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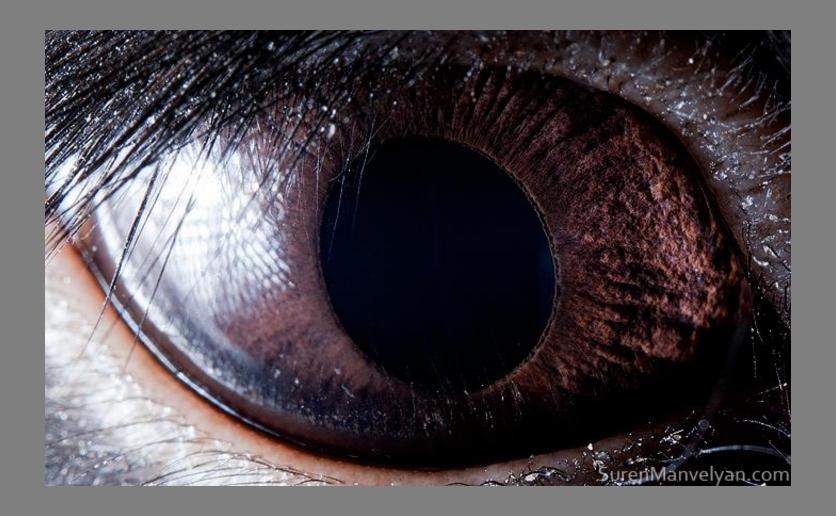
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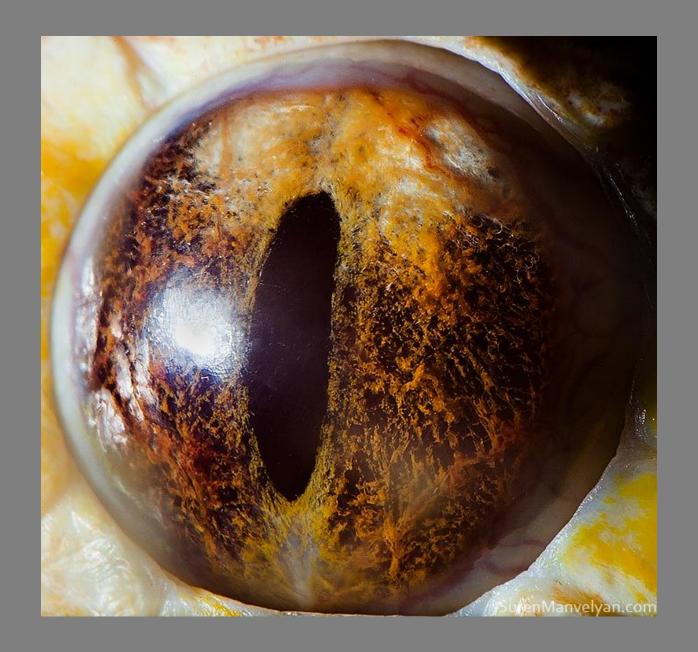


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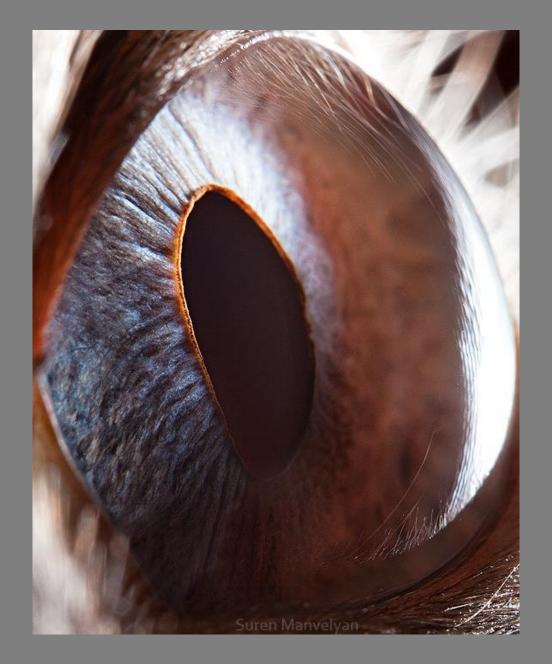


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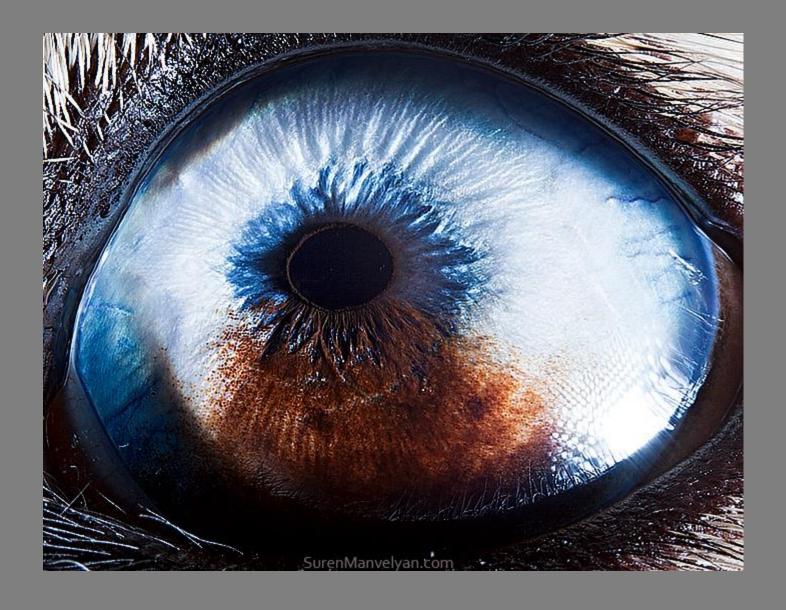


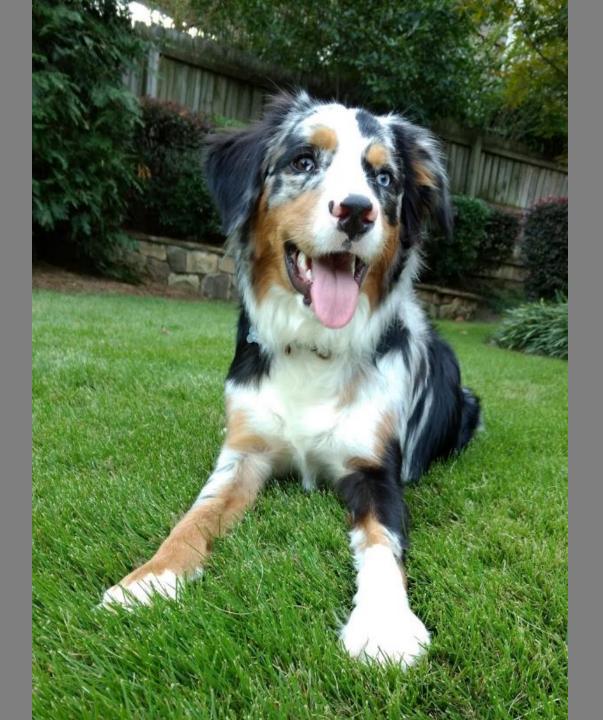


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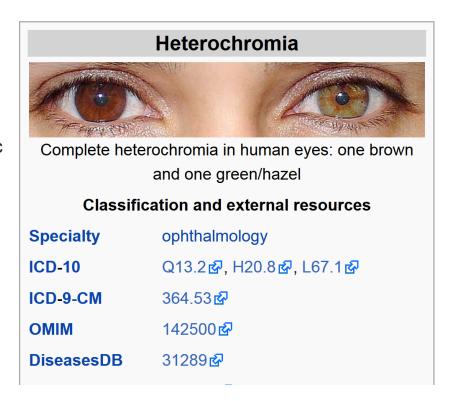
Heterochromia iridum

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Not to be confused with Heterochromatin or Dichromatic (disambiguation).

In anatomy, **heterochromia** (ancient Greek: ἔτερος, *héteros*, different + χρώμα, *chróma*, $color^{[1]}$) is a difference in coloration, usually of the iris but also of hair or skin. Heterochromia is a result of the relative excess or lack of melanin (a pigment). It may be inherited, or caused by genetic mosaicism, chimerism, disease, or injury.^[2]

Heterochromia of the eye (heterochromia iridis or heterochromia iridum) is of three kinds. In complete heterochromia, one iris is a different color from the other. In sectoral heterochromia, part of one iris is a different color from its remainder and finally in "central heterochromia" there are spikes of different colours radiating from the pupil.



Interest Points and Corners

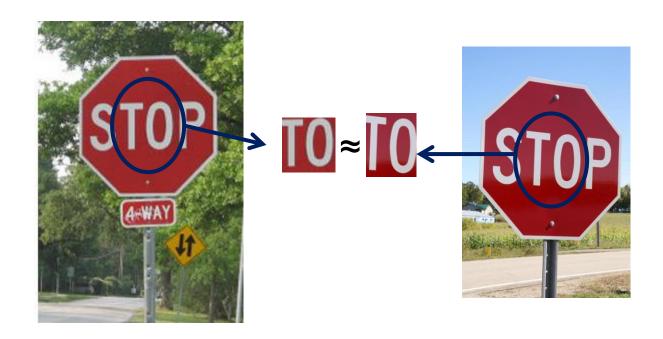
Computer Vision

James Hays

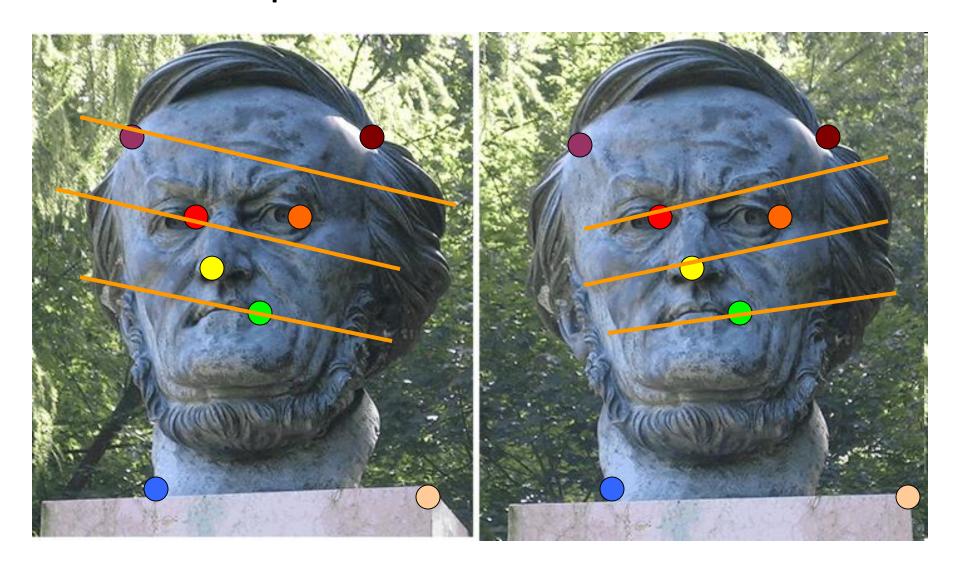
Read Szeliski 7.1.1 and 7.1.2

Correspondence across views

 Correspondence: matching points, patches, edges, or regions across images



Example: estimating "fundamental matrix" that corresponds two views



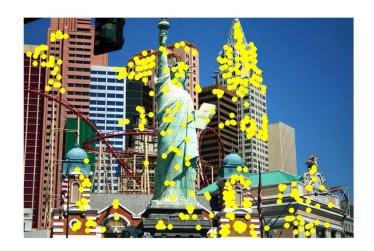
Example: structure from motion



Applications

Feature points are used for:

- Image alignment
- 3D reconstruction
- Motion tracking
- Robot navigation
- Indexing and database retrieval
- Object recognition





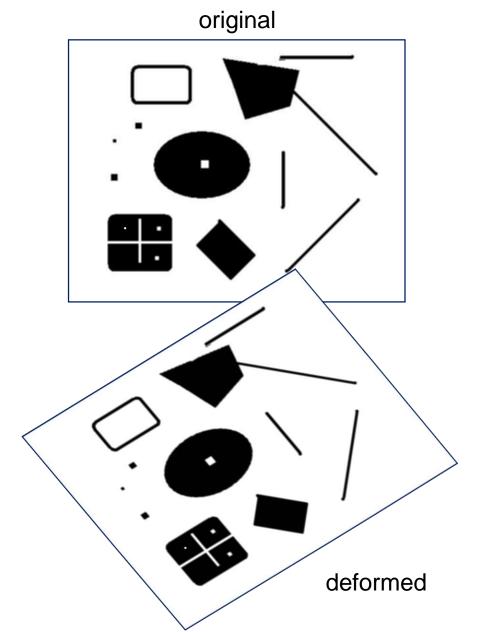


Project 2: interest points and local features

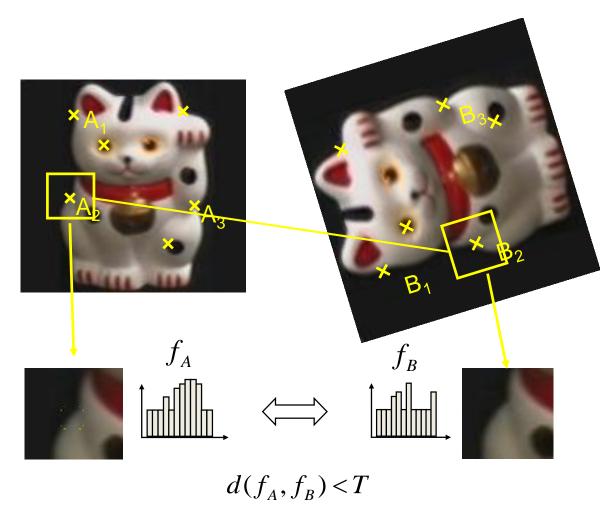
 Note: "interest points" = "keypoints", also sometimes called "features"

This class: interest points

- Suppose you have to click on some point, go away and come back after I deform the image, and click on the same points again.
 - Which points would you choose?



Overview of Keypoint Matching



- 1. Find a set of distinctive keypoints
- 2. Define a region around each keypoint
- 3. Compute a local descriptor from the normalized region
- 4. Match local descriptors

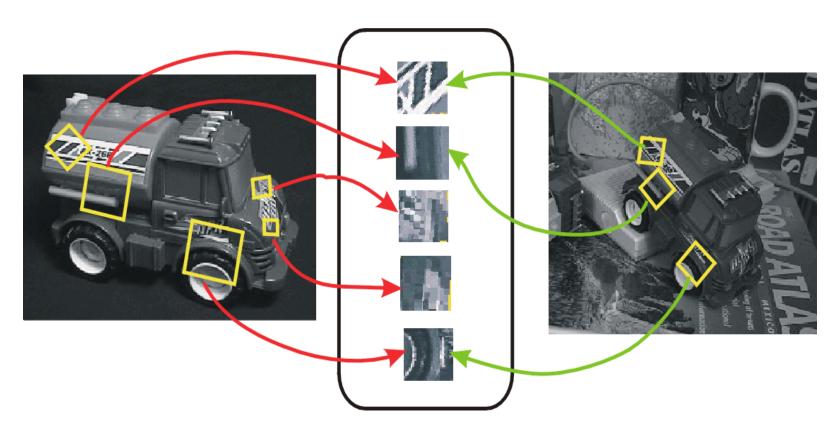
Goals for Keypoints



Detect points that are repeatable and distinctive

Invariant Local Features

Image content is transformed into local feature coordinates that are invariant to translation, rotation, scale, and other imaging parameters



Features Descriptors

Why extract features?

- Motivation: panorama stitching
 - We have two images how do we combine them?



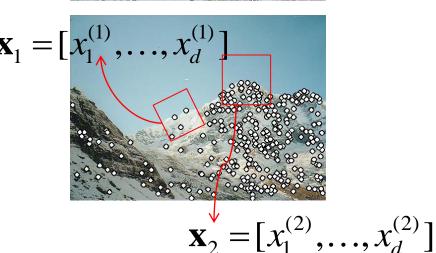


Local features: main components

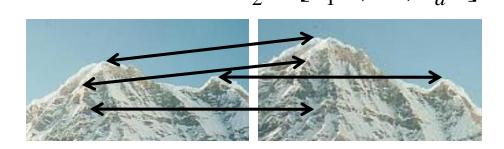
1) Detection: Identify the interest points



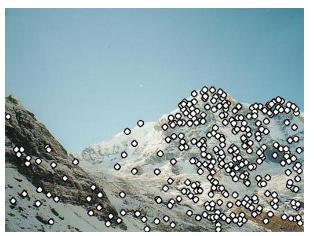
2) Description: Extract vector feature descriptor surrounding each interest point.



3) Matching: Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views



Characteristics of good features



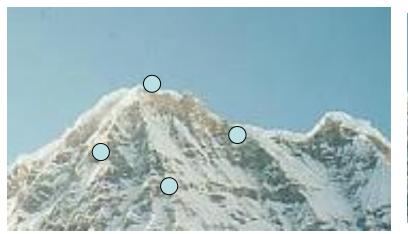


Repeatability

- The same feature can be found in several images despite geometric and photometric transformations
- Saliency
 - Each feature is distinctive
- Compactness and efficiency
 - Many fewer features than image pixels
- Locality
 - A feature occupies a relatively small area of the image; robust to clutter and occlusion

Goal: interest operator repeatability

 We want to detect (at least some of) the same points in both images.



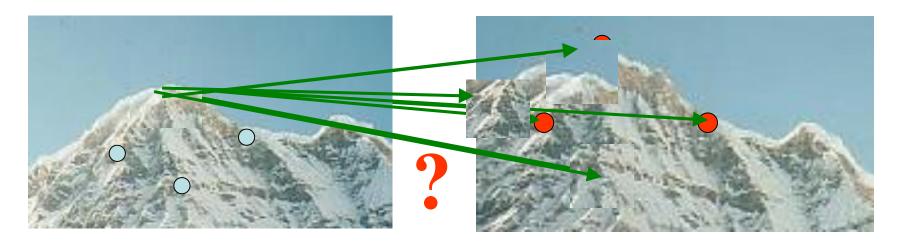


No chance to find true matches!

 Yet we have to be able to run the detection procedure independently per image.

Goal: descriptor distinctiveness

 We want to be able to reliably determine which point goes with which.



 Must provide some invariance to geometric and photometric differences between the two views.

Local features: main components

1) Detection: Identify the interest points



2) Description:Extract vector feature descriptor surrounding each interest point.

3) Matching: Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views

Many Existing Detectors Available

Hessian & Harris

Laplacian, DoG

Harris-/Hessian-Laplace

Harris-/Hessian-Affine

EBR and IBR

MSER

Salient Regions

Others...

[Beaudet '78], [Harris '88]

[Lindeberg '98], [Lowe 1999]

[Mikolajczyk & Schmid '01]

[Mikolajczyk & Schmid '04]

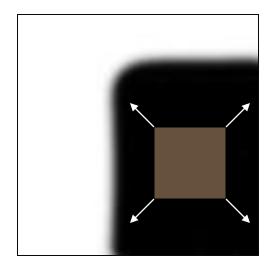
[Tuytelaars & Van Gool '04]

[Matas '02]

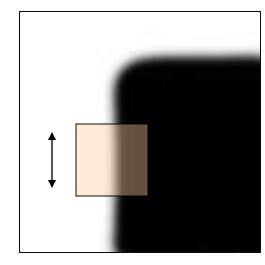
[Kadir & Brady '01]

Corner Detection: Basic Idea

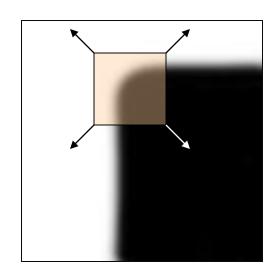
- We should easily recognize the point by looking through a small window
- Shifting a window in *any direction* should give *a large change* in intensity



"flat" region: no change in all directions



"edge":
no change along
the edge
direction

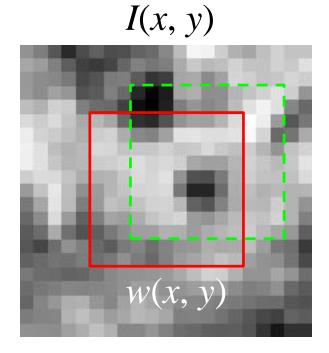


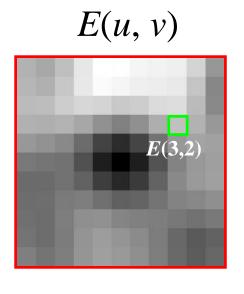
"corner":
significant
change in all
directions

Source: A. Efros

Change in appearance of window w(x,y) for the shift [u,v]:

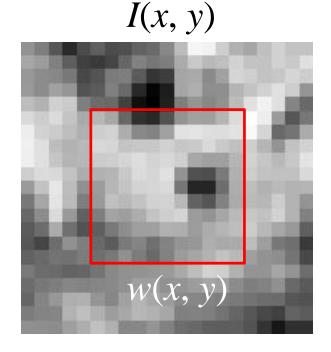
$$E(u,v) = \sum_{x,y} w(x,y) [I(x+u,y+v) - I(x,y)]^{2}$$

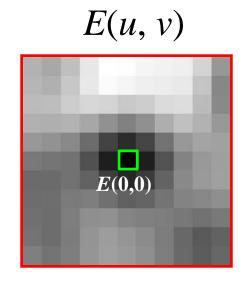




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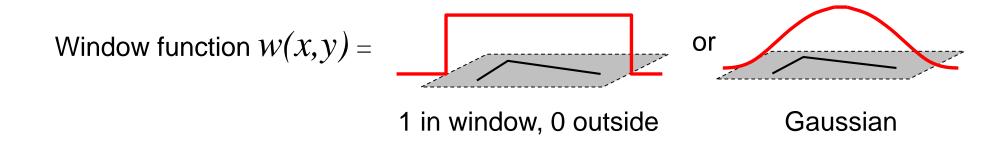
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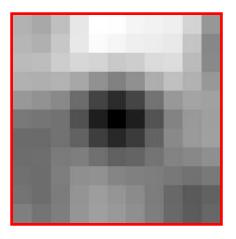
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Window function Shifted intensity Intensity



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But this is very slow to compute naively.

O(window_width² * shift_range² * image_width²)

 $O(11^2 * 11^2 * 600^2) = 5.2$ billion of these 14.6 thousand per pixel in your image

Change in appearance of window w(x,y) for the shift [u,v]:

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

We want to find out how this function behaves for small shifts

Recall Taylor series expansion. A function f can be approximated around point a as

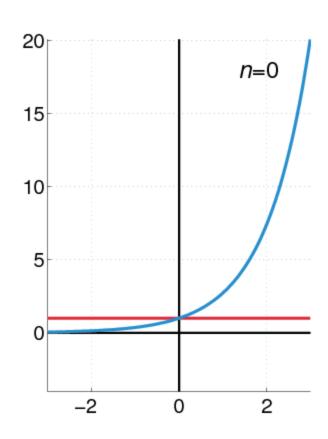
$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \cdots$$

Recall: Taylor series expansion

A function f can be approximated as

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Approximation of $f(x) = e^x$ centered at f(0)



Using a Taylor Series expansion of the image function $I_0(\mathbf{x}_i + \Delta \mathbf{u}) \approx I_0(\mathbf{x}_i) + \nabla I_0(\mathbf{x}_i)$. Δu (Lucas and Kanade 1981; Shi and Tomasi 1994), we can approximate the auto-correlation surface as

$$E_{AC}(\Delta \mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i} w(\mathbf{x}_{i}) [I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i} + \Delta \mathbf{u}) - I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i})]^{2}$$

$$\approx \sum_{i} w(\mathbf{x}_{i}) [I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) + \nabla I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{u} - I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i})]^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i} w(\mathbf{x}_{i}) [\nabla I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{u}]^{2}$$

$$(7.3)$$

$$(7.4)$$

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 (7.4)

$$= \sum_{i} w(\mathbf{x}_{i}) [\nabla I_{0}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{u}]^{2}$$
(7.5)

$$= \Delta \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{A} \Delta \mathbf{u},\tag{7.6}$$

where

$$\nabla I_0(\mathbf{x}_i) = \left(\frac{\partial I_0}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I_0}{\partial y}\right)(\mathbf{x}_i) \tag{7.7}$$

is the *image gradient* at x_i . This gradient can be computed using a variety of techniques (Schmid, Mohr, and Bauckhage 2000). The classic "Harris" detector (Harris and Stephens 1988) uses a [-2 -1 0 1 2] filter, but more modern variants (Schmid, Mohr, and Bauckhage 2000; Triggs 2004) convolve the image with horizontal and vertical derivatives of a Gaussian (typically with $\sigma = 1$).

The auto-correlation matrix **A** can be written as

$$\mathbf{A} = w * \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{7.8}$$

Different derivations exist.

This is the textbook version.

Corner Detection: Mathematics

The quadratic approximation simplifies to

$$E(u,v) \approx [u \ v] \ M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

where *M* is a second moment matrix computed from image derivatives:

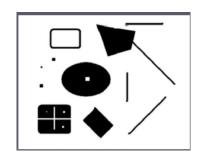
$$M = \sum_{x,y} w(x,y) \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{I_x I_x} I_x & \sum_{I_x I_y} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{I_x I_y} I_y & \sum_{I_y I_y} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{I_y I_y} \begin{bmatrix} I_x & I_y \\ I_y \end{bmatrix} [I_x I_y] = \sum_{I_y I_y} \nabla_{I_y I_y} T_y$$

Corners as distinctive interest points

$$M = \sum w(x, y) \begin{bmatrix} I_x I_x & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

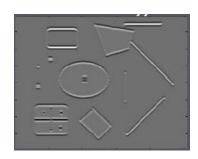
2 x 2 matrix of image derivatives (averaged in neighborhood of a point).



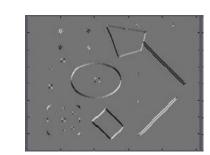




$$I_x \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$



$$I_{y} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$



$$I_x \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$
 $I_y \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$ $I_x I_y \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$

Interpreting the second moment matrix

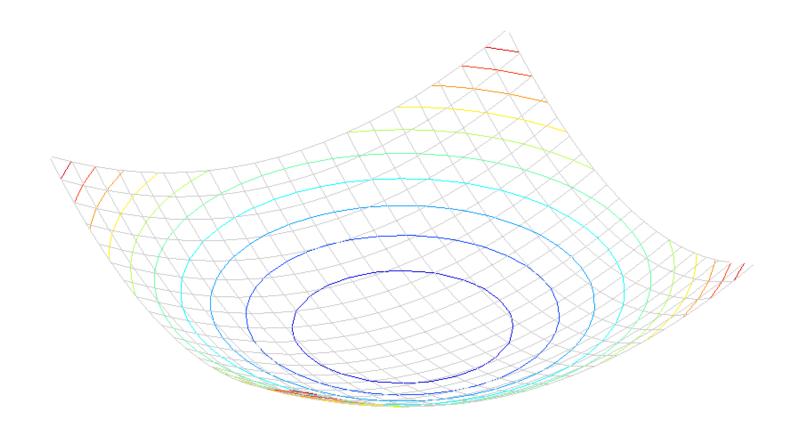
The surface E(u,v) is locally approximated by a quadratic form. Let's try to understand its shape.

$$E(u,v) \approx [u \ v] \ M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \sum_{x,y} w(x,y) \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpreting the second moment matrix

Consider a horizontal "slice" of E(u, v): $\begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \text{const}$ This is the equation of an ellipse.



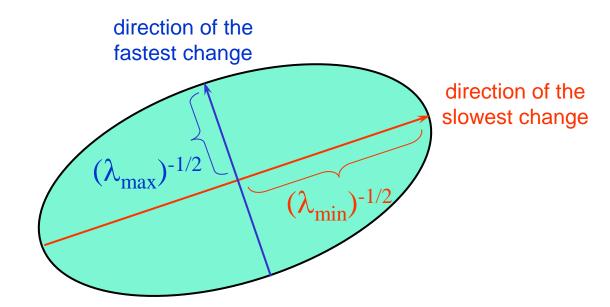
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Diagonalization of M:
$$M = R^{-1} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{vmatrix} R$$

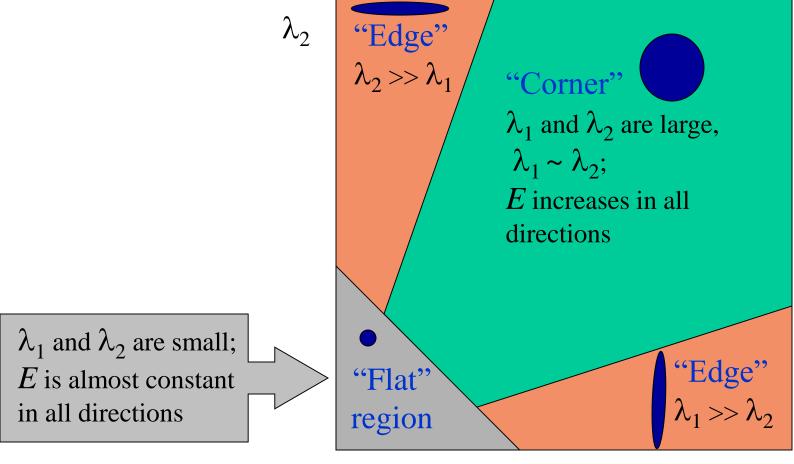
The axis lengths of the ellipse are determined by the eigenvalues and the orientation is determined by *R*



Interpreting the eigenvalues

Classification of image points using eigenvalues

of M:

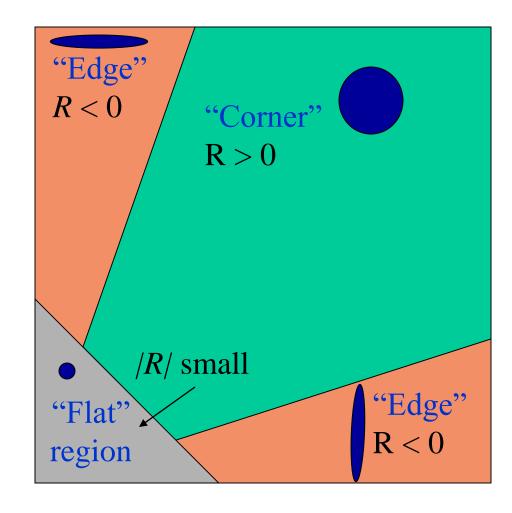


 λ_1

Corner response function

$$R = \det(M) - \alpha \operatorname{trace}(M)^{2} = \lambda_{1}\lambda_{2} - \alpha(\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2})^{2}$$

 α : constant (0.04 to 0.06)

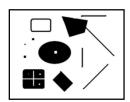


Harris corner detector

- 1) Compute *M* matrix for each image window to get their *cornerness* scores.
- 2) Find points whose surrounding window gave large corner response (*f*> threshold)
- 3) Take the points of local maxima, i.e., perform non-maximum suppression

Harris Detector [Harris88]

Second moment matrix



$$\mu(\sigma_{I}, \sigma_{D}) = g(\sigma_{I}) * \begin{bmatrix} I_{x}^{2}(\sigma_{D}) & I_{x}I_{y}(\sigma_{D}) \\ I_{x}I_{y}(\sigma_{D}) & I_{y}^{2}(\sigma_{D}) \end{bmatrix}$$
 1. Image derivatives (optionally, blur first)





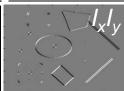
$$\det M = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

$$\operatorname{trace} M = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

2. Square of derivatives



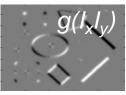




3. Gaussian filter $g(\sigma_i)$







4. Cornerness function – both eigenvalues are strong

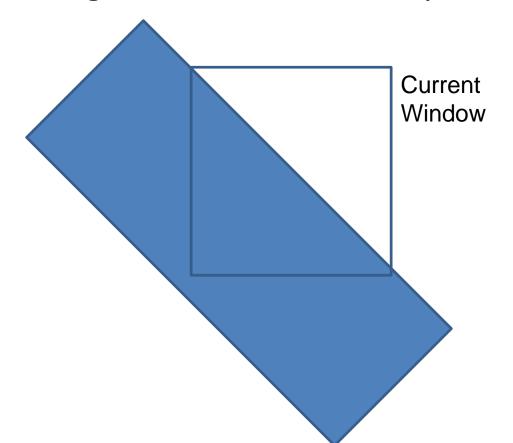
$$har = \det[\mu(\sigma_I, \sigma_D)] - \alpha[\operatorname{trace}(\mu(\sigma_I, \sigma_D))^2] =$$

$$g(I_x^2)g(I_y^2) - [g(I_xI_y)]^2 - \alpha[g(I_x^2) + g(I_y^2)]^2$$

5. Non-maxima suppression

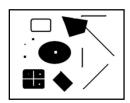


- Can't we just check for regions with lots of gradients in the x and y directions?
 - No! A diagonal line would satisfy that criteria



Harris Detector [Harris88]

Second moment matrix



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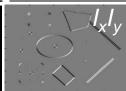
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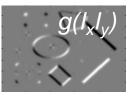




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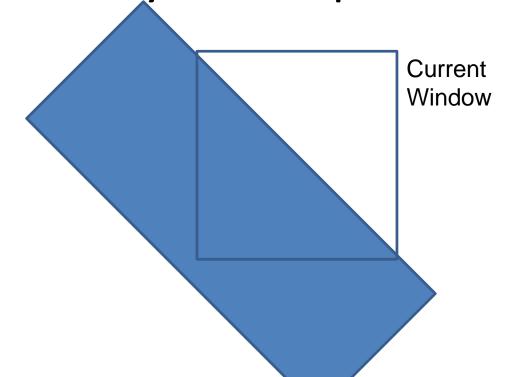
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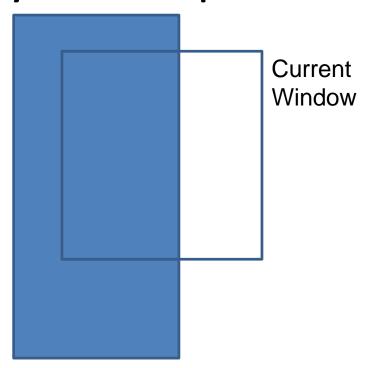


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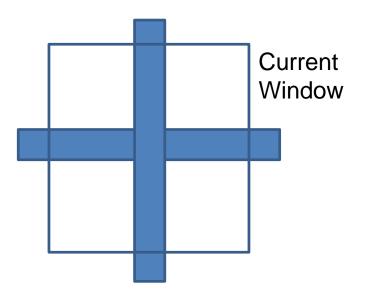
What does the structure matrix look here?

$$\begin{bmatrix} C & -C \\ -C & C \end{bmatrix}$$



What does the structure matrix look here?

$$\begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

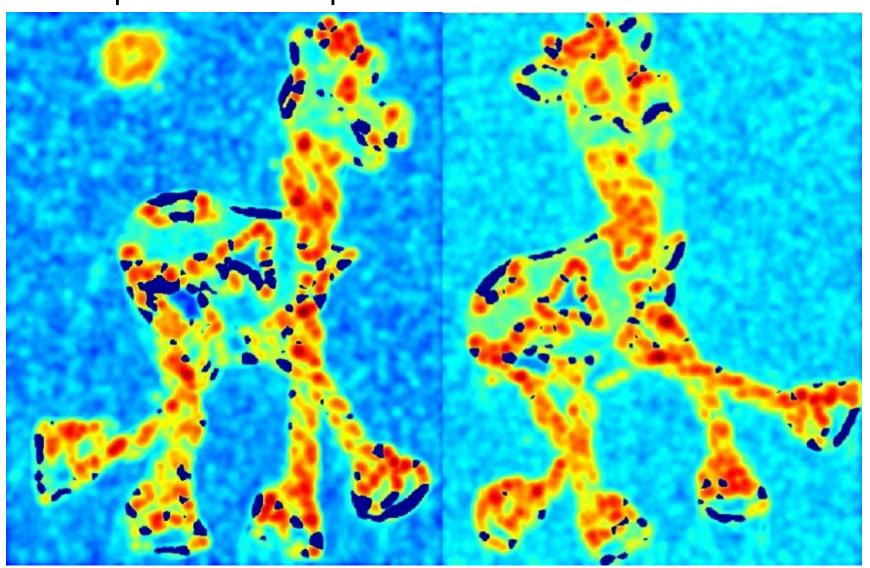


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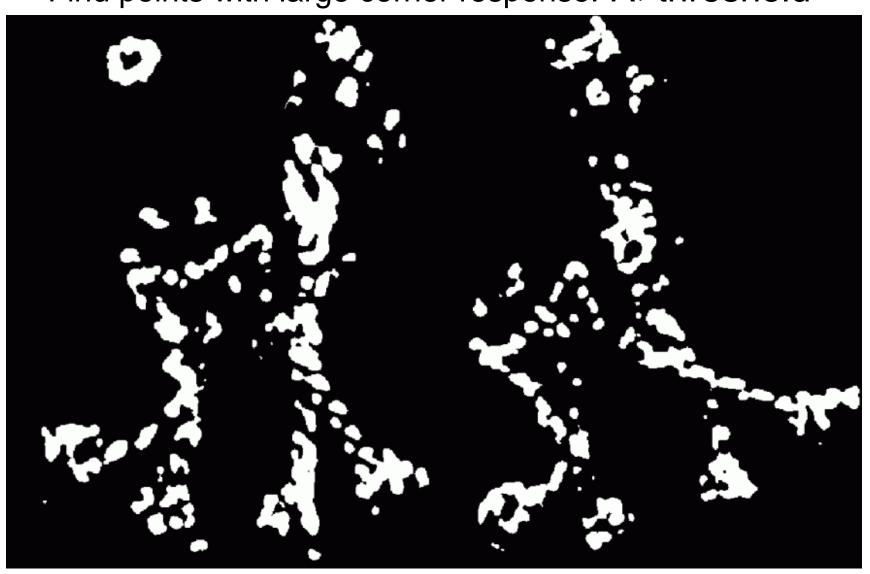
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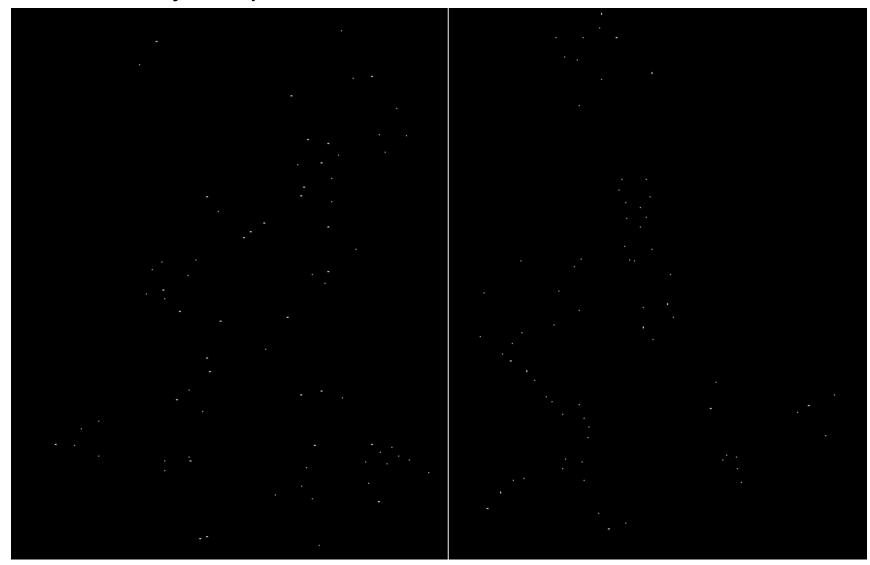
Compute corner response *R*



Find points with large corner response: *R*>threshold



Take only the points of local maxima of R





Invariance and covariance

- We want corner locations to be invariant to photometric transformations and covariant to geometric transformations
 - Invariance: image is transformed and corner locations do not change
 - Covariance: if we have two transformed versions of the same image, features should be detected in corresponding locations

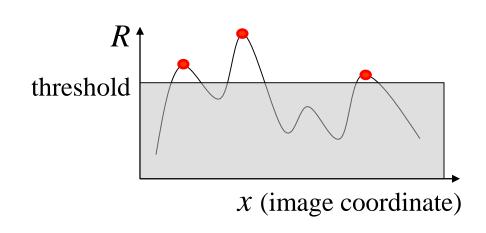


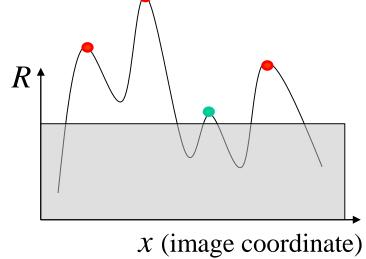
Affine intensity change



$$I \rightarrow a I + b$$

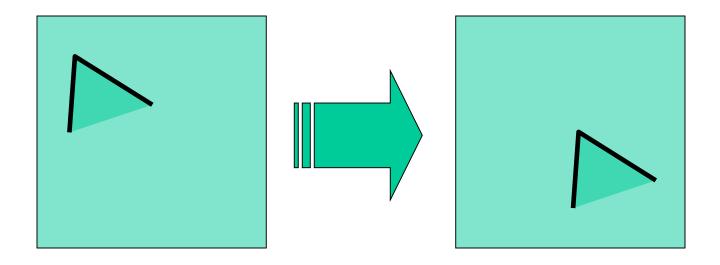
- Only derivatives are used => invariance to intensity shift $I \rightarrow I + b$
- Intensity scaling: $I \rightarrow a I$





Partially invariant to affine intensity change

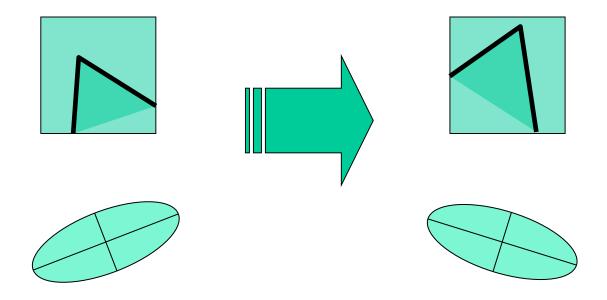
Image translation



Derivatives and window function are shift-invariant

Corner location is covariant w.r.t. translation

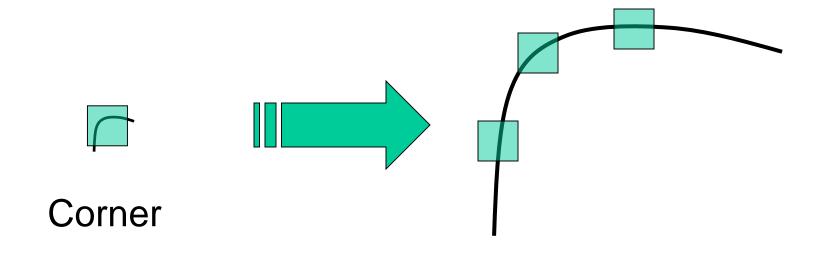
Image rotation



Second moment ellipse rotates but its shape (i.e. eigenvalues) remains the same

Corner location is covariant w.r.t. rotation

Scaling



All points will be classified as edges

Corner location is not covariant to scaling!