
Recognition

CS 554 – Computer Vision

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What?



Materials



Objects



Actions



Scenes



Individuals, categories, ...



individual
objects

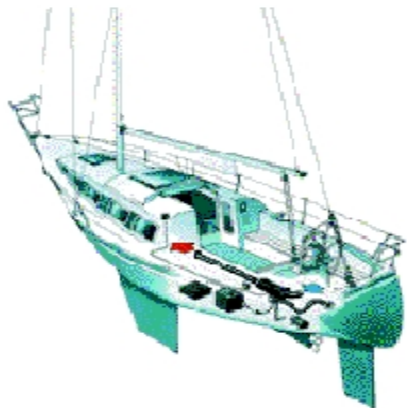


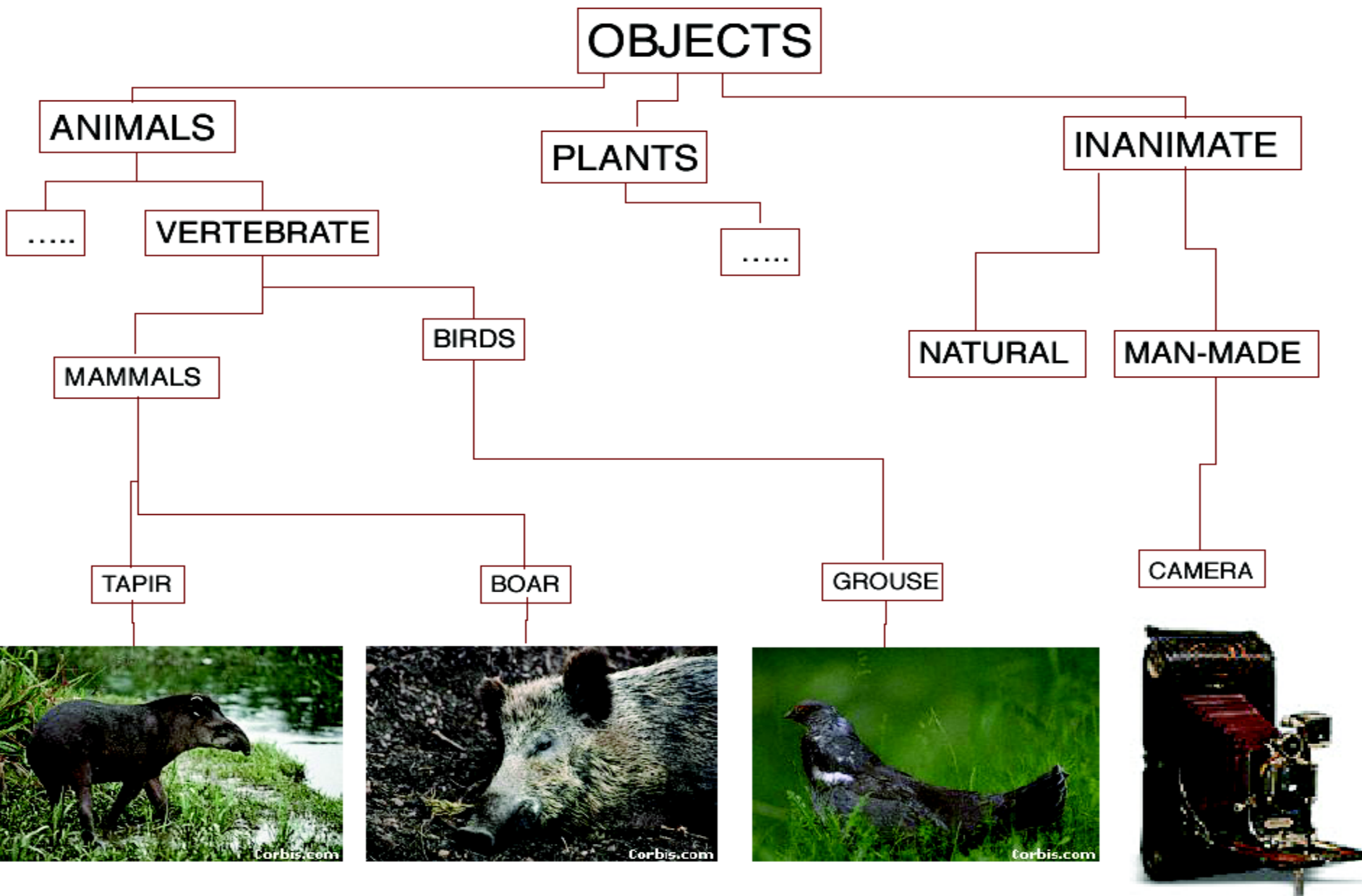
`visual'
object classes



`functional'
classes?

How many?





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Tasks

- Verification
- Detection (+Localization)
- Classification / Recognition
- Grouping
- Analogy
- ...

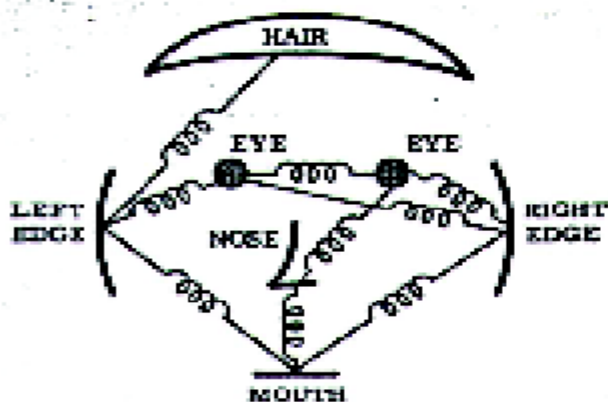


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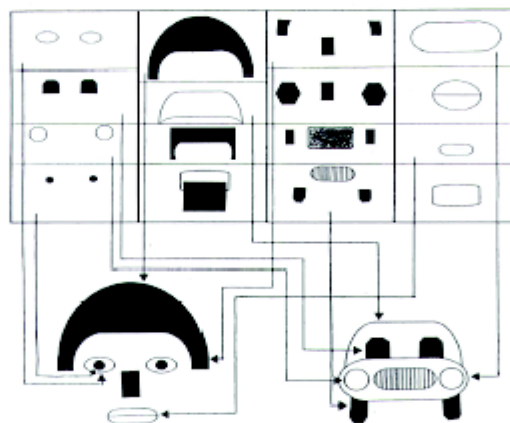
Issues

- Representation
- Recognition
- Learning

Models: appearance+shape



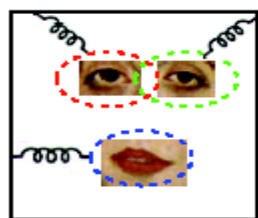
Fischler & Elschlager, 1973



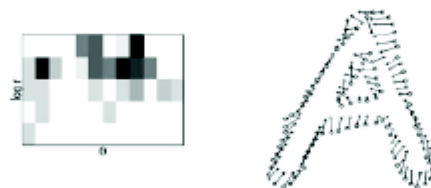
Perrett & Oram, 1993



Perona et al. '95



Schmid '99,
Lowe '99, Moreels '04



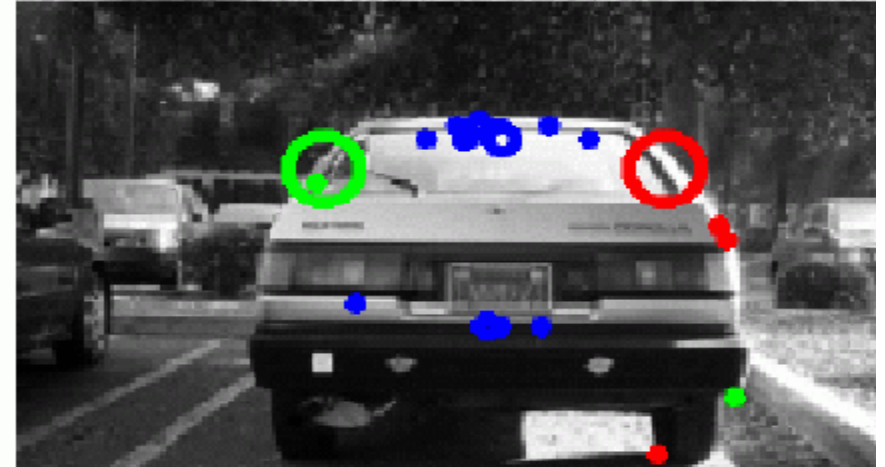
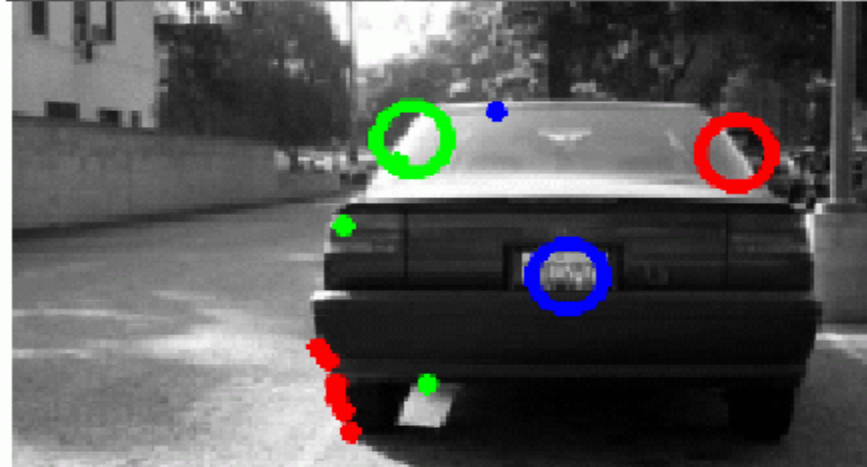
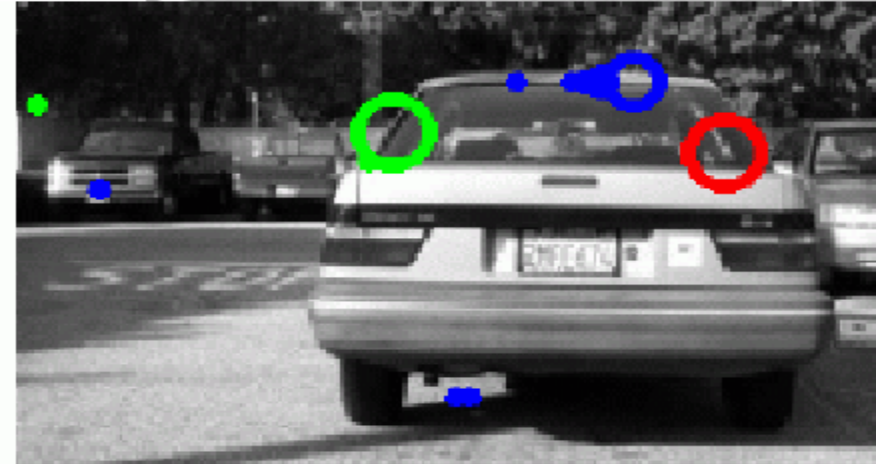
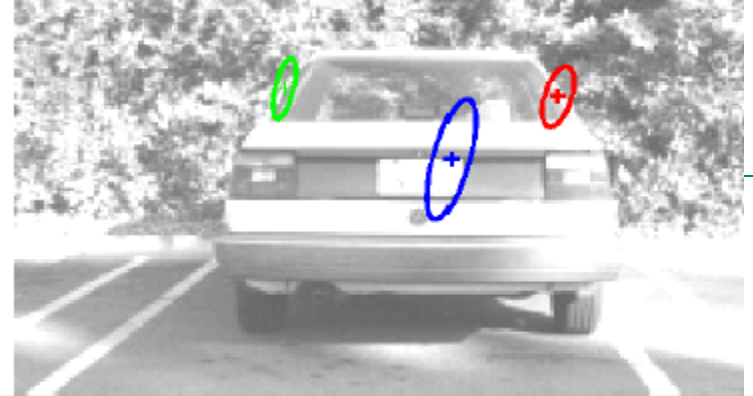
Belongie et al. '02

(Interest points)
Local appearance
Shape / deformation
(Clutter)
Correspondence

Correspondence



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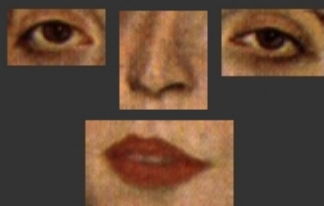
Occlusion and 'unreliable' features



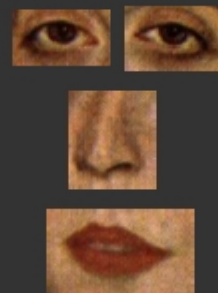
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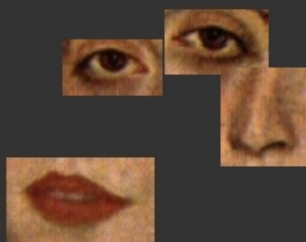


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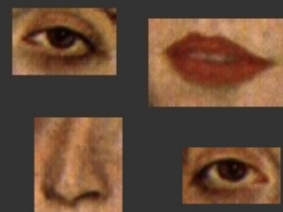


B

Deformations



C

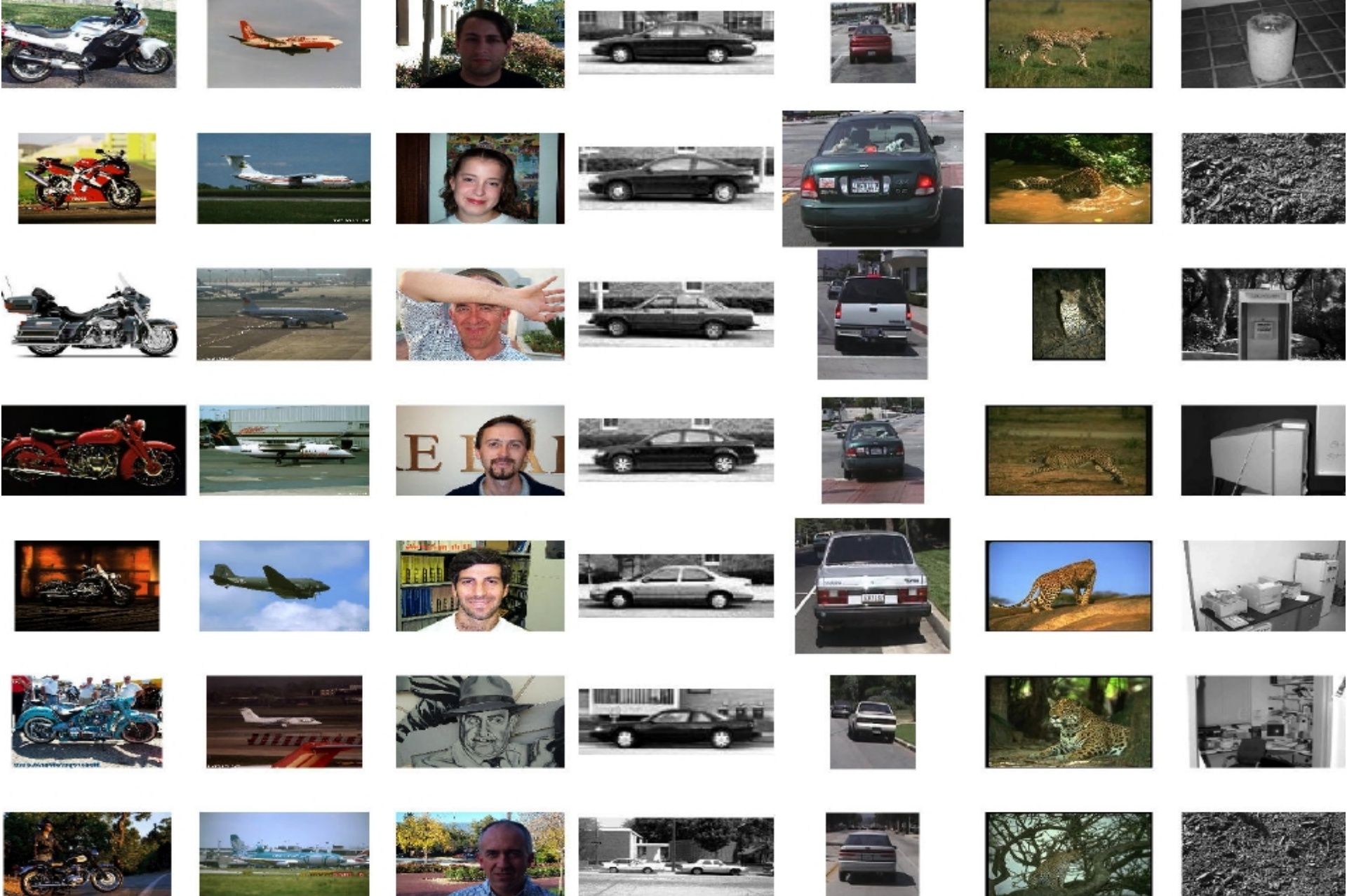


D

Clutter



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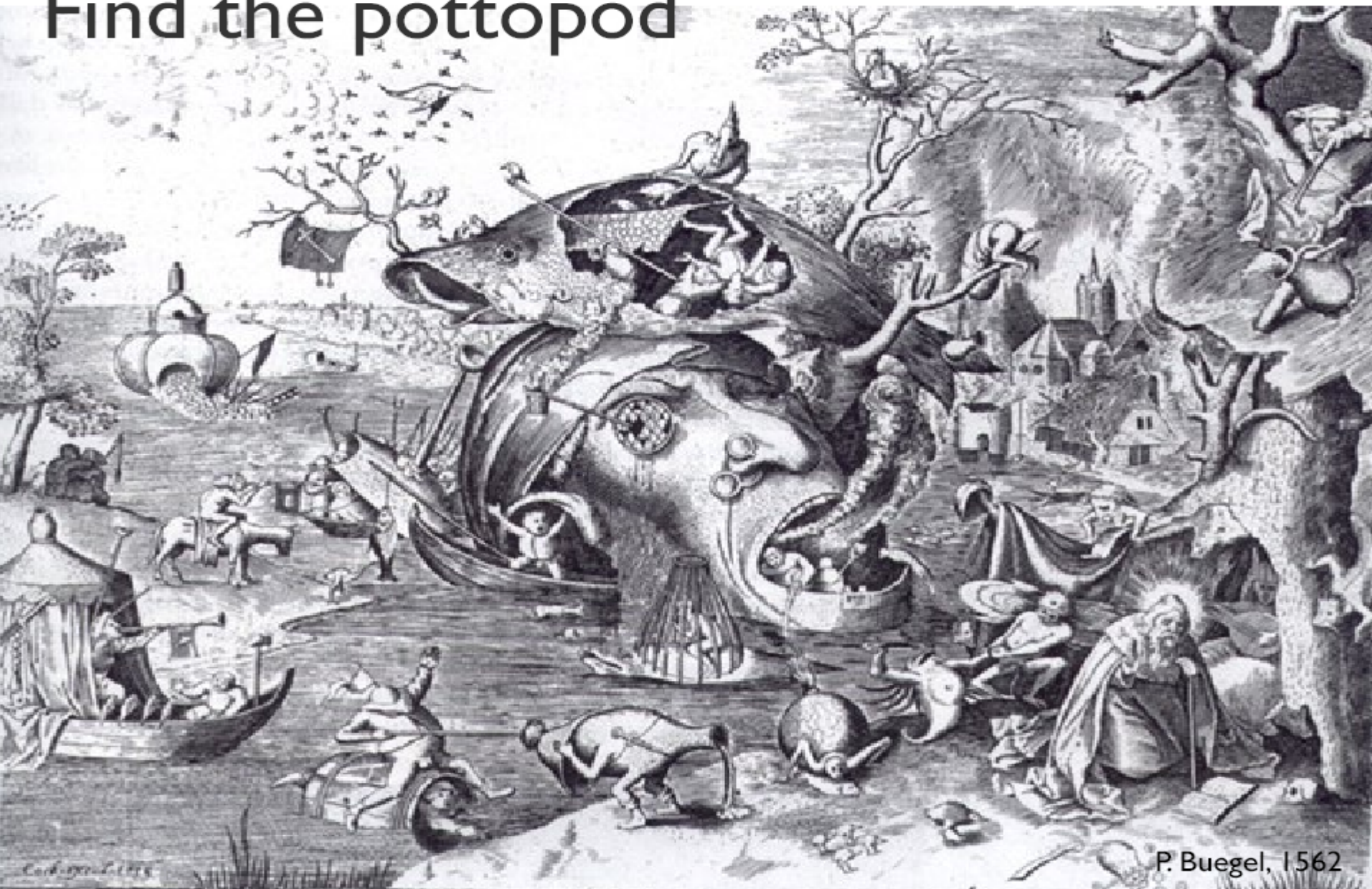
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This is a
pottopod



S. Savarese, 2003

Find the pottopod



P. Buegel, 1562

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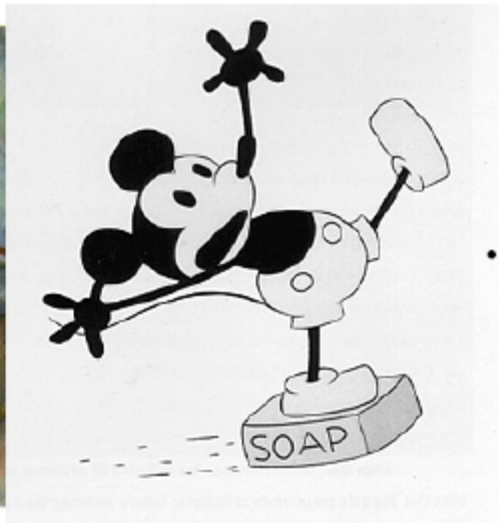
Training example



Previously learnt categories



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Smart
box

New category

Previously learnt categories

Spotted cats



Airplanes



Motorcycles



FeiFei et al '03

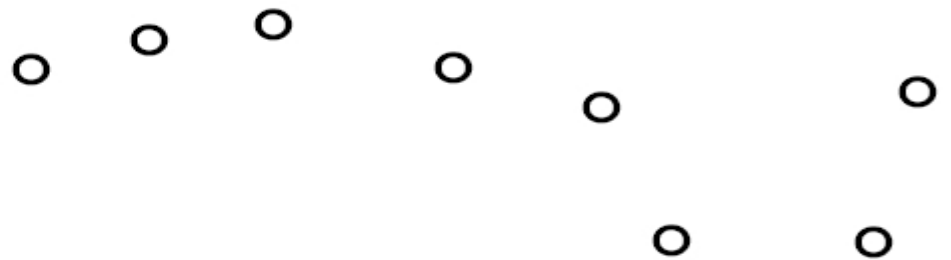
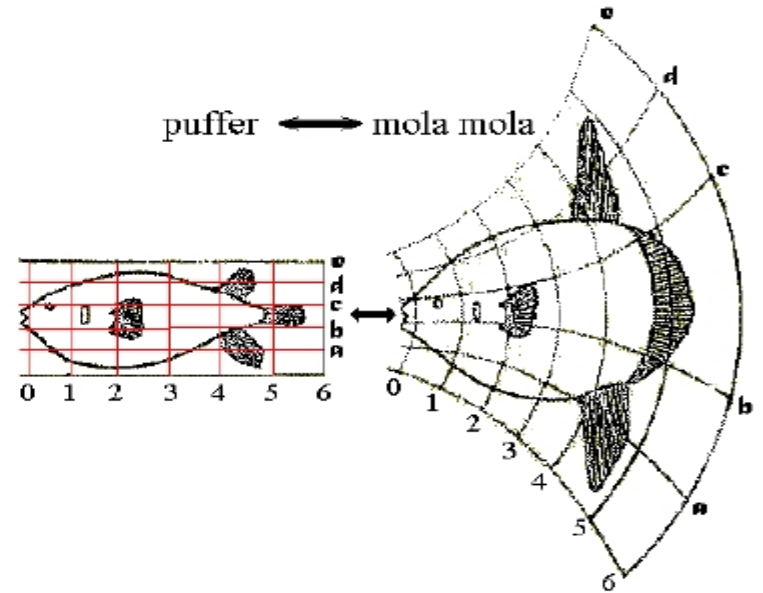
Training example



Smart
box

New category

Priors on geometry



Similarity metric



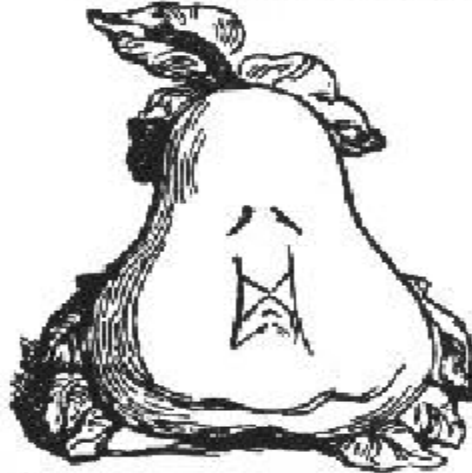
Le crupis ressemble à Louis-Philippe, vous en êtes-vous donc ?



Ainsi il ressemble au premier, qui ressemble au premier.

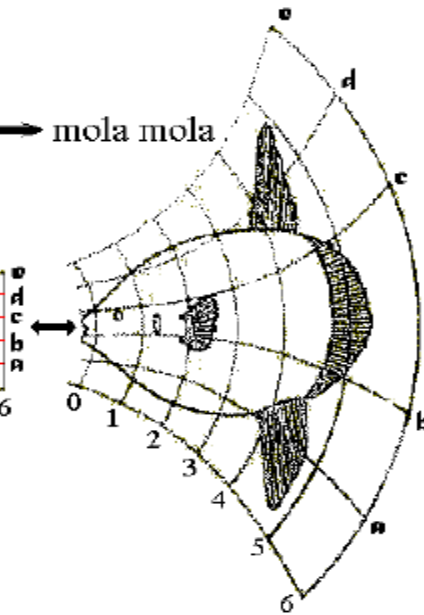
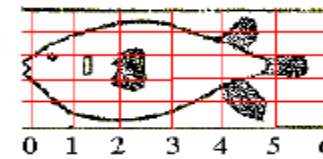


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Ainsi, pour une seule chose, vous en êtes un exemple à la fois.

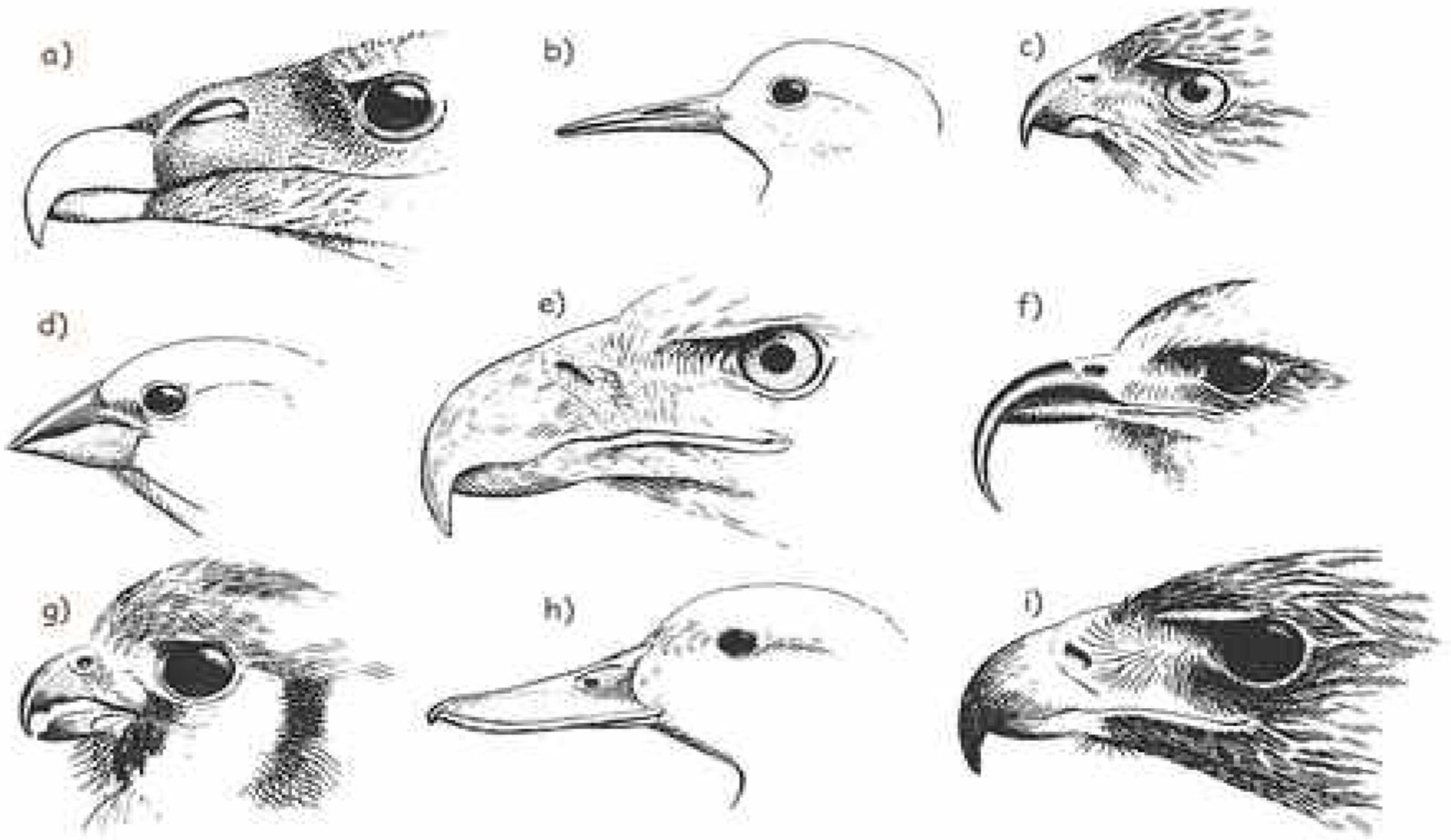


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puffer ← mola mola



Form and function



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Context



Murphy et al., ICCV2003

Context



(a) Isolated object



(b) Object in context

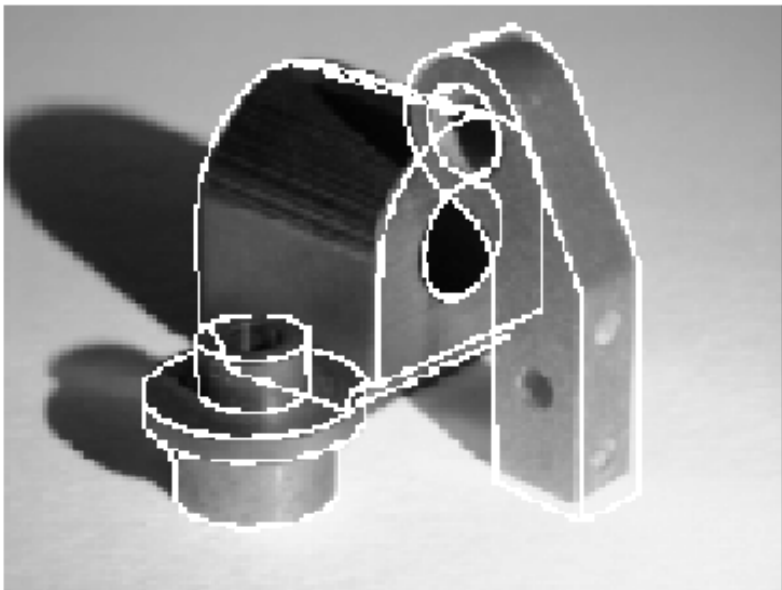


(c) Low-res Object

Murphy et al., ICCV2003

Object Recognition

- Model based vision
- Object Recognition as template matching



Model based Vision

- Object recognition as a correspondence problem –
- which image feature corresponds to which feature on which object?

Idea : If we know correspondences for a small set of features it is easy to obtain correspondences for a much larger data set.

Assumption : there is a collection of geometric models of objects that should be recognized.

The collection is called a *modelbase*

Model based Vision

Method : Hypothesize and test

- hypothesize a correspondence between a collection of image features and a collection of object features, then use this to generate a hypothesis about the projection from the object coordinate frame to the image frame

When camera intrinsic parameters are known, the hypothesis is known equivalent to a hypothetical position and orientation - *pose*

- Use this projection hypothesis to generate a rendering of the object
 - usually known as *backprojection*
- Compare the rendering to the image, and if two are sufficiently similar accept the hypothesis

Pose consistency

- Correspondences between image features and model features are not independent.
- A small number of correspondences yields a camera hypothesis --- the others must be consistent with this.
- Strategy:
 - Generate hypotheses using small numbers of correspondences (e.g. triples of points for a calibrated perspective camera, etc., etc.)
 - Backproject and verify
- Notice that the main issue here is camera calibration
- Appropriate groups are “frame groups”



Figure from “Object recognition using alignment,” D.P. Huttenlocher and S. Ullman, Proc. Int. Conf. Computer Vision, 1986, copyright IEEE, 1986

Voting on Pose

- Each model leads to many correct sets of correspondences, each of which has the same pose
 - Vote on pose, in an accumulator array
 - This is similar to hough transform
 - Problems:
 - Noise
 - Bucket size

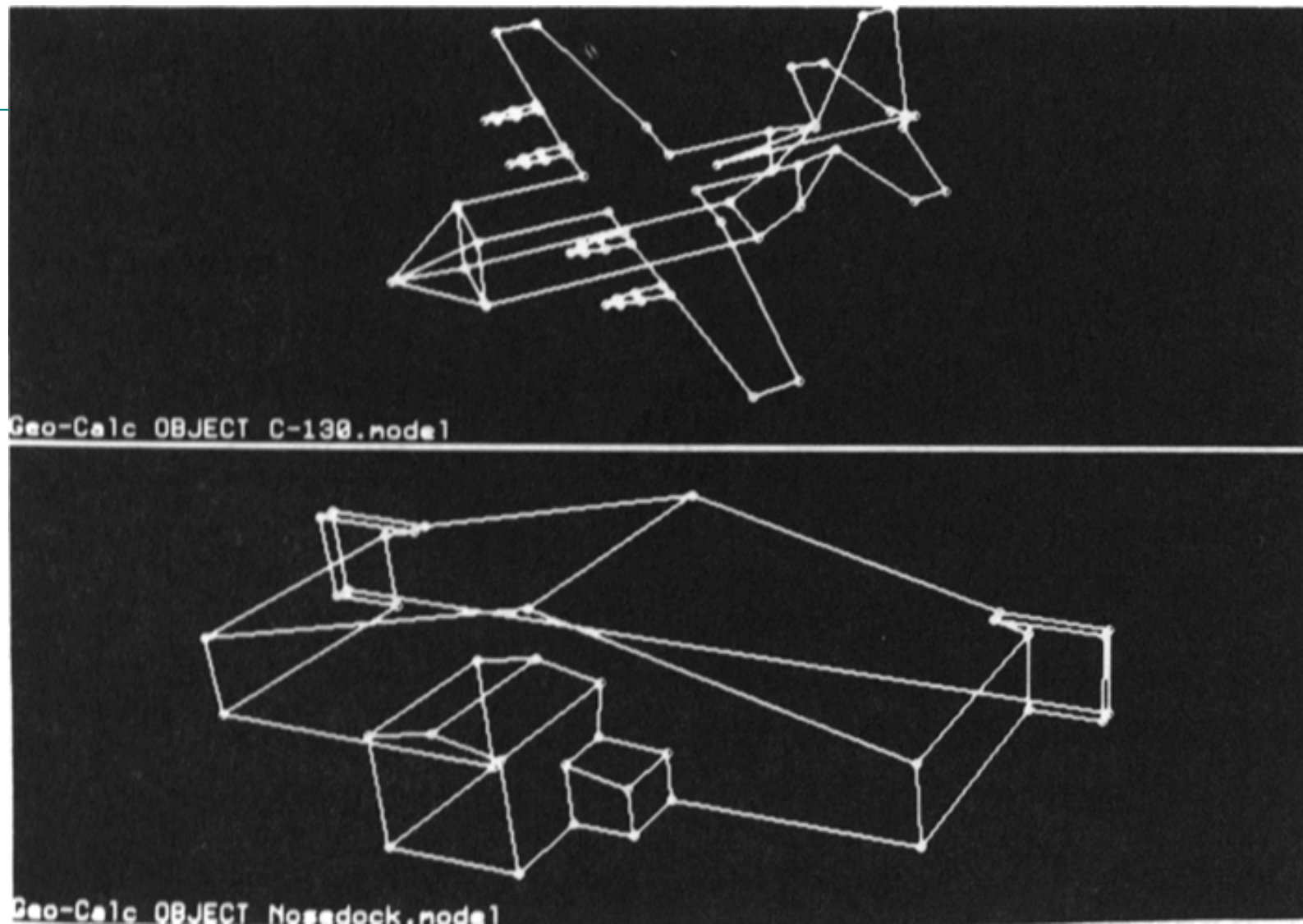


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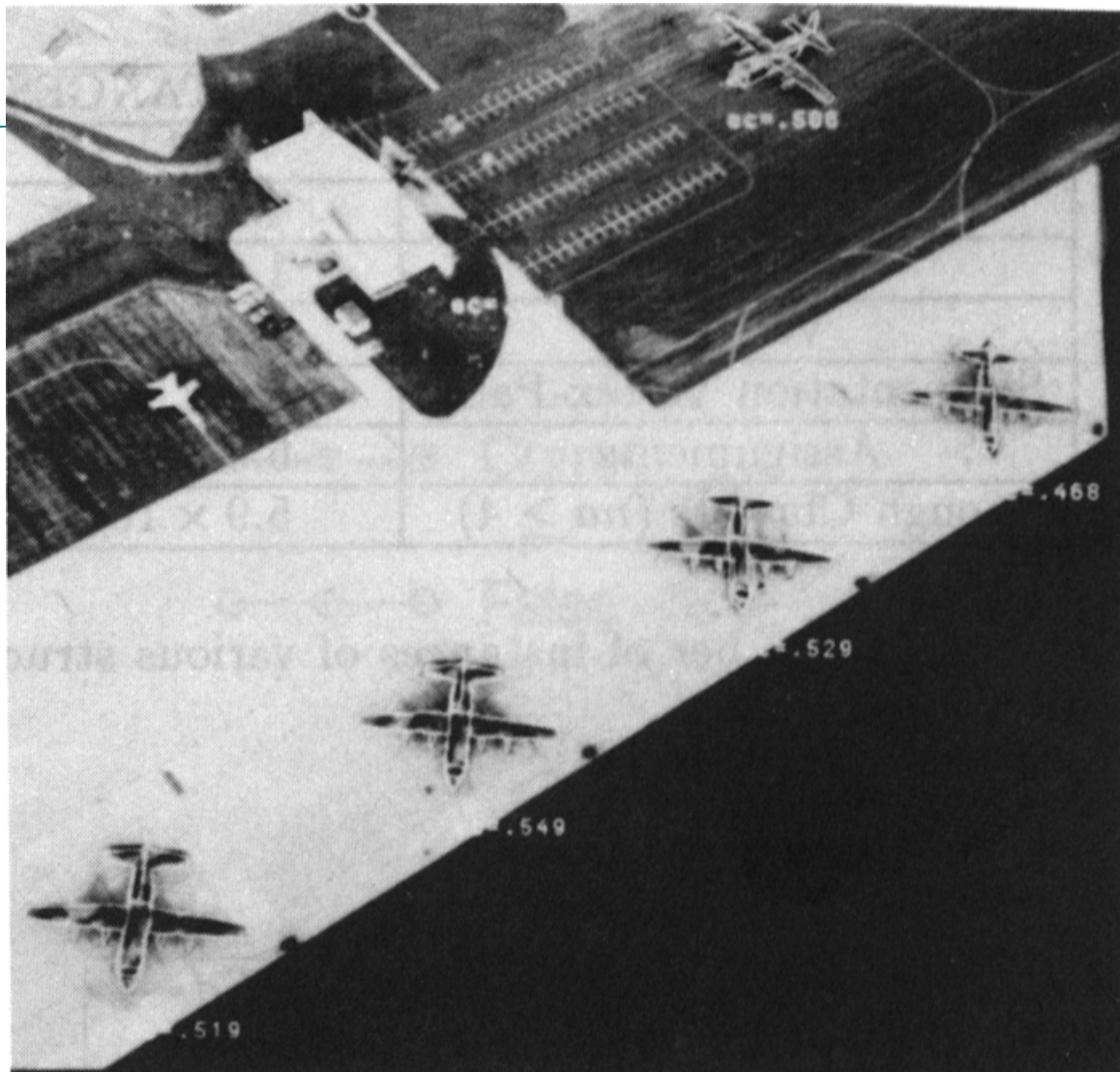


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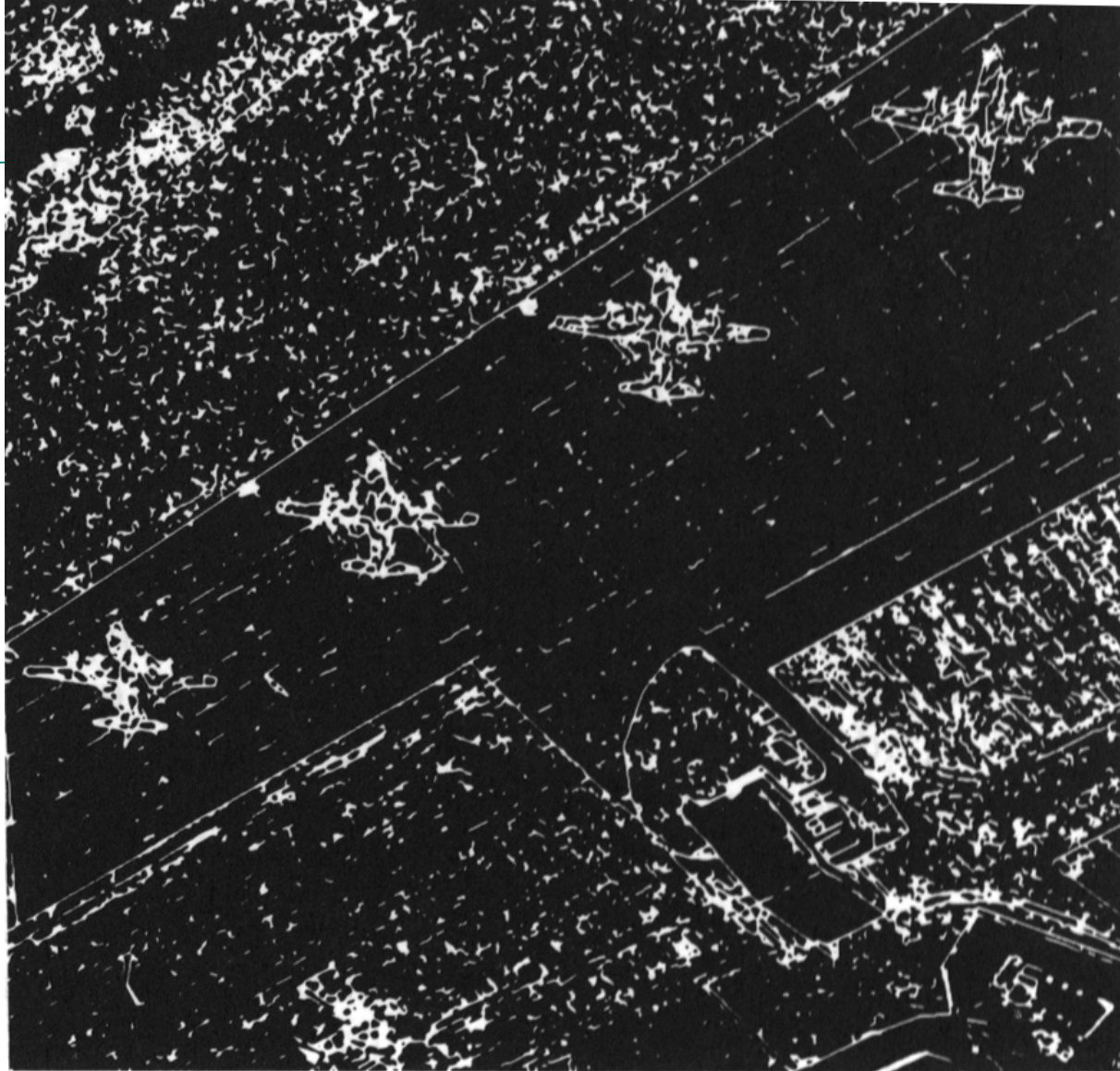


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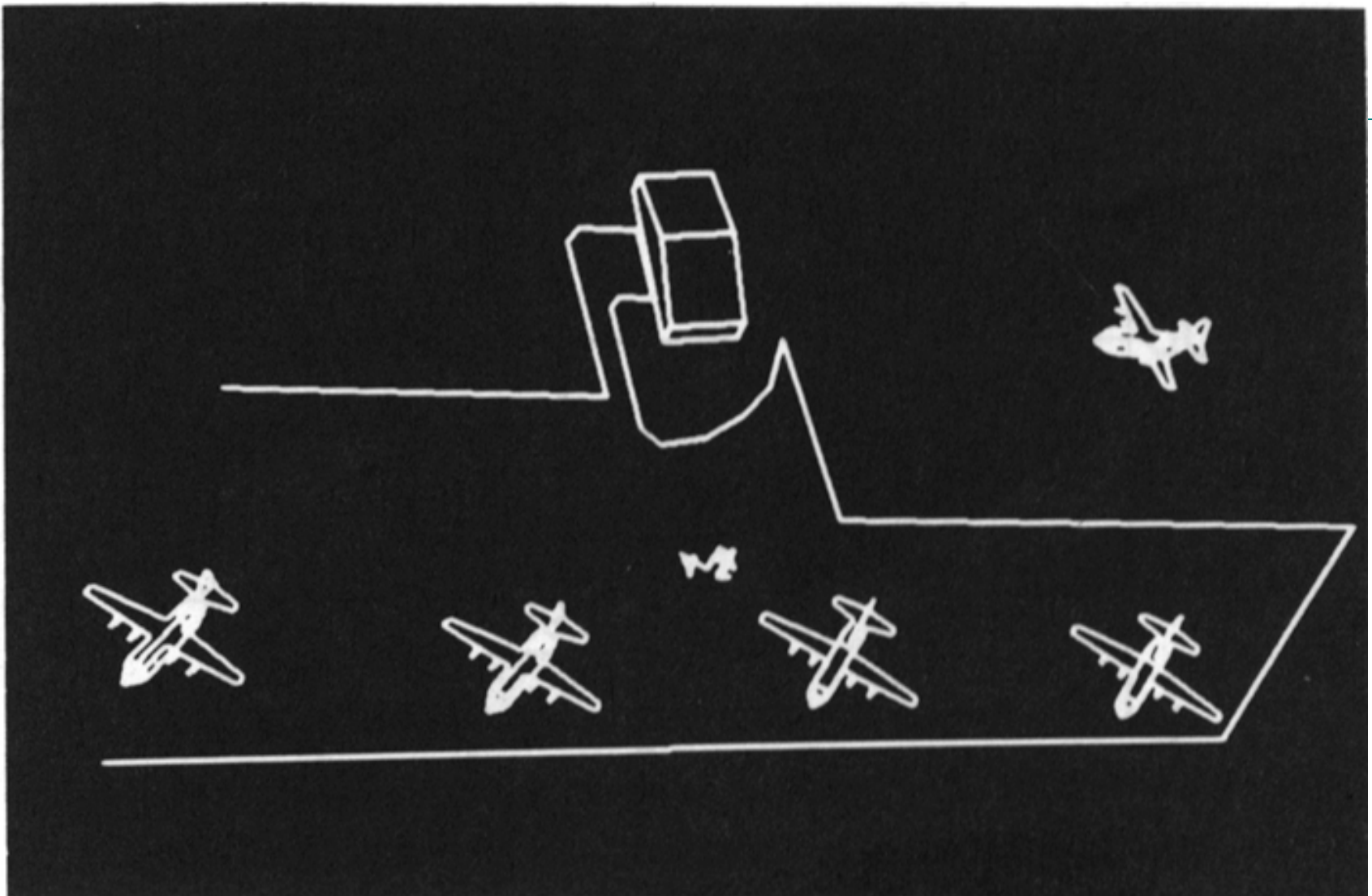
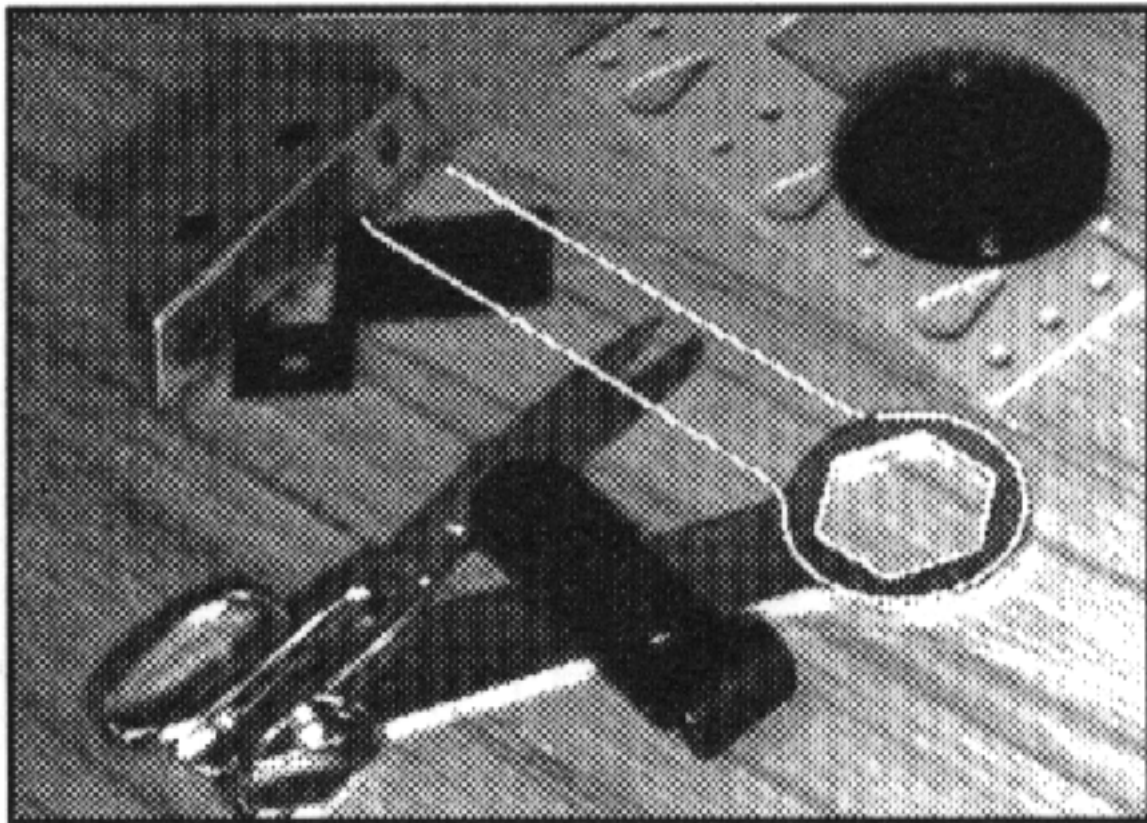
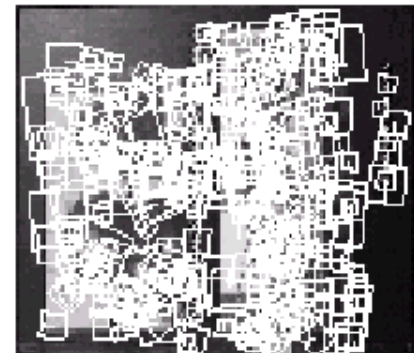
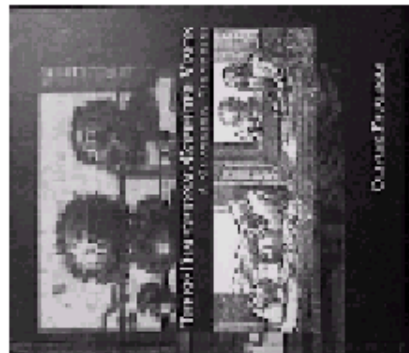
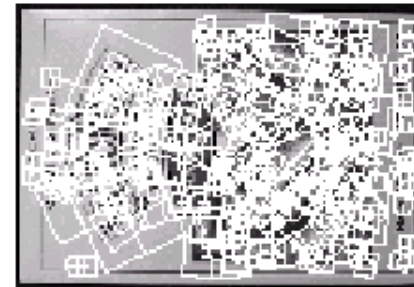
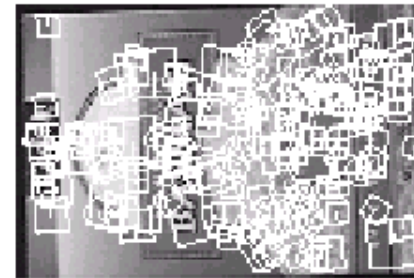


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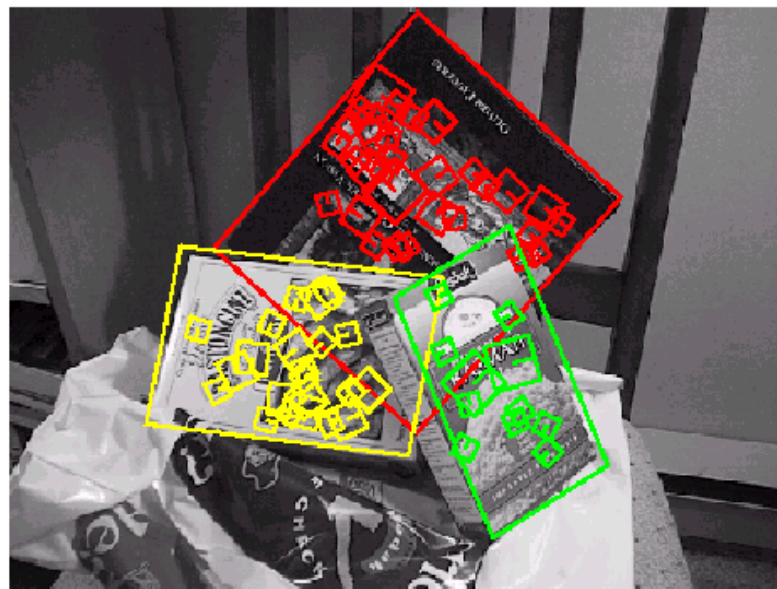
Models for planar surfaces with SIFT keys:

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Planar recognition

- Planar surfaces can be reliably recognized at a rotation of 60° away from the camera
- Affine fit approximates perspective projection
- Only 3 points are needed for recognition



3D Object Recognition



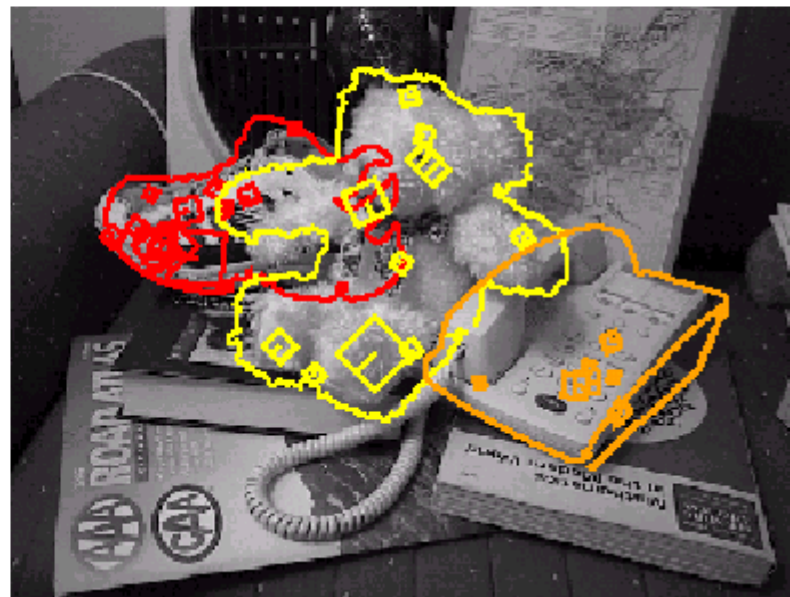
Extract outlines
with background
subtraction

3D Object Recognition



- Only 3 keys are needed for recognition, so extra keys provide robustness
- Affine model is no longer as accurate

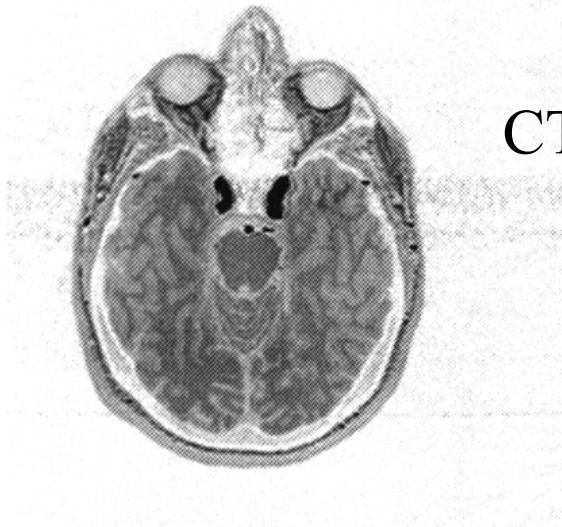
Recognition under occlusion



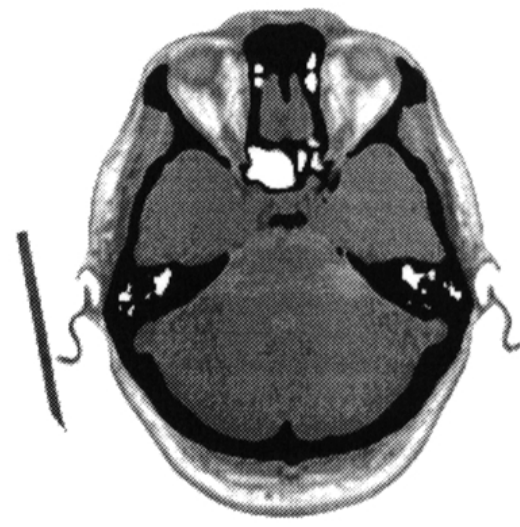
Application: Surgery

- To minimize damage by operation planning
- To reduce number of operations by planning surgery
- To remove only affected tissue
- Problem
 - ensure that the model with the operations planned on it and the information about the affected tissue lines up with the patient
 - display model information supervised on view of patient
 - **Big Issue:** coordinate alignment, as above

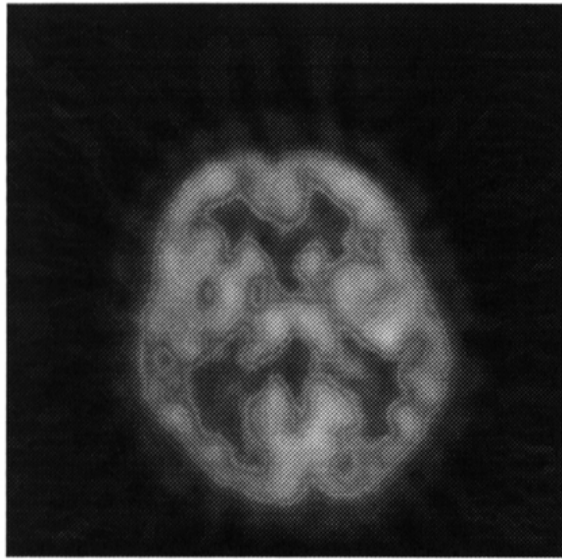
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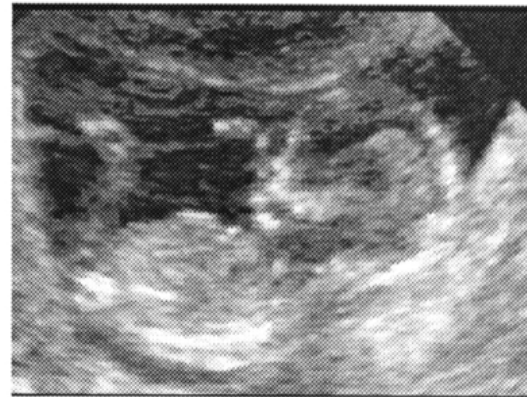
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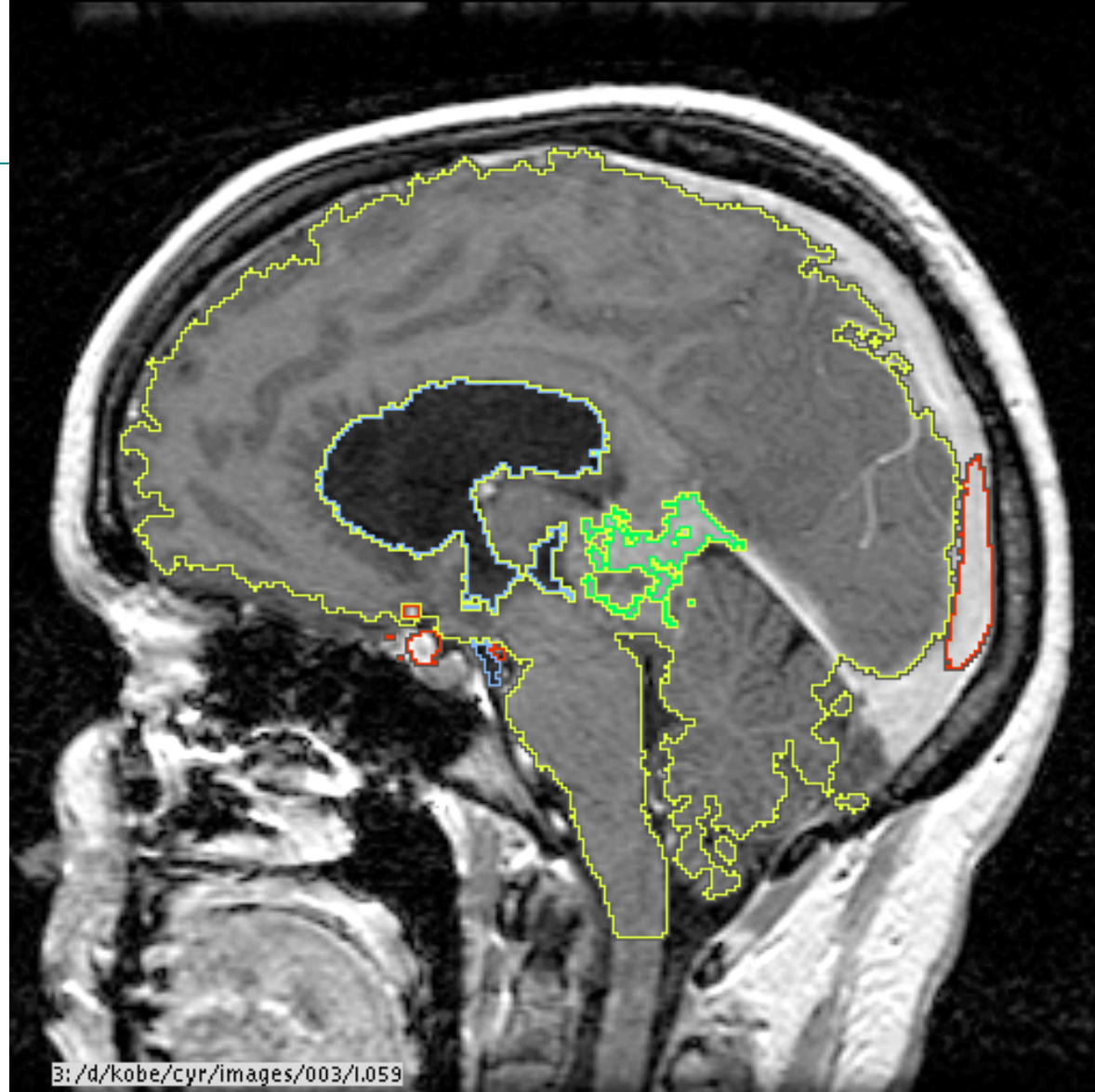


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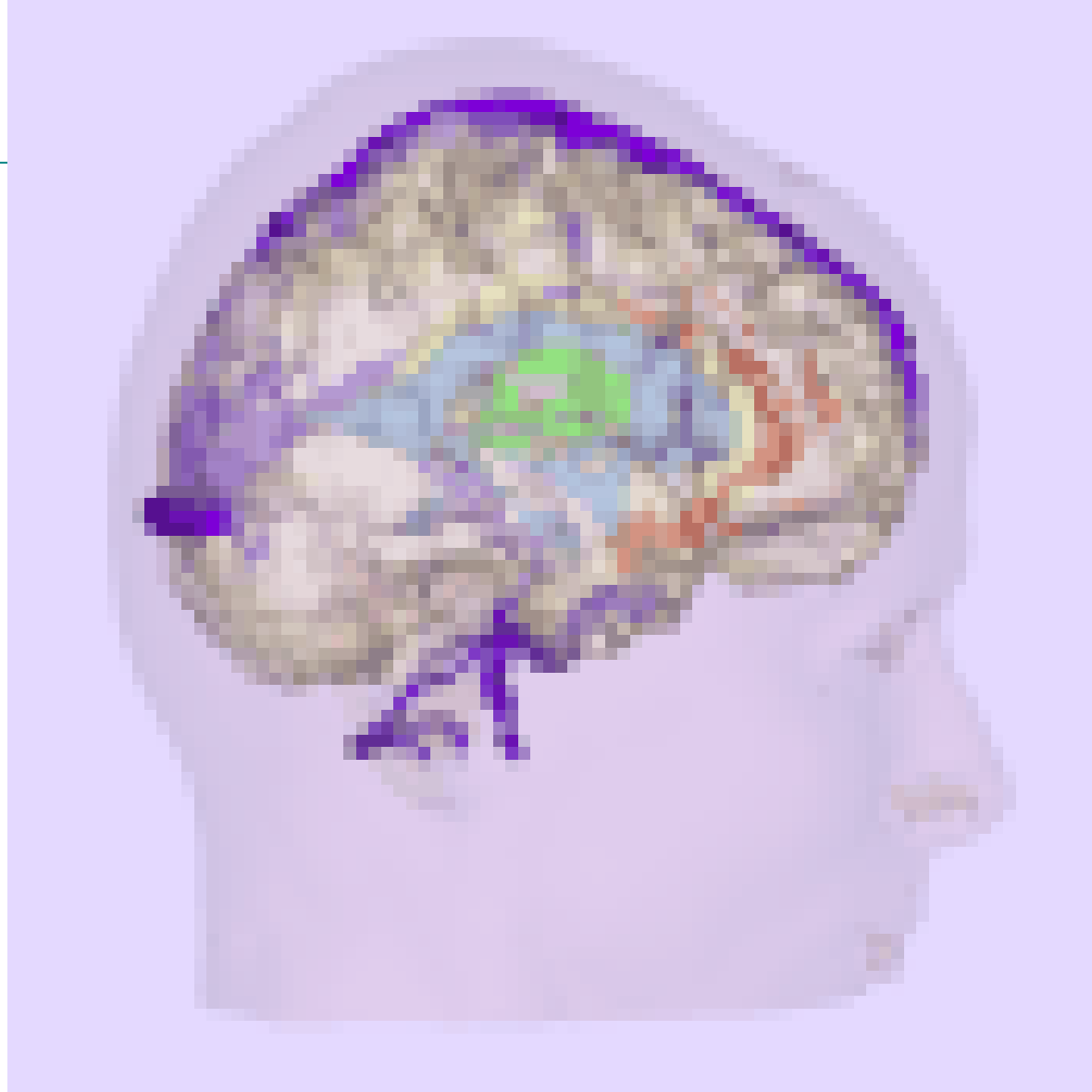
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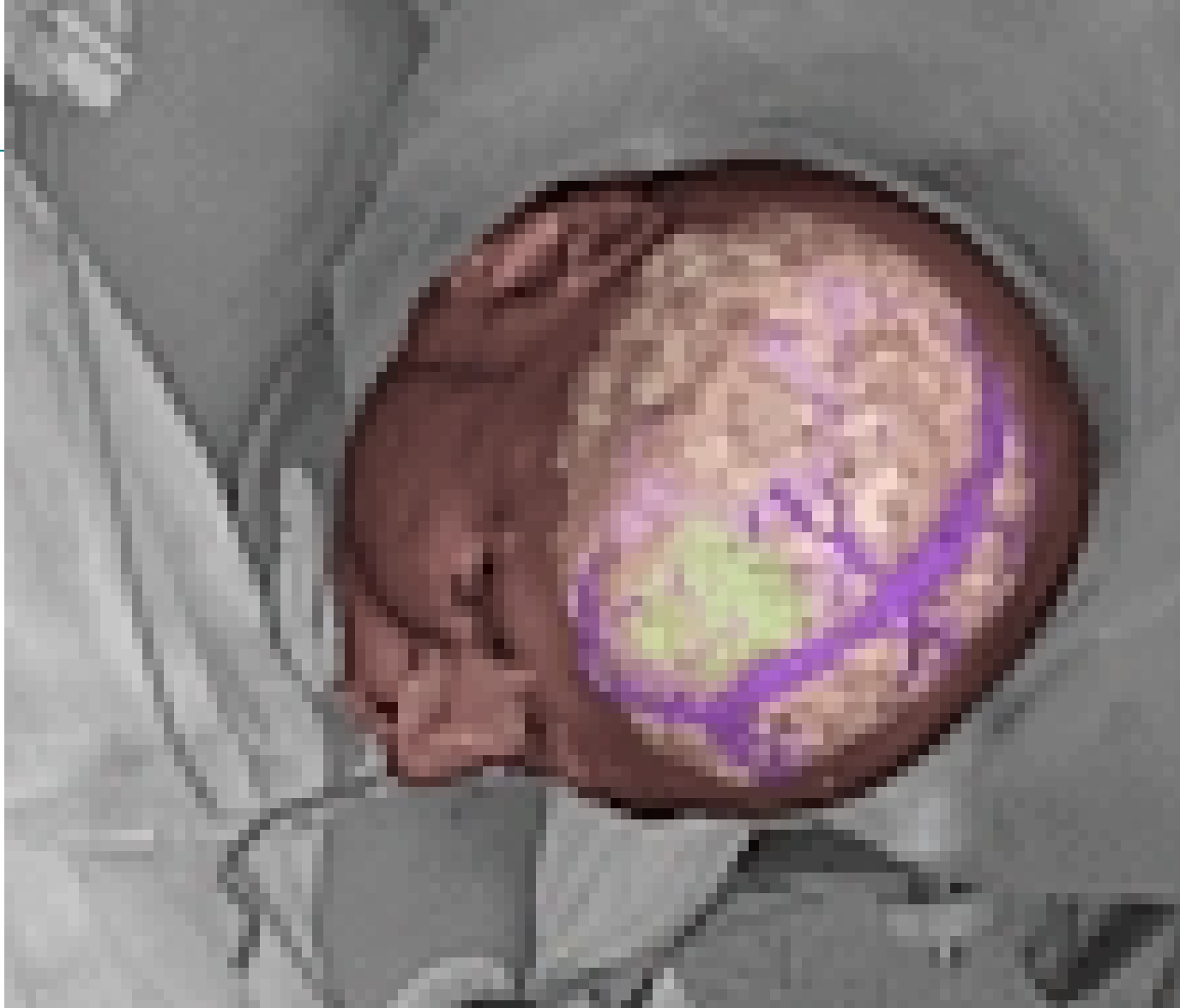
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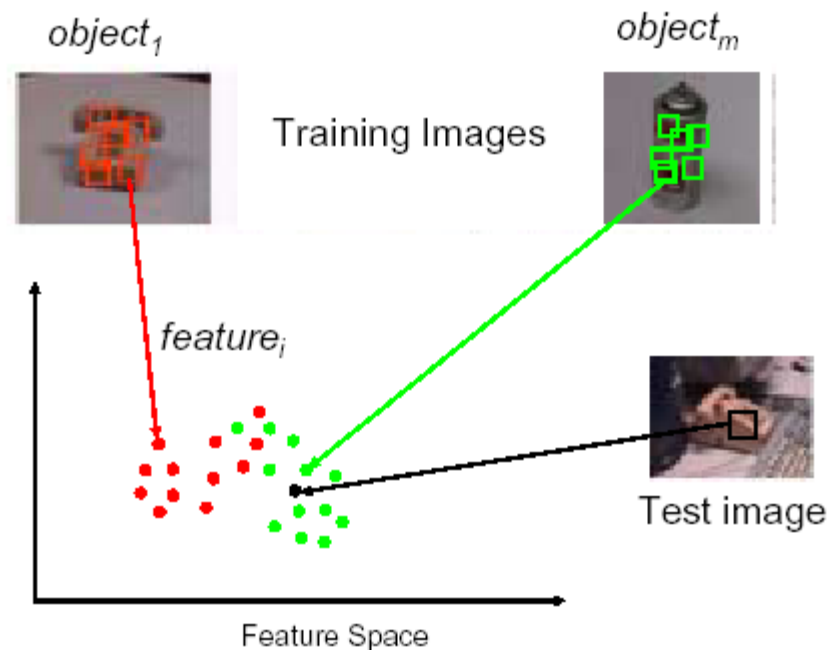


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Template based Recognition

- View based, Image-based
- We have seen very simple template matching (under filters)
- Some objects behave like quite simple templates
 - Frontal faces
- Strategy:
 - Find image windows
 - Correct lighting
 - Pass them to a statistical test (a classifier) that accepts faces and rejects non-faces



Basic ideas in classifiers

- Loss
 - some errors may be more expensive than others
 - e.g. a fatal disease that is easily cured by a cheap medicine with no side-effects -> false positives in diagnosis are better than false negatives
 - We discuss two class classification: $L(1 \rightarrow 2)$ is the loss caused by calling 1 a 2
- Total risk of using classifier s

$$R(s) = Pr \{1 \rightarrow 2 | \text{using } s\} L(1 \rightarrow 2) + Pr \{2 \rightarrow 1 | \text{using } s\} L(2 \rightarrow 1)$$

Basic ideas in classifiers

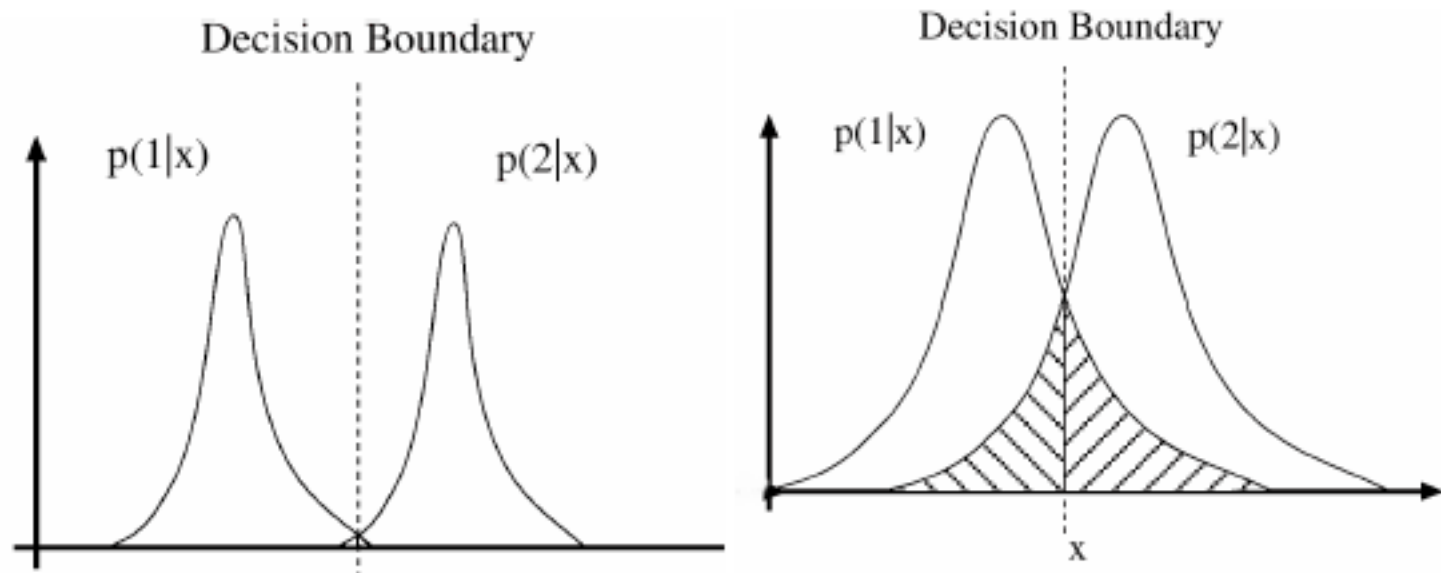
- Generally, we should classify as 1 if the expected loss of classifying as 1 is better than for 2
- gives

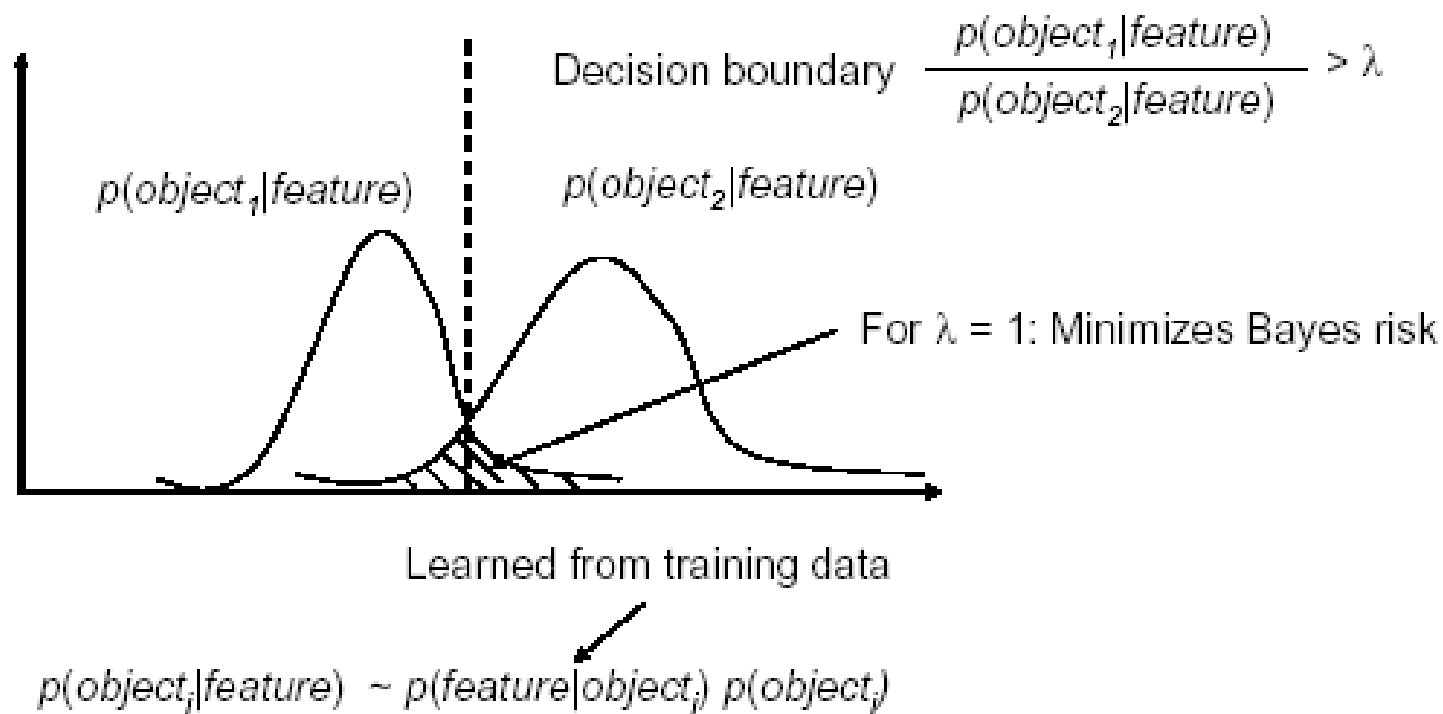
$$1 \text{ if } p(1|\mathbf{x})L(1 \rightarrow 2) > p(2|\mathbf{x})L(2 \rightarrow 1)$$

$$2 \text{ if } p(1|\mathbf{x})L(1 \rightarrow 2) < p(2|\mathbf{x})L(2 \rightarrow 1)$$

- Crucial notion: Decision boundary
 - points where the loss is the same for either case

Some loss may be inevitable: the minimum risk (shaded area) is called the Bayes risk





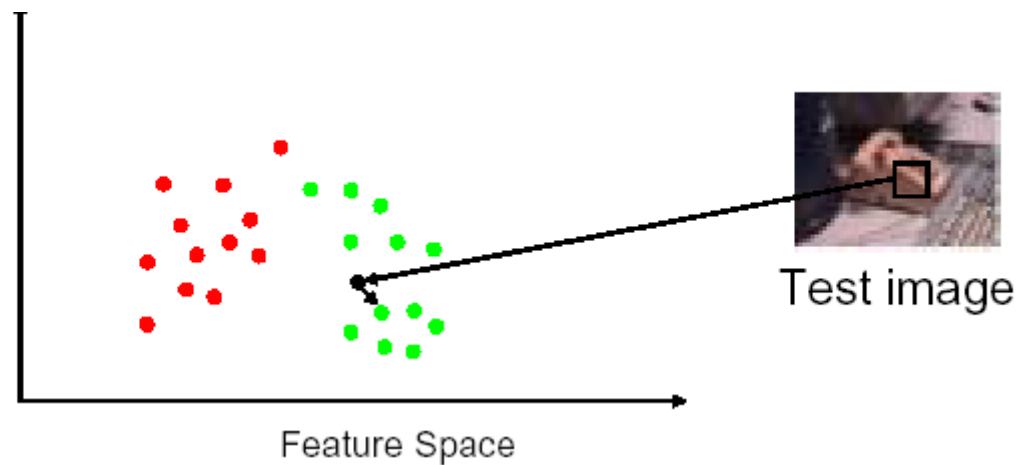
How to represent and learn $p(\text{feature}|\text{object}_j)$ or decision boundary?

How to approach Bayes risk given small number of samples?

What features to use?

How to reduce the feature space?

Nearest Neighbor



- Does not require recovery of distributions or decision surfaces
- Asymptotically twice Bayes risk at most
- Choice of distance metric critical
- Indexing may be difficult

Histogram based classifiers

- Use a histogram to represent the class-conditional densities
 - (i.e. $p(x|1)$, $p(x|2)$, etc)
- Advantage: estimates become quite good with enough data!
- Disadvantage: Histogram becomes big with high dimension
 - but maybe we can assume feature independence?

Finding skin

- Skin has a very small range of (intensity independent) colours, and little texture
 - Compute an intensity-independent colour measure, check if colour is in this range, check if there is little texture (median filter)
 - See this as a classifier - we can set up the tests by hand, or learn them.
 - get class conditional densities (histograms), priors from data (counting)
- Classifier is
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) > \theta$, classify as skin
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) < \theta$, classify as not skin
 - if $p(\text{skin}|\mathbf{x}) = \theta$, choose classes uniformly and at random

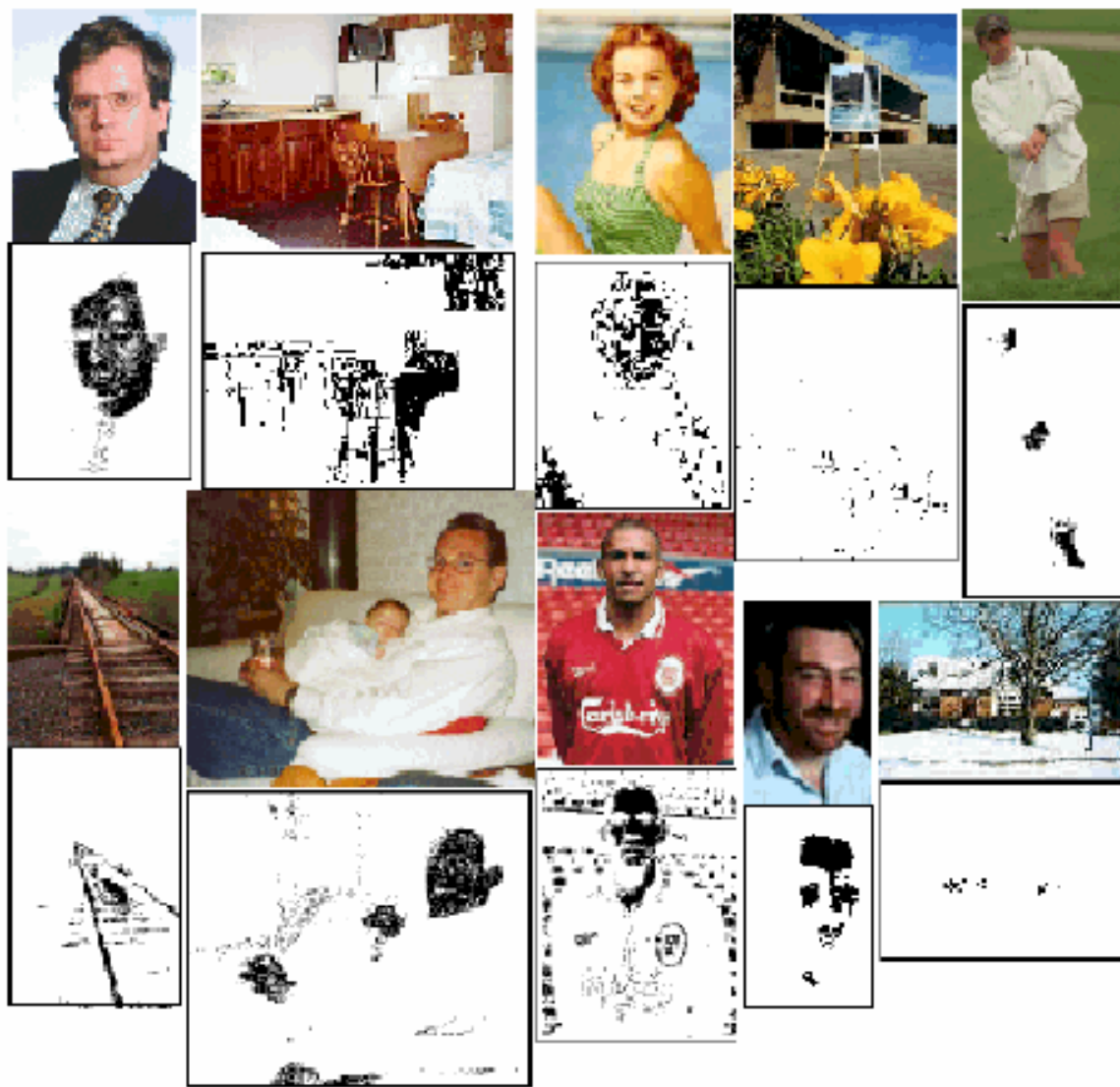


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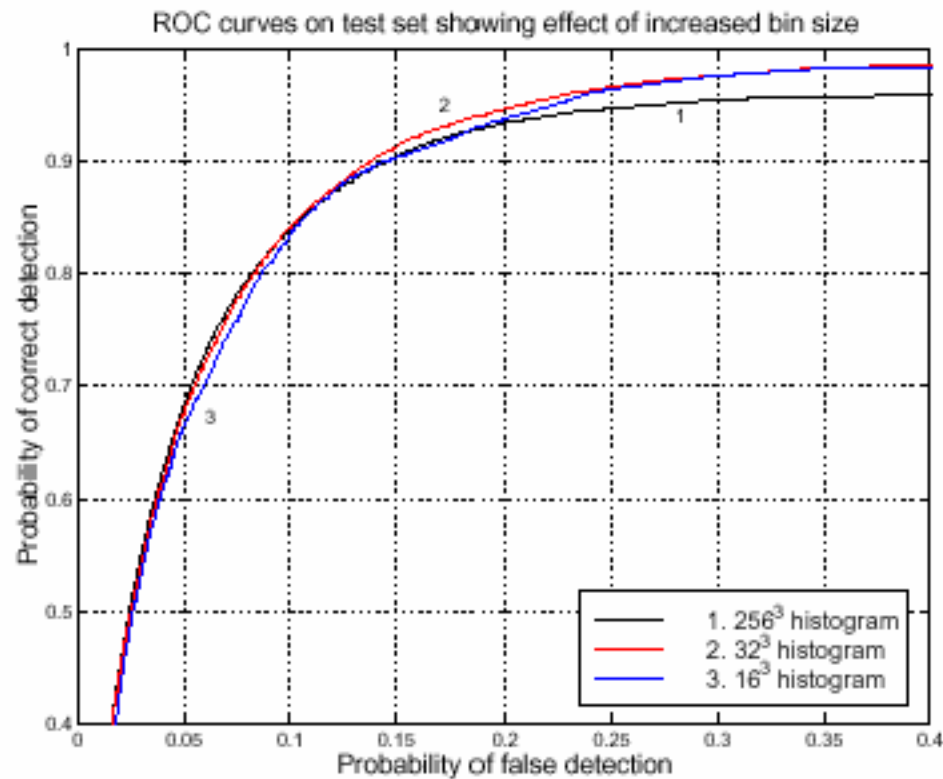
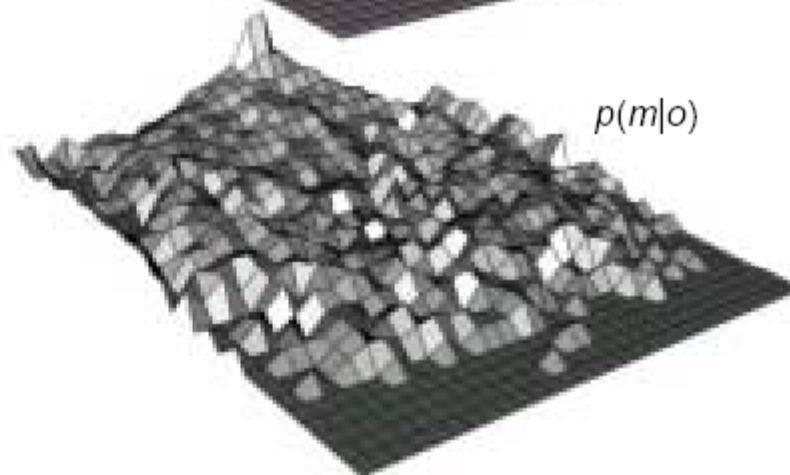
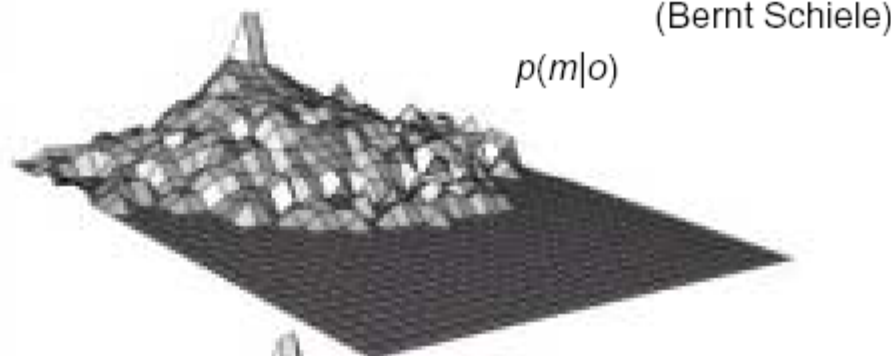


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Histogram Representation

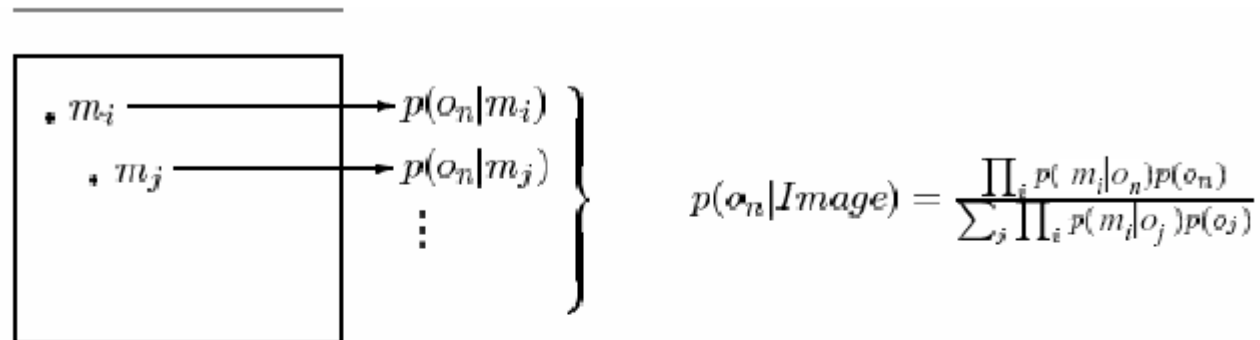
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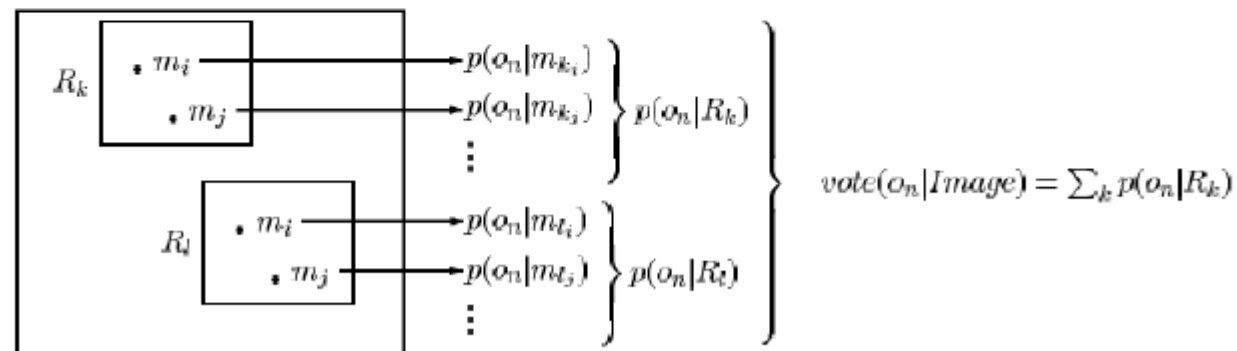
Features: m = magnitude of 1st derivatives of Gaussian + Laplacian
at 3 different scales (6-component feature)

Representation: $p(m|o)$ = histogram of features from training data (24 levels per axis)

Recognition of full-image object:



Recognition of partial-image object:





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Test image 1



First Match



Second Match



Third Match



Test image 2



First Match



Second Match



Third Match



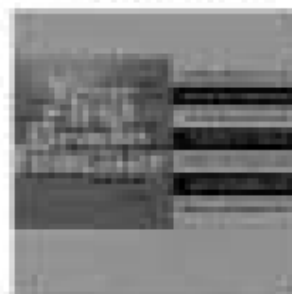
Test image 3



First Match



Second Match



Third Match



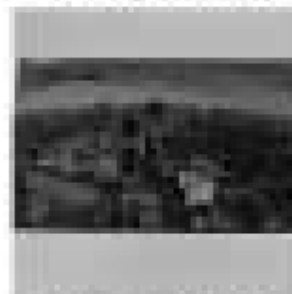
Test image 4



First Match



Second Match



Third Match



Fourth Match

Finding faces

- Faces “look like” templates (at least when they’re frontal).
- General strategy:
 - search image windows at a range of scales
 - Correct for illumination
 - Present corrected window to classifier

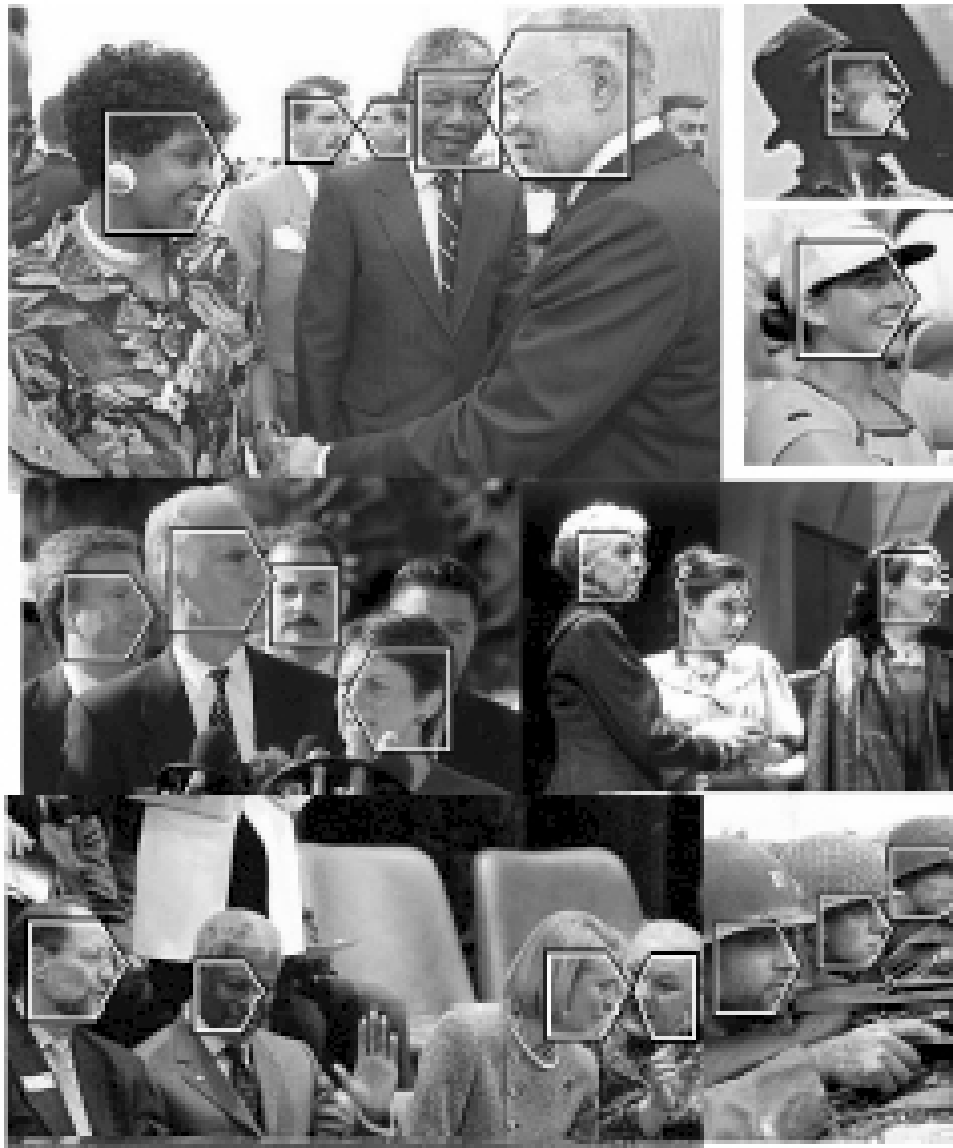


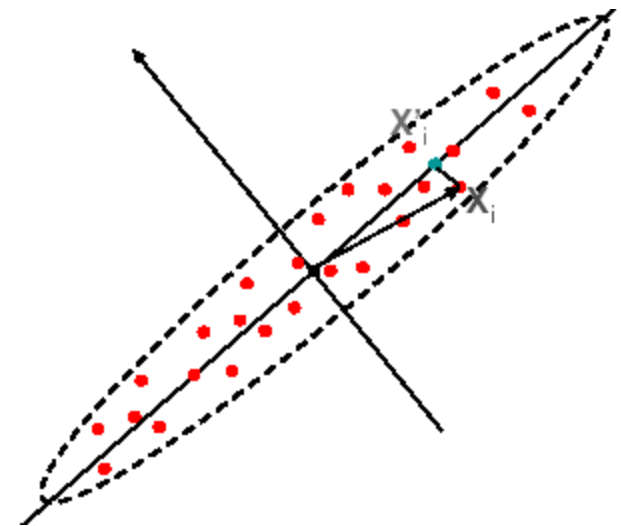
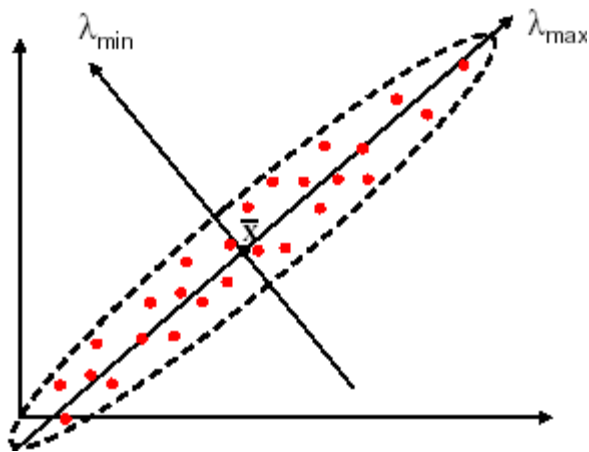
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Face Recognition

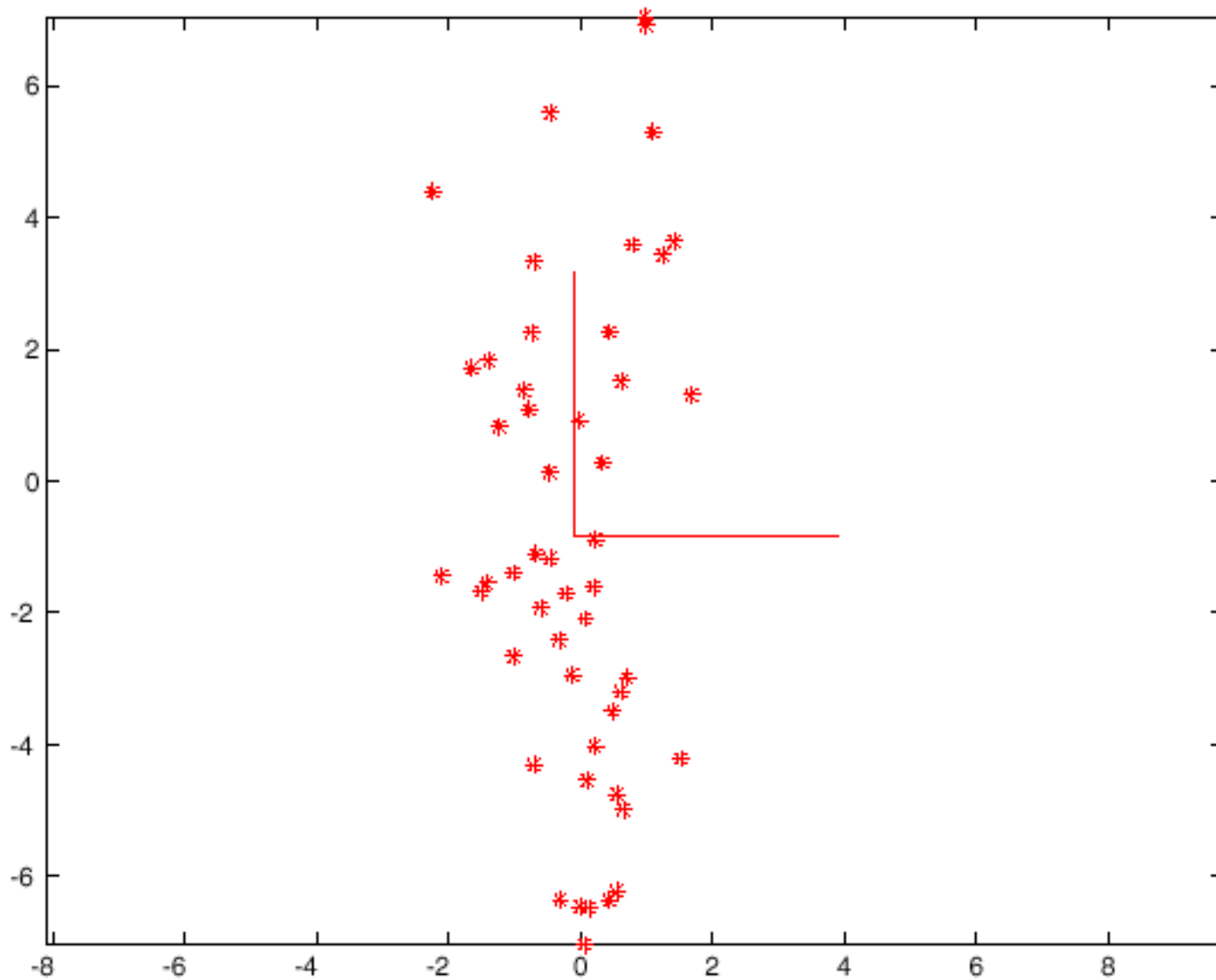
- Whose face is this?
(perhaps in a mugshot)
- Issue:
 - What differences are important and what not?
 - Reduce the dimension of the images, while maintaining the “important” differences.
- One strategy:
 - Principal components analysis
- Many face recognition strategies at
<http://www.cs.rug.nl/users/peterkr/FACE/face.html>

- \mathbf{X} = feature vector of high dimension
- Difficult indexing in high-dimensional space
 - Most of the dimensions are probably not useful



PCA: Project first in the lower-dimensional space spanned by the principal component

- Indexing in much lower dimensional space
- Feature selection



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Example: EigenFaces



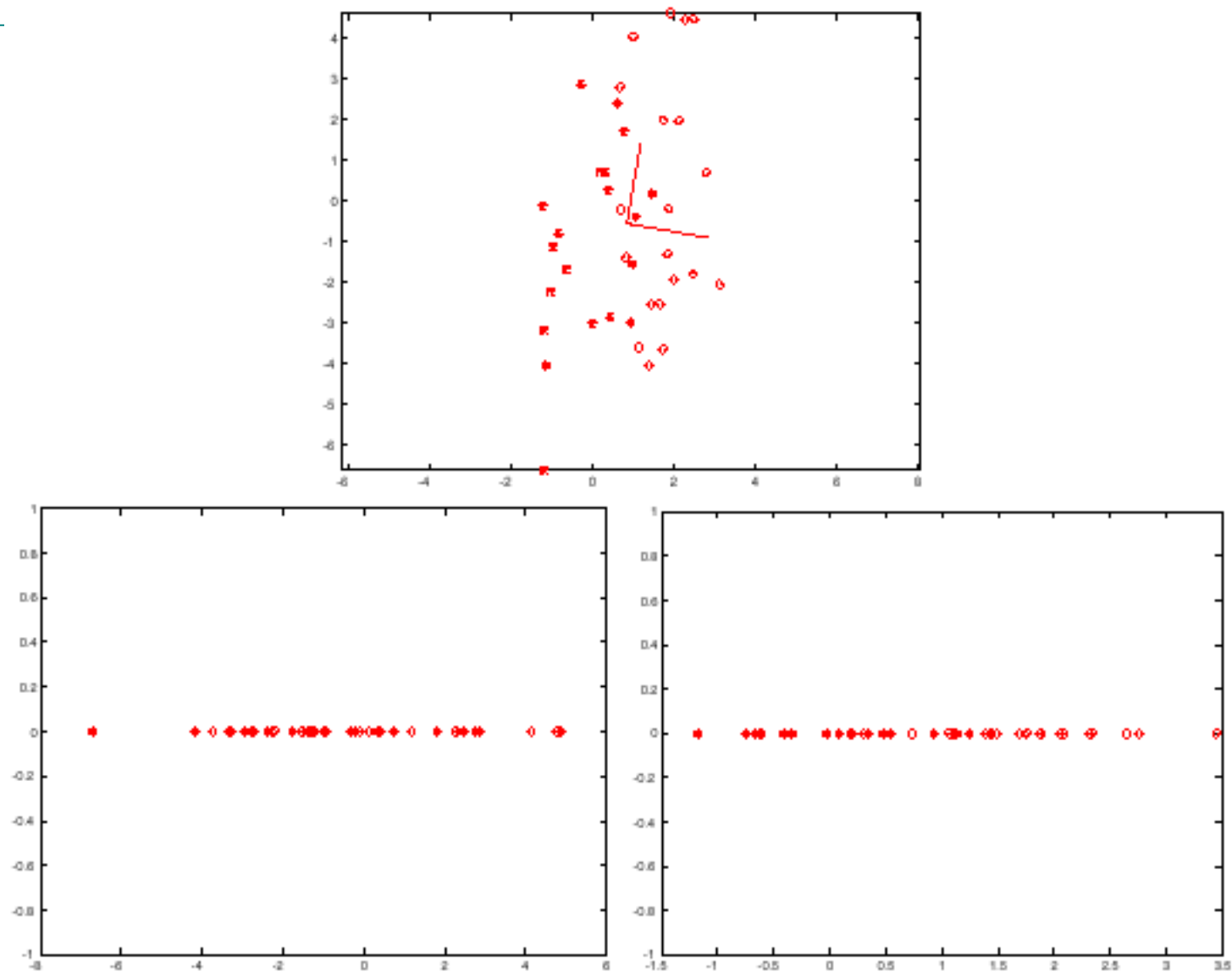
Eigenfaces: Projection on the first 20 eigenvectors from 128 face images

15 most similar faces among 7,562 faces (3000 subjects)

<http://www-white.media.mit.edu/vismod/demos/facerec/basic.html>

Difficulties with PCA

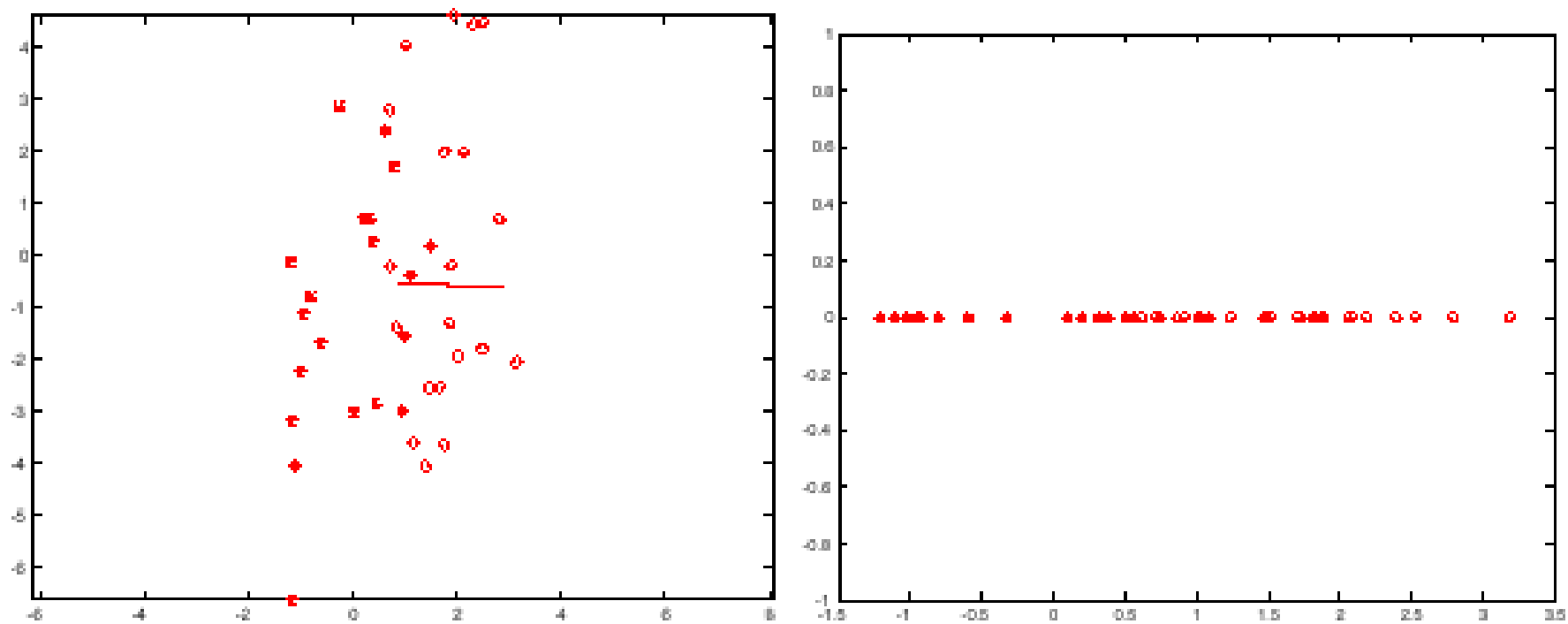
- Projection may suppress important detail
 - smallest variance directions may not be unimportant
- Method does not take discriminative task into account
 - typically, we wish to compute features that allow good discrimination
 - not the same as largest variance

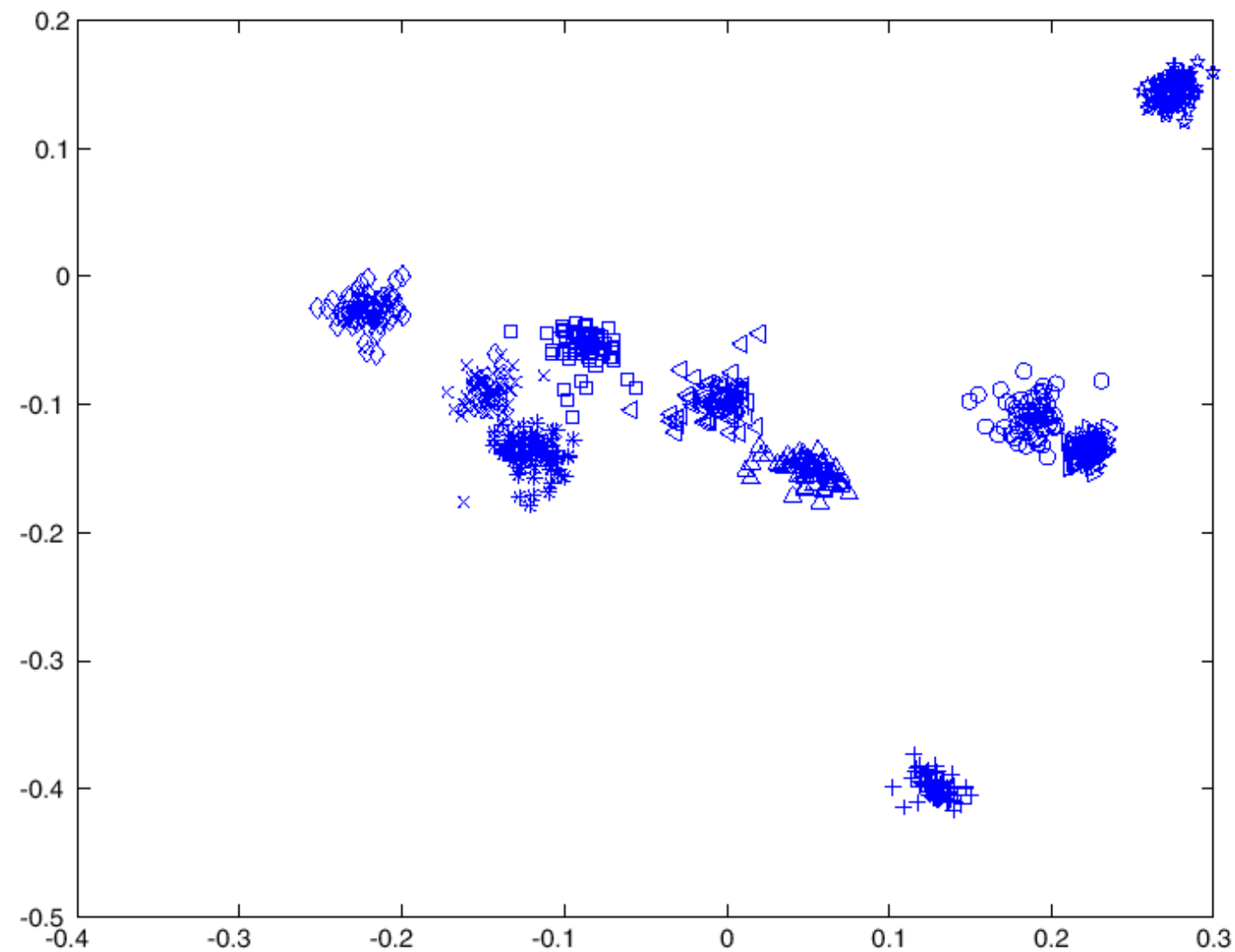


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Linear Discriminant Analysis

- We wish to choose linear functions of the features that allow good discrimination.
 - Assume class-conditional covariances are the same
 - Want linear feature that maximises the spread of class means for a fixed within-class variance

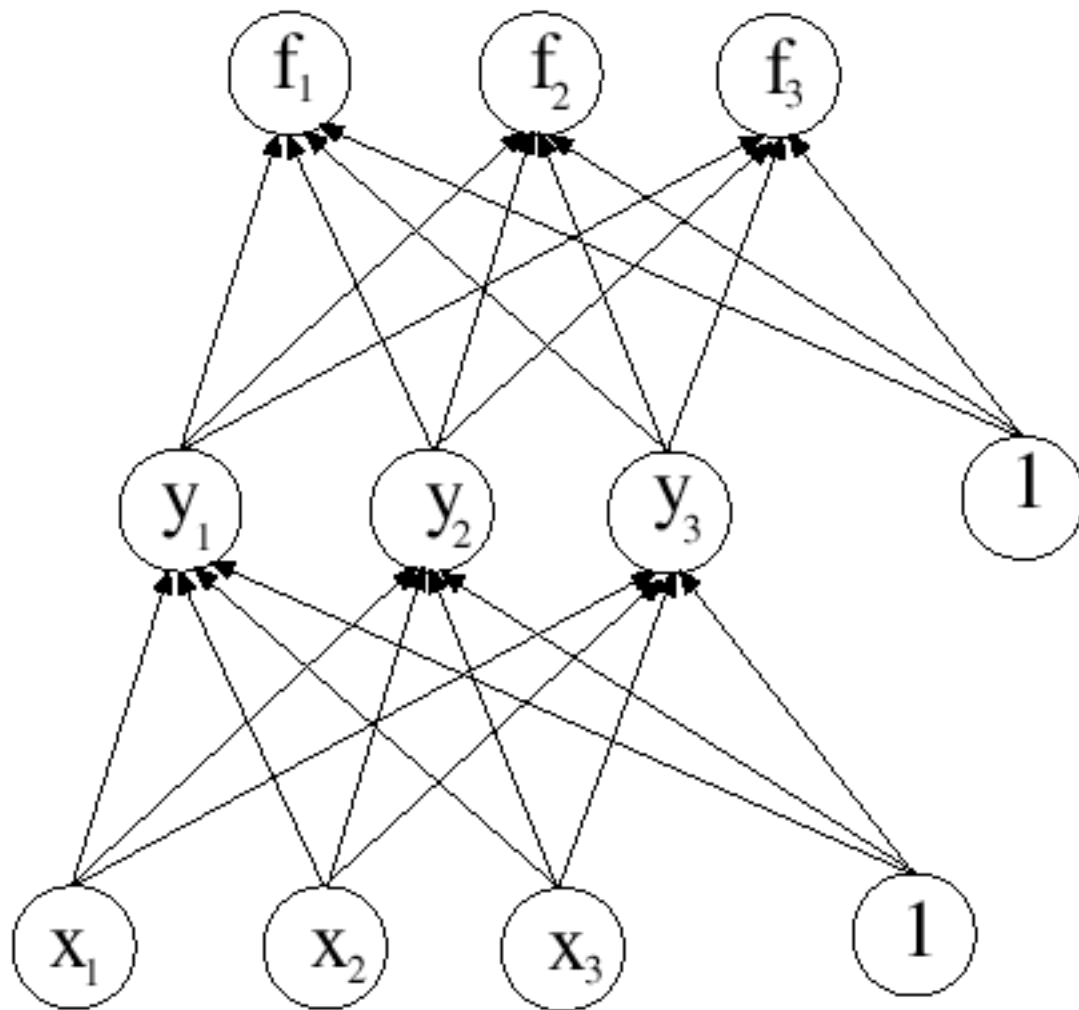




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Neural networks

- Linear decision boundaries are useful
 - but often not very powerful
 - we seek an easy way to get more complex boundaries
- Compose linear decision boundaries
 - i.e. have several linear classifiers, and apply a classifier to their output
 - a nuisance, because $\text{sign}(ax+by+cz)$ etc. isn't differentiable.
 - use a smooth “squashing function” in place of sign.



$$g(x) \approx f(x) = [\phi(w_{21} \cdot y), \phi(w_{22} \cdot y), \dots, \phi(w_{2n} \cdot y)]$$

$$y(z) = [\phi(w_{11} \cdot z), \phi(w_{12} \cdot z), \dots, \phi(w_{1m} \cdot z), 1]$$

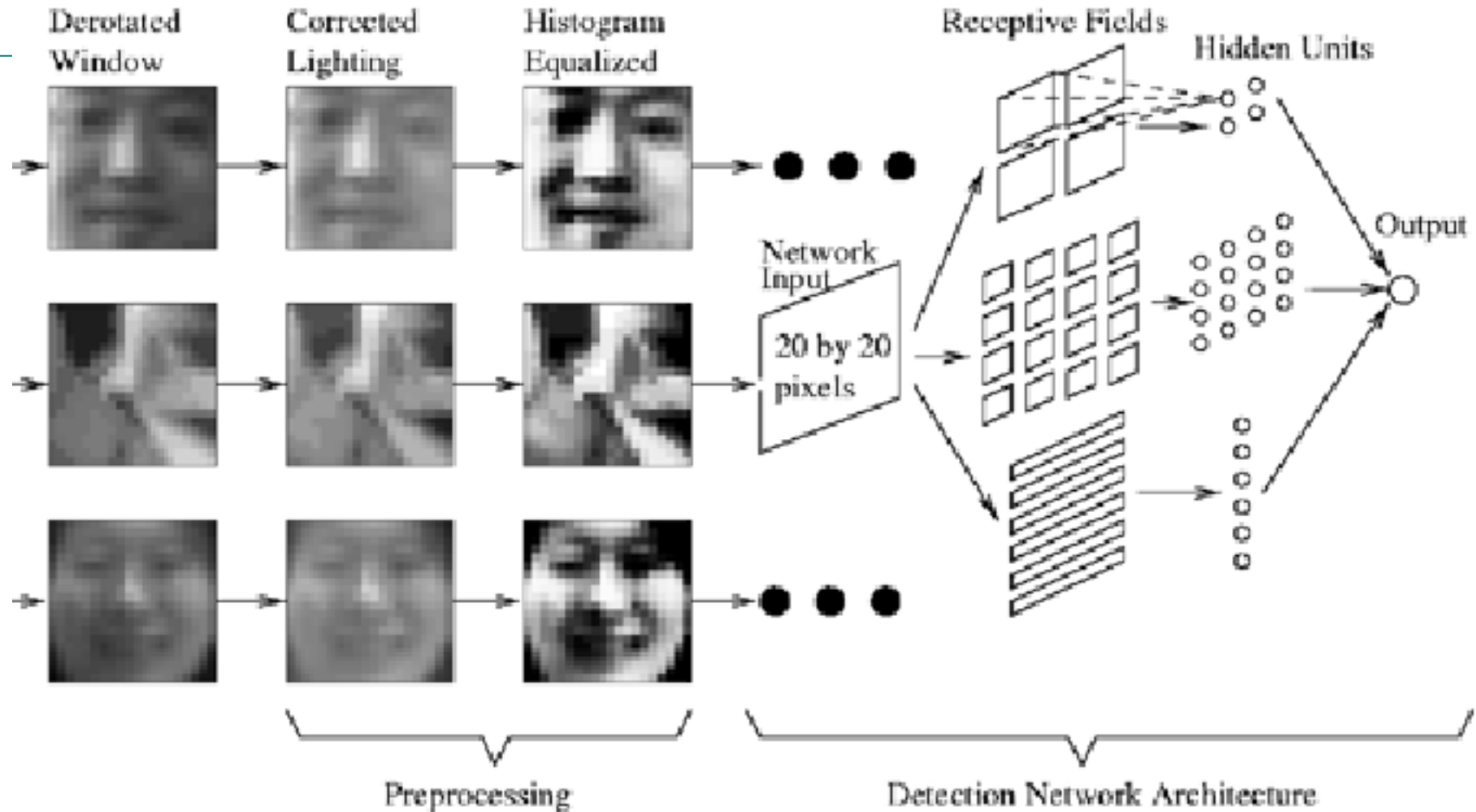
$$z(x) = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p, 1]$$

Training

- Choose parameters to minimize error on training set

$$Error(p) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_e (f(x^e; p) - \theta^e)^2 \right)$$

- Stochastic gradient descent, computing gradient using trick (backpropagation, aka the chain rule)
- Stop when error is low, and hasn't changed much

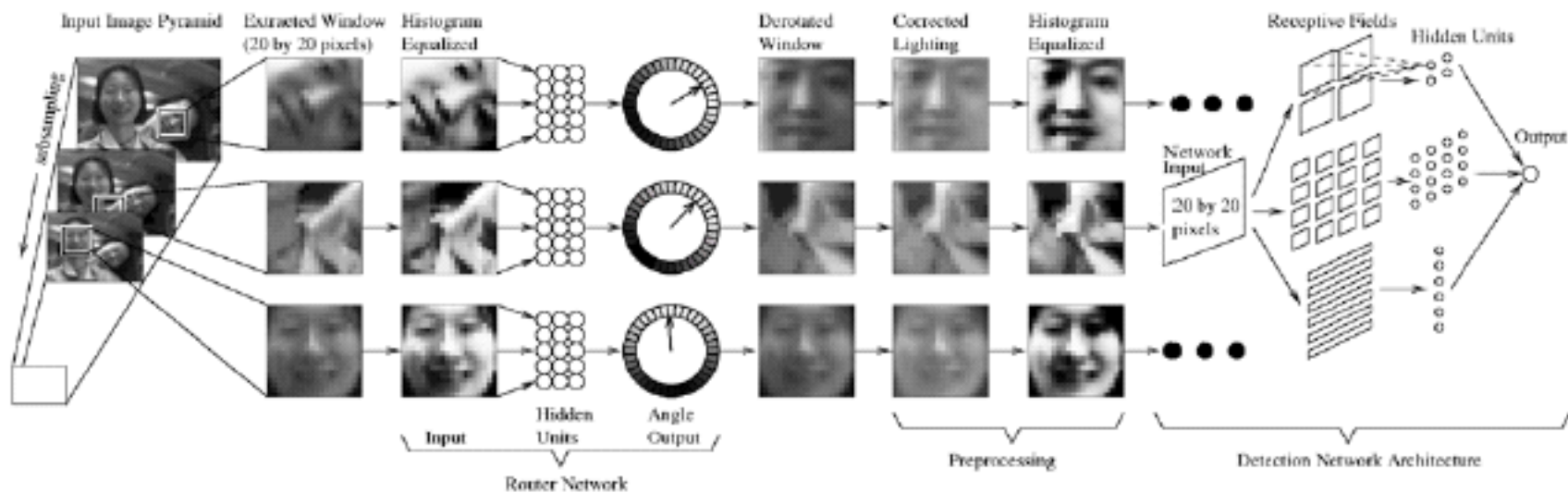


The vertical face-finding part of Rowley, Baluja and Kanade's system

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Architecture of the complete system: they use another neural net to estimate orientation of the face, then rectify it. They search over scales to find bigger/smaller faces.

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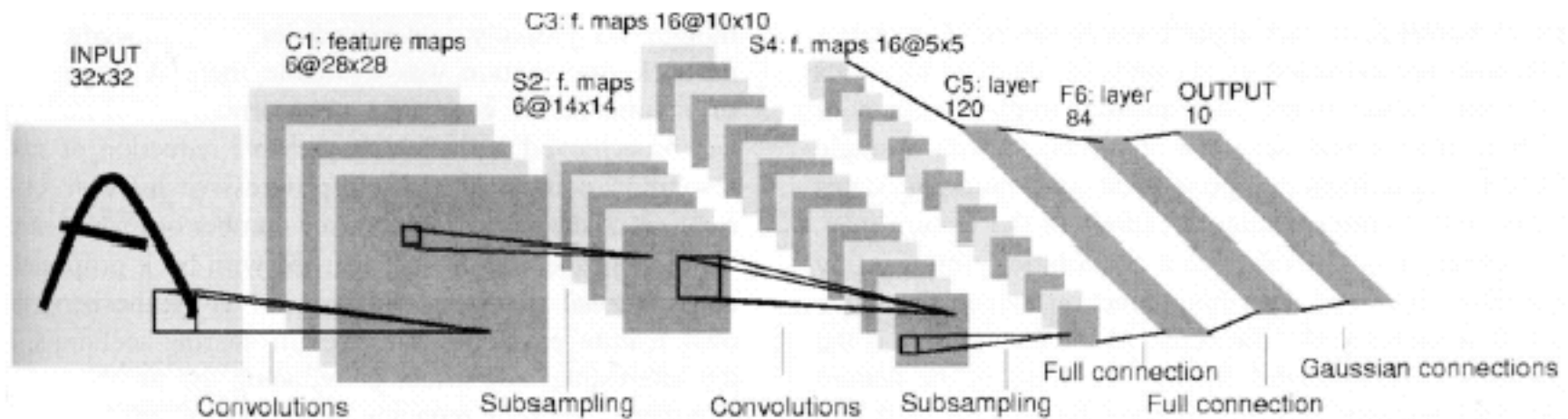
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Convolutional neural networks

- Template matching using NN classifiers seems to work
- Natural features are filter outputs
 - probably, spots and bars, as in texture
 - but why not learn the filter kernels, too?



A convolutional neural network, LeNet; the layers filter, subsample, filter, subsample, and finally classify based on outputs of this process.

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Fig. 4. Size-normalized examples from the MNIST database.

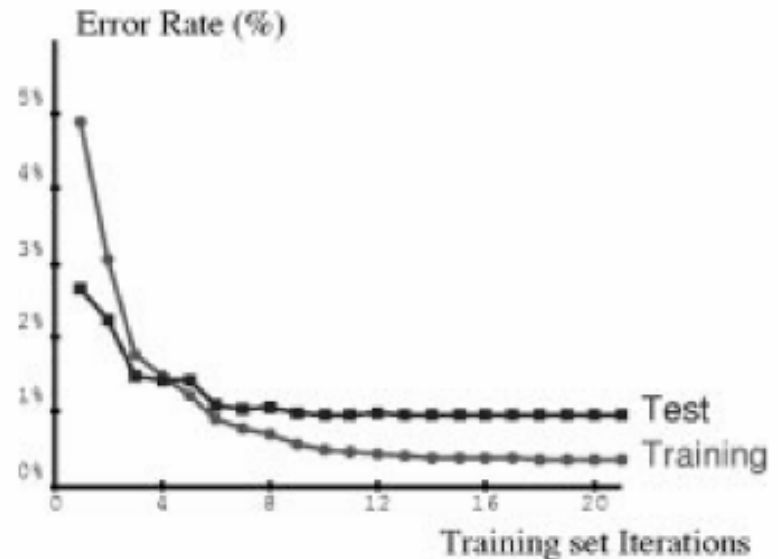


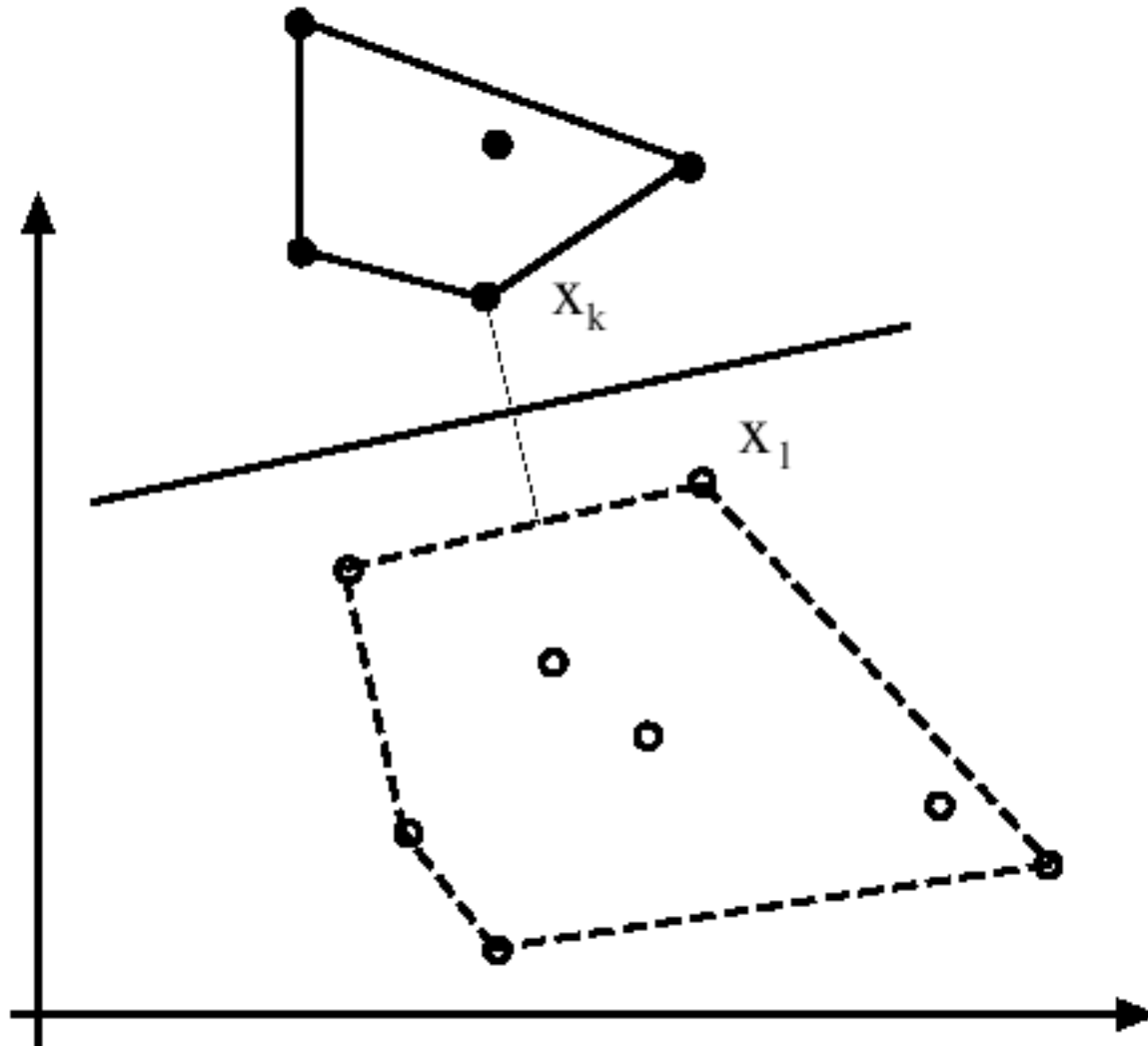
Fig. 5. Training and test error of LeNet-5 as a function of the number of passes through the 60 000 pattern training set (without distortions). The average training error is measured on-the-fly as training proceeds. This explains why the training error appears to be larger than the test error initially. Convergence is attained after 10–12 passes through the training set.

LeNet is used to classify handwritten digits. Notice that the test error rate is not the same as the training error rate, because the test set consists of items not in the training set. Not all classification schemes necessarily have small test error when they have small training error.

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Support Vector Machines

- Neural nets try to build a model of the posterior, $p(k|x)$
- Instead, try to obtain the decision boundary directly
 - potentially easier, because we need to encode only the geometry of the boundary, not any irrelevant wiggles in the posterior.
 - Not all points affect the decision boundary



Vision applications

- Reliable, simple classifier,
 - use it wherever you need a classifier
- Commonly used for face finding
- Pedestrian finding
 - many pedestrians look like lollipops (hands at sides, torso wider than legs) most of the time
 - classify image regions, searching over scales
 - But what are the features?
 - Compute wavelet coefficients for pedestrian windows, average over pedestrians. If the average is different from zero, probably strongly associated with pedestrian

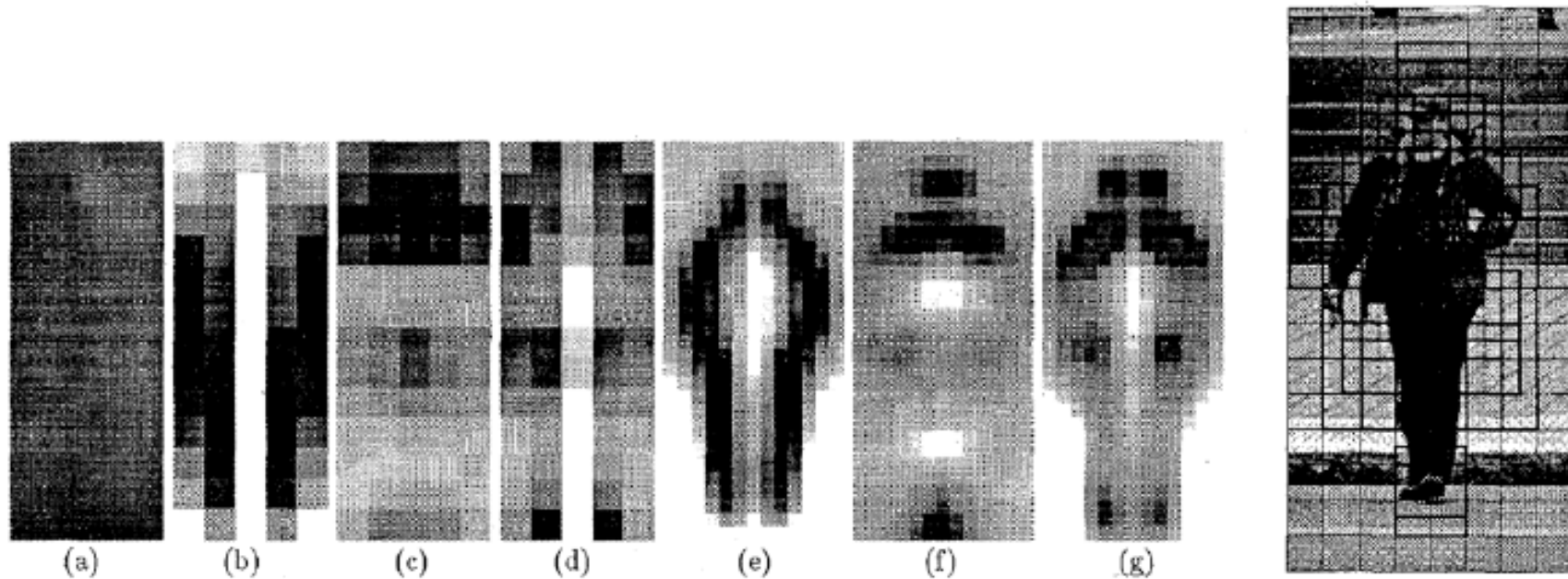


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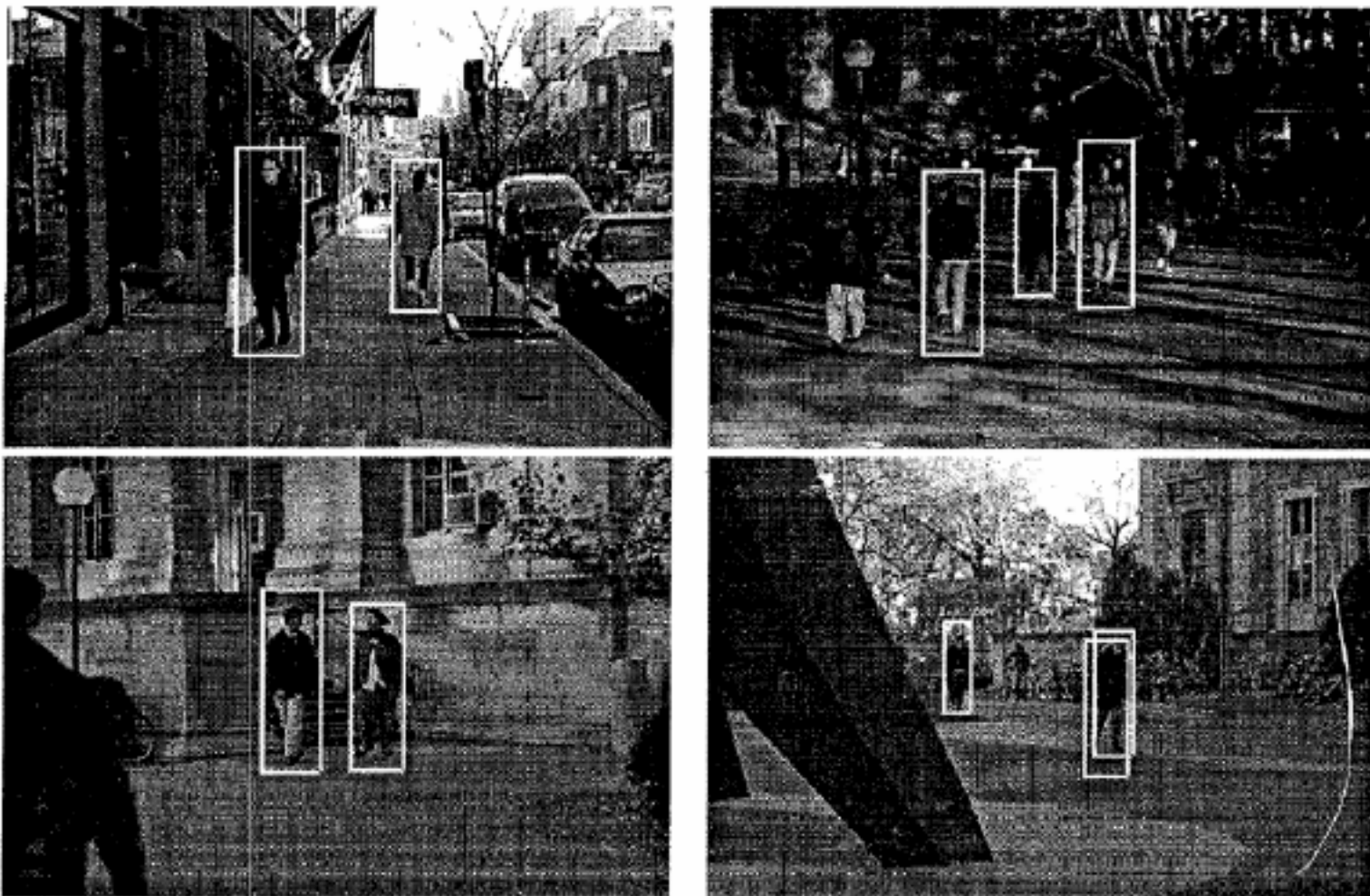
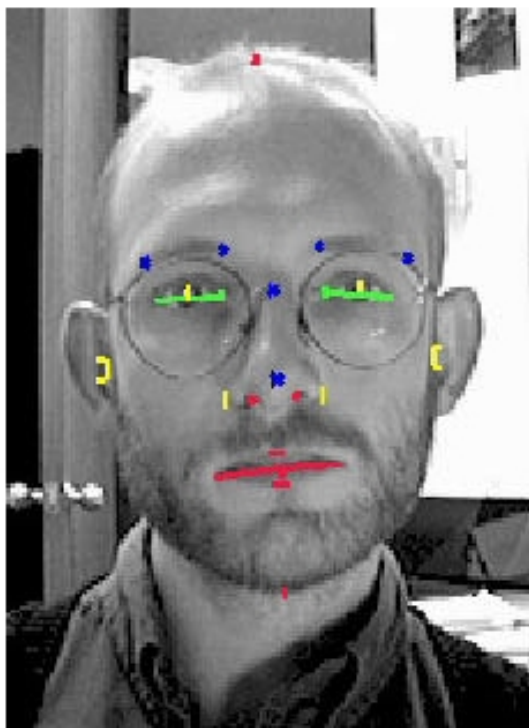


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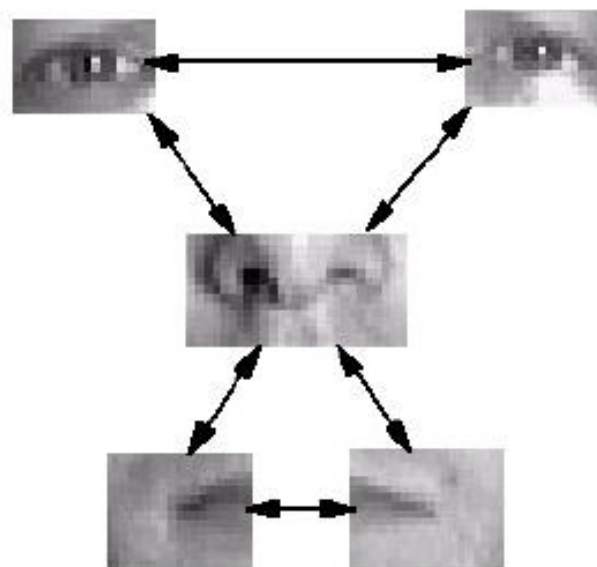
Templates and relations

e.g. find faces by

- finding eyes, nose, mouth
- finding assembly of the three that has the “right” relations

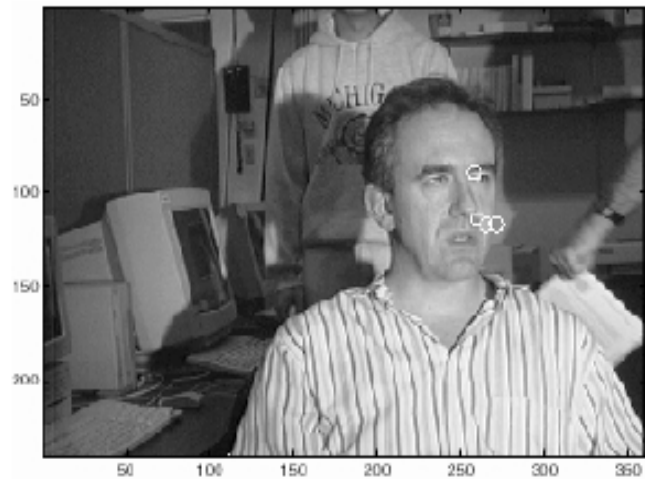
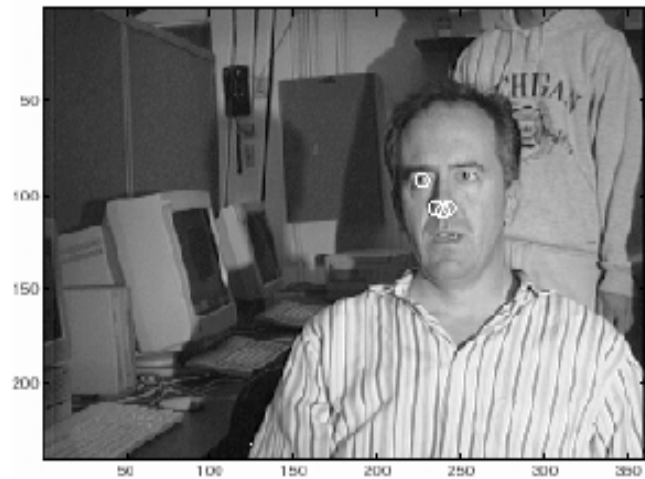


Patch Model



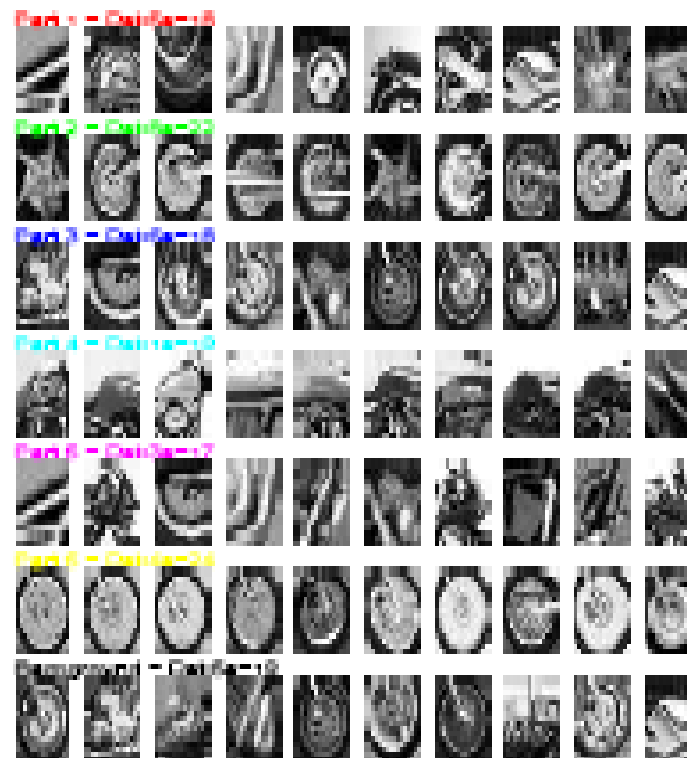
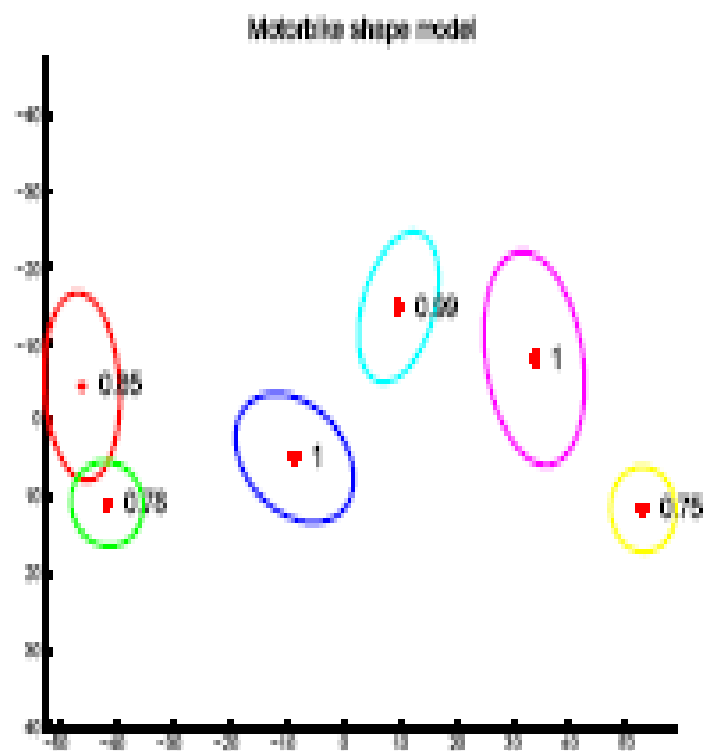
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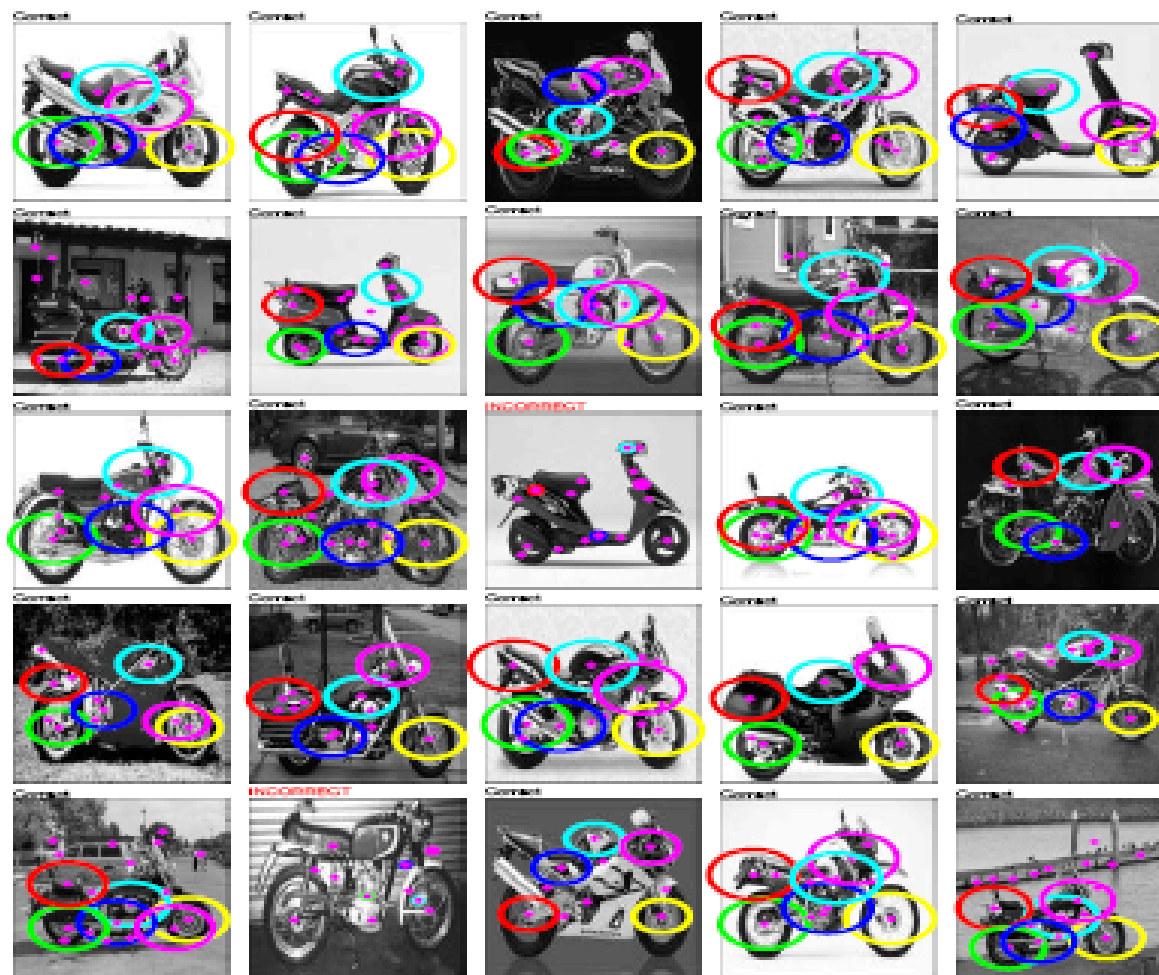
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Relations between templates



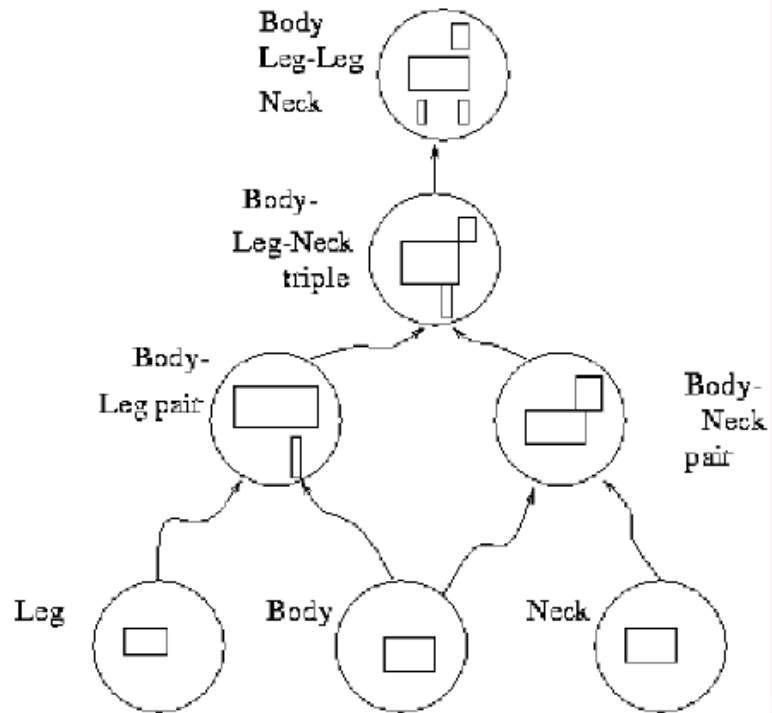
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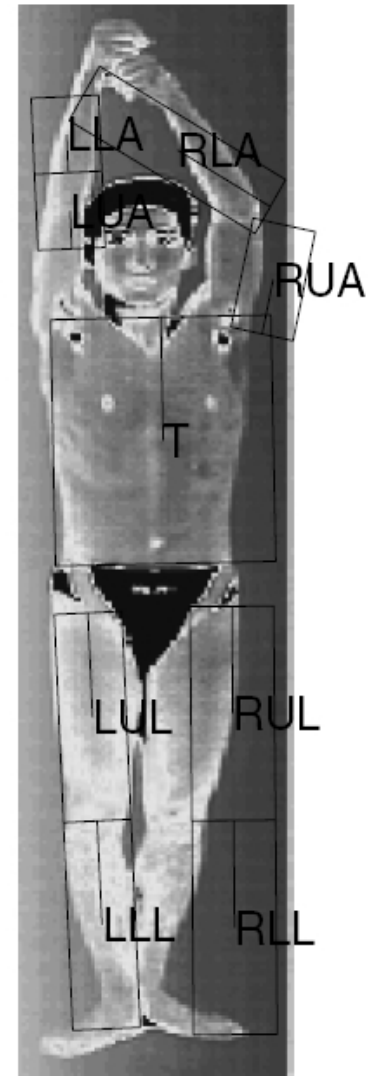
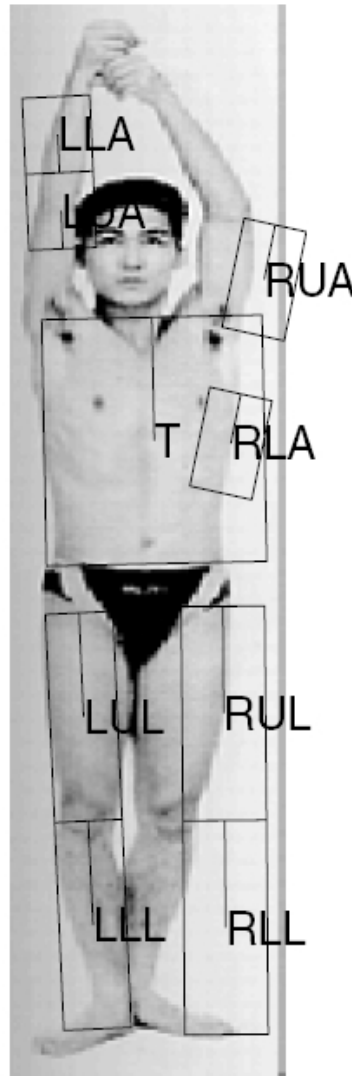
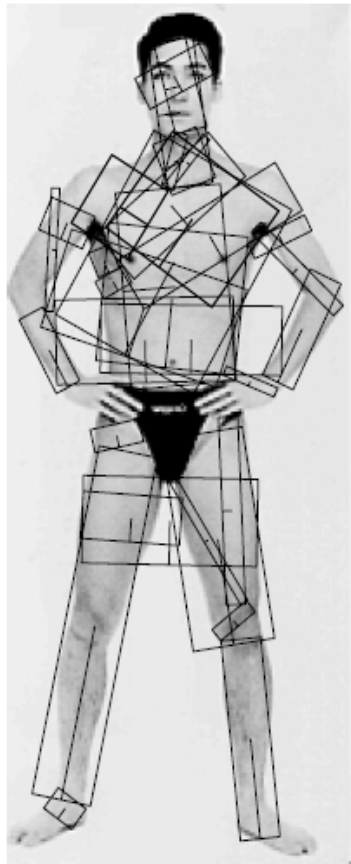


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