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- Image processing:
  - Low level image transformations
    - blurring, sharpening, resizing etc.
  - Computer vision generally involves some initial image processing.

Image Formation

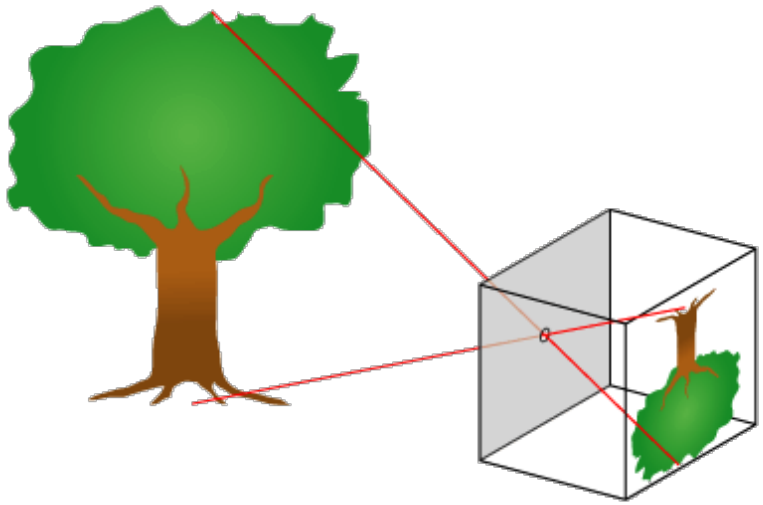

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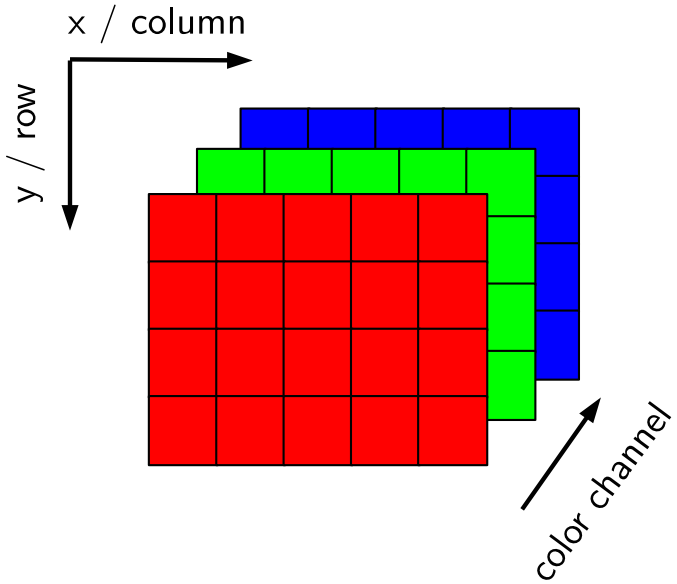
Image Representations

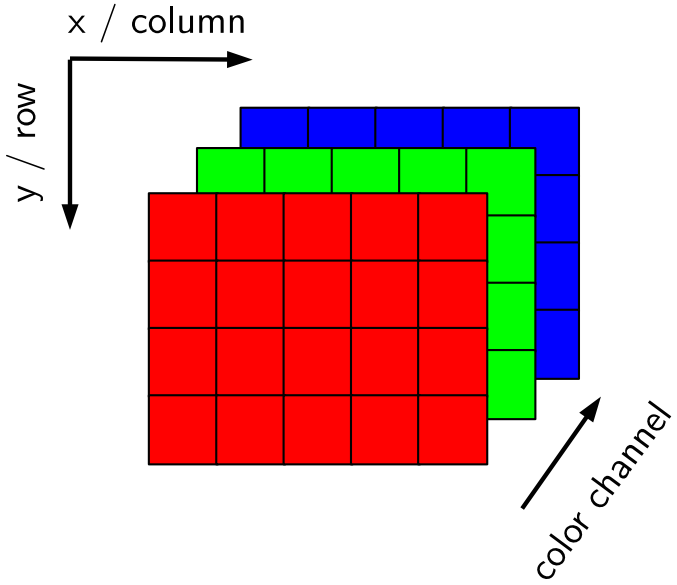


- Color images are often stored as a collection of RGB triples
- (0, 0, 0) is black, (255, 255, 255) is white.
- RGB Color Model

OpenCV

- OpenCV is an old and widely used computer vision library.
- Written mostly in C++, with Python bindings
- Python OpenCV uses numpy arrays to represent images.

Images In Numpy



- We will work with images stored as three dimensional numpy arrays:
  - `img[row, col, color]`
- `img[0, 0, 0]` - Upper-left red value
- `img[3, 4, 2]` - Lower-right blue value
- `img[0:1, 0:2, :]` - Crop of upper left corner

Arithmetic with Images

- Many low level operations on image can be performed either with OpenCV *or* with numpy:
- OpenCV Arithmetic Tutorial
- By default, images are 8-bit unsigned integers (which can lead to unexpected results.)

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- Computer vision is hard (in part) because there is no simple mapping from an object to its pixel-level appearance.
- Appearance is influenced by
  - Lighting
  - Viewing angle and distance
  - Camera properties

Image Processing - Convolutions

- Many low-level image processing tasks can be handled with the convolution operator:
  - Image Convolutions

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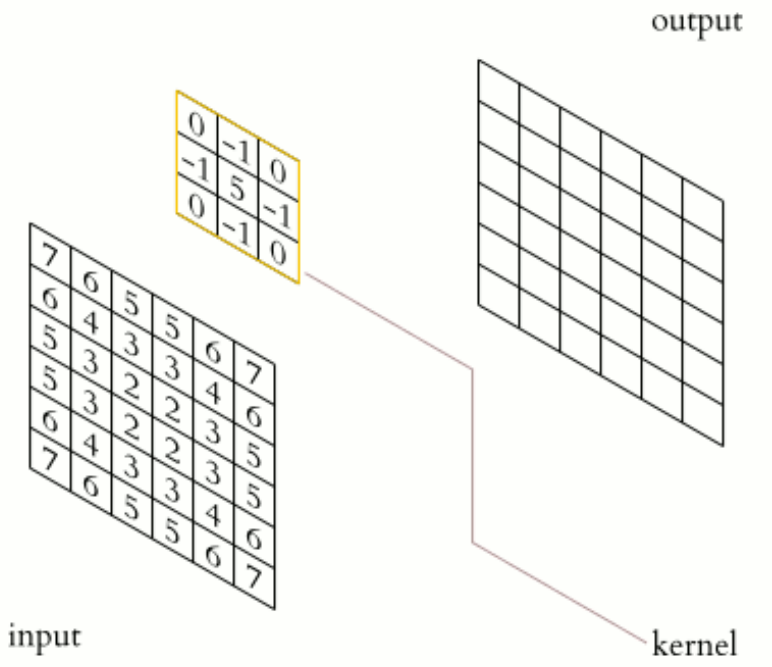

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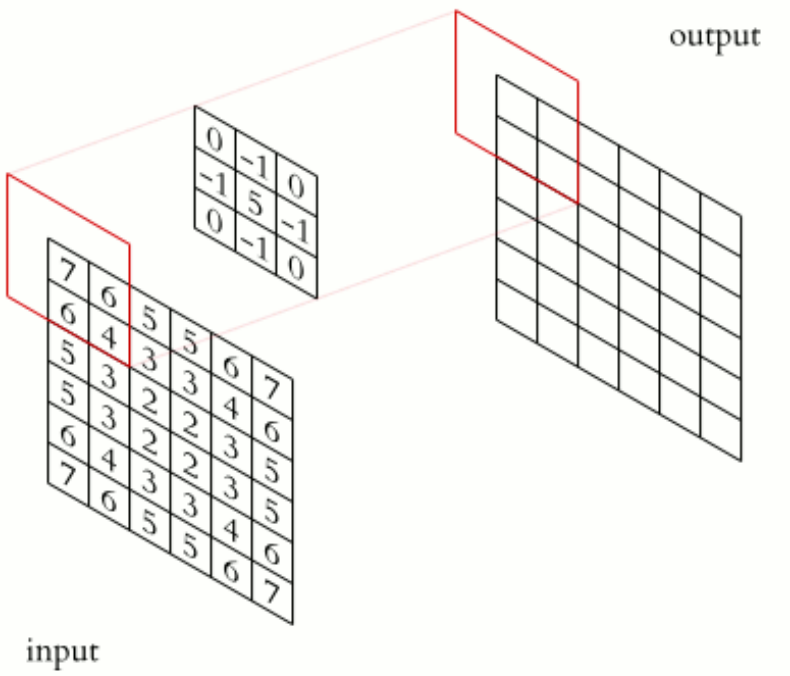

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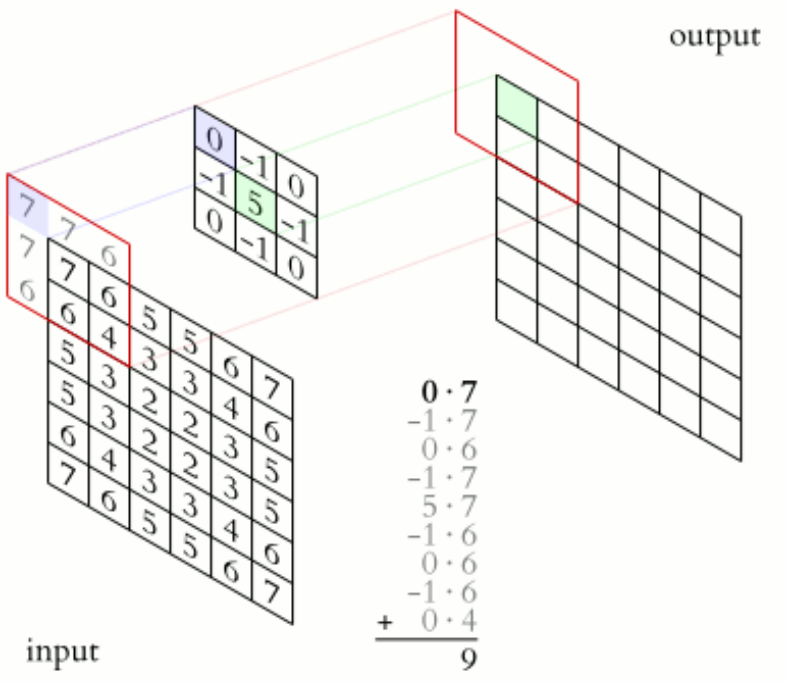

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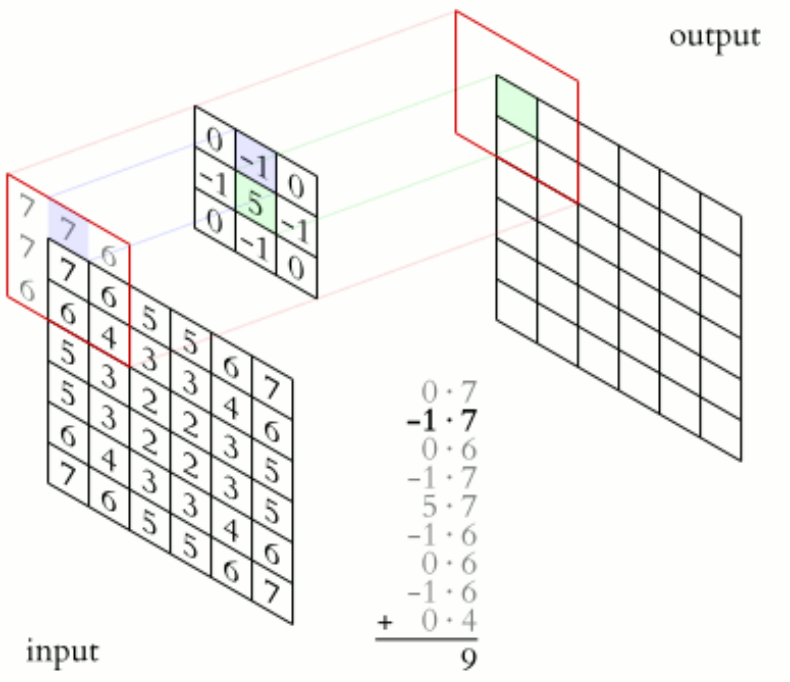

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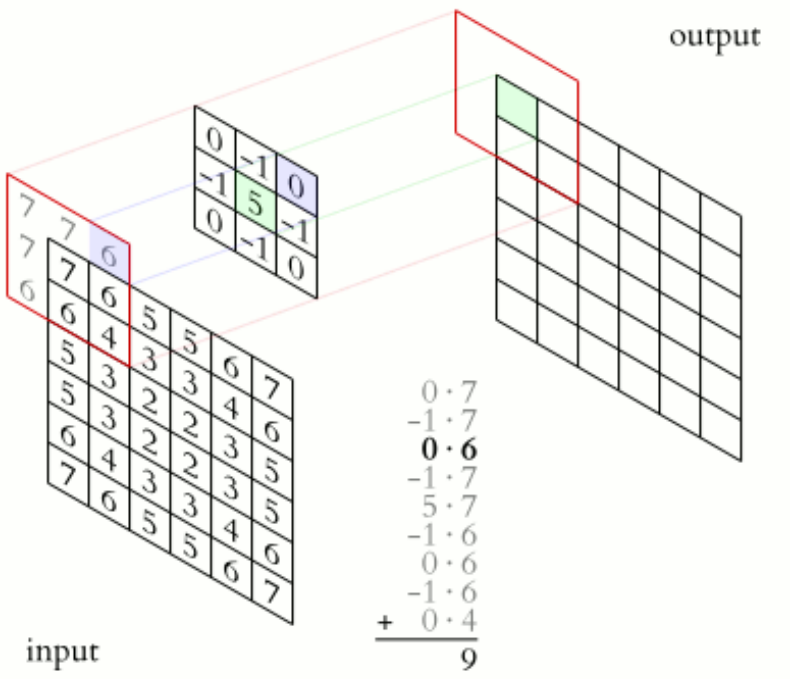

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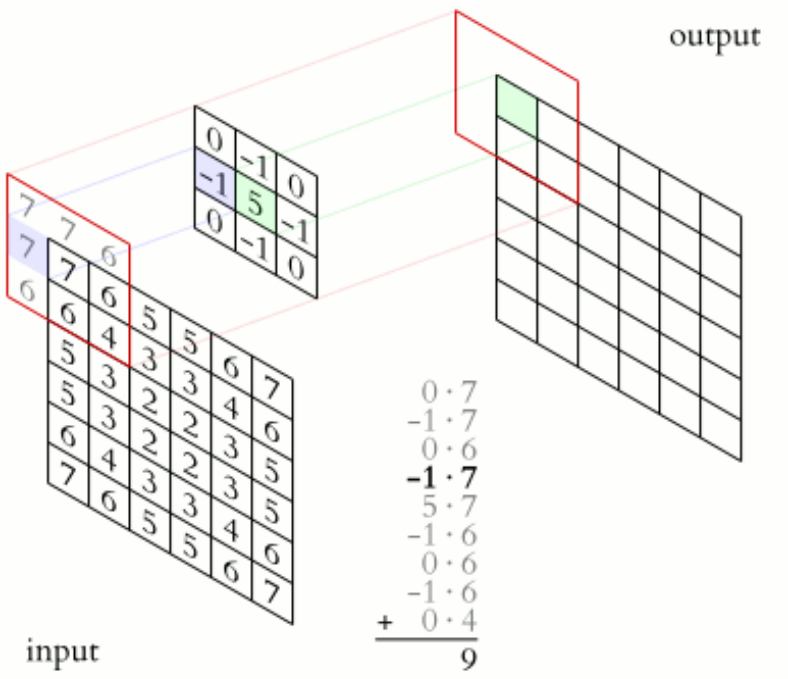

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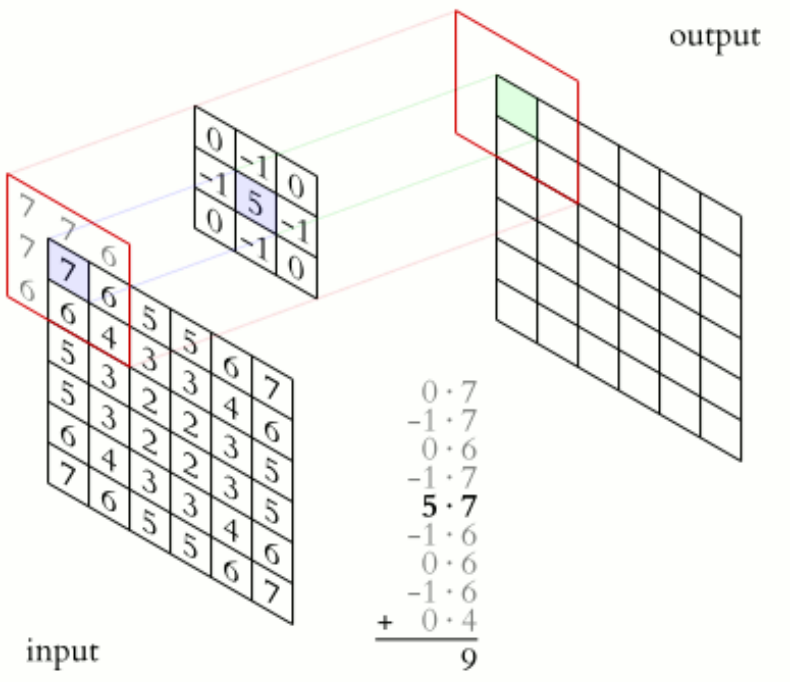

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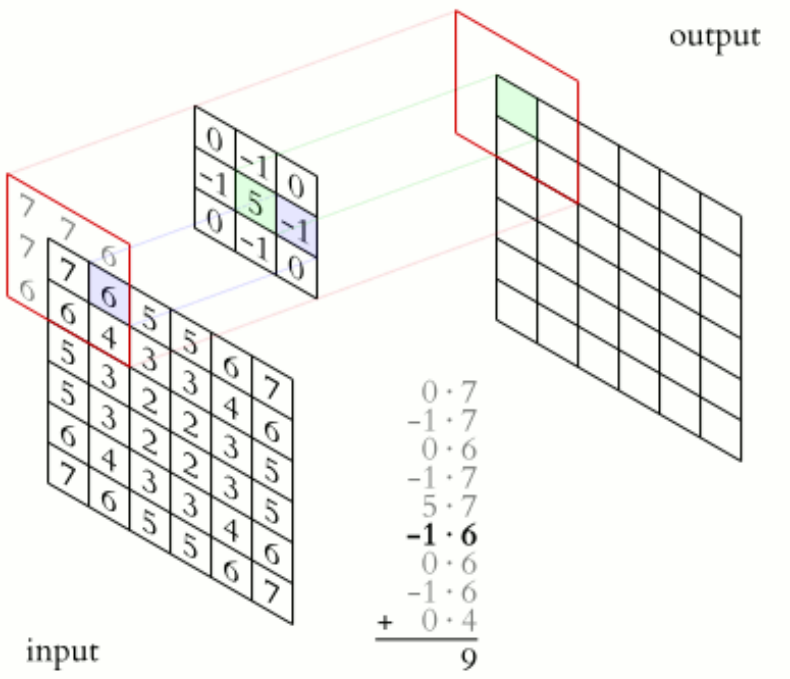

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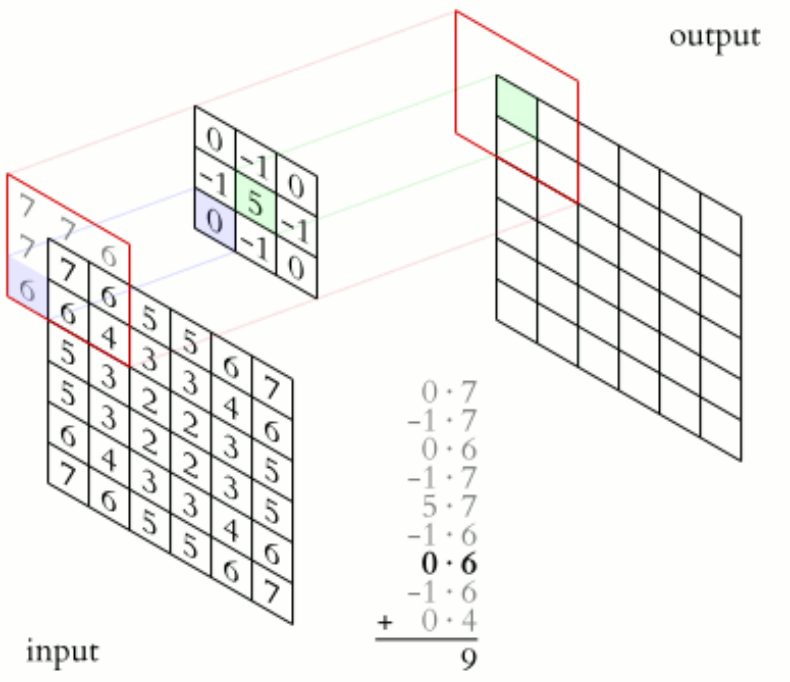

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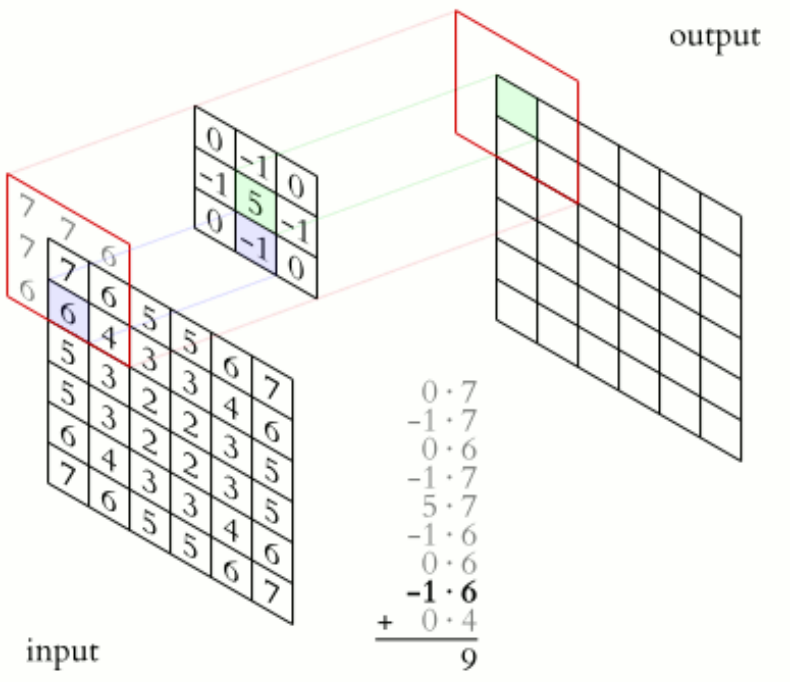

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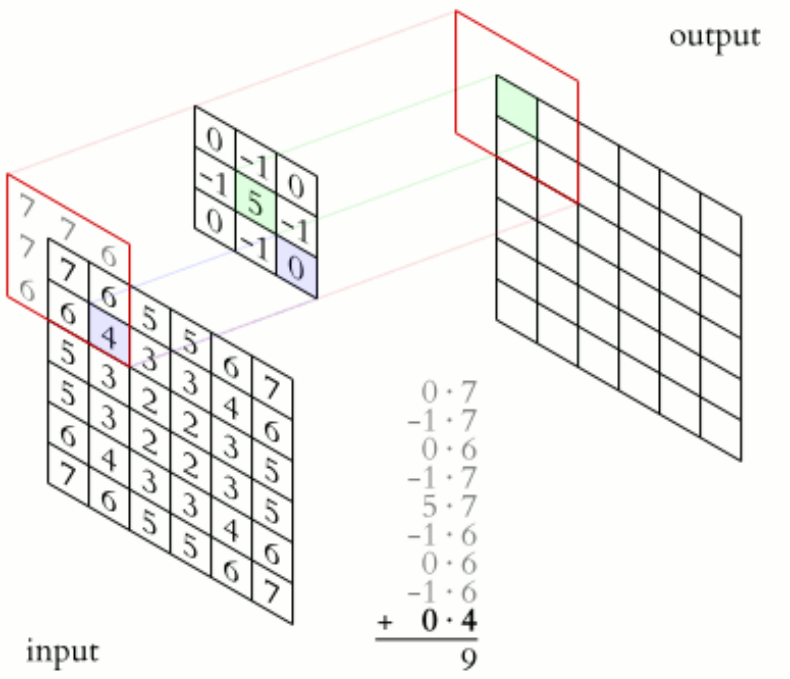

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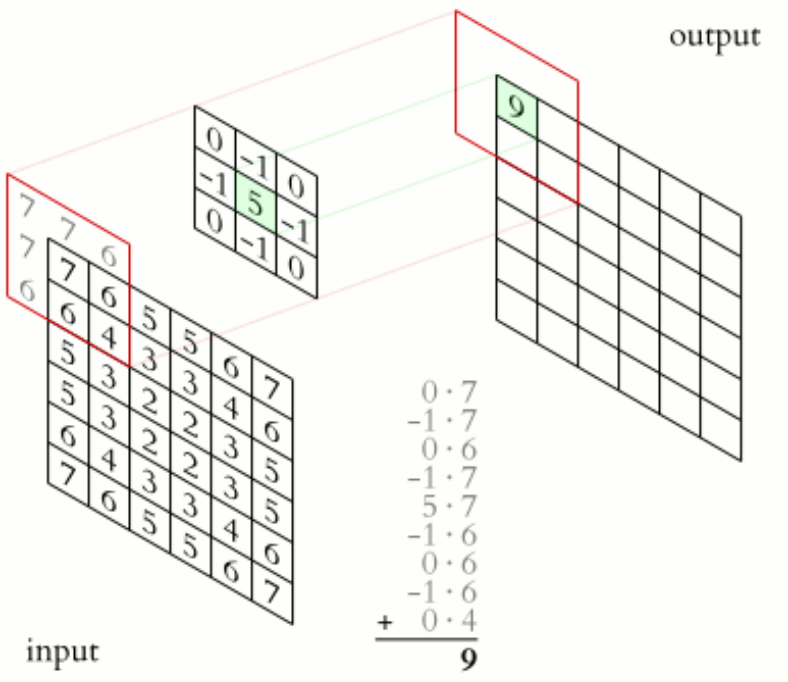

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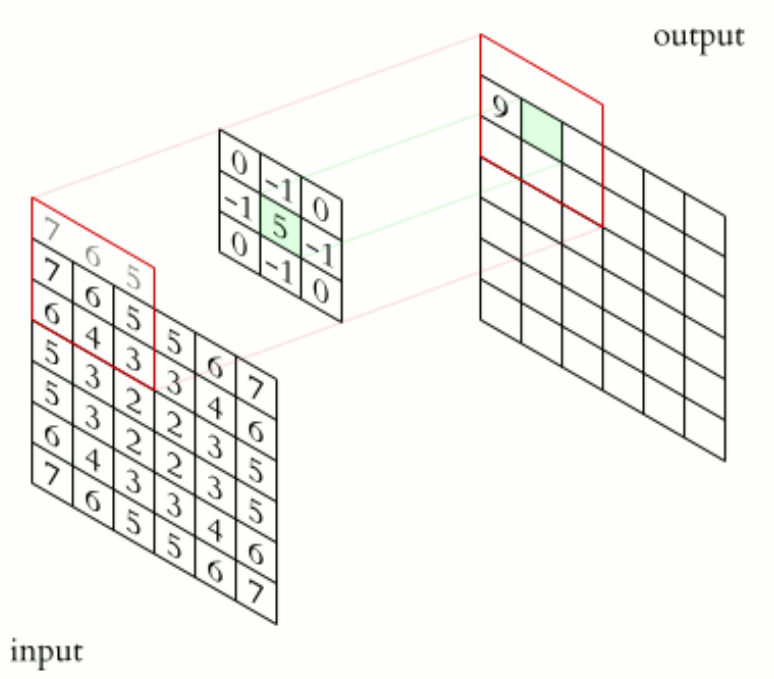

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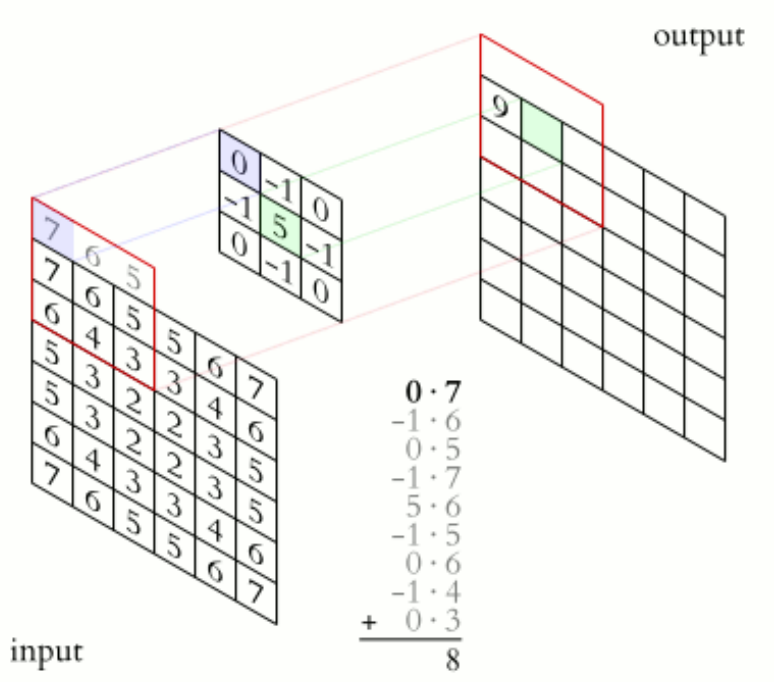

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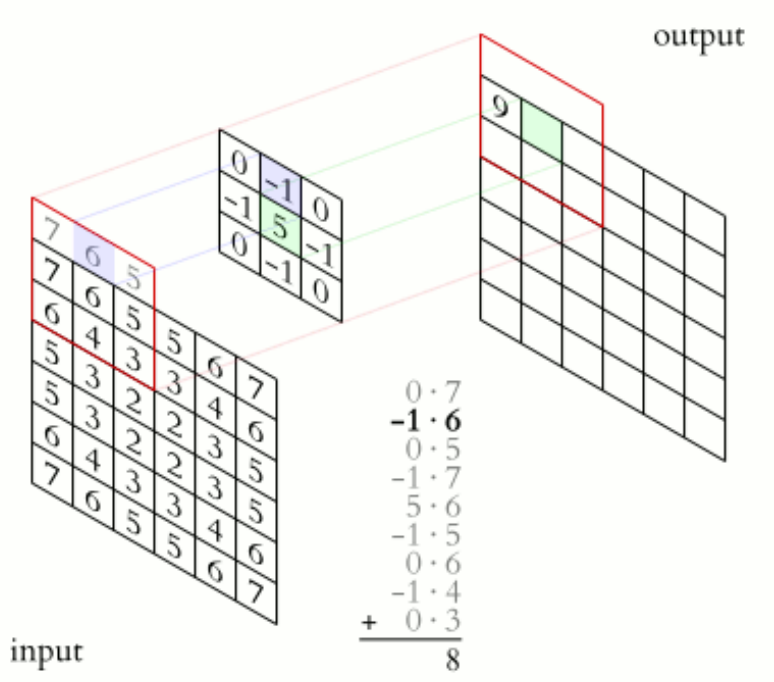

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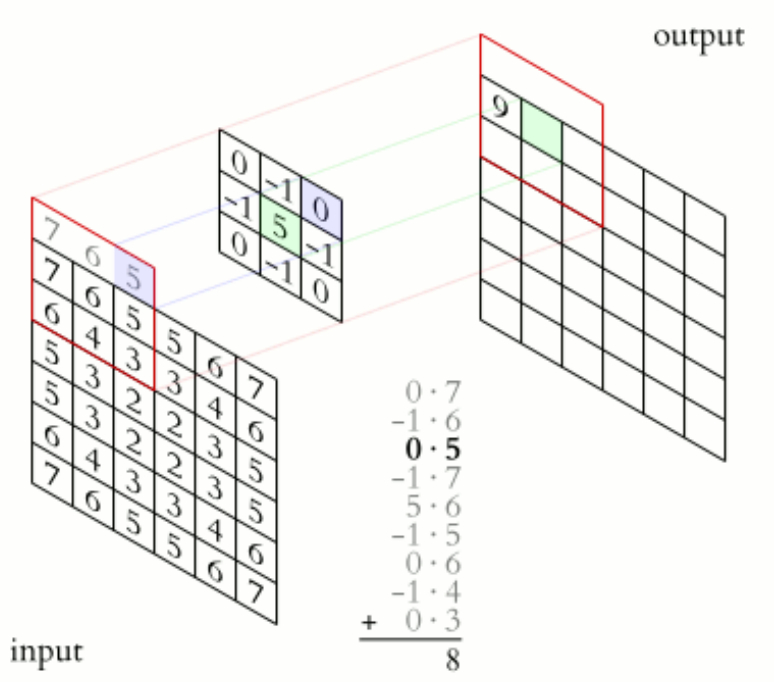

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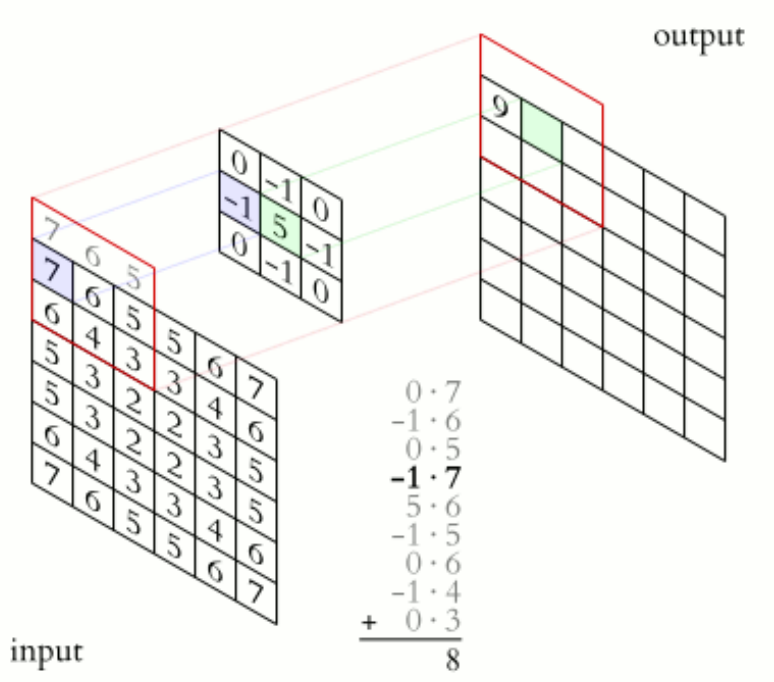

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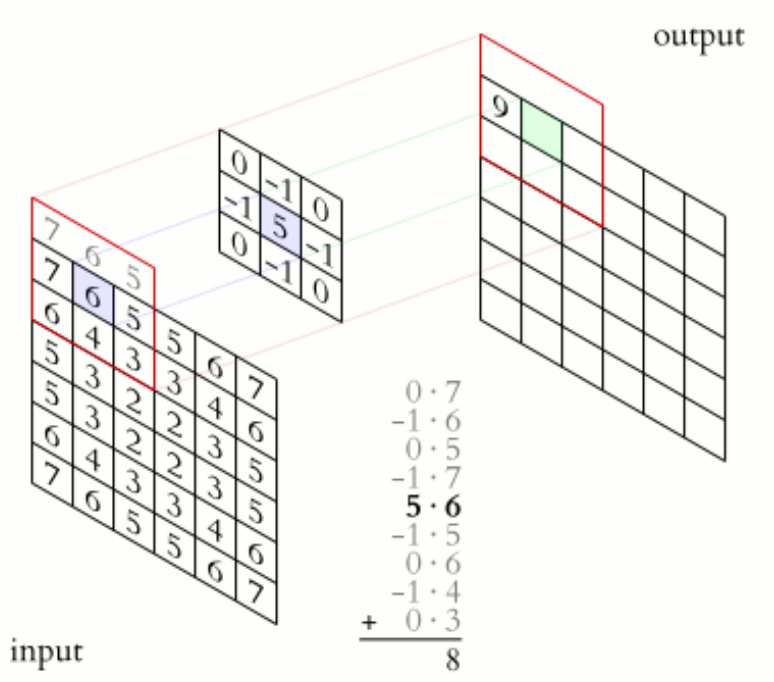

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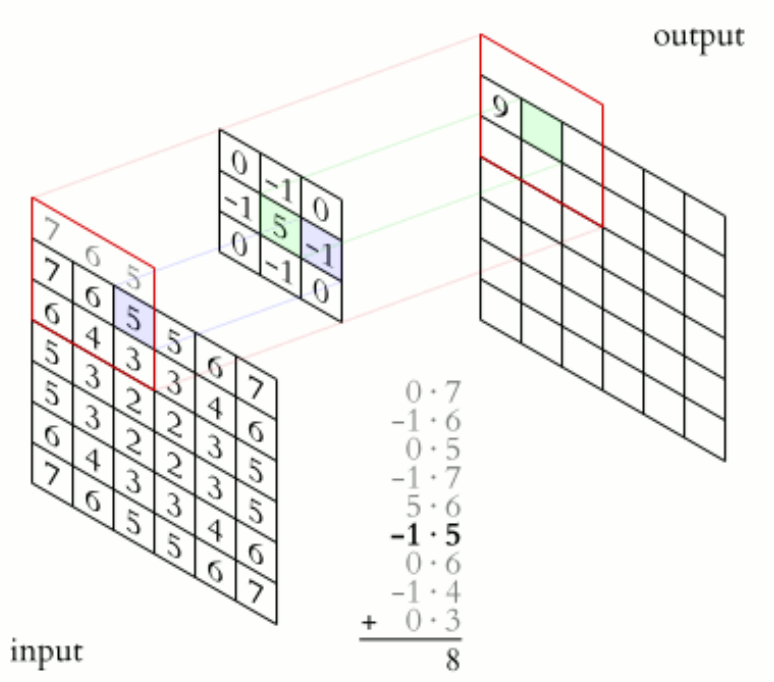

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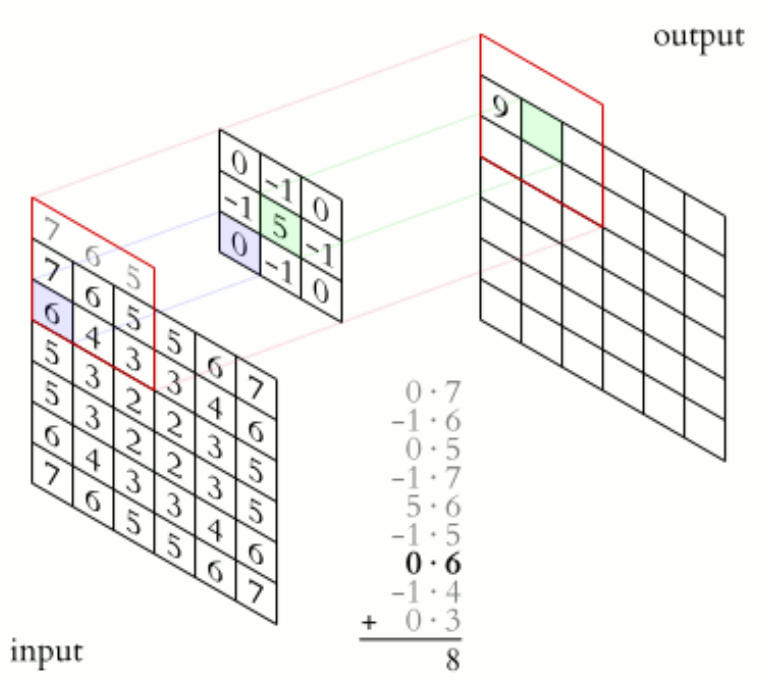

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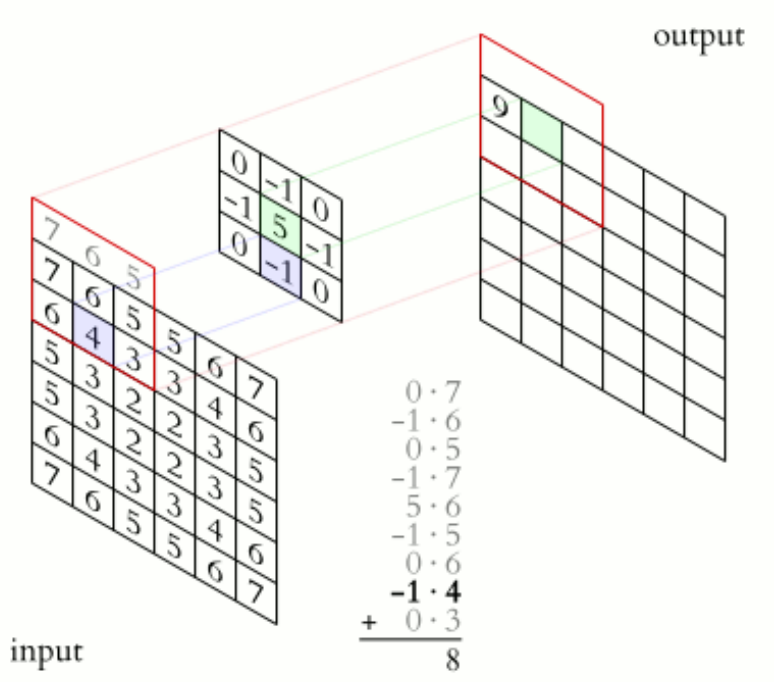

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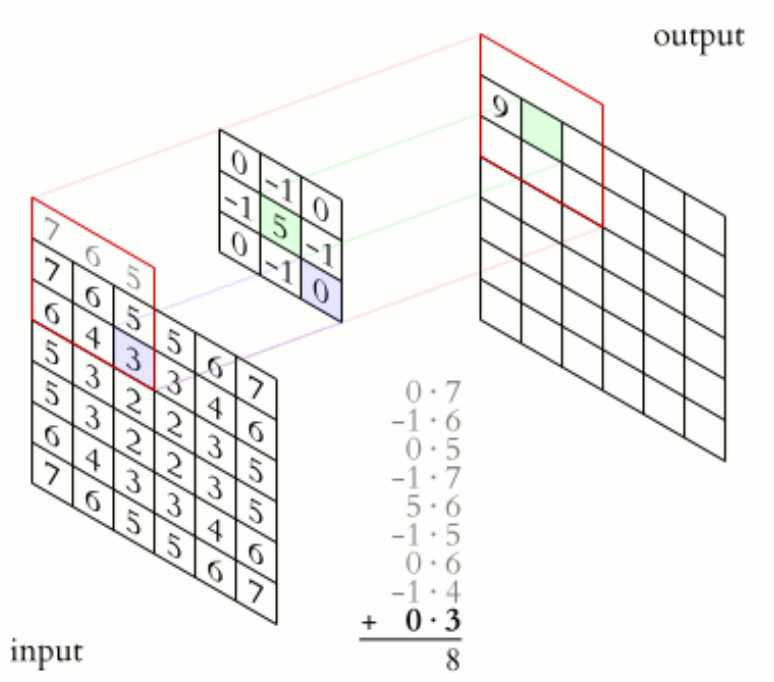

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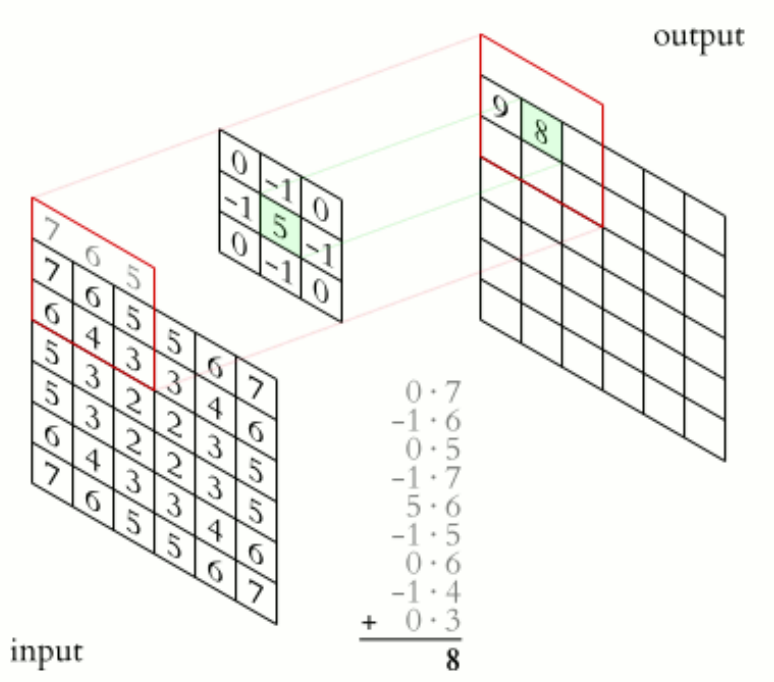

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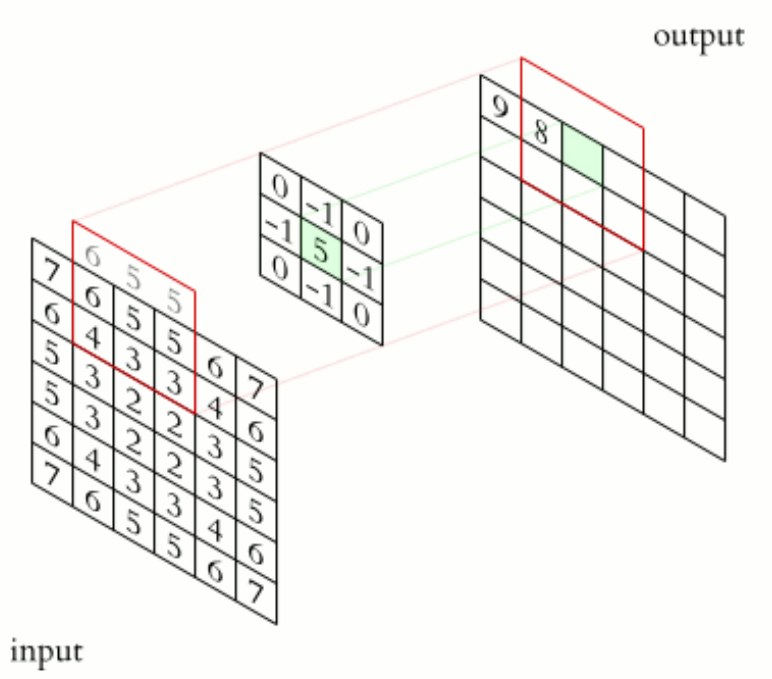

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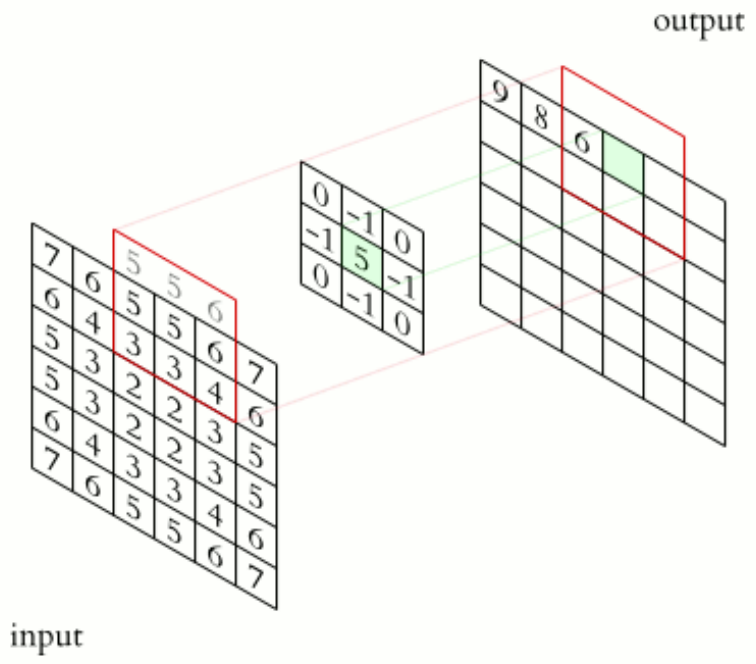

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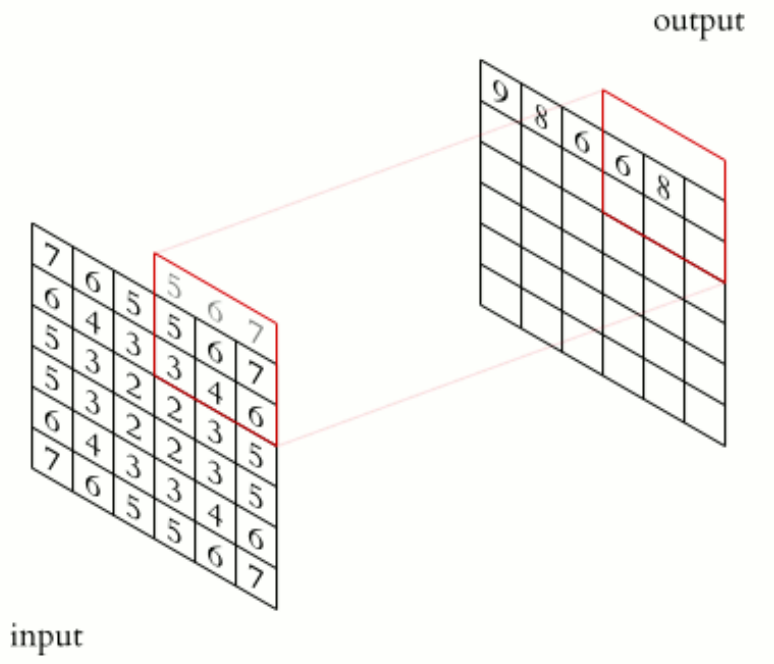

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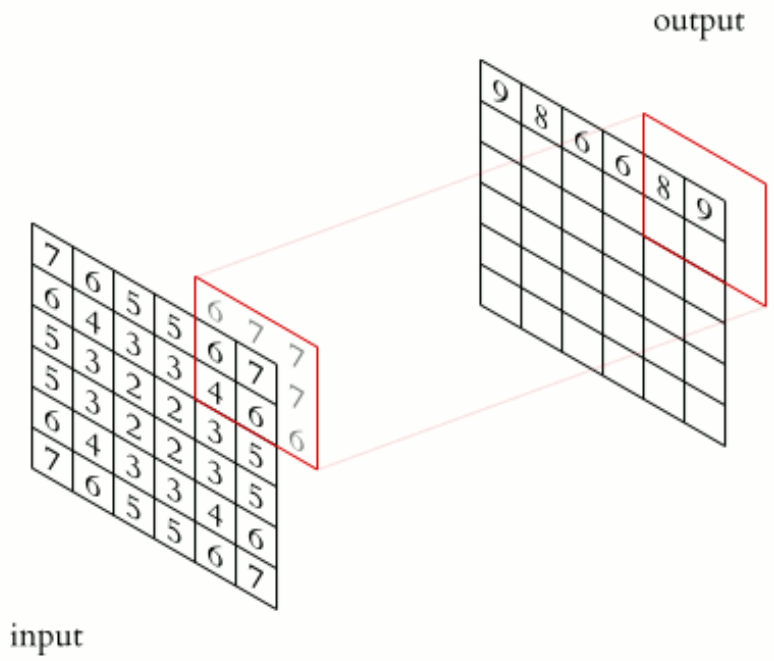

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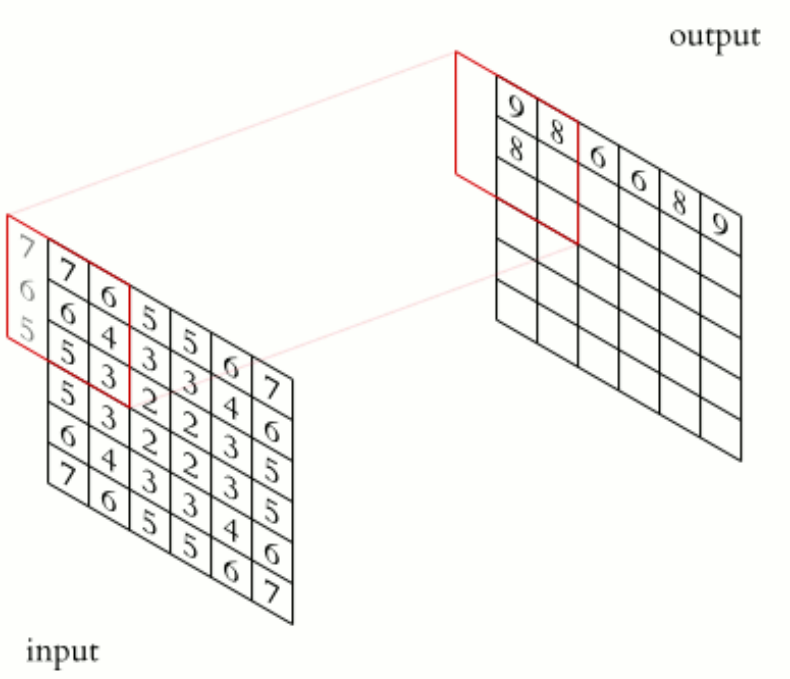

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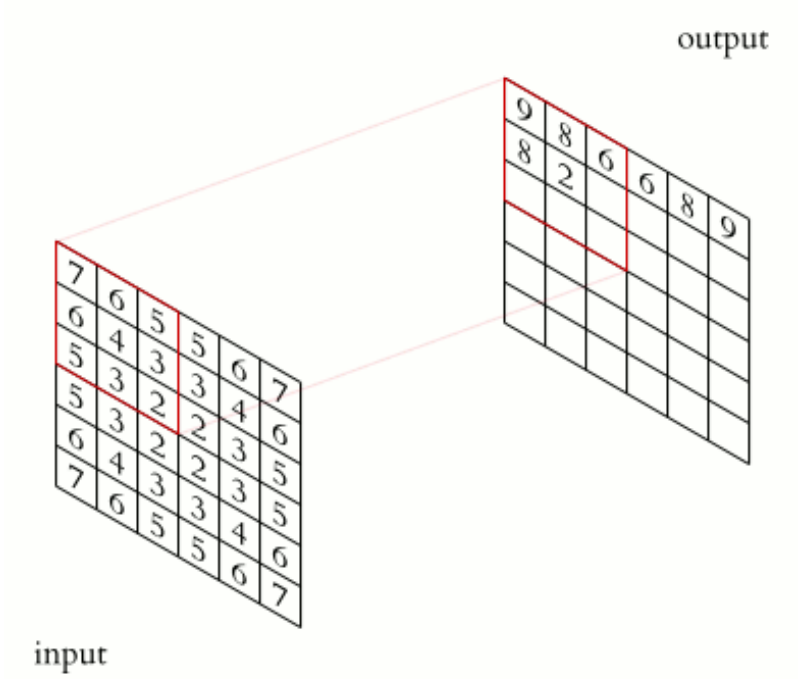

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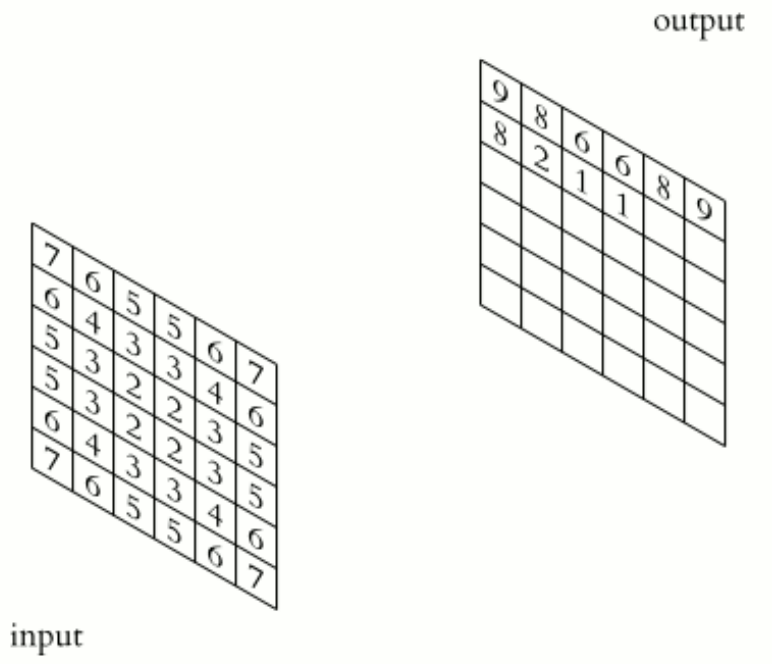

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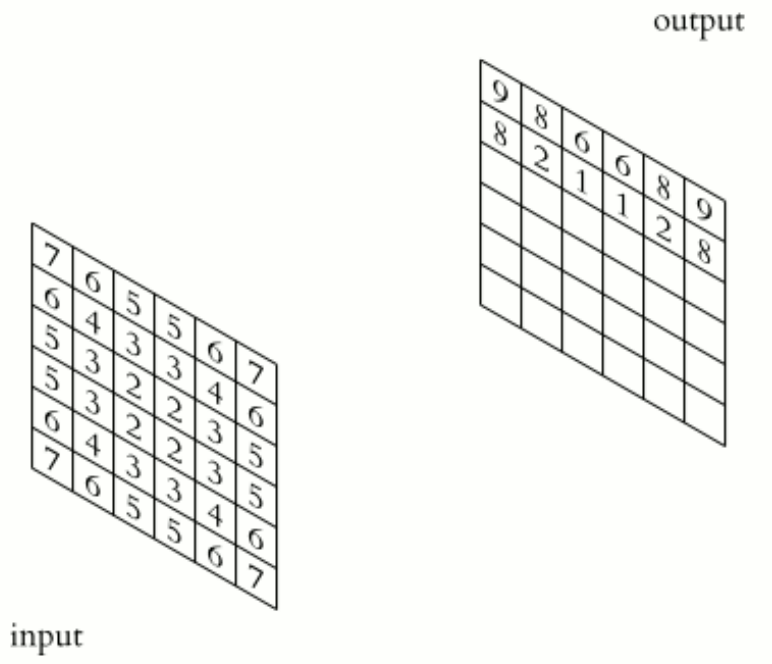

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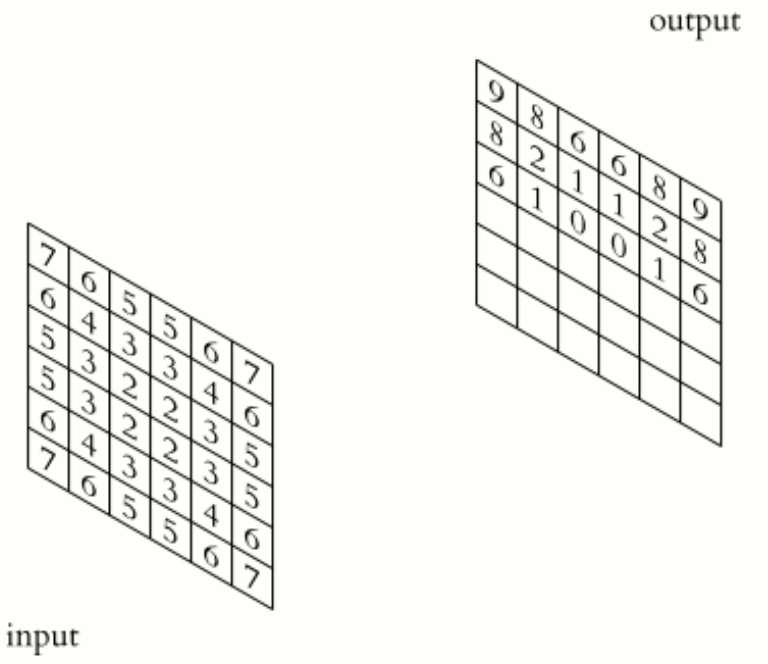

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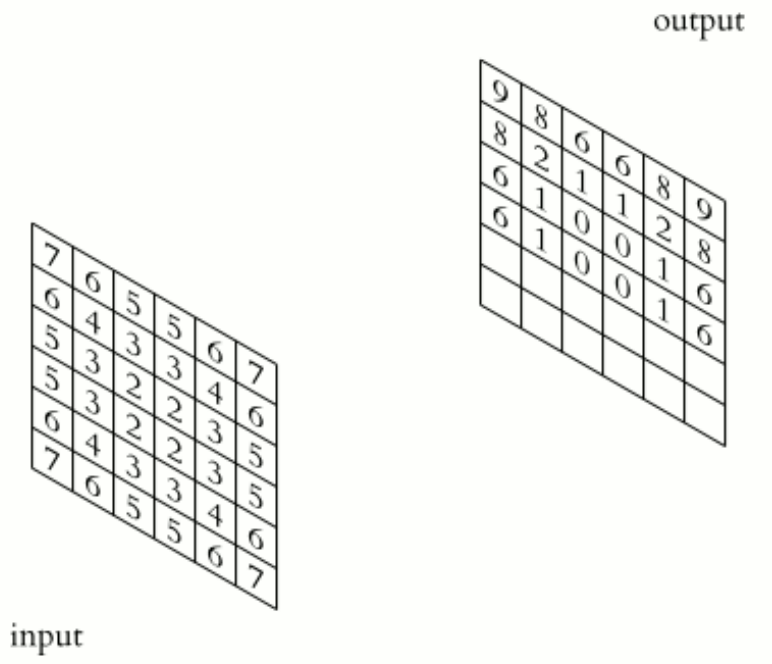

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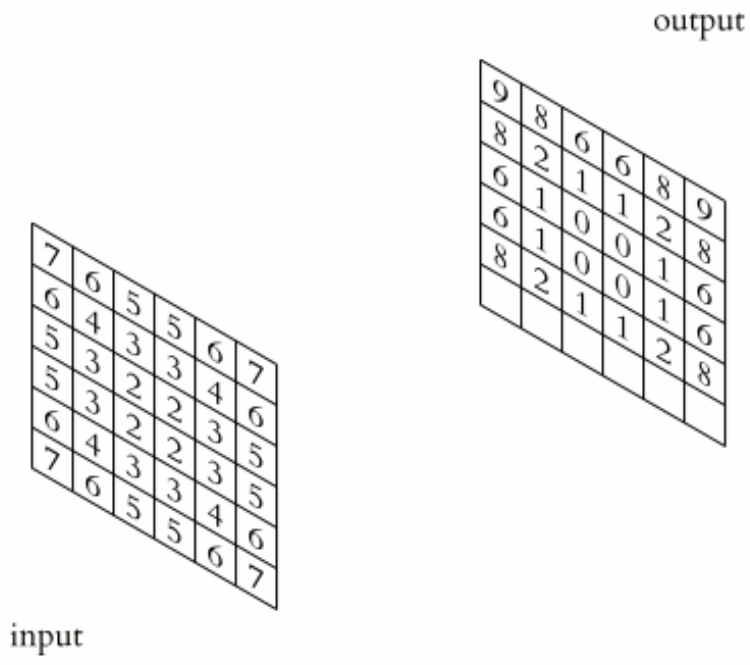

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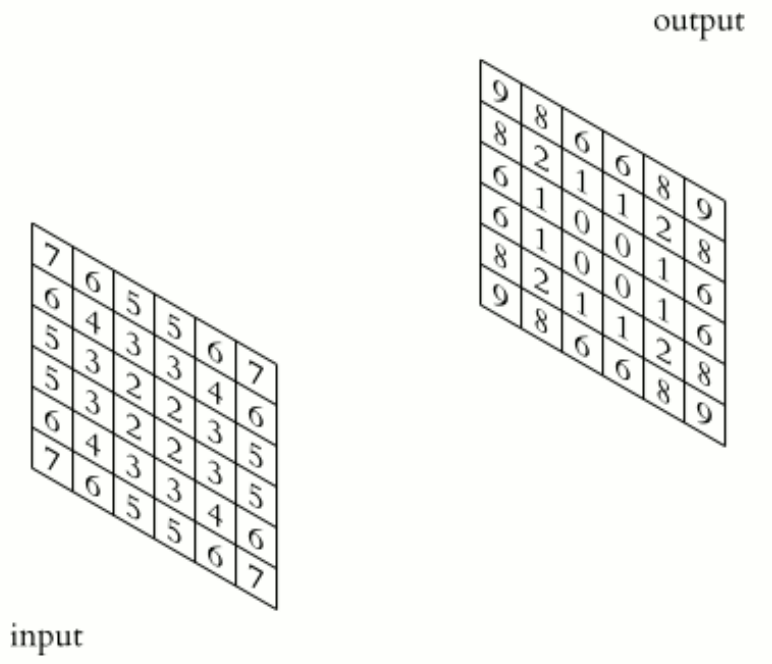

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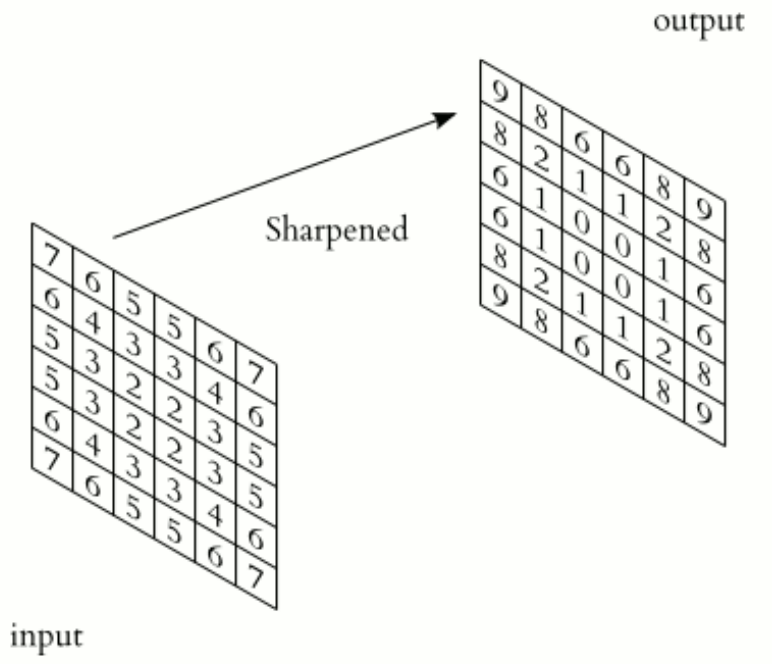

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