



CPSC 425: Computer Vision

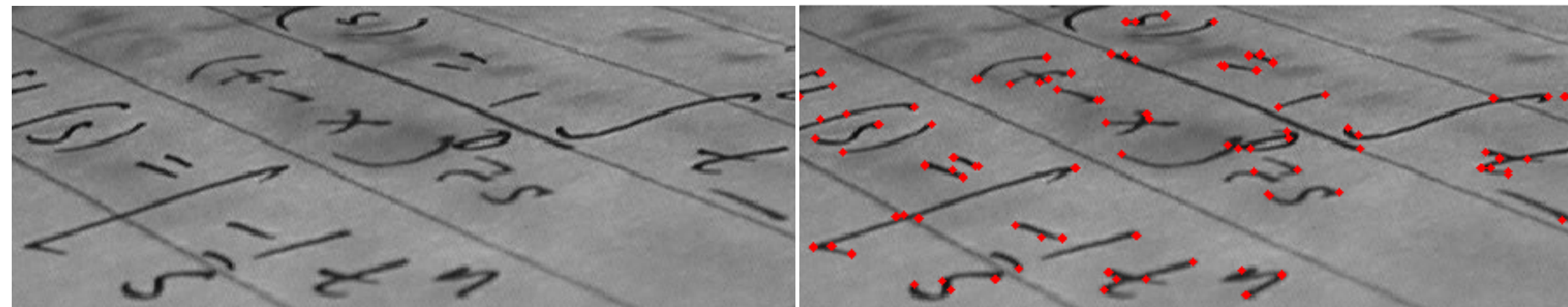


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Lecture 14: Corner Detection (cont)

(unless otherwise stated slides are taken or adopted from **Bob Woodham, Jim Little** and **Fred Tung**)

Menu for Today (October 9, 2020)

Topics:

- **Autocorrelation**
- **Harris** Corner Detector

Readings:

- **Today's** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 5.3.0 - 5.3.1
- **Next** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 6.1, 6.3

Reminders:

- No class on **Monday** (it's Thanksgiving — **Have Fun!**)
- **Assignment 2:** Face Detection in a Scaled Representation is **October 14th**

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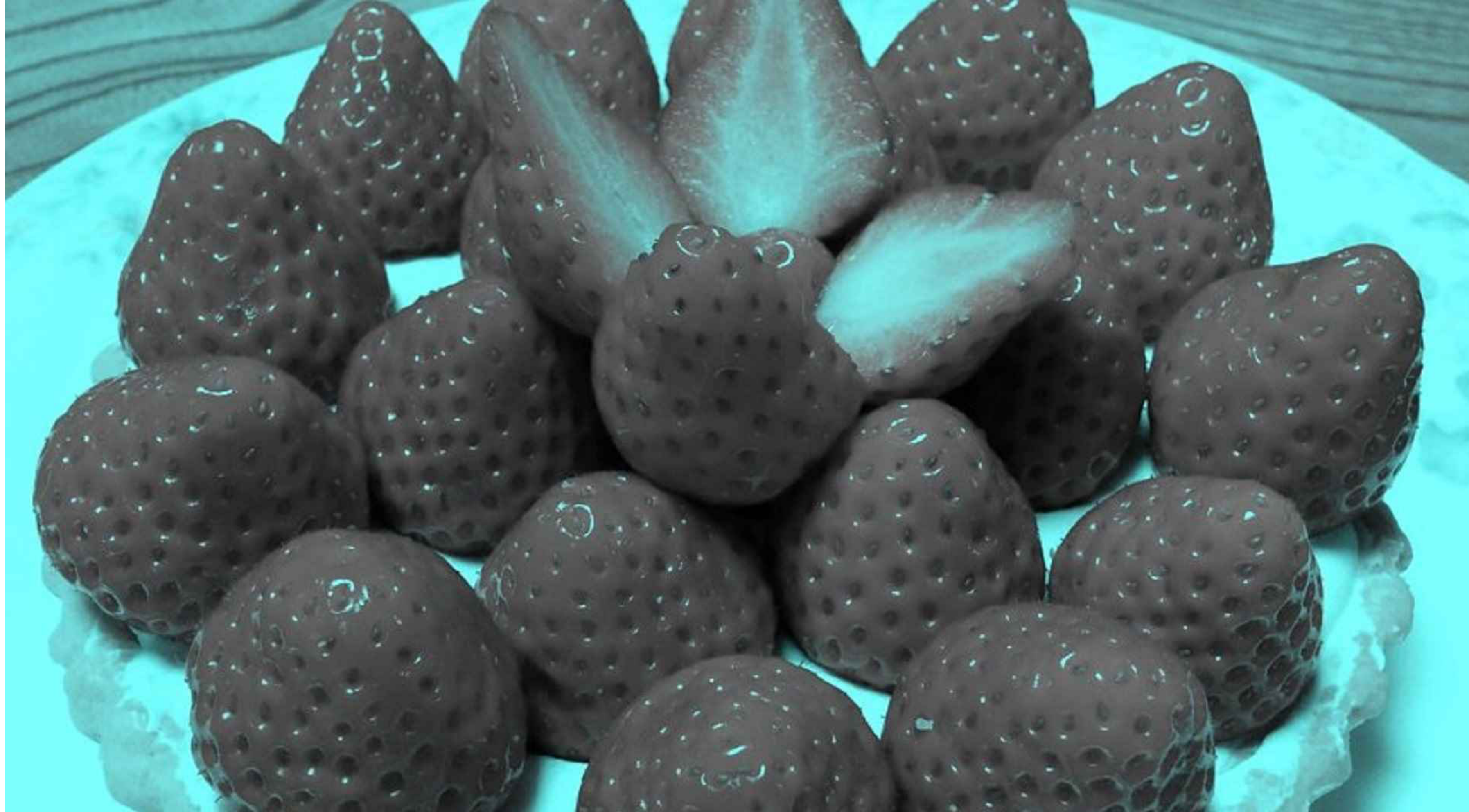


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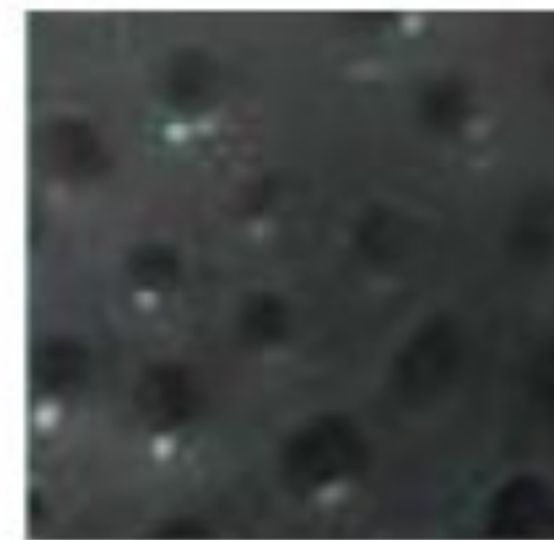


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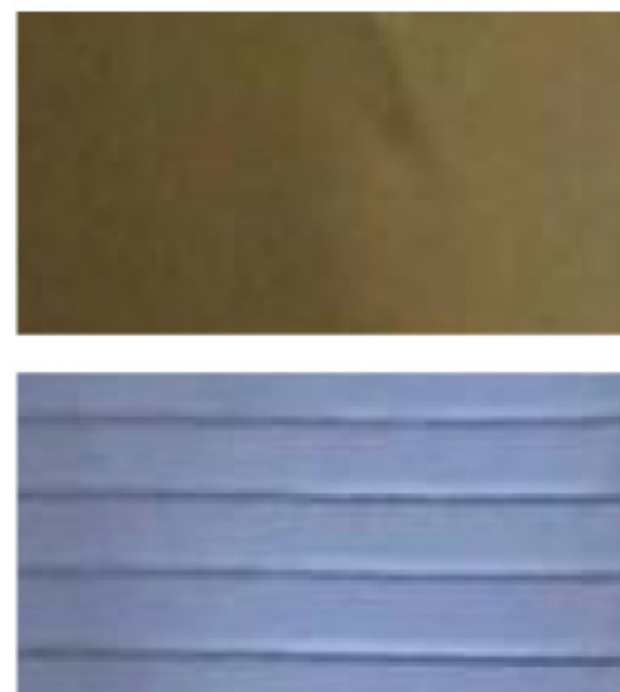


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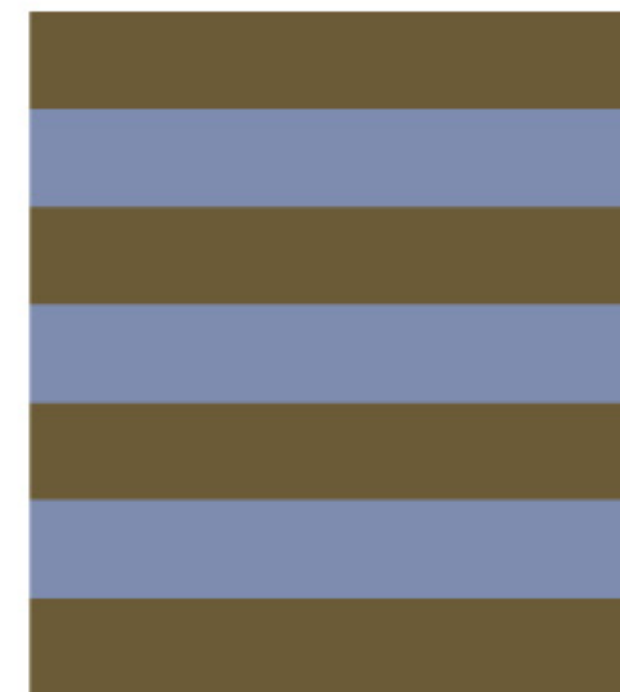
Two pieces
of the dress



Average
colors



The basic pattern
of the dress

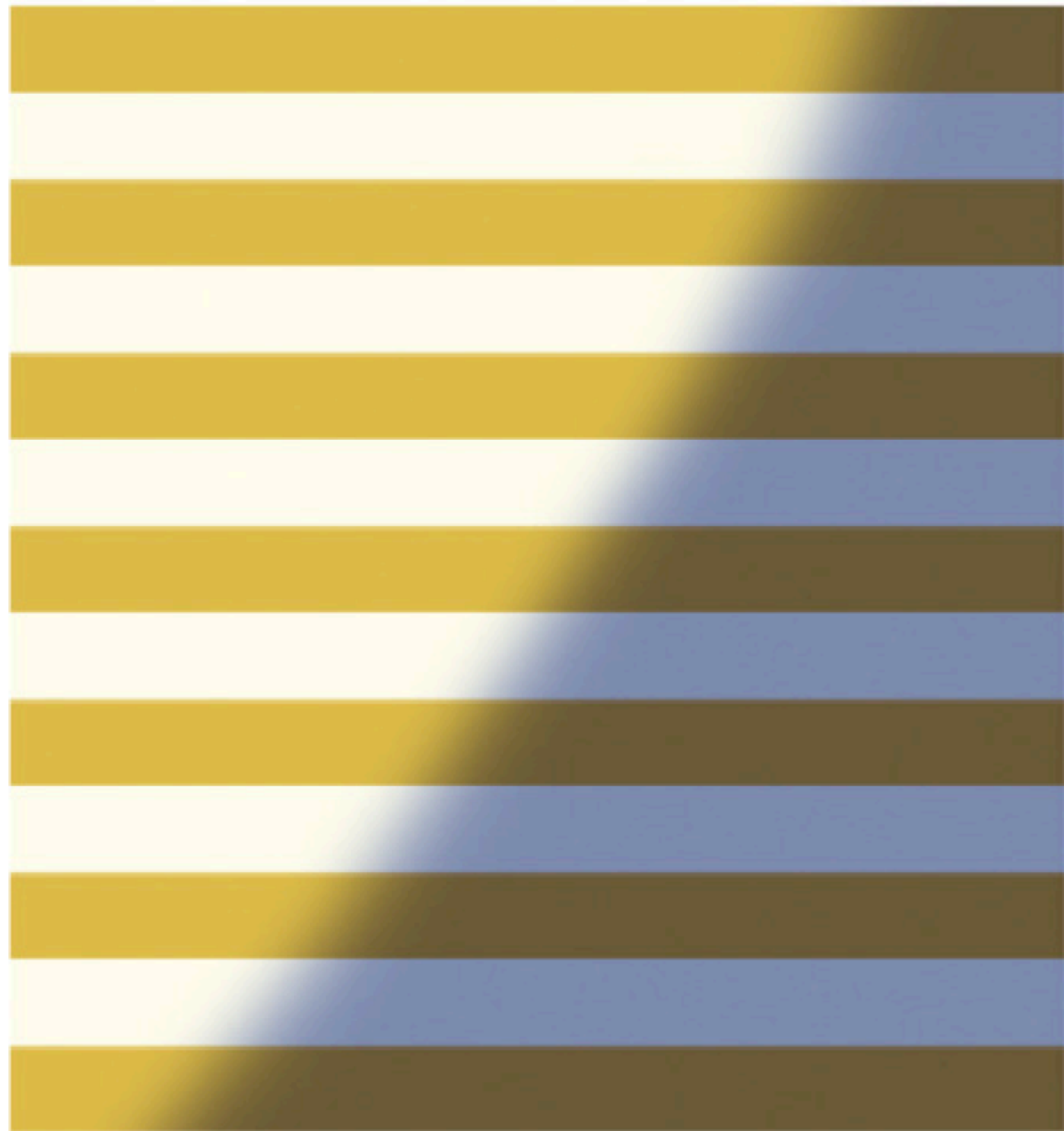


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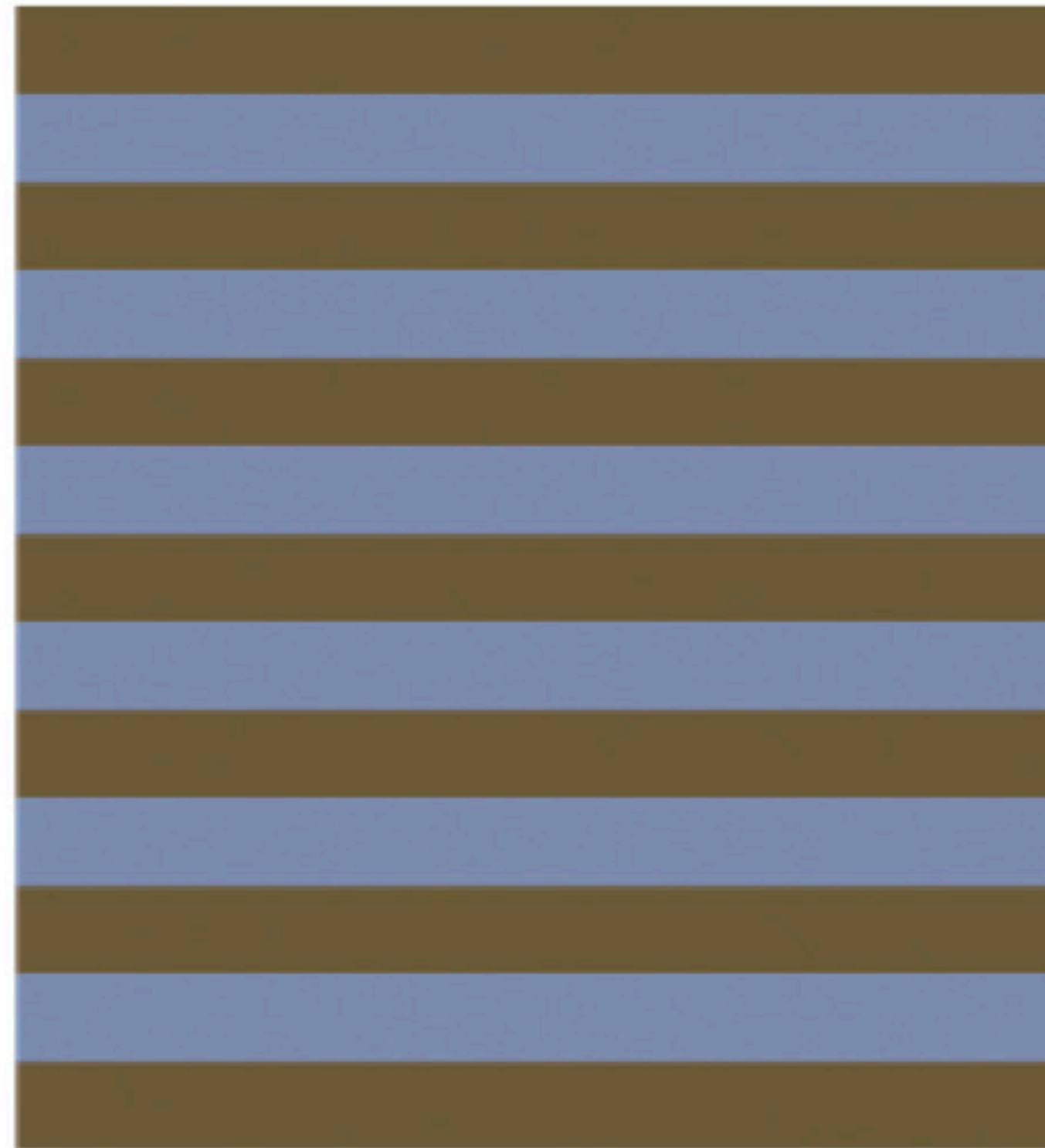
IS THE DRESS IN SHADOW?

If you think the dress is in shadow, your brain may remove the blue cast and perceive the dress as being white and gold.



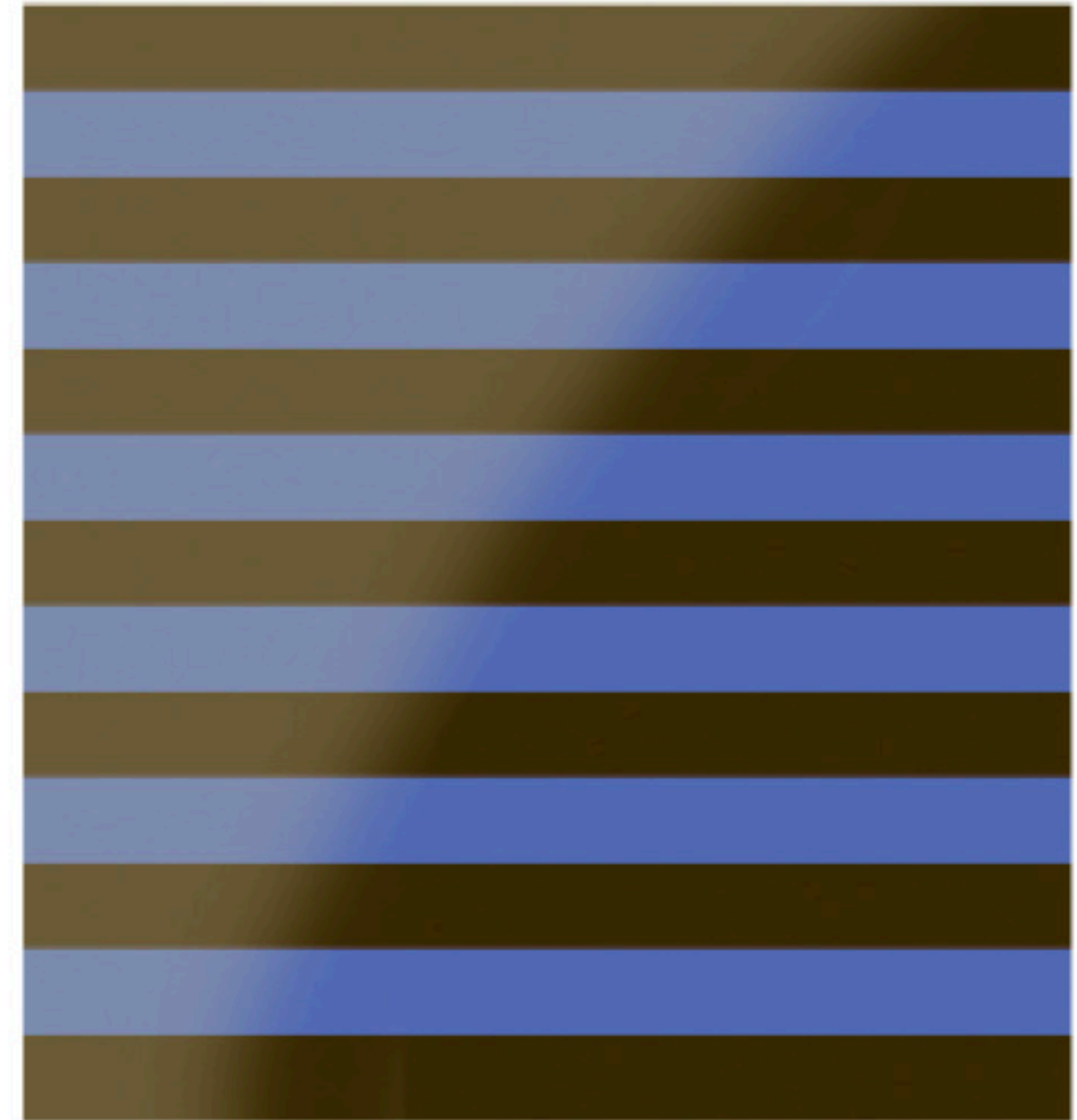
THE DRESS IN THE PHOTO

If the photograph showed more of the room, or if skin tones were visible, there might have been more clues about the ambient light.



IS THE DRESS IN BRIGHT LIGHT?

If you think the dress is being washed out by bright light, your brain may perceive the dress as a darker blue and black.



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Lecture 13: Re-cap Good Local Features

Local: features are local, robust to occlusion and clutter

Accurate: precise localization

Robust: noise, blur, compression, etc. do not have a big impact on the feature.

Distinctive: individual features can be easily matched

Efficient: close to real-time performance

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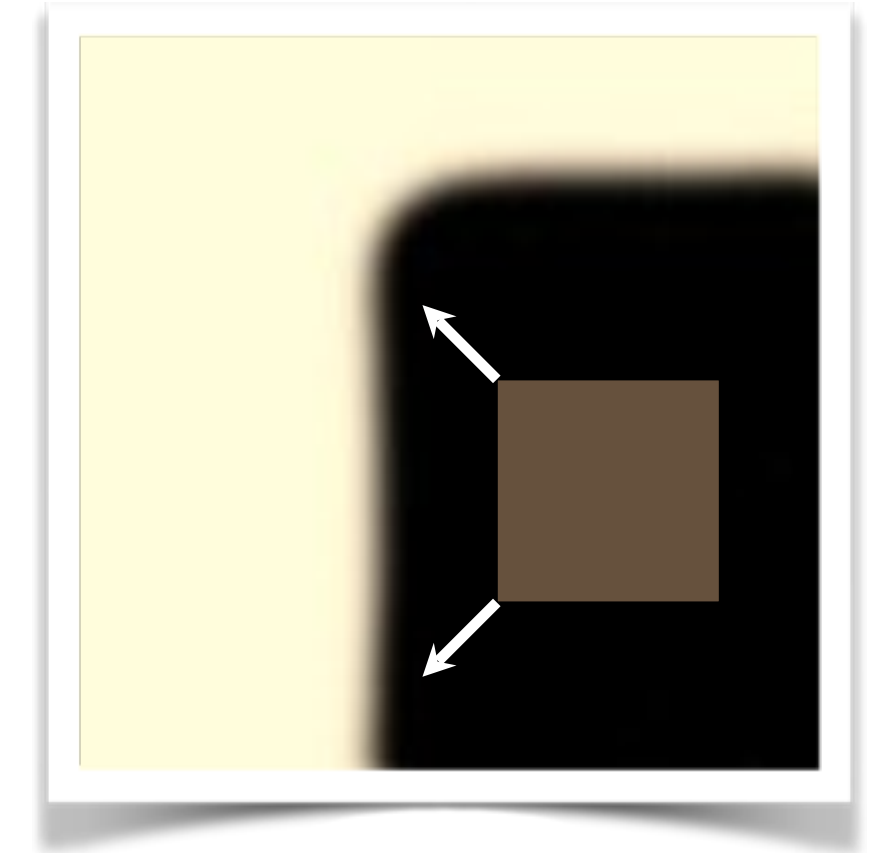
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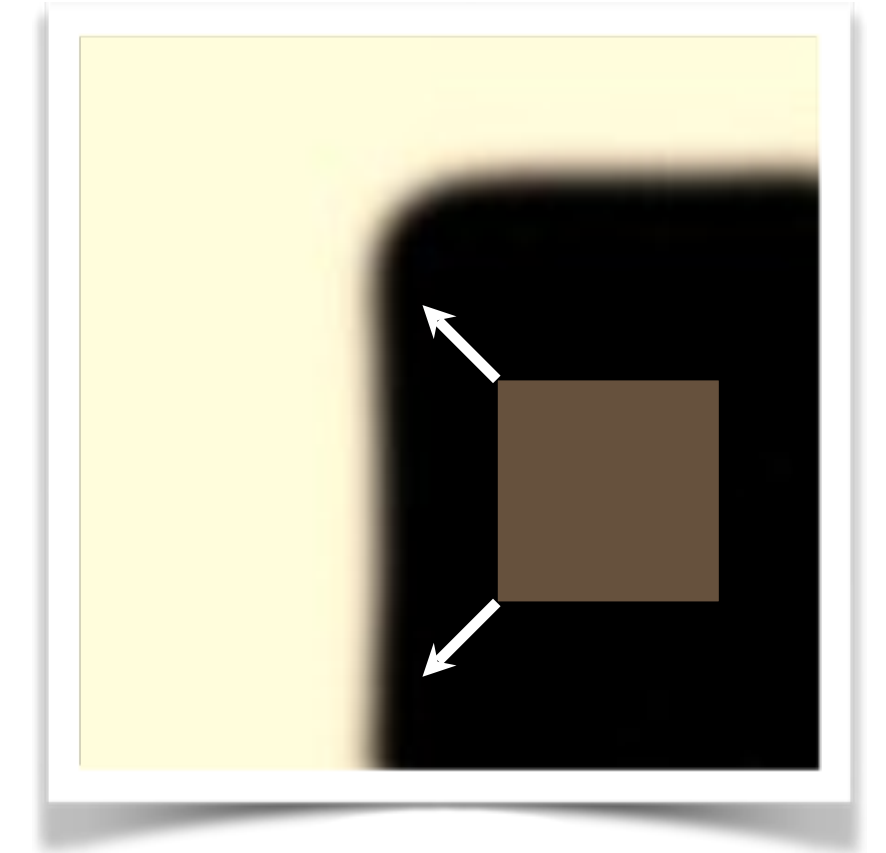
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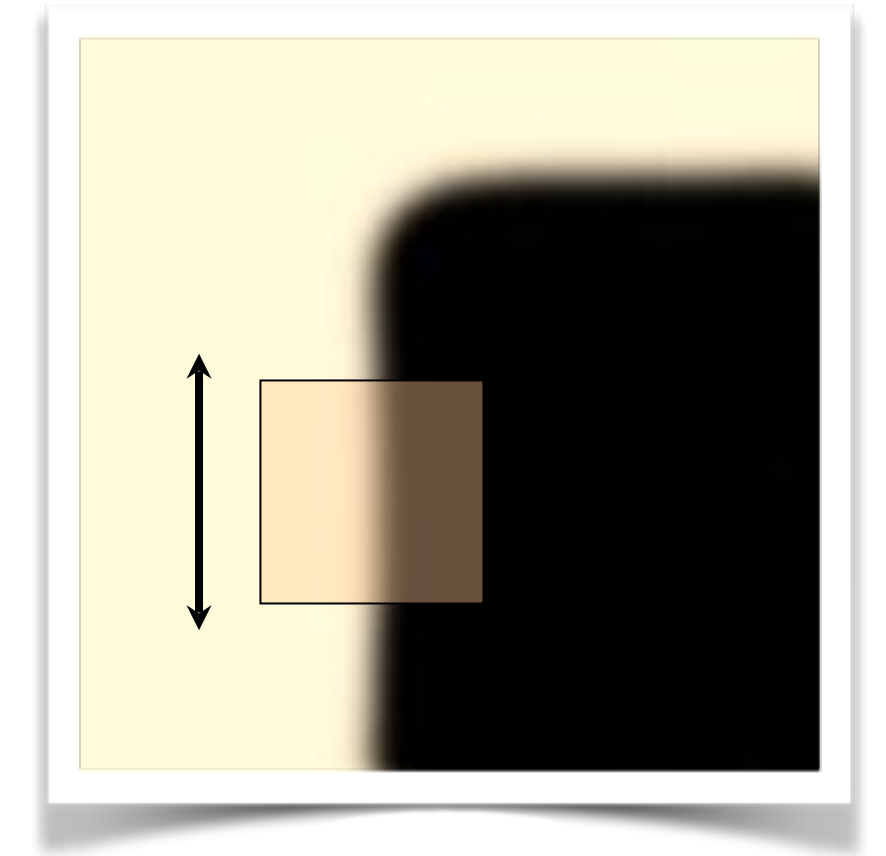
“**flat**” region:
no change in all
directions

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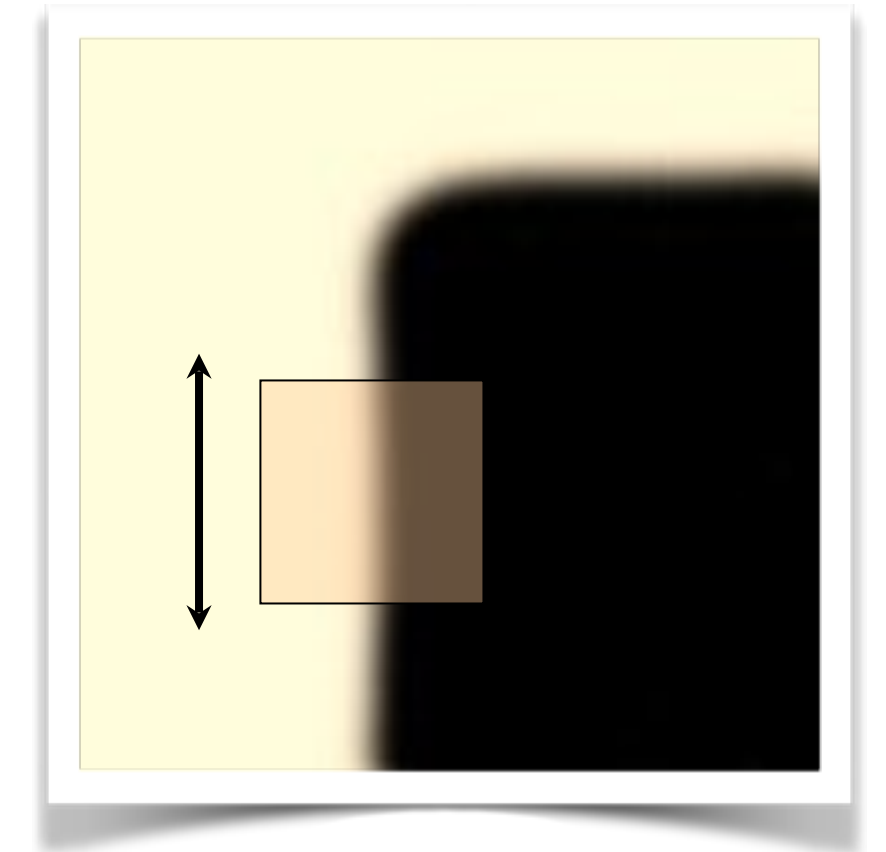
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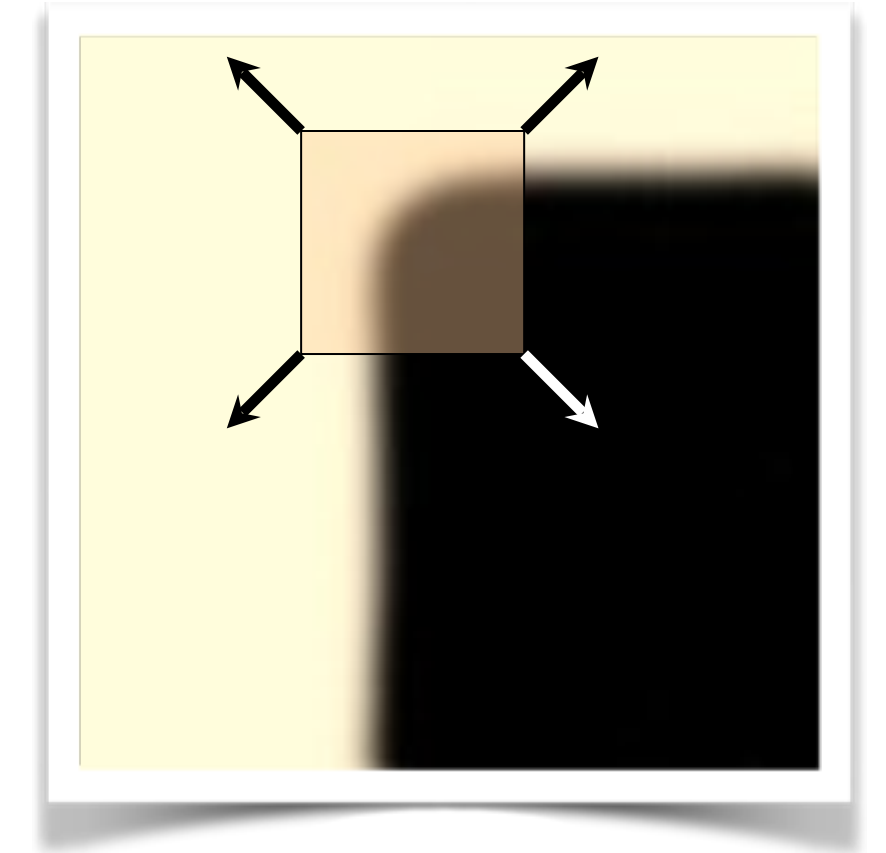
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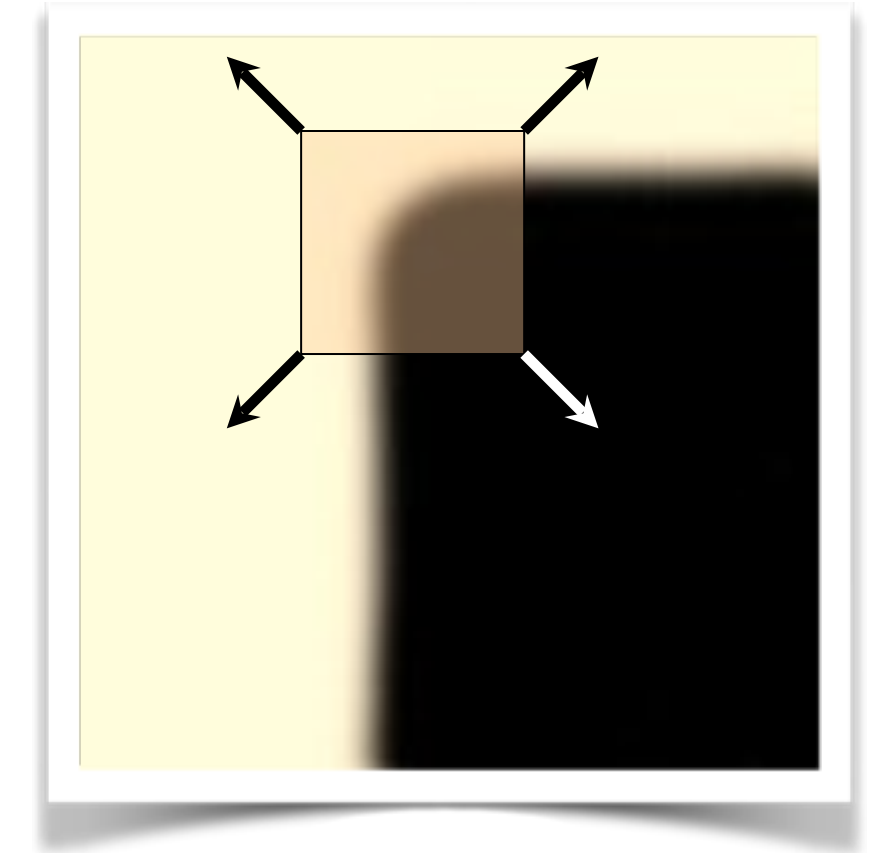
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“corner”:
significant change
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Corner Detection

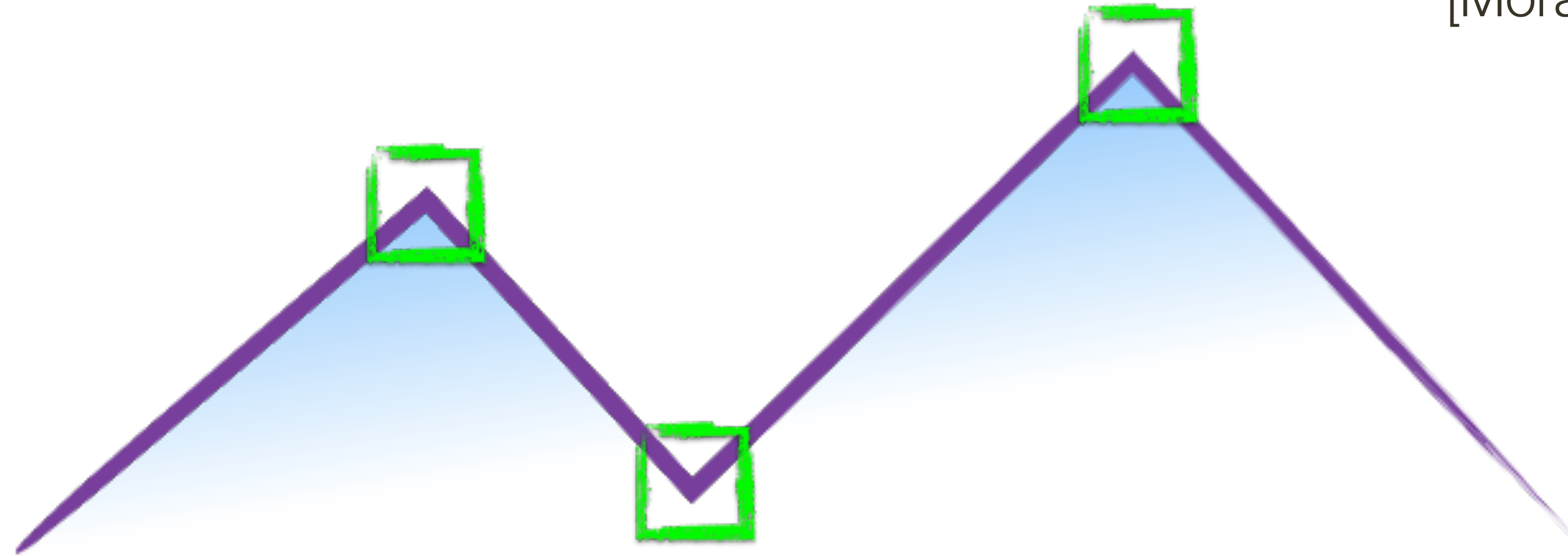
Edge detectors perform poorly at corners

Observations:

- The gradient is ill defined exactly at a corner
- Near a corner, the gradient has two (or more) distinct values

How do you find a **corner**?

[Moravec 1980]



Easily recognized by looking through a small window

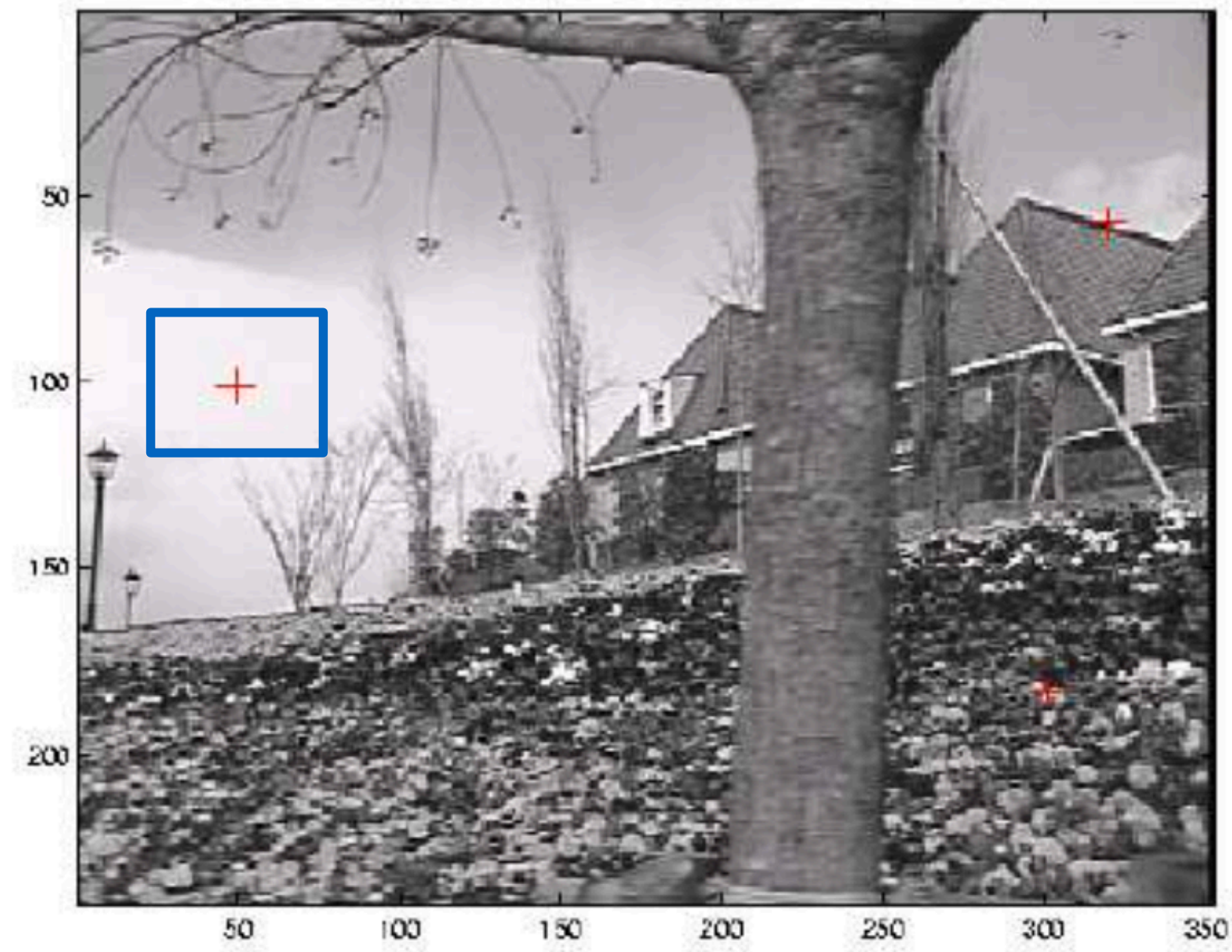
Shifting the window should give large change in intensity

Autocorrelation

Autocorrelation is the correlation of the image with itself.

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Autocorrelation



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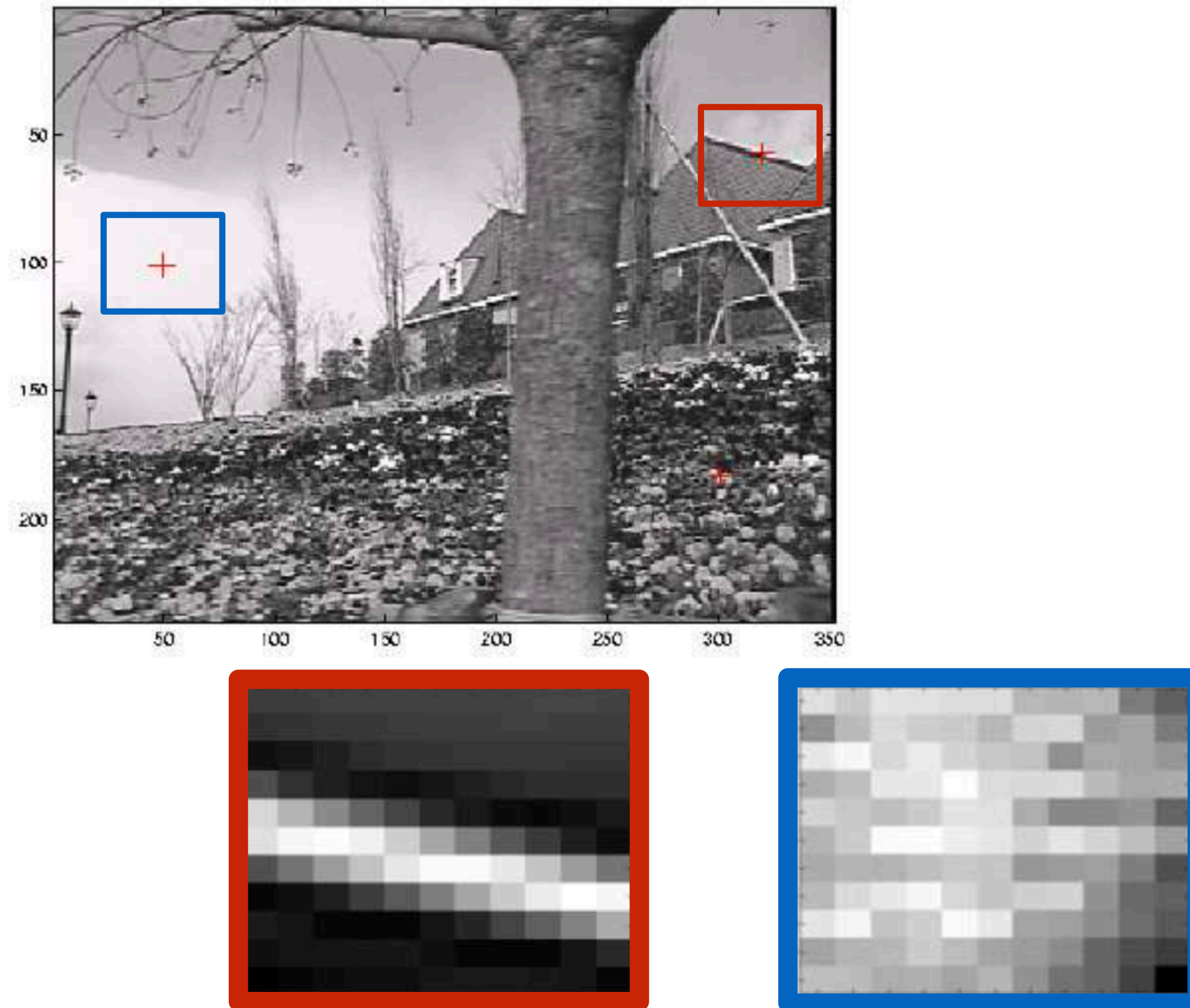
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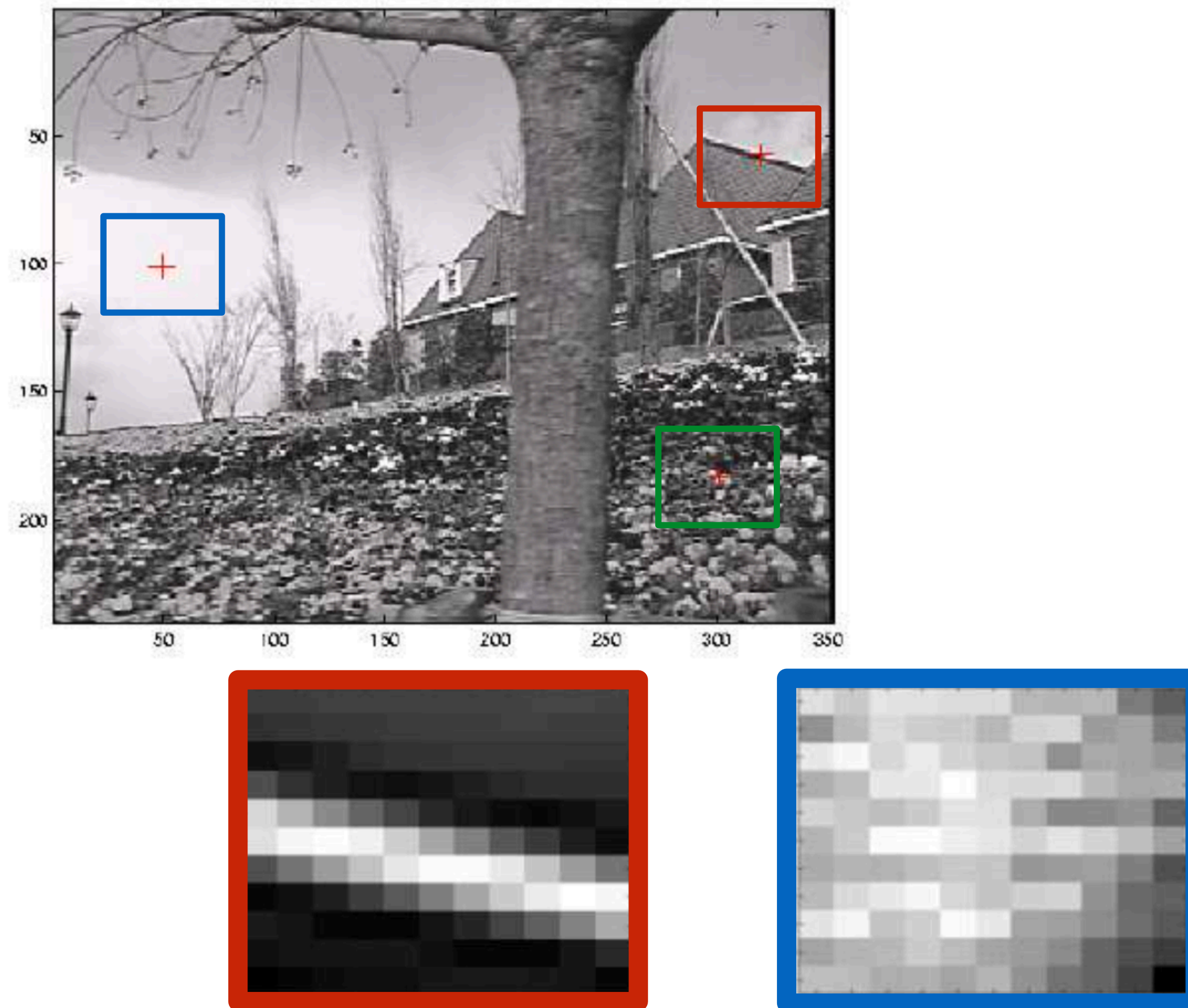
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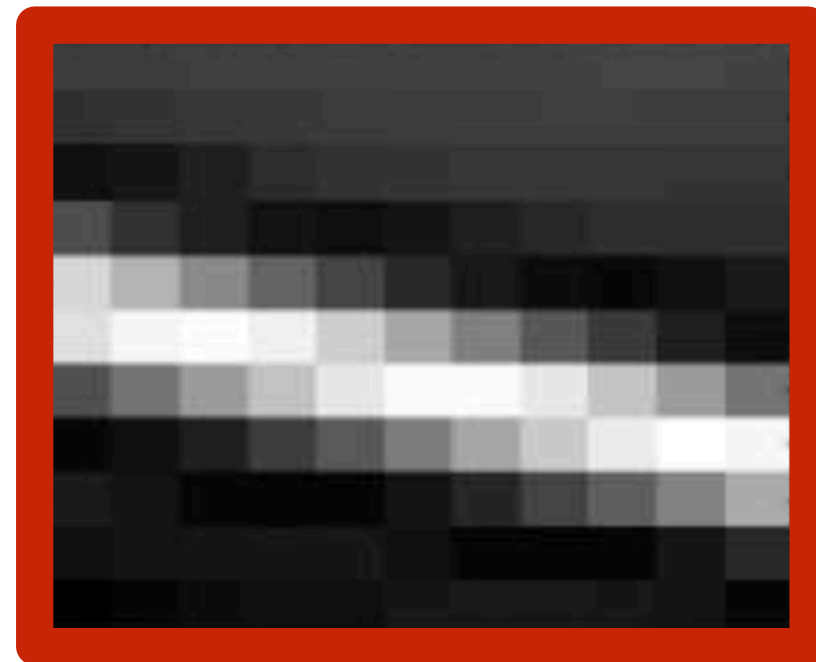
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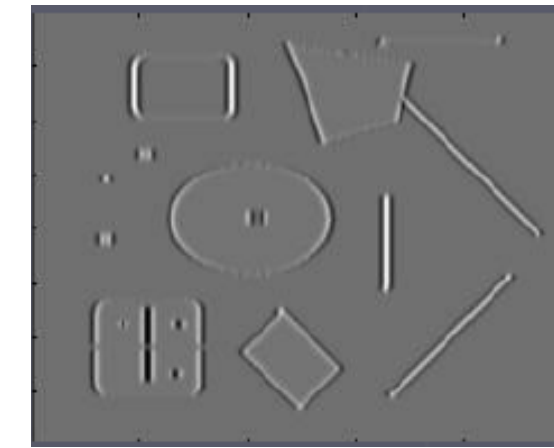
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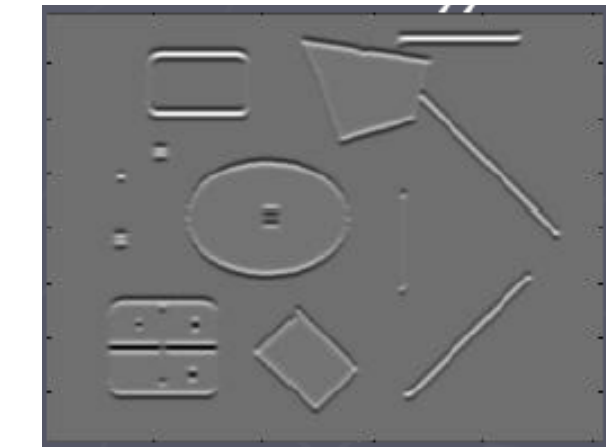
Harris Corner Detection

1. Compute image gradients over small region
2. Compute the covariance matrix
3. Compute eigenvectors and eigenvalues
4. Use threshold on eigenvalues to detect corners

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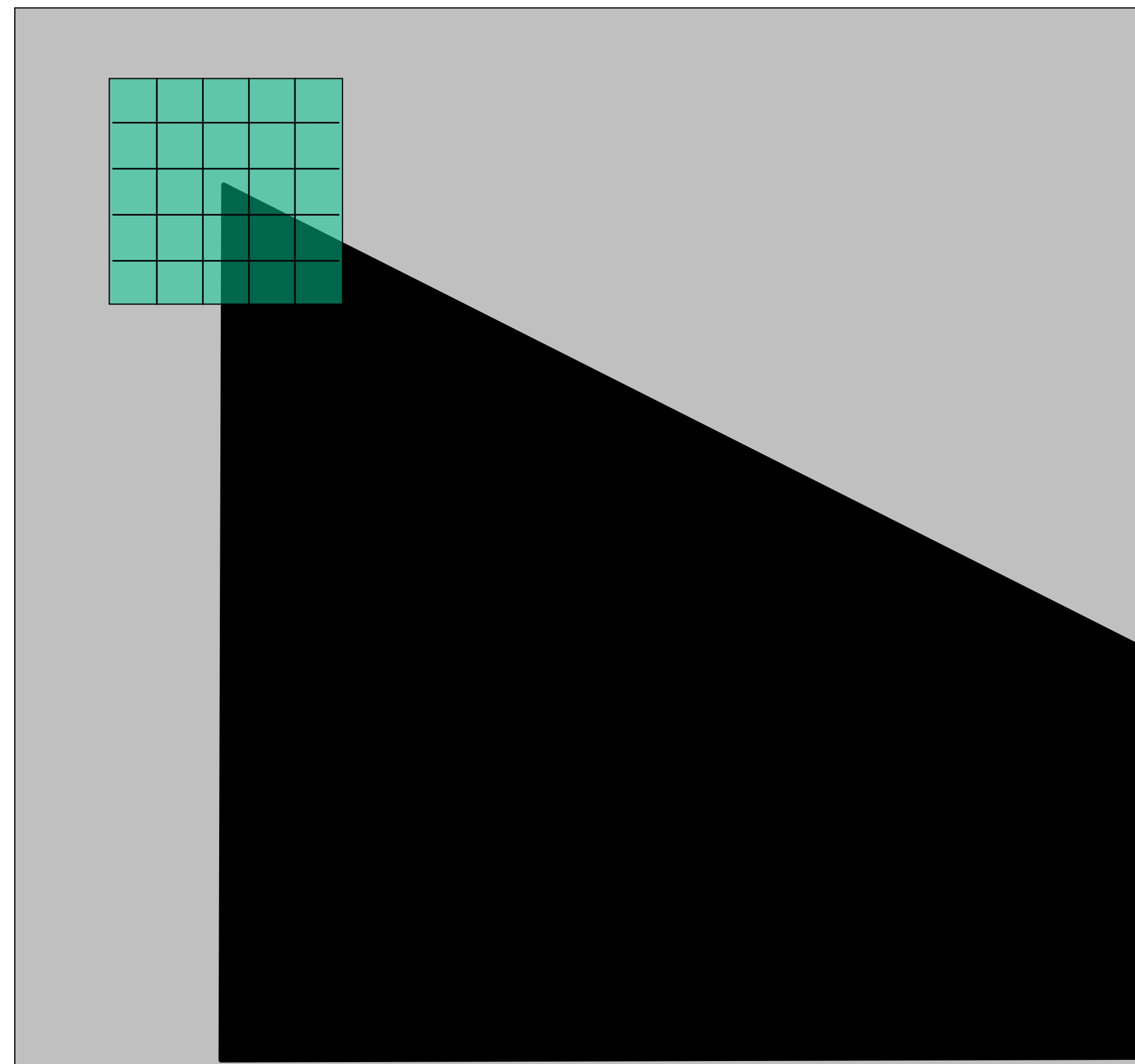
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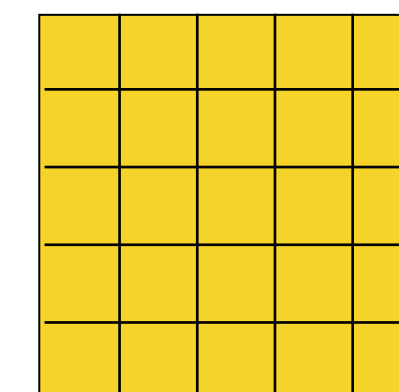
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(not just a single pixel)



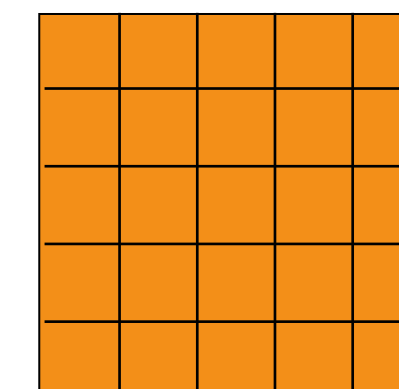
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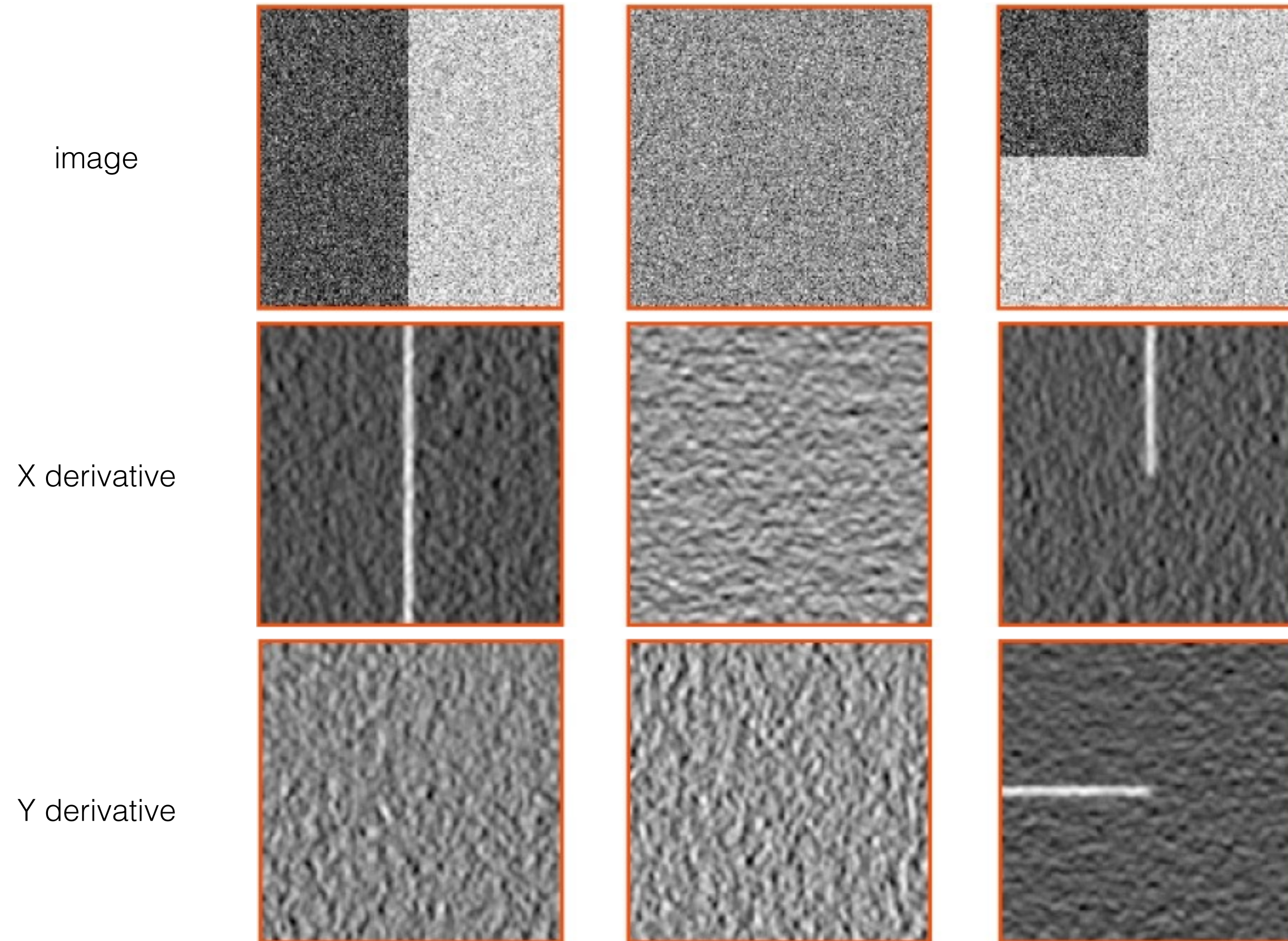


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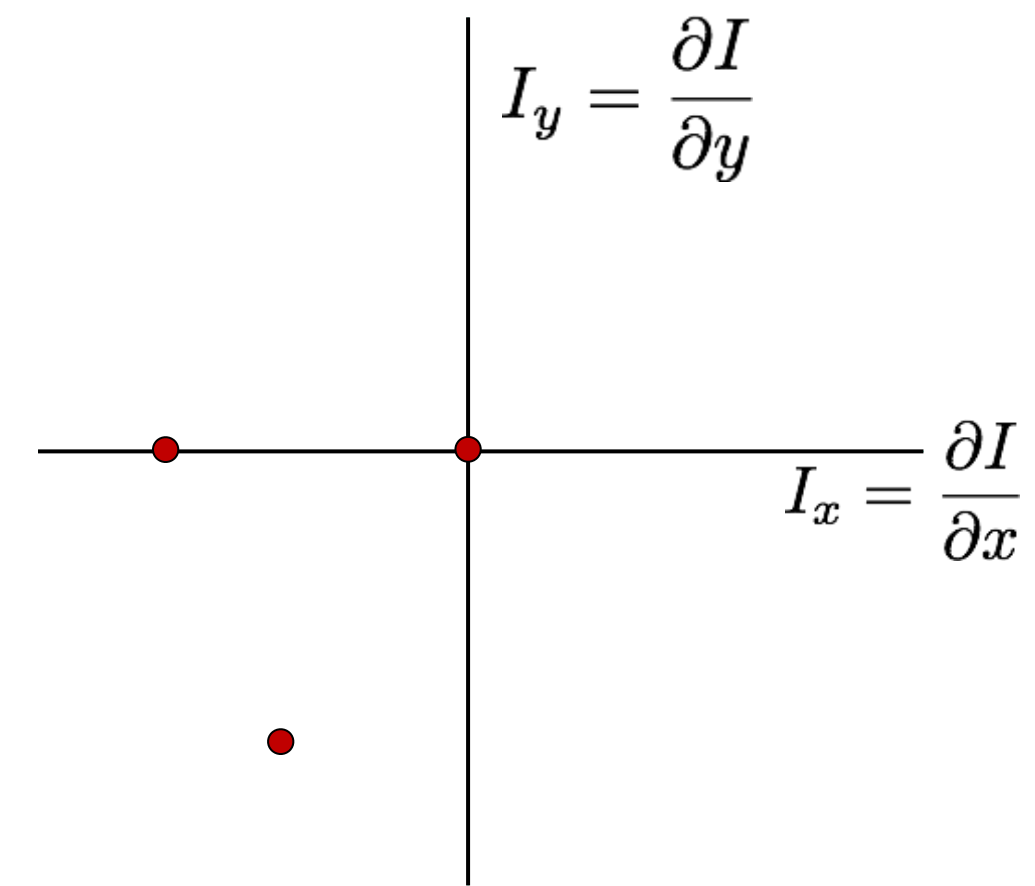
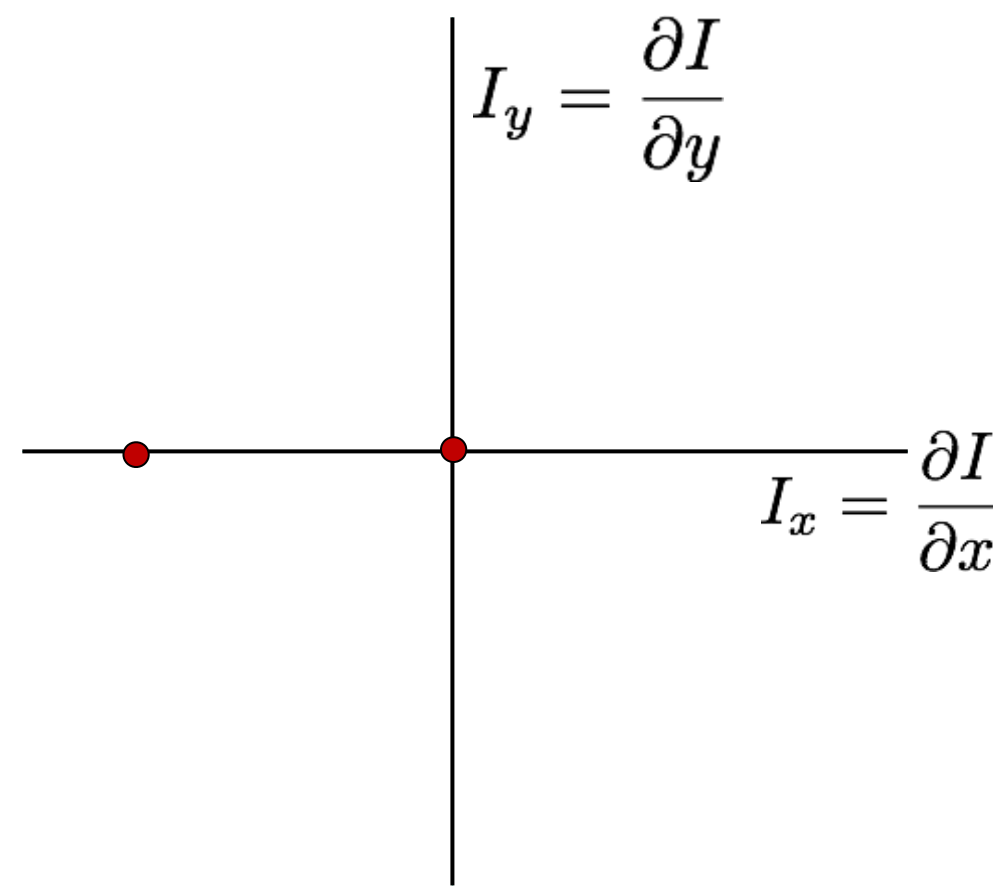
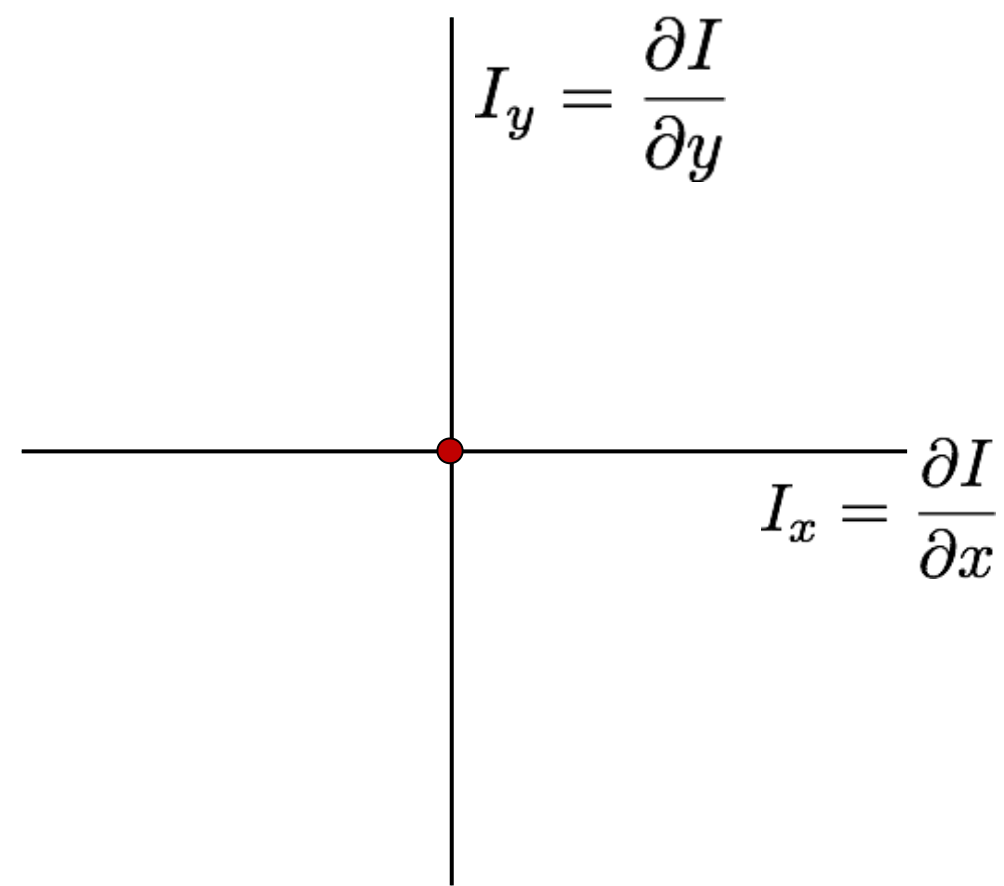
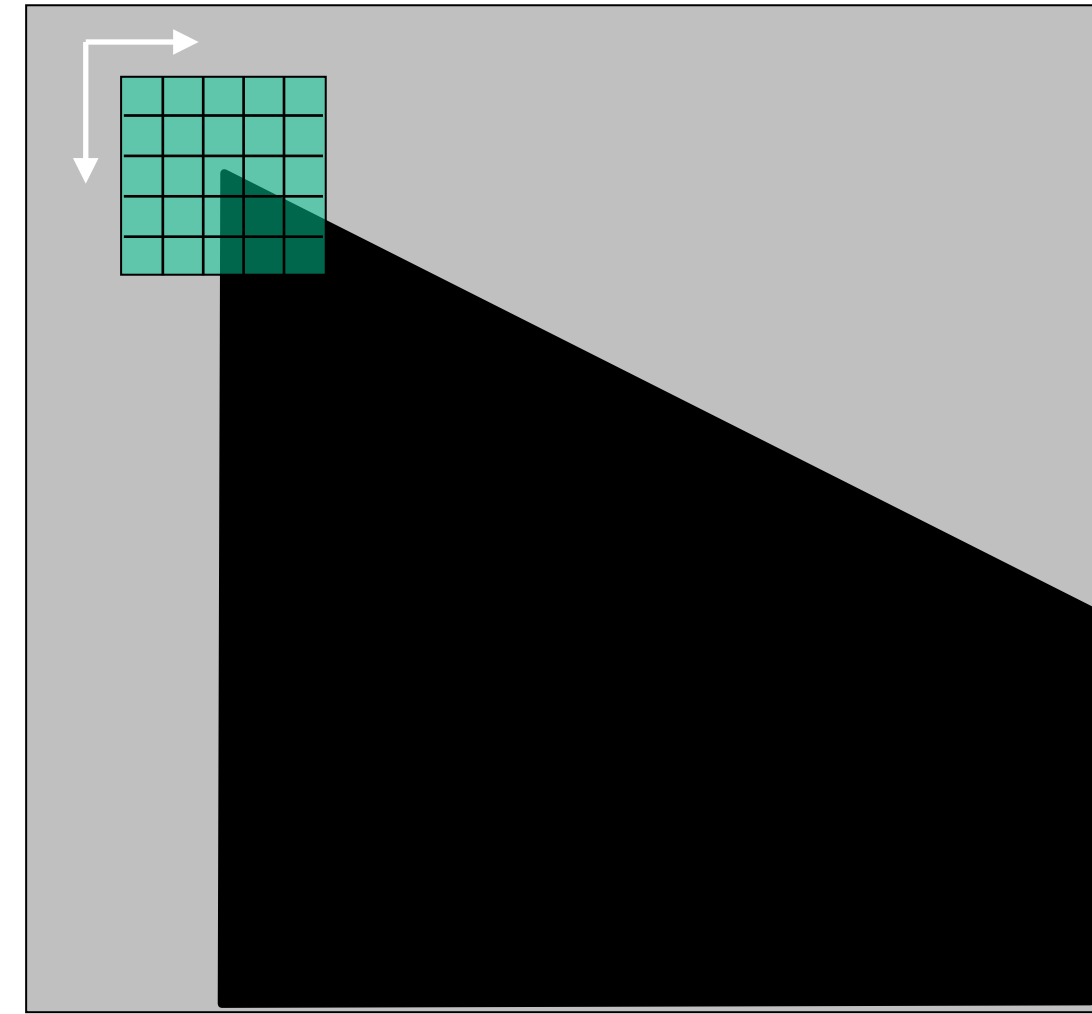
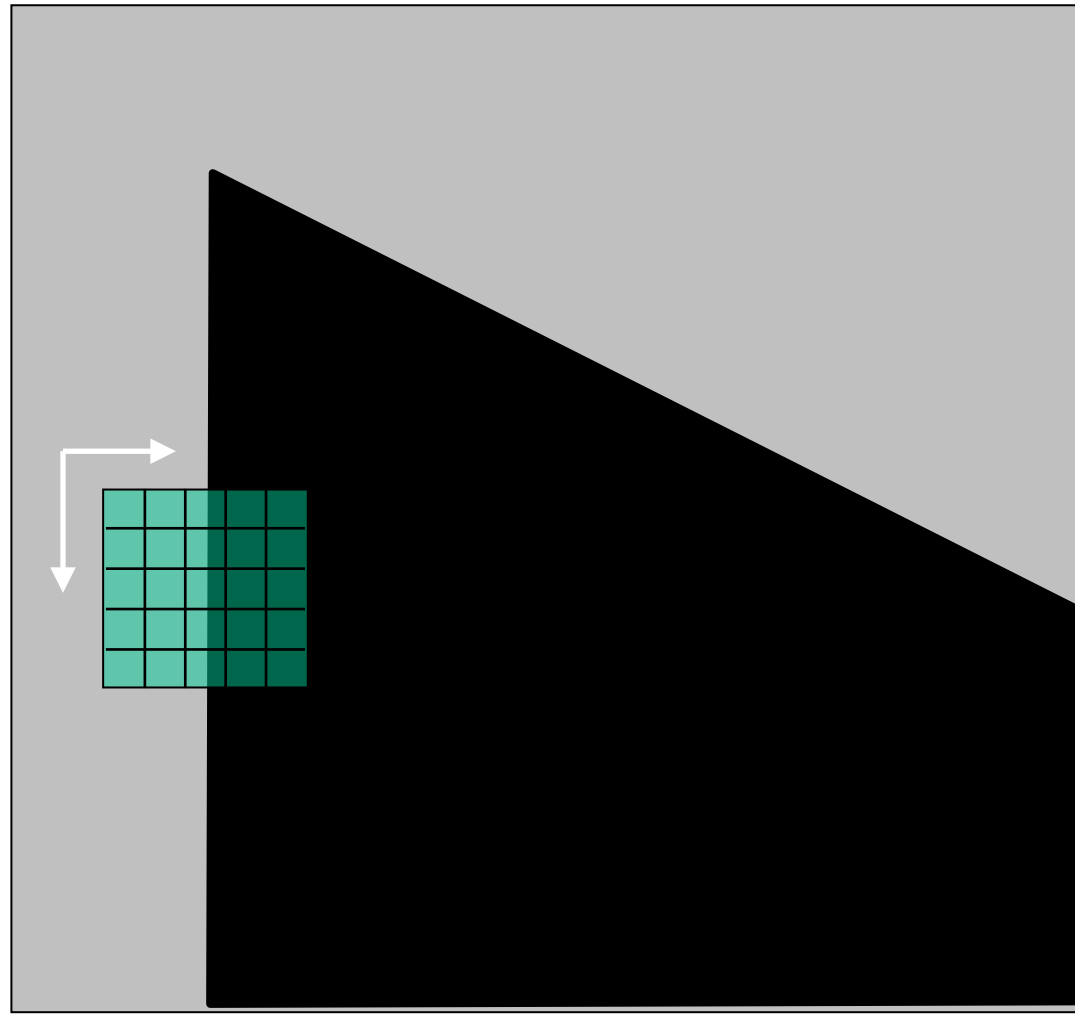
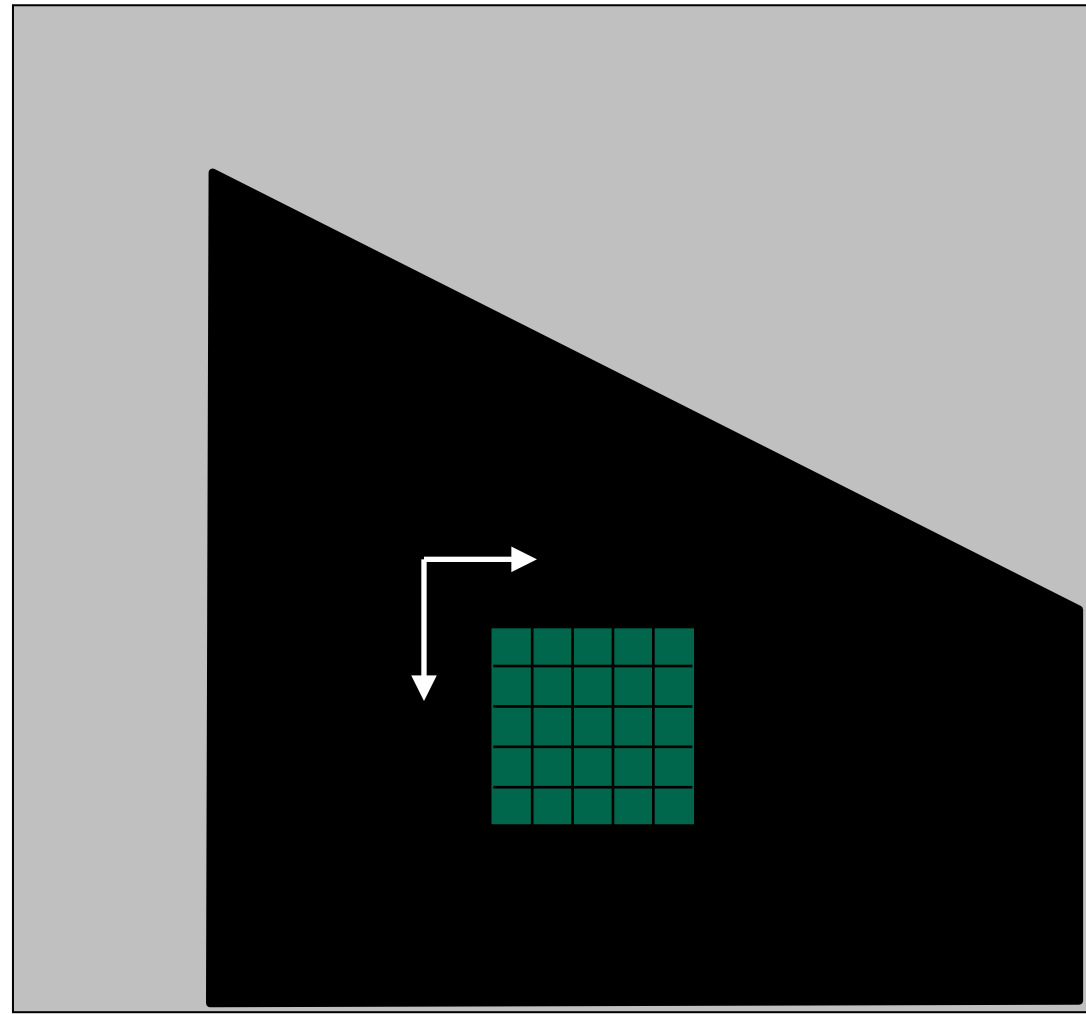
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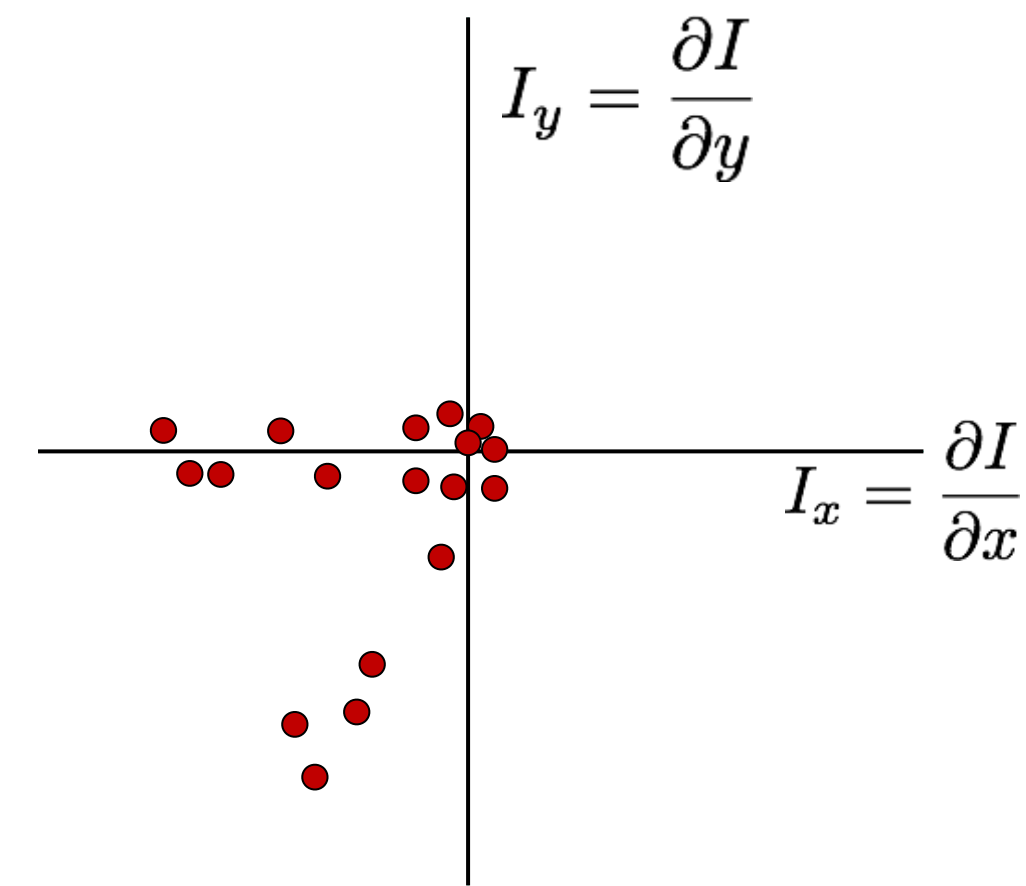
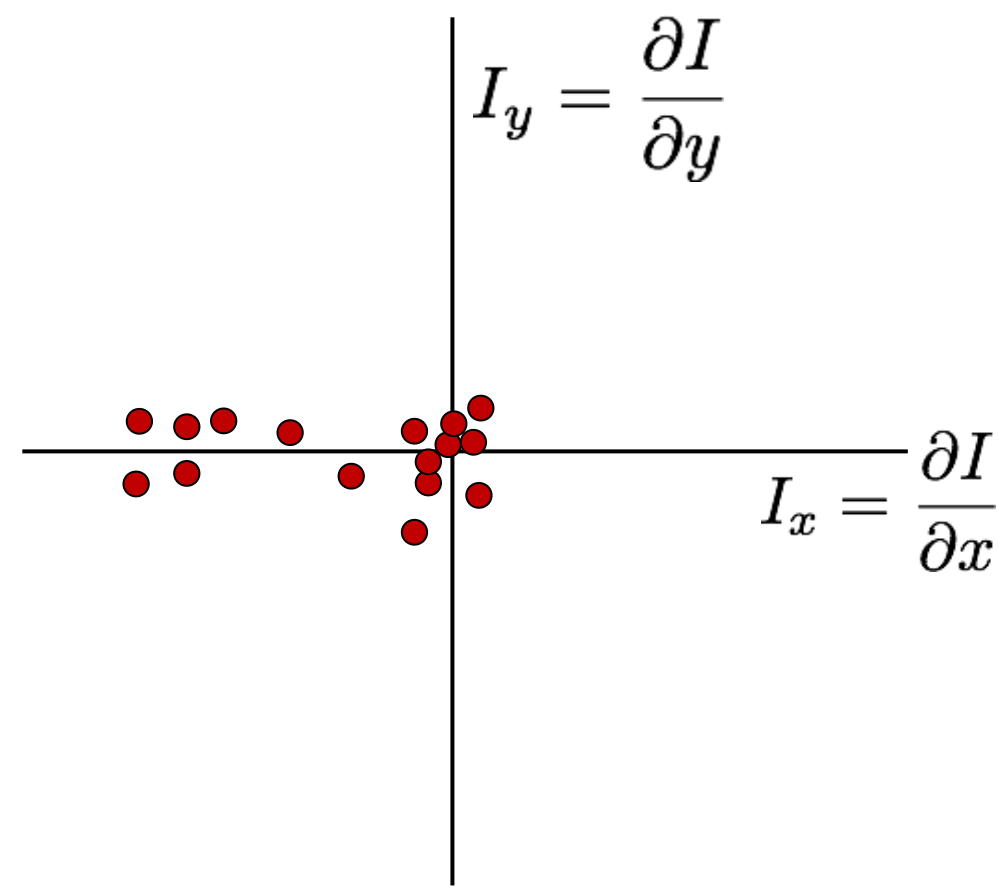
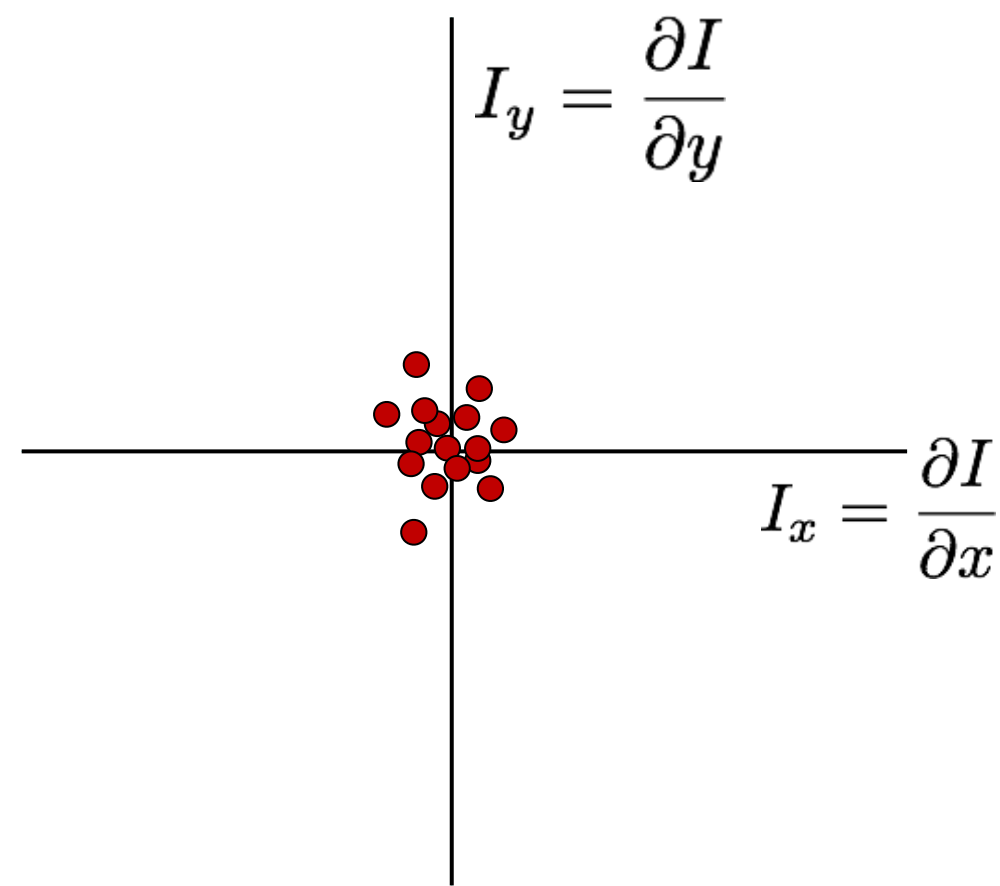
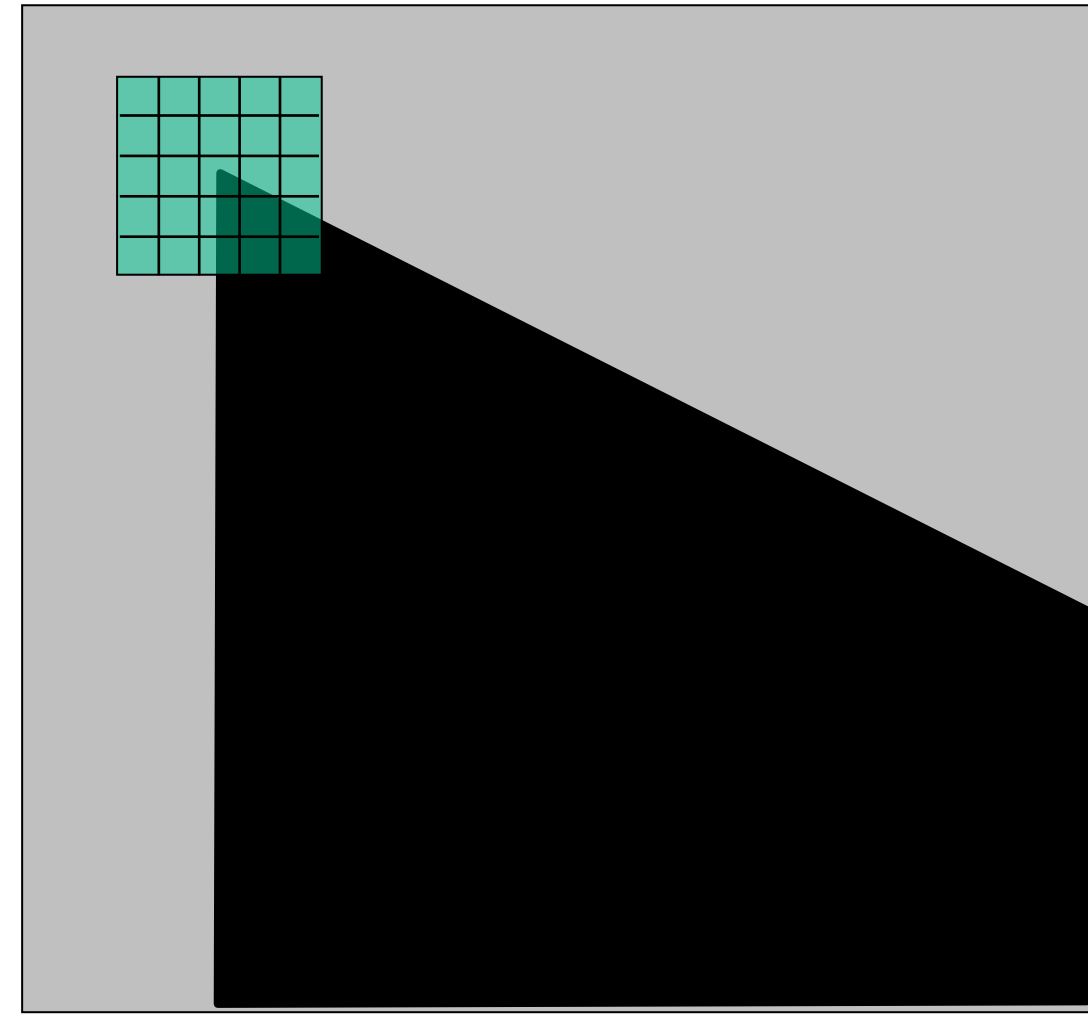
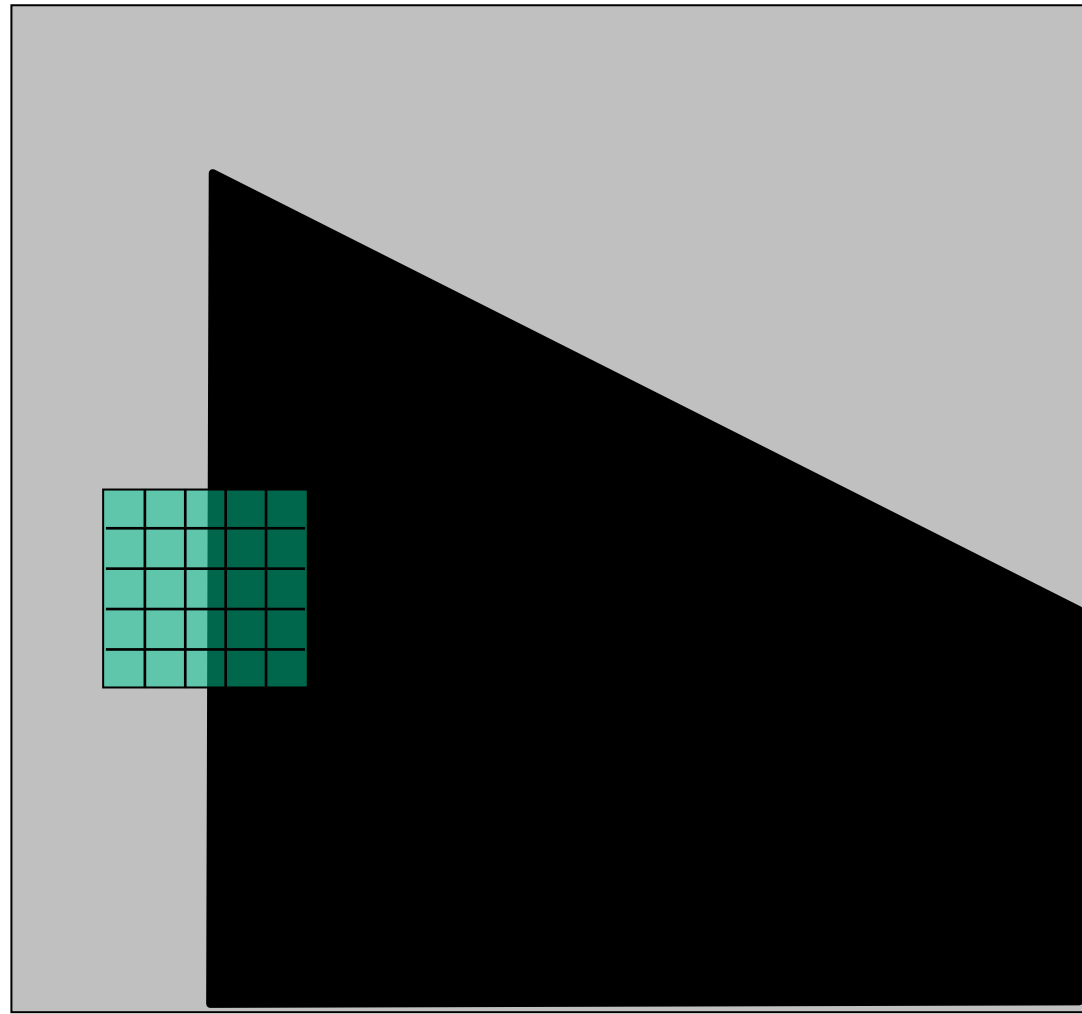
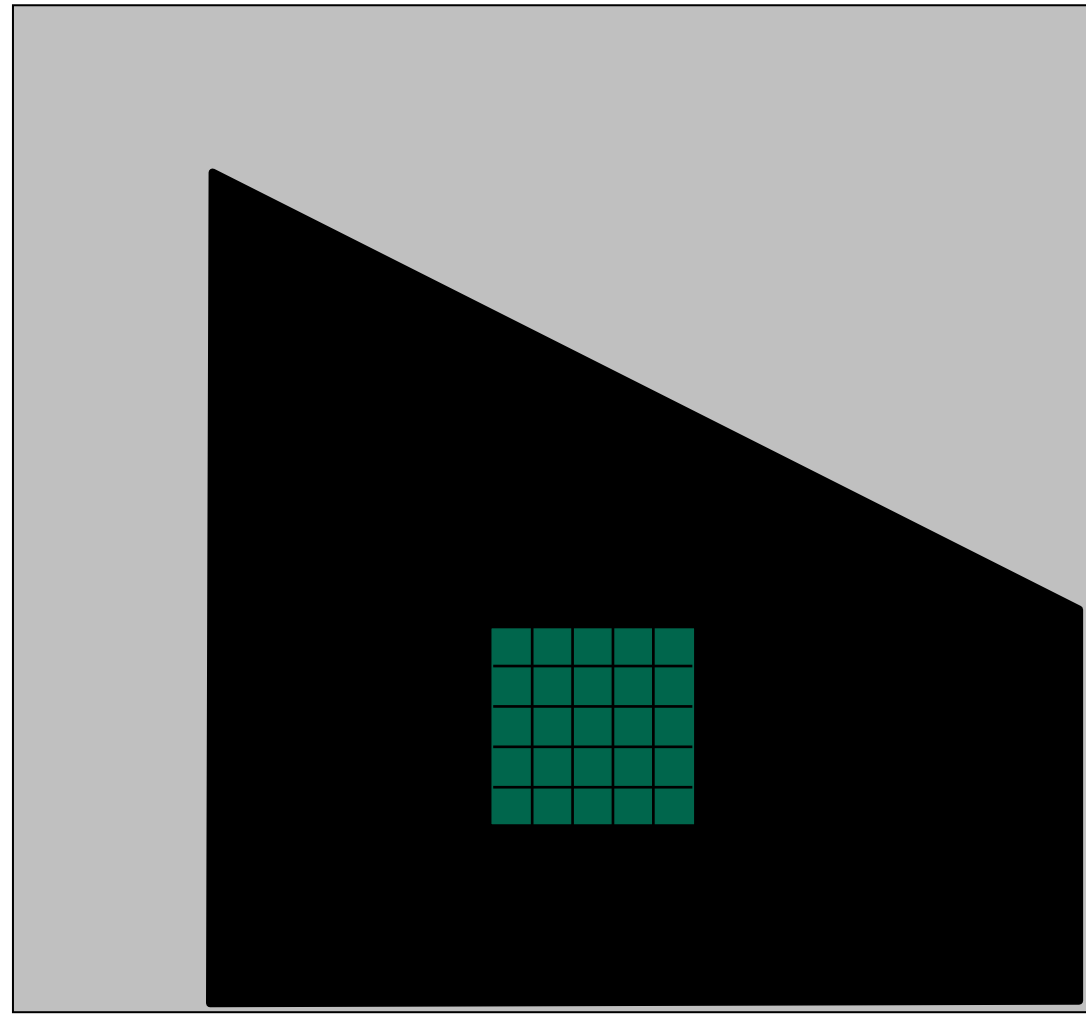
Visualization of Gradients



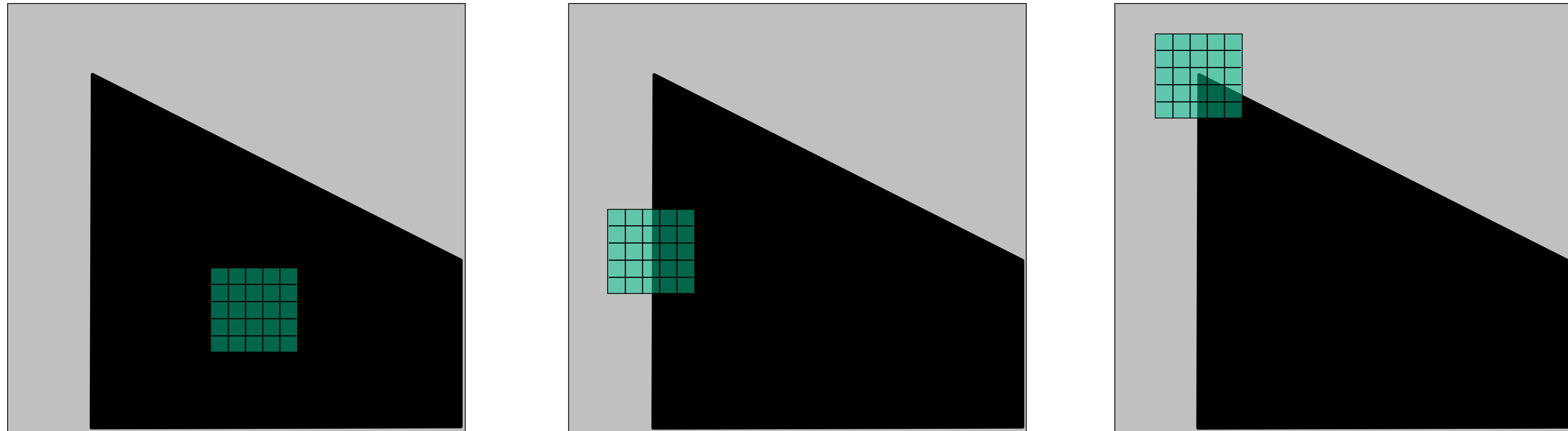
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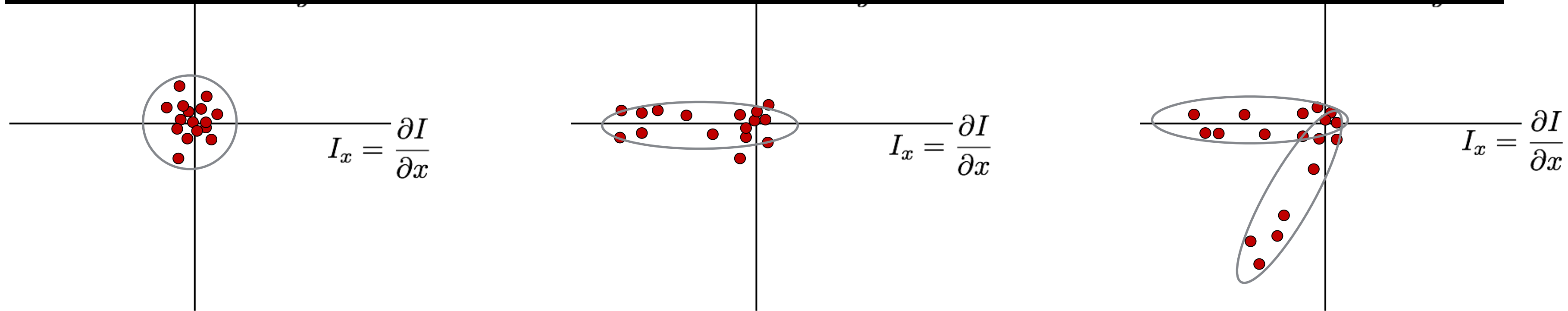
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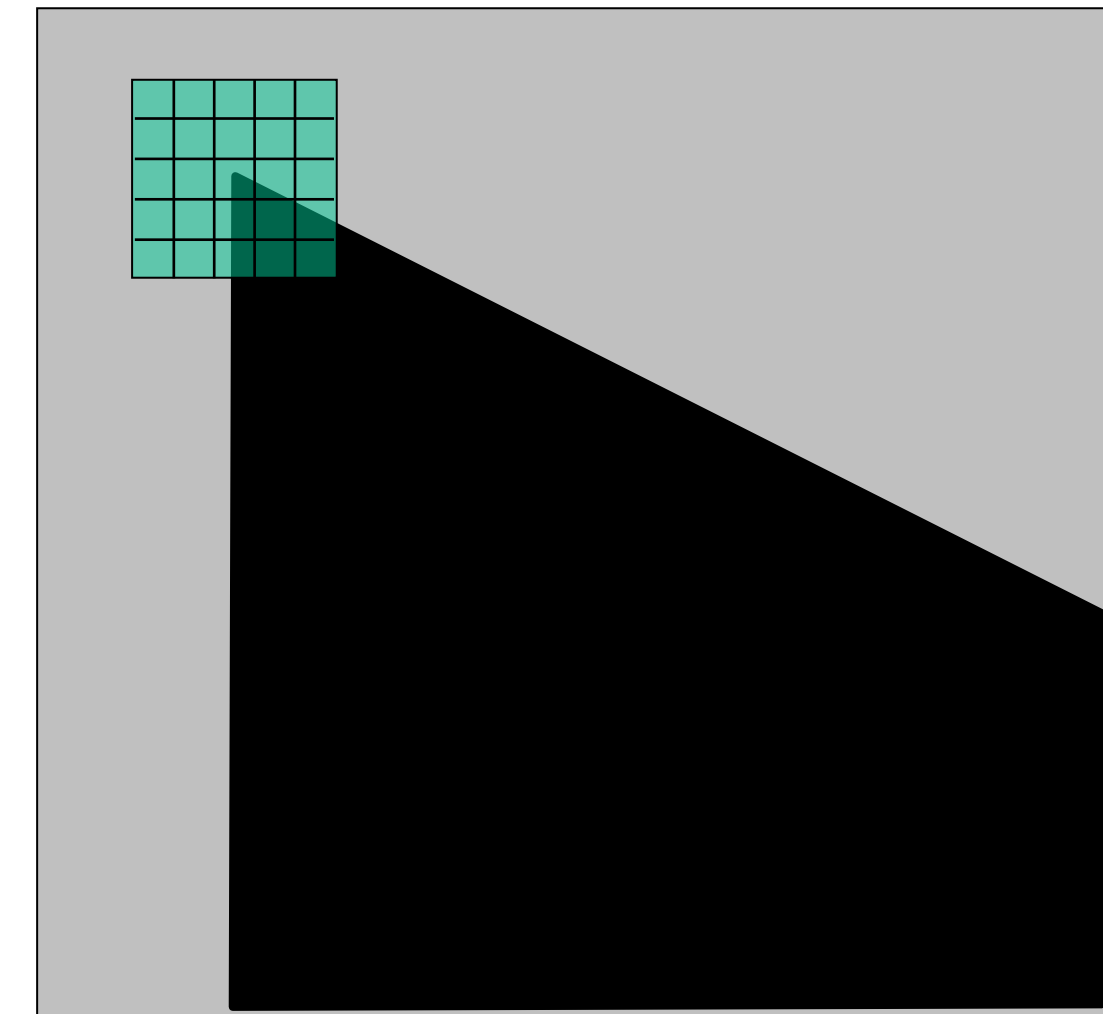
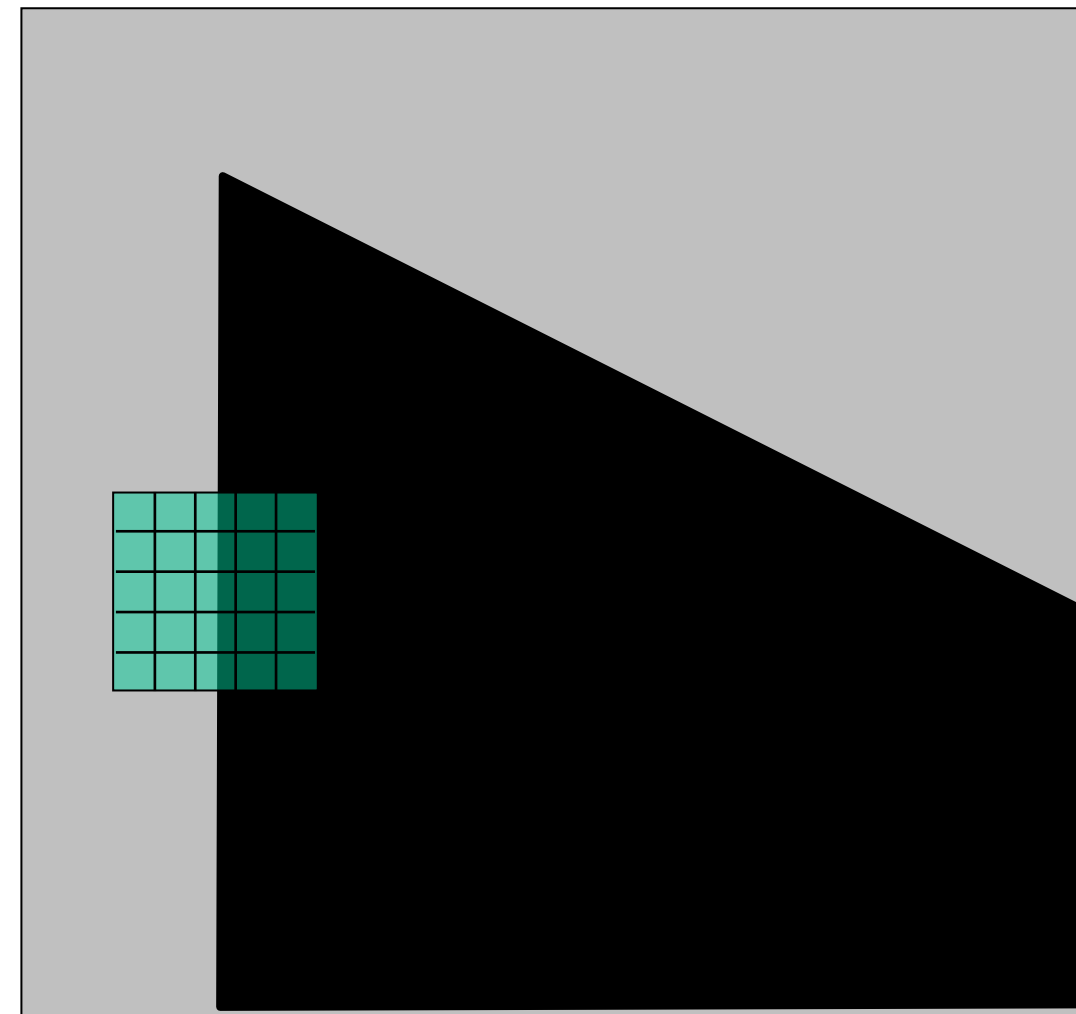
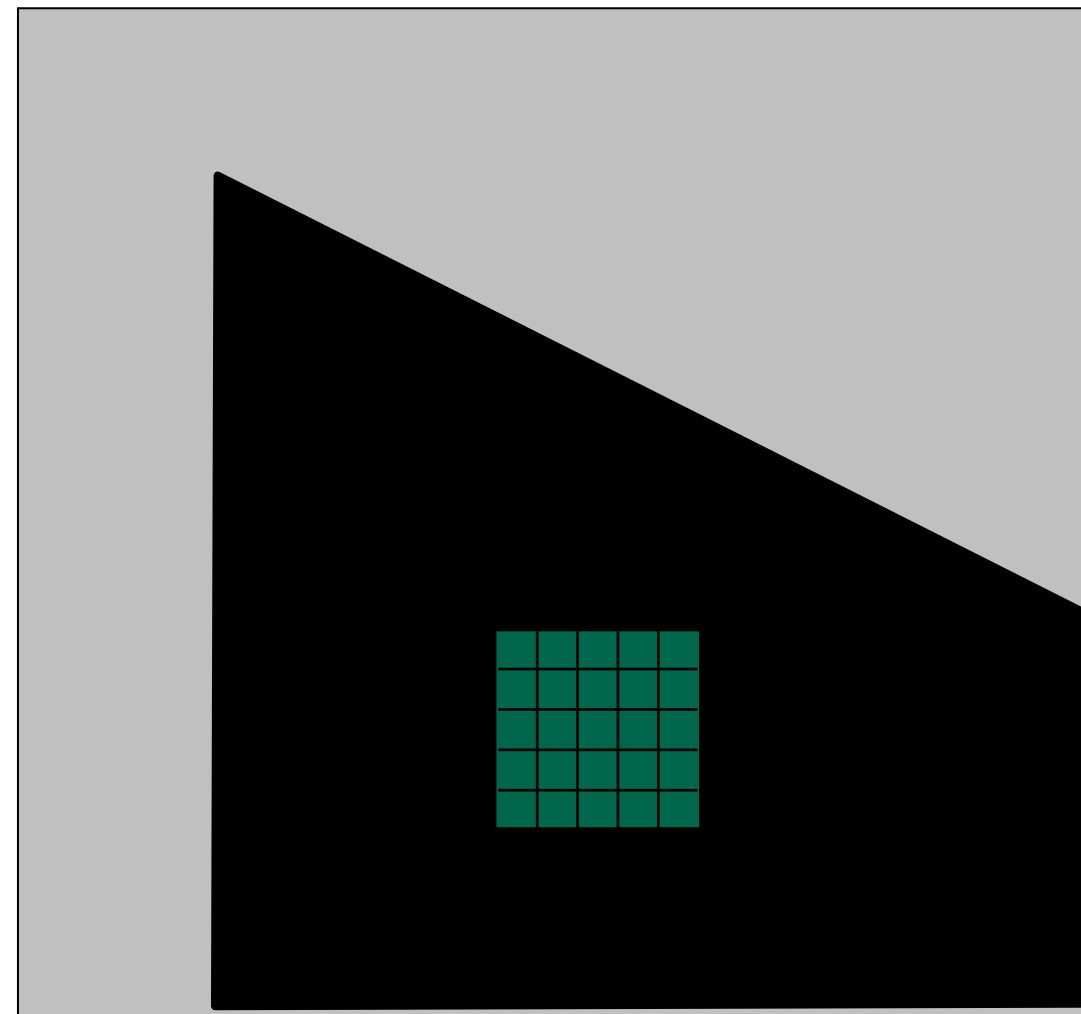
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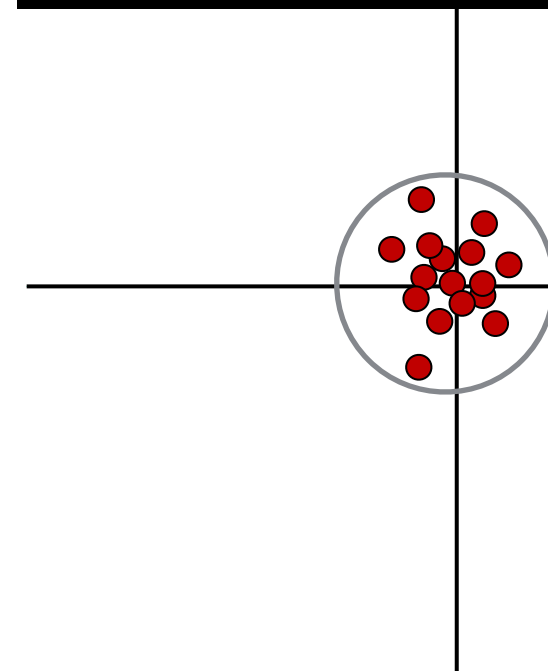
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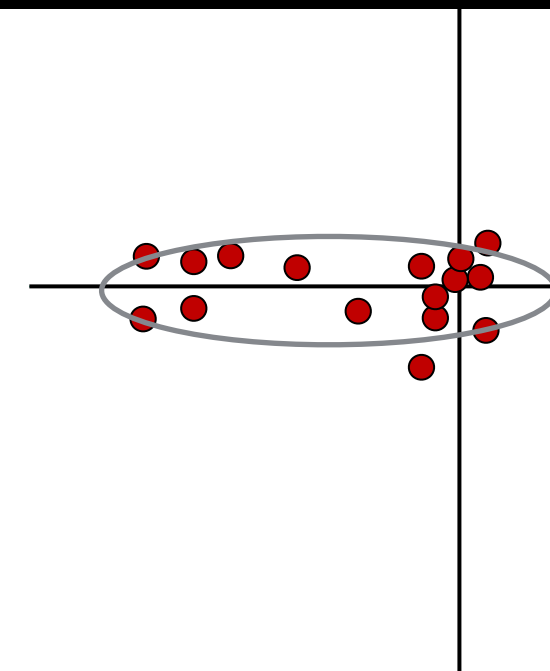
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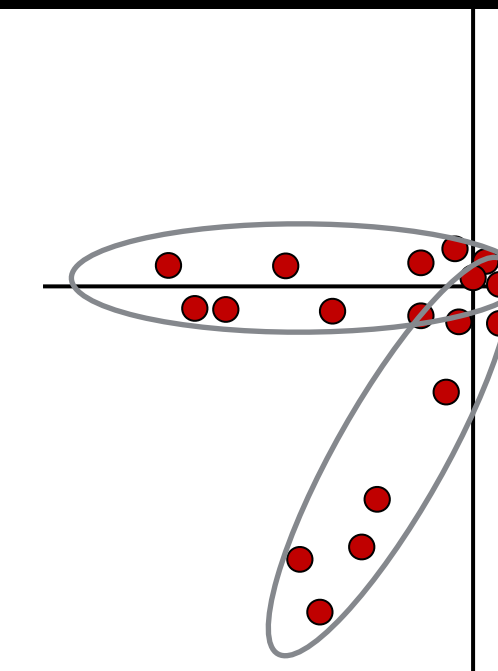
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How do we quantify the **orientation** and **magnitude**?

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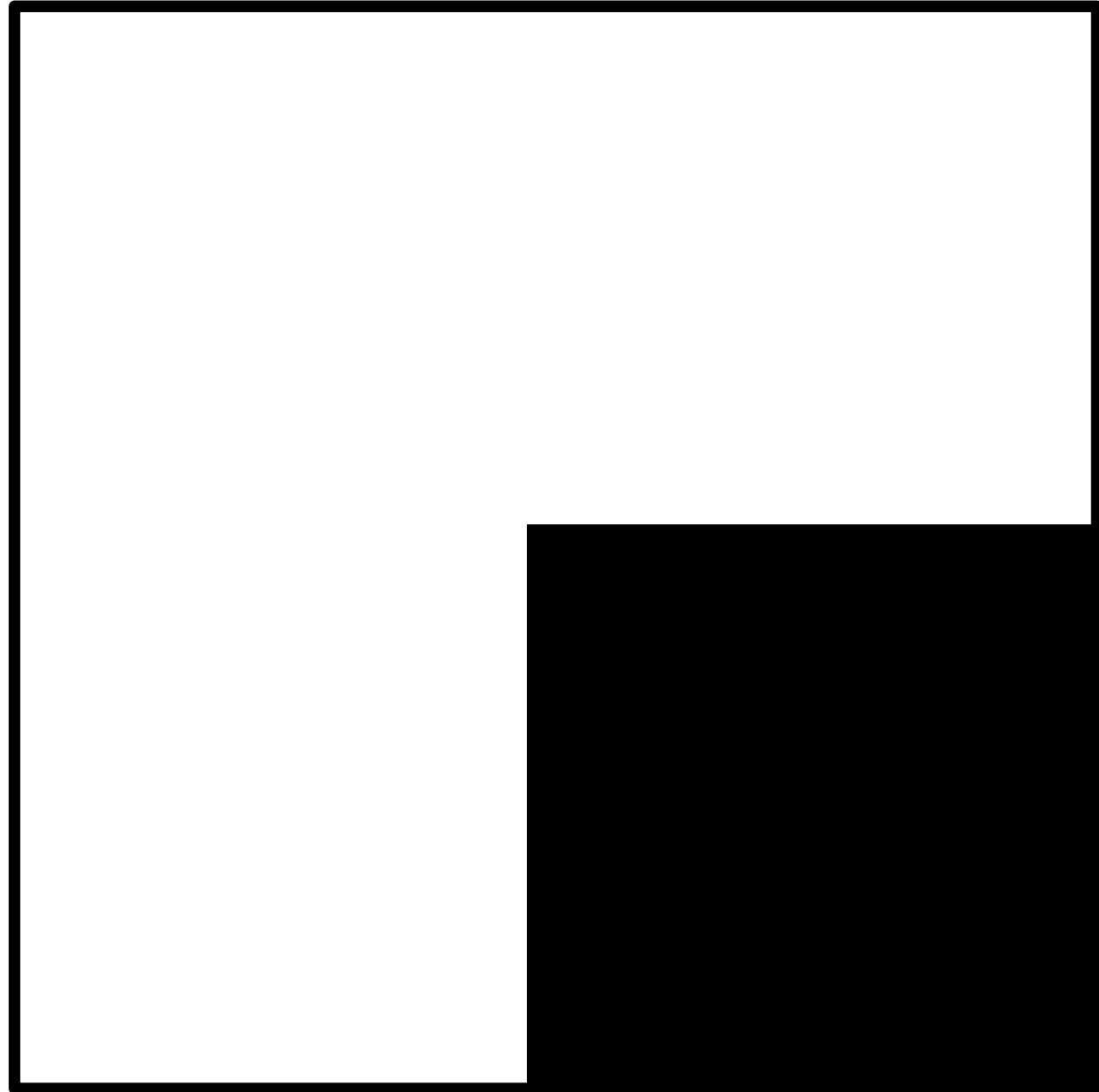
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we are fitting a **quadratic** to the gradients over a small image region

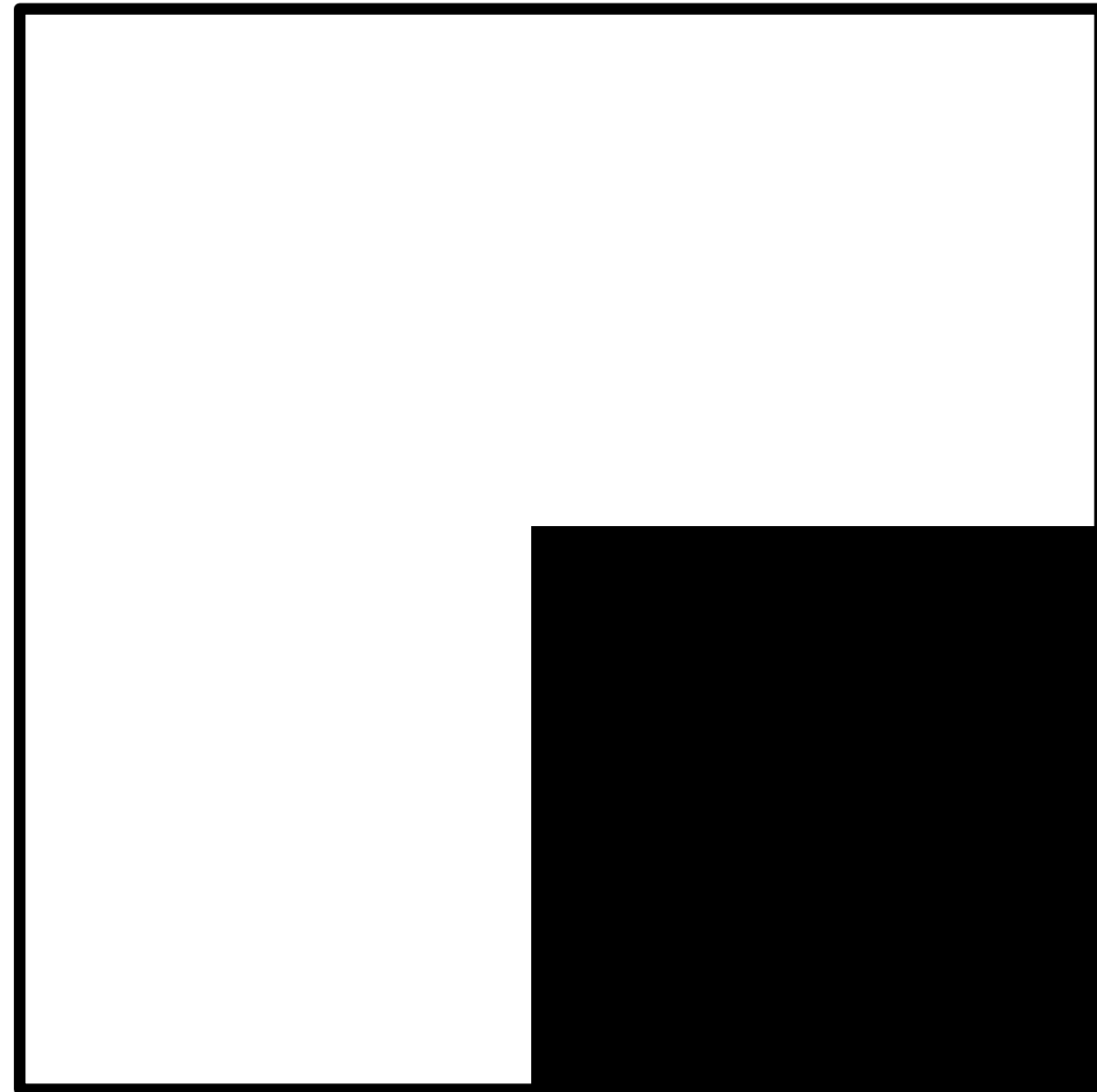
Simple Case



Local Image Patch

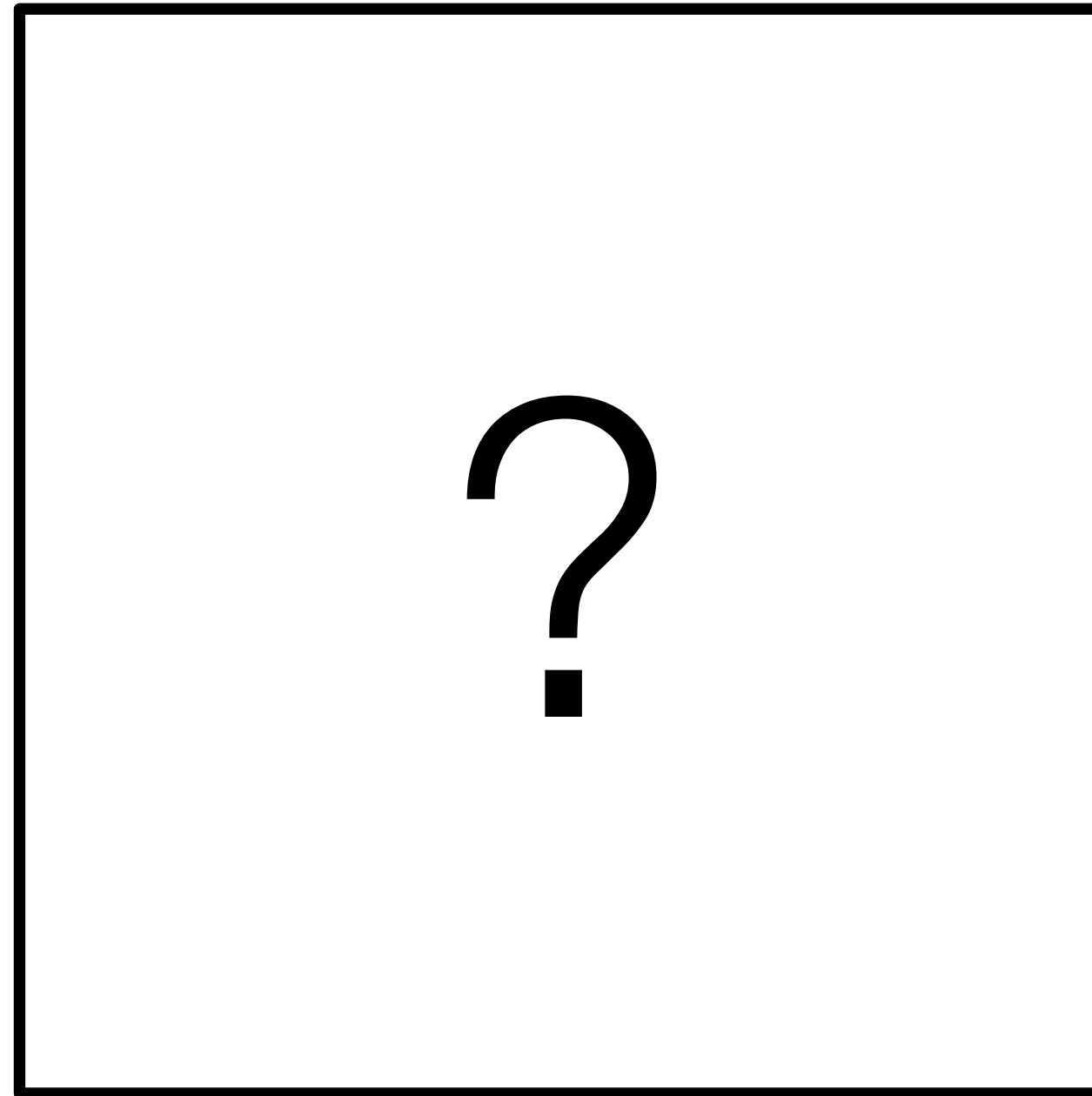
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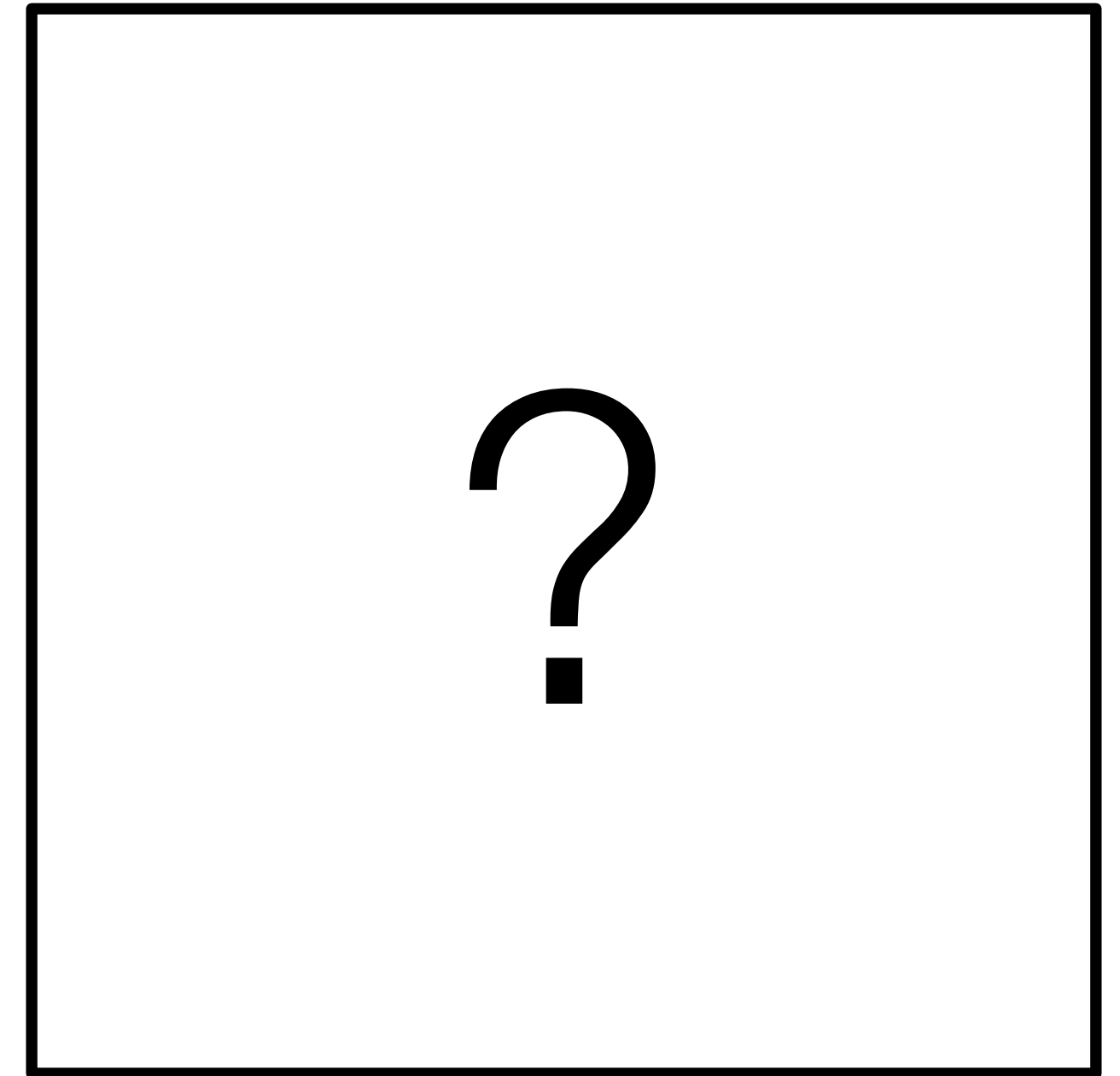


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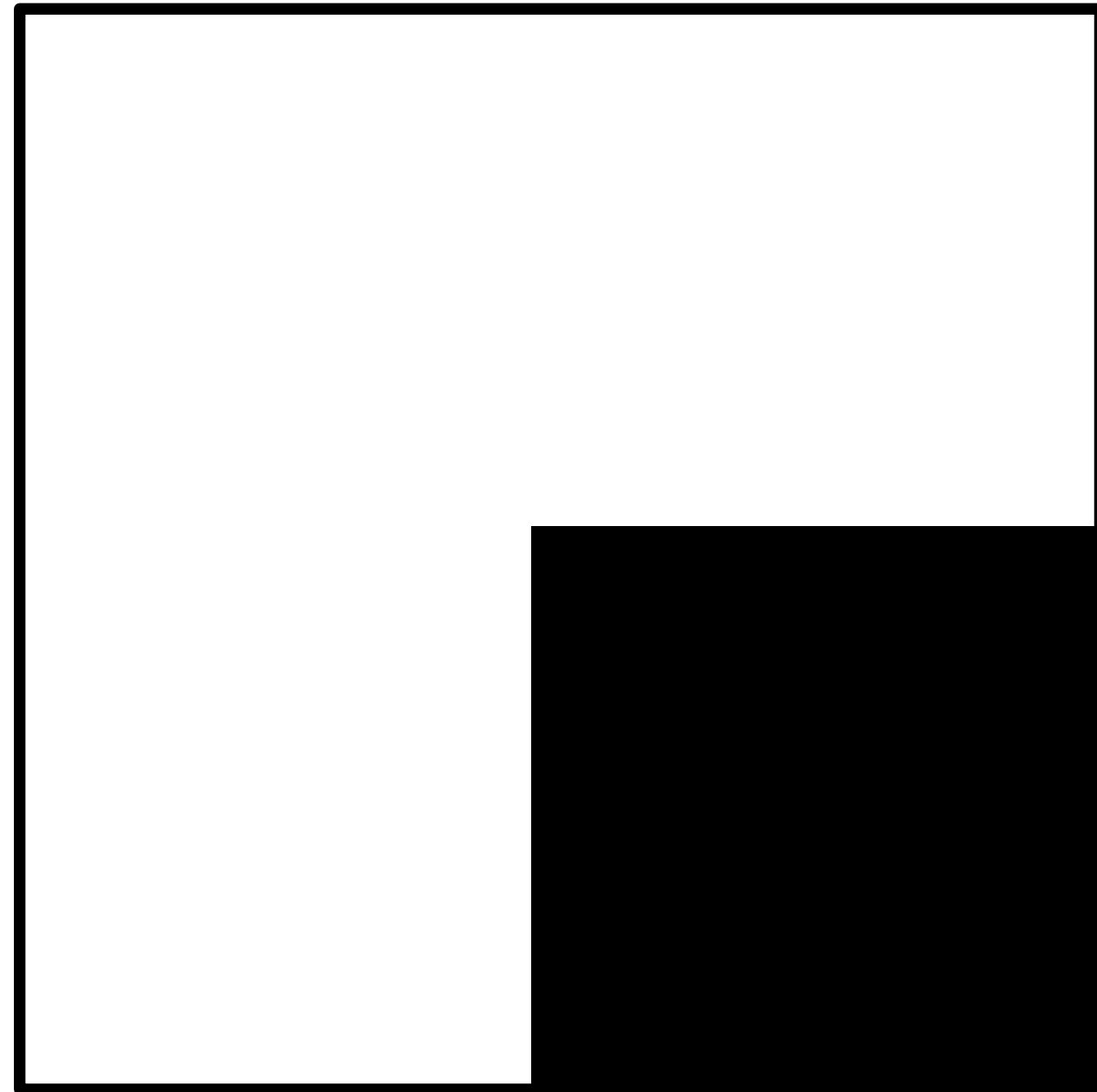


I_y

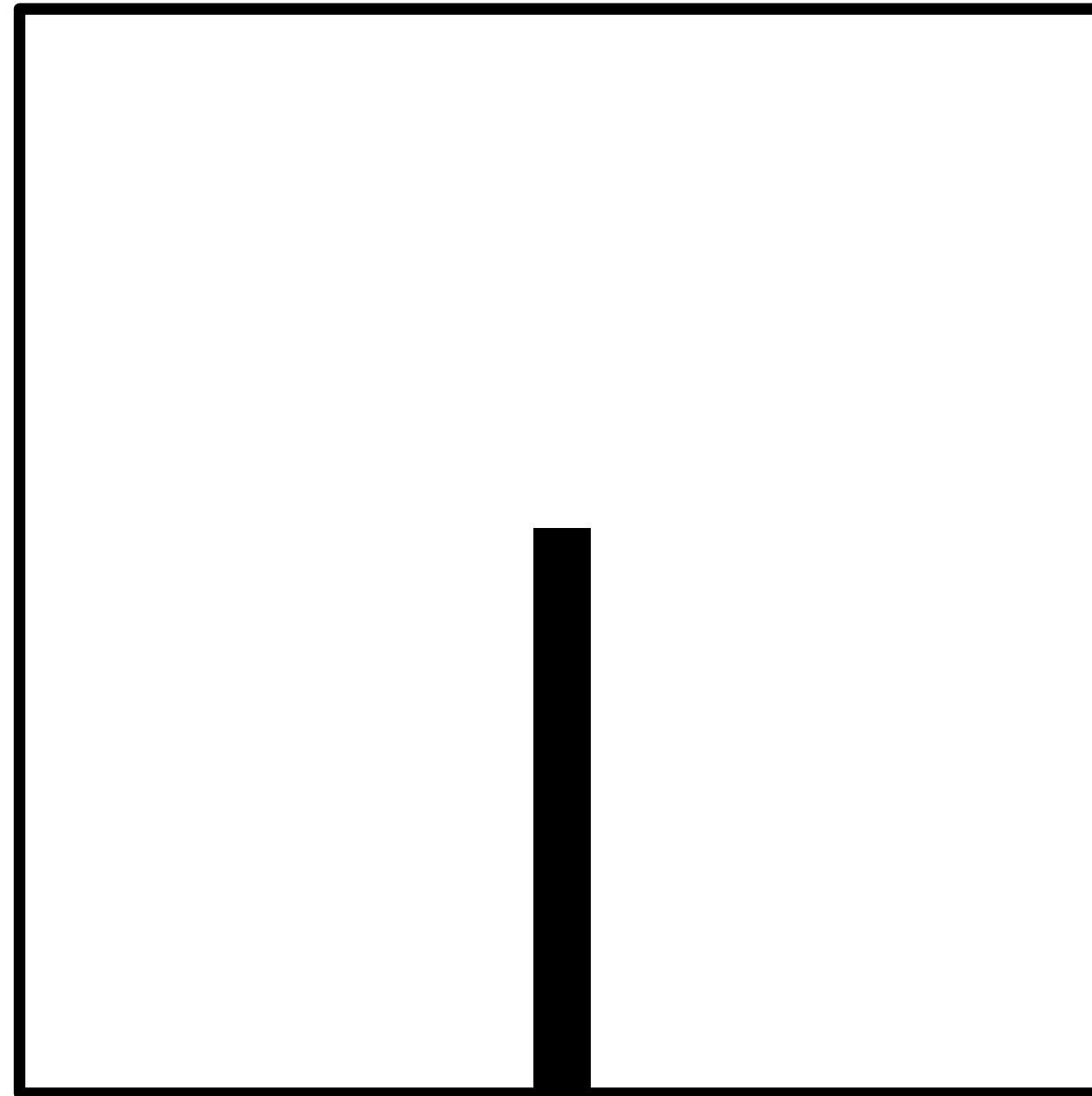


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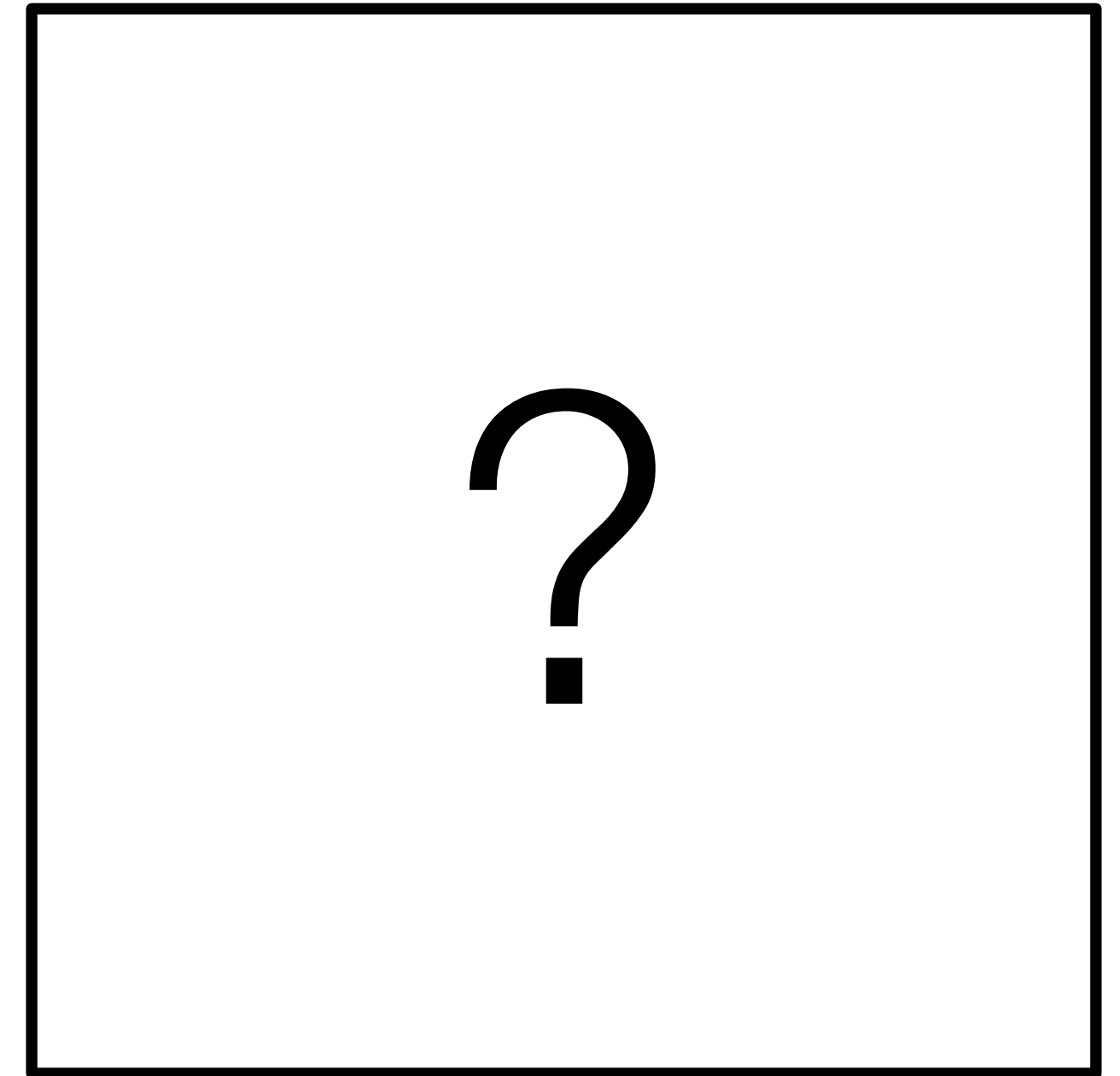
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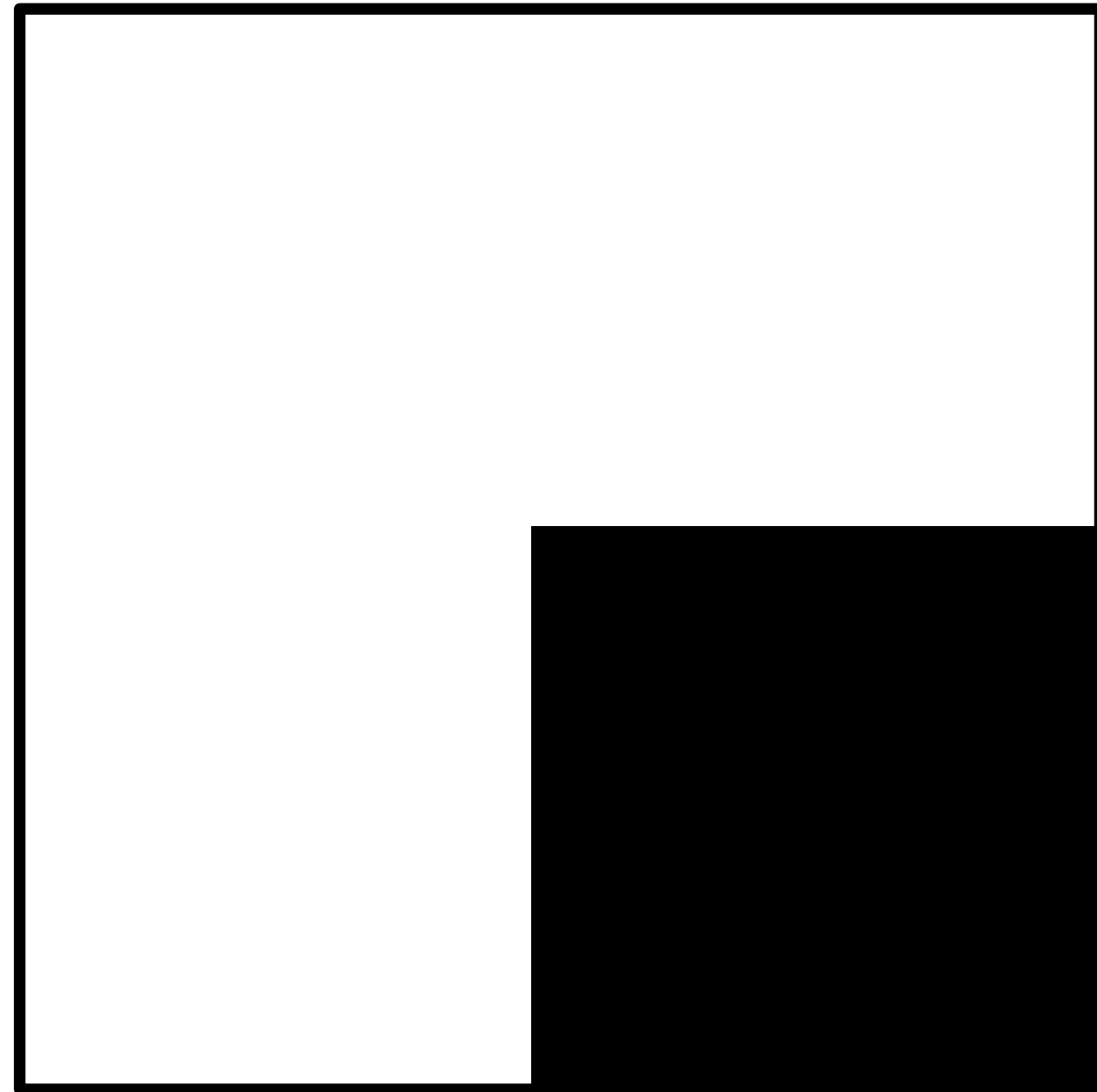
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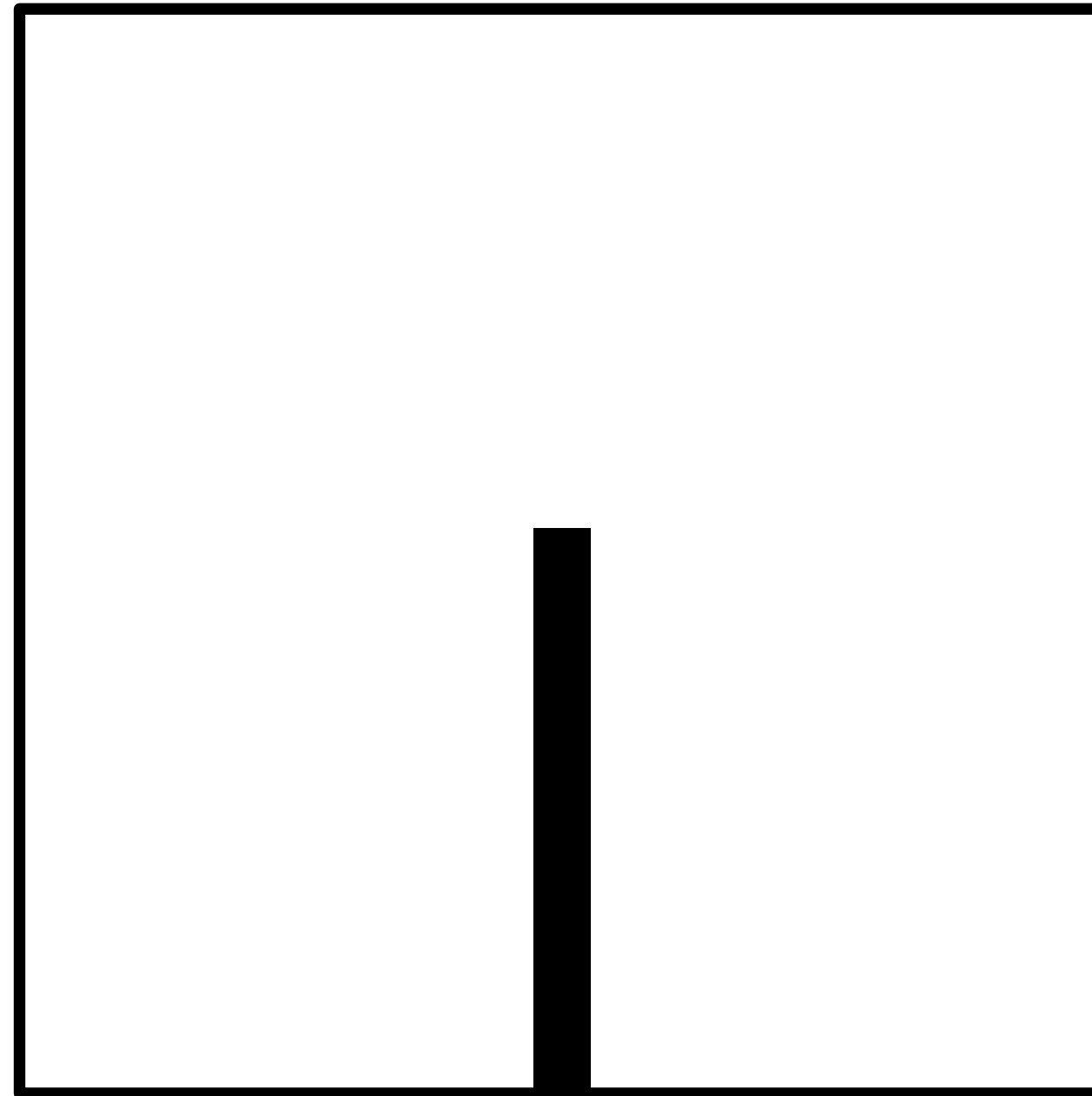
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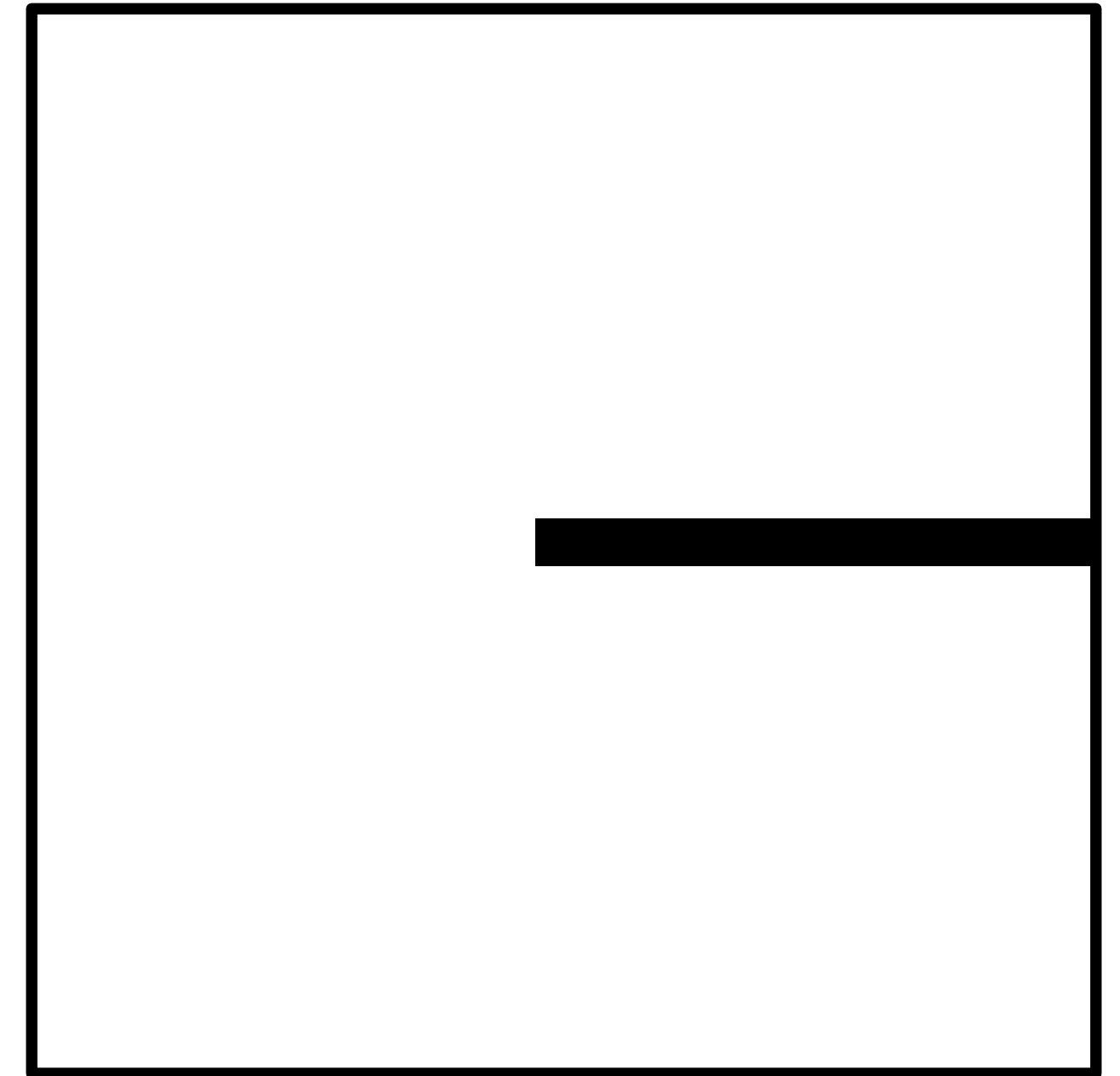
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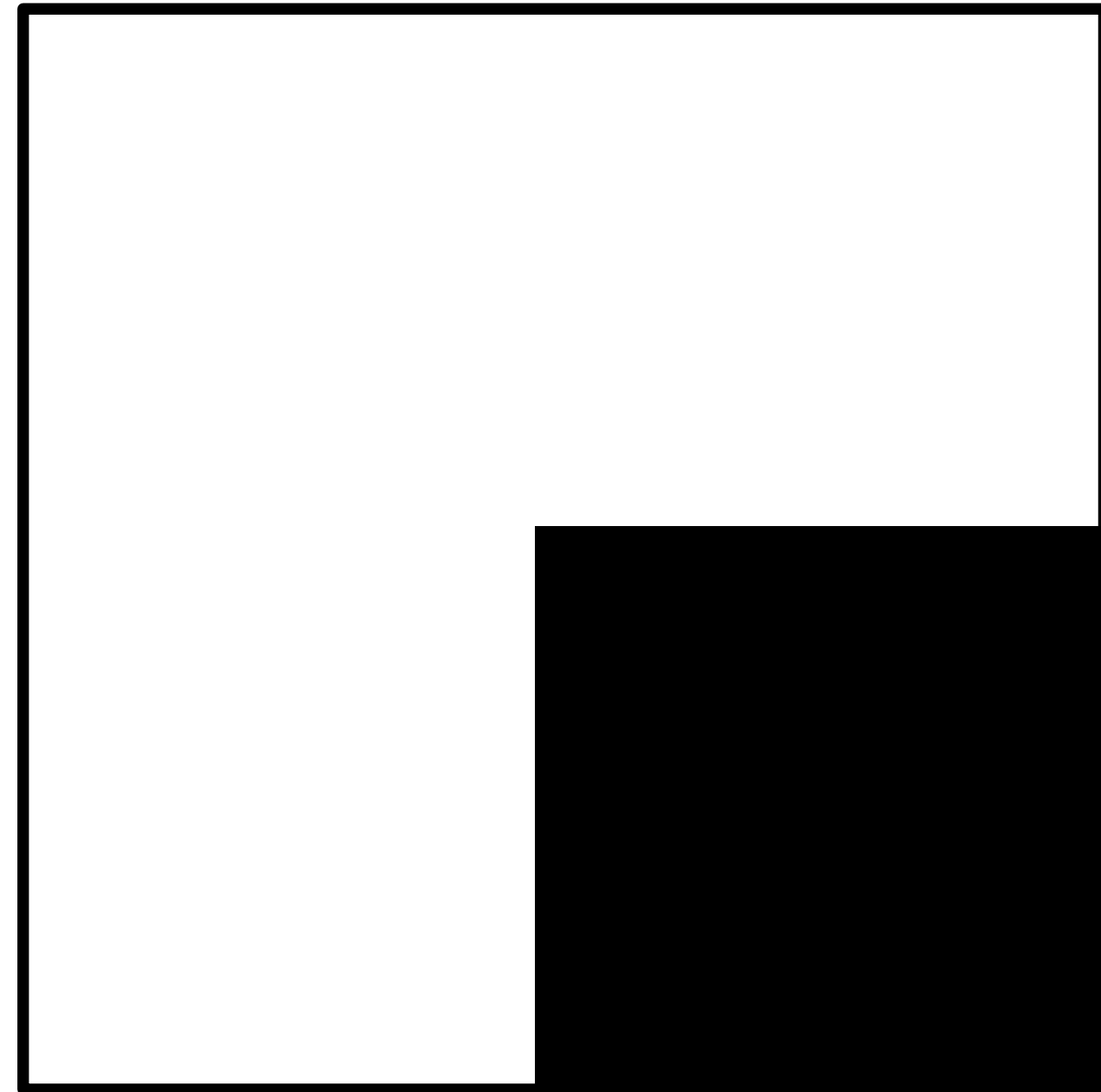
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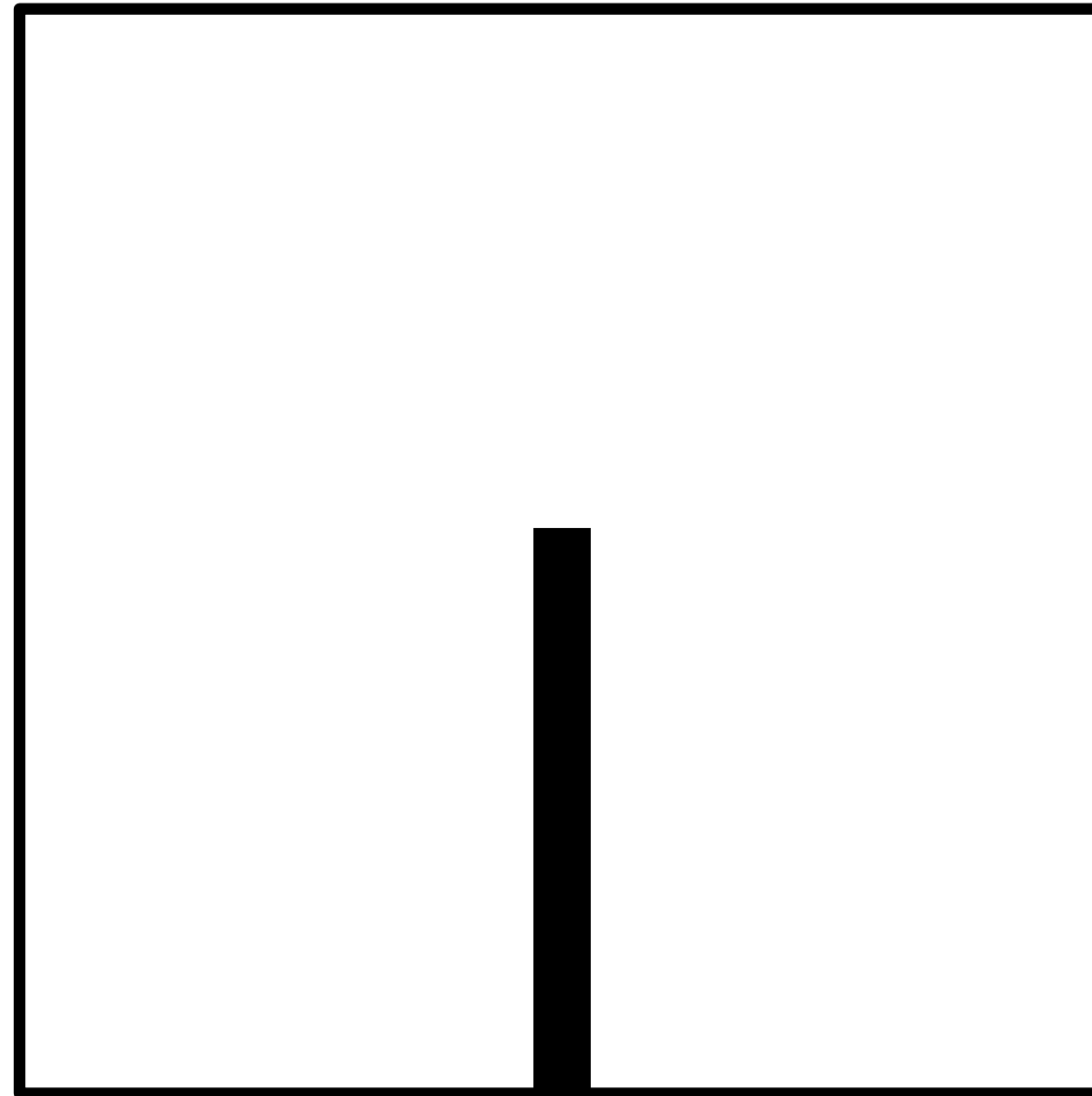
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Simple Case



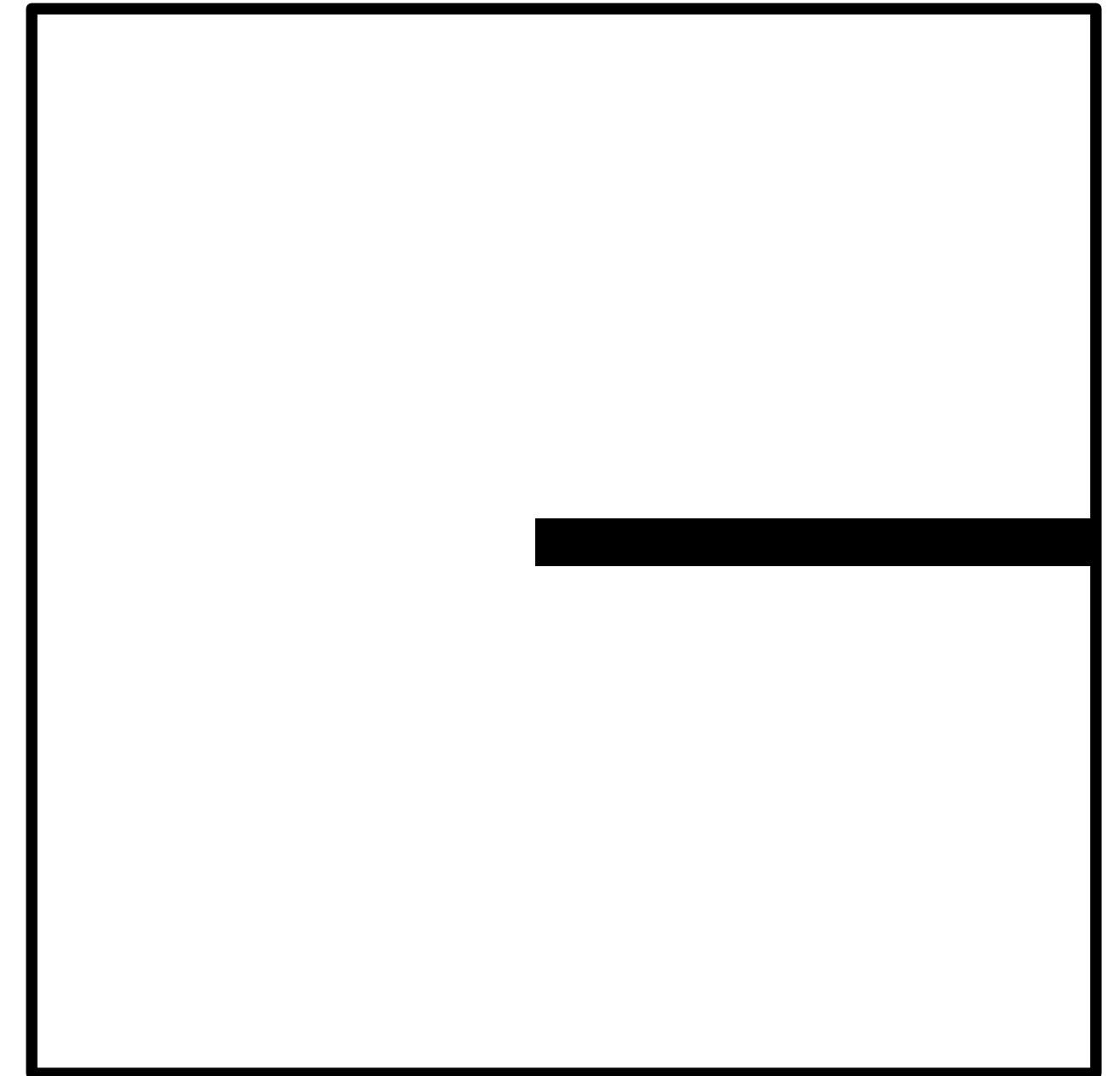
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General Case

It can be shown that since every C is symmetric:



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... so general case is like a **rotated** version of the simple one

3. Computing **Eigenvalues** and **Eigenvectors**

Quick **Eigenvalue/Eigenvector** Review

Given a square matrix \mathbf{A} , a scalar λ is called an **eigenvalue** of \mathbf{A} if there exists a nonzero vector \mathbf{v} that satisfies

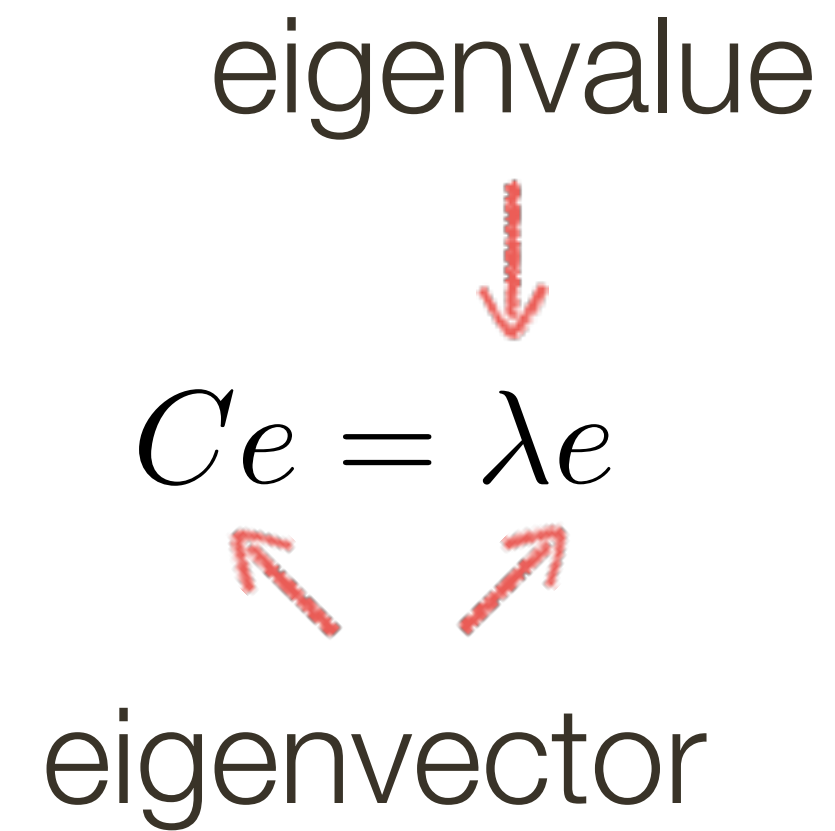
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

The vector \mathbf{v} is called an **eigenvector** for \mathbf{A} corresponding to the eigenvalue λ .

The eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} are obtained by solving

$$\det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = 0$$

3. Computing **Eigenvalues** and **Eigenvectors**



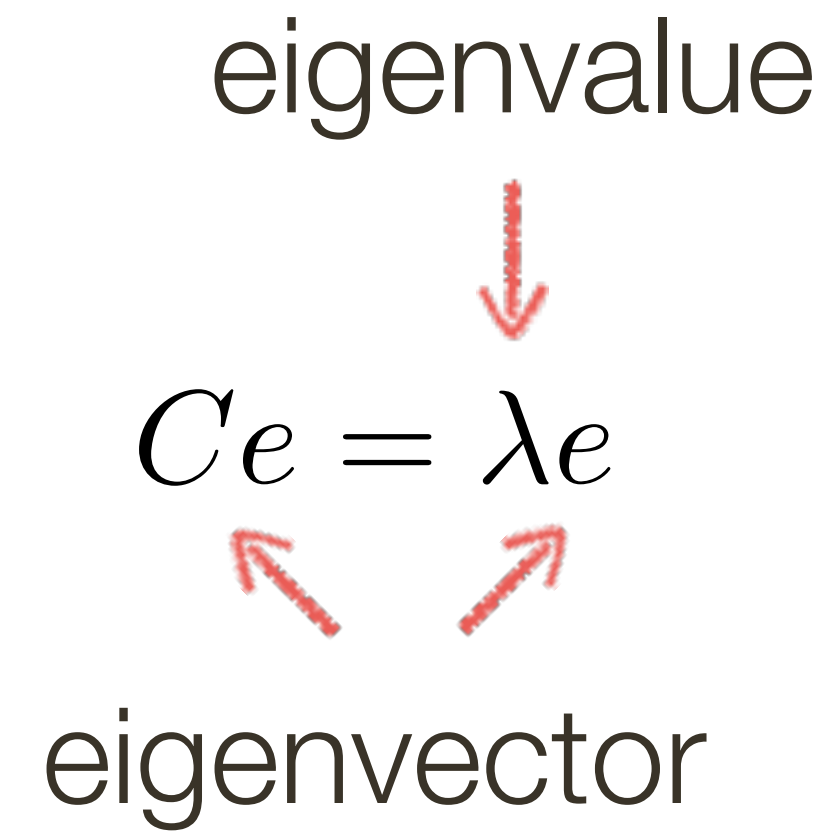
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$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 3$$

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Result of Computing **Eigenvalues** and **Eigenvectors** (using SVD)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

eigenvectors eigenvalues
along diagonal

axis of the 'ellipse slice' scaling of the quadratic along the axis

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Since C is symmetric, we have
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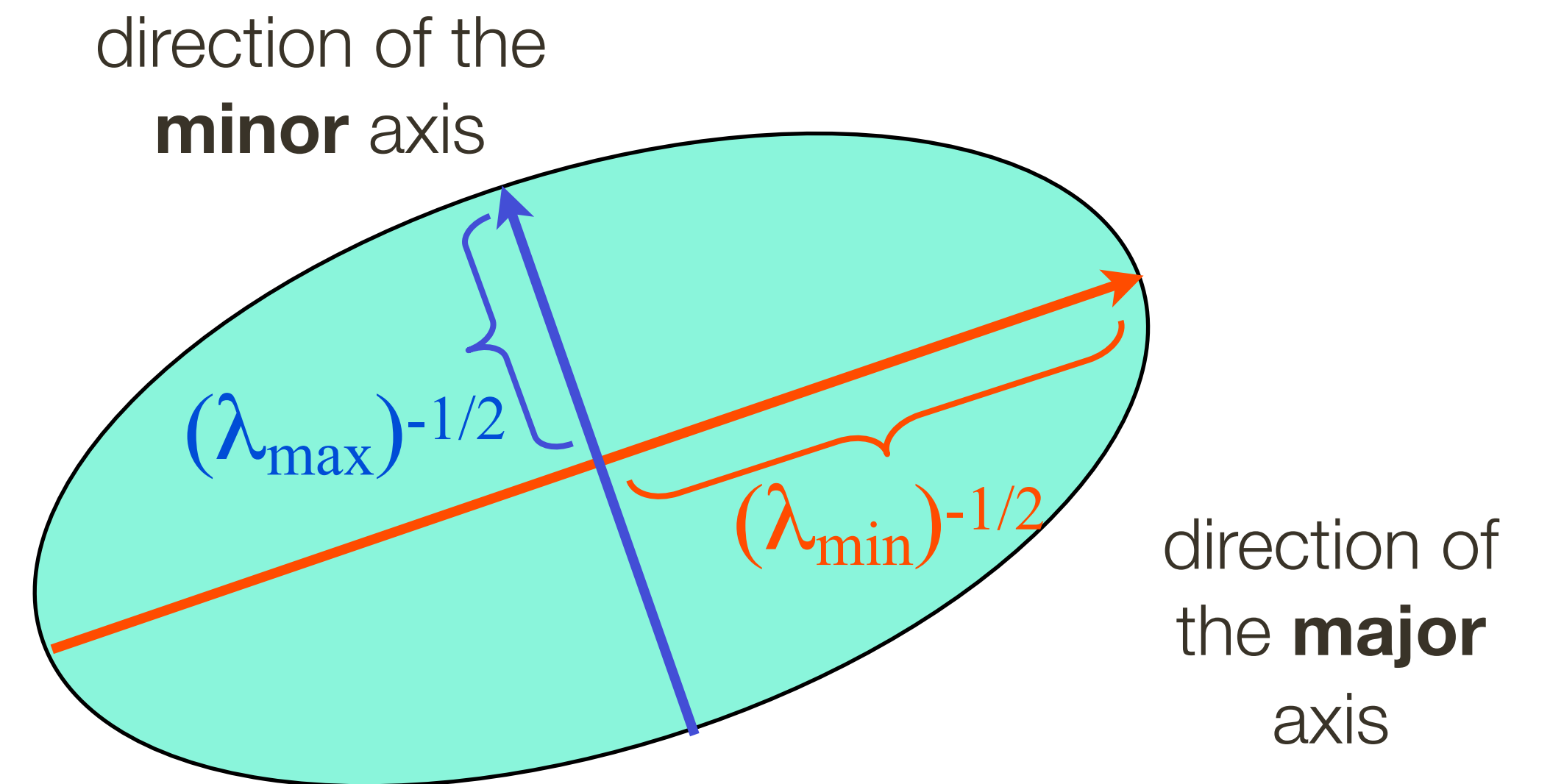
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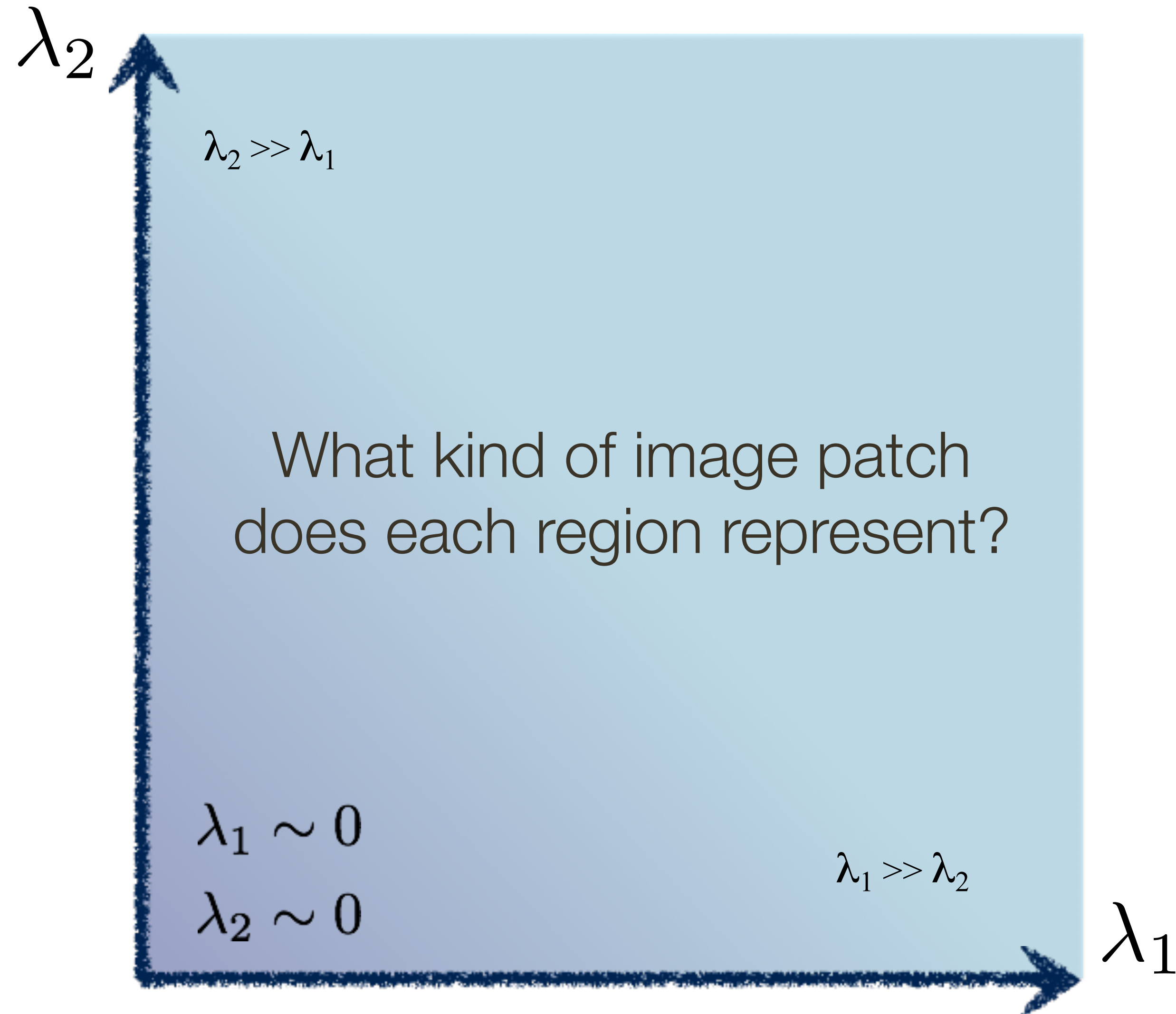
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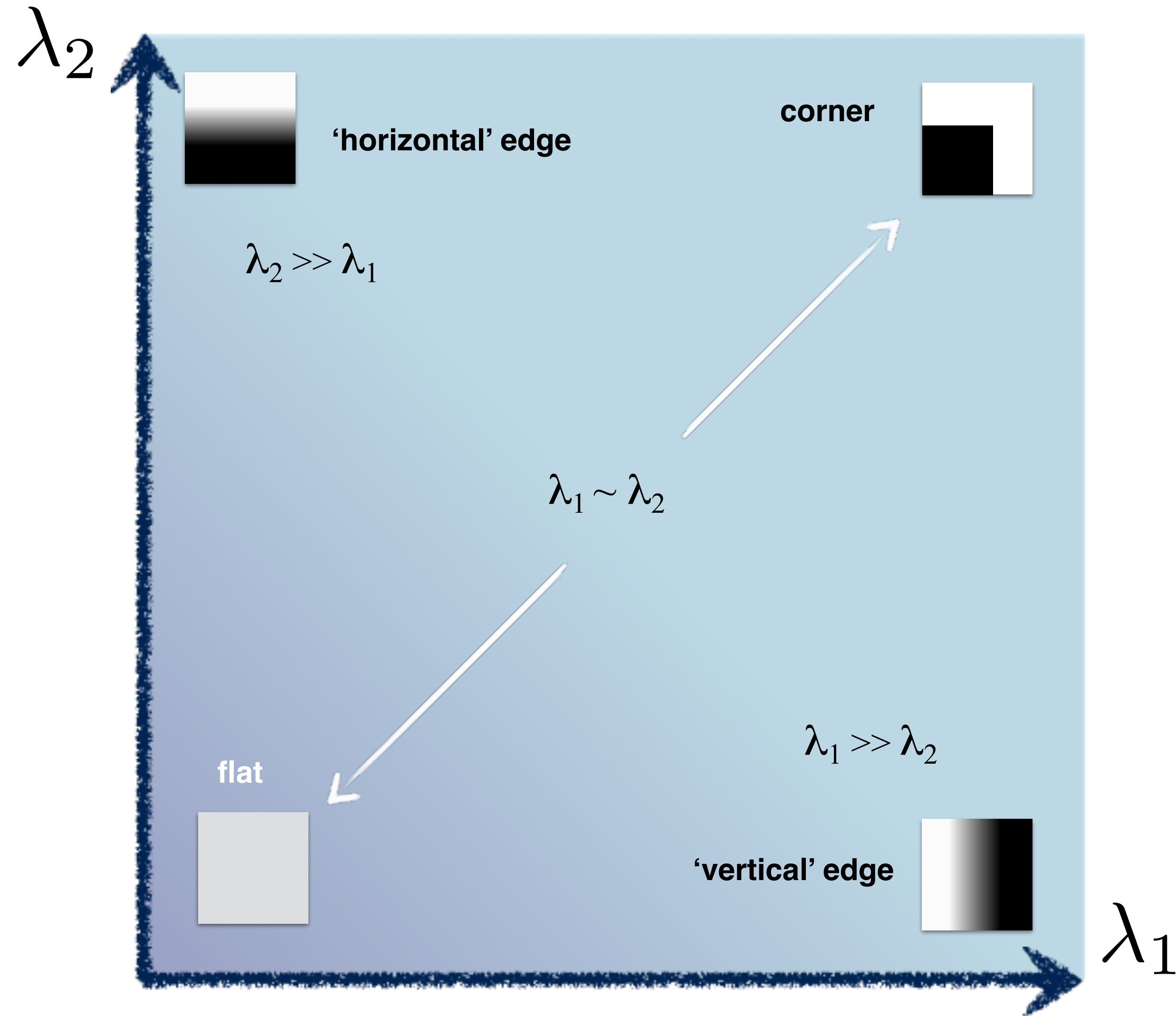
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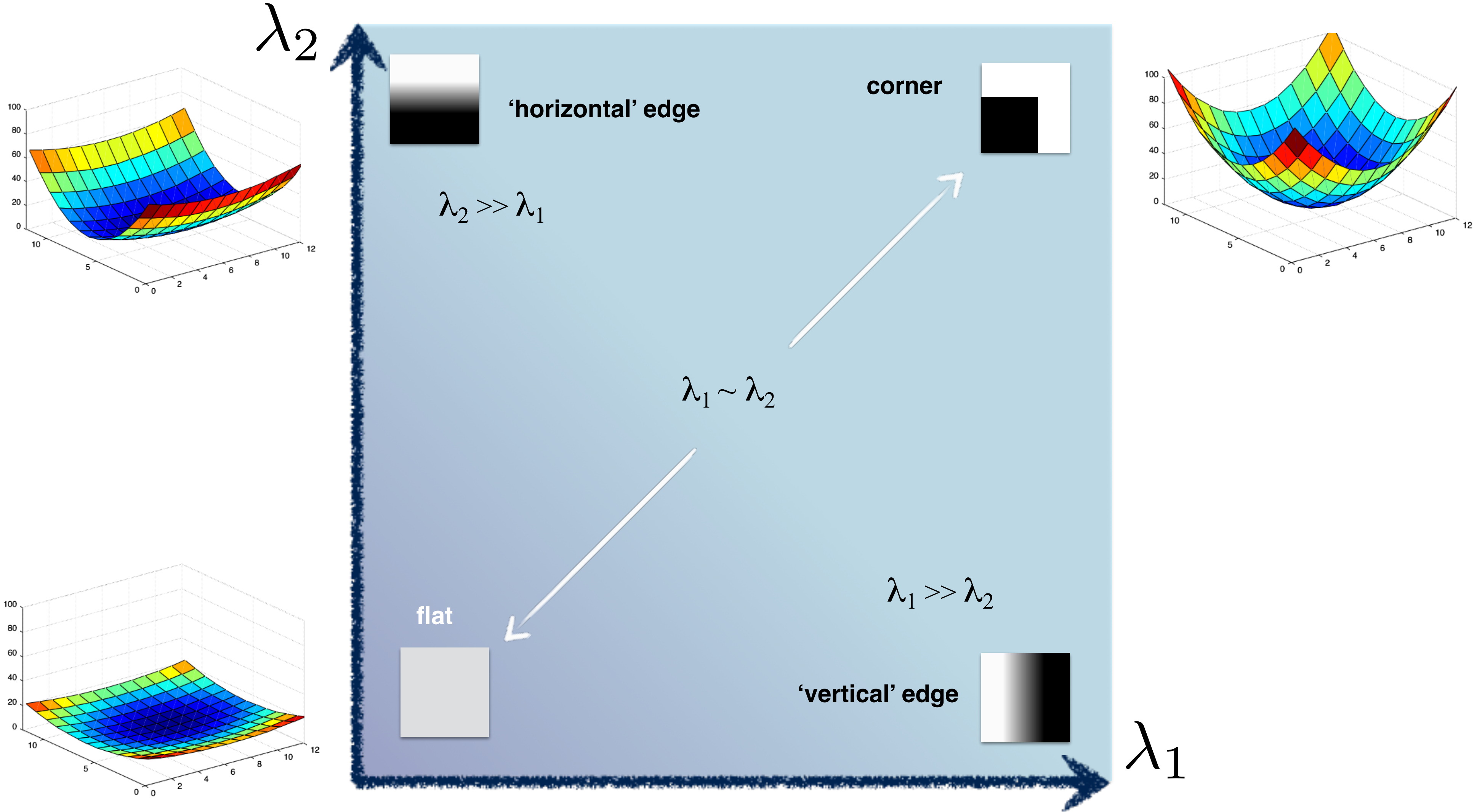
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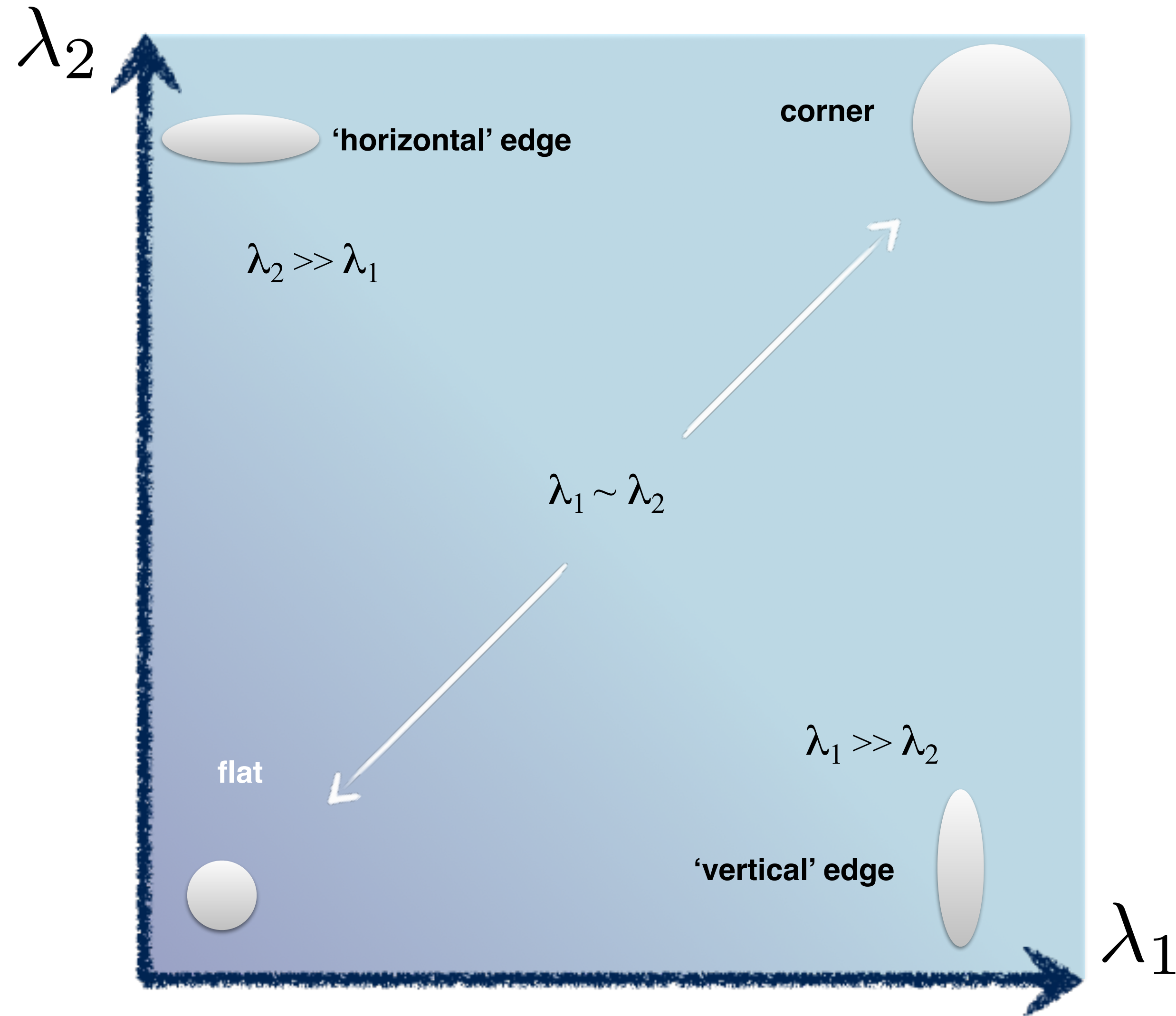
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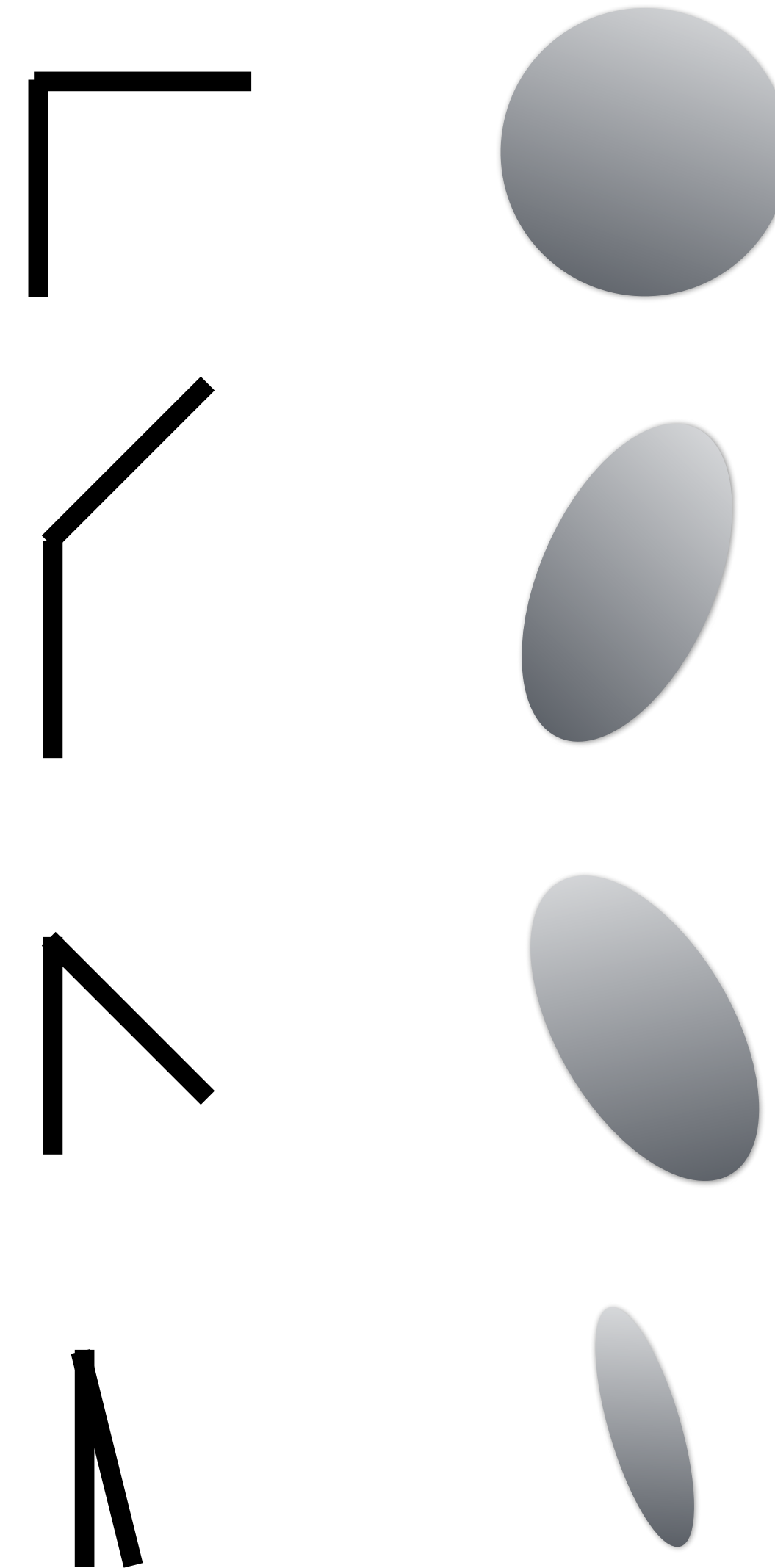
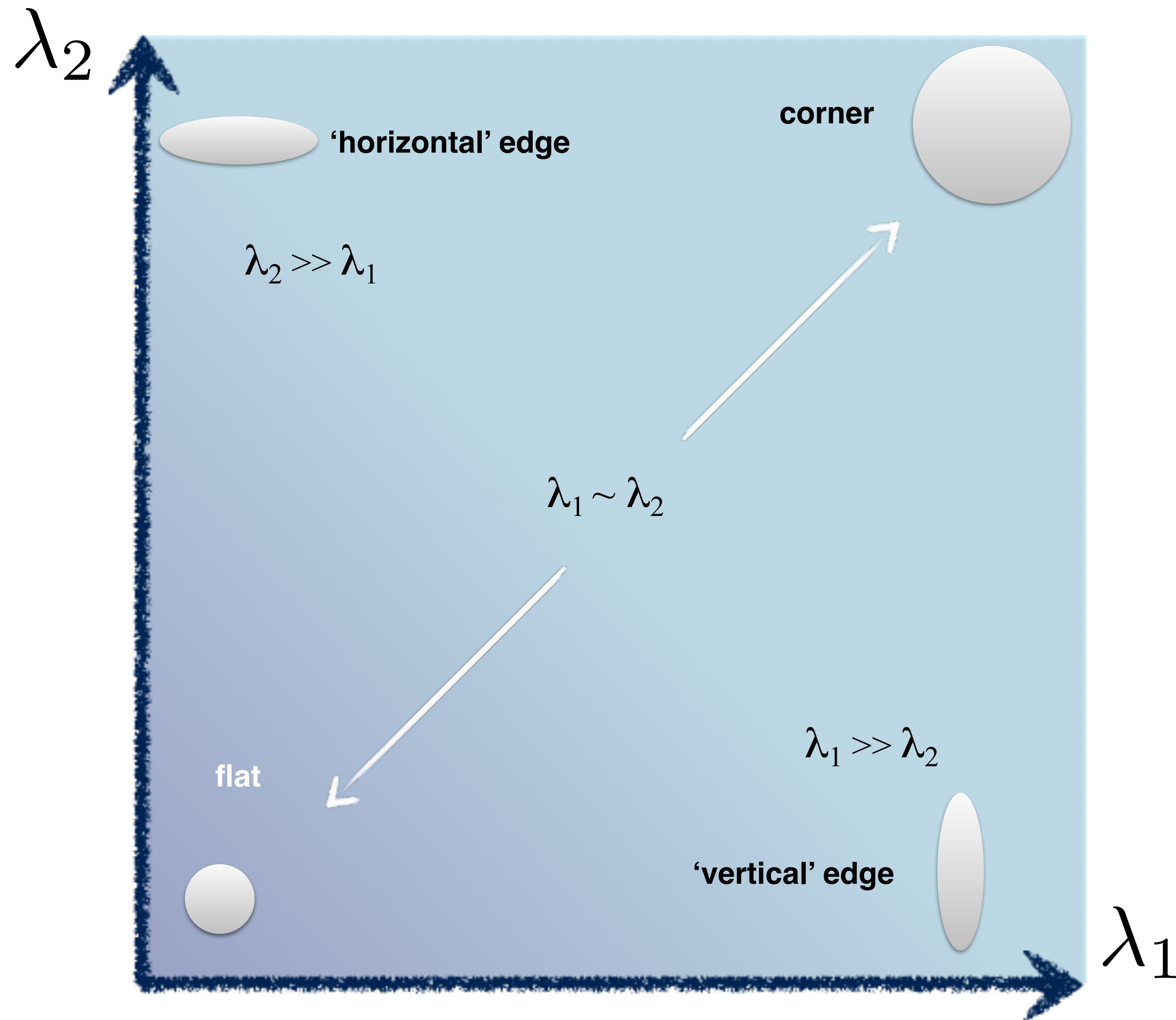
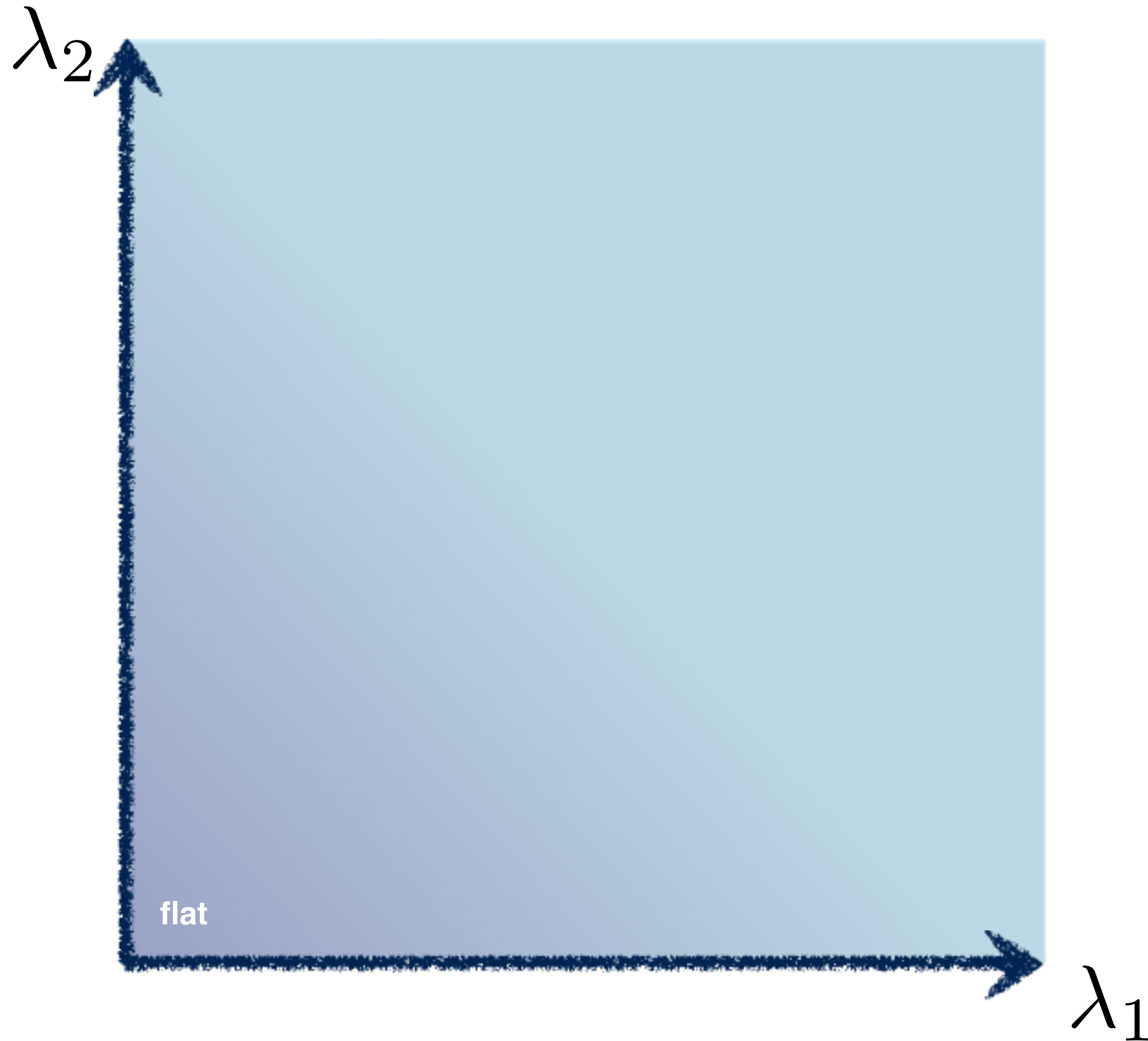


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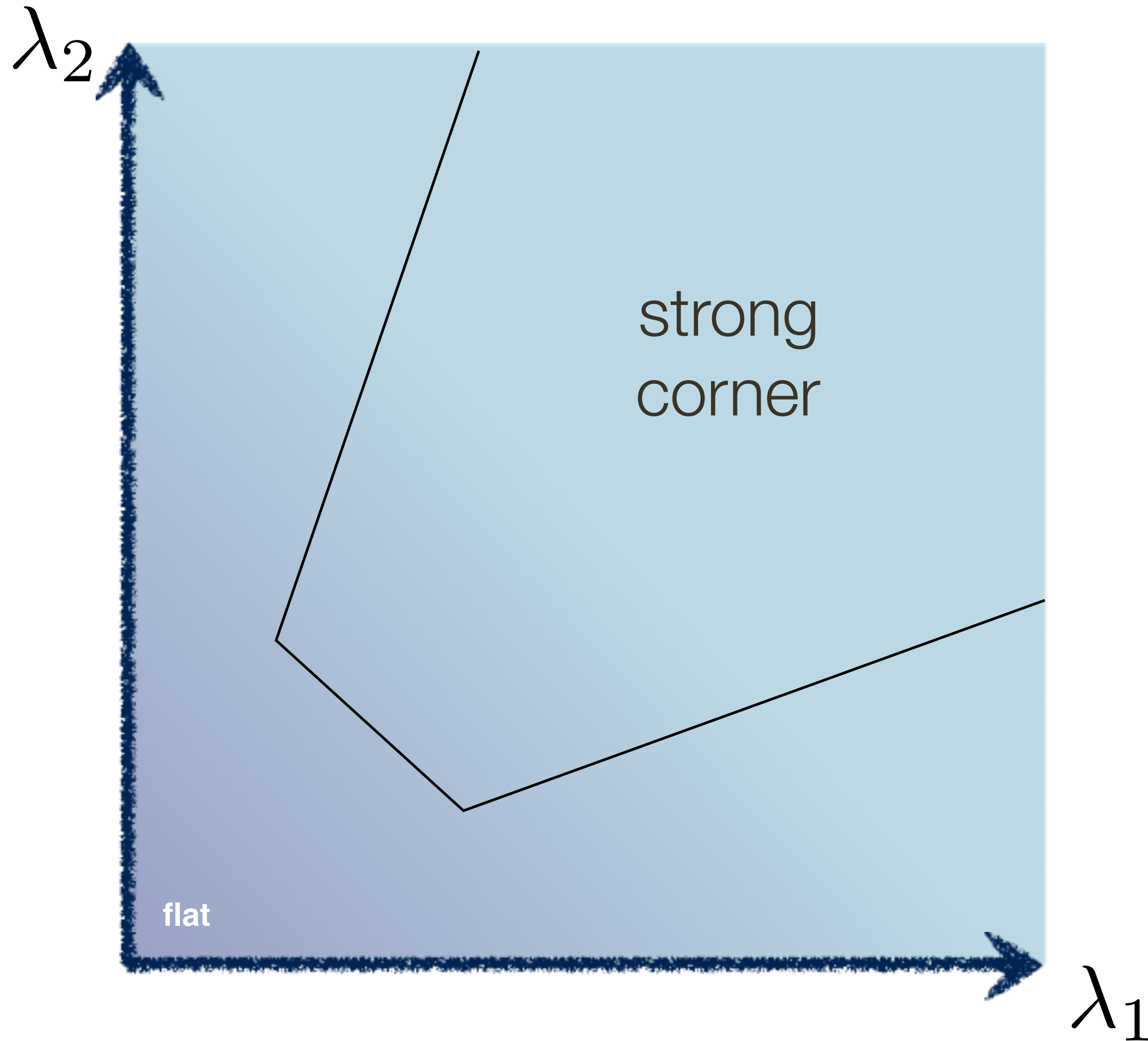
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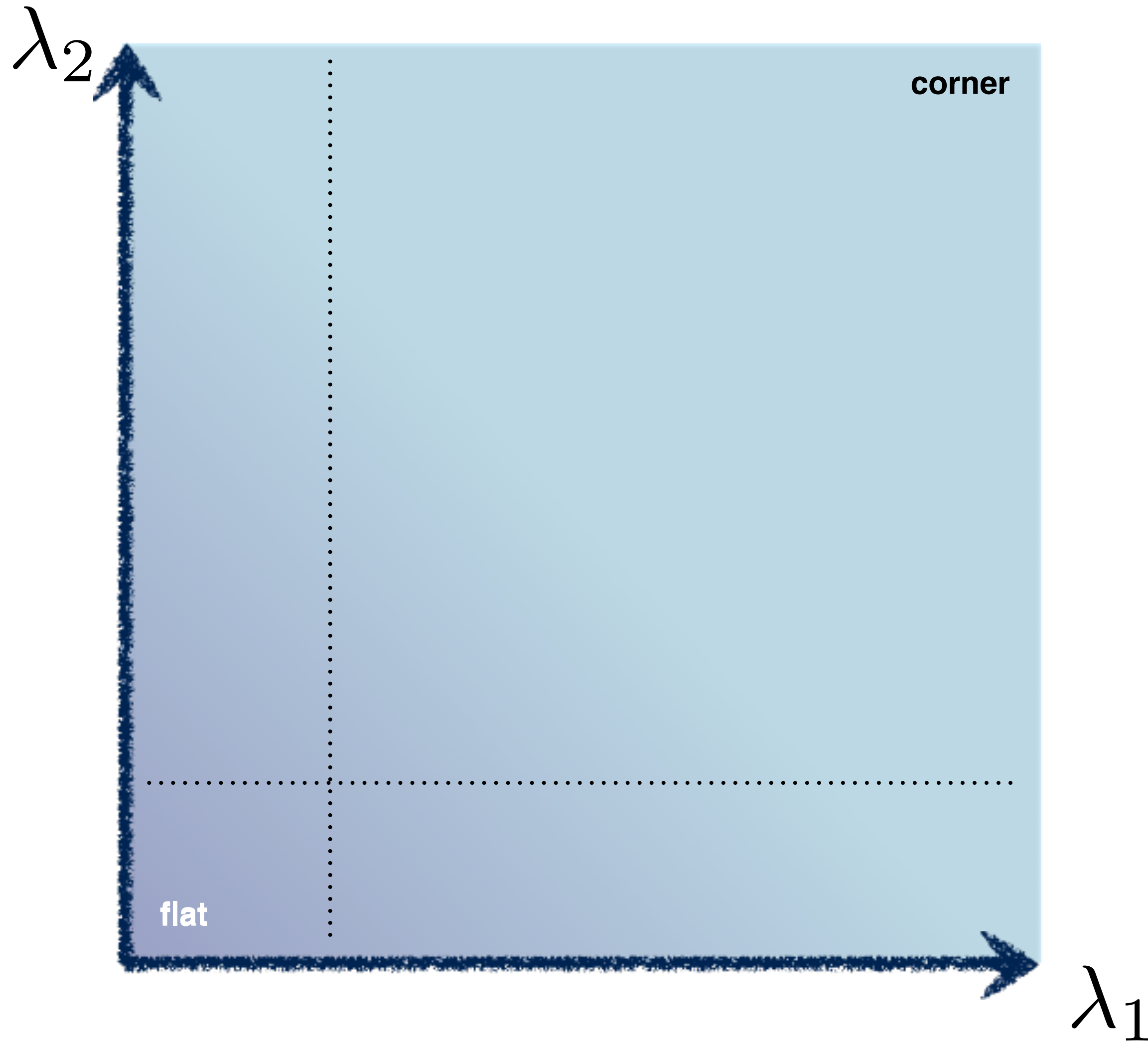
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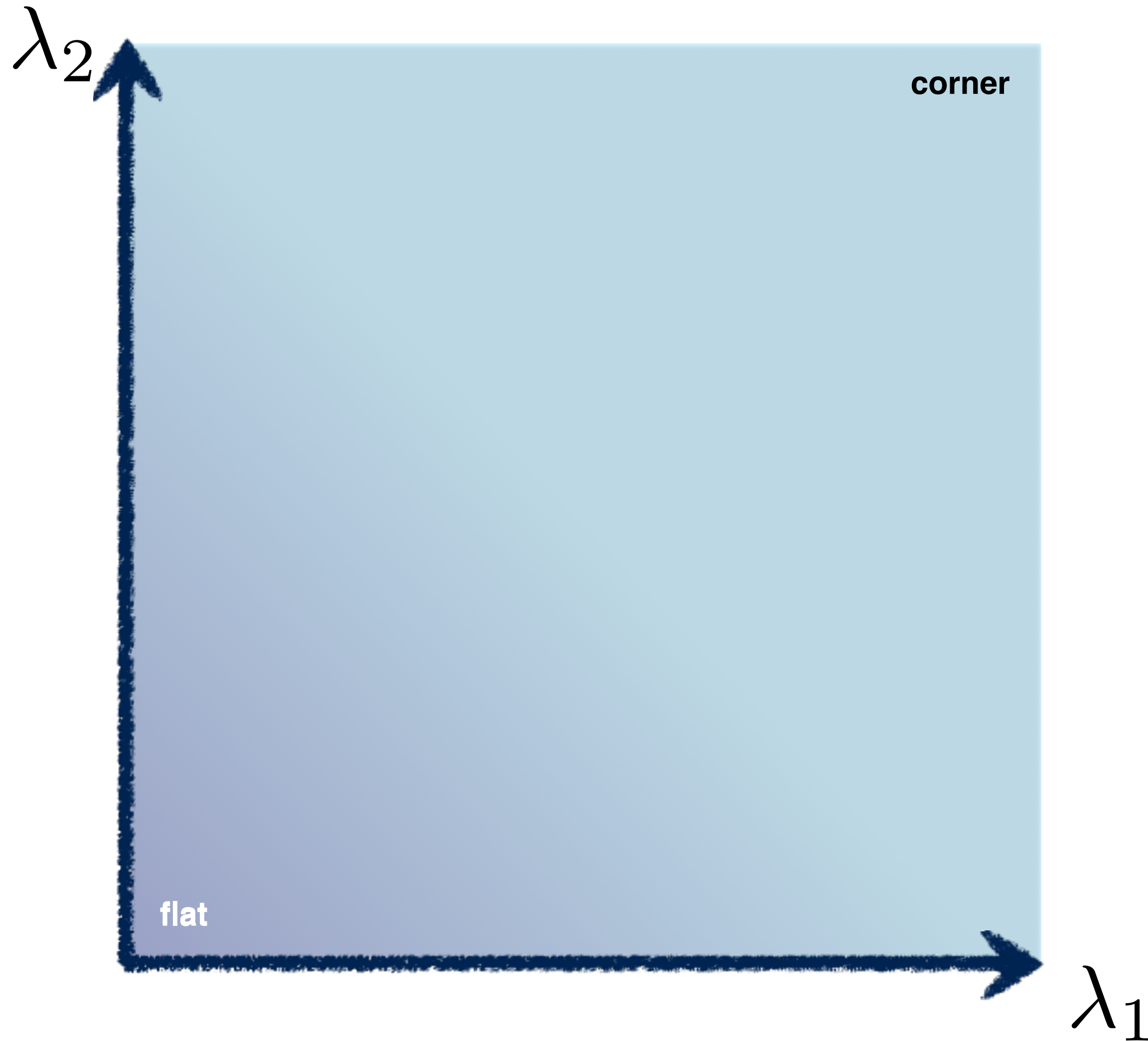


Use the **smallest eigenvalue** as the response function

$$\min(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

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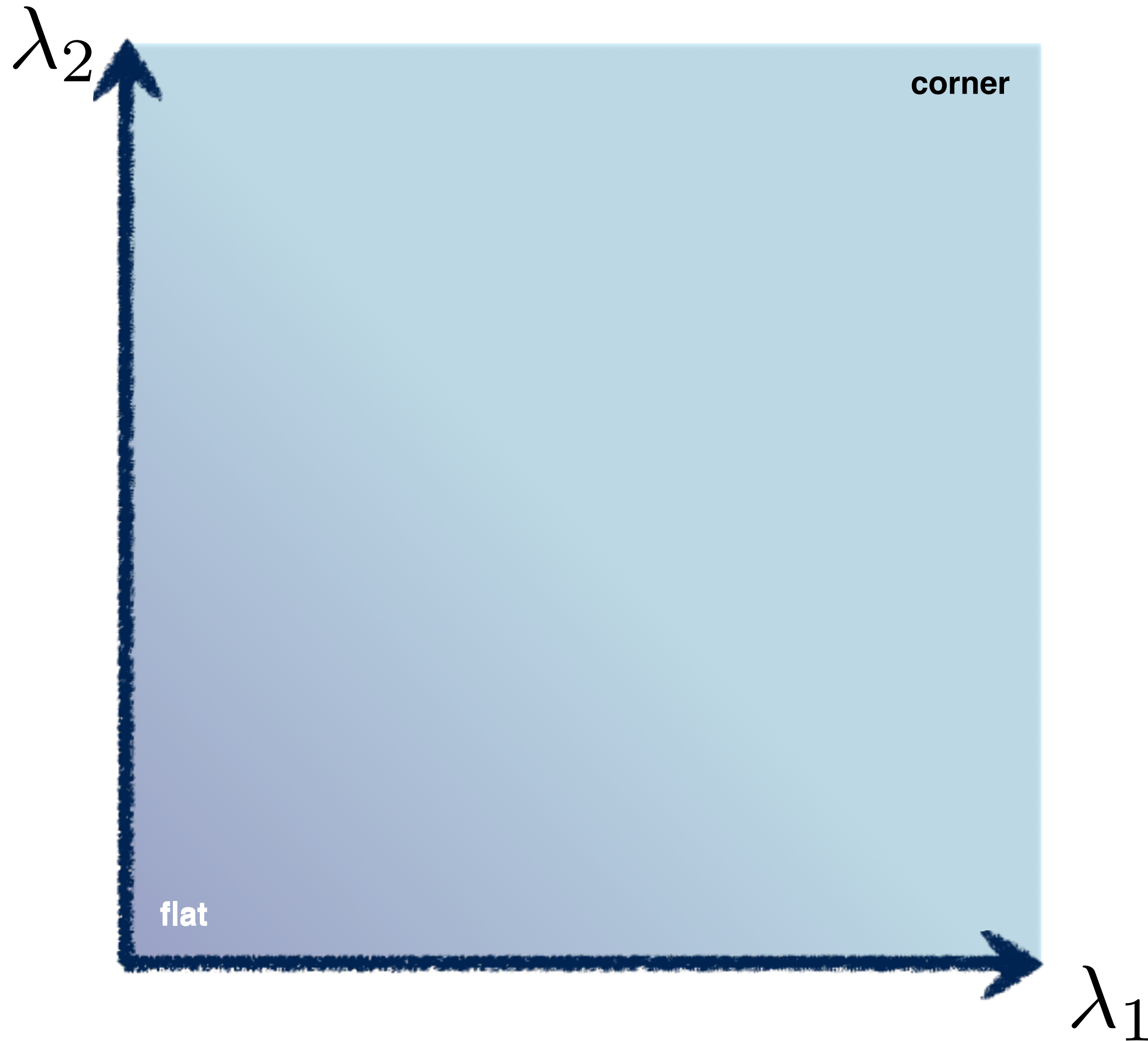
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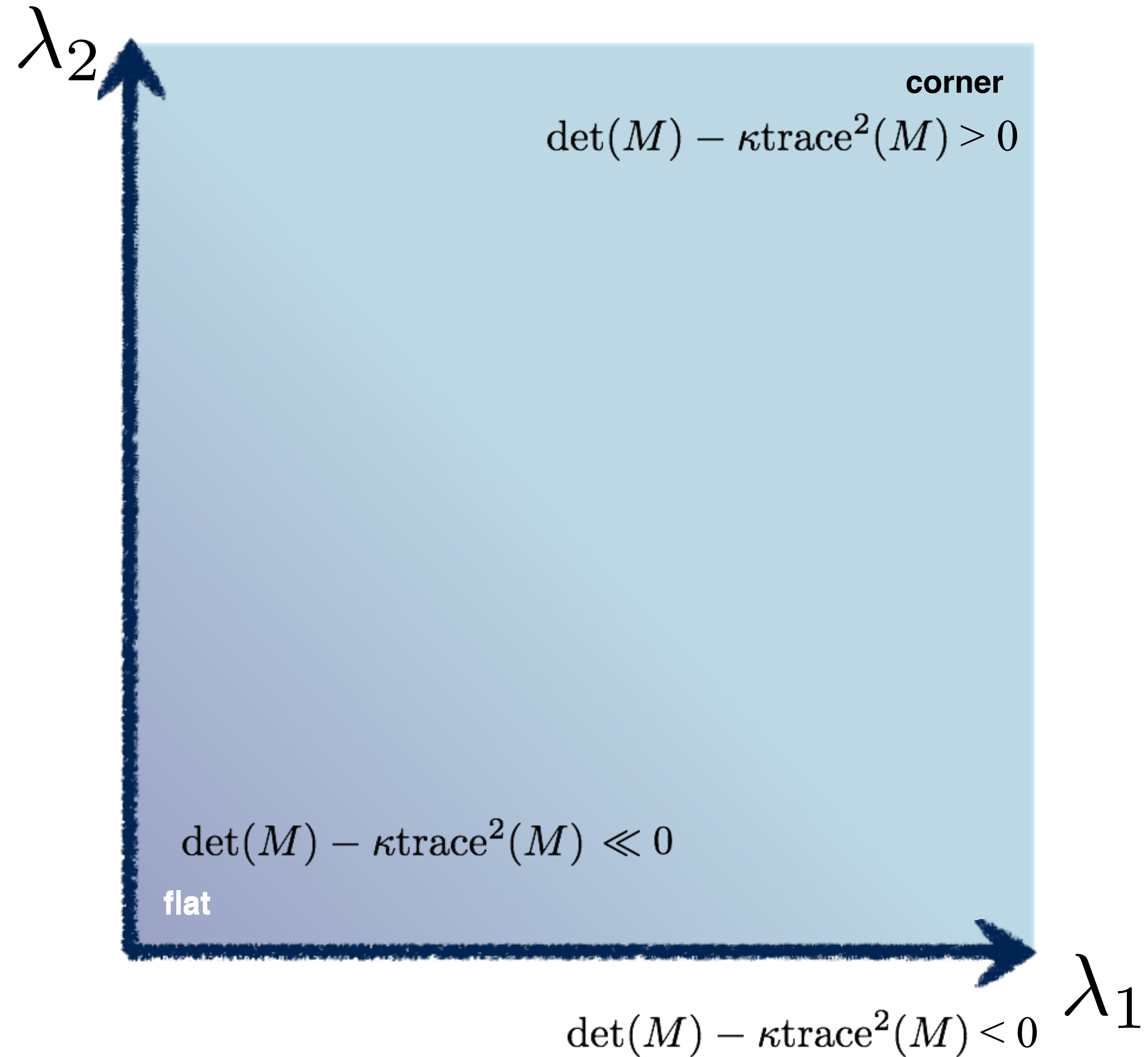


$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \kappa (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2$$
$$=$$
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$$\det(M) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(M) < 0 \quad \text{(a function of)}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \kappa (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 \\ & = \\ & \det(C) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(C) \end{aligned}$$

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(a function of)

Harris & Stephens (1988)

$$\det(C) - \kappa \text{trace}^2(C)$$

Kanade & Tomasi (1994)

$$\min(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$$

Nobel (1998)

$$\frac{\det(C)}{\text{trace}(C) + \epsilon}$$

Harris Corner Detection Review

- Filter image with **Gaussian**
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- Construct C in a window around each pixel
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$$E(u, v) = \sum_{x, y} w(x, y) [I(x + u, y + v) - I(x, y)]^2$$

↑ Error function ↑ Window function ↑ Shifted intensity ↑ Intensity

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(has to do with bilinear Taylor expansion of 2D function that measures change of intensity for small shifts ... remember AutoCorrelation)

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0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
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0	-1	0	0	1	0	

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

0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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$$\sum \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 3$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
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Lets compute a measure of “corner-ness” for the green pixel:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
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0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Lets compute a measure of “corner-ness” for the green pixel:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1.4384; \lambda_2 = 5.5616$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
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0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1.4384; \lambda_2 = 5.5616$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = 6.04$$

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3; \lambda_2 = 0$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = -0.36$$

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0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
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0	-1	0	0	1	0	
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0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 3; \lambda_2 = 2$$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) - 0.04\text{trace}^2(\mathbf{C}) = 5$$

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

0	0	0	0	0	0	
-1	1	0	0	-1	1	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
-1	0	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	
0	-1	0	0	1	0	

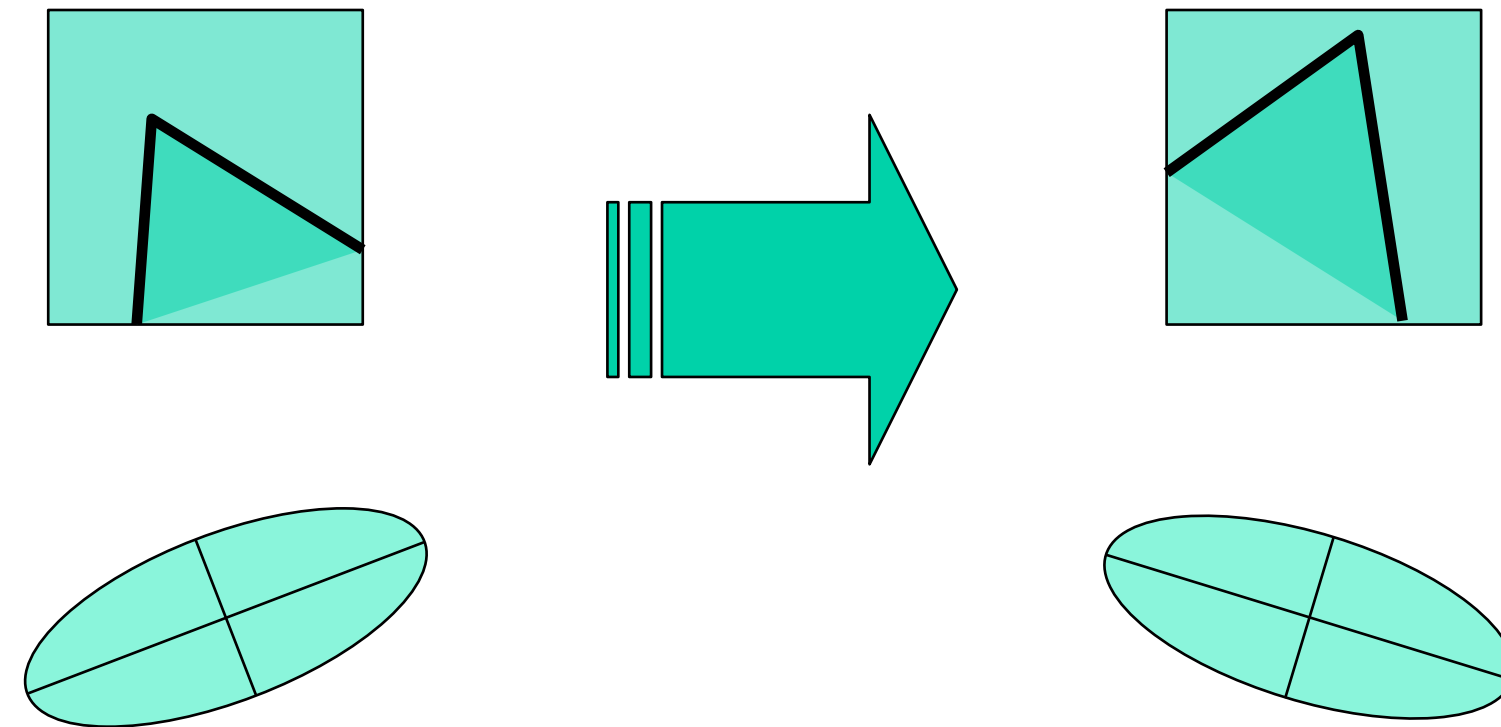
$$I_y = \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

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0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0
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0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Harris Corner Detection Review

- Filter image with **Gaussian**
- Compute magnitude of the x and y **gradients** at each pixel
- Construct C in a window around each pixel
 - Harris uses a **Gaussian window**
- Solve for product of the λ 's
- If λ 's both are big (product reaches local maximum above threshold) then we have a corner
 - Harris also checks that ratio of λ s is not too high

Properties: Rotational Invariance



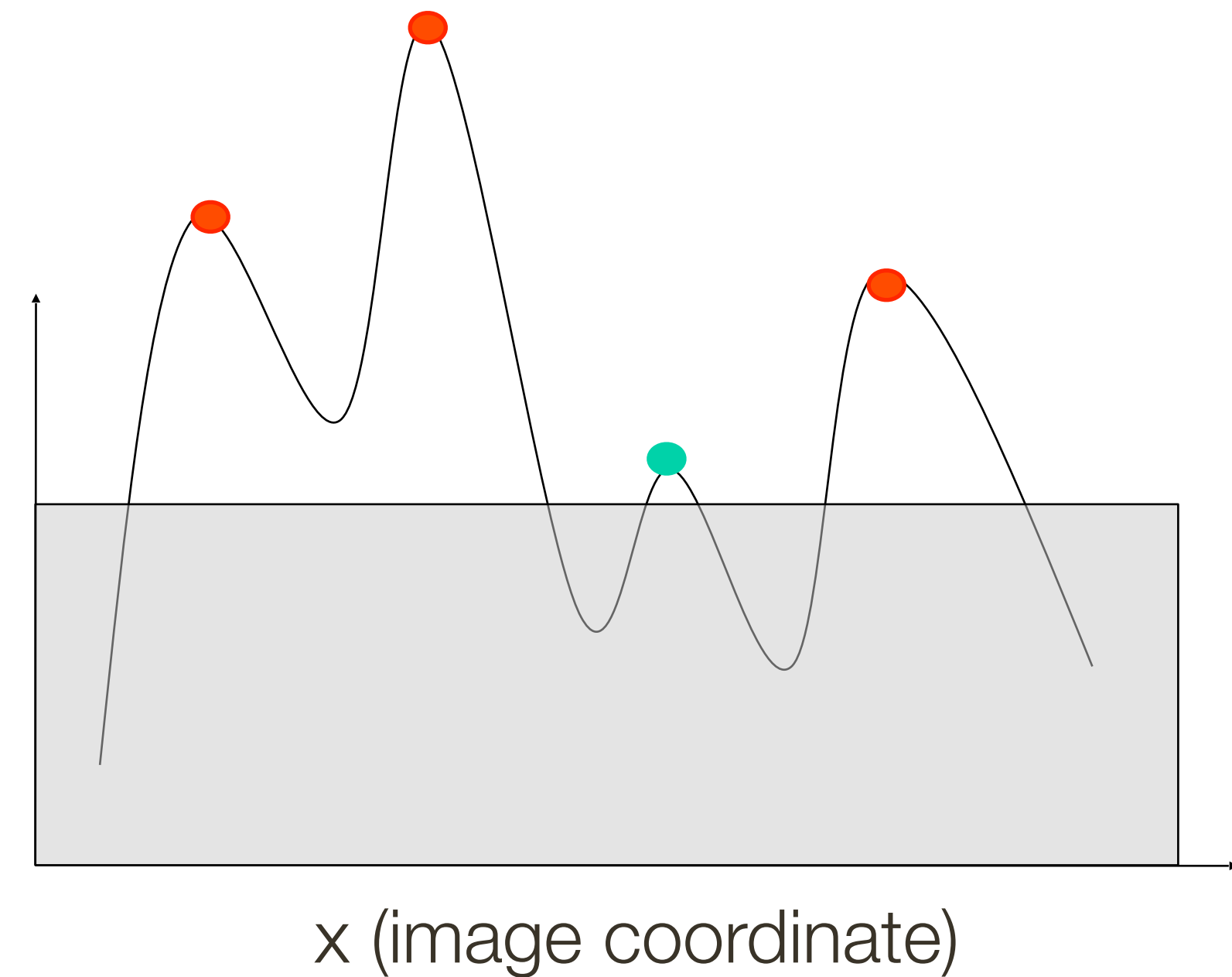
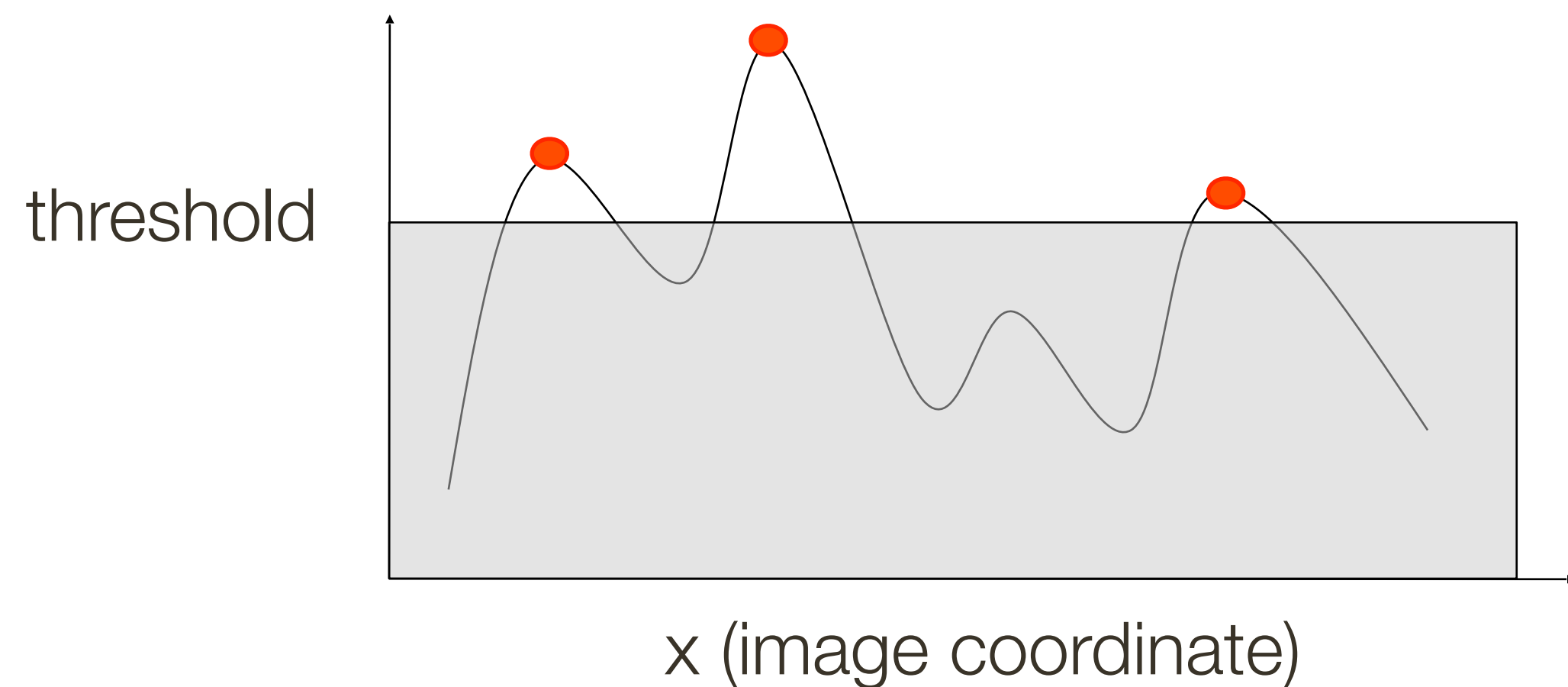
Ellipse rotates but its shape
(**eigenvalues**) remains the same

Corner response is **invariant** to image rotation

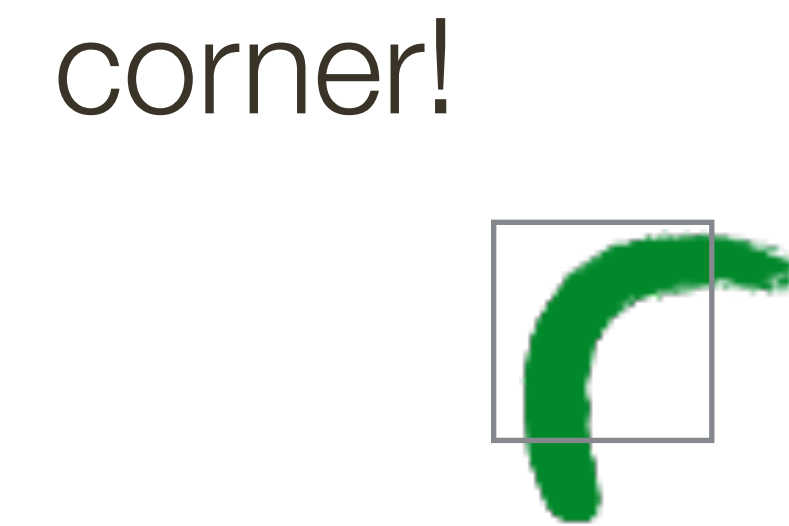
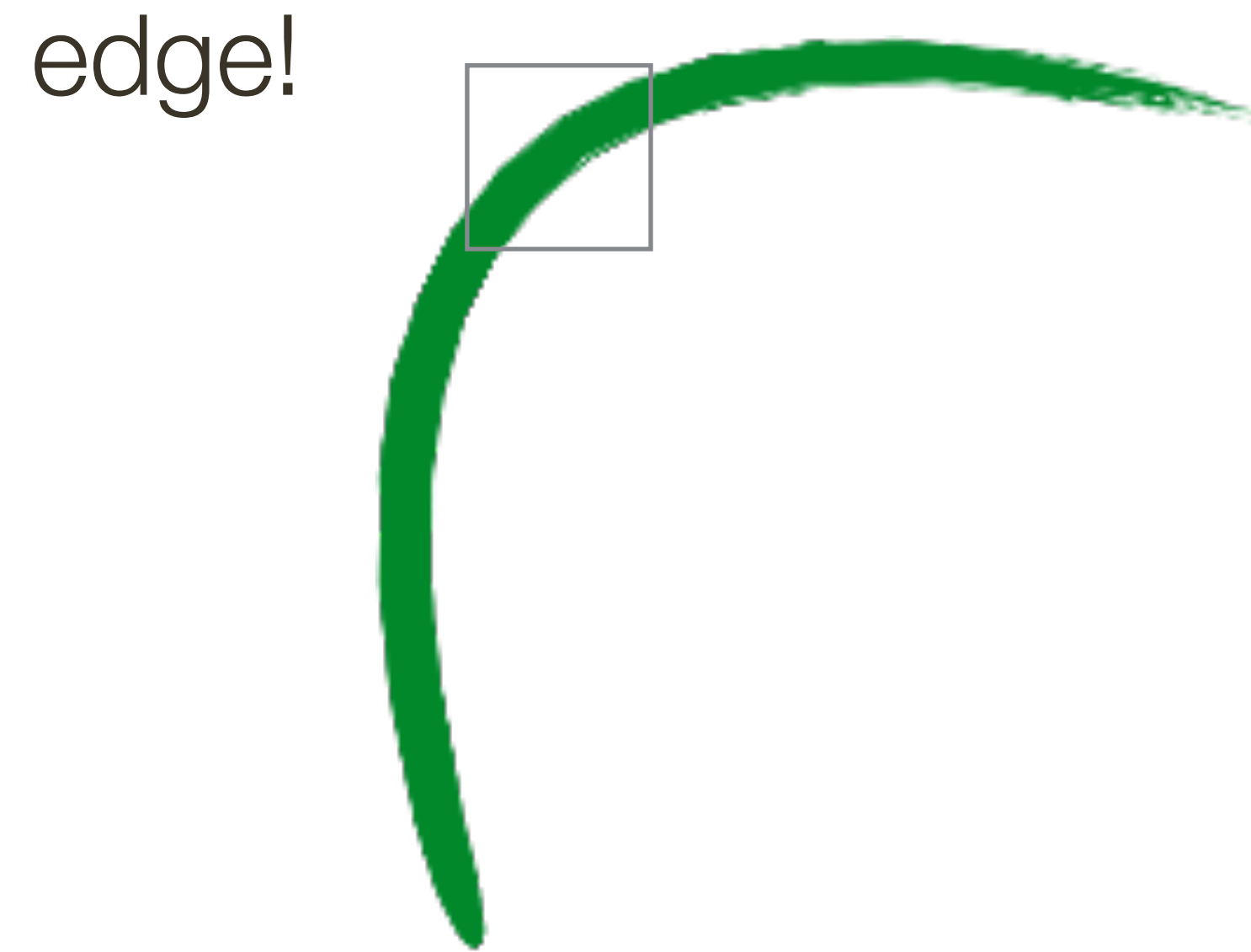
Properties: (partial) Invariance to Intensity Shifts and Scaling

Only derivatives are used -> Invariance to intensity shifts

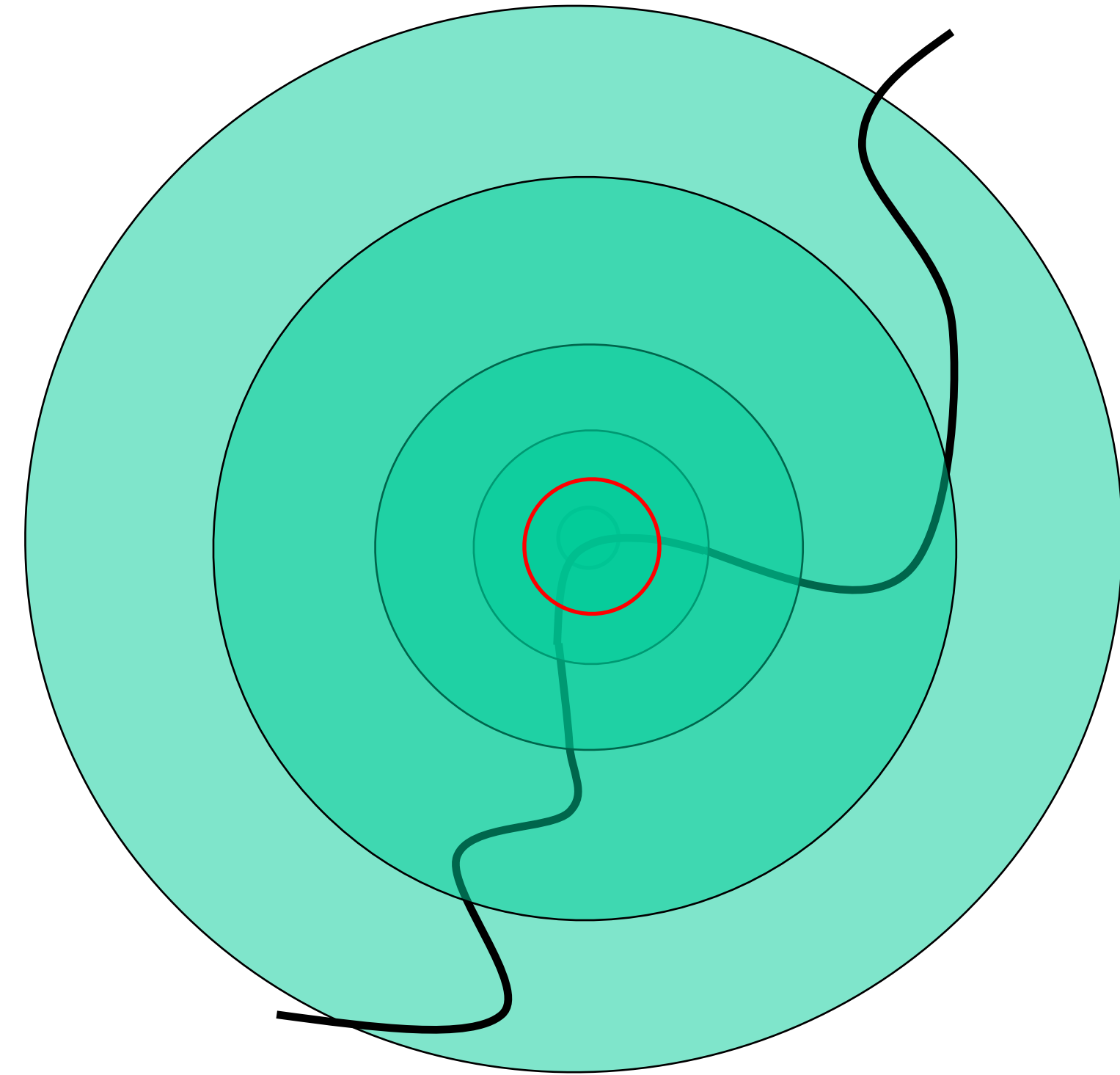
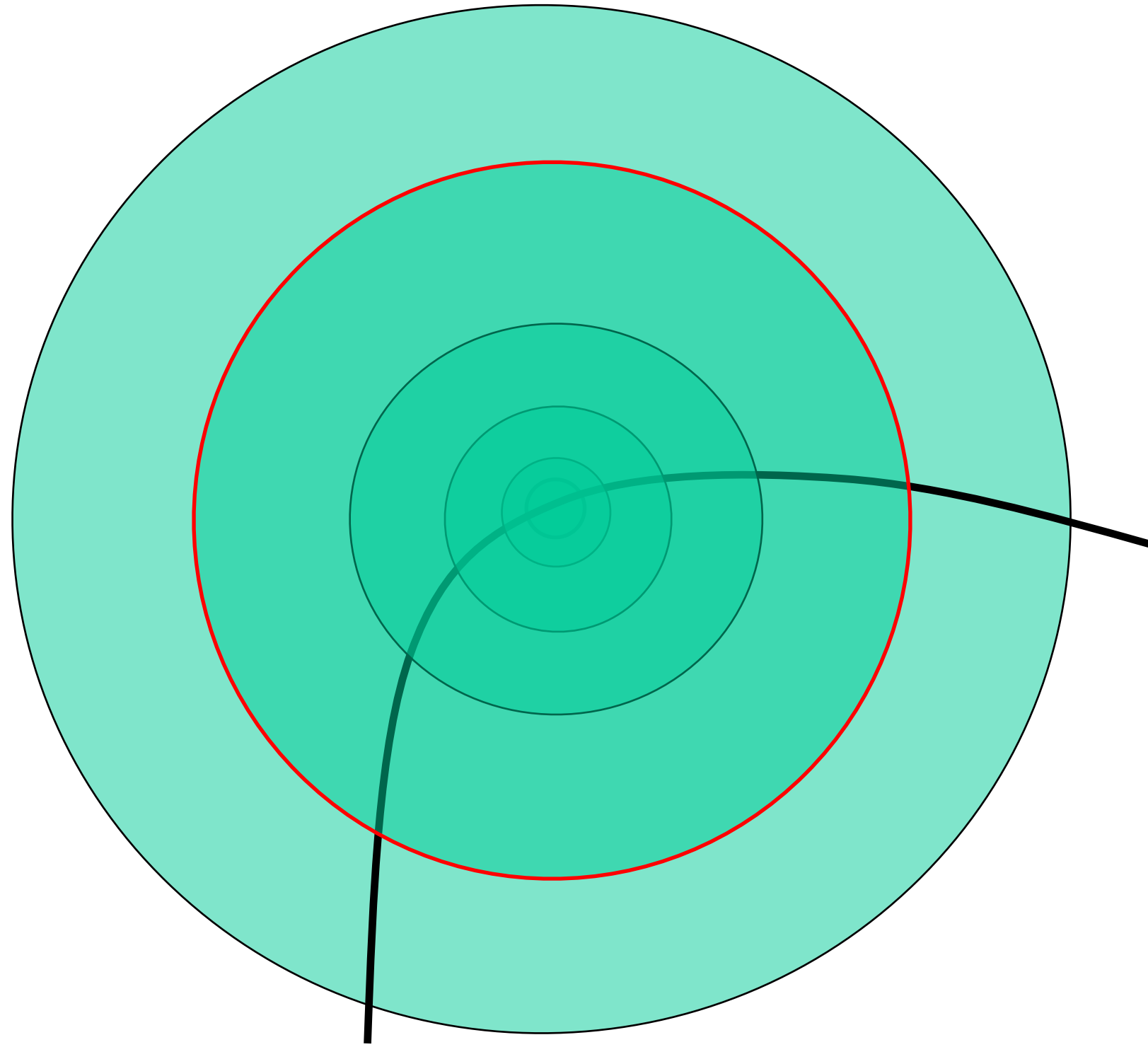
Intensity scale could effect performance



Properties: NOT Invariant to Scale Changes

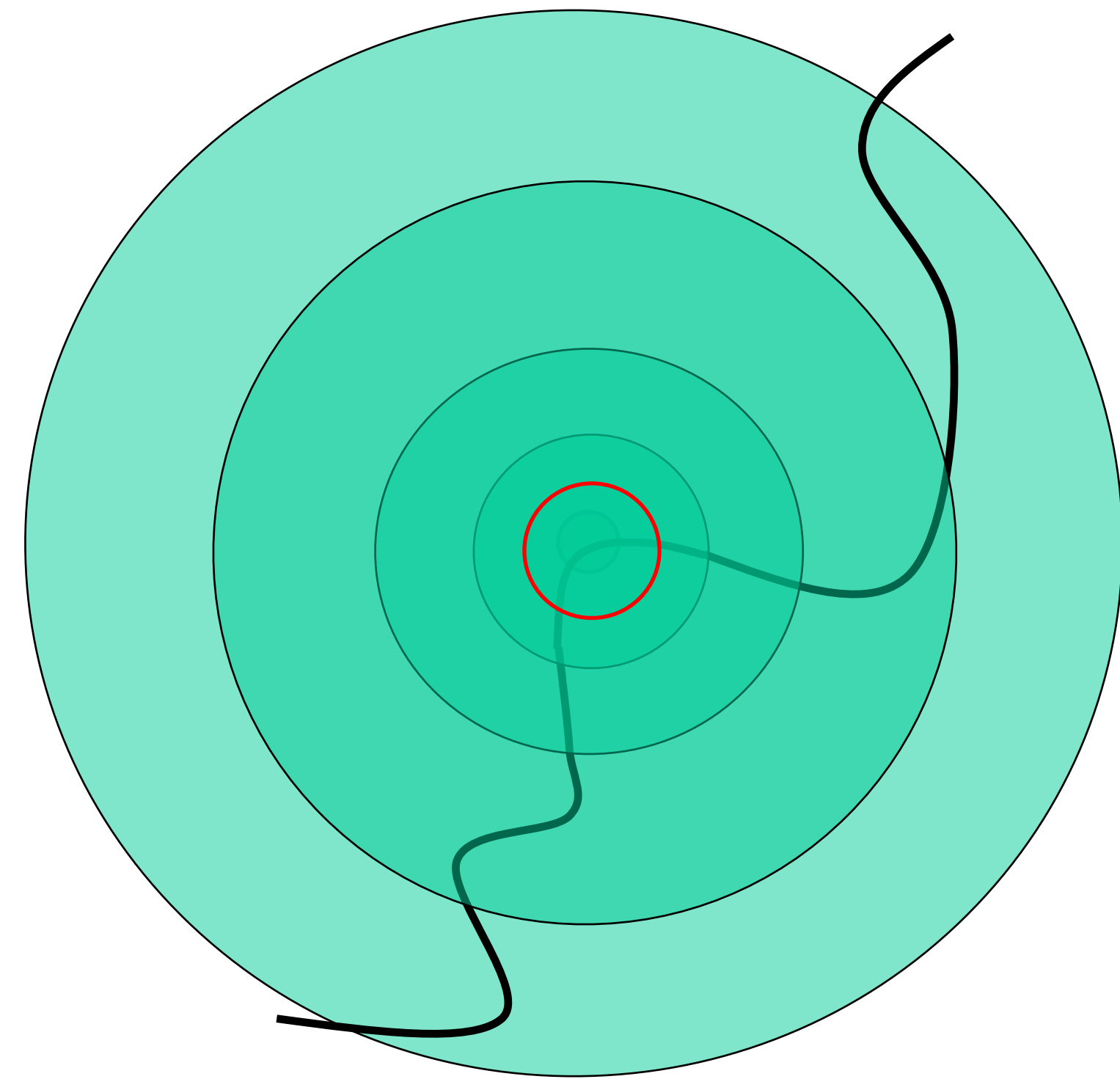
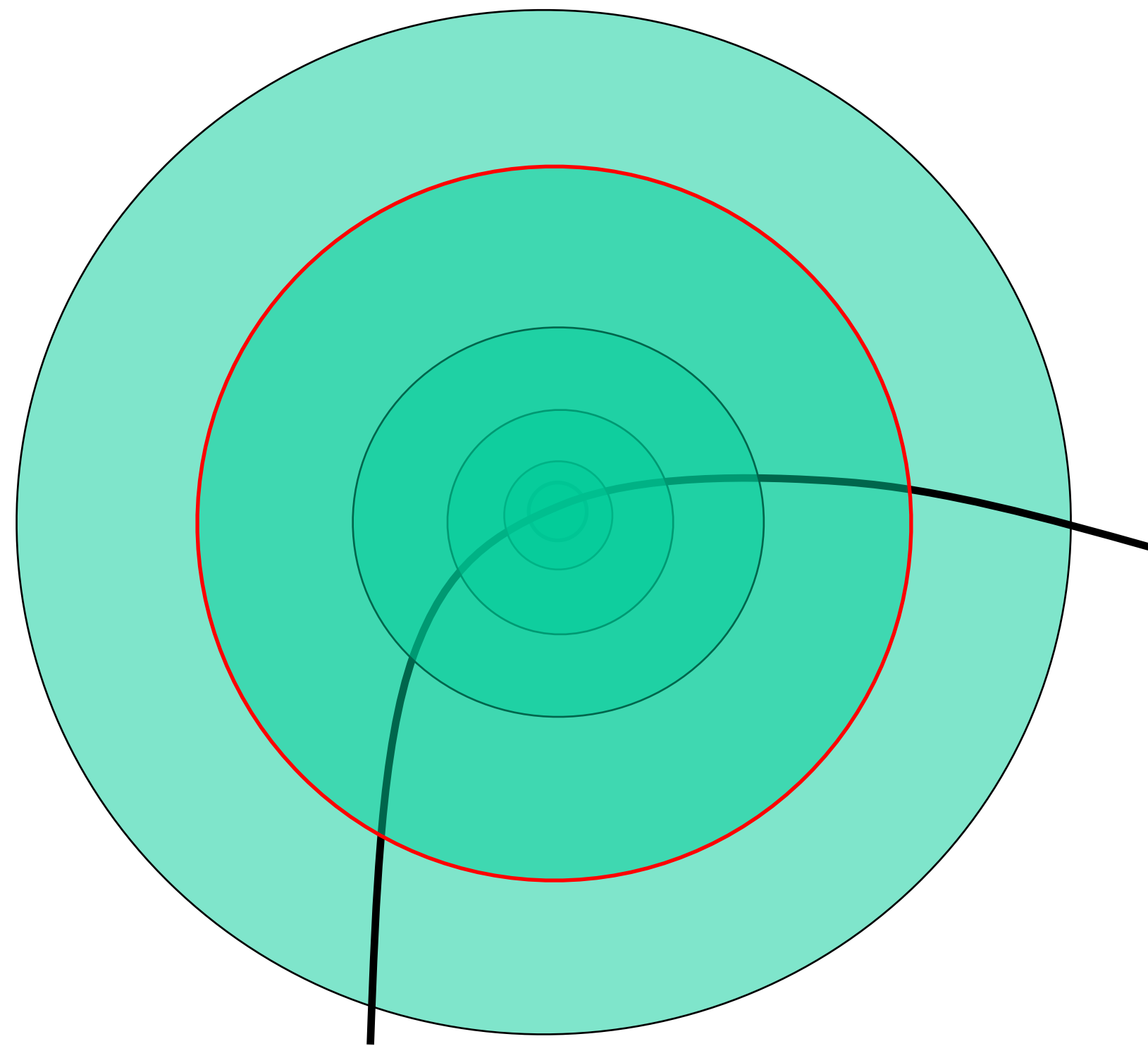


Intuitively ...

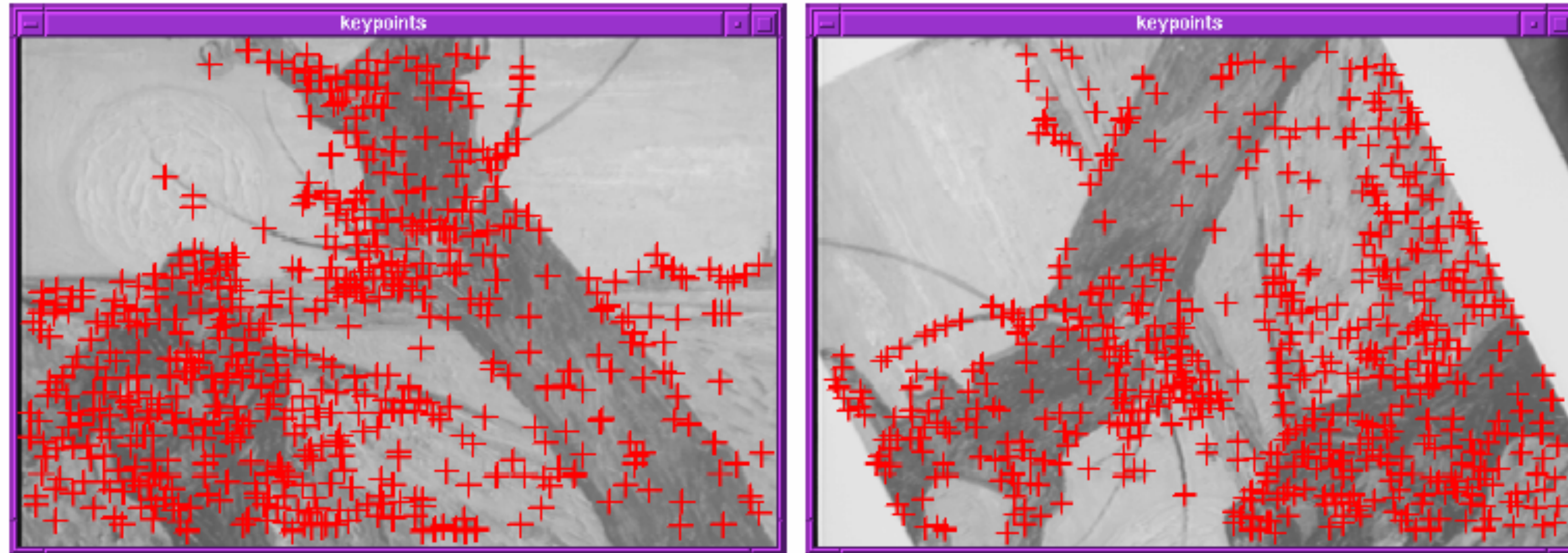


Intuitively ...

Find local maxima in both **position** and **scale**



Example 1:



Example 2: Wagon Wheel (Harris Results)



$\sigma = 1$ (219 points)



$\sigma = 2$ (155 points)

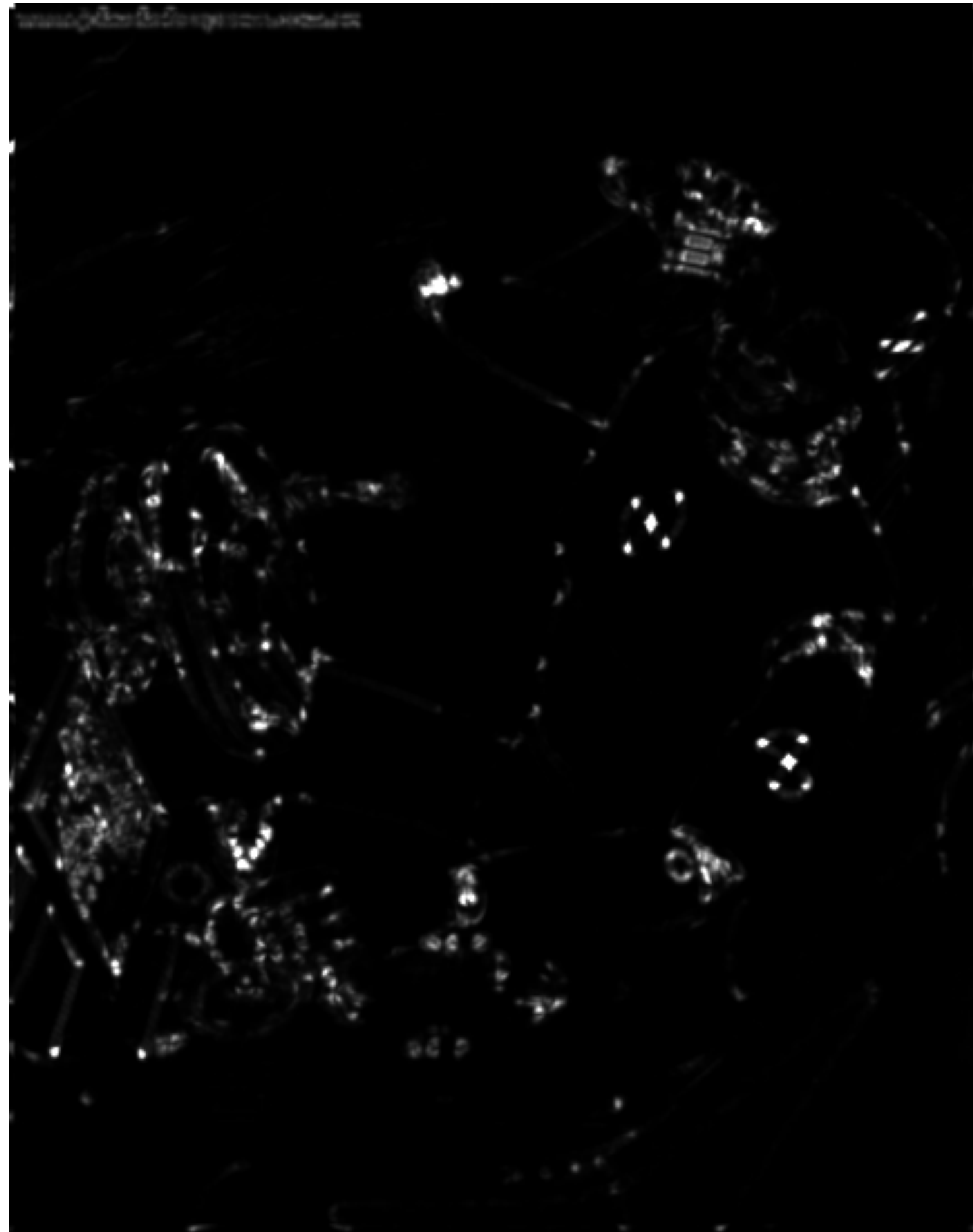


$\sigma = 3$ (110 points)

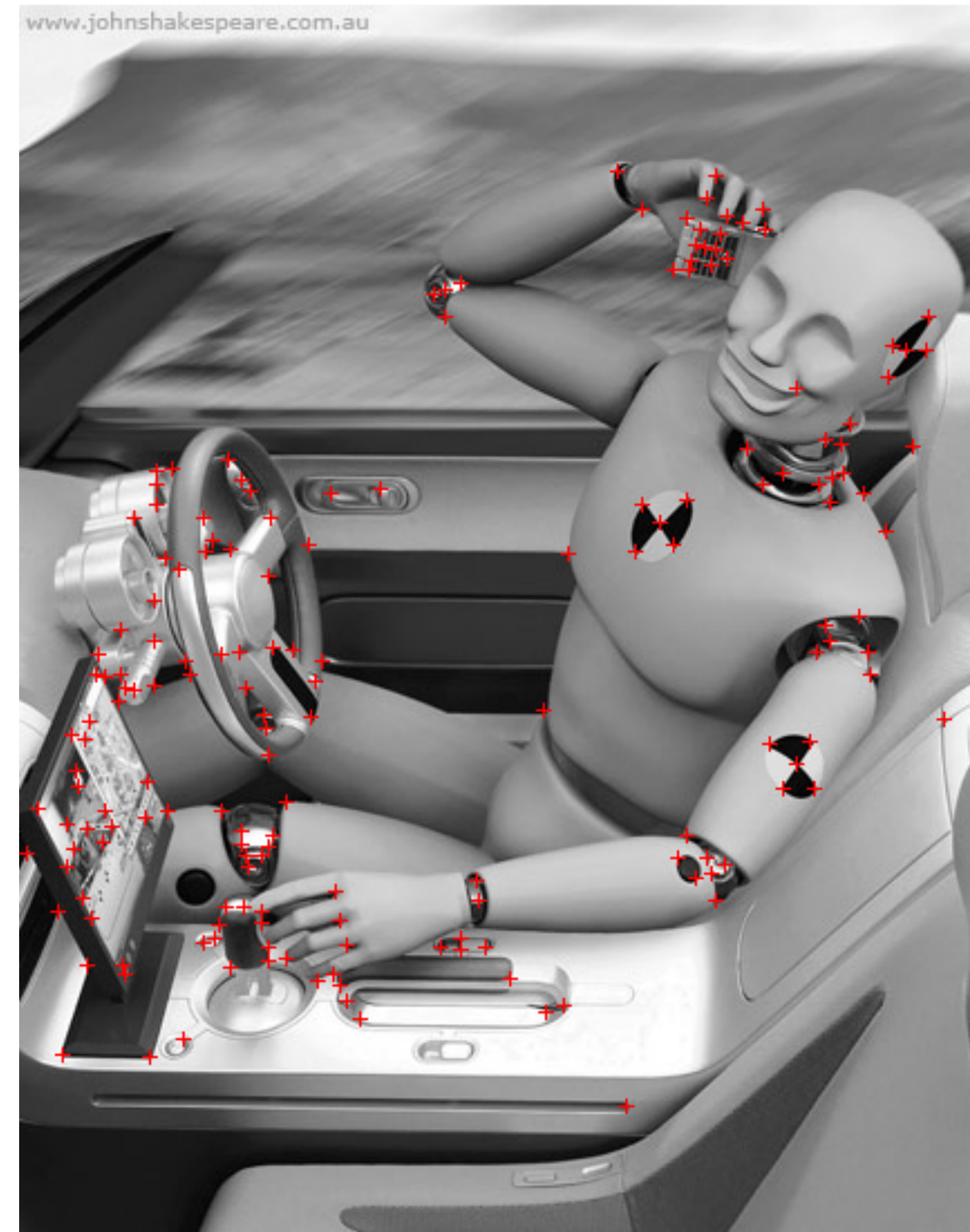


$\sigma = 4$ (87 points)

Example 3: Crash Test Dummy (Harris Result)



corner response image



$\sigma = 1$ (175 points)

Original Image Credit: John Shakespeare, Sydney Morning Herald

Summary Table

Summary of what we have seen so far:

Representation	Result is...	Approach	Technique
intensity	dense	template matching	(normalized) correlation
edge	relatively sparse	derivatives	$\nabla^2 G$, Canny
corner	sparse	locally distinct features	Harris