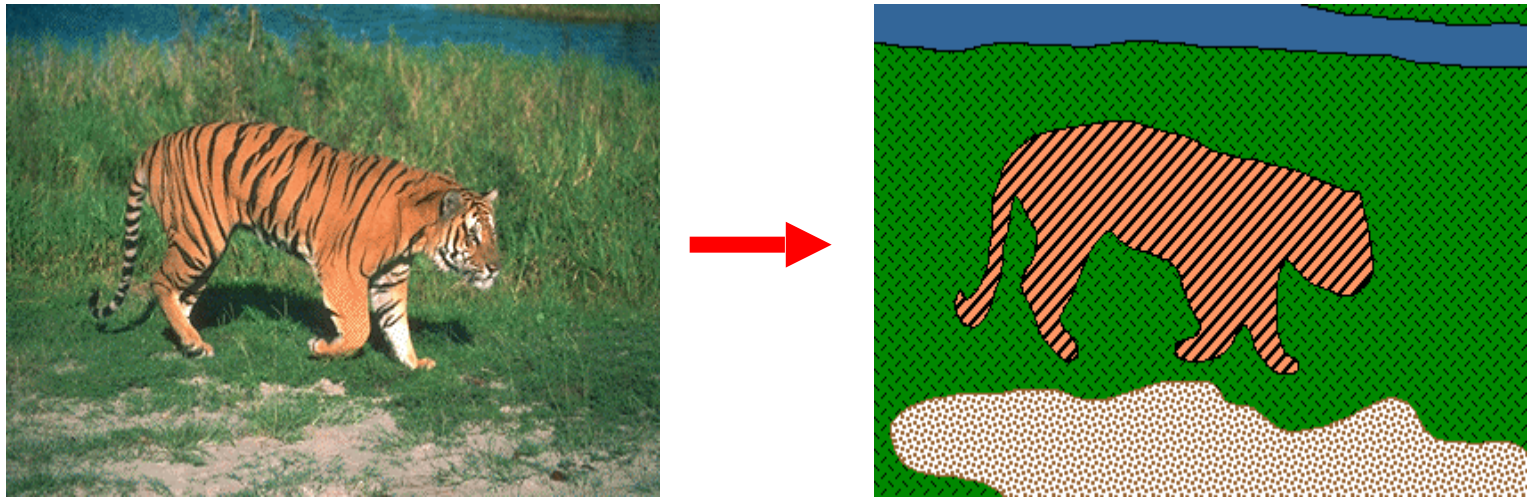
Lecture 16

Recognition, kNN and PCA

So far: Segmentation

cluster meaningful groups of pixels



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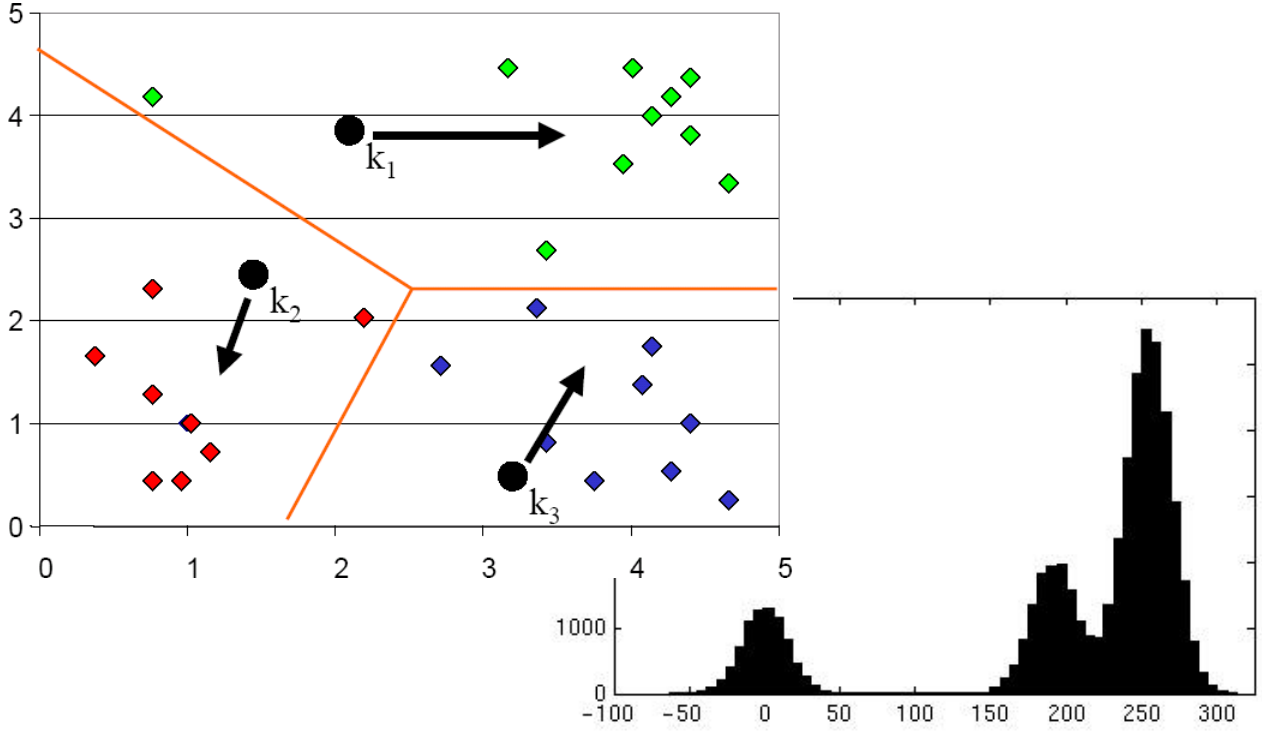
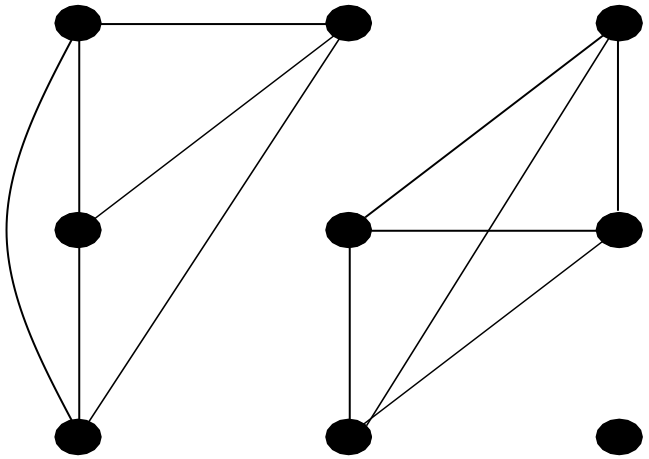
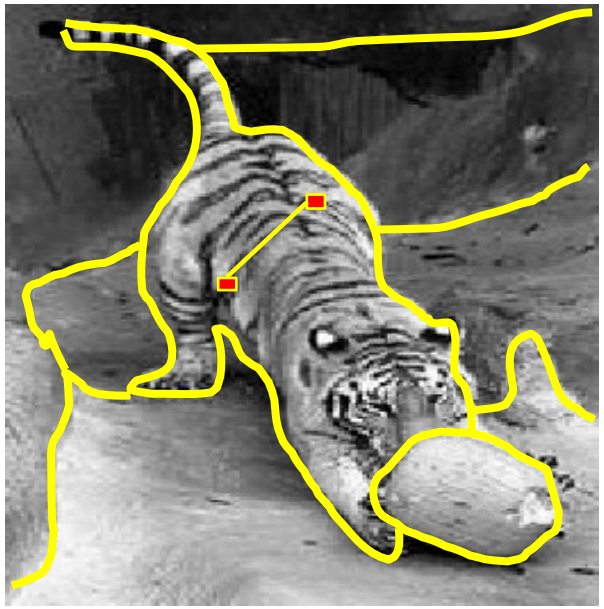


K-Means and
Mean-shift

Segmentation using graph cuts





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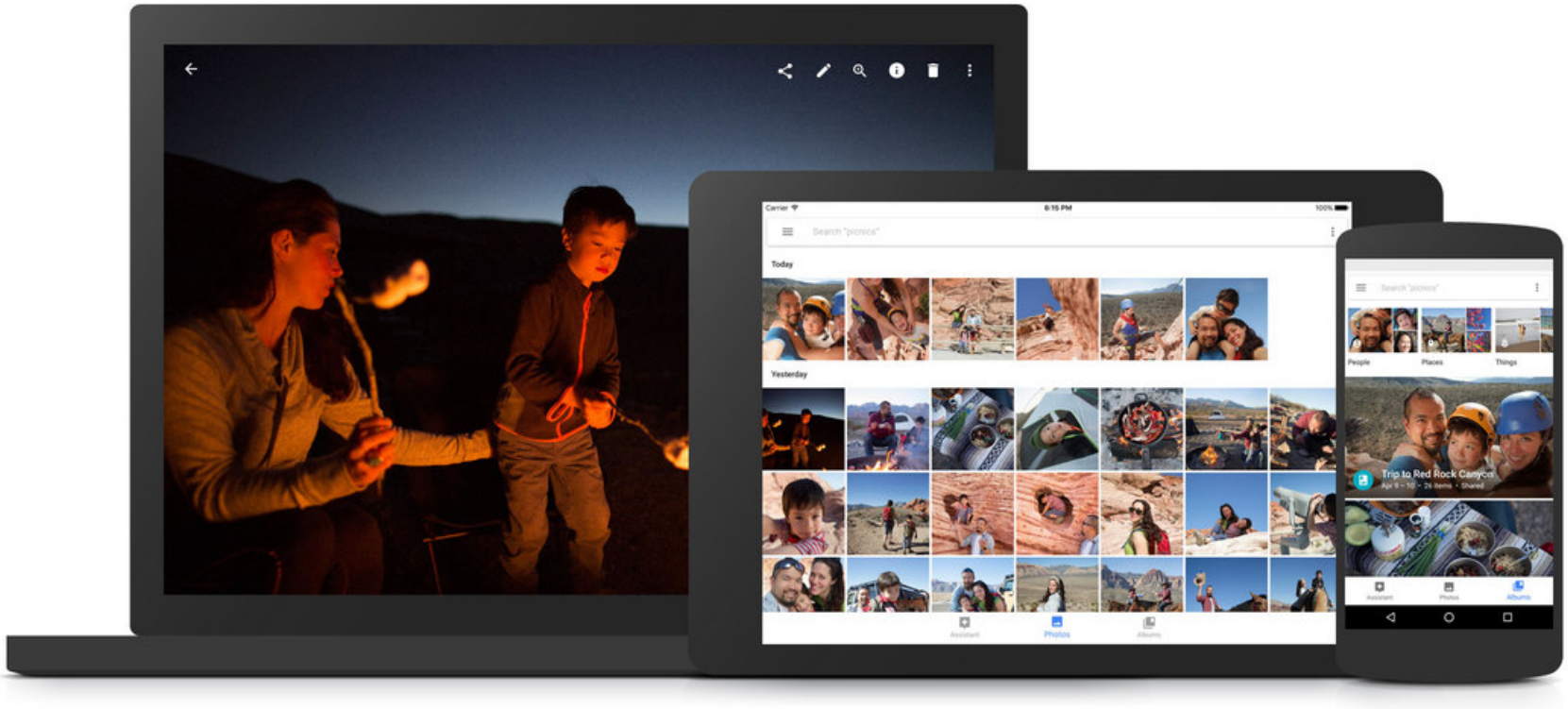
What do we mean by recognition?

Classification: Does this image contain a building? [yes/no]

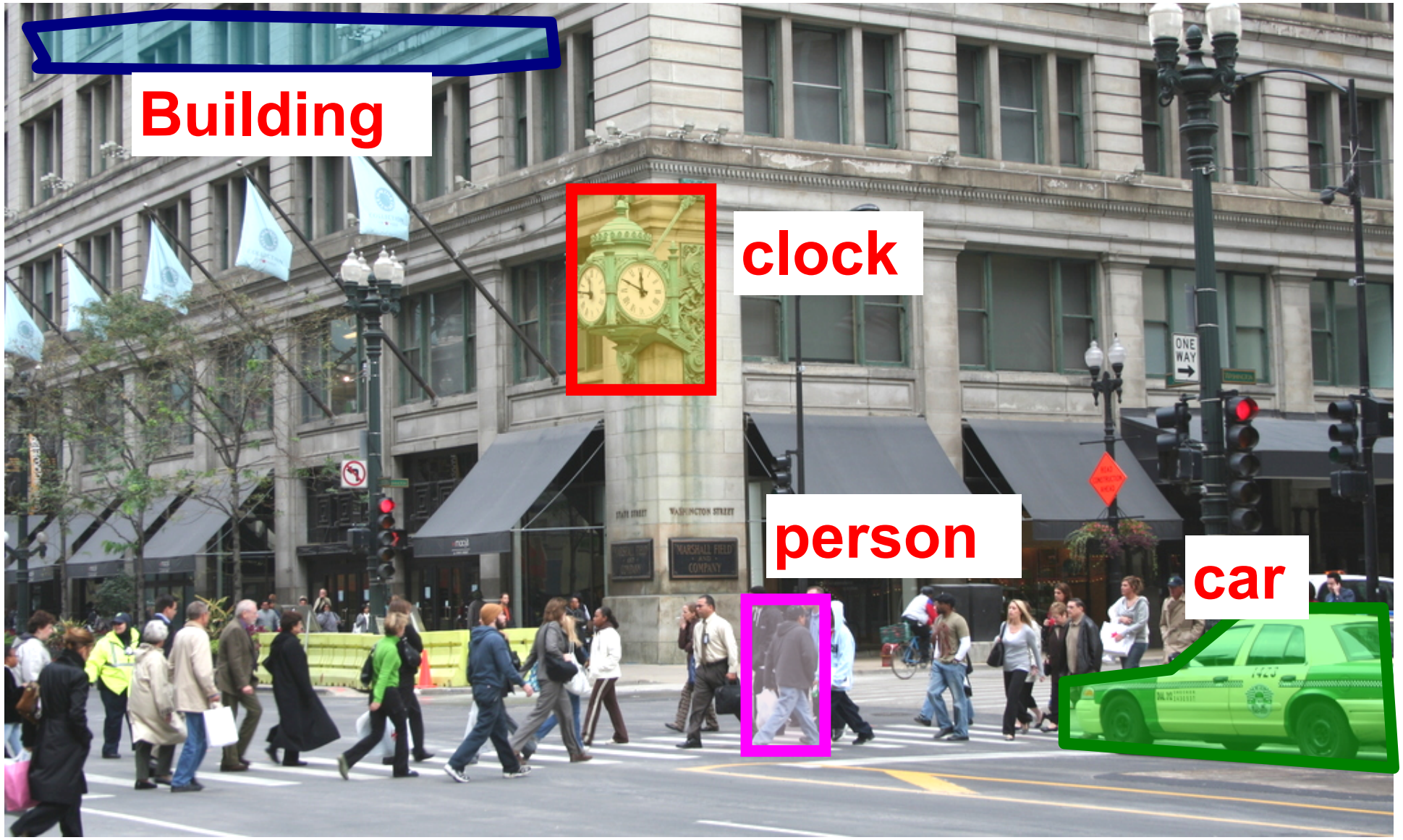
Classification: Is this an beach?

Applications: Image Search & Organizing photo collections

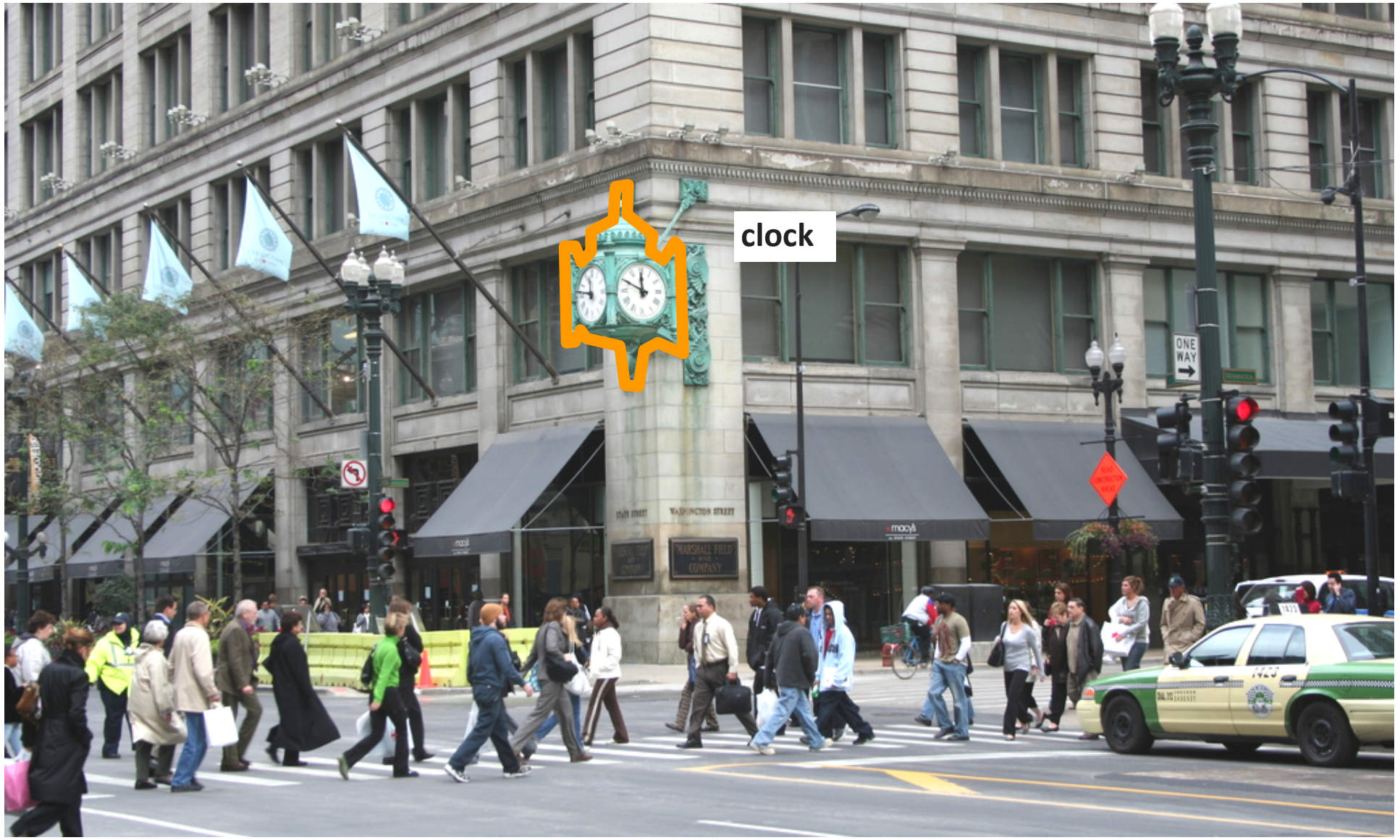


Detection: Does this image contain a car? [where?]

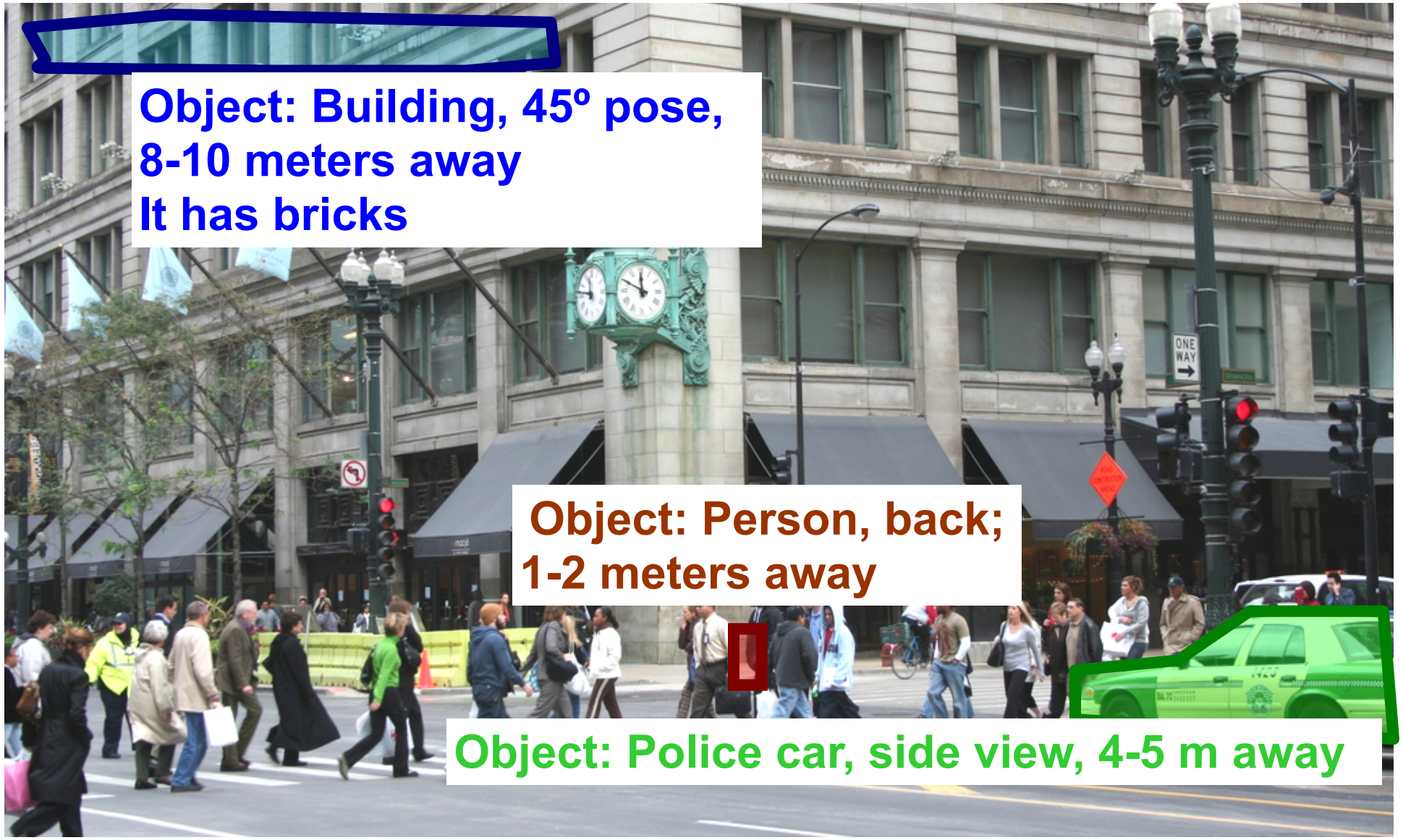
Detection: Which object does this image contain? [where?]



Detection: Accurate localization (segmentation)



Detection: Estimating object semantic & geometric attributes



Levels of recognition: Category-level vs instance-level

Does this image contain the Chicago Macy's building?

Categorization vs Single instance recognition

We have seen a form of single instance categorization already: **Where is the crunchy nut?**

Applications of computer vision

Recognizing landmarks
in mobile devices

Activity recognition: What are these people doing?

Visual Recognition

- Design algorithms that can:
  - Classify images or videos
  - Detect and localize objects
  - Estimate semantic and geometrical attributes
  - Classify human activities and events

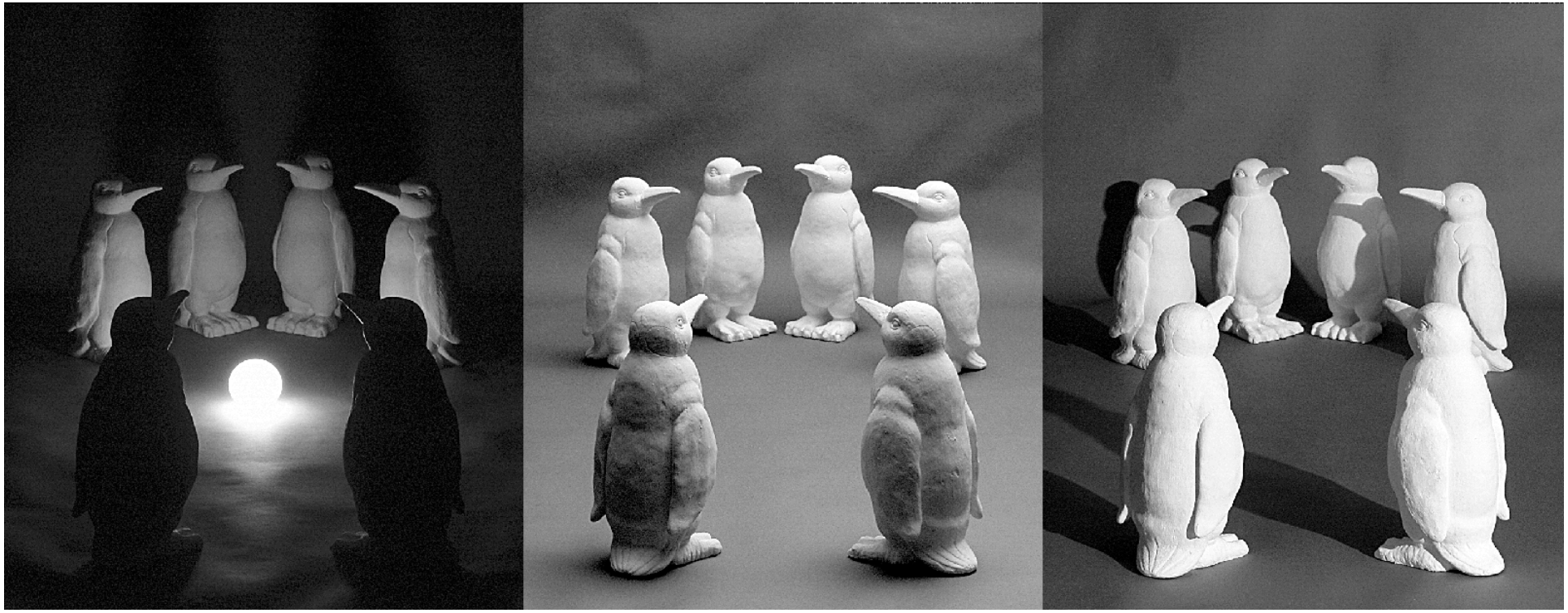
Why is this challenging?

How many object categories are there?

Challenges: viewpoint variation

Michelangelo 1475-1564

Challenges: illumination



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Challenges: scale

Challenges: deformation

Challenges: occlusion

Magritte, 1957

Challenges: background clutter

Kilmeny Niland. 1995

Challenges: intra-class variation

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Object recognition:
a classification framework

- Apply a prediction function to a feature representation of the image to get the desired output:


f( ) = “apple”


f( ) = “tomato”


f( ) = “cow”

A simple pipeline - Training

Training Images

Image Features

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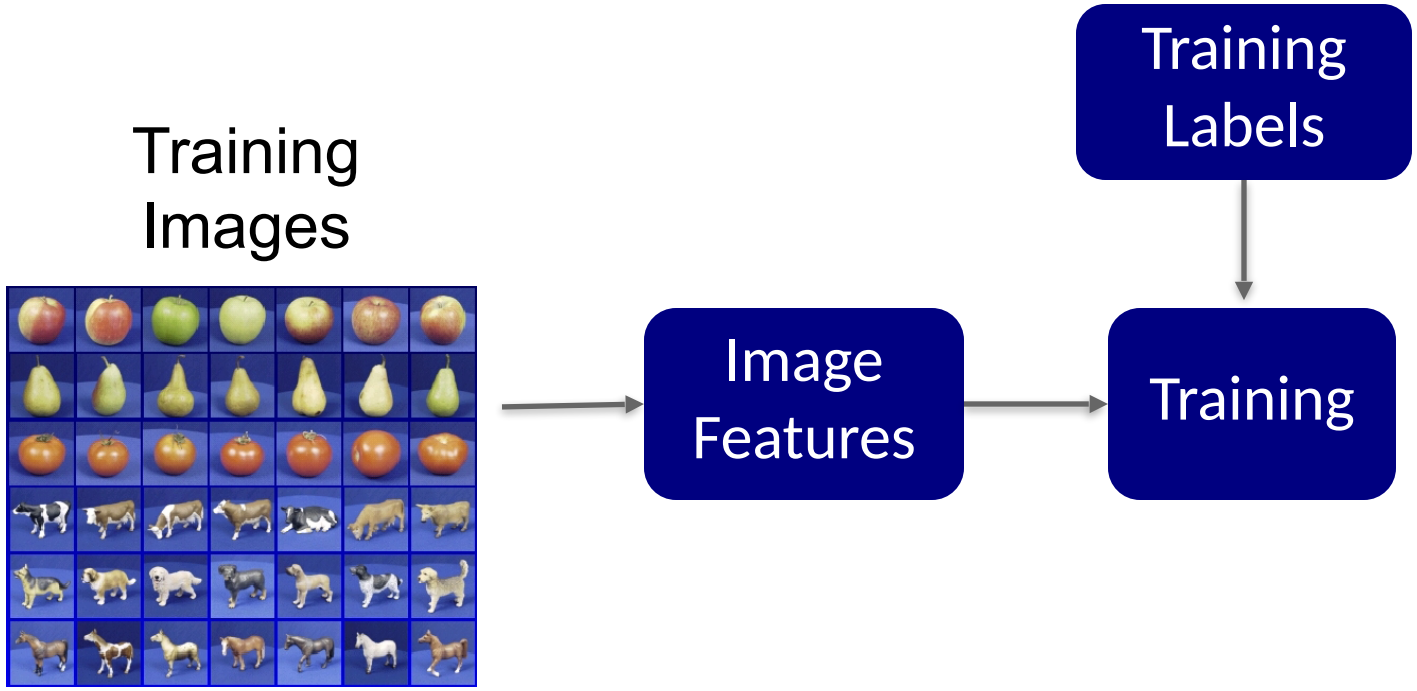

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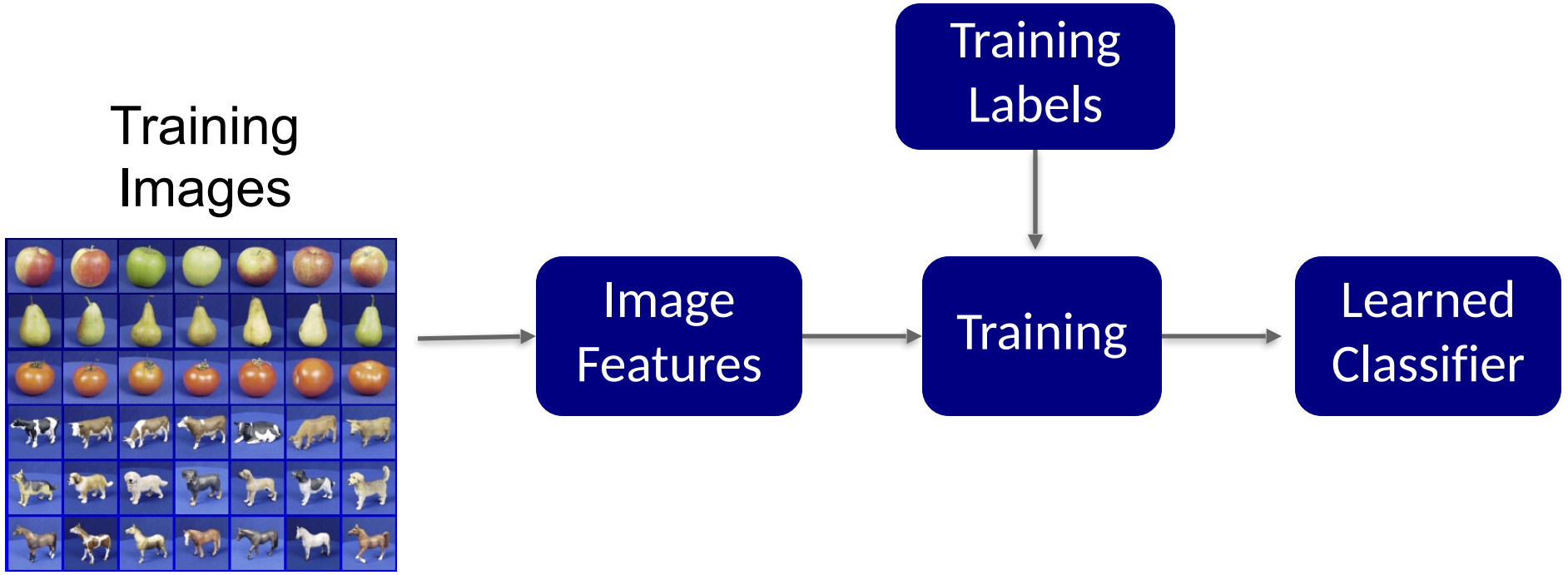

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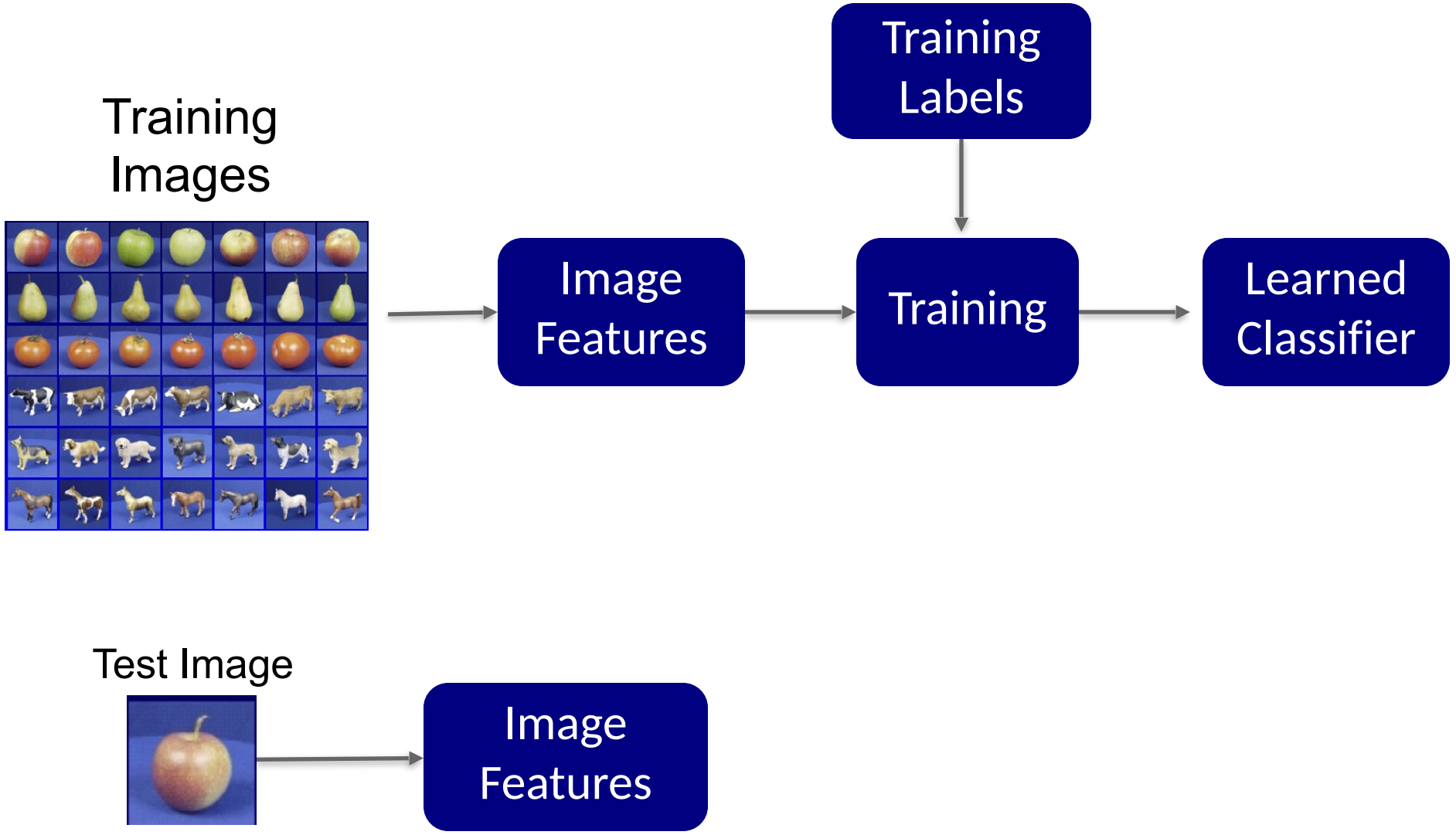

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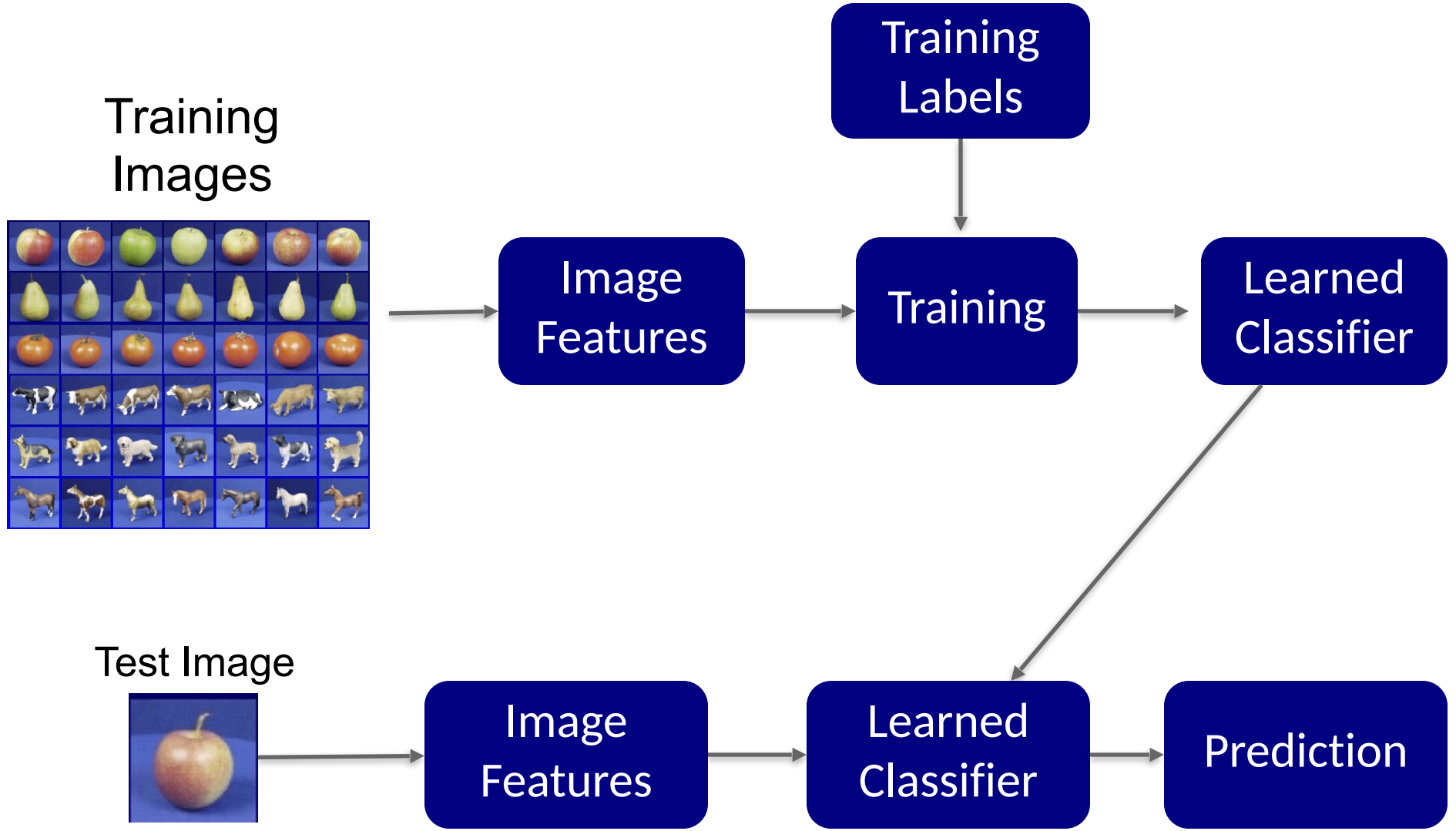

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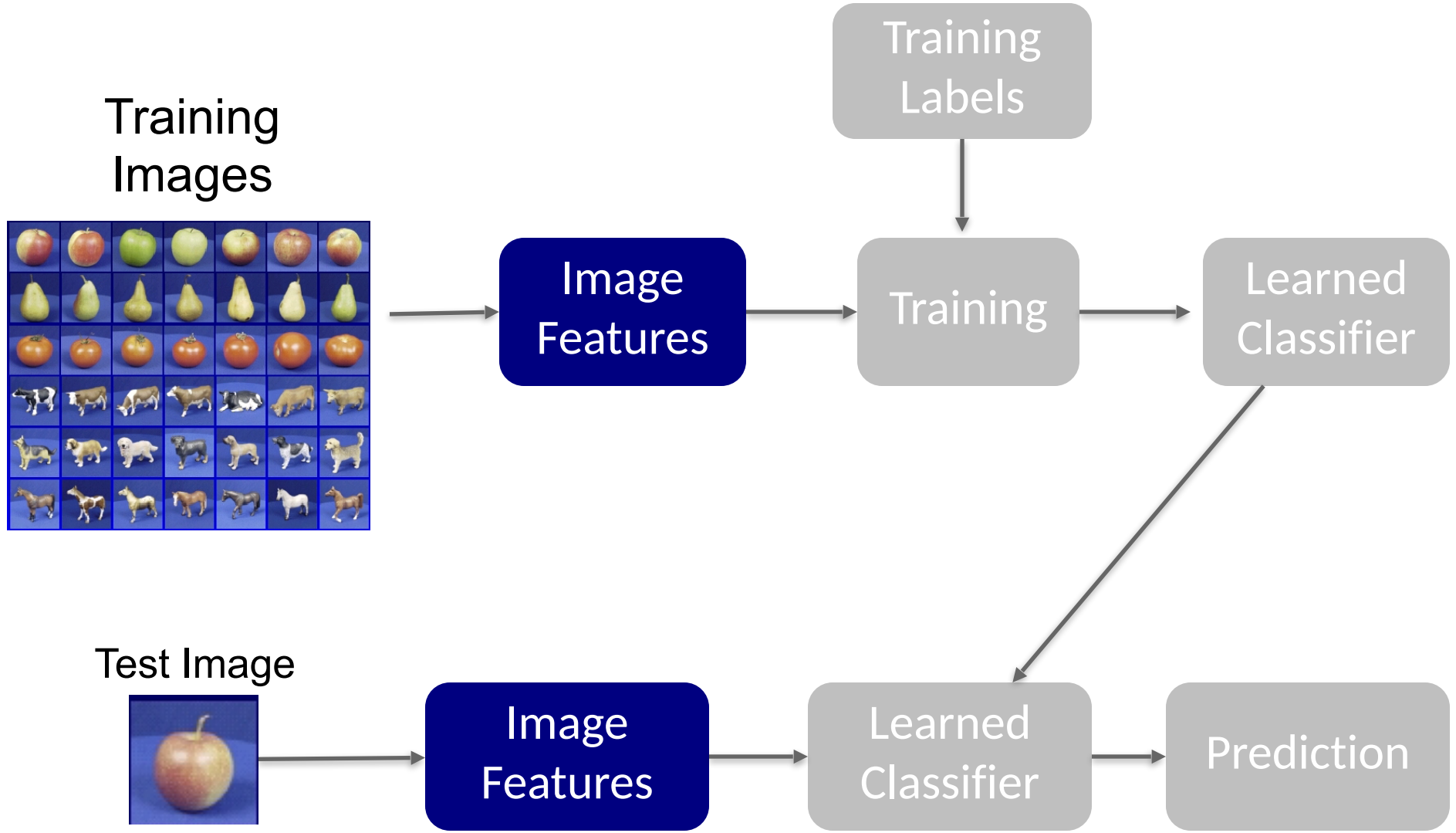

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	Invariances						
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RGB-histogram	**?**						

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✓ (global color counts don’t change if the image shifts)

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✓ (if the *entire* image is uniformly scaled, the color distribution remains the same)

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RGB-histogram	✅	❌	✅	❌			

✓ (rotating the entire image does not change overall color distribution)
✗ (appearance/colors can change if out-of-plane rotation reveals different surfaces)

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✗ (removing part of the image can significantly alter color histogram)

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✗ (shifts in illumination change color intensities/distribution)
✗ (noise directly alters pixel distribution)

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HoG	?	?	?	?			

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✗ (local bins move)
✗ (needs re-computation at multiple scales)
✗ (oriented gradients are tied to an image grid)
✗ (same reason as the ^)

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✗ (partial occlusion would result in no match)
✓ (gradients are more stable under monotonic intensity changes)
✗ (gradient orientations can be disrupted by significant noise)

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✓ (keypoint-based, unaffected by shift)
✓ (built-in scale normalization)
✓ (SIFT normalizes orientation)
✗ (local keypoints might disappear if the object rotates)

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SIFT	✅	✅	✅	❌	✅	✅	✅
Deep learning							

✓ (local keypoints can still match if some are visible)
✓ (gradient-based + normalization)
✓ (SIFT is relatively robust to moderate noise)

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SIFT	✅	✅	✅	❌	✅	✅	✅
Deep learning	usually	usually	usually	❌			

~ Deep learning features are usually invariant to translation, scale, and planar rotation if the training data has these translations. It is not invariant to other rotations.

Aside: ImageNet has objects centered in the middle of images. So models trained on ImageNet are not translation or scale invariant.

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Deep learning	usually	usually	usually	❌	❌	✅	✅

✗ (standard CNNs are not strictly occlusion-invariant; partial robustness depends on training)

✓ (can learn robustness if trained on varied lighting)

✓ (CNNs can learn to be noise-robust with proper training)

So, which features should we choose?

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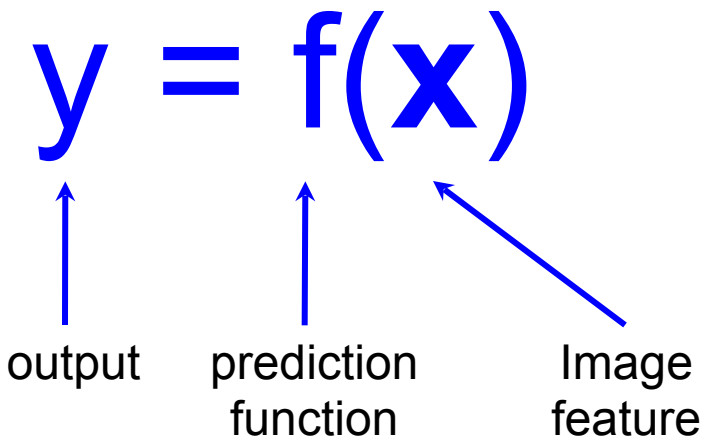
Learning a classifier to map inputs to outputs



- **Training:** given a *training set* of labeled examples $\{(\mathbf{x}_1,y_1), \ldots, (\mathbf{x}_N,y_N)\}$, estimate the prediction function f by minimizing the prediction error on the training set
- **Testing:** apply f to a never before seen *test example* $\mathbf{x}$ and output the predicted value $y = f(\mathbf{x})$

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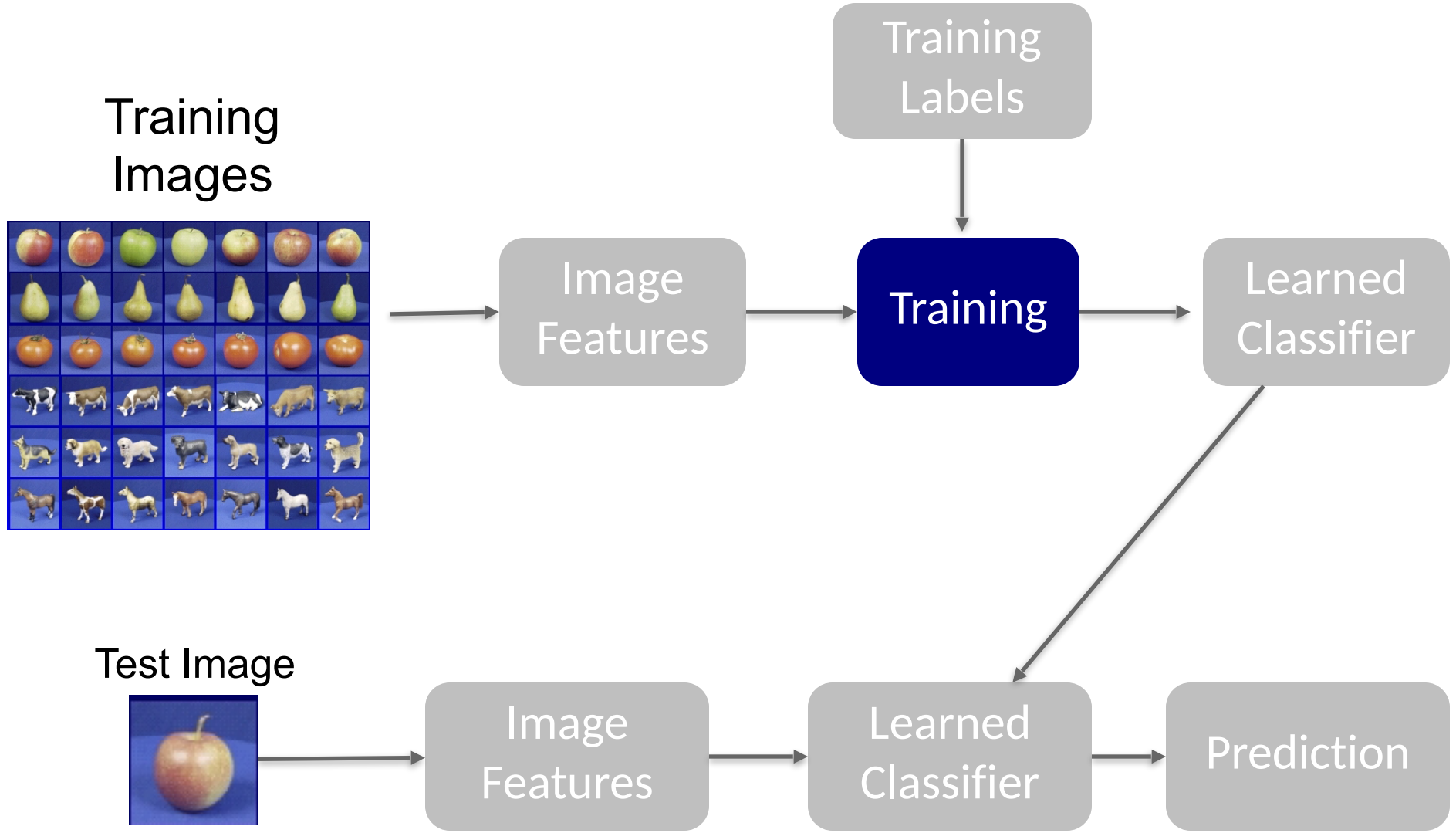


Many classifiers to choose from

- **K-nearest neighbor**
- SVM
- Neural networks
- Naïve Bayes
- Bayesian network
- Logistic regression
- Randomized Forests
- Boosted Decision Trees
- RBMs
- Etc.

Which is the best one?

An example training dataset

Training set (labels known)

Apples

Pear

Tomatos

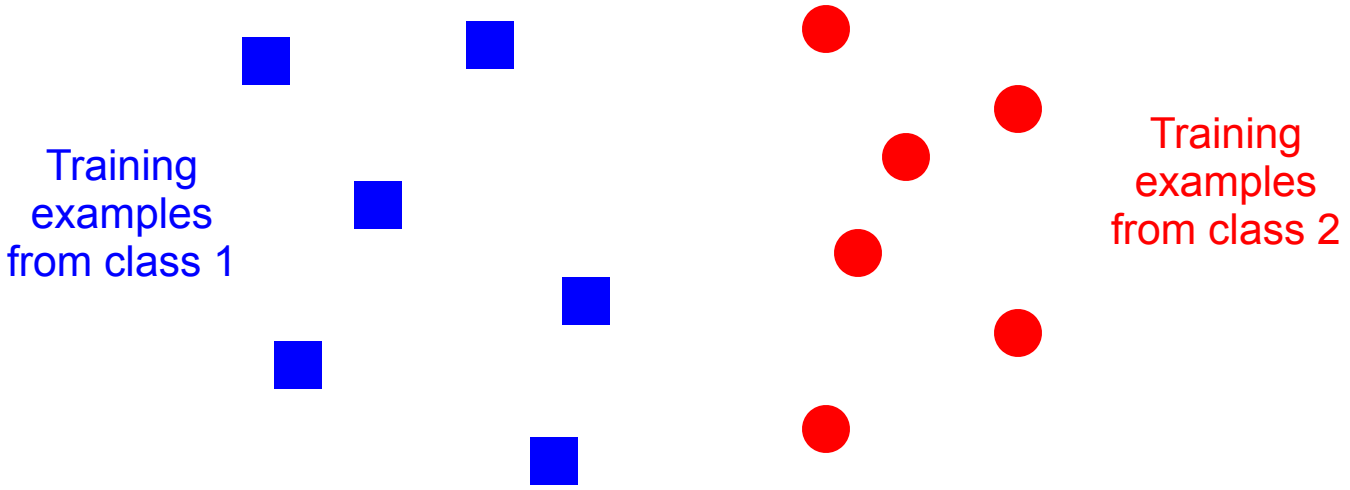
Cow

Dog

Horse

For kNN classifier, training simply means to store all training data.

A stored training set



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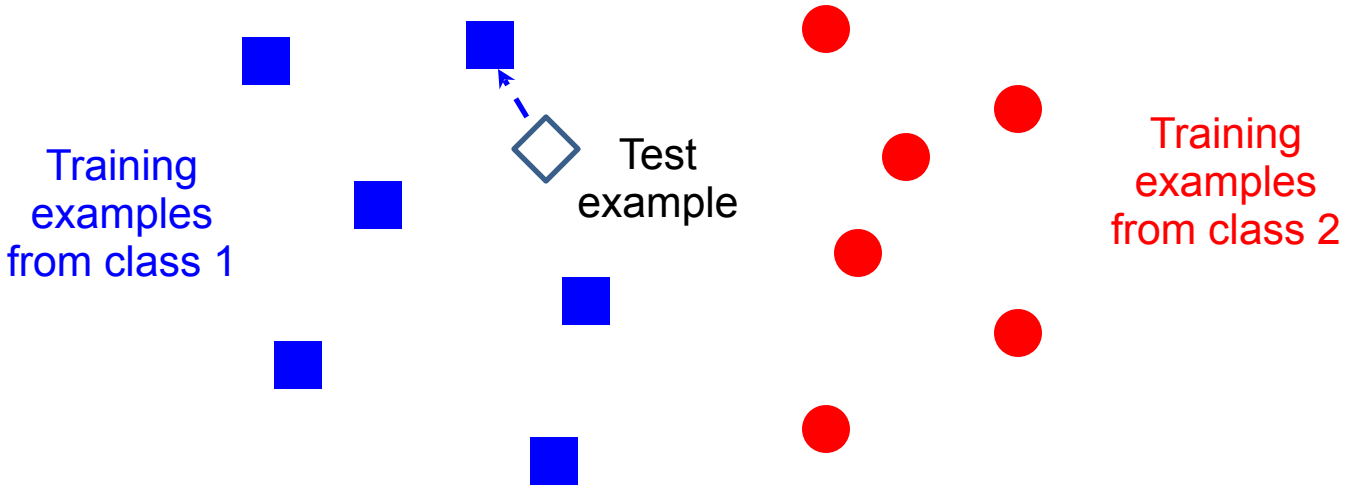
During testing, we assign the label of the nearest neighbot in feature space



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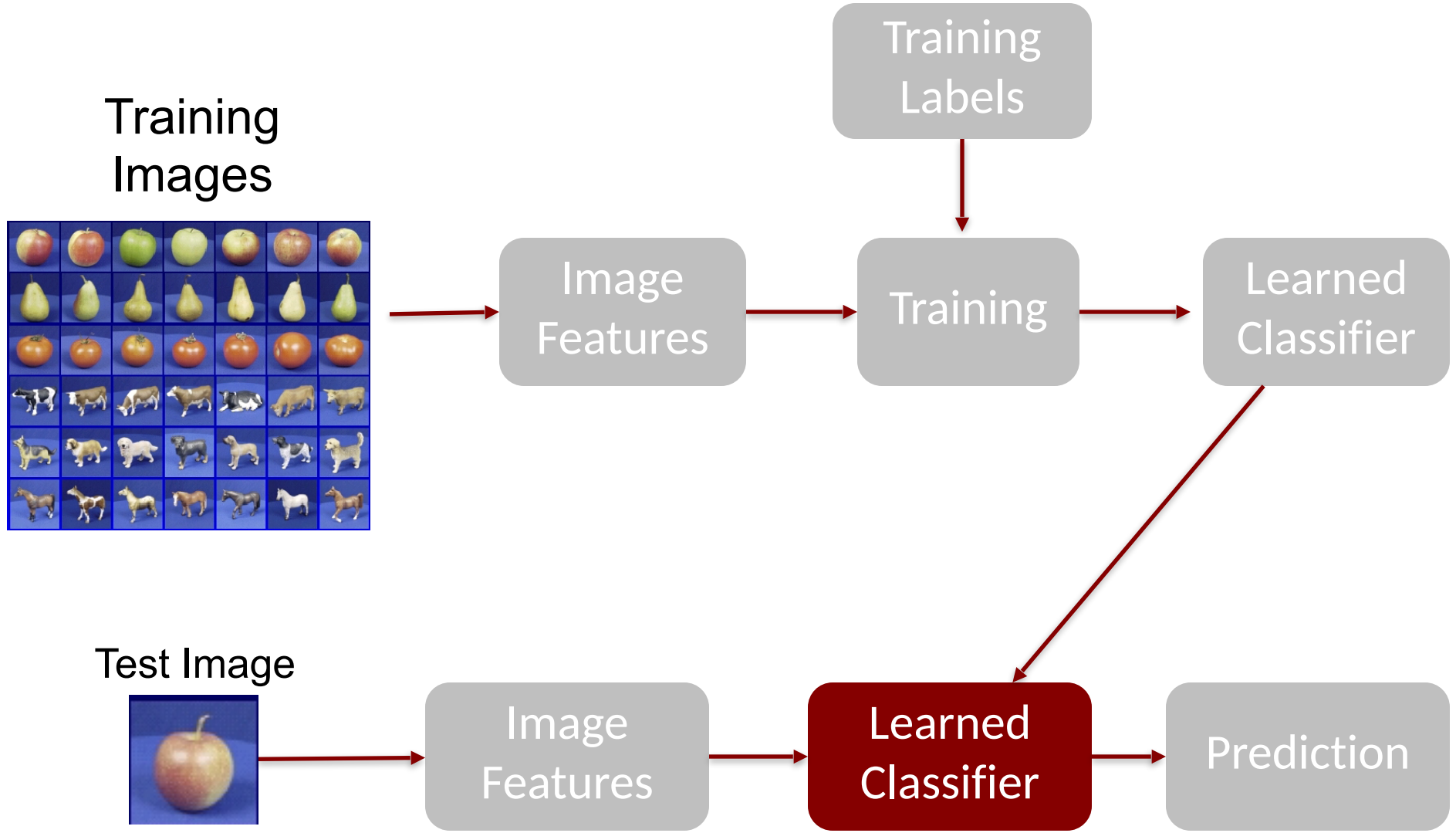
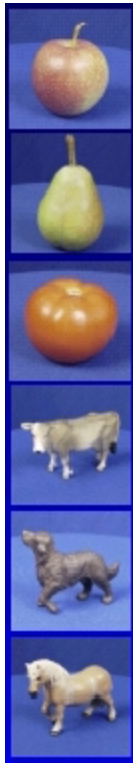


Generalization

Training set (labels known)



Test set (labels unknown)

- How well does a learned model generalize from the data it was trained on to a new test set?

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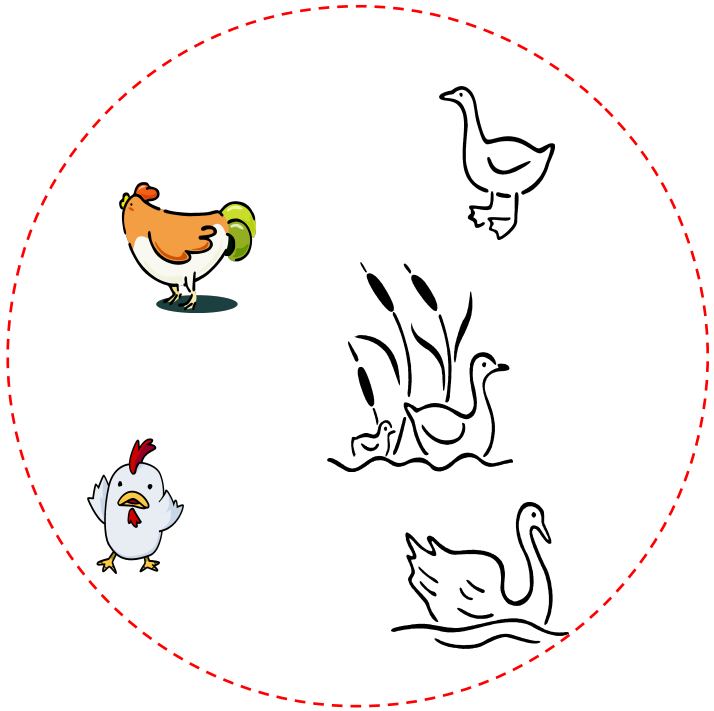

Training images

Source: N. Goyal

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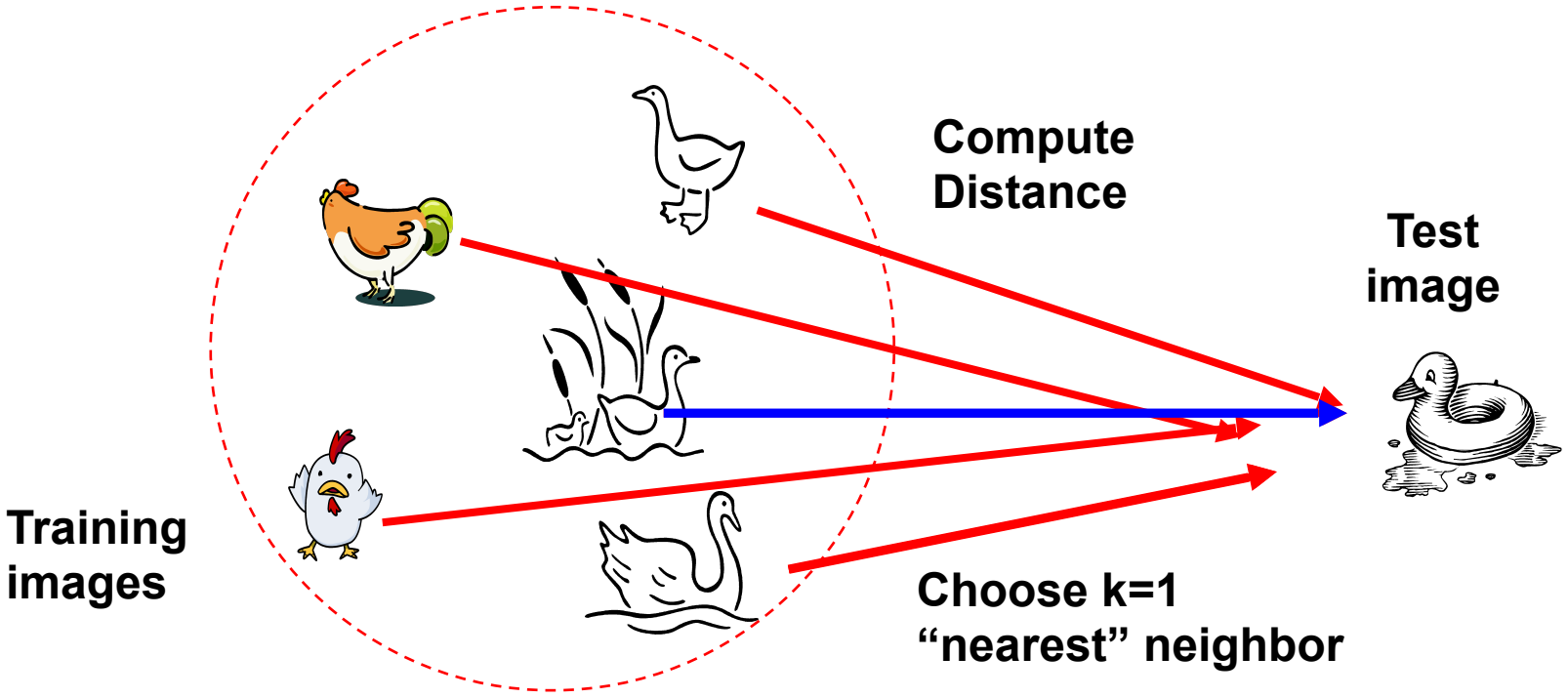

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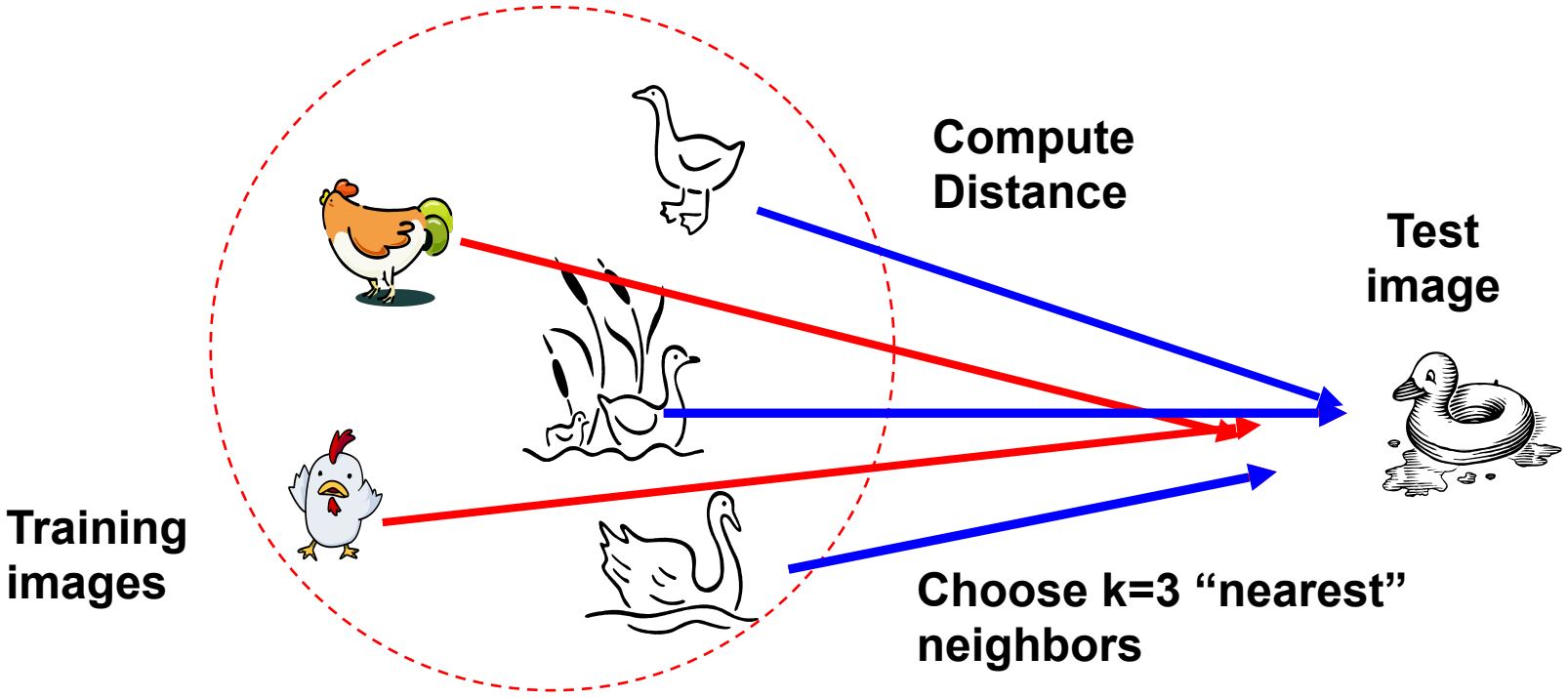
Nearest Neighbor Classifier

- Assign label of majority of K=3 nearest neighbors



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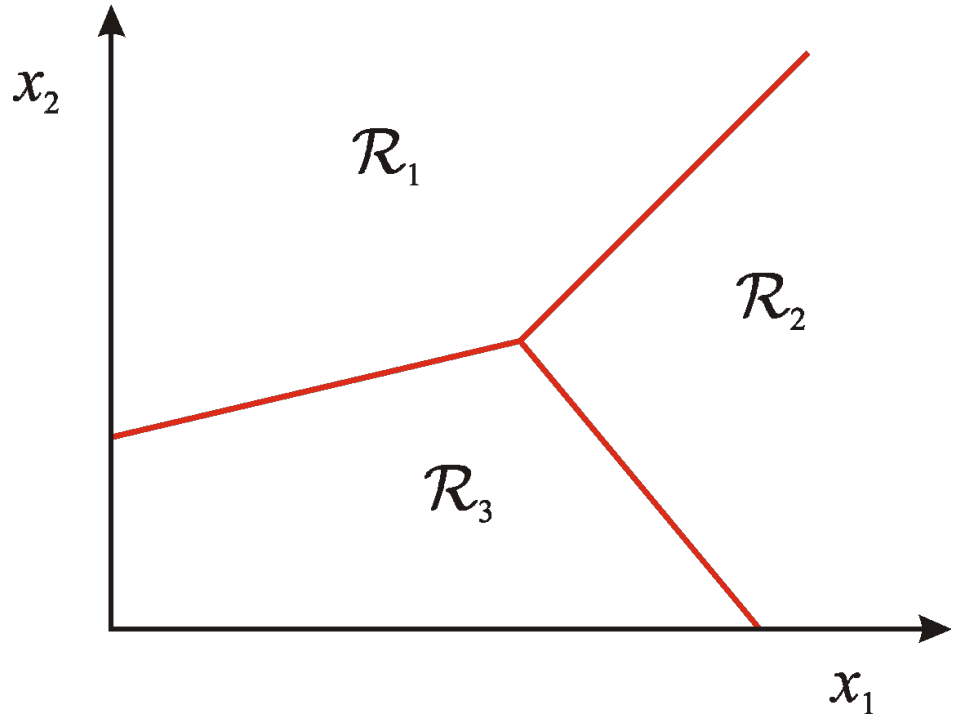
Classification

- Assign input vector to one of many classes (categories)
- **Geometric interpretation** of classifiers: A classifier divides input space into *decision regions* separated by *decision boundaries*



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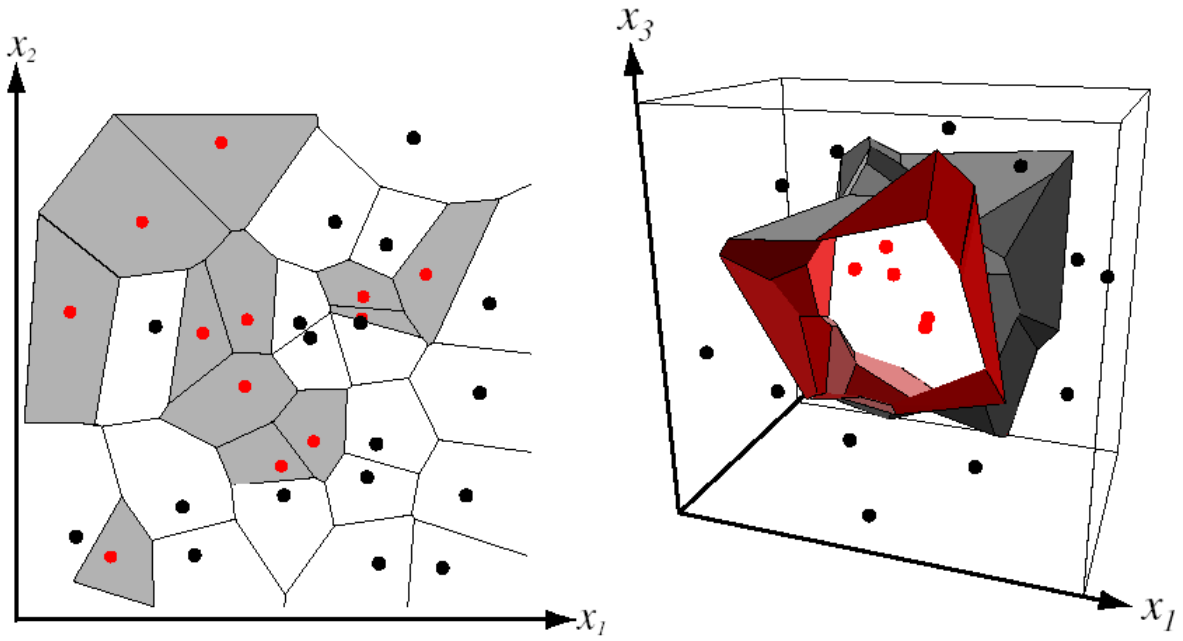
Nearest Neighbor Classifier

- Assign label of nearest training data point to each test data point



from Duda et al.

Partitioning of feature space
for two-category 2D and 3D data

Source: D. Lowe

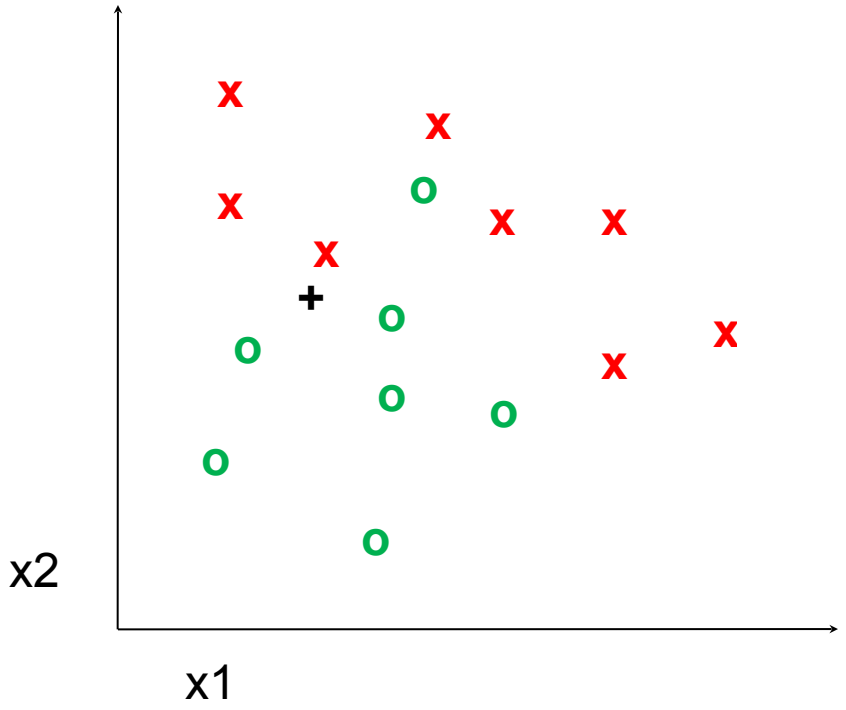
How do we find the nearest neighbors in feature space?

Distance measure (same as the ones from segmentation)

Euclidean:

$$Dist(X^n, X^m) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{D} (X_i^n - X_i^m)^2}$$

Where X^n and X^m are the n-th and m-th data points



1-nearest neighbor

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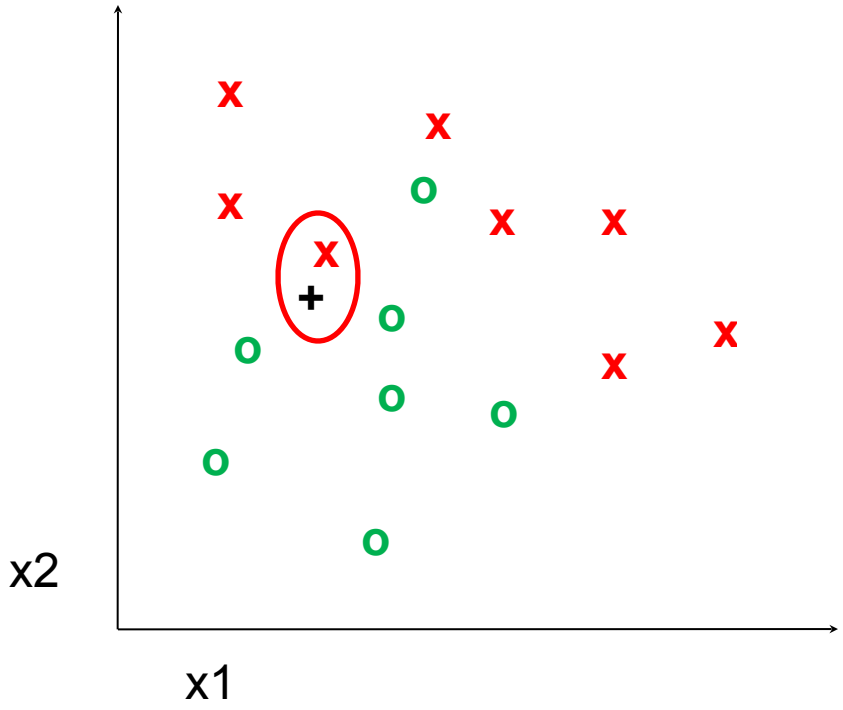

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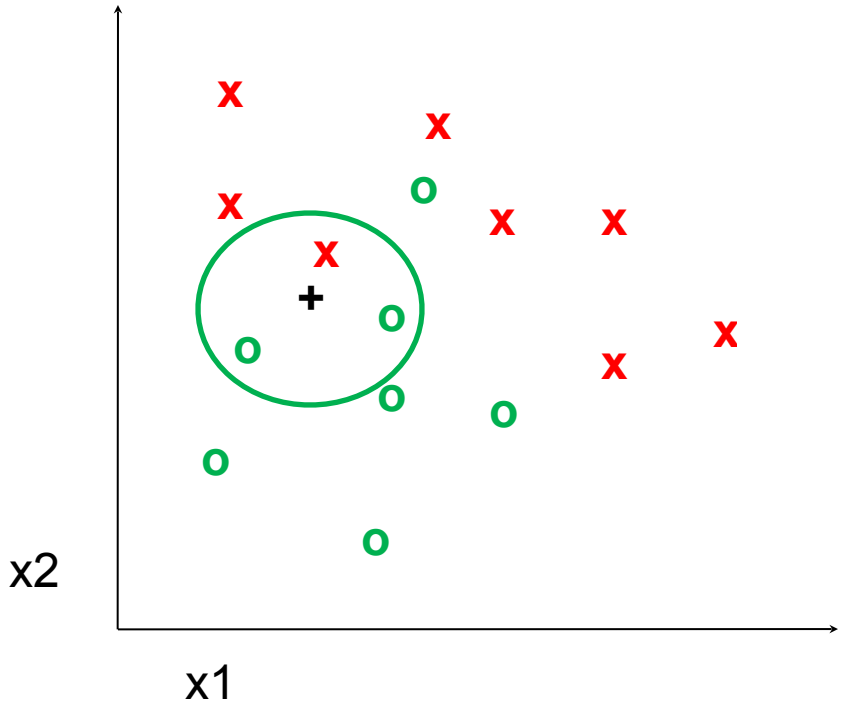

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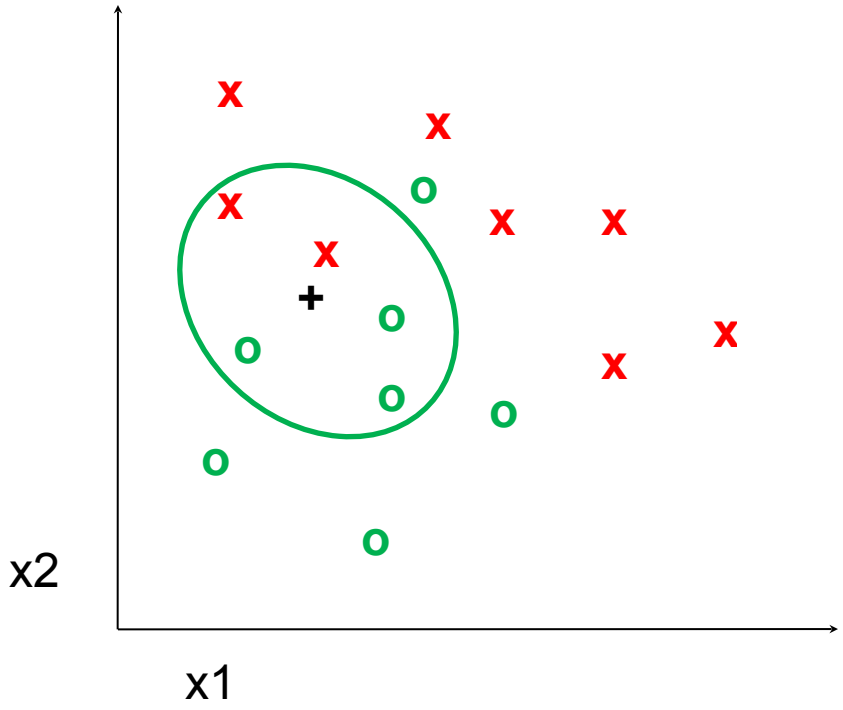

Choosing the right features is important but dataset-dependent

	Color	$D_x D_y$	Mag-Lap	PCA Masks	PCA Gray	Cont. Greedy	Cont. DynProg	Avg.
apple	57.56%	**85.37%**	80.24%	78.78%	**88.29%**	77.07%	76.34%	77.66%
pear	66.10%	90.00%	85.37%	**99.51%**	**99.76%**	90.73%	91.71%	89.03%
tomato	**98.54%**	94.63%	**97.07%**	67.80%	76.59%	70.73%	70.24%	82.23%
cow	86.59%	82.68%	**94.39%**	75.12%	62.44%	86.83%	86.34%	82.06%
dog	34.63%	62.44%	74.39%	72.20%	66.34%	**81.95%**	**82.93%**	67.84%
horse	32.68%	58.78%	70.98%	77.80%	77.32%	**84.63%**	**84.63%**	69.55%
cup	79.76%	66.10%	77.80%	**96.10%**	**96.10%**	**99.76%**	**99.02%**	87.81%
car	62.93%	**98.29%**	77.56%	**100.0%**	**97.07%**	**99.51%**	**100.0%**	90.77%
total	64.85%	79.79%	82.23%	83.41%	82.99%	86.40%	86.40%	80.87%

Dataset: ETH-80, by B. Leibe, 2003

K-NN: a very useful algorithm

- Simple, a good one to try first
- Very flexible decision boundaries

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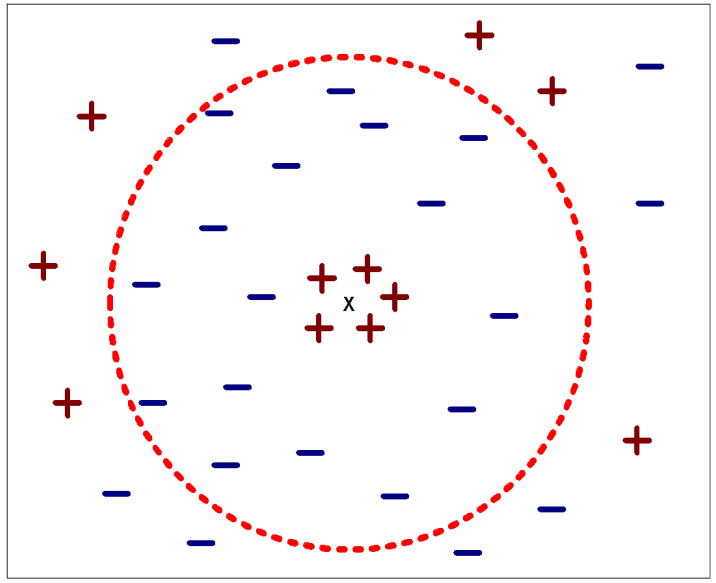

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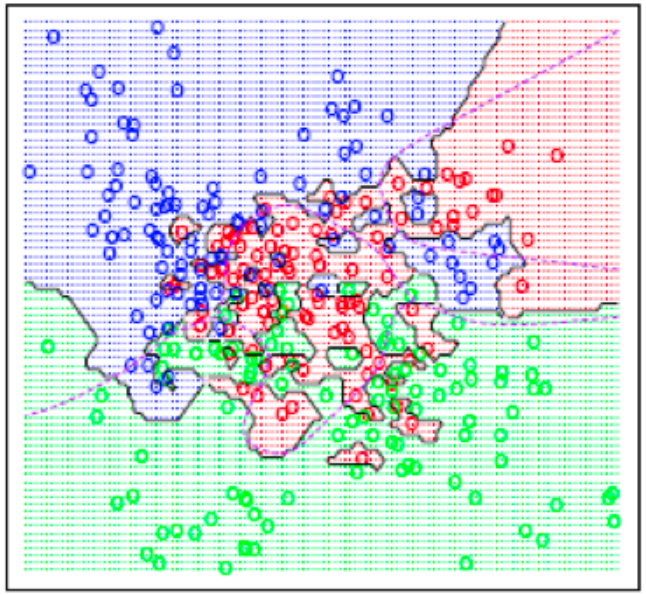

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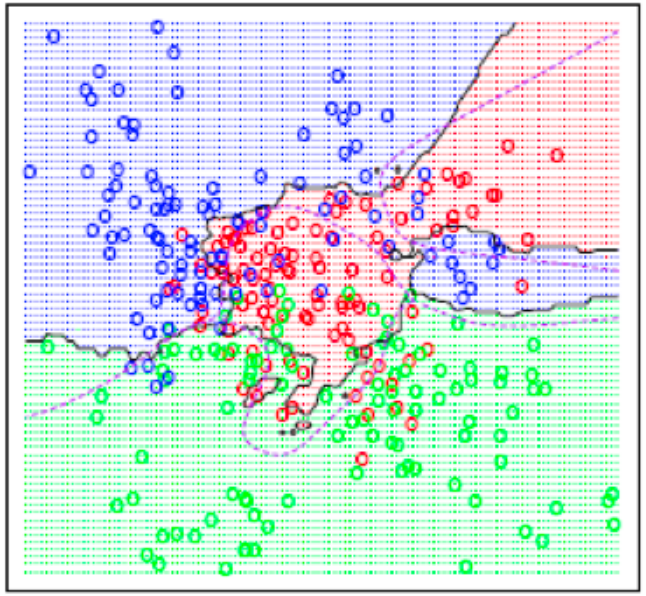

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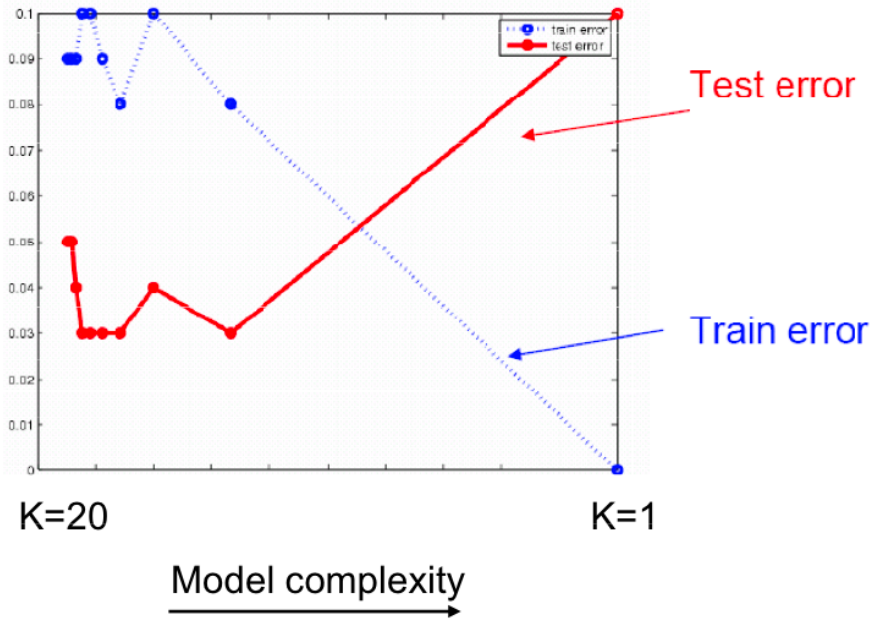

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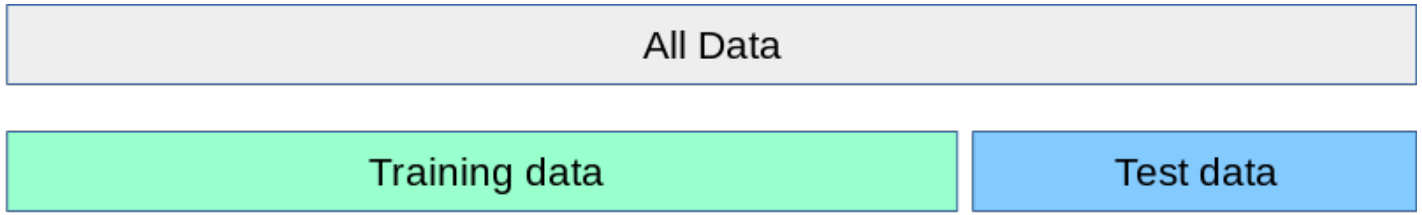

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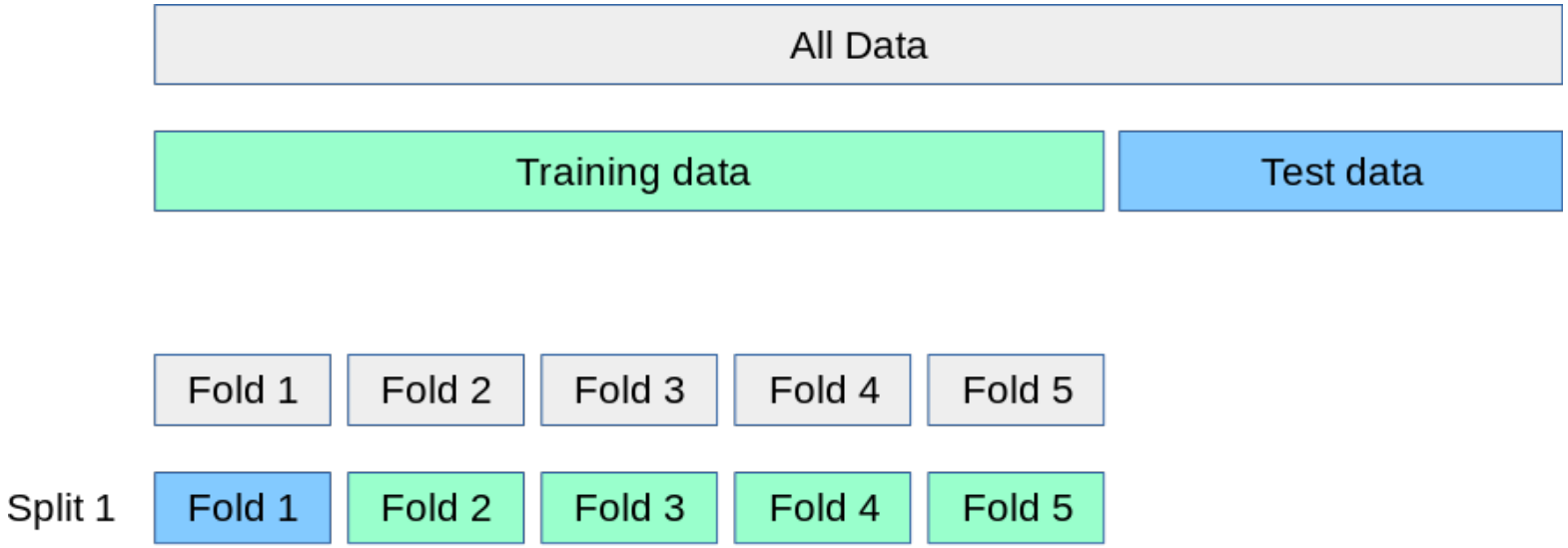

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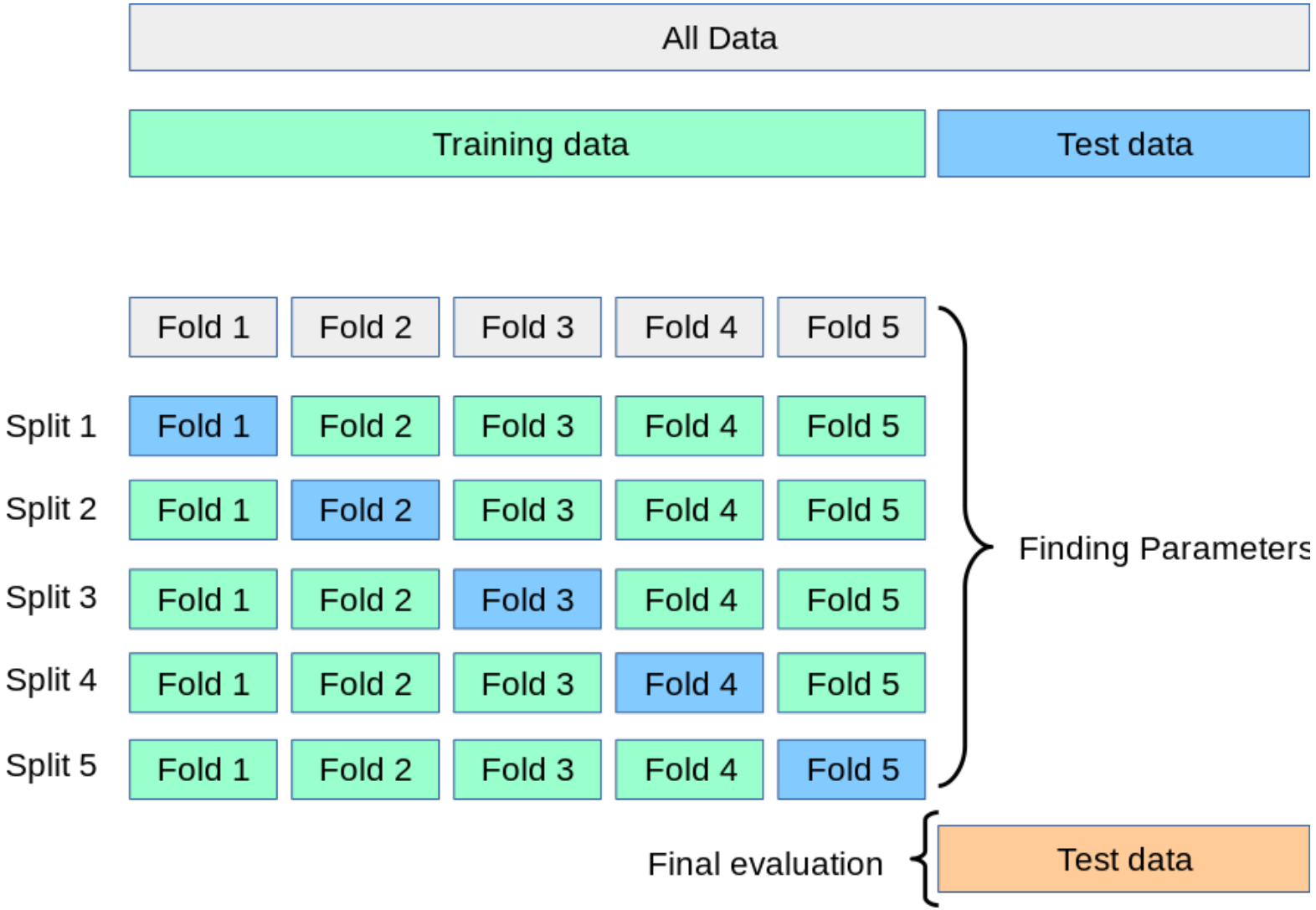

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Curse of dimensionality

- As the dimensionality increases, the number of data points required for good performance increases exponentially.
- Let's say that for a model to perform well, we need at least 10 data points for each combination of feature values.

Need for Data Points with Increase in Dimensions

1 Binary feature →	2^1 unique values →	$2^1 \times 10 = 20$ data points
2 Binary features →	2^2 unique values →	$2^2 \times 10 = 40$ data points
3 Binary features →	2^3 unique values →	$2^3 \times 10 = 80$ data points
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Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

$$\mathbf{U\Sigma V^T = A}$$

- Where **U** and **V** are rotation matrices, and **Σ** is a scaling matrix. For example:

$$\underset{U}{\begin{bmatrix} -.40 & .916 \\ .916 & .40 \end{bmatrix}} \times \underset{\Sigma}{\begin{bmatrix} 5.39 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.154 \end{bmatrix}} \times \underset{V^T}{\begin{bmatrix} -.05 & .999 \\ .999 & .05 \end{bmatrix}} = \underset{A}{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}}$$

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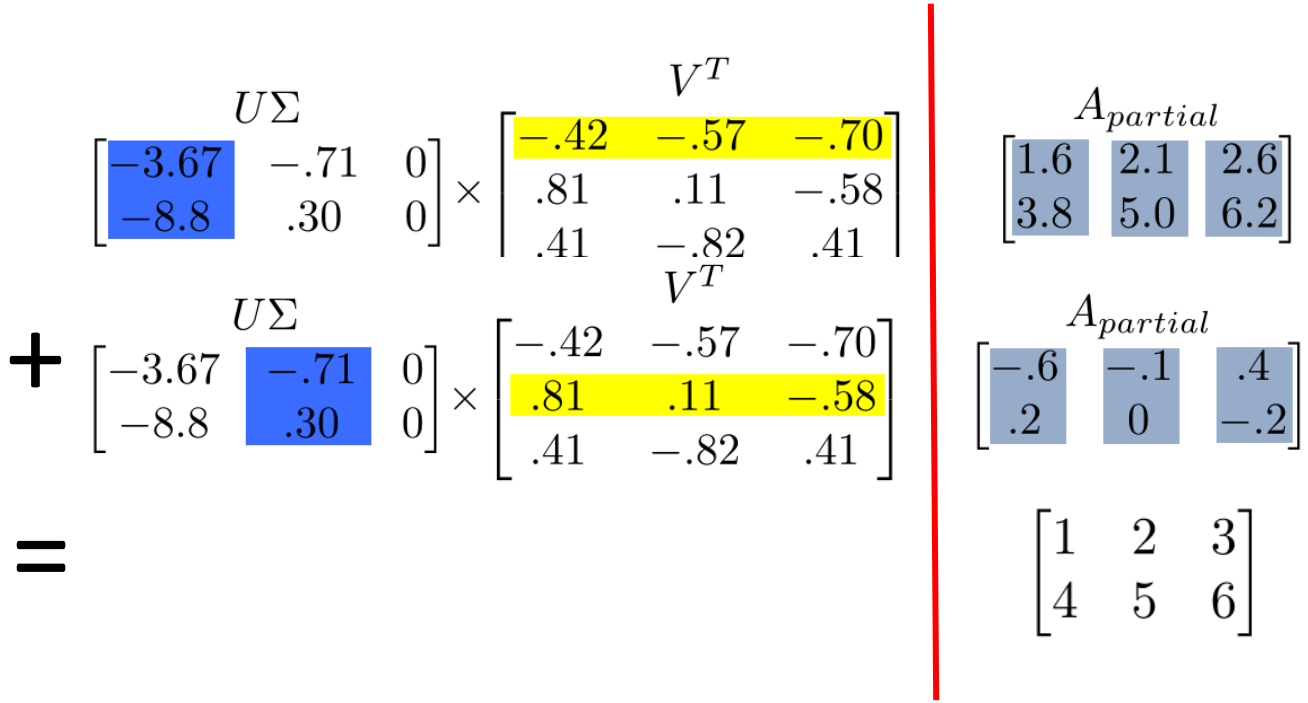
- The resulting vector gets scaled by row 1 of $\mathbf{V^T}$ to produce a contribution to the columns of **A**

SVD is a type dimensionality reduction



- Each product of (*column i of* ***U***)·(*value i from* ***Σ***)·(*row i of* ***V*****ᵀ**) produces a component of the final **A**.

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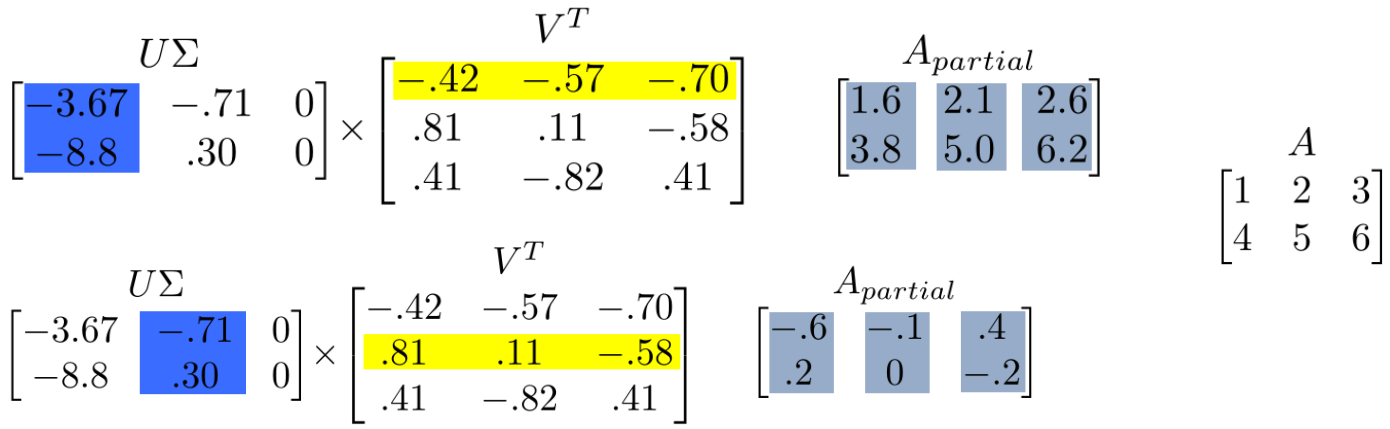

- We're building **A** as a linear combination of the columns of ***U***
- Using all columns of ***U***, we'll rebuild the original matrix perfectly
- But, in real-world data, often we can just use the first few columns of ***U*** and we'll get something close (e.g. the first $\boldsymbol{A_{partial}}$, above)

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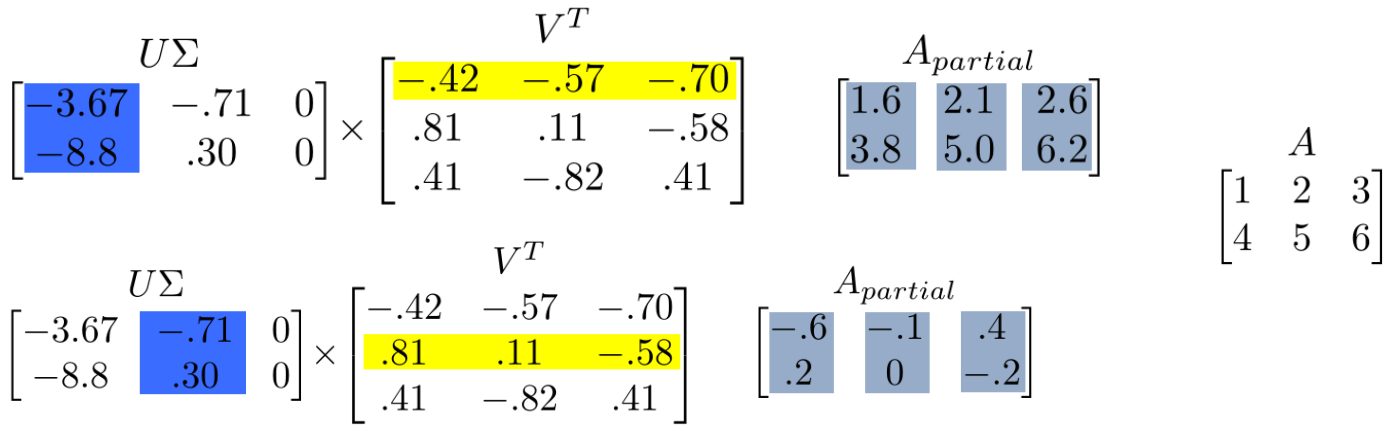

- We can call those first few columns of ***U*** the Principal Components of the data
- They show the major patterns that can be added to produce the columns of the original matrix
- The rows of $\mathbf{V^T}$ show how the *principal components* are mixed to produce the columns of the matrix

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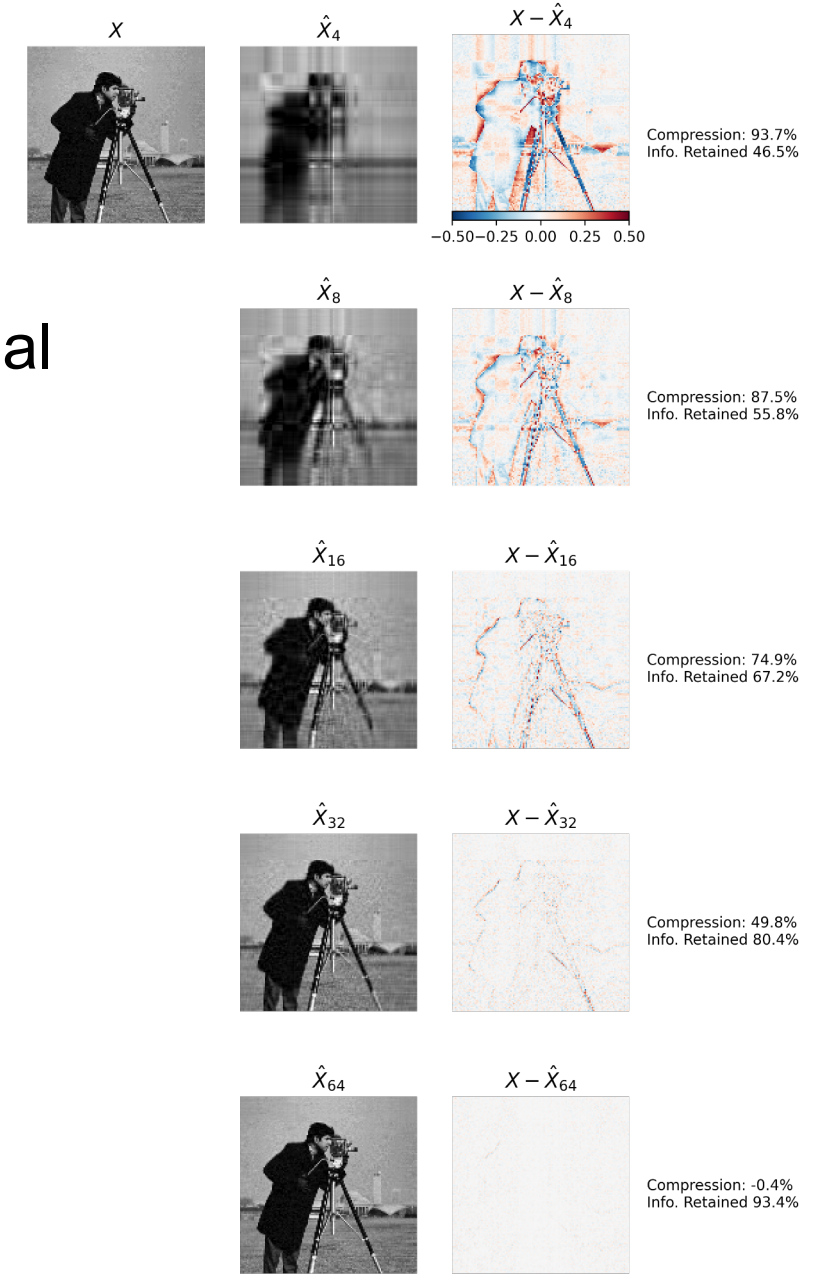
We can look at **Σ** to see that the first column has a large effect

while the second column has a much smaller effect in this example

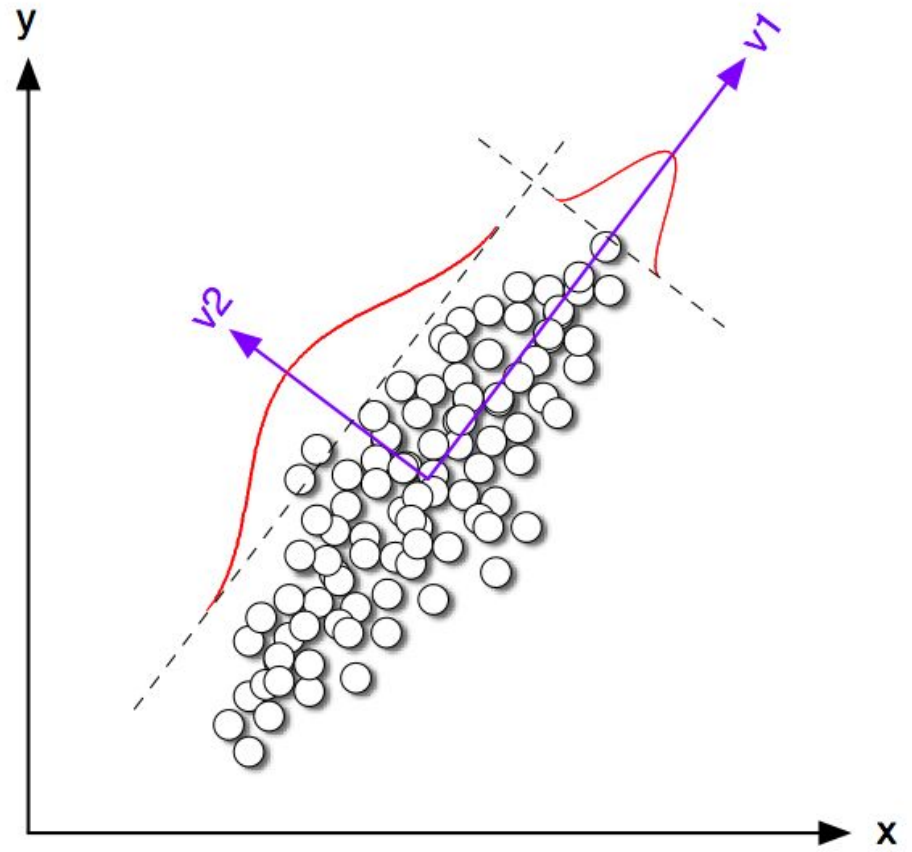
Image compression

- For this image, using **only the first 16** of 300 principal components produces a recognizable reconstruction
- Using the first 64 almost perfectly reconstructs the image



Intuition behind PCA: high dimensional data usually lives in some lower dimensional space

Covariance between the two dimensions of features is high. Can we reduce the number of dimensions to just 1?



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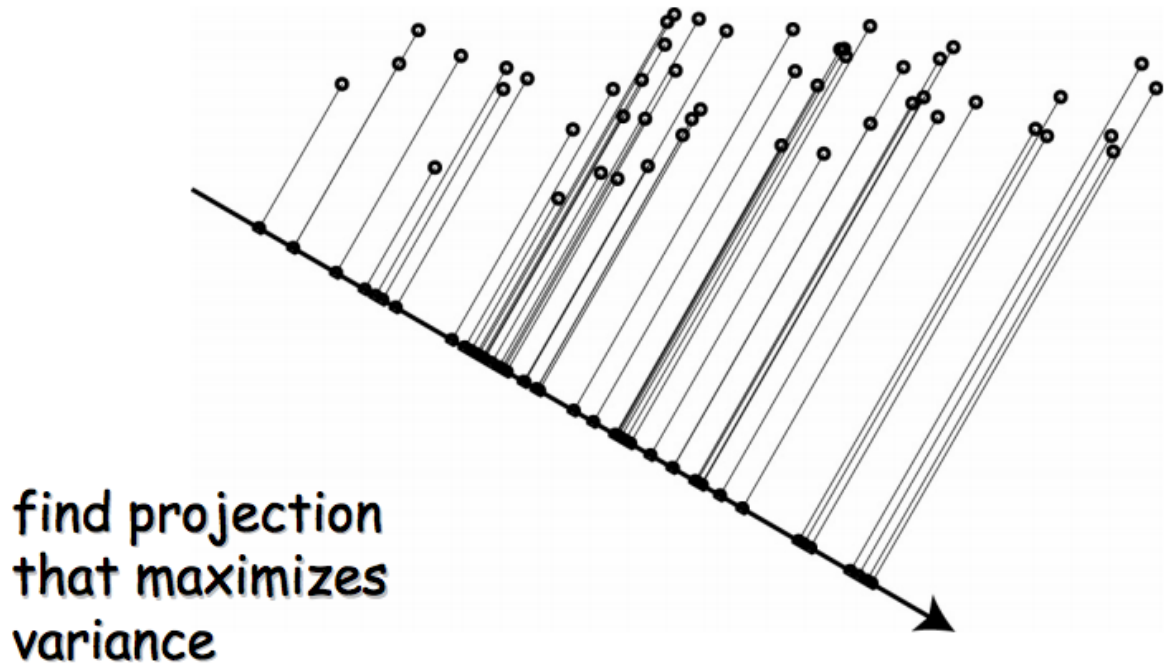
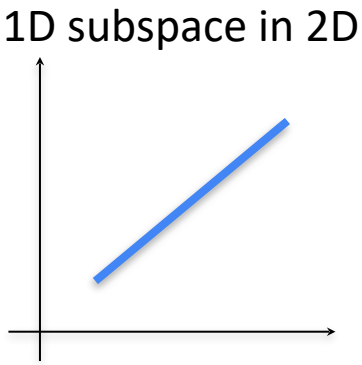


Geometric interpretation of PCA

- Let's say we have a set of 2D data points x. But we see that all the points lie on a line in 2D.
- So, 2 dimensions are redundant to express the data. We can express all the points with just one dimension.



PCA: Principal Component Analysis

- Given a dataset of images, can we compressed them like we can compress a single image?
  - Yes, the trick is to look into the correlation between the dimensions of the image
  - The tool for doing this is called PCA

PCA can be used to compress image RGB pixel values or also be used to compress their features!

Toy example to explain covariance

- What is covariance between dimensions?
- Let's say we have a dataset of students
  - each student is represented with 3 dimensions
  - **x**: number of hours studied for a class
  - **y**: grades obtained in that class
  - **z**: number of lectures attended
- covariance value between **x and y is say: 104.53**
  - what does this value mean?

Covariance interpretation

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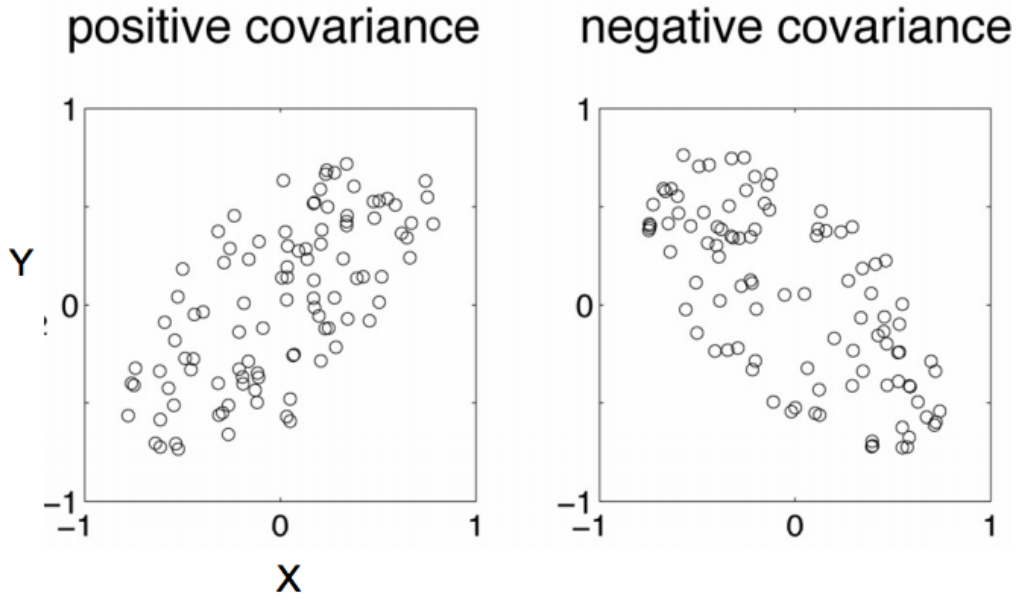
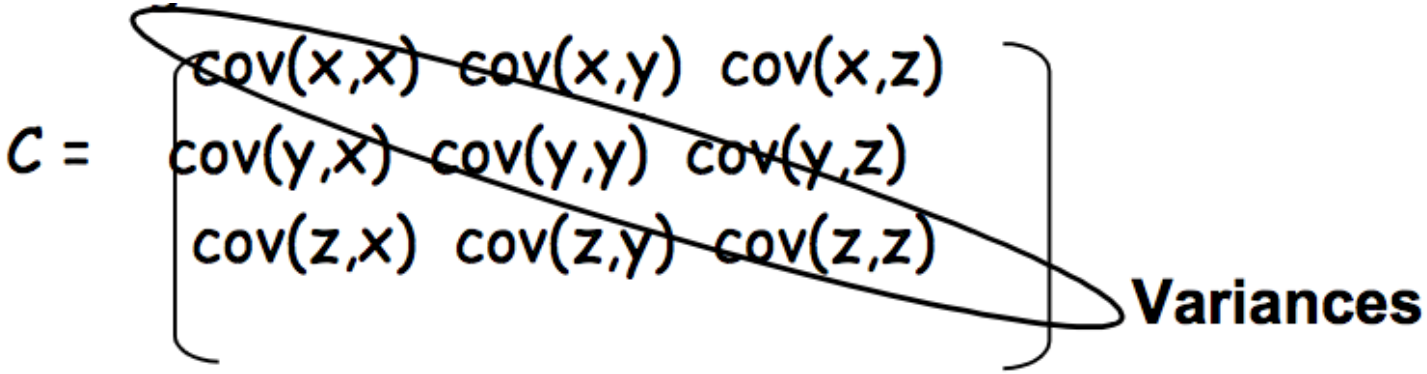


Visualizing this covariance matrix

- We can represent these covariance correlation numbers in a matrix
- e.g. for 3 dimensions:



- Diagonal is the **variances** of x, y and z
- **cov(x,y) = cov(y,x)** hence **C is symmetrical** about the diagonal
- N-dimensional data will result in NxN covariance matrix

Covariance interpretation

- Exact value is not as important as it’s sign.
- A **positive value** of covariance indicates both dimensions increase or decrease together e.g. as the number of hours studied increases, the marks in that subject increase.
- A **negative value** indicates while one increases the other decreases, or vice-versa e.g. active social life at PSU vs performance in CS dept.
- If **covariance is zero**: the two dimensions are independent of each other e.g. heights of students vs the marks obtained in a subject

PCA by SVD

- To relate this to PCA, we consider the image (or feature) matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

- The sample mean of this dataset (or in plain english, the average image) is:

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i x_i = \frac{1}{n}\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n}X1$$

PCA by SVD

- Center the data by subtracting the mean to each column of X
- The centered dataset matrix is

$$X_c = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \mu & \dots & \mu \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

PCA by SVD

- The sample covariance matrix is

$$C = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i (x_i - \mu)(x_i - \mu)^T = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i x_i^c (x_i^c)^T$$

where x_i^c is the i^{th} column of X_c

- This can be written as

$$C = \frac{1}{n}\begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1^c & \cdots & x_n^c \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} - & x_1^c & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & x_n^c & - \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{n} X_c X_c^T$$

PCA by SVD

- The matrix

$$X_c^T = \begin{bmatrix} - & x_1^c & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & x_n^c & - \end{bmatrix}$$

is real (n x d). Assuming n>d it has SVD decomposition

$$X_c^T = U\Sigma V^T \qquad U^T U = I \qquad V^T V = I$$

and

$$C = \frac{1}{n} X_c X_c^T$$

Calculating covariance matrix

$$
\begin{aligned}
C &= \frac{1}{n} X_c X_c^T \\
&= \frac{1}{n} U \Sigma V^T (U \Sigma V^T)^T \\
&= \frac{1}{n} U \Sigma V^T V \Sigma U^T \\
&= \frac{1}{n} U \Sigma^2 U^T
\end{aligned}
$$

PCA by SVD

$$C = \frac{1}{n} U \Sigma^2 U^T$$

- Note that U is (d x d) and orthonormal, and Σ^2 is diagonal.
  This is just the eigenvalue decomposition of C
- This means that we can calculate the eigenvectors of C using the eigenvectors of X_c
- It follows that
  - The eigenvectors of C are the columns of U
  - The eigenvalues of C are the diagonal entries of Σ^2: λ_i^2

PCA by SVD

- In summary, computation of PCA by SVD
- Given X with one image (or feature) per column
  - Create the centered data matrix

$$X_c = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \mu & \dots & \mu \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

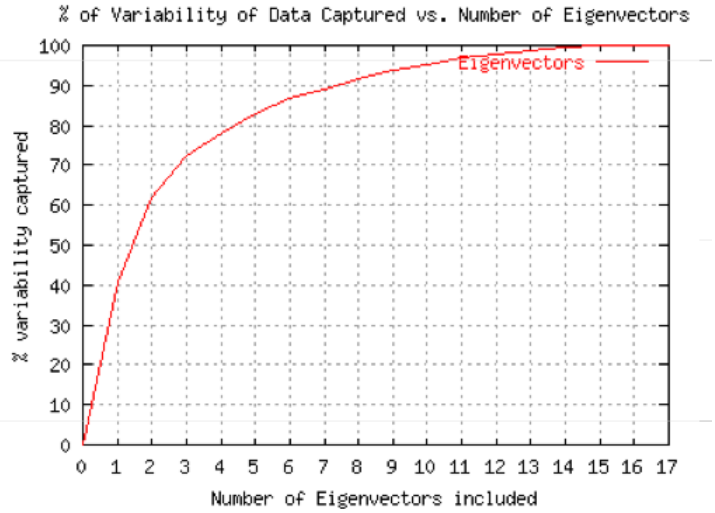
  - Compute its SVD

$$X_c^T = U \Sigma V^T$$

  - Principal components of the covariance matrix C are columns of U

To compress an image dataset, pick the largest eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors

- Pick the eigenvectors that explain p% of the image data variability
  - Can be done by plotting the ratio r_k as a function of k



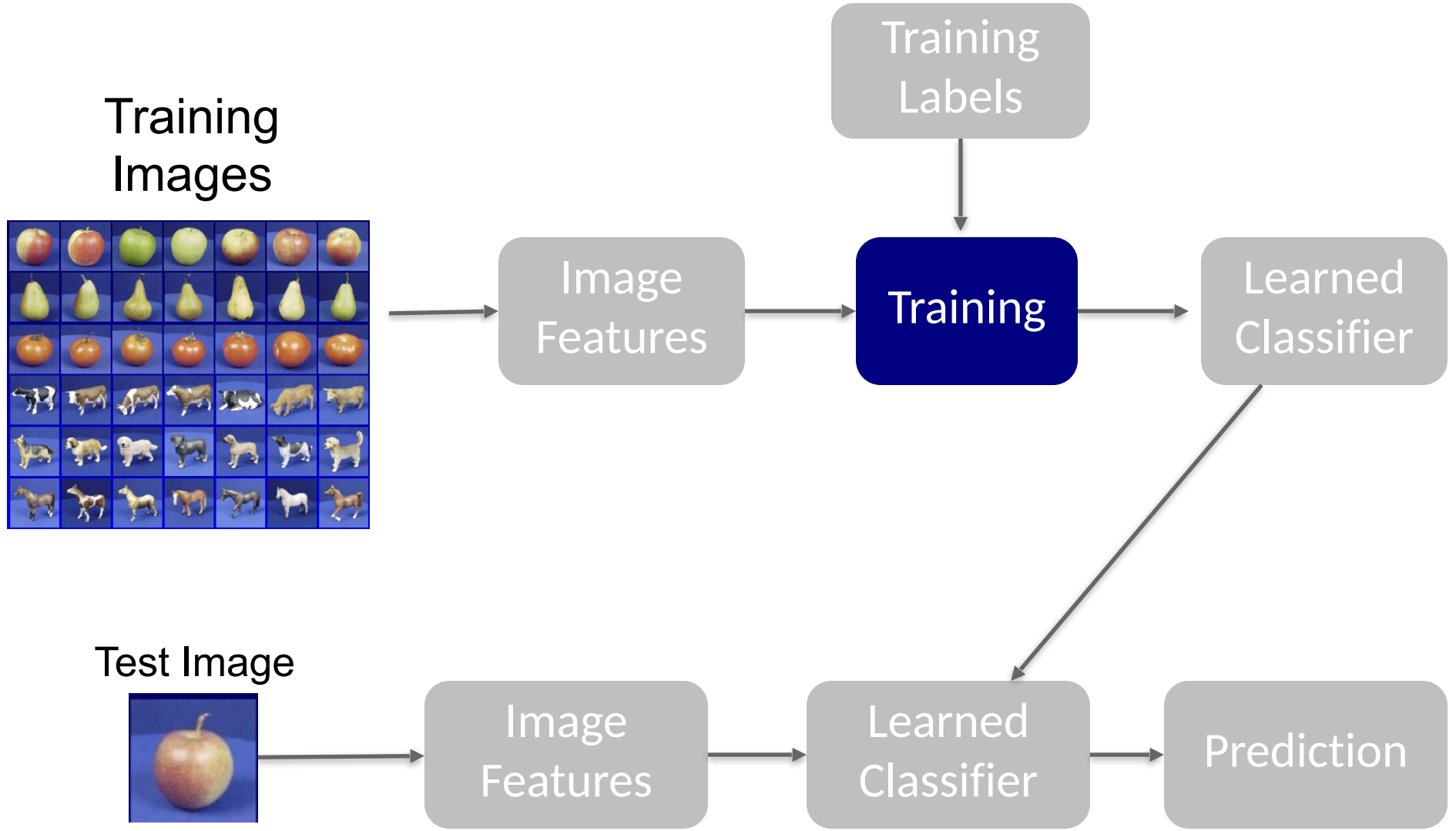
$$r_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \lambda_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i^2}$$

  - E.g. we need k=3 eigenvectors to cover 70% of the variability of this dataset

What exactly is the covariance

- Variance and Covariance are a measure of the **“spread”** of a set of points around their center of mass (mean)
- **Variance** – measure of the deviation from the mean for points in one dimension e.g. heights
- **Covariance** as a measure of how much each of the dimensions vary from the mean with respect to each other.
- Covariance is measured between 2 dimensions to see if there is a relationship between the 2 dimensions e.g. number of hours studied & marks obtained.
- The covariance between one dimension and itself is the variance

What happens with PCA during training?



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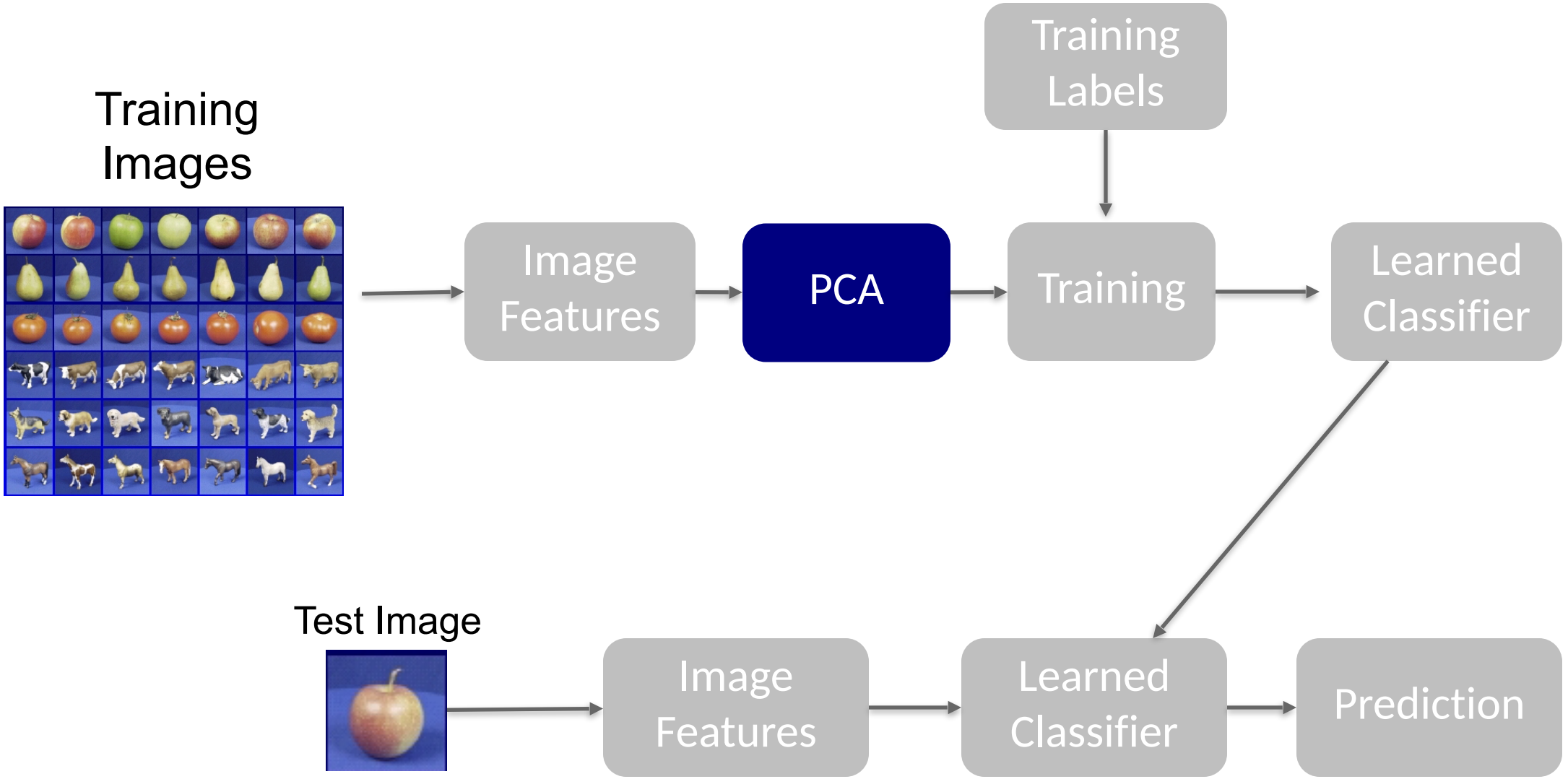

PCA during training

Let's say that we choose k top eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors: [u_1, …, u_k]

Replace all image features x with:

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^T x \\ u_2^T x \\ \dots \\ u_k^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

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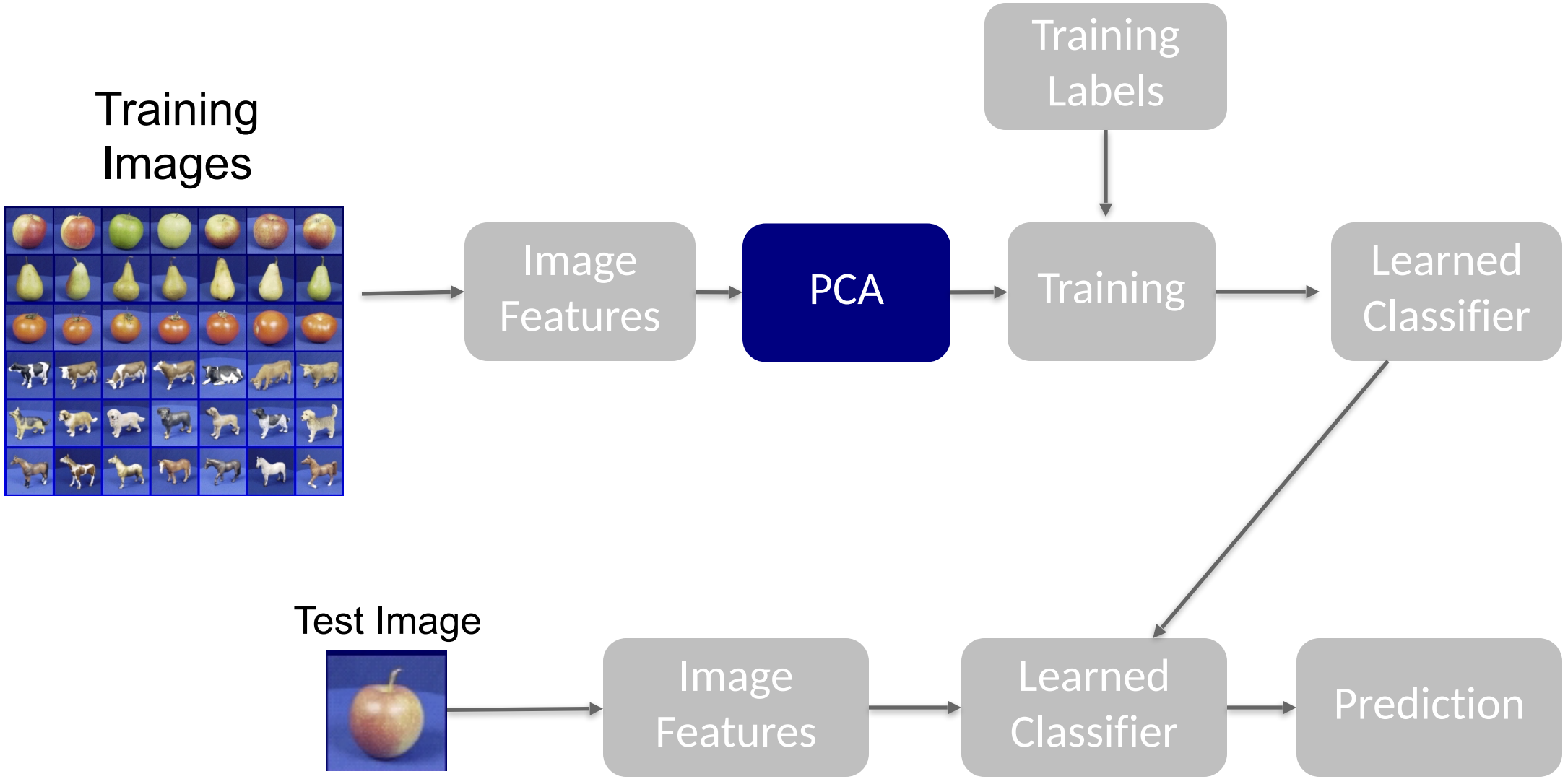

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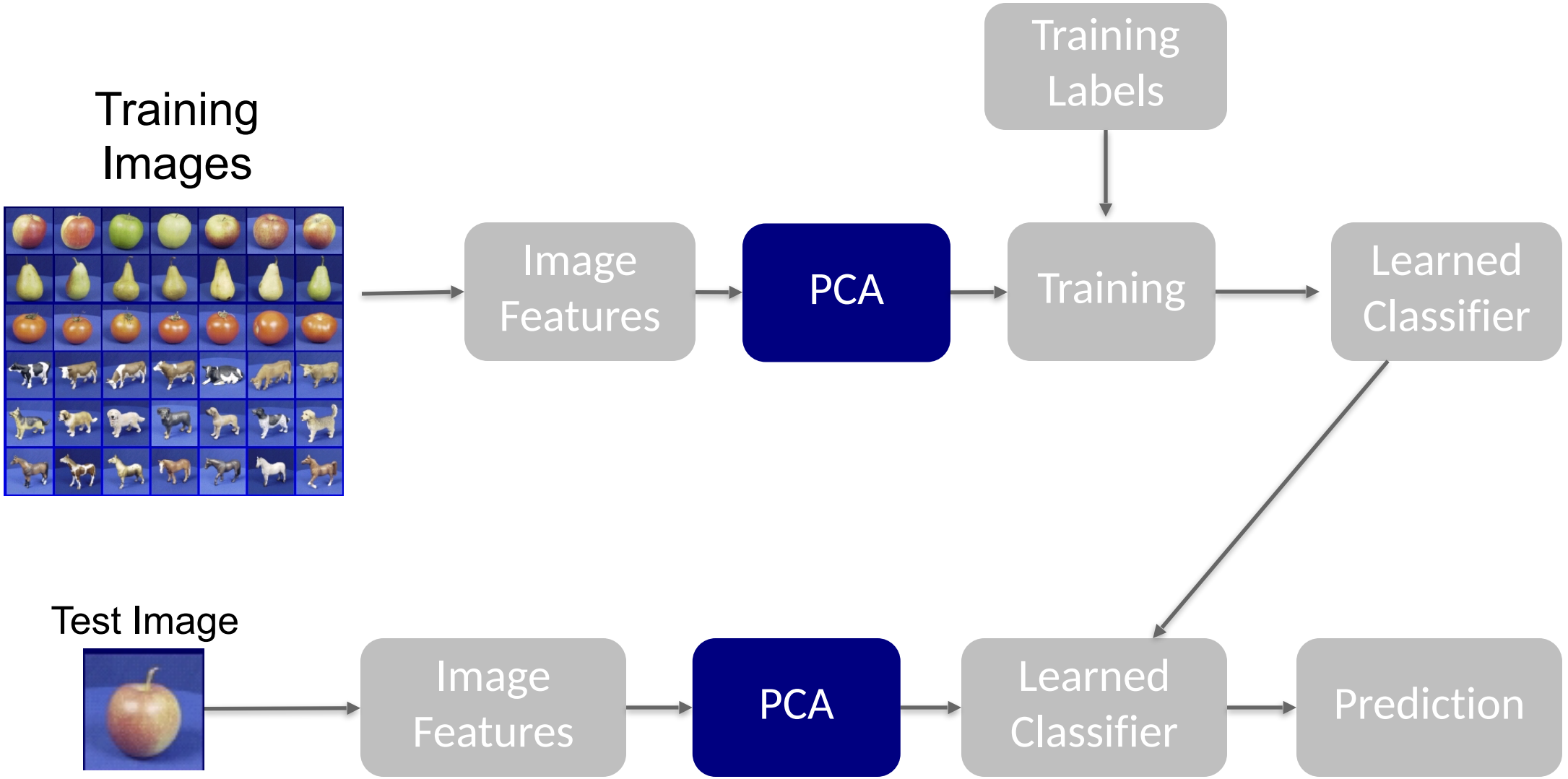

How PCA was originally used in vision: To identify celebrities using their faces

- An image is a point in a high dimensional space
  - In grayscale, an N x M image is a point in R^{NM}
  - E.g. 100x100 images lives in a 10,000-dimensional space

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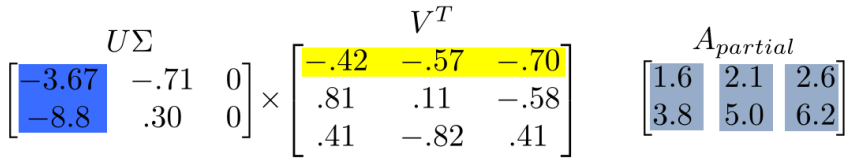
Object detection

Extra slides (out of scope)

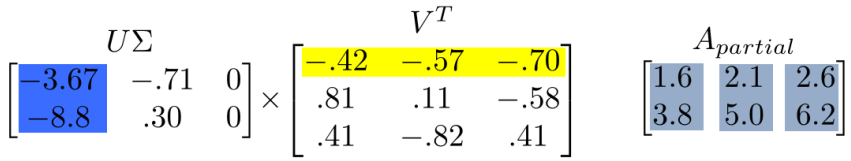
for those of you curious about how SVD is calculated
and what PCA is usually used for outside of computer vision

Principal Component Analysis



- Remember, columns of ***U*** are the *Principal Components* of the data: the major patterns that can be added to produce the columns of the original matrix
- One use of this is to construct a matrix where each column is a separate data sample
- Run SVD on that matrix, and look at the first few columns of ***U*** to see patterns that are common among the columns
- This is called *Principal Component Analysis* (or PCA) of the data samples

Principal Component Analysis



- Often, raw data samples have a lot of redundancy and patterns
- PCA can allow you to represent data samples as weights on the principal components, rather than using the original raw form of the data
- By representing each sample as just those weights, you can represent just the “meat” of what’s different between samples.
- This minimal representation makes machine learning and other algorithms much more efficient

How is SVD computed?

- For this class: tell PYTHON to do it. Use the result.
- But, if you’re interested, one computer algorithm to do it makes use of Eigenvectors!

Eigenvector definition

- Suppose we have a square matrix **A**. We can solve for vector x and scalar λ such that $Ax = \lambda x$
- In other words, find vectors where, if we transform them with **A**, the only effect is to scale them with no change in direction.
- These vectors are called eigenvectors (German for “self vector” of the matrix), and the scaling factors λ are called eigenvalues
- An *m* x *m* matrix will have ≤ *m* eigenvectors where λ is nonzero

Finding eigenvectors

- Computers can find an x such that $Ax = \lambda x$ using this iterative algorithm:
  - X = random unit vector
  - while(x hasn't converged)
    - X = Ax
    - normalize x
- x will quickly converge to an eigenvector
- Some simple modifications will let this algorithm find all eigenvectors

Finding SVD

- Eigenvectors are for square matrices, but SVD is for all matrices
- To do svd(A), computers can do this:
  - Take eigenvectors of AA^T (matrix is always square).
    - These eigenvectors are the columns of **U**.
    - Square root of eigen*values* are the singular values (the entries of **Σ**).
  - Take eigenvectors of A^TA (matrix is always square).
    - These eigenvectors are columns of **V** (or rows of $\mathbf{V^T}$)

Finding SVD

- Moral of the story: SVD is fast, even for large matrices
- It's useful for a lot of stuff
- There are also other algorithms to compute SVD or part of the SVD
  - Python's np.linalg.svd() command has options to efficiently compute only what you need, if performance becomes an issue

A detailed geometric explanation of SVD is here:
http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-svd

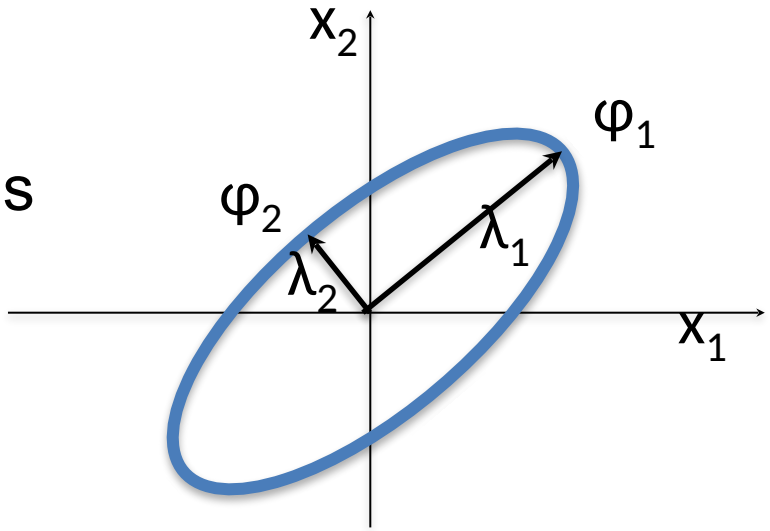
Alternative PCA Formulation

- Assume images x is Gaussian with covariance Σ.

- Recall that a gaussian is defined with it's mean and variance:

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

- Recall that μ and Σ of a gaussian are defined as:



$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \mathrm{E}[\mathbf{X}]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} =: \mathrm{E}[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^{\mathrm{T}}] = [\mathrm{Cov}[X_i, X_j]; 1 \leq i, j \leq k]$$

Alternative PCA formulation

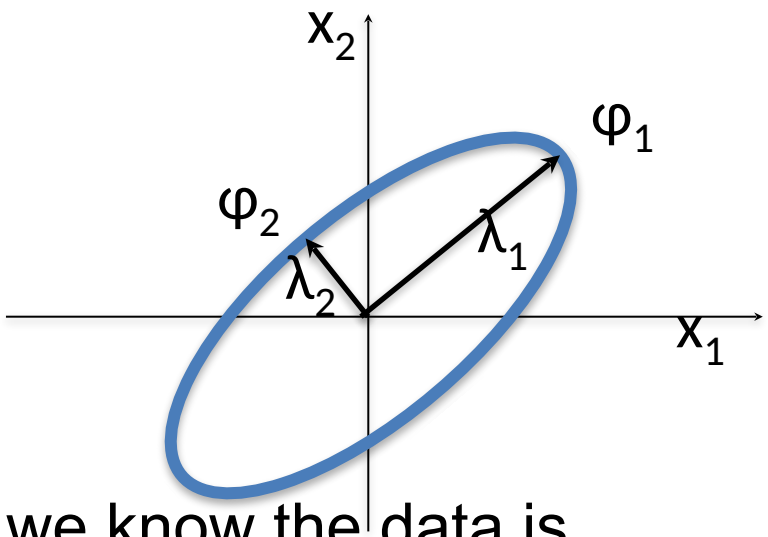
- Since gaussians are symmetric, it's covariance matrix is also a symmetric matrix. So we can express it as:
  - $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{U\Lambda U}^T = \mathbf{U\Lambda}^{1/2}(\mathbf{U\Lambda}^{1/2})^T$

$$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \iff \mathbf{X} \sim \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{1/2}\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$$

$$\iff \mathbf{X} \sim \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{U}\mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}).$$

Alternative PCA Formulation

- If x is Gaussian with covariance Σ,
  - Principal components φ_i are the eigenvectors of Σ
  - Principal lengths λ_i are the eigenvalues of Σ



- by computing the eigenvalues we know the data is
  - Not flat if $\lambda_1 \approx \lambda_2$
  - Flat if $\lambda_1 >> \lambda_2$

Alternative PCA Algorithm (training)

- Given sample $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$, $x_i \in \mathcal{R}^d$

  - compute sample mean: $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i(\mathbf{x}_i)$
  - compute sample covariance: $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i(\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_i - \hat{\mu})^T$
  - compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $\hat{\Sigma}$

    $$\hat{\Sigma} = \Phi\Lambda\Phi^T, \ \Lambda = diag(\sigma_1^2, \ldots, \sigma_n^2) \ \Phi^T\Phi = I$$

  - order eigenvalues $\sigma_1^2 > \ldots > \sigma_n^2$
  - if, for a certain k, $\sigma_k << \sigma_1$ eliminate the eigenvalues and eigenvectors above k.

Alternative PCA Algorithm (testing)

- Given principal compoenents $\phi_i, i \in 1, \ldots, k$ and a test sample $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathbf{t}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{t}_n\}, \ t_i \in \mathcal{R}^d$

  - subtract mean to each point $\mathbf{t}'_i = \mathbf{t}_i - \widehat{\mu}$

  - project onto eigenvector space $\mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{t}'_i$ where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \phi_k^T \end{bmatrix}$$

  - use $\mathcal{T}' = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \ldots \mathbf{y}_n\}$ to estimate class conditional densities and do all further processing on $\mathbf{y}$.