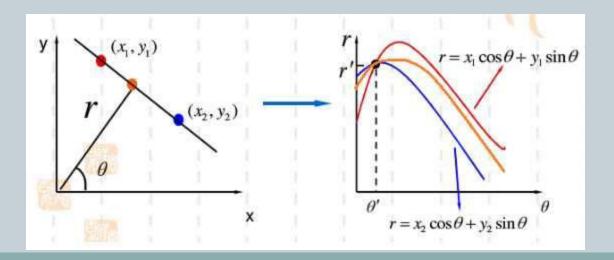
# Hough Transform

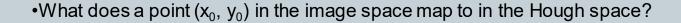
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### **HOUGH TRANSFORM**

- In image space,a line is plotted as x vs y and modeled as y=mx + c or xcos $\theta$  + ysin $\theta$  =  $\rho$
- In parameter space or feature space a line is represented by a point "m" vs "b"
- Each line is represented as a single point with (m,b) co-ordinates or ( $\rho$ , $\theta$ ) parameters



### Parameter Space Representation



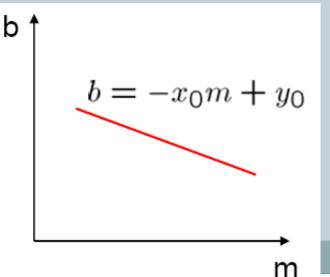
Answer: the solutions of  $b = -x_0 m + y_0$ 

This is a line in Hough space

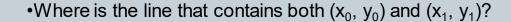
Image space

 $y \uparrow$   $y \uparrow$   $y \uparrow$   $y \downarrow$   $y \uparrow$ 

Hough space



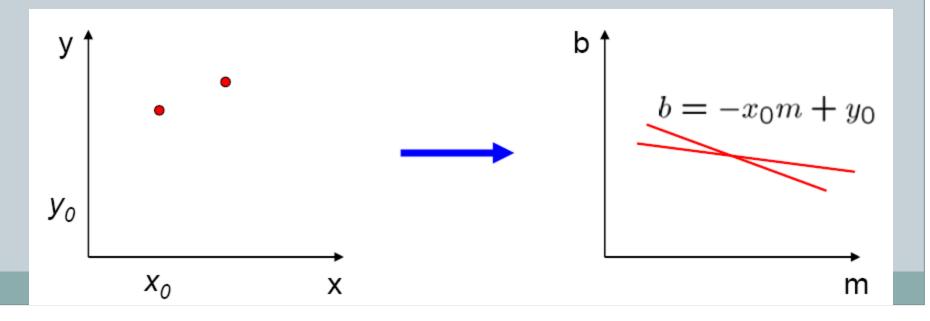
### Parameter Space Representation



It is the intersection of the lines  $b = -x_0m + y_0$  and  $b = -x_1m + y_1$ 

Image space

Hough space



# Image and Parameter Spaces

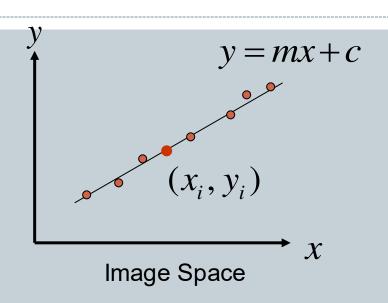
Equation of Line: y = mx + c

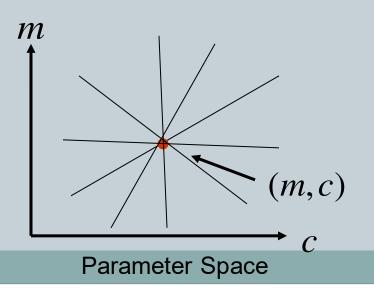
Find: (m,c)

Consider point:  $(x_i, y_i)$ 

$$y_i = mx_i + c$$
 or  $c = -x_i m + y_i$ 

Parameter space also called Hough Space





## Little Knowledge ..

- It is invented by Paul Hough
- The hough transform was patented in 1962 with the name of "method and means for detecting complex pattern", where the patent uses slope –intercept model for st. lines
- It is redefined by R.O Duda and P.E hart in 1972, which is known as Generalised Hough Transform which is used where a simple analytic description of feature is not possible
- Classical hough can locate reguler curves like s. lines, circles, eclipse etc
- Image -> Edge Detection -> LHT ->  $(\rho,\Theta)$  accumulater
- Hough space same as cartesian or polar system but instead of x axis, it has angles in accumulator and as y axis it has the distance of line from origin.
- Each element of a matrix has a value equal to number of points that are positioned on line represented by quantized parameter

# Line Detection by Hough Transform

#### Algorithm:

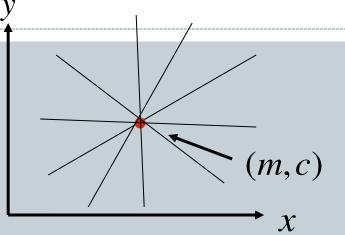
- Quantize Parameter Space (m,c)
- Create Accumulator Array A(m,c)
- Set  $A(m,c) = 0 \quad \forall m,c$
- For each image edge  $(x_i, y_i)$  increment:

$$A(m,c) = A(m,c) + 1$$

• If (m,c) lies on the line:

$$c = -x_i m + y_i$$

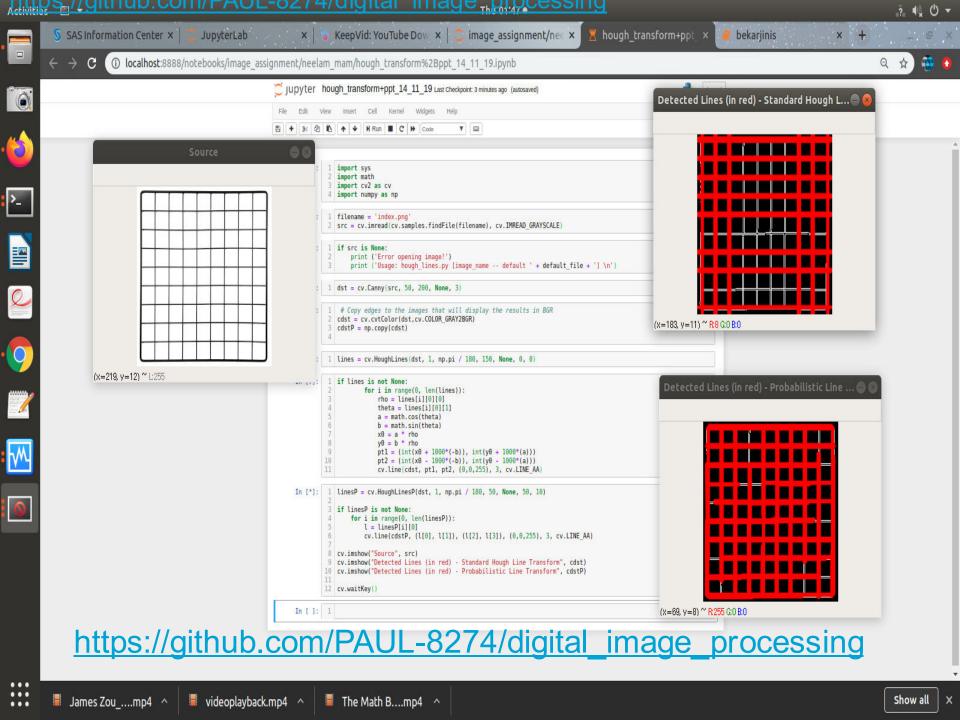
• Find local maxima in A(m,c)



Parameter Space

## Algorithm for polar system

- Initialize accumulator H to all zeros
- For each edge point (x,y)in the image For  $\theta = 0$  to 180  $\rho = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$  $H(\theta, \rho) = H(\theta, \rho) + 1$ end end
- Find the value(s) of  $(\theta, \rho)$  where  $H(\theta, \rho)$  is a local maximum
  - O The detected line in the image is given by ρ = x cos θ + y sin θ



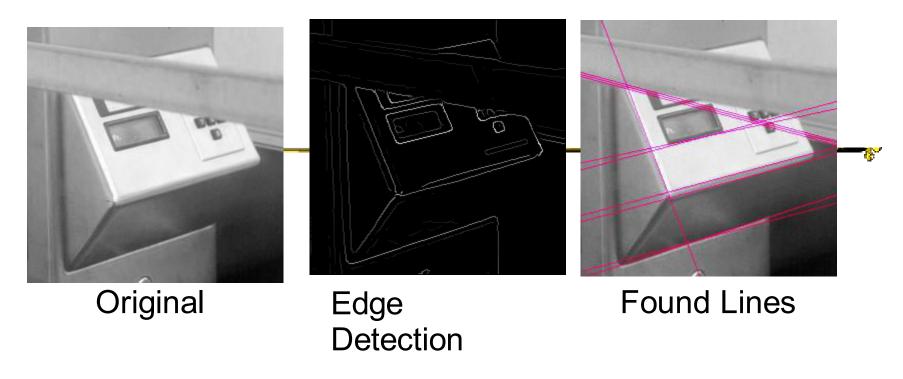
#### Advantages

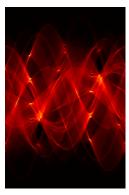
- Conceptually simple technique for object recognition
- Handled missing occluded data gracefully
- Can be adapted for many other forms
- Tolerent to noise and gap
- Robust to partial deformation of shape

#### Disadvantages

- Checks for only one type of objects
- Large storage space
- Lot of computation is required

# Real World Example





Parameter Space

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