Bag-of-features models





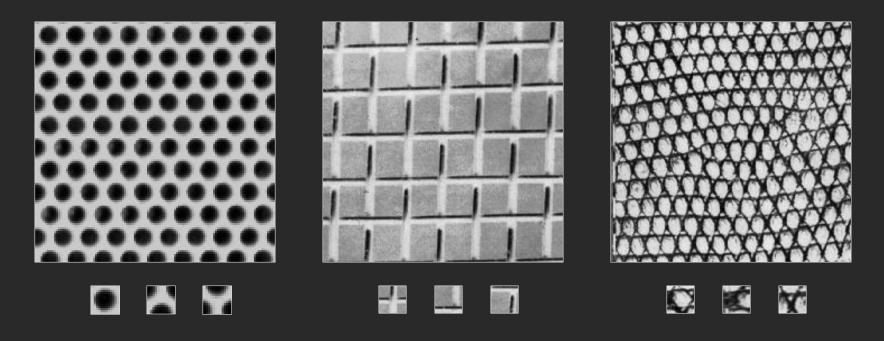
Many slides adapted from Fei-Fei Li, Rob Fergus, and Antonio Torralba

Overview: Bag-of-features models

- Origins and motivation
- Learning visual vocabularies
 - K-means clustering
- Discriminative methods
 - Nearest-neighbor classification
 - Distance functions
 - Support vector machines
 - Kernels
- Generative methods
 - Naïve Bayes
 - Probabilistic Latent Semantic Analysis
- Extensions: incorporating spatial information

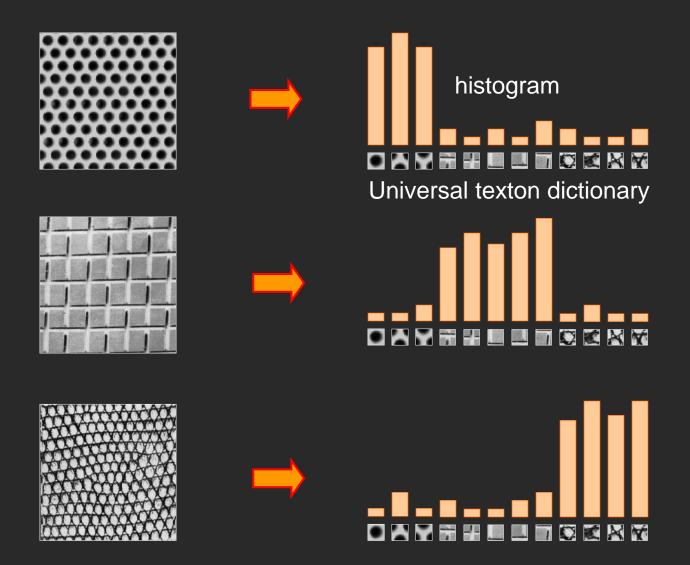
Origin 1: Texture recognition

- Texture is characterized by the repetition of basic elements or textons
- For stochastic textures, it is the identity of the textons, not their spatial arrangement, that matters



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2007-01-23: State of the Union Address George W. Bush (2001-)					
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expand	aban do	1941-12-08: Request for a Declaration of War Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-45)			
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Bags of features for object recognition



face, flowers, building

Works pretty well for image-level classification

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

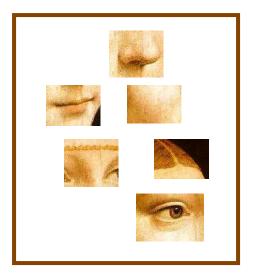
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Caltech6 dataset



class	bag of features	bag of features	Parts-and-shape model
Class	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

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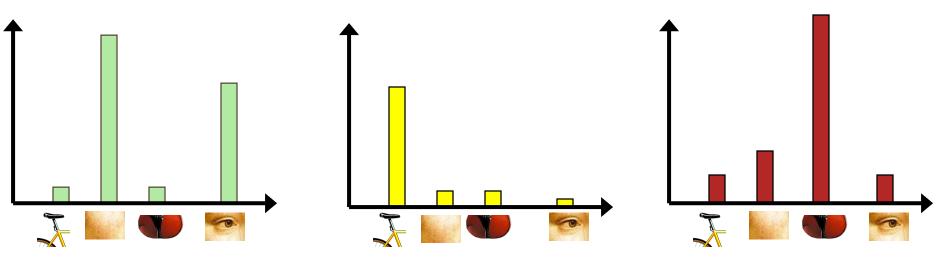


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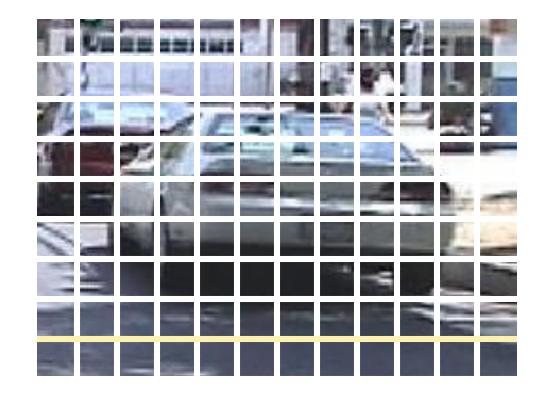
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- 4. Represent images by frequencies of "visual words"



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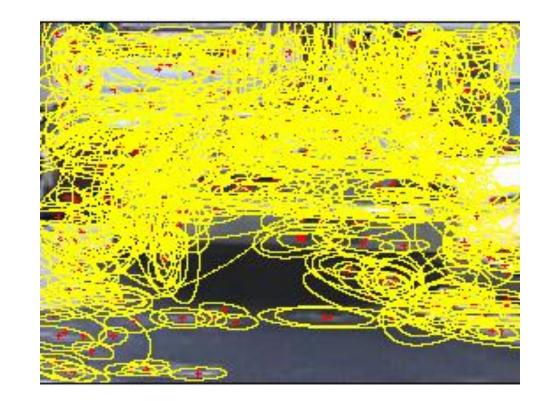


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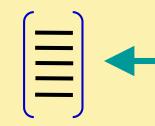
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Other methods

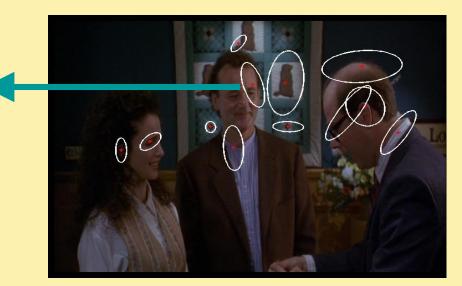
- Random sampling (Vidal-Naquet & Ullman, 2002)
- Segmentation based patches (Barnard, Duygulu, Forsyth, de Freitas, Blei, Jordan, 2003)





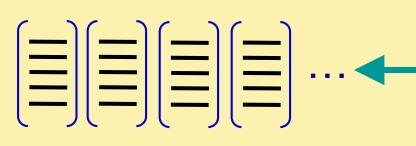
Compute SIFT descriptor [Lowe'99]

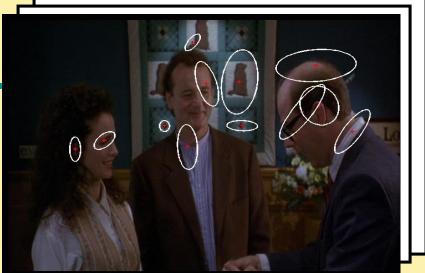
Normalize patch



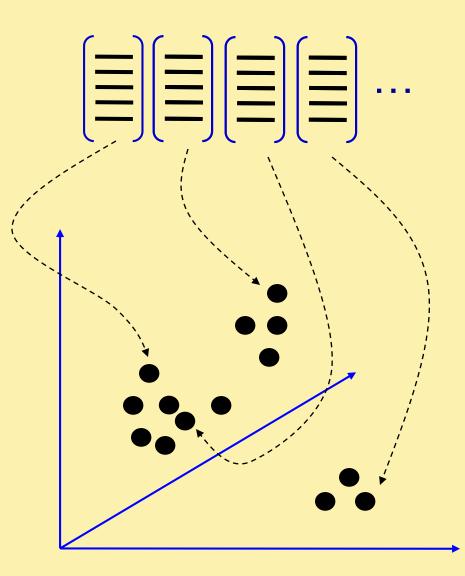
Detect patches

[Mikojaczyk and Schmid '02] [Mata, Chum, Urban & Pajdla, '02] [Sivic & Zisserman, '03]

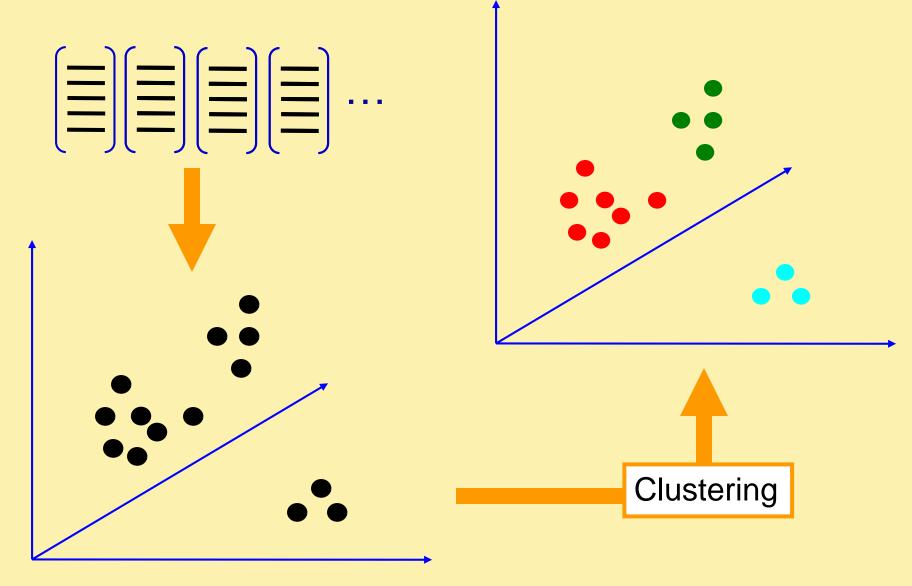




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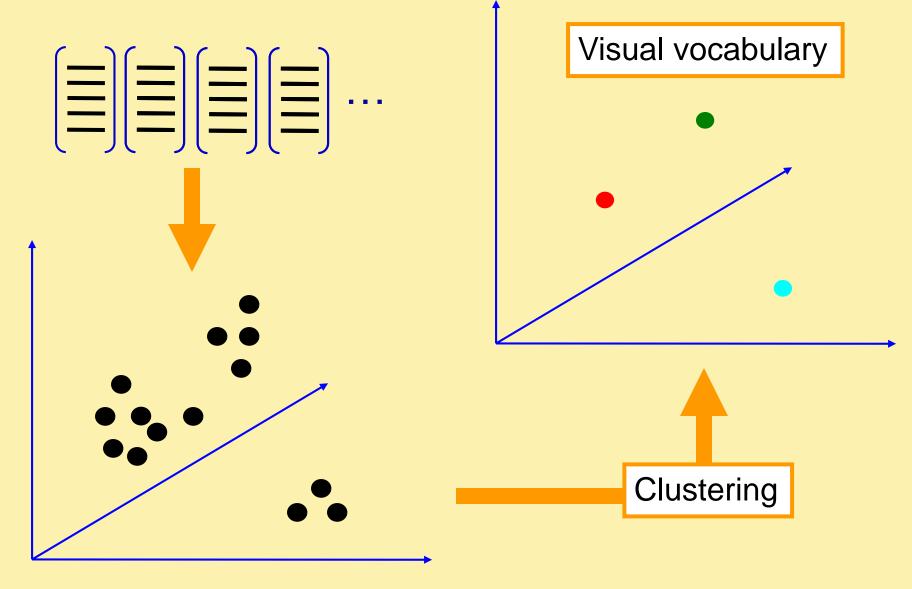


2. Learning the visual vocabulary



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K-means clustering

 Want to minimize sum of squared Euclidean distances between points x_i and their nearest cluster centers m_k

$$D(X,M) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - m_k)^2$$

cluster k point i in cluster k

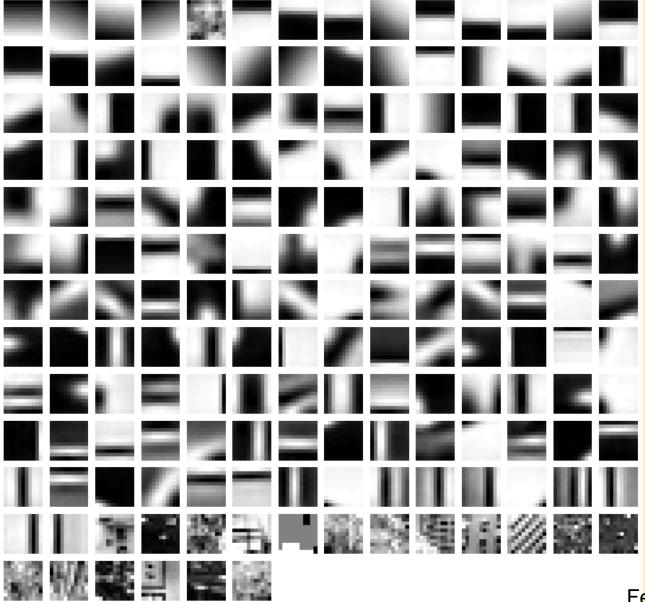
Algorithm:

- Randomly initialize K cluster centers
- Iterate until convergence:
 - Assign each data point to the nearest center
 - Recompute each cluster center as the mean of all points assigned to it

From clustering to vector quantization

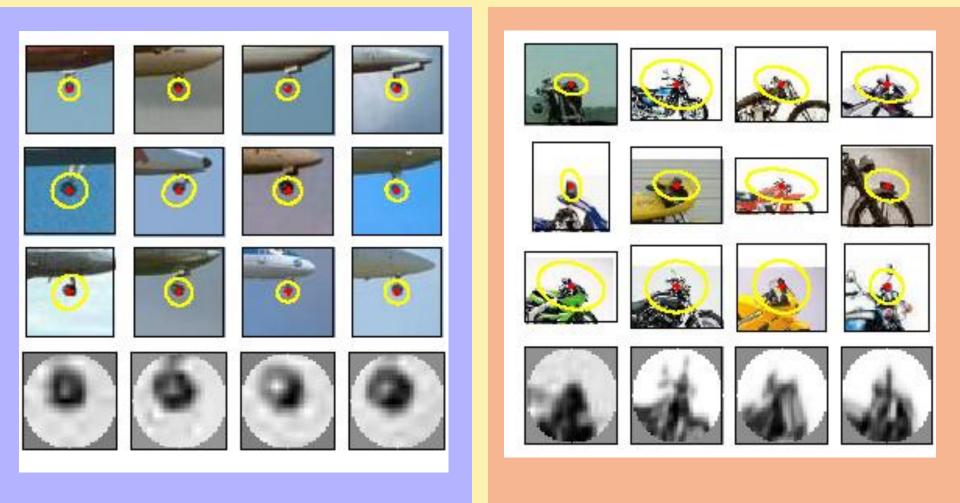
- Clustering is a common method for learning a visual vocabulary or codebook
 - Unsupervised learning process
 - Each cluster center produced by k-means becomes a codevector
 - Codebook can be learned on separate training set
 - Provided the training set is sufficiently representative, the codebook will 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

Example visual vocabulary



Fei-Fei et al. 2005

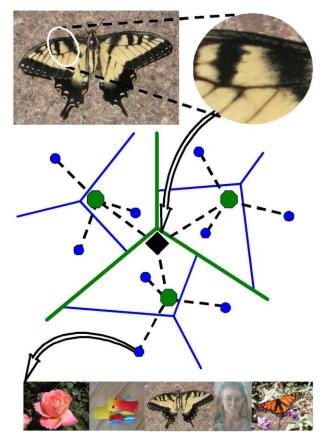
Image patch examples of visual words



Sivic et al. 2005

Visual vocabularies: Issues

- How to choose vocabulary size?
 - Too small: visual words not representative of all patches
 - Too large: quantization artifacts, overfitting
- Generative or discriminative learning?
- Computational efficiency
 - Vocabulary trees (Nister & Stewenius, 2006)



3. Image representation



codewords

Image classification

 Given the bag-of-features representations of images from different classes, how do we learn a model for distinguishing them?

