

## **Computer Vision II - Lecture 4**

## Color based Tracking

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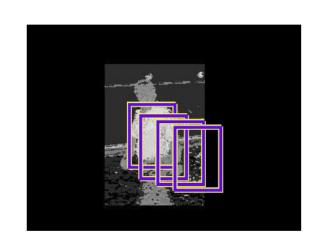
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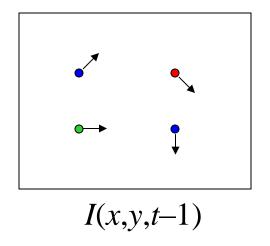
### **Course Outline**

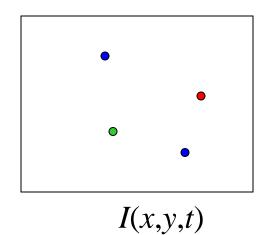
- Single-Object Tracking
  - Background modeling
  - Template based tracking
  - Color based tracking
  - Contour based tracking
  - > Tracking by online classification
  - Tracking-by-detection
- Bayesian Filtering
- Multi-Object Tracking
- Articulated Tracking





## Recap: Estimating Optical Flow





#### Optical Flow

Solution Given two subsequent frames, estimate the apparent motion field u(x,y) and v(x,y) between them.

#### Key assumptions

- Brightness constancy: projection of the same point looks the same in every frame.
- Small motion: points do not move very far.
- Spatial coherence: points move like their neighbors.



## Recap: Lucas-Kanade Optical Flow

- Use all pixels in a  $K \times K$  window to get more equations.
- Least squares problem:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{x}(\mathbf{p}_{1}) & I_{y}(\mathbf{p}_{1}) \\ I_{x}(\mathbf{p}_{2}) & I_{y}(\mathbf{p}_{2}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_{x}(\mathbf{p}_{25}) & I_{y}(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_{t}(\mathbf{p}_{1}) \\ I_{t}(\mathbf{p}_{2}) \\ \vdots \\ I_{t}(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix} A \quad d = b$$
25x2 2x1 25x1

Minimum least squares solution given by solution of

$$(A^T A) d = A^T b$$

$$2 \times 2 \times 1 \qquad 2 \times 1$$

Recall the Harris detector!

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{x} I_{x} I_{x} & \sum_{x} I_{x} I_{y} \\ \sum_{x} I_{x} I_{y} & \sum_{x} I_{y} I_{y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{x} I_{x} I_{t} \\ \sum_{x} I_{y} I_{t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{T}A$$

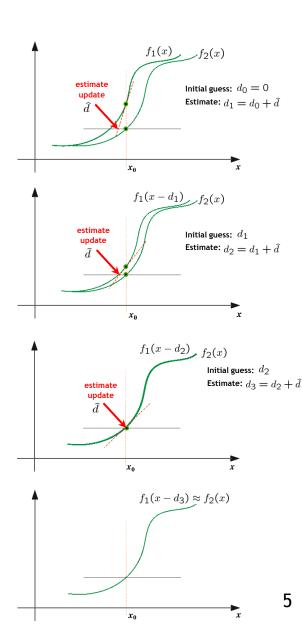
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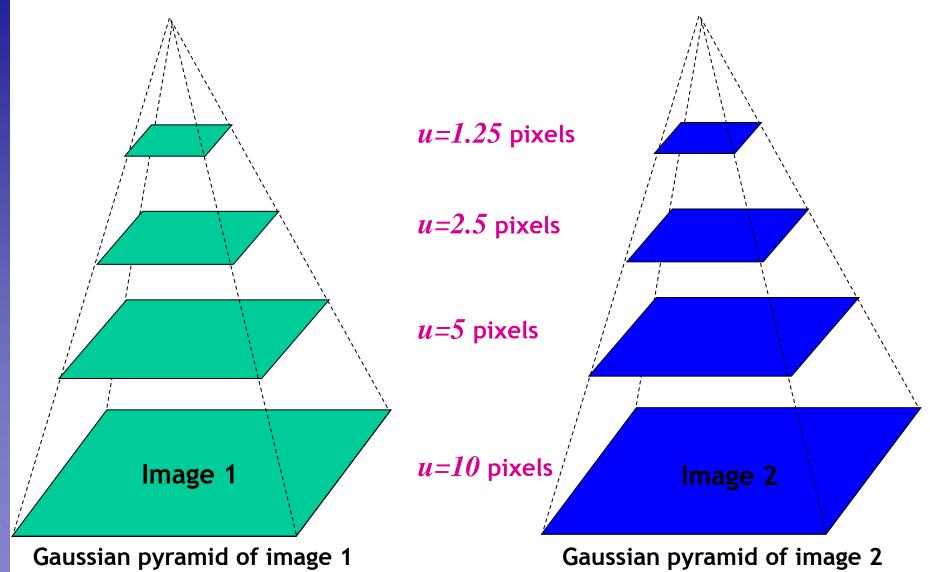
## Recap: Iterative Refinement

- Estimate velocity at each pixel using one iteration of LK estimation.
- Warp one image toward the other using the estimated flow field.
- Refine estimate by repeating the process.
- Iterative procedure
  - Results in subpixel accurate localization.
  - Converges for small displacements.



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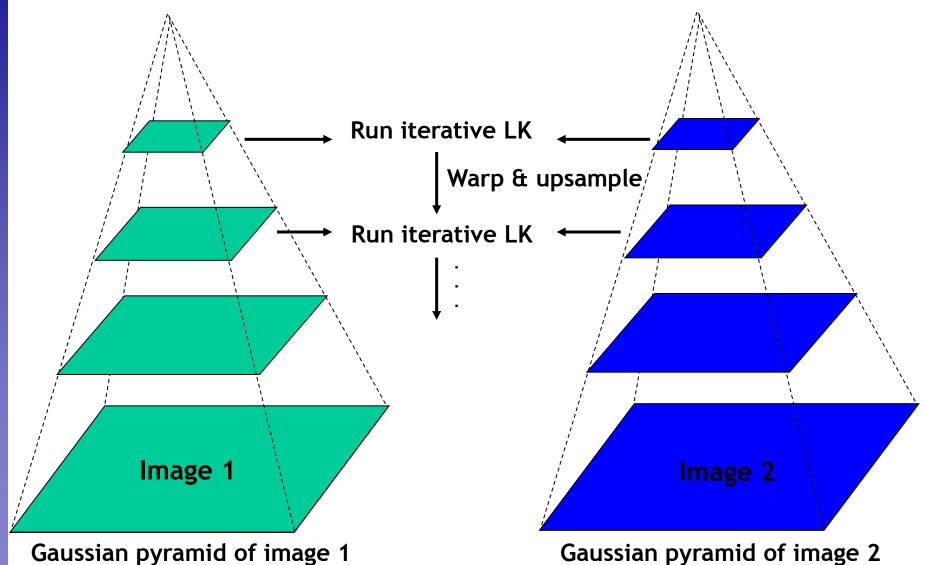
## Recap: Coarse-to-fine Optical Flow Estimation





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## Recap: Shi-Tomasi Feature Tracker (→KLT)

#### Idea

- > Find good features using eigenvalues of second-moment matrix
  - Key idea: "good" features to track are the ones that can be tracked reliably.

#### Frame-to-frame tracking

- Track with LK and a pure translation motion model.
- More robust for small displacements, can be estimated from smaller neighborhoods (e.g.,  $5\times5$  pixels).

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#### Checking consistency of tracks

- Affine registration to the first observed feature instance.
- Affine model is more accurate for larger displacements.
- Comparing to the first frame helps to minimize drift.



J. Shi and C. Tomasi. Good Features to Track. CVPR 1994.



## Recap: General LK Image Registration

#### Goal

Find the warping parameters  ${\bf p}$  that minimize the sum-of-squares intensity difference between the template image  $T({\bf x})$  and the warped input image  $I({\bf W}({\bf x};{\bf p}))$ .

#### LK formulation

Formulate this as an optimization problem

$$\arg\min_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) - T(\mathbf{x}) \right]^{2}$$

We assume that an initial estimate of p is known and iteratively solve for increments to the parameters  $\Delta p$ :

$$\arg\min_{\Delta\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p} + \Delta\mathbf{p})) - T(\mathbf{x}) \right]^2$$



## Recap: Step-by-Step Derivation

- Key to the derivation
  - ightarrow Taylor expansion around  $\Delta {f p}$

$$I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) \approx I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta \mathbf{p}^2)$$
  
=  $I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; p_1, \dots, p_n))$ 

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_n} \\ \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_1 \\ \Delta p_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta p_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Gradient

**Jacobian** 

Increment parameters to solve for

abla I

 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$ 

 $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ 

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## Recap: LK Algorithm

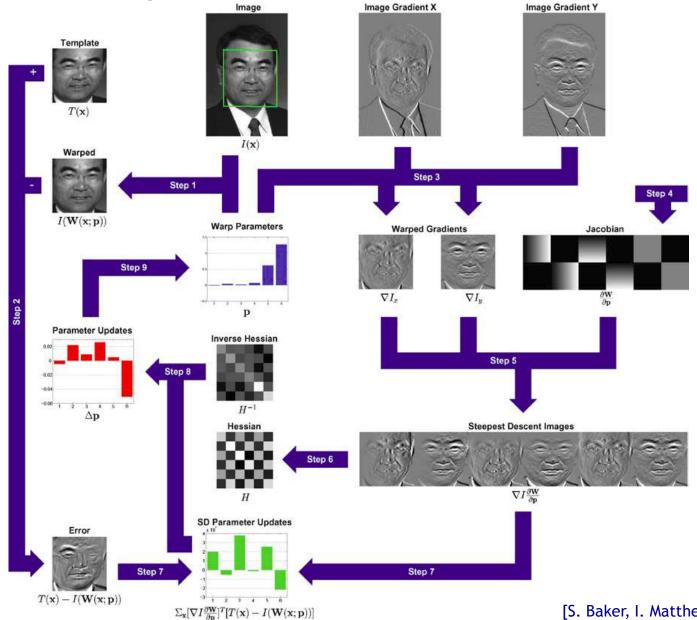
#### Iterate

- ightharpoonup Warp I to obtain  $I(\mathbf{W}([x,\,y];\,\mathbf{p}))$
- ▶ Compute the error image  $T([x, y]) I(\mathbf{W}([x, y]; \mathbf{p}))$
- ullet Warp the gradient abla I with  $\mathbf{W}([x,\,y];\,\mathbf{p})$
- Figure  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$  at  $([x, y]; \mathbf{p})$  (Jacobian)
- lacksquare Compute steepest descent images  $abla I rac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$
- ullet Compute Hessian matrix  $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ 
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- Compute

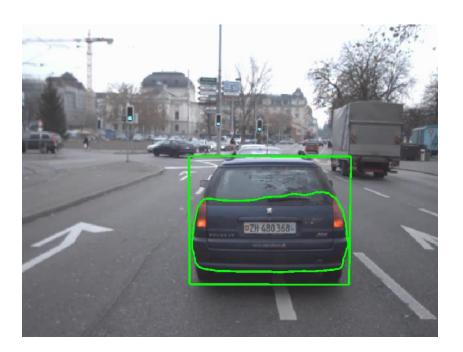
$$\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^{T} \left[ T([x,y]) - I(\mathbf{W}([x,y];\mathbf{p})) \right]$$

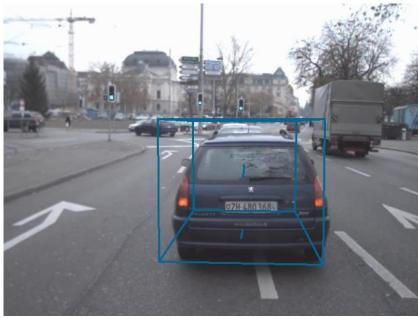
- > Compute  $\Delta \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{H}^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^T \! \left[ T([x,y]) I(\mathbf{W}([x,y];\mathbf{p})) \right]$
- > Update the parameters  $\mathbf{p} \leftarrow \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p}$
- Until  $\Delta \mathbf{p}$  magnitude is negligible

## Recap: LK Algorithm Visualization



## **Example of a More Complex Warping Function**





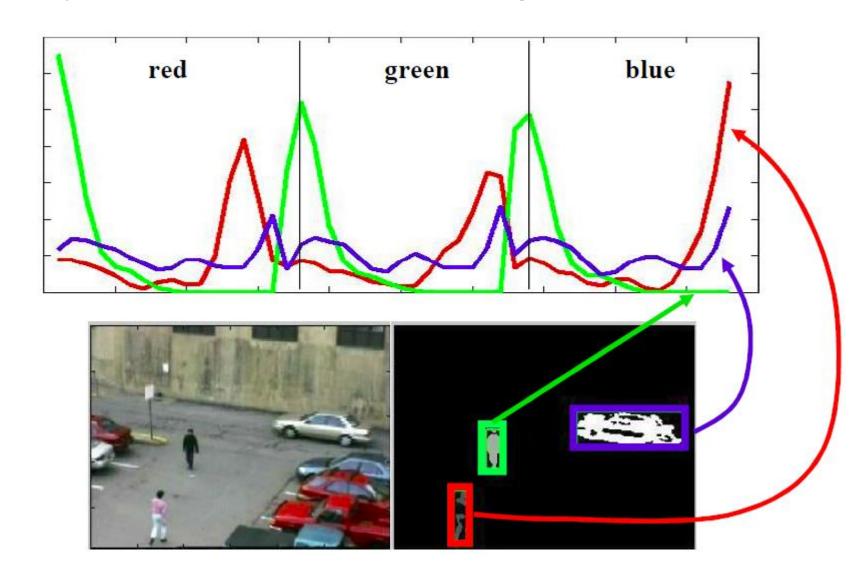
Encode geometric constraints into region tracking

Constrained homography transformation model

- Translation parallel to the ground plane
- Rotation around the ground plane normal
- $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{W}_{obj} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{W}_t \mathbf{W}_{\alpha} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}$
- ⇒ Input for high-level tracker with car steering model.



## Today: Color based Tracking





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#### **Mean-Shift**

#### Mean-Shift Tracking

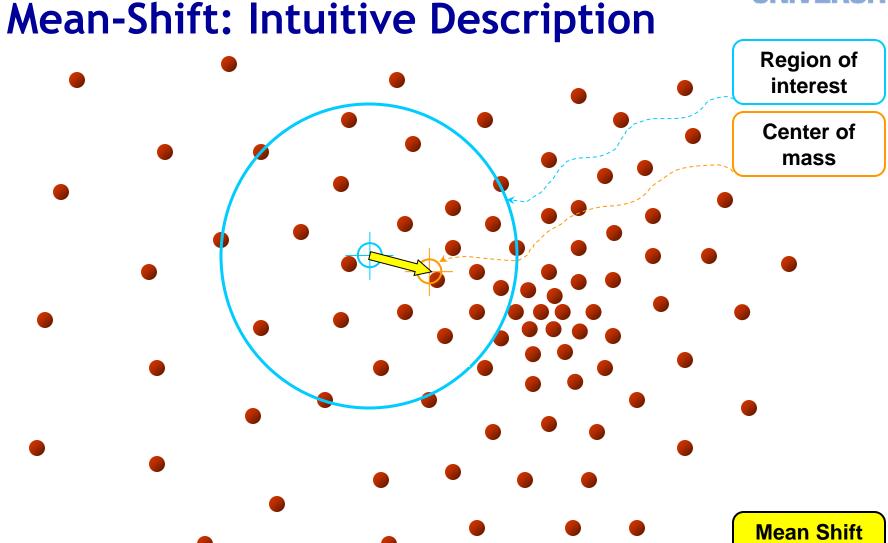
- Efficient approach to tracking objects whose appearance is defined by color.
- Actually, the approach is not limited to color. Can also use texture, motion, etc.

#### Popular use for object tracking

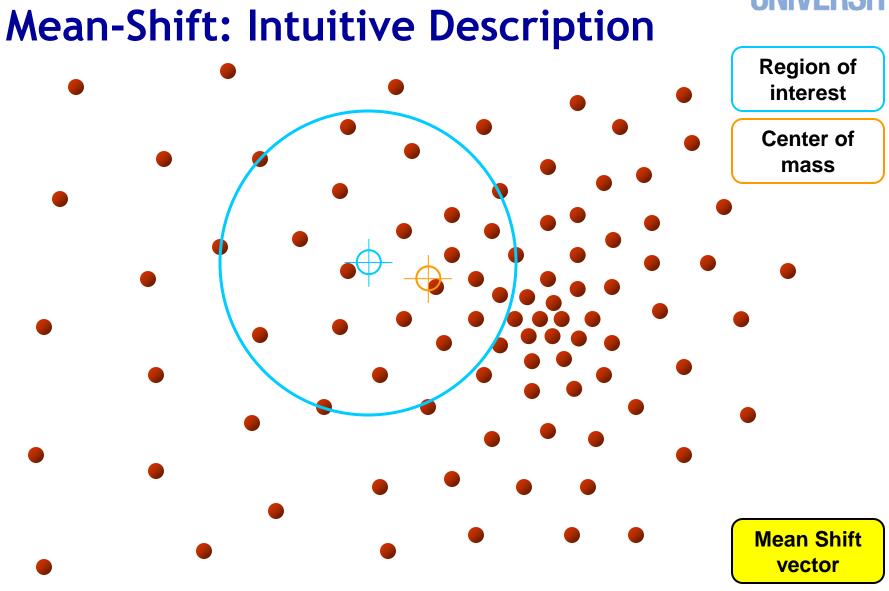
- Very simple to implement
- Non-parametric method, does not make strong assumptions about the shape of the distribution
- Suitable for non-static distributions (as typical in tracking)
- Can be combined with dynamic models (Kalman filters, etc.)
- Good performance in practice



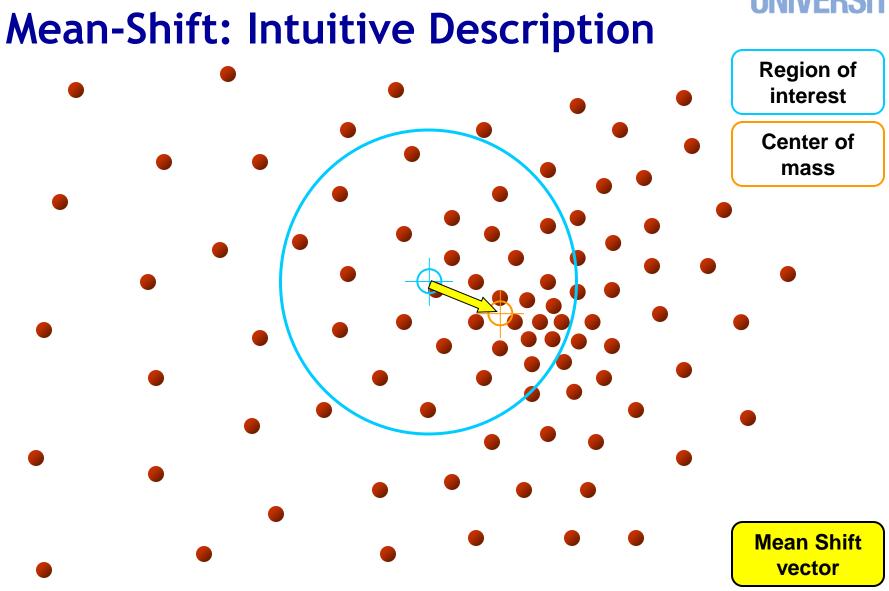
vector



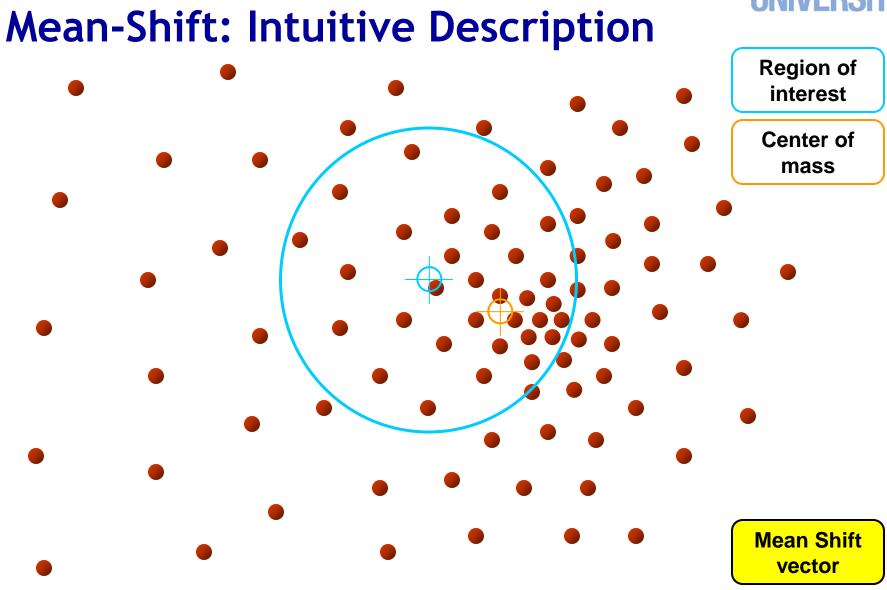




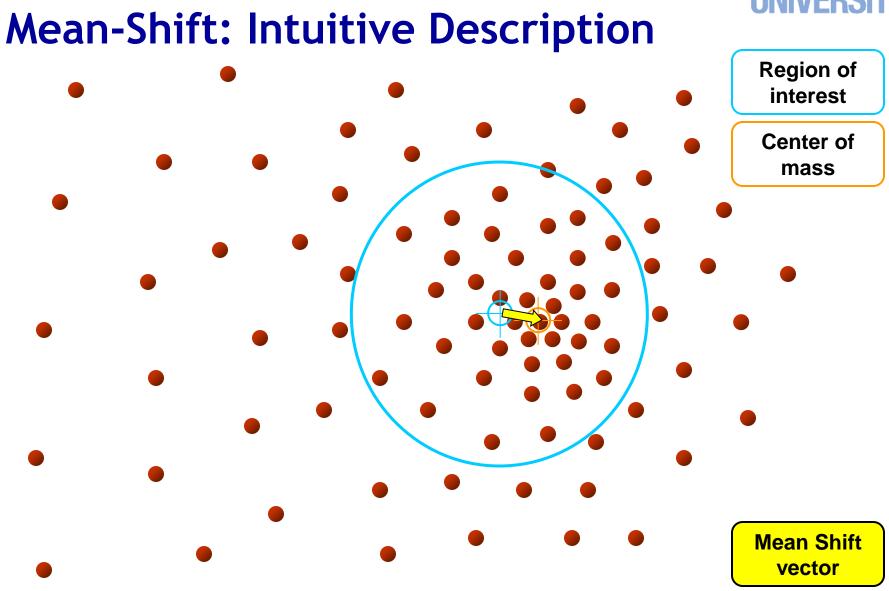




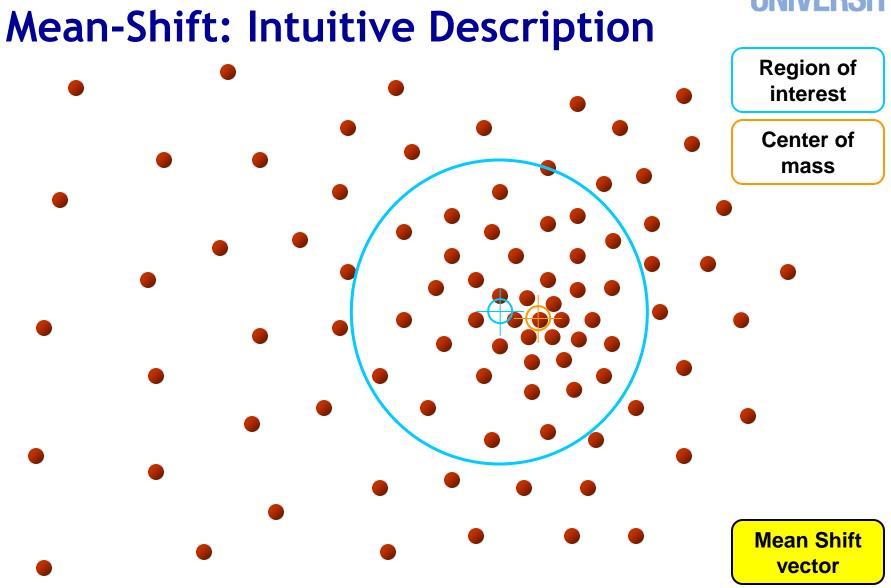




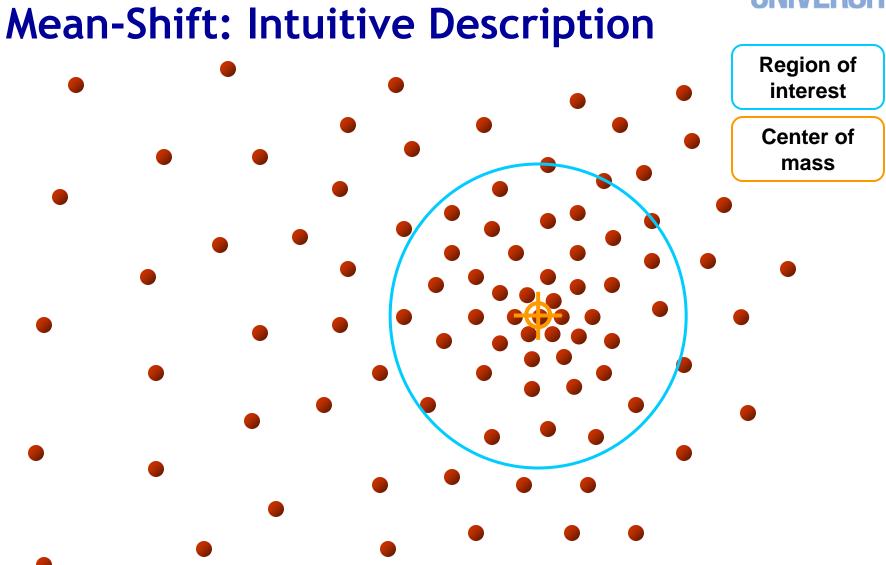














## Using Mean-Shift on Color Models

#### Two main approaches

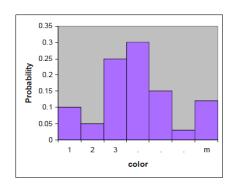
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## Mean-Shift on Weight Images

#### Ideal case

Want an indicator function that returns 1 for pixels on the tracked object and 0 for all other pixels.

#### Instead

- Compute likelihood maps
- Value at a pixel is proportional to the likelihood that the pixel comes from the tracked object.

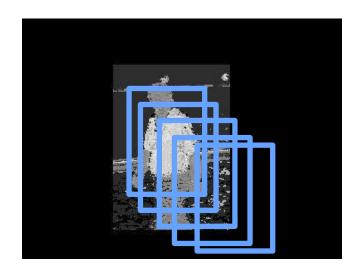


- Color
- Texture
- Shape (boundary)
- Predicted location





## **Mean-Shift Tracking**



#### Idea

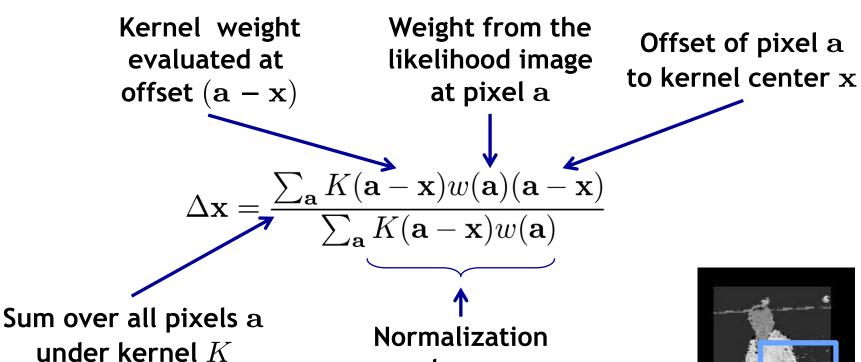
- Let pixels form a uniform grid of data points.
- Each pixel has a weight proportional to the likelihood that the pixel is on the object we want to track.
- Perform standard mean-shift using the weighted set of points.

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} K(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{x}) w(\mathbf{a})(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{x})}{\sum_{\mathbf{a}} K(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{x}) w(\mathbf{a})}$$

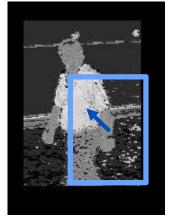


## Mean-Shift Tracking

A closer look at the procedure...



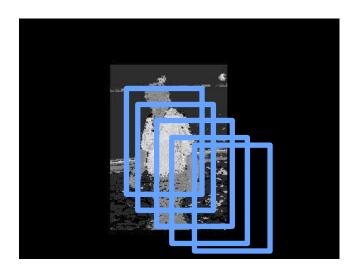
⇒ Mean-shift computes the weighted mean of all shifts (offsets), weighted by the likelihood under the kernel function.

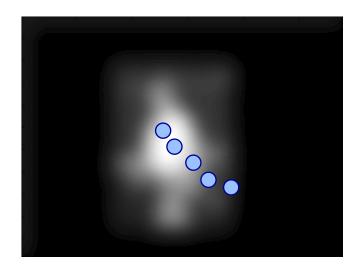


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## **Duality Property**





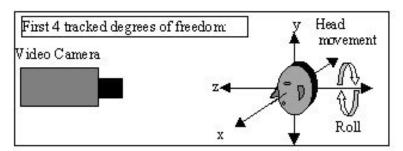
#### Duality

- Running mean-shift with kernel K on weight image w is equivalent to performing gradient ascent in a (virtual) image formed by convolving w by some shadow kernel H.
- Note: mode we are looking for is mode of location (x,y) likelihood, NOT mode of color distribution.

## **Example: Face Tracking using Mean-Shift**



Figure 7: Orientation of the flesh probability distribution marked on the source video image



**Figure 8:** First four head tracked degrees of freedom: X, Y, Z location, and head roll

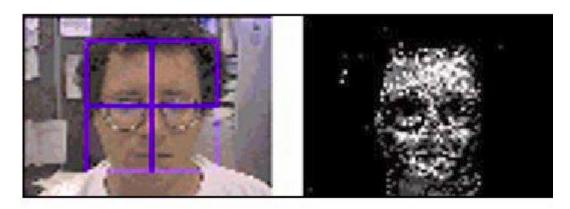
G. Bradski, <u>Computer Vision Face Tracking for use in a</u>

<u>Perceptual User Interface</u>, *IEEE Workshop On Applications of*<u>Computer Vision</u>, Princeton, NJ, 1998, pp.214-219.

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## **Explicit Weight Images**



- Histogram backprojection
  - ightarrow Histogram is an empirical estimate of  $p(color \mid object) = p(c \mid o)$

> Bayes' rule says: 
$$p(o|c) = \frac{p(c|o)p(o)}{p(c)}$$

- > Simplistic approximation: assume p(o)/p(c) is constant.
- $\Rightarrow$  Use histogram h as a lookup table to set pixel values in the weight image.
- ightharpoonup If pixel maps to histogram bucket i, set weight for pixel to h(i).

## Side Note: Color Histograms for Recognition

- Using color histograms for recognition
  - Works surprisingly well
  - In the first paper (1991), 66 objects could be recognized almost without errors















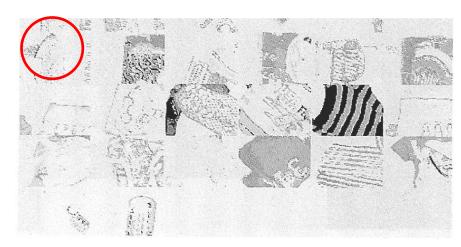
## Localization by Histogram Backprojection

- "Where in the image are the colors we're looking for?"
  - Query: object with histogram M
  - Given: image with histogram I
- Compute the "ratio histogram":  $R_i = \min \left( \frac{M_i}{I_i}, 1 \right)$ 
  - R reveals how important an object color is, relative to the current image.
    - Color is frequent on the object  $\Rightarrow$  large  $M_i$
    - Color is frequent in the image  $\implies$  large  $I_i$
  - > This value is projected back into the image (i.e. the image values are replaced by the values of R that they index).
  - The result image is convolved with a circular mask the size of the target object.
  - Peaks in the convolved image indicate detected objects.



## **Object Localization Results**

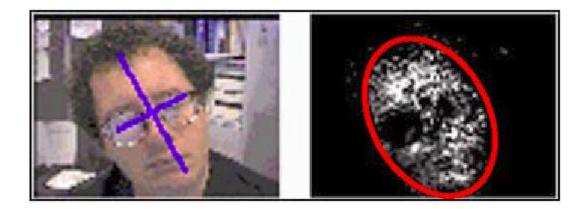




- Example result after backprojection
  - Looking for blue pullover...



#### Bradski's CAMshift

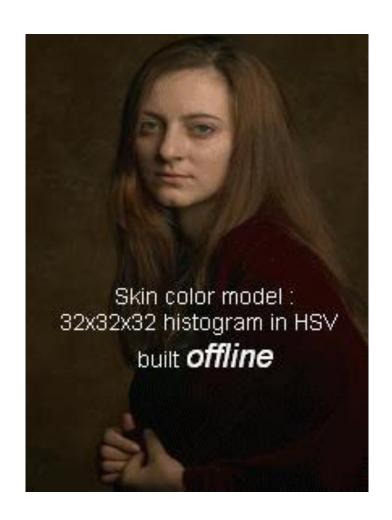


#### Idea

- Find x,y location of mode by mean-shift.
- > Determine z, roll angle  $\theta$  by fitting an ellipse to the mode found using mean-shift.

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## Visualization: Bradski's CAMshift in Action





### **Problem: Scale Changes**



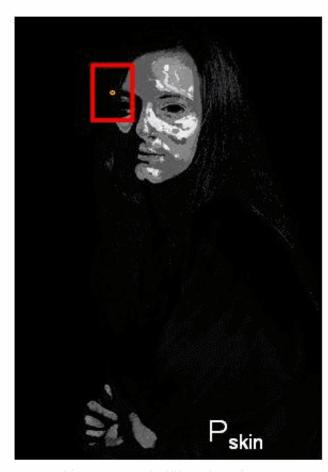




- Window always has the same size
  - > When the object size changes, does not fit anymore
  - ⇒ Tracking soon diverges...

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# Visualization: Scale Adaptation in CAMshift



Mean shift window initialization



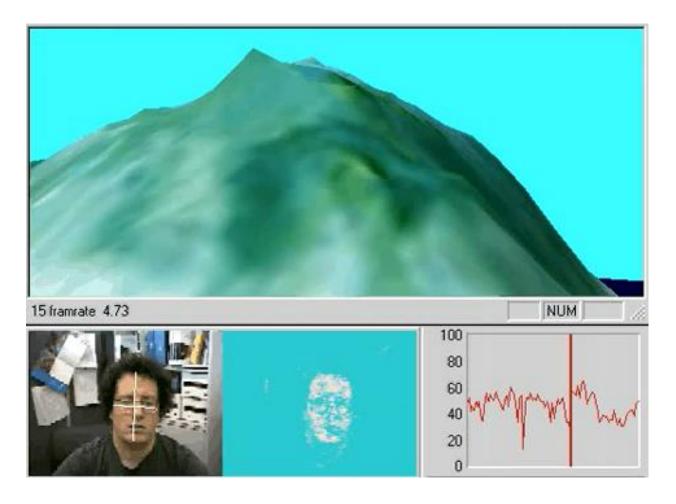
### **CAMShift Results**



- Face tracking
  - Using a skin color model in HSV color space

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# **Applications: Perceptual User Interfaces**



- Head tracking as input modality
  - Controlling a flight simulator by head gestures



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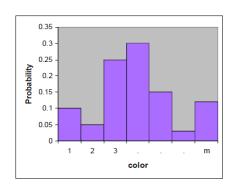
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## Implicit Weight Images

- Sometimes the weight is not explicitly created
  - > Example: Mean-shift Tracking by Comaniciu et al.
  - Weight is embedded into the matching procedure
  - Comes out as a side effect of matching two pdfs.

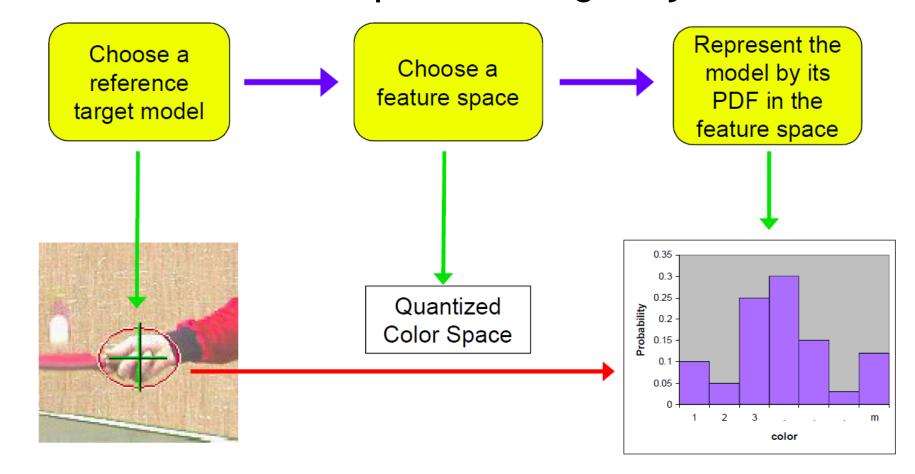
### Interesting consequence

- Implicit weight image changes between iterations of mean-shift, as compared to iterating to convergence on an explicit weight image!
- $\Rightarrow$  We'll take a look at their approach and see how this works.
  - D. Comaniciu, V. Ramesh, P. Meer. <u>Kernel-Based Object Tracking</u>, PAMI, Vol. 25(5), pp. 564-575, 2003.



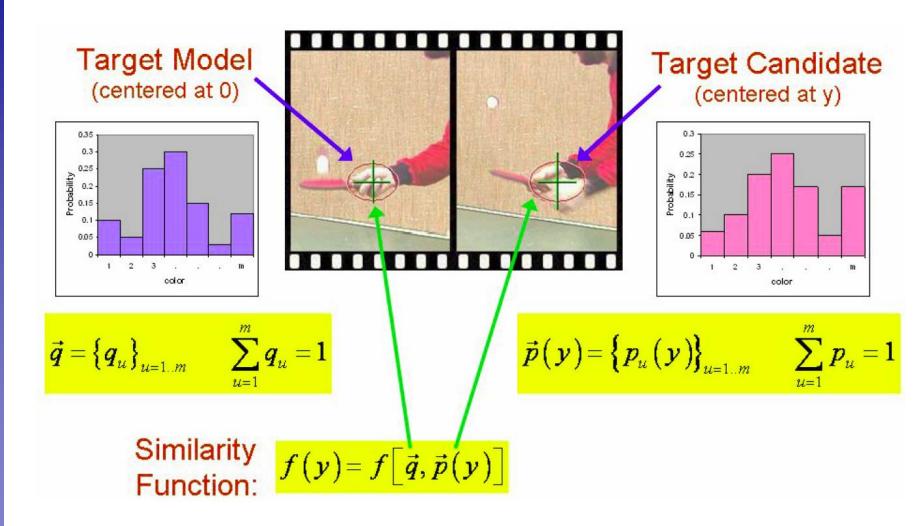
## Mean-Shift Object Tracking

Main idea: Match the pdf of the target object





## Mean-Shift Object Tracking





### **Approach**

### Color histogram representation

target model:

$$\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \{\hat{q}_u\}_{u=1\dots m}$$

$$\sum_{u=1}^{m} \hat{q}_u = 1$$

target candidate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}) = \{\hat{p}_u(\mathbf{y})\}_{u=1...m}$$

$$\sum_{u=1}^{m} \hat{p}_u = 1 .$$

- Measuring distances between histograms
  - Distance as a function of window location y

$$d(\mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{1 - \rho \left[\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}), \hat{\mathbf{q}}\right]}$$

ightarrow where  $\hat{
ho}(\mathbf{y})$  is the Bhattacharyya coefficient

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{y}) \equiv \rho \left[\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}), \hat{\mathbf{q}}\right] = \sum_{u=1}^{m} \sqrt{\hat{p}_u(\mathbf{y})\hat{q}_u},$$



### **Approach**

Compute histograms via Parzen estimation

$$\hat{q}_u = C \sum_{i=1}^n k(\|\mathbf{x}_i^{\star}\|^2) \delta \left[ b(\mathbf{x}_i^{\star}) - u \right] ,$$

$$\hat{p}_u(\mathbf{y}) = C_h \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} k \left( \left\| \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right) \delta \left[ b(\mathbf{x}_i) - u \right] ,$$

- where  $k(\cdot)$  is some radially symmetric smoothing kernel profile,  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the pixel at location i, and  $b(\mathbf{x}_i)$  is the index of its bin in the quantized feature space.
- Consequence of this formulation
  - Gathers a histogram over a neighborhood
  - Also allows interpolation of histograms centered around an off-lattice location.



#### Goal:

- Find the location y that maximizes the Bhattacharyya coefficient
- $oldsymbol{ iny}$  Taylor expansion around current values  $p_u(\mathbf{y}_0)$

$$\rho\left[\hat{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{y}), \hat{\mathbf{q}}\right] \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{u=1}^{m} \sqrt{\hat{p}_u(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0)\hat{q}_u} + \frac{C_h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_i k \left( \left\| \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h} \right\|^2 \right)$$

This does not depend on y

⇒ Just need to maximize this.

Note: It's a KDE!!!

where 
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Find the mode of the second term by mean-shift iterations

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{h}} \mathbf{x}_{i} w_{i} g\left(\left\|\frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{0} - \mathbf{x}_{i}}{h}\right\|^{2}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{h}} w_{i} g\left(\left\|\frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{0} - \mathbf{x}_{i}}{h}\right\|^{2}\right)} \quad \text{where } g(x) = -k'(x).$$



At each iteration, perform

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{h}} \mathbf{x}_{i} w_{i} g\left(\left\|\frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{0} - \mathbf{x}_{i}}{h}\right\|^{2}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_{h}} w_{i} g\left(\left\|\frac{\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{0} - \mathbf{x}_{i}}{h}\right\|^{2}\right)} \quad \text{where } g(x) = -k'(x).$$

- ightharpoonup which is just standard mean-shift on (implicit) weight image  $w_i$ .
- ightharpoonup Let's look at the weight image more closely. For each pixel  $\mathbf{x}_i$

$$w_i = \sum_{u=1}^m \sqrt{\frac{\hat{q}_u}{\hat{p}_u(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_0)}} \delta\left[b(\mathbf{x}_i) - u\right].$$
 This is only 1 once in the summation

 $\Rightarrow$  If pixel  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's value maps to histogram bucket B, then

$$w_i = \sqrt{(q_B, p_B(\mathbf{y}_0))}$$



### Summary

- > If model histogram is  $q_1,\ q_2,\ ...,\ q_m$  and current data histogram is  $p_1,\ p_2,\ ...,\ p_m$
- > Form weights  $q_1/p_1,\ q_2/p_2,\ ...,\ q_m/p_m$
- > Do "histogram backprojection" of these values into the image to get the weight image  $w_i$ . (Note: this is done implicitly)

#### Note

- In each iteration,  $p_1,\ p_2,\ ...,\ p_m$  change, and therefore so does the weight image  $w_i$ .
- ⇒ Different from applying mean-shift to fixed likelihood image!



### Results: Mean-Shift Tracking





### Configuration

- > Feature space:  $16 \times 16 \times 16$  quantized RGB
- Target manually selected in 1st frame
- Average mean-shift iterations per frame: 4

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# Results: Mean-Shift Tracking

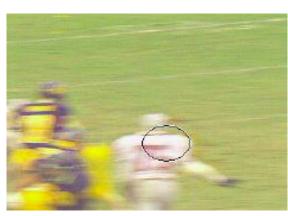
#### Difficulties



Partial occlusion



**Distraction** 



Motion blur

⇒ Mean-shift still performs robustly despite those.



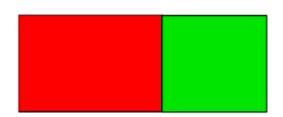
## **Topics of This Lecture**

- Mean-Shift
  - Mean-shift mode estimation
  - Using mean-shift on color images
- Mean-Shift with Explicit Weight Images
  - Histogram backprojection
  - CAMshift approach
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  - Comaniciu's approach
  - Bhattacharyya distance
  - Gradient ascent
- Comparison
  - Qualitative intuition

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### **Qualitative Intuition**

- Bradski's Mean-Shift procedure
  - Assume that an object is 60% red and 40% green.
  - I.e.,  $q_1=0.6$ ,  $q_2=0.4$ ,  $q_i=0$  for all other i.



- If we just did histogram backprojection of these likelihood values (a la Bradski), we would get this weight image:
- Mean-shift does a weighted center-of-mass computation at each iteration.
- ⇒ Window will be biased towards the region of red pixels, since they have higher weight!





### **Qualitative Intuition**

### Comaniciu's approach

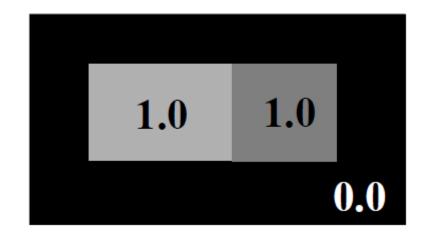
Let's assume the data histogram is perfectly located

$$\Rightarrow q_1=0.6$$
,  $q_2=0.4$ ,  $q_i=0$  for all other  $i$ .  $p_1=0.6$ ,  $p_2=0.4$ ,  $p_i=0$  for all other  $i$ .

$$\Rightarrow w_1 = \operatorname{sqrt}(0.6/0.6)$$
,  $w_2 = \operatorname{sqrt}(0.4/0.4)$ ,  $w_i = 0$  for all other  $i$ .

⇒ Resulting weight image:

- ⇒ Much better!
- ⇒ Perfect object indicator function.





### References and Further Reading

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