

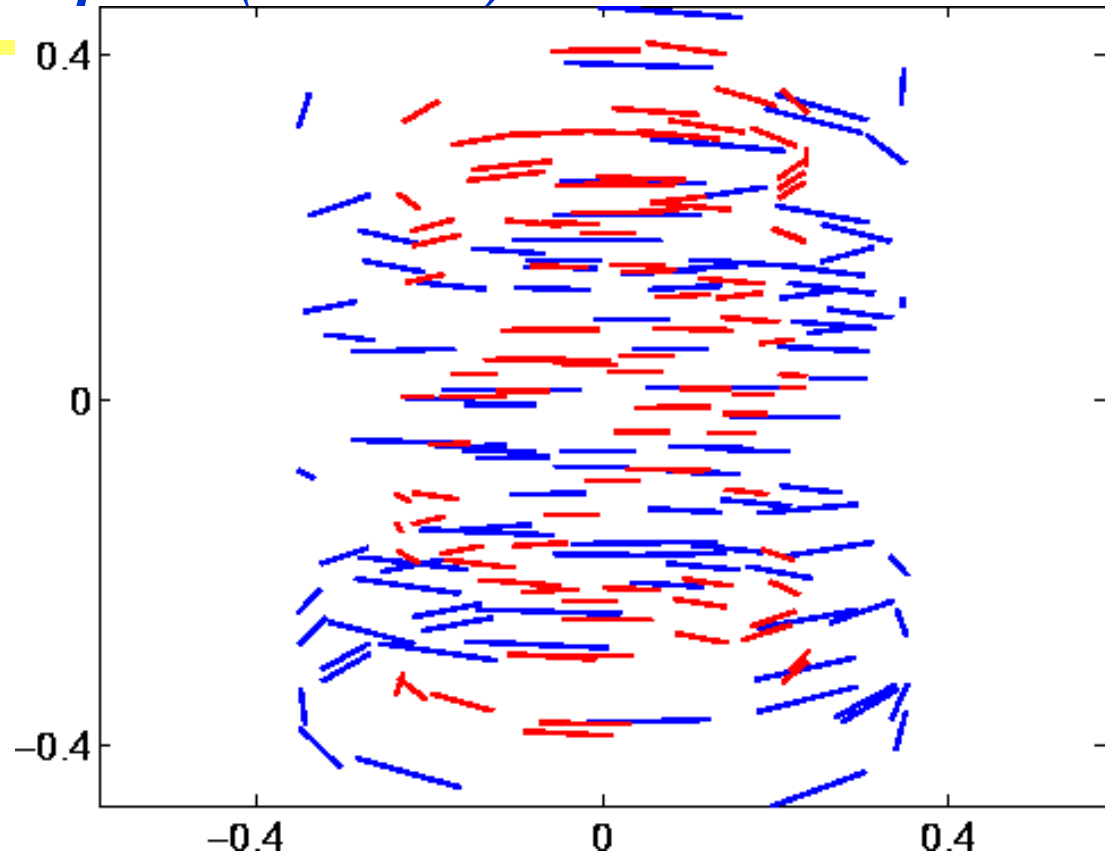
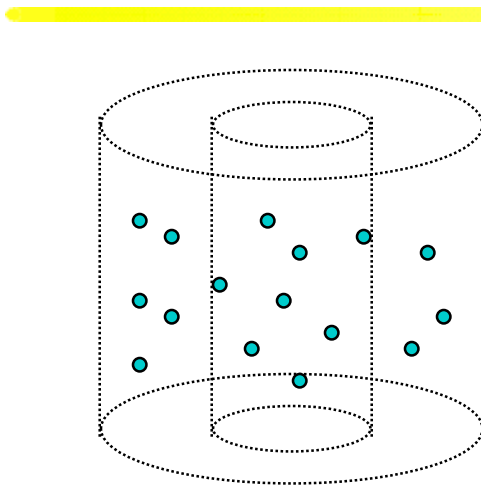
*Visual Motion*  
*Analysis and Representation*

# *Example*

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- ❖ Ullman's concentric counter-rotating cylinder experiment
- ❖ Two concentric cylinders of different radii
- ❖ W. a random dot pattern on both surfaces (cylinder surfaces and boundaries are not displayed)
- ❖ Stationary: not able to tell them apart
- ❖ Counter-rotating: structures apparent

## *Example (cont.)*



- ❖ Motion helps in
  - segmentation (two structures)
  - identification (two cylinders)

# *Classes of Techniques*

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## ❖ *Feature-based methods*

- ❑ Extract visual features (corners, textured areas) and track them
- ❑ Sparse motion fields, but possibly robust tracking
- ❑ Suitable especially when image motion is large (10s of pixels)

## ❖ *Direct-methods (Pixel-based methods)*

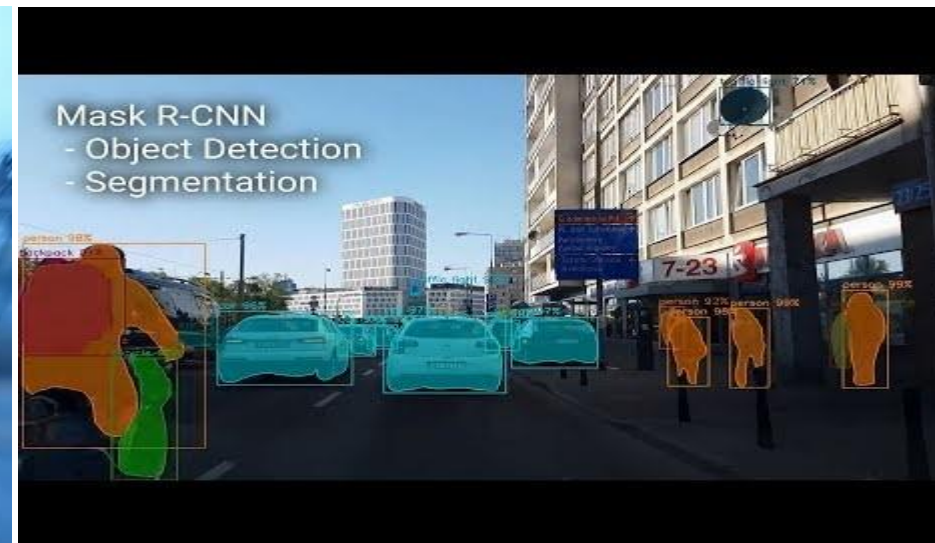
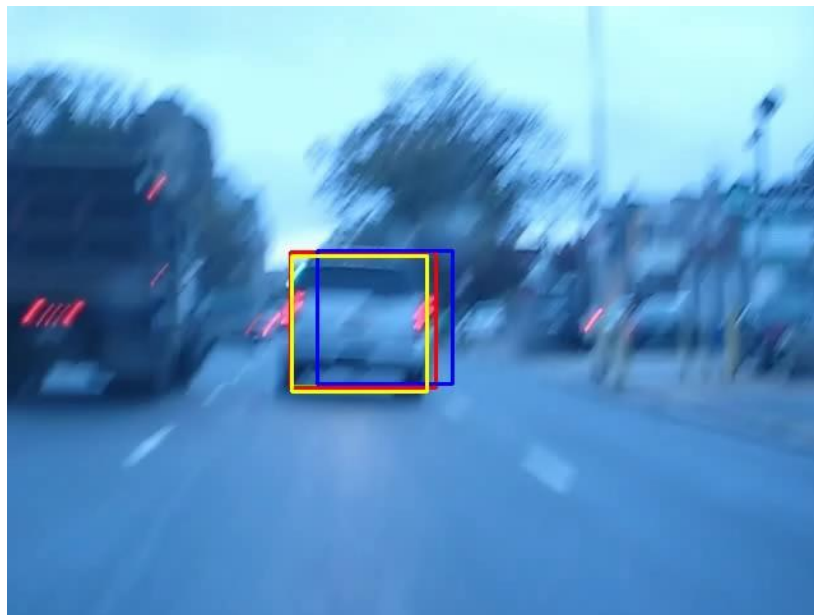
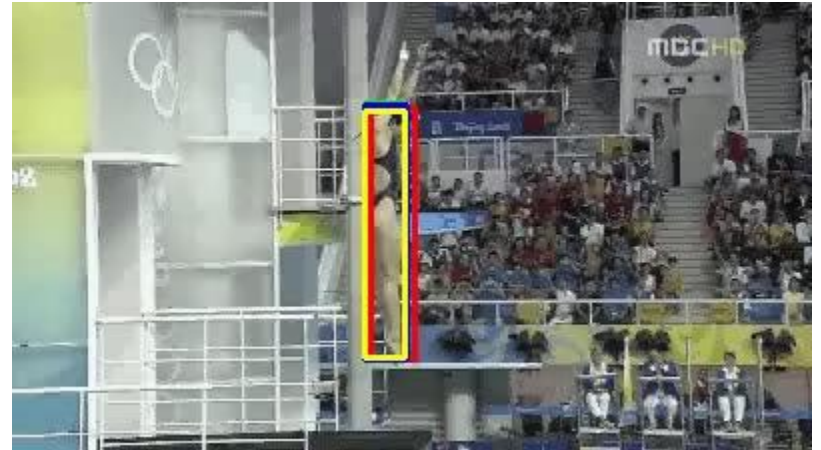
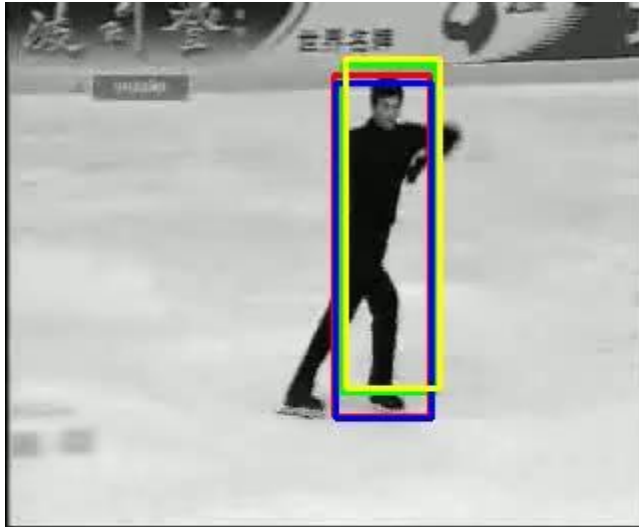
- ❑ Directly recover image motion from spatio-temporal image brightness variations
- ❑ Global motion parameters directly recovered without an intermediate feature motion calculation
- ❑ Dense motion fields, but more sensitive to appearance variations
- ❑ Suitable for video and when image motion is small ( $< 10$  pixels)



# *Traditional vs Modern*

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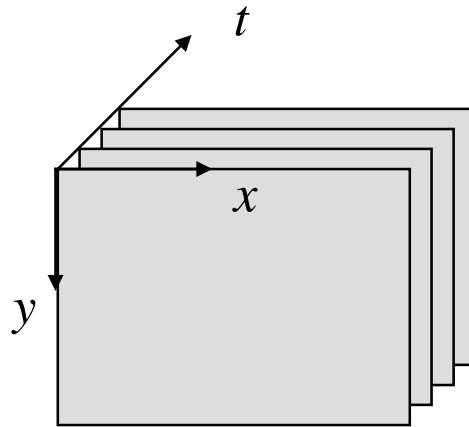
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| ❖ Syntactic features                         | ❖ Semantic features                      |
| ❖ Small deformation                          | ❖ Large deformation                      |
| ❖ Precise localization                       | ❖ Global localization                    |
| ❖ Sparse vs dense<br>(vector/pixel) tracking | ❖ Object (people, dog,<br>etc.) tracking |



# Optical flow and motion analysis

❖ Now we move to considering images that vary over time – image sequences

- ❑ Typical case is video – images captured at 30 frames/second (or 15, or 60, or ...)
- ❑  $I(x, y, t) \rightarrow I_1(x, y) = I(x, y, t_1)$ ,  $I_2(x, y) = I(x, y, t_2)$ , etc.
- ❑ “Spatial-temporal space” describes  $(x, y, t)$

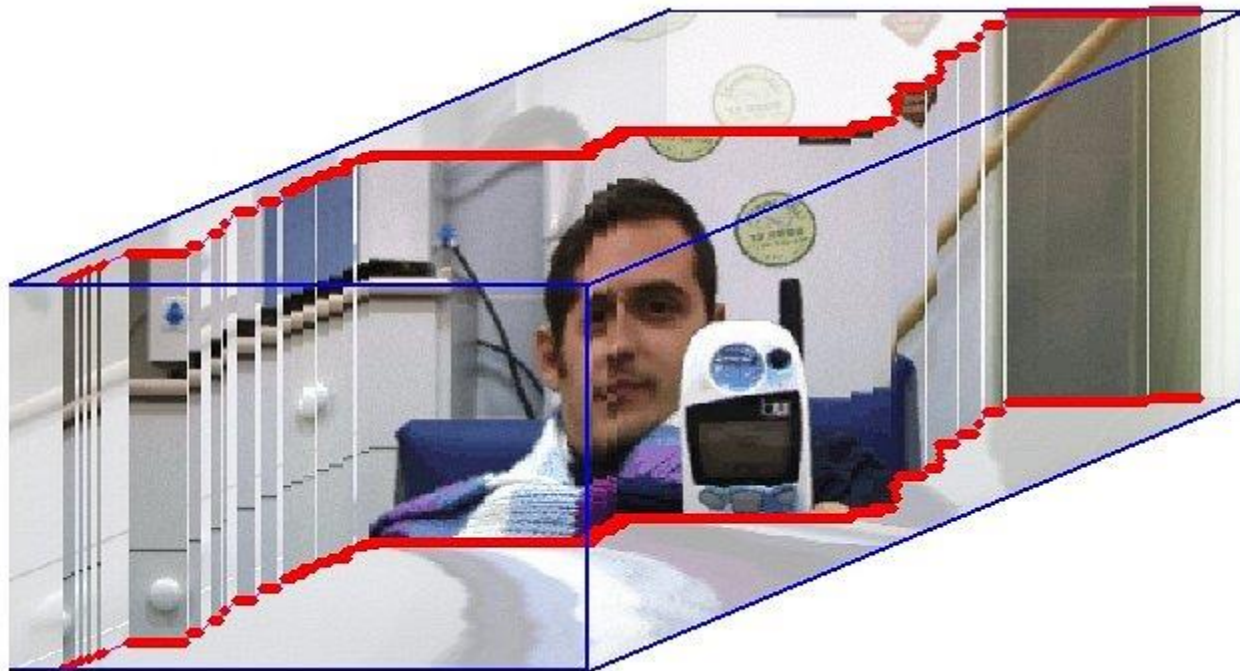


What can change between  $I_t$  and  $I_{t+1}$ ?

What do images close in time have in common?



# *Spatio-temporal image data (examples)*

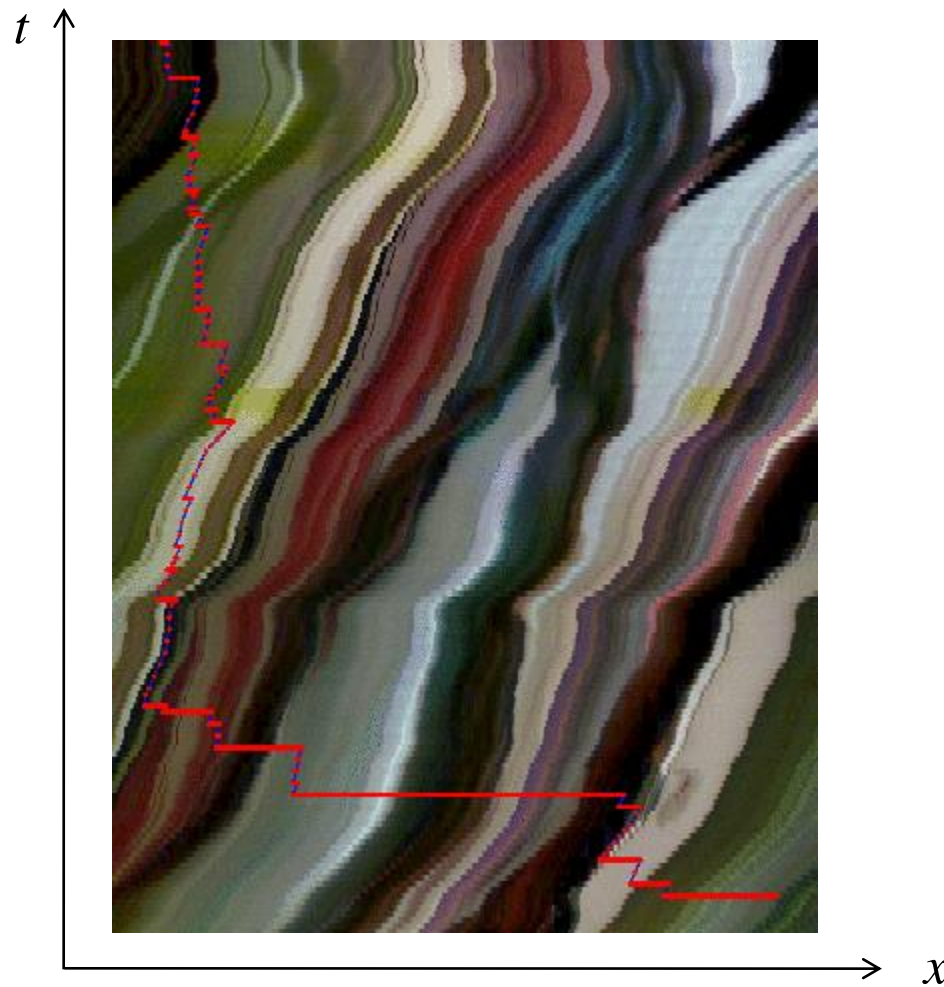




# Frames



$x$ - $t$  slice

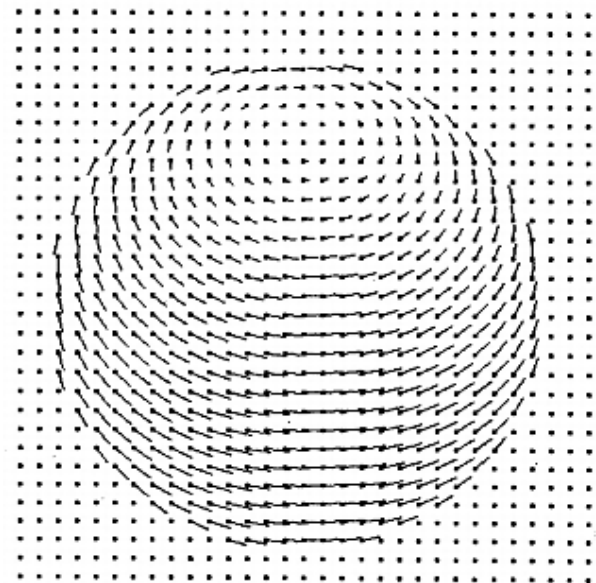


# Optical flow and motion analysis

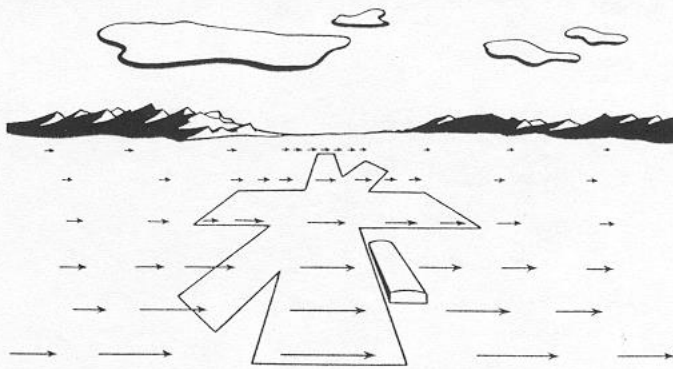
- ❖ **Optical flow** is the *apparent motion* of brightness patterns in the image sequence
  - A 2D vector at each point – a vector field
- ❖ The **motion field** is the *true motion* (3D) at each point, mapped onto the 2D image
  - A vector field
- ❖ They are not always the same
  - E.g., white, featureless ball?

In general, we estimate the *motion field* by computing the *optical flow*

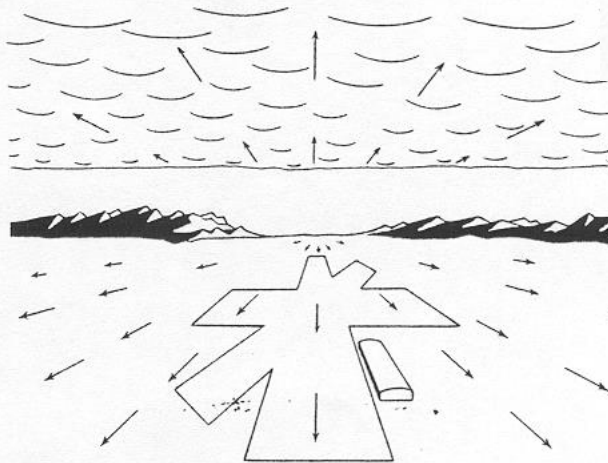
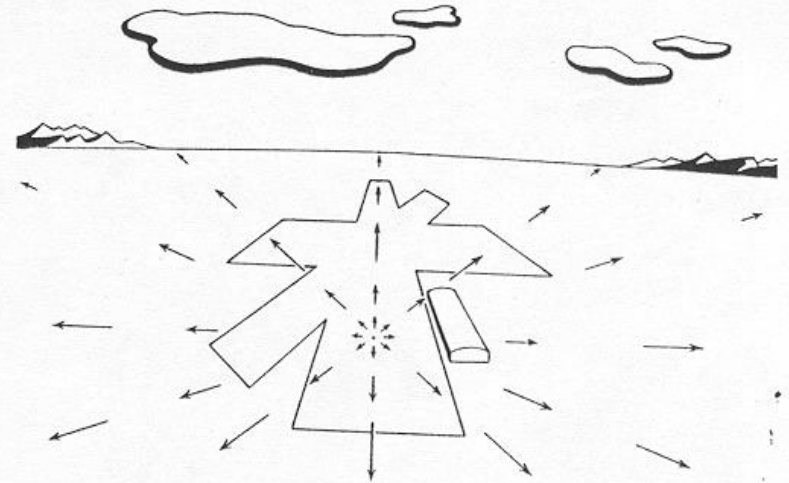
The motion field is not *directly* observed



# Example



**Figure 8.6** The motion field of a pilot looking to the right in level flight. The focus of expansion here is off at infinity to the left of the figure; equivalently, the focus of contraction is off at infinity to the right of the figure. (From [Gibson 1950], permission. Copyright © 1977, 1950 by Houghton Mifflin Company.)



# Example

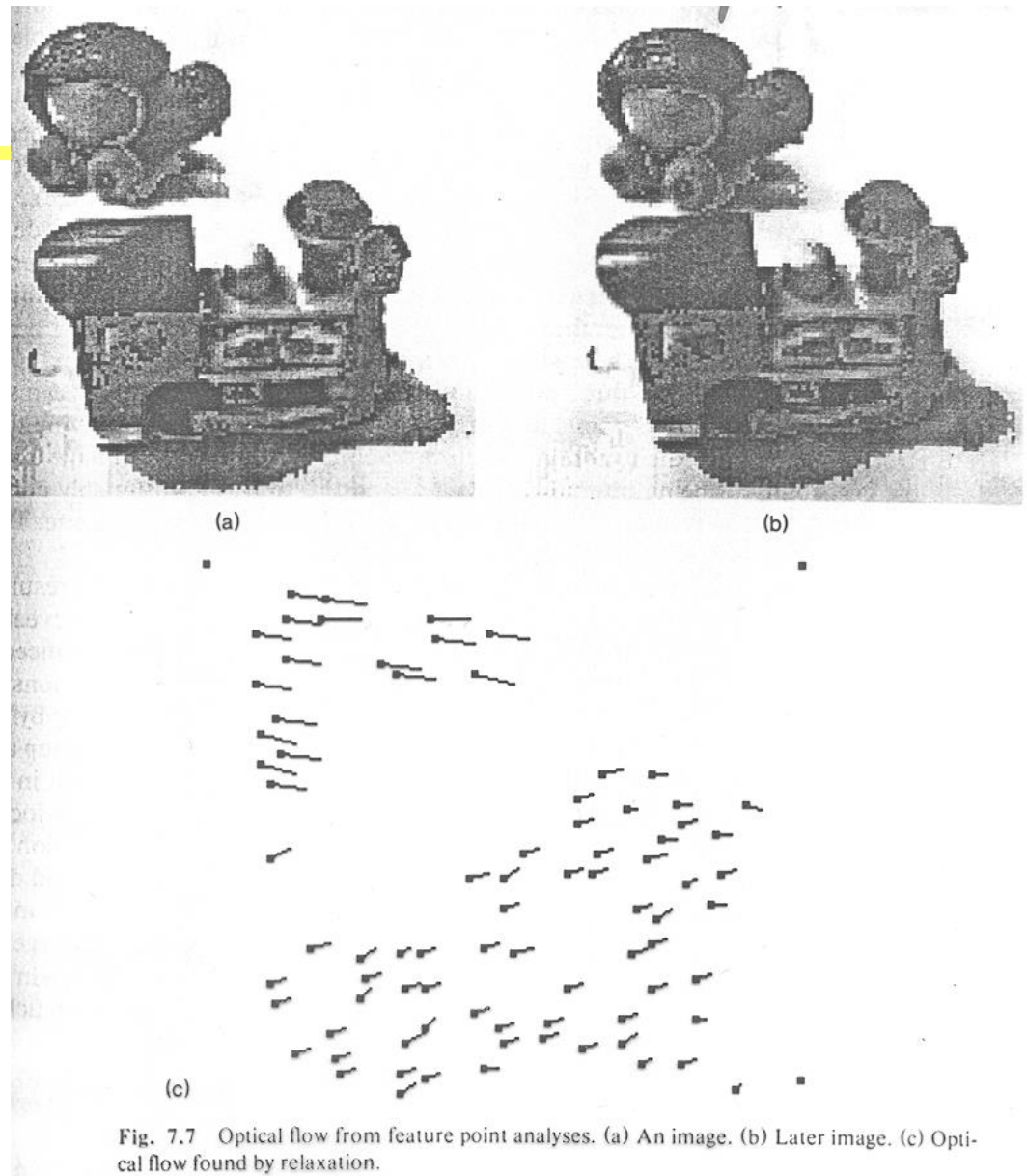
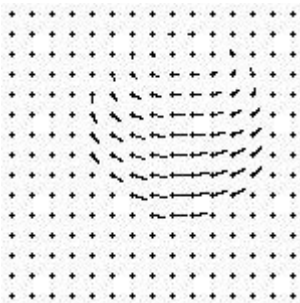
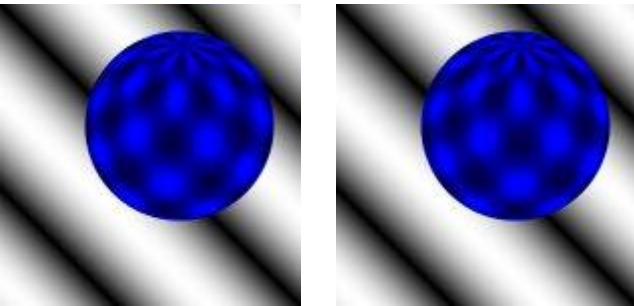
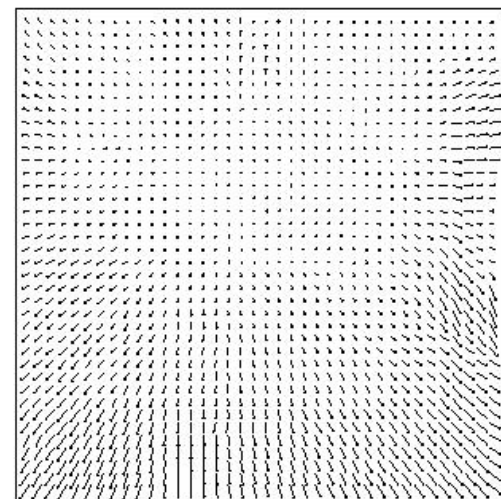
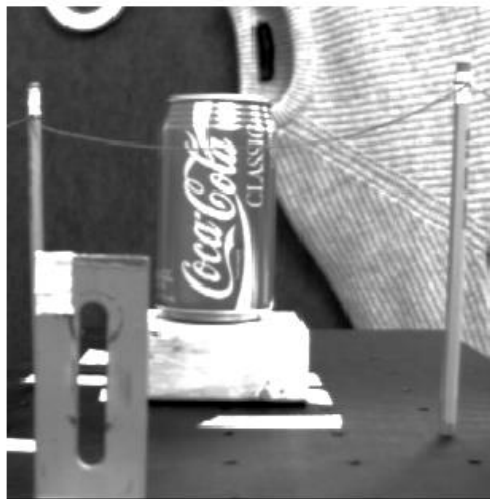
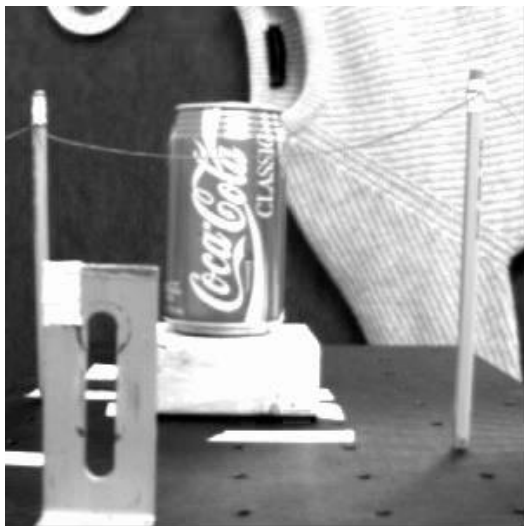
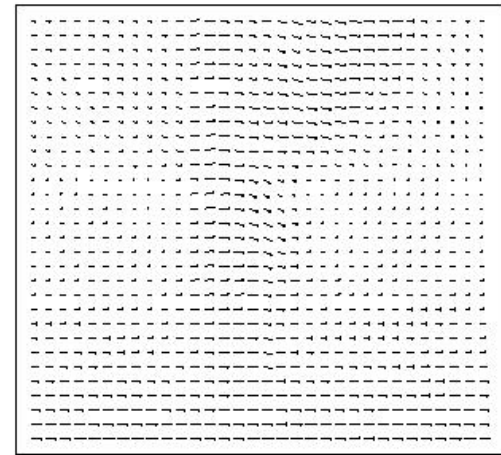
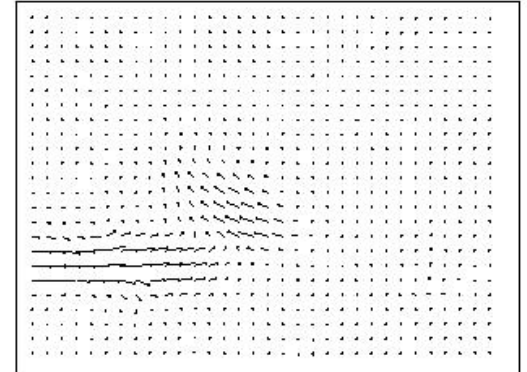
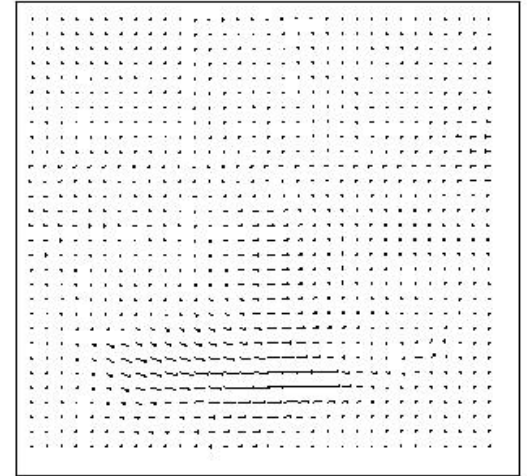


Fig. 7.7 Optical flow from feature point analyses. (a) An image. (b) Later image. (c) Optical flow found by relaxation.







# *Caveats*

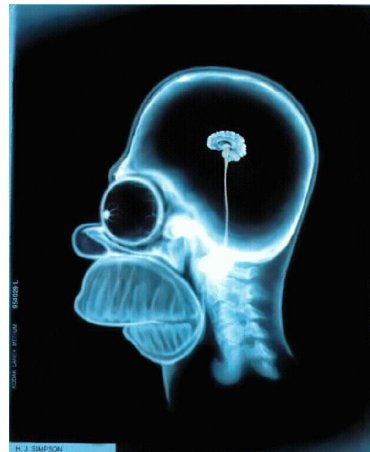
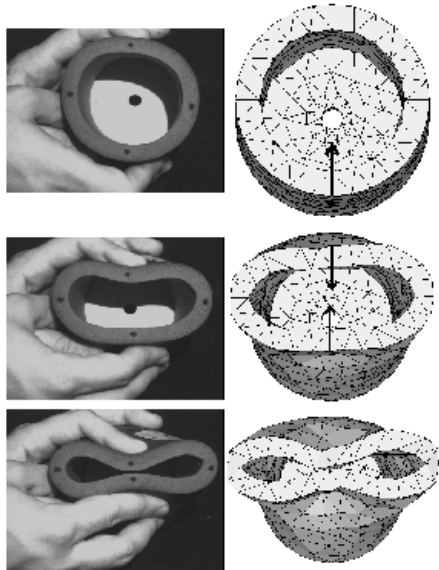
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- ❖ Motion analysis a very important and popular area in computer vision
- ❖ A large body of literature exists with maybe hundreds of different formulations (At CVPR, you will find at least 2 or 3 sessions on motion)
- ❖ Many of them can be very mathematical
- ❖ Apparent motion  $\neq$  True motion



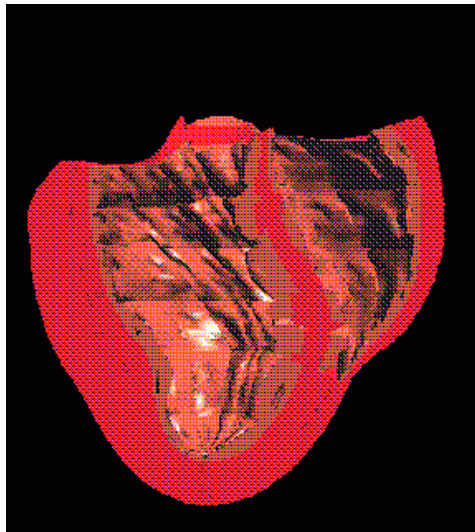
# *Rigid vs. nonrigid motion*

- ❖ Camera motion is 6 DOF rigid motion
- ❖ Object motion may be rigid or nonrigid
  - ❑ Rigid: coffee mugs, silverware, baseballs, jets, ...
  - ❑ Nonrigid: humans, face, medical imagery, beach balls, scissors, grass, ...
    - Includes *articulated* motion



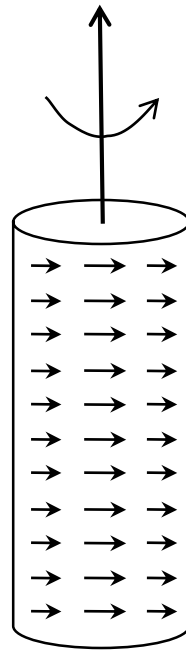
# *Nonrigid motion*

- ❖ Nonrigid motion is complicated and difficult, especially with little prior knowledge on what is being viewed
  - Typical problem: What are the parameters of the known nonrigid model of the object being viewed?

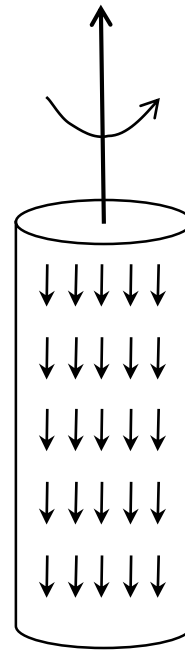


We'll just focus on rigid motion

# *The barber's pole illusion*



Motion  
field



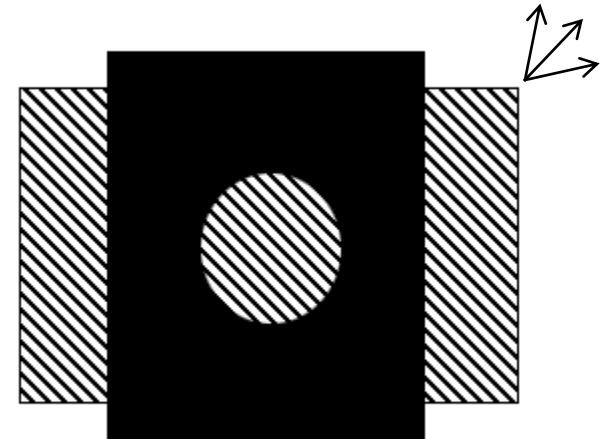
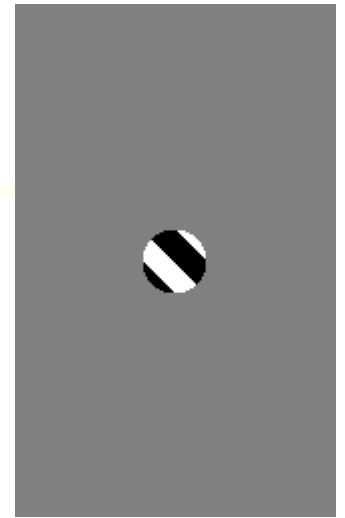
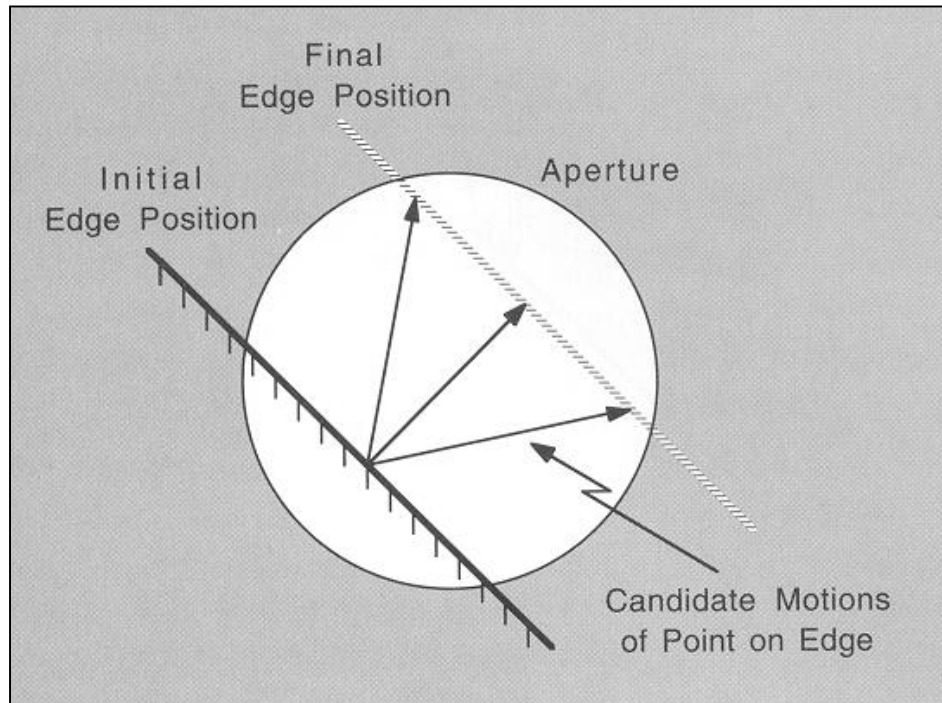
Optical  
flow

Web example



# *The aperture problem*

- ❖ In local processing, we can only measure motion perpendicular to the image gradient



# *First steps*

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- ❖ Motion processing starts with estimating optical flow from frame to frame, either *densely* or *sparsely*
- ❖ The typical approaches are:
  - ❑ Dense correspondence:
    - Differential methods, local area/correlation based
    - This could be hierarchical (coarse-to-fine approach)
  - ❑ Sparse correspondence
    - Matching methods, feature based
- ❖ Assumption: Points/features can be matched in nearby images

# Brightness constancy equation

Total  
derivative →

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{dI(x(t), y(t), t)}{dt} = 0$$

For a given scene point

$$\frac{dI(x(t), y(t), t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{dt} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \right)^T \left( \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\nabla I \cdot \mathbf{v} + I_t = 0$$

$\nabla I$  Image gradient

$\mathbf{v}$  Optical flow

$I_t$  Time difference

# Brightness constancy equation (method #2)

$$I(x, y, t) = I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t) \quad \text{For a given scene point}$$

$$I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t) - I(x, y, t) = 0$$



$$I(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial t} dt \quad \text{by Taylor expansion}$$

$$\frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial I(x, y, t)}{\partial t} dt = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\nabla I \cdot v + I_t = 0$$



# Brightness constancy equation (method #2)



$$I(x, y, t) = I(x + \delta x, y + \delta y, t + \delta t)$$

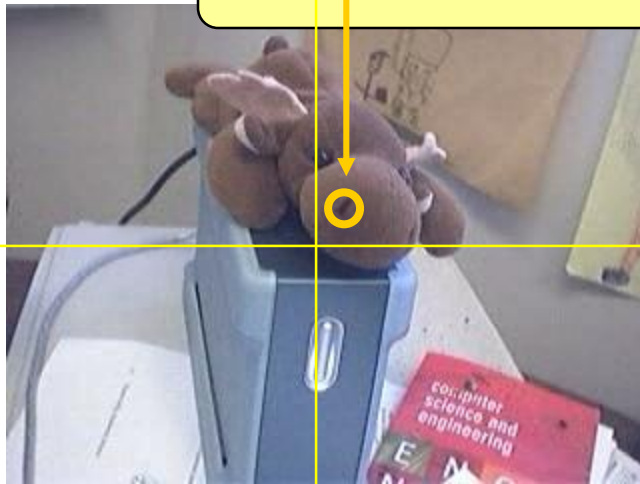


Image at time  $t$

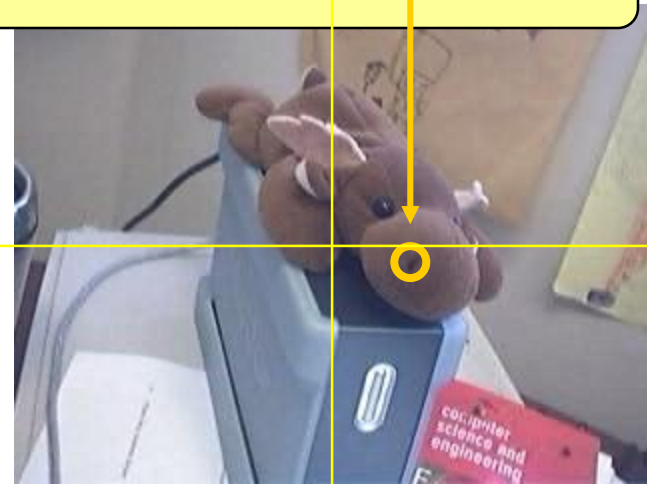
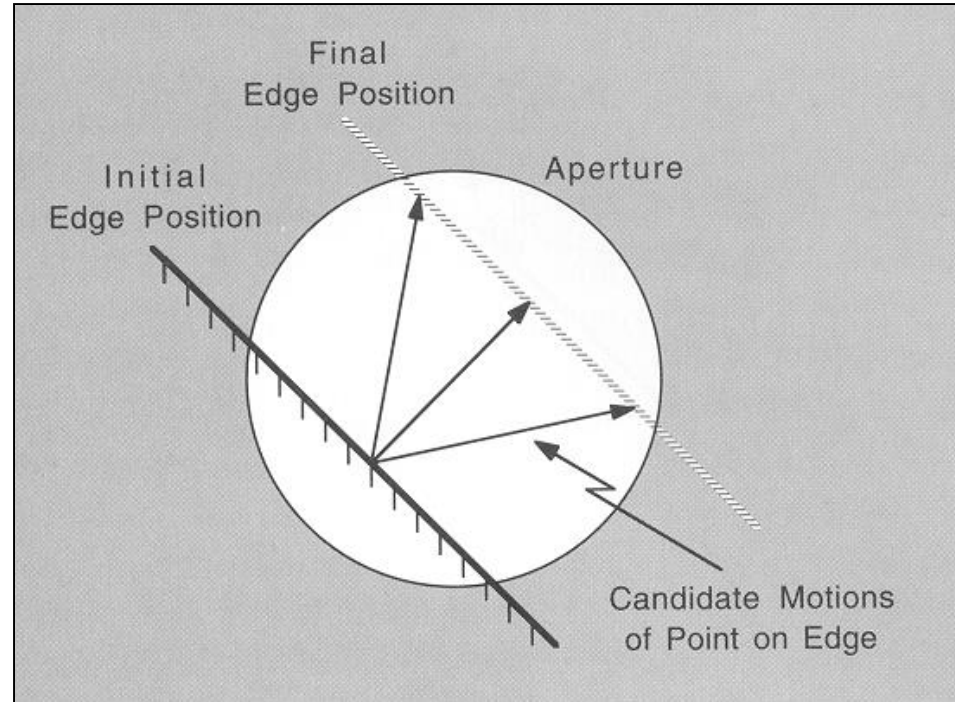
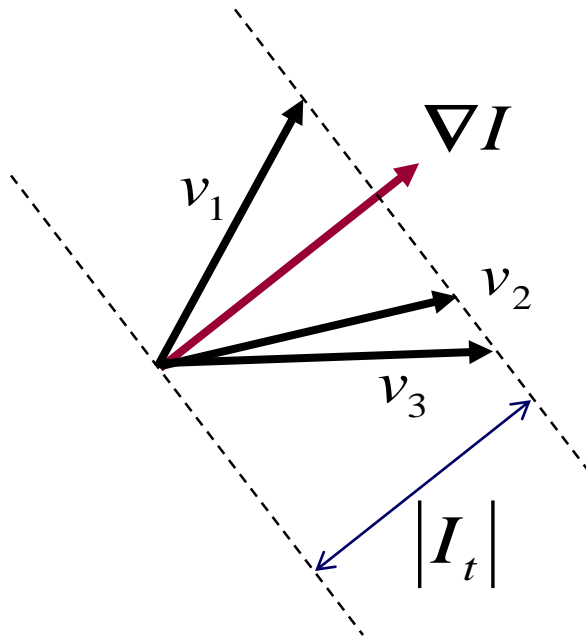


Image at time  $t + \delta t$

# Back to the aperture problem

$$\nabla I \cdot \mathbf{v} + I_t = 0$$

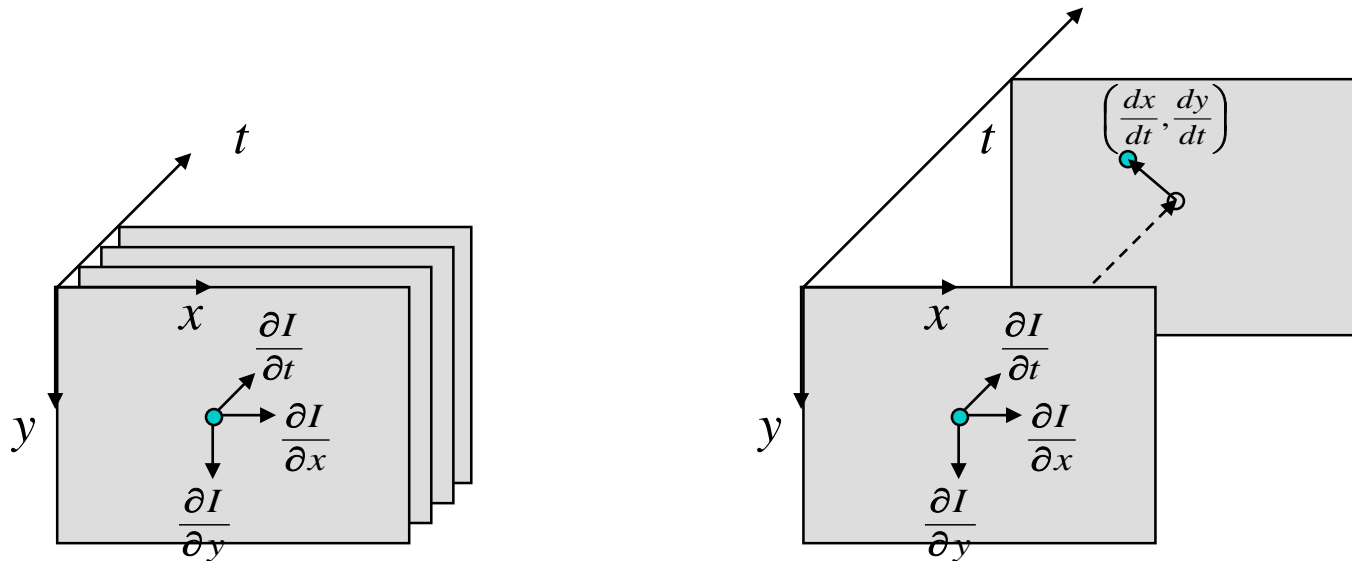
$$\nabla I \cdot \mathbf{v} = -I_t$$



Many vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  satisfy this

Only the normal direction is constrained

# On images...

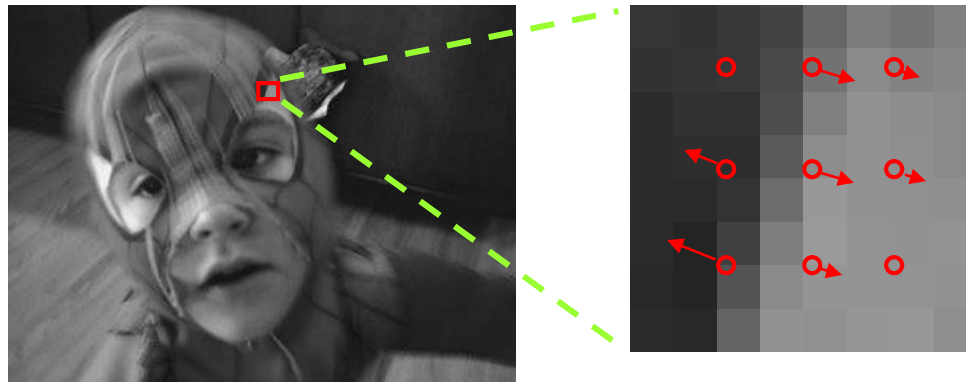
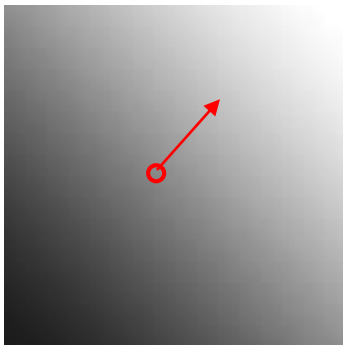
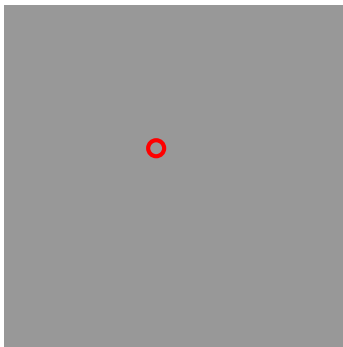


$$\nabla I \cdot \mathbf{v} + I_t = 0$$

This equation defines and constrains the optical flow  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

# *What is the image gradient?*

Image gradient – the first derivative (slope) of the intensity variation in  $(x, y)$



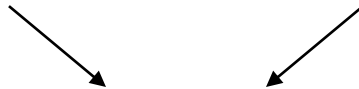
# *What is the temporal gradient?*



$t_1$



$t_2$



$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$



# Brightness constancy of a point

Scene



Image  
sequence

$I_1$

$I_2$

$I_3$



$$I(x(t_1), y(t_1), t_1)$$

=

$$I(x(t_2), y(t_2), t_2)$$

$$I(x(t_2), y(t_2), t_2)$$

=

$$I(x(t_3), y(t_3), t_3)$$



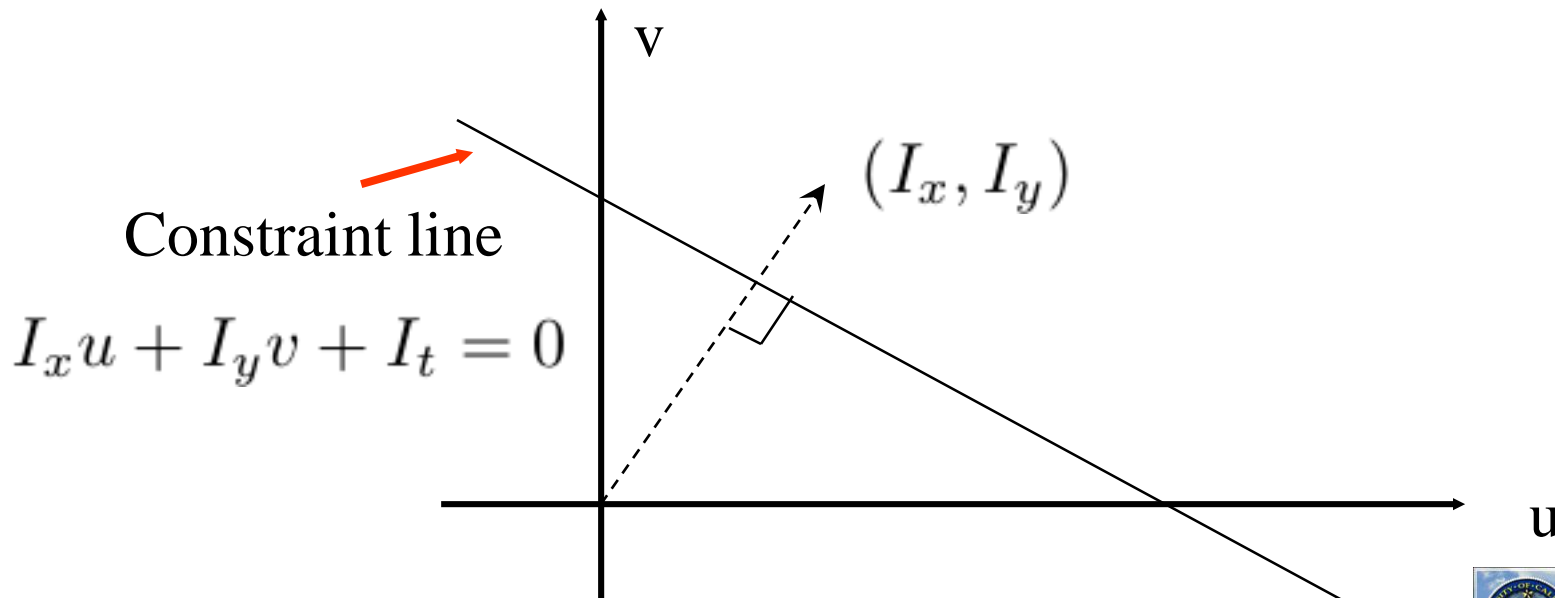
# Difficulty

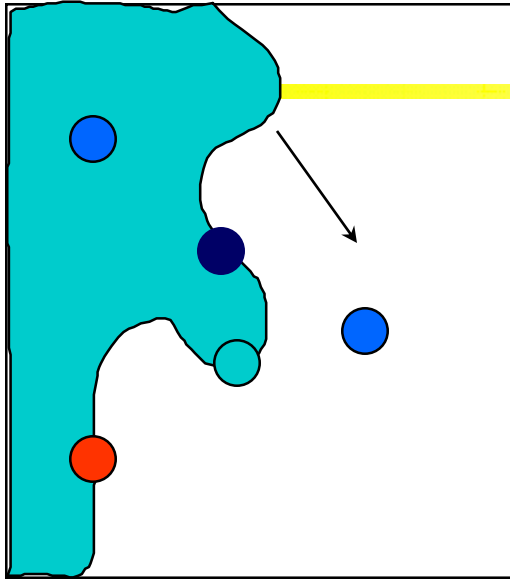
❖ One equation with two unknowns

❖ Aperture problem

□ spatial derivatives use only a few adjacent pixels (limited aperture and visibility)

□ many combinations of  $(u, v)$  will satisfy the equation





- intensity gradient is zero  
no constraints on  $(u, v)$   $(0,0) \cdot (u, v) = 0$   
interpolated from other places
- intensity gradient is nonzero  
but is *constant*  
one constraints on  $(u, v)$   $(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}) \cdot (u, v) = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$   
only the component along the gradient  
are recoverable
- intensity gradient is nonzero  
and *changing*  
multiple constraints on  $(u, v)$   
motion recoverable

$$(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_1}) \cdot (u, v) = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}_{(x_1, y_1)}$$

$$(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_2}) \cdot (u, v) = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}_{(x_2, y_2)}$$

# *Patch Translation [Lucas-Kanade]*

Assume a single velocity for all pixels within an image patch

$$E(u, v) = \sum_{x, y \in \Omega} \left( I_x(x, y)u + I_y(x, y)v + I_t \right)^2$$

Minimizing

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum I_x^2 & \sum I_x I_y \\ \sum I_x I_y & \sum I_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \sum I_x I_t \\ \sum I_y I_t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \sum \nabla I \nabla I^T \right) \vec{U} = - \sum \nabla I I_t$$

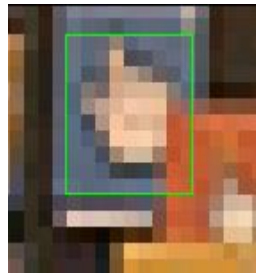
LHS: sum of the 2x2 outer product of the gradient vector



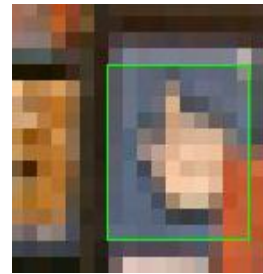
# *Image motion*

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How do we determine correspondences?



*I*



*J*

Assume all change between frames is due to **motion**:

$$J(x, y) \approx I(x + u(x, y), y + v(x, y))$$

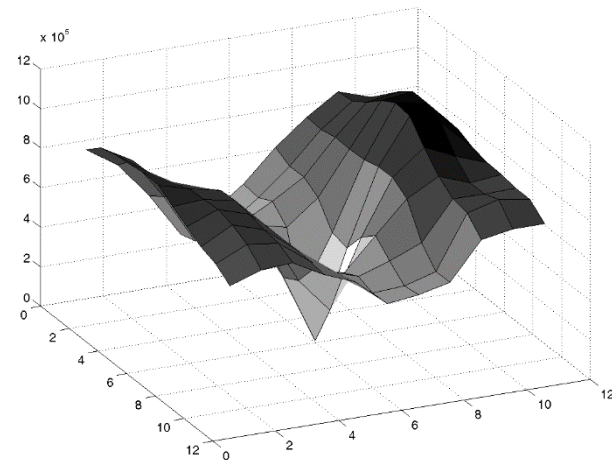
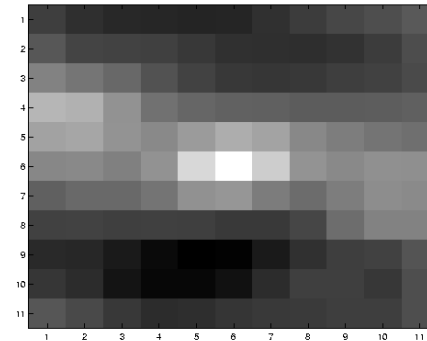
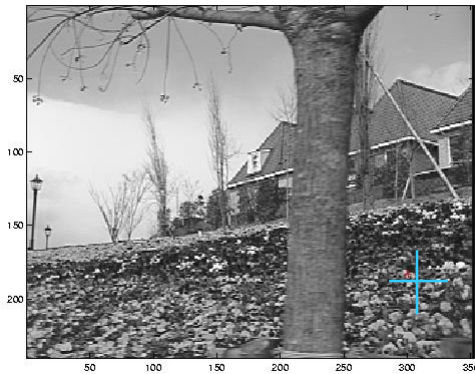
# *The Aperture Problem*

Let  $M = \sum (\nabla I)(\nabla I)^T$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -\sum I_x I_t \\ -\sum I_y I_t \end{bmatrix}$

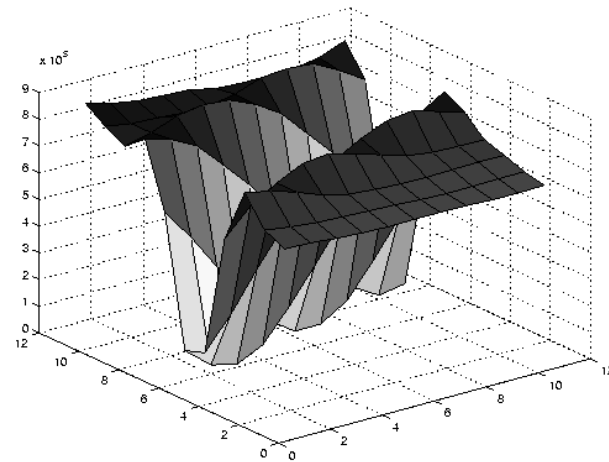
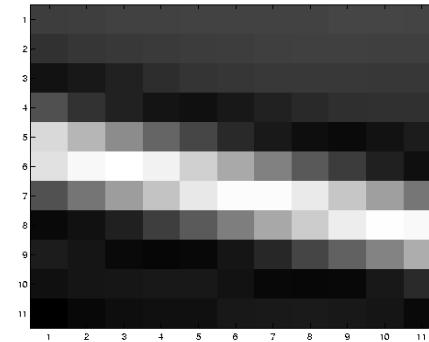
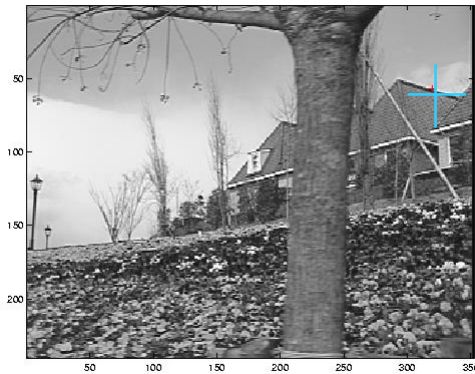
- Algorithm: At each pixel compute  $U$  by solving  $MU = b$
- $M$  is singular if all gradient vectors point in the same direction
  - e.g., along an edge
  - of course, trivially singular if the summation is over a single pixel or there is no texture
  - i.e., only *normal flow* is available (aperture problem)
- Corners and textured areas are OK



# *SSD Surface – Textured area*

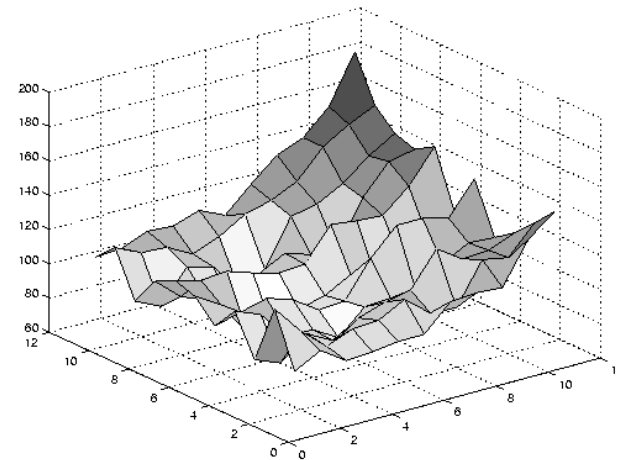
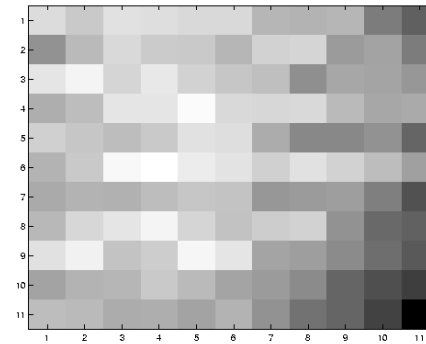
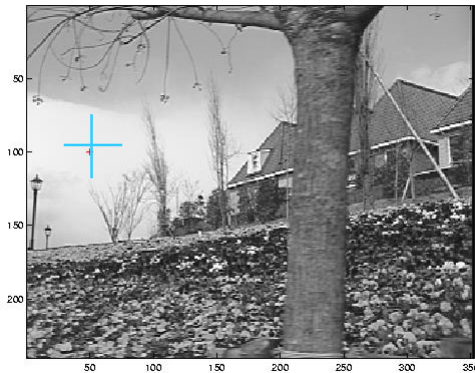


# *SSD Surface -- Edge*





# *SSD – homogeneous area*



# *Limits of the gradient method*

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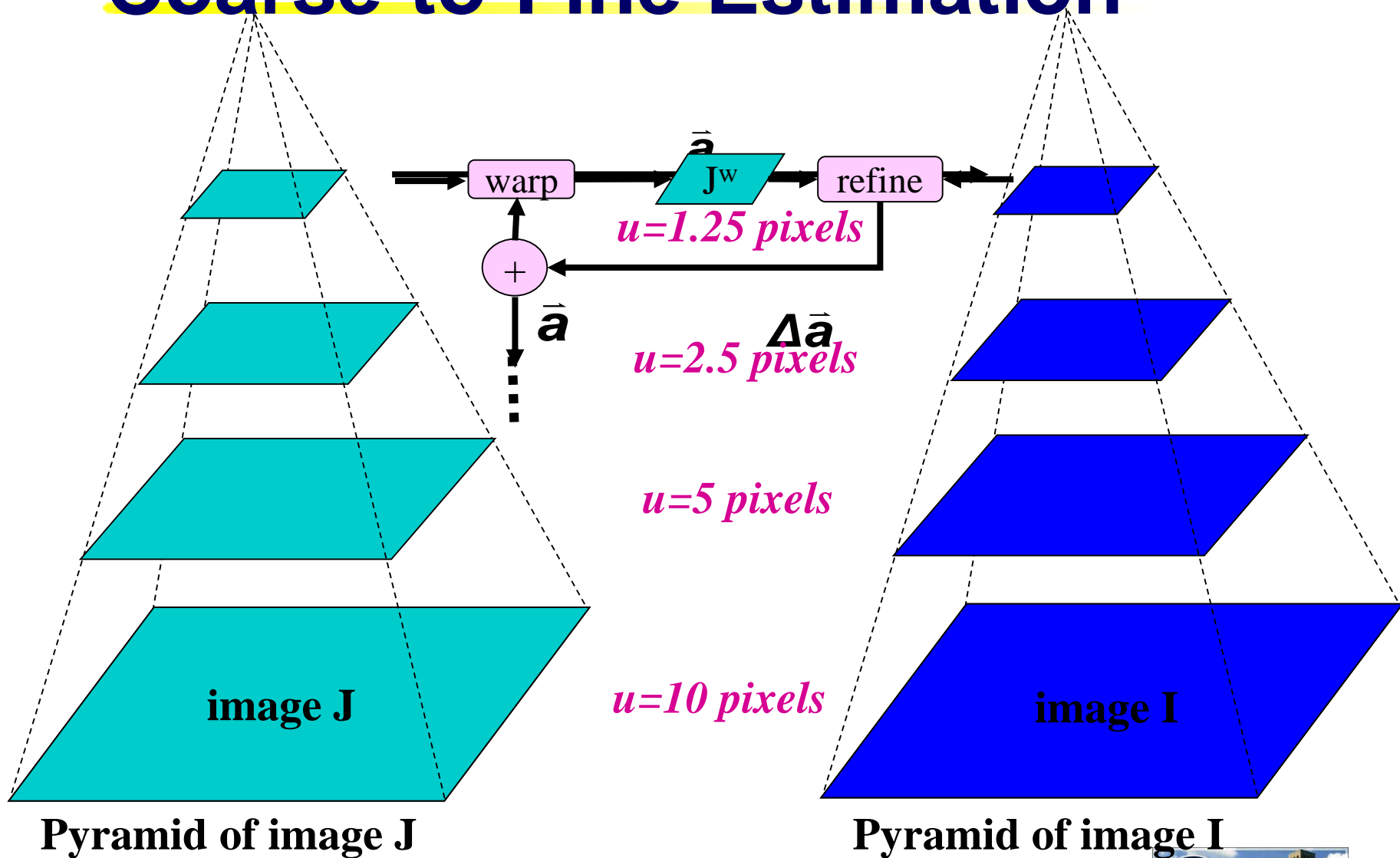
Fails when intensity structure in window is poor

Fails when the displacement is large (typical operating range is motion of 1 pixel)

*Linearization of brightness is suitable only for small displacements*

- ❖ Also, brightness is not strictly constant in images  
*actually less problematic than it appears, since we can pre-filter images to make them look similar*

# Coarse-to-Fine Estimation

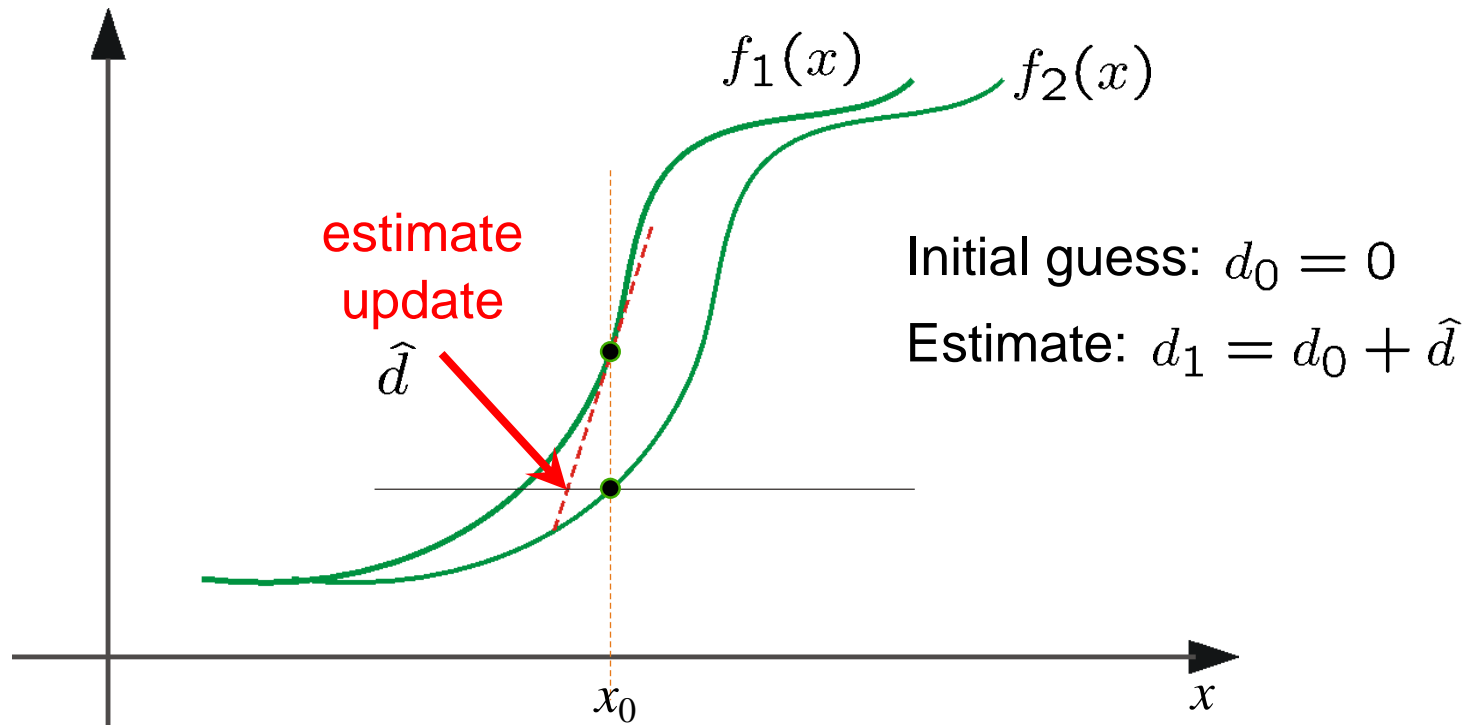


# *Iterative Refinement*

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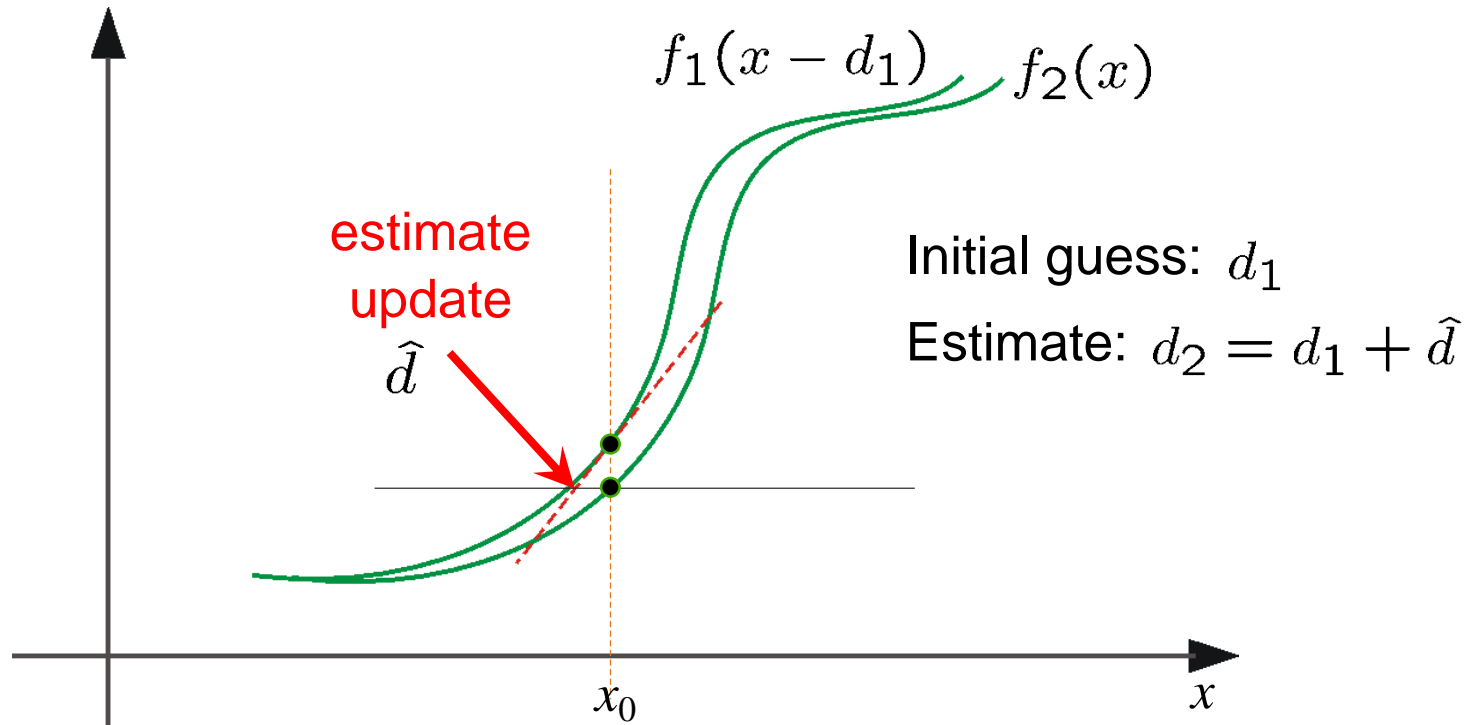
- ❖ Estimate velocity at each pixel using one iteration of Lucas and Kanade estimation
- ❖ Warp one image toward the other using the estimated flow field  
*(easier said than done)*
- ❖ Refine estimate by repeating the process

# Optical Flow: Iterative Estimation

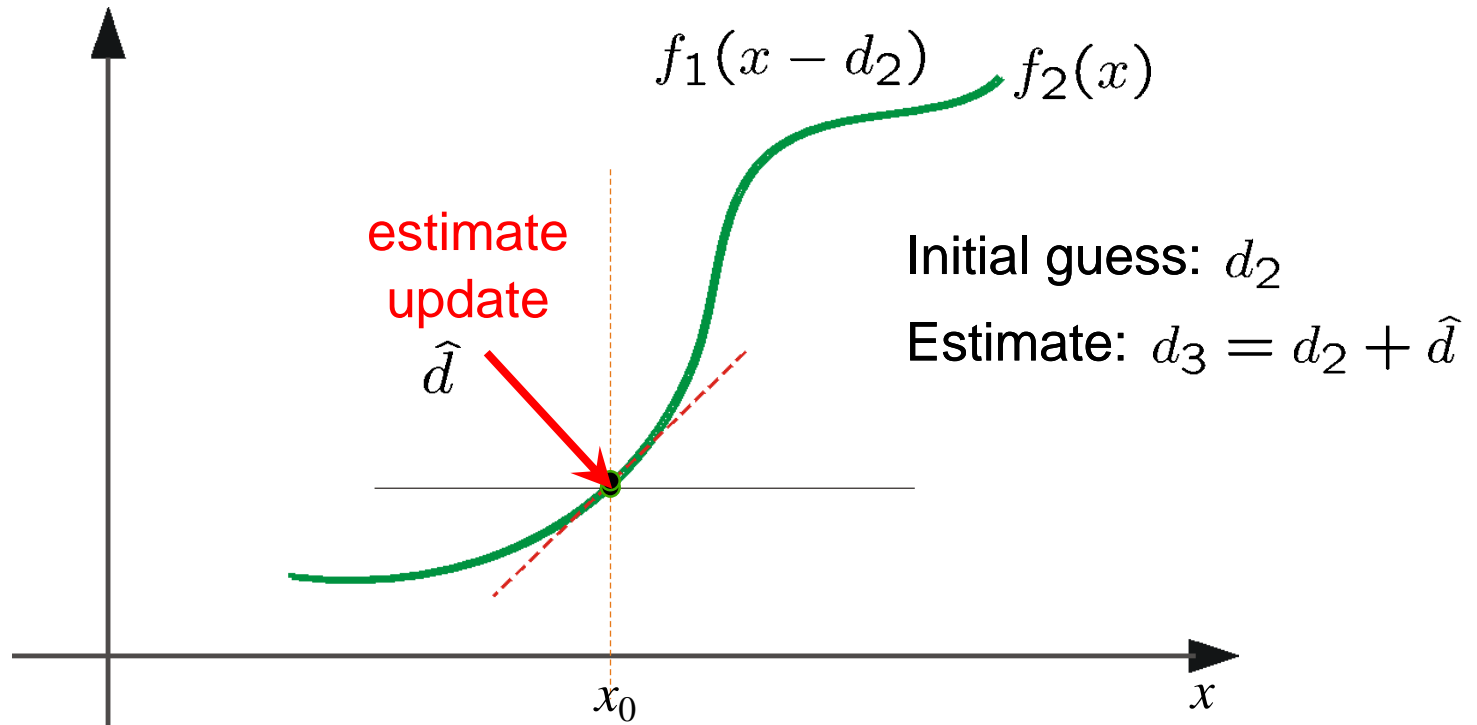


(using  $d$  for *displacement* here instead of  $u$ )

# Optical Flow: Iterative Estimation

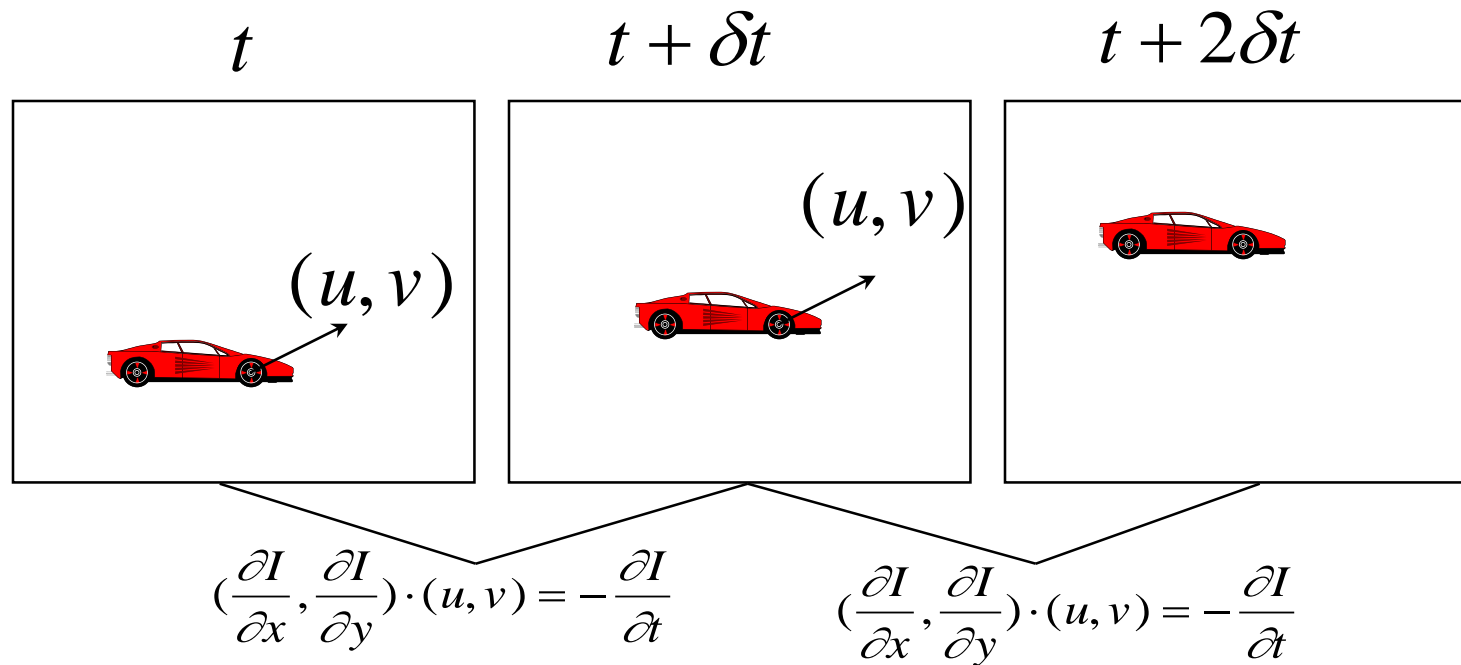


# Optical Flow: Iterative Estimation





# Temporal coherency



- Caveat:
  - $(u, v)$  must stay the same across several frames
  - scenes highly textured
  - $(u, v)$  at the same location actually refers to different object points

# *Spatial coherency*

- ❖ neighboring pixels should have “similar” flow vector
- ❖ Q: What do you mean by “similar”
- ❖ A1: identical
- ❖ A2: change slowly

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \cong 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)^2 \text{ small}$$

# *Mathematical formulation*

- ❖ Based on Lagrange Multiplier
- ❖ Incorporate smoothness as an additional constraint
- ❖ Can be thought of as a weighting of two terms:
  - optical flow constraint
  - smoothness constraint

$$\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}\right) \cdot (u, v) = -\frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)^2$$

❖ Optimize over all image plane:

$$E = \iint \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} u + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} v + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \lambda \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] dx dy$$

❖ Discretize the governing equation, at  $(i,j)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= v_{i+1,j} - v_{i,j} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= v_{i,j+1} - v_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

❖ Discretized expression:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_i \sum_j \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}_{i,j} u_{i,j} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}_{i,j} v_{i,j} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}_{i,j} \right)^2 \\ &+ \lambda \left[ (u_{i+1,j} - u_{i,j})^2 + (u_{i,j+1} - u_{i,j})^2 + (v_{i+1,j} - v_{i,j})^2 + (v_{i,j+1} - v_{i,j})^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

- At a pixel location  $(k,l)$ :

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial u_{k,l}} = 2\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} u_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} v_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}\right) \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} - 2\lambda[(u_{k-1,l} - u_{k,l}) + (u_{k,l-1} - u_{k,l}) + (u_{k+1,l} - u_{k,l}) + (u_{k,l+1} - u_{k,l})] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial v_{k,l}} = 2\left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} u_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} v_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}\right) \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} - 2\lambda[(v_{k-1,l} - v_{k,l}) + (v_{k,l-1} - v_{k,l}) + (v_{k+1,l} - v_{k,l}) + (v_{k,l+1} - v_{k,l})] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda} = \dots$$

- Putting it all together:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \right)^2 u_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} v_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}} - 4\lambda(\bar{u} - u_{k,l}) = 0 \\
 & \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} u_{k,l} + \left( \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \right)^2 v_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}} - 4\lambda(\bar{v} - v_{k,l}) = 0 \\
 & \bar{u} = (u_{k-1,l} + u_{k,l-1} + u_{k+1,l} + u_{k,l+1}) / 4 \\
 & \bar{v} = (v_{k-1,l} + v_{k,l-1} + v_{k+1,l} + v_{k,l+1}) / 4
 \end{aligned}$$



• Or:

$$[4\lambda + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}})^2]u_{k,l} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} v_{k,l} = 4\lambda \bar{u} - \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} u_{k,l} + [4\lambda + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}})^2]v_{k,l} = 4\lambda \bar{v} - \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}$$

$$u_{k,l} = \bar{u} - \frac{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \bar{v} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}}{4\lambda + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}})^2 + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}})^2} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}}$$

$$v_{k,l} = \bar{v} - \frac{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \bar{v} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}}{4\lambda + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}})^2 + (\frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}})^2} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 u_{k,l} = \bar{u} \\
 v_{k,l} = \bar{v}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \bar{v} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}} \\
 \boxed{4\lambda + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}}\right)^2} \\
 \boxed{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \bar{u} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}} \bar{v} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t_{k,l}}} \\
 \boxed{4\lambda + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}}\right)^2}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}} \\
 \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}}
 \end{array}$$

- estimate based on smoothness
- how much does the smooth estimate violate optical flow constraint
- how much does the optical flow constraint matters
- direction for correction

# Algorithms

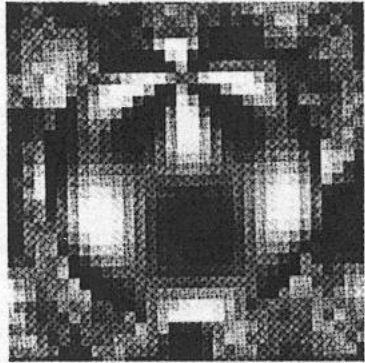
1. Compute  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$  from a pair of input images
2. Choose a weighting factor  $\lambda$
3. Compute  $(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$
4. At each pixel location  $(k, l)$ , do

$$u_{k,l}^{(n+1)} = \bar{u}^{(n)} - \frac{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \bar{u}^{(n)} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \bar{v}^{(n)} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}}{4\lambda + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}\right)^2} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x_{k,l}}$$

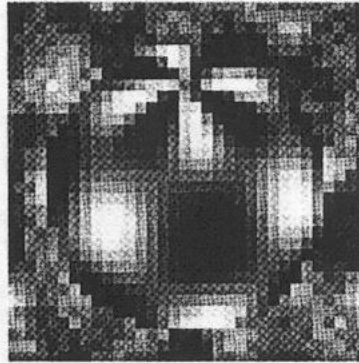
$$v_{k,l}^{(n+1)} = \bar{v}^{(n)} - \frac{\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \bar{u}^{(n)} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \bar{v}^{(n)} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}}{4\lambda + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial I}{\partial y}\right)^2} \frac{\partial I}{\partial y_{k,l}}$$

5. Iterate steps 3 and 4 until no change or count exceeds

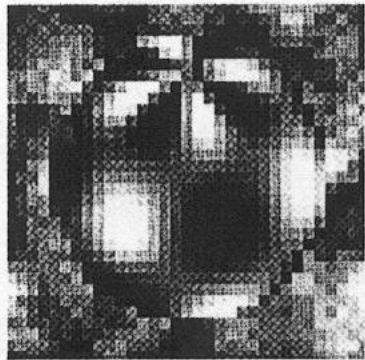
# Results



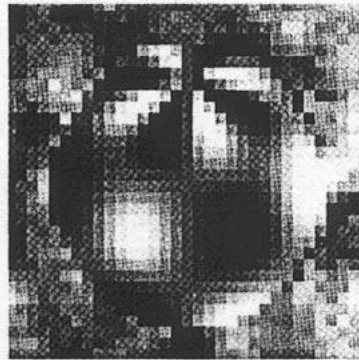
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(b)

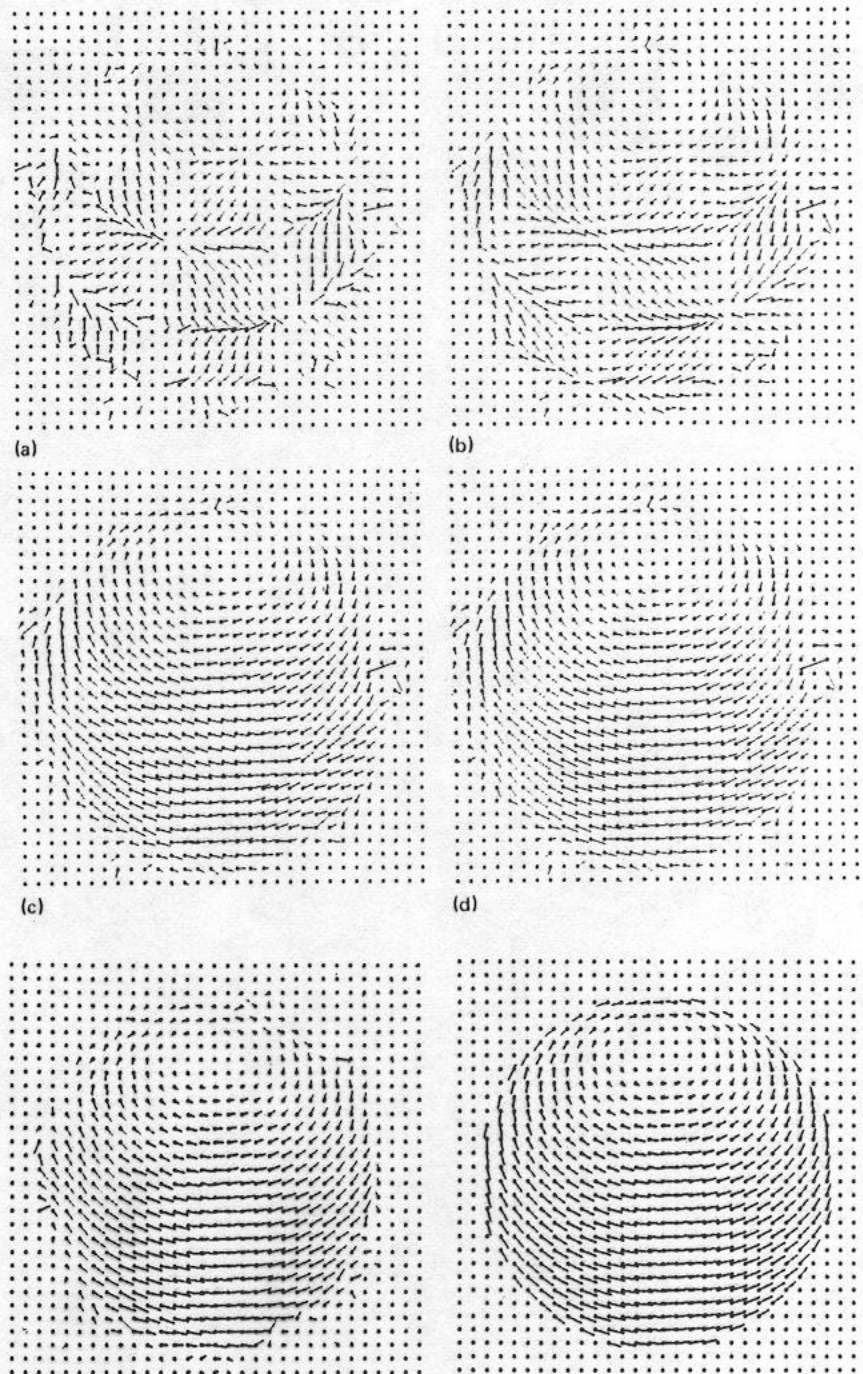


(c)



(d)

**Figure 12-8.** Four frames of a synthetic image sequence showing a sphere slowly rotating in front of a randomly patterned background.





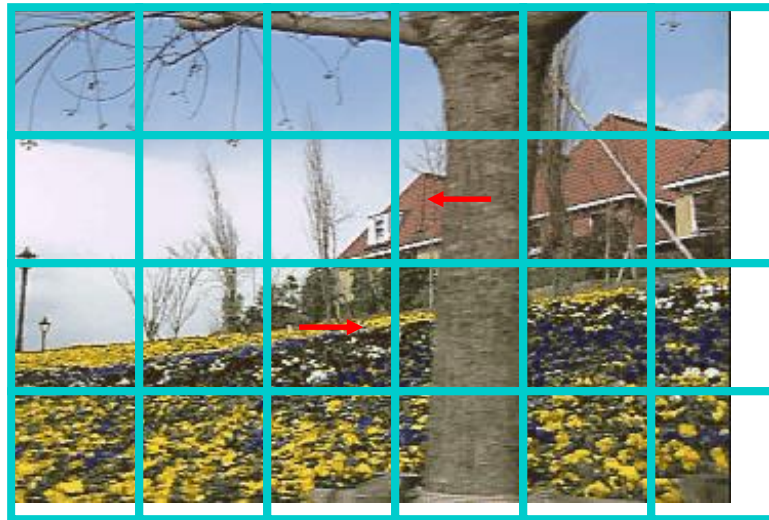
# *Motion representations*

❖ How can we describe this scene?



# *Block-based motion prediction*

- ❖ Break image up into square blocks
- ❖ Estimate translation for each block
- ❖ Use this to predict next frame, code difference (MPEG-2)





# *Layered motion*

❖ Break image sequence up into “layers”:



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❖ Describe ea



# *Layered motion*

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## ❖ Advantages:

- can represent occlusions / disocclusions
- each layer's motion can be smooth
- video segmentation for semantic processing

## ❖ Difficulties:

- how do we determine the correct number?
- how do we assign pixels?
- how do we model the motion?

# Layers for video summarization



Frame 0



Frame 50



Frame 80



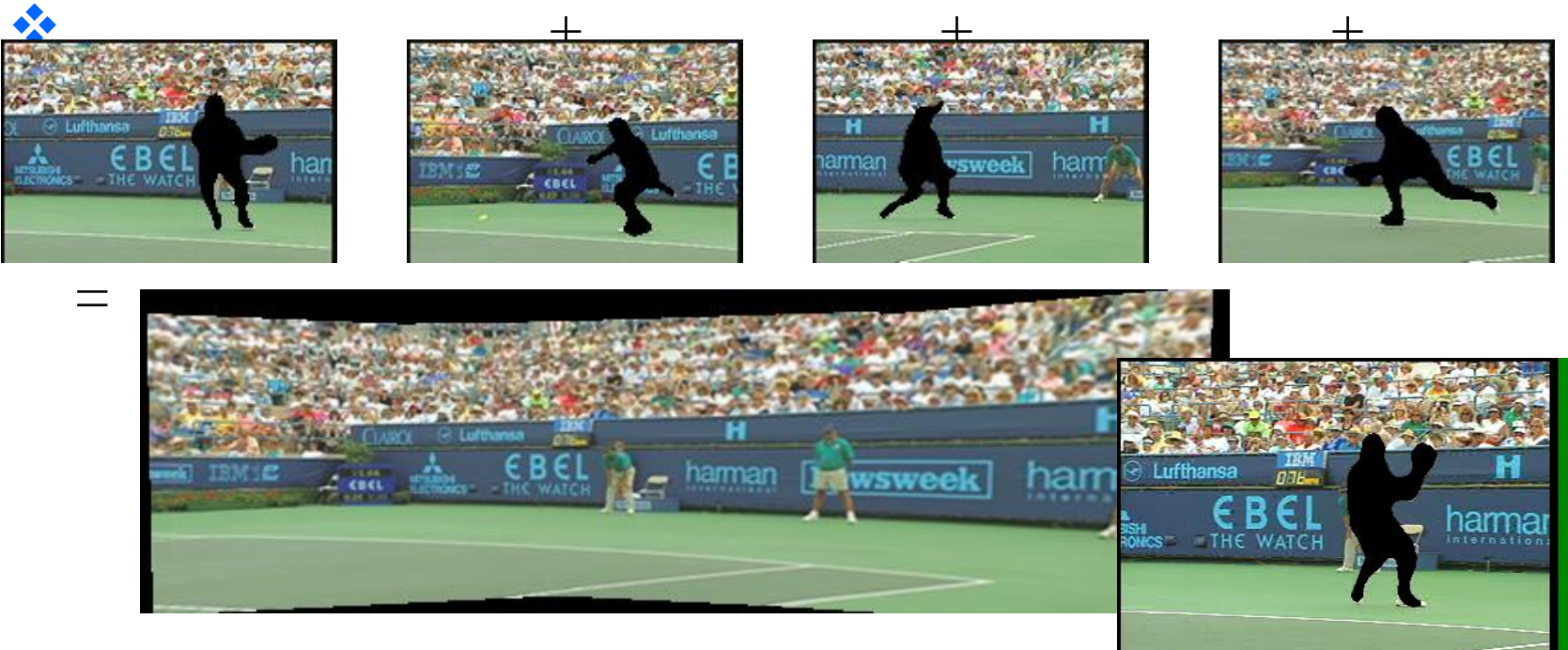
Background scene (players removed)



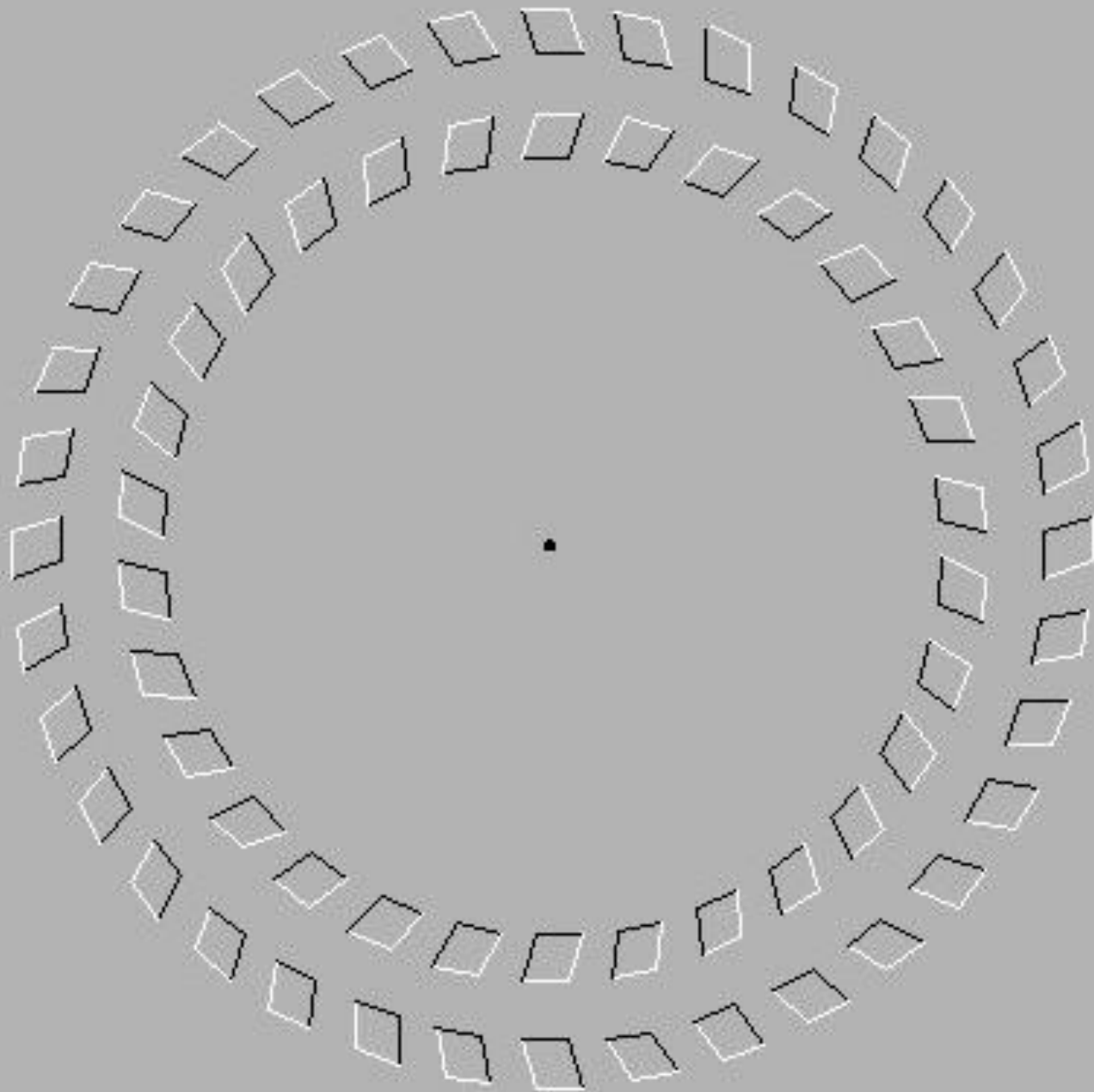
Complete synopsis of the video

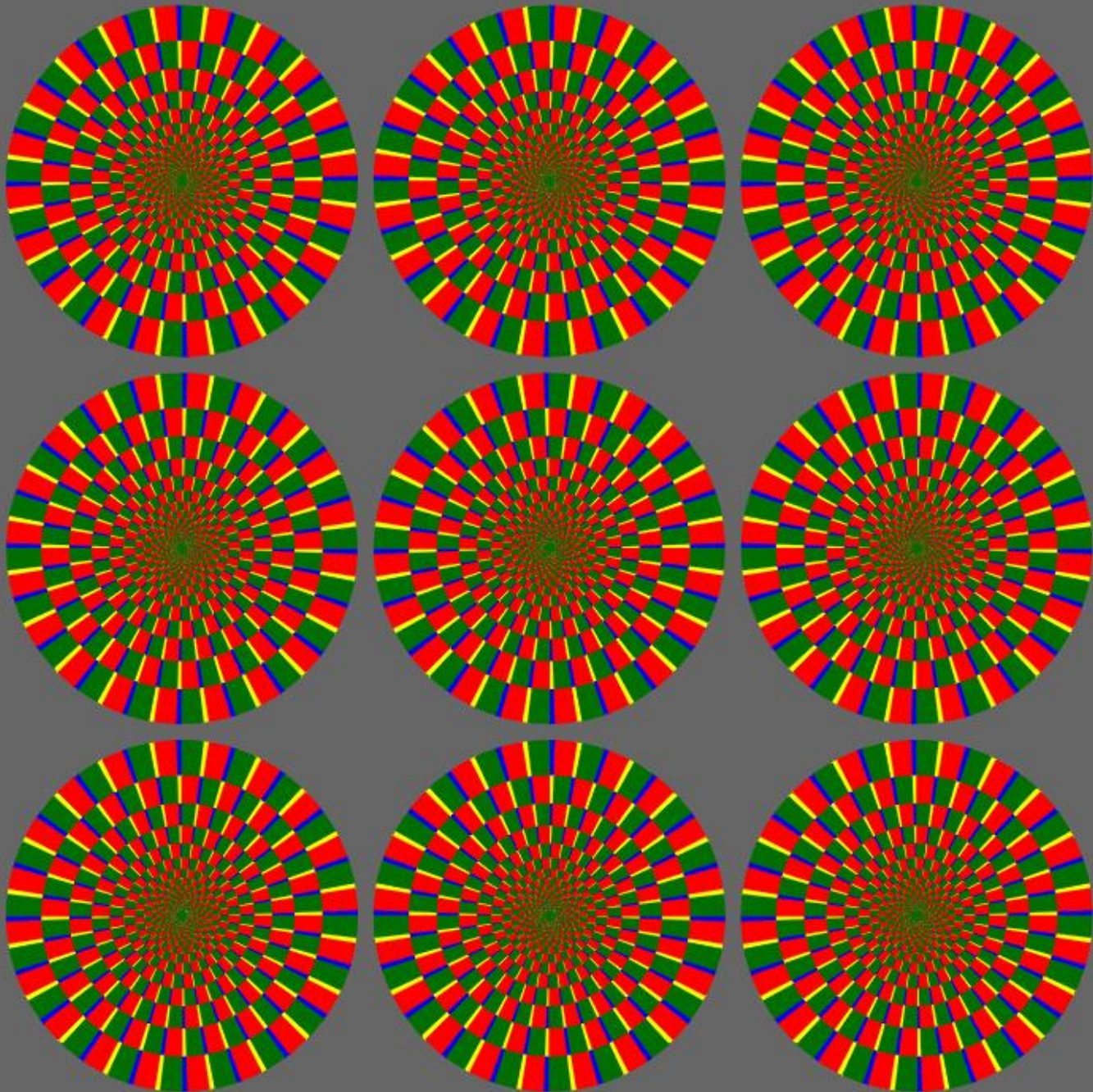
# Background modeling (MPEG-4)

- ❖ Convert masked images into a background sprite for layered video coding

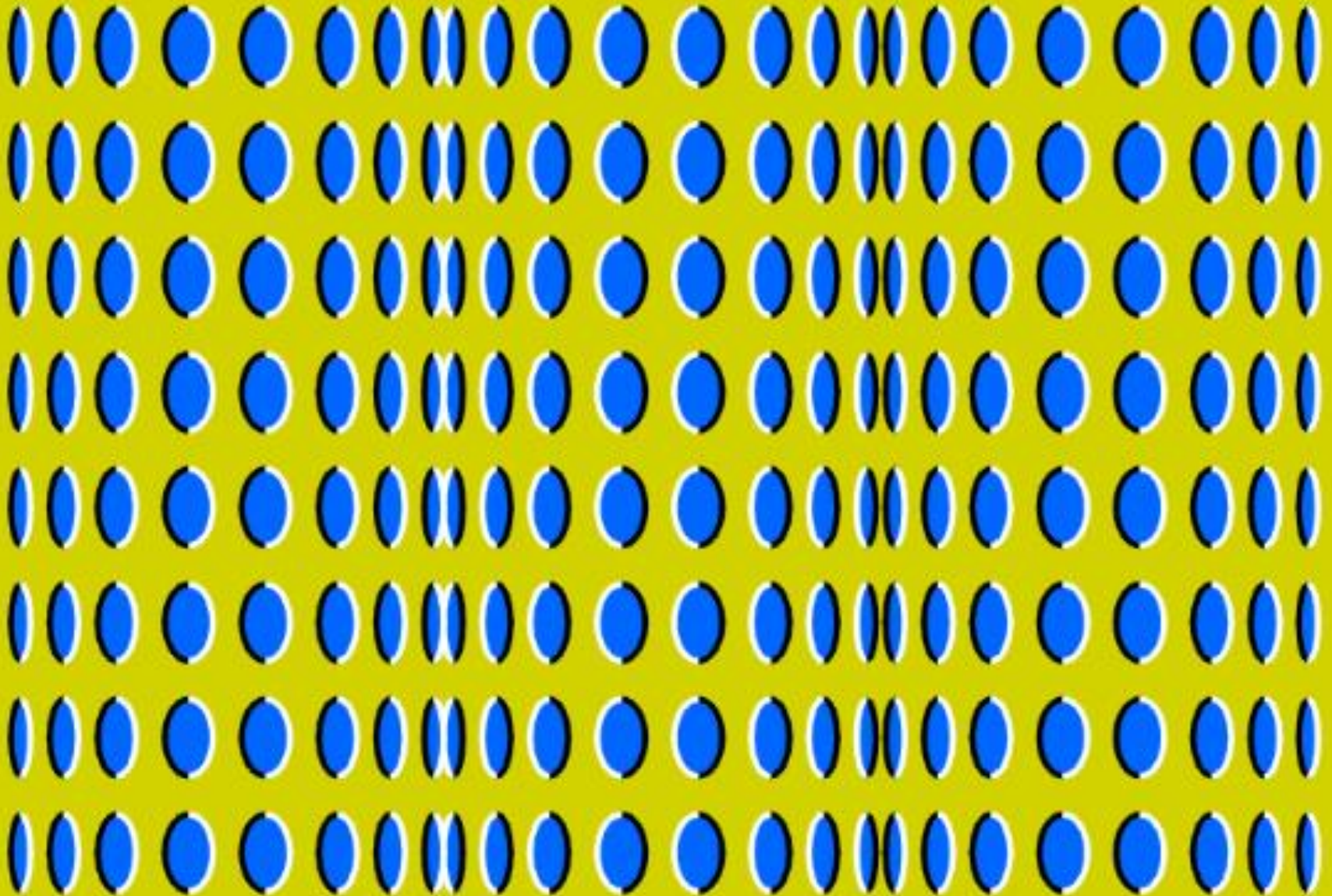




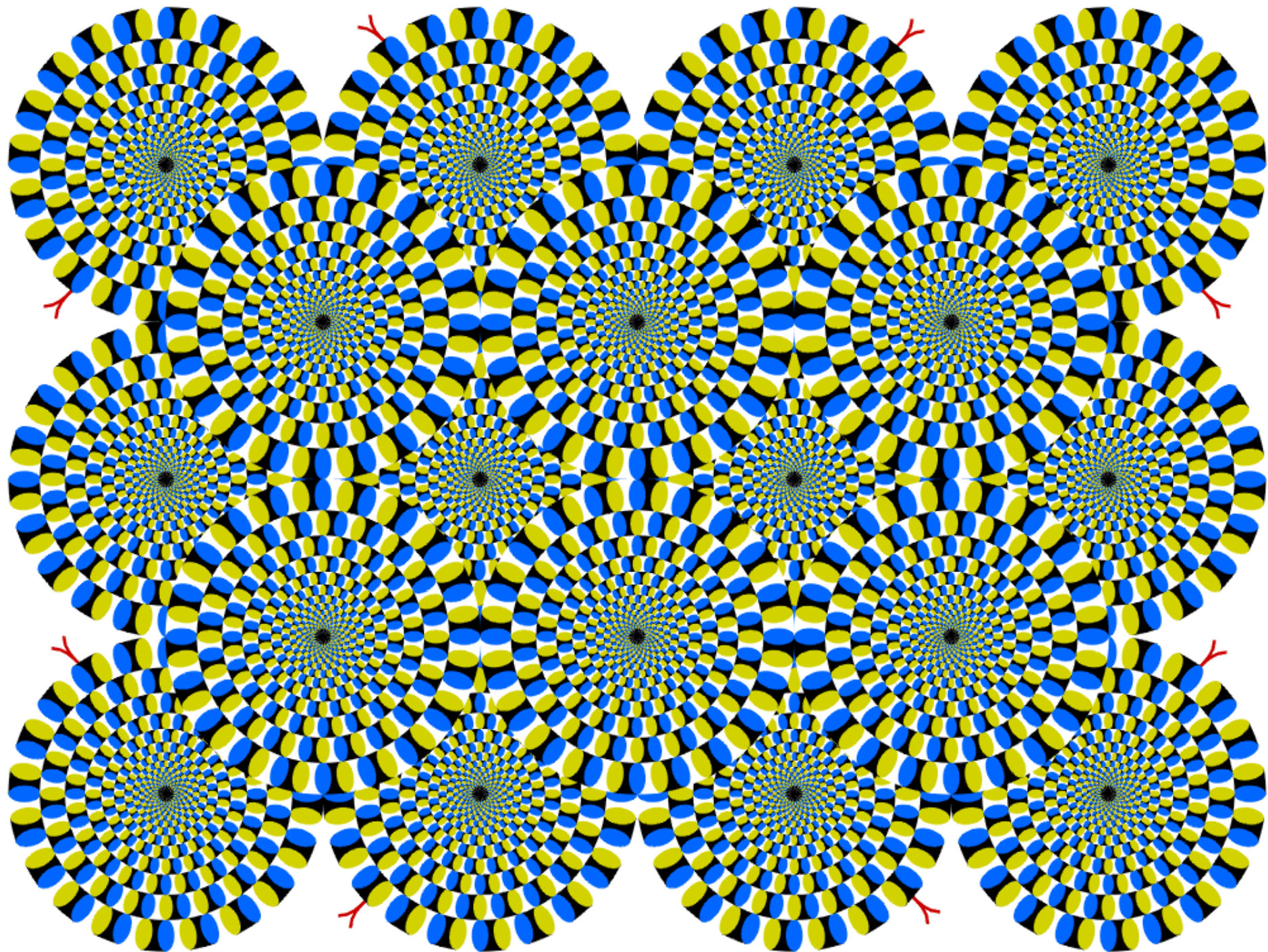












# *Optical flow summary*

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## ❖ Optical flow techniques:

- ❑ Techniques that estimate the motion field from the image brightness constancy equation

## ❖ Optical flow:

- ❑ Is best estimated (least noisy) at image points with high spatial image gradients. (Why?)
- ❑ Works best for Lambertian surfaces (Why?)
- ❑ Works best for very high frame rates (Why?)

## ❖ From optical flow, we can compute shape/structure/depth, motion parameters, segmentation, etc.

- ❑ But if you primarily want to track an object, other methods may be preferred

# Tracking

❖ Tracking is the process of updating an object's position (and orientation, and articulation?) over time through a video sequence

- ❑ Estimate the object *pose* at each time point
  - “Pose” – position and orientation

❖ Applications

- ❑ Surveillance
- ❑ Targeting
- ❑ Motion-based recognition (e.g., gesture recognition, computation of egomotion)
- ❑ Motion analysis (golf swing, gait, character animation)
- ❑ .....

# *Tracking vs. optical flow*

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- ❖ In tracking, we are generally acknowledging that some sparse features are the points to track
  - ❑ Corners, lines, regions, patterns, contours....
- ❖ Rather than computing the full motion field from optical flow, let's keep track of the time-varying position of these sparse features
  - ❑ Then compute {egomotion, object pose, etc.} from this
- ❖ This typically involves a loop of prediction, measurement, and correction
  - ❑ Often with presumed models of motion dynamics and measurement noise



# *Tracking vs. Matching*

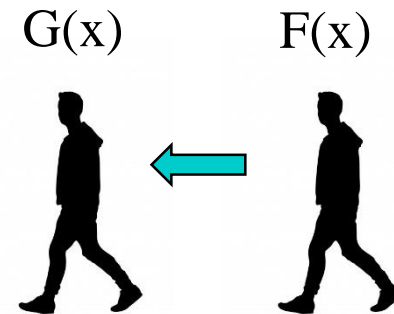
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- ❖ Tracking requires videos
- ❖ Small displacement is assumed
- ❖ Simple features
- ❖ Use image constraint (similar to optical flow constraint)
- ❖ Matching can be done on discrete frames
- ❖ Displacement can be large ( $>10$  pixels)
- ❖ Often more elaborate features
- ❖ Independent detection in each frame and then match

# Examples LKT tracker

$$F(x) \text{ and } G(x) = F(x + h)$$

$$F'(x) \approx \frac{F(x + h) - F(x)}{h} = \frac{G(x) - F(x)}{h}$$



$$h \approx \frac{G(x) - F(x)}{F'(x)} \quad \text{I}_t$$

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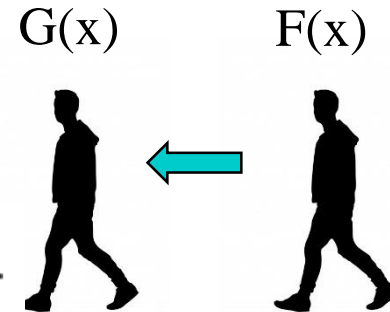
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# Examples LKT tracker

$$h \approx \frac{\sum_x \frac{G(x) - F(x)}{F'(x)}}{\sum_x 1}.$$



$$w(x) = \frac{1}{|G'(x) - F'(x)|}.$$



$$h = \frac{\sum_x \frac{w(x) [G(x) - F(x)]}{F'(x)}}{\sum_x w(x)}.$$

$$\begin{cases} h_0 = 0 \\ h_{k+1} = h_k + \frac{\sum_x \frac{w(x) [G(x) - F(x + h_k)]}{F'(x + h_k)}}{\sum_x w(x)} \end{cases}$$



# *KLT tracker (better formulation)*

$$F(x + h) \approx F(x) + hF'(x).$$

$$E = \sum_x [F(x + h) - G(x)]^2.$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial E}{\partial h} \\ \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \sum_x [F(x) + hF'(x) - G(x)]^2,$$

$$= \sum_x 2F'(x) [F(x) + hF'(x) - G(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow h \approx \frac{\sum_x F'(x) [G(x) - F(x)]}{\sum_x F'(x)^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} h_0 = 0 \\ h_{k+1} = h_k + \frac{\sum_x w(x) F'(x + h_k) [G(x) - F(x + h_k)]}{\sum_x w(x) F'(x + h_k)^2} \end{cases}$$

