

COMPUTER VISION

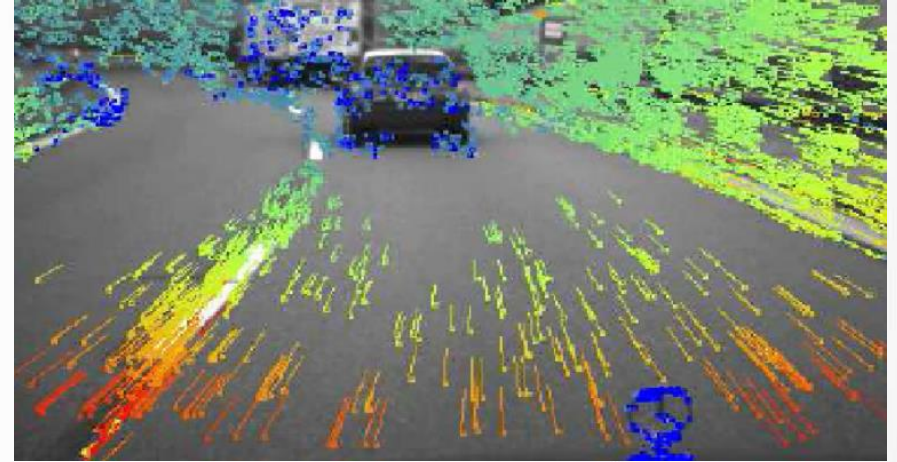
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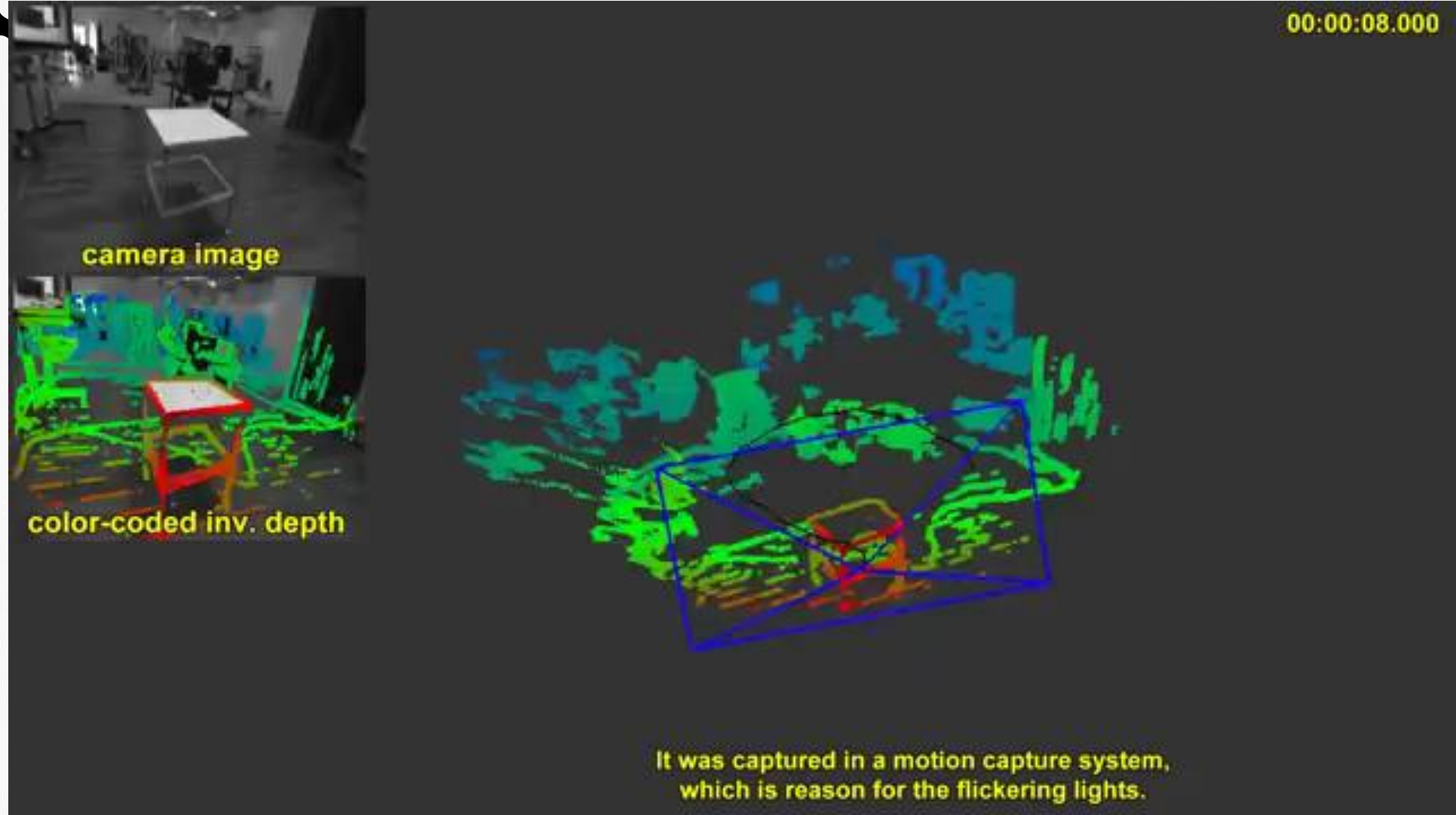


TODAY'S LECTURE: OPTICAL FLOW

- Szeliski 8.4
- Feature tracking (this we have looked at before)
 - Extracting and matching features (corners, SIFT descriptors, ...)
 - Tracking them over two or more frames
 - Applications: object tracking, structure from motion (SFM)
 - Performs well when motion is relatively small
- Optical flow recovers image motion at each pixel from spatiotemporal image brightness variations



optical flow used for motion estimation in visual odometry





OPTICAL FLOW



Problem Definition

Given two consecutive image frames,
estimate the motion of each pixel

Assumptions

Brightness constancy

Small motion



$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(\mathbf{p}_1) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_2) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_{25}) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_t(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant Flow
(Lucas- Kanade)

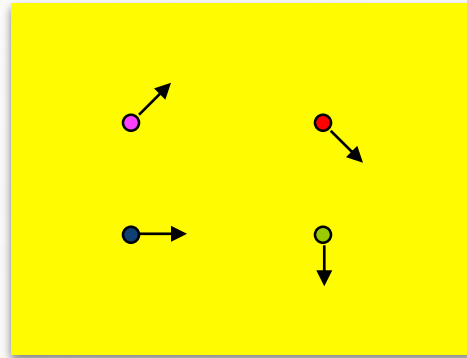
$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \sum_{ij} \left\{ E_d(i, j) + \lambda E_s(i, j) \right\}$$

Horn-Schunck

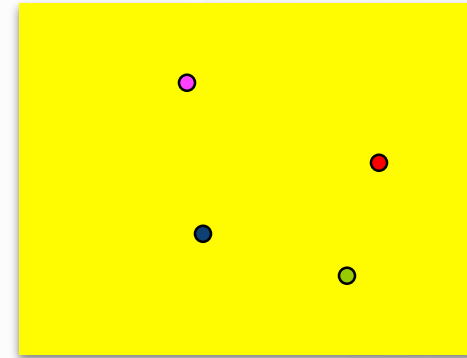
Optical Flow



OPTICAL FLOW (PROBLEM DEFINITION)



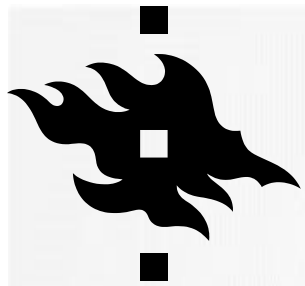
$I(x, y, t)$



$I(x, y, t')$

Estimate the motion
(flow) between these
two consecutive images





KEY ASSUMPTIONS (UNIQUE TO OPTICAL FLOW)



Color Constancy

(Brightness constancy for intensity images)

Implication: allows for pixel to pixel comparison
(not image features)

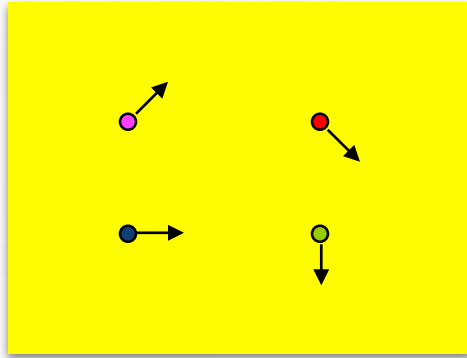
Small Motion

(pixels only move a little bit)

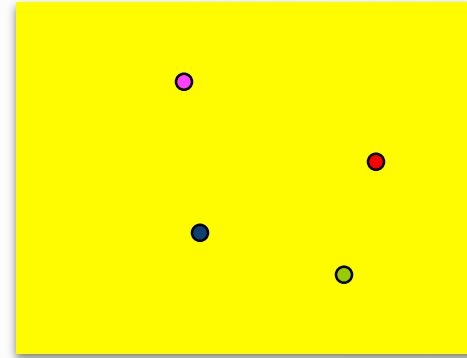
Implication: linearization of the brightness
constancy constraint



APPROACH



$I(x, y, t)$



$I(x, y, t')$

Look for **nearby pixels** with the **same color**

(small motion)

(color constancy)

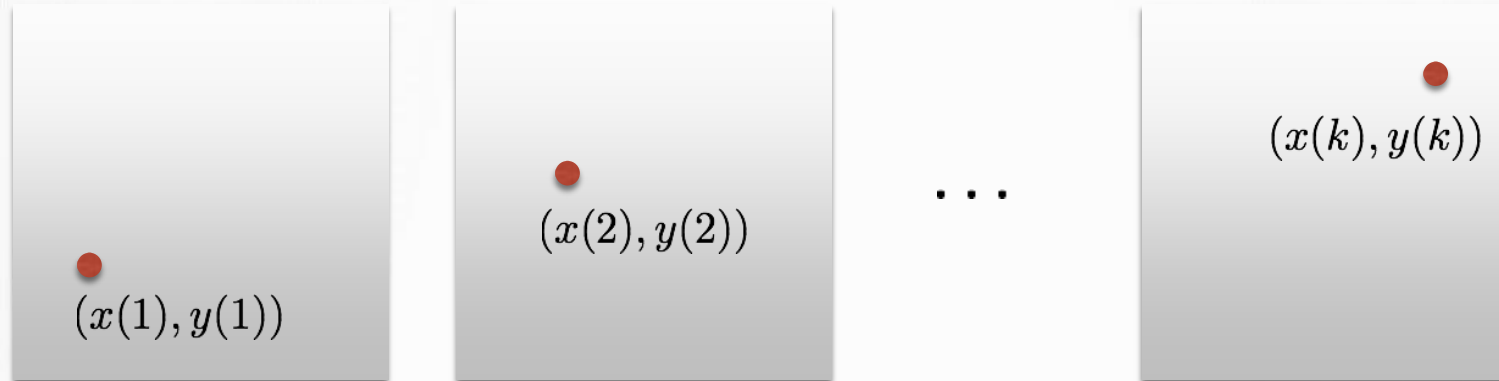


Assumption 1

BRIGHTNESS CONSTANCY



Scene point moving through image sequence

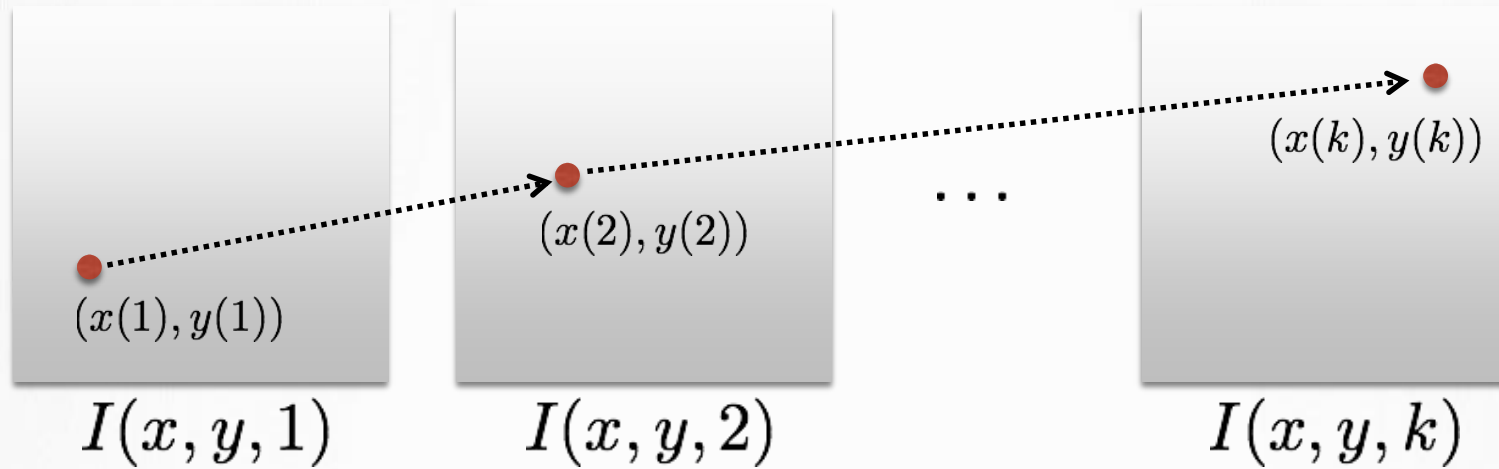




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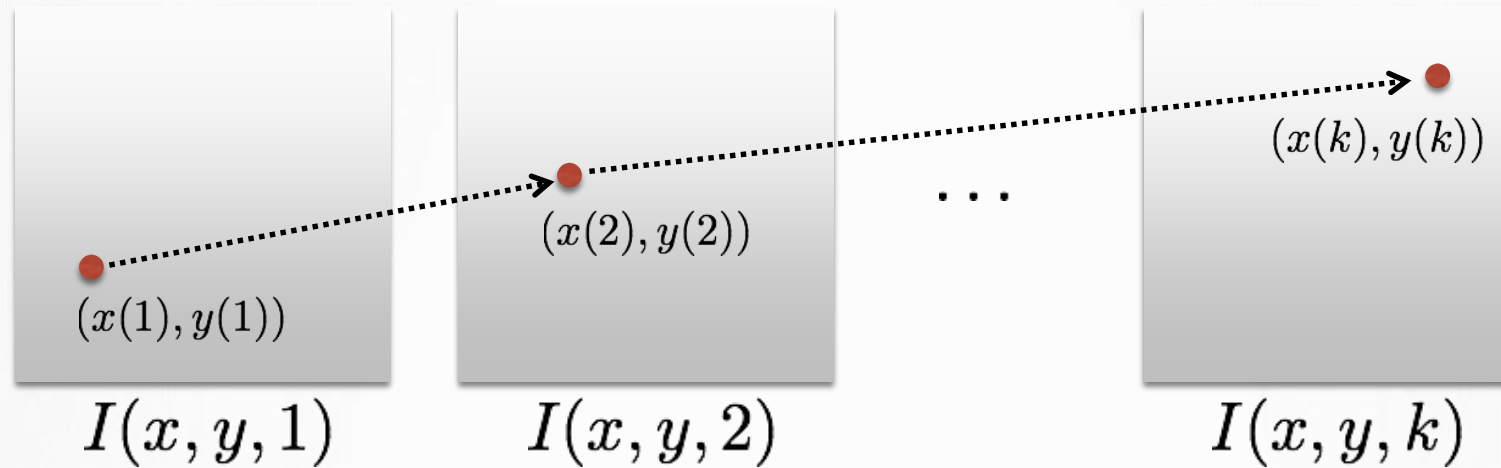




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Assumption: Brightness of the point will remain the same

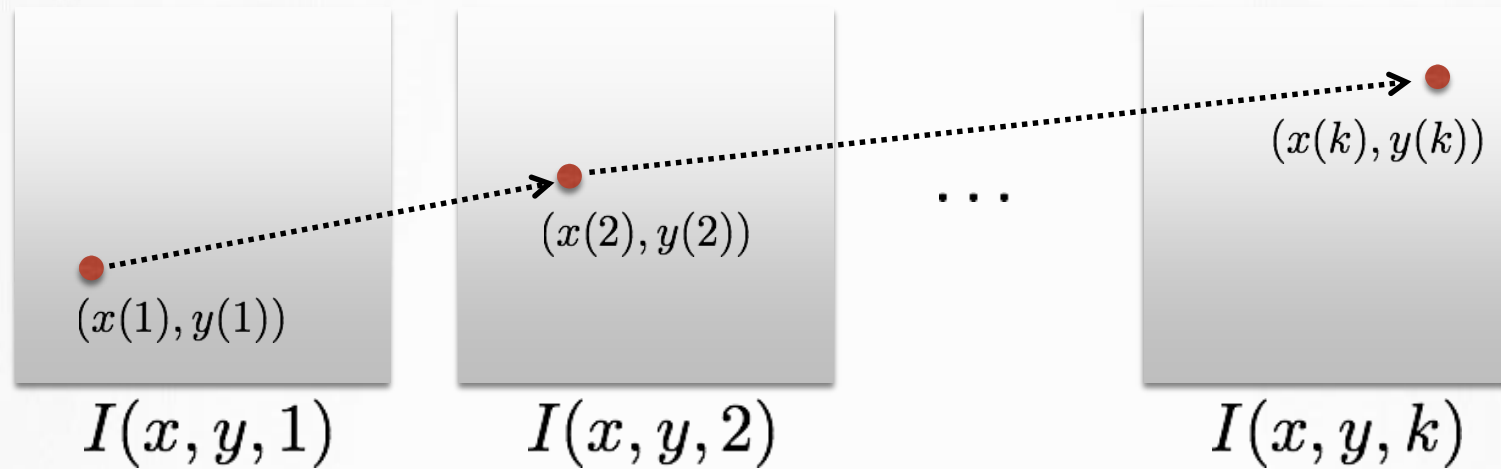


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BRIGHTNESS CONSTANCY



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$$I(x(t), y(t), t) = C$$

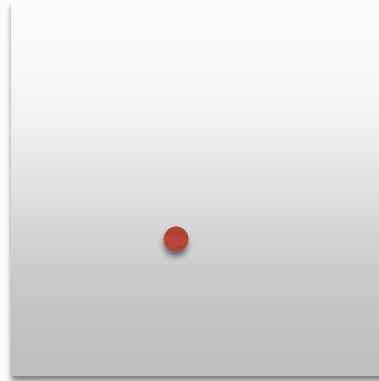
constant



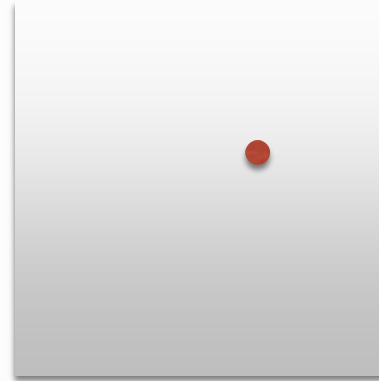
Assumption 2



SMALL MOTION



$I(x, y, t)$



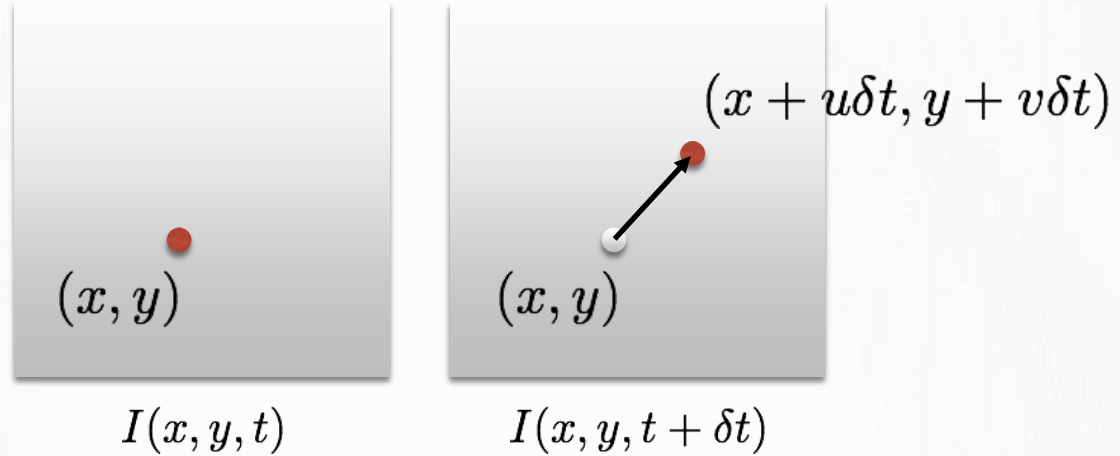
$I(x, y, t + \delta t)$

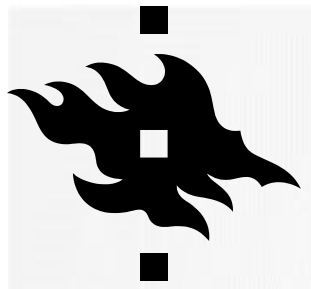


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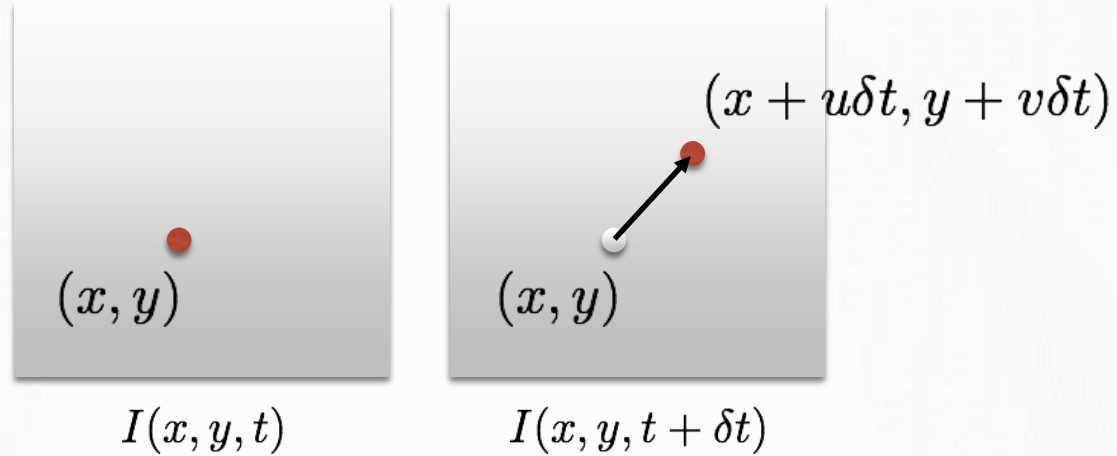
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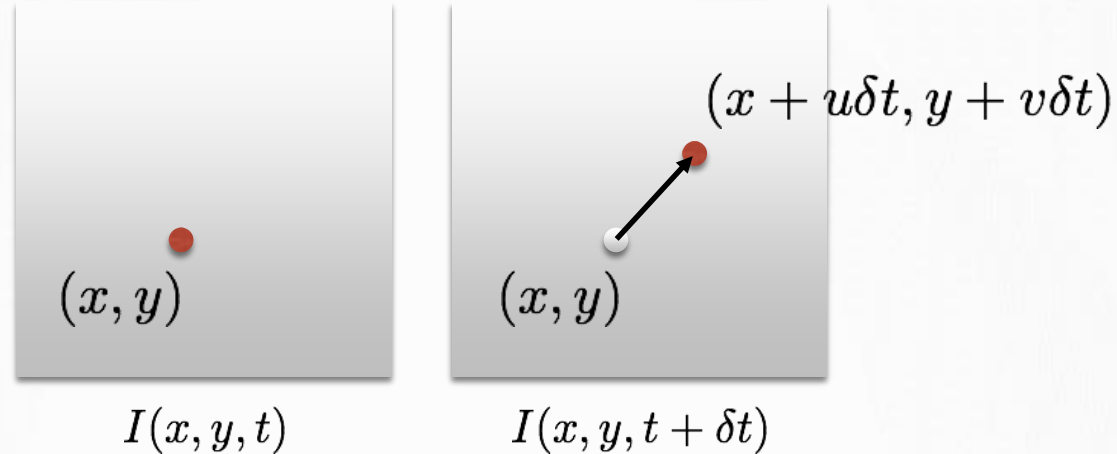


Optical flow (velocities): (u, v) Displacement: $(\delta x, \delta y) = (u\delta t, v\delta t)$



Assumption 2

SMALL MOTION



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For a really small space-time step...

$$I(x + u\delta t, y + v\delta t, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t)$$

... the brightness between two consecutive image frames is the same



These assumptions yield the ...



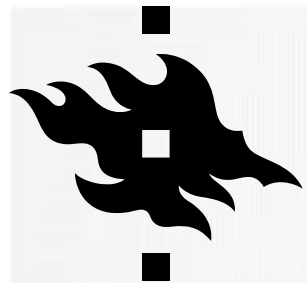
Brightness Constancy Equation

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

total derivative

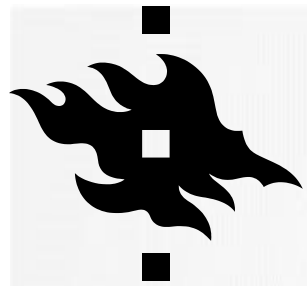
partial derivative

Equation is not obvious. Where does this come from?



$$I(x + u\delta t, y + v\delta t, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t)$$

For small space-time step, brightness of a point is the same



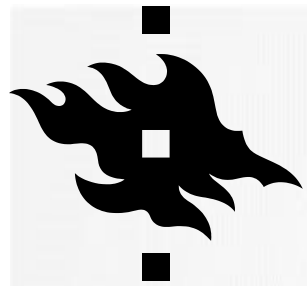
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Insight:

If the time step is really small,
we can *linearize* the intensity function



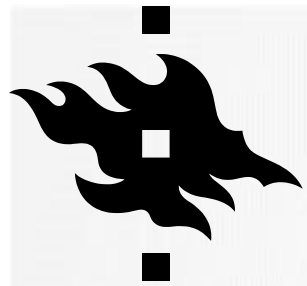
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Multivariable Taylor Series Expansion

(First order approximation, two variables)

$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$



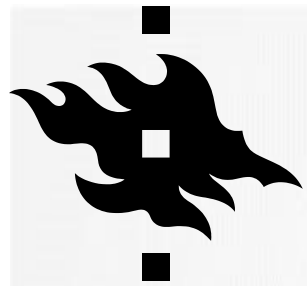
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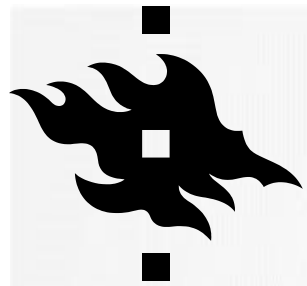
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partial derivative

fixed point

assuming small motion

cancel terms



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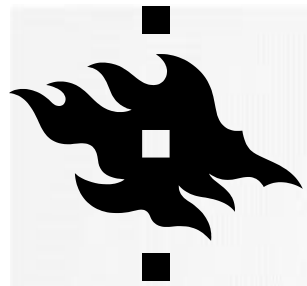
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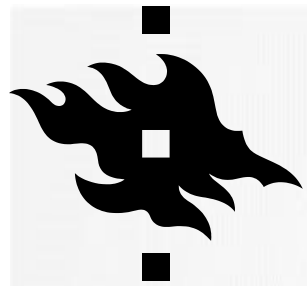
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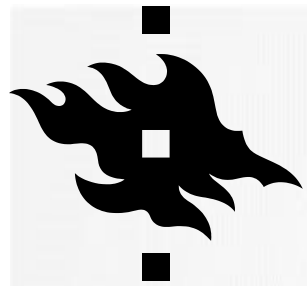
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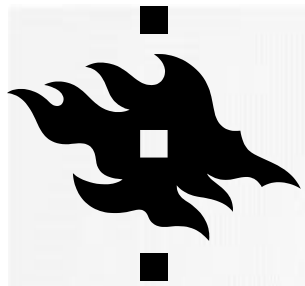
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Brightness Constancy Equation



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**Brightness
Constancy Equation**

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

(x-flow) (y-flow)

shorthand notation

$$\nabla I^\top \mathbf{v} + I_t = 0$$

(1 x 2) (2 x 1)

vector form



(putting the math aside for a second...)

What do the term of the
brightness constancy equation represent?

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$



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Image gradients
(at a point p)



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brightness constancy equation represent?

flow velocities

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Image gradients
(at a point p)

A diagram illustrating the components of the brightness constancy equation. The equation $I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$ is centered. Two blue arrows point from the text 'flow velocities' to the variables u and v . Two green arrows point from the text 'Image gradients (at a point p)' to the variables I_x and I_y .



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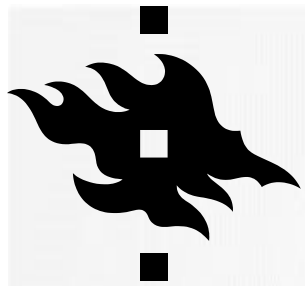
$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Image gradients
(at a point p)

temporal gradient

Detailed description: The equation $I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$ is centered on the slide. Above the equation, the text 'flow velocities' is written in blue, with two blue arrows pointing down to the variables u and v . Below the equation, the text 'Image gradients (at a point p)' is written in green, with two green arrows pointing up to the variables I_x and I_y . To the right of the equation, the text 'temporal gradient' is written in purple, with a purple arrow pointing up to the variable I_t .

How do you compute these terms?

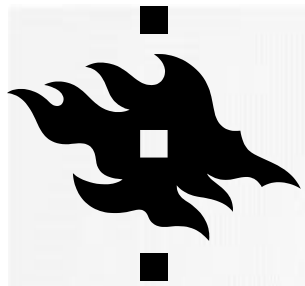


$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

How do you compute ...

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \quad I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

spatial derivative



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Forward difference

Sobel filter

Scharr filter

...



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frame differencing



FRAME DIFFERENCING

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

t				
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10

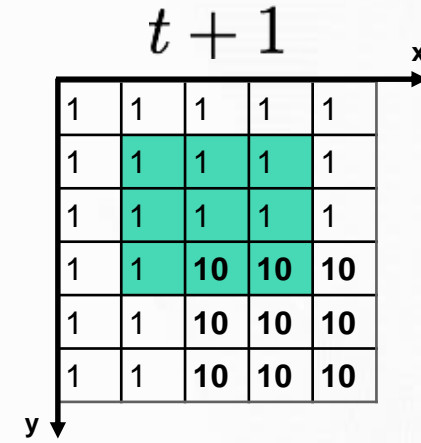
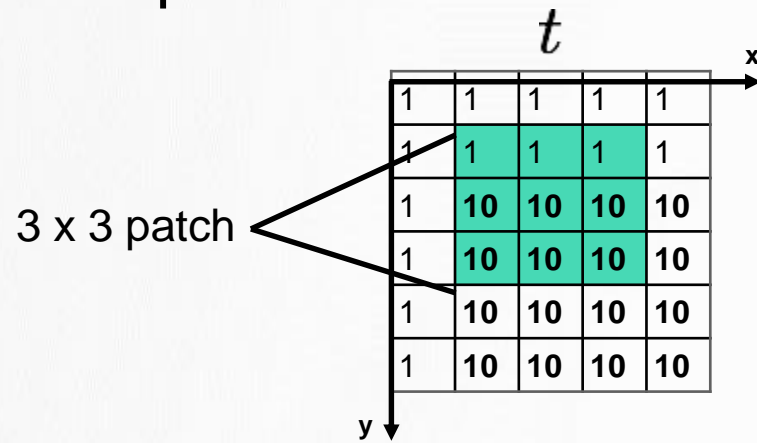
$t + 1$				
1	1	1	1	1
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1	1	1	1	1
1	1	10	10	10
1	1	10	10	10
1	1	10	10	10

$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$				
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	9	9	9	9
0	9	0	0	0
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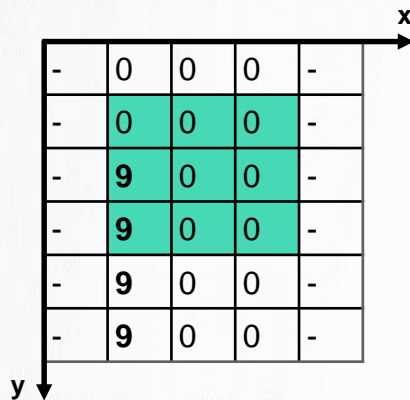
(example of a forward difference)



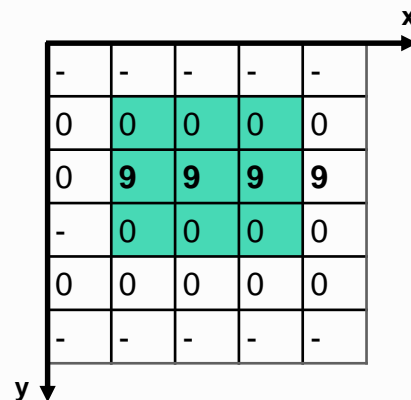
Example:



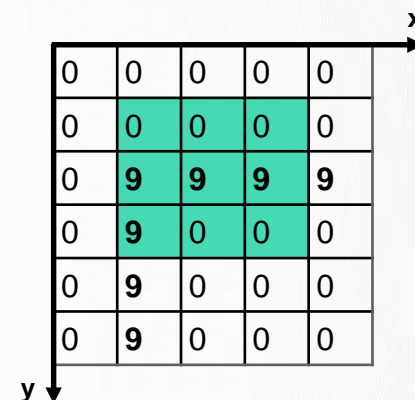
$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$



$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$



$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$





$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

How do you compute ...

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \quad I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

spatial derivative

Forward difference
Sobel filter
Scharr filter
...

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

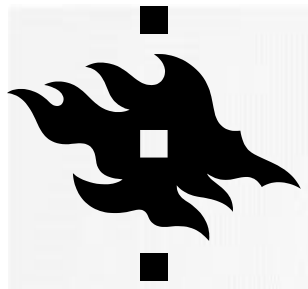
optical flow

How do you compute this?

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

temporal derivative

frame differencing



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Scharr filter
...

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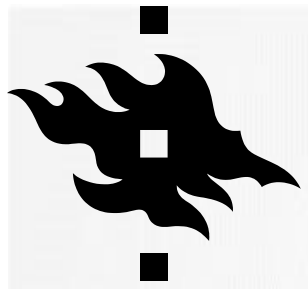
optical flow

We need to solve for this!
(this is the unknown in the optical
flow problem)

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

temporal derivative

frame differencing



$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$



How do you compute ...

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spatial derivative

Forward difference
Sobel filter
Scharr filter
...

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

optical flow

(u, v)
Solution lies on a line

Cannot be found uniquely
with a single constraint

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

temporal derivative

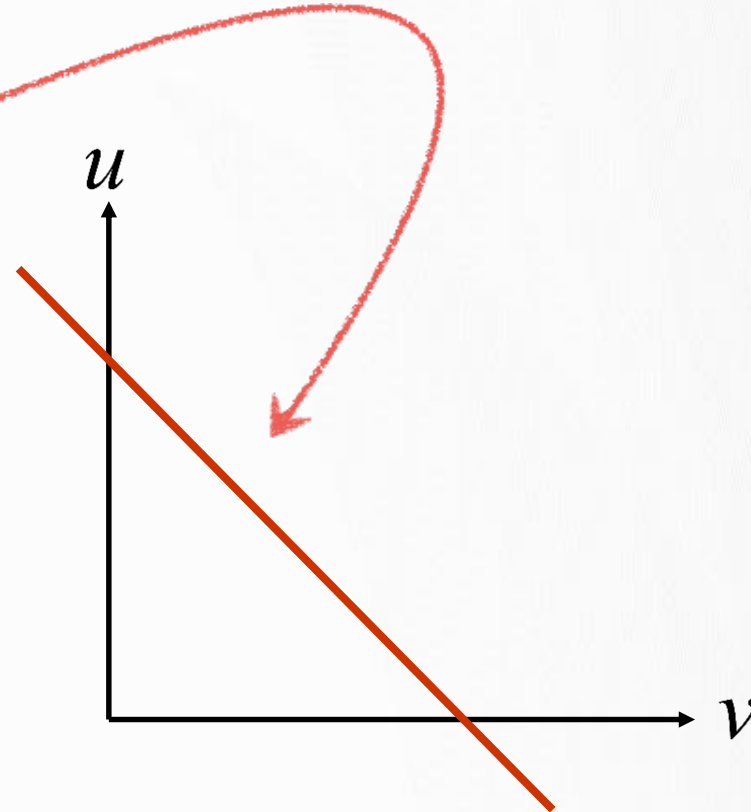
frame differencing



Solution lies on a straight line

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

many combinations of u and v will satisfy the equality



The solution cannot be determined uniquely with a single constraint (a single pixel)



$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \quad I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

spatial derivative

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

optical flow

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

temporal derivative

How can we use the brightness constancy equation to estimate the optical flow?



unknown

$$I_x \textcircled{u} + I_y \textcircled{v} + I_t = 0$$

known

The diagram shows the equation $I_x \textcircled{u} + I_y \textcircled{v} + I_t = 0$. The variables u and v are circled in green. Two green arrows point from the word "unknown" to these circles. Three black arrows point from the word "known" to the terms I_x , I_y , and I_t .

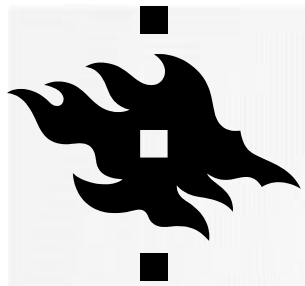


unknown

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Horn-Schunck Optical Flow (1981)

brightness constancy

small motion

‘smooth’ flow

(flow can vary from pixel to pixel)

global method
(dense)



Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow (1981)

method of differences

‘constant’ flow

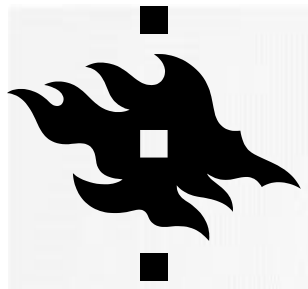
(flow is constant for all pixels)

local method
(sparse)



CONSTANT FLOW:

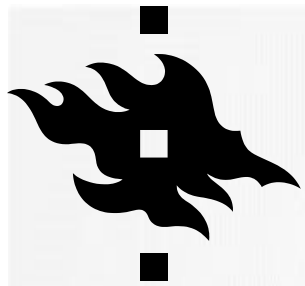
LUCAS-KANADE OPTICAL FLOW



Where do we get more equations (constraints)?

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Assume that the surrounding patch (say 5x5) has
‘constant flow’



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$$\vdots$$

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Matrix form



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$$A$$
$$25 \times 2$$
$$x$$
$$2 \times 1$$
$$b$$
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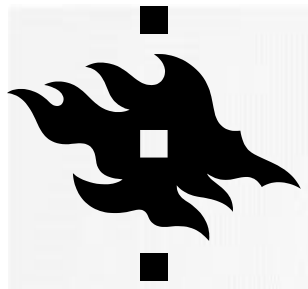
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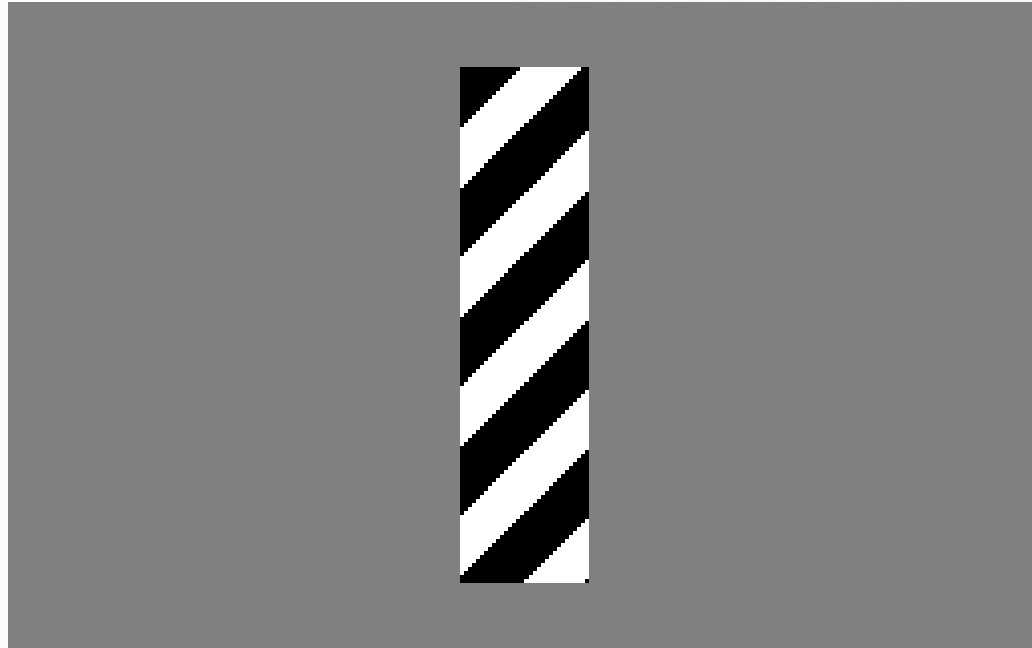
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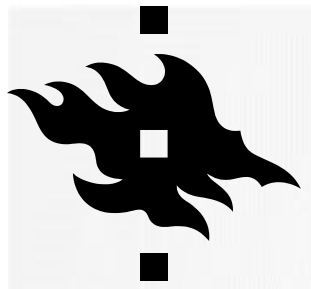


*You want to compute optical flow.
What happens if the image patch contains only a line?*

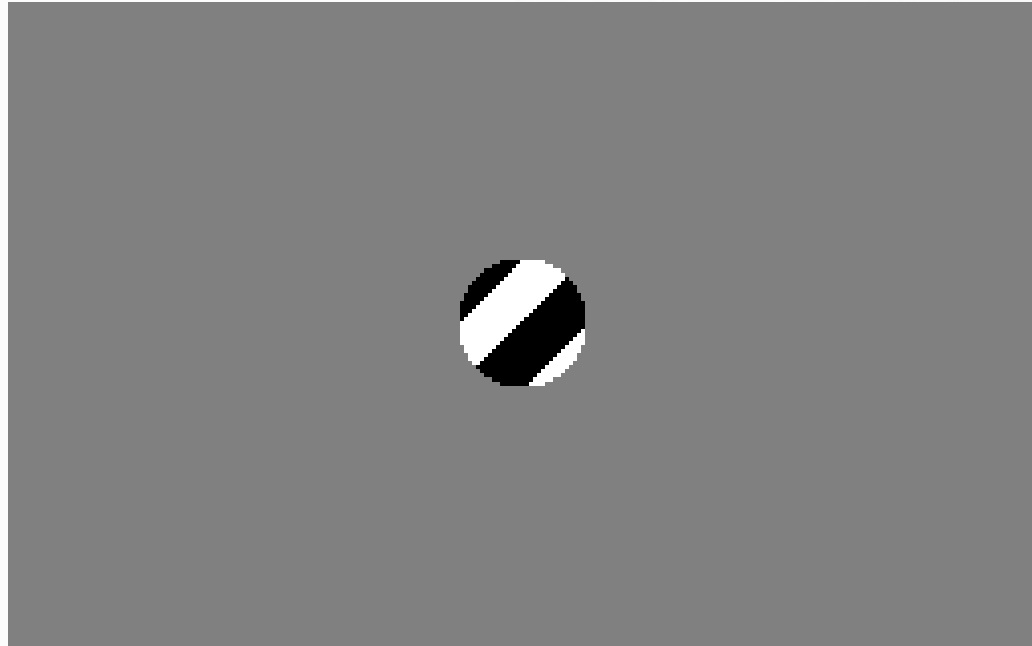


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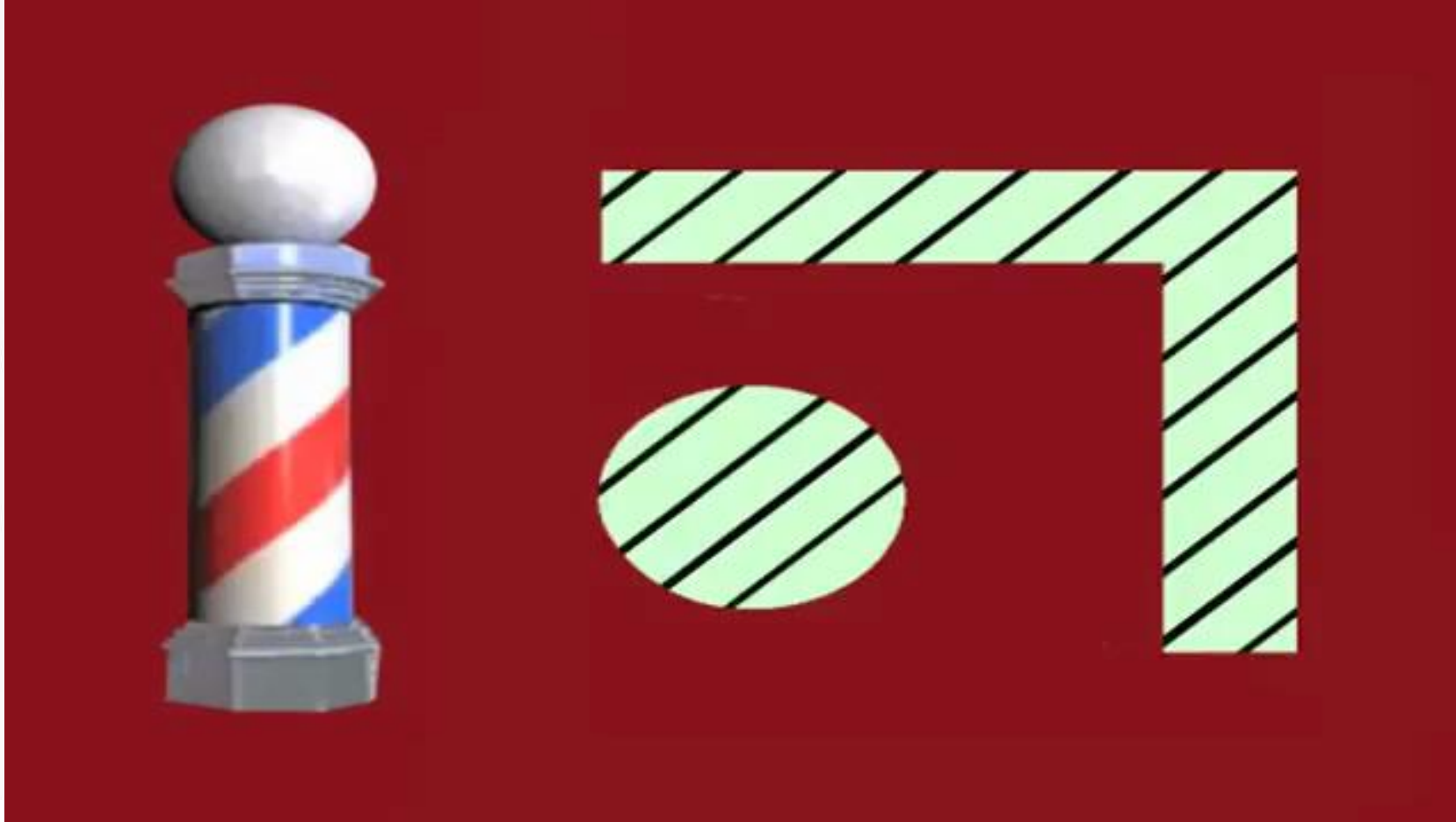


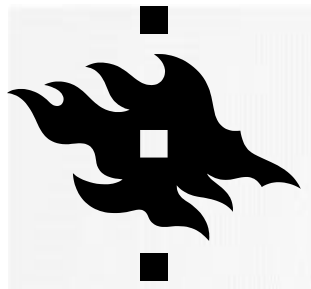
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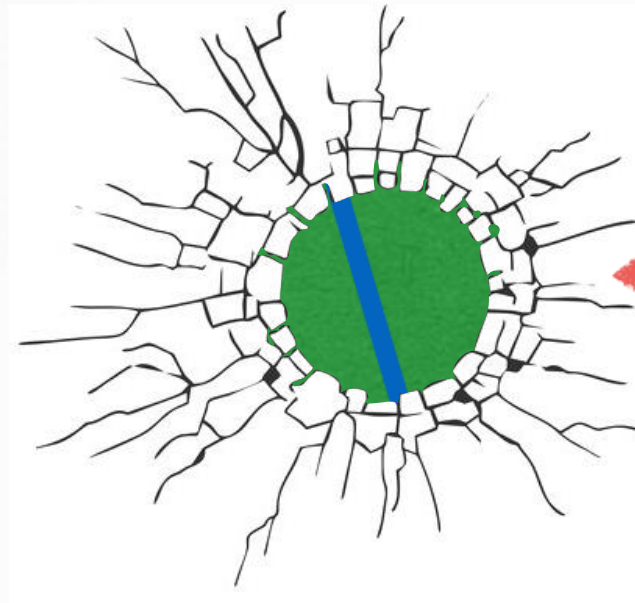


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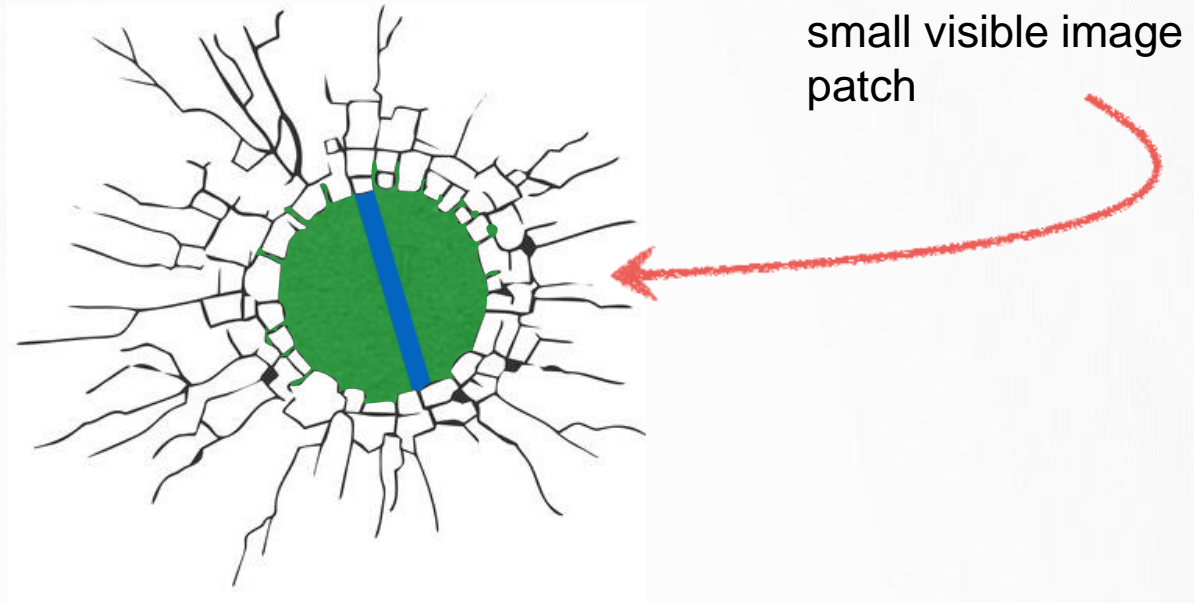


small visible image
patch

In which direction is the line moving?



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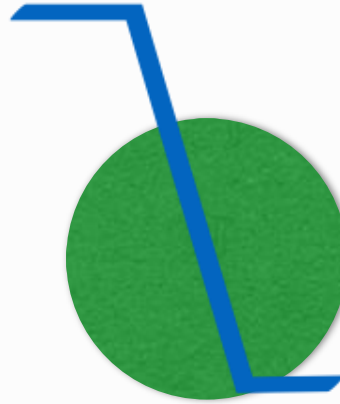


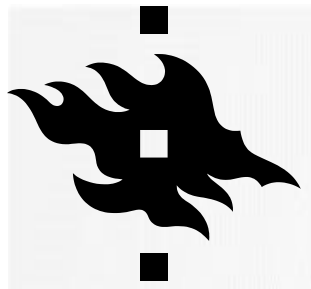
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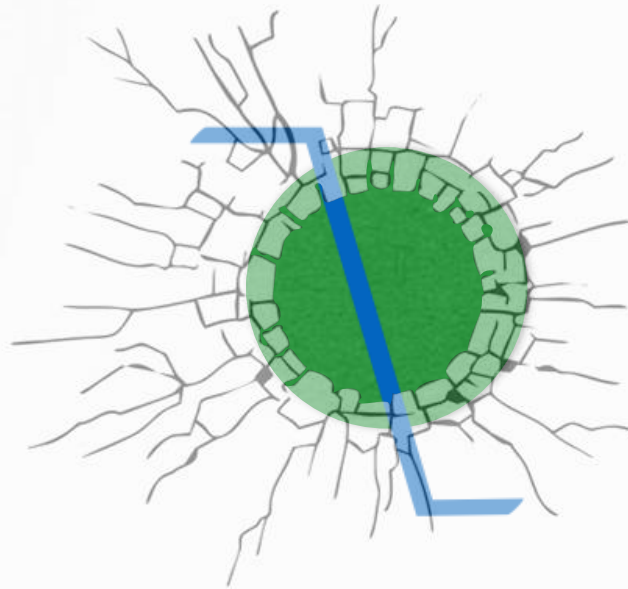


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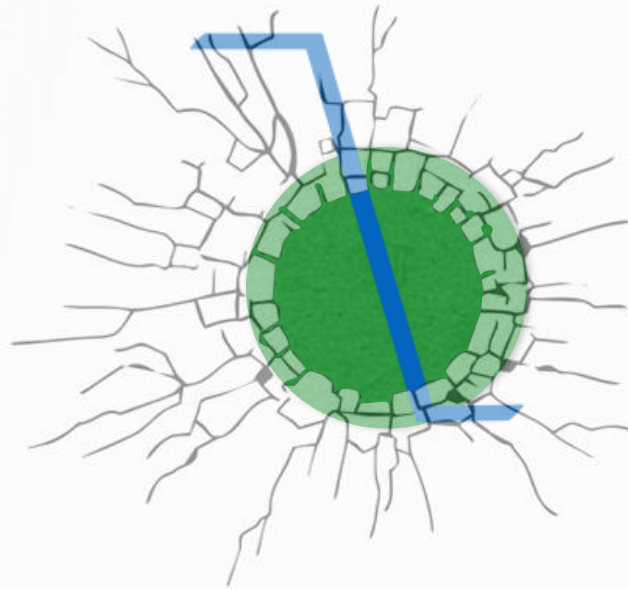


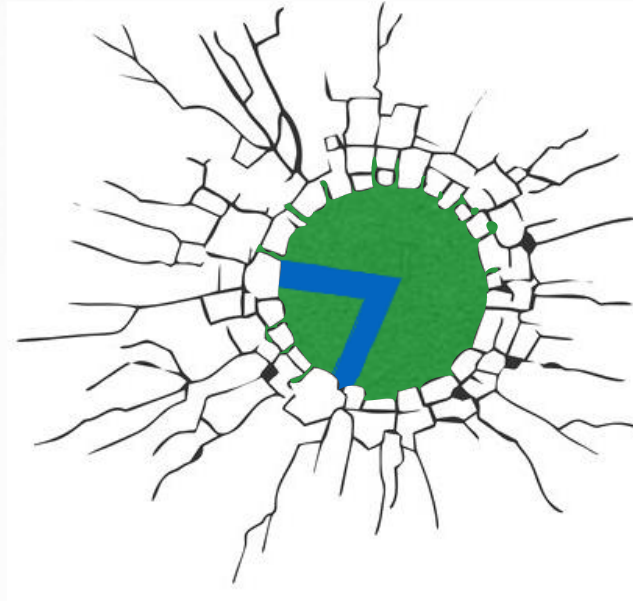
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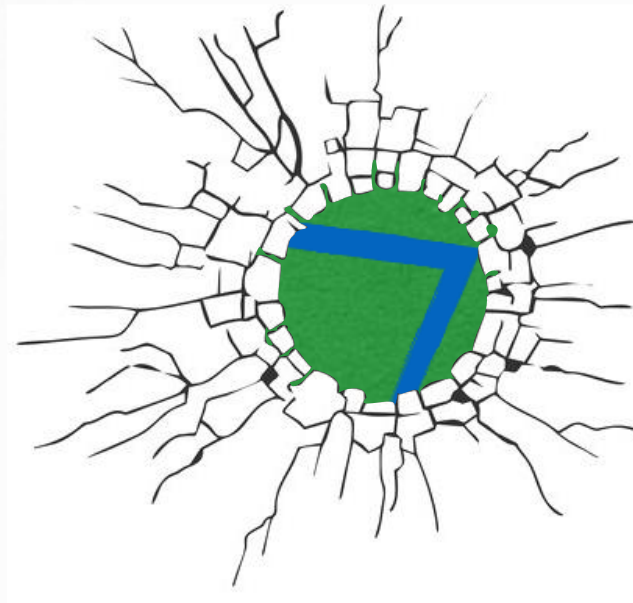


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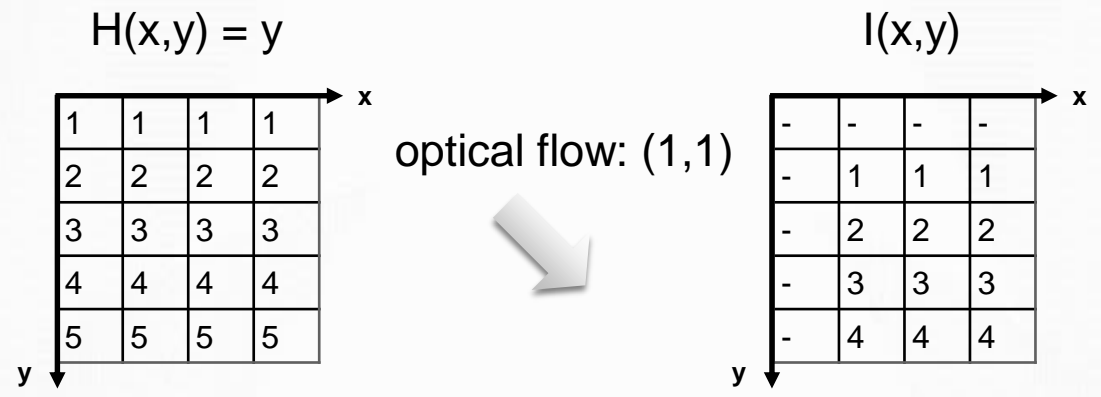




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$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Compute gradients

$$I_x(3,3) = 0$$

$$I_y(3,3) = 1$$

$$I_t(3,3) = I(3,3) - H(3,3) = -1$$

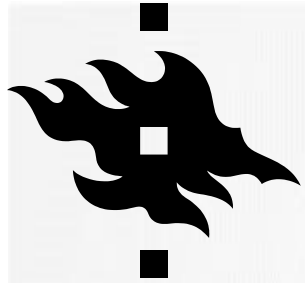
Solution:



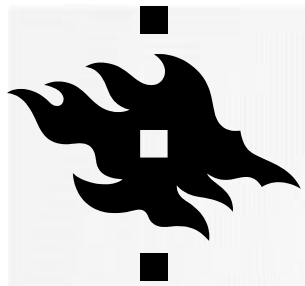
$$v = 1$$

We recover the v of the optical flow but not the u .

This is the aperture problem.



HORN-SCHUNCK OPTICAL FLOW



Horn-Schunck Optical Flow (1981)

brightness constancy

small motion

‘smooth’ flow

(flow can vary from pixel to pixel)

global method
(dense)

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow (1981)

method of differences

‘constant’ flow

(flow is constant for all pixels)

local method
(sparse)

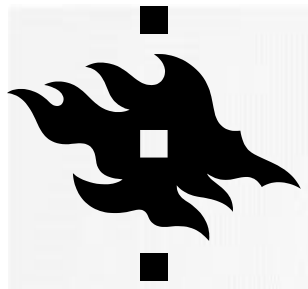


SMOOTHNESS



**most objects in the world are rigid or
deform elastically
moving together coherently**

we expect optical flow fields to be smooth



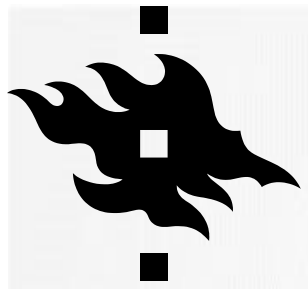
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lazy notation for $I_x(i, j)$



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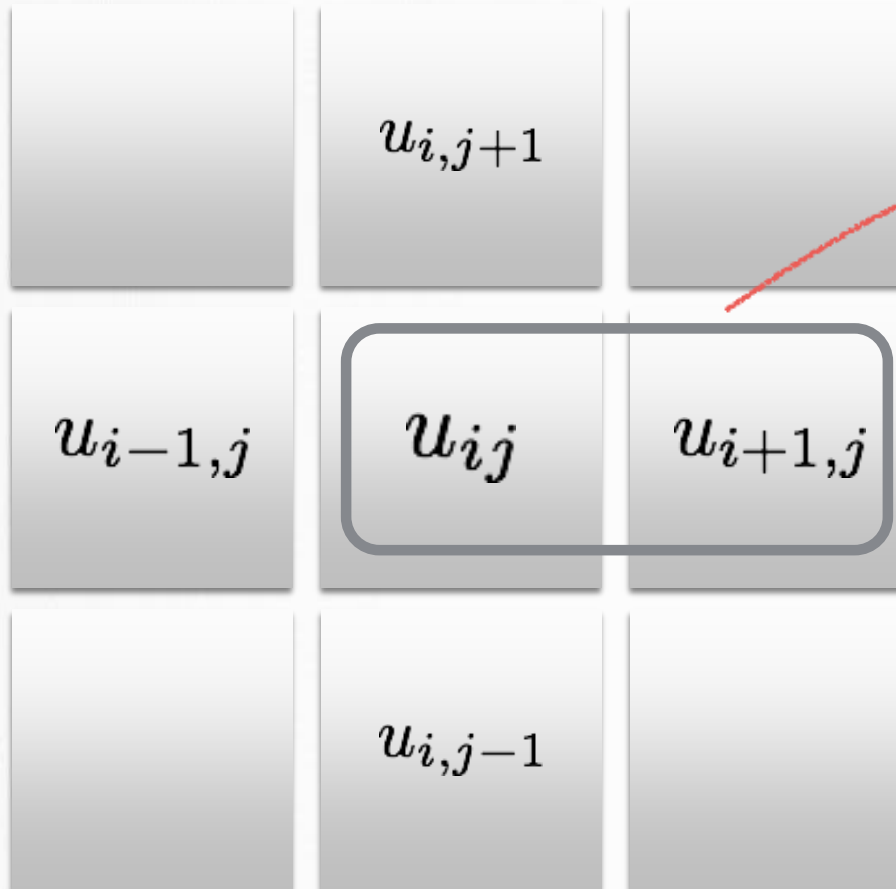
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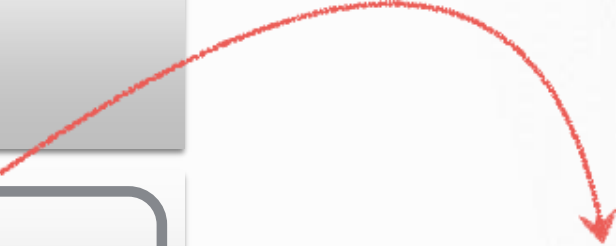
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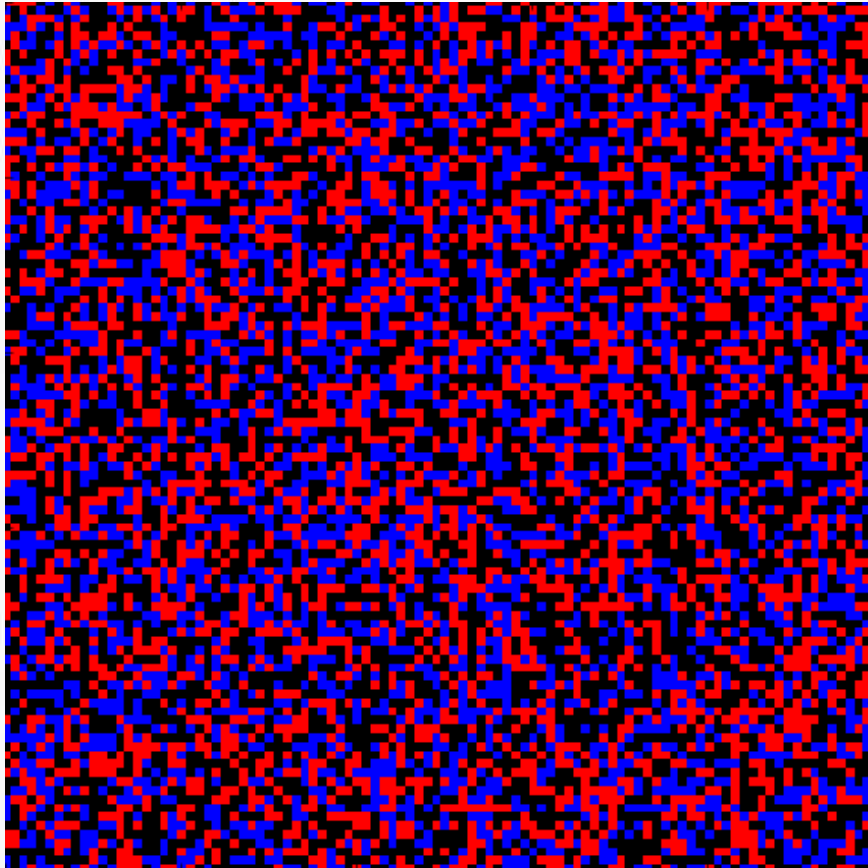

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} (u_{i,j} - u_{i+1,j})^2$$

u-component of flow



Which flow field optimizes the objective?

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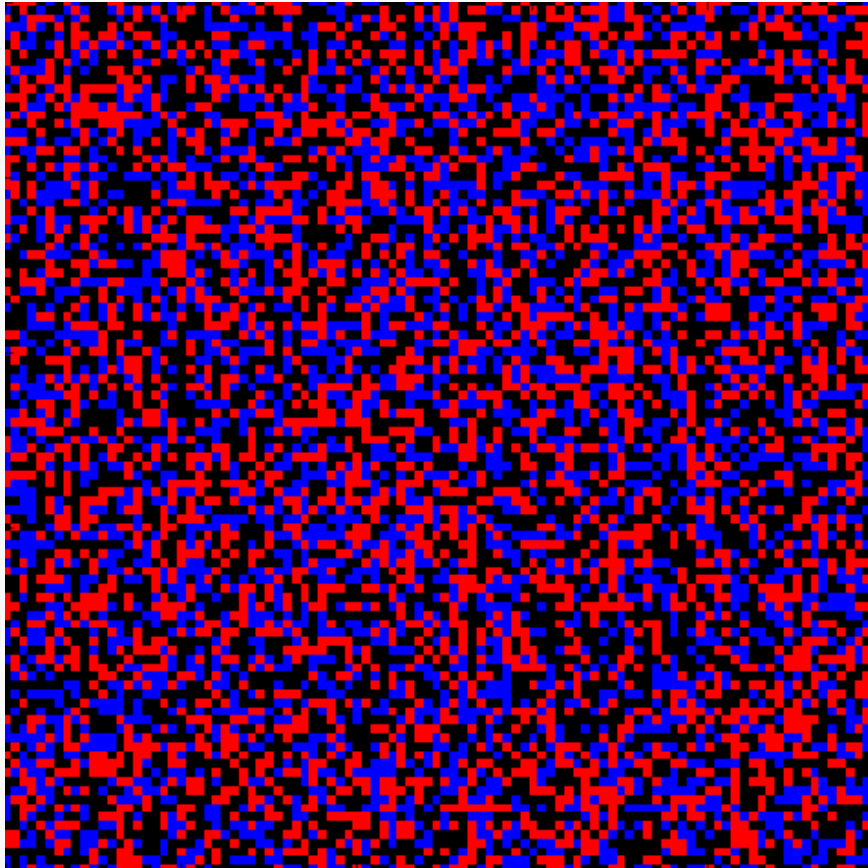
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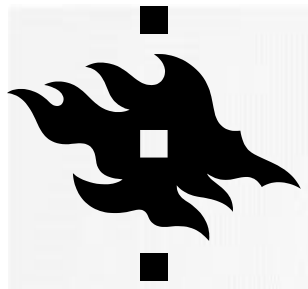
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big



small



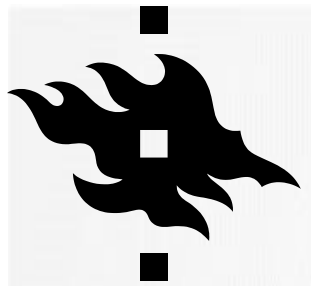
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bringing it all together...

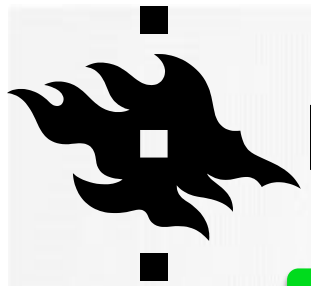


HORN-SCHUNCK OPTICAL FLOW



$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \sum_{i, j} \left\{ \overset{\text{smoothness}}{E_s(i, j)} + \overset{\text{brightness constancy}}{\lambda E_d(i, j)} \right\}$$

weight



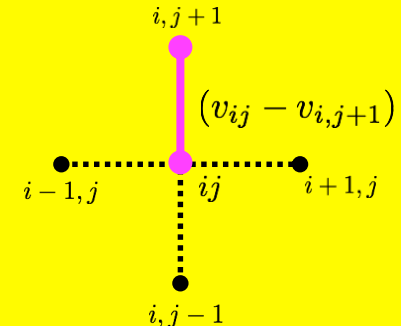
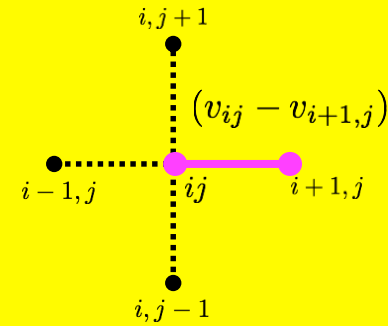
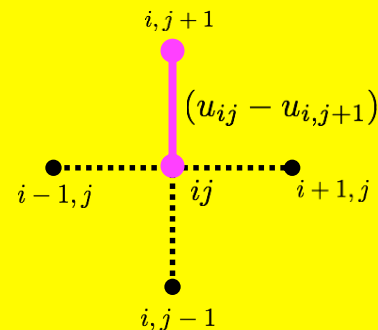
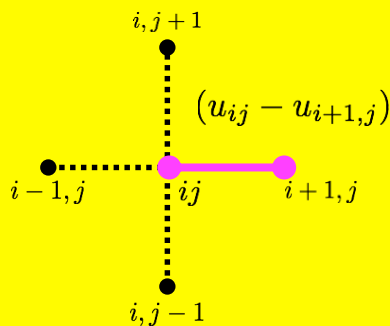
HS OPTICAL FLOW OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

Brightness constancy

$$E_d(i, j) = \left[I_x u_{ij} + I_y v_{ij} + I_t \right]^2$$

Smoothness

$$E_s(i, j) = \frac{1}{4} \left[(u_{ij} - u_{i+1,j})^2 + (u_{ij} - u_{i,j+1})^2 + (v_{ij} - v_{i+1,j})^2 + (v_{ij} - v_{i,j+1})^2 \right]$$



why not all four neighbors?



HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS MINIMIZATION PROBLEM ?

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \sum_{i,j} \left\{ E_s(i, j) + \lambda E_d(i, j) \right\}$$

Compute partial derivative, derive update equations
(gradient decent!)



HORN-SCHUNCK OPTICAL FLOW ALGORITHM

1. Precompute image gradients

$$I_y \quad I_x$$

2. Precompute temporal gradients

$$I_t$$

3. Initialize flow field $u = 0$
 $v = 0$

4. While not converged, compute flow field updates for each pixel:

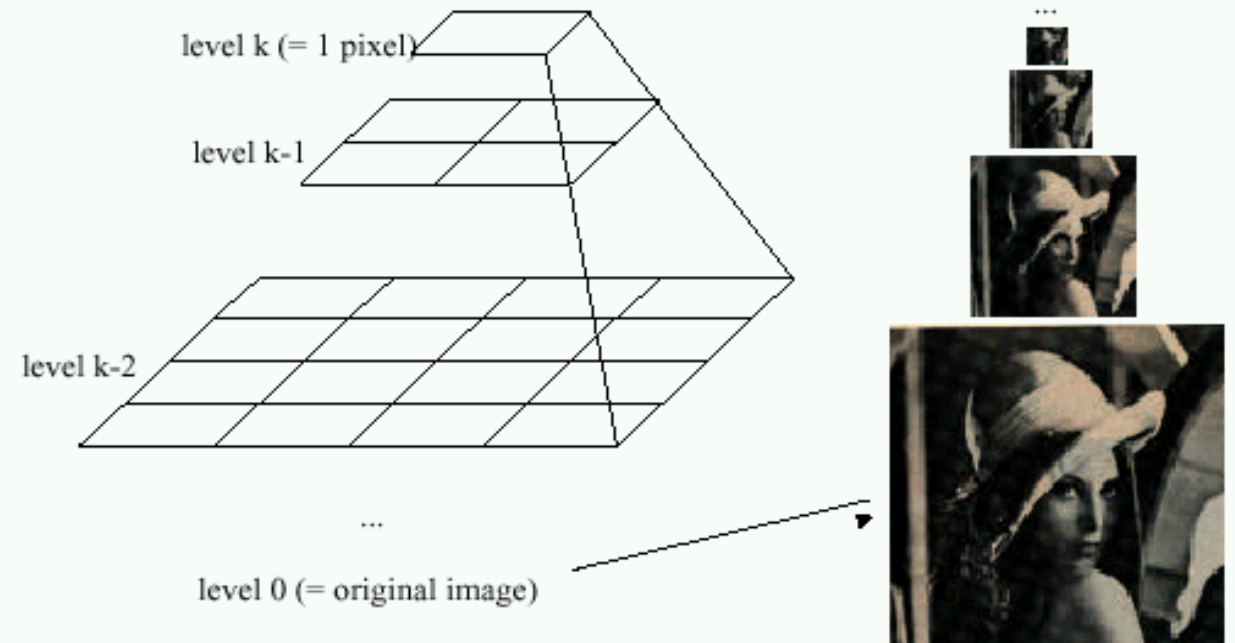
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SMALL MOTION ASSUMPTION

- If motion is not small enough, image resolution has to be reduced => motion will be smaller in pixels
- Lecture 3: Gaussian Pyramids: “have all sorts of applications in computer vision”

Idea: Represent $N \times N$ image as a “pyramid” of $1 \times 1, 2 \times 2, 4 \times 4, \dots, 2^k \times 2^k$ images (assuming $N = 2^k$)





60° 10 1.2 N, 24° 57 18 E