
SIFT

scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT)

Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints

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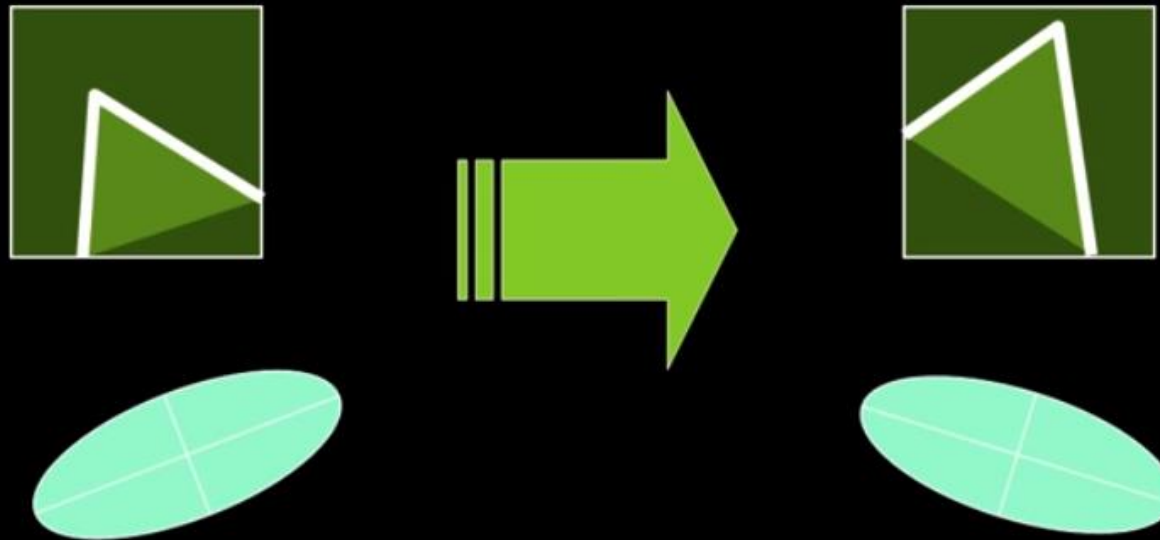
This paper presents a method for extracting distinctive invariant features from images that can be used to perform reliable matching between different views of an object or scene. The features are invariant to image scale and rotation, and are shown to provide robust matching ...

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עמיד לשינוי סבוב Harris:

Harris Detector: Some Properties

Rotation invariance?



Ellipse rotates but its shape (i.e. eigenvalues) remains the same

Harris Detector: Some Properties

- Mostly invariant to additive and multiplicative intensity changes (threshold issue for multiplicative)
 - ✓ Only derivatives are used =>
invariance to intensity shift $I \rightarrow I + b$

Properties of the Harris corner detector

Translation invariant?

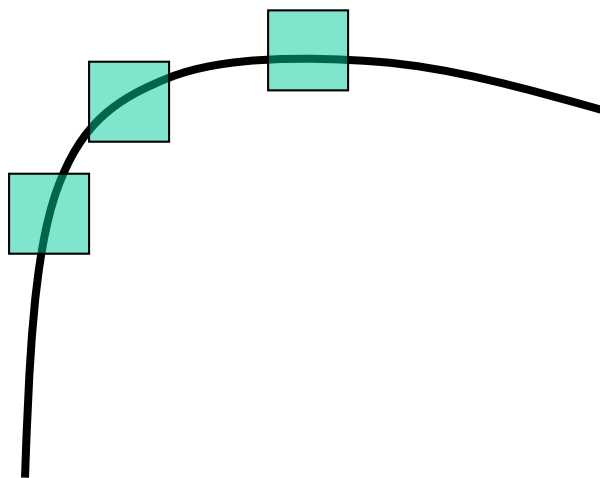
Yes

Rotation invariant?

Yes

Scale invariant?

No



All points will be
classified as **edges**



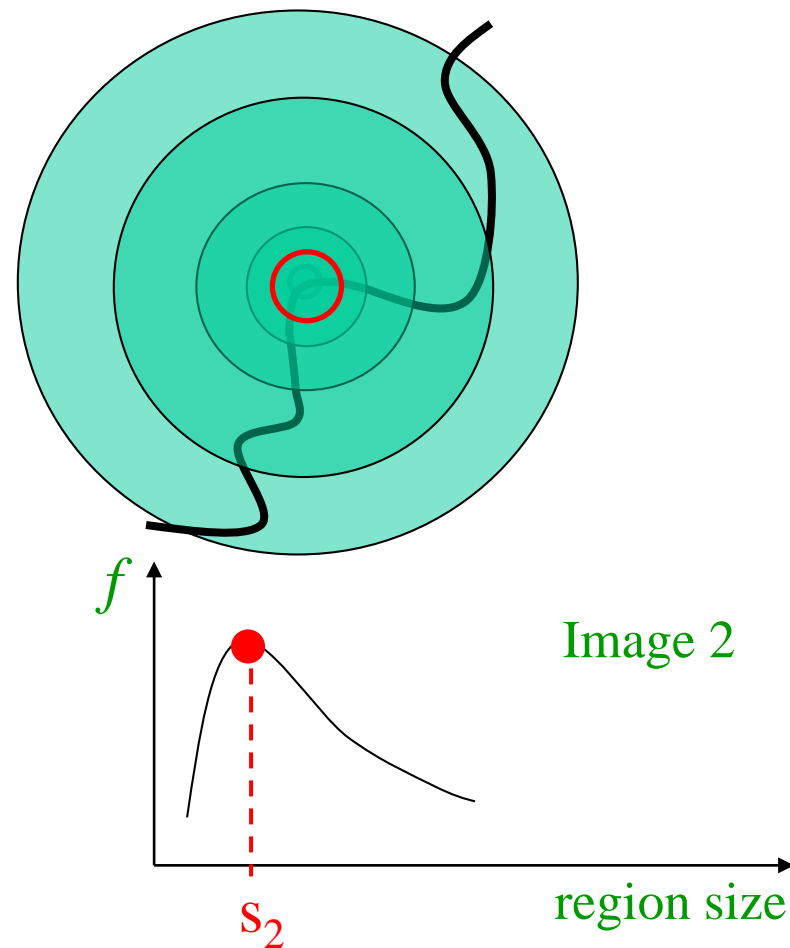
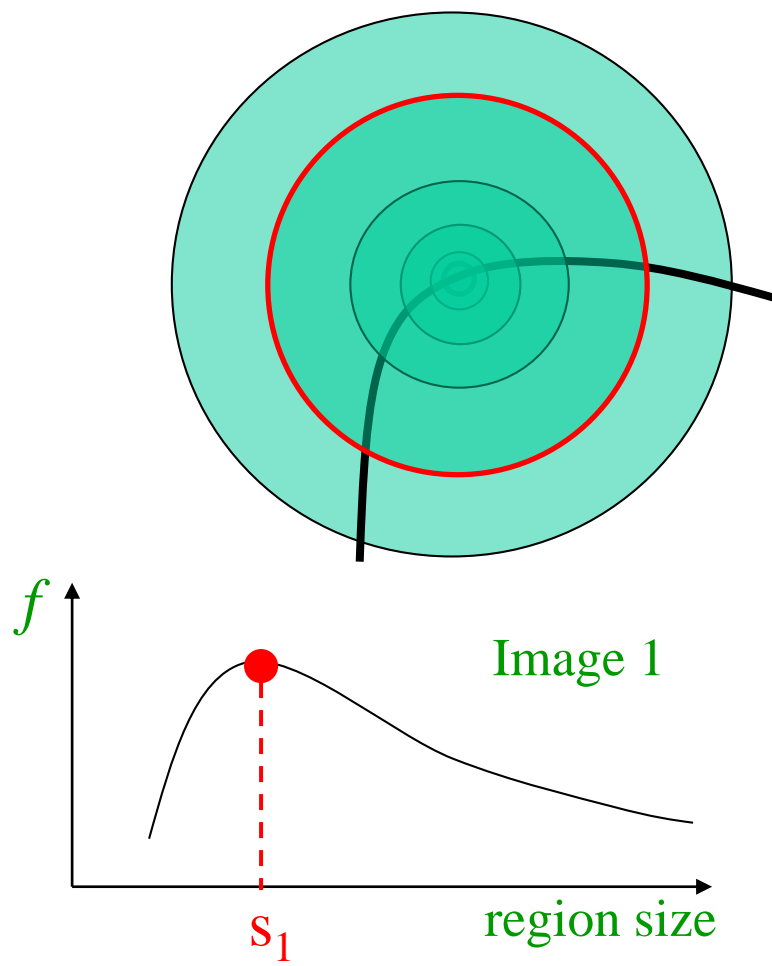
Corner !

Automatic scale selection

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Intuition:

- Find scale that gives local maxima of some function f in both position and scale.

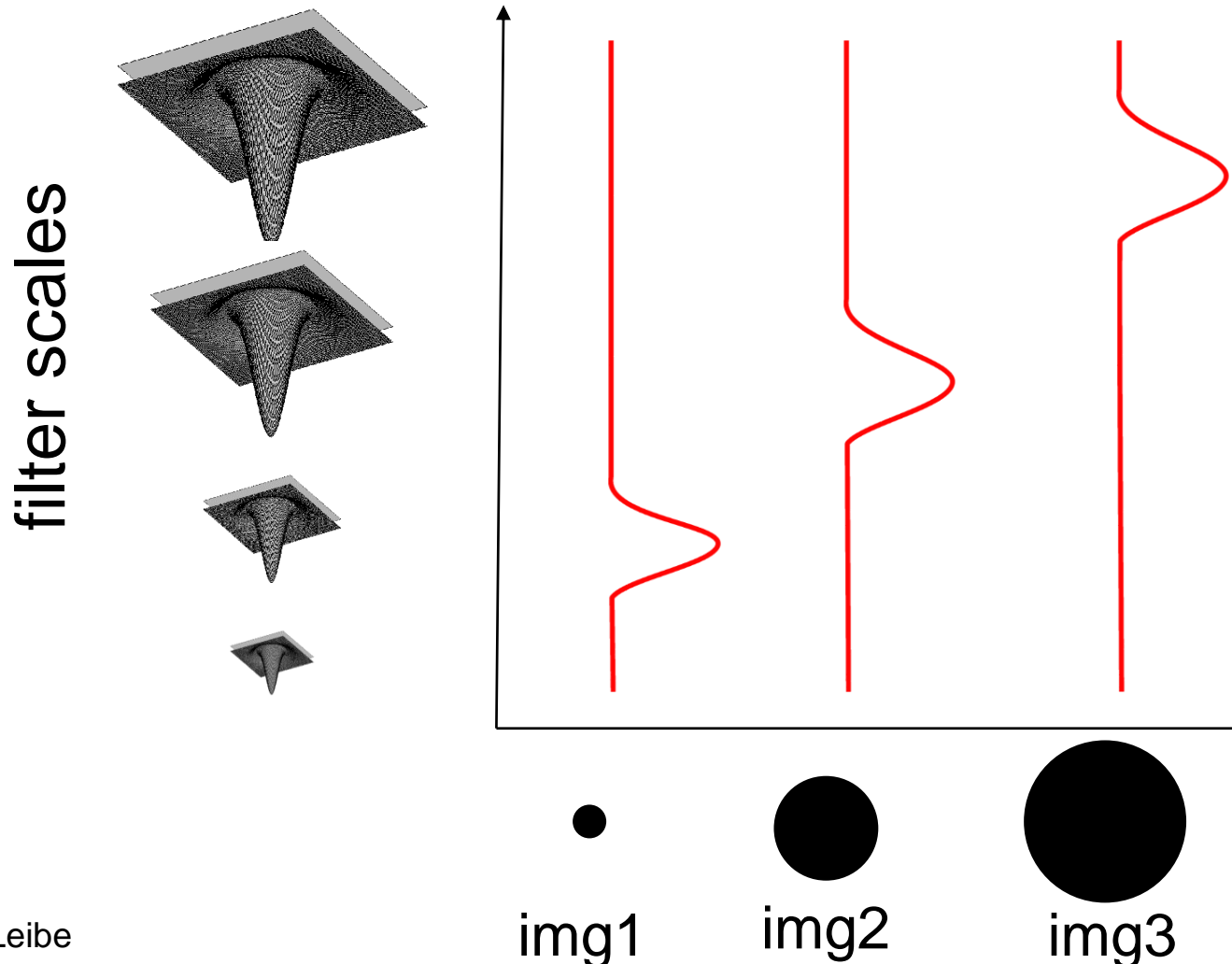


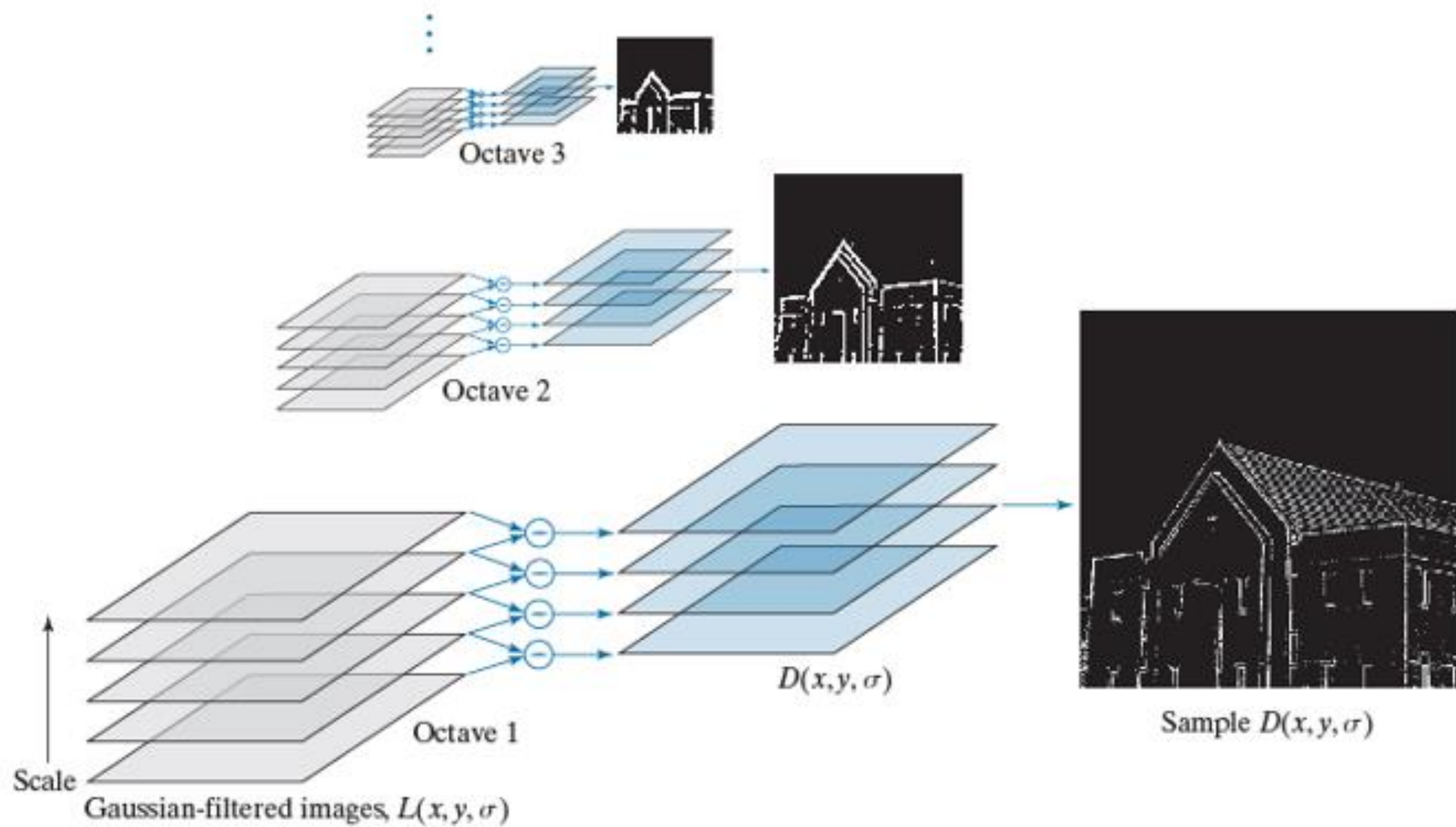


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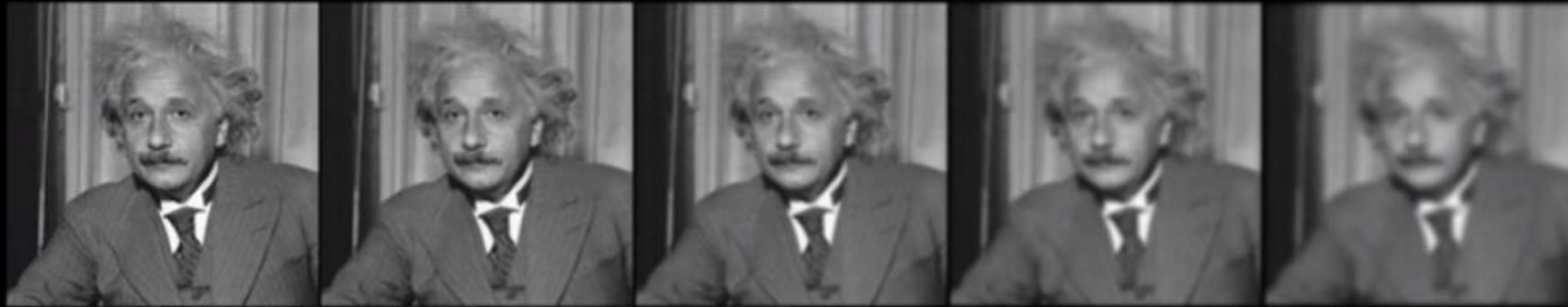
Blob detection in 2D: scale selection

Laplacian-of-Gaussian = “blob” detector $\nabla^2 g = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}$



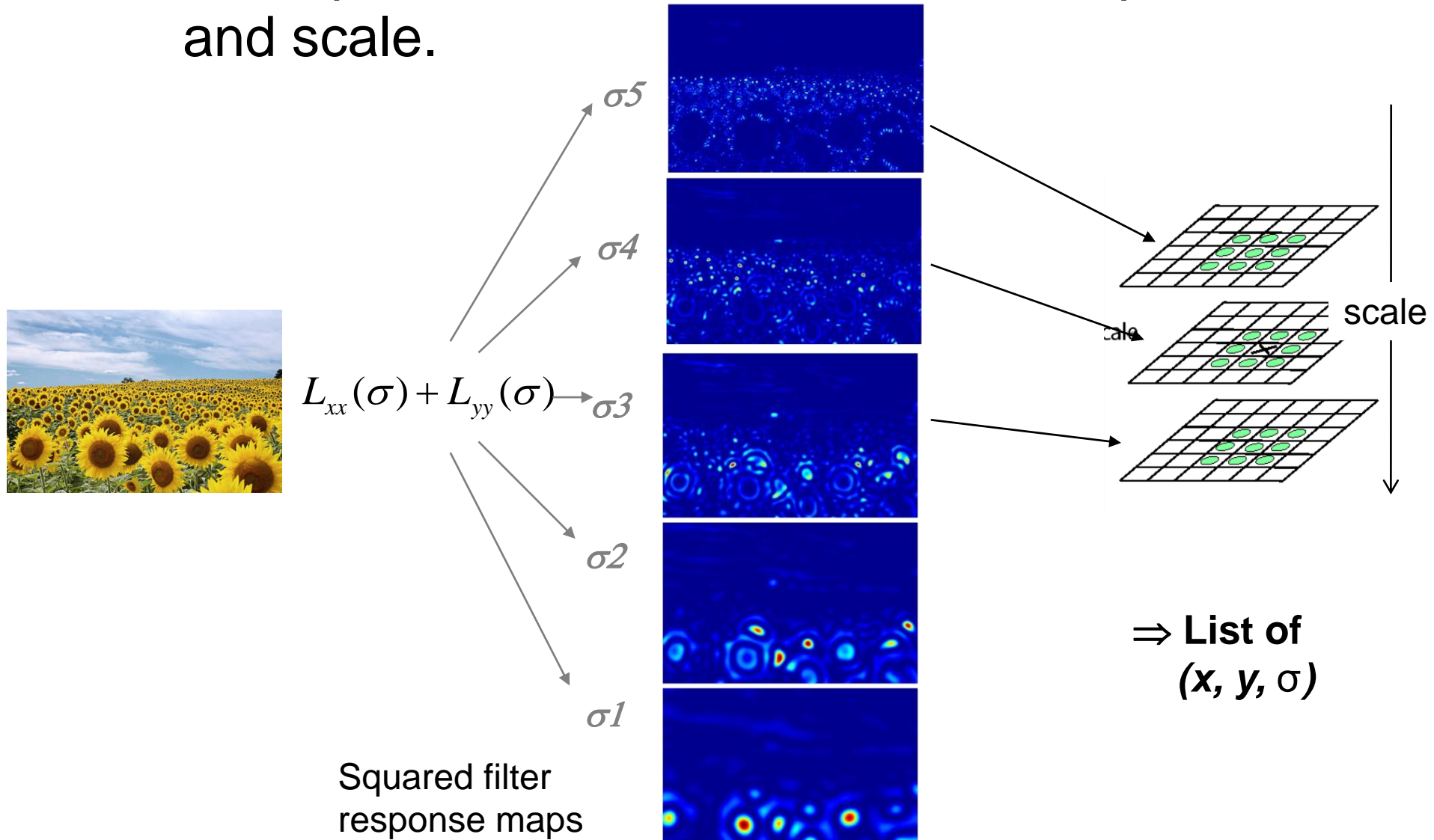


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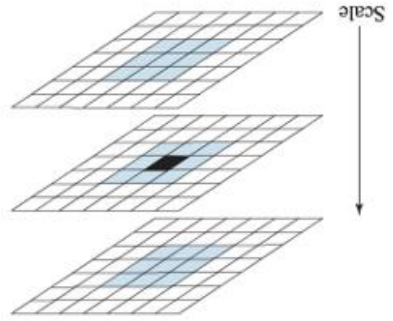


Scale invariant interest points

Interest points are local maxima in both position and scale.

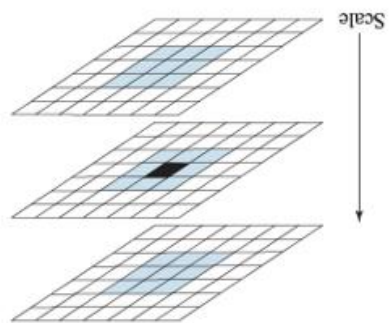


Example

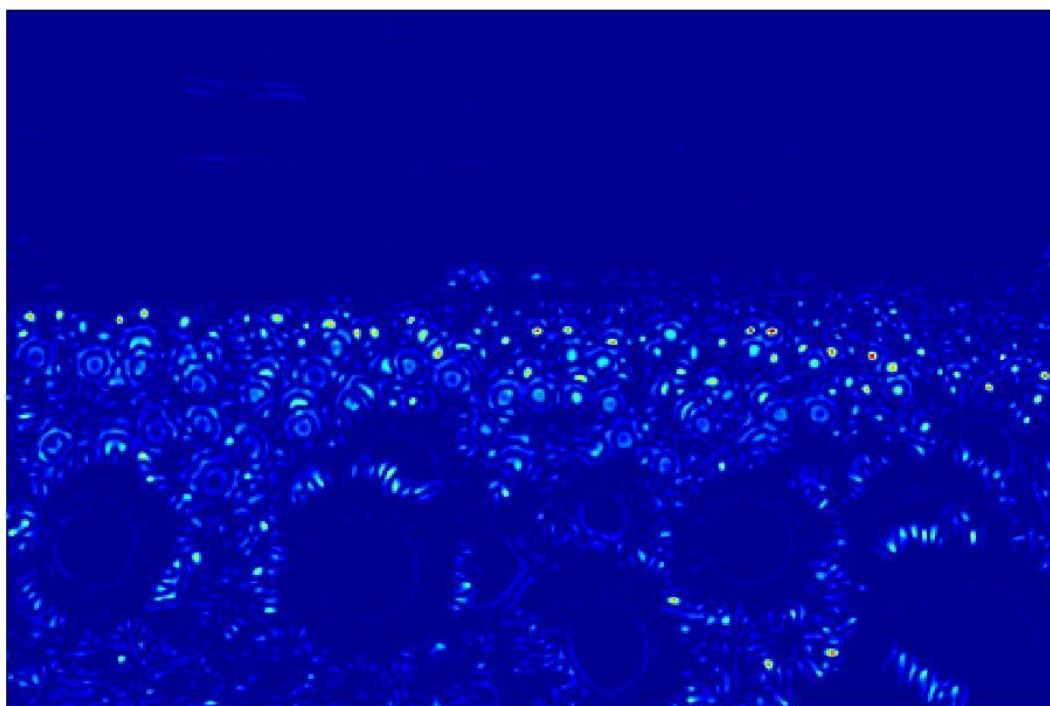
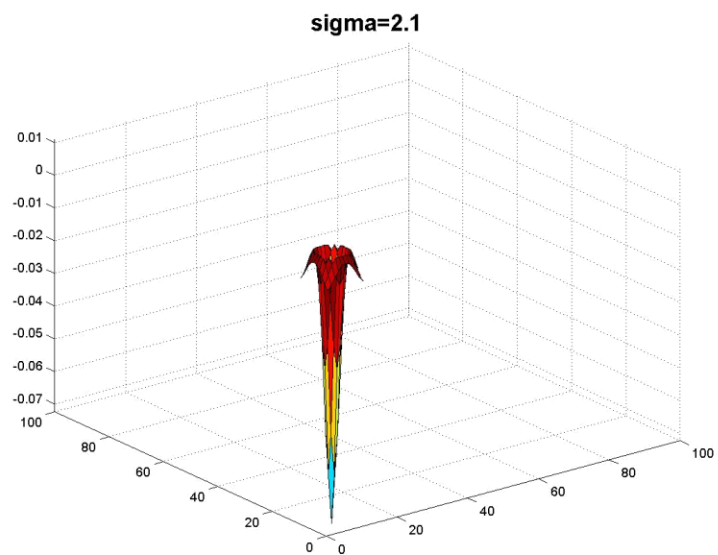
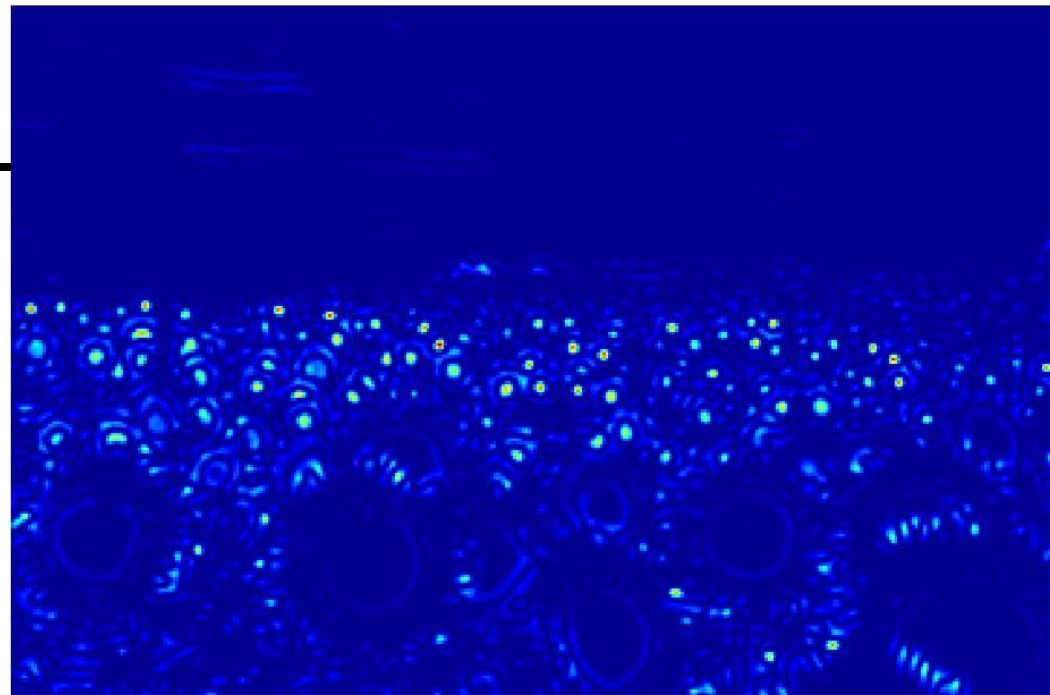


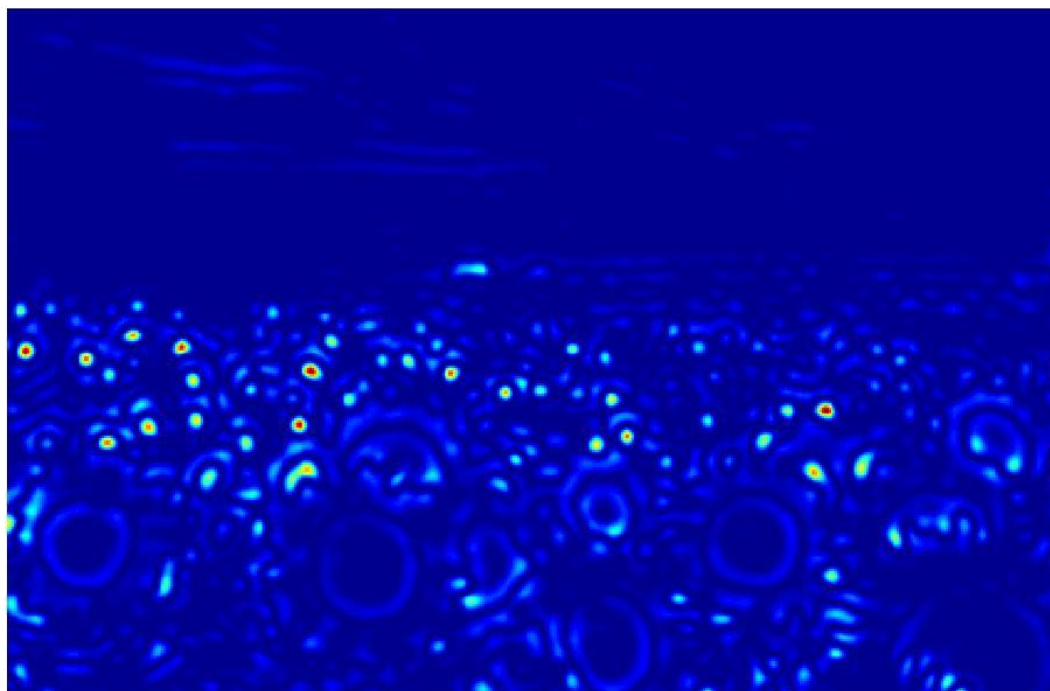
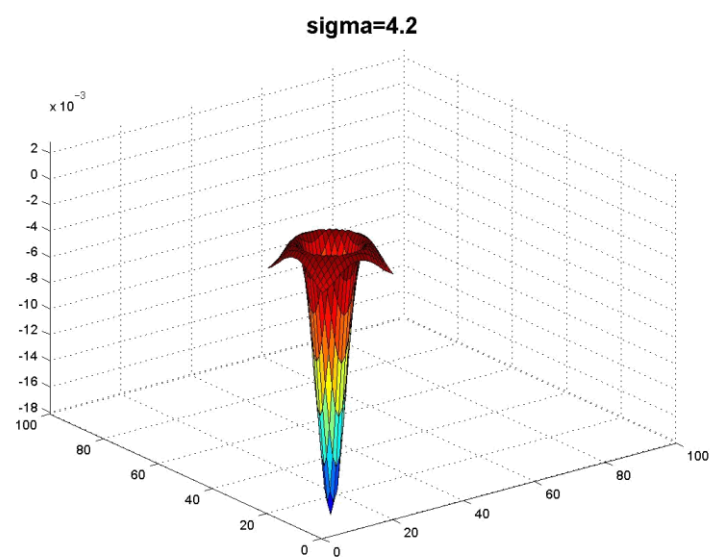
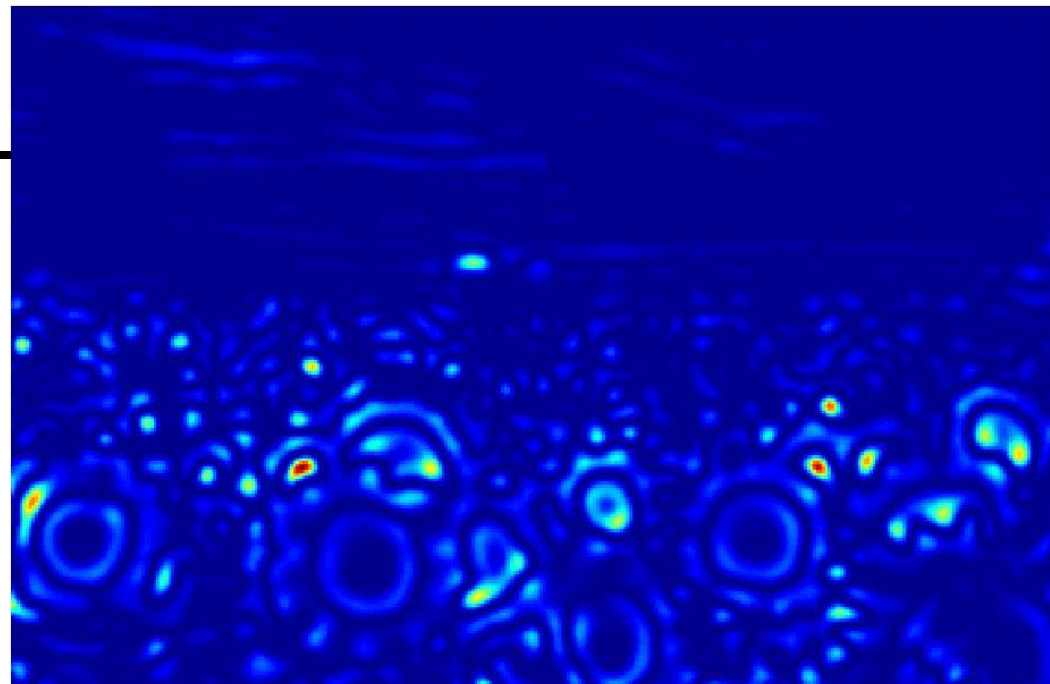
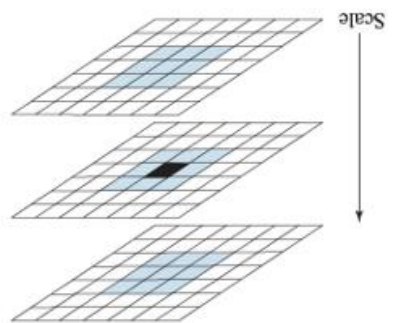
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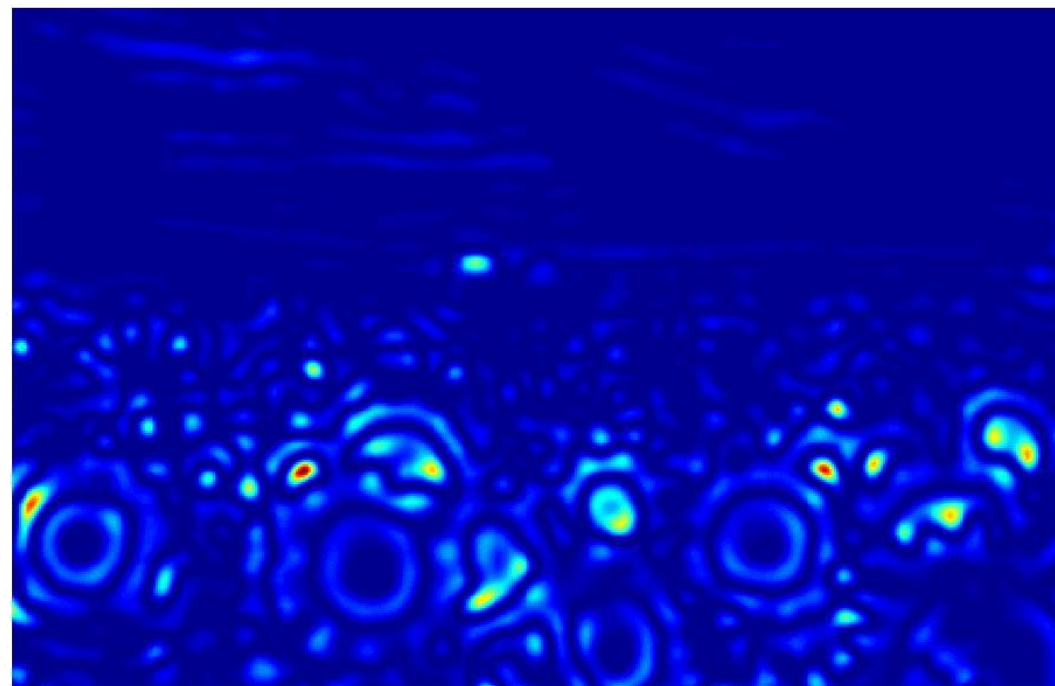
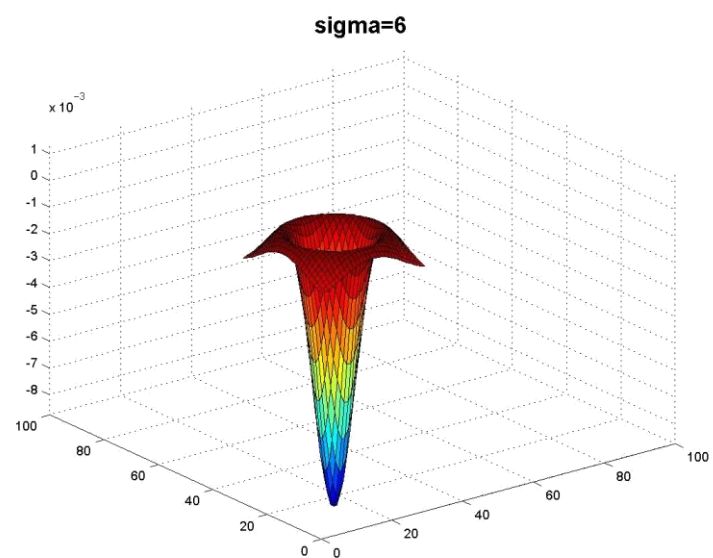
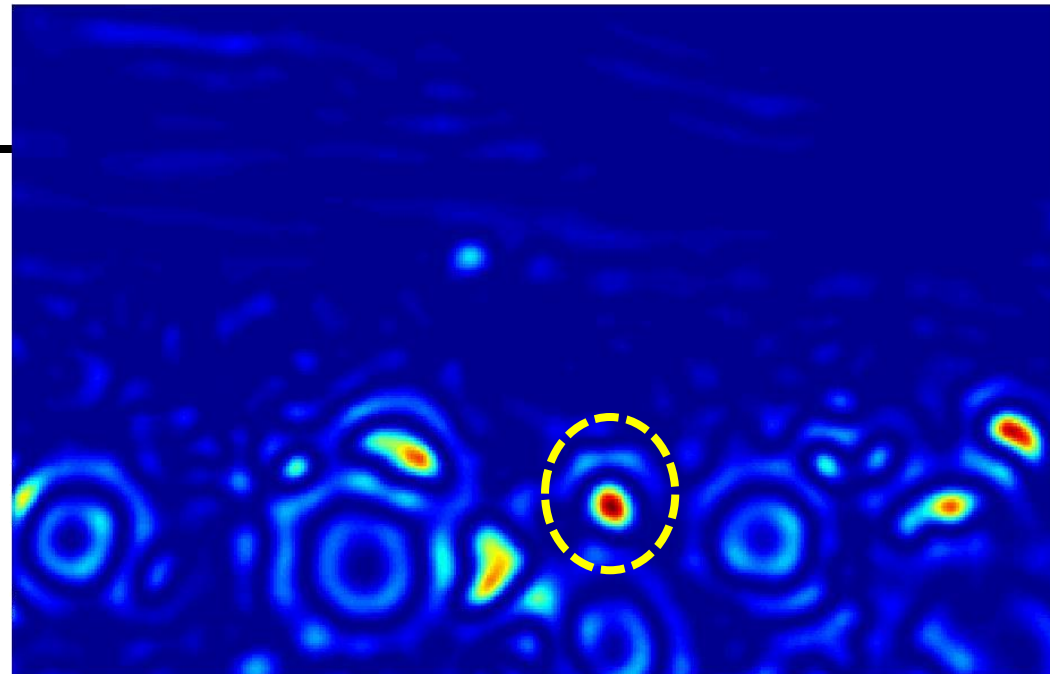
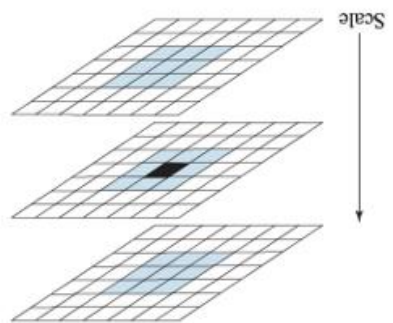


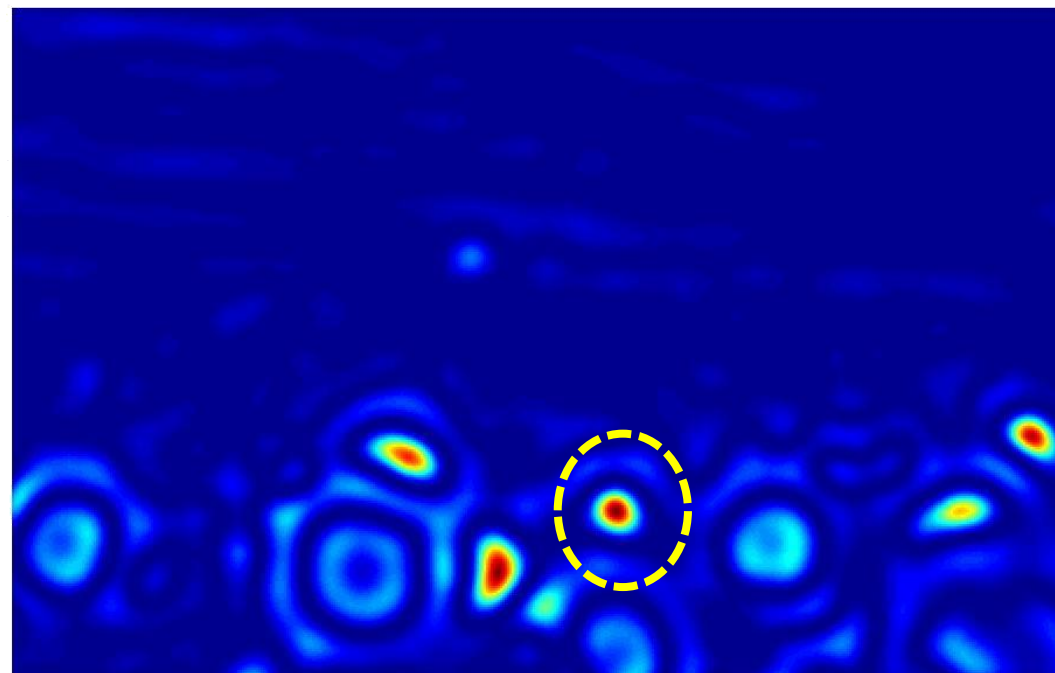
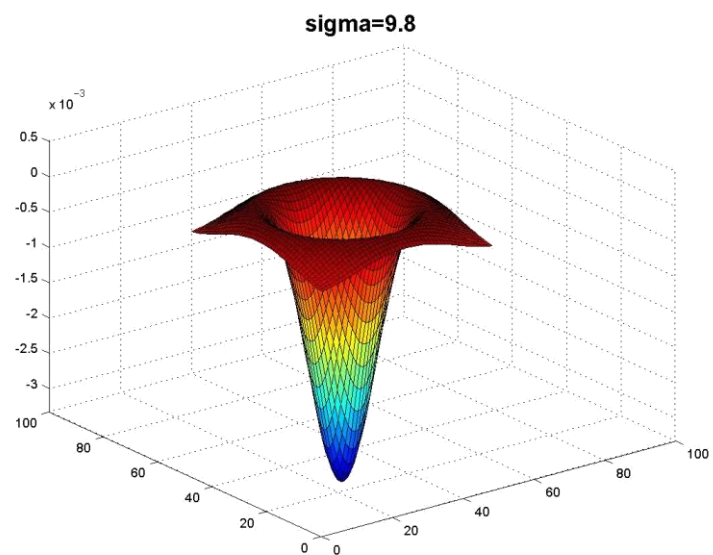
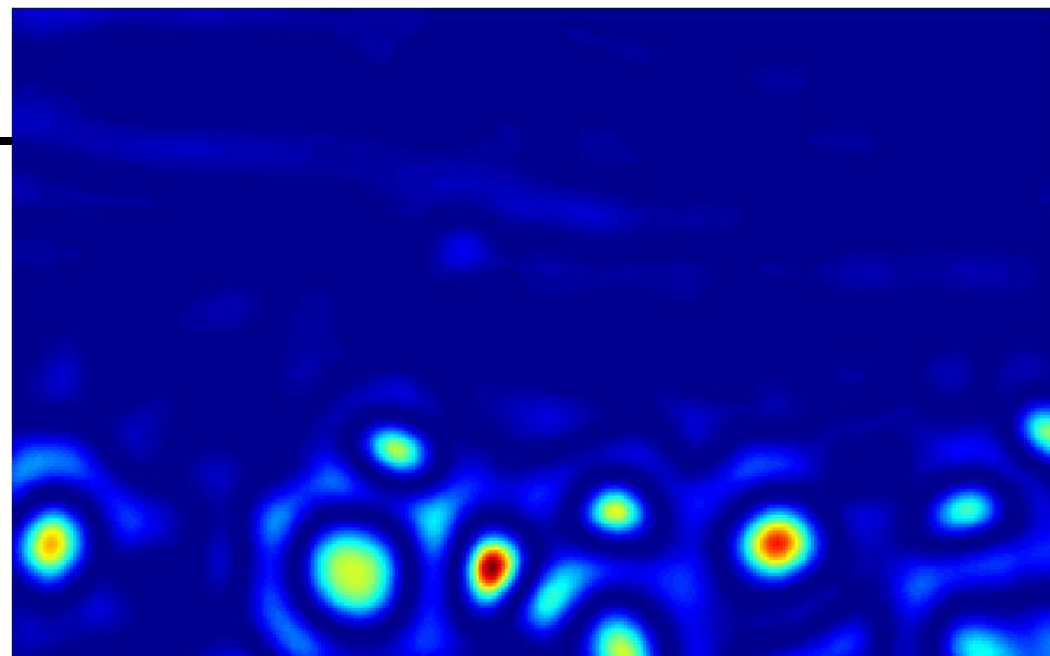
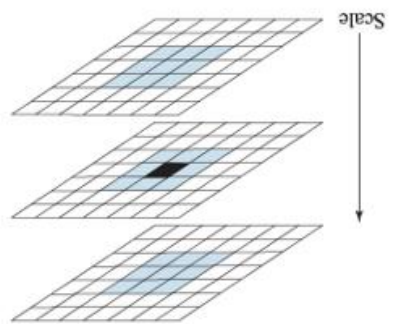


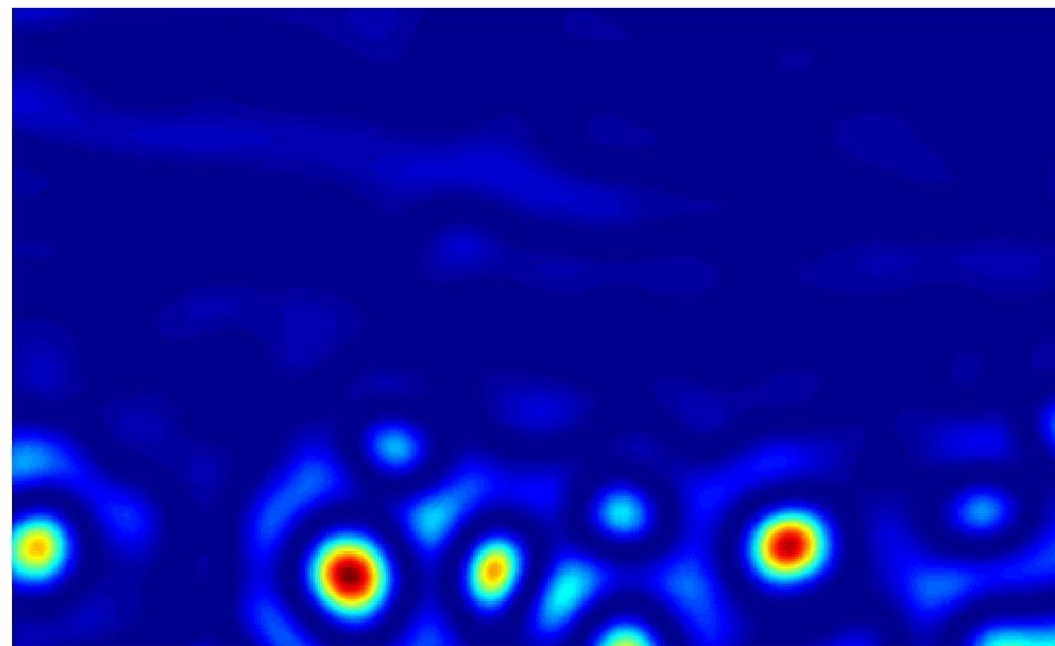
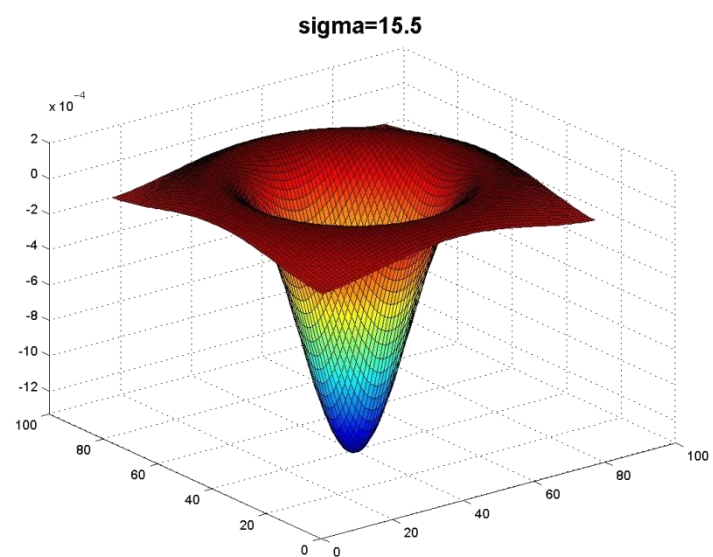
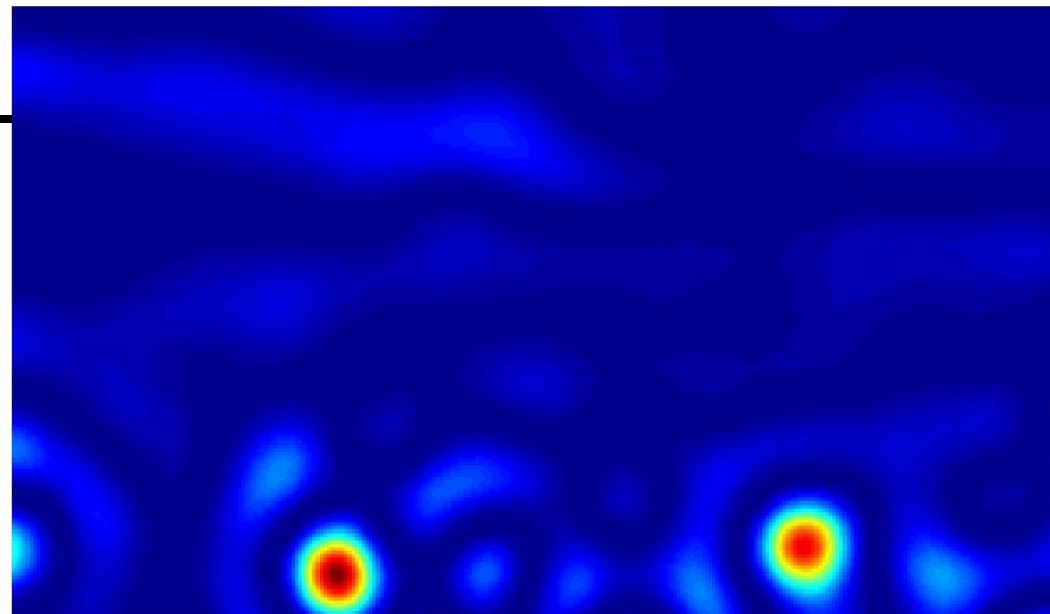
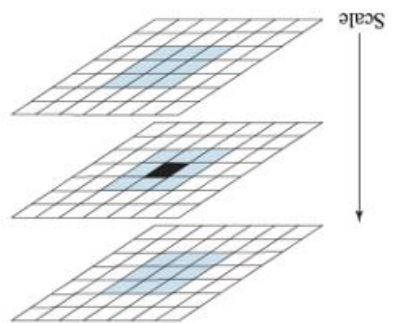
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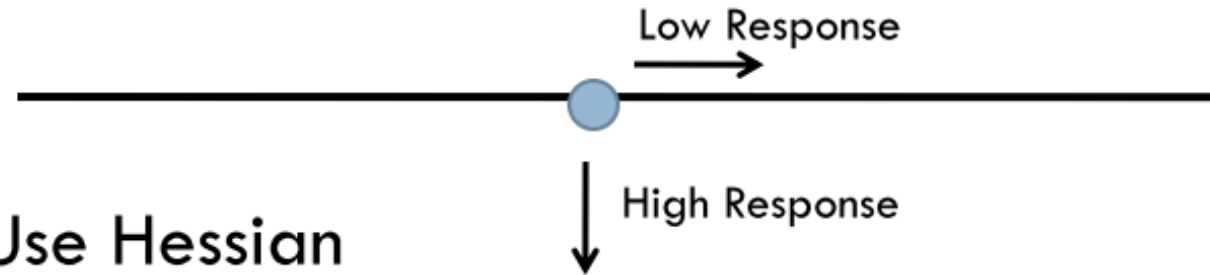






Edge Response Elimination

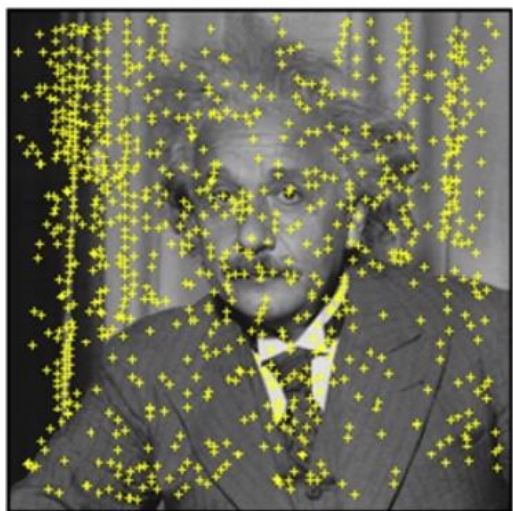
- Peak has high response along edge, poor other direction



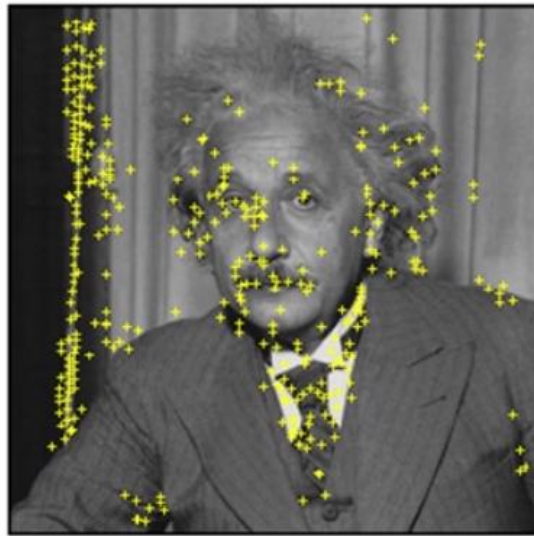
- Use Hessian
 - ▣ Eigenvalues Proportional to principle Curvatures
 - ▣ Use Trace and Determinant

$$Tr(H) = D_{xx} + D_{yy} = \alpha + \beta, Det(H) = D_{xx}D_{yy} - (D_{xy})^2 = \alpha\beta$$

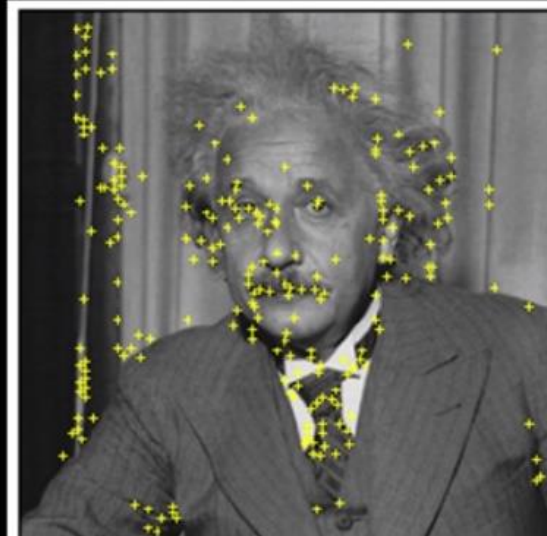
$$\frac{Tr(H)^2}{Det(H)} < \frac{(r+1)^2}{r}$$



Extrema points



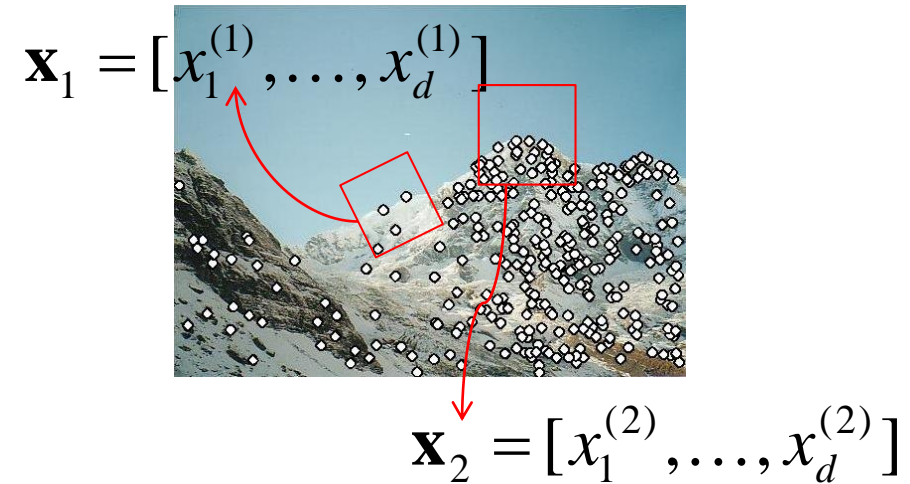
Contrast $> C$



Not on edge

Local features: main components

- 1) Detection: Identify the interest points
- 2) Description: Extract vector feature descriptor surrounding each interest point.
- 3) Matching: Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views



Overall SIFT Procedure

1. Scale-space extrema detection

2. Keypoint localization

3. Orientation assignment

Compute best orientation(s) for each keypoint region.

4. Keypoint description

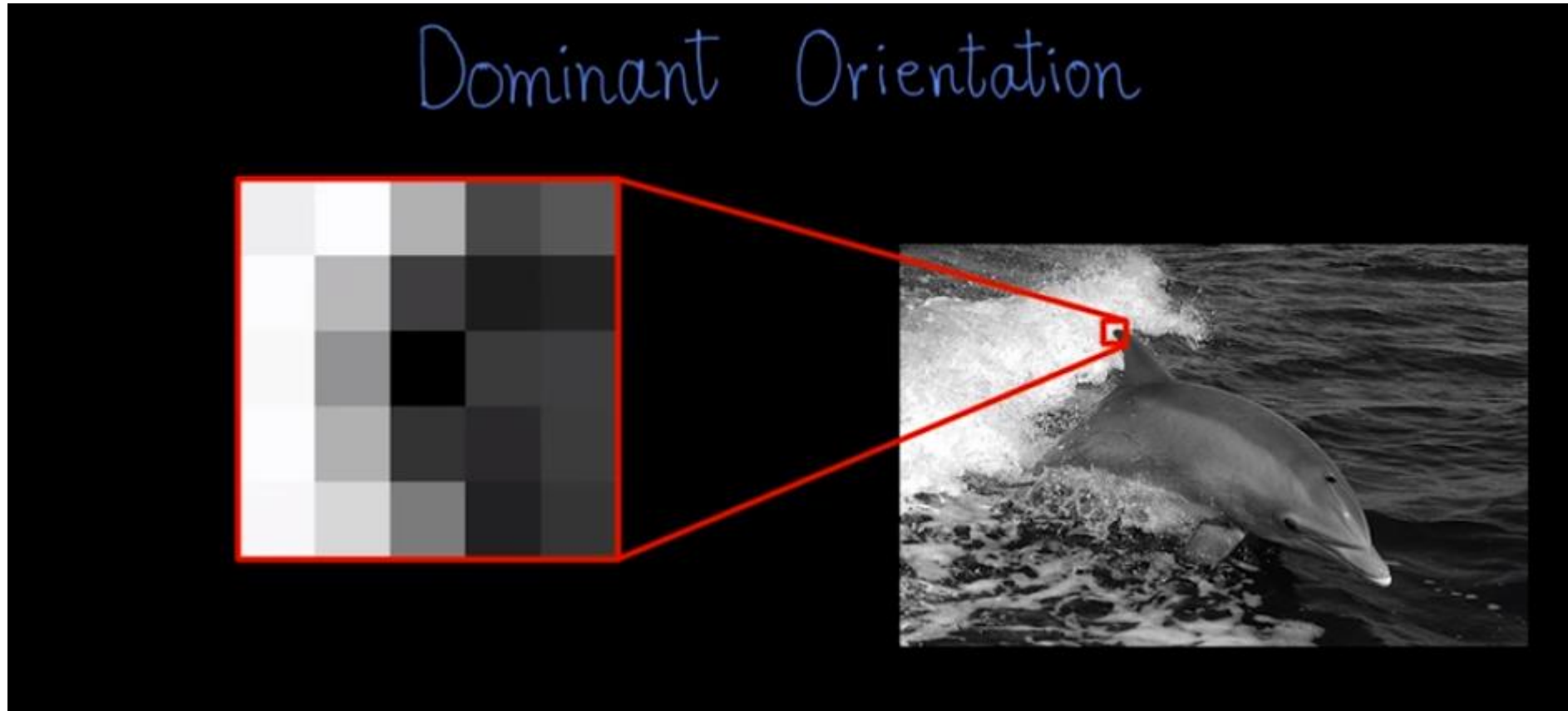
Use local image gradients at selected scale and rotation to describe each keypoint region.

Dominant Orientation

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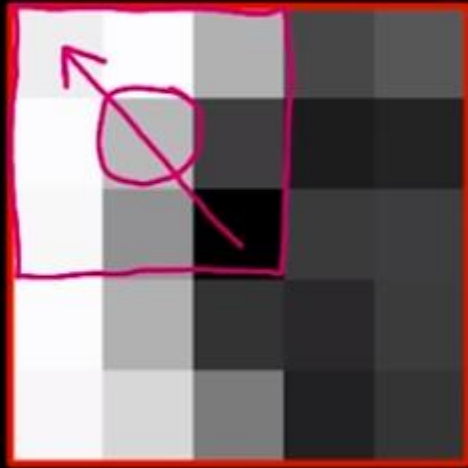
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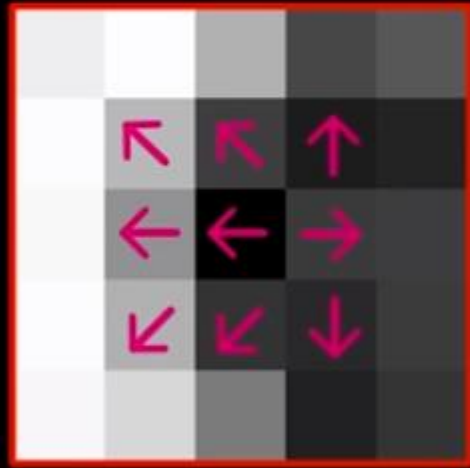
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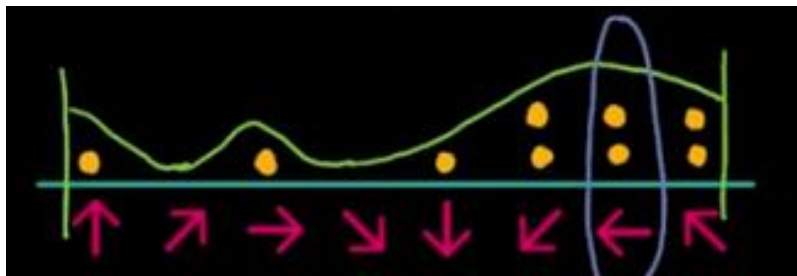
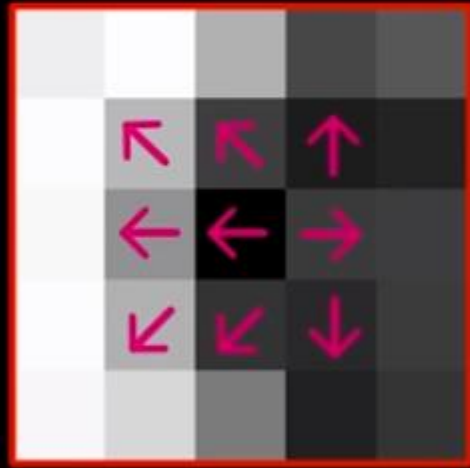
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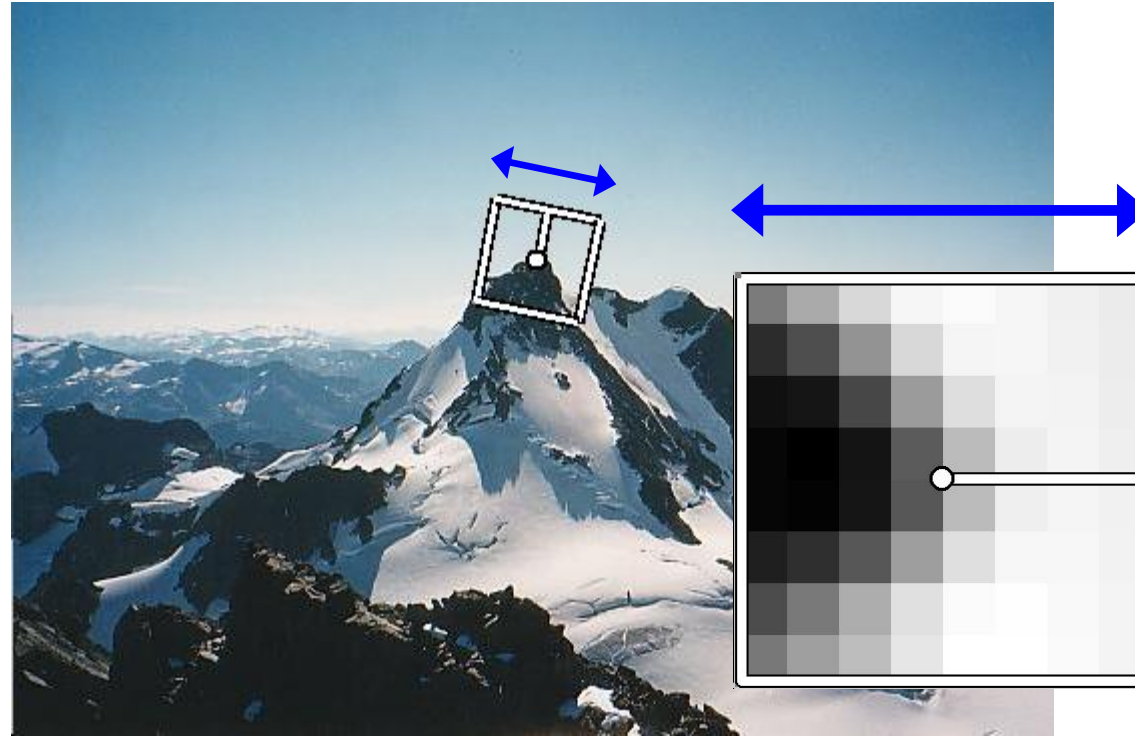


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Making descriptor rotation invariant



- Rotate patch according to its dominant gradient orientation
- This puts the patches into a canonical orientation.

SIFT descriptor

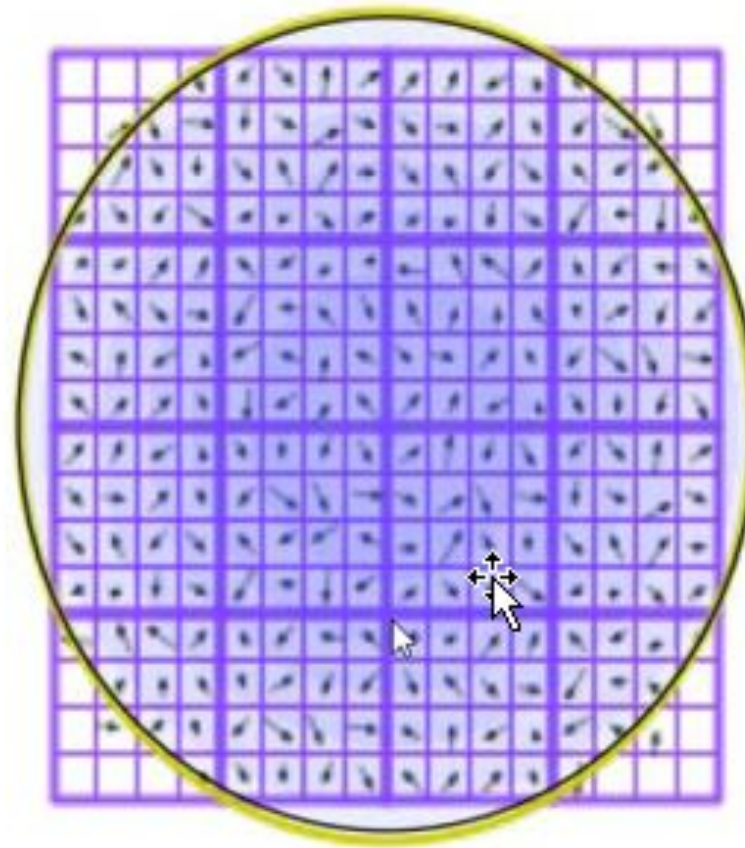
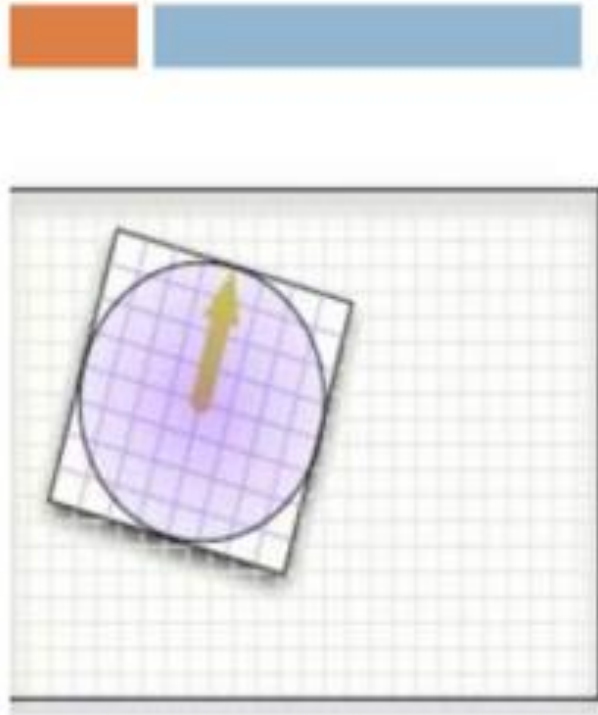
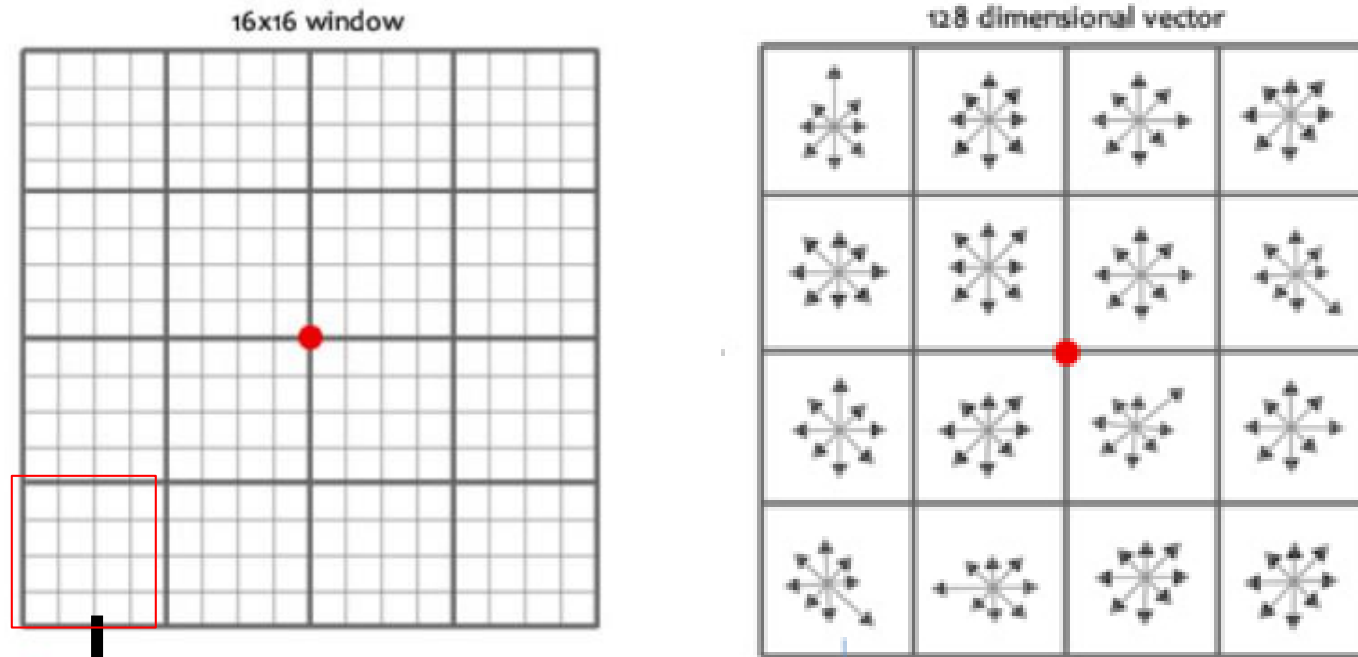
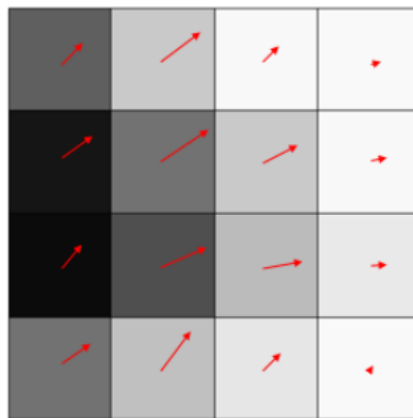


Image gradients

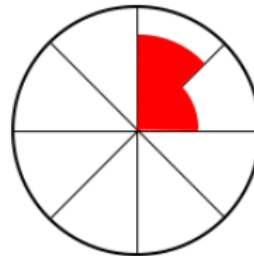
SIFT descriptor



● Keypoint

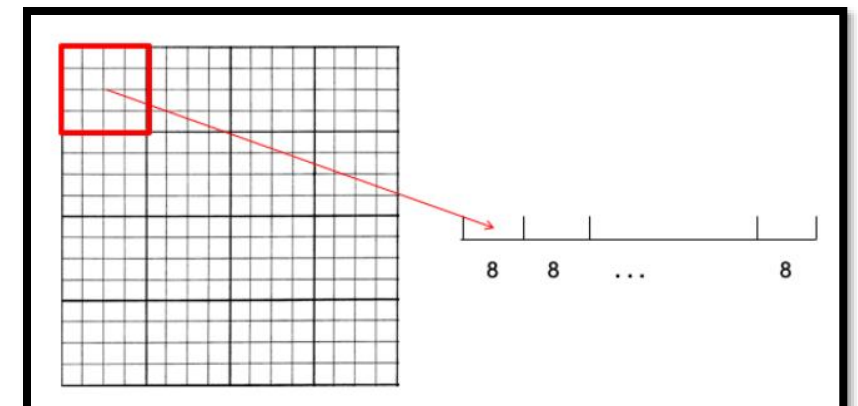


Orientations in each of the 16 pixels of the cell



The orientations all ended up in two bins: 11 in one bin, 5 in the other. (rough count)

5 11 0 0 0 0 0 0



□ Actual implementation uses 4x4 descriptors from 16x16 which leads to a $4 \times 4 \times 8 = 128$ element vector