



图像处理与识别

——Part 7 图像特征描述

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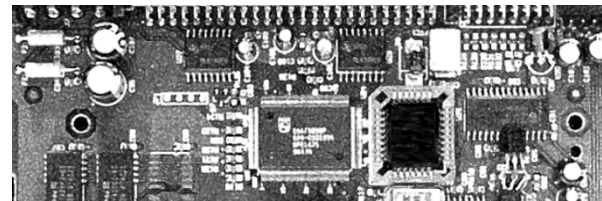
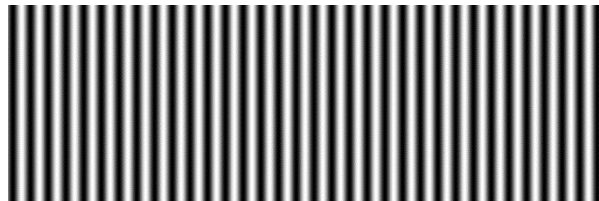
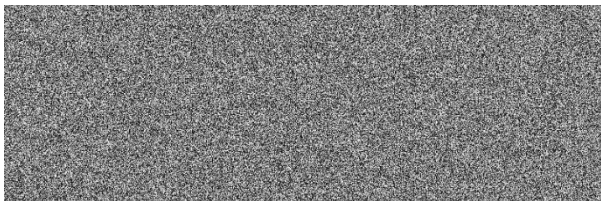
Main Content

- ▶ Texture description
- ▶ Local features
- ▶ Image scale space
- ▶ SIFT
- ▶ Bag of Visual Words



Texture

- ▶ Texture is for Region description
- ▶ No specific definition (smoothness, roughness, regularity)



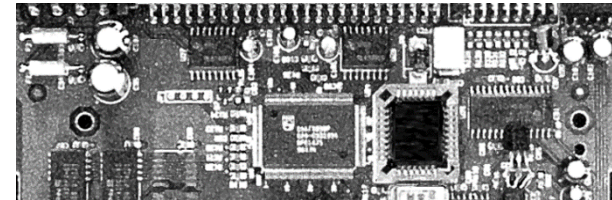
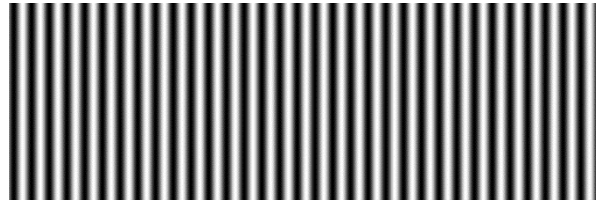
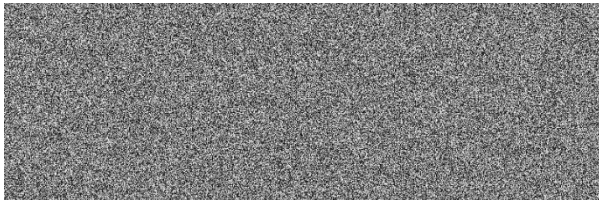
纹理反映物体表面缓慢变化或周期变化的表面结构组织排列属性，但不能反映物体本质属性。



Texture

Methods for describing Texture of an image region

- ▶ Statistical method (used frequently)
- ▶ Structural method
- ▶ Spectrum method



A widely used metric for texture of an image or region is the statistical moments (grayscale level histogram)



Texture

Methods for describing Texture of an image region

► Statistical method

For a random variable z (grayscale value)

Its n -order moment is

$$\mu_n(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (z_i - \bar{z})^n p(z_i)$$

$p(z_i)$ is gray
histogram

where

$$\bar{z} = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} z_i p(z_i)$$

Note $\mu_0 = 1$, $\mu_1 = \bar{z}$, $\mu_2(z) = \sigma^2(z)$ (important and for gray contrast)

Higher order moment.....



Texture

Methods for describing Texture of an image region

► Statistical method

A widely used metric for texture of an image or region is the statistical moments (grayscale level histogram)

Gray histogram based Consistency metric (灰度一致性)

$$U(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} p^2(z_i),$$

achieves to maximum for constant image

Gray histogram based Entropy metric(熵)

$$e(z) = - \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} p(z_i) \log_2 p(z_i),$$

achieves zero for constant image (no variation)



Texture

Methods for describing Texture of an image region

► Statistical method

Problem: **no spatial information (relative position among pixels)** is used based only on histogram. (直方图不能反映像素空间的相对位置信息，且直方图对应图像的不唯一性)

Both gray distribution and spatial relation are important.

Let Q be an operator, describing the spatial relation of two pixels z_i and z_j ($0 \leq i, j \leq L - 1$).

Given a matrix $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L}$, where entry $g_{i,j} = \text{Num} \{Q(z_i, z_j)\}$

Gray level Co - occurrence matrix (GLCM): 共生矩阵

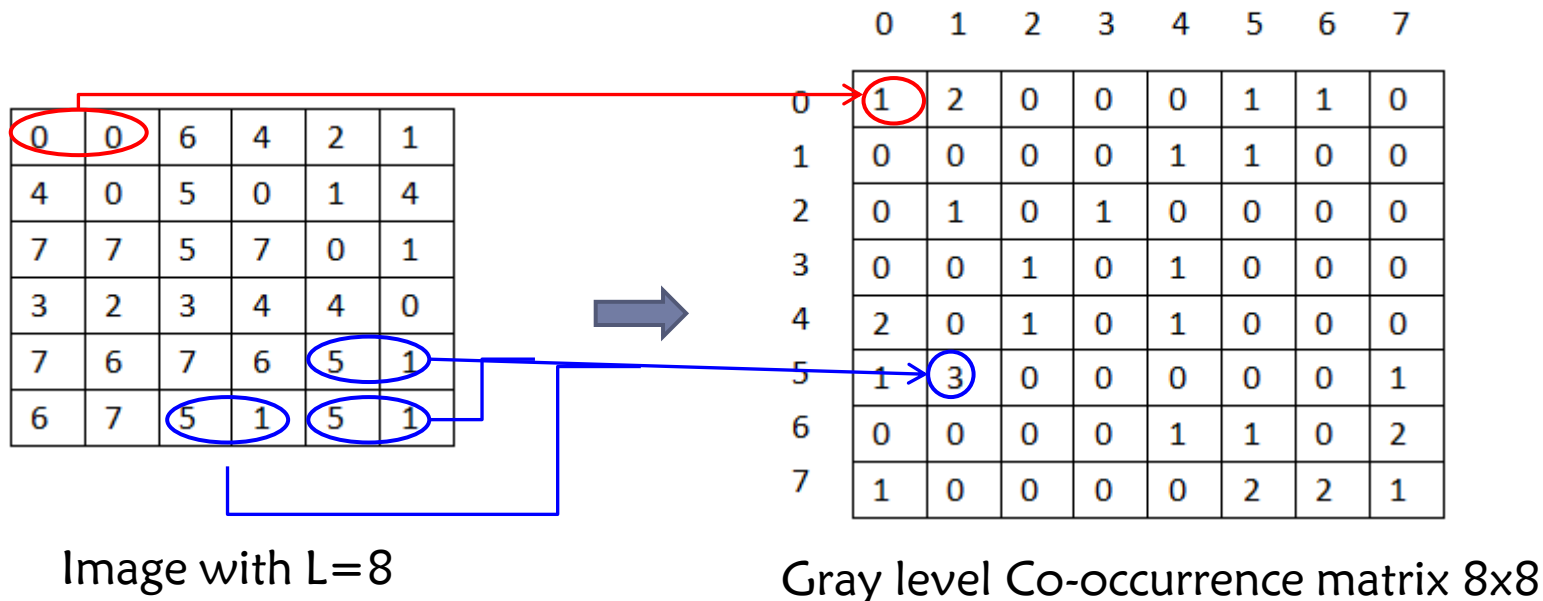


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For a gray image with gray level $L=8$

$Q(z_i, z_j)$ represents the neighborhood relation





Texture

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Co-occurrence matrix Analysis

1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1

Gray level Co-occurrence matrix G 8x8

→ depend on Q operator

Specific descriptors of G:

Maximum probability: $\max(p_{i,j})$

Correlation: $\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{(i - m_r)(j - m_c)p_{ij}}{\sigma_r \sigma_c}$

Contrast: $\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L (i - j)^2 p_{ij}$

Energy: $\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L p_{ij}^2$

Homogeneity(同质性): $\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{p_{ij}}{1 + |i - j|}$

Entropy: $-\sum_{i=0}^L \sum_{j=0}^L p_{ij} \log_2 p_{ij}$

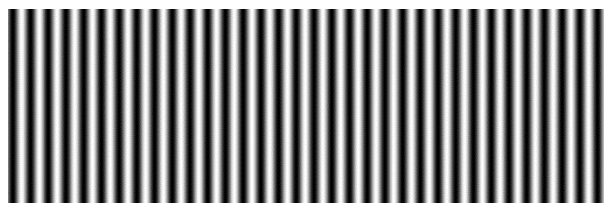


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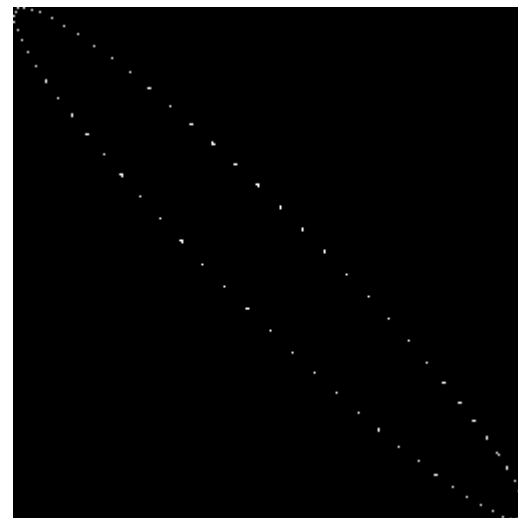
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Co-occurrence matrix Analysis

Steps for texture description:



Q: 右侧紧邻一个像素



灰度共生矩阵

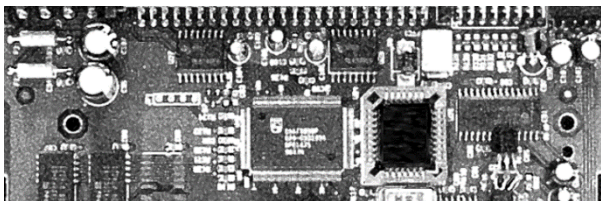


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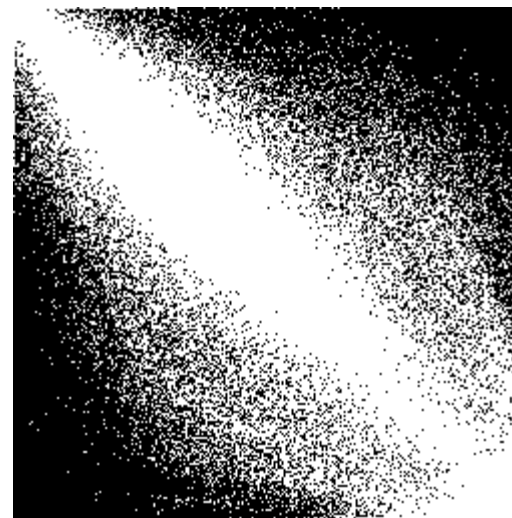
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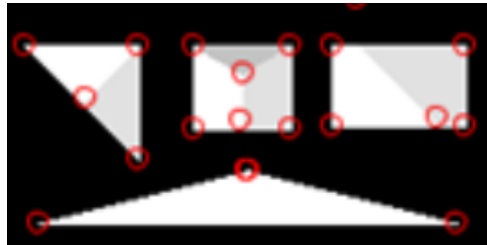
扩展: 灰度-梯度共生矩阵(Gray-Gradient Co-occurrence Matrix)



Local Features

History of Local description (Key point extraction):

1977, Moravec proposed **corner point** feature, the origin of “points of interest” concept. Sensitive to noise.



且不具有旋转不变性!

1988, Harris proposed a robust **Harris corner** feature. Invariant to rotation and gray change. (still in use)

但不具有尺度不变性!

1990, Lindeberg proposed discrete signal scale space theory, and proved that only Gaussian kernel filters can be used for image smooth (image scale space)



Local Features

History of Local description:

Next, Mikolajczyk proposed **Harris-Laplacian** and **Harris-Affine** detectors. The former combines Harris corner detector with Gaussian scale space, such that the corner features are scale-invariant; the latter can detect the feature under affine transformation, and affine-invariant.

(**Milestone**) in 2000, David Lowe proposed very efficient **SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform)** local feature descriptor. SIFT is invariant to rotation, scale, affine Transformation and view-angle.





Local Features

History of Local description:

In 2006, Bay proposed a SURF (speed up robust features) by following the idea of David Lowe, the velocity of feature extraction was improved by combining integral image and Haar wavelet.

The key property of local feature:

Invariant to rotation, scale, affine transform, grayscale value, intensity, etc.



Image matching



by [Diva Sian](#)



by [swashford](#)



Harder case



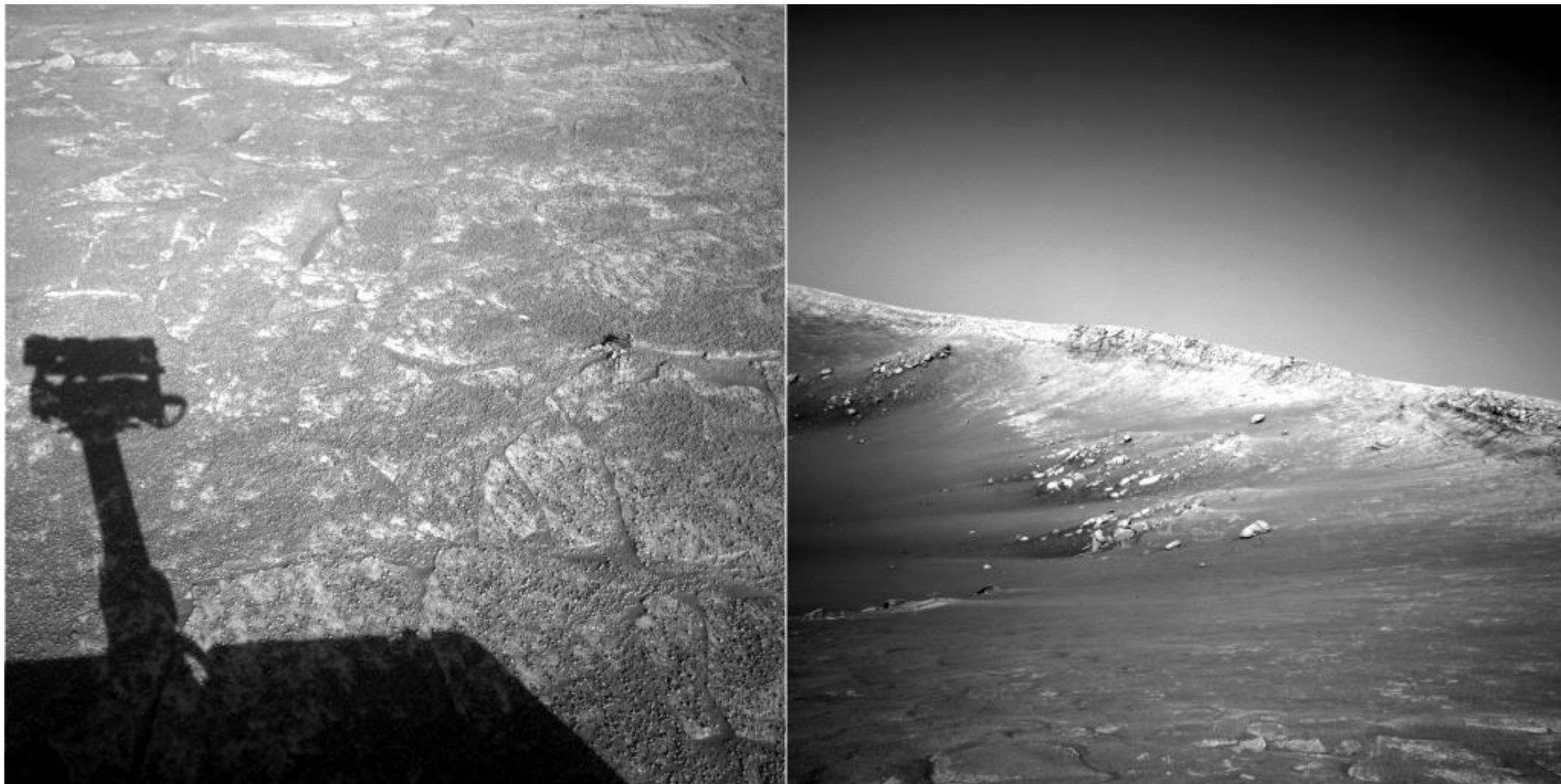
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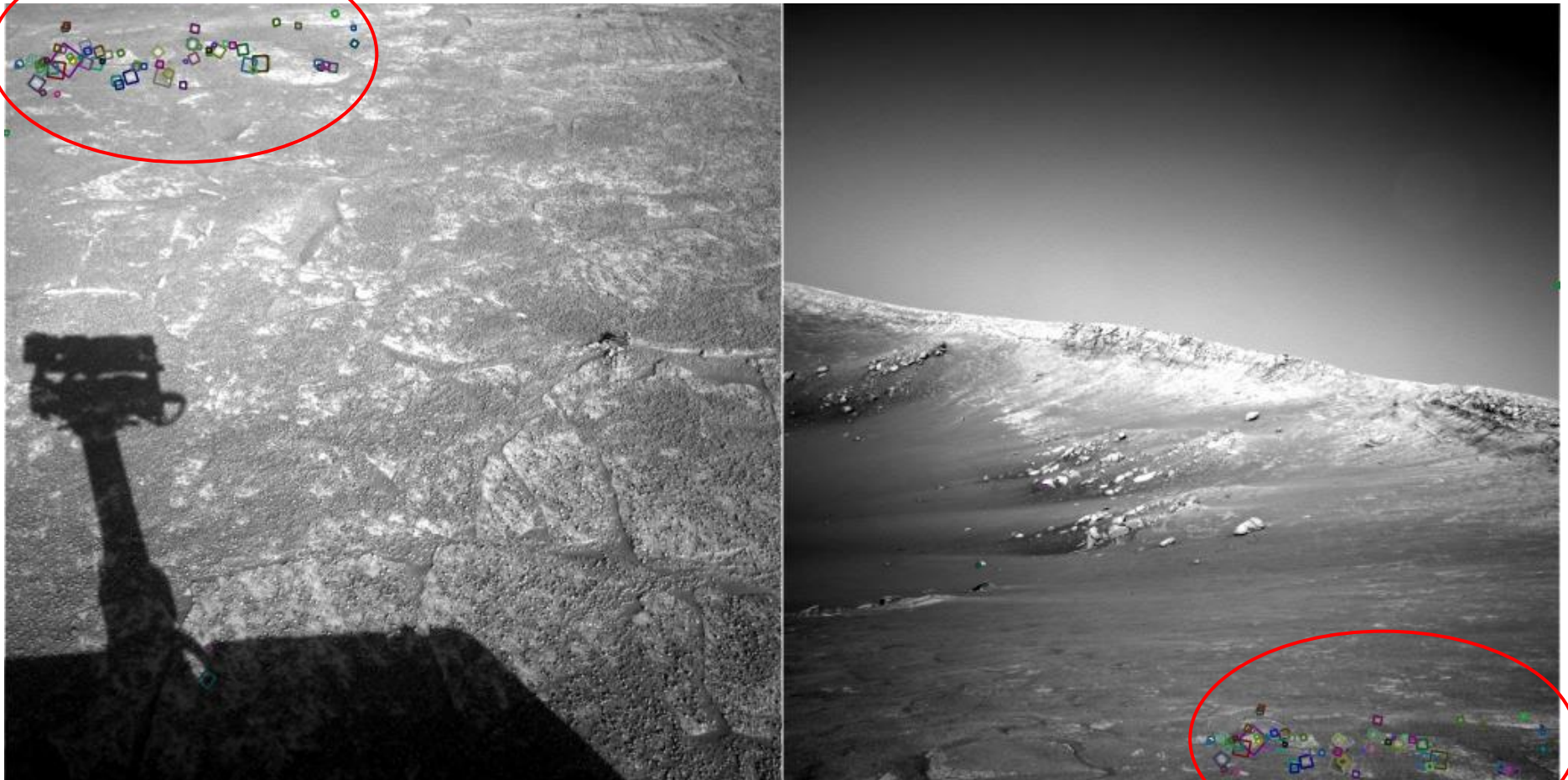
Harder still?



NASA Mars Rover images



Answer below (look for tiny colored squares...)



NASA Mars Rover images
with SIFT feature matches
Figure by Noah Snively



Features



All is Vanity, by C. Allan Gilbert, 1873-1929

Readings

- Szeliski, Ch 4.1
- (optional) K. Mikolajczyk, C. Schmid, A performance evaluation of local descriptors. In PAMI 27(10):1615-1630

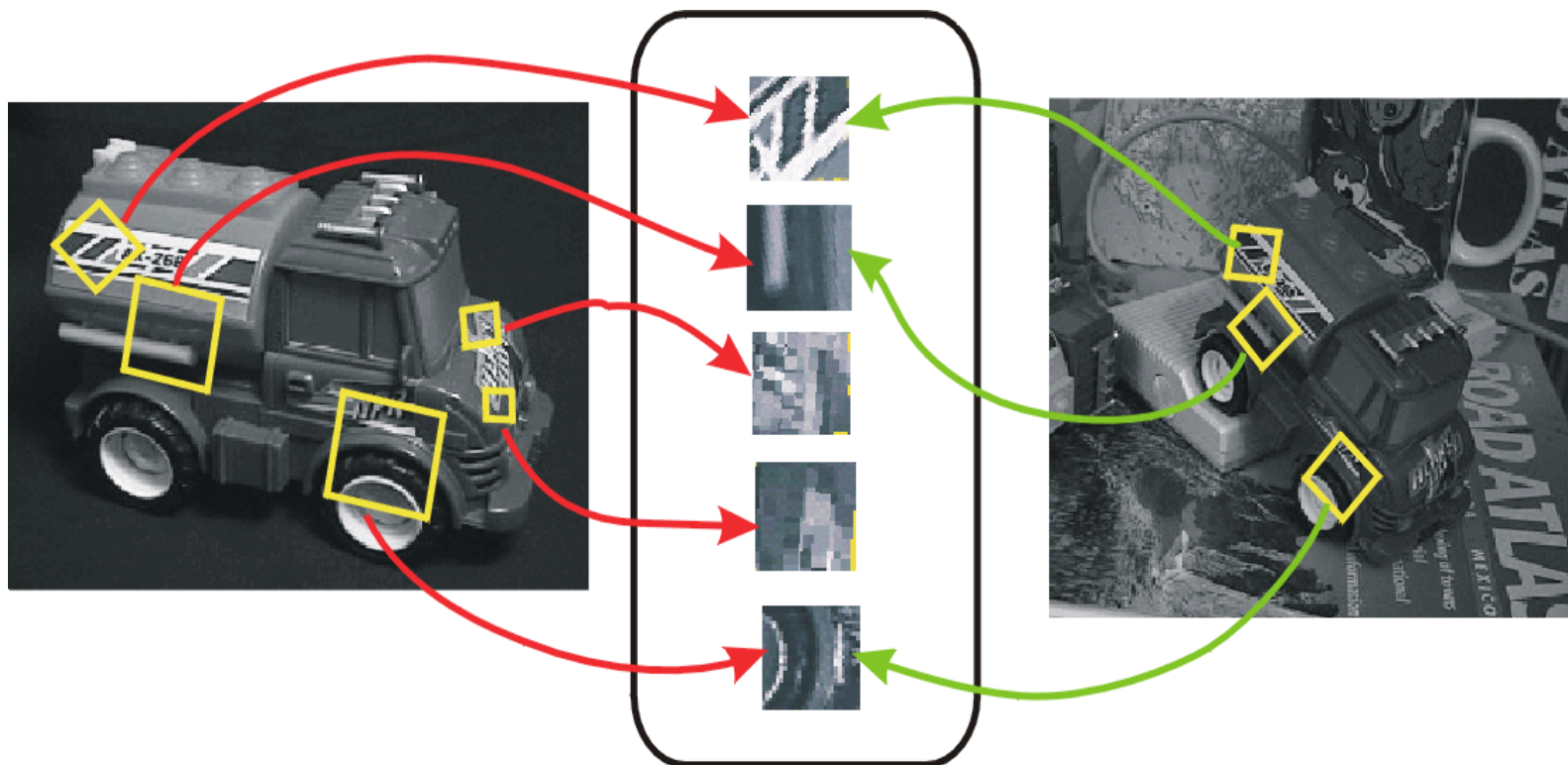
- http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/affine/det_eval_files/mikolajczyk_



Invariant local features

Find features that are invariant to transformations

- ▶ geometric invariance: translation, rotation, scale
- ▶ photometric invariance: brightness, exposure, ...



Feature Descriptors



More motivation...

Feature points are used for:

- ▶ Image alignment (e.g., mosaics)
- ▶ 3D reconstruction
- ▶ Motion tracking
- ▶ Object recognition
- ▶ Indexing and database retrieval
- ▶ Robot navigation
- ▶ ... other



Invariance

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We'd like to find the same features regardless of the transformation

- ▶ This is called transformational *invariance* 尺度不变性和旋转不变性
- ▶ Most feature methods are designed to be invariant to
 - ▶ Translation, 2D rotation, scale
- ▶ They can usually also handle
 - ▶ Limited 3D rotations (SIFT works up to about 60 degrees)
 - ▶ Limited affine transformations (some are fully affine invariant)
 - ▶ Limited illumination/contrast changes



How to achieve invariance

Need both of the following:

1. **Make sure your detector is invariant**
 - ▶ Harris is invariant to translation and rotation
 - ▶ Scale is trickier(棘手)
 - ▶ common approach is to detect features at many scales using a Gaussian pyramid (e.g., MOPS, multi-scale oriented patches)
 - ▶ More sophisticated methods find “the best scale” to represent each feature (e.g., SIFT)
2. **Design an invariant feature *descriptor***
 - ▶ A descriptor captures the information in a region around the detected feature point
 - ▶ The simplest descriptor: a square window of pixels
 - ▶ What’ s this invariant to?
 - ▶ Let’ s look at some better approaches...



Scale Space

Earliest: Signal Pyramid (信号金字塔化)

Step 1: Low-pass filter (e.g. Gaussian filters) for signal smooth

Step 2: Down-sampling on the smooth signal with 1/2.

Then, signals with different scales can be obtained.

But, it is lack of theory



Scale Space

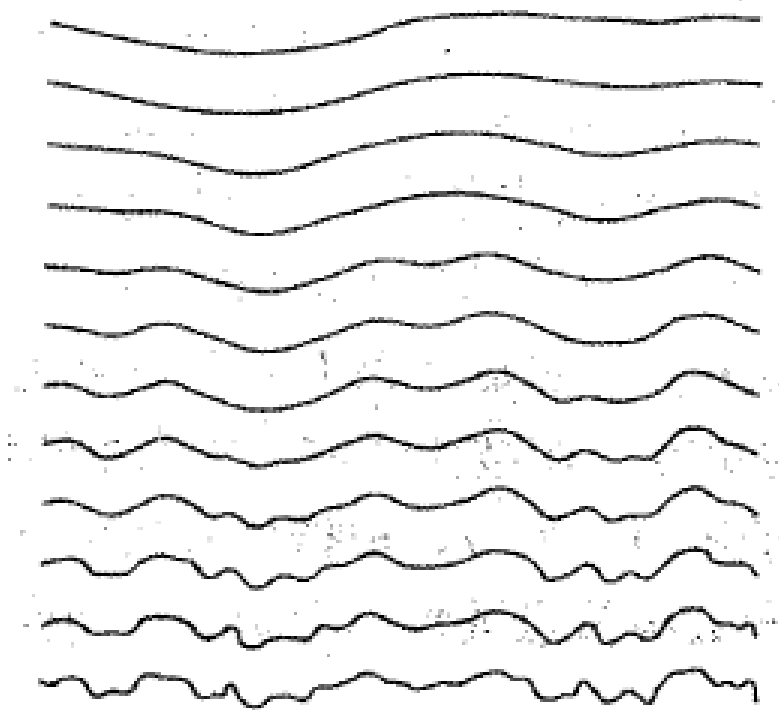
In 1983, Witkin proposed Scale Space Representation of signals by using a series of Gaussian filters with increasing width σ .

Q: How about other filters other than Gaussian filters?

A: Lindeberg et al., proved that Gaussian kernel is the only one for Scale Transformation.

Invariance to translation, scale, rotation

不同高斯核组成的尺度空间是规范的和线性的，并且满足性质{加权平均和有限孔径效应、层叠平滑、局部极值递减、尺度不变性}。



一维信号平滑, σ (尺度参数)从大到小(上一下)



A well-known Local Feature Descriptor in Pre-deep learning era

SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform)



David Lowe
University of British Columbia



Scale Invariant Feature Transform

Construct Scale Space:

Perform scale transformation on the raw image, and obtain multiple image sequence with different scales

Scale space with Gaussian kernel (filter)

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$

where $G(x, y, \sigma)$ is Gaussian convolution kernel, σ means the smoothness,

$$G(x, y, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-(x^2+y^2)/2\sigma^2}$$

Objective: find out the **positions of key points** in the scale space.

Action: To quickly find out these key points, David Lowe proposed the difference of Gaussian (DoG) scale space D

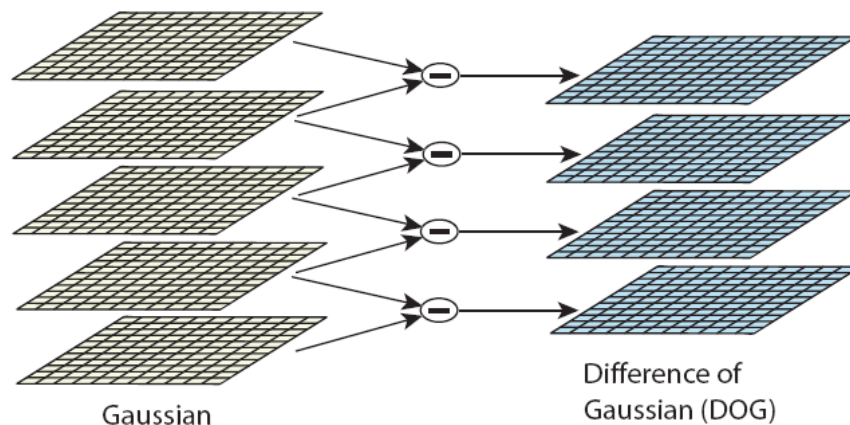


Scale Invariant Feature Transform

Construct Difference Scale Space(构造高斯差分尺度空间):

How to construct difference of Gaussian scale space $D(x, y, \sigma)$?

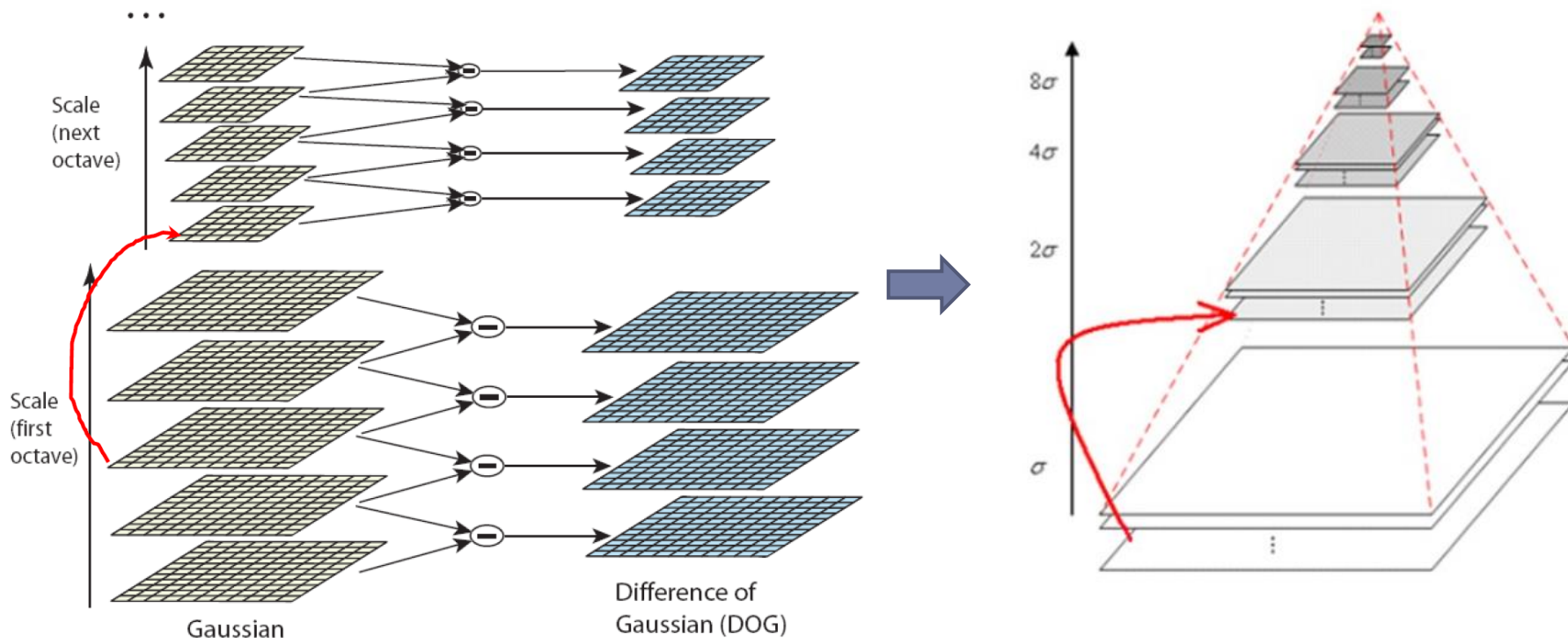
$$\begin{aligned} D(x, y, \sigma) &= (G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)) * I(x, y) \\ &= L(x, y, k\sigma) - L(x, y, \sigma) \end{aligned}$$





Scale Invariant Feature Transform

Construct Gaussian Pyramid (构造高斯金字塔):



尺度 = $2^{i-1}k^{j-1}\sigma$, 第 i 个octave, 第 j 层, $k = 2^{\frac{1}{S}}$ ($S = 2$ 表示每组要检测的尺度数)



Scale Invariant Feature Transform

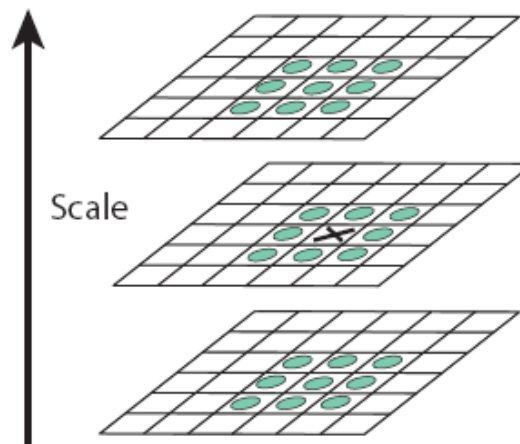
Construct Gaussian Pyramid (高斯金字塔):

Search the local minima feature point in DoG scale space (高斯差分尺度空间)

$9+9+8=26$ points

If the current point is larger or smaller than 26 points,
local minima (false)

End



在差分尺度空间内找极值

Remove the points of low contrast and edge effect points.

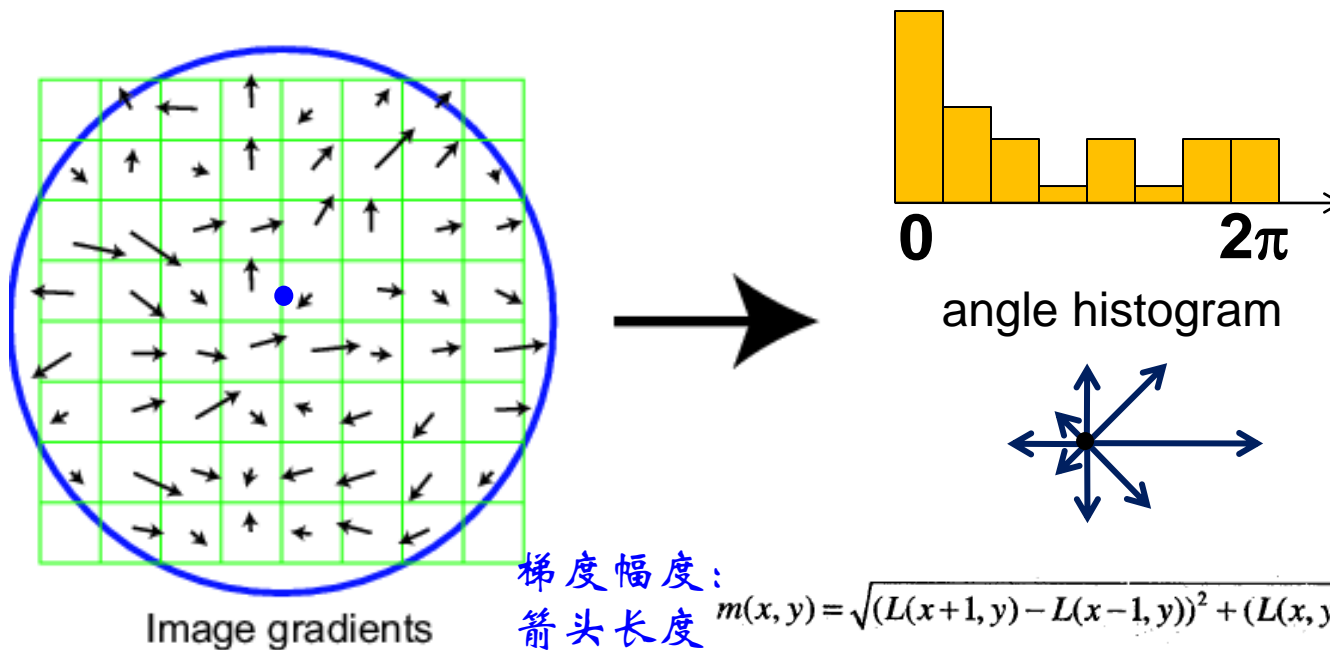
Then, the key points have been found.



Scale Invariant Feature Transform

Basic idea:

- Take **16x16** square window around detected feature (key points)
- Compute edge orientation (angle of the gradient - 90°) for each pixel
- Throw out weak edges (threshold gradient magnitude)
- Create histogram of surviving edge orientations



$$m(x, y) = \sqrt{(L(x+1, y) - L(x-1, y))^2 + (L(x, y+1) - L(x, y-1))^2}$$

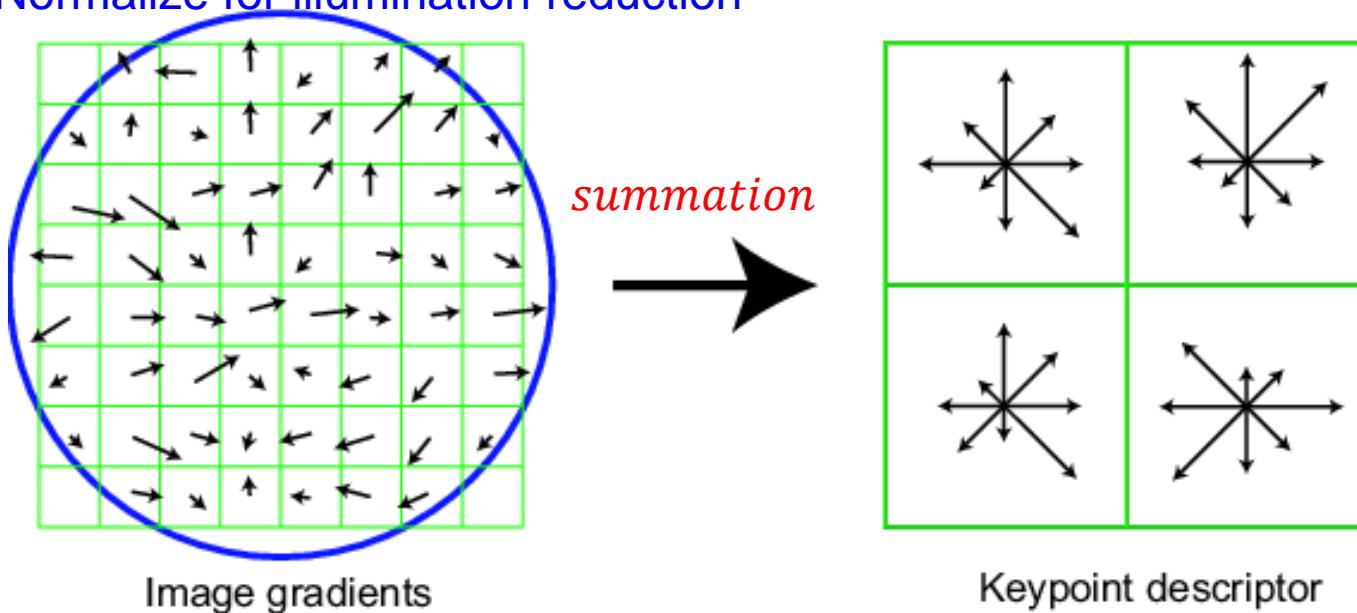
$$\theta(x, y) = \arctan \left(\frac{L(x, y+1) - L(x, y-1)}{L(x+1, y) - L(x-1, y)} \right)$$



SIFT descriptor

Full version

- Divide the 16x16 window into a 4x4 grid of cells (2x2 case shown below)
- Compute an orientation histogram (**summation of gradient**) for each cell
- 16 cells * **8 orientations** = 128 dimensional descriptor **for each keypoint**
- **Normalize for illumination reduction**



- SIFT feature points match based on Euclidean distance ($d_{\text{nearest}}/d_{\text{subnearest}} < T$)

$T=0.4\sim0.6$;

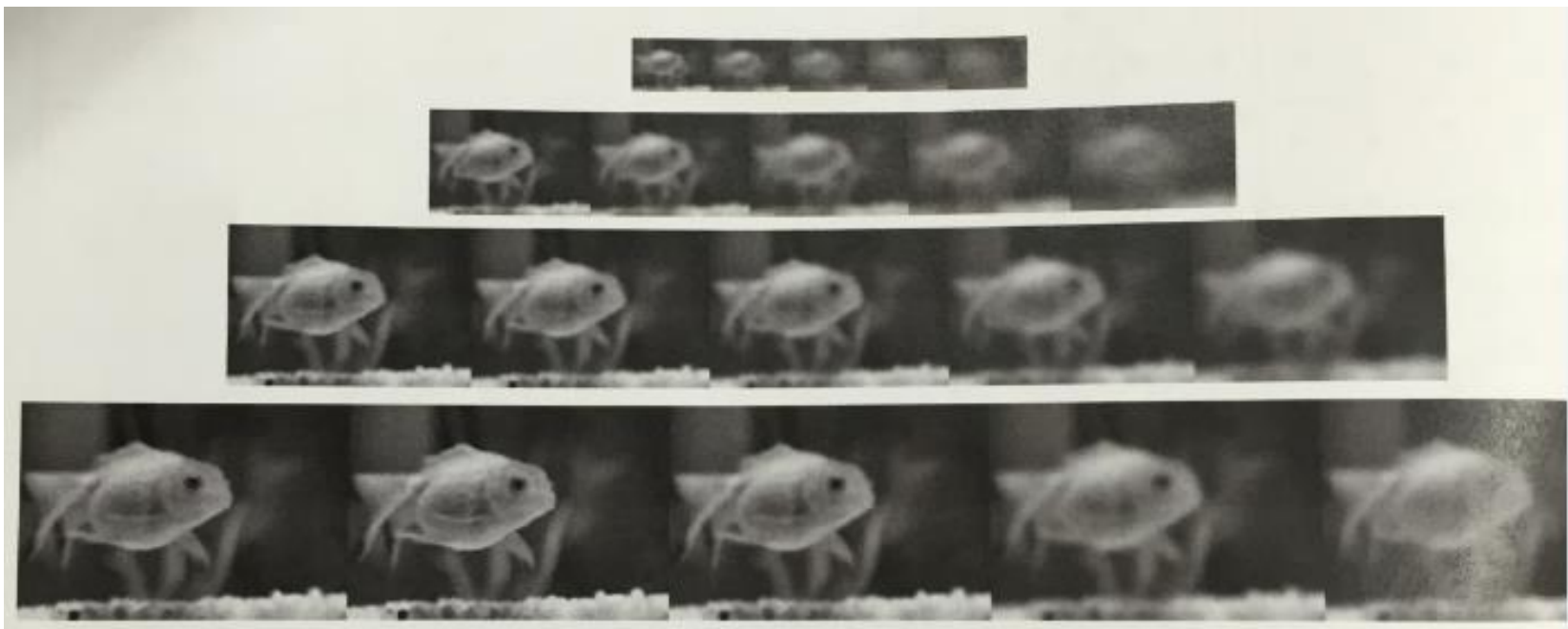


Example of SIFT

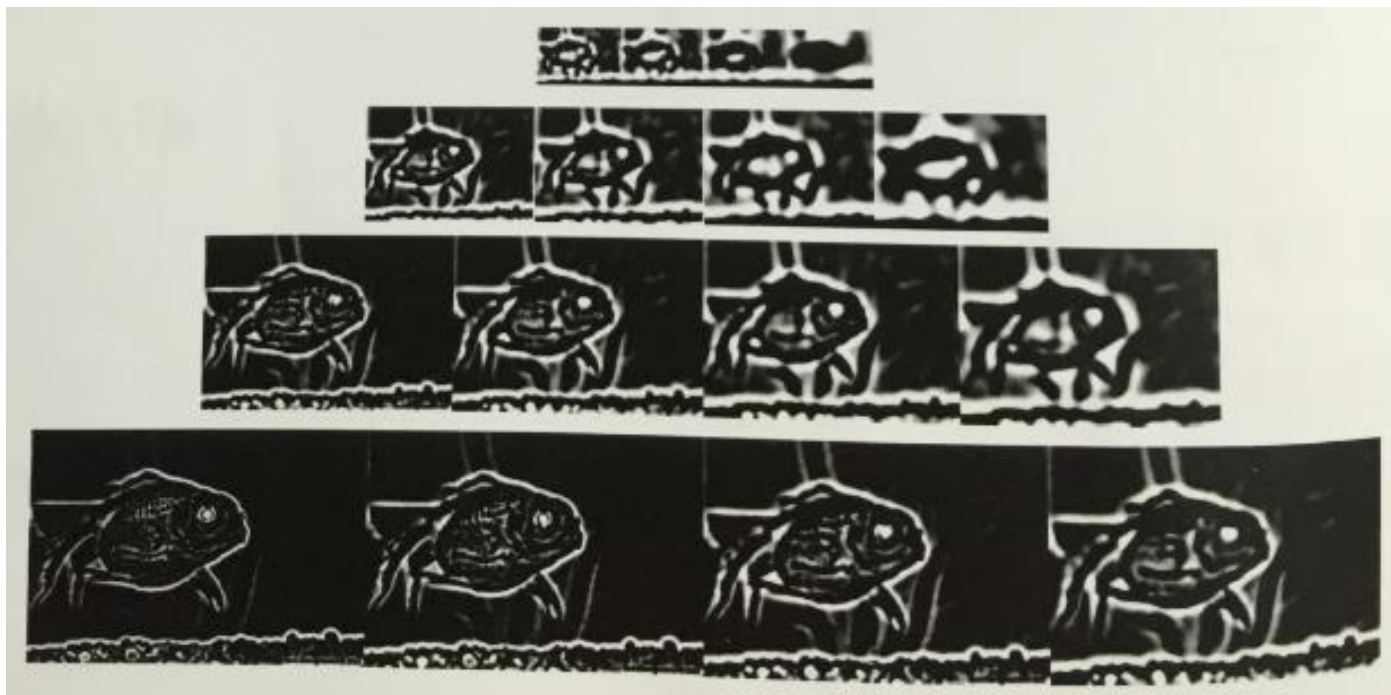
- ▶ Local feature points detection



raw image



Gaussian Scale Space 高斯尺度空间构建



Difference of Gaussian Scale 高斯差分尺度空间图



Example of SIFT

► Local feature points detection

极值检测、关键点精确定位



Extracted key points based on SIFT



Feature match: Example of SIFT

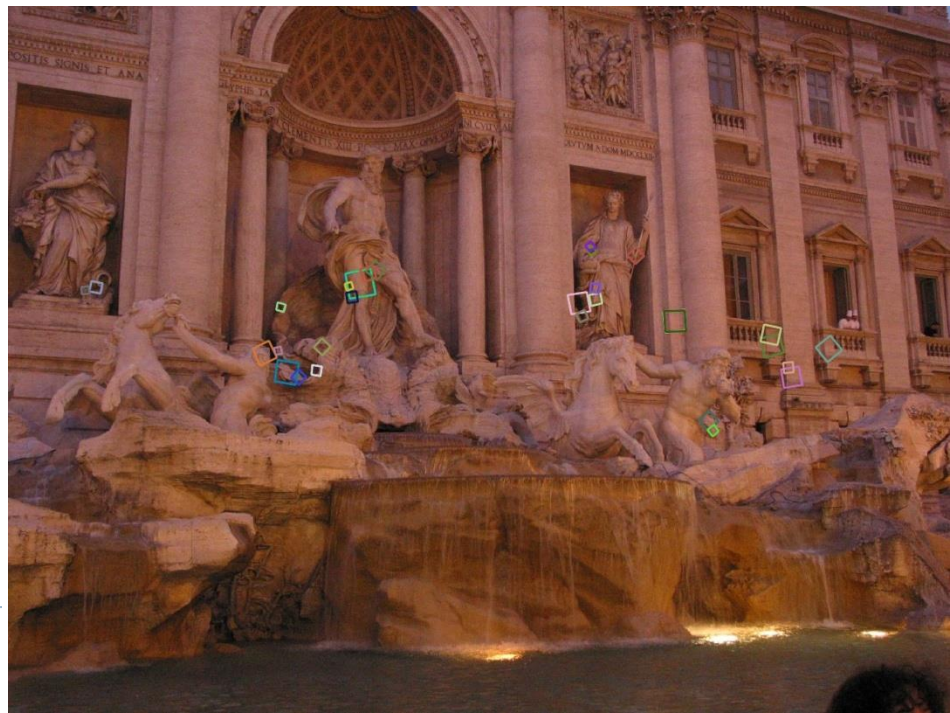
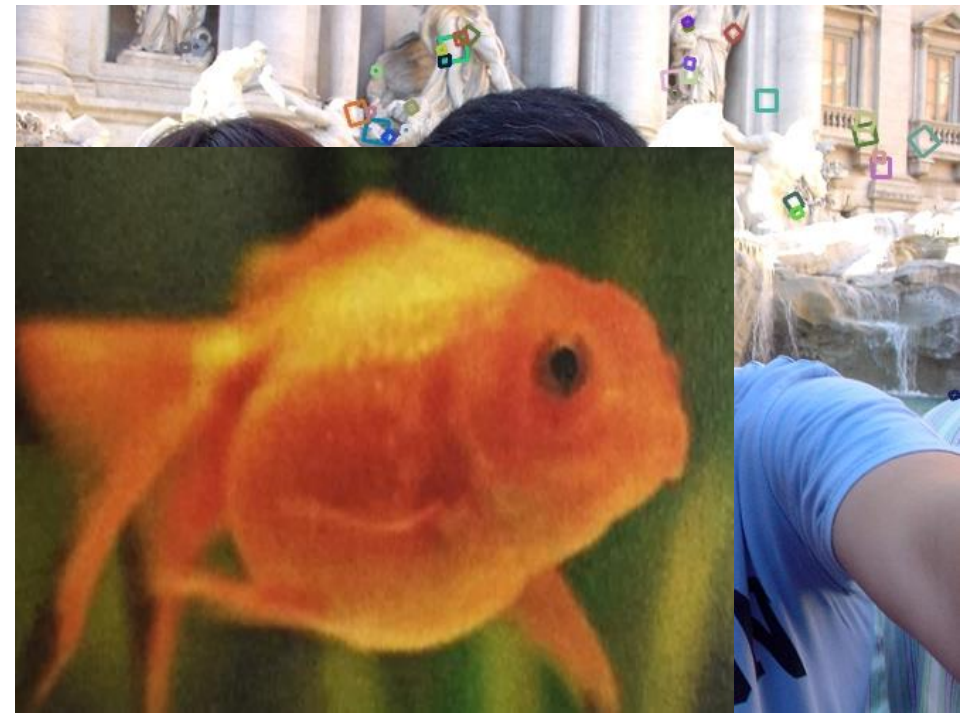




Properties of SIFT

Extraordinarily robust matching technique

- ▶ Can handle changes in viewpoint (视角)
 - ▶ Up to about 60 degree out of plane rotation
- ▶ Can handle significant changes in illumination (光照)
 - ▶ Sometimes even day vs. night (below)
- ▶ Fast and efficient—can run in real time
- ▶ Lots of code available
 - ▶ http://people.csail.mit.edu/albert/ladypack/wiki/index.php/Known_implementations_of_SIFT





Bag of Words (BoW) Feature Model

► Common Feature representation

In high-level image understanding, image features are commonly represented as a **feature vector** in \mathbb{R}^D .

VQ (矢量量化编码) methods, such as clustering, PCA, Hashing.

BoW(词袋模型) is one method based on clustering, proposed in text processing and retrieval.



Bag of Words (BoW) Feature Model

► Common Feature representation

In 2004, Fei-fei Li proposed a **Bag of Visual Words** (BoVW) in computer vision, based on BoW.



Princeton Univ, B.A.

California Ins. of Tech. M.S.

California Ins. of Tech. Ph.D, 2005

Stanford Univ. Professor

<http://vision.stanford.edu/people.html>



Bag of Words (BoW) Feature Model

► Text Information Retrieval

A text can be viewed as a set with multiple words in some **dictionary**.

For example, the following two texts

1. Jack wants to play basketball, John wants too.

2. Jack also wants to play football.

The dictionary can be constructed as

Dictionary={1: Jack, 2: want, 3: to, 4: play, 5: basketball, 6: John, 7: too, 8: also, 9: football}



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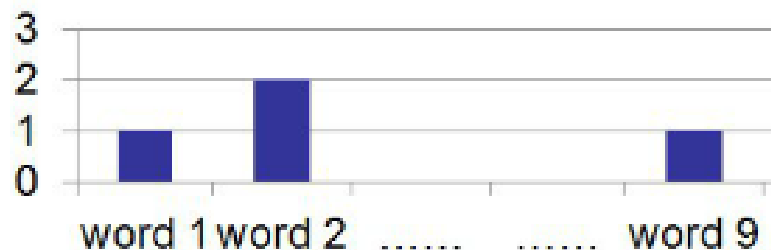
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Vector representation (9 dimensions) of the two texts: record the frequency, the words of the dictionary happen in each text. (histogram)

Vector 1=[1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0]

Vector 2=[1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1]



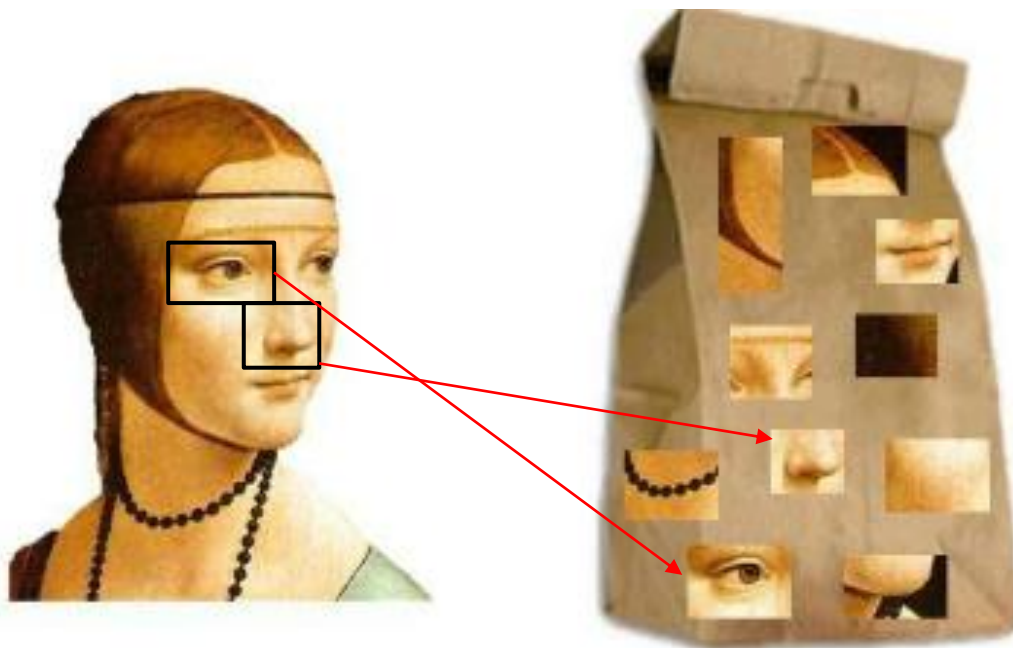


Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

► BoVW Model

Similarly, one image can be viewed as a “text”.

The first step is to construct the visual dictionary, where the visual words are **independent**.



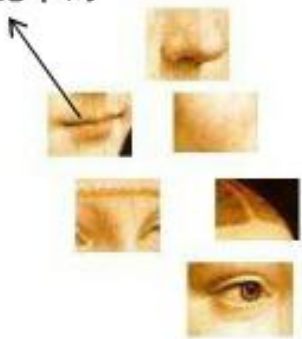


Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

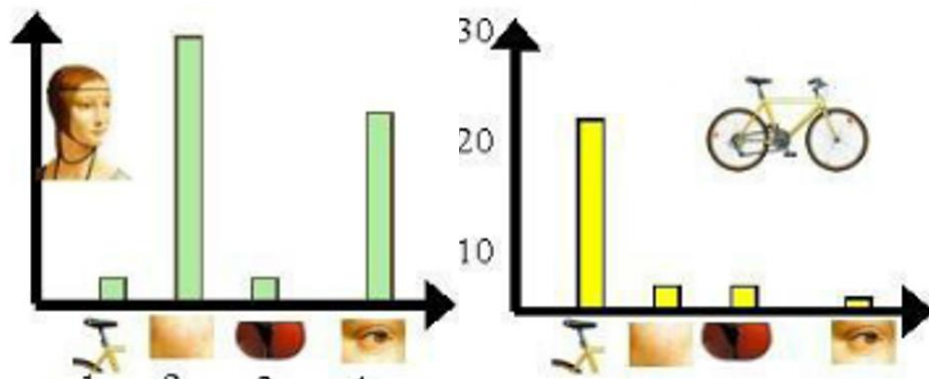
► BoVW Model

Differently, the visual words should be manually generated by **local feature detection, feature representation** (e.g. SIFT local descriptor)

一个视觉单词



one image is constituted by multiple words





Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

► BoVW Implementation

For example, there are 3 training images.



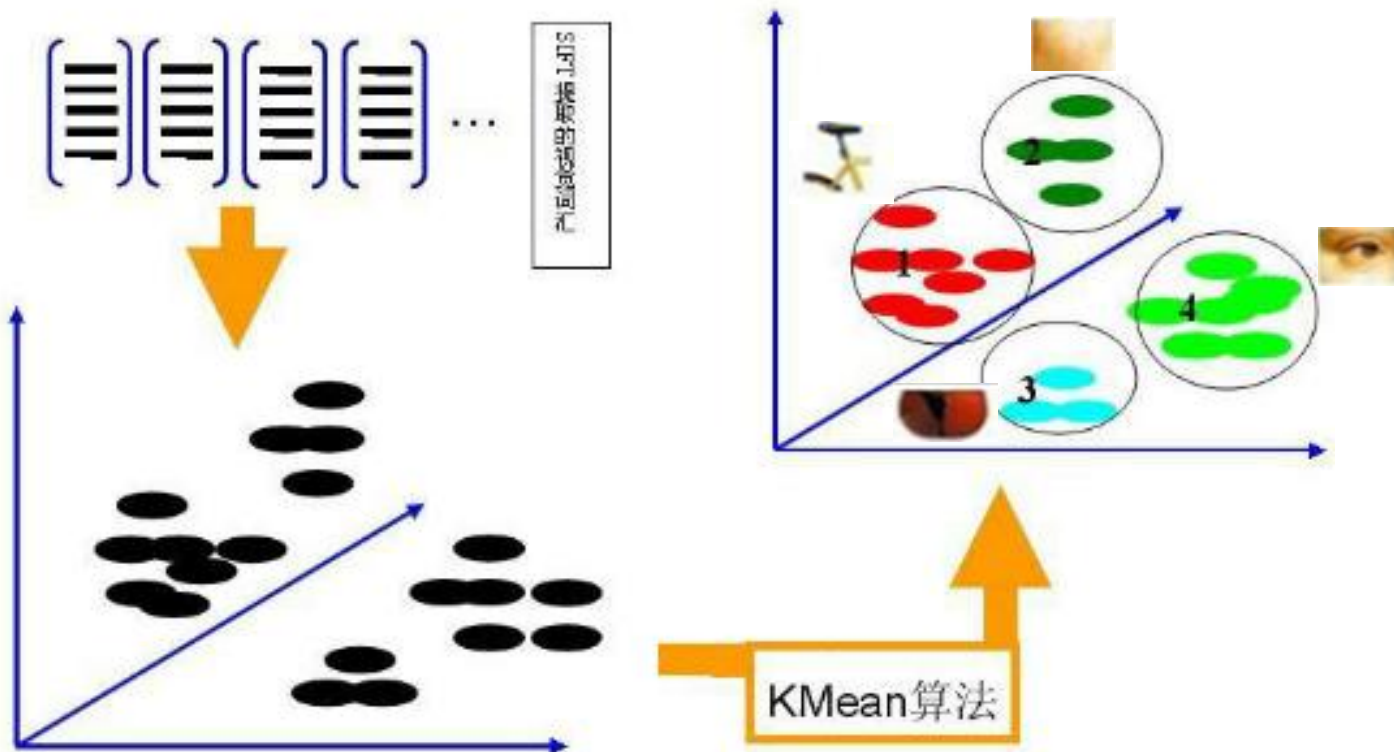
Step 1: Based on SIFT, n_1, n_2, n_3 feature points with 128-dimensions are detected on the 3 images.

Step 2: Based on K -means clustering on the SIFT feature points, K centers (words) are formulated into a **visual dictionary**. ($K=4$ for example)



Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

► BoVW Implementation





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► BoVW Implementation

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Step 3: Image feature vector based on BoVW.

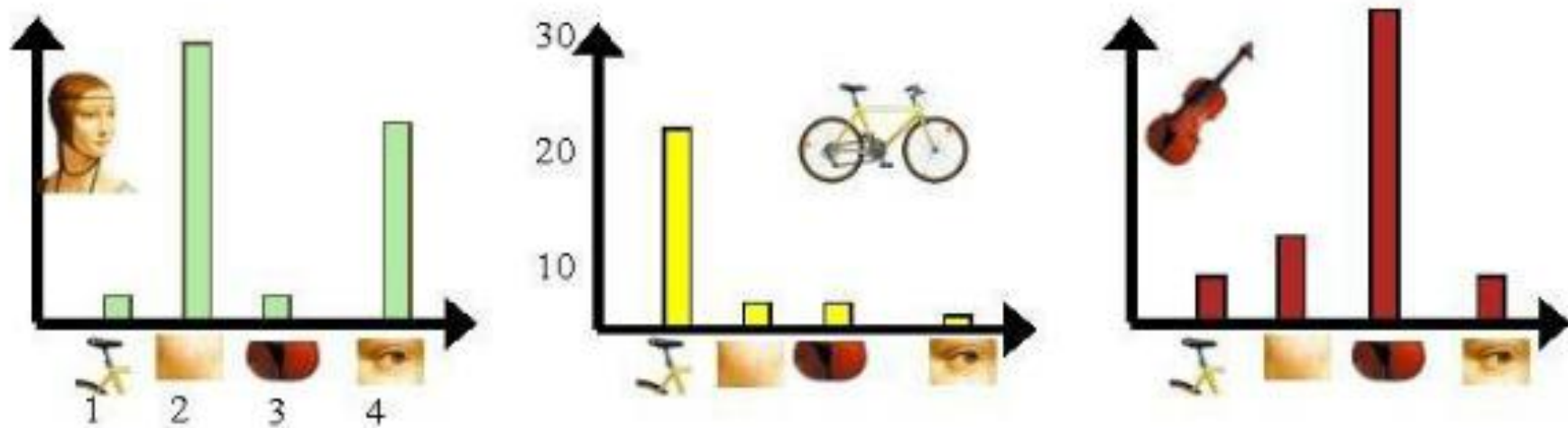
Similarly to text, compute the frequency of each visual word appeared in each image.

Based on the SIFT feature points of each image, the **distance** between each points and each word is computed.



Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

► BoVW Feature vector



4 words in the visual dictionary

The **visual word histogram** is different from each other



Bag of Visual Words (BoVW)

► BoVW Testing

For a new image, the feature vector is constructed based on the visual dictionary from the training data.

Step 1: extract SIFT feature points: 128-dimensional

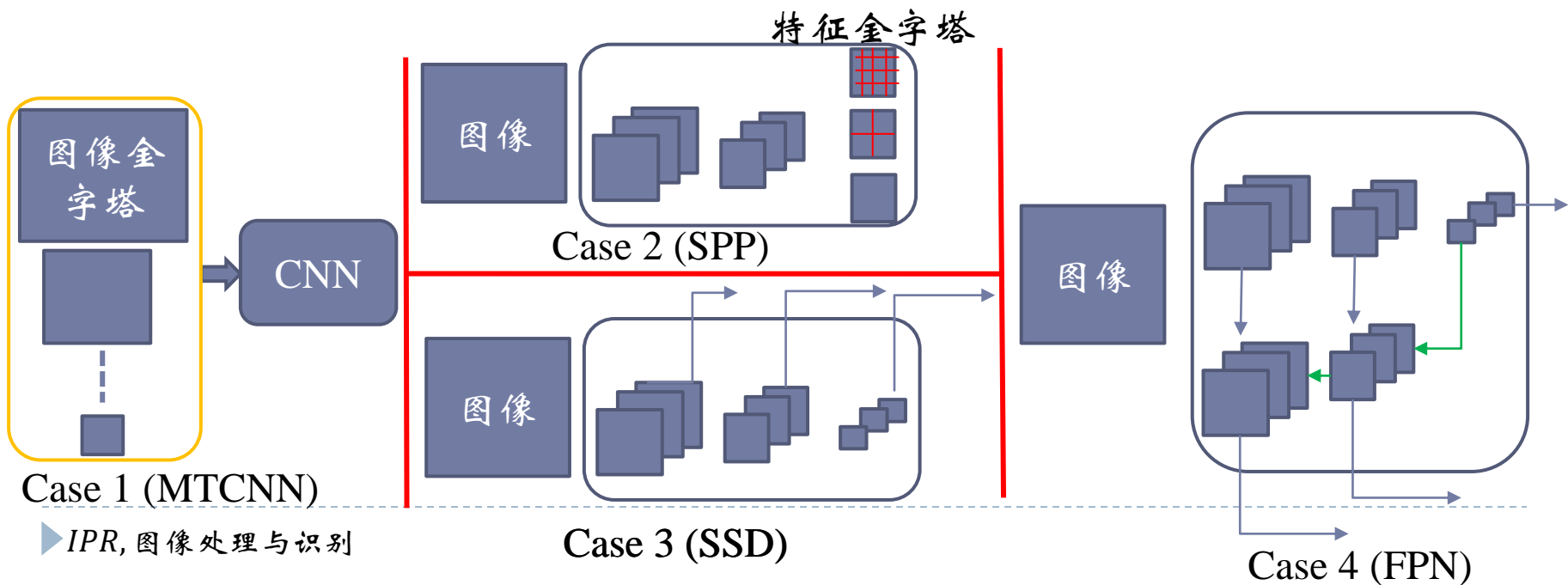
Step 2: Compute the frequency that each word happens in the SIFT points

Step 3: Classification



Multi-scale in Deep Learning

- ❑ Case 1: Multi-scale in the inputs
- ❑ Case 2: Multi-scale in the feature map level
- ❑ Case 3: Multi-scale in the prediction level
- ❑ Case 4: Multi-scale in both feature map and prediction levels



电影中的体现<推理笔记>



电影中的体现



电影中的体现



Split Linearized bregman iteration

电影中的体现



第八部分：图像特征描述 (II)

