

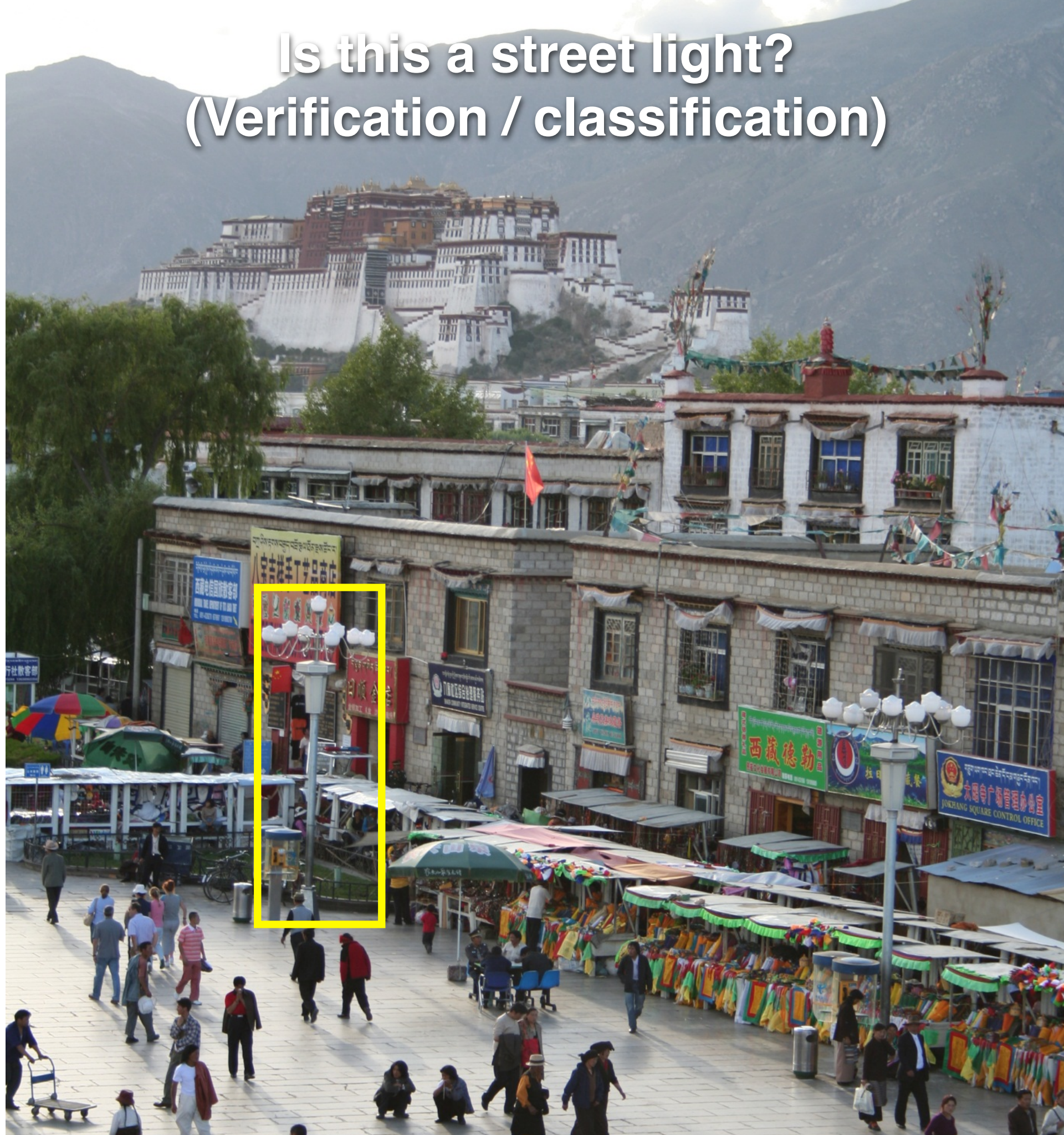
Henderson and Davis.
Shape recognition using hierarchical
Constraint Analysis. 1979

Object Recognition

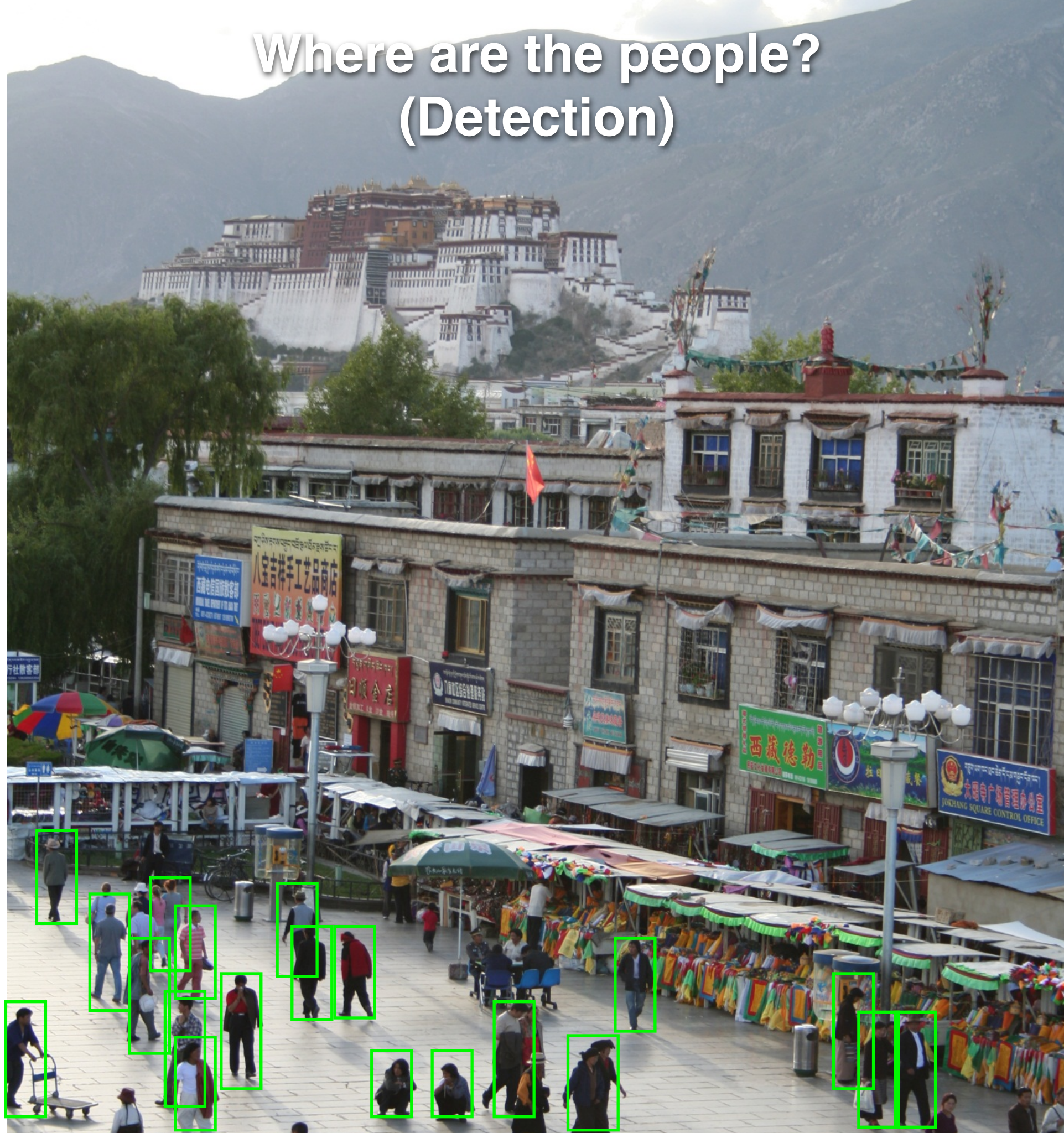
16-385 Computer Vision
Carnegie Mellon University (Kris Kitani)

What do we mean by
'object recognition'?

Is this a street light?
(Verification / classification)



Where are the people? (Detection)



Is that Potala palace? (Identification)



Sky

What's in the scene? (semantic segmentation)

Mountain

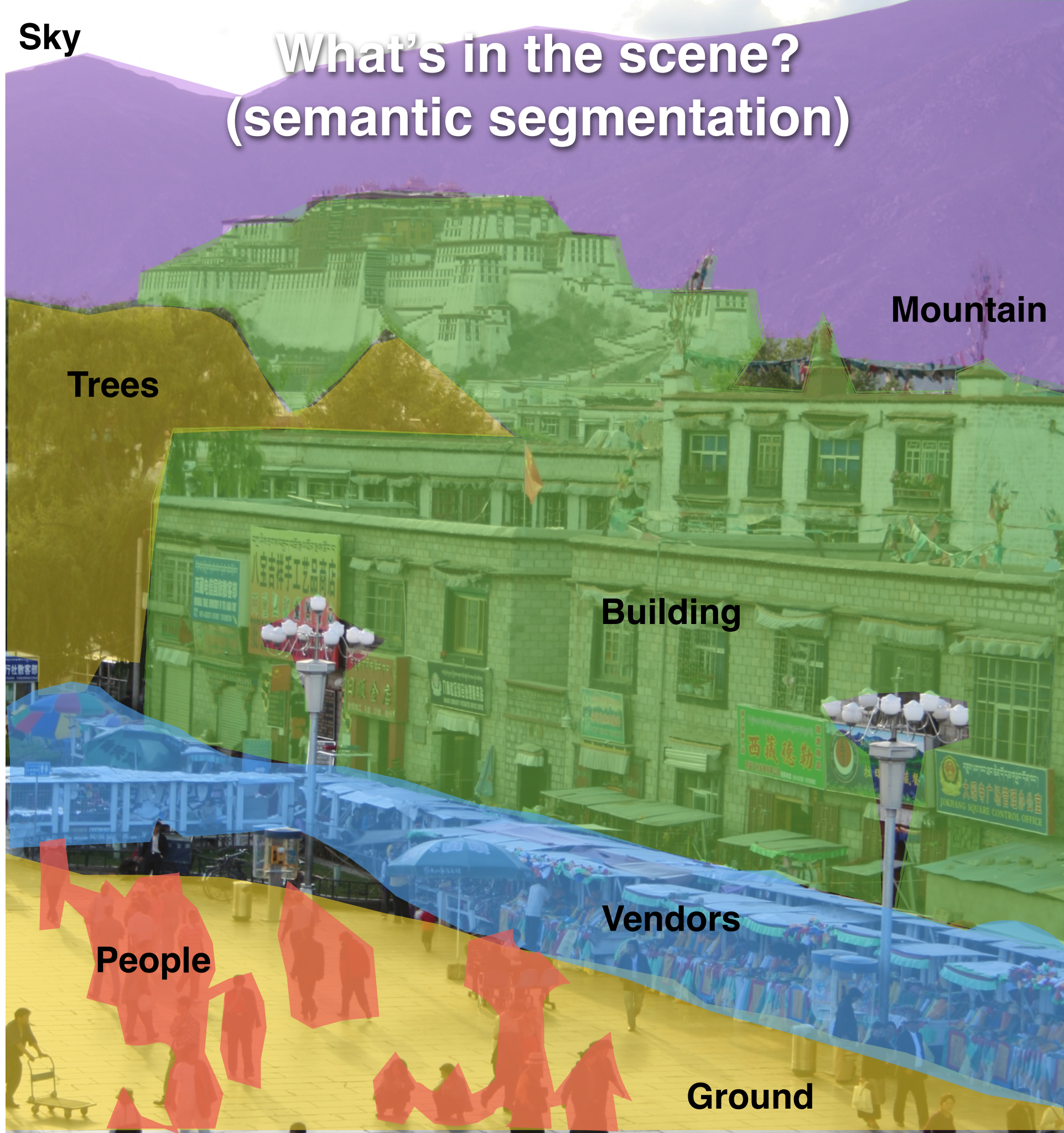
Trees

Building

Vendors

People

Ground



What type of scene is it?
(Scene categorization)



Outdoor

Marketplace

City

Challenges

(Object Recognition)



Viewpoint variation



Illumination variation





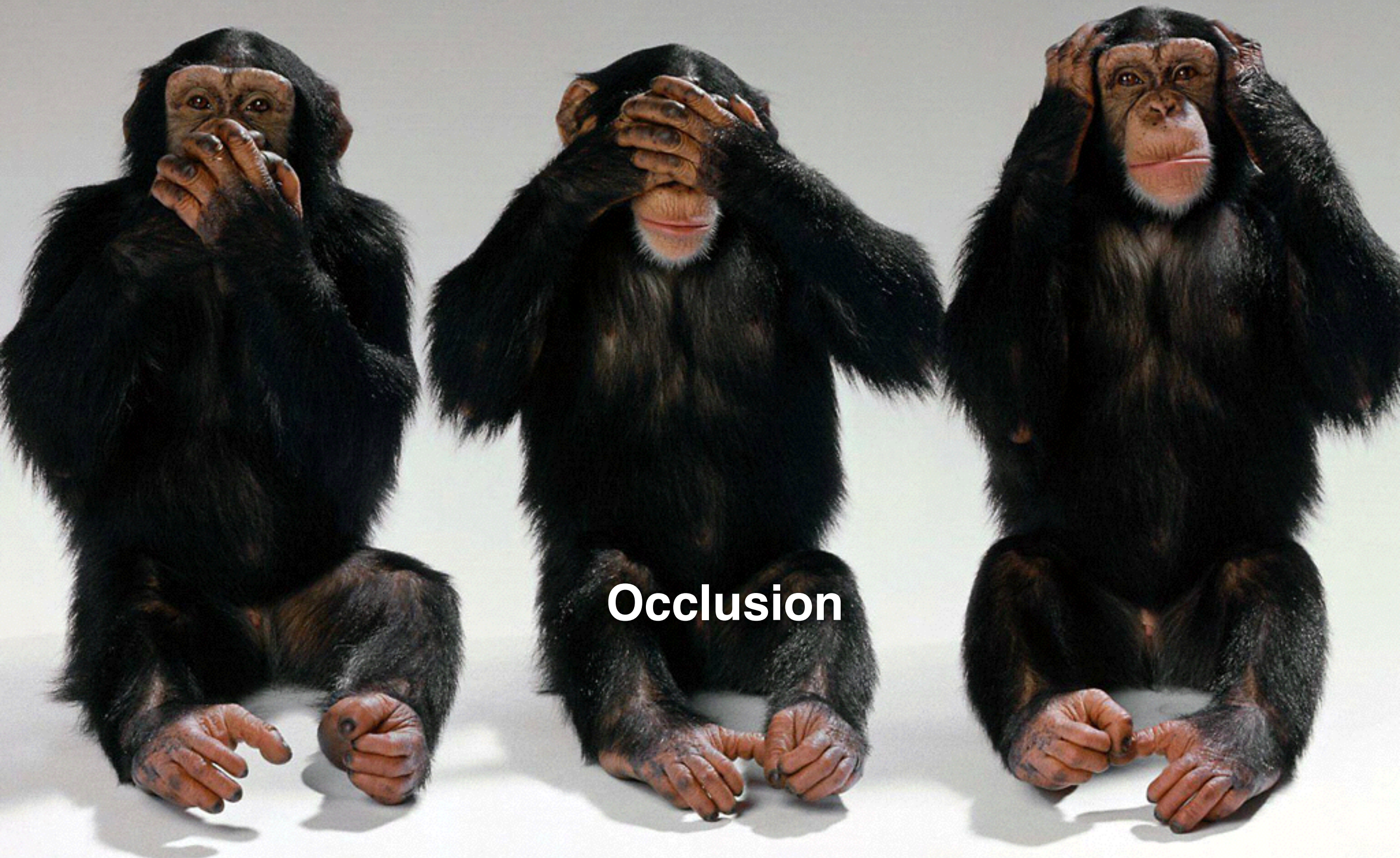
Scale variation



Background clutter



Deformation



Occlusion

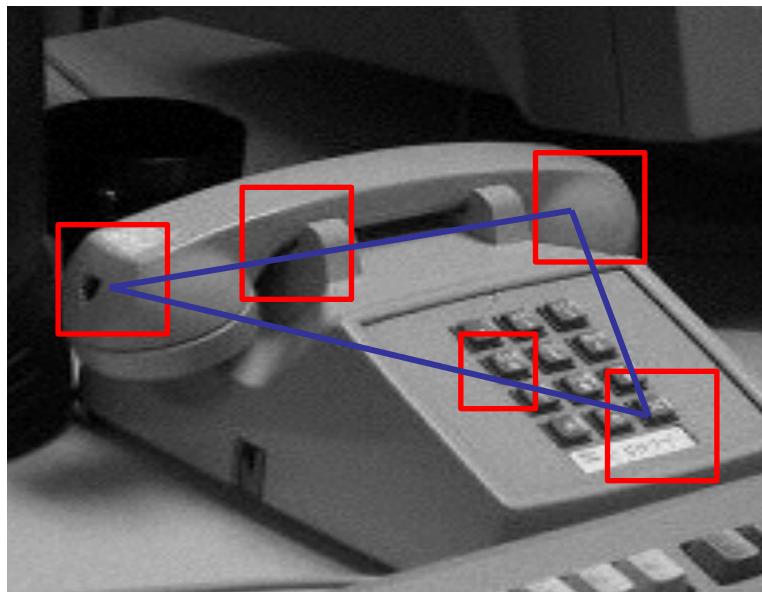


Intra-class variation

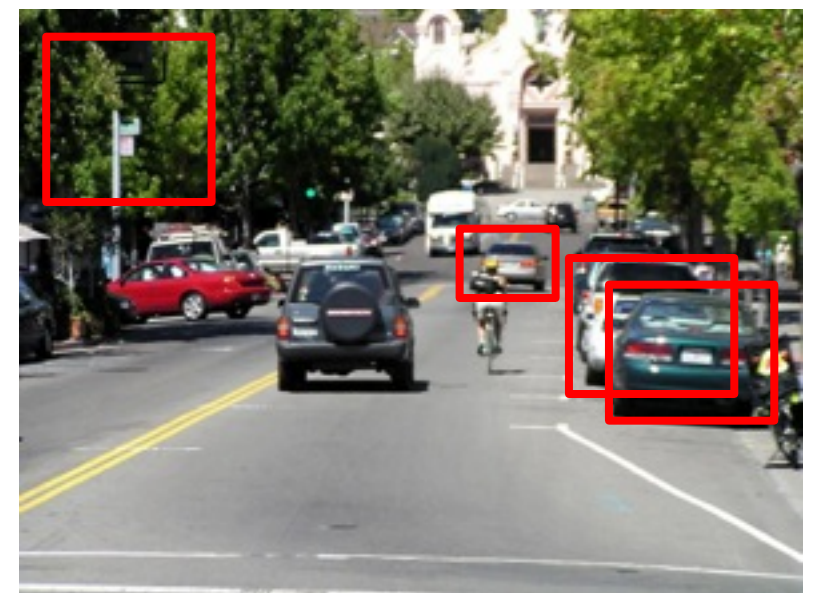
Common approaches



Feature
Matching



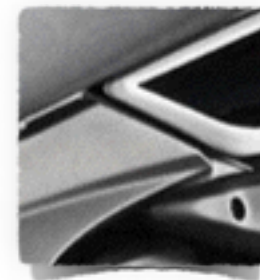
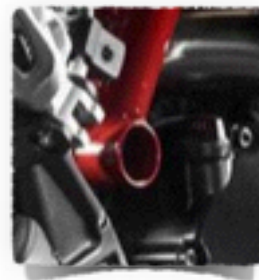
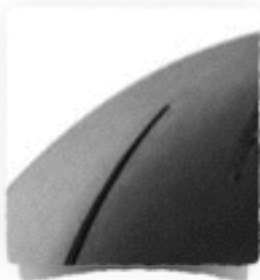
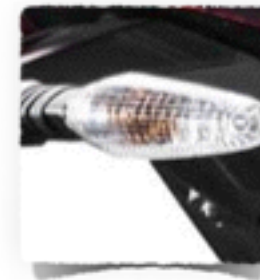
Spatial
reasoning



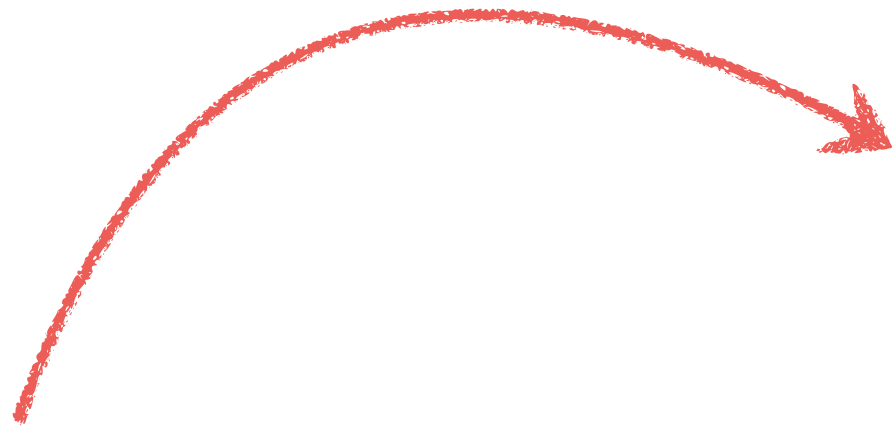
Window
classification

Feature matching

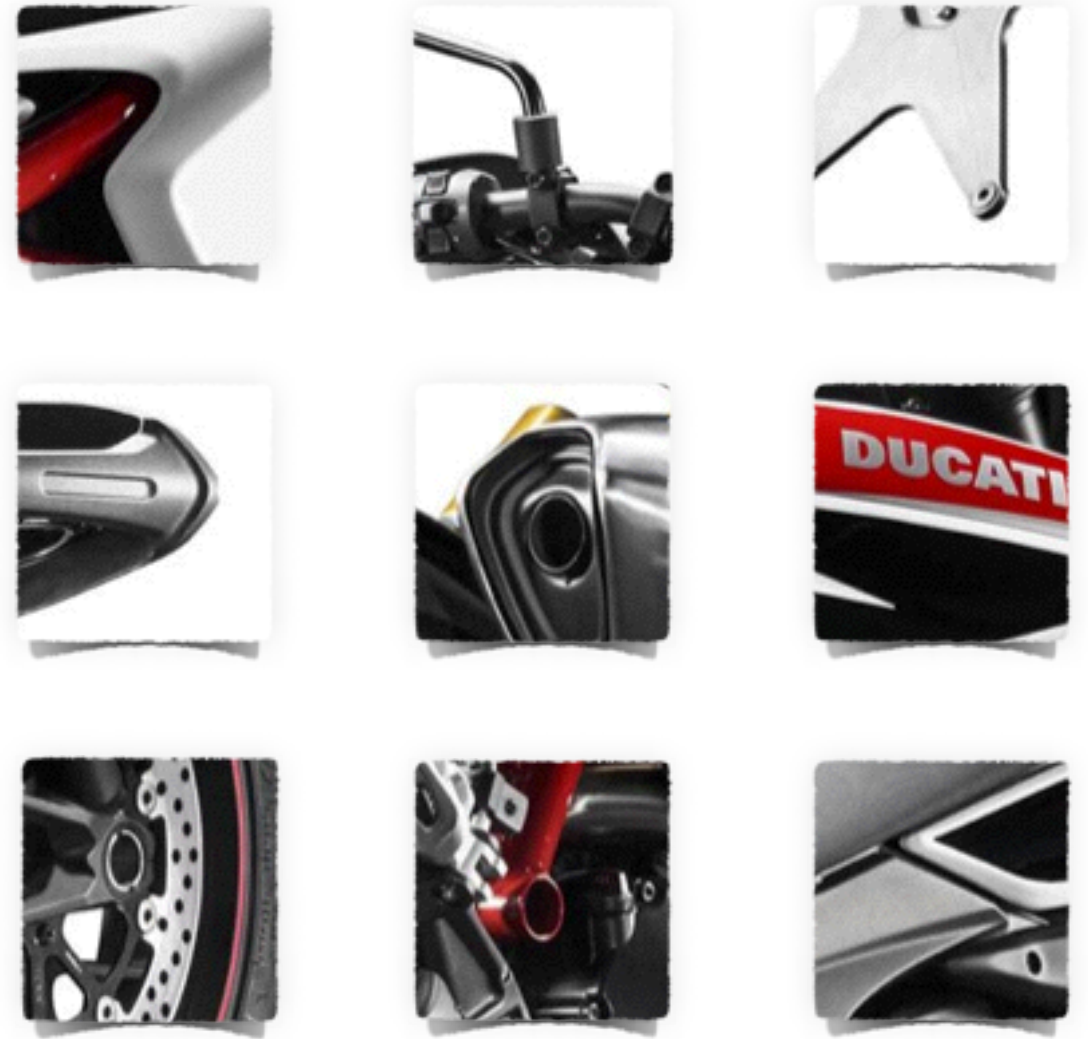
What object do these parts belong to?



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

Are the positions of the parts important?

Pros

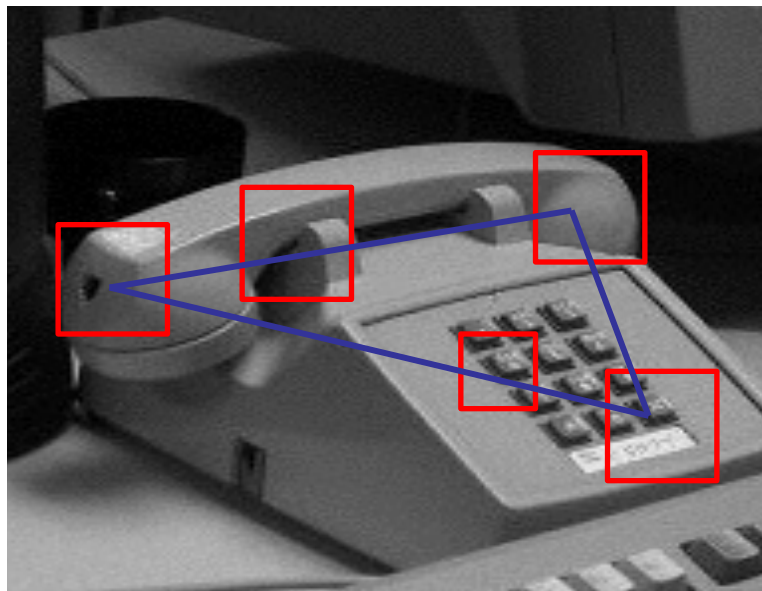
- Simple
- Efficient algorithms
- Robust to deformations

Cons

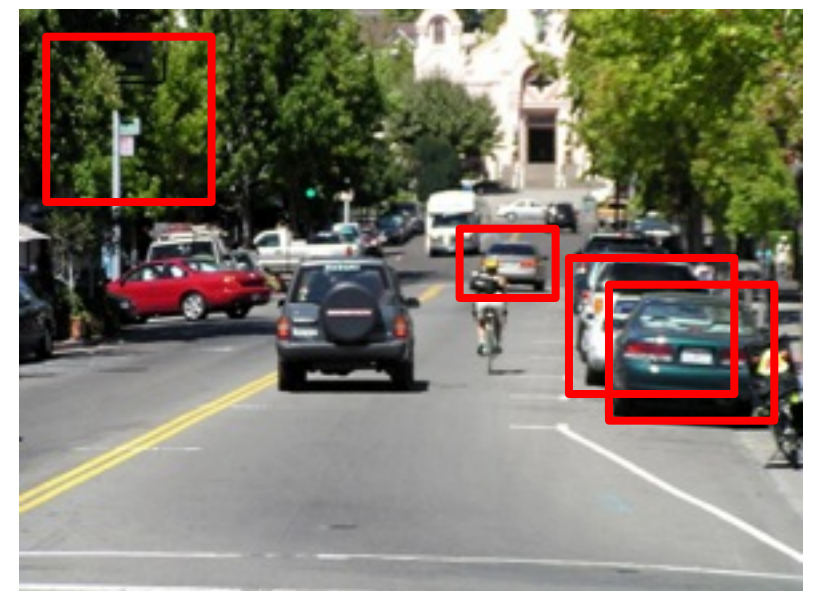
- No spatial reasoning



Feature
Matching



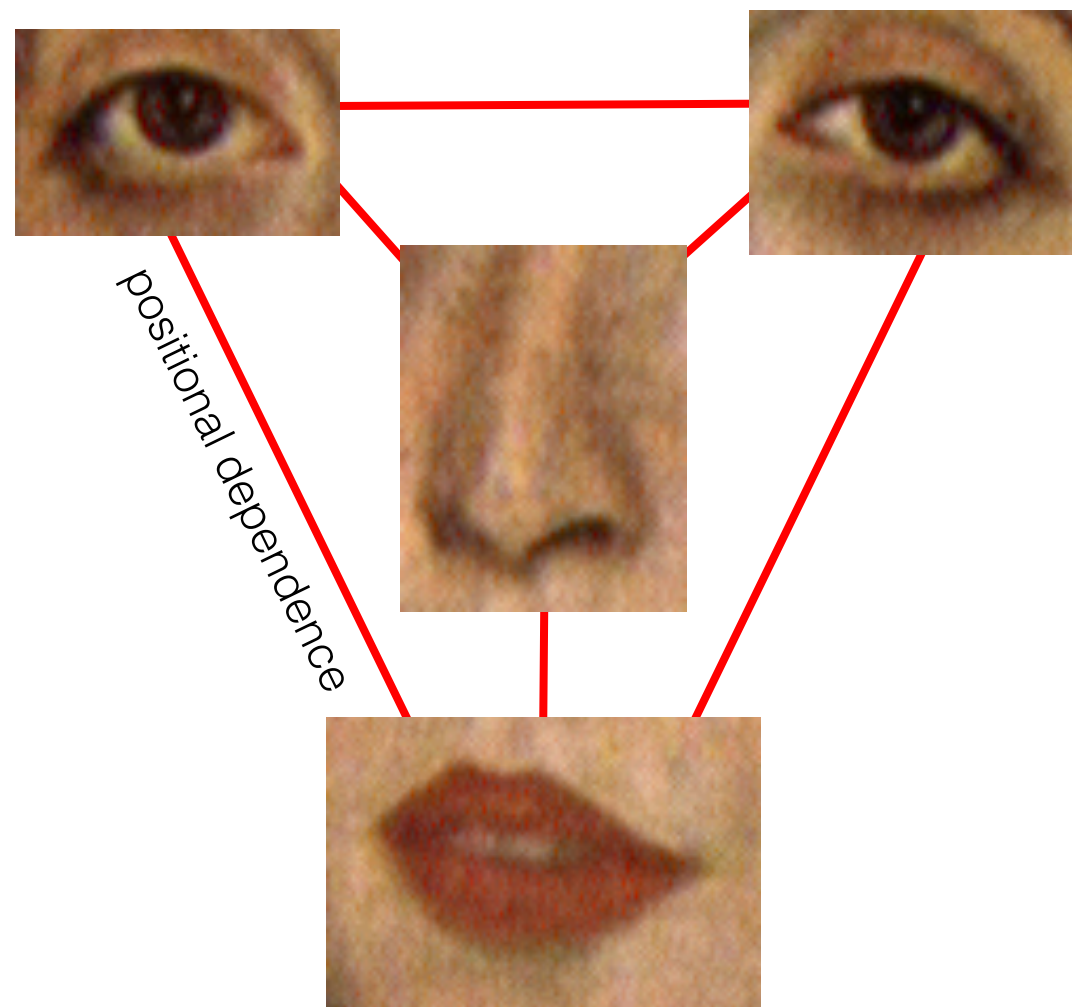
Spatial
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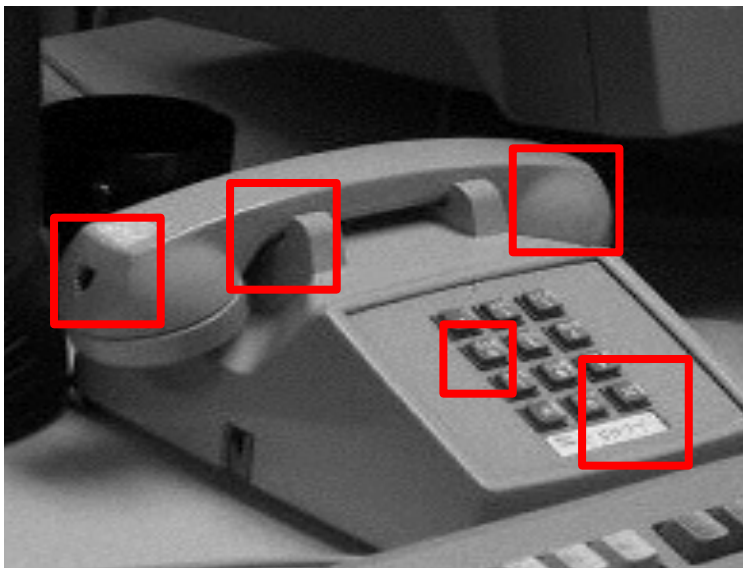
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Spatial reasoning

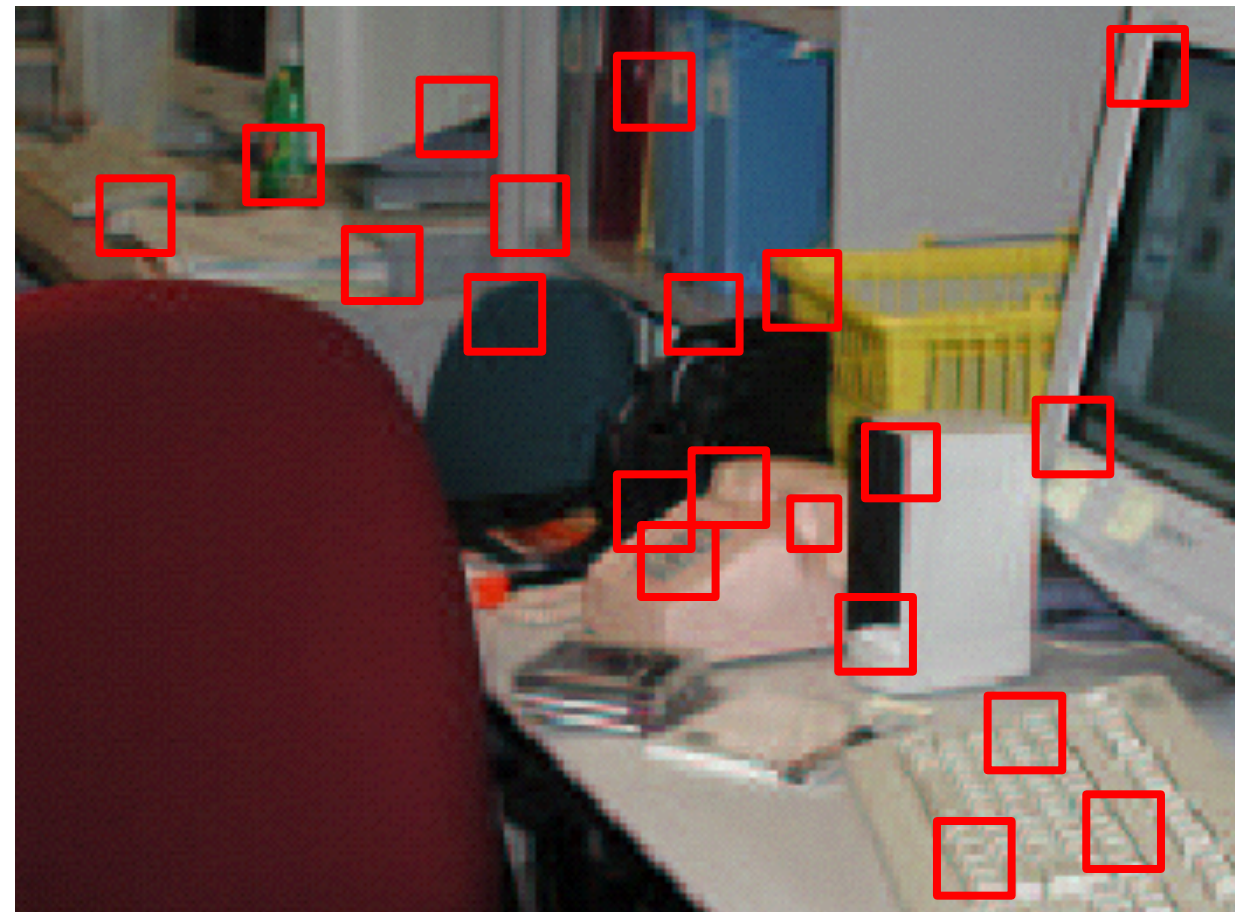
The position of every part depends on the positions of all the other parts



Many parts, many dependencies!

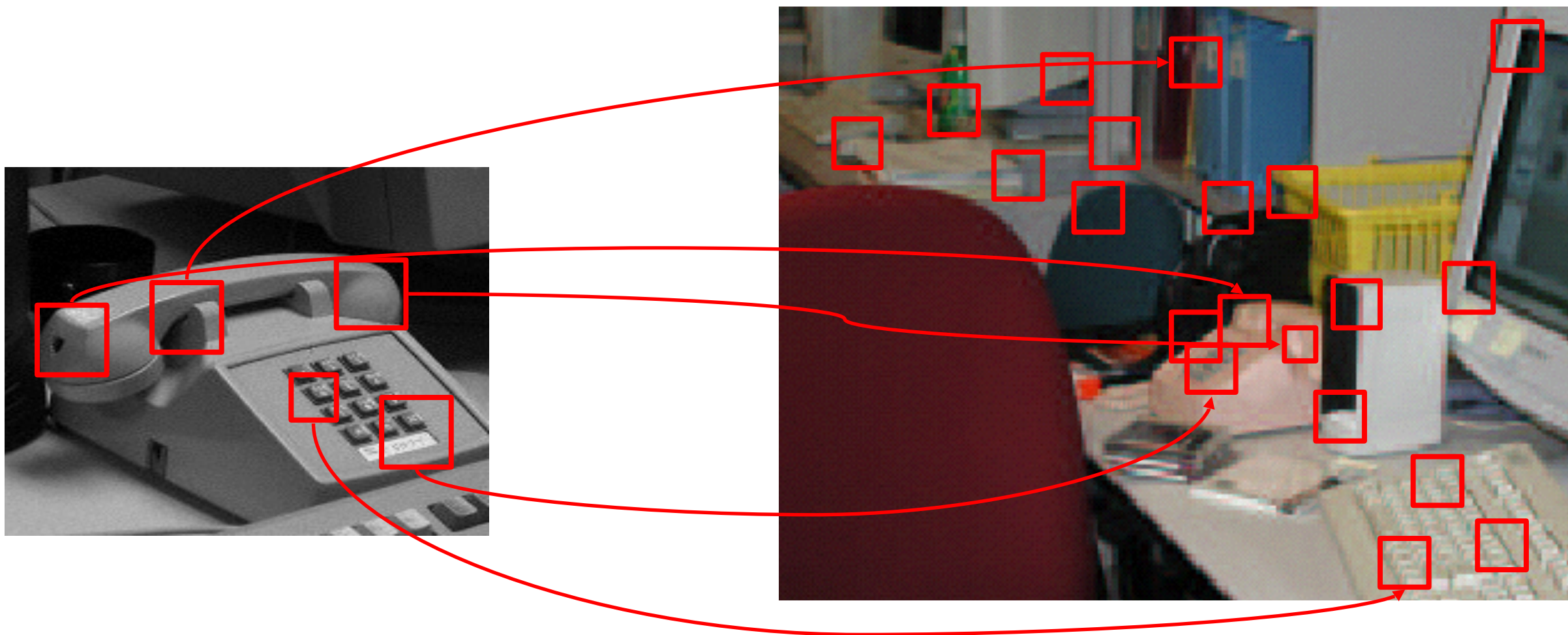


1. Extract features



2. Match features

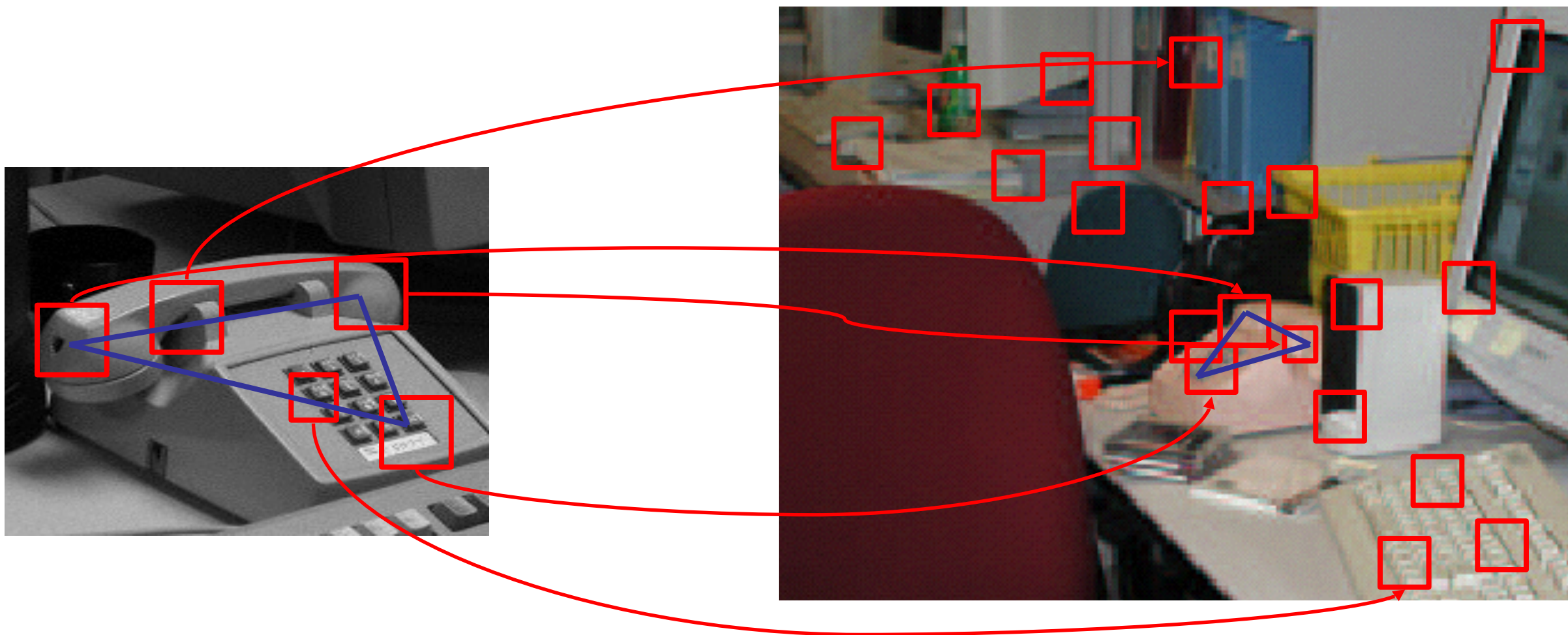
3. Spatial verification



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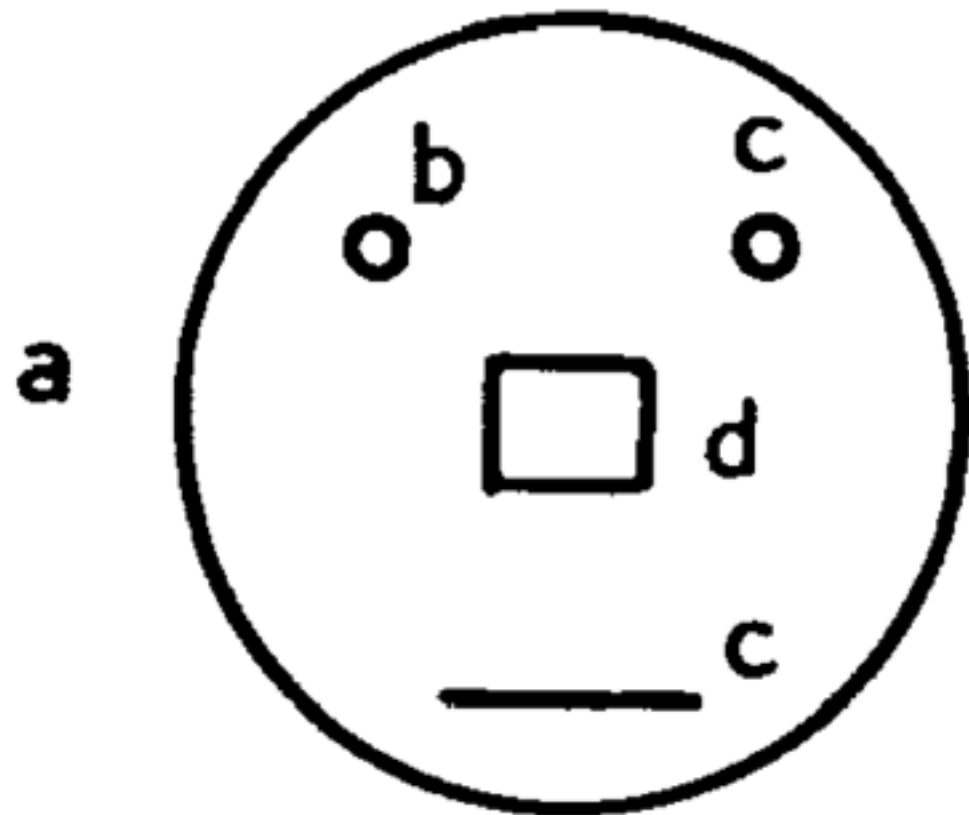


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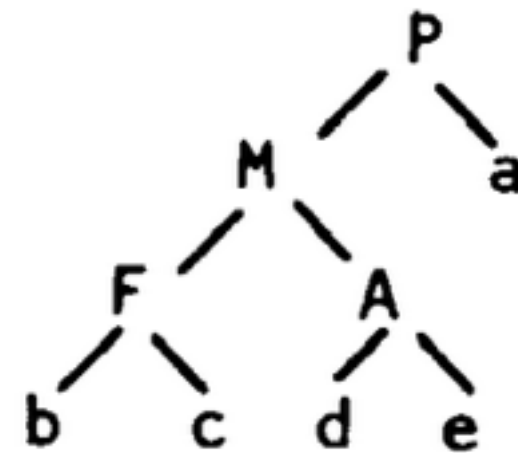
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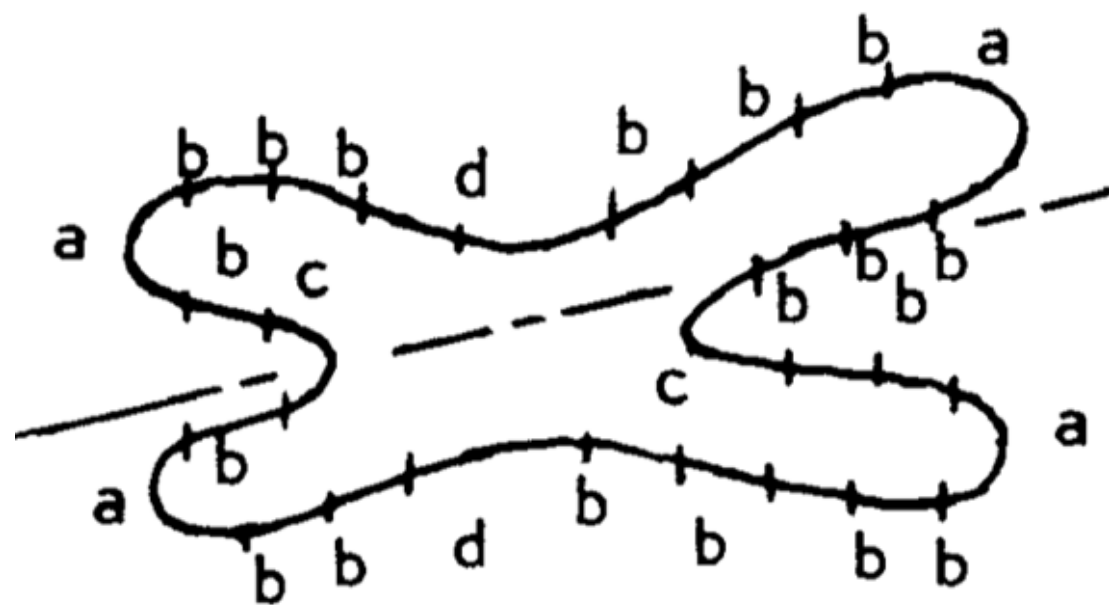
Fu and Booth. Grammatical Inference. 1975



Scene



Structural (grammatical) description

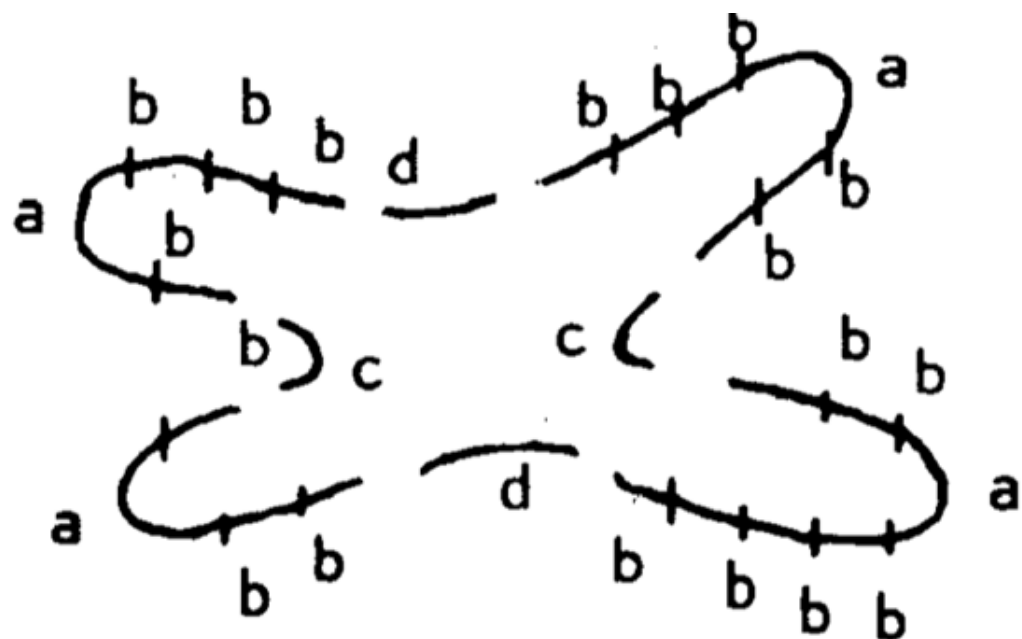


Coded Chromosome

$$V_T = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright_a, \quad \nearrow_b, \quad \curvearrowright_c, \quad \rightarrow_d \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x = cdabbbdbbbabbcbabbabbdbbbabb$$

Substructures of Coded Chromosome



$$S_1 = \{ [b[[[a]b]b]b]; [b[b[b[a]]b]b]; \\ [b[b[[[a]b]b]b]b]; [b[b[a]]b] \}$$

The Representation and Matching of Pictorial Structures

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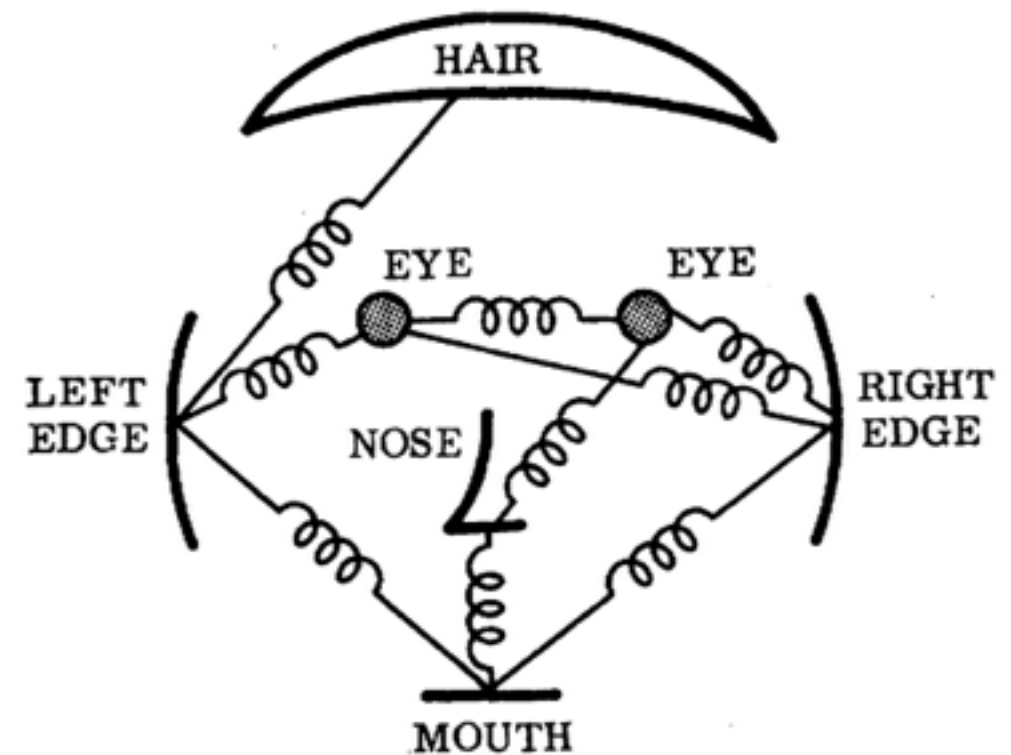
Abstract—The primary problem dealt with in this paper is the following. Given some description of a visual object, find that object in an actual photograph. Part of the solution to this problem is the specification of a descriptive scheme, and a metric on which to base the decision of “goodness” of matching or detection.

We offer a combined descriptive scheme and decision metric which is general, intuitively satisfying, and which has led to promising experimental results. We also present an algorithm which takes the above descriptions, together with a matrix representing the intensities of the actual photograph, and then finds the described object in the matrix. The algorithm uses a procedure similar to dynamic programming in order to cut down on the vast amount of computation otherwise necessary.

One desirable feature of the approach is its generality. A new programming system does not need to be written for every new description; instead, one just specifies descriptions in terms of a certain set of primitives and parameters.



1972



Description for left edge of face

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A | | E |
| B | | F |
| C | X | G |
| D | | H |

$$\text{VALUE}(X) = (E + F + G + H) - (A + B + C + D)$$

Note: $\text{VALUE}(X)$ is the value assigned to the $L(EV)A$ corresponding to the location X as a function of the intensities of locations A through H in the sensed scene.

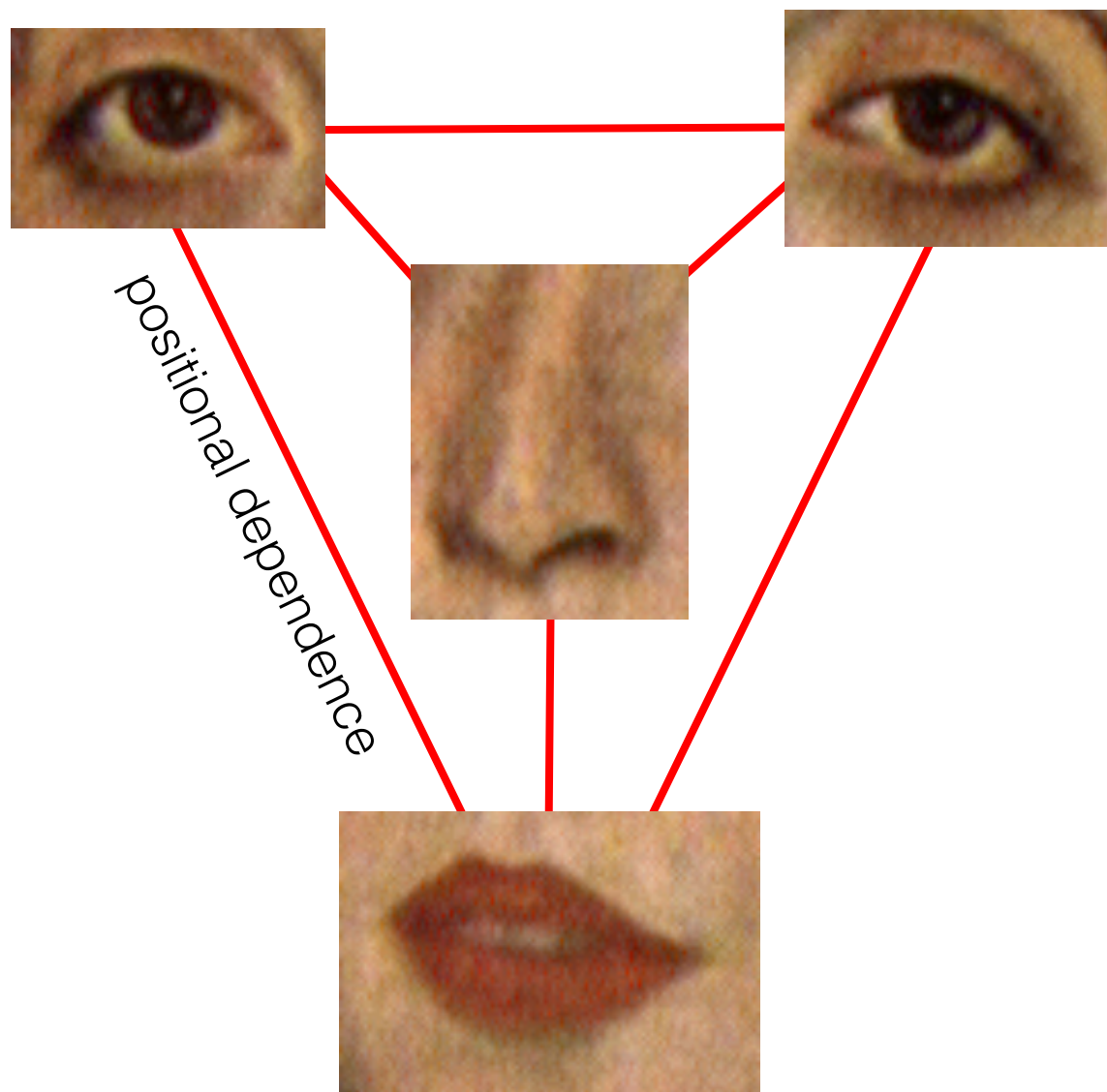
A more probabilistic approach

- $L = \{l_1, \dots, l_M\}$ N^M possible combinations of locations
- Most likely location L is found by maximizing:

$$P(L|I) \propto P(I|L)P(L)$$

- $P(I|L)$: How likely is it to observe image I given that the P parts are at locations L
- Evaluated by comparing the model of each part a_i with the image content at l_i (locations are unknown)
- $P(L)$: spatial prior controls the geometric configuration of the parts. How to represent $P(L)$??

Fully connected (constellation model)



$$p(L) = p(l_1, \dots, l_N)$$

Explicitly represents the joint distribution of locations

Good model:

Models relative location of parts
Intractable for moderate number of parts

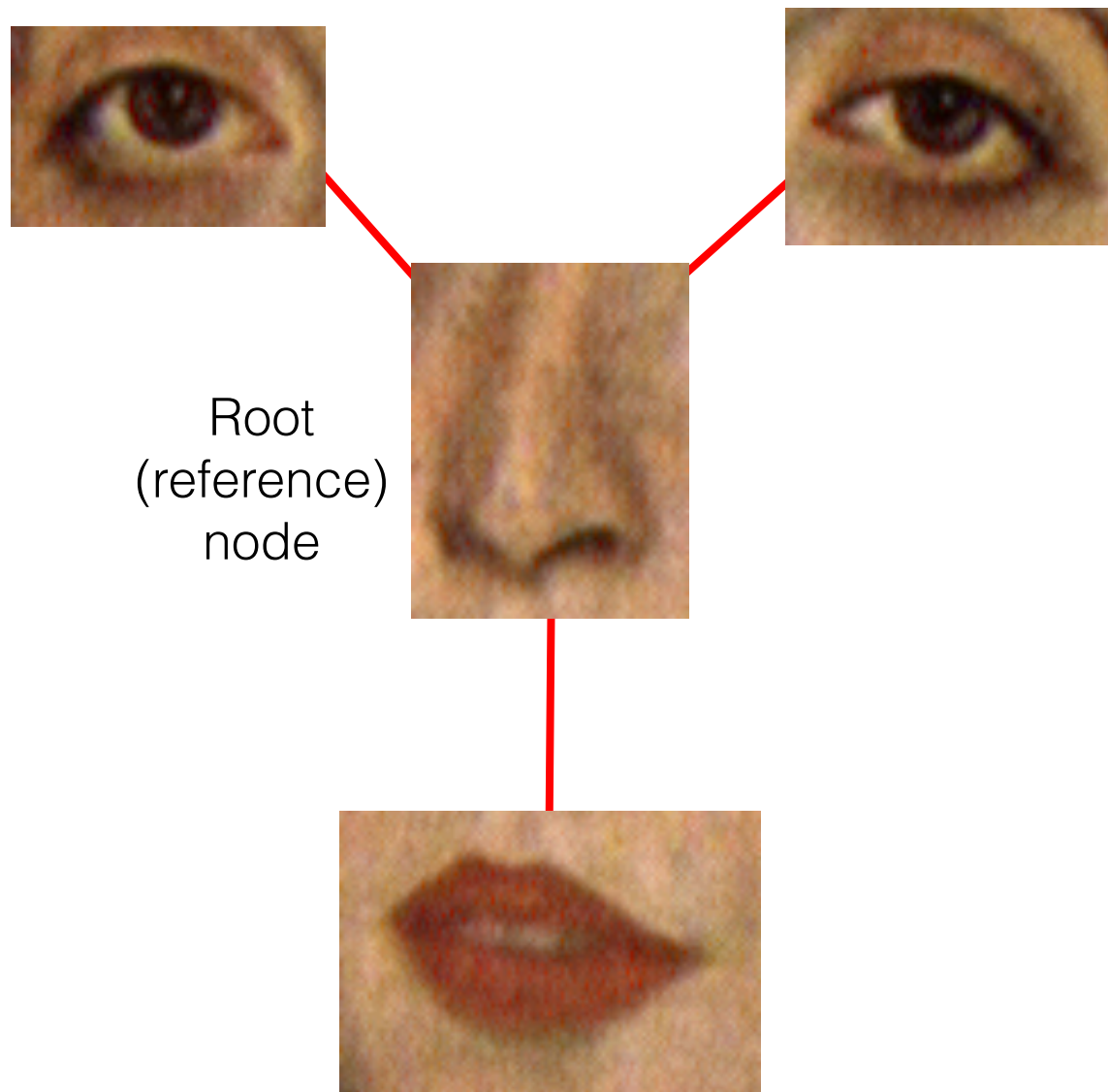
How can you constrain the number of configurations?

Factorize

$$p(L) = \prod_j p(L_j)$$

Break up the joint probability into
smaller (independent) terms

Tree structure (star model)

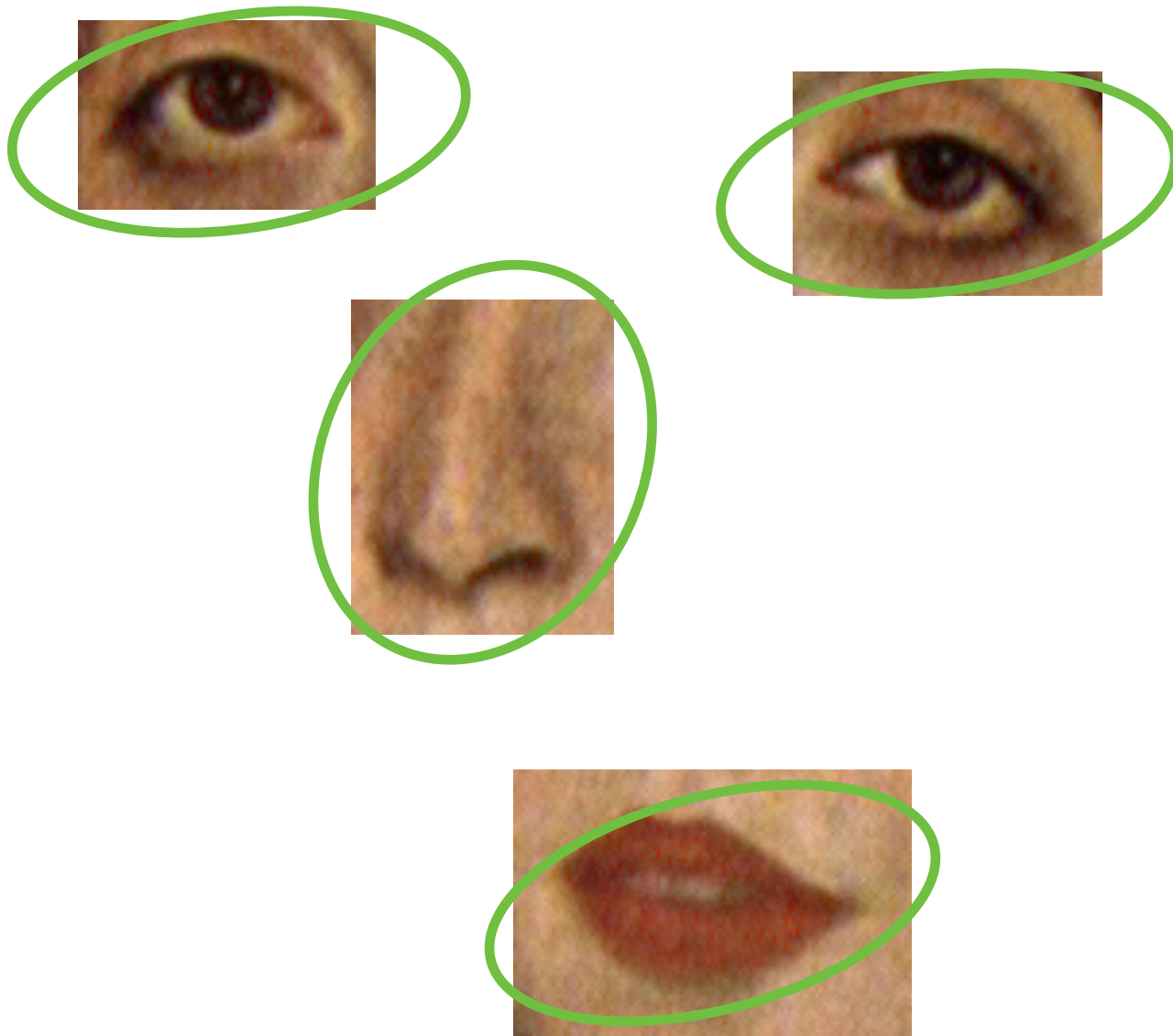


$$p(L) = p(l_r) \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} p(l_n | l_r)$$

Represent the location of
all the parts relative to a single
reference part

OK model:
Assumes that one
reference part is defined

Independent locations



$$p(L) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(l_n)$$

Each feature is allowed to
move independently

Poor model:
Does not model the **relative**
location of parts at all

Pros

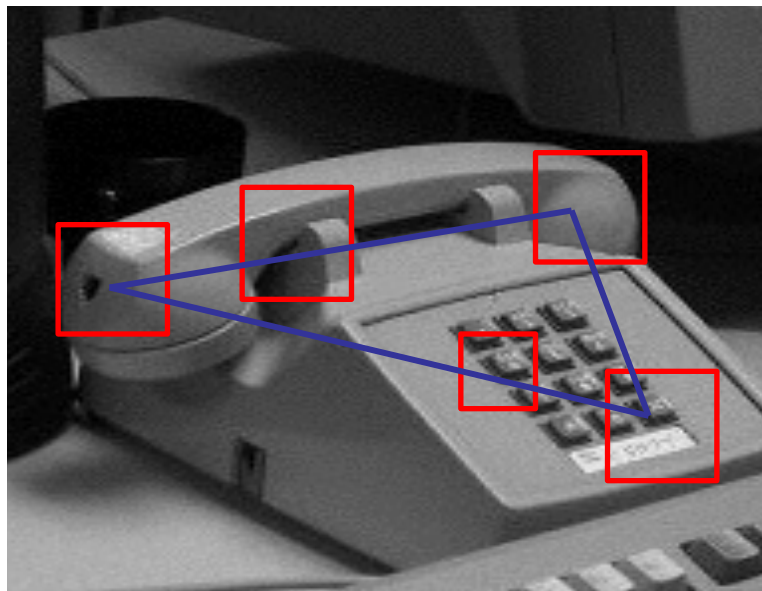
- Retains spatial constraints
- Robust to deformations

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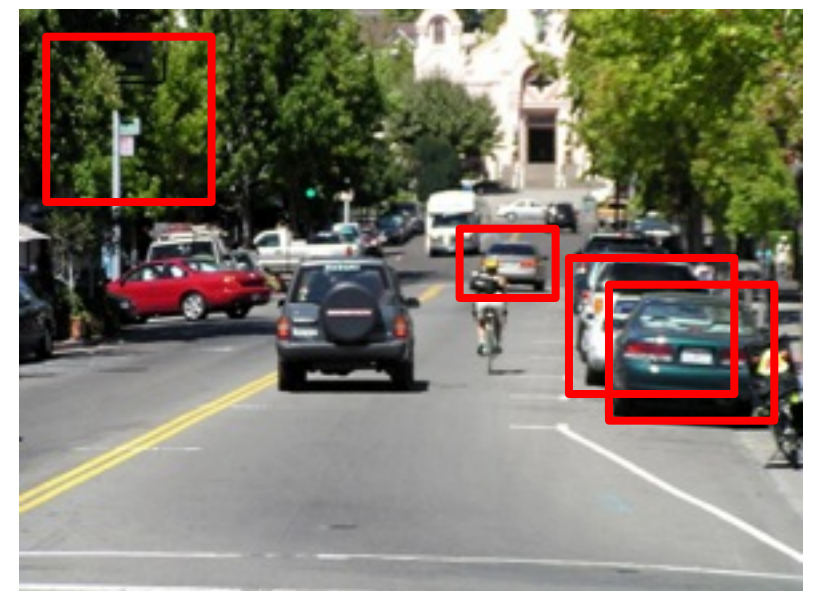
- Computationally expensive
- Generalization to large inter-class variation (e.g., modeling chairs)



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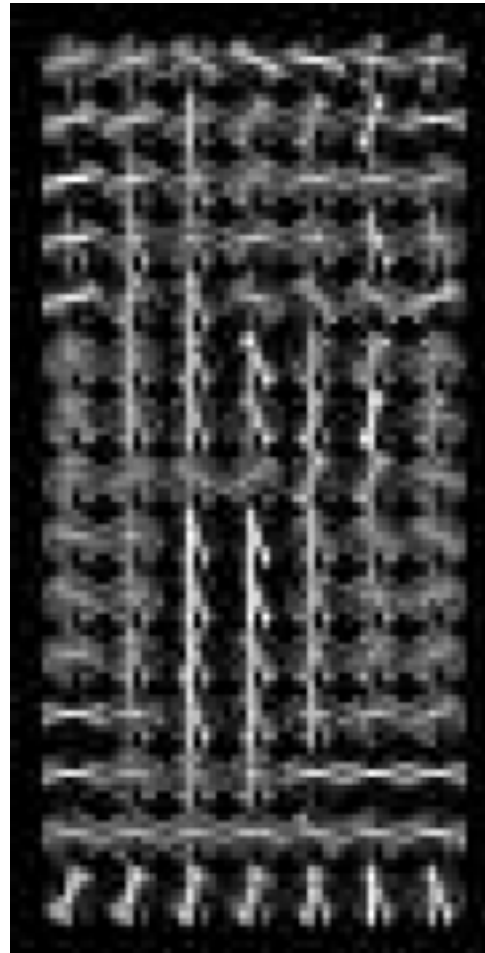
Window
classification

Window-based

Template Matching



1. get image window



2. compute features



3. compare to template

When does this work and when does it fail?

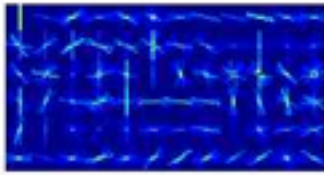
How many templates do you need?

Per-exemplar

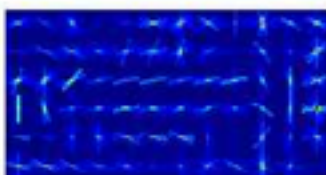
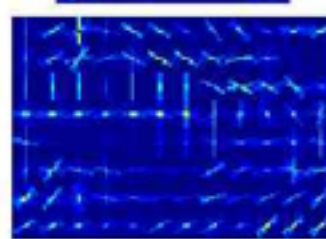
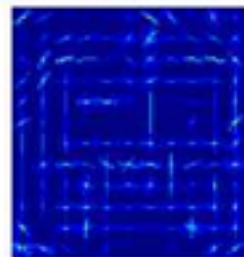
exemplar



template



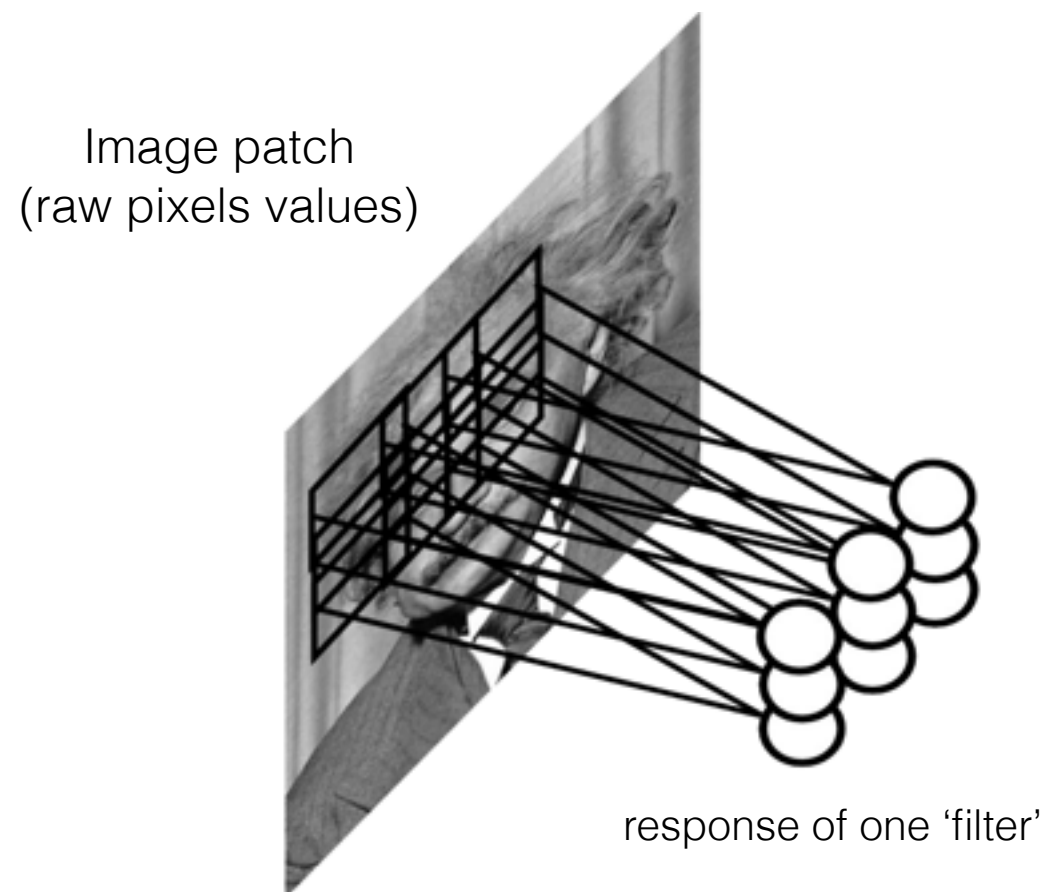
top hits from test data



find the 'nearest' exemplar, inherit its label

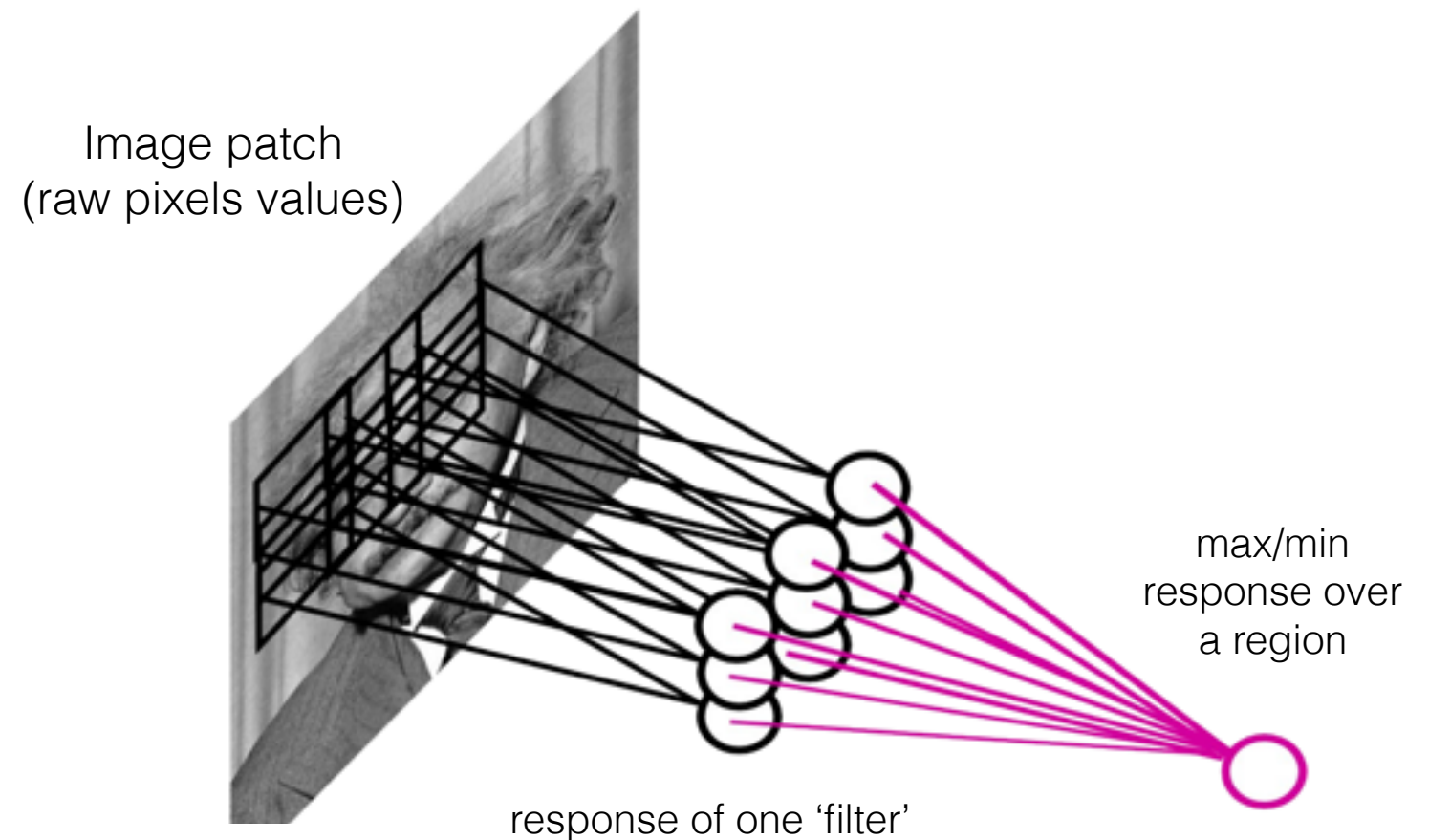
Deep networks

Convolution

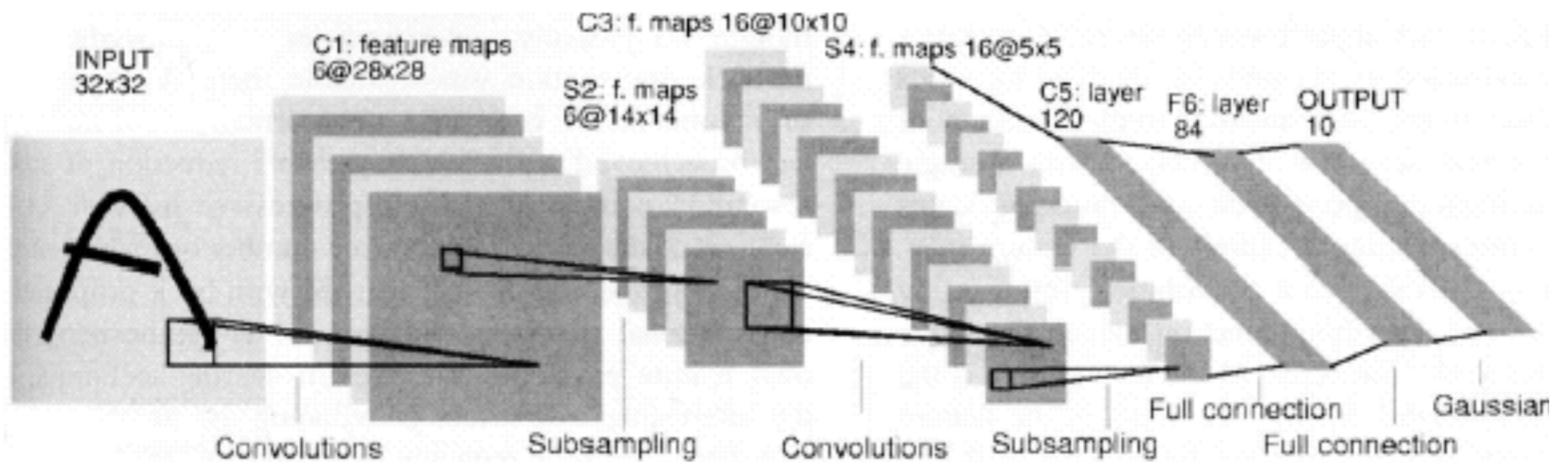
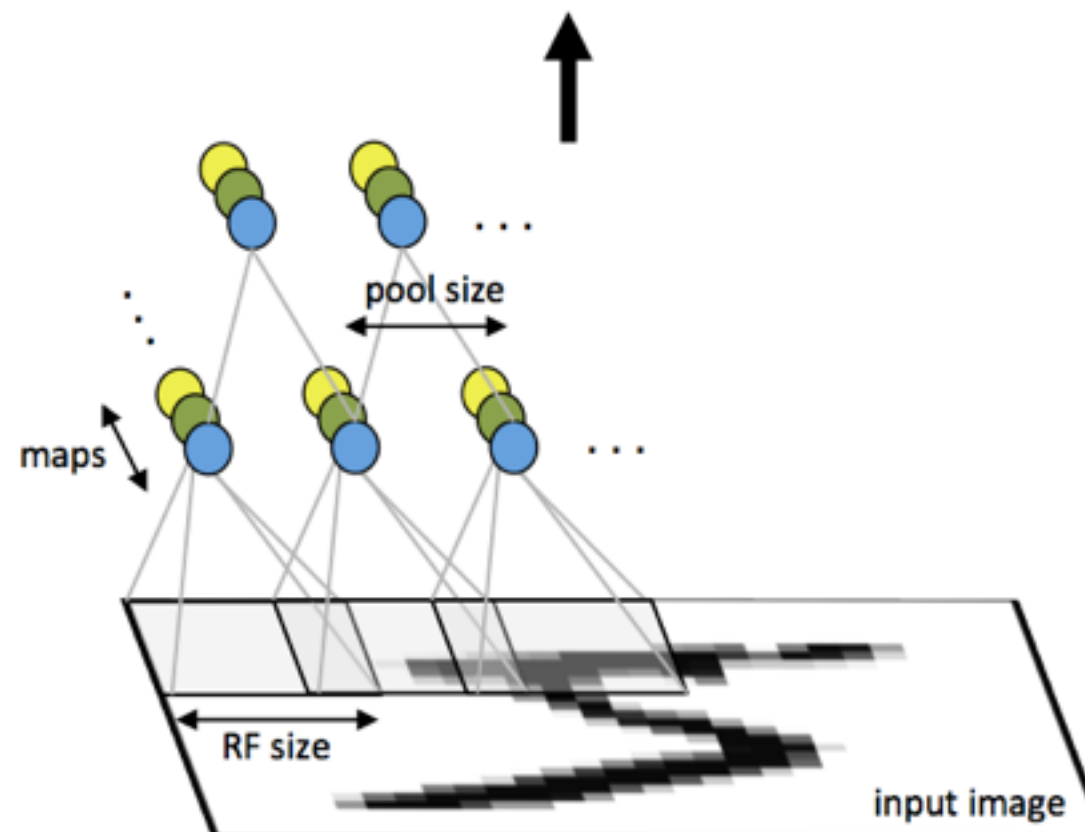


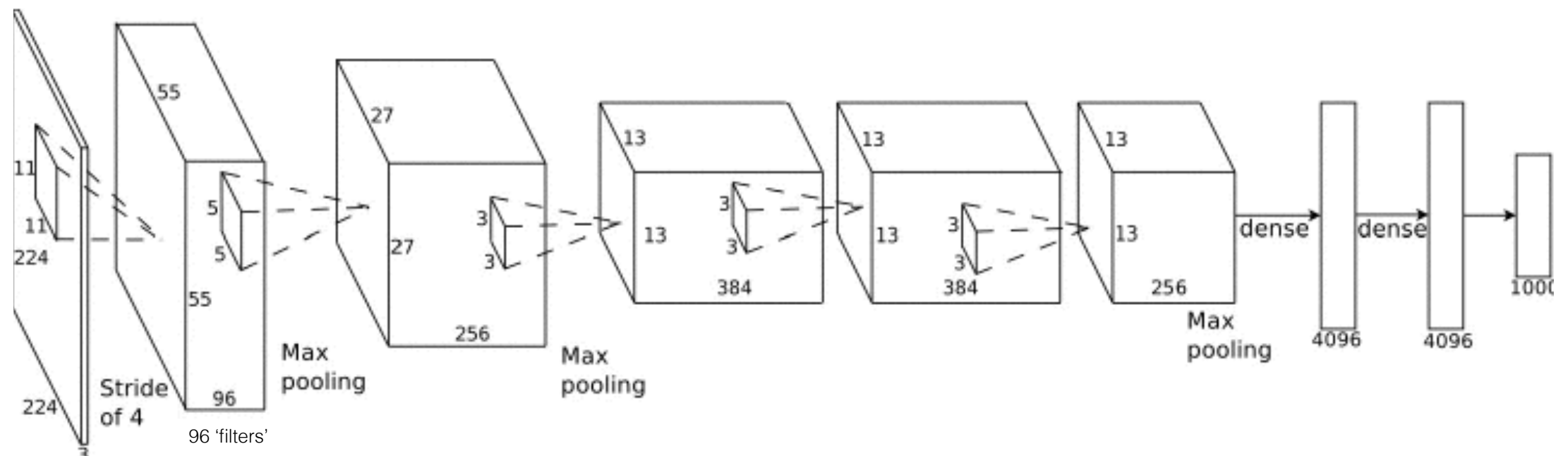
A 96 x 96 image convolved with 400 filters (features) of size 8 x 8 generates about 3 million values ($89^2 \times 400$)

Pooling



Pooling aggregates statistics and lowers the dimension of convolution





630 million connections
60 millions parameters to learn

Krizhevsky, A., Sutskever, I. and Hinton, G. E.
ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks, NIPS 2012.

Pros

- Retains spatial constraints
- Efficient test time performance

Cons

- Requires large amounts of data
- Sometimes (very) slow to train