CS688: Web-Scale Image Search

Scale Invariant Region Selection and SIFT

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Announcements

- **Parts of my book are updated**
- **One of students is invited to each class**

Class Objectives (Ch. 2.4)

- **Scale invariant region selection**
  - **Automatic scale selection**
  - **Laplacian of Gradients (LoG) ≈ Difference of Gradients (DoG)**
  - **SIFT as a local descriptor**

- **At last time, we discussed:**
  - **Different conferences**
  - **Image descriptors that are invariant to various changes**
  - **Harris corner detector**

From Points to Regions…

- The Harris and Hessian operators define interest points.
  - Precise localization
  - High repeatability

- In order to compare those points, we need to compute a descriptor over a region.
  - How can we define such a region in a scale invariant manner?
- *I.e. how can we detect scale invariant interest regions?*

Source: Bastian Leibe

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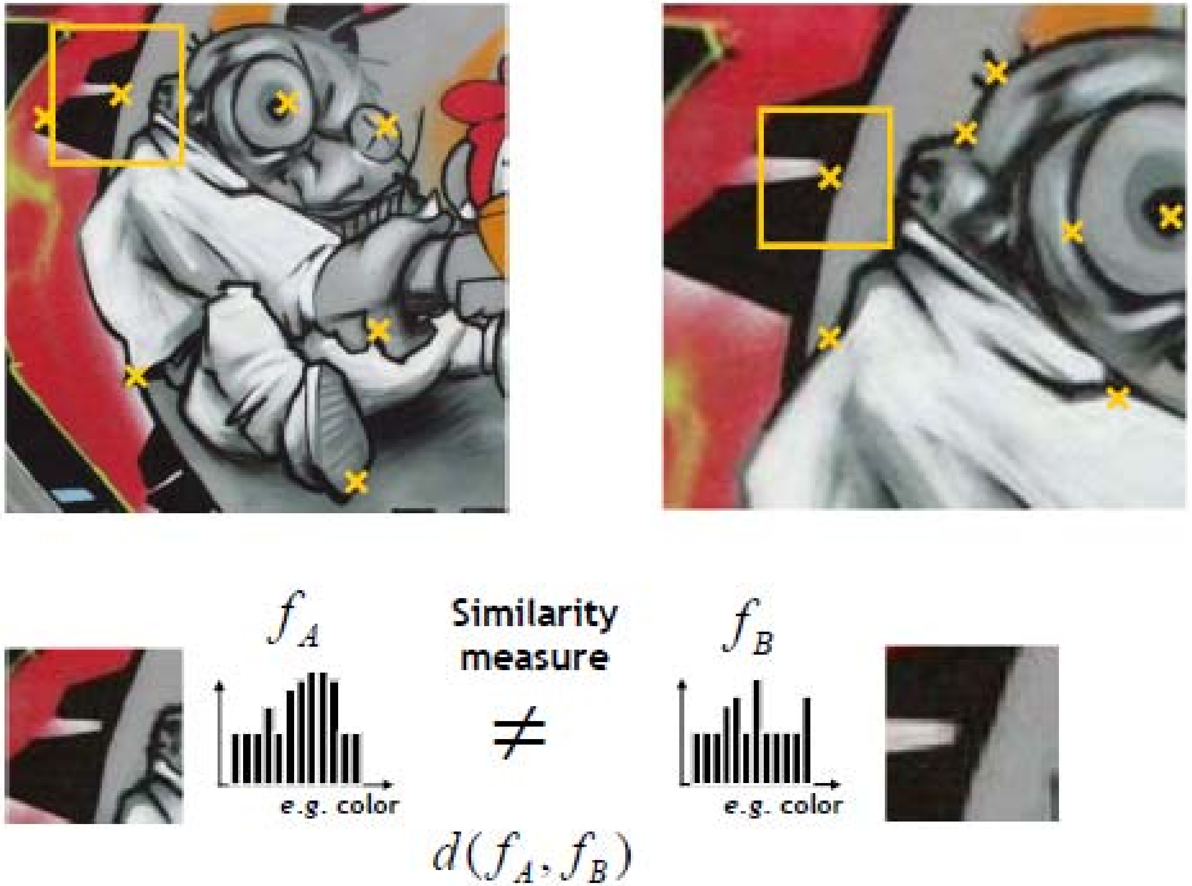
  - Compare descriptors while varying the patch size



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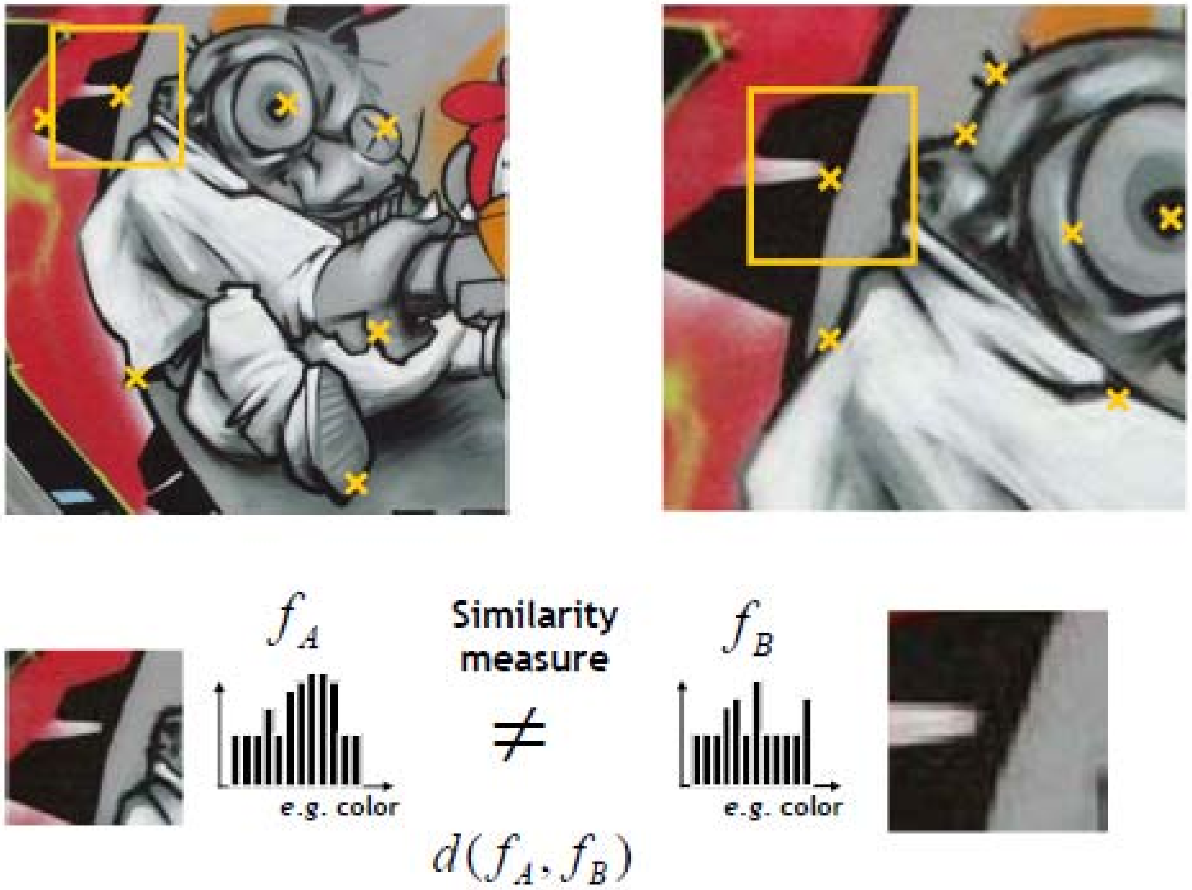

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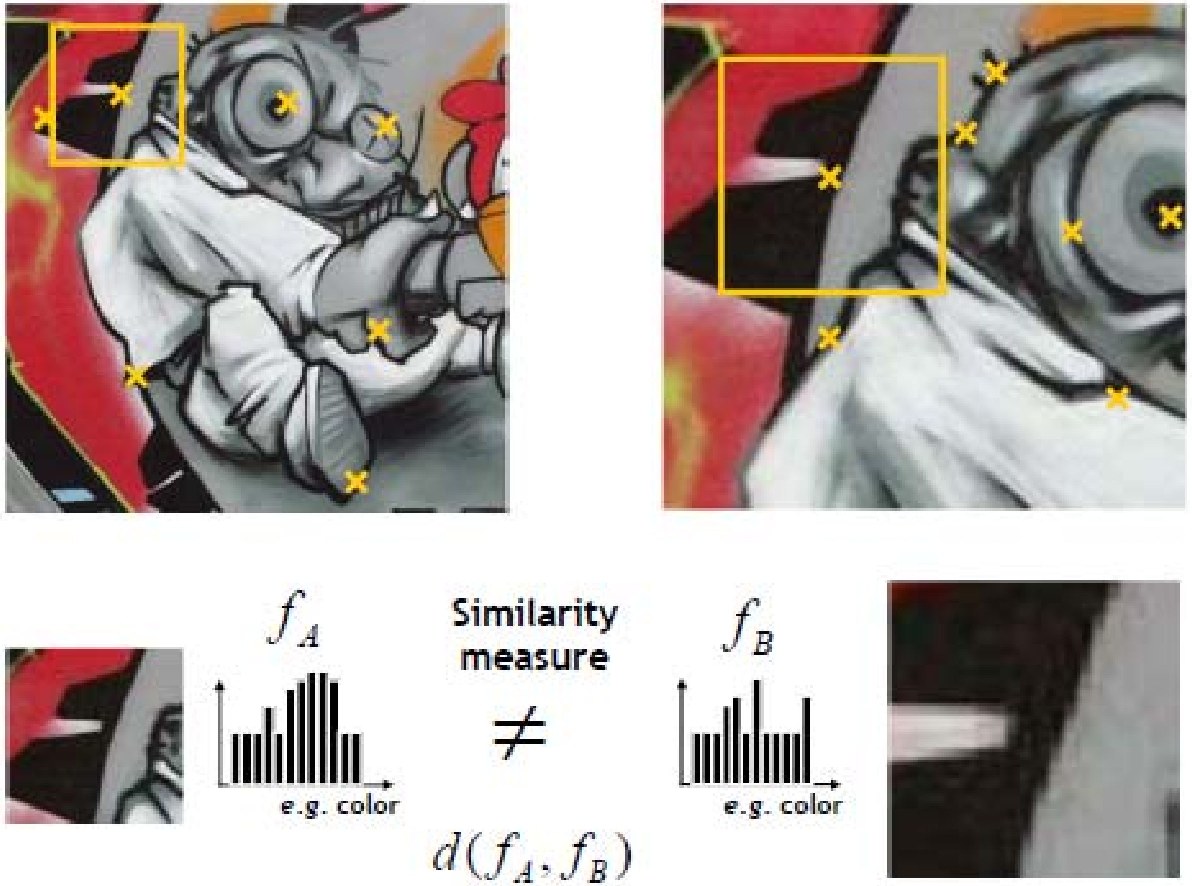

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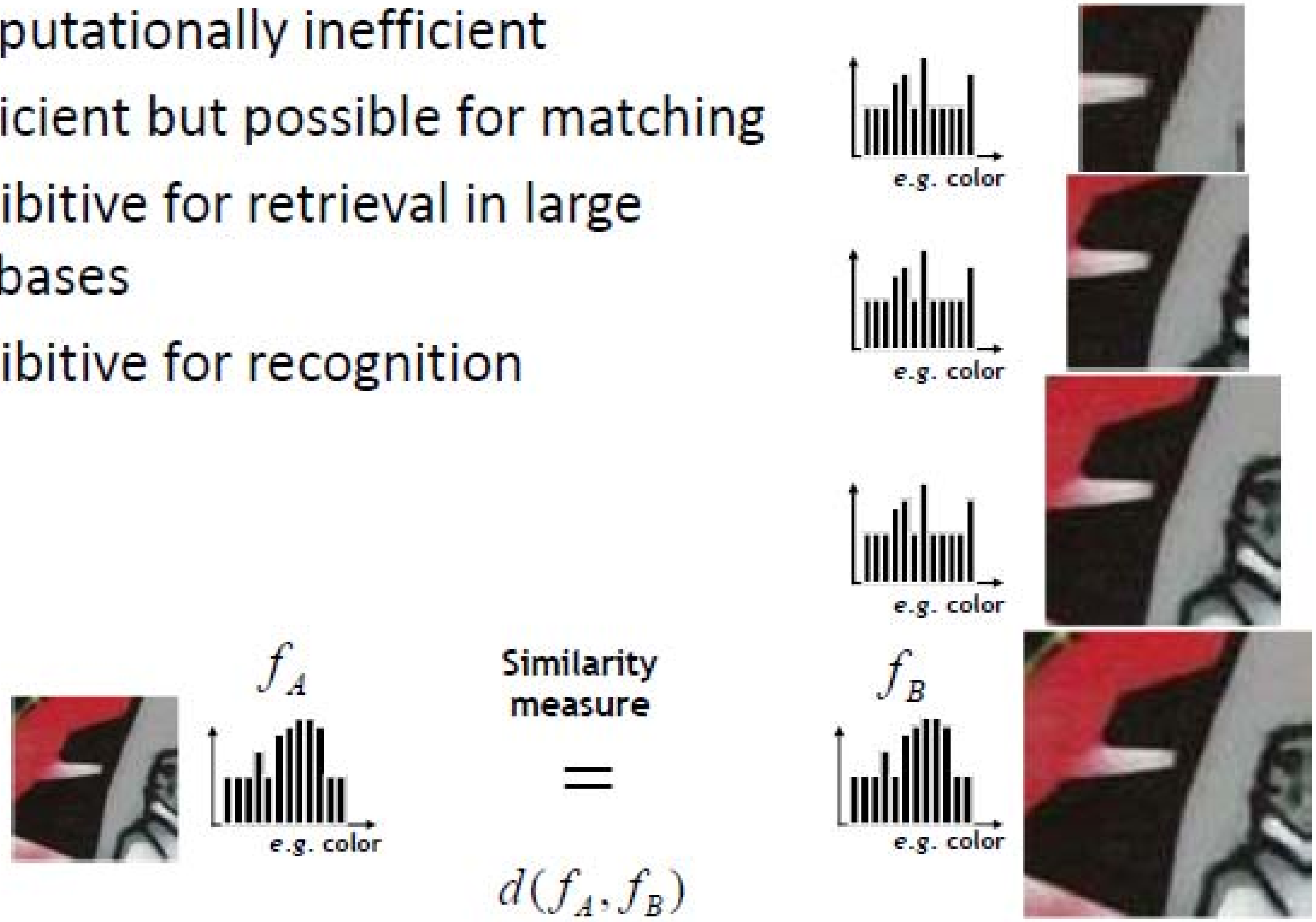
Naïve Approach: Exhaustive Search

- Comparing descriptors while varying the patch size
  - Computationally inefficient
  - Inefficient but possible for matching
  - Prohibitive for retrieval in large databases
  - Prohibitive for recognition



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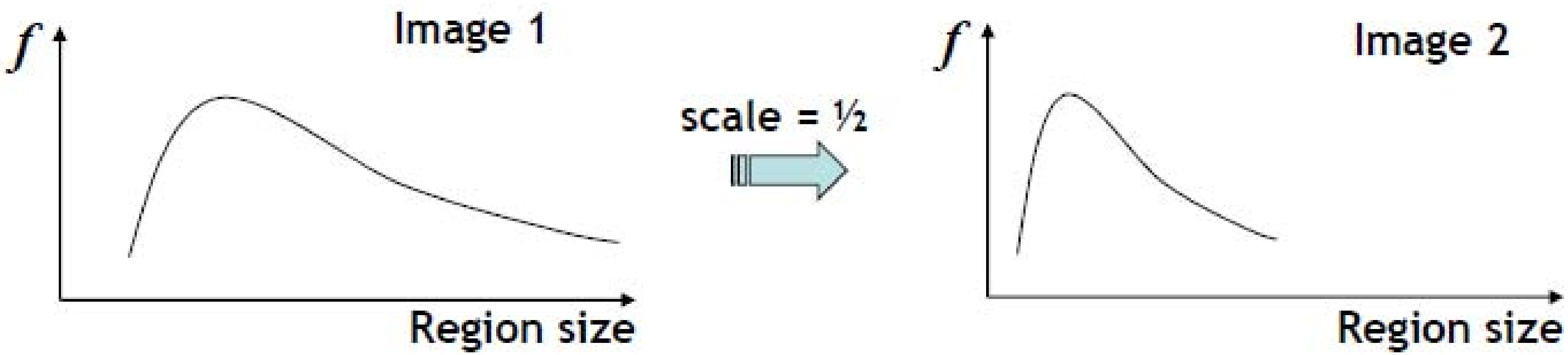
Automatic Scale Selection

- Solution:
  - Design a function on the region, which is "scale invariant" (*the same for corresponding regions, even if they are at different scales*)

    Example: average intensity. For corresponding regions (even of different sizes) it will be the same.

  - For a point in one image, we can consider it as a function of region size (patch width)



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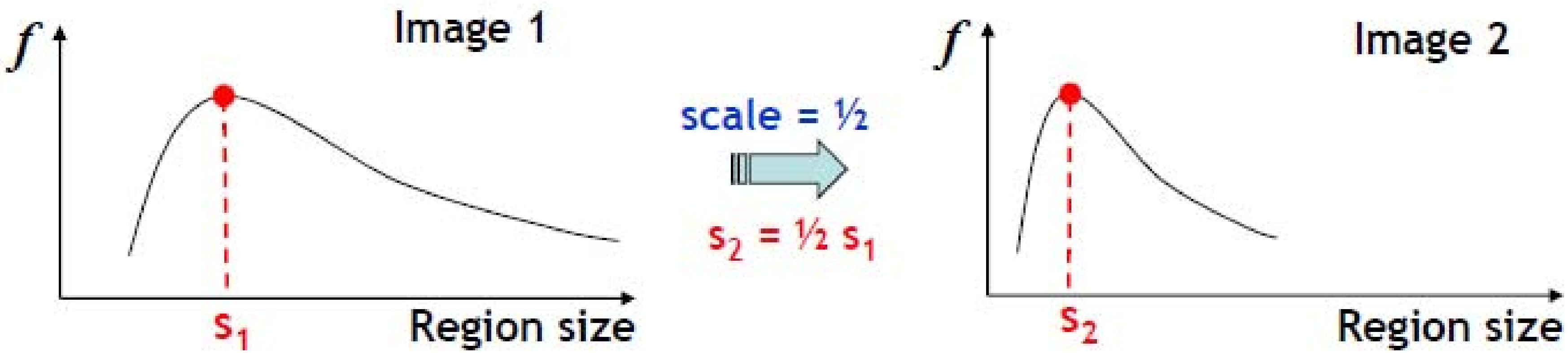
Automatic Scale Selection

- Common approach:
  - Take a local maximum of this function.
  - Observation: region size for which the maximum is achieved should be *invariant* to image scale.



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Automatic Scale Selection

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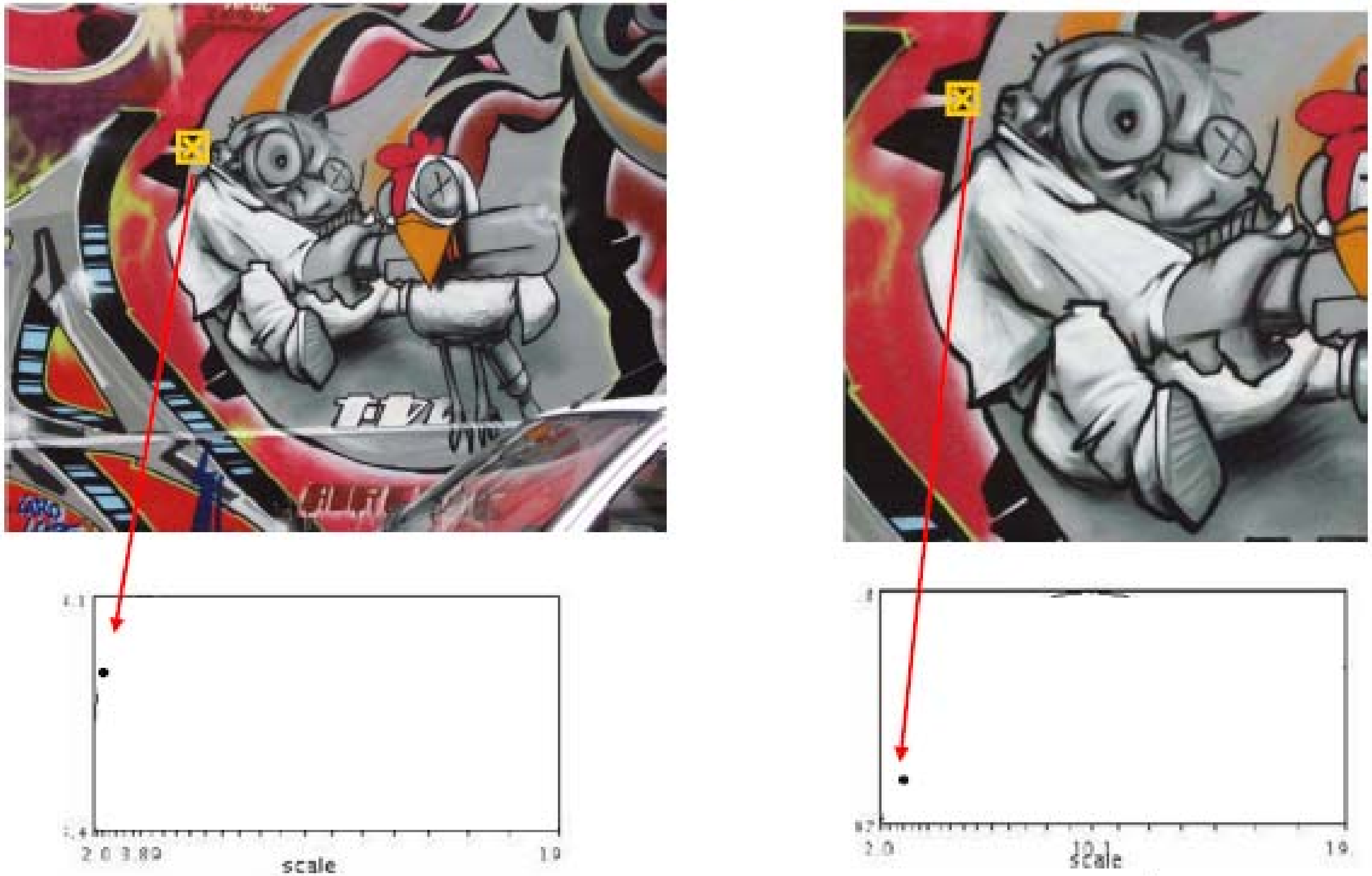

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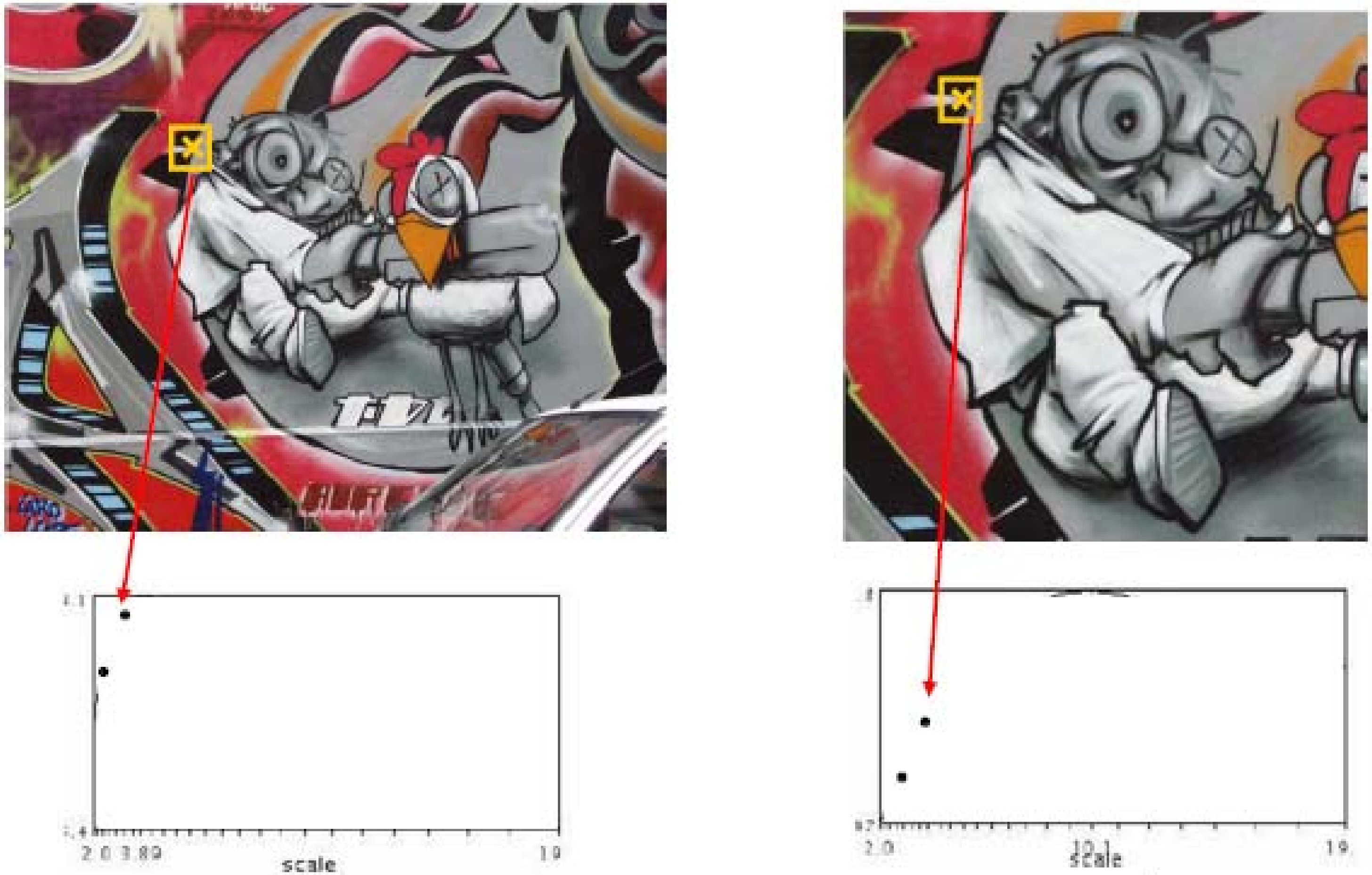

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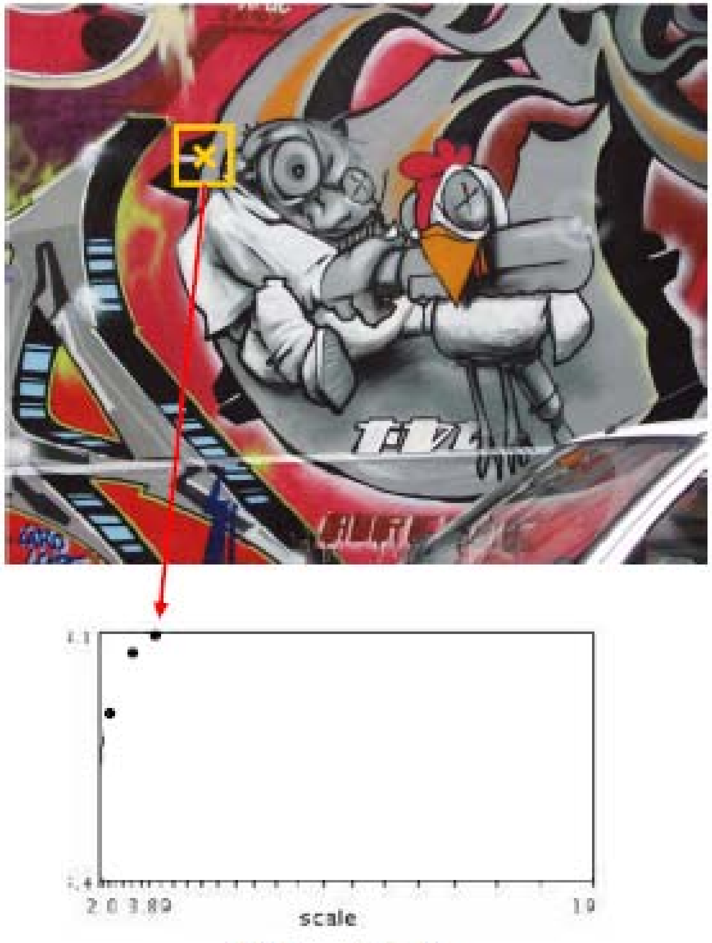

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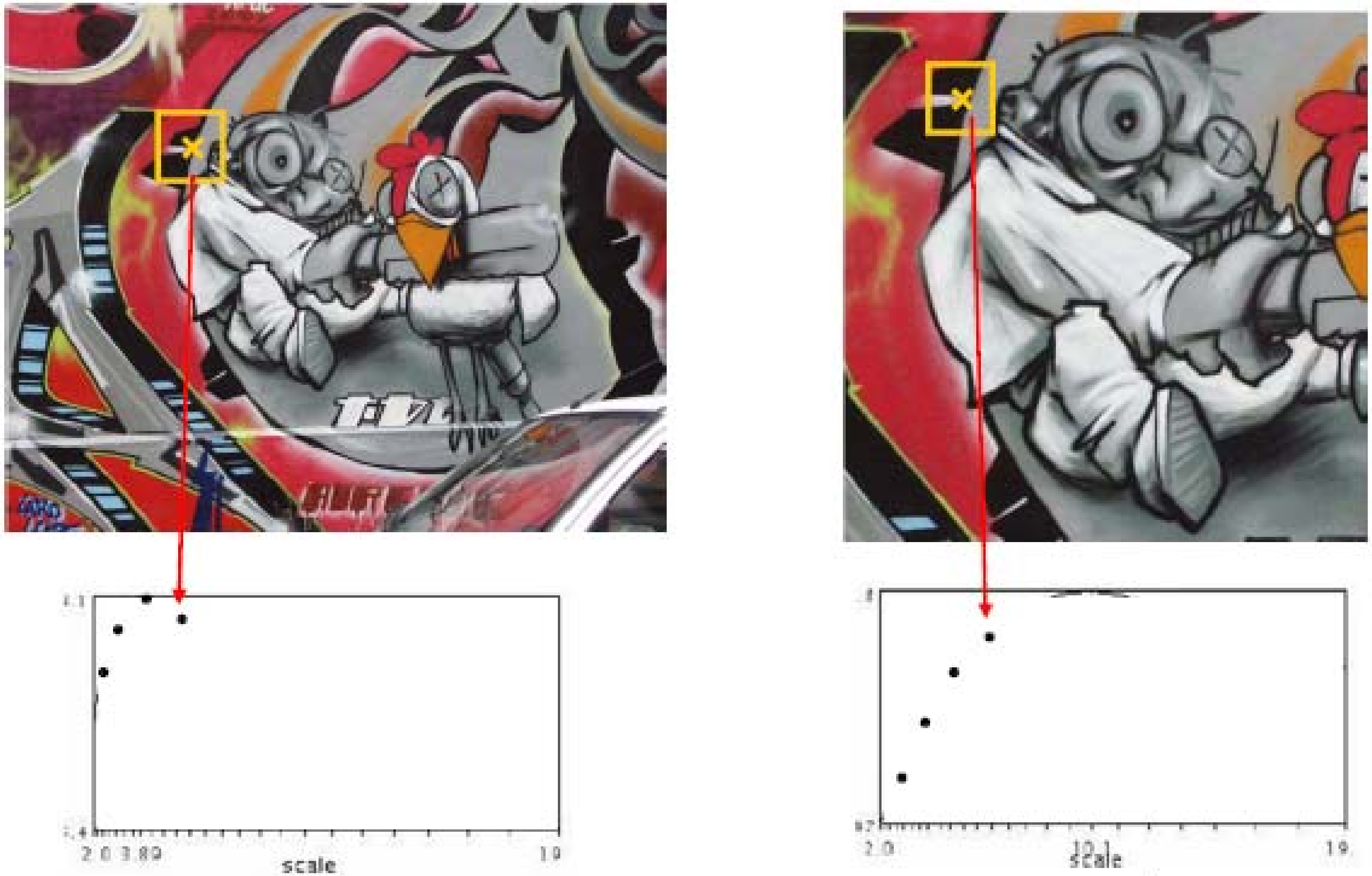

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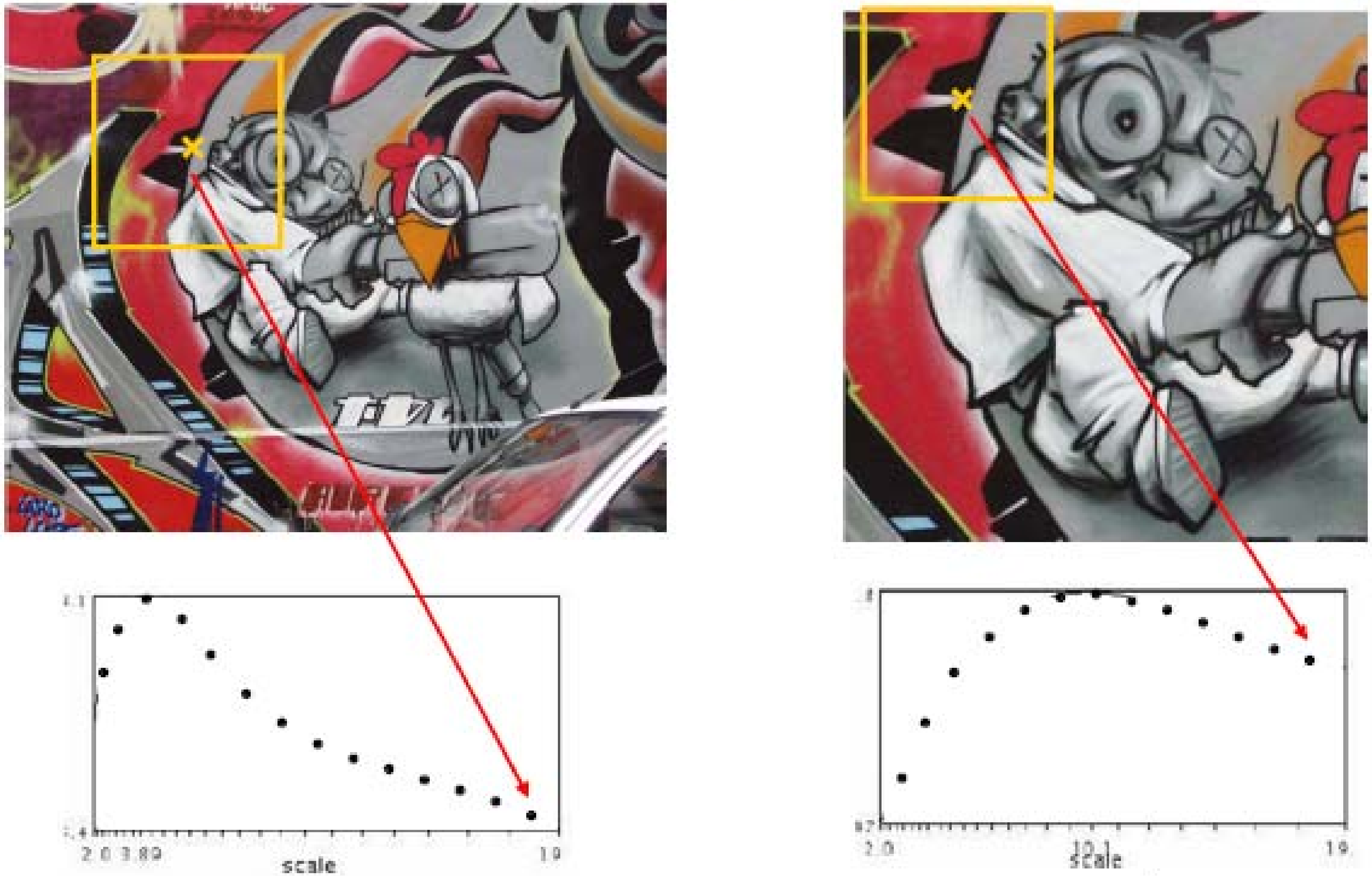

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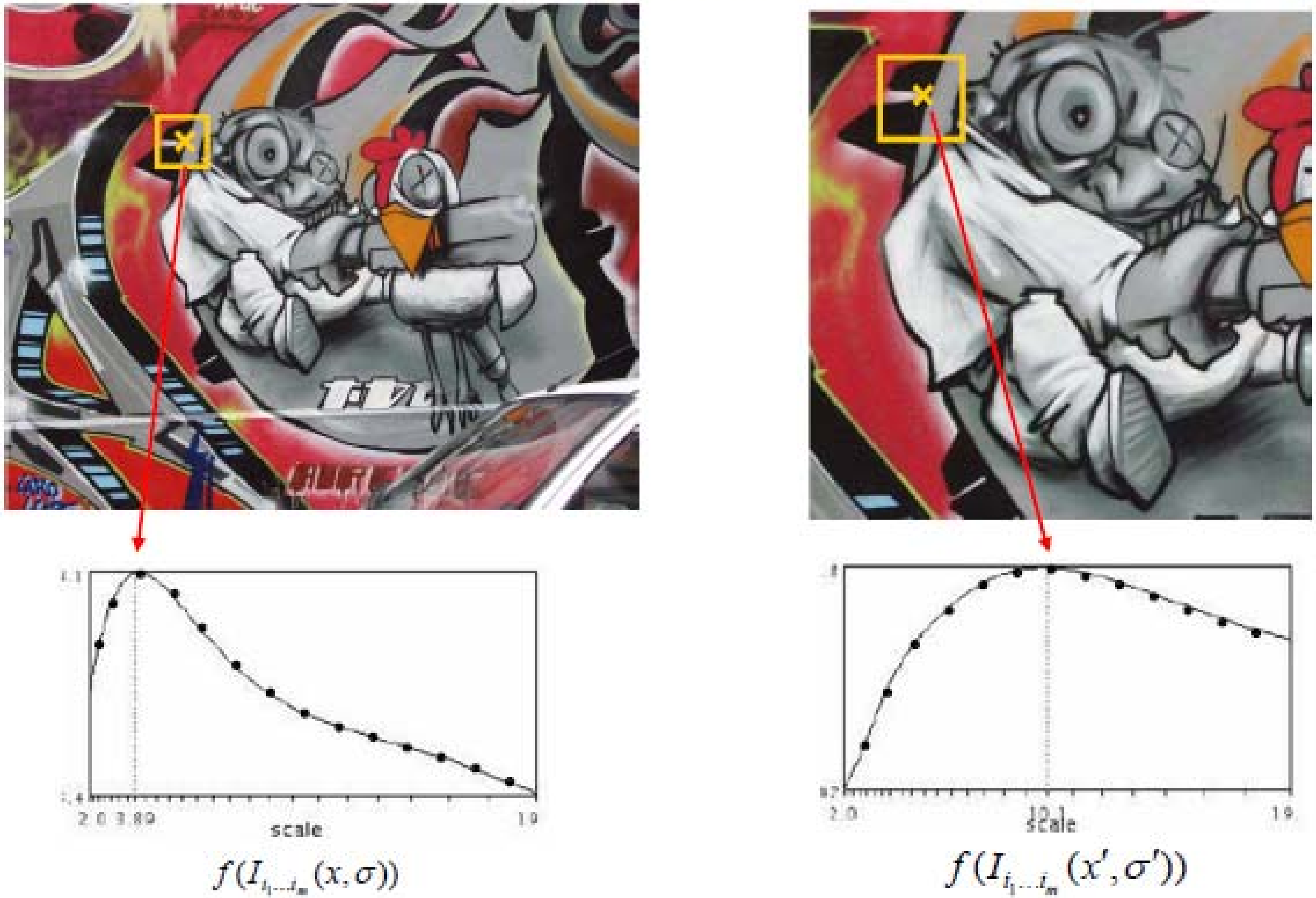

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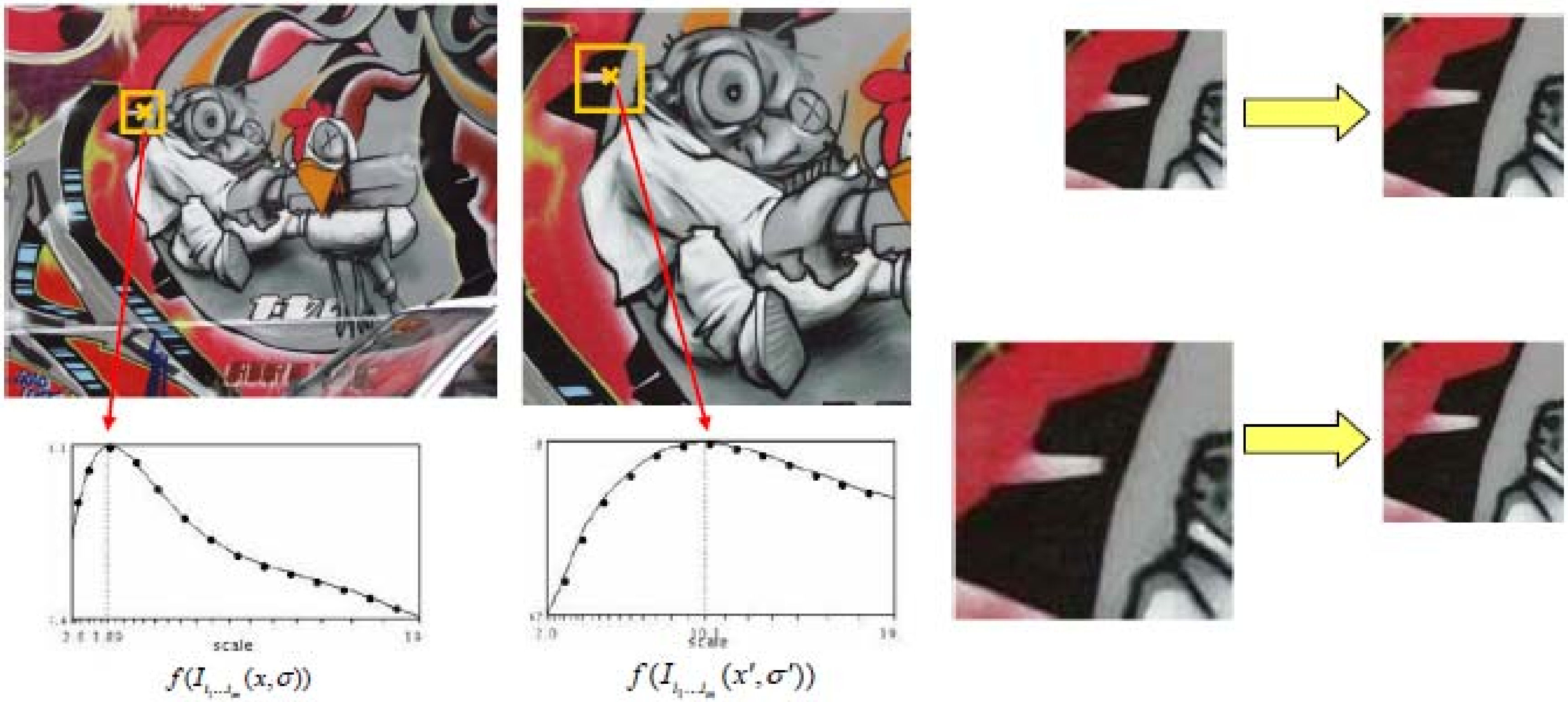
Automatic Scale Selection

- Normalize: Rescale to fixed size



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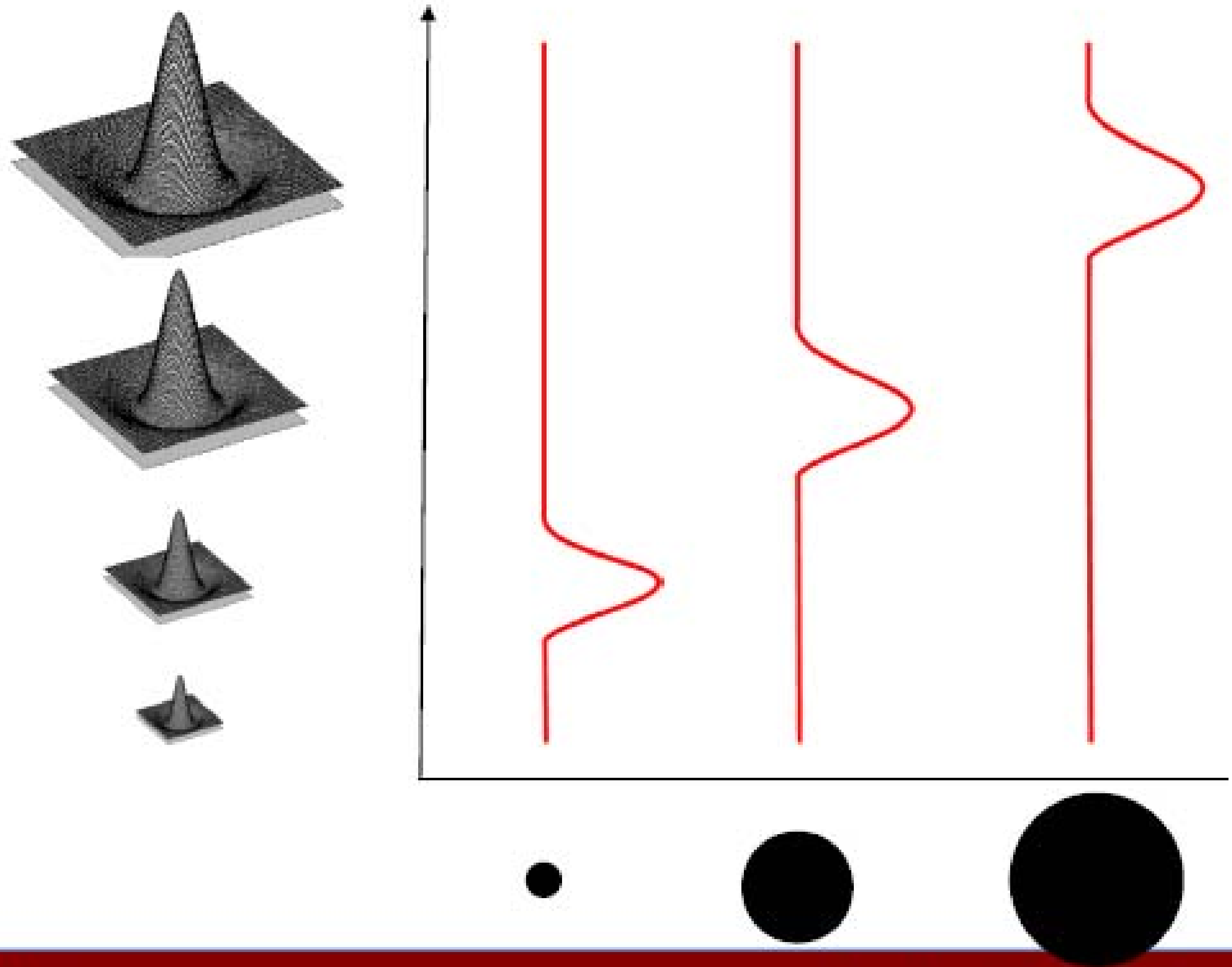
What Is A Useful Signature Function?

- Laplacian-of-Gaussian = “blob” detector



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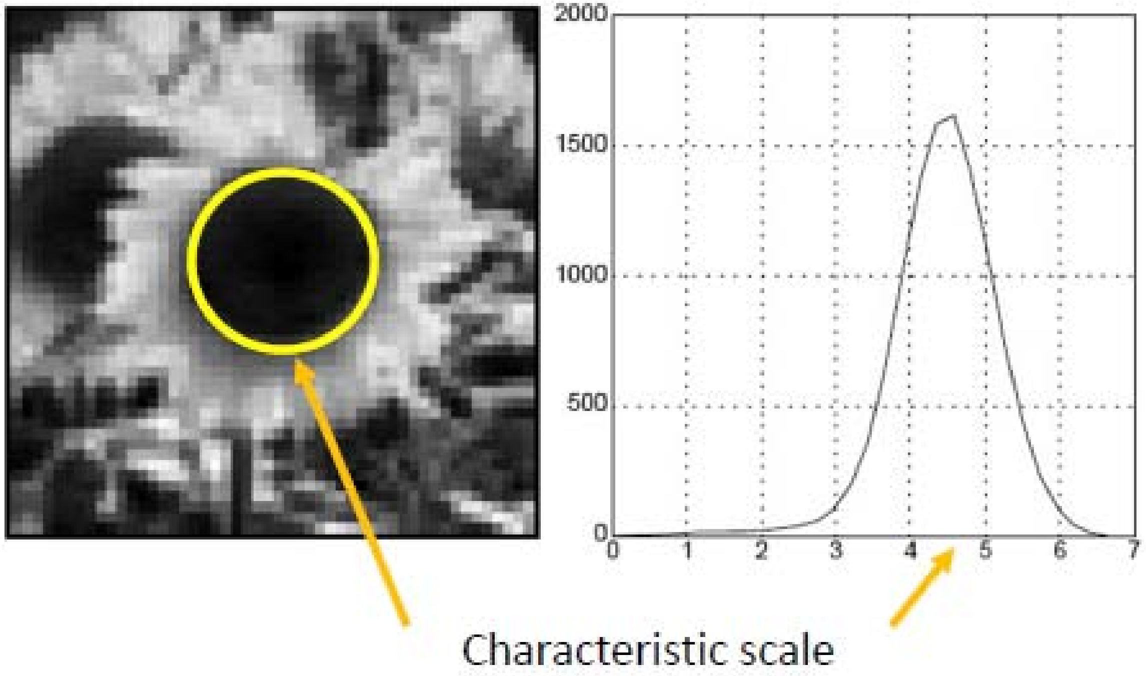
Characteristic Scale

- We define the *characteristic scale* as the scale that produces peak of Laplacian response



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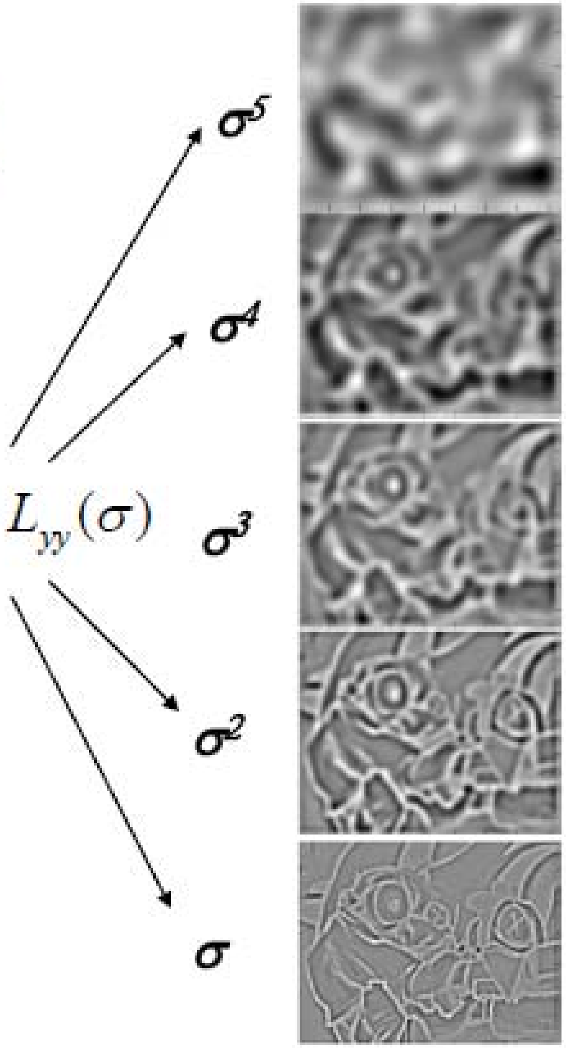

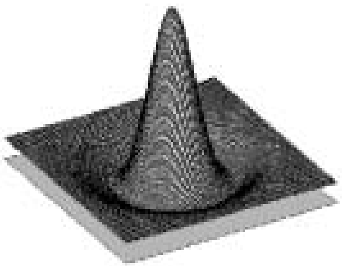

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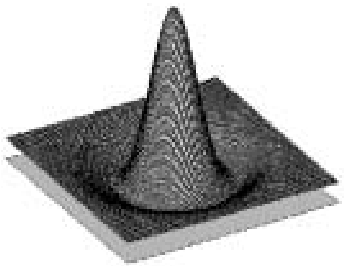

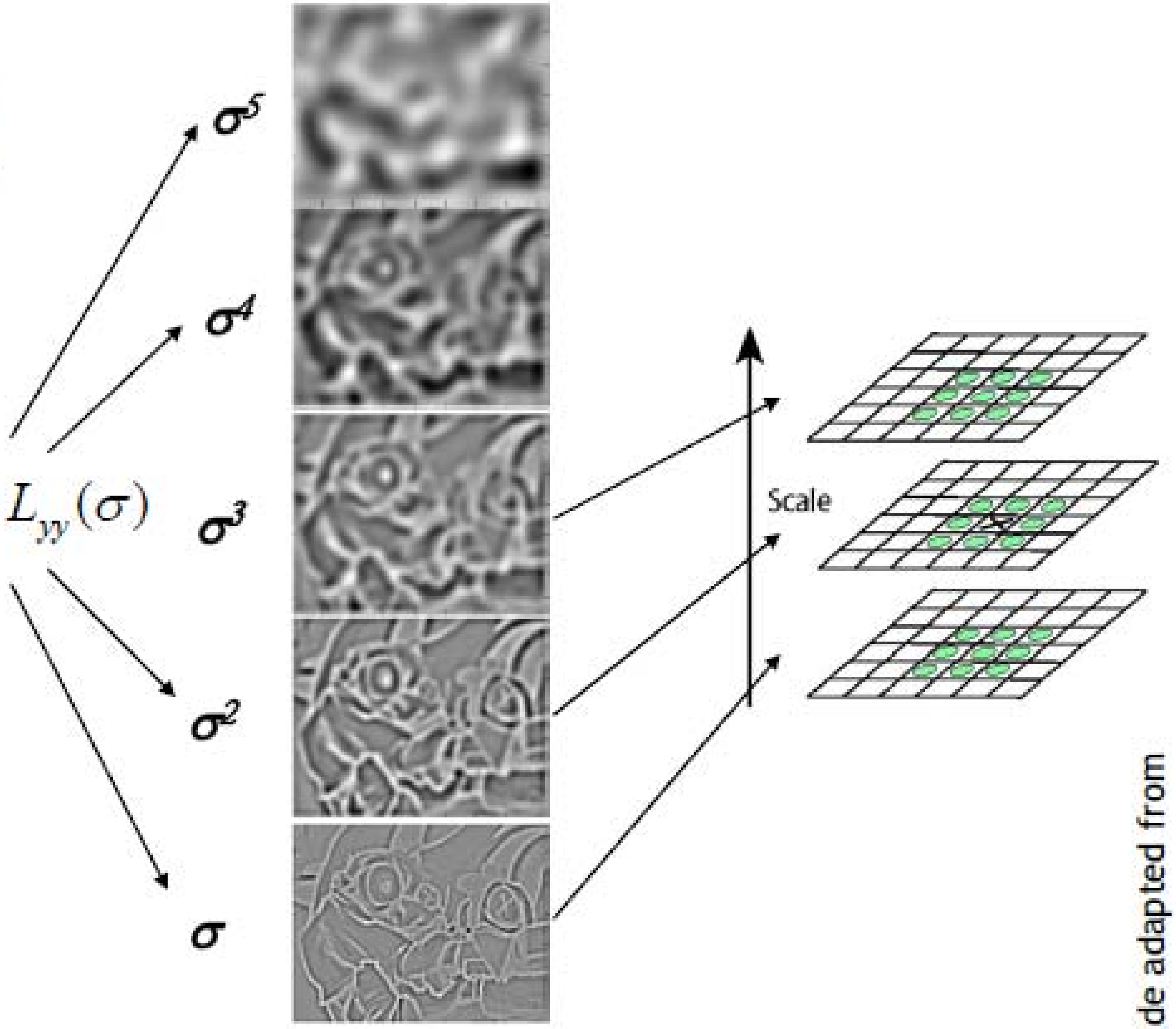

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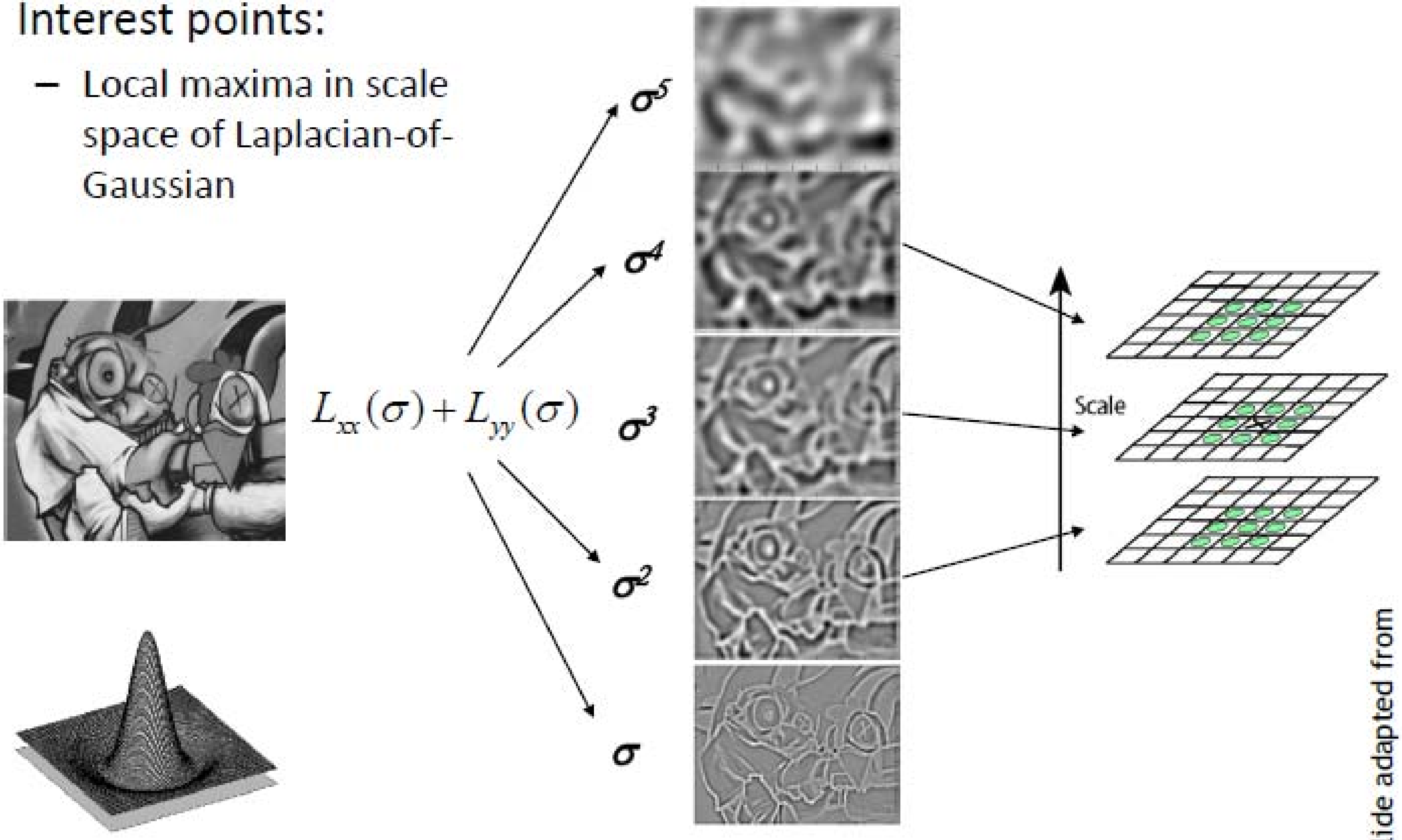

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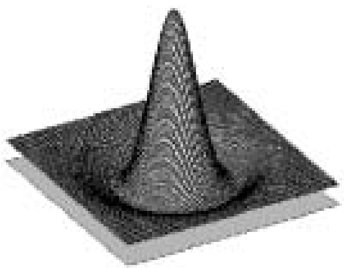

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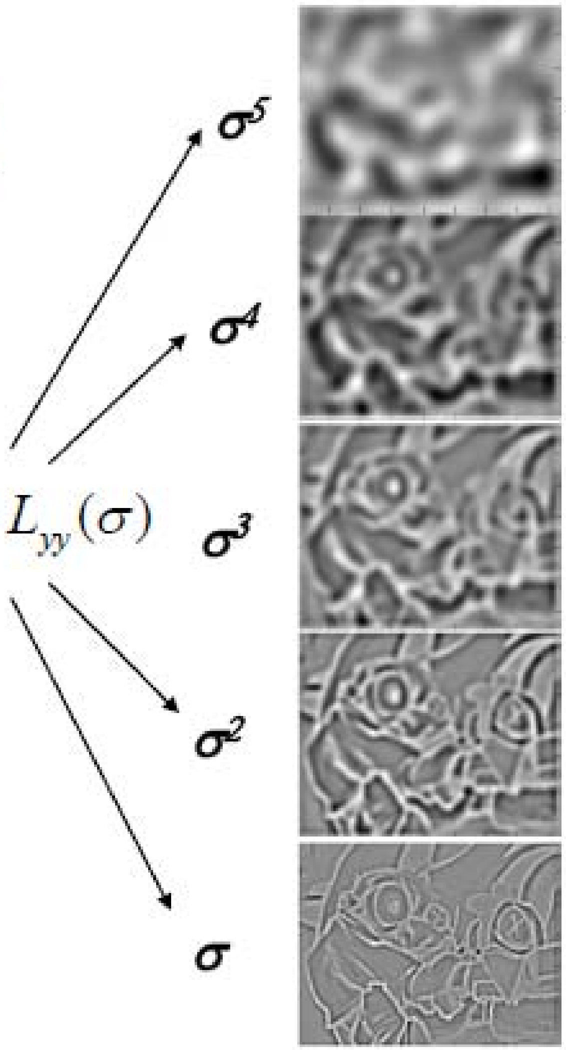

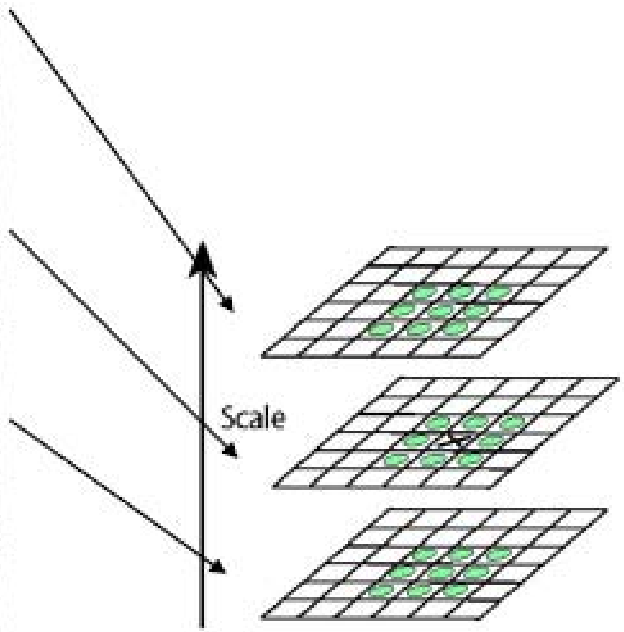

$\Rightarrow$ List of (x, y, σ)

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LoG Detector: Workflow

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sigma = 11.9912

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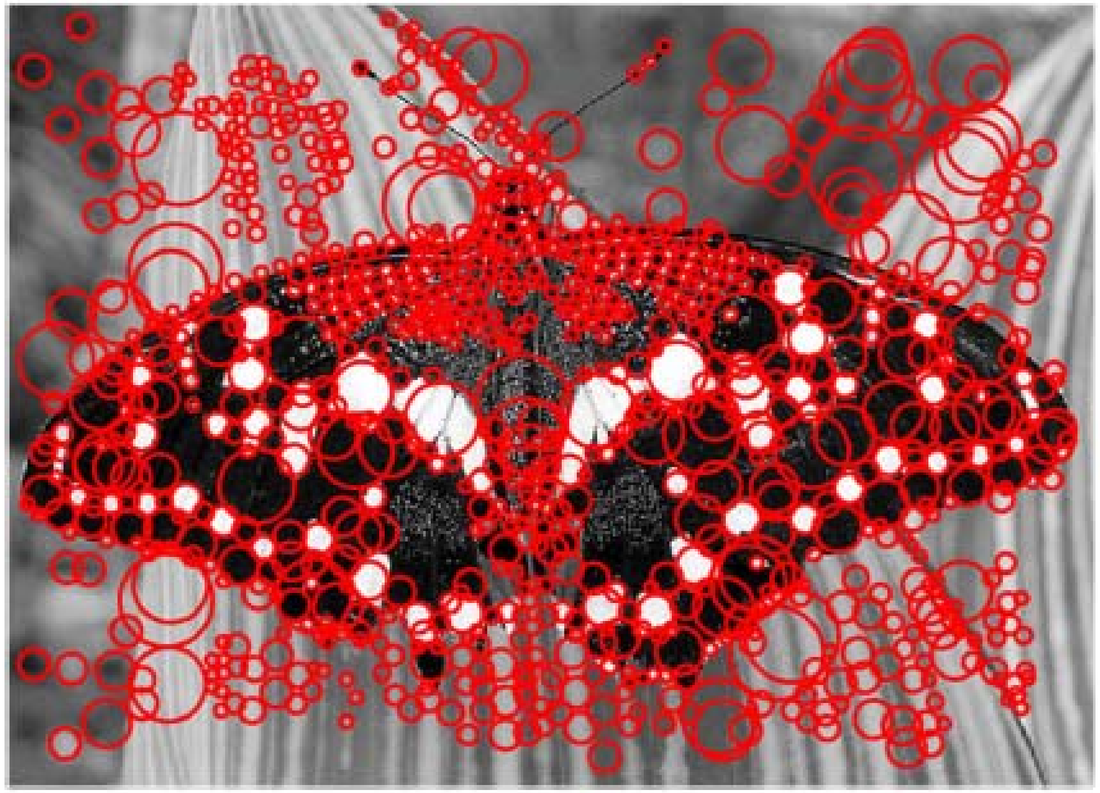
LoG Detector: Workflow



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Technical Detail

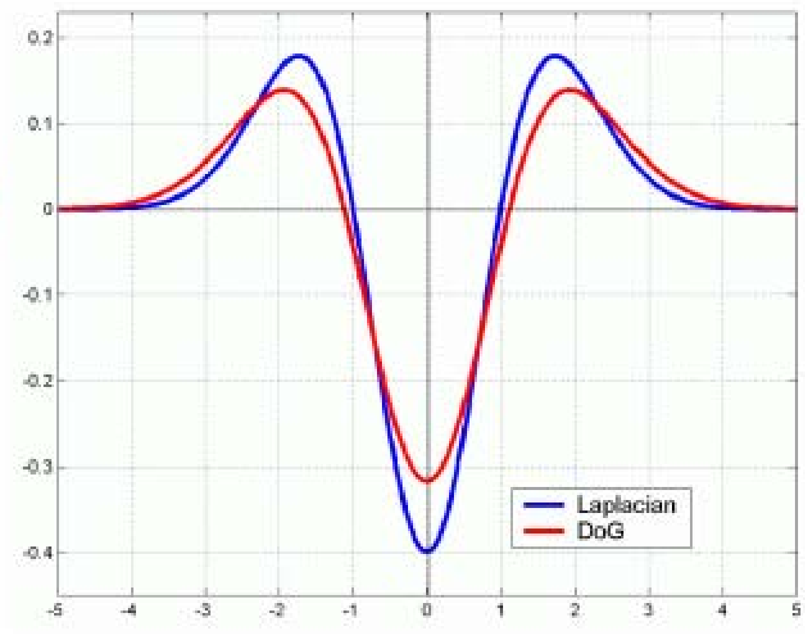
- We can efficiently approximate the Laplacian with a difference of Gaussians:

$$L = \sigma^2 \left(G_{xx}(x, y, \sigma) + G_{yy}(x, y, \sigma) \right)$$

(Laplacian)

$$DoG = G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)$$

(Difference of Gaussians)



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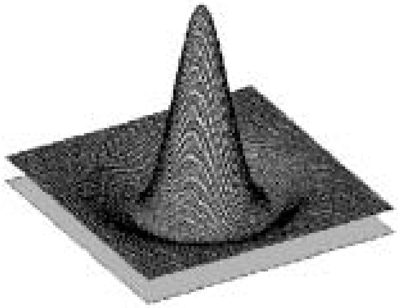
Difference-of-Gaussian (DoG)

- Difference of Gaussians as approximation of the LoG
  - This is used e.g. in Lowe's SIFT pipeline for feature detection.
- Advantages
  - No need to compute 2[nd] derivatives
  - Gaussians are computed anyway, e.g. in a Gaussian pyramid.



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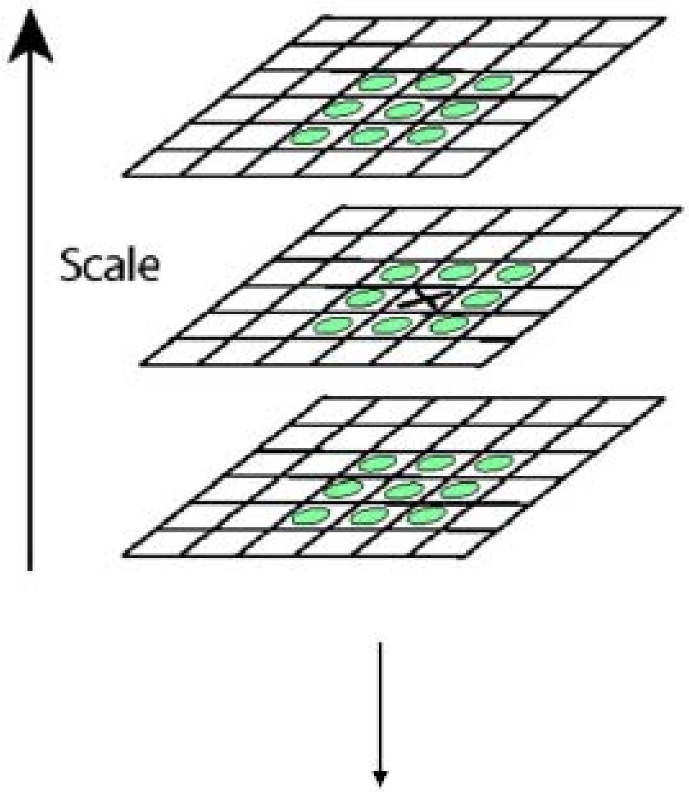
Key point localization with DoG

- Detect maxima of difference-of-Gaussian (DoG) in scale space
- Then reject points with low contrast (threshold)
- Eliminate edge responses



Candidate keypoints:
list of (x,y,σ)

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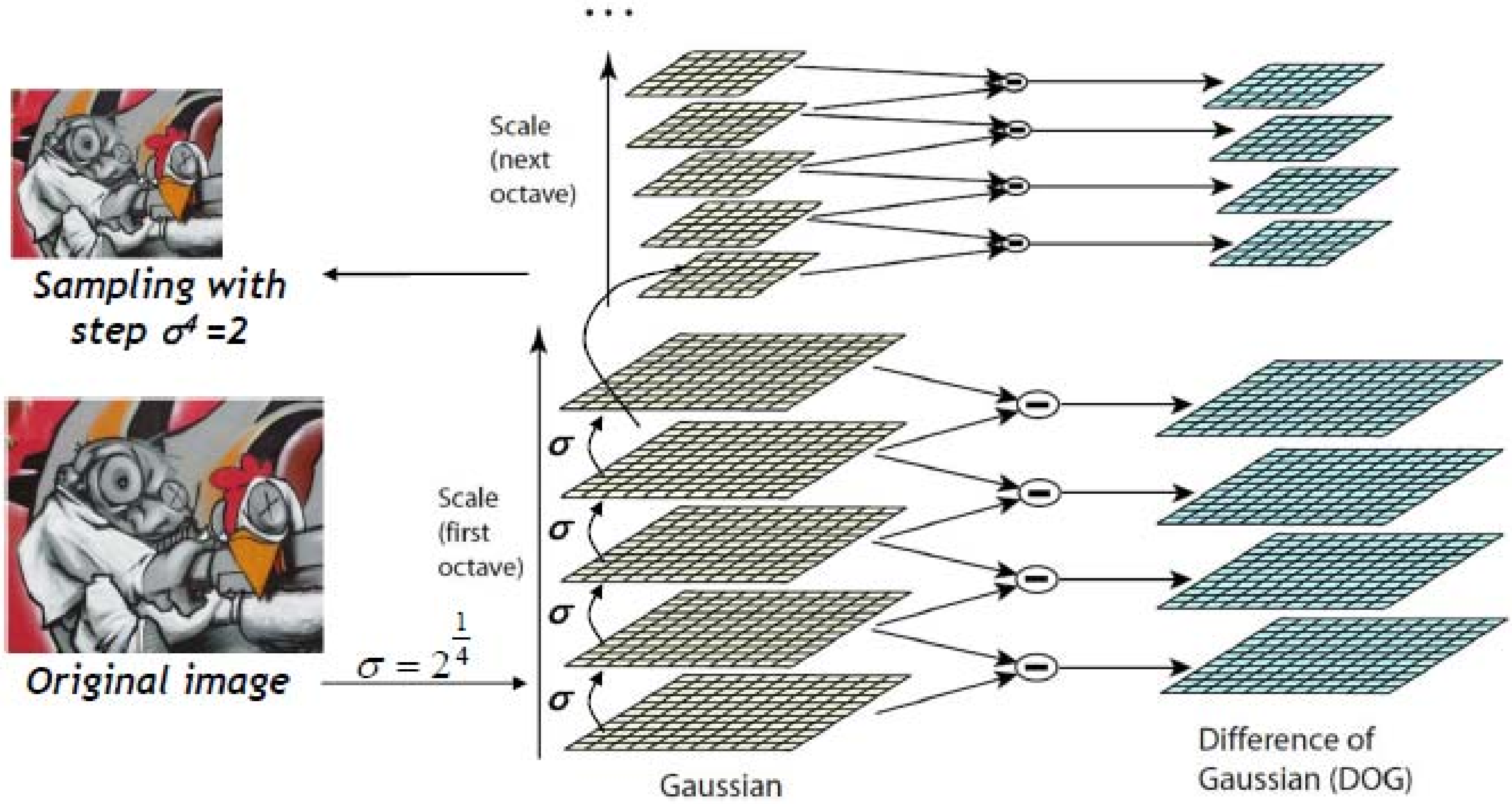
DoG – Efficient Computation

- Computation in Gaussian scale pyramid



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Results: Lowe's DoG

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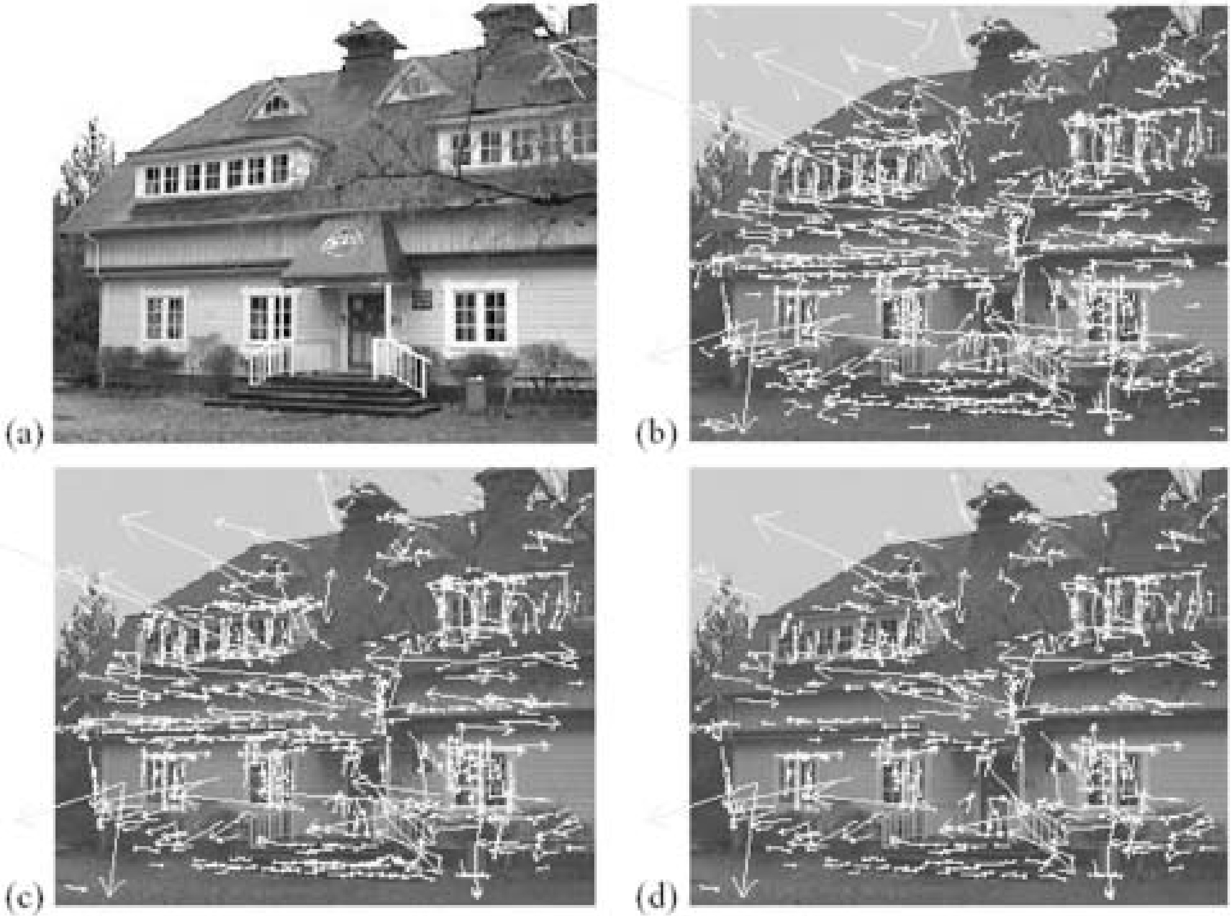
Example of Keypoint Detection



(a) 233x189 image

(b) 832 DoG extrema

(c) 729 left after peak value threshold

(d) 536 left after testing ratio of principle curvatures (removing edge responses)

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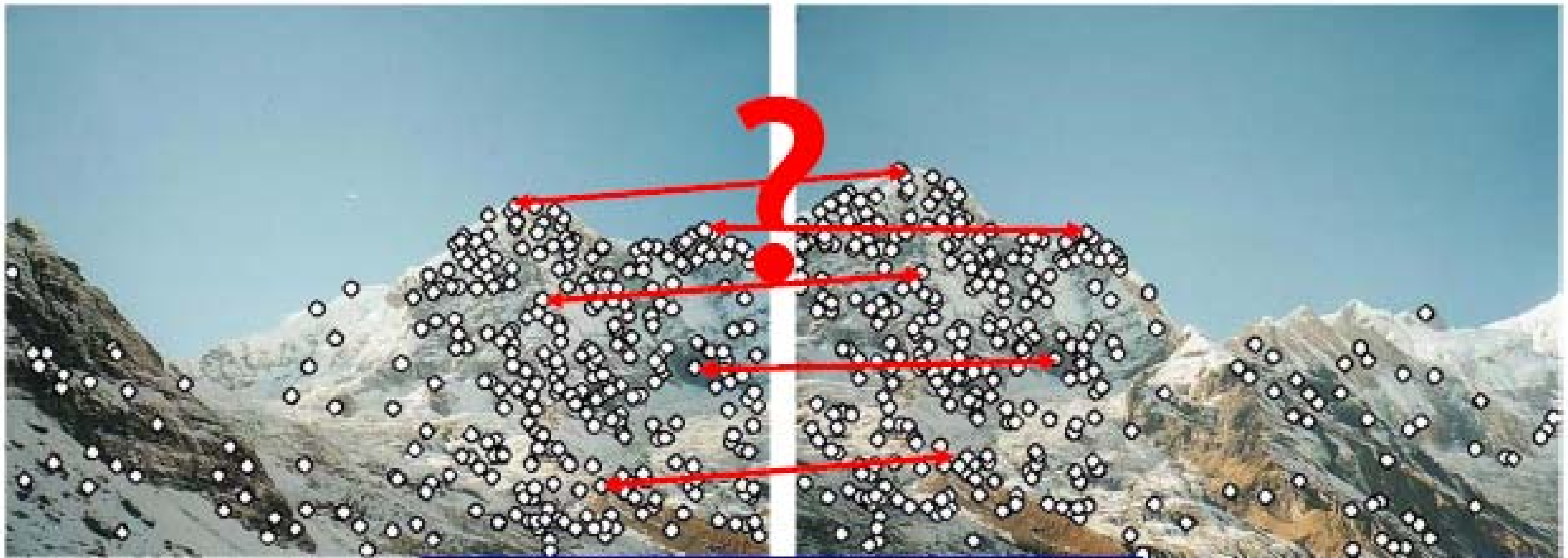
Local Descriptors

- We know how to detect points
- Next question:

How to *describe* them for matching?



Point descriptor should be:

1. Invariant
2. Distinctive

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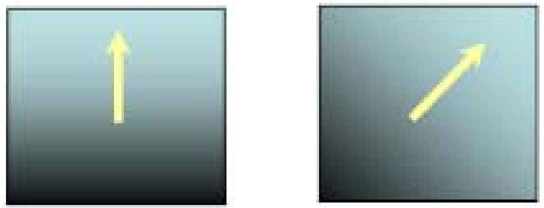
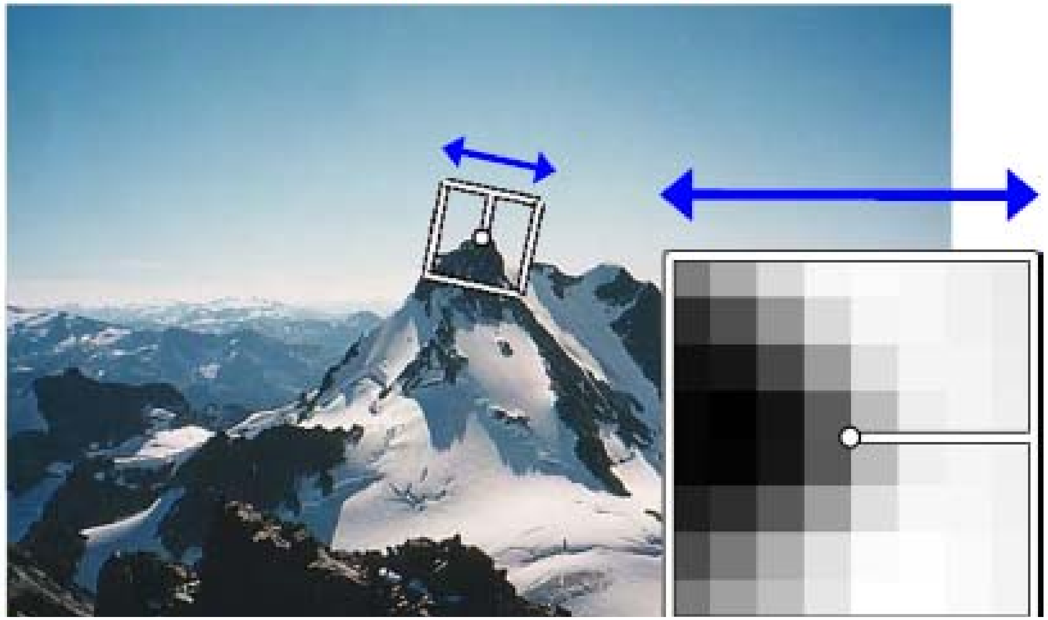
Rotation Invariant Descriptors

- Find local orientation
  - Dominant direction of gradient for the image patch



- Rotate patch according to this angle
  - This puts the patches into a canonical orientation.



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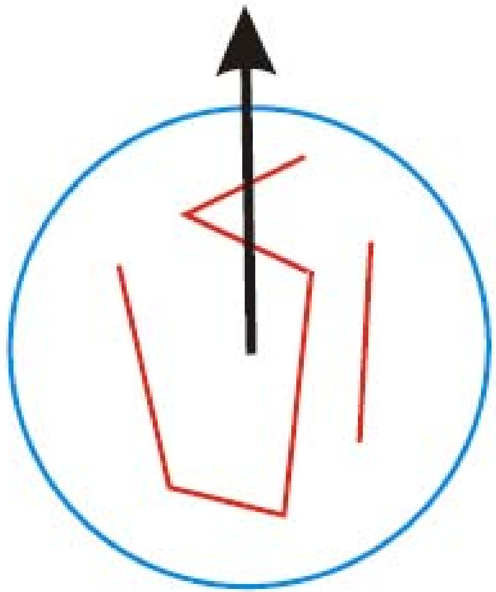
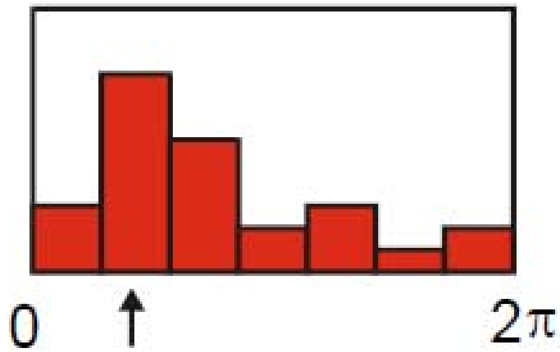
Orientation Normalization: Computation

[Lowe, SIFT, 1999]

- Compute orientation histogram
- Select dominant orientation
- Normalize: rotate to fixed orientation





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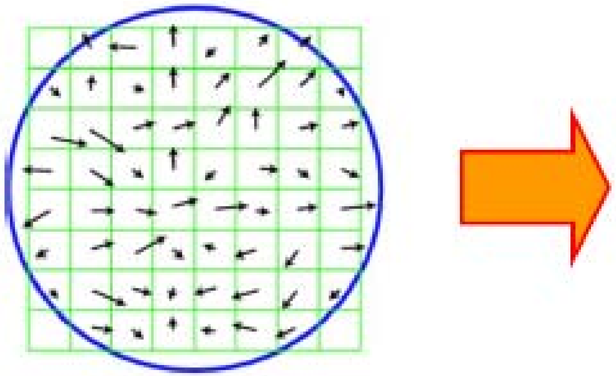
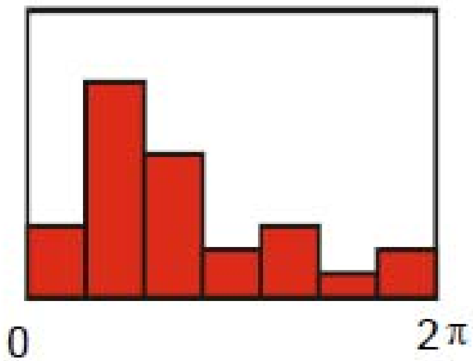
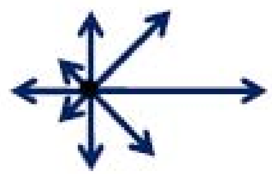
Feature Descriptors

- Disadvantage of patches as descriptors:
  - Small shifts can affect matching score a lot

- Solution: histograms







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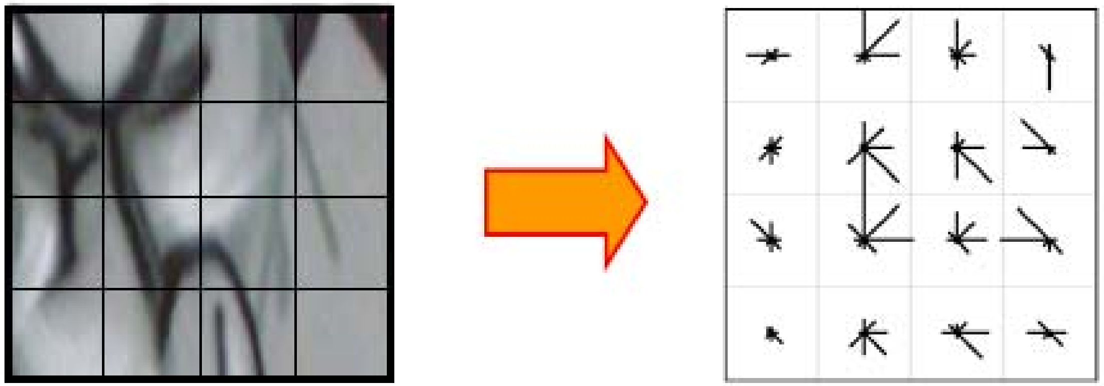
Feature Descriptors: SIFT

- Scale Invariant Feature Transform
- Descriptor computation:
  - Divide patch into 4x4 sub-patches: 16 cells
  - Compute histogram of gradient orientations (8 reference angles) for all pixels inside each sub-patch
  - Resulting descriptor: 4x4x8 = 128 dimensions



David G. Lowe. "Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints." *IJCV* 60 (2), pp. 91-110, 2004.

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Overview: SIFT

- Extraordinarily robust matching technique
  - Can handle changes in viewpoint up to ~60 deg. out-of-plane rotation
  - Can handle significant changes in illumination
    - Sometimes even day vs. night (below)
  - Fast and efficient—can run in real time
  - Lots of code available
    - http://people.csail.mit.edu/albert/ladypack/wiki/index.php/Known_implementations_of_SIFT

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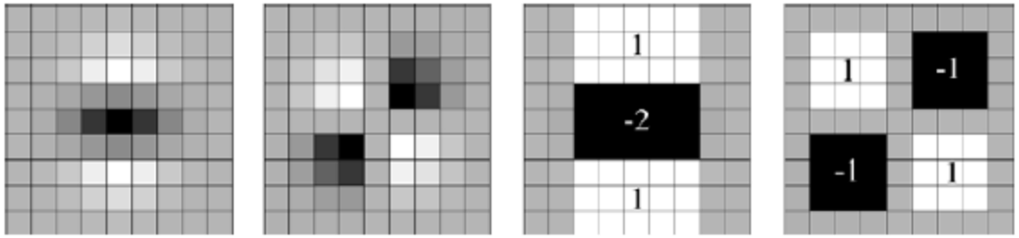
Other Descriptors

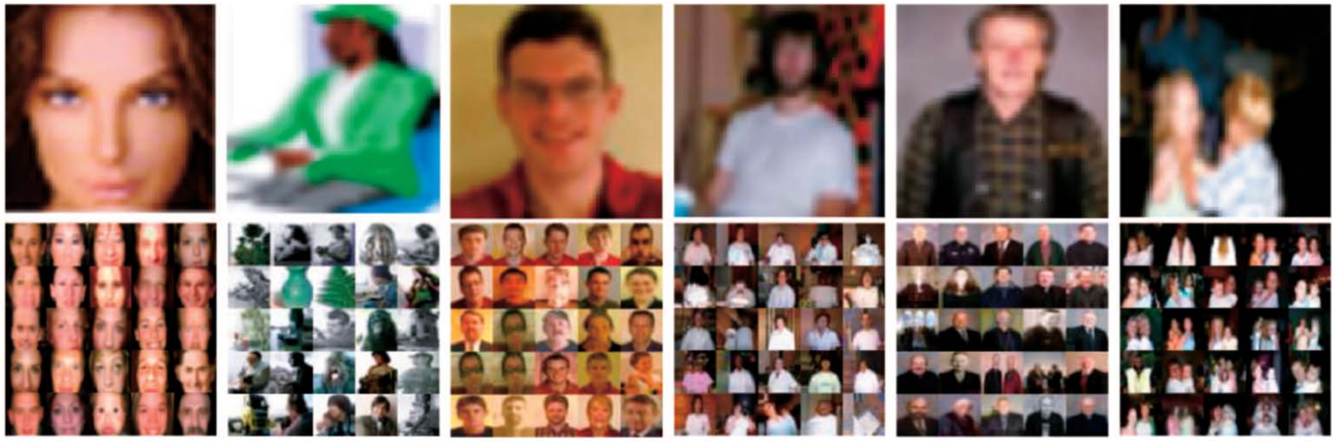
- GIST: a kind of SIFT in a global scale
- SURF: an acceleration using the integral image, i.e., summed area table



- CNN features

80M Tiny Images

- Just use 32 by 32 images
- It works well even for recognition with a simple recognition method (nearest neighbor search) with using 80M data



- Indicates the importance of data

PA1 (Optional)

- **Objective**
  - **Understand how to extract SIFT features and to use related libraries (OpenCV, vlfeat, …)**

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  - **SIFT as a local descriptor**

Next Time…

- **Basic deep learning and its applications to computer vision**
- **Intro to object recognition**
- **Bag-of-Words (BoW) models**

Homework for Every Class

- Go over the next lecture slides
- Come up with one question on what we have discussed today
  - 1 for typical questions (that were answered in the class)
  - 2 for questions with thoughts or that surprised me
- Write questions 3 times before the mid-term exam
  - Write a question about one out of every four classes
  - Multiple questions in one time will be counted as one time
- Common questions are compiled at the Q&A file
  - Some of questions will be discussed in the class
- If you want to know the answer of your question, ask me or TA on person