

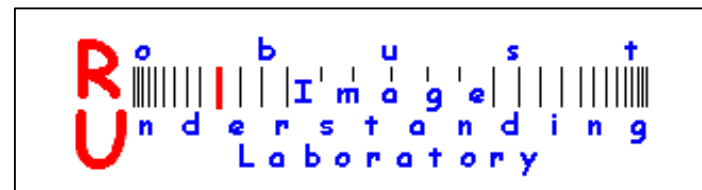
# Nonparametric Clustering of High Dimensional Data

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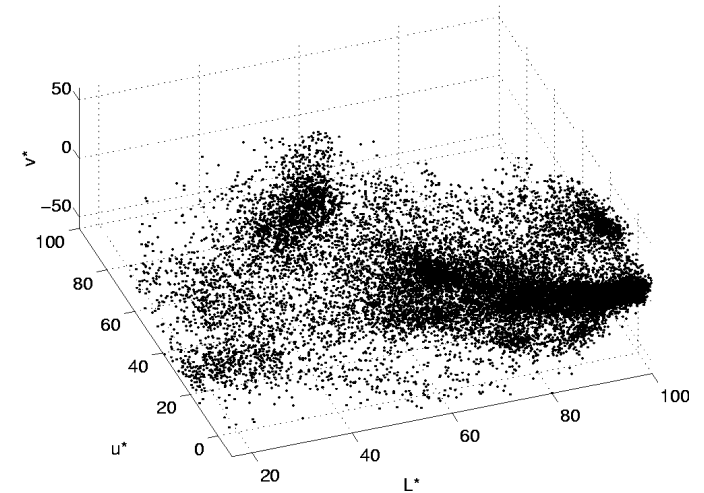
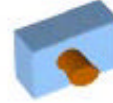
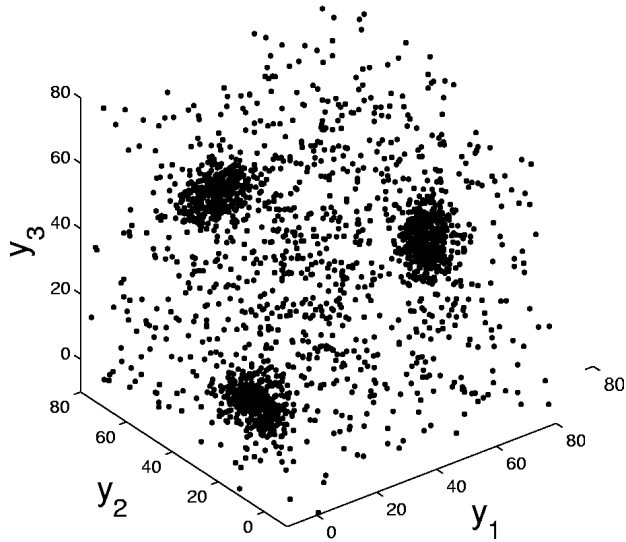
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# Robust Parameter Estimation: Location Problems

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elliptical

cluster shape

arbitrary

known

number of clusters

estimated

not needed

adaptive techniques

needed

# Kernel Density Estimation

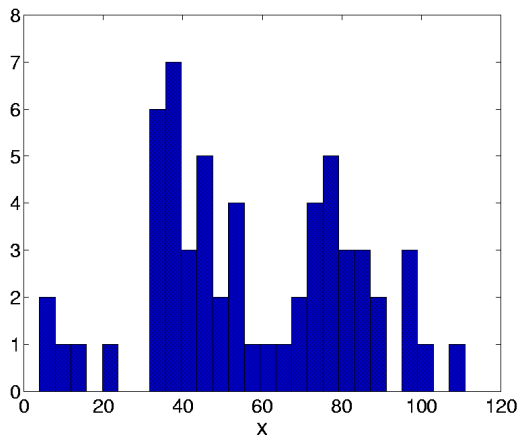
kernel density estimation (Parzen window method)

univariate data  $x_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

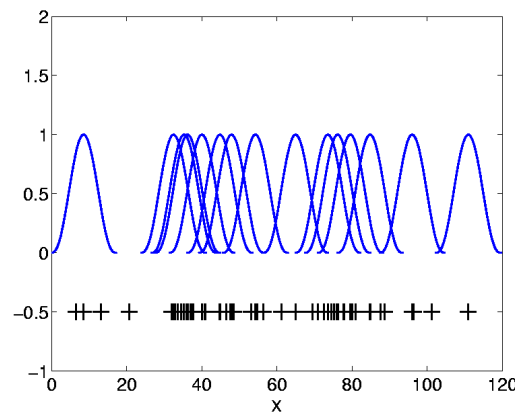
p.d.f. estimate 
$$\hat{f}(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x - x_i}{h}\right)$$

$K(u)$  kernel function

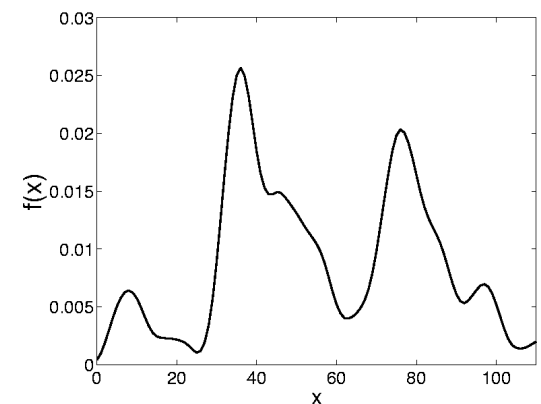
bandwidth  $h$  controls resolution 
$$\hat{h} = n^{-1/5} \operatorname{med}_i | x_i - \operatorname{med}_j x_j |$$



data histogram



a few kernels...



kernel density estimate

# Mean Shift Property

given  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{R}^p \quad i = 1, \dots, n$

choose radially symmetric kernel  $K(\mathbf{u}) = c_{k,p} k(\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{u})$   
 $k(\mathbf{u})$  profile

define  $g(\mathbf{u}) = -k'(\mathbf{u})$  and the kernel  $G(\mathbf{u}) = c_{g,p} g(\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{u})$

kernel density estimate with kernel  $K(G)$

$$\hat{f}_{h,K}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{c_{k,p}}{nh^p} \sum_{i=1}^n k\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)$$

the density gradient estimate

$$\hat{\nabla} f_{h,K}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2c_{k,d}}{nh^{d+2}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right) \right] \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)} - \mathbf{x} \right]$$

# Mean Shift Property (2)

the mean shift vector

$$\mathbf{m}_{h,G}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)} - \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2}h^2 c \frac{\hat{\nabla} f_{h,K}(\mathbf{x})}{\hat{f}_{h,G}(\mathbf{x})}$$

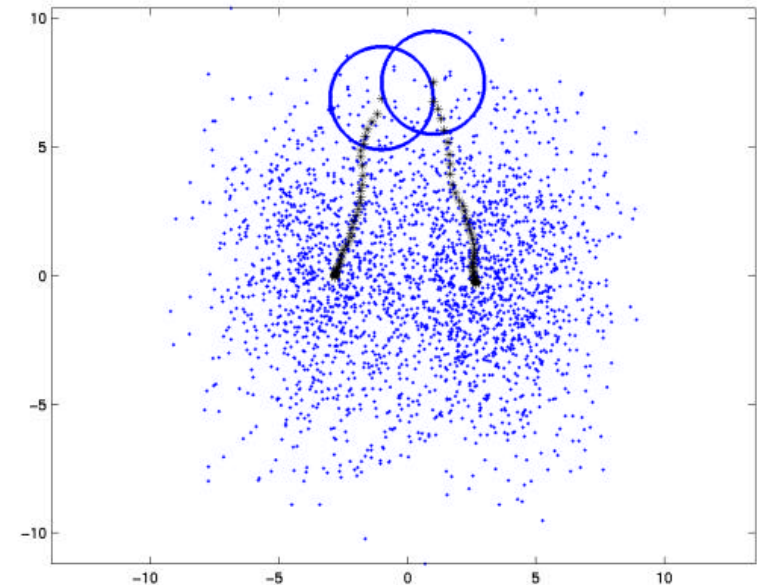
iterative computation of

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n g\left(\left\|\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_i}{h}\right\|^2\right)}$$

solves  $\hat{\nabla} f_{h,K}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$

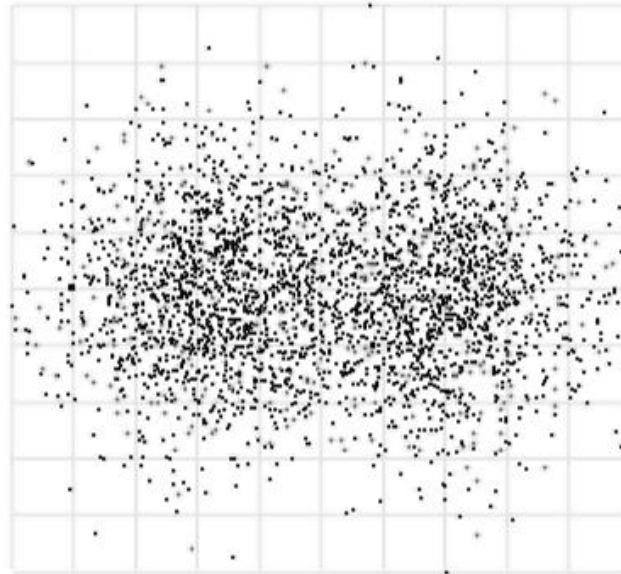
detects modes (stationary points)  
of the distribution

[Fukunaga and Hostetler, 1975]



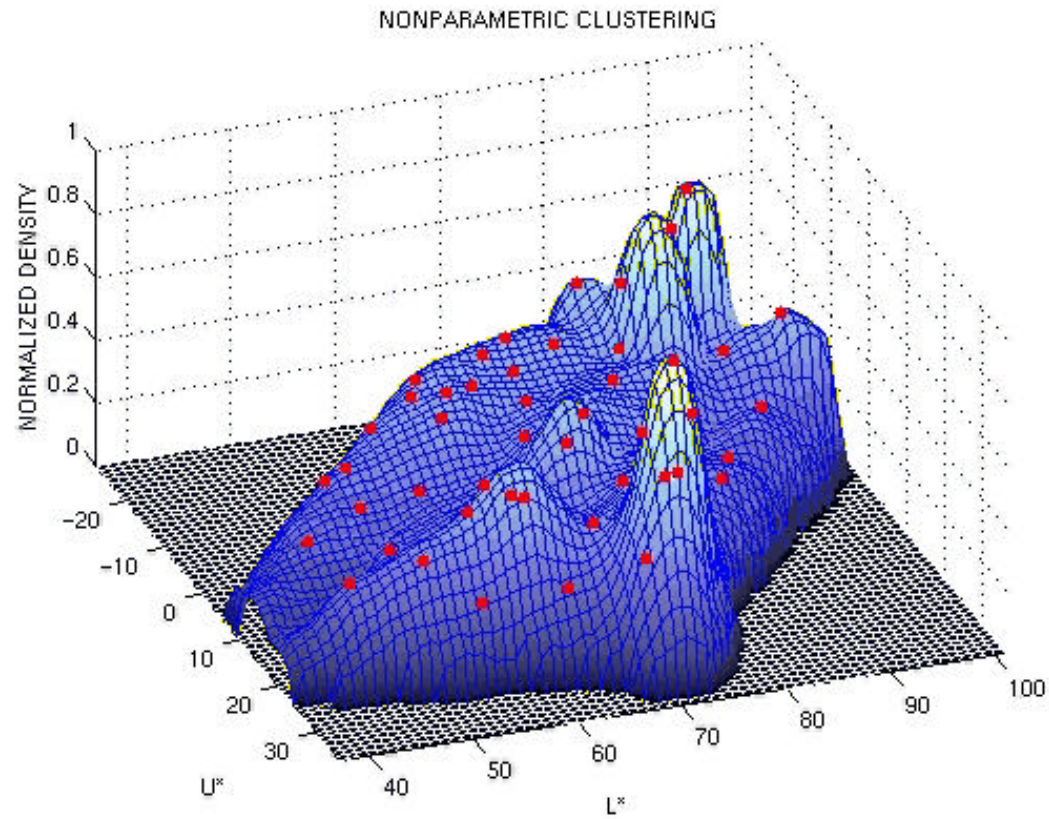
# Mean Shift Based Data Analysis

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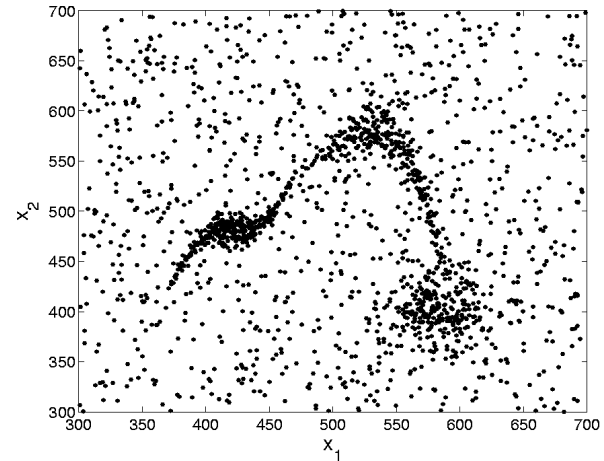
**data**

# Mean Shift Based Data Analysis (2)

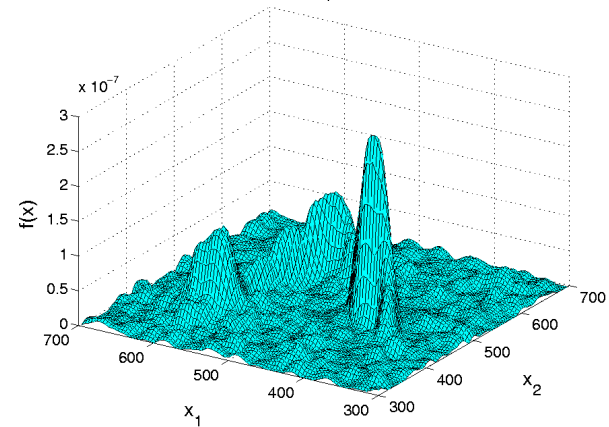


# Nonparametric Clustering

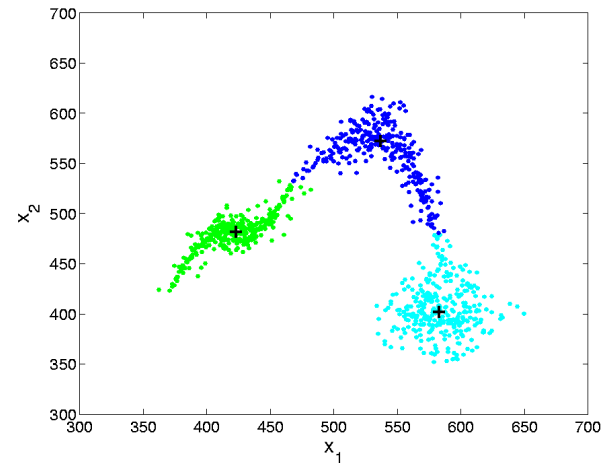
data



density



clusters





# Image Segmentation Algorithm

in 5D (3 color + 2 lattice) or 3D (1 gray +2 lattice) feature space

(1) **Filtering**: pixel  $\leftarrow$  value of the nearest mode

(2) **Fusion**: transitive closure under color information on the region adjacency graph generated by filtering

resolution controlled by the window radii:  $h_s$  (spatial),  $h_r$  (color)



**Reference:** D. Comaniciu, P. Meer: “Mean Shift: A robust approach toward feature space analysis.” *IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Machine Intell*, **24**, 603-619, May 2002.

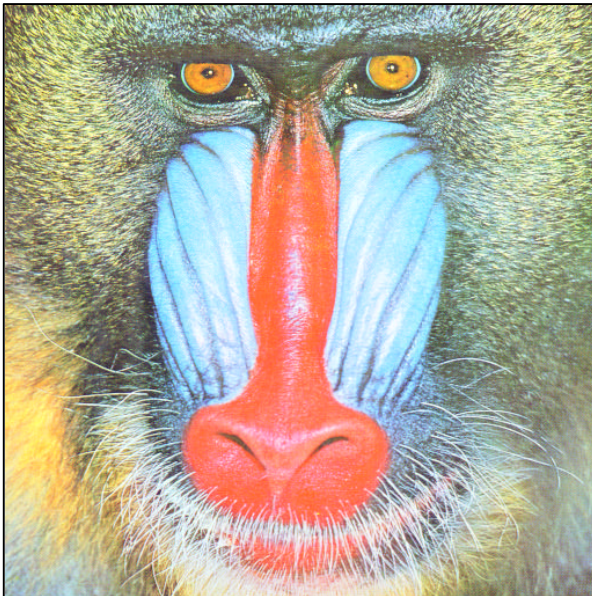
# Filtering Examples



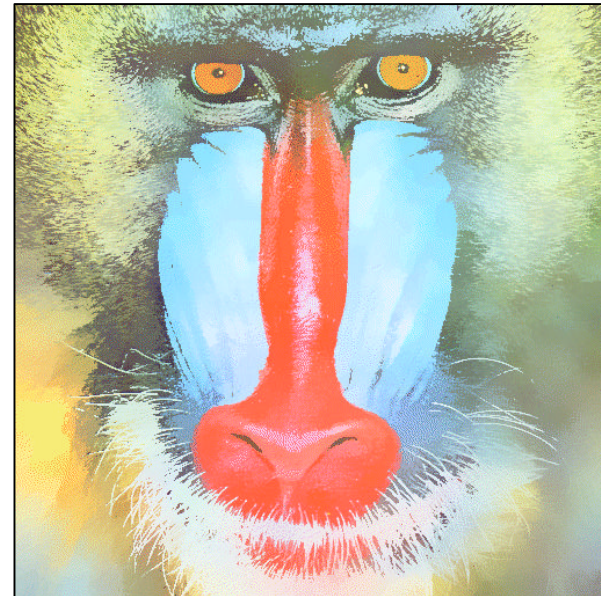
original *squirrel*



filtered  $(h_s, h_r) = (8, 16)$

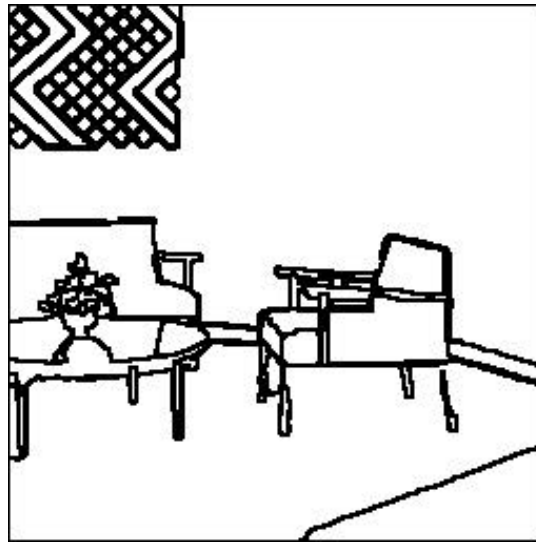


original *baboon*



filtered  $(h_s, h_r) = (16, 16)$

# Segmentation Examples

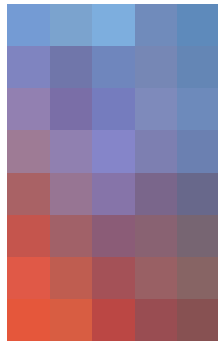


$$(h_s, h_r, M) = (8, 5, 20)$$



$$(h_s, h_r, M) = (8, 7, 20)$$

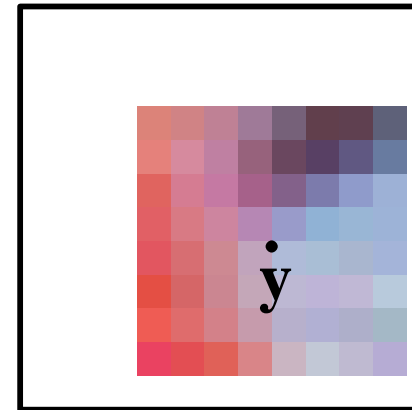
# Tracking of Non-Rigid Objects



model

$$\{\hat{q}_u\}_{u=1\dots m}$$

target



candidate

$$\{\hat{p}_u(\mathbf{y})\}_{u=1\dots m}$$

sampled kernel  
density estimates in  
color space

maximizing the Bhattacharyya coefficient  $\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_u \sqrt{\hat{p}_u(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \hat{q}_u}$   
is equivalent to finding the nearest mode in the scalar field  
of template matching scores

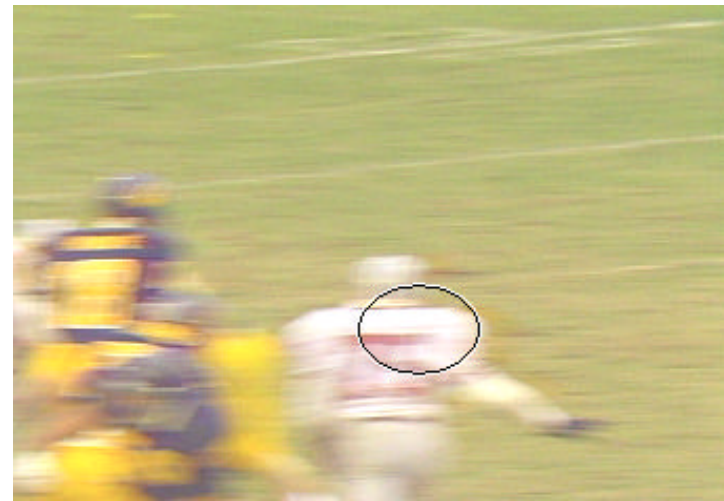
**Reference:** D. Comaniciu, V. Ramesh, P. Meer: “Kernel-based object tracking” *IEEE Trans. Pattern Anal. Machine Intell*, **25**, 564-577, May 2003.



# Football Sequence (150 frames)



*RGB* space  
histogram of 32 x 32 x 32 bins  
Java implementation  
30 fps on 600 MHz PC  
IIR filter for scale



# General Kernel Density Estimation

given  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{R}^p$   $i = 1, \dots, n$  and the bandwidth matrix  $\mathbf{H}$

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$K_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}) = [\det[\mathbf{H}]]^{-1/2} K(\mathbf{H}^{-1/2} \mathbf{x}) = c_{k,p} [\det[\mathbf{H}]]^{-1/2} k(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{H}^{-1/2} \mathbf{x})$$

given  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{R}^p$  and  $\mathbf{H}_i$   $i = 1, \dots, n$

sample point kernel density estimator

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n K_{\mathbf{H}_i}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

is the adequate variable bandwidth technique

important particular case:  $\mathbf{H}_i = h_i^2 \mathbf{I}_p$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{H}_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}$$

where

$$w_i(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{[\det[\mathbf{H}_i]]^{-1/2} g\left(\mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{H}_i]^2\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n [\det[\mathbf{H}_i]]^{-1/2} g\left(\mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{H}_i]^2\right)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{D}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{H}]^2 \equiv (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)^\top \mathbf{H}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

the adaptive mean shift

$$\mathbf{m}_G(\mathbf{x}) = \widetilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{H}_i^{-1} \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}$$

has the property

$$\mathbf{m}_G(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{c}{2} \widetilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\widehat{\nabla} f_K(\mathbf{x})}{\widehat{f}_G(\mathbf{x})}$$

# Mean Shift in High Dimensions

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statistical curse of dimensionality:  
sparseness of the data



mode detection requires variable bandwidth

computational curse of dimensionality:  
range queries very expensive

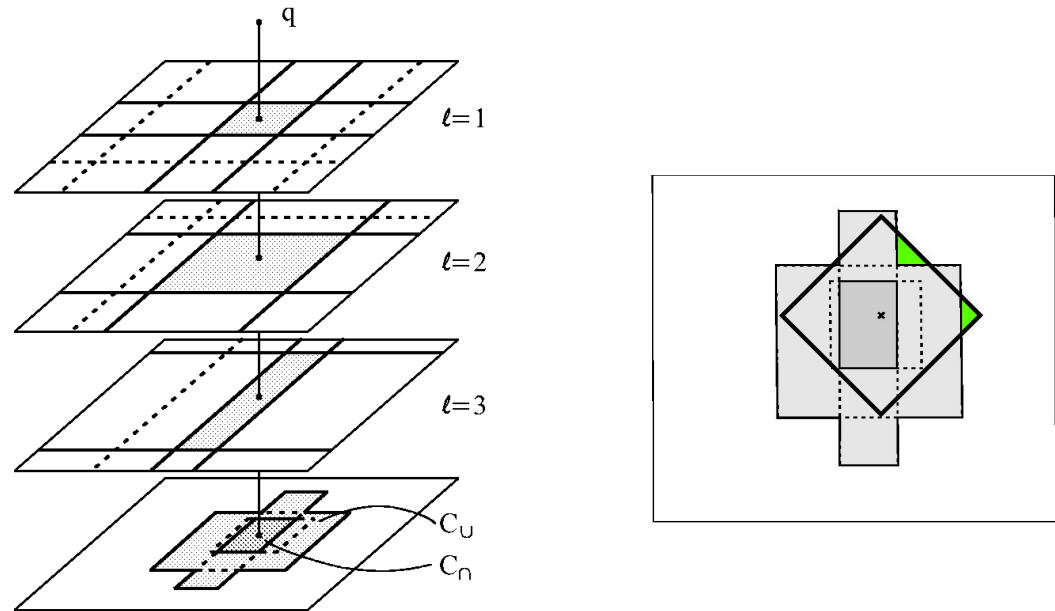


approximate nearest neighbor



# Mean Shift in High Dimensions: LSH

idea: locality sensitive hashing [Gionis, Indyk, Motwani, 99]

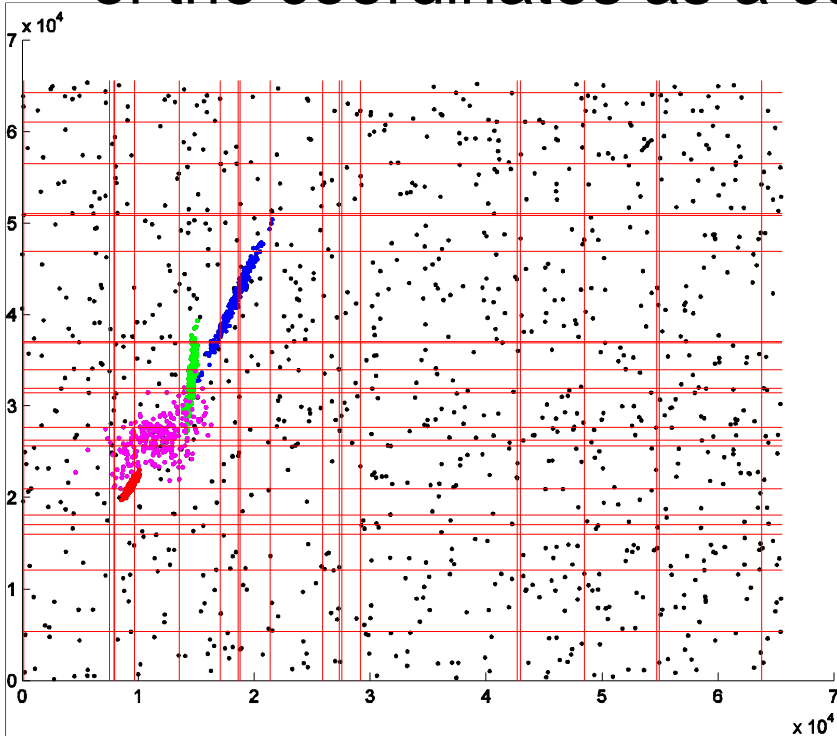


$L$  random tessellations of the space by  $K$  random cuts each  
query returns the content of the  $L$  cells in which the query  
point  $q$  is located in *sublinear time*

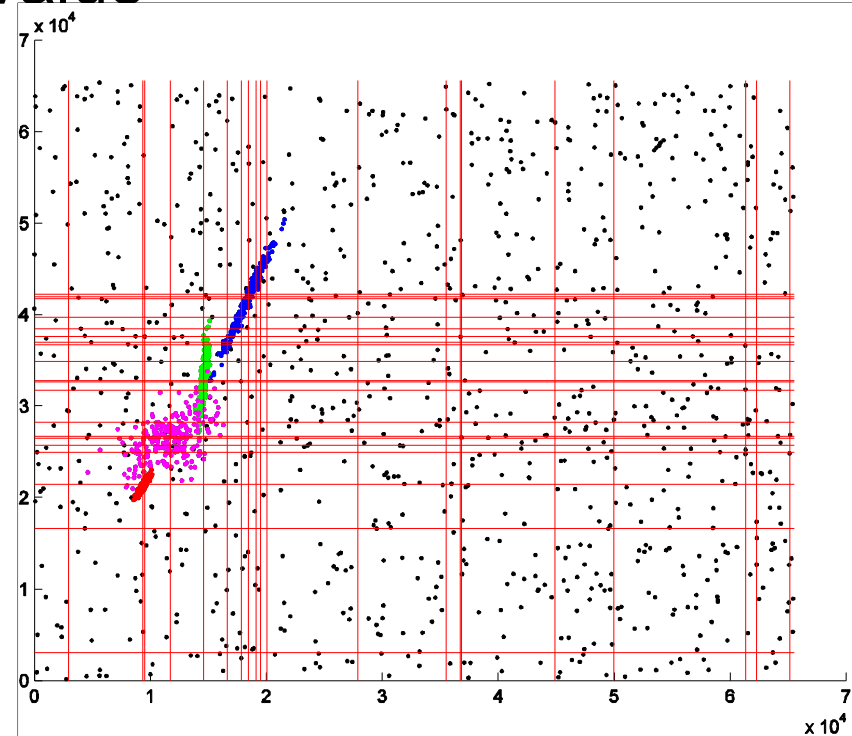
# Randomly Selecting the Cuts

in original LSH cut values are randomly selected in the *range* of the data

we randomly select a *point* from the data and use one of the coordinates as a cut value



uniform



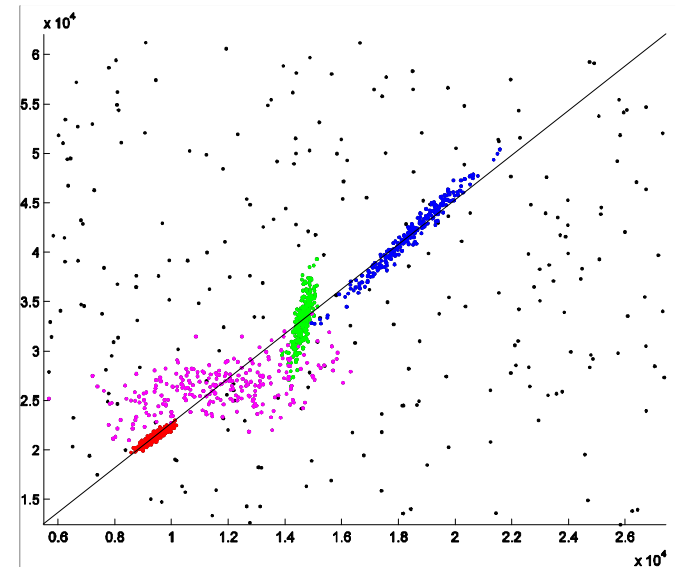
data driven

# Fast Adaptive Mean Shift: Synthetic Data

50,000 points in 50D

10x2500: normally distributed  
means along a line  
random covariances

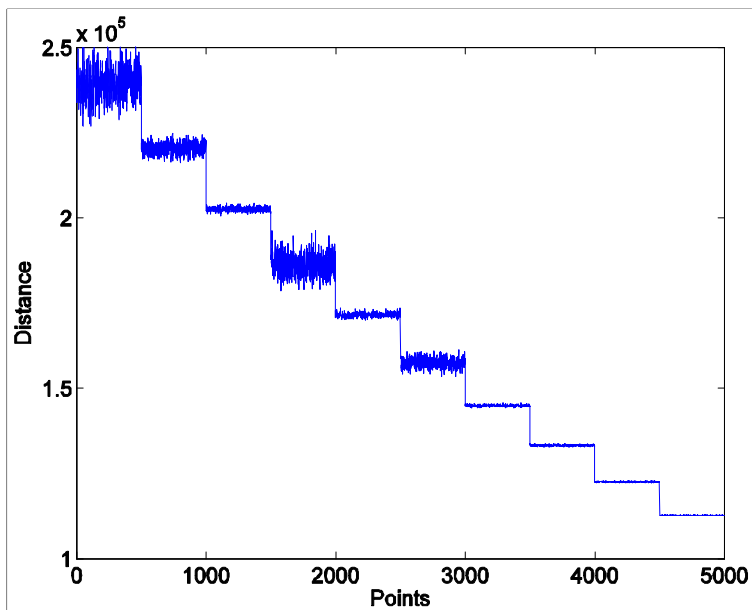
25,000 points uniformly distributed



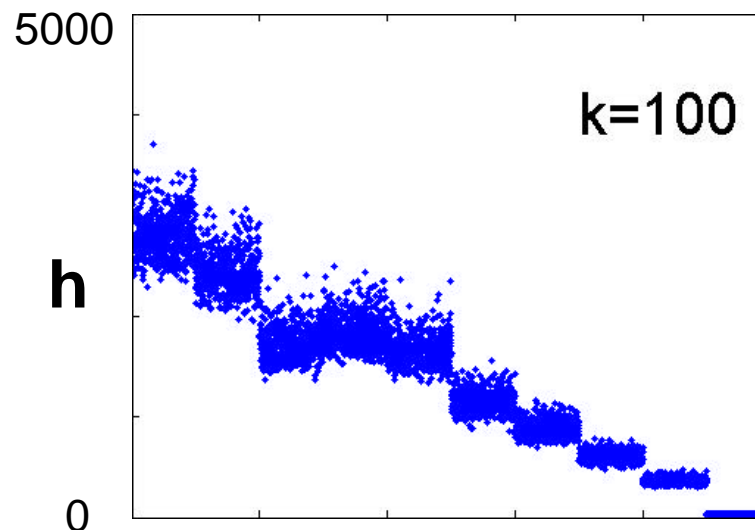
K and L chosen to minimize running time  
for finding *all* the points in a neighborhood

the bandwidth associated with a point is defined as the region  
containing  $k$  neighbors

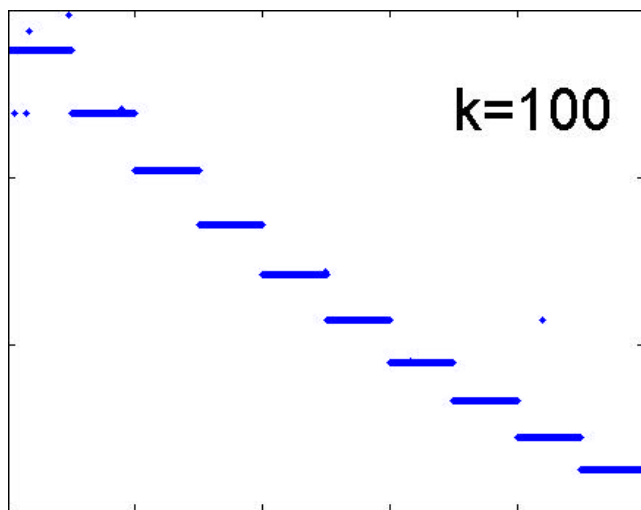
# Fast Adaptive Mean Shift: Synthetic Data (2)



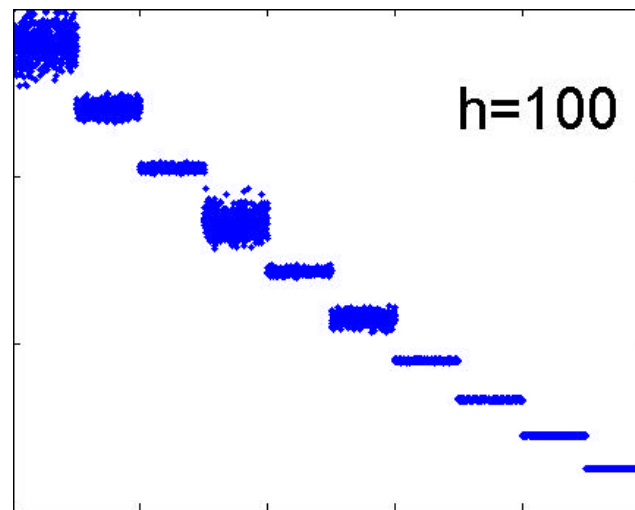
original data



bandwidth



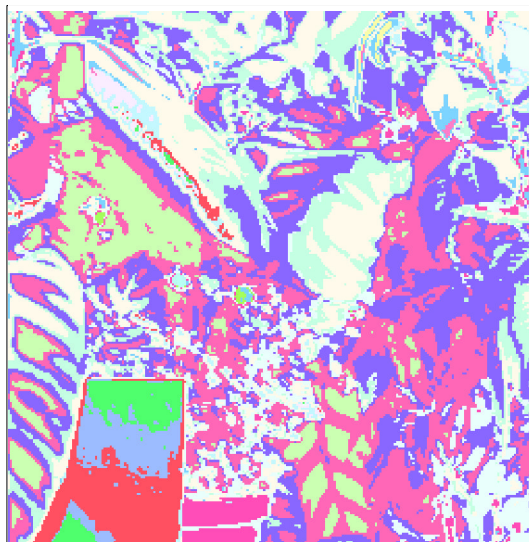
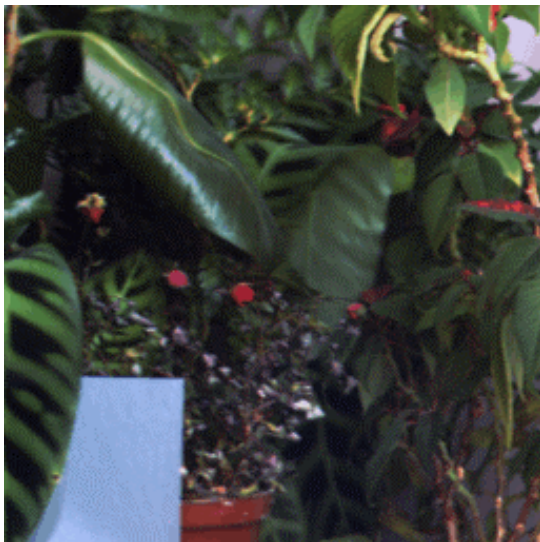
adaptive



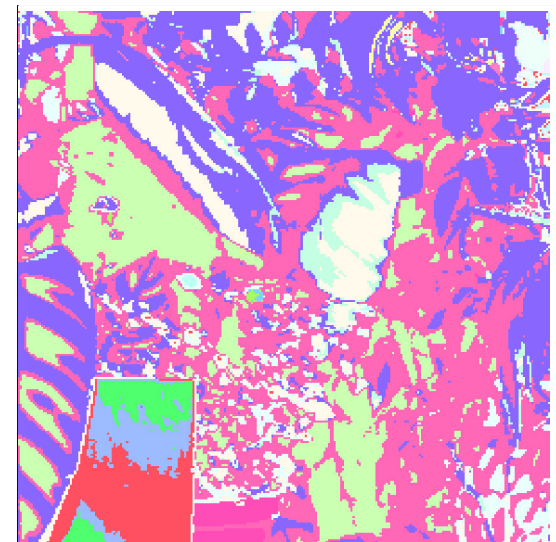
non-adaptive

# Example: Multi-spectral Images

a pixel 31 bands in the visual spectrum  
modes detected with fast adaptive mean-shift  
pixels allocated  
to nearest mode (vector quantization)  
by basin of attraction

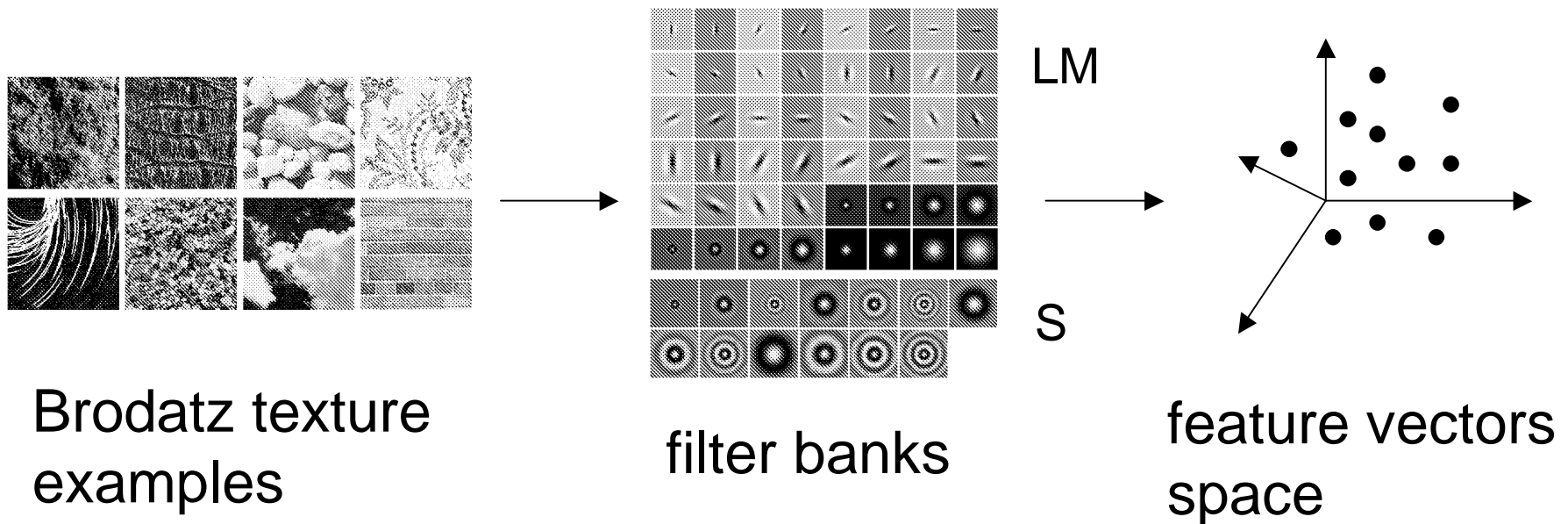


nearest mode



basin of attraction

# Application: Texture Classification



cluster centers in feature space = textons [Leung and Malik' 99]

the characteristic repetitive structures of a texture clustering  $\rightarrow$  *texton* dictionary

each texture represented by the histogram of textons

query: texture class assigned based on the  $\chi^2$  distance between histograms

# Application: Texture Classification (2)

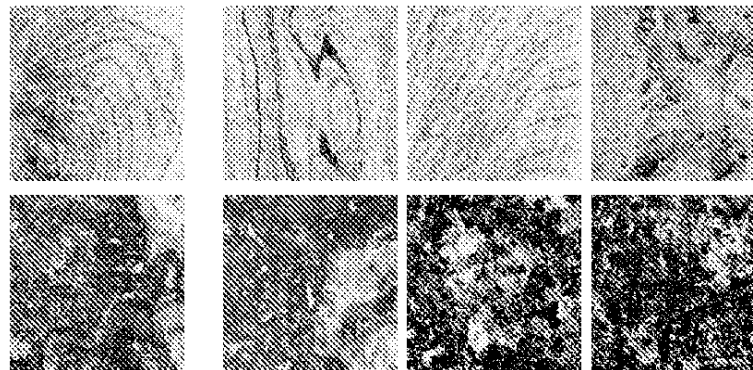
Brodatz database:

112 textures; each texture: 2 train, 2 test;

classification performance

Filter	M4	M8	S	LM
RND	84.82%	88.39%	89.73%	92.41%
k-means	85.71%	94.64%	93.30%	97.32%
FMS	85.71%	94.64%	93.75%	98.21%
AFMS				98.66%

retrieval example:



query

retrievals



# Application: Texture Classification (3)

different texton locations yield different representations

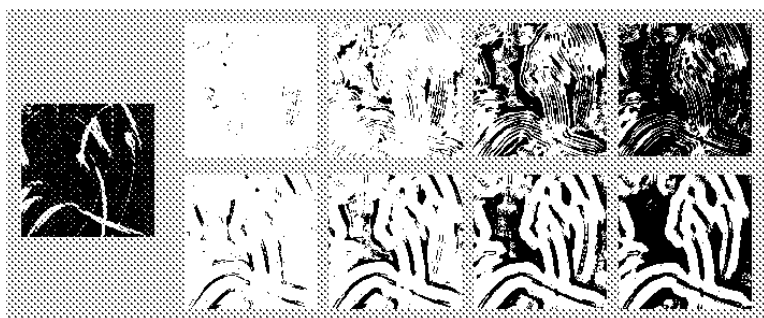
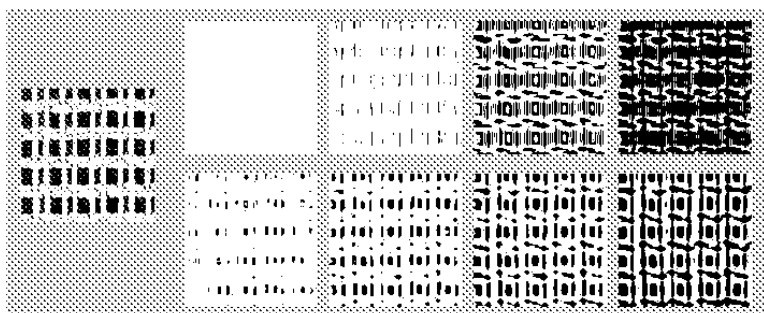
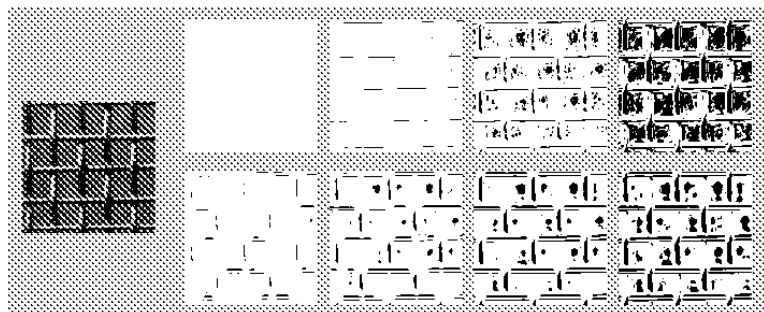


image pixels at increasing distance from textons

k-means textons

AFMS textons



mean shift: proven nonparametric method for mode seeking

applications:     image segmentation  
                      object tracking  
                      texture classification  
                      etc...

implementing adaptive mean shift using LSH extends the method to high dimensional spaces