

# Advanced Pattern Recognition

Template Matching  
Viola–Jones Algorithm  
Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)  
Deep Learning

# Pattern Recognition

- ▶ **Objective:** to extract relevant information from images using image processing

## Feature similarity

- area, perimeter, mean intensity, etc.

## Histogram similarity

- local and / or global

## Model similarity

- geometrical models (Hough)
- Template Matching

## Advanced Classifiers

- Viola-Jones algorithm
- Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)
- Convolution Neural Networks (*Deep Learning*)

... and others

# Template matching

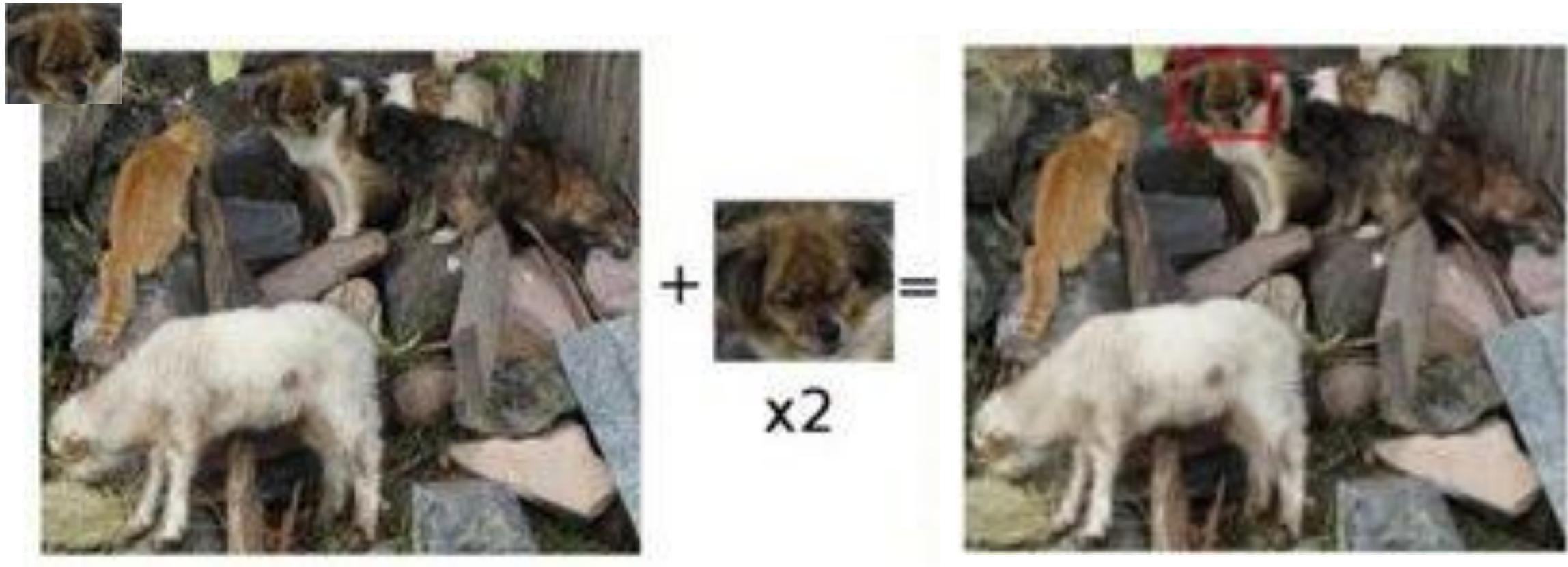


# Template Matching

- ▶ Search for matches between two or more images
- ▶ Can be performed by comparison of:
  - features
  - subparts of the image that contain information more discriminative ← More efficient
- ▶ When this is not possible, is done by assessing the similarity between the original image and one or more template images by convoluting both images
  - More precise
  - Less efficient



# Example



# Measures of similarity

- ▶ Sum square difference

$$R(x, y) = \sum_{x', y'} (T(x', y') - I(x + x', y + y'))^2$$



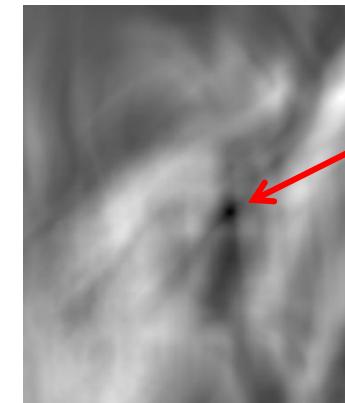
512 x 512 pixels



129 x 60 pixels



Template Matching



Min  
2.0

(x,y) = (234,234)

384 x 453 pixels

$(W - tw + 1) \times (H - th + 1)$

# Measures of similarity

- ▶ Correlation

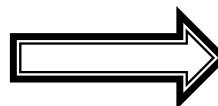
$$R(x, y) = \sum_{x', y'} (T(x', y') \cdot I(x + x', y + y'))$$



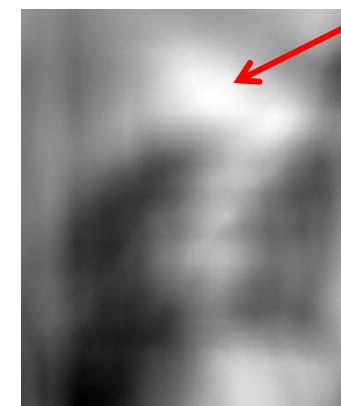
512 x 512 pixels



129 x 60 pixels



Template Matching



384 x 453 pixels

Max  
613557376.0  
 $(x, y) = (213, 100)$

# Measures of similarity

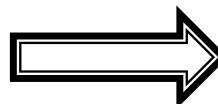
- ▶ Correlation Coefficient (correlation with mean = 0)

$$R(x, y) = \sum_{x', y'} (T'(x', y') \cdot I'(x + x', y + y'))$$

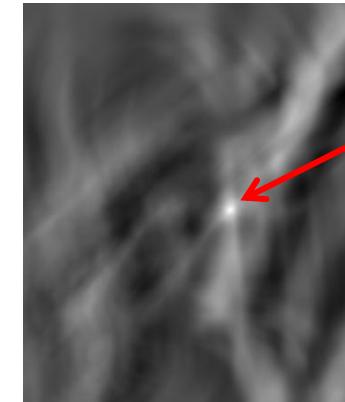
With

$$T'(x', y') = T(x', y') - 1/(w \cdot h) \cdot \sum_{x'', y''} T(x'', y'')$$

$$I'(x + x', y + y') = I(x + x', y + y') - 1/(w \cdot h) \cdot \sum_{x'', y''} I(x + x'', y + y'')$$



Template Matching



Max  
55113824.0

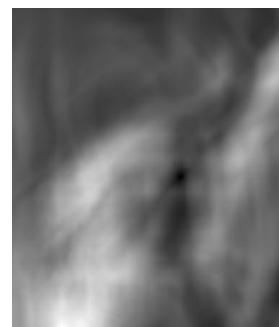
(x,y) = (234,234)

# Normalized methods

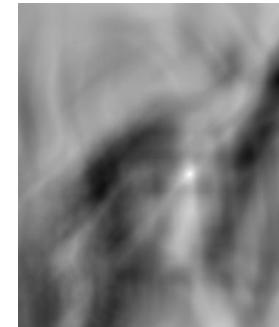
- ▶ The previous methods produce images in the range  $[-\infty, \infty]$ , which can be difficult to work with
- ▶ **Normalization** generates images in the range  $[-1, 1]$ , being 1 a total correspondence for correlation and coefficient of correlation, and 0 for the sum of squared differences

$$R_{cc\_norm}(x,y) = \frac{R_{cc}(x,y)}{\sqrt{\sum_{x',y'} T(x',y')^2 \cdot \sum_{x',y'} I(x+x',y+y')^2}}$$

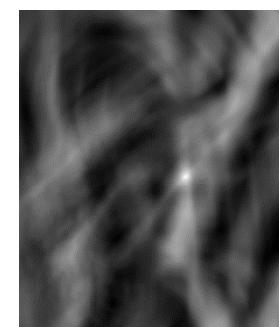
- ▶ Careful, because with normalization more similar regions might be detected



SSD



Correlation



Correlation Coef

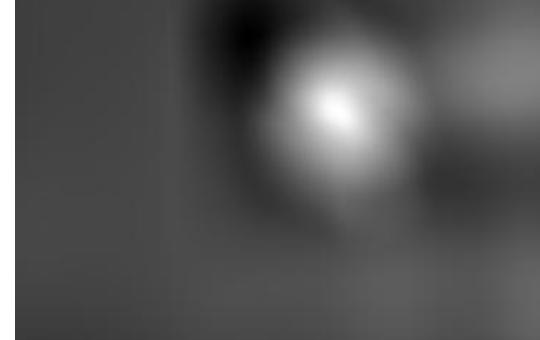
# Results

Template



With object

Correlation Coef



Correlation Coef Norm



Max = 159 488 592.0

Max = 0.88



Without objects



Max = 33 790 024.0



Max = 0.47

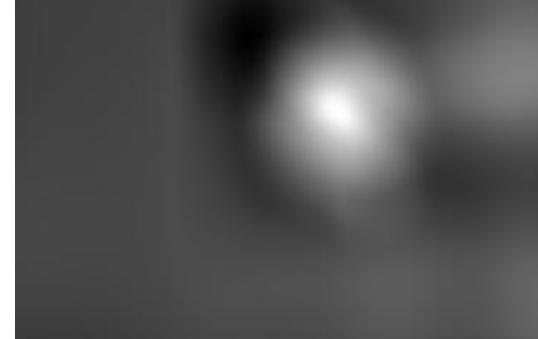
# Results

Template



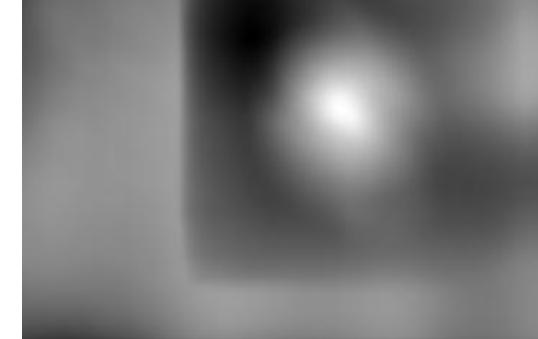
With object

Correlation Coef



Max = 159 488 592.0

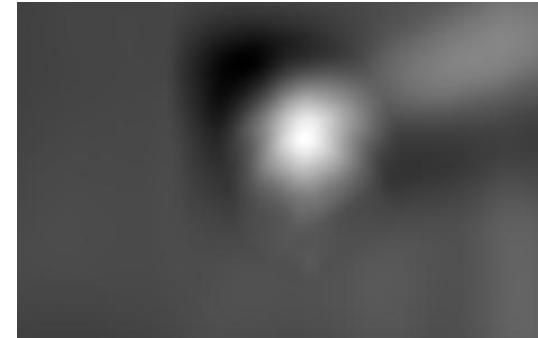
Correlation Coef Norm



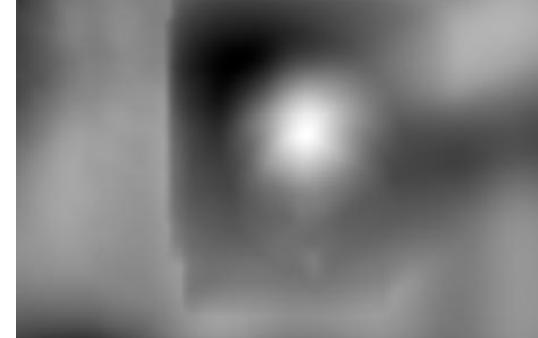
Max = 0.88



Without objects



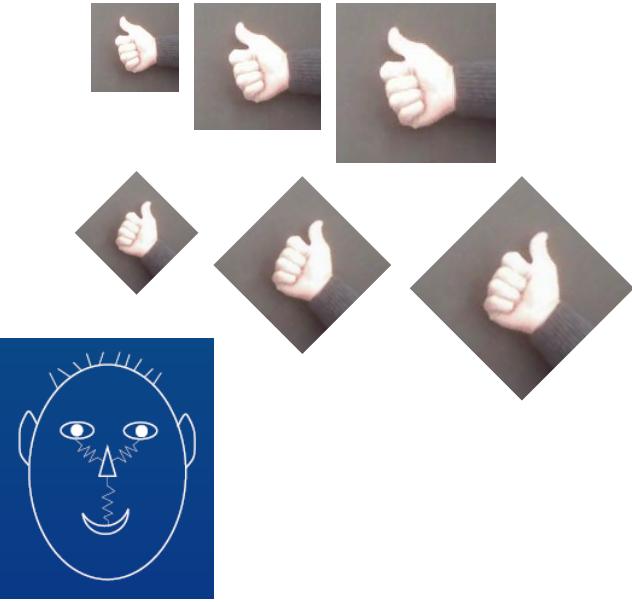
Max = 185 876 736.0



Max = 0.82

# Problems

- ▶ High sensitivity to size, rotation and distortion changes
  - Solutions
    - Multi-level analysis: creating multiple templates with different configurations
    - Use flexible templates (several interconnected templates)
- ▶ Results with noise: Different image settings may generate false positives.
- ▶ High computation
  - Given that this is a convolution it is recommended to use FFTs
    - For an NxN image in space domain this method has a complexity of  $O(N^4)$ , while with FTTs it has  $O(N^2 \log N)$
  - Or start the algorithm with a low resolution and increase only in the most promising areas



# In OpenCV...

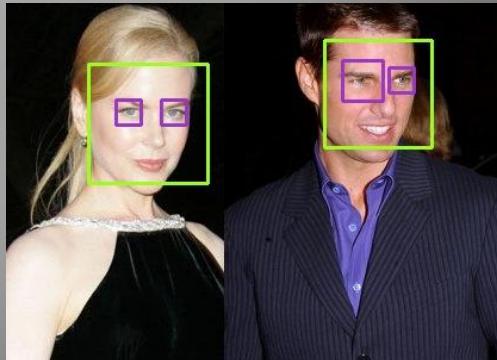
```
result = cv.MatchTemplate(image, template, type)

TM_SQDIFF,
TM_SQDIFF_NORMED,
TM_CCORR,
TM_CCORR_NORMED,
TM_CCOEFF,
TM_CCOEFF_NORMED
```



# Cascade Classifiers

## Viola–Jones Algorithm



# Introduction – Viola–Jones

- ▶ Is a very effective algorithm for detection of patterns that can be used in real-time applications
- ▶ It was proposed in 2001 by Paul Viola and Michael Jones

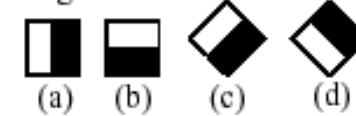
Viola, Paul, and Michael Jones. "Rapid object detection using a boosted cascade of simple features." *Proceedings of the CVPR 2001* Vol. 1. IEEE, 2001.

- ▶ Runs on 3 phases:
  - Feature extraction (rectangular Haar features)
  - Classification using cascaded classifiers with boosting
  - Repeat the process with different scale factors
- ▶ The training of the classifier uses an improved version of the AdaBoost algorithm (Yoav Freund e Robert Schapire )

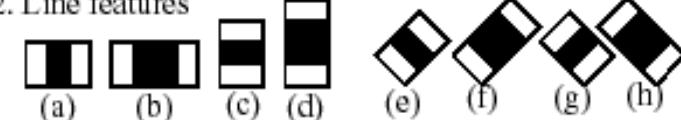
# Feature Extraction

- ▶ Are used the Haar-like Features:
  - Rectangular
  - You can use all or only subsets
- ▶ The feature value is obtained by subtracting the sum of all pixels of white region to the same value from the black region
- ▶ The implementation is very efficient if you use the integral image to do the calculations

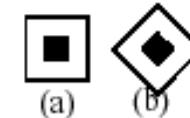
1. Edge features



2. Line features



3. Center-surround features



$$haar = \sum white - \sum black$$

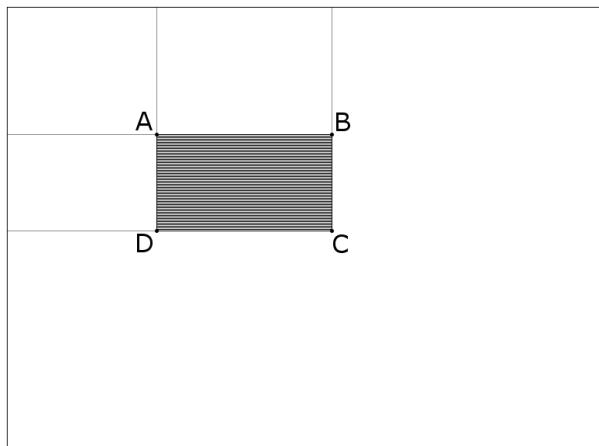


# Integral Image

- For each pixel  $(x,y)$  is determined the integral of the área between  $(0,0)$  and  $(x,y)$

$$I(x,y) = \sum_{\substack{x' \leq x \\ y' \leq y}} i(x',y')$$

- The integral of a rectangle  $(A, B, C, D)$  can be determined by analyzing only 4 points regardless of the size of the rectangle



$$\sum_{\substack{x_0 < x \leq x_1 \\ y_0 < y \leq y_1}} i(x,y) = I(C) + I(A) - I(B) - I(D).$$

Original				
5	2	3	4	1
1	5	4	2	3
2	2	1	3	4
3	5	6	4	5
4	1	3	2	6

$$5 + 2 + 3 + 1 + 5 + 4 = 20$$

Integral				
5	7	10	14	15
6	13	20	26	30
8	17	25	34	42
11	25	39	52	65
15	30	47	62	81

$$5 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 3 = 17$$

$$34 - 14 - 8 + 5 = 17$$

Original				
5	2	3	4	1
1	5	4	2	3
2	2	1	3	4
3	5	6	4	5
4	1	3	2	6

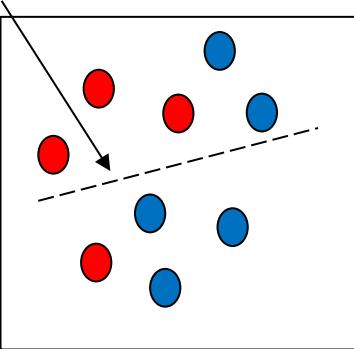
Integral				
5	7	10	14	15
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# Learning in the Viola-Jones

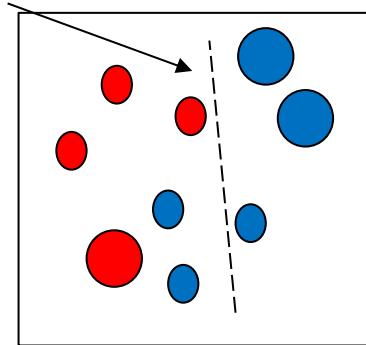
- ▶ Strong classifiers are created with a better selectivity than a random process
- ▶ Boosting:
  1. All examples initially have identical weights
  2. Choose the classifier that best separates the current DataSet
  3. Misclassified examples have an increase in their weight
  4. Repeat the process from point 2
  5. Strong classifier is a linear combination of all the weak classifiers
- ▶ The regions that are rejected will not be reviewed again

# Boosting

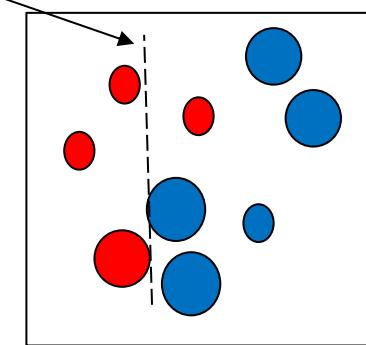
Weak Classifier 1



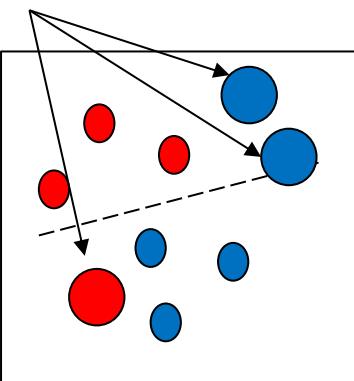
Weak Classifier 2



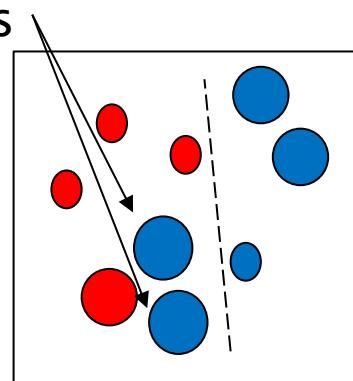
Weak Classifier 3



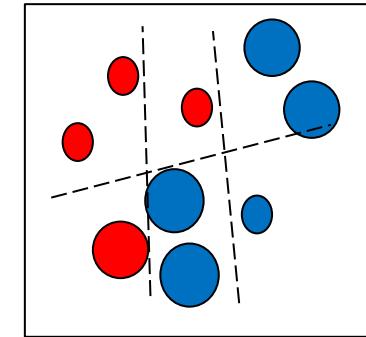
Increase  
weights



Increase  
weights

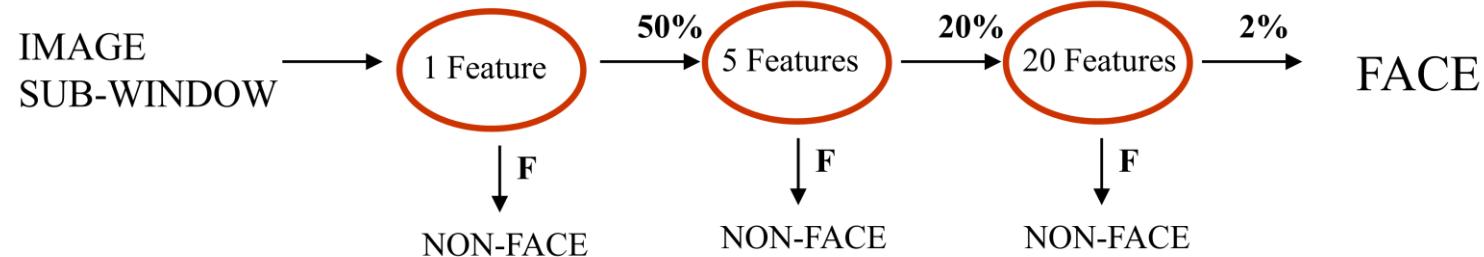
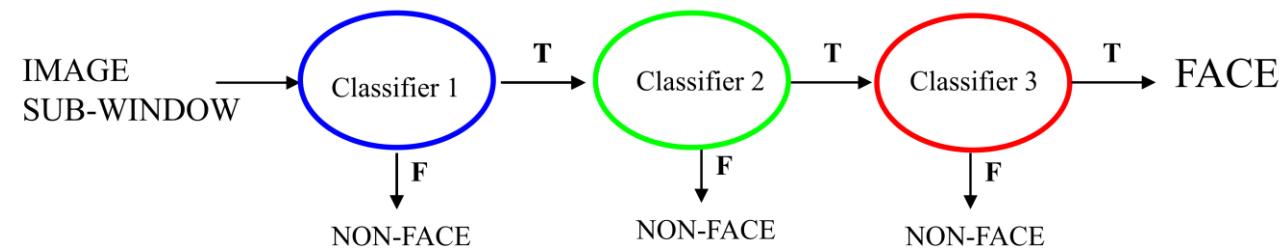


Strong Classifier



# Cascade architecture

- ▶ Each strong classifier has a low performance with false acceptance rates in the order of 50%

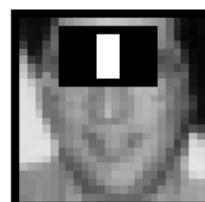
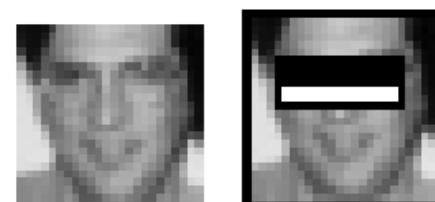
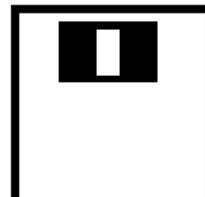
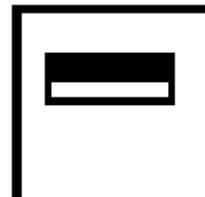


# Training

- ▶ The most popular Face Detector was trained with:
  - 5000 faces rescaled to 24x24 pixels
  - 300 Million non-faces (8500 images)
- ▶ Duration of training: weeks...
- ▶ 23 classification stages
- ▶ First stage uses only 2 features
- ▶ Last stage with 192 nodes
- ▶ 0.067s in microprocessor of 700Mhz



First  
stage



# In OpenCV...

```
detectorFilename = "haarcascade_frontalface_default.xml"
haar = cv.CascadeClassifier(pathname + detectorFilename)
faces = haar.detectMultiScale(
    imgOriginal, _____ | Gray Image
    scaleFactor = 1.4, _____ | Scale Factor (between iterations)
    minSize = (20, 20), _____ | Minimum Size
    maxSize = (100,100) )_____ | Maximum Size

for (x,y,w,h) in faces:
    imgOriginal = cv.rectangle(imgOriginal, (x,y), (x+w,y+h), (0, 0, 255), 4)
```

Pretrained  
classifier

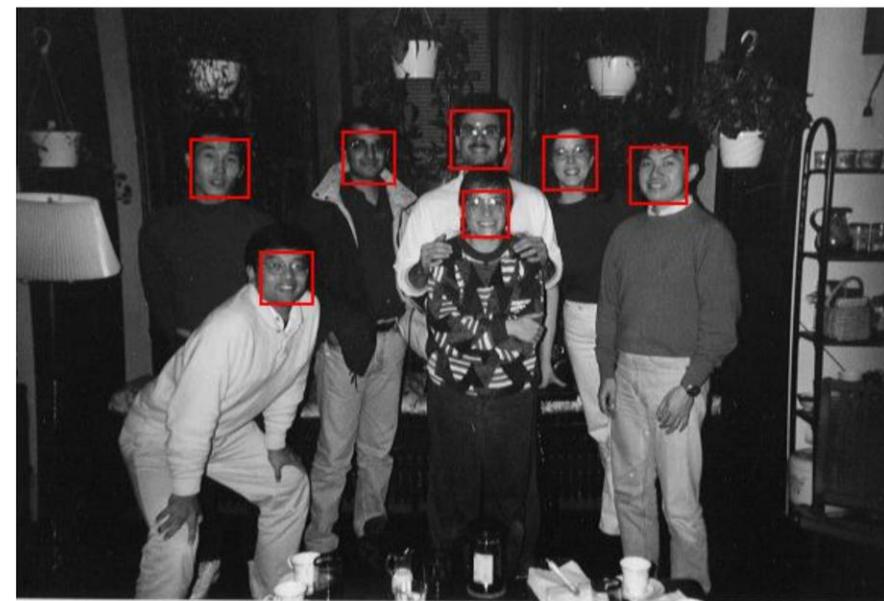
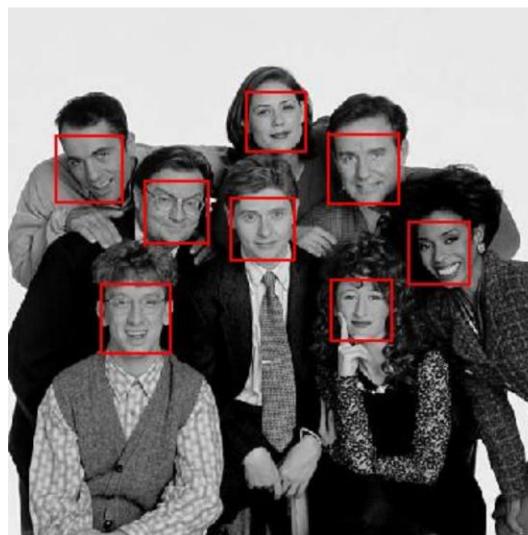
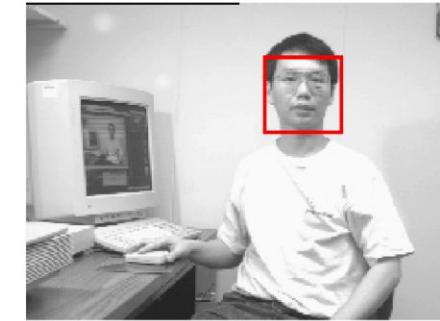
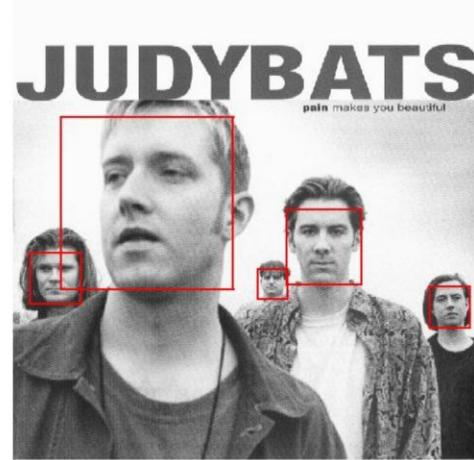
Gray Image

Scale Factor (between iterations)

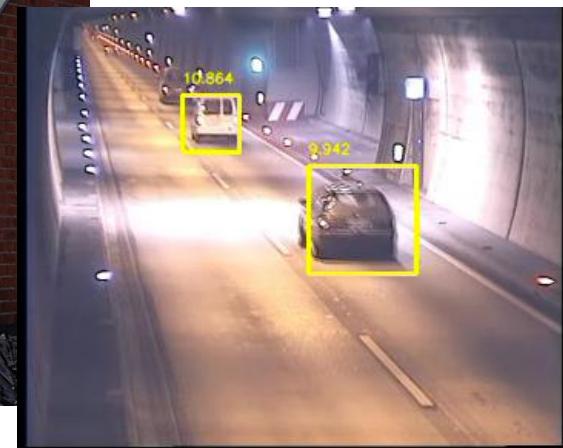
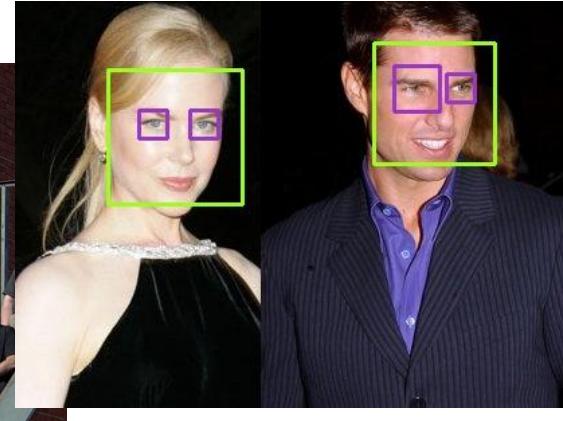
Minimum Size

Maximum Size

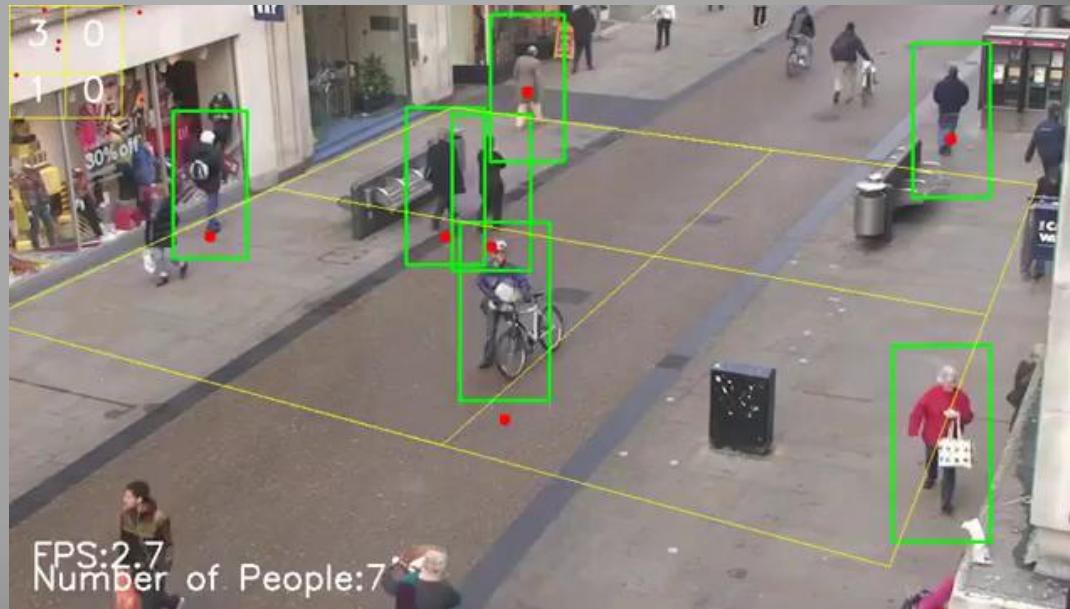
# Examples



# Other examples



# Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

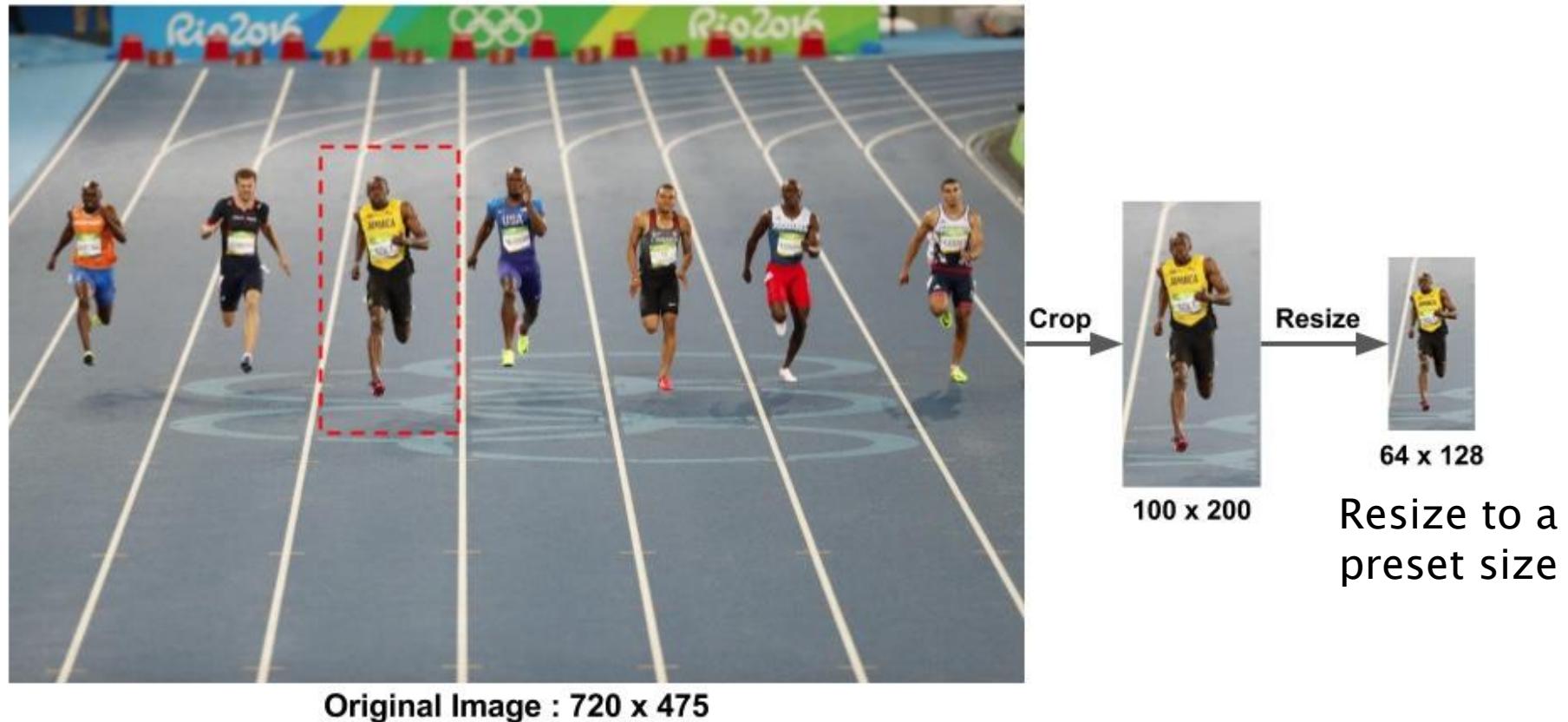


# Histogram of oriented gradients

- ▶ It is a feature descriptor used for object detection
- ▶ Extracts information about the image in the form of a vector of features
- ▶ The vector is later used by machine learning algorithms for object recognition
- ▶ It extracts information about the image gradient

Source: Learning OpenCV  
<https://www.learnopencv.com/histogram-of-oriented-gradients/>

# Step 1 – Cut out a sliding window



# Step 2 – gradient calculation

- ▶ Calculation of X and Y gradients

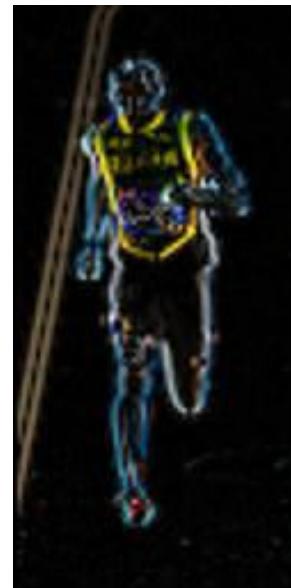
$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline -1 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

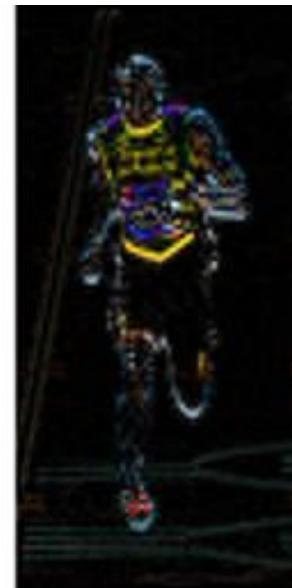
- ▶ Obtain orientation and magnitude

$$g = \sqrt{g_x^2 + g_y^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{g_y}{g_x}$$



X



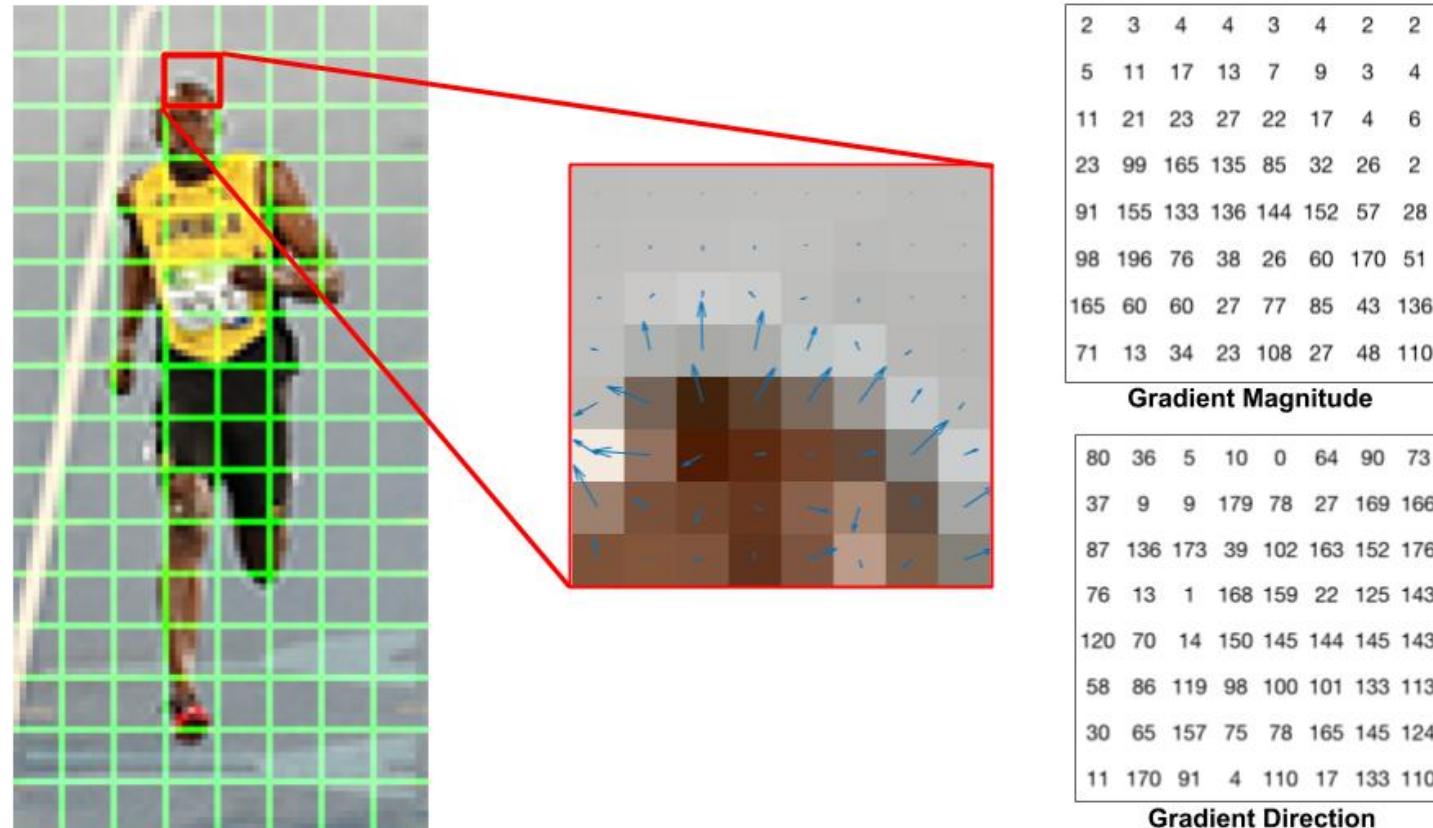
Y



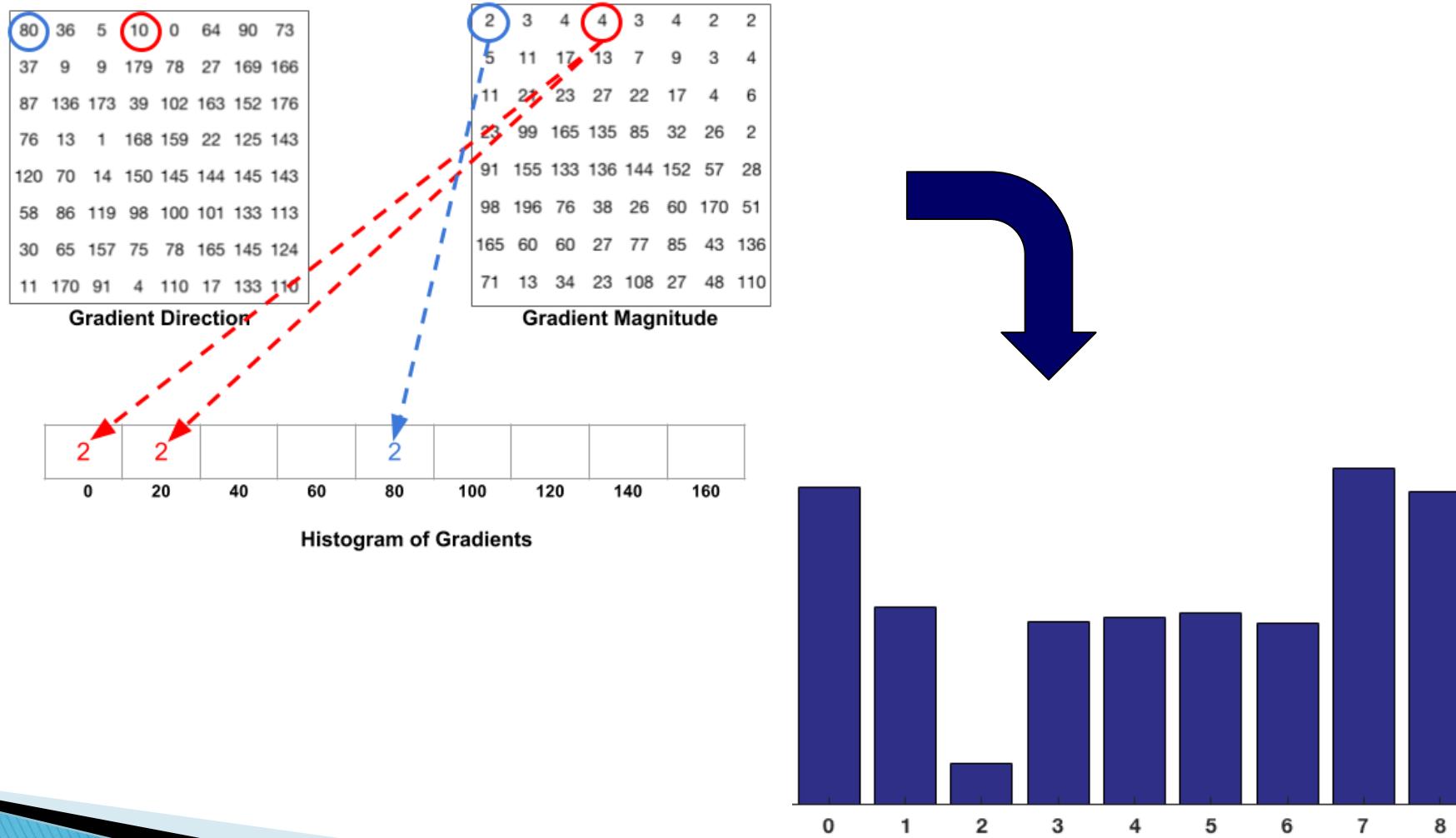
X + Y  
(sobel)

# Step 3 – Calculation of histograms of oriented gradients

- ▶ Applied on each 8x8 pixel window

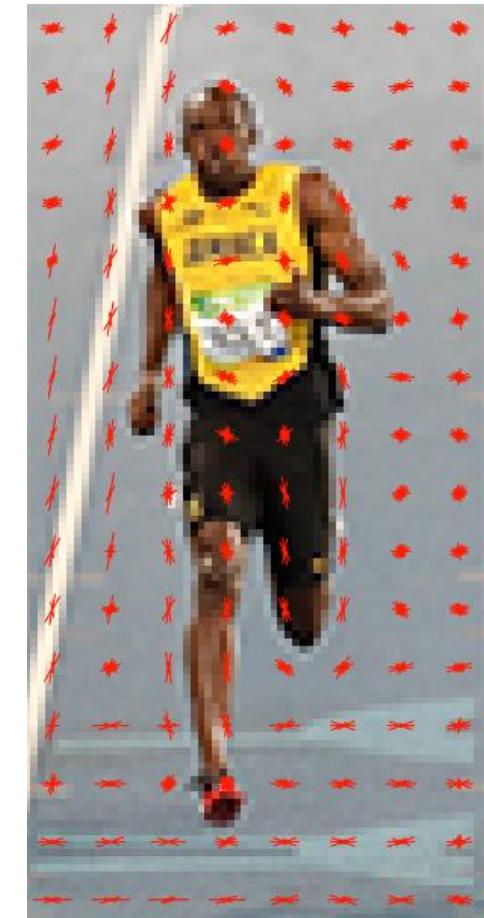


# Step 3 – Calculation of histograms of oriented gradients



# Steps 4 and 5– Normalization and Feature Vector

- ▶ A normalization of the various gradient histograms is performed to reduce sensitivity to lighting variations
- ▶ Normalization is performed in blocks of 16x16 pixels
- ▶ The final feature vector is composed of:
  - Blocks  $16 \times 16 = 15 \times 7 = 105$
  - Each  $16 \times 16$  block contains 4 histograms of 9 positions  
 $= 4 \times 9 = 36$  positions
  - Final  $= 105 * 36 = 3780$  positions



# Step 6 – Classification

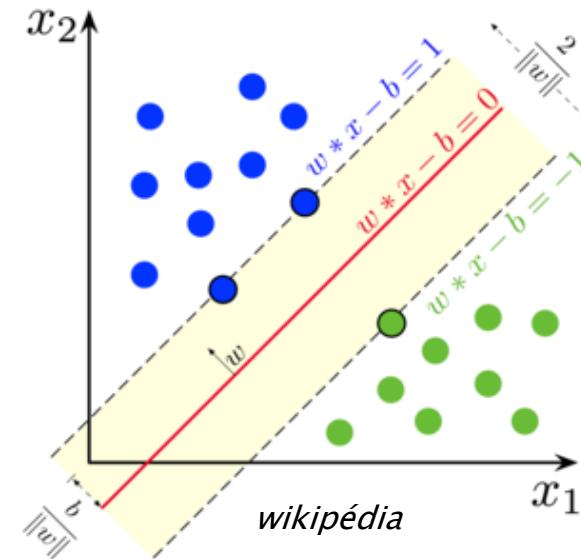
- ▶ The most common application uses Support Vector Machines (SVM) for pedestrian's detection
  - SVM is a Linear combination of all input values ( $x$ ) and their synaptic weights ( $w$ ) and a bias ( $b$ )
  - Defines a hyperplane that separates two classes

$$w \cdot x - b = 0$$

Let

$$x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$w = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_n)$$



# In OpenCV...

```
hog = cv.HOGDescriptor()
hog.setSVMClassifier(cv.HOGDescriptor.getDefaultPeopleDetector() )
pedestrians = hog.detectMultiScale(imgOriginal)
for (x,y,w,h) in pedestrians[0]:
... DRAW RECTANGLES
```

Classifier trained for  
detection of pedestrians

Image

It has many parameters  
Additional

# Example

