

How do we estimate the Second Derivative?

- Laplacian Filter: $\nabla^2 f = \partial^2 f / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 f / \partial y^2$

0	1	0
1	-4	1
0	1	0

- Standard mask implementation
- Derivation: In 1D, the first derivative can be computed with mask [-1 0 1]
- The 1D second derivative is [1 -2 1]
- The Laplacian mask estimates the 2D second derivative.

How did you get those masks?

1D function $f(x)$

$[f(-1) \quad f(0) \quad f(1)]$ pixel values

$f(0)-f(-1) \quad f(1)-f(0)$ first difference

$(f(1)-f(0))-(f(0)-f(-1))$ second difference

$1f(-1)-2f(0)+1f(1)$ simplify

$[\quad 1 \quad -2 \quad 1]$ mask

and in 2D

	$f(0,1)$	
$f(-1,0)$	$f(0,0)$	$f(1,0)$
	$f(0,-1)$	

$$\begin{aligned}\partial f / \partial x(1/2) &= f(1,0) - f(0,0) \\ \partial f / \partial x(-1/2) &= f(0,0) - f(-1,0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\partial f / \partial x^2 = f(1,0) - 2f(0,0) + f(-1,0)$$

$$\partial f / \partial y^2 = f(0,1) - 2f(0,0) + f(0,-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 f &= \partial f / \partial x^2 + \partial f / \partial y^2 \\ &= 1f(1,0) - 4f(0,0) + 1f(-1,0) + 1f(0,1) + 1f(0,-1)\end{aligned}$$

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