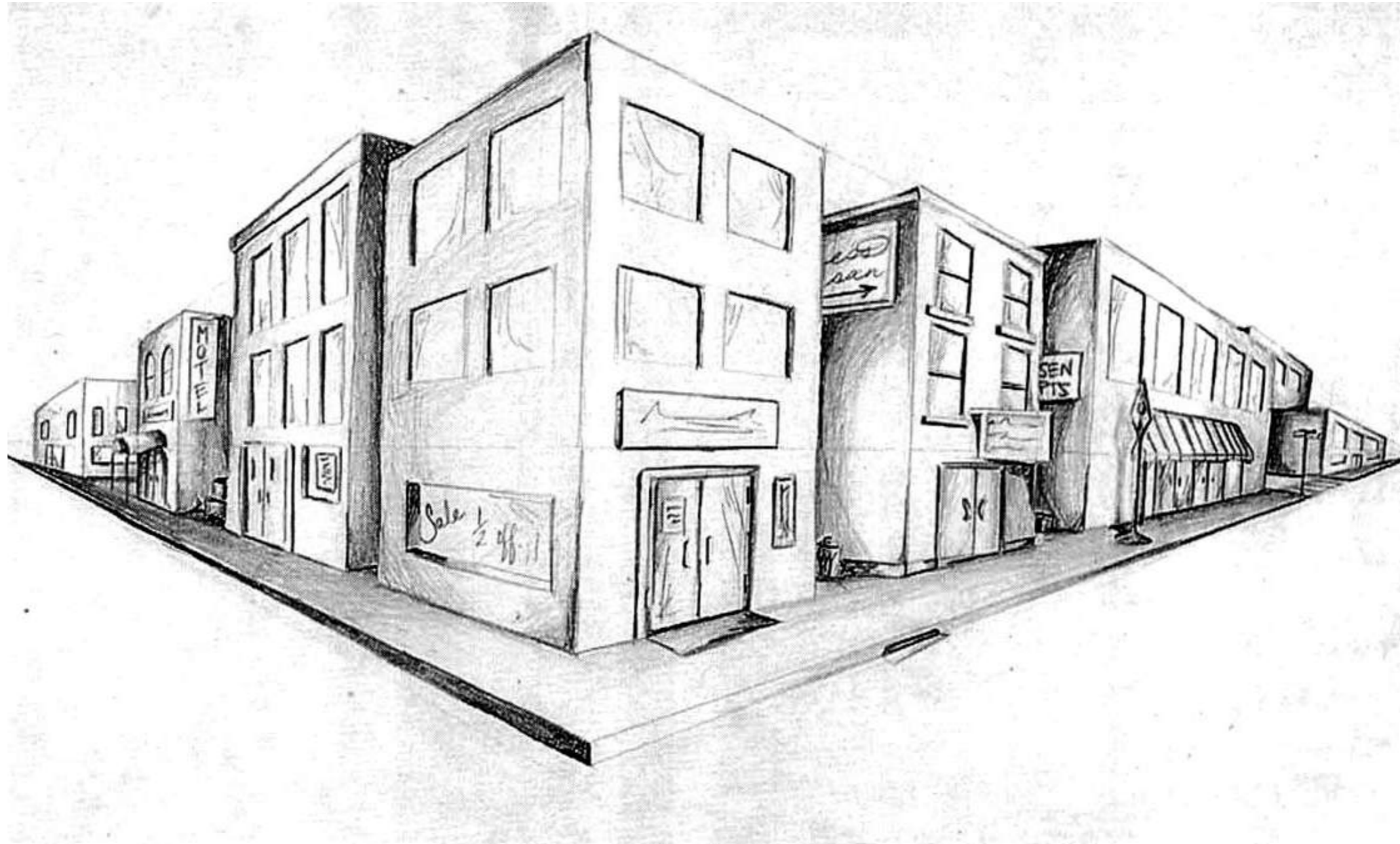


Detecting corners



Overview of today's lecture

- Why detect corners?
- Visualizing quadratics.
- Harris corner detector.
- Multi-scale detection.
- Multi-scale blob detection.

Slide credits

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- Kris Kitani (15-463, Fall 2016).

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- Fredo Durand (MIT).
- James Hays (Georgia Tech).

Why detect corners?

Why detect corners?

Image alignment (homography, fundamental matrix)

3D reconstruction

Motion tracking

Object recognition

Indexing and database retrieval

Robot navigation

Planar object instance recognition

Database of planar objects



Instance recognition



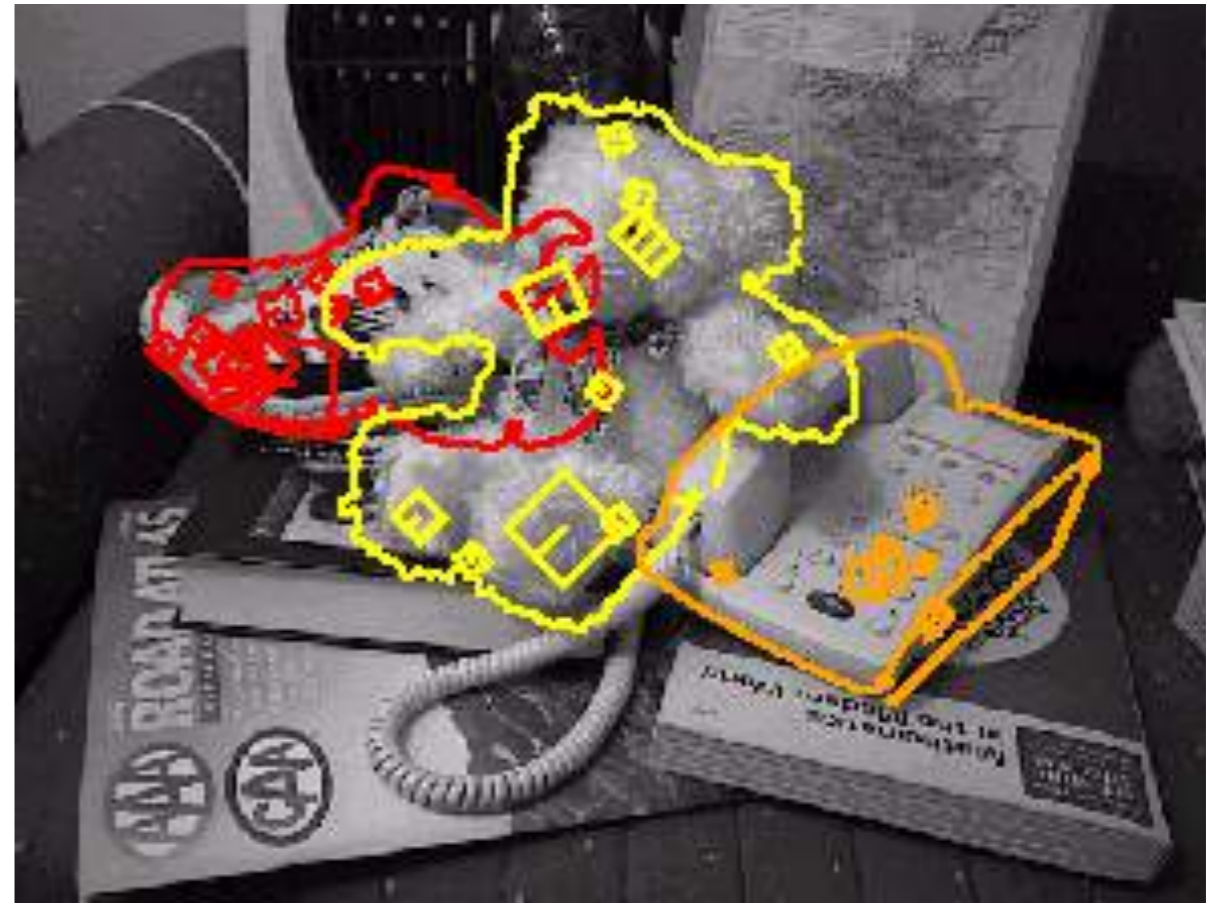
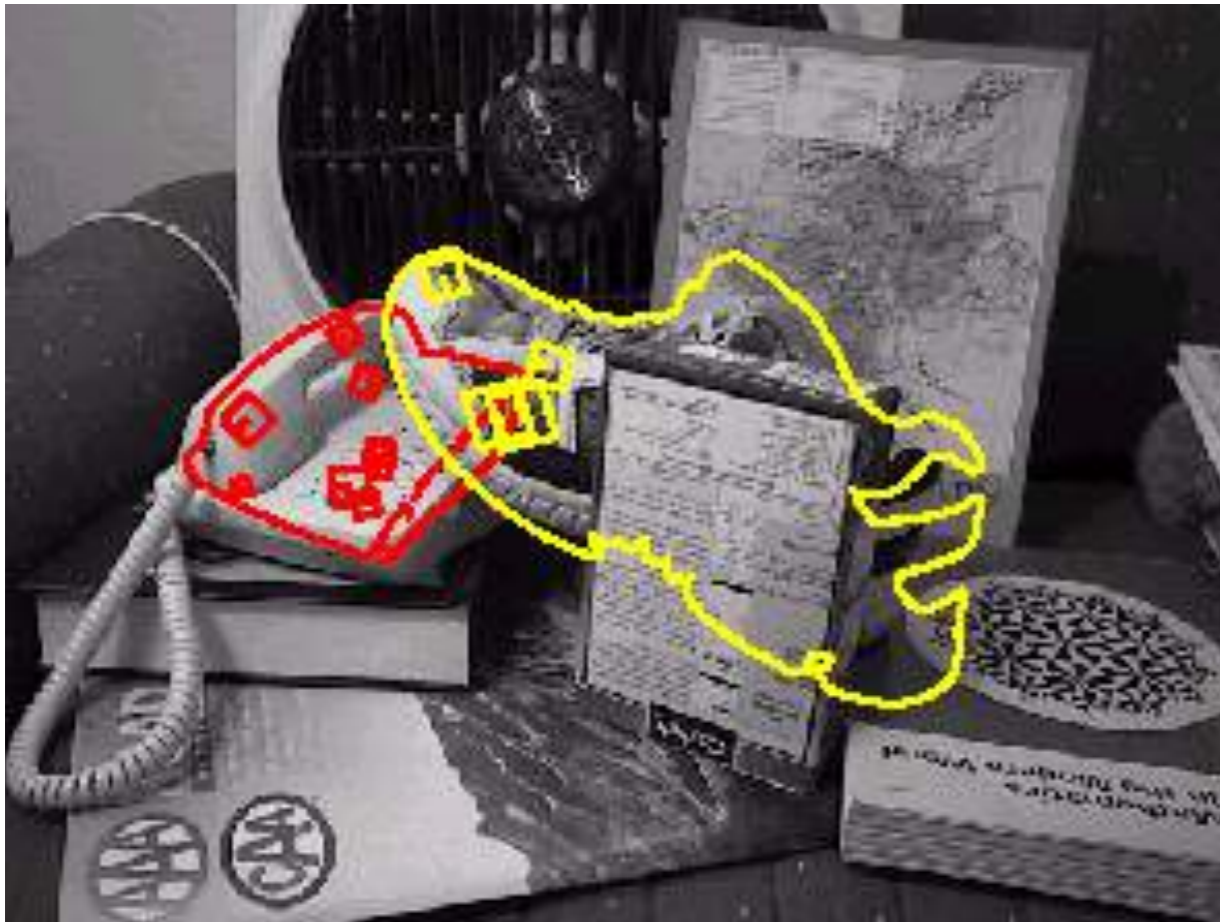
3D object recognition

Database of 3D objects



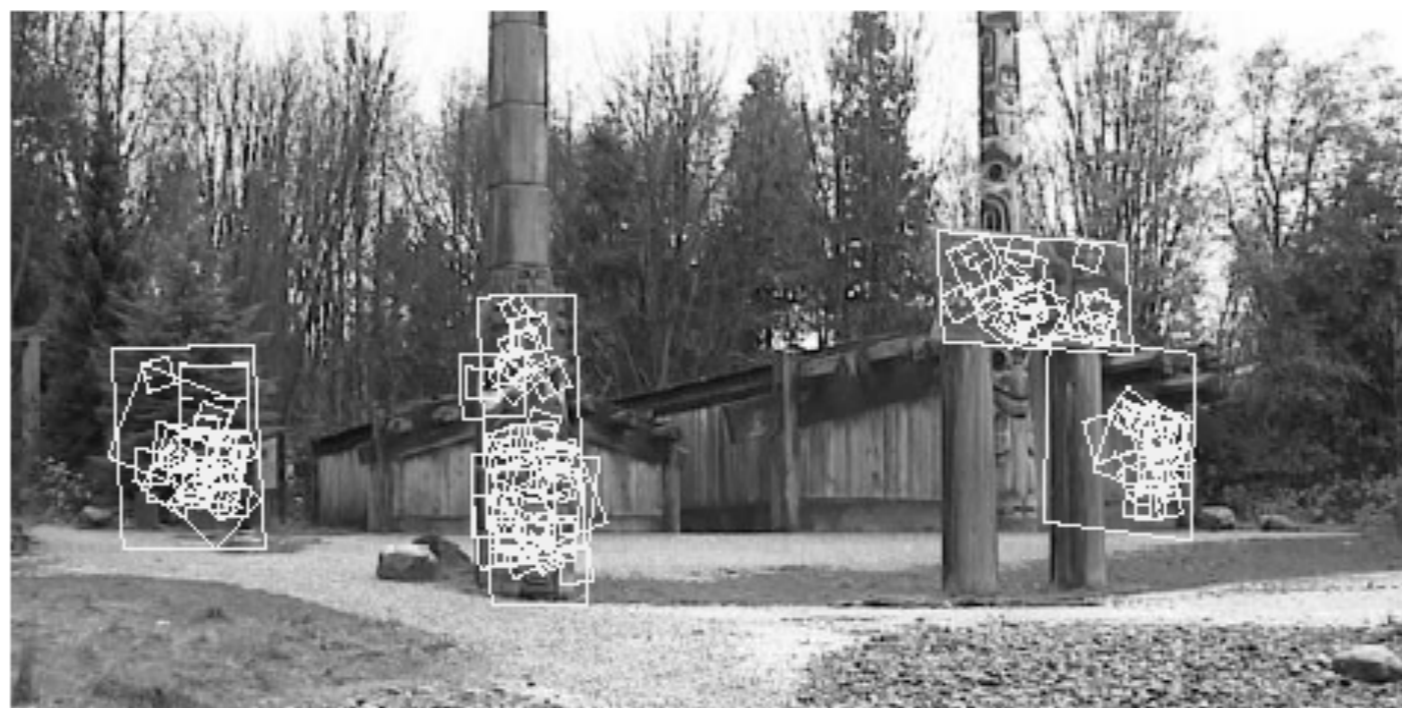
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Recognition under occlusion

Location Recognition



Robot Localization

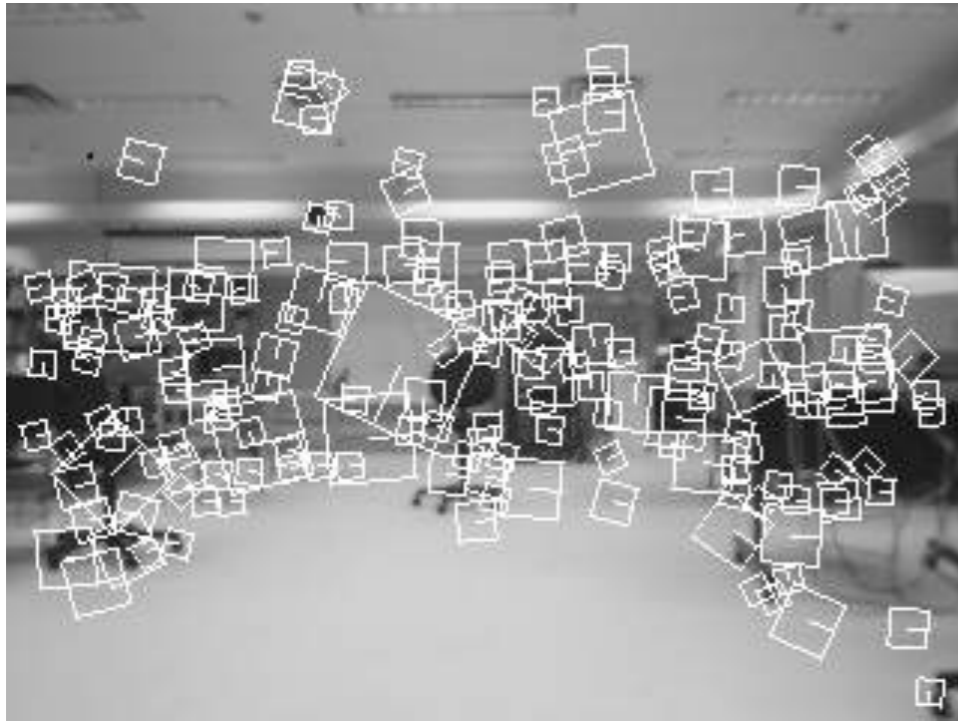
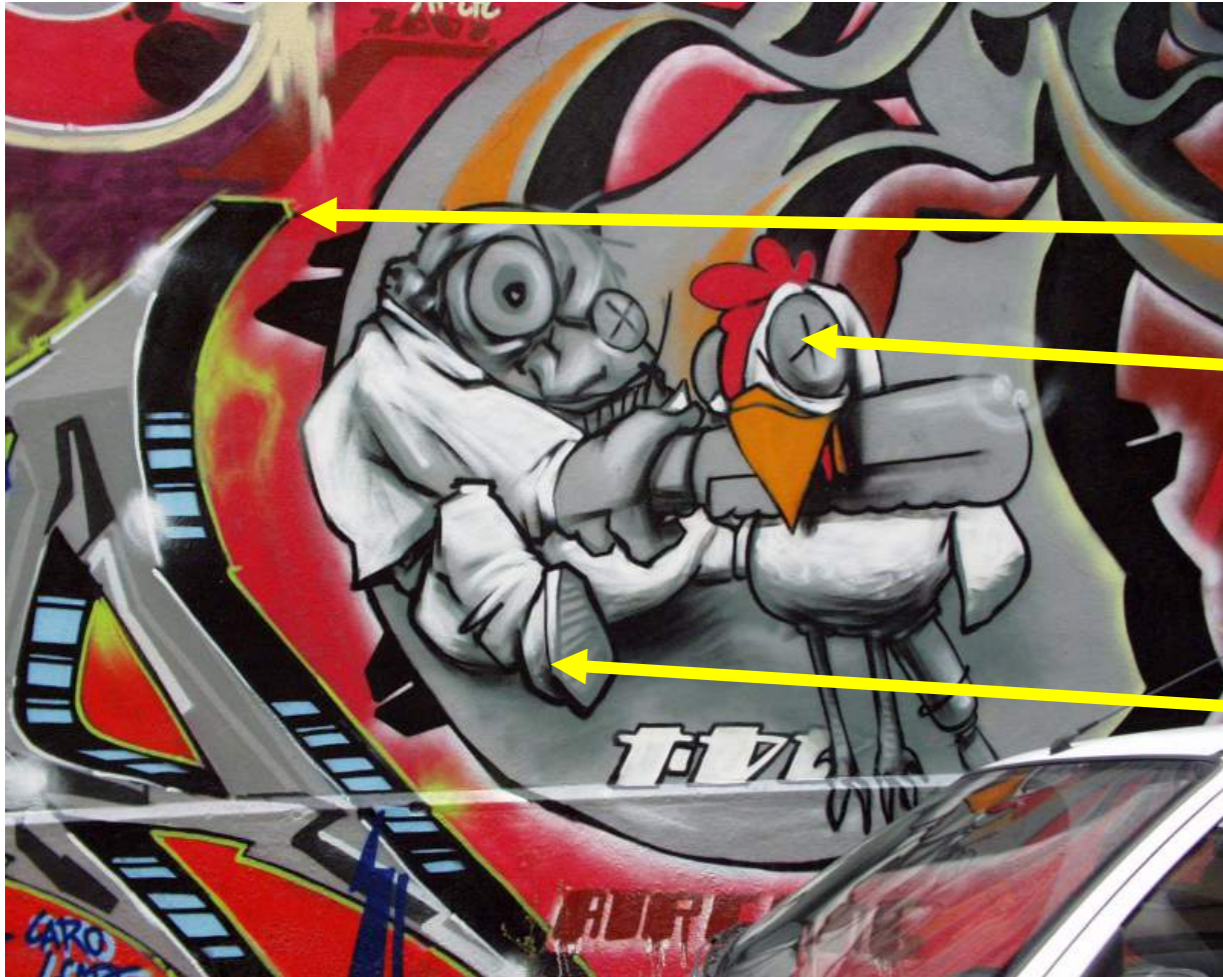
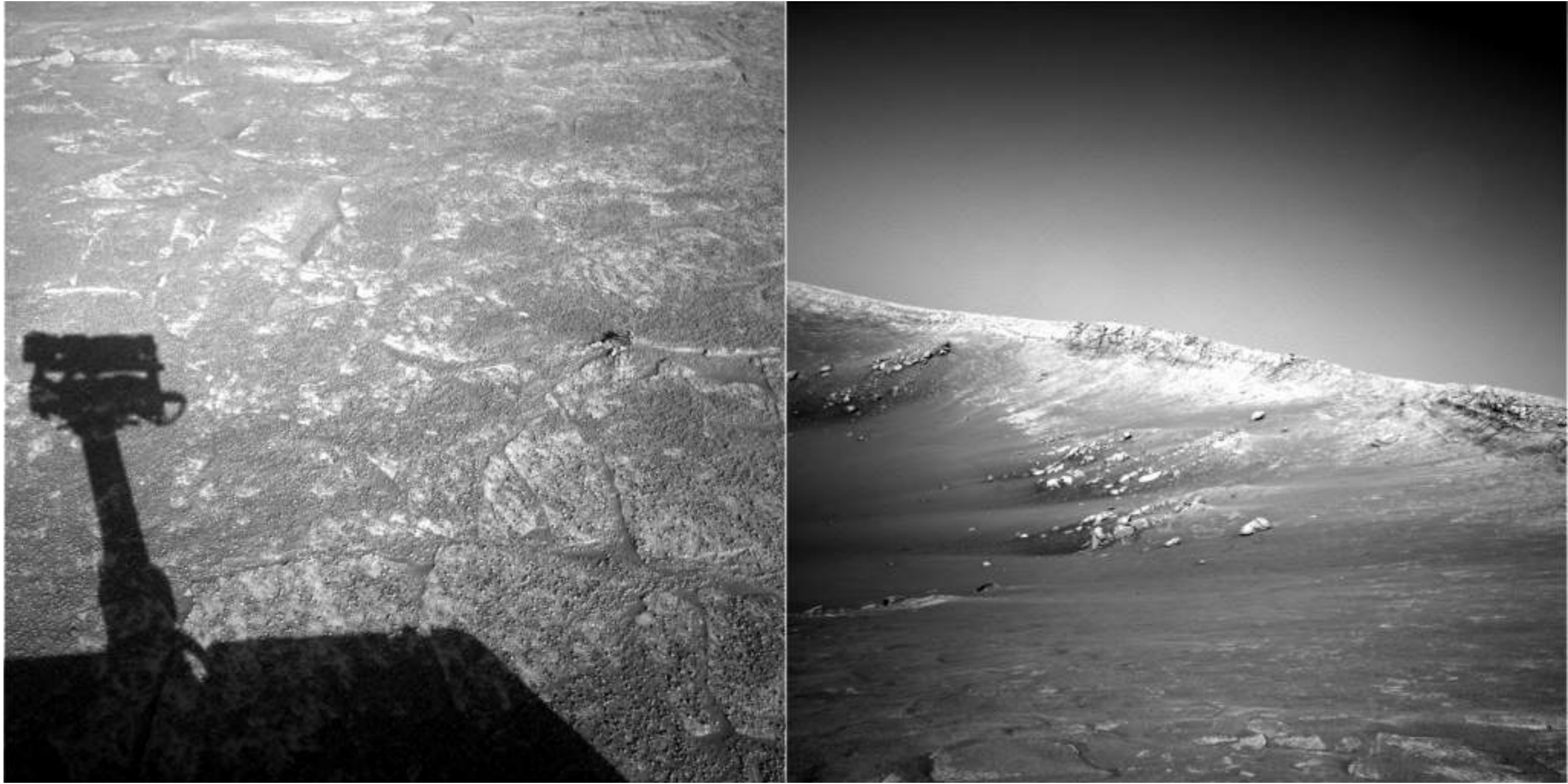


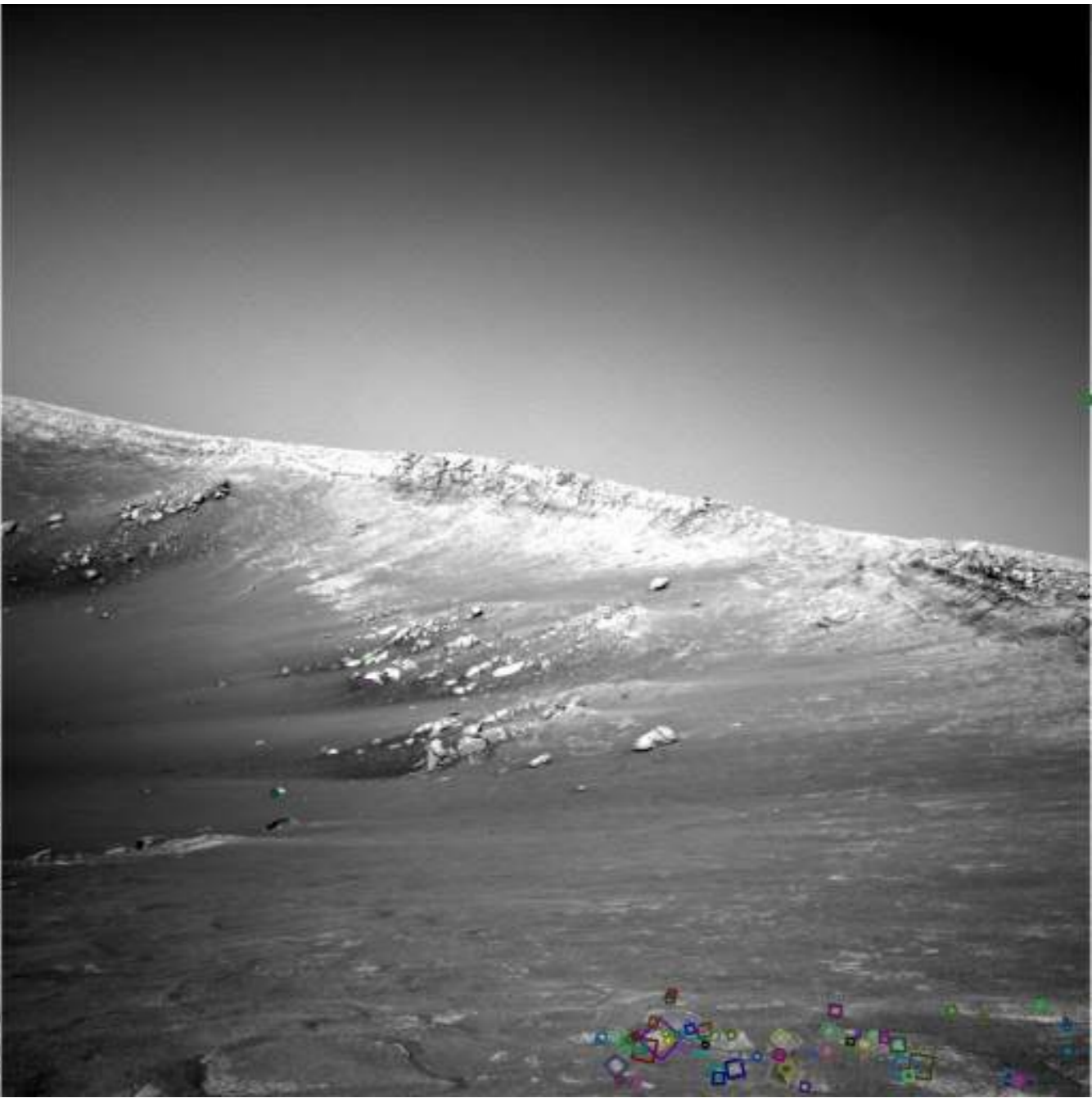
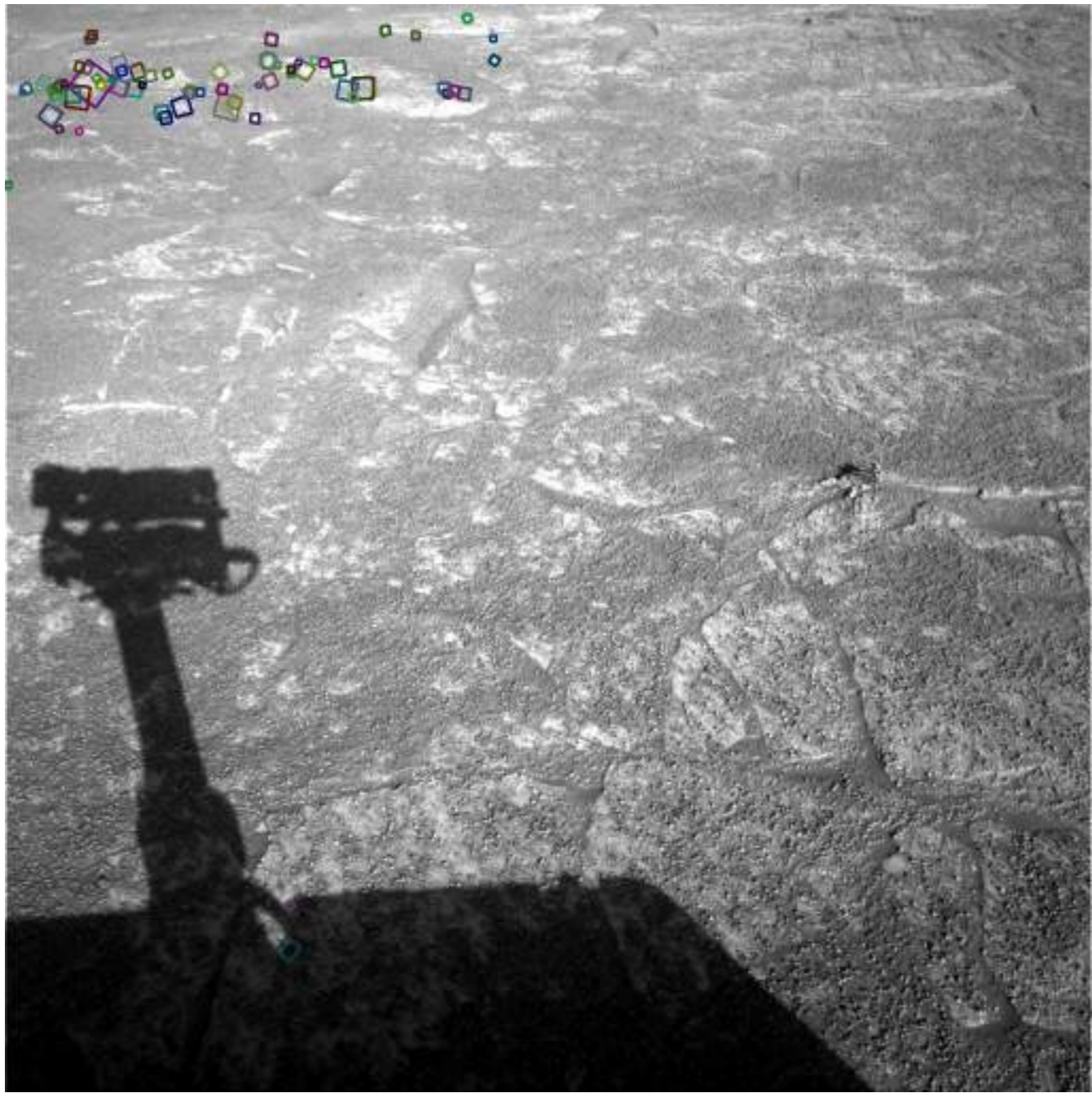
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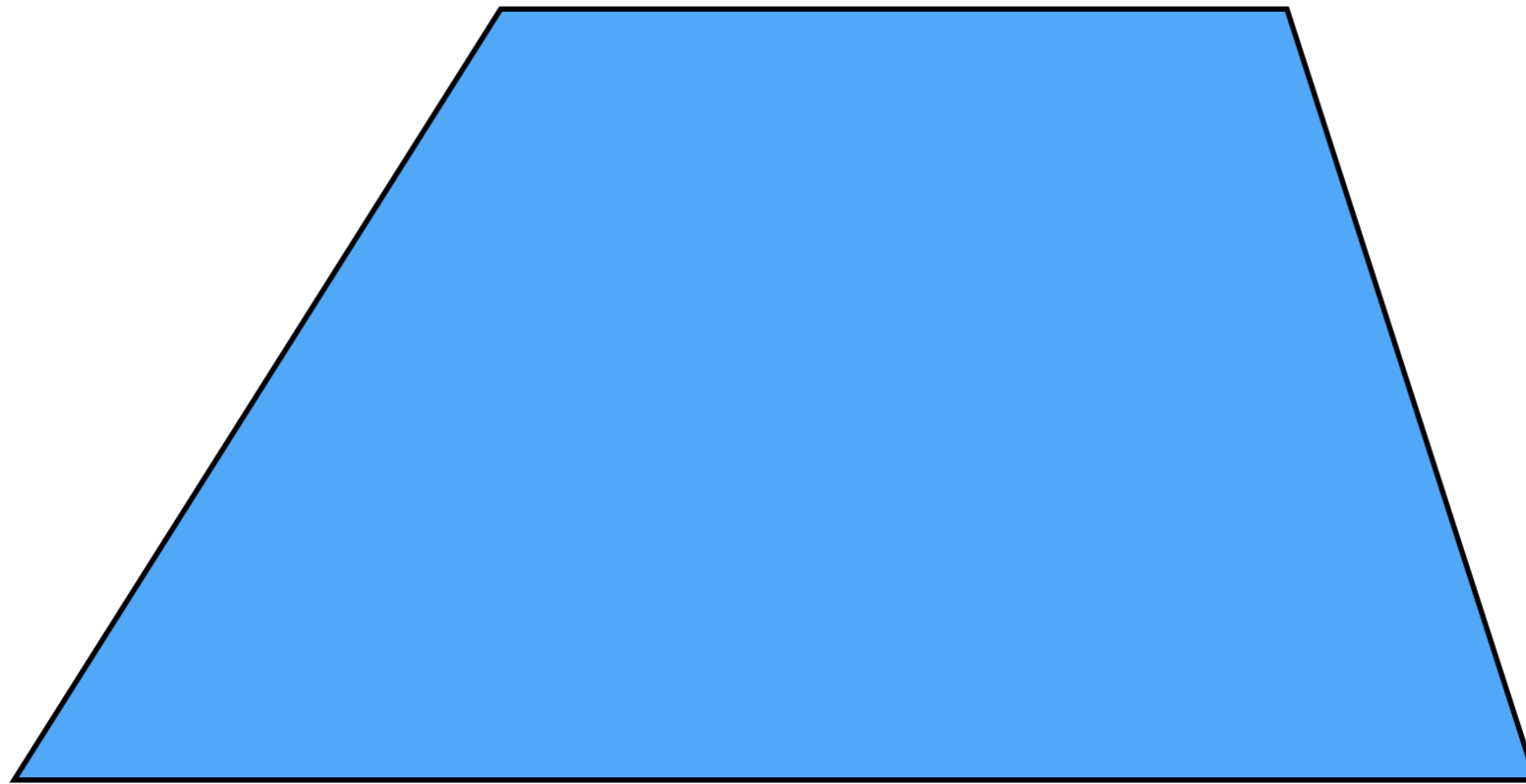


NASA Mars Rover images

Where are the corresponding points?

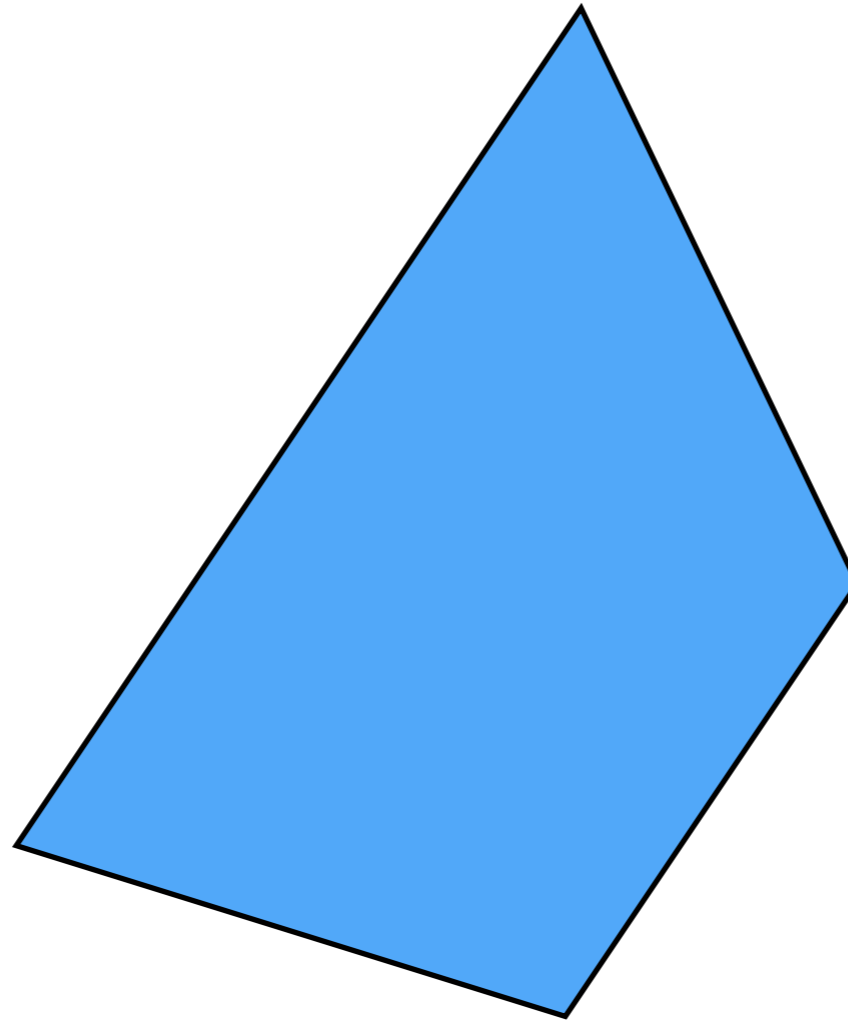


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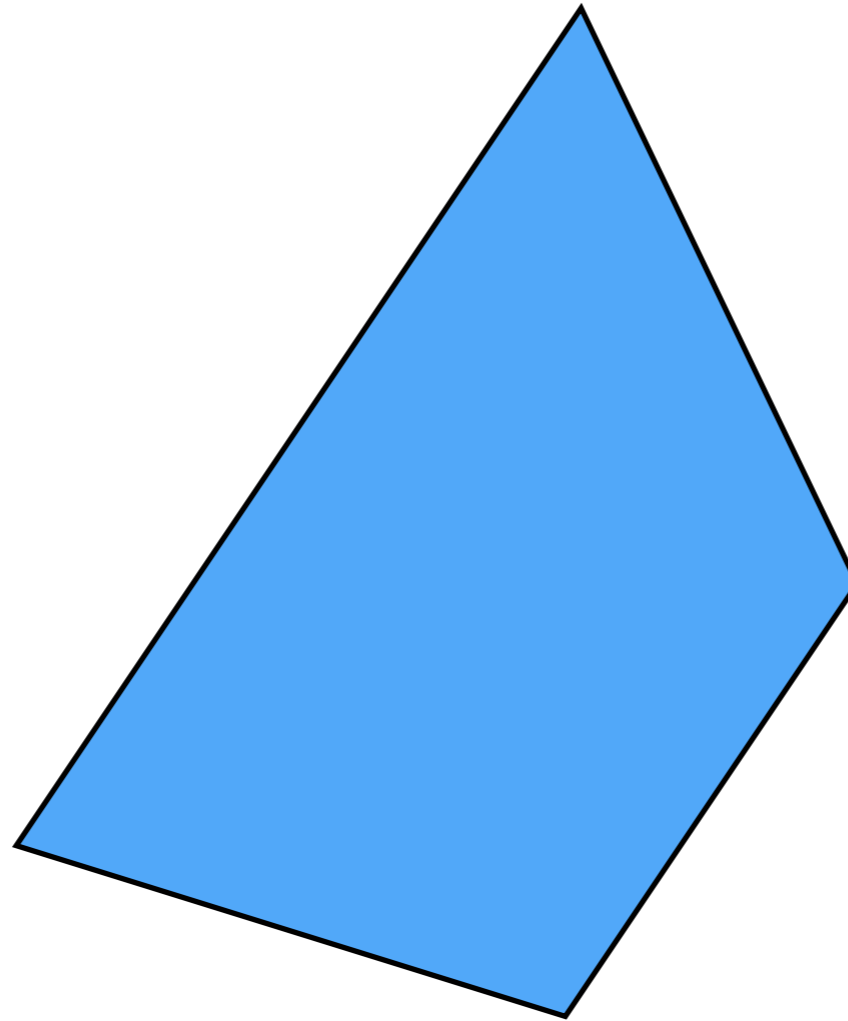
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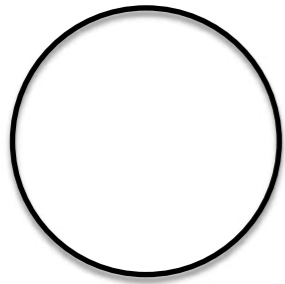


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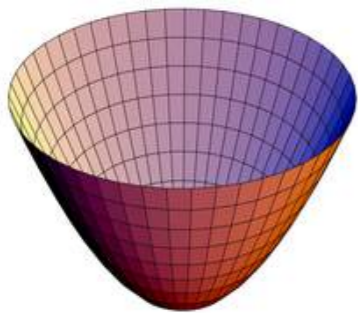
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Visualizing quadratics



Equation of a circle

$$1 = x^2 + y^2$$



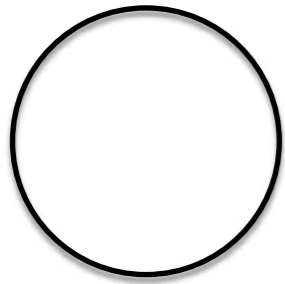
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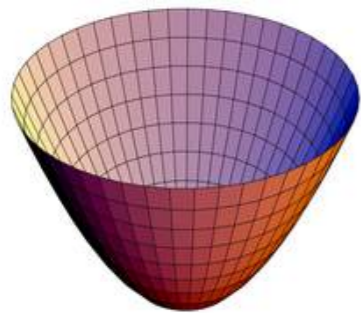
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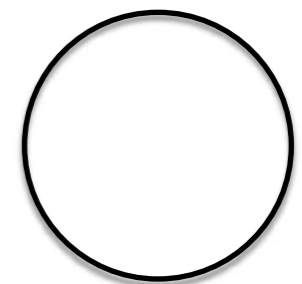
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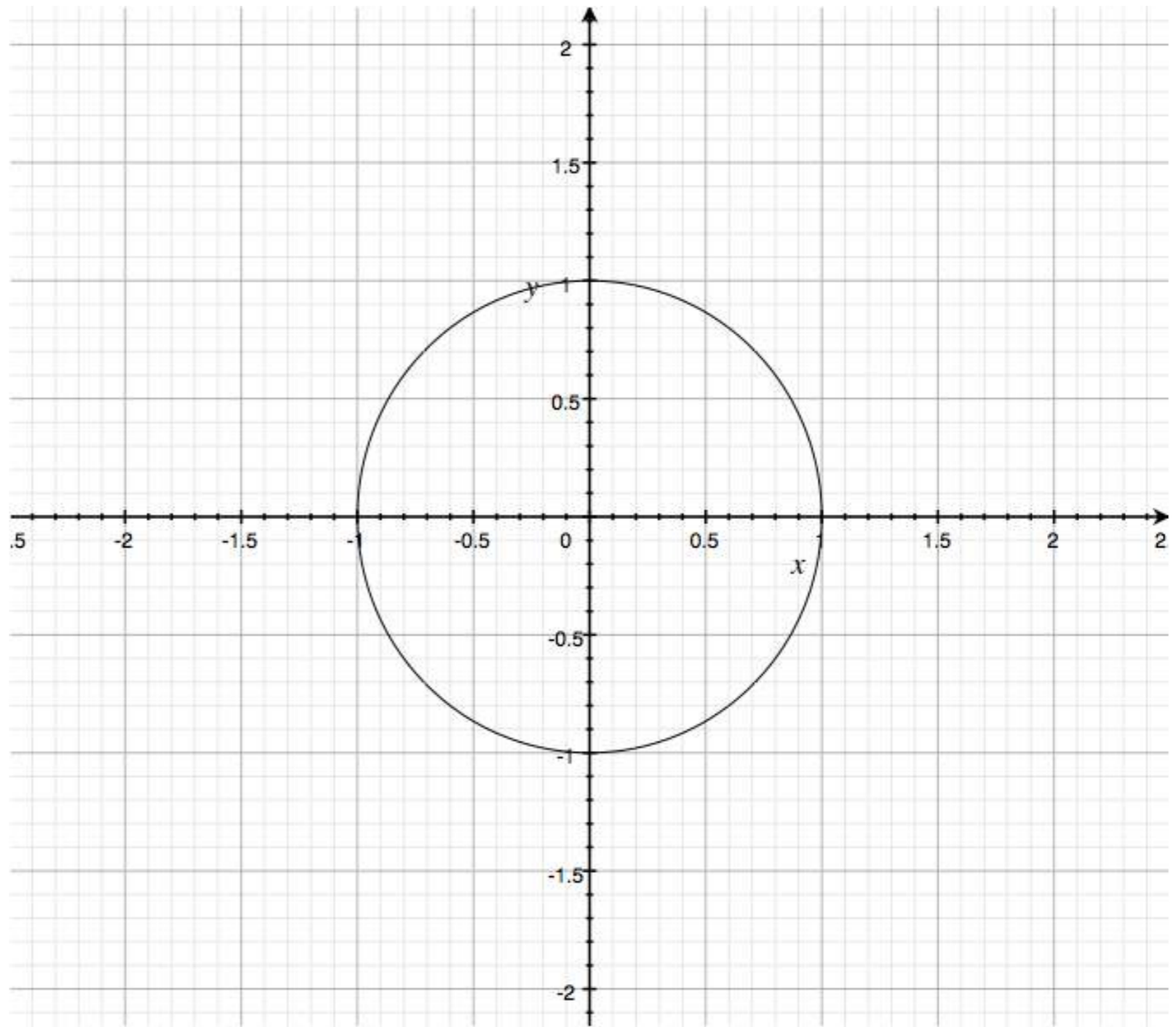
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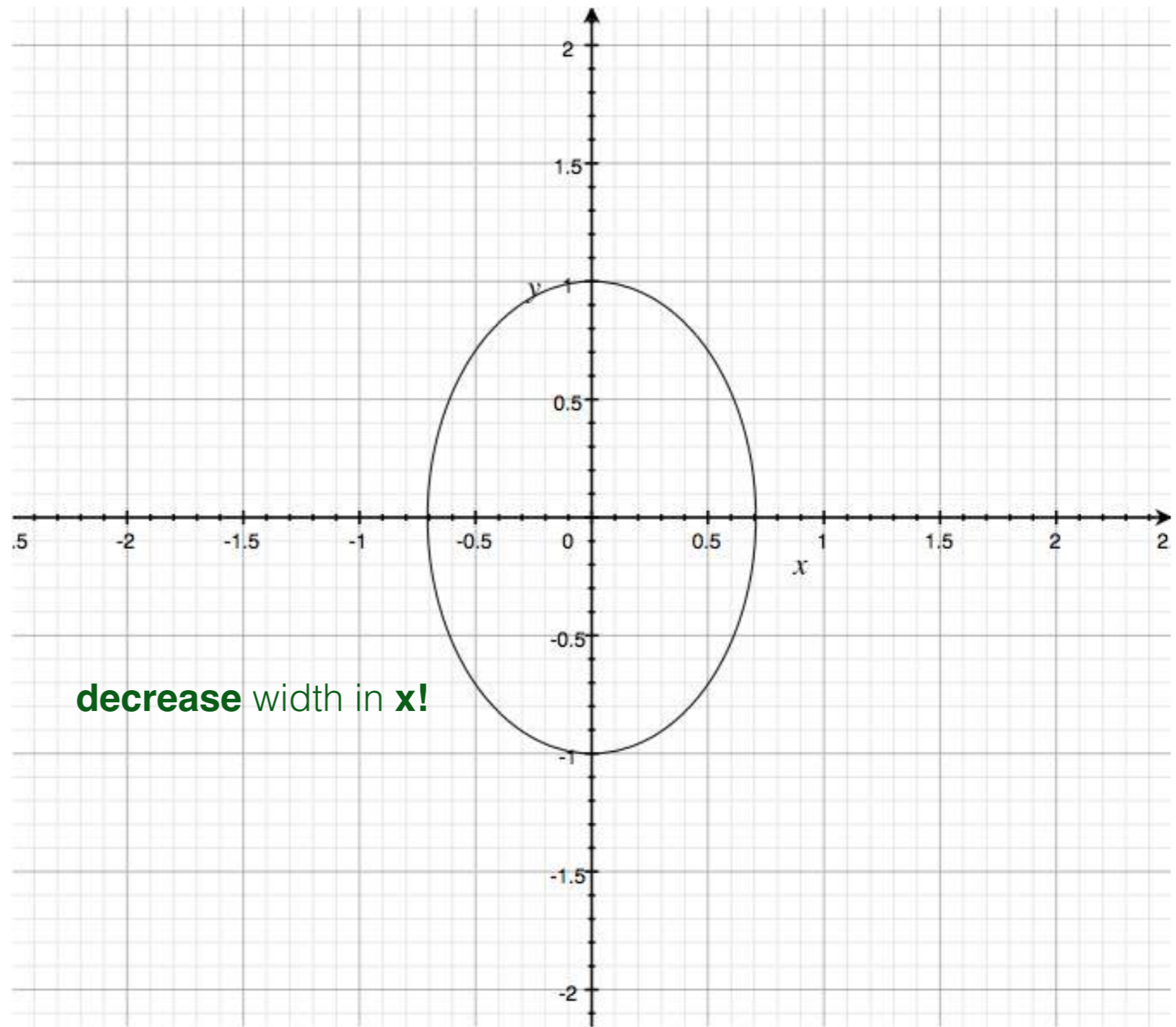
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and slice at 1

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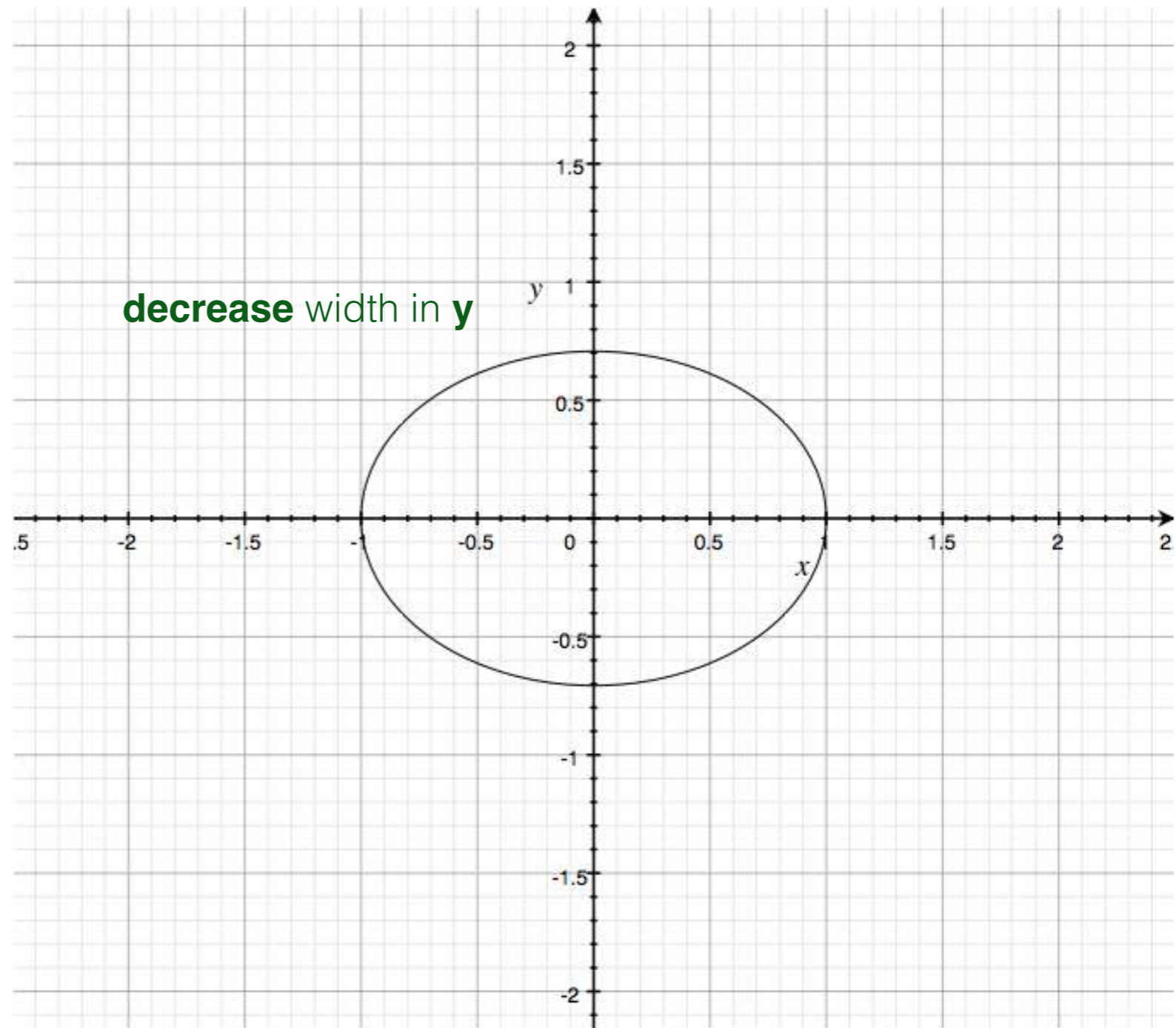
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What's the shape?

What are the eigenvectors?

What are the eigenvalues?

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Result of Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

eigenvectors
axis of the 'ellipse slice'

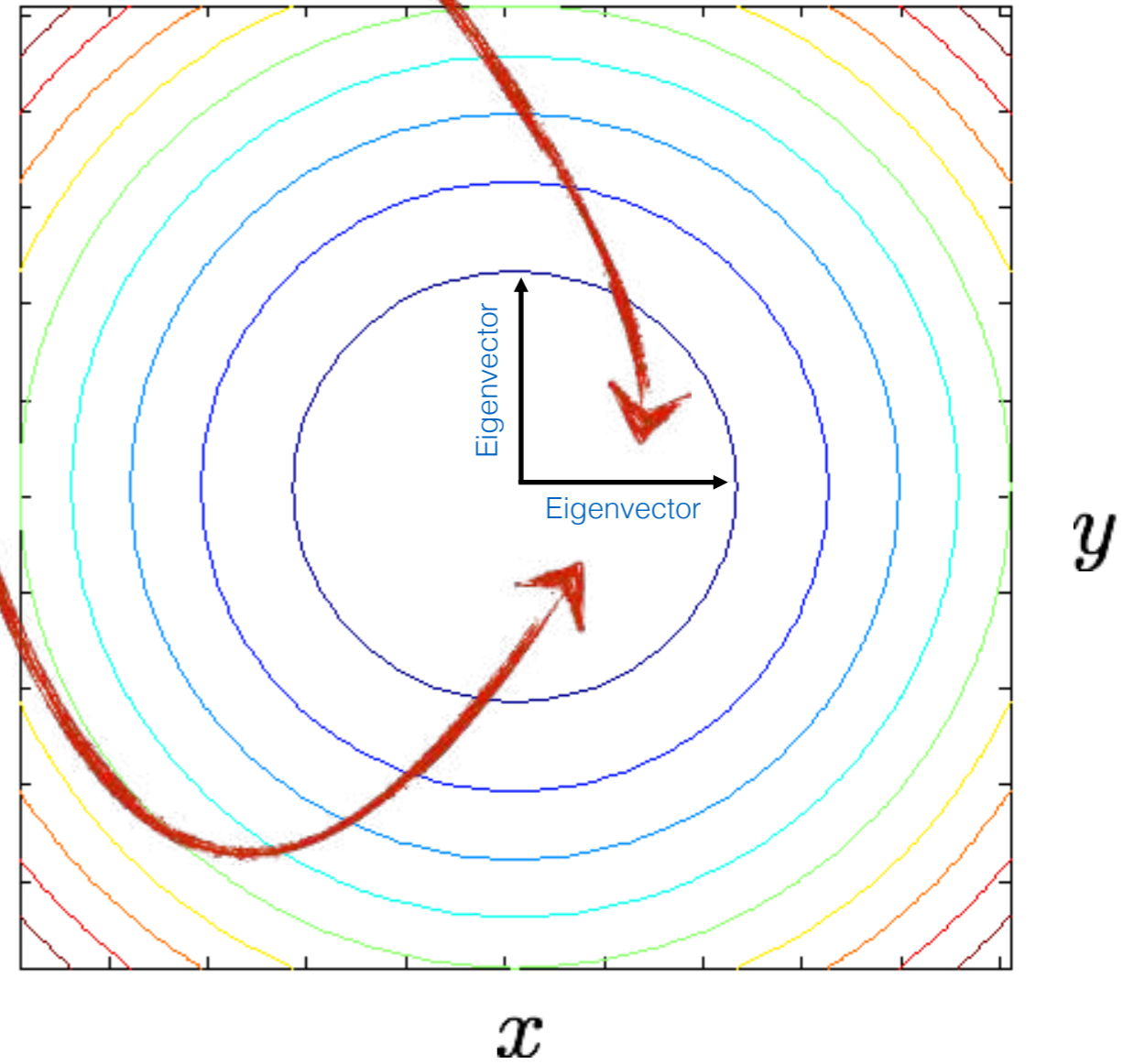
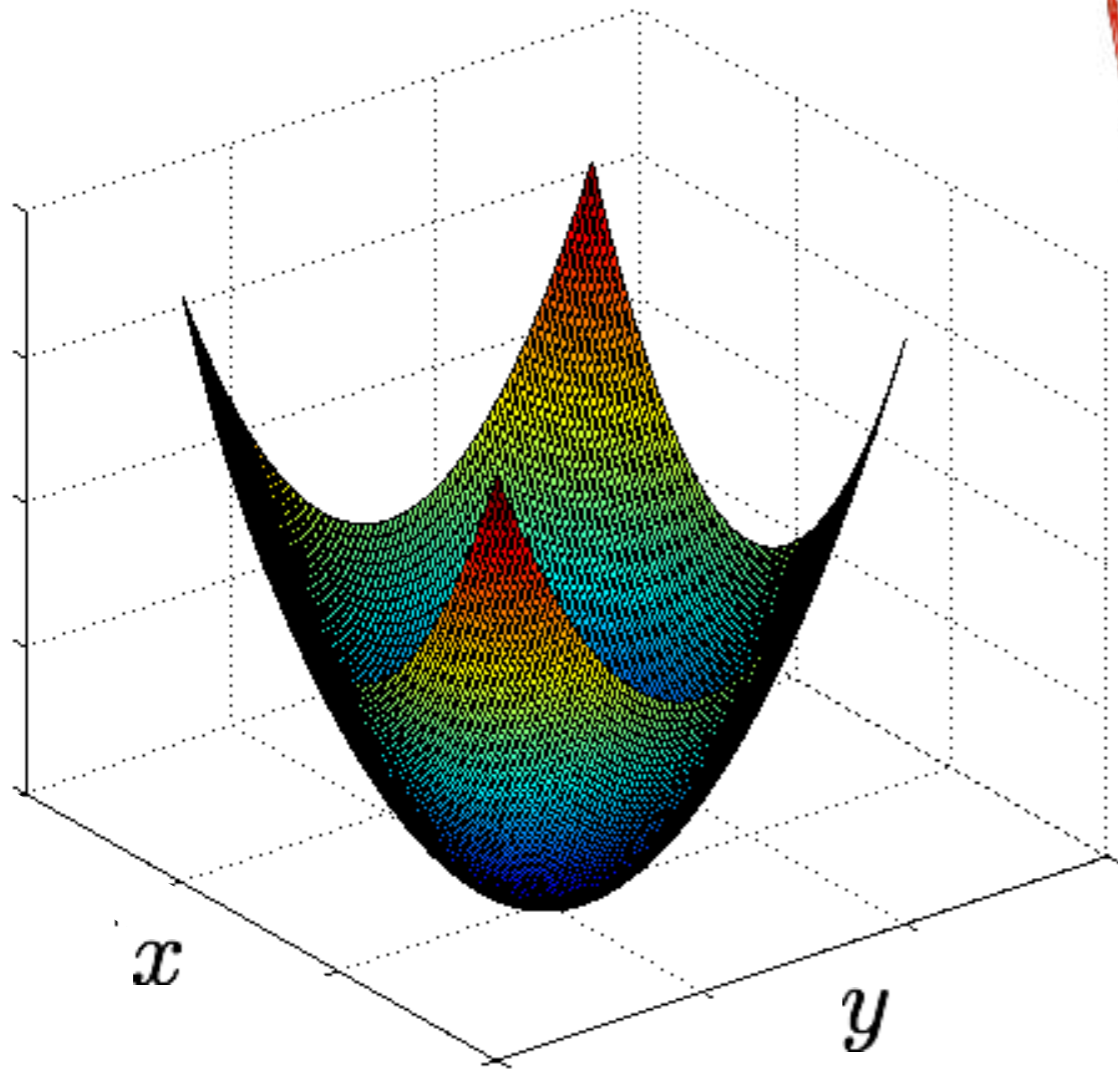
eigenvalues along diagonal
Inverse sq of length of the quadratic along the axis

Eigenvectors Eigenvalues

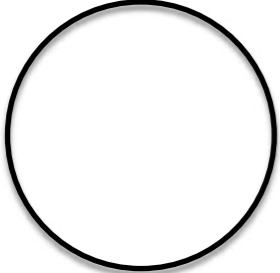
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Eigenvectors

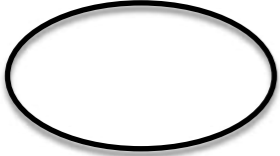
Inverse sq of the size of the axis



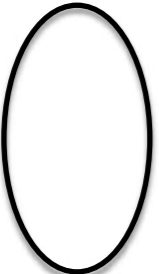
Recall:


$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

you can smash this bowl in the **y** direction

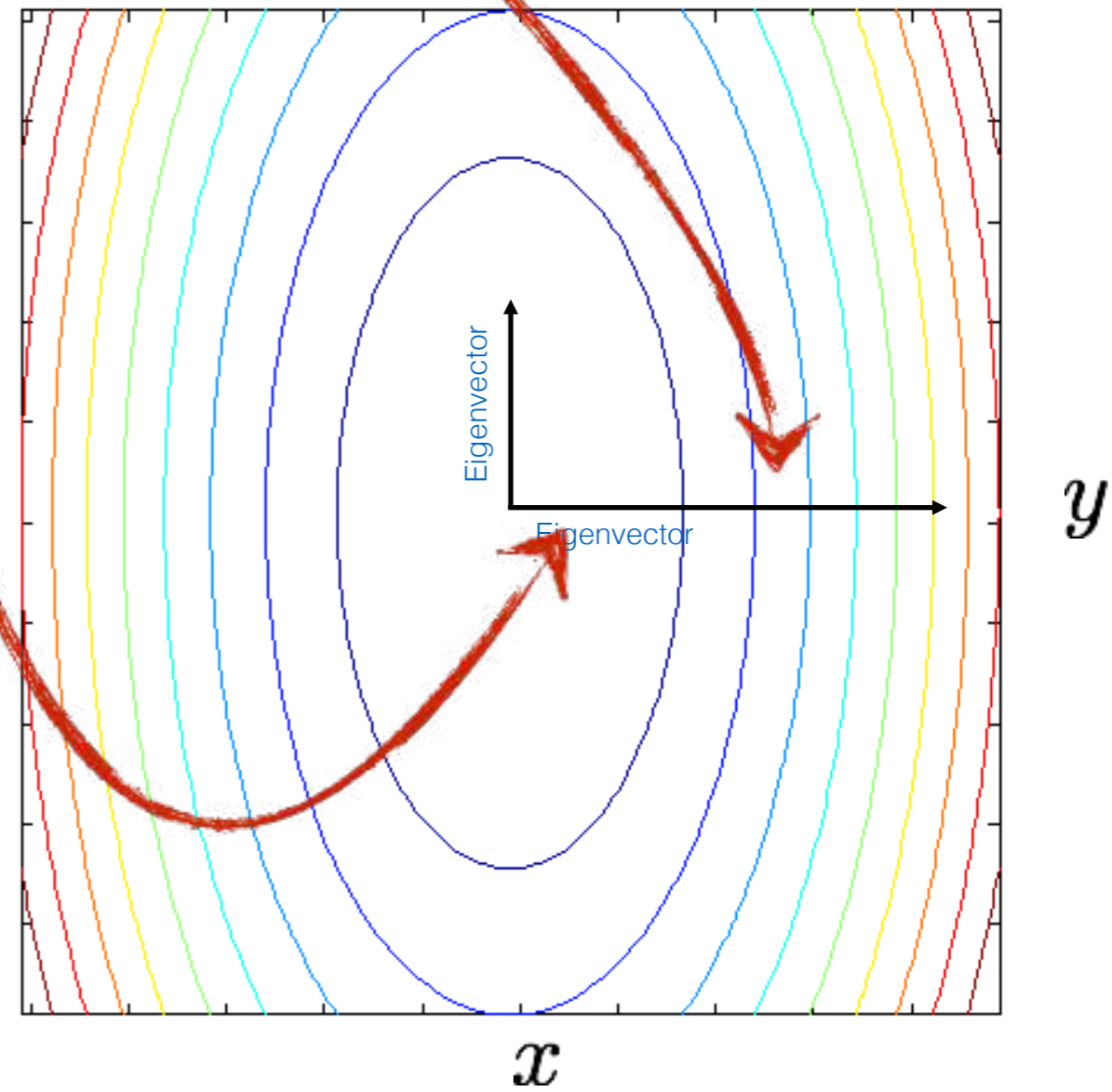
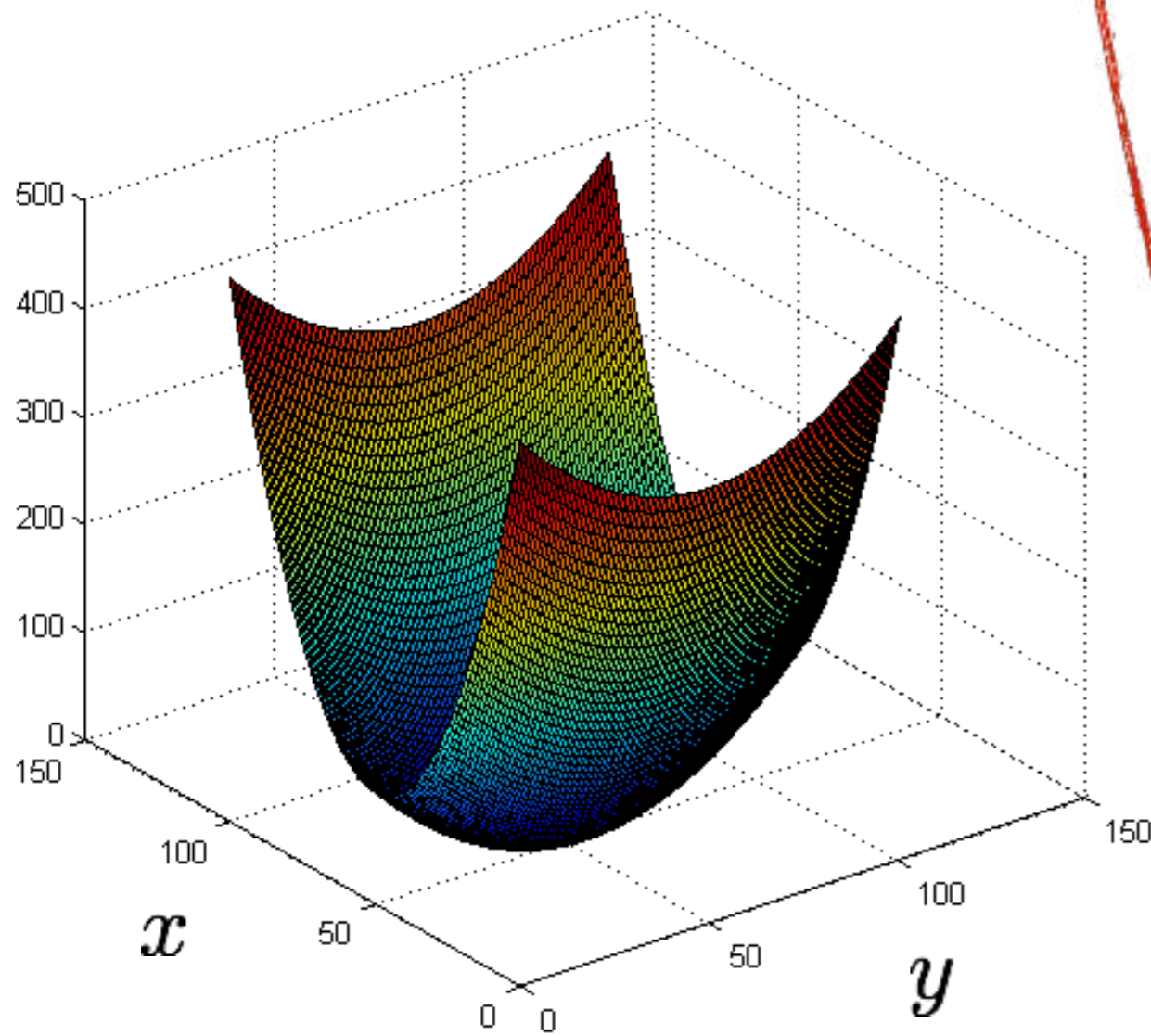

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

you can smash this bowl in the **x** direction


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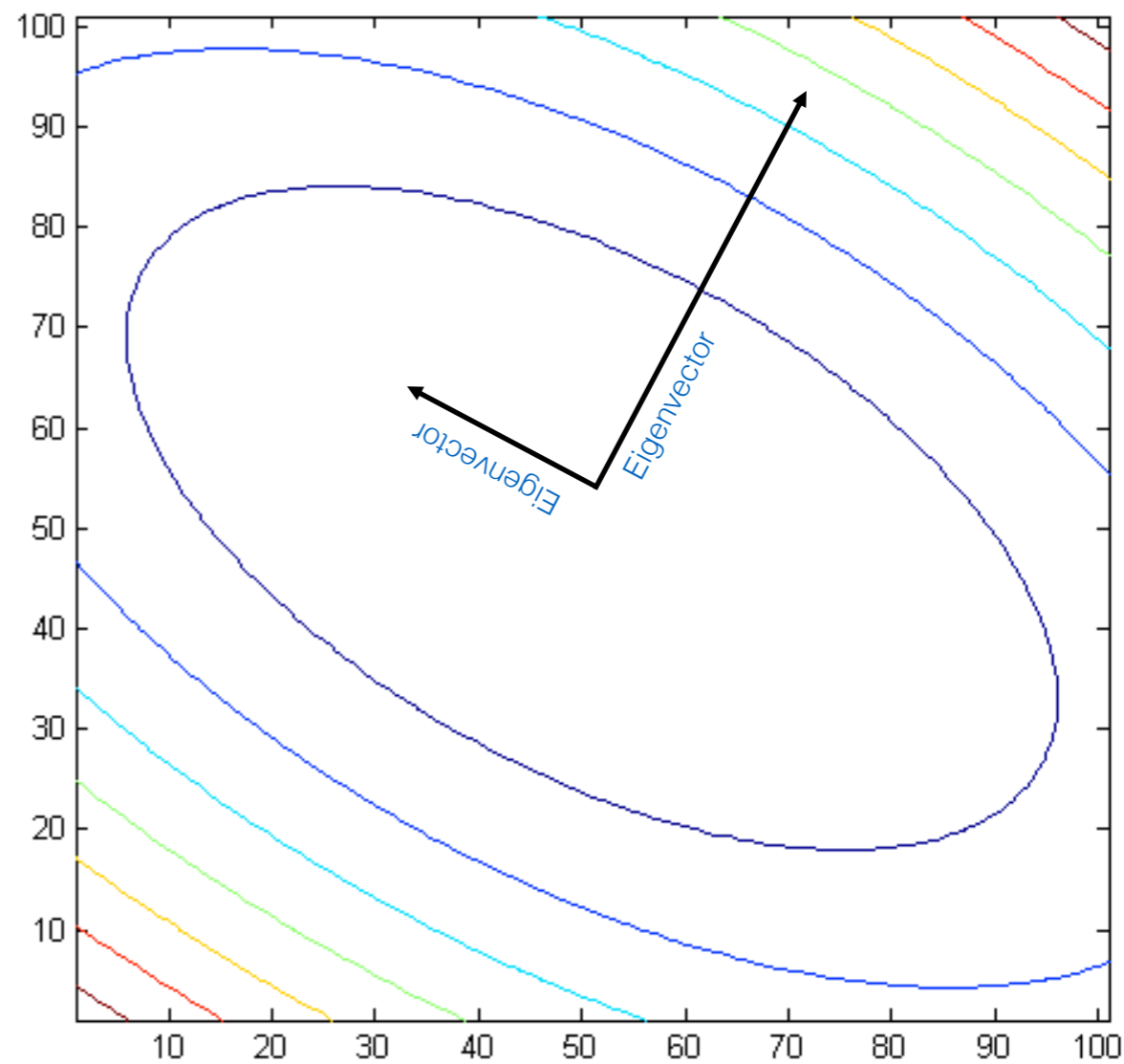
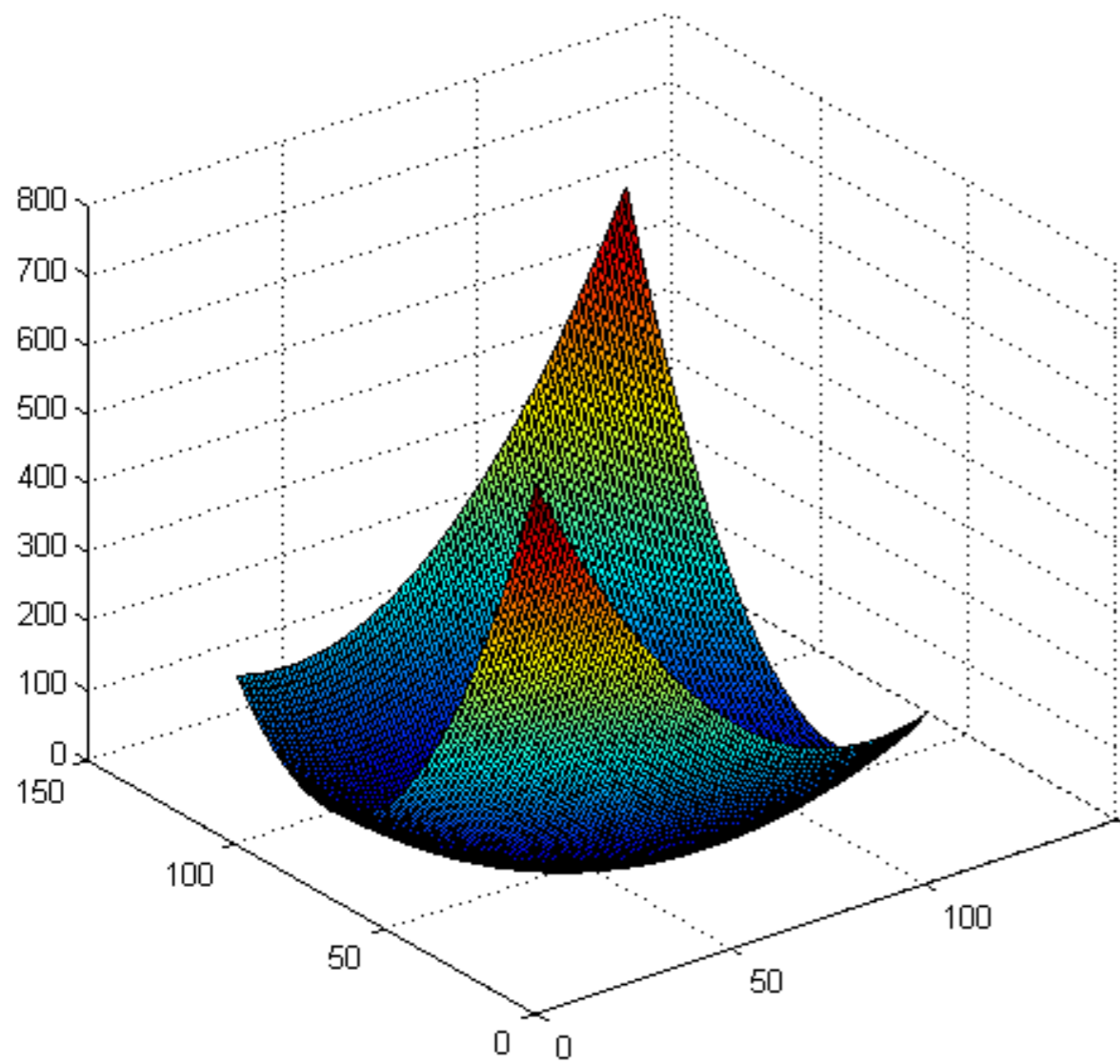
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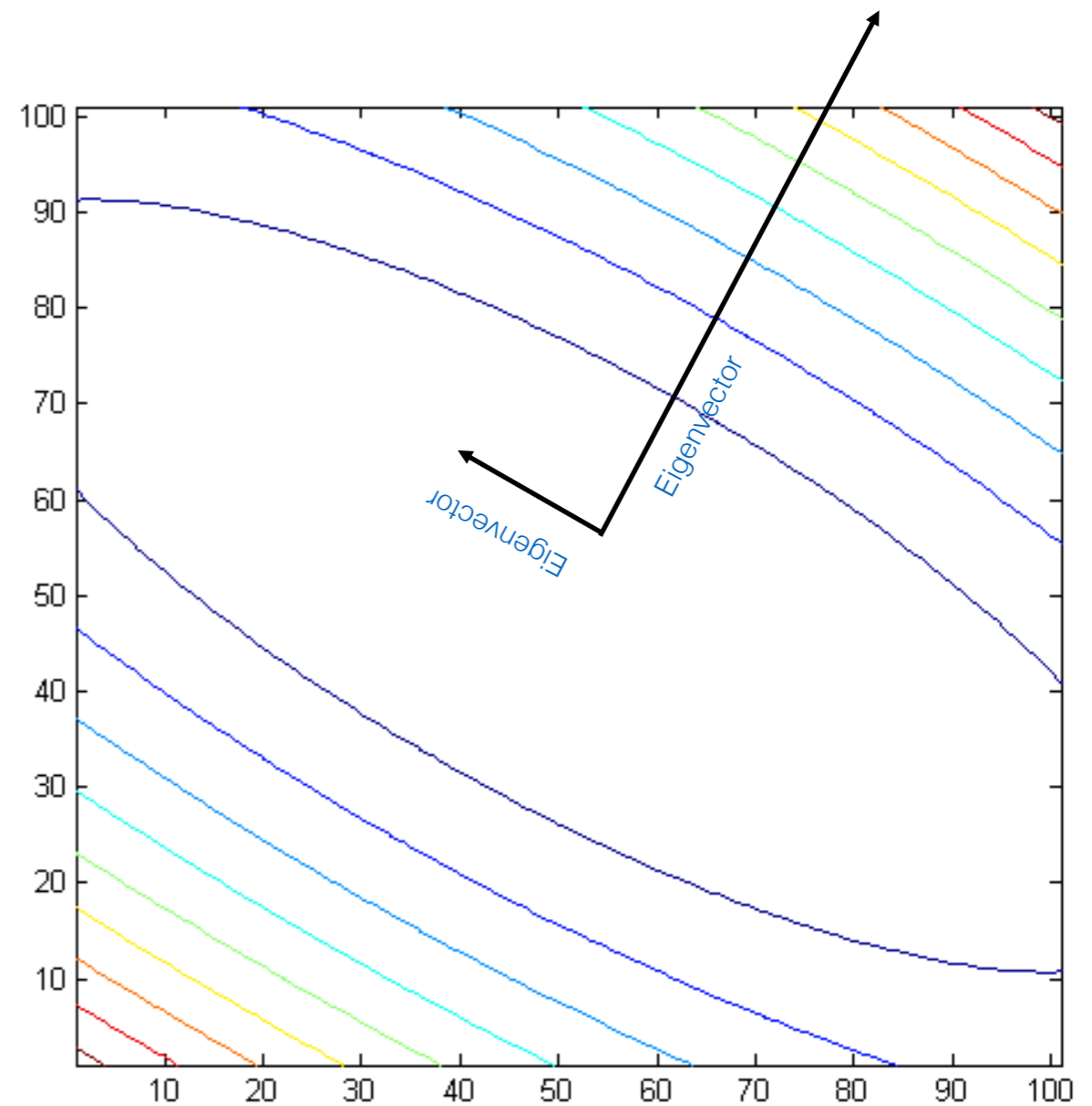
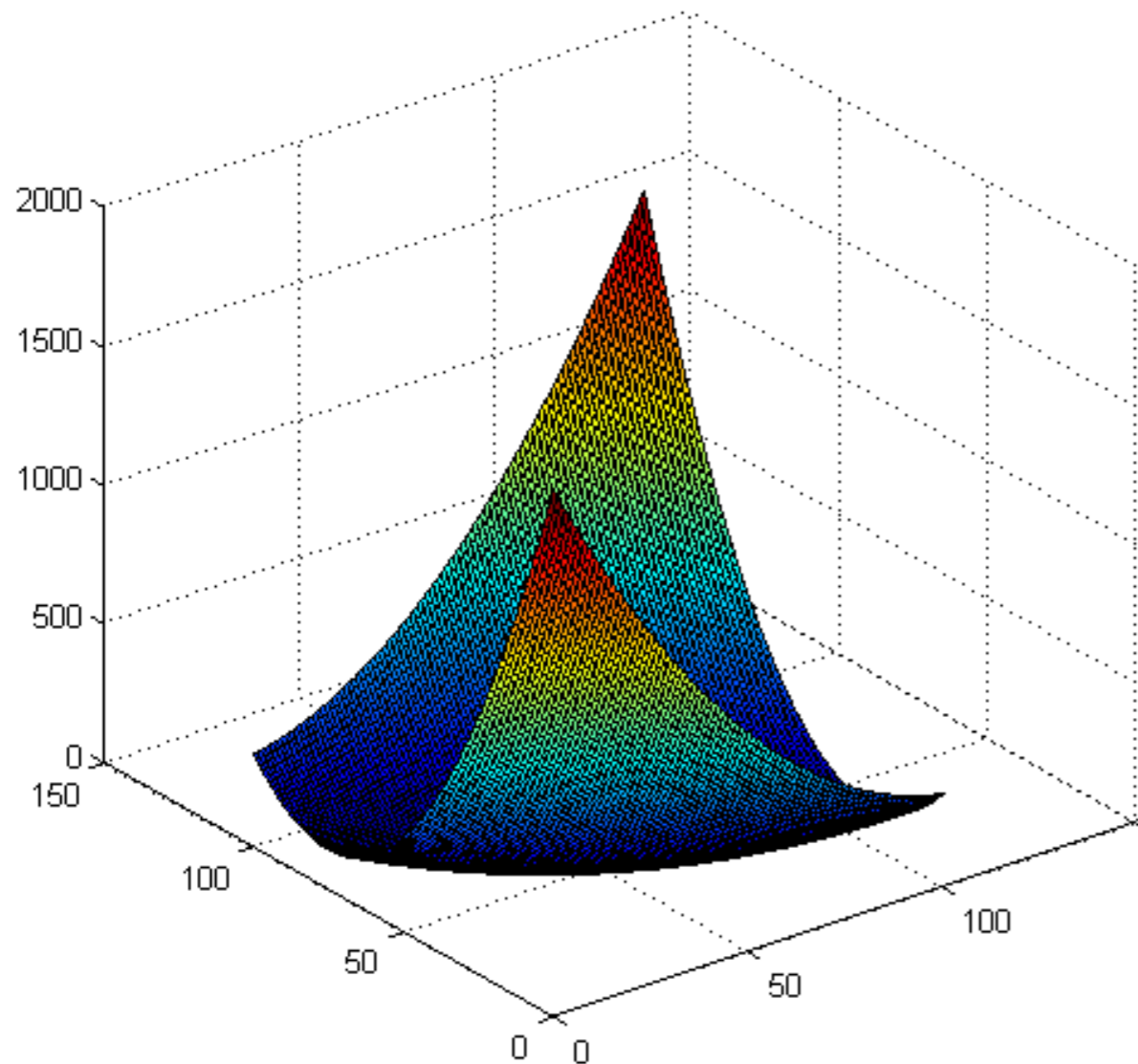
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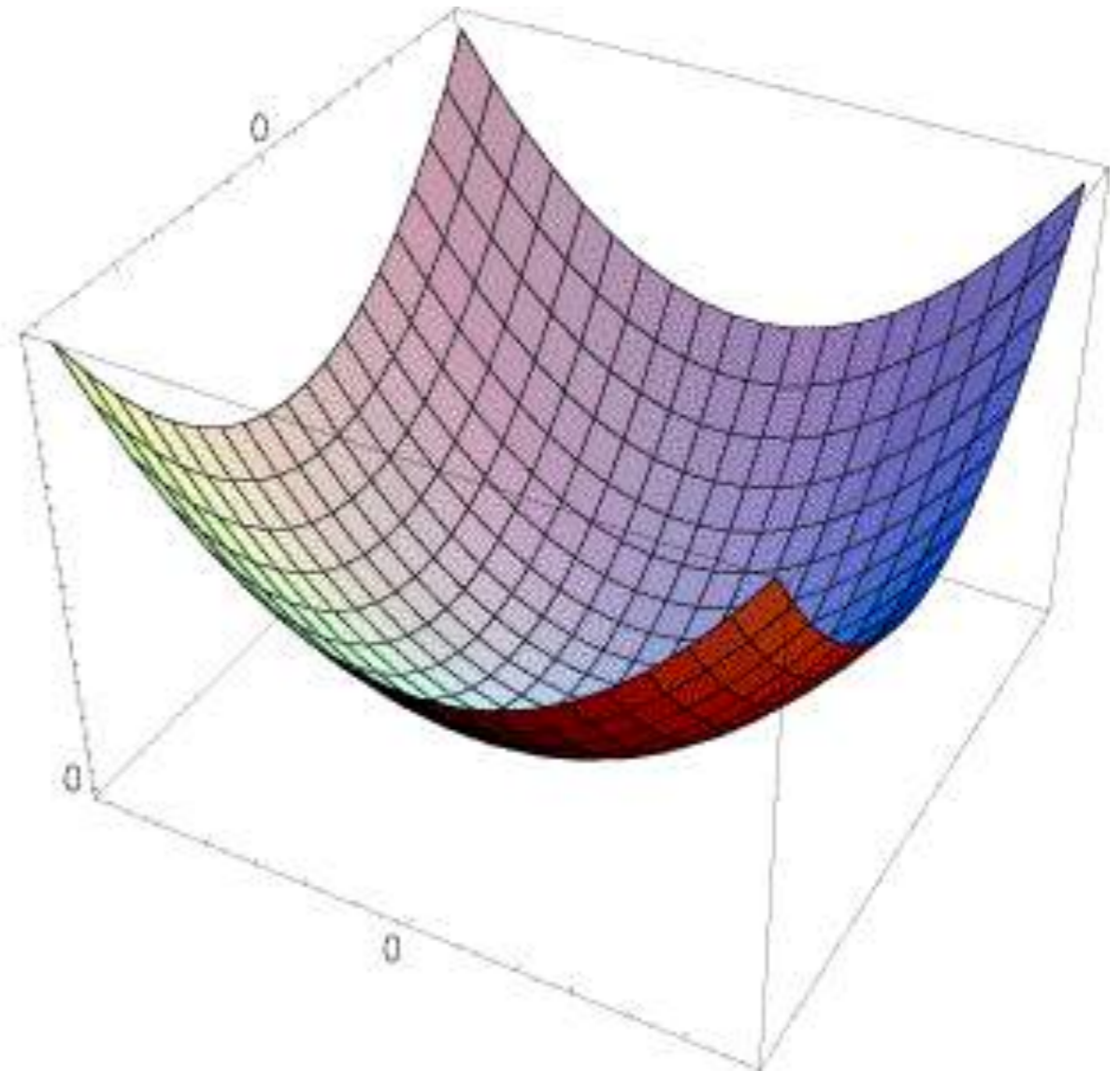
We will need this to understand the...

Error function for Harris Corners

The surface $E(u, v)$ is locally approximated by a quadratic form

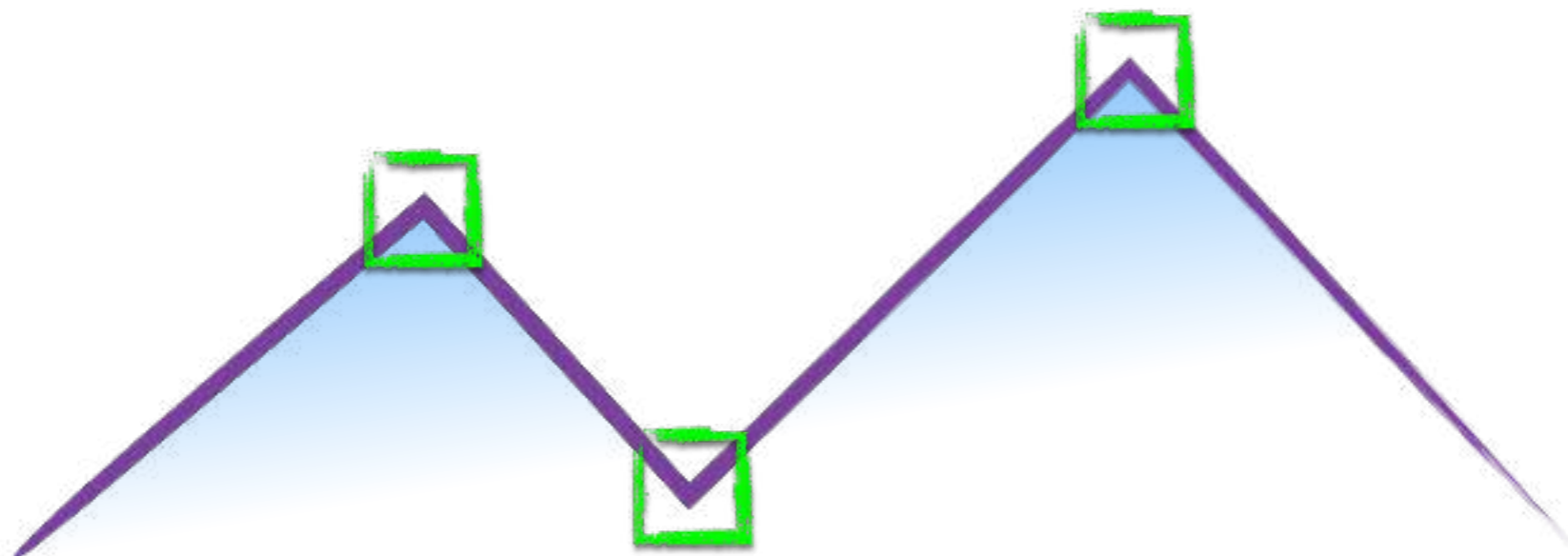
$$E(u, v) \approx [u \ v] M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = \sum \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



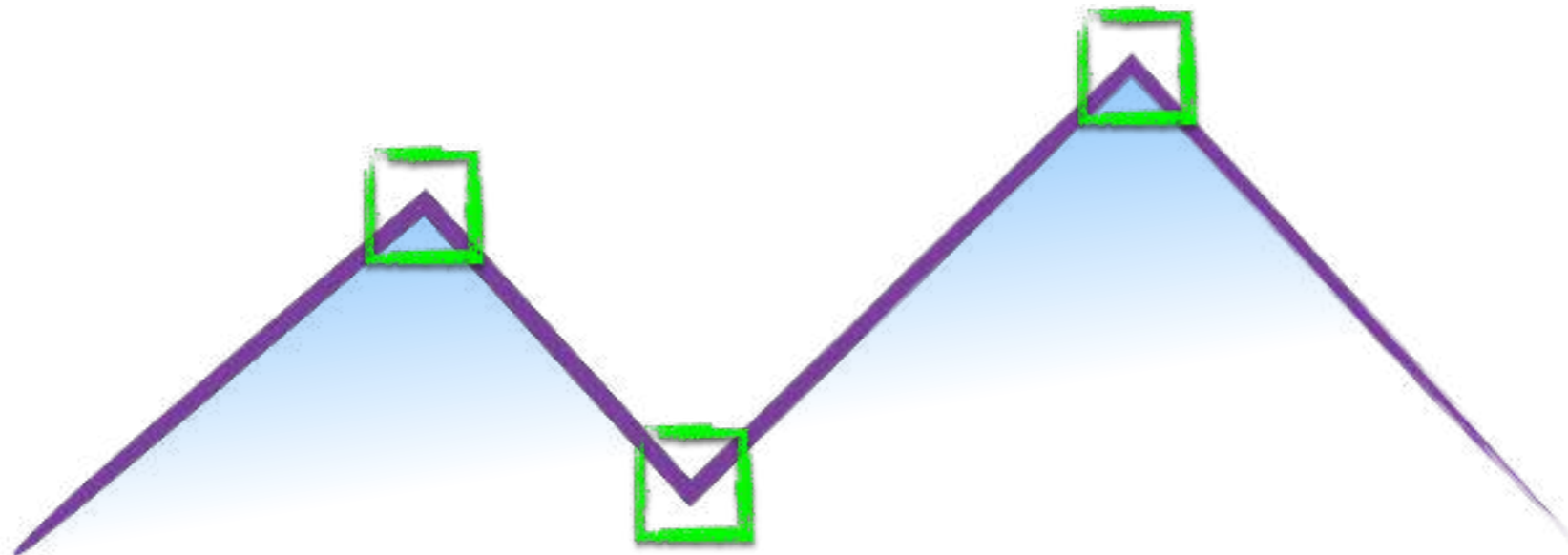
Harris corner detector

How do you find a corner?



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[Moravec 1980]

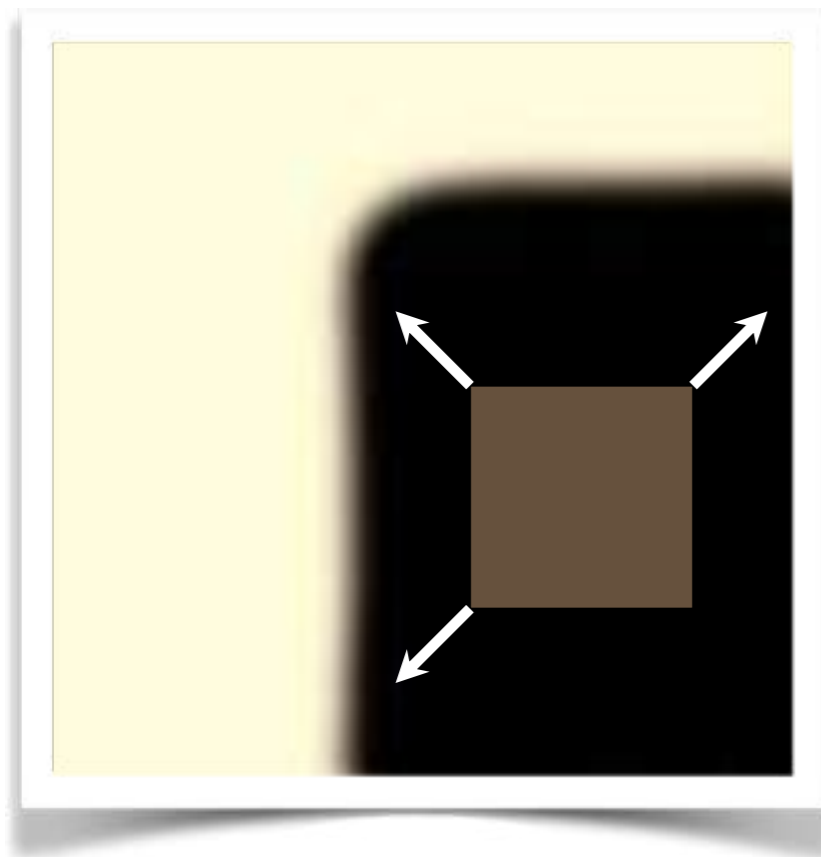


Easily recognized by looking through a small window

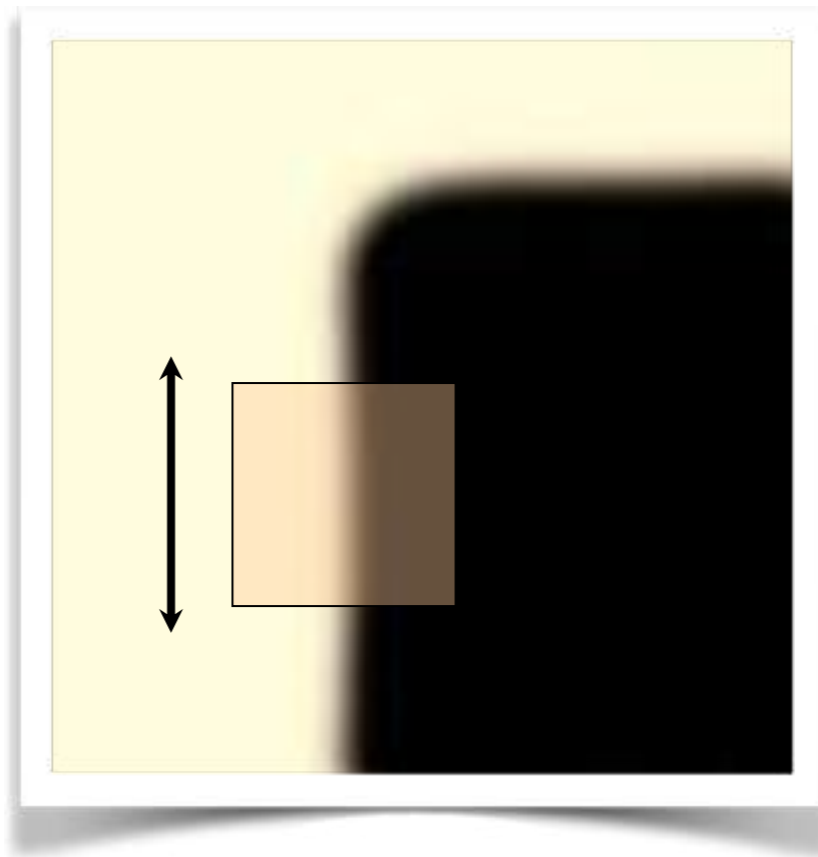
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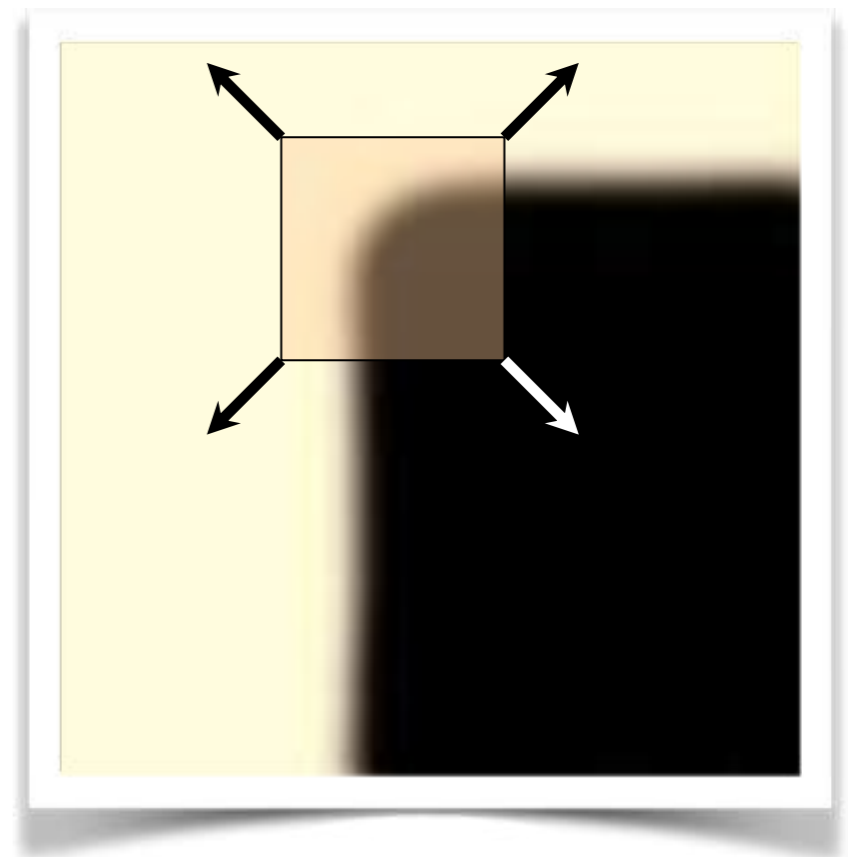
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“flat” region:
no change in all
directions



“edge”:
no change along the edge
direction



“corner”:
significant change in all
directions

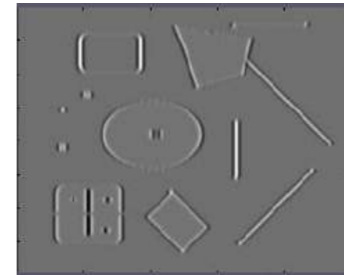
Design a program to detect corners
(hint: use image gradients)

Finding corners

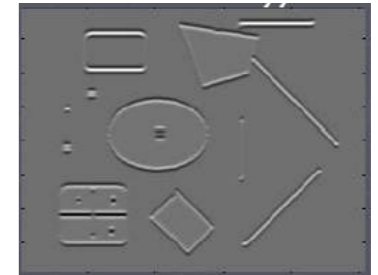
(a.k.a. PCA)

1. Compute image gradients over small region

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



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



2. Subtract mean from each image gradient

3. Compute the covariance matrix

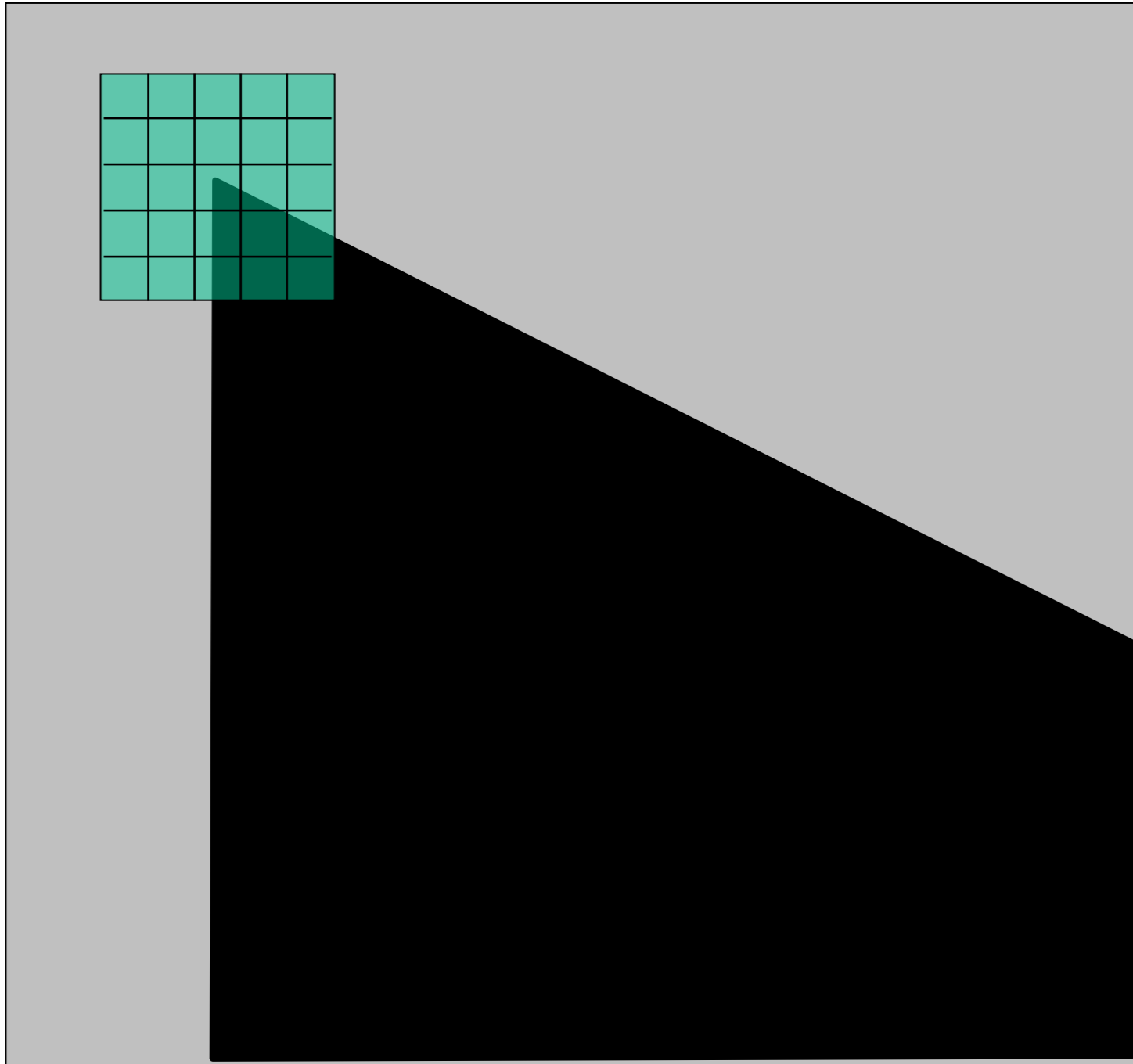
4. Compute eigenvectors and eigenvalues

5. Use threshold on eigenvalues to detect corners

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

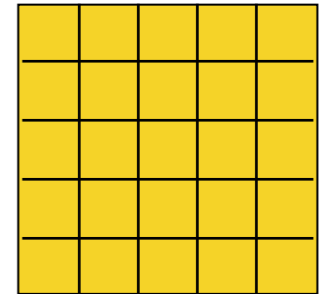
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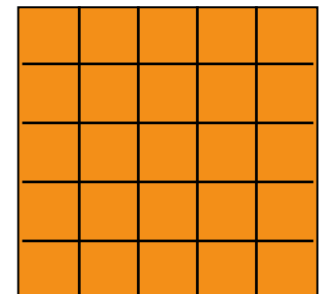
array of x gradients

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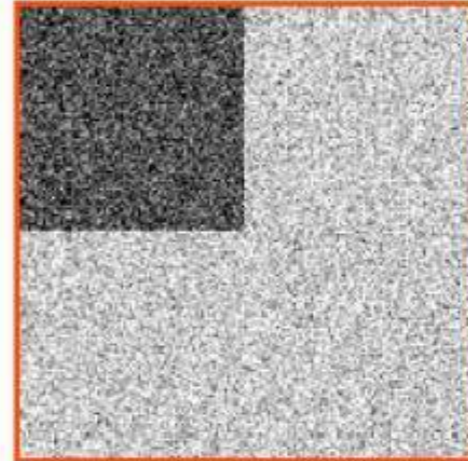
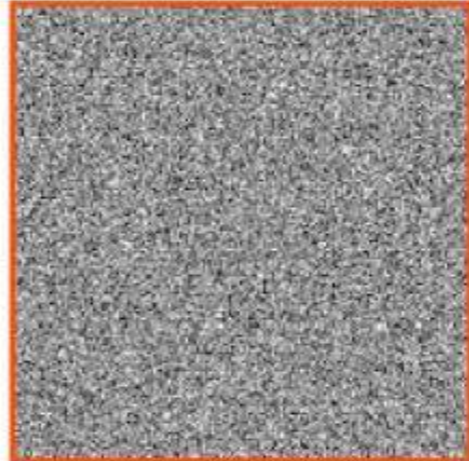
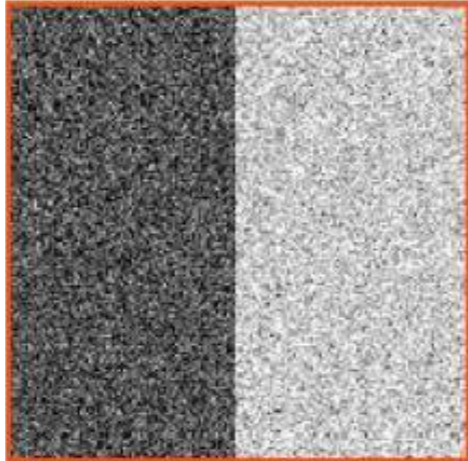
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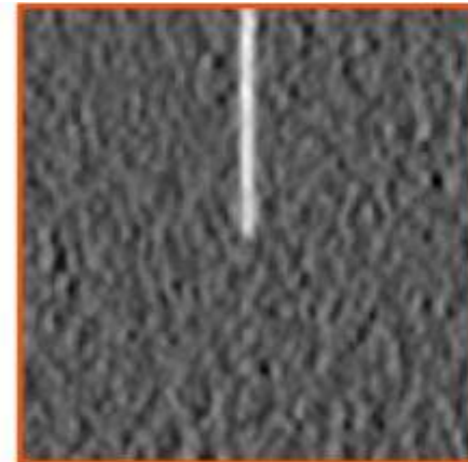
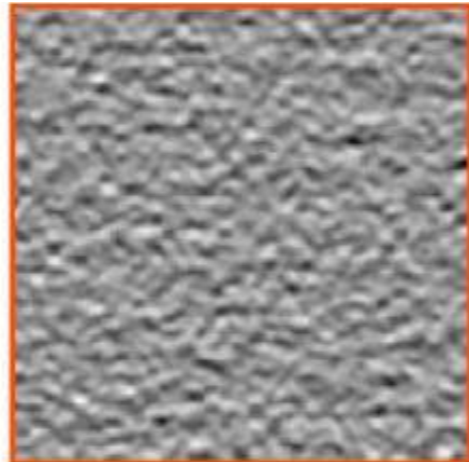
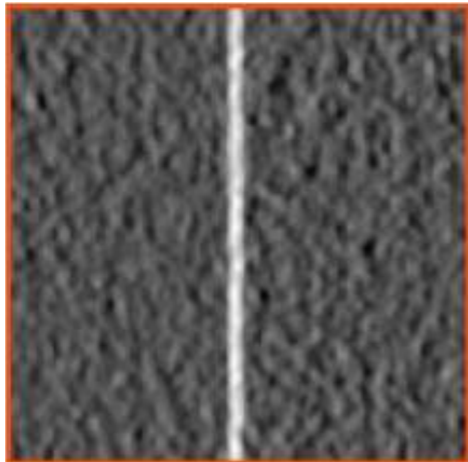


visualization of gradients

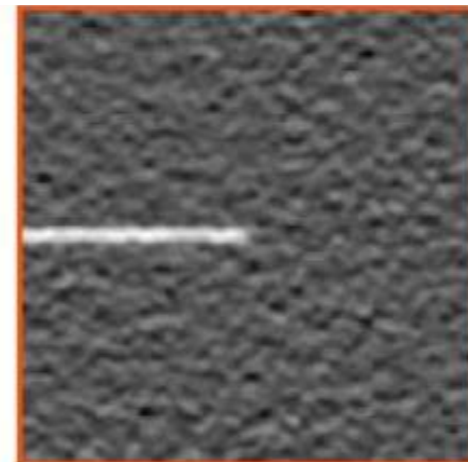
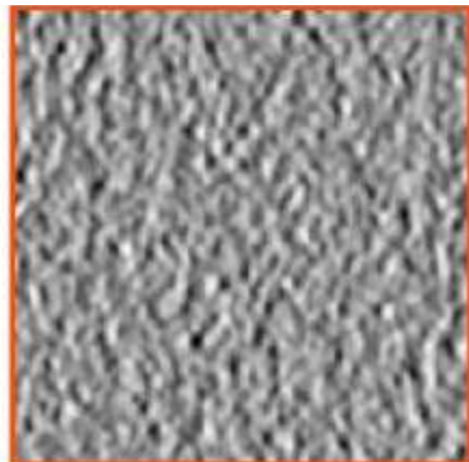
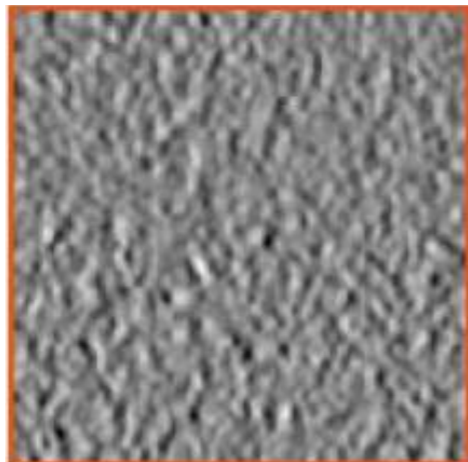
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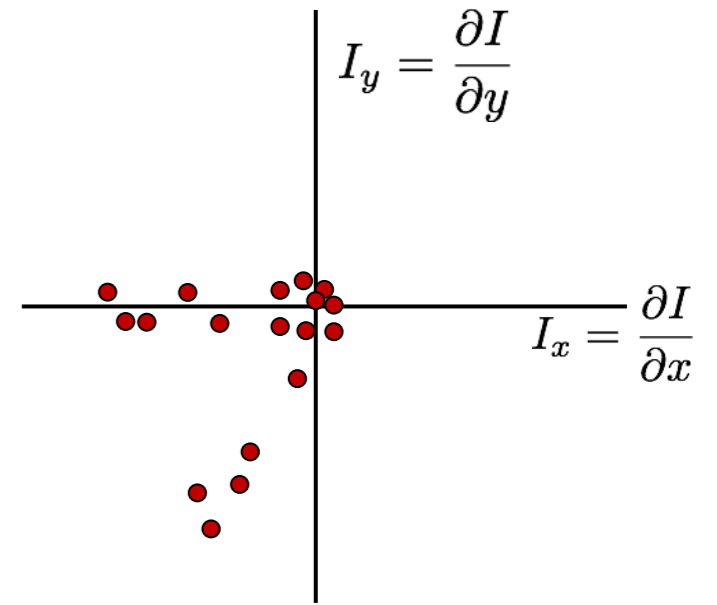
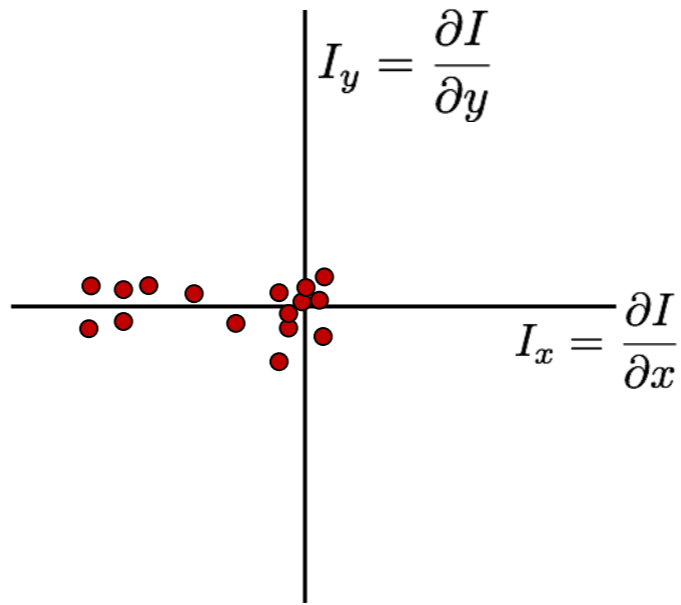
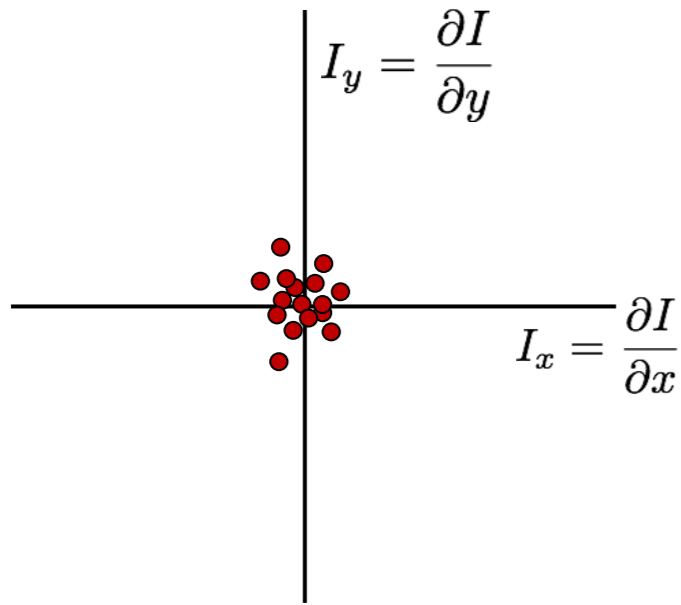
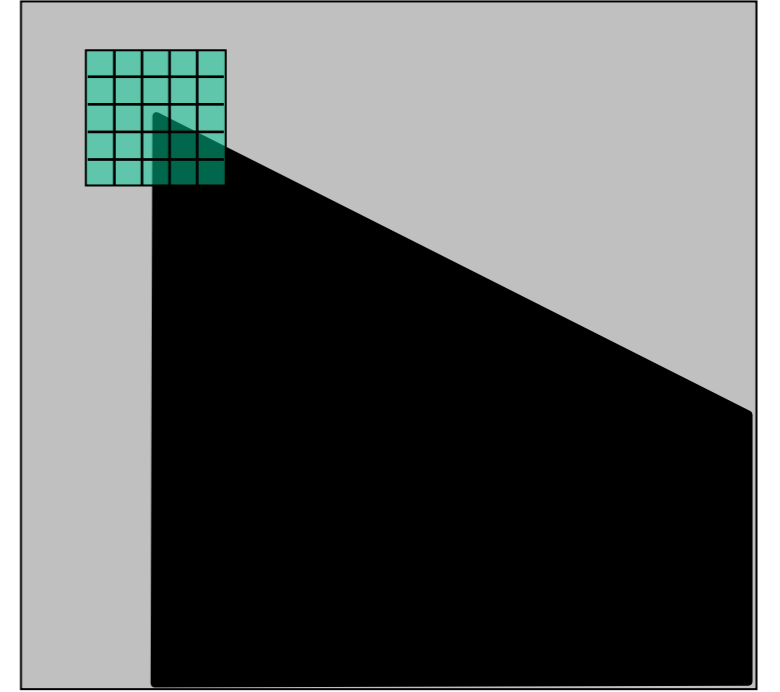
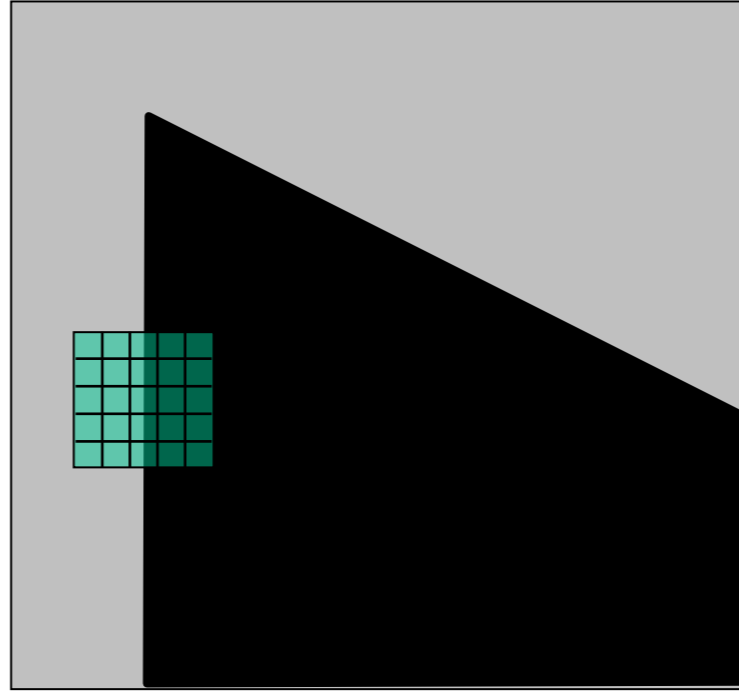
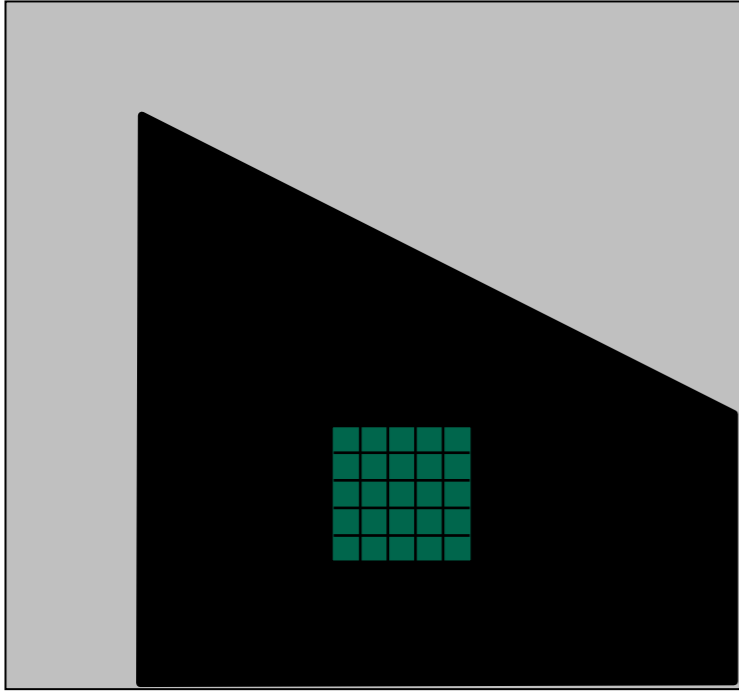


X derivative

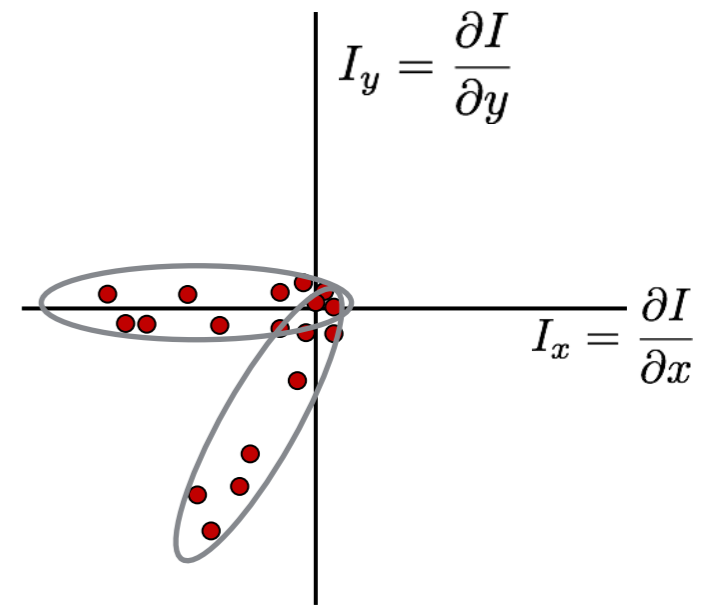
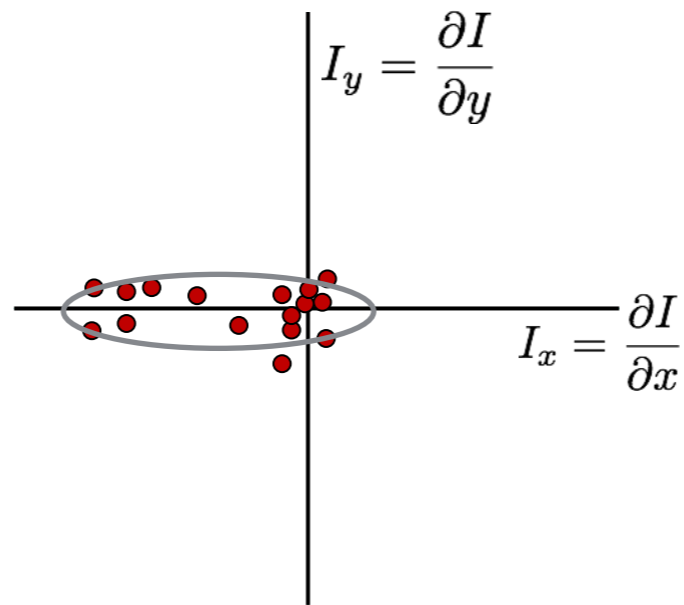
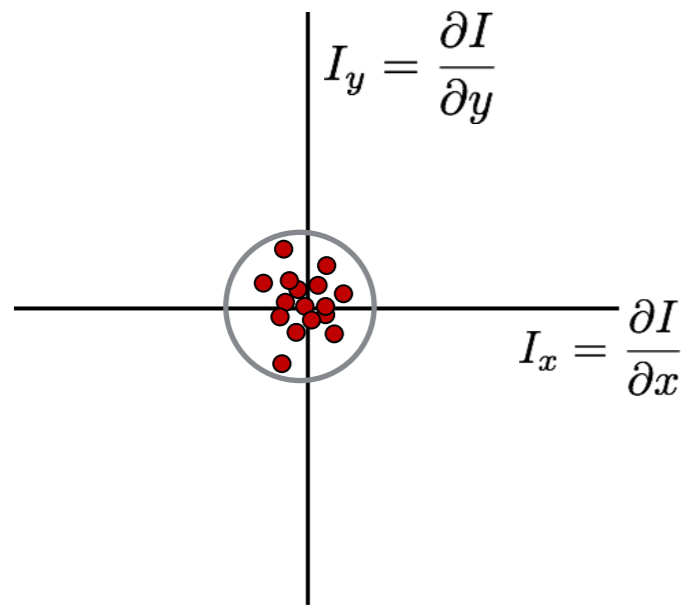
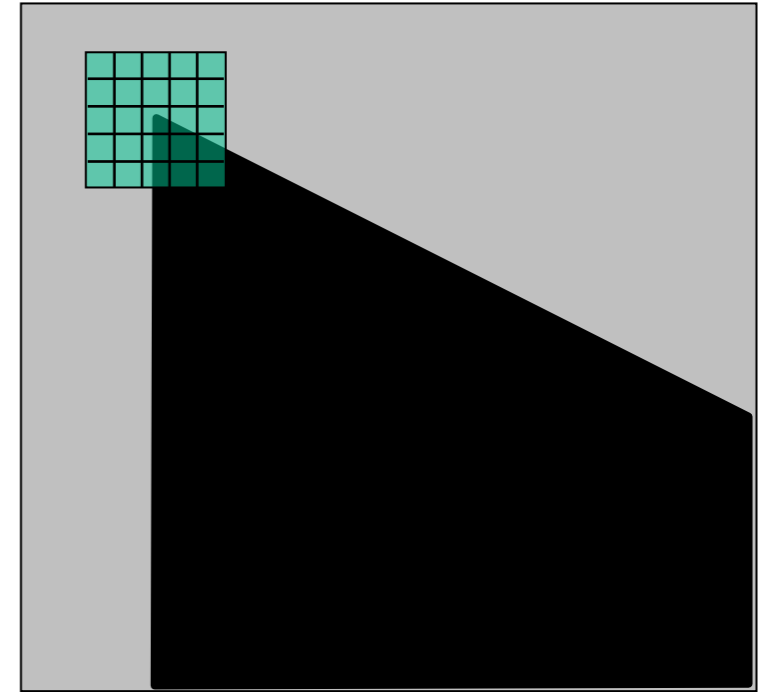
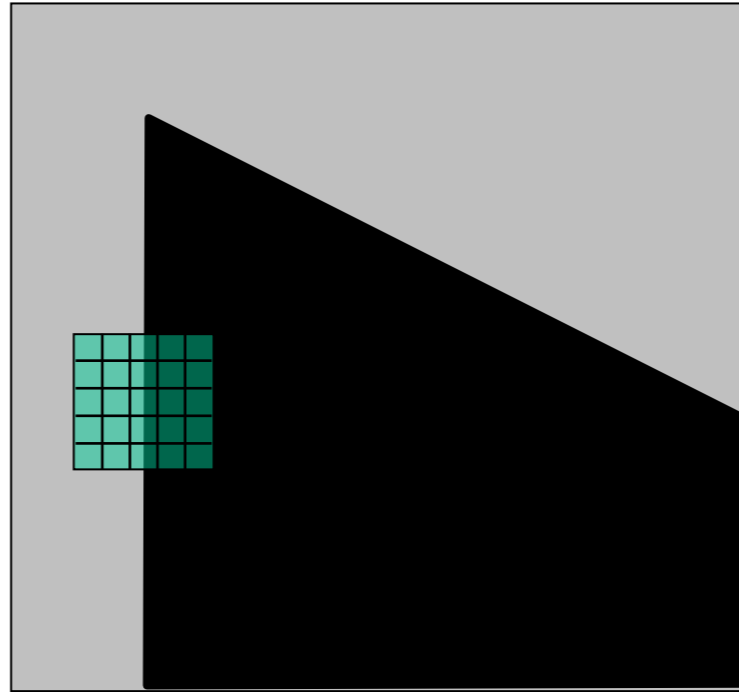
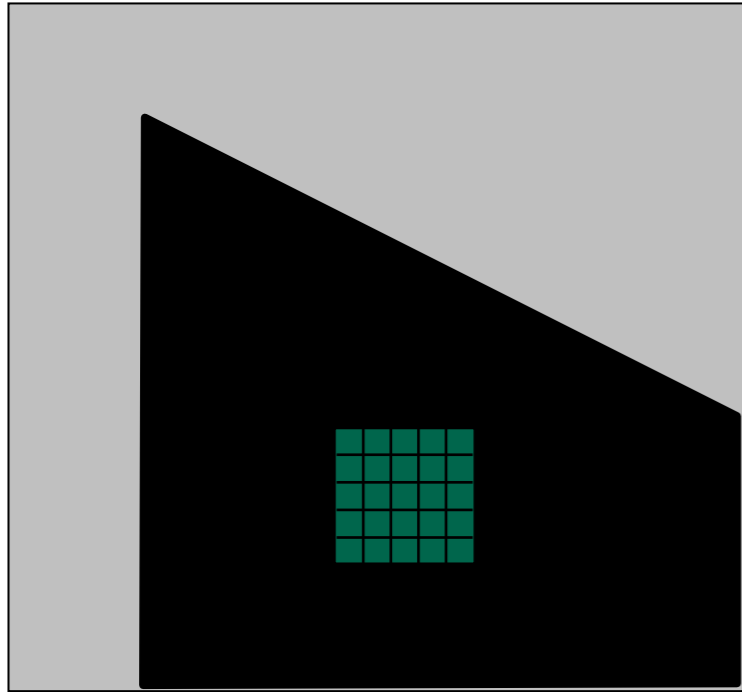


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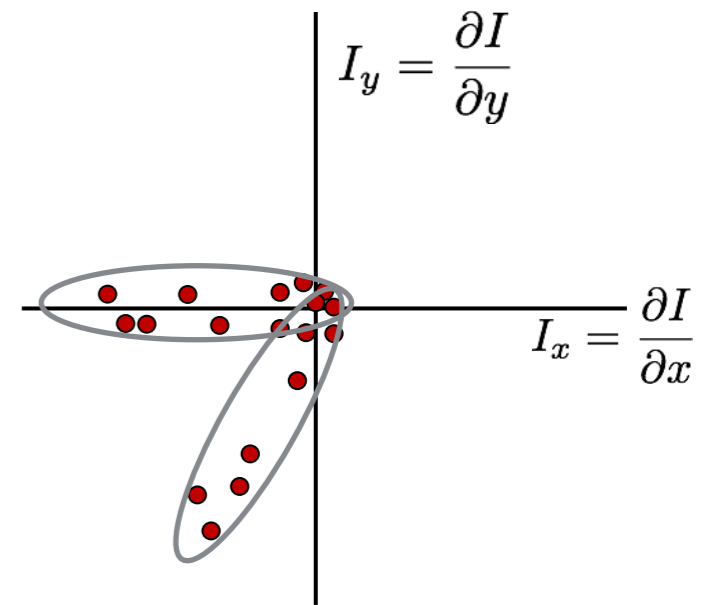
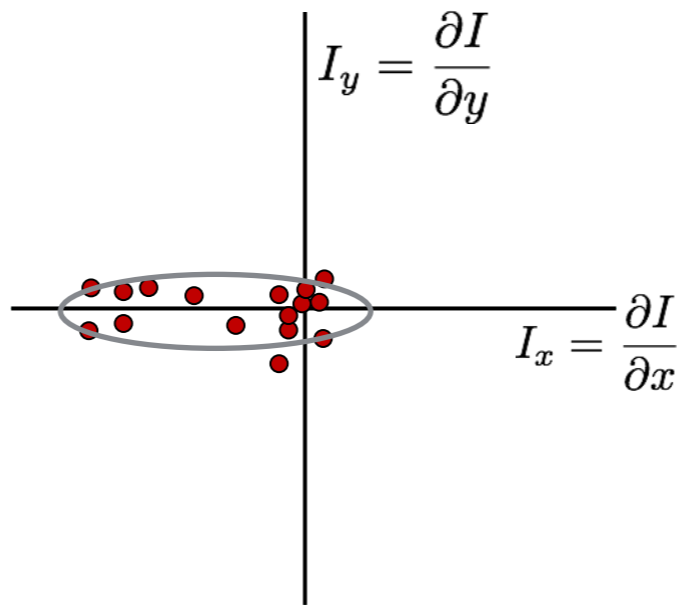
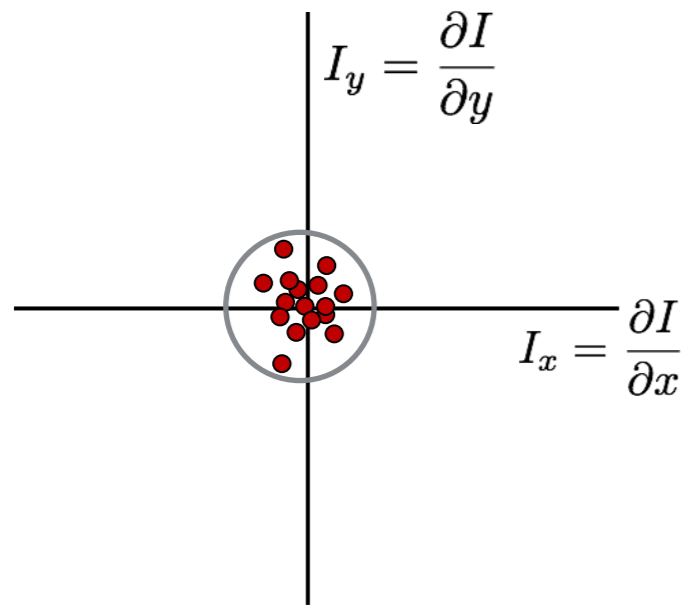
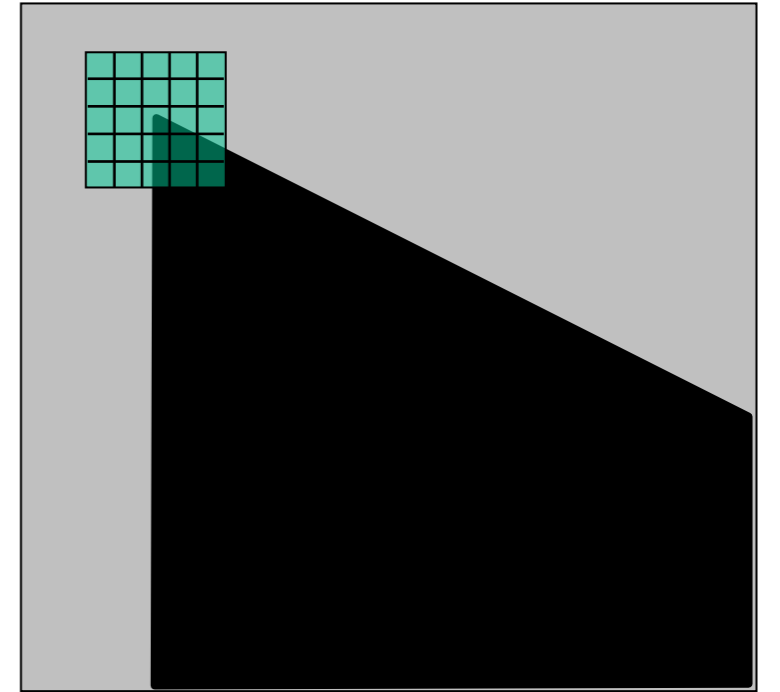
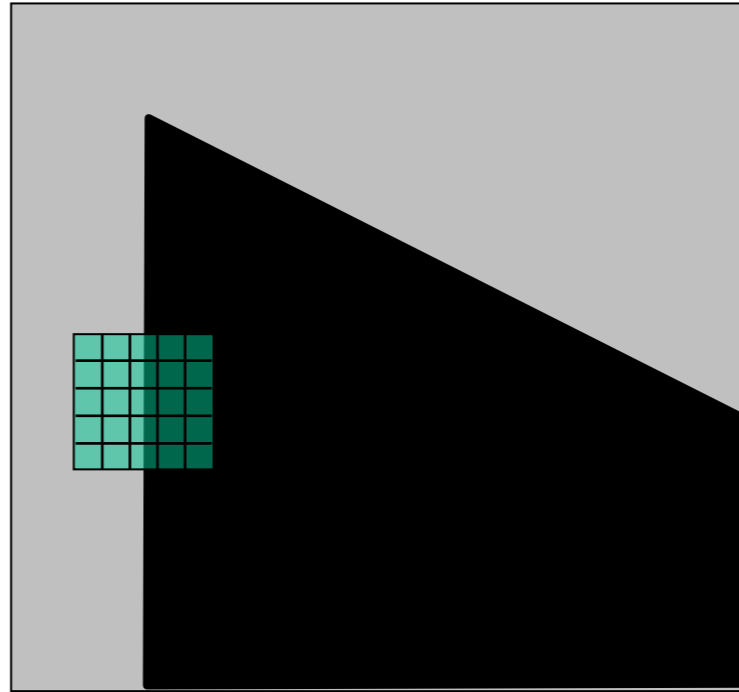
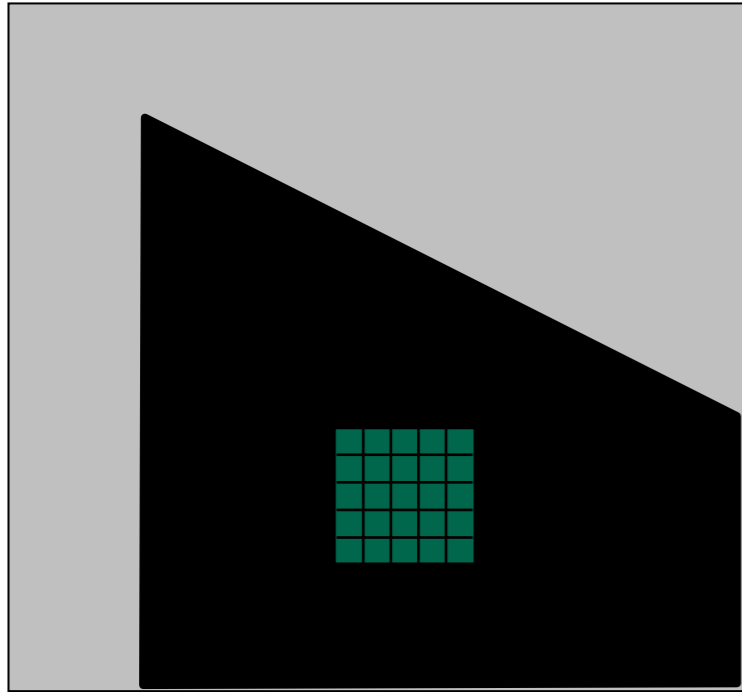




What does the distribution tell you about the region?



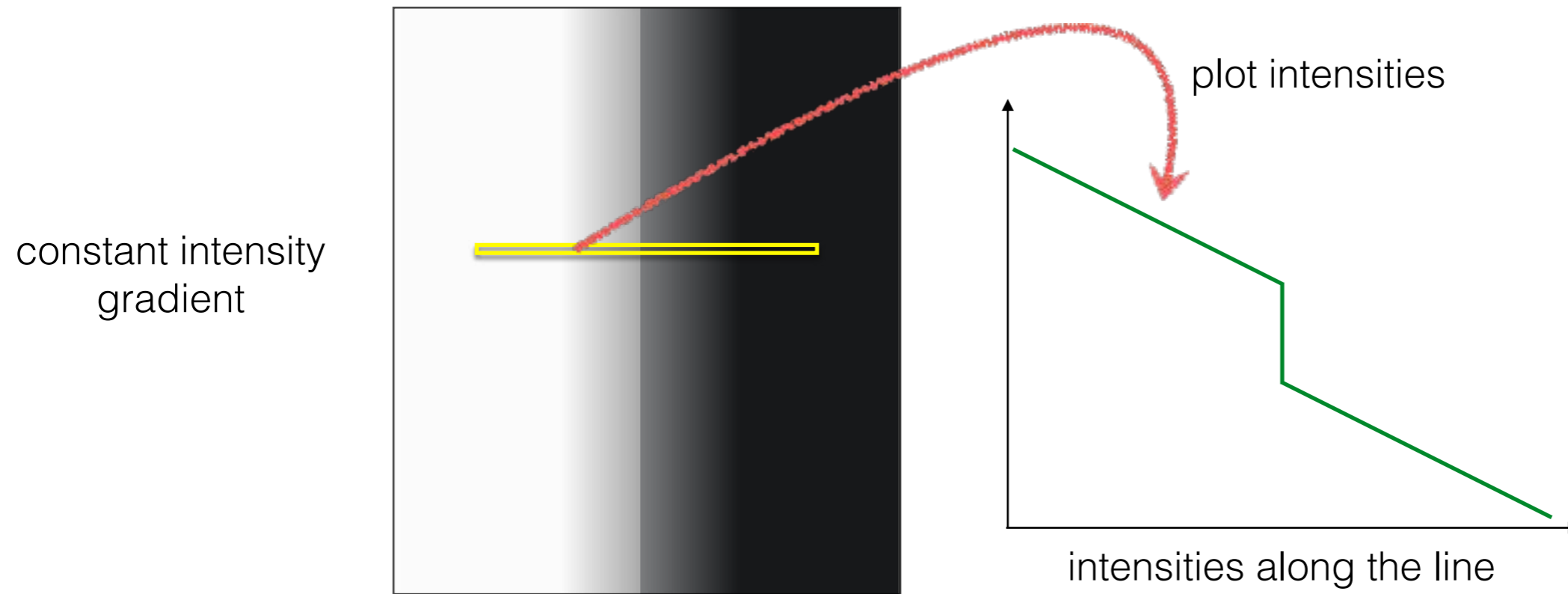
distribution reveals edge orientation and magnitude



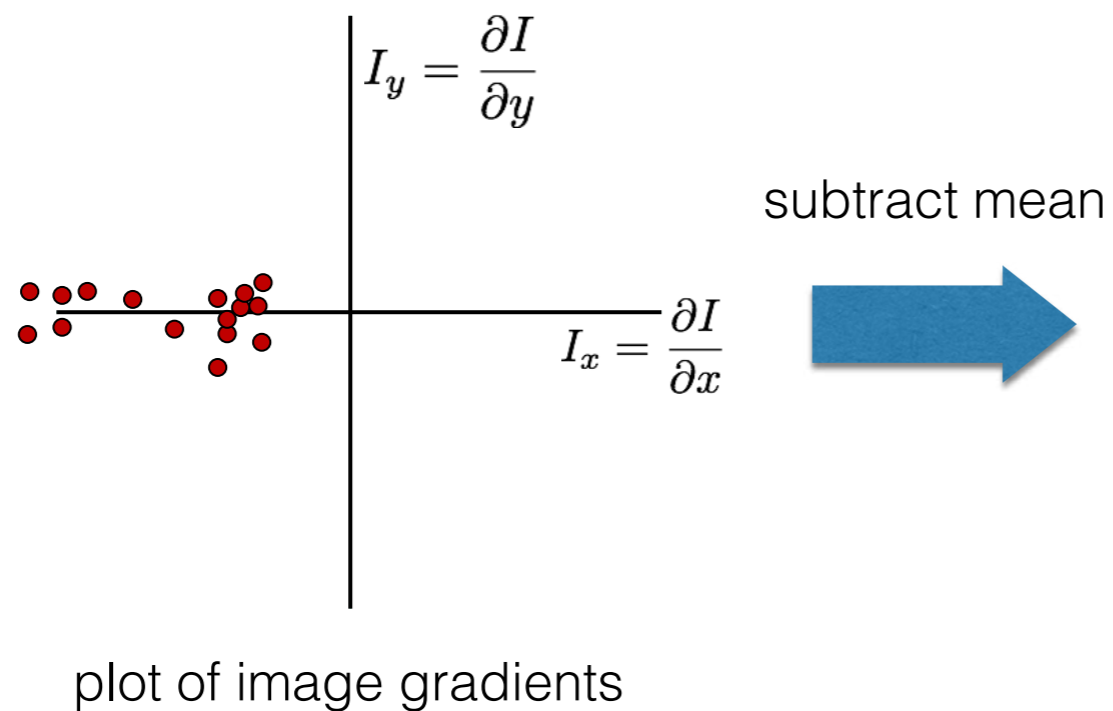
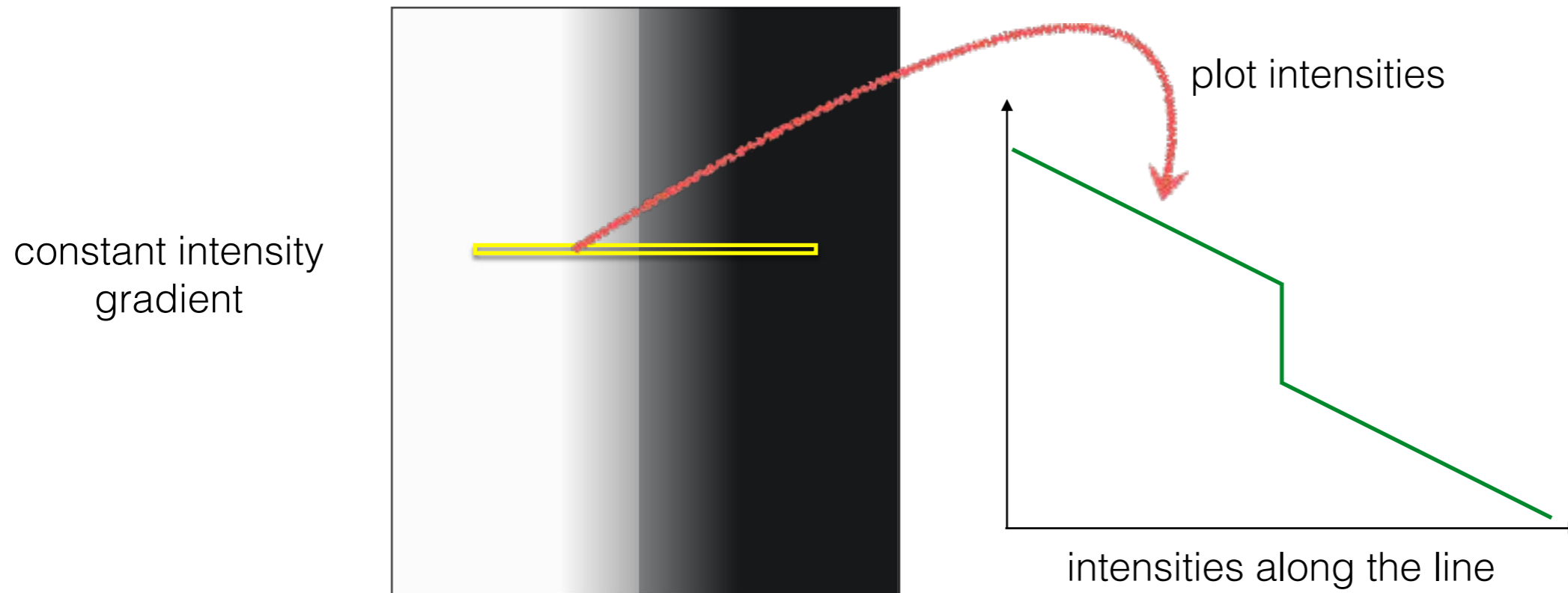
How do you quantify orientation and magnitude?

2. Subtract the mean from each image gradient

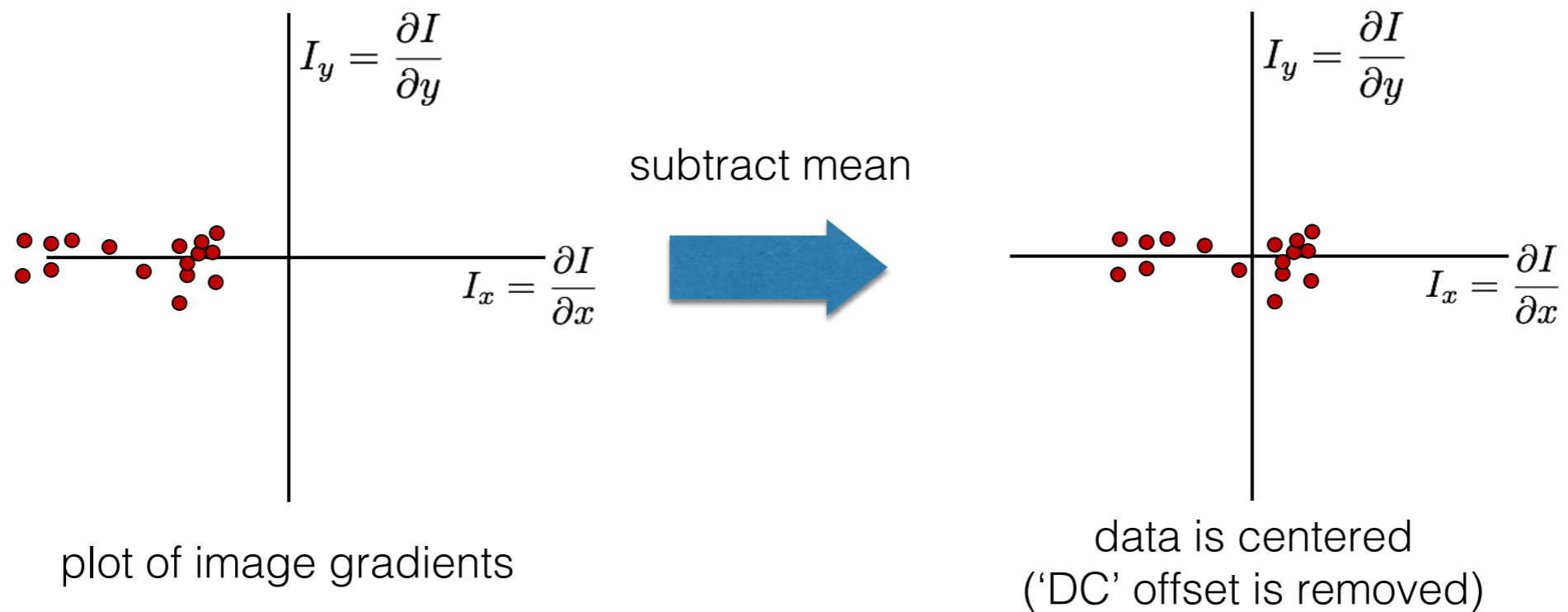
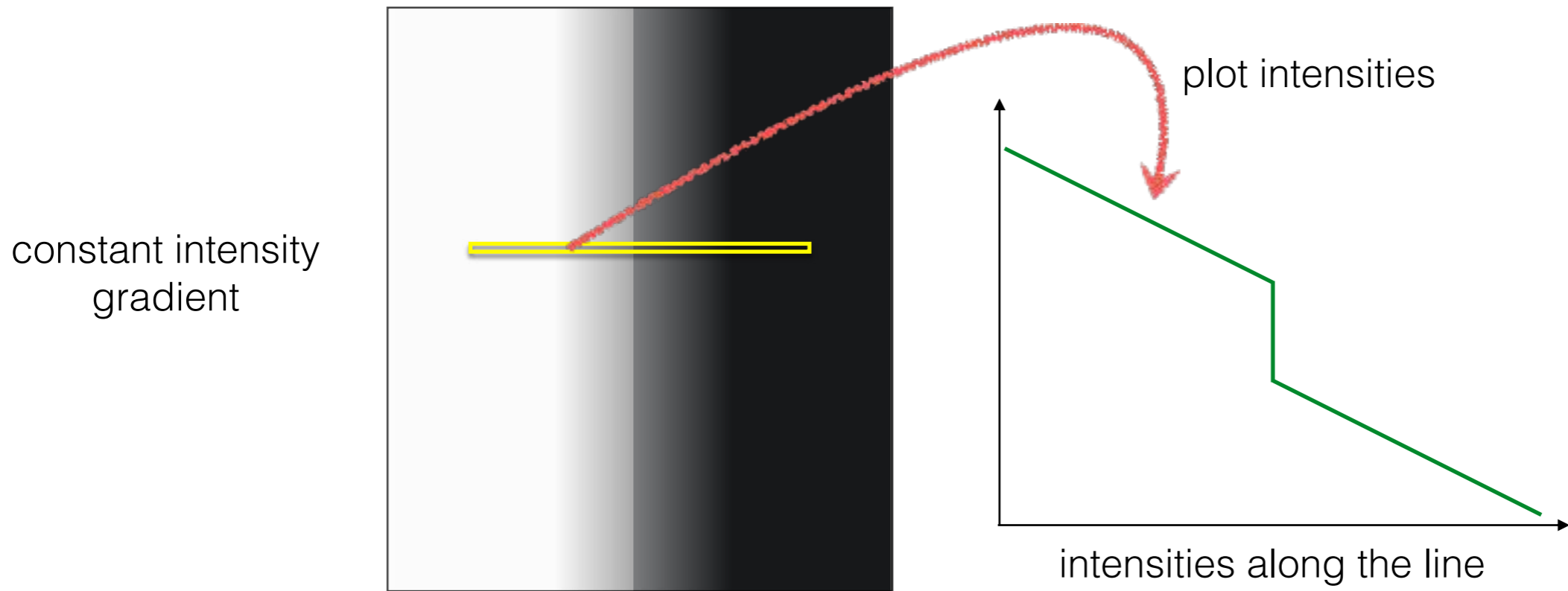
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

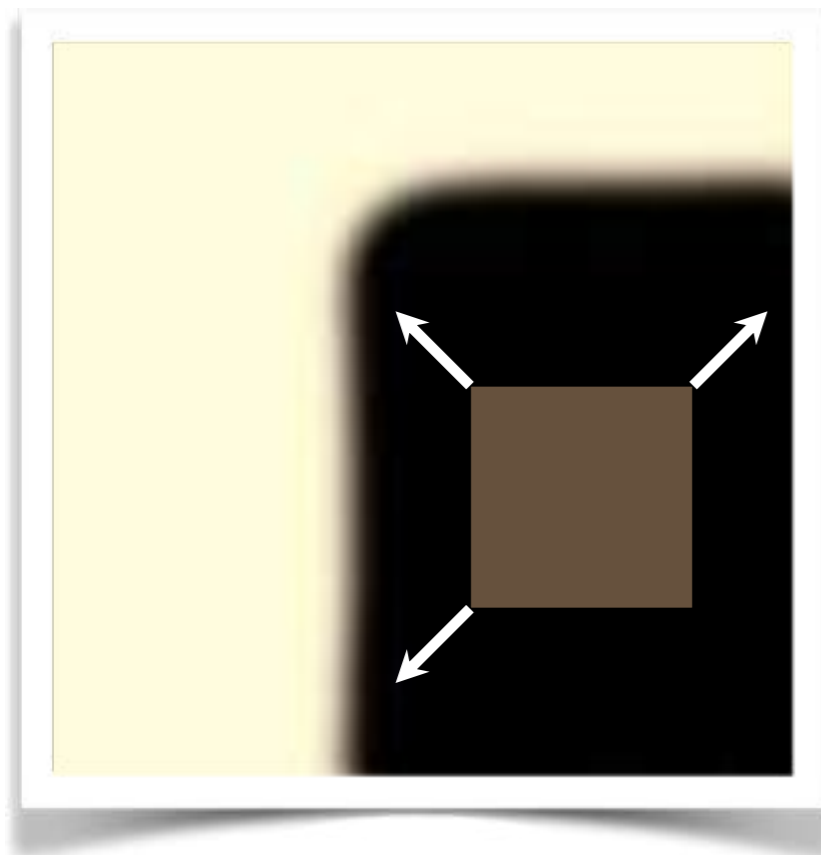
$$\sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y = \text{sum} \left(\begin{array}{c} I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} * \begin{array}{c} I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

array of x gradients array of y gradients

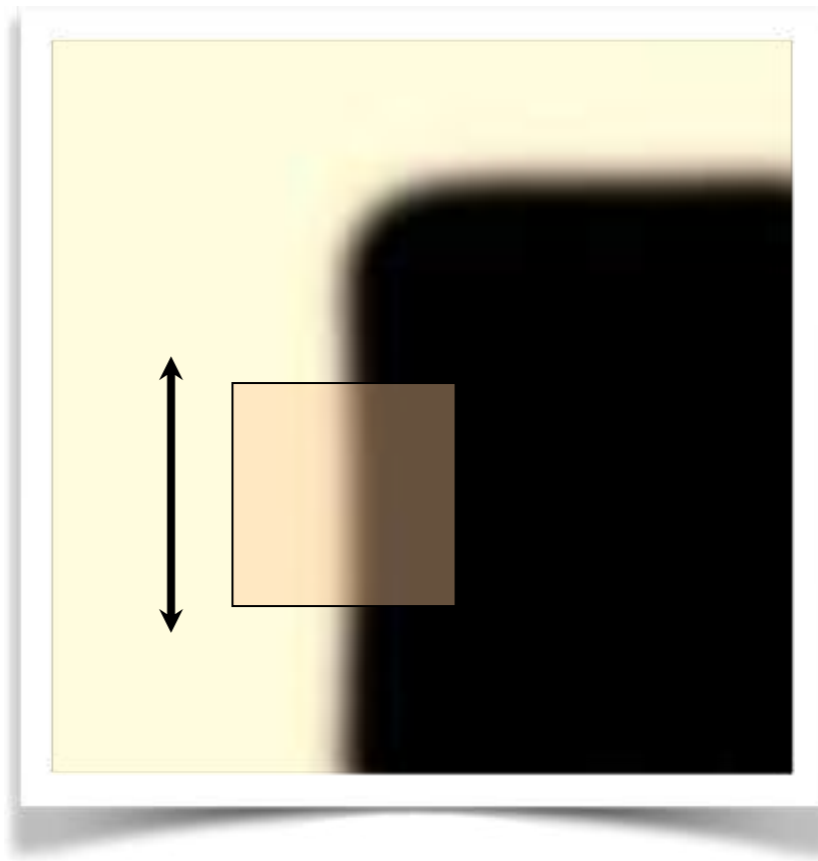
Where does this covariance matrix come from?

Easily recognized by looking through a small window

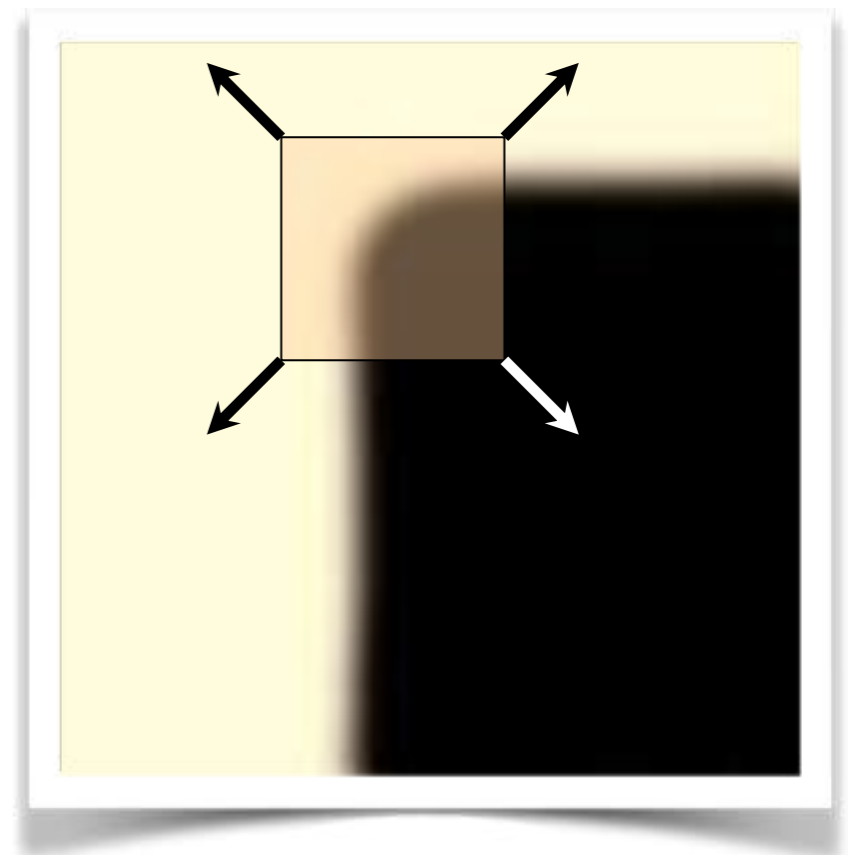
Shifting the window should give large change in intensity



“flat” region:
no change in all
directions



“edge”:
no change along the edge
direction



“corner”:
significant change in all
directions

Some mathematical background...

Error function

Change of intensity for the shift $[u, v]$:

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

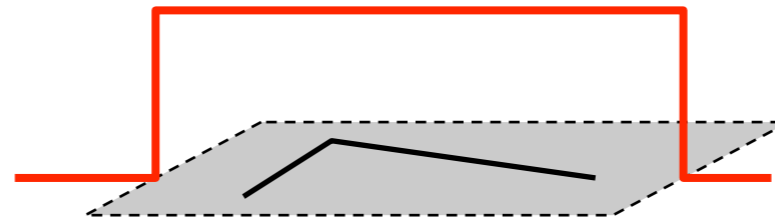
Error
function

Window
function

Shifted
intensity

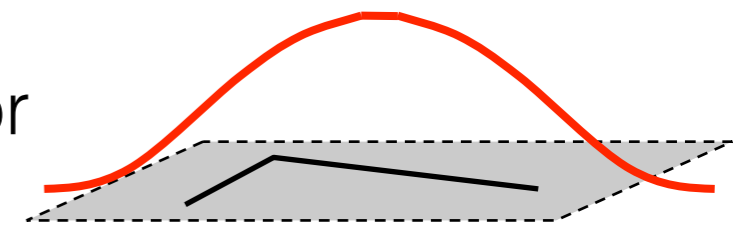
Intensity

Window function $w(x, y) =$



1 in window, 0 outside

or



Gaussian

Error function approximation

Change of intensity for the shift $[u, v]$:

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First-order Taylor expansion of $I(x, y)$ about $(0, 0)$
(bilinear approximation for small shifts)

Bilinear approximation

For small shifts $[u, v]$ we have a 'bilinear approximation':

Change in
appearance for a
shift $[u, v]$

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

where M is a 2×2 matrix computed from image derivatives:

'second moment' matrix
'structure tensor'

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

By computing the gradient covariance matrix...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_x I_y \\ \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_x & \sum_{p \in P} I_y I_y \end{bmatrix}$$

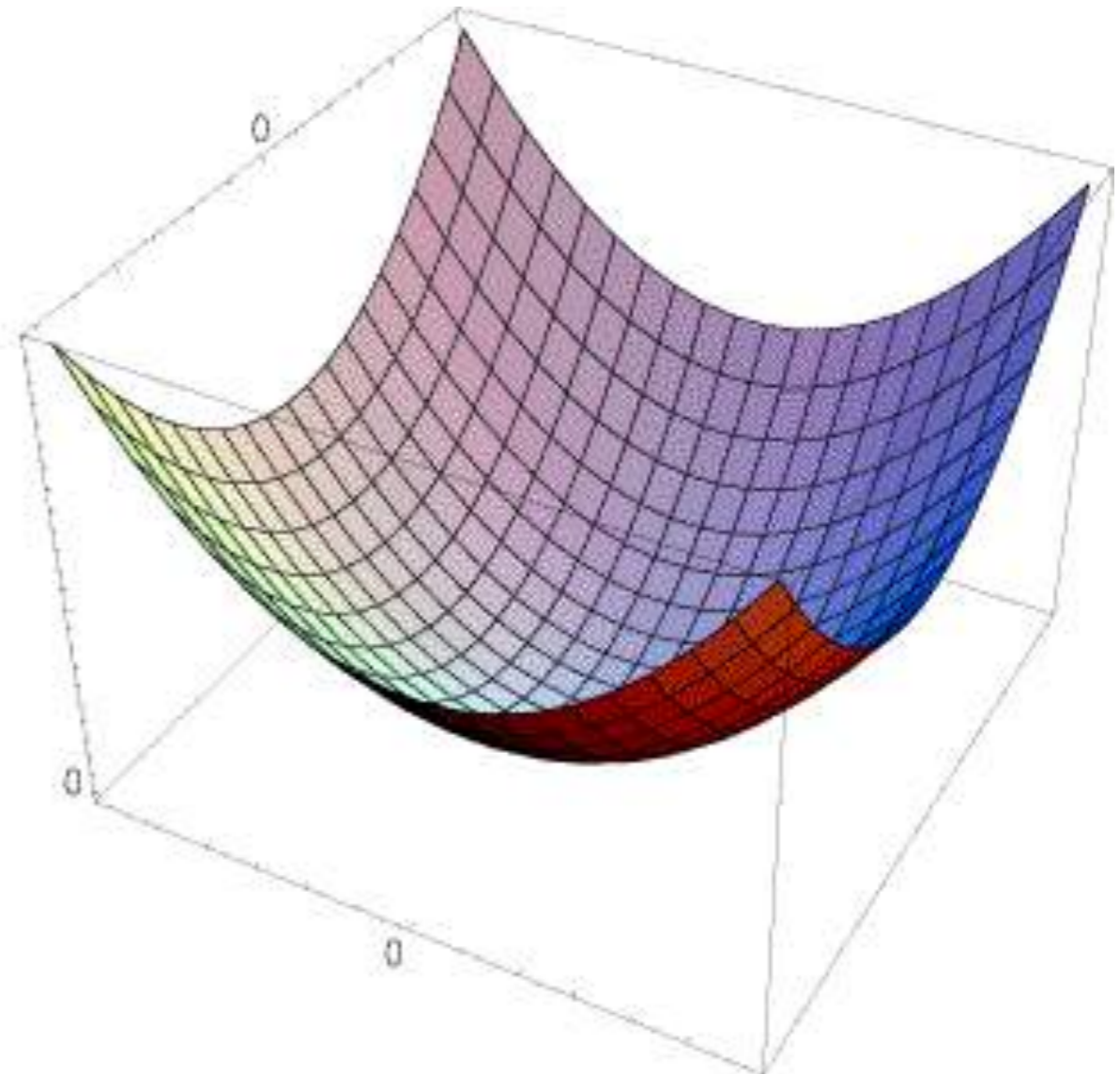
we are fitting a quadratic to the gradients over a small image region

Visualization of a quadratic

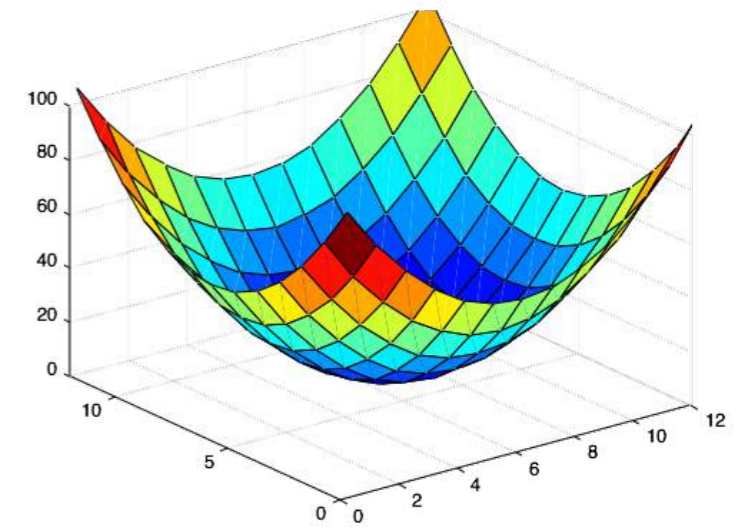
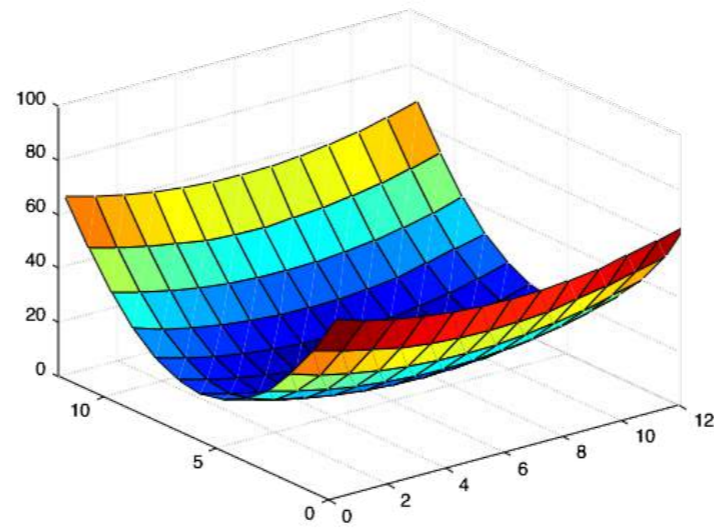
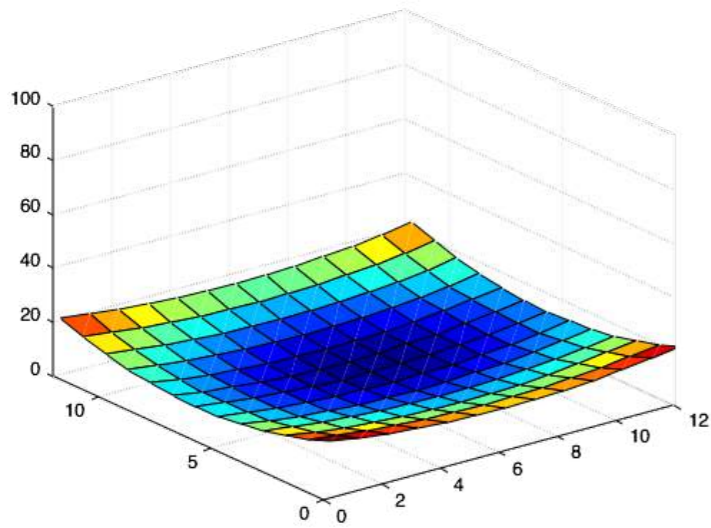
The surface $E(u, v)$ is locally approximated by a quadratic form

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

$$M = \sum \begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

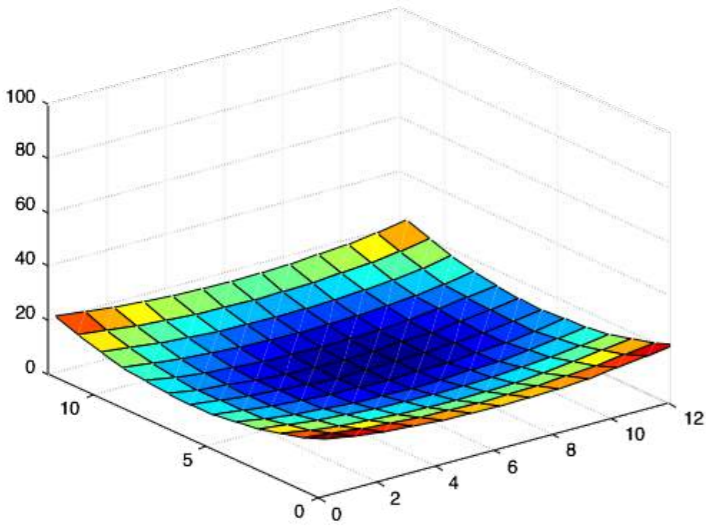


Which error surface indicates a good image feature?

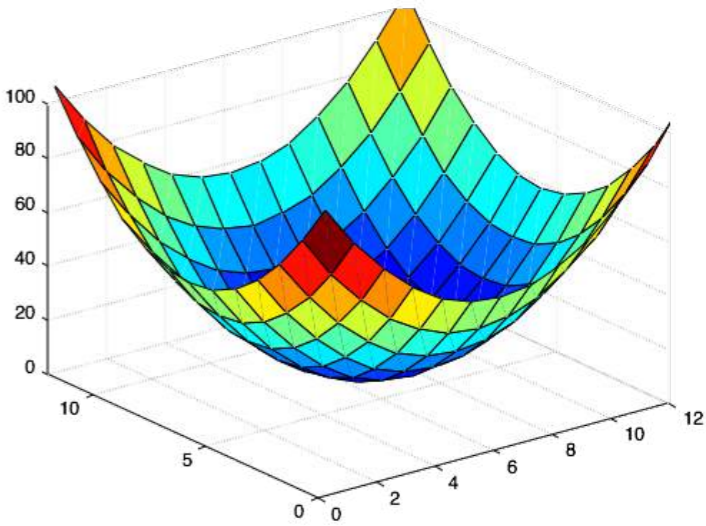
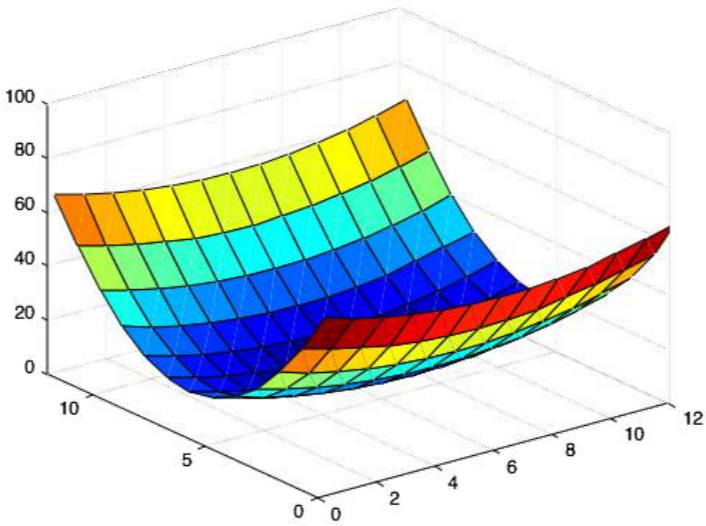


What kind of image patch do these surfaces represent?

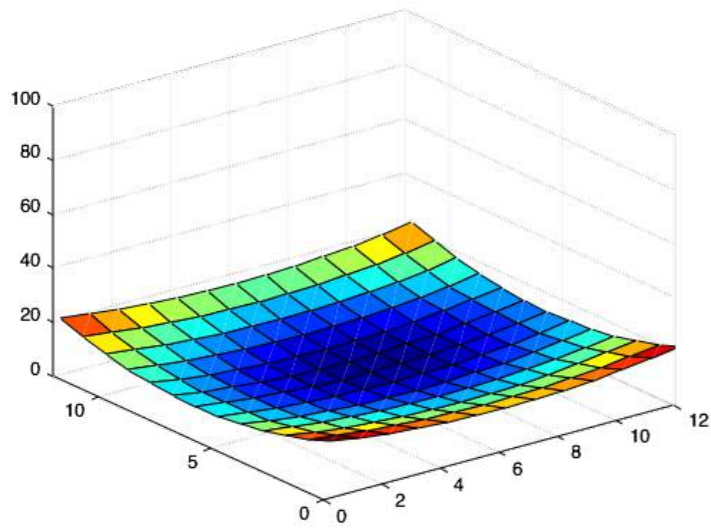
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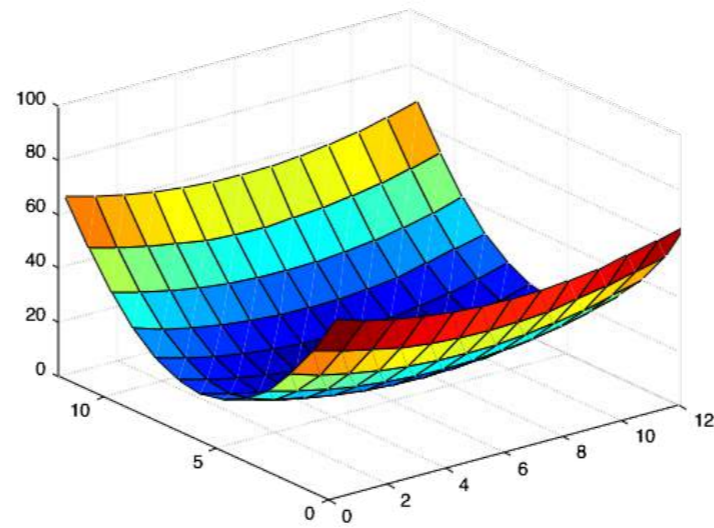
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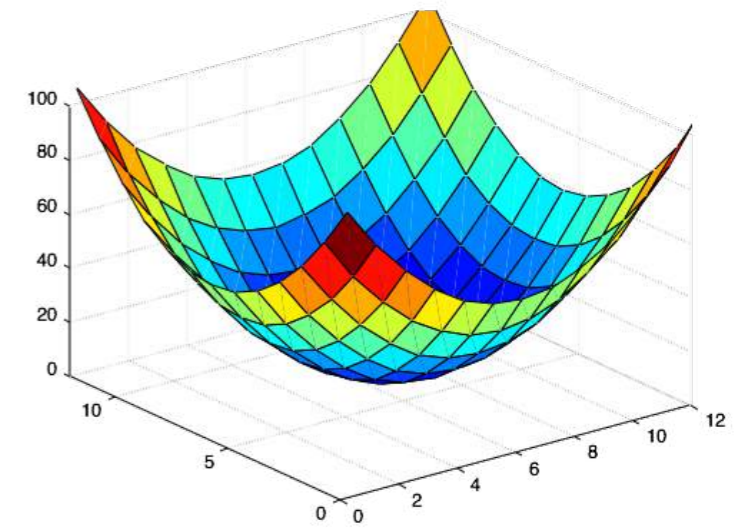
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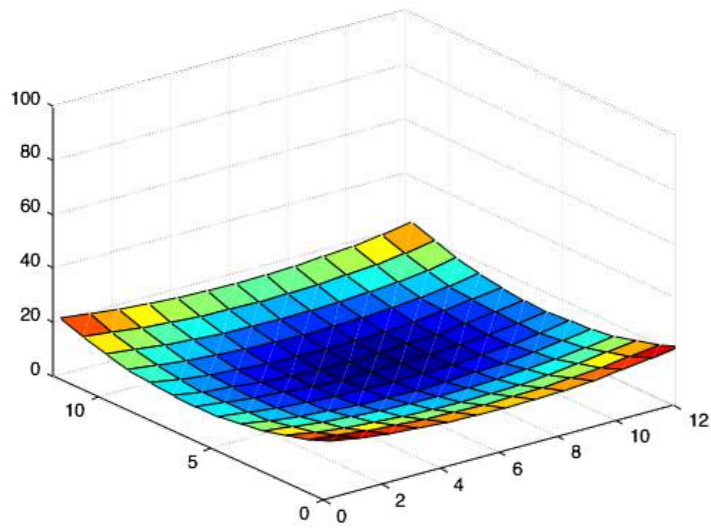
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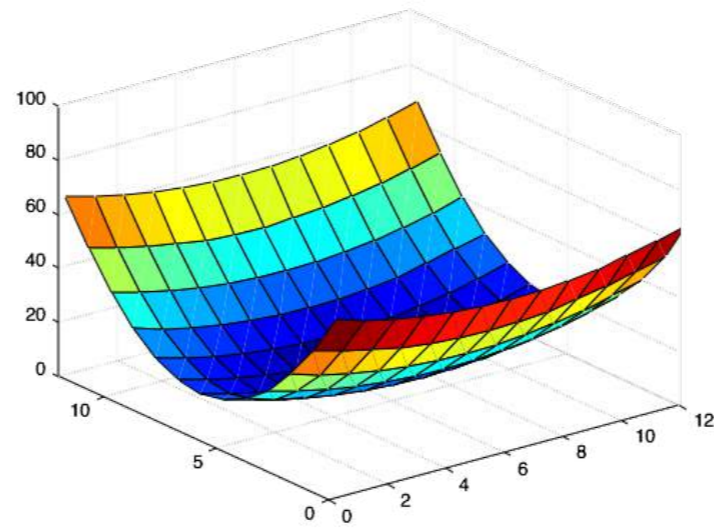
edge
'line'



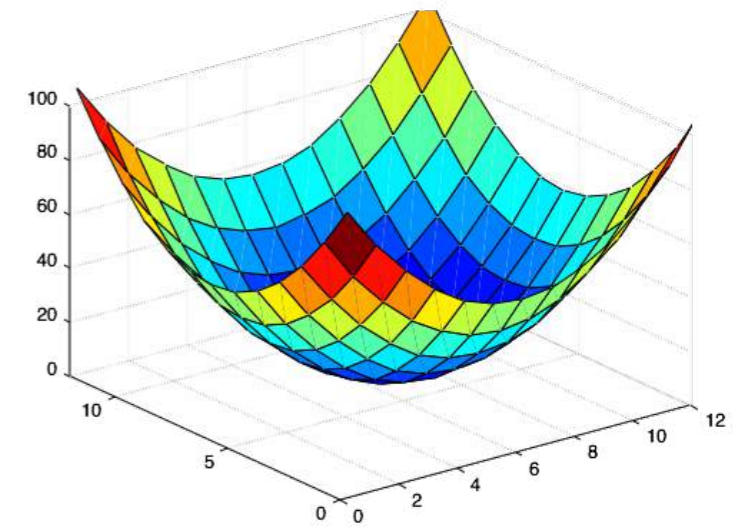
Which error surface indicates a good image feature?



flat



edge
'line'



corner
'dot'

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eigenvalue

$$M\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}$$

eigenvector

$$(M - \lambda I)\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$

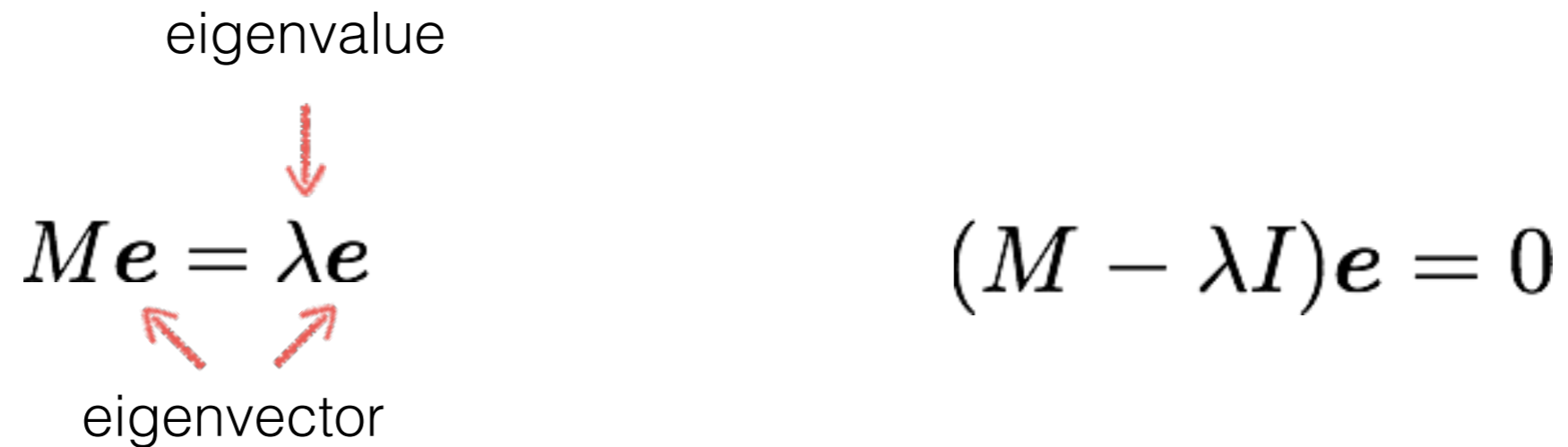
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3. For each eigenvalue, solve
(returns eigenvectors)

$$(M - \lambda I)\mathbf{e} = 0$$

$\text{eig}(M)$

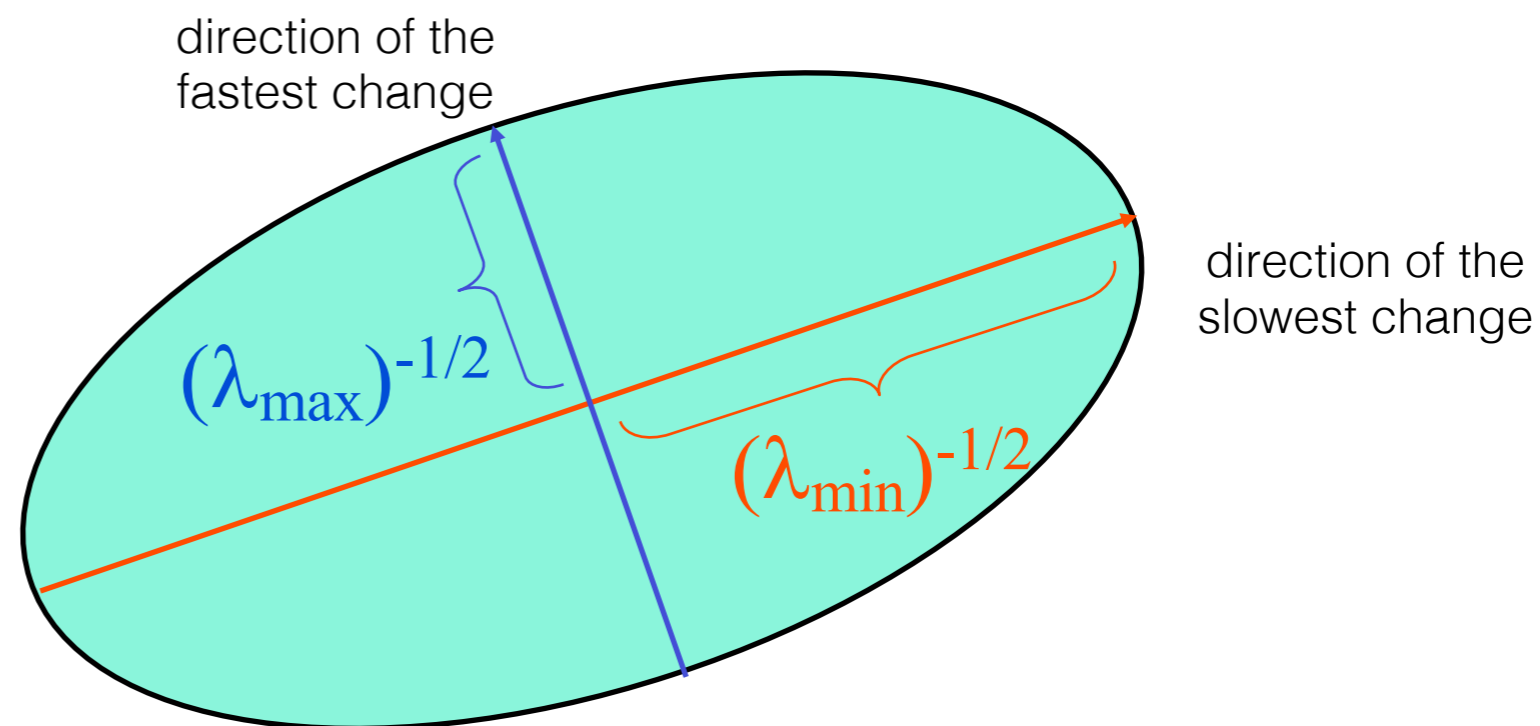
Visualization as an ellipse

Since M is symmetric, we have
$$M = R^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} R$$

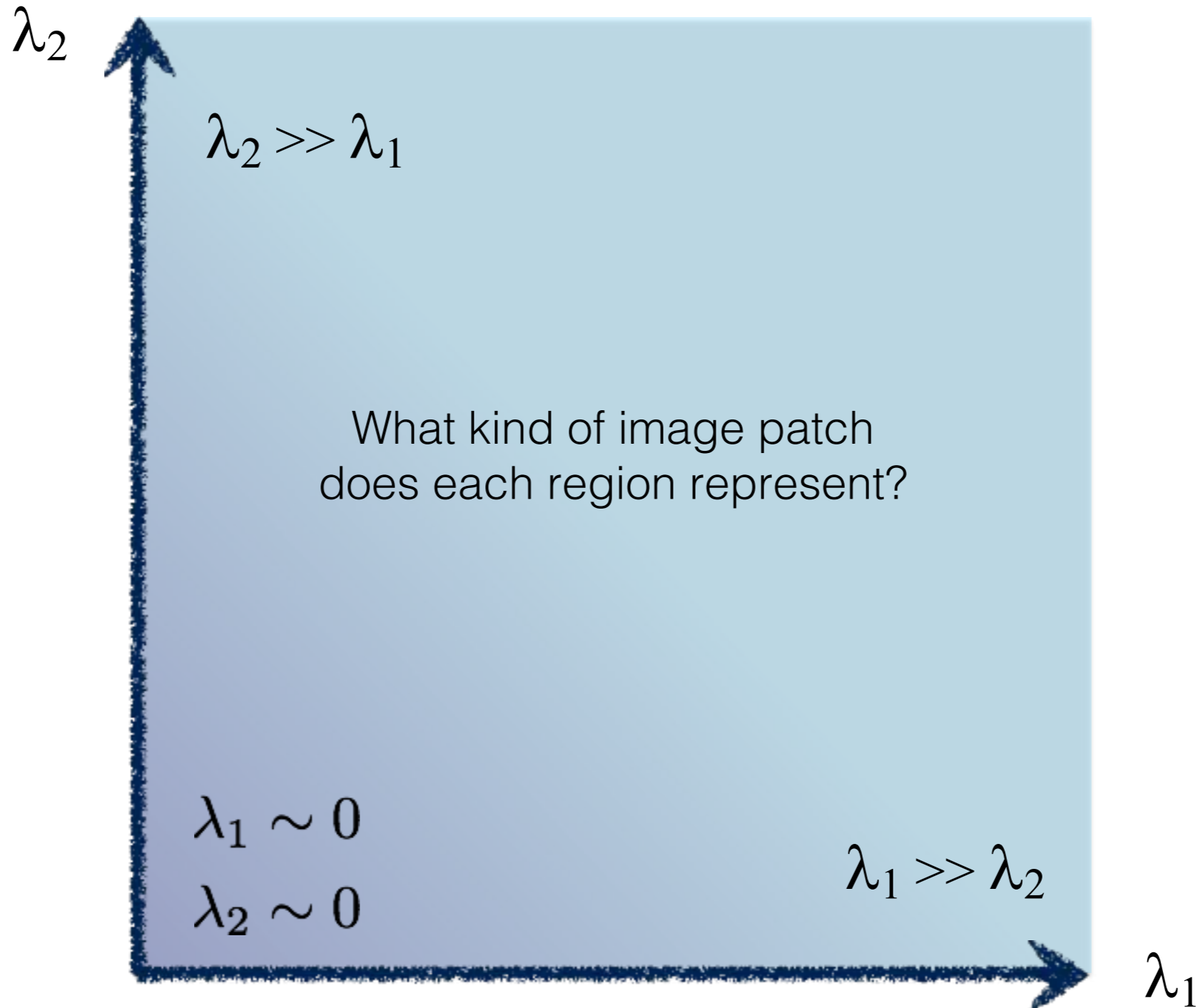
We can visualize M as an ellipse with axis lengths determined by the eigenvalues and orientation determined by R

Ellipse equation:

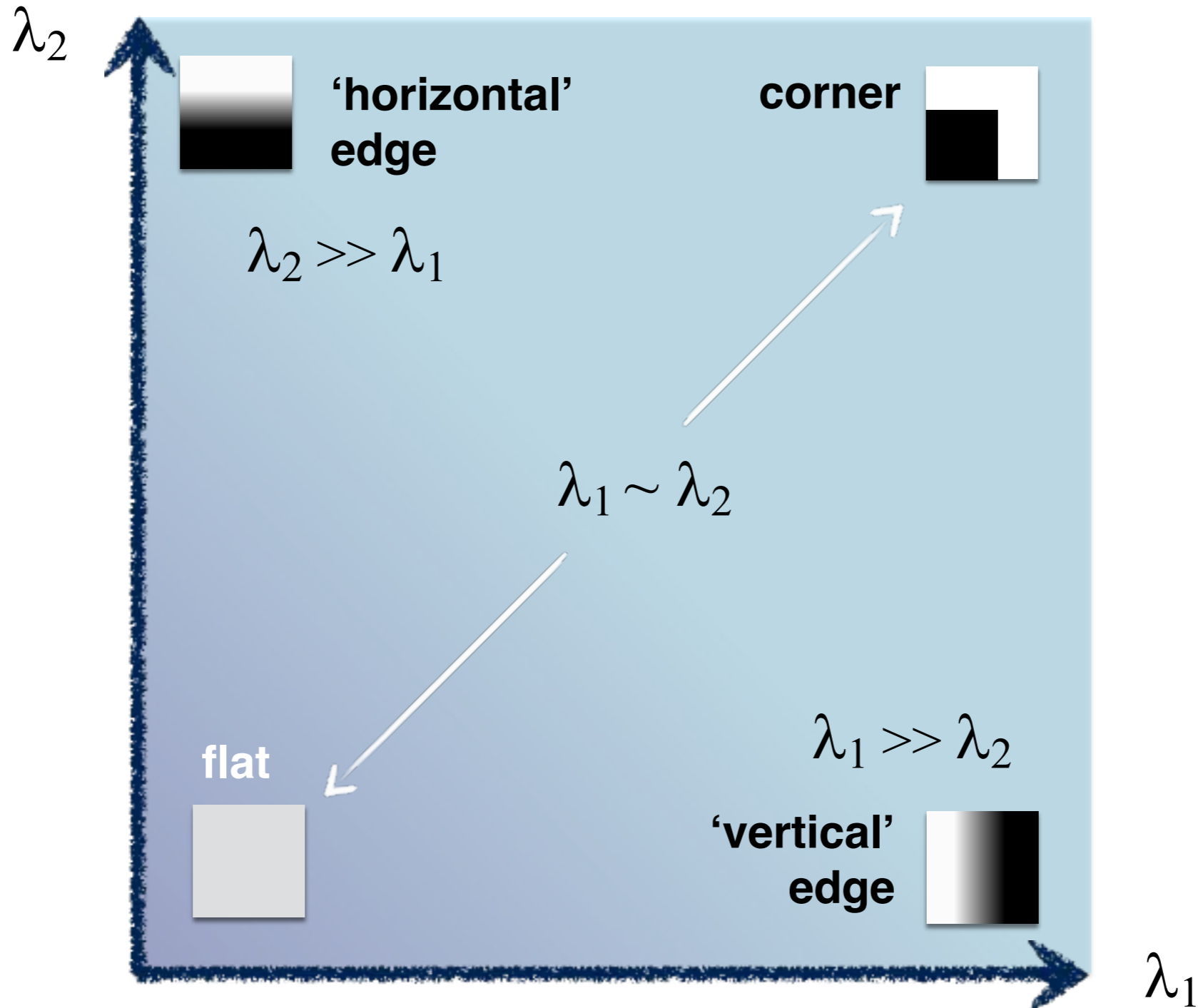
$$[u \ v] M \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \text{const}$$



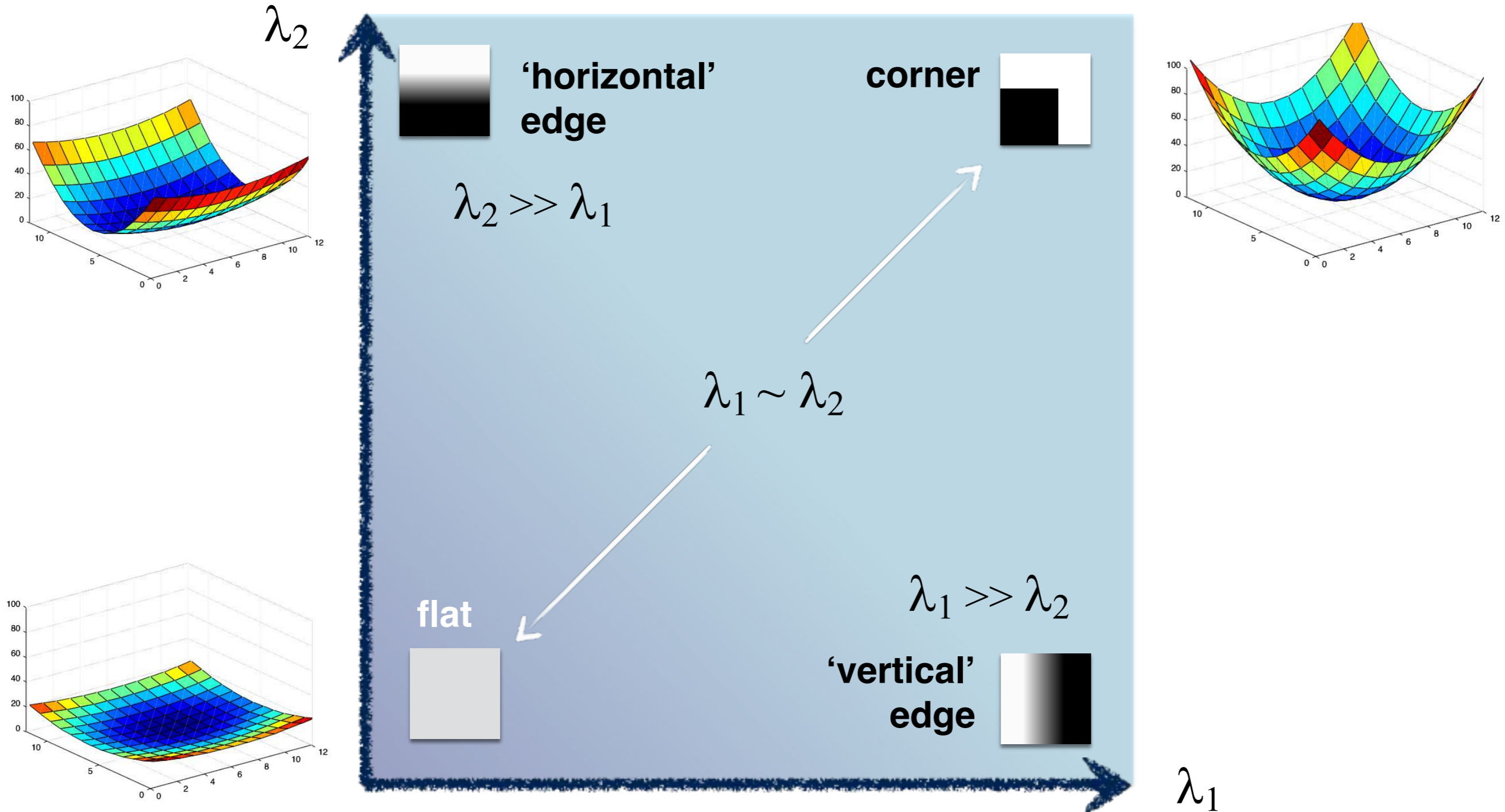
interpreting eigenvalues



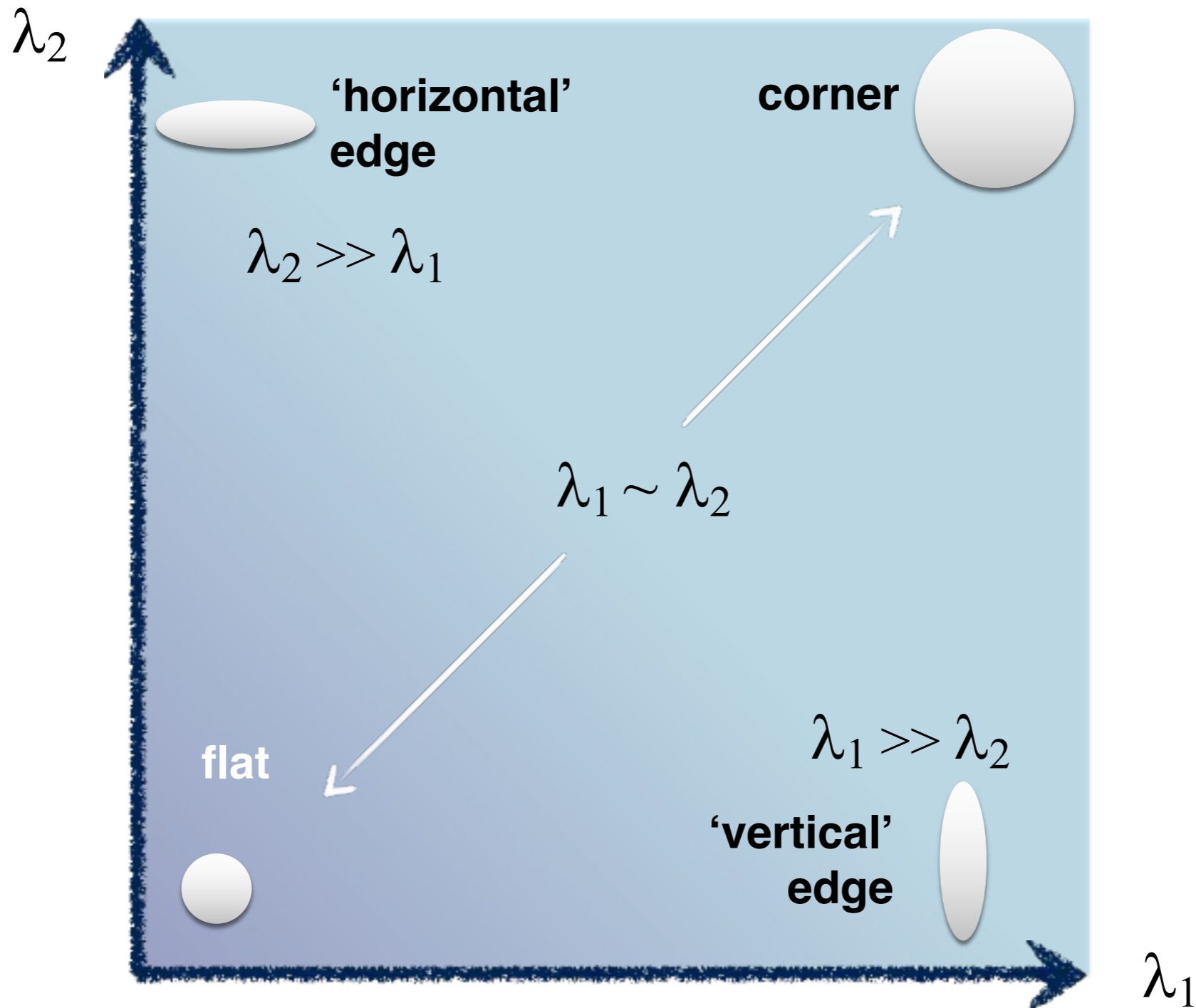
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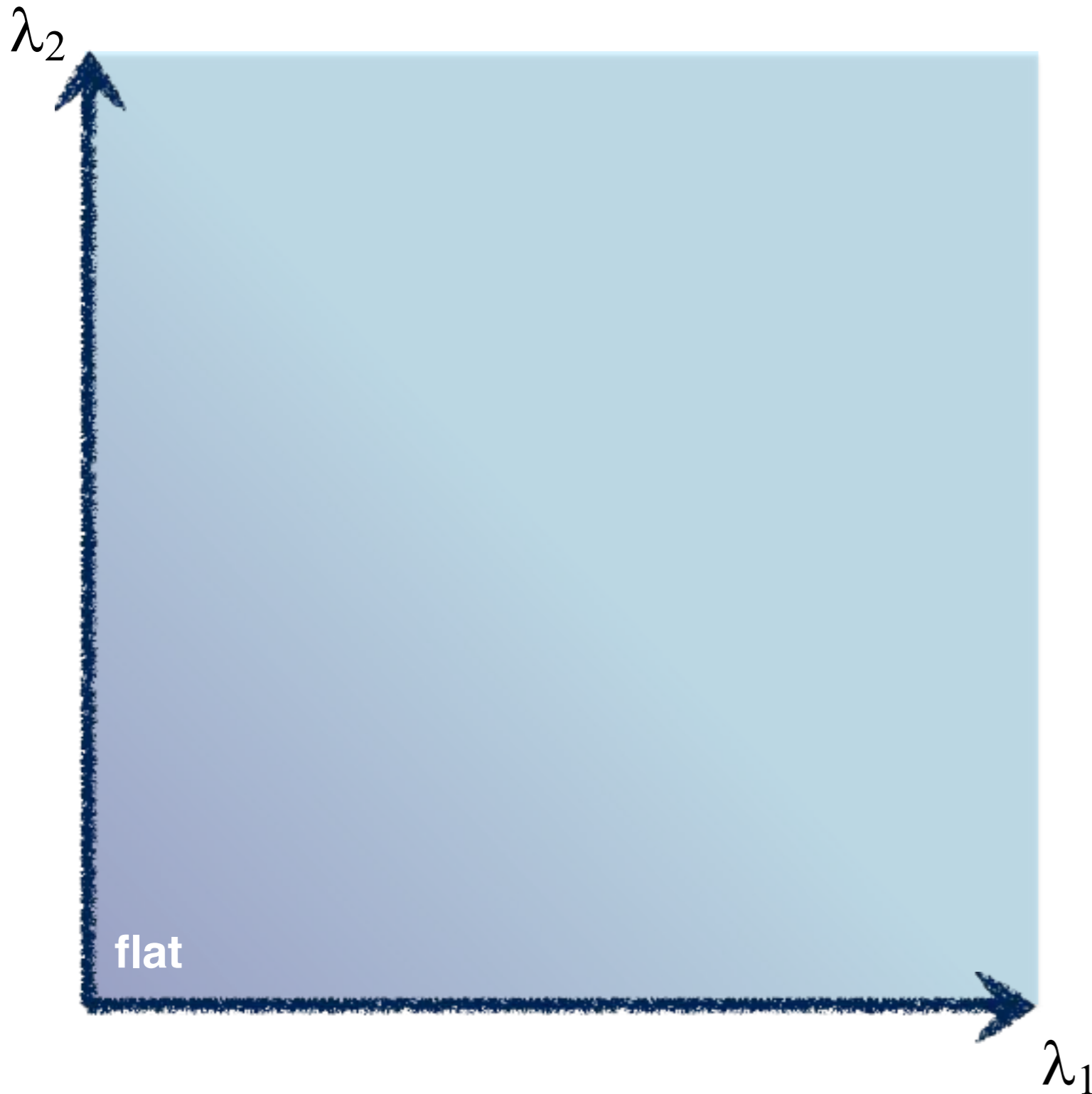


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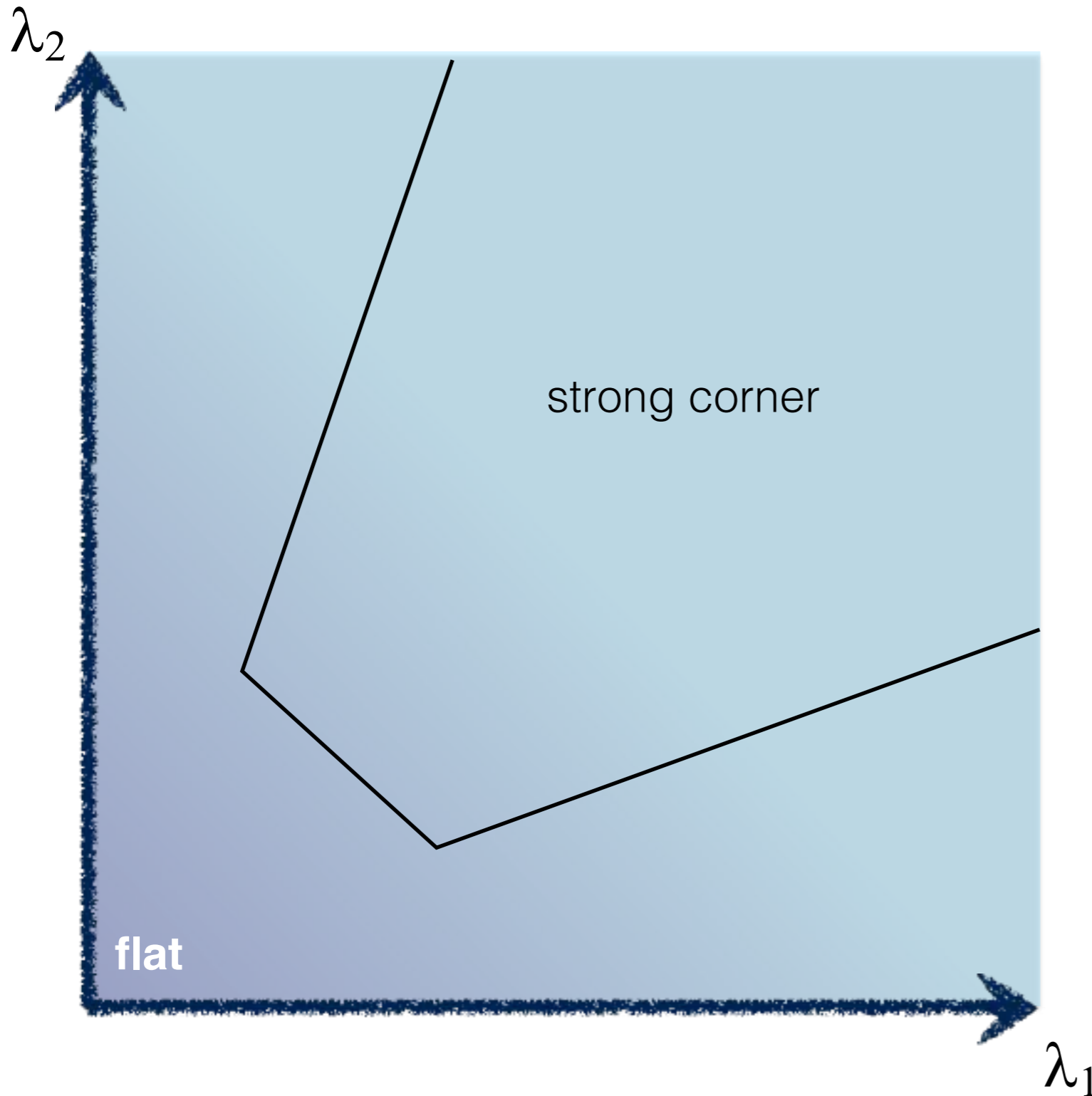
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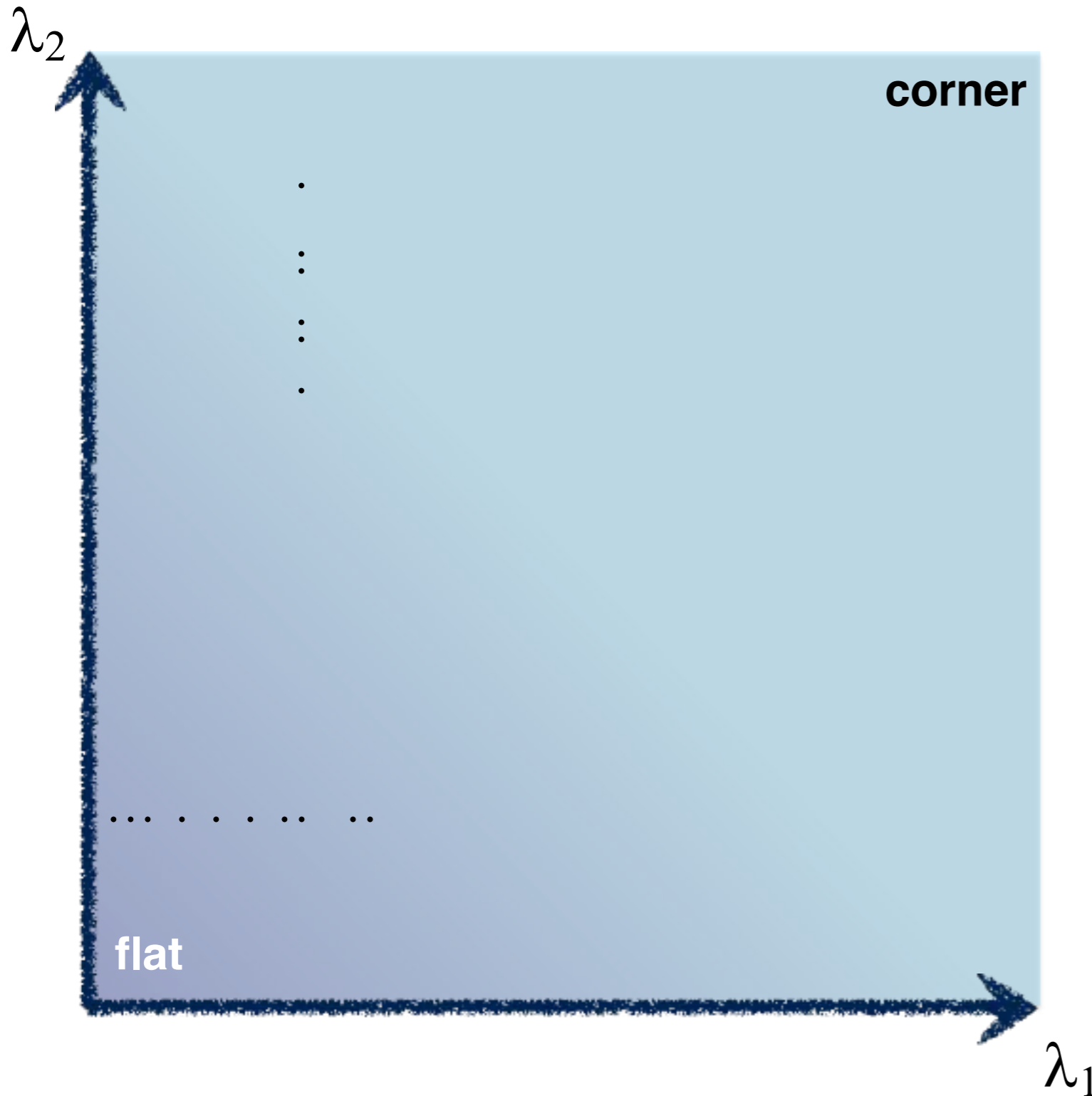
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$\hat{\lambda}$
(a function of)

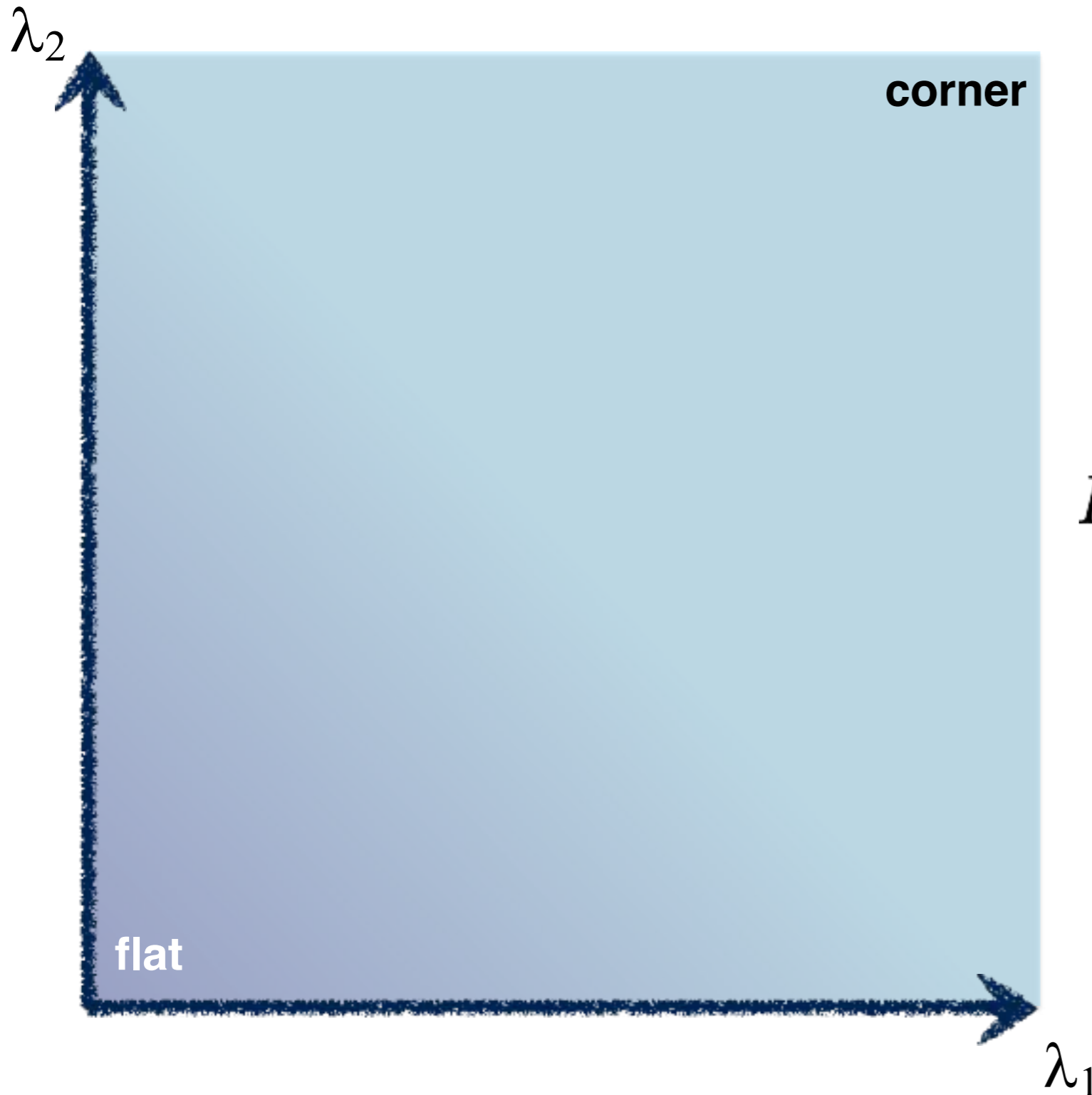


Use the smallest eigenvalue
as the response function

$$R = \min(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

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$\hat{\kappa}$
(a function of)



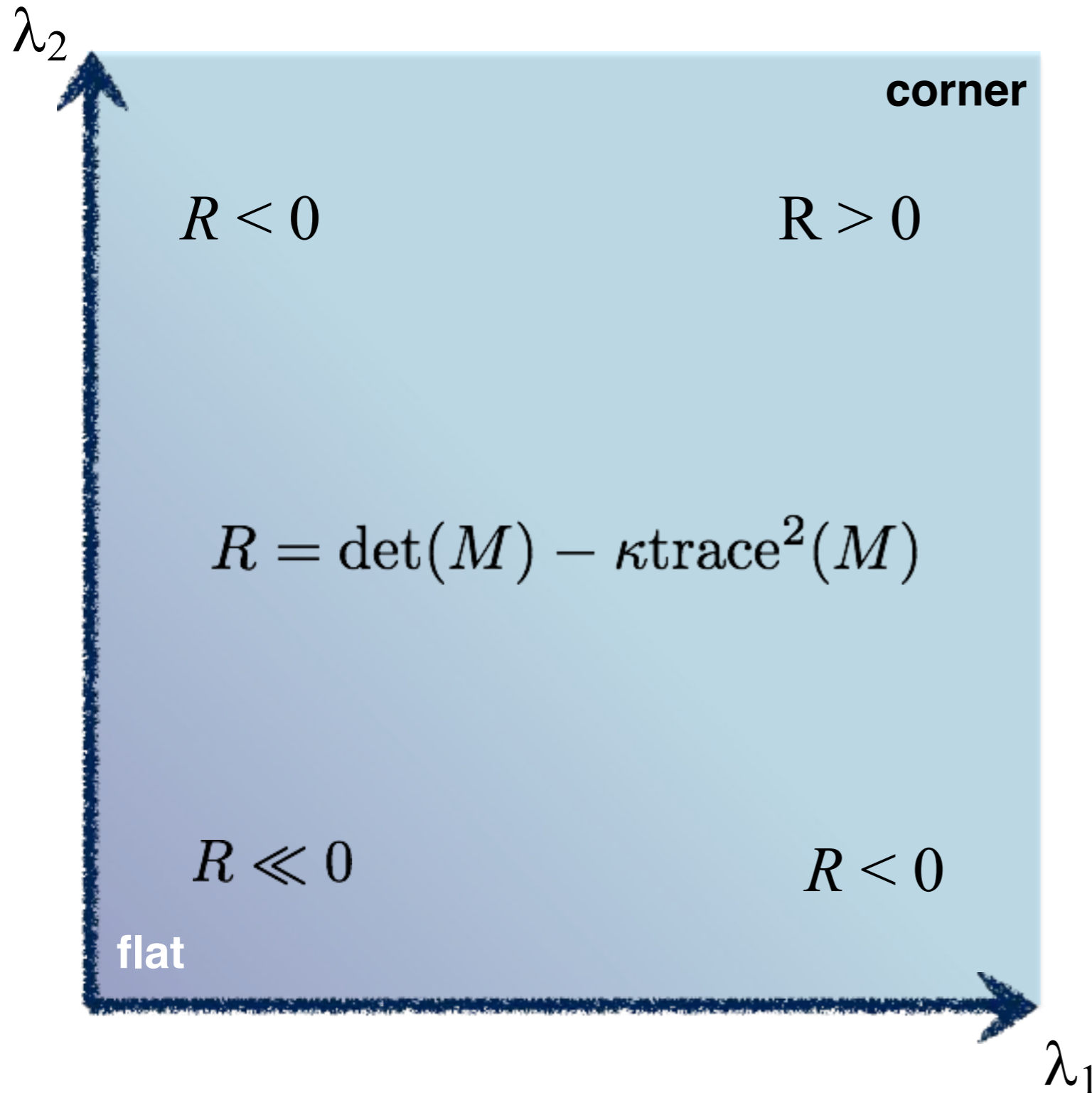
Eigenvalues need to be bigger than one.

$$R = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \kappa (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2$$

Can compute this more efficiently...

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

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\text{trace} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a + d$$

Harris & Stephens (1988)

$$R = \det(M) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(M)$$

Kanade & Tomasi (1994)

$$R = \min(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

Nobel (1998)

$$R = \frac{\det(M)}{\text{trace}(M) + \epsilon}$$

Harris Detector

C.Harris and M.Stephens. "A Combined Corner and Edge Detector." 1988.

1. Compute x and y derivatives of image

$$I_x = G_\sigma^x * I \quad I_y = G_\sigma^y * I$$

2. Compute products of derivatives at every pixel

$$I_{x^2} = I_x \cdot I_x \quad I_{y^2} = I_y \cdot I_y \quad I_{xy} = I_x \cdot I_y$$

3. Compute the sums of the products of derivatives at each pixel

$$S_{x^2} = G_{\sigma'} * I_{x^2} \quad S_{y^2} = G_{\sigma'} * I_{y^2} \quad S_{xy} = G_{\sigma'} * I_{xy}$$

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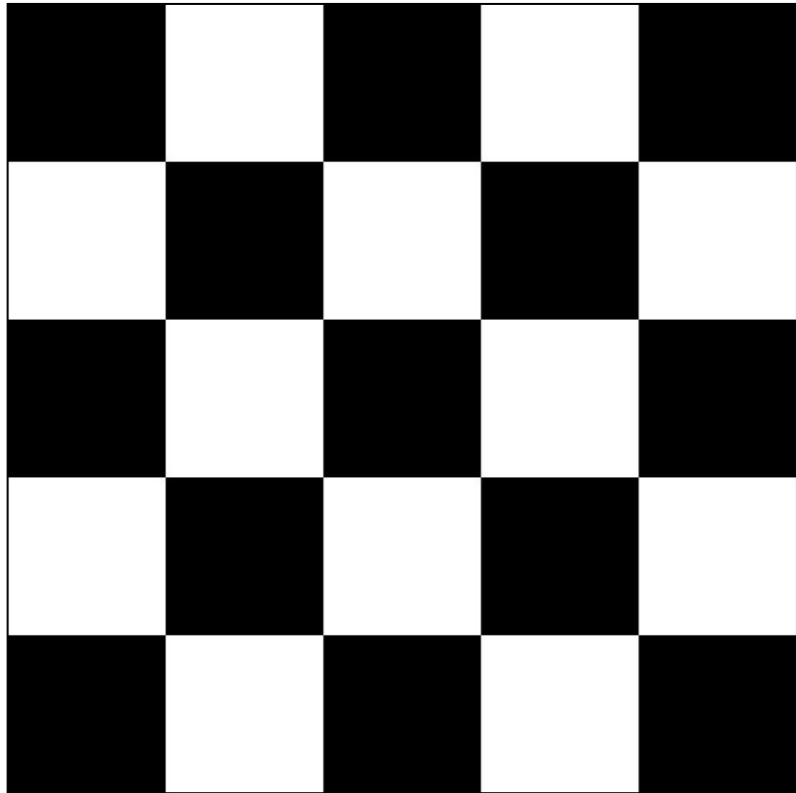
4. Define the matrix at each pixel

$$M(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{x^2}(x, y) & S_{xy}(x, y) \\ S_{xy}(x, y) & S_{y^2}(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

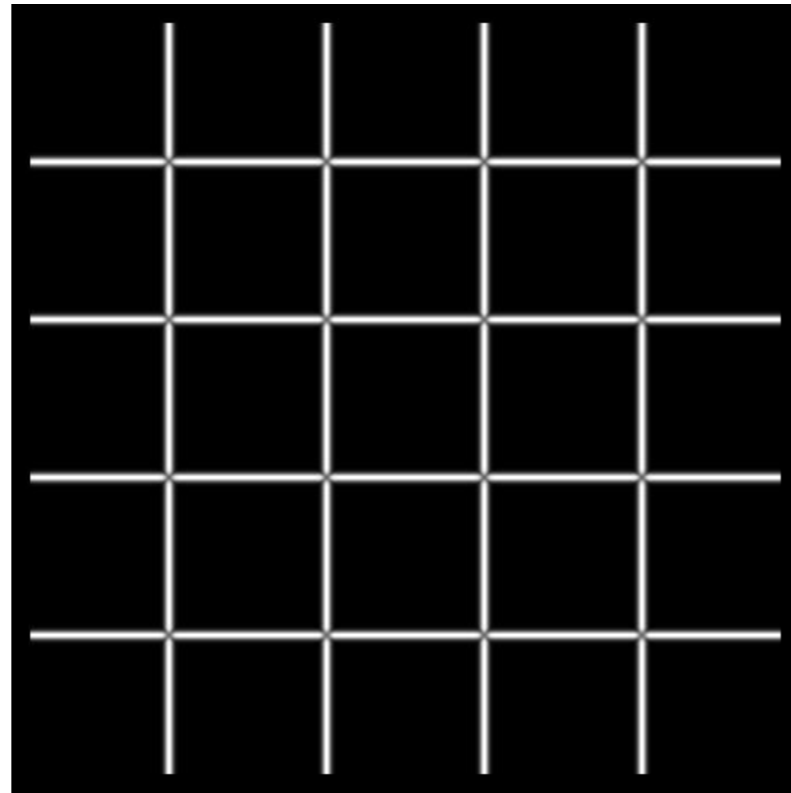
5. Compute the response of the detector at each pixel

$$R = \det M - k(\text{trace}M)^2$$

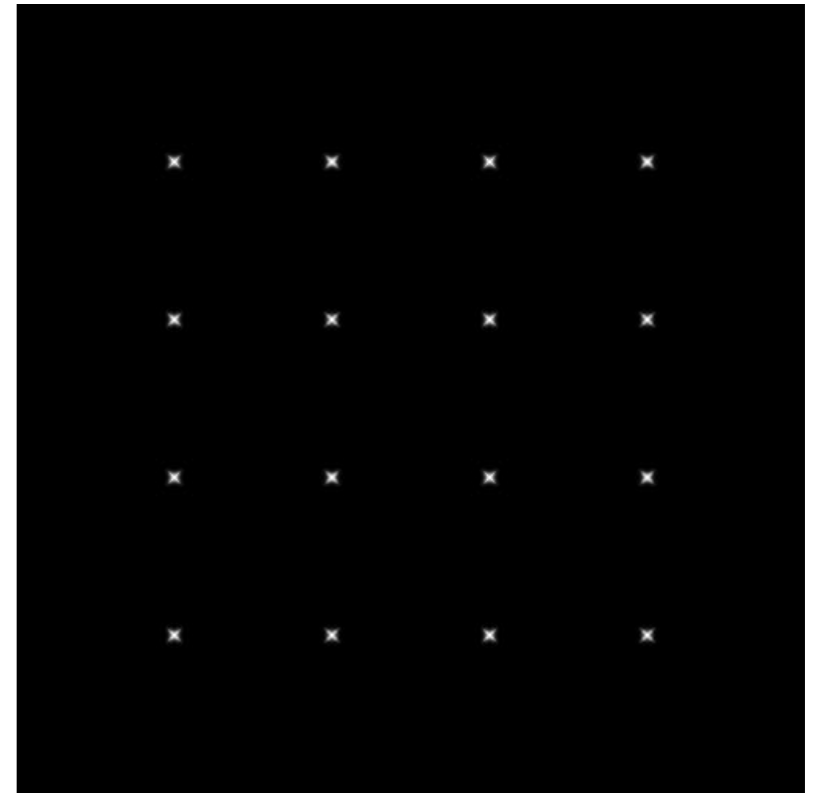
6. Threshold on value of R; compute non-max suppression.



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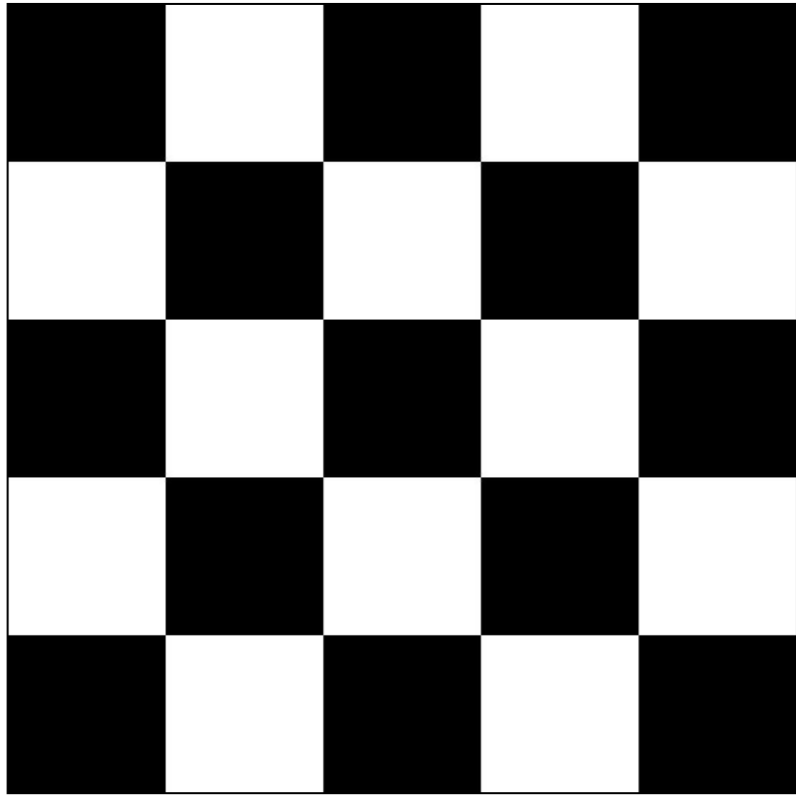
λ_{\max}



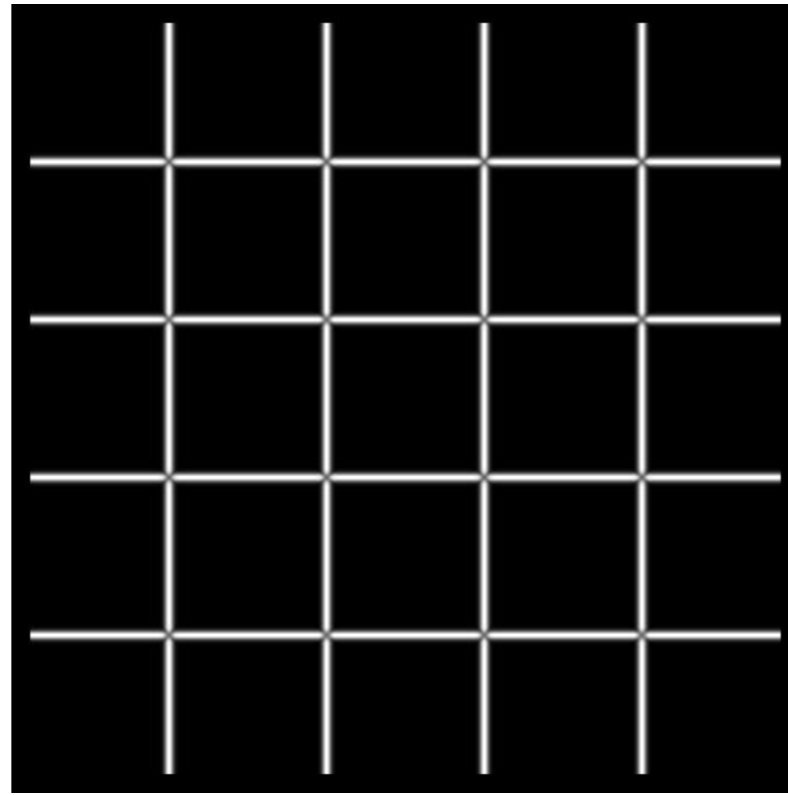
λ_{\min}

Yet another option: $f = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$

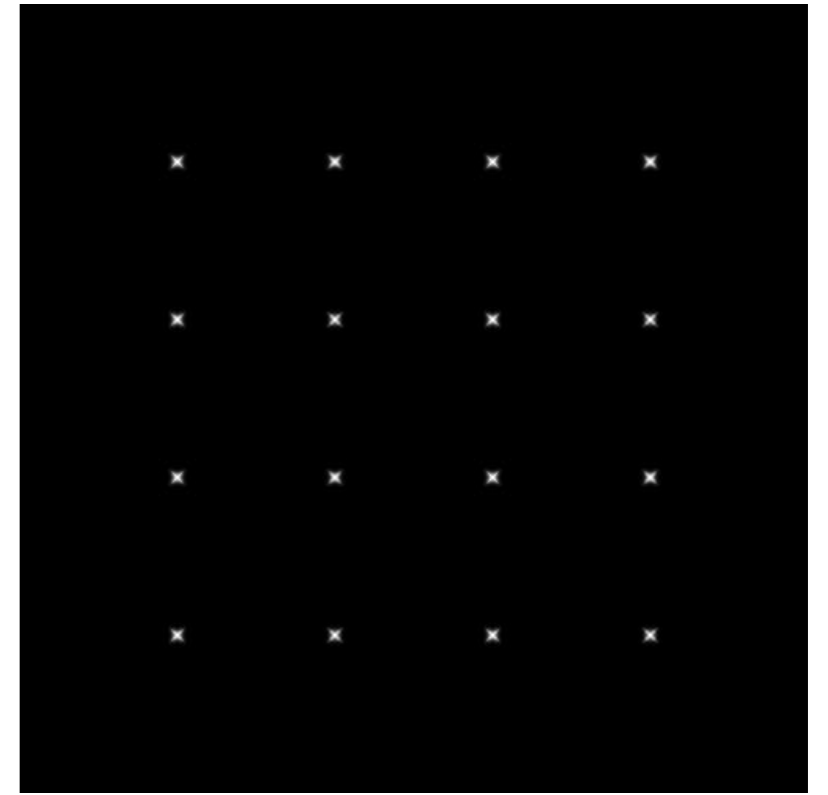
How do you write this equivalently using determinant and trace?



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λ_{\max}

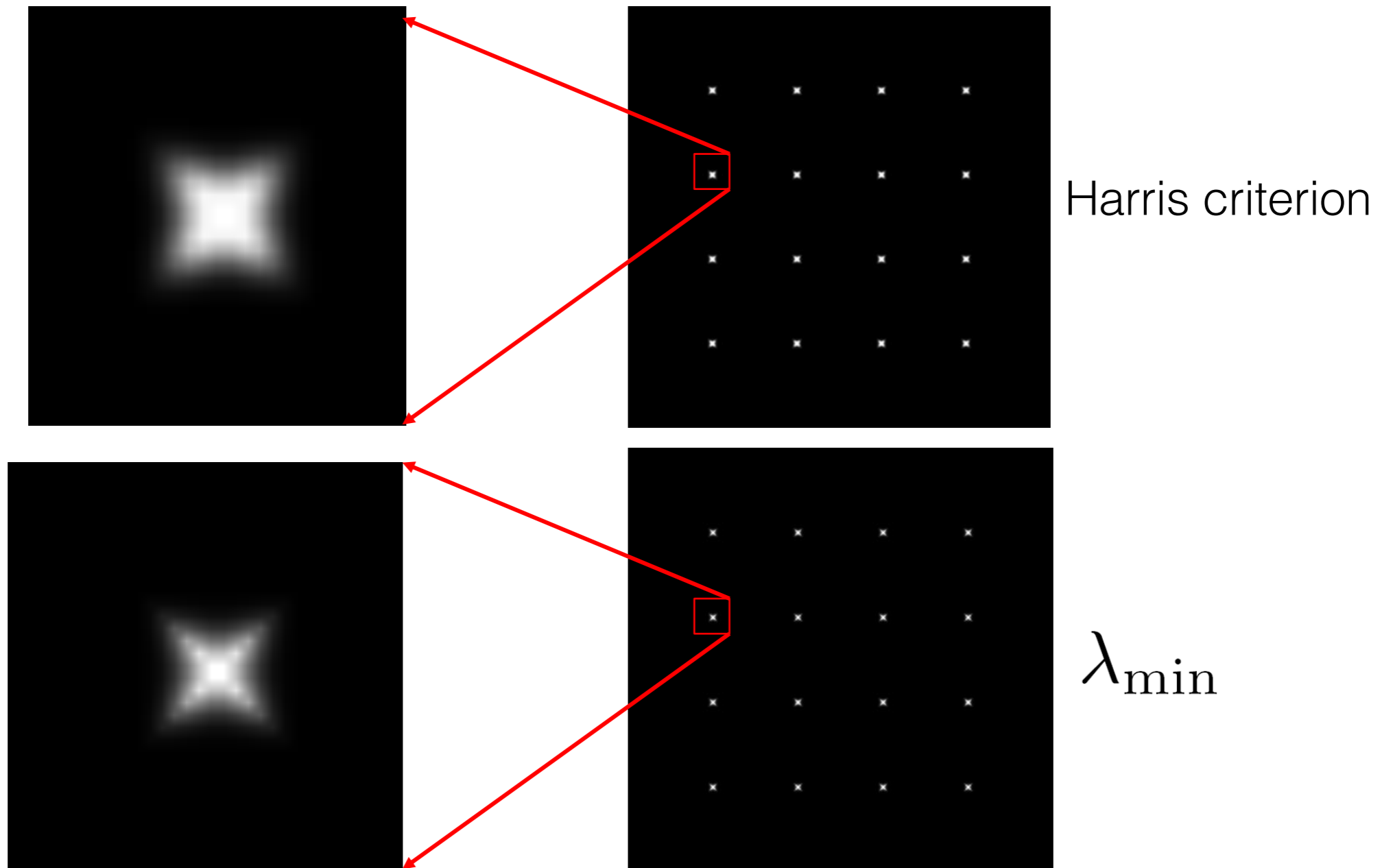


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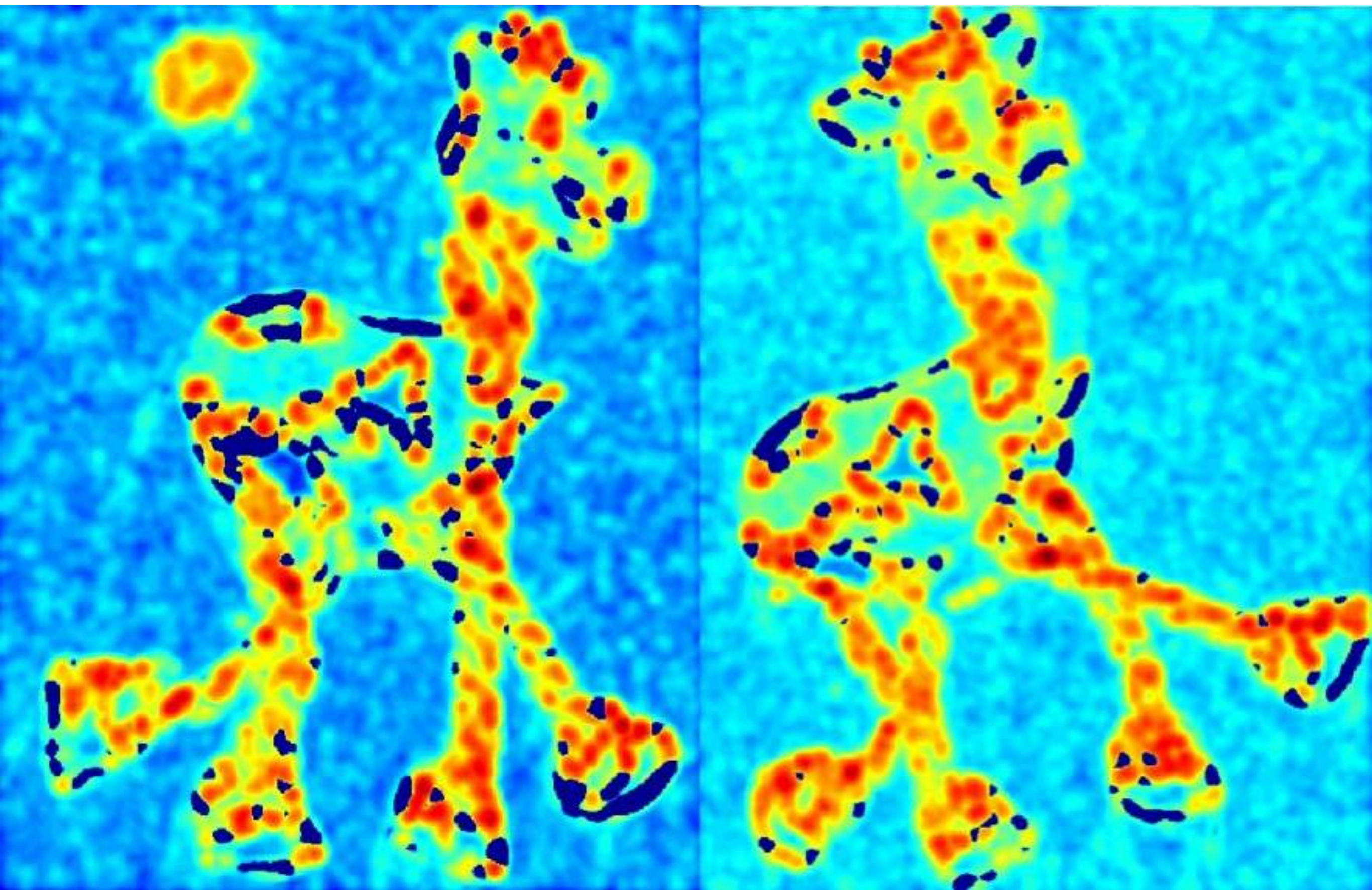
$$f = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} = \frac{\text{determinant}(H)}{\text{trace}(H)}$$

Different criteria



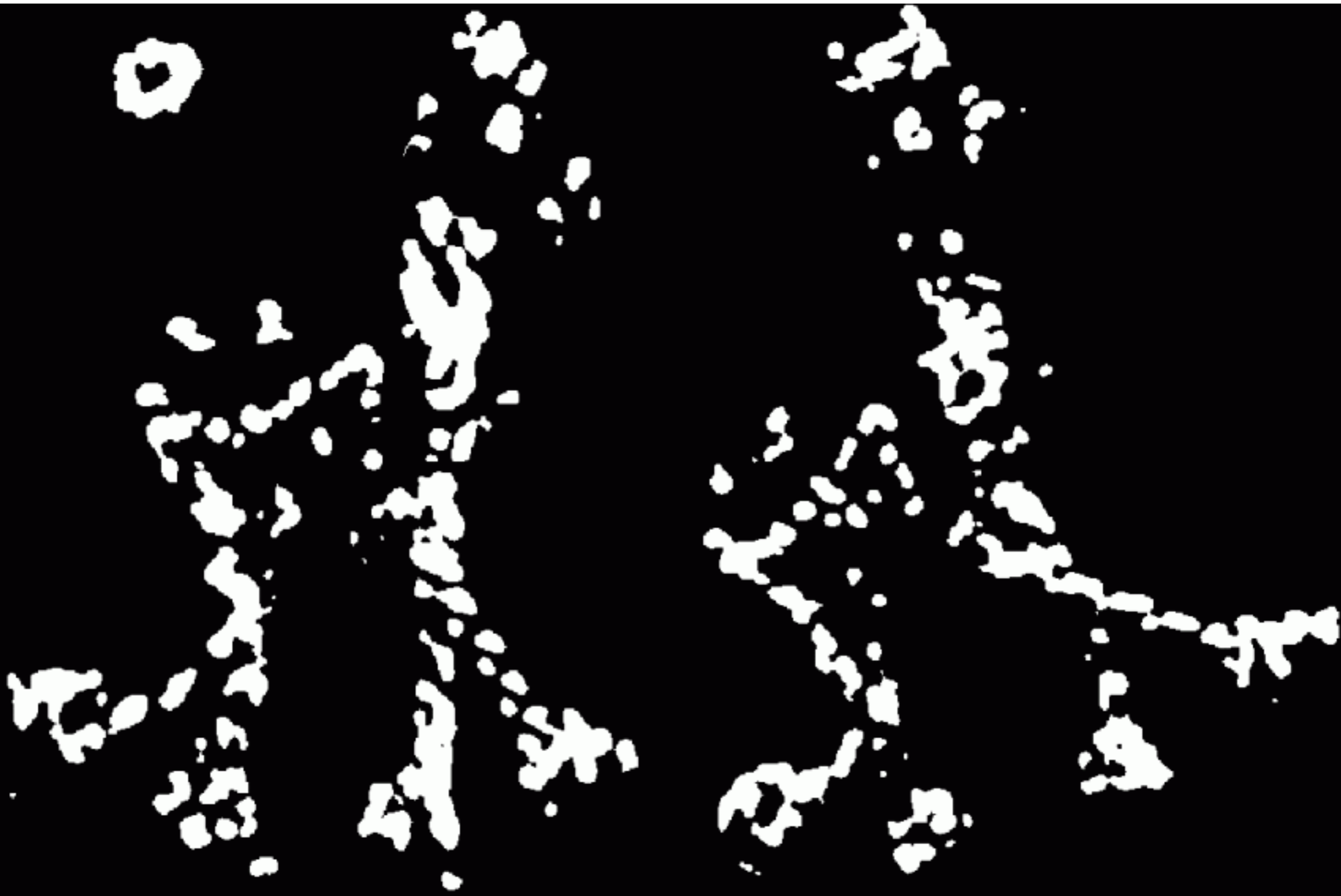


Corner response





Thresholded corner response

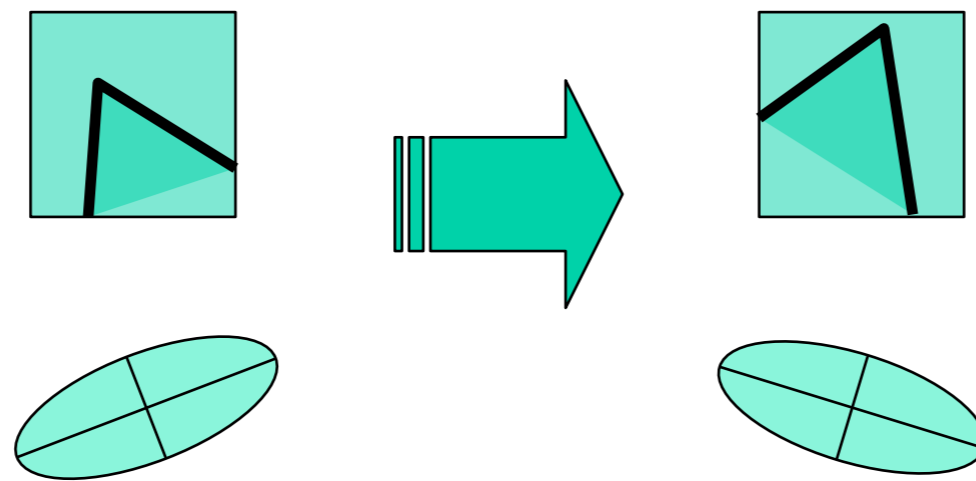


Non-maximal suppression





Harris corner response is invariant to rotation



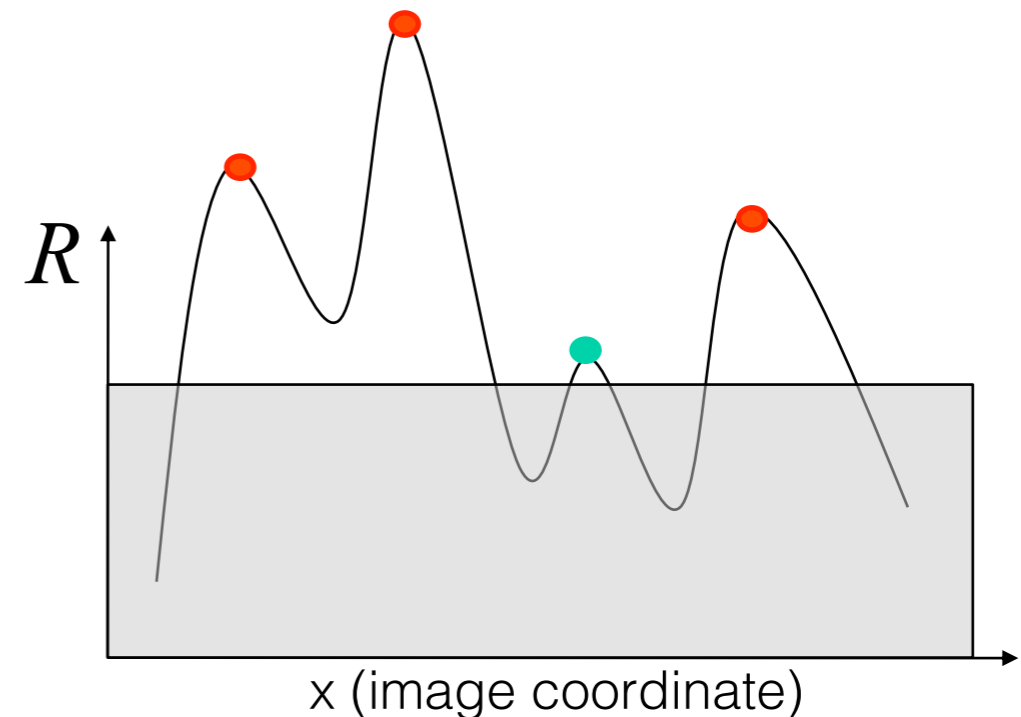
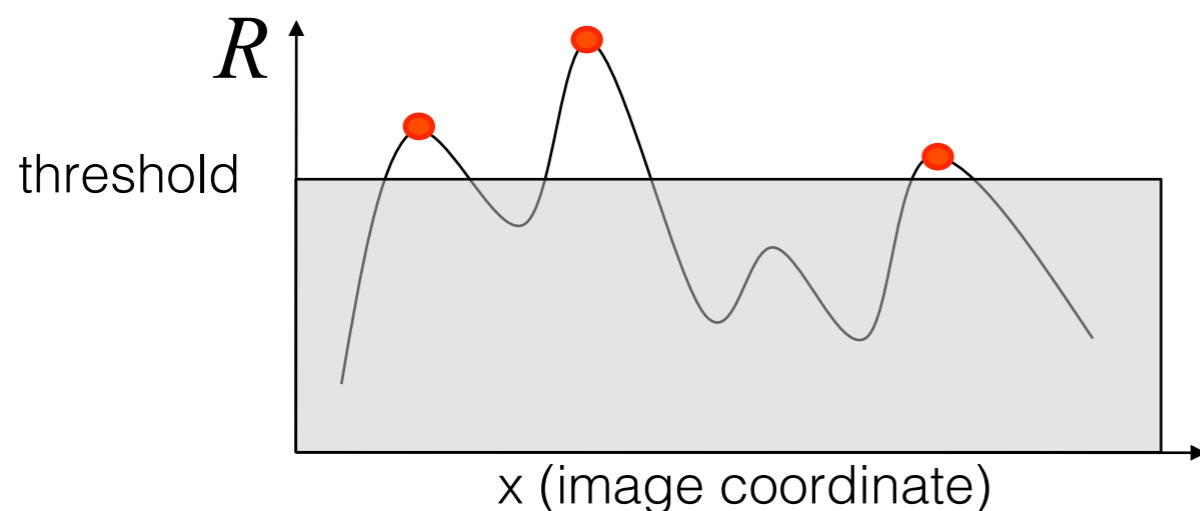
Ellipse rotates but its shape
(**eigenvalues**) remains the same

Corner response R is invariant to image rotation

Harris corner response is invariant to intensity changes

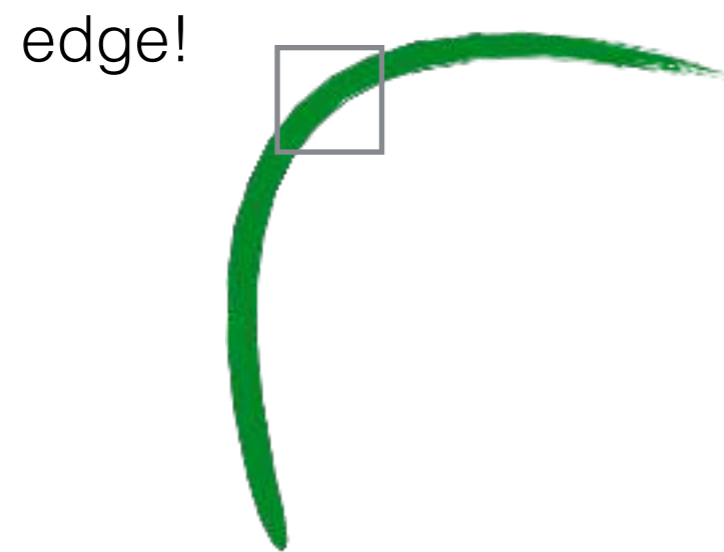
Partial invariance to *affine intensity* change

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



The Harris detector is not invariant to changes in ...

The Harris corner detector is not
invariant to scale



Multi-scale detection

How can we make a feature detector scale-invariant?

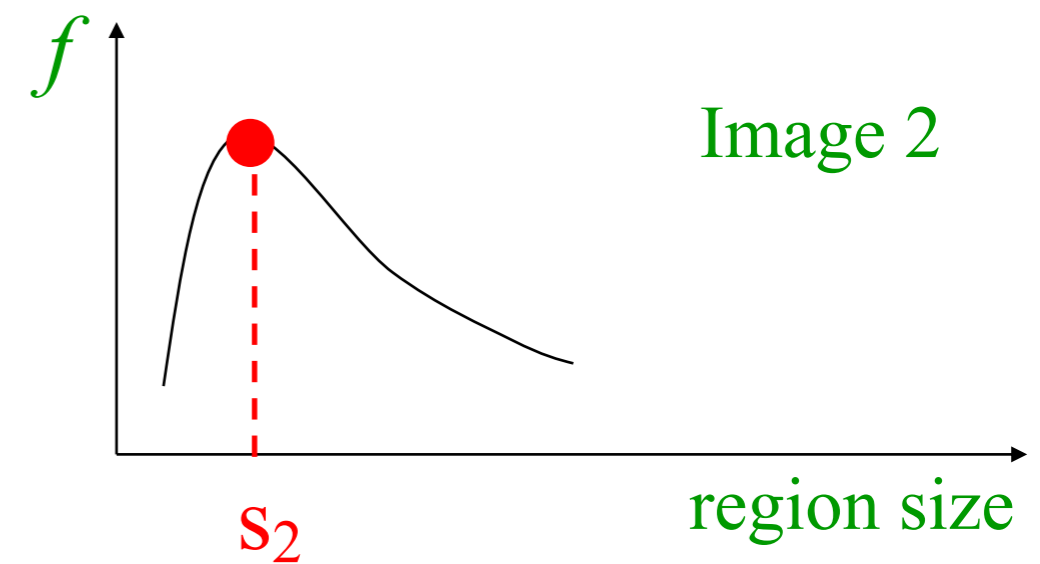
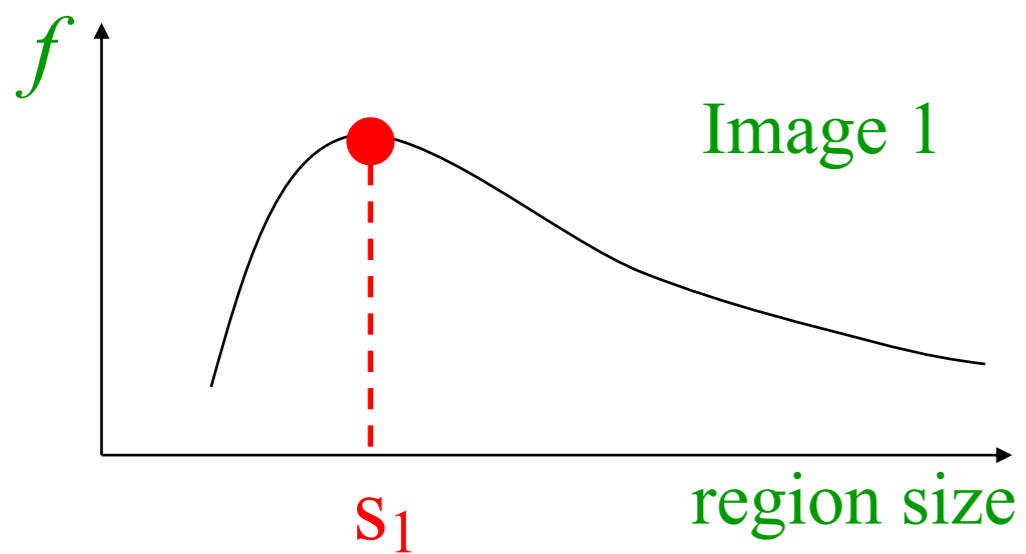
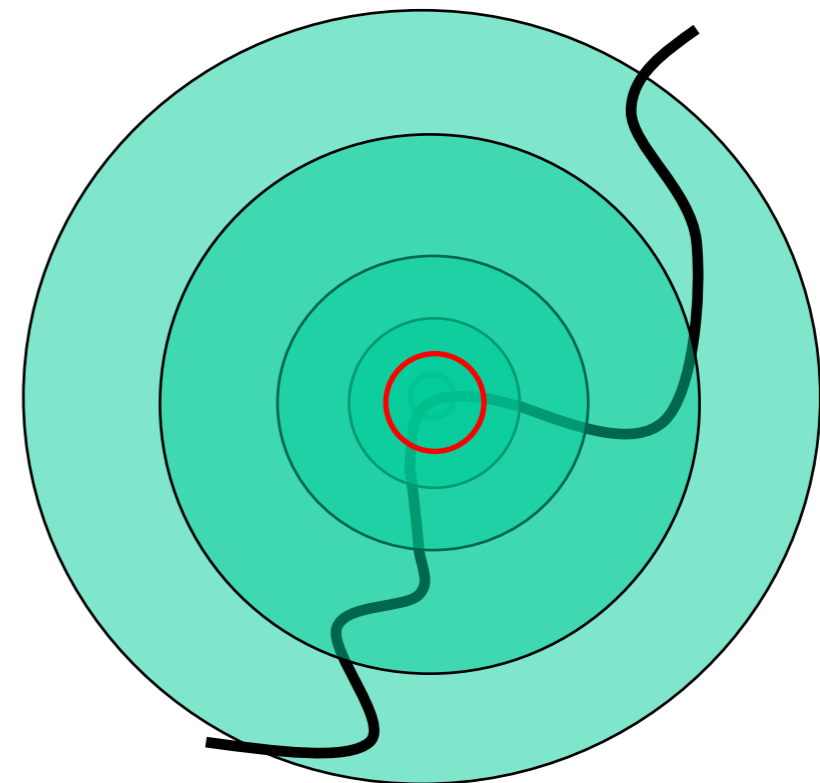
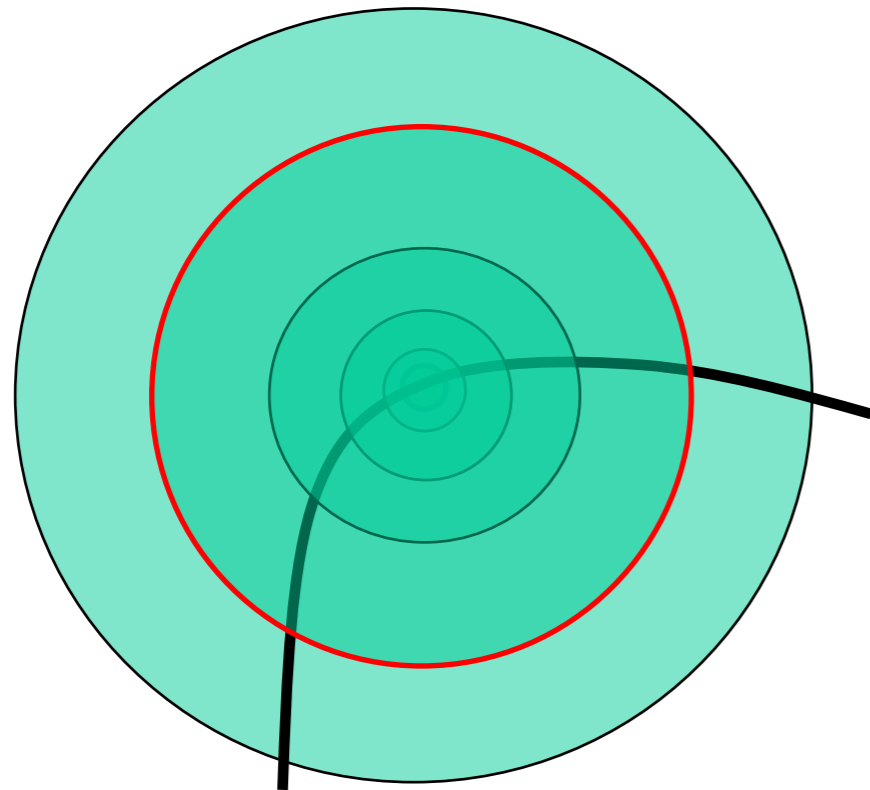
How can we automatically select the scale?

Multi-scale blob detection



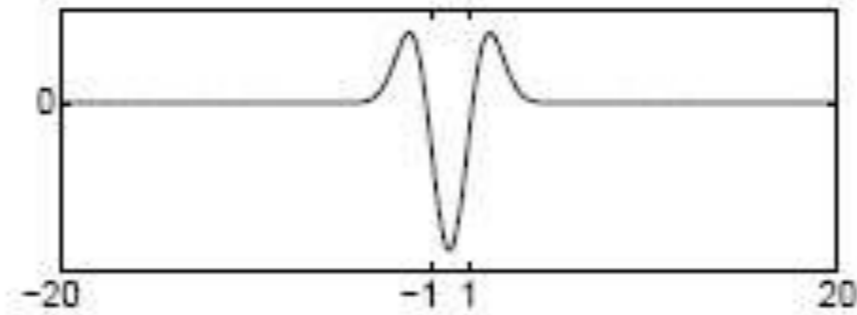
Intuitively...

Find local maxima in both **position** and **scale**

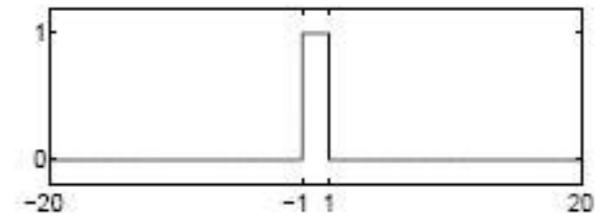
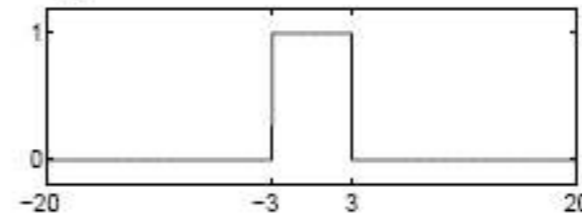
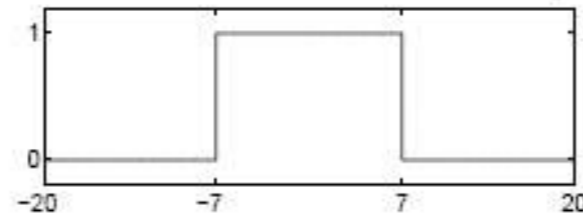


Formally...

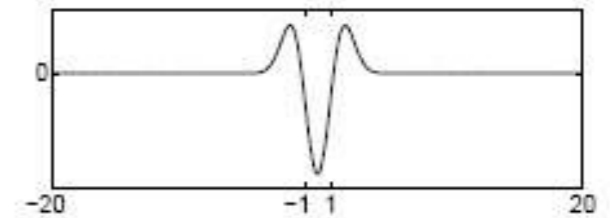
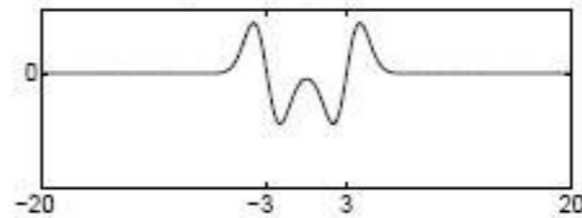
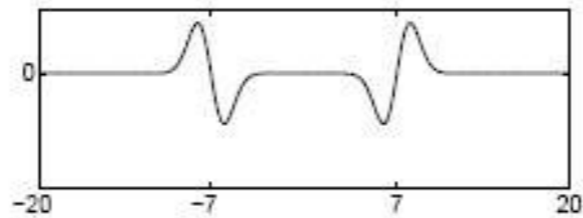
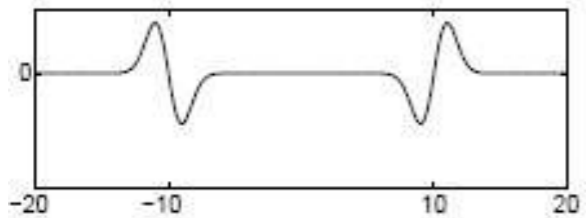
Laplacian filter



Original signal

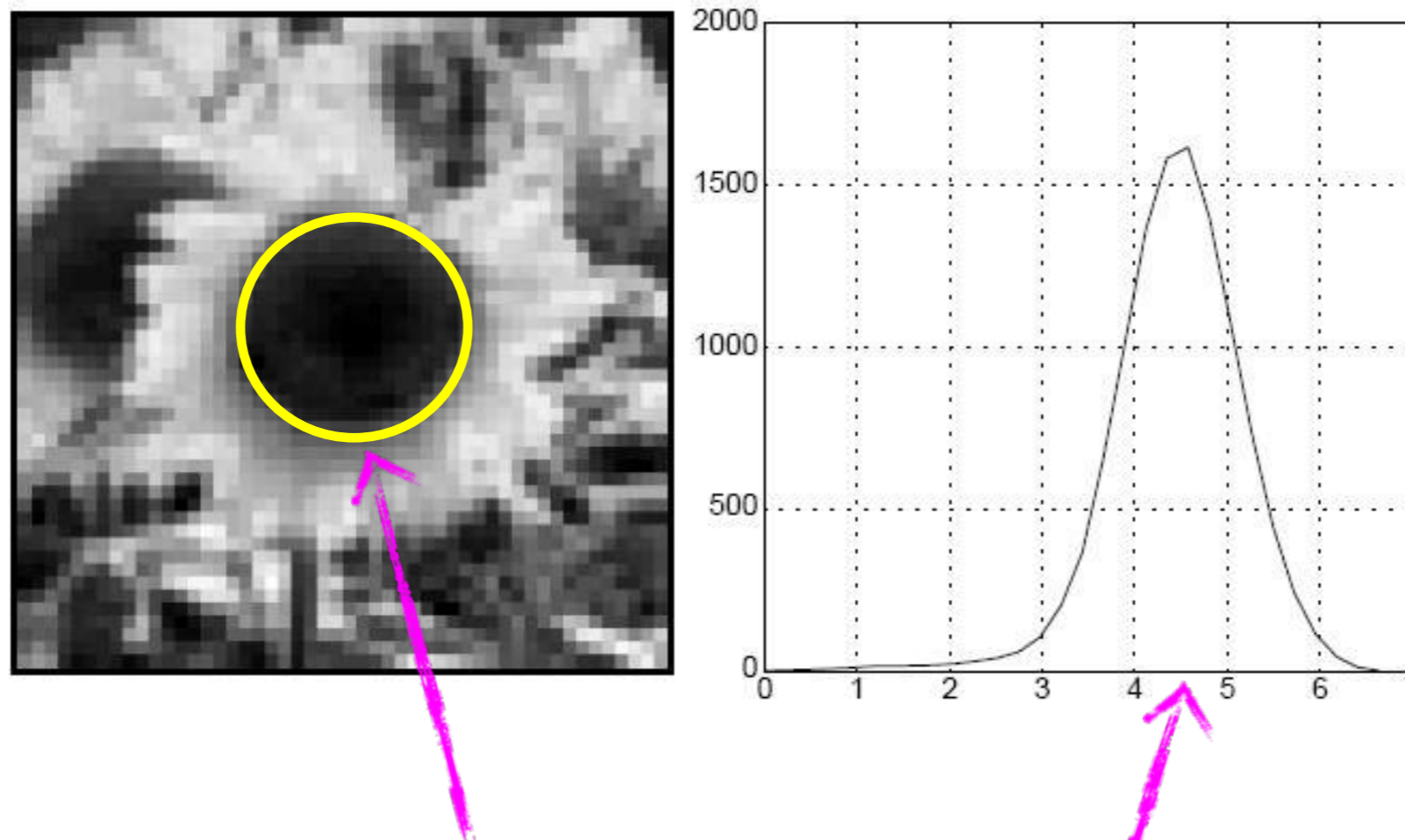


Convolved with Laplacian ($\sigma = 1$)



Highest response when the signal has the same **characteristic scale** as the filter

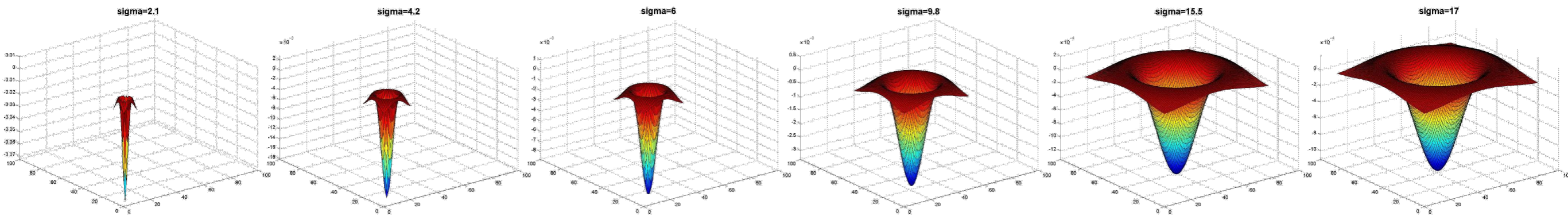
characteristic scale - the scale that produces peak filter response



characteristic scale

we need to search over characteristic scales

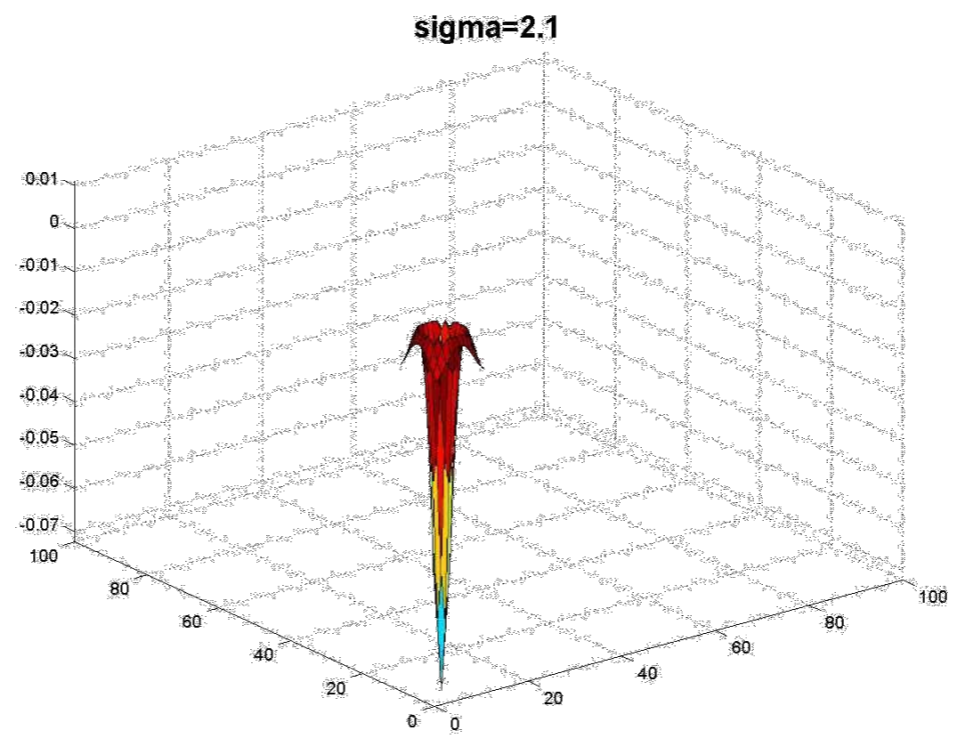
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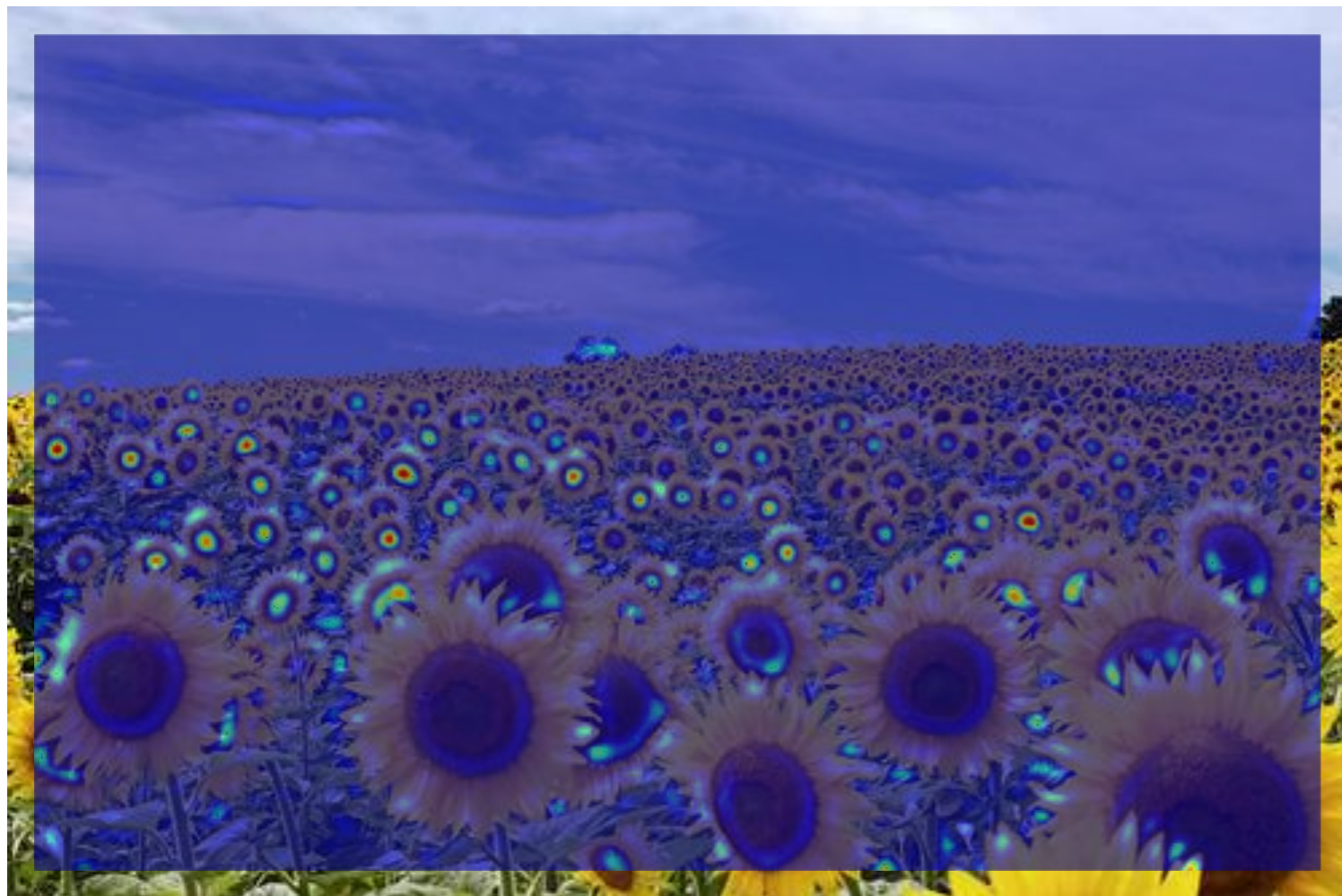
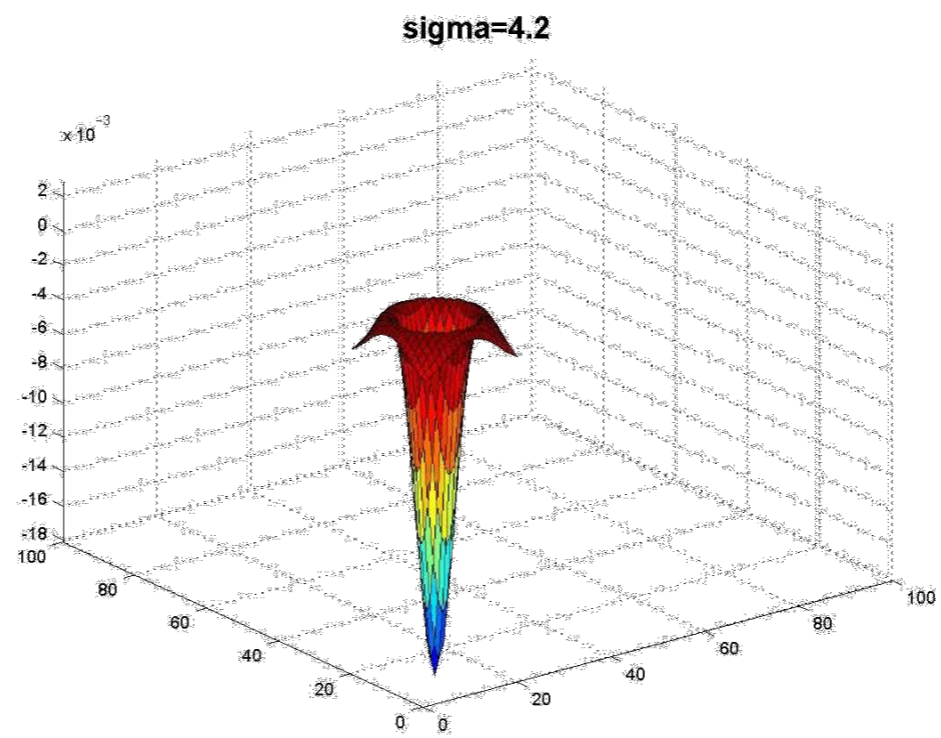
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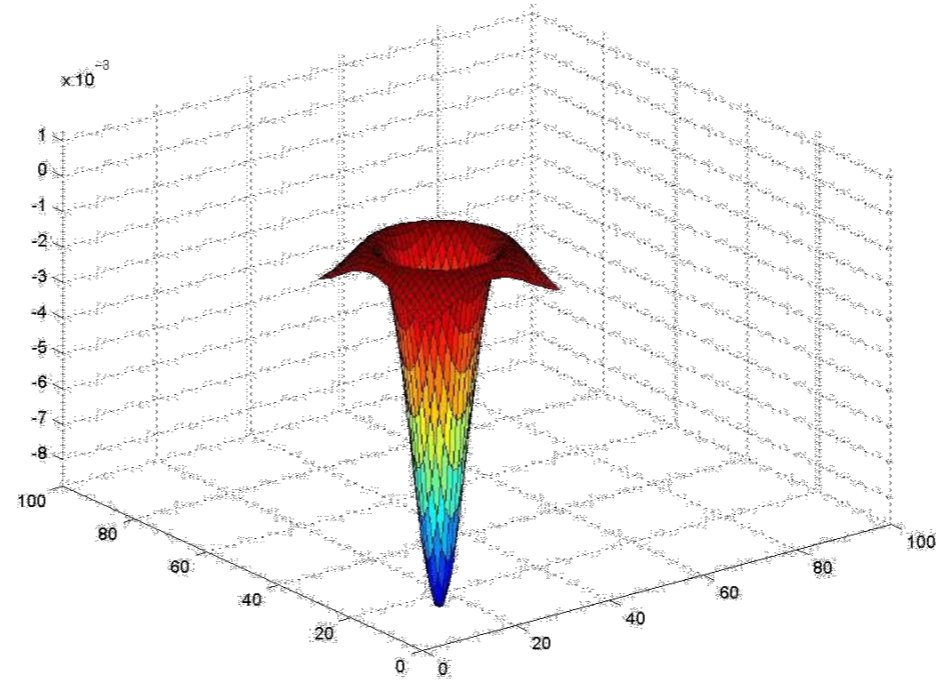


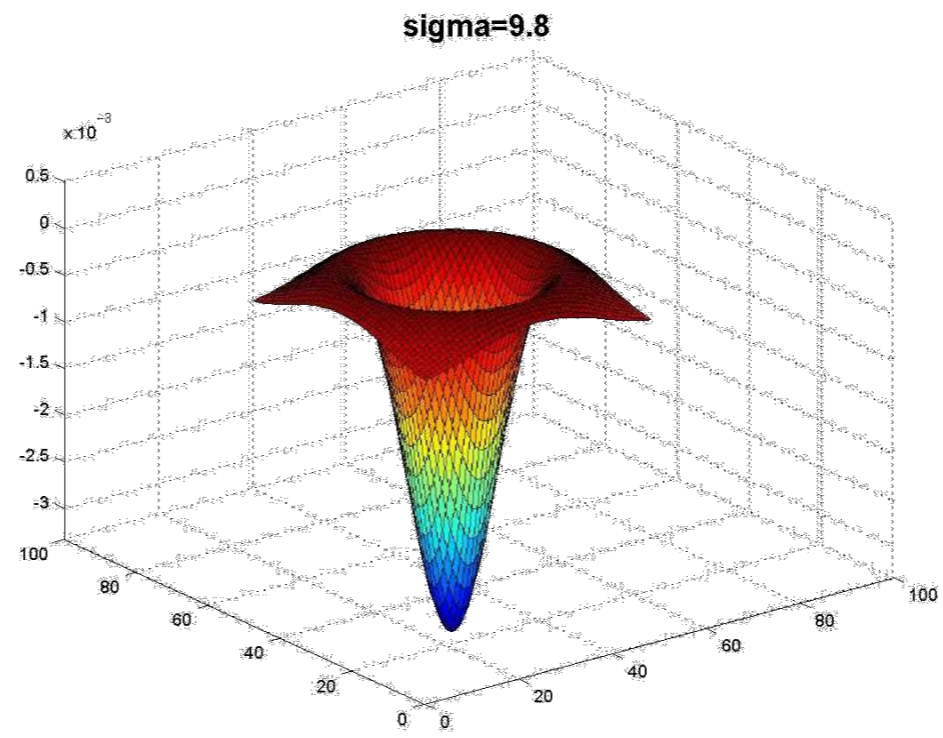


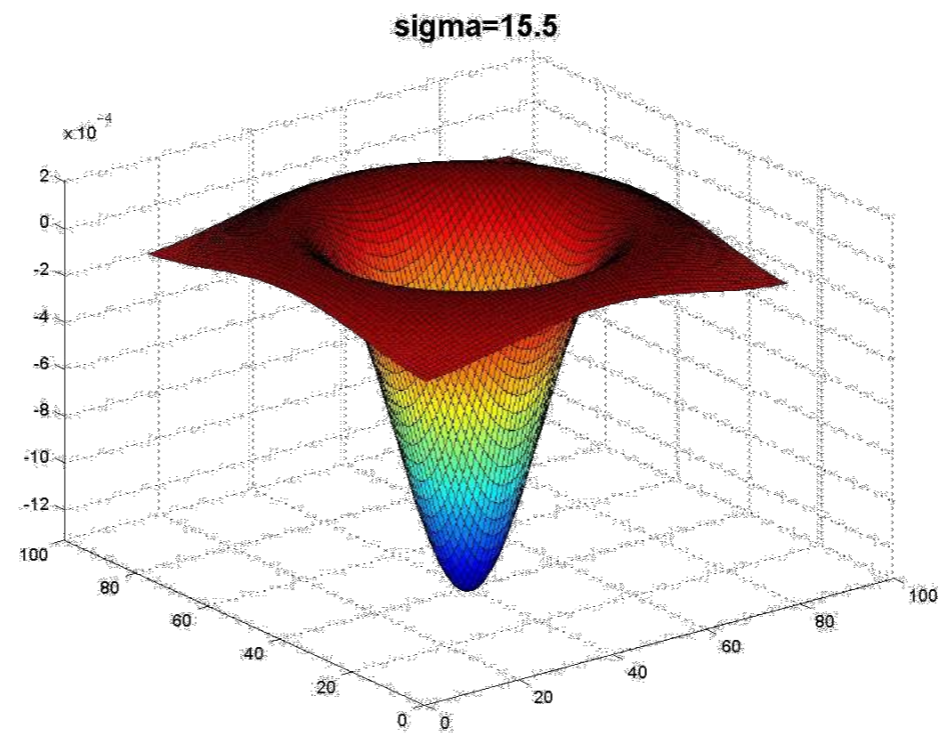
jet color scale
blue: low, red: high



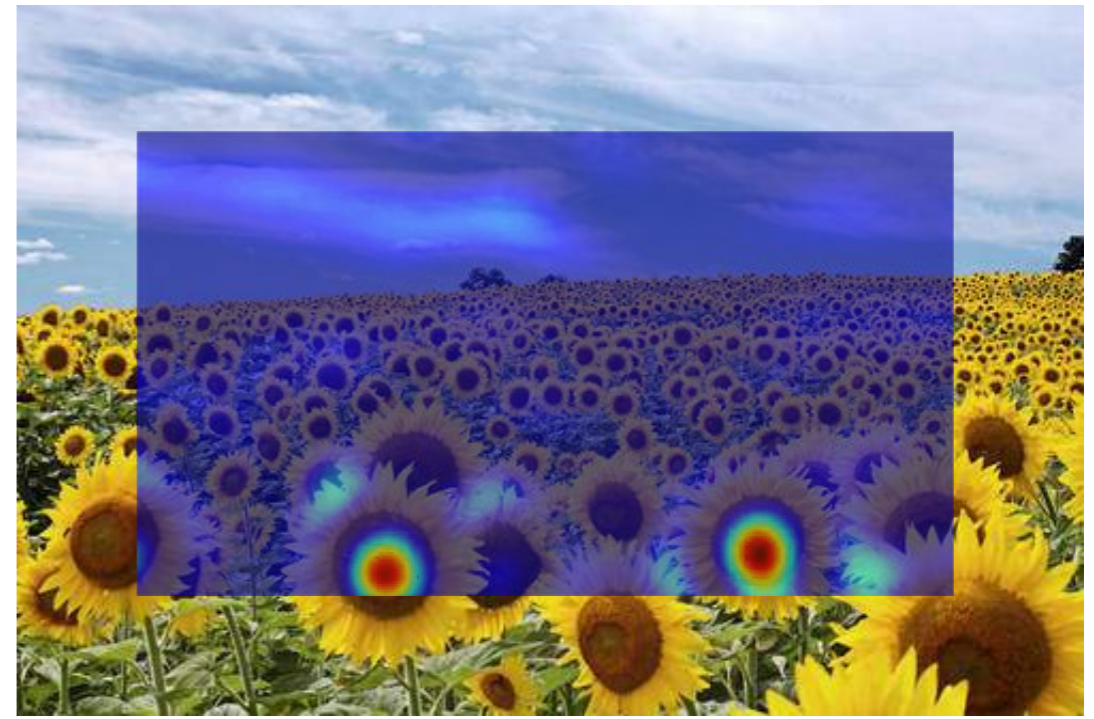
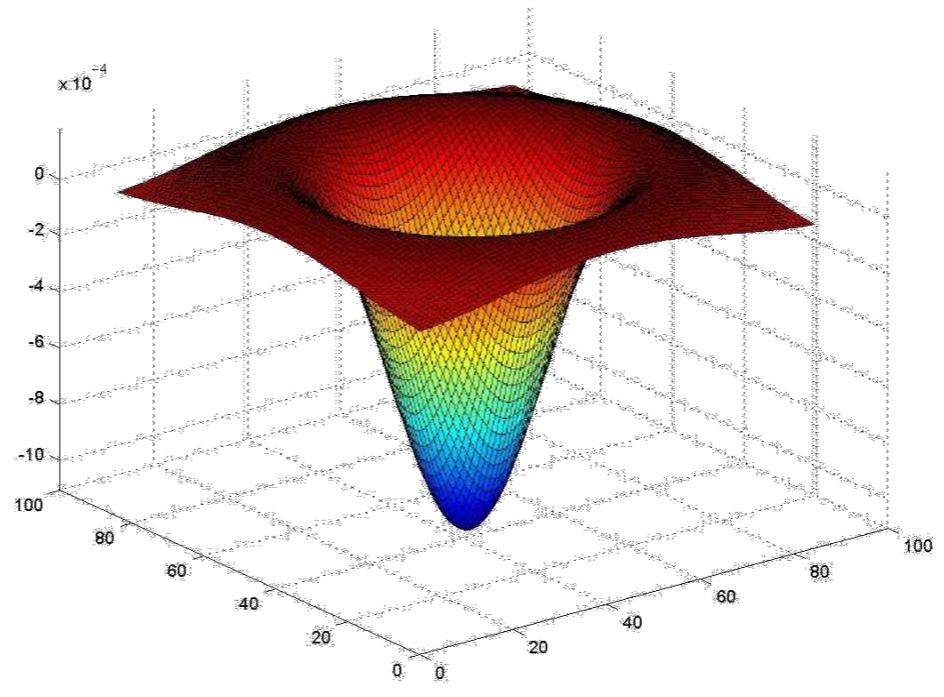
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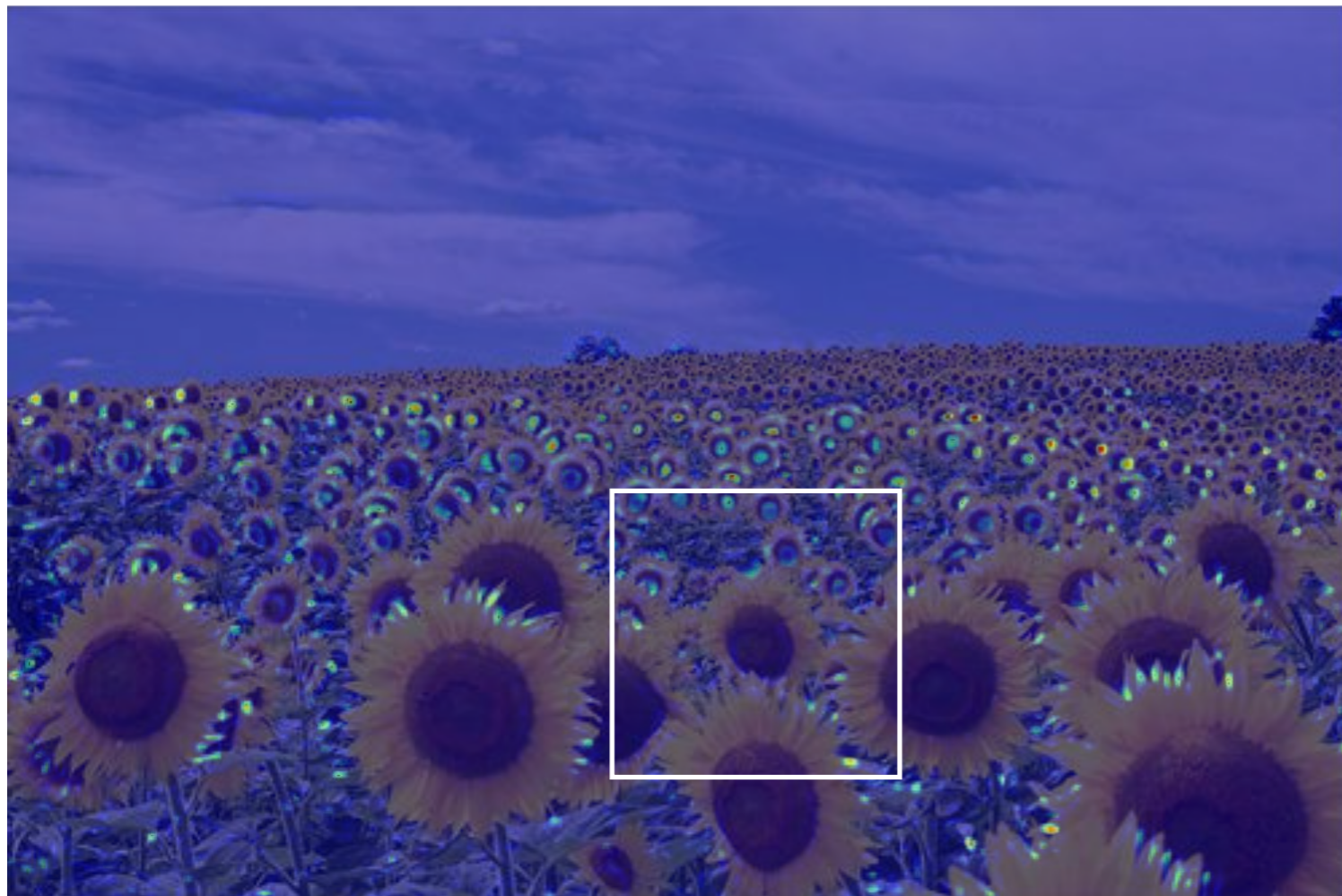
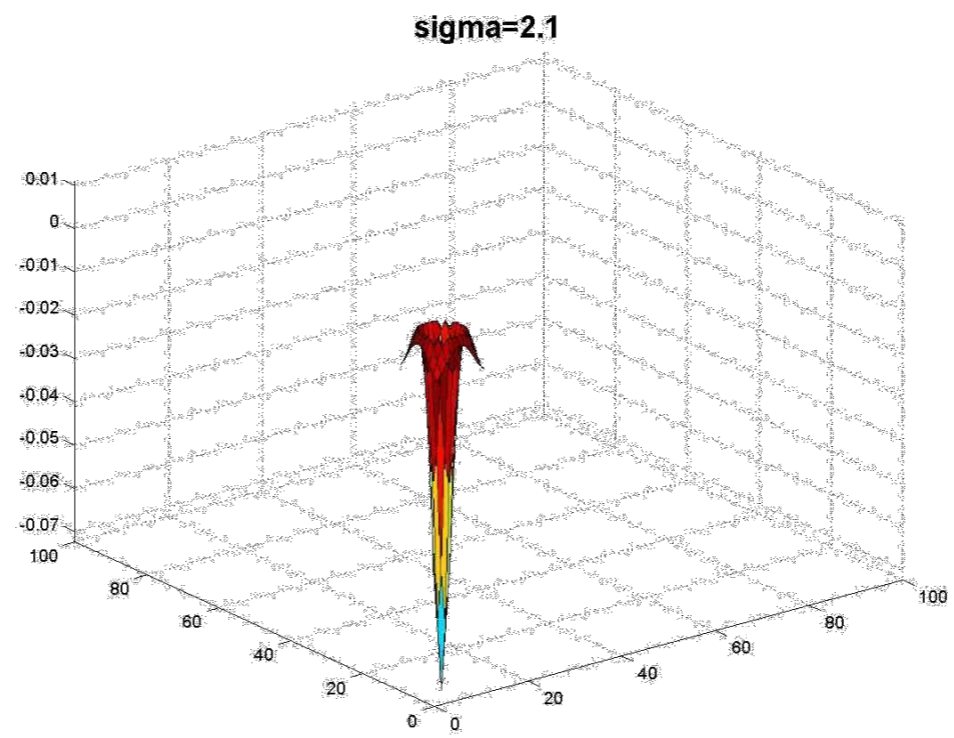
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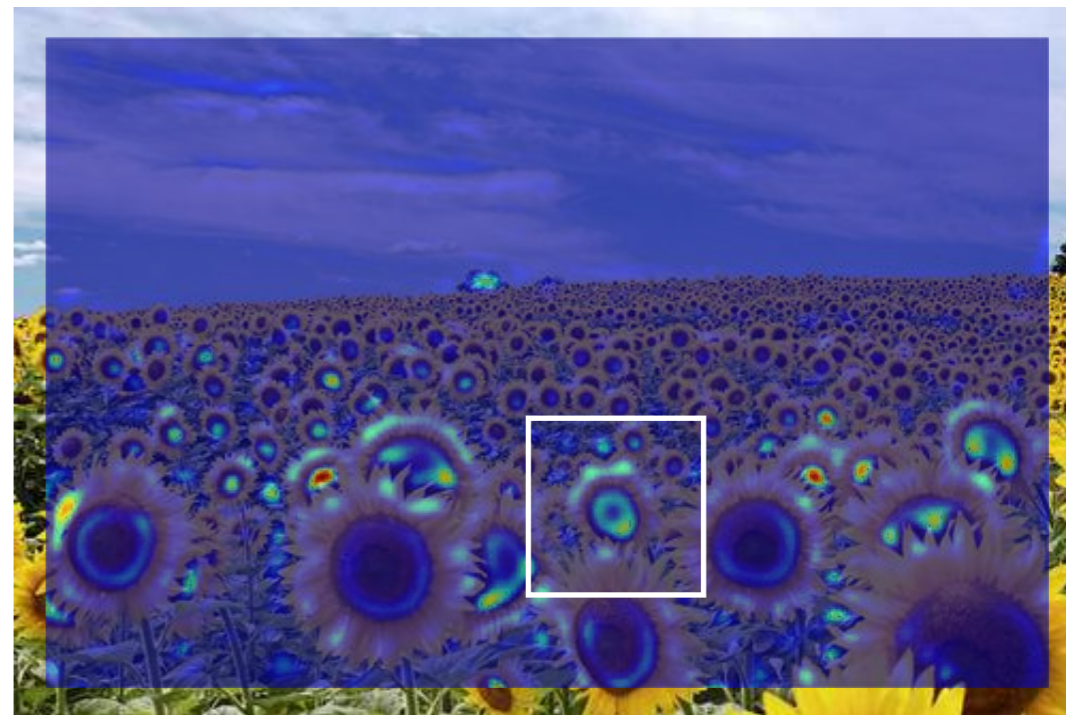
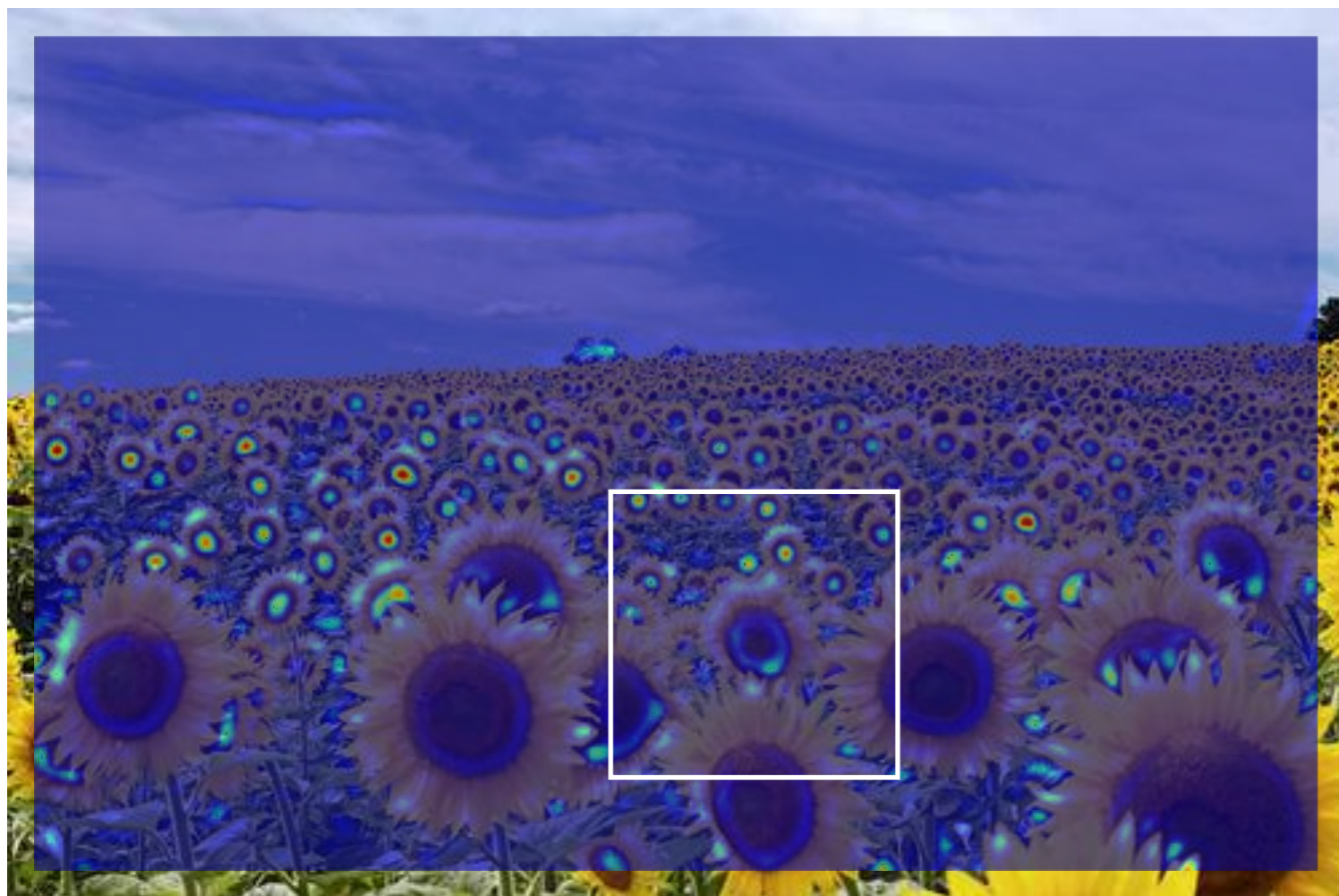
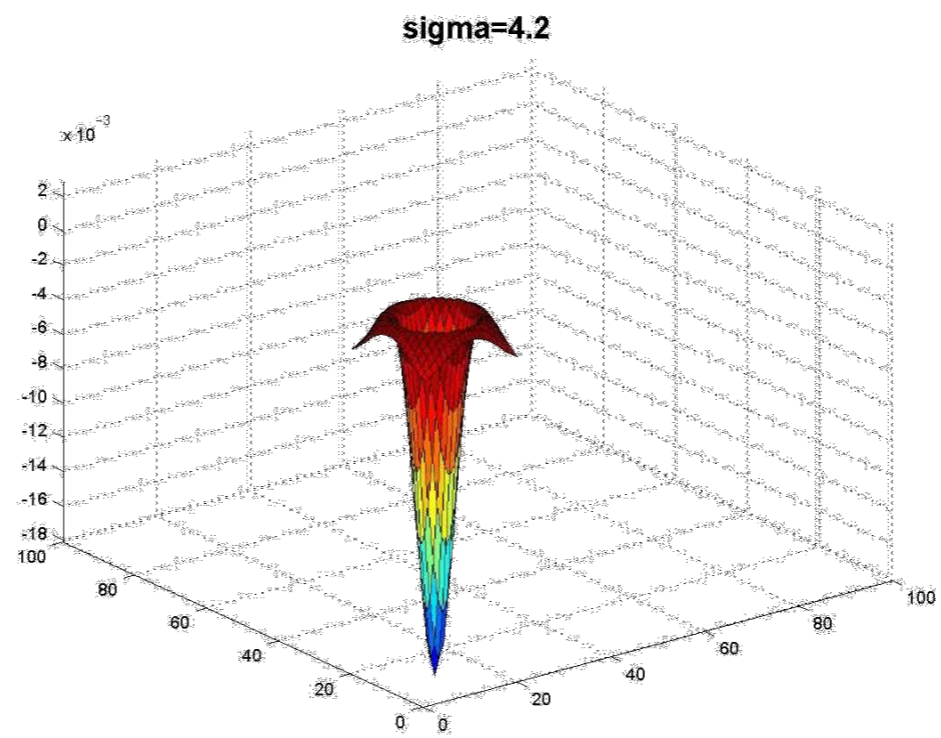
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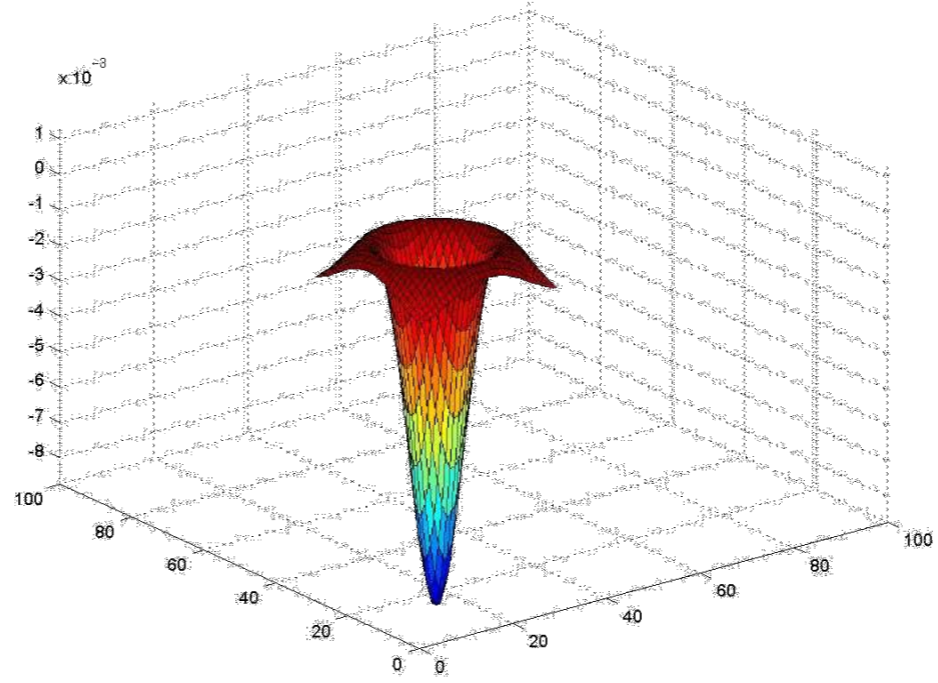
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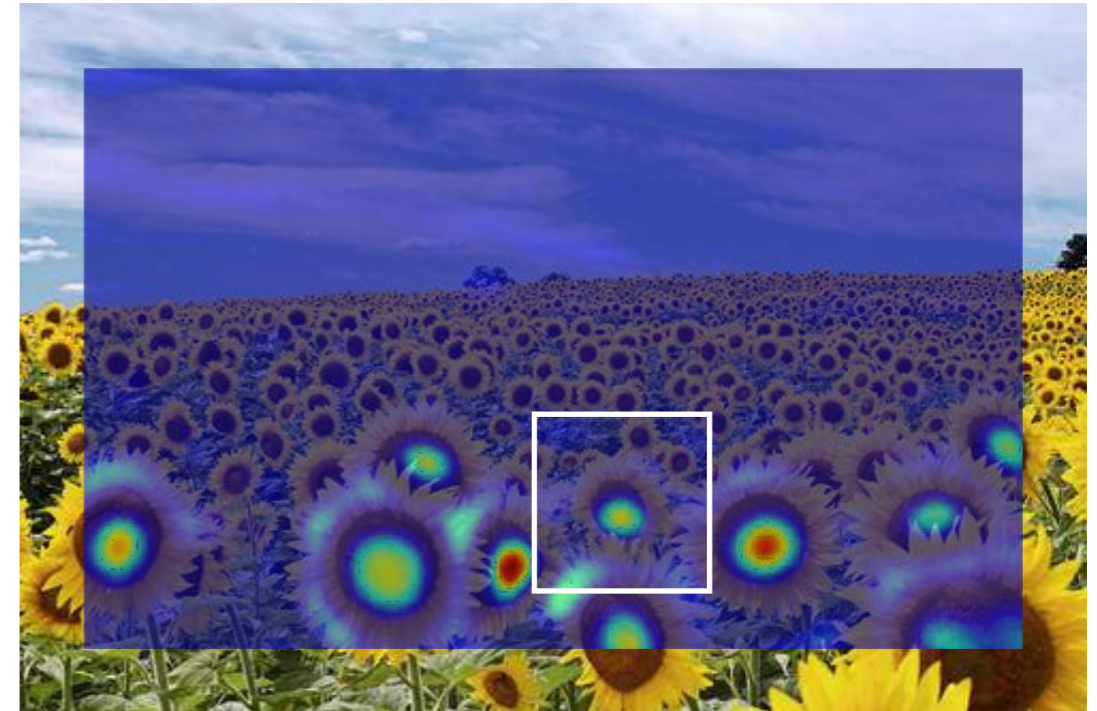
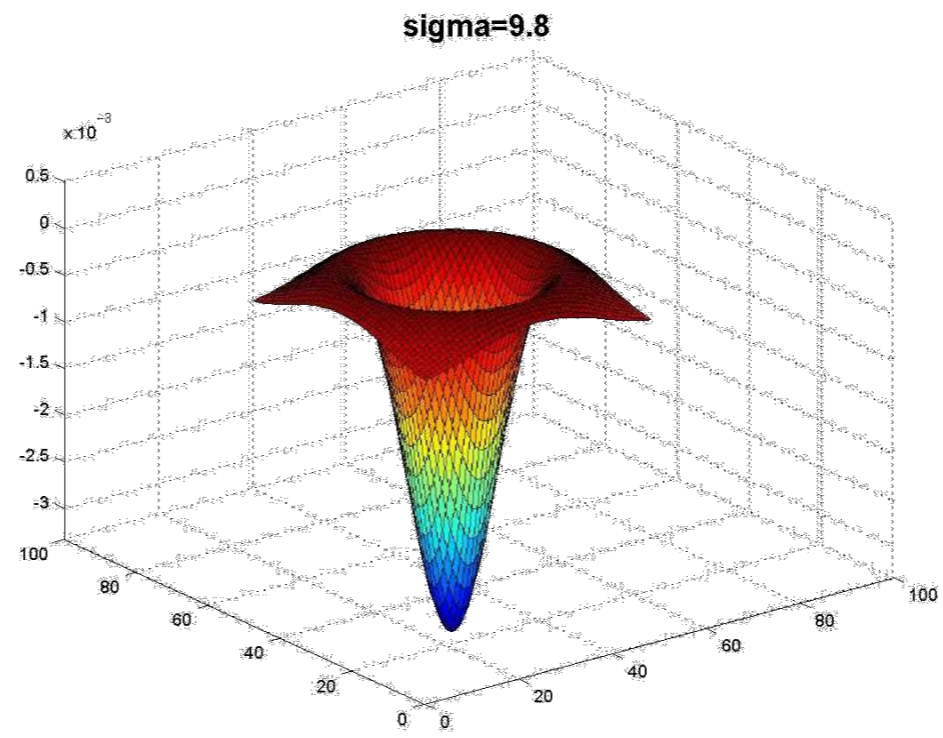


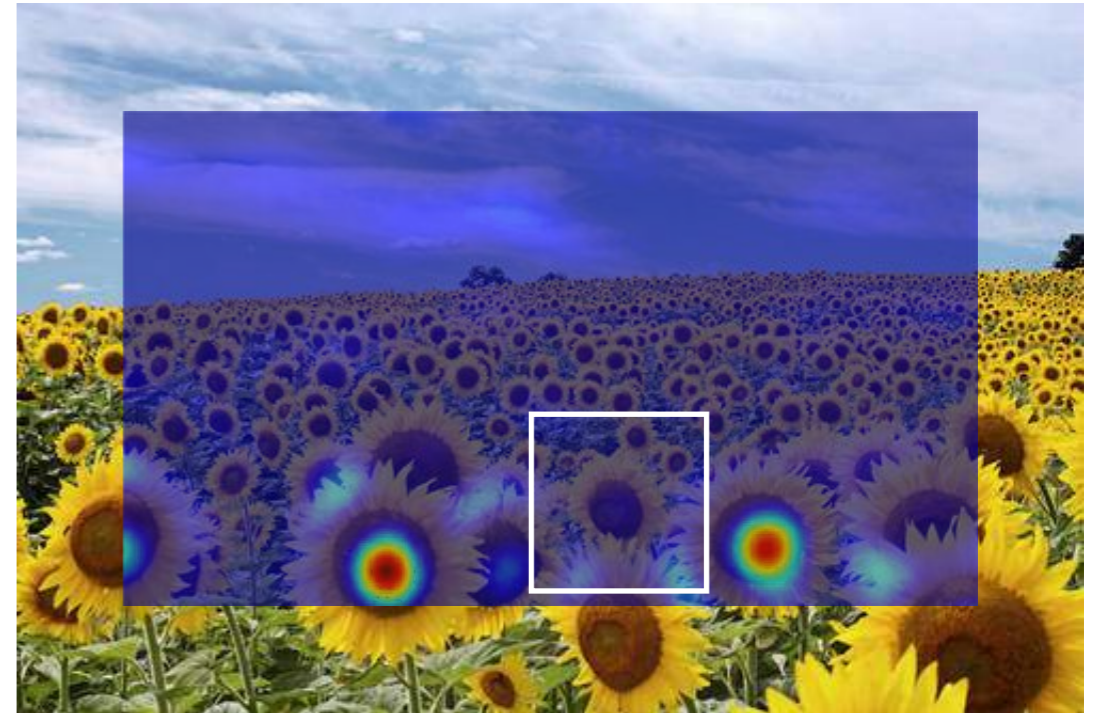
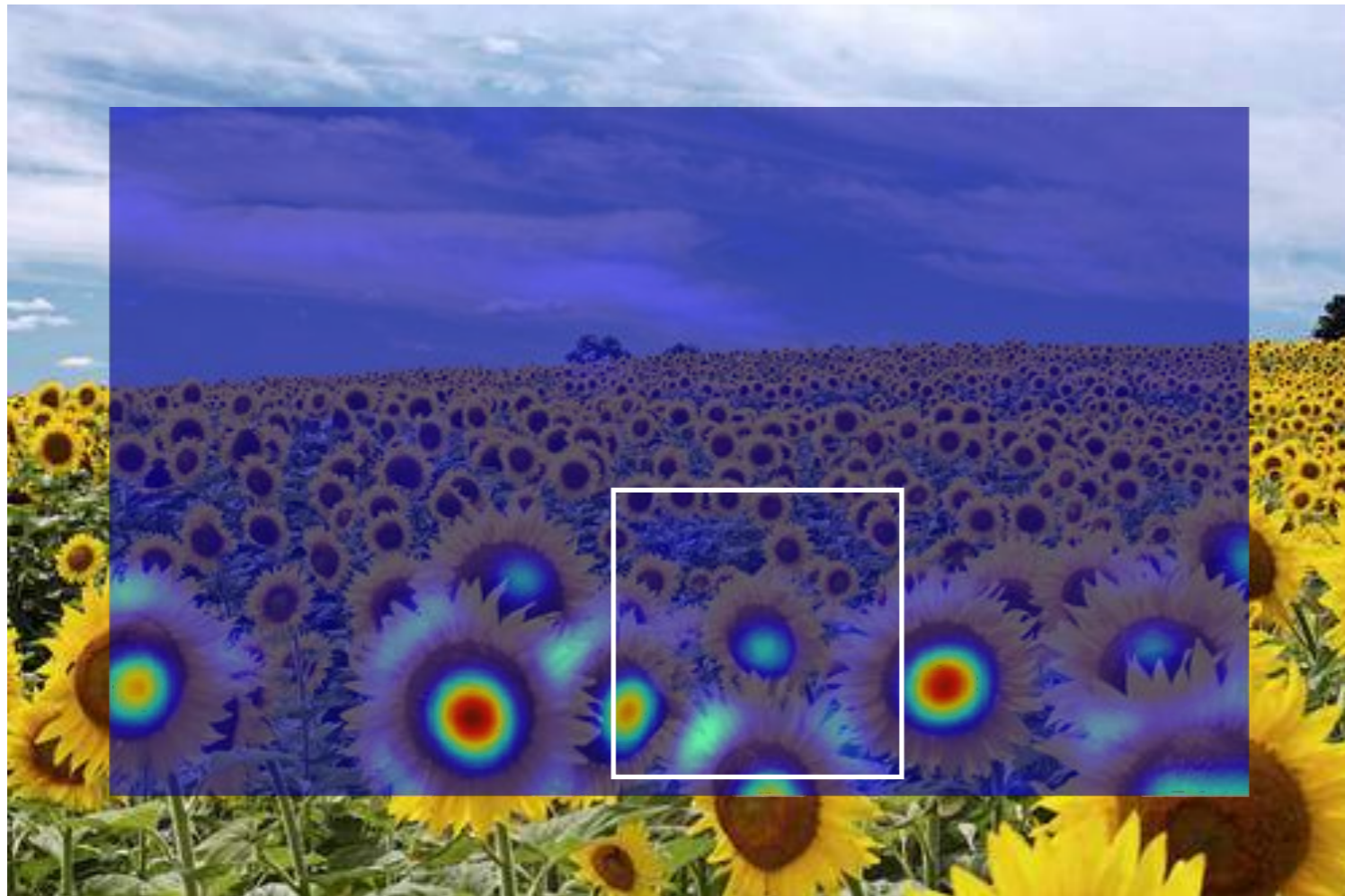
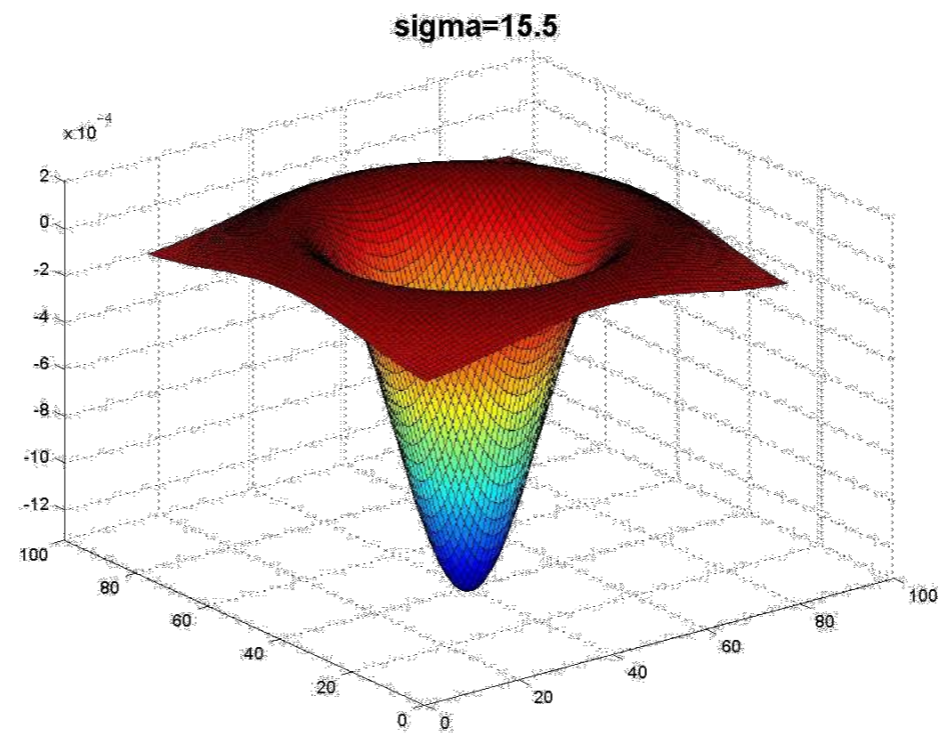




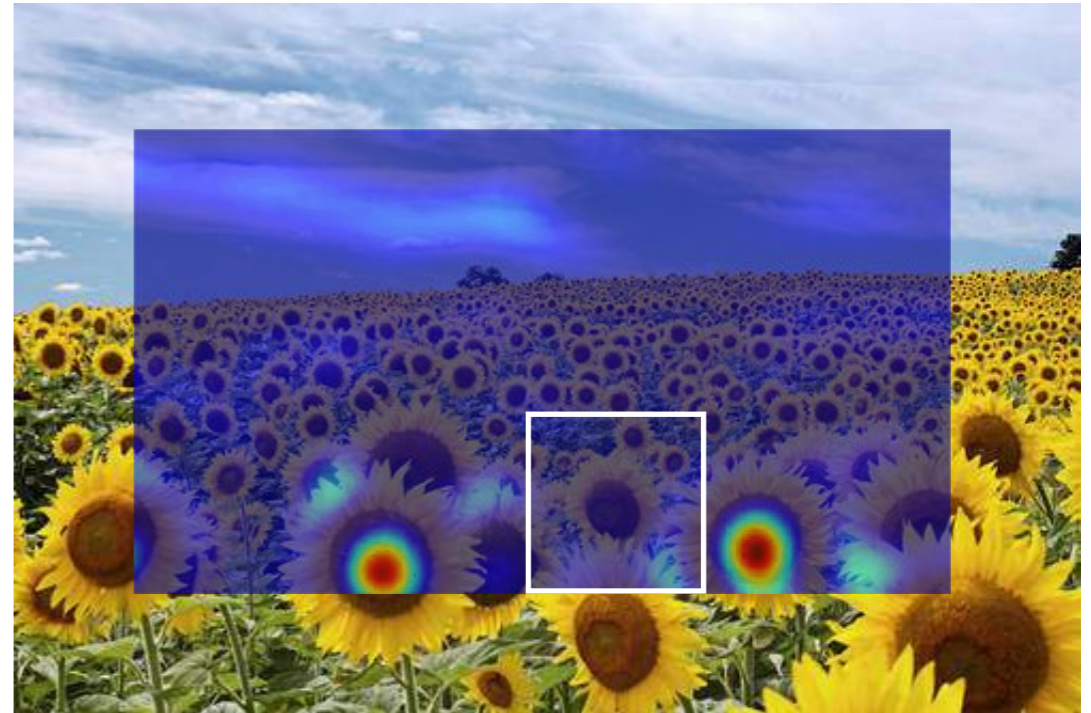
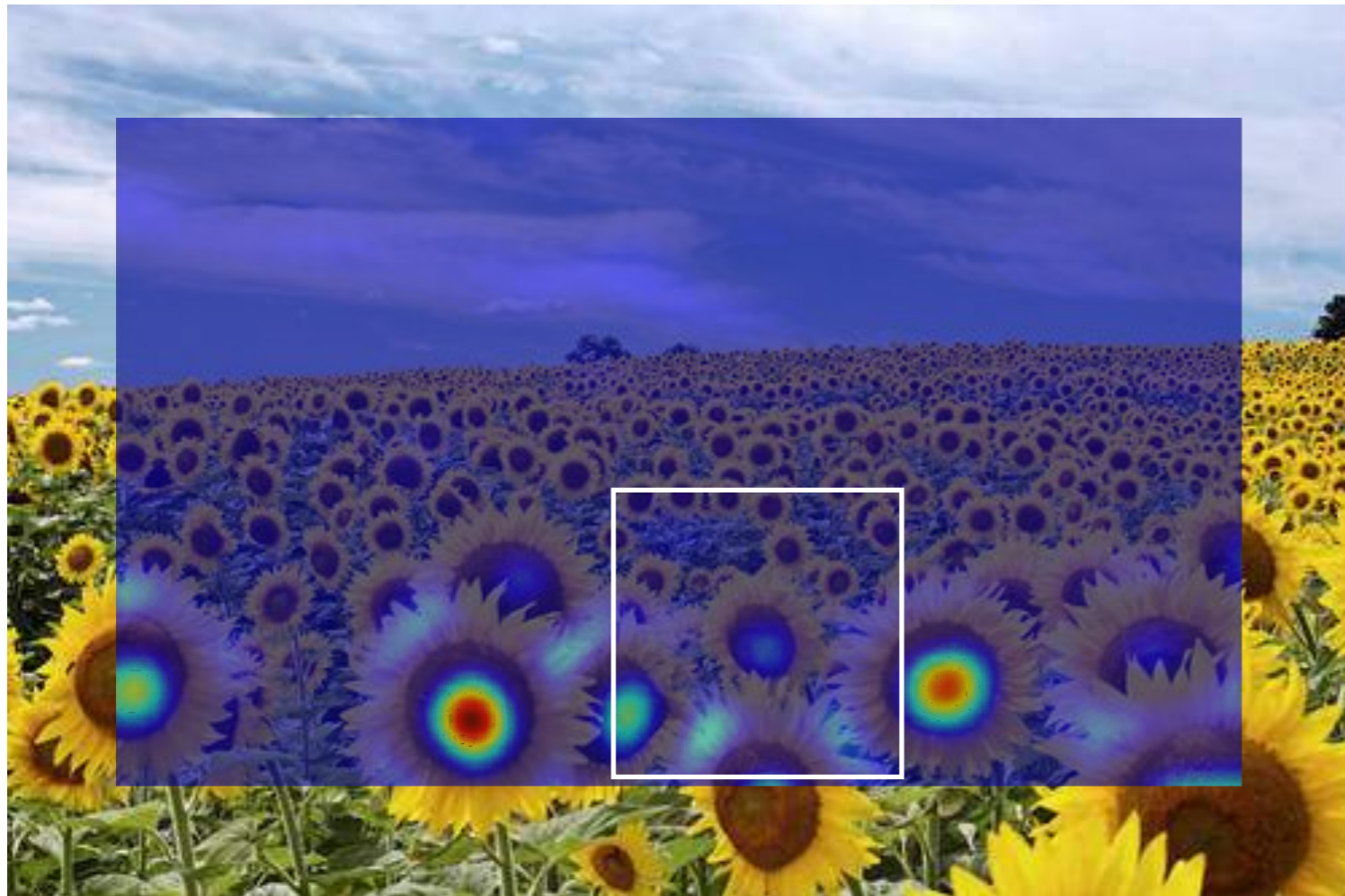
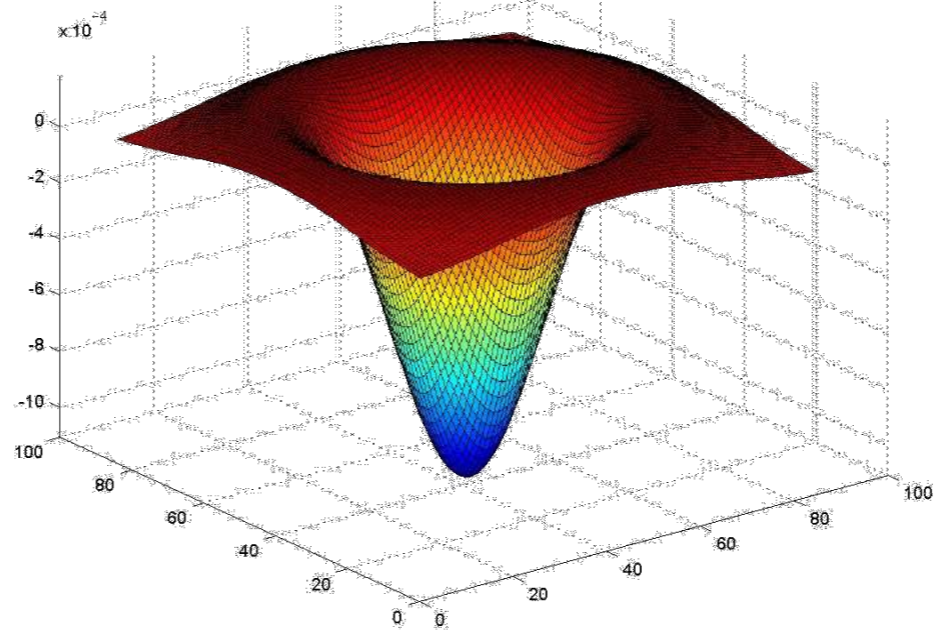
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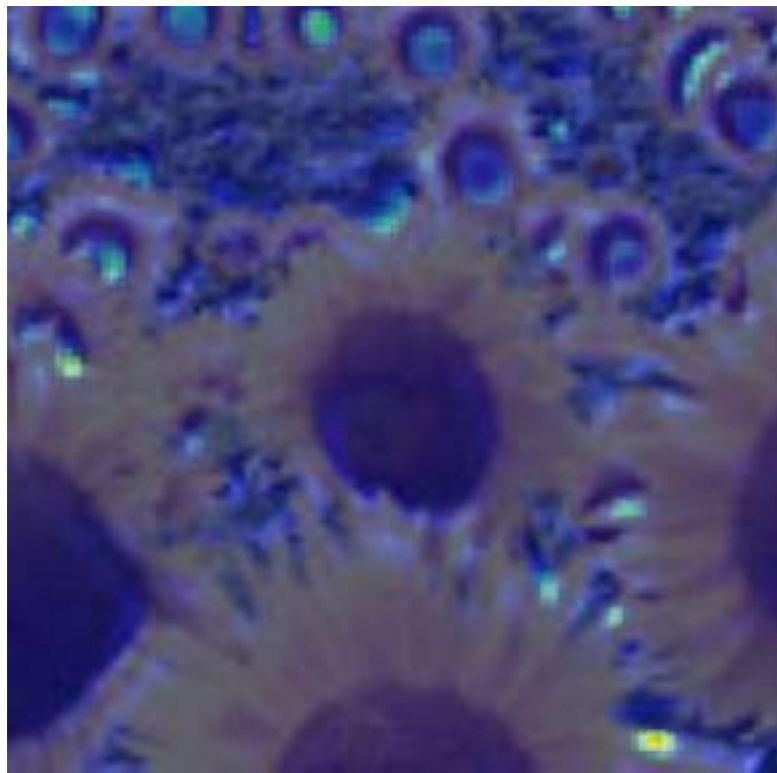
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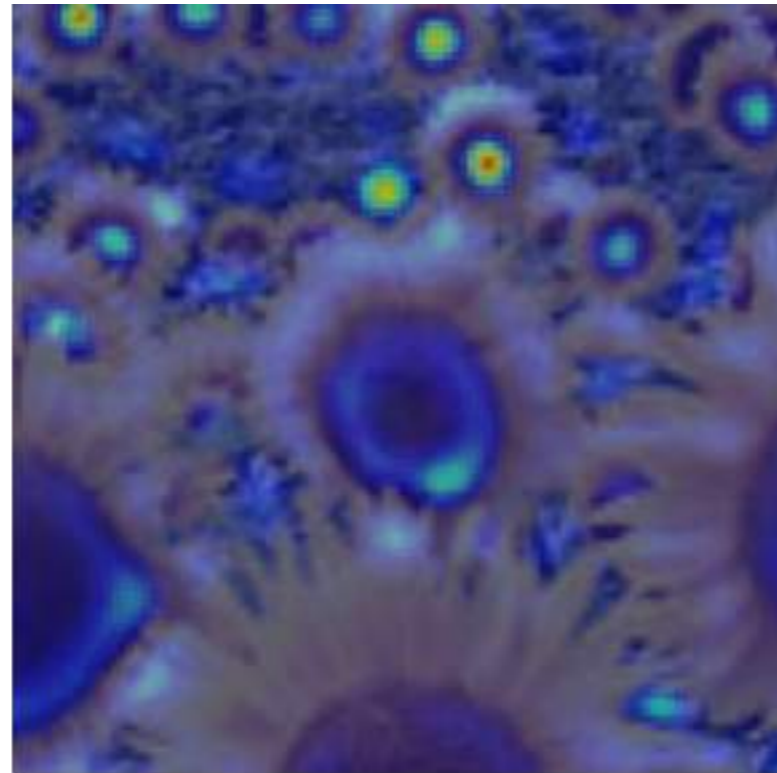
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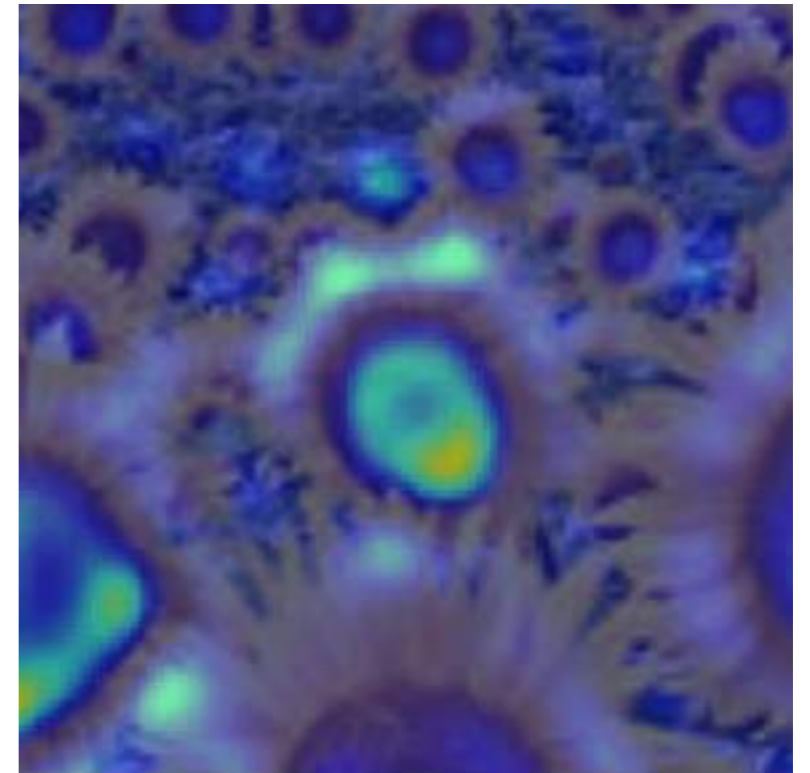
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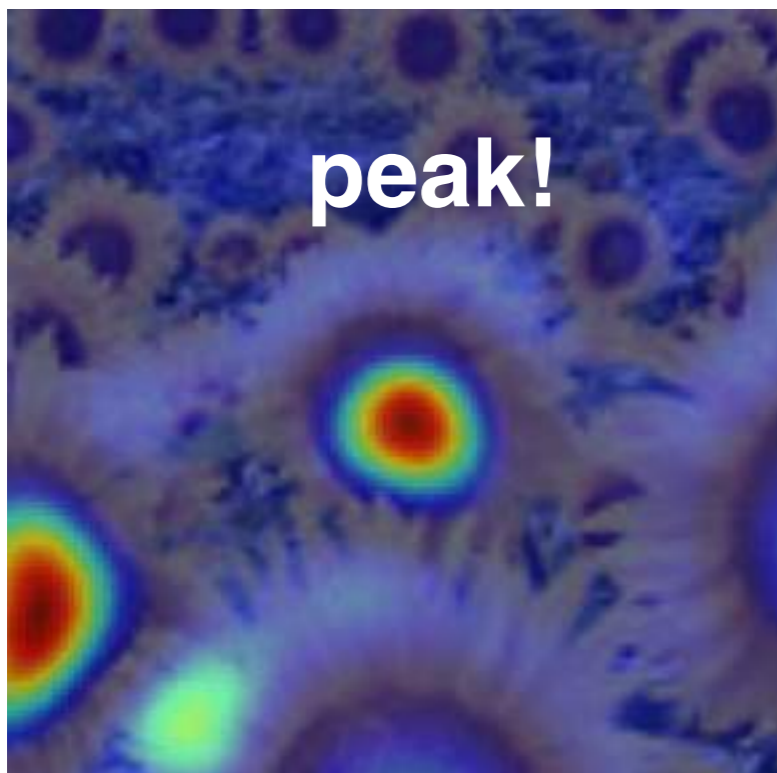
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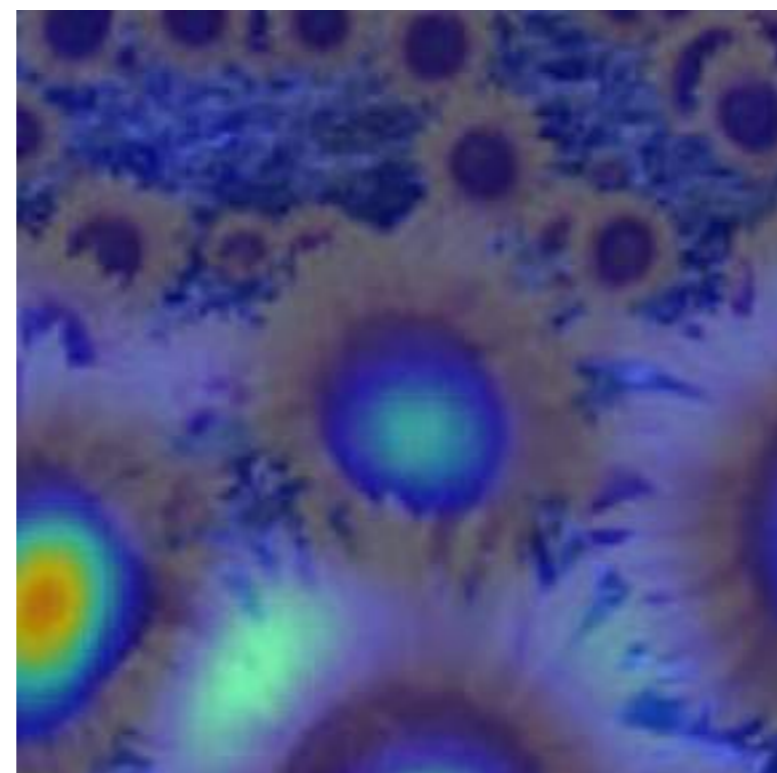
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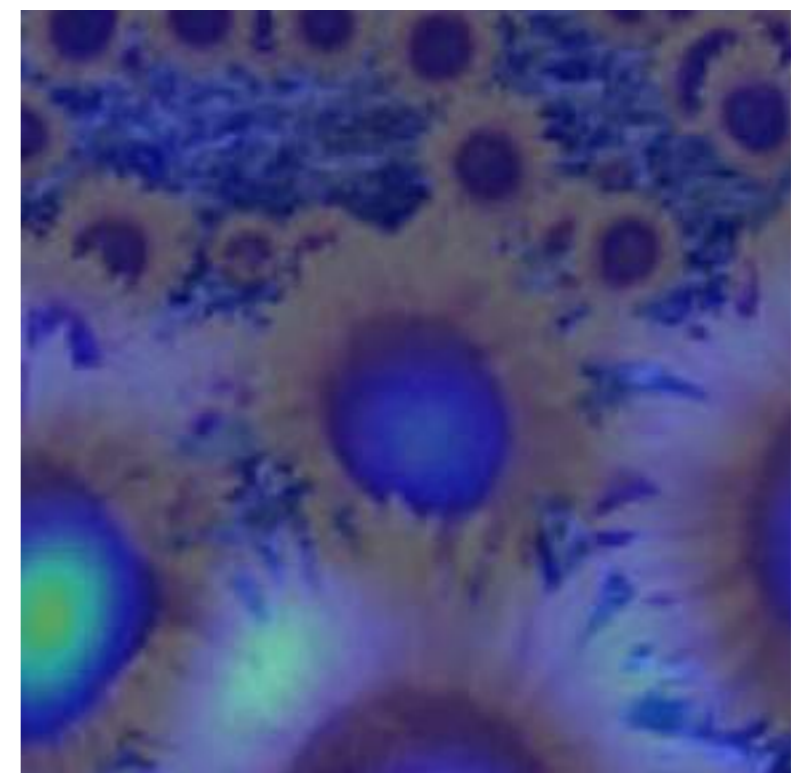
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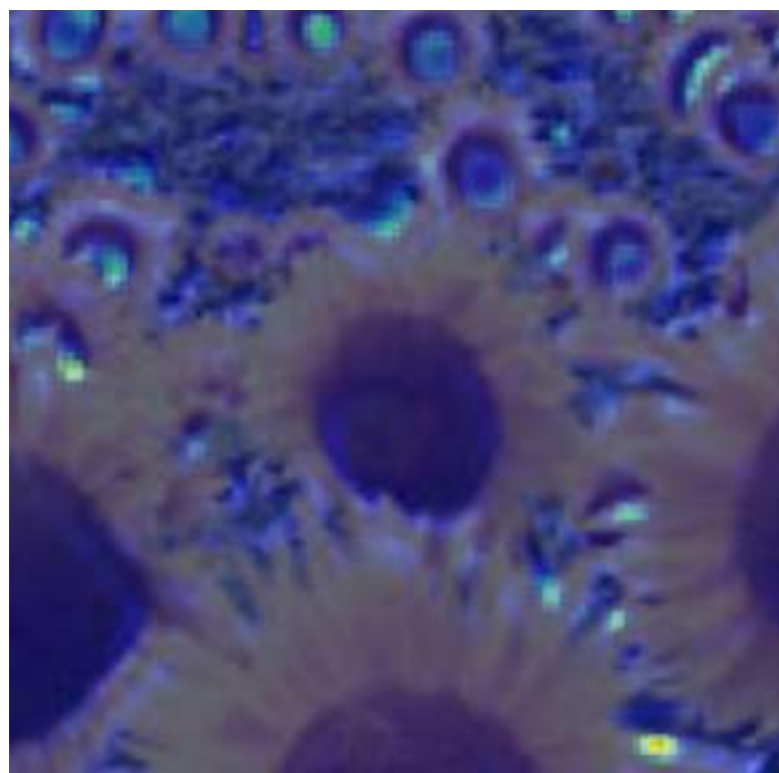
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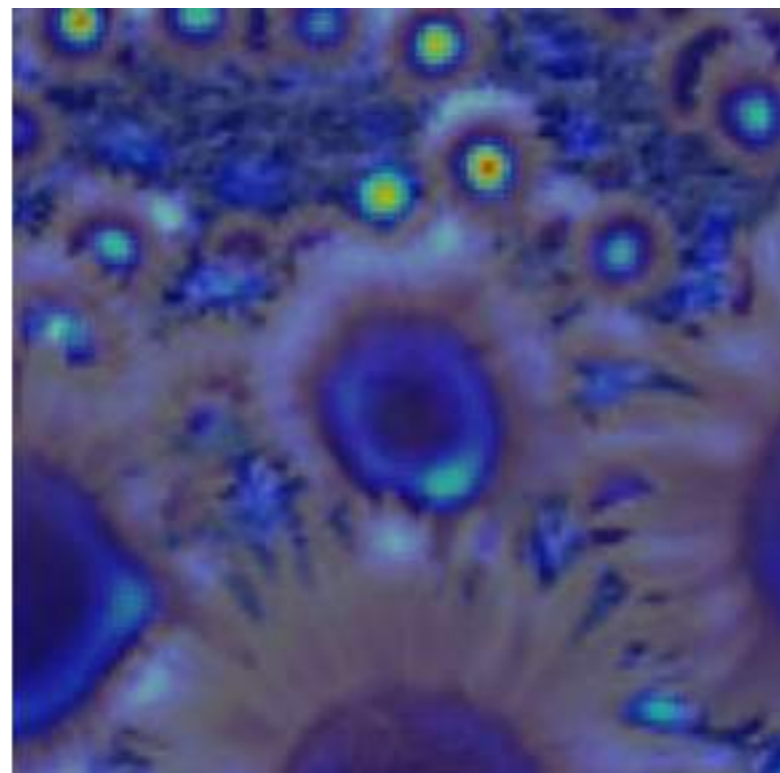
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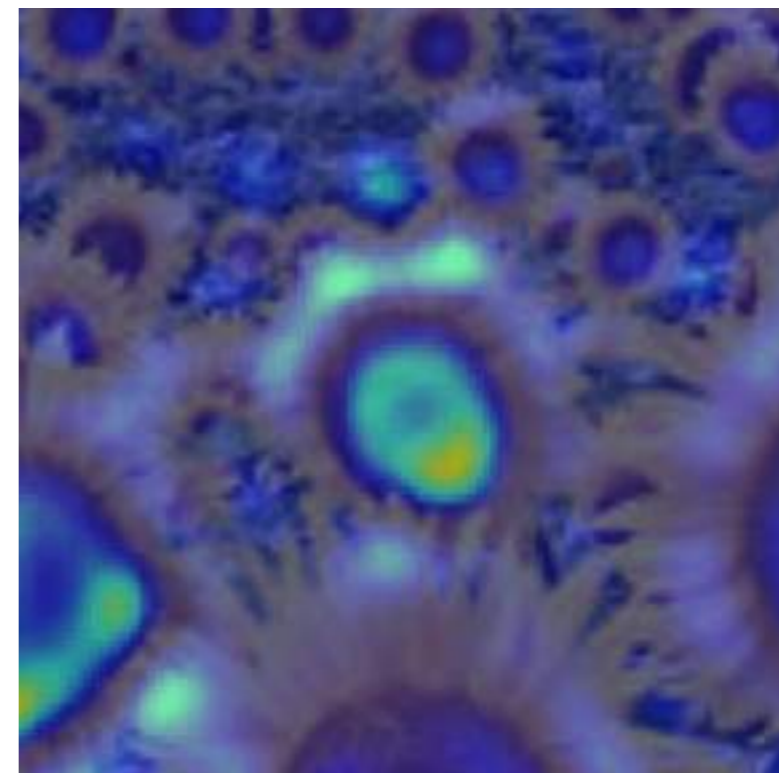
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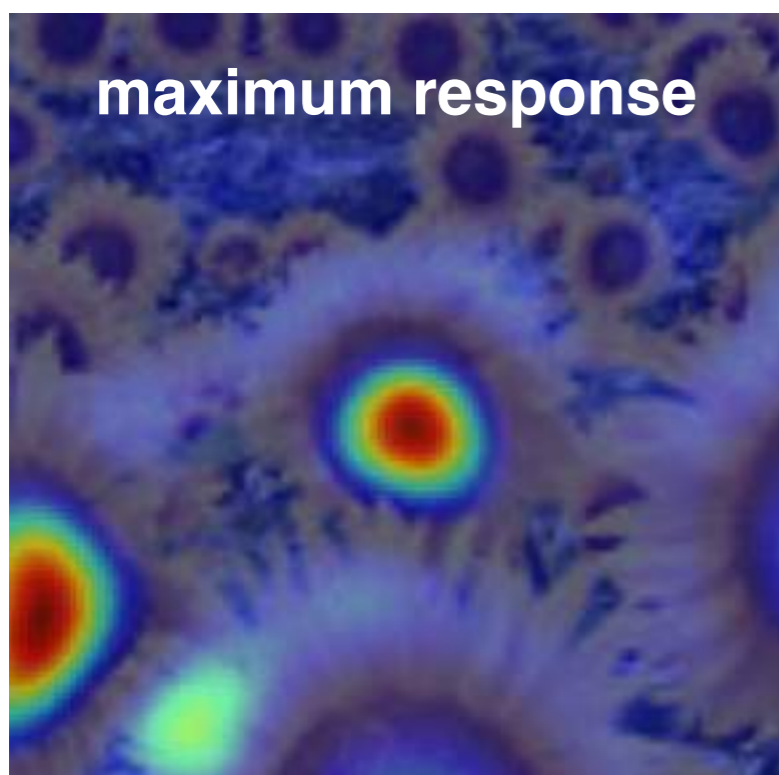
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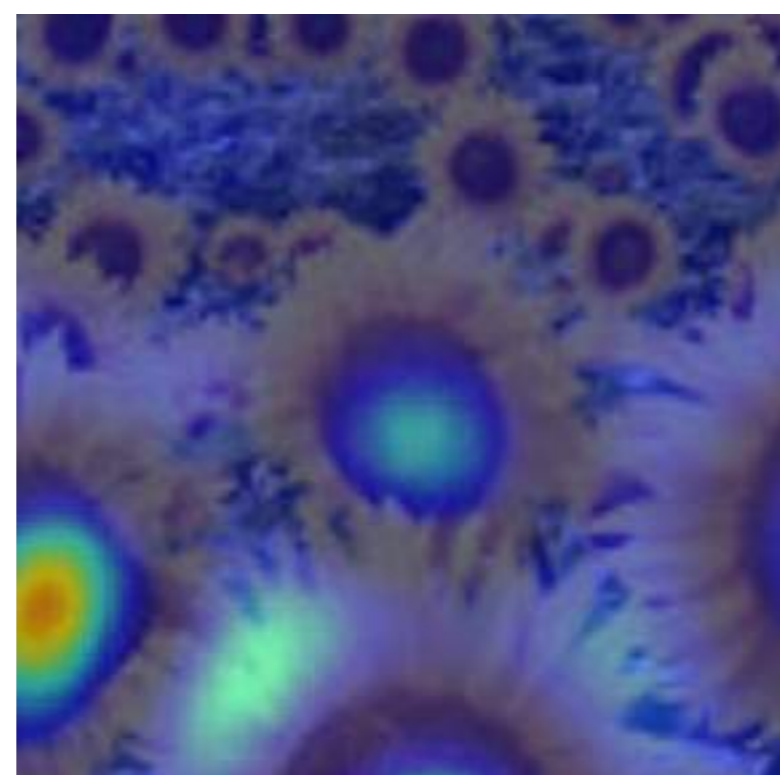
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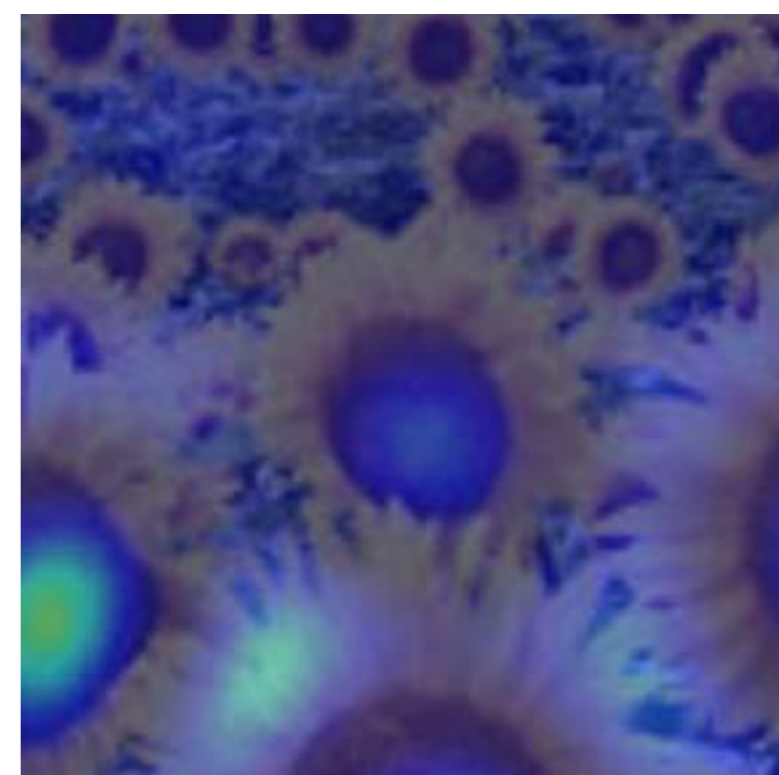
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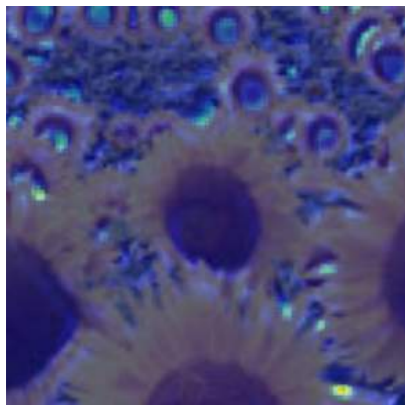


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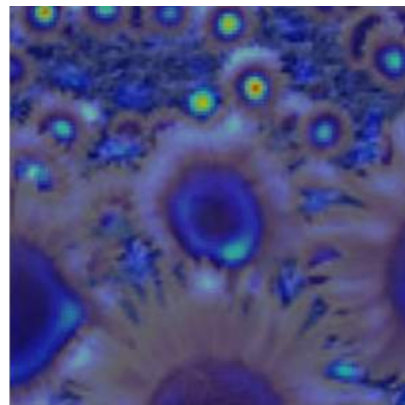


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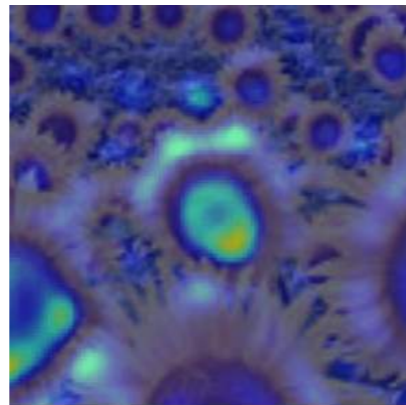
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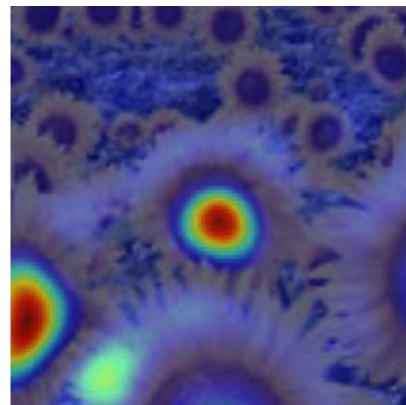
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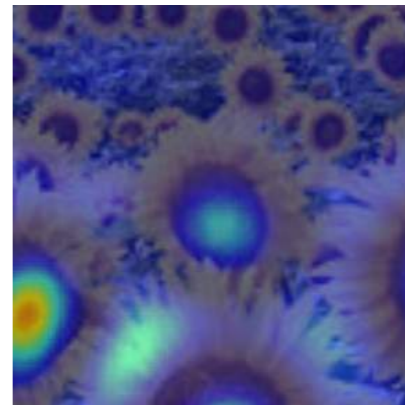
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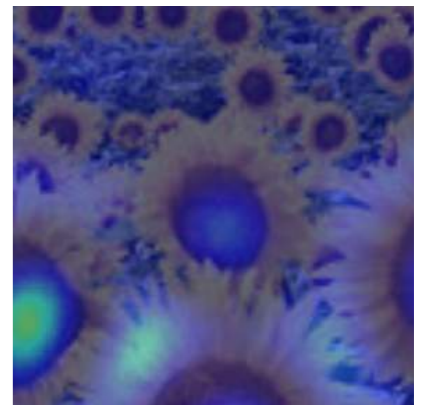
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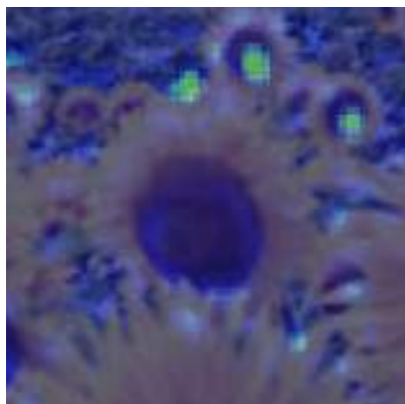


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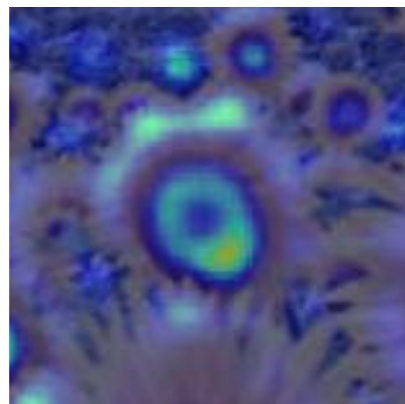


Full size image

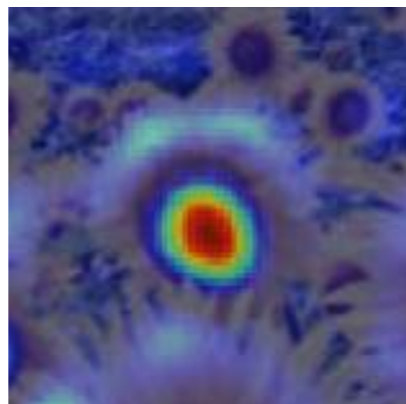
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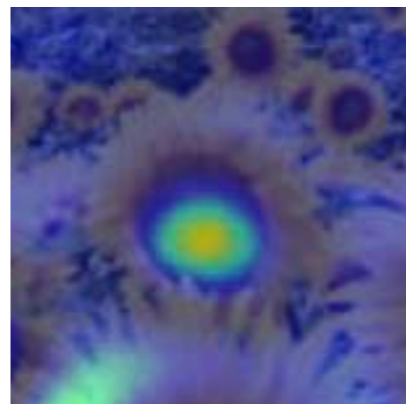
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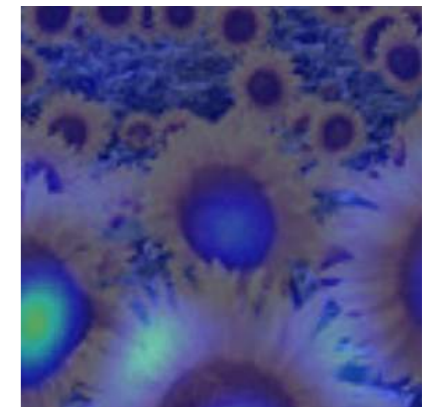
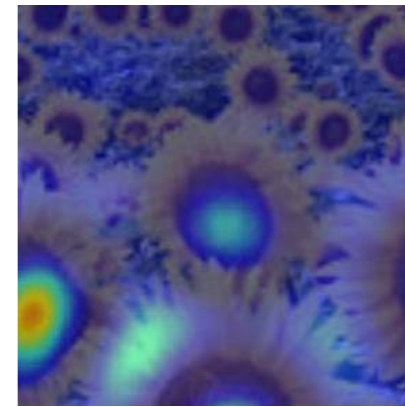
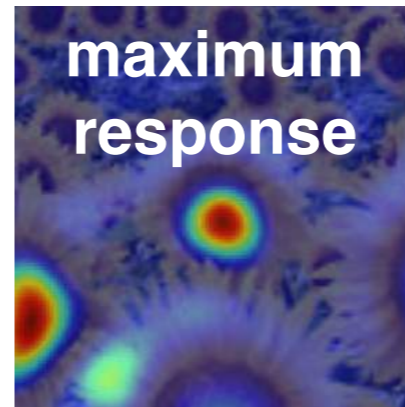
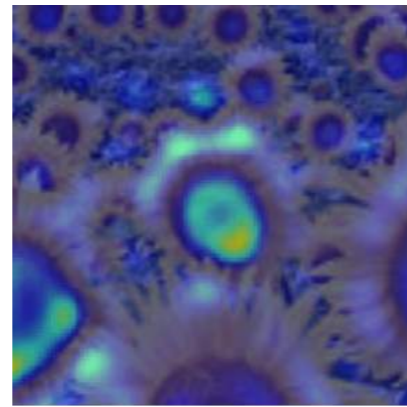
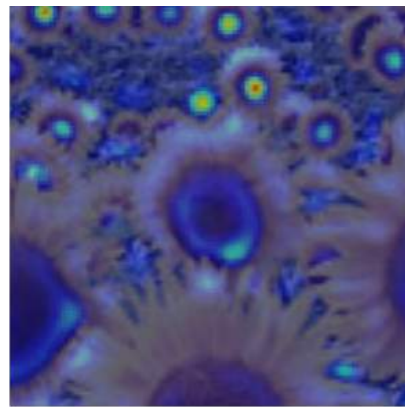
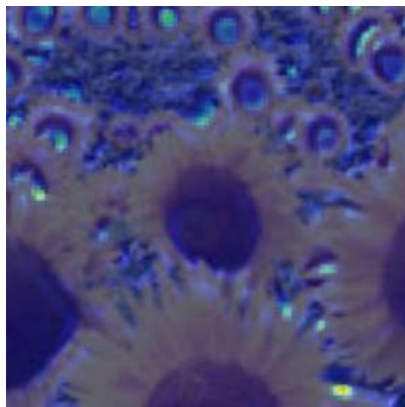
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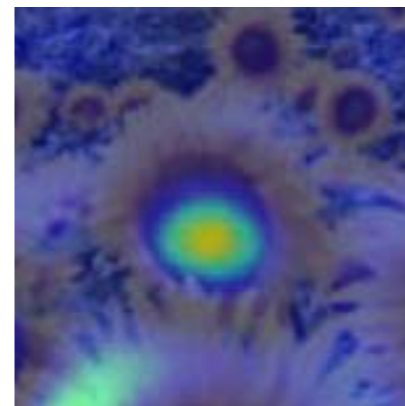
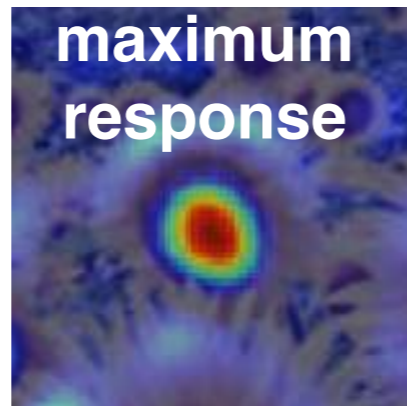
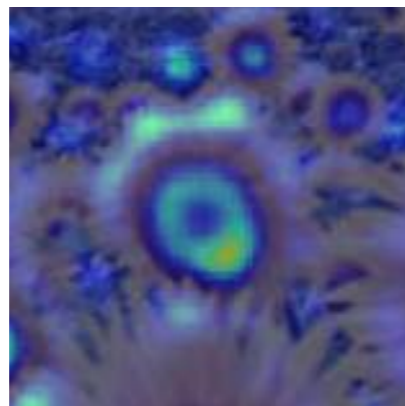
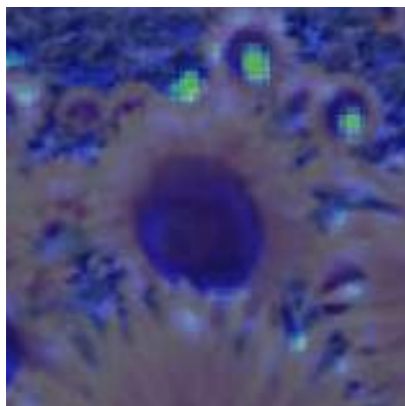
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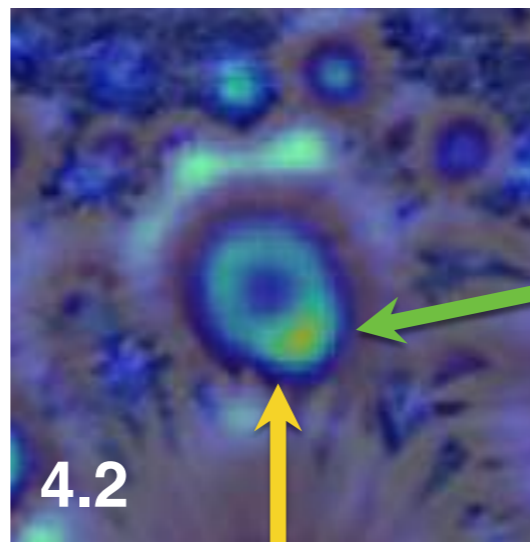
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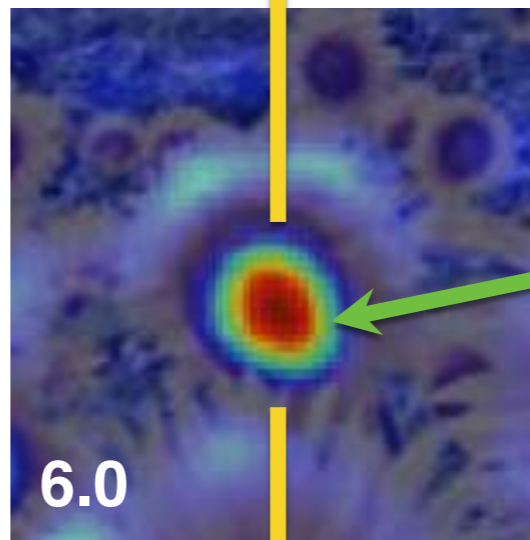


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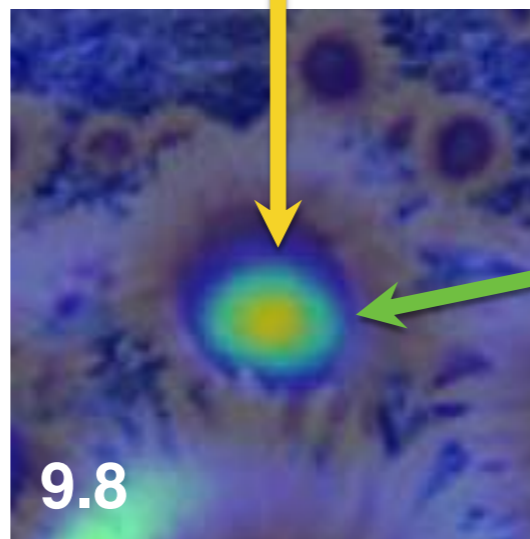
cross-scale maximum



local maximum



local maximum



local maximum



How would you
implement scale
selection?

Implementation

For each level of the Gaussian pyramid

compute feature response (e.g. Harris, Laplacian)

For each level of the Gaussian pyramid

if local maximum and cross-scale

save scale and location of feature (x, y, s)



