

# Model Fitting: The Hough transform II

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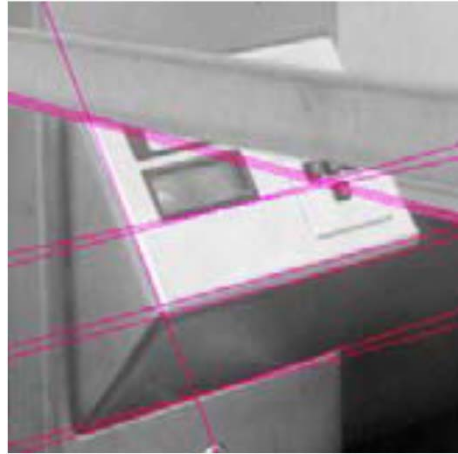
**Theory:** See handwritten notes GG:  
HT-notes-GG-II.pdf

Credits: S. Narasimhan, CMU, Spring 2006 15-385,-685, [Link](#)  
[Svetlana Lazebnik](#) (Computer Vision UNC Chapel Hill, 2008), and Ioannis Stamos

# Fitting Parametric Models: Beyond Lines

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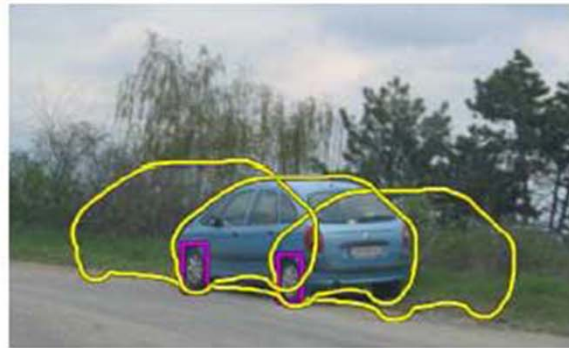
- Choose a parametric model to represent a set of features



simple model: **lines**



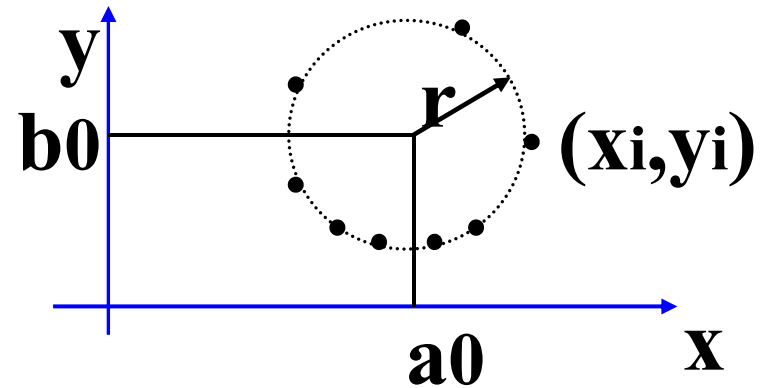
simple model: **circles**



complicated model: **car**

# Finding Circles by Hough Transform

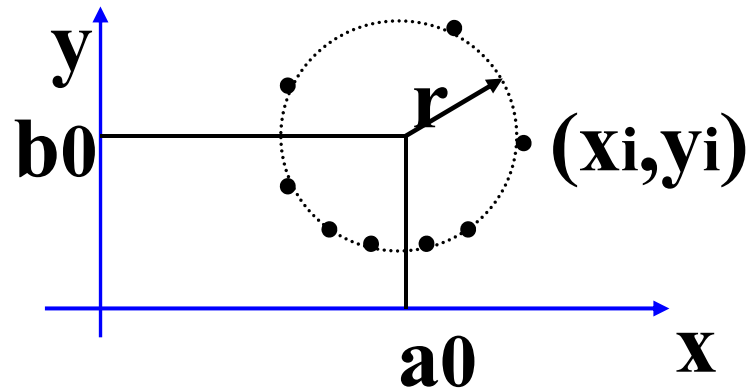
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**Equation of Circle:**  $(x_i - a_0)^2 + (y_i - b_0)^2 = r^2$

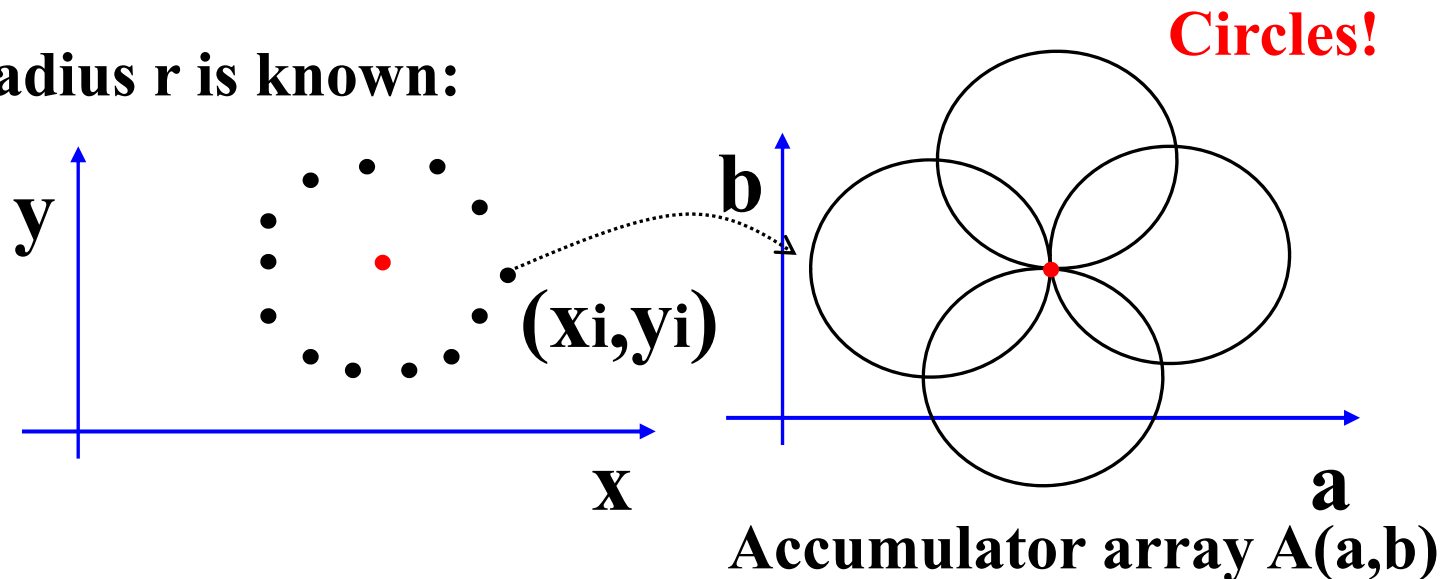
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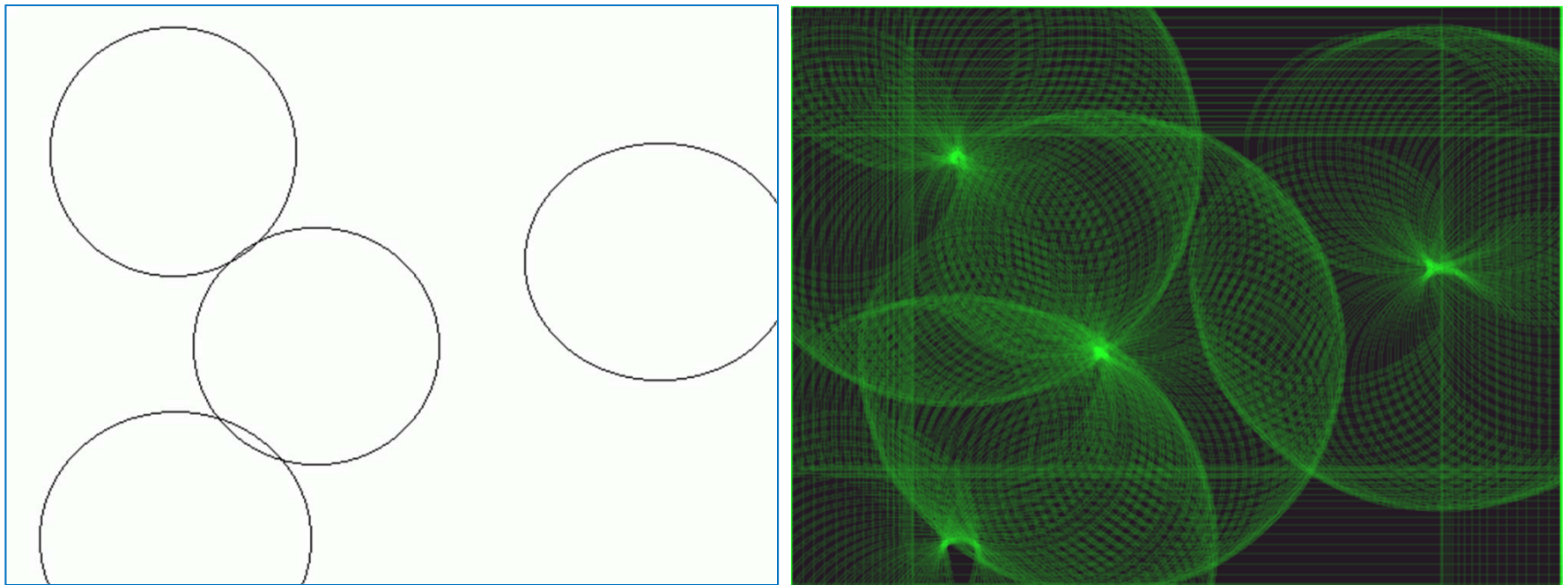
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If radius  $r$  is known:



# Example: Set of circles

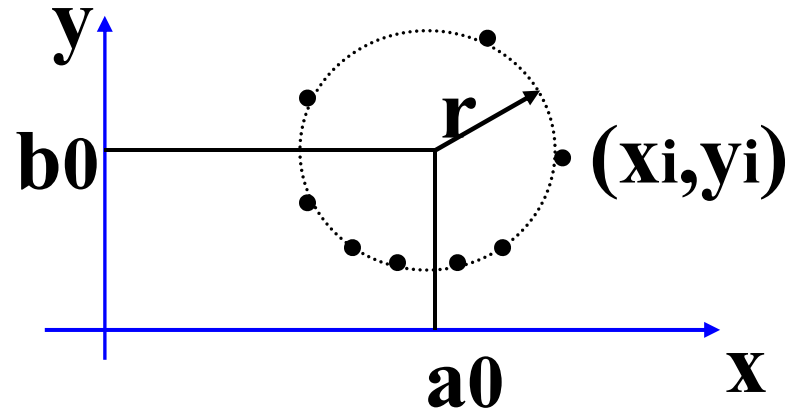
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[http://www.avishek.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/circles\\_hough.gif](http://www.avishek.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/circles_hough.gif)

# Finding Circles by Hough Transform

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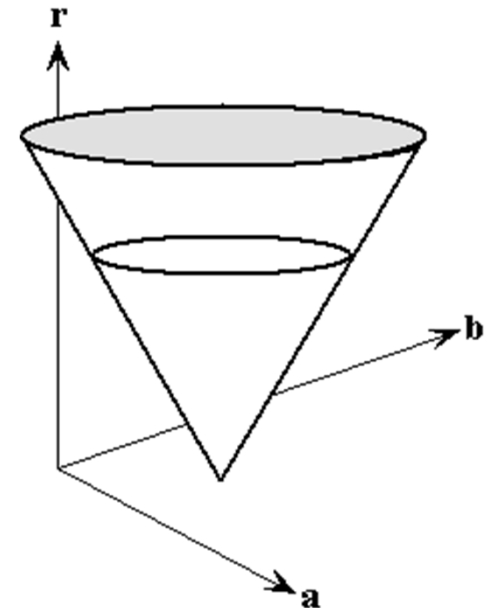
If  $r$  is not known

Use accumulator array  $A(a,b,r)$

For each  $(x_i, y_i)$  increment  $A(a,b,r)$

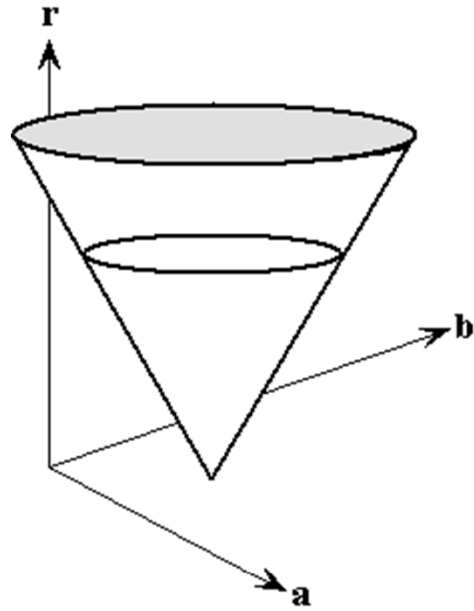
such that

$$(x_i - a)^2 + (y_i - b)^2 = r^2$$

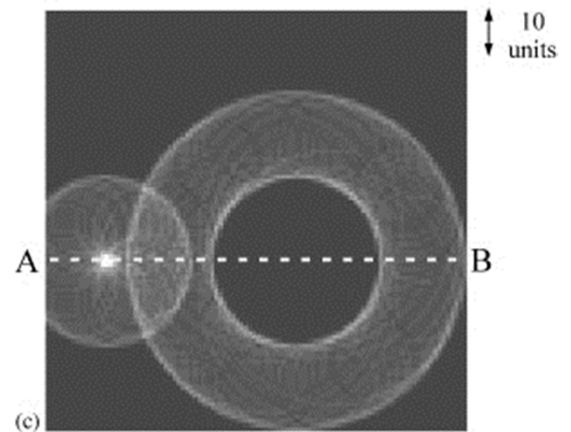
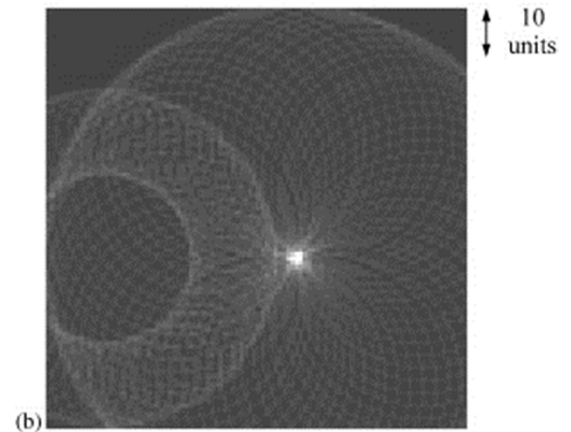
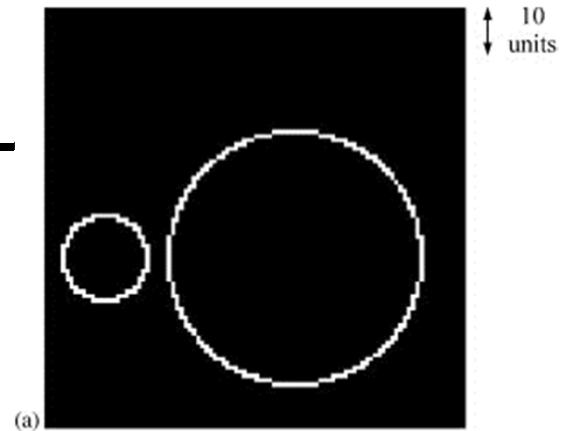
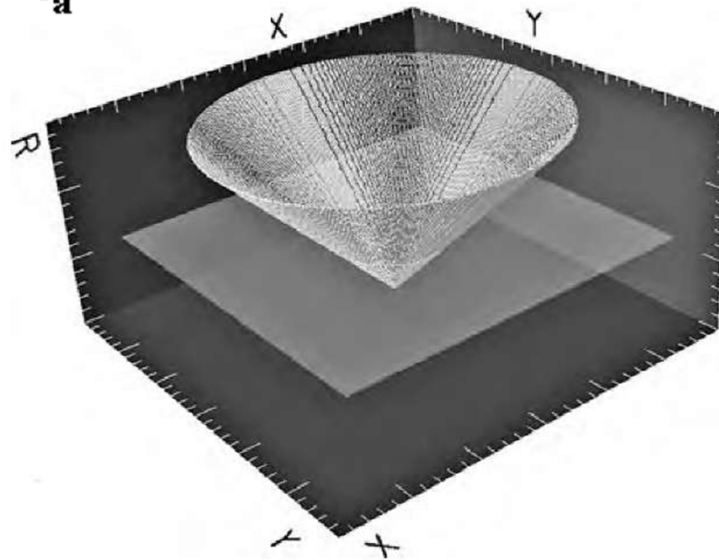


**Parameter curves  
represent right cone.**

# HT for Circles



Each point in image space: Accumulate right cone in  $(a,b,r)$  accumulator.



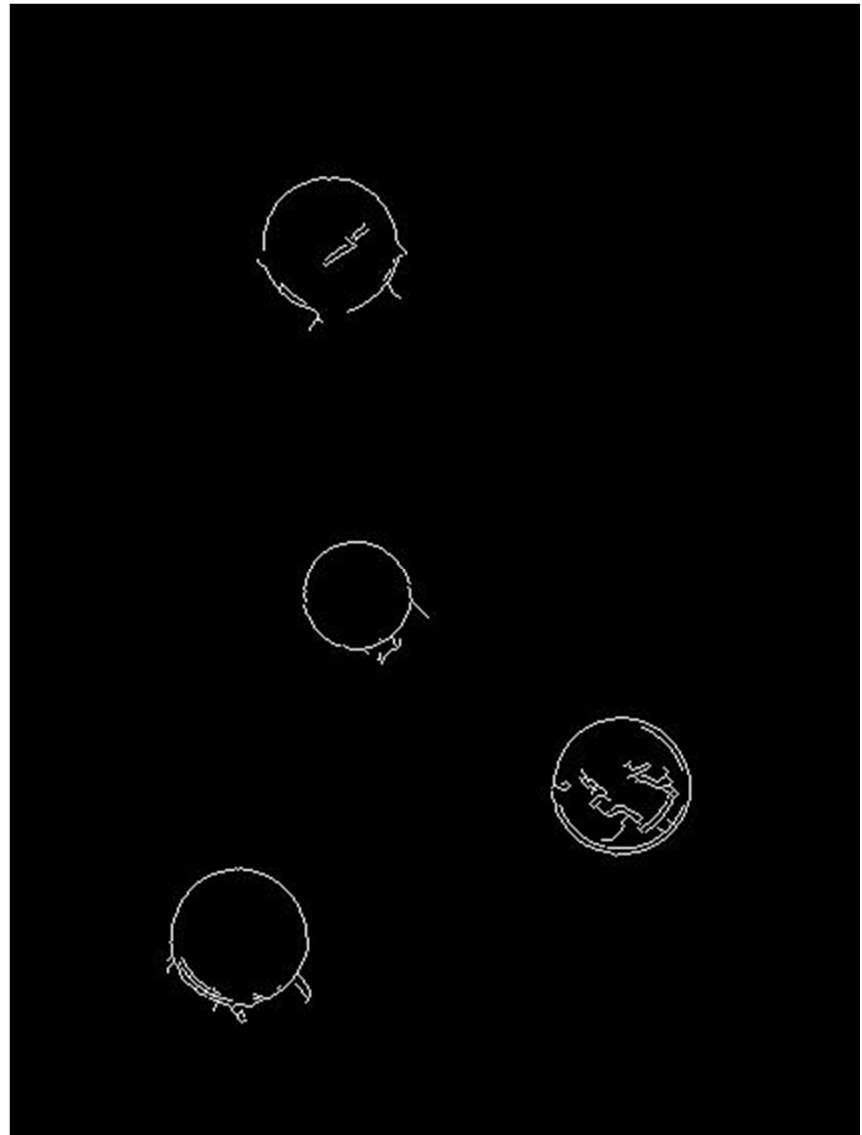
# Finding Coins

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**Original**



**Edges (note noise)**

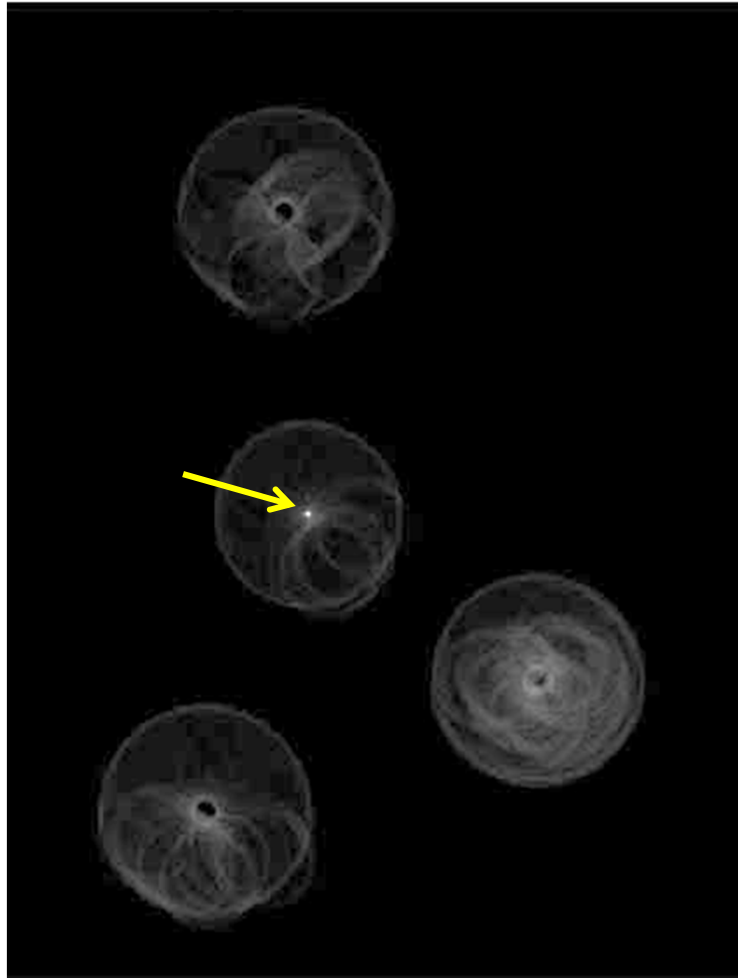




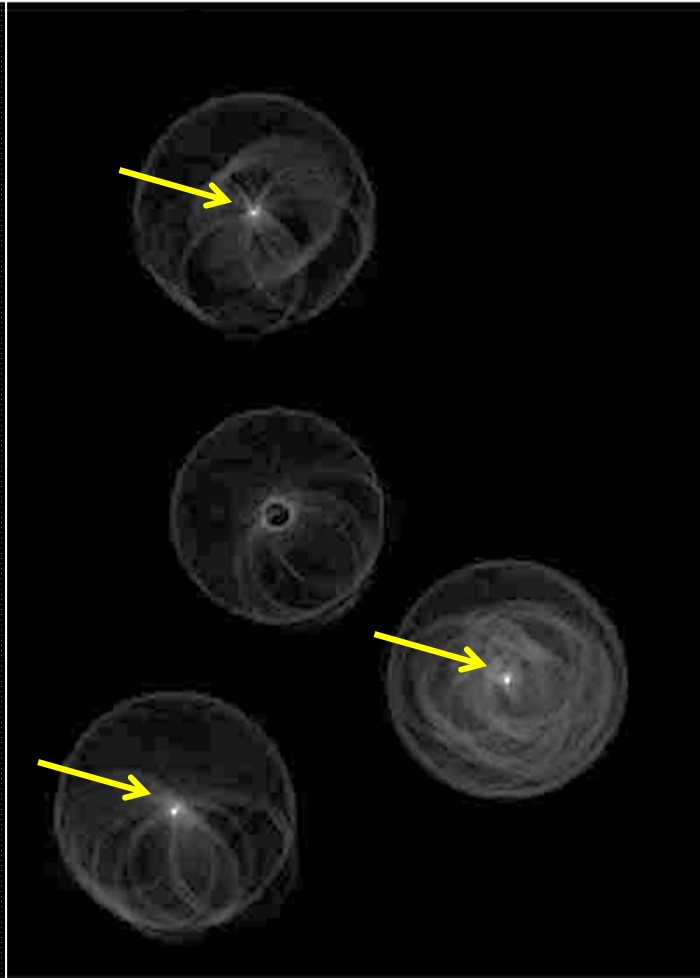
# Finding Coins (Continued)

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**Penn**

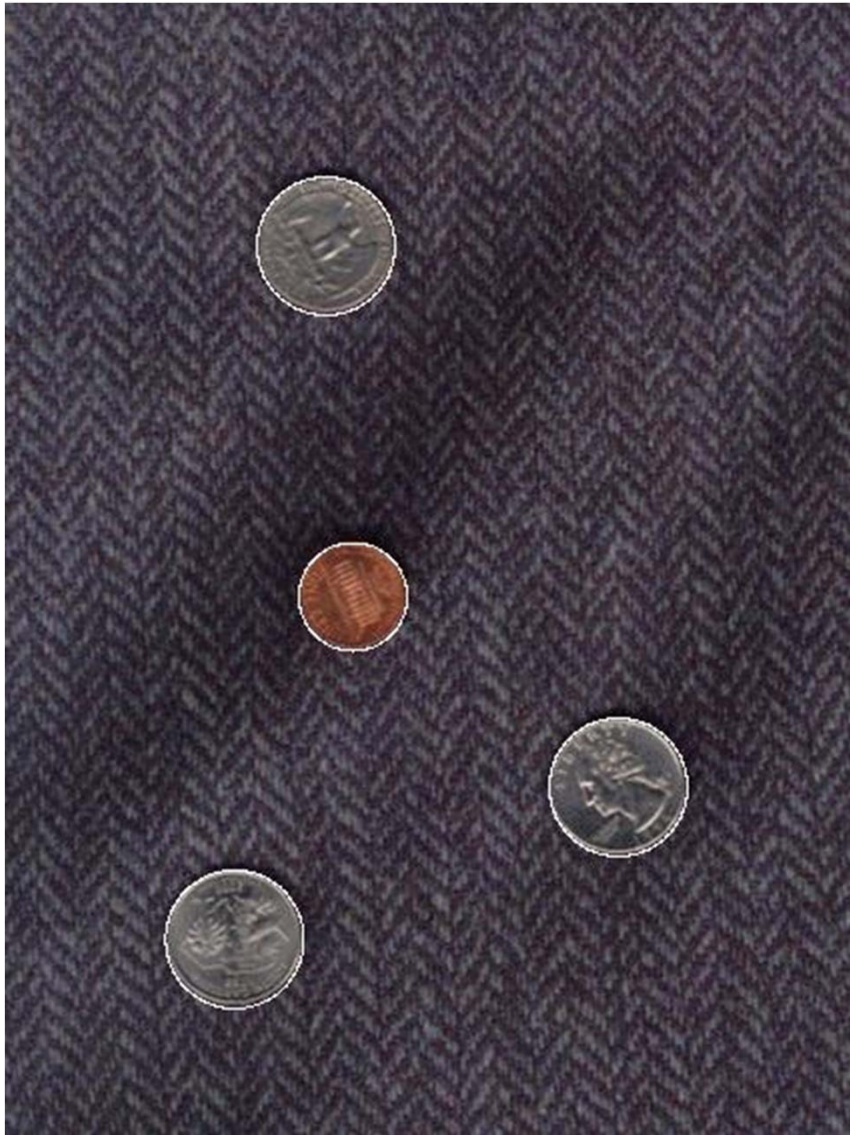


**Quarter**



## Finding Coins (Continued)

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**Note that because the quarters and penny are different sizes, a different Hough transform (with separate accumulators) was used for each circle size.**

**Coin finding sample images from: Vivek Kwatra**

# Real World Circle Examples

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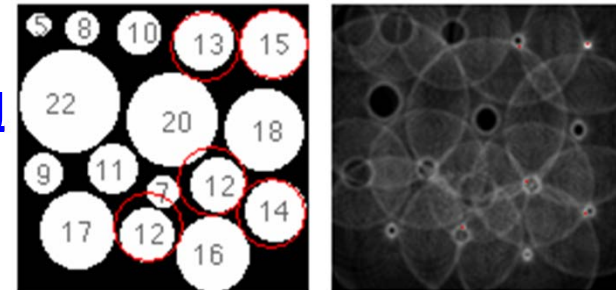
**Crosshair indicates results of Hough transform, bounding box found via motion differencing.**

# Java Demos

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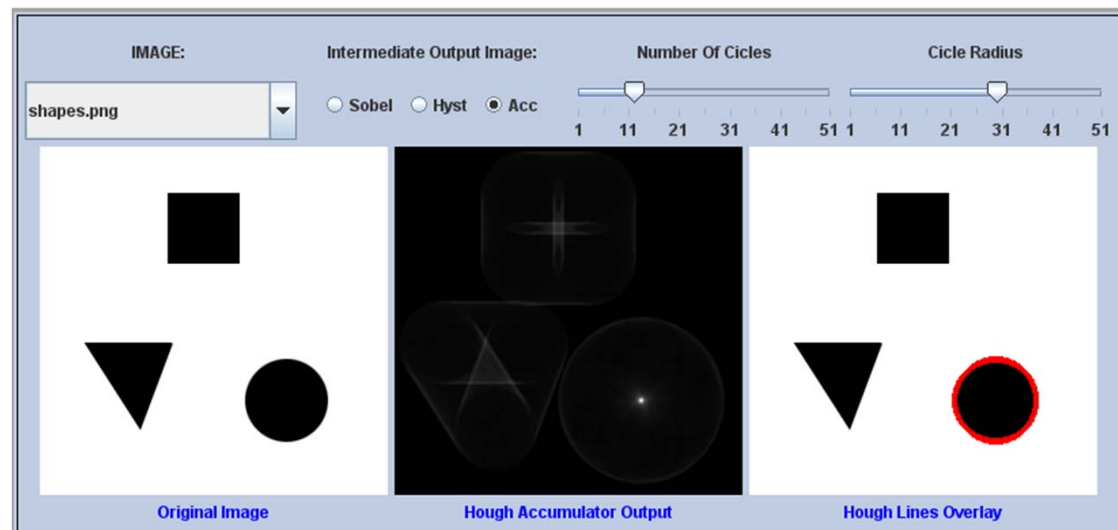
## Java Demo Circle Detection I:

<http://www.markschulze.net/java/hough/>

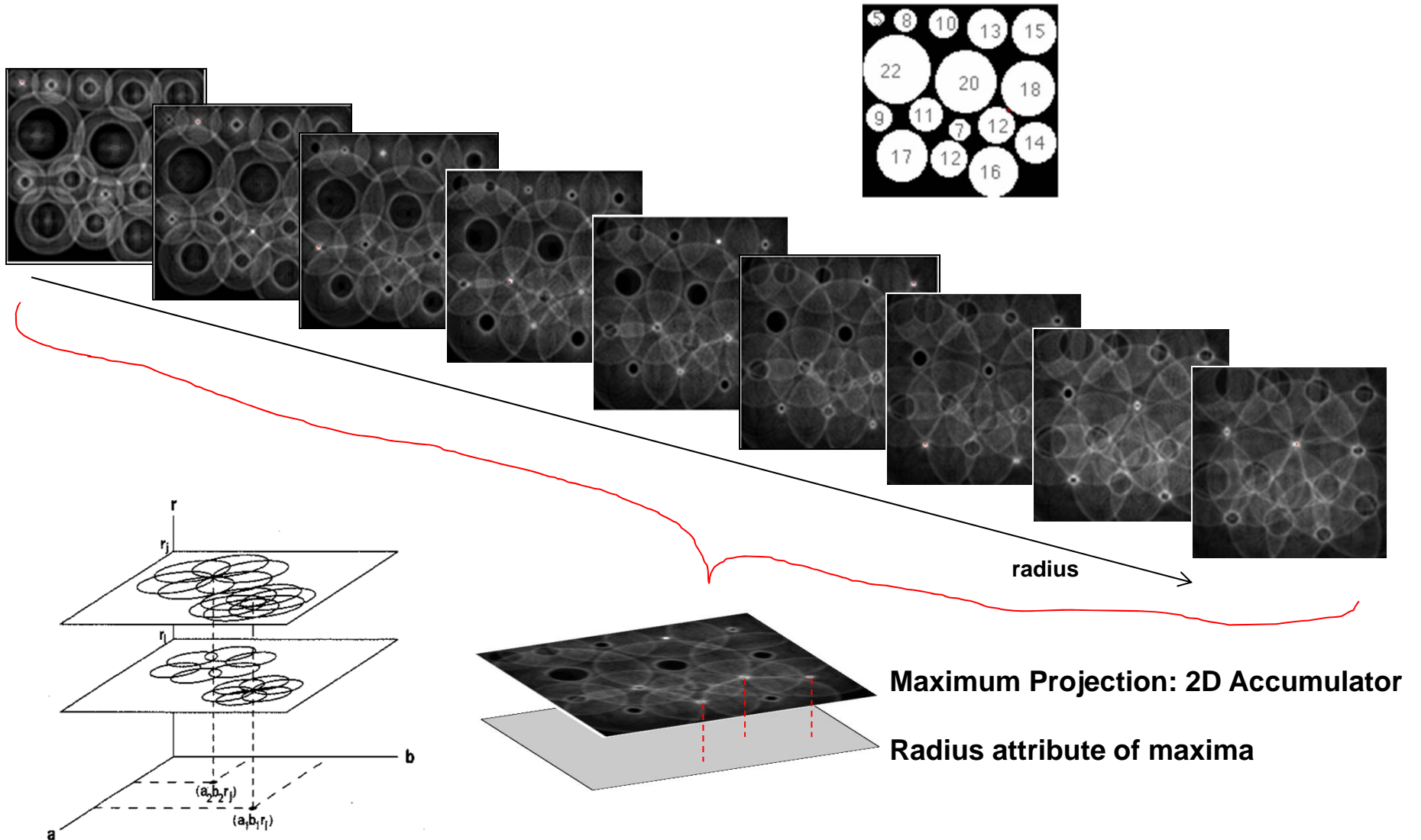


## Java Demo Circle Detection II:

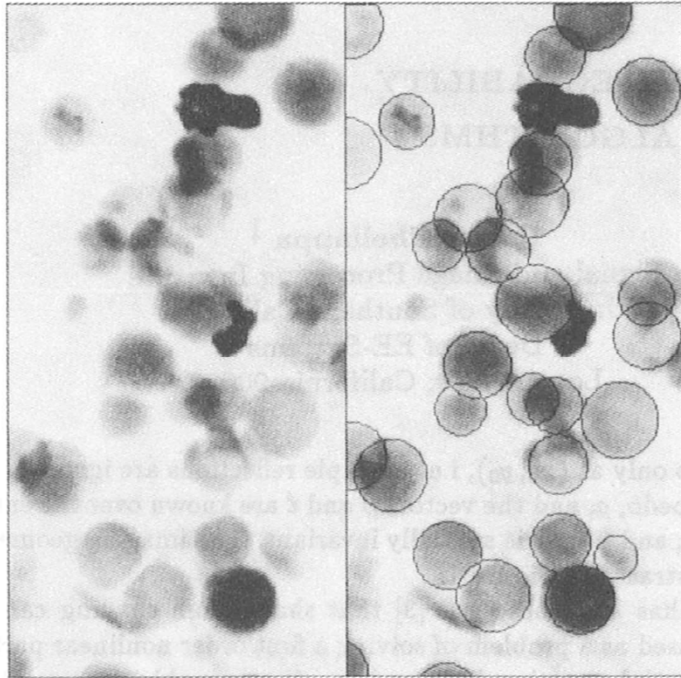
[http://users.ecs.soton.ac.uk/msn/book/new\\_demo/houghCircles/](http://users.ecs.soton.ac.uk/msn/book/new_demo/houghCircles/)



# How to avoid 3D accumulator: Maximum Projection



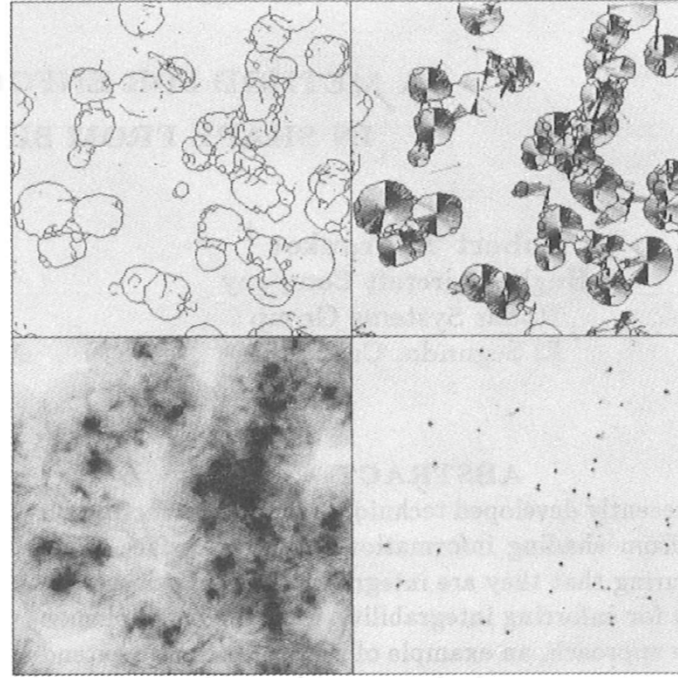
# How to avoid 3D accumulator: Maximum Projection



a | b

**fig. 4: Circular boundary detection**

- a) (most difficult) subframe of original image
- b) overlay of original image and classification result (black circles)



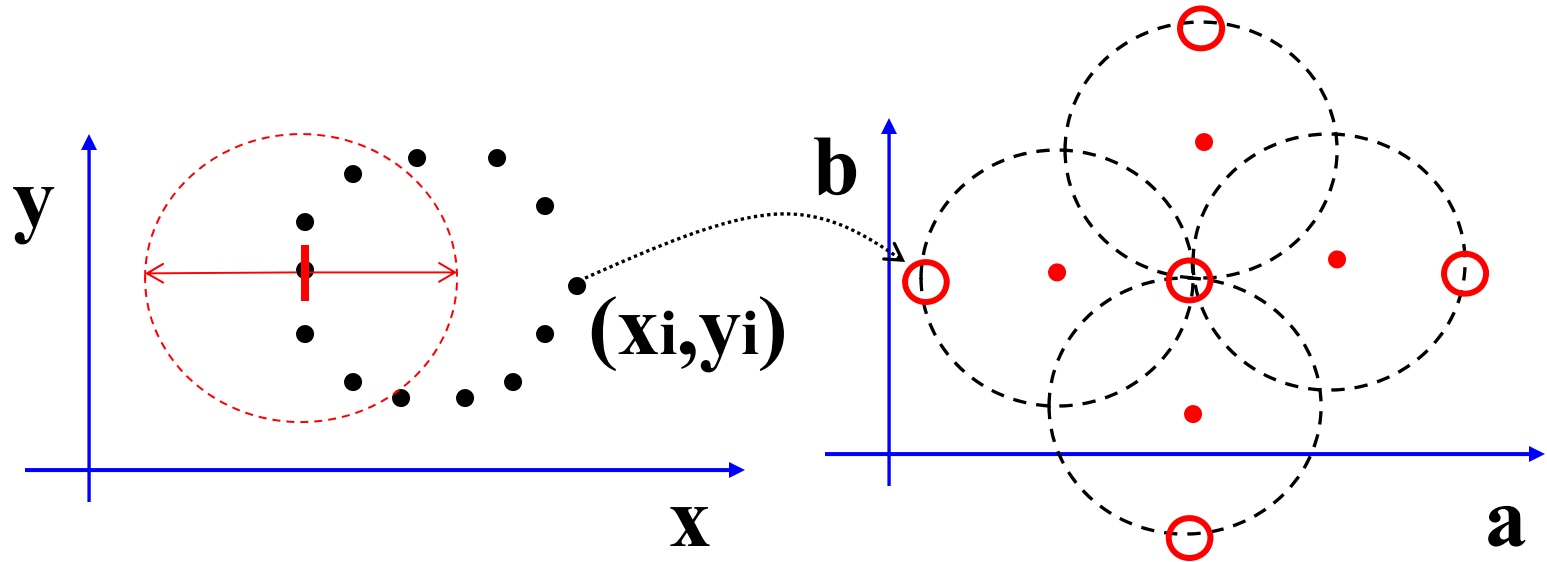
c | d  
e | f

- c) edge-features used for matching
- d) pointer vectors directing from surviving counts to contributing boundary points (grey indicates pointer orientation)
- e) accumulator plane of evident center coordinates (scale-axis projected)
- f) surviving accumulator counts after backmapping

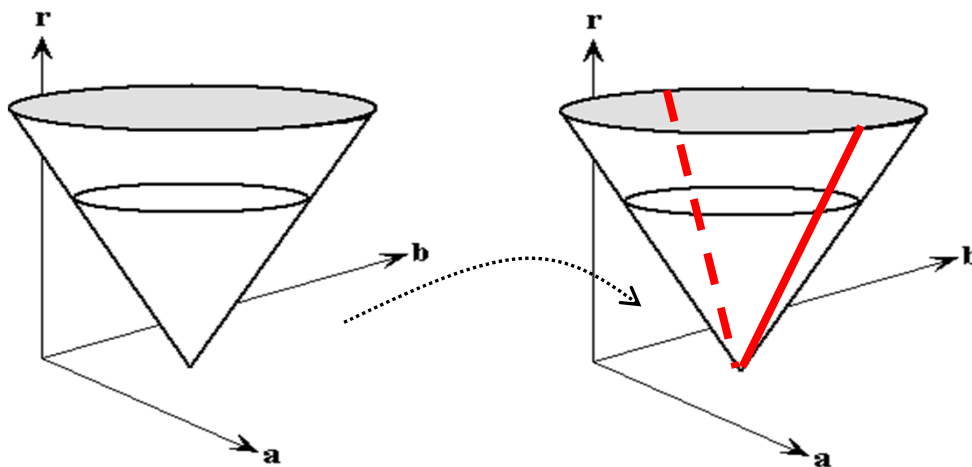
See: Gerig et al., ICCV'87

# If radius $r$ and edge orientation known

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**Search for center reduces from circle to two locations only.**



**Radius not known:**

**Search for center reduces from accumulation of cone to two lines only.**

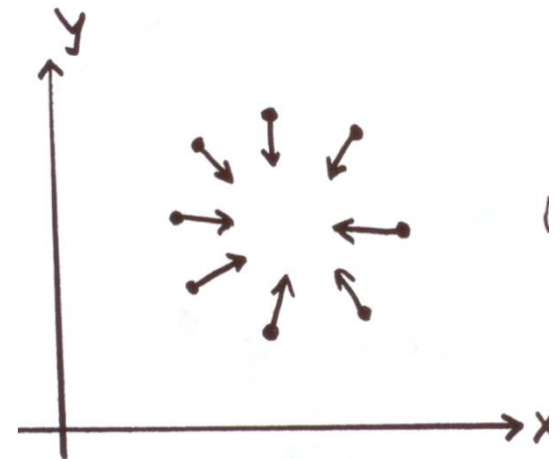
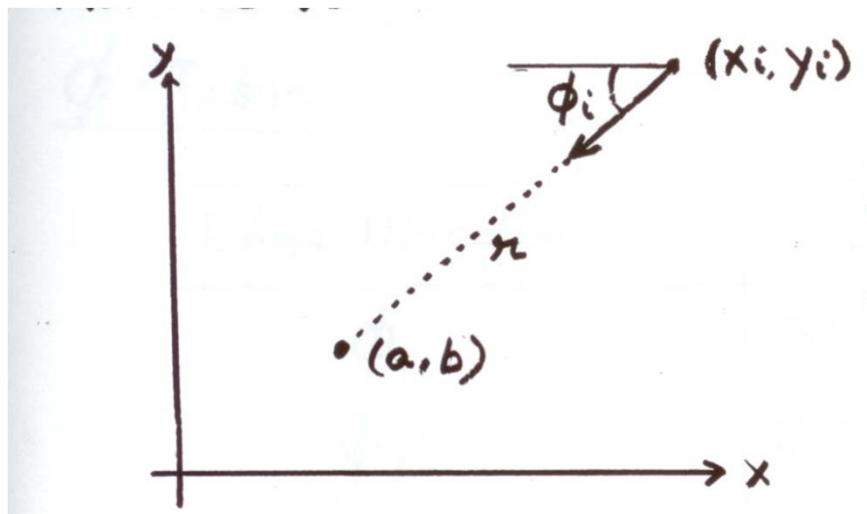
# Using Gradient Information

- Gradient information can save lot of computation:

Edge Location  $(x_i, y_i)$

Edge Direction  $\phi_i$

Assume radius is known:



$$a = x - r \cos \phi$$

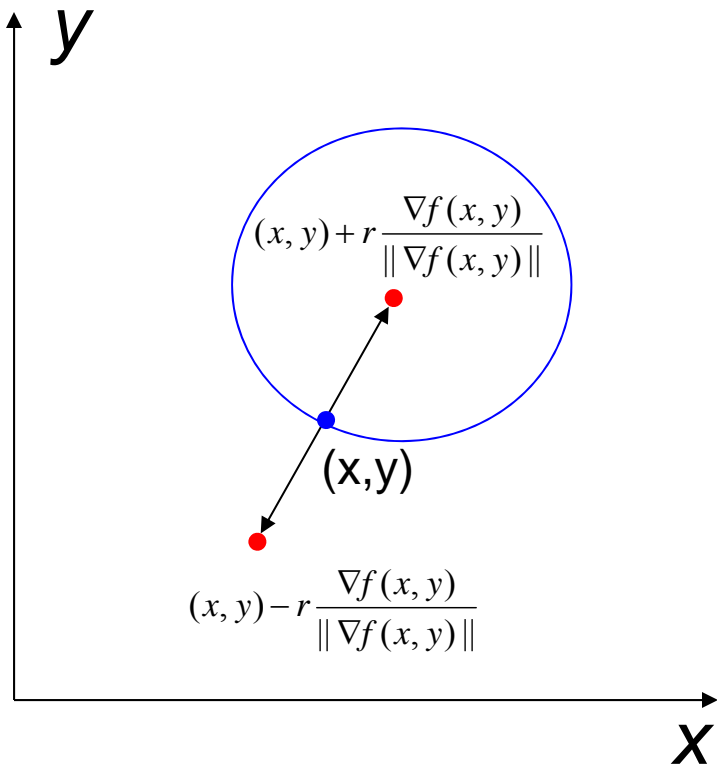
$$b = y - r \sin \phi$$

**Need to increment only one point in Accumulator!!,  
Assuming not only orientation by direction is known.**

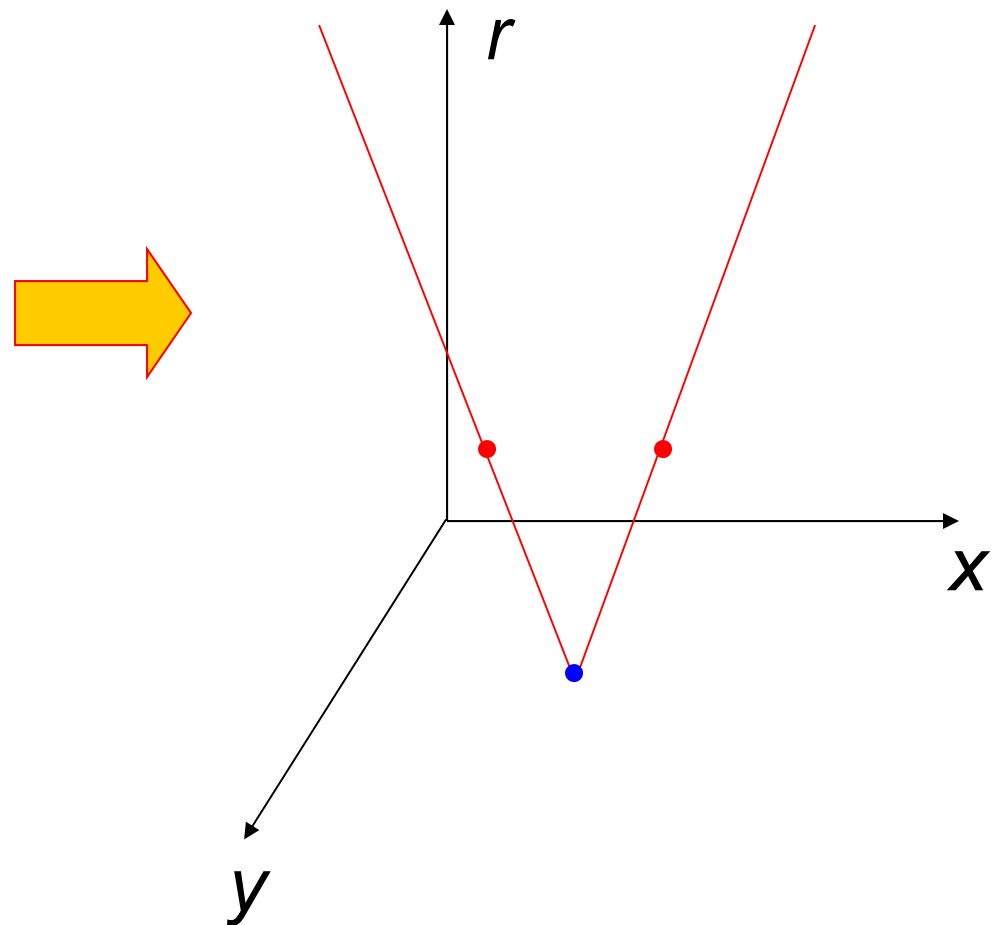


# Hough transform for circles with known edge orientation

image space



Hough parameter space



# Fast Tracking using Hough Transform

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<http://www.lirtex.com/robotics/fast-object-tracking-robot-computer-vision/>

# What about general objects?

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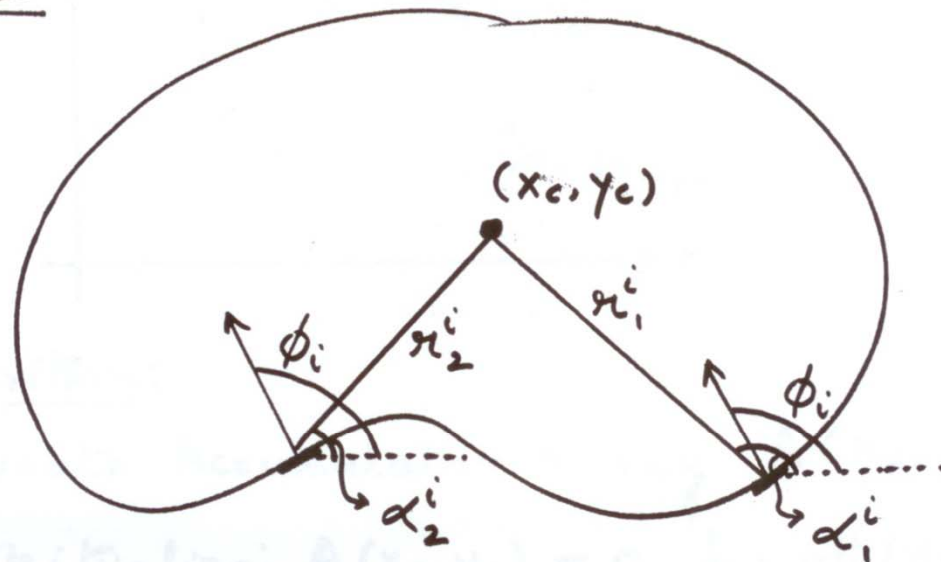
complicated model: **car**

# Generalized Hough Transform

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- Model Shape NOT described by equation but by **sets of vectors from the boundary to the center.**

Model :



GENERALIZING THE HOUGH TRANSFORM TO  
DETECT ARBITRARY SHAPES\*

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# Generalized Hough Transform

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- Model Shape NOT described by equation but by sets of vectors from the boundary to the center, **sorted by edge orientation**.

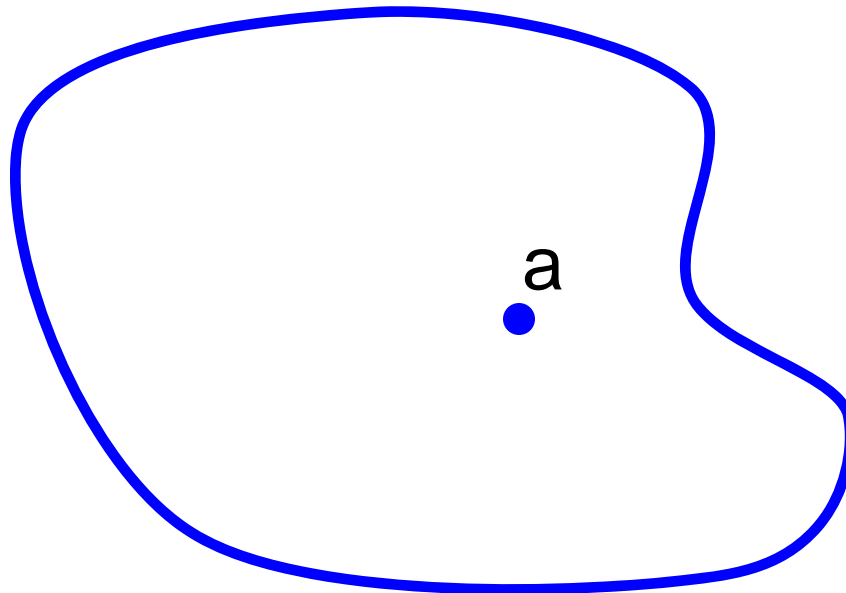
$\phi$ -Table

Edge Direction	$\bar{\pi} = (\pi, \alpha)$
$\phi_1$	$\bar{\pi}_1^1, \bar{\pi}_2^1, \bar{\pi}_3^1$
$\phi_2$	$\bar{\pi}_1^2, \bar{\pi}_2^2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\phi_i$	$\bar{\pi}_1^i, \bar{\pi}_2^i$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\phi_n$	$\bar{\pi}_1^n, \bar{\pi}_2^n$

# Generalized Hough transform

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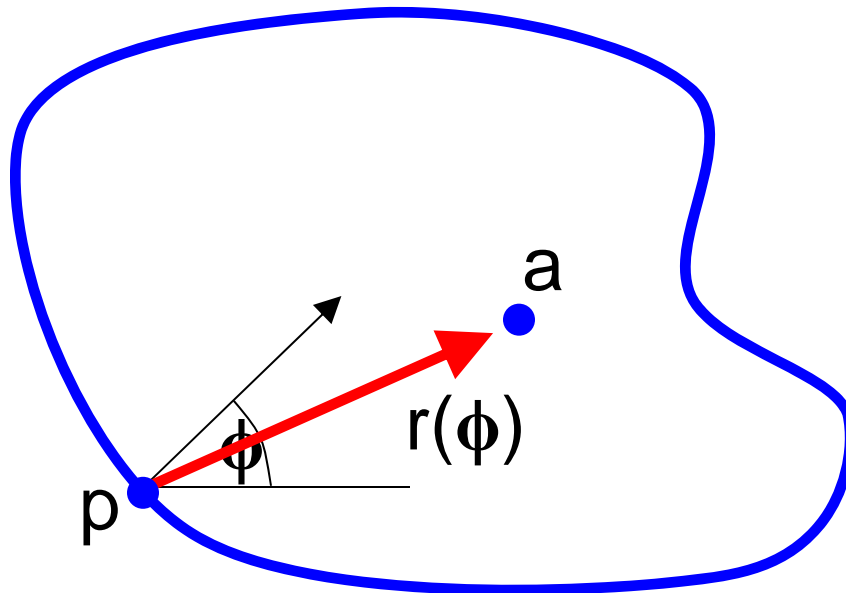


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# Generalized Hough transform

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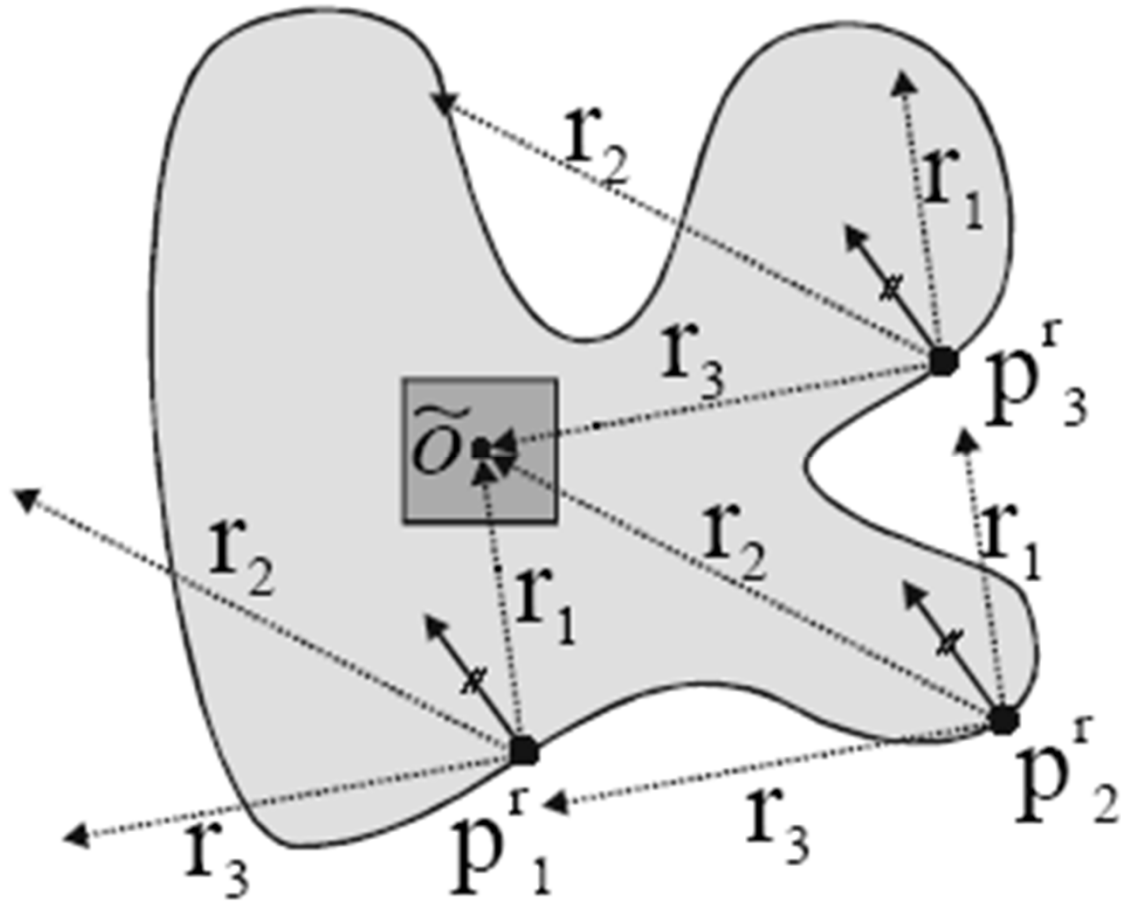
- We want to find a shape defined by its boundary points and a reference point
- For every boundary point  $p$ , we can compute the displacement vector  $r = a - p$  as a function of gradient orientation  $\phi$



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# Generalized Hough Transform

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# Generalized Hough Transform

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Find Object Center  $(x_c, y_c)$  given edges  $(x_i, y_i, \phi_i)$

Create Accumulator Array  $A(x_c, y_c)$

Initialize:  $A(x_c, y_c) = 0 \quad \forall (x_c, y_c)$

For each edge point  $(x_i, y_i, \phi_i)$

For each entry  $\overline{r}_k^i$  in table, compute:

$$x_c = x_i + r_k^i \cos \alpha_k^i$$

$$y_c = y_i + r_k^i \sin \alpha_k^i$$

Increment Accumulator:  $A(x_c, y_c) = A(x_c, y_c) + 1$

Find Local Maxima in  $A(x_c, y_c)$

# Generalized Hough transform

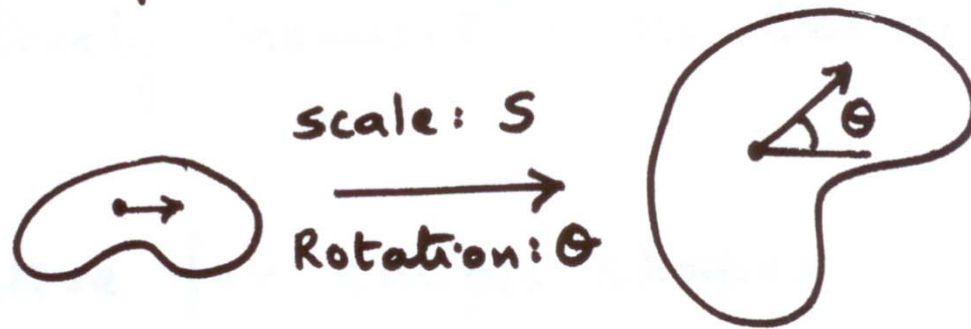
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- For model shape: construct a table storing displacement vectors  $r$  as function of gradient direction
- Detection: For each edge point  $p$  with gradient orientation  $\phi$  :
  - Retrieve all  $r$  indexed with  $\phi$
  - For each  $r(\phi)$ , put a vote in the Hough space at  $p + r(\phi)$
- Peak in this Hough space is reference point with most supporting edges
- ***For orientation and scaling: “Transform” table by updating edge orientation index and vectors, then repeat procedure as above.***

## Scale & Rotation:

Use Accumulator Array:

$$A[x_c, y_c, S, \theta]$$



Use:

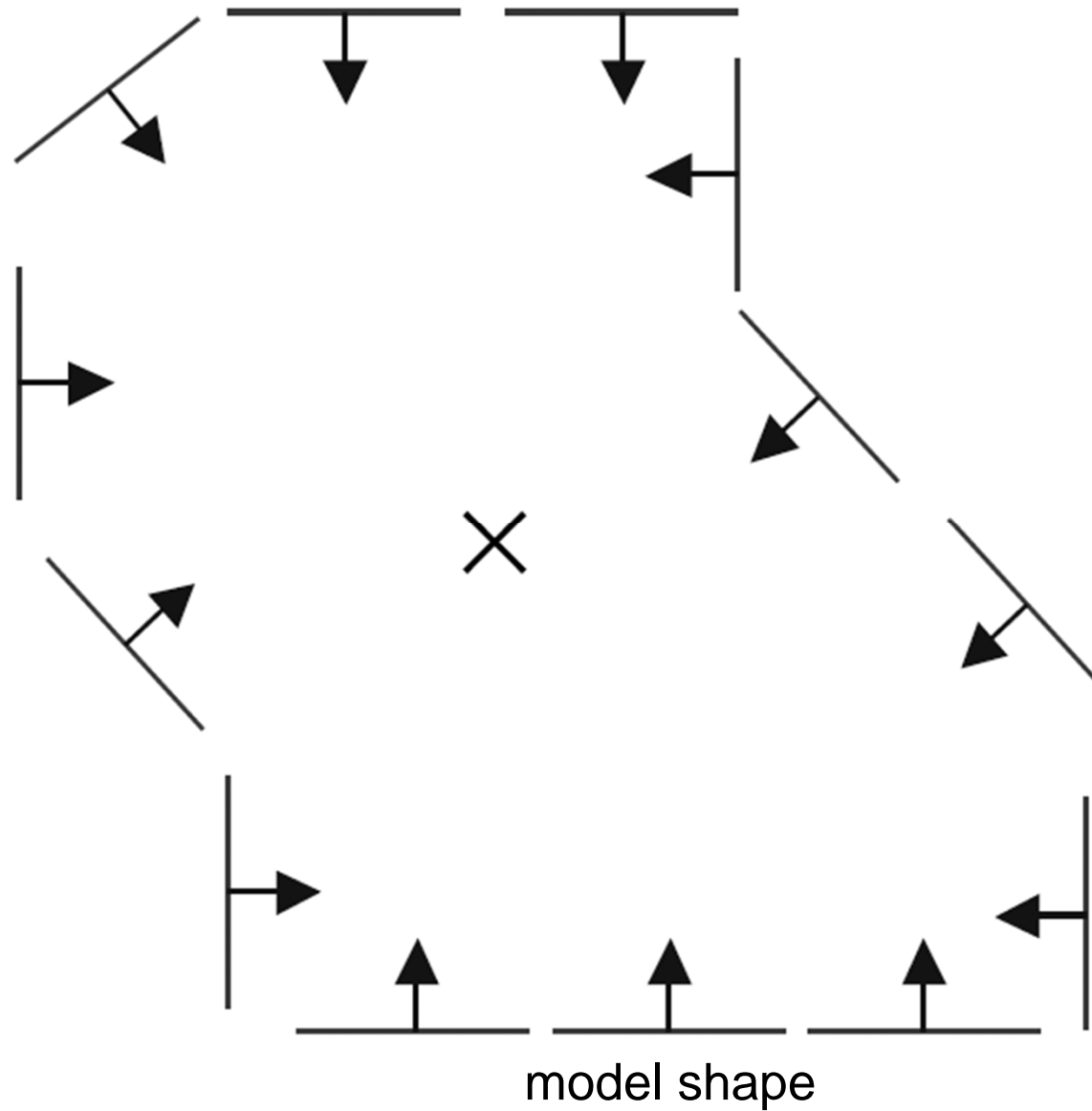
$$x_c = x_i + r_k^i S \cos(\alpha_k^i + \theta)$$

$$y_c = y_i + r_k^i S \sin(\alpha_k^i + \theta)$$

$$A(x_c, y_c, S, \theta) = A(x_i, y_i, S, \theta) + 1.$$

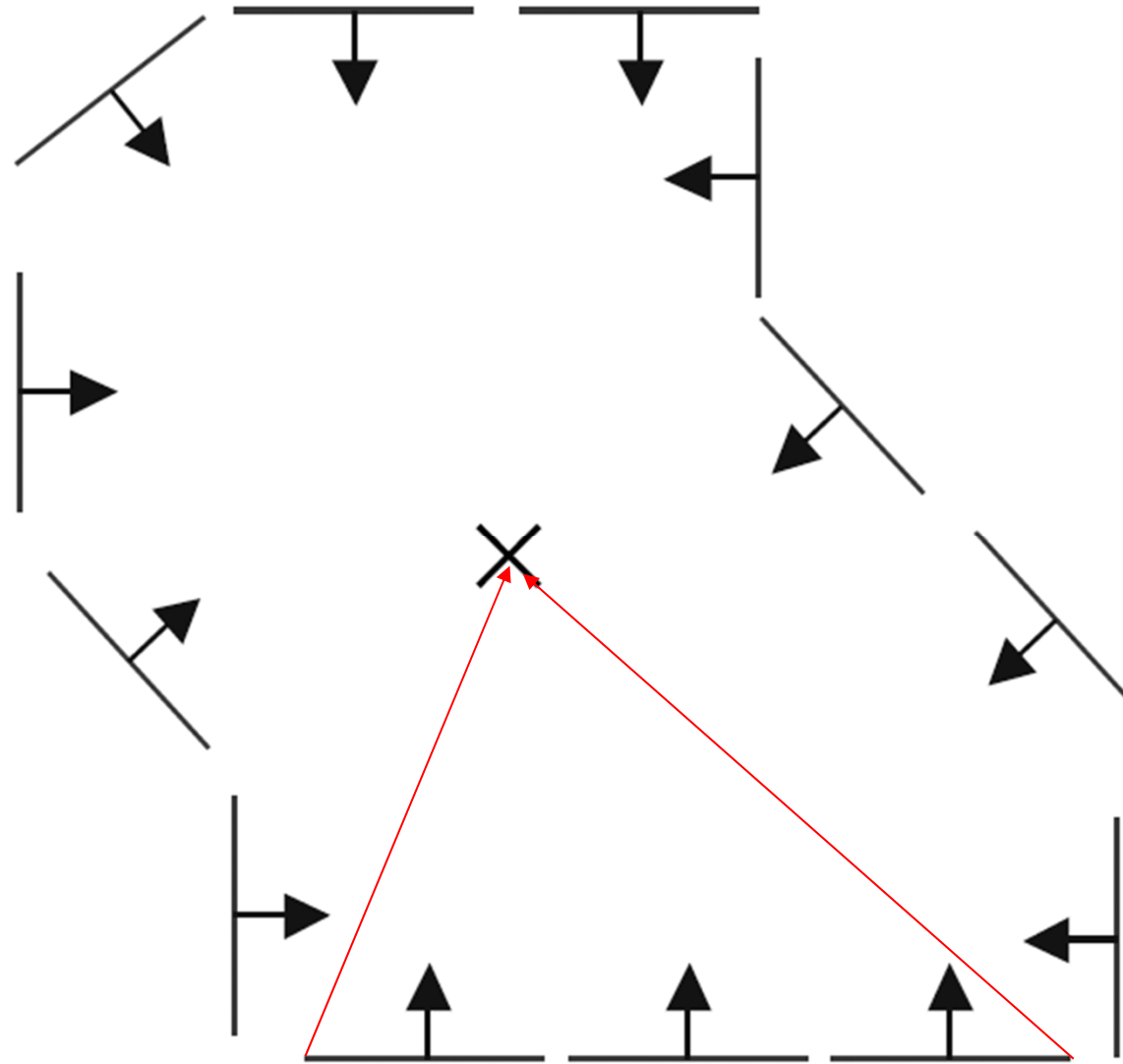
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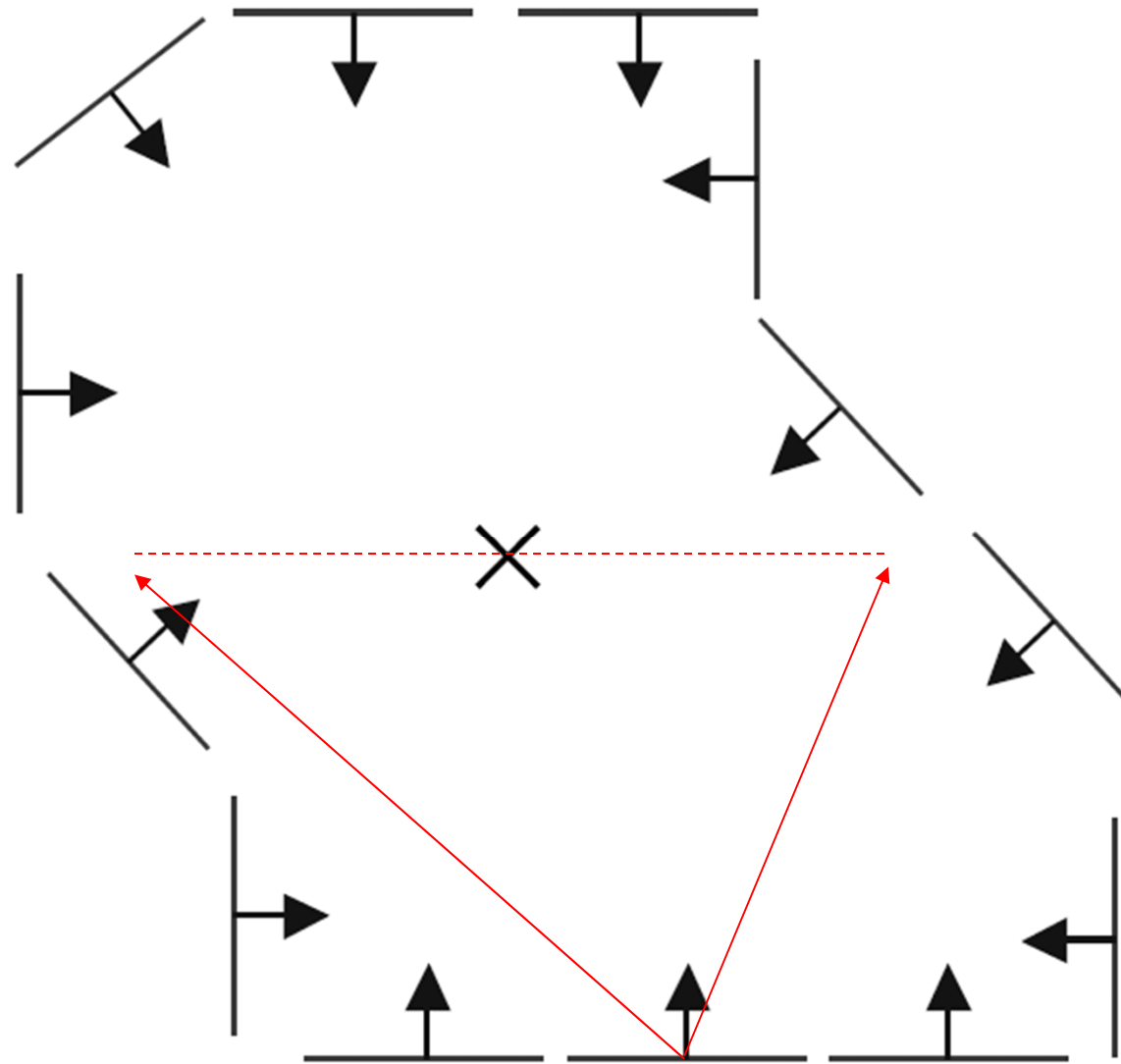
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displacement vectors for model points

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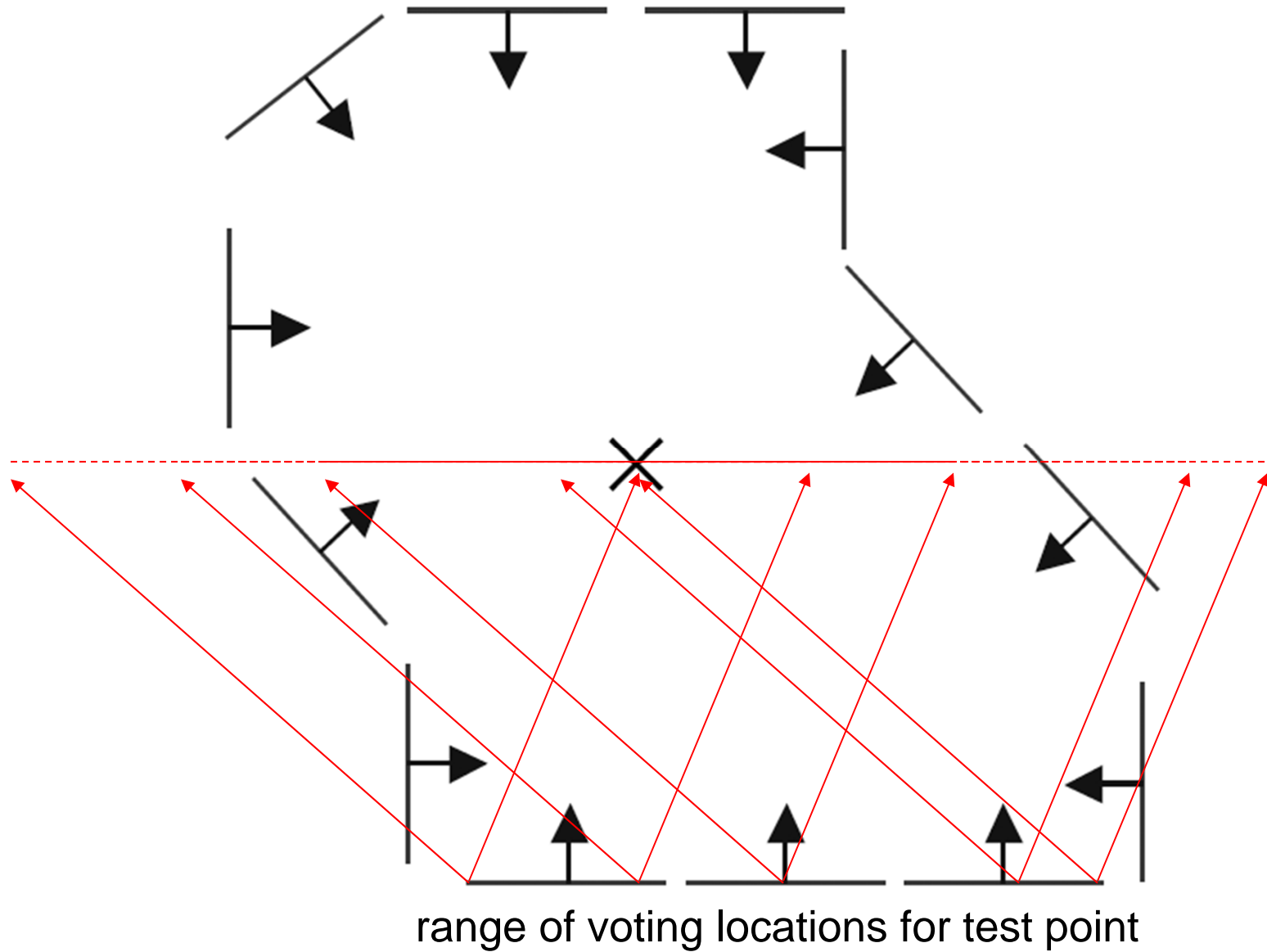
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range of voting locations for test point

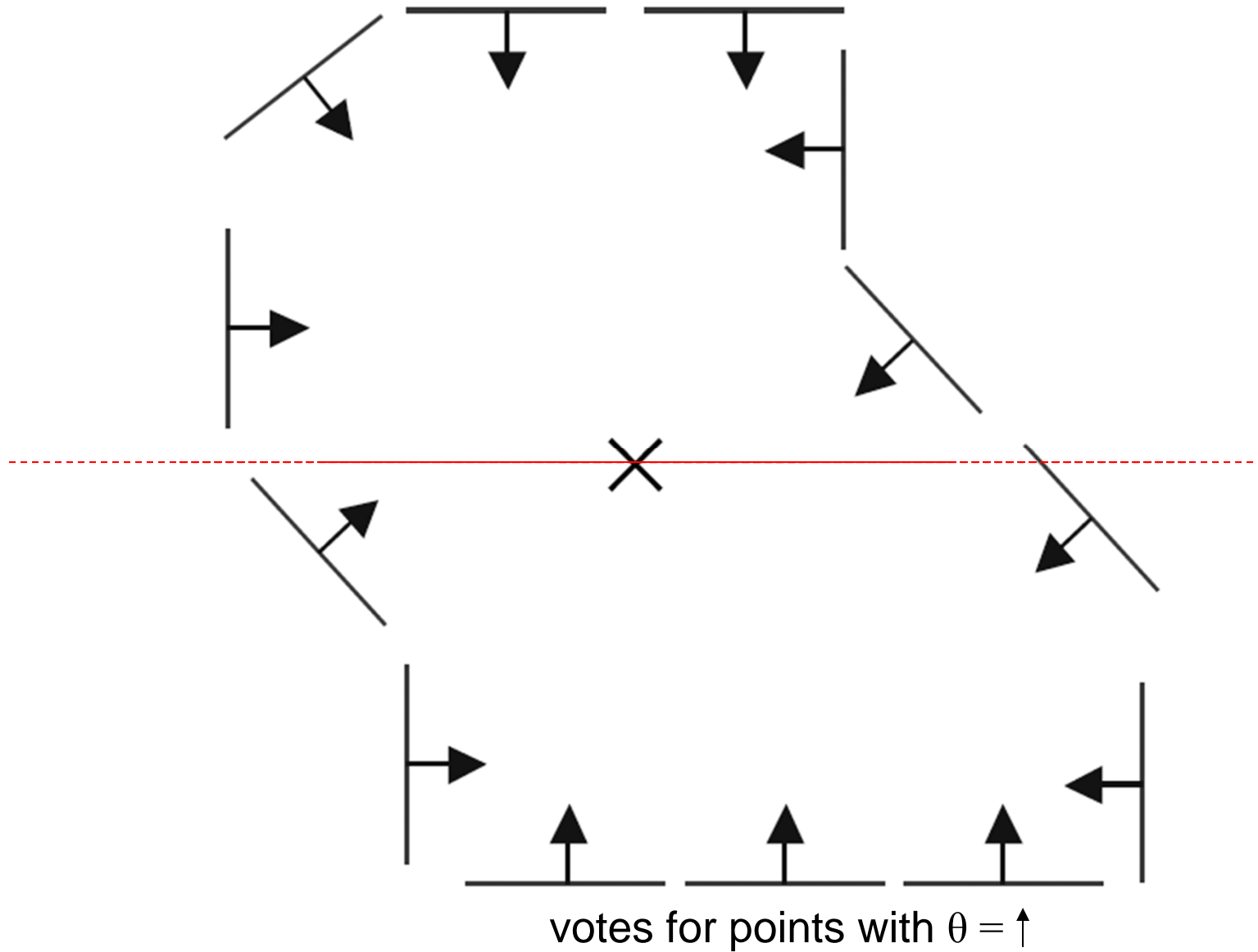
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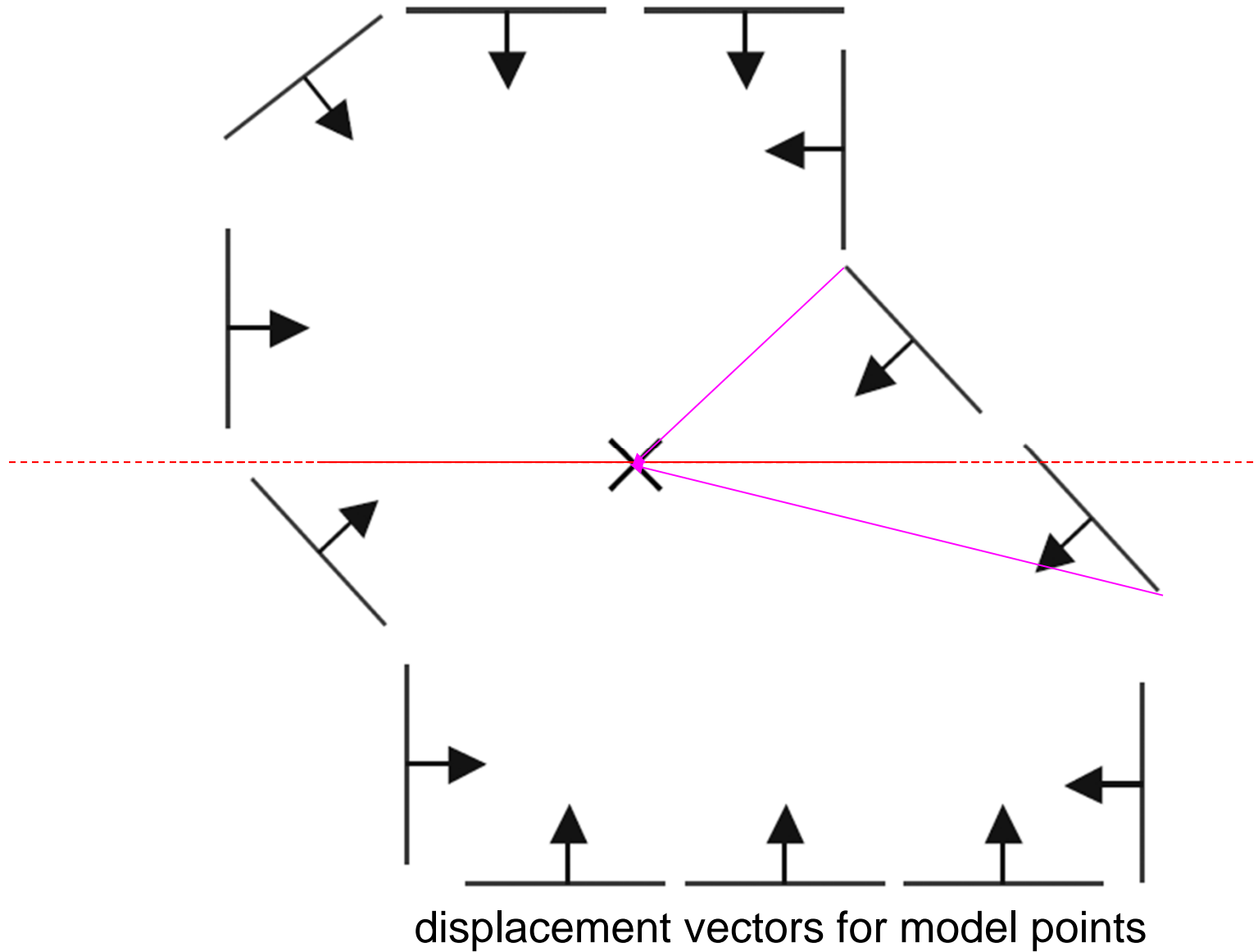
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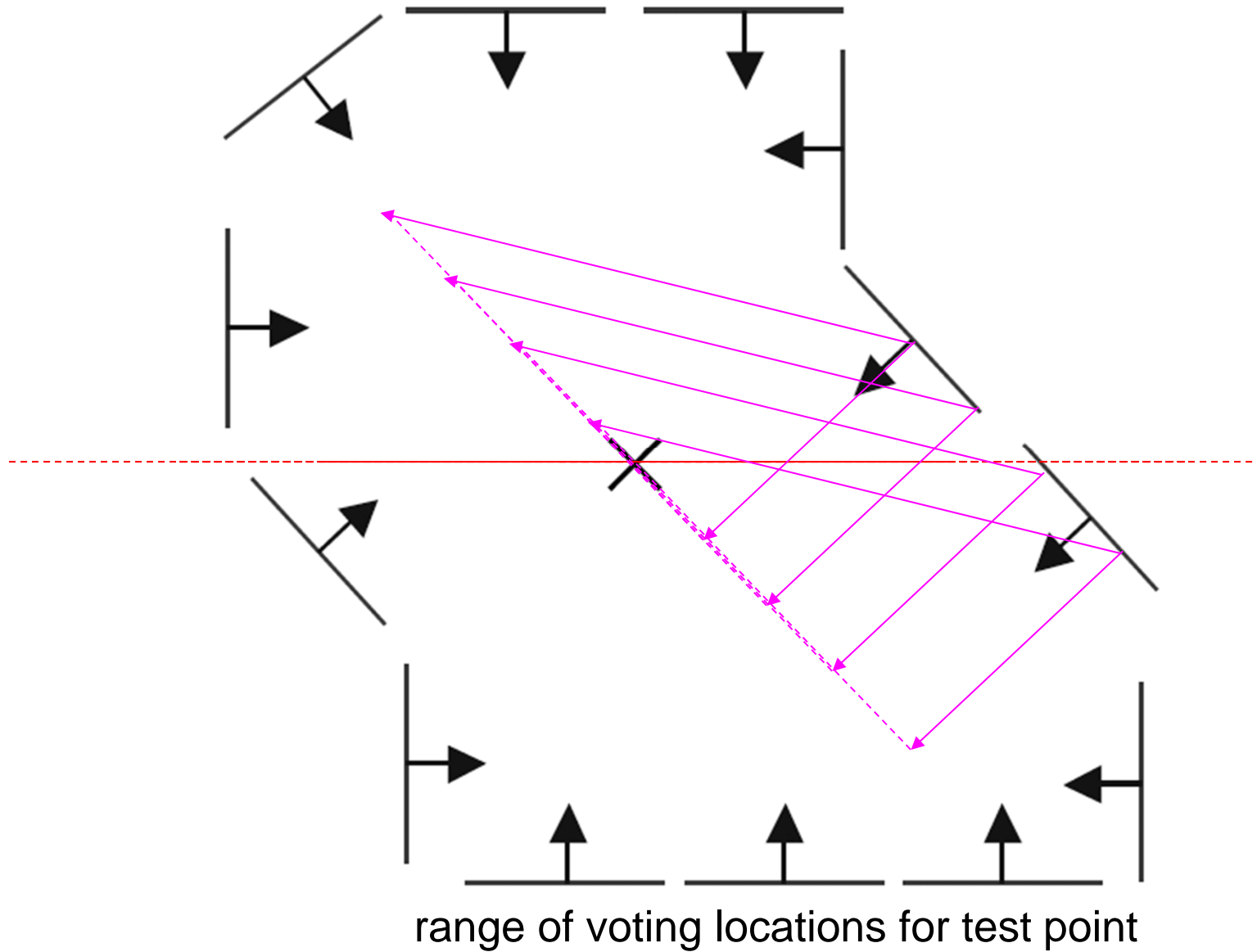
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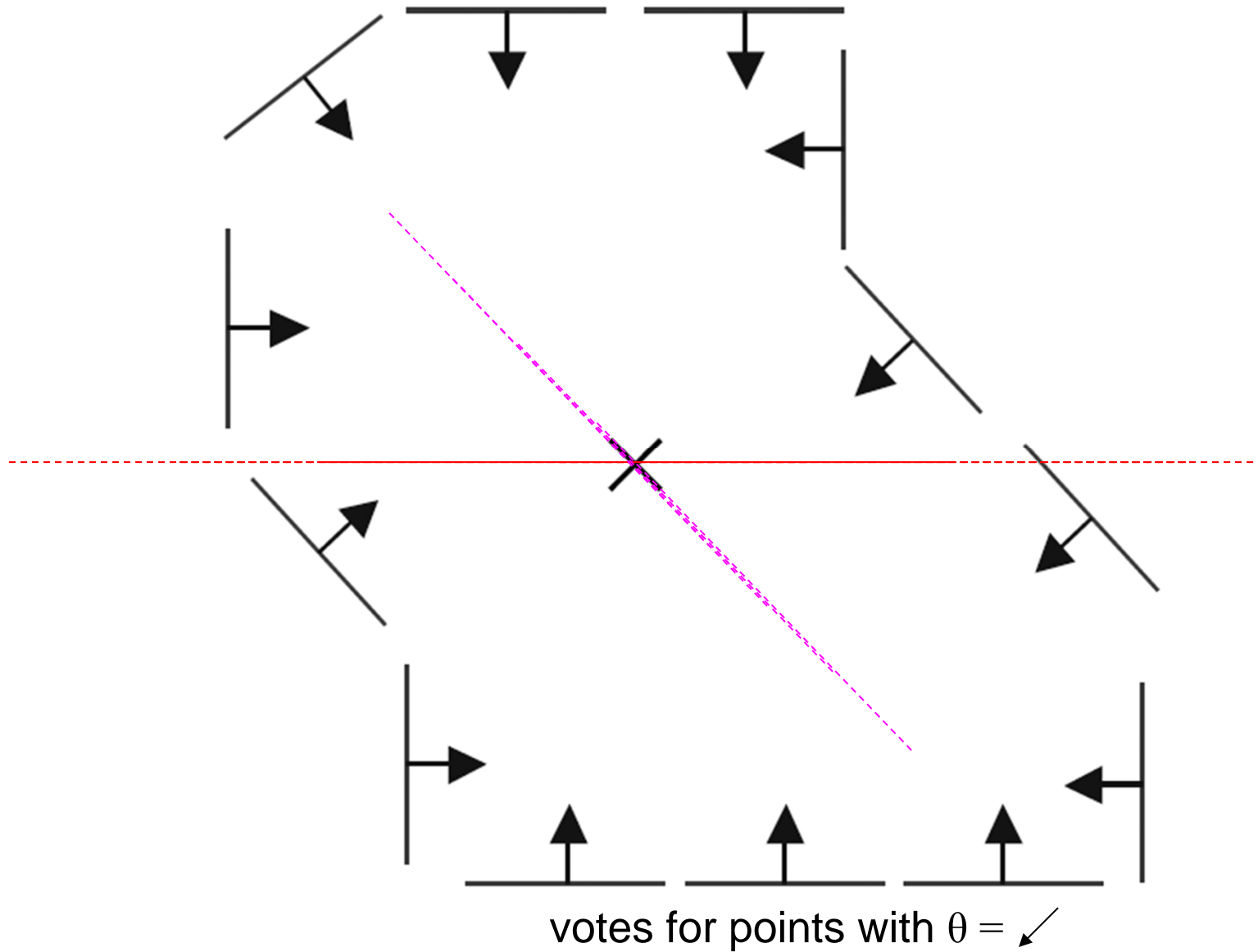
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# Application: MRI motion correction

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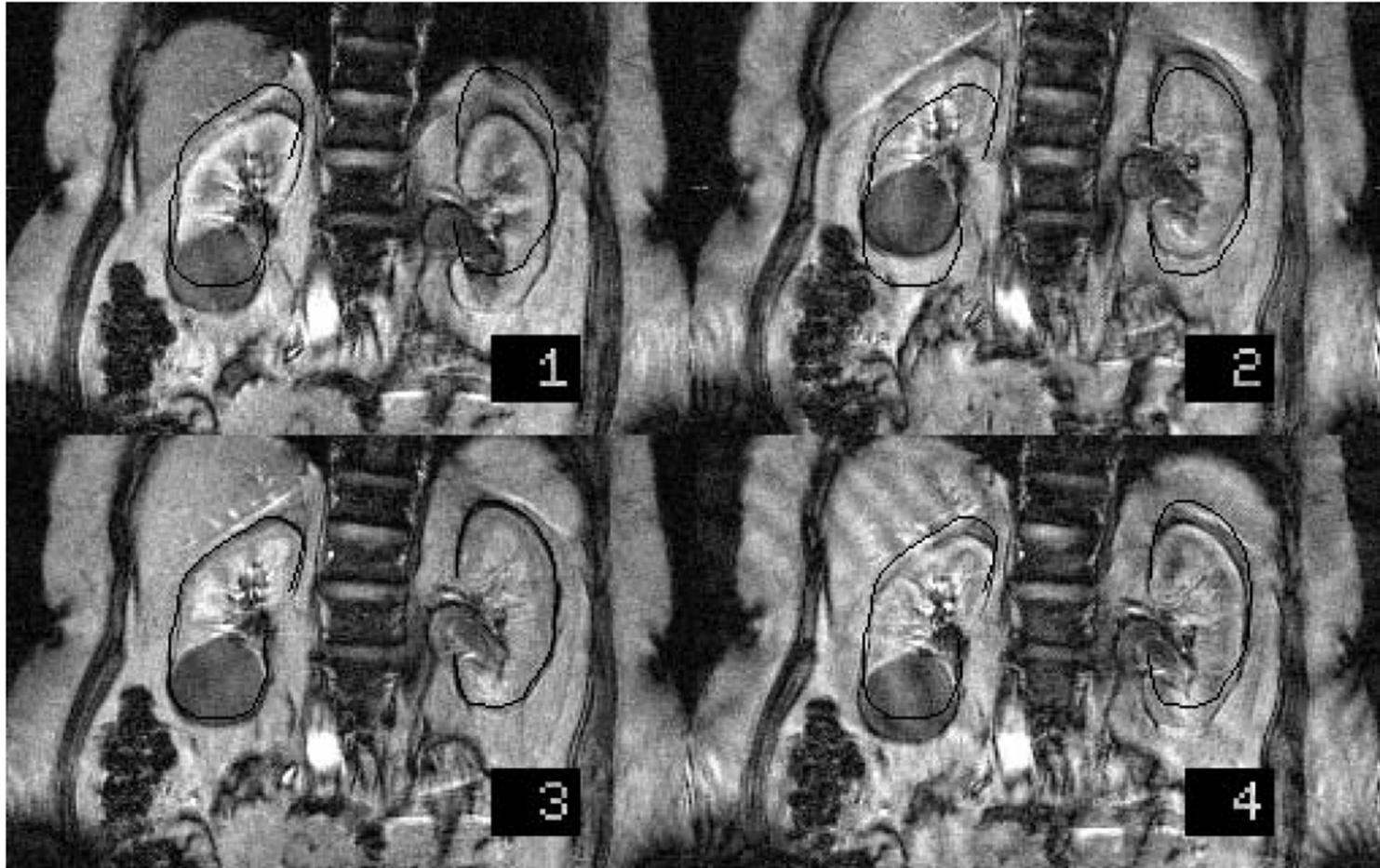
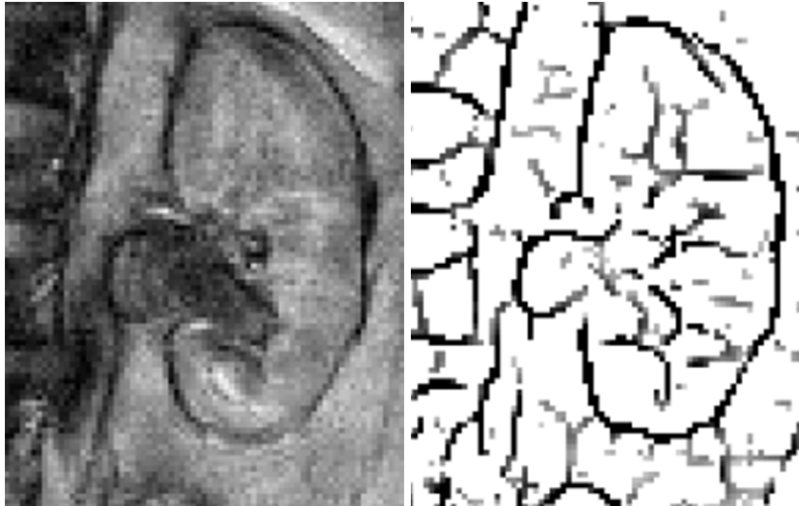


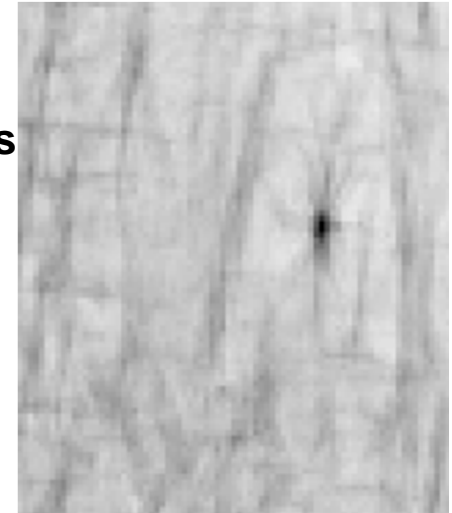
Figure 1: Original sequence of MRI scans (4 out of 64, gradient echo, TE 16.5ms, TR 30ms, flip angle 40 deg, FOV 400mm, slice thickness 10mm)

# Feature Extraction and Object Detection via GHT

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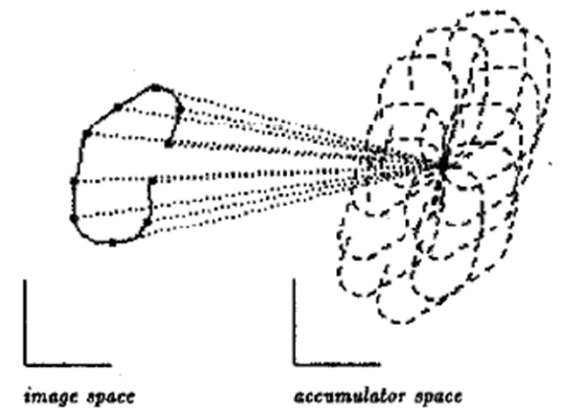
Object detection on feature images rather than original MRI



Personalized organ boundary template



Template matching to find motion parameters (implemented via Generalized Hough Transform)



# Application: MRI motion correction

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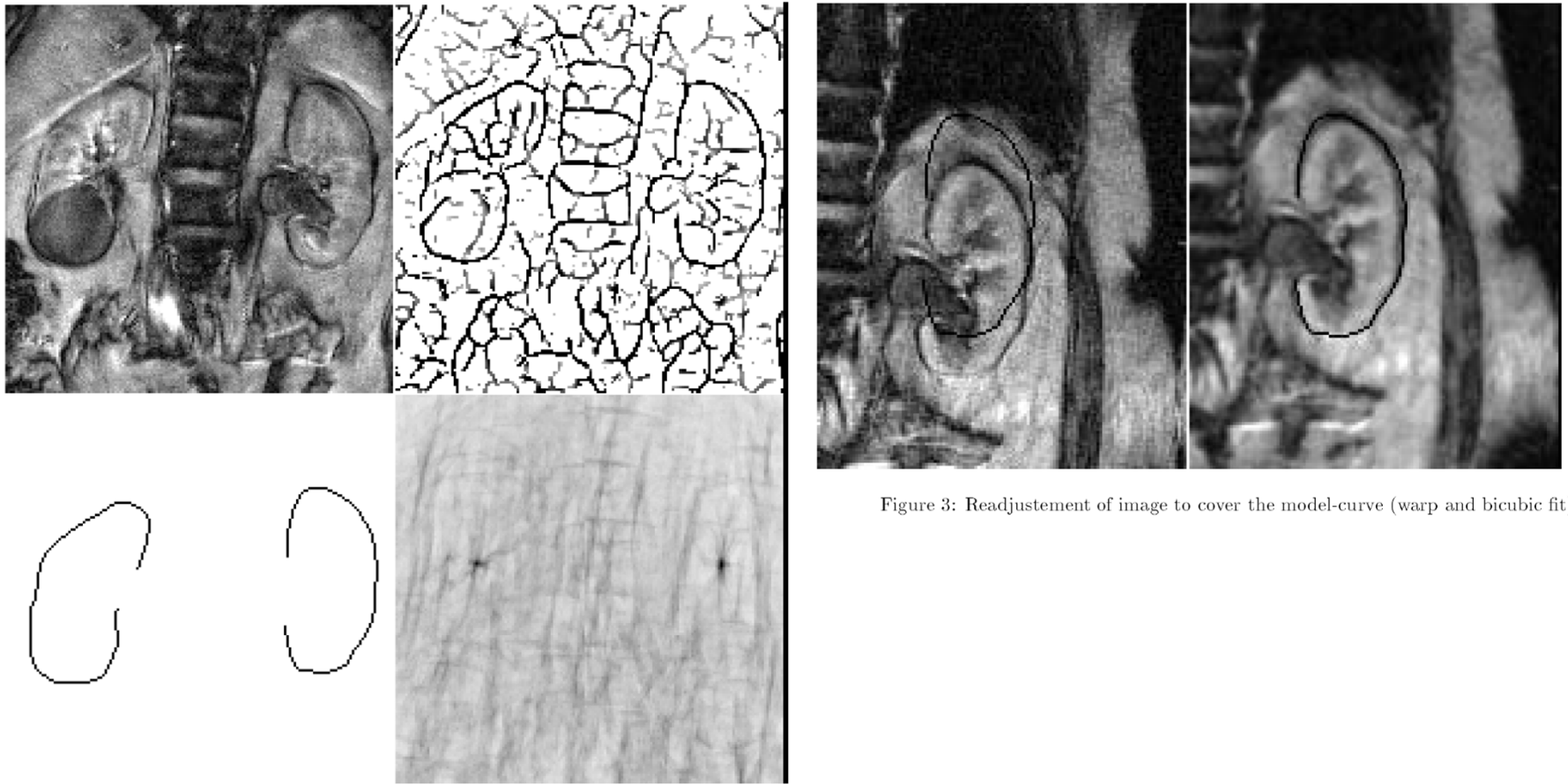
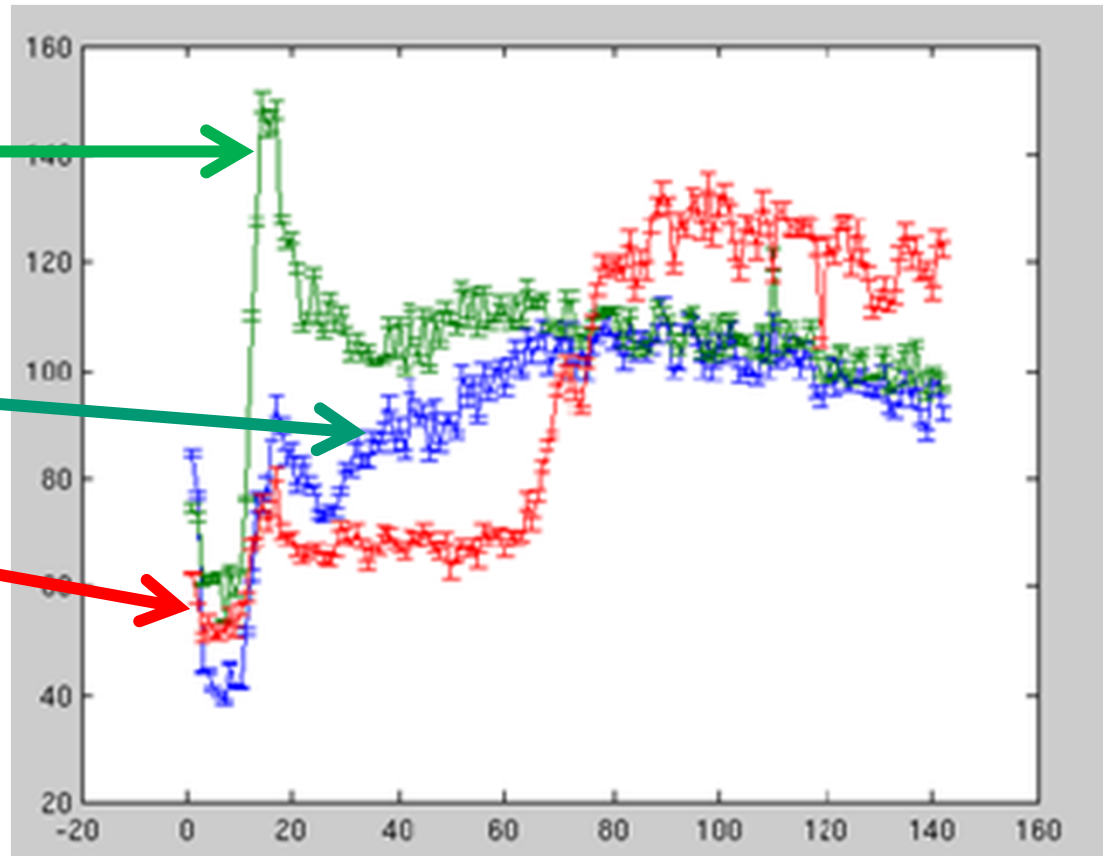
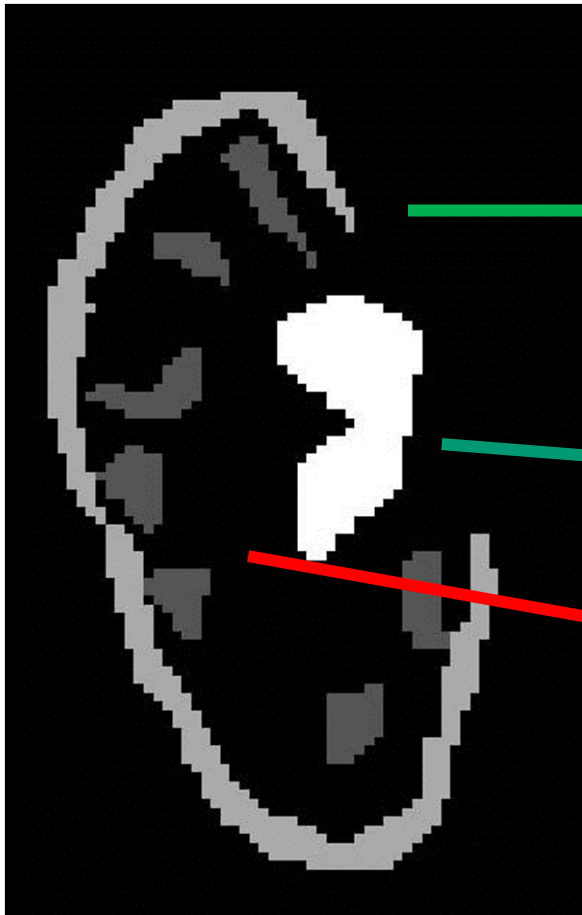


Figure 3: Readjustement of image to cover the model-curve (warp and bicubic fit)

# Result: Temporal Functions of Glomerular Filtration

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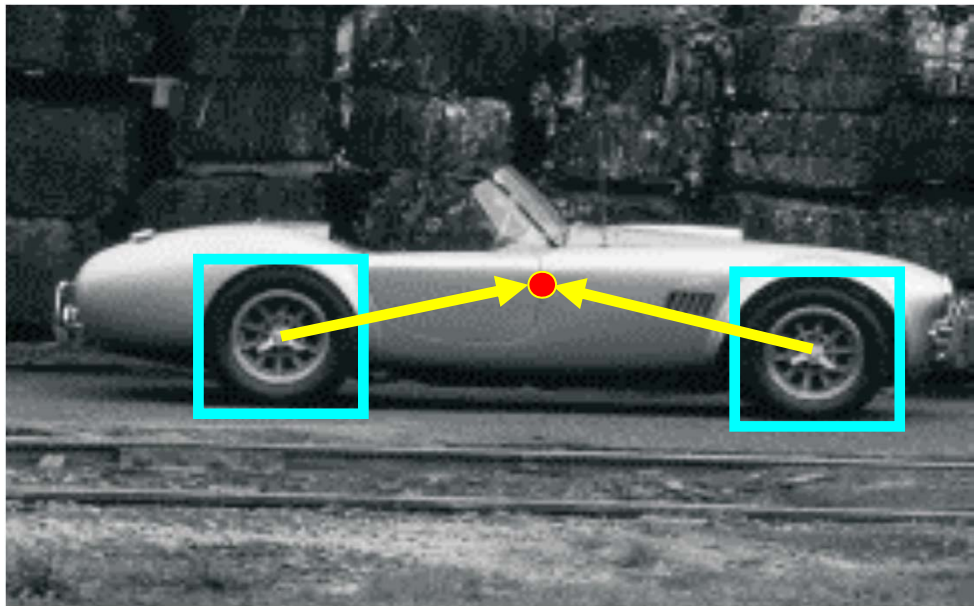
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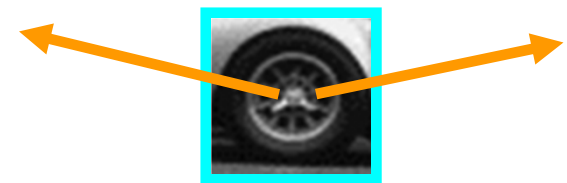
# Application in recognition

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training image



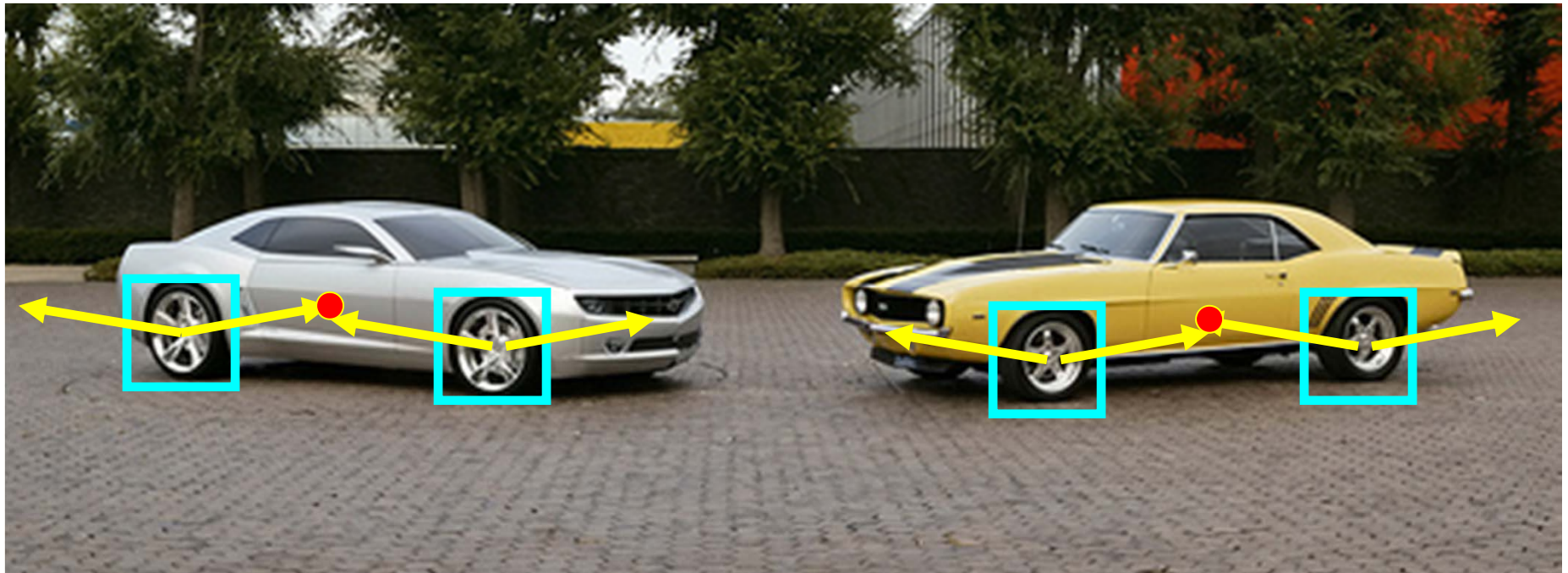
visual codeword with displacement vectors

B. Leibe, A. Leonardis, and B. Schiele, [Combined Object Categorization and Segmentation with an Implicit Shape Model](#), ECCV Workshop on Statistical Learning in Computer Vision 2004

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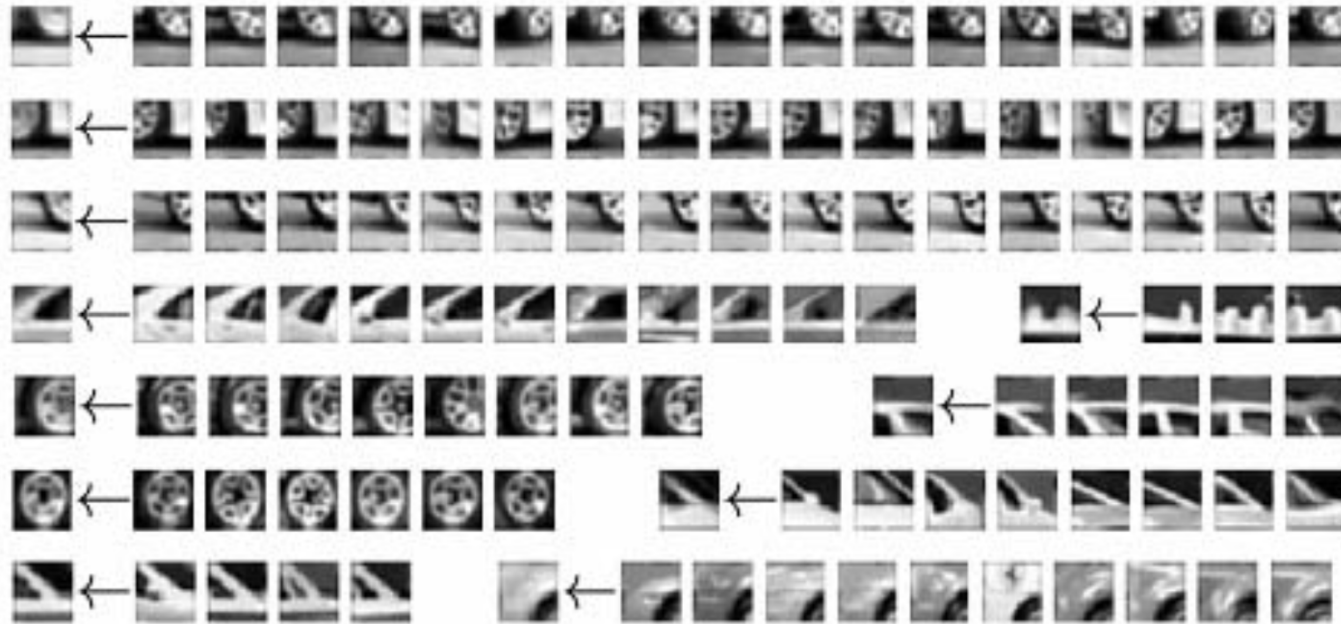
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# Implicit shape models: Training

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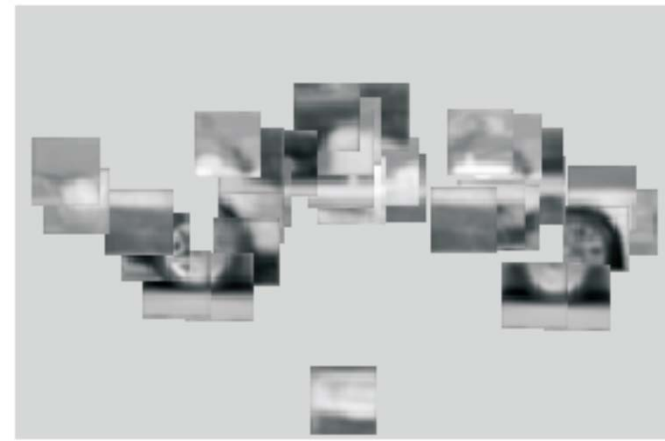
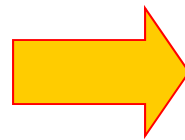
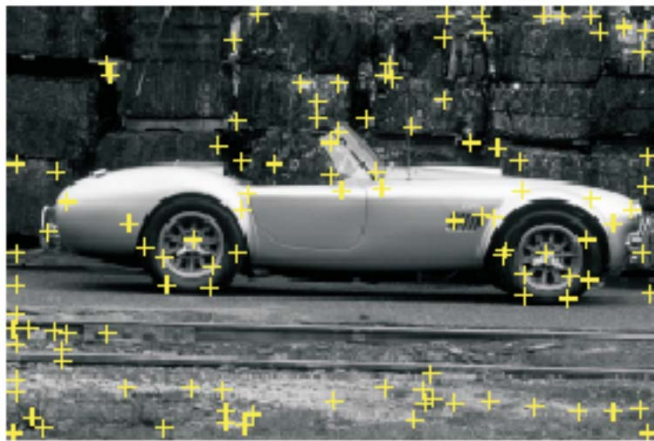
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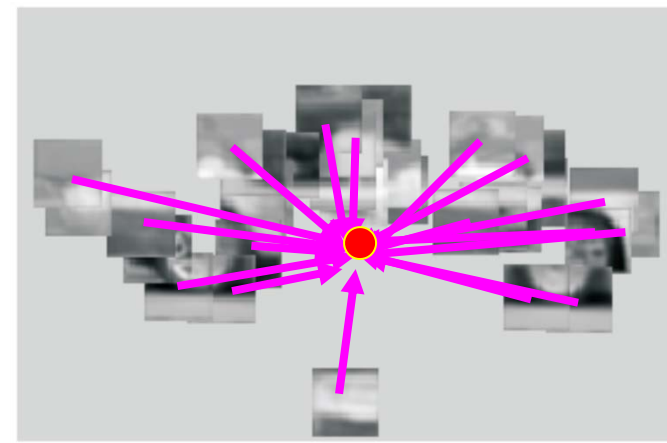
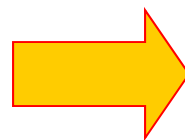
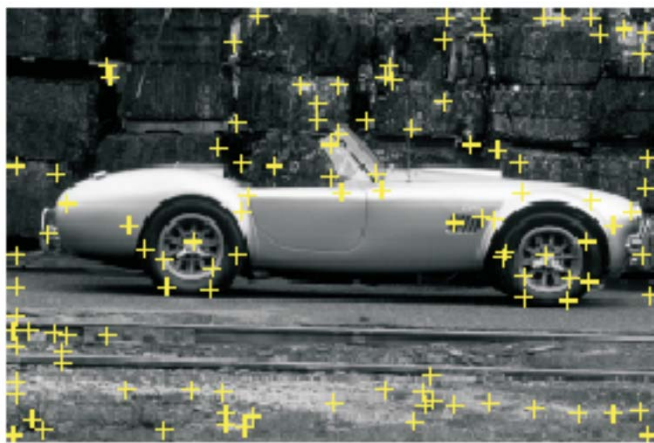
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2. Map the patch around each interest point to closest codebook entry



# Implicit shape models: Training

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1. Build codebook of patches around extracted interest points using clustering
2. Map the patch around each interest point to closest codebook entry
3. For each codebook entry, store all positions it was found, relative to object center



# Implicit shape models: Testing

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1. Given test image, extract patches, match to codebook entry
2. Cast votes for possible positions of object center
3. Search for maxima in voting space
4. Extract weighted segmentation mask based on stored masks for the codebook occurrences

