

# Chapter 4: Finding Similar Items -Locality Sensitive Hashing

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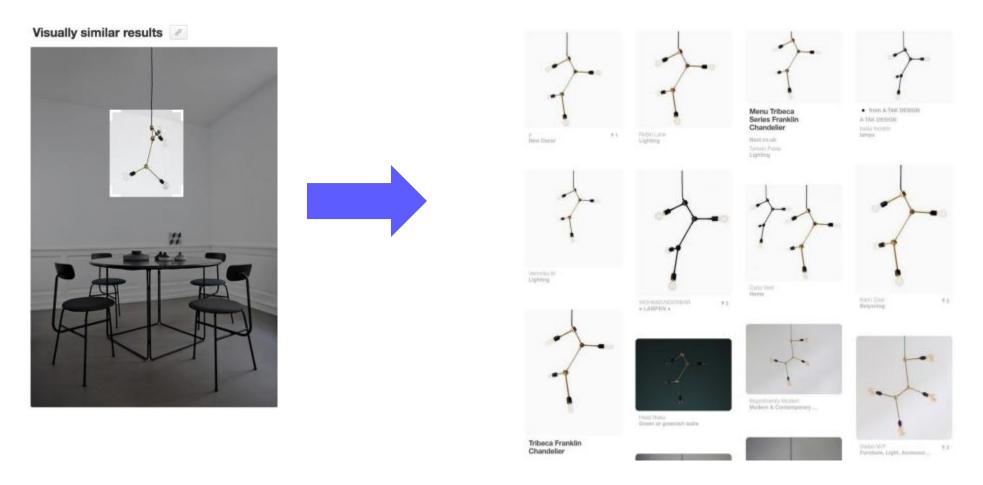




# 4.1 Pinterest Visual Search



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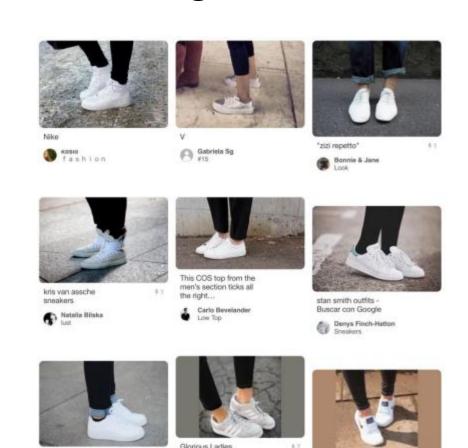


# □Given a query image patch, find similar images

#### Visually similar results







# 4.1 A Common Metaphor



- Many problems can be expressed as finding "similar" sets:
  - >Find near-neighbors in high-dimensional space
- **□** Examples:
  - > Customers who purchased similar products
    - Products with similar customer sets
  - **▶** Images with similar features
    - Users who visited similar websites
  - **▶** Pages with similar words
    - For duplicate detection, classification by topic

# 4.1 Task: Finding Similar Documents



# □Goal: Given a large number (N in the millions or billions) of documents, find "near duplicate" pairs

#### **□**Applications:

- ➤ Mirror websites, or approximate mirrors
  - Don't want to show both in search results
- Similar news articles at many news sites
  - Cluster articles by "same story"

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# 4.1 Task: Finding Similar Documents



#### **□Problems:**

- Many small pieces of one document can appear out of order in another
- > Too many documents to compare all pairs
- ➤ Documents are so large or so many that they cannot fit in main memory

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