

The Ancient Secrets



Computer Vision

Previously
On



Ancient Secrets
of Computer Vision

Say we want affine transformation

- How many knowns do we get with one match? $m\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{n}$
 - $n_x = a_{00} * m_x + a_{01} * m_y + a_{02} * 1$
 - $n_y = a_{10} * m_x + a_{11} * m_y + a_{12} * 1$
 - Solve $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$
 - $\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{b}$
 - $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{M})^{-1} \mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{b}$
 - Still works if overdetermined
 - WHY???

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} m_{x1} & m_{y1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{x1} & m_{y1} & 1 \\ m_{x2} & m_{y2} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{x2} & m_{y2} & 1 \\ m_{x3} & m_{y3} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_{x3} & m_{y3} & 1 \\ \dots & & & & & \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c} a_{00} \\ a_{01} \\ a_{02} \\ a_{10} \\ a_{11} \\ a_{12} \end{array} \right] & = \left[\begin{array}{c} n_{x1} \\ n_{y1} \\ n_{x2} \\ n_{y2} \\ n_{x3} \\ n_{y3} \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

Linear least squares

Want to minimize squared error: $\| b - Ma \| ^2 =$

$$b^T b - 2a^T M^T b + a^T M^T M a$$

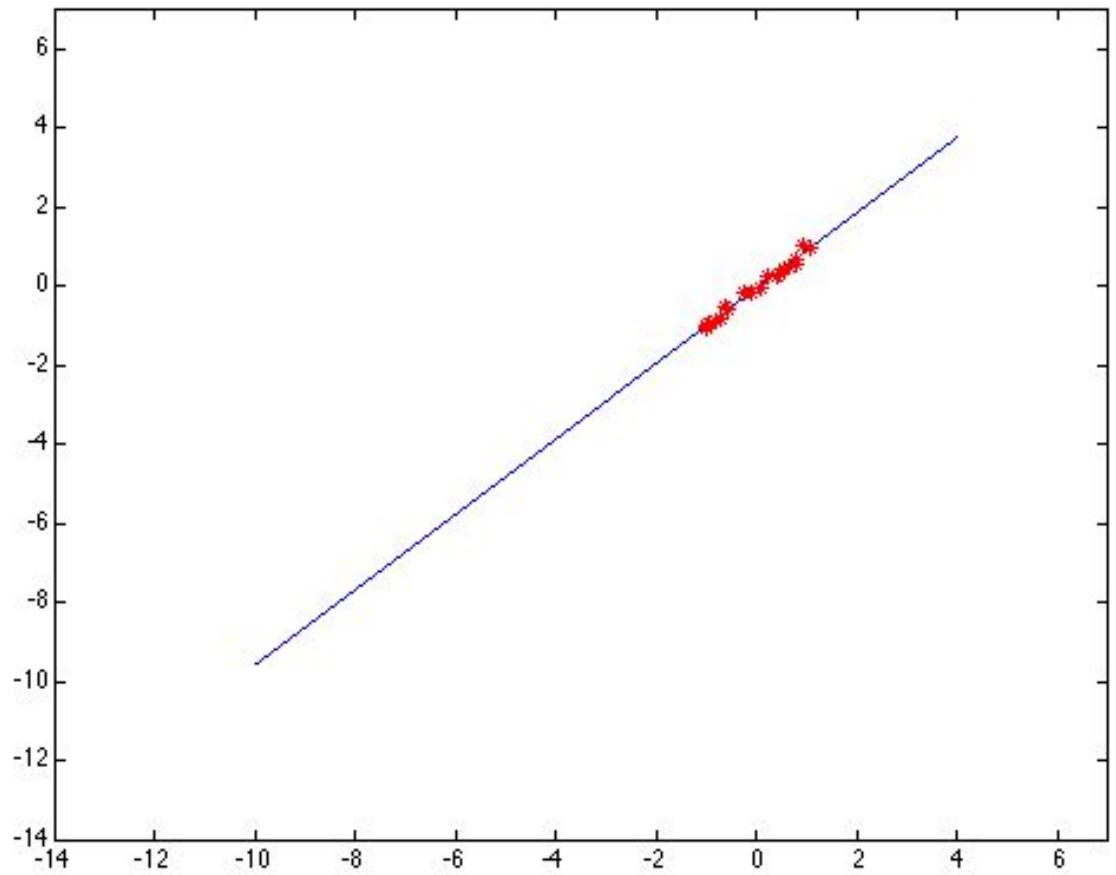
This is convex and minimized when gradient = 0. So we take the derivative wrt a and set = 0.

$$-M^T b + (M^T M) a = 0$$

$$(M^T M) a = M^T b$$

$$a = (M^T M)^{-1} M^T b \quad \text{yay!!!!}$$

So how does least squares do?

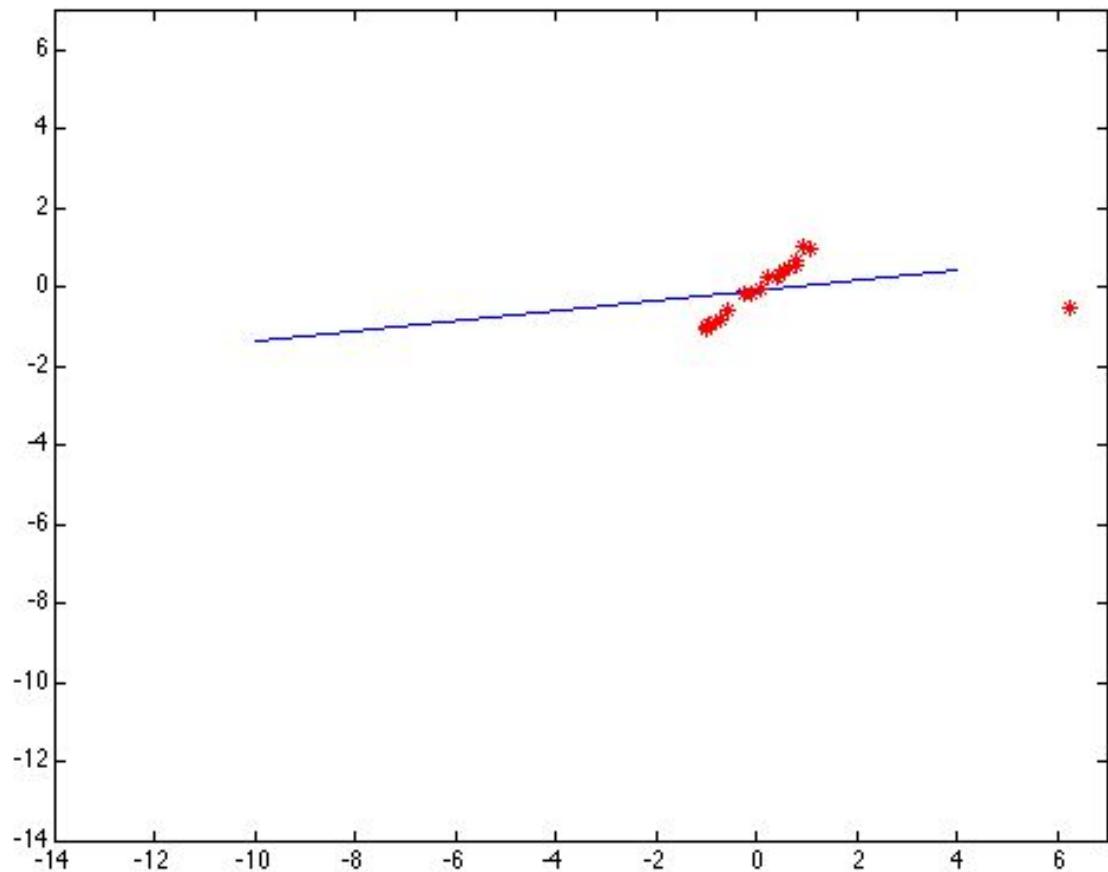


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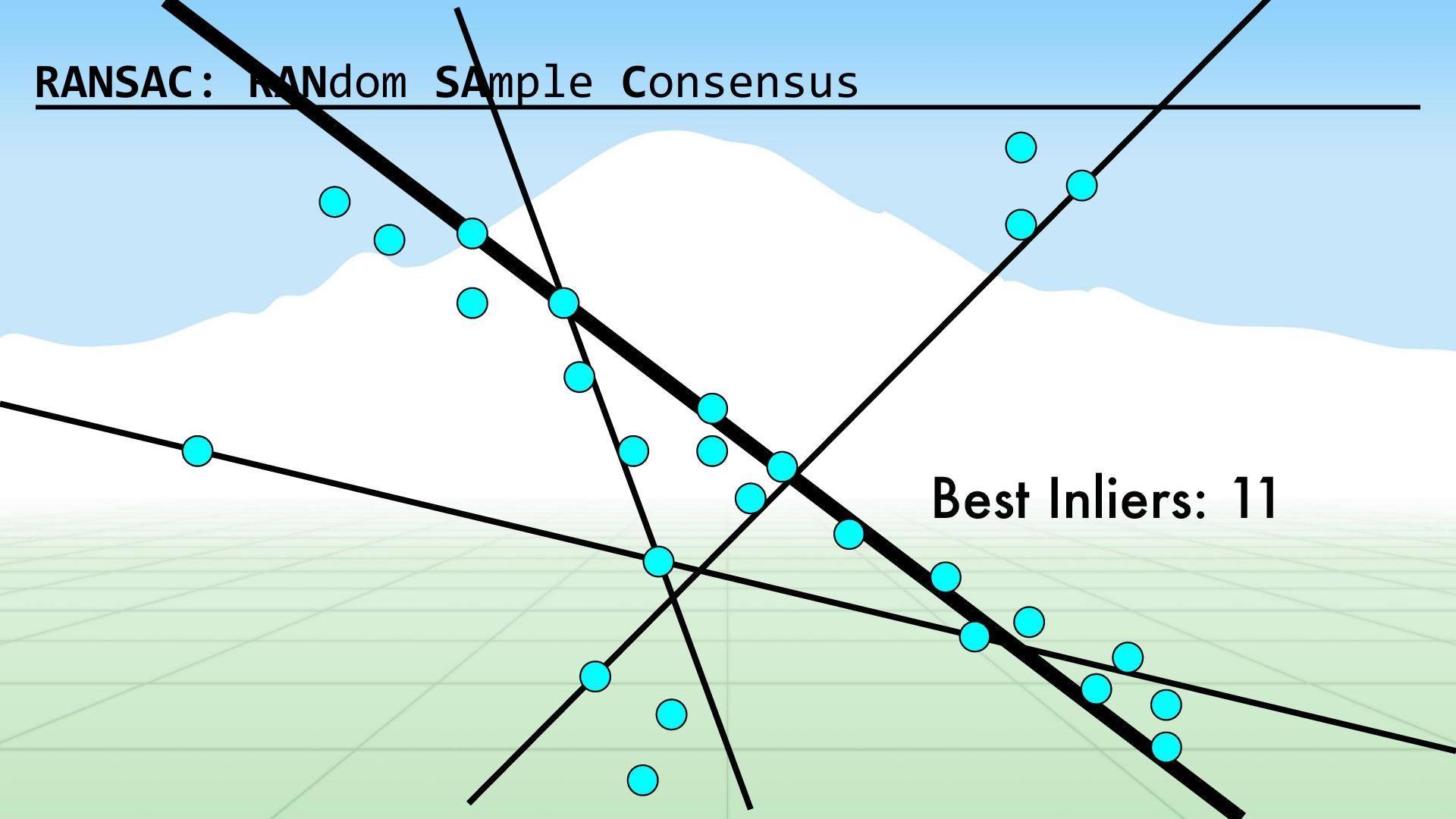
Error based on **squared** residual

Very scared of being wrong, even for just one point

Very bad at handling outliers in data



RANSAC: RANdom SAmple Consensus



Best Inliers: 11

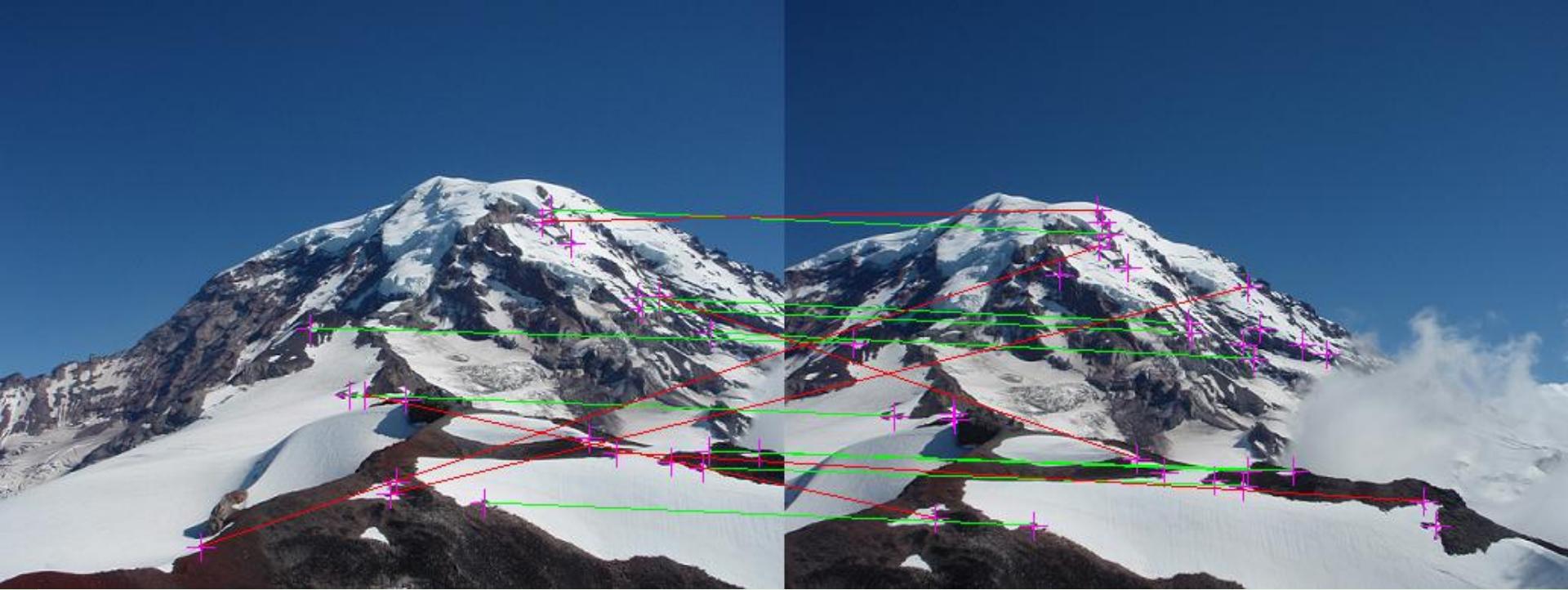
RANSAC: RANDom SAMple Consensus

- Parameters: data, model, n points to fit model, k iterations, t threshold, d “good” fit cutoff

```
bestmodel = None
bestfit = INF
While i < k:
    sample = draw n random points from data
    Fit model to sample
    inliers = data within t of model
    if inliers > bestfit:
        Fit model to all inliers
        bestfit = fit
        bestmodel = model
    if inliers > d:
        return model
return bestmodel
```

RANSAC: RANdom SAMple Consensus

- Works well even with extreme noise.

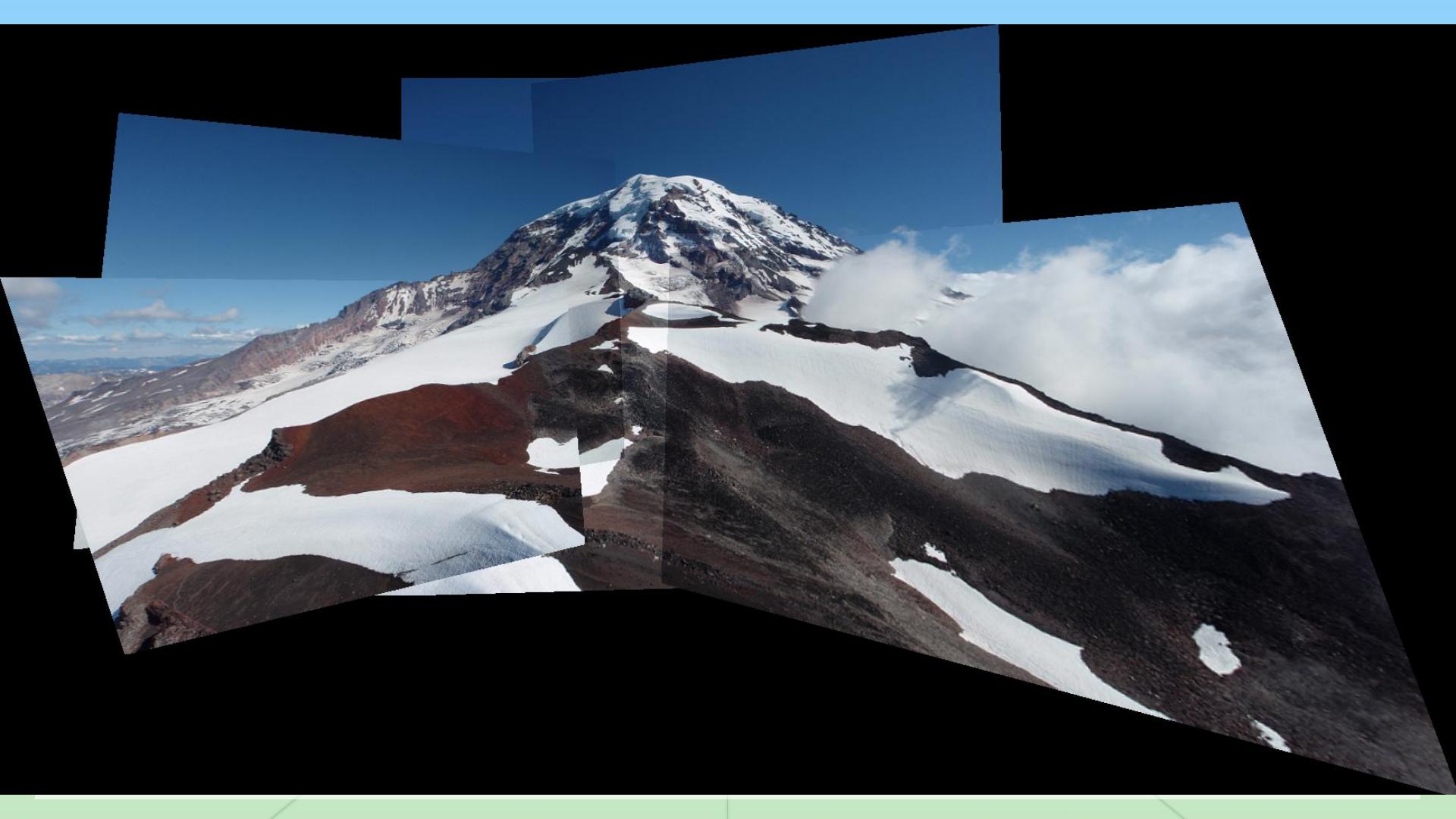


We want projective (homography)

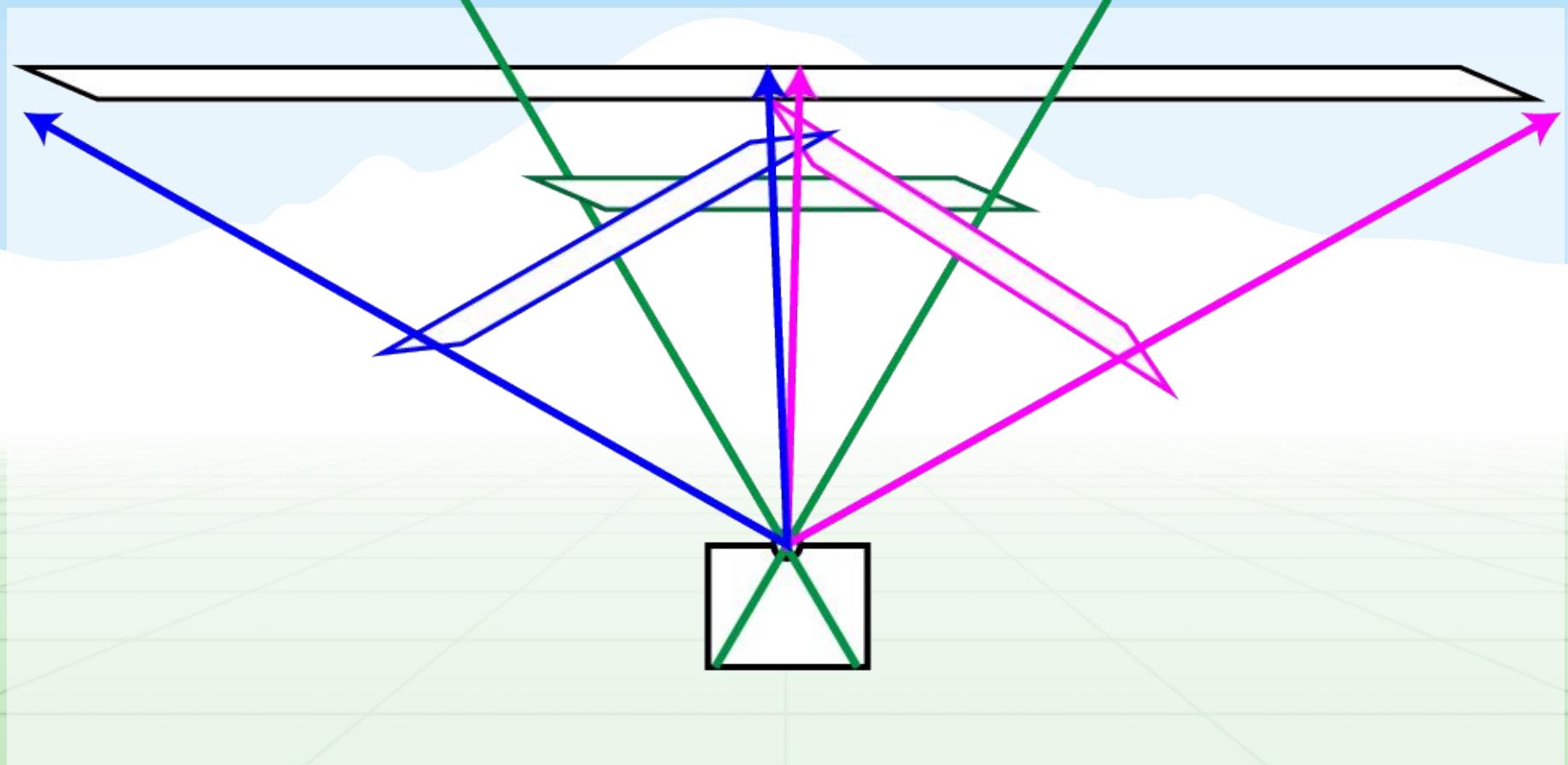
- New matrix equations:

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- Same procedure, Solve $\mathbf{M} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$
 - Exact if #rows of $\mathbf{M} = 8$
 - Least squares if #rows of $\mathbf{M} > 8$



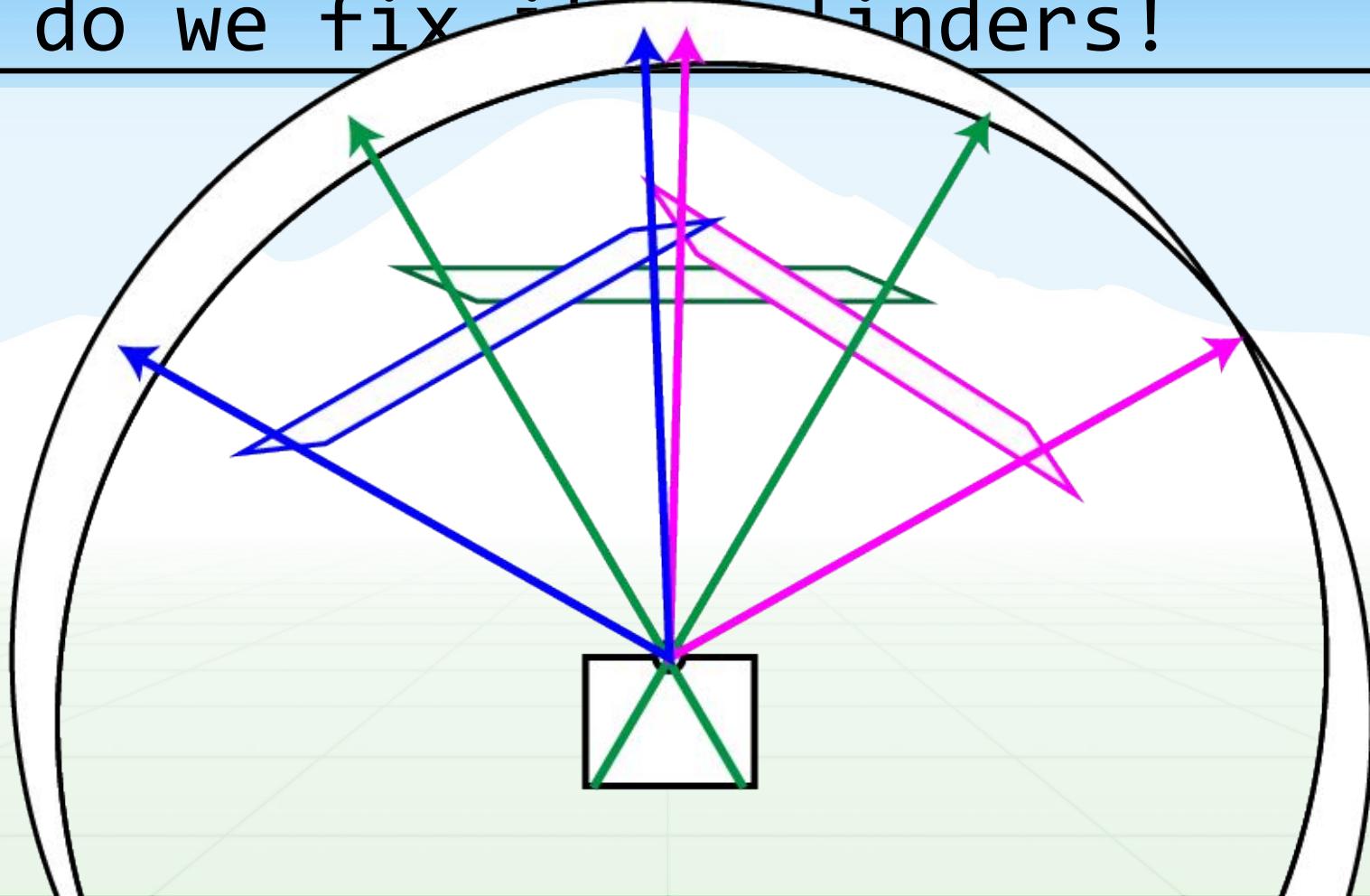
What's happening?



Very bad for big panoramas!



How do we fix it - cylinders!



How do we fix it? Cylinders!

Calculate angle and height:

$$\theta = (x - xc) / f$$

$$h = (y - yc) / f$$

Find unit cylindrical coords:

$$X' = \sin(\theta)$$

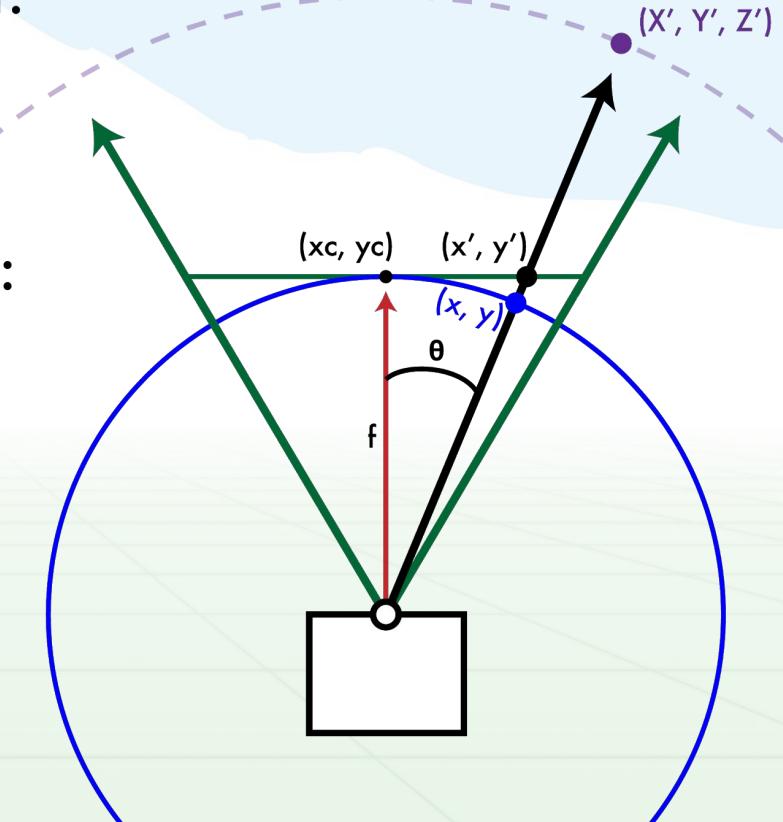
$$Y' = h$$

$$Z' = \cos(\theta)$$

Project to image plane:

$$x' = f X' / Z' + xc$$

$$y' = f Y' / Z' + yc$$



Does it work?

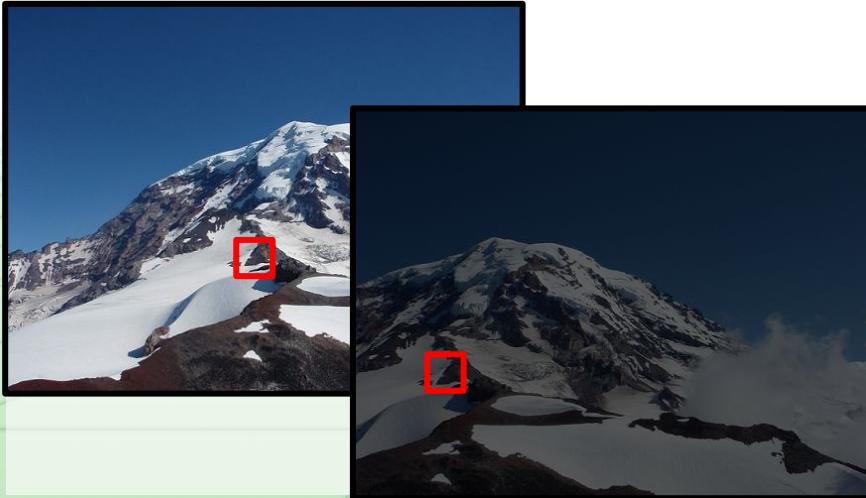


Does it work? Yay!



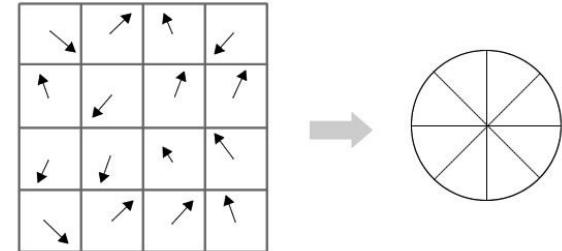
THIS IS AS GOOD AS IT GETS!

- Not so fast...
- Our descriptor has some issues:
 - Not invariant to lighting changes!
- Want features invariant to lighting

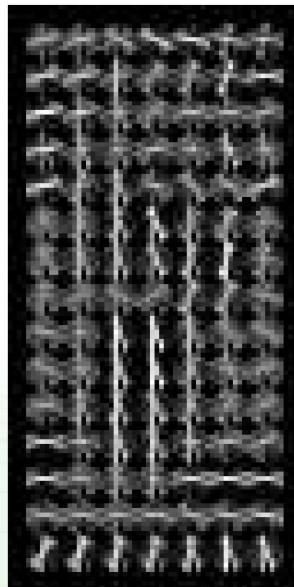


Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG)

- Dalal and Triggs 2005
- Better image descriptor
 - Compute gradients
 - Bin gradients
 - Aggregate blocks (4x4, 16x16 cells)
 - Normalize gradient magnitudes
- Not reliant on magnitude, just direction
 - Invariant to some lighting changes
- Train SVM to recognize people



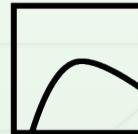
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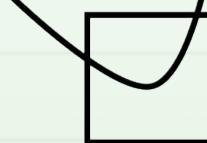
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- Not so fast...
- Harris and has some issues:
 - Corners detection is rotation invariant
 - Harris not invariant to scale
- Descriptors are also hard
 - Just looking at pixels is not rotation invariant!
 - HOG also not rotation invariant

Corner



Still Corner



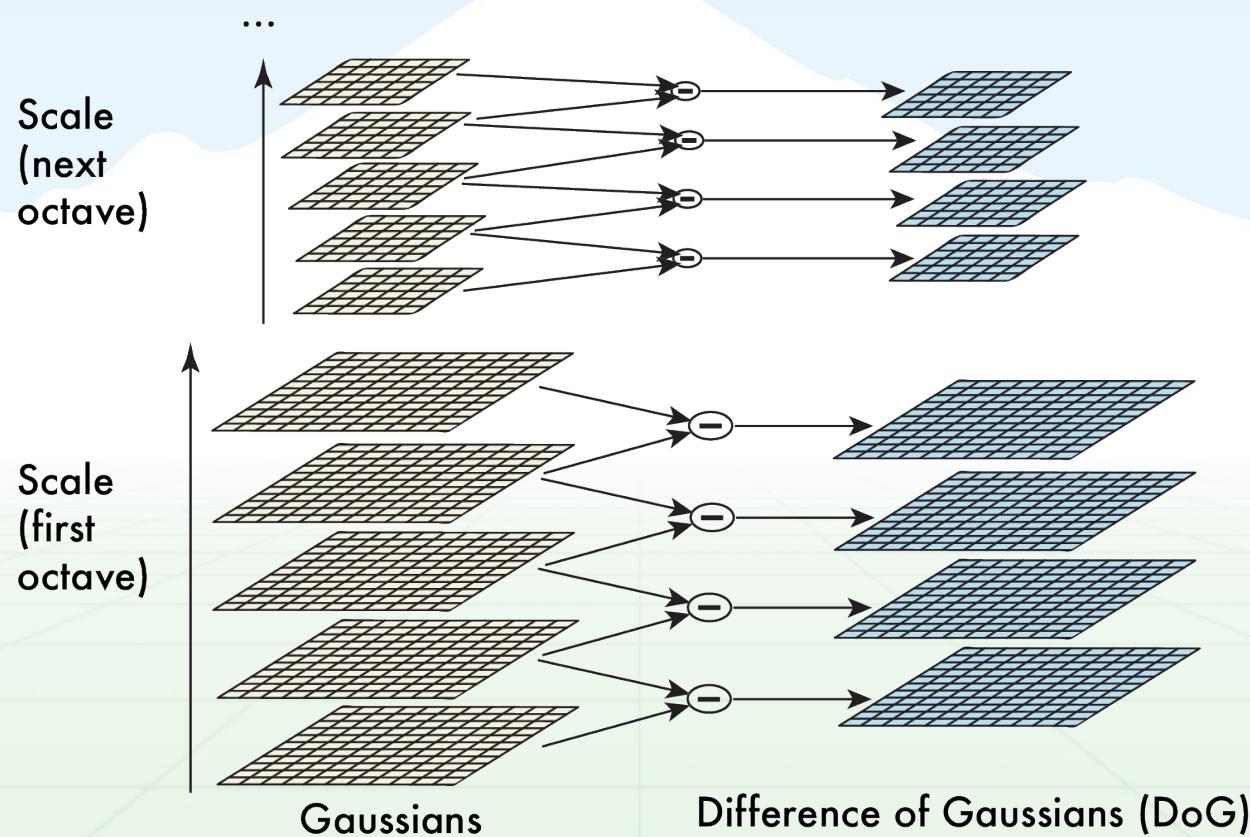
Not Corner



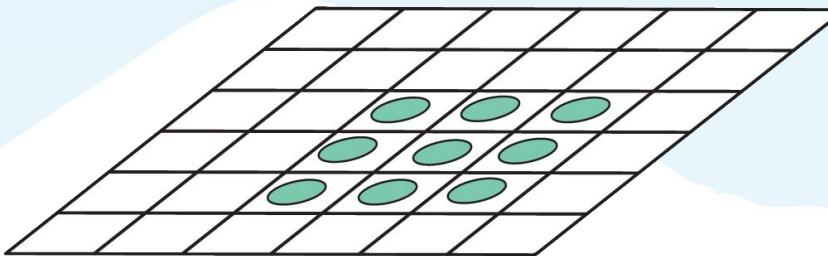
Want features invariant to scaling, rotation, etc.

- Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT)
 - Lowe et al. 2004, many images from that paper
- Get scale-invariant response map
- Find keypoints
- Extract rotation-invariant descriptors
 - Normalize based on orientation
 - Normalize based on lighting

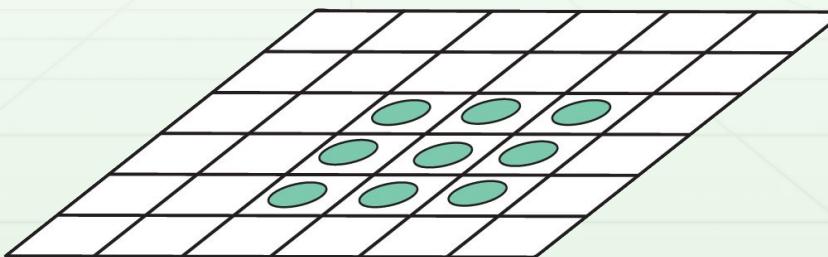
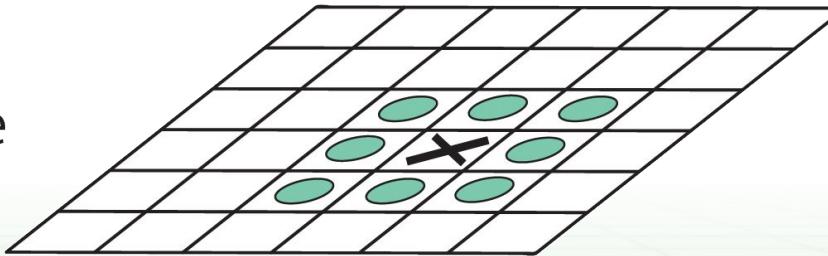
Extract DoG features at multiple scales



Find local-maxima in location and scale



Scale



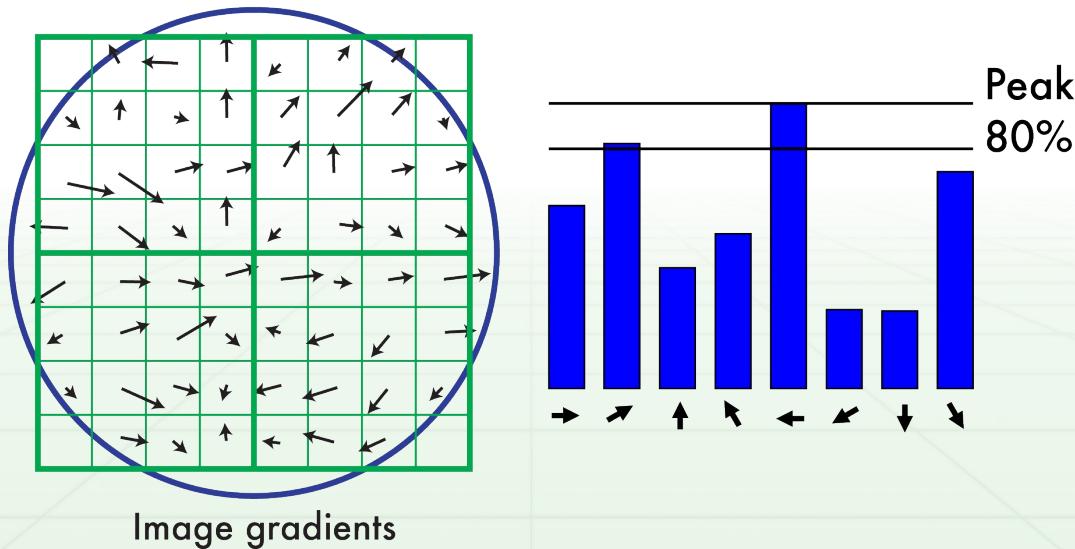
Throw out weak responses and edges

- Estimate gradients
 - Similar to before, look at nearby responses
 - Not whole image, only a few points! Faster!
 - Throw out weak responses
- Find cornery things
 - Same deal, structure matrix, use det and trace information

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

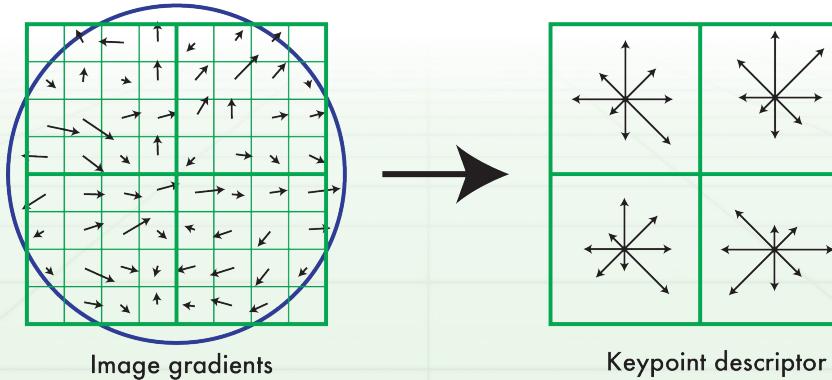
Find main orientation of patches

- Look at weighted histogram of nearby gradients
 - Any gradient within 80% of peak gets its own descriptor
 - Multiple keypoints per pixel
 - Descriptors are normalized based on main orientation



Keypoints are normalized gradient histograms

- Divide into subwindows (2×2 , 4×4)
- Bin gradients within subwindow, get histogram
 - Normalize to unit length
 - Clamp at maximum .2
 - Normalize again
 - Helps with lighting changes!

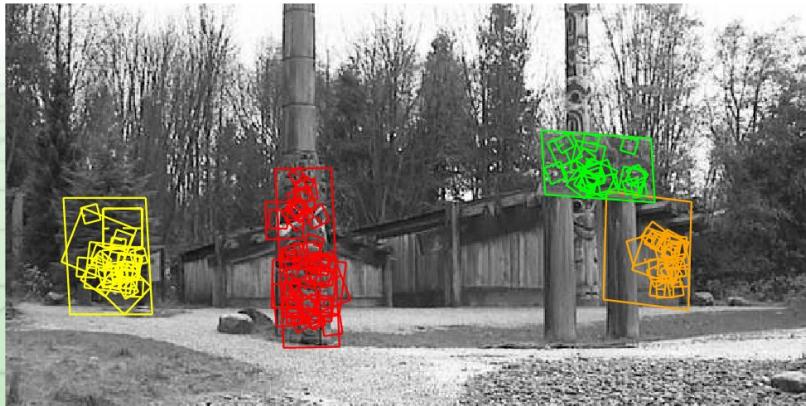


SIFT is great!

- Find good keypoints, describe them
- Finding objects, recognition, panoramas, etc.



SIFT is great!



Chapter Eight



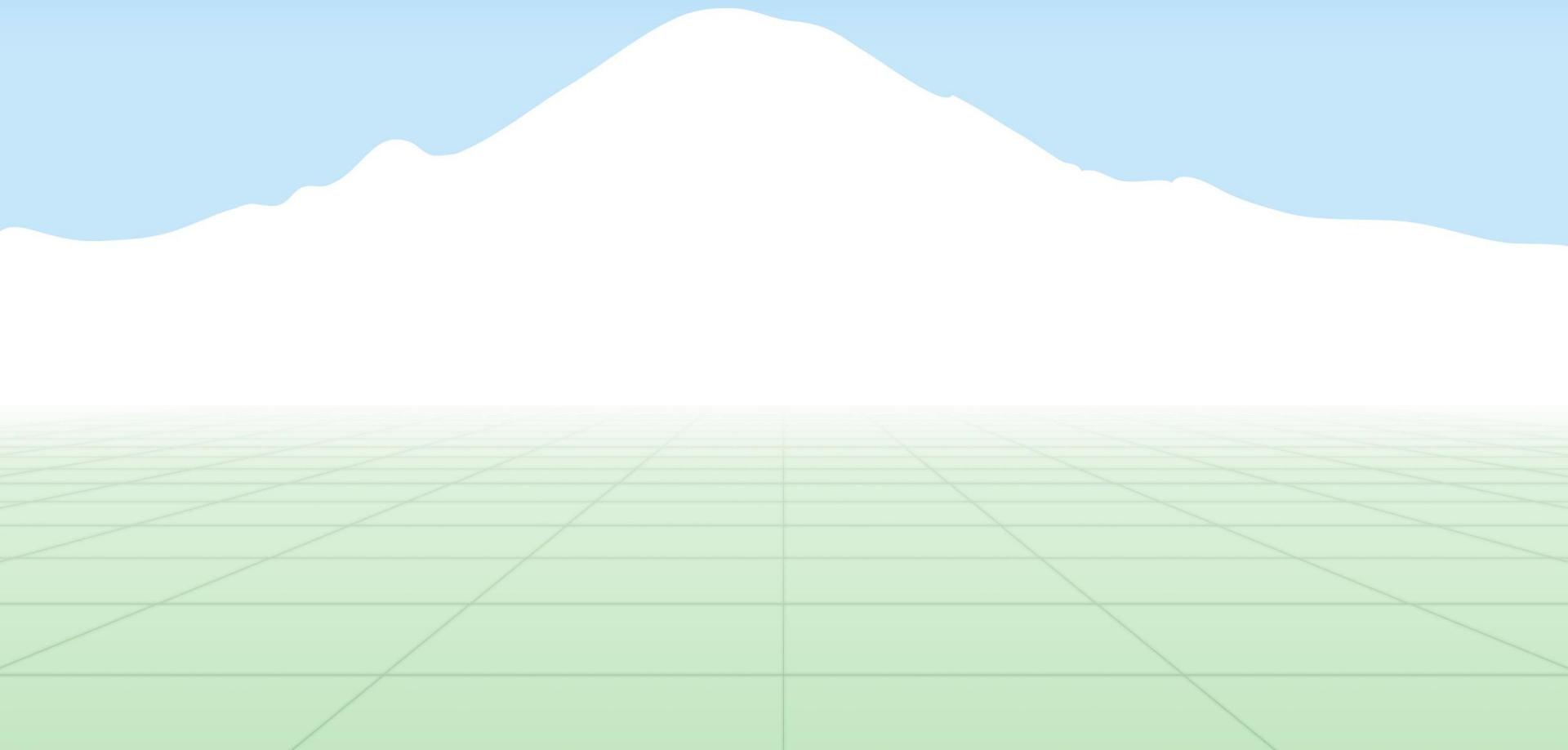
Optical Flow

Topics:

- Sparse* Optical Flow (Lucas-Kanade, 1981)
- Dense Optical Flow (Farneback, 2003)

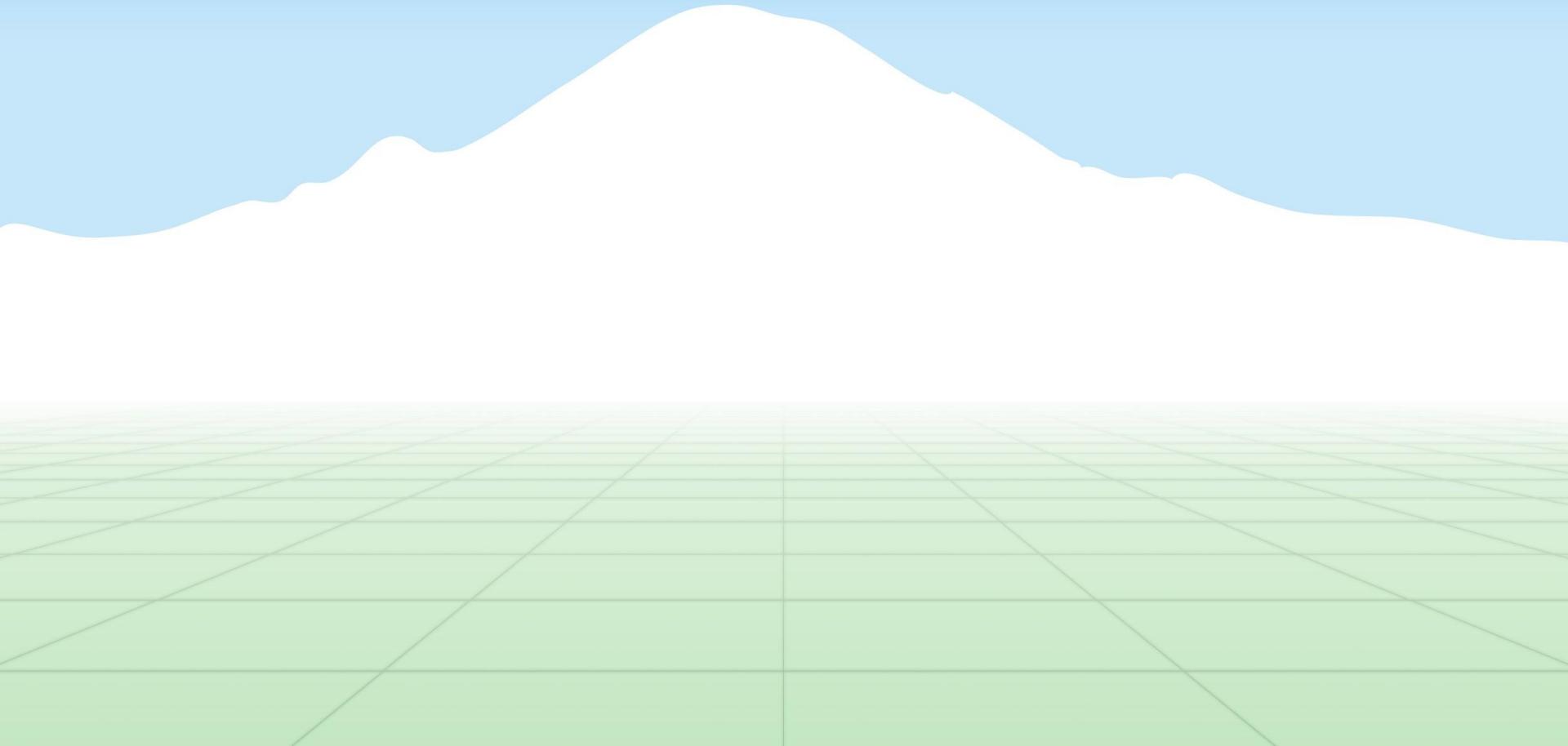
*LK can technically be dense.

What is Optical Flow?

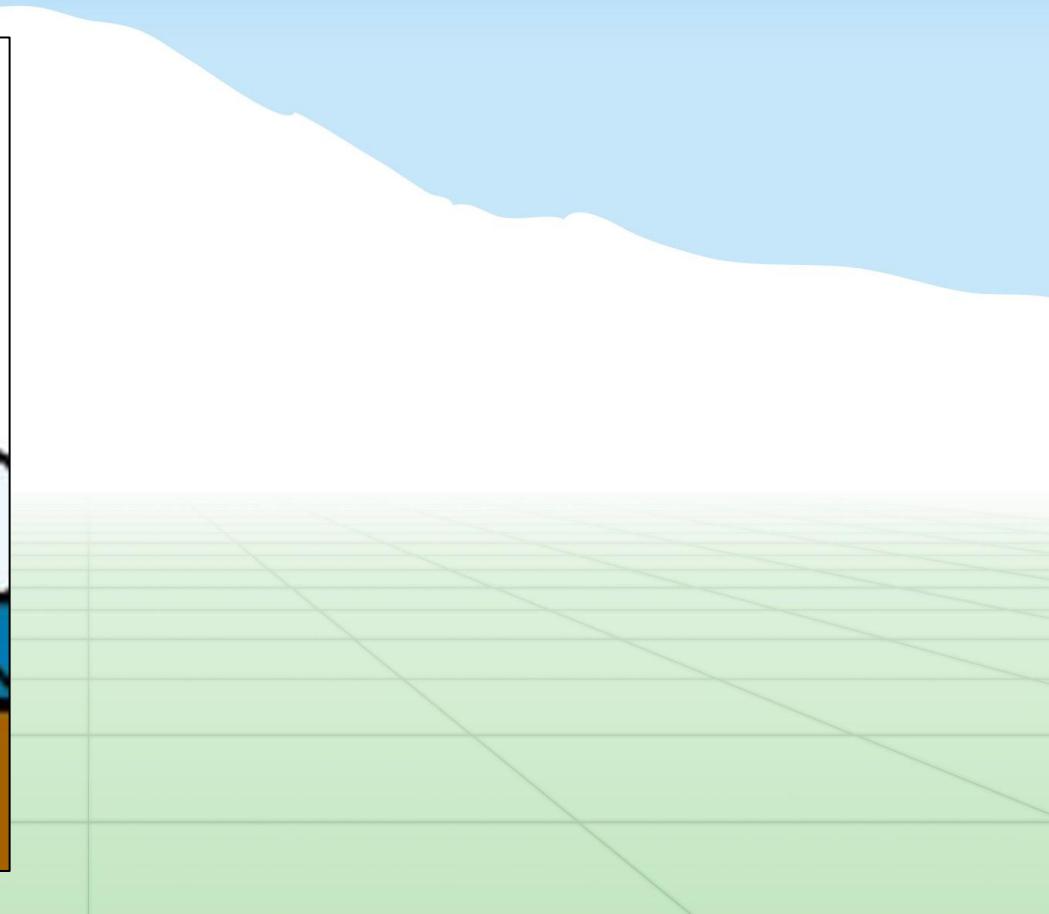
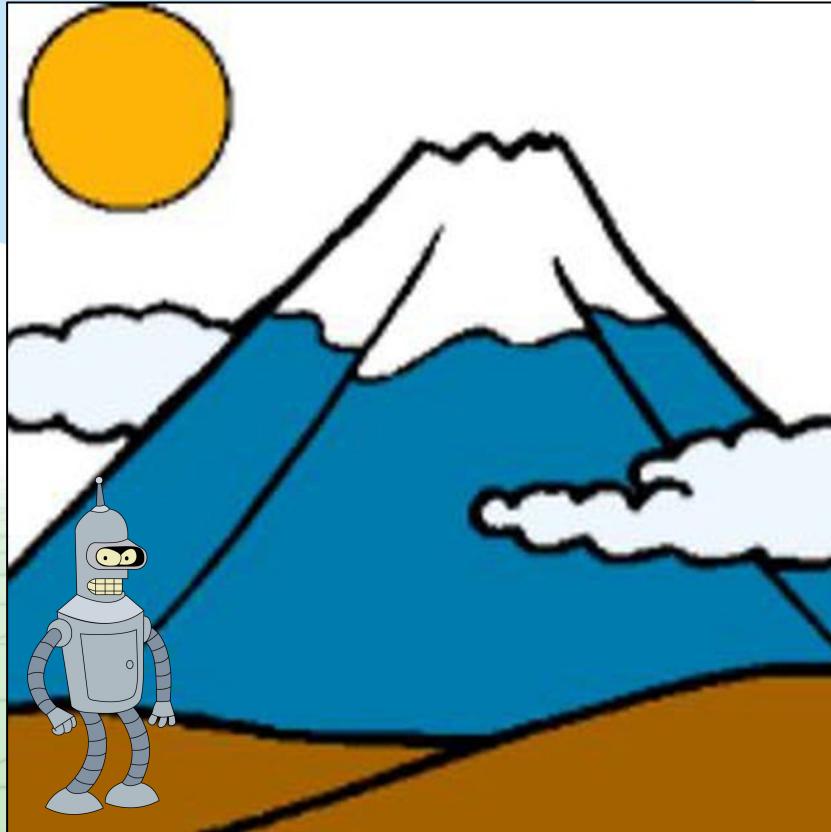


What is Optical Flow?

Movement

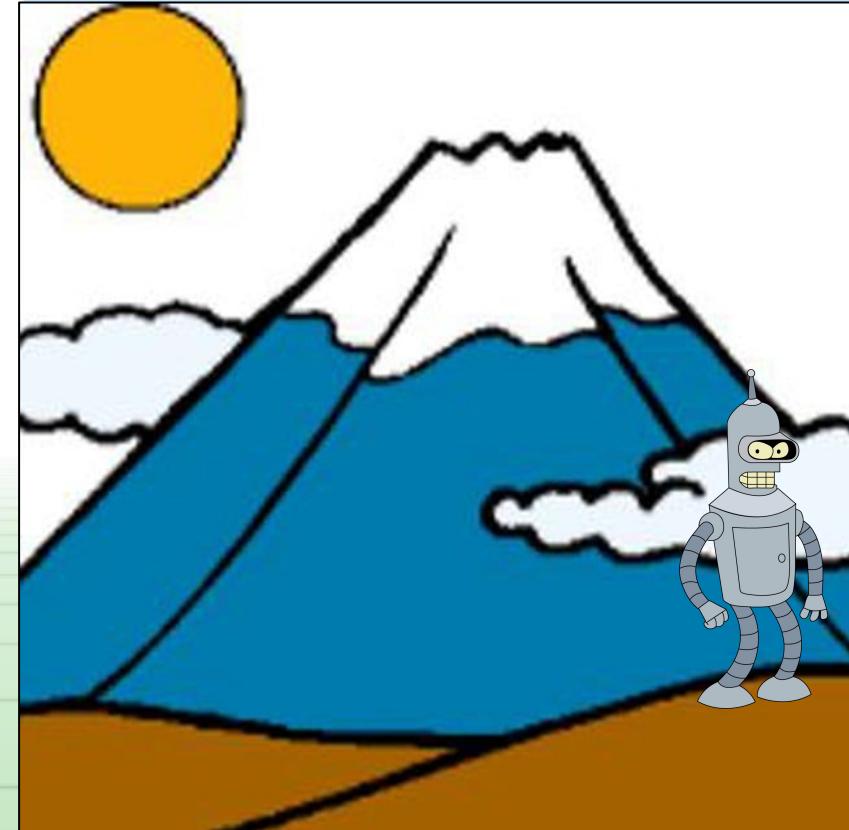
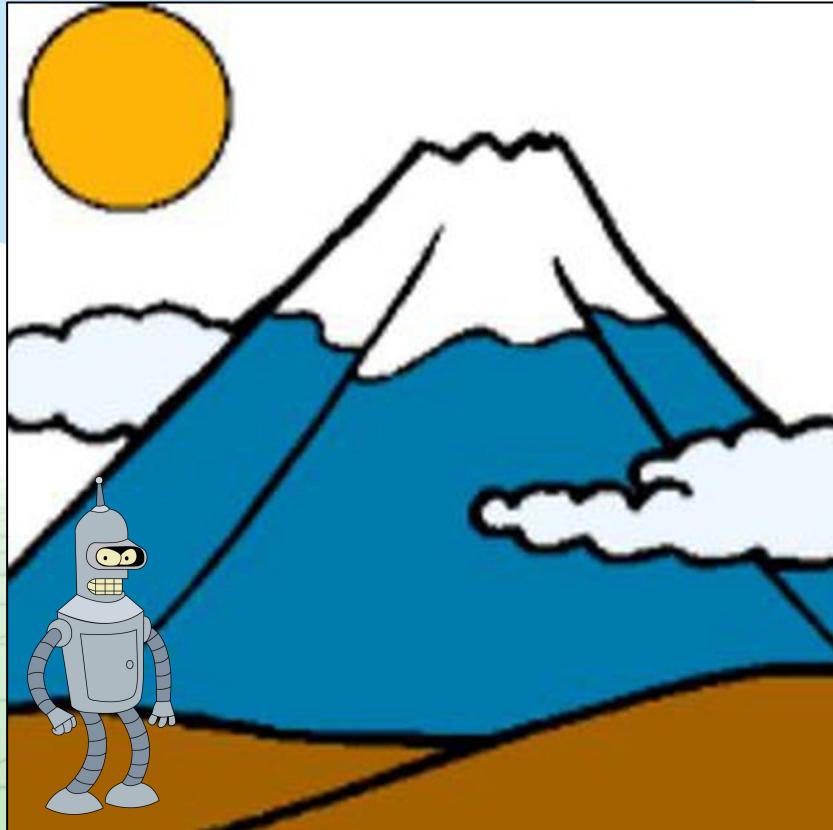


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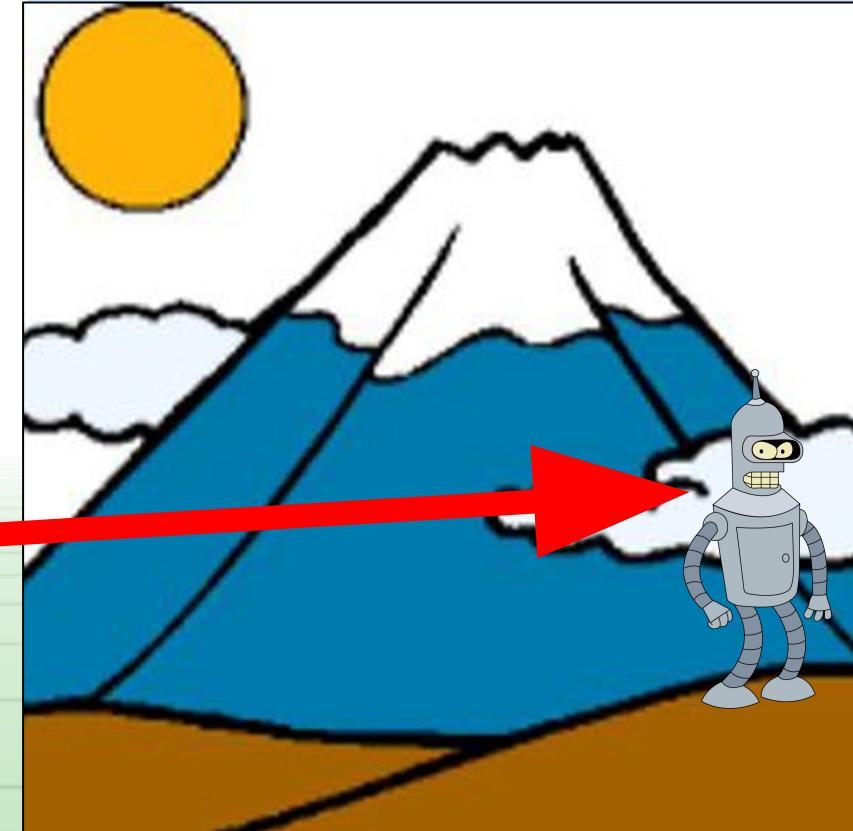
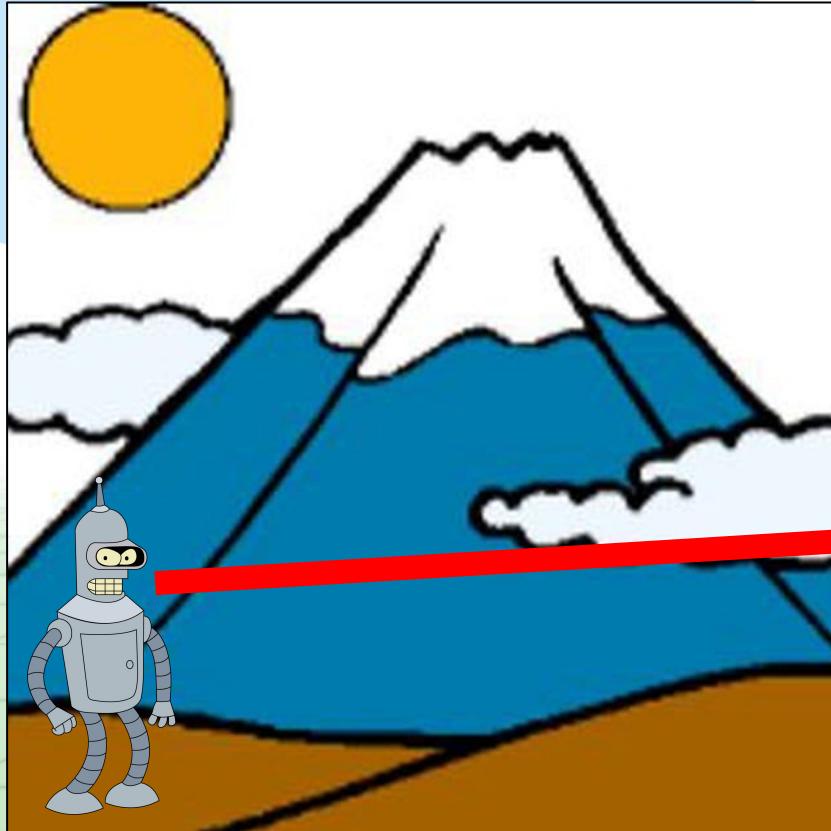
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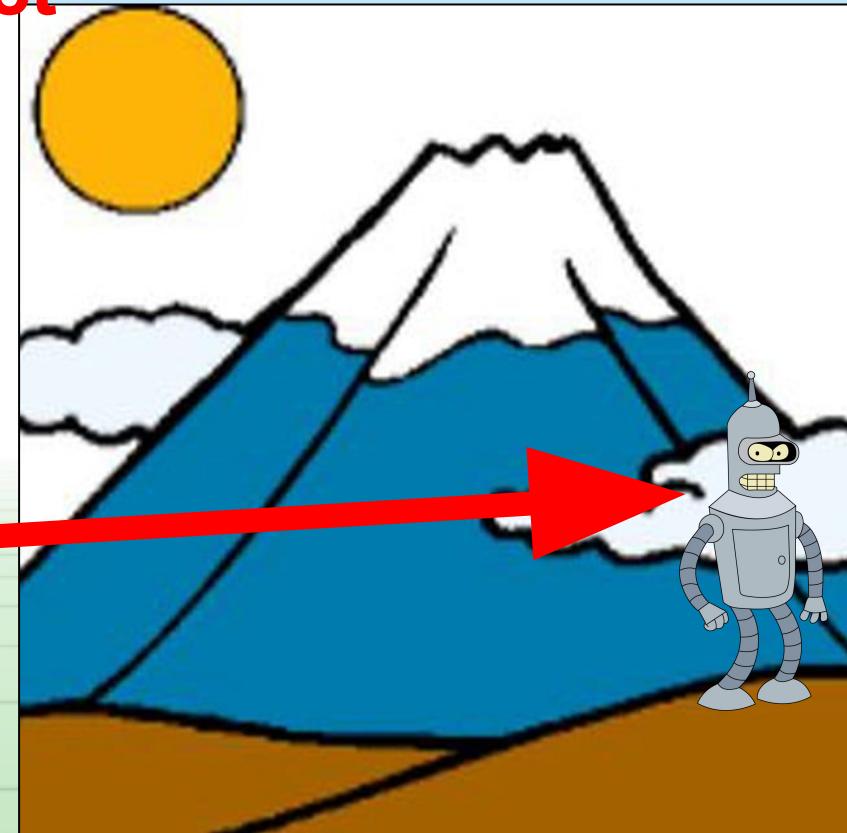
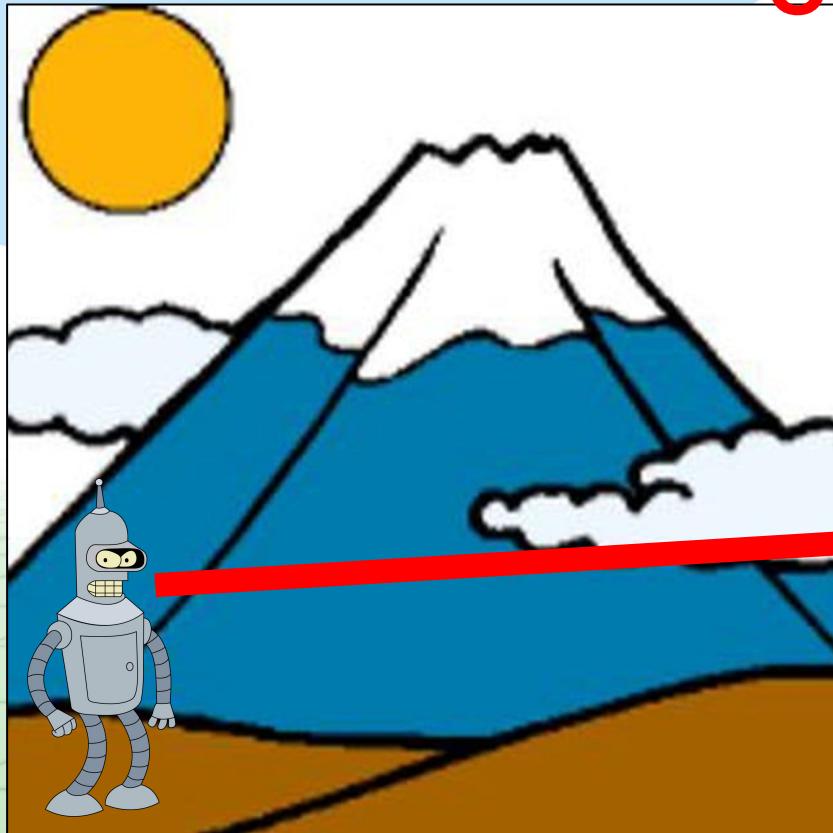
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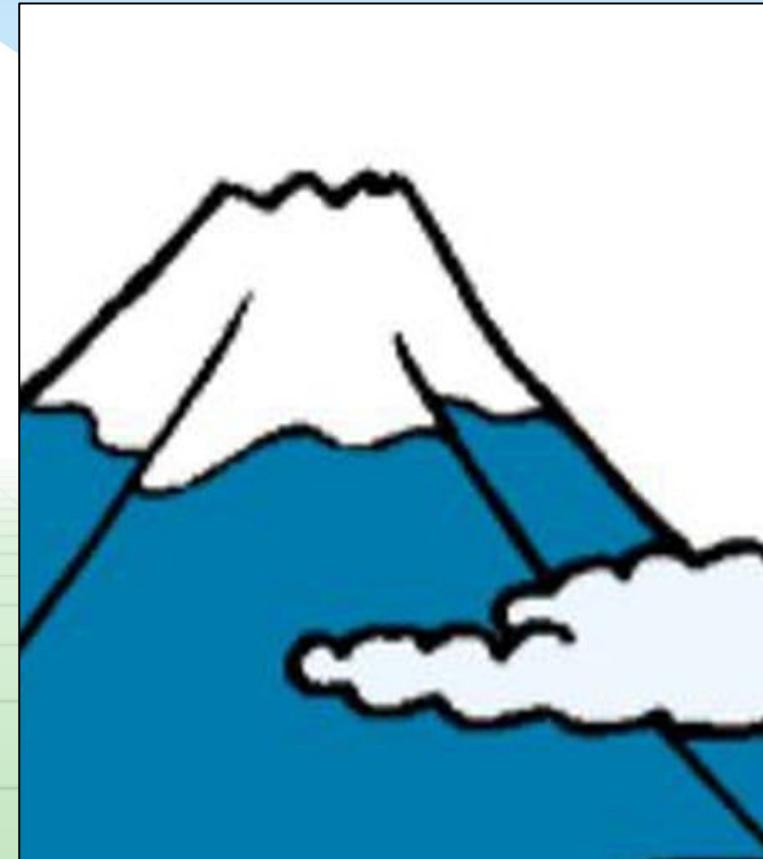
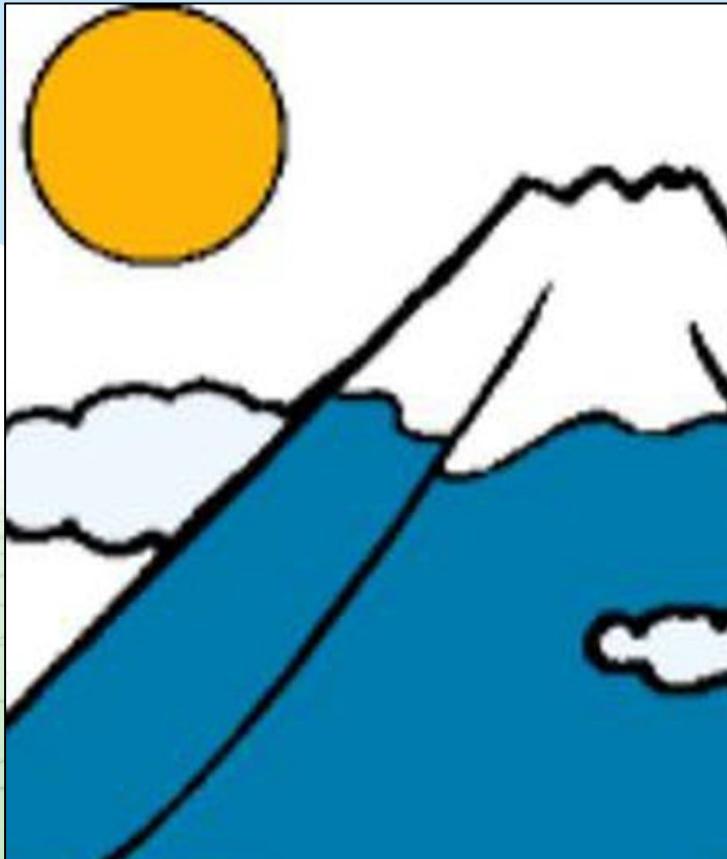
Movement

Object



What is Optical Flow? **Movement**

Pan



What is Optical Flow?

Movement

Forward

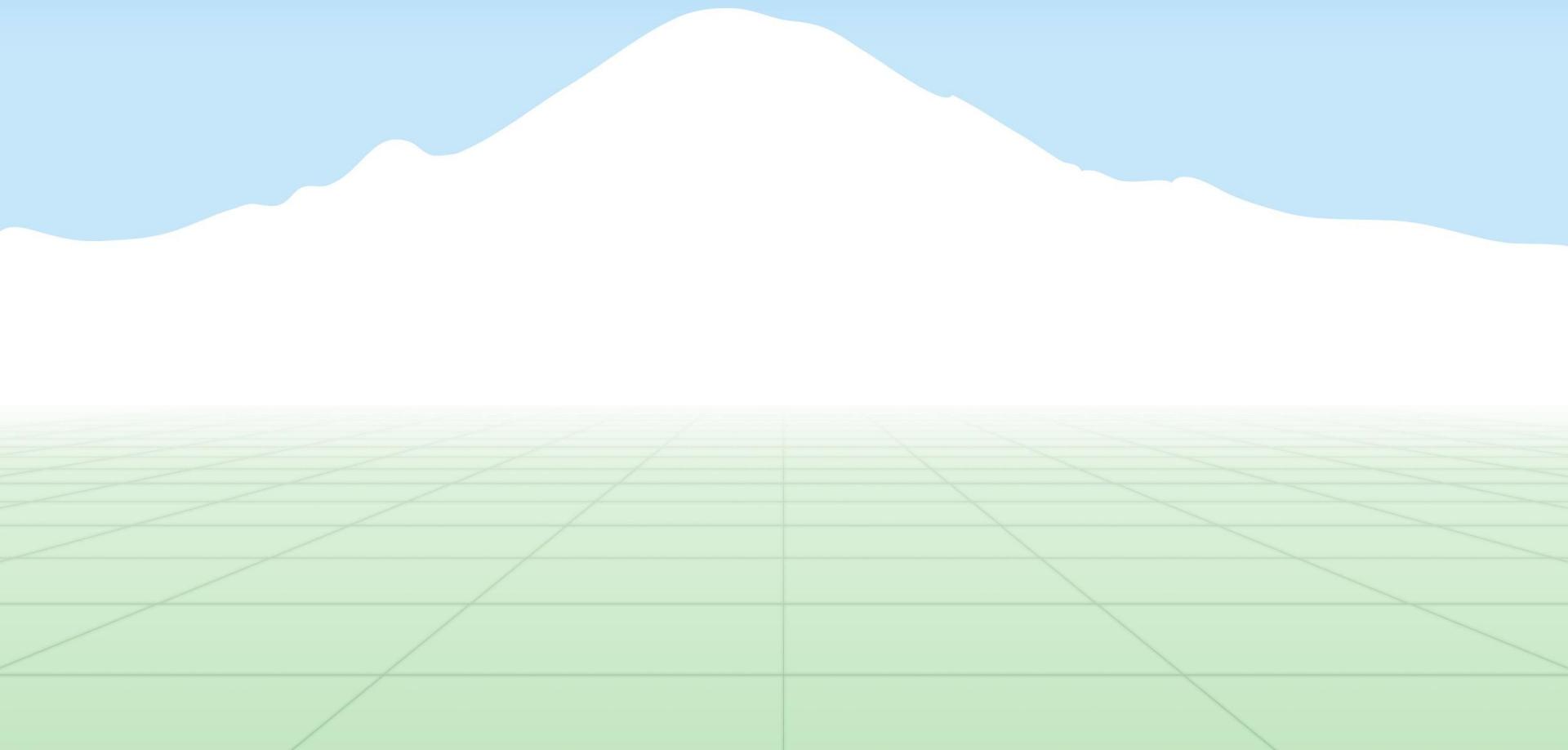


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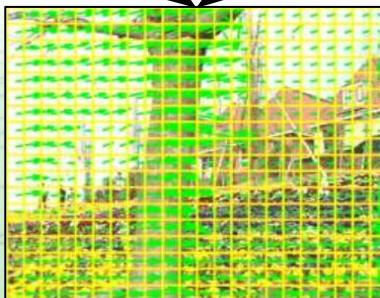


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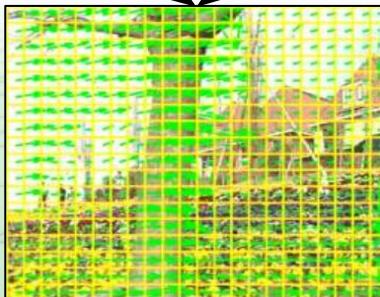
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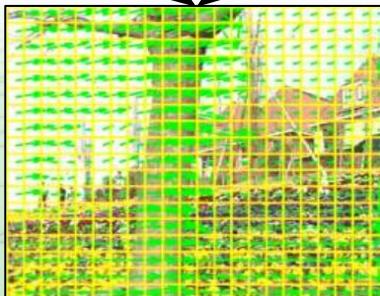


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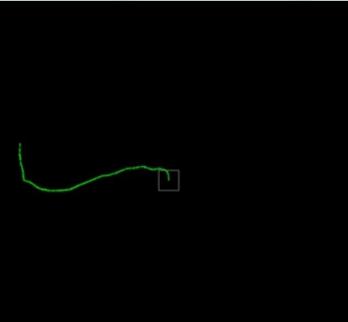
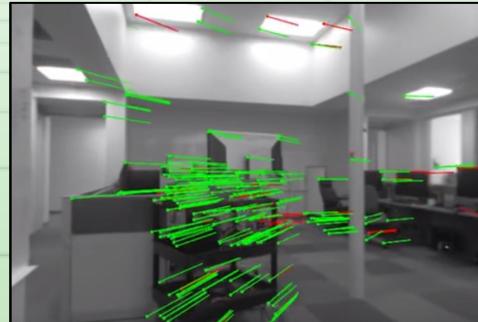
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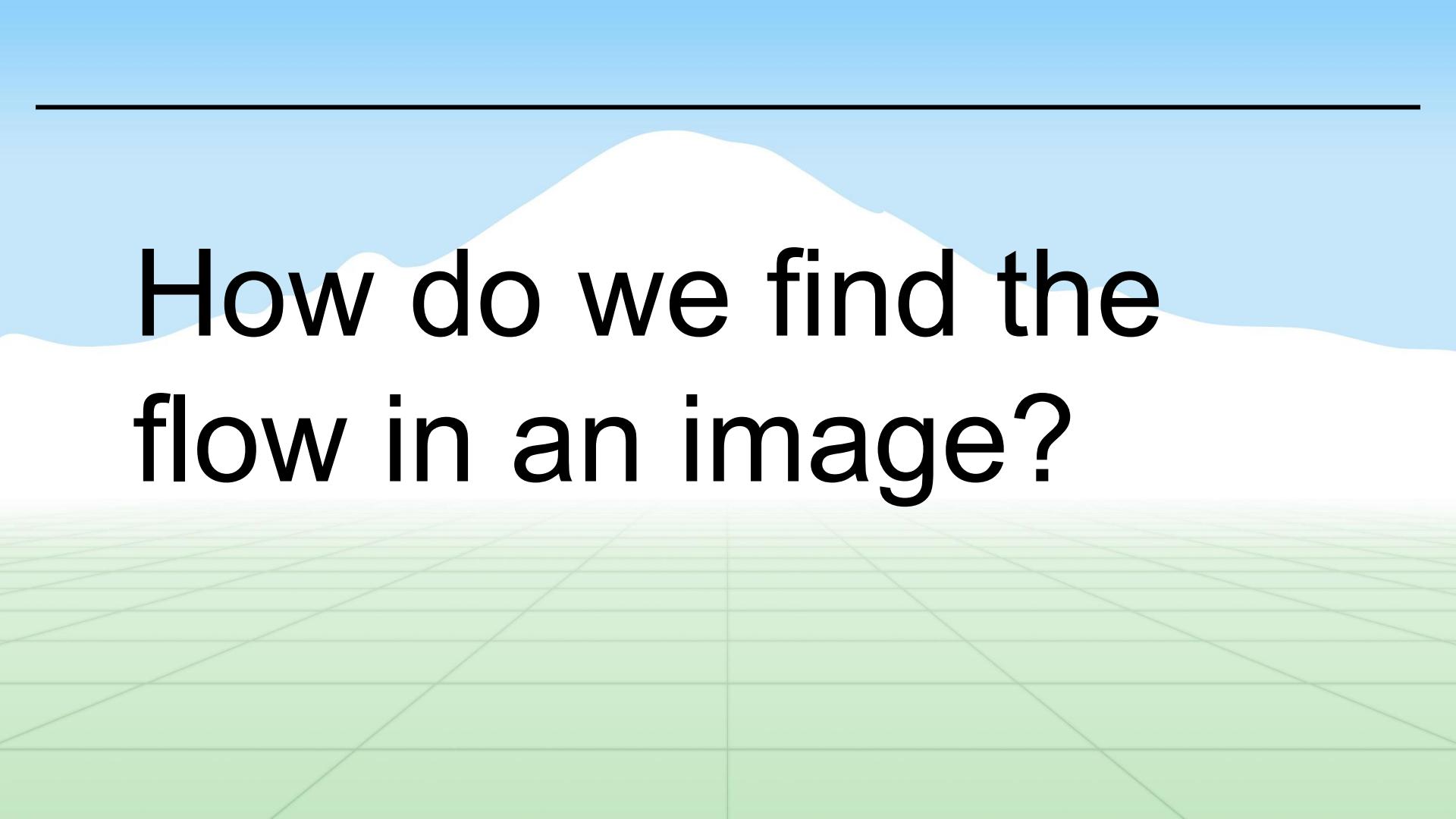


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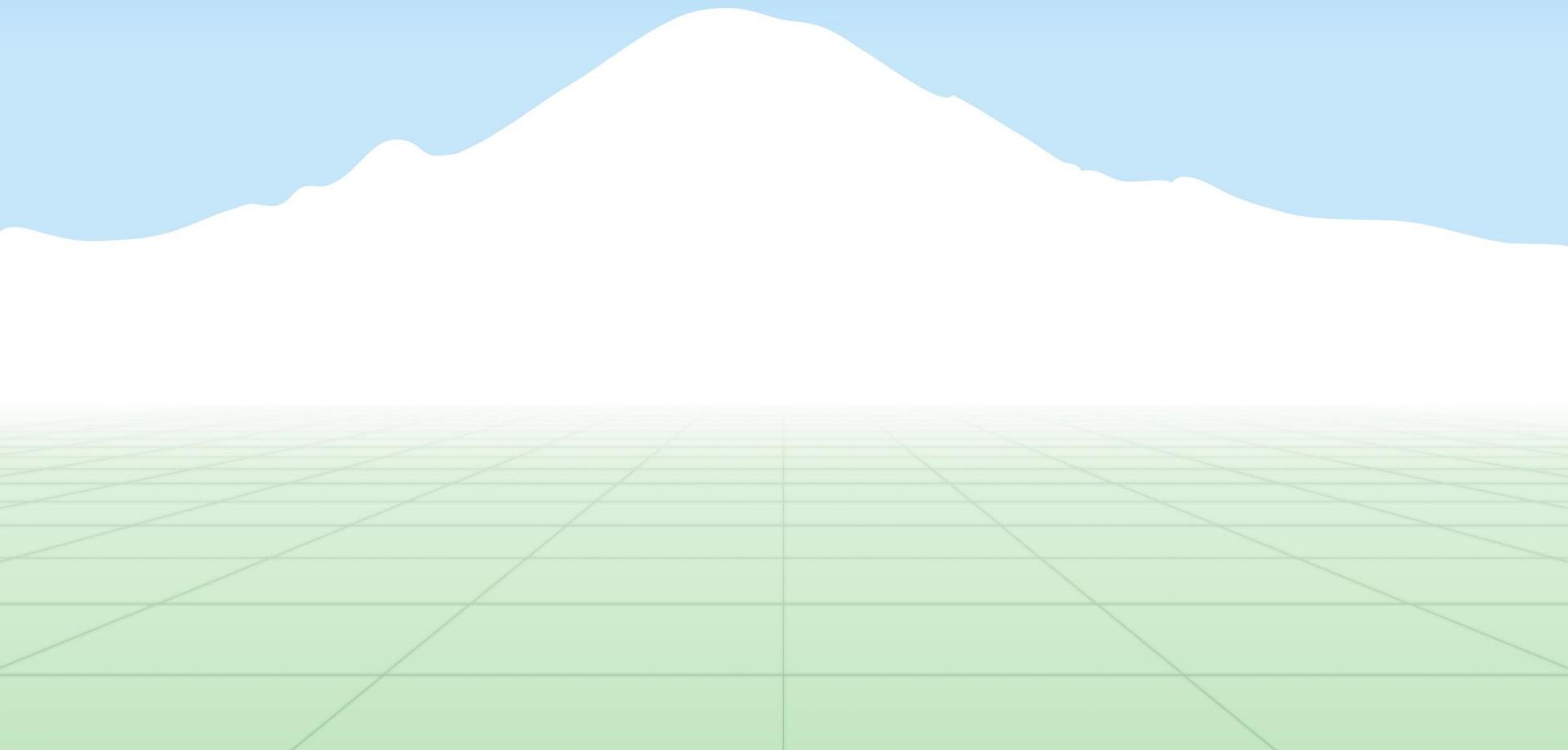
Visual Odometry





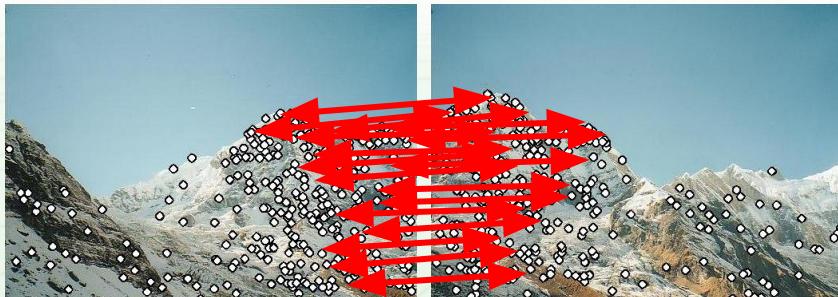
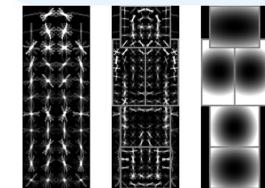
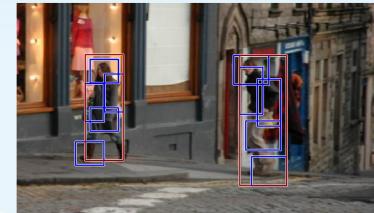
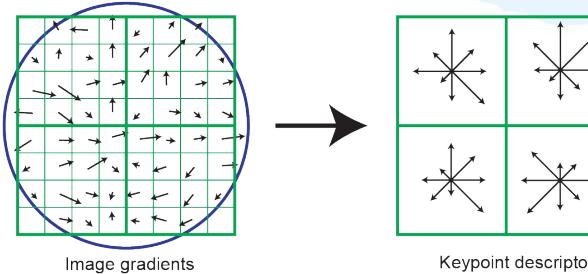
How do we find the
flow in an image?

Feature Matching

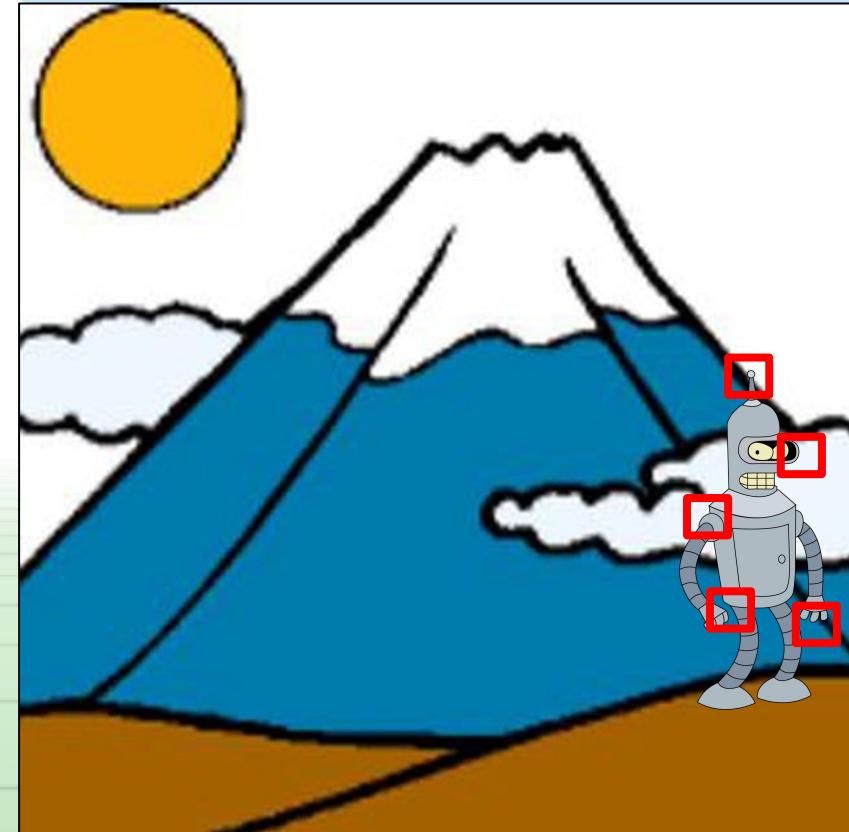
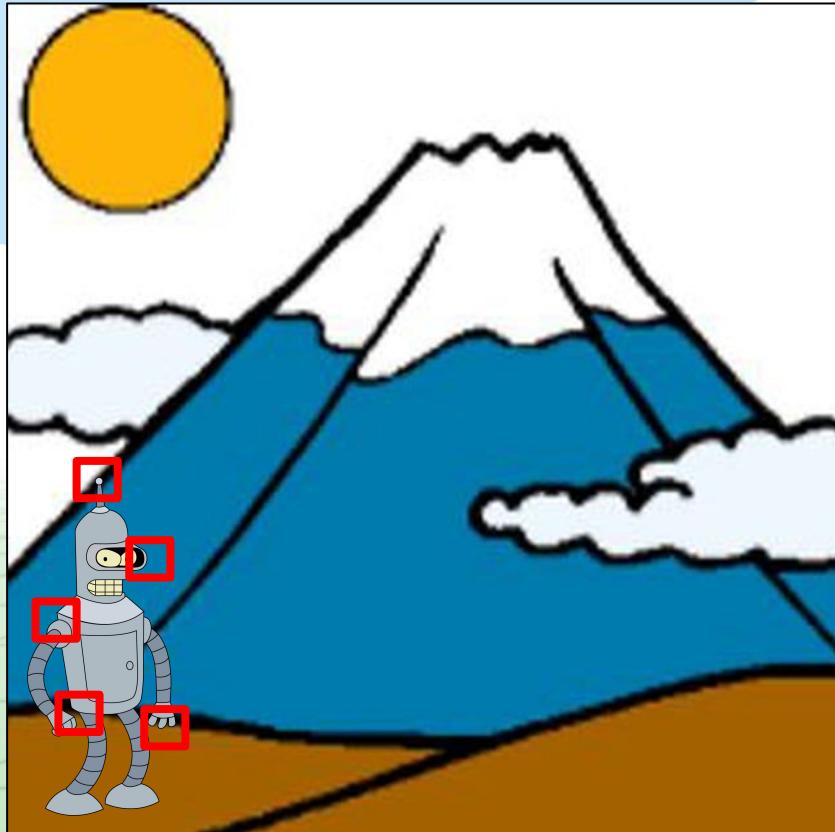


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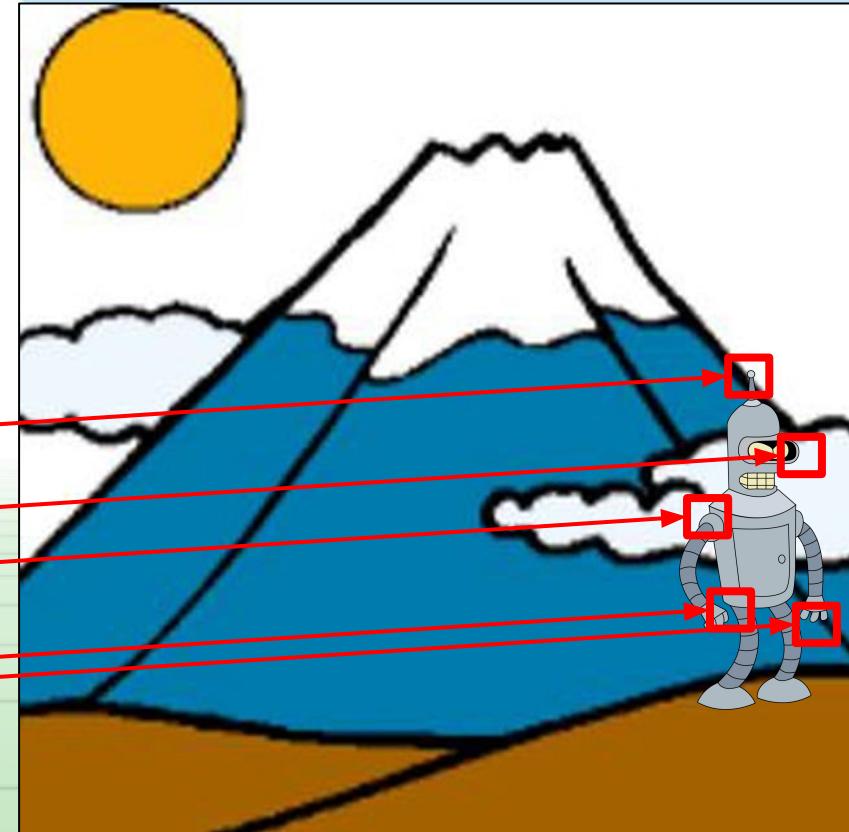
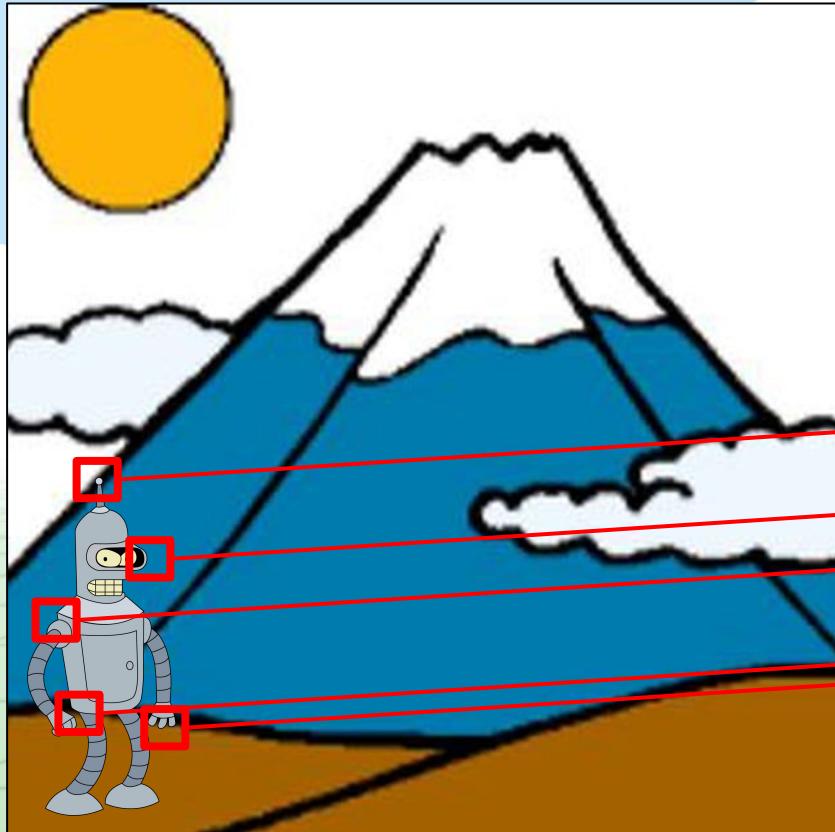
- Highly descriptive local regions
- Ways to describe those regions
- Useful for:
 - Matching
 - Recognition
 - Detection



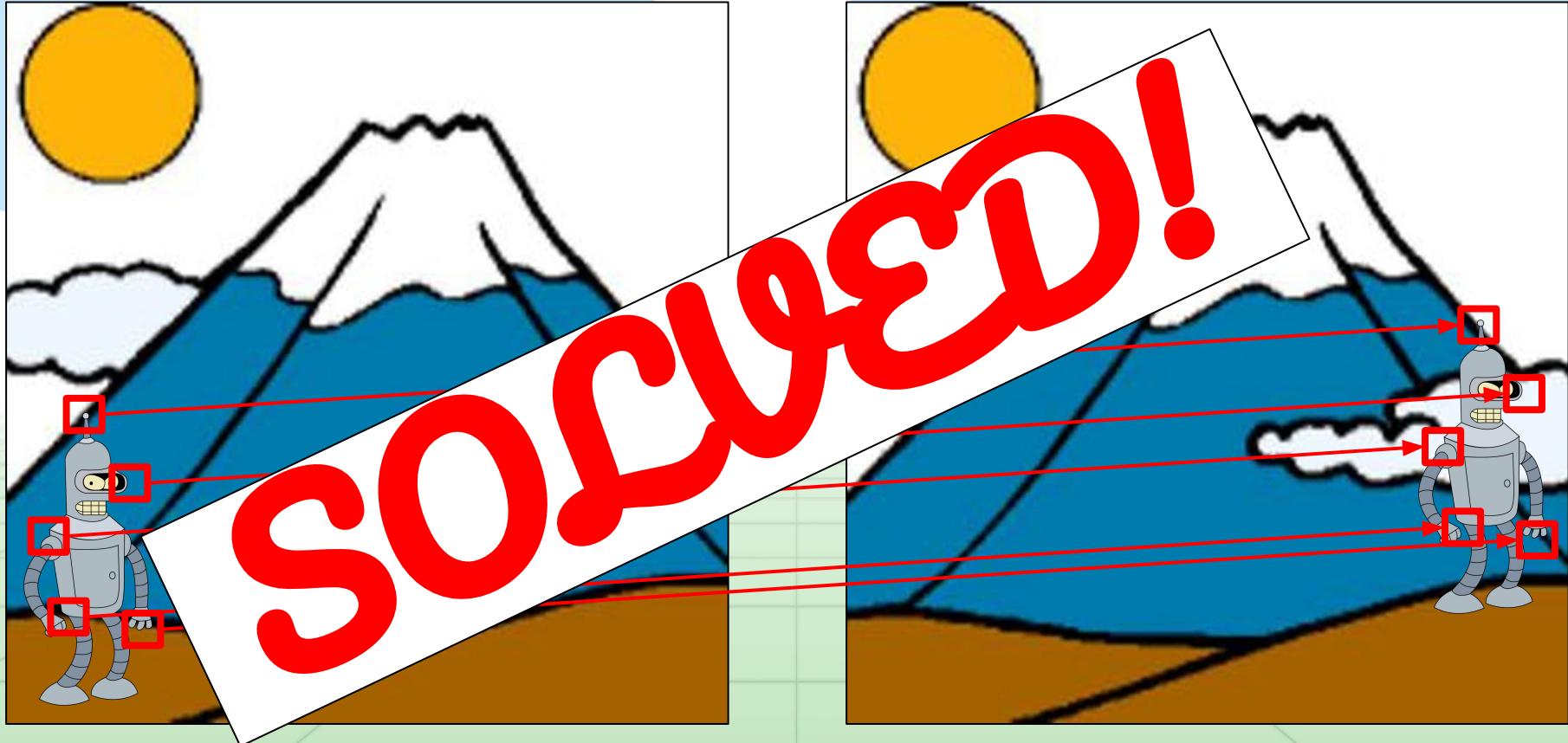
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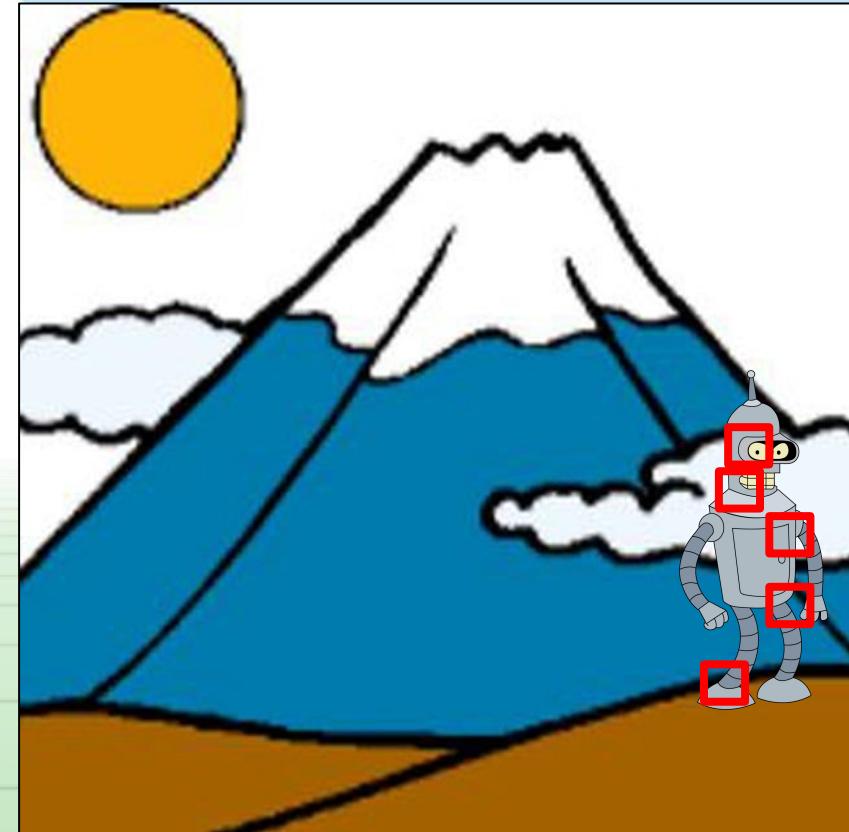
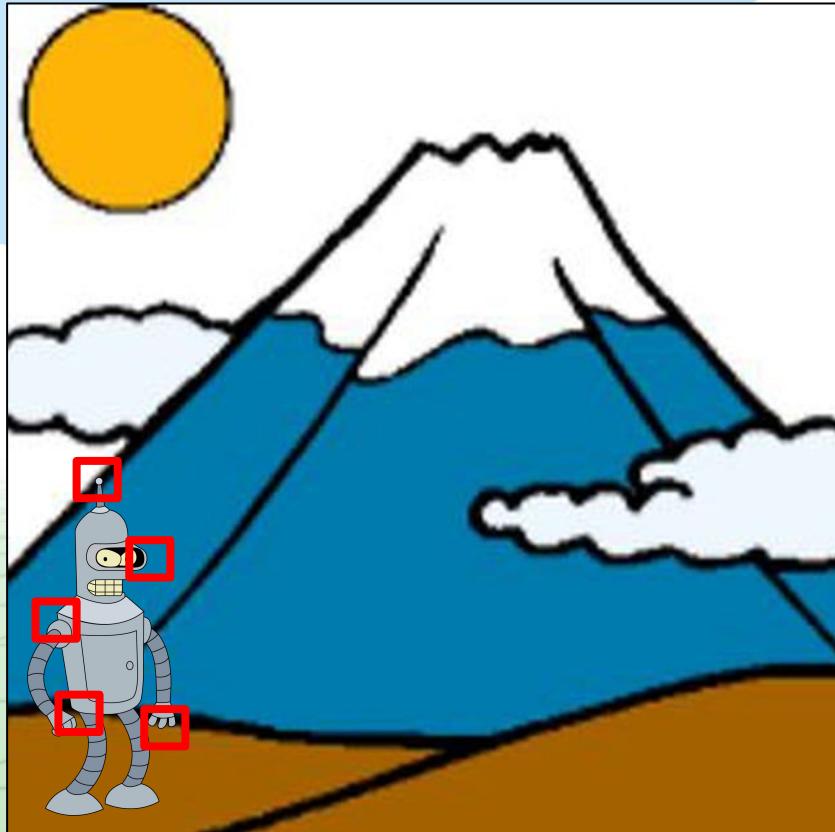
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Advantages:

- Scale/rotation invariant
- *kinda** lighting invariant
- Can handle large movements

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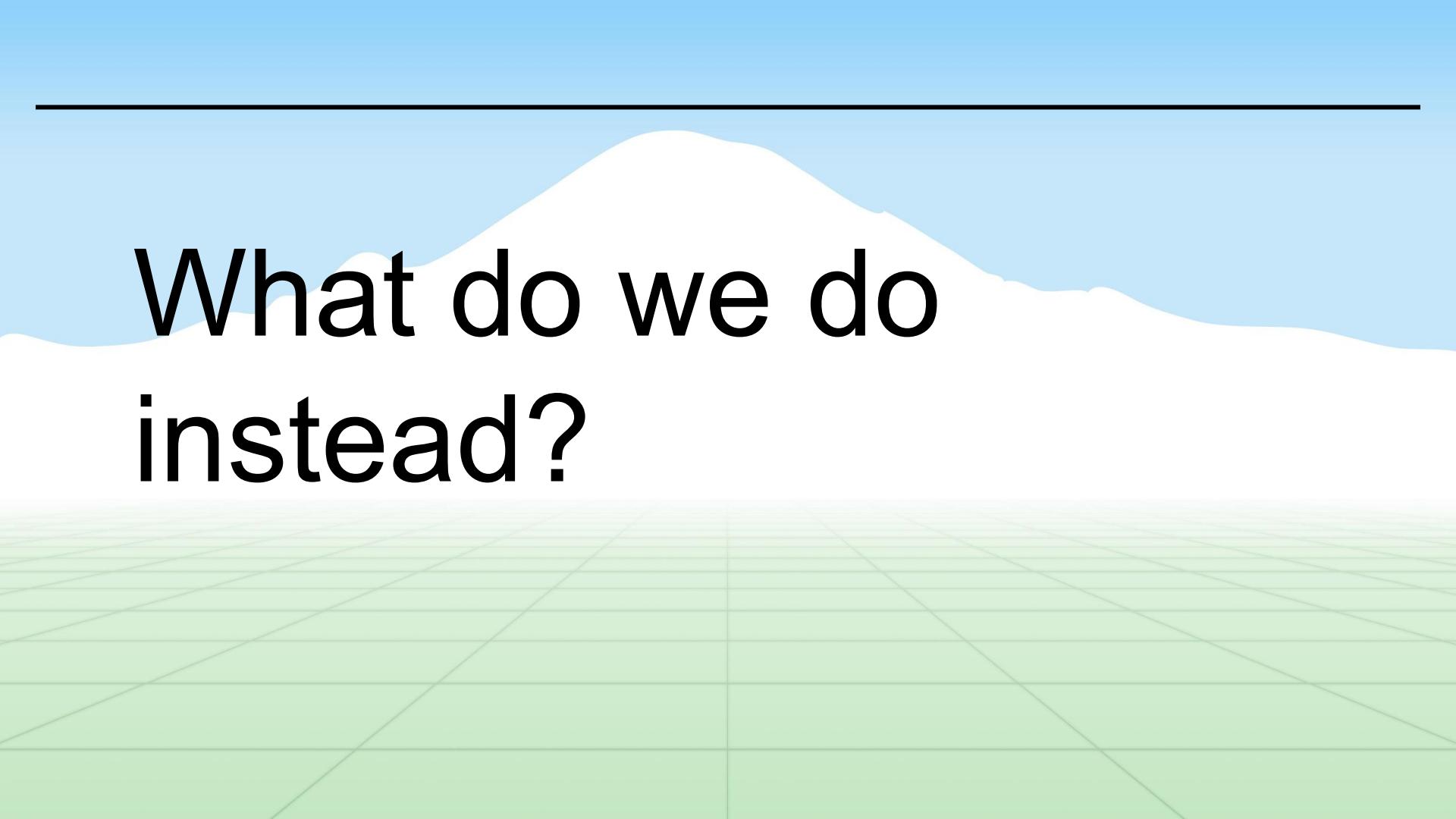
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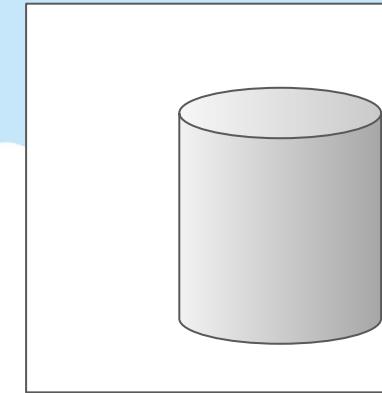
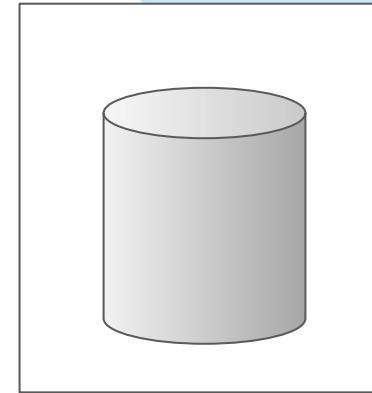
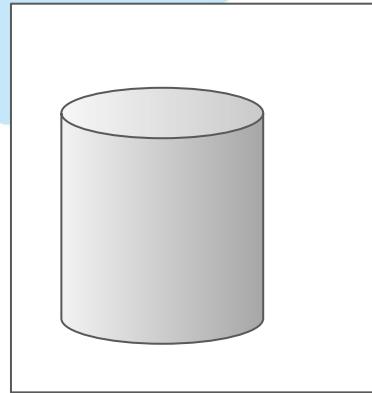
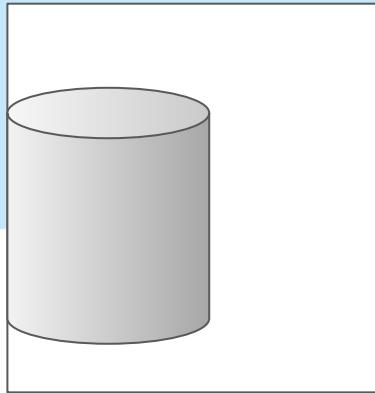
- Scale/rotation invariant

Overall: Doesn't work very well for Optical Flow

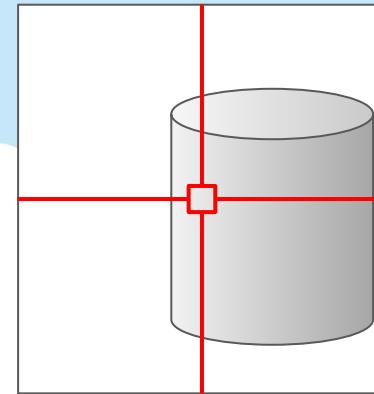
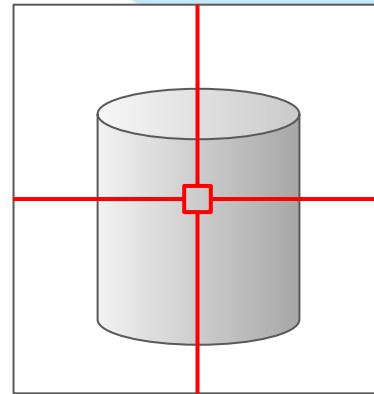
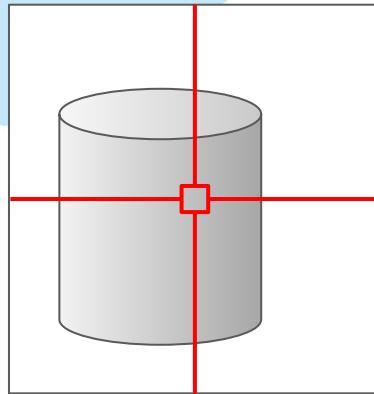
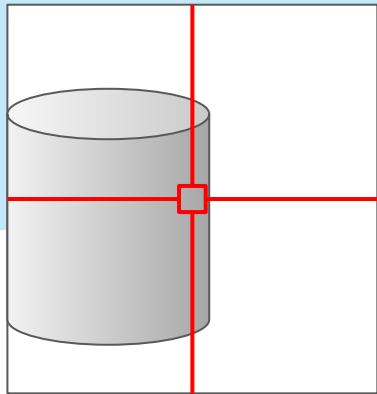


**What do we do
instead?**

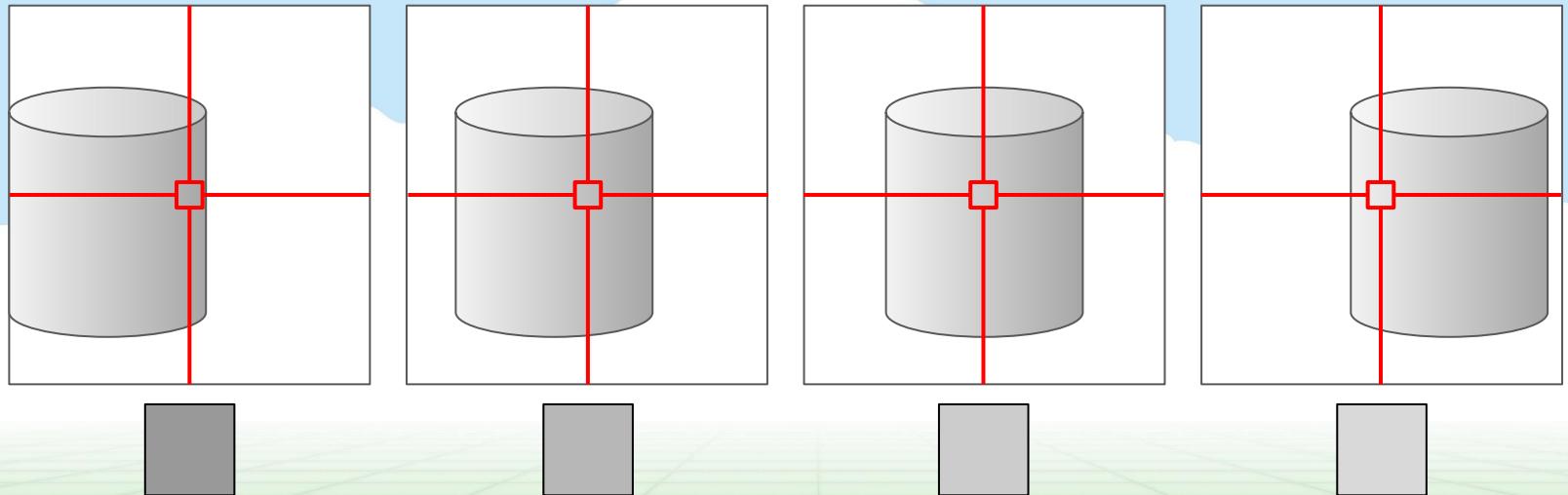
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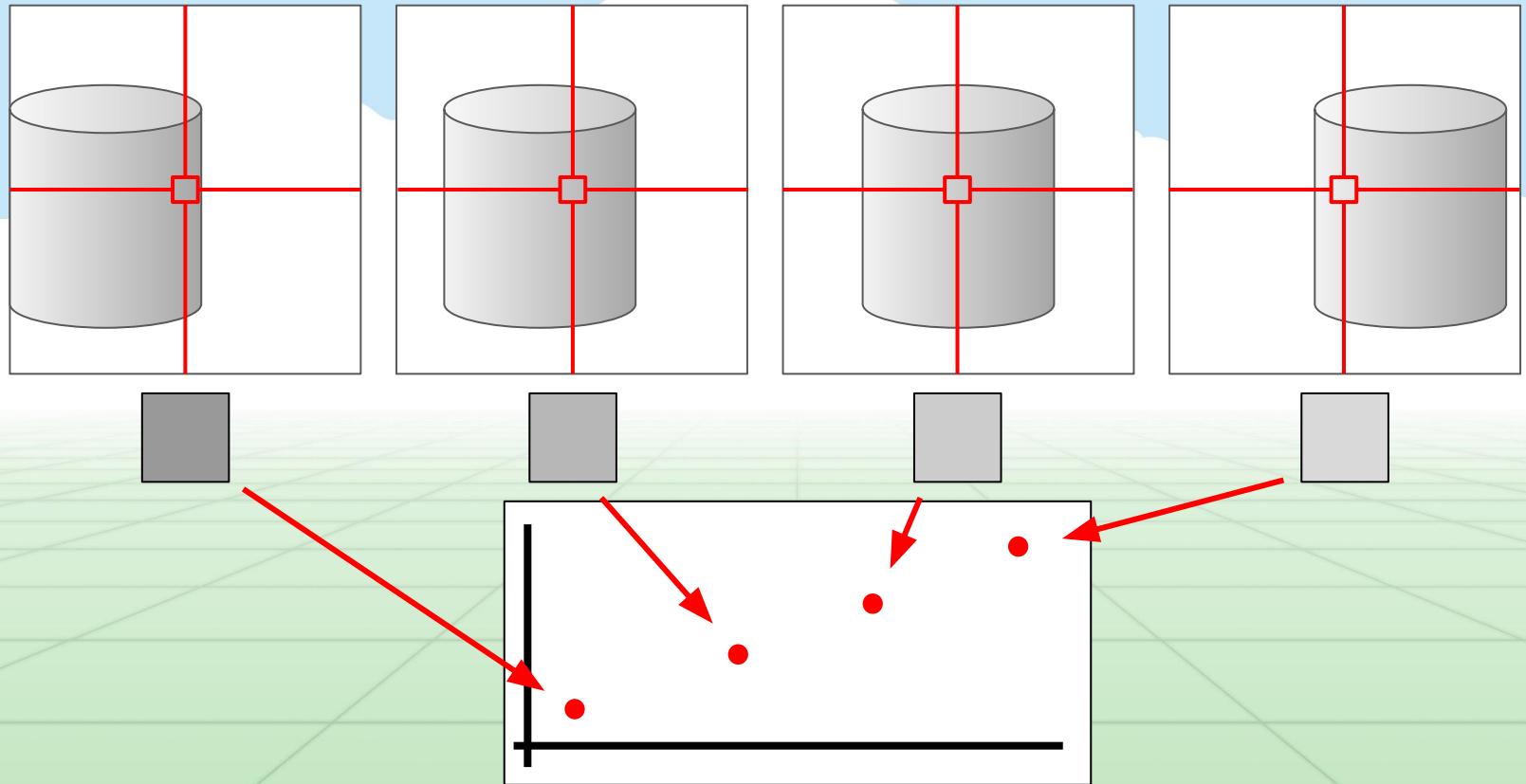
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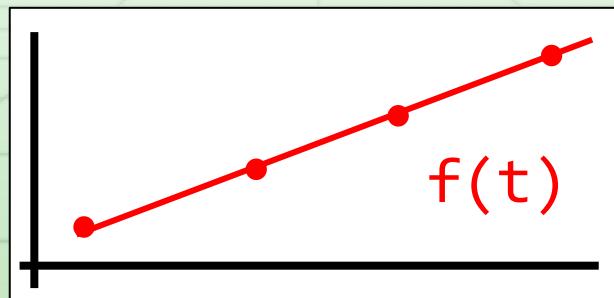
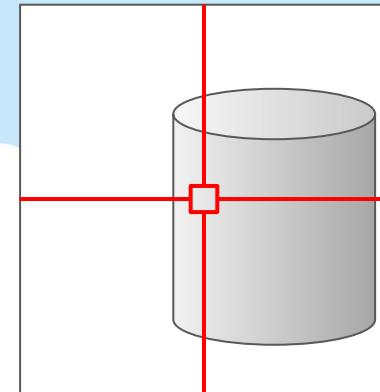
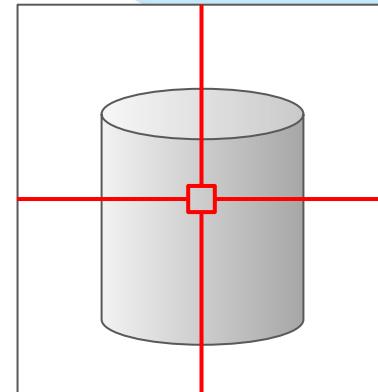
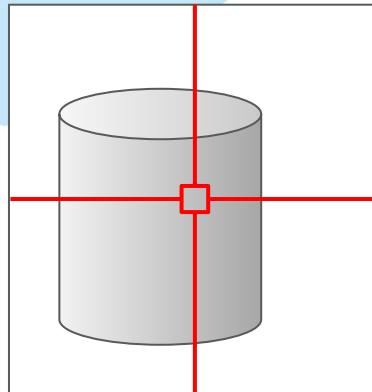
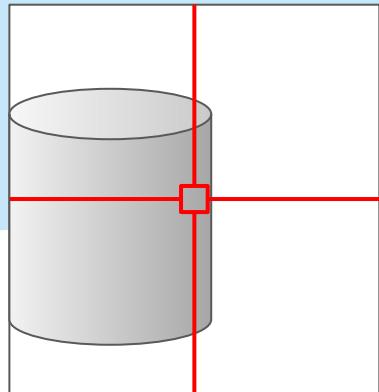
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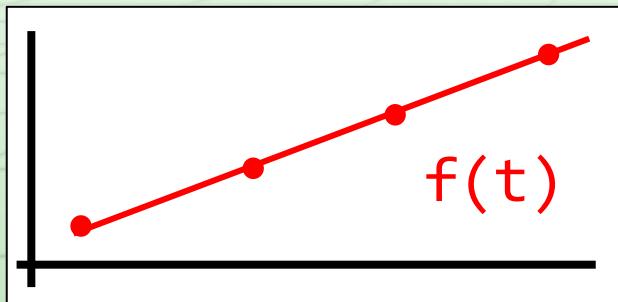
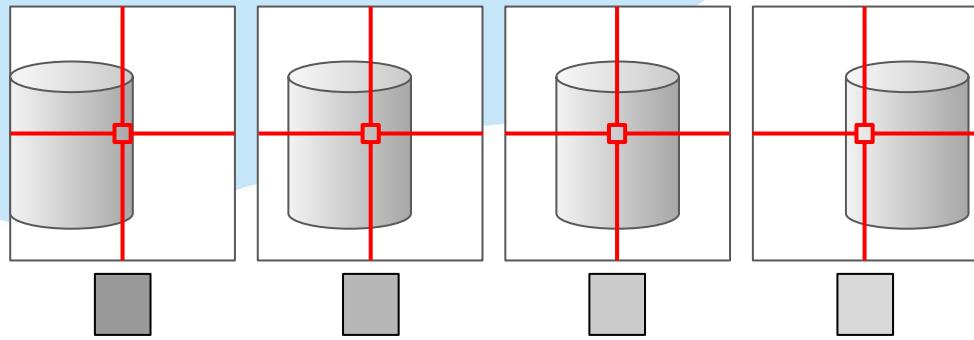
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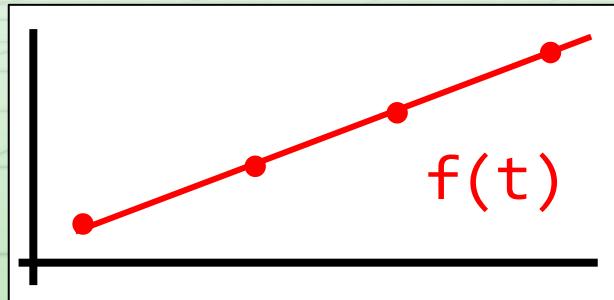
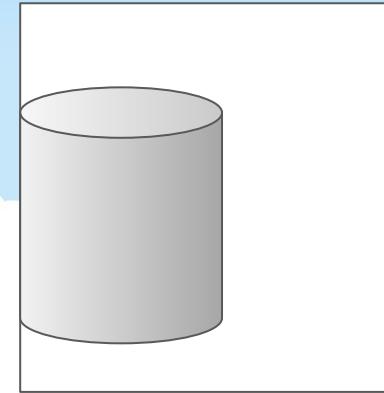
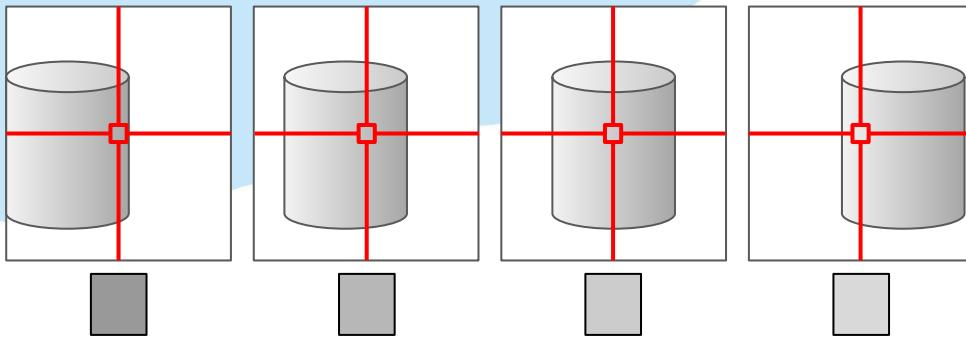
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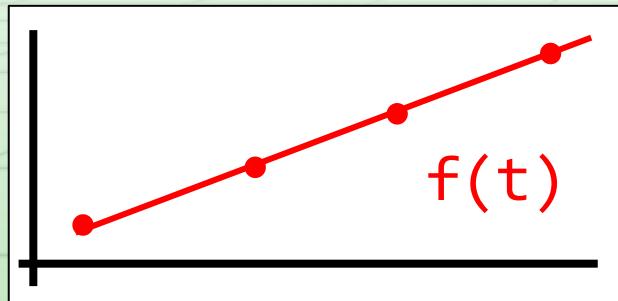
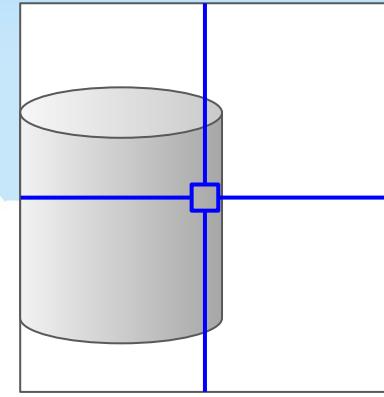
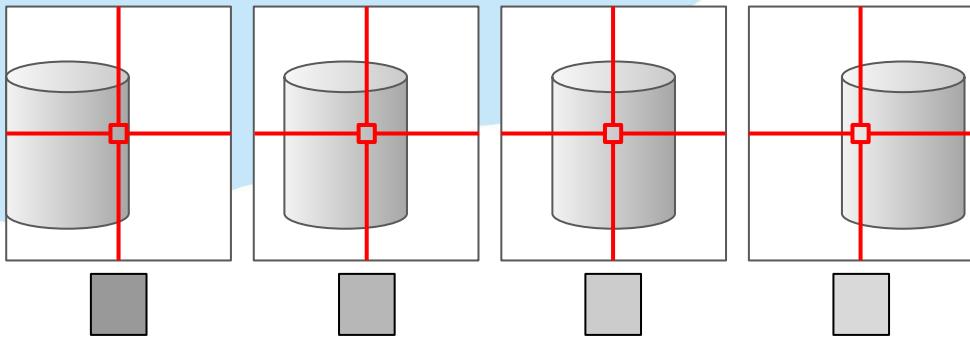
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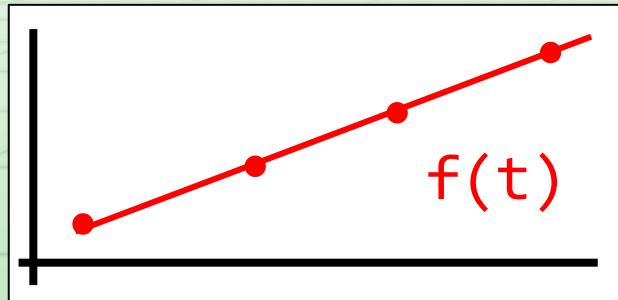
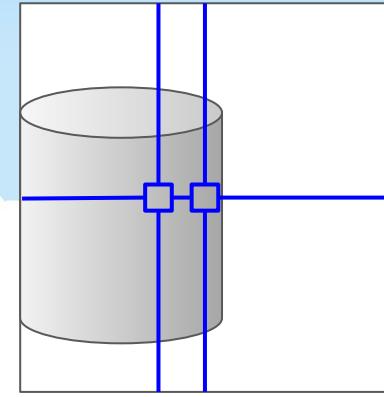
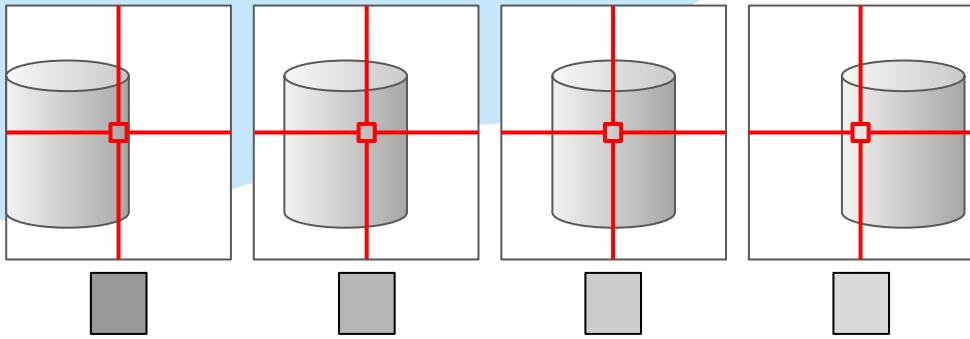
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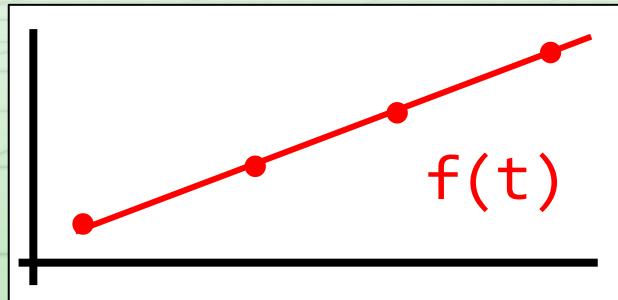
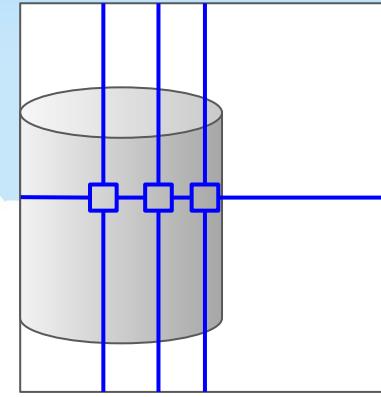
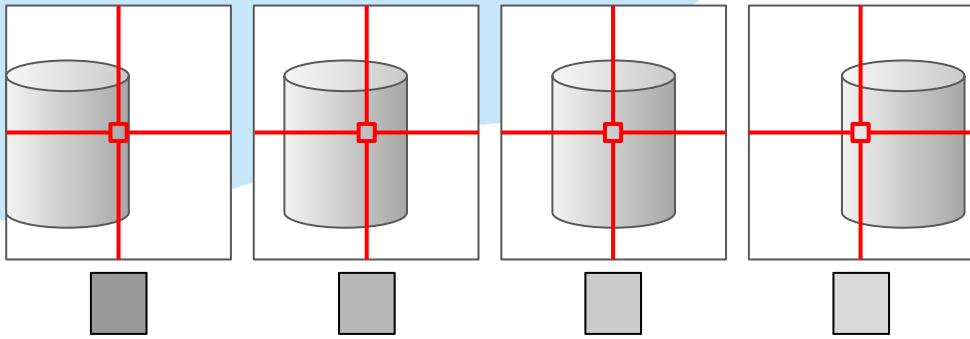
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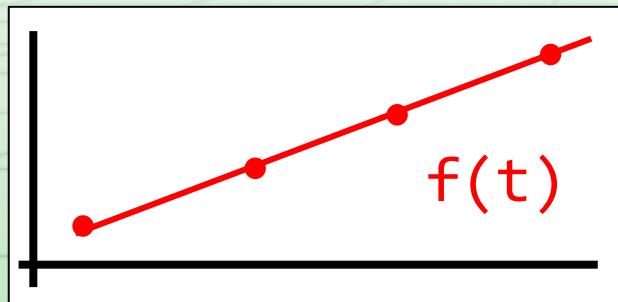
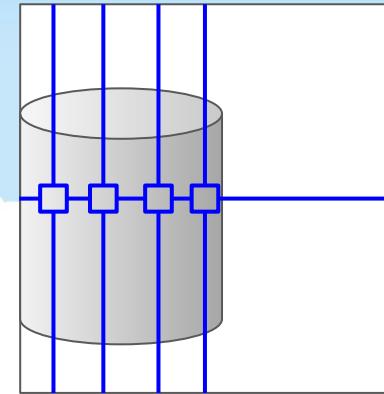
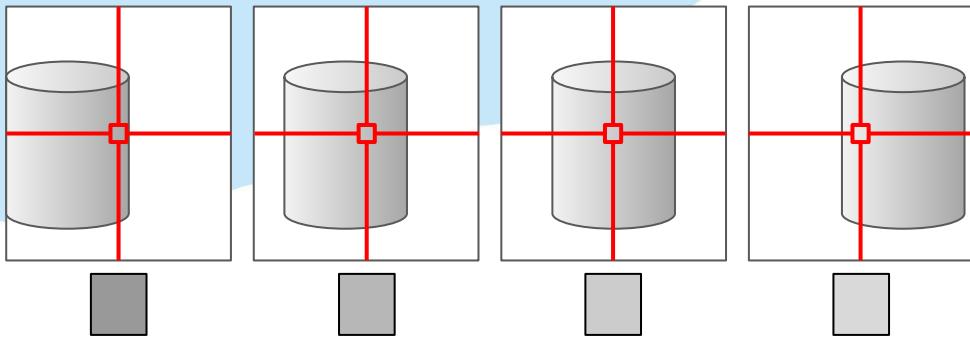
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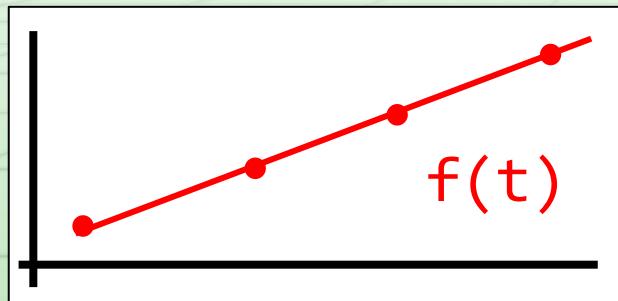
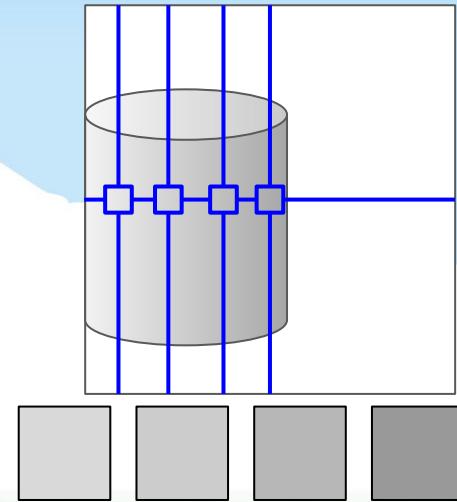
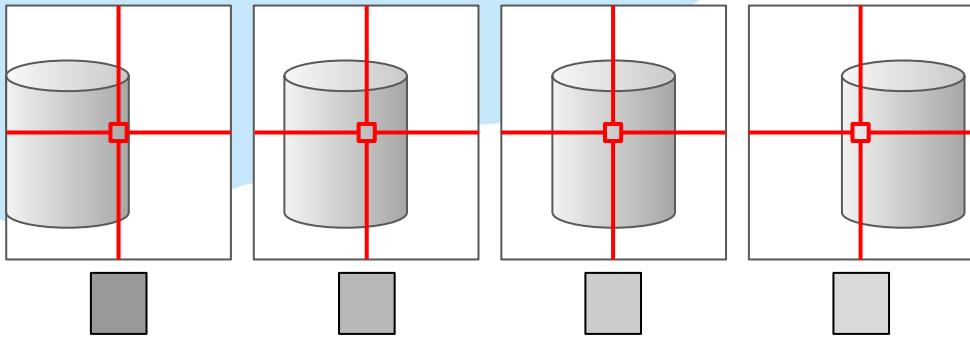
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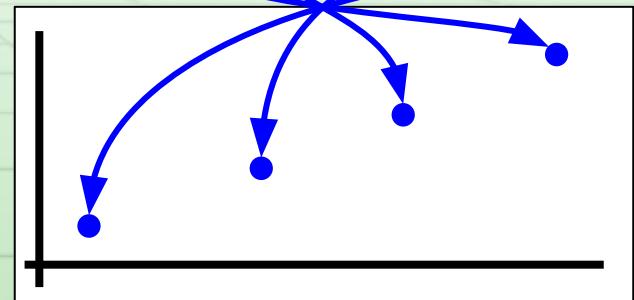
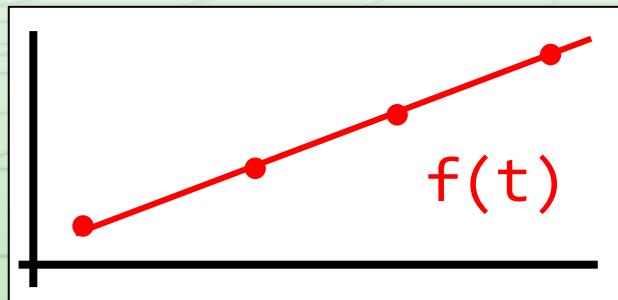
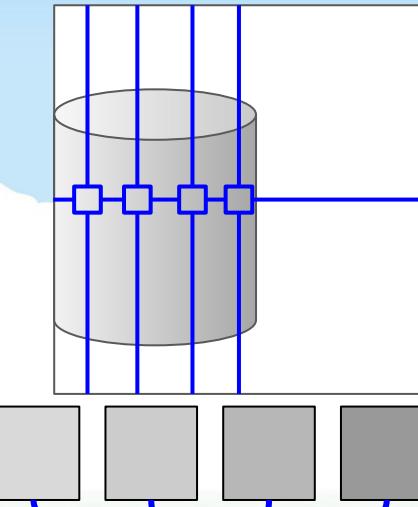
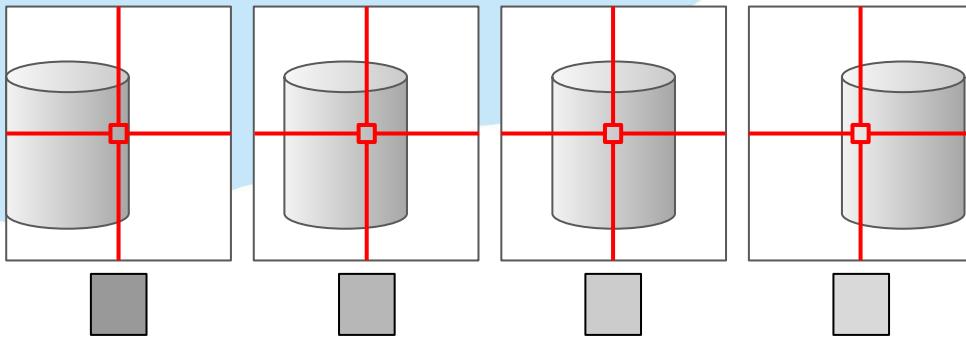
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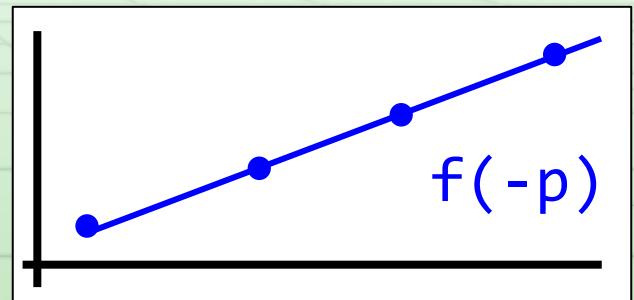
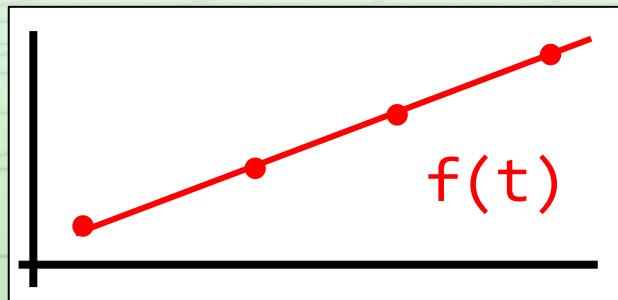
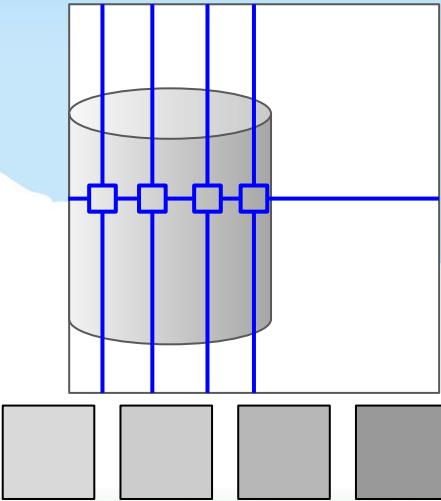
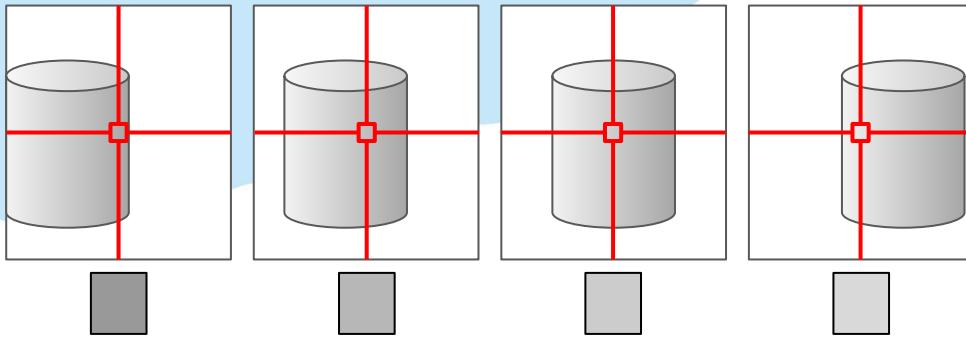
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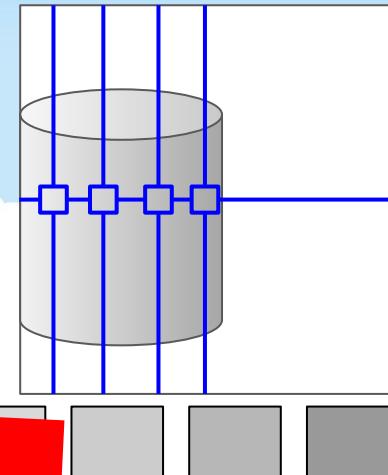
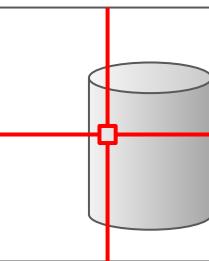
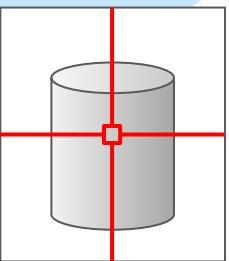
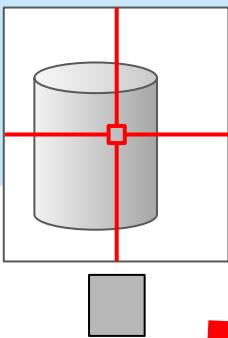
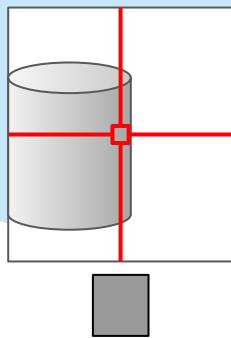
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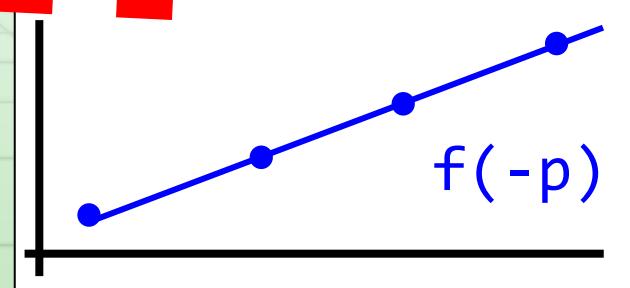
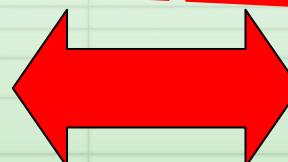
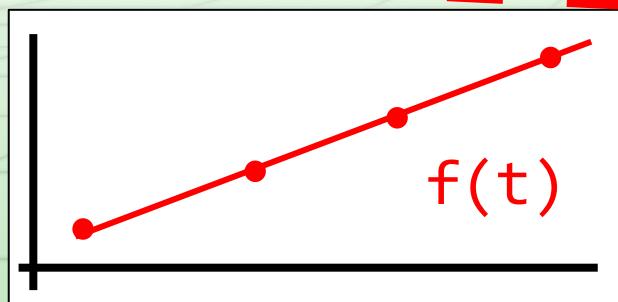
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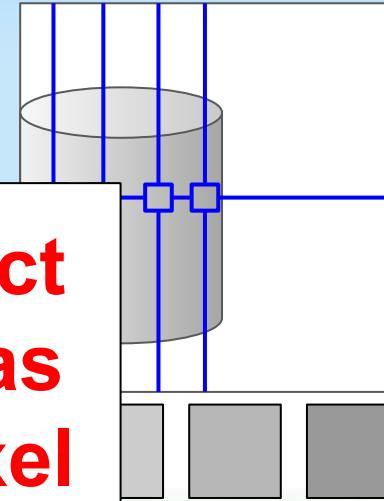
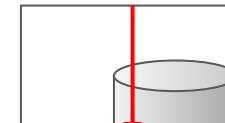
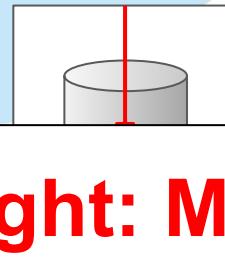
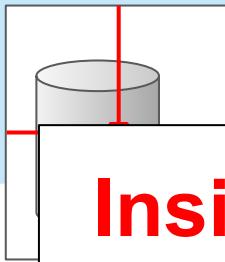
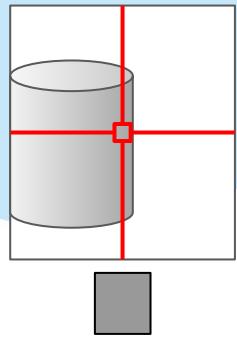
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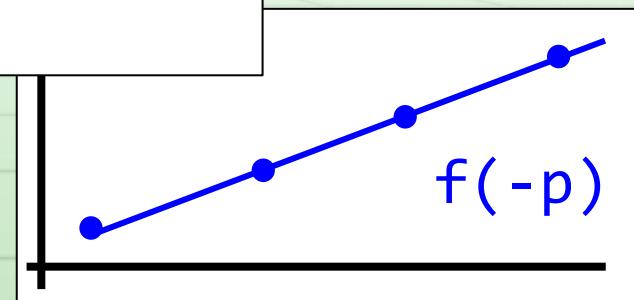
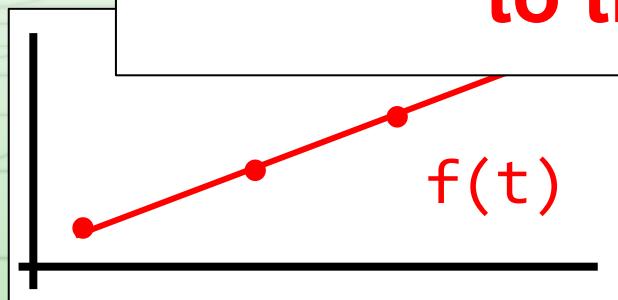
SAME!



An observation...



Insight: Moving the object to the right is the same as moving the observed pixel to the left



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You will be implementing the LK optical flow algorithm for the homework

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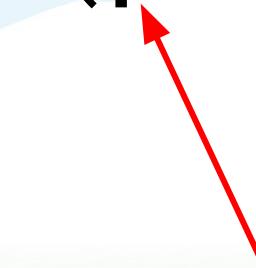
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Observation point

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The movement @ p

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First image



Second image

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Brightness

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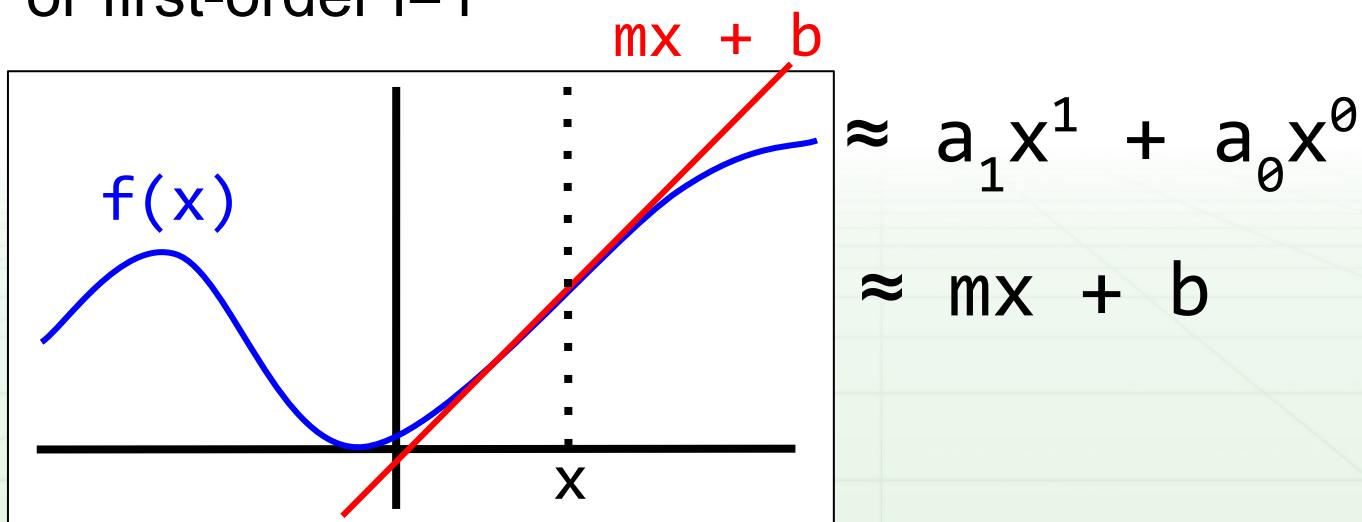
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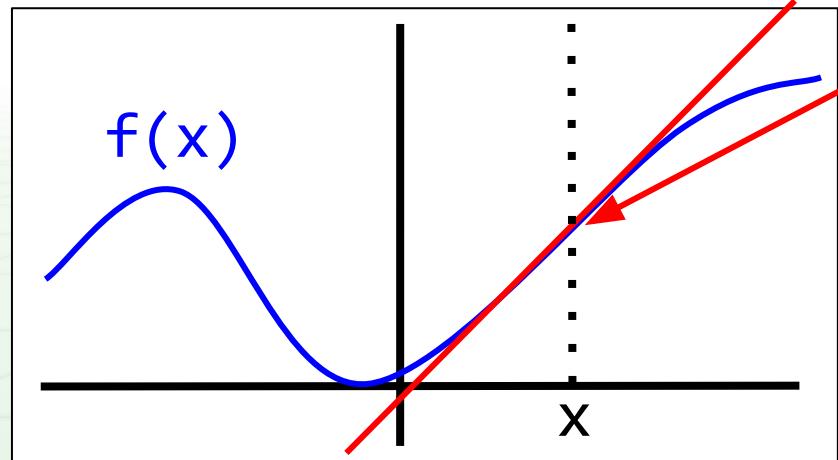


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Out of space

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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Subtract $f(\mathbf{p}, t)$
from both sides



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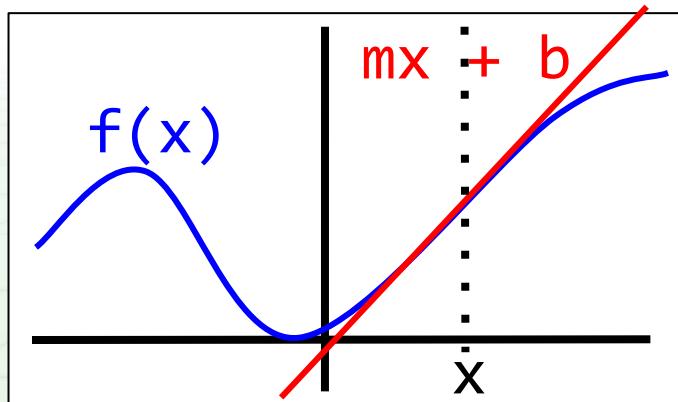
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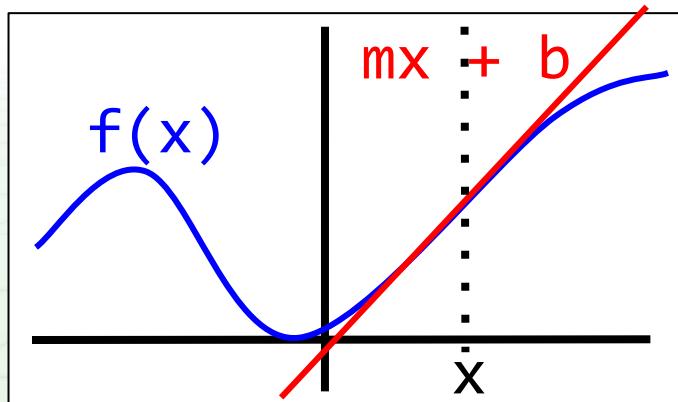
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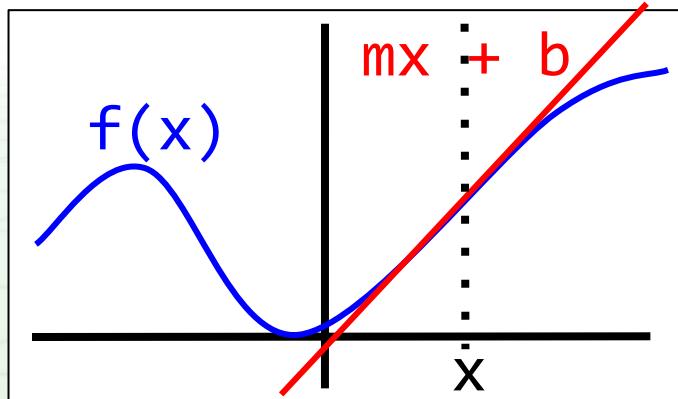
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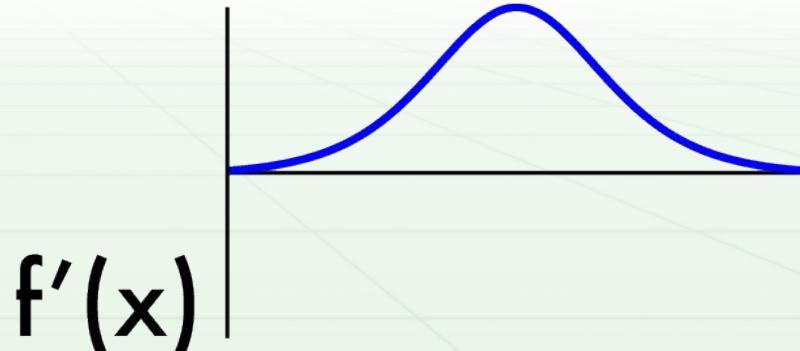
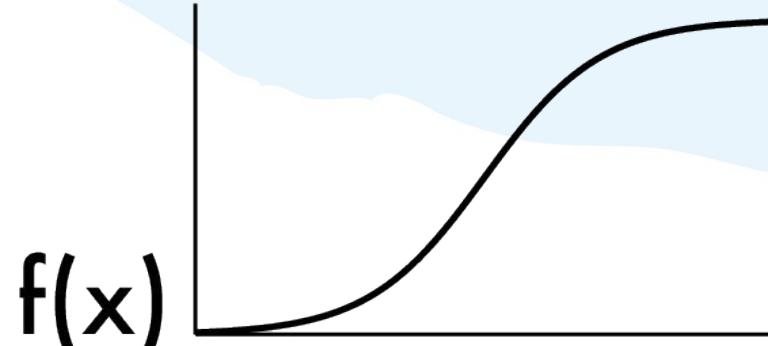
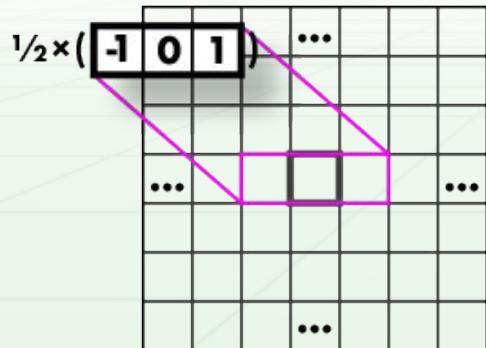


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Slope = derivative, aka gradient,
We know how to do gradients!

Previously: Image derivatives

- Recall:
 - $f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$.
- We don't have an "actual" Function, must estimate
- Possibility: set $h = 2$
- What will that look like?

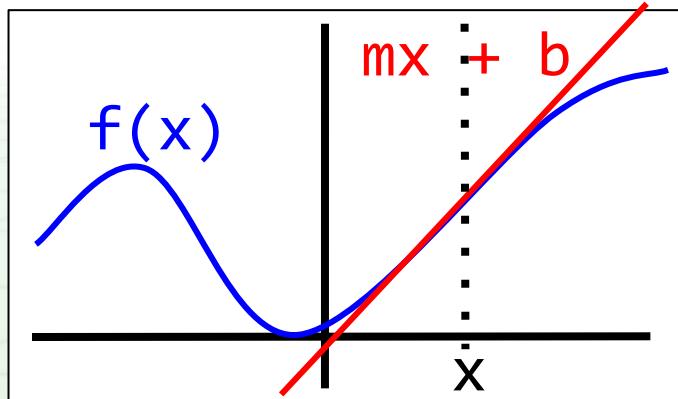


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$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{d}\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} dx & 0 \\ 0 & dy \end{bmatrix}$$

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Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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IMPOSSIBLE!

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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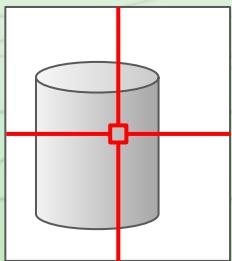
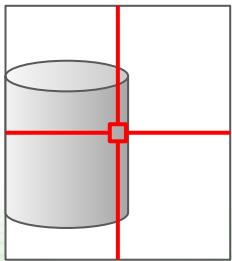
What does this *mean*?

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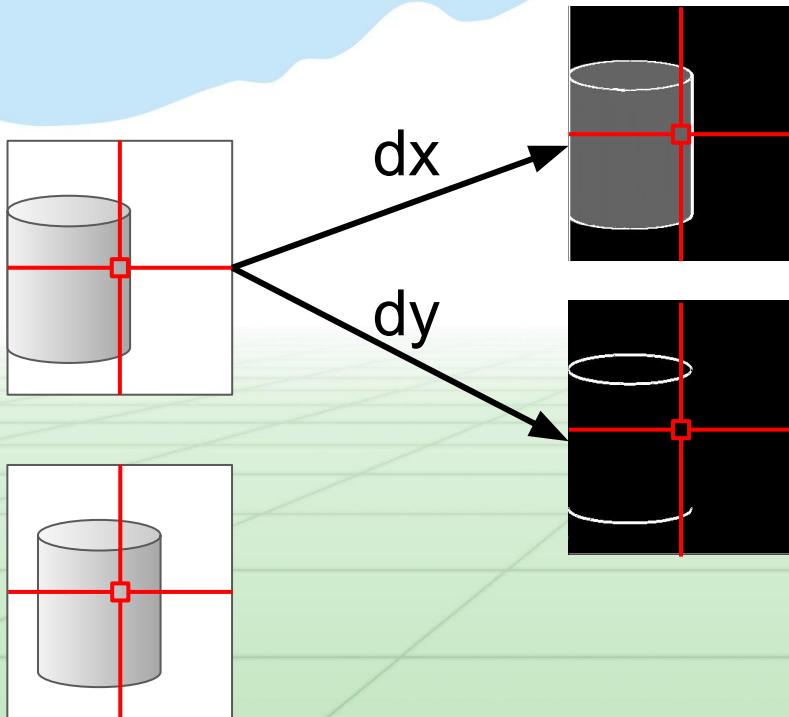
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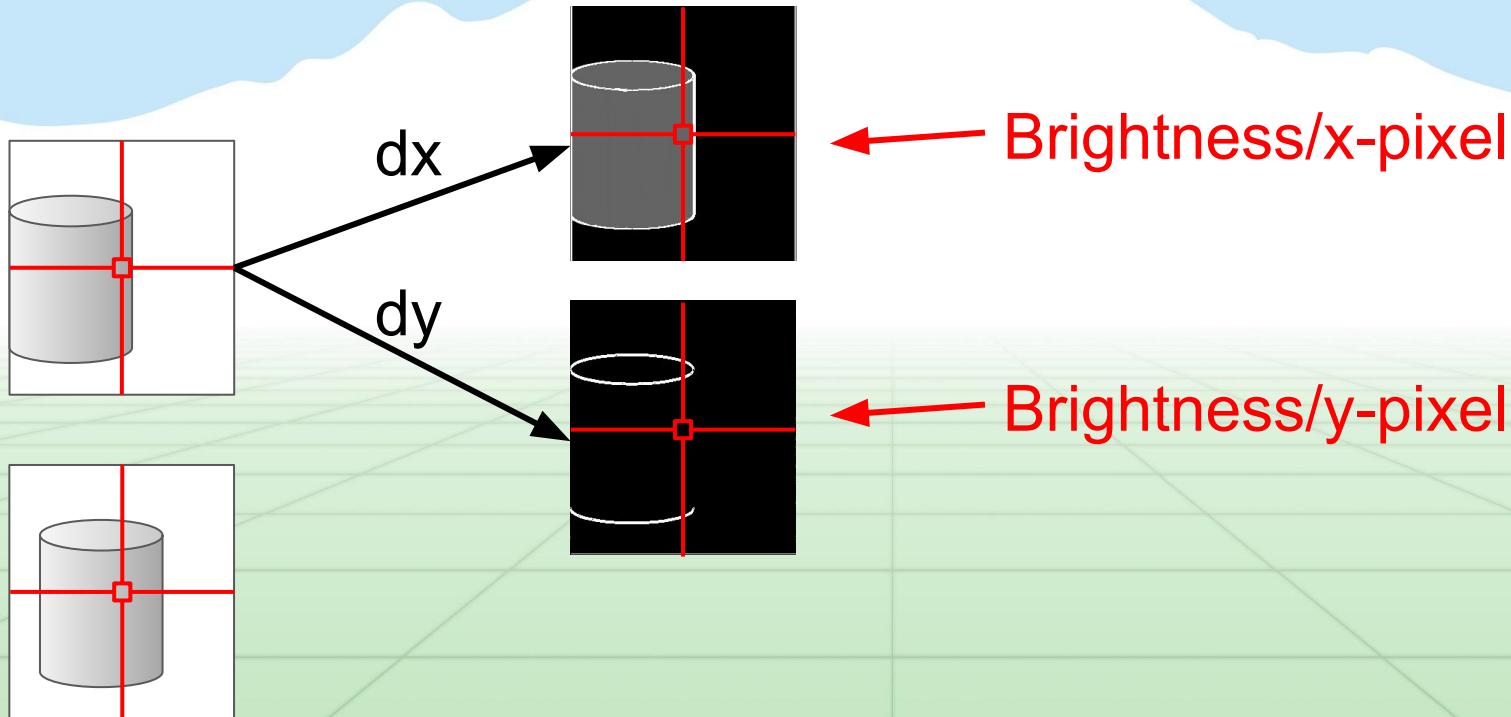
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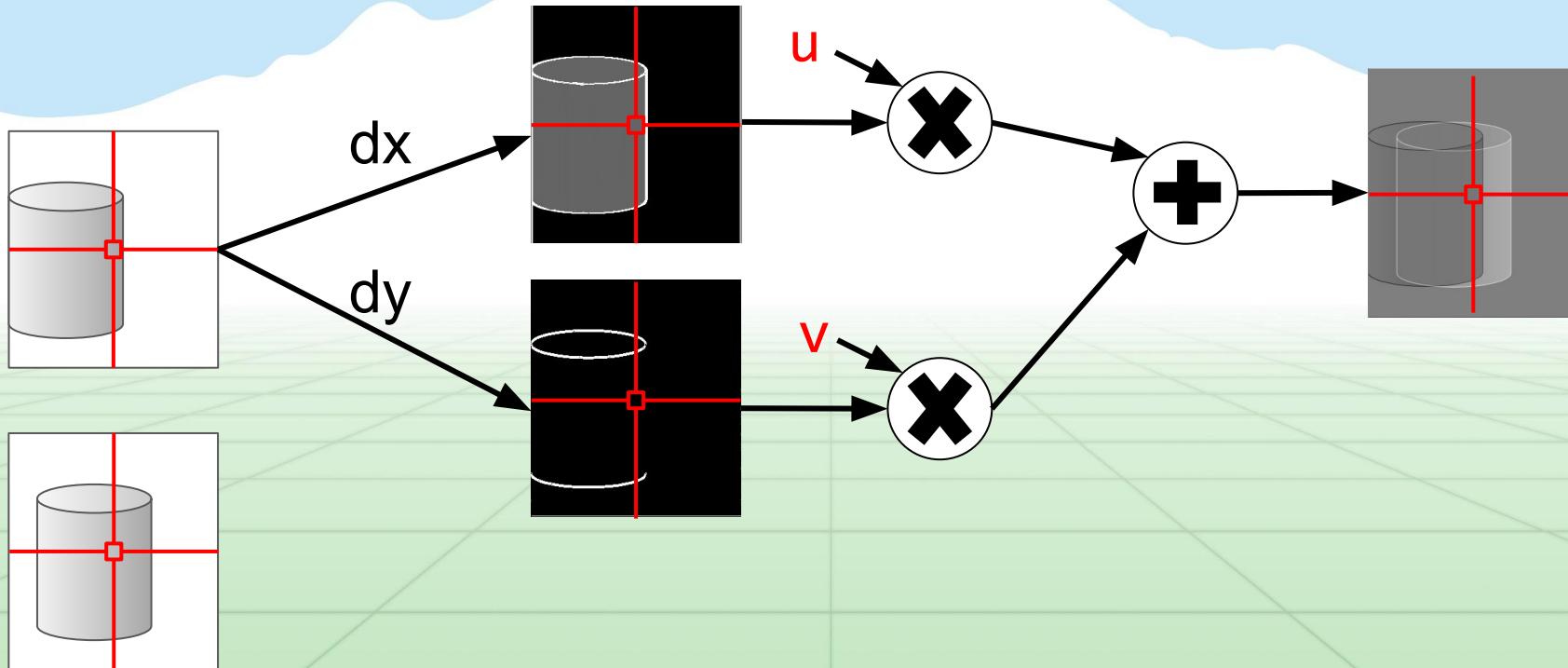
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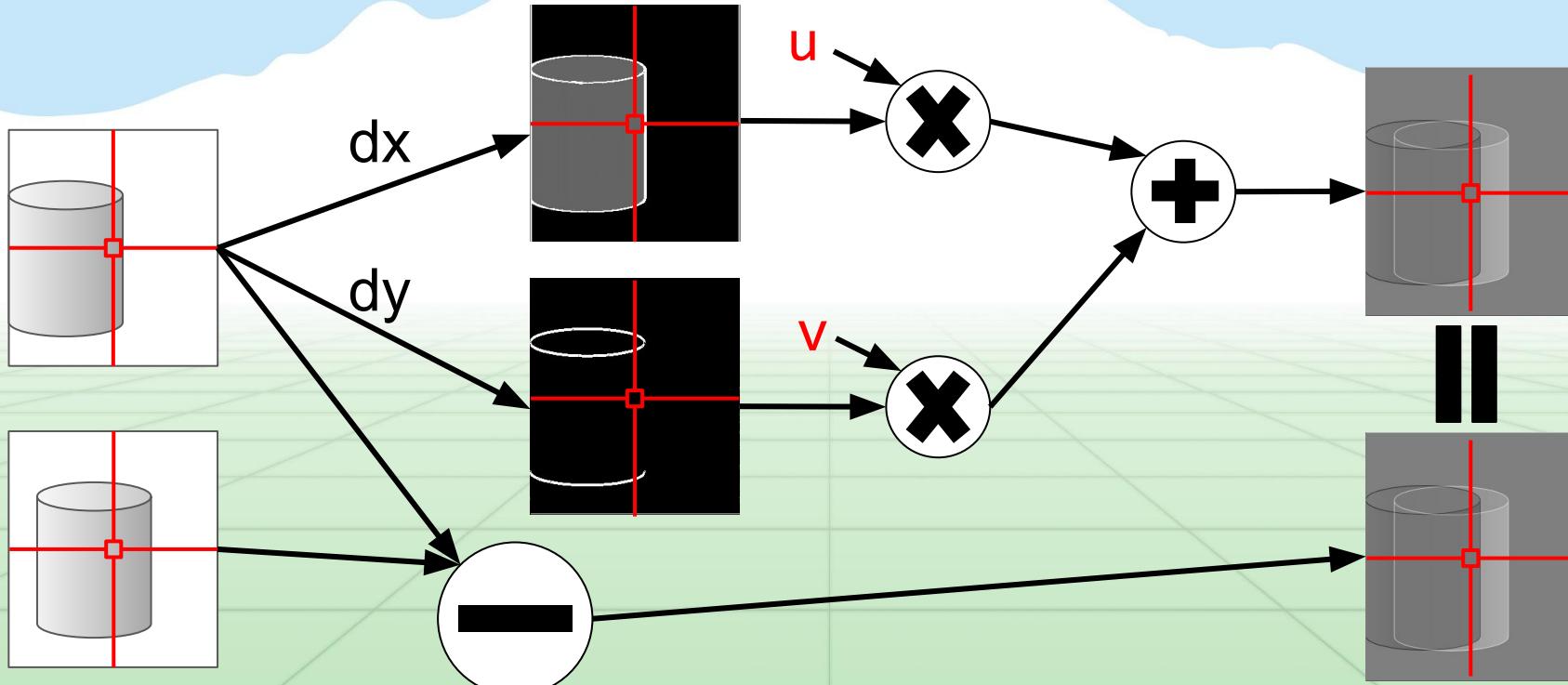
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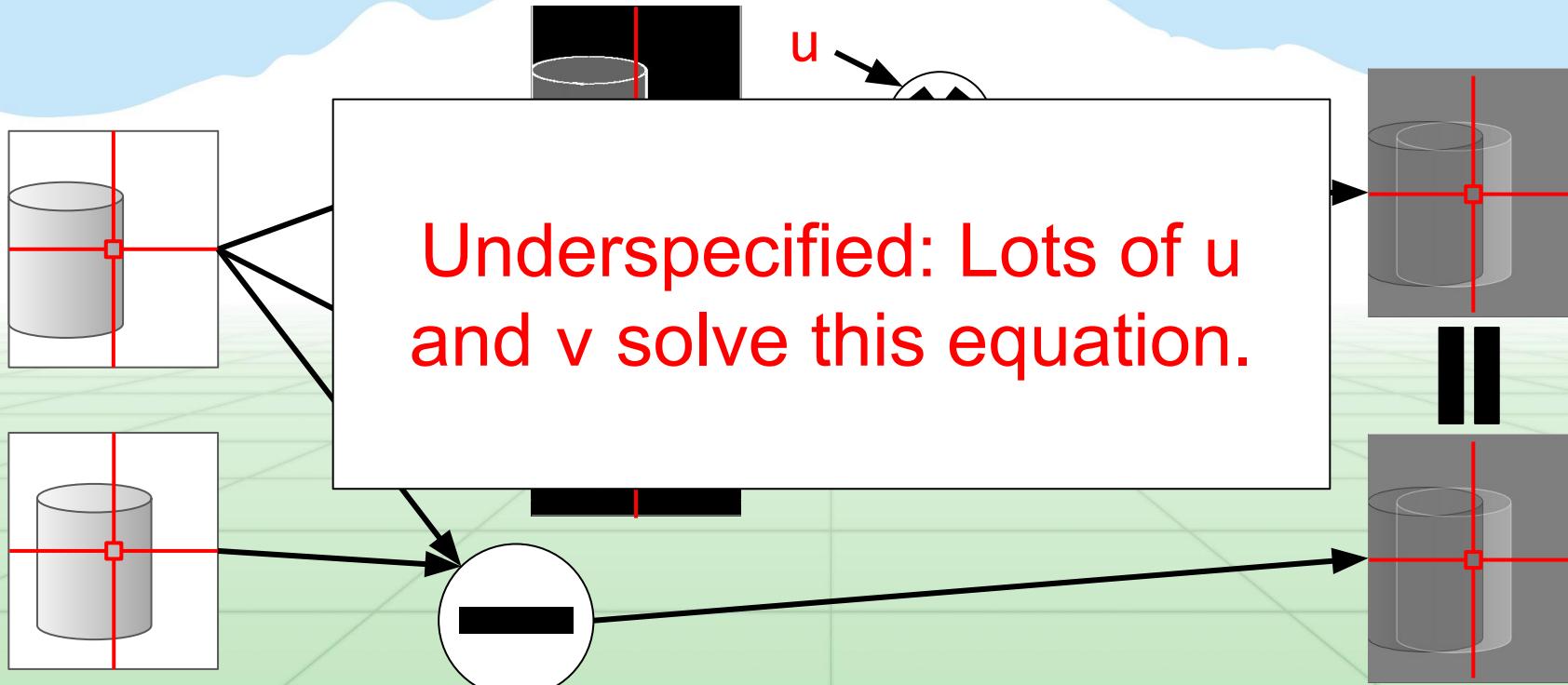
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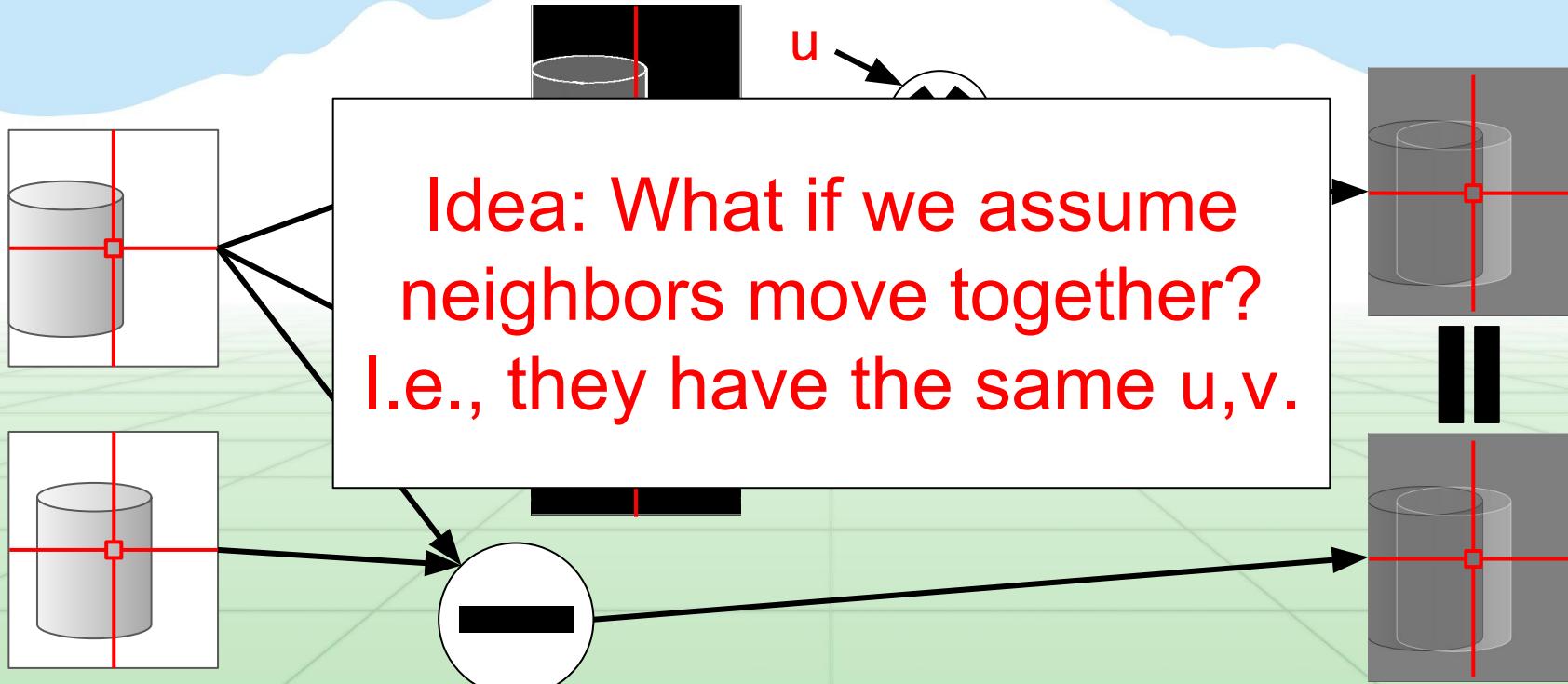
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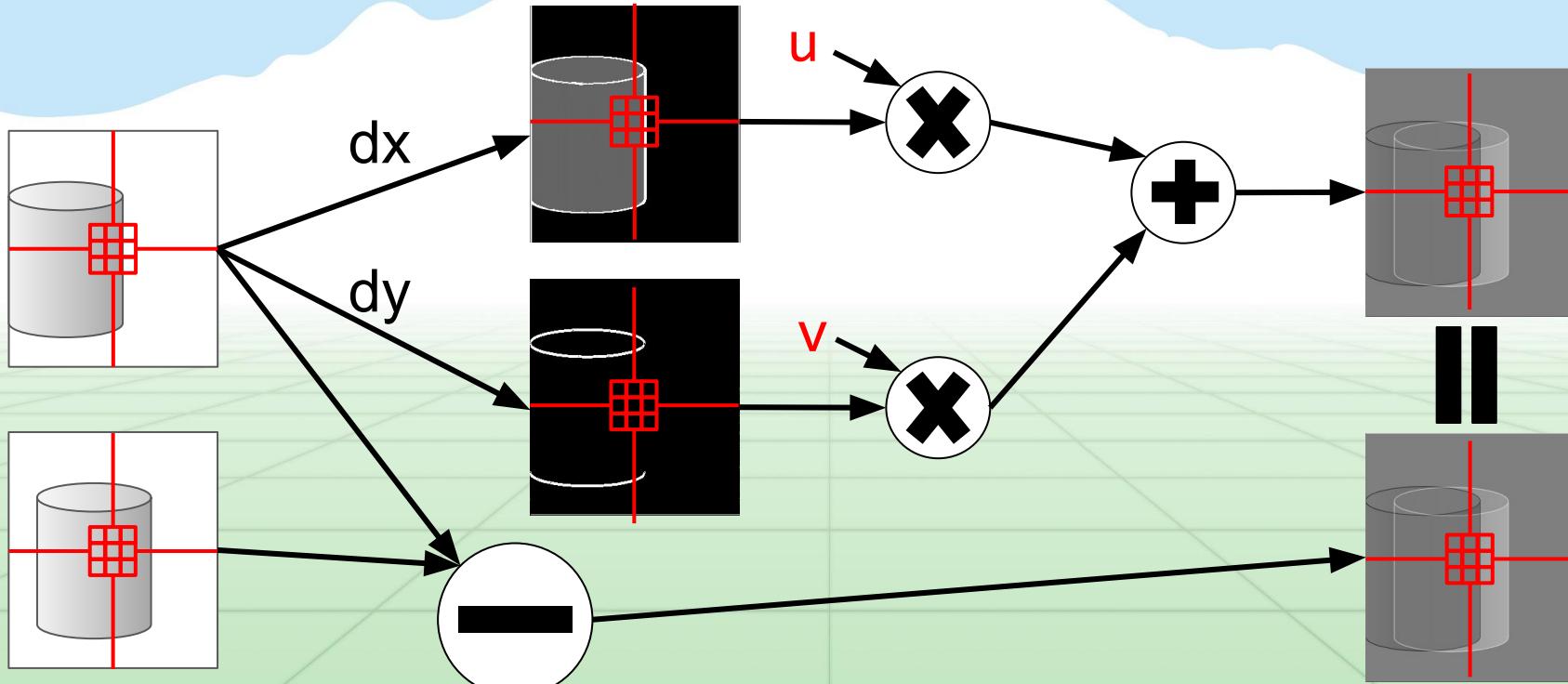
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Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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9 equations, 2 unknowns

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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OVERSPECIFIED!

9 equations, 2 unknowns

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

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Least-squares solution

$$\| S\Delta p - T \| ^2 = 0$$

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E.G., no structure
around (x, y)

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Testing for invertibility: $\Delta p = (S^T S)^{-1} S^T T$

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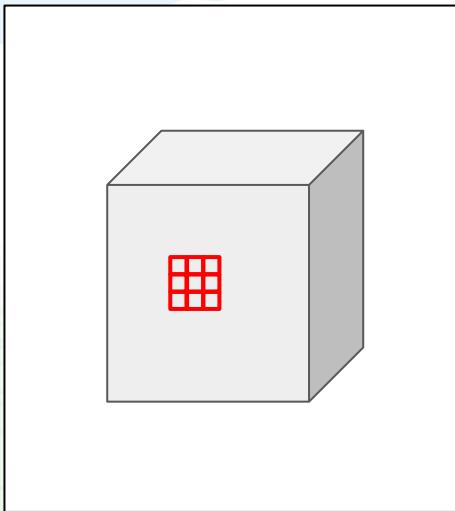
If either λ_1 or λ_2 are ≤ 0 , S is not invertible and there is no solution!

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

How to pick (x,y)? What makes a good feature?

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

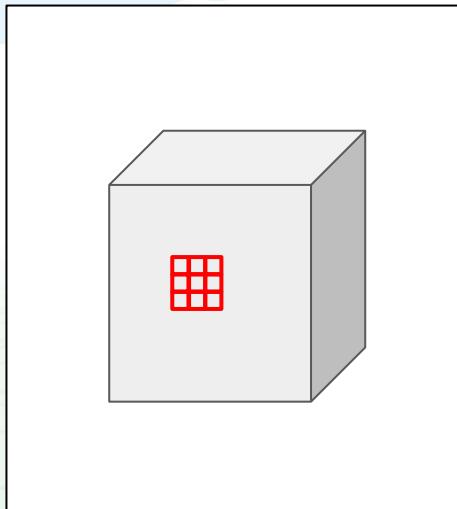
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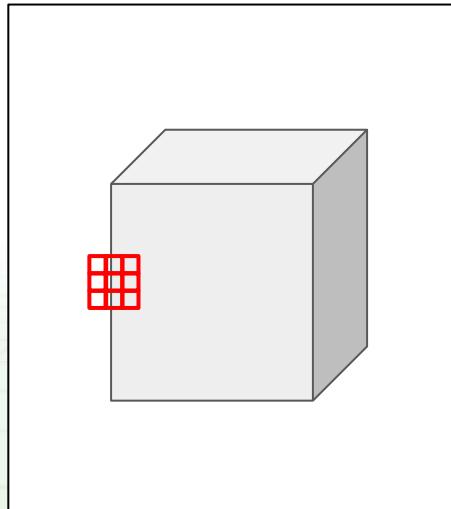
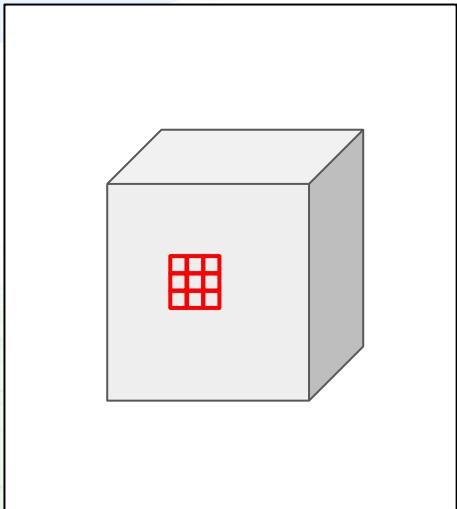


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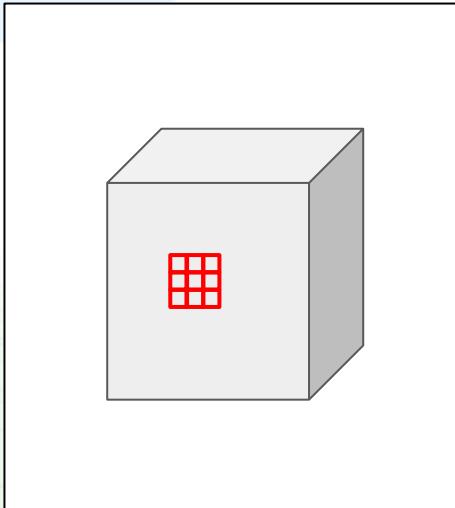


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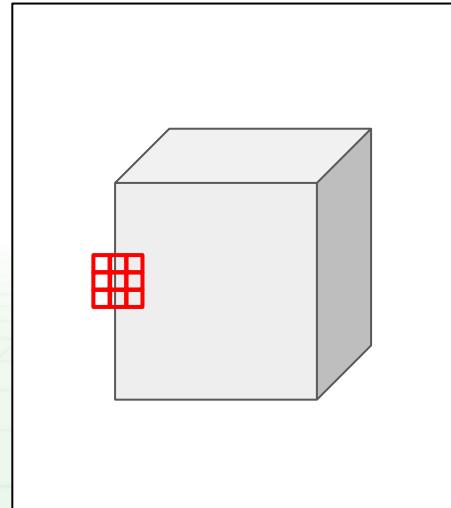
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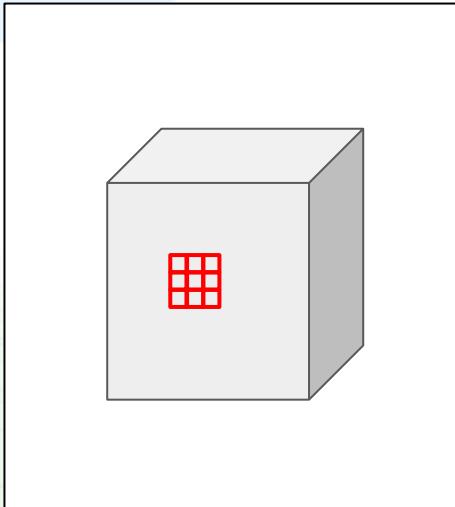


Can't detect
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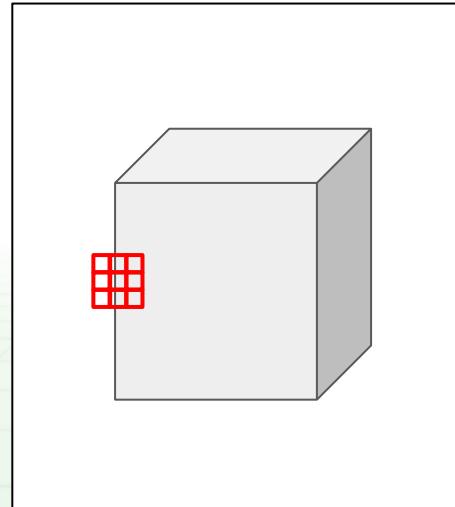
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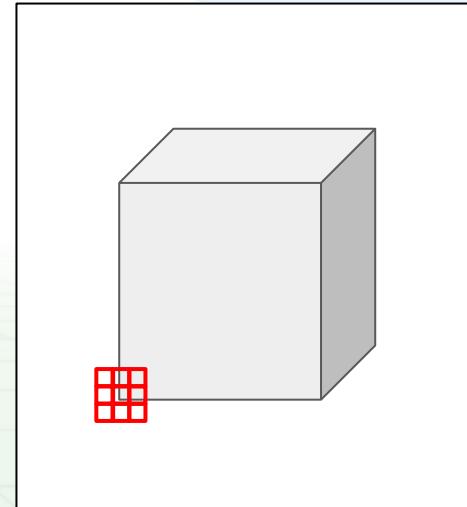


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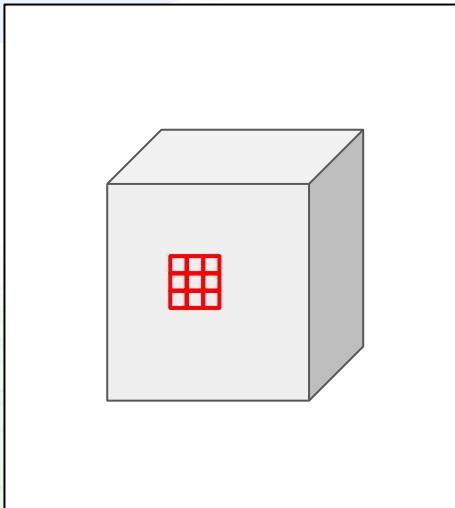
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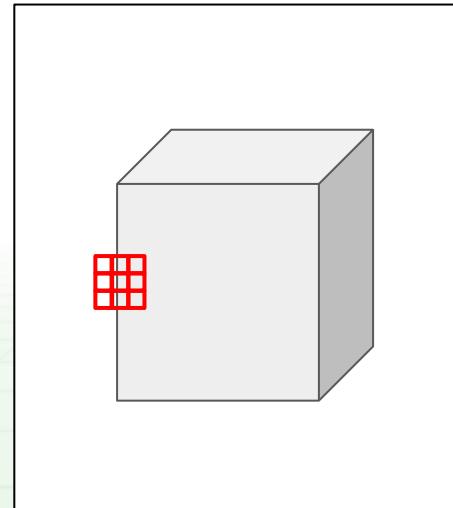
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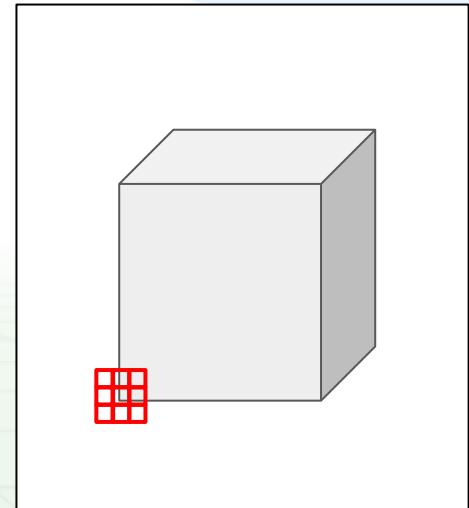
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Best



Vertical and
horizontal motion

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CORNERS!



Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Demo

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

When does LK fail?

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

When does LK fail?

- Lighting changes
- Large movement
- Specularities
- No good features
- Aperture Problem

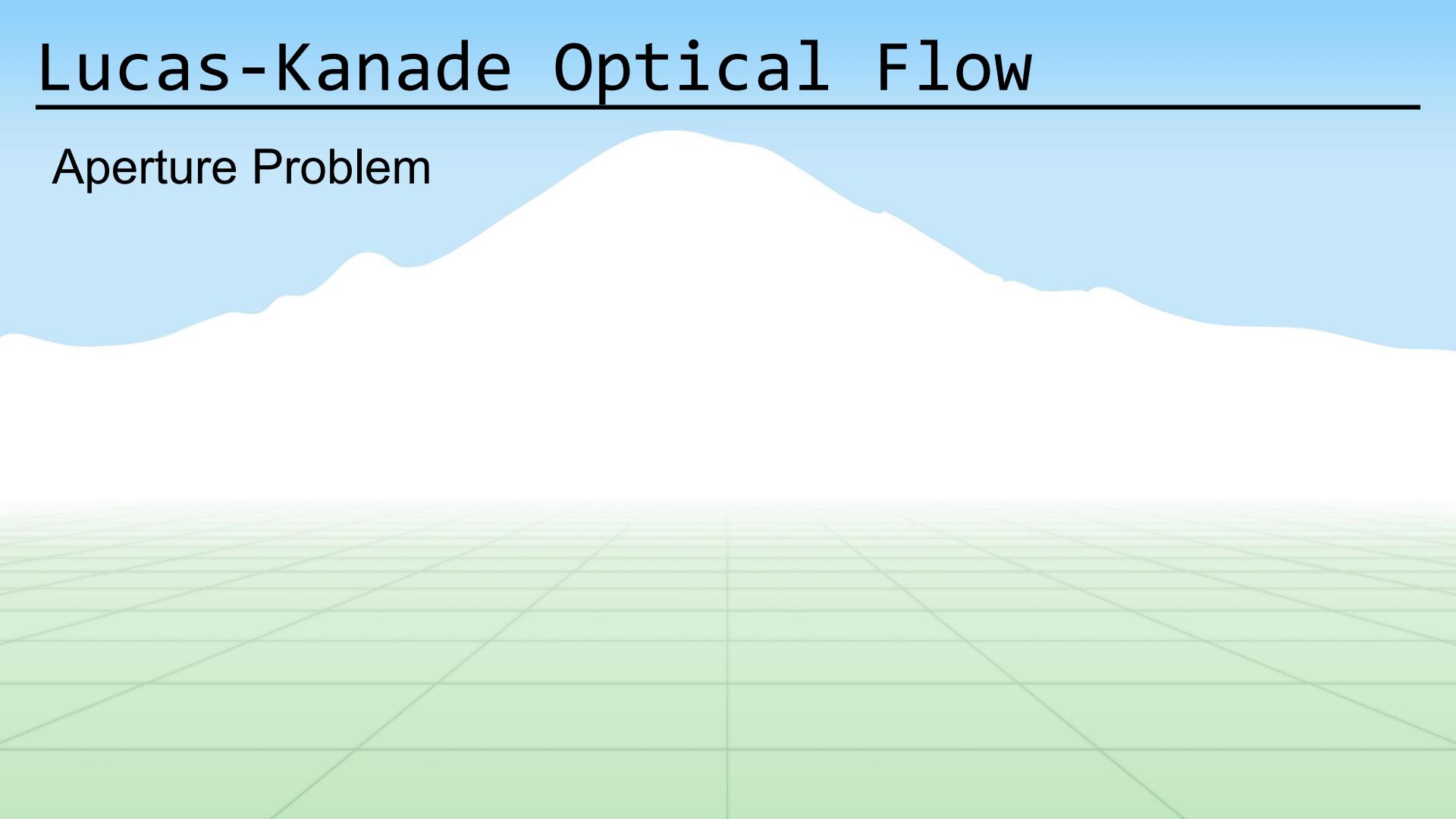
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Aperture Problem

The background features a white silhouette of a mountain peak against a blue sky. At the bottom of the image, there is a light green grid that recedes into the distance, creating a perspective effect.

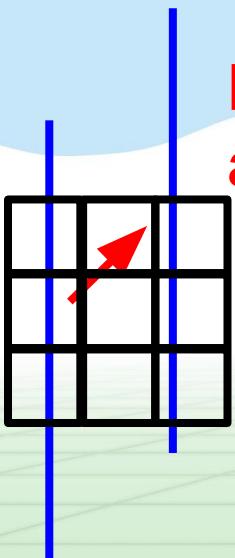
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Aperture Problem

Line moving up
and to the right

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

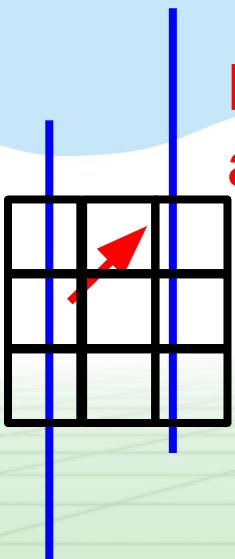
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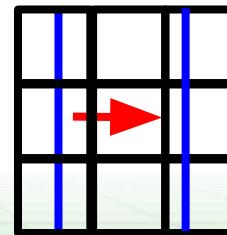
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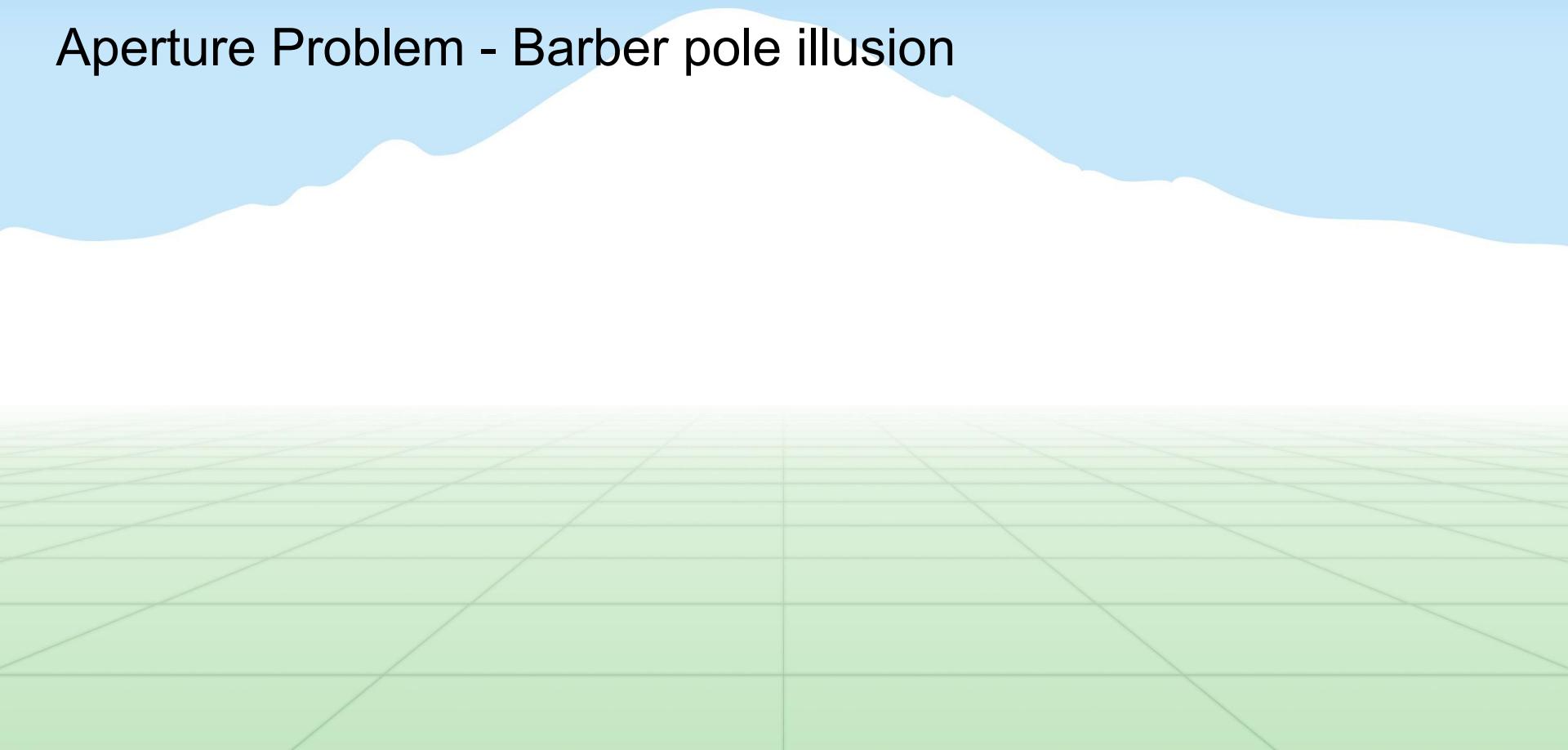
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Line moving only
to the right

Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Aperture Problem - Barber pole illusion



Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Aperture Problem - Barber pole illusion



Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Aperture Problem - Barber pole illusion

Actual movement
to the right



Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

Aperture Problem - Barber pole illusion

Apparent movement
to the up and right



Homework 3

Comes out tomorrow, due a week from today.

Implement Lucas-Kanade.

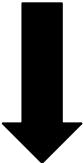
Come up with some *minor* way to improve it and test it.

Improving on LK: Iterative LK

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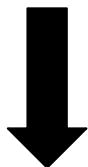


Propagate dx_1 , dy_1
forward and re-estimate

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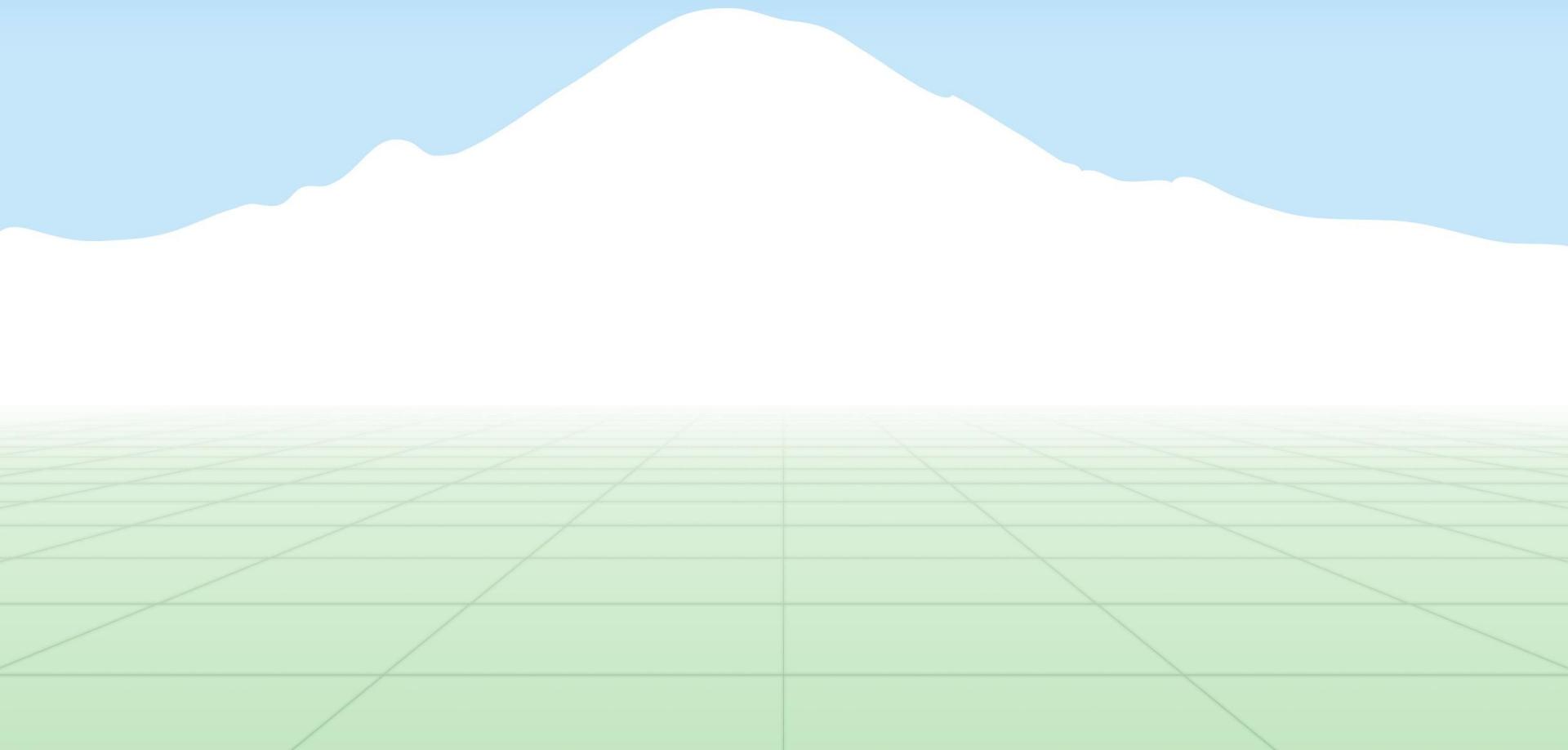


Propagate dx_2 , dy_2
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...

$$dx_n * u + dy_n * v = I_t[x, y] - I_{t+\Delta t}[x + dx_{n-1}, y + dy_{n-1}]$$

Improving on LK: Image Pyramids



Improving on LK: Image Pyramids

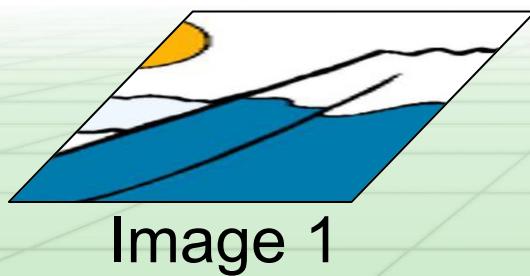


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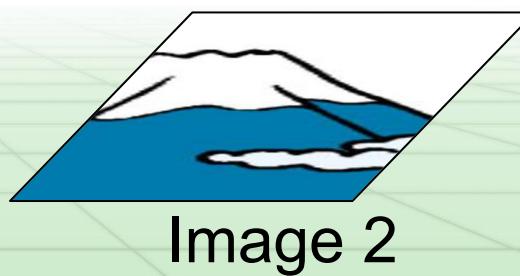


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Improving on LK: Image Pyramids

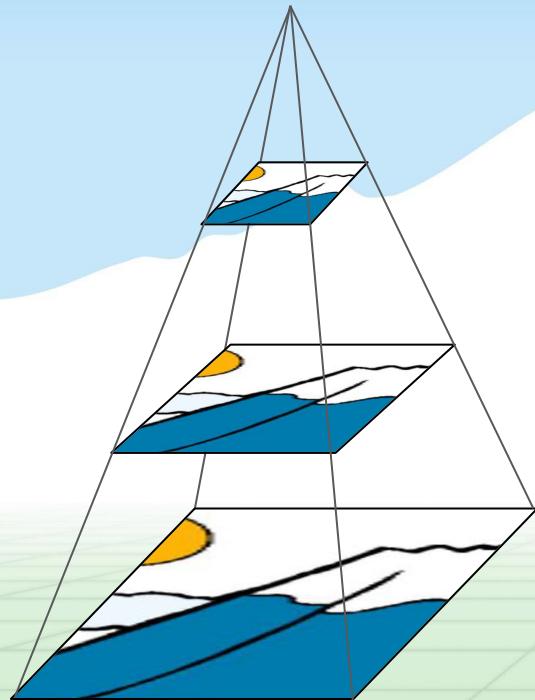


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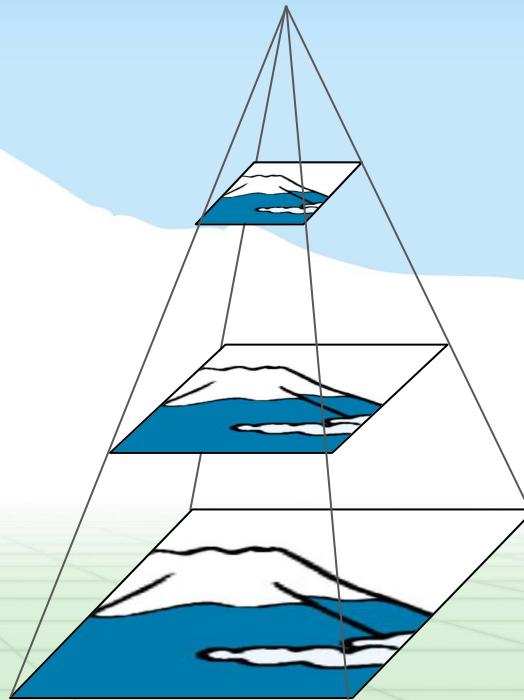
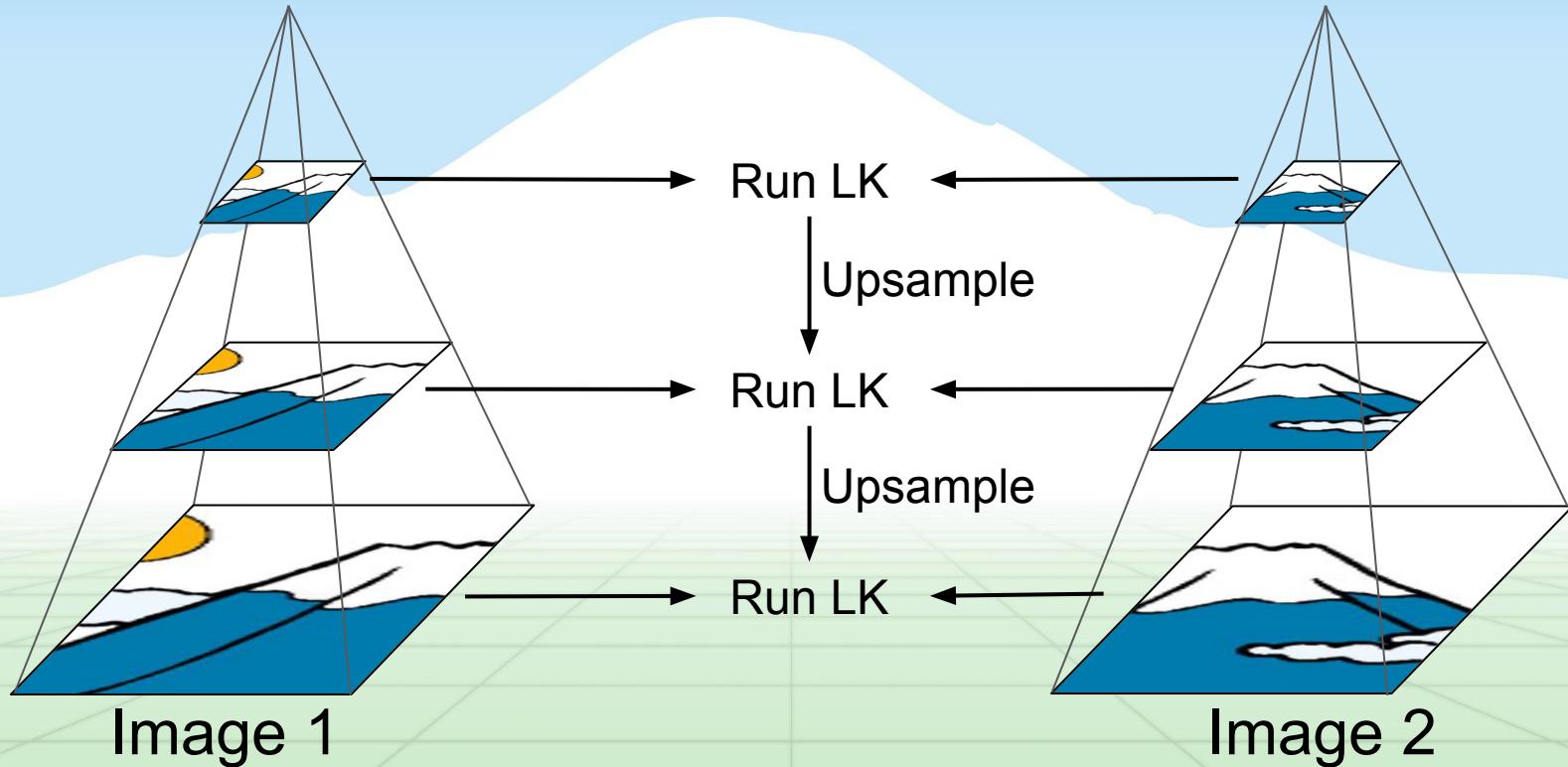
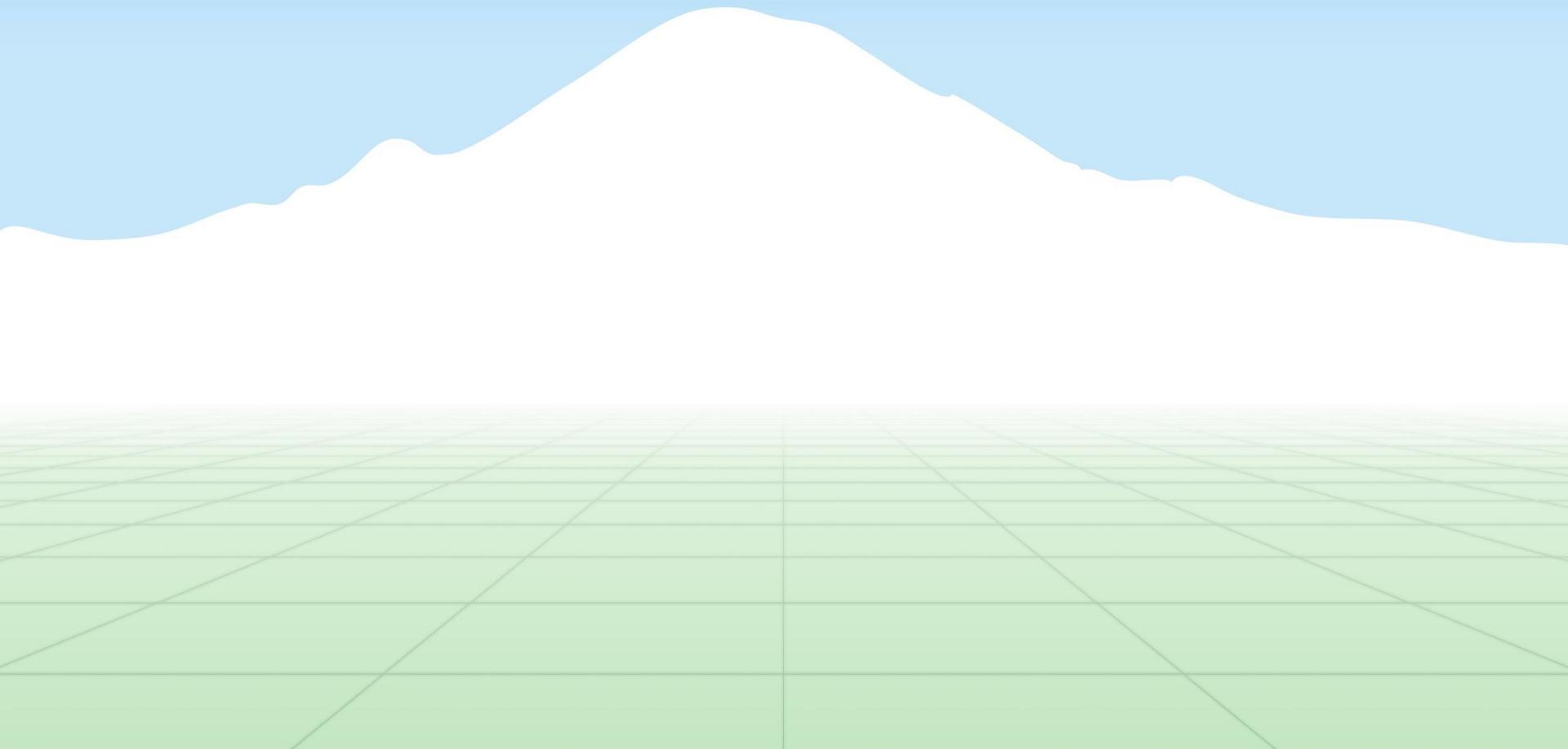


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Optical Flow



Optical Flow

Sparse vs Dense

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Compute flow for all
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Lucas-Kanade is technically a dense
algorithm, but in practice only works on
good feature points, i.e., it's sparse.

Optical Flow

Is there a way to do
dense optical flow?

Farnebäck Optical Flow

Farnebäck, Gunnar. "Two-frame motion estimation based on polynomial expansion." *Scandinavian conference on Image analysis*. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2003.

Farnebäck Optical Flow

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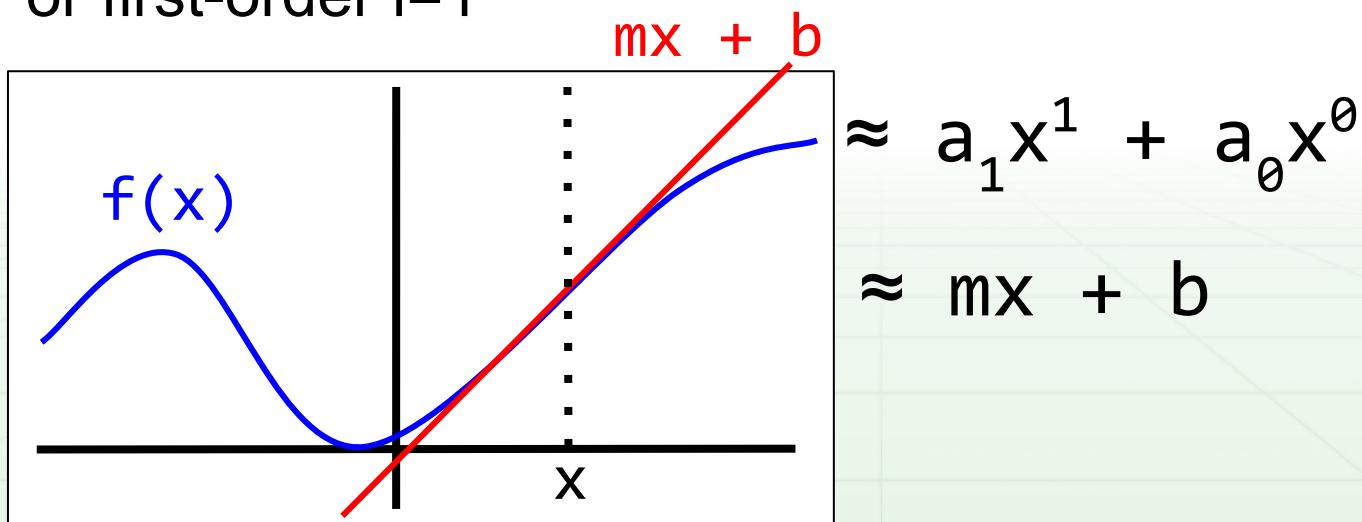
Instead, let's approximate with a second-order Taylor Expansion

Quick & Dirty: Taylor Expansion

Approximate complex function with n^{th} -order polynomial

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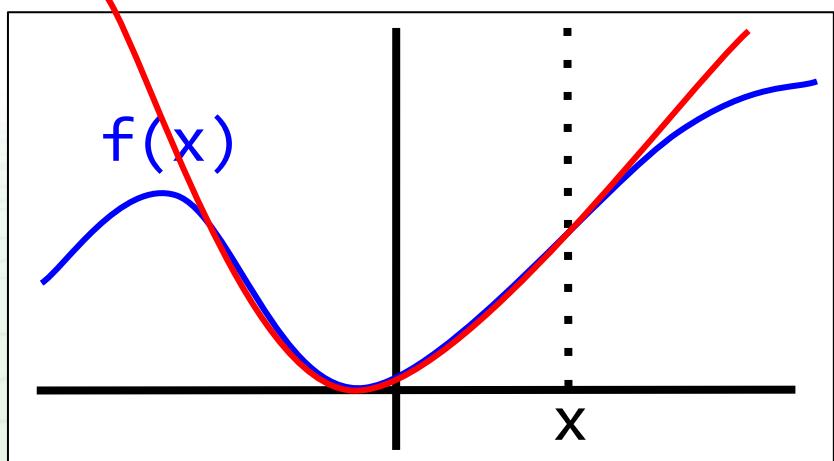
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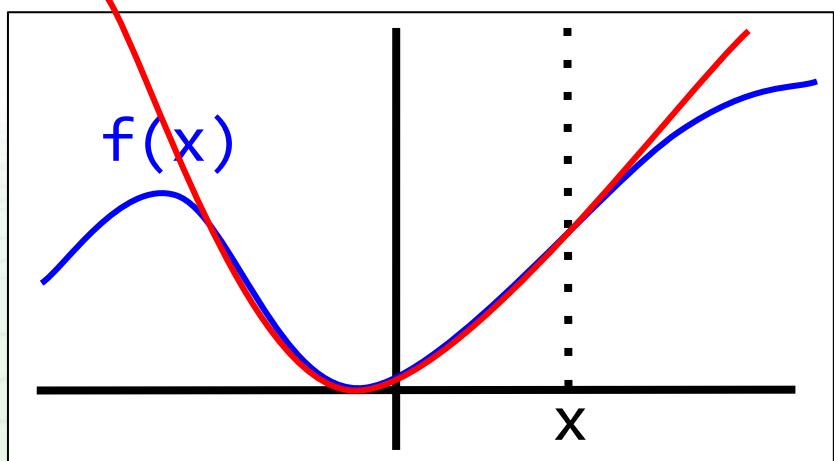
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Vector notation

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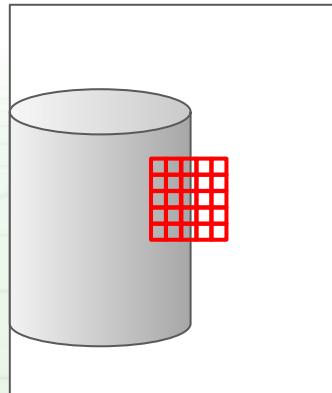
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Same problem as before:
What if it's not invertible?

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Demo