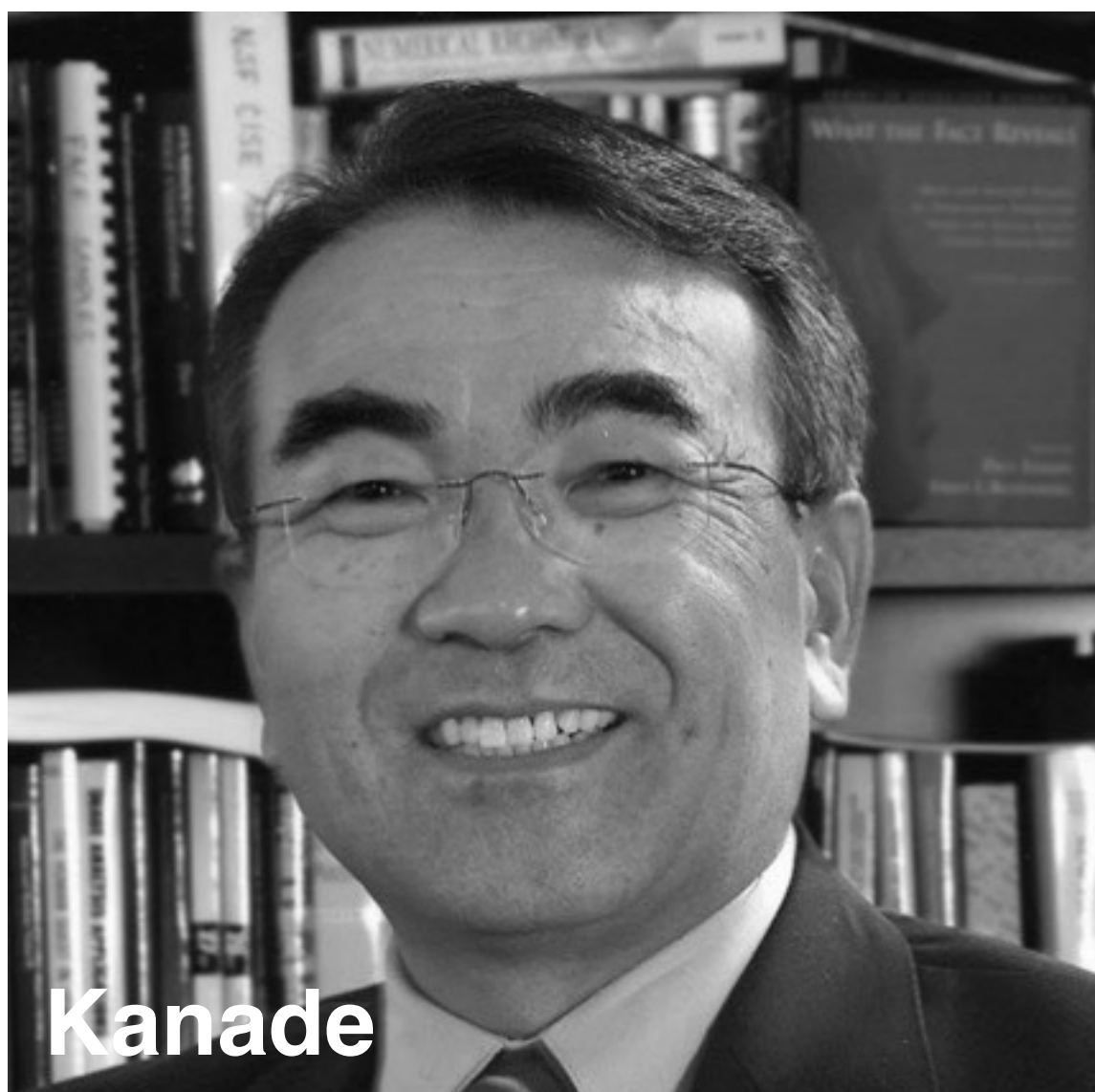




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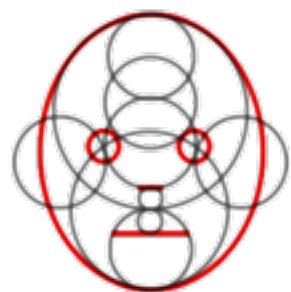
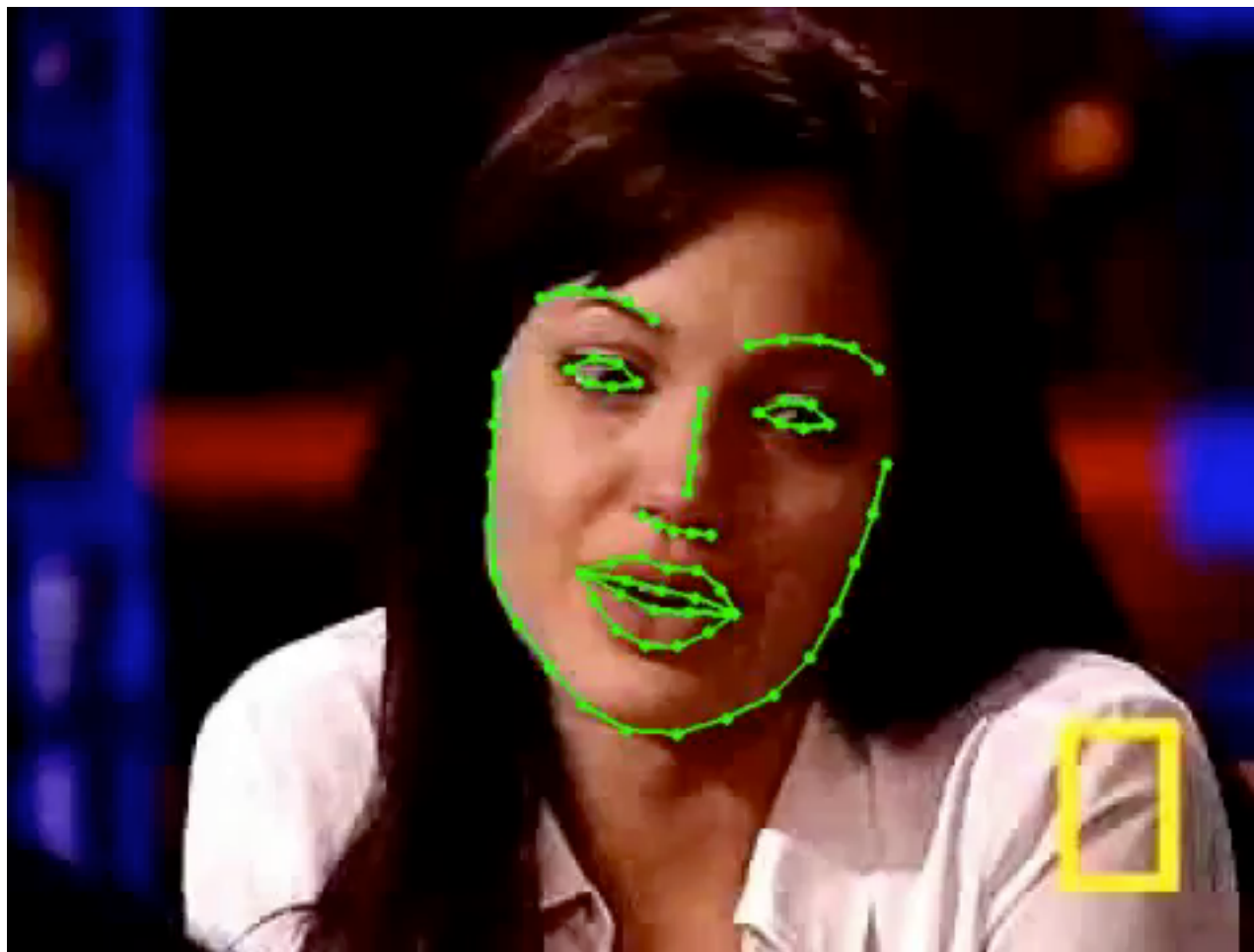


Kanade

# Image Alignment

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**IntraFace**

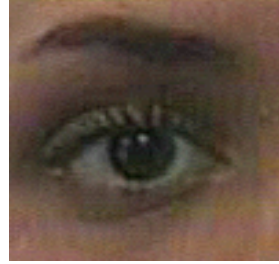
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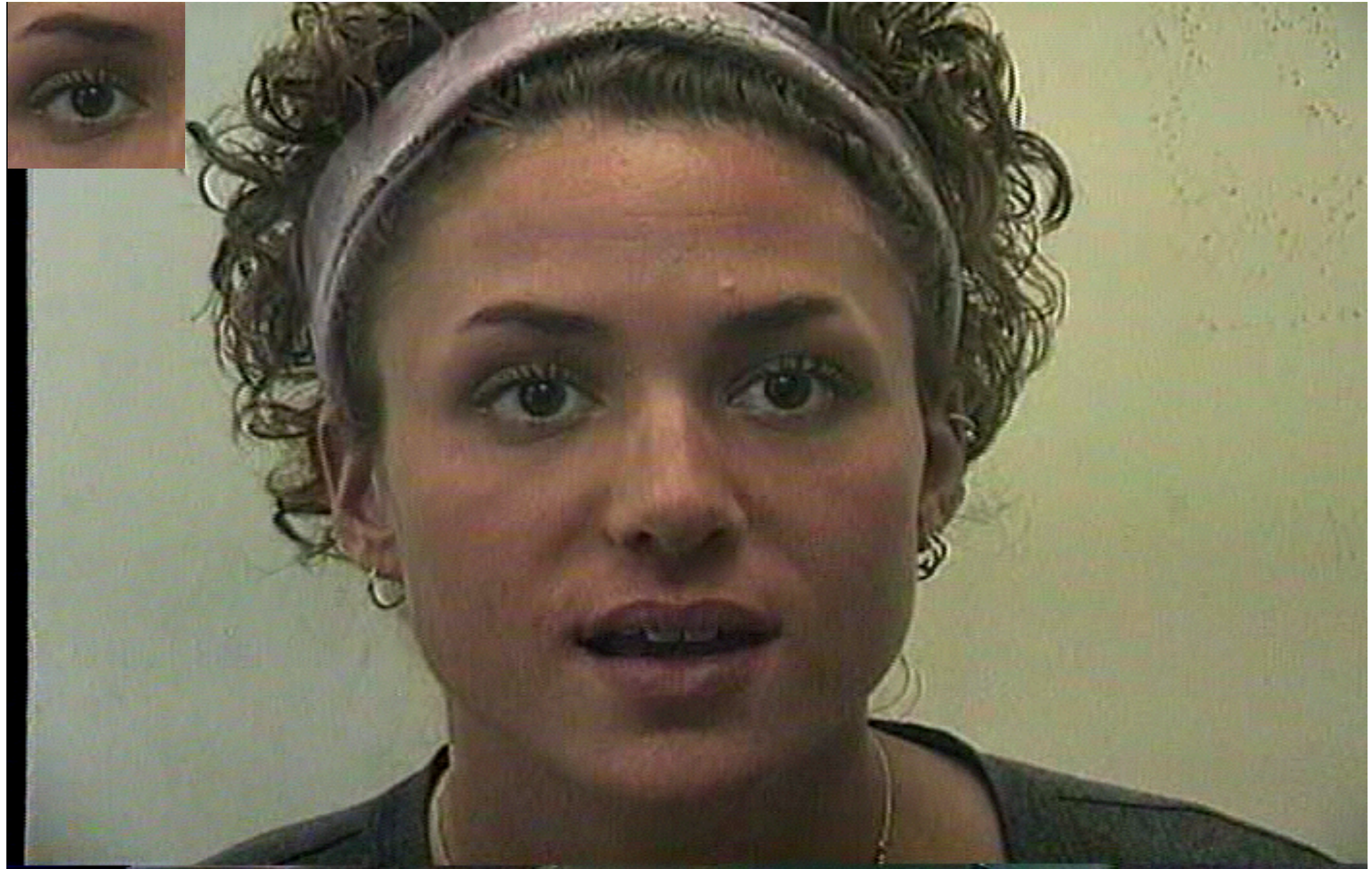


in the image?





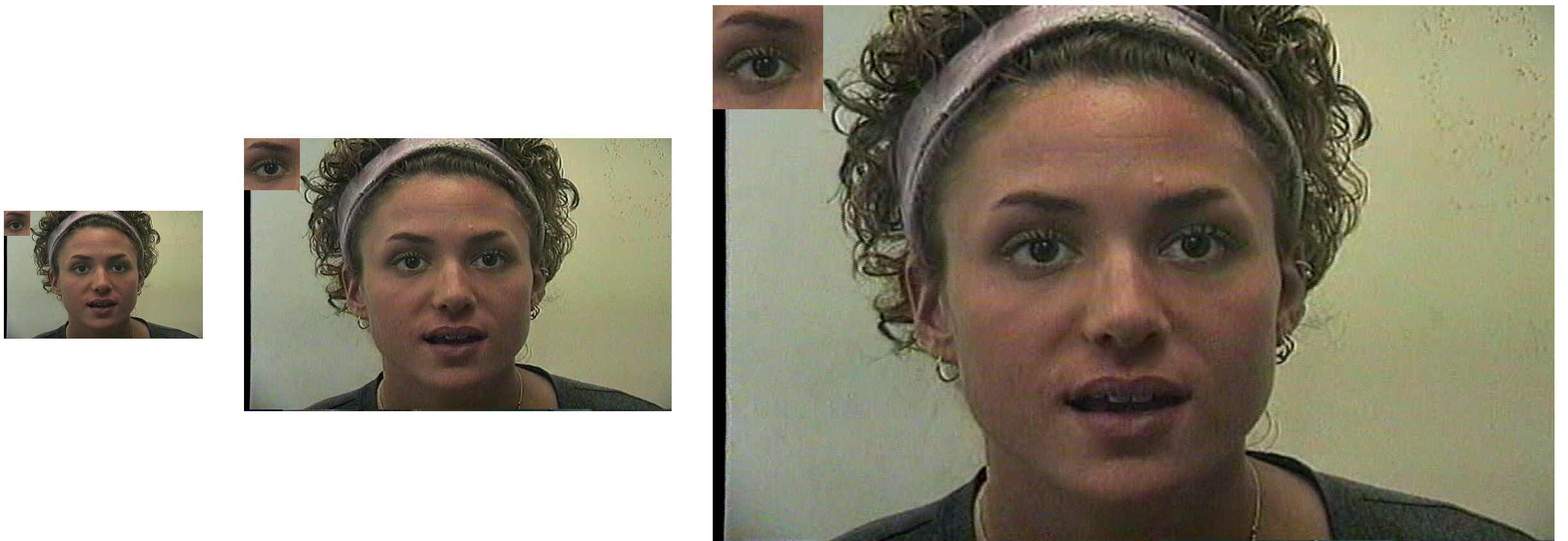
# Idea #1: Template Matching



Slow, combinatorial, global solution



# Idea #2: Pyramid Template Matching

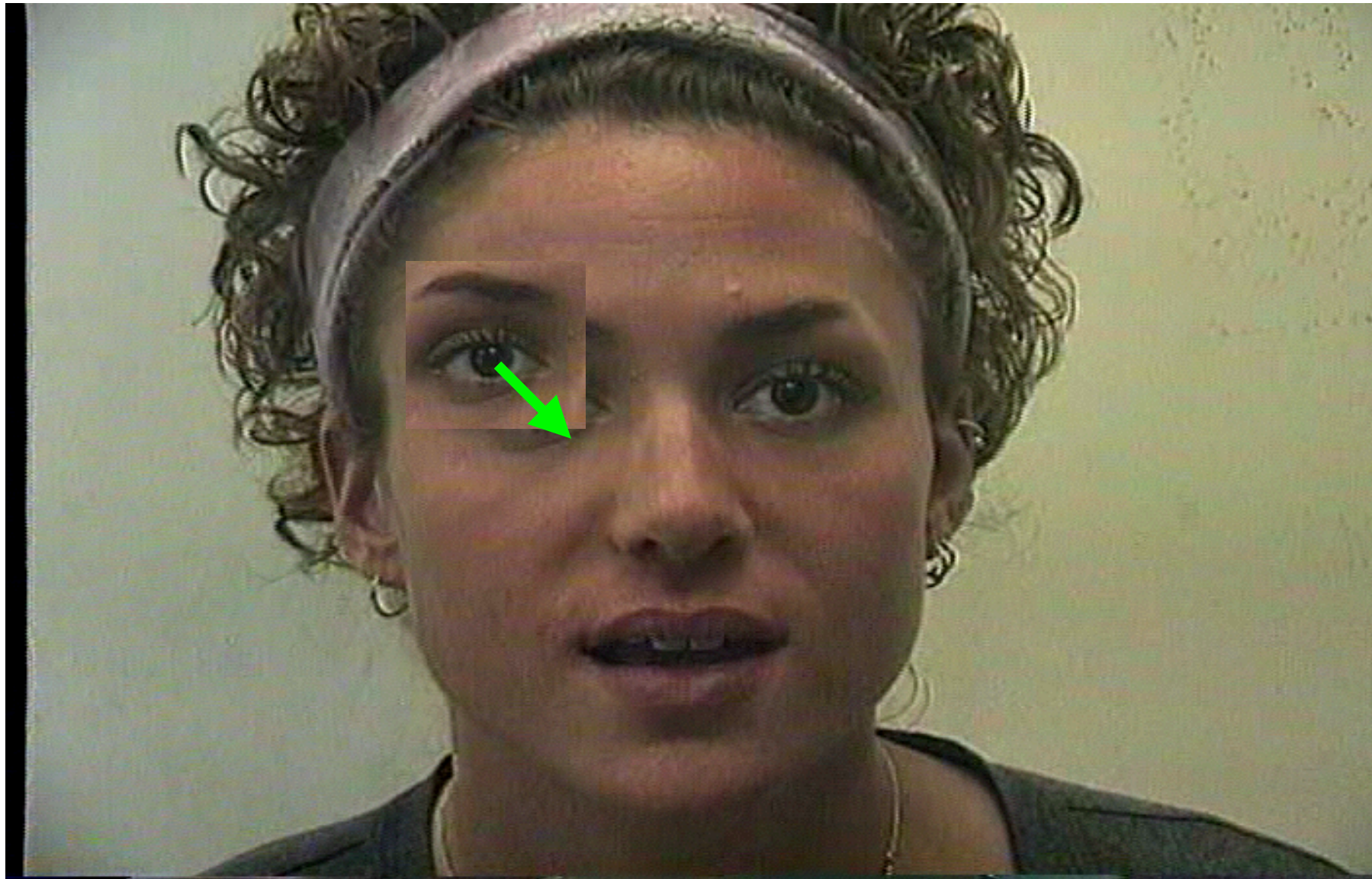


Faster, combinatorial, locally optimal



# Idea #3: Model refinement

(when you have a good initial solution)



Fastest, locally optimal

# Some notation before we get into the math...

2D image transformation

$$\mathbf{W}(x; p)$$

2D image coordinate

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Parameters of the transformation

$$\mathbf{p} = \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$$

Warped image

$$I(\mathbf{x}') = I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}))$$

Pixel value at a coordinate

## Translation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}(x; p) &= \begin{bmatrix} x + p_1 \\ y + p_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & p_1 \\ 0 & 1 & p_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{transform}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{coordinate}} \end{aligned}$$

## Affine

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{W}(x; p) &= \begin{bmatrix} p_1 x + p_2 y + p_3 \\ p_4 x + p_5 y + p_6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 \\ p_4 & p_5 & p_6 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{affine transform}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{coordinate}} \end{aligned}$$

can be written in matrix form when linear  
affine warp matrix can also be 3x3 when last row is [0 0 1]



$\mathbf{W}(x; p)$  takes a \_\_\_\_\_ as input and returns a \_\_\_\_\_

$\mathbf{W}(x; p)$  is a function of \_\_\_\_\_ variables

$\mathbf{W}(x; p)$  returns a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

$p = \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$  where N is \_\_\_\_\_ for an affine model

$I(x') = I(\mathbf{W}(x; p))$  this warp changes pixel values?

# Image alignment

(problem definition)

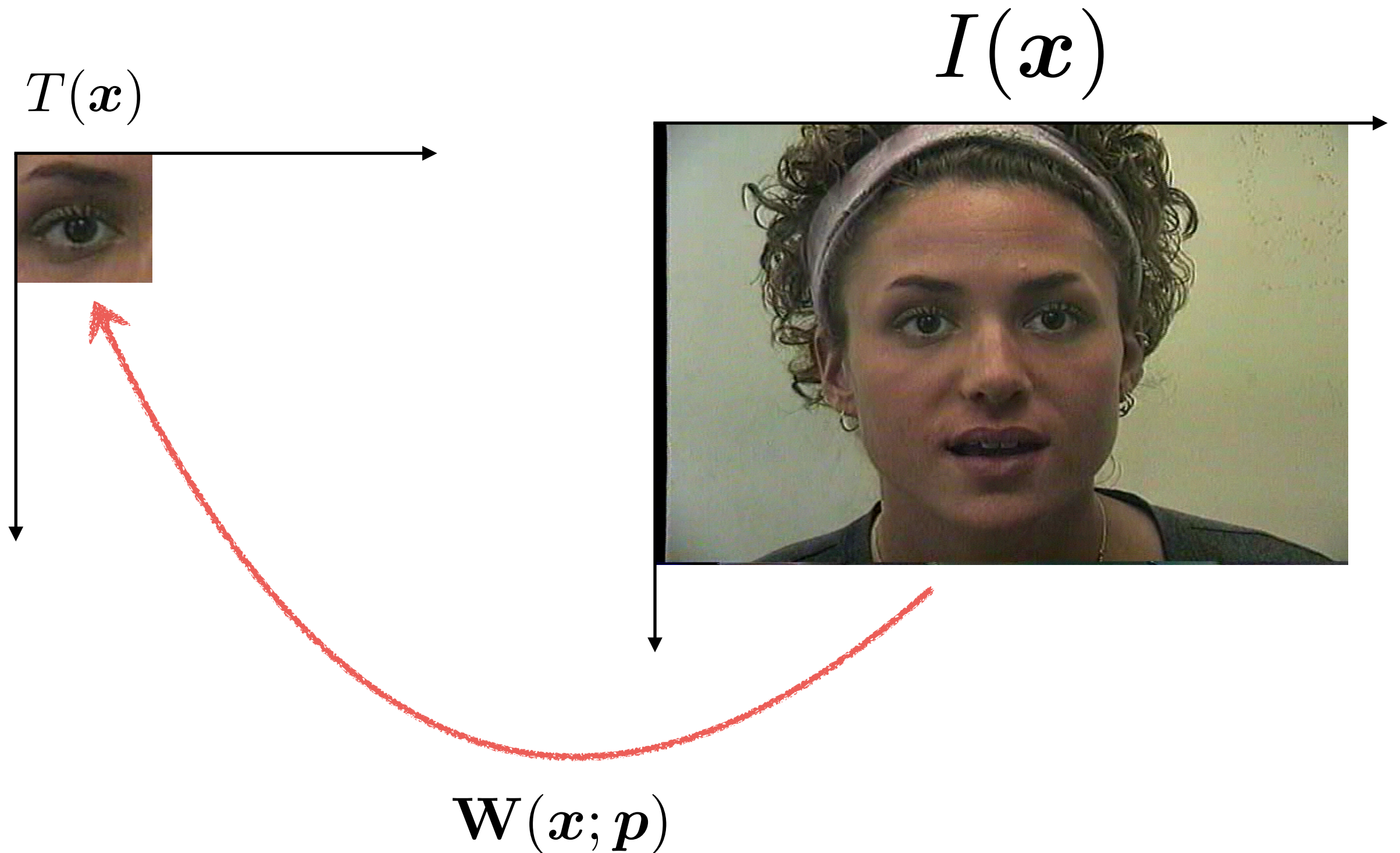
$$\min_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) - T(\mathbf{x})]^2$$

warped image                      template image

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*How could you find a solution to this problem?*



This is a non-linear (quadratic) function of a non-parametric function!

(Function  $\mathbf{I}$  is non-parametric)

$$\min_p \sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; p)) - T(x)]^2$$

Hard to optimize

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*What can you do to make it easier to solve?*

assume good initialization,  
linearized objective and update incrementally



(pretty strong assumption)

**If** you have a good initial guess  $\mathbf{p}$ ...

$$\sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

can be written as ...

$$\sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

(a small incremental adjustment)  
(this is what we are solving for now)

This is **still** a non-linear (quadratic) function of a non-parametric function!

(Function  $\mathbf{I}$  is non-parametric)

$$\sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

*How can we linearize the function  $\mathbf{I}$  for a really small perturbation of  $\mathbf{p}$ ?*

Hint:  $T$  is approx

This is **still** a non-linear (quadratic) function of a non-parametric function!

(Function ***I*** is non-parametric)

$$\sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

*How can we linearize the function ***I*** for a really small perturbation of ***p***?*

Taylor series approximation!



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

Multivariable Taylor Series Expansion  
(First order approximation)

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

Linear approximation

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

*Is this a linear function of the unknowns?*

## Multivariable Taylor Series Expansion (First order approximation)

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

Recall:  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})$

$$\begin{aligned} I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) &\approx I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) + \frac{\partial I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}))}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} \\ \text{chain rule} \quad &= I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) + \frac{\partial I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}))}{\partial \mathbf{x}'} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} \\ \text{short-hand} \quad &= I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

↑      ↑  
short-hand

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

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$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Now, the function is a linear function of the unknowns



$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

$\mathbf{x}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

output of  $\mathbf{W}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

$\mathbf{p}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

$I(\cdot)$  is a function of \_\_\_\_\_ variables

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

$\nabla I$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

$\Delta \mathbf{p}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of dimension \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_

# The Jacobian $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$

(A matrix of partial derivatives)

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} W_x(x, y) \\ W_y(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_N} \\ \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_1} & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_N} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rate of change of the warp

Affine transform

$$\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 x + p_3 y + p_5 \\ p_2 x + p_4 y + p_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_1} = x \quad \frac{\partial W_x}{\partial p_2} = 0 \quad \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial W_y}{\partial p_1} = 0 \quad \dots$$


$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} x & 0 & y & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & x & 0 & y & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$




$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

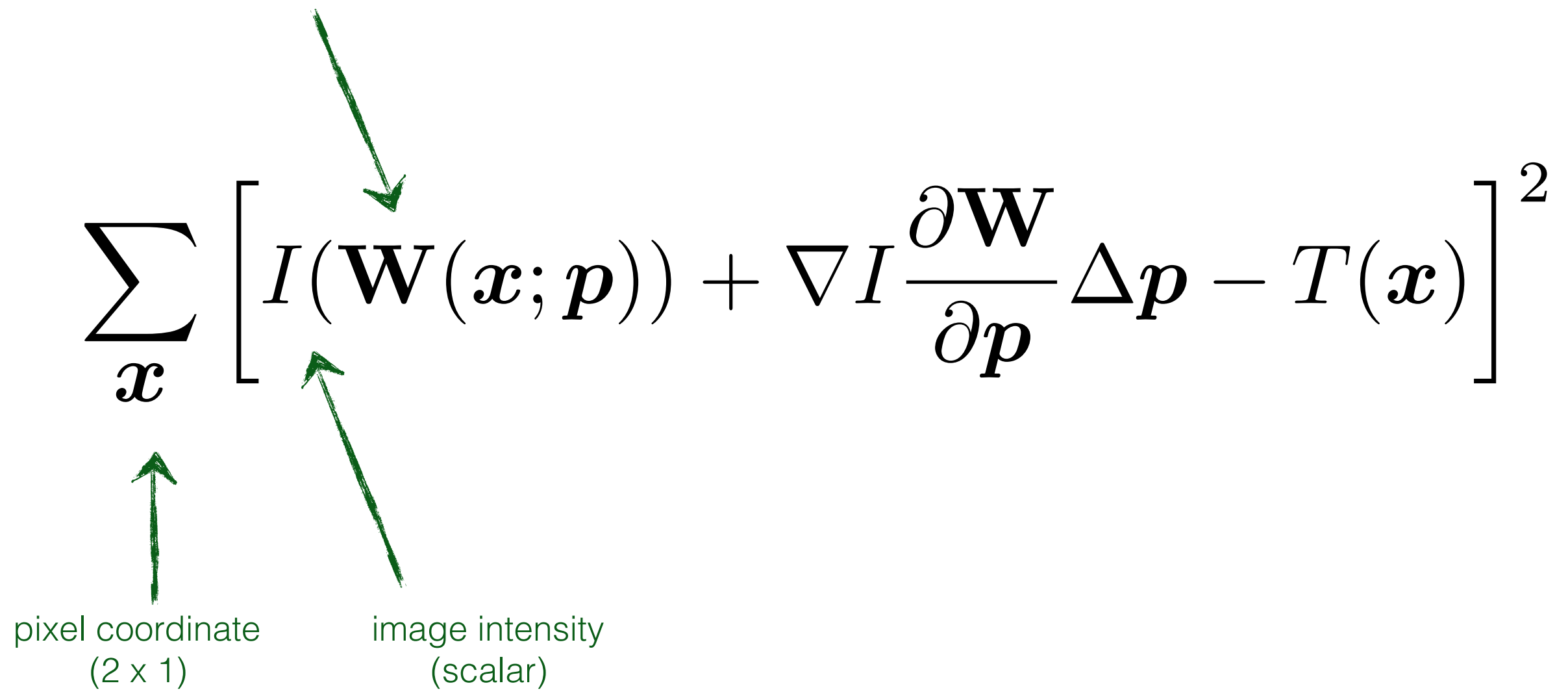


$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$


 pixel coordinate  
(2 x 1)



$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$



pixel coordinate  
 (2 x 1)

image intensity  
 (scalar)



$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation:

- warp function (2 x 1)**: Points to  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- pixel coordinate (2 x 1)**: Points to  $x$ .
- image intensity (scalar)**: Points to  $I$ .

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the image warping loss function:

- pixel coordinate** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $x$ .
- warp function** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- warp parameters** (6 for affine): Points to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- image intensity** (scalar): Points to  $I$ .
- Gradient** ( $\nabla$ ): Points to the gradient term.

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

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- image intensity** (scalar): Points to  $I$ .
- warp function** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- warp parameters** (6 for affine): Points to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- image gradient** ( $1 \times 2$ ): Points to  $\nabla I$ .
- An unlabeled arrow points to  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$ .

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the image warping loss function:

- Pixel coordinate** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $x$ .
- Image intensity (scalar)**: Points to  $I$ .
- Warp function** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- Warp parameters** (6 for affine): Points to  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- Image gradient** ( $1 \times 2$ ): Points to  $\nabla I$ .
- Partial derivatives of warp function** ( $2 \times 6$ ): Points to  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$ .
- Delta parameters** ( $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ ): Points to  $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ .



$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

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- Incremental warp** ( $6 \times 1$ ): Points to  $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ .
- Target image** ( $2 \times 1$ ): Points to  $T(x)$ .

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

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- Incremental warp** ( $6 \times 1$ ): Points to  $\Delta \mathbf{p}$ .
- Template image intensity** (scalar): Points to  $T(x)$ .

When you implement this, you will compute everything in parallel and store as matrix ... don't loop over x!

# Summary

(of Lucas-Kanade Image Alignment)

Problem:

$$\min_p \sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

warped imagetemplate image

Difficult non-linear optimization problem

Strategy:

$$\sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p} + \Delta \mathbf{p})) - T(x)]^2$$

Assume known approximate solution  
Solve for increment

$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Taylor series approximation  
Linearize

then solve for  $\Delta \mathbf{p}$

OK, so how do we solve this?

$$\min_{\Delta \mathbf{p}} \sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; \mathbf{p})) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \Delta \mathbf{p} - T(x) \right]^2$$

Another way to look at it...

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

(moving terms around)

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

vector of  
constants

vector of  
variables

constant

*Have you seen this form of optimization problem before?*



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

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

Looks like

constant      variable      constant

$$\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}$$

*How do you solve this?*

## Least squares approximation

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_x ||Ax - b||^2 \quad \text{is solved by} \quad x = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b$$

Applied to our tasks:

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

is optimized when

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = H^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^\top [T(\mathbf{x}) - I(\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}))]$$

after applying  
 $x = (A^\top A)^{-1} A^\top b$

$$\text{where } H = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right]^\top \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \right] \quad A^\top A$$

## Solve:

$$\min_p \sum_x [I(\mathbf{W}(x; p)) - T(x)]^2$$

warped image                      template image

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## Strategy:

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$$\sum_x \left[ I(\mathbf{W}(x; p)) + \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \Delta p - T(x) \right]^2$$

Taylor series approximation

Linearize

## Solution:

$$\Delta p = H^{-1} \sum_x \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]^\top [T(x) - I(\mathbf{W}(x; p))]$$

Solution to least squares  
approximation

$$H = \sum_x \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]^\top \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]$$

Hessian

This is called...

**Gauss-Newton gradient decent  
non-linear optimization!**

# Lucas Kanade (Additive alignment)

1. Warp image  $I(\mathbf{W}(x; p))$
2. Compute error image  $[T(x) - I(\mathbf{W}(x; p))]$
3. Compute gradient  $\nabla I(x')$   $x'$  coordinates of the warped image  
(gradients of the warped image)
4. Evaluate Jacobian  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p}$
5. Compute Hessian  $H$  
$$H = \sum_x \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]^\top \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]$$
6. Compute  $\Delta p$  
$$\Delta p = H^{-1} \sum_x \left[ \nabla I \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial p} \right]^\top [T(x) - I(\mathbf{W}(x; p))]$$
7. Update parameters  $p \leftarrow p + \Delta p$

**Just 8 lines of code!**