

# Registration.

## Lecture 1

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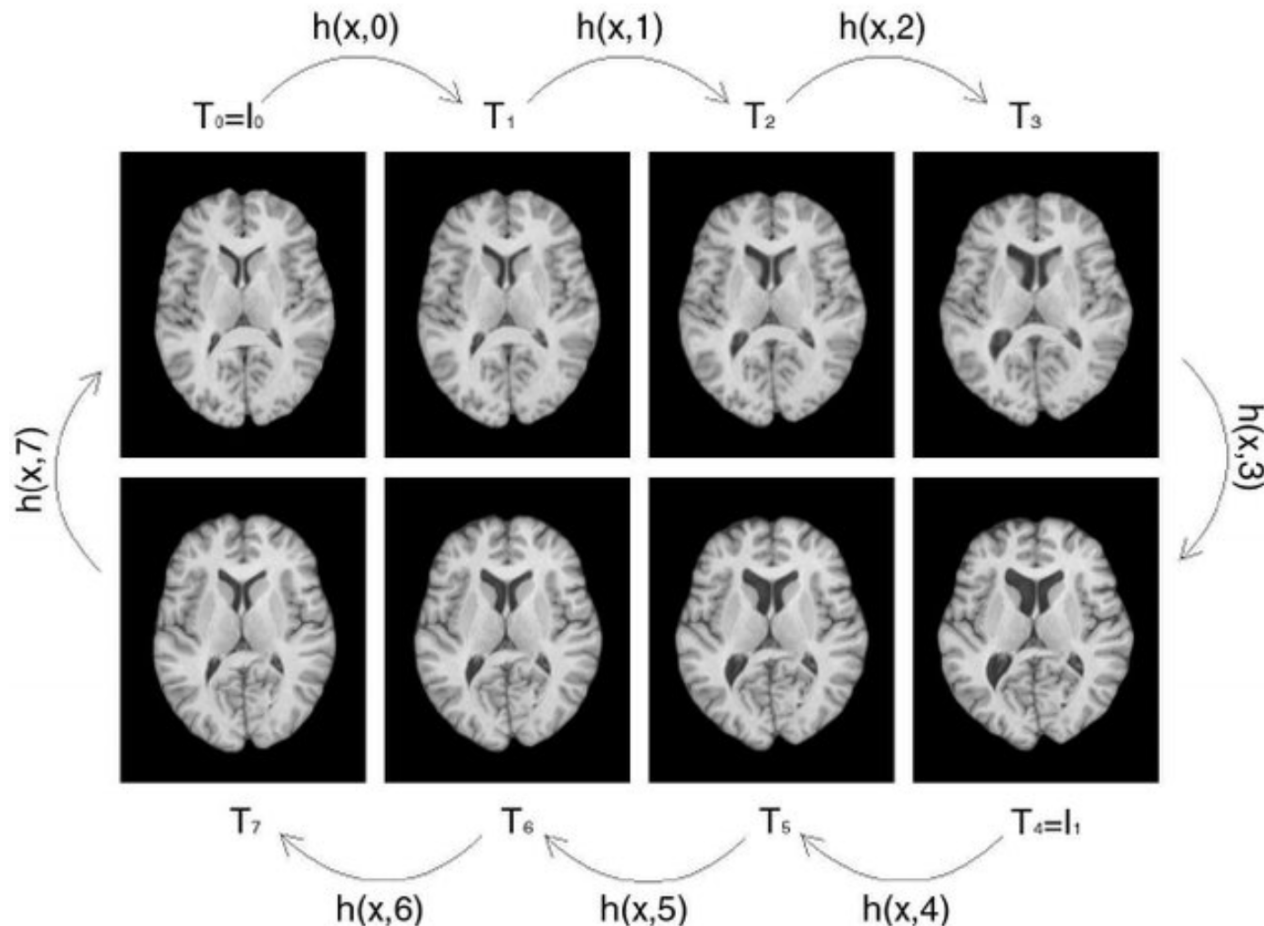


# Today's Learning Objectives

- Why do we need registration?
- Similarity measures
- Rigid registration

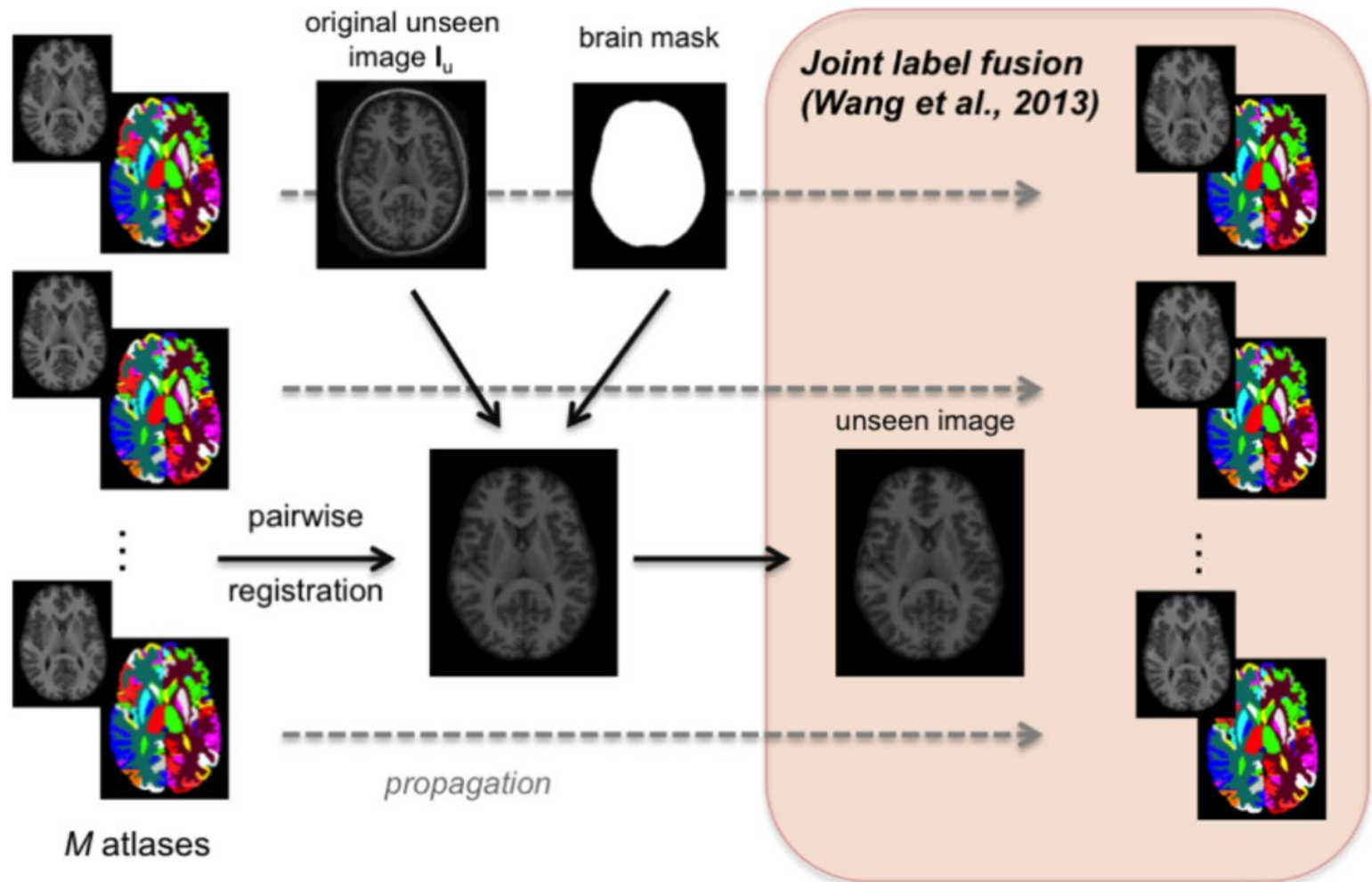
# Why do we need registration?

Registration geometrically transforms one image into another



# Why do we need registration?

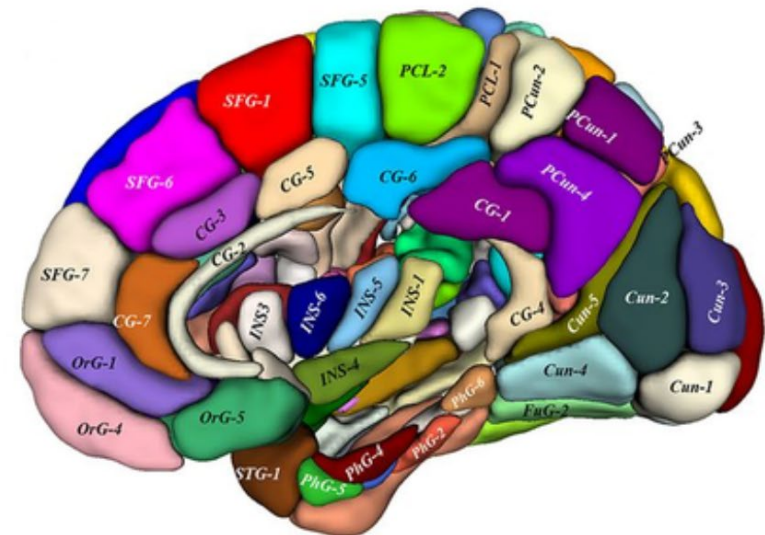
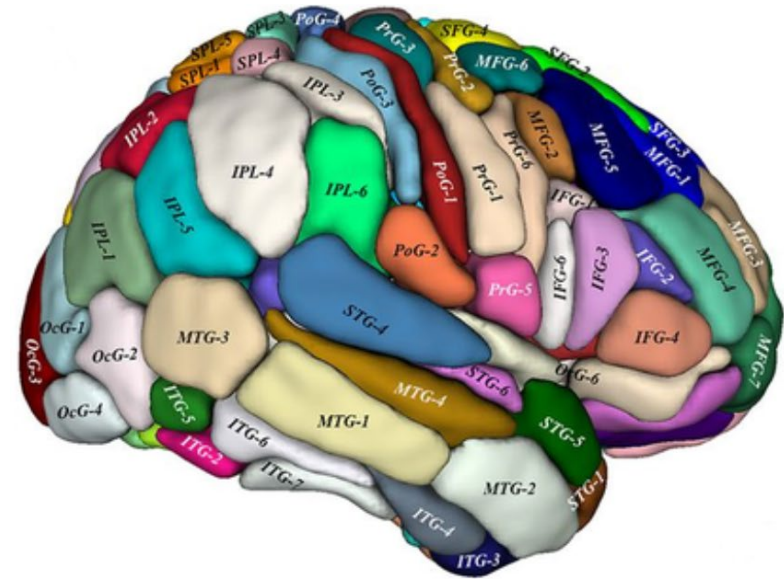
## Atlas-based segmentation



# Why do we need registration?

## Atlas-based segmentation:

- (-) Segmentation speed linearly depends on the number of training images
- (+) Segmentation speed does not depend on the number of target structures
- (+) Needs way less training samples than deep learning



**More examples at the end**

# Image registration

## **Information type**

- Intrinsic or extrinsic

## **Similarity measure**

- Pixelwise difference, correlation, mutual information

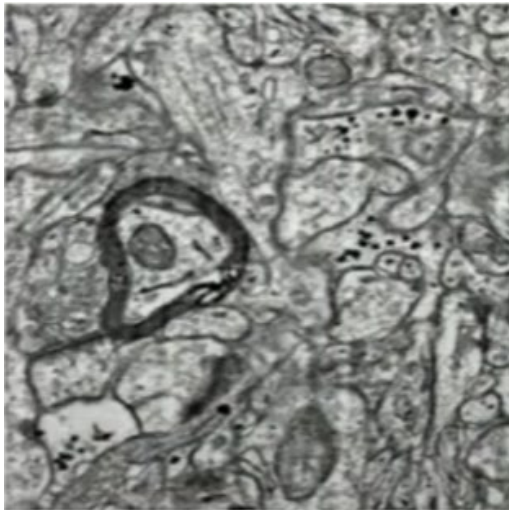
## **Transformation**

- Rigid, non-rigid

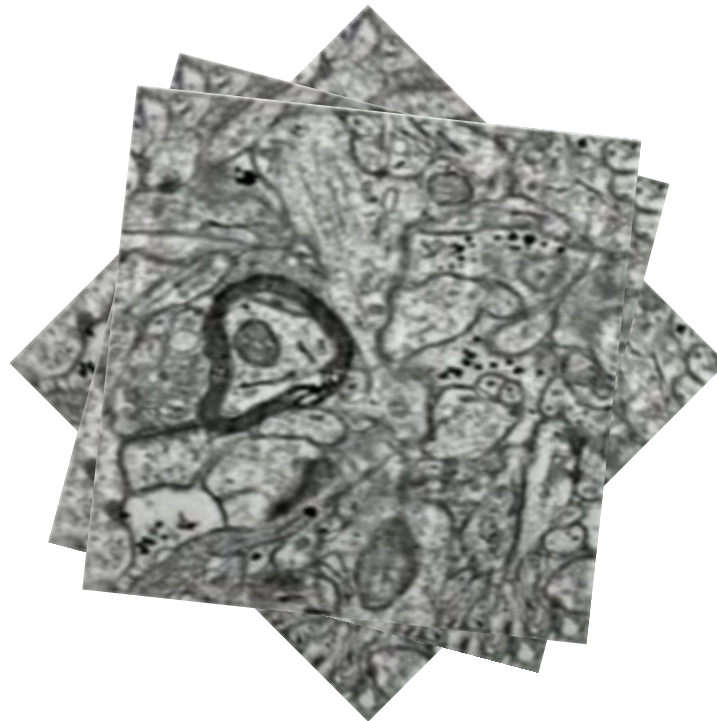
# Image registration: information type

## Intrinsic information

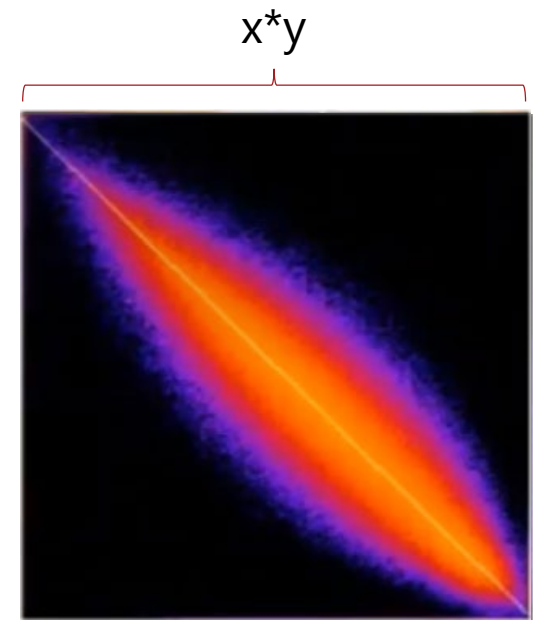
- The images are visually similar (non-necessarily by absolute intensities):



Target image



Moving image

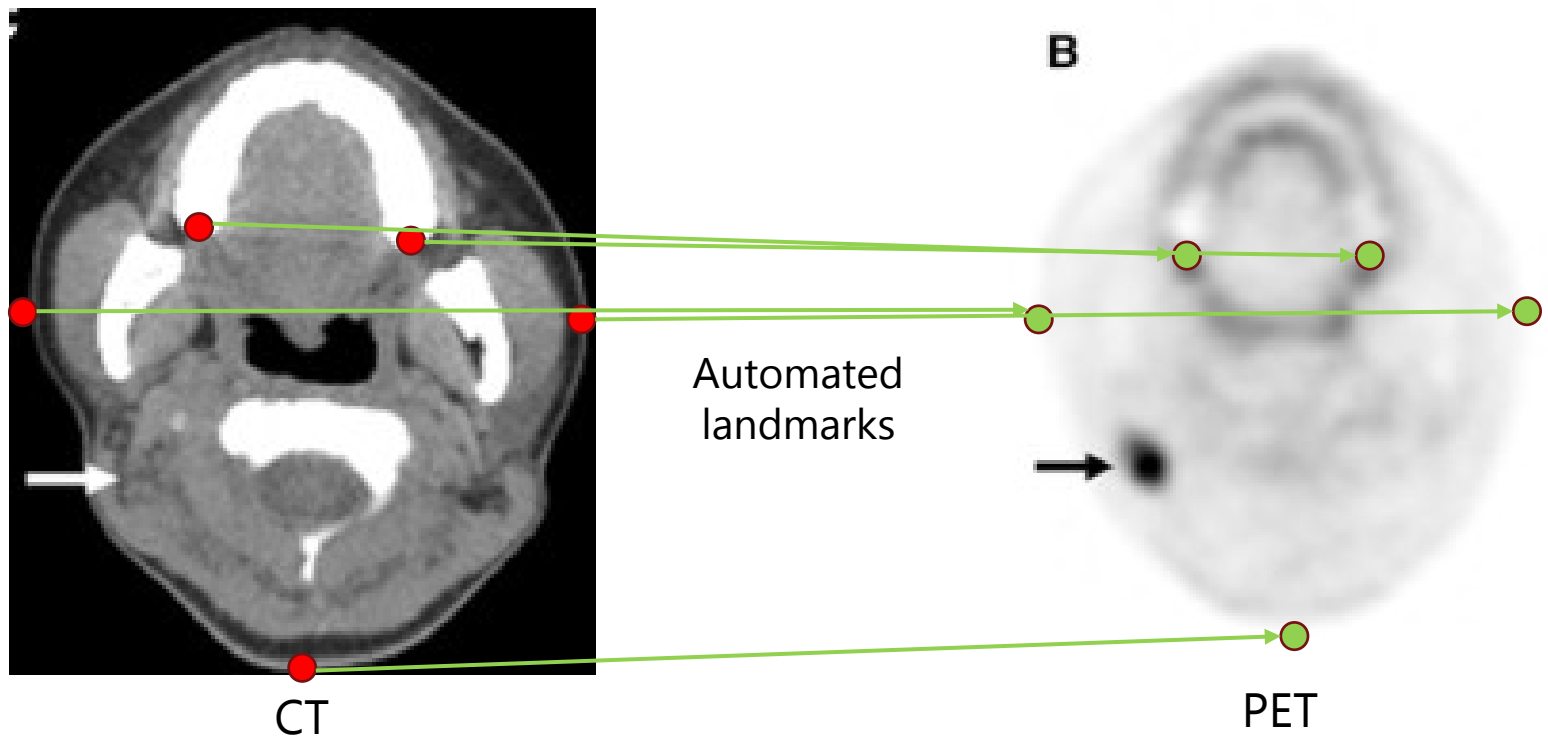


Histogram matching

# Image registration: information type

## Extrinsic information

- The images are too different from each other visually
- We need to help registration by providing correspondences

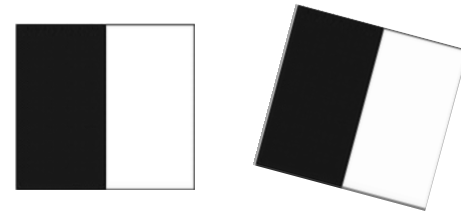




# Image registration: similarity measures

## Mean sum of squared differences:

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^m (I(x, y) - J(x, y))^2$$



$$MSE \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} , \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) =$$

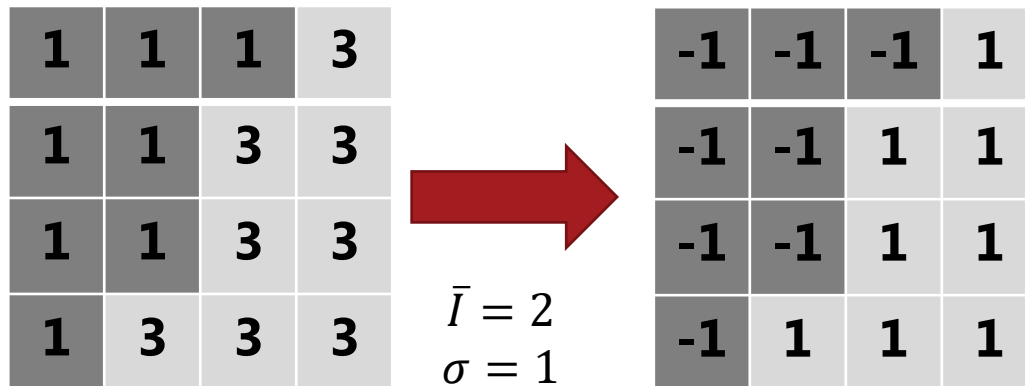
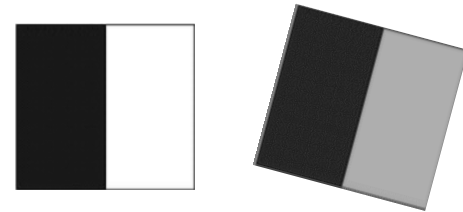
$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} (0 + \dots + (4 - 2)^2 + (2 - 4)^2 + \dots + 0) = 0.5$$

**MINIMIZATION**

# Image registration: similarity measures

**Normalized sum of squared differences:**

$$I^* = \frac{I - \bar{I}}{\sigma(I)}$$



MSE = 1.5

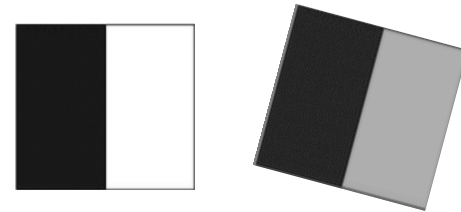
**MINIMIZATION**

NMSE = 0.5

# Image registration: similarity measures

## Normalized cross-correlation:

$$NCC = \frac{\sum_{x,y} ((I(x,y) - \bar{I}) \cdot (J(x,y) - \bar{J}))}{\sqrt{\sum_{x,y} (I(x,y) - \bar{I})^2 \sum_{x,y} (J(x,y) - \bar{J})^2}}$$



$$NCC = \frac{12}{\sqrt{16 \cdot 16}} = 0.75$$

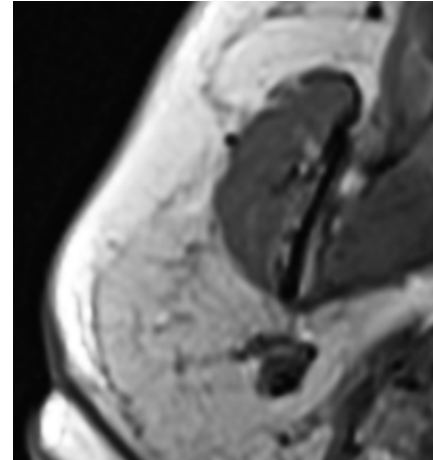
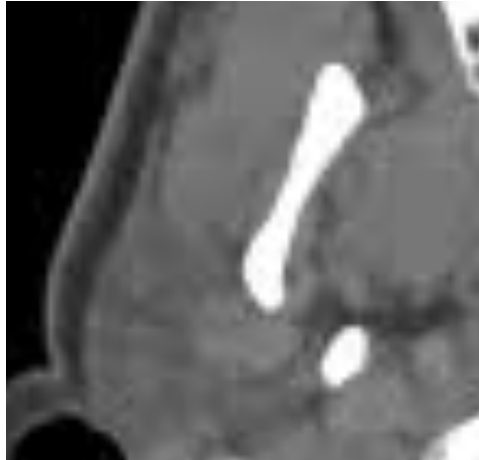
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2	2	4	4

1	1	1	3
1	1	3	3
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1	3	3	3

**MAXIMIZATION**

# Image registration: similarity measures

Will MSE and NCC work for CT-MR image registration?



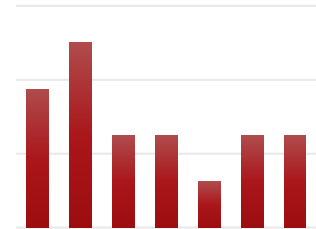
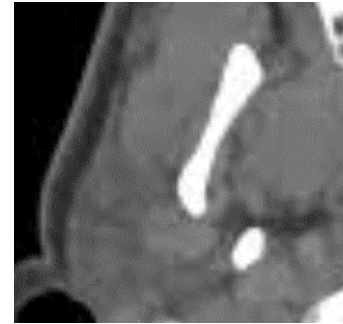
MSE and NCC try to match high intensity with high intensity, and low intensity with low intensity.

But we want to match patterns not individual intensities.

# Image registration: similarity measures

## Mutual image information:

$$MI = E(I, J)$$



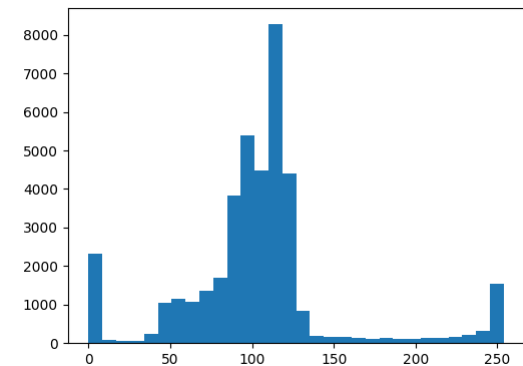
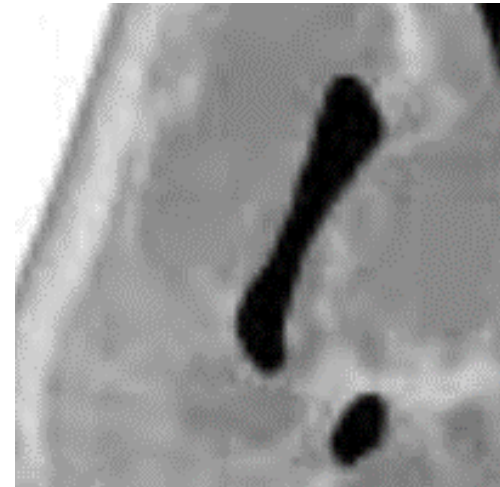
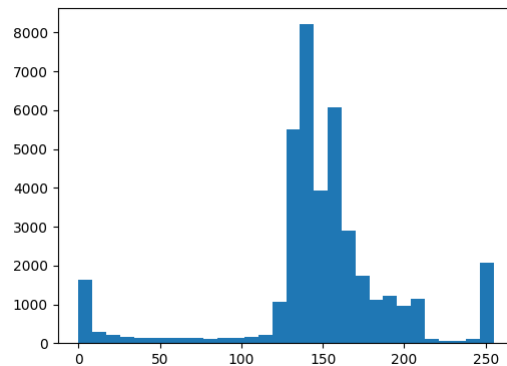
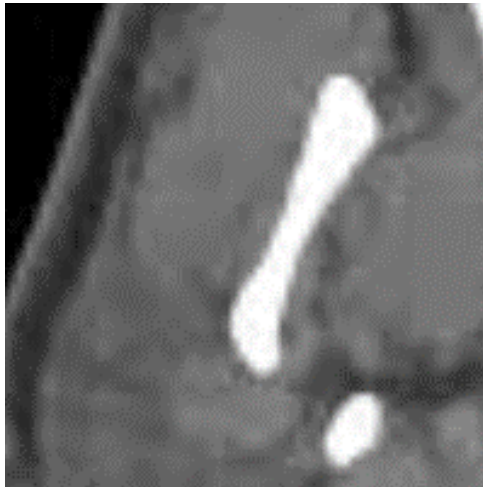
**Joint entropy**

$$\begin{aligned} E(I, J) \\ = - \sum_i \sum_j P(i, j) \log_2 \frac{P(i, j)}{P(i) \cdot P(j)} \end{aligned}$$

# Image registration: similarity measures

## Mutual image information:

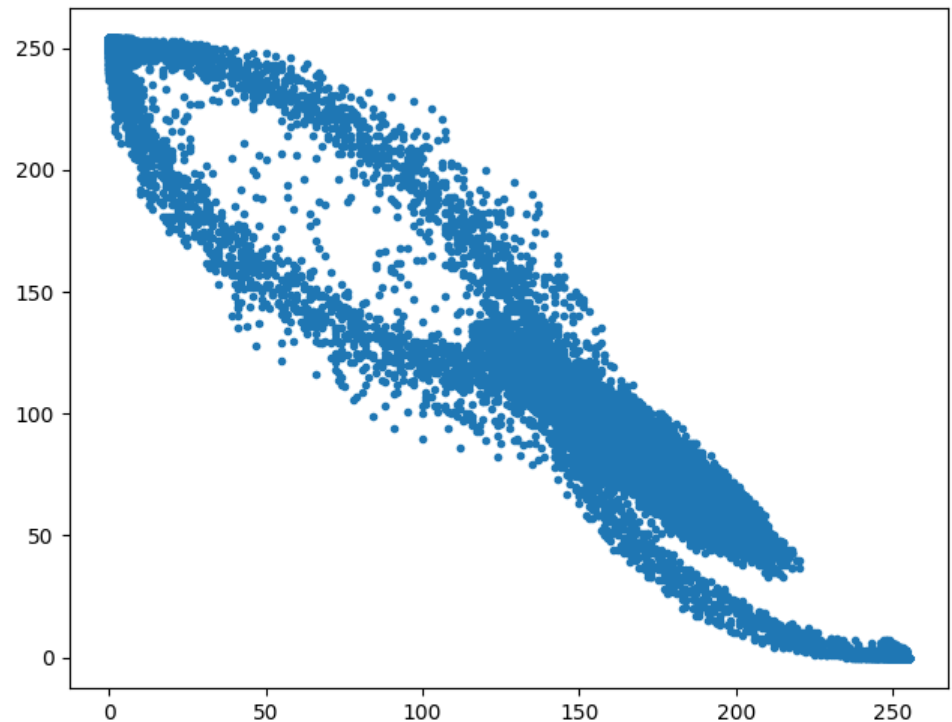
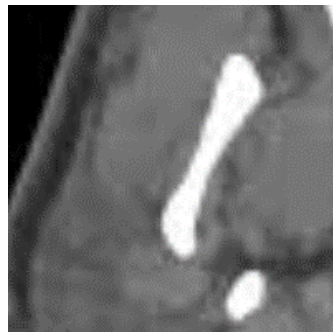
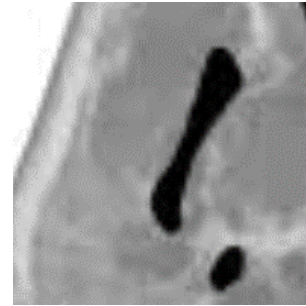
$$MI = E(I, J)$$



# Image registration: similarity measures

## Mutual image information:

Every pixel is a dot with coordinates defined by colors in two images

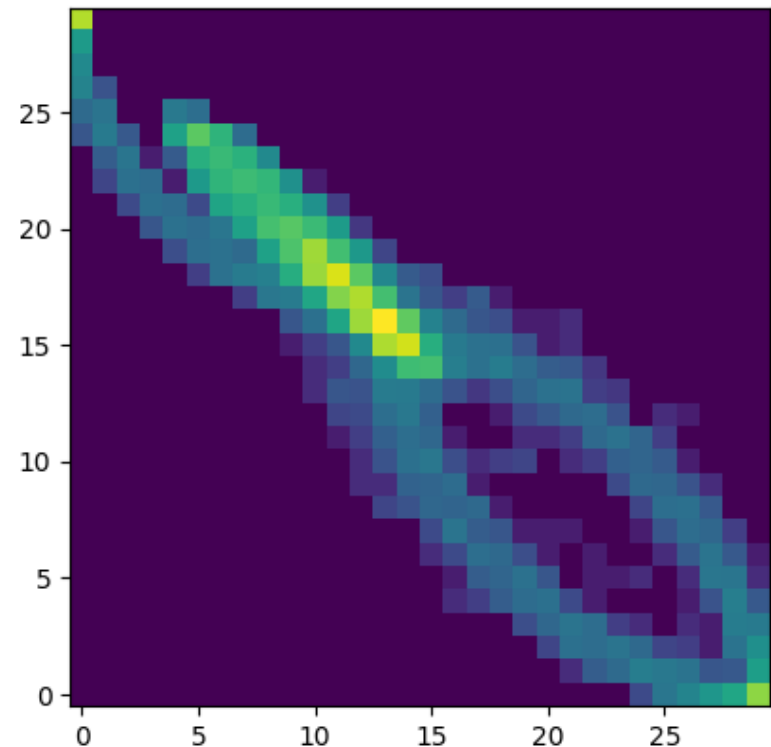


# Image registration: similarity measures

## Mutual image information:

$$E(I, J) = - \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} P(i, j) \log_2 \frac{P(i, j)}{P(i) \cdot P(j)}$$

$$P(i) = \sum_j P(j, i) \quad \sum_j P(i, j)$$

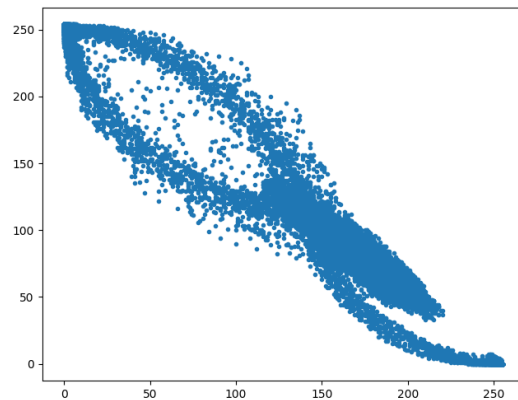
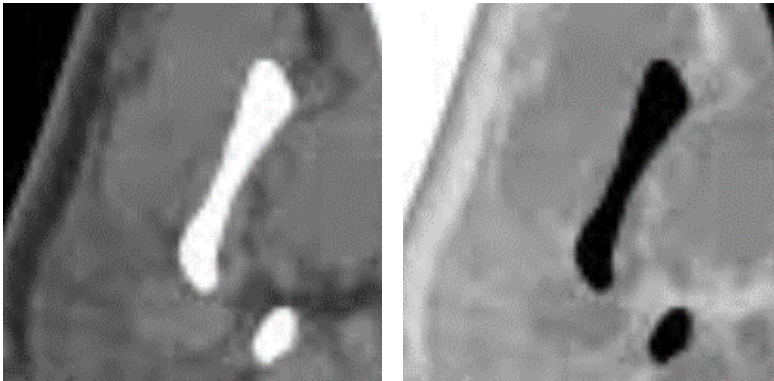




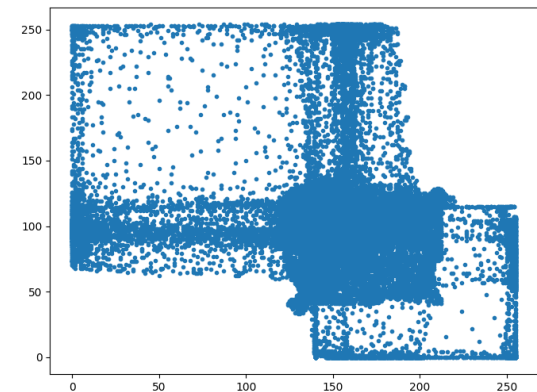
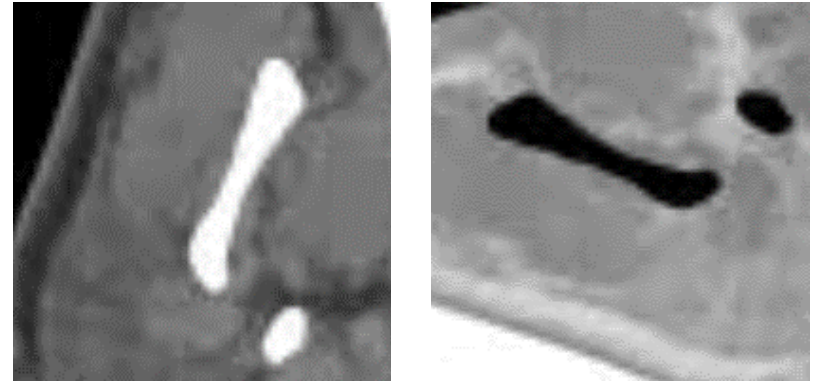
# Image registration: similarity measures

**How does mutual information behaves?**

$$MI = 1.15$$



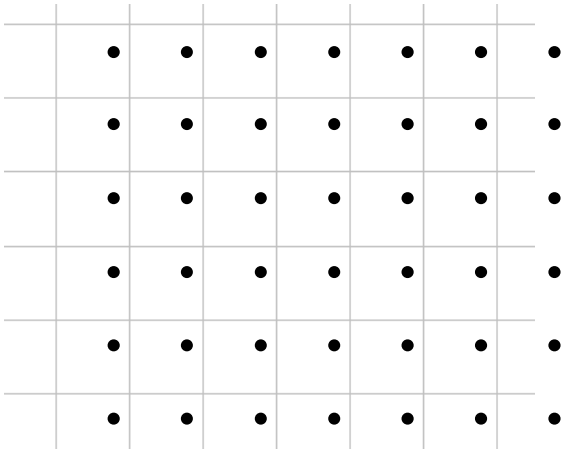
$$MI = 0.23$$



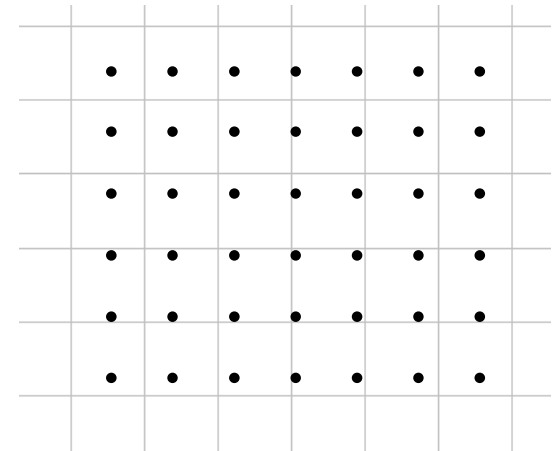
**MAXIMIZATION**

# Image registration: rigid transformations

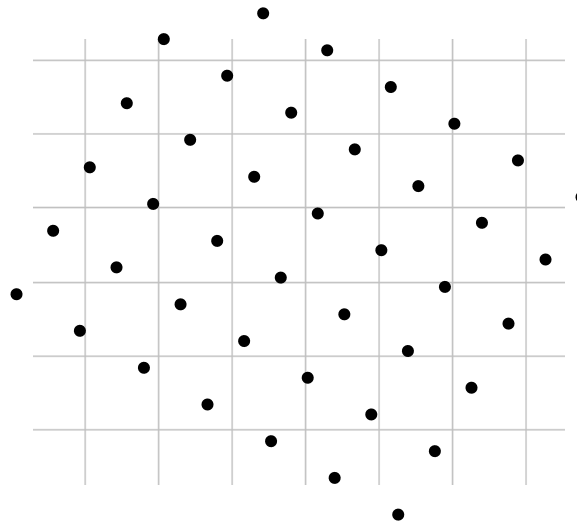
## Translation



## Scaling



## Rotation



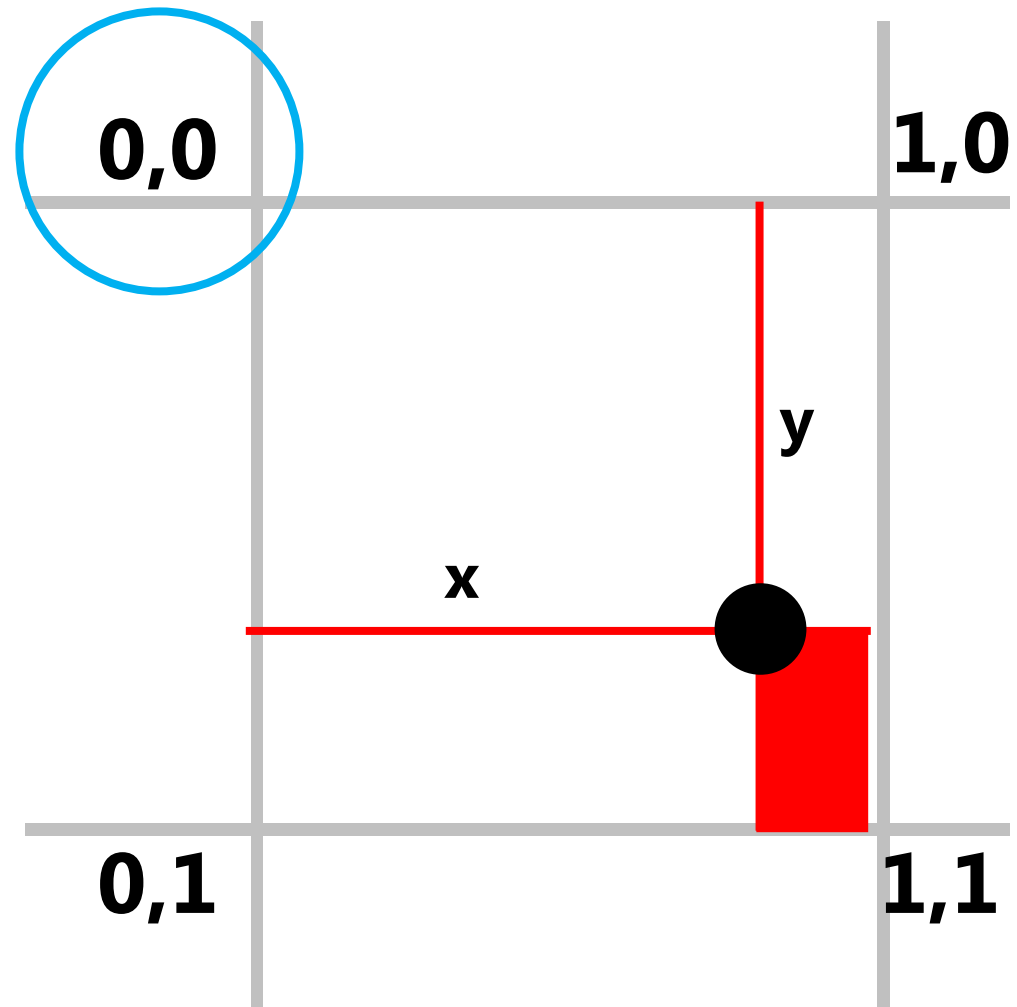
# Image registration: transformations

## Interpolation

The contribution of  $I(0,0)$ :

- Proportional to the opposite "rectangle"

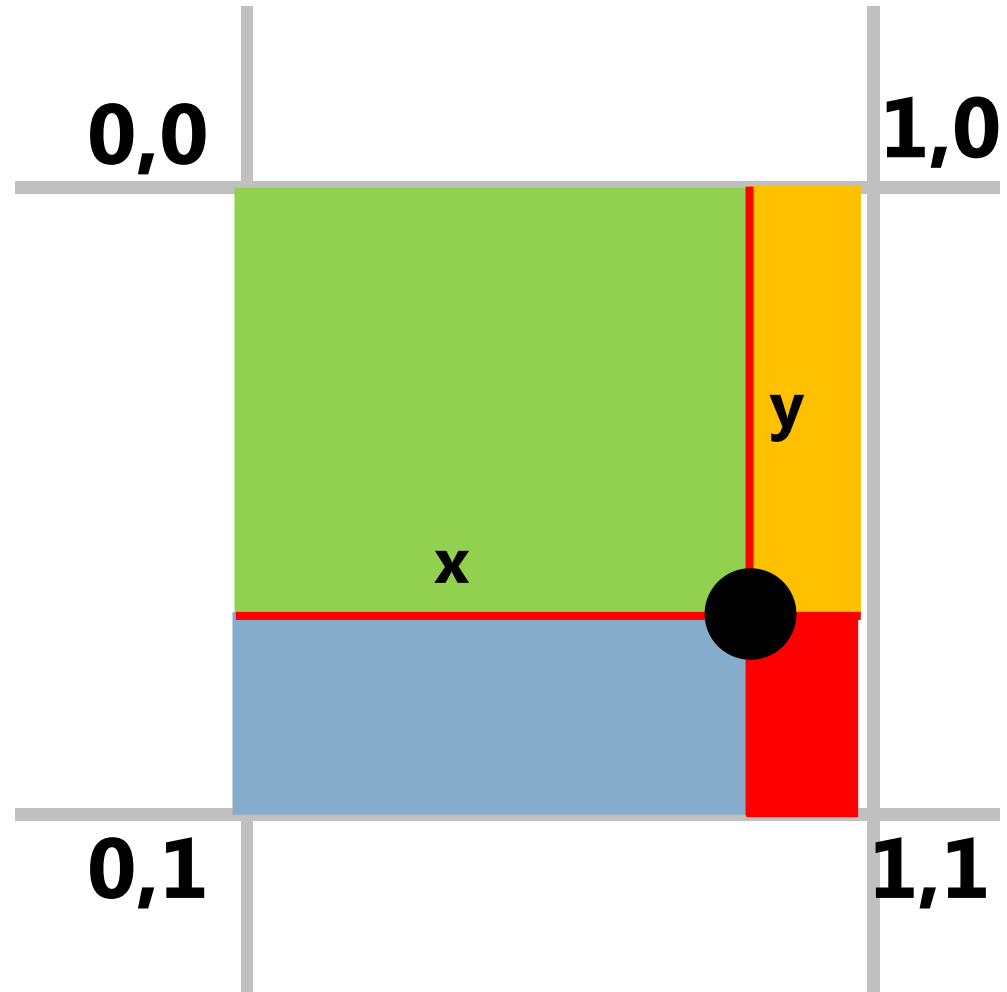
$$(1 - x) \cdot (1 - y) \cdot I(0,0)$$



# Image registration: transformations

## Interpolation

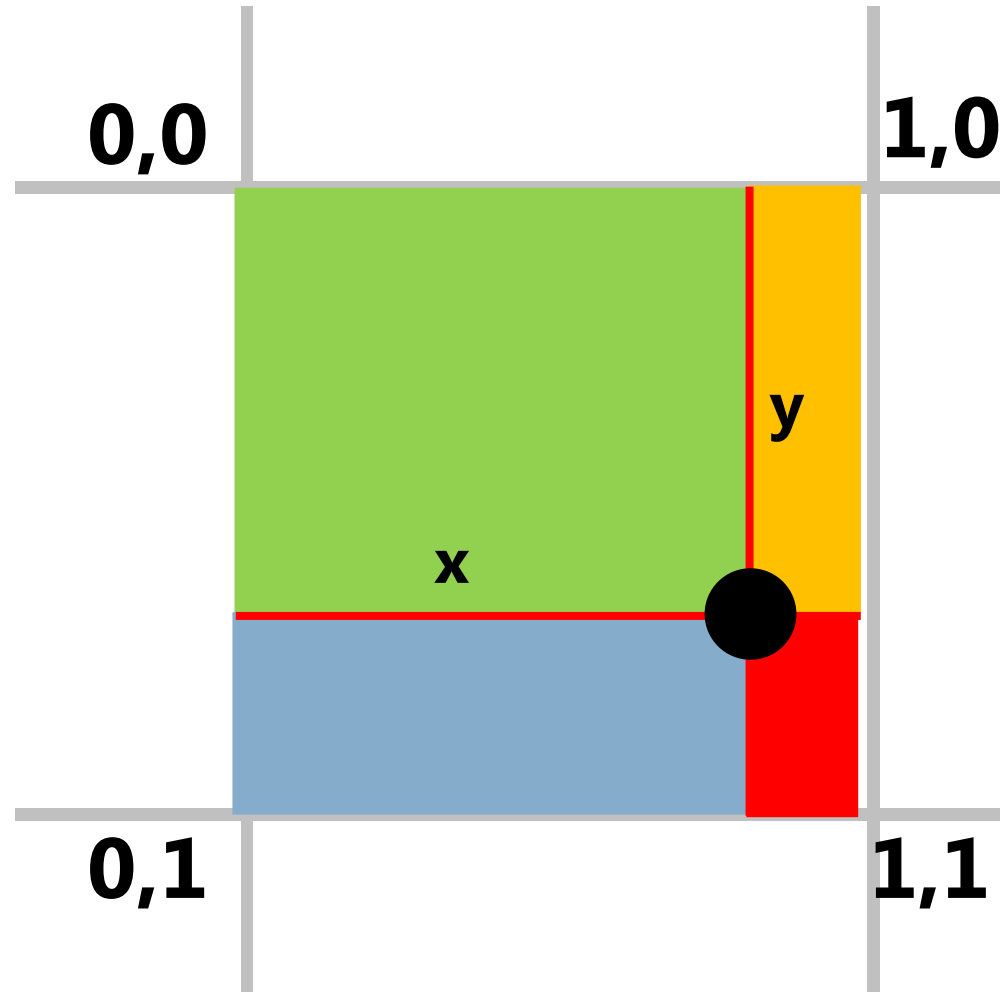
$$\begin{aligned} I(\bullet) &= (1 - x) \cdot (1 - y) \cdot I(0,0) \\ &+ x \cdot (1 - y) \cdot I(1,0) \\ &+ (1 - x) \cdot y \cdot I(0,1) \\ &+ x \cdot y \cdot I(1,1) \end{aligned}$$



# Image registration: transformations

## Interpolation

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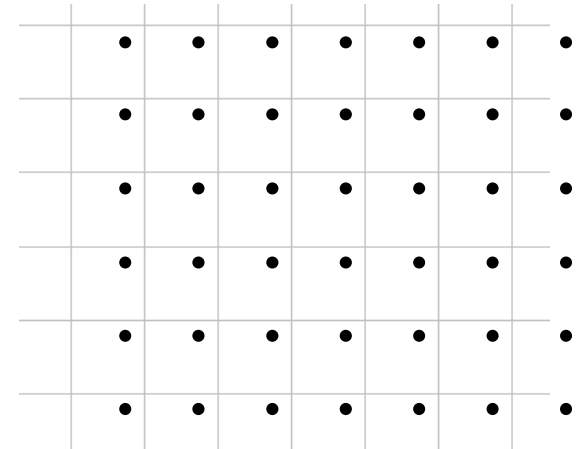


# Break

# Image registration: optimization

**We want to optimize:**

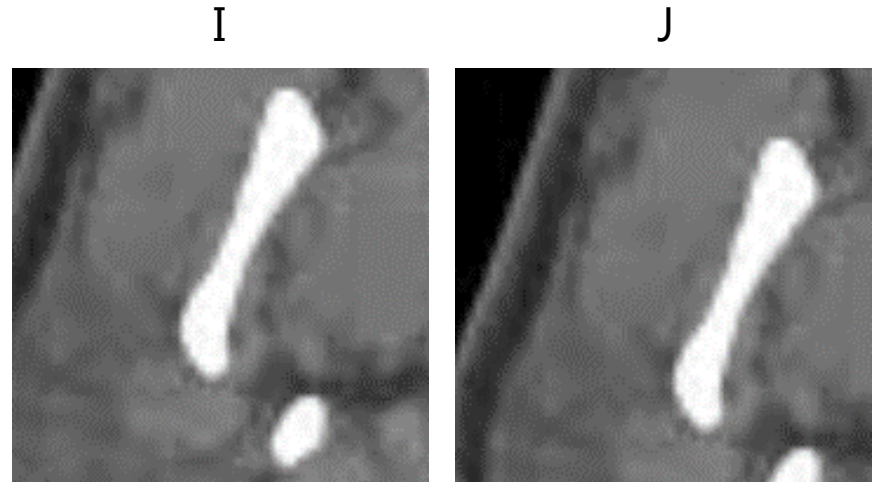
$$\min \sum_{i,j} d(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j, \theta), y(i,j, \theta)))$$



$d(I, J)$  – similarity measure

$x(i, j, \theta)$  – transformation  
for first coordinate

$y(i, j, \theta)$  – transformation  
for second coordinate



# Image registration: optimization

**We want to optimize:**

$$\min \sum_{i,j} d(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\theta), y(i,j,\theta)))$$

$$d(I(i,j), J(x,y)) = (I(i,j) - J(x,y))^2$$

$f(I,J,\theta)$  – translation using  $\theta$

$$f(i,j,\theta) = [i + \theta_x, j + \theta_y]$$



# Image registration: optimization

**We want to optimize:**

$$E(\theta) = \sum_{i,j} (I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\theta), y(i,j,\theta)))^2$$

**Gradient decent algorithm:**

$$\nabla E(\theta) = \frac{\partial E(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \eta \nabla E(\theta)$$

# Image registration: optimization

## Gradient:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla E(\theta) &= \nabla \sum_{i,j} (I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\theta), y(i,j,\theta)))^2 = \\ &= - \sum_{i,j} 2(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\theta), y(i,j,\theta))) \cdot \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \theta}$$

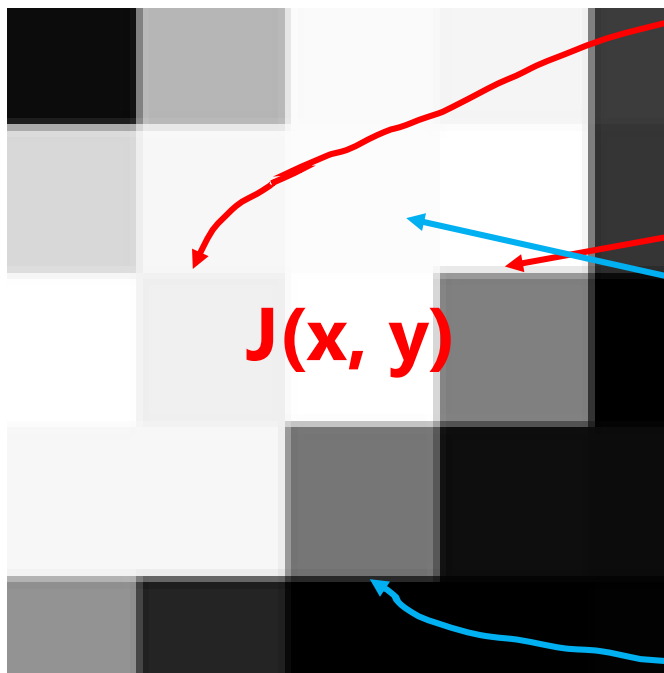
Transformed coordinates



# Image registration: optimization

**Gradient**  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \theta} :$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left[ \frac{\partial J(x(i, j, \theta), y(i, j, \theta))}{\partial x} ; \frac{\partial J(x(i, j, \theta), y(i, j, \theta))}{\partial y} \right]$$



**$J(x, y)$**

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} (I(x + 1, y) - I(x - 1, y))$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} (I(x, y + 1) - I(x, y - 1))$$

# Image registration: optimization

**Gradient**  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial X} \cdot \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} :$

$$T(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \theta_x \\ 0 & 1 & \theta_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = [x + \theta_x, y + \theta_y]$$

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta} = \left[ \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta_x}; \frac{\partial X}{\partial \theta_y} \right] = [1, 1]$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \left[ \frac{1}{2} (I(x + 1, y) - I(x - 1, y)), \frac{1}{2} (I(x, y + 1) - I(x, y - 1)) \right]$$

# Image registration: optimization

## Gradient:

$$\nabla E(\Theta) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sum_{i,j} 2(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\Theta), y(i,j,\Theta))) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (I(x+1, y) - I(x-1, y)) \\ -\sum_{i,j} 2(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j,\Theta), y(i,j,\Theta))) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (I(x, y+1) - I(x, y-1)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta_{t+1} = \Theta_t + \eta \nabla E(\Theta)$$

# Image registration: optimization

## Problem with optimization:

$$\min \sum_{i,j} d(I(i,j) - J(x(i,j, \theta), y(i,j, \theta)))$$

- $d(I, J)$  – can be complex and expensive to compute (mutual information)
- $\theta$  - can contain many variables:
  - 9 for similarity transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & \theta_3 \\ \theta_4 & \theta_5 & \theta_6 \\ \theta_7 & \theta_8 & \theta_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

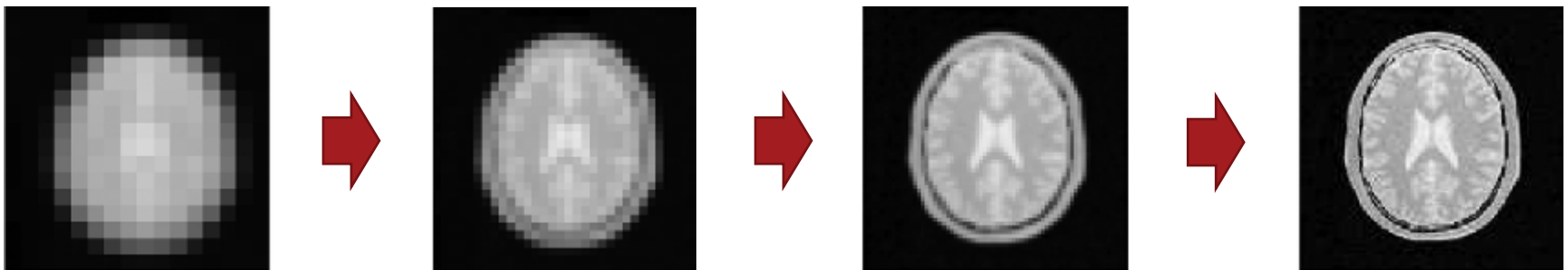
- thousands for non-rigid transformations

**How to simplify this?**

# Image registration: optimization

## Multi-resolution pyramid registration:

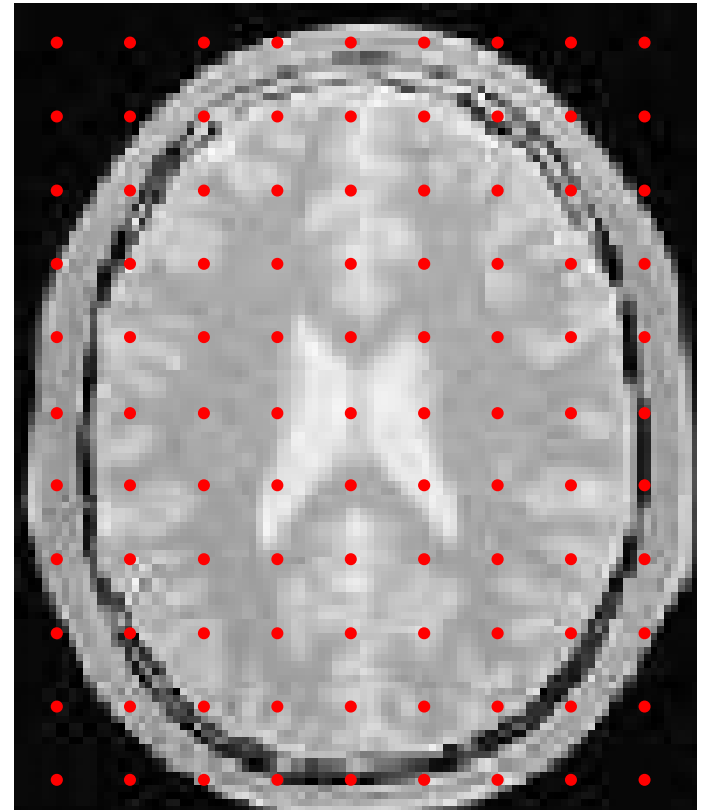
- Downscale (and smooth) reference and moving images x16
- Register them and memorize transformation
- Downscale (and smooth) reference and moving images x8, apply memorized transformation
- Register images and combine transformations from both steps
- Continue



# Image registration: optimization

## Grid-based registration:

- Do not perform registration per pixel but use a sparse grid

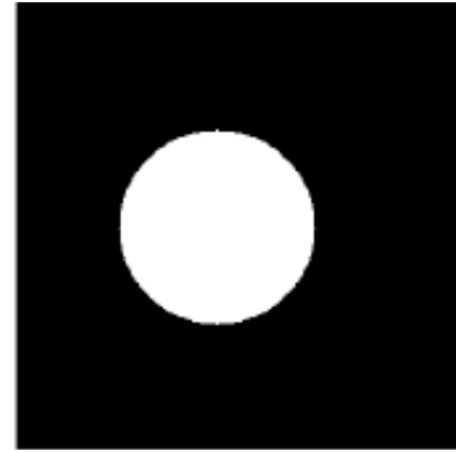




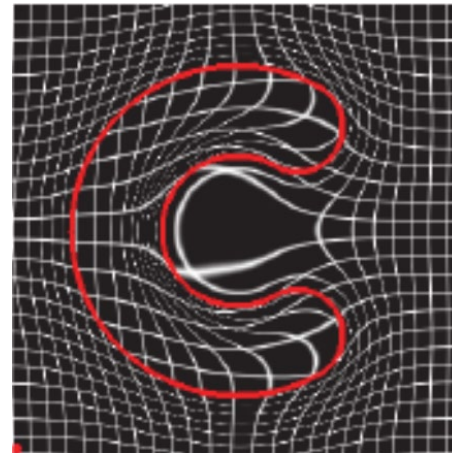
# Non-rigid image registration



Reference



Moving

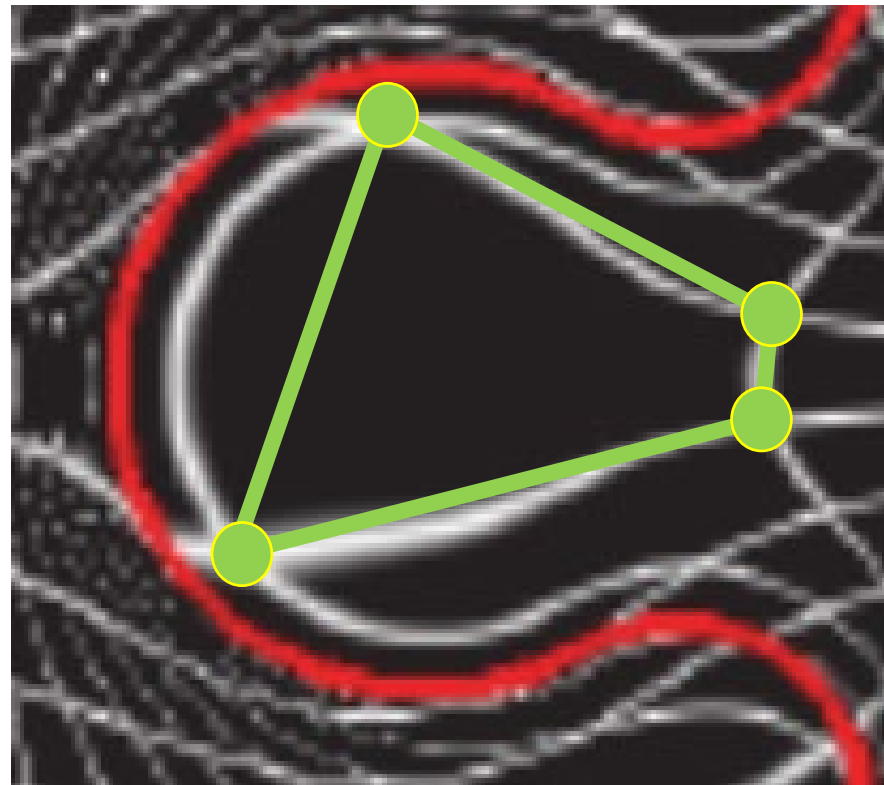


Transformation

# Non-rigid image registration

## Transformation field:

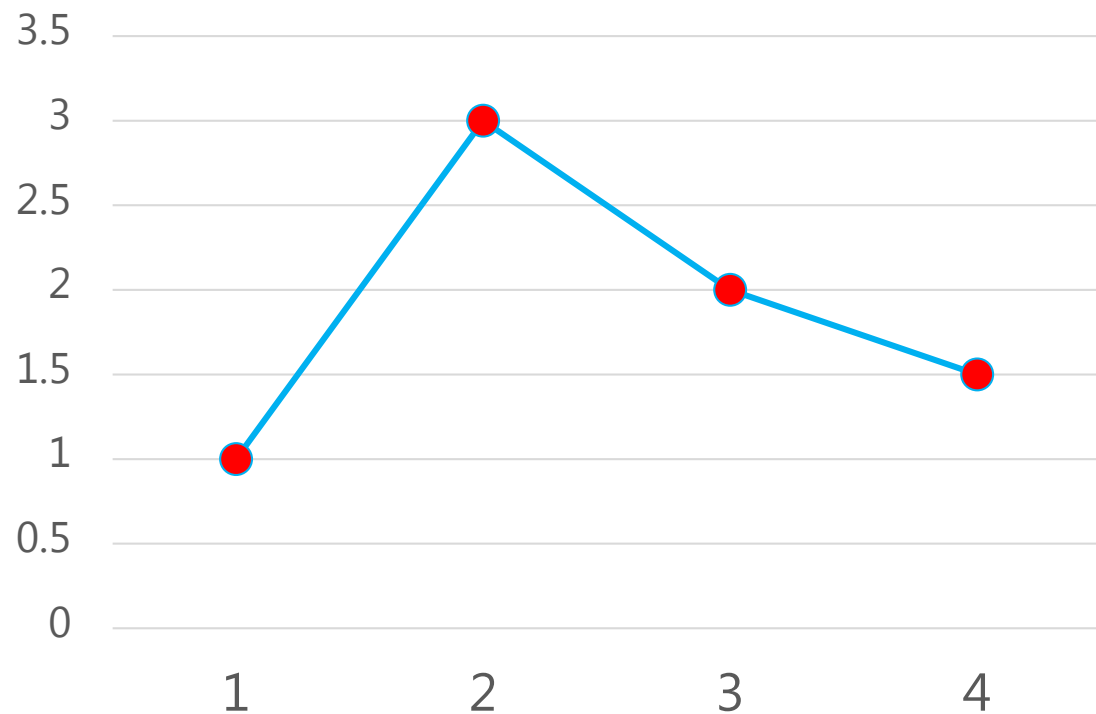
- The connections between points are not straight lines
- The connections are kinda smooth but how to generate them?



# Image registration: spline interpolation

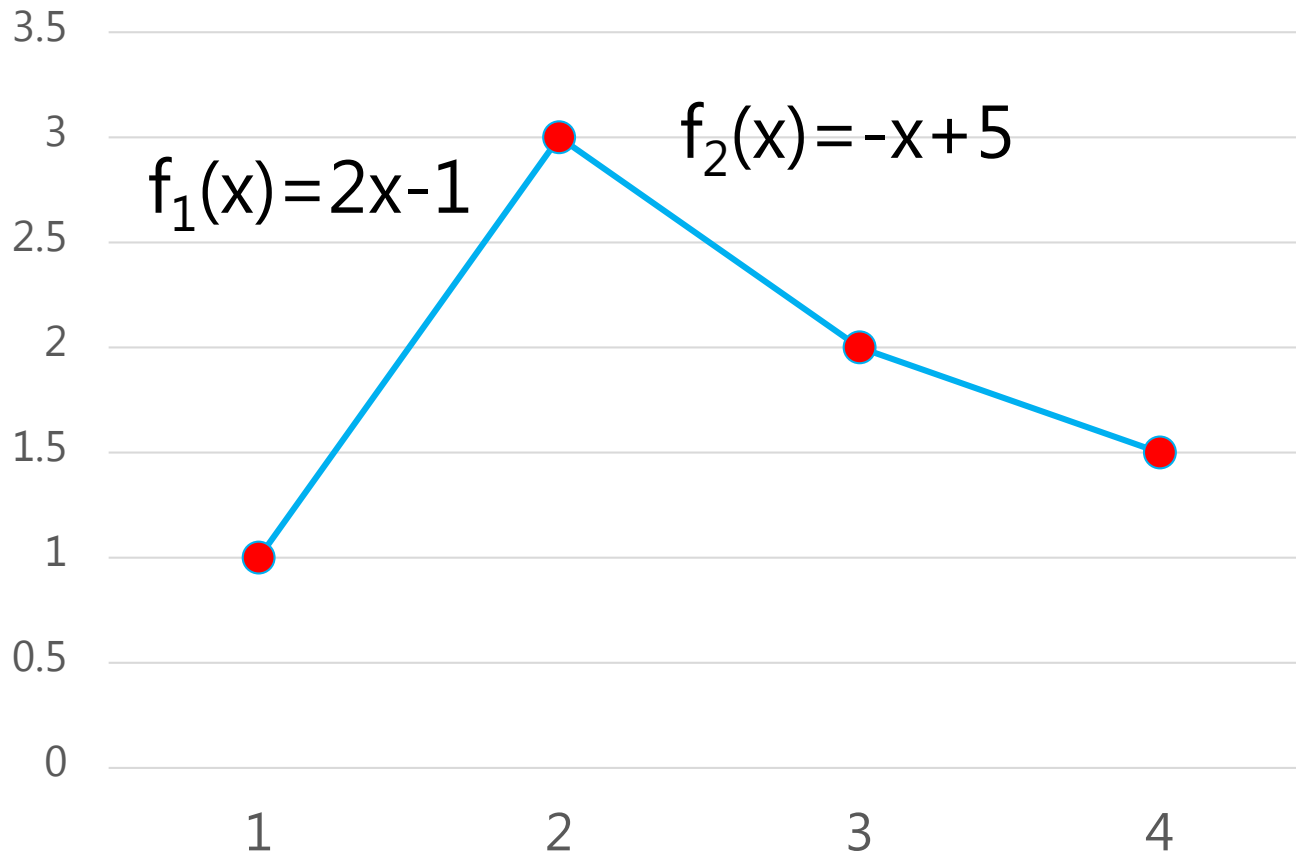
## Linear interpolation:

- We connect knots with straight lines
- The problem is that the curve break at knots



# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Curve breaks at non-differentiable points:



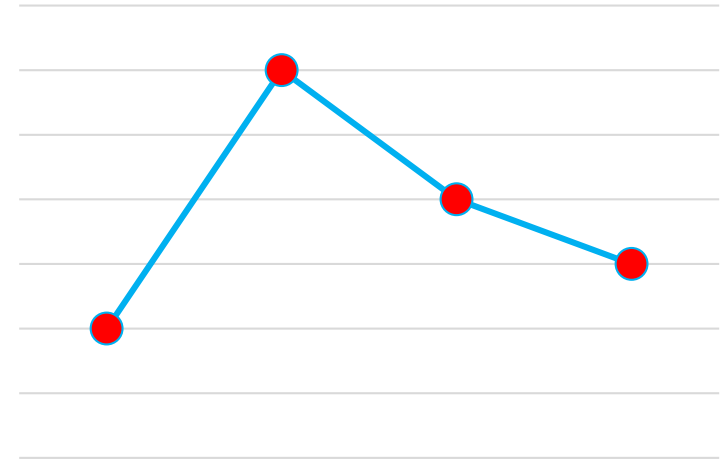
$$df_1(2) = 2 \quad df_2(2) = -1 \quad df_1(2) \neq df_2(2)$$

# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Curve breaks at non-differentiable points:

- Use quadratic polynomials

$$f_n(x) = a_n x^2 + b_n x + c_n$$



- We have:
  - 3\*3 variables, i.e. three segments  $f_n$  with 3 unknowns each
  - 2\*3 conditions, i.e. each of the three segments should pass through the corresponding knots

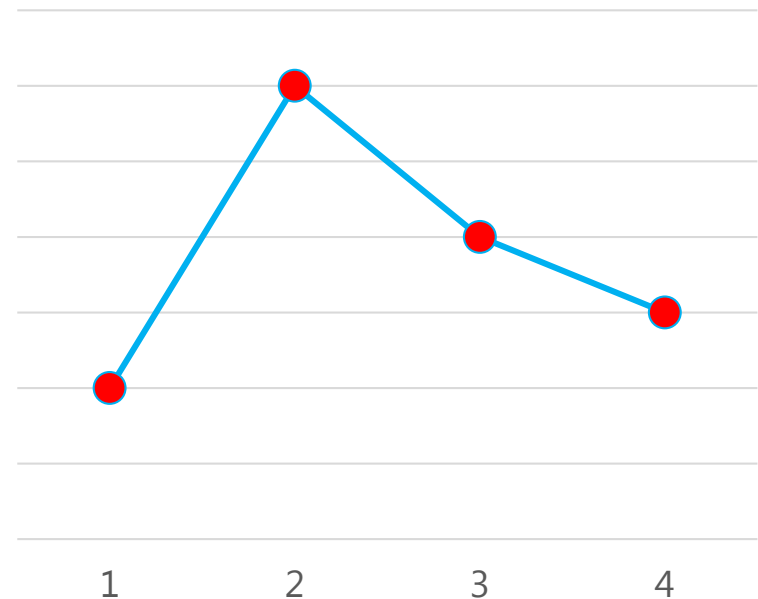
# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Curve breaks at non-differentiable points:

- Three more equations are needed
- Let's ensure smoothness of the curve

$$df_1(2) = df_2(2)$$

$$df_2(3) = df_3(3)$$



# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Spline interpolation solution:

$$a_1 \cdot 1 + b_1 \cdot 1 + c_1 = 1$$

$$a_1 \cdot 4 + b_1 \cdot 2 + c_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 \cdot 4 + b_2 \cdot 2 + c_2 = 3$$

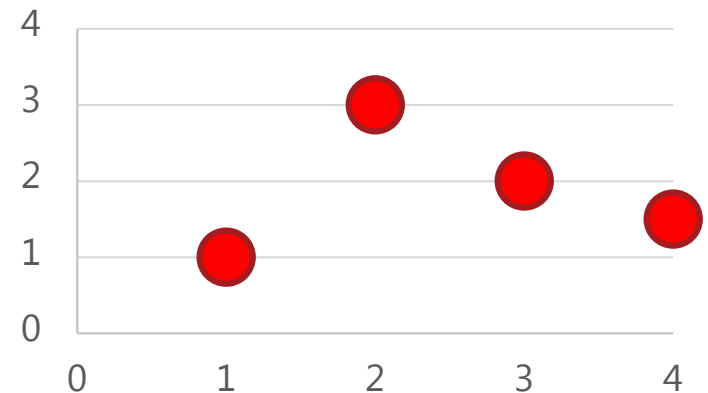
$$a_2 \cdot 9 + b_2 \cdot 3 + c_2 = 2$$

$$a_3 \cdot 9 + b_3 \cdot 3 + c_3 = 2$$

$$a_3 \cdot 16 + b_3 \cdot 4 + c_3 = 1.5$$

$$2a_1 \cdot 2 + b_1 = 2a_2 \cdot 2 + b_2$$

$$2a_2 \cdot 3 + b_2 = 2a_3 \cdot 3 + b_3$$



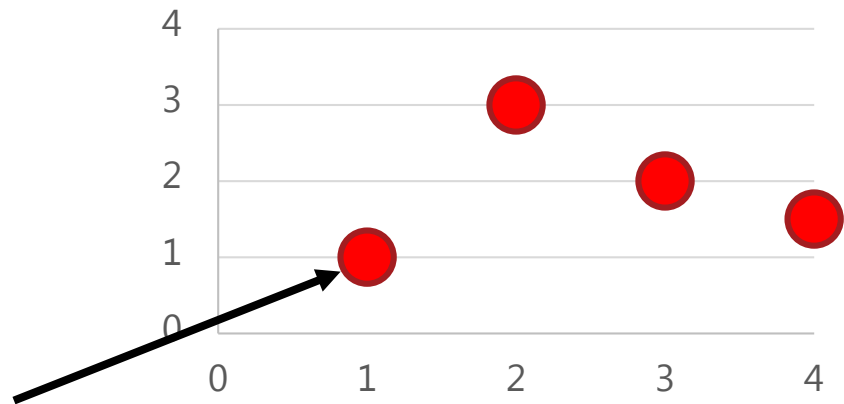
# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Curve breaks at non-differentiable points:

- Three more equations are needed
- Last equations could be anything reasonable

$$df_1(1) = 0$$

$$2a_1 \cdot 1 + b_1 = 0$$



The curve will be oriented horizontally at this point



# Image registration: spline interpolation

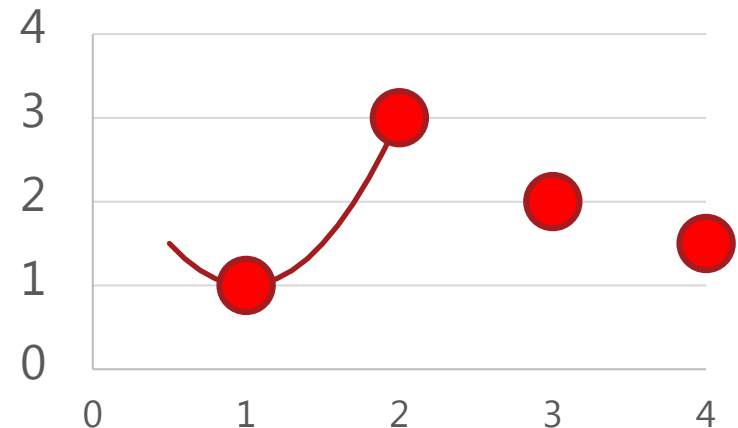
## Spline interpolation solution:

$$2a_1 + b_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad b_1 = -2a_1$$

$$a_1 \cdot 1 + b_1 \cdot 1 + c_1 = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_1 - a_1 = 1$$

$$a_1 \cdot 4 + b_1 \cdot 2 + c_1 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \quad c_1 = 3; a_1 = 2; b_1 = -4$$

$$f_1(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 3$$



# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Spline interpolation solution:

$$a_1 = 2; b_1 = -4; c_1 = 3$$

$$2a_1 \cdot 2 + b_1 = 2a_2 \cdot 2 + b_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad 4a_2 + b_2 = 4$$

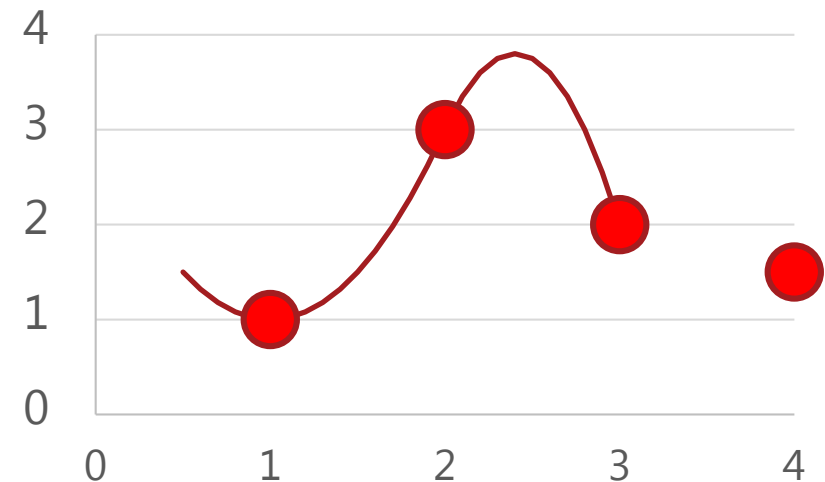
$$a_2 \cdot 4 + b_2 \cdot 2 + c_2 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \quad b_2 + c_2 = -1$$

$$a_2 \cdot 9 + b_2 \cdot 3 + c_2 = 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad a_2 = -5; b_2 = 24; c_2 = -25$$

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$$a_2 + 2(4a_2 + b_2) + (b_2 + c_2)$$

$$f_2(x) = -5x^2 + 24x - 25$$



# Image registration: spline interpolation

## Spline interpolation solution:

$$a_2 = -5; b_2 = 24; c_2 = -25$$

$$2a_2 \cdot 3 + b_2 = 2a_3 \cdot 3 + b_3 \quad \rightarrow \quad 6a_3 + b_3 = -6$$

$$a_3 \cdot 9 + b_3 \cdot 3 + c_3 = 2$$

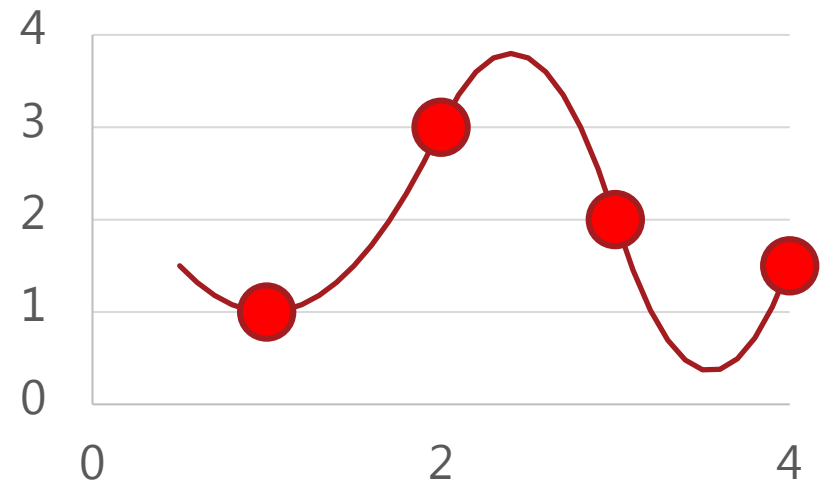
$$a_3 \cdot 16 + b_3 \cdot 4 + c_3 = 1.5$$

$$a_3 = 5.5;$$

$$b_3 = -39;$$

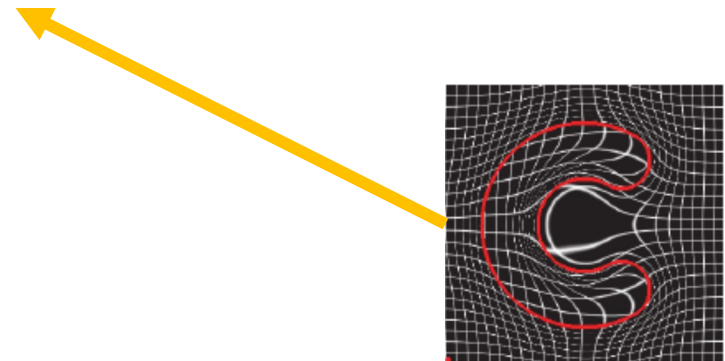
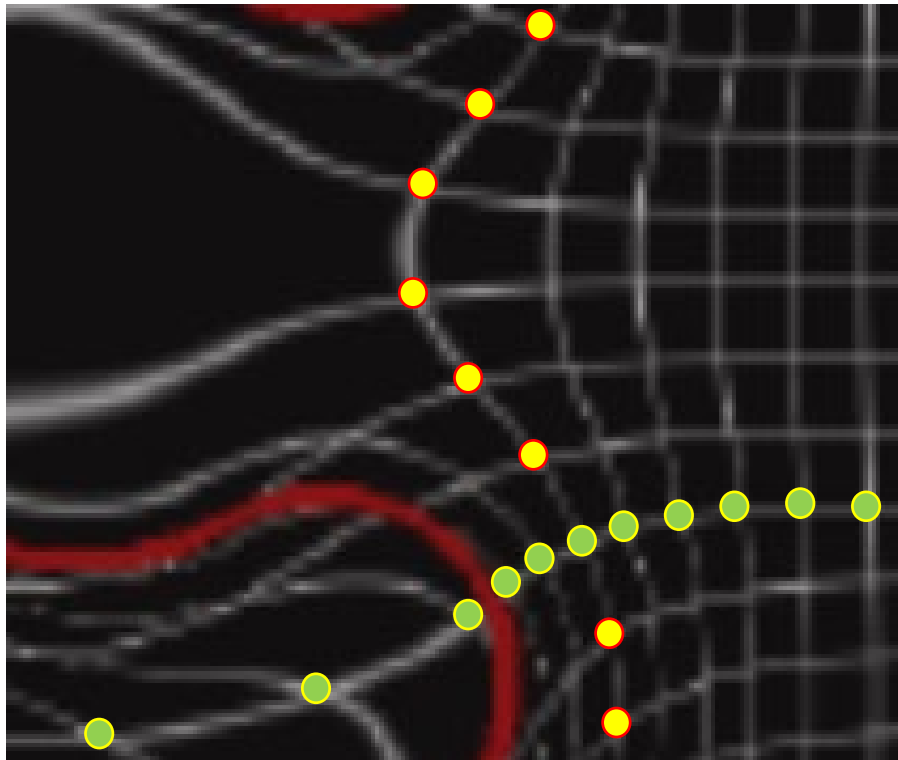
$$c_3 = 69.5$$

$$f_3(x) = 5.5x^2 - 39x + 69.5$$



# Image registration: spline interpolation

**We can apply spline interpolation for each row and column of the grid**



# Questions?