

lecture 2: representation

deep learning for vision

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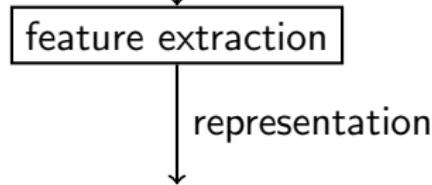


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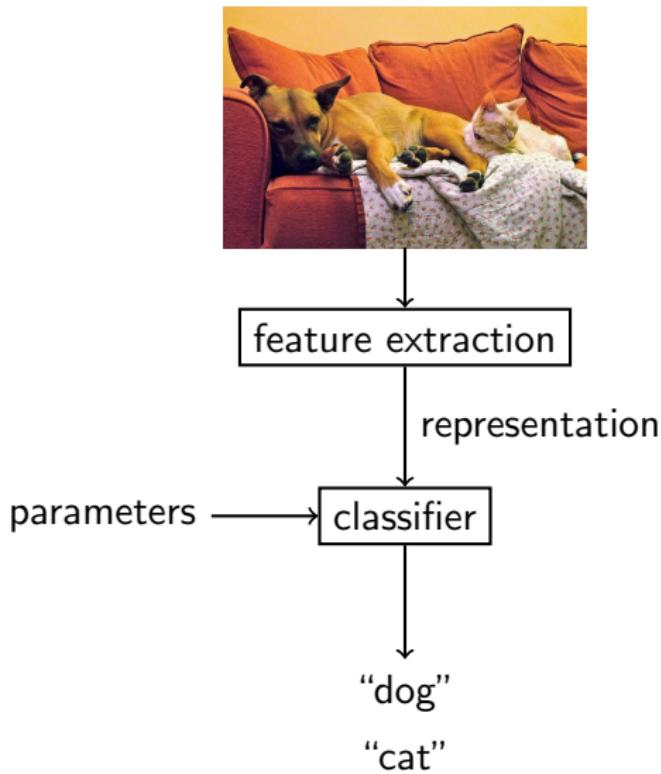
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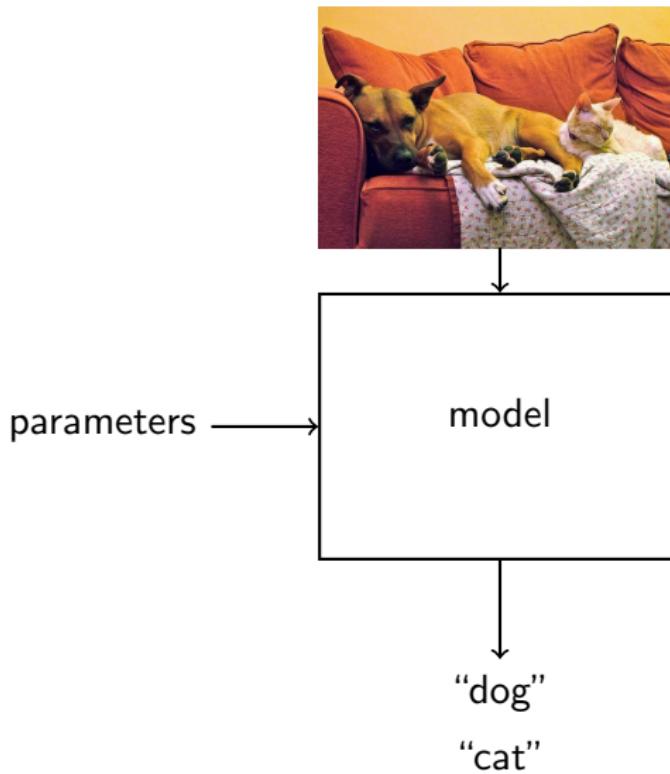
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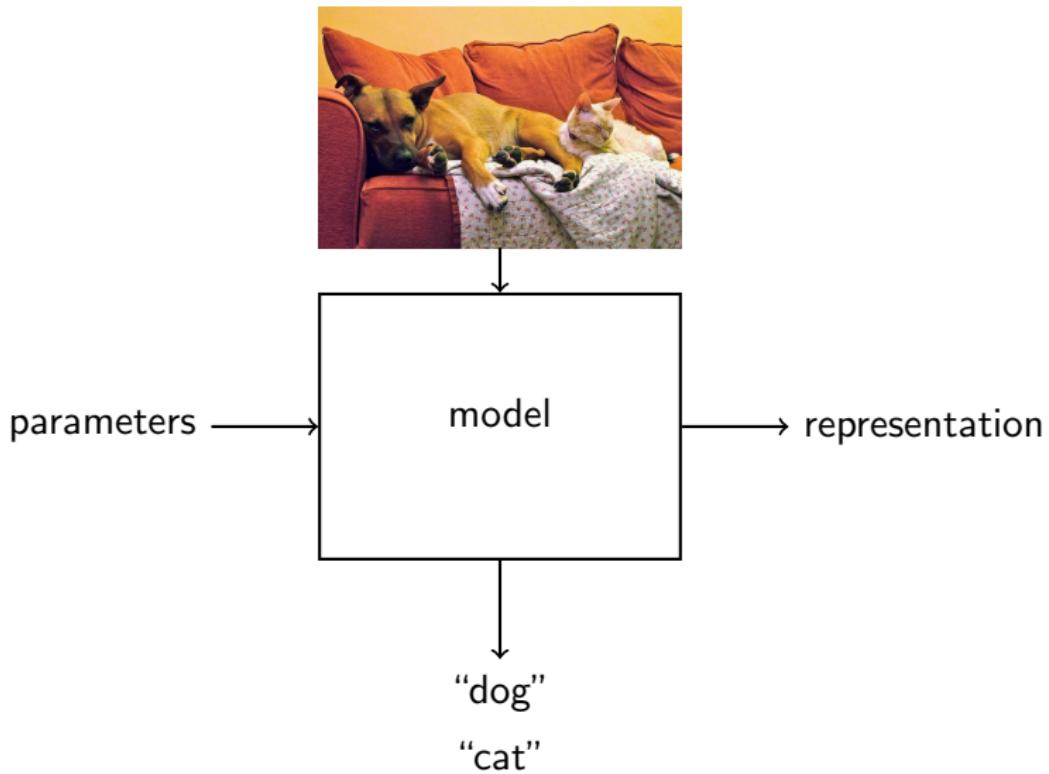
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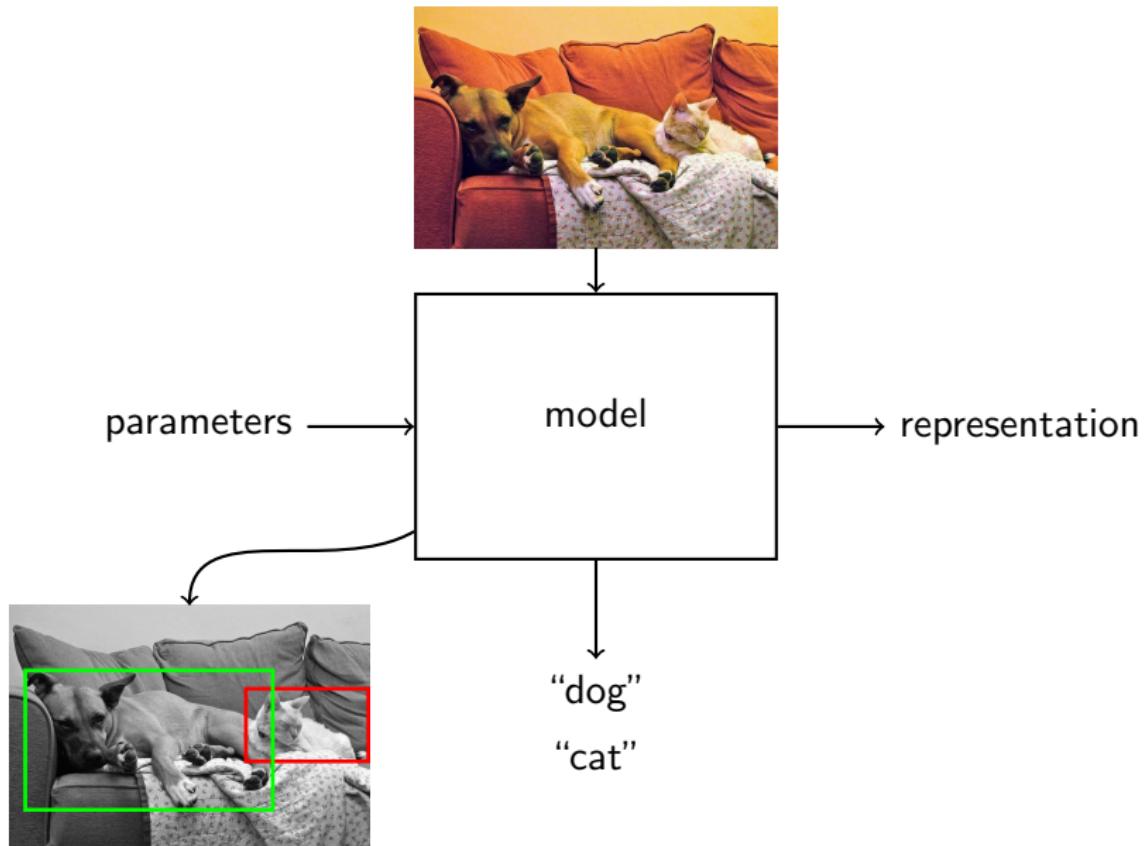
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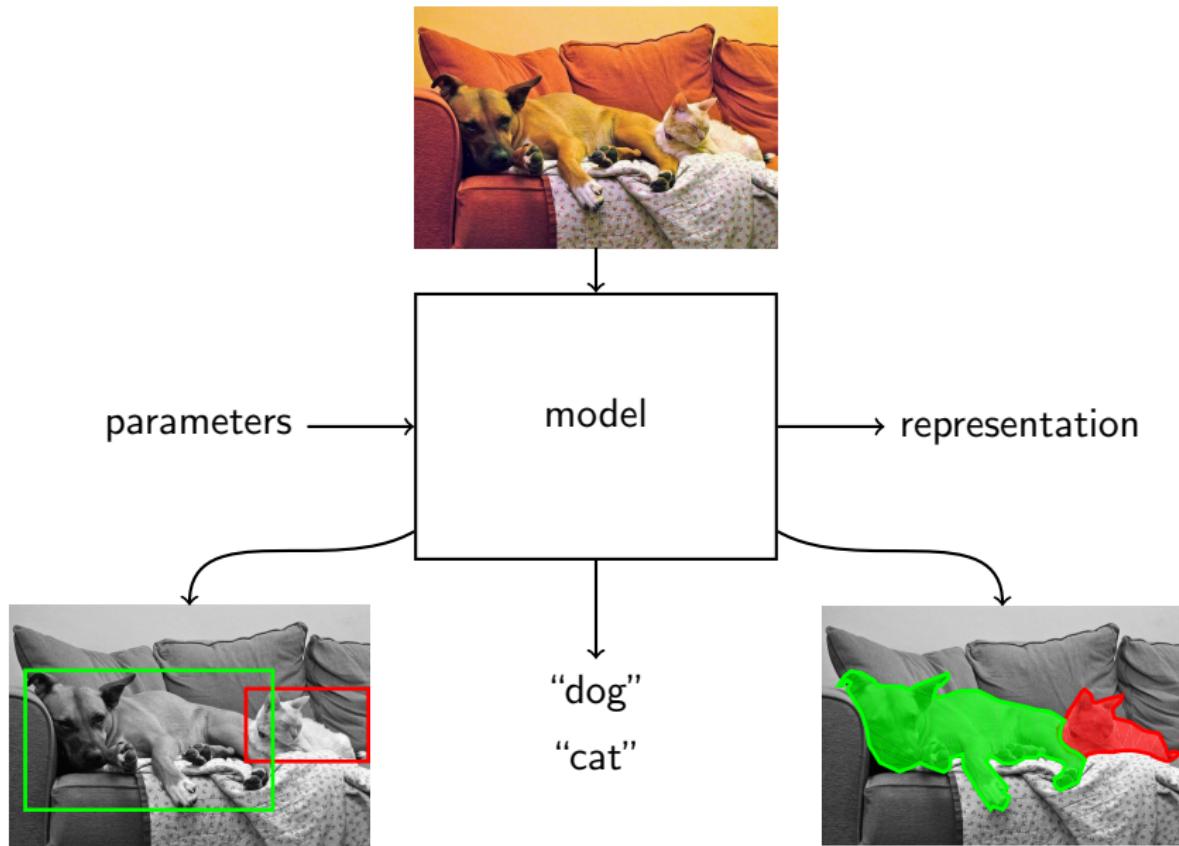
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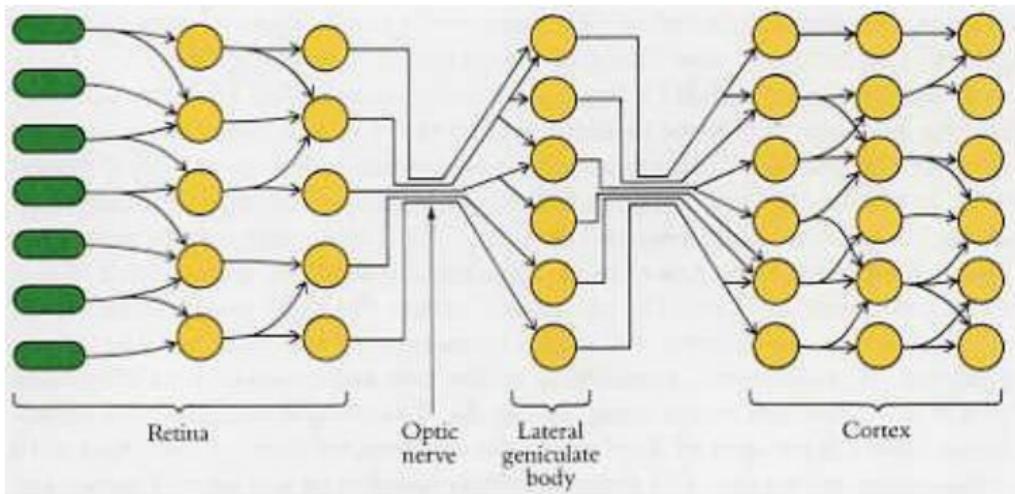


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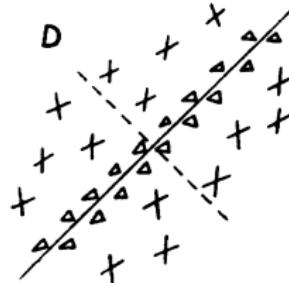
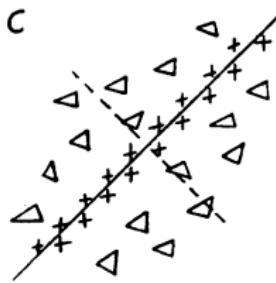
topographic mapping: translation equivariance



- as you move along the retina, the corresponding points in the cortex trace a continuous path
- each column represents a two-dimensional array of cells
- a translation in the input causes a translation in the representation

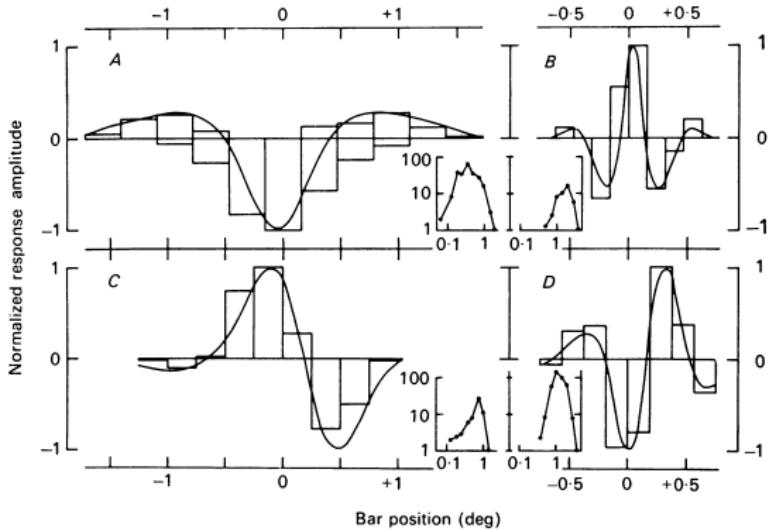
receptive fields

[Hubel and Wiesel 1962]



- A: 'on'-center LGN; B: 'off'-center LGN; C, D: simple cortical
- ×: excitatory ('on'), △: inhibitory ('off') responses
- localized responses, orientation selectivity

linearity



- simple cells perform linear spatial summation over their receptive fields
- spatial response (by oriented bars of varying position)
- frequency response (by oriented gratings of varying frequency)

Movshon, Thompson and Tolhurst. JP 1978. Spatial Summation in the Receptive Fields of Simple Cells in the Cat's Striate Cortex.

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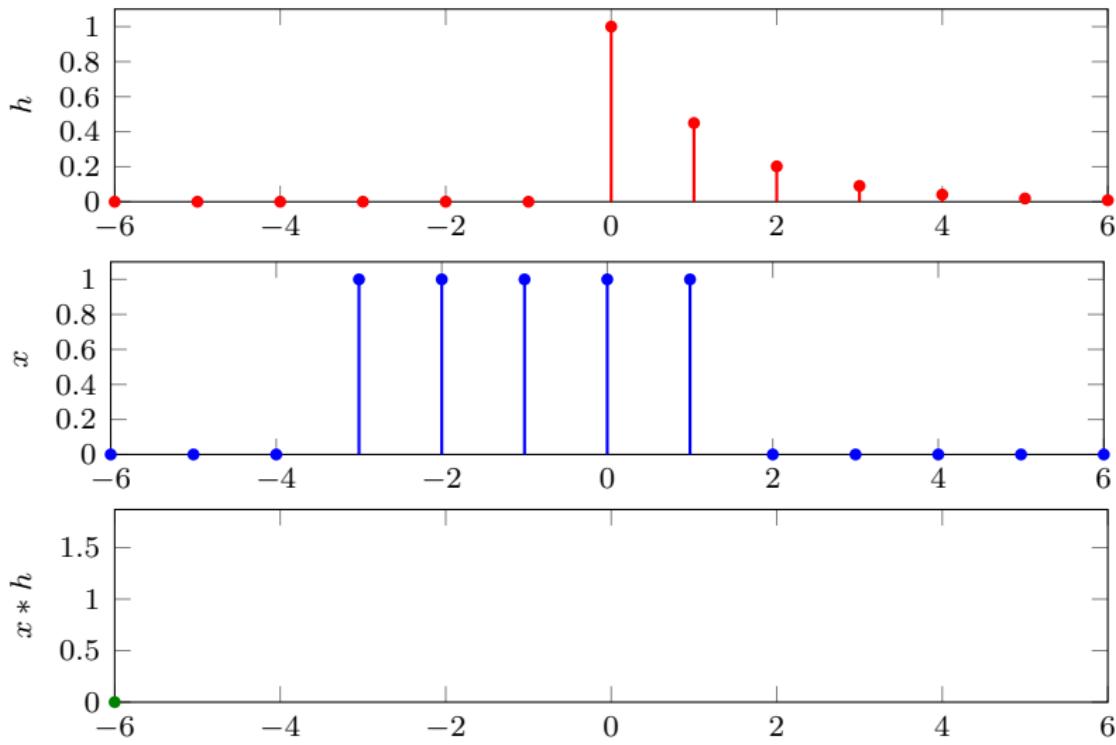
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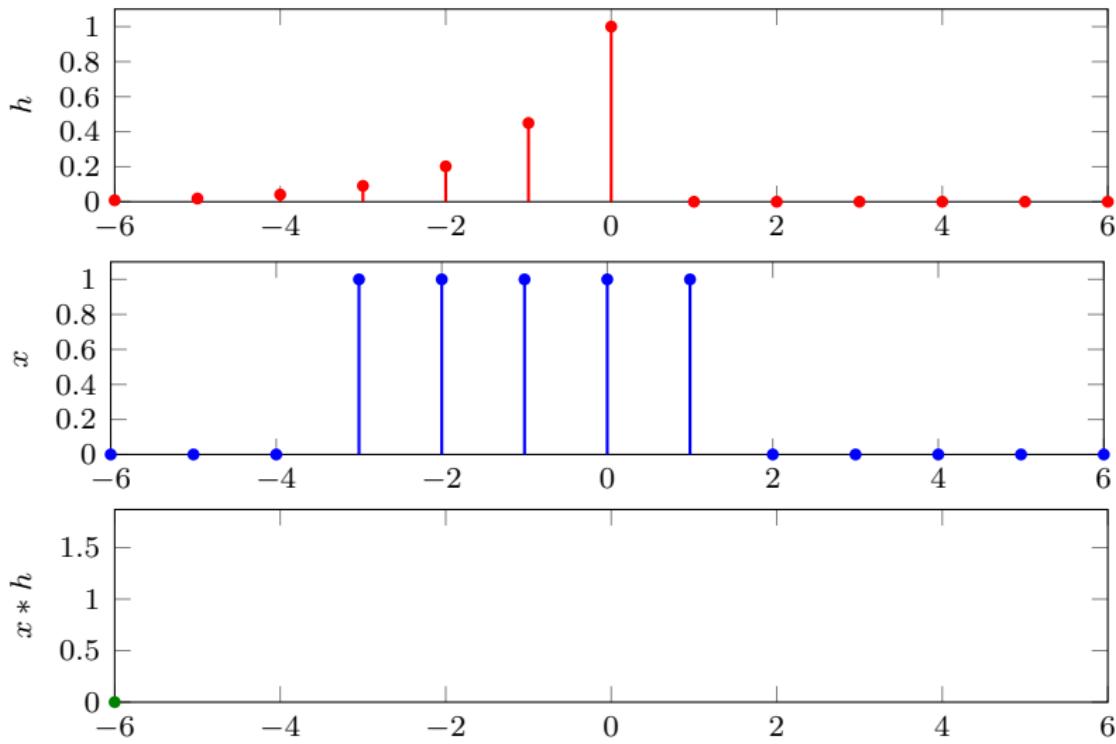
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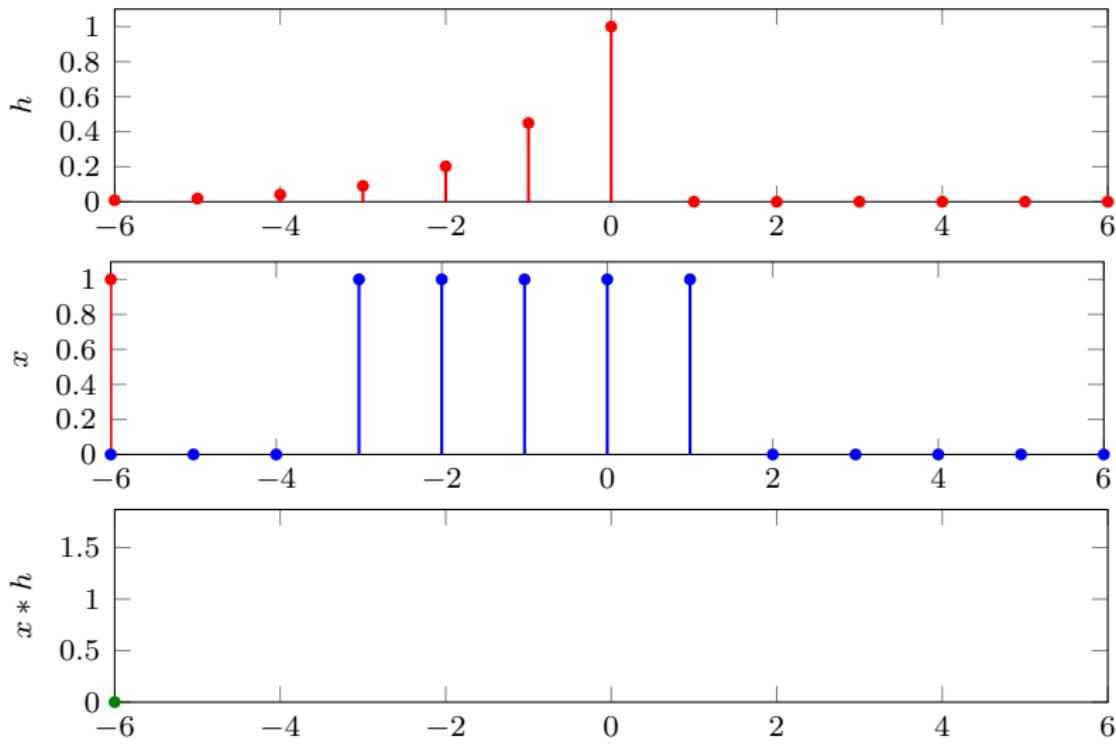
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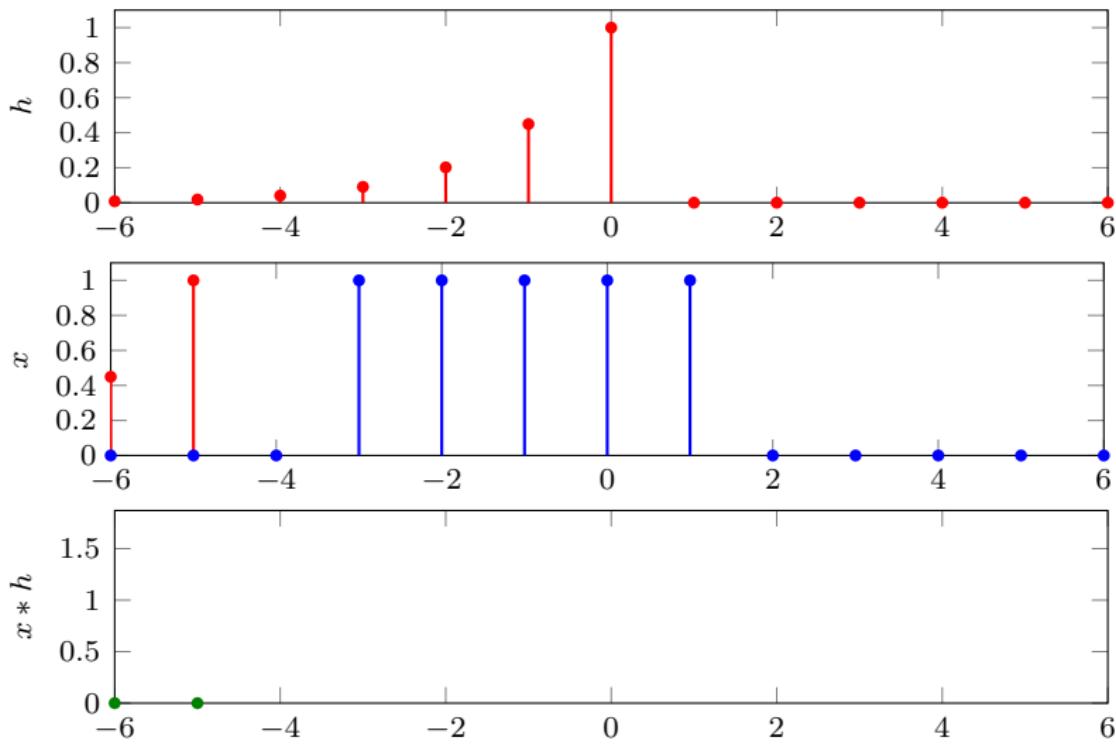
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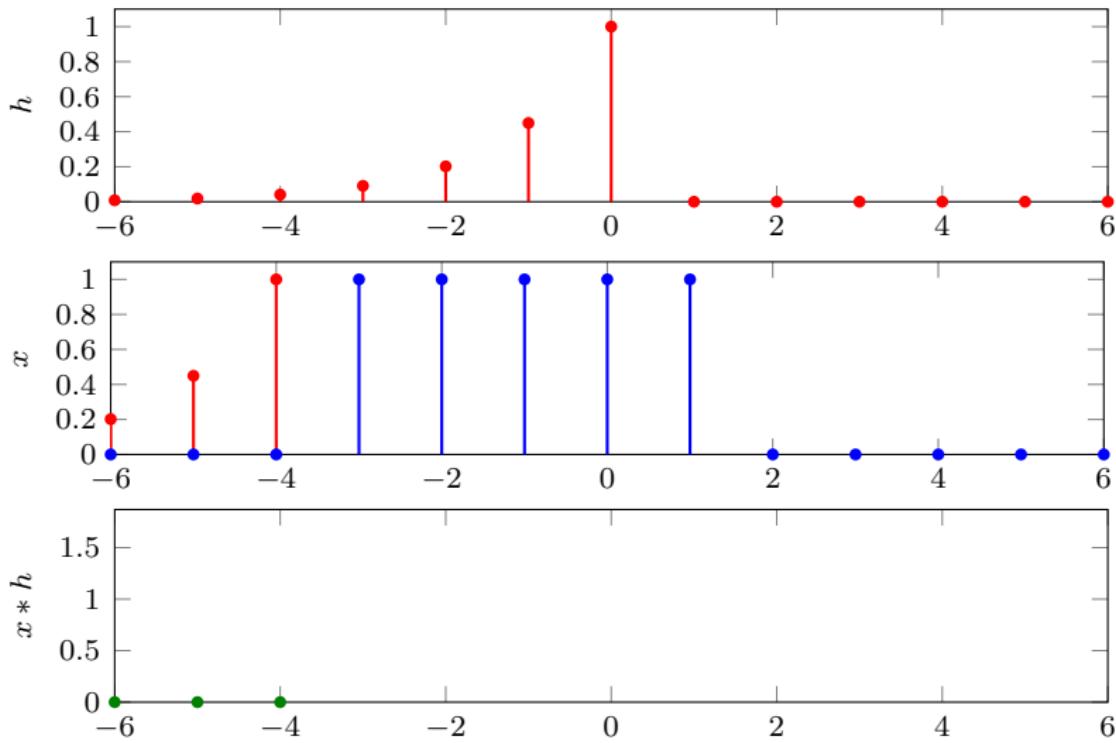
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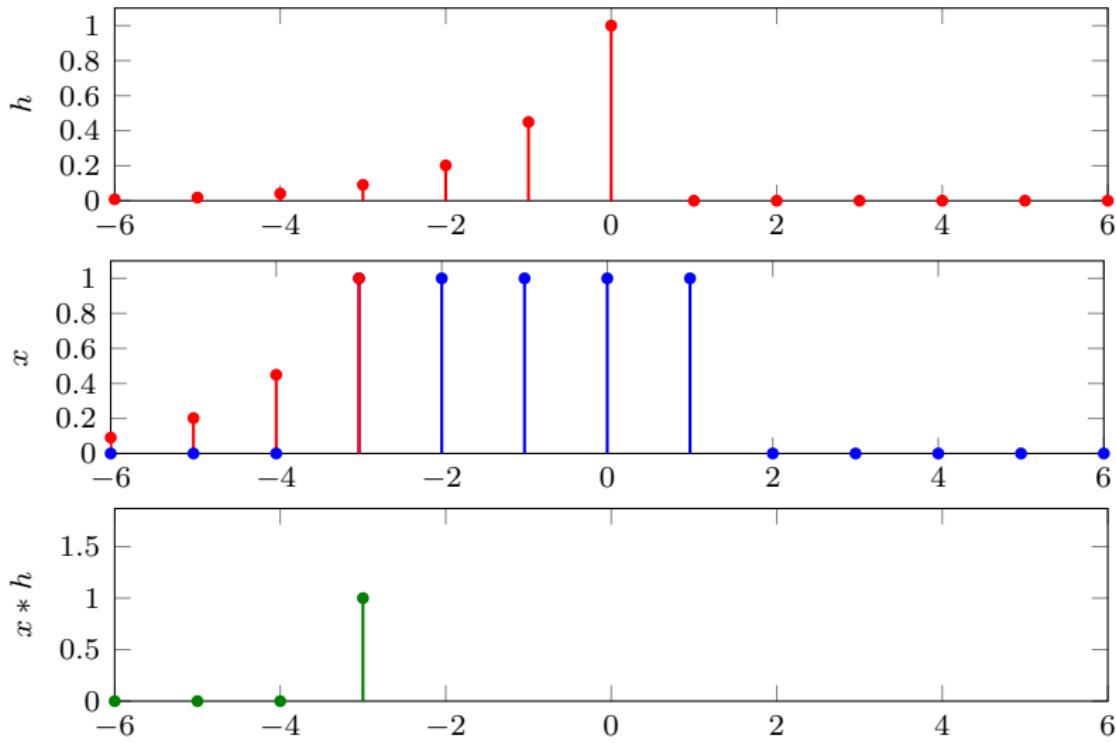
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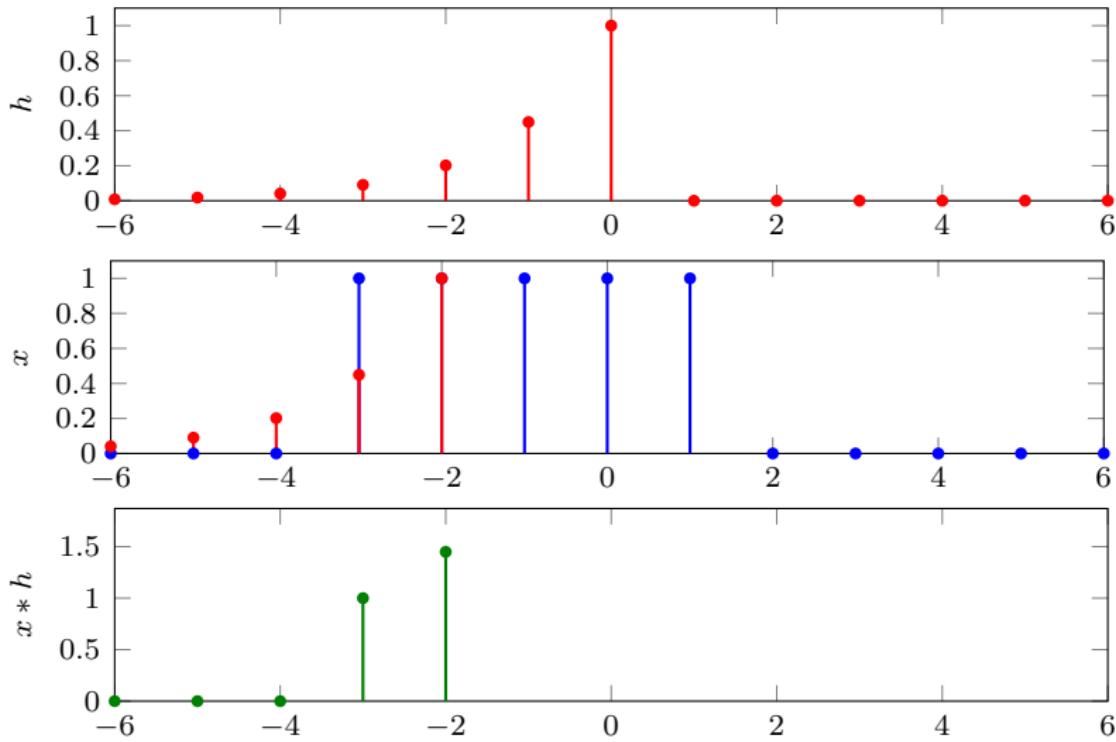
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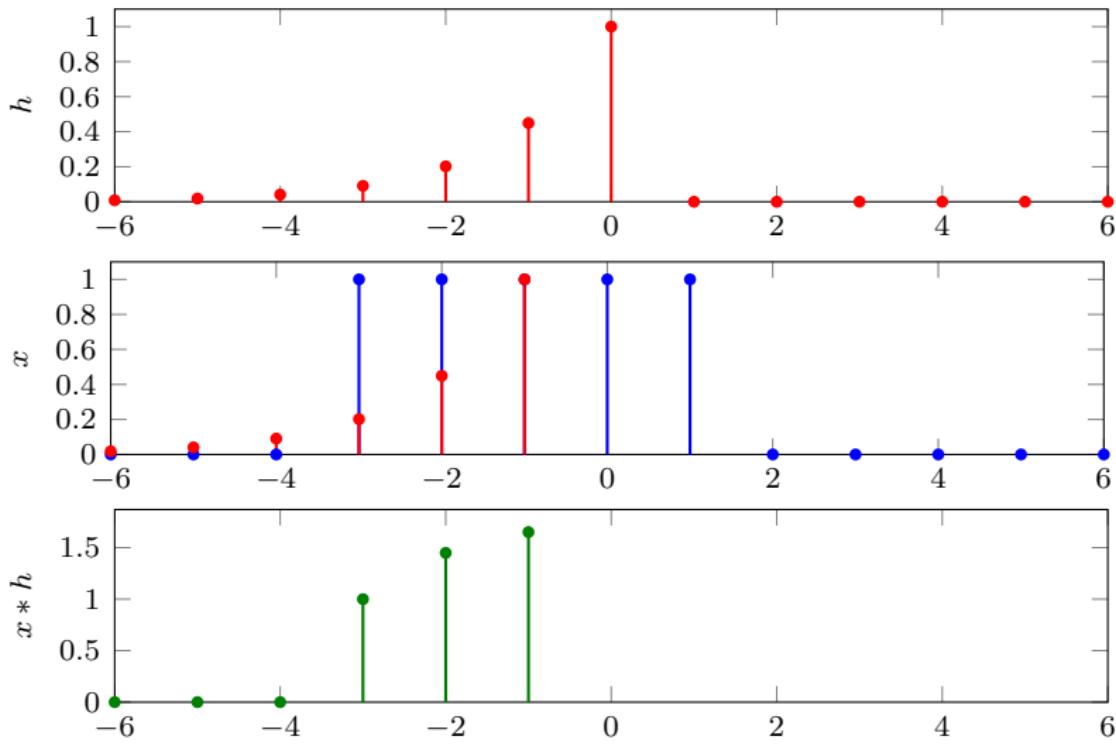
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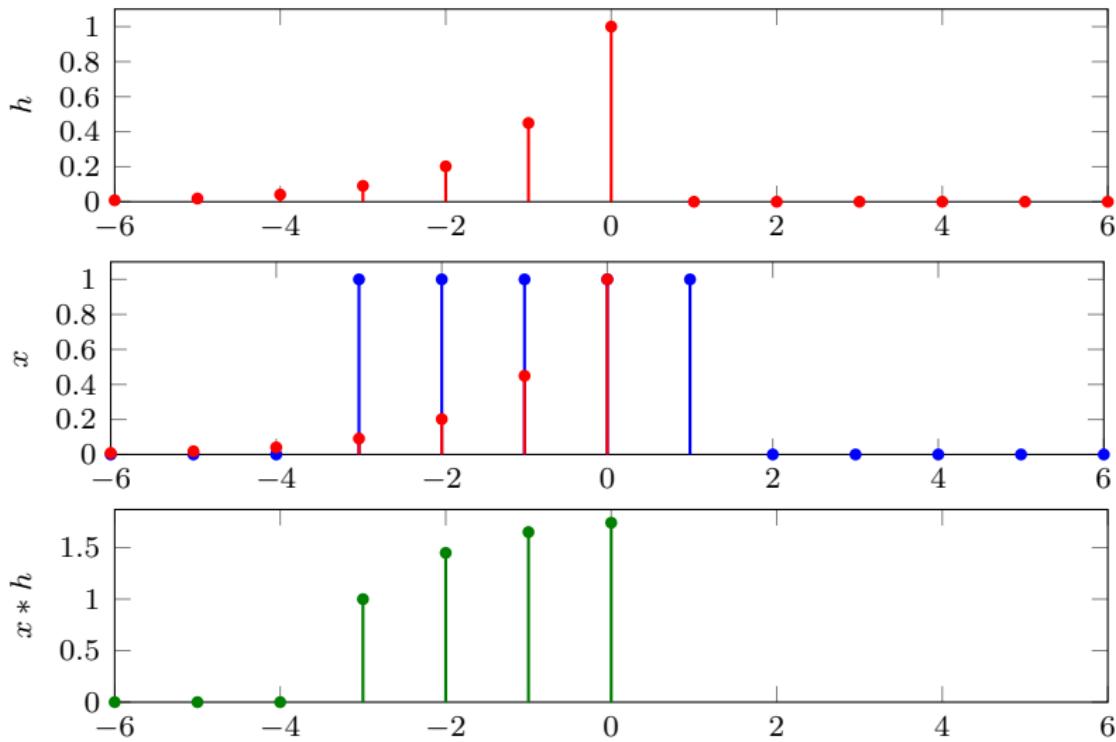
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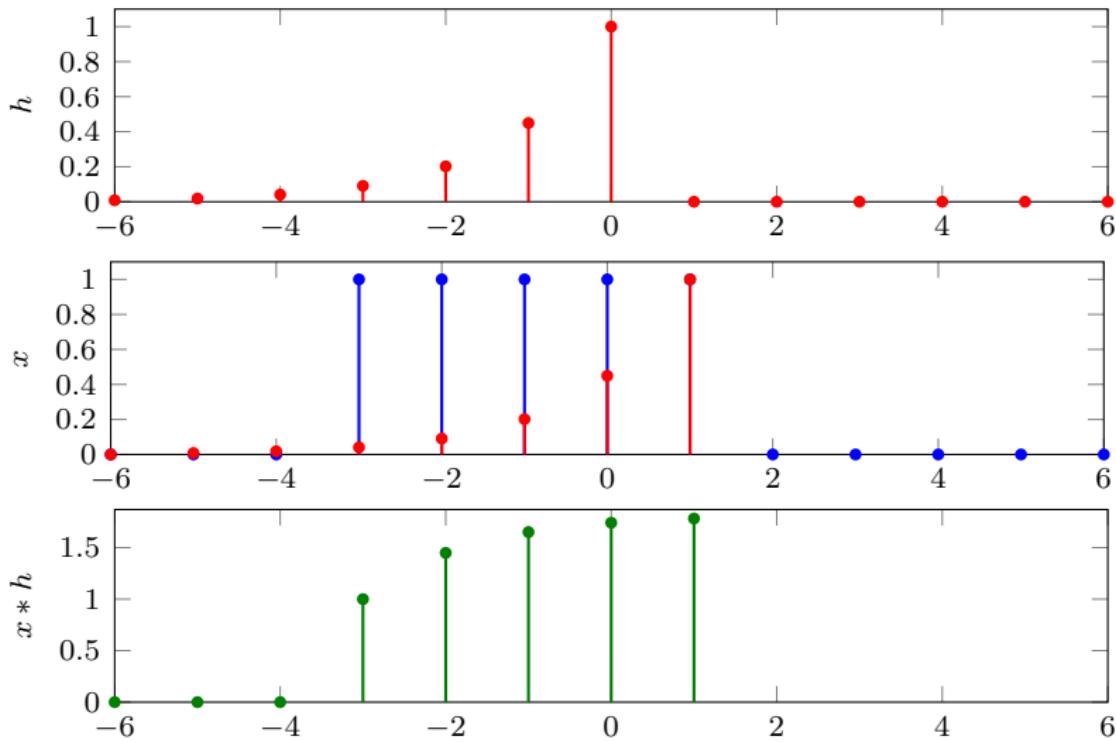
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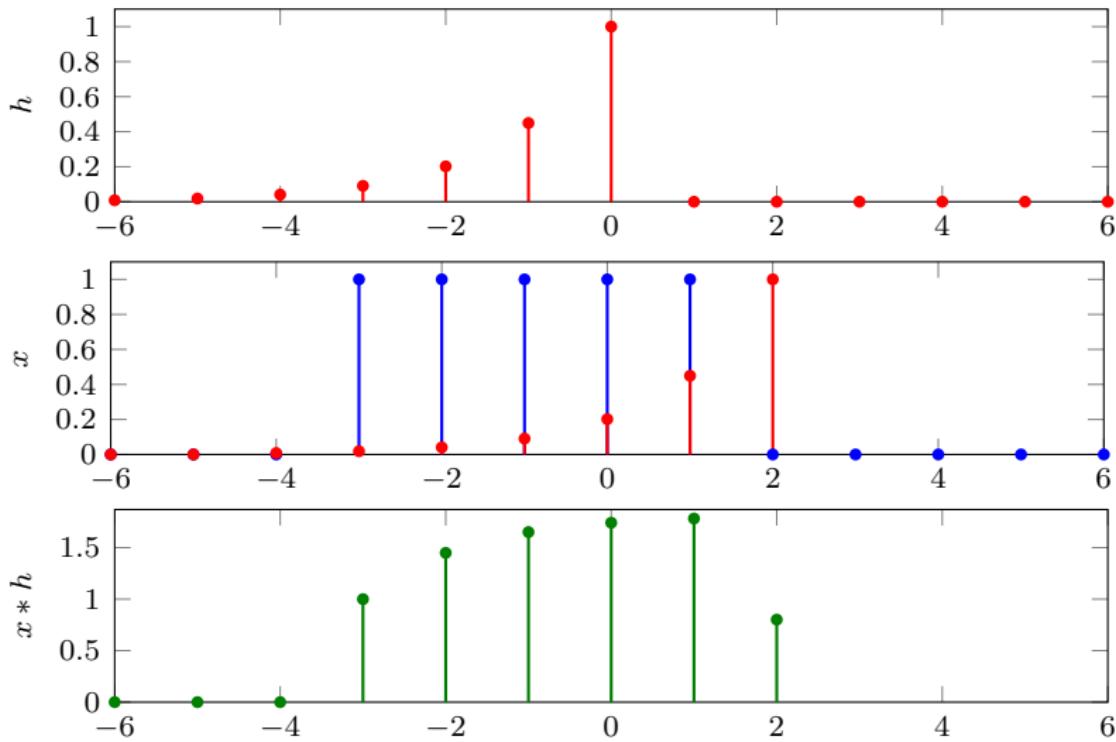
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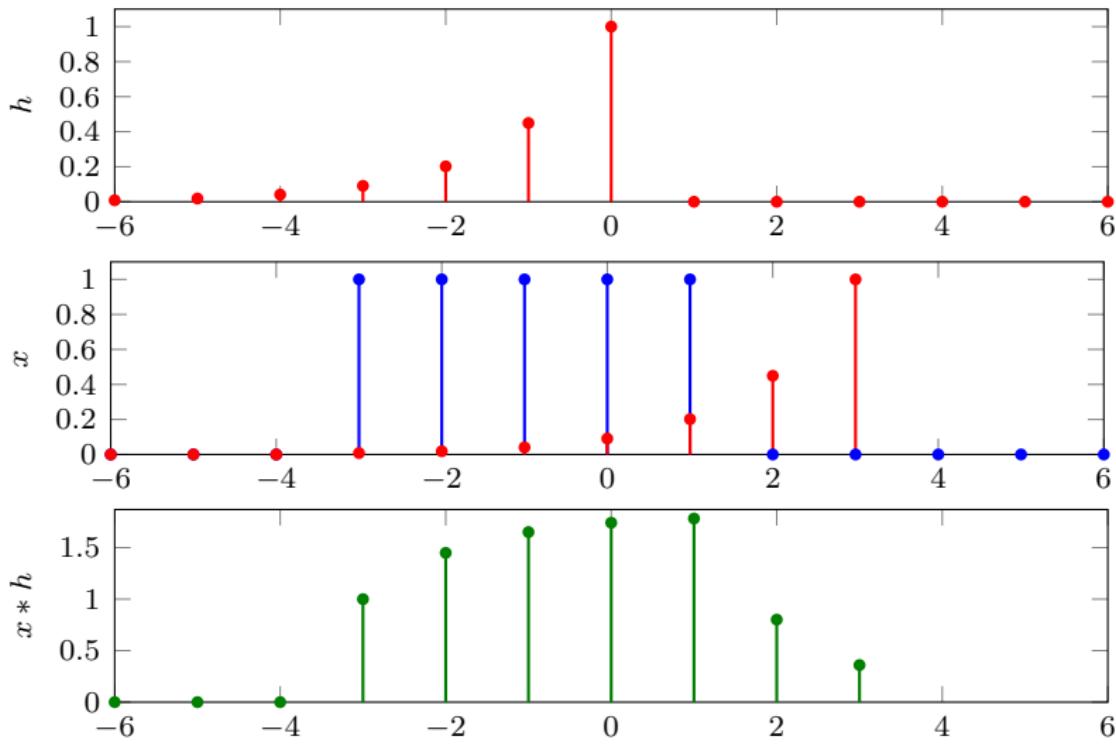
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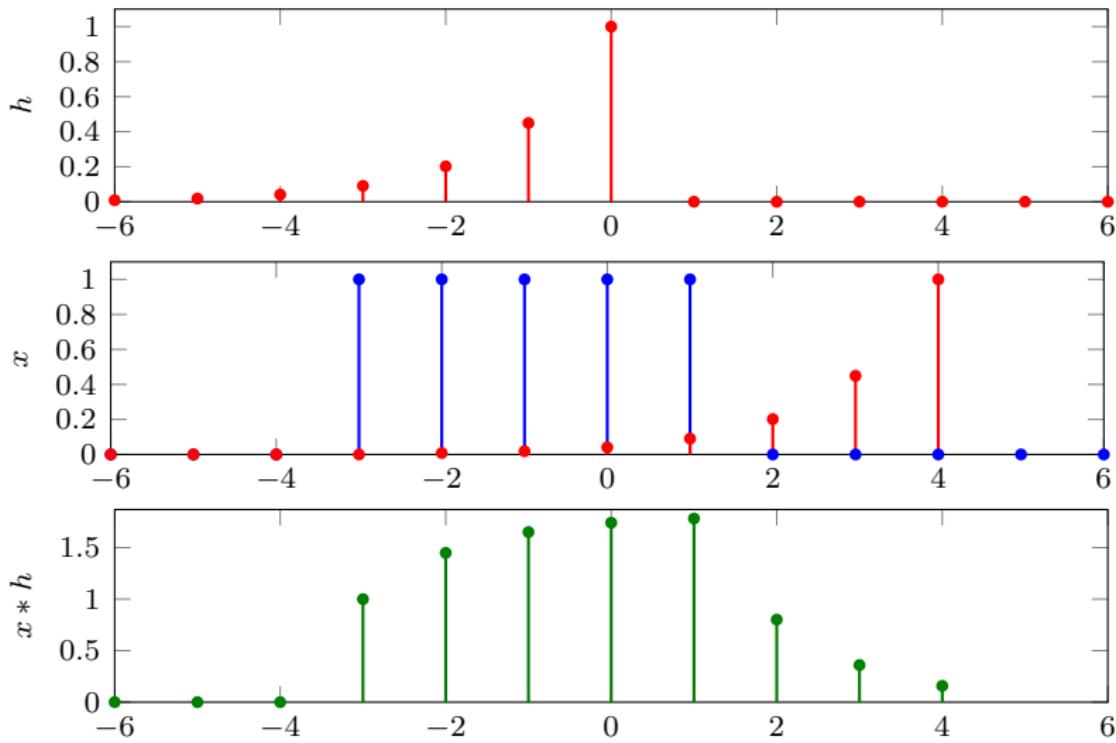
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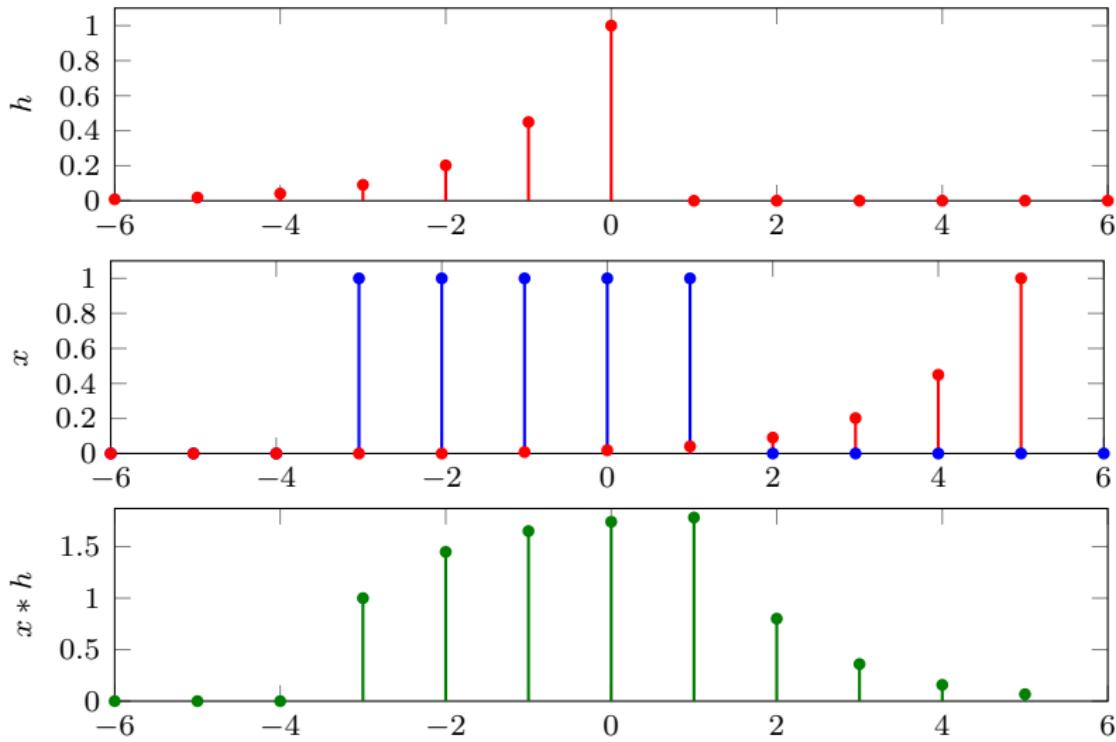
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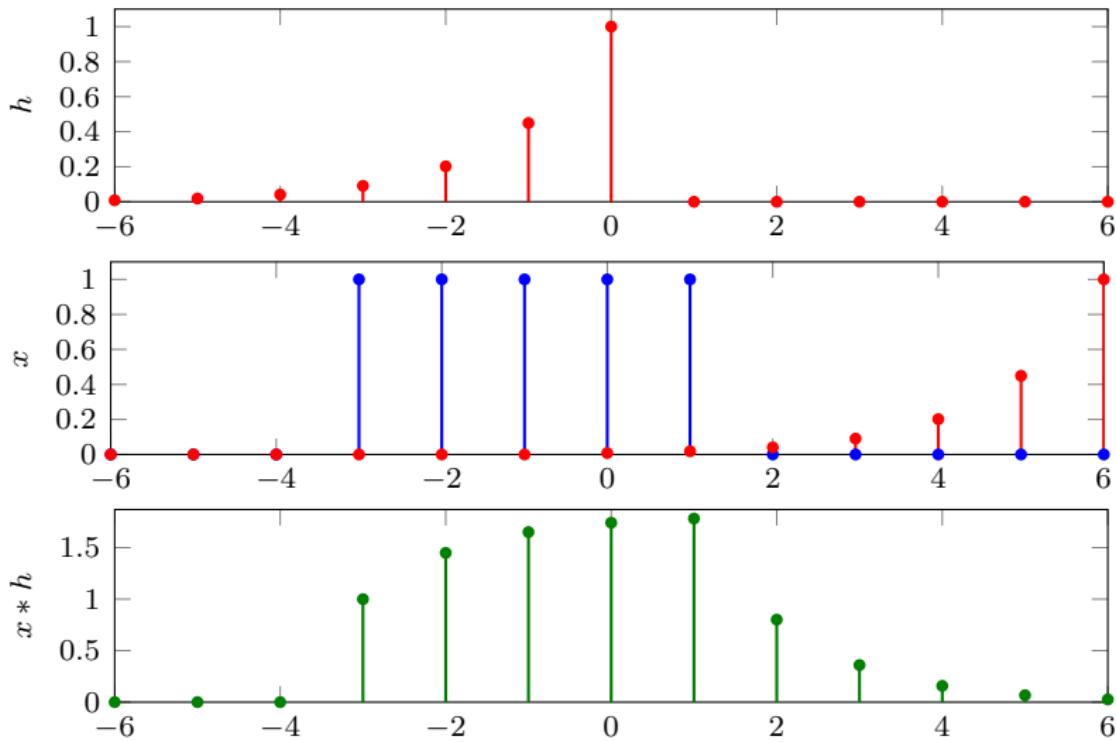
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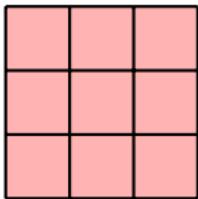
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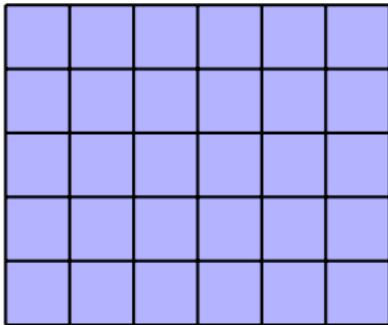
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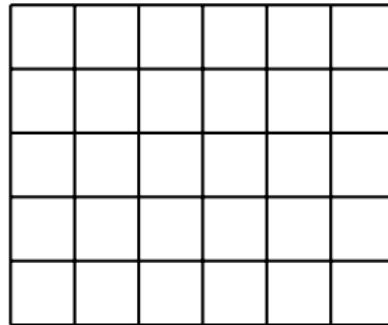


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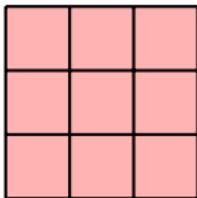
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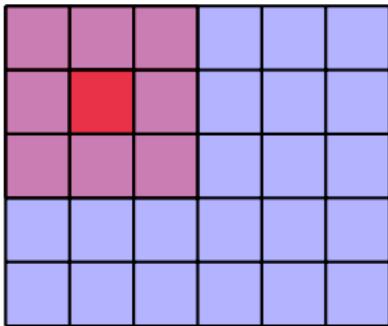


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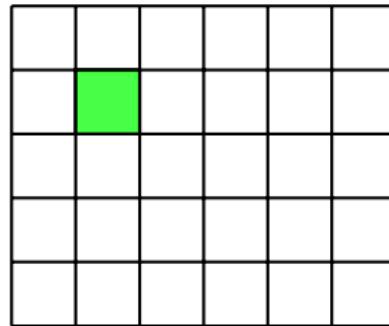


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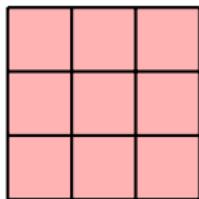
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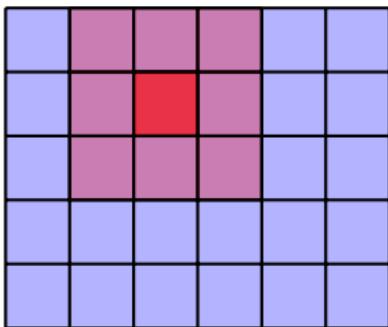


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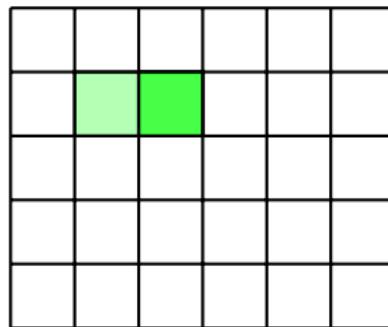


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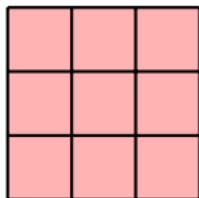
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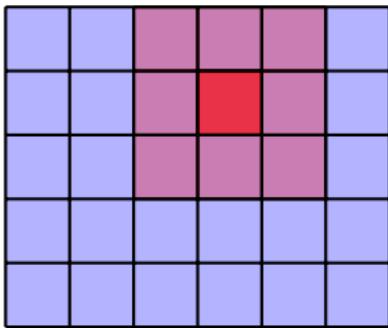


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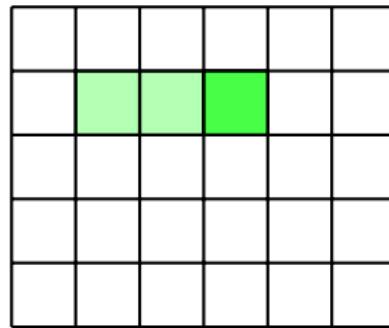


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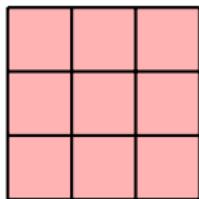
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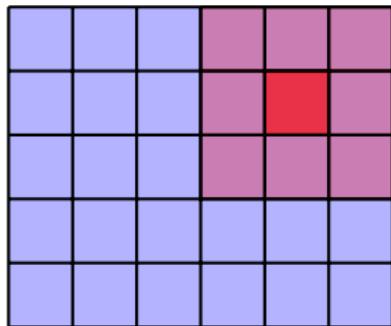


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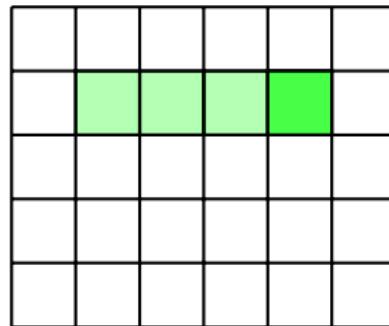


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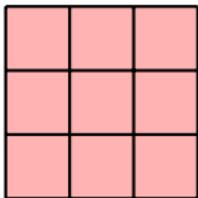
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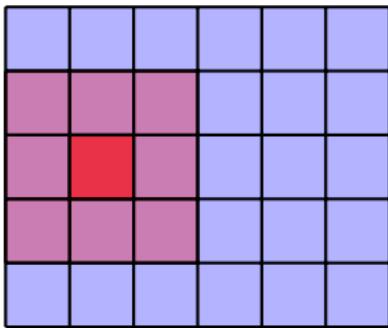


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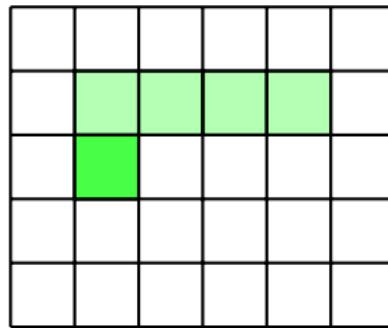


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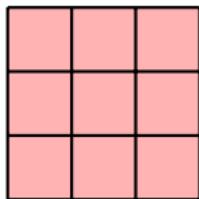
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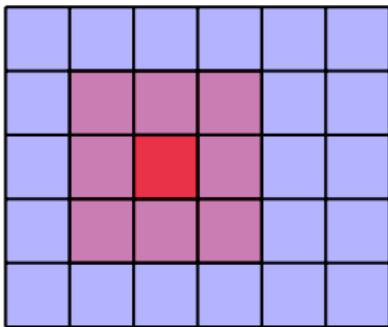


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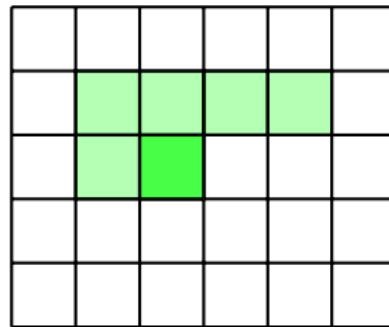


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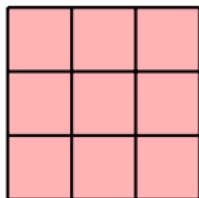
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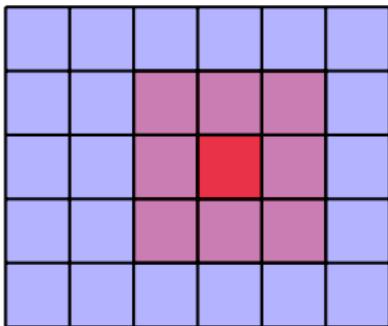


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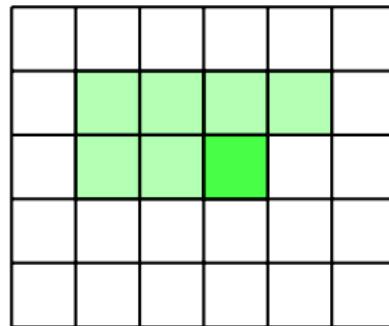


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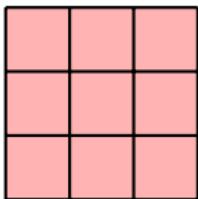
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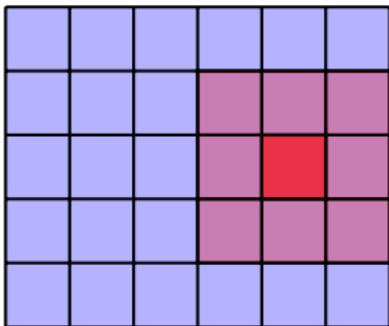


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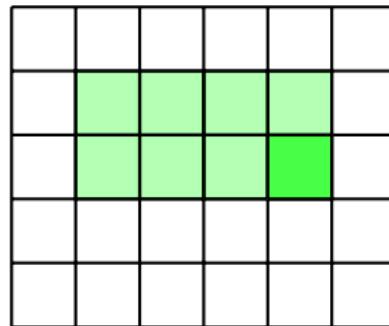


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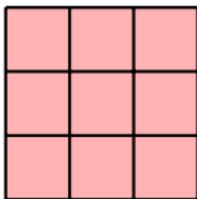
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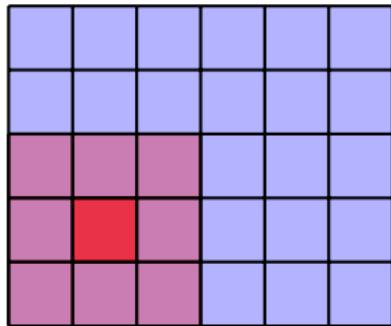


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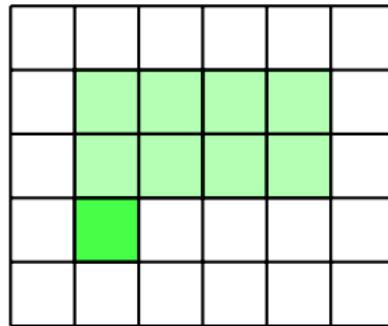


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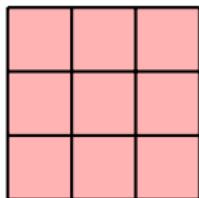
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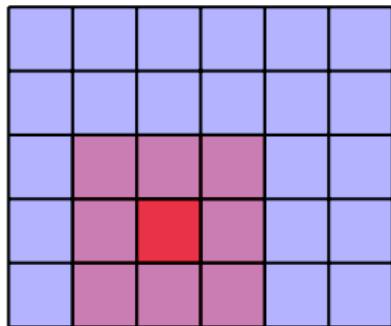


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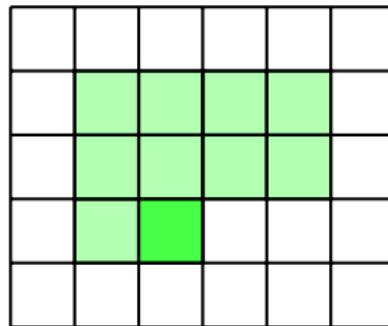


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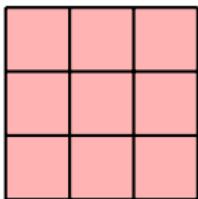
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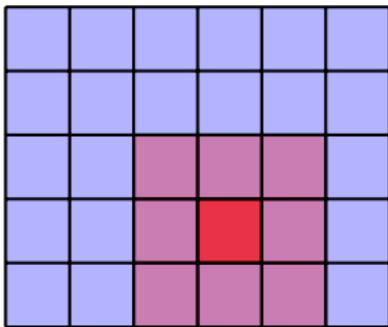


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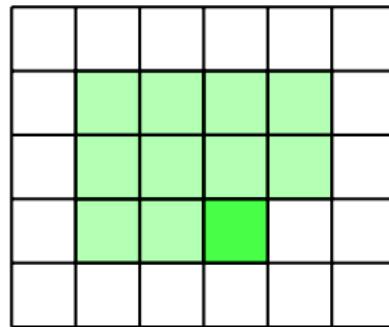


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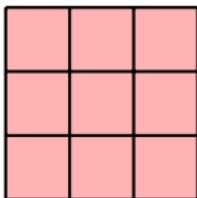
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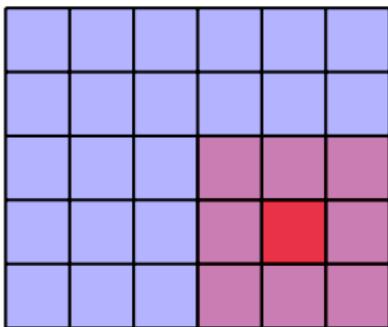


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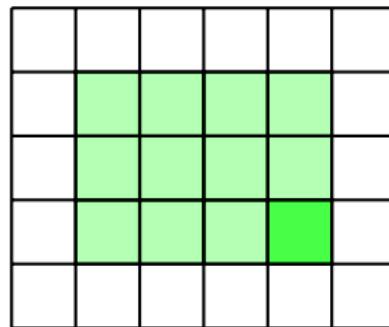


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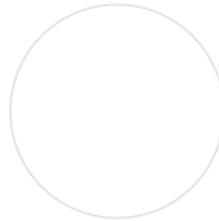
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grating

Fourier transform

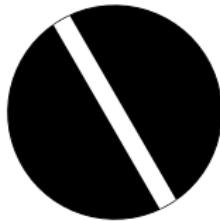
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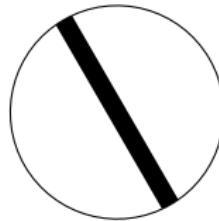
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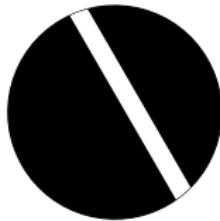
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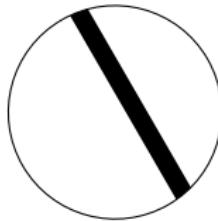
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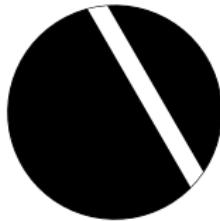
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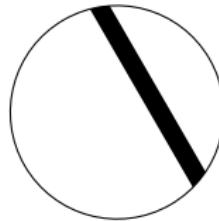
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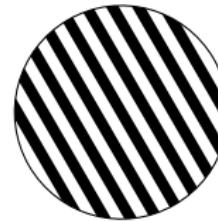
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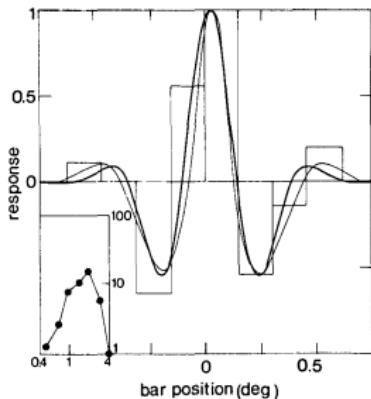


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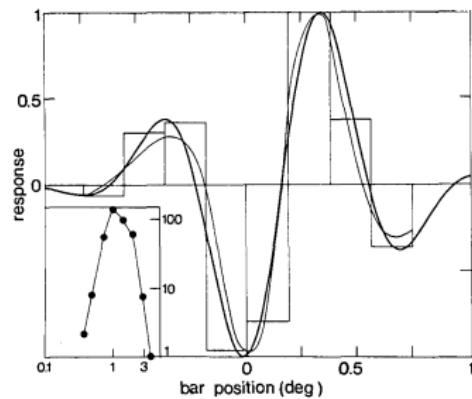
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mathematical model



symmetric

$$e^{-a^2(x-x_0)^2} \cos(2\pi f_0(x - x_0))$$

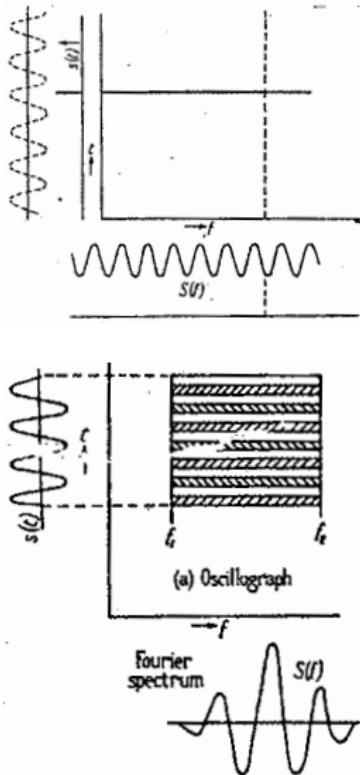


antisymmetric

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- (thin) experimental: inverse Fourier of grating stimuli responses
- (thick) least-squares fit of Gabor elementary signal

Gabor elementary signals



- “effective duration”

$$\Delta t = [2\pi(t - \bar{t})^2]^{1/2}$$

- “effective bandwidth”

$$\Delta f = [2\pi(f - \bar{f})^2]^{1/2}$$

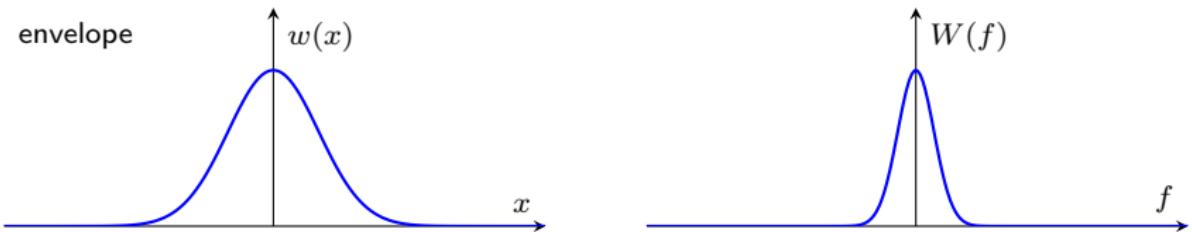
- uncertainty principle

$$\Delta t \Delta f \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

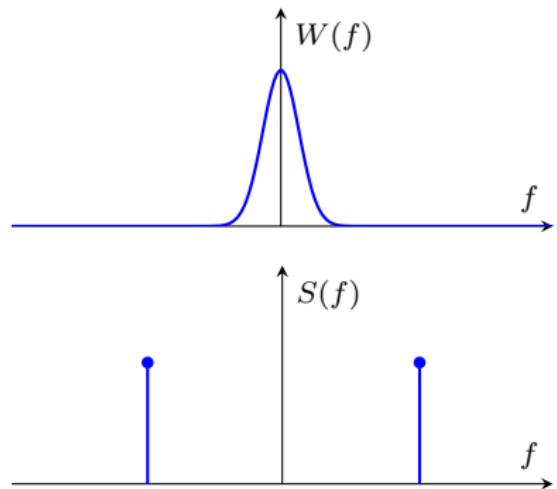
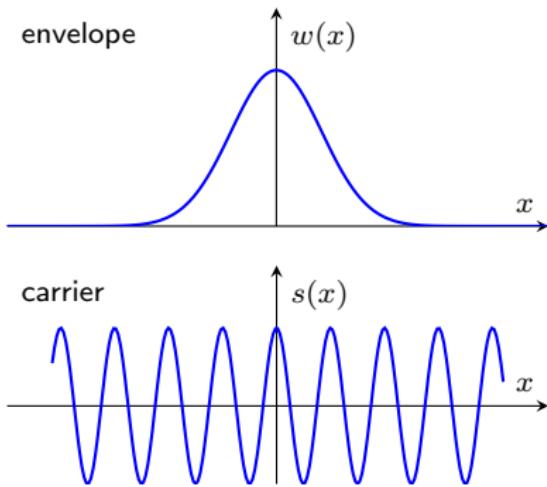
- minimal solution

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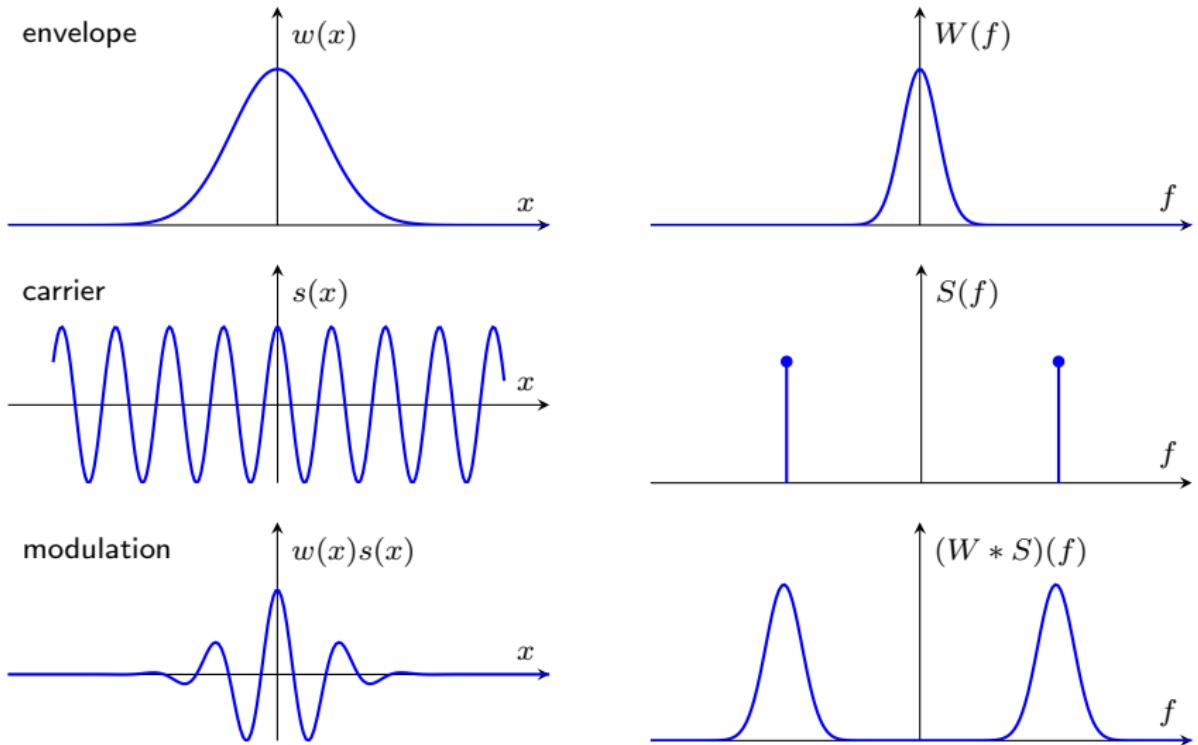
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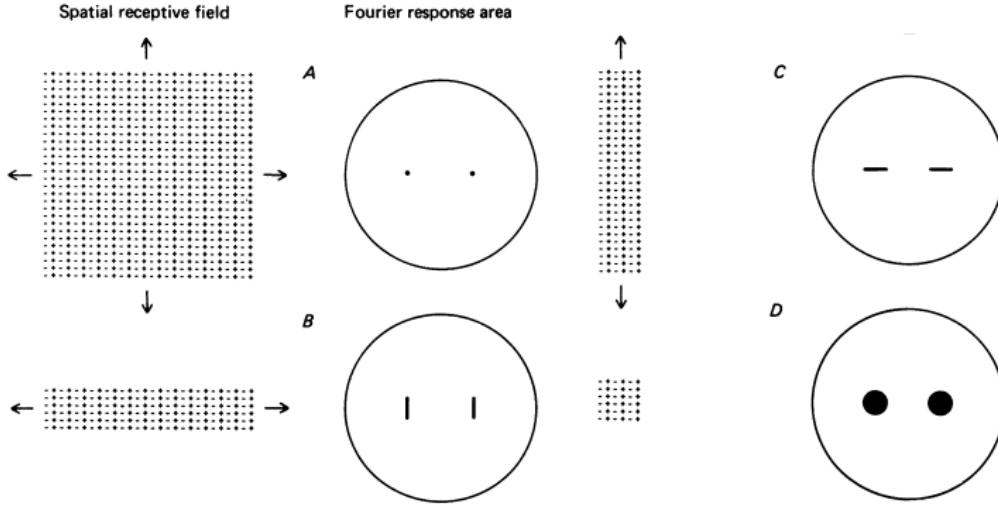
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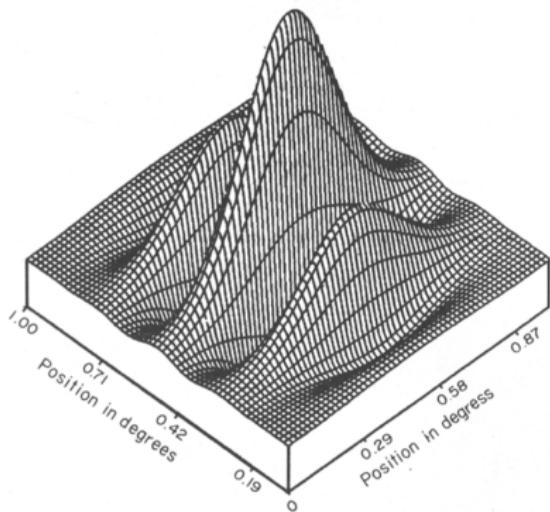
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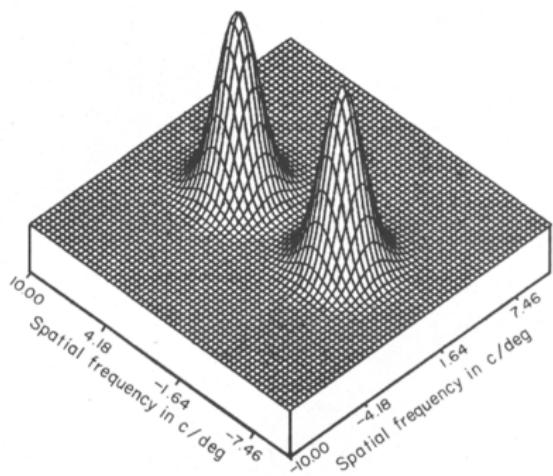
- responses to gratings at different frequencies and orientations
- localized in space and frequency, in both dimensions

2d space/frequency considerations

(a) Excitability profile

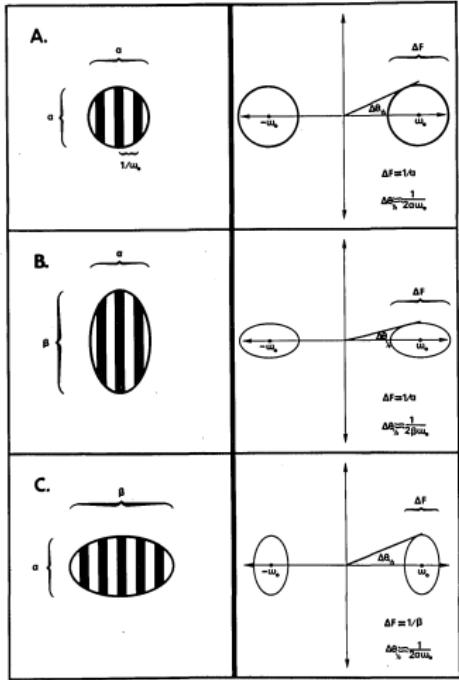


(b) 2-D Fourier transform of profile



- spatial frequency and orientation are separable
- by inverse Fourier, hypothesize a 2d spatial 'receptive field profile'

2d Gabor filters



- 2d uncertainty principle

$$\Delta x \Delta u \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

- minimal solution

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\pi w_{\mathbf{x}_0, A}(\mathbf{x})} e^{j2\pi c_{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{u}_0}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$F(\mathbf{u}) = e^{-\pi w_{\mathbf{u}_0, A^{-1}}(\mathbf{u})} e^{j2\pi c_{\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{x}_0}(\mathbf{u})}$$

- envelope & carrier signals

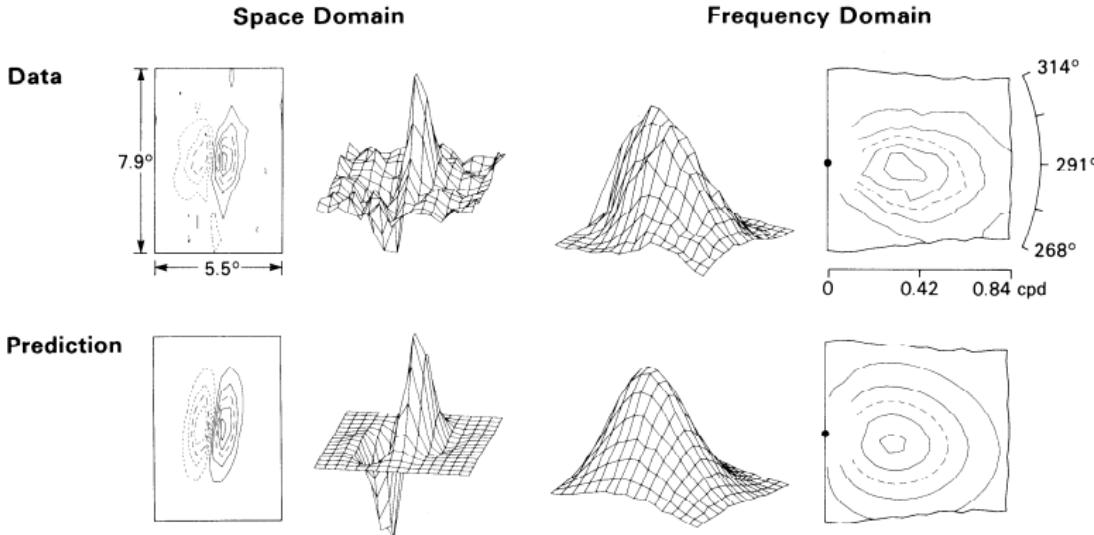
$$w_{\mathbf{x}_0, A}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)^\top A^2 (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

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$$A = \text{diag}(a, b)$$

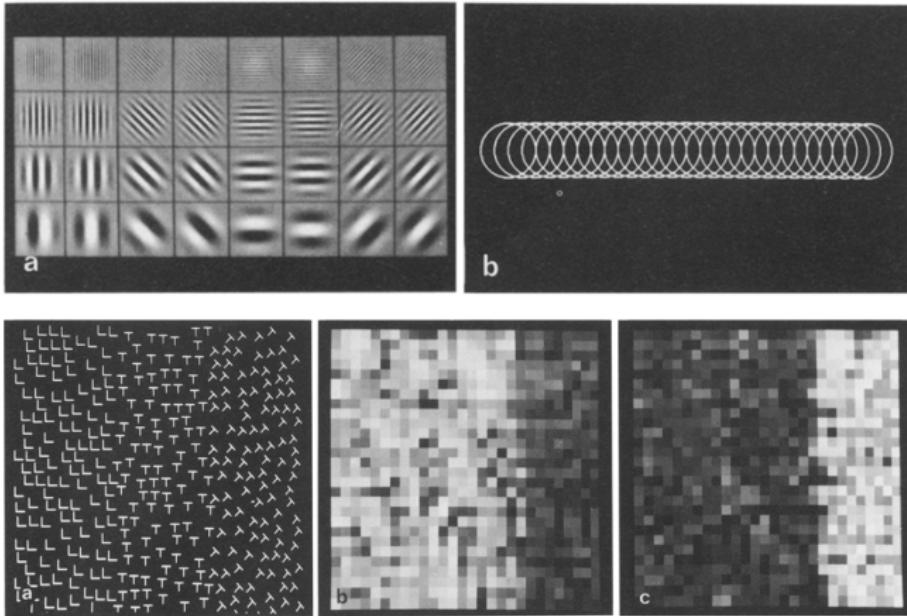
Daugman. JOSA 1985. Uncertainty Relation for Resolution in Space, Spatial Frequency, and Orientation Optimized By Two-Dimensional Visual Cortical Filters.

Gabor hypothesis verified



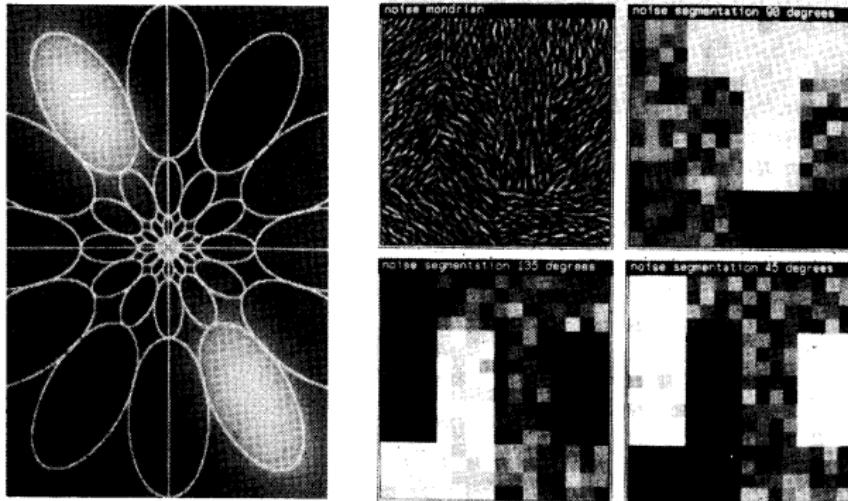
- compare spatial data to Gabor fitted to inverse Fourier of frequency data, and vice versa
- error unstructured and indistinguishable from random

texture segmentation



- sample image on spatial uniform cartesian grid
- filter each spatial cell at different frequencies and orientations

“textons”

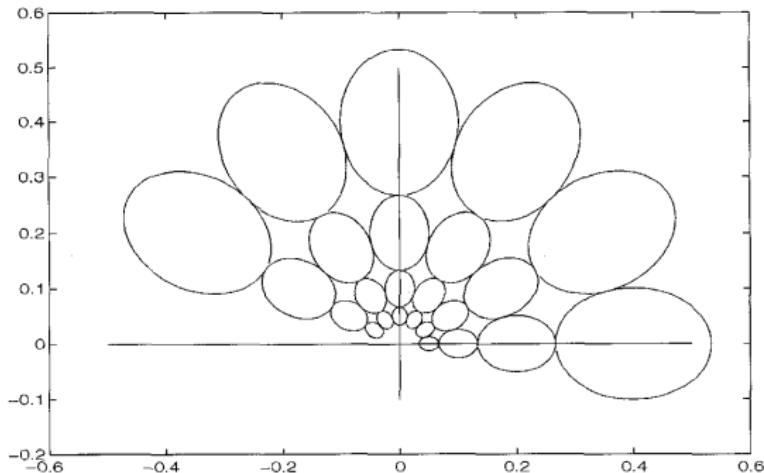


- see filter bank as frequency sampling on log-polar grid
- cluster filter (vector) responses into “textons”
- apply to iris recognition

visual descriptors

texture descriptors

[Manjunath and Ma 1996]



- same frequency sampling scheme
- filtering and global pooling in space domain
- popularized as part of MPEG-7 standard

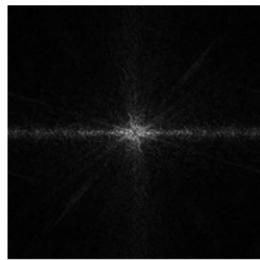
global descriptors



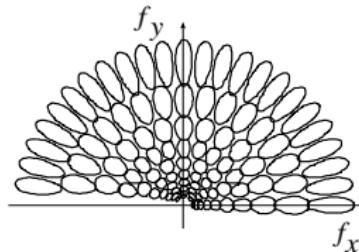
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pre-processing



power spectrum



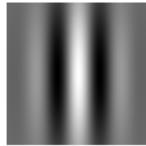
filter bank

- sampling scheme adapted to power spectrum statistics
- filtering and global pooling in frequency domain

sampling the frequency plane



frequency



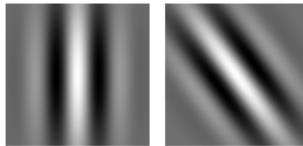
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- 4d representation: position, scale, orientation

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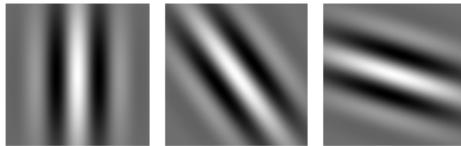
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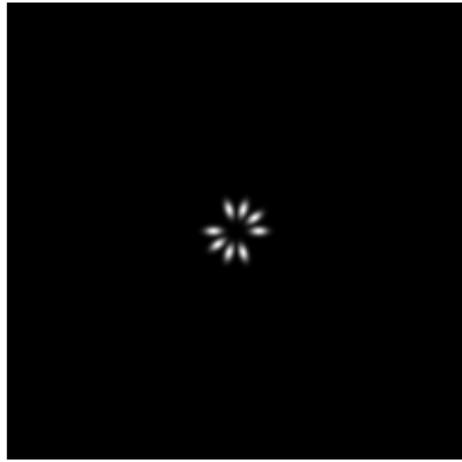
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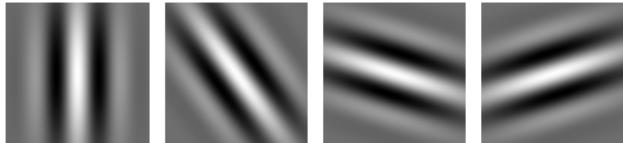
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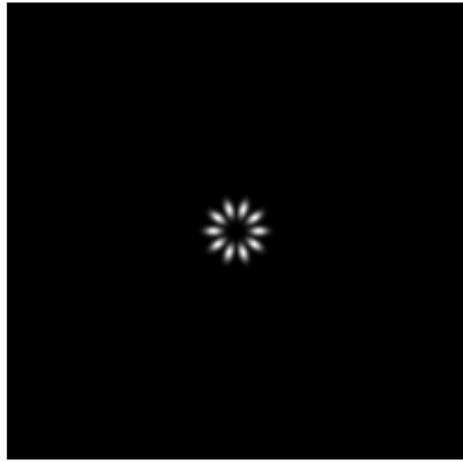
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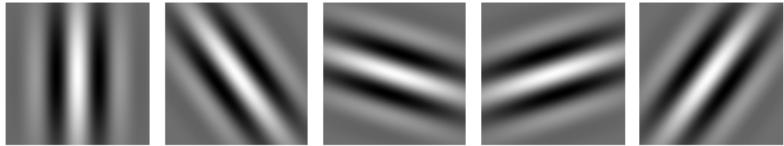
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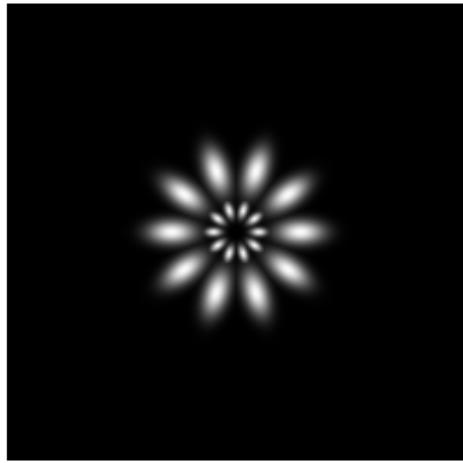
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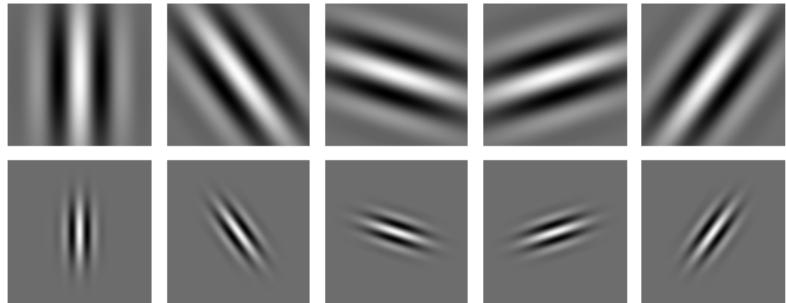
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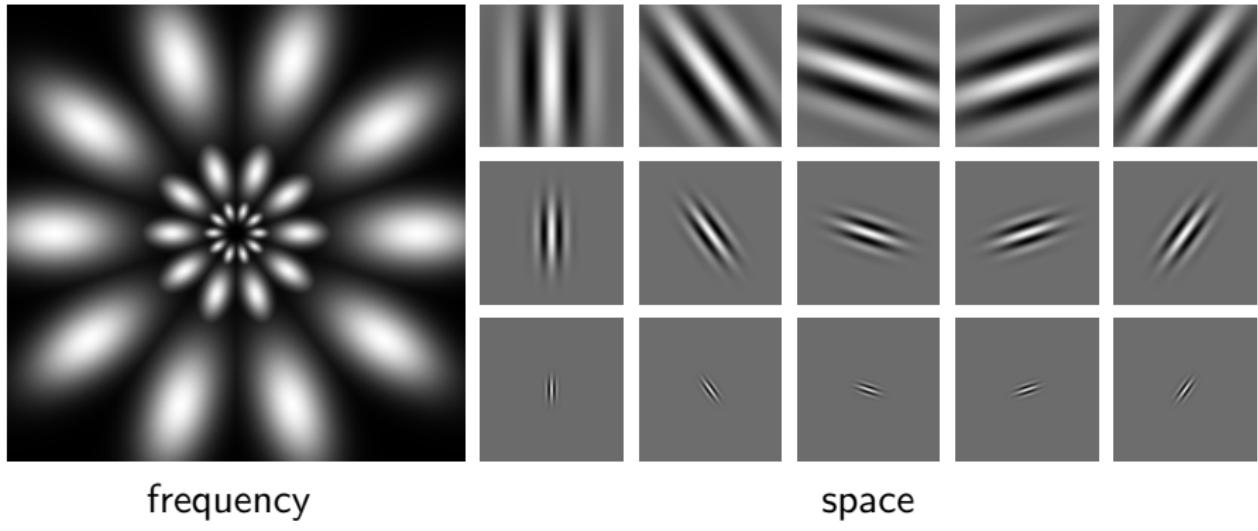
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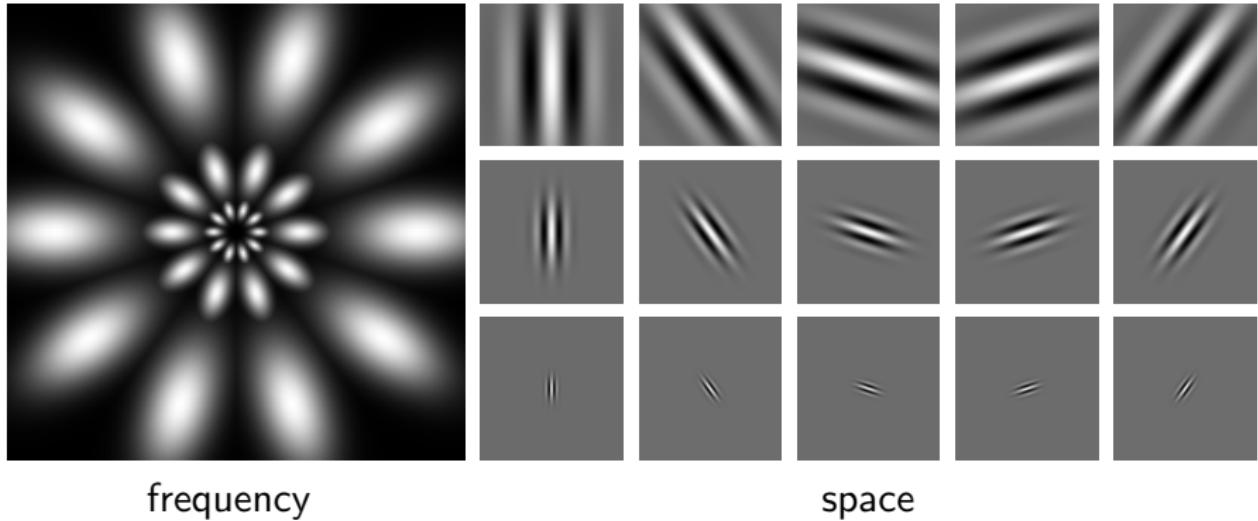
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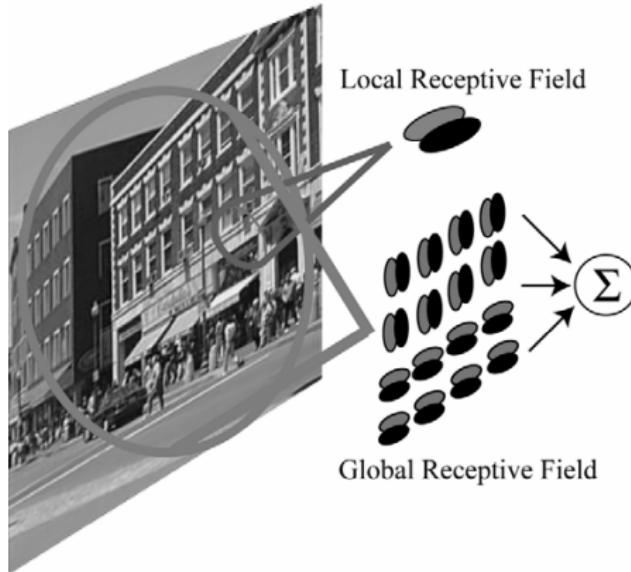
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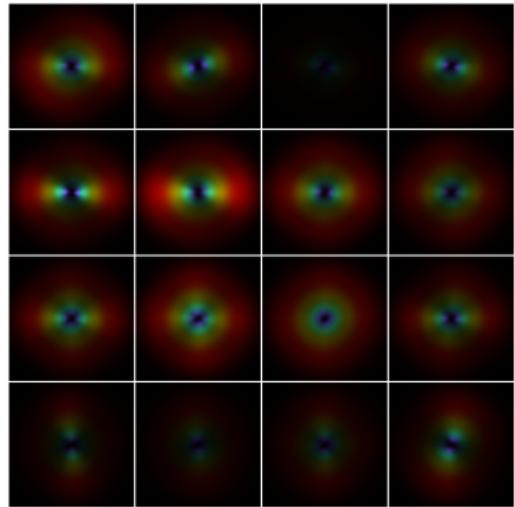
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global vs. local receptive fields



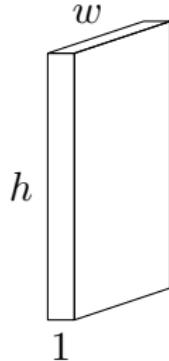
- pool filter responses only locally
- next level in hierarchy can apply different spatial weights

the gist descriptor



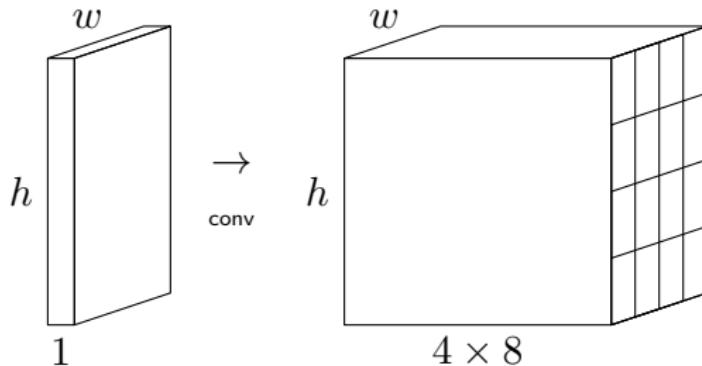
- apply filter bank to entire image in frequency domain
- partition image in 4×4 cells
- average pooling of filter responses per cell

gist pipeline



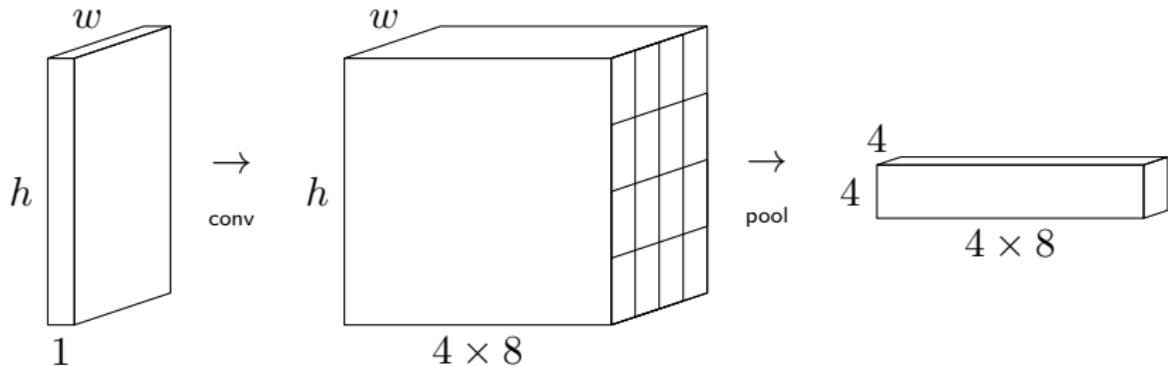
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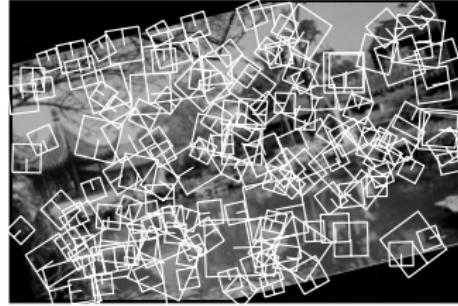
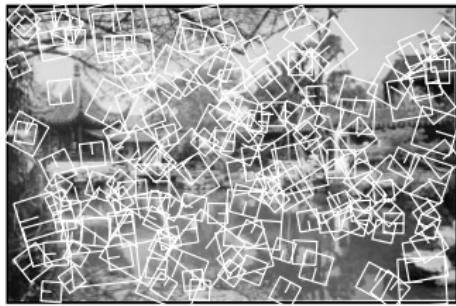
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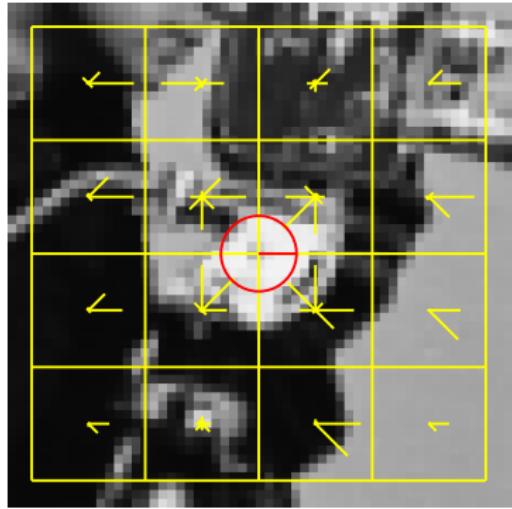
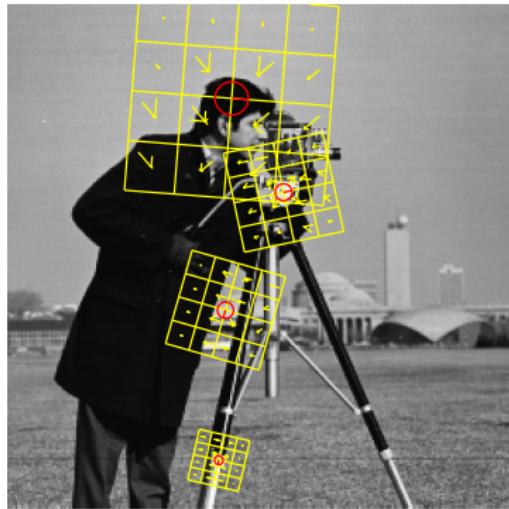
scale-invariant feature transform

[Lowe 1999]



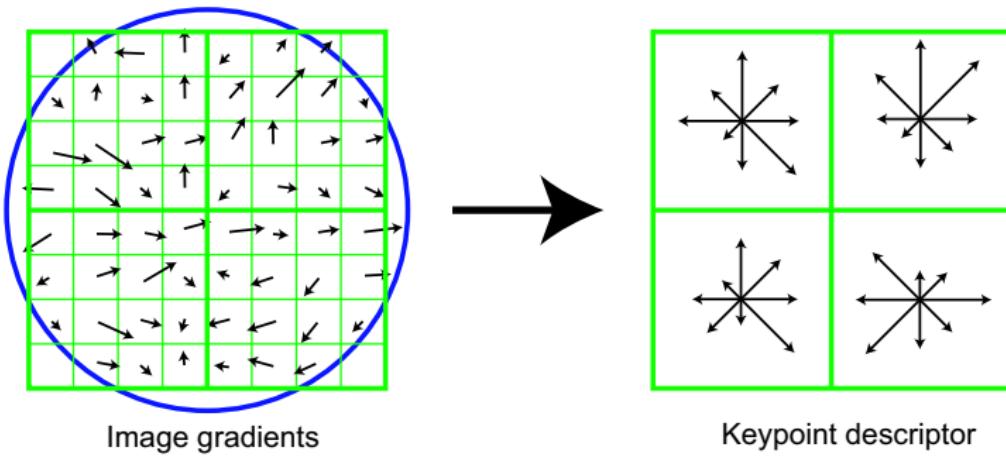
- detect a sparse set of “stable” features (rectangular patches),
equivariant to translation, scale and rotation

scale-invariant feature transform



- for each patch
 - normalize with respect to scale and orientation
 - construct a histogram of gradient orientations

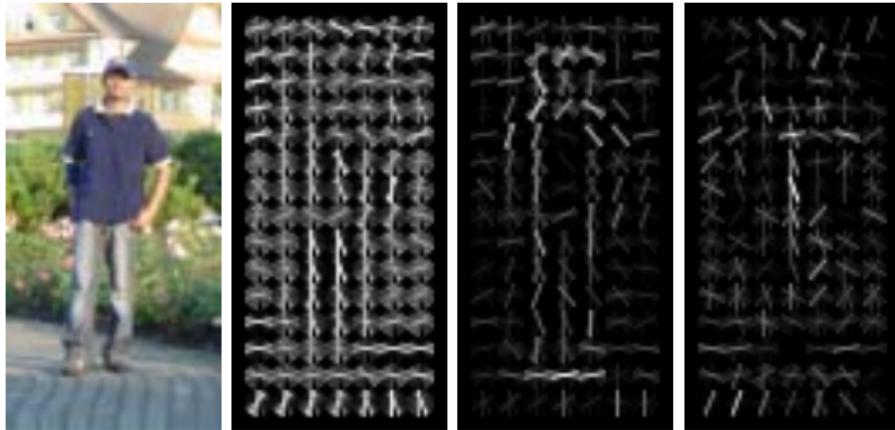
the SIFT descriptor



- votes in 8-bin orientation histograms weighted by magnitude and by Gaussian window on patch
- histograms pooled over 4×4 cells, trilinear interpolation
- 128-dimensional descriptor, normalized, clipped at 0.2, normalized

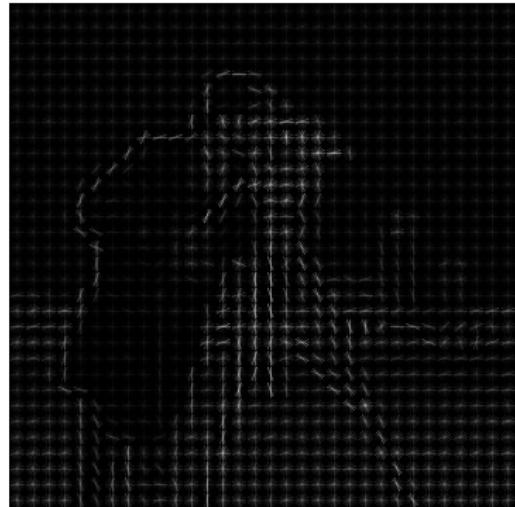
histogram of oriented gradients

[Dalal and Triggs 2005]



- applied to person detection by sliding window and SVM
- classifier learns positive and negative weights on positions and orientations
- switch focus back to dense features for classification

the HOG descriptor



- applied densely to adjacent cells of 8×8 pixels
- no scale or orientation normalization; just single-scale
- normalized by overlapping blocks of 3×3 cells—redundant

so what is a histogram?

- consider a histogram h over integers $C = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, computed from the following samples:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} C & = & \{ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ } \\ \hline 3 & \rightarrow & (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) \\ 2 & \rightarrow & (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \\ 0 & \rightarrow & (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0) \\ 3 & \rightarrow & (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0) \\ 2 & \rightarrow & (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \\ 2 & \rightarrow & (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0) \\ \hline h & = & (1 \ 0 \ 3 \ 2 \ 0) \ / \ 6 \end{array}$$

- each sample is **encoded** (*hard-assigned*) into a vector in \mathbb{R}^5 ; all such vectors are **pooled** (*averaged*) into one vector $h \in \mathbb{R}^5$
- encoding is always **nonlinear** and pooling is **orderless**
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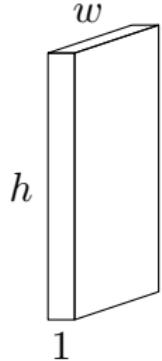
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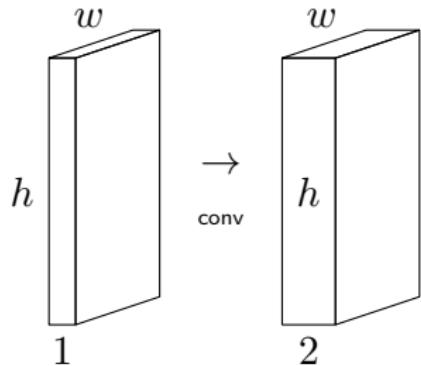
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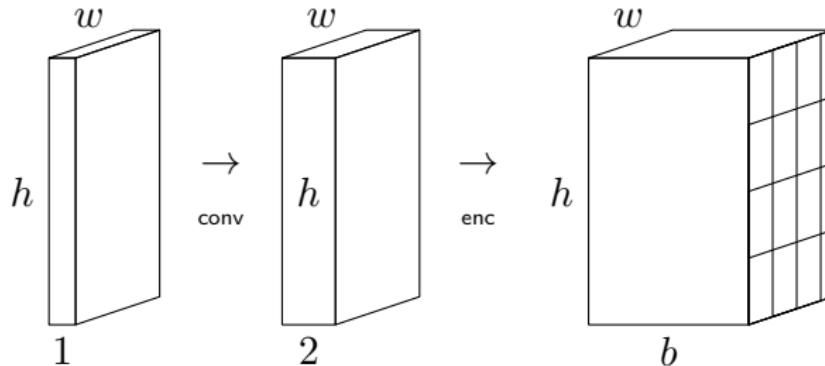
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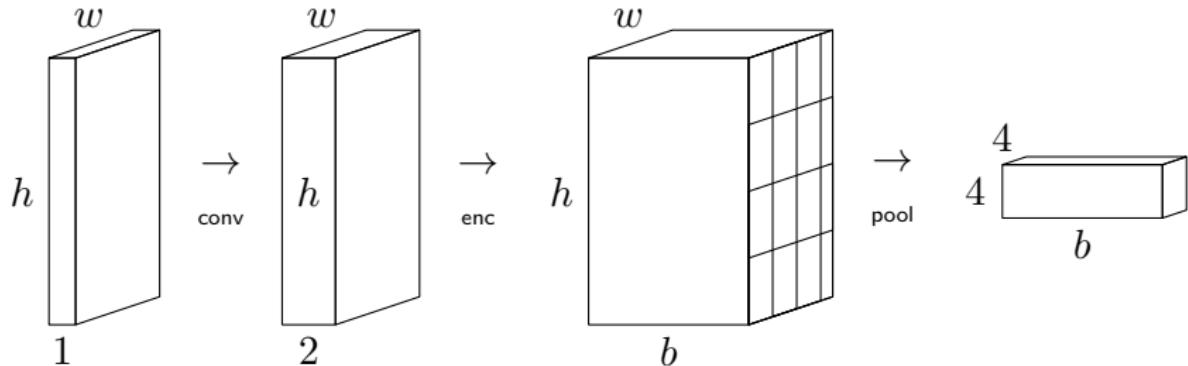
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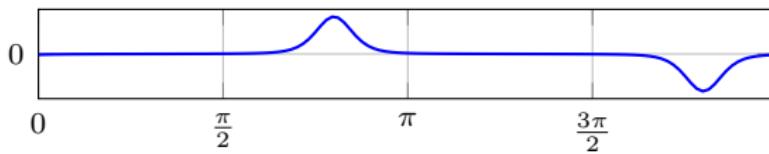
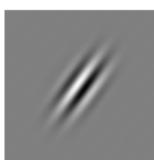
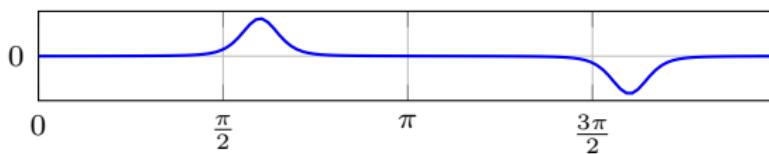
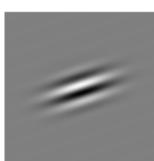
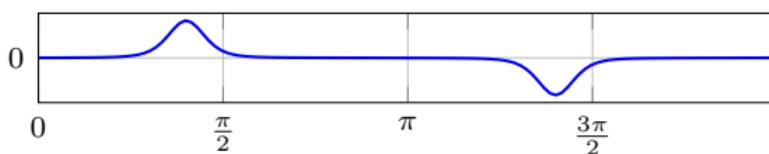
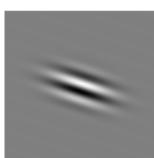
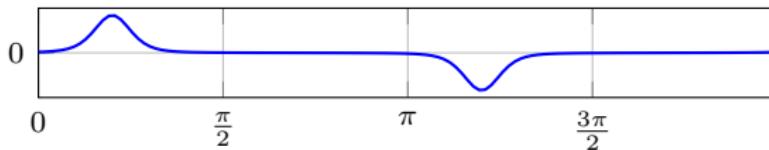
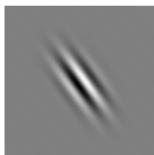
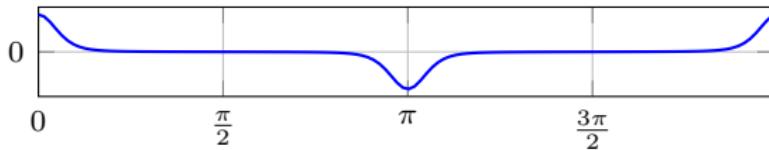
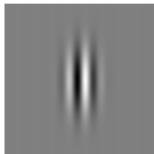
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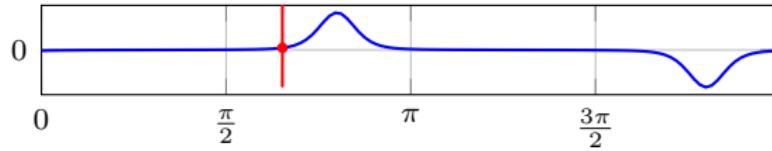
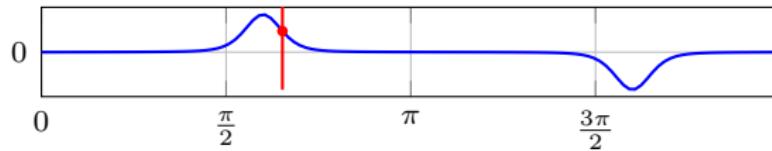
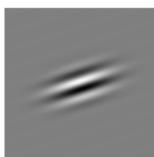
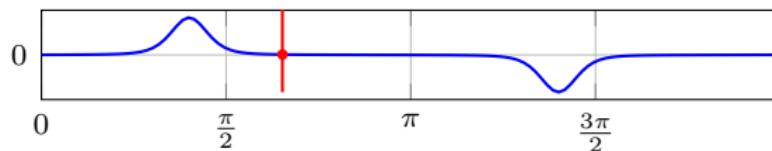
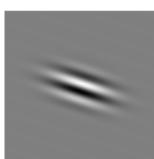
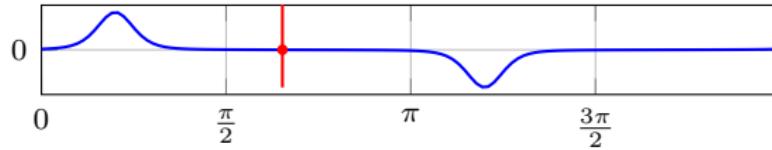
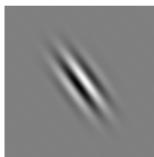
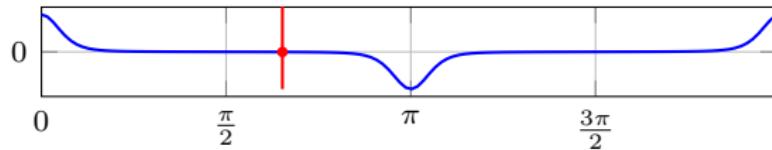
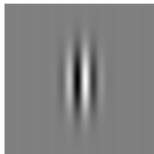


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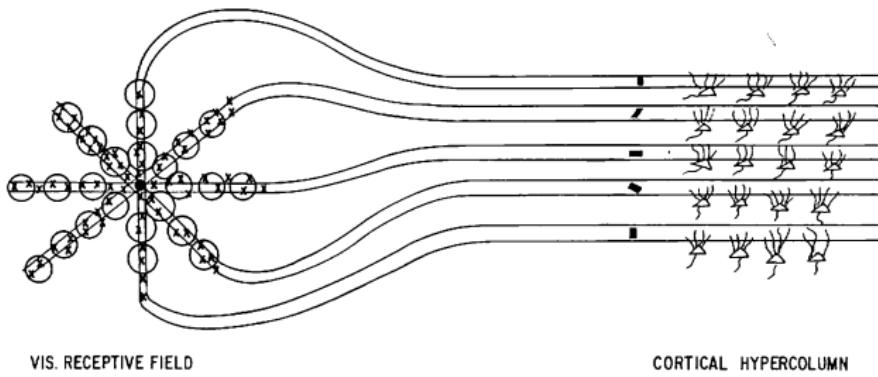


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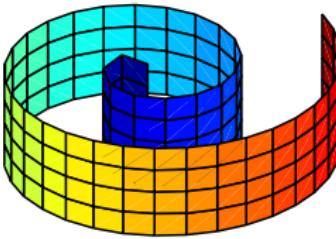
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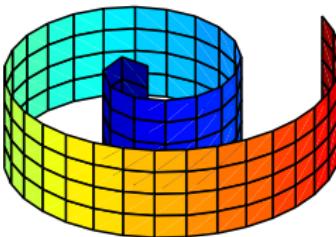


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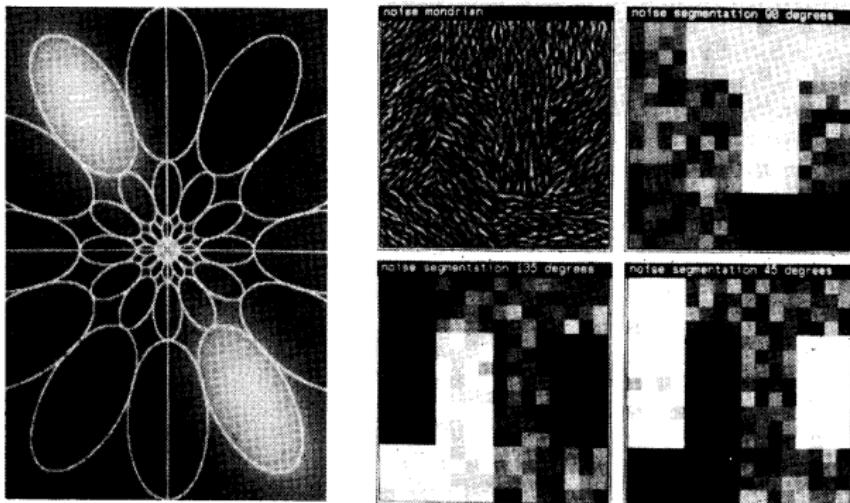
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- see filter bank as frequency sampling on log-polar grid
- cluster 3×6 filter (vector) responses into “textons”
- apply to iris recognition

textons

[Malik et al. 1999]



oriented filter bank



image



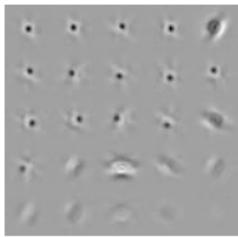
texture segmentation

- textons (re-)defined as clusters of filter responses
- regions described by texton histograms

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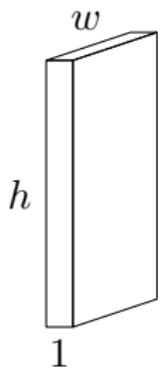
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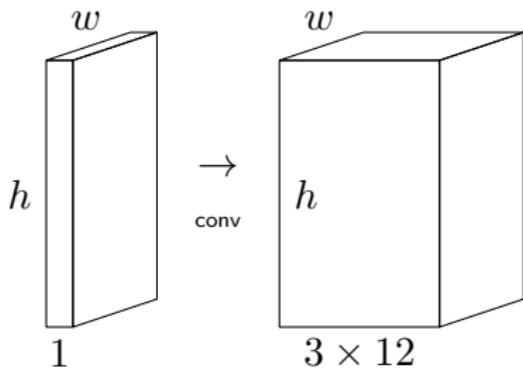
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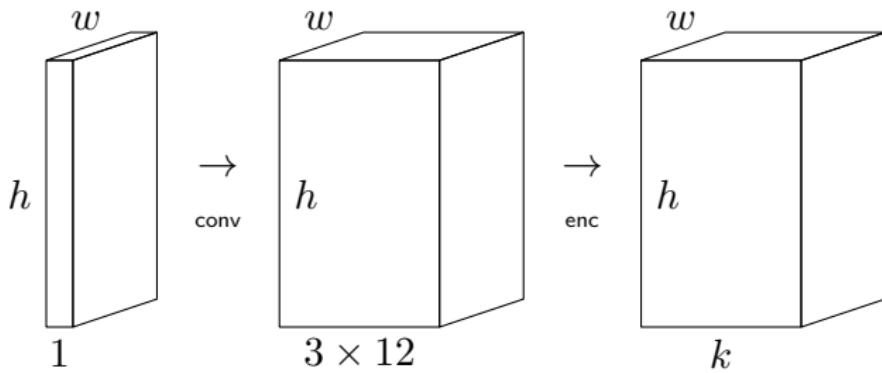
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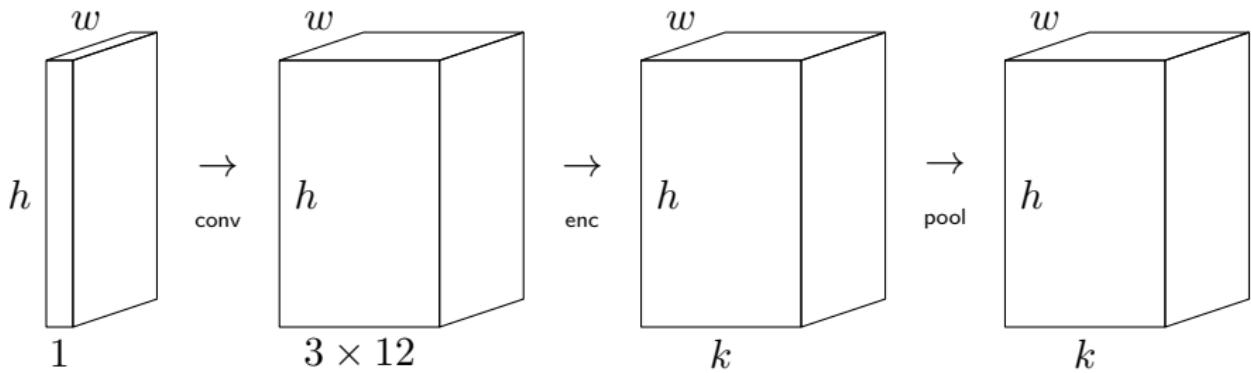
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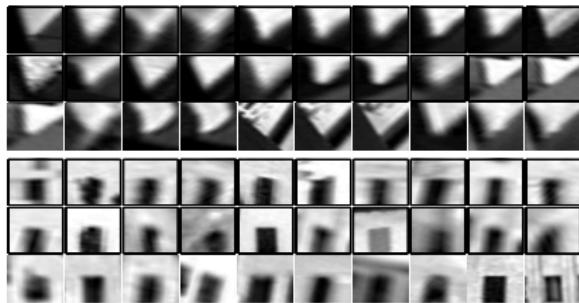
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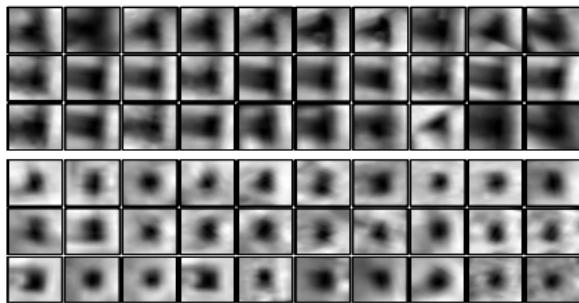
- two types of sparse features detected
- SIFT descriptors extracted from a dataset of video frames

bag of words: retrieval

[Sivic and Zisserman 2003]



Harris affine
6k words



maximally stable
10k words

- “visual words” defined as clusters of SIFT descriptors learned from the dataset
- images described by visual word histograms
- matching is reduced to sparse dot product → fast retrieval

bag of words: classification

[Csurka et al. 2004]



features



visual words



phones, books, cars



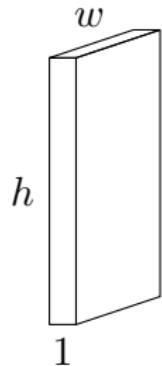
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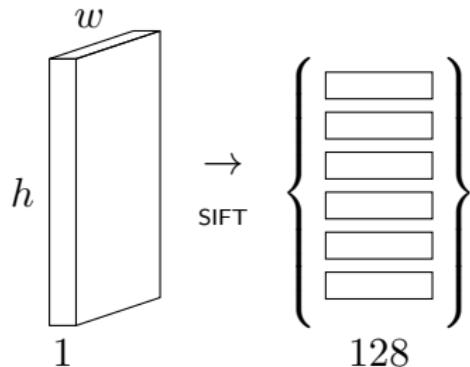
- same representation, $k = 1000$ words, naive bayes or SVM classifier
- features soon to be replaced dense multiscale HOG or SIFT

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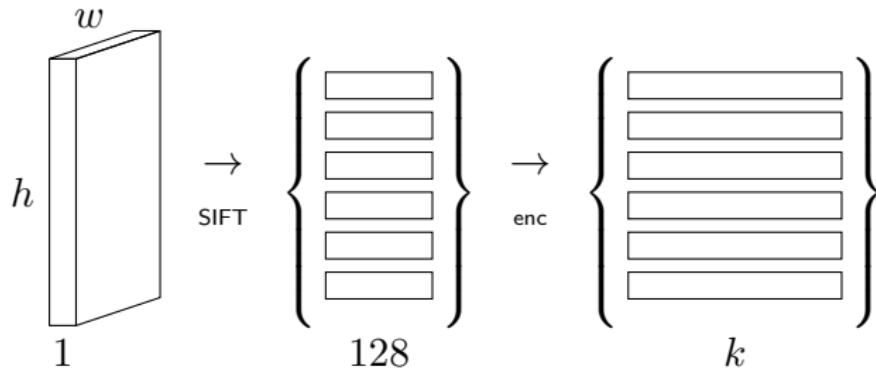
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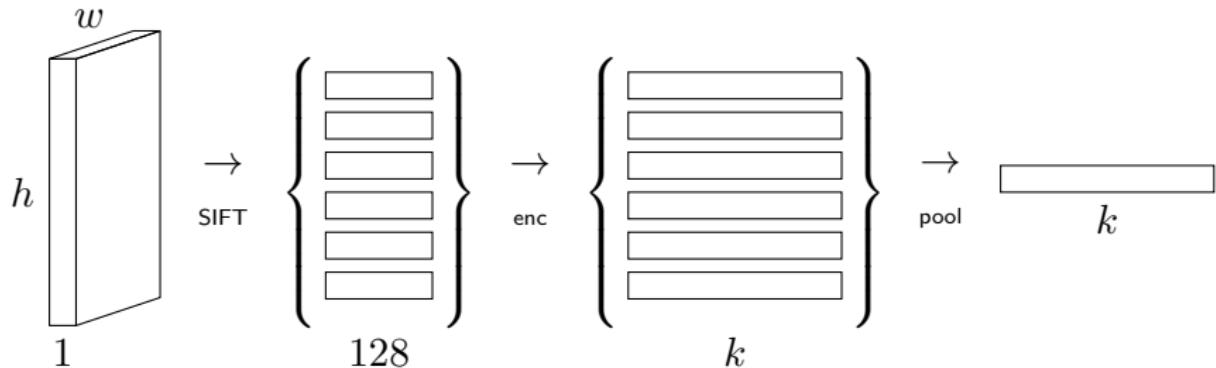
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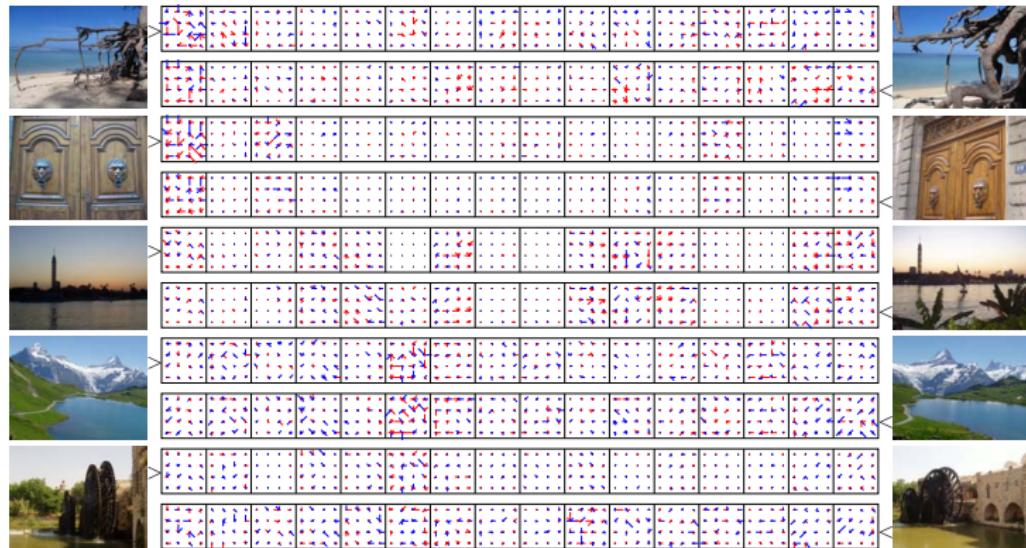
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vector of locally aggregated descriptors (VLAD)

[Jégou et al. 2010]



- encoding yields a vector per visual word, rather than a scalar frequency
- this vector is 128-dimensional like SIFT descriptors

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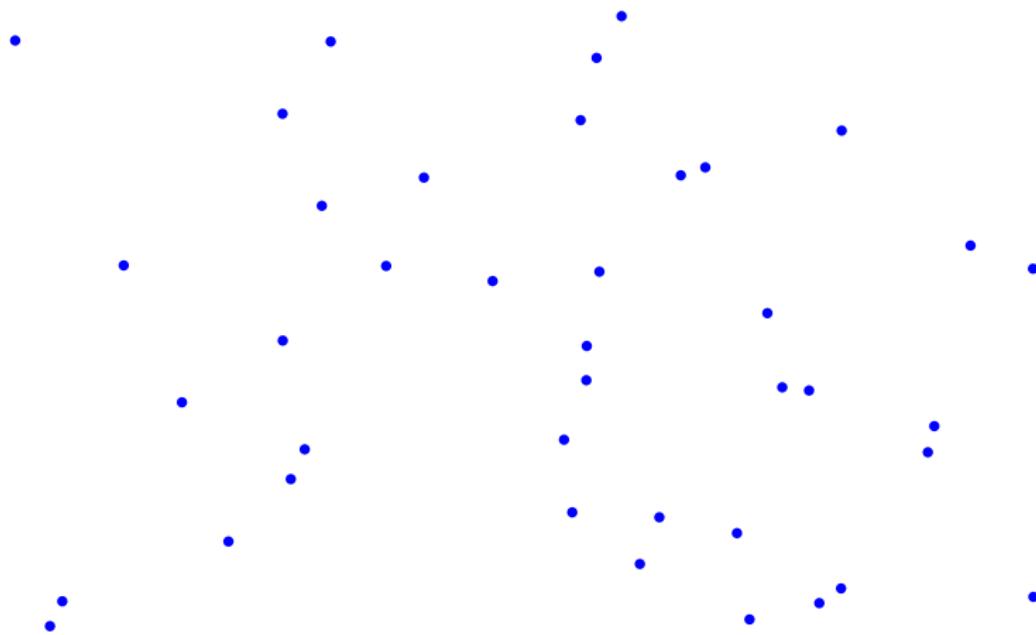
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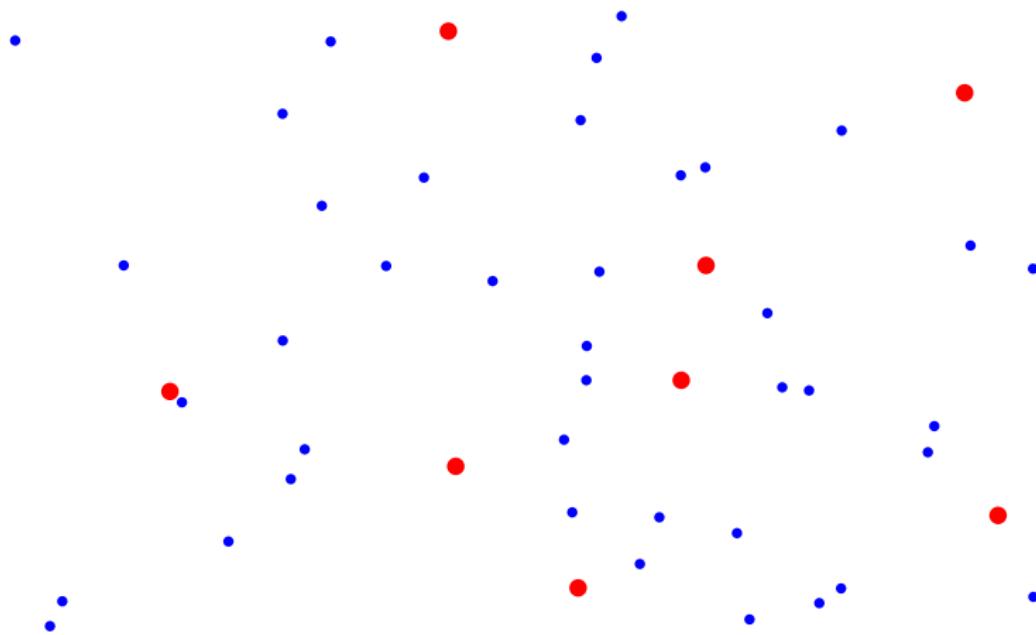
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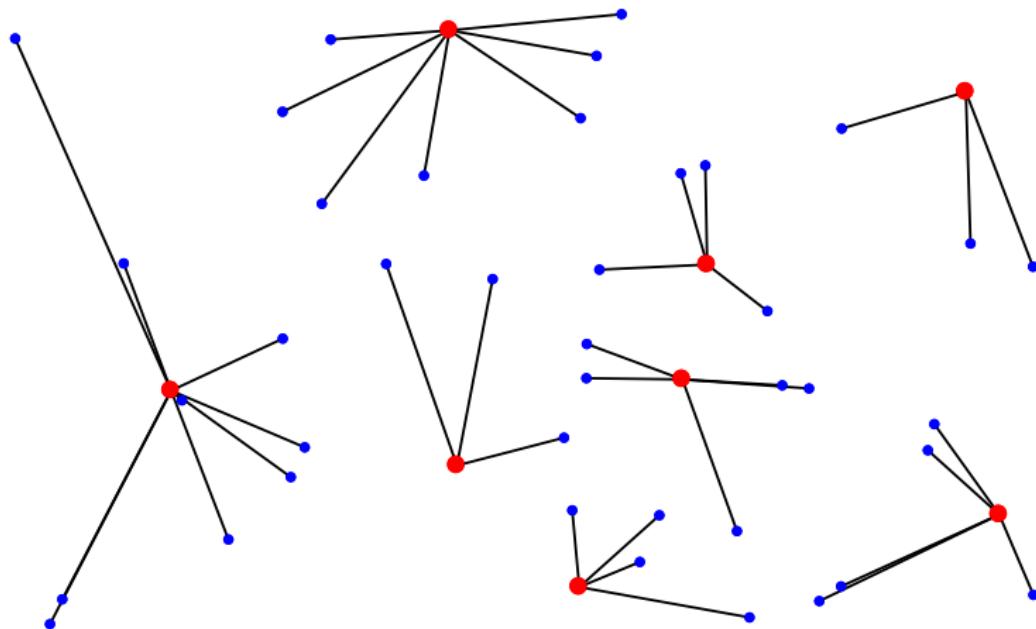
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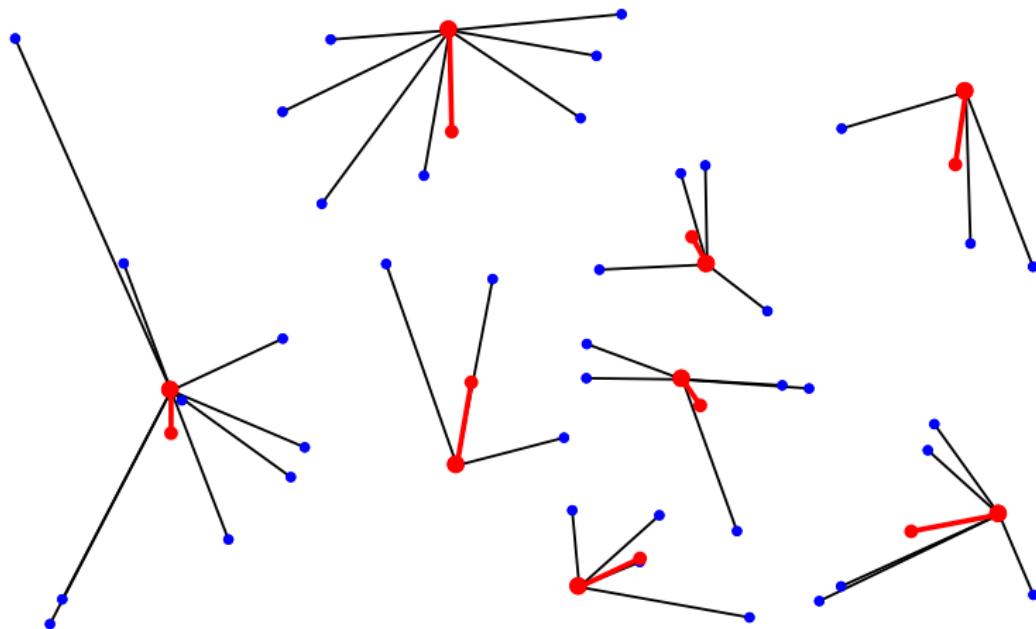
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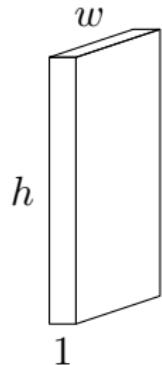
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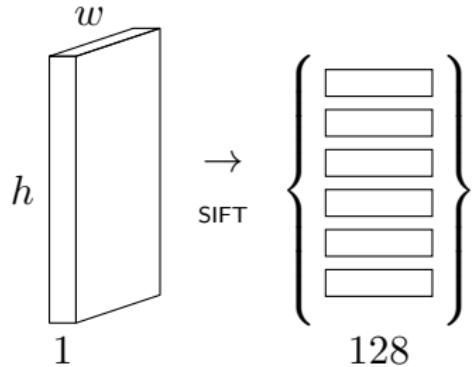
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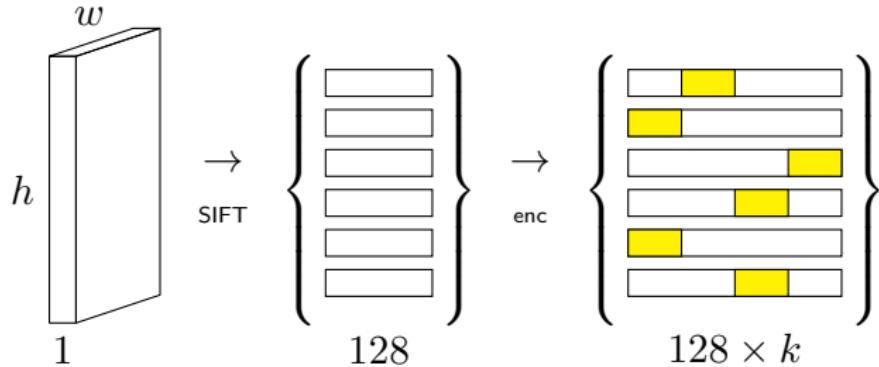
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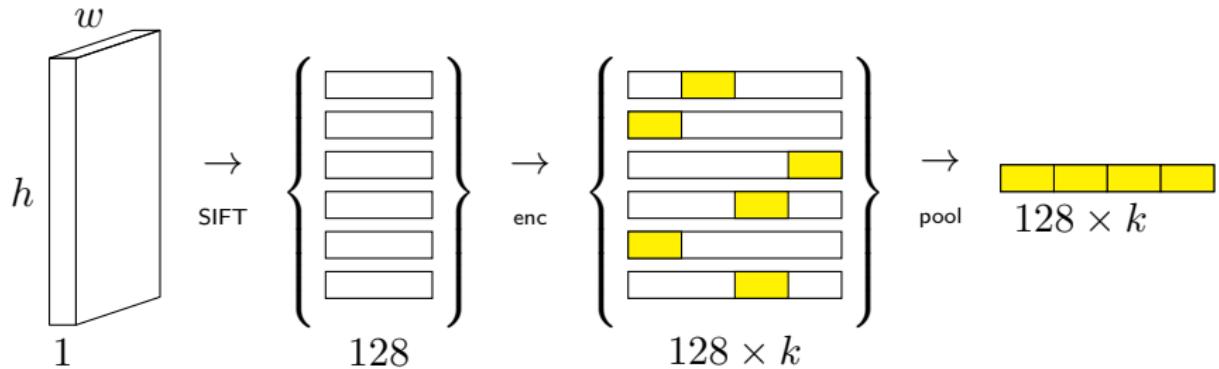
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- if $p(X|C)$ is the likelihood of i.i.d observations X under a uniform isotropic Gaussian mixture model with component means C

$$p(X|C) \propto \prod_{x \in X} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\|x - q(x)\|^2}$$

- then the VLAD vector is proportional the gradient of $\ln p(X|C)$ with respect to the model parameters C

$$\mathcal{V}(X) \propto \nabla_C \ln p(X|C) = [\nabla_{c_1} \ln p(X|C), \dots, \nabla_{c_k} \ln p(X|C)]$$

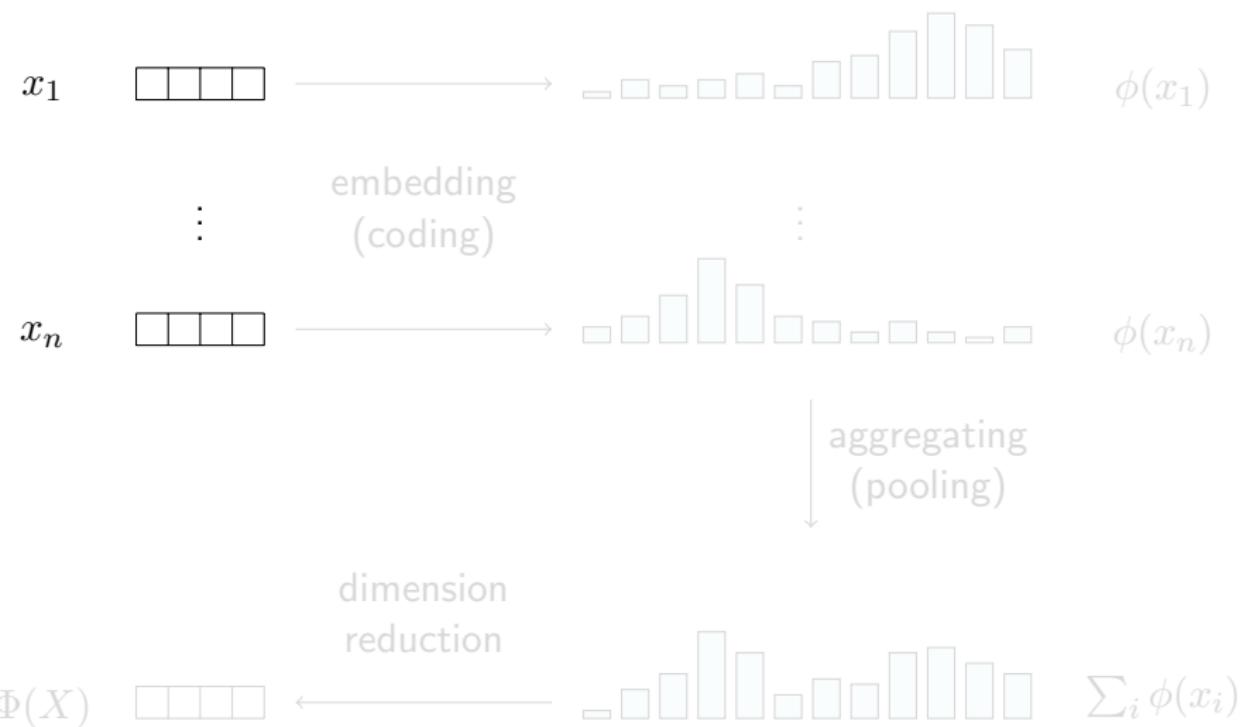
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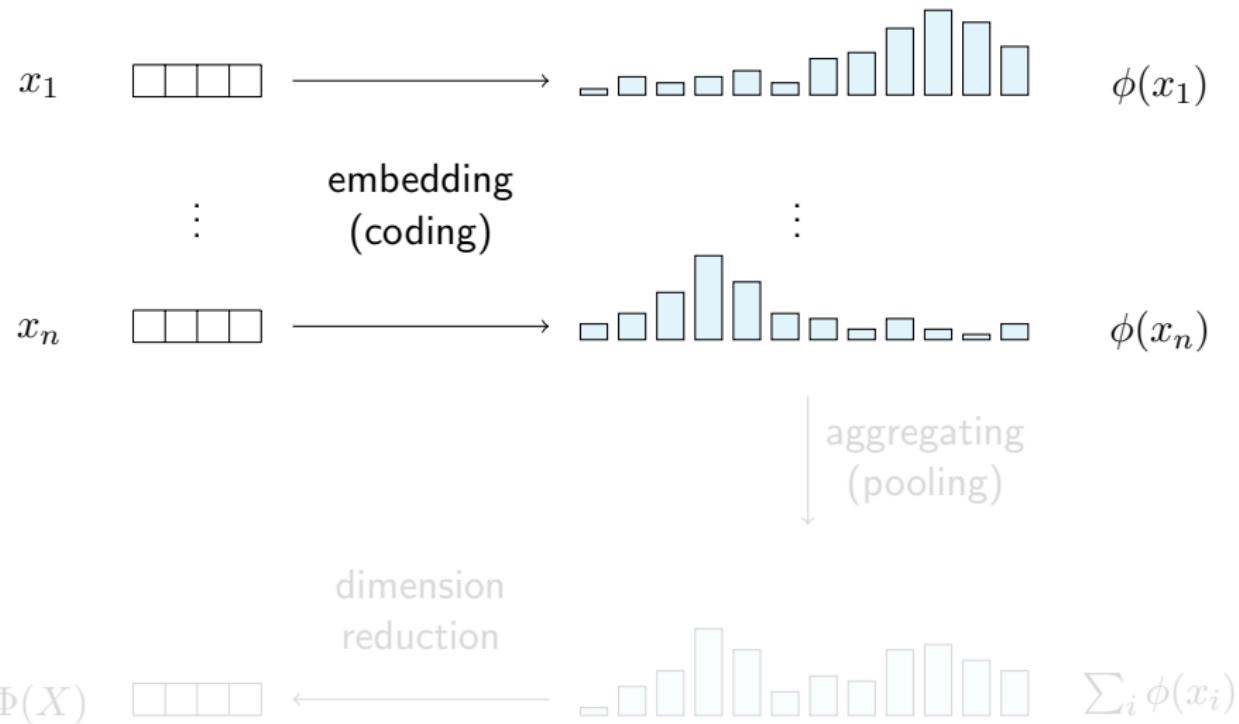
- the Fisher kernel generalizes to a non-uniform diagonal Gaussian mixture model

order statistics	parameter	model
0	mixing coefficient π	BoW
1	means μ	VLAD
2	standard deviations σ	Fisher

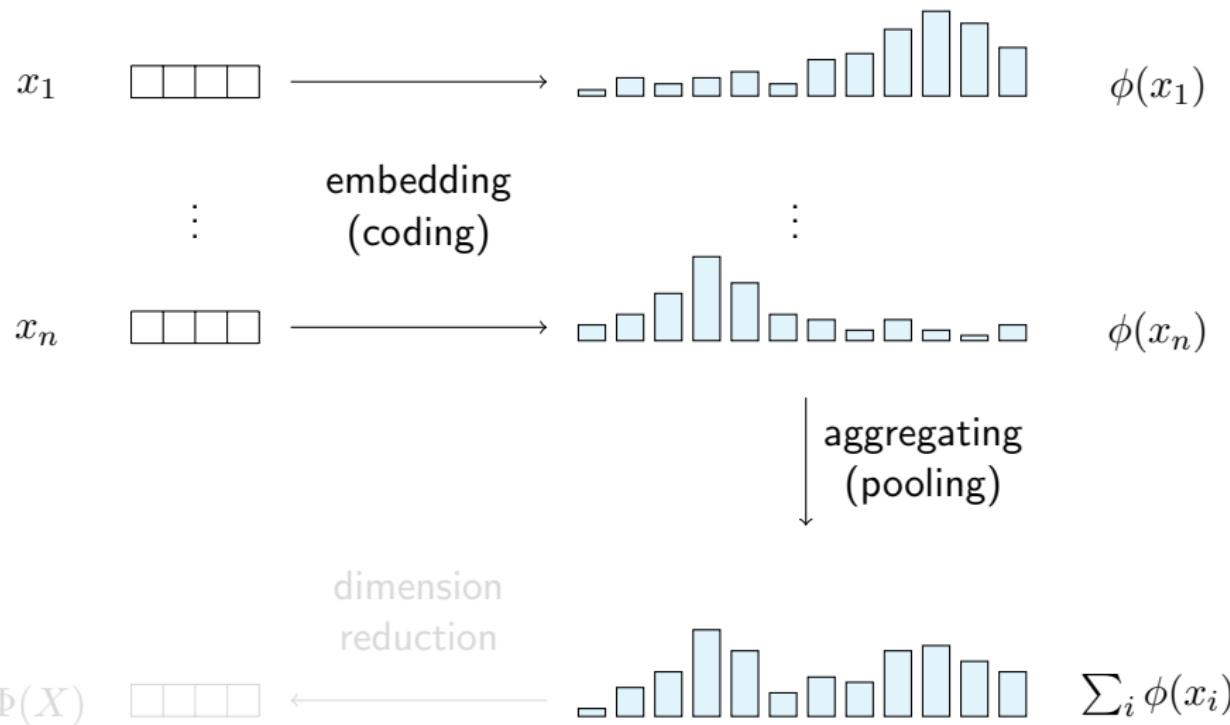
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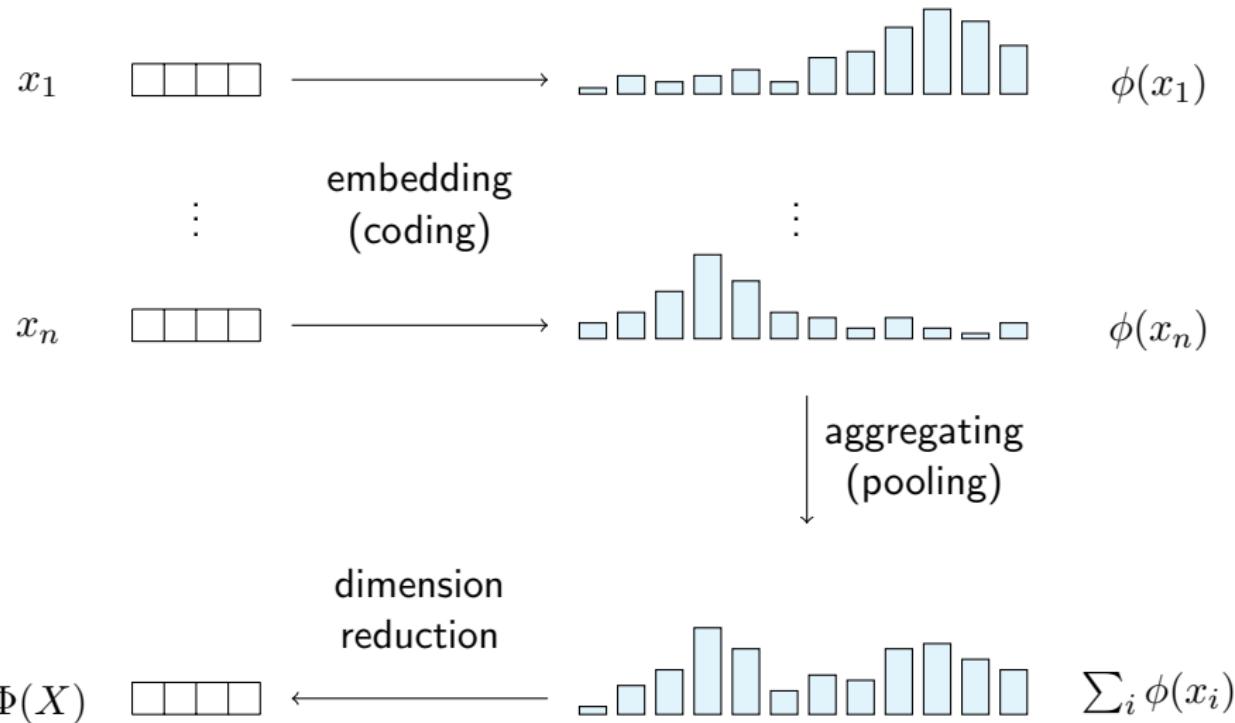
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summary

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- textons, BoW, VLAD, Fisher kernel