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Main paper to be discussed

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- David Nister and Henrik Stewenius, Scalable Recognition with a Vocabulary Tree, CVPR 2006.

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Image 1



Image 2

- To generate candidate matches, find patches that have the most similar appearance (e.g., lowest SSD)
- Simplest approach: compare them all, take the closest (or closest k , or within a thresholded distance)

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- In stereo case, may constrain by proximity if we make assumptions on max disparities.

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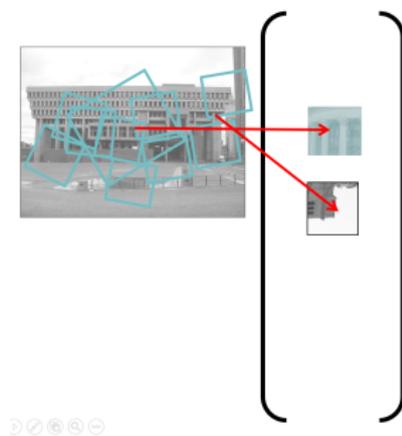
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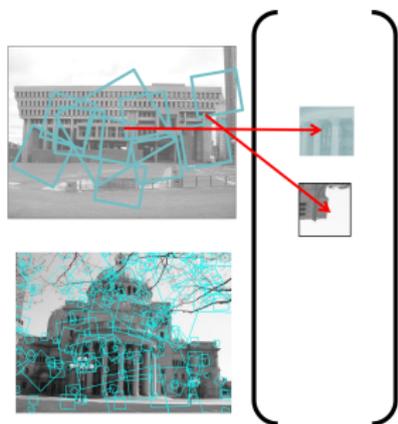
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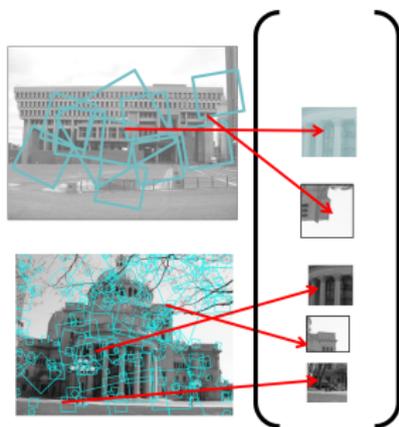
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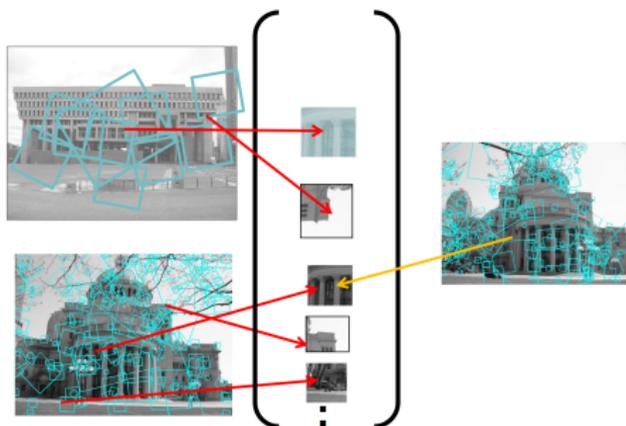
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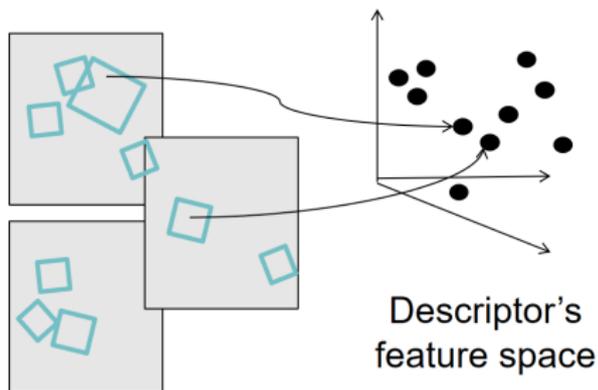
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- Each patch / region has a descriptor, which is a point in some high-dimensional feature space (e.g., SIFT)

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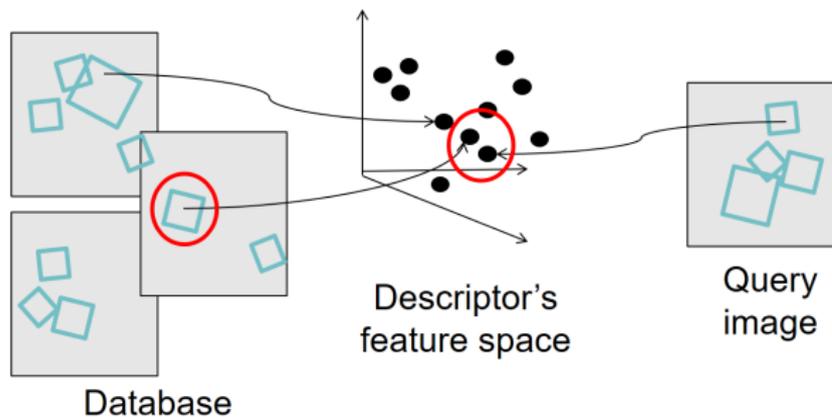
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- When we see close points in feature space, we have similar descriptors, which indicates similar local content.

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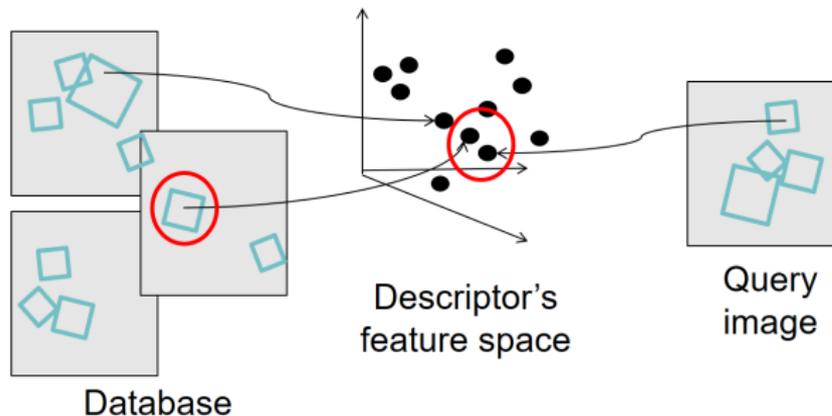
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- With potentially thousands of features per image, and hundreds to millions of images to search, how to efficiently find those that are relevant to a new image?

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Scalable Recognition with a Vocabulary Tree



Top n results of your query.



bourne/im1000034498.pgm



bourne/im1000051118.pgm



bourne/im1000062573.pgm



bourne/im1000051094.pgm

- An image matching scheme that scales efficiently to a large number of objects is presented.
- Robust indexing of local image descriptors with respect to background clutter and occlusion.
- The local region descriptors are hierarchically quantized in a vocabulary tree.

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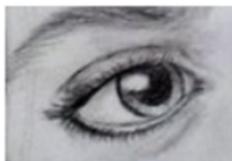
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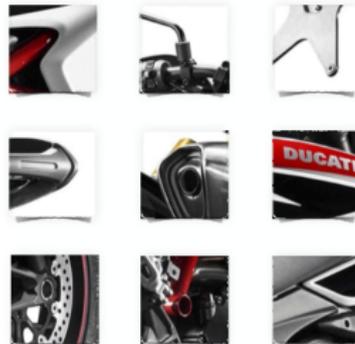
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Some local feature are
very informative

An object as



a collection of local features
(bag-of-features)

- deals well with occlusion
- scale invariant
- rotation invariant

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CalTech6 dataset



class	bag of features	bag of features	Parts-and-shape model
	Zhang et al. (2005)	Willamowski et al. (2004)	Fergus et al. (2003)
airplanes	98.8	97.1	90.2
cars (rear)	98.3	98.6	90.3
cars (side)	95.0	87.3	88.5
faces	100	99.3	96.4
motorbikes	98.5	98.0	92.5
spotted cats	97.0	—	90.0

Works pretty well for image-level classification

Csurka et al. (2004), Willamowski et al. (2005), Grauman & Darrell (2005), Sivic et al. (2003, 2005)

Bag of features: texture classification

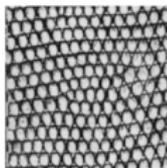
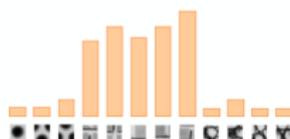
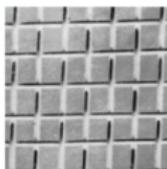
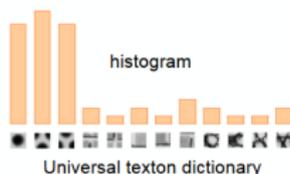
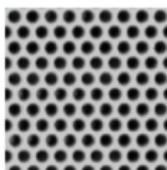
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Julesz, 1981
Mori, Belongie and Malik, 2001

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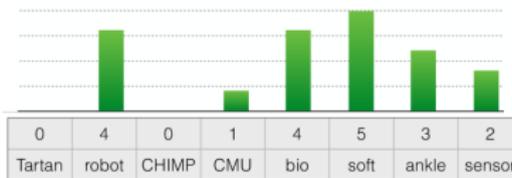
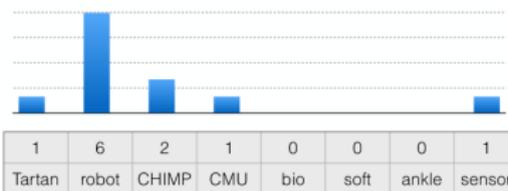
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Vector Space Model

G. Salton. 'Mathematics and Information Retrieval' Journal of Documentation, 1979



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A document (datapoint) is a vector of counts over each word (feature)

$$\mathbf{v}_d = [n(w_{1,d}) \quad n(w_{2,d}) \quad \cdots \quad n(w_{T,d})]$$

$n(\cdot)$ counts the number of occurrences

just a histogram over words



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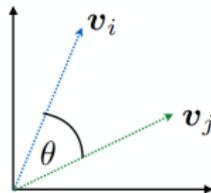
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What is the similarity between two documents?



Use any distance you want but the cosine distance is fast.

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j) &= \cos \theta \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j}{\|\mathbf{v}_i\| \|\mathbf{v}_j\|} \end{aligned}$$



Text Retrieval vs. Image Search

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- What makes the two problems different?

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- Extract some local features from a number of images ...



e.g., SIFT descriptor space: each
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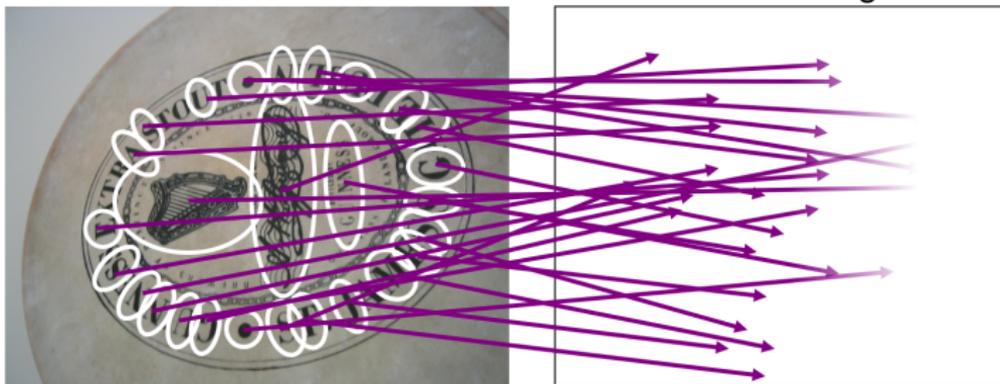
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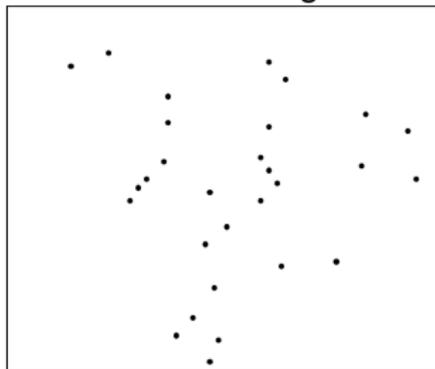
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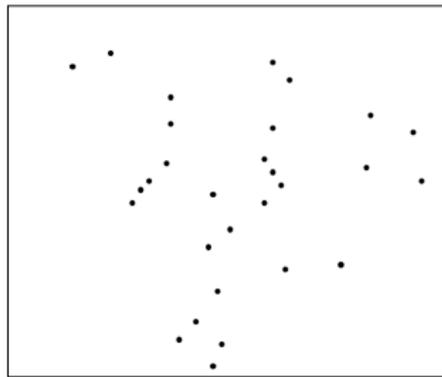
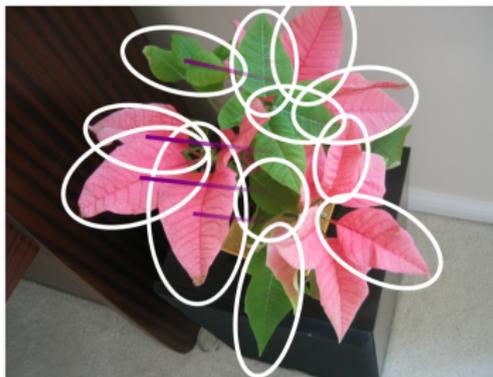
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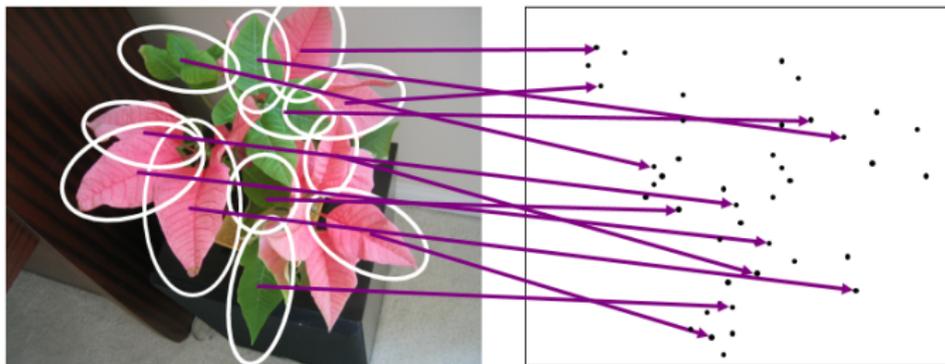
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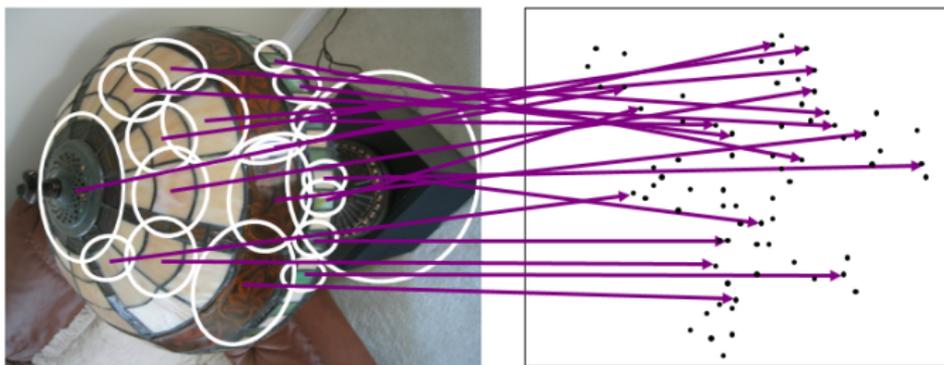
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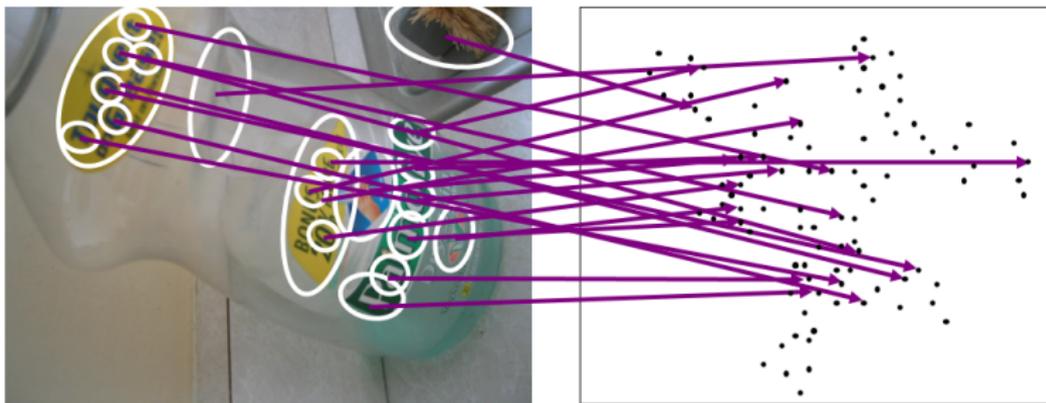
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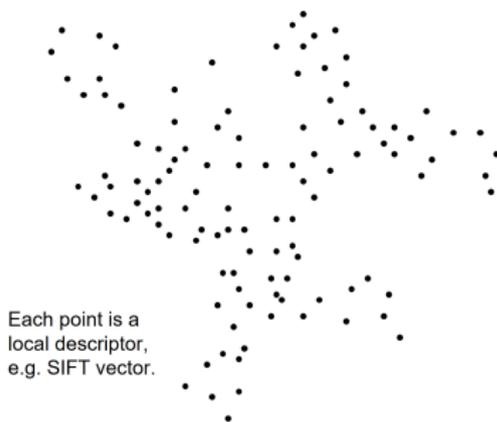
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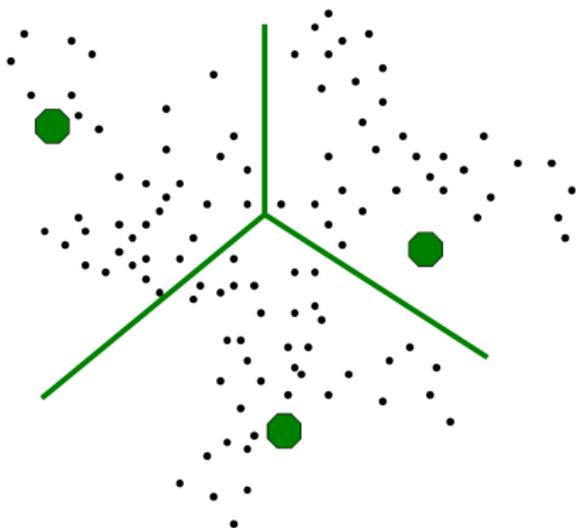
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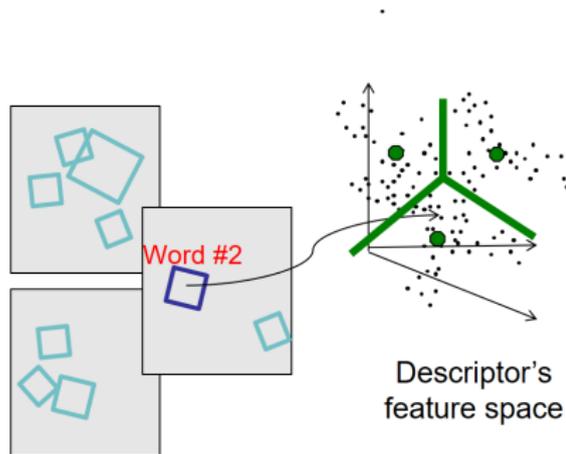
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- Quantize via clustering, let cluster centers be the prototype “words”
- Determine which word to assign to each new image region by finding the closest cluster center.

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- Example: each group of patches belongs to the same visual word

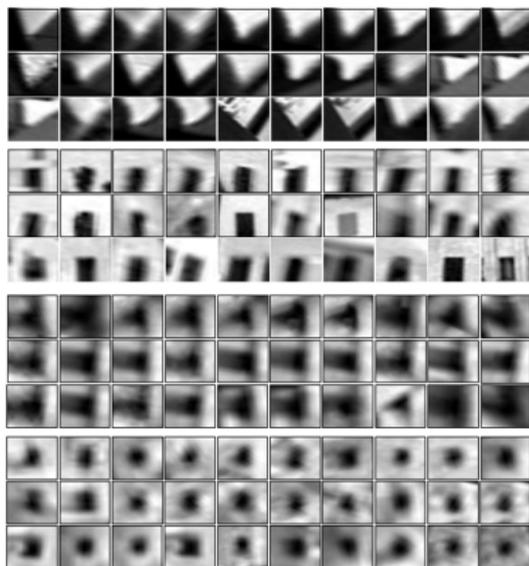


Figure from Sivic & Zisserman, ICCV 2003

Recall: Texture representation example

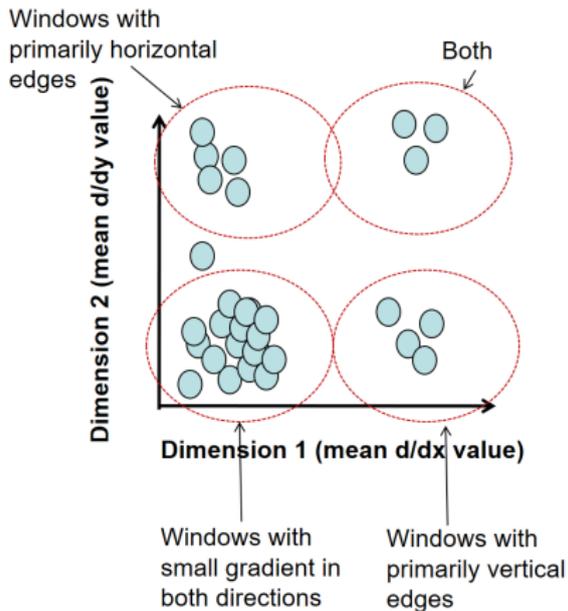
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	<u>mean d/dx value</u>	<u>mean d/dy value</u>
Win. #1	4	10
Win. #2	18	7
⋮		
Win. #9	20	20

⋮
statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

Visual Vocabulary Information

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- Sampling strategy: where to extract features?
- Clustering / quantization algorithm
- Unsupervised vs. supervised
- What corpus provides features (universal vocabulary?)
- Vocabulary size, number of words

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Word #	Image #
1	3
2	
...	
7	1, 2
8	3
9	
10	
...	
91	2

- Database images are loaded into the index mapping words to image numbers

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New query image

Word #	Image #
1	3
2	
...	
7	1, 2
8	3
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...	
91	2

- New query image is mapped to indices of database images that share a word.

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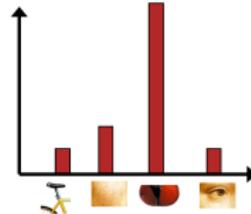
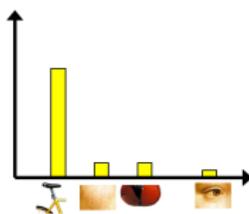
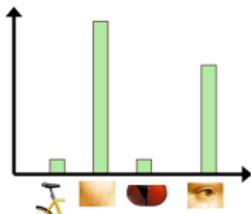
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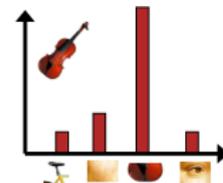
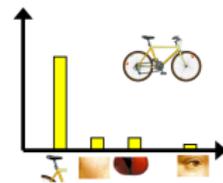
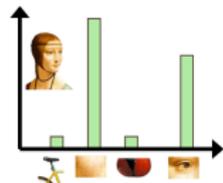
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- Summarize entire image based on its distribution (histogram) of word occurrences.
- Analogous to bag of words representation commonly used for documents.



Comparing bag of words

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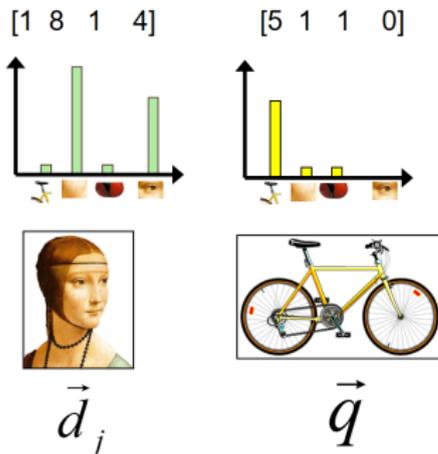
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- Rank frames by normalized scalar product between their (possibly weighted) occurrence counts---*nearest neighbor* search for similar images.



$$\text{sim}(d_j, q) = \frac{\langle d_j, q \rangle}{\|d_j\| \|q\|}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^V d_j(i) * q(i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^V d_j(i)^2} * \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^V q(i)^2}}$$

for vocabulary of V words

tf-idf weighting

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- **Term frequency – inverse document frequency**
- Describe frame by frequency of each word within it, downweight words that appear often in the database
- (Standard weighting for text retrieval)

Number of
occurrences of word
i in document d

$$t_i = \frac{n_{id}}{n_d} \log \frac{N}{n_i}$$

Total number of
documents in
database

Number of words in
document d

Number of documents
word i occurs in, in
whole database

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Visually defined query

“Find this
clock”



“Find this
place”



“Groundhog Day” [Rammis, 1993]



Slide from Andrew Zisserman
Sivic & Zisserman, ICCV 2003

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Example



retrieved shots



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Video Google System

1. Collect all words within query region
2. Inverted file index to find relevant frames
3. Compare word counts
4. Spatial verification

Sivic & Zisserman, ICCV 2003

- Demo online at :
<http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/vgoogle/index.html>



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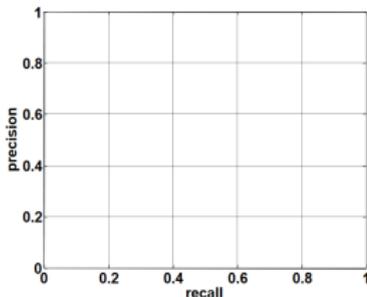
Query

Database size: 10 images
Relevant (total): 5 images

Scoring retrieval quality

Results (ordered):

$\text{precision} = \frac{\text{\#relevant}}{\text{\#returned}}$
 $\text{recall} = \frac{\text{\#relevant}}{\text{\#total relevant}}$



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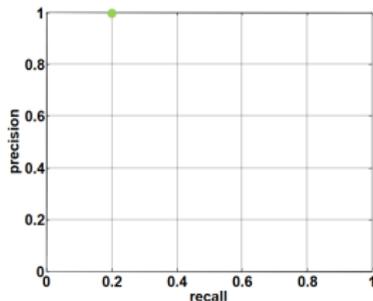
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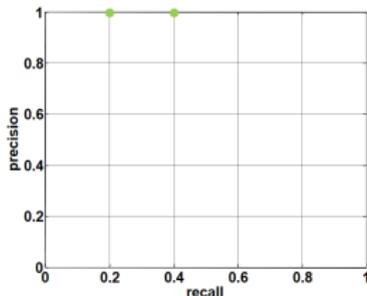
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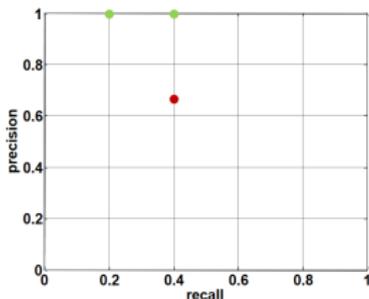
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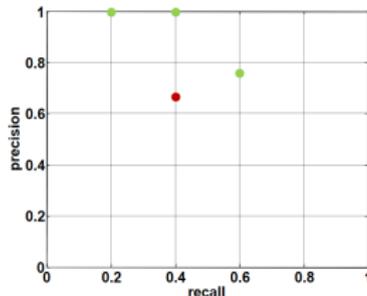
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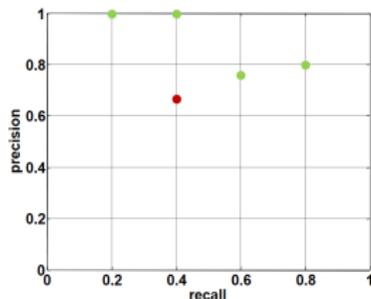
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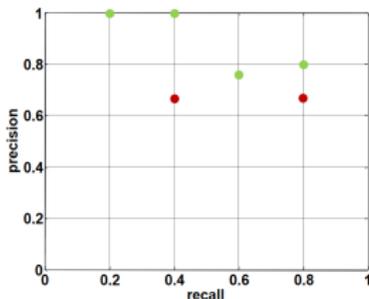
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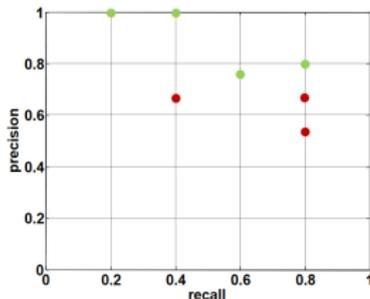
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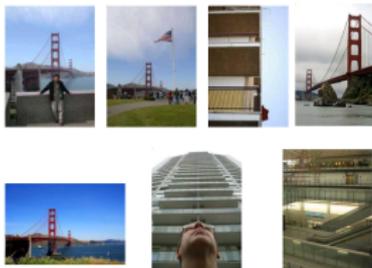
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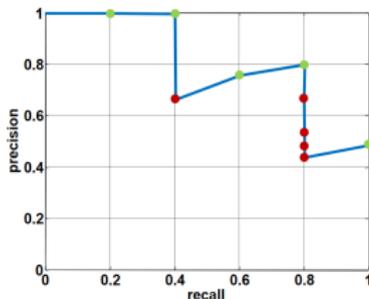
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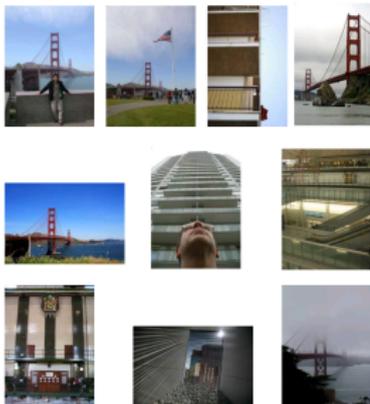
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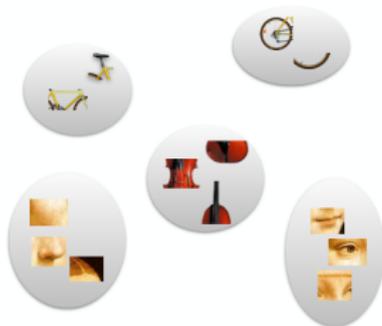
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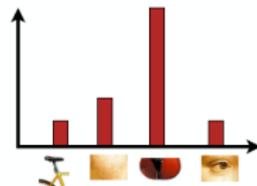
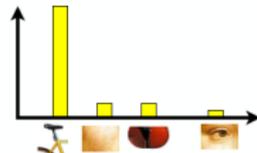
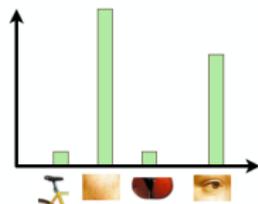
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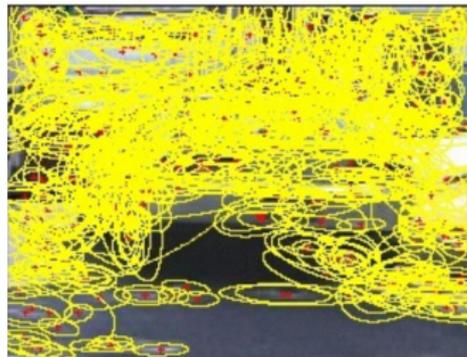
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- **Regular grid**
 - Vogel & Schiele, 2003
 - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
- **Interest point detector**
 - Csurka et al. 2004
 - Fei-Fei & Perona, 2005
 - Sivic et al. 2005
- **Other methods**
 - Random sampling (Vidal-Naqet & Ullman, 2002)
 - Segmentation-based patches (Barnard et al. 2003)



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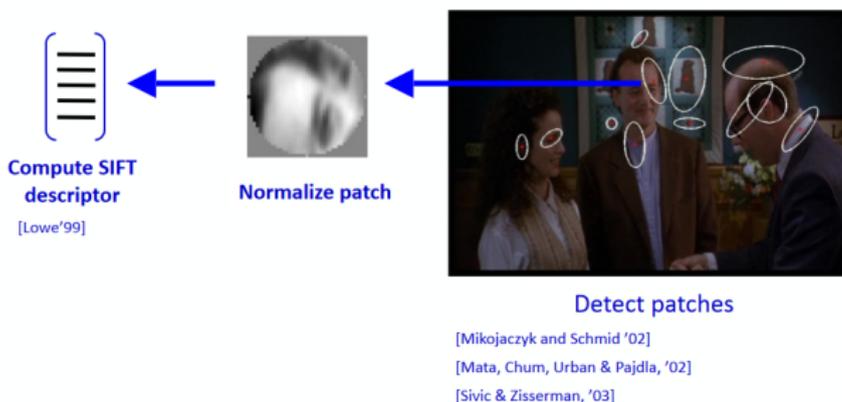
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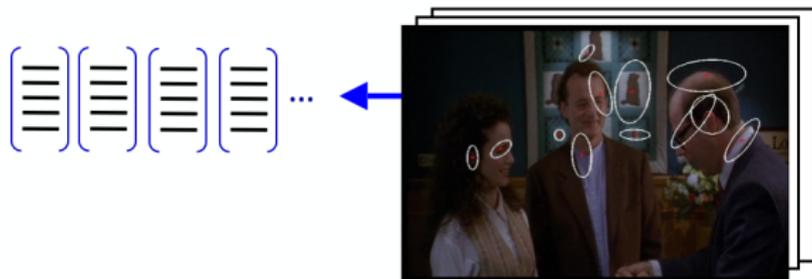
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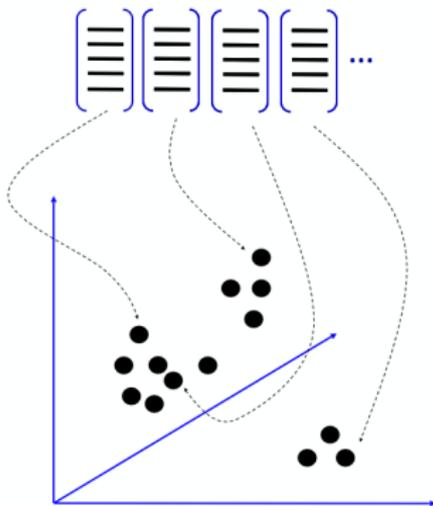
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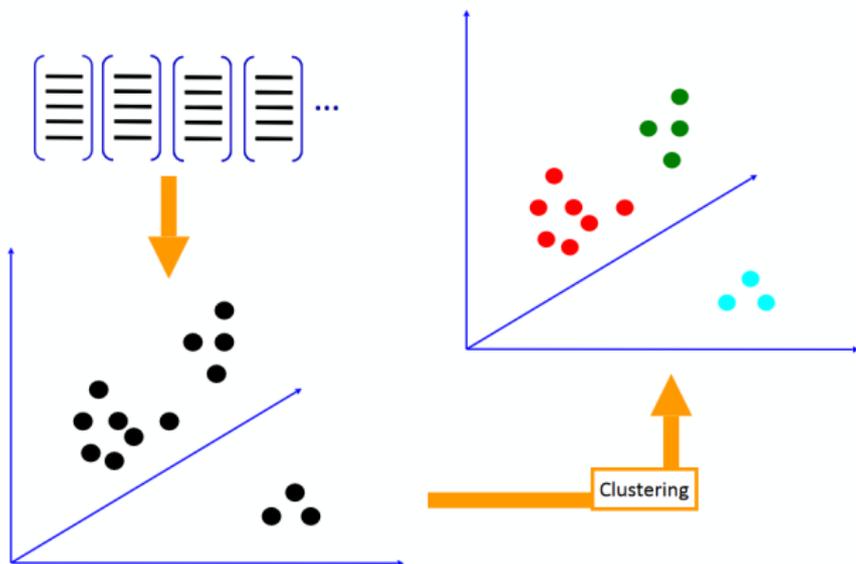
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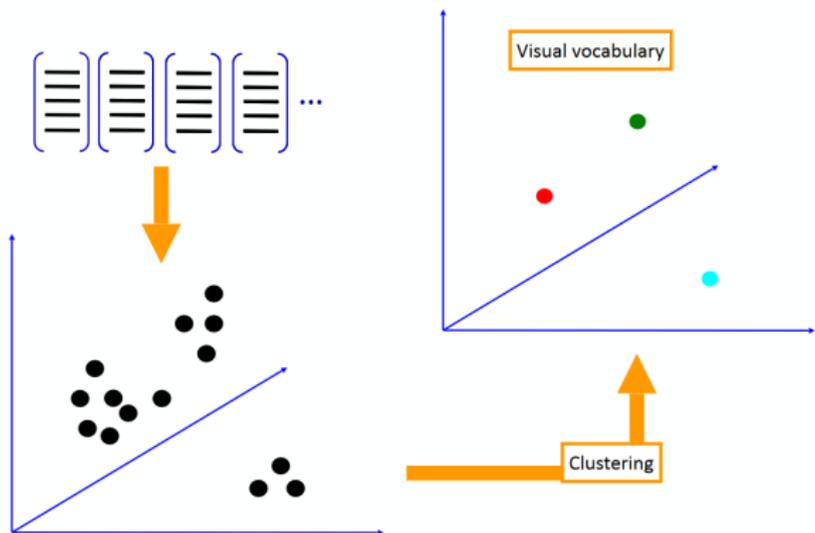
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K-means Clustering

Given k :

1. Select initial centroids at random.
2. Assign each object to the cluster with the nearest centroid.
3. Compute each centroid as the mean of the objects assigned to it.
4. Repeat previous 2 steps until no change.

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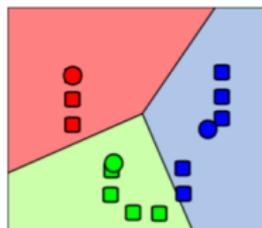
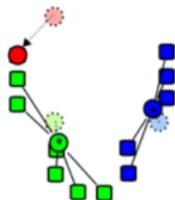
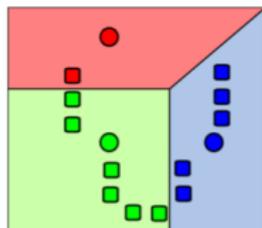
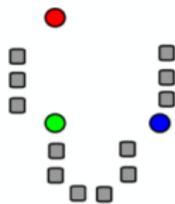
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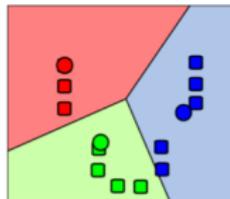
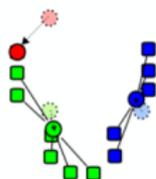
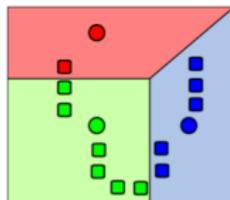
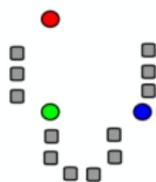
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Clustering and Vector Quantization

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- Clustering is a common method for learning a visual vocabulary or codebook
 - Unsupervised learning process
 - Each cluster center produced by k-means becomes a codevector
 - Codebook can be learned on separate training set
 - Provided the training set is sufficiently representative, the codebook will be “universal”
- The codebook is used for quantizing features
 - A *vector quantizer* takes a feature vector and maps it to the index of the nearest codevector in a codebook
 - Codebook = visual vocabulary
 - Codevector = visual word

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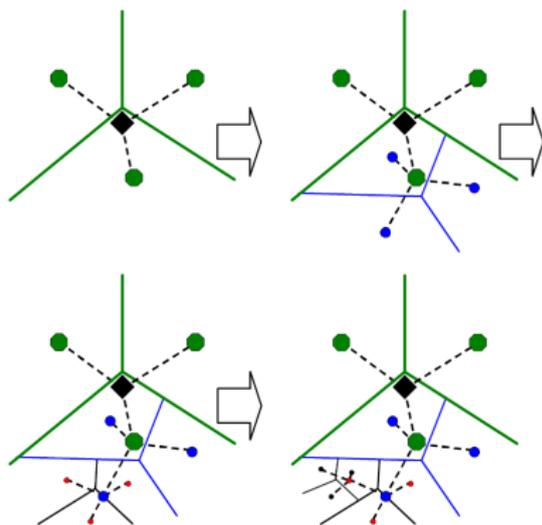
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- An illustration of the process of building the vocabulary tree. The hierarchical quantization is defined at each level by k centers (in this case $k = 3$) and their Voronoi regions.

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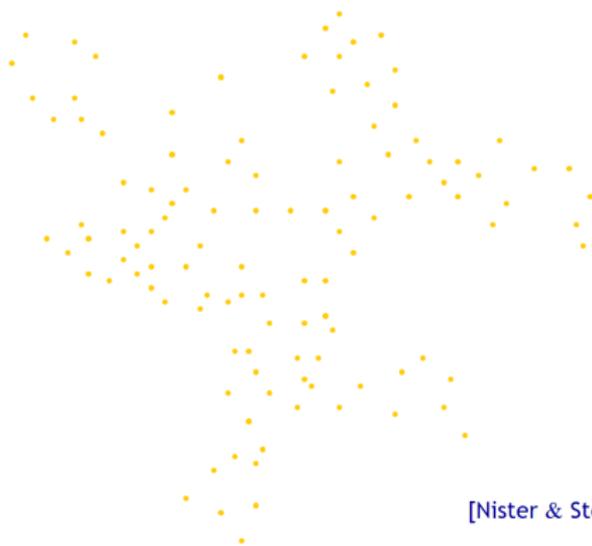
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- The vocabulary tree is built by hierarchical k-means clustering.
- Descriptor vectors are used in the unsupervised training.
- First, an initial k-means process is run to define k cluster centers.
- The training data is then partitioned into k groups, where each group consists of the descriptor vectors closest to a particular cluster center.
- The same process is then recursively applied to each group of descriptor vectors, recursively defining quantization cells by splitting each quantization cell into k new parts.

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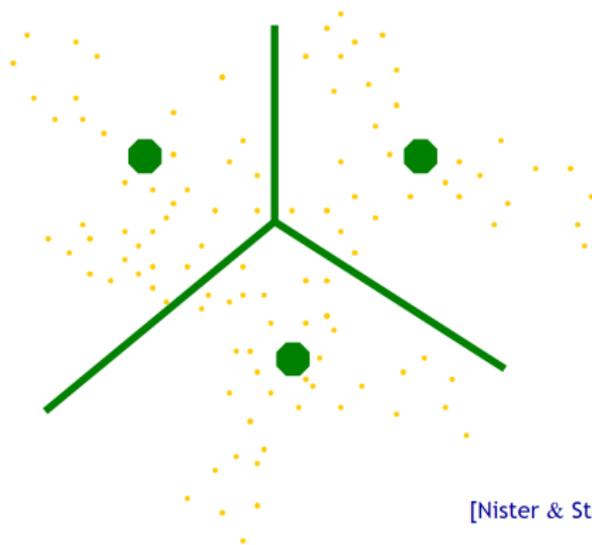
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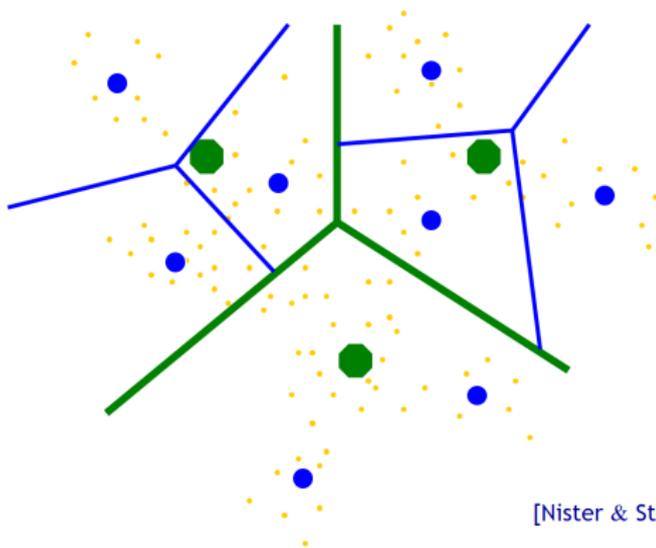
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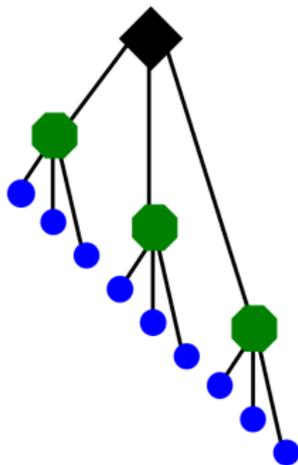
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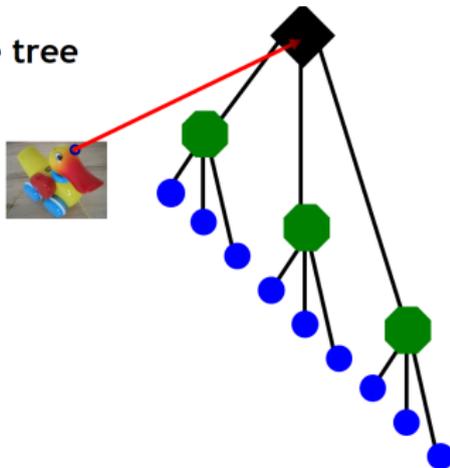
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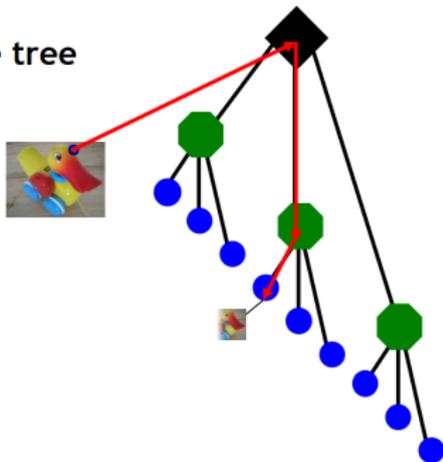
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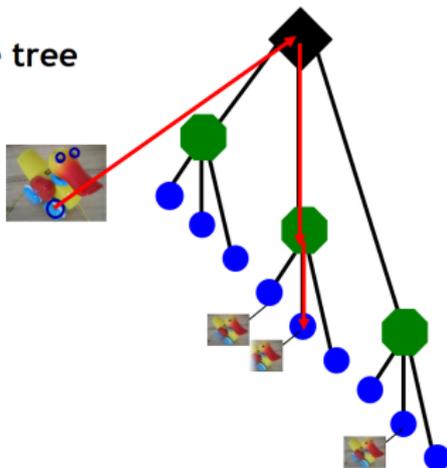
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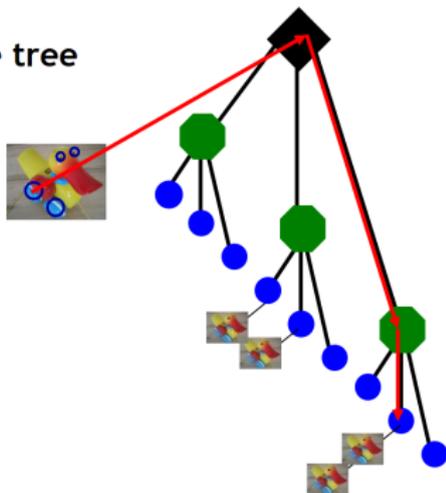
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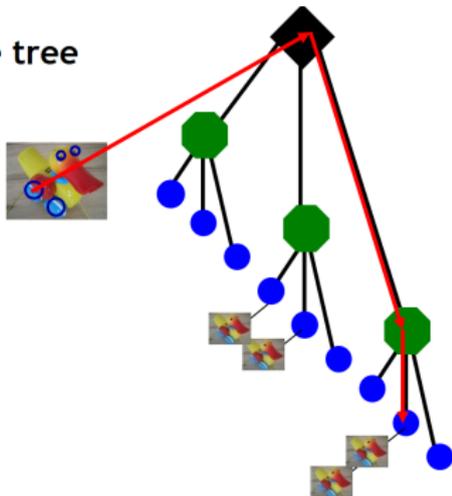
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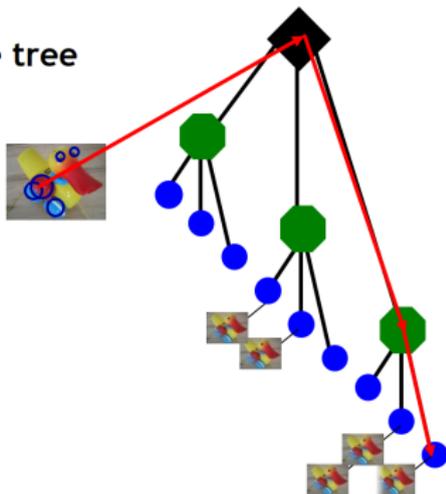
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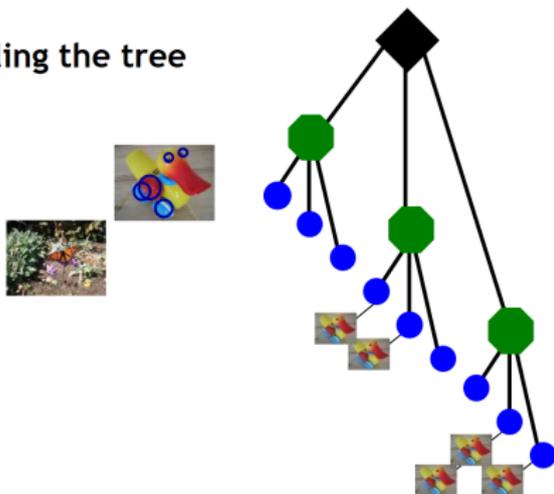
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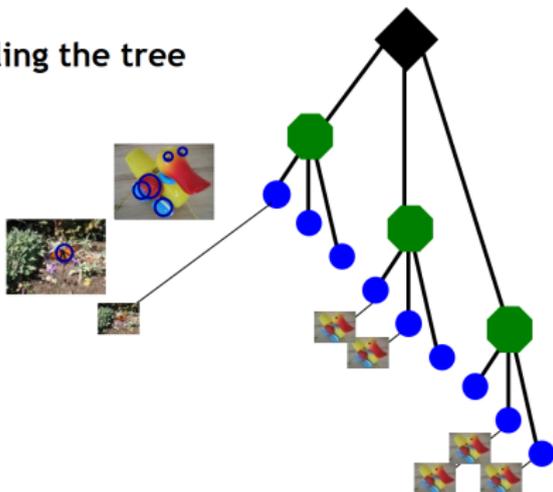
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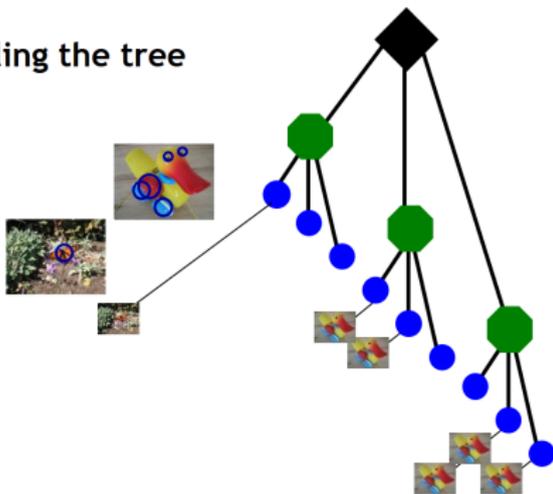
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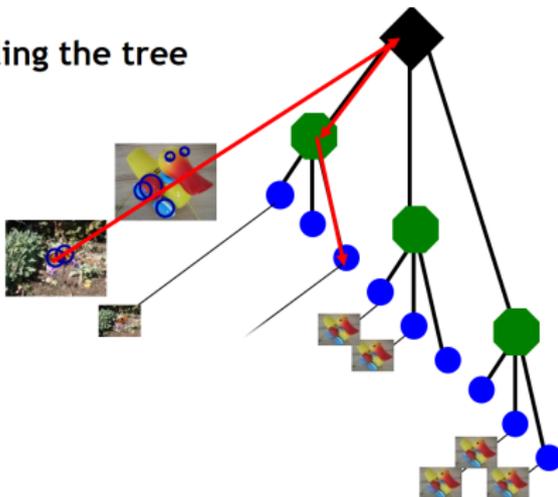
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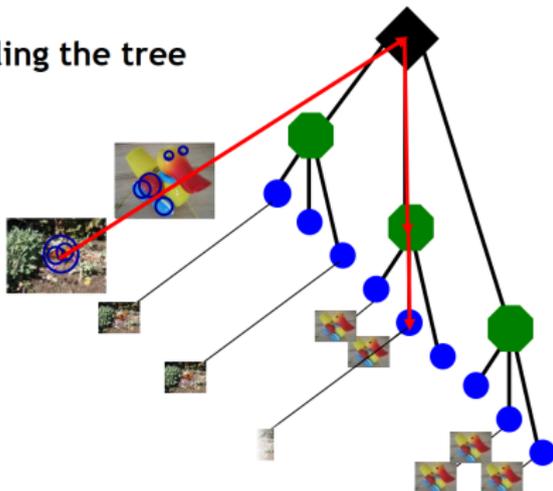
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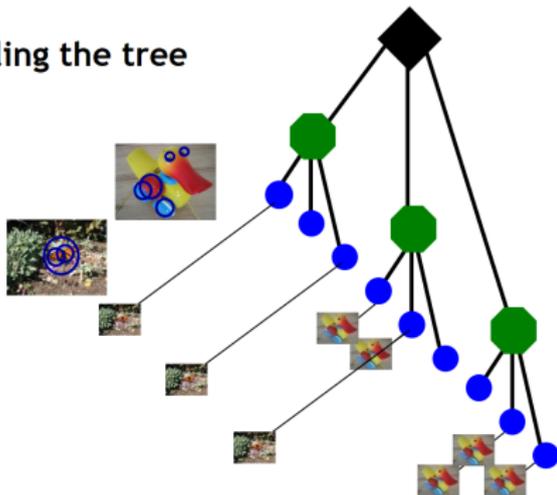
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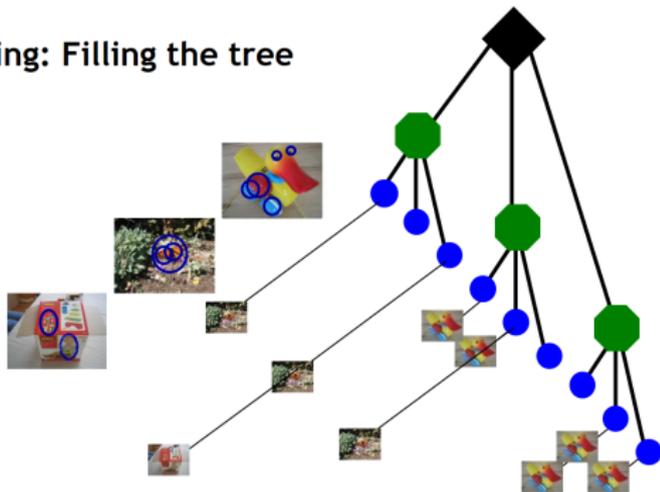
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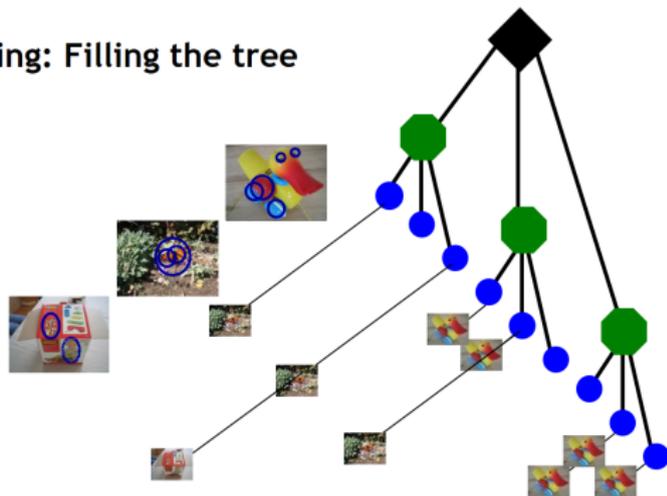
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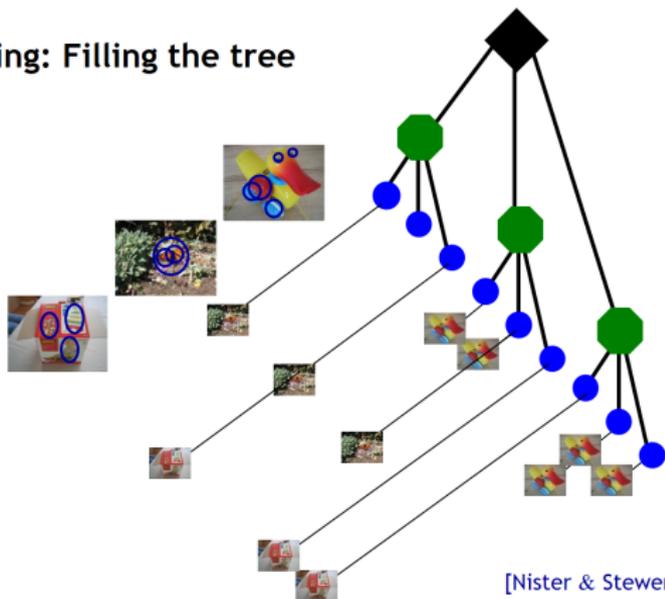
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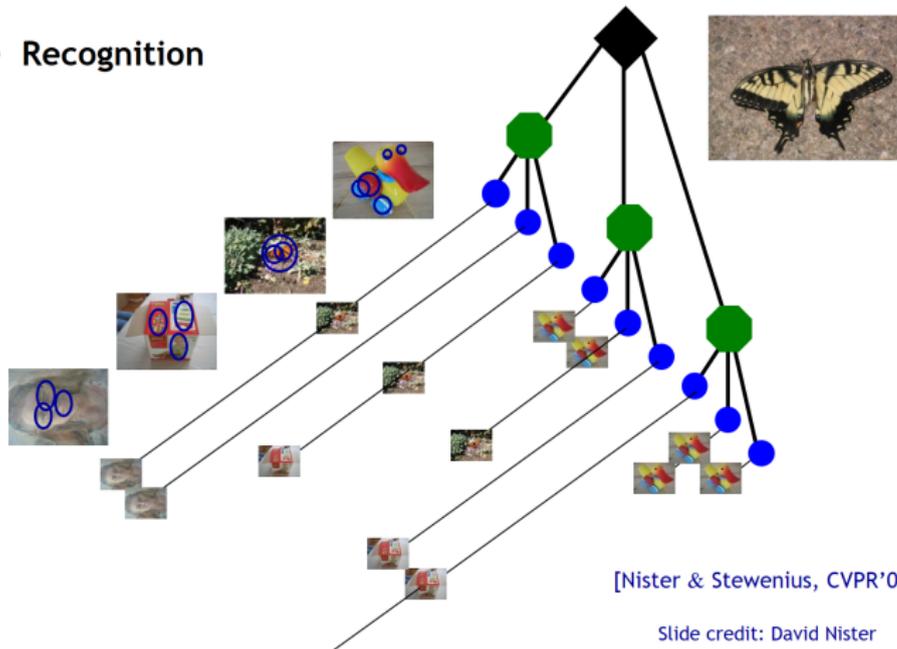
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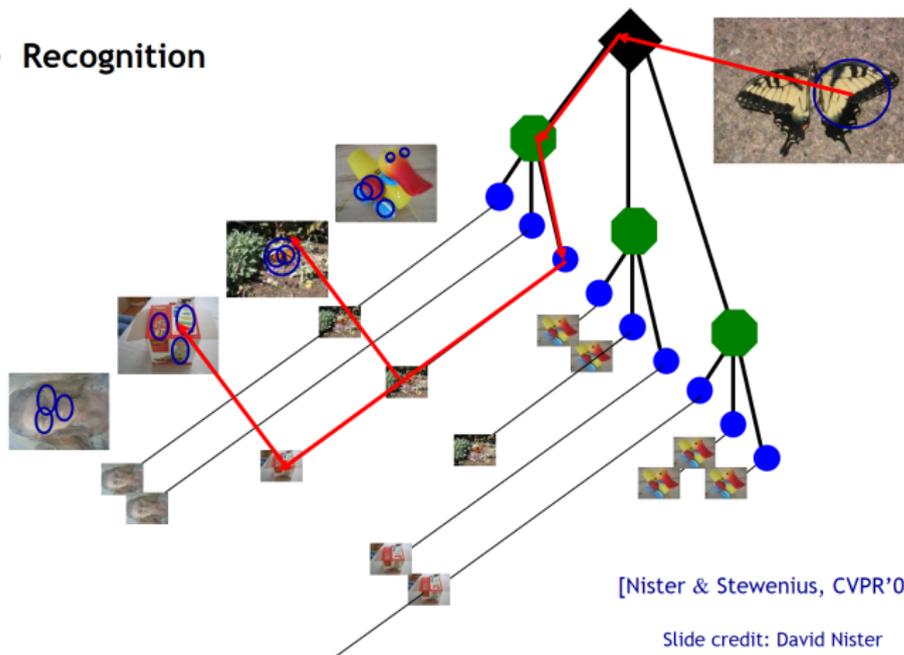


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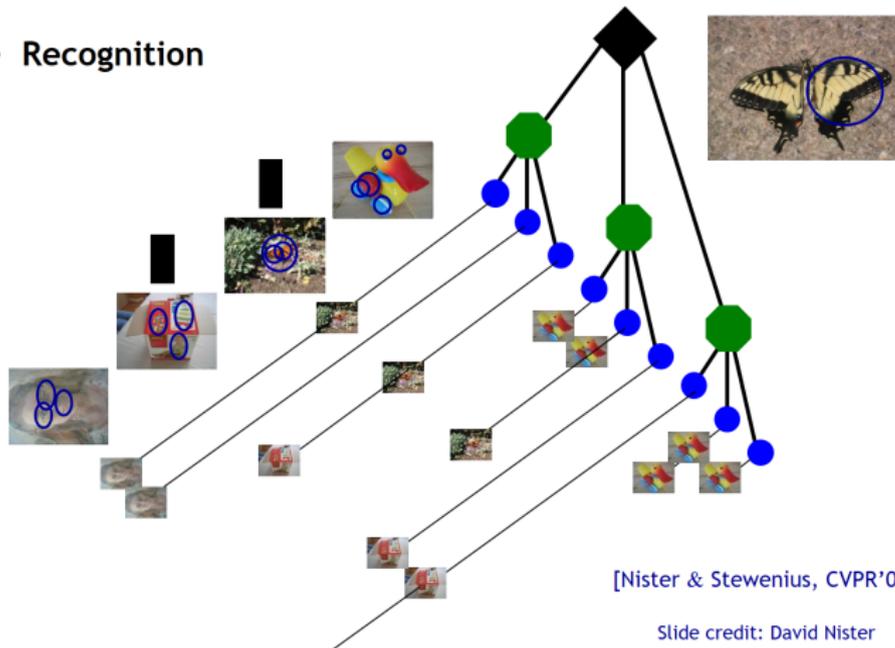
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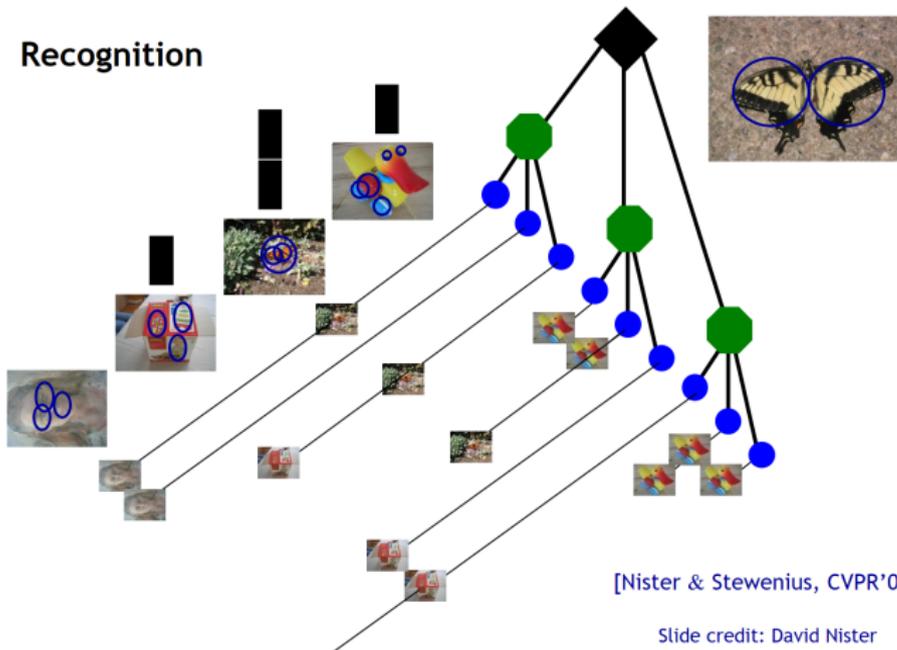
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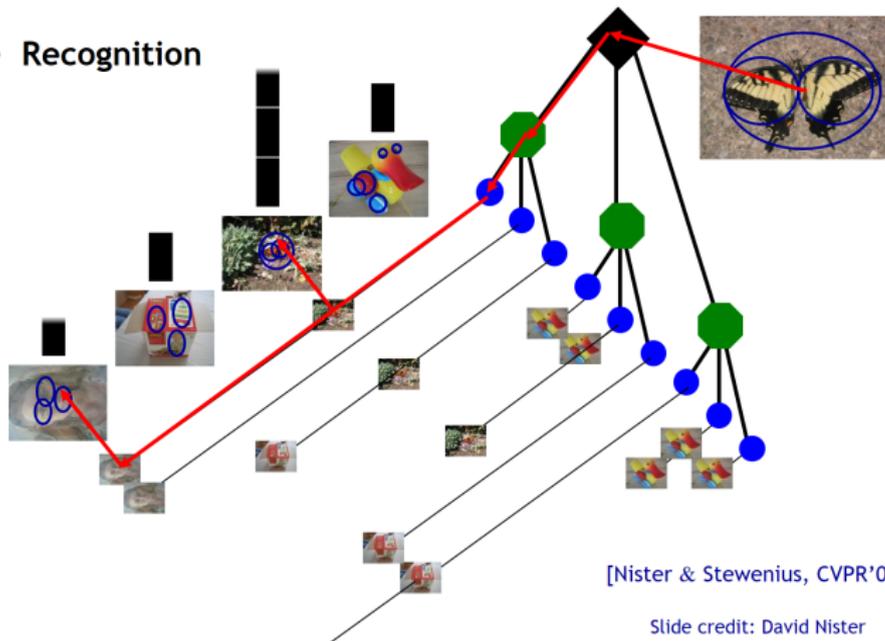
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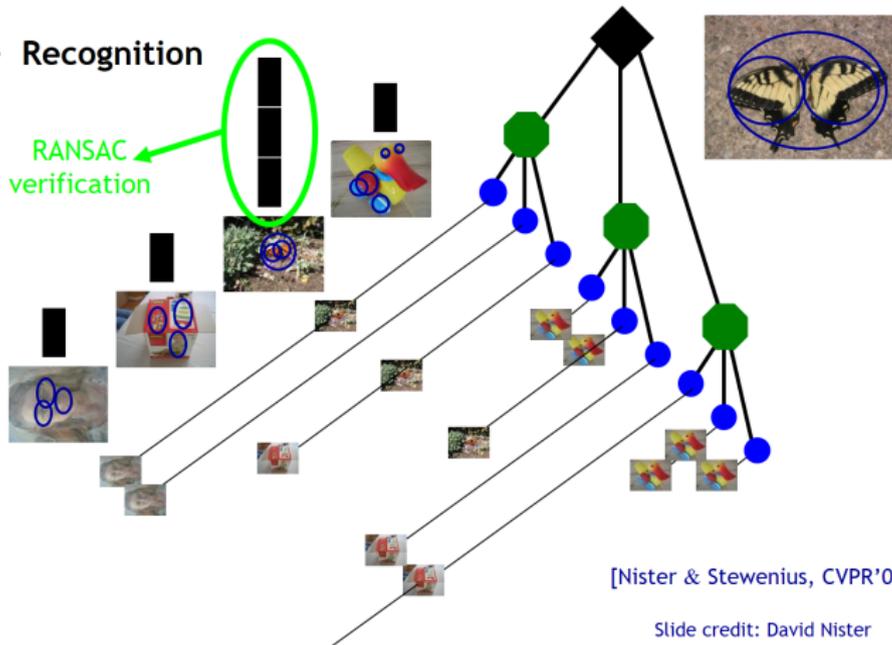
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