

RDFIA: deep learning for Vision

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Course Outline

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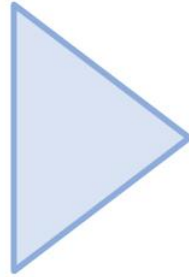
1. Intro to Computer Vision and Machine Learning
2. Intro to Neural Networks + Machine Learning theory
3. Neural Nets for Image Classification
4. Large ConvNets
5. Vision Transformers
6. Segmentation, Transfer learning and domain adaptation
7. Vision-Language models
8. Explaining VLMS
9. Self Supervised Learning in Vision
10. Generative models with GANs
11. Control Jan 07, 2026
12. Diffusion models
13. Bayesian deep learning
14. Uncertainty, Robustness

Evaluations: Control (30%) + Practicals (3 reports, total=70%)
can be modified by 10% between the 2 evaluations

Cameras



Internet



COMPUTER VISION:

(Processing, analyzing and) **understanding visual data**
=>WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Source (many slides): Cornell CV course

Deployed: Optical character recognition (OCR)

- If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



Digit recognition, AT&T labs
<http://www.research.att.com/~yann/>



License plate readers
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_number_plate_recognition



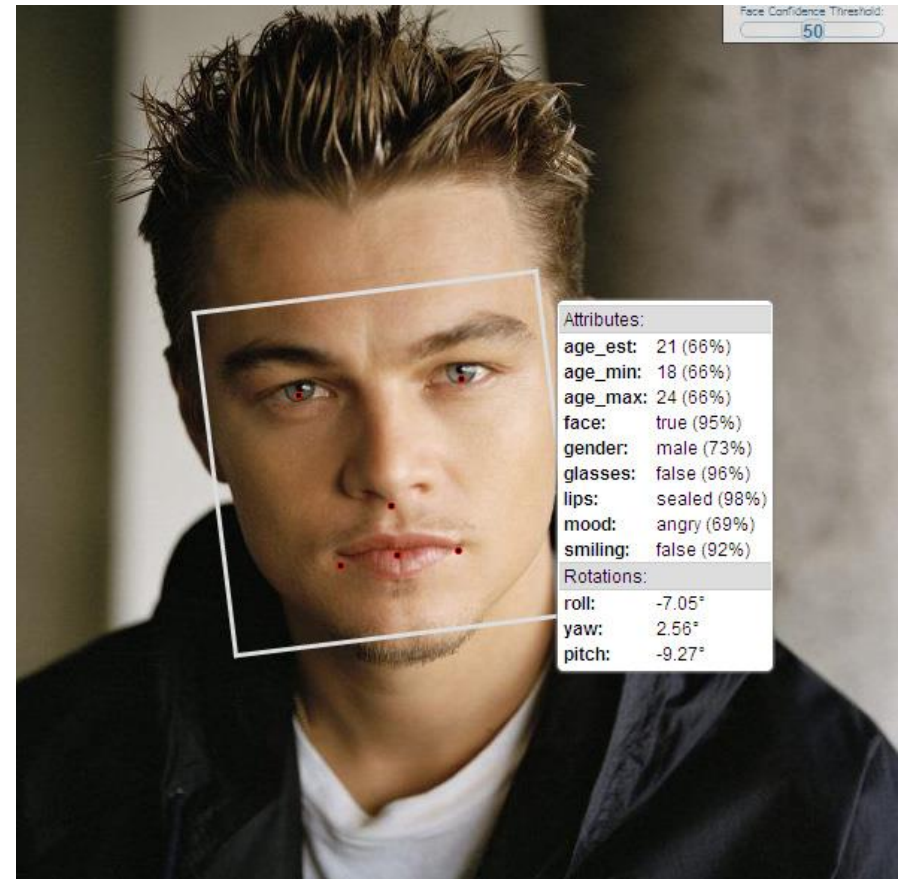
Automatic check processing

Deployed: Face detection



- Cameras now detect faces
 - Canon, Sony, Fuji, ...

Deployed&Significant progress: Face Recognition

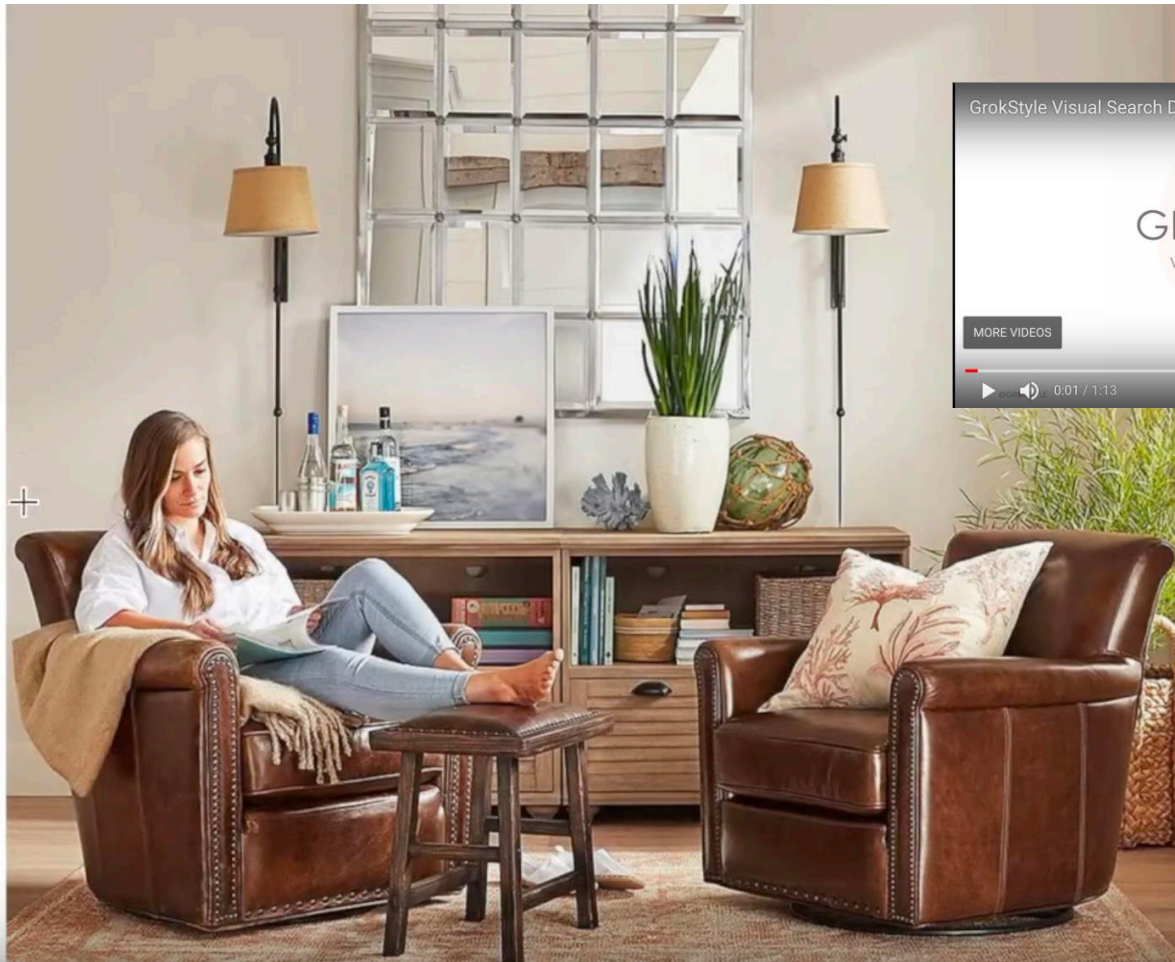


Significant progress: Recognizing objects



Mask R-CNN. Kaiming He, Georgia Gkioxari, Piotr Dollar, Ross Girshick. ICCV 2017

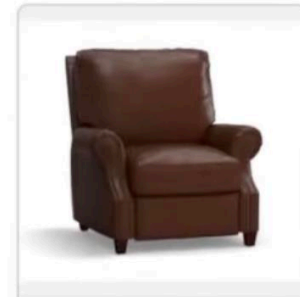
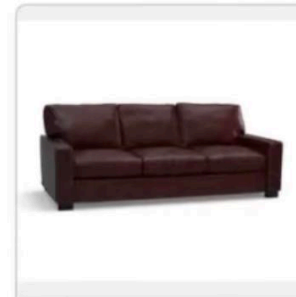
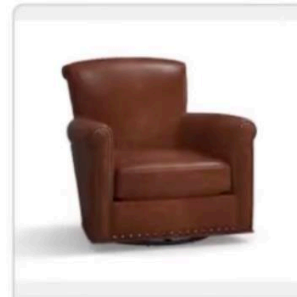
Ex: Recognition-based product search



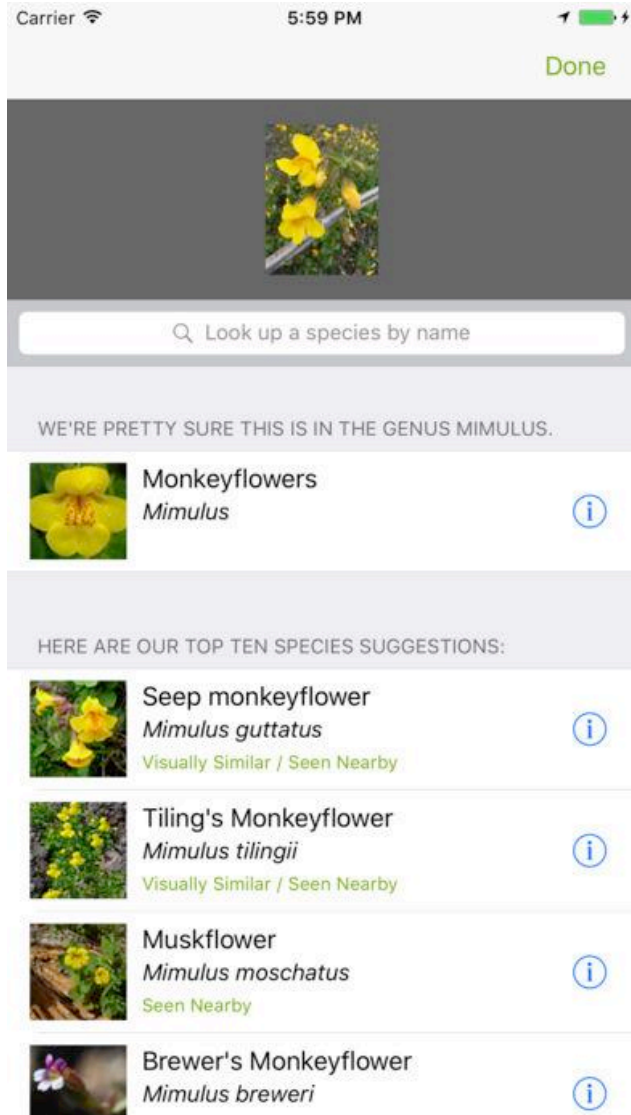
Recognition-based product search



Recognition-based product search



Significant progress: Species recognition



iNaturalist dataset

Challenges:

- fine-grained recognition
- Detecting rare concepts

Challenges: Fully autonomous driving



Challenges: Medical Imaging, Health

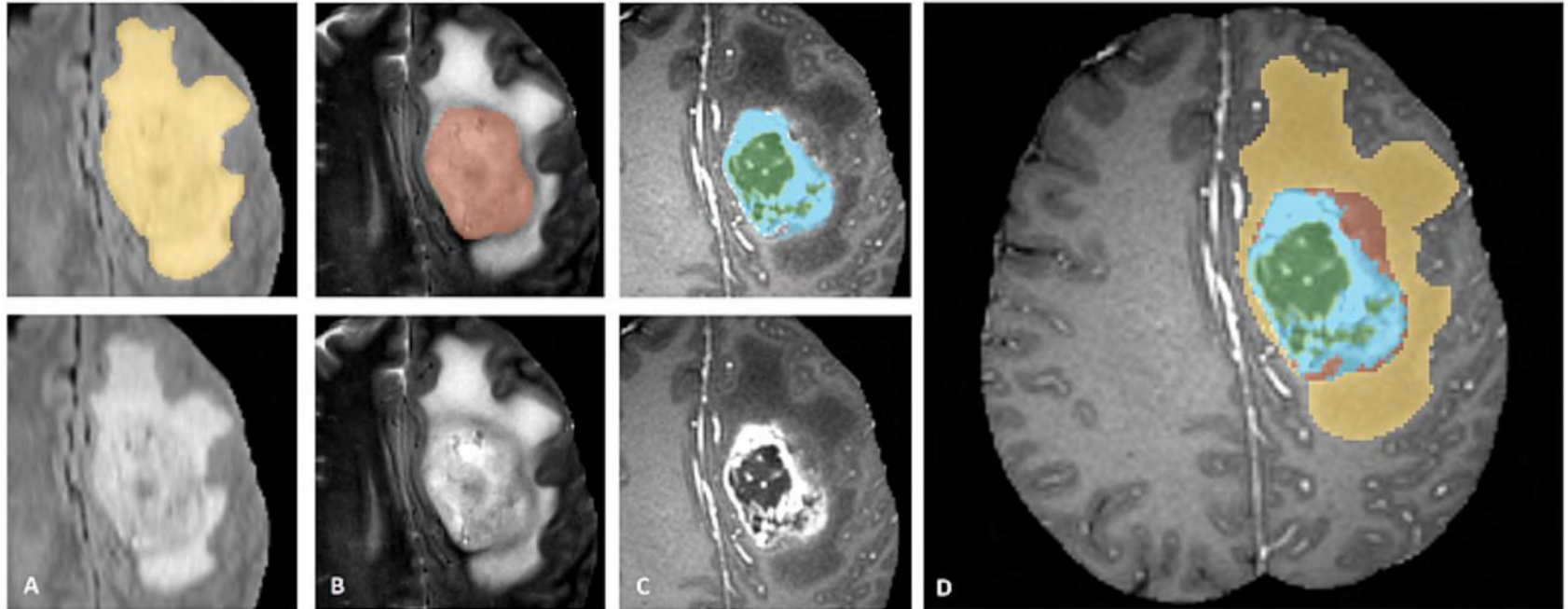


Fig.1: Glioma sub-regions. Shown are image patches with the tumor sub-regions that are annotated in the different modalities (top left) and the final labels for the whole dataset (right). The image patches show from left to right: the whole tumor (yellow) visible in T2-FLAIR (Fig.A), the tumor core (red) visible in T2 (Fig.B), the enhancing tumor structures (light blue) visible in T1Gd, surrounding the cystic/necrotic components of the core (green) (Fig. C). The segmentations are combined to generate the final labels of the tumor sub-regions (Fig.D): edema (yellow), non-enhancing solid core (red), necrotic/cystic core (green), enhancing core (blue). (Figure taken from the [BraTS IEEE TMI paper](#).)

Challenges: Medical Imaging, Health

Building system to detect Covid in chest x rays

What should a metric measure?

Accuracy = $P(\text{pred_label} == \text{true_label})$

Accuracy of candidate system = 95%

Is this good? Did it actually help / work?

Artificial intelligence / Machine learning

Hundreds of AI tools have been built to catch covid. None of them helped.

Some have been used in hospitals, despite not being properly tested. But the pandemic could help make medical AI better.

by **Will Douglas Heaven**

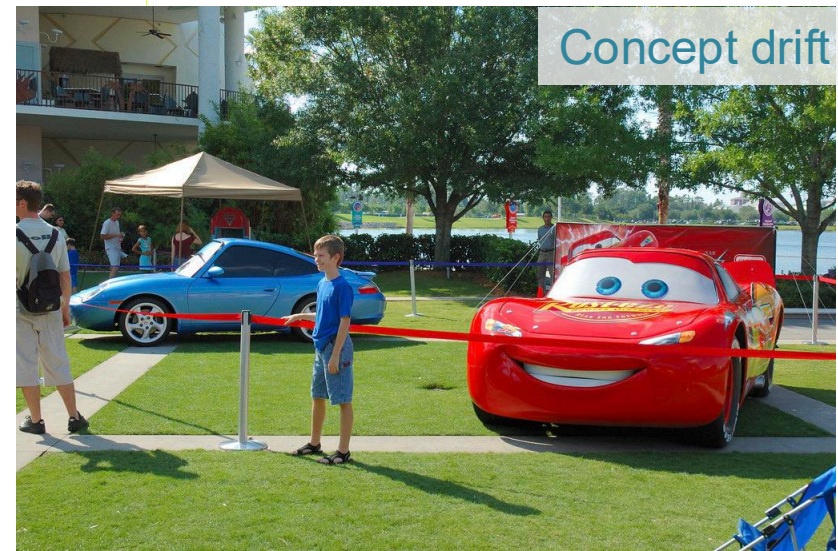
July 30, 2021



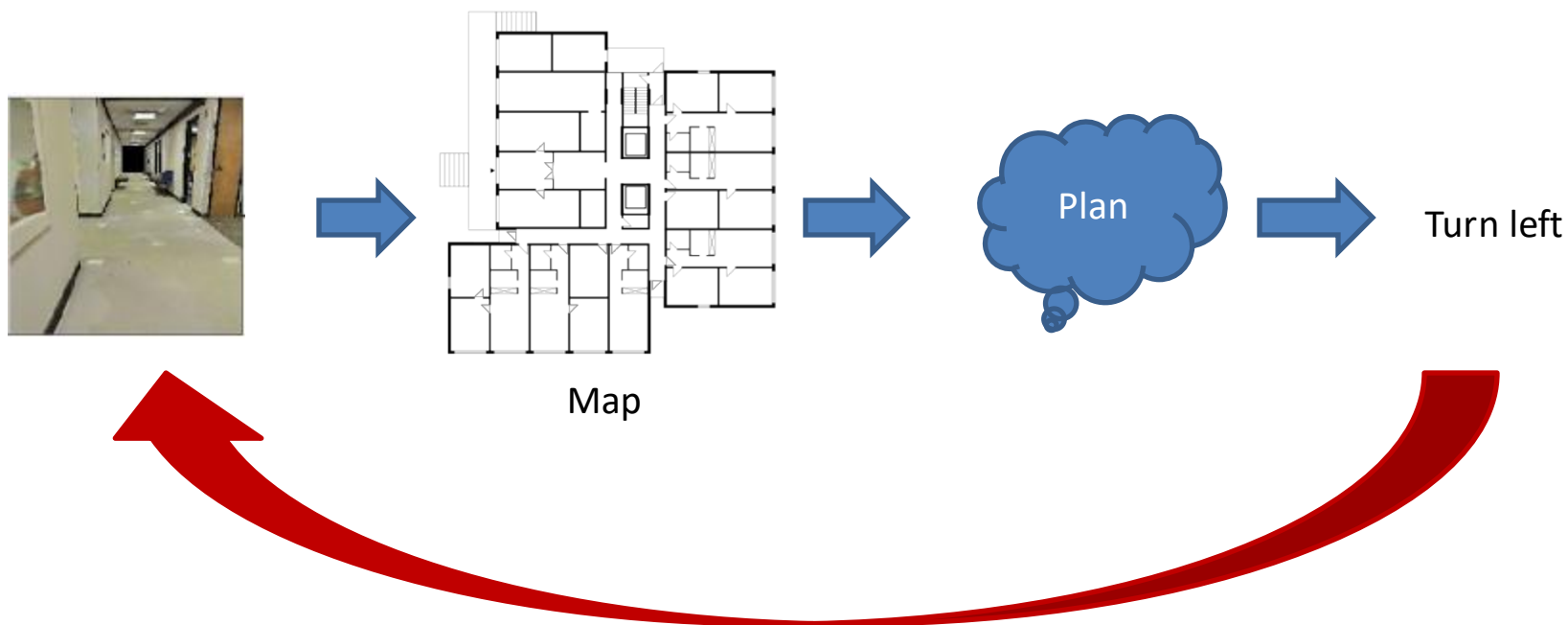
Why?

Typical issues that plague deployment

- Images seen during deployment are very different: **domain shift**
- Meaning of classes etc. change: **concept drift**
- Unforeseen circumstances, e.g., new classes: **open world**



Challenges: Integrating Vision and Action, Robotics



Challenges: Understanding complex situations / Reasoning



Challenges: Visual Reasoning

VQA task: Why is this funny?



The picture above is funny.

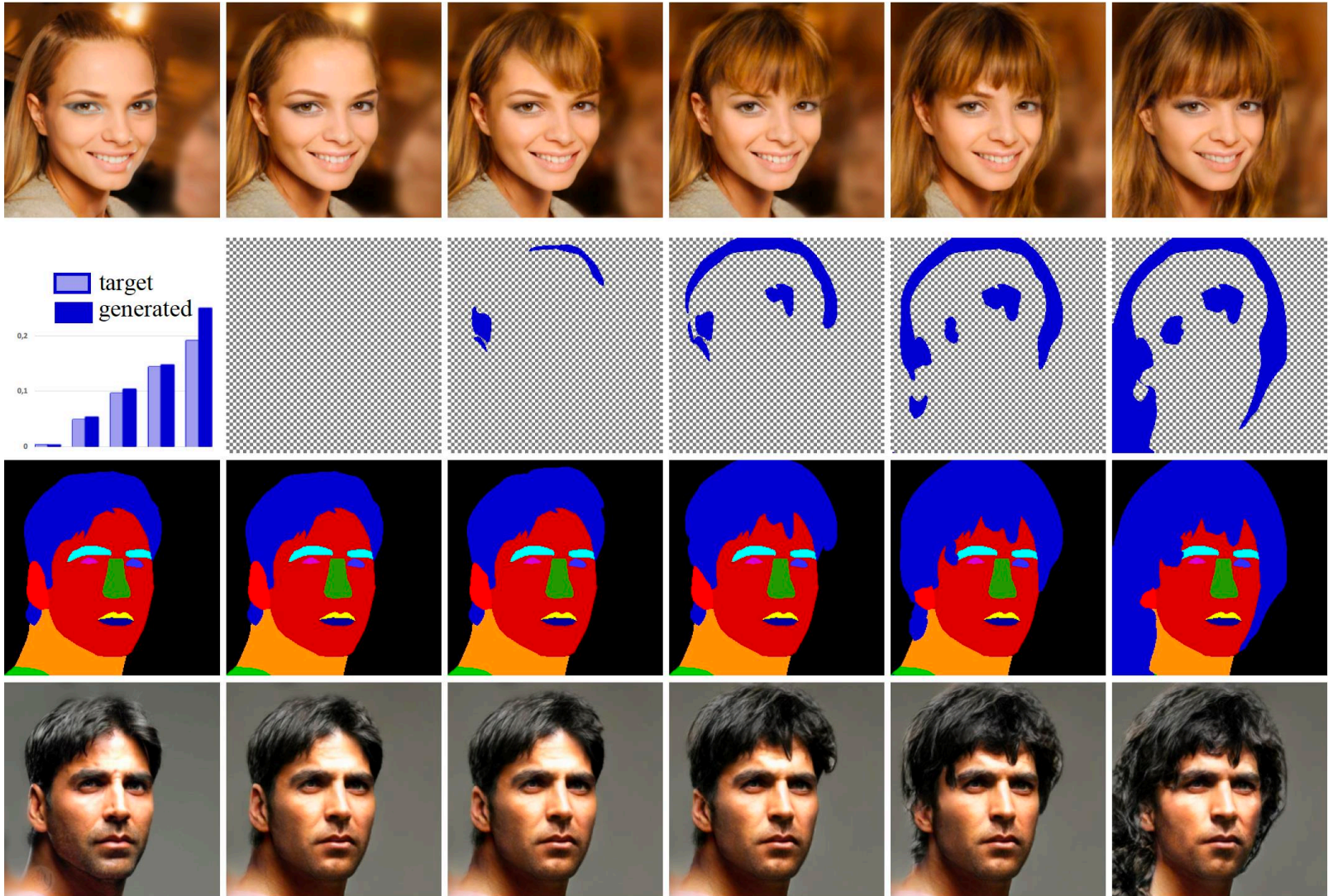
Andrej Karpathy

VQA task: Why is this funny?

ChatGPTo answer :

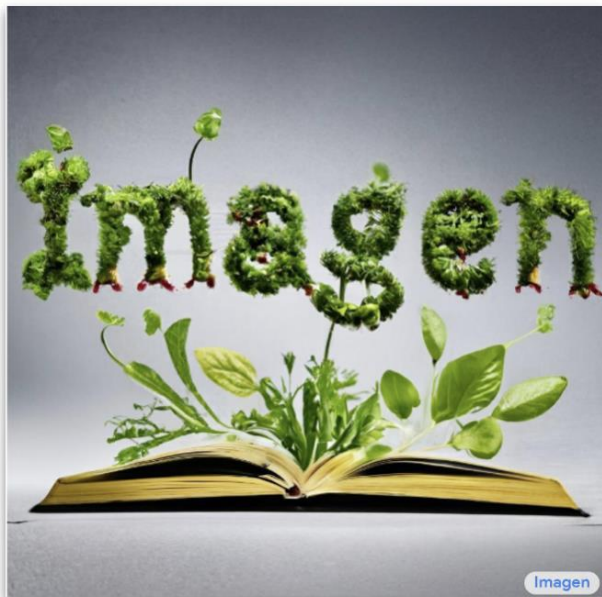
The humor in this image stems from the playful interaction between former President Barack Obama and a much taller man who appears to be getting his height measured. The scene is light-hearted and unexpected, showing a humorous side of a usually serious figure like the President. The contrast in their heights, with Obama leaning back and smiling while the taller man stands on a scale, adds to the comedic effect. The expressions and body language of the other men in the background, who are also smiling and laughing, contribute to the overall jovial atmosphere.

Challenges: Generative models for images-editing, manipulation (with GANs)



Challenges: Image Generation in 2023 (Diffusion Models) **from Text**

Sprouts in the shape of text
'Imagen' coming out of a fairytale
book



A photo of a Shiba Inu dog with a
backpack riding a bike. It is
wearing sunglasses and a beach
hat.



A high contrast portrait of a very
happy fuzzy panda dressed as a
chef in a high end kitchen making
dough. There is a painting of
flowers on the wall behind him.



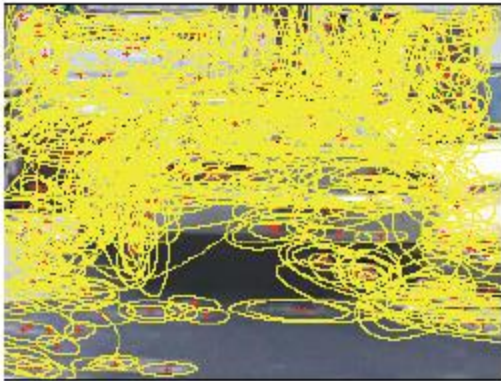
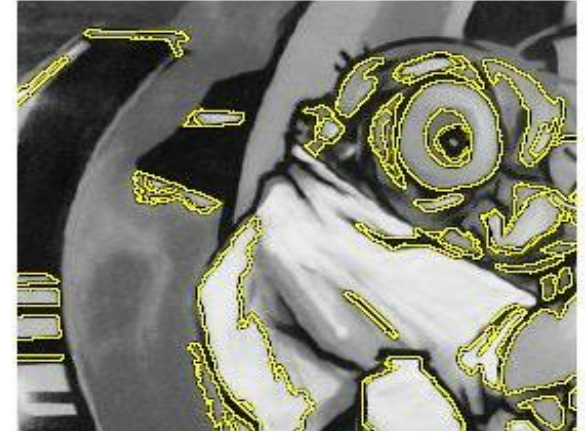
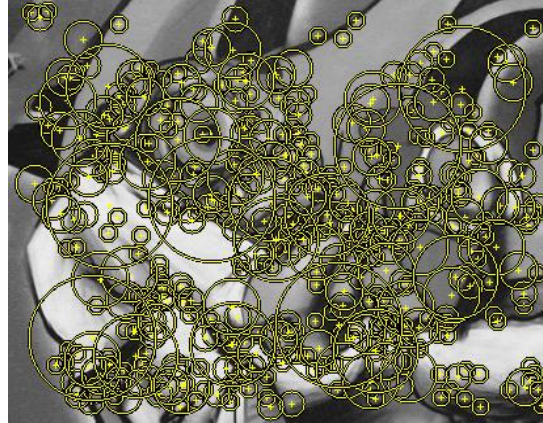
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Visual (local) feature detection

Local feature detection and description

Points/Regions of Interest detection



**Sparse, at
interest points**

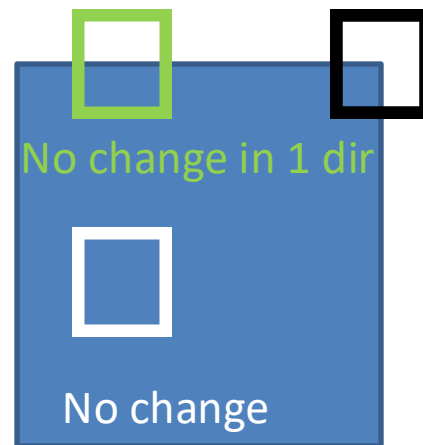
Dense, uniformly

Randomly

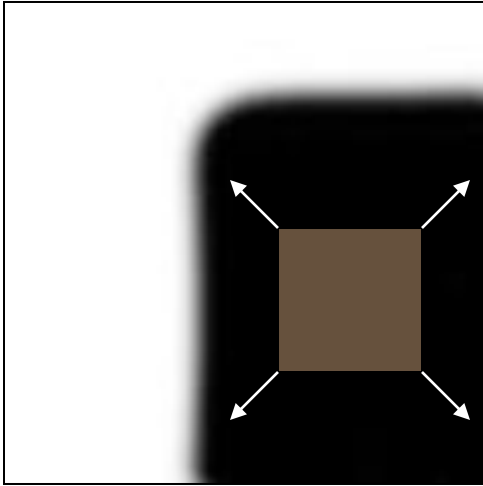
One example: Corner detection (Harris corner detector)

Corner detection

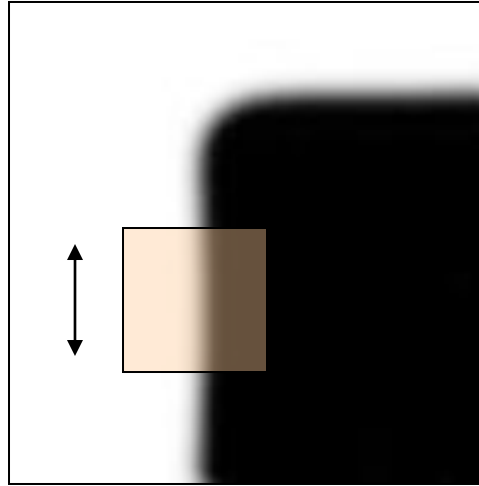
- Corner point: singular point highly informative, rare, ...
- Basic idea for Algo: For each pixel (x,y) from image I , *translating* a centered window: Iff (x,y) is a corner, it should cause large differences in patch appearance (whatever the translation)



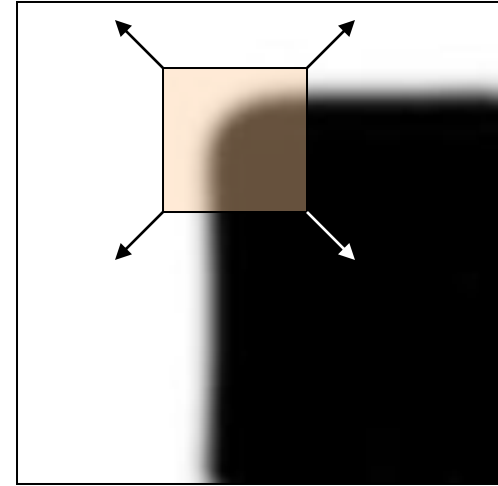
Corner Detection: Basic Idea



“flat” region:
no change in
all directions



“edge”:
no change
along the edge
direction



“corner”:
significant
change in all
directions

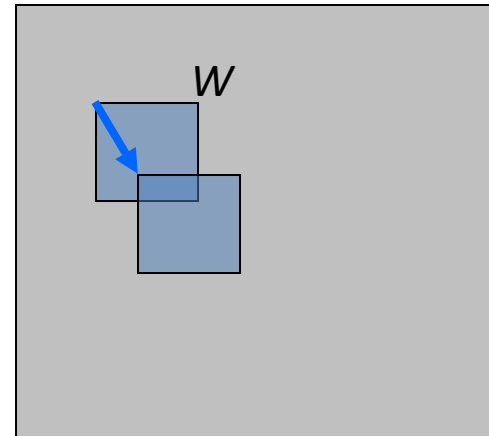
Corner detection op == For all pix, shift a window in *any direction*, keep the ones that give a *large change* in intensity

Corner detection

Consider a small window W , a shifting vector (u, v) :

- how do the pixels (x, y) in W change?
- compare each pixel before and after by summing up the squared differences (SSD)
- this defines an SSD “error” $E(u, v)$:

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



- If $E(u, v)$ high, the center of W is candidate to be a corner

Repeat for for all shifting directions (u, v)

Finally, the center of W is a corner if $E(u, v)$ high for all (u, v)

This ALGO is very computationally expensive => Simplified to get the Harris corner detector

Harris detector example

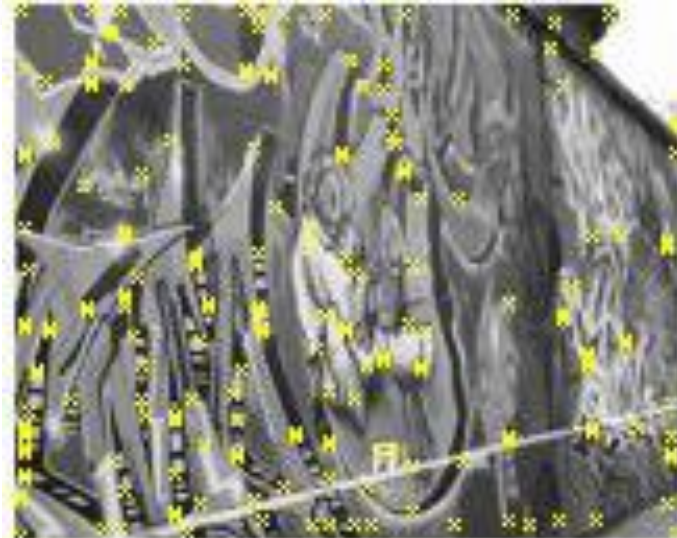
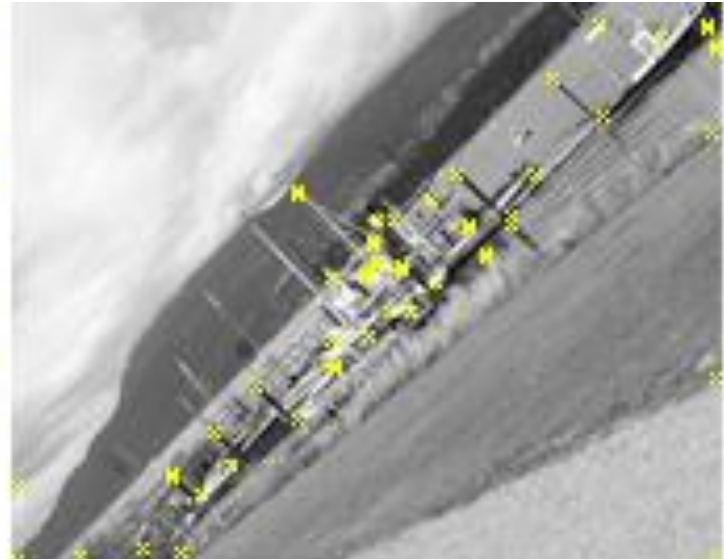
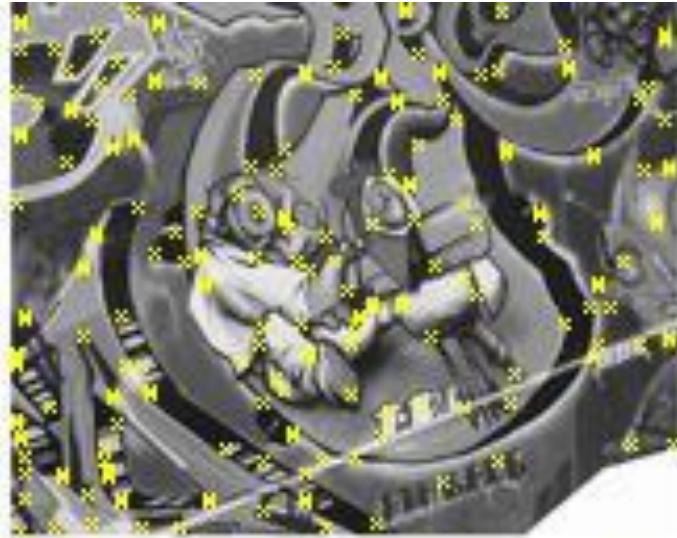


Harris features (in red)



Local feature detection

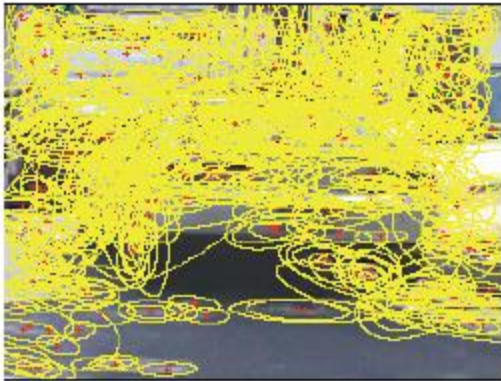
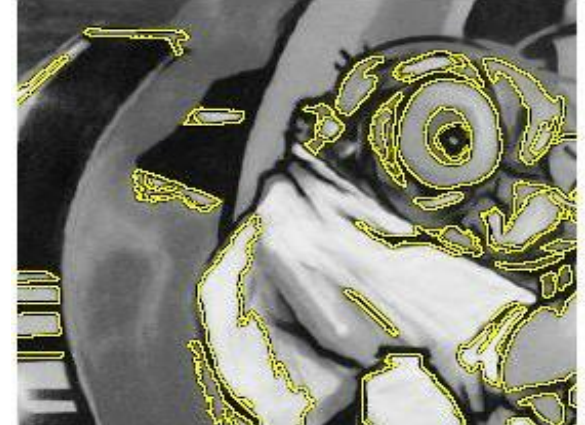
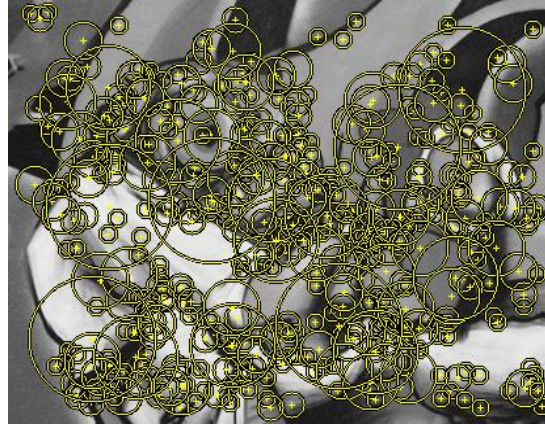
Looking for repeatability



Local feature detection

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Many other Points/Regions of Interest detectors



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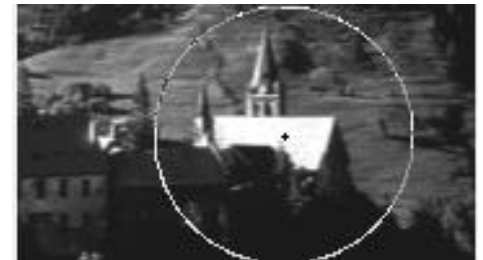
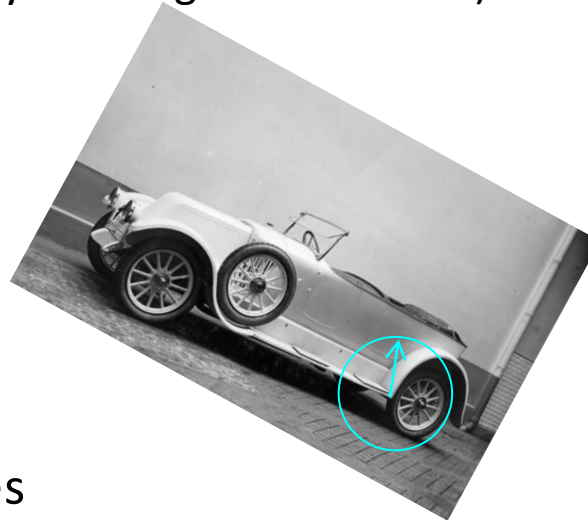
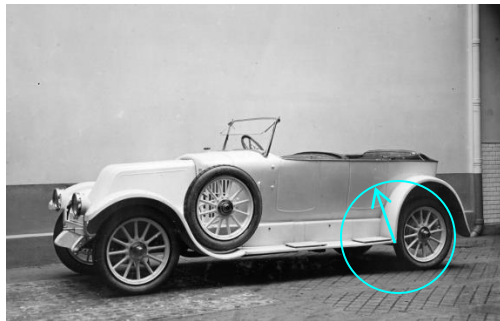
Visual (local) feature description

Local feature **description**

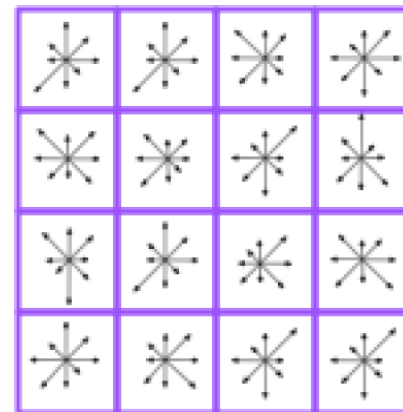
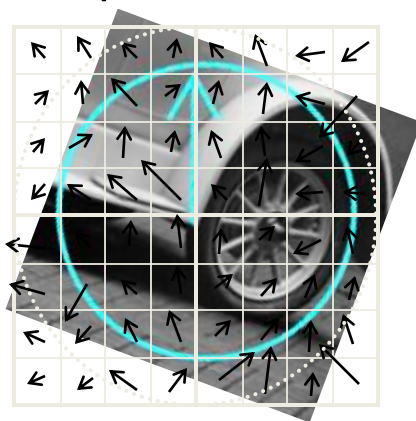
Many Points/Regions of Interest descriptors

One example: SIFT descriptor

Local description (always looking for invariance)



SIFT descriptors/features



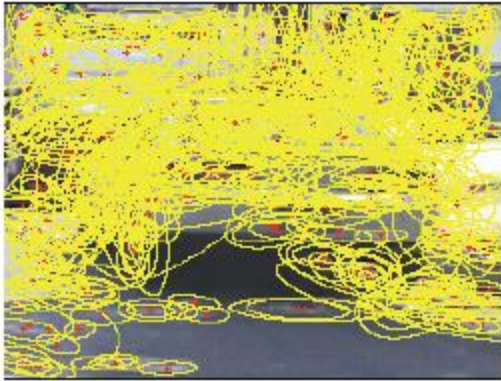
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...

Feature descriptors

- Expected properties?
 - Similar patches => close descriptors
 - Invariance (robustness) to geom. transformation : rotation, scale, view point, luminance, semantics ? ...



BoF: (First) Image representation



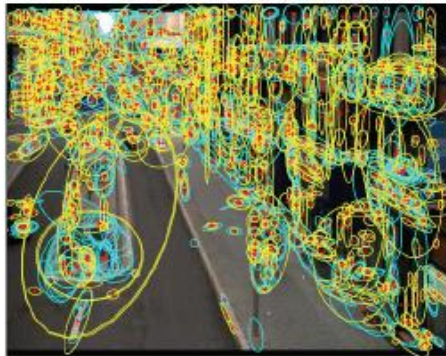
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**Multiple interest
operators**

Feature extraction



**A bag of features
BoF**

Bag of Feature (BoF) Model

Image



(features)



Image representation

- BoF (Bag of features)
 - Local signatures: not a scalable representation
 - Not a *semantic* representation



- The missing bits: **the visual word**
- From BoF to Bag of (Visual) words

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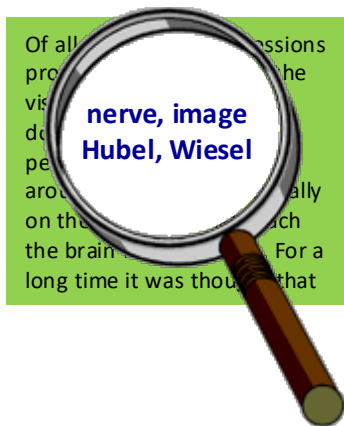
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Visual (local) feature description

Bag of Word Image representation

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4. Whole recognition pipeline

Bag of Words (BoW) model: basic explication with textual representation and color indexing



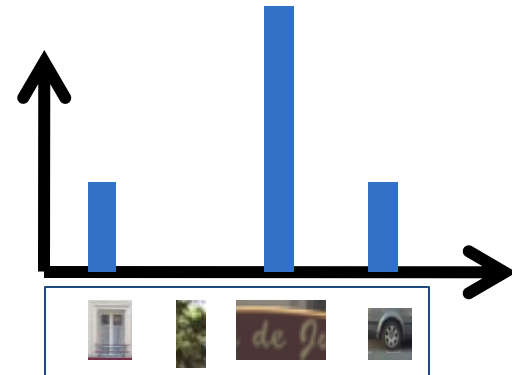
Comparing 2 docs using visual/color/word occurrences

Bag of Visual Words (BoW)

(features)



BoW : histogram on visual dictionary



Questions:

1. Which dictionary ?
2. How to project the BoF onto the dico
3. How to compute the histogram?

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Visual space clustering

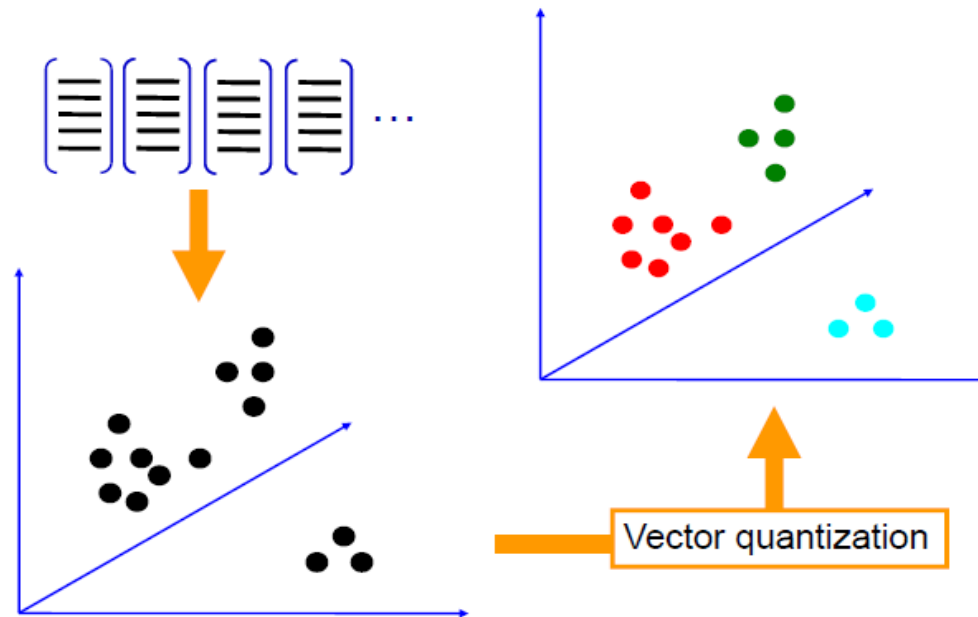
1. Extraction of local features (pattern/visual words) in images
 - Training dataset in classification
 - Image dataset in retrieval
2. Clustering of feature space



Training set but no labels => UNSUPERVISED Learning

Visual space clustering

- Many algorithms for clustering :
 - K-Means
 - Vectorial Quantization
 - Gaussian Mixture Models
 - ...



Clustering with K clusters

Input: Set of n points $\{x_i\}_n$ in \mathbb{R}^d

Goal: Find a set of K ($K \ll n$) points $w = \{w_k\}_K$ that gives an approximation of the n input points, i.e., minimizing the error criterion $C(w)$:

$$C(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \min_k \|x_i - w_k\|^2$$

At fixed K , complexity is $O(n^{(Kd+1)} \log(n))$

There are many strategies to approximate the global optimization problem.

Clustering with K-means algo

$$C(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \min_k \|x_i - w_k\|^2$$

Init K centers $\{c_k\}$ by sampling K points w_k in \mathbb{R}^d

1. (Re)assign each point x_i to the cluster s_i with the center w_{s_i} so that $\text{dist}(x_i, w_{s_i})$ is less than dist from x_i to any other current cluster center.

$$\min_k \|x_i - w_k\|^2$$

2. Move all w_k inside each cluster as the new barycenter from all the points assigned to the cluster k (equivalent to minimizing the corresponding mean square error).

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - w_{s_i}\|^2$$

3. Go to step 1 if some points changed clusters during the last iteration.

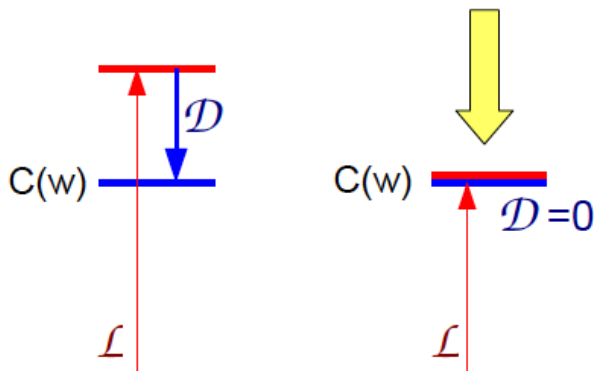
Output: The set of the final K cluster centers $\{c_k = w_k\}$

K-means : why it is successful ?

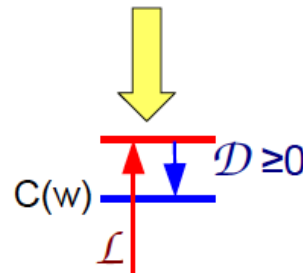
Consider an arbitrary cluster assignment s_i .

$$C(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \min_k \|x_i - w_k\|^2 = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - w_{s_i}\|^2}_{\mathcal{L}(s, w)} - \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - w_{s_i}\|^2 - \min_k \|x_i - w_k\|^2}_{\mathcal{D}(s, w) \geq 0}$$

1. Change s_i to minimize \mathcal{D} leaving $C(w)$ unchanged.



2. Change w_k to minimize \mathcal{L} . Meanwhile \mathcal{D} can only increase.



Clustering

- K-means :

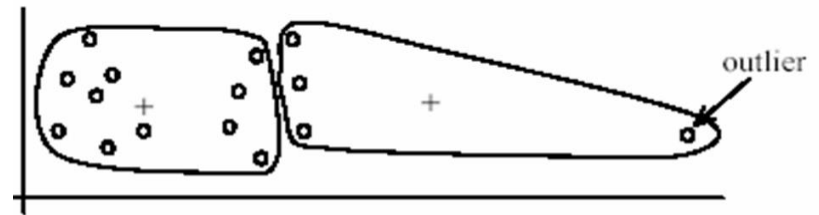
- Pros

- Simplicity
 - Convergence (local min)

- Cons

- Memory-intensive
 - Depending on K
 - Sensitive to initialization
 - Sensitive to artifacts
 - Limited to spherical clusters
 - Concentration of clusters to areas with high densities of points
(Alternatives : radial based methods)

- K-Means deeply used in practice



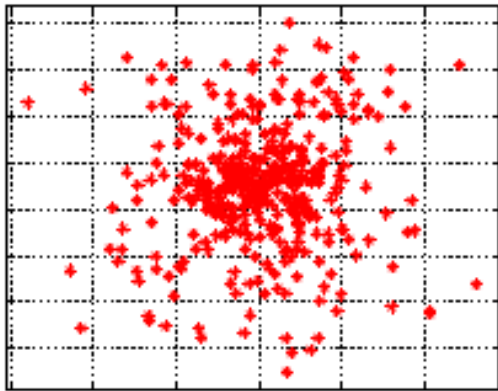
(A): Undesirable clusters



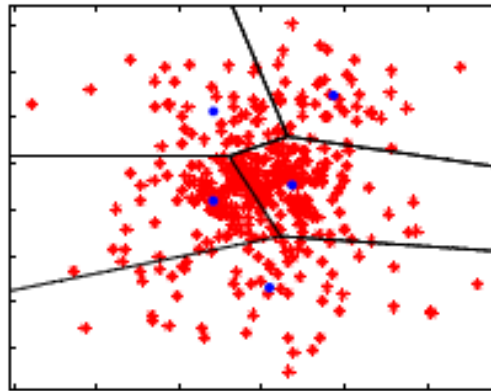
(B): Ideal clusters

Clustering

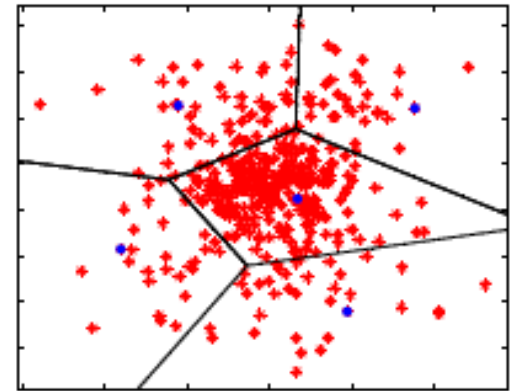
- Uniform / K-means / radius-based :



(a) Histogram



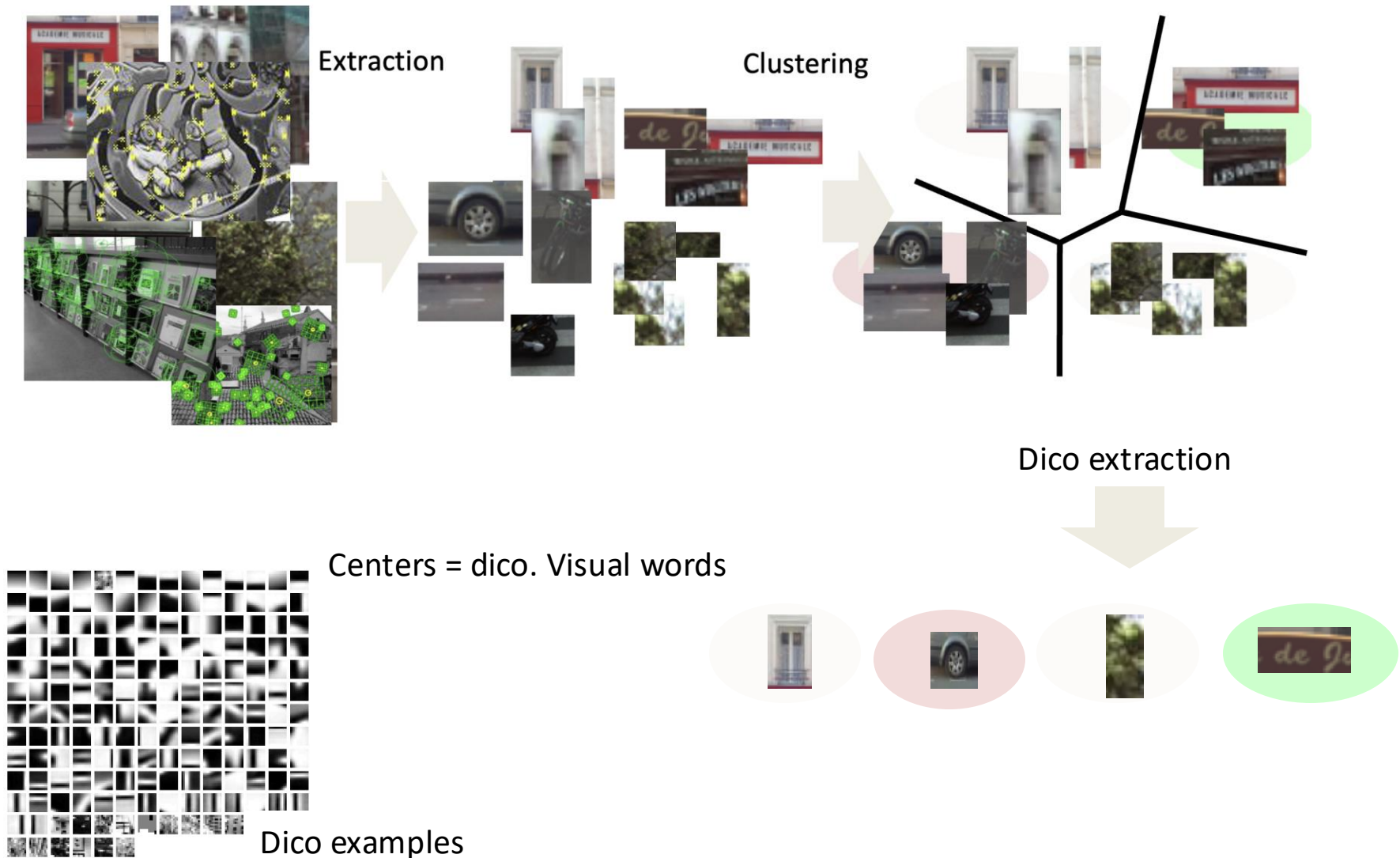
(b) *K*-means



(c) Radius-based

- *Radius-based clustering assigns all features within a fixed radius of similarity r to one cluster.*

Dictionary = K Visual words



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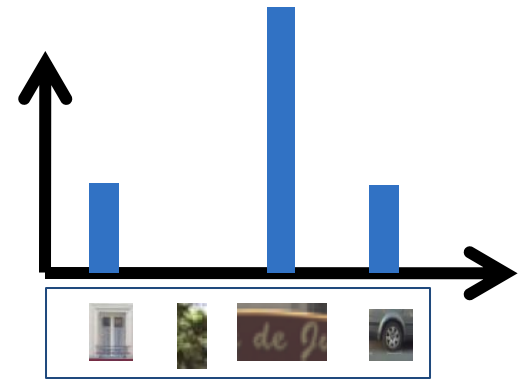
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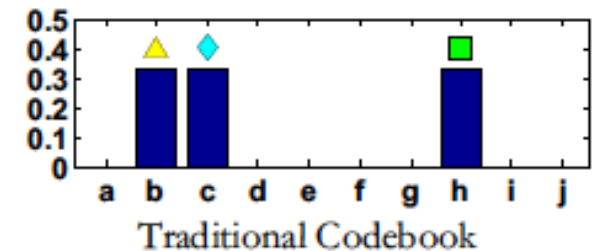
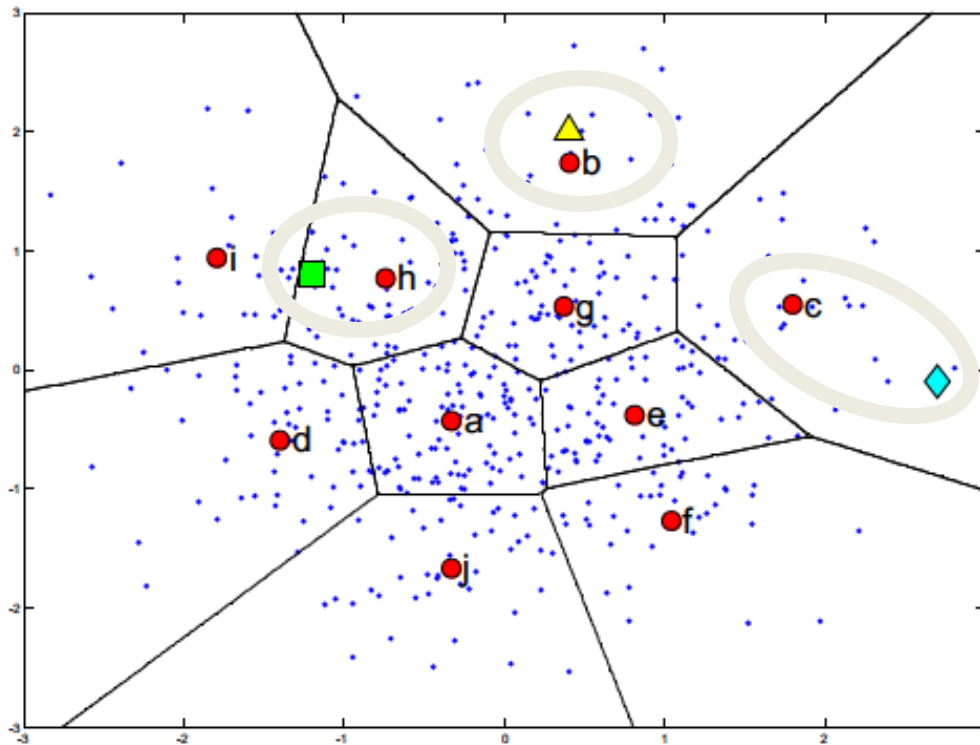
- For each image:
 - For each local feature: find the closest visual word
 - Increase the corresponding bin in histogram of visual dico



- Image signature (global Index):
 - Vector (histogram of M bins)
 - M= dimension K = dico size
 - Each term represents a Likelihood to get this visual word

Bag-of-Words (BoW) image signature

- Original BoW strategy: **hard assignment/coding**
 - Find the closest cluster for each feature
 - Assign a fix weight (*e.g.* 1)



Bag-of-Words (BoW) image signature

Sum pooling : initial BoW strategy (just counting occurrences of words in the document)

Classical BoW = **hard coding** + **sum pooling**

1. Find the closest cluster for each feature
2. Assign a fix weight (*e.g.* 1) to this cluster

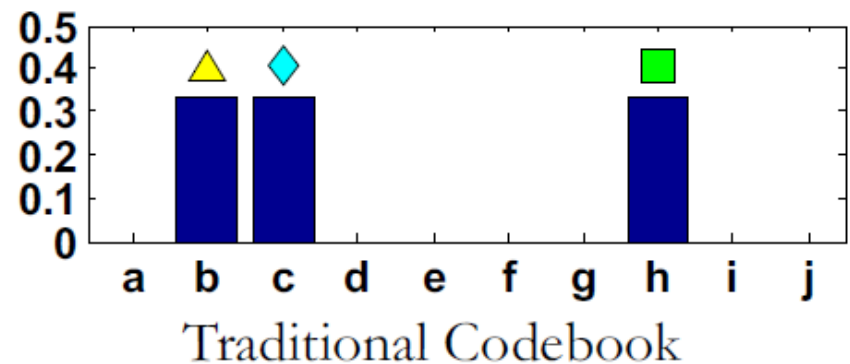
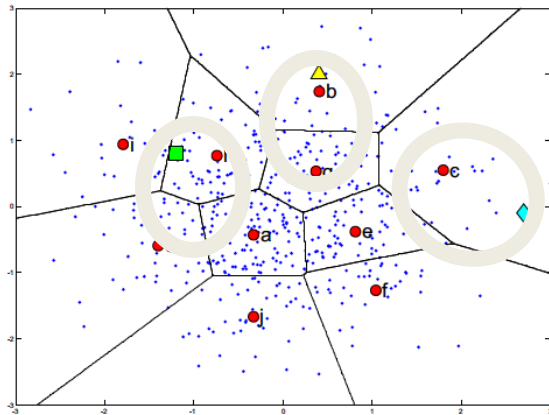
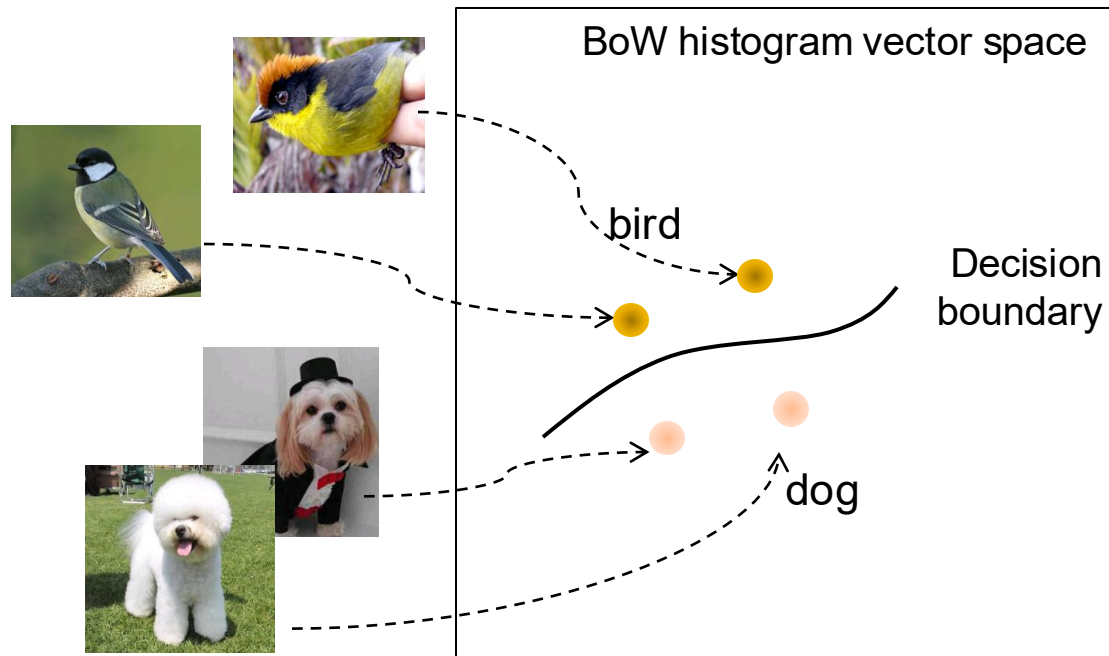
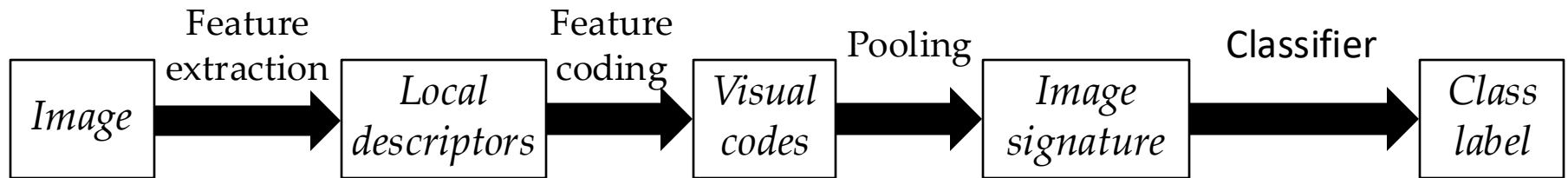


Image classification based on BoW



Learn a classification model to determine the decision boundary

Classification model to determine the decision boundary



SVM

- ▶ Image/Patterns $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}$
- ▶ Φ : function transforming the patterns into feature vectors $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ (like BoW or on top of it)
- ▶ $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: dot product in the feature space endowed by $\Phi(\cdot)$
- ▶ SVM: binary classifier. Classes $y = \pm 1$
- ▶ Taking the sign of a linear discriminant function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rangle + b$$

SVM

Question: How to find/estimate f ?

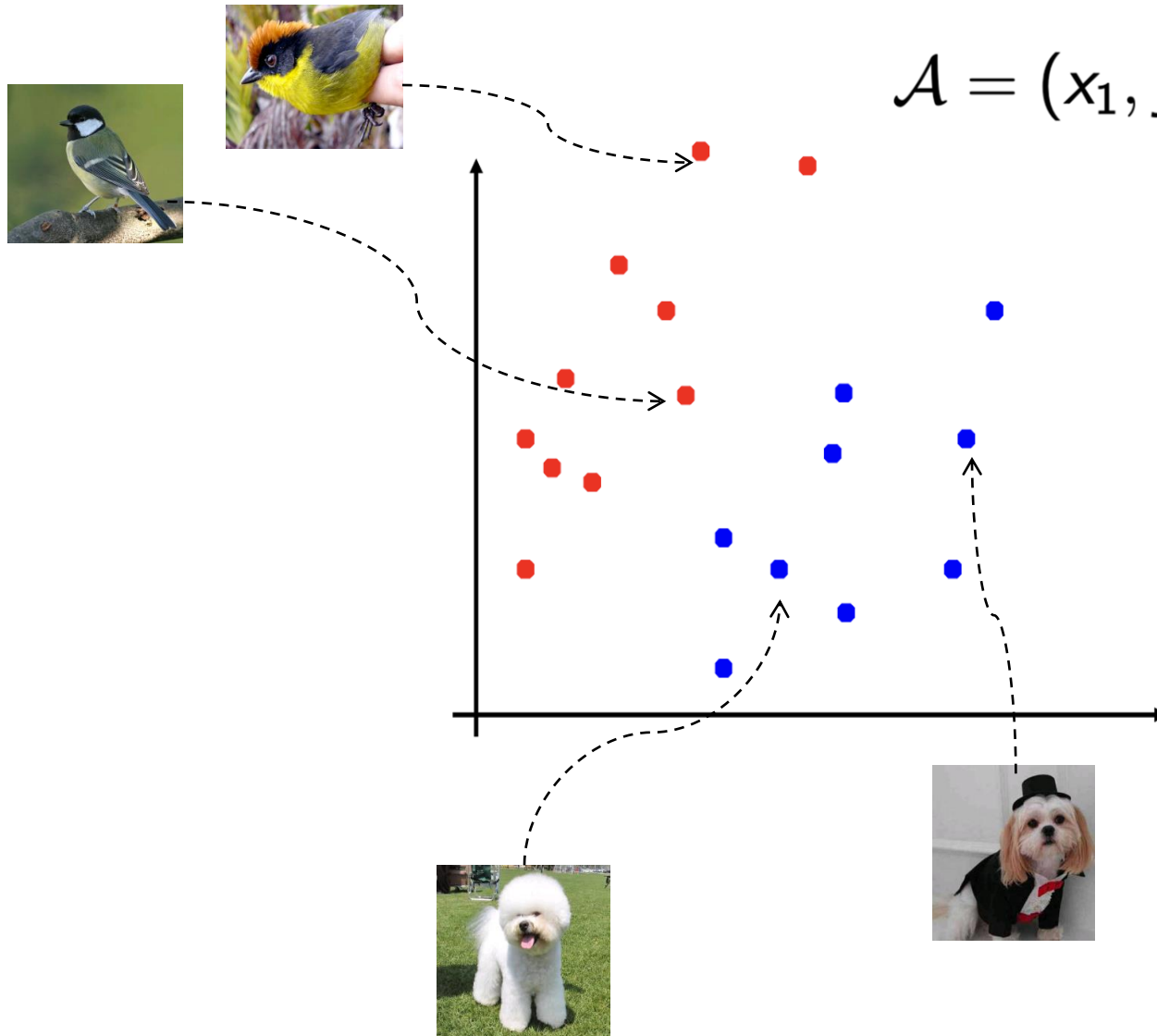
- ▶ Feature function Φ usually hand-chosen for each problem
- ▶ Several Φ for image processing, like BoW
- ▶ w and b : parameters to be determined

$$f(x) = \langle w, \Phi(x) \rangle + b$$

Learning algorithm on a set of training examples:

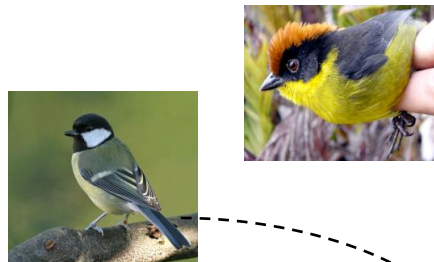
$$\mathcal{A} = (x_1, y_1) \cdots (x_n, y_n)$$

Which hyperplane w ? and b ?



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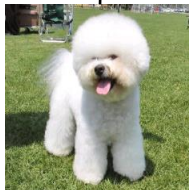
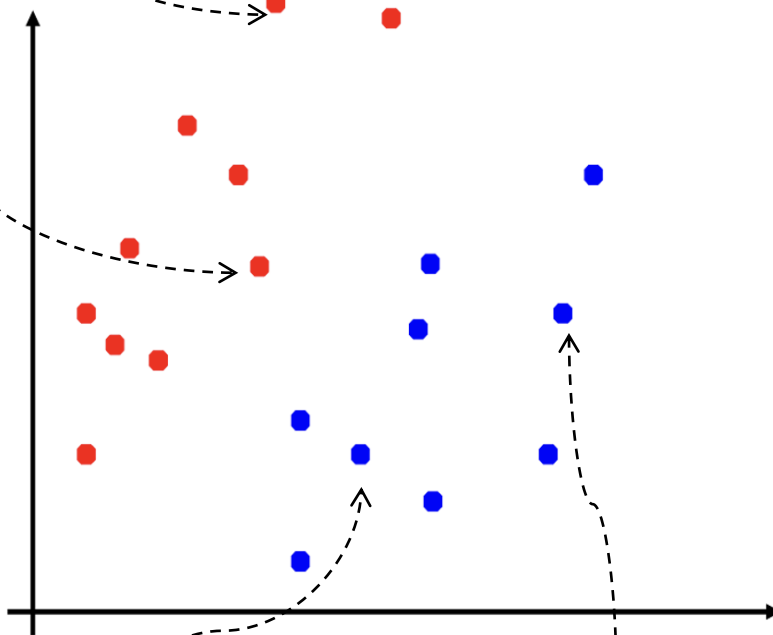
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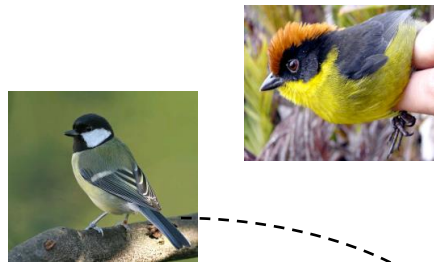
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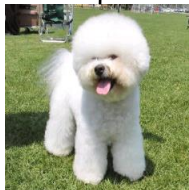
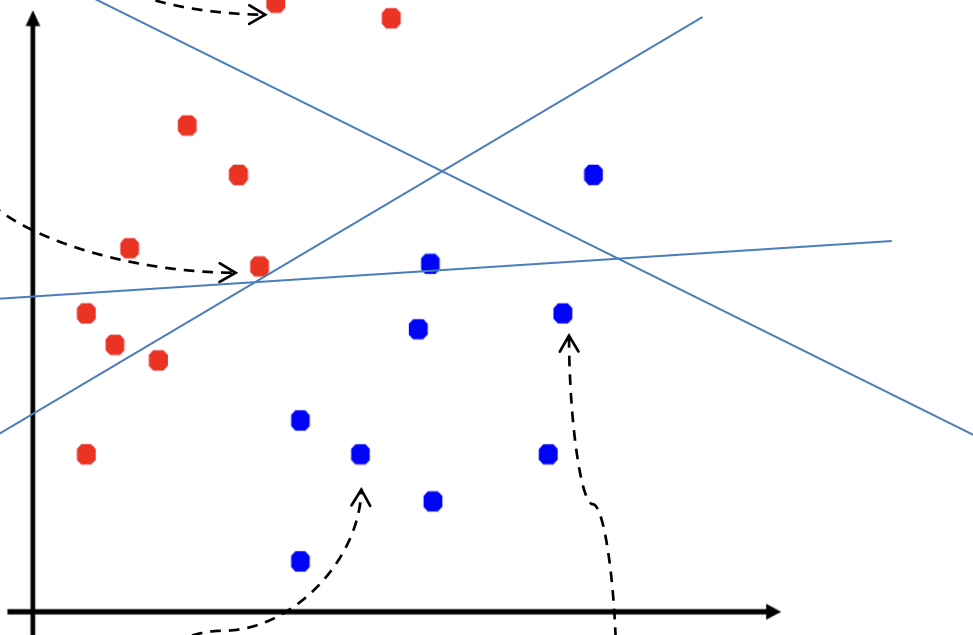
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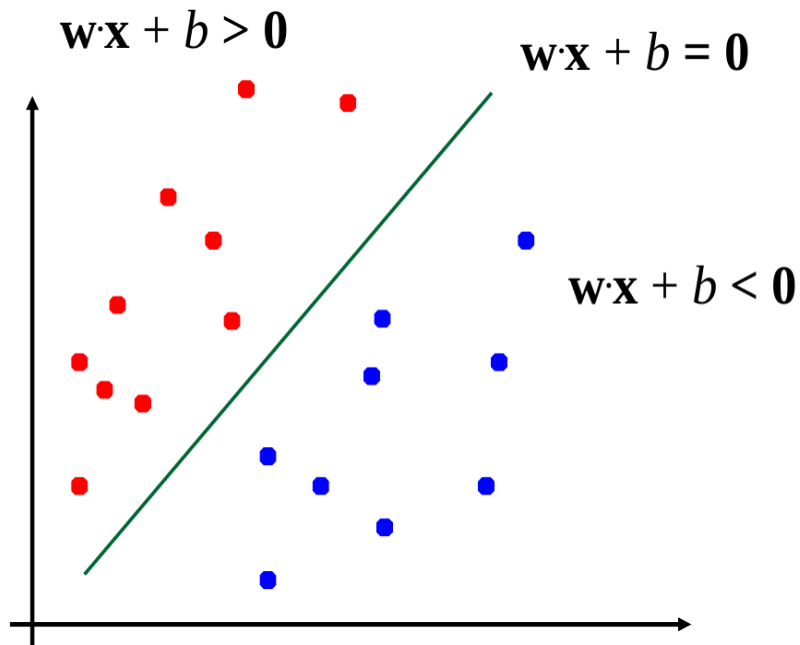
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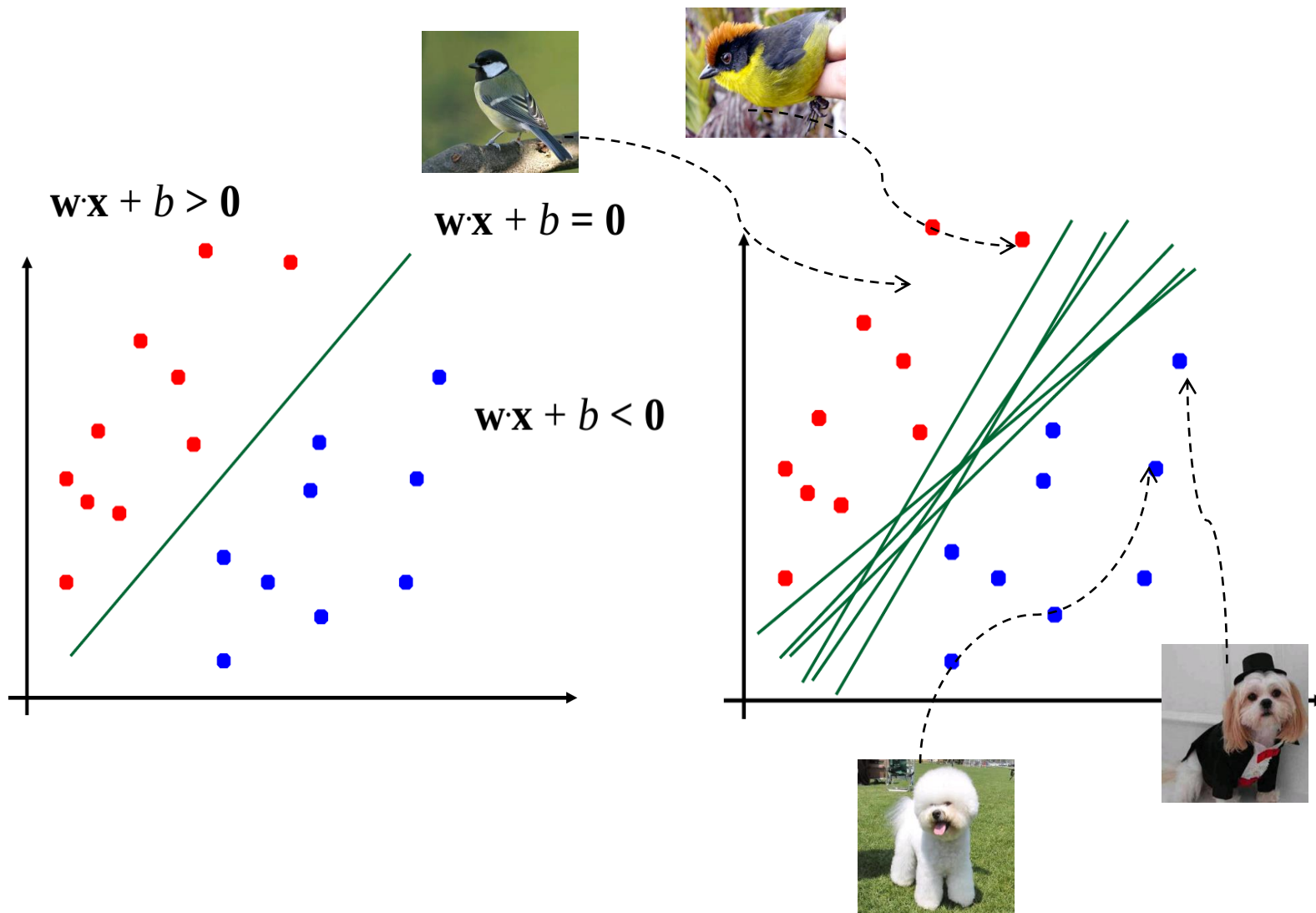
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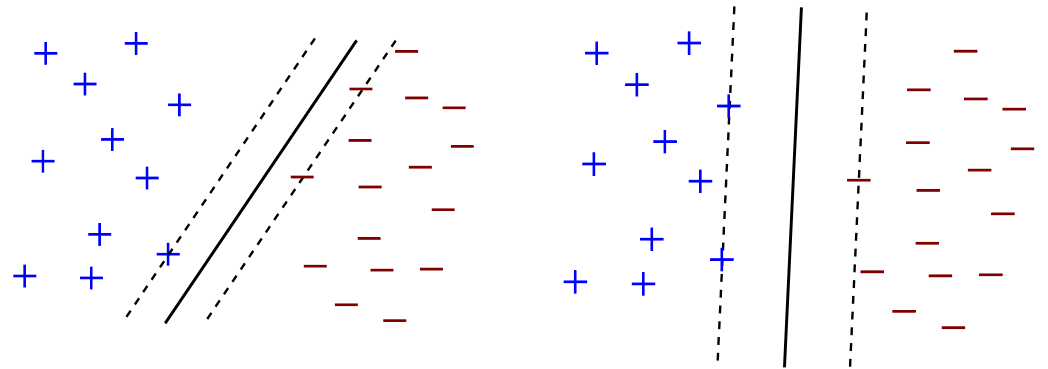
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SVM



SVM optimization: maximizing the margin between + and -

Def.: Margin = distance between the hyperplanes $f(x) = 1$ and $f(x) = -1$ (dashed lines in Figure).

Intuitively, a classifier with a larger margin is more robust to fluctuations

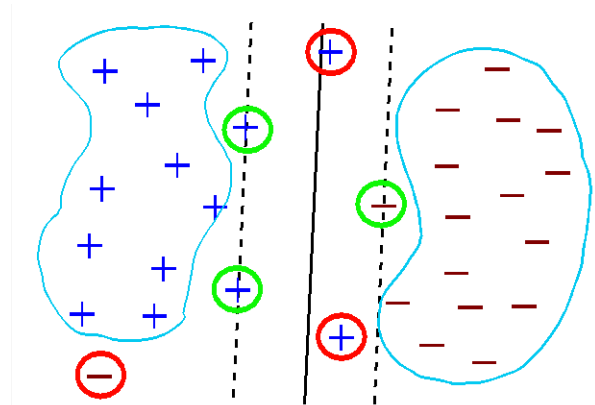
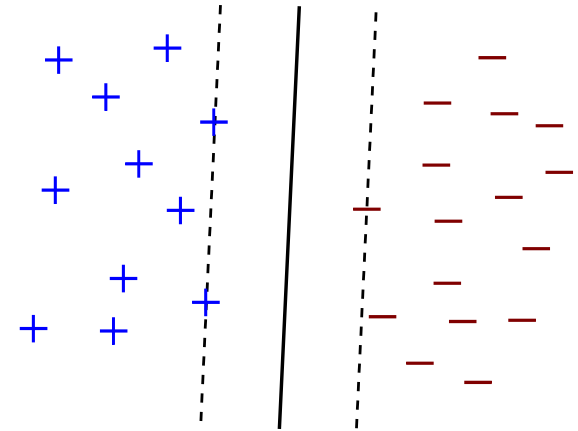
Hard Margin

Final expression for the Hard Margin SVM optimization:

$$\min_{w,b} P(w,b) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \forall i \quad y_i f(x_i) \geq 1$$

SVM

- Hard Margin: OK if data are linearly separated
- Otherwise: noisy data (in red) disrupt the optim.
- Solution: Soft SVM



SVM: Soft Margin

Introducing the slack variables ξ_i , one usually gets rid of the inconvenient max of the loss and rewrite the problem as

$$\min_{w,b} P(w,b) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \forall i & y_i f(x_i) \geq 1 - \xi_i \\ \forall i & \xi_i \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

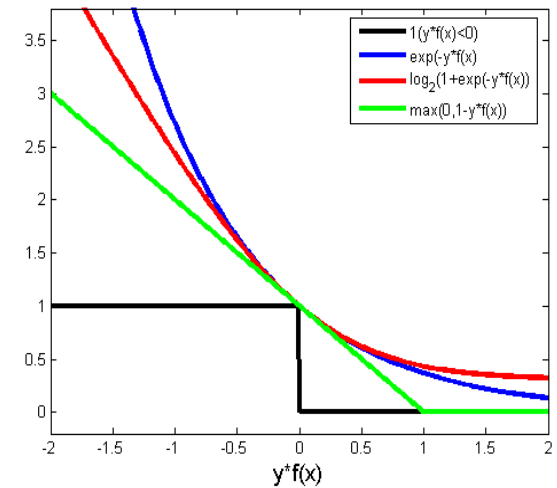
For very large values of the hyper-parameter C, **Hard Margin** case:

- Minimization of $\|w\|$ (ie margin maximization) under the constraint that all training examples are correctly classified with a loss equal to zero.

Smaller values of C relax this constraint: **Soft Margin** case

- SVMs that produces markedly better results on noisy problems.

SVM learning scheme



Equivalently, minimizing the following objective function in feature space with the hinge loss function:

$$\ell(y_i f(x_i)) = \max(0, 1 - y_i f(x_i))$$

$$\min_{w,b} P(w,b) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i f(x_i))$$

Regularization

Margin
Maximization

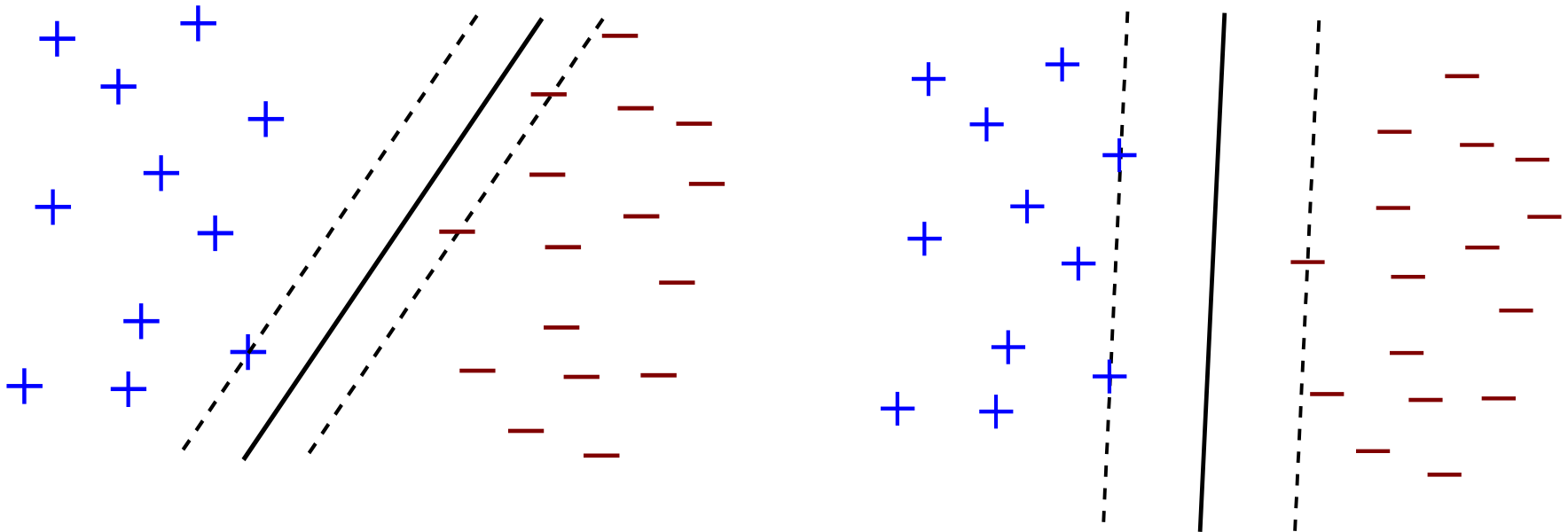
Data
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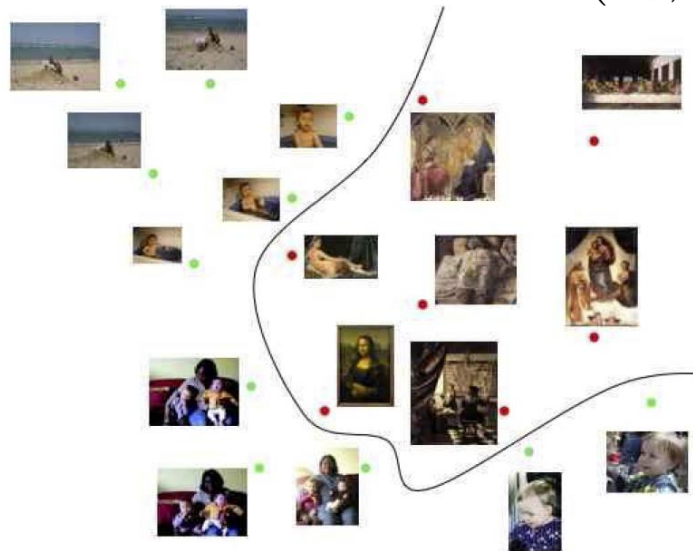


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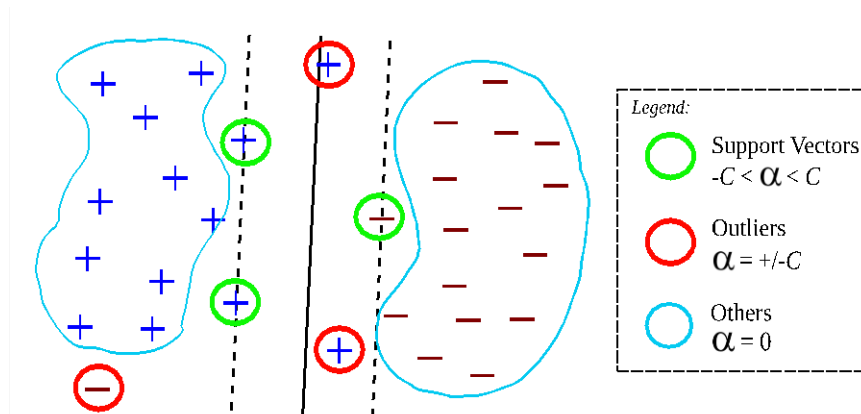
$$k(x_i, x_j) = \langle \Phi(x_i), \Phi(x_j) \rangle$$



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3. **[Cortes95] soft version: noisy problems addressed by allowing some examples to violate the margin constraint**



Classification pipeline

