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# Mid Level Image Features : Shapes

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## Shapes

### Approaches to Shape description

- Region based shape descriptors
- Boundary based descriptors
- Interest Operator + Descriptor

## Applications

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- Shape goes one step further than color and texture.
- Color and Texture are both global attributes of an image; shape is not an image attributes *local attr.*
  - Shape tends to refer to a specific region of an image
  - Segmentation is still a crucial problem to be solved, so interests operator is employed for shape description
- Two-dimensional shape recognition is an important aspect of image analysis (image matching/retrieval)



# Shape descriptors



- There are three approaches to defining shapes
  1. Shape represented by its region descriptors – Simple !!
  2. Shape represented by its Boundary
  3. Shape represented by its interests points (corners)





# Region based Shape Descriptors





- area
- centroid
- perimeter
- perimeter length
- circularity, elongation
- mean and standard deviation of radial distance
- second order moments (row, column, mixed)
- bounding box
- extremal axis length from bounding box
- lengths and orientations of axes of best-fit ellipse

Often want features independent of position, orientation, scale





- Why use moments?
  - Geometric moments of different orders represent spatial characteristics of the image distribution

- Zero-order moment

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m B[i, j]$$

- Total intensity of image
- For binary image → area





- An object's position in the image determines its spatial location.
- center of area (a centroid, center of mass) : first order moment
  - Intensity centroid
  - Geometrical center in binary image

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n jB[i, j]}{A} \quad : \text{average (mean) of } j \text{ coordinates of object (1) pixels} \\ \bar{y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n iB[i, j]}{A} \quad : \text{average of } i \text{ coordinates of object (1) pixels} \end{array} \right.$$

- A precision of tenths of a pixel is often justifiable for the centroid.
- Centroids of regions can be interesting points for analysis and matching







There are three second-order spatial moments of a region

- Second-order row moment

$$\mu_{rr} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{(r,c) \in R} (r - \bar{r})^2$$

- Second-order mixed moment

$$\mu_{rc} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{(r,c) \in R} (r - \bar{r})(c - \bar{c})$$

- Second-order column moment

$$\mu_{cc} = \frac{1}{A} \sum_{(r,c) \in R} (c - \bar{c})^2$$

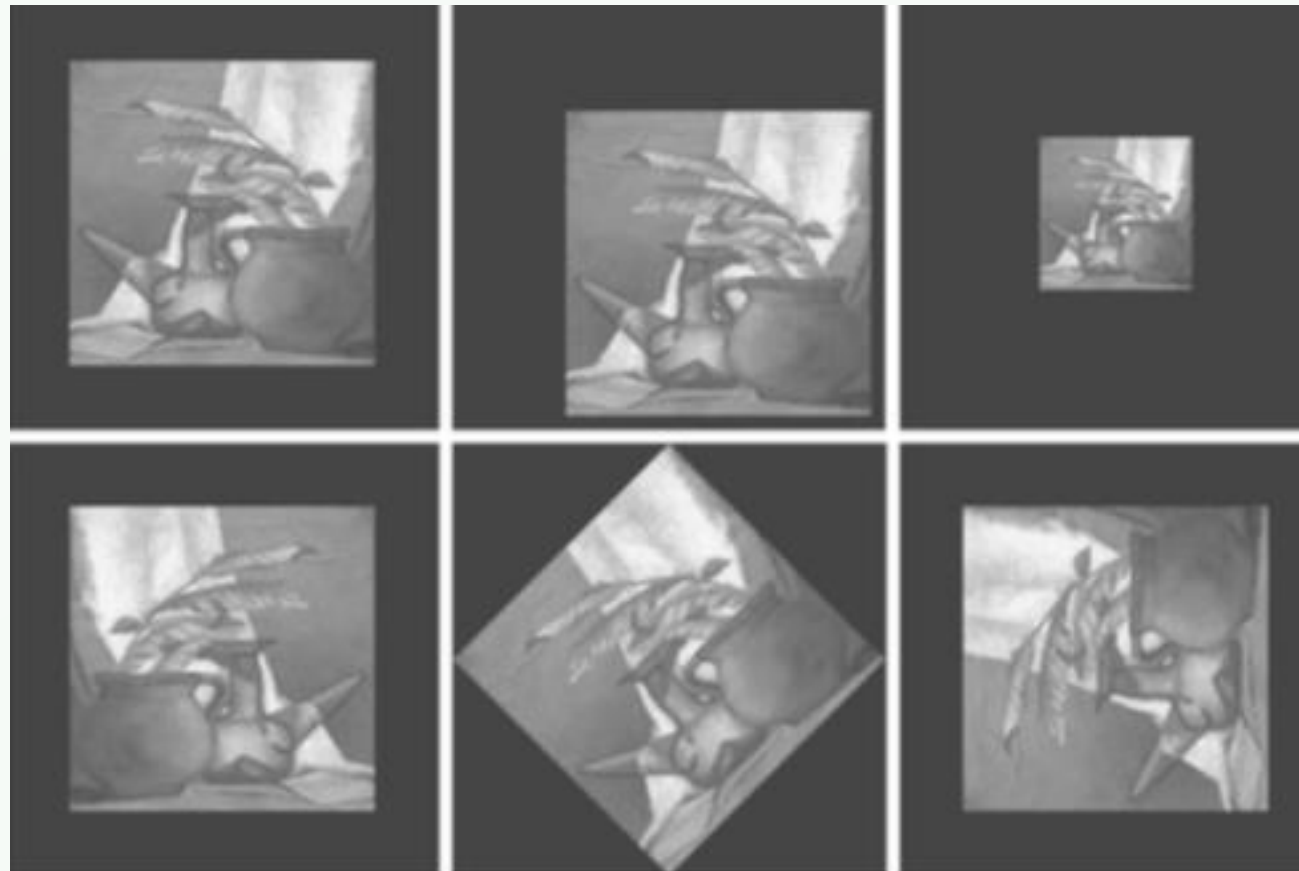


# Moment Invariants



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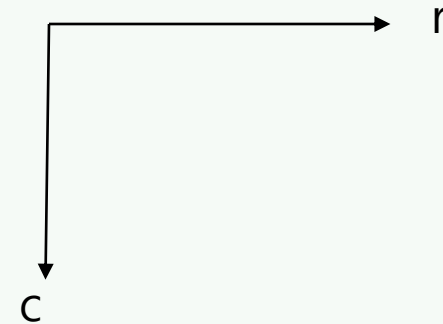
- Geometric transformation: translation, scale, mirroring, rotation



# Contrast second moments



- For the letter 'I'
- Versus the letter 'O'
- Versus the underline '\_'



# Perimeter and Perimeter Length



Perimeter  $P_4 = \{ (r, c) \in R \mid N_8(r, c) - R \neq \phi \}$

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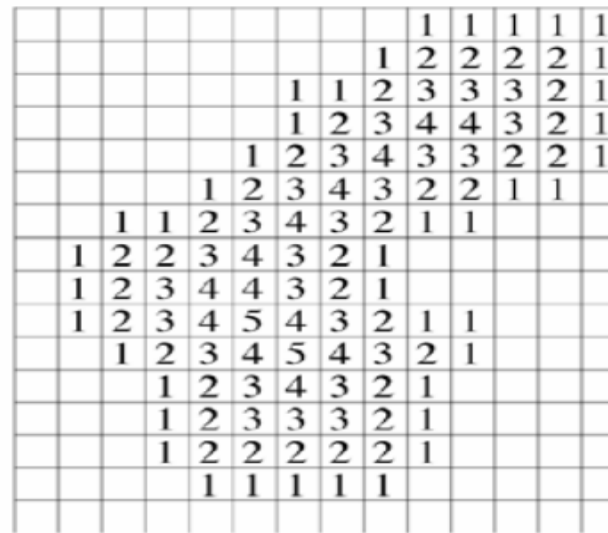
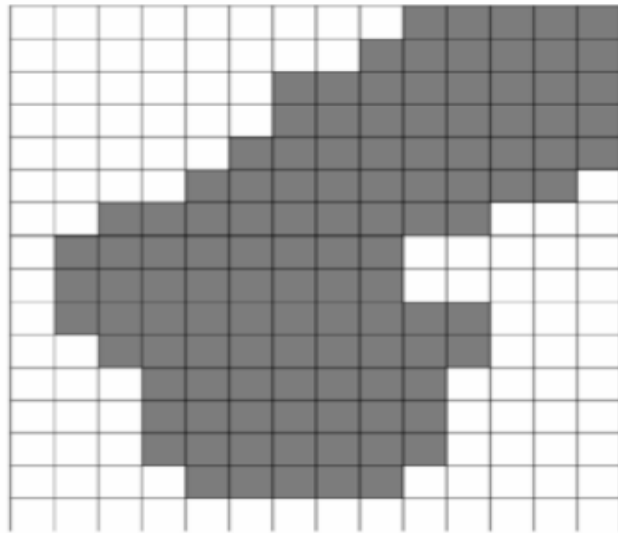
Perimeter Length

$$|P| = |\{k \mid (r_{k+1}, c_{k+1}) \in N_4(r_k, c_k)\}| + \sqrt{2} |\{k \mid (r_{k+1}, c_{k+1}) \in N_8(r_k, c_k) - N_4(r_k, c_k)\}|$$

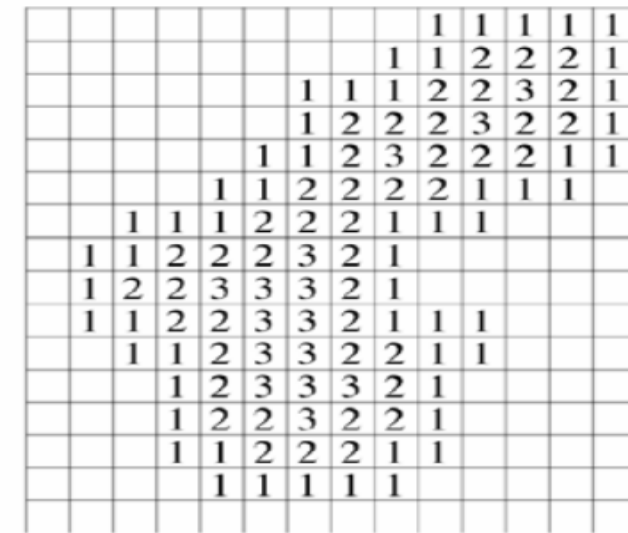
Perimeter can vary significantly with object orientation



# Perimeter and Perimeter Length



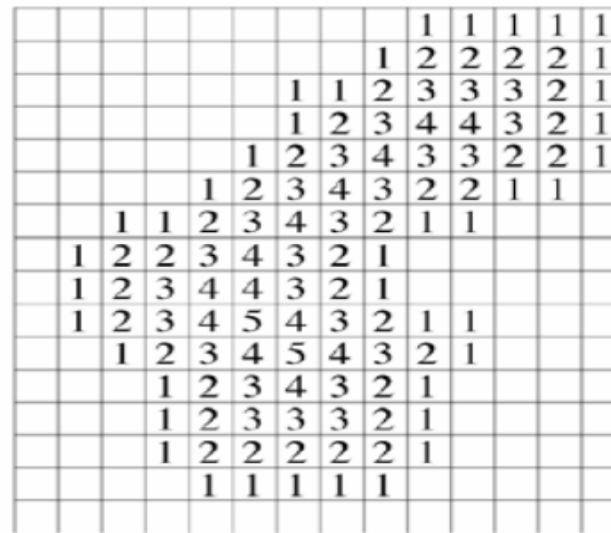
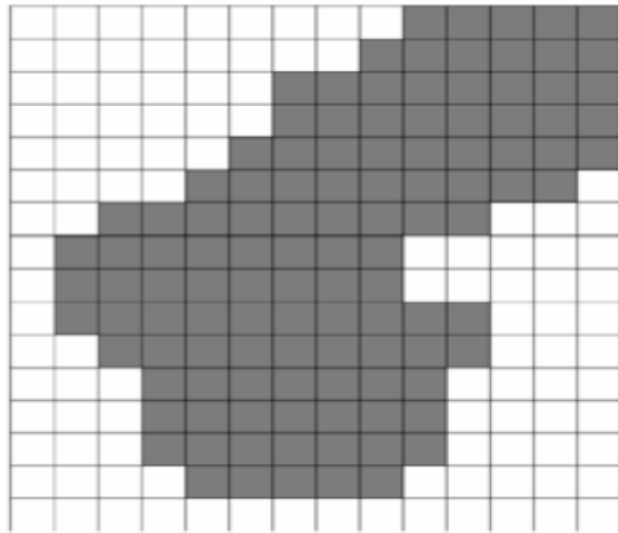
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adjacency**



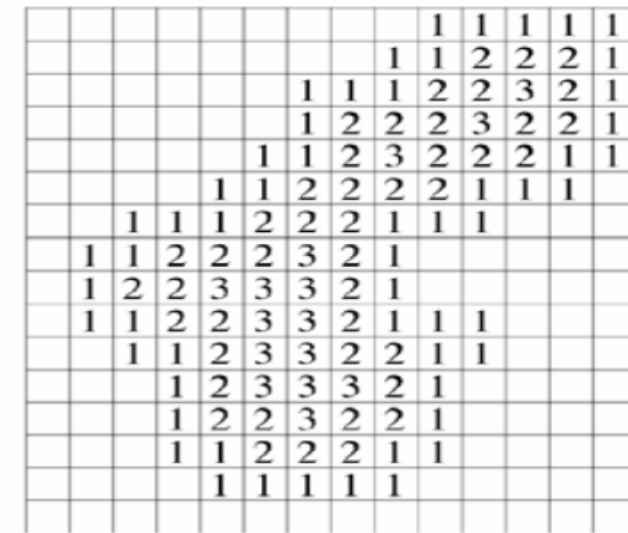
**8-connected  
adjacency**



# Perimeter and Perimeter Length



**4-connected  
adjacency**



**8-connected  
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- Common measure of circularity of a region is length of the perimeter squared divided by area

- Circularity (1):

$$C_1 = \frac{|P|^2}{A}$$



# Circularity as variance of “radius”



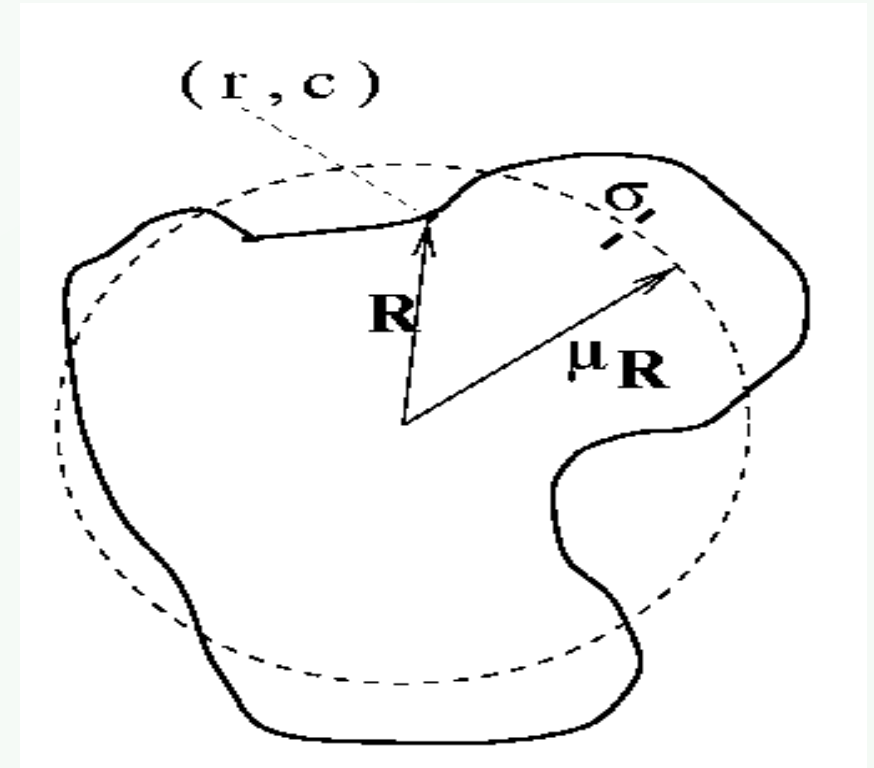
- A second measure uses variation off of a circle
- Circularity (2):

$$C_2 = \frac{\mu_R}{\sigma_R}$$

–  $\mu_R$  and  $\sigma_R^2$  are the mean and variance of the distance from the centroid of the shape to the boundary pixels  $(r_k, c_k)$ .

$$\mu_R = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \|(r_k, c_k) - (\bar{r}, \bar{c})\|$$

$$\sigma_R^2 = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} [\|(r_k, c_k) - (\bar{r}, \bar{c})\| - \mu_R]^2$$

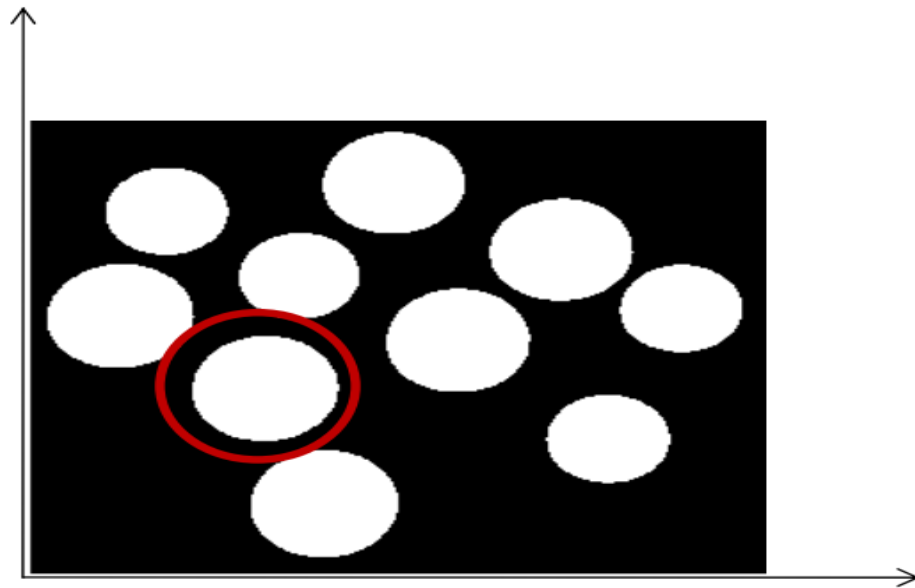




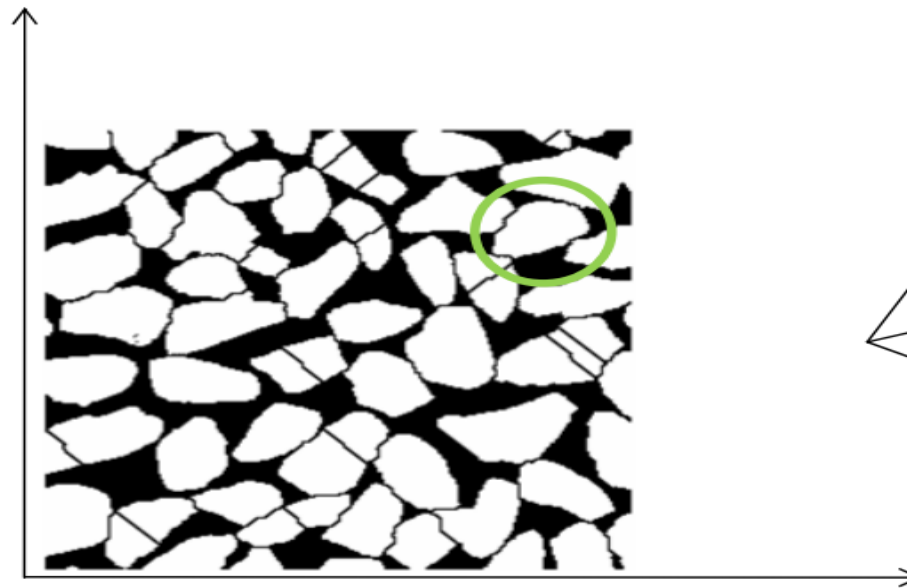
# Invariant descriptors



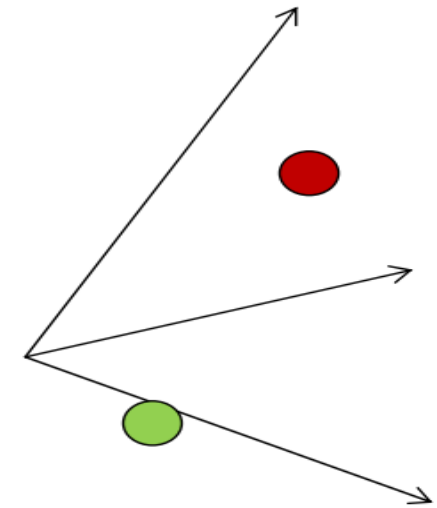
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$[a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots]$



$[b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots]$



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space  
distance





- Define the orientation of an object as the orientation of the axis of elongation.  
≡ axis of least second order moment  
variation(分散) = spread of data  
≡ axis of least inertia
- The axis of least second moment for an object is the line which gives

$$\min_{line} \chi^2 = \min_{line} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij}^2 B[i, j]$$

where  $r_{ij}$  the perpendicular distance from an object point  $[i, j]$  to the line (axis)



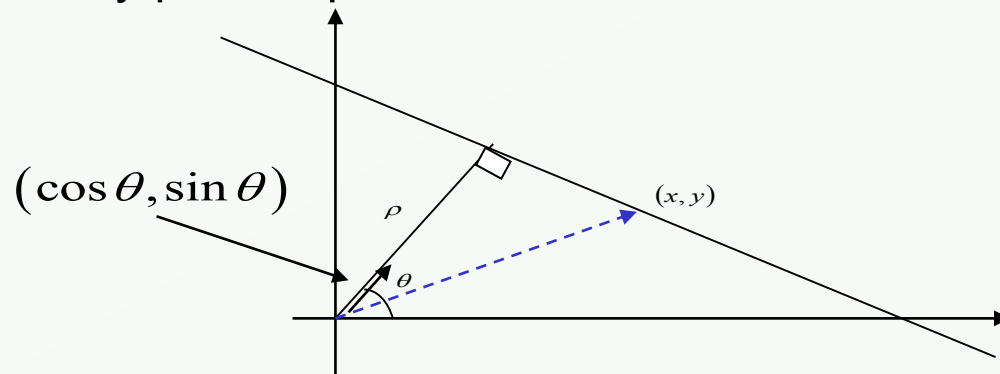
# Orientation (2)



## Polar representation of a straight line

why polar representation instead of

$y = ax + b$  cannot represent the vertical line



$$\frac{(x, y) \cdot (\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \rho}{x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = \rho}$$

projection of  $(x, y)$  onto the direction  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$

Then,

$$r^2 = (x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta - \rho)^2$$
$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} \cos \theta + y_{ij} \sin \theta - \rho)^2 B[i, j]$$

Problem: Find  $\rho$  and  $\theta$  that minimizes  $\chi^2$ .



# Orientation (3)



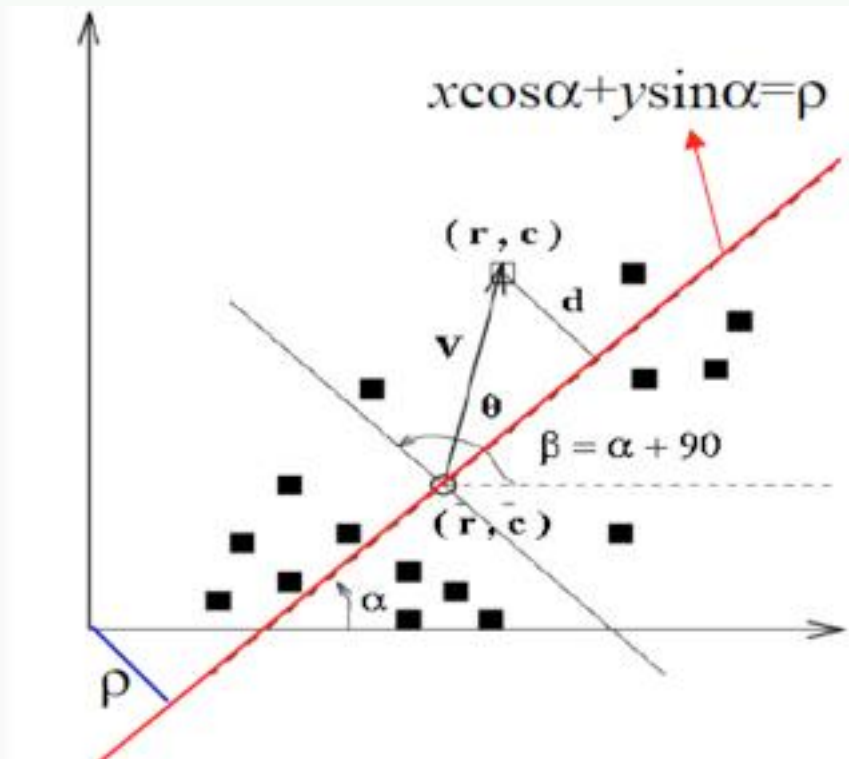
Solution:  $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \rho} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \theta} = 0$

•The elongation E of the object  $\equiv \frac{\chi_{\max}}{\chi_{\min}}$



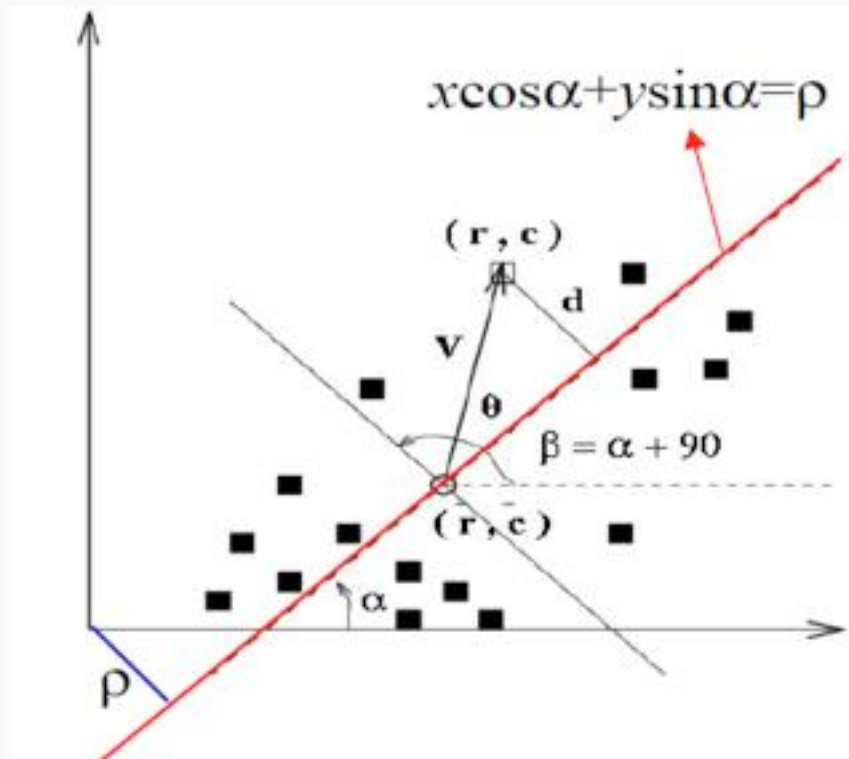
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## : Axis with Least Second Moment



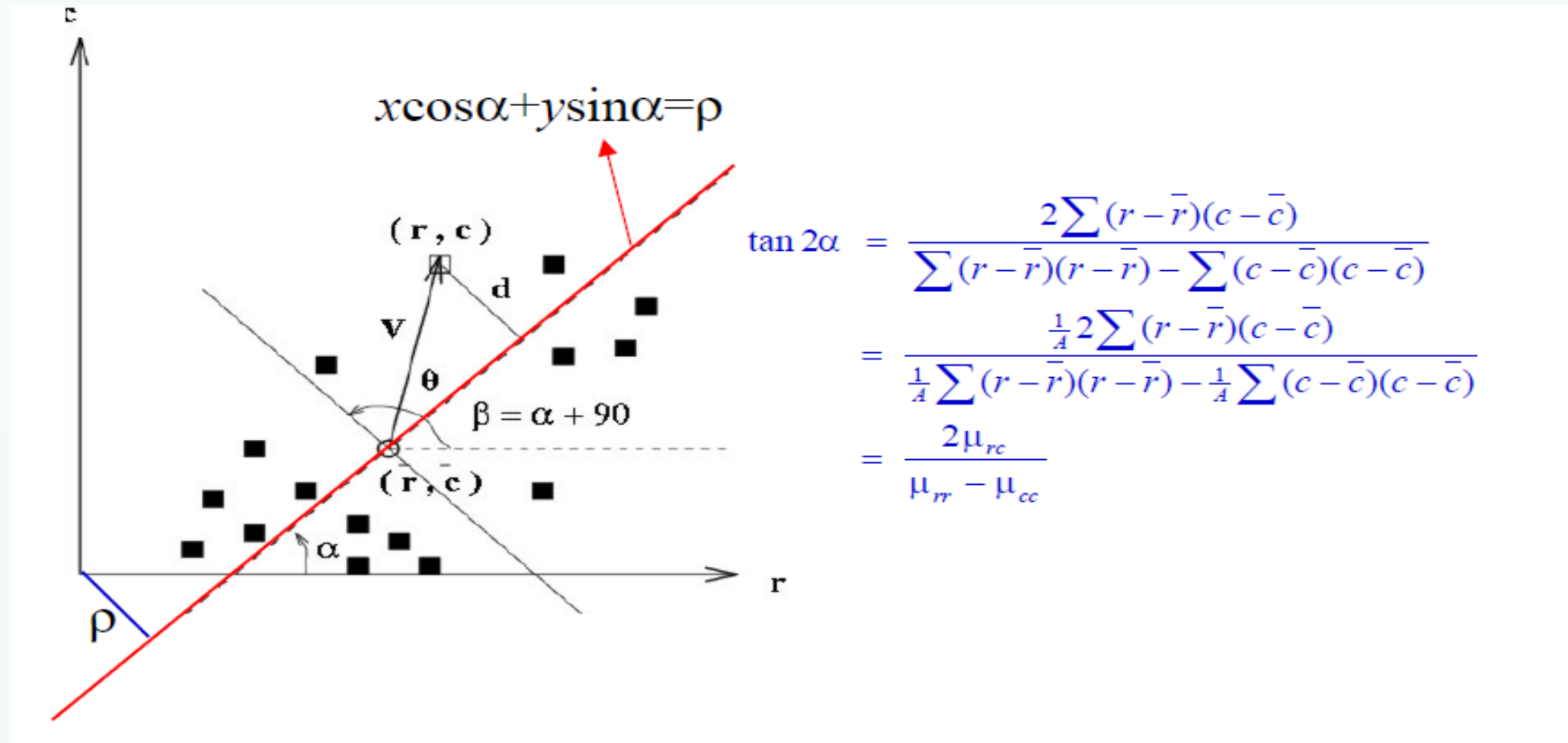
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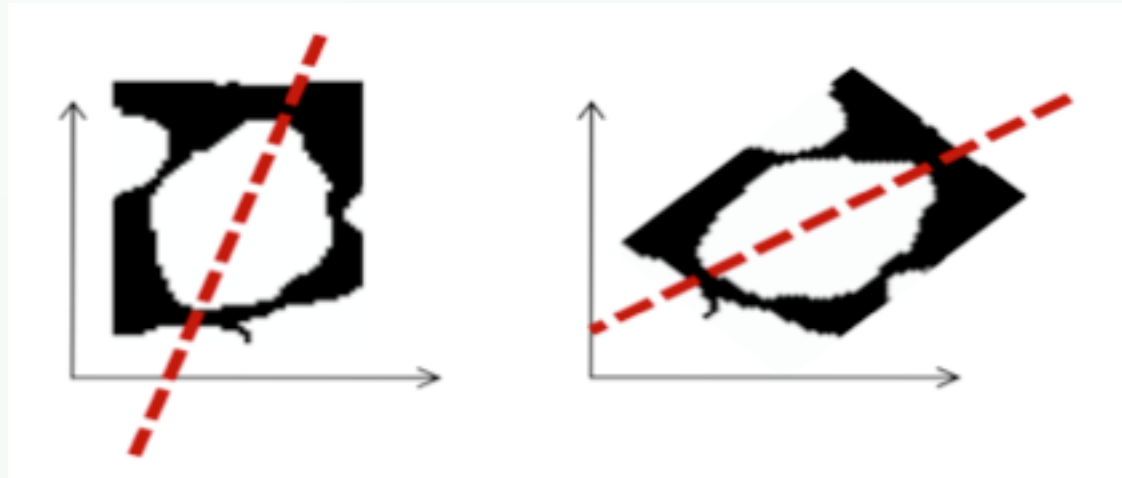


# Orientation (5)

## : Axis with Least Second Moment



- Invariance to orientation?  
: Need a common alignment

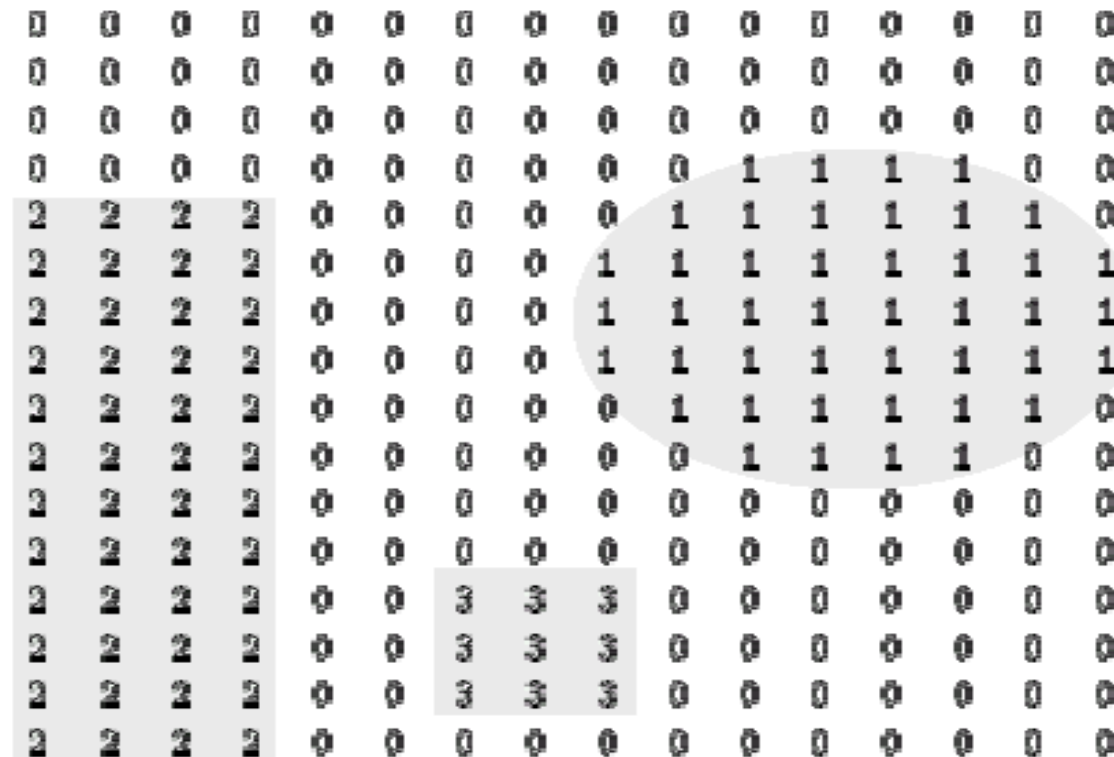


Axis for which the squared distance to 2d object points is minimized





# Basic Properties of a Region



region num.	region area	row of center	col of center	perim. length	circu- larity <sub>1</sub>	circu- larity <sub>2</sub>	radius mean	radius var.
1	44	6	11.5	21.2	10.2	15.4	3.33	.05
2	48	9	1.5	28	16.3	2.5	3.80	2.28
3	9	13	7	8	7.1	5.8	1.2	0.04



# Topological Region Descriptors

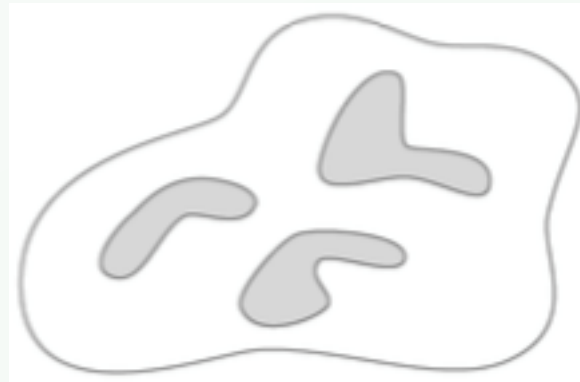


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- Topological properties: properties of image preserved **under rubber-sheet distortions**
  - # holes in the image
  - # connected components



$H=2, C=1$



$H=0, C=3$



$H=1, C=1$

$H=2, C=1$

