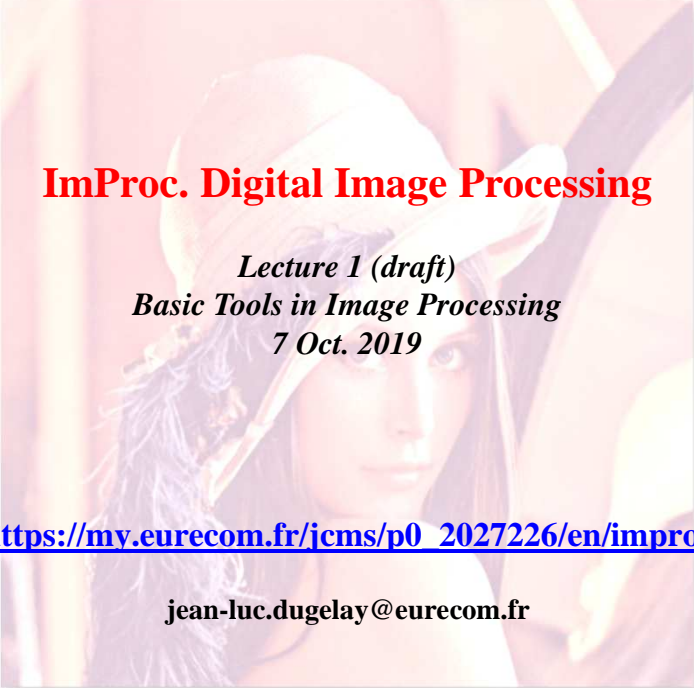


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# ImProc. Digital Image Processing

*Lecture 1 (draft)*  
*Basic Tools in Image Processing*  
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## Typical Sequence

- **Pre-processing**
  - Noise reduction: low-pass Filtering
- **Processing**
  - Gradient maps + Threshold
  - Gradient based descriptor
- **Post-processing**
  - Edge thinning, closing
  - Outlier removal
- **Representation & Description**
  - Hough Transform

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## Spatial Masks

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \\ (x-1, y-1) & (x-1, y) & (x-1, y+1) \\ w_4 & w_5 & w_6 \\ (x, y-1) & (x, y) & (x, y+1) \\ w_7 & w_8 & w_9 \\ (x+1, y-1) & (x+1, y) & (x+1, y+1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$w_1, \dots, w_9$ : mask coefficients  
8-neighbors of  $(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned} T[f(x, y)] = & w_1 f(x-1, y-1) + w_2 f(x-1, y) \\ & + w_3 f(x-1, y+1) + w_4 f(x, y-1) \\ & + w_5 f(x, y) + w_6 f(x, y+1) + w_7 f(x+1, y-1) \\ & + w_8 f(x+1, y) + w_9 f(x+1, y+1) \end{aligned}$$

- *size of the template*
- *values of coefficients*

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## Direct Low pass filtering by averaging

averaging 2x2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

averaging 3x3

**Image smoothing**  
**+ noise reduction**  
**- edge smoothing**

$$\sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \sum_{q=0}^{k-1} h(p, q) = 1$$

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## Low pass filtering by averaging



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## Median Filtering

### Algorithm

1. *Classify*  $S = \{f(x_j, y_j), (x_j, y_j) \in W\}$
2.  $f'(x_i, y_i) = \text{med}(S)$

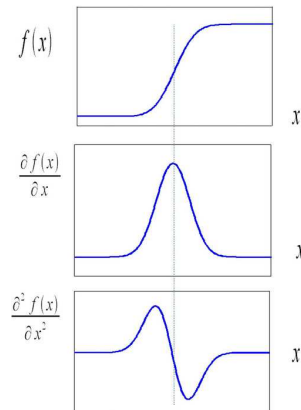
Non linear,

$$\text{med}(\alpha.I_1 + \beta.I_2) \neq \alpha.\text{med}(I_1) + \beta.\text{med}(I_2)$$

Useful in preserving edges while reducing noise (image smoothing)

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## Edges : Gradient & Laplacian



$$f(x, y)$$

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\nabla f(x, y)| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial y^2}$$

**Image Sharpening**

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## Gradient Pattern

- Gradient

$$G_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \mathbf{0} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad G_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & \mathbf{0} & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Prewitt**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & \mathbf{0} & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Sobel**

if  $|\nabla f(x, y)| > \text{Threshold}$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$   
 then  $(x_0, y_0)$  is an edge point  
 else  $(x_0, y_0)$  is not an edge point

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## Gradient Pattern

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

0°

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 6 & 2 \\ 8 & 4 & 0 & -4 & -8 \\ -2 & -6 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

22.5°

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 0 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 0 & -10 \\ 10 & 10 & 0 & -10 & -10 \\ 10 & 0 & -10 & -10 & -10 \\ 0 & -10 & -10 & -10 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

45°

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## Questions

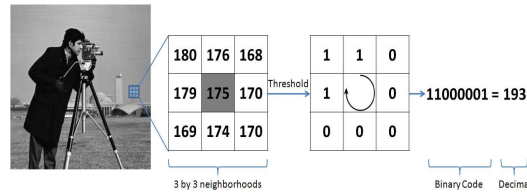
$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \mathbf{1} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*If we apply it two times?*

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & \mathbf{4} & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

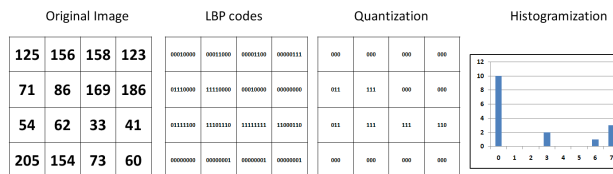
*2D filtering or 2 times 1D?*

## Gradient based descriptor: SURF, FAST, DAISY, SIFT, etc. Local binary Pattern (LBP)



$$LBP = \sum_{p=0}^{p-1} s(g_p - g_c) 2^p$$

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\chi^2(S, M) = \sum_i \frac{(S_i - M_i)^2}{S_i + M_i}$$

*Widely used to compare two face images*

## Laplacian Pattern

- Laplacian

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & +1 & 0 \\ +1 & -4 & +1 \\ 0 & +1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Edges: zero-crossing points**

$$\nabla^2 f[(x, y)] \approx f(x+1, y) + f(x-1, y) + f(x, y+1) + f(x, y-1) - 4f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) \cong \frac{f(x+a, y) - f(x-b, y)}{a+b}$$

## Basic question on Filtering

- *What are the differences between averaging and median filters (e.g. of size 3x3) in terms of implementation and impact?*

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## Hough Transform

Originally designed for Line detection  
but can also be used for any analytical curve (circle, ellipse, etc.)

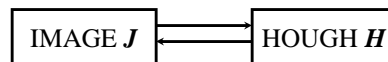


Image Space defined by  $\{M_i(x_i, y_i)\}$

A set of pixels defines a curve described by a parametric equation,

$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, x, y) = 0$$

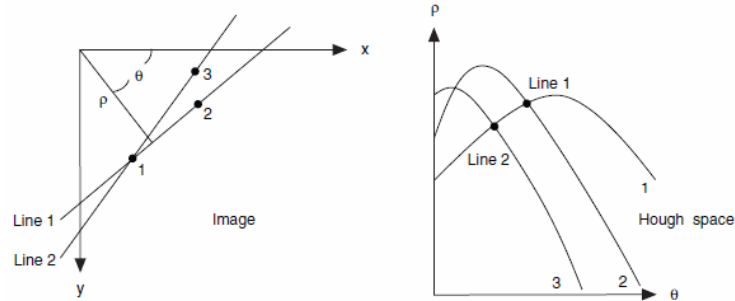
Ex.

Line  $\{y = a.x + b \text{ or } \rho = x.\cos(\theta) + y.\sin(\theta)\}$ : 2 parameters (a,b) or ( $\rho, \theta$ )

Circle  $\{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = c^2\}$ : 3 parameters (center (a,b) and radius c, or (a, w, R))

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## Hough Transform (Cont.)



A point in H corresponds to a straight line in I

A point in I corresponds to a sinusoid in H

Points on the same line in I give curves passing through a common point in H

Points on the same curve in H give lines passing through a common point in I

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## Hough Transform (Cont.)

Several kind of transformations:

- **From  $m$  to 1**  
Any " $m$ -uplets" from the image space is associated to a parametric curve  $\{a_i\}$  in the Hough space;
- **From 1 to  $n$**   
Any pixel  $(x_i, y_i)$  from the image space is associated to  $m$  parametric curves  $\{a_i\}$  in the Hough space;
- **From  $m$  to  $m'$**   
Any " $m$ -uplets" from the image space is associated to  $m'$  parametric curves  $\{a_i\}$  in the Hough space;

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## Hough Transform (Cont.)

Line detection : from m to 1

- m=2

$M_i(x_i, y_i)$  and  $M_j(x_j, y_j)$

$$\rho_k = \frac{|x_i y_j - x_j y_i|}{\sqrt{(y_j - y_i)^2 + (x_j - x_i)^2}} \quad \theta_l = -\text{Arctg} \frac{x_j - x_i}{y_j - y_i}$$

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## Hough Transform (Cont.)

Line detection : from 1 to m

### Algo.

- A- Partition H into cells  $\text{ACC}(\rho_k, \theta_l)$  initialized to 0;
- B- For each pixel  $M_i(x_i, y_i)$  in I,  
do  $\text{ACC}(\rho_k, \theta_l) \leftarrow \text{ACC}(\rho_k, \theta_l) + 1$  if  $f(\rho_k, \theta_l, x_i, y_i) \approx 0$  is verified
- C- Hence, for a given cell, that is to say  $\text{ACC}(\rho_m, \theta_n)$ ,  
its value is incremented as many times as a pixel is on the straight  
line  $(\rho_m, \theta_n)$  ;
- D- If  $\text{ACC}(\rho_m, \theta_n) > \text{Threshold}$  in H, then a straight line  $(\rho_m, \theta_n)$  in I is  
detected.

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## Split & Merge segmentation

- **Split:**

Split the picture into smaller and smaller areas until reaching a given uniformity criterion;

- **Merge:**

Merge neighboring areas according to a similarity criterion (mean, variance, etc.);

- **Split & Merge:**

Combination of both previous approaches

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## Split

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

$$TEST : E(R_l) = \frac{1}{card [R_l]} \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - m(R_l))^2 < Threshold \quad \_ 1$$

# Split

1.0		1.0	1.3
		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		

$$TEST : E(R_l) = \frac{1}{card [R_l]} \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - m(R_l))^2 < Threshold \quad \_ 1$$

# Split

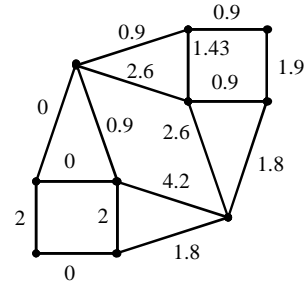
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0	0	0	0	0	0	.3	.7
0	0	0	0	.8	.2	0	0
0	0	0	0	.2	.2	0	0
0	0	0	0	.9	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.9	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.1	.1
0	0	0	0	.1	.1	.1	.1

$$TEST : E(R_l) = \frac{1}{card [R_l]} \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - m(R_l))^2 < Threshold \quad \_ 1$$

## Merge

### Region adjacency graph

1.0		1.0	1.3
		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		



$$E(R_i, R_k) = \sum_{x_i \in R_i \cup R_k} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_i, R_k))^2$$

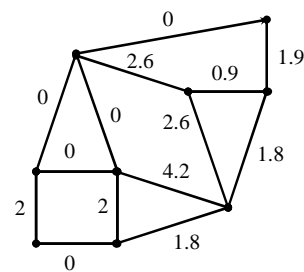
$$\mu(R_i, R_k) = \frac{1}{\text{card}\{R_i \cup R_k\}} \sum_{x_i \in R_i \cup R_k} g(x_i)$$

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## Merge

### Region adjacency graph

$\mu=1.0$		1.0	1.3
		1.8	2.0
1.0	1.0	1.9	
2.0	2.0		



$$E(R_i, R_k) = \sum_{x_i \in R_i \cup R_k} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_i, R_k))^2$$

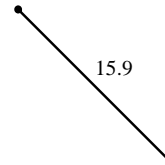
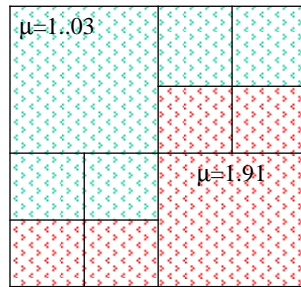
$$\mu(R_i, R_k) = \frac{1}{\text{card}\{R_i \cup R_k\}} \sum_{x_i \in R_i \cup R_k} g(x_i)$$

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$$SEQ(L) = \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{x_i \in R_l} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_l))^2 > \text{Threshold\_2}$$

## Merge

### Region adjacency graph

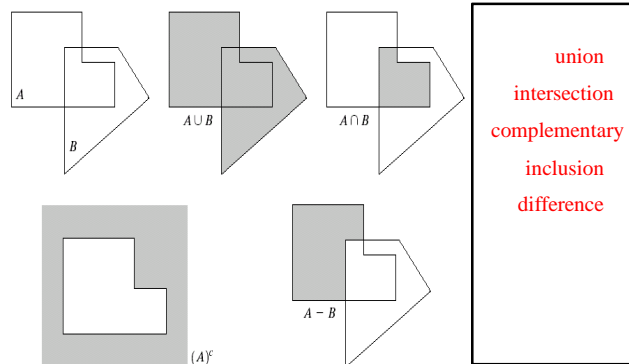


$$E(R_l, R_k) = \sum_{x_i \in R_l \cup R_k} (g(x_i) - \mu(R_l, R_k))^2$$

$$\mu(R_l, R_k) = \frac{1}{\text{card}\{R_l \cup R_k\}} \sum_{x_i \in R_l \cup R_k} g(x_i)$$

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## Math. Morpho.: Intro.



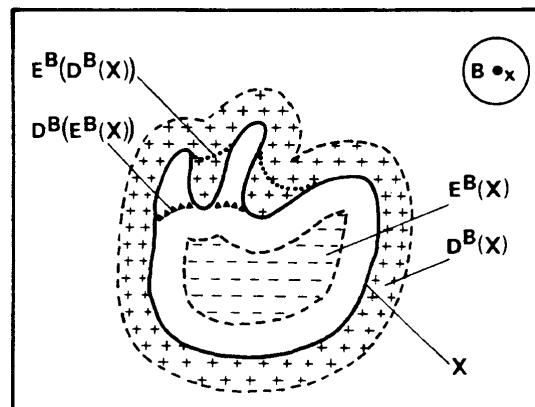
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## Math. Morpho.: Basic operations

- Object  $A$
- Structuring element  $B_p$
- EROSION  $er(A, B_p) \equiv \{p \mid B_p \subset A\}$
- DILATATION  $dil(A, B_p) \equiv \{p \mid B_p \cap A \neq \emptyset\}$
- OPENING  $dil(er(A, B_p), B_p)$
- CLOSING  $er(dil(A, B_p), B_p)$

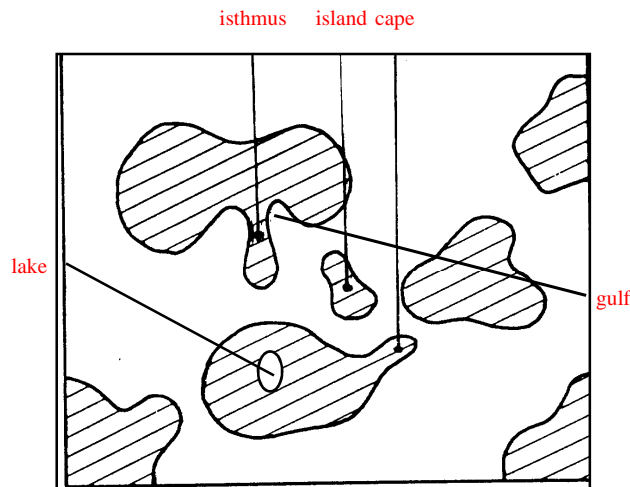
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## Math. Morpho.: Some properties (Cont.)



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## Math. Morpho.: Intro.(Cont.)



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## Math. Morpho.: Some properties

- Translation invariant
- Erosion & dilatation are not inverses of each other
- Duality:**  $\text{dil}(A, B_p) = [\text{er}(A^c, B_p)]^c$
- Increasing:  $X \subset X' \Rightarrow T(X) \subset T(X')$
- ...

**Opening:** cuts narrow isthmus;  
removes small islands and narrow capes.

**Closing:** fills narrow canals;  
removes small lakes and narrow gulfs.

It is more severe to erode prior to dilate than the contrary.

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## Erosion



Original image



Eroded image

## Erosion



Eroded once

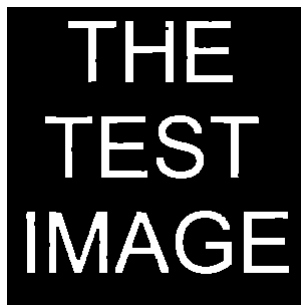


Eroded twice

## Opening and Closing



OPENING: The original image eroded twice and dilated twice (opened). Most noise is removed



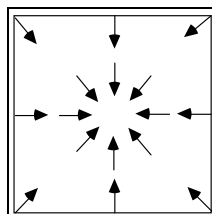
CLOSING: The original image dilated and then eroded. Most holes are filled.

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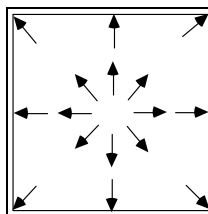
## Optical Flow, or apparent motion field

relative motion between an observer (an eye or a camera) and the scene

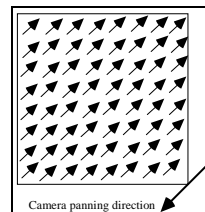
***Motion vector pattern***  
***resulting from camera panning and zooming***



zoom out

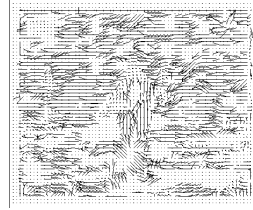


zoom in



Camera panning and tilting

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## Apparent motion

### *Optical flow*

*between two consecutive image frames taken at  $t$  and  $t'(t + \delta t)$*

#### **STEP 1. Local Estimation:**

*displacement:  $d_i(d_{x_i}, d_{y_i})$  for each pixel:  $p_i(x_i, y_i)$*

$$\begin{cases} d_{x_i} \equiv x'_i - x_i \\ d_{y_i} \equiv y'_i - y_i \end{cases}$$

## Apparent motion (Cont.)

### STEP 2. Global Interpretation

$$\{z\_f, \text{pan}_x, \text{pan}_y\}:$$

$$\forall i, \begin{pmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{pmatrix} = z\_f \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{pan}_x \\ \text{pan}_y \end{pmatrix}$$

parameter	name	interpretation
$z_f$	<i>zoom factor</i>	IF $z\_f$ is closed to 0 THEN no zoom ELSE $z_f > 1 \Rightarrow$ backward zoom $z_f < 1 \Rightarrow$ forward zoom
$t_x$	<i>vertical pan</i>	mean vertical displacement in pixels of the whole image
$t_y$	<i>horizontal pan</i>	mean horizontal displacement in pixels of the whole image

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## Estimation of the Optical Flow

Hypothesis: the luminance of a pixel is constant over time.

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

Assuming that  $\delta x$  and  $\delta y$  are smalls

$I(x, y, t)$  with Taylor series can be developed to get:

$$I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \delta t + H.O.T.$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \delta t = 0 \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} V_x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} V_y = - \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

- Technique based on a relation between spatial and temporal gradients  
(i.e. derivatives of the image at  $(x, y, t)$ )
- 1 equation – 2 unknowns
- Compute  $V_x$  and  $V_y$  via an iterative process:

$$V^{(i)} = V^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot DFD(p, t, V^{(i-1)}) \nabla I(x - V_x^{(i-1)}, y - V_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)$$

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$$d^{(i)} = d^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign}\{D^2 F D(p, t, d^{(i-1)})\} \cdot \text{sign}\{\nabla I(x - d_x^{(i-1)}, y - d_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)\}$$

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## Optical flow: basic illustration

(iteration #1)

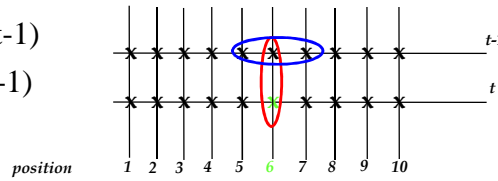
Pixel #6 at time  $t$  (from which position at  $t-1$  does this pixel come from ?)

Assumption:  $d^{(0)} = 0$

### Gradients

**Temporal**  $I(6, t) - I(6, t-1)$

**Spatial**  $I(7, t-1) - I(5, t-1)$



Gain:  $\varepsilon = 1$

Temporal  $> 0$

Spatial  $> 0$

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$$d^{(i)} = d^{(i-1)}(p, t) - \varepsilon \cdot \text{sign}\{D^2 F D(p, t, d^{(i-1)})\} \cdot \text{sign}\{\nabla I(x - d_x^{(i-1)}, y - d_y^{(i-1)}, t - 1)\}$$

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## Optical flow: basic illustration (Cont.)

(iteration #2)

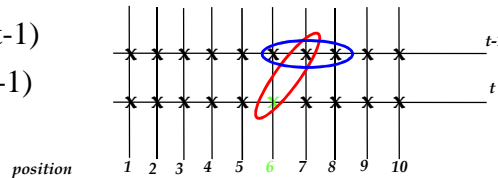
Pixel #6

$d^{(1)} = d^{(0)} - 1 = -1$

### Gradients

**Temporal**  $I(6, t) - I(7, t-1)$

**Spatial**  $I(8, t-1) - I(6, t-1)$



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