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Advanced methods of artificial vision

Chapter 1: Hand crafted feature extraction

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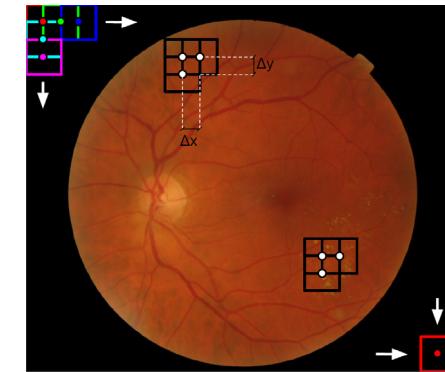
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What is a feature?

- A feature (also called a **descriptor**) is a usually numerical value that is related to some relevant aspect of an entire image, part of an image, or a shape resulting from a segmentation process.
- Supposedly, a feature should have close values when the relevant aspect whose essence it is trying to capture (colour, texture, area, etc.) is similar from a human point of view.
- Another highly desirable property of a good feature is its **robustness**, understood as immunity to noise (the values of the feature should not change too much if the image or shape on which it is calculated is affected by a moderate level of noise).
- Generally, not a single feature is associated with the object of interest but several or many of them grouped together in what is known as a **feature vector**.

Feature extraction methodology

- How do we analyse the image?
 - Global descriptors: descriptors for the complete image
 - Local descriptors:
 - Rectangular blocks or patches
 - Landmark extraction: Harris, SIFT,...
- Descriptors
 - Statistical descriptors
 - Cooccurrence Matrix
 - Histograms of Oriented Gradients
 - Local Binary Patterns
 - Gabor Filters
 - SIFT, SURF
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Statistical descriptors

- Analyse the statistical distribution of some property for each of the pixels in the image.
- Classified into: first order methods (those based on the histogram), second order methods (those based on co-occurrence matrices), and higher order methods.
- First-order statistics:
 - The normalised histogram of the image is calculated.
 - Properties that are obtained from this histogram.

Mean	Variance	Skewness	Kurtosis	Entropy
$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n i h(i)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (i - \mu)^2 h(i)$	$\mu_3 = \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^n (i - \mu)^3 h(i)$	$\mu_4 = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (i - \mu)^4 h(i)$	$-\sum_{i=1}^n h(i) \log h(i)$

Co-occurrence matrix

- Histogram-based statistics have the disadvantage of losing spatial information.
- The same information would be obtained for an image of a chessboard with the black and white squares swapped.
- To capture the spatial dependencies of grey level values, which contribute to the perception of textures present in an image, a 2D structure called co-occurrence matrix is defined to analyse textures.
- The co-occurrence matrix $P(i, j)$ is defined by specifying a shift direction $d = d(i, j)$ and counting all pairs of pixels separated by d and having grey values i and j .

https://scikit-image.org/docs/stable/user_guide/index.html

Co-occurrence matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Contrast: 0.3307

$$\sum_{i,j} |i - j|^2 p(i, j)$$

Correlation: 0.9032

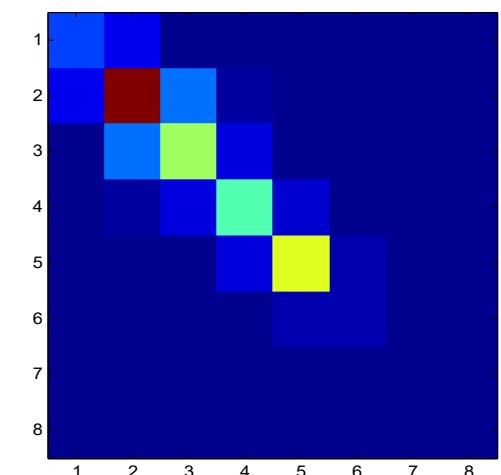
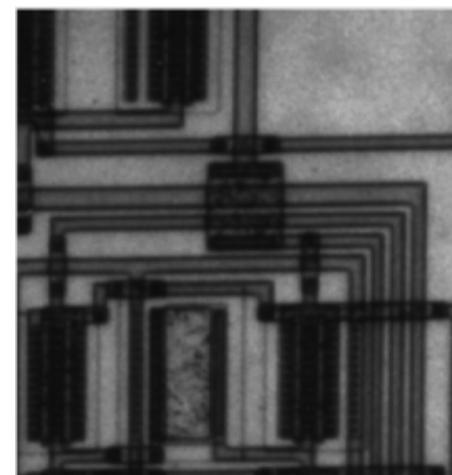
$$\sum_{i,j} \frac{(i - \mu_i)(j - \mu_j)p(i, j)}{\sigma_i \sigma_j}$$

Energy: 0.1323

$$\sum_{i,j} p(i, j)^2$$

Homogeneity: 0.8534

$$\sum_{i,j} \frac{p(i, j)}{1 + |i - j|}$$

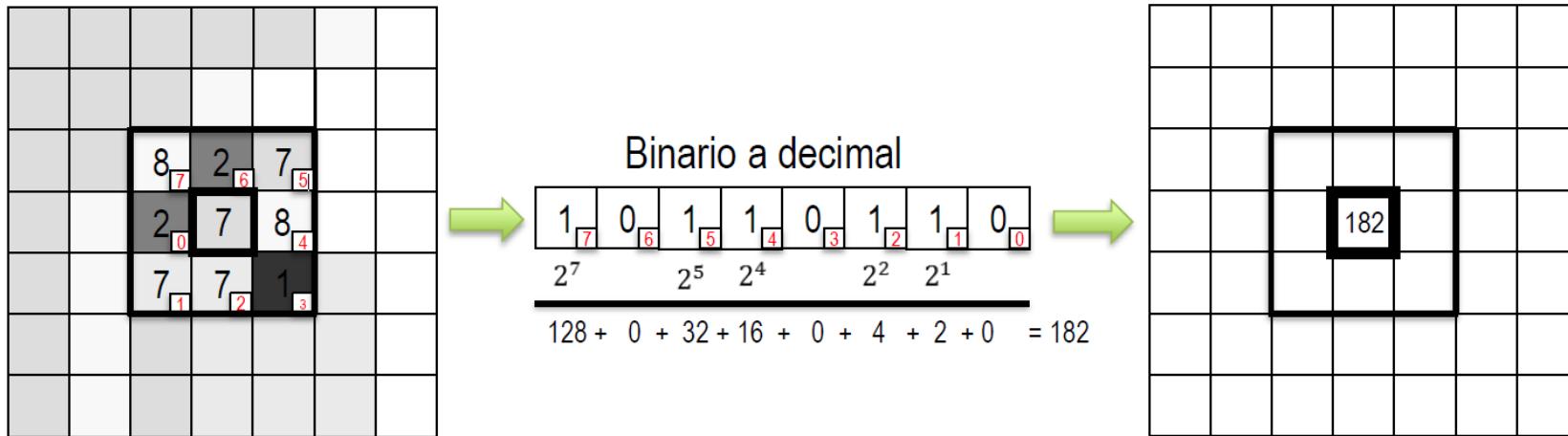


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Local Binary Patterns(LBP)

$$LBP_{P,R}(i,j) = \sum_{p=0}^{P-1} s(g_p - g_c) \cdot 2^p, \quad s(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

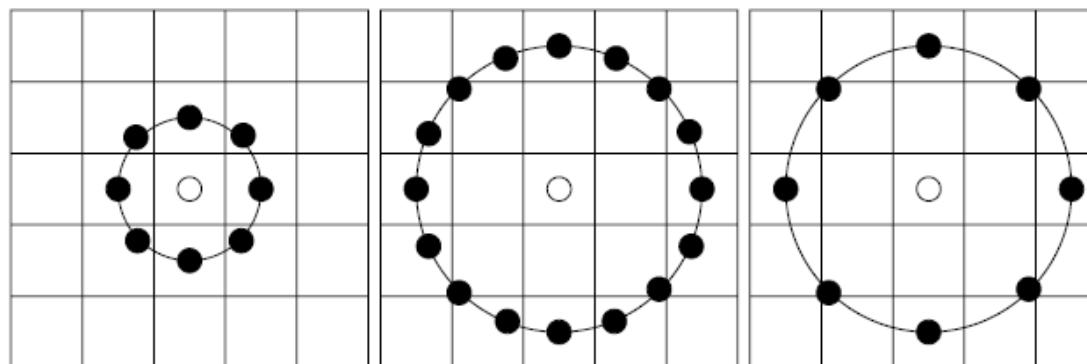


Ojala T, Pietikäinen M & Mäenpää T (2002) Multiresolution gray-scale and rotation invariant texture classification with Local Binary Patterns. IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence 24(7):971-987.

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P P is the number of neighbours and R is the neighbourhood radius.

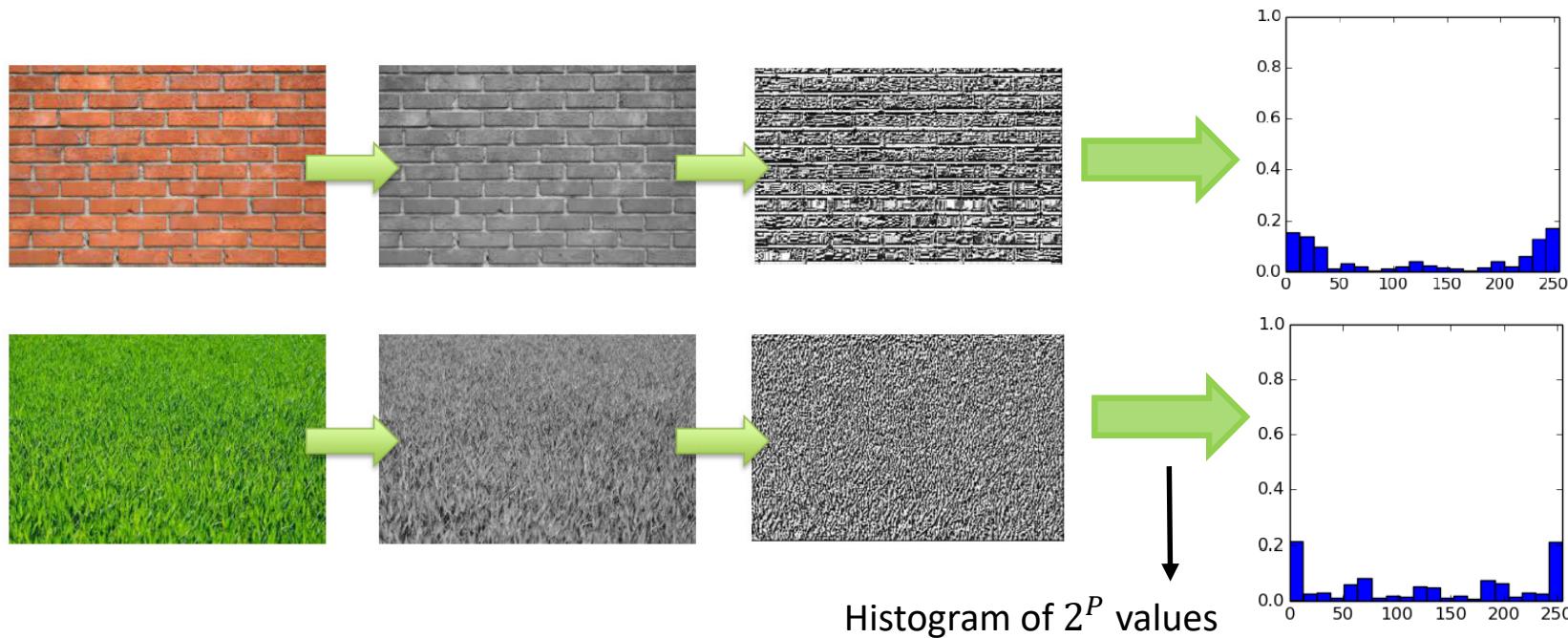


$P = 8 \text{ y } R = 1$

$P = 16 \text{ y } R = 2$

$P = 8 \text{ y } R = 2$

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LBPRi (LBP Rotational Invariant)

$$LBP_{P,R}^{ri} = \min\{ROR(LBP_{P,R}, t) \mid t = 0, 1, \dots, P - 1\} \quad ROR(x, t) \text{ performs } t \text{ different rotations of the } x \text{ bits}$$

- e.g. 10000010, 00101000, and 00000101 are equivalent to the minimum code 00000101.
- $P = 8$ 256 different and 36 rotationally invariant LBP patterns

Uniform LBP

- Objetive: to reduce the number of possible patterns to the really discriminating ones.
- How? By analysing the uniformity (U) of the patterns : number of transitions from 0 to 1 and 1 to 0.

U = 0	<table border="1"> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>.</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1
1	1	1								
1	.	1								
1	1	1								

U = 2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>.</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	0	0	0	1	.	1	1	1	1
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1	.	1								
1	1	1								

U = 4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>.</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> </table>	1	1	0	1	.	1	0	1	1
1	1	0								
1	.	1								
0	1	1								

Local Binary Patterns(LBP)

Uniform rotationally invariant LBP: LBPriu2

- Patterns with U=0 or U=2 are reassigned an individual pattern code.
- All other patterns are reassigned the same code (they become indistinguishable).
- LBP: 256 patterns, LBP Uniform: (58 + 1) patterns, (9+1) rotationally invariant . In general (P+2)

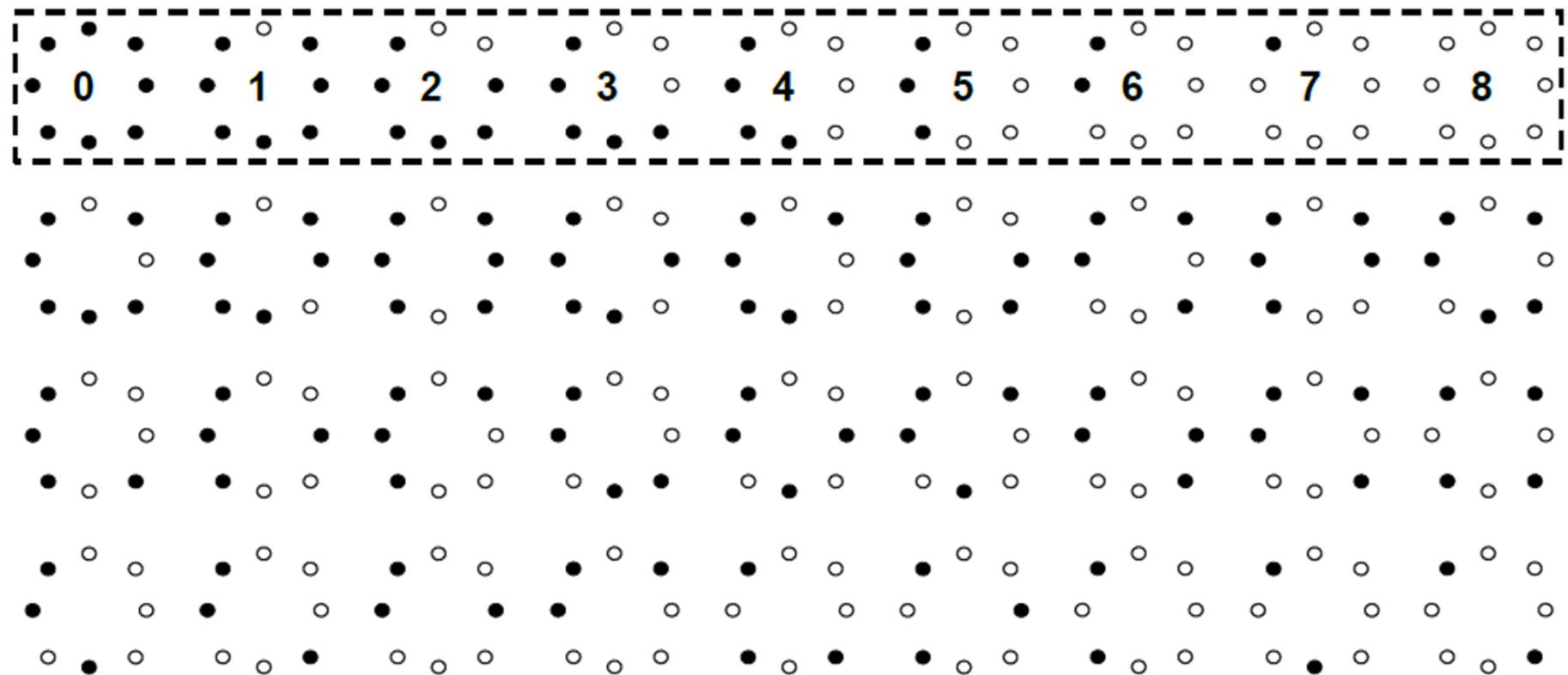
LBP patterns	Uniformity
00000000	0
01111111	2
00000011	2
01000111	4
01010101	8

$$LBP_{P,R}^{riu2} = \begin{cases} \sum_{p=0}^{P-1} s(g_p - g_c) & \text{if } U(LBP_{P,R}) \leq 2 \\ P + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

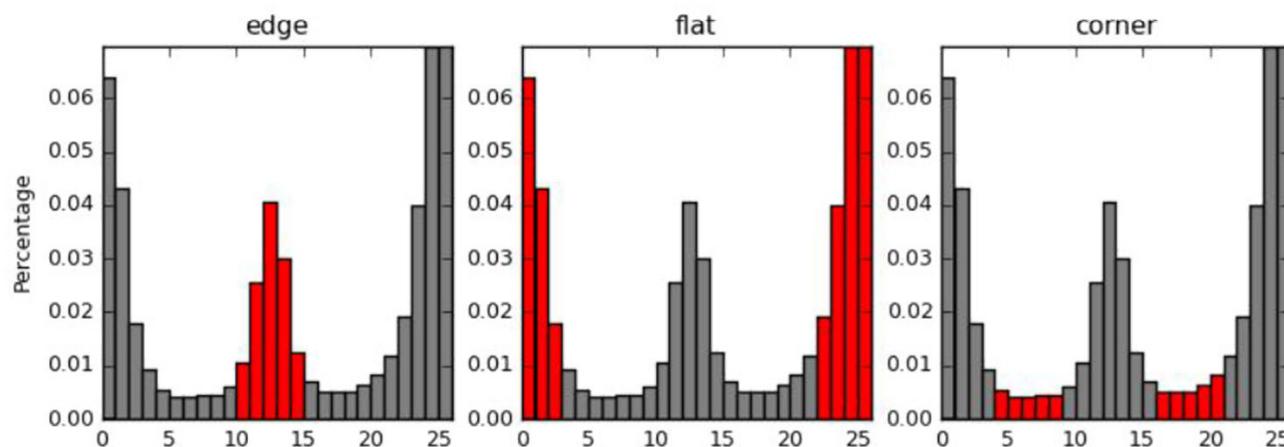
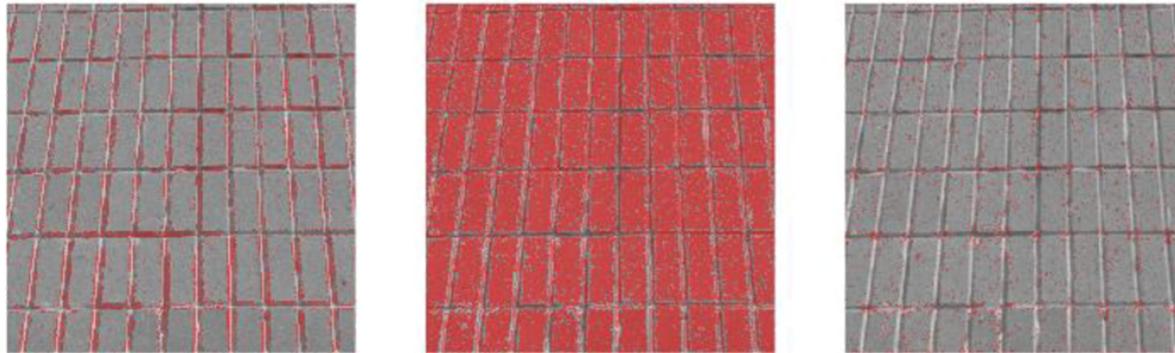
$$U(LBP_{P,R}) = |s(g_{P-1} - g_c) - s(g_0 - g_c)| + \sum_{p=1}^{P-1} |s(g_p - g_c) - s(g_{P-1} - g_c)|$$

Local Binary Patterns(LBP)

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http://scikit-image.org/docs/dev/auto_examples/plot_local_binary_pattern.html

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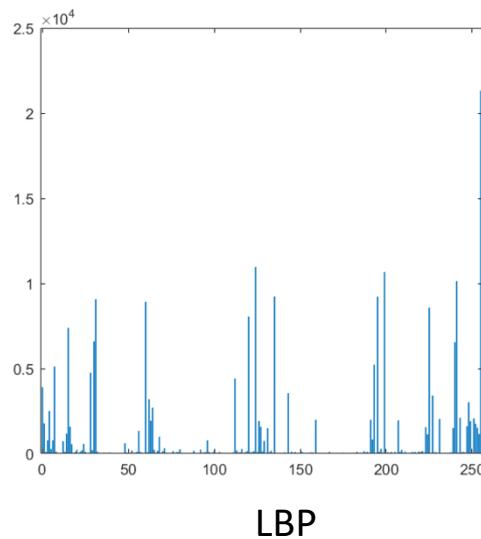


LBP

LBPr1

LBPr1u2

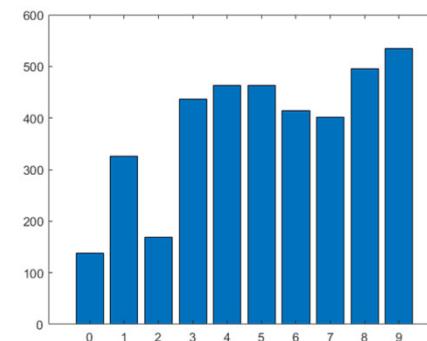
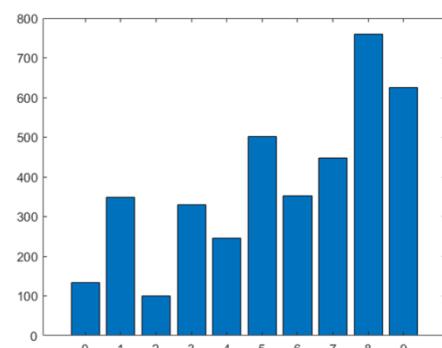
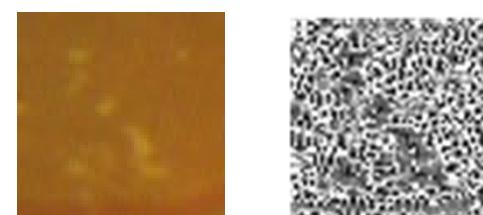
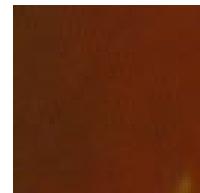
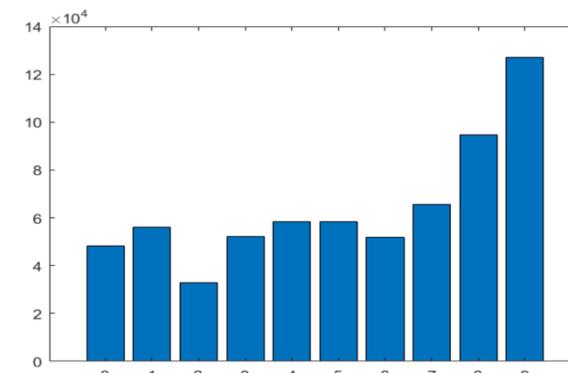
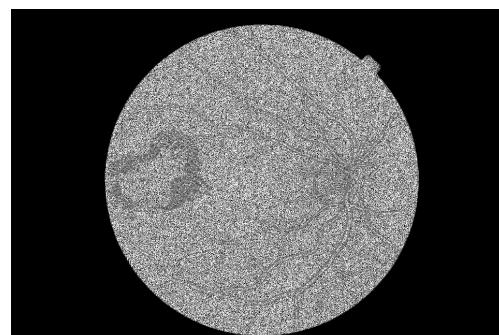
P=8 R=1



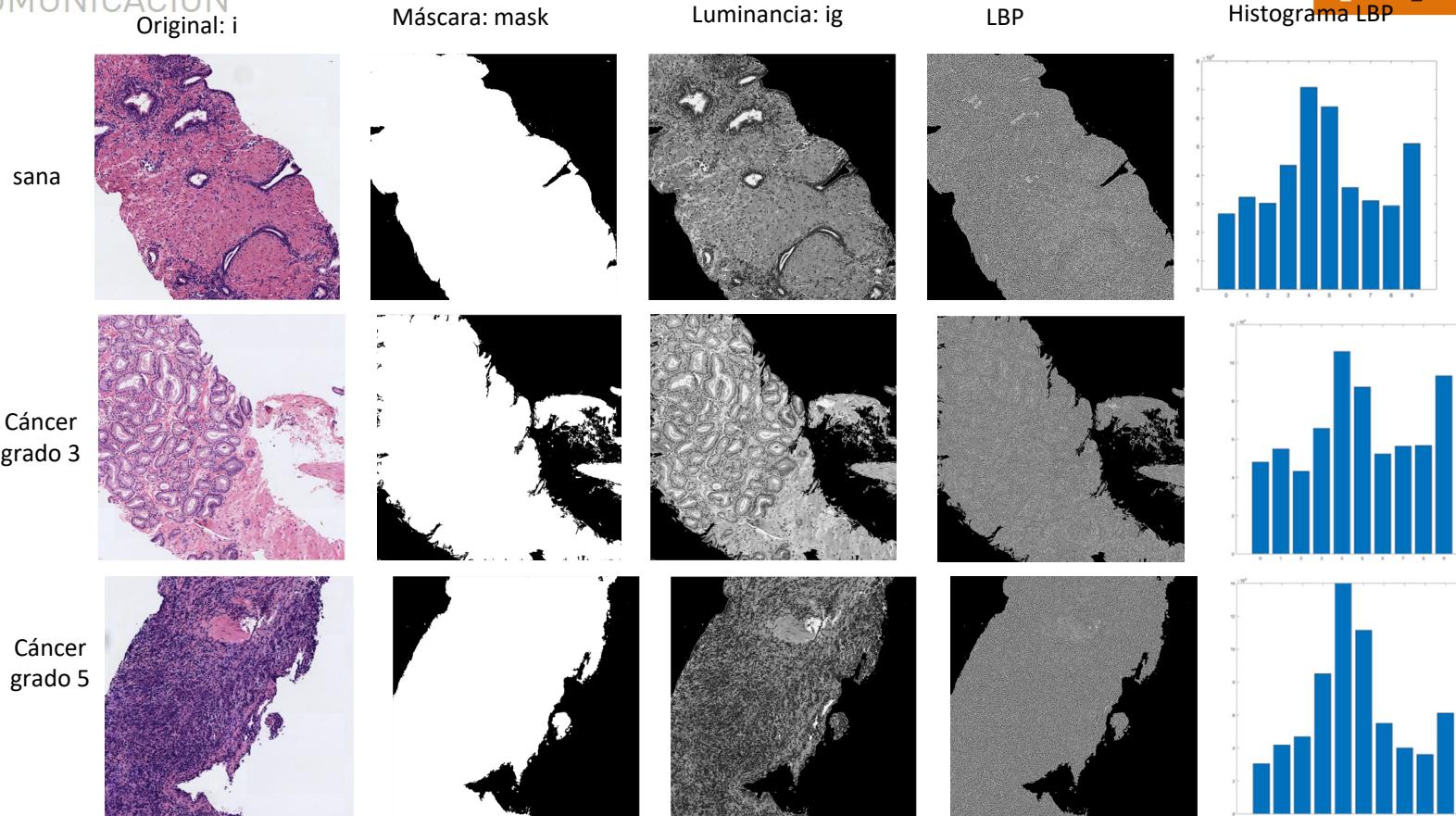
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Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- The histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) is a widely used descriptor in image processing for the purpose of object detection. The technique counts the occurrences of gradient orientation in localised portions of an image.
- Algorithm:
 - Gradient calculation
 - Grouping the orientations
 - Block descriptor
 - Block normalisation



$$y[m, n] = x[m, n] * h[m, n] = \sum_k \sum_l x[k, l]h[m - k, n - l]$$

Imagen de salida



$$h[k, l]$$

1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

$$h[-k, -l]$$

-1	0	1
-2	0	2
-1	0	1

$$(-1) * 62 + 0 * 59 + 1 * 62 + (-2) * 59 + 0 * 57 + 2 * 61 + (-1) * 64 + 0 * 63 + 1 * 65 = 3$$

74	66	62	59	63	71	75	72
72	65	61	58	62	70	75	72
71	68	63	59	63	69	73	69
70	67	62	59	62	69	73	69
70	64	59	57	61	70	74	72
68	66	64	63	65	68	69	68
70	69	67	66	67	69	69	67
69	68	66	64	65	67	66	63

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Gradient Computation



G_x



G_y



1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1

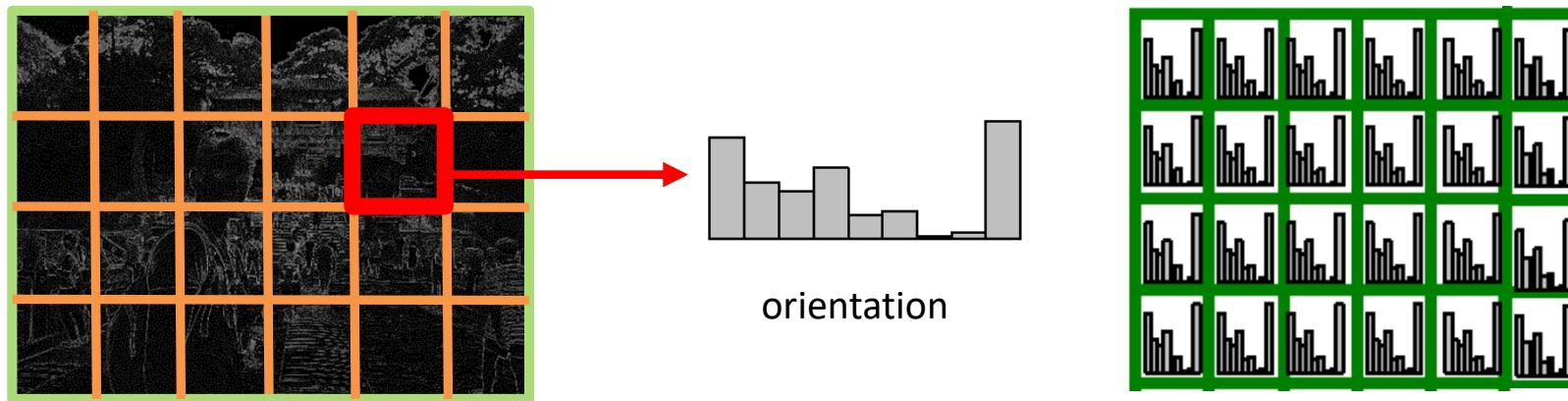
1	2	1
0	0	0
-1	-2	-1

$$Magnitude = \sqrt{G_x^2 + G_y^2}$$

$$Orientation = \tan^{-1} \frac{G_y}{G_x}$$

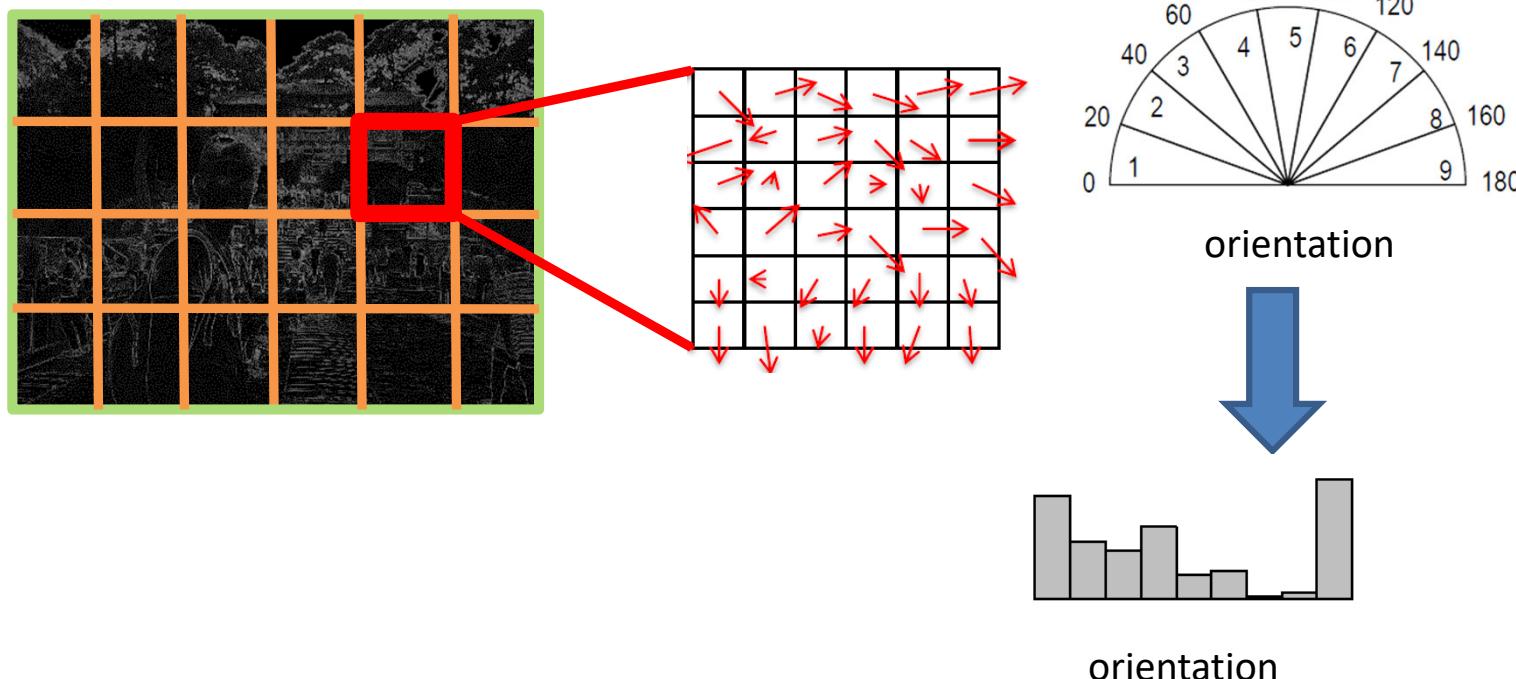
Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Division of the image into cells of fixed size.
- Calculation of a histogram of the orientations in each cell.
- Global descriptor combines histograms of all cells.



Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

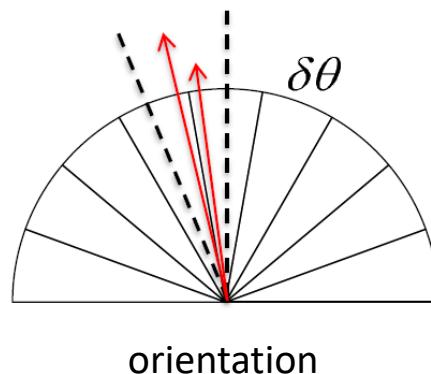
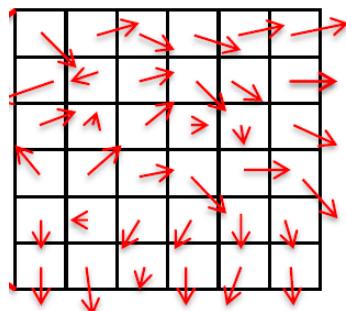
- Division of the range of orientations into a fixed number of intervals.
- Assign each pixel in the cell to an interval based on the gradient orientation.
- Accumulate the gradient magnitude of all pixels assigned to an interval.



Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

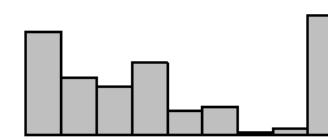
Orientation histogram calculation: interpolation in orientation

- Problems
 - Gradients with very similar orientations can be assigned to different intervals.
 - Sensitive to small gradient variations.
- Solution:
 - Assign each gradient to the two closest intervals with a weight proportional to the distance from the orientation to the centre of each interval.



$$\omega_k(x, y) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{\theta(x, y) - \theta_k}{\delta\theta}\right)$$

$$h(k) = \sum_{(x, y) \in C} \omega_k(x, y) g(x, y)$$



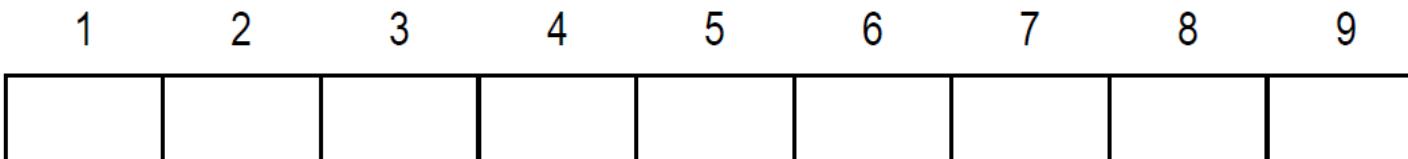
orientation

Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Assign each gradient to the two closest intervals with a weight proportional to the distance from the orientation to the centre of each interval.

$$g(x, y) = 100$$
$$\theta(x, y) = 45^\circ$$

Assuming that for the histogram calculation the orientation is divided into 9 intervals (without considering the sign), what would be the contribution of this pixel to each of the intervals of the histogram?



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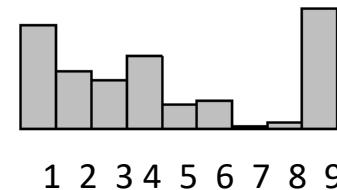
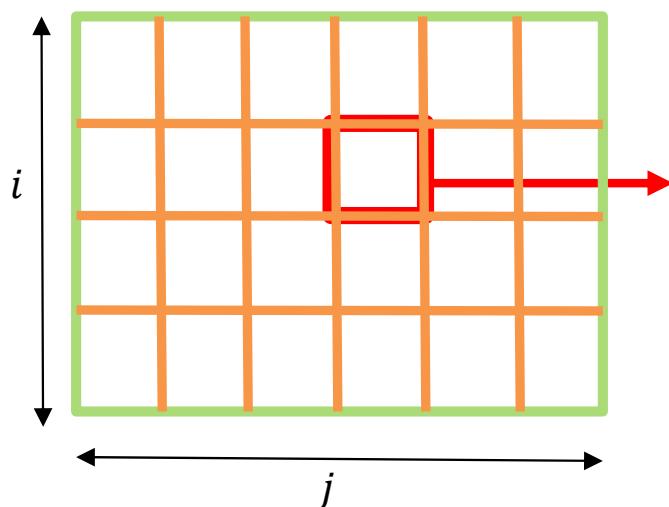
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	25	75	0	0	0	0	0	0

Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Orientation histogram calculation: spatial integration

- A histogram is calculated for each of the cells.
- Each pixel contributes to the histogram of its corresponding cell.

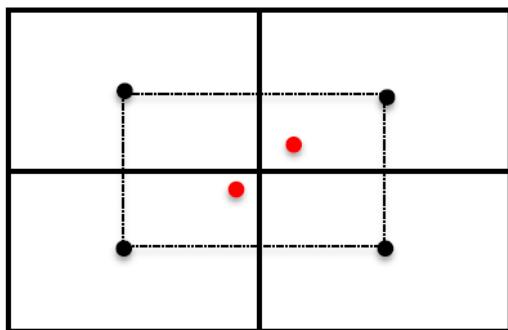


$$h_{ij}(k) = \sum_{(x,y) \in C_{ij}} \omega_k(x,y) g(x,y)$$

Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

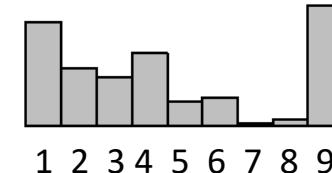
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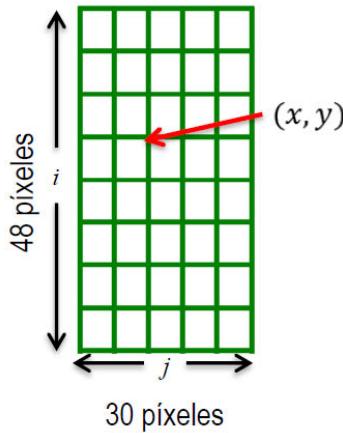
$$\omega_{ij}^x(x, y) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{d_{ij}^x}{\delta x}\right) \quad \omega_{ij}^y(x, y) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{d_{ij}^y}{\delta x}\right)$$

$$h_{ij}(k) = \sum_{(x,y)} \omega_{ij}^x(x, y) \omega_{ij}^y(x, y) \omega_k(x, y) g(x, y)$$

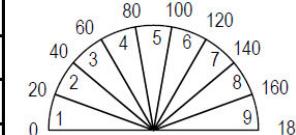


Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Given an image and the division into cells as shown and assuming that the orientation is divided into 9 intervals without considering the sign (0° - 180°), in which histograms (i,j) of the final representation and in which intervals k and with which weight will the pixel $(x=12,y=18)$ with orientation $\theta = 60^\circ$ contribute?

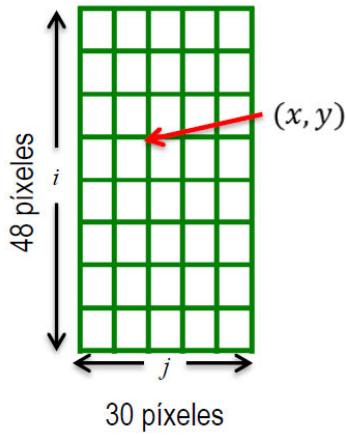


Histograma (i,j)	Intervalo orientación k (1-9)	Peso del gradiente $\omega_{ij}^x(x,y)\omega_{ij}^y(x,y)\omega_k(x,y)$

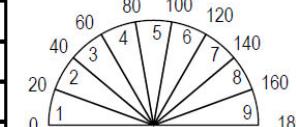


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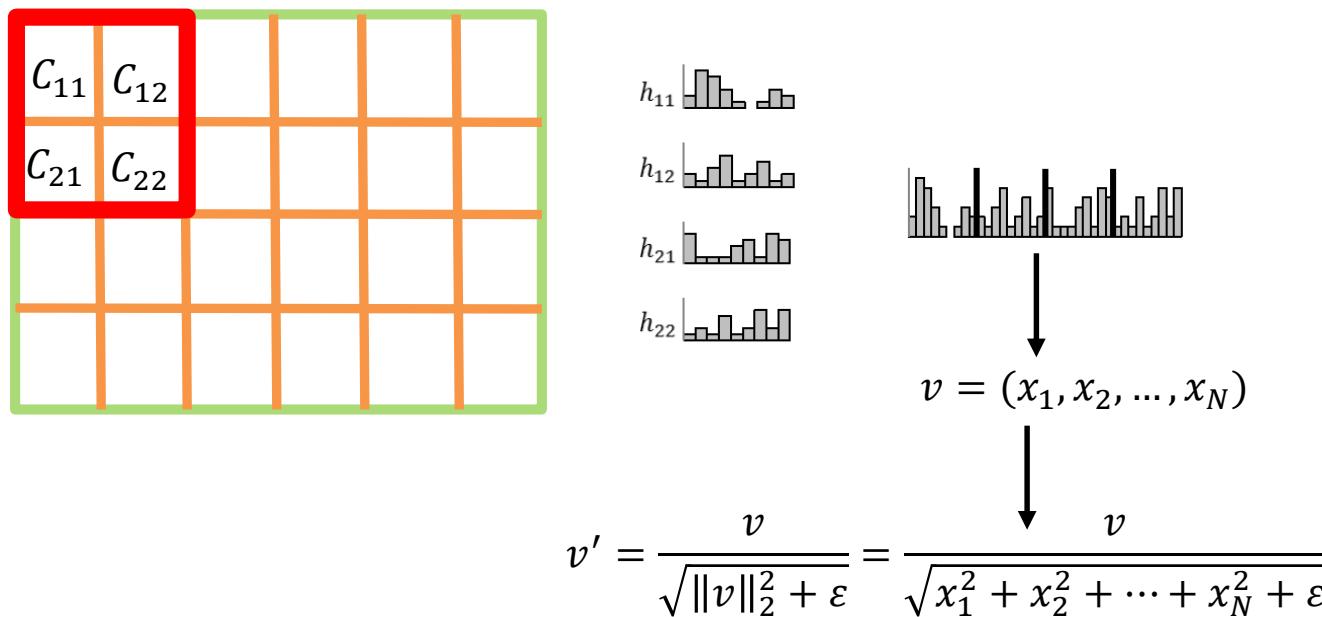
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(3,2)	3	0,125
(3,3)	3	0,125
(4,2)	3	0,125
(4,3)	3	0,125
(3,2)	4	0,125
(3,3)	4	0,125
(4,2)	4	0,125
(4,3)	4	0,125



Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Block normalisation

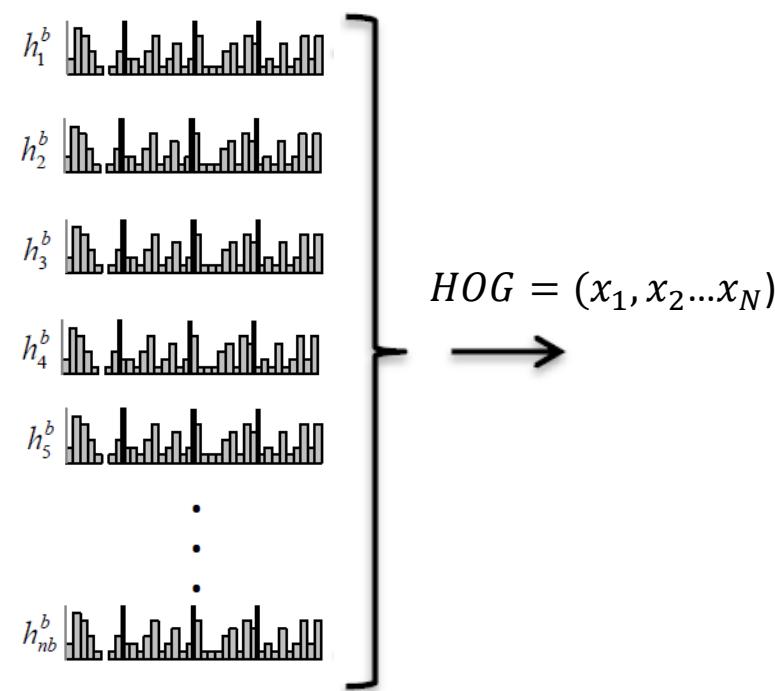
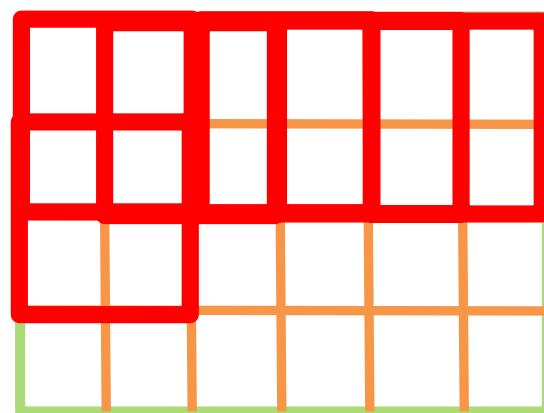
- Grouping of cells in blocks of $b \times b$ cells.
- Single vector per block concatenating the histograms of all cells.
- Vector normalisation using the L2 norm.



Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Final descriptor

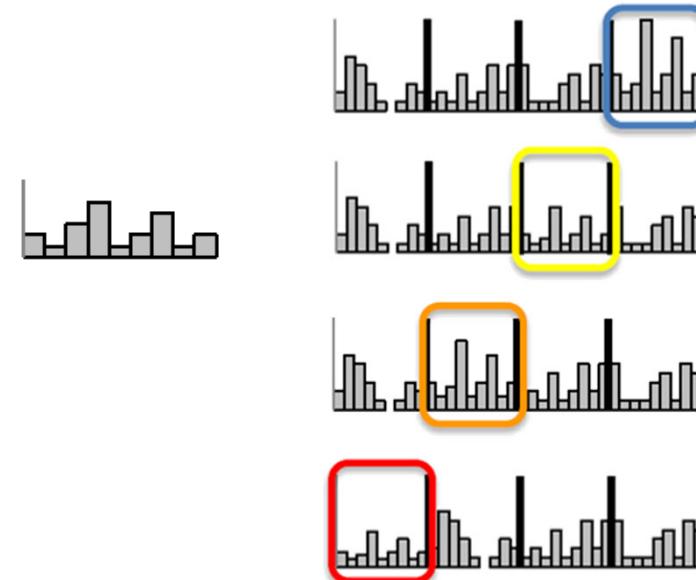
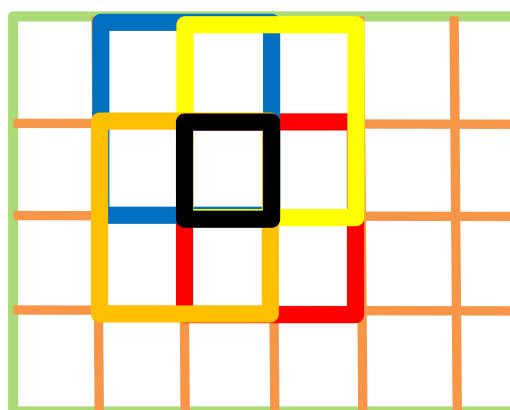
- Block overlap.
- For each block, normalised histogram of cells.
- Final descriptor: concatenation of all block histograms



Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

Final descriptor

- Each cell contributes to the description of several blocks.
- In each block with a different normalization.



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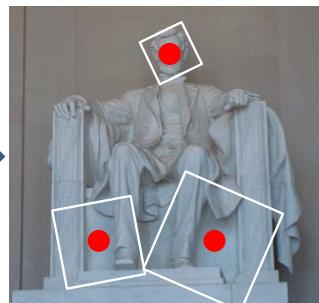
Keypoint detector



Test image



Detector: locates single-scale or multi-scale points of interest.



Descriptor:
Content invariant representation
(HOG, SIFT, etc.)

Harris' detector

For each pixel is calculated:

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in N_x} I_x^2(\mathbf{x}) & \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in N_x} I_x(\mathbf{x})I_y(\mathbf{x}) \\ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in N_x} I_y(\mathbf{x})I_x(\mathbf{x}) & \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in N_x} I_y^2(\mathbf{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



λ_1 and λ_2 high: corner

λ_1 high and λ_2 small: edge

λ_1 small and λ_2 high: edge

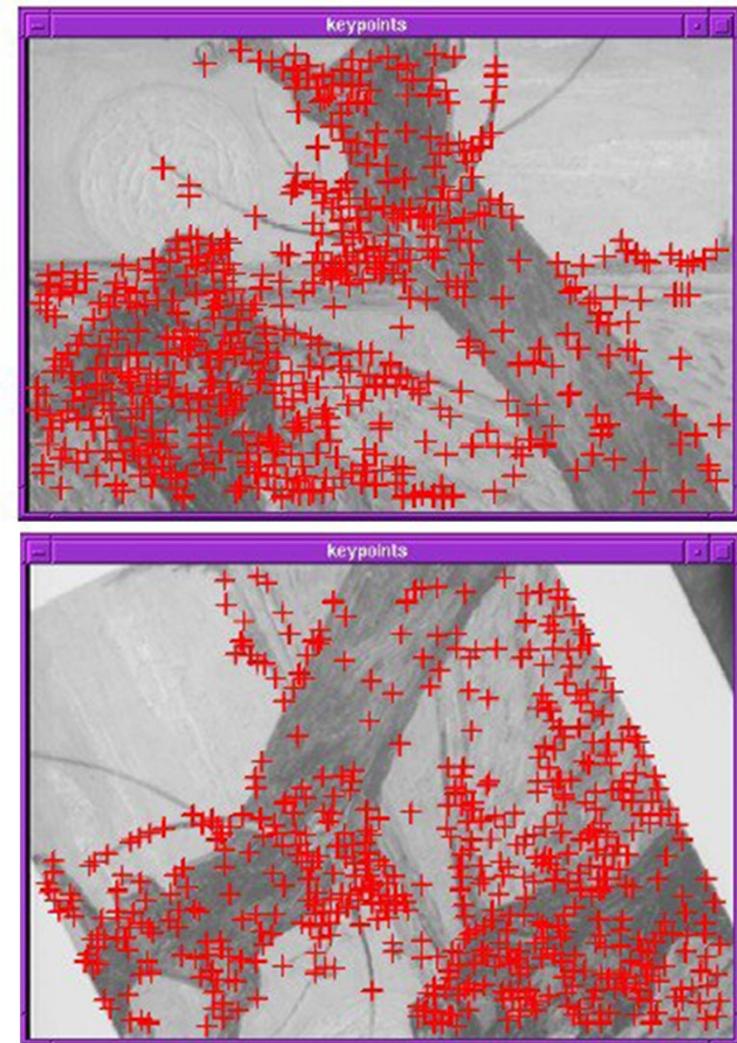
λ_1 and λ_2 small: flat area

General case

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} R$$

Harris' detector

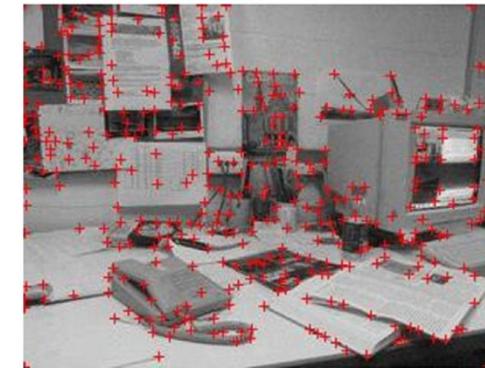
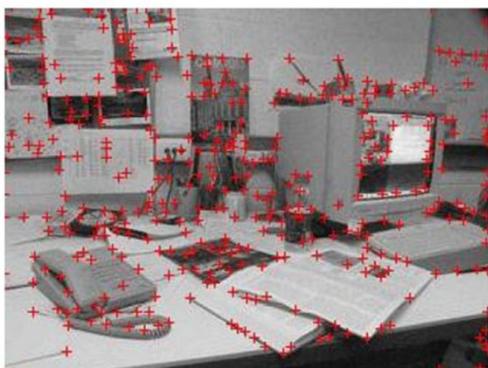
- Algorithm designed for motion tracking.
- Reduces calculation time compared to tracking all points.
- Invariant to translation and rotation.
- Not invariant to scale changes.
- Algorithm
 - Reduce image noise (Gaussian filter for example).
 - Image gradients calculation.
 - Construct the matrix C for each pixel.
 - Obtain and analyse determinant ($\lambda_1 \cdot \lambda_2$) and trace ($\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$) of the matrix C.



Matching of features



Original images

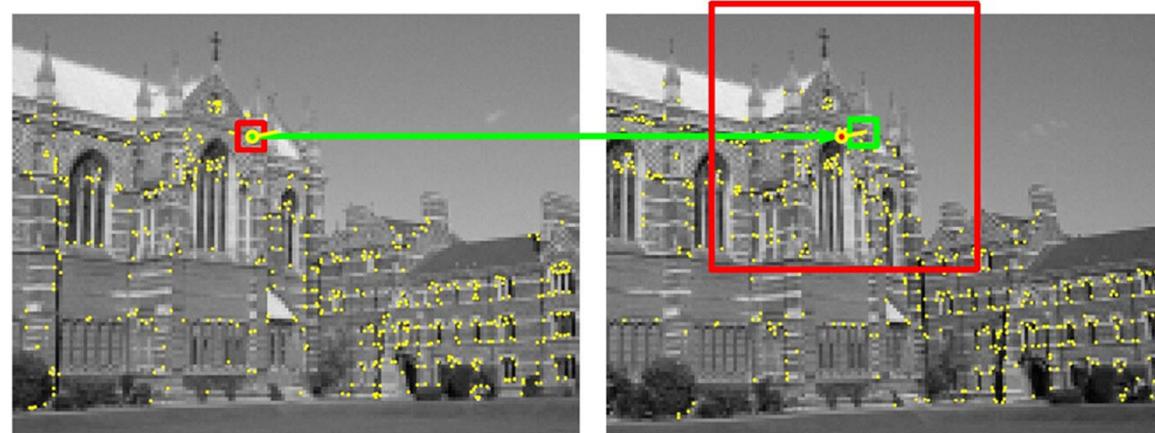


Keypoints (corners)
detected with Harris'
detector

Matching of features

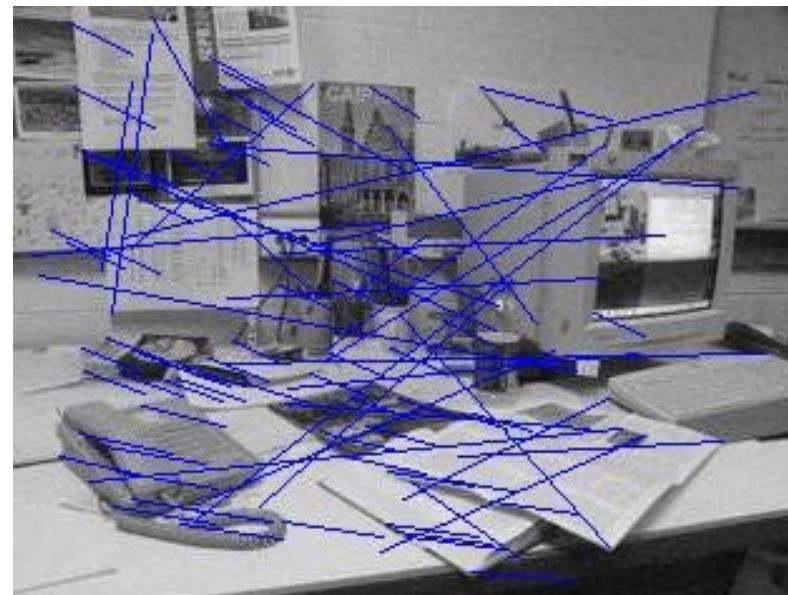
CORRELATION

$$R(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_1 \in N_{\mathbf{x}_1}, \mathbf{x}_2 \in N_{\mathbf{x}_2}} s(\mathbf{x}_1)s(\mathbf{x}_2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_1 \in N_{\mathbf{x}_1}} s_1(\mathbf{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_2 \in N_{\mathbf{x}_2}} s_2(\mathbf{x})^2}}$$



Matching of features

Search of matchings: Putative matchings



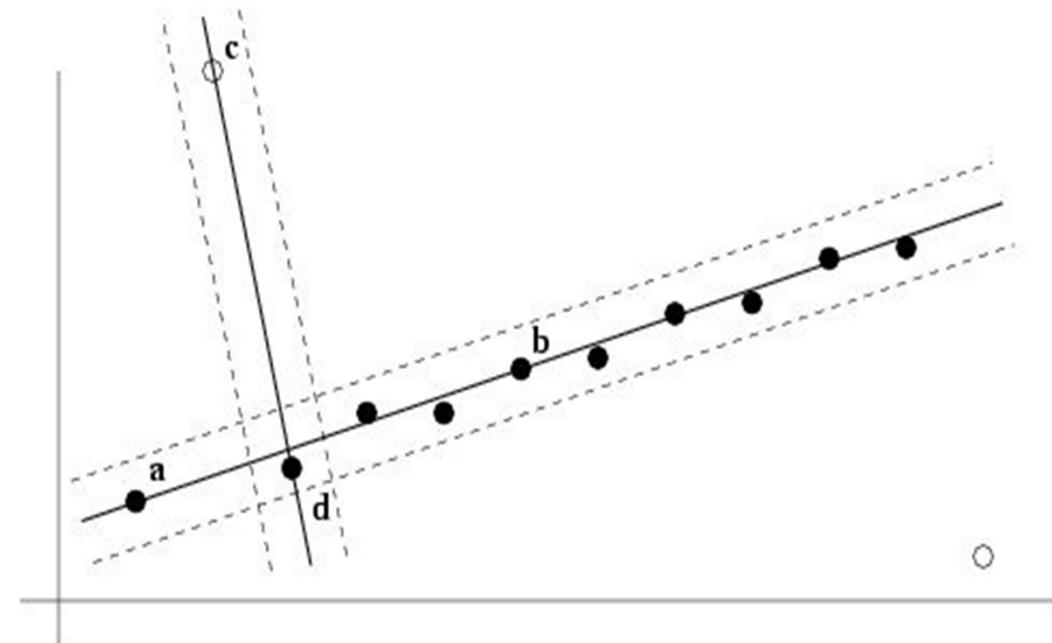
Need for a robust algorithm

Robust estimation

RANSAC (RANdom SAmple Consensus)

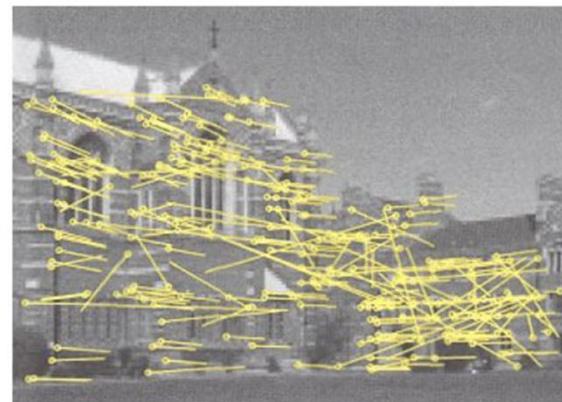
Algorithm

1. Take a sample: minimum number of points to estimate the model.
2. Look at the support of that model: number of points below a distance t (consensusset).
3. Repeat the process for N samples and select the model with the highest support.
4. Points with a distance less than t are inliers. Reestimate the model with all inliers.

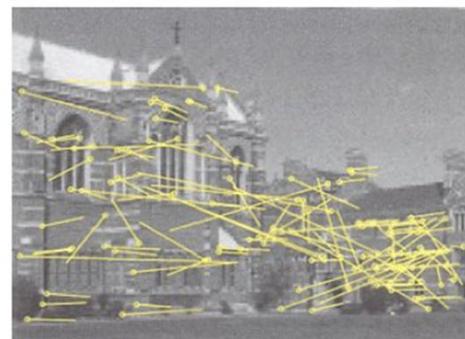


Robust estimation

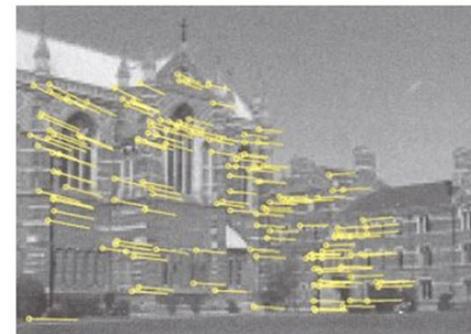
Example RANSAC



Initial matches



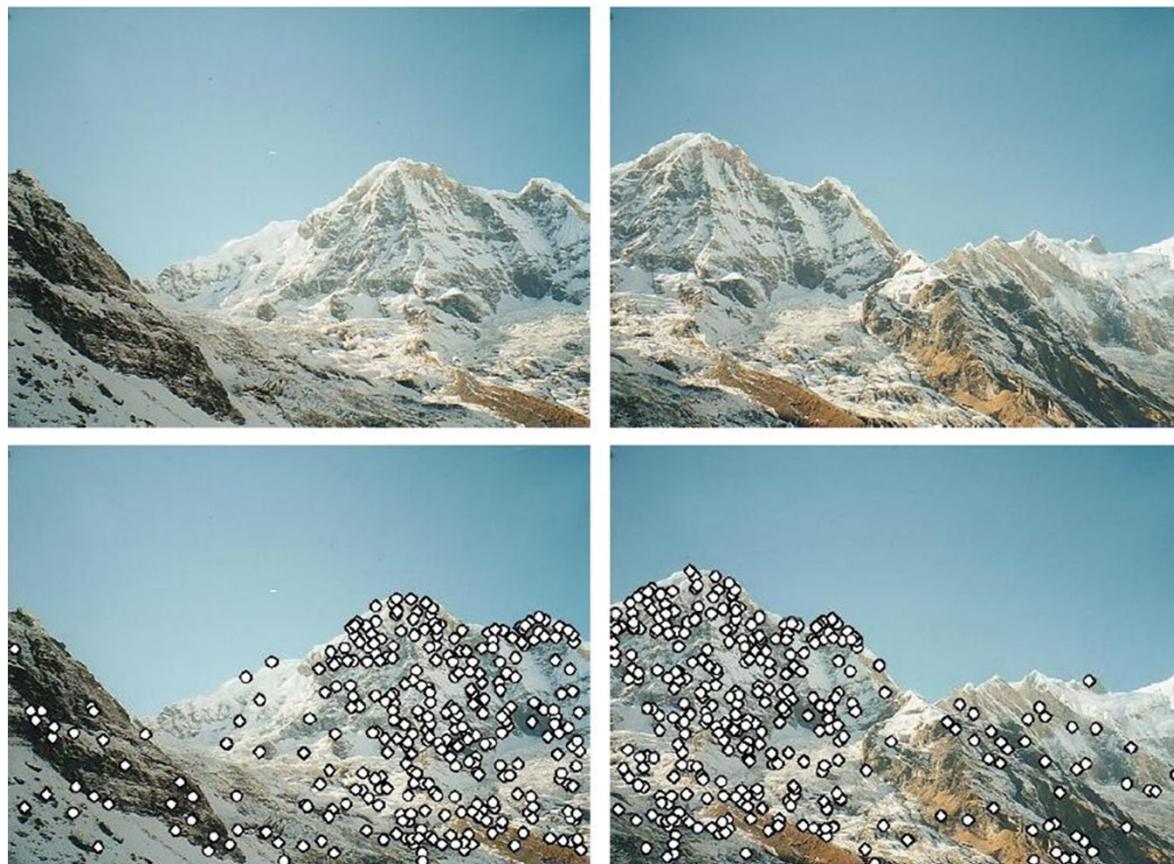
117 outliers



151 inliers

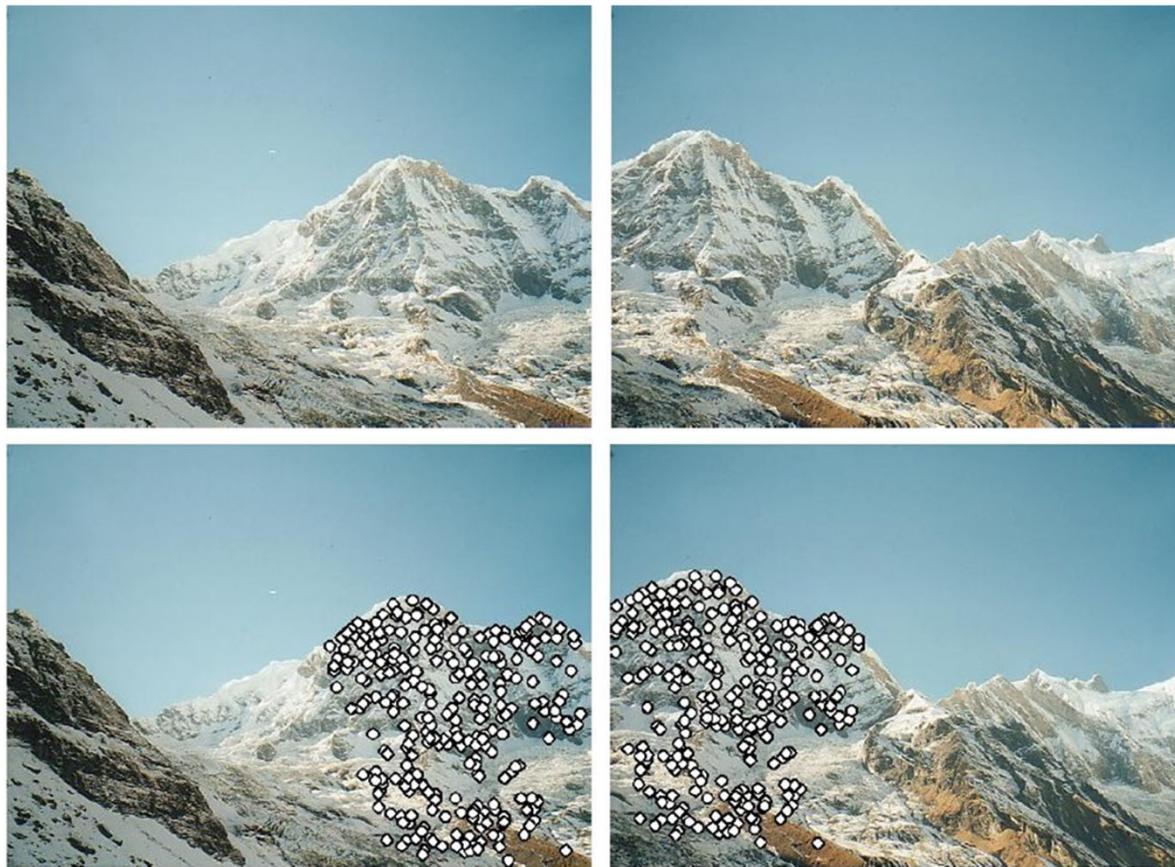
Robust estimation

RANSAC estimation: Panoramic image construction



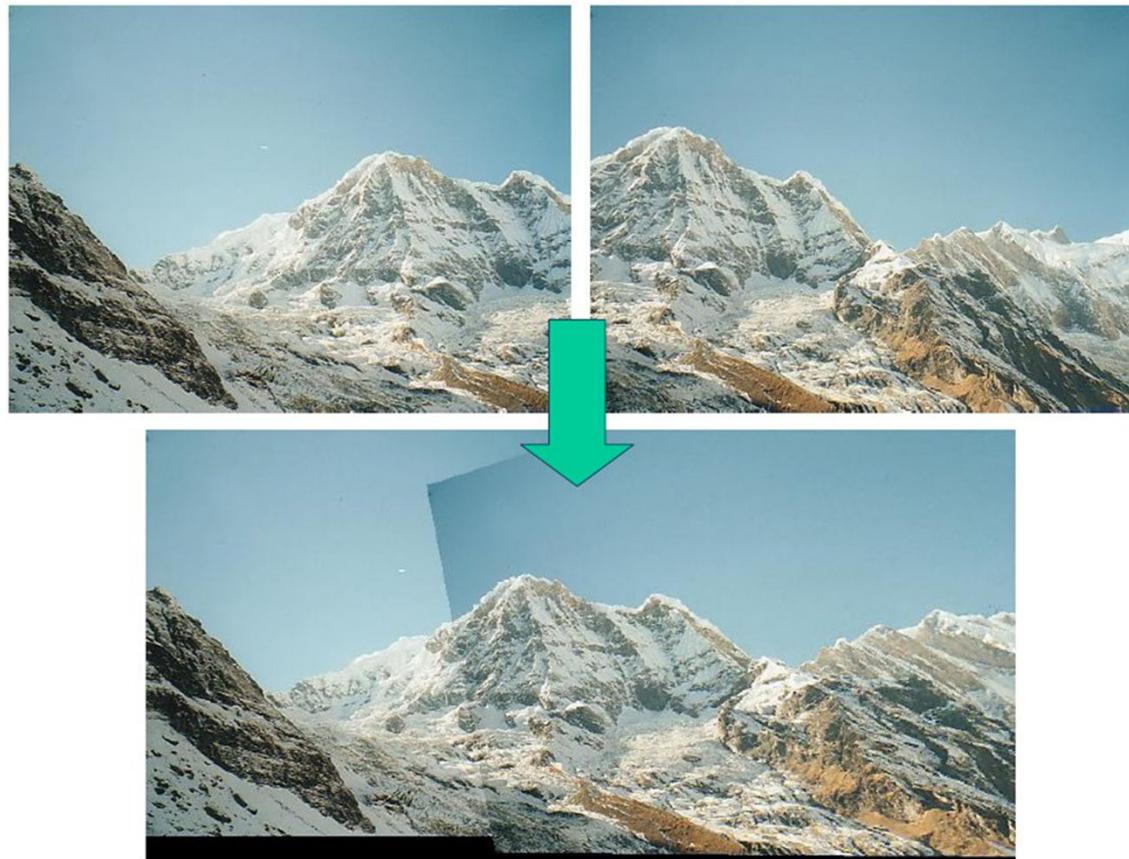
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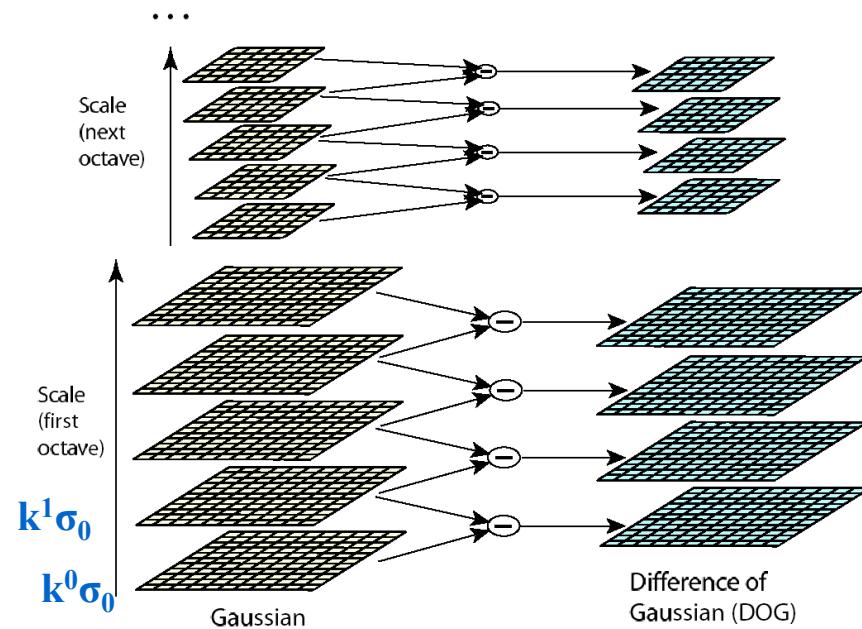
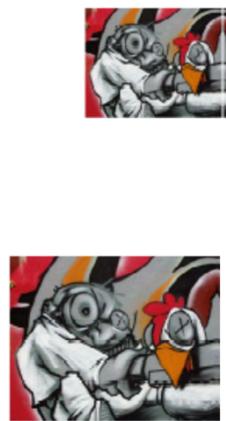
SIFT Detector

SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform)

- Invariant descriptor to position, scale, rotation, illumination, contrast and point of view.
- **Algorithm**
 1. Detection of extremes in scale and space: Extract rotation and scale invariant points of interest (keypoints).
 2. Eliminate ‘weak’ keypoints.
 3. Orientation assignment: Assign one or more orientations to each point of interest.
 4. Keypoint descriptor: Use local gradients at the selected scale.

D. Lowe, “*Distinctive Image Features from Scale-Invariant Keypoints*”, *International Journal of Computer Vision*, 60(2):91-110, 2004.

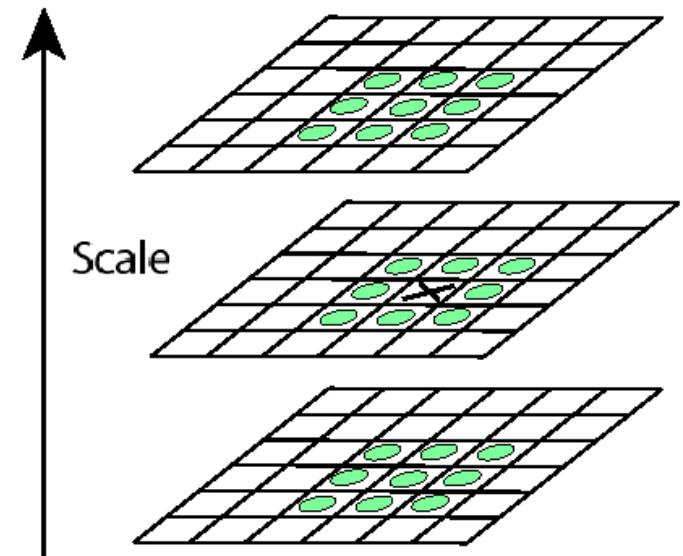
SIFT: Extrema detection



$$k^S = 2^S$$

$$D(x, y, \sigma) = L(x, y, k\sigma) - L(x, y, \sigma)$$

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y, \sigma)$$

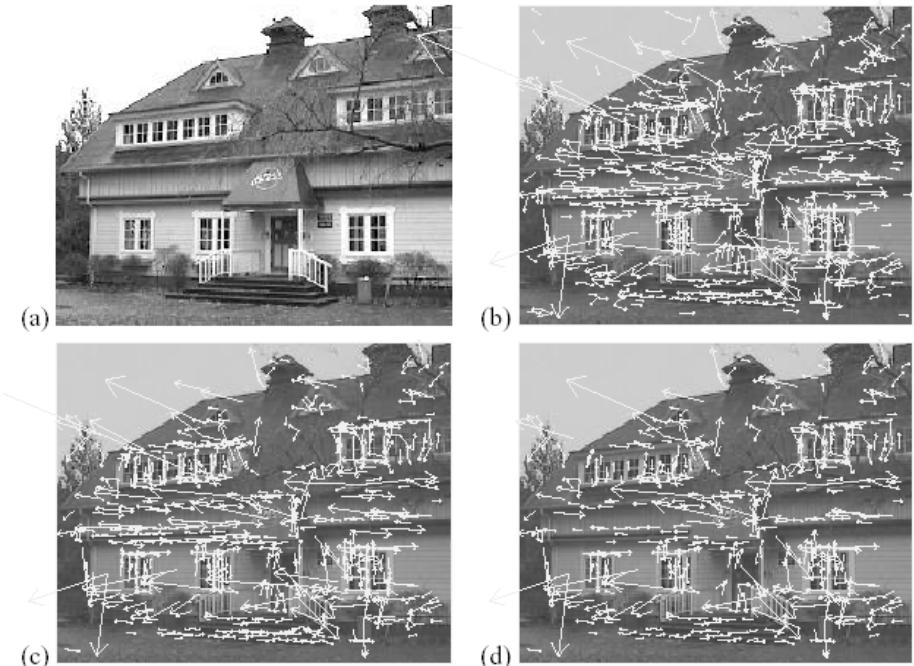


SIFT: Weak keypoints elimination

Weak keypoints

- keypoints with low contrast (<0.03).
- Bad edge

$$\frac{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{H})^2}{\text{Det}(\mathbf{H})} < \frac{(r+1)^2}{r} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{xx} & D_{xy} \\ D_{xy} & D_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$



(a)Image 233x189
(b) 832 extreme DoG
(c) 729 left after low contrast
thresholding
(d) 536 after Hessian ratio

SIFT Descriptor

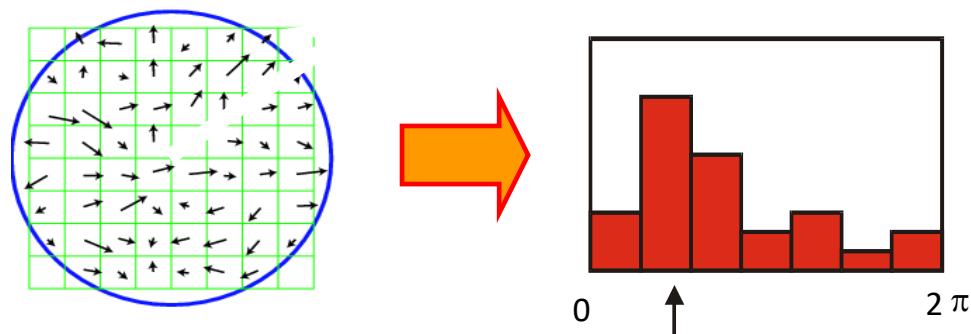
Orientation assignment

- Histogram of gradient directions for each keypoint.

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$

$$m(x, y) = \sqrt{(L(x+1, y) - L(x-1, y))^2 + (L(x, y+1) - L(x, y-1))^2}$$

$$\theta(x, y) = \arctan 2((L(x, y+1) - L(x, y-1)) / (L(x+1, y) - L(x-1, y)))$$

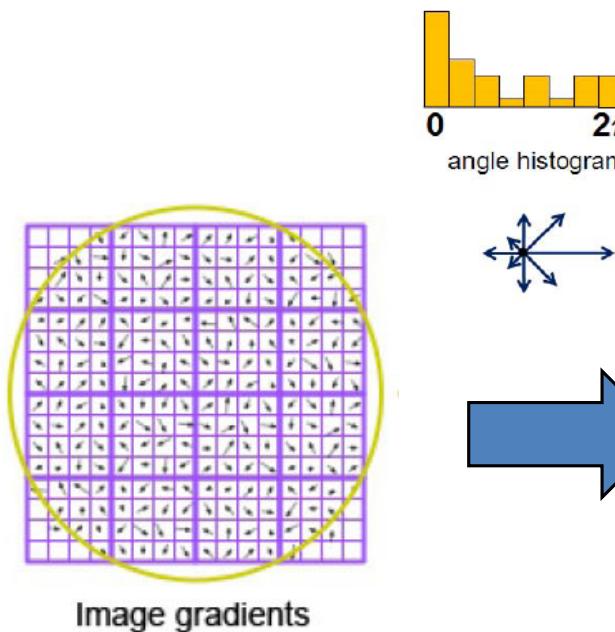


- Histogram weighted by the magnitude of the gradient and by a Gaussian function with $\sigma=1.5$ s.

SIFT descriptor

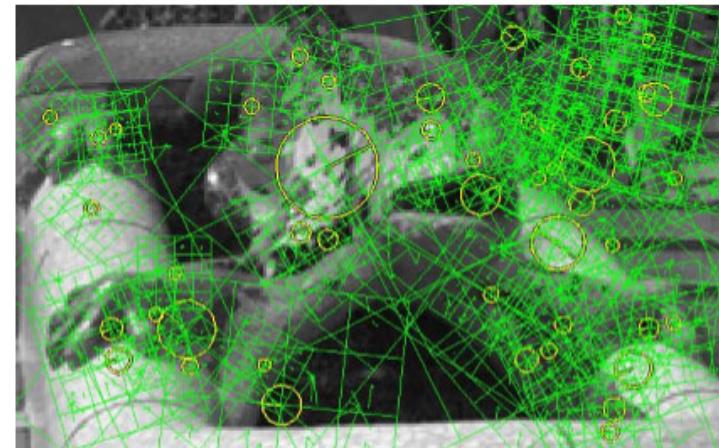
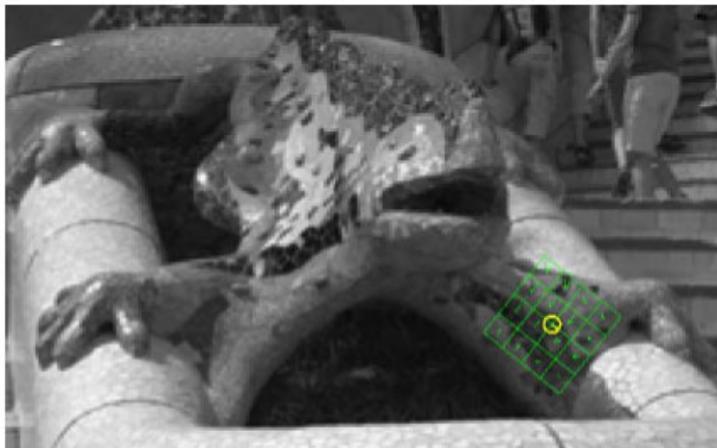
Orientation assignment

1. 16 x 16 window around each keypoint.
2. Divide into 4x4 cells.
3. Calculate the histogram in each cell (partial vote).



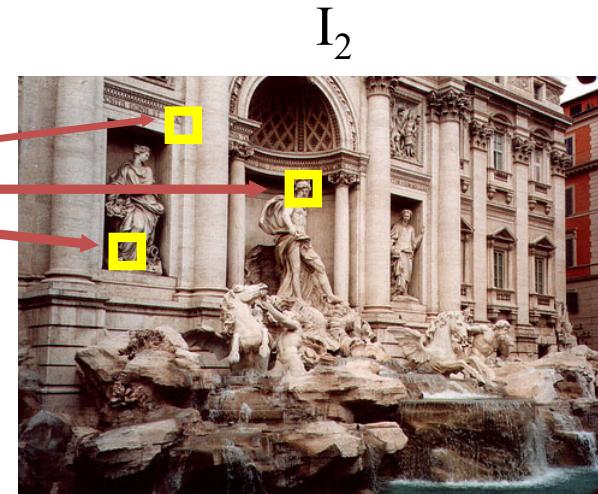
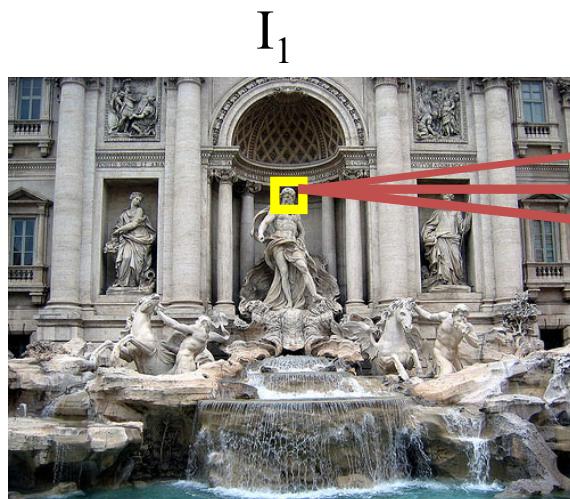
16 histograms x 8 orientations
= 128 features

SIFT Detector



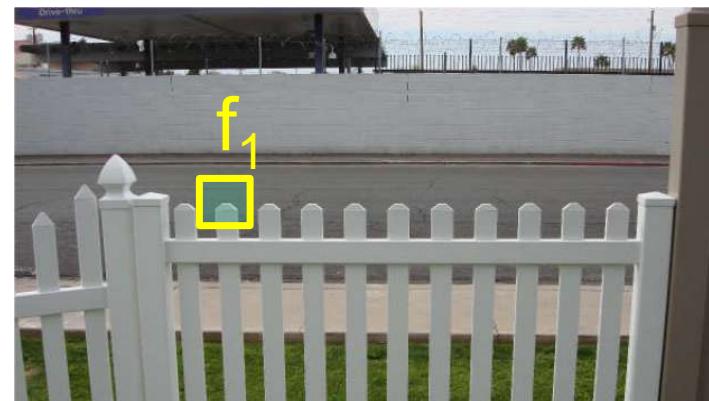
SIFT: Matching of features

Descriptor with minimum distance



$$SSD(f_1, f_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N (f_{1i} - f_{2i})^2$$

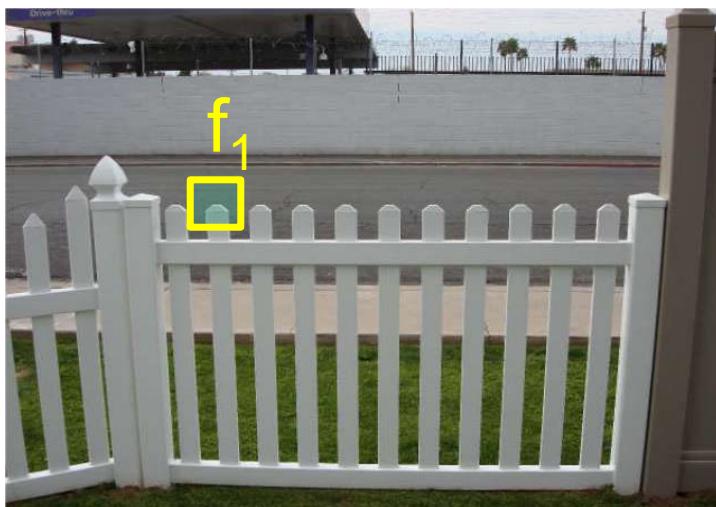
Problems with ambiguities



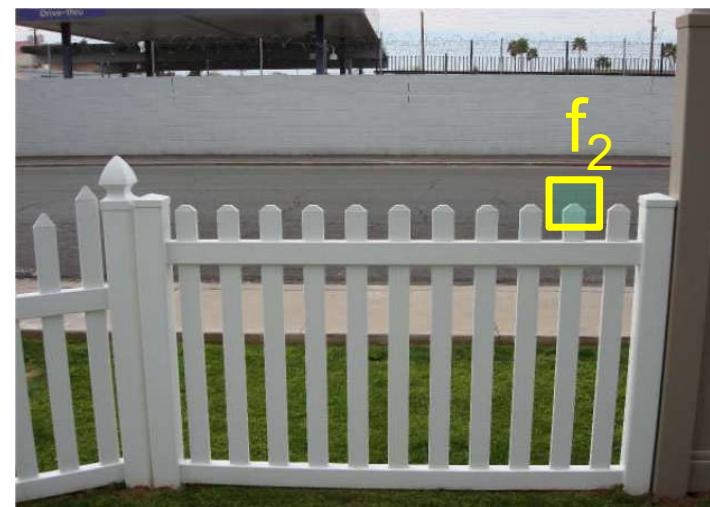
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Problems with ambiguities

I_1



I_2



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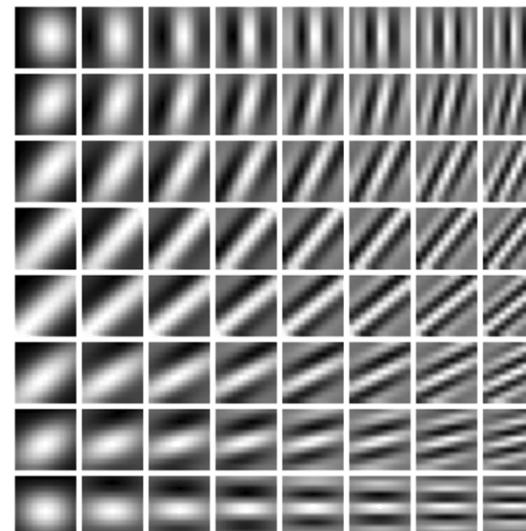
Gabor filters

- Bank of linear filters.
- Each filter analyzes whether there is any specific frequency content in the image in specific directions.
- Image analysis with Gabor filters is thought by some to be similar to perception in the human visual system.

$$G(x, y) = A \exp(-\alpha \tilde{x}^2 - \beta \tilde{y}^2) \sin(\omega \tilde{x} + \phi)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x} &= (x - x_0) \cos(\theta) + (y - y_0) \sin(\theta) \\ \tilde{y} &= -(x - x_0) \sin(\theta) + (y - y_0) \cos(\theta).\end{aligned}$$



Examples of Gabor filters defined by (10.6). The orientation angle θ varies from 0 in the top row to $\pi/2$ in the bottom row, whereas the frequency varies from $\omega = 1$ in the left column to $\omega = 10$ in the right column.

Source: Deep Learning: Foundations and Concepts. Christopher M. Bishop and Hugh Bishop