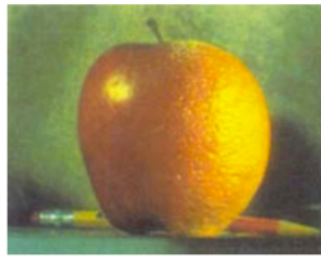


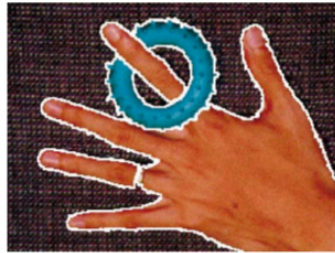
2. Image Formation



3. Image Processing



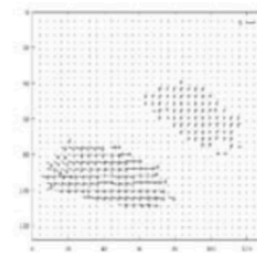
4. Features



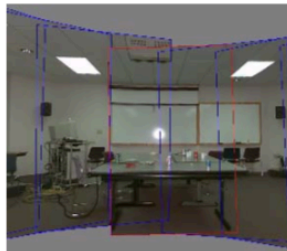
5. Segmentation



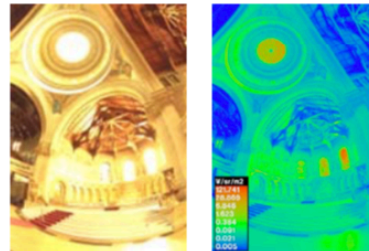
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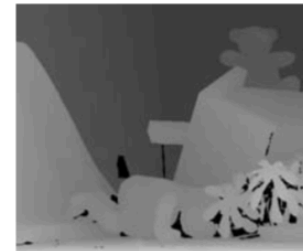
8. Motion



9. Stitching



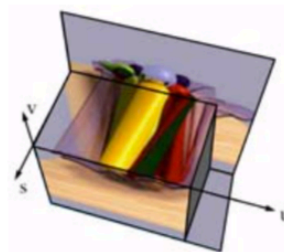
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11. Stereo



12. 3D Shape



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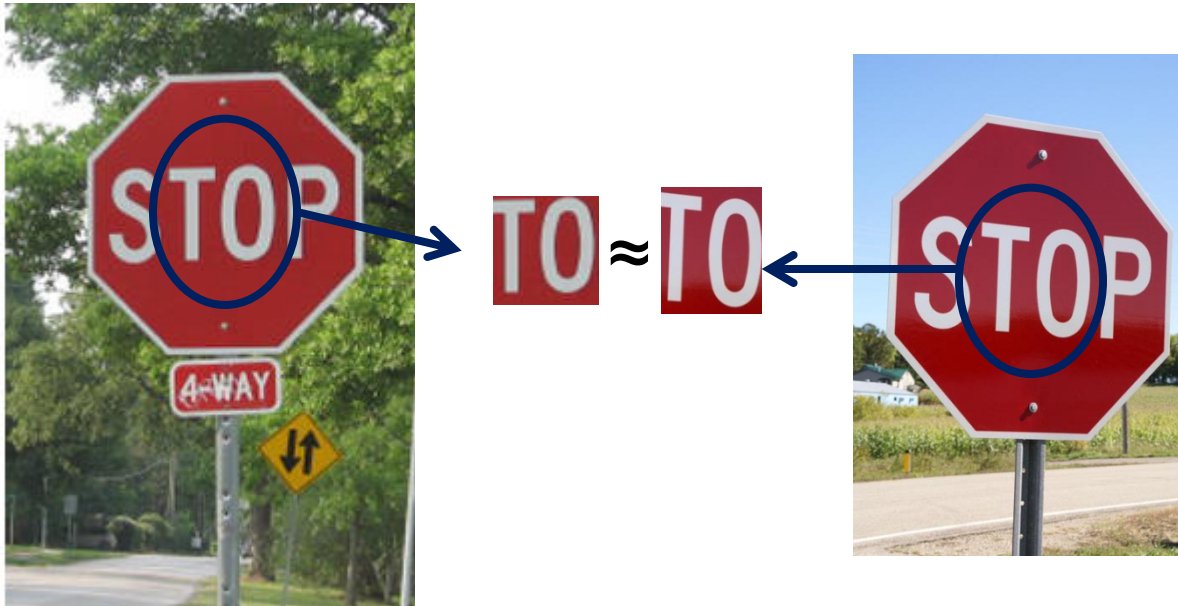
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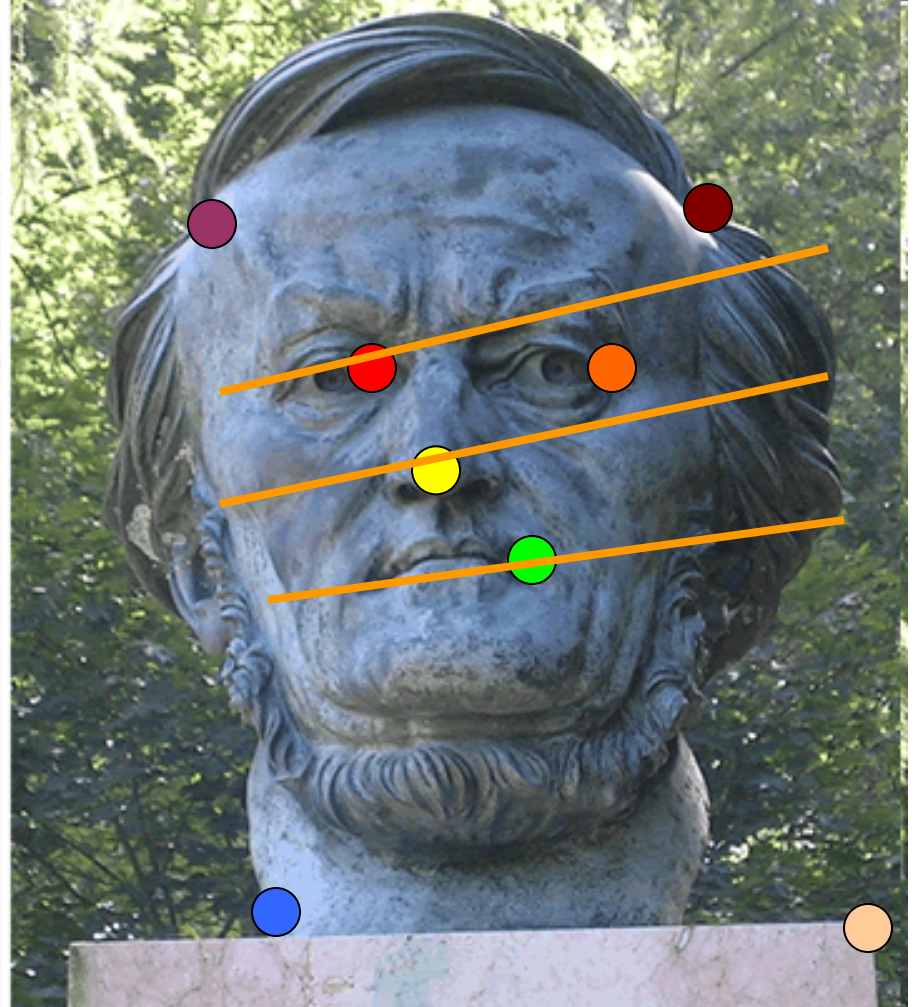
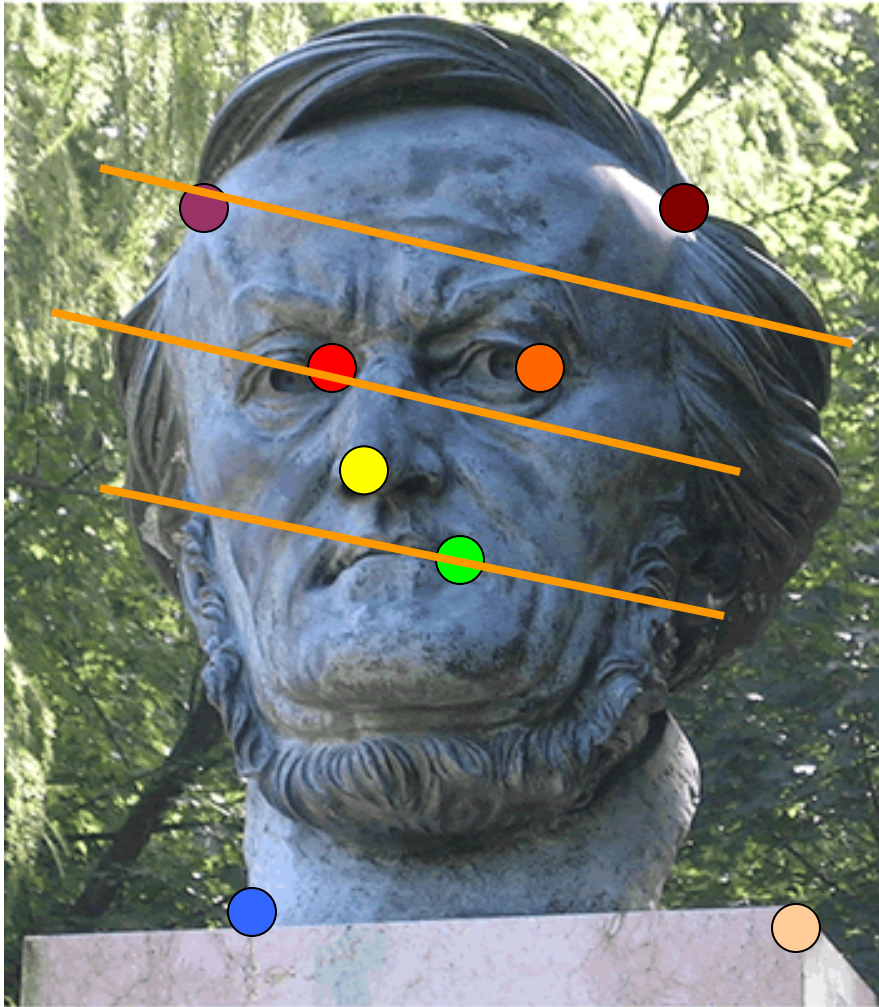
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# Correspondence across views

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



# Example: estimating “fundamental matrix” that corresponds two views

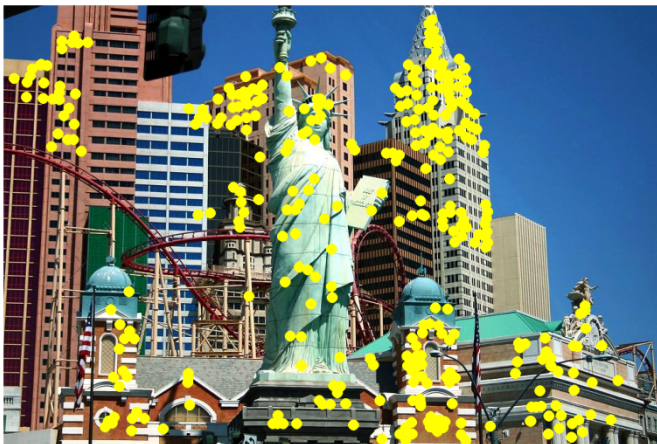


# Example: structure from motion



# Applications

- Feature points are used for:
  - Image alignment
  - 3D reconstruction
  - Motion tracking
  - Robot navigation
  - Indexing and database retrieval
  - Object recognition



# Example: Panorama stitching

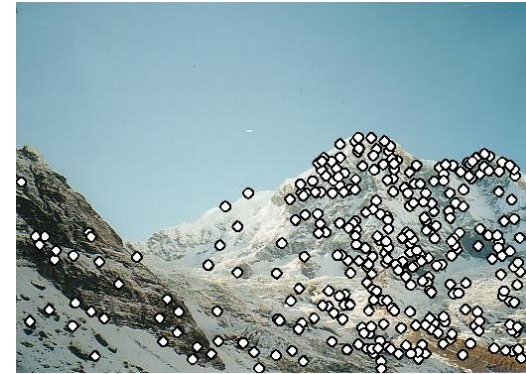
We have two images – how do we combine them?





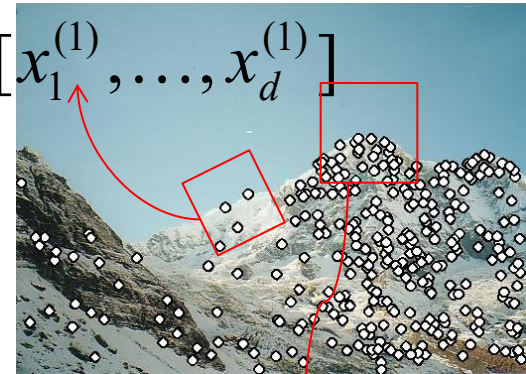
# Local features: main components

1) Detection: Identify the interest points



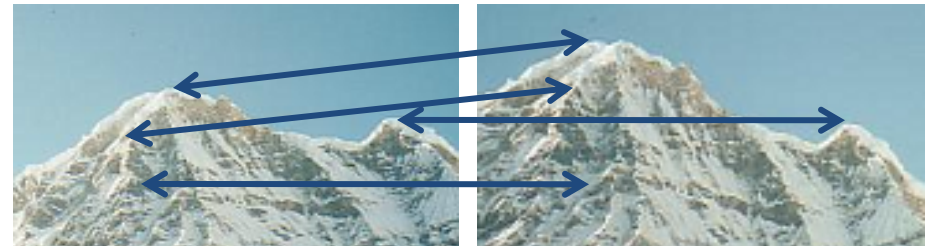
2) Description: Extract vector feature descriptor surrounding each interest point.

feature descriptor surrounding  $\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_d^{(1)}]$



3) Matching: Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views

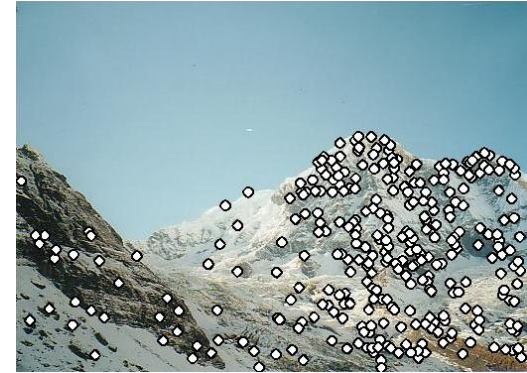
$\mathbf{x}_2 = [x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_d^{(2)}]$



# Detectors

# Local features: main components

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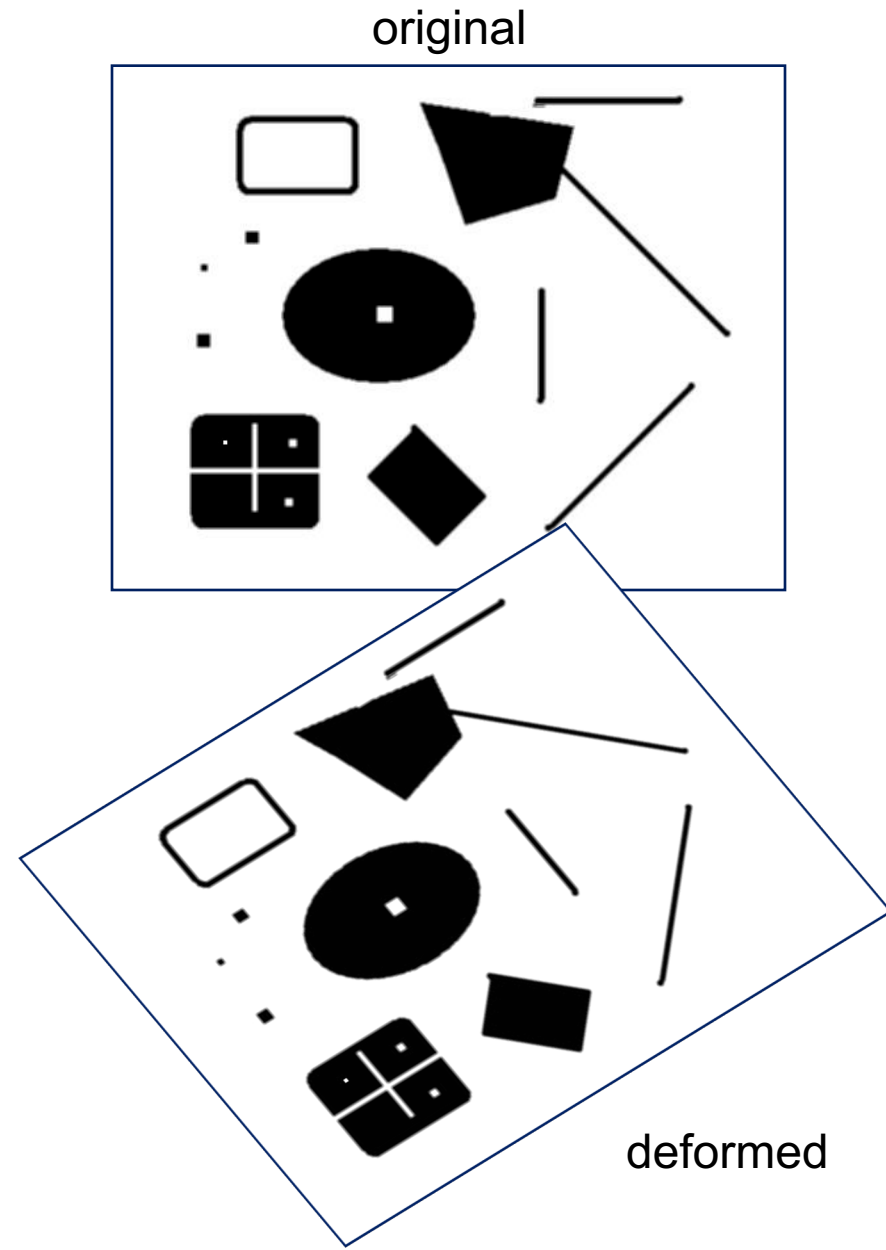


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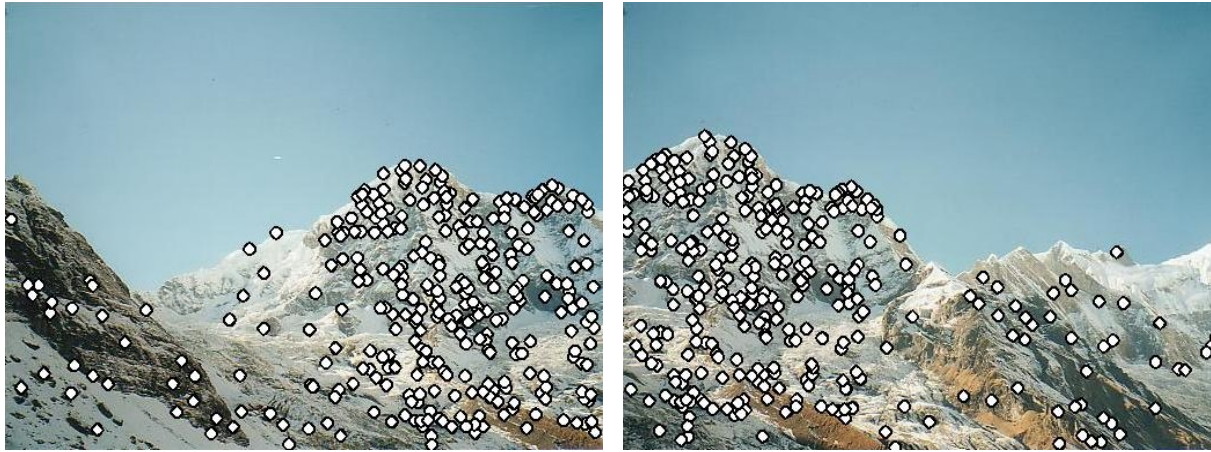
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# Interest points defined

- 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?



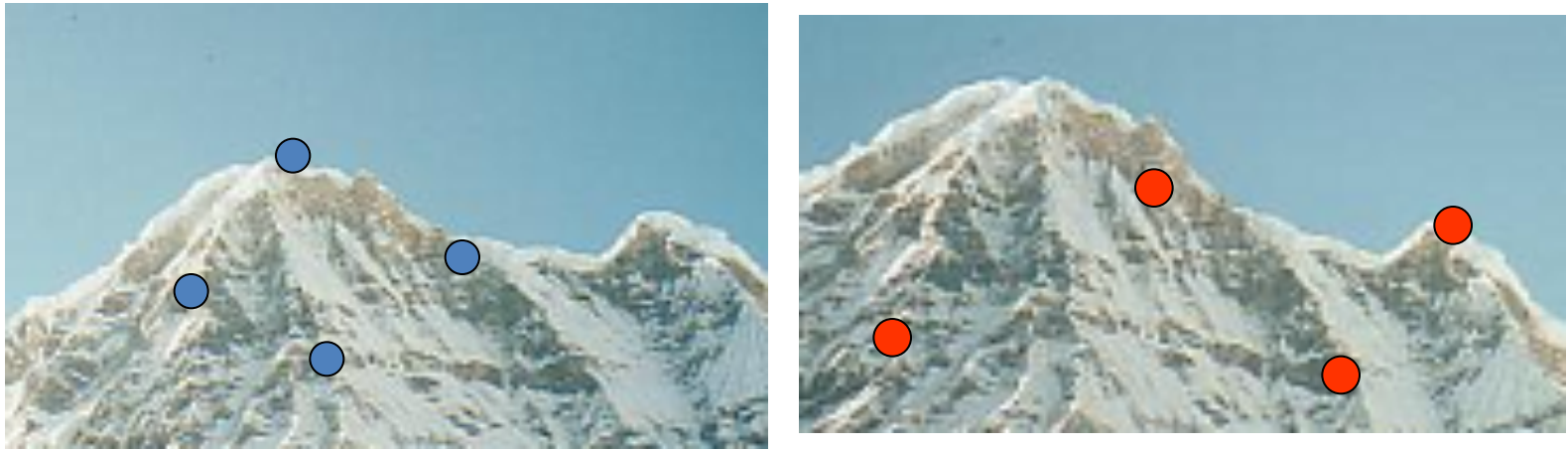
# Characteristics of good features



- **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.

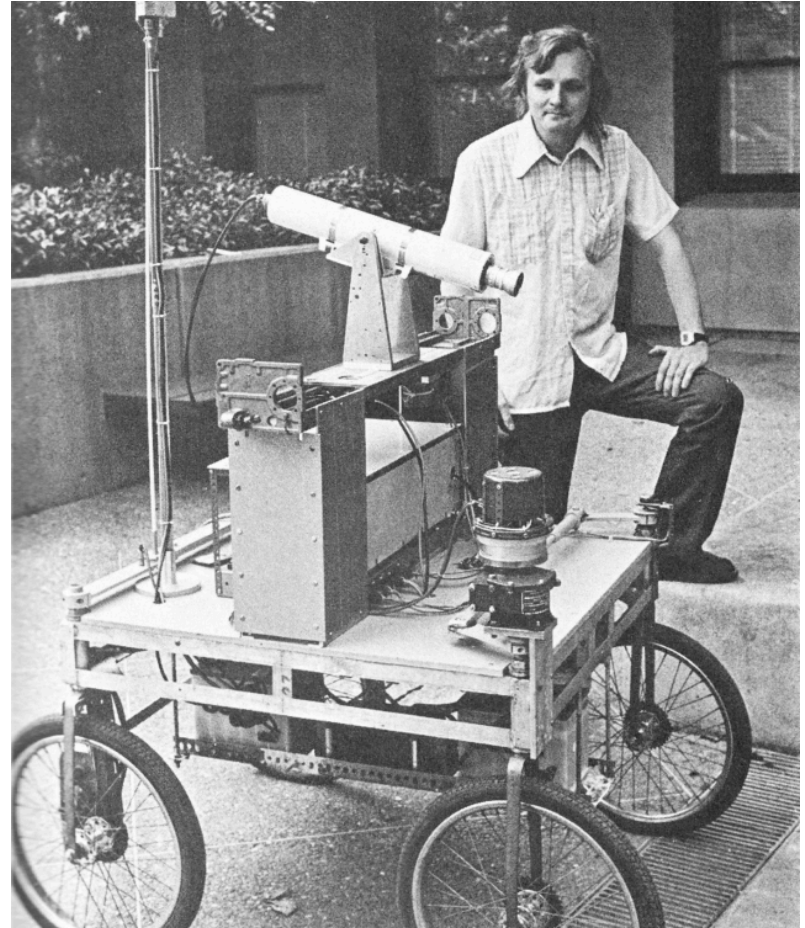


No chance to find true matches!

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

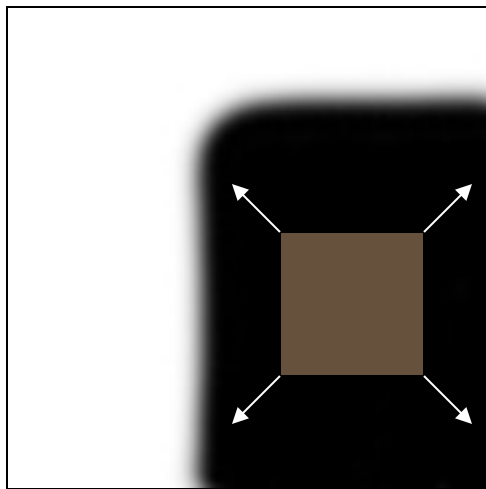
# History

- Hans Moravec 1980
- Harris Corners 1988
- [Wolf & Platt 1993: FCN!]
- SIFT (Lowe) 2004
- FAST 2006 (learning!)
- SURF 2006
- ORB 2011

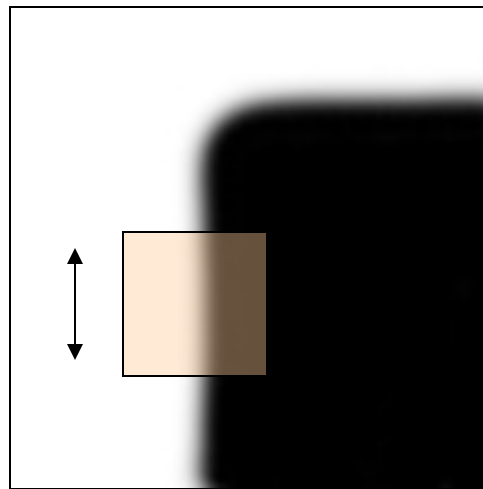


## Corner Detection: Basic Idea

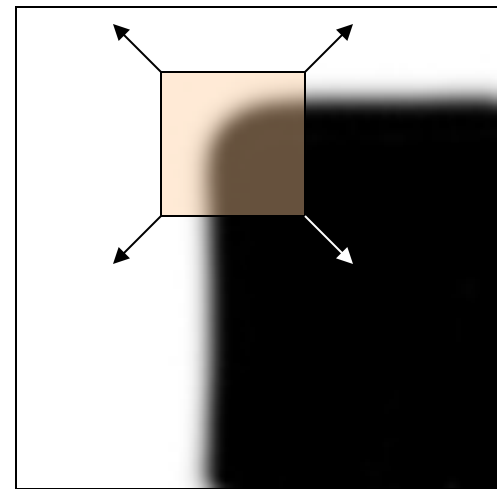
- We should easily recognize the point by looking through a small window
- Shifting a window in *any direction* should give *a large change* in intensity



“flat” region:  
no change in  
all directions



“edge”:  
no change  
along the edge  
direction



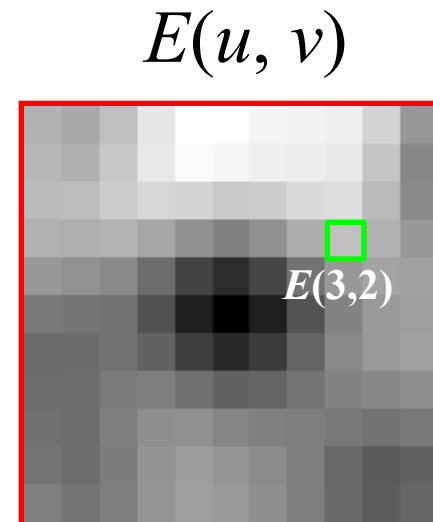
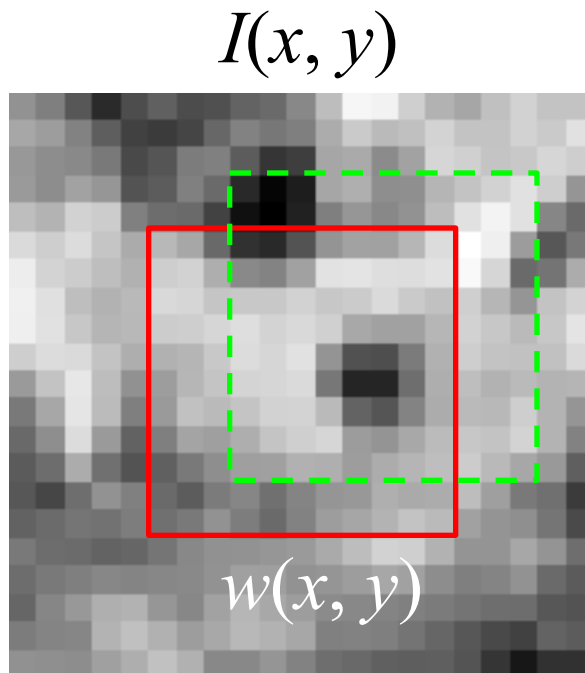
“corner”:  
significant  
change in all  
directions



# Corner Detection: Mathematics

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

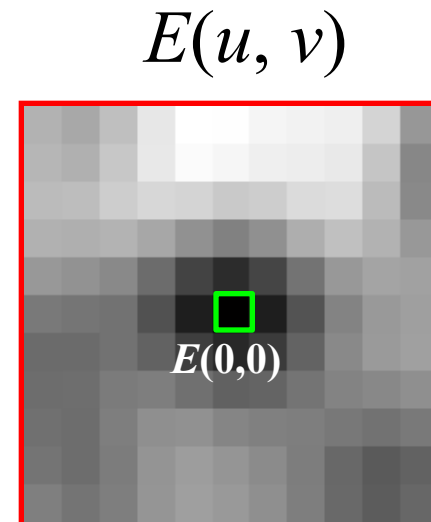
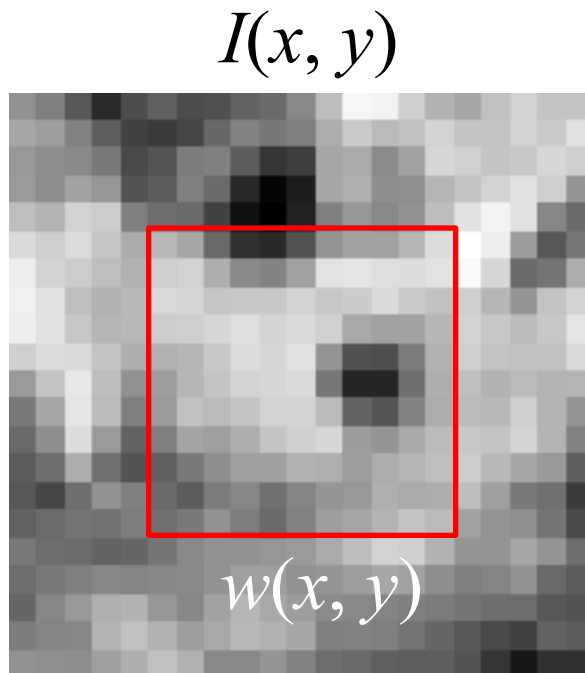
$$E(u, v) = \sum_{x,y} w(x, y) [I(x+u, y+v) - I(x, y)]^2$$



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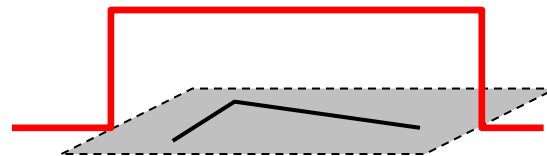
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Window  
function

Shifted  
intensity

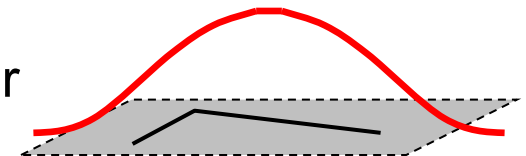
Intensity

Window function  $w(x,y) =$



1 in window, 0 outside

or



Gaussian

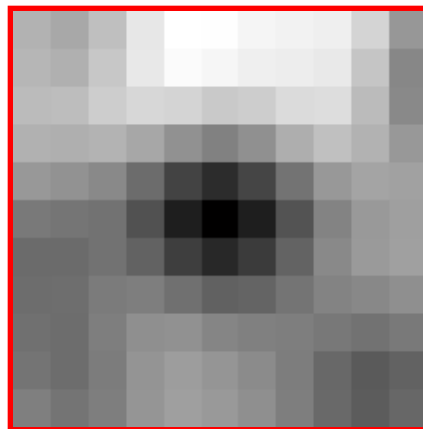
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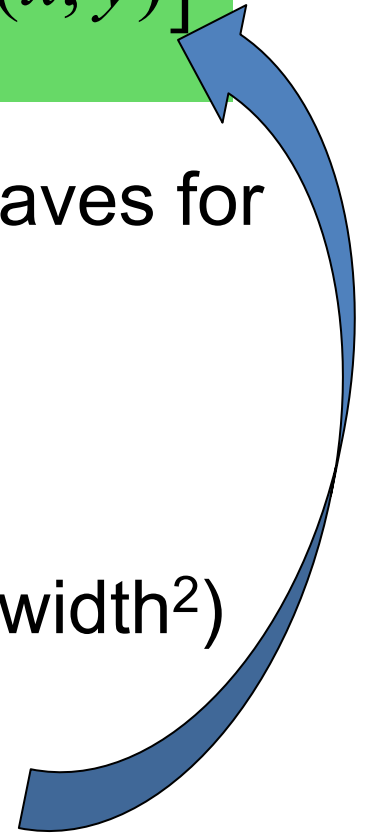
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But this is very slow to compute naively.

$O(\text{window\_width}^2 * \text{shift\_range}^2 * \text{image\_width}^2)$

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



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

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

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Local quadratic approximation of  $E(u,v)$  in the neighborhood of  $(0,0)$  is given by the *second-order Taylor expansion*:

$$E(u, v) \approx E(0,0) + [u \quad v] \begin{bmatrix} E_u(0,0) \\ E_v(0,0) \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} [u \quad v] \begin{bmatrix} E_{uu}(0,0) & E_{uv}(0,0) \\ E_{uv}(0,0) & E_{vv}(0,0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

# Corner Detection: Mathematics

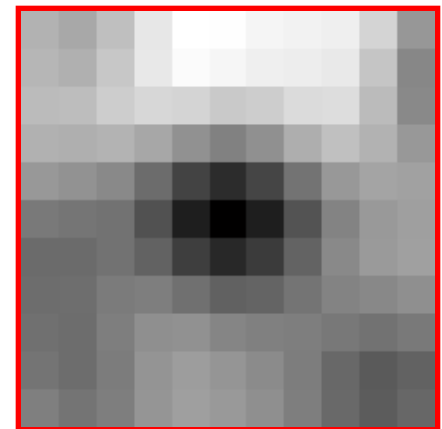
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↑  
Always 0

↑  
First  
derivative  
is 0

$E(u,v)$





# 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:

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

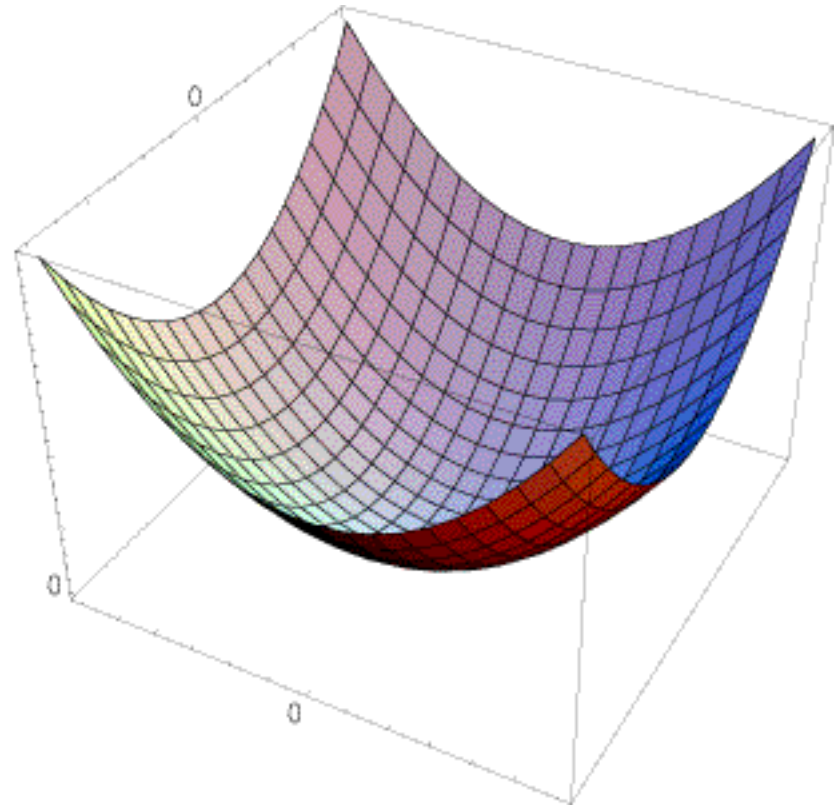
$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x I_x & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y I_y \end{bmatrix} = \sum \begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ I_y \end{bmatrix} [I_x \ I_y] = \sum \nabla I (\nabla I)^T$$

# Interpreting the second moment matrix

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

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

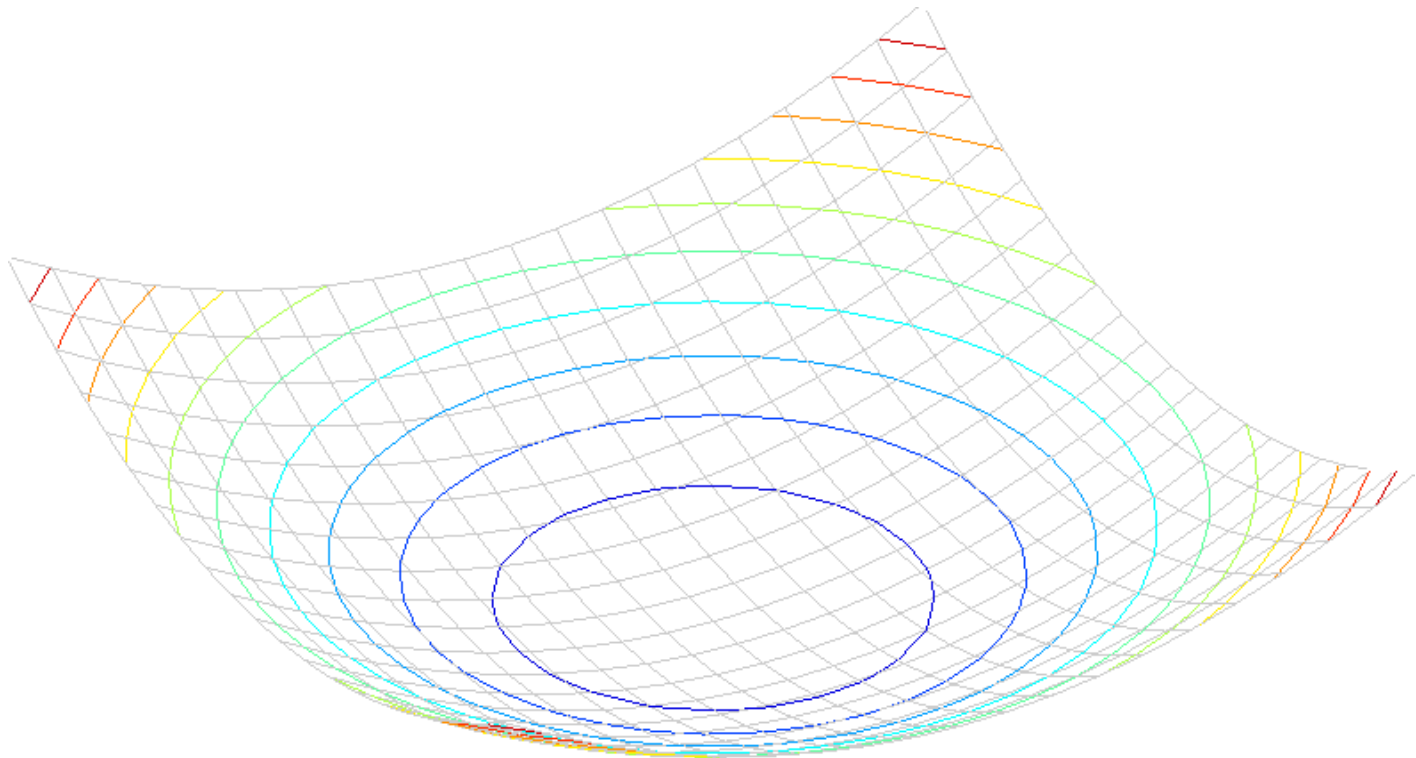
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# Interpreting the second moment matrix

Consider a horizontal “slice” of  $E(u, v)$ :  $[u \ v] M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \text{const}$

This is the equation of an ellipse.



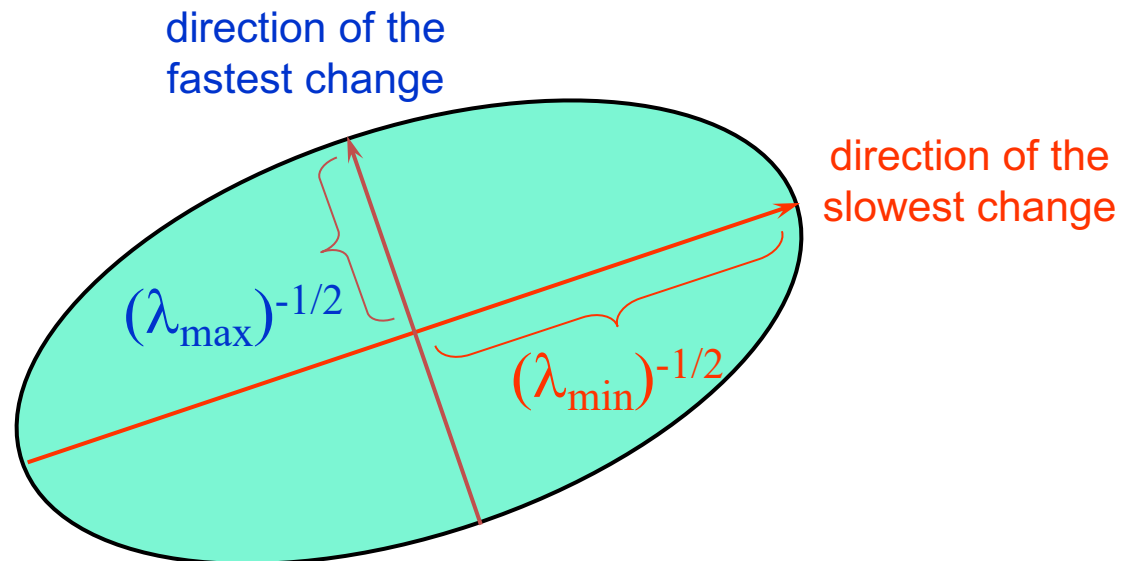
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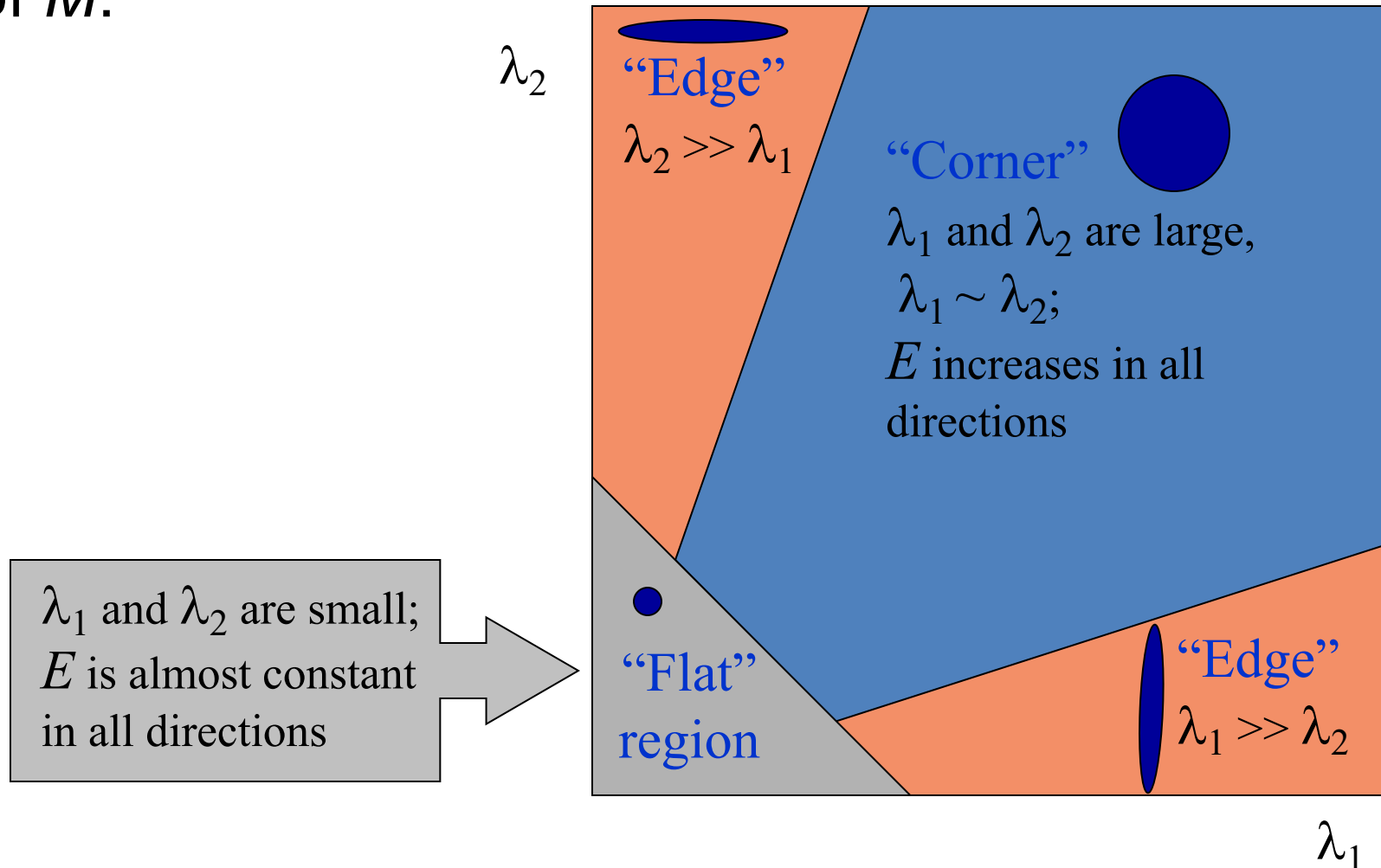
Diagonalization of  $M$ :  $M = R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} R$

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



# Interpreting the eigenvalues

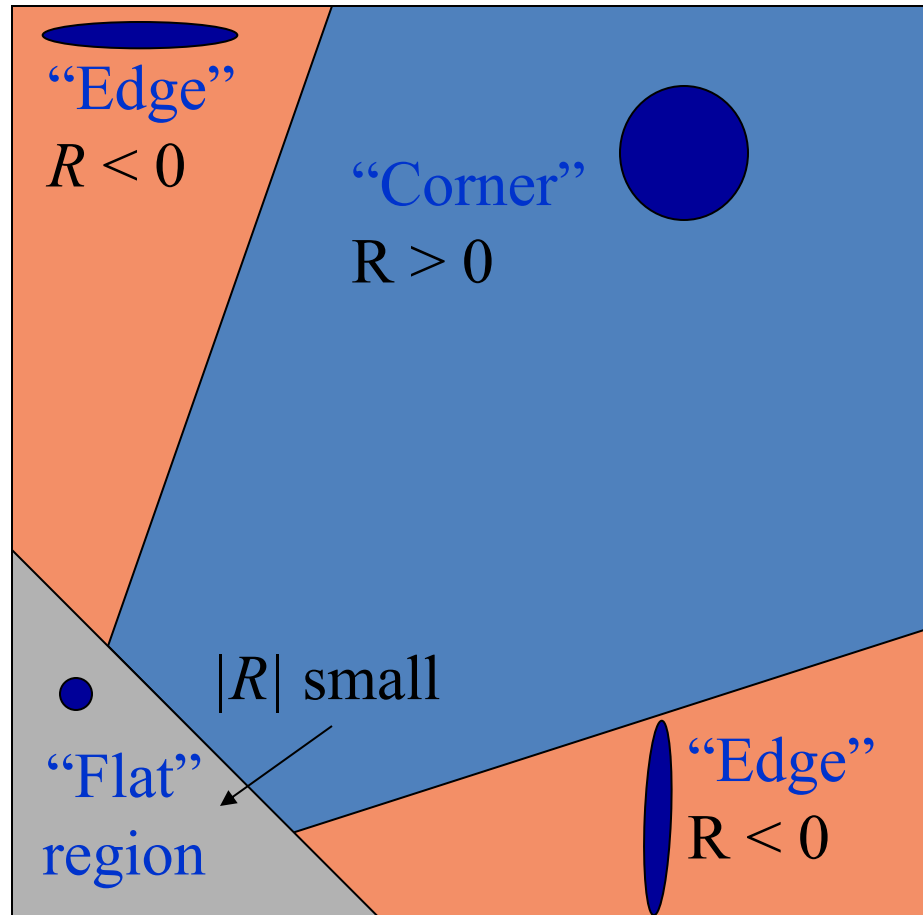
Classification of image points using eigenvalues of  $M$ :



# Corner response function

$$R = \det(M) - \alpha \text{trace}(M)^2 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \alpha (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2$$

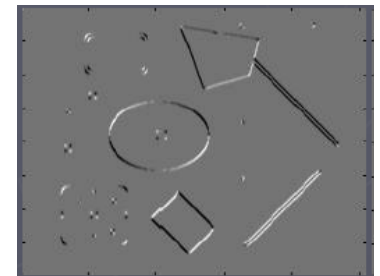
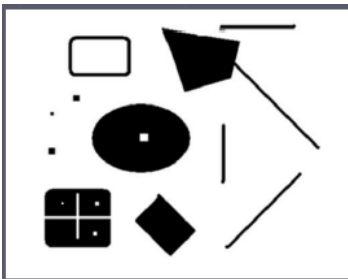
$\alpha$ : constant (0.04 to 0.06)



# 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).



Notation:

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

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

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

# 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

C.Harris and M.Stephens. [“A Combined Corner and Edge Detector.”](#)  
*Proceedings of the 4th Alvey Vision Conference*: pages 147—151, 1988.



# Harris Detector [Harris88]

- Second moment matrix

$$\mu(\sigma_I, \sigma_D) = g(\sigma_I) * \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2(\sigma_D) & I_x I_y(\sigma_D) \\ I_x I_y(\sigma_D) & I_y^2(\sigma_D) \end{bmatrix}$$

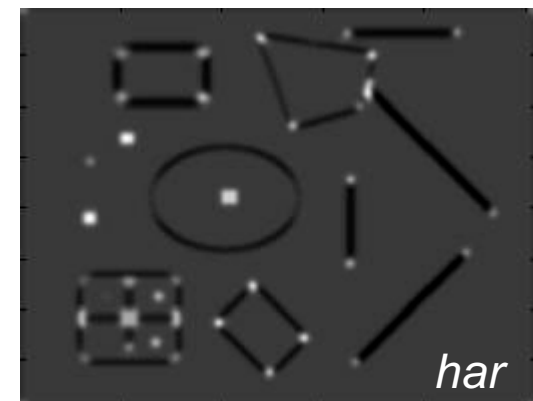
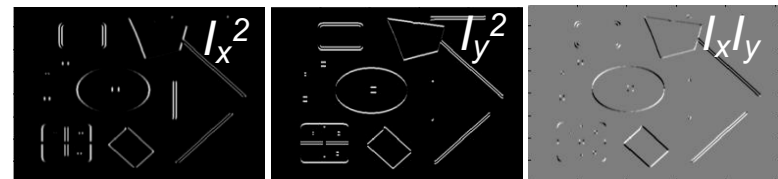
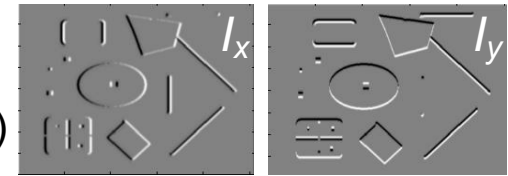
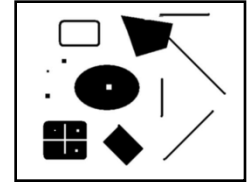
$$\det M = \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

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

2. Square of derivatives

3. Gaussian filter  $g(\sigma_I)$

1. Image derivatives  
(optionally, blur first)



4. Cornerness function – both eigenvalues are strong

$$har = \det[\mu(\sigma_I, \sigma_D)] - \alpha [\text{trace}(\mu(\sigma_I, \sigma_D))]^2 = g(I_x^2)g(I_y^2) - [g(I_x I_y)]^2 - \alpha [g(I_x^2) + g(I_y^2)]^2$$

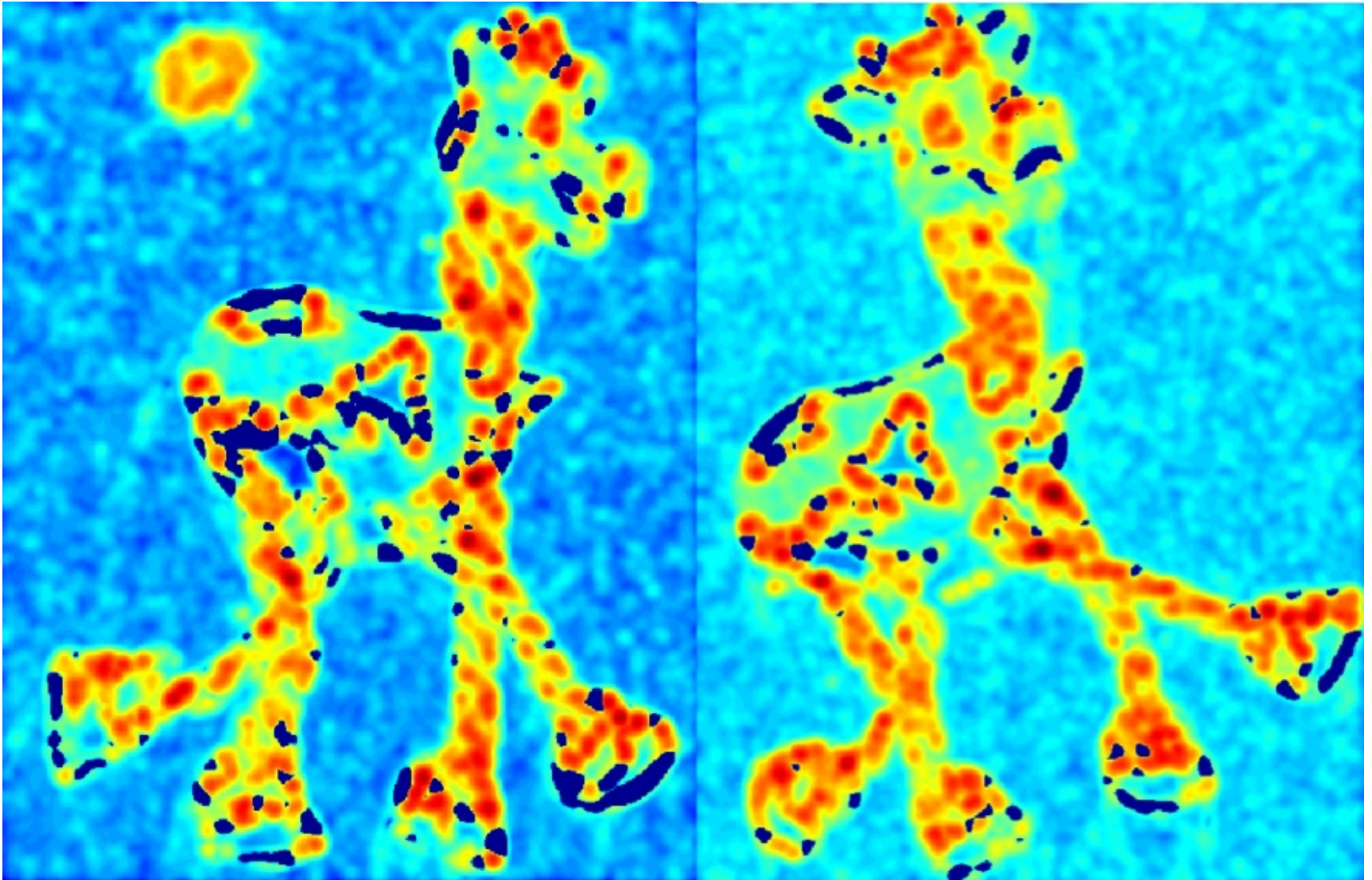
5. Non-maxima suppression

# Harris Detector: Steps



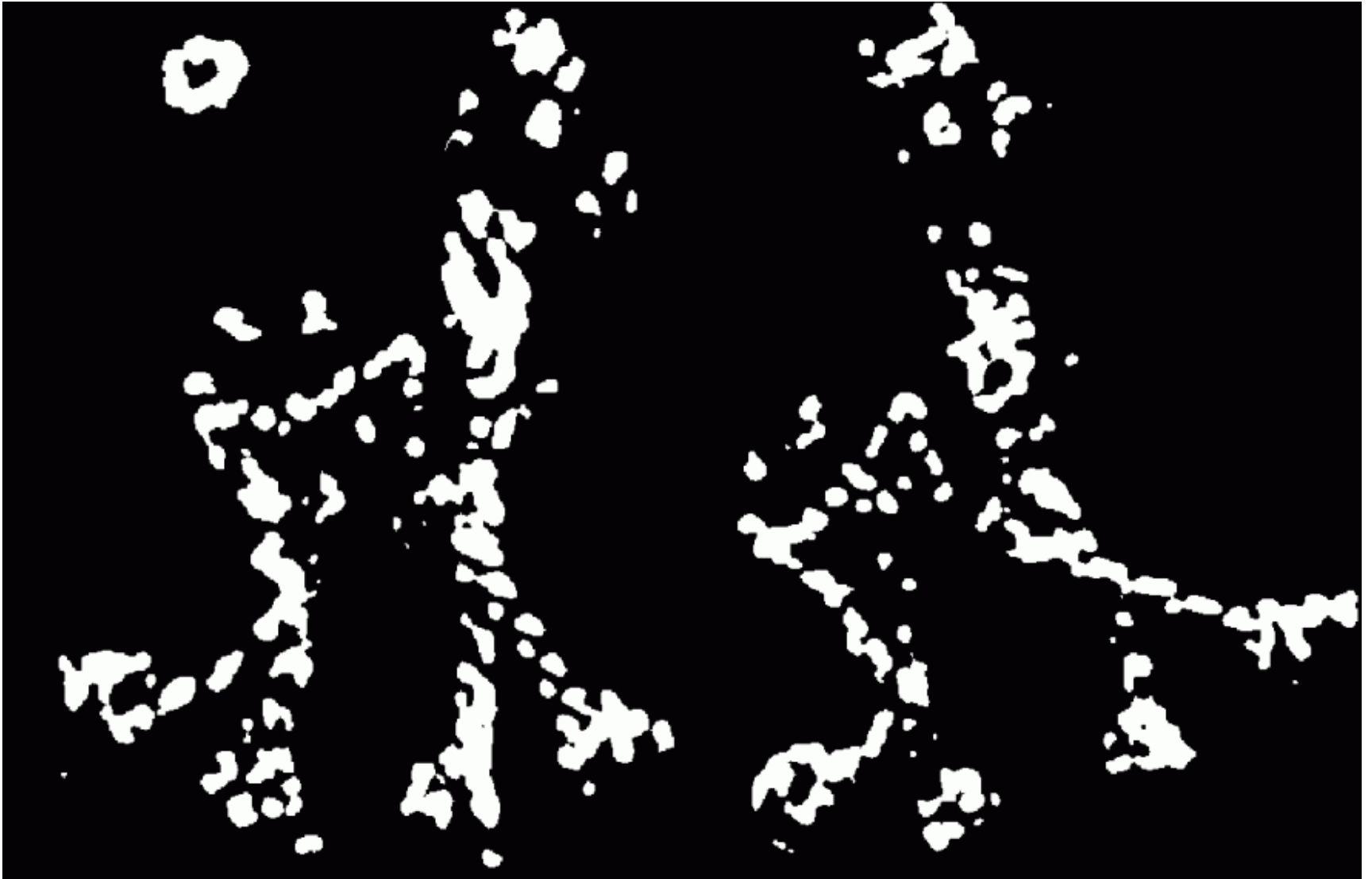
# Harris Detector: Steps

Compute corner response  $R$



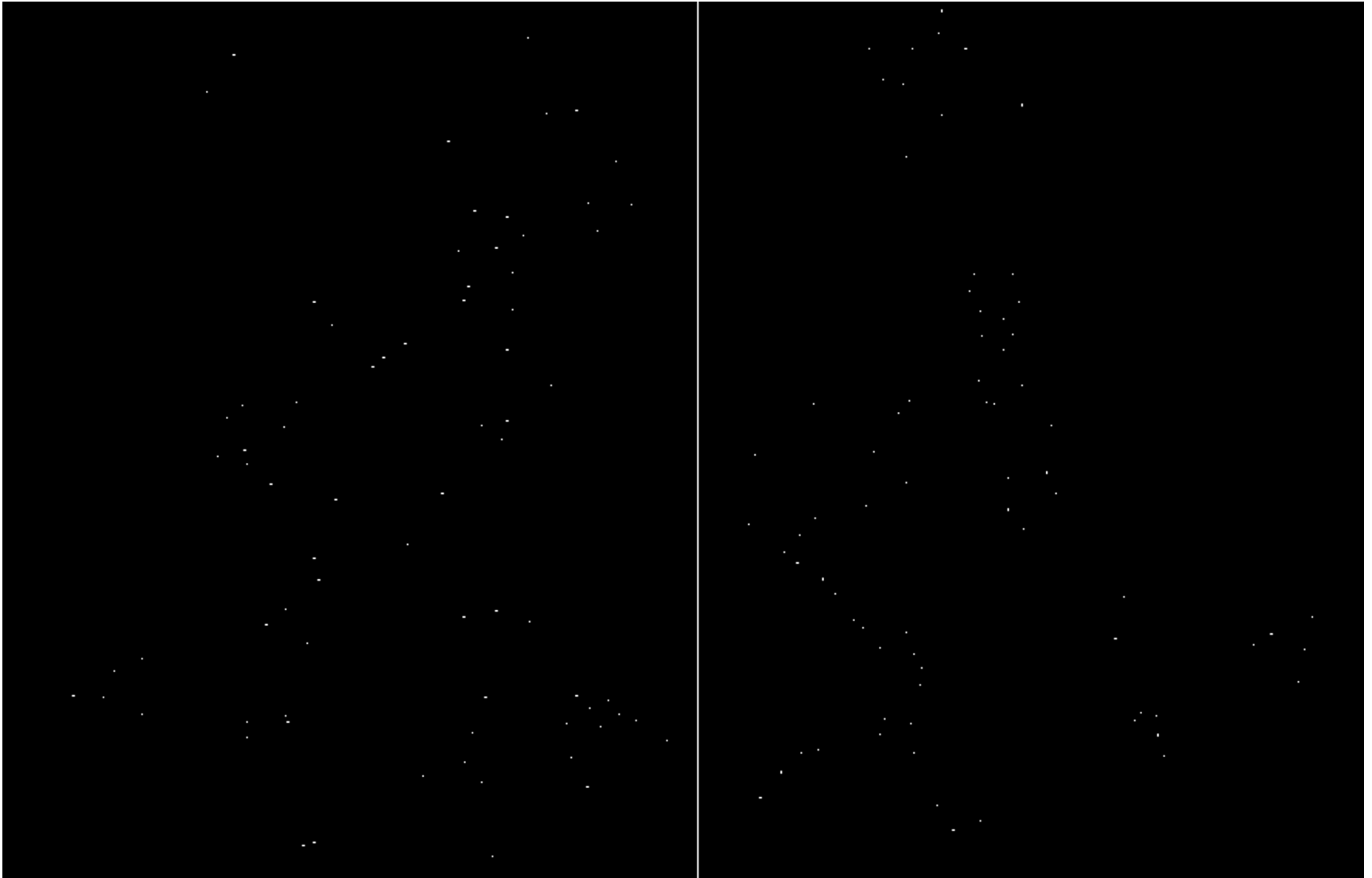
# Harris Detector: Steps

Find points with large corner response:  $R > \text{threshold}$



# Harris Detector: Steps

Take only the points of local maxima of  $R$



# Harris Detector: Steps



# Deep Detectors

# Many “Classical” 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]

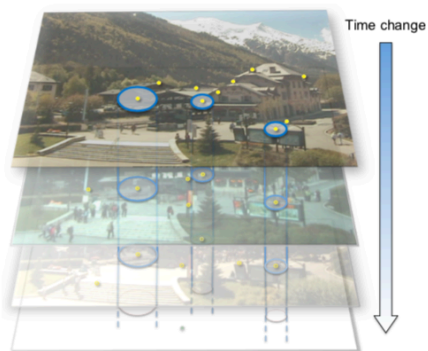
[Kadir & Brady ‘01]



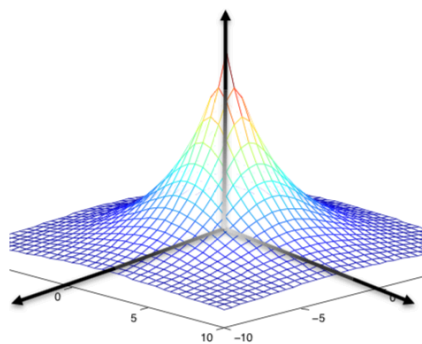
# TILDE: A Temporally Invariant Learned DETector

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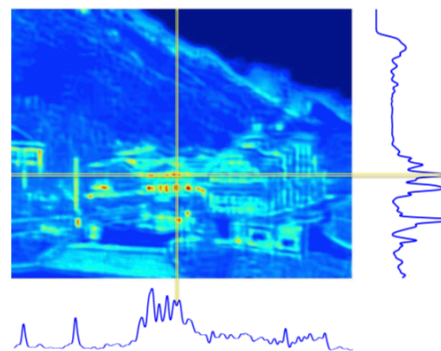
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(a) Stack of training images



(b) Desired response on positive samples



(c) Regressor response for a new image



(d) Keypoints detected in the new image

- Train on images from webcams: fixed view, different times
- Learn CNN-like regressor
- Loss = repeatability