
CS688: Web-Scale Image Search
Keypoint Localization

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Homework for Every Class

- **Go over the next lecture slides**
- **Come up with one question on what we have discussed today**
 - **1 for typical questions (that were answered in the class)**
 - **2 for questions with thoughts or that surprised me**
- **Write questions at least 4 times before the mid-term**
 - **Multiple questions in one time will be counted as one time**
- **Common questions are addressed at my draft**
 - **Some of questions will be discussed in the class**
- **If you want to know the answer of your question, ask me or TA on person**

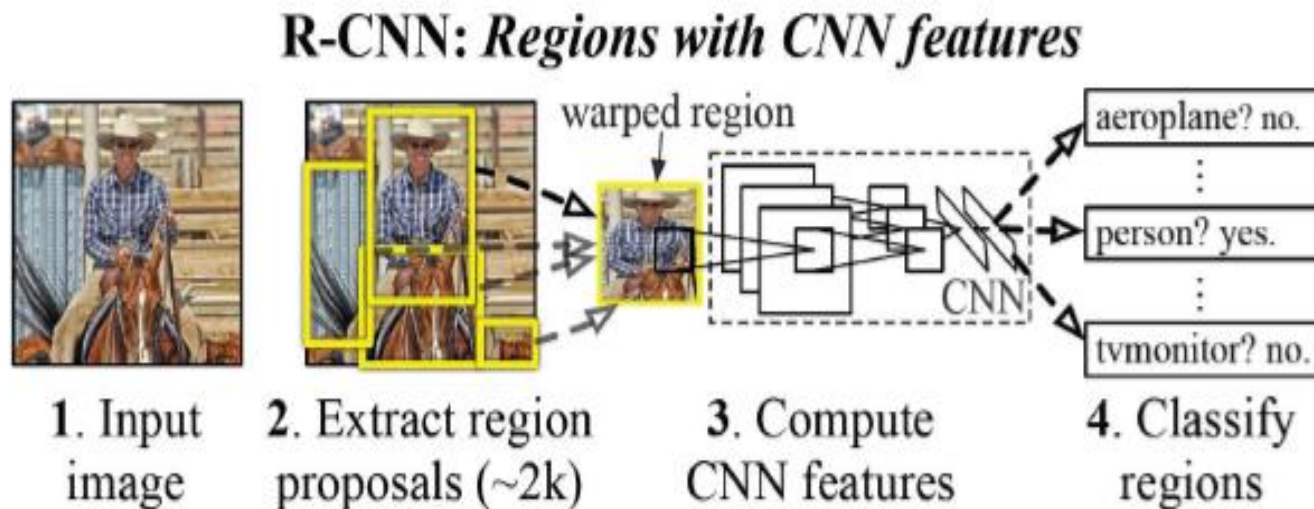
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 - **High quality papers: Papers published at the top-tier conf. or close it can be presented; e.g., CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, ACM ICMR, ACM MM, ACM SIGGRAPH**
 - **Recent publication: papers published since 2013**
 - **Find and browse two papers, and submit your summary before every beginning of the Thur. class; **submit two summaries****
 - **Online submission is possible**
- **Think about possible team members**
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Computer Vision Field: CVPR, ICCV, ECCV

- **Handle various computer vision problems**
- **Get various machine learning techniques from ICML**

Example: R-CNN [CVPR 14, oral]



- Three Modules

- ① Category-independent region proposals
- ② CNN that extracts a fixed-length feature vector from each region (Blackbox feature extractor)
- ③ Class-specific linear SVMs

Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation, Slide is from Mr. Lee

Example: Localization Networks

- **DenseCap, CVPR 16 (oral)**

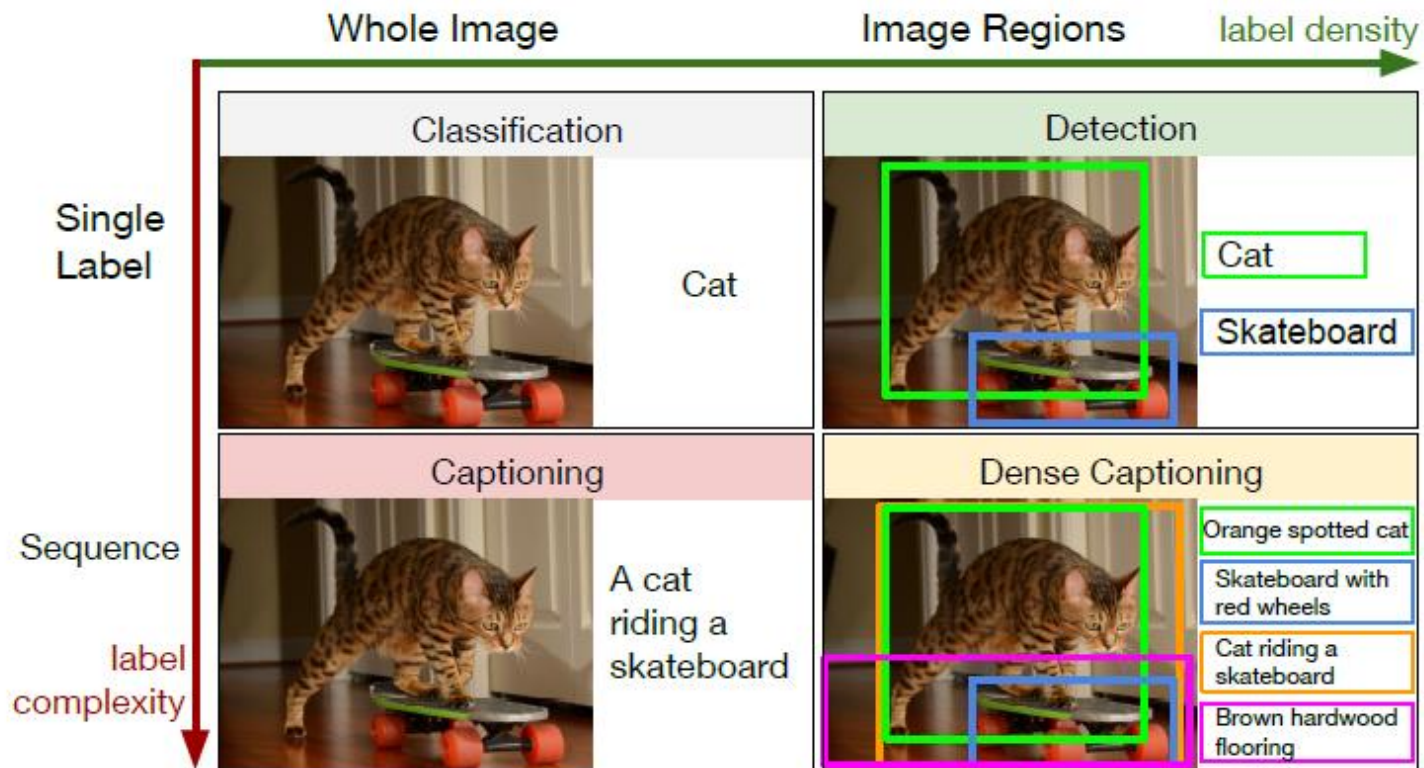
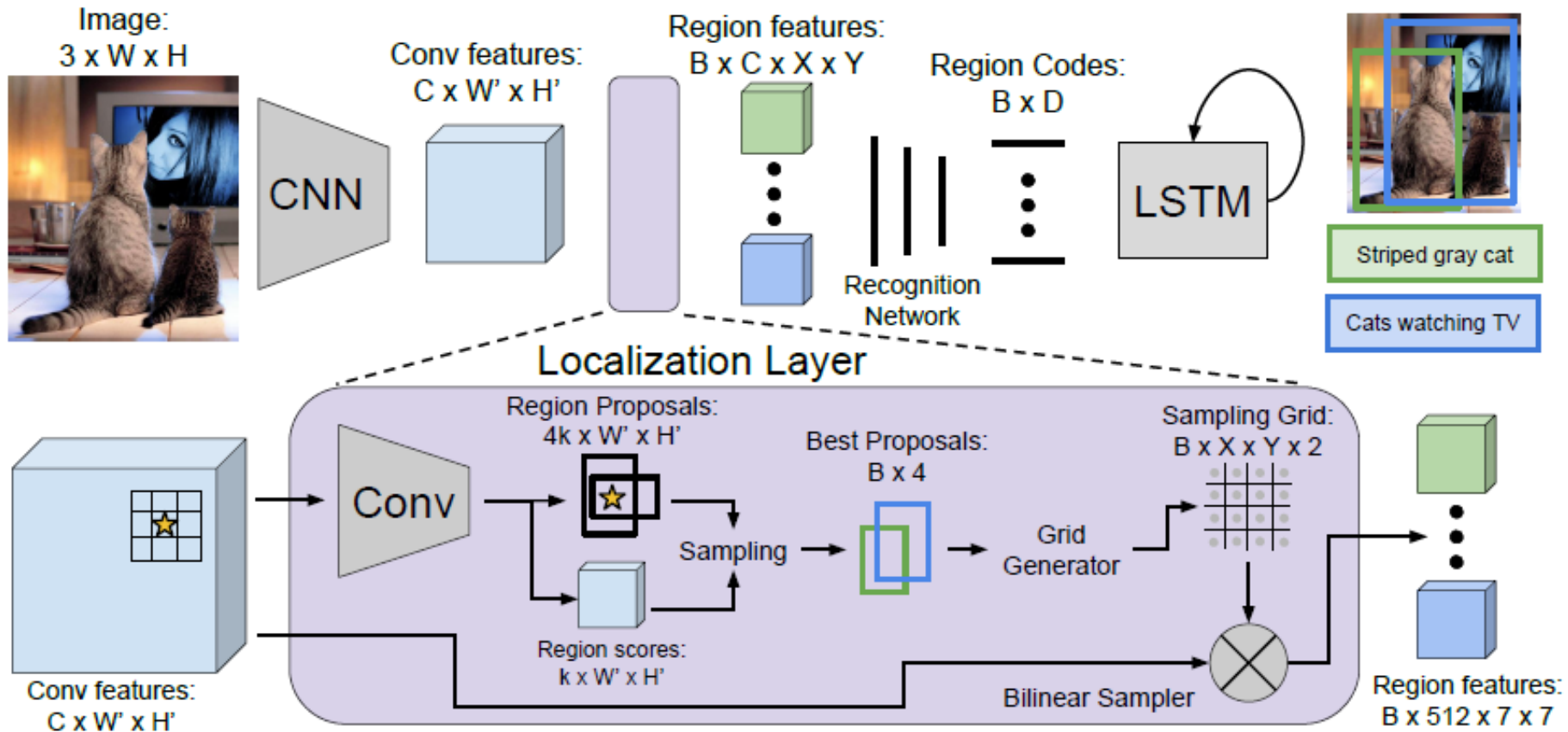


Figure 1. We address the Dense Captioning task (bottom right)



- Use bi-linear interpolation that is differentiable and can be used for back-propagation

SIGGRPH

- **Focus more on useful applications**
 - **Wow factor is important**

Example: Transfiguring Portraits [SIG. 16]



input



"curly hair"



"india"

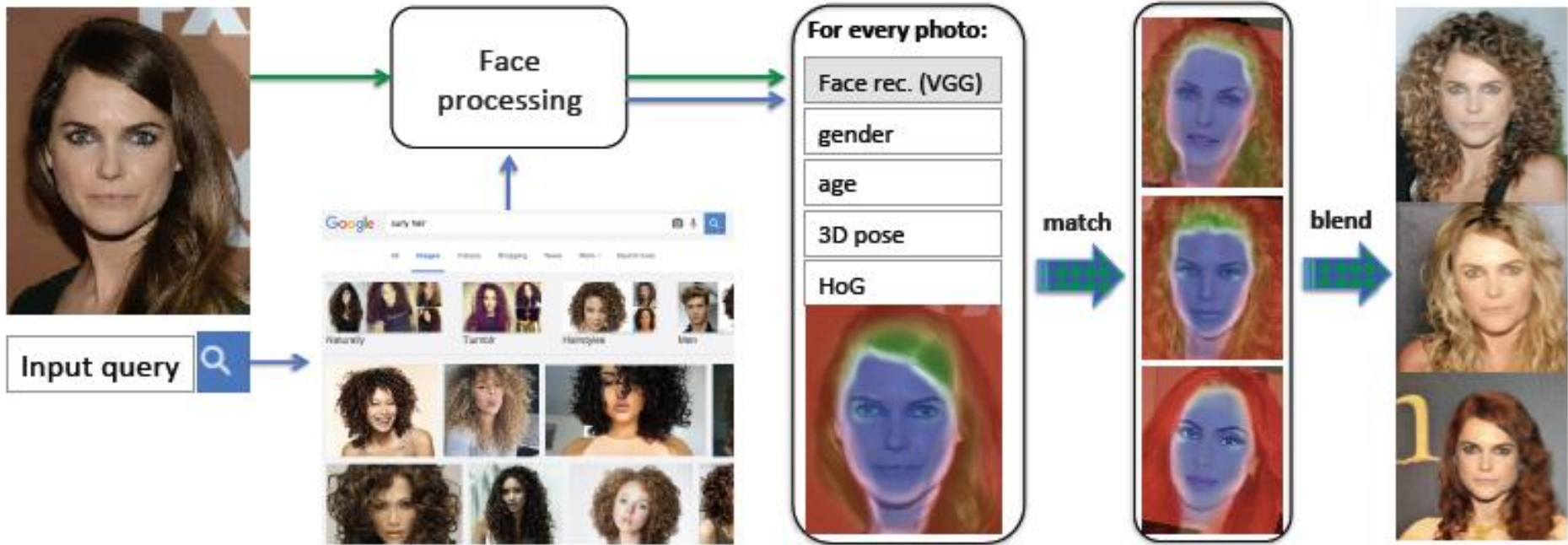


"1930"

Overall System

Various feature extractions
(vision tech.)

Image process tech.



Input image &
text

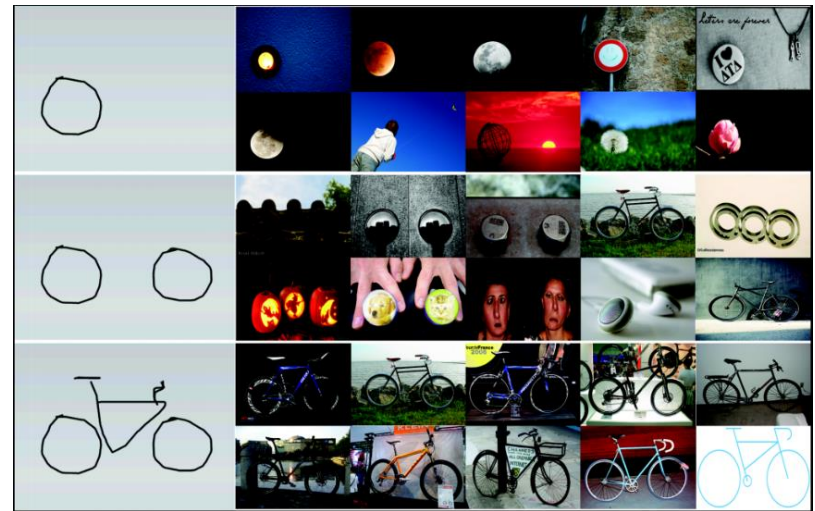
Search tech.

ACM Multimedia and ACM ICMR

- **ICMR (Multimedia retrieval)**
 - A recently created conf. since 2011
 - Many papers on image/video search and analysis
- **IEEE multimedia**
 - The top-tier conf. in multimedia
 - Many different topics related to image/video

Example: MindFinder, Finding Images by Sketching

- **Sketch-based Image Retrieval via Shape Words. ICMR 2015**
- **Representation for Sketch-Based 3D Model Retrieval. IEEE Signal Processing Letters, 2014**
- **Indexing Billions of Images for Sketch-based Retrieval. ACM Multimedia 2013**
- **Efficient Image Contour Detection using Edge Prior. ICME 2013**
- **The Scale of Edges, in CVPR 2012**



Class Objective

- **Understand locally invariant features**
 - **Key point localization**
 - **Harris detector**

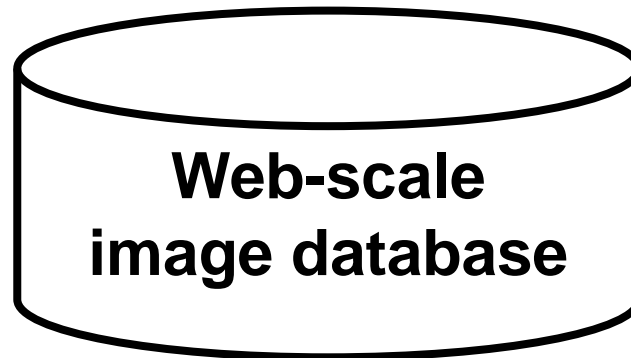
Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR)

- **Identify similar images given a user-specified image or other types of inputs**

Extract image descriptors (e.g., SIFT)



Input



Output

Key Components of Image Search

- **Image representations**
- **Indexing algorithms**
- **Matching methods**
- **Classification, Localization, etc.**
 - **Apply image search (or nearest neighbor search)**
 - **Data-driven approach**

Image Representations

- **SIFT, GIST, CNN, etc.**
 - **Invariant to different transformations**

Image Retrieval

- **At pre-processing, build a database for efficient retrieval at runtime**

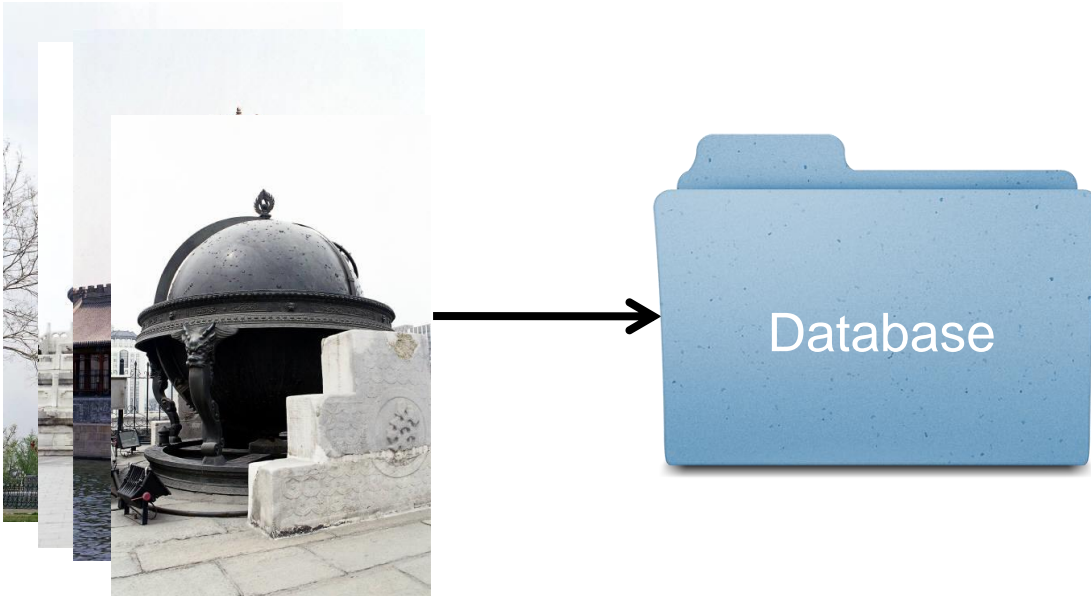
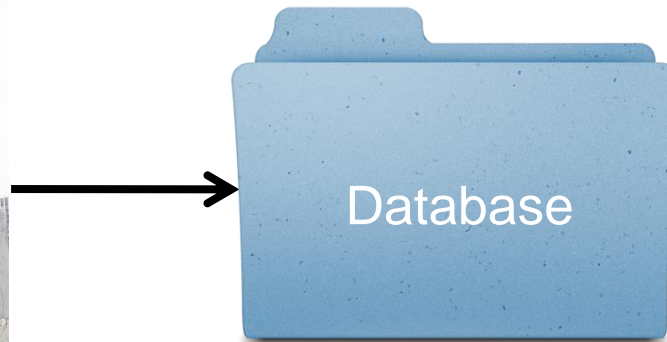
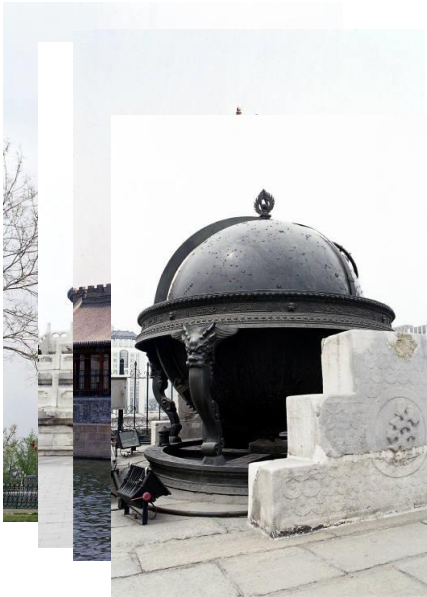


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Index schemes:
vocabulary trees,
hashing, and
inverted files

Image Retrieval: Runtime Procedure

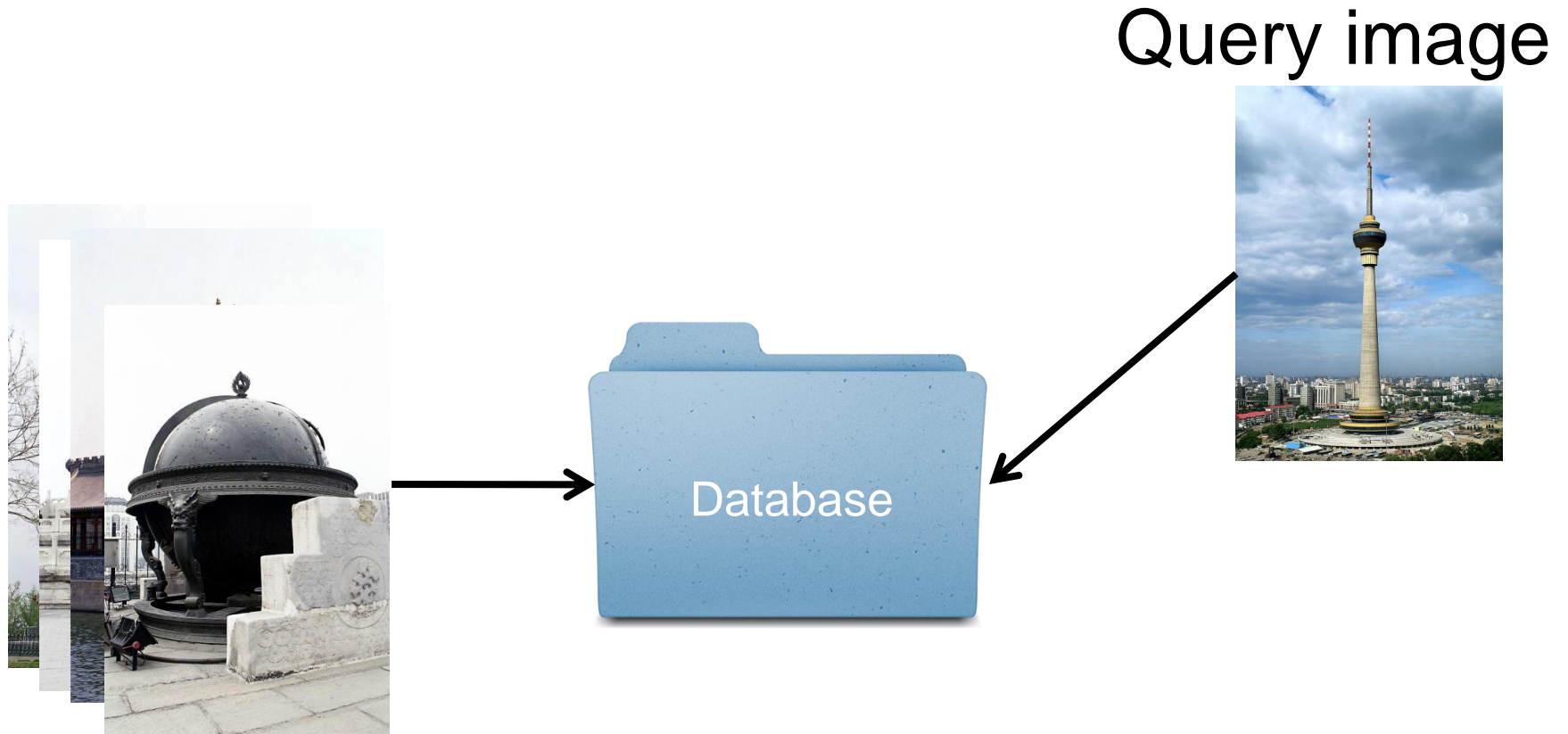
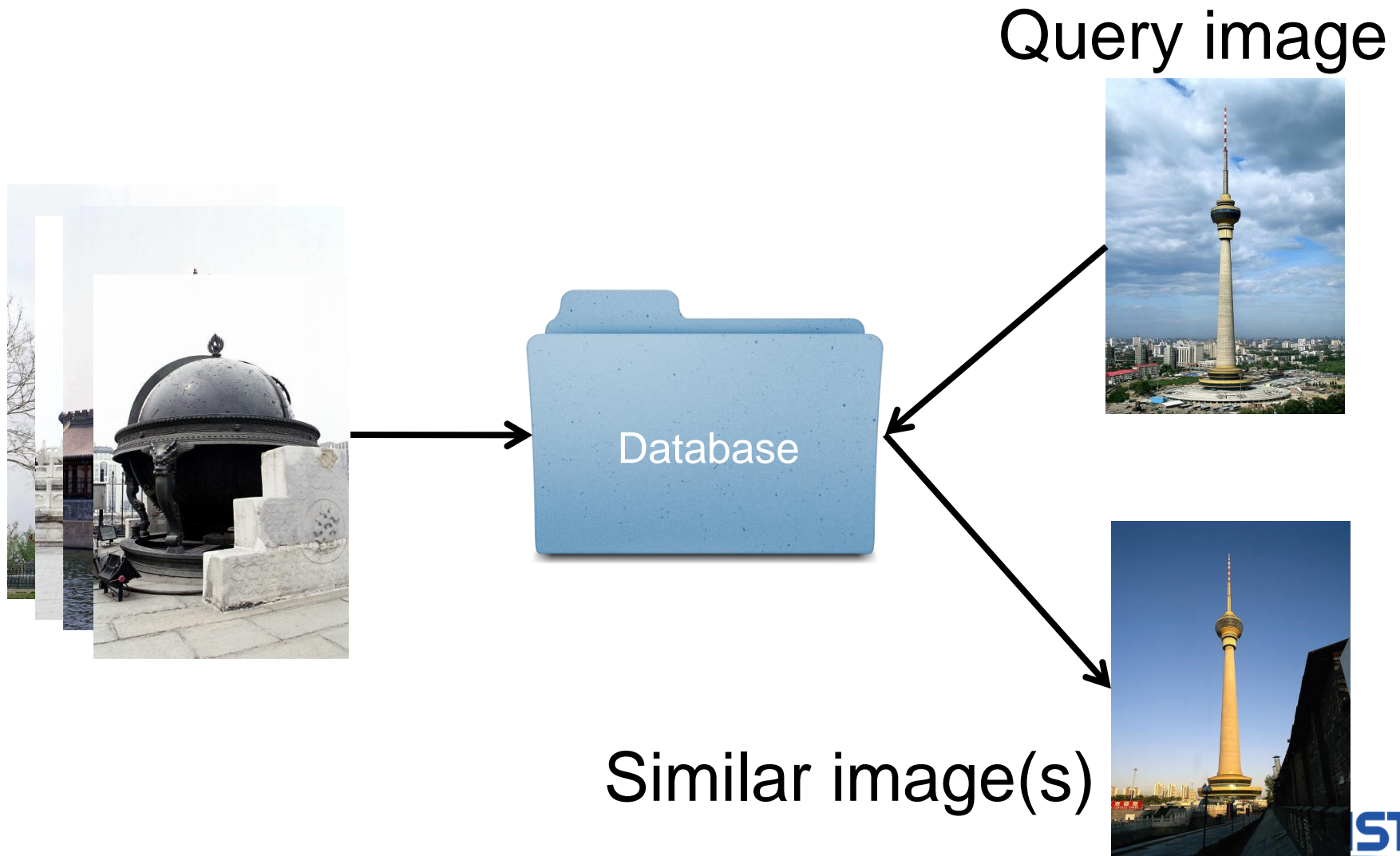


Image Retrieval: Runtime Procedure



Post-Processing



Query image



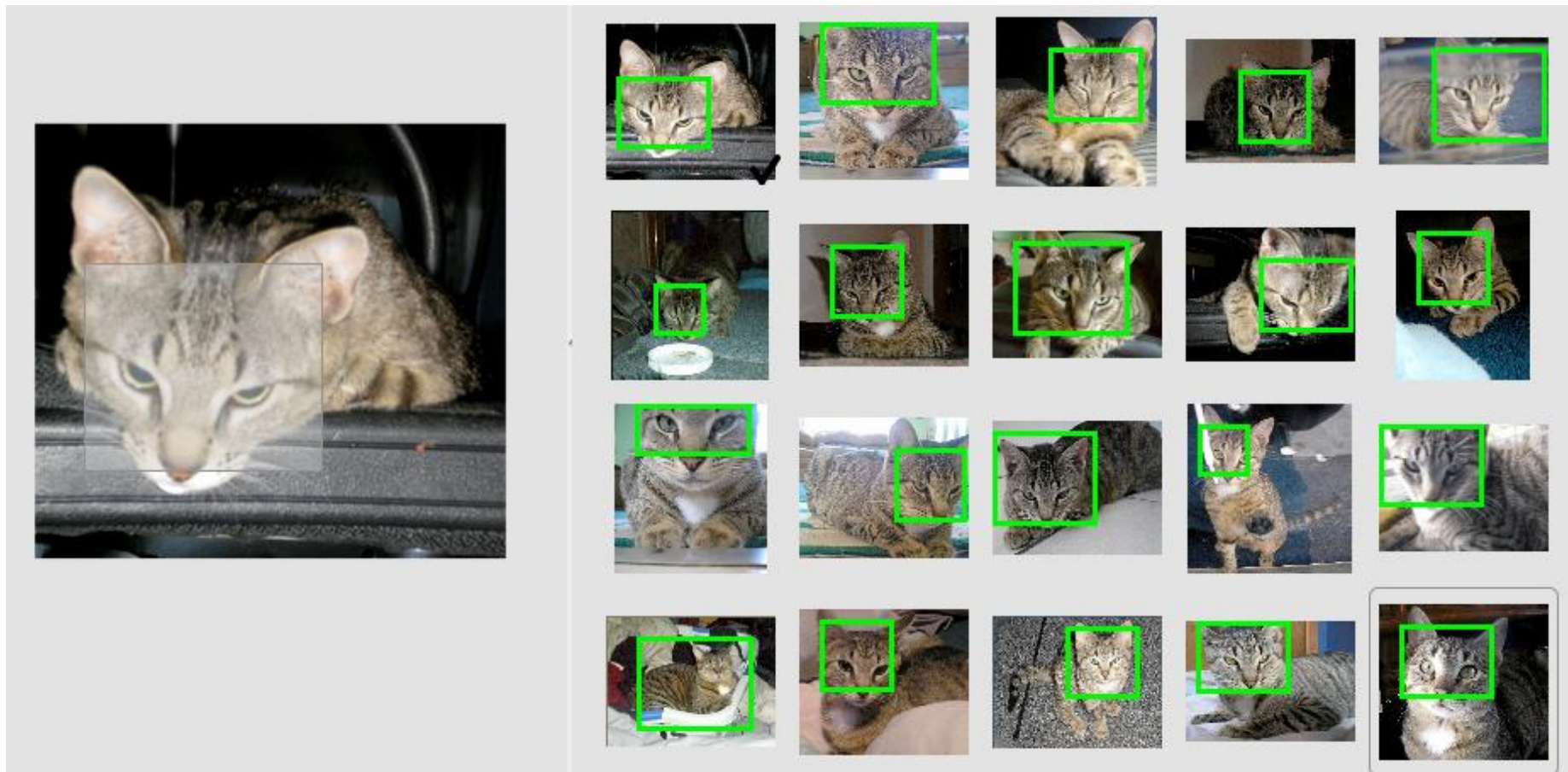
Shortlist (e.g., 100 images)



Re-ranking
(spatial verification)



Image Retrieval with Spatially Constrained Similarity Measure



[Xiaohui Shen, Zhe Lin, Jon Brandt, Shai Avidan and Ying Wu, CVPR 2012]

Classification through Image Search

- **Image search**
 - **Find images that have smaller distances to the query**
- **Classification**
 - **Fine classes that have smaller distances to the query**
 - **Utilize labels**
- **Classification using image search**
 - **Naïve Bayes Nearest Neighbor (NBNN)**
 - **Image classification and Retrieval are ONE**

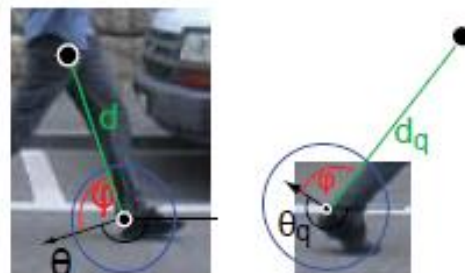
Motivation

- Global representations have major limitations
- Instead, describe and match only local regions
- Increased robustness to

- Occlusions



- Articulation



- Intra-category variations



Challenges: viewpoint variation



Michelangelo 1475-1564

Challenges: illumination

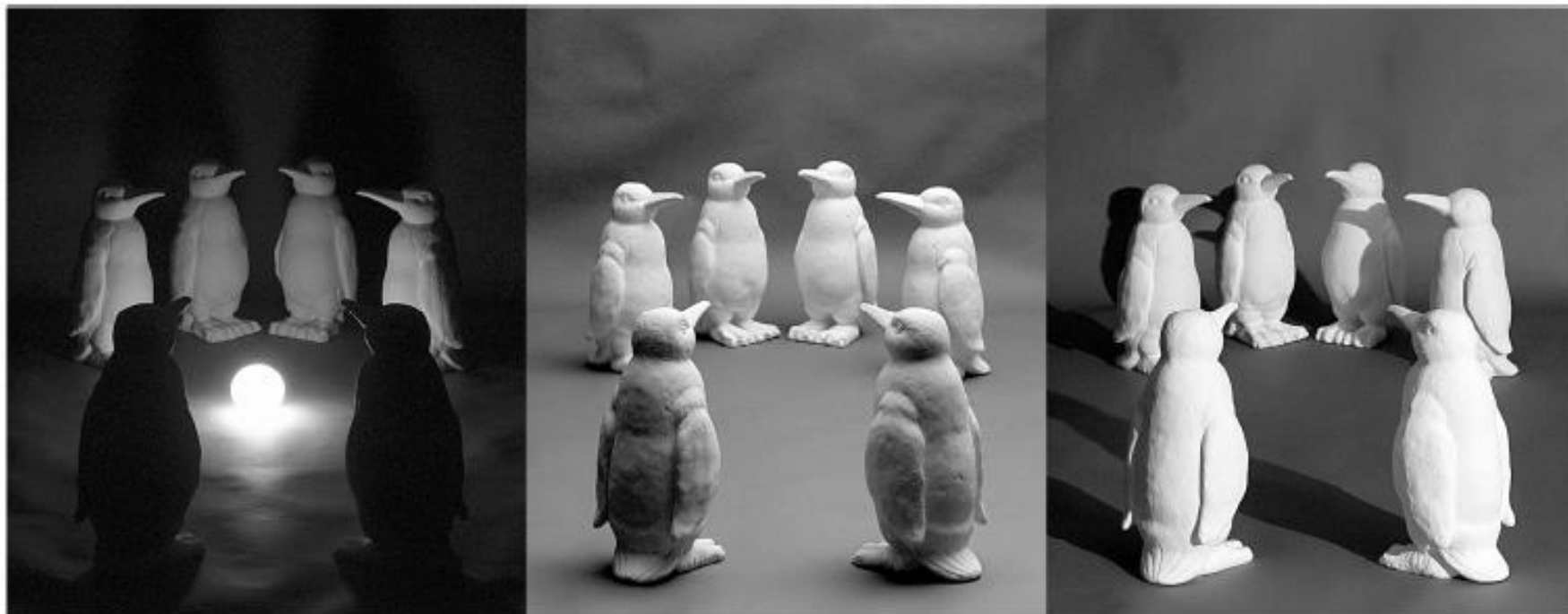


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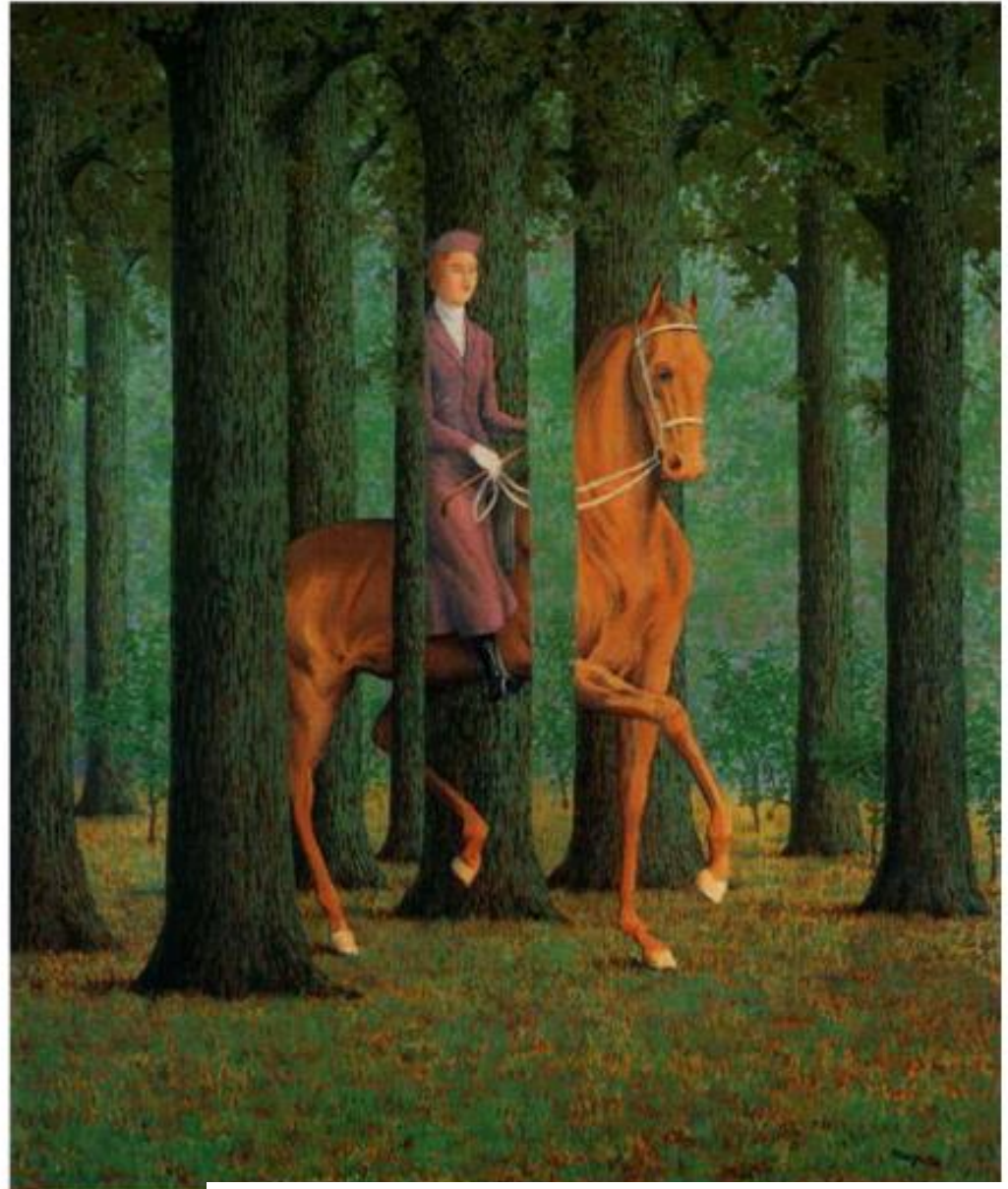
Challenges: scale



Challenges: deformation



Challenges:
occlusion



Magritte, 1957

Challenges: background clutter



Kilmeny Niland. 1995

Fei-Fei Li

Challenges: intra-class variation



Application: Image Matching



by [Diva Sian](#)



by [swashford](#)

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Harder Case



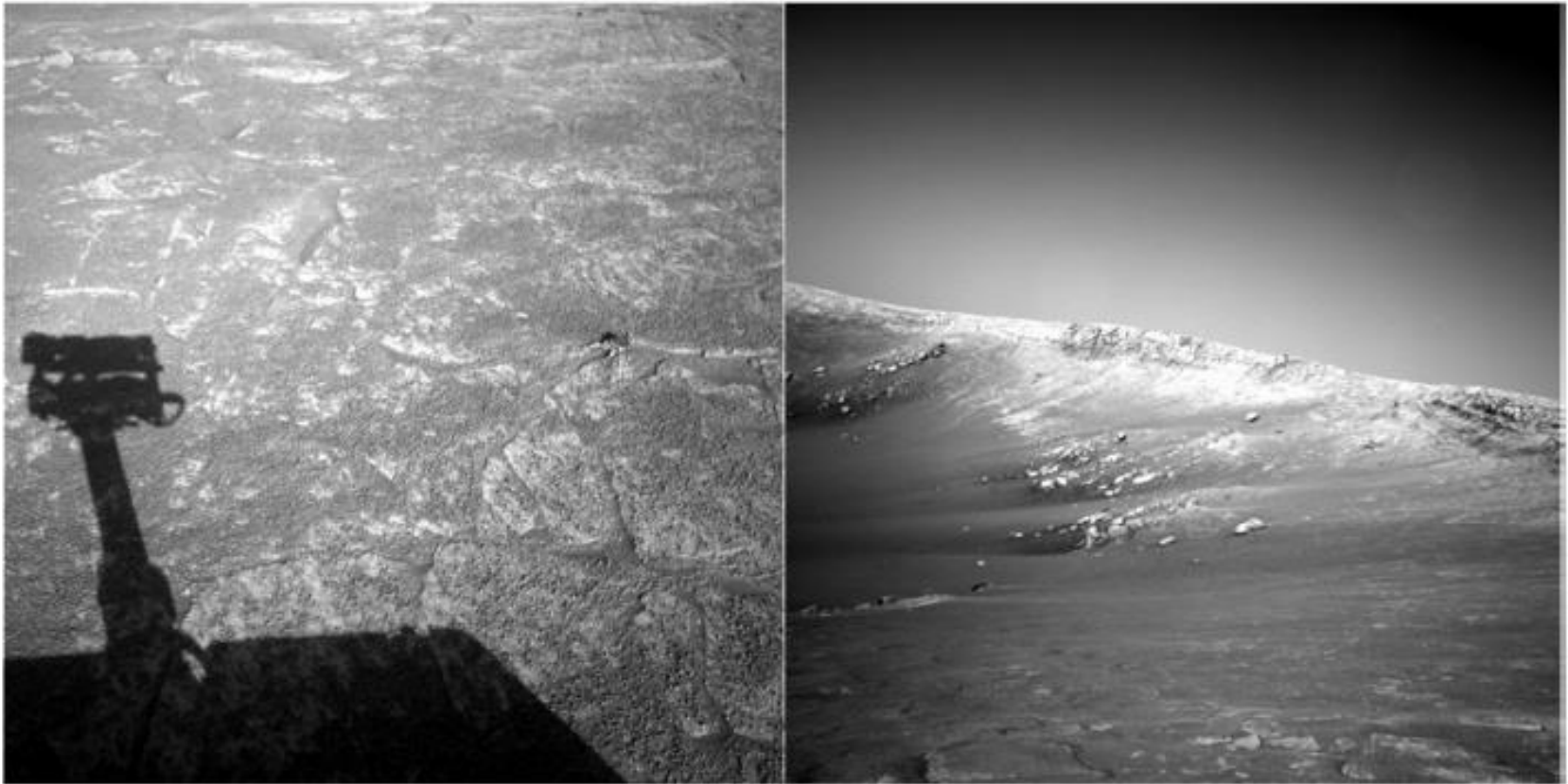
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Harder Still?



NASA Mars Rover images

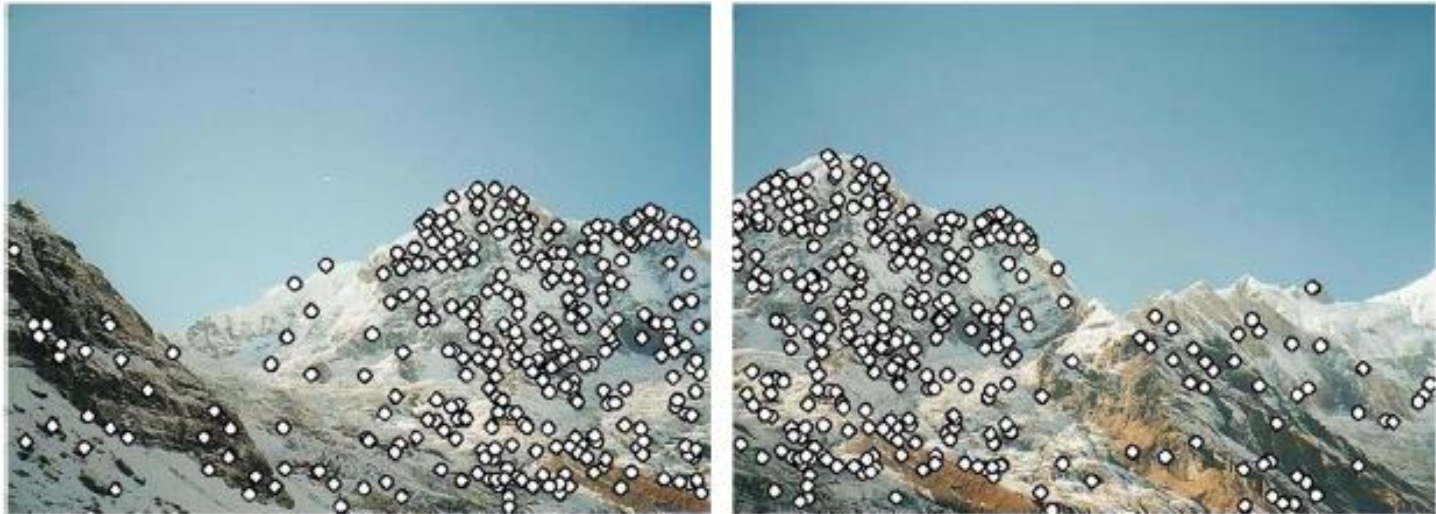
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Application: Image Stitching



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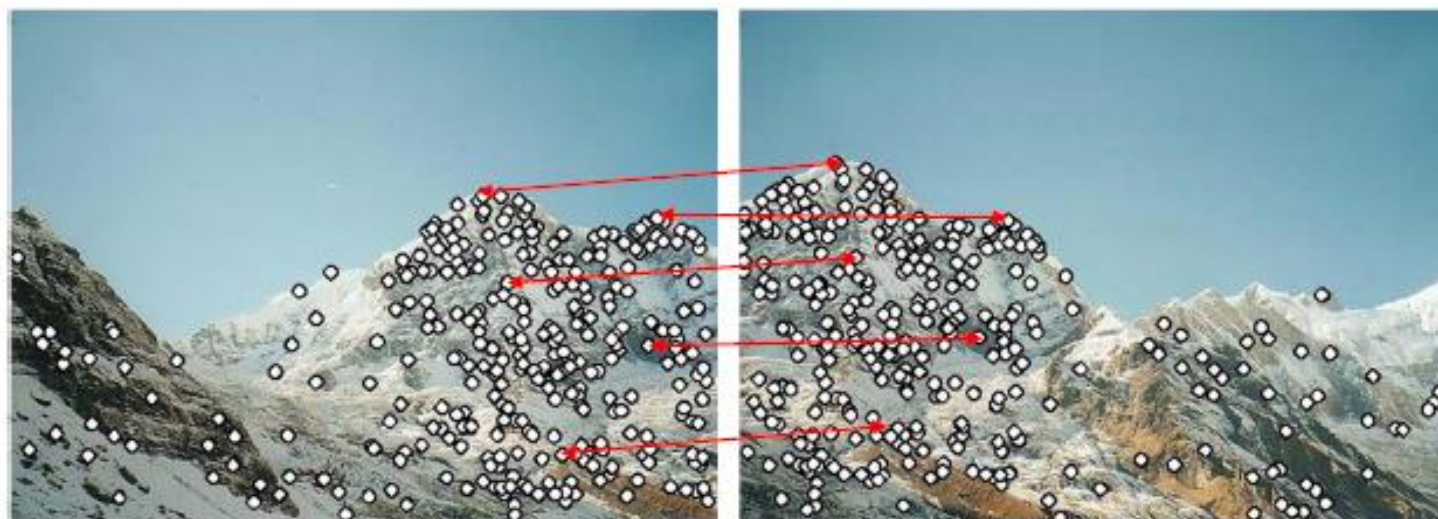
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- Procedure:
 - Detect feature points in both images

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Application: Image Stitching



- Procedure:
 - Detect feature points in both images
 - Find corresponding pairs
 - Use these pairs to align the images

Common Requirements

- Problem 1:
 - Detect the same point *independently* in both images



No chance to match!

This lecture

We need a repeatable detector!

Common Requirements

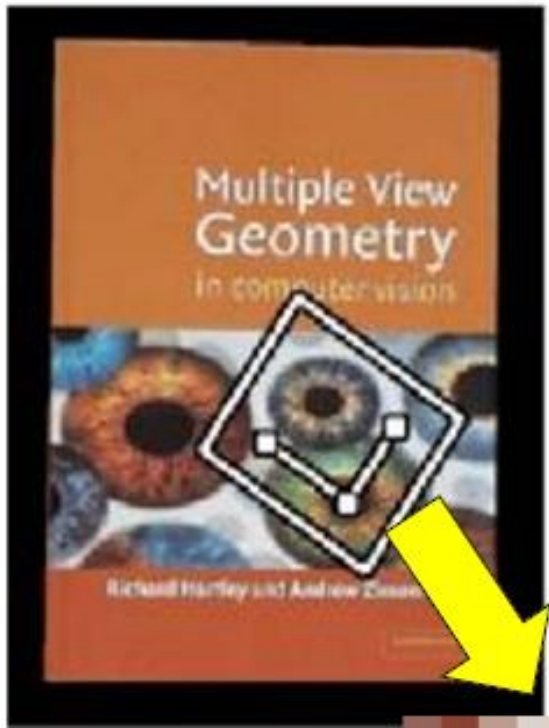
- Problem 1:
 - Detect the same point *independently* in both images
- Problem 2:
 - For each point correctly recognize the corresponding one



Next lecture

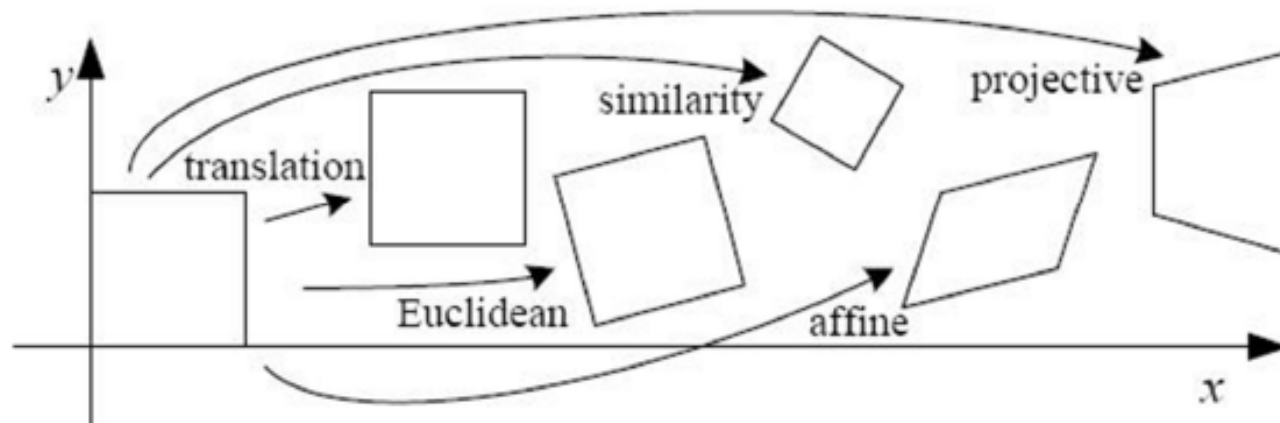
We need a reliable and distinctive descriptor!

Invariance: Geometric Transformations

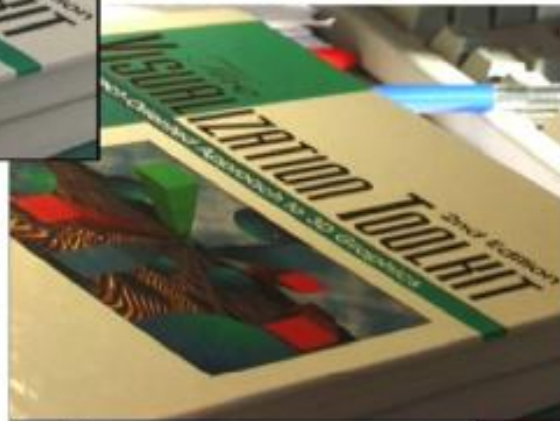


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Levels of Geometric Invariance



Invariance: Photometric Transformations



- Often modeled as a linear transformation:
 - Scaling + Offset

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Requirements

- Region extraction needs to be **repeatable** and **accurate**
 - **Invariant** to translation, rotation, scale changes
 - **Robust** or **covariant** to out-of-plane (\approx affine) transformations
 - **Robust** to lighting variations, noise, blur, quantization
- **Locality**: Features are local, therefore robust to occlusion and clutter.
- **Quantity**: We need a sufficient number of regions to cover the object.
- **Distinctiveness** : The regions should contain “interesting” structure.
- **Efficiency**: Close to real-time performance.

Two Different Directions

- **Classical approaches**
 - **Manually designed in image processing and computer vision fields**
- **Deep learning approaches**
 - **Learned approaches, but are inspired by many prior (manually crafted) approaches**
- **In this class**
 - **We first talk about the classical approaches, followed by deep learning approaches**

Many Existing Detectors Available

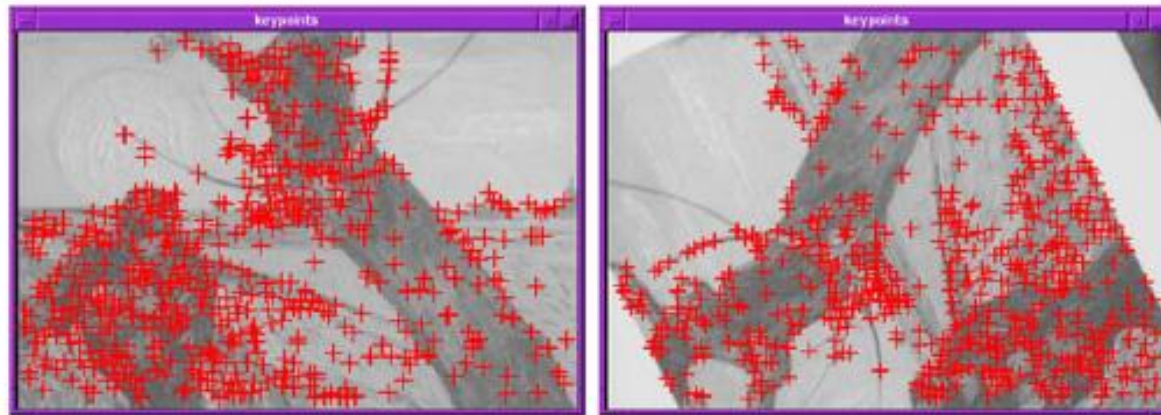
- Hessian & Harris [Beaudet '78], [Harris '88]
 - Laplacian, DoG [Lindeberg '98], [Lowe '99]
 - Harris-/Hessian-Laplace [Mikolajczyk & Schmid '01]
 - Harris-/Hessian-Affine [Mikolajczyk & Schmid '04]
 - EBR and IBR [Tuytelaars & Van Gool '04]
 - MSER [Matas '02]
 - Salient Regions [Kadir & Brady '01]
 - Others...
- *Those detectors have become a basic building block for many recent applications in Computer Vision.*

Keypoint Localization



- Goals:
 - Repeatable detection
 - Precise localization
 - Interesting content
- ⇒ *Look for two-dimensional signal changes*

Finding Corners

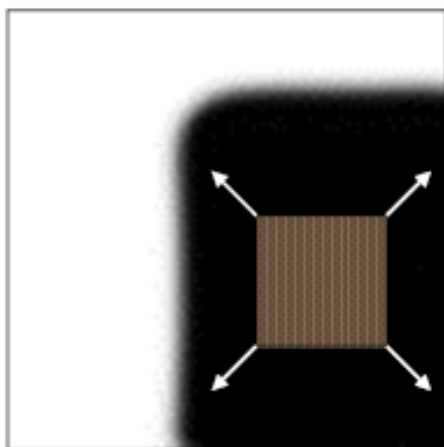


- Key property:
 - In the region around a corner, image gradient has two or more dominant directions
- Corners are *repeatable* and *distinctive*

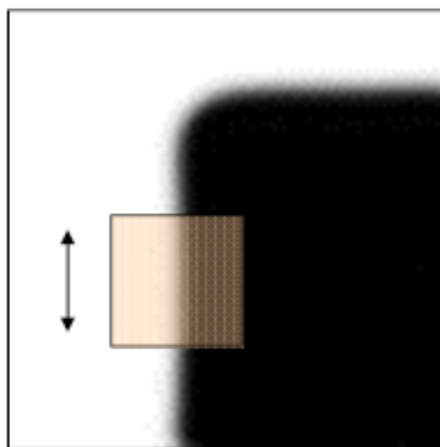
C.Harris and M.Stephens. "[A Combined Corner and Edge Detector.](#)"
Proceedings of the 4th Alvey Vision Conference, 1988.

Corners as Distinctive Interest Points

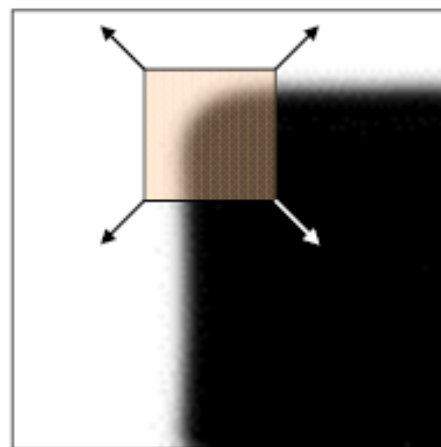
- Design criteria
 - We should easily recognize the point by looking through a small window (*locality*)
 - Shifting the window in *any direction* should give a *large change* in intensity (*good localization*)



“flat” region:
no change in all
directions



“edge”:
no change along
the edge direction



“corner”:
significant change
in all directions

Harris Detector Formulation

- Change of intensity for the shift $[u,v]$:

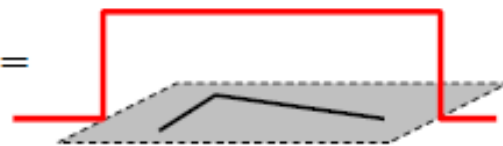
$$E(u, v) = \sum_{x,y} w(x, y) [I(x+u, y+v) - I(x, y)]^2$$

Window
function

Shifted
intensity

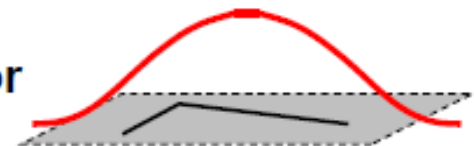
Intensity

Window function $w(x,y) =$



1 in window, 0 outside

or

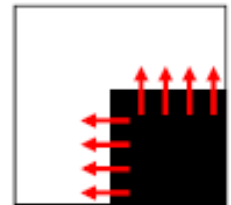


Gaussian

What Does This Matrix Reveal?

- First, let's consider an axis-aligned corner:

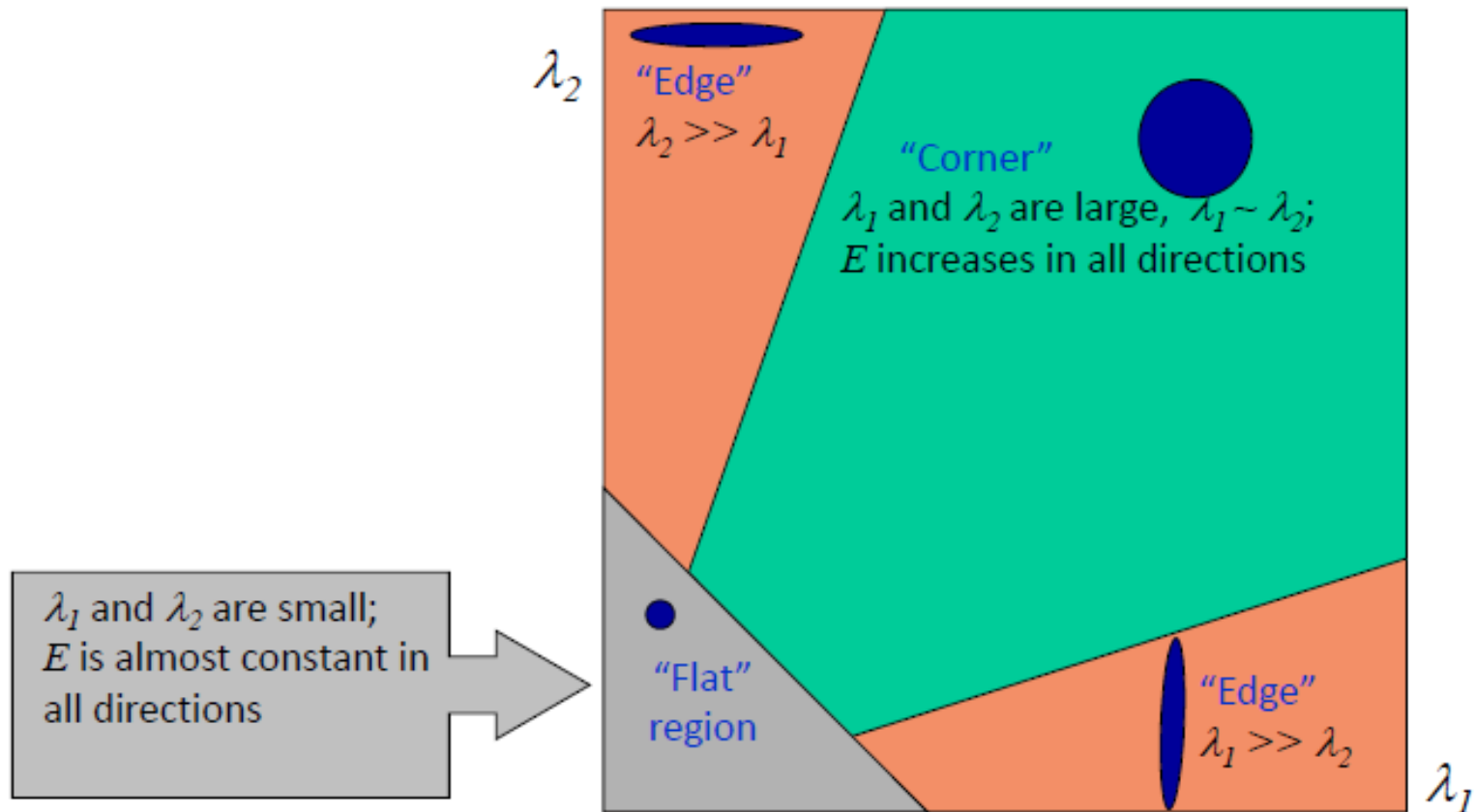
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



- This means:
 - Dominant gradient directions align with x or y axis
 - If either λ is close to 0, then this is not a corner, so look for locations where both are large.
- What if we have a corner that is not aligned with the image axes?

Interpreting the Eigenvalues

- Classification of image points using eigenvalues of M :



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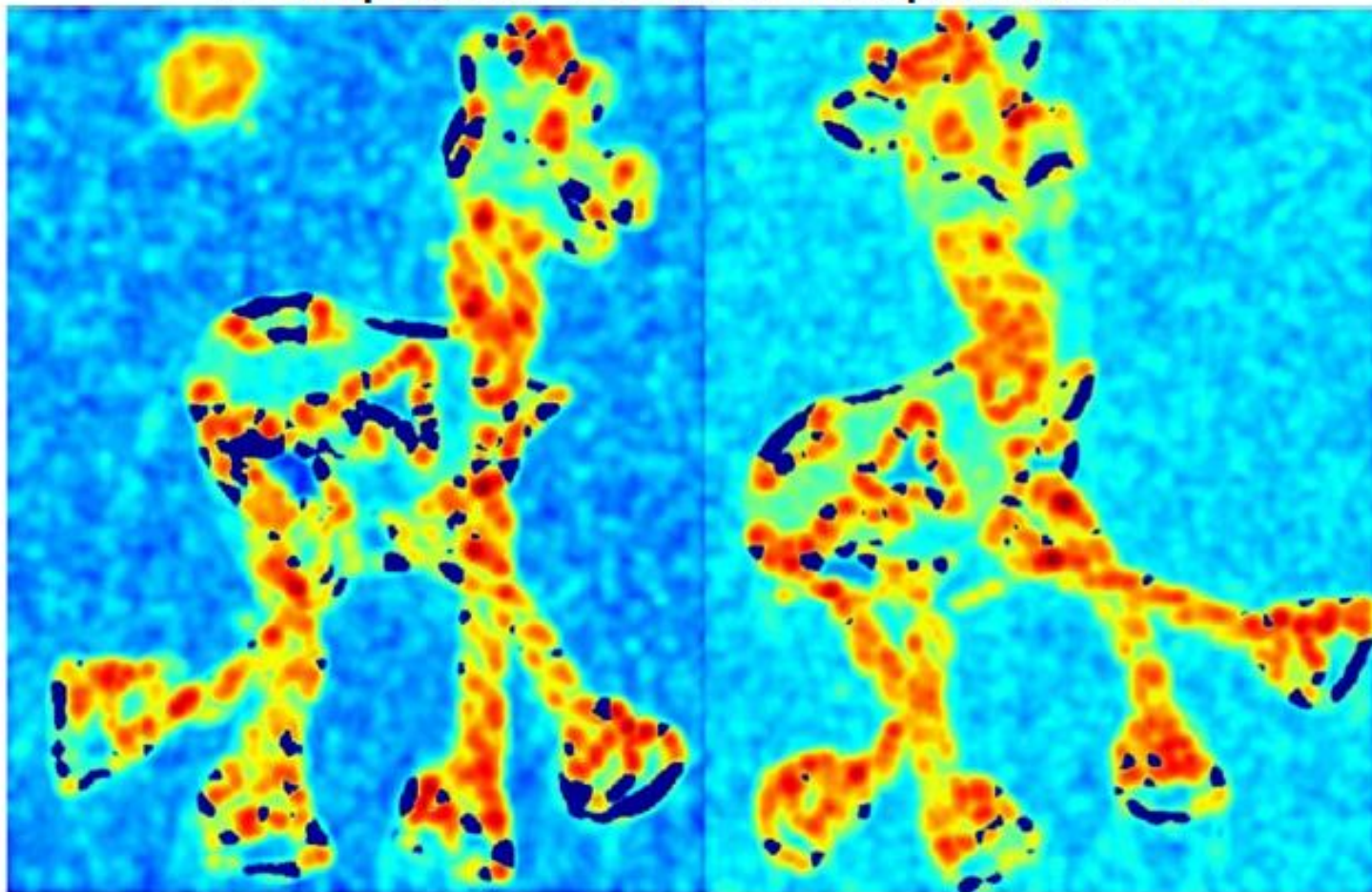
Harris Detector: Workflow



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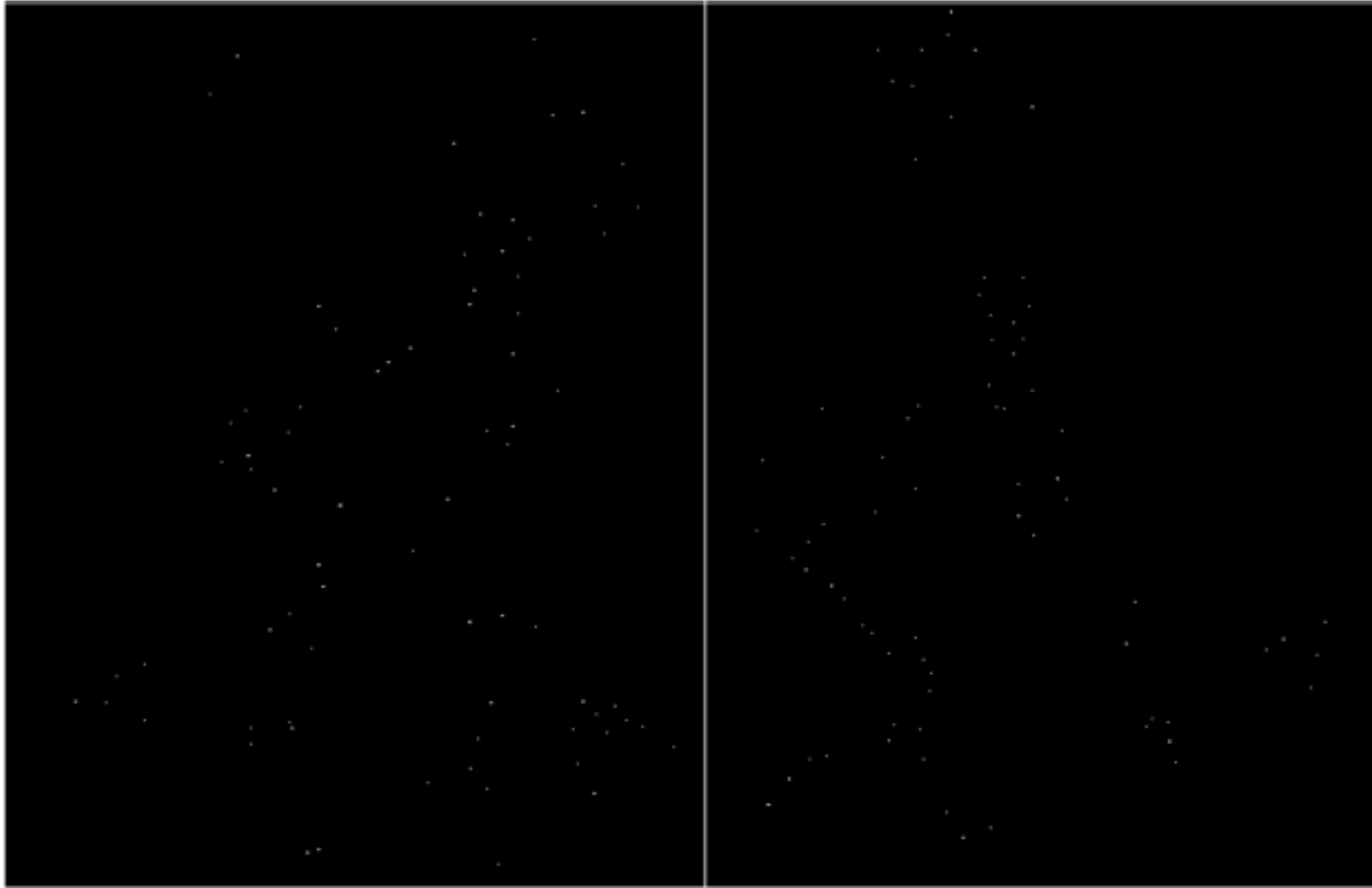
- computer corner responses R



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Harris Detector: Workflow

- Take only the local maxima of R , where $R > \text{threshold}$



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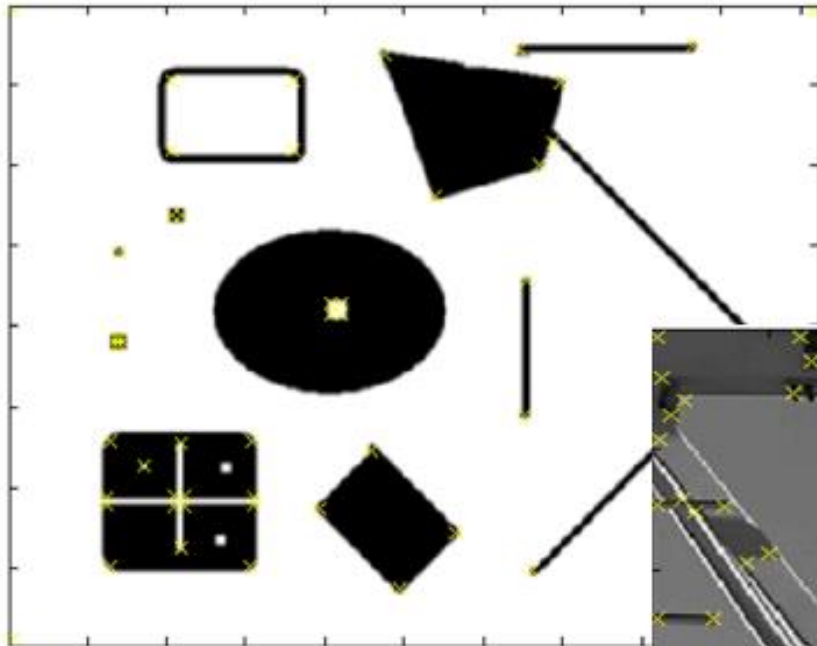
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- Resulting Harris points

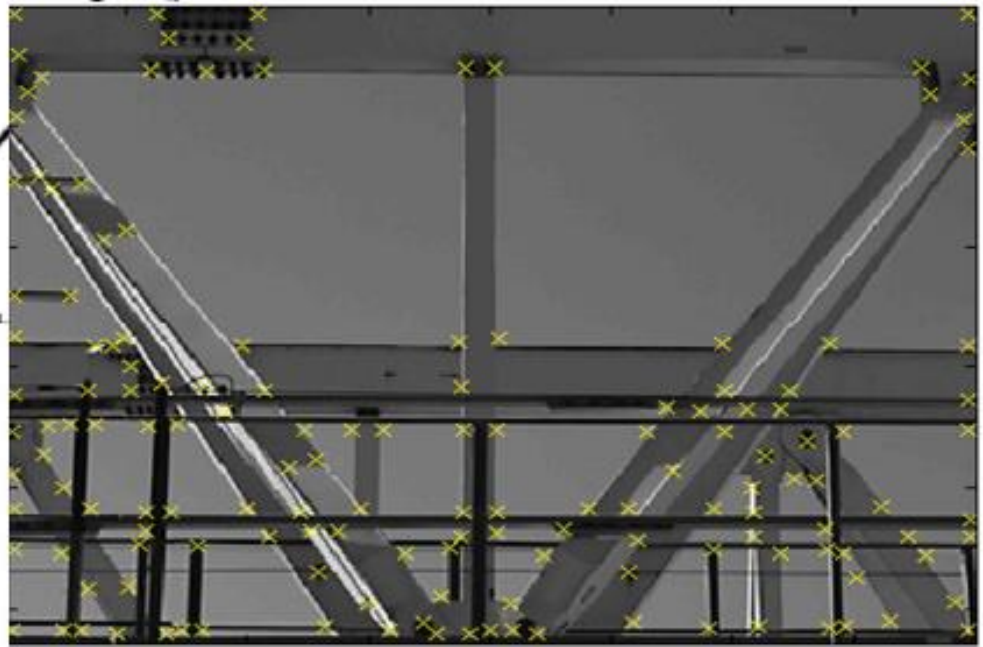


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Harris Detector – Responses [Harris88]



Effect: A very precise corner detector.



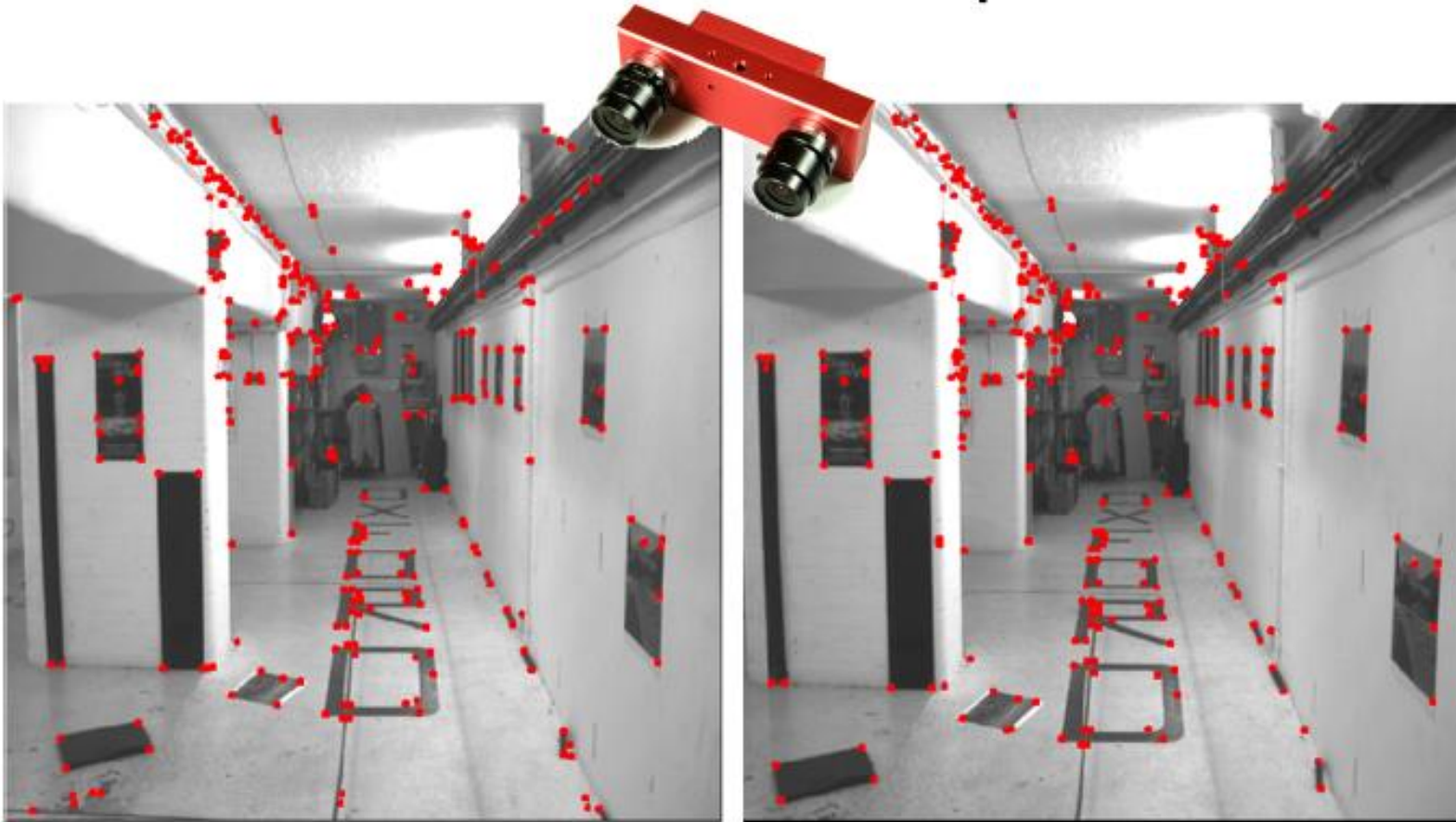
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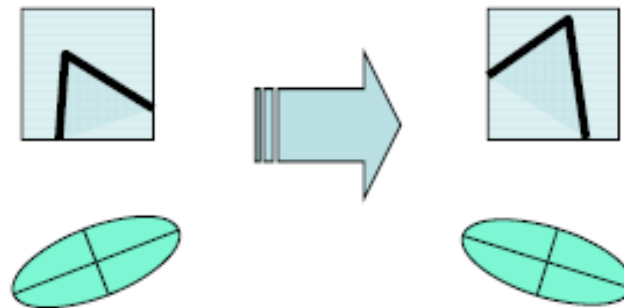


- Results are well suited for finding stereo correspondences

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Harris Detector: Properties

- Rotation invariance?



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

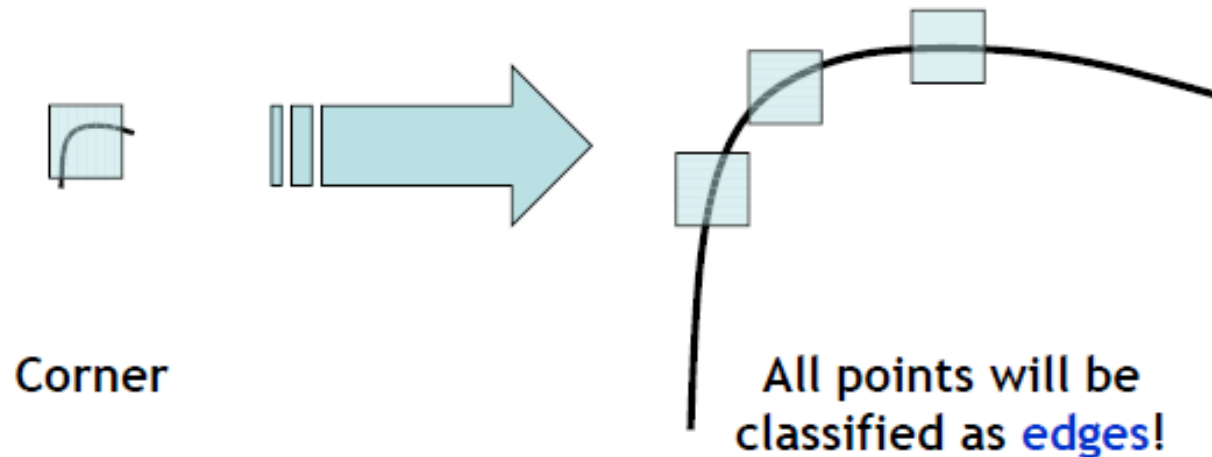
Corner response R is invariant to image rotation

Harris Detector: Properties

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- Scale invariance?

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Not invariant to image scale!

Class Objective were:

- **Understand locally invariant features**
 - **Key point localization**
 - **Harris detector: manually designed detector → automatically learned detector using deep learning**

Next Time..

- **Scale invariant region selection**

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