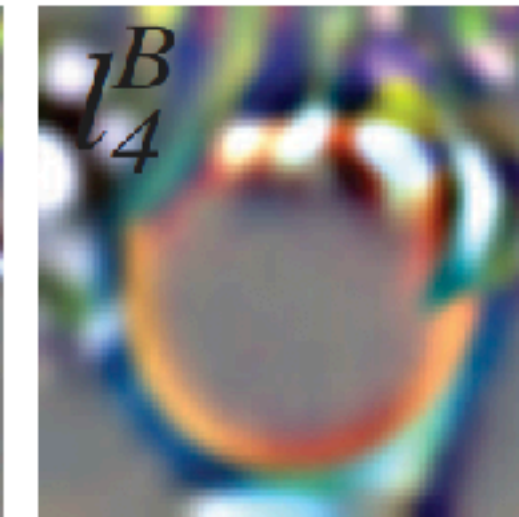
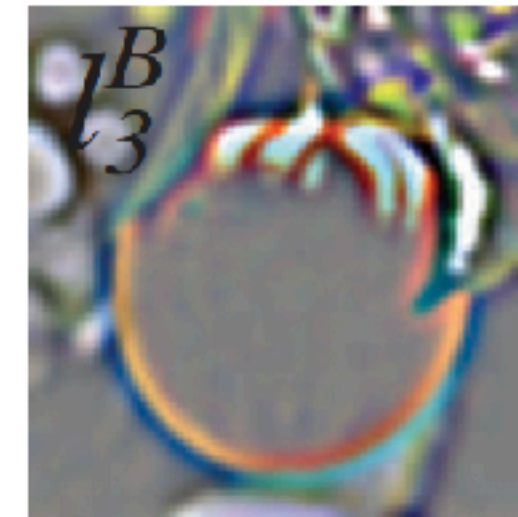
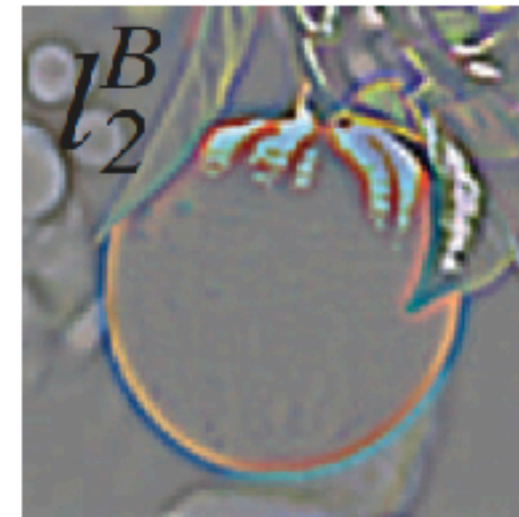
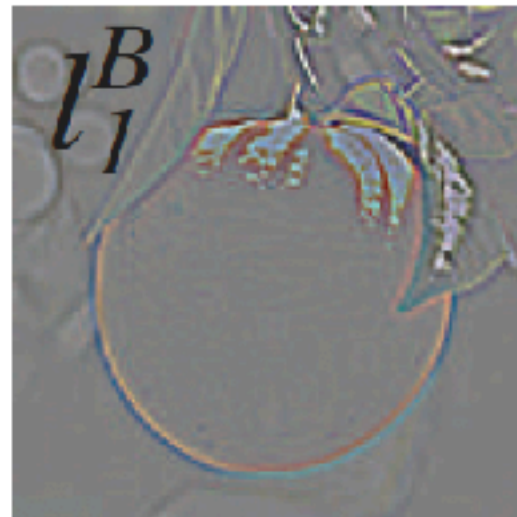
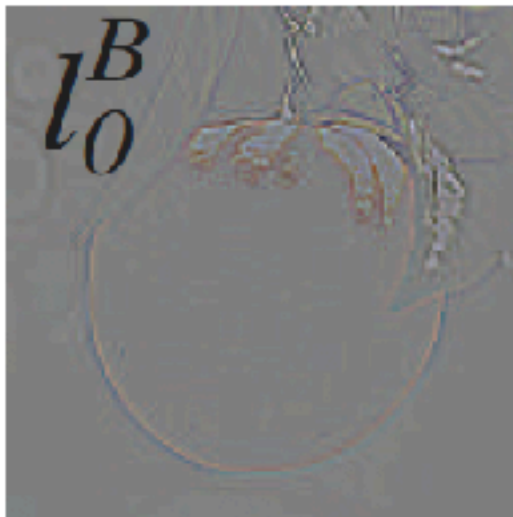
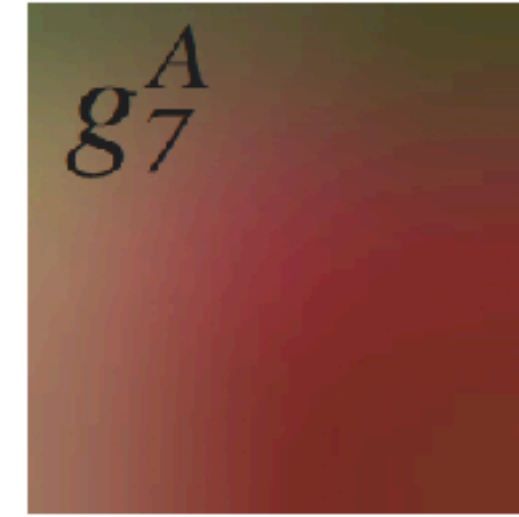
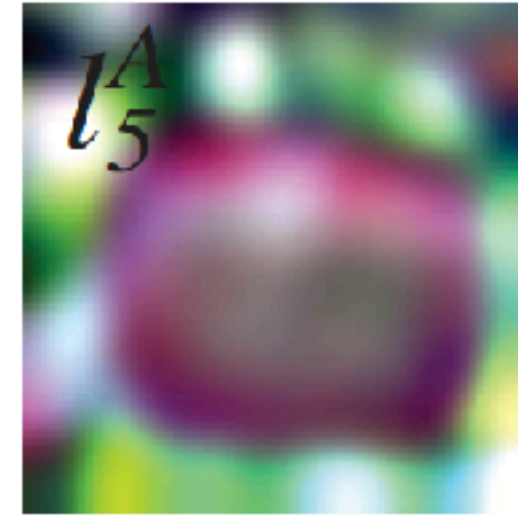
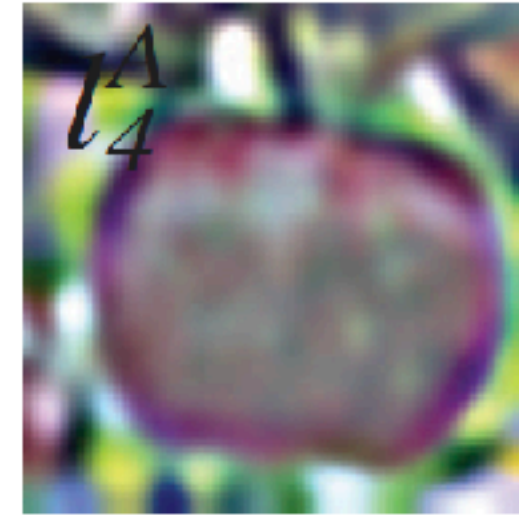
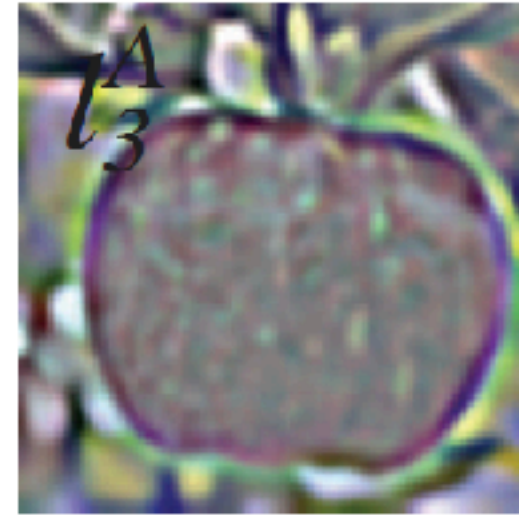
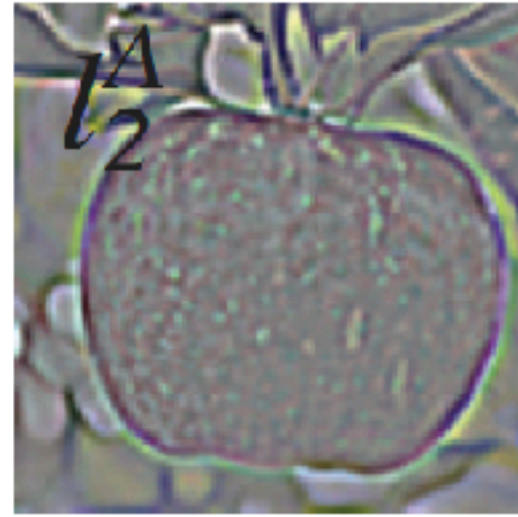
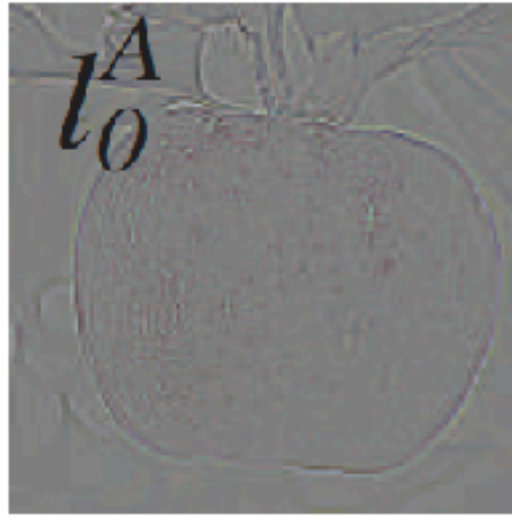
- window  $\leq 2 \times$  size of smallest prominent feature

## Natural to cast this in the *Fourier domain*

- largest frequency  $\leq 2 \times$  size of smallest frequency
- image frequency content should occupy one “octave” (power of two)



# Image Blending with the Laplacian Pyramid



$$l_k = l_k^A * m_k + l_k^B * (1 - m_k)$$



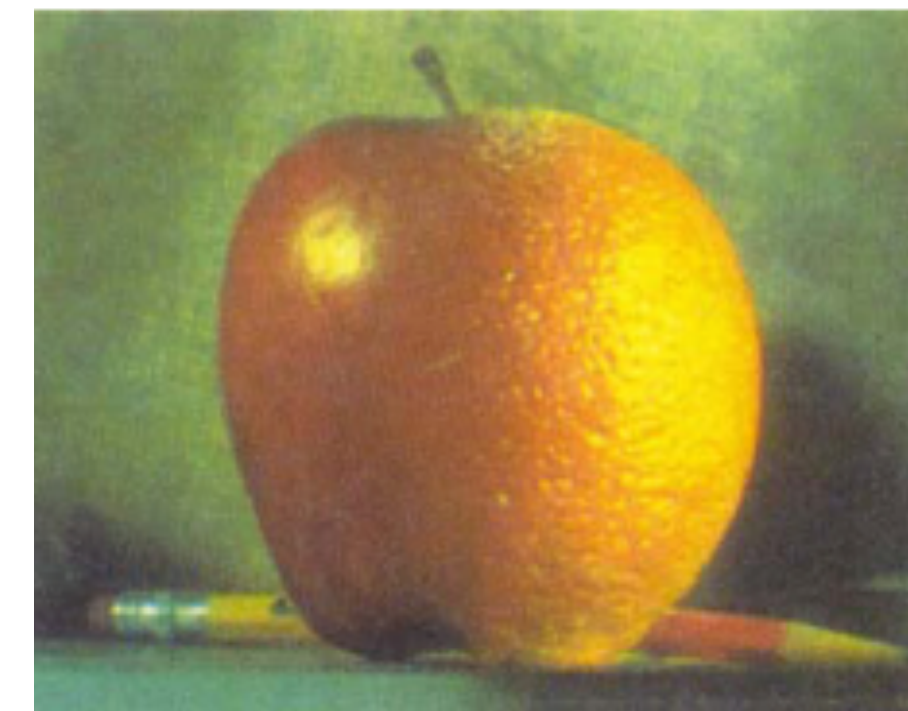
# Image Blending with the Laplacian Pyramid





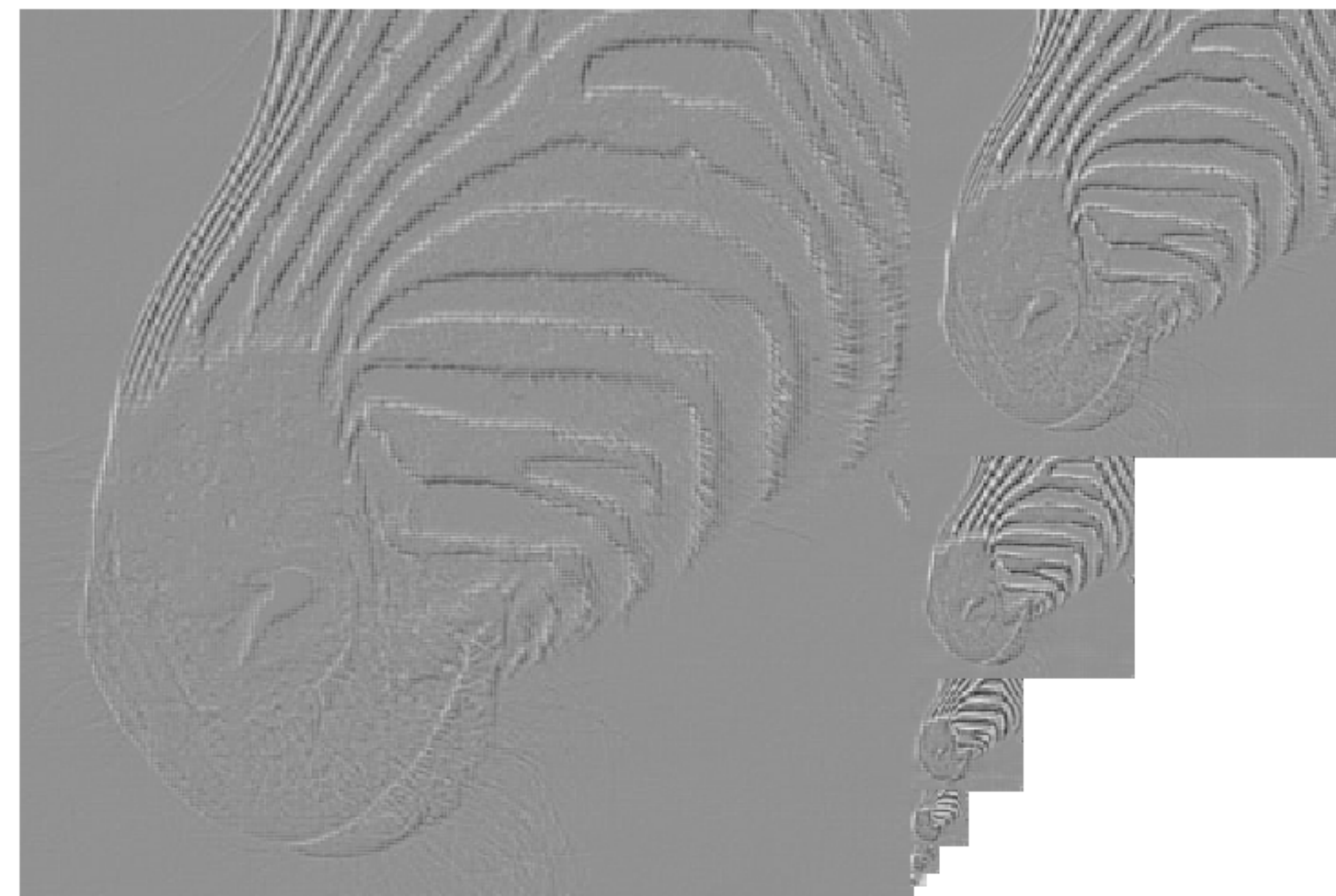
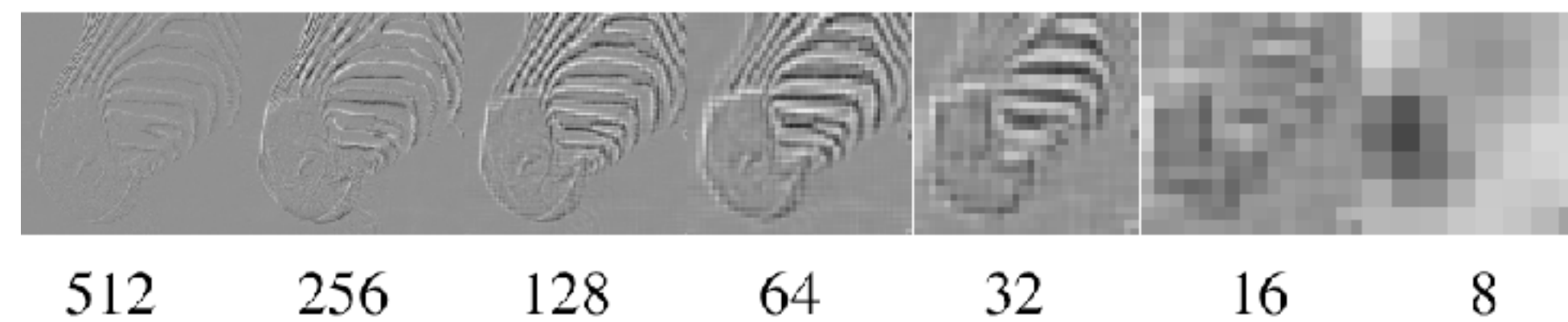
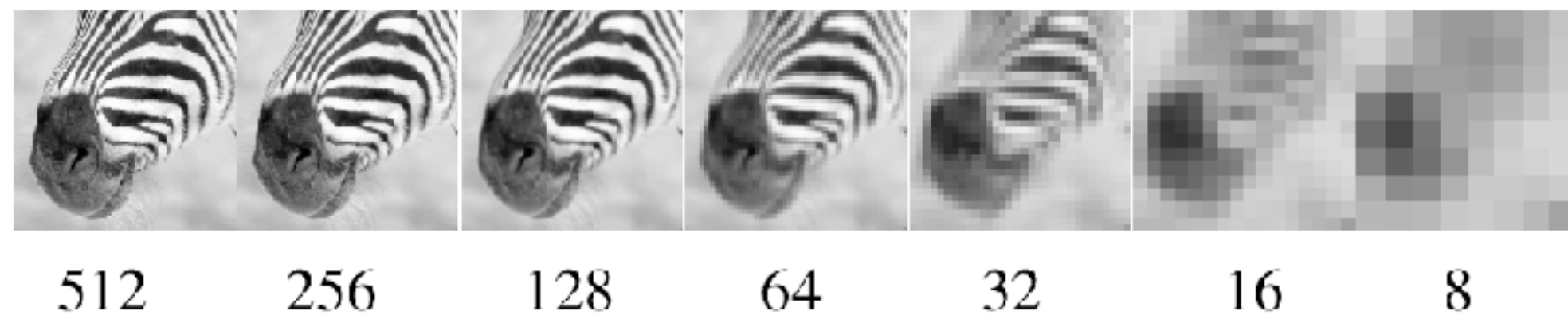
# Image Blending with the Laplacian Pyramid

- Build Laplacian pyramid for both images:  $L_A$ ,  $L_B$
- Build Gaussian pyramid for mask:  $G$
- Build a combined Laplacian pyramid.
- Collapse  $L$  to obtain the blended image.





# Image pyramids



(And many more: QMF, steerable, ...Convnets!)

# Orientations





# Steerable Pyramid

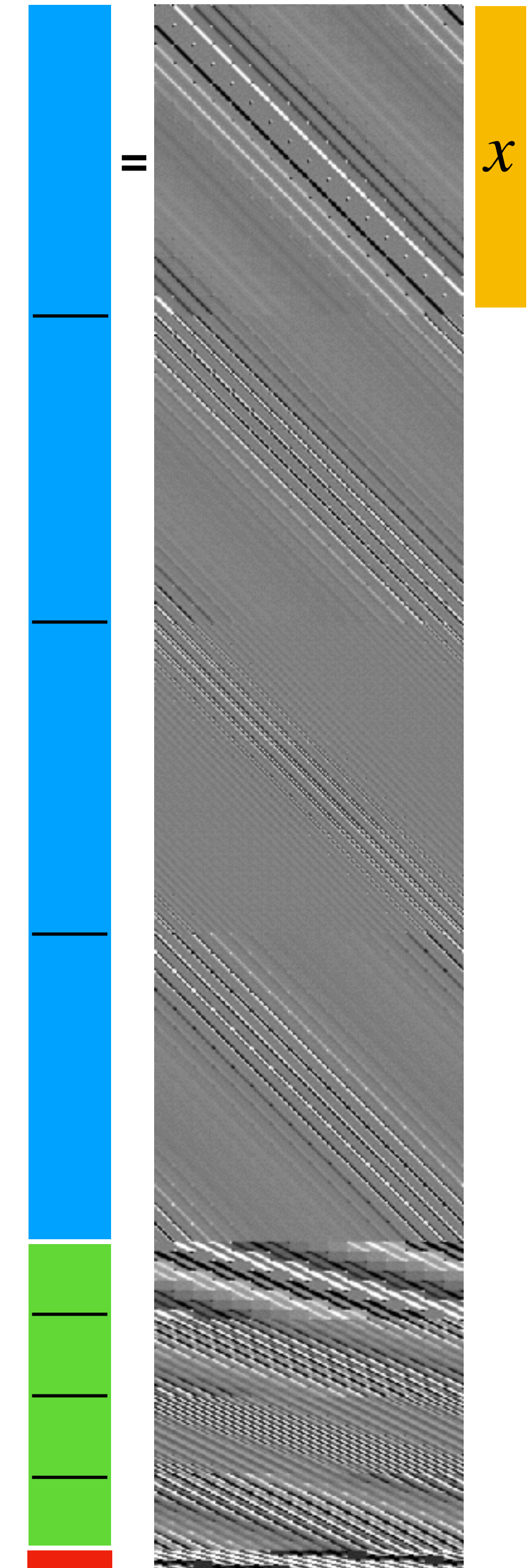
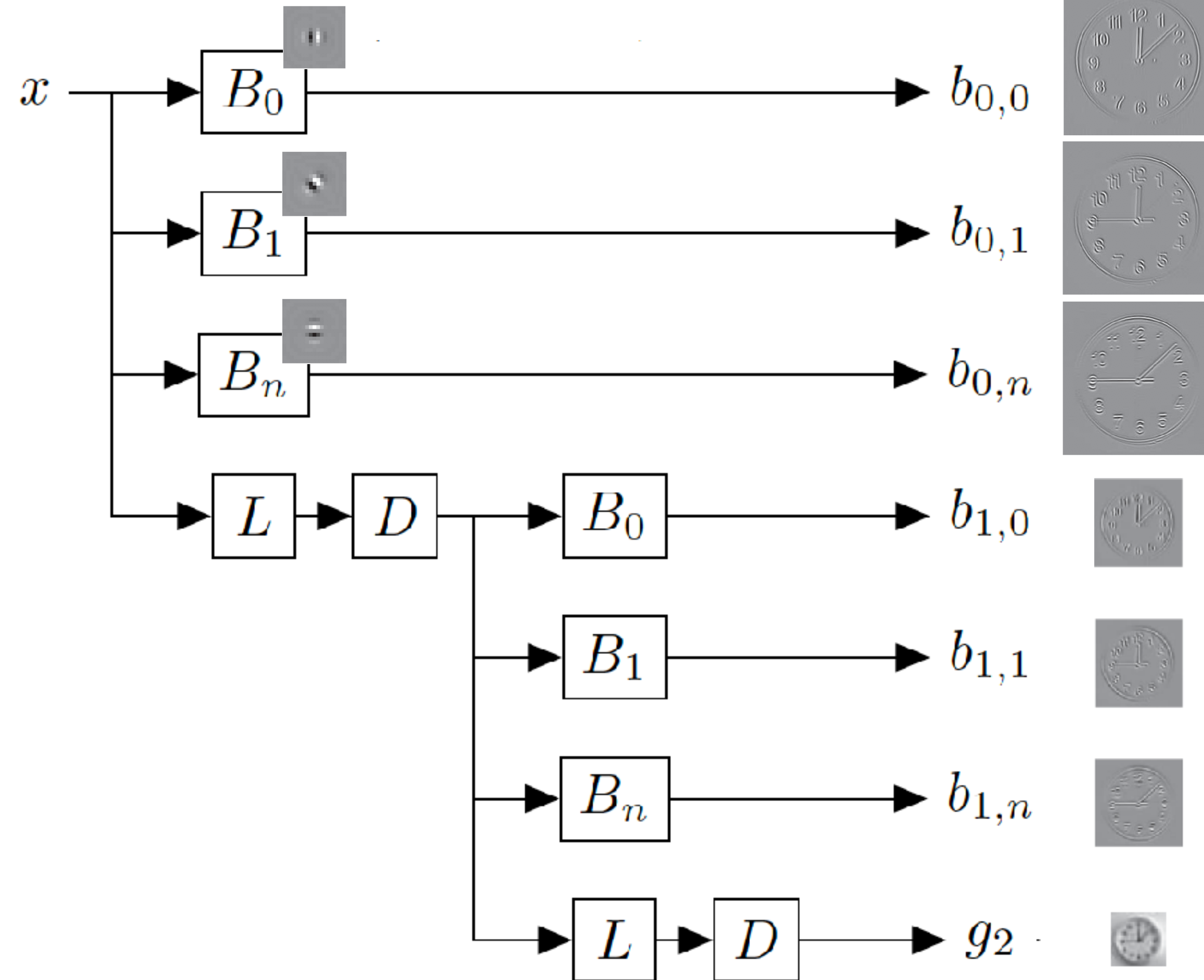


similar to Gabor filters,  
similar to early filters in  
human visual system,  
similar to early filters of  
trained neural networks:  
Oriented, spatially  
localized, multi-scale,  
multi-phase filter bank.

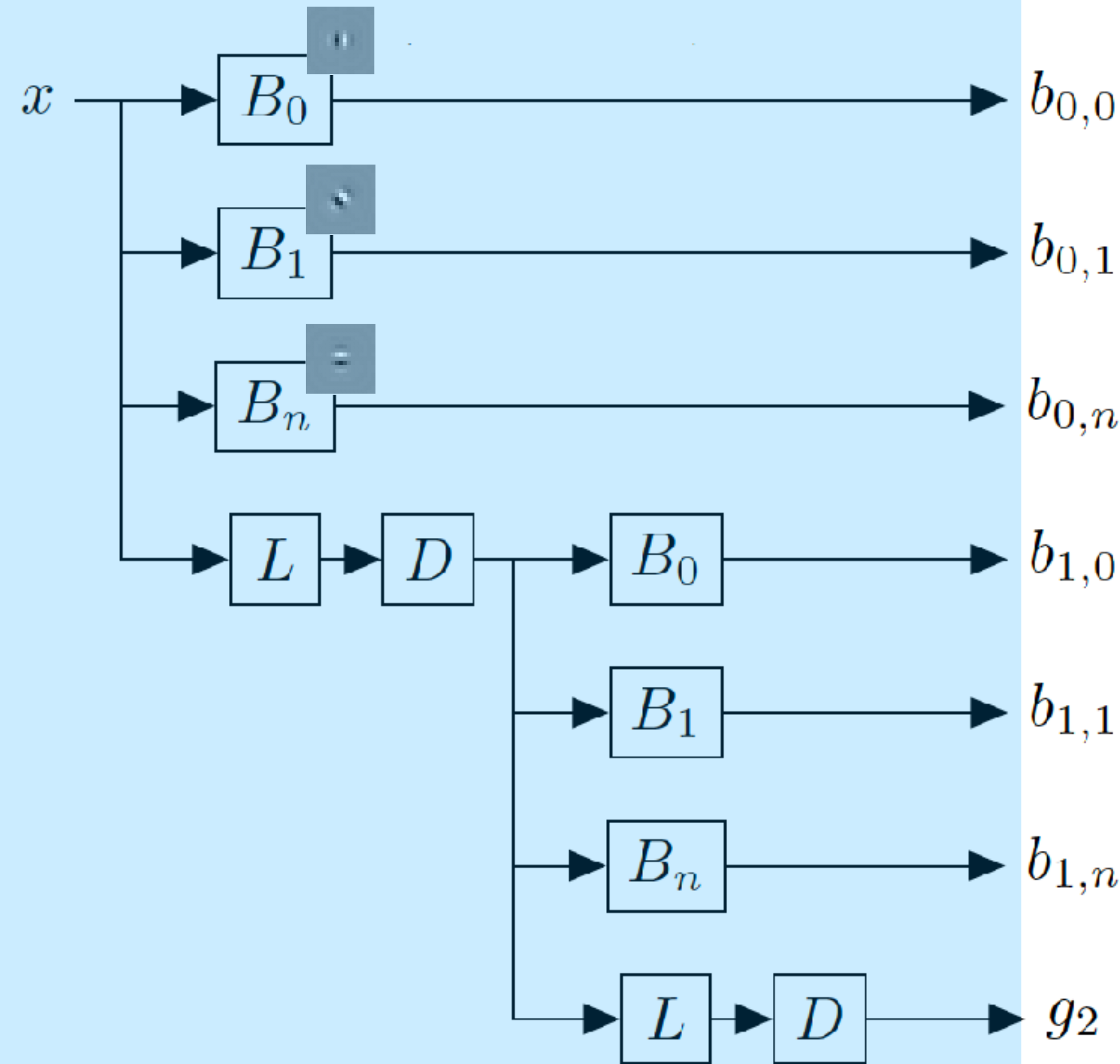




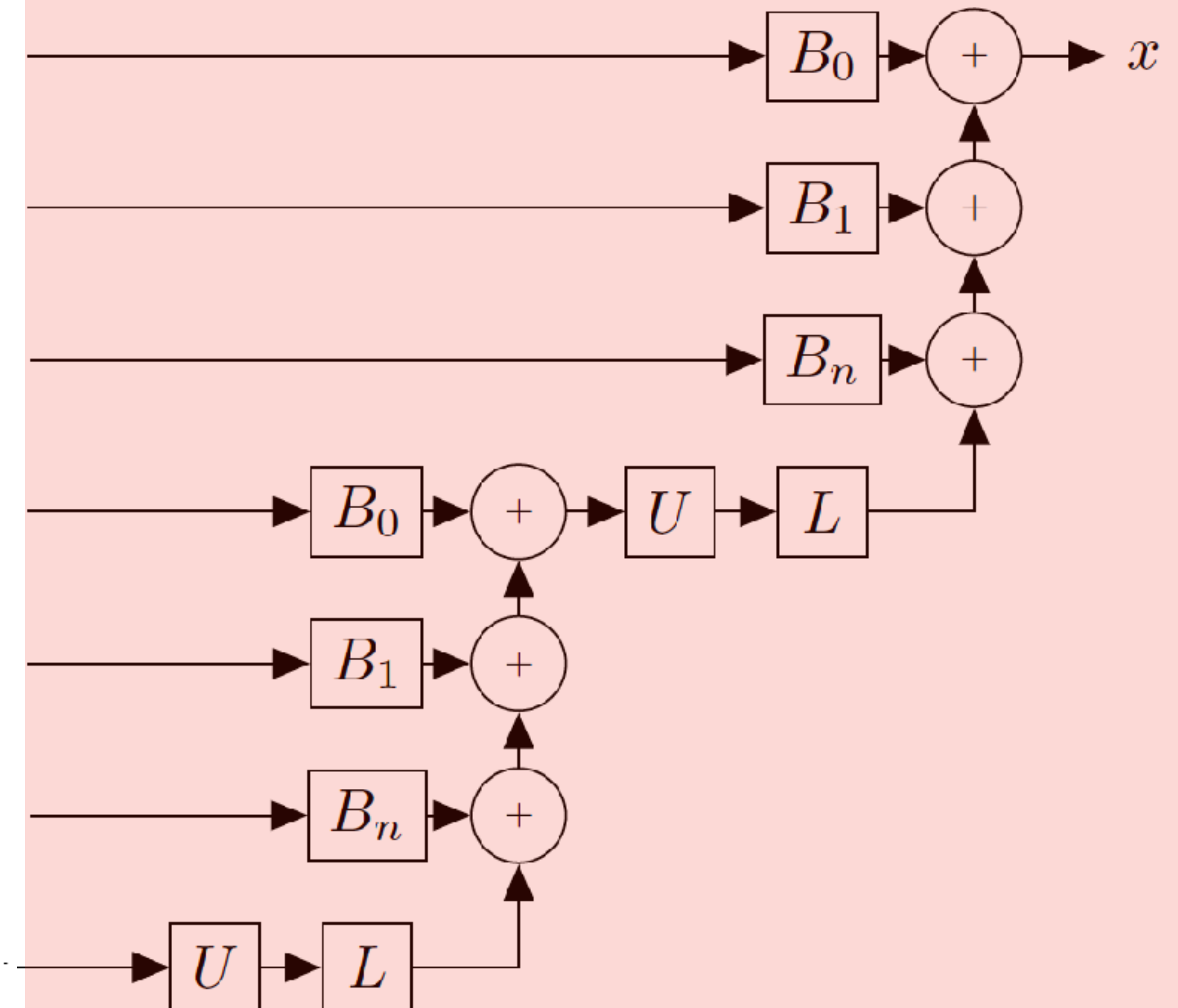
# Steerable Pyramid



# Steerable Pyramid



Analysis/Encoder



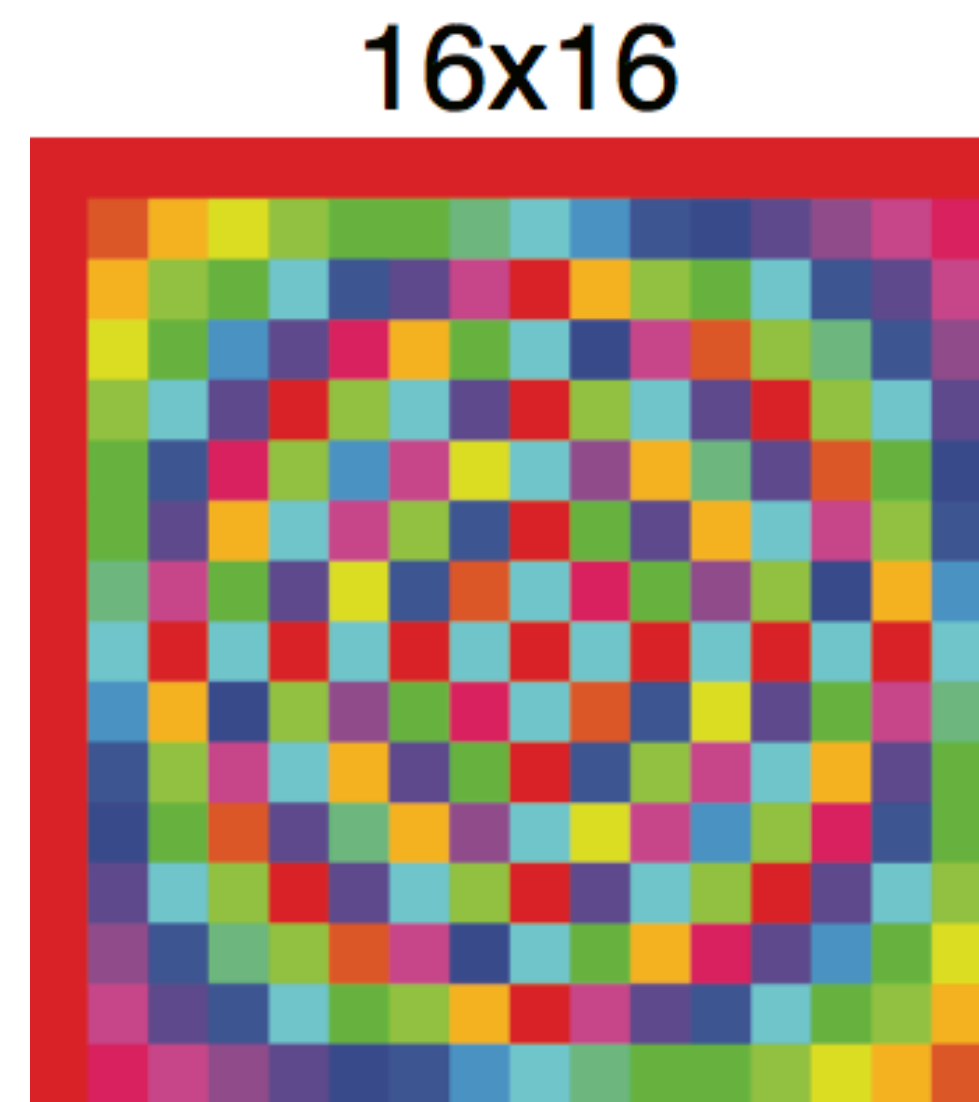
Synthesis/Decoder



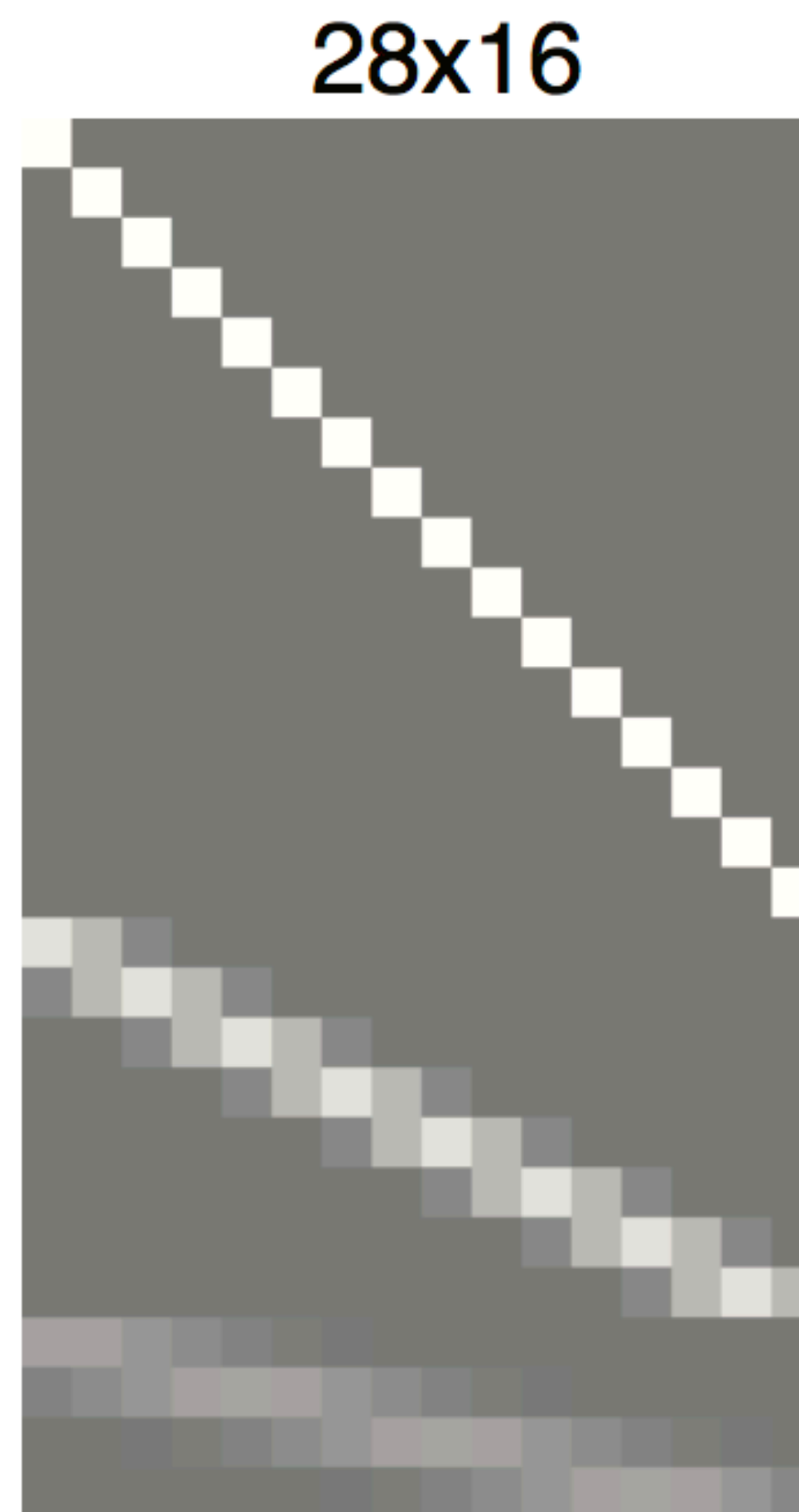
# Steerable pyramid applications

- Texture synthesis
- Noise removal
- Motion analysis
- Motion synthesis, motion magnification

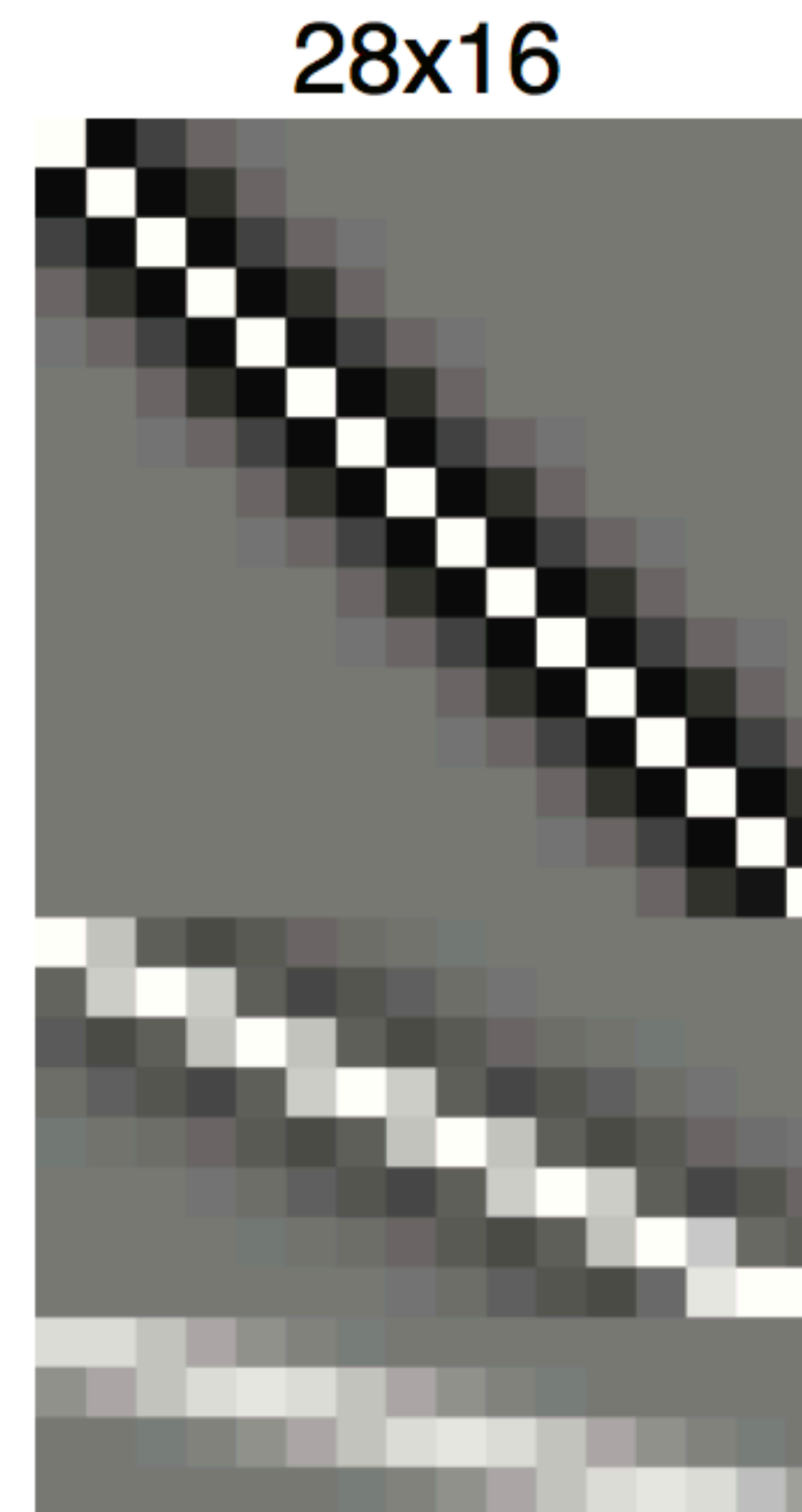
# Linear Image Transforms



a)



b)



c)



d)



# Making textures





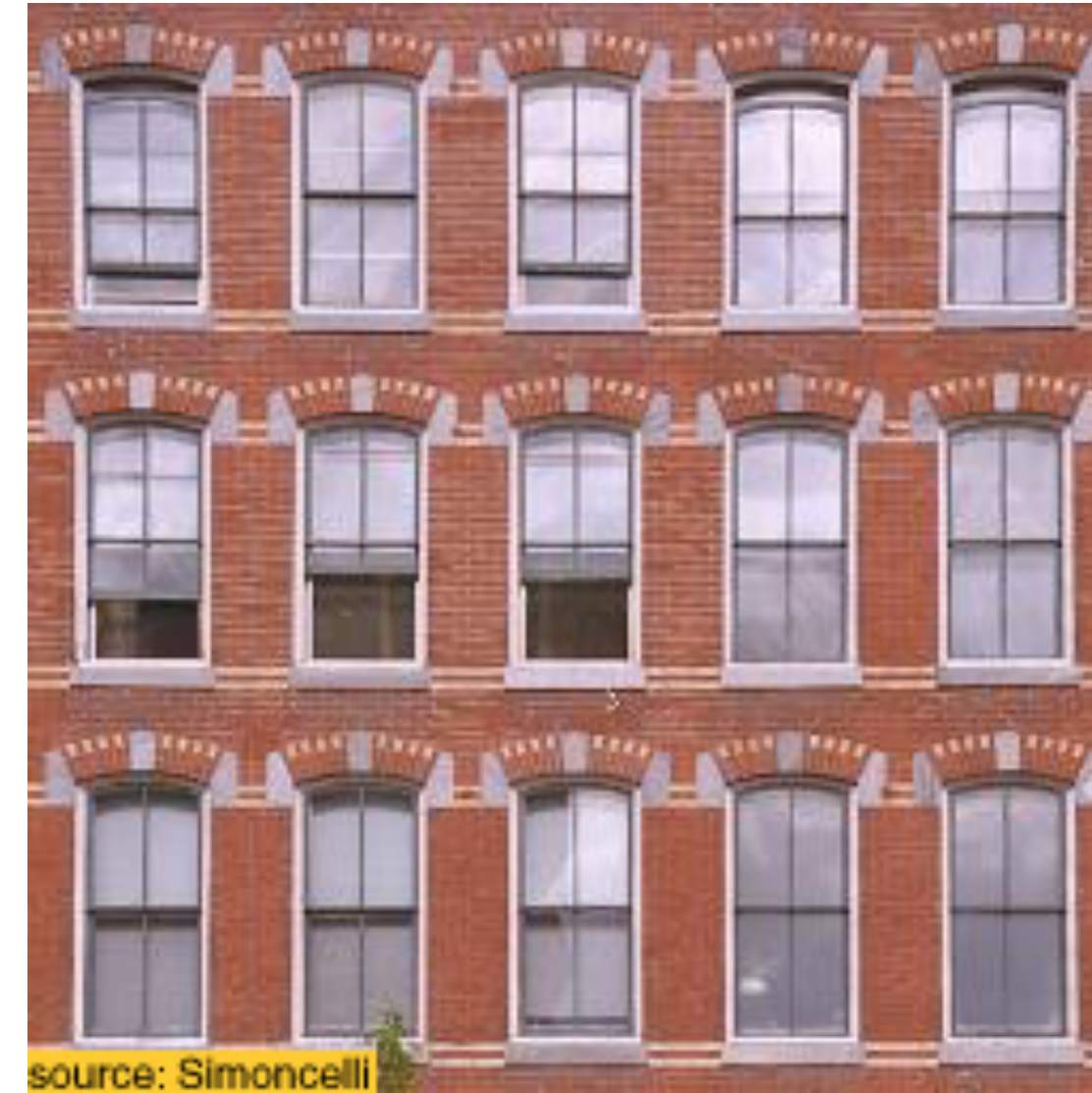




# Examples of Textures

Stationary

Stochastic





## REVIEW ARTICLES

# Textons, the elements of texture perception, and their interactions

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*Research with texture pairs having identical second-order statistics has revealed that the pre-attentive texture discrimination system cannot globally process third- and higher-order statistics, and that discrimination is the result of a few local conspicuous features, called textons. It seems that only the first-order statistics of these textons have perceptual significance, and the relative phase between textons cannot be perceived without detailed scrutiny by focal attention.*

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Bela Julesz, "Textons, the Elements of Texture Perception, and their Interactions". Nature 290: 91-97. March, 1981.



# Pre-attentive texture discrimination



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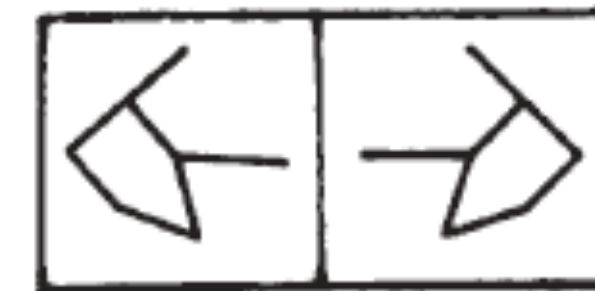
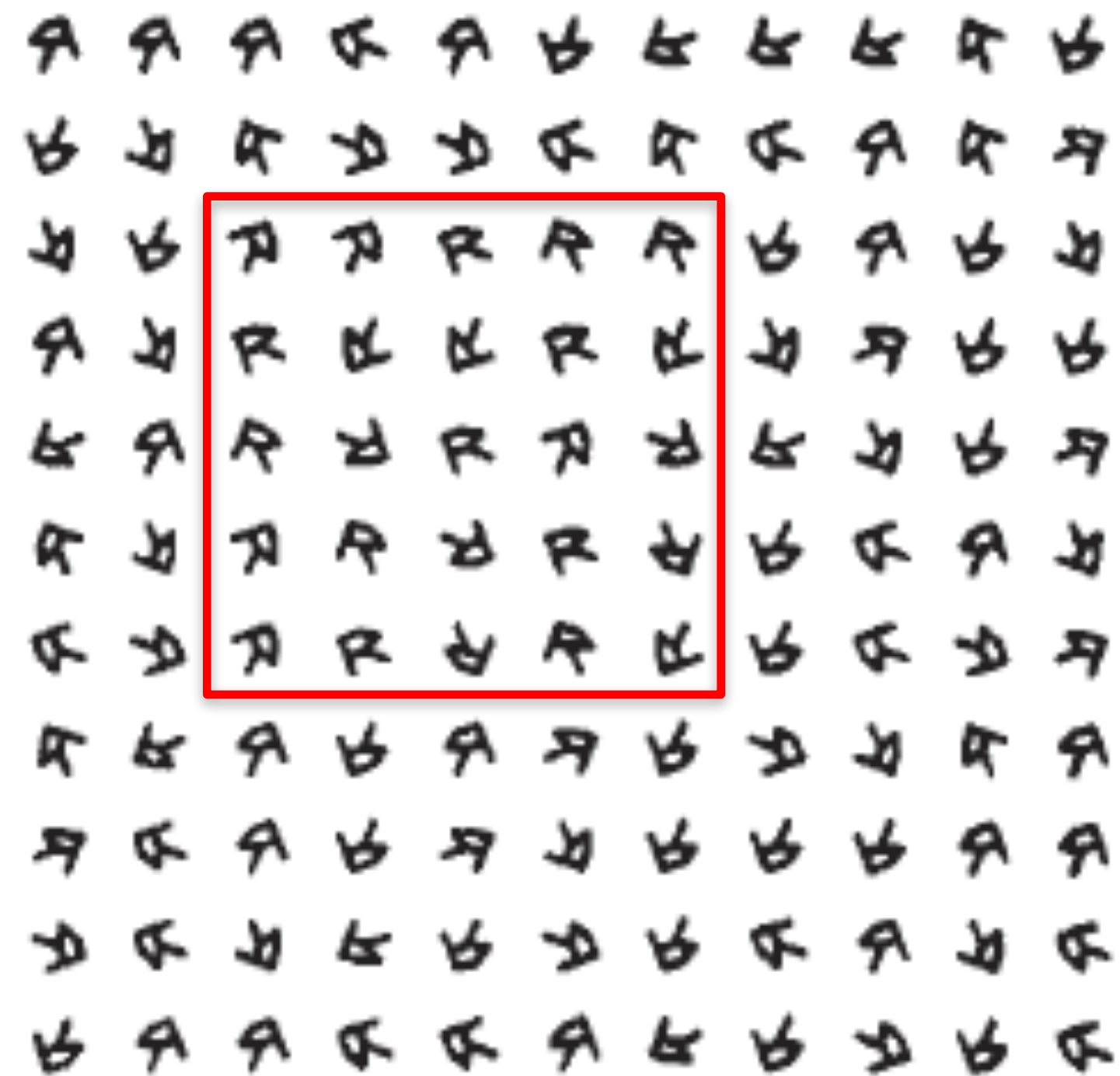
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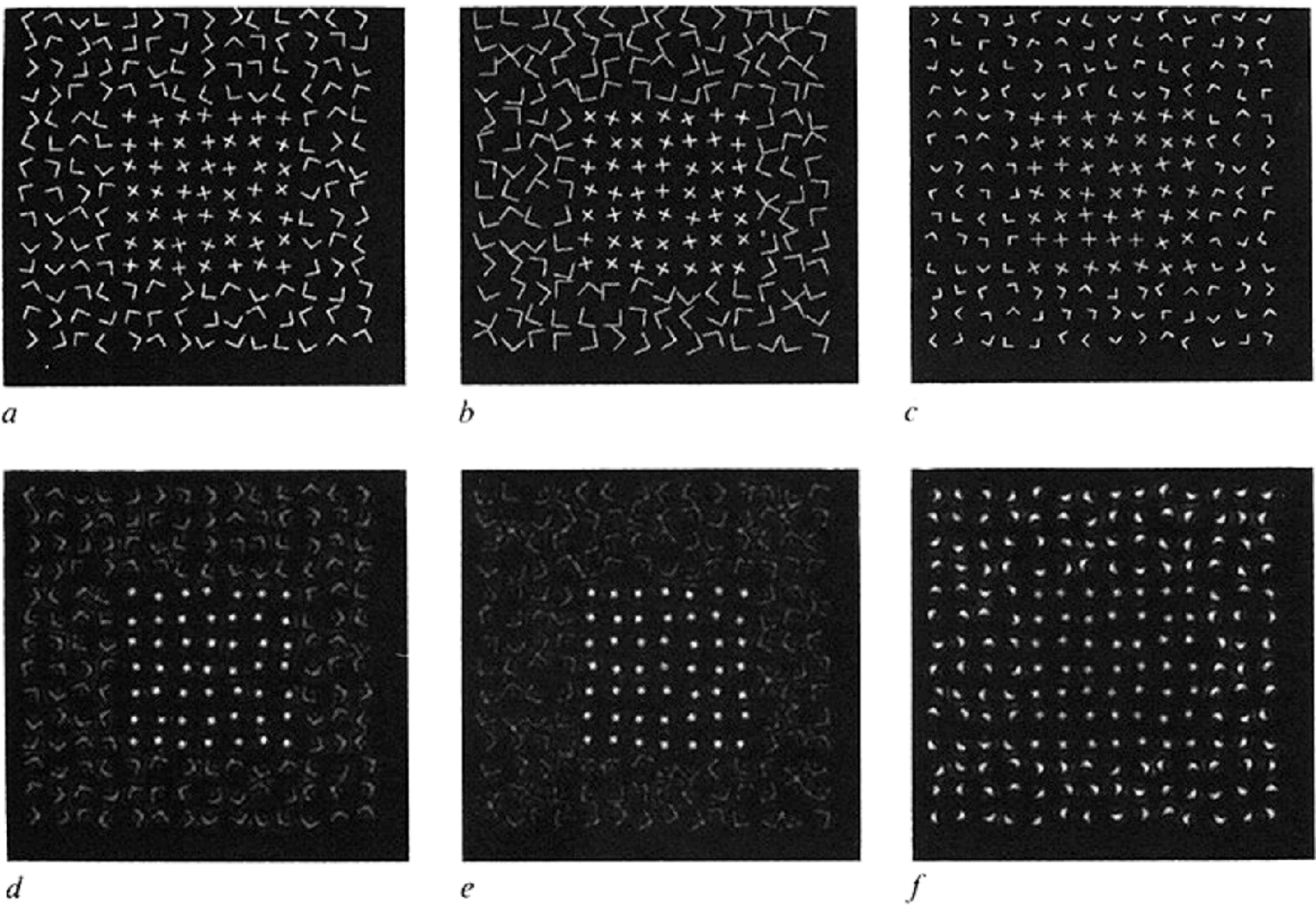
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This texture pair is pre-attentively indistinguishable. Why?



**Fig. 1** *Top row*, Textures consisting of Xs within a texture composed of Ls. The micropatterns are placed at random orientations on a randomly perturbed lattice. *a*, The bars of the Xs have the same length as the bars of the Ls. *b*, The bars of the Ls have been lengthened by 25%, and the intensity adjusted for the same mean luminance. Discriminability is enhanced. *c*, The bars of the Ls have been shortened by 25%, and the intensity adjusted for the same mean luminance. Discriminability is impaired. *Bottom row*: the responses of a size-tuned mechanism *d*, response to image *a*; *e*, response to image *b*; *f*, response to image *c*.



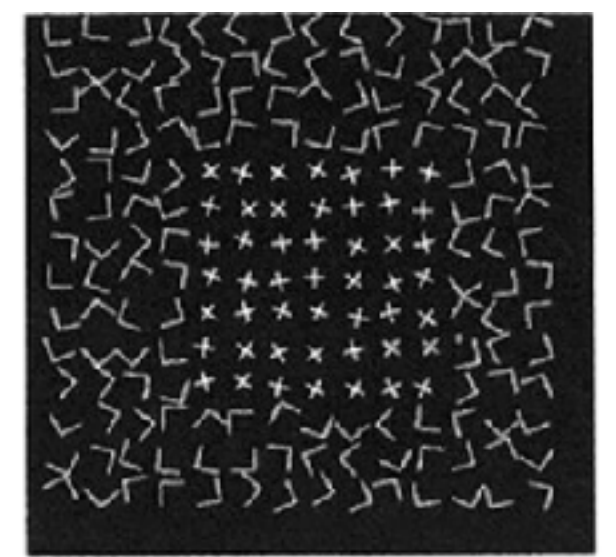
**Early vision and texture perception**  
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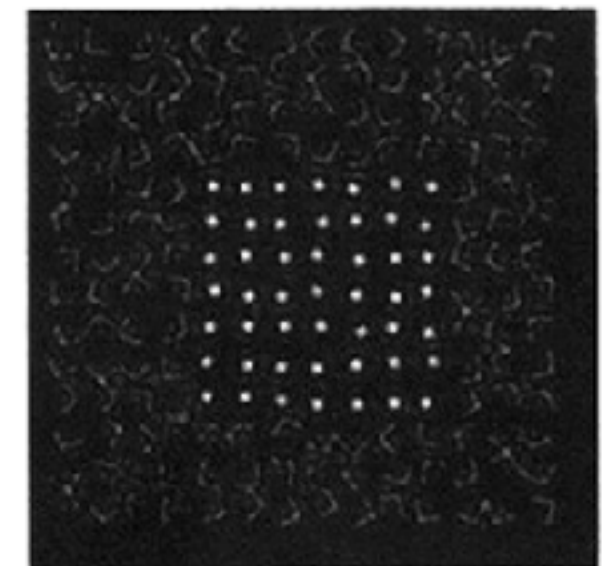


# Jim Bergen's conjecture

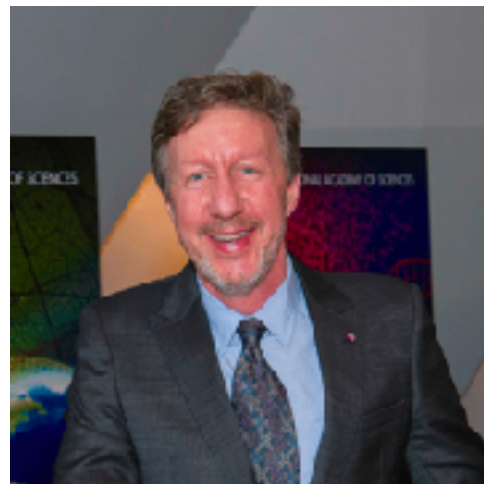
“If matching the mean amplitude of a bandpass spatial filter’s response goes a little way towards mimicking human texture perception, then maybe matching the histogram of the responses of filters (the marginal statistics) will do an even better job of capturing human texture perception.”



*b*



*c*



# Dave Heeger's response

“You mean if I took a steerable pyramid of some random noise, and forced the histograms of each subband level to match those of some target texture, that the modified noise image would then look like that texture??? No way! I’ll prove it to you; here, let me try it out... hmm, gee, that worked pretty well...”



# Pyramid-Based Texture Analysis/Synthesis

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## Abstract

This paper describes a method for synthesizing images that match the texture appearance of a given digitized sample. This synthesis is completely automatic and requires only the “target” texture as input. It allows generation of as much texture as desired so that any object can be covered. It can be used to produce solid textures for creating textured 3-d objects without the distortions inherent in texture mapping. It can also be used to synthesize texture mixtures, images that look a bit like each of several digitized samples. The approach is based on a model of human texture perception, and has potential to be a practically useful tool for graphics applications.

## 1 Introduction

Computer renderings of objects with surface texture are more interesting and realistic than those without texture. Texture mapping [15] is a technique for adding the appearance of surface detail by wrapping or projecting a digitized texture image onto a surface. Digitized textures can be obtained from a variety of sources, e.g., cropped from a photoCD image, but the resulting texture chip may not have the desired size or shape. To cover a large object you may need to repeat the texture; this can lead to unacceptable artifacts either in the form of visible seams, visible repetition, or both.

Texture mapping suffers from an additional fundamental problem: often there is no natural map from the (planar) texture image to the geometry/topology of the surface, so the texture may be distorted unnaturally when mapped. There are some partial solutions to this distortion problem [15] but there is no universal solution for mapping an image onto an arbitrarily shaped surface.

An alternative to texture mapping is to create (paint) textures by hand directly onto the 3-d surface model [14], but this process is both very labor intensive and requires considerable artistic skill.

Another alternative is to use computer-synthesized textures so that as much texture can be generated as needed. Furthermore, some of the synthesis techniques produce textures that tile seamlessly.

Using synthetic textures, the distortion problem has been solved in two different ways. First, some techniques work by synthesizing texture directly on the object surface (e.g., [31]). The second solution is to use *solid textures* [19, 23, 24]. A solid texture is a 3-d array of color values. A point on the surface of an object is colored by the value of the solid texture at the corresponding 3-d point. Solid texturing can be a very natural solution to the distortion problem:

there is no distortion because there is no mapping. However, existing techniques for synthesizing solid textures can be quite cumbersome. One must learn how to tweak the parameters or procedures of the texture synthesizer to get a desired effect.

This paper presents a technique for synthesizing an image (or solid texture) that matches the appearance of a given texture sample. The key advantage of this technique is that it works entirely from the example texture, requiring no additional information or adjustment. The technique starts with a digitized image and analyzes it to compute a number of texture parameter values. Those parameter values are then used to synthesize a new image (of any size) that looks (in its color and texture properties) like the original. The analysis phase is inherently two-dimensional since the input digitized images are 2-d. The synthesis phase, however, may be either two- or three-dimensional. For the 3-d case, the output is a solid texture such that planar slices through the solid look like the original scanned image. In either case, the (2-d or 3-d) texture is synthesized so that it tiles seamlessly.

## 2 Texture Models

Textures have often been classified into two categories, deterministic textures and stochastic textures. A deterministic texture is characterized by a set of primitives and a placement rule (e.g., a tile floor). A stochastic texture, on the other hand, does not have easily identifiable primitives (e.g., granite, bark, sand). Many real-world textures have some mixture of these two characteristics (e.g. woven fabric, woodgrain, plowed fields).

Much of the previous work on texture analysis and synthesis can be classified according to what type of texture model was used. Some of the successful texture models include reaction-diffusion [31, 34], frequency domain [17], fractal [9, 18], and statistical/random field [1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 21, 26] models. Some (e.g., [10]) have used hybrid models that include a deterministic (or periodic) component and a stochastic component. In spite of all this work, scanned images and hand-drawn textures are still the principle source of texture maps in computer graphics.

This paper focuses on the synthesis of stochastic textures. Our approach is motivated by research on human texture perception. Current theories of texture discrimination are based on the fact that two textures are often difficult to discriminate when they produce a similar distribution of responses in a bank of (orientation and spatial-frequency selective) linear filters [2, 3, 7, 16, 20, 32]. The method described here, therefore, synthesizes textures by matching distributions (or histograms) of filter outputs. This approach depends on the principle (not entirely correct as we shall see) that all of the spatial information characterizing a texture image can be captured in the first order statistics of an appropriately chosen set of linear filter outputs. Nevertheless, this model (though incomplete) captures an interesting set of texture properties.



Figure 5: (Top Row) Original digitized sample textures: red granite, berry bush, figured maple, yellow coral. (Bottom Rows) Synthetic solid textured teapots.

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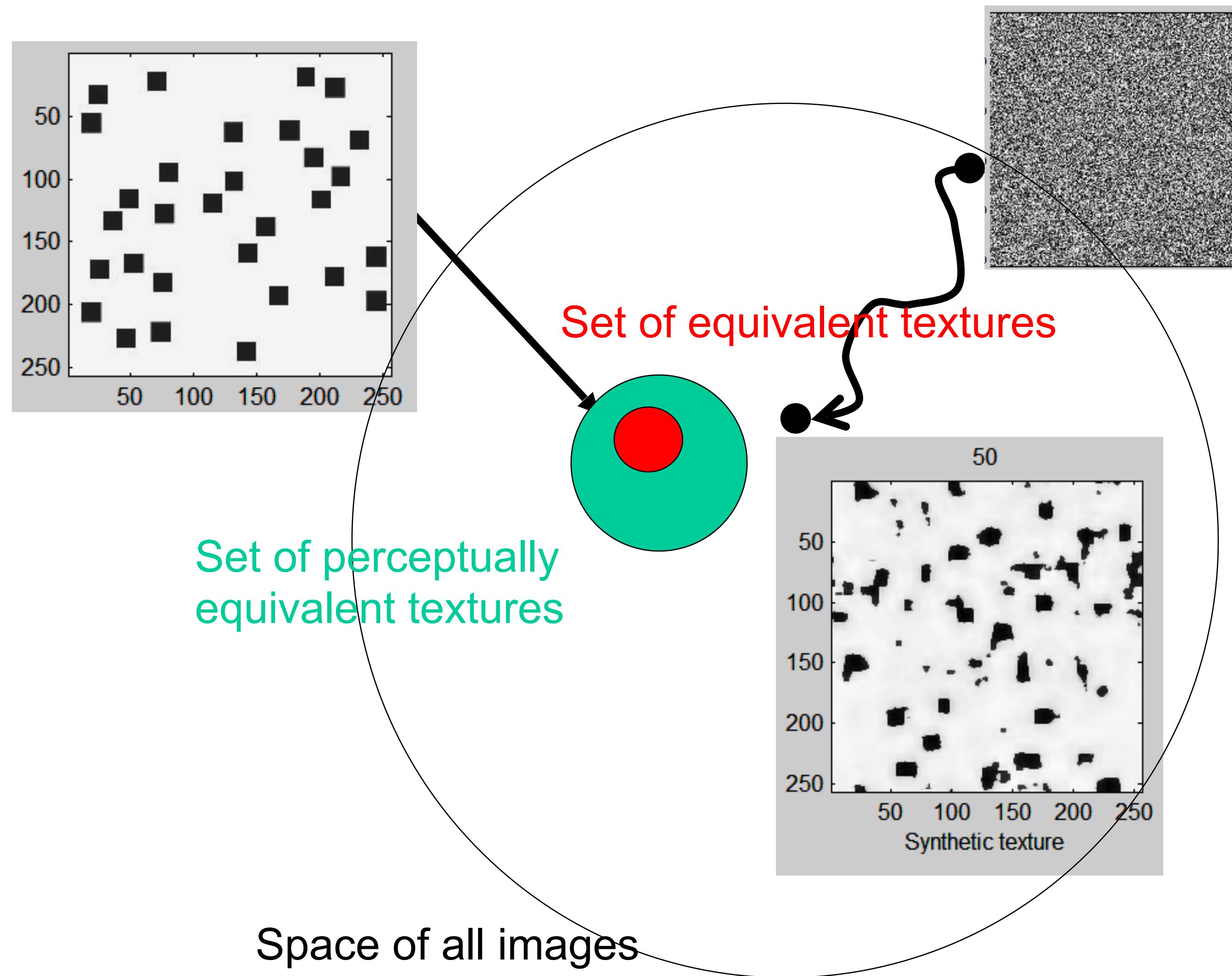
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The main idea: it works by ‘kind of’ projecting a random image into the set of equivalent textures



# Overview of the algorithm

```
Match-texture(noise, texture)
  Match-Histogram (noise, texture)
  analysis-pyr = Make-Pyramid (texture)
  Loop for several iterations do
    synthesis-pyr = Make-Pyramid (noise)
    Loop for a-band in subbands of analysis-pyr
      for s-band in subbands of synthesis-pyr
        do
          Match-Histogram (s-band, a-band)
    noise = Collapse-Pyramid (synthesis-pyr)
  Match-Histogram (noise, texture)
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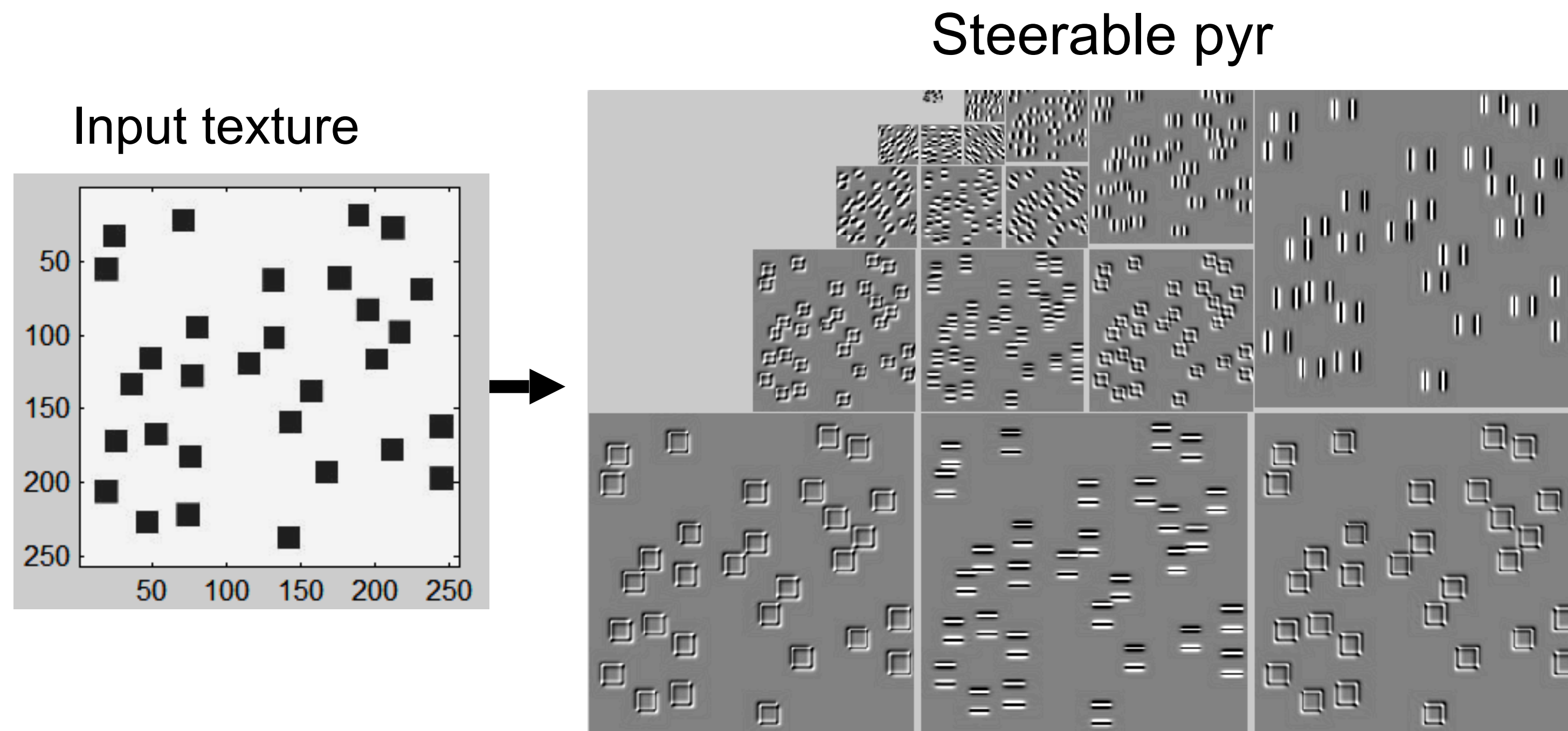
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2- matching histograms



# 1-The steerable pyramid



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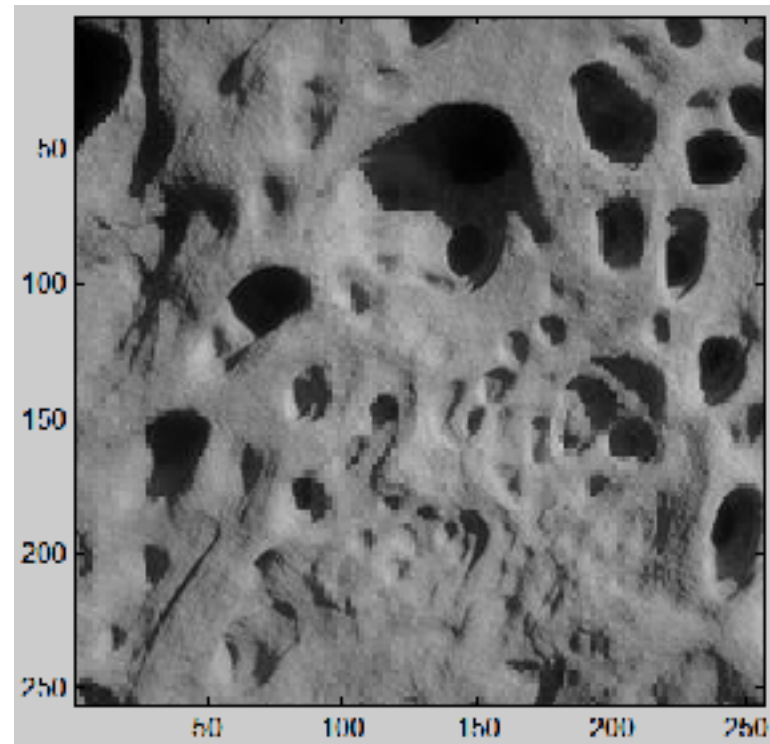
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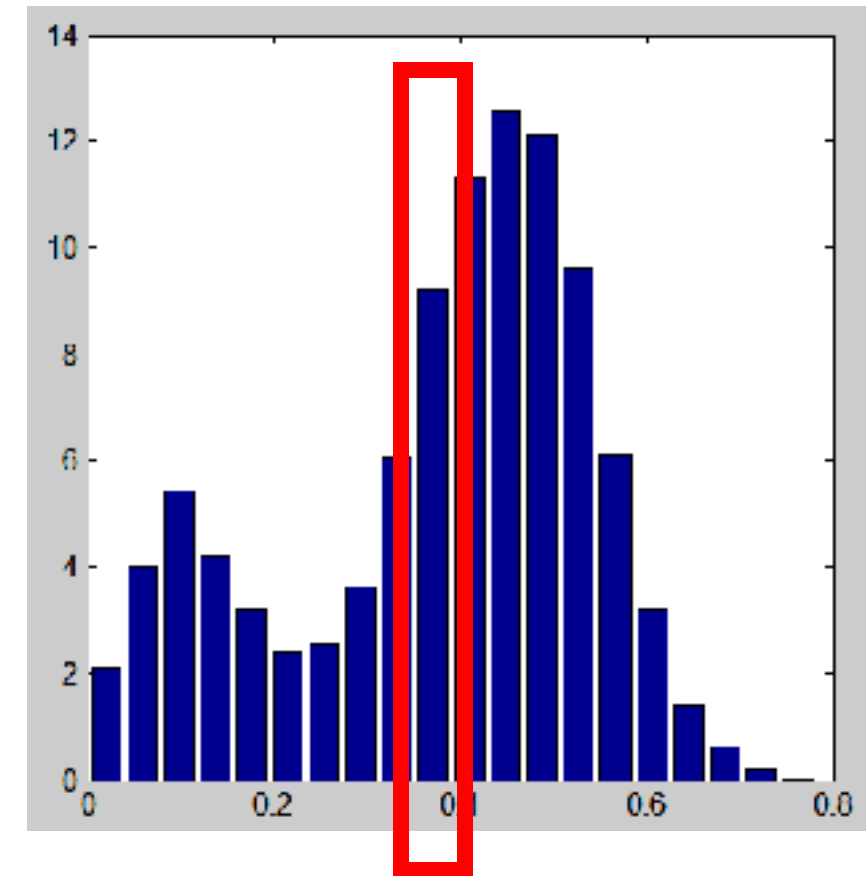
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# 2-Matching histograms

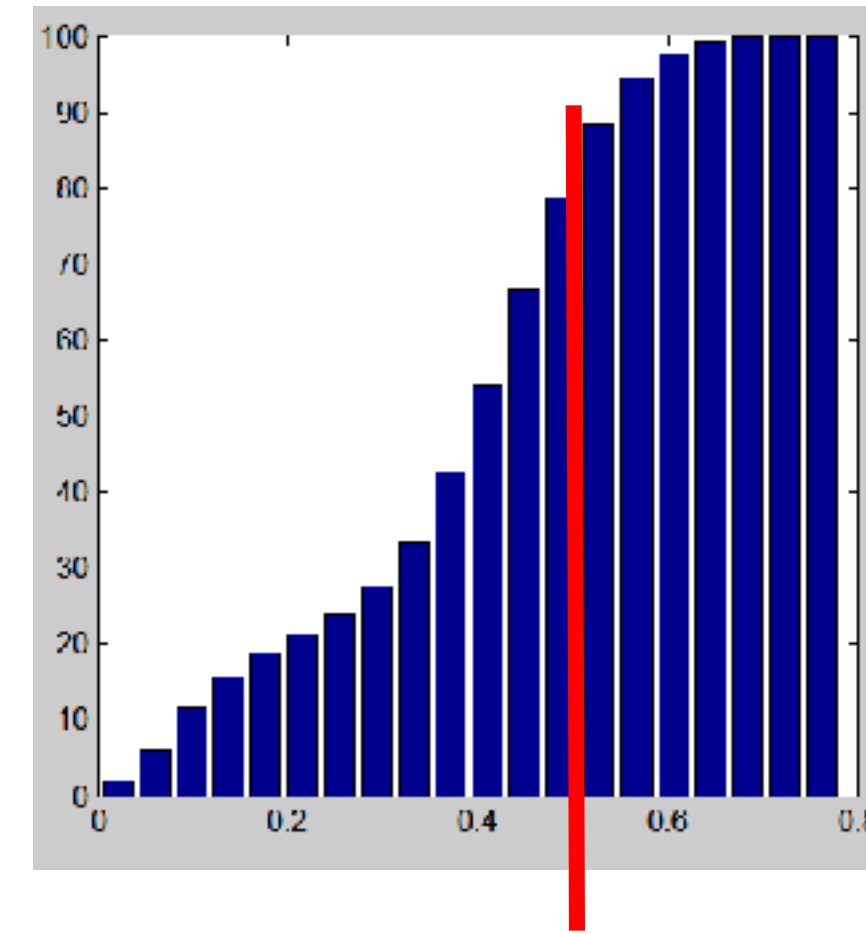


Histograms

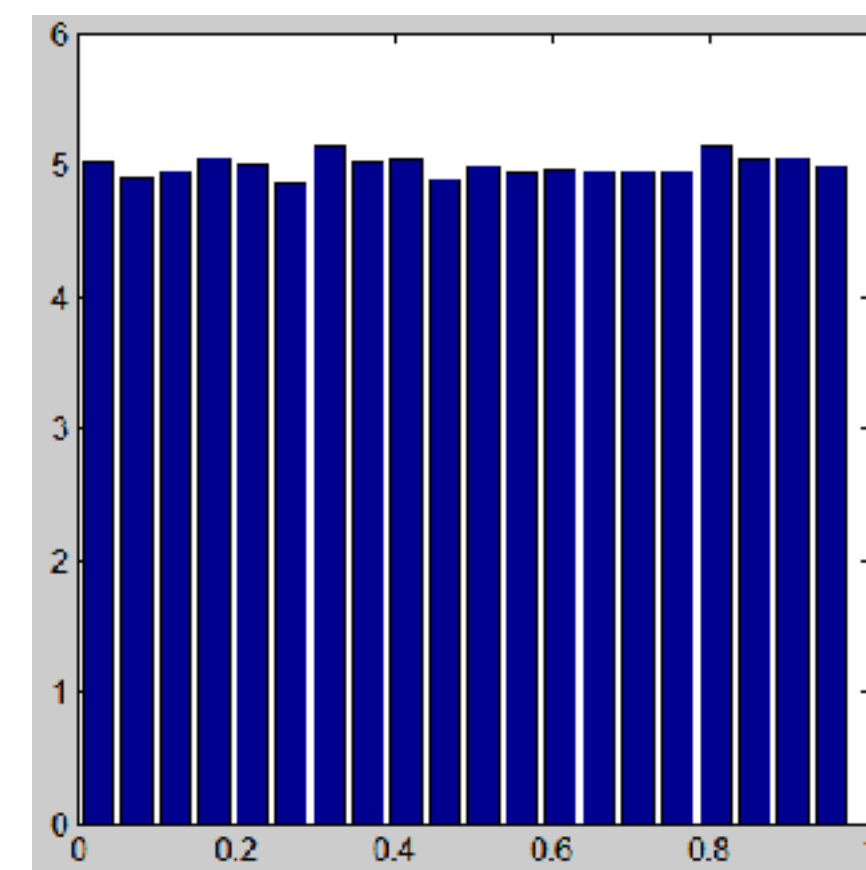
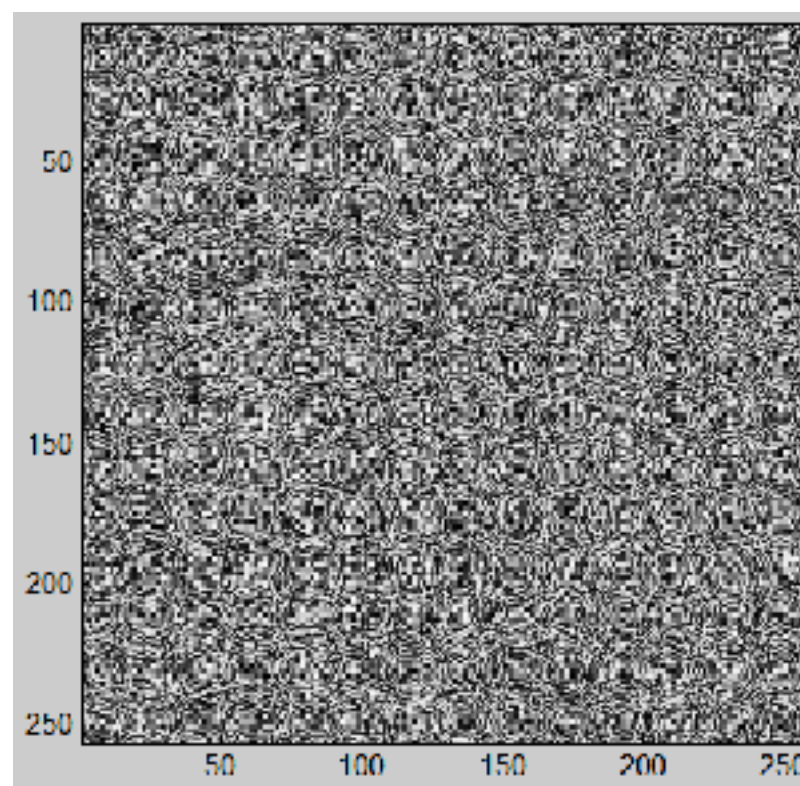


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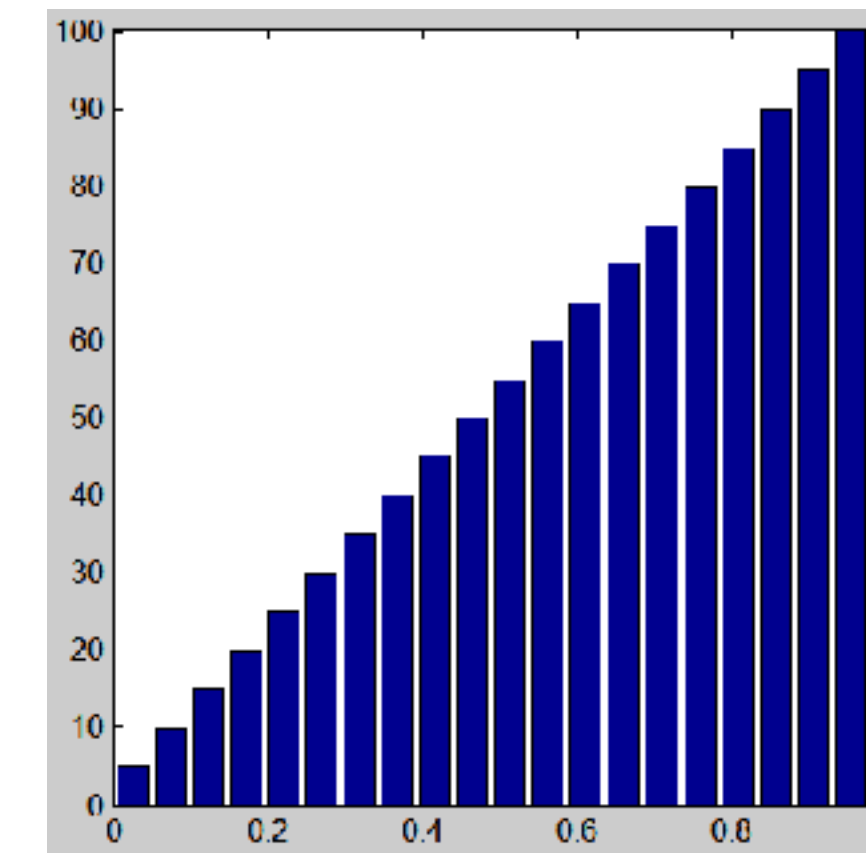
Cumulative Histograms



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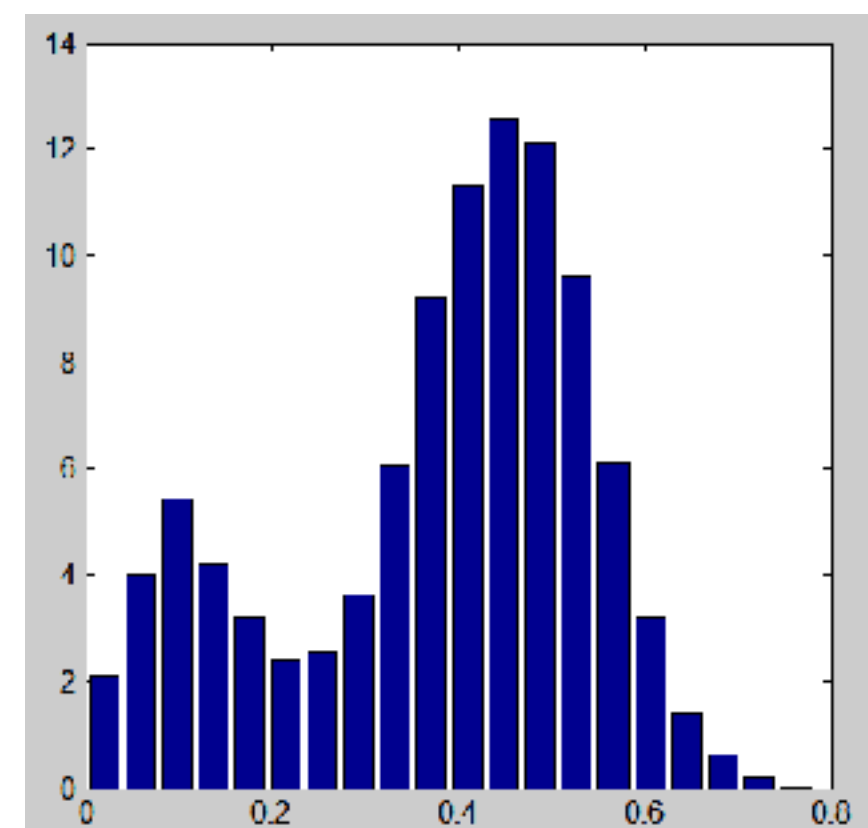
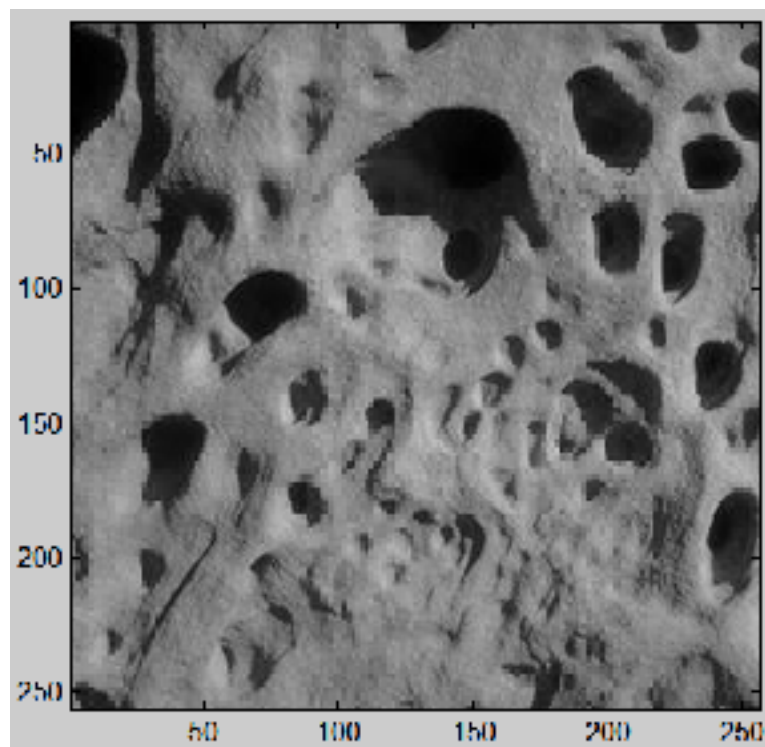


5% of pixels have an intensity value within the range[0.37, 0.41]



# 2-Matching histograms

$Z(x,y)$

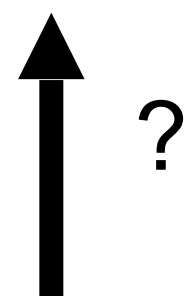


We look for a transformation of the image  $Y$

$$Y' = f(Y)$$

Such that

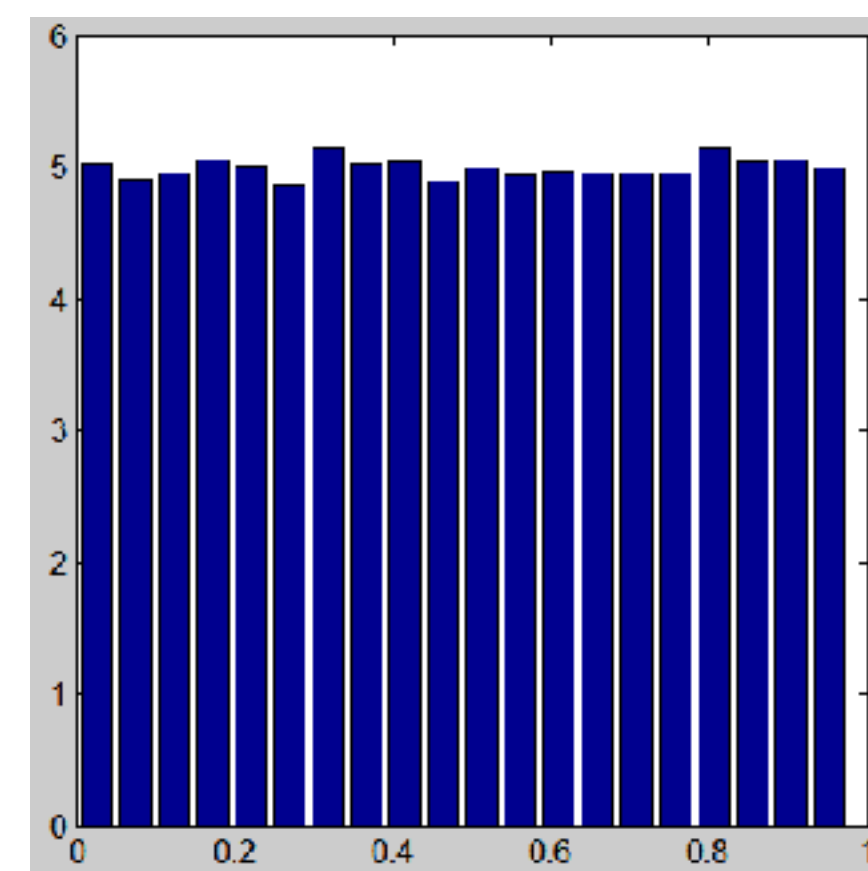
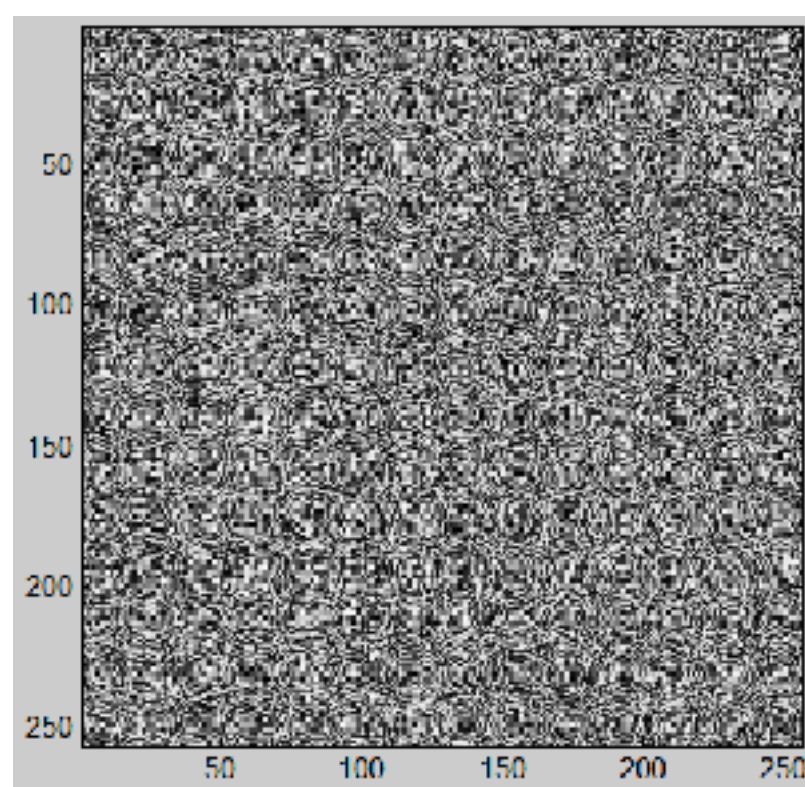
$$\text{Hist}(Y) = \text{Hist}(f(Z))$$



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**Problem:** there are infinitely many functions that can do this transformation.

$Y(x,y)$



A natural choice is to use  $f$  being:

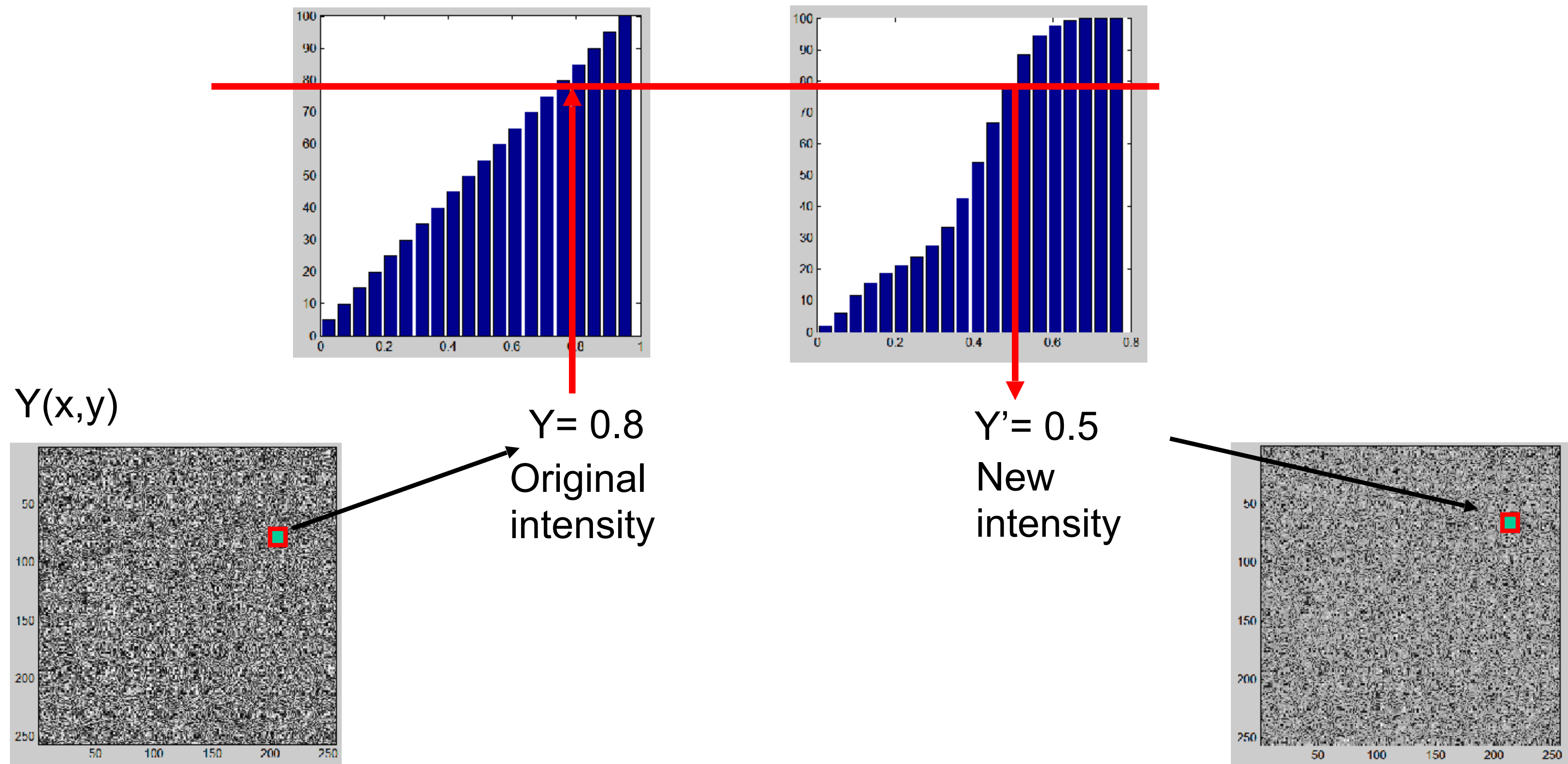
- pointwise non linearity
- stationary
- monotonic (most of the time invertible)



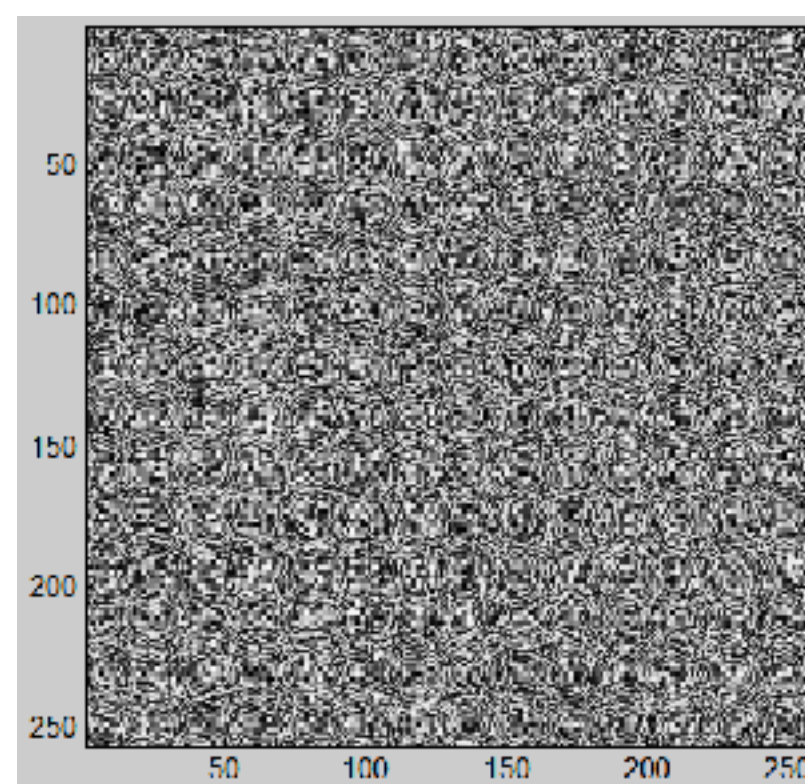
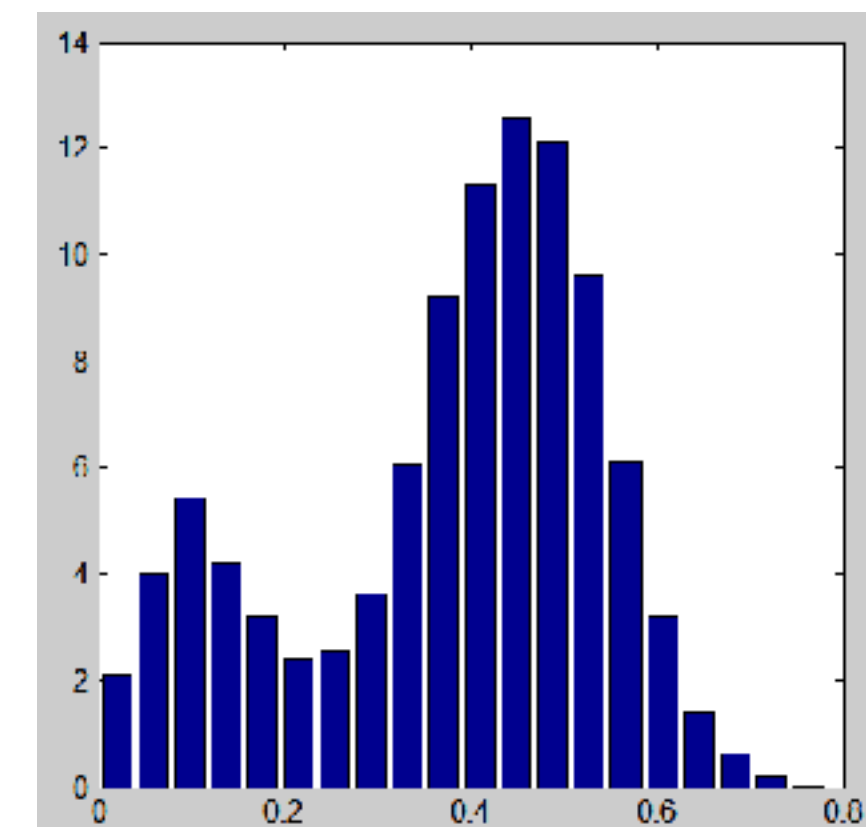
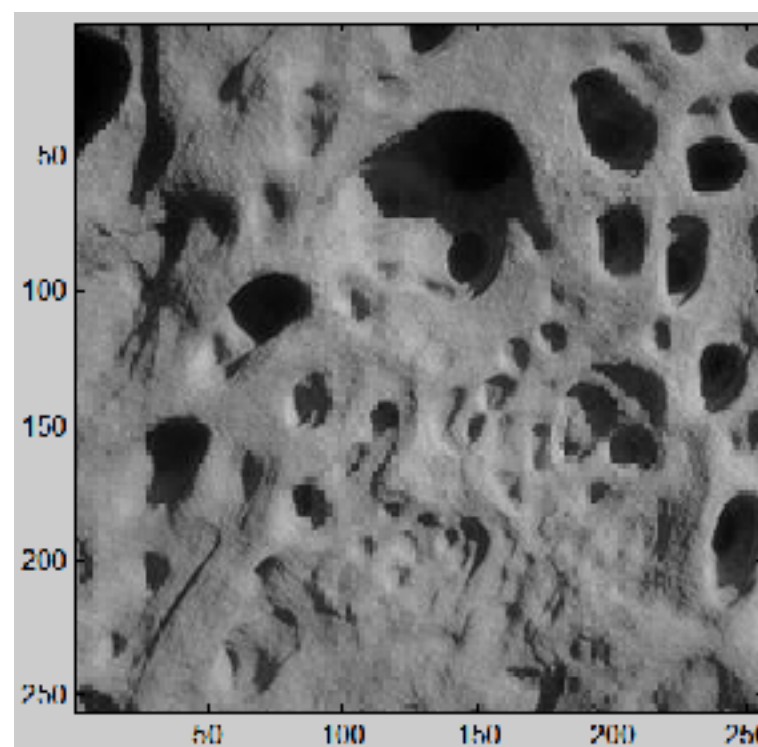
# 2-Matching cumulative histograms

The function  $f$  is just a look up table: it says, change all the pixels of value  $Y$  into a value  $f(Y)$ .

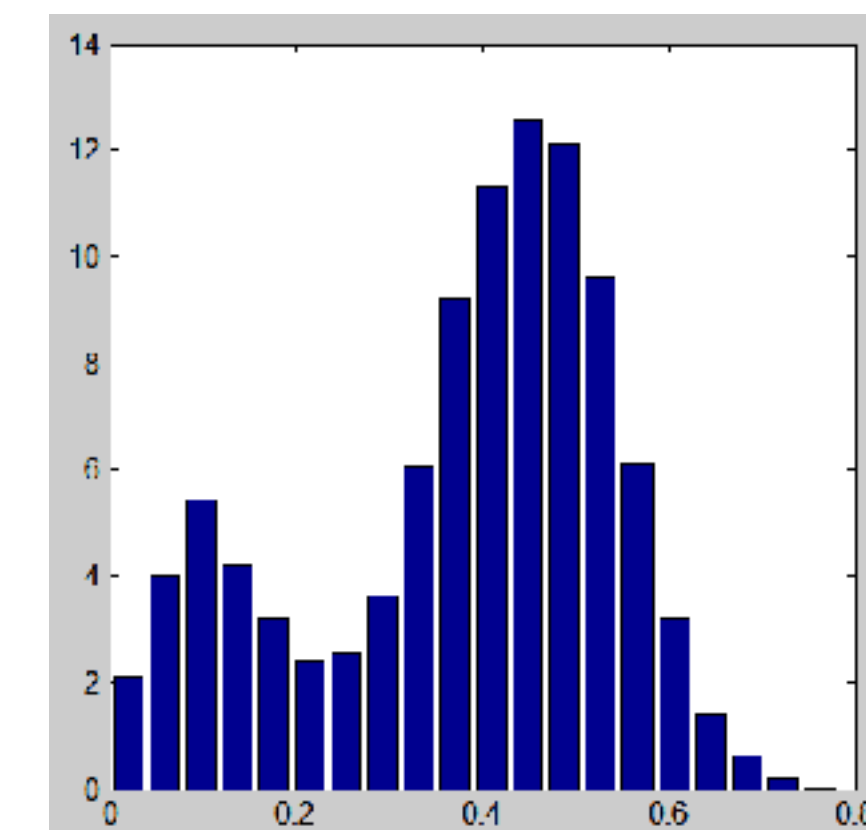
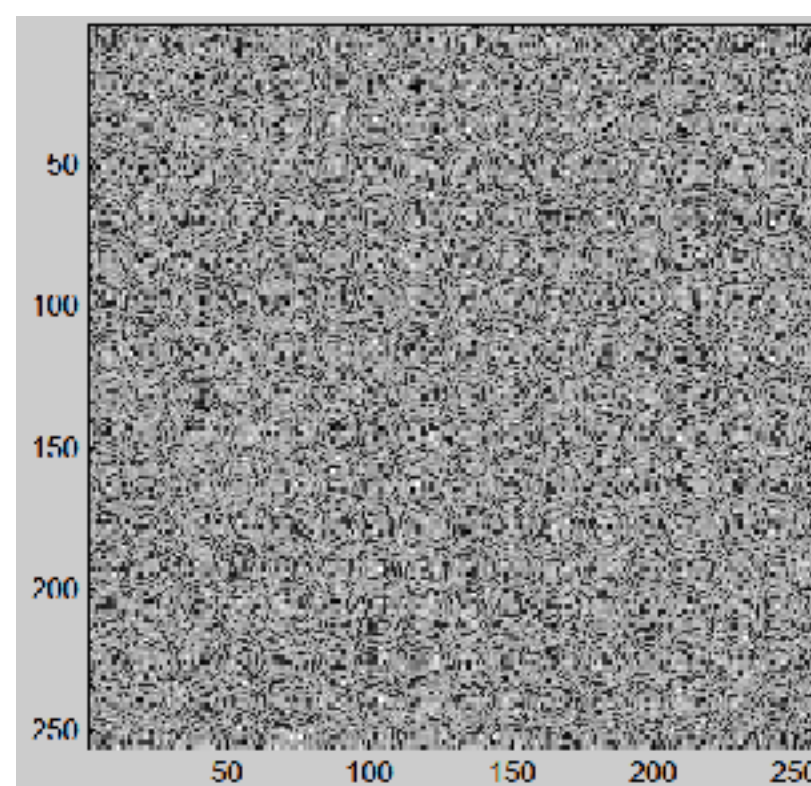
$$Y' = f(Y)$$



## 2-Matching histograms

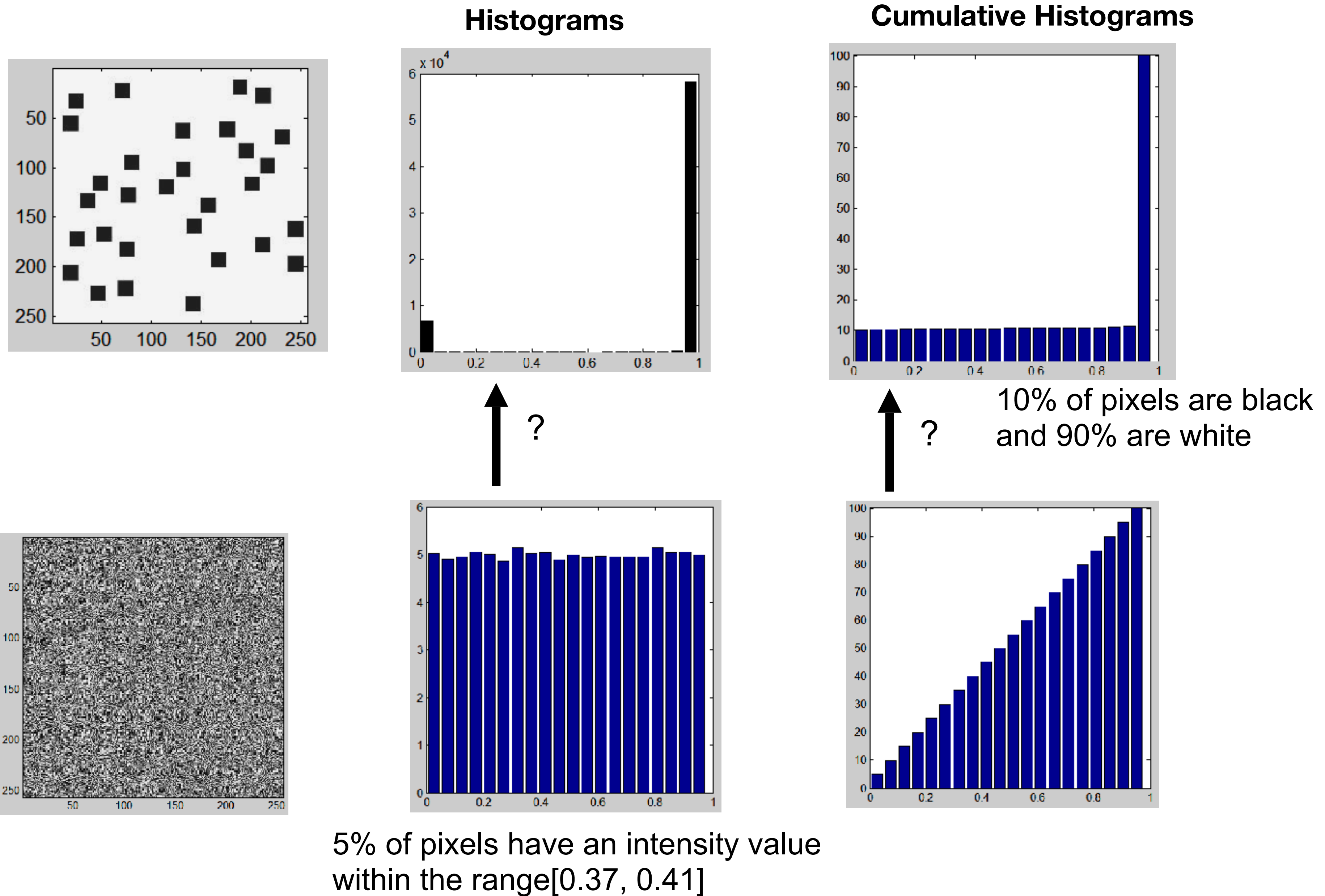


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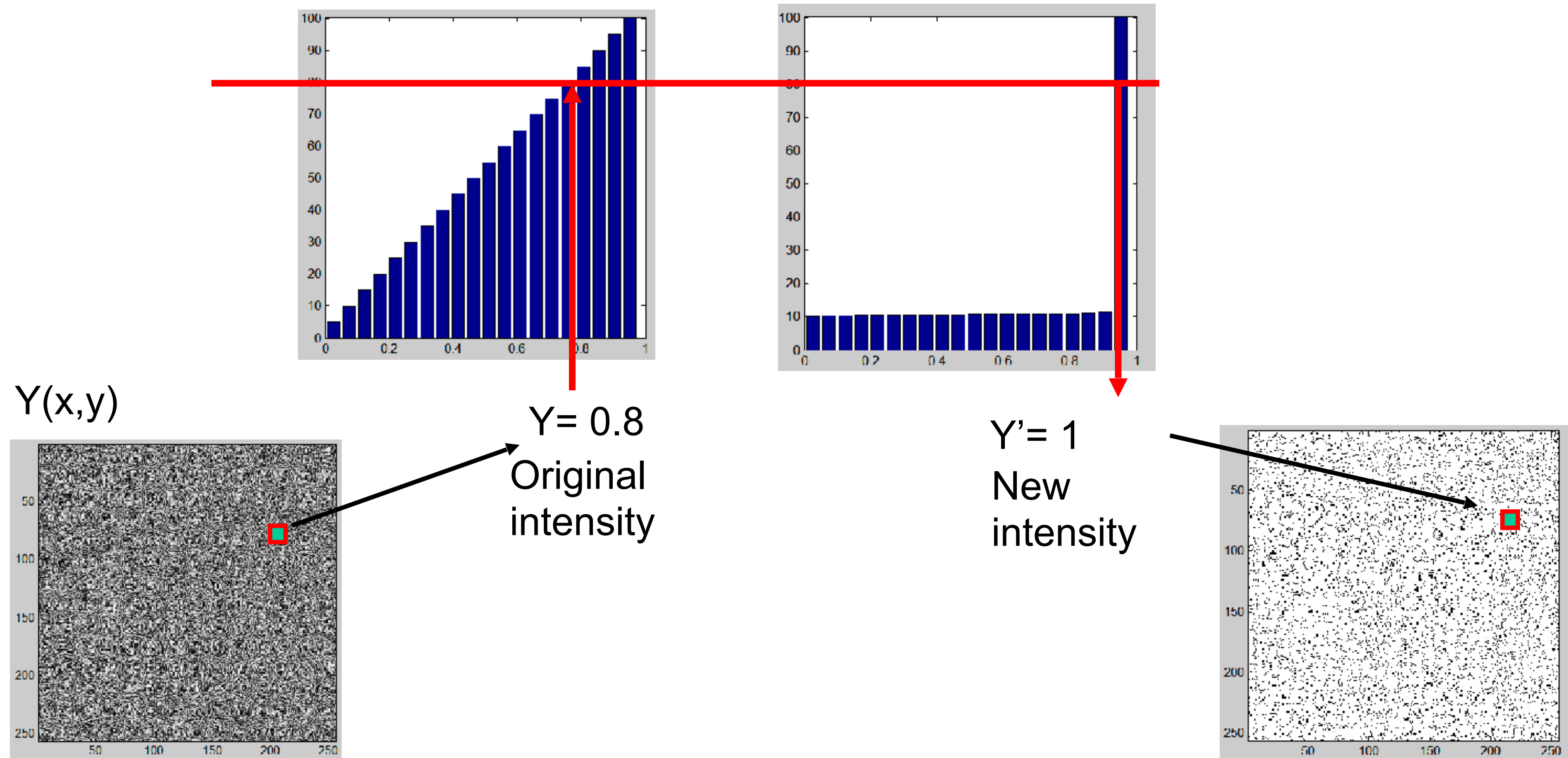
# Matching histograms example



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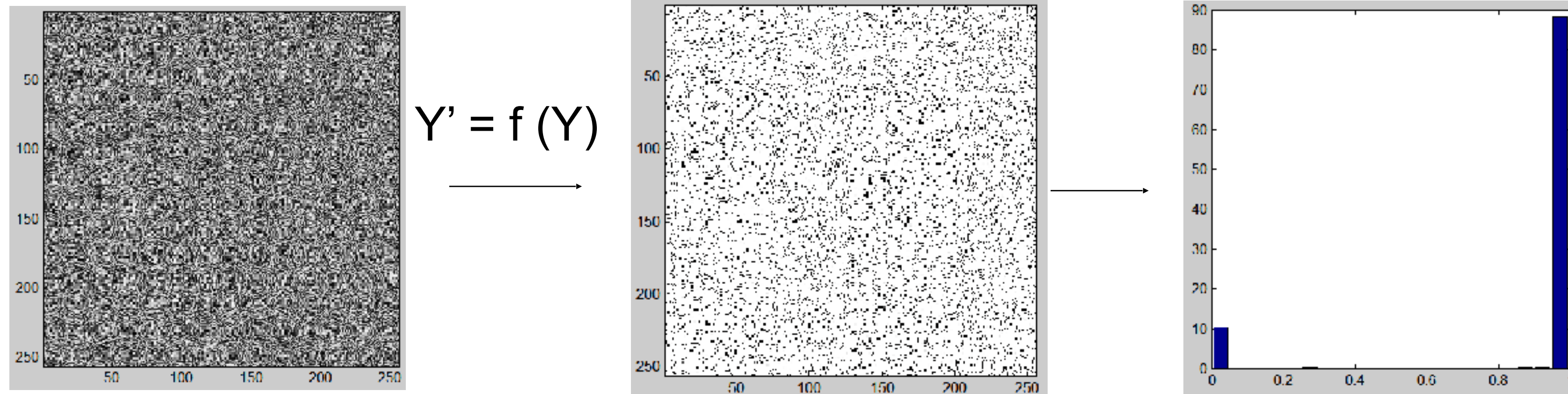
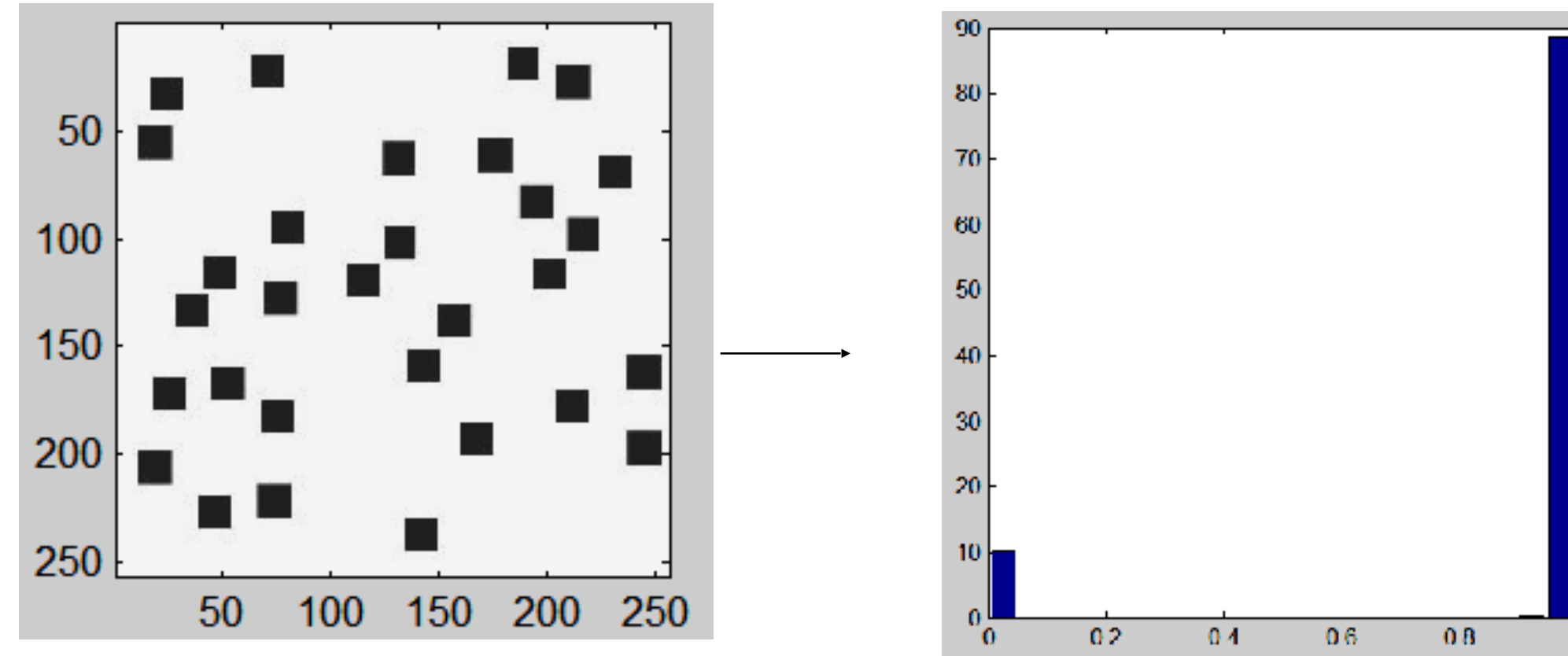
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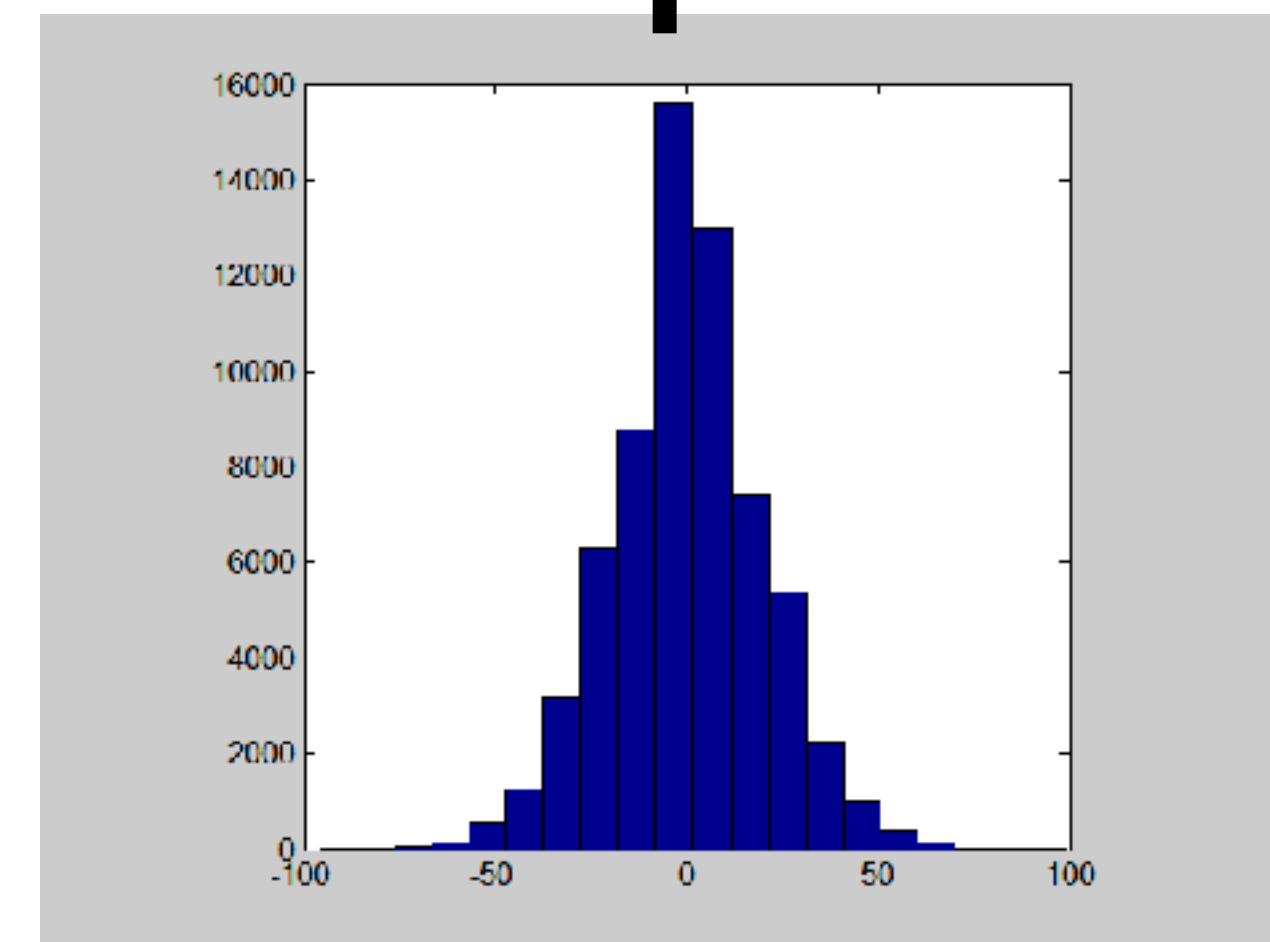
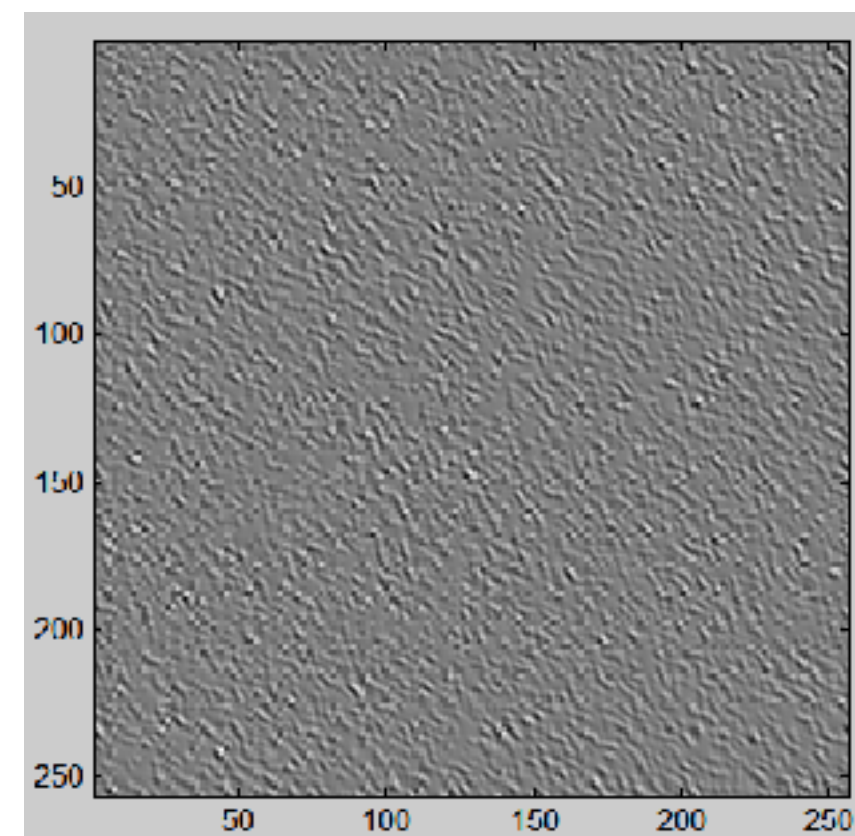
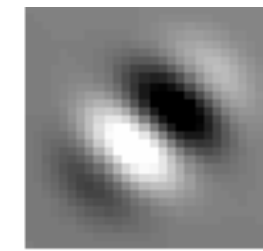
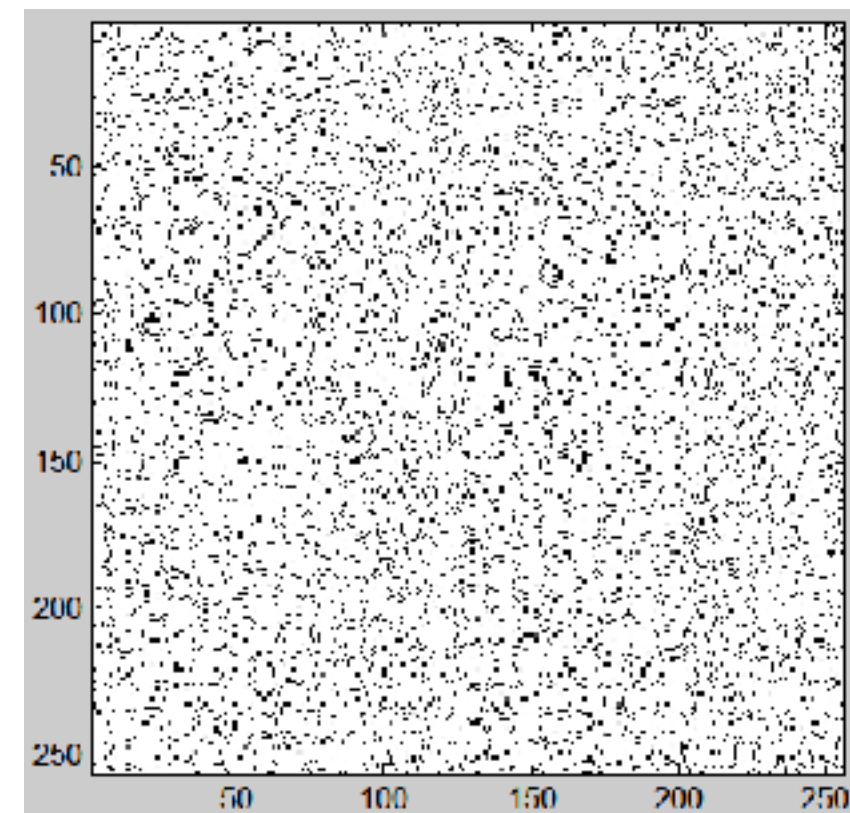
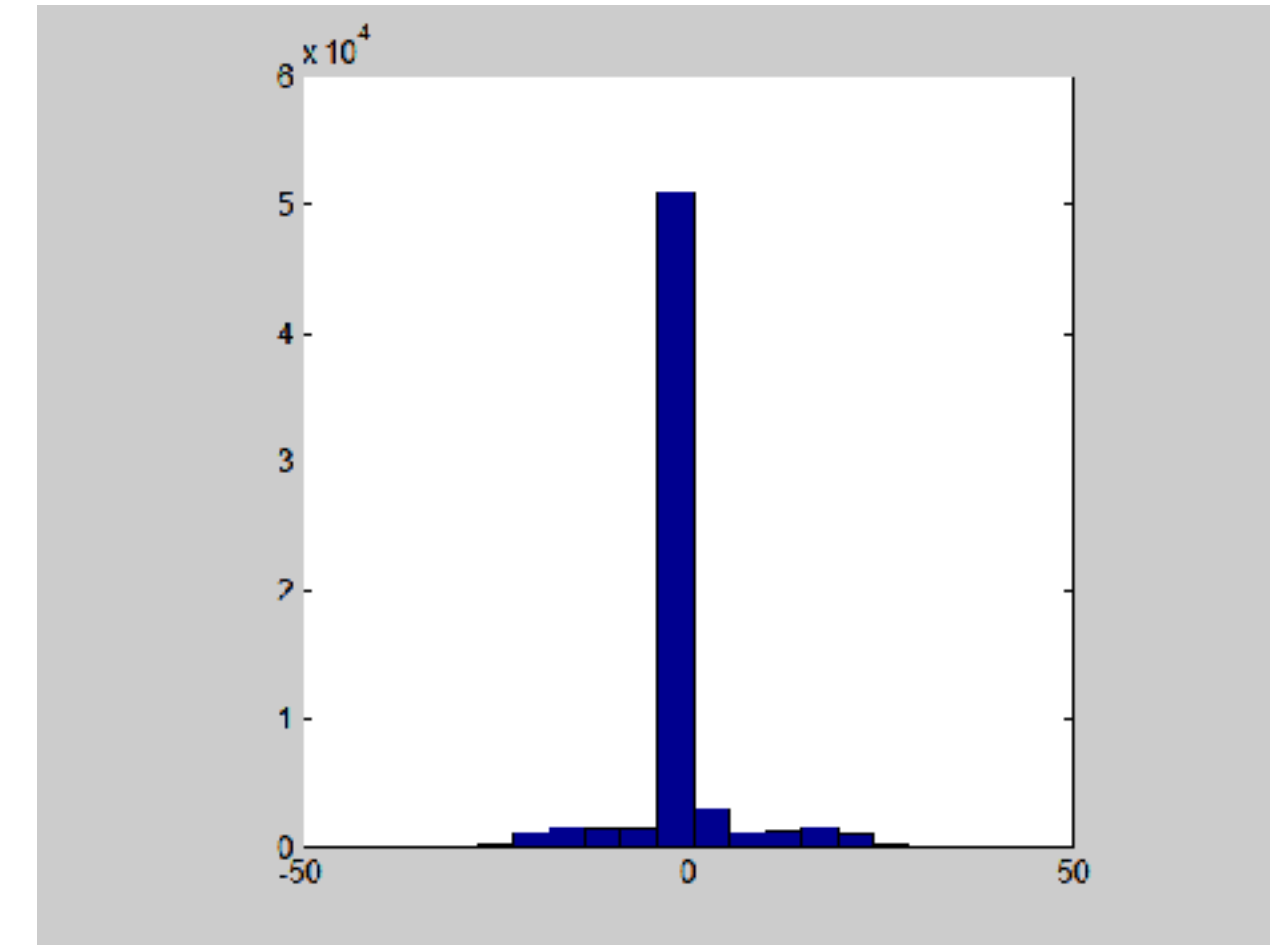
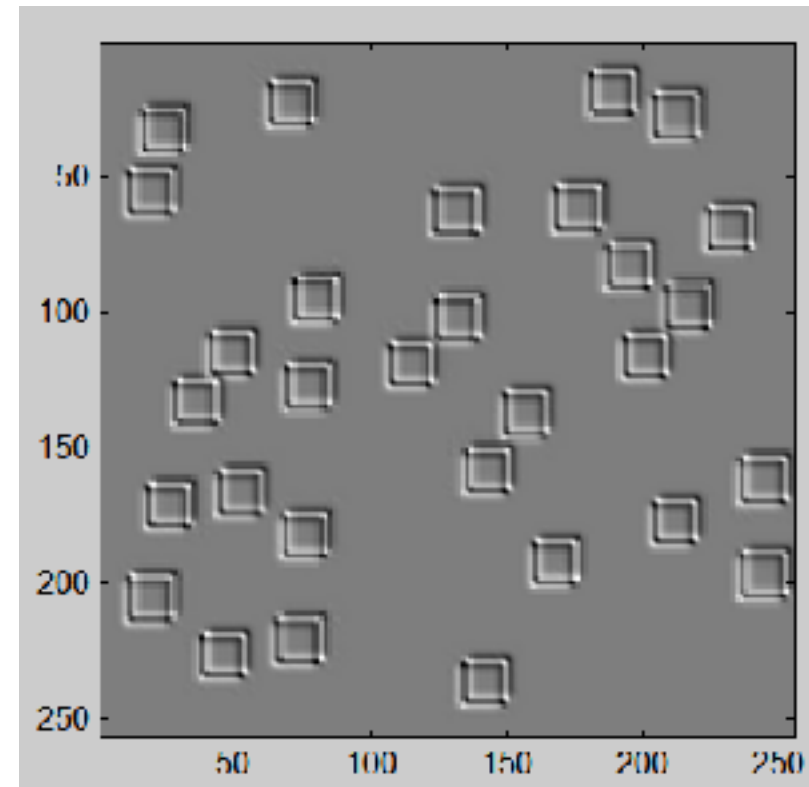
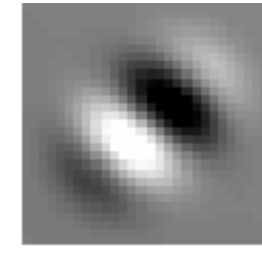
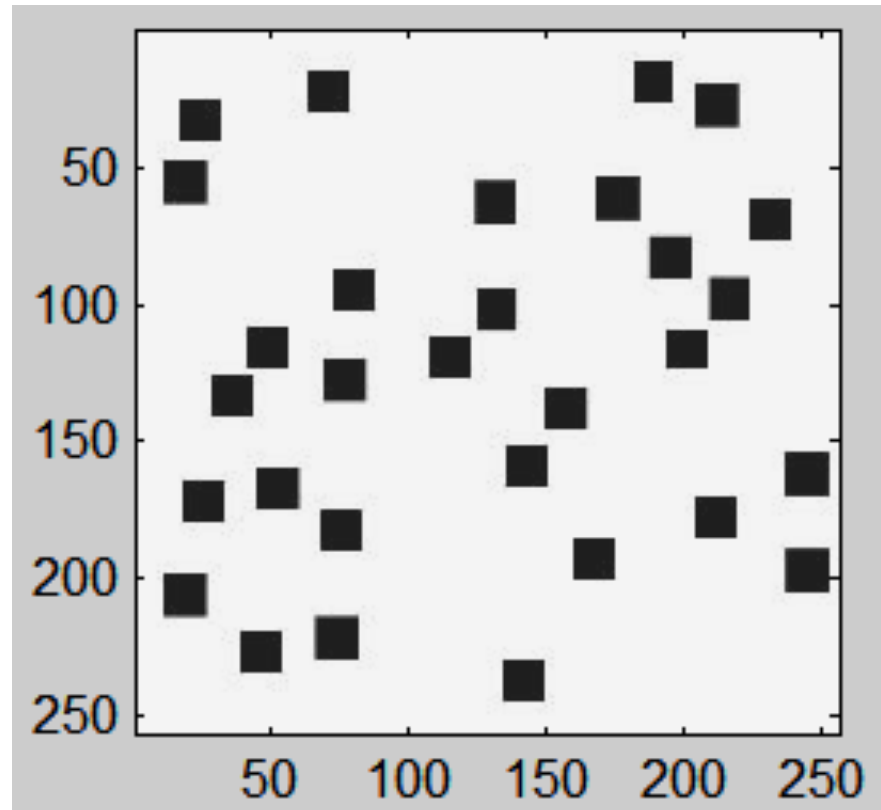


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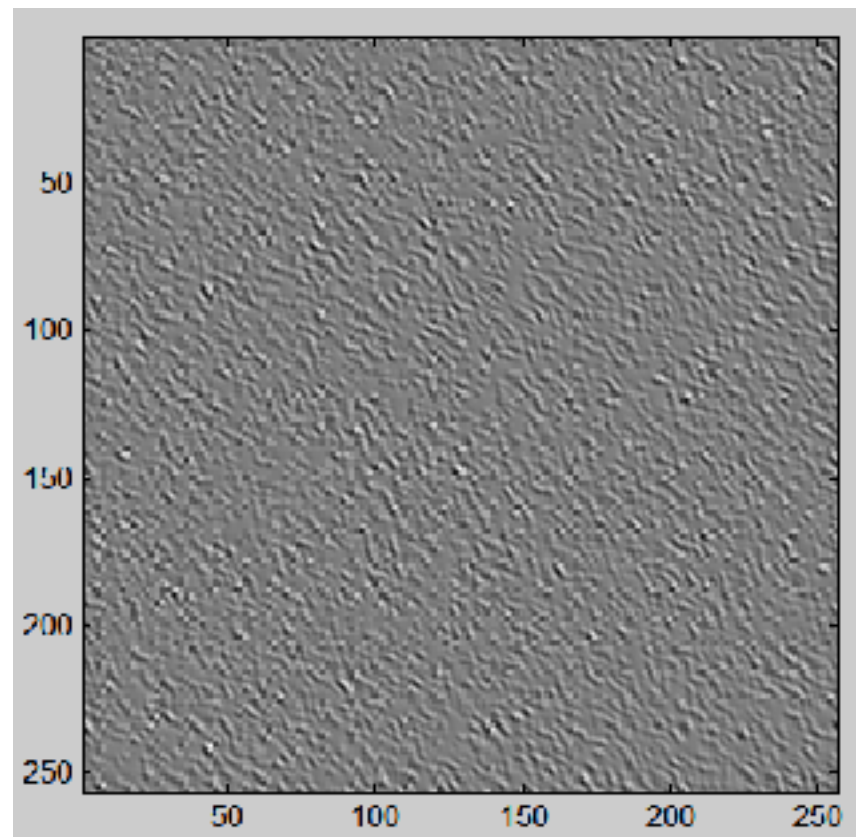
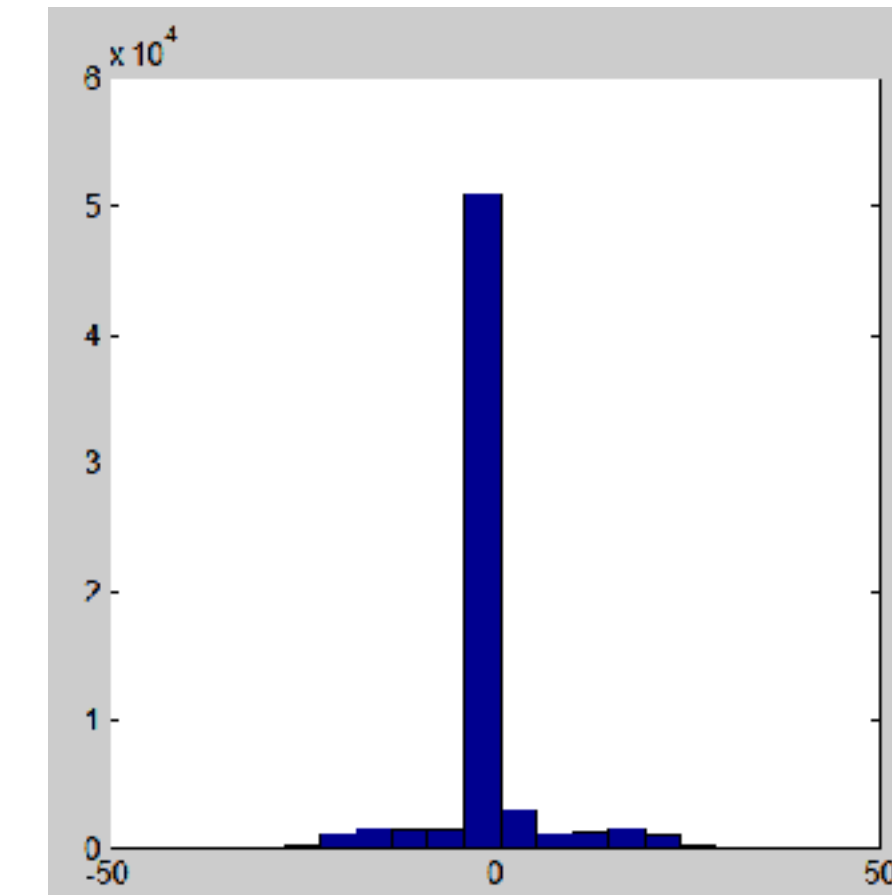
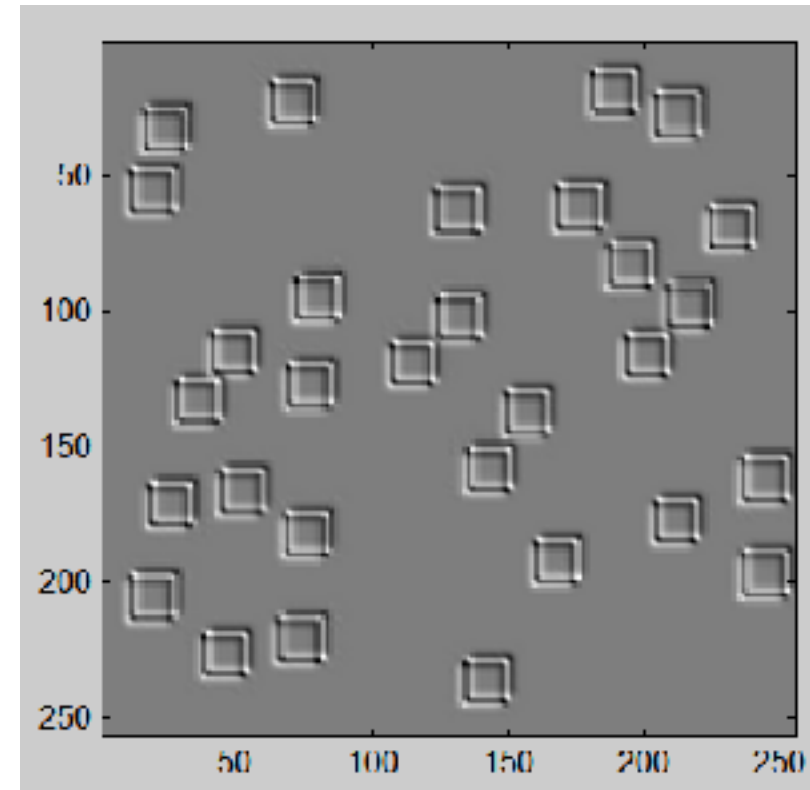
In this example,  $f$  is a step function.

# Matching histograms of a subband

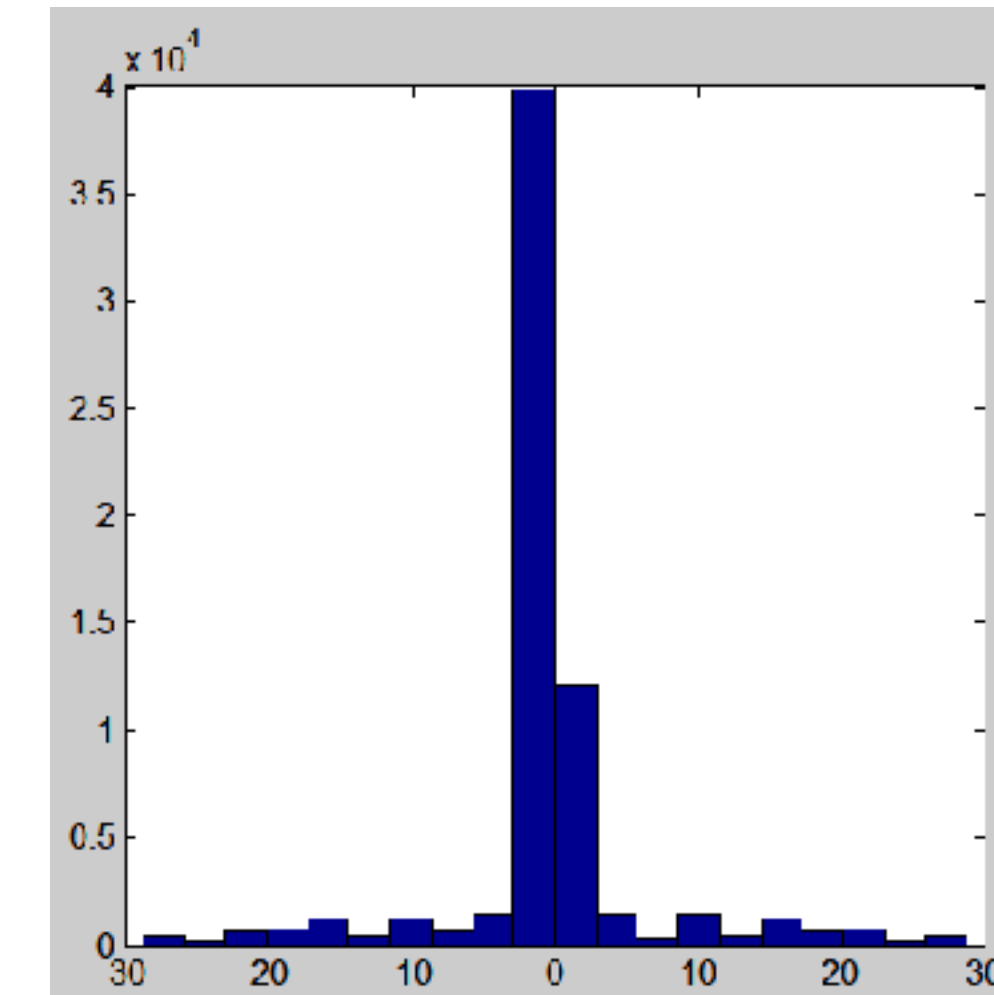
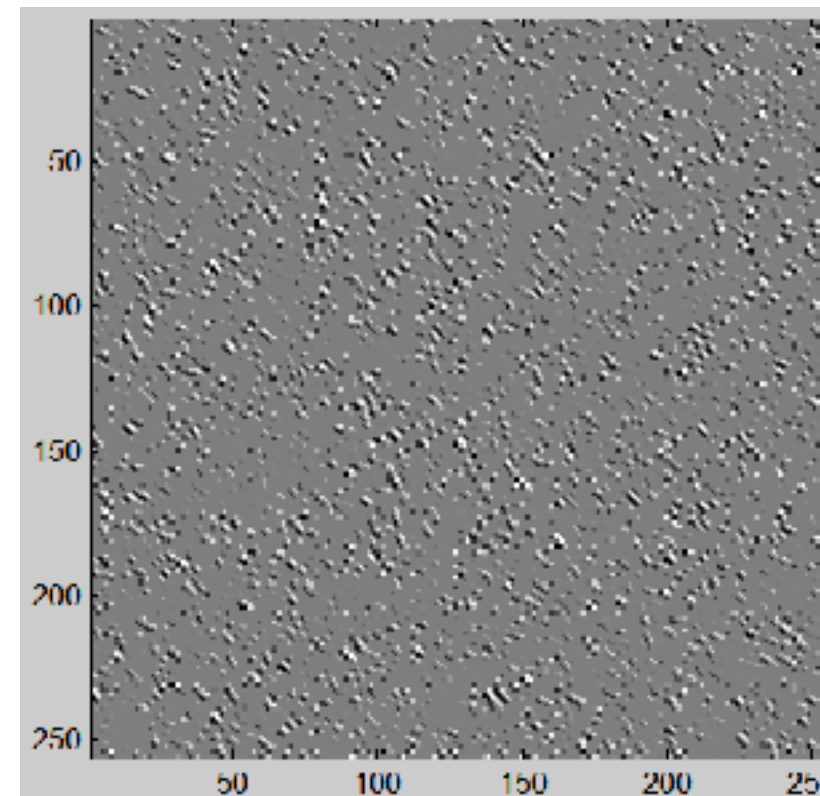




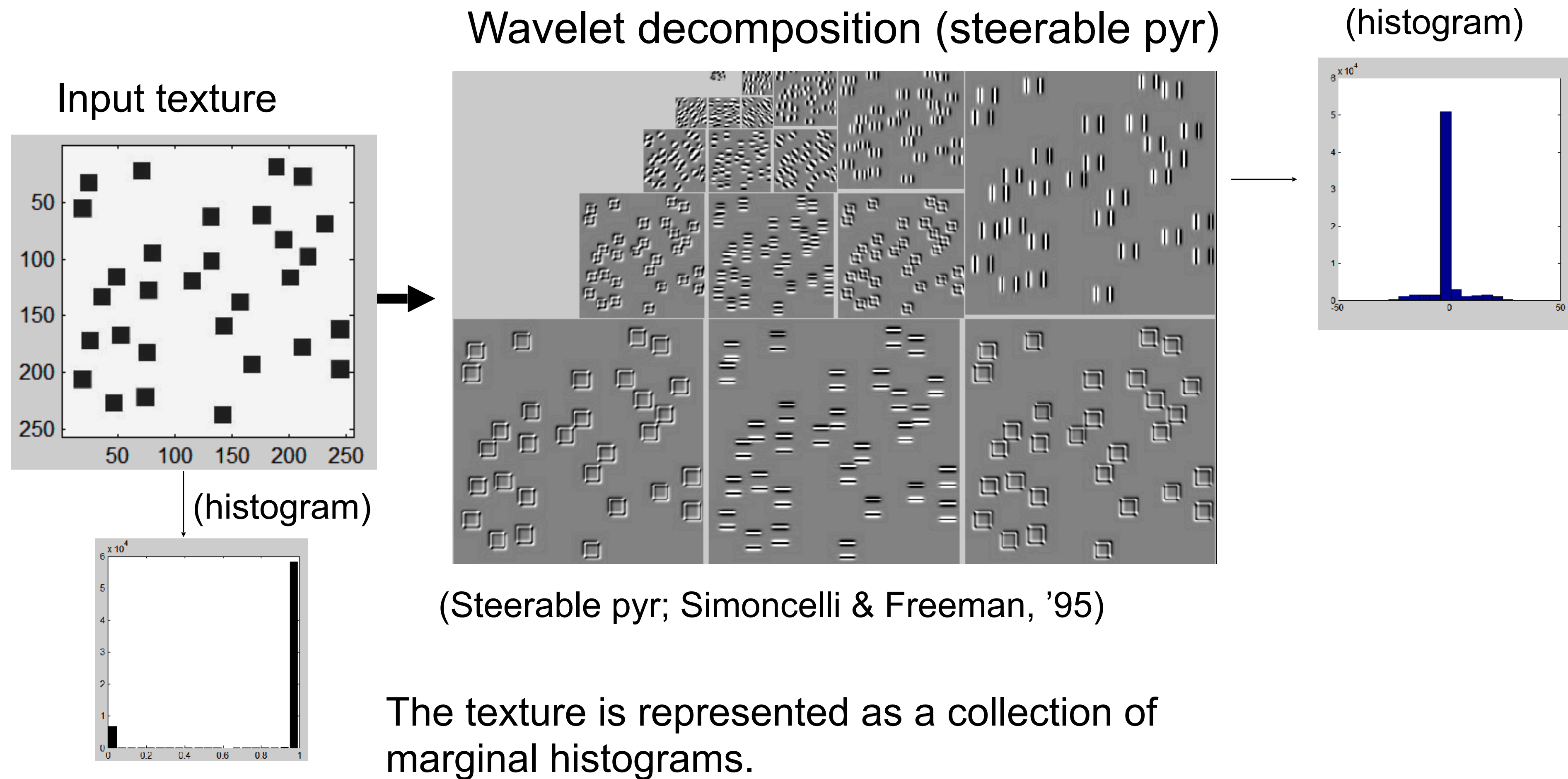
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$$Y' = f(Y)$$



# Texture analysis

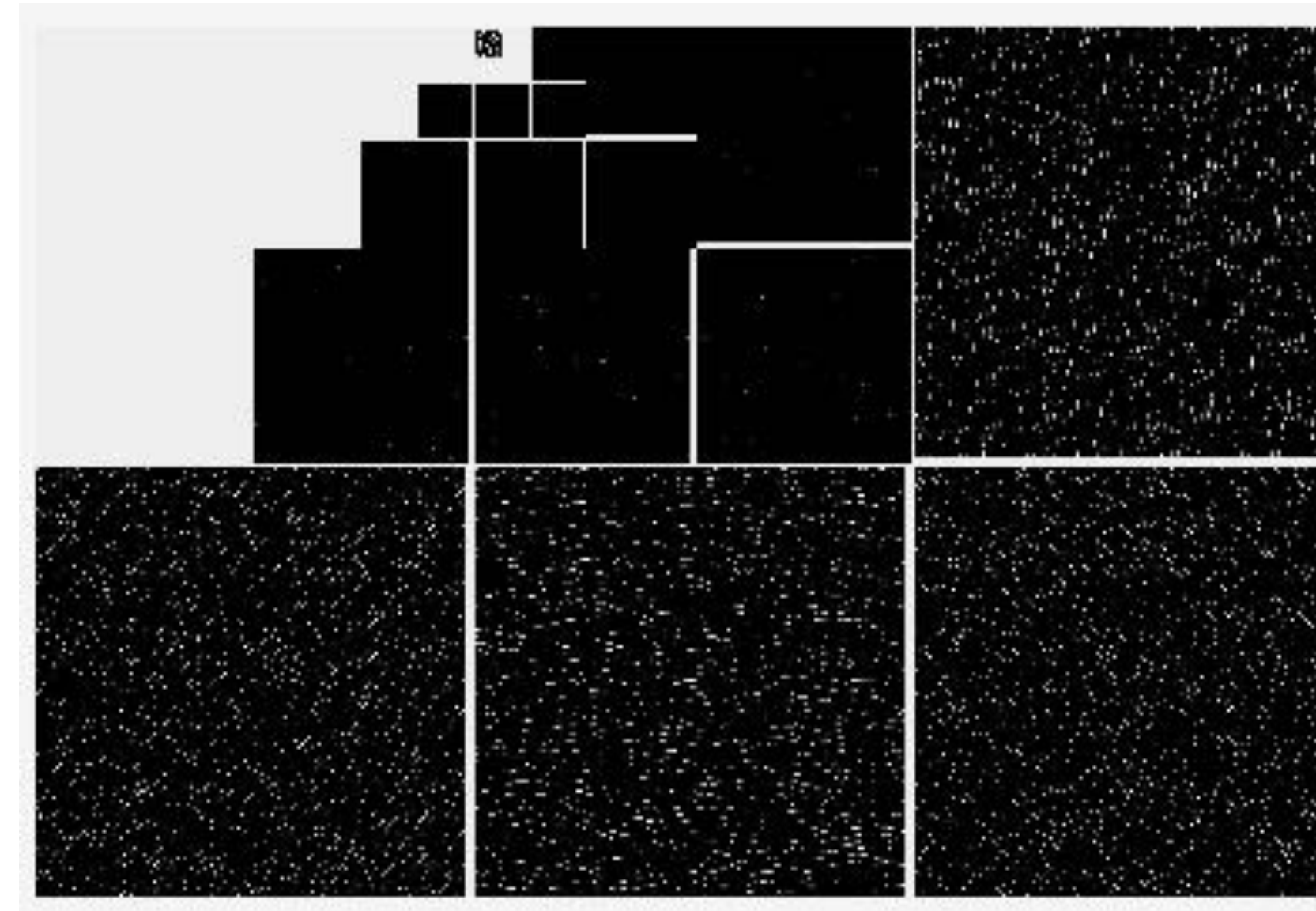
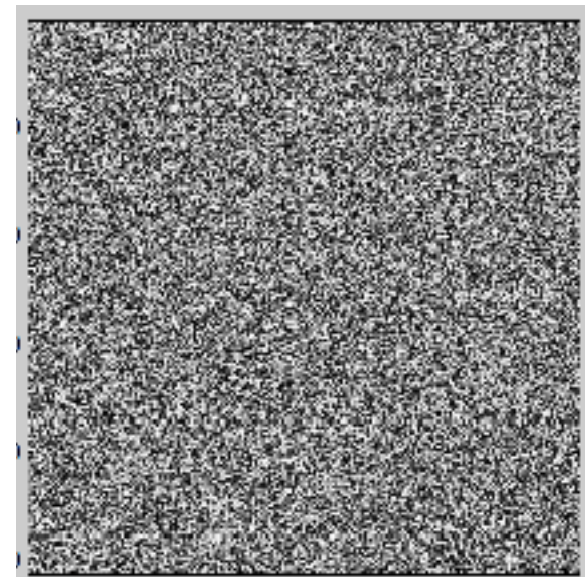




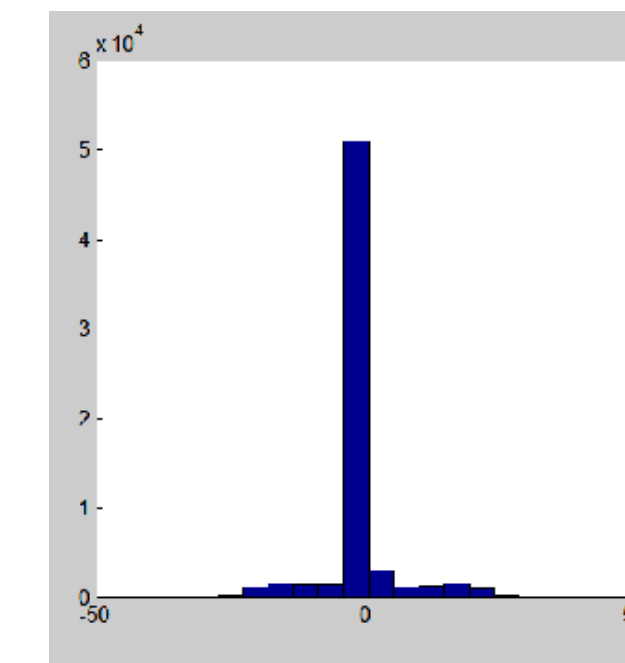
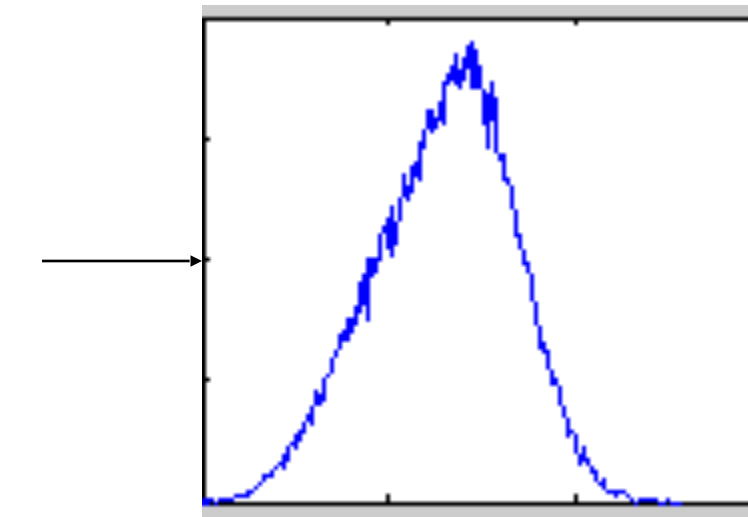
# Texture synthesis

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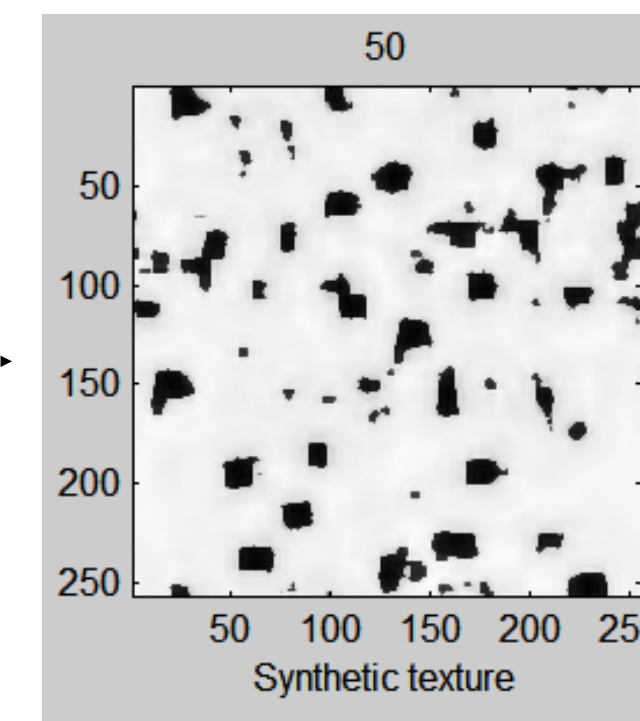
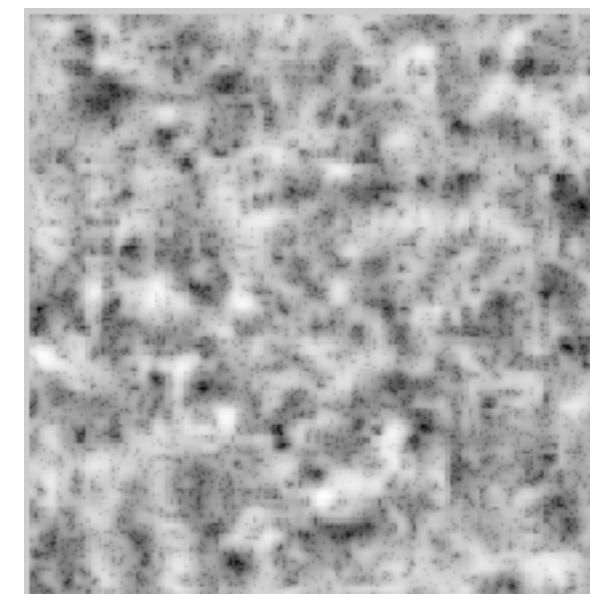
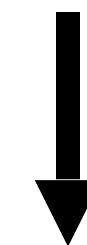
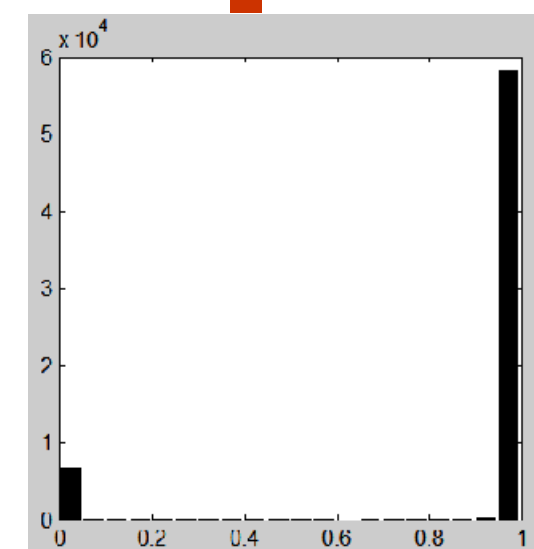
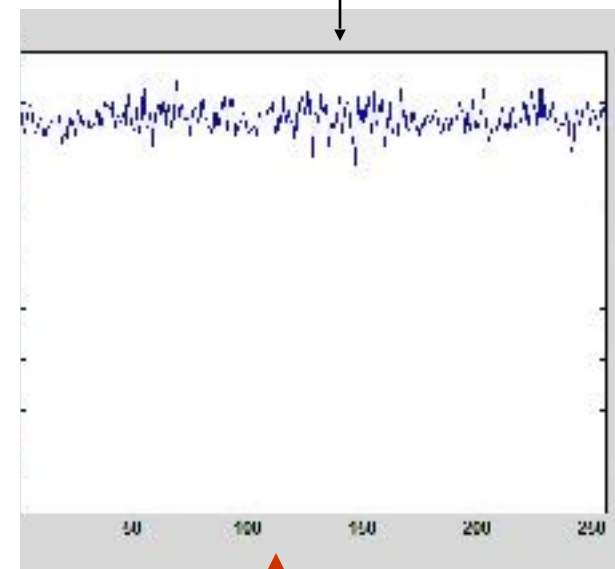
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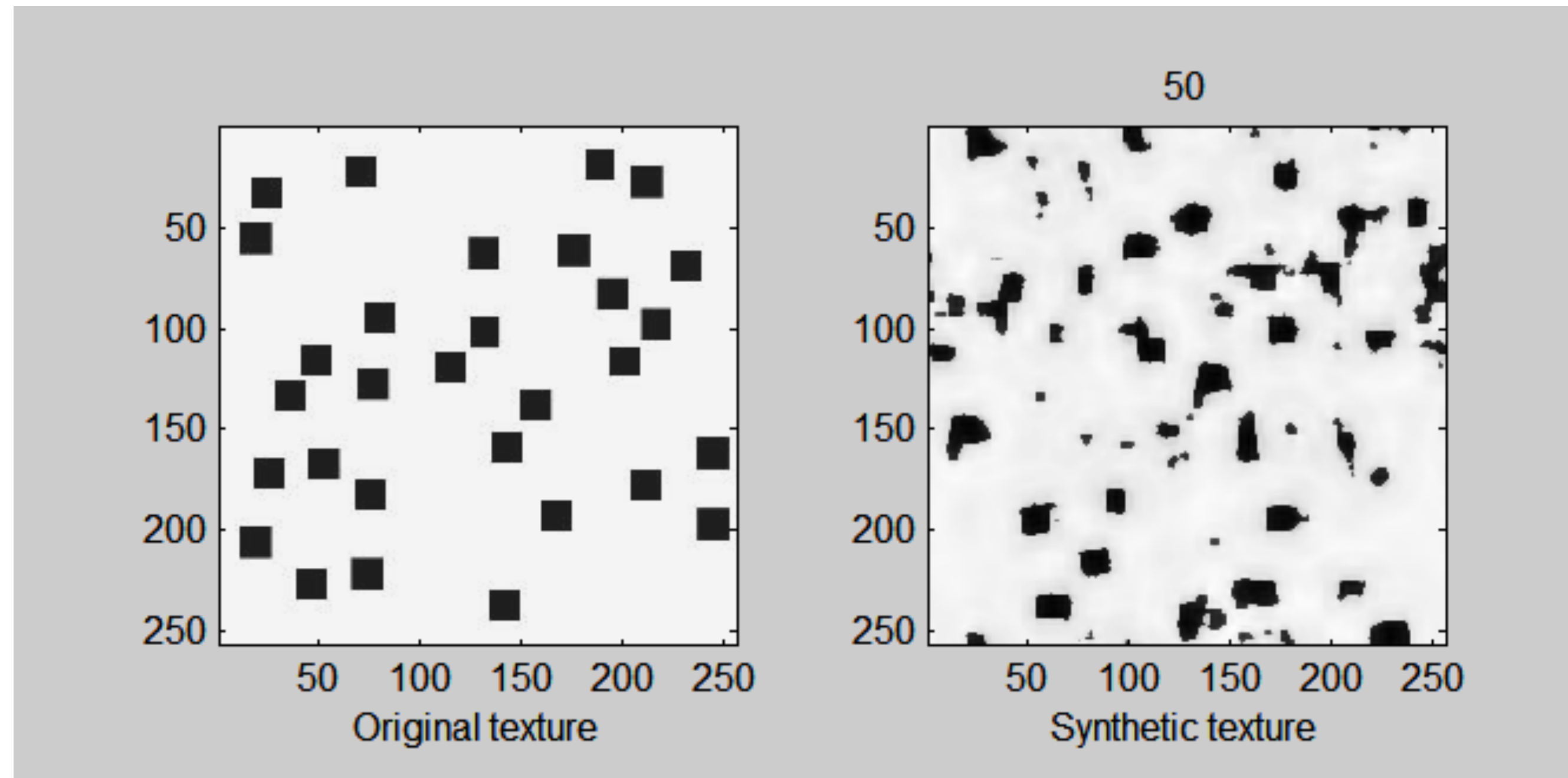
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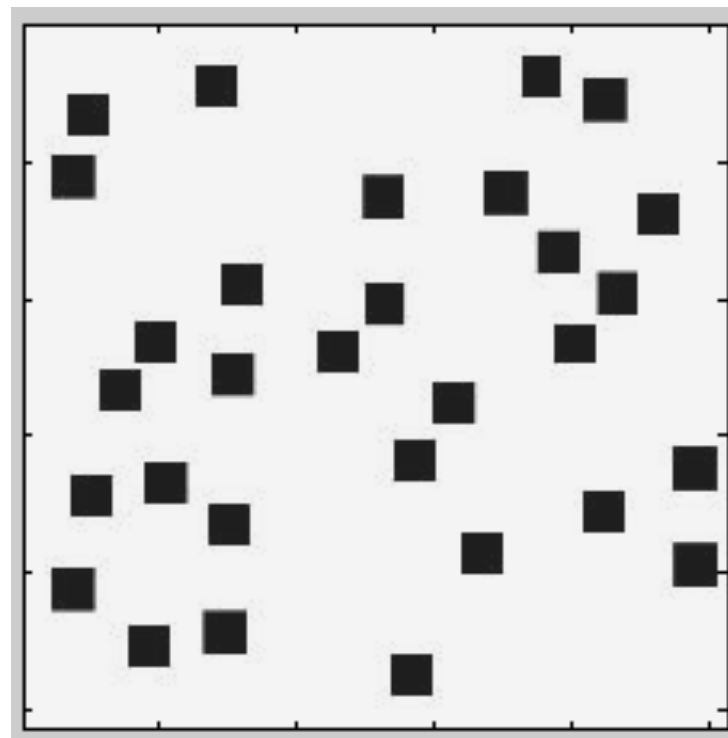
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# Why does it work? (sort of)



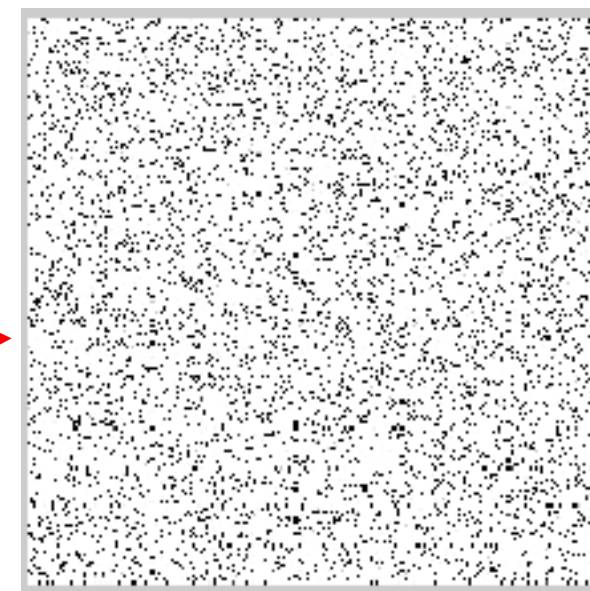
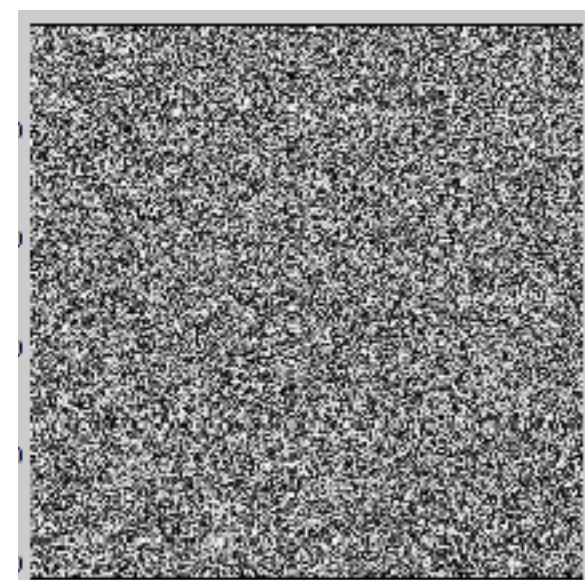




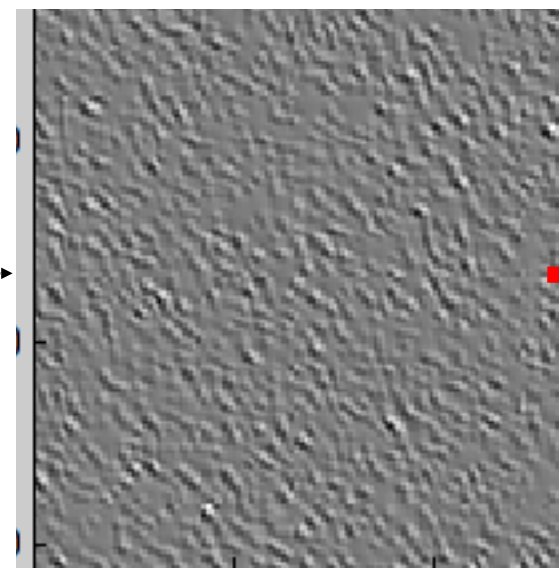
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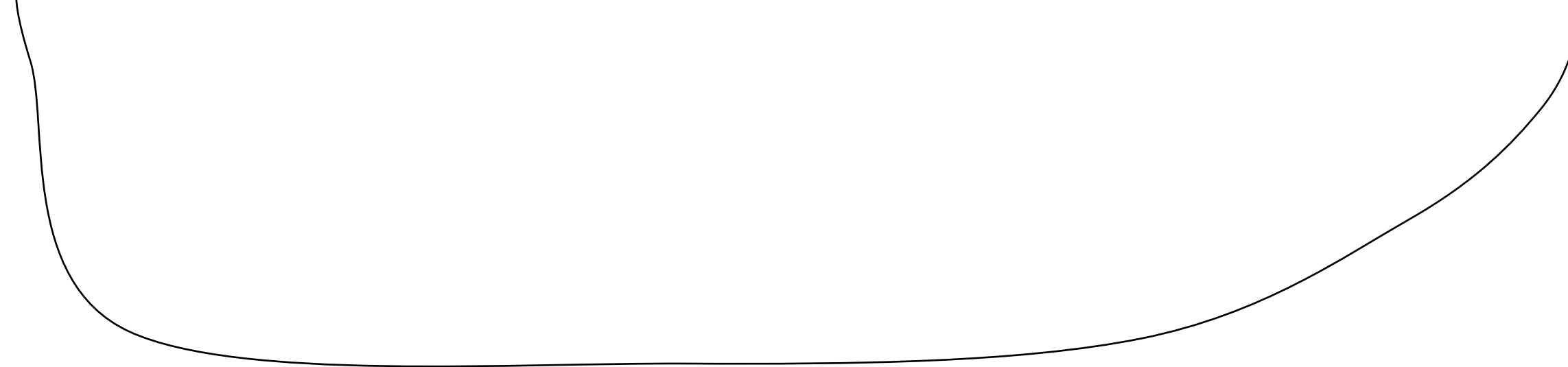
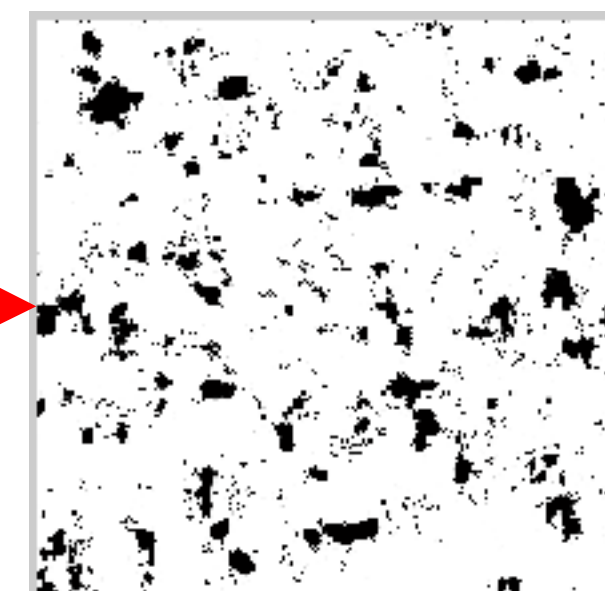
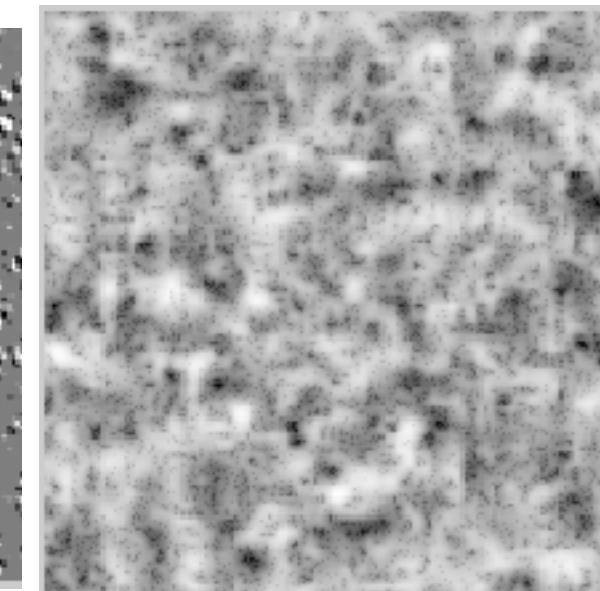
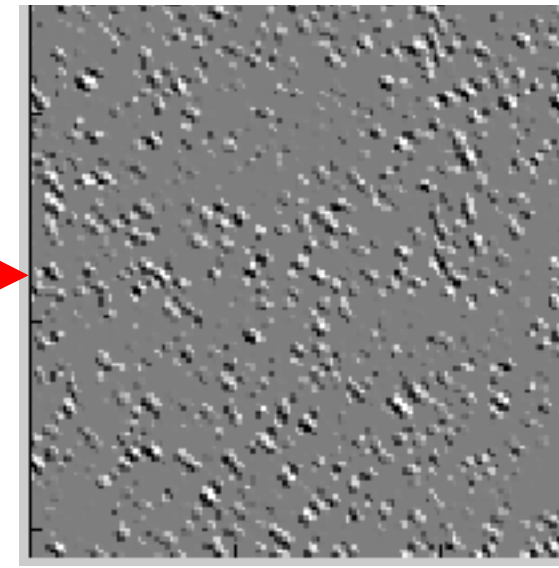
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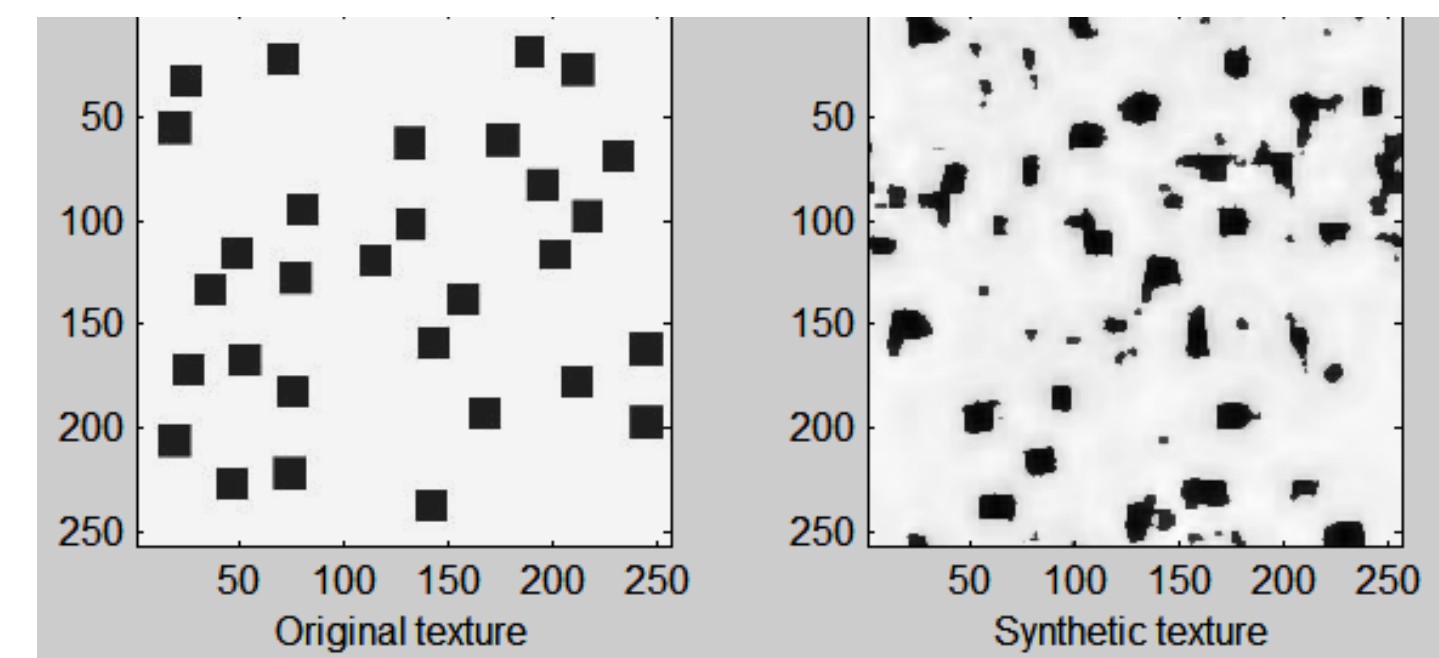
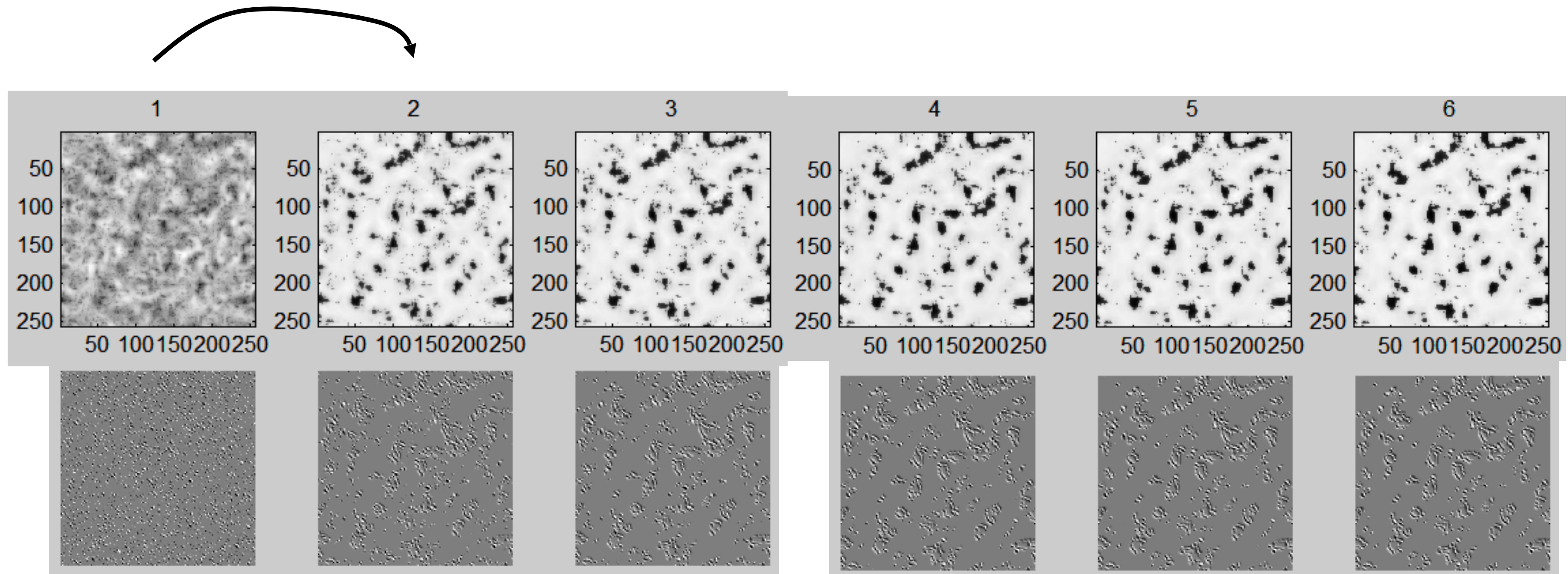
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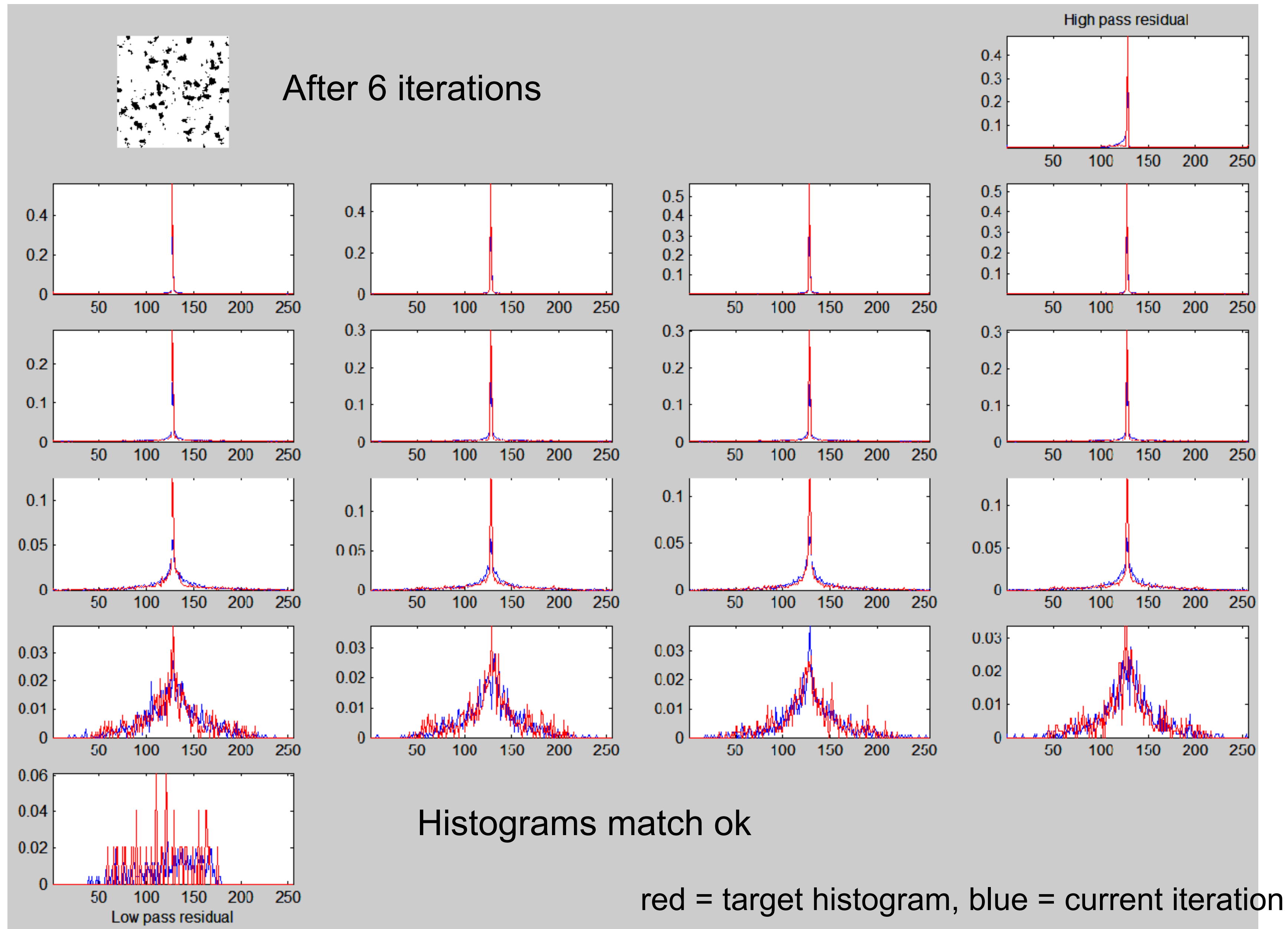
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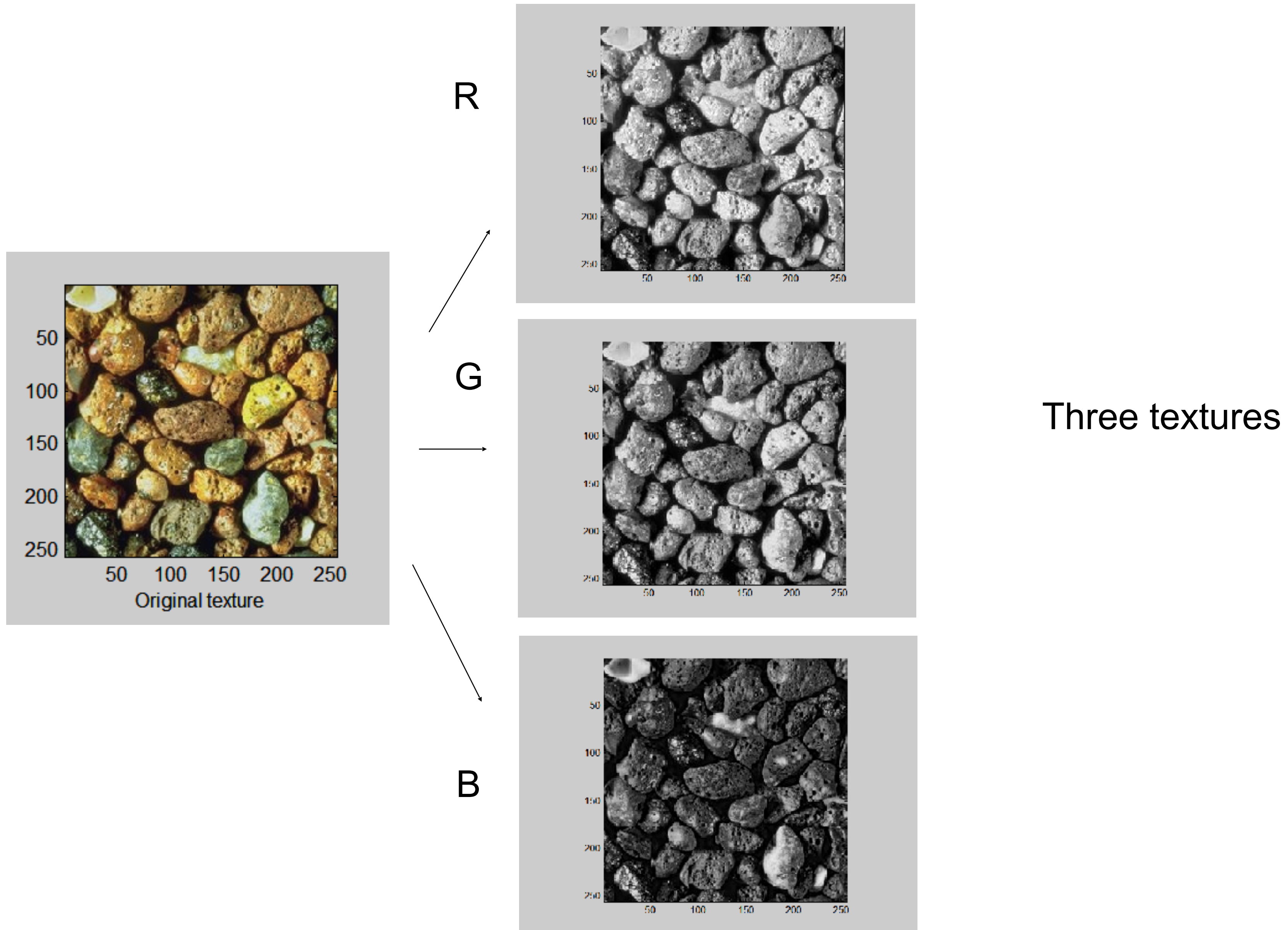




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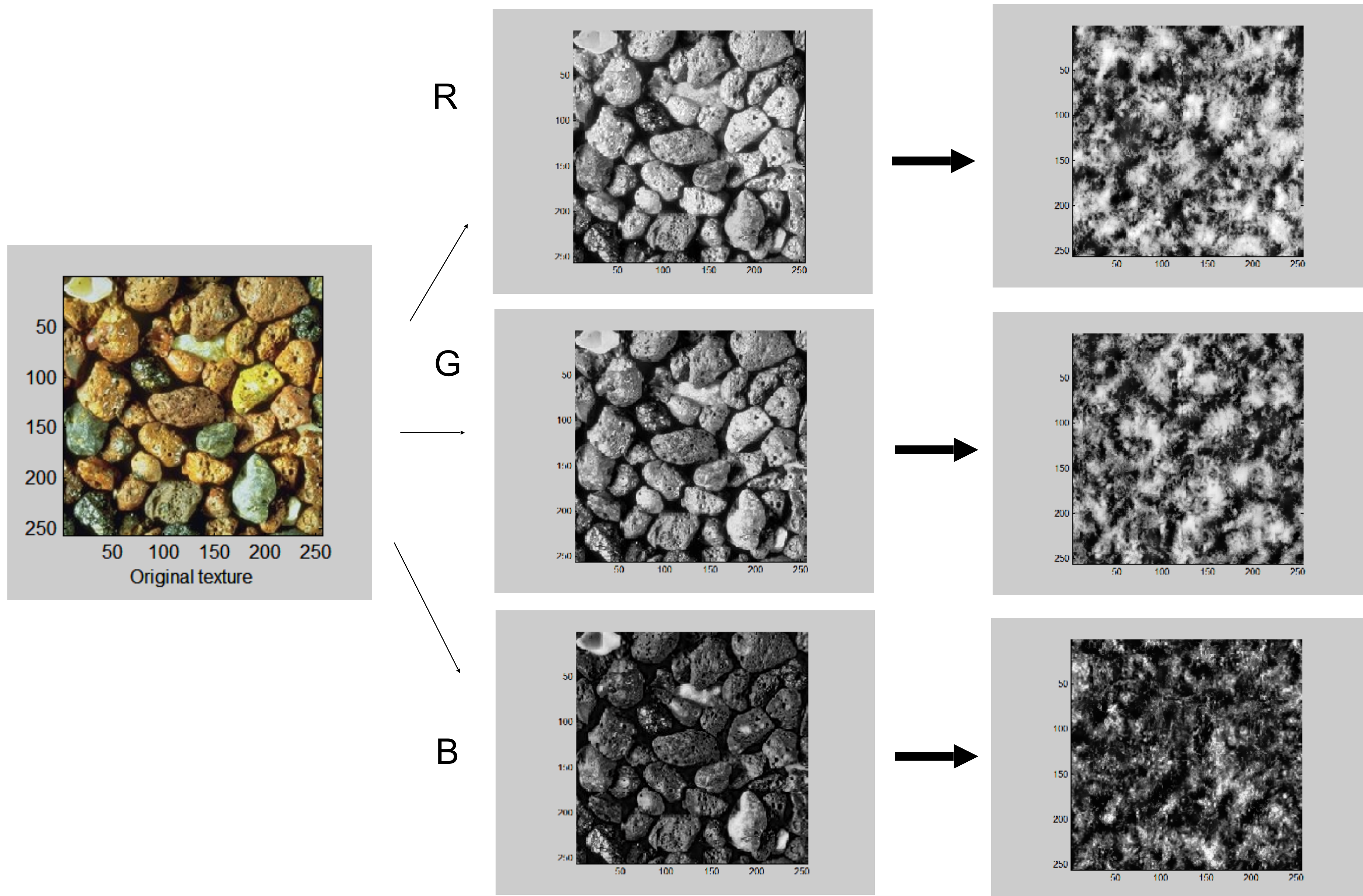


# Color textures





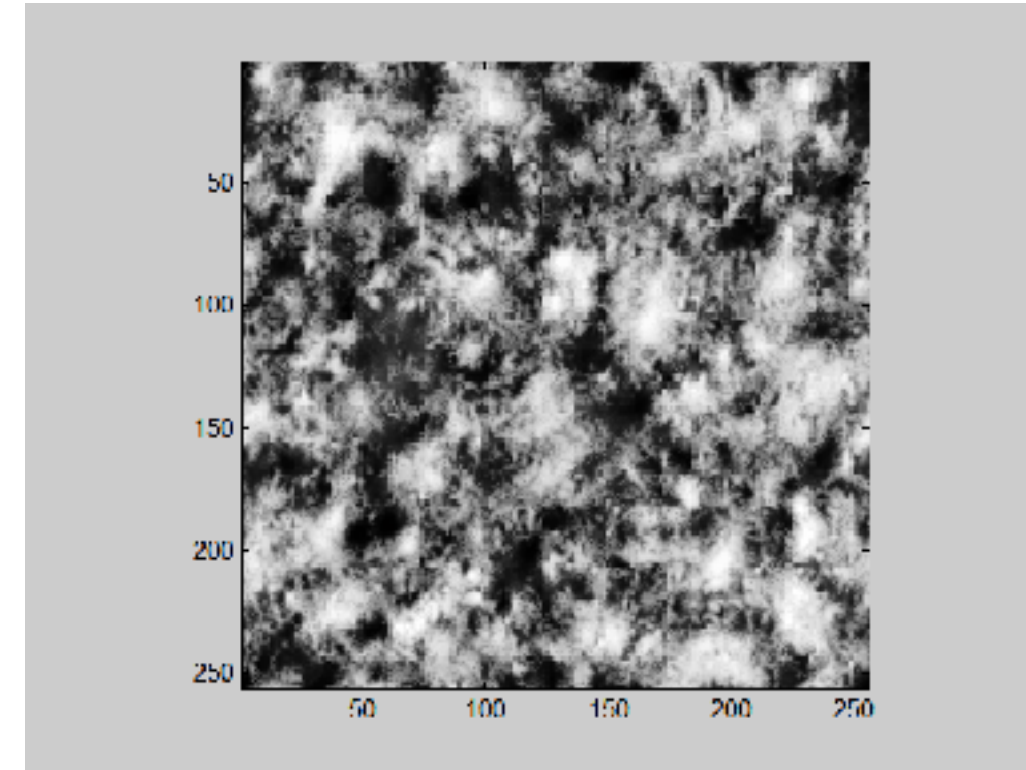
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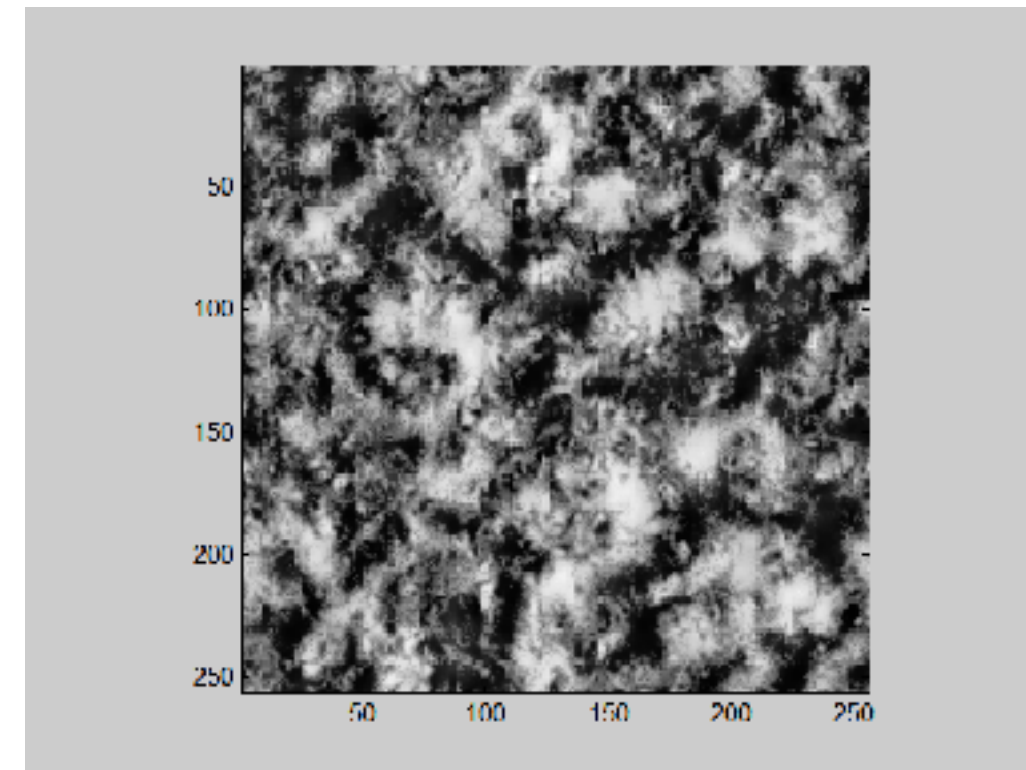


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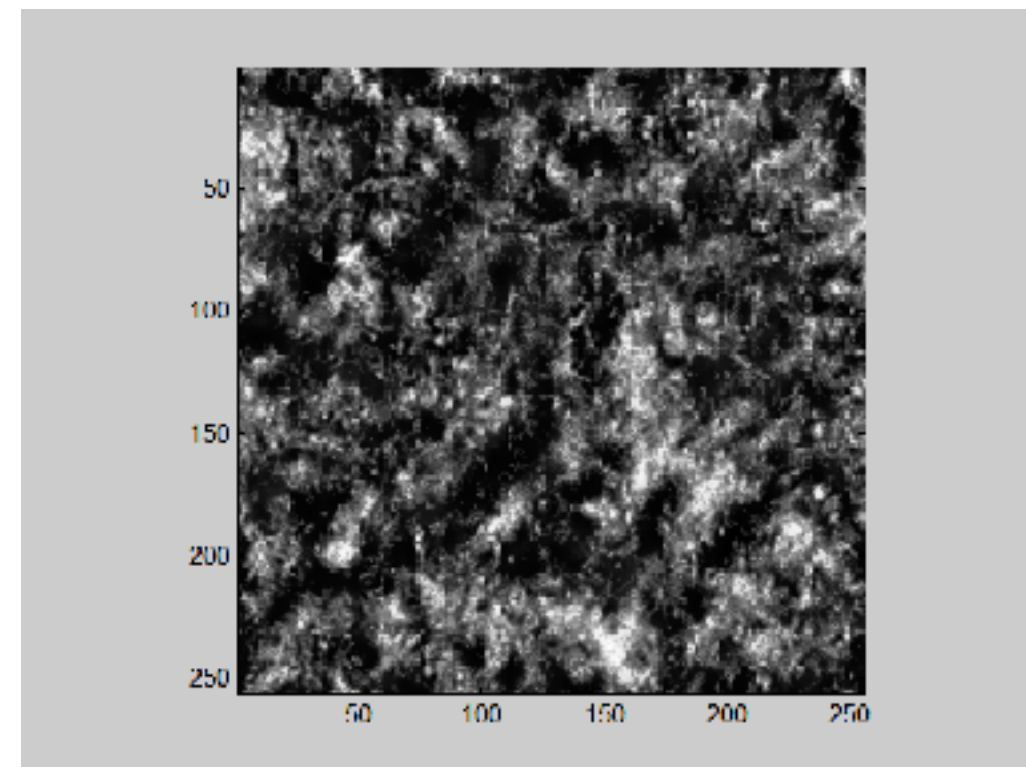
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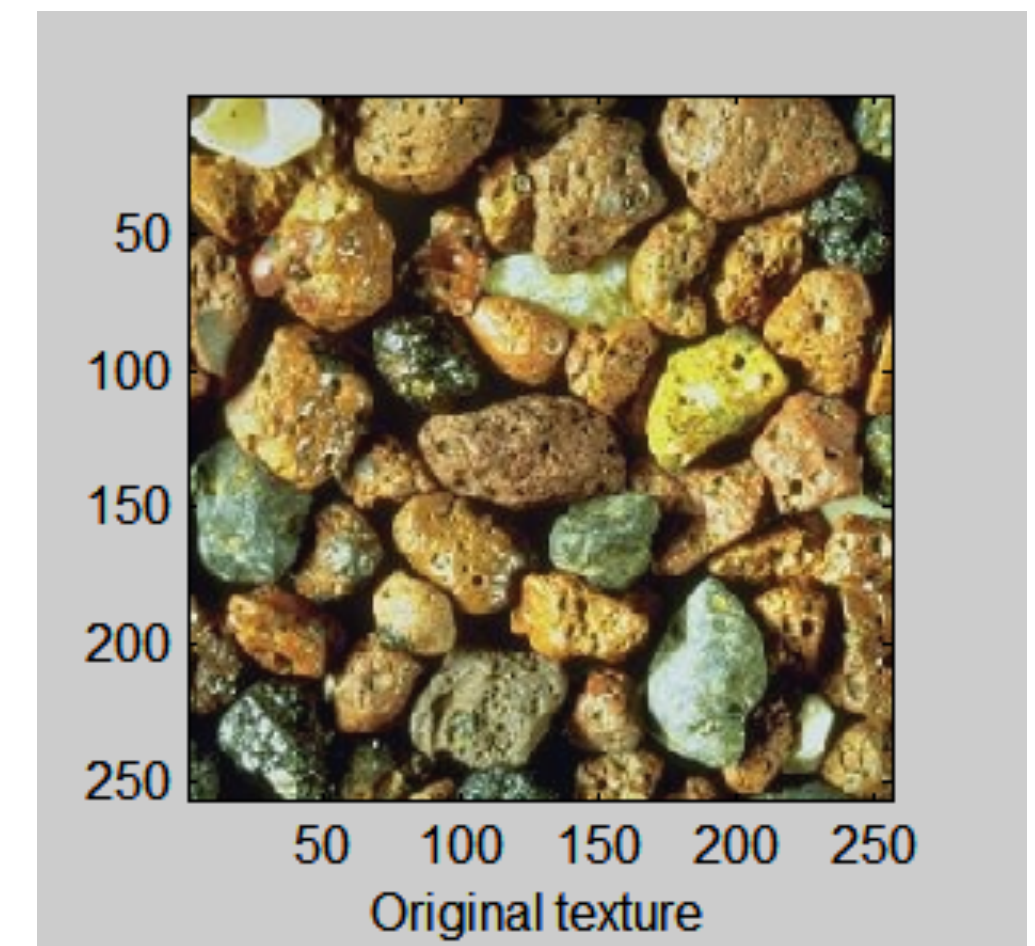
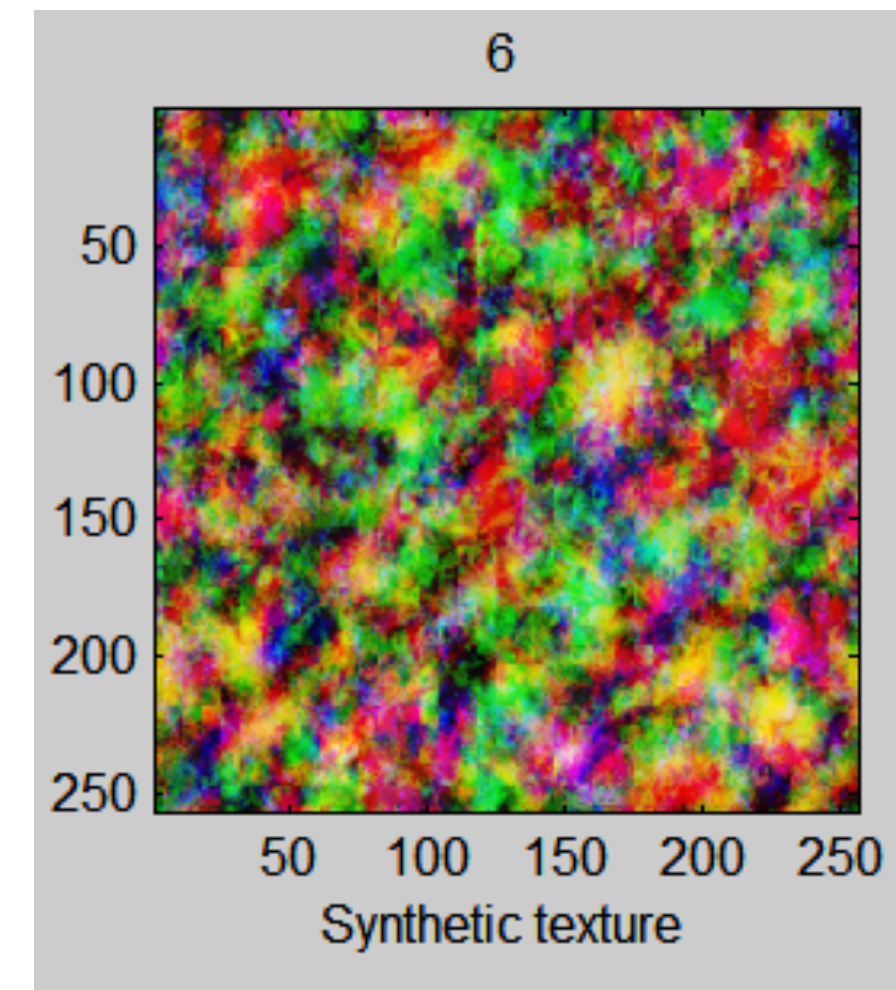
G



B



This does not work

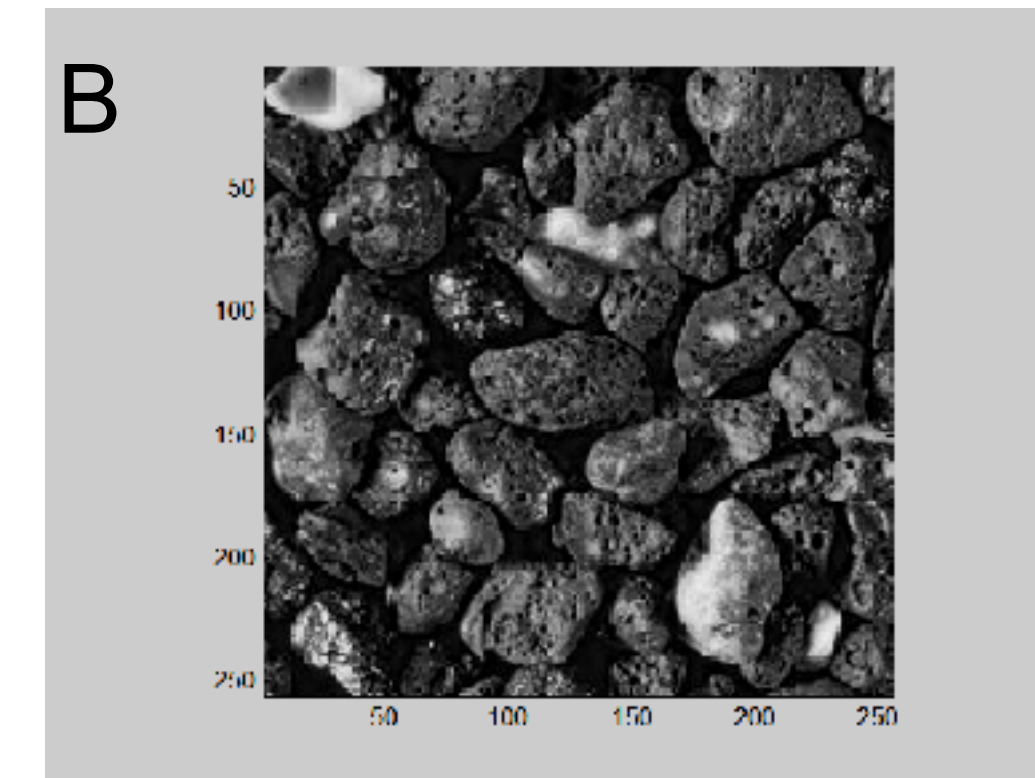
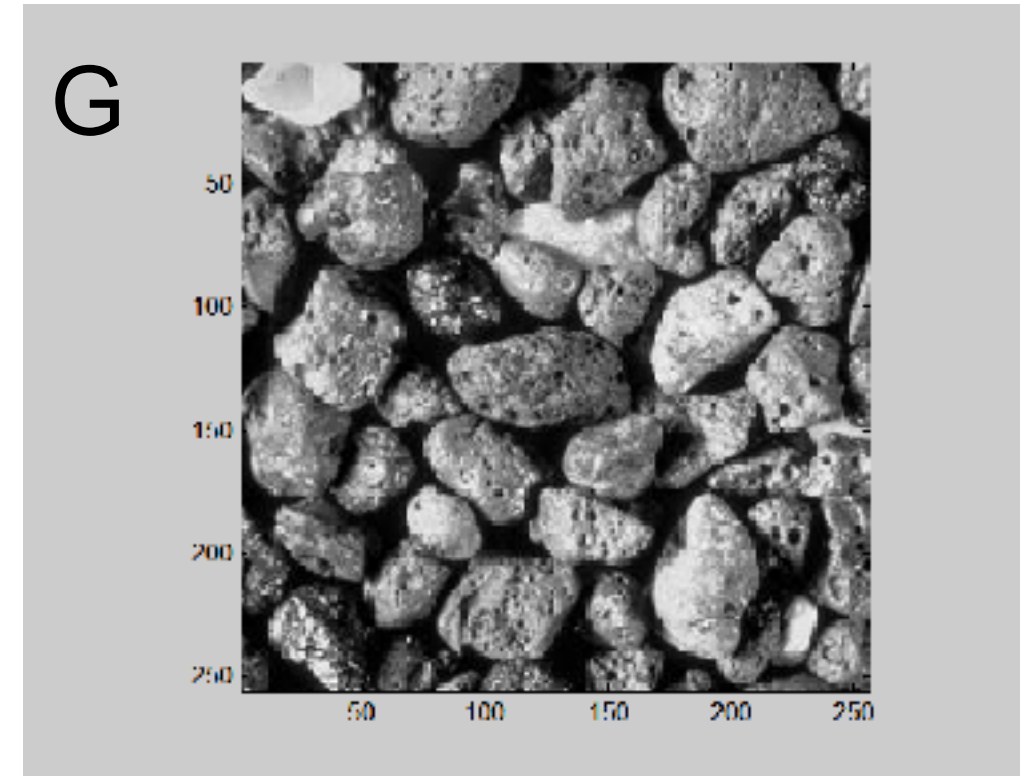
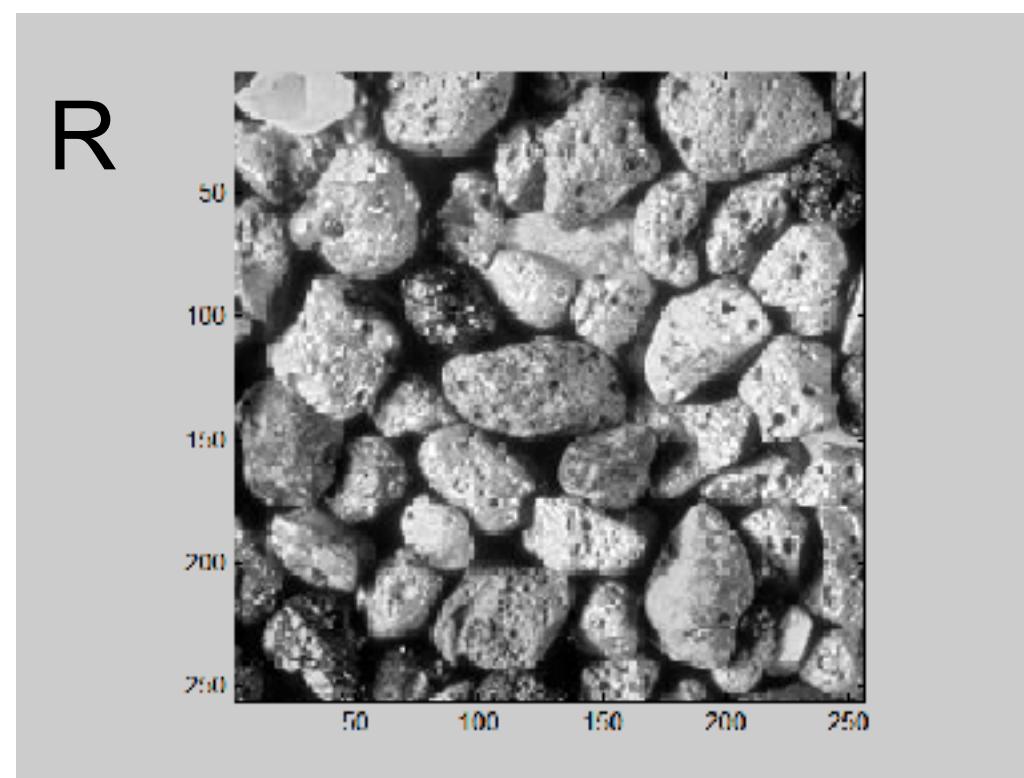




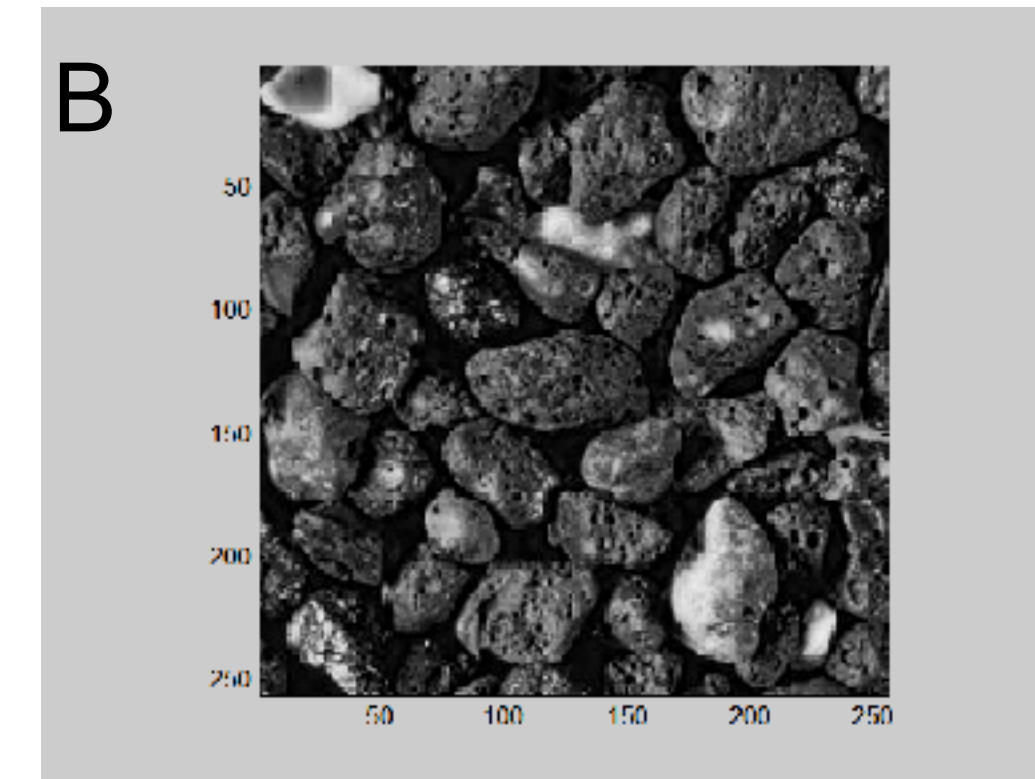
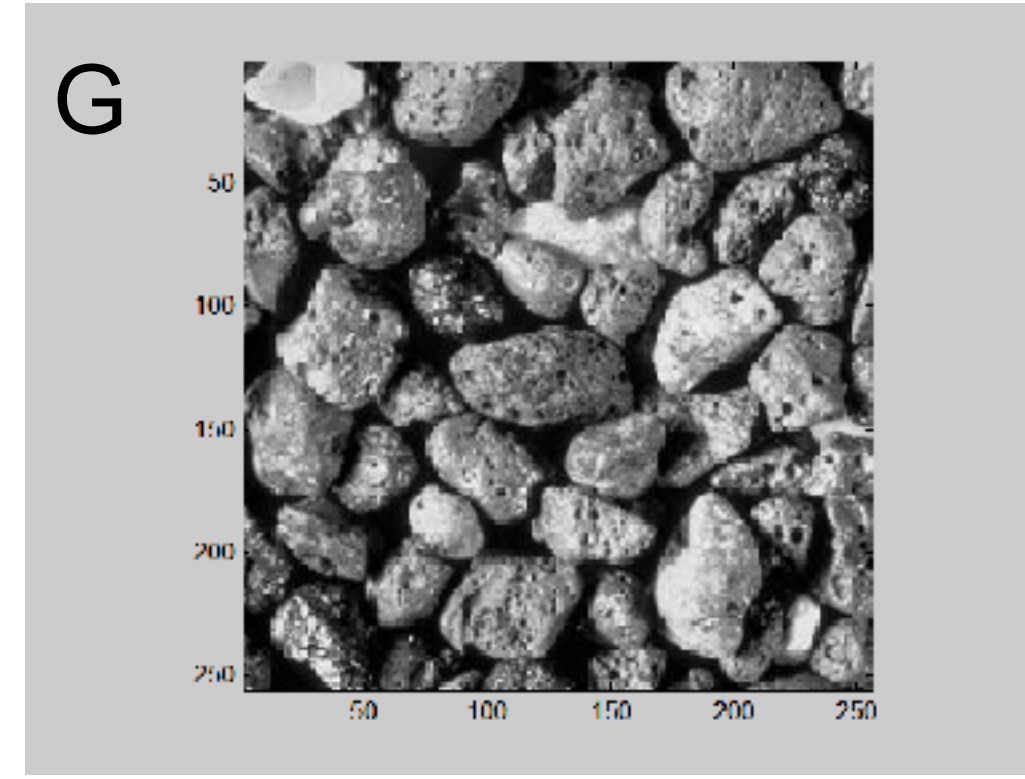
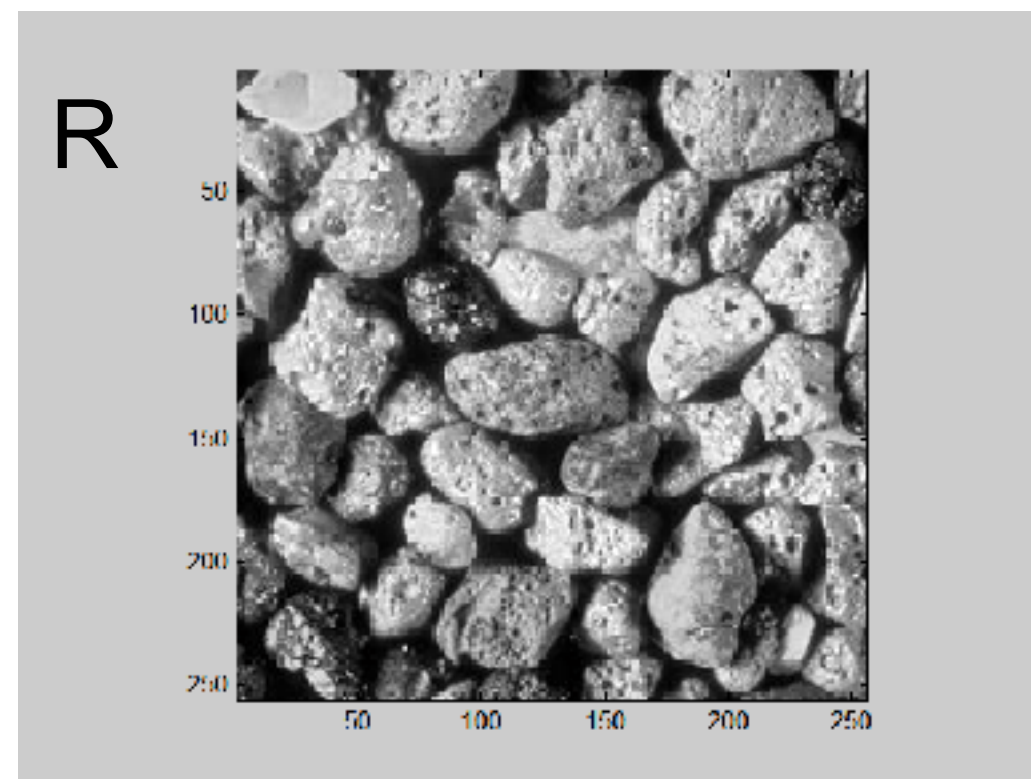
# Color textures

Problem: we create new colors not present in the original image.

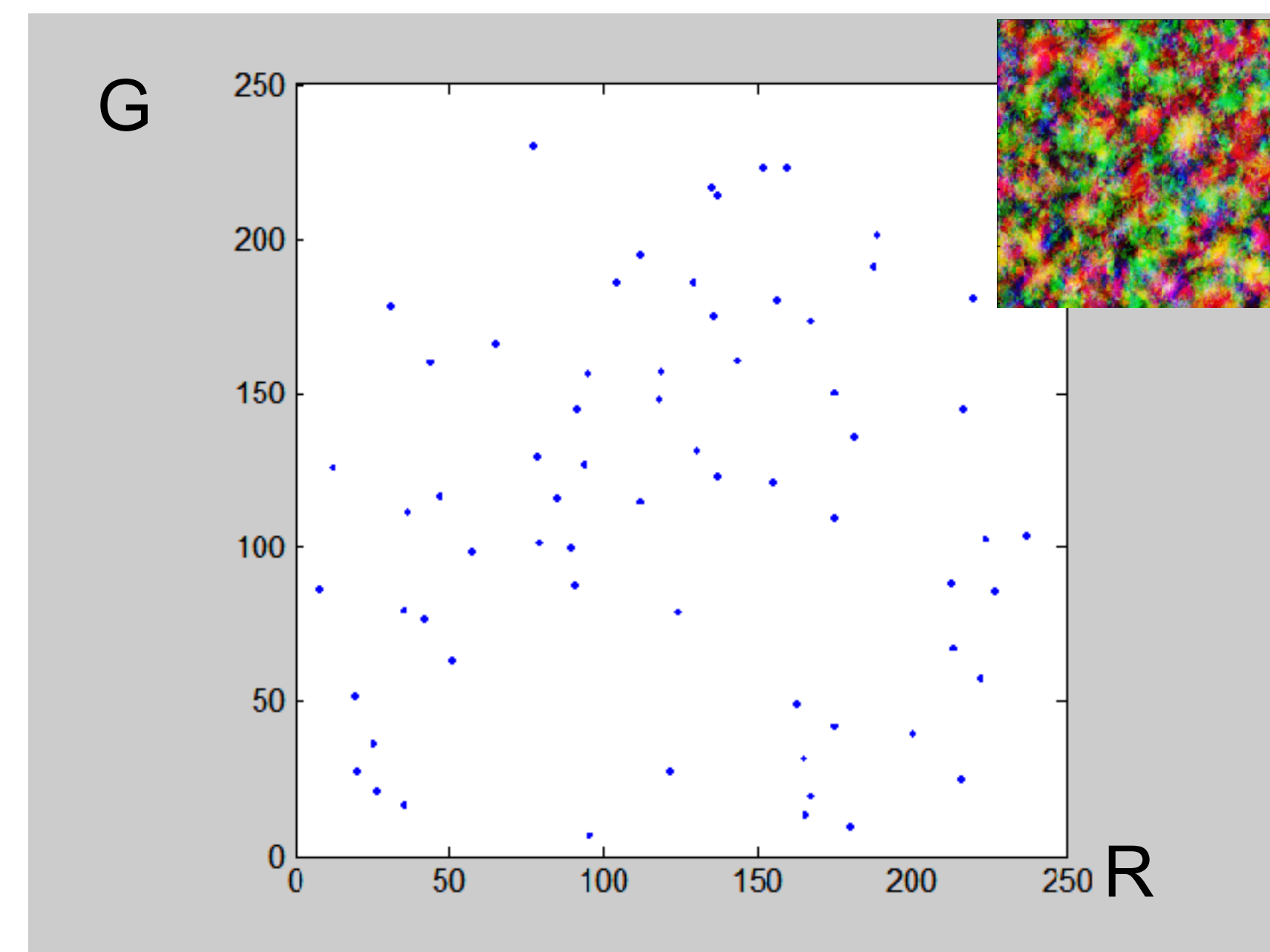
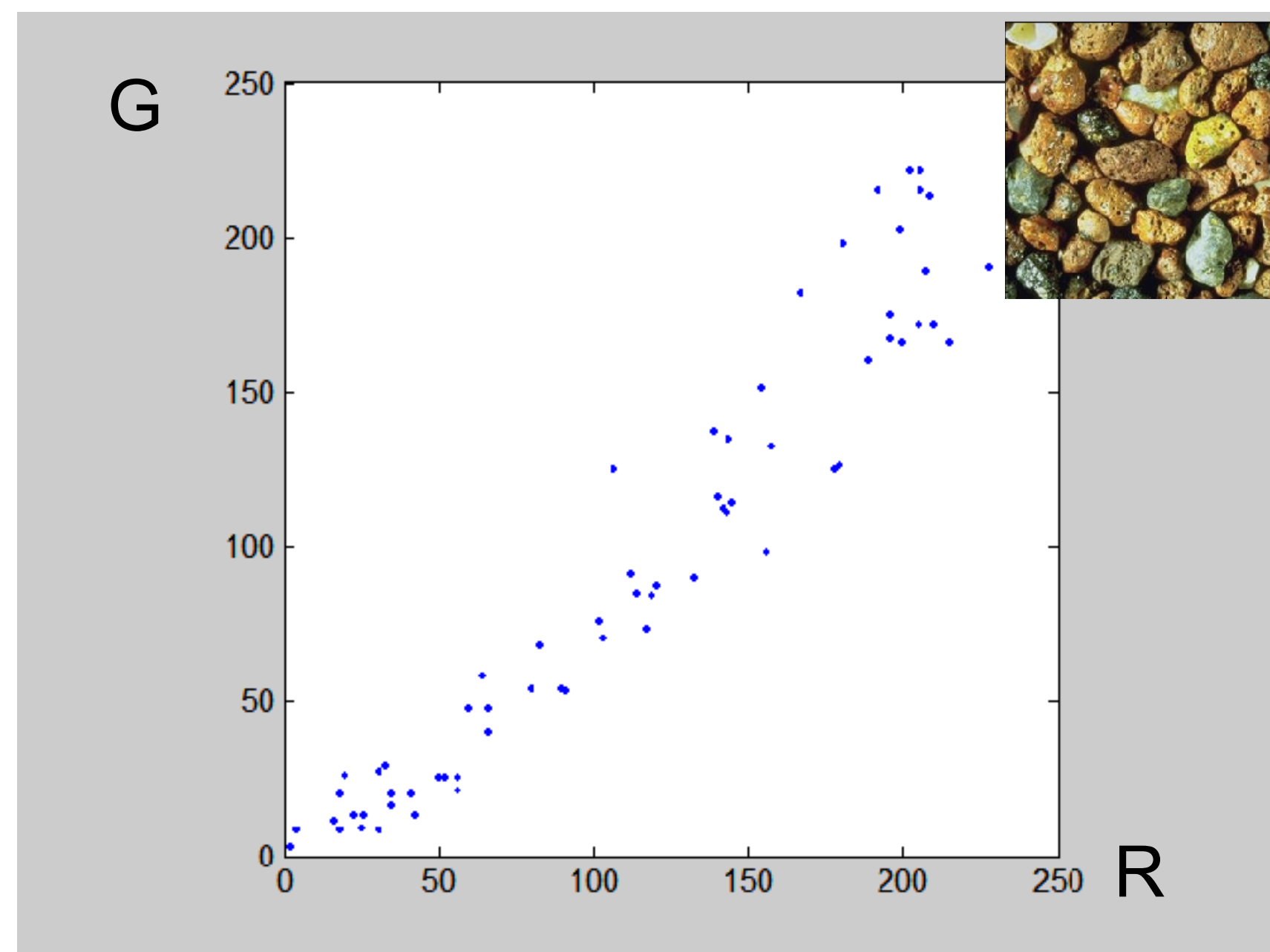
Why? Color channels are not independent.



# PCA and decorrelation



In the original image, R and G are correlated, but, after synthesis,...

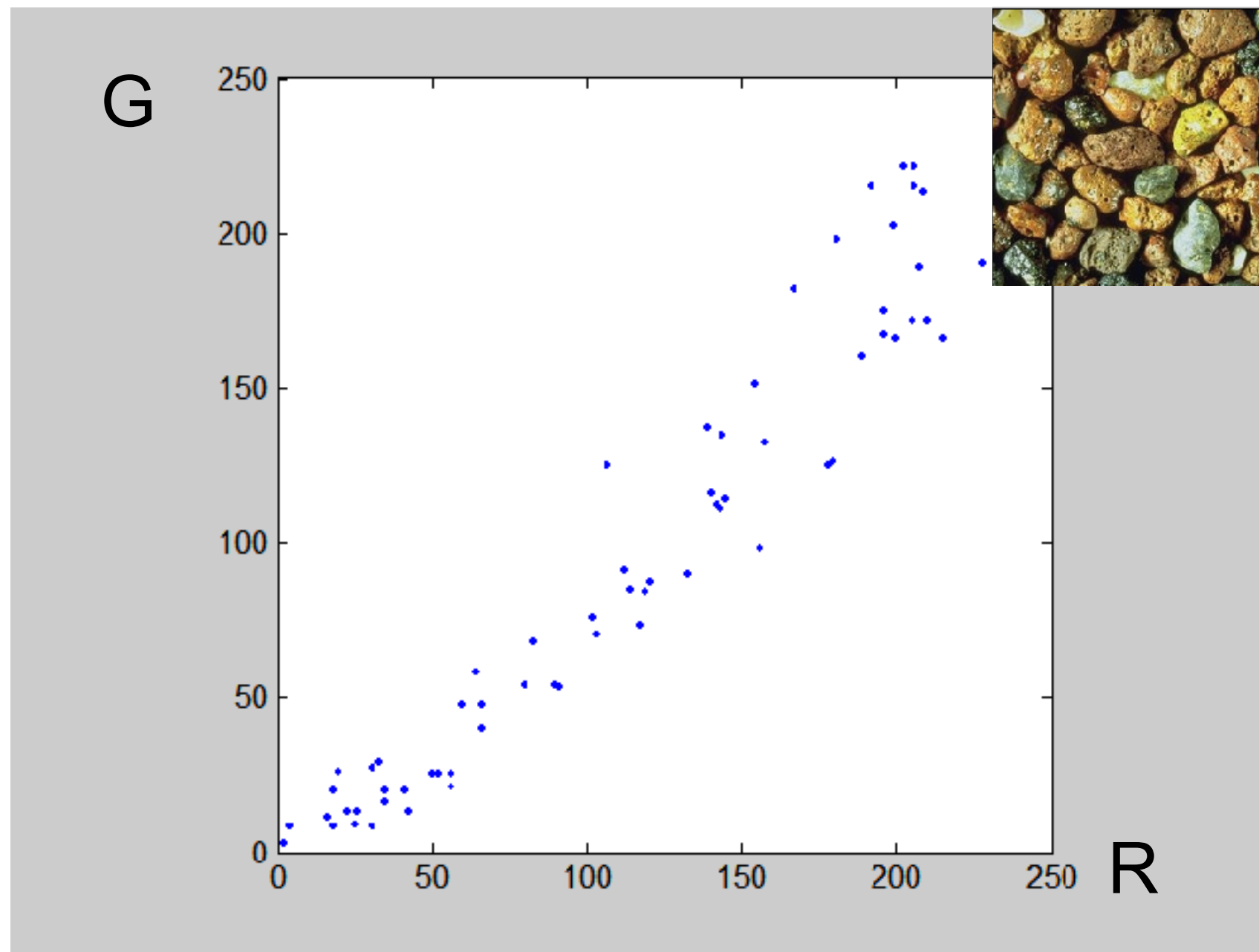




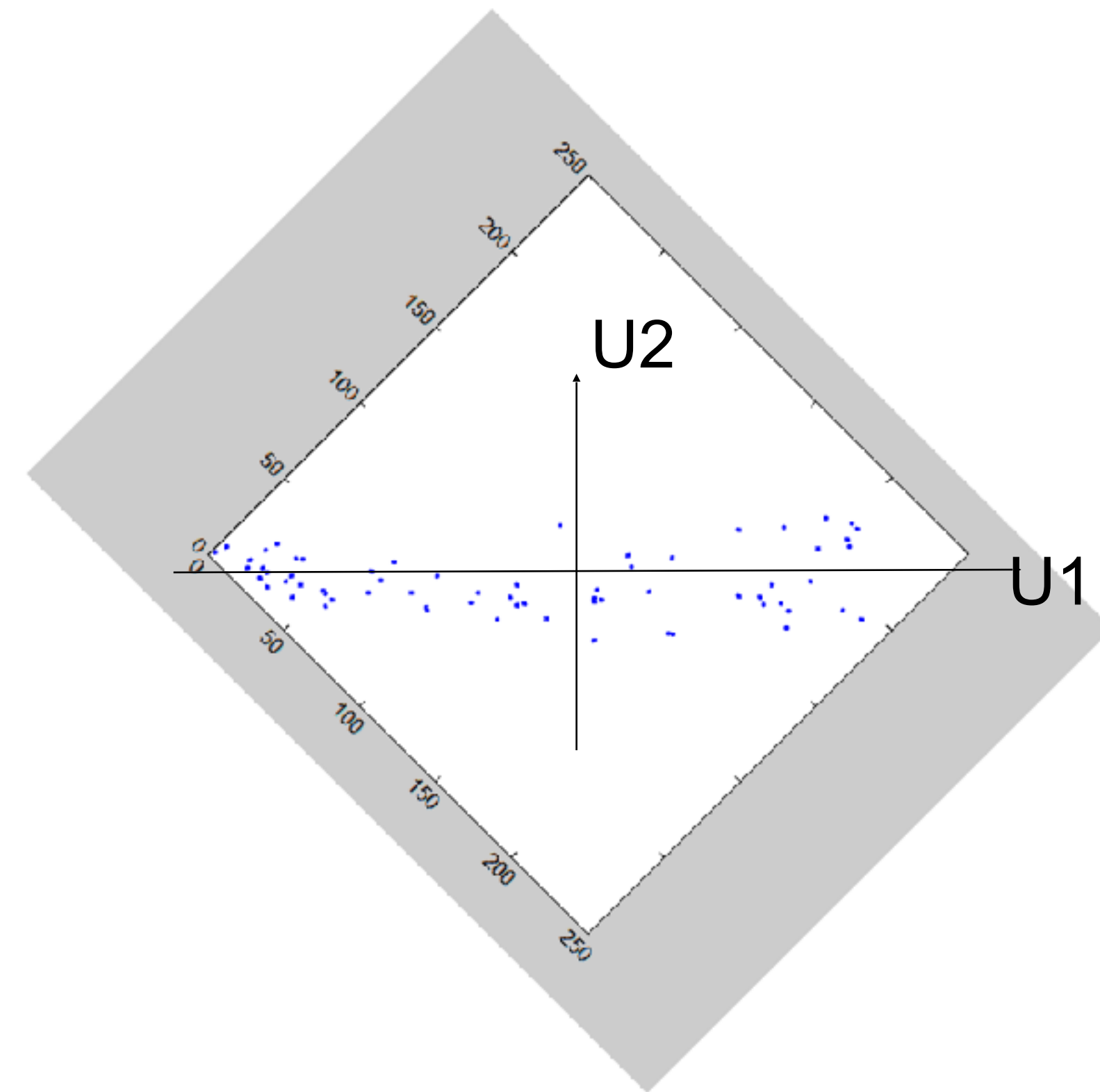
# PCA and decorrelation

The texture synthesis algorithm assumes that the channels are independent.

What we want to do is some rotation

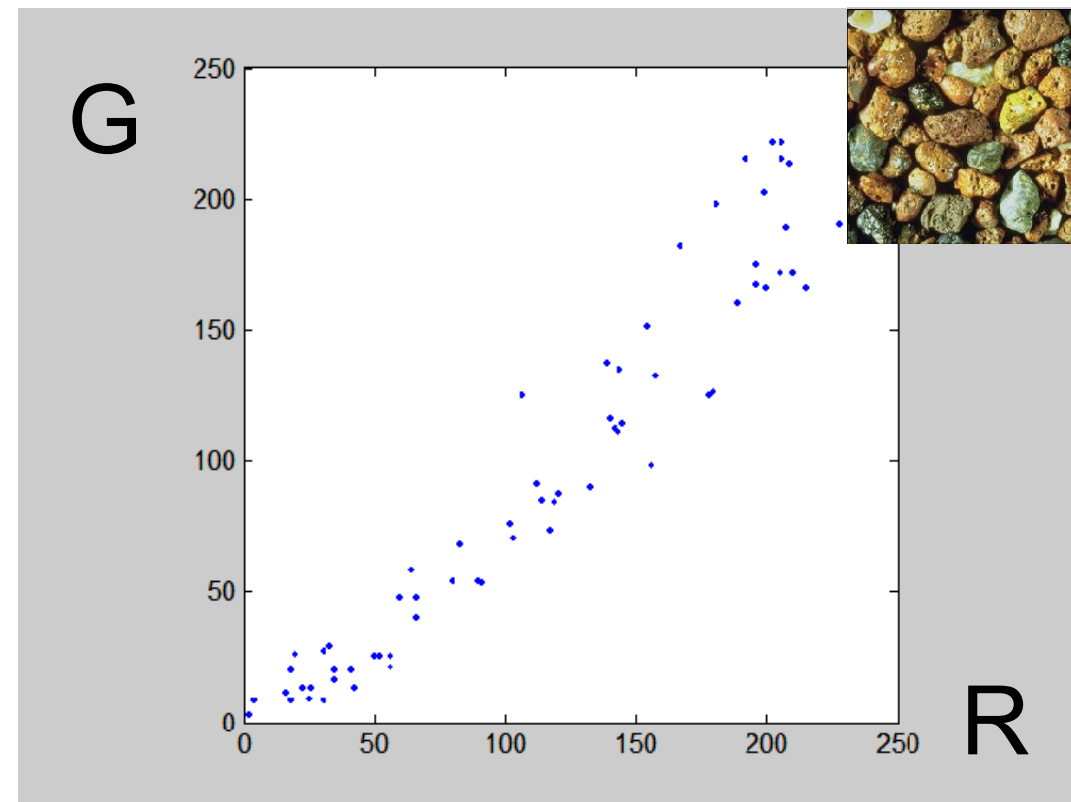


Rotation



See that in this rotated space, if I specify one coordinate the other remains unconstrained.

# SVD and decorrelation



$$C = \begin{matrix} & \text{correlation(R,G)} \\ \begin{matrix} 1.0000 & 0.9303 & 0.6034 \\ 0.9303 & 0.9438 & 0.6620 \\ 0.6034 & 0.6620 & 0.5569 \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

SVD finds the principal directions of variation of the data.  
It gives a decomposition of the covariance matrix as:

$$C = U S V' \quad V = \begin{matrix} -0.6347 & 0.6072 & 0.4779 \\ -0.6306 & -0.0496 & -0.7745 \\ -0.4466 & -0.7930 & 0.4144 \end{matrix}$$

By transforming the original data (RGB) using D we get:

$$\begin{matrix} \boxed{\begin{matrix} U1 \\ U2 \\ U3 \end{matrix}}_{3 \times \text{Npixels}} = \boxed{V'}_{3 \times 3} \boxed{\begin{matrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{matrix}}_{3 \times \text{Npixels}} \end{matrix}$$

The new components (U1,U2,U3) are decorrelated.

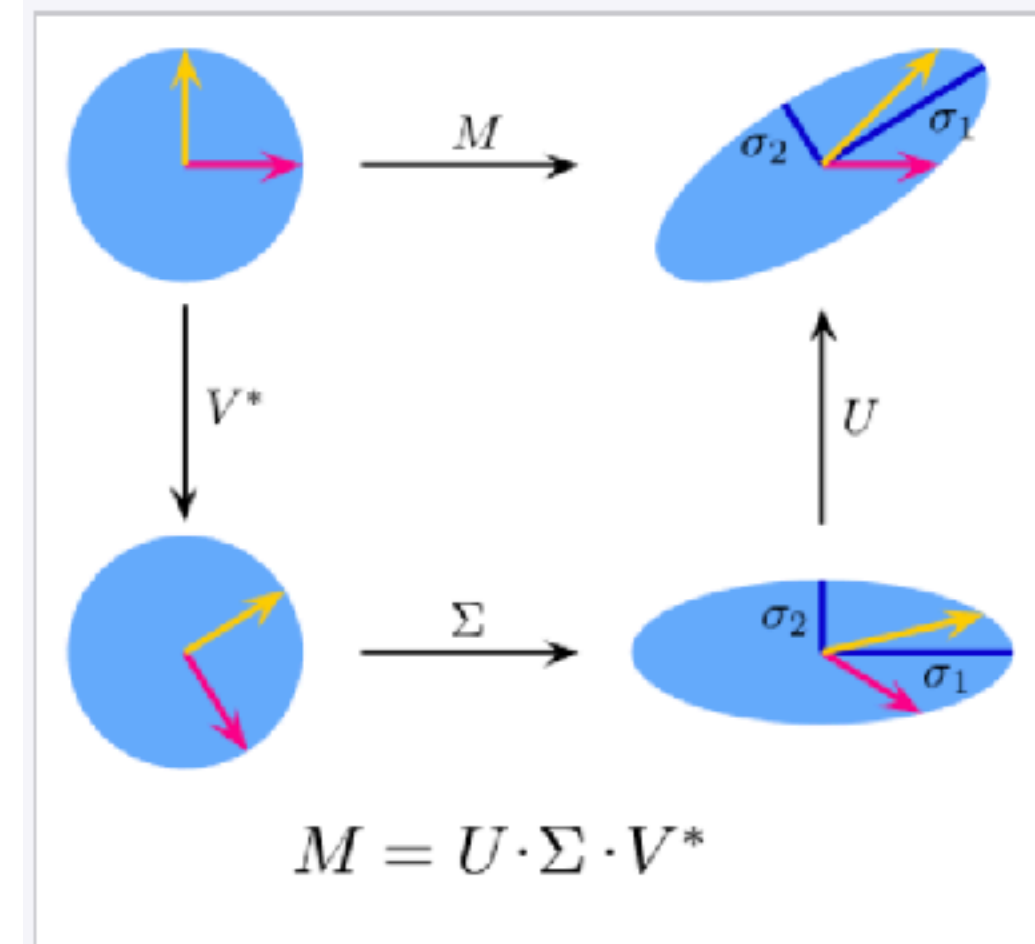
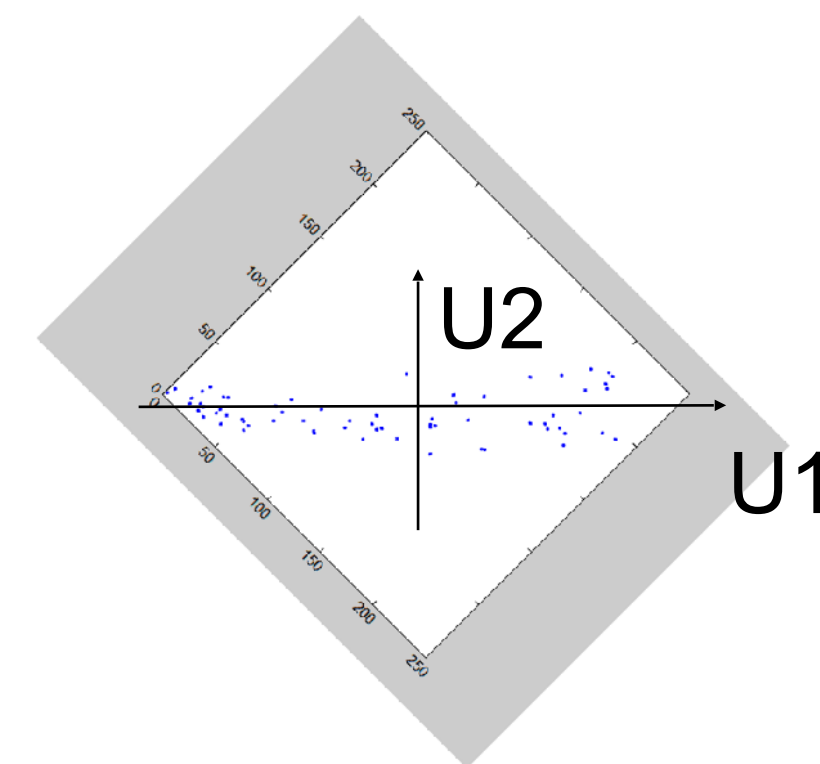


Illustration of the singular value decomposition  $U\Sigma V^*$  of a real 2x2 matrix  $M$ .

**Top:** The action of  $M$ , indicated by its effect on the unit disc  $D$  and the two canonical unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ .

**Left:** The action of  $V^*$ , a rotation, on  $D$ ,  $e_1$ , and  $e_2$ .

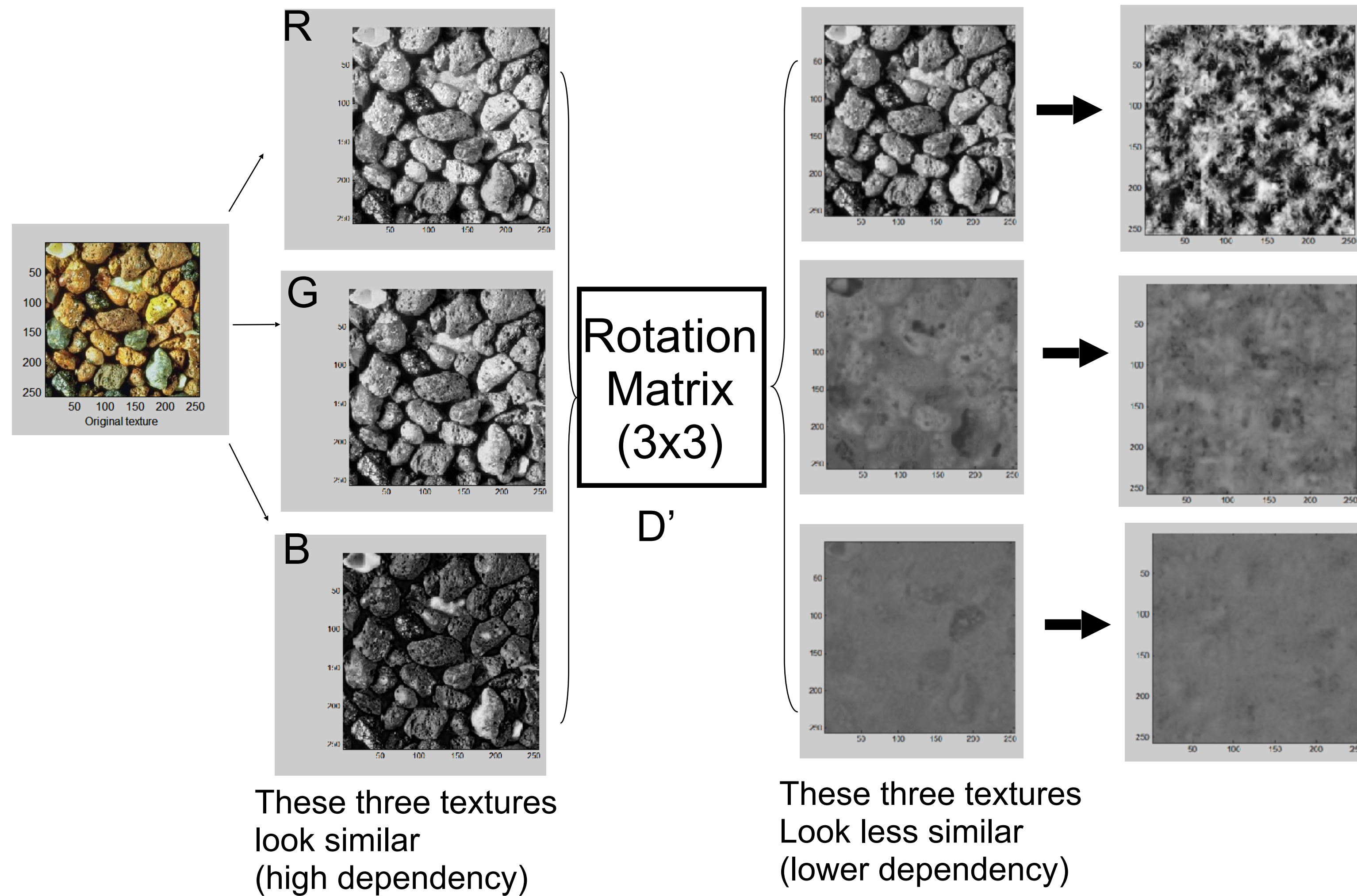
**Bottom:** The action of  $\Sigma$ , a scaling by the singular values  $\sigma_1$  horizontally and  $\sigma_2$  vertically.

**Right:** The action of  $U$ , another rotation.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular\\_value\\_decomposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular_value_decomposition)

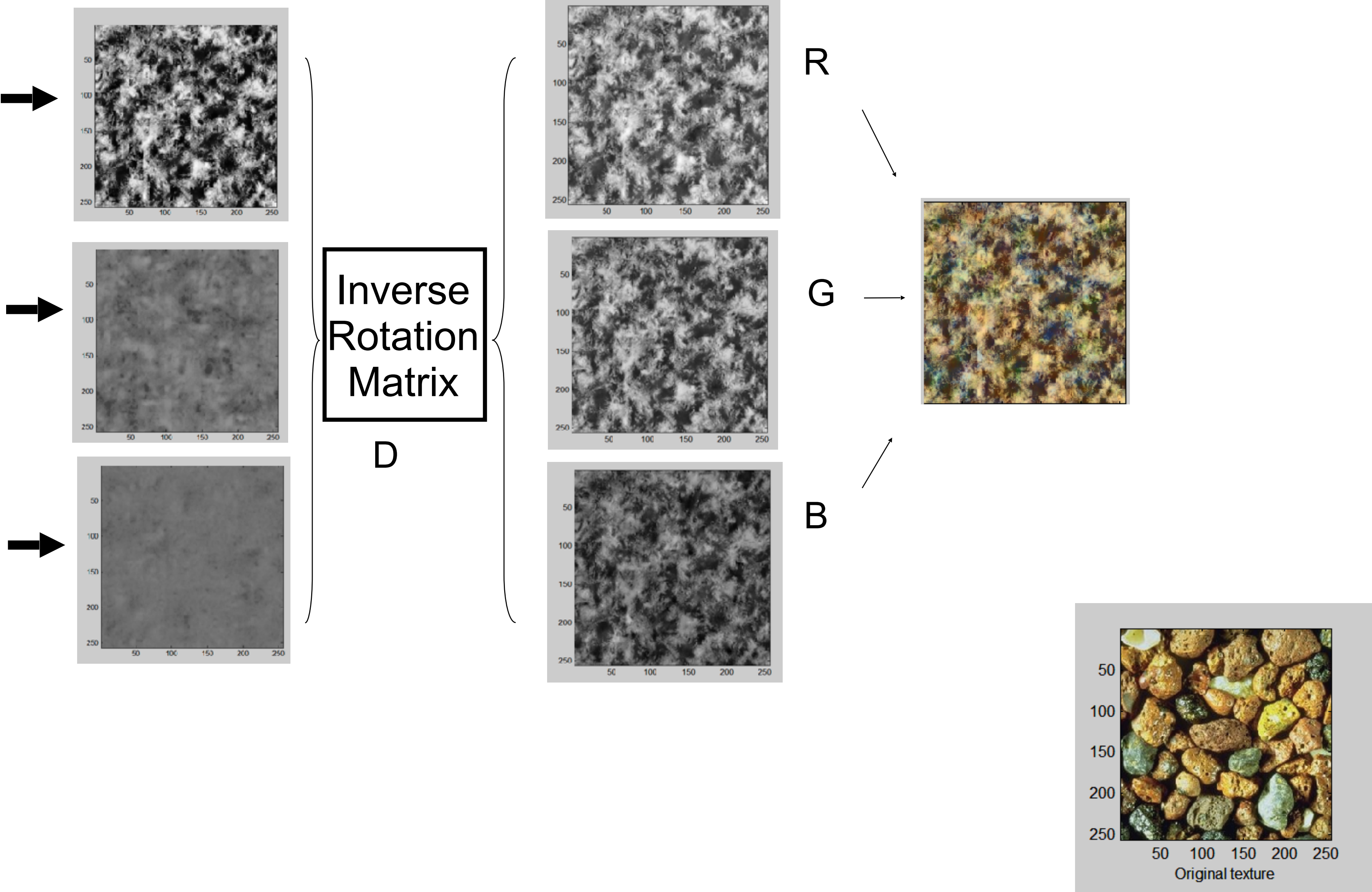


# Color textures



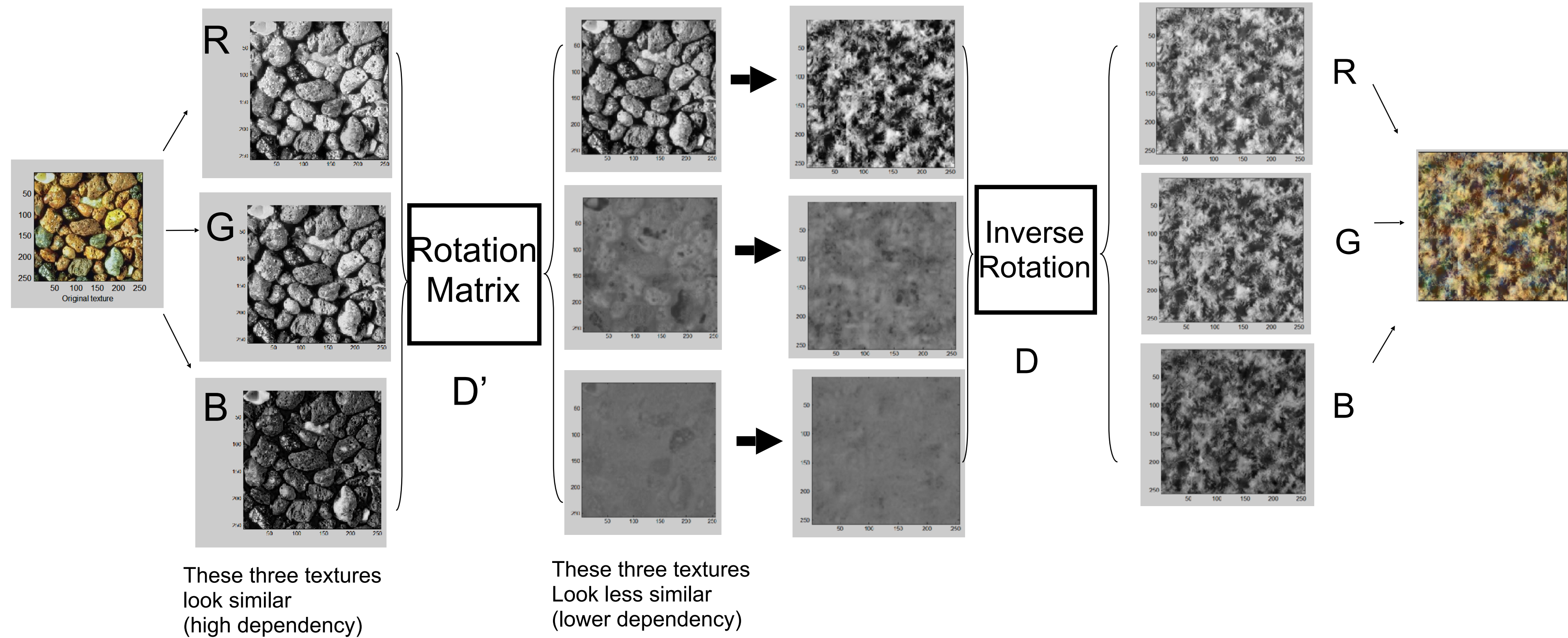


# Color textures



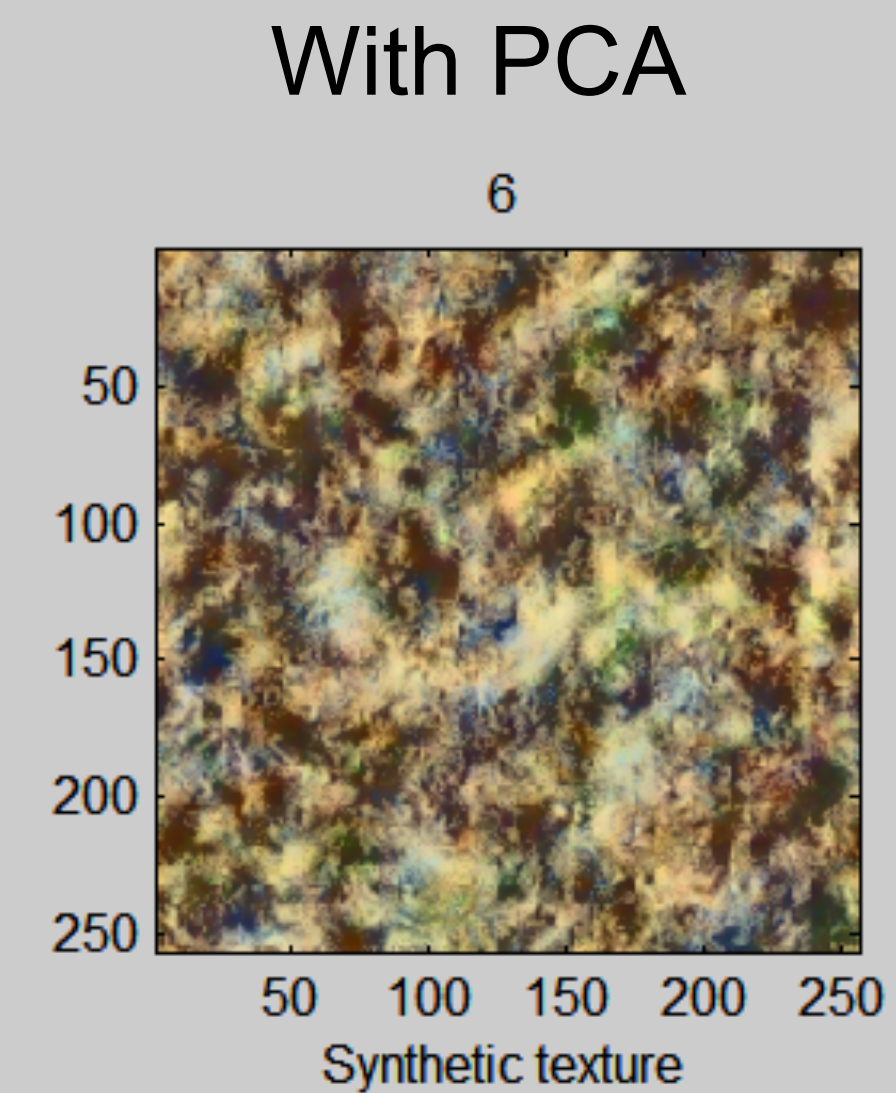
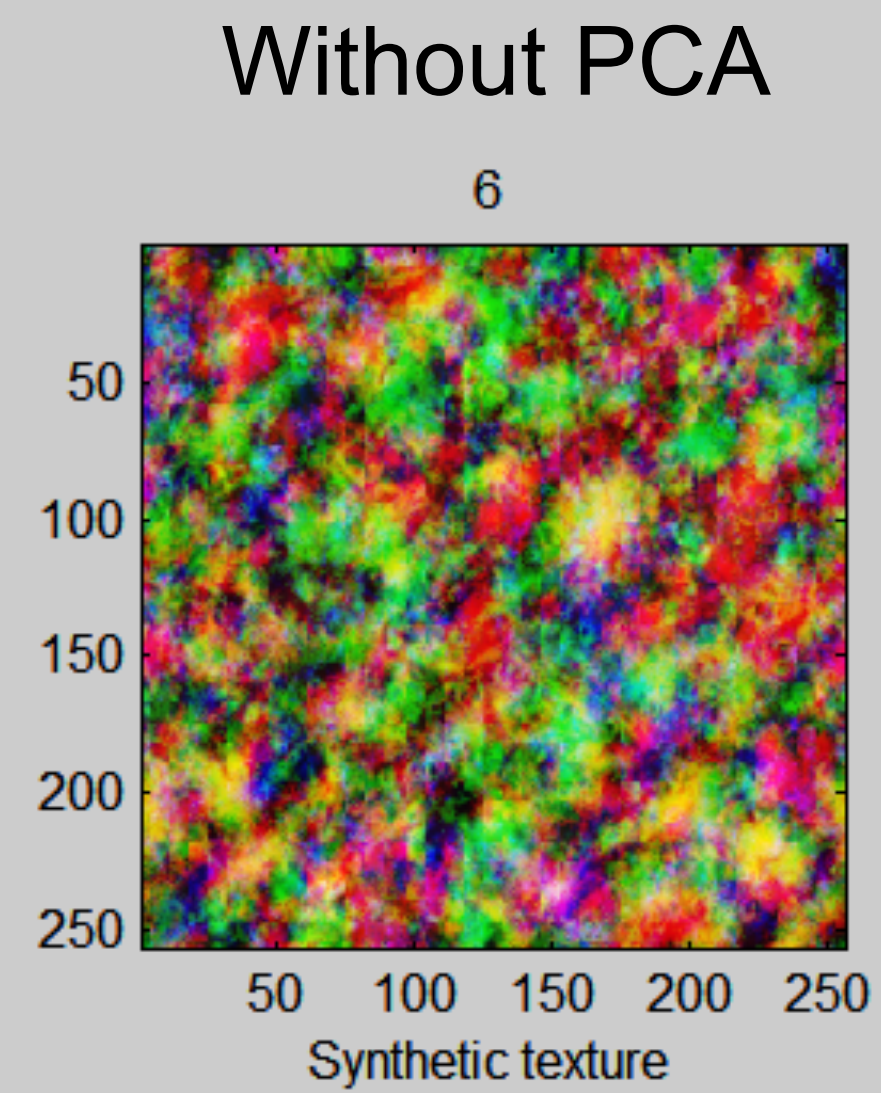
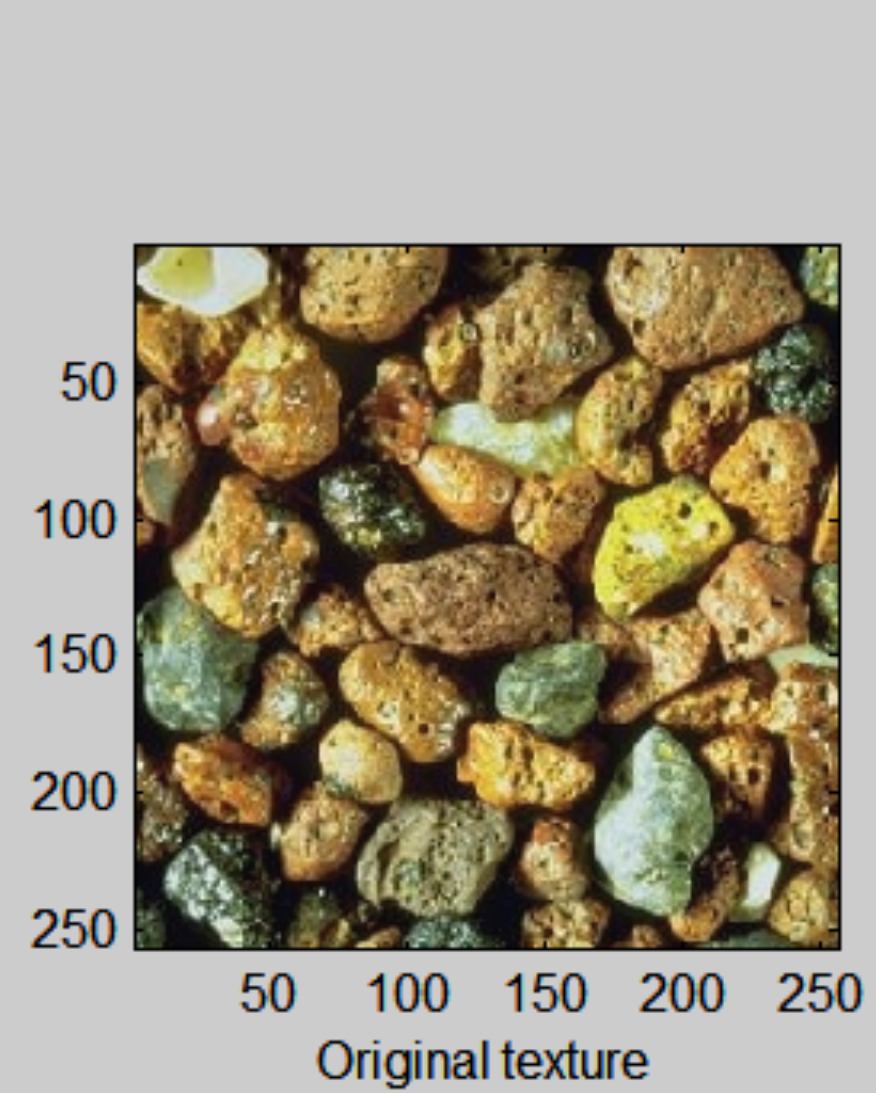


# Color textures



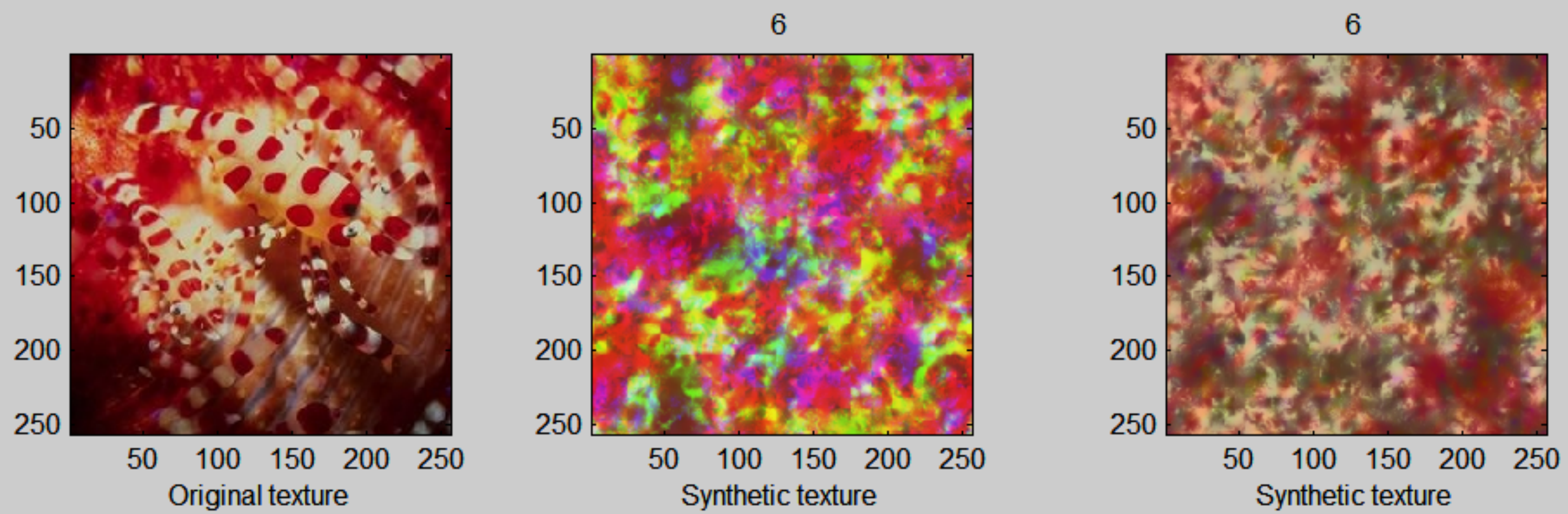


# Color channels



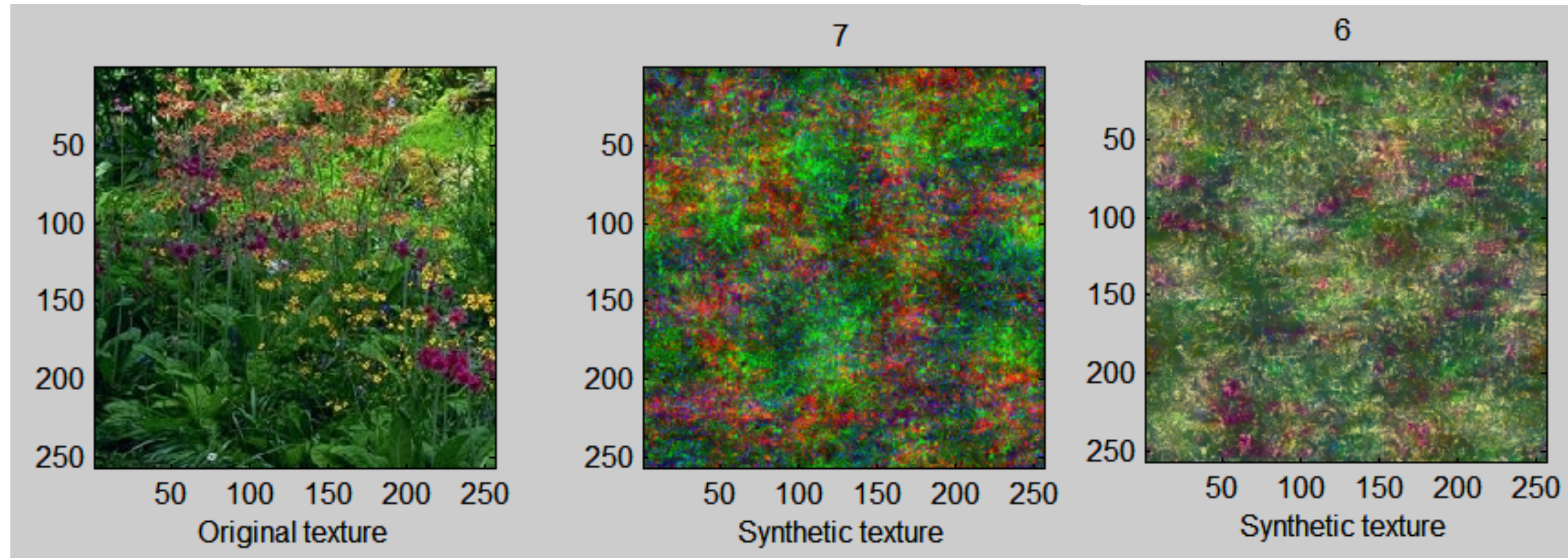


# Color channels





# Color channels





# Examples from the paper



Figure 3: In each pair left image is original and right image is synthetic: stucco, iridescent ribbon, green marble, panda fur, slag stone, figured yew wood.

Heeger and Bergen, 1995



# Examples from the paper

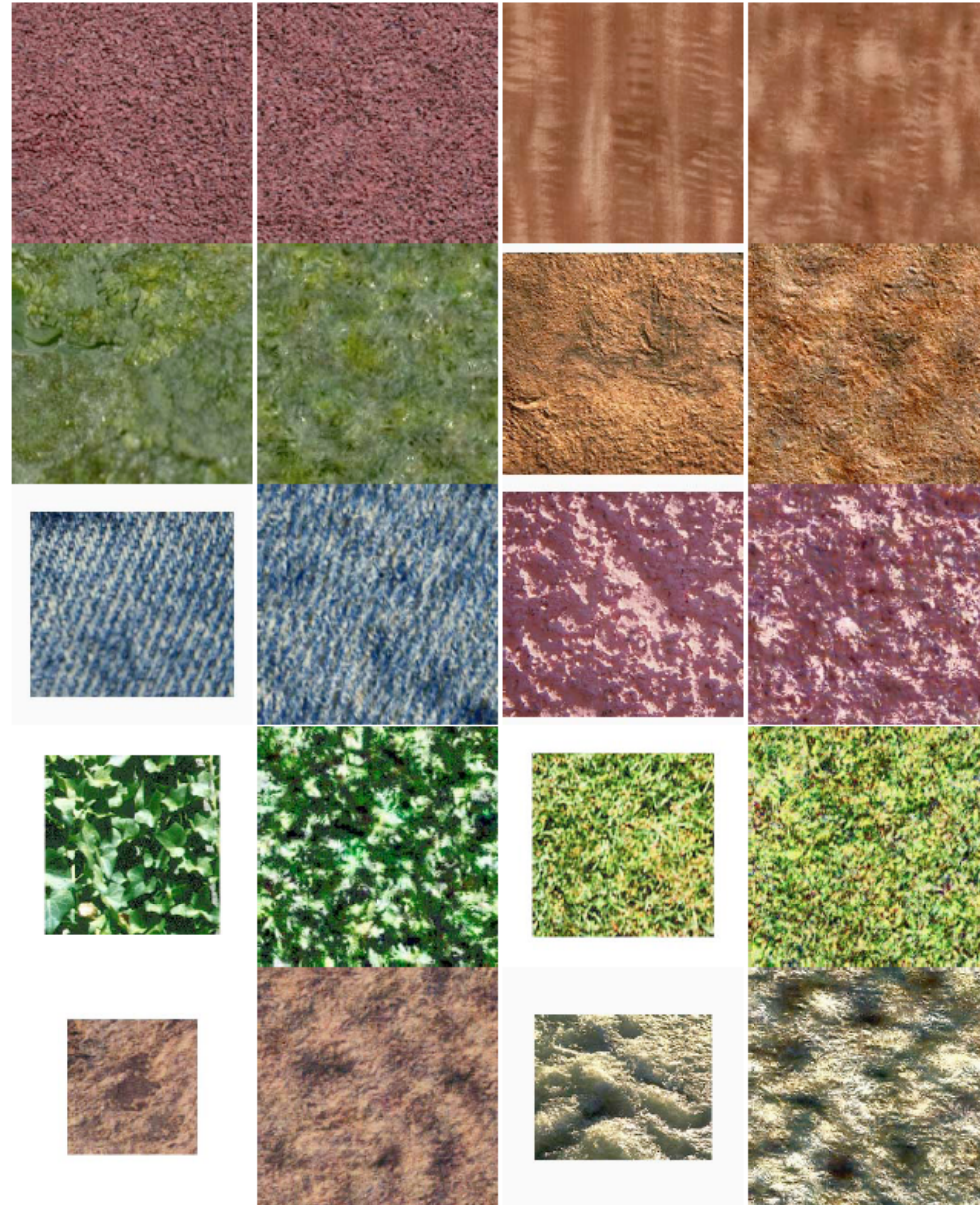
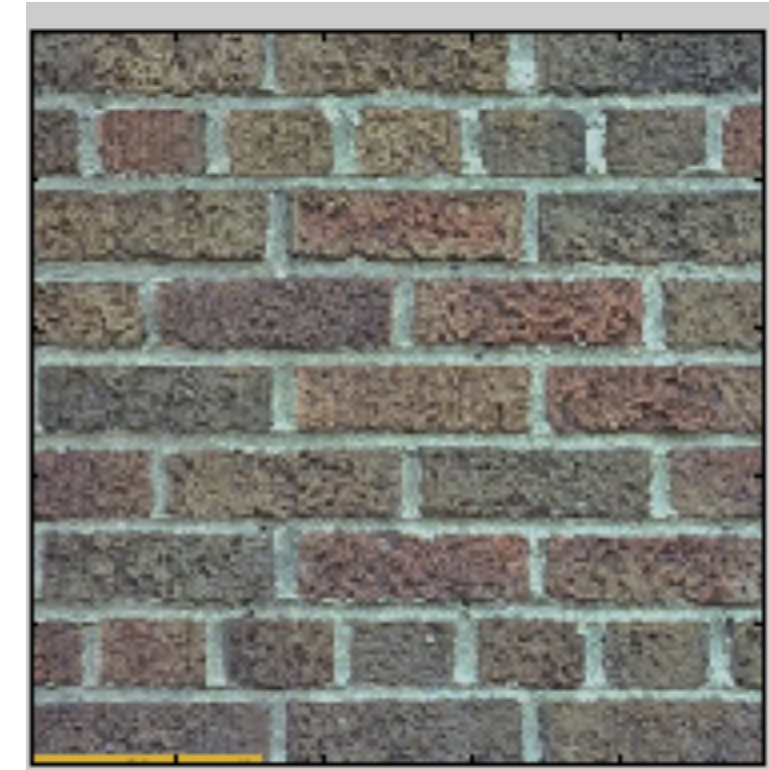
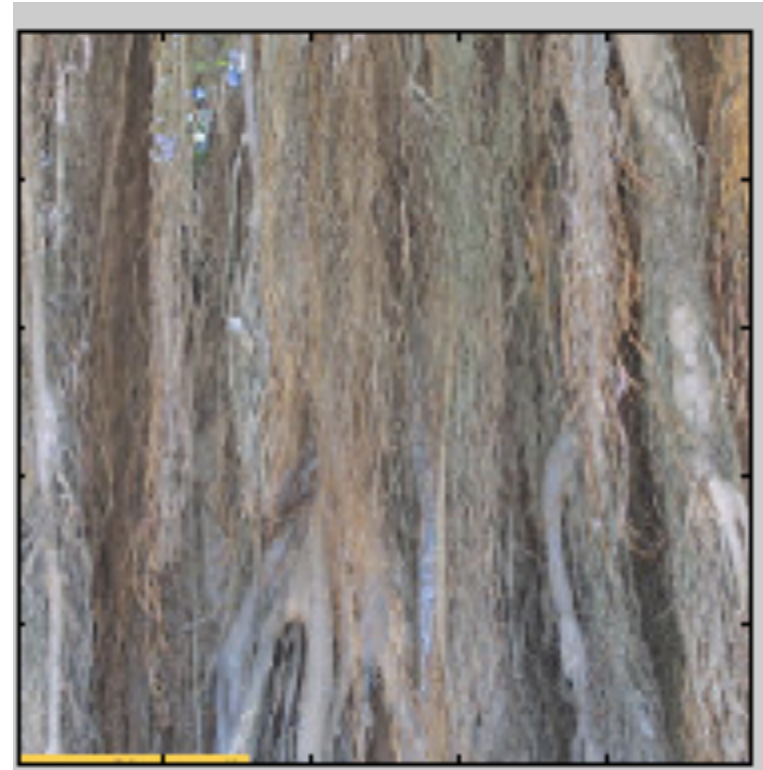


Figure 4: In each pair left image is original and right image is synthetic: red gravel, figured sepele wood, broccoli, bark paper, denim, pink wall, ivy, grass, sand, surf.

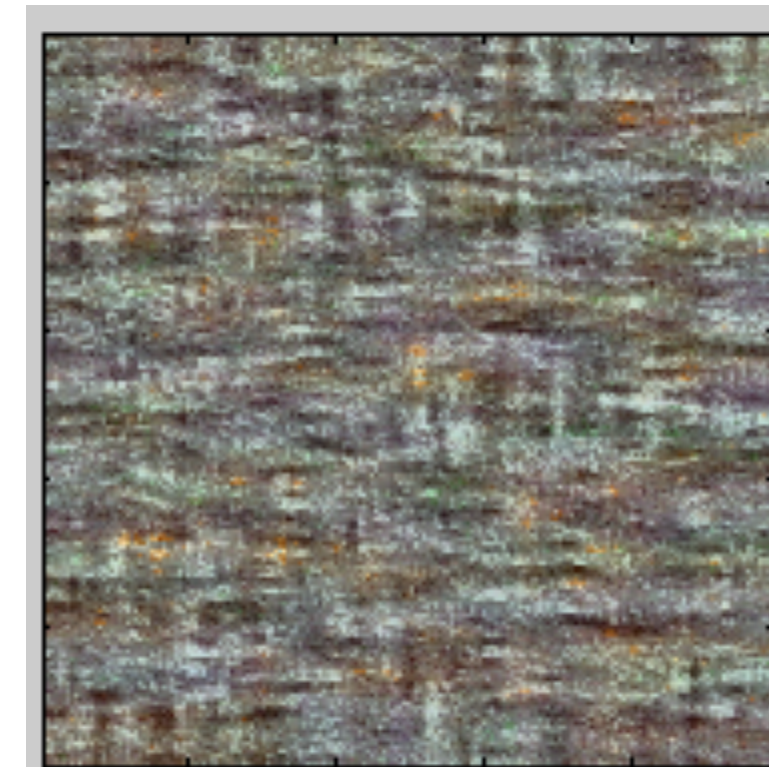
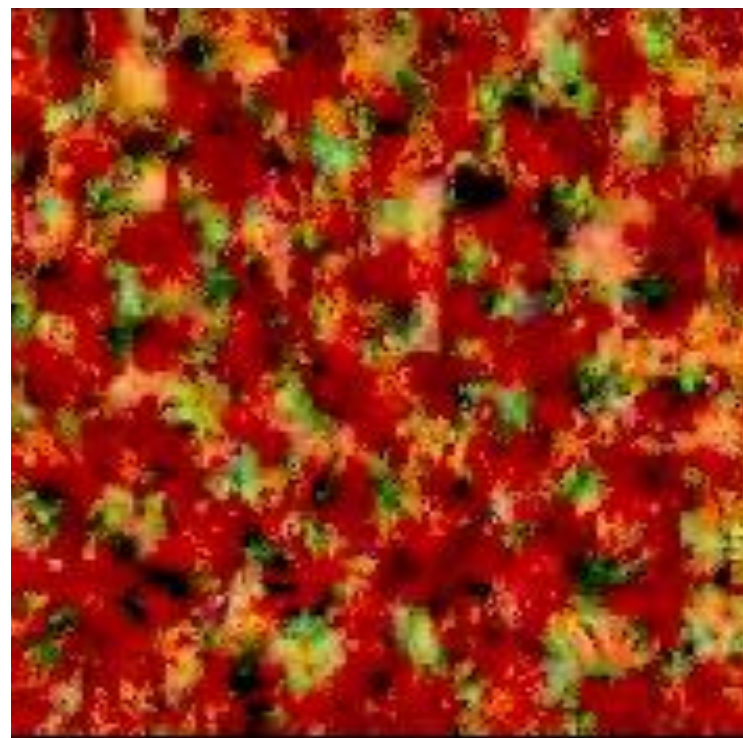


# Examples not from the paper

Input  
texture



Synthetic  
texture



But, does it really work even when it seems to work?



# Portilla and Simoncelli

- Parametric representation, based on Gaussian scale mixture prior model for images.
- About 1000 numbers to describe a texture.
- Better results than Heeger Bergen.



# Portilla and Simoncelli





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