

Task 3: SIFT (pen & paper)

Consider Figure 2, which shows a normalized orientation histogram for a SIFT keypoint after weighting¹.

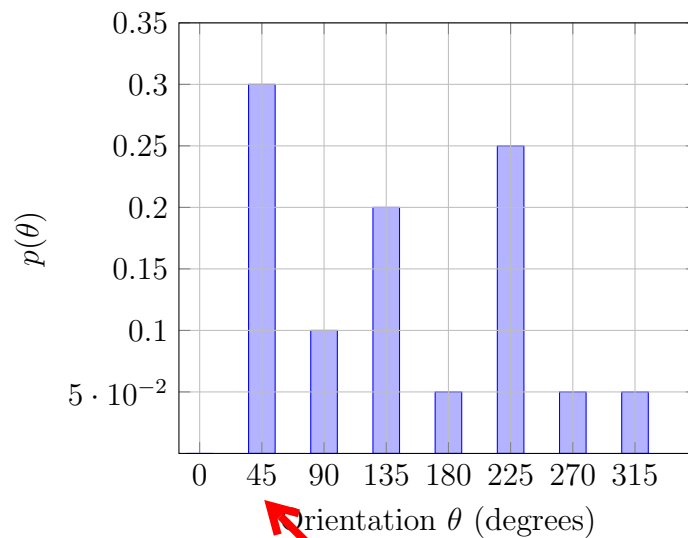


Figure 2: A normalized orientation histogram of a SIFT keypoint.

- (a) What is the dominant local direction of the keypoint?

45° is the dominant local direction. Because in this orientation the number of sample points are maximum.

- (b) How many new keypoints will be created, and why? What are their orientations?

Only 80% of the peak value is used to find out the other orientations 

Thus:

- peak value (45°) : 0.3
- 80% of 0.3 = 0.24

There's only one peak value left greater than 0.24 -> peak value(225): 0.25.

So, only one new key point will be created and its orientation will be 225 °

From the slides:

The strongest bin gives us the keypoint orientation

But: create also a keypoint for all bins with values of at least 80% of the strongest keypoint

¹For simplicity, we consider an 8-bin orientation histogram. In the original SIFT algorithm, 36 bins are used.