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# **Pattern recognition by transformation**

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# Fourier transform

# FT: Fourier series

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Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830):

*Any periodic function can be expressed as a sum of sinus and cosinus functions (of varying amplitudes and frequencies)*

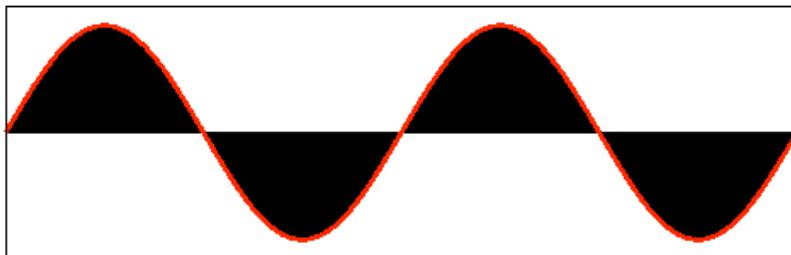


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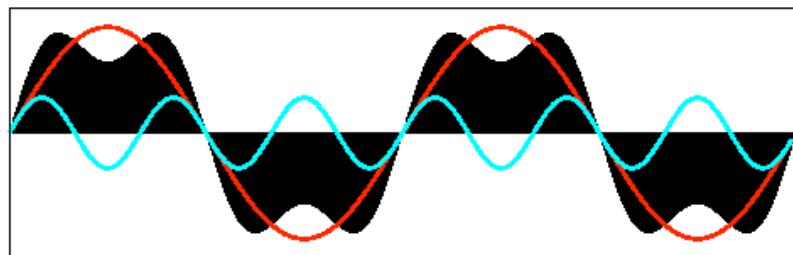
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Representing a square wave as a sum of sinus functions

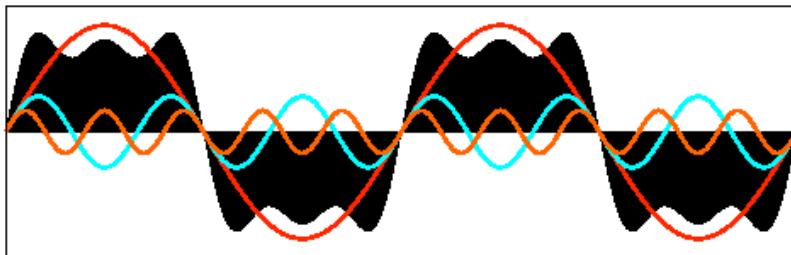
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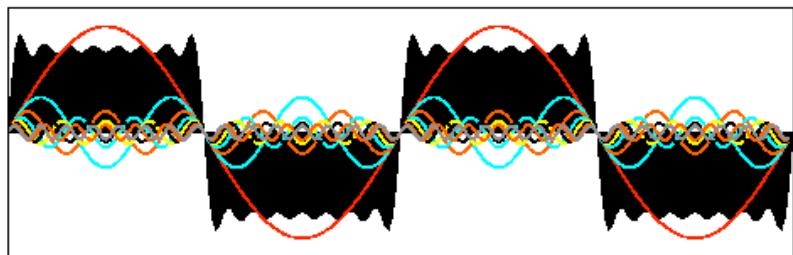
Frequencies:  $\omega + 3\omega$



Frequencies:  $\omega + 3\omega + 5\omega$



Frequencies:  $\omega + 3\omega + 5\omega + \dots + 15\omega$

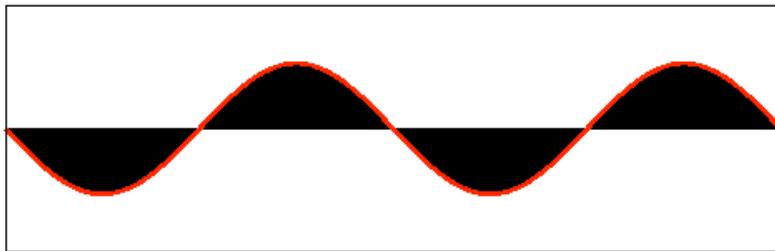


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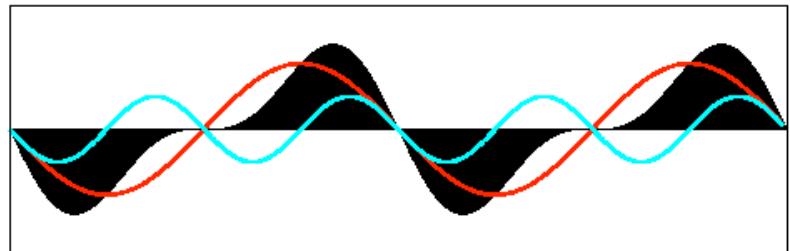
[M. Handley]

Representing a sawtooth wave as a sum of sinus functions

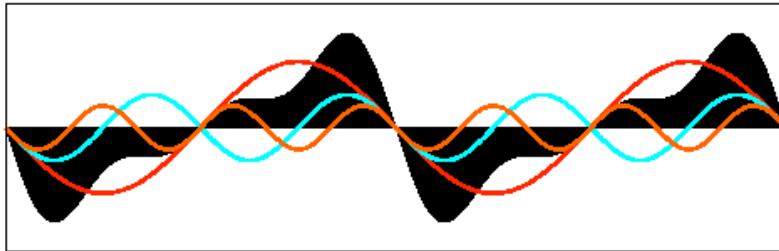
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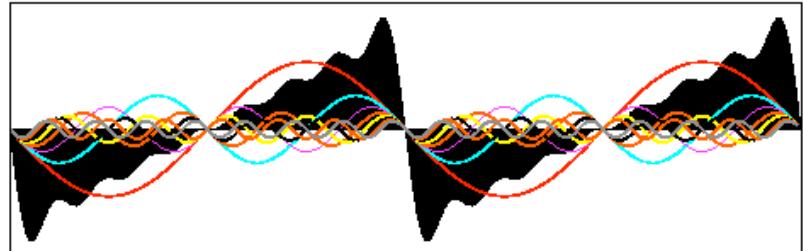
Frecuencies:  $\omega + 2\omega$



Frecuencies:  $\omega + 2\omega + 3\omega$



Frecuencies:  $\omega + 2\omega + 3\omega + \dots + 8\omega$



# FT: Fourier series

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A function  $f(x)$  can be expressed as a sum of sinus and cosinus functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx),$$

Where the coefficients are computed as follows:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

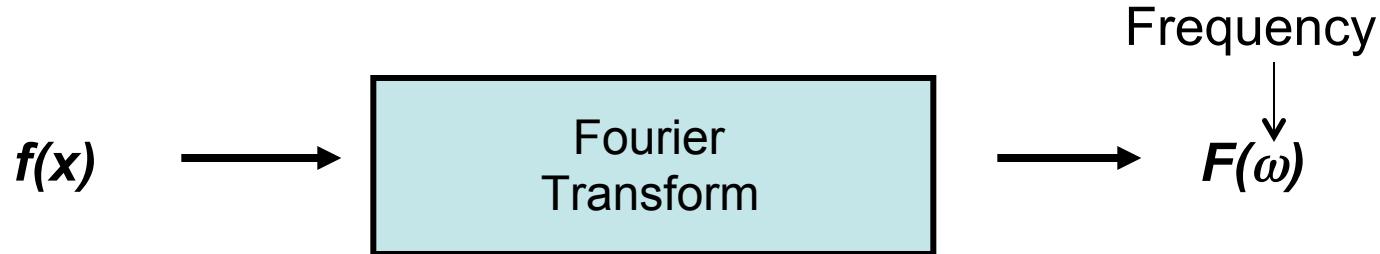
$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

# FT: Fourier transform

Fourier Series can be generalized to complex numbers, and further generalized to derive the Fourier Transform.

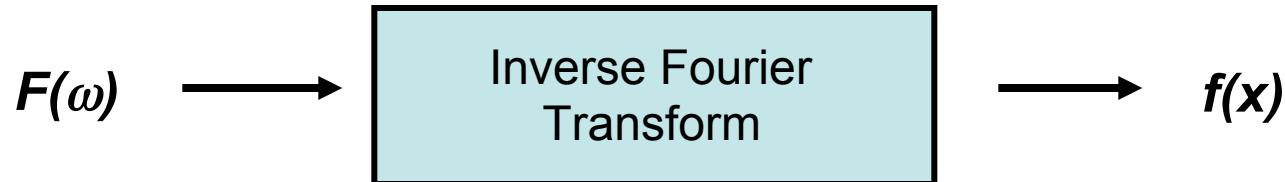


For every  $\omega$  from 0 to inf,  $F(\omega)$  holds the amplitude  $A$  and phase  $\phi$  of the corresponding sinus function -> Complex numbers!  
 $A \sin(\omega x + \phi)$

$$F(\omega) = R(\omega) + iI(\omega)$$

$$A = \pm \sqrt{R(\omega)^2 + I(\omega)^2}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{I(\omega)}{R(\omega)}$$



# FT: Fourier transform

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The purpose of the Fourier transform is to represent a signal as a linear combination of sinus signals of various frequencies.

Even functions that are **not periodic** (but whose area under the curve is finite) can be expressed as a weighted sum (integral) of sinus and/or cosinus functions

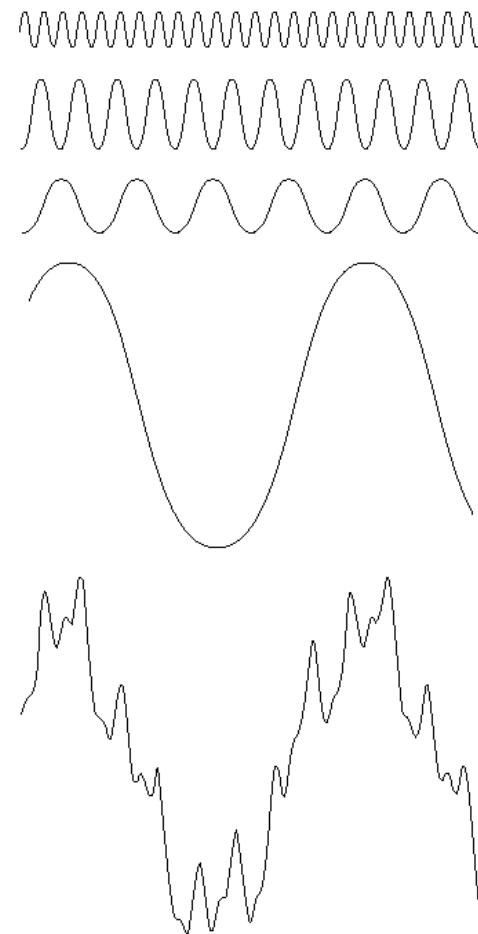


Figure: The function at the bottom is the sum of the four functions above it. Fourier's idea in 1807 was met with skepticism.

# FT: Fourier transform

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**Fourier transform:** maps a function of time (eg. signal, audio) into the frequency domain

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi ikx} dk$$

**Inverse Fourier transform:** maps a function in the frequency domain back into the time domain.

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k)e^{2\pi ikx} dk$$

Note:  $e^{xi} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$

# FT: Discrete Fourier transform

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When we wish to find the frequency spectrum of a discrete time series that we have *sampled*

## Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

$$F_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f_k e^{-2\pi i nk/N}$$

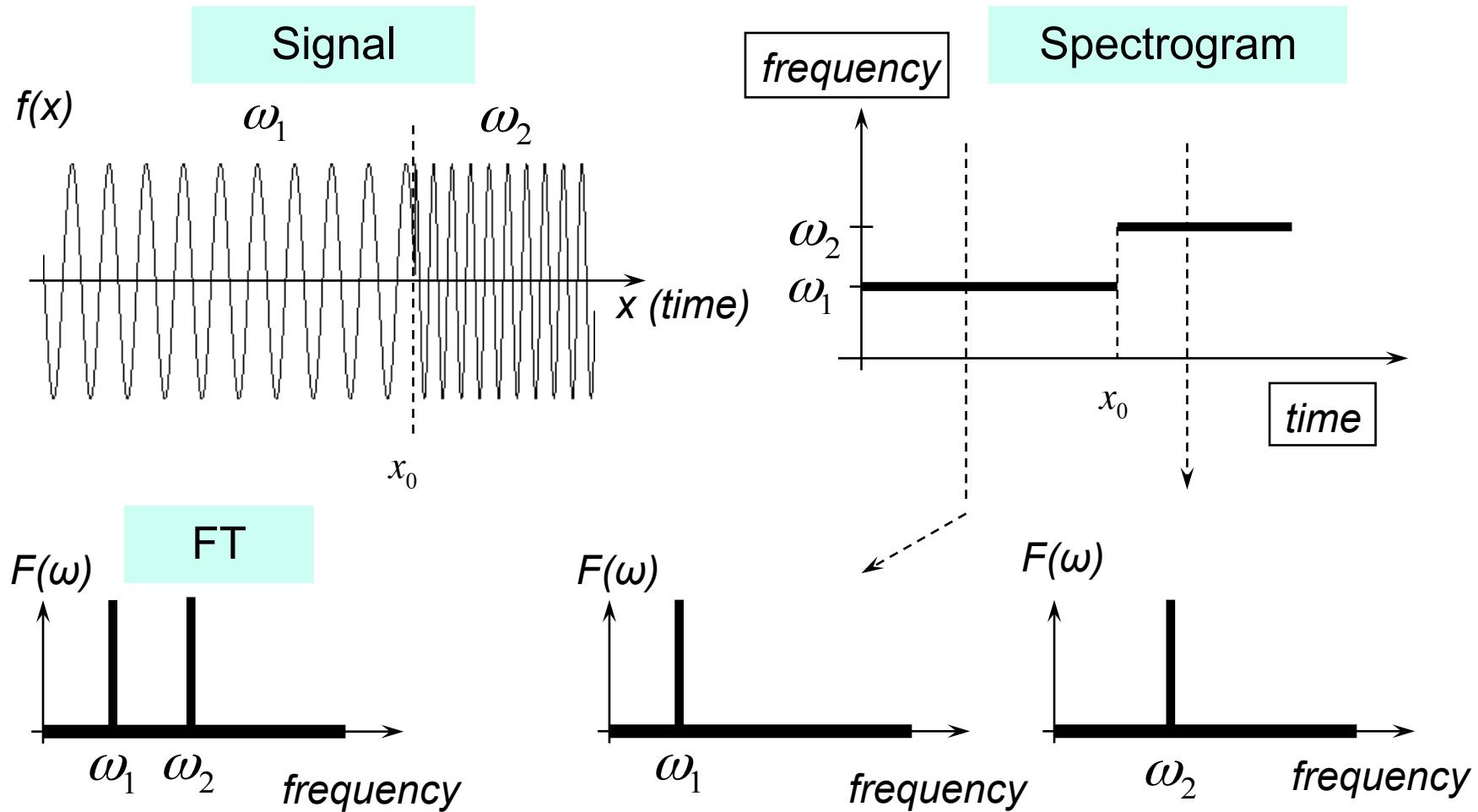
## Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT)

$$f_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} F_n e^{-2\pi i kn/N}$$

# FT: Identification of musical notes

[R. Cristi]

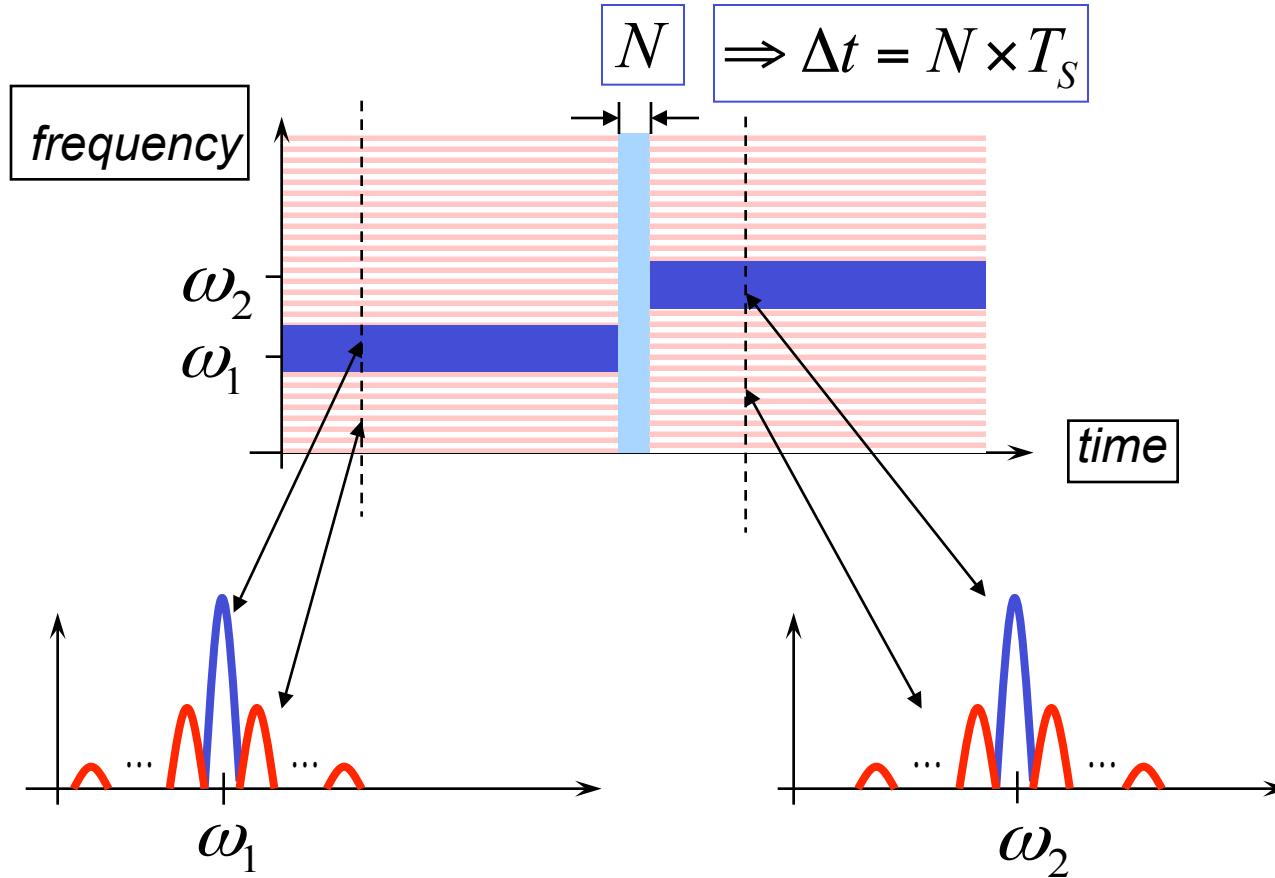
Ideally we would like to have this:



# FT: identification of musical notes

[R. Cristi]

In a less ideal situation:

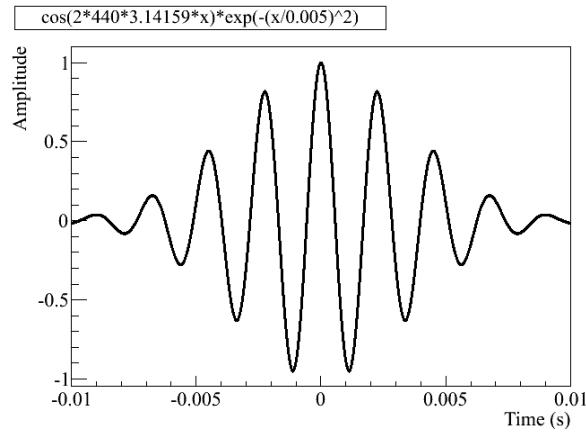


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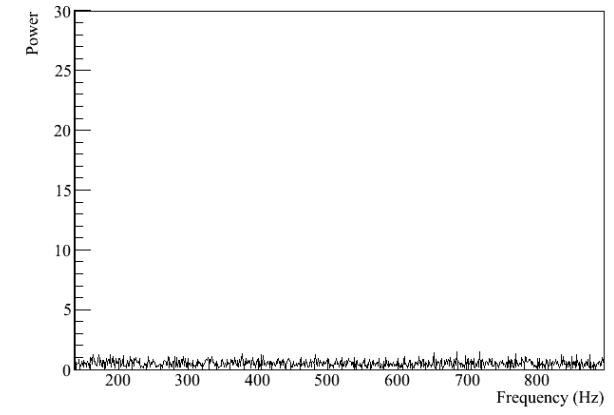
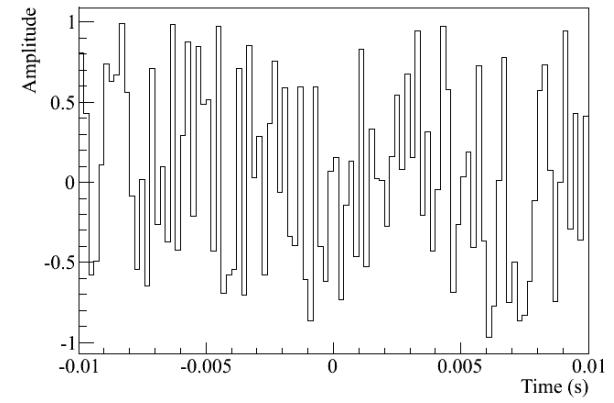
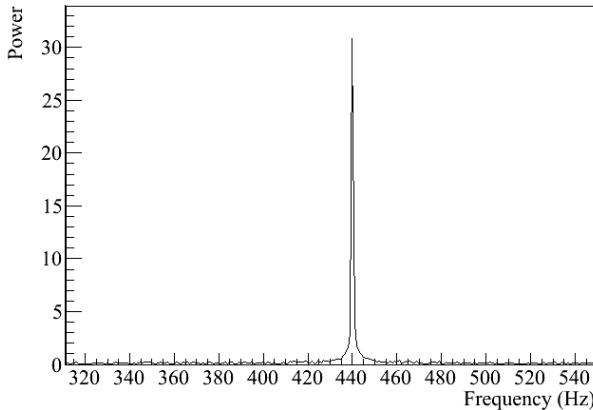
The root **note A** is a sound wave with a frequency of 440 Hz.

**White noise** is a random signal with a constant power spectral density (combination of all frequencies).

Signal



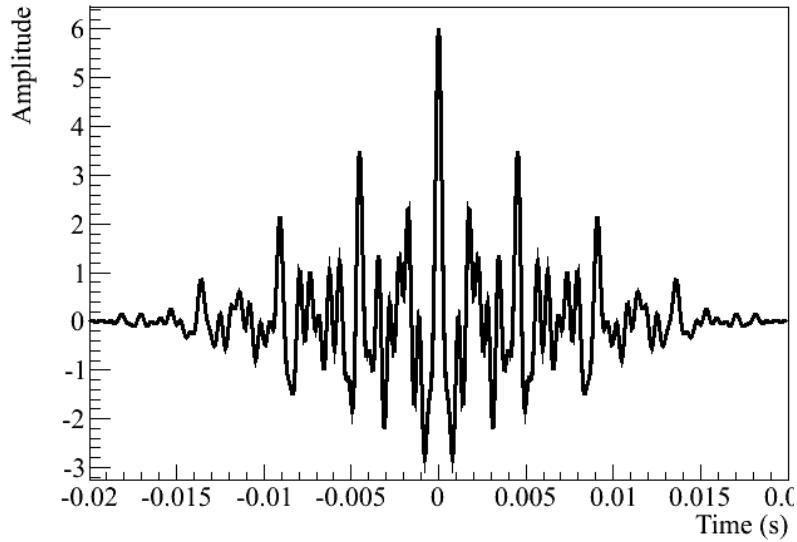
Fourier transform



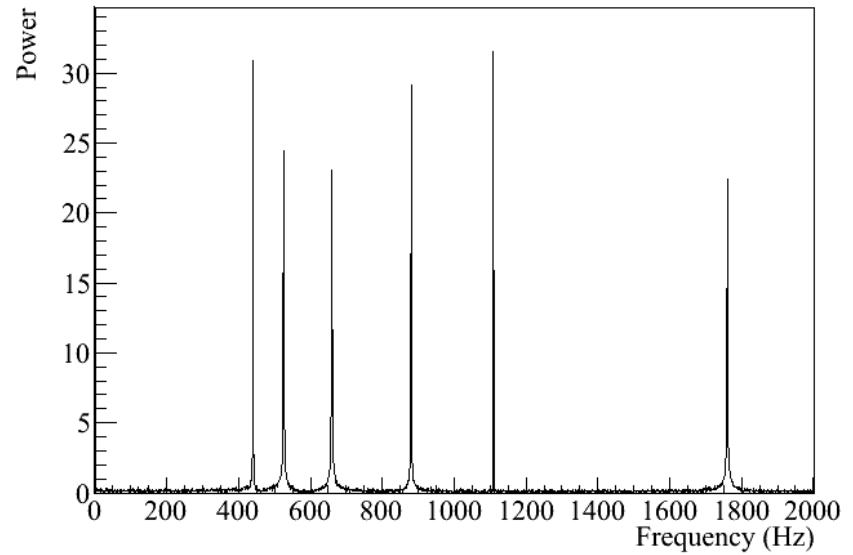
# FT: Identification of musical notes

The full **A chord** (as produced by the string of a guitar).

Signal

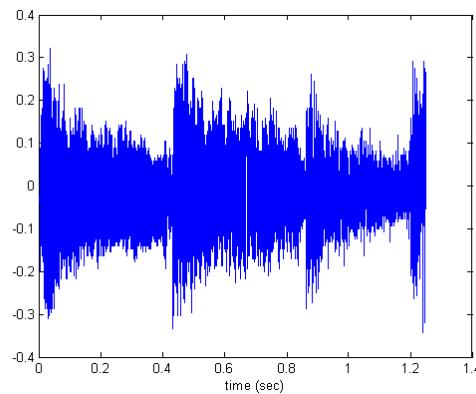
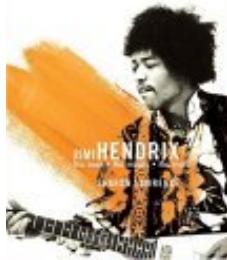


Fourier transform

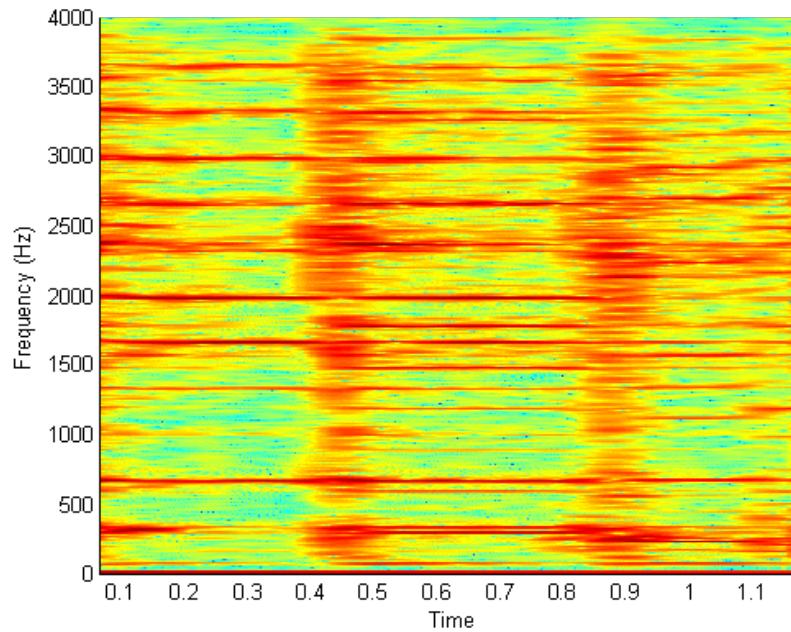


# FT: identification of musical notes

[R. Cristi]



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spectrogram(y(12001:22000), hamming(1024), 1000, 1024,'yaxis');
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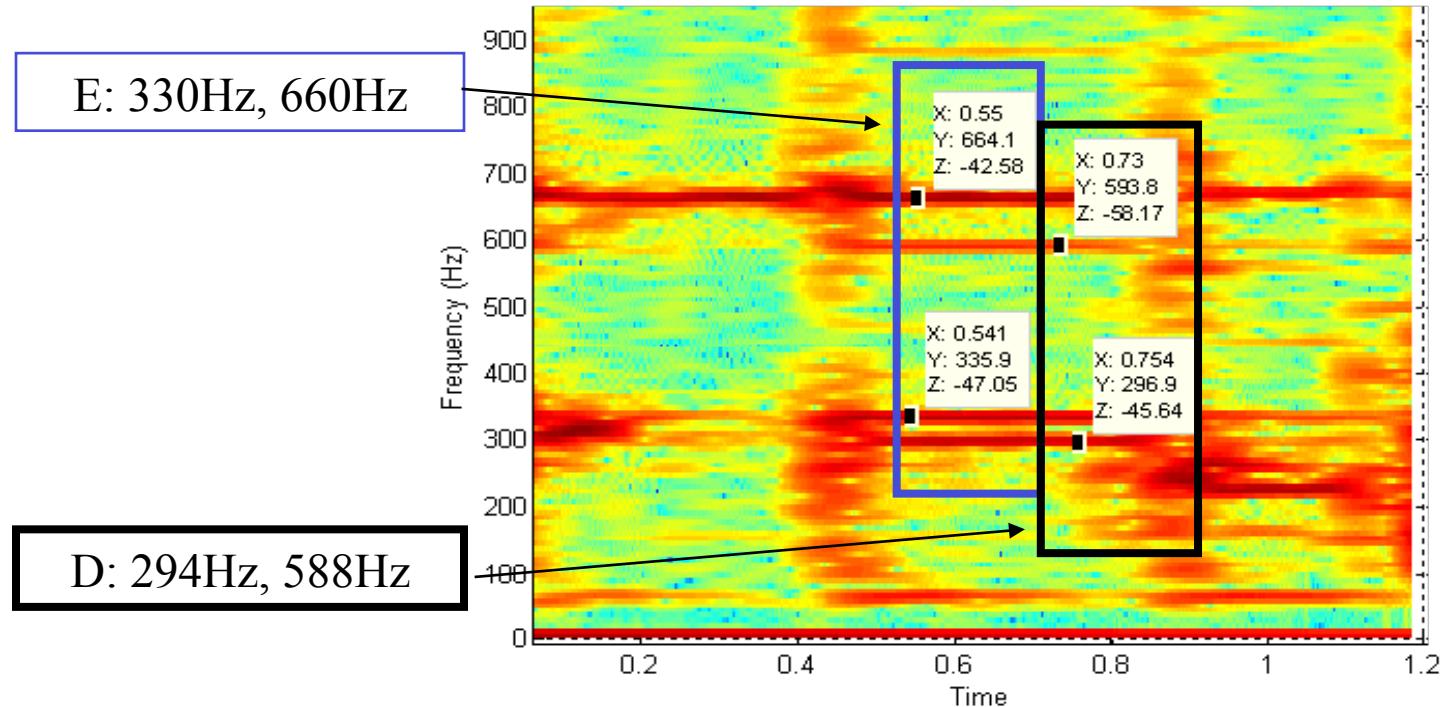


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[R. Cristi]

## Closest notes

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spectrogram(y(12001:22000), hamming(1024), 1000, 1024,'yaxis');
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Notes	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	Gb	G	Ab	A	Bb	B
Freq. (Hz)	262	277	294	311	330	349	370	392	415	440	466	494

# FT: identification of musical notes

[R. Cristi]

Moderately Slow  $\text{♩} = 88$

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\*N.C.

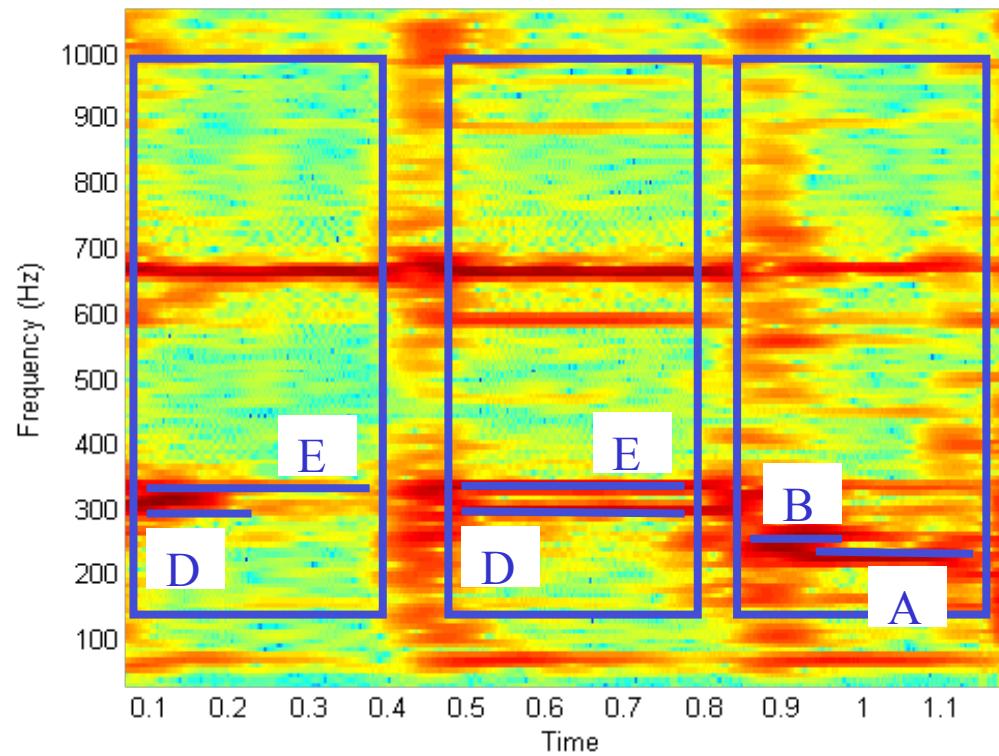
E

N.C.

E5

mf

lat raga



# FT: Summary

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Fourier transform represents a signal as a linear combination of sinus signals of various frequencies.

Some patterns (notes, chords) can be recognized easier in the Fourier domain than in the spatial or time domains.

Some processing tasks can be done with greater simplicity in the Fourier domain than in the spatial or time domains. For example: a convolution becomes a multiplication.

Typical procedure:

- (1) Apply FT to transform a function (1D - signal, 2D – image, ...) to the frequency domain.
- (2) Carry the task(s) in the frequency domain.
- (3) Apply IFT to return to the spatial or time domain (if needed).

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# Hough transform

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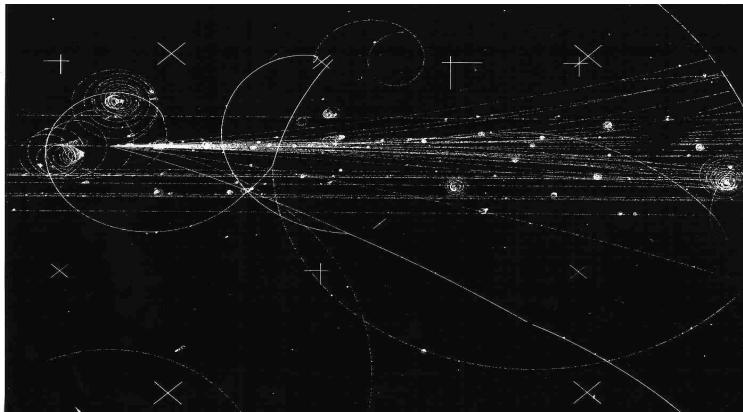
# Hough transform for finding lines

# HT: Introduction

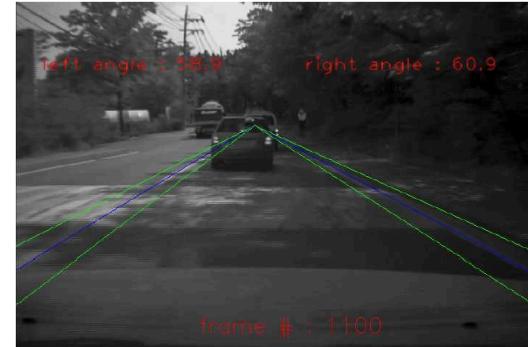
[Kristen Grauman]

## Why find lines?

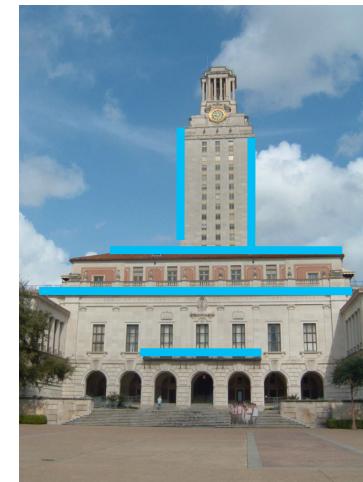
Many objects characterized by presence of straight lines.



Bubble chamber



Remote landing lane localization

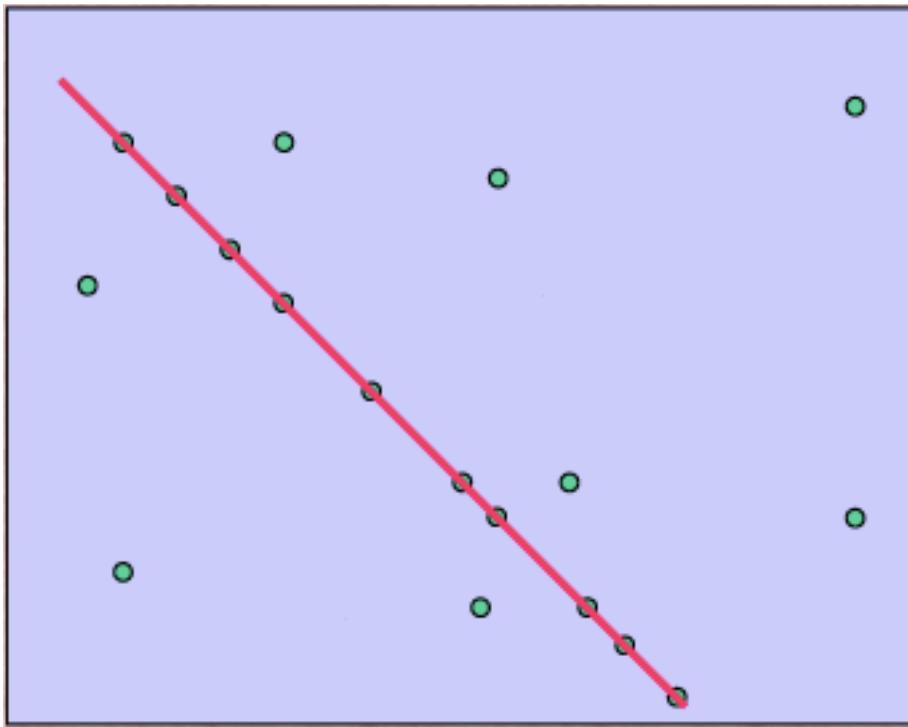


Wait, do we just not apply edge detection?

# HT: The problem

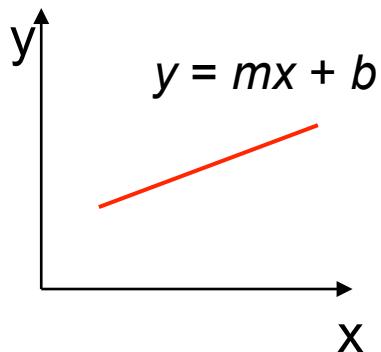
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Given a set of points in 2-D, find if a sub-set of these points, fall on a LINE.



# HT: Parameter space representation

A line has two parameters ( $m, b$ )



Line equation

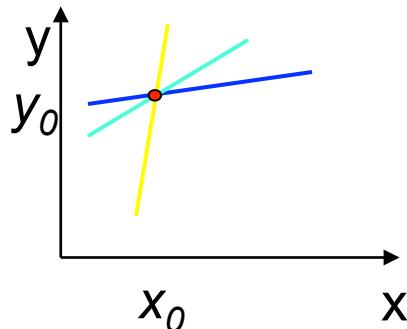
$$y = mx + b$$

Rewrite this equation

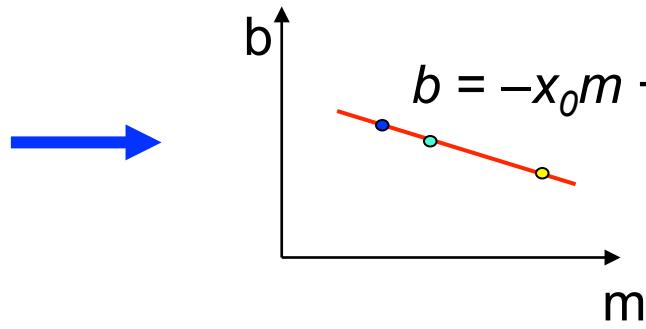
$$b = -xm + y$$

A point  $(x_0, y_0)$  in the image space is a line in Hough space  $b = -x_0 m + y_0$ . This line is formed by the possible combinations of parameters  $(a, b)$  of lines that pass through the point  $(x, y)$

Image space

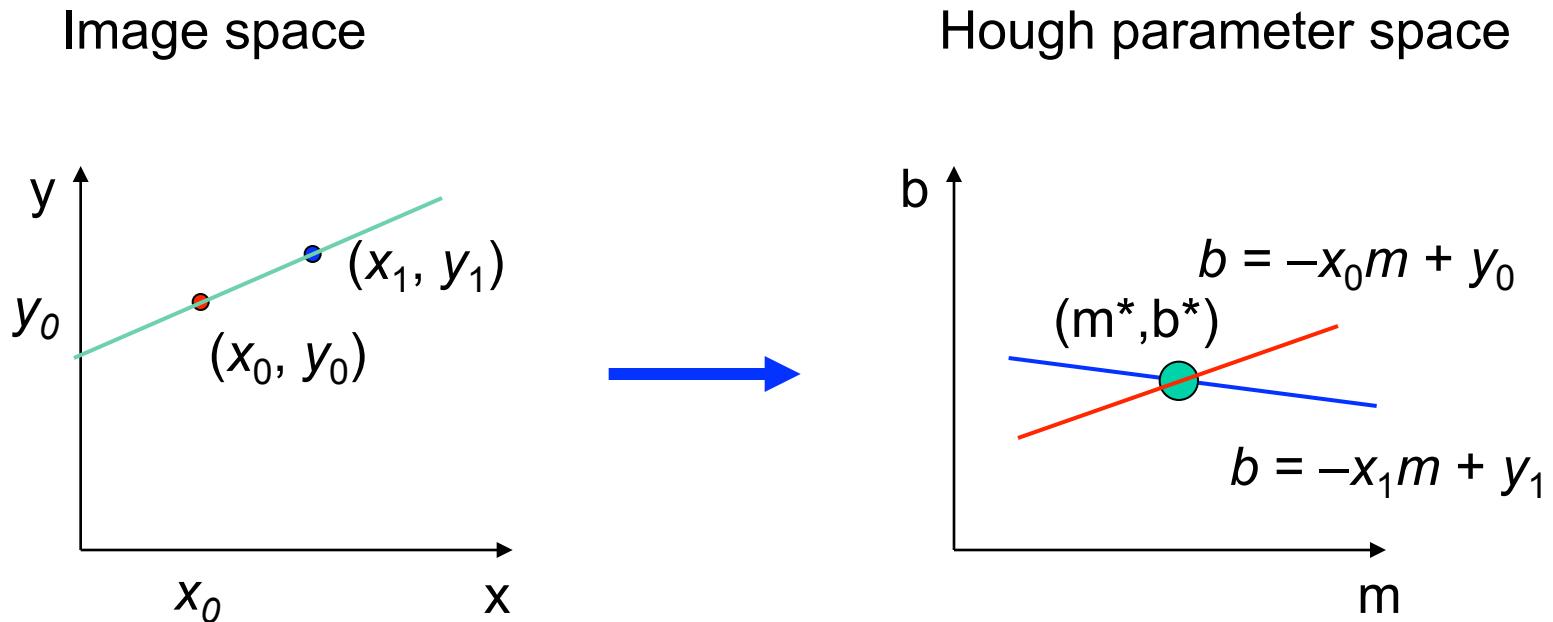


Hough parameter space



# HT: Parameter space representation

All points on a line in image space, yield lines in parameter space which intersect at a common point  $(m^*, b^*)$  of the parameters of the line in the space domain



# HT: Hough transform algorithm

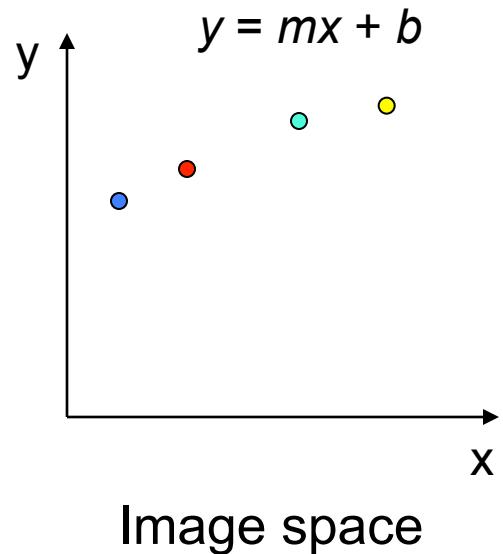
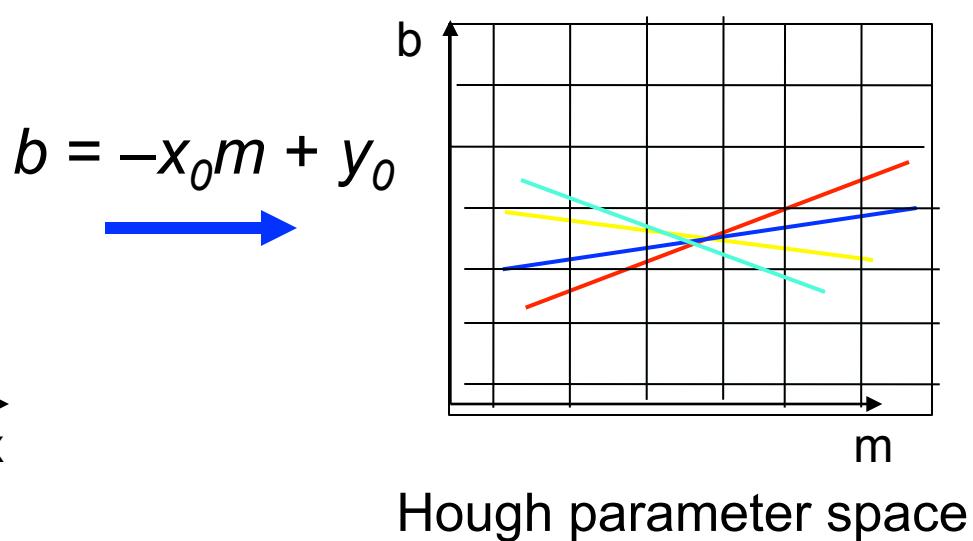


Image space



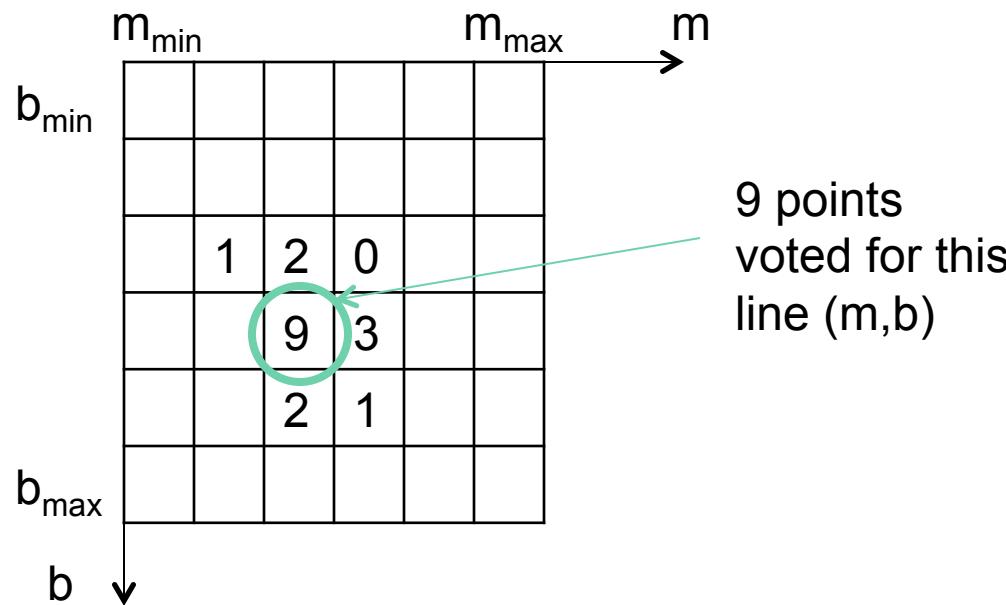
Hough parameter space

How can we find the most likely parameters ( $m, b$ ) for a line in the image space?

- Let each edge point in image space *vote* for a set of possible parameters in Hough space
- Accumulate votes in discrete set of bins; parameters with the most votes indicate line in image space.

# HT: Hough transform algorithm

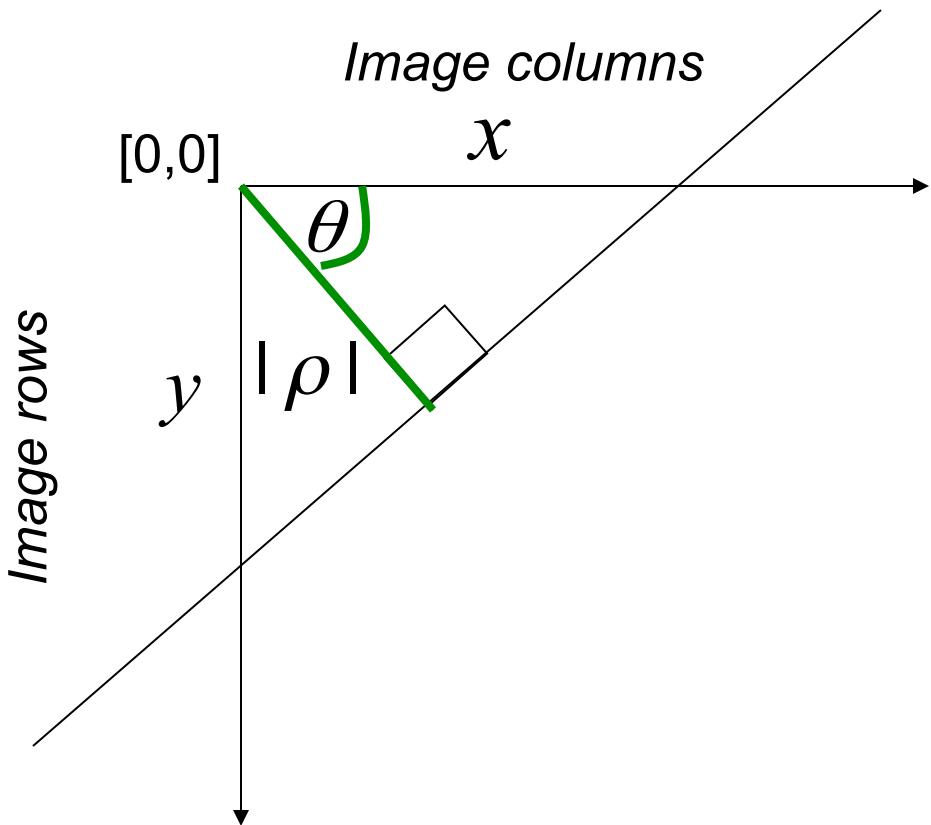
- Quantize the parameter space  $H[m_{min}, \dots m_{max}, b_{min}, \dots b_{max}]$
  - Initialize accumulator  $H(m,b)$  to all zeros
  - For each feature point  $(x,y)$  in the image increment all cells that satisfy  $b = -xm + y$ 
    - For  $(m = m_{min}, m \leq m_{max}, m++)$
    - $b = -xm + y$
    - $H(m,b) = H(m,b) + 1$
  - Local maxima in  $H(m,b)$  correspond to lines given by  $y = mx + b$



# HT: Polar representation of lines

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- Avoids infinite slope (vertical lines)
- Constant resolution



$$\rho = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

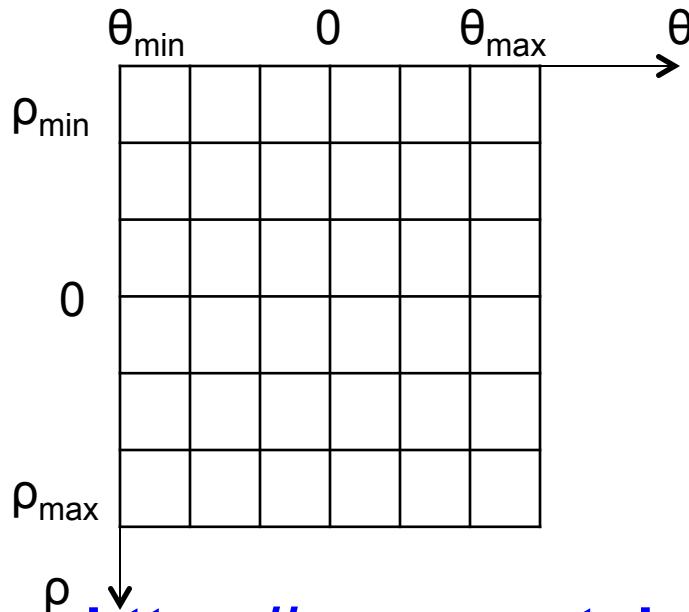
$|\rho|$  : smallest distance from line to origin

$\theta$  : angle the perpendicular makes with the *x*-axis (angle of the line and the *y*-axis)

Point in image space  $\rightarrow$  sinusoid curve segment in Hough space

# HT: Hough transform algorithm - Polar

- Quantize the parameter space  $H[\rho_{min}, \dots \rho_{max}, \theta_{min}, \dots \theta_{max}]$
- Initialize accumulator  $H(\theta, \rho)$  to all zeros
- For each feature point  $(x, y)$  in the image
  - For  $(\theta = \theta_{min}, \theta \leq \theta_{min}, \theta++)$   
 $\rho = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$   
 $H(\theta, \rho) = H(\theta, \rho) + 1$
- Local maxima in  $H(\theta, \rho)$  correspond to lines given by  
 $\rho = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$



Conventions:

$\rho_{min}$  = - diagonal image

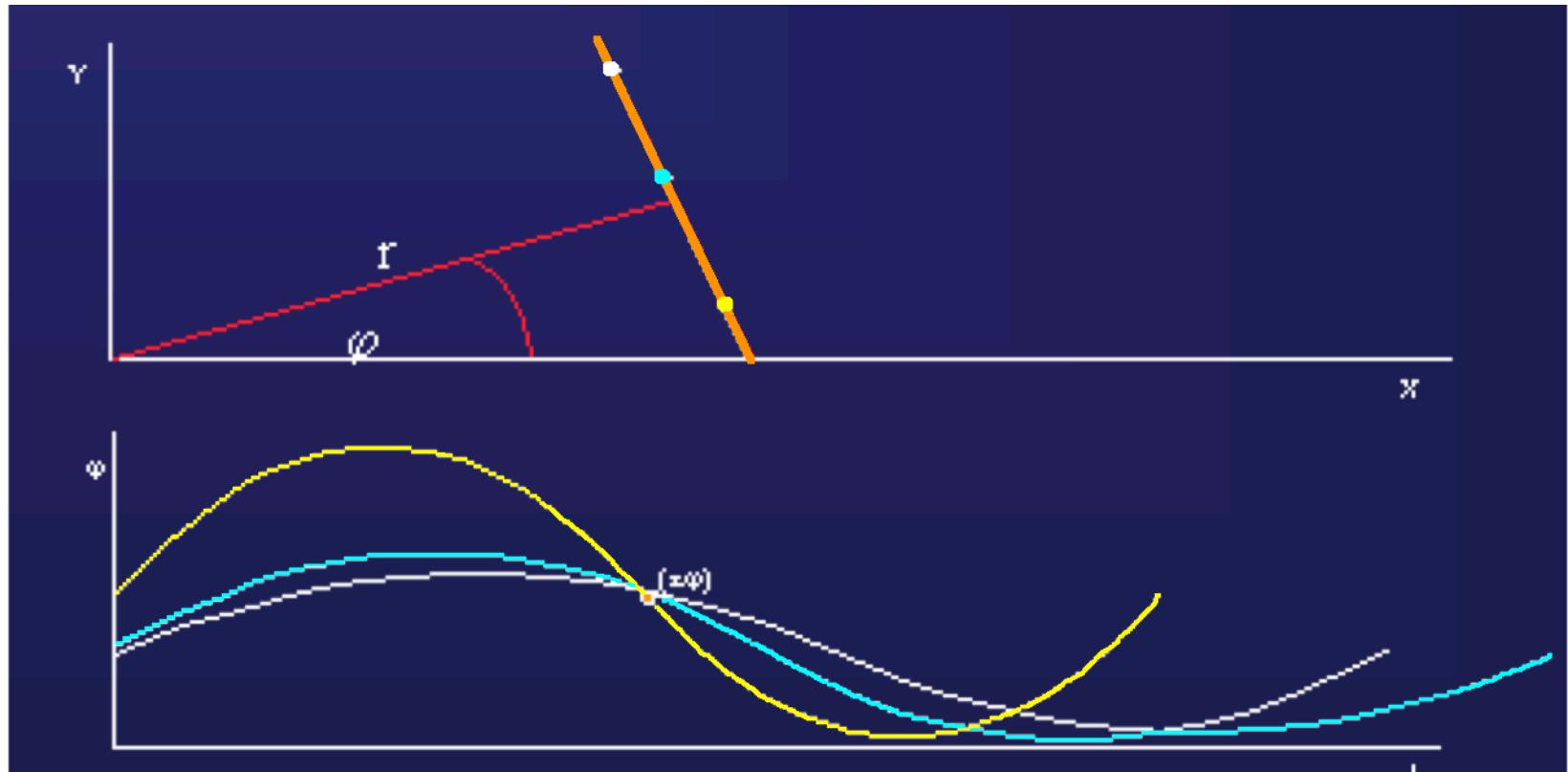
$\rho_{max}$  = diagonal image

$\theta_{min} = -90^\circ$

$\theta_{max} = +90^\circ$

# HT: Basic illustration

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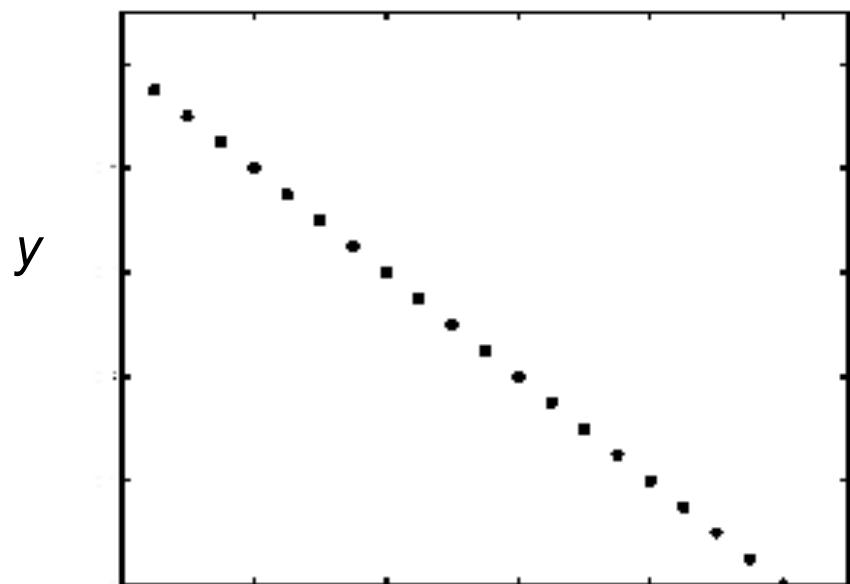


The points on a given line in the polar line parameter space are the votes casted by a given point in the image space

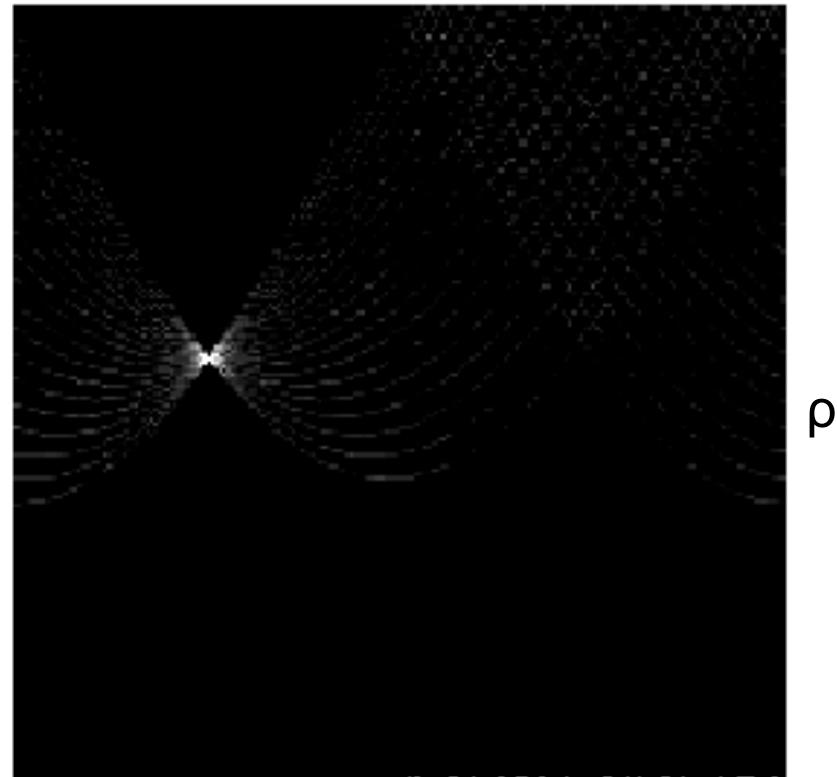
# HT: Basic illustration

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points



Votes in line parameter space



$x$

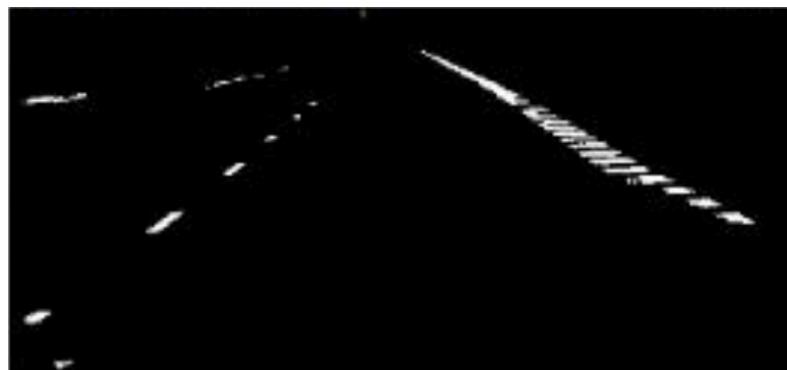
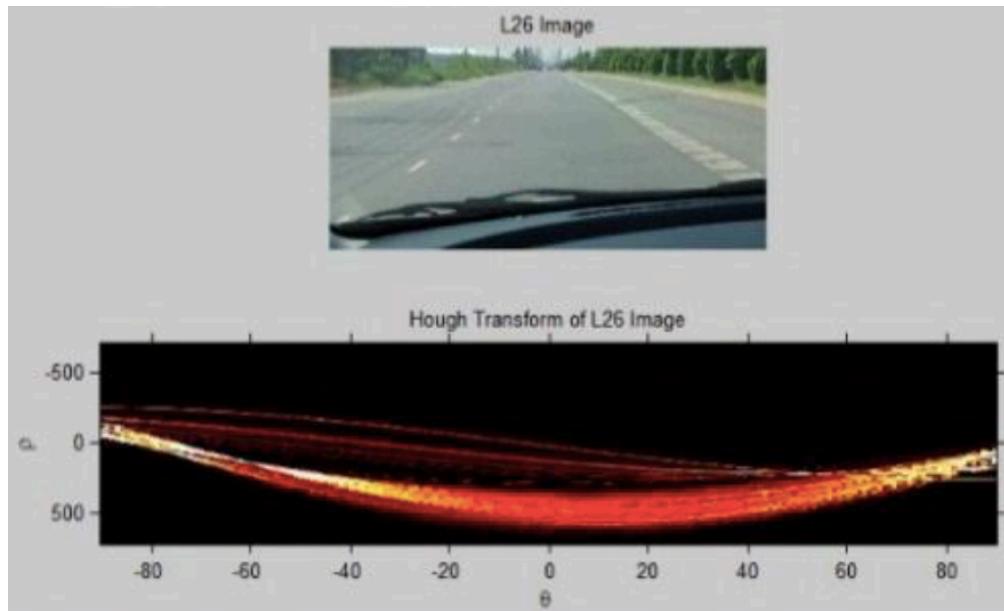
$\theta$

Bright value: high vote count

Black value: no votes

# HT: Other shapes

[Ganokratanaa et al., 2013 ]



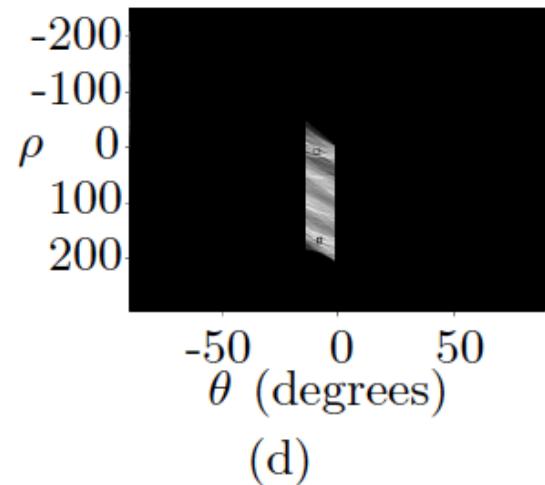
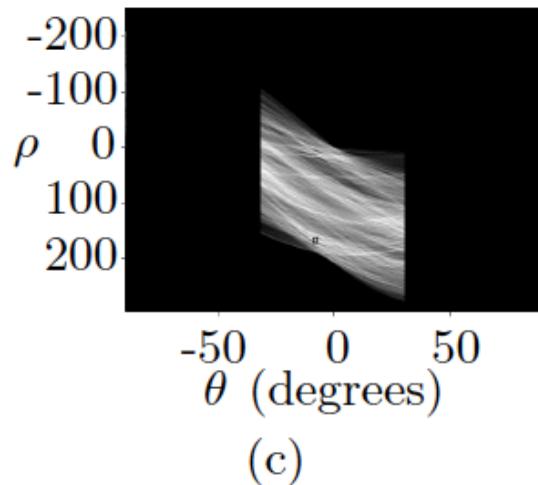
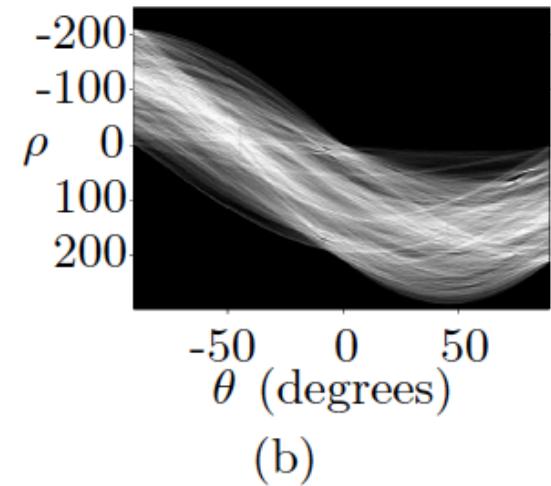
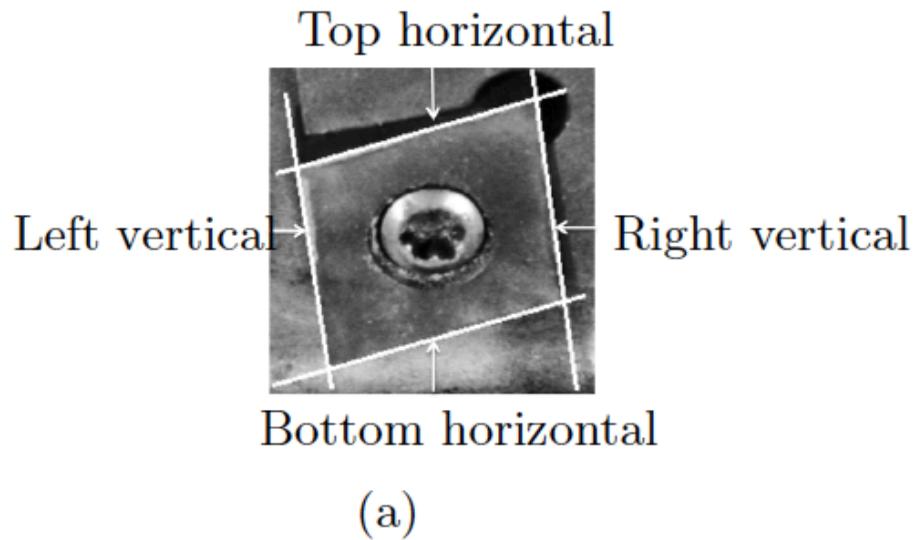
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[Fernández-Robles et al., 2015]



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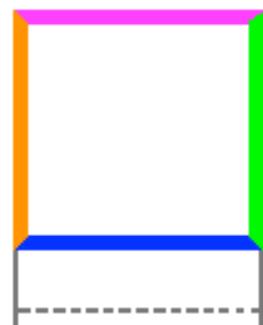
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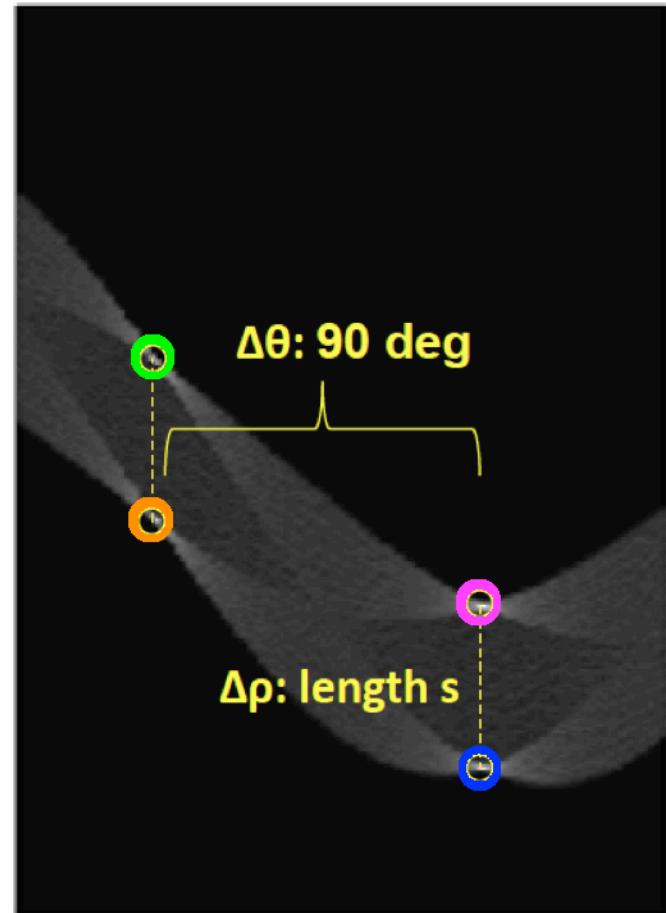
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Square



$\Delta\rho$

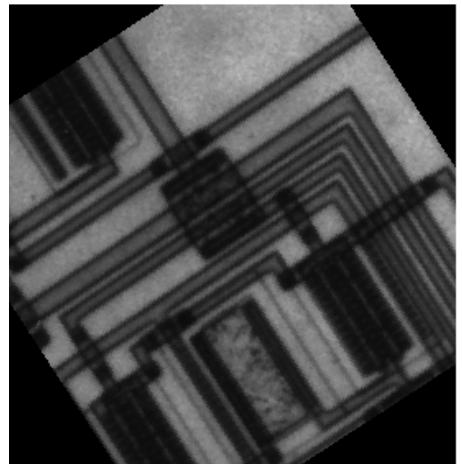


# HT: Matlab

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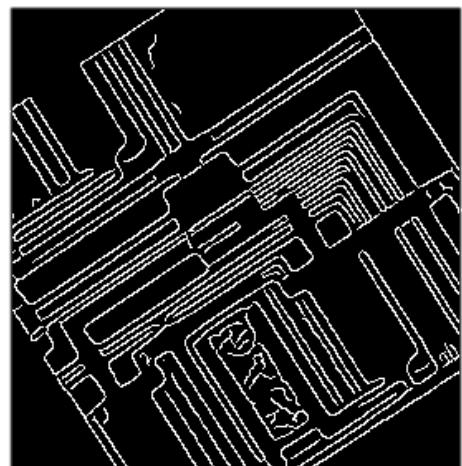
%READ AN IMAGE

```
I = imread('circuit.tif');  
rotI = imrotate(I,33,'crop');  
imshow(rotI)
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%FIND EDGES

```
BW = edge(rotI,'canny');  
imshow(BW);
```



%COMPUTE THE HOUGH TRANSFORM

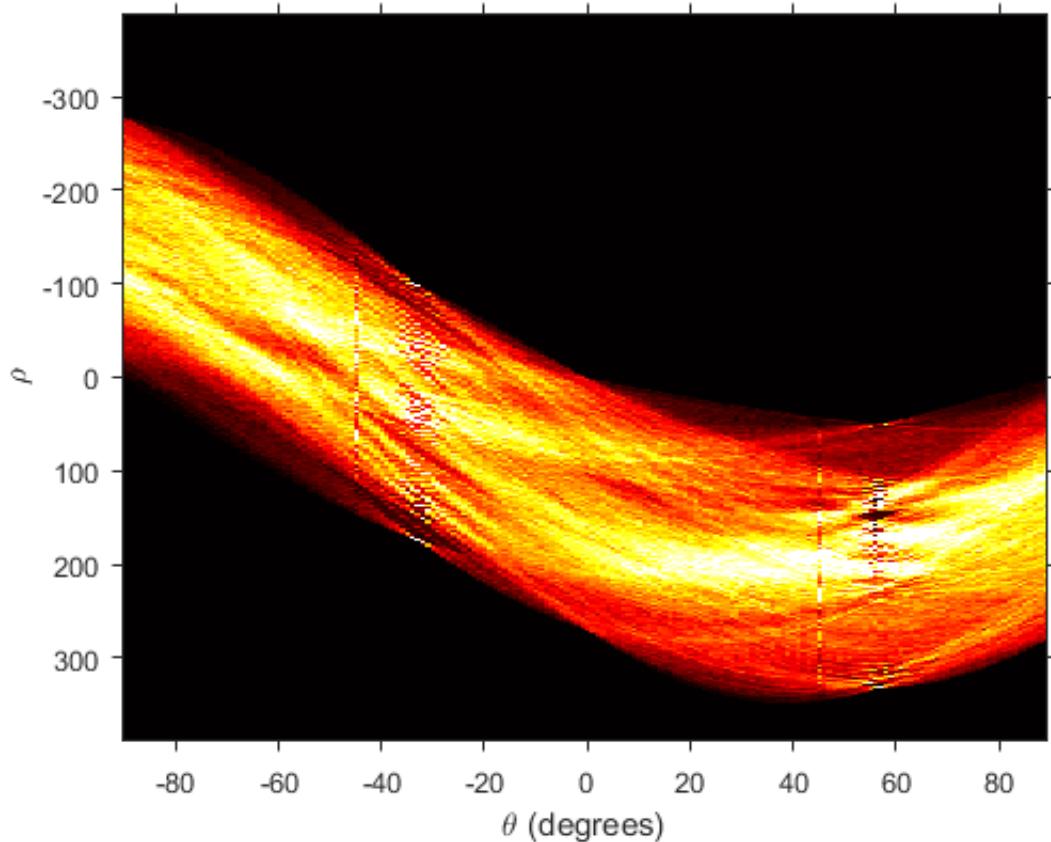
```
[H,theta,rho] = hough(BW);
```

# HT: Matlab

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```
%DISPLAY THE RESULT OF THE HOUGH TRANSFORM
```

```
figure  
imshow(imadjust(mat2gray(H)),[],...  
    'XData',theta,...  
    'YData',rho,...  
    'InitialMagnification','fit');  
xlabel('\theta (degrees)')  
ylabel('rho')  
axis on  
axis normal  
hold on  
colormap(hot)
```



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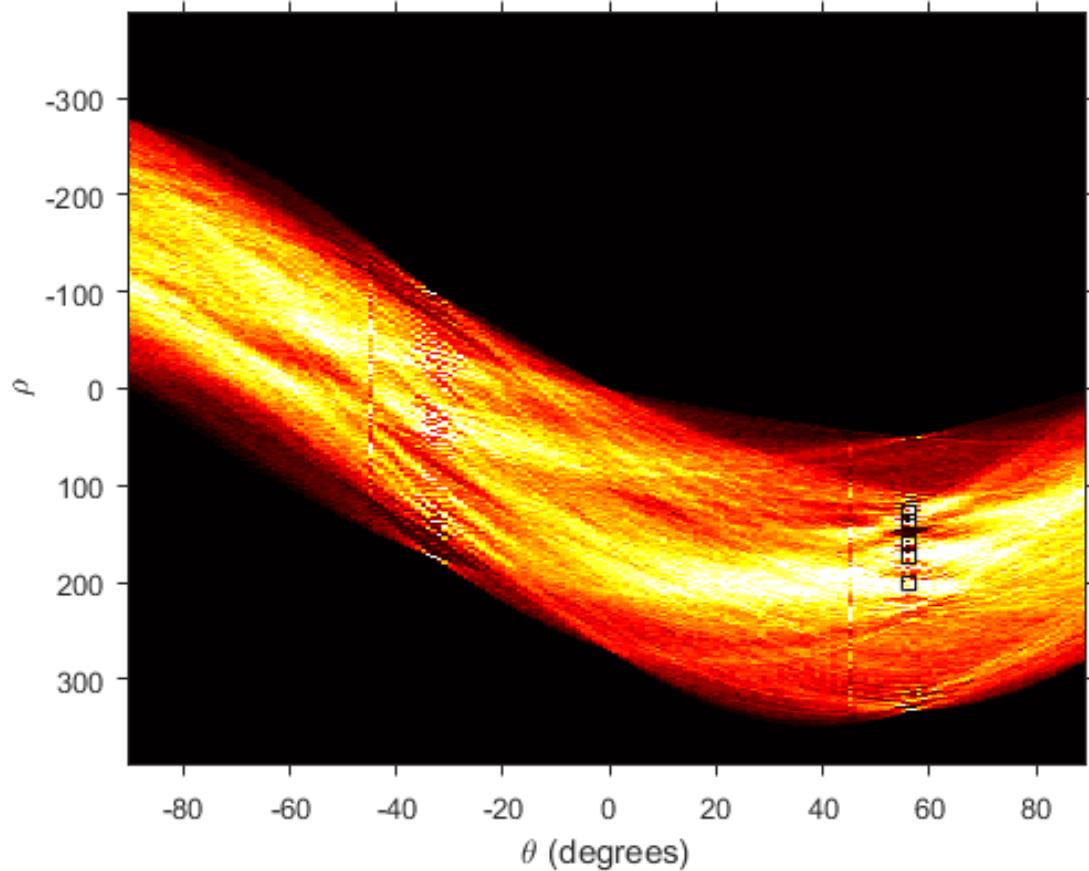
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%FIND PEAKS

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P = houghpeaks(H,5,'threshold',ceil(0.3*max(H(:))));
```

%SUPERIMPOSE THE PEAKS IN THE HT

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x = theta(P(:,2));
y = rho(P(:,1));
plot(x,y,'s','color','black');
```



# HT: Matlab

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```
%FIND LINES
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```
lines = houghlines(BW,theta,rho,P,'FillGap',5,'MinLength',7);
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%DISPLAY ORIGINAL IMAGE WITH LINES %SUPERIMPOSED
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```
figure, imshow(rotl), hold on
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max_len = 0;
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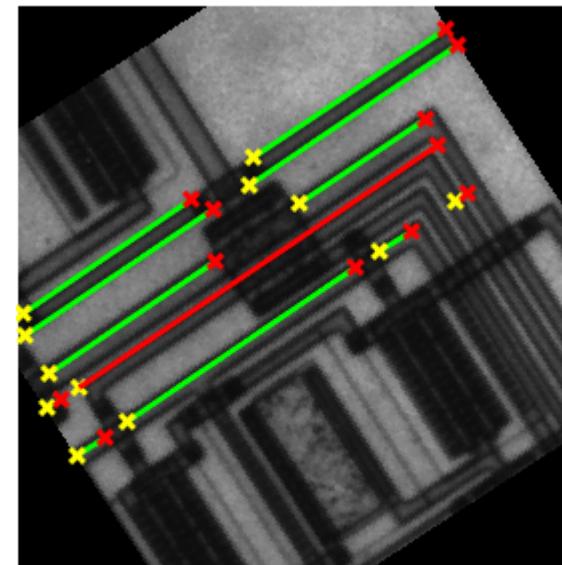
```
for k = 1:length(lines)
```

```
    xy = [lines(k).point1; lines(k).point2];
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    plot(xy(:,1),xy(:,2),'LineWidth',...
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        2,'Color','green');
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end
```



# HT: Demo

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[http://www.activovision.com/octavi/  
doku.php?id=hough transform](http://www.activovision.com/octavi/doku.php?id=hough_transform)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zHbl-  
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# Hough transform for finding circles

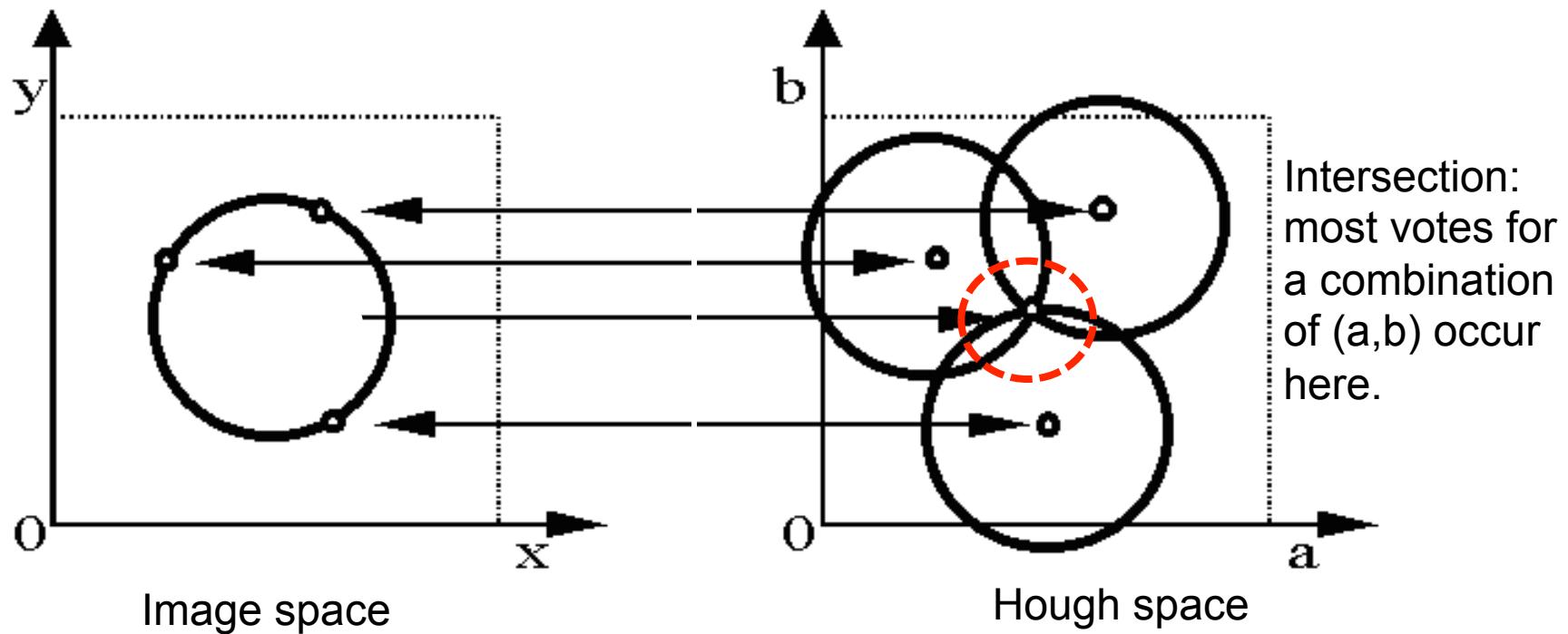
# CHT: Hough transform for circles

- Circle: center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

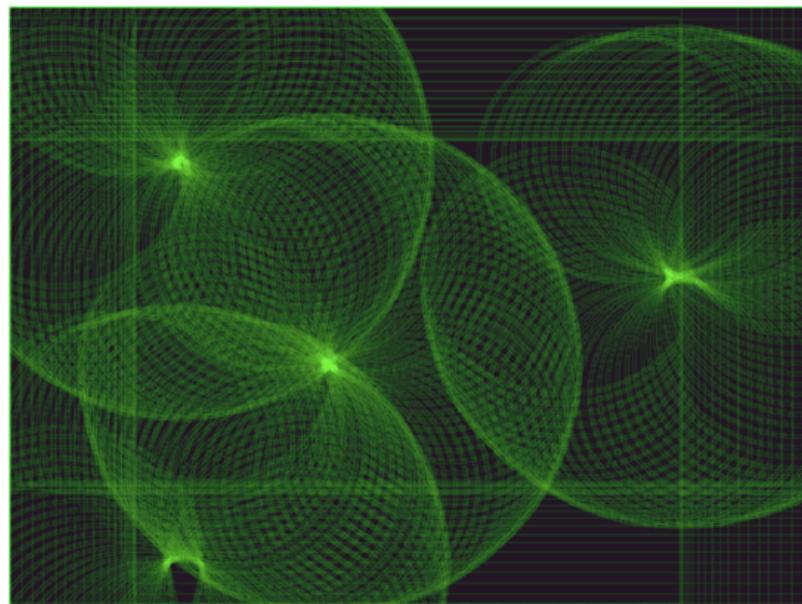
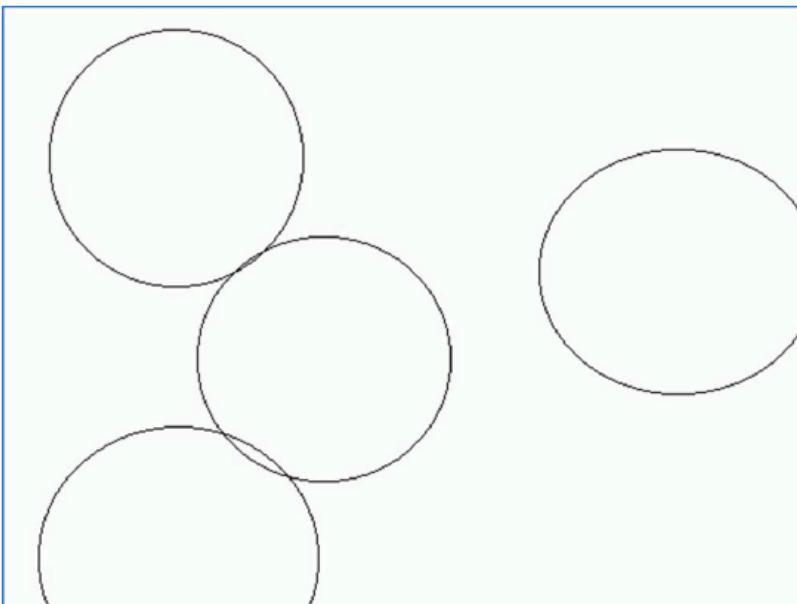
For a fixed radius  $r$  and unknown gradient direction.

Accumulator array  $H(a, b)$



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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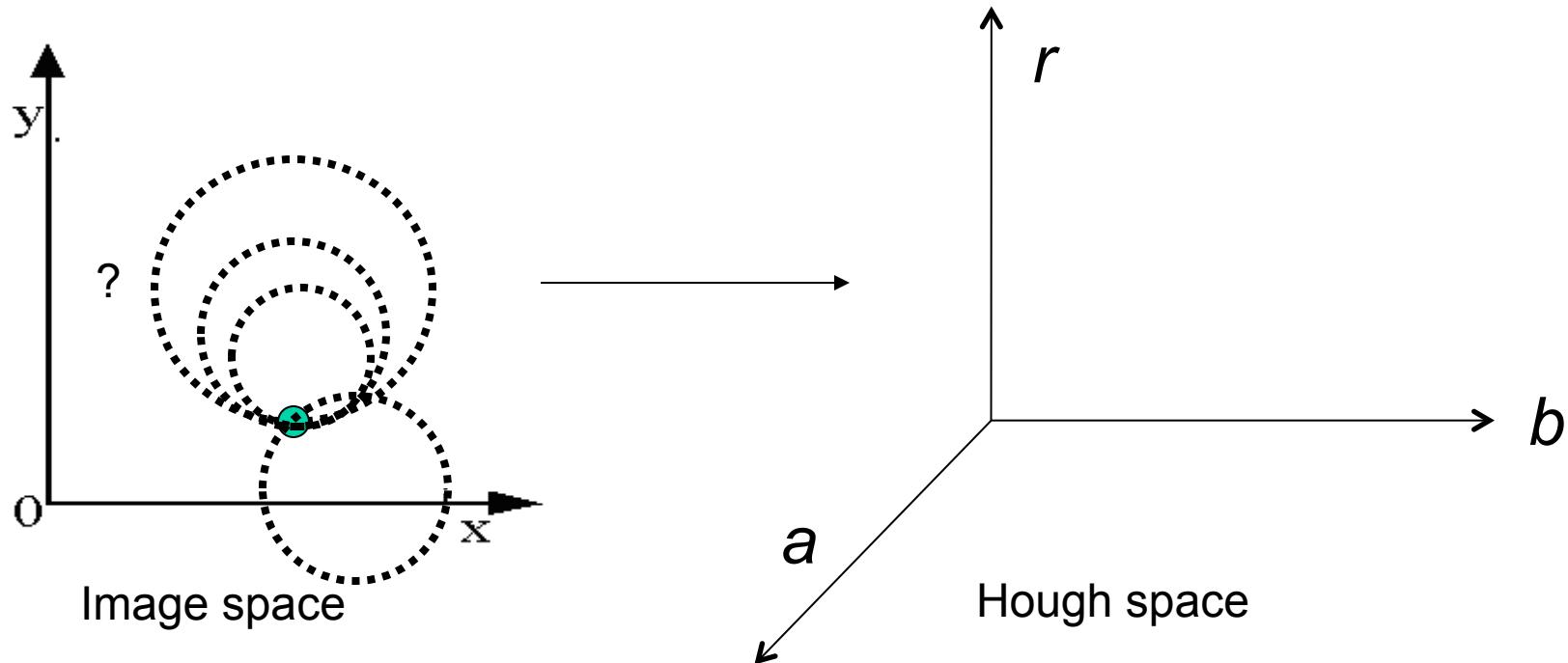
# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Circle with a center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$ :

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

For an unknown radius  $r$  and unknown gradient direction



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

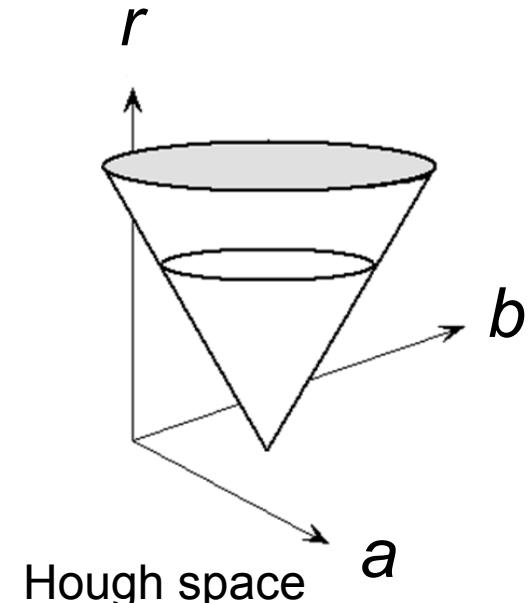
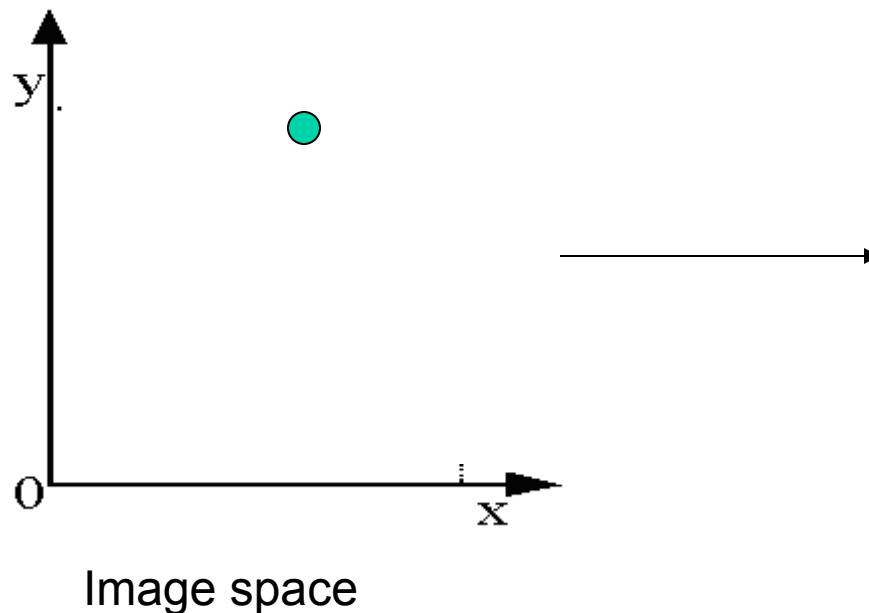
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- Circle with a center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

For an unknown radius  $r$  and unknown gradient direction

3D accumulator array  $H(a, b, r)$



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

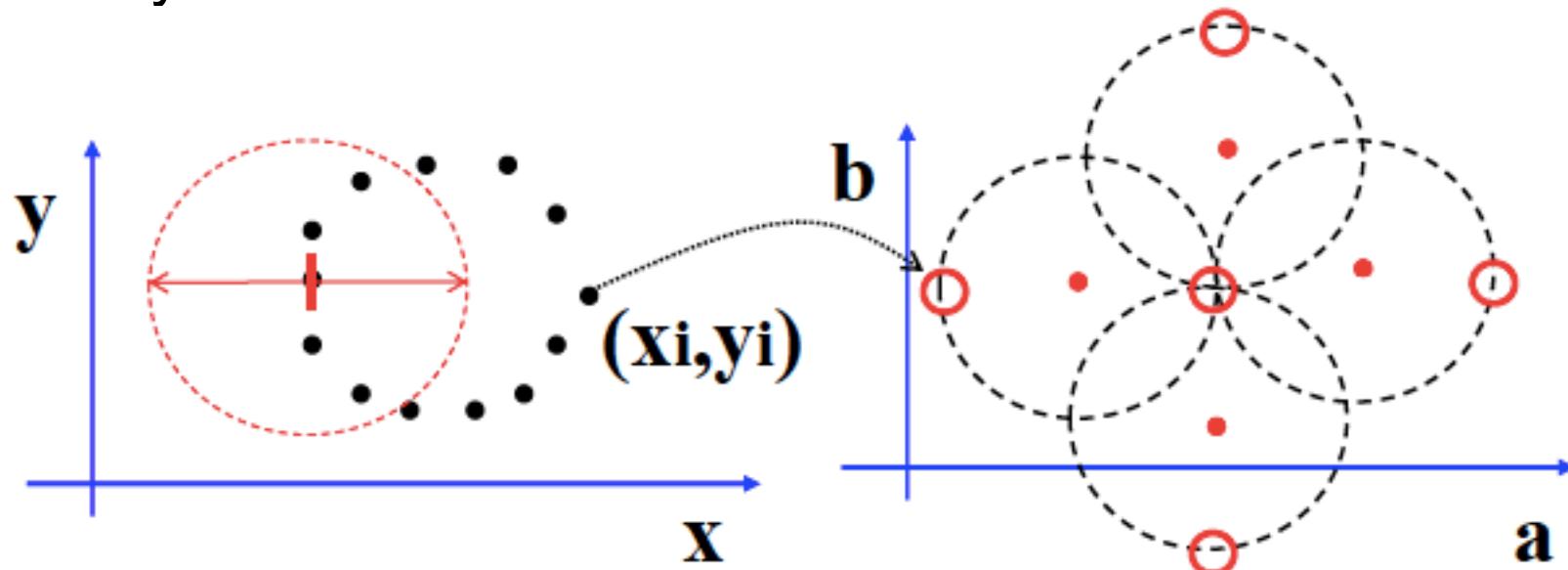
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- Circle with a center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

For radius  $r$  and edge known orientation

Search for center reduces from circle to two locations only.



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

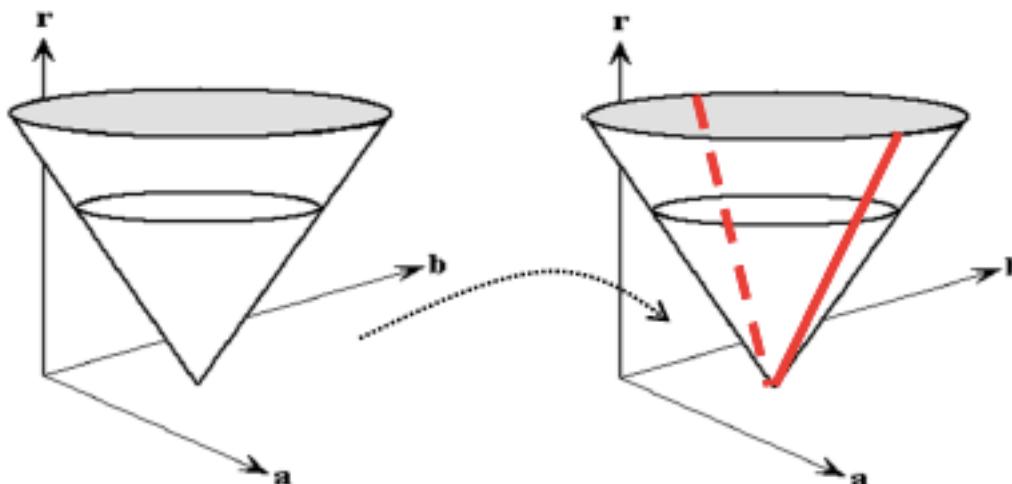
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- Circle with a center  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

For an unknown radius  $r$  and **known** edge orientation

Search for center reduces from accumulation of cone to two lines only.



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

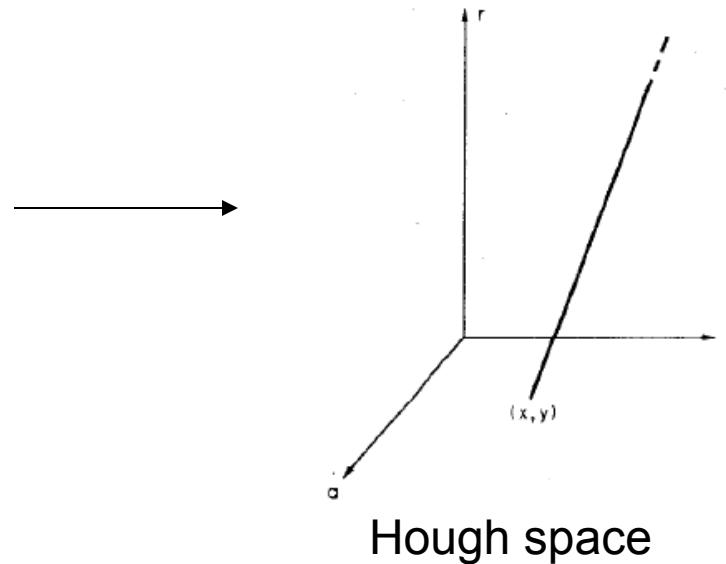
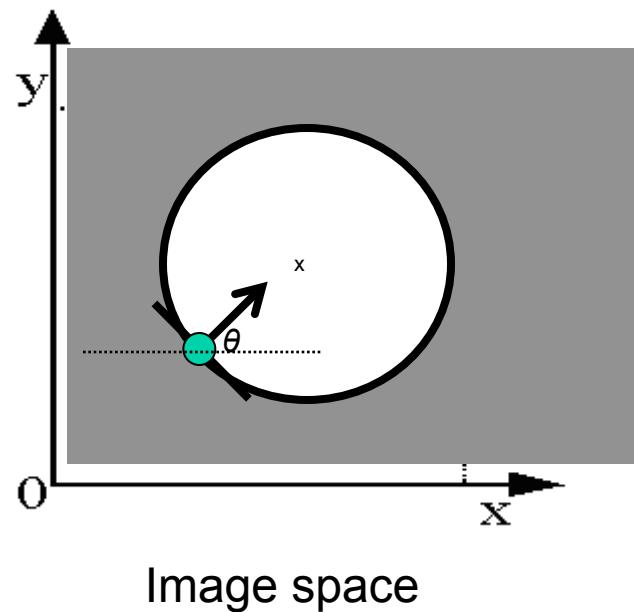
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For an known radius  $r$ , **known** gradient direction

Need to increment only one point in Accumulator.

For an unknown radius  $r$ , **known** gradient direction

Search for center reduces to one line only.



# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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For every edge pixel  $(x,y)$  :

    For each possible radius value  $r$ :

        For each possible gradient direction  $\theta$ :

*// or use estimated gradient at  $(x,y)$*

$$a = x - r \cos(\theta) \text{ // column}$$

$$b = y + r \sin(\theta) \text{ // row}$$

$$H[a,b,r] = H[a,b,r] + 1$$

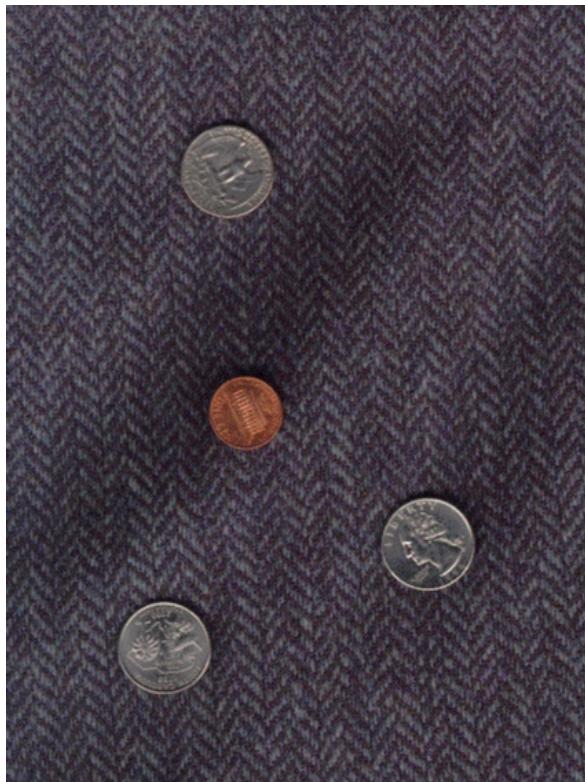
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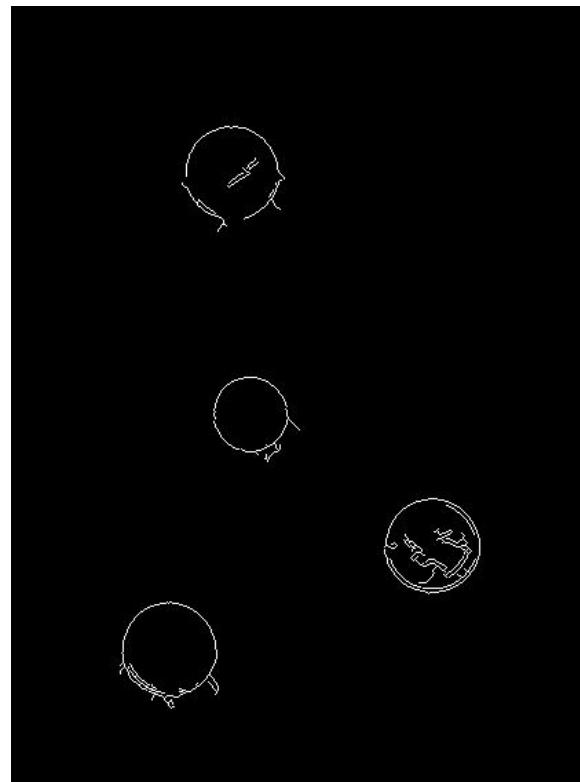
# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Original



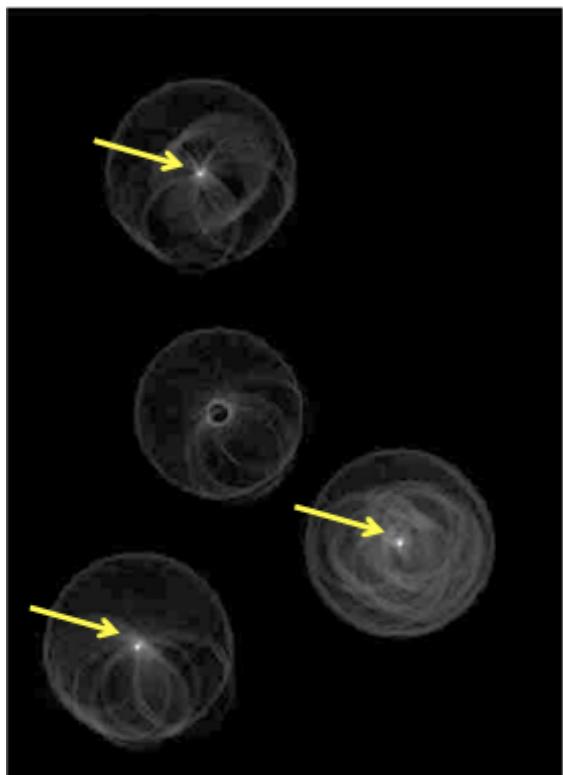
Edges



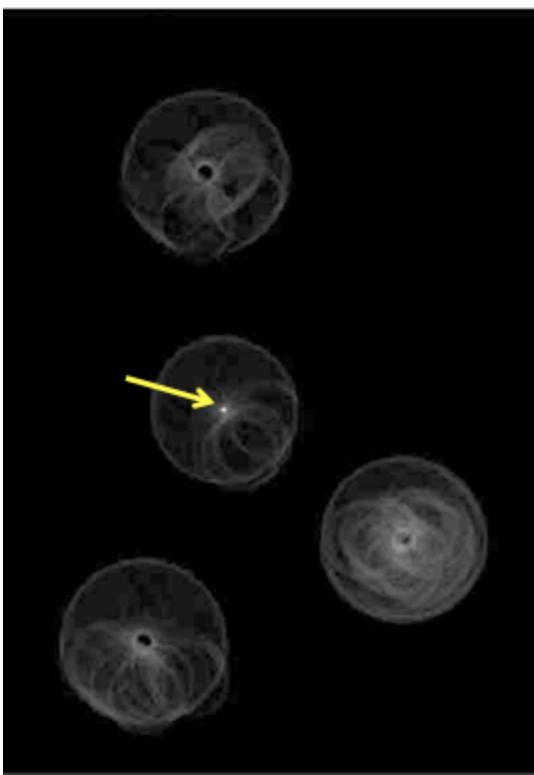
# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Votes: Quarter



Votes: Penn



Combined detections

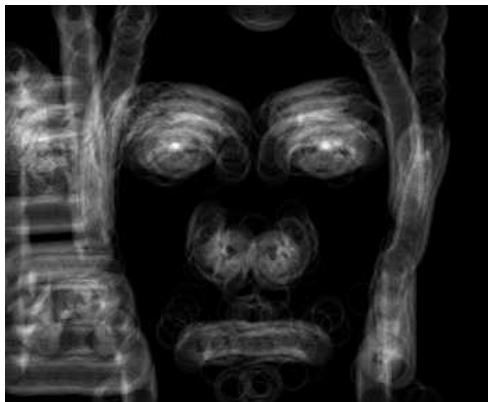


# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Gradient+threshold



Hough space  
(fixed radius)



Max detections

# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Figure 2. Original image



Figure 3. Distance image



Figure 4. Detected face region

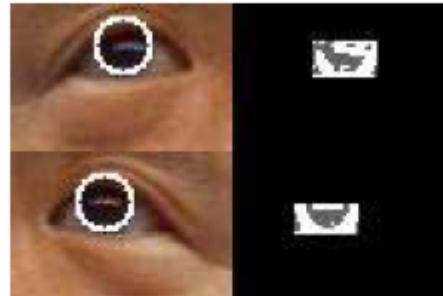


Figure 14. Looking upward

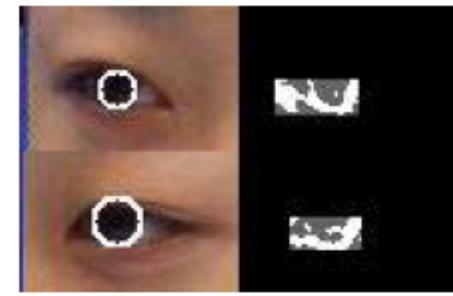


Figure 15. Looking sideways

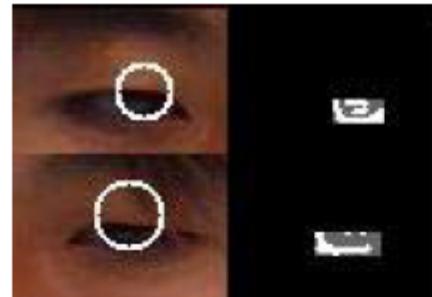


Figure 16. Looking downward

An Iris Detection Method Using the Hough Transform and Its Evaluation for Facial and Eye Movement, by Hideki Kashima, Hitoshi Hongo, Kunihito Kato, Kazuhiko Yamamoto, ACCV 2002.

# CHT: Hough transform for circles

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Iris recognition using Hough transform

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdgYIwrupJ8>

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# Generalised Hough transform

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

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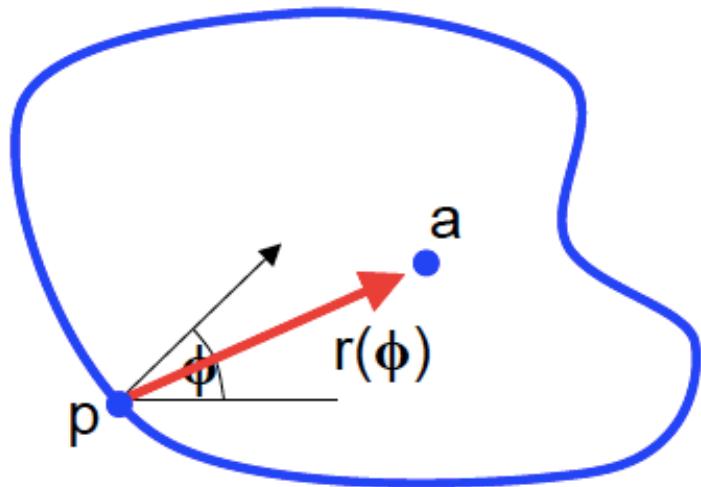
Two kinds:

- Using the boundary of an object of interest.
- Using some features of an object of interest.

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

Model Shape NOT described by equation but by sets of vectors from the boundary to the center, sorted by edge orientation.

We want to find a shape defined by its boundary points and a reference point



Compute centroid

For each edge point  $p$ , compute its distance to centroid  $r = a - p$  as a function of gradient orientation  $\phi$

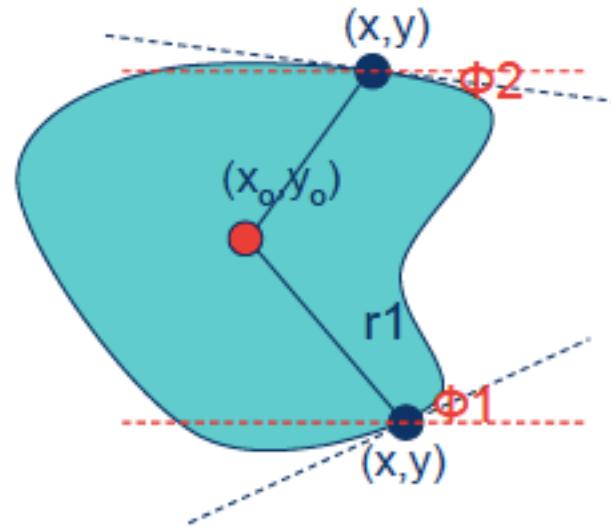
Find edge orientation (gradient angle)

Construct a table of angles and  $r$  values

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

- Generating R-table

$\Phi_1$	r1, r2, r3 ...
$\Phi_2$	r14, r21, r23 ...
$\Phi_3$	r41, r42, r33 ...
$\Phi_4$	r10, r12, r13 ...



**It requires training!**

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

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Detection:

- For each edge point  $p$  compute gradient orientation  $\phi$
- Retrieve all  $r$  indexed with  $\phi$
- For each  $r(\phi)$ , put a vote in the Hough space at  $p + r(\phi)$
- Peak in this Hough space is reference point with most supporting edges

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

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1. Quantize the parameter space  $P[x_{cmin}, \dots, x_{cmax}, y_{cmin}, \dots, y_{cmax}]$ .
2. For each edge point  $(x, y)$  do  
compute  $\phi(x, y)$   
for each table entry for  $\phi$  do

$$x_c = x + x' \quad (4.13)$$

$$y_c = y + y' \quad (4.14)$$

$$P[x_c, y_c] = P[x_c, y_c] + 1.$$

3. Find the local maxima in the parameter space.

Figure 4.8: Generalized Hough transform algorithm.

# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

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Rotation and scale invariance

Rotation around Z-axis

$$x' = x \cos \alpha - y \sin \alpha$$

$$y' = x \sin \alpha + y \cos \alpha$$

Scaling

$$x' = sx$$

$$y' = sy$$

Rotation+scaling

$$x' = s(x \cos \alpha - y \sin \alpha)$$

$$y' = s(x \sin \alpha + y \cos \alpha)$$

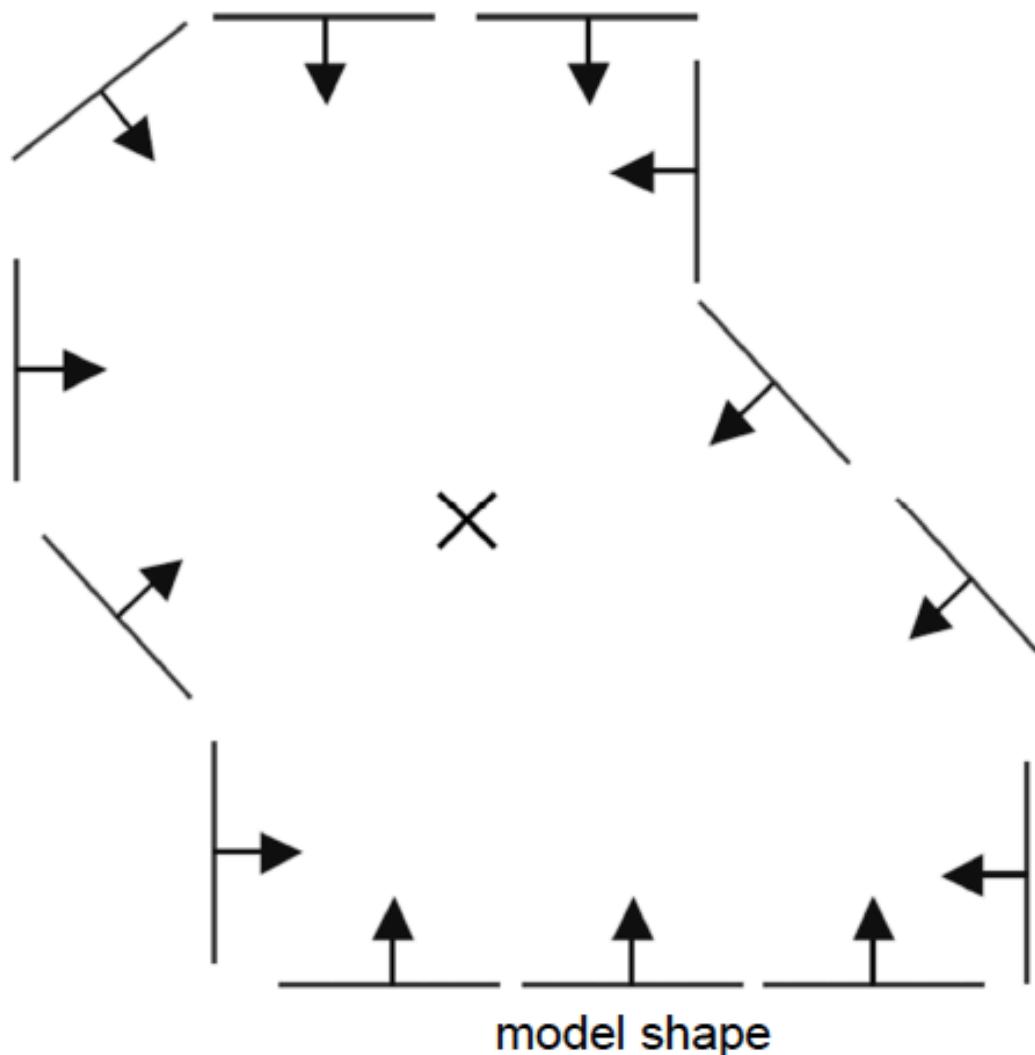
In the algorithm, replace by equations

$$x_c = x + s_x(x' \cos \theta + y' \sin \theta)$$

$$y_c = y + s_y(-x' \sin \theta + y' \cos \theta)$$

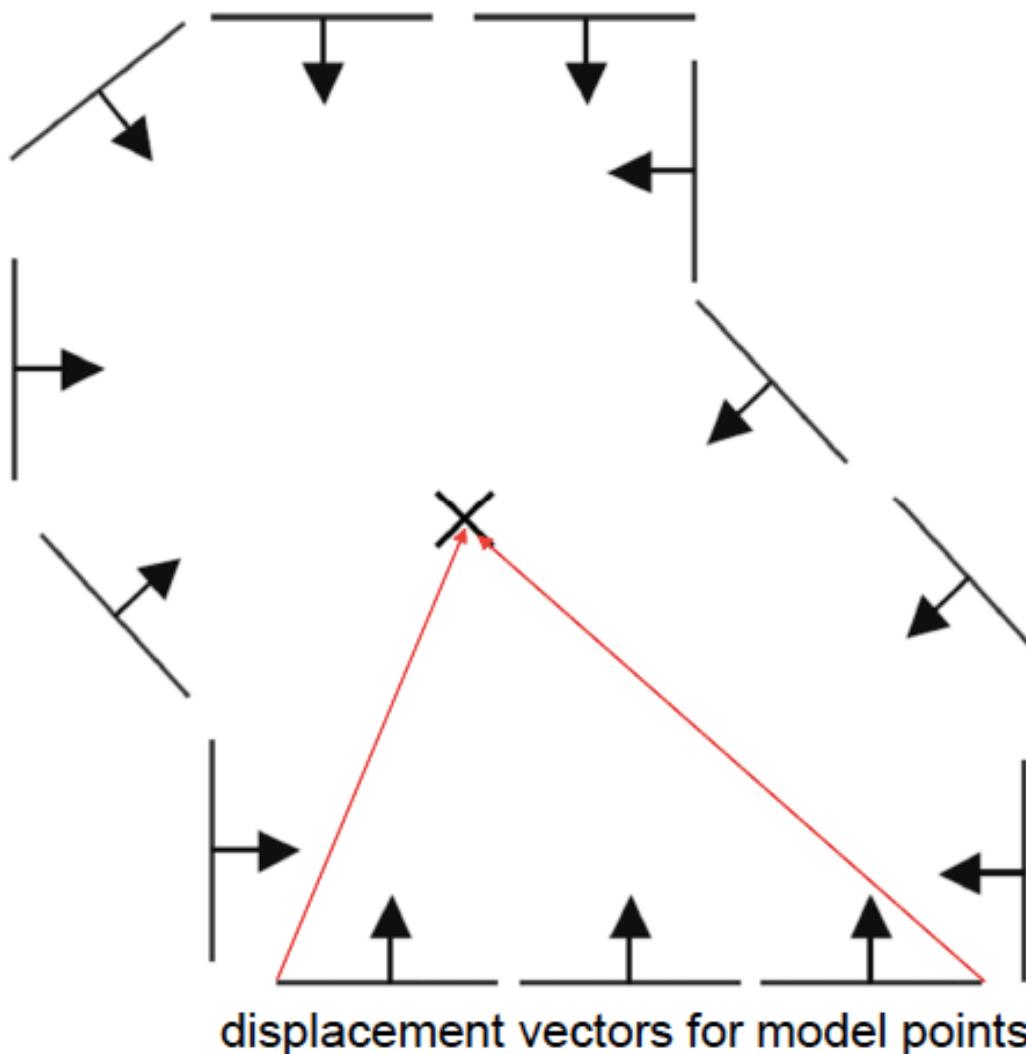
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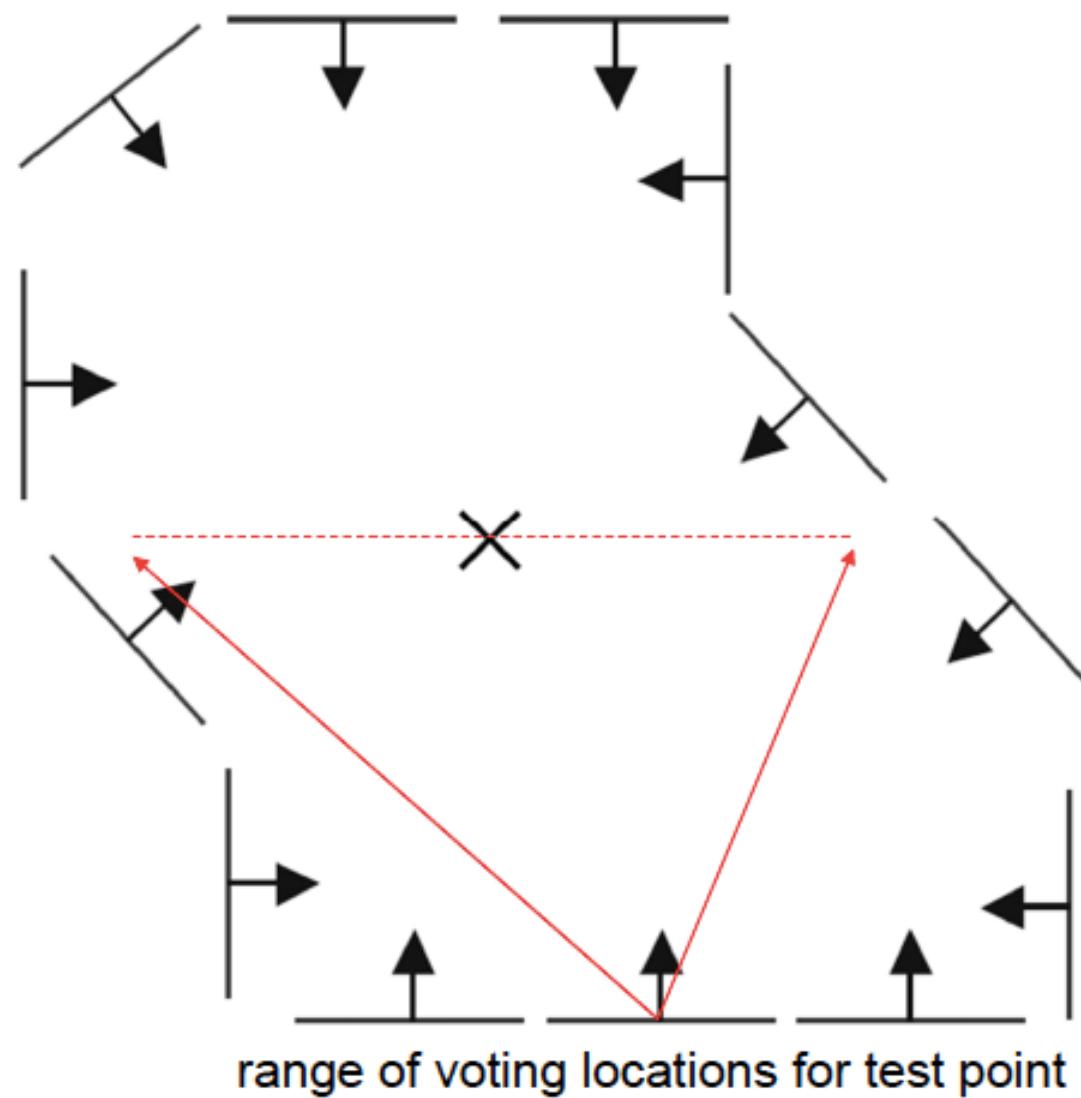
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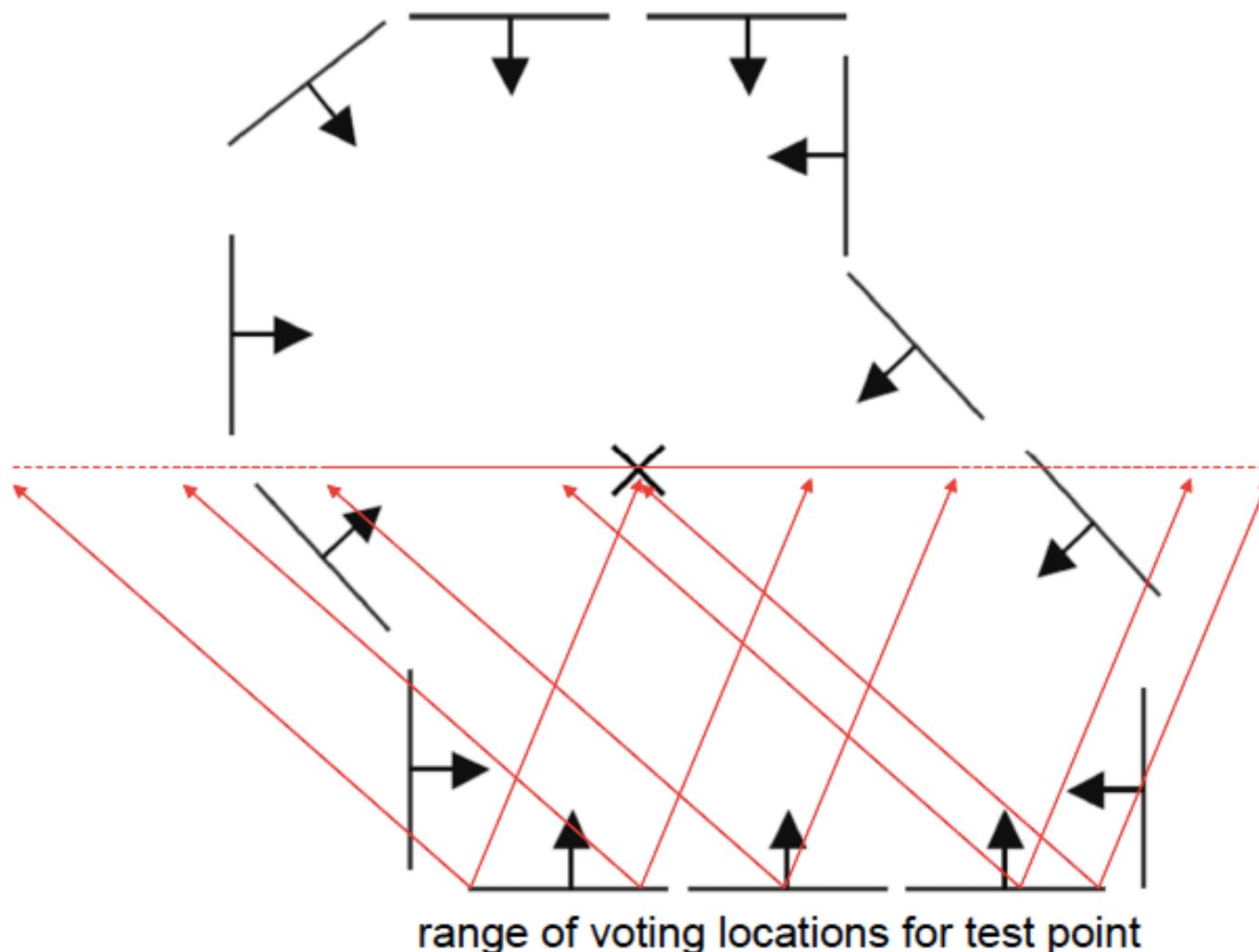
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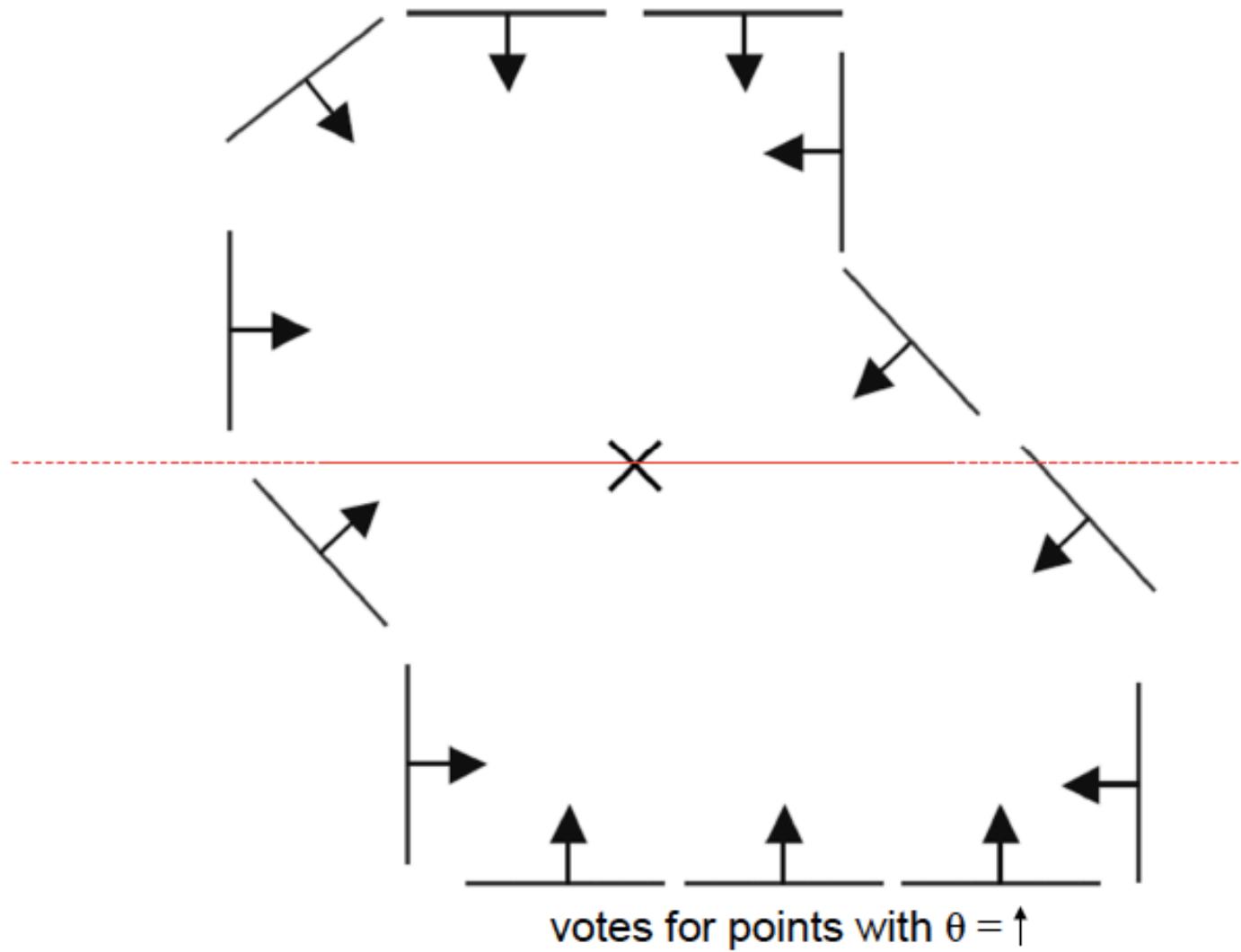
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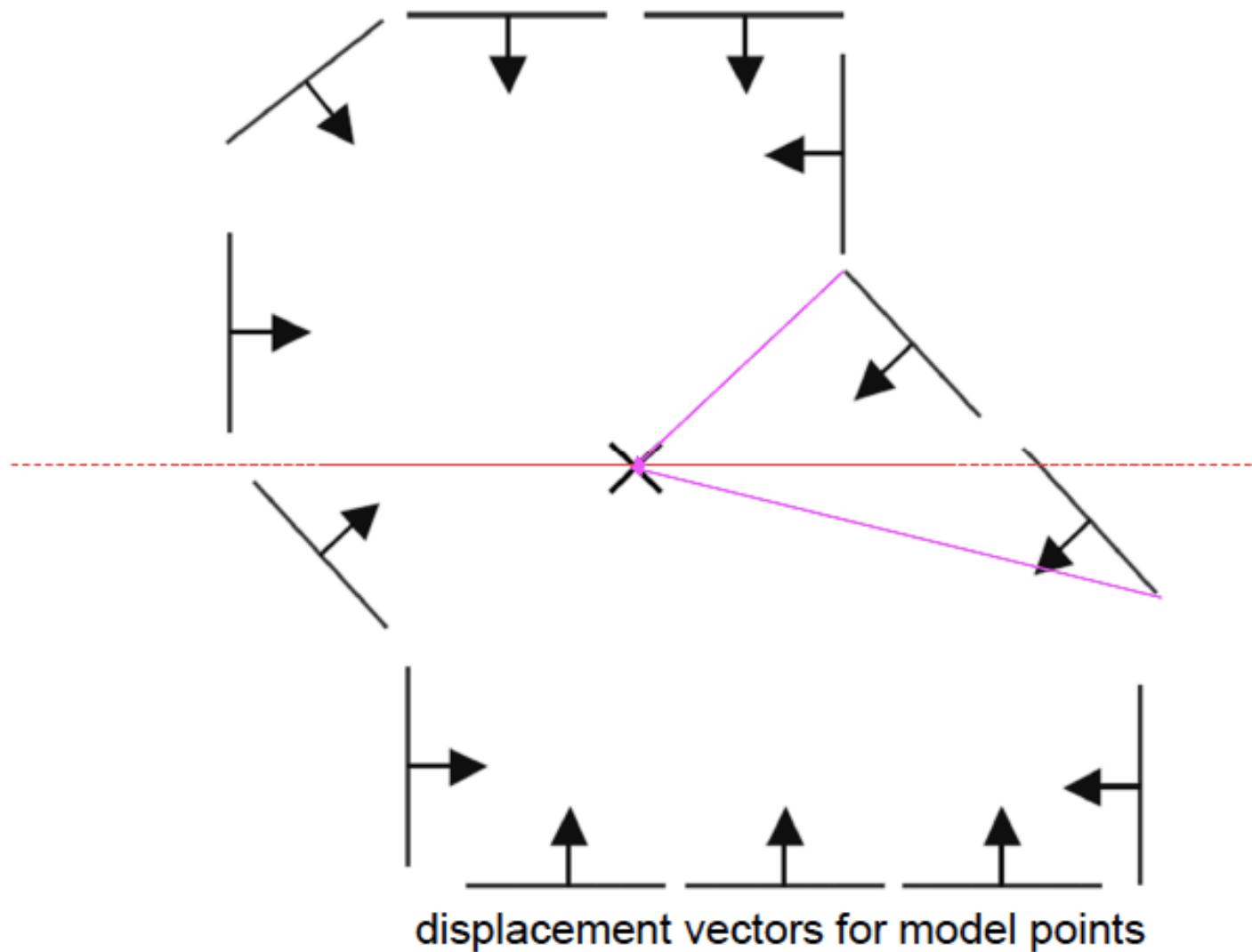
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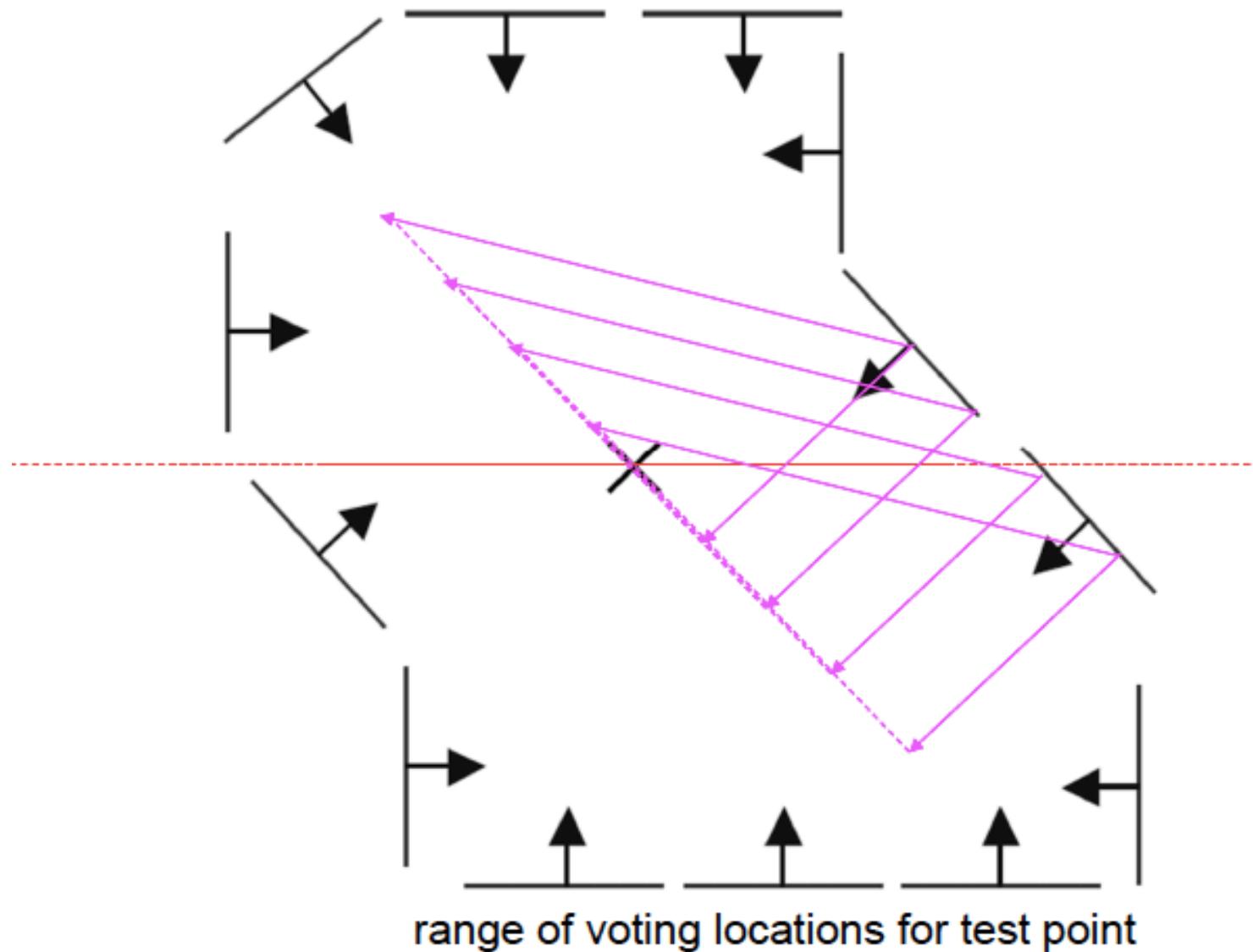
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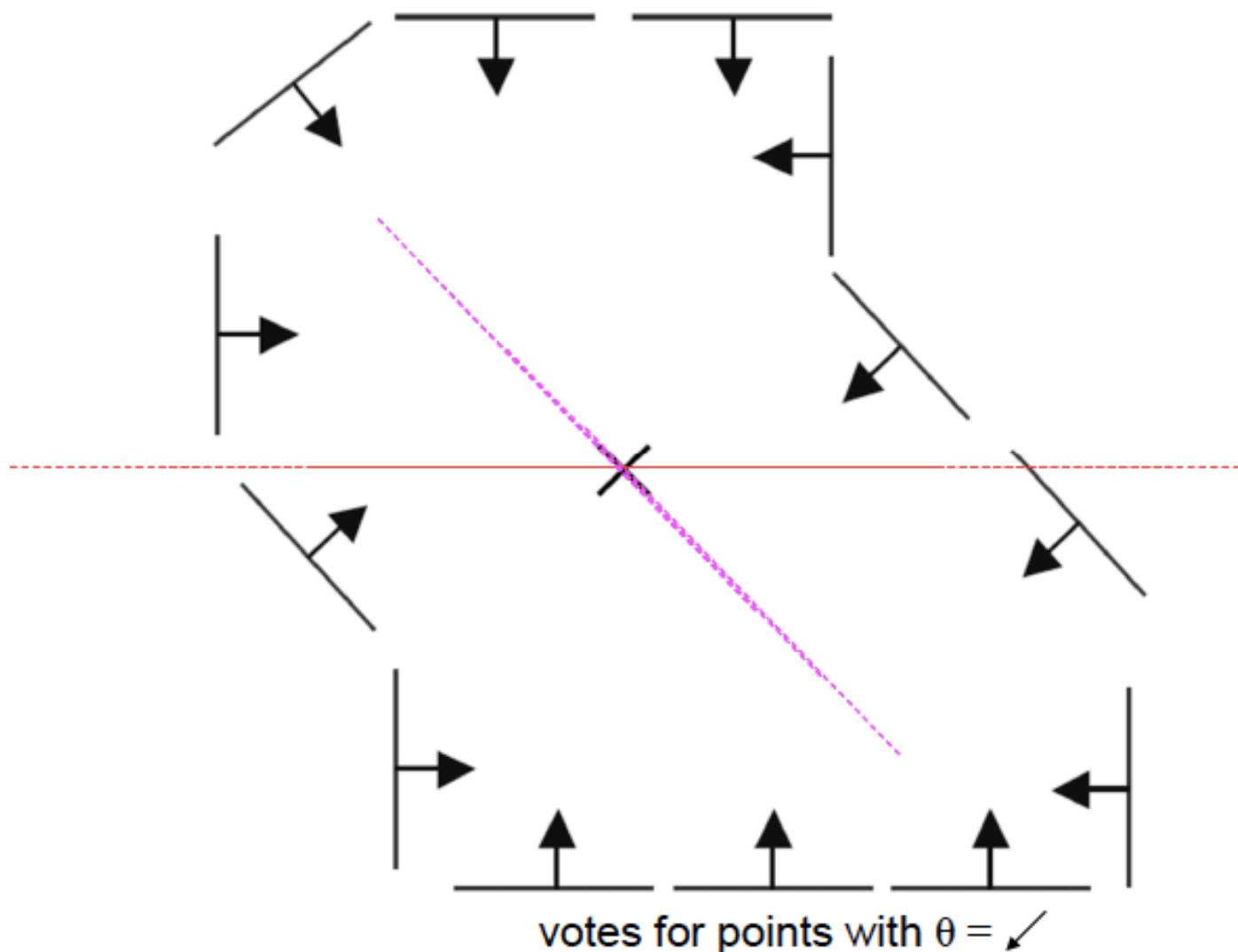
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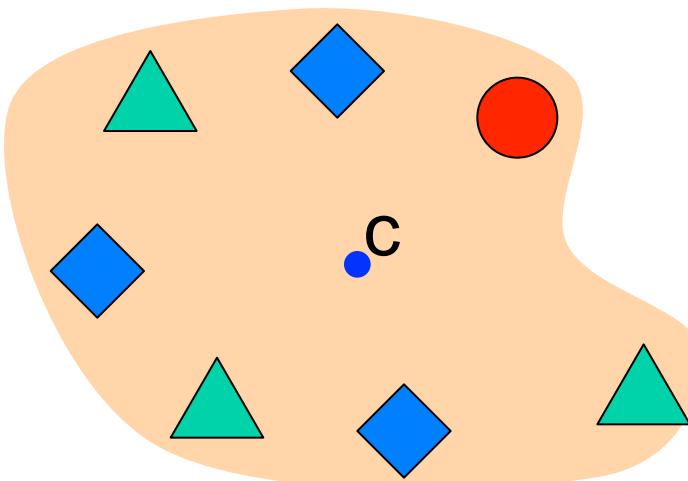


# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

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- We want to find a template defined by its reference point (center) and several distinct types of landmark points in stable spatial configuration

**Template**

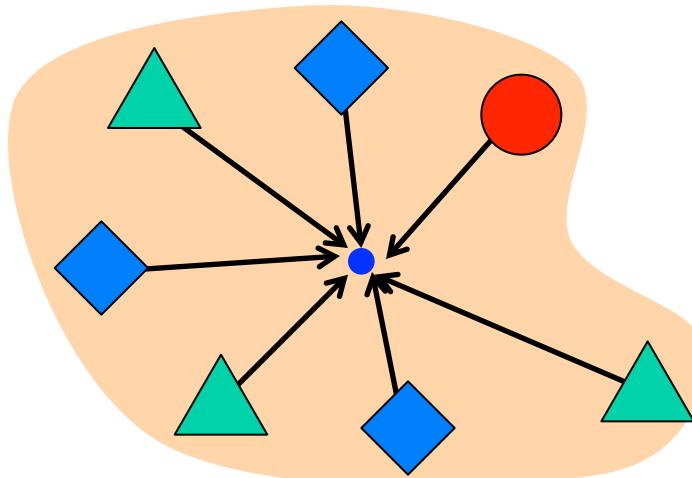


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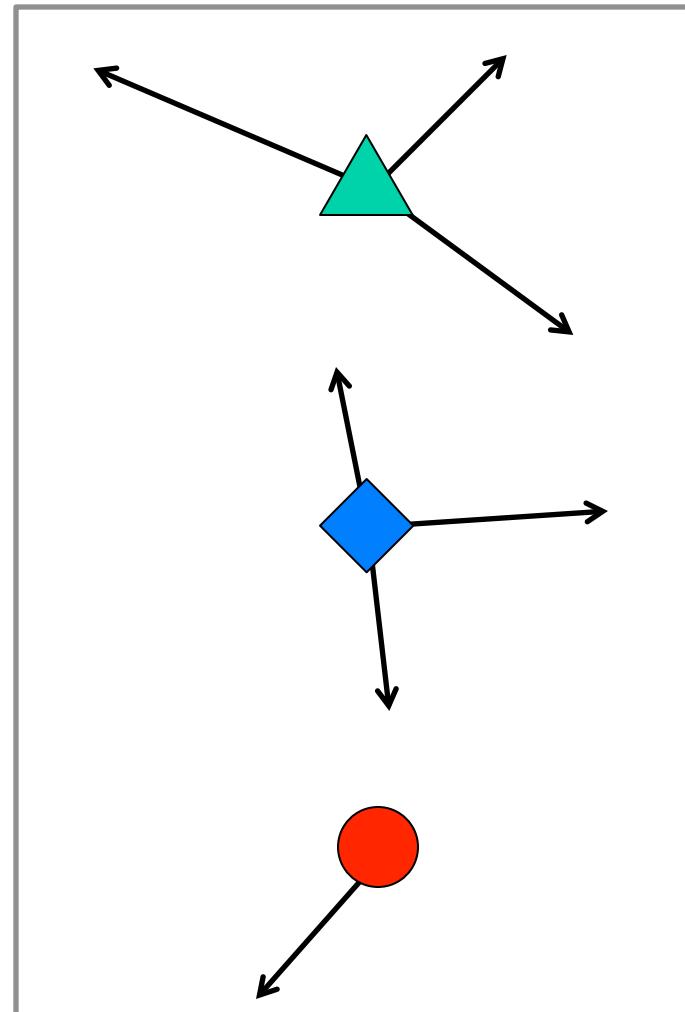
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- Template representation:  
for each type of landmark  
point, store all possible  
displacement vectors  
towards the center

**Template**



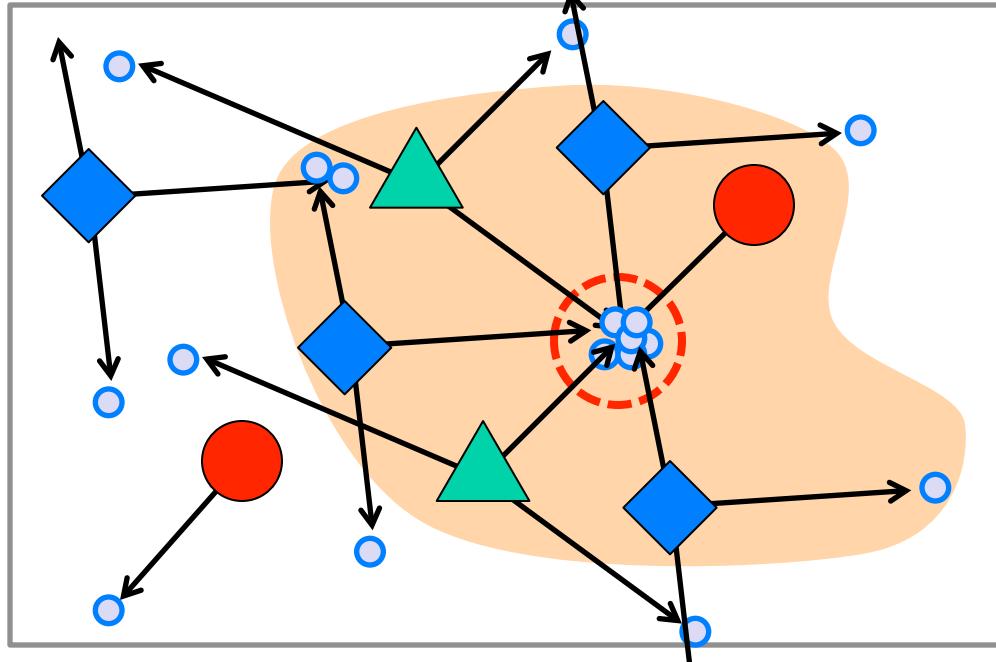
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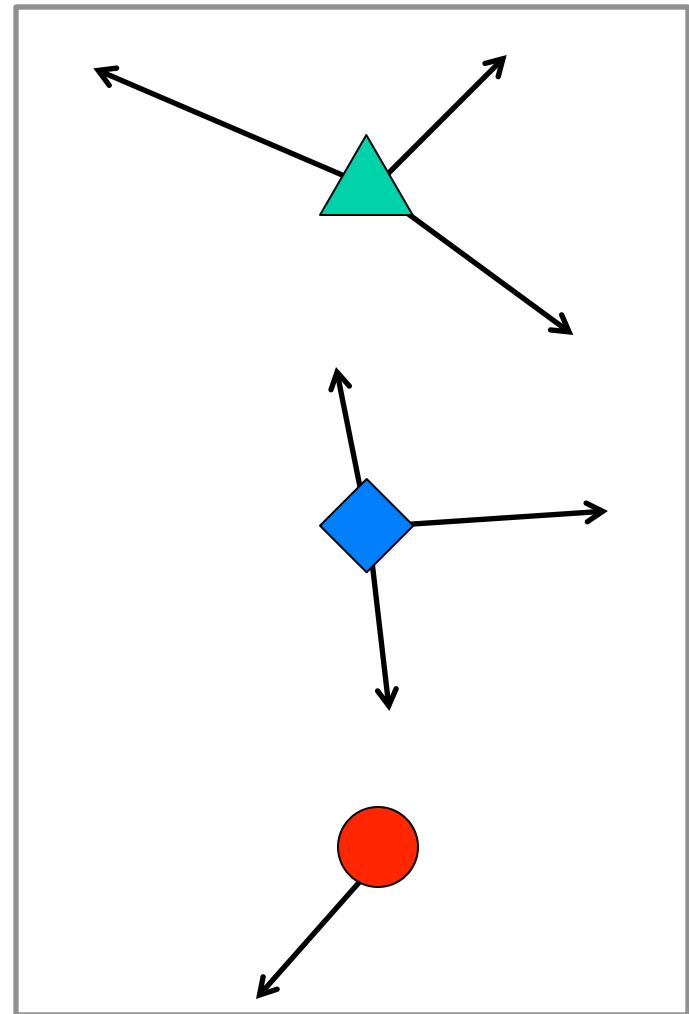
# GHT: Generalized Hough transform

- Detecting the template:
  - For each feature in a new image, look up that feature type in the model and vote for the possible center locations associated with that type in the model

**Test image**

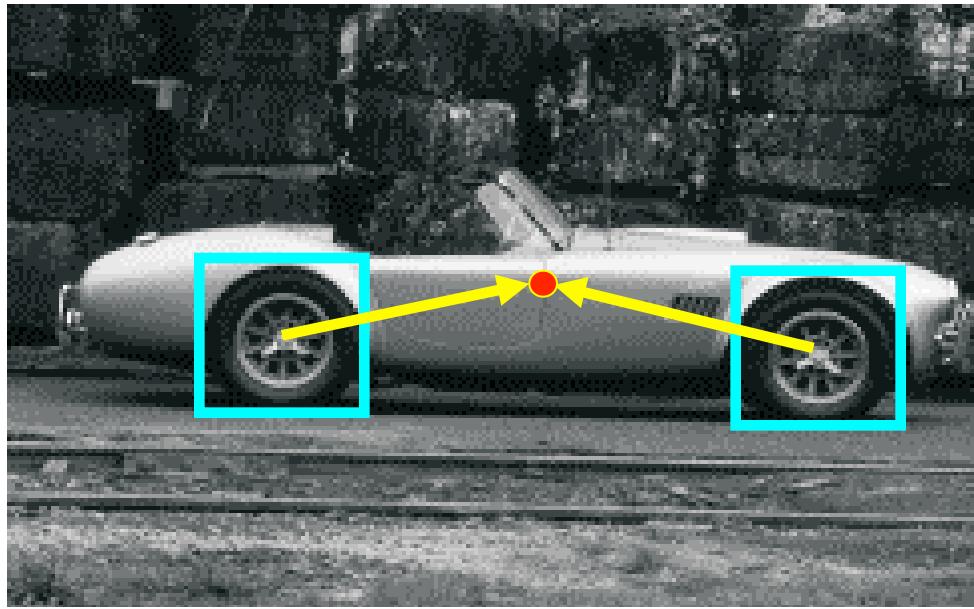


**Model**



# GHT: Application in recognition

- Index displacements by “visual codeword”



training image



visual codeword with  
displacement vectors

B. Leibe, A. Leonardis, and B. Schiele,  
[Combined Object Categorization and Segmentation with an Implicit Shape Model](#),  
ECCV Workshop on Statistical Learning in Computer Vision 2004

# GHT: Application in recognition

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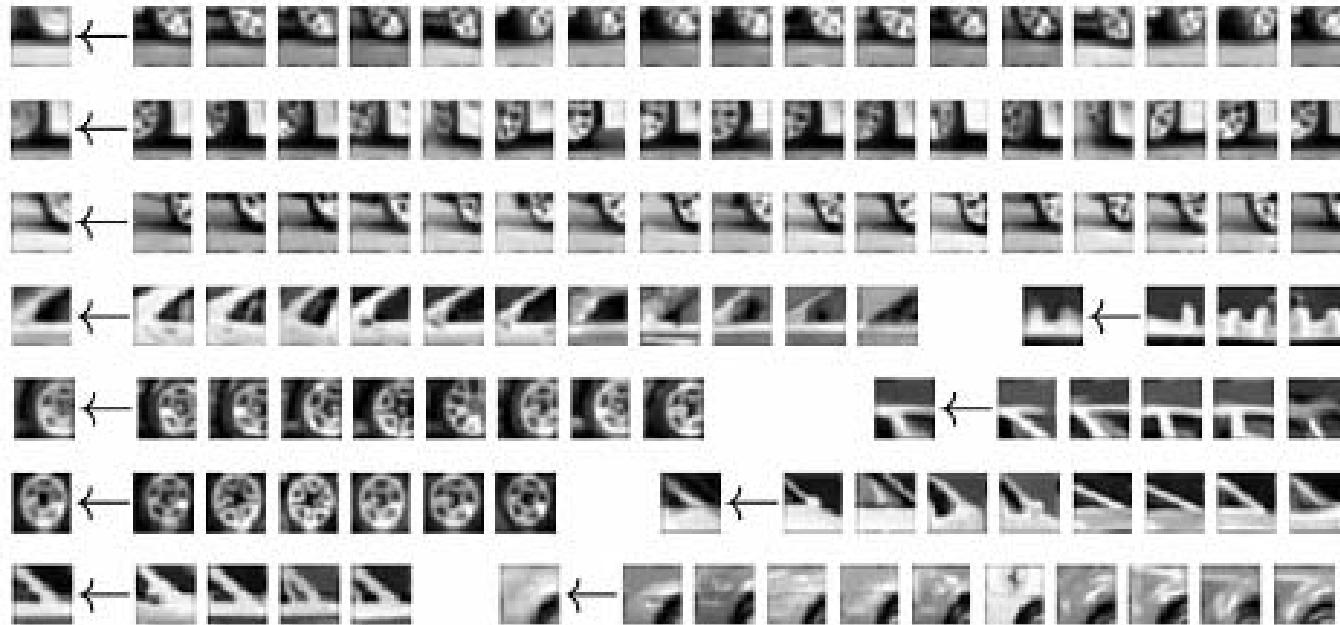
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# GHT: Implicit shape models: Training

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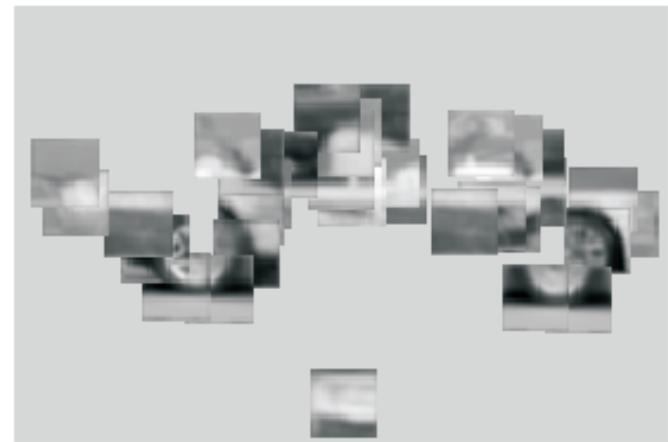
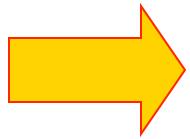
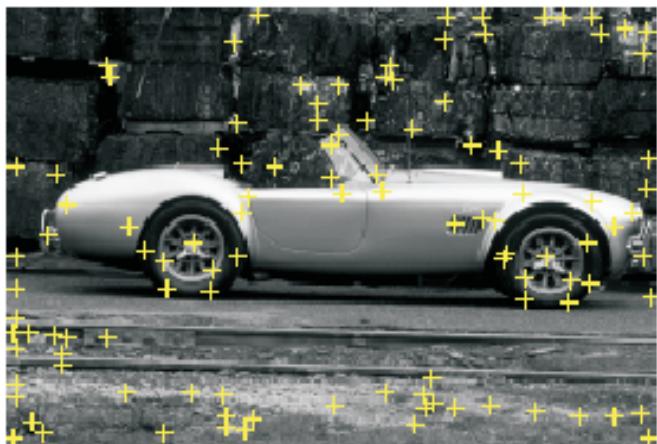
1. Build *codebook* of patches around extracted interest points using clustering



# GHT: Implicit shape models: Training

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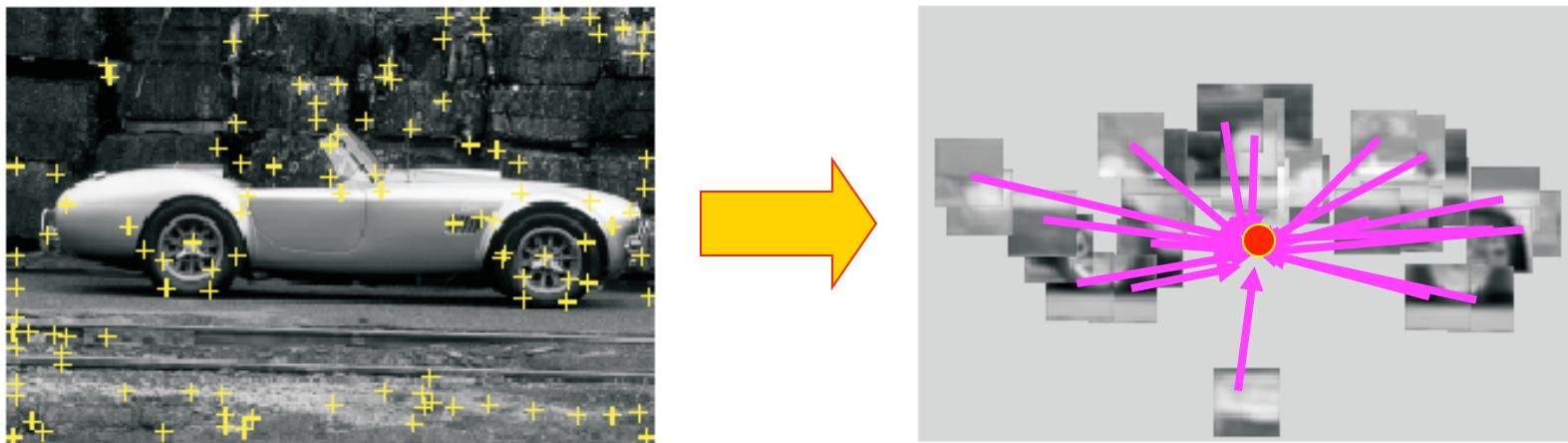
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2. Map the patch around each interest point to closest codebook entry



# GHT: Implicit shape models: Training

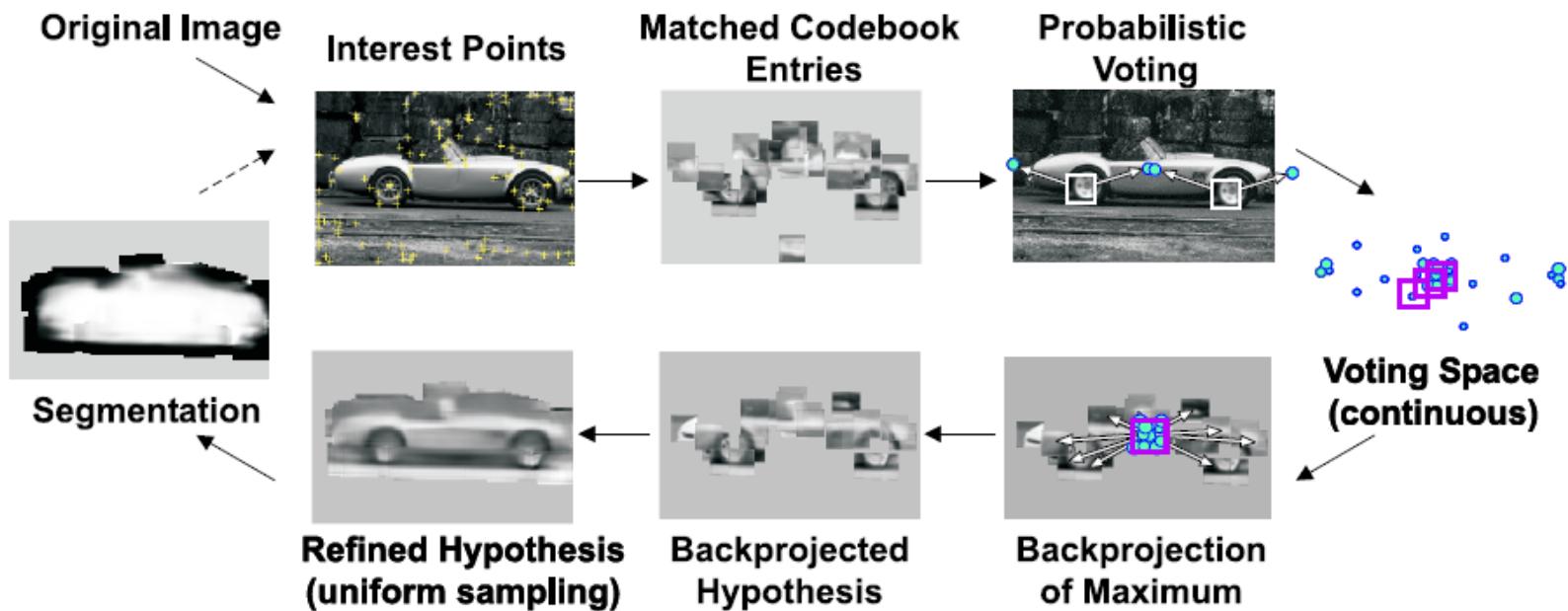
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1. Build *codebook* of patches around extracted interest points using clustering
2. Map the patch around each interest point to closest codebook entry
3. For each codebook entry, store all positions it was found, relative to object center



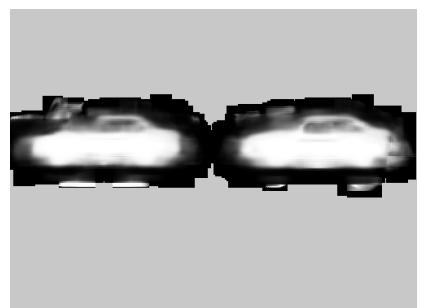
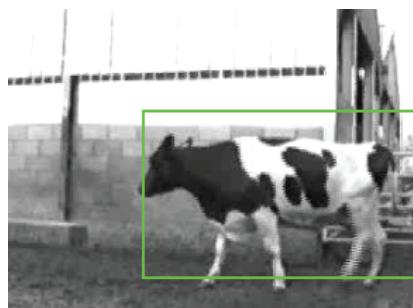
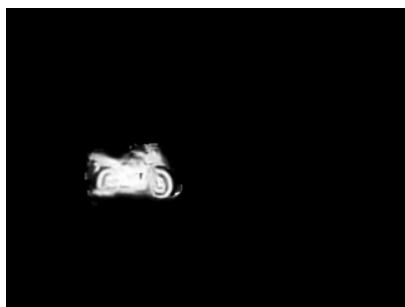
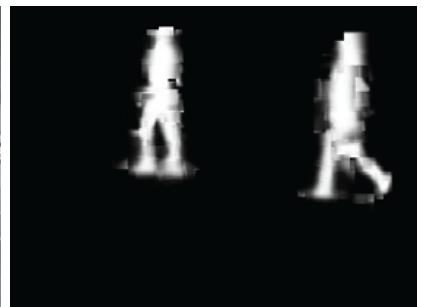
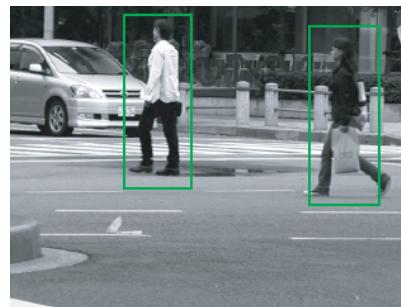
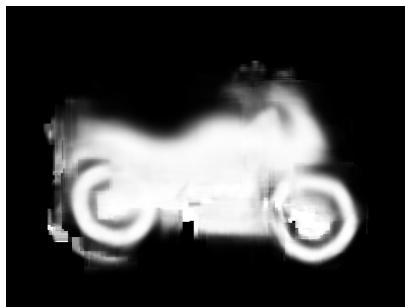
# GHT: Implicit shape models: Testing

1. Given test image, extract patches, match to codebook entry
2. Cast votes for possible positions of object center
3. Search for maxima in voting space
4. Extract weighted segmentation mask based on stored masks for the codebook occurrences



# GHT: Additional examples

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B. Leibe, A. Leonardis, and B. Schiele,  
[Robust Object Detection with Interleaved Categorization and Segmentation](#), IJCV  
77 (1-3), pp. 259-289, 2008.

# GHT: Implicit shape models: Details

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- Supervised training
  - Need reference location and segmentation mask for each training car
- Voting space is continuous, not discrete
  - Clustering algorithm needed to find maxima
- How about dealing with scale changes?
  - Option 1: search a range of scales, as in Hough transform for circles
  - Option 2: use interest points with characteristic scale
- Verification stage is very important
  - Once we have a location hypothesis, we can overlay a more detailed template over the image and compare pixel-by-pixel, transfer segmentation masks, etc.

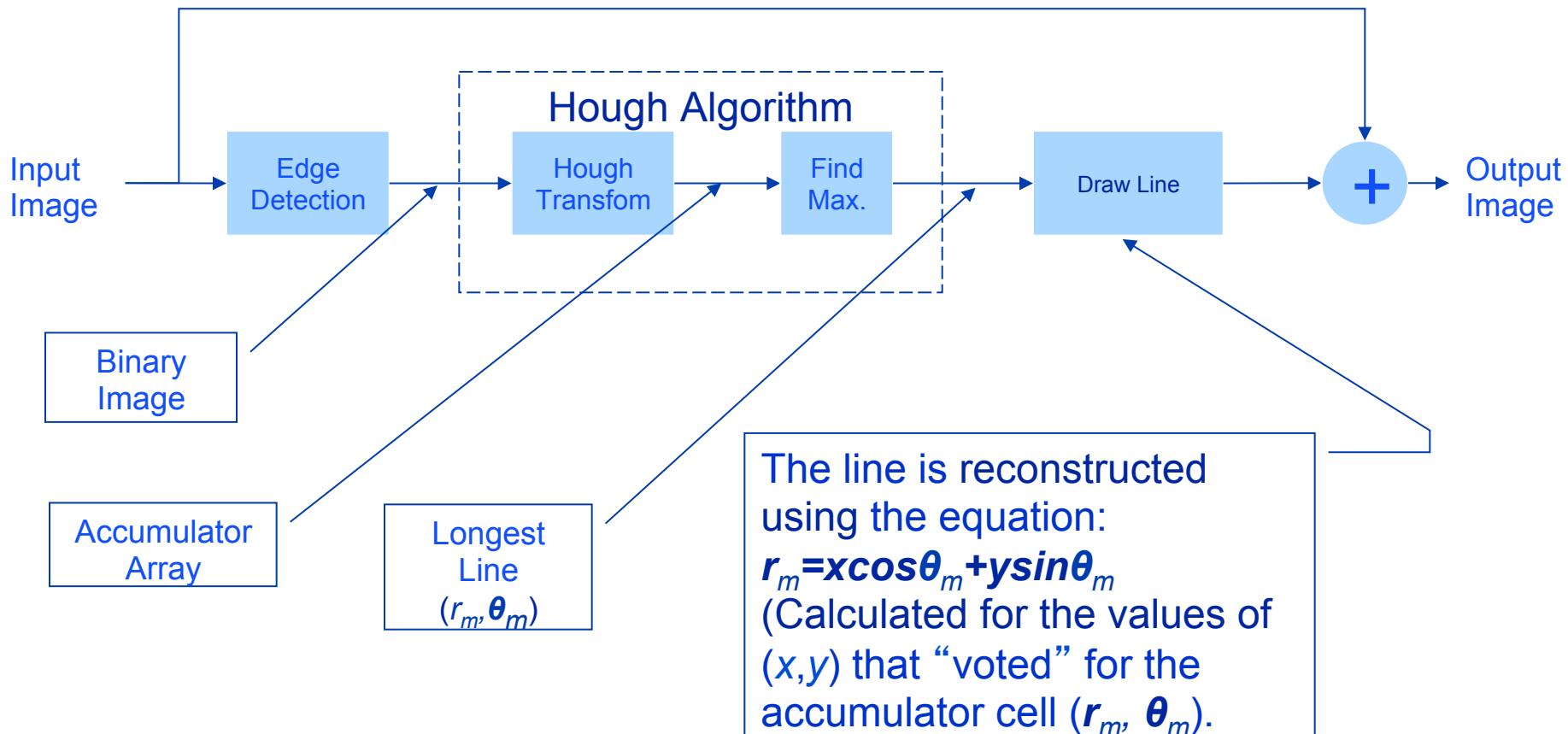
# Hough transform: Discussion

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- Pros
  - Can deal with non-locality and occlusion
  - Can detect multiple instances of a model
  - Some robustness to noise: noise points unlikely to contribute consistently to any single bin
- Cons
  - Complexity of search time increases exponentially with the number of model parameters
  - Non-target shapes can produce spurious peaks in parameter space
  - It's hard to pick a good grid size

# Hough transform: Review

- Hough transform for lines
- Hough transform for circles
- Generalized Hough transform



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# Radon transform

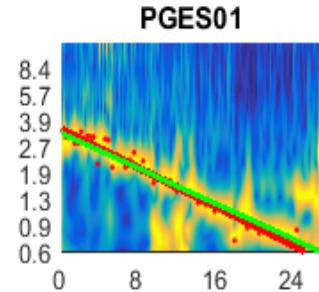
# RT: Introduction

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Theory by Johann Karl August Radon, 1917

## Radon transform

E. G.: Determine the slope of a line -> Epilepsy



## Inverse Radon transform

Important for CT (Computed-Tomography, 1964)

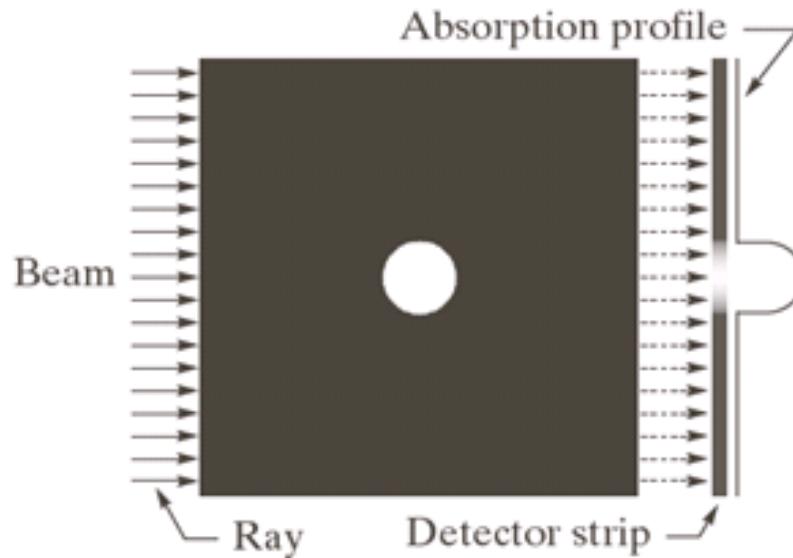


# RT: Basic example in CT

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## Radon transform

- A beam of X-rays is emitted and part of it is absorbed by the object.
- The energy of absorption is detected by a set of detectors.
- The collected information is the absorption signal.



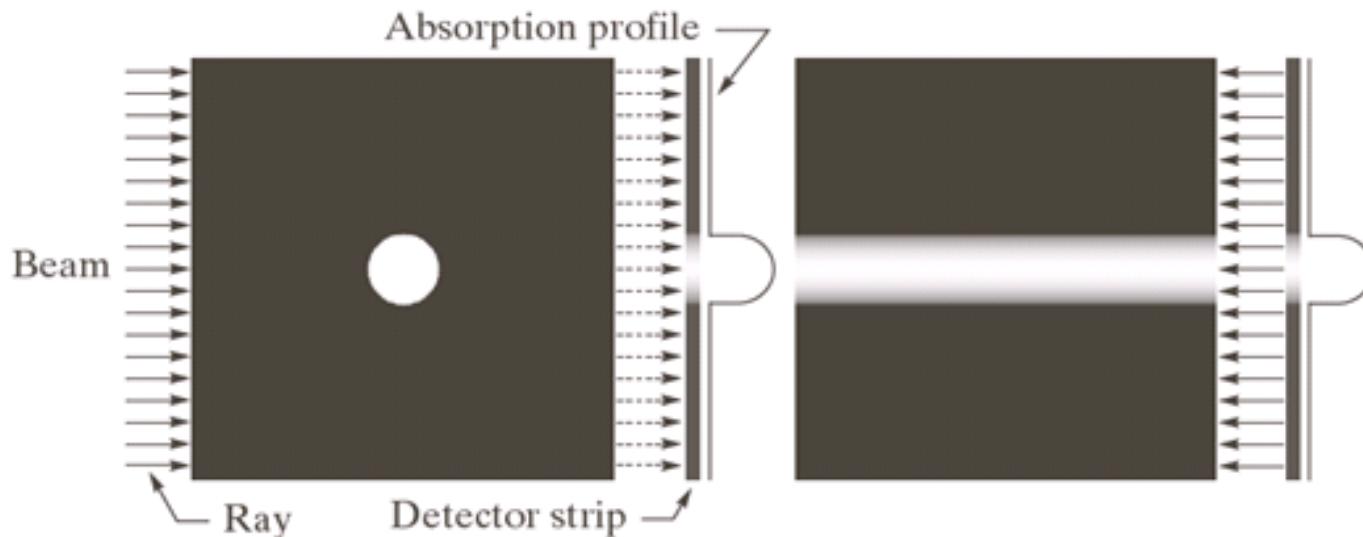
# RT: Basic example in CT

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## Inverse Radon transform

- A naïve way to recover the object is to back-project the 1D signal across the direction the beam came.

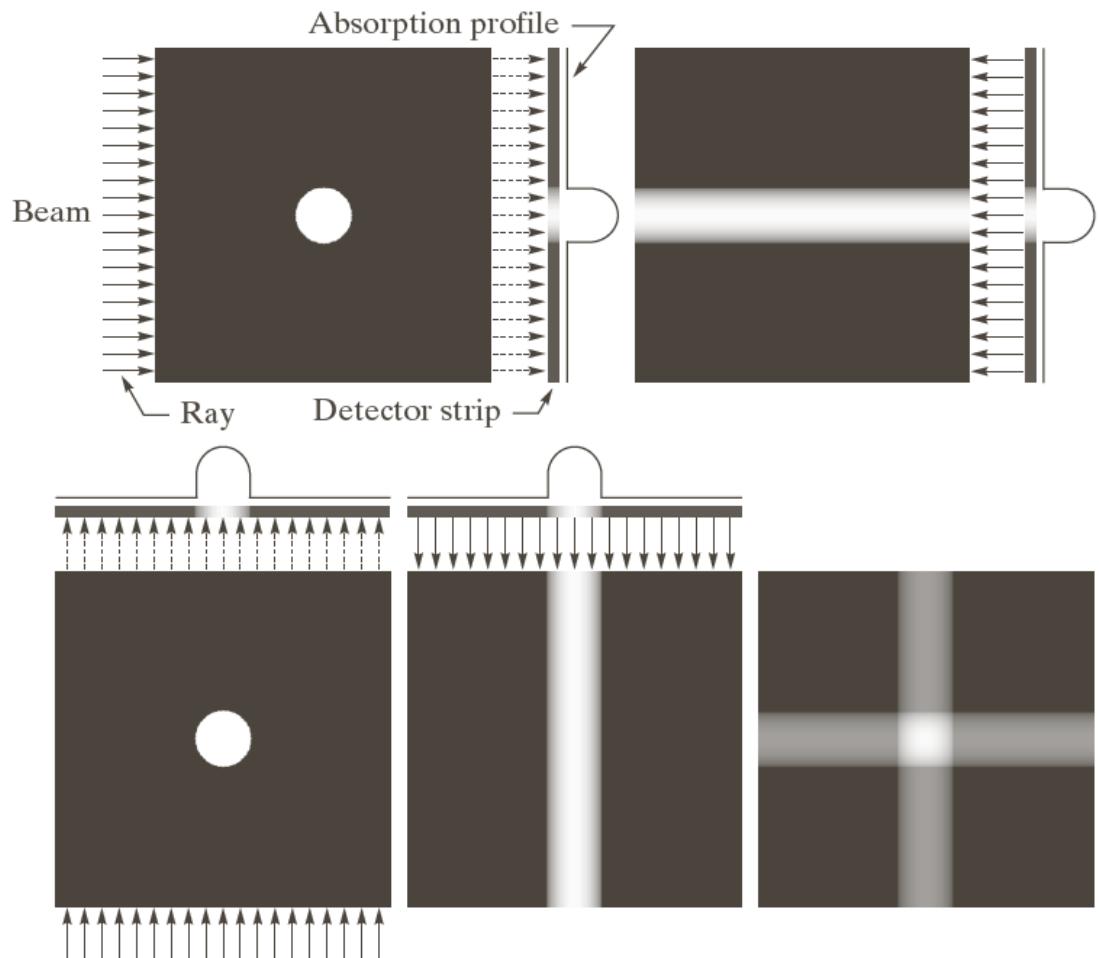
### Naïve reconstruction – A kind of voting



# RT: Basic example in CT

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- We now rotate the position of the source-detector pair and obtain another 1D signal.
- We repeat the procedure and add the signals from the previous back-projections.

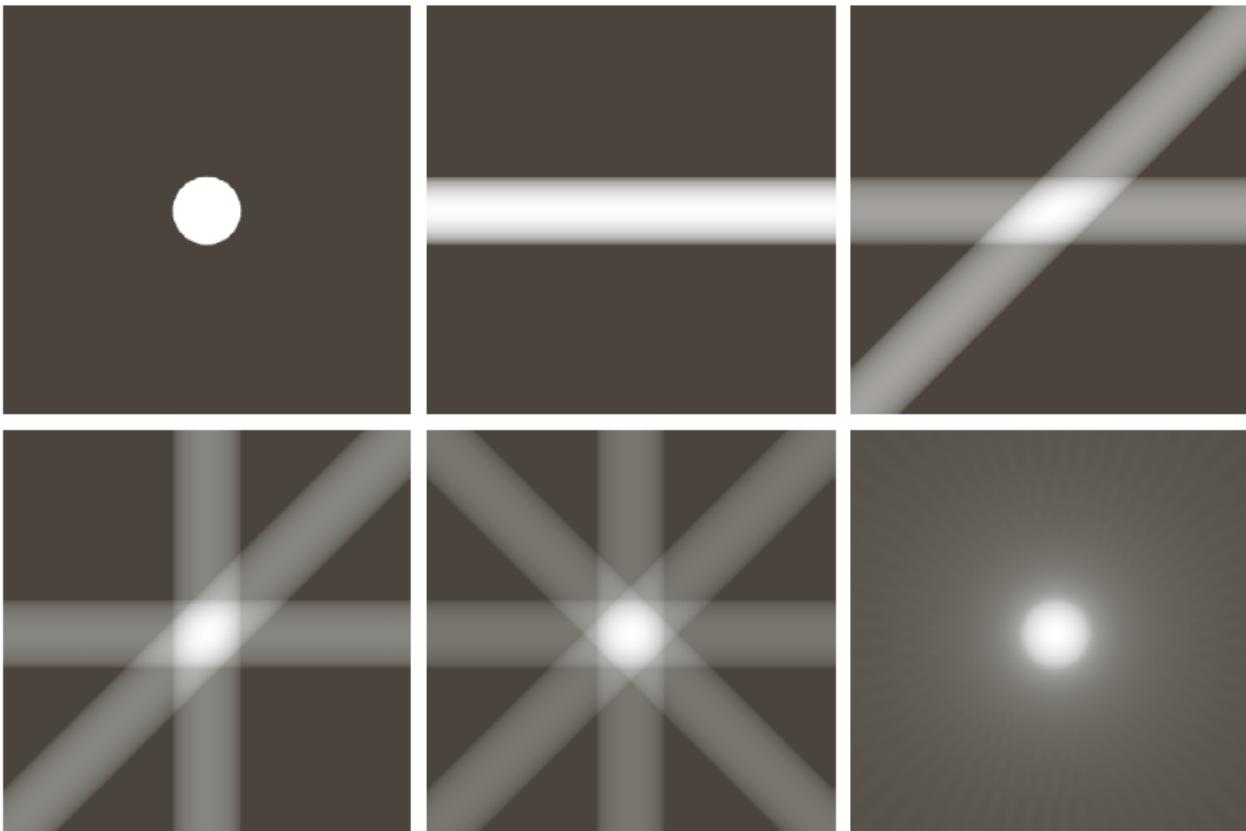


# RT: Basic example in CT

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By taking more projections:

- the form of the object becomes clearer as brighter regions will dominate the result
- back-projections with few interactions with the object will fade into the background.

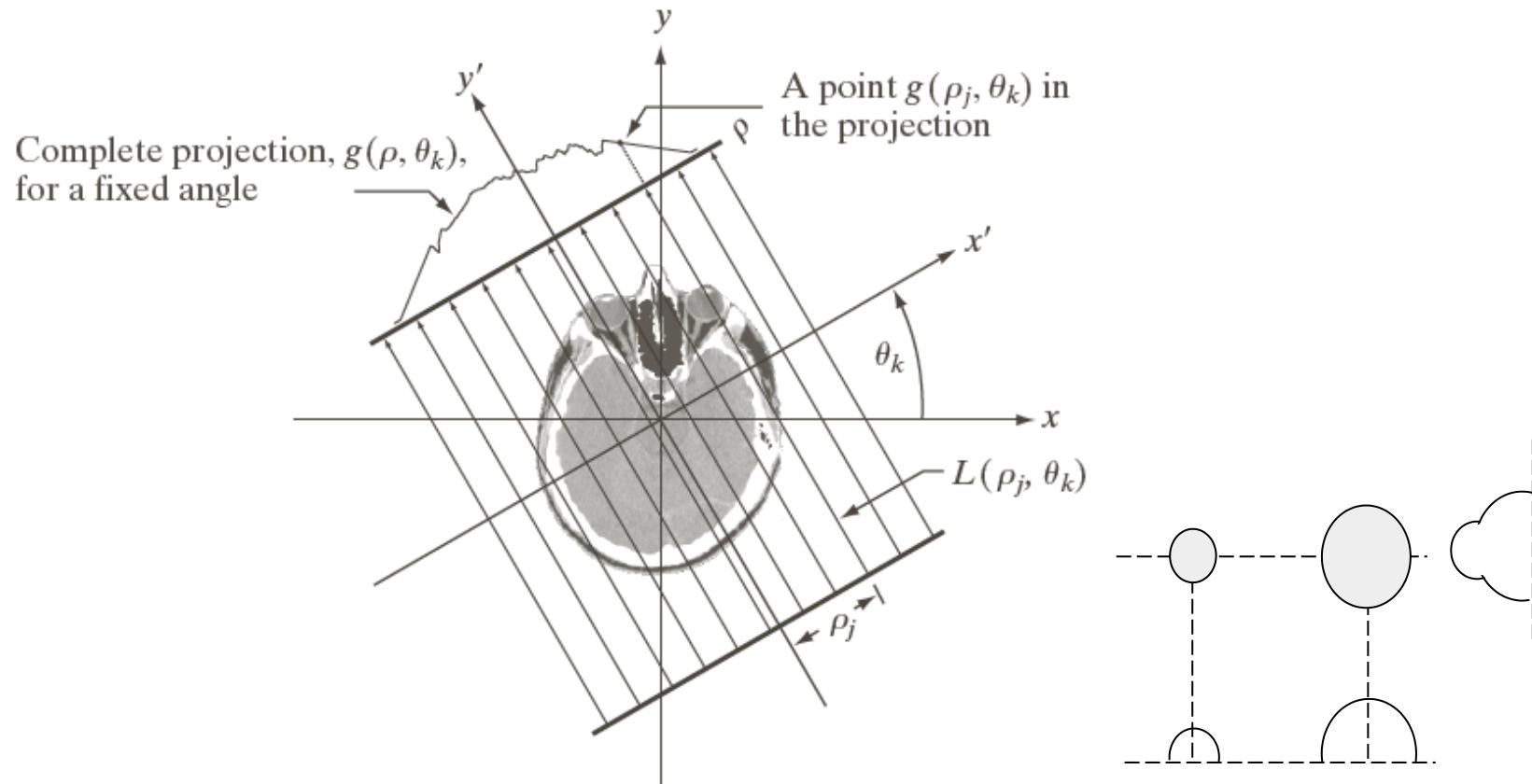


# RT: Radon transform

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An arbitrary point  $(\rho_j, \theta_k)$  in the projection signal is given by the **ray-sum** along the line

$$x \cos \theta_k + y \sin \theta_k = \rho_j.$$



# RT: Radon transform

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The ray-sum is a line integral:

$$g(\rho_j, \theta_k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) \delta(x \cos \theta_k + y \sin \theta_k - \rho_j) dx dy$$

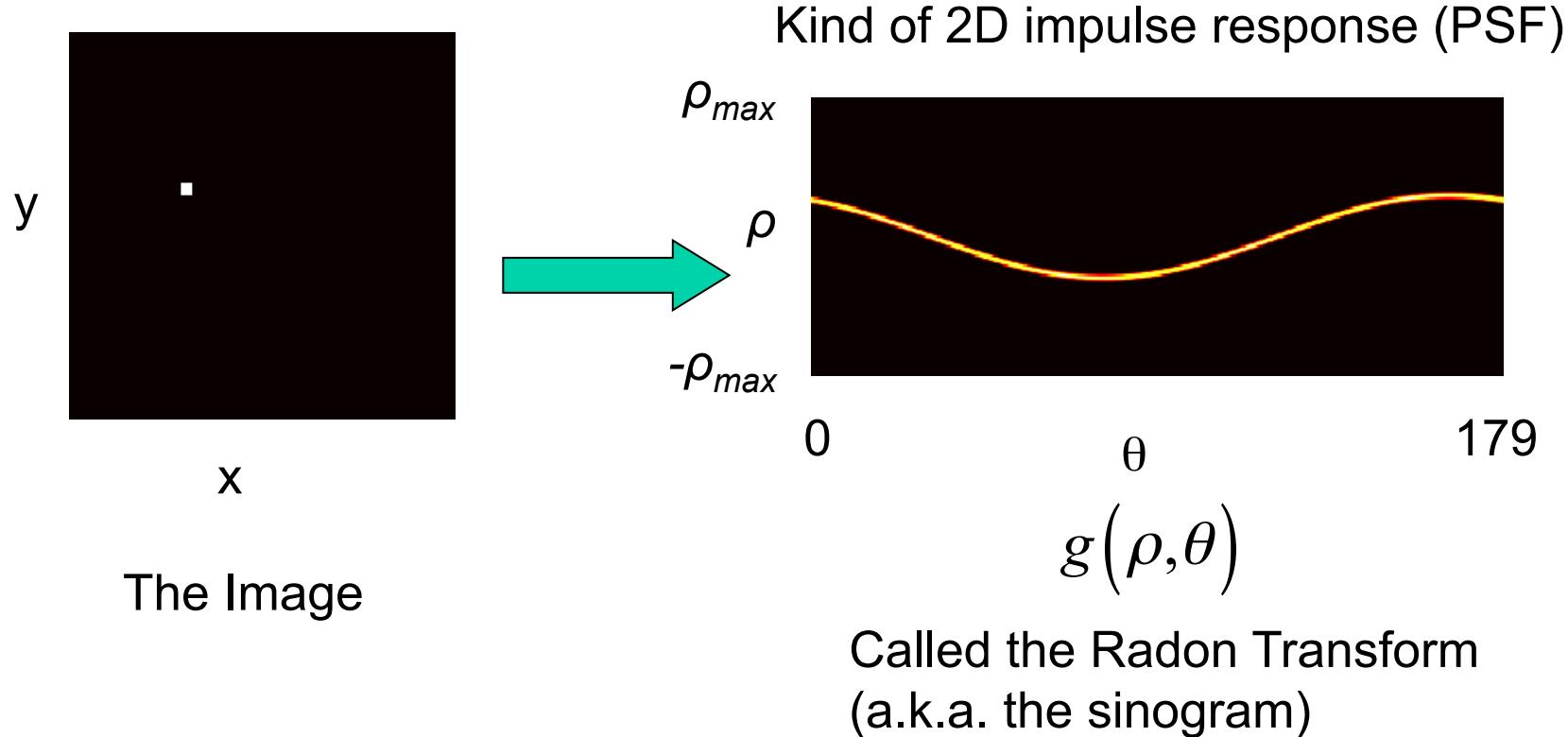
For all values of  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  we obtain the **Radon transform**:

$$g(\rho, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) \delta(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - \rho) dx dy$$

# RT: Radon transform

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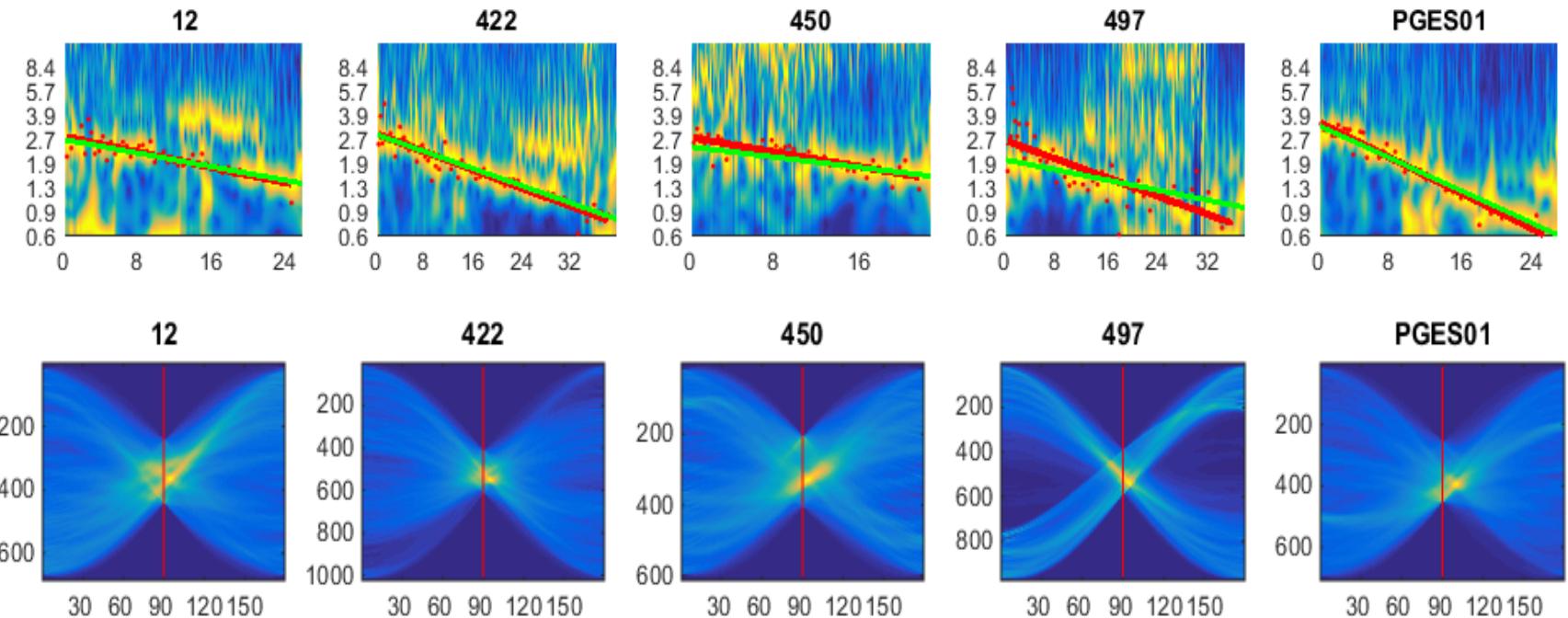
The representation of the Radon transform  $g(\rho, \theta)$  as an image with  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  as coordinates is called a ***sinogram***.



# RT: Radon transform

Detection of Inter Clonus Interval evolution from Video Sequences: Epilepsy

Optic Flow → Gabor spectrum → Radon Transform



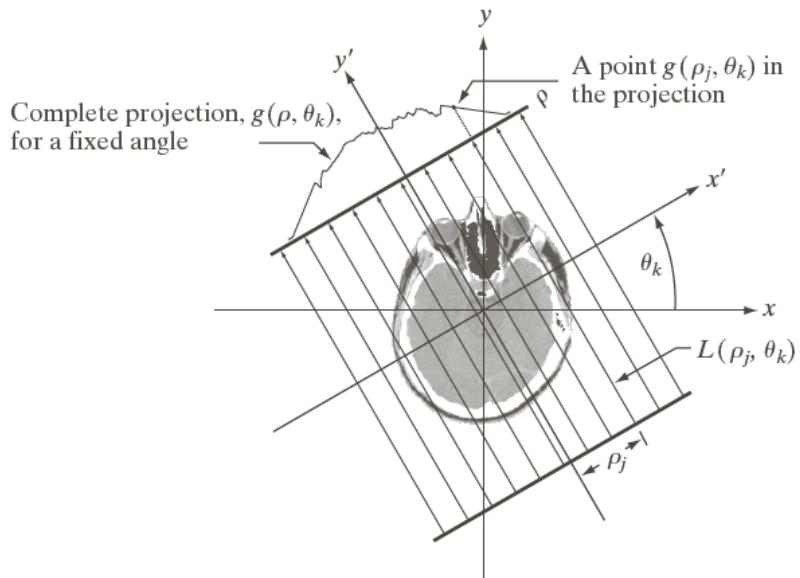
Courtesy Dr. S.N. Kalitzin, Netherlands Epilepsy Institute. From S.N. Kalitzin et al., Medicon 2016

# RT: Inverse Radon transform

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The approach is to back-project each projection and sum all the back-projections to generate a slice.

For a fixed rotation angle  $\theta_k$ , and a fixed distance  $\rho_j$ , **back-projecting** the value of the projection  $g(\rho_j, \theta_k)$  is equivalent to copying the value  $g(\rho_j, \theta_k)$  to the image pixels belonging to the line  $x\cos\theta_k + y\sin\theta_k = \rho_j$ .



# RT: Inverse Radon transform

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Repeating the process for all values of  $\rho_j$ , having a fixed angle  $\theta_k$  results in the following expression for the image values:

$$f_{\theta_k}(x, y) = g(\rho, \theta_k) = g(x \cos \theta_k + y \sin \theta_k, \theta_k)$$

This equation holds for every angle  $\theta$ :

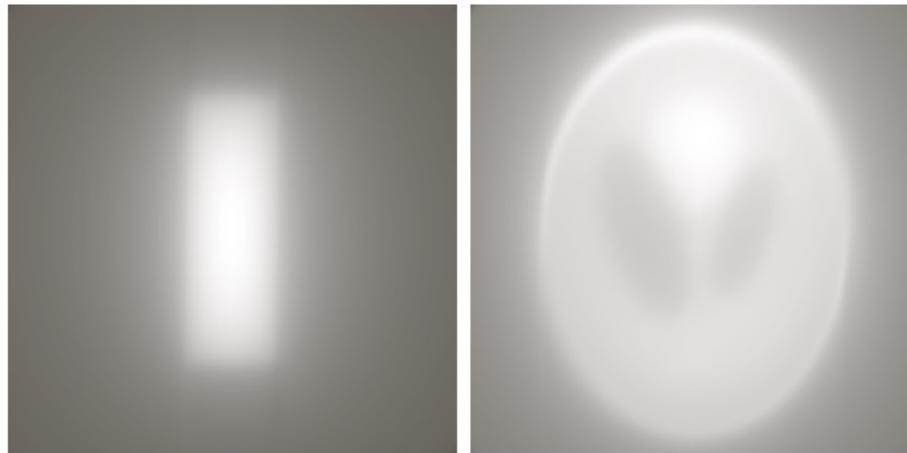
$$f_\theta(x, y) = g(\rho, \theta) = g(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta, \theta)$$

# RT: Inverse Radon transform

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The final image is formed by integrating over all the back-projected images:

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{\pi} f_{\theta}(x, y) d\theta$$



Back-projection provides blurred images. We will reformulate the process to eliminate blurring.

# RT: IRT - Fourier-slice theorem

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The **Fourier-slice theorem** relates the 1D FT of a projection with the 2D FT of the region of the image from which the projection was obtained.

Let the 1D F.T. of a projection with respect to  $\rho$  (at a given angle) be:

$$G(\omega, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(\rho, \theta) e^{-j2\pi\omega\rho} d\rho$$

Substituting the projection  $g(\rho, \theta)$  by the ray-sum:

$$\begin{aligned} G(\omega, \theta) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) \delta(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - \rho) dx dy e^{-j2\pi\omega\rho} d\rho \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - \rho) e^{-j2\pi\omega\rho} d\rho \right] dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi\omega(x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta)} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

# RT: IRT - Fourier-slice theorem

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$$G(\omega, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi\omega(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)} dx dy$$

Let now  $u = \omega\cos\theta$  and  $v = \omega\sin\theta$ :

$$G(\omega, \theta) = \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi(ux + vy)} dx dy \right]_{u=\omega\cos\theta, v=\omega\sin\theta}$$

which is the 2D F.T. of the image  $f(x, y)$  evaluated at the indicated frequencies  $u, v$ :

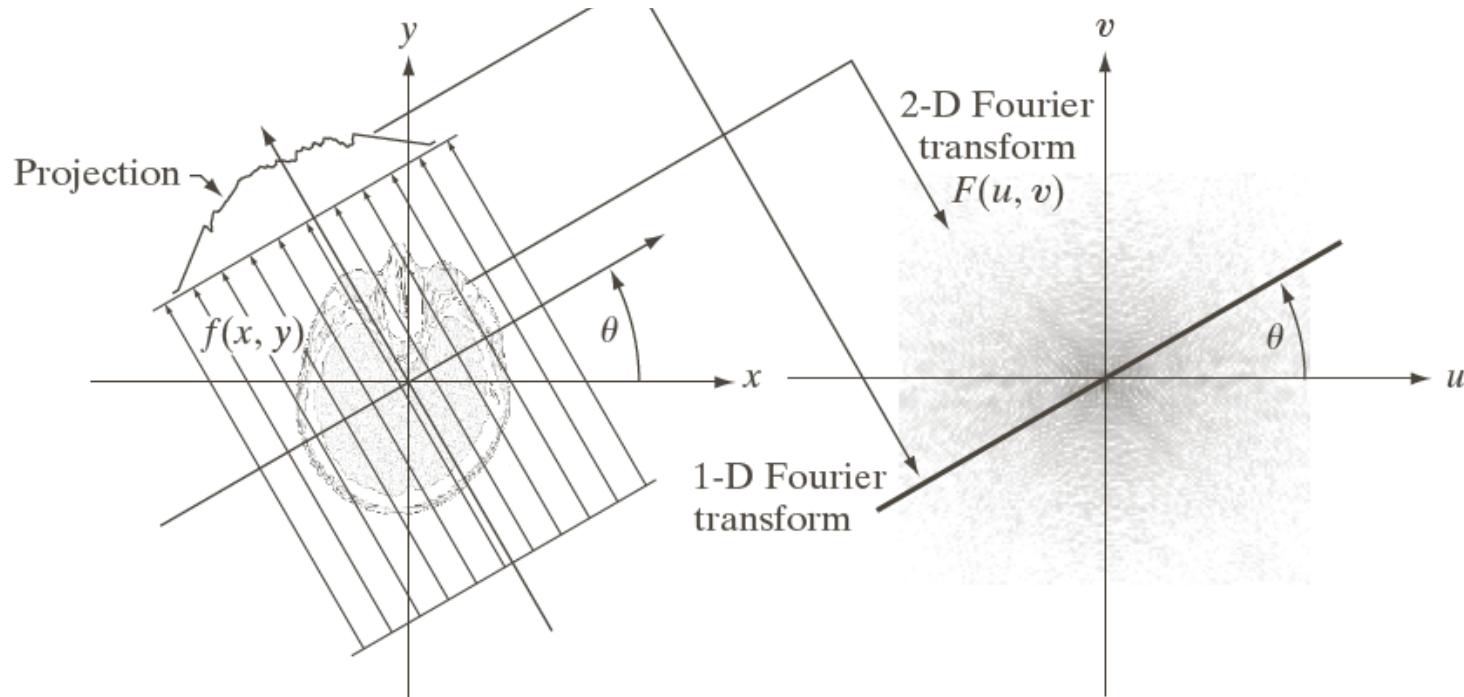
$$G(\omega, \theta) = [F(u, v)]_{u=\omega\cos\theta, v=\omega\sin\theta} = F(\omega\cos\theta, \omega\sin\theta)$$

# RT: IRT - Fourier-slice theorem

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The resulting equation  $G(\omega, \theta) = F(\omega \cos \theta, \omega \sin \theta)$  is known as the Fourier-slice theorem.

It states that the 1D F.T. of a projection (at a given angle  $\theta$ ) is a slice of the 2D F.T. of the image.

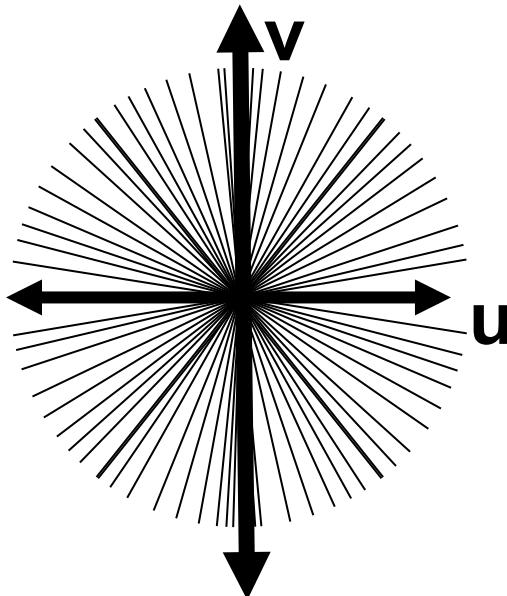


# RT: IRT - Fourier-slice theorem

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We could obtain  $f(x,y)$  by evaluating the F.T. of every projection and inverting them.

- It requires lots of Fourier Transforms
- We can't begin processing until we have all slices
- There's a more efficient way to organize things
- It requires “irregular” interpolation, worse at high frequencies



# RT: IRT - Filtered back-projections

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The 2D inverse Fourier transform of  $F(u,v)$  is

$$f(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(u,v) e^{j2\pi(ux+vy)} du dv$$

Letting  $u=\omega\cos\theta$  and  $v=\omega\sin\theta$  then the differential

$$du dv = \omega d\omega d\theta$$

and

$$f(x,y) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} F(\omega\cos\theta, \omega\sin\theta) e^{j2\pi\omega(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)} \omega d\omega d\theta$$

# RT: IRT - Filtered back-projections

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Using the Fourier-slice theorem:

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} G(\omega, \theta) e^{j2\pi\omega(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)} \omega d\omega d\theta$$

Make use of two facts:  $G(\omega, \theta + \pi) = G(-\omega, \theta)$   
 $\rho = x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta$

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\omega| G(\omega, \theta) e^{j2\pi\omega(x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta)} d\omega d\theta$$

The term  $x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta = \rho$  and is independent of  $\omega$ :

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\omega| G(\omega, \theta) e^{j2\pi\omega\rho} d\omega \right]_{\rho=x\cos\theta + y\sin\theta} d\theta$$

# RT: IRT - Filtered back-projections

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$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\omega| G(\omega, \theta) e^{j2\pi\omega\rho} d\omega \right]_{\rho=x\cos\theta+y\sin\theta} d\theta$$

For a given angle  $\theta$ , the inner expression is the 1-D Fourier transform of the projection multiplied by a ramp filter  $|\omega|$ .

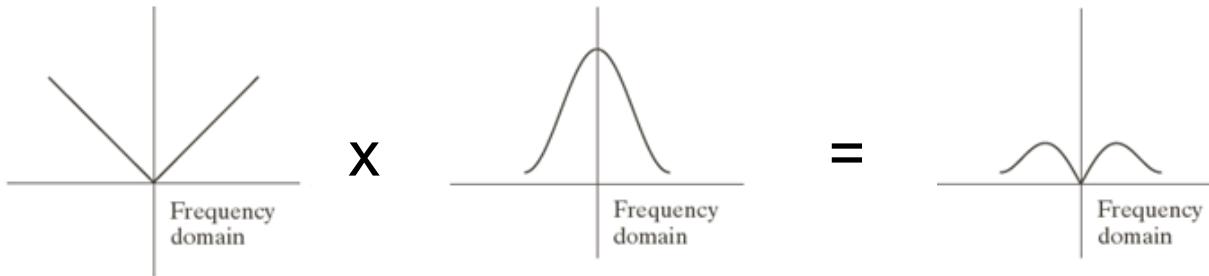
This is equivalent in filtering the projection with a high-pass filter with Fourier Transform  $|\omega|$  before back-projection.

# RT: IRT - Filtered back-projections

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Problem: the filter  $H(\omega)=|\omega|$  is not integrable in the inverse Fourier transform as it extends to infinity in both directions. It should be truncated in the frequency domain.

The simplest approach is to multiply it by a box filter in the frequency domain. Ringing will be noticeable.



Windows with smoother transitions are used.

# RT: IRT - Filtered back-projections

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The *complete* back-projection is obtained as follows:

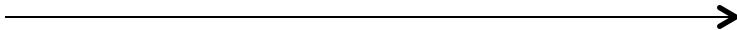
1. Compute the 1-D Fourier transform of each projection.
2. Multiply each Fourier transform by the filter function  $|\omega|$  (multiplied by a suitable window, e.g. Hamming).
3. Obtain the inverse 1-D Fourier transform of each resulting filtered transform.
4. Back-project and integrate all the 1-D inverse transforms from step 3.

# RT: Matlab

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ORIGINAL IMAGE

```
P = phantom(256);  
imshow(P)
```



Original image

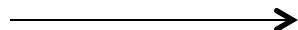


COMPUTE RADON TRANSFORM

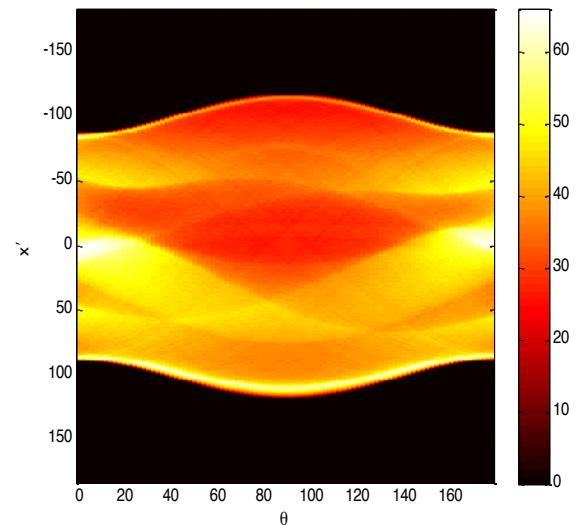
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theta = 0:2:178; -> for 90 projections  
[R,xp] = radon(P,theta);
```

DISPLAY SINOGRAM

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figure, imagesc(theta,xp,R);  
colormap(hot); colorbar  
xlabel('\theta'); ylabel('x\prime');
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Sinogram



# RT: IRT - Matlab

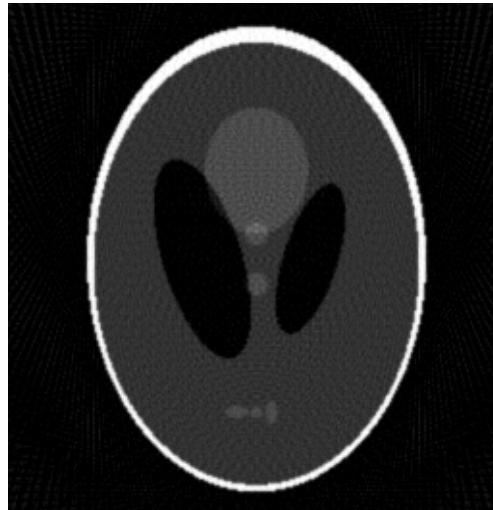
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RECONSTRUCT

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I = iradon(R,2);
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DISPLAY

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figure, imshow(I)
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18 projections



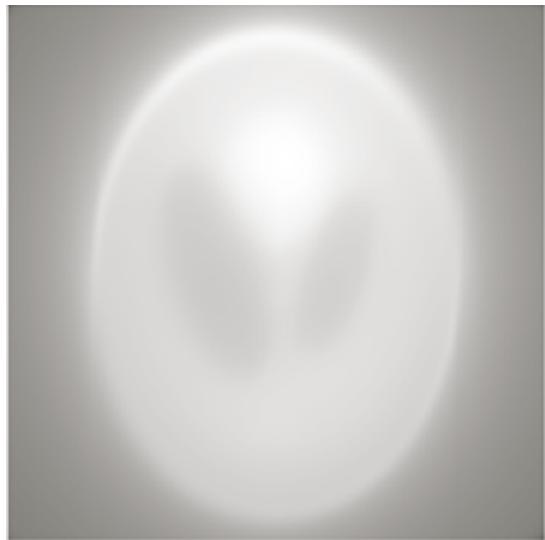
36 projections



# RT: IRT - Matlab

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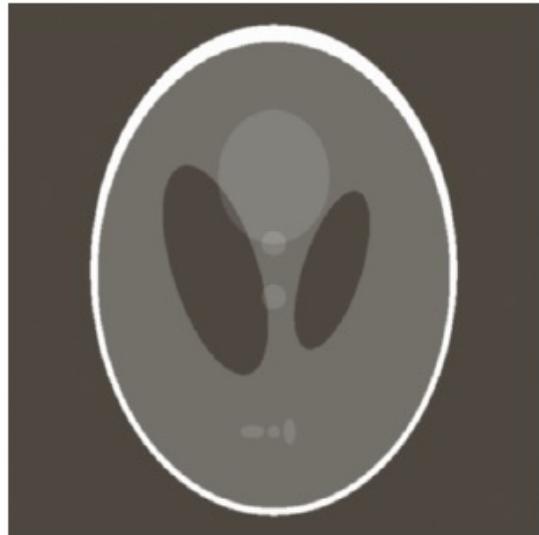
Back-projection



Ramp FBP



Hamming FBP



# RT: Overview of steps

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## Computed-Tomography

