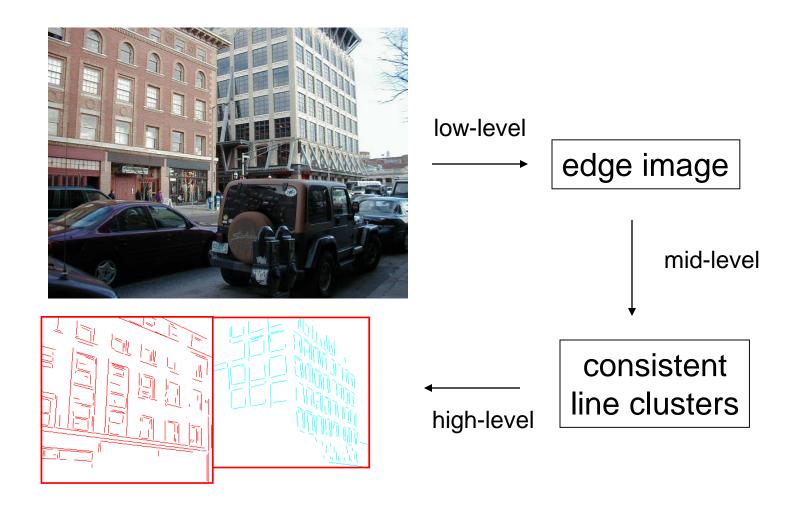
## Object Recognition I

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#### Low- to High-Level



**Building Recognition** 

## High-Level Computer Vision

- Detection of classes of objects (faces, motorbikes, trees, cheetahs) in images
- Recognition of specific objects such as George Bush or machine part #45732
- Classification of images or parts of images for medical or scientific applications
- Recognition of events in surveillance videos
- Measurement of distances for robotics

#### High-level vision uses techniques from Al

- Graph-Matching: A\*, Constraint Satisfaction,
   Branch and Bound Search, Simulated Annealing
- Learning Methodologies: Decision Trees, Neural Nets, SVMs, EM Classifier

 Probabilistic Reasoning, Belief Propagation, Graphical Models

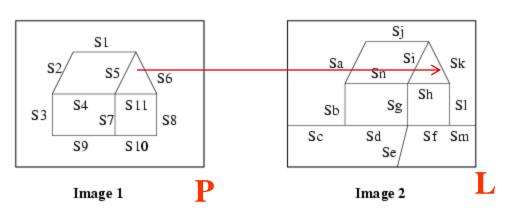
### Graph Matching for Object Recognition

- For each specific object, we have a geometric model.
- The geometric model leads to a symbolic model in terms of image features and their spatial relationships.
- An image is represented by all of its features and their spatial relationships.
- This leads to a graph matching problem.

#### House Example



#### 2D image



 $P = \{ \text{S1,S2,S3,S4,S5,S6,S7,S8,S9,S10,S11} \}.$ 

 $L = \{ \texttt{Sa,Sb,Sc,Sd,Se,Sf,Sg,Sh,Si,Sj,Sk,Sl,Sm} \}.$ 

## RP and RL are connection relations.

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R_P = \{ (S1,S2), (S1,S5), (S1,S6), (S2,S3), (S2,S4), (S3,S4), (S3,S9), (S4,S5), (S4,S7), (S4,S11), (S5,S6), (S5,S7), (S5,S11), (S6,S8), (S6,S11), (S7,S9), (S7,S10), (S7,S11), (S8,S10), (S8,S11), (S9,S10) \}.
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 $\begin{array}{lll} R_L = \{ & (Sa,Sb), & (Sa,Sj), & (Sa,Sn), & (Sb,Sc), & (Sb,Sd), & (Sb,Sn), & (Sc,Sd), & (Sd,Se), & (Sd,Sf), & (Sd,Sg), & (Se,Sf), & (Se,Sg), & (Sf,Sg), & (Sf,Sl), & (Sf,Sm), & (Sg,Sh), & (Sg,Sn), & (Sh,Si), & (Sh,Sl), & (Sh,Sl), & (Sh,Sl), & (Sl,Sn), & (Sl,Sm) & \}. \end{array}$ 

$$f(S1)=Sj$$
  $f(S4)=Sn$   $f(S7)=Sg$   $f(S10)=Sf$   $f(S2)=Sa$   $f(S5)=Si$   $f(S8)=S1$   $f(S11)=Sh$   $f(S3)=Sb$   $f(S6)=Sk$   $f(S9)=Sd$ 

## But this is too simplistic

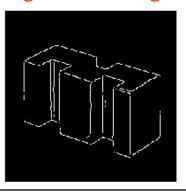
- The model specifies all the features of the object that may appear in the image.
- Some of them don't appear at all, due to occlusion or failures at low or mid level.
- Some of them are broken and not recognized.
- Some of them are distorted.
- Relationships don't all hold.

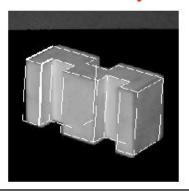
## TRIBORS: view class matching of polyhedral objects

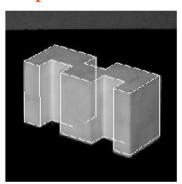
edges from image

model overlayed

improved location







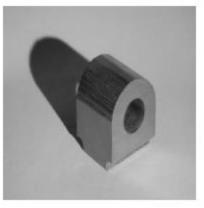
- A view-class is a typical 2D view of a 3D object.
- Each object had 4-5 view classes (hand selected).
- The representation of a view class for matching included:
  - triplets of line segments visible in that class
  - the probability of detectability of each triplet

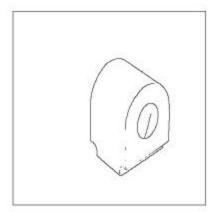
The first version of this program used iterative-deepening A\* search. STILL TOO MUCH OF A TOY PROBLEM.

# RIO: Relational Indexing for Object Recognition

- RIO worked with more complex parts that could have
  - planar surfaces
  - cylindrical surfaces
  - threads

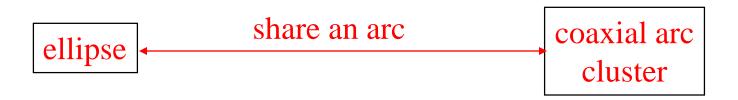




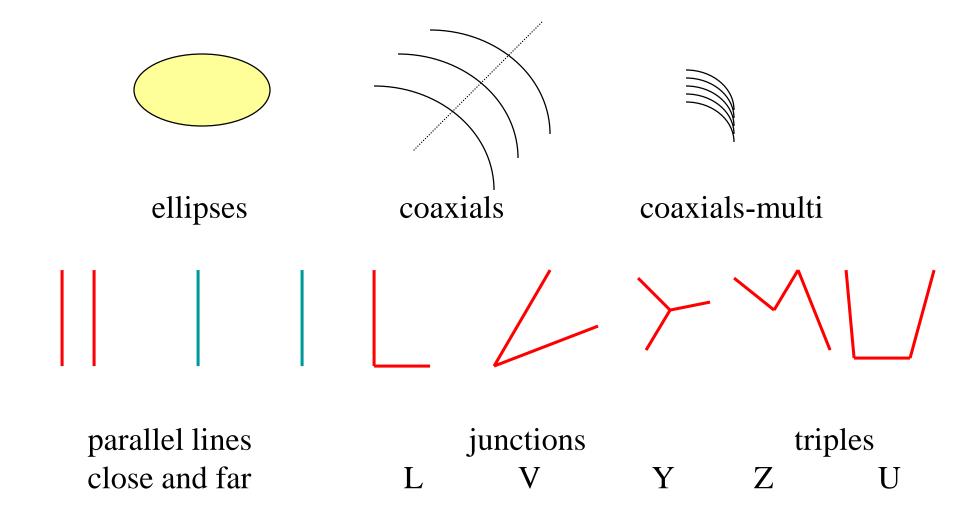


## Object Representation in RIO

- 3D objects are represented by a 3D mesh and set of 2D view classes.
- Each view class is represented by an attributed graph whose nodes are features and whose attributed edges are relationships.
- For purposes of indexing, attributed graphs are stored as sets of 2-graphs, graphs with 2 nodes and 2 relationships.

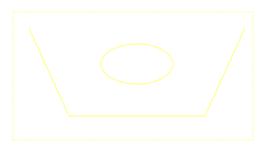


#### **RIO Features**



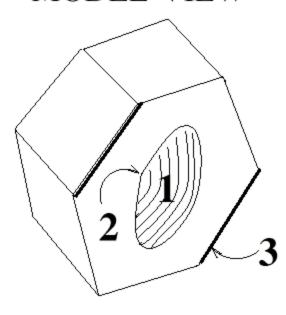
## RIO Relationships

- share one arc
- share one line
- share two lines
- coaxial
- close at extremal points
- bounding box encloses / enclosed by



## Hexnut Object

#### **MODEL-VIEW**



#### **RELATIONS:**

a: encloses

b: coaxial

#### **FEATURES:**

1: coaxials-multi

2: ellipse

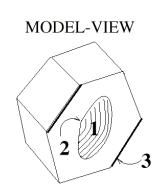
3: parallel lines

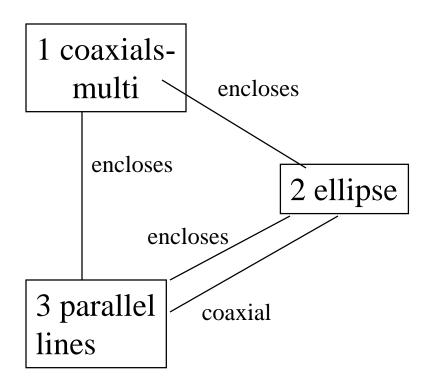
How are 1, 2, and 3

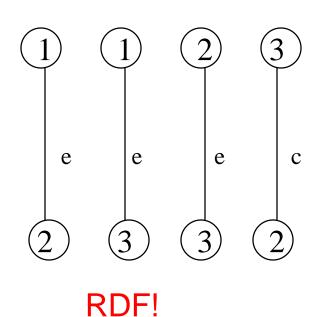
related?

What other features and relationships can you find?

# Graph and 2-Graph Representations







#### Relational Indexing for Recognition

Preprocessing (off-line) Phase

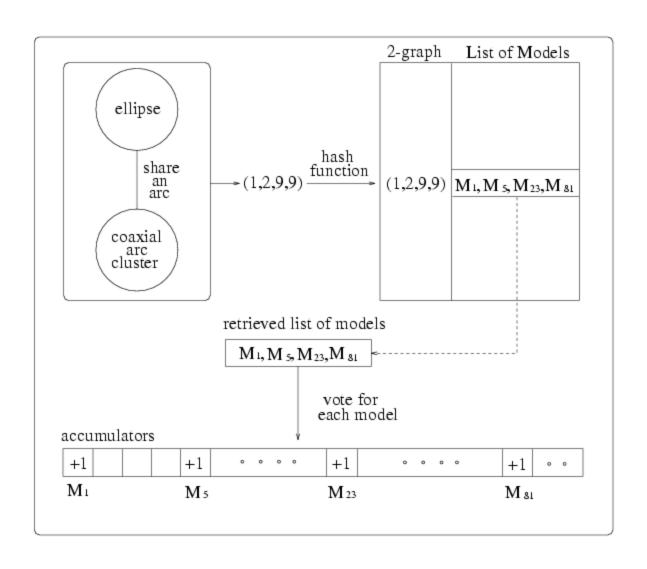
for each model view Mi in the database

- encode each 2-graph of Mi to produce an index
- store Mi and associated information in the indexed bin of a hash table H

## Matching (on-line) phase

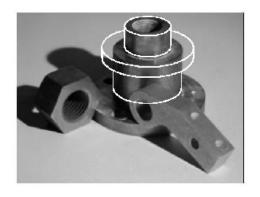
- 1. Construct a relational (2-graph) description D for the scene
- 2. For each 2-graph G of D
  - encode it, producing an index to access the hash table H
  - cast a vote for each Mi in the associated bin
- 3. Select the Mi's with high votes as possible hypotheses
- 4. Verify or disprove via alignment, using the 3D meshes

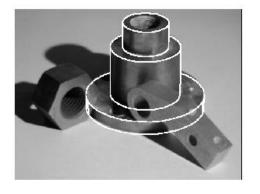
## The Voting Process



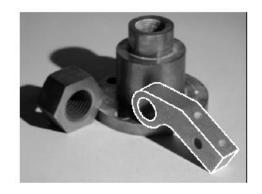
#### **RIO** Verifications

incorrect hypothesis









- 1. The matched features of the hypothesized object are used to determine its **pose**.
- 2. The **3D mesh** of the object is used to project all its features onto the image.
- 3. A verification procedure checks how well the object features line up with edges on the image.

#### Use of classifiers is big in computer vision today.

2 Examples:

Rowley's Face Detection using neural nets

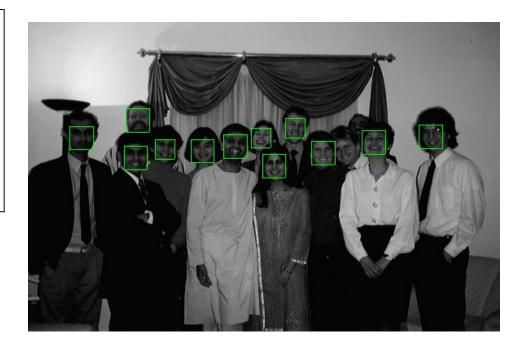
Yi's image classification using EM

## Object Detection: Rowley's Face Finder

- 1. convert to gray scale
- 2. normalize for lighting
- 3. histogram equalization
- 4. apply neural net(s) trained on 16K images

What data is fed to the classifier?

32 x 32 windows in a pyramid structure



# Object Class Recognition using Images of Abstract Regions

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#### **Problem Statement**

**Given**: Some images and their corresponding descriptions



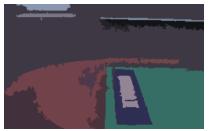
To solve: What object classes are present in new images



# Image Features for Object Recognition

Color





Texture





Structure





Context





## Abstract Regions

Original Images

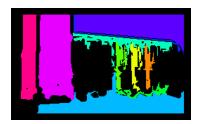


Color Regions





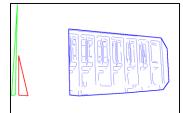
**Texture Regions** 



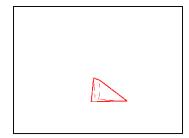




#### **Line Clusters**



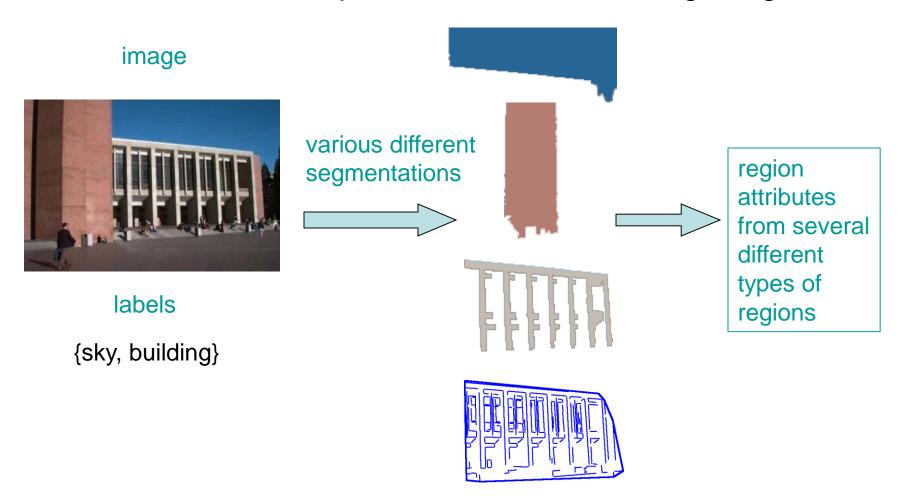






## **Abstract Regions**

Multiple segmentations whose regions are not labeled; a list of labels is provided for each training image.



#### Model Initial Estimation

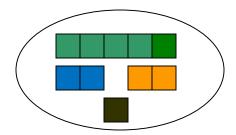
 Estimate the initial model of an object using all the region features from all images that contain the object



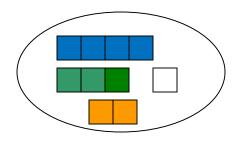
#### EM Classifier: the Idea

EM

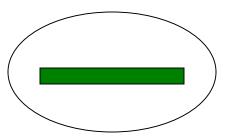
Initial Model for "trees"



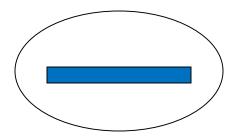
Initial Model for "sky"



Final Model for "trees"



Final Model for "sky"

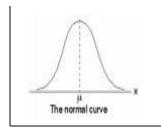


## **EM Algorithm**

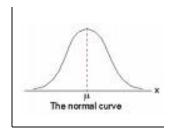
- Start with K clusters, each represented by a probability distribution
- Assuming a Gaussian or Normal distribution, each cluster is represented by its mean and variance (or covariance matrix) and has a weight.
- Go through the training data and soft-assign it to each cluster. Do this by computing the probability that each training vector belongs to each cluster.
- Using the results of the soft assignment, recompute the parameters of each cluster.
- Perform the last 2 steps iteratively.

#### 1-D EM with Gaussian Distributions

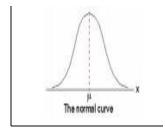
- Each cluster  $C_j$  is represented by a Gaussian distribution  $N(\mu_i$ ,  $\sigma_i$ ).
- Initialization: For each cluster  $C_j$  initialize its mean  $\mu_j$ , variance  $\sigma_j$ , and weight  $\alpha_j$ .



$$N(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$$
  
 $\alpha_1 = P(C_1)$ 



$$N(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$$
  
 $\alpha_2 = P(C_2)$ 



$$N(\mu_3, \sigma_3)$$
  
 $\alpha_3 = P(C_3)$ 

 With no other knowledge, use random means and variances and equal weights.

#### Standard EM to EM Classifier

- That's the standard EM algorithm.
- For n-dimensional data, the variance becomes a co-variance matrix, which changes the formulas slightly.
- But we used an EM variant to produce a classifier.
- The next slide indicates the differences between what we used and the standard.

#### **EM Classifier**

- 1. Fixed Gaussian components (one Gaussian per object class) and fixed weights corresponding to the frequencies of the corresponding objects in the training data.
- Customized initialization uses only the training images that contain a particular object class to initialize its Gaussian.
- 3. Controlled expectation step ensures that a feature vector only contributes to the Gaussian components representing objects present in its training image.
- 4. Extra background component absorbs noise.

Gaussian for trees

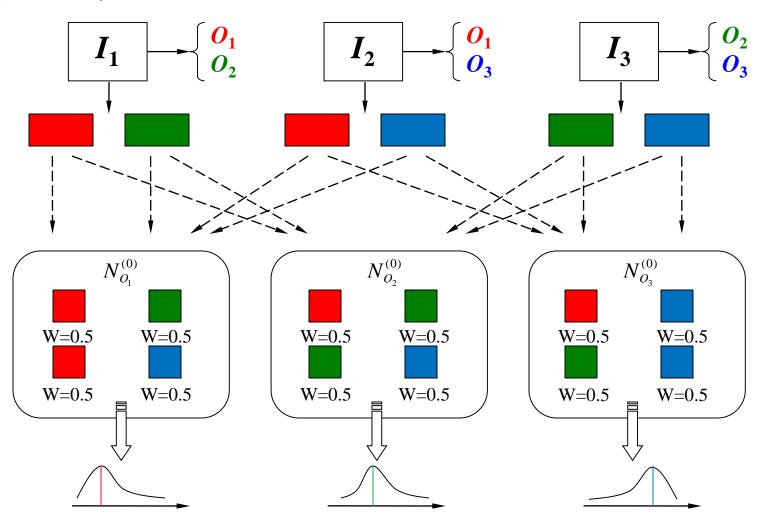
Gaussian for buildings

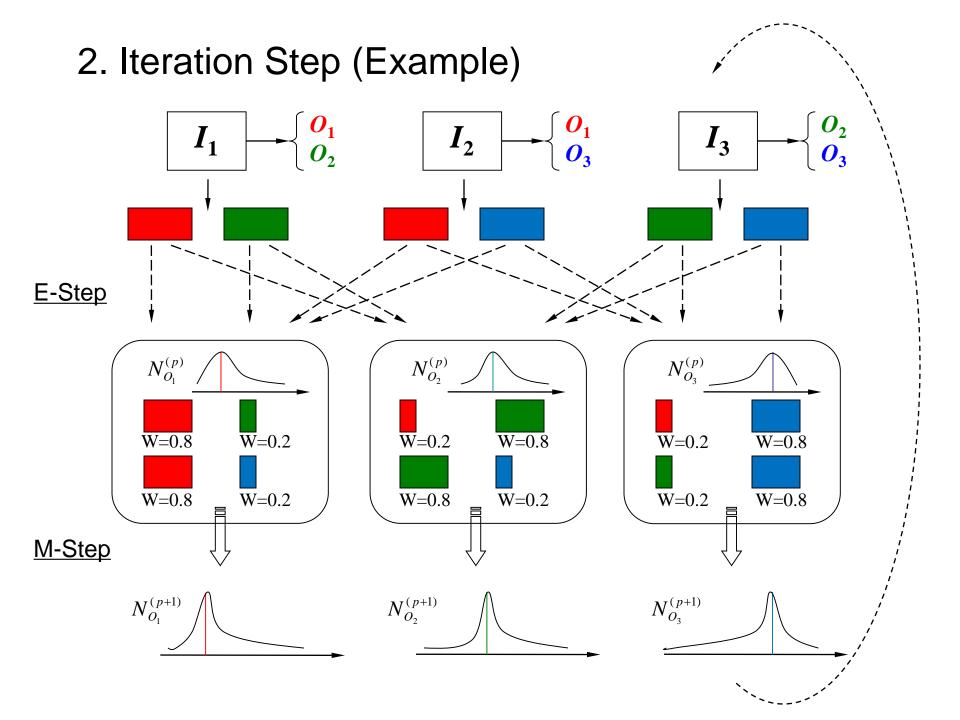
Gaussian for sky

Gaussian for background

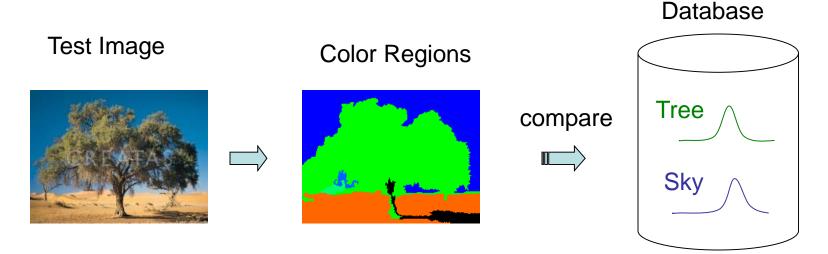
#### 1. Initialization Step (Example)

Image & description





## Recognition



#### How do you decide if a particular object is in an image?

To calculate  $p(tree \mid image)$ 

$$p(tree \mid image) = f$$

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f is a function that combines probabilities from all the color regions in the image.

Object Model

e.g. max or mean

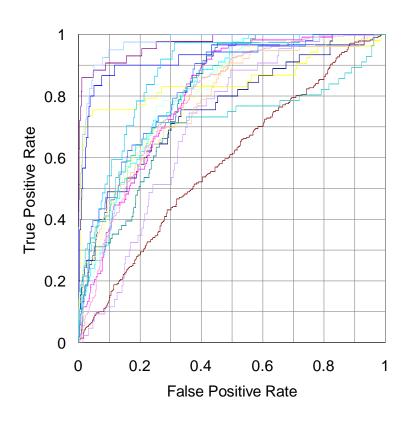
## Combining different types of abstract regions: First Try

- Treat the different types of regions independently and combine at the time of classification.
- P(object|  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,..., $a_n$ ) = P(object| $a_1$ )\*..\*P(object| $a_n$ )
- Form intersections of the different types of regions, creating smaller regions that have both color and texture properties for classification.

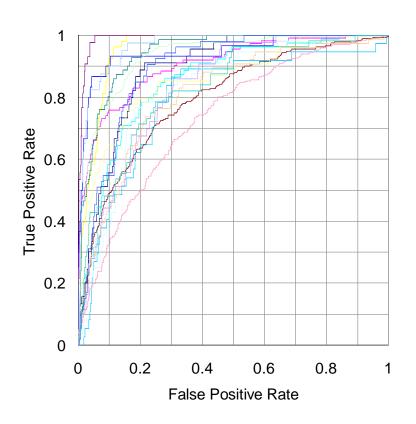
## Experiments (on 860 images)

- 18 keywords: mountains (30), orangutan (37), track (40), tree trunk (43), football field (43), beach (45), prairie grass (53), cherry tree (53), snow (54), zebra (56), polar bear (56), lion (71), water (76), chimpanzee (79), cheetah (112), sky (259), grass (272), tree (361).
- A set of cross-validation experiments (80% as training set and the other 20% as test set)
- The poorest results are on object classes "tree," "grass," and "water," each of which has a high variance; a single Gaussian model is insufficient.

#### ROC Charts: True Positive vs. False Positive



Independent Treatment of Color and Texture



Using Intersections of Color and Texture Regions

#### Sample Retrieval Results

cheetah











### Sample Results (Cont.)

#### grass











### Sample Results (Cont.)

cherry tree





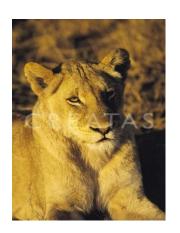






### Sample Results (Cont.)

lion











#### Summary

- Designed a set of abstract region features: color, texture, structure, . . .
- Developed a new semi-supervised EM-like algorithm to recognize object classes in color photographic images of outdoor scenes; tested on 860 images.
- Compared two different methods of combining different types of abstract regions. The intersection method had a higher performance

# Weakness of the EM Classifier Approach

It did not generalize well to multiple features

 It assumed that object classes could be modeled as Gaussians

#### Second Approach

A Generative Discriminative Learning Algorithm for Image Classification

Yi Li, Linda Shapiro, Jeff Bilmes

ICCV 2005

#### A Better Approach to Combining Different Feature Types

### Phase 1: JUST CLUSTERING in features space

- Treat each type of abstract region separately
- For abstract region type a and for object class o, use the EM algorithm to construct clusters that are multivariate Gaussians over the features for type a regions.

### Consider only abstract region type color (c) and object class object (o)

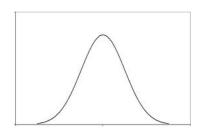
 At the end of Phase 1, we can compute the distribution of color feature vectors in an image containing object o.

$$P(X^{c}|o) = \sum_{m=1}^{M^{c}} w_{m}^{c} \cdot N(X^{c}; \mu_{m}^{c}, \Sigma_{m}^{c})$$

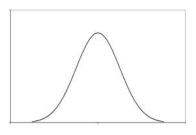
- *M<sup>c</sup>* is the number of components (clusters).
- The w's are the weights ( $\alpha$ 's) of the components.
- The  $\mu$ 's and  $\sum$ 's are the parameters of the components.
- $N(X^c, \mu^c_m, \Sigma^c_m)$  specifies the probability that  $X^c$  belongs to a particular normal distribution.

#### Color Components for Class o

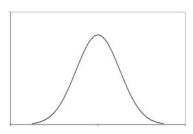
$$P(X^{c}|o) = \sum_{m=1}^{M^{c}} w_{m}^{c} \cdot N(X^{c}; \mu_{m}^{c}, \Sigma_{m}^{c})$$



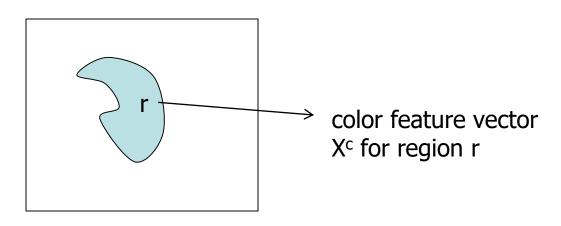
component 1  $\mu_1, \sum_{I}, w_I$ 



component 2  $\mu_2, \Sigma_2, w_2$ 



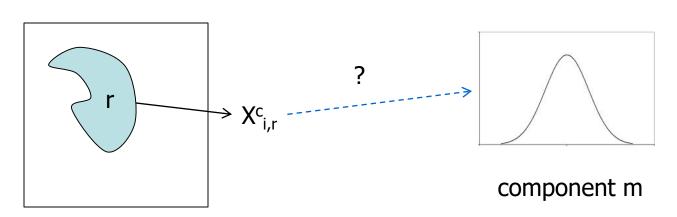
component  $M^c$  $\mu_M$ ,  $\sum_M$ ,  $w_M$ 



### Now we can determine which components are likely to be present in an image.

The probability that the feature vector X from color region r of image I<sub>i</sub> comes from component m is given by

$$P(X_{i,r}^c, m^c) = w_m^c \cdot N(X_{i,r}^c, \mu_m^c, \Sigma_m^c)$$
$$f_{\mathbf{x}}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\mathbf{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right)$$

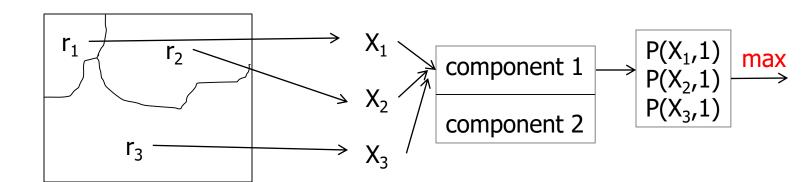


And determine the probability that the whole image is related to component m as a function of the feature vectors of all its regions.

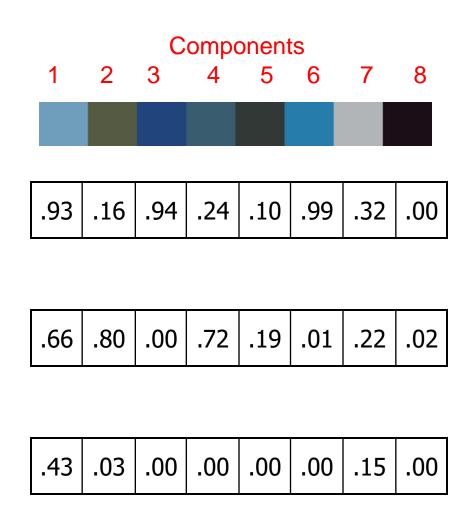
• Then the probability that image  $I_i$  has a region that comes from component m is

$$P(I_i, m^c) = f(\{P(X_{i,r}^c, m^c) | r = 1, 2, ...\})$$

where f is an aggregate function such as mean or max



#### Aggregate Scores for Color



beach



beach

not beach We now use positive and negative training images, calculate for each the probabilities of regions of each component, and form a training matrix.

$$I_{1}^{+} \begin{bmatrix} P(I_{1}^{+}, 1^{c}) & P(I_{1}^{+}, 2^{c}) & \cdots & P(I_{1}^{+}, M^{c}) \\ P(I_{2}^{+}, 1^{c}) & P(I_{2}^{+}, 2^{c}) & \cdots & P(I_{2}^{+}, M^{c}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & & \\ I_{1}^{-} \begin{bmatrix} P(I_{1}^{-}, 1^{c}) & P(I_{1}^{-}, 2^{c}) & \cdots & P(I_{1}^{-}, M^{c}) \\ P(I_{2}^{-}, 1^{c}) & P(I_{2}^{-}, 2^{c}) & \cdots & P(I_{2}^{-}, M^{c}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

### Phase 2 Learning

- Let  $C_i$  be row i of the training matrix.
- Each such row is a feature vector for the color features of regions of image I<sub>i</sub> that relates them to the Phase 1 components.
- Now we can use a second-stage classifier to learn  $P(o/I_i)$  for each object class o and image  $I_i$

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#### Multiple Feature Case

 We calculate separate Gaussian mixture models for each different features type:

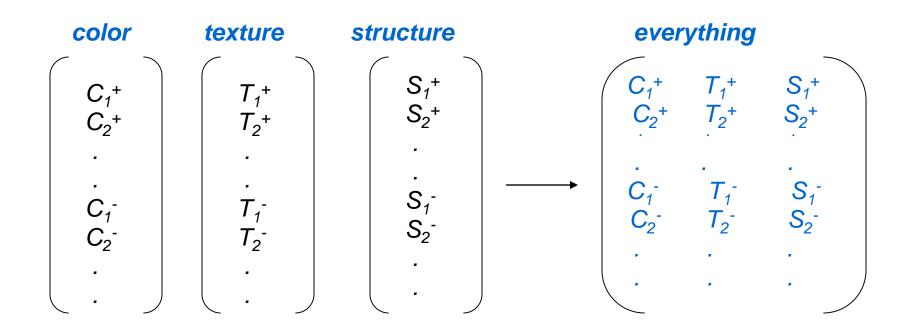
• Color:  $C_i$ 

• Texture:  $T_i$ 

• Structure:  $S_i$ 

and any more features we have (motion).

Now we concatenate the matrix rows from the different region types to obtain a multifeature-type training matrix and train a neural net classifier to classify images.



### ICPR04 Data Set with General Labels

	EM-variant with single Gaussian per object	EM-variant Gen/Dis with Classical EM clustering		Gen/Dis with EM-variant extension	
African animal	71.8%	85.7%	89.2%	90.5%	
arctic	80.0%	79.8%	90.0%	85.1%	
beach	88.0%	90.8%	89.6%	91.1%	
grass	76.9%	69.6%	75.4%	77.8%	
mountain	94.0%	96.6%	97.5%	93.5%	
primate	74.7%	86.9%	91.1%	90.9%	
sky	91.9%	84.9%	93.0%	93.1%	
stadium	95.2%	98.9%	99.9%	100.0%	
tree	70.7%	79.0%	87.4%	88.2%	
water	82.9%	82.3%	83.1%	82.4%	
MEAN	82.6%	85.4%	89.6%	89.3%	

## Comparison to ALIP: the Benchmark Image Set

- Test database used in SIMPLIcity paper and ALIP paper.
- 10 classes (African people, beach, buildings, buses, dinosaurs, elephants, flowers, food, horses, mountains). 100 images each.

# Comparison to ALIP: the Benchmark Image Set

	ALIP	CS	ts	st	ts+st	cs+st	cs+ts	cs+ts+st
African	52	69	23	26	35	79	72	74
beach	32	44	38	39	51	48	59	64
buildings	64	43	40	41	67	70	70	78
buses	46	60	72	92	86	85	84	95
dinosaurs	100	88	70	37	86	89	94	93
elephants	40	53	8	27	38	64	64	69
flowers	90	85	52	33	78	87	86	91
food	68	63	49	41	66	77	84	85
horses	60	94	41	50	64	92	93	89
mountains	84	43	33	26	43	63	55	65
MEAN	63.6	64.2	42.6	41.2	61.4	75.4	76.1	80.3

## Comparison to ALIP: the 60K Image Set

0. Africa, people, landscape, animal









1. autumn, tree, landscape, lake









2. Bhutan, Asia, people, landscape, church









## Comparison to ALIP: the 60K Image Set

3. California, sea, beach, ocean, flower









4. Canada, sea, boat, house, flower, ocean









5. Canada, west, mountain, landscape, cloud, snow, lake









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Number of top-ranked categories required	1	2	3	4	5
ALIP	11.88	17.06	20.76	23.24	26.05
Gen/Dis	11.56	17.65	21.99	25.06	27.75

The table shows the percentage of test images whose true categories were included in the top-ranked categories.

#### Groundtruth Data Set

- UW Ground truth database (1224 images)
- 31 elementary object categories: river (30), beach (31), bridge (33), track (35), pole (38), football field (41), frozen lake (42), lantern (42), husky stadium (44), hill (49), cherry tree (54), car (60), boat (67), stone (70), ground (81), flower (85), lake (86), sidewalk (88), street (96), snow (98), cloud (119), rock (122), house (175), bush (178), mountain (231), water (290), building (316), grass (322), people (344), tree (589), sky (659)
- 20 high-level concepts: Asian city, Australia, Barcelona, campus, Cannon Beach, Columbia Gorge, European city, Geneva, Green Lake, Greenland, Indonesia, indoor, Iran, Italy, Japan, park, San Juans, spring flowers, Swiss mountains, and Yellowstone.



beach, sky, tree, water



people, street, tree



building, grass, people, sidewalk, sky, tree



building, bush, sky, tree, water



flower, house, people, pole, sidewalk, sky



flower, grass, house, pole, sky, street, tree



building, flower, sky, tree, water



boat, rock, sky, tree, water



building, car, people, tree



car, people, sky



boat, house, water



building

### Groundtruth Data Set: ROC Scores

street	60.4	tree	80.8	stone	87.1	columbia gorge	94.5
people	68.0	bush	81.0	hill	87.4	green lake	94.9
rock	73.5	flower	81.1	mountain	88.3	italy	95.1
sky	74.1	iran	82.2	beach	89.0	swiss moutains	95.7
ground	74.3	bridge	82.7	snow	92.0	sanjuans	96.5
river	74.7	car	82.9	lake	92.8	cherry tree	96.9
grass	74.9	pole	83.3	frozen lake	92.8	indoor	97.0
building	75.4	yellowstone	83.7	japan	92.9	greenland	98.7
cloud	75.4	water	83.9	campus	92.9	cannon beach	99.2
boat	76.8	indonesia	84.3	barcelona	92.9	track	99.6
lantern	78.1	sidewalk	85.7	geneva	93.3	football field	99.8
australia	79.7	asian city	86.7	park	94.0	husky stadium	100.0
house	80.1	european city	87.0	spring flowers	94.4		

# Groundtruth Data Set: Top Results

Asian city











Cannon beach











*Italy* 











park











# Groundtruth Data Set: Top Results



# Groundtruth Data Set: Annotation Samples



tree(97.3), bush(91.6), spring flowers(90.3), flower(84.4), park(84.3), sidewalk(67.5), grass(52.5), pole(34.1)



sky(99.8), Columbia gorge(98.8), lantern(94.2), street(89.2), house(85.8), bridge(80.8), car(80.5), hill(78.3), boat(73.1), pole(72.3), water(64.3), mountain(63.8), building(9.5)



sky(95.1), Iran(89.3), house(88.6), building(80.1), boat(71.7), bridge(67.0), water(13.5), tree(7.7)



Italy(99.9), grass(98.5), sky(93.8), rock(88.8), boat(80.1), water(77.1), Iran(64.2), stone(63.9), bridge(59.6), European(56.3), sidewalk(51.1), house(5.3)

#### Comments

- The generative/discriminative approach, using EM clustering to produce feature vectors, followed by a neural net classifier, was much more powerful.
- It is strongly related to the bag-of-words approach.
- Instead of histograms of words, it is using vectors of responses to Gaussians as feature vectors.