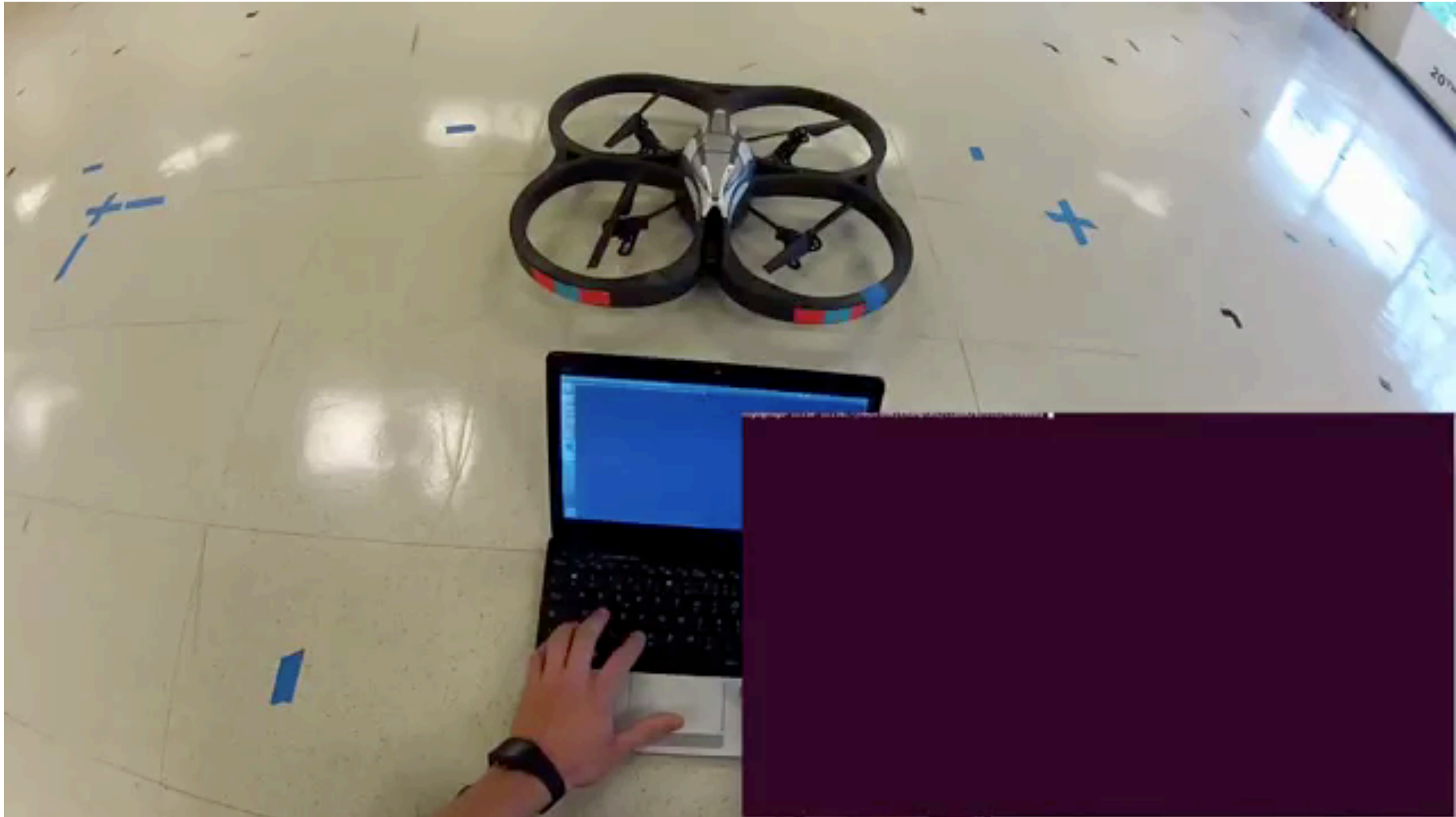




# Video and Motion Analysis

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# Optical flow used for feature tracking on a drone

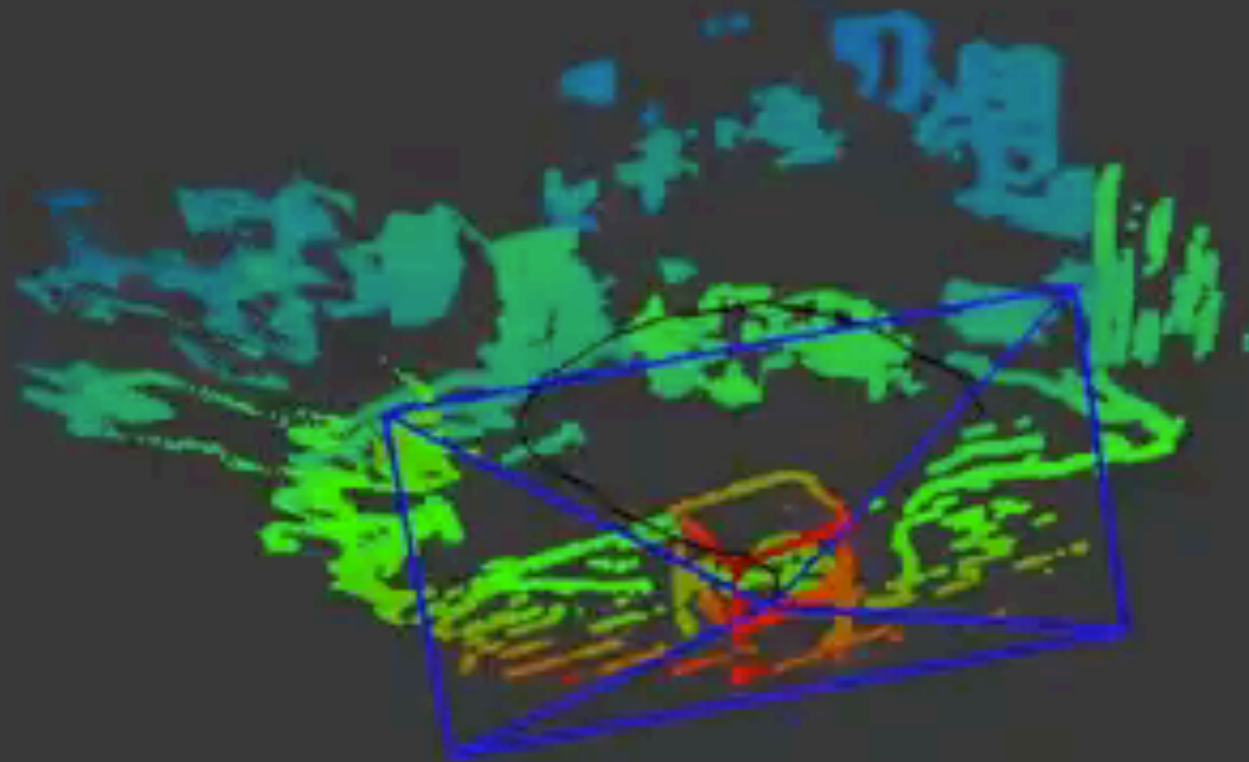




Interpolated optical flow used for super slow-mo



# optical flow used for motion estimation in visual odometry



It was captured in a motion capture system,  
which is reason for the flickering lights.



# Roadmap

(Where we have been and where we are going)



Image filtering



Frequency domain

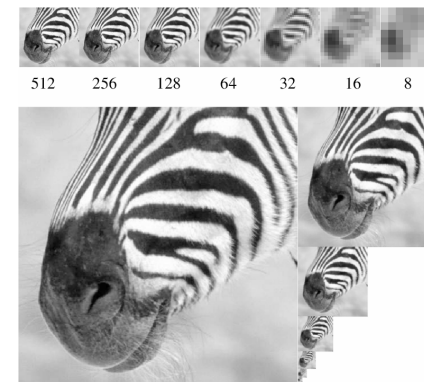


image pyramids

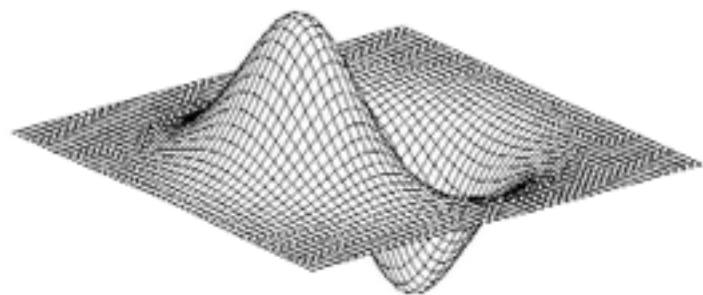
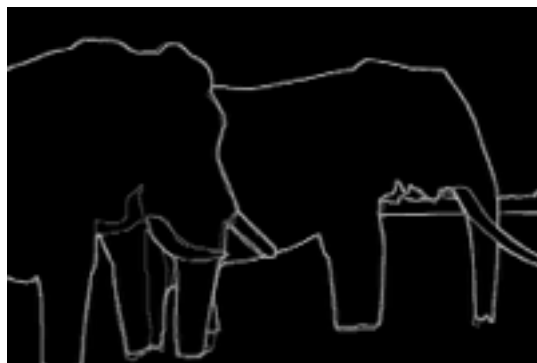
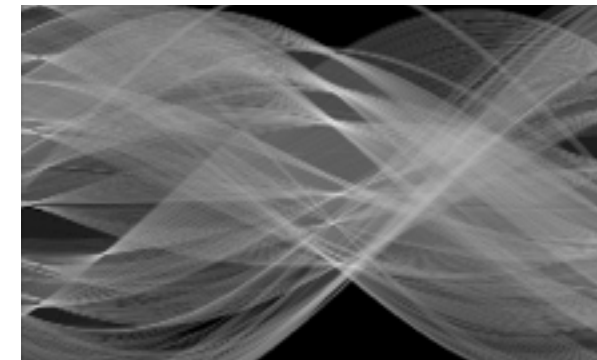


Image gradients



Boundaries



Hough Transform

## Image Manipulation (January)

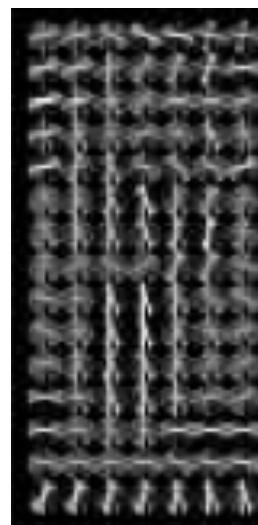




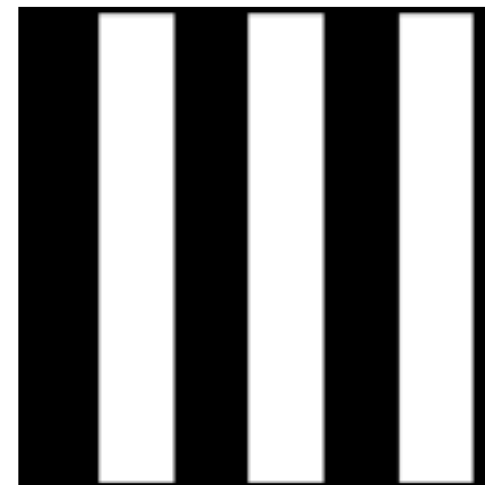
Corner detection    Multi-scale detection



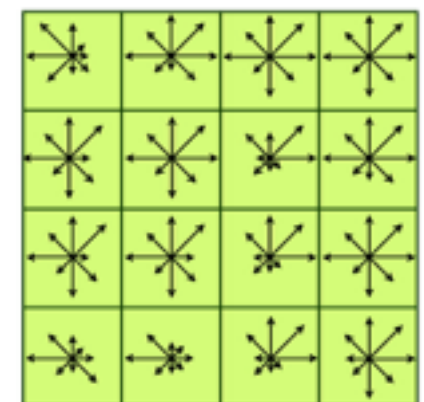
Haar-like



HOG

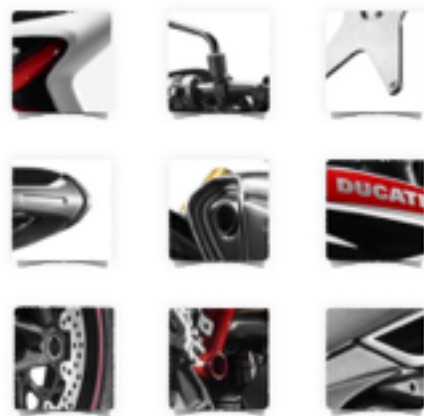


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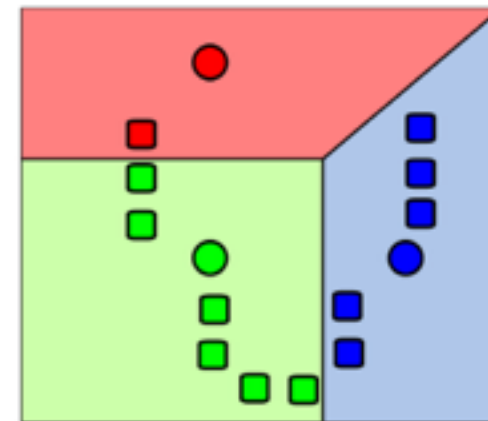


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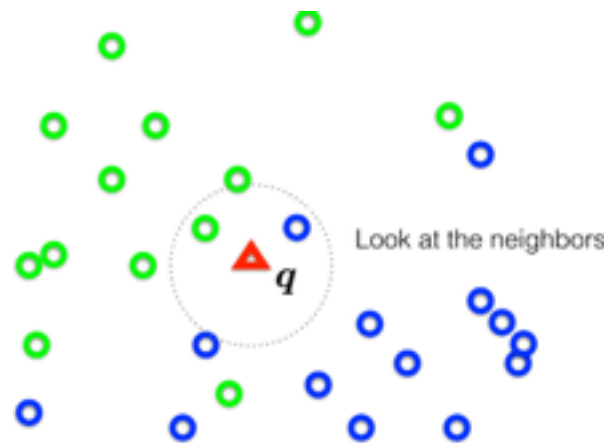
**Image Features** (February)



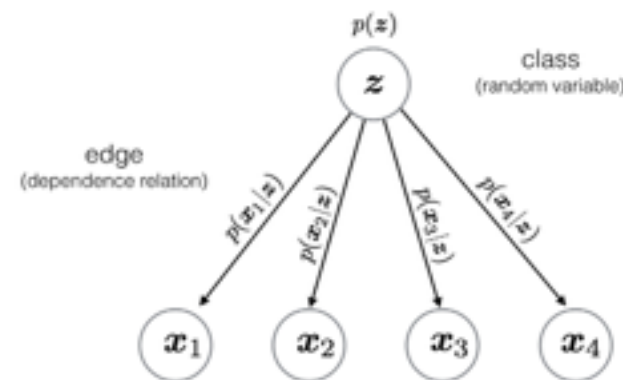
Bag-of-words



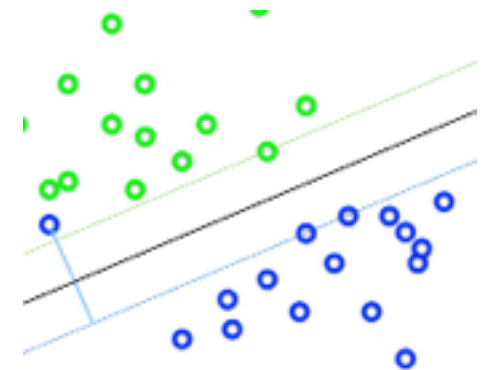
K-means



Nearest Neighbor



Naive Bayes



SVM

## Object Recognition (February)



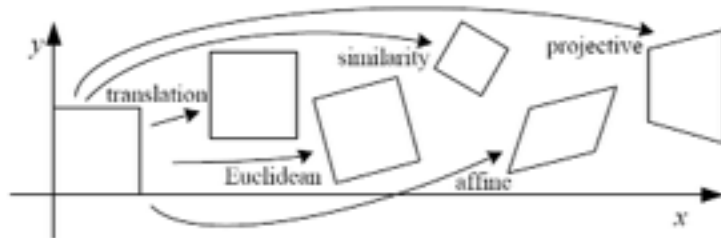
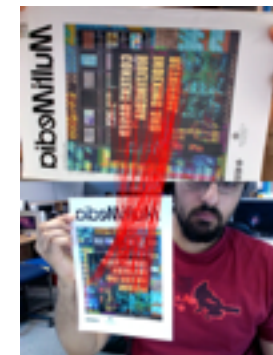


Figure 1: Basic set of 2D planar transformations

2D Transforms



DLT



RANSAC

**2D Alignment** (March)

$$x = PX$$

camera matrix

$$P$$

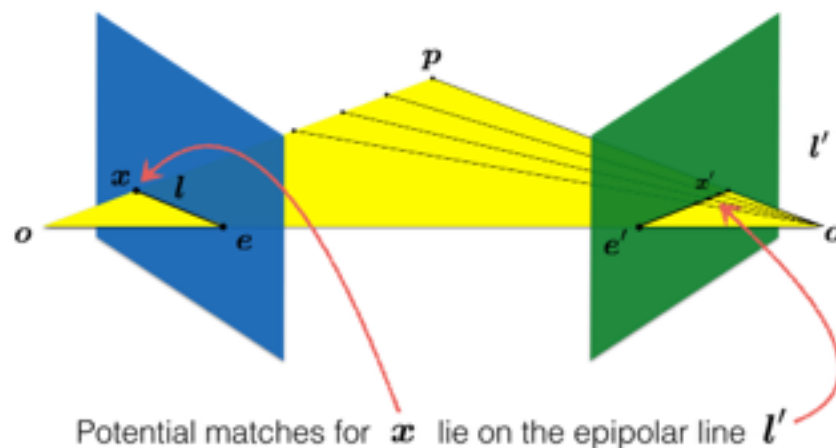
pose estimation

$$X$$

triangulation

$$F$$

fundamental matrix



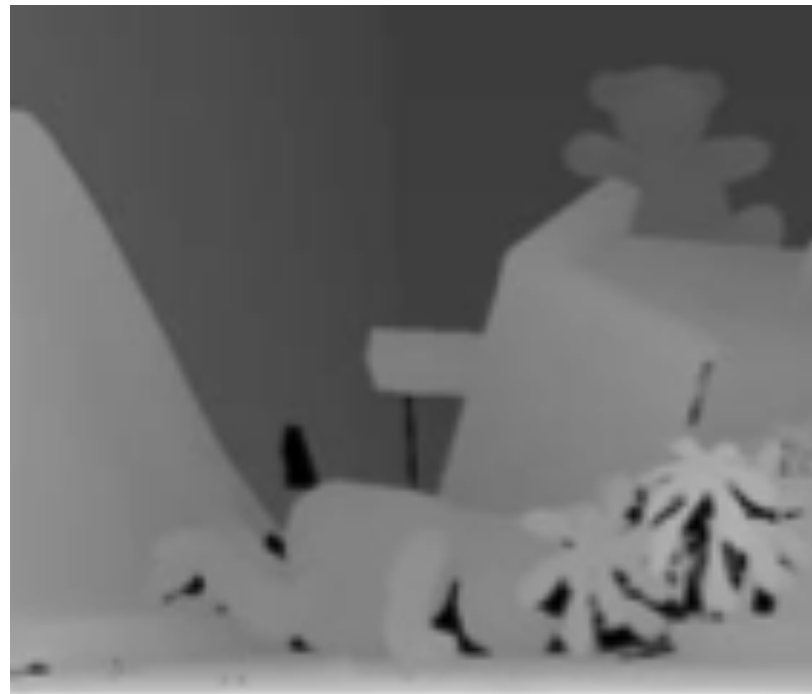
epipolar geometry



Reconstruction

**2 view geometry** (March)





Block matching



Energy minimization

**Stereo** (March)

# What you can do now

- Detect lines (circles, shapes) in an image
- Recognize objects using a bag-of-words model
- Automatic image warping and basic AR
- Reconstruct 3D scene structure from two images



# What you will learn next

- Object tracking in video

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(\mathbf{p}_1) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_2) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(\mathbf{p}_{25}) & I_y(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_t(\mathbf{p}_1) \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_2) \\ \vdots \\ I_t(\mathbf{p}_{25}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Constant Flow

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \sum_{ij} \left\{ E_d(i, j) + \lambda E_s(i, j) \right\}$$

Horn Schunck

**Optical Flow** (April)



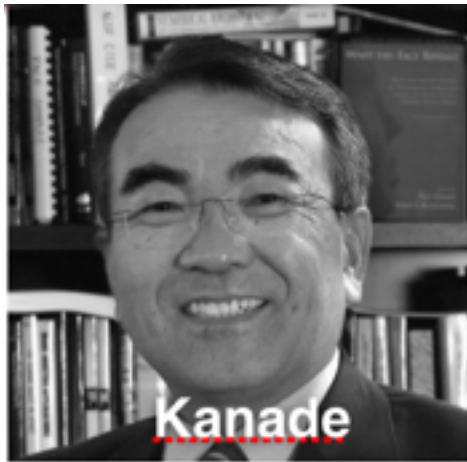
Lucas Kanade  
(Forward additive)



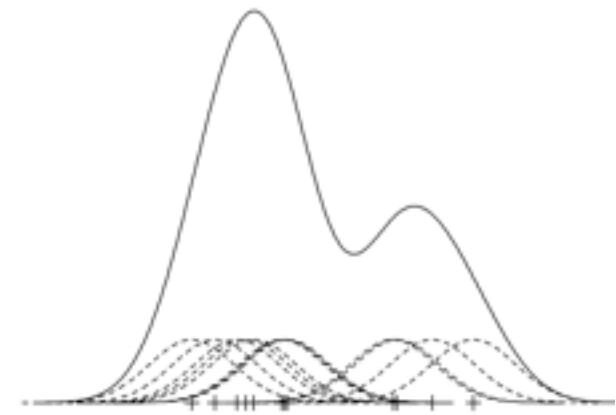
Baker Matthews  
(Inverse Compositional)

## **Image Alignment** (April)





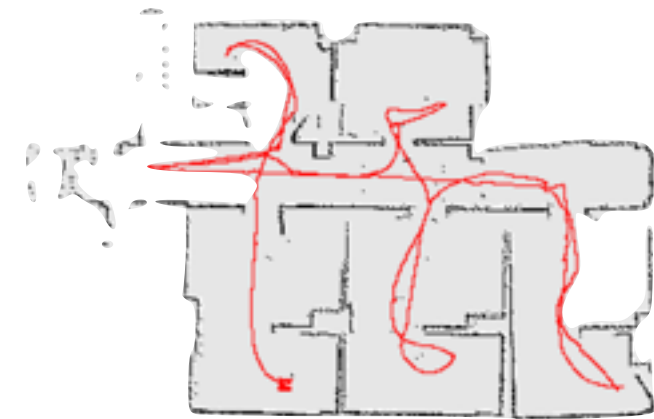
KLT



Mean shift



Kalman Filtering



SLAM

**Tracking in Video** (April-May)



# Brightness Constancy

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# Optical Flow

## **Problem Definition**

Given two consecutive image frames,  
estimate the motion of each pixel

## **Assumptions**

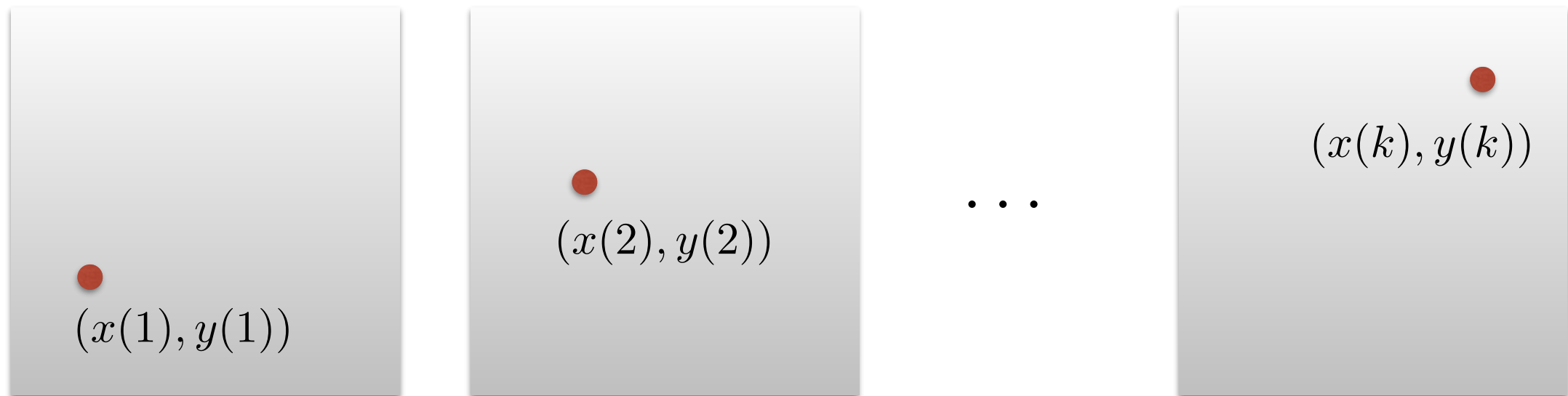
Brightness constancy

Small motion

Assumption 1

# Brightness constancy

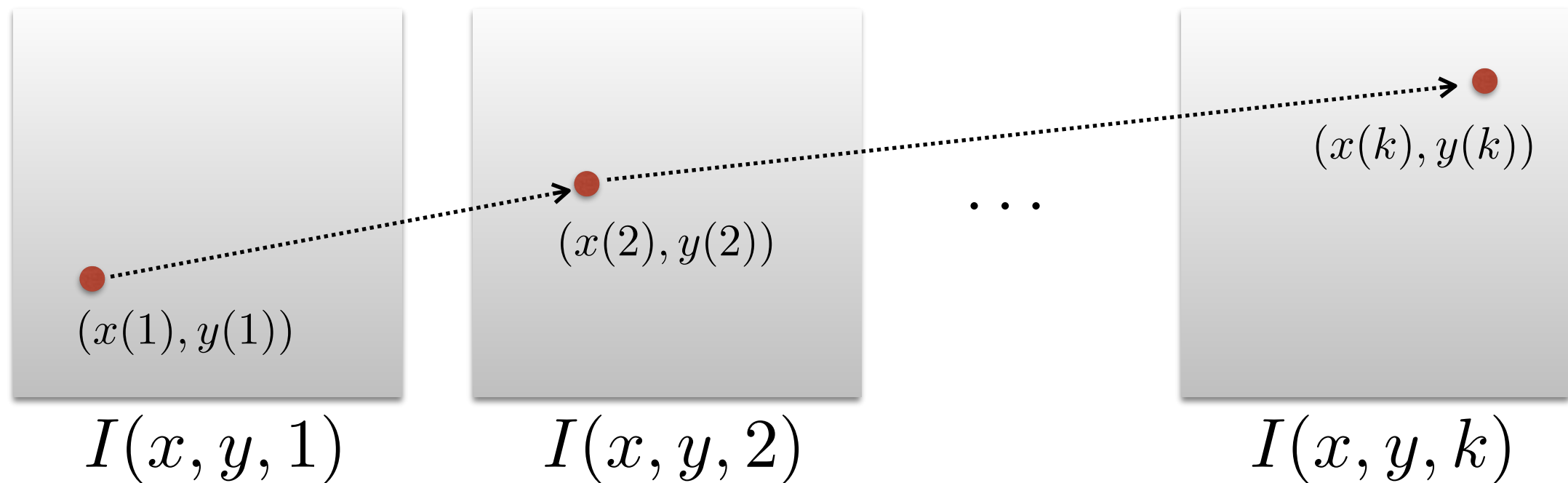
Scene point moving through image sequence



Assumption 1

# Brightness constancy

Scene point moving through image sequence

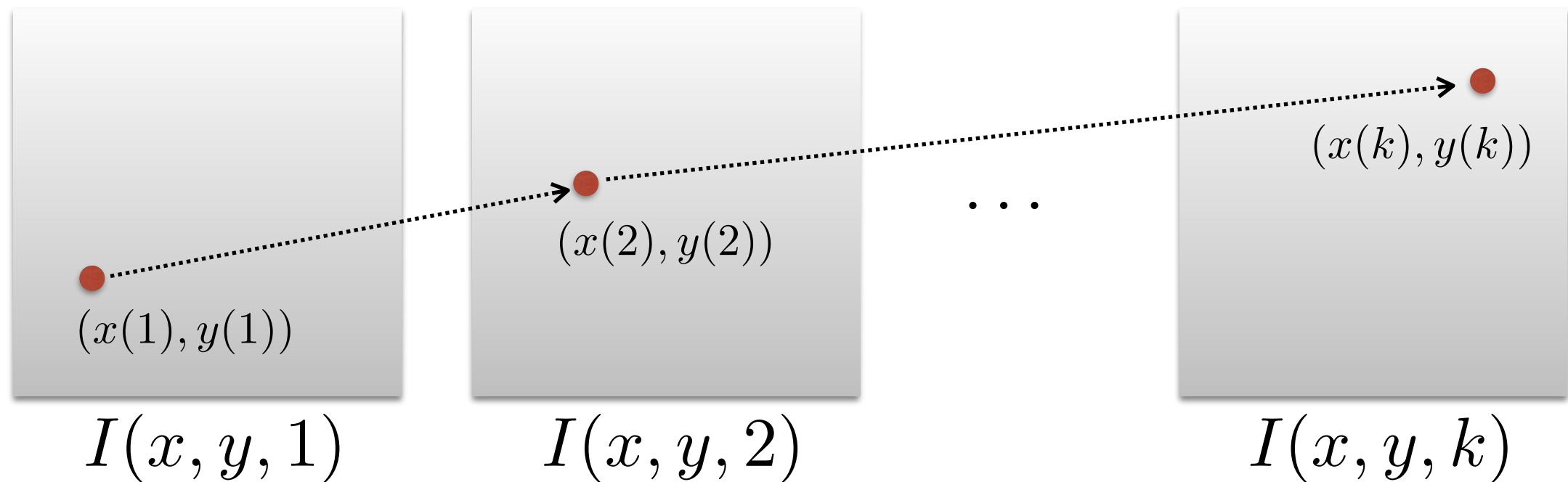




Assumption 1

# Brightness constancy

Scene point moving through image sequence

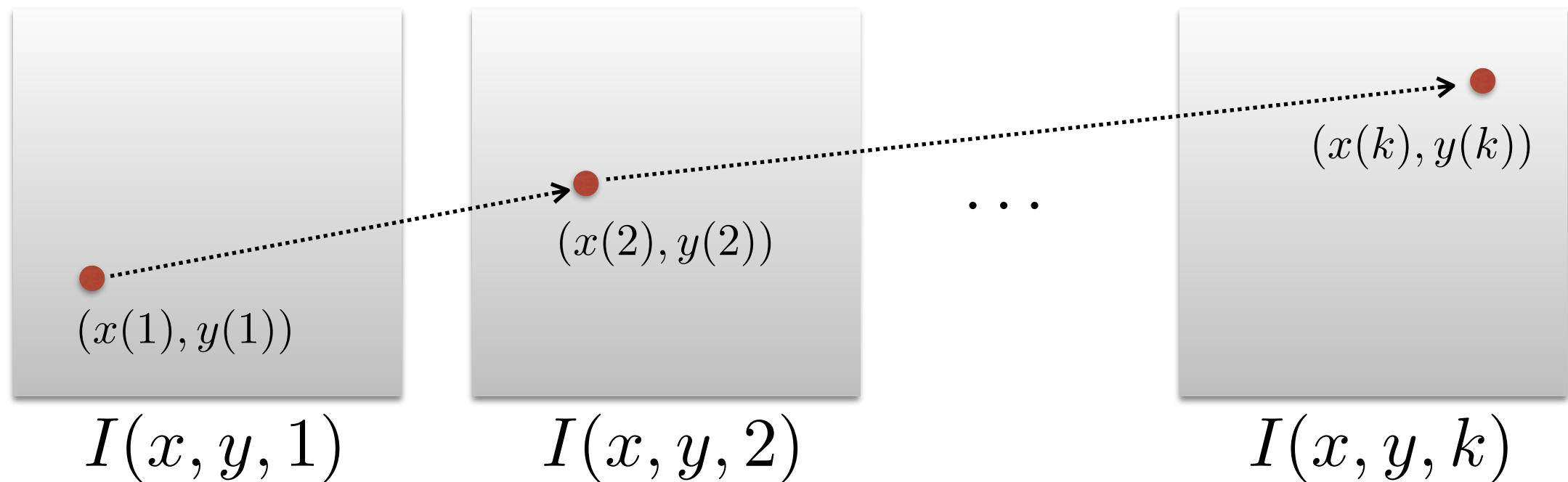


**Assumption: Brightness of the point will remain the same**

Assumption 1

# Brightness constancy

Scene point moving through image sequence



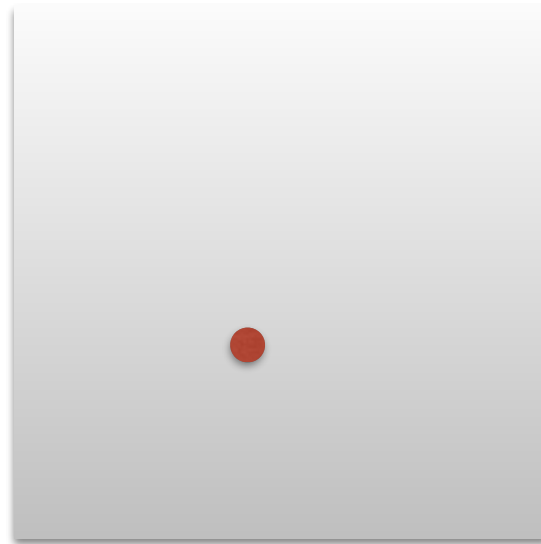
**Assumption: Brightness of the point will remain the same**

$$I(x(t), y(t), t) = C$$

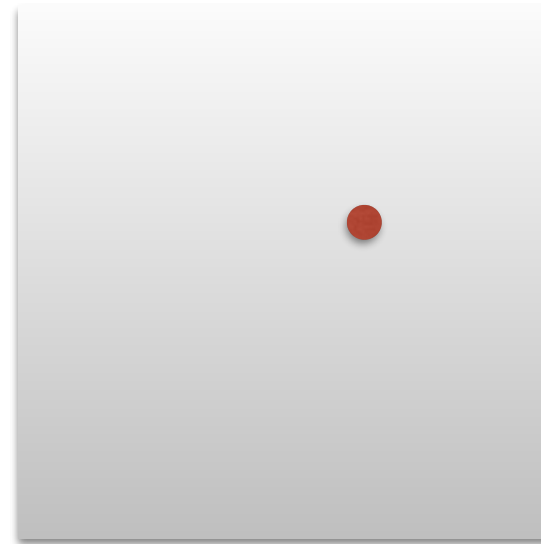
constant

Assumption 2

# Small motion



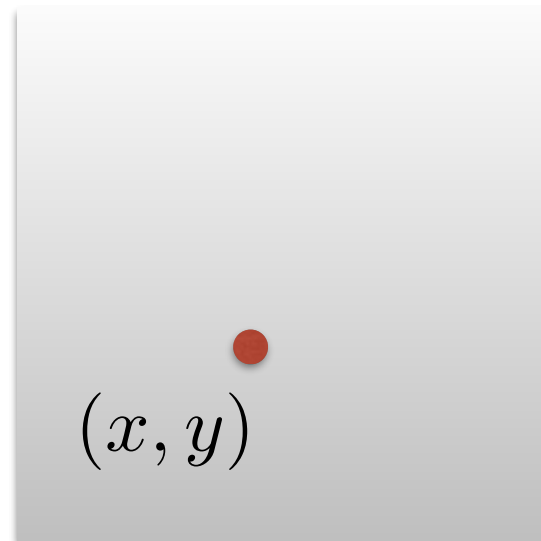
$$I(x, y, t)$$



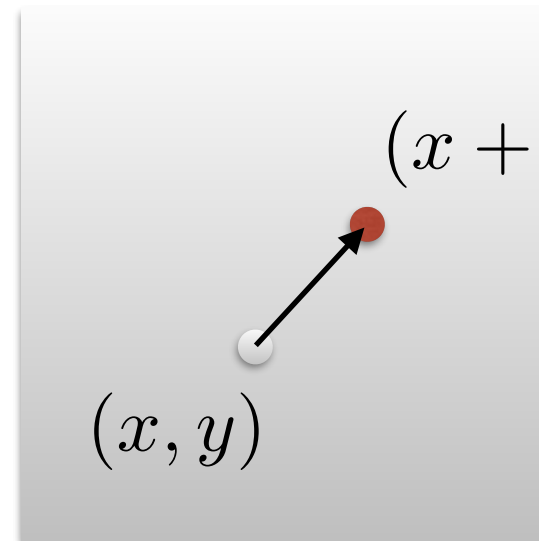
$$I(x, y, t + \delta t)$$

Assumption 2

# Small motion



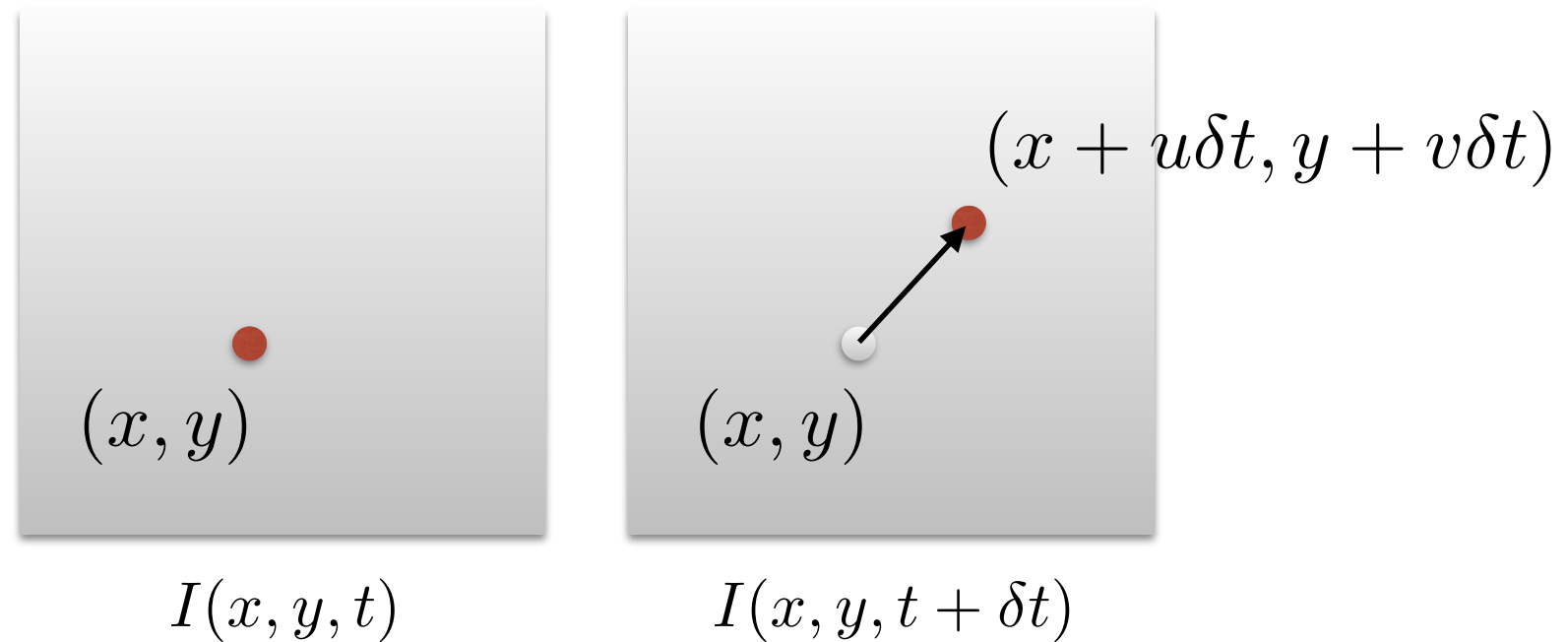
$I(x, y, t)$



$I(x, y, t + \delta t)$

## Assumption 2

# Small motion

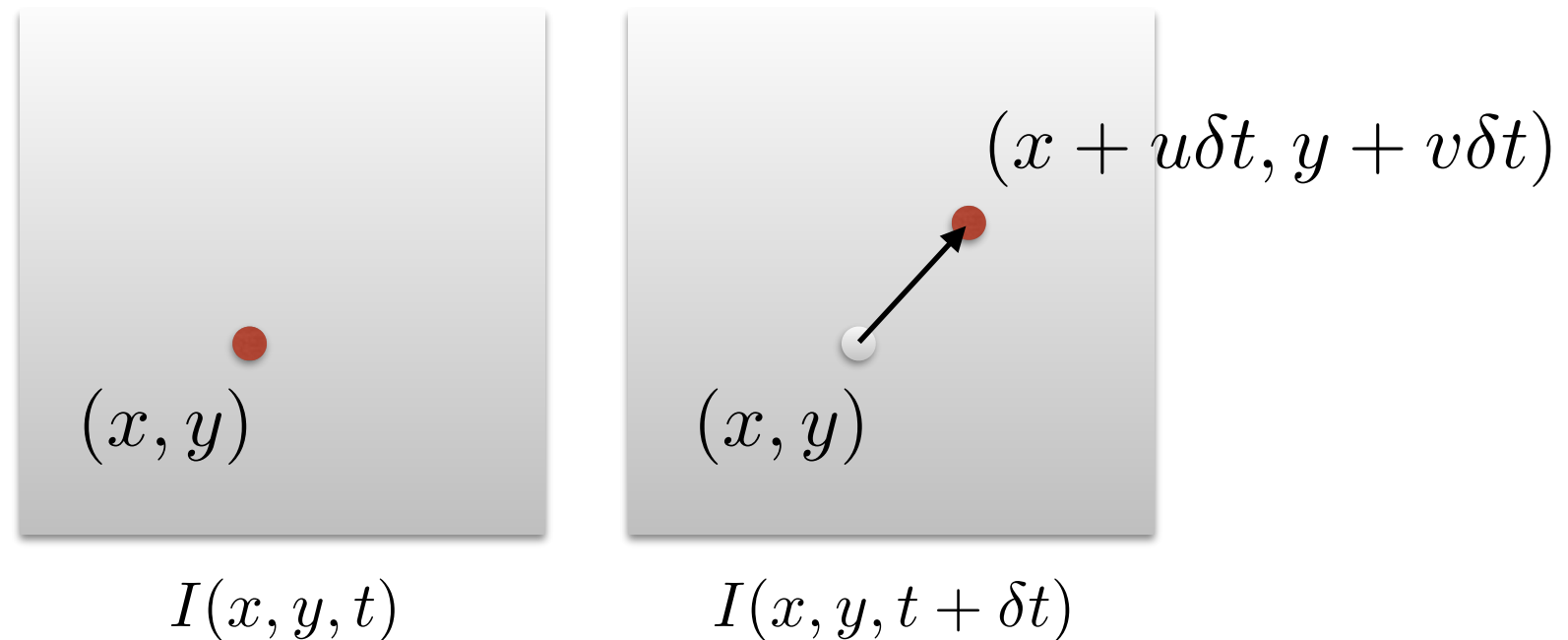


Optical flow (velocities):  $(u, v)$       Displacement:  $(\delta x, \delta y) = (u\delta t, v\delta t)$



## Assumption 2

# Small motion



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For a really small space-time step...

$$I(x + u\delta t, y + v\delta t, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t)$$

... the brightness between two consecutive image frames is the same

These assumptions yield the ...

## Brightness Constancy Equation

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

total derivative

partial derivative

*Where does this come from?*

$$I(x + u\delta t, y + v\delta t, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t)$$

For small space-time step, brightness of a point is the same

If the time step is really small,  
we can *linearize* the intensity function

$$I(x + u\delta t, y + v\delta t, t + \delta t) = I(x, y, t)$$

## Multivariable Taylor Series Expansion

(First order approximation, two variables)

$$f(x, y) \approx f(a, b) + f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

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**Brightness Constancy Equation**

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

**Brightness  
Constancy Equation**

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

(displacement)

shorthand notation

$$\nabla I^\top \mathbf{v} + I_t = 0$$

vector form



(putting the math aside for a second...)

What do the term of the  
brightness constancy equation represent?

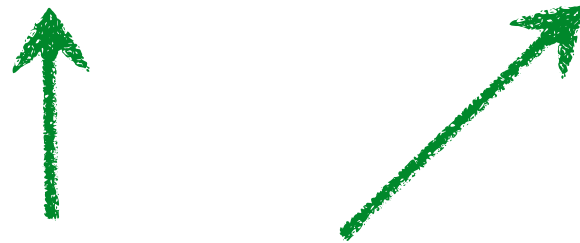
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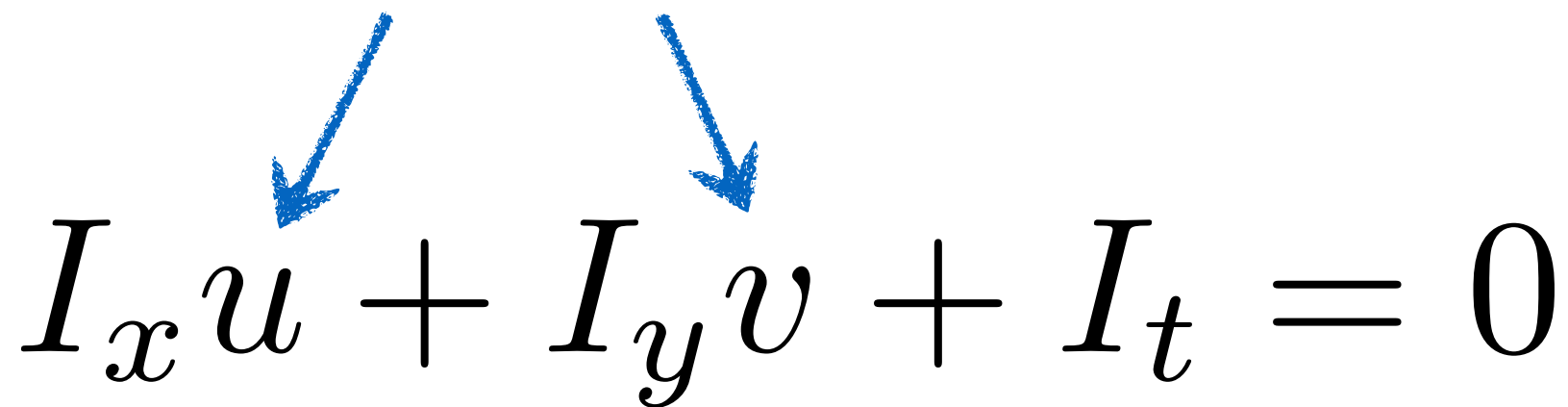
Image gradients



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What do the term of the  
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flow velocities



The diagram shows the brightness constancy equation  $I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$ . Two blue arrows point from the text 'flow velocities' to the variables  $u$  and  $v$ . Two green arrows point from the text 'Image gradients' to the terms  $I_x$  and  $I_y$ .

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Image gradients

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What do the term of the  
brightness constancy equation represent?

flow velocities

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

Image gradients

temporal gradient

*How do you compute these terms?*

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

How do you compute ...

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \quad I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

**spatial derivative**

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Forward difference

Sobel filter

Scharr filter

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**temporal derivative**

frame differencing

# Frame differencing

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10
1	10	10	10	10

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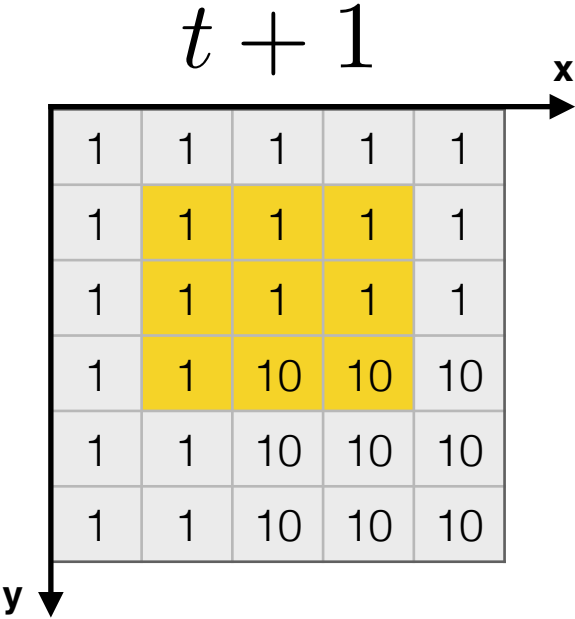
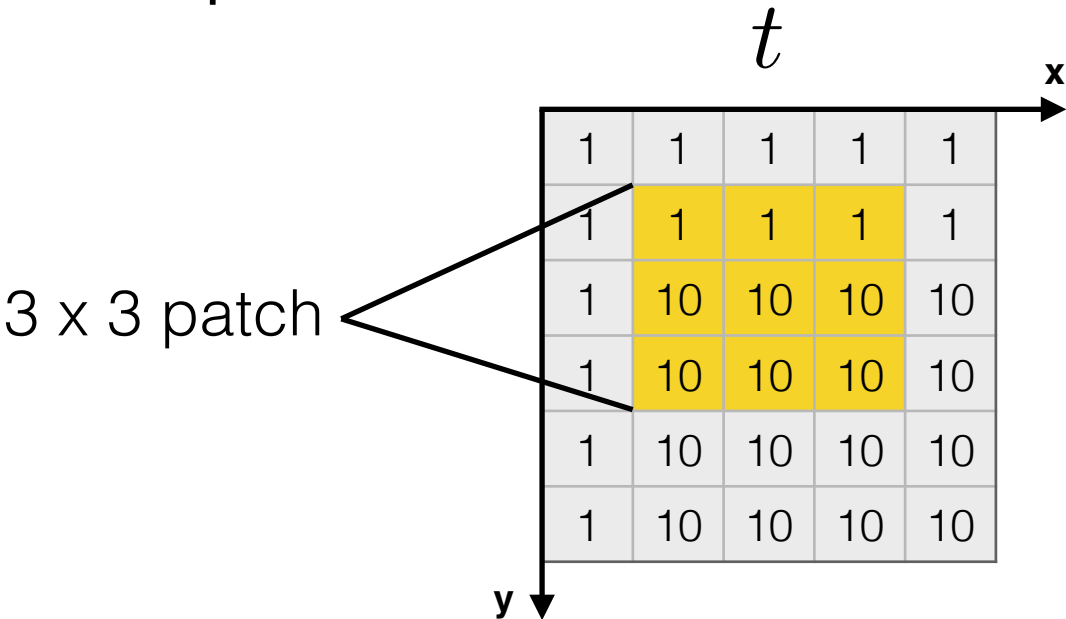
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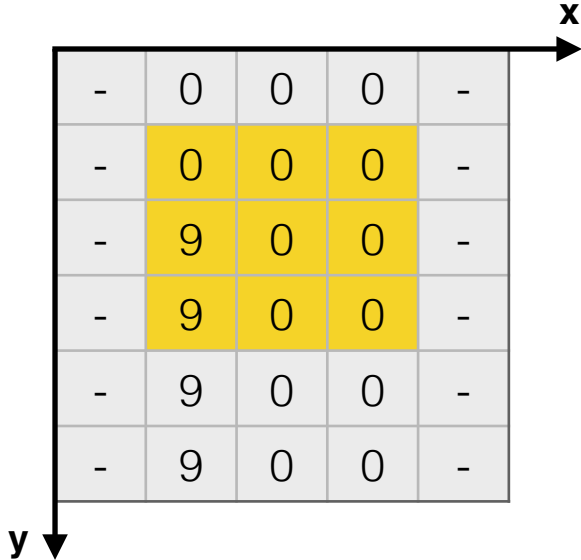
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0	0	0	0	0
0	9	9	9	9
0	9	0	0	0
0	9	0	0	0
0	9	0	0	0

(example of a forward difference)

Example:

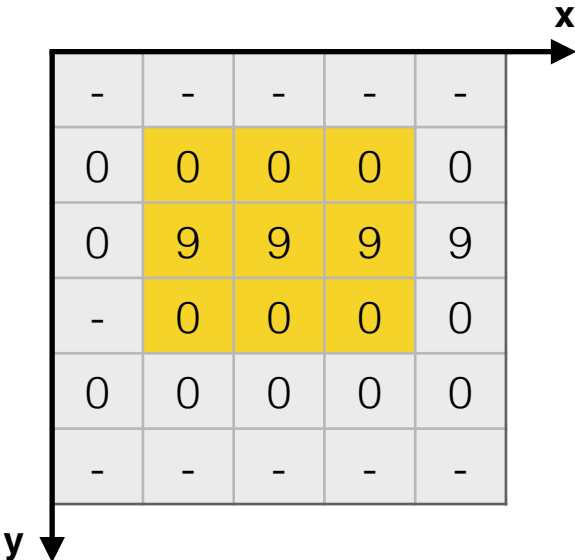


$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x}$$



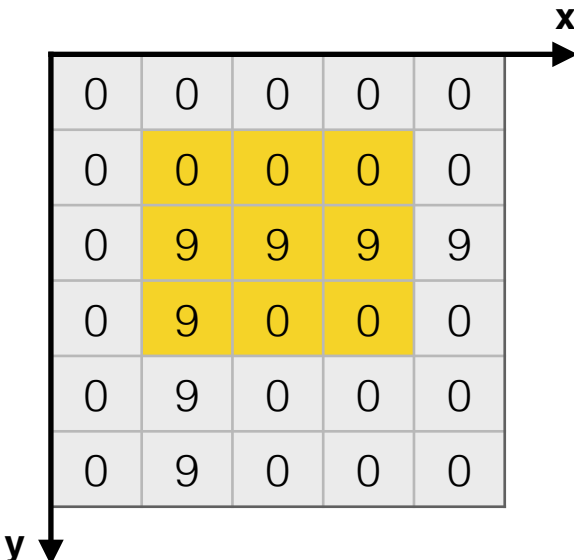
-1 0 1

$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$



-1  
0  
1

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$



$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

How do you compute ...

$$I_x = \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \quad I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

**spatial derivative**

Forward difference  
Sobel filter  
Scharr filter  
...

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad v = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

**optical flow**

How do you compute this?

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

**temporal derivative**

frame differencing

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**optical flow**

**We need to solve for this!**  
(this is the unknown in the  
optical flow problem)

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

**temporal derivative**

frame differencing

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**spatial derivative**

Forward difference  
Sobel filter  
Scharr filter  
...

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**optical flow**

$(u, v)$   
Solution lies on a line  
  
Cannot be found uniquely  
with a single constraint

$$I_t = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t}$$

**temporal derivative**

frame differencing

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

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**optical flow**

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**temporal derivative**

*How can we use the brightness constancy equation to estimate the optical flow?*

**unknown**

$$I_x \textcircled{u} + I_y \textcircled{v} + I_t = 0$$

**known**

*We need at least \_\_\_\_ equations to solve for 2 unknowns.*



**unknown**

$$I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$$

**known**

The diagram illustrates the classification of variables in the equation  $I_x u + I_y v + I_t = 0$ . The variables  $u$  and  $v$  are circled in green, and green arrows point from the word "unknown" to them. The coefficients  $I_x$ ,  $I_y$ , and the constant term  $I_t$  are labeled "known" with black arrows pointing to them.

*Where do we get more equations (constraints)?*