Consider using a smooth circular window, for example a Gaussian, if the response is noisy.

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

Such that

$$A = X^2 \otimes w$$
$$B = Y^2 \otimes w$$

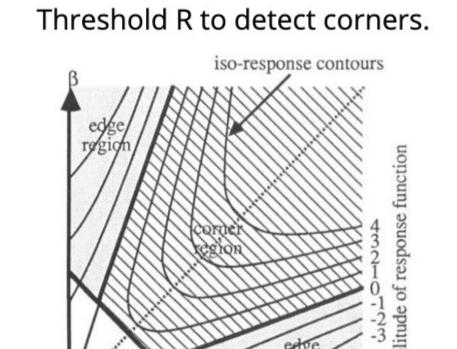
 $C = XY \otimes w$

Compute gradients of I

$$(X,Y) \approx (I_x,I_y)$$

Find the 2*2 symmetric matrix M and its eigenvalues a & β

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ C & B \end{bmatrix}$$



Compute the response function $P = dot(M) = hT_m(M)^2$

$$R = det(M) - kTr(M)^{2}$$
$$Tr(M) = \alpha + \beta = A + B$$

 $Det(M) = \alpha\beta = AB$

where k is is a sensitivity parameter