

**Texture**

Wed, Feb 2  
Kristen Grauman  
UT-Austin

### Announcements

- Reminder: Pset 1 due Feb 14

### Review: last time

- Edge detection:
  - Filter for gradient
  - Threshold gradient magnitude, thin
- Chamfer matching to compare shapes (in terms of edge points)
- Binary image analysis
  - Thresholding
  - Morphological operators to “clean up”
  - Connected components to find regions

### Chamfer matching system

- Gavrilu et al.  
[http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer\\_System/chamfer\\_system.html](http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer_System/chamfer_system.html)

### Chamfer matching system

- Gavrilu et al.  
[http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer\\_System/chamfer\\_system.html](http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer_System/chamfer_system.html)

### Chamfer matching system

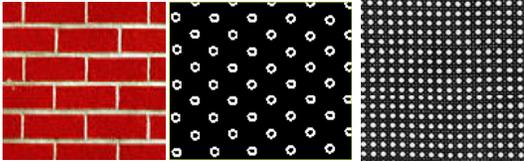
- Gavrilu et al.  
[http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer\\_System/chamfer\\_system.html](http://gavrila.net/Research/Chamfer_System/chamfer_system.html)

### Today: Texture

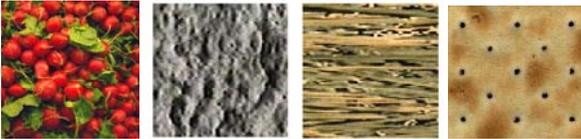


What defines a texture?

### Includes: more regular patterns



### Includes: more random patterns

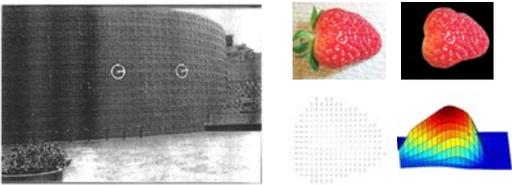


### Texture-related tasks

- **Shape from texture**
  - Estimate surface orientation or shape from image texture

### Shape from texture

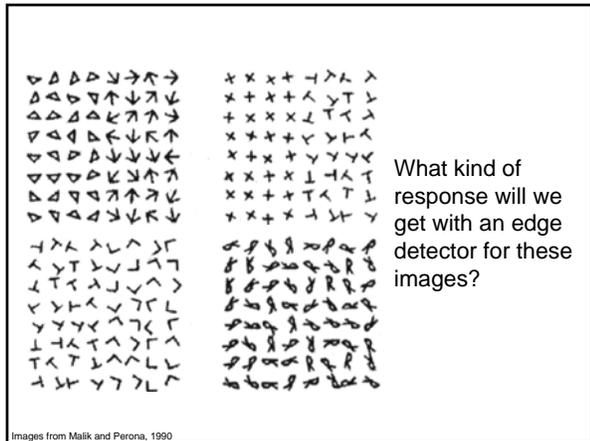
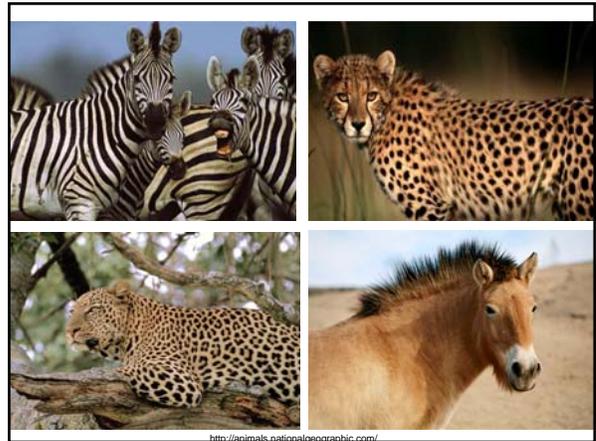
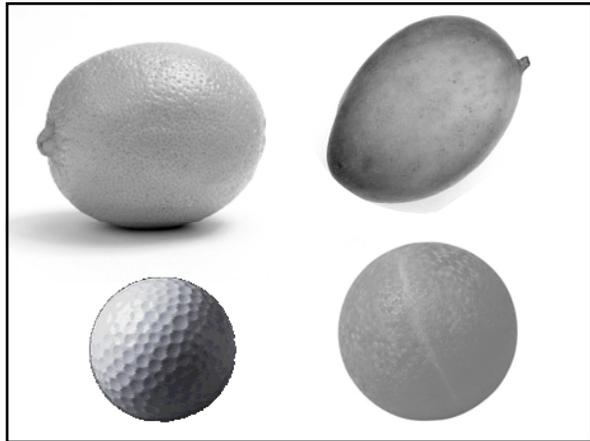
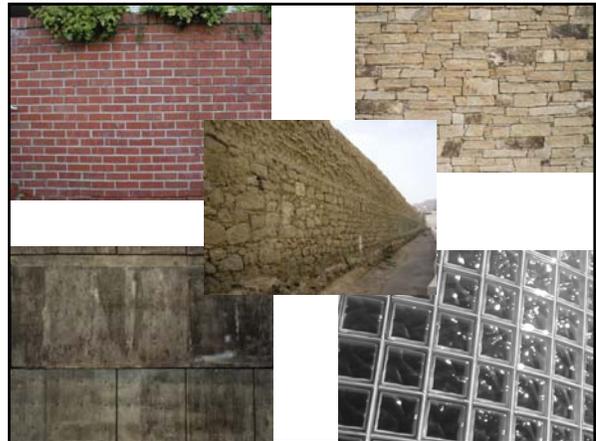
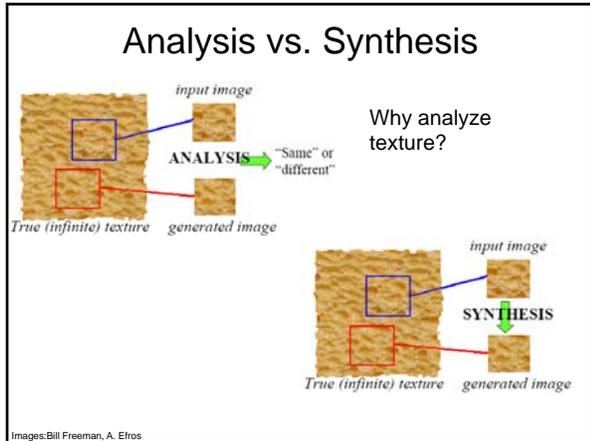
- Use deformation of texture from point to point to estimate surface shape



Pics from A. Loh: <http://www.csse.uwa.edu.au/~angie/phdpics1.html>

### Texture-related tasks

- **Shape from texture**
  - Estimate surface orientation or shape from image texture
- **Segmentation/classification** from texture cues
  - Analyze, represent texture
  - Group image regions with consistent texture
- **Synthesis**
  - Generate new texture patches/images given some examples



### Why analyze texture?

Importance to perception:

- Often indicative of a material's properties
- Can be important appearance cue, especially if shape is similar across objects
- Aim to distinguish between shape, boundaries, and texture

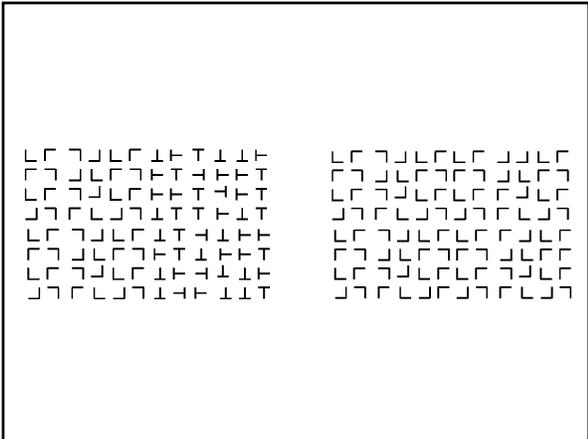
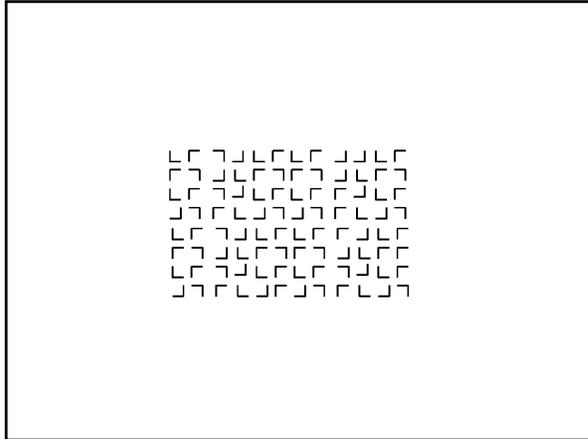
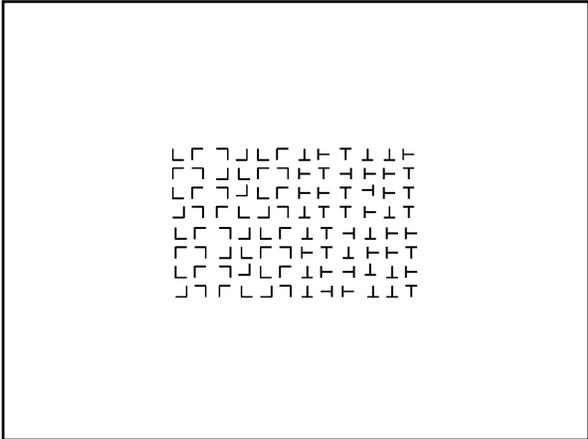
Technically:

- Representation-wise, we want a feature one step above "building blocks" of filters, edges.

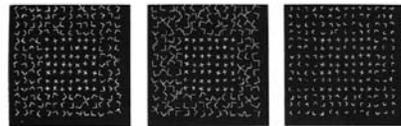
### Psychophysics of texture

- Some textures distinguishable with *preattentive* perception– without scrutiny, eye movements [Julesz 1975]

Same or different?



### Capturing the local patterns with image measurements



[Bergen & Adelson, *Nature* 1988]

Scale of patterns influences discriminability

Size-tuned linear filters

### Texture representation

- Textures are made up of repeated local patterns, so:
  - Find the patterns
    - Use filters that look like patterns (spots, bars, raw patches...)
    - Consider magnitude of response
  - Describe their statistics within each local window
    - Mean, standard deviation
    - Histogram
    - Histogram of “prototypical” feature occurrences

Kristen Grauman

### Texture representation: example

	mean d/dx value	mean d/dy value
Win. #1	4	10
...		

statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

Kristen Grauman

### Texture representation: example

	mean d/dx value	mean d/dy value
Win. #1	4	10
Win. #2	18	7
...		

statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

Kristen Grauman

### Texture representation: example

	mean d/dx value	mean d/dy value
Win. #1	4	10
Win. #2	18	7
...		

statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

Kristen Grauman

### Texture representation: example

	mean d/dx value	mean d/dy value
Win. #1	4	10
Win. #2	18	7
...		
Win. #9	20	20
...		

statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

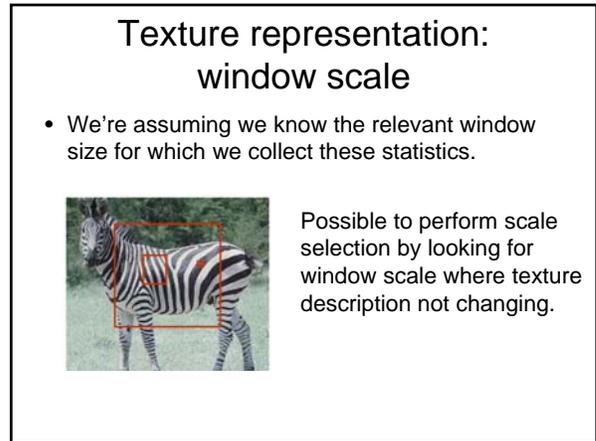
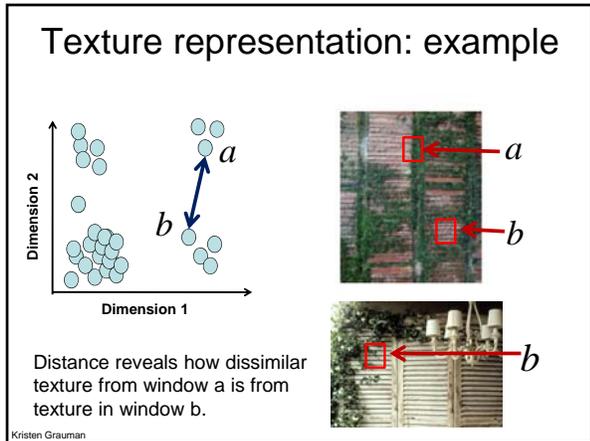
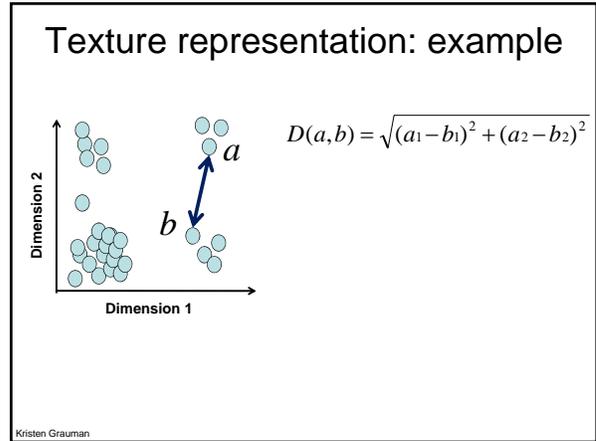
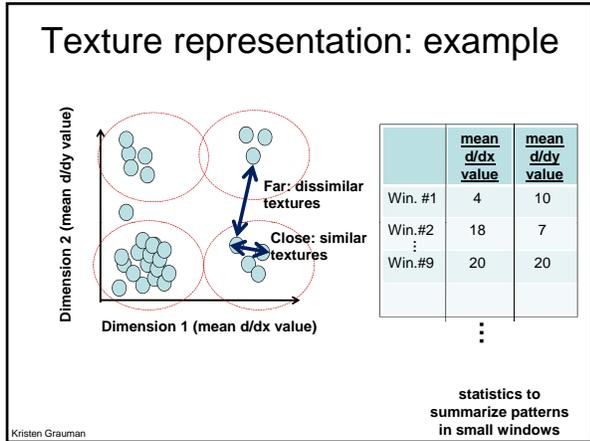
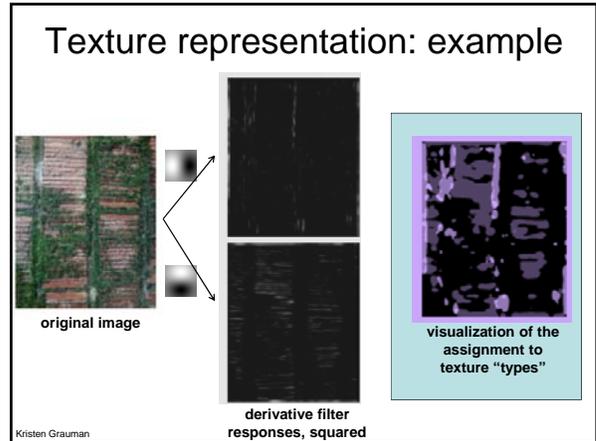
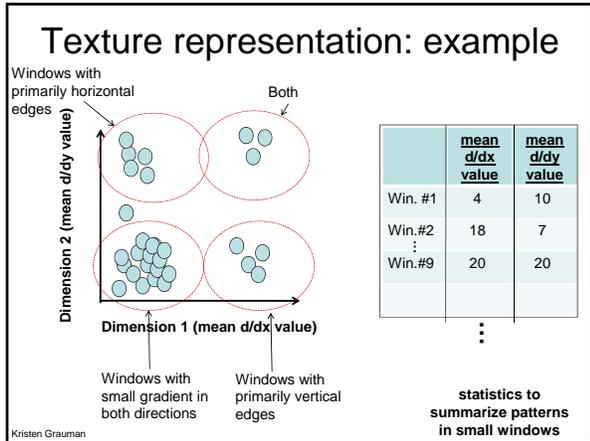
Kristen Grauman

### Texture representation: example

	mean d/dx value	mean d/dy value
Win. #1	4	10
Win. #2	18	7
...		
Win. #9	20	20
...		

statistics to summarize patterns in small windows

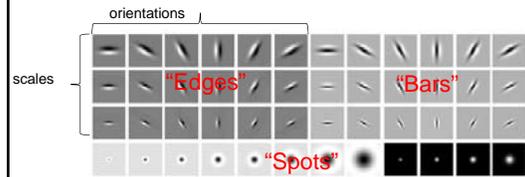
Kristen Grauman



### Filter banks

- Our previous example used two filters, and resulted in a 2-dimensional feature vector to describe texture in a window.
  - x and y derivatives revealed something about local structure.
- We can generalize to apply a collection of multiple ( $d$ ) filters: a “filter bank”
- Then our feature vectors will be  $d$ -dimensional.
  - still can think of nearness, farness in feature space

### Filter banks

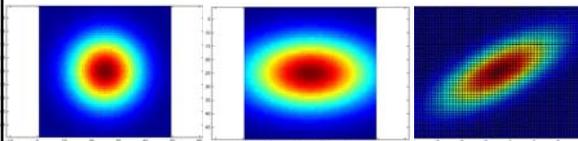


- What filters to put in the bank?
  - Typically we want a combination of scales and orientations, different types of patterns.

Matlab code available for these examples:  
<http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/texclass/filters.html>

### Multivariate Gaussian

$$p(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

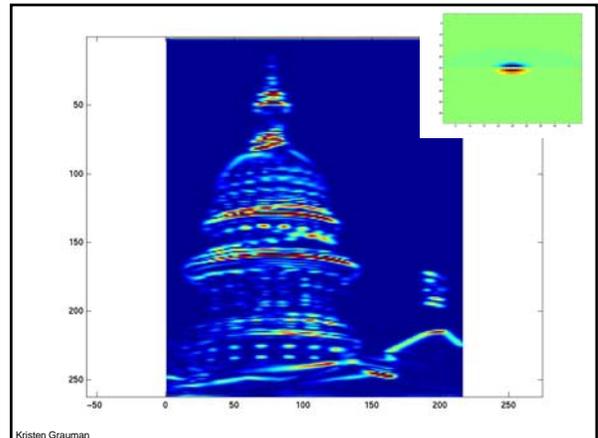
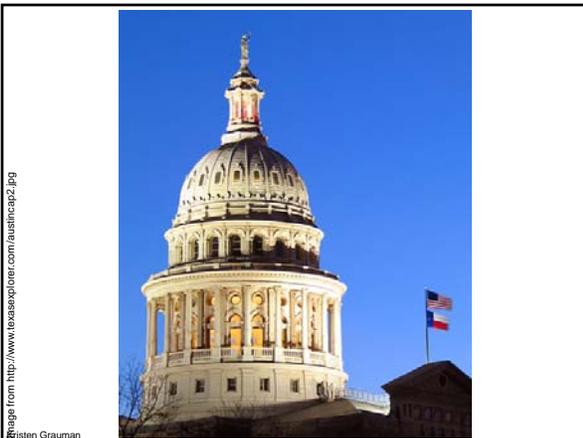
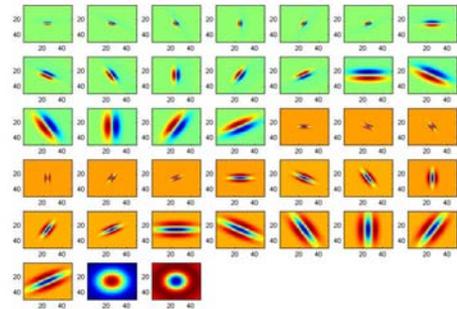


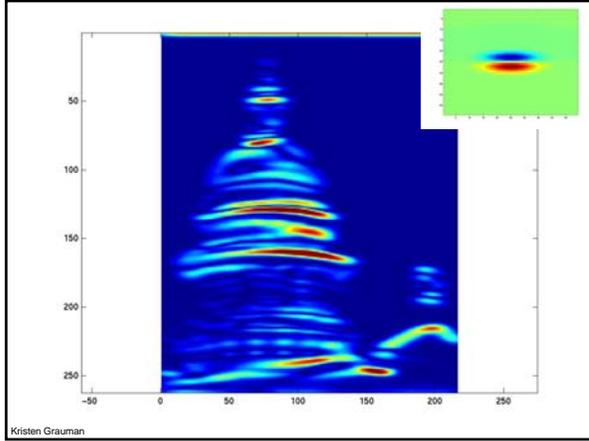
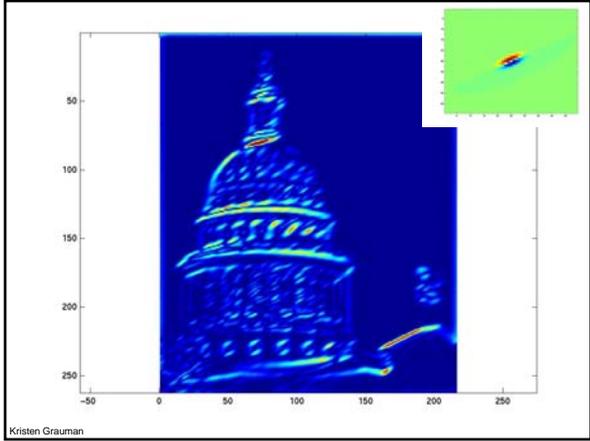
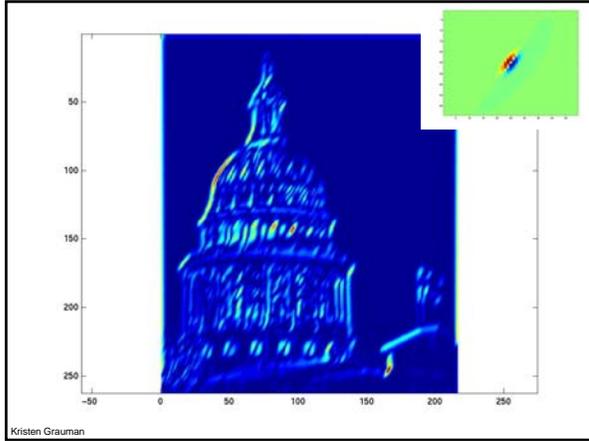
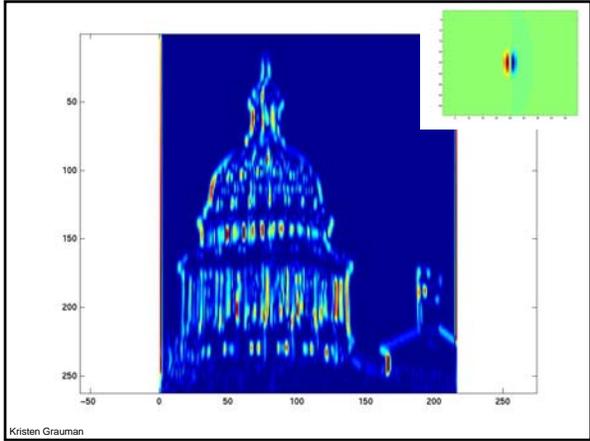
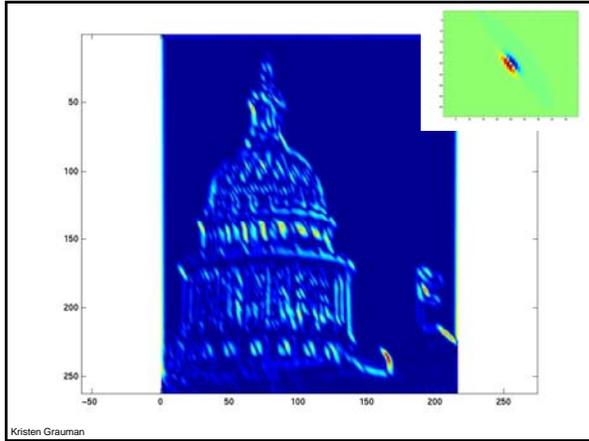
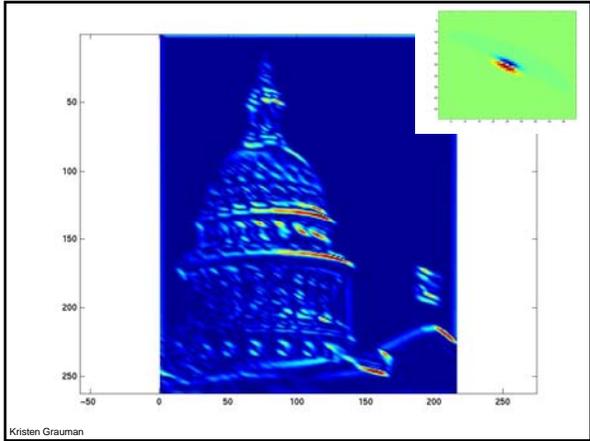
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

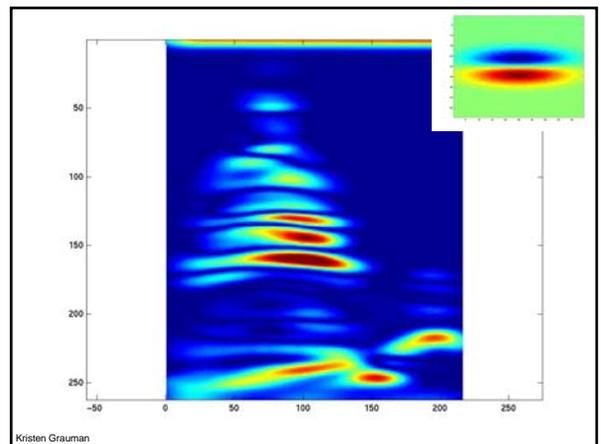
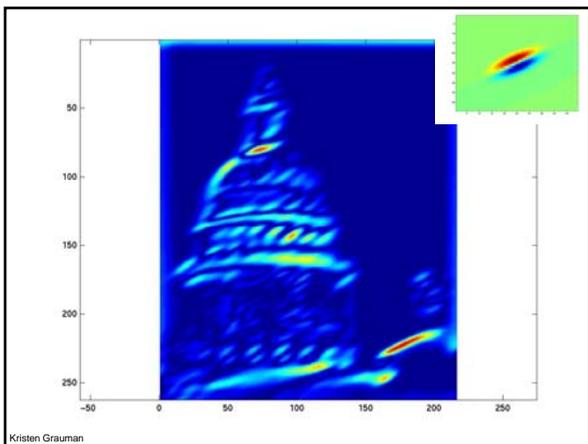
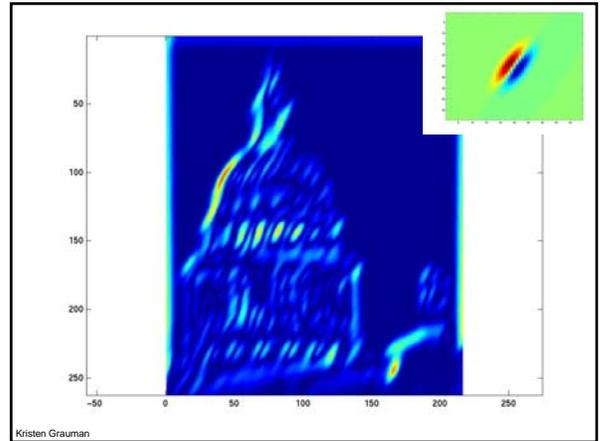
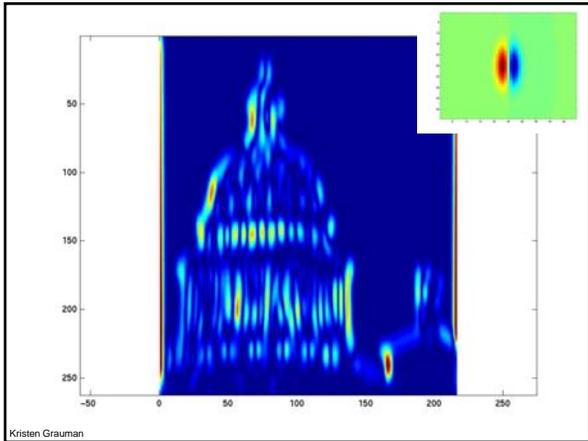
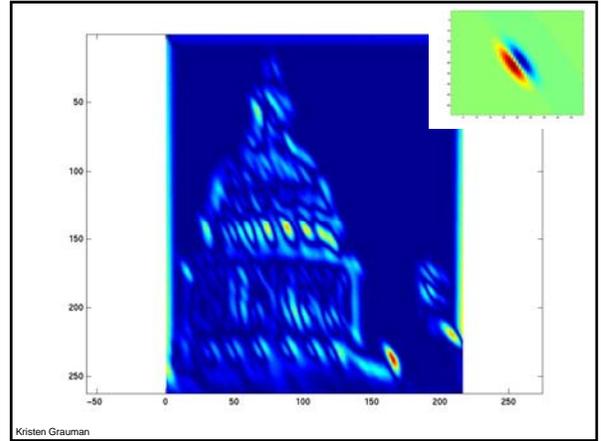
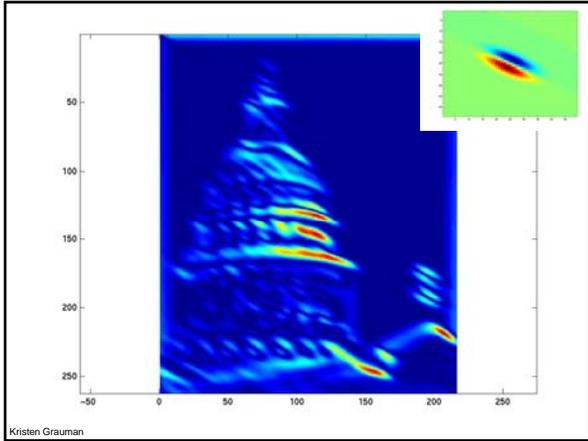
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

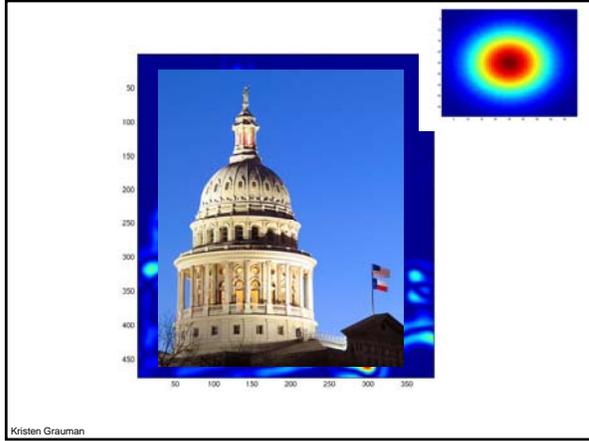
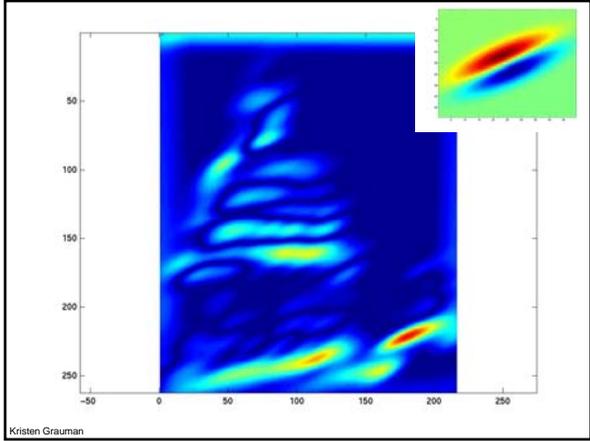
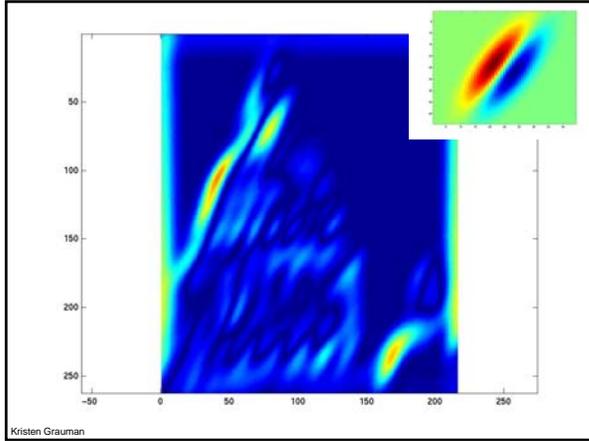
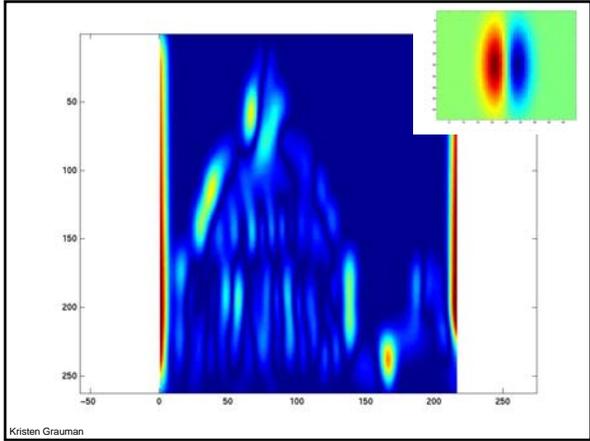
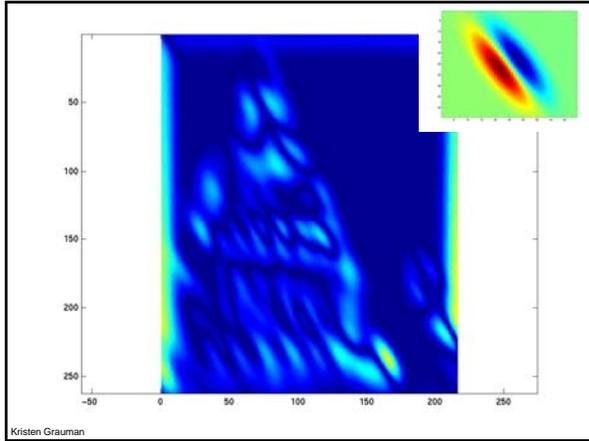
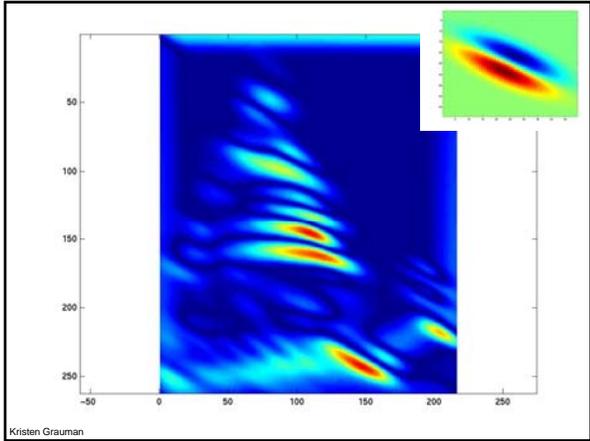
$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Filter bank



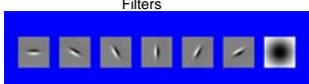




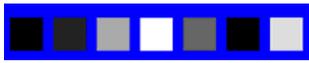


You try: Can you match the texture to the response?

Filters



1



2

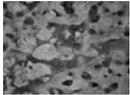


3

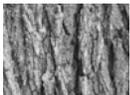


Mean abs responses

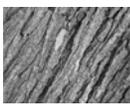
A



B



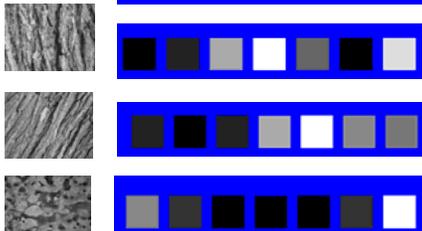
C



Derek Hoiem

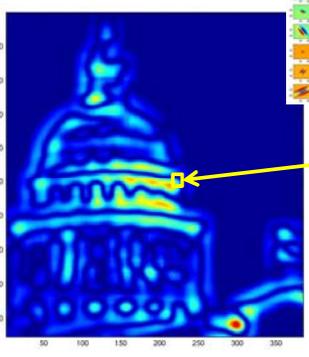
Representing texture by mean abs response

Filters

Mean abs responses

Derek Hoiem



[r1, r2, ..., r38]

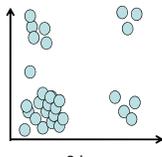
We can form a feature vector from the list of responses at each pixel.

Kristen Grauman

$d$ -dimensional features

$$D(a, b) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d (a_i - b_i)^2}$$

Euclidean distance ( $L_2$ )



2d

Kristen Grauman

Example uses of texture in vision:  
analysis

Classifying materials, "stuff"



Leaves

Wood

Grass

Fabric

Velvet

Stone

Have images to be classified

Class

Classified images comprise training data

Figure by Varma & Zisserman

Kristen Grauman

**Texture features for image retrieval**

(a)

1) 1.30066    2) 1.30070    3) 1.30068  
 4) 1.30051    5) 1.30038    6) 1.30039

Y. Rubner, C. Tomasi, and L. J. Guibas. The earth mover's distance as a metric for image retrieval. *International Journal of Computer Vision*, 40(2):99-121, November 2000.

Kristen Grauman

**Characterizing scene categories by texture**

Natural Outdoor  
 Man-made Outdoor  
 Man-made Indoor

L. W. Renninger and J. Malik. When is scene identification just texture recognition? *Vision Research* 44 (2004) 2301-2311

Kristen Grauman

**Segmenting aerial imagery by textures**

[http://www.airventure.org/2004/gallery/images/073104\\_satellite.jpg](http://www.airventure.org/2004/gallery/images/073104_satellite.jpg)

Kristen Grauman

**Texture-related tasks**

- **Shape from texture**
  - Estimate surface orientation or shape from image texture
- **Segmentation/classification** from texture cues
  - Analyze, represent texture
  - Group image regions with consistent texture
- **Synthesis**
  - Generate new texture patches/images given some examples

**Texture synthesis**

- Goal: create new samples of a given texture
- Many applications: virtual environments, hole-filling, texturing surfaces

Kristen Grauman

**The Challenge**

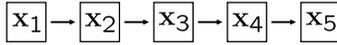
- Need to model the whole spectrum: from repeated to stochastic texture

Alexei A. Efros and Thomas K. Leung, "Texture Synthesis by Non-parametric Sampling," Proc. International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 1999.

## Markov Chains

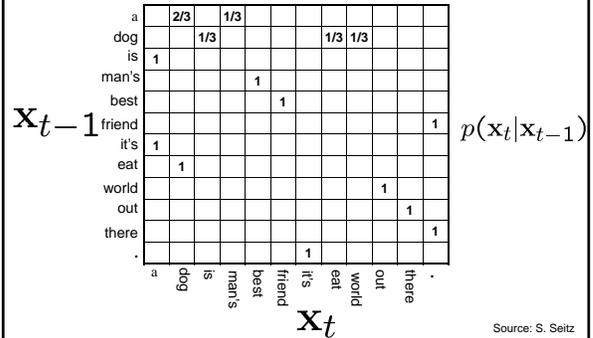
### Markov Chain

- a *sequence* of random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$
- $X_t$  is the **state** of the model at time  $t$



## Markov Chain Example: Text

"A dog is a man's best friend. It's a dog eat dog world out there."



## Text synthesis

Create plausible looking poetry, love letters, term papers, etc.

### Most basic algorithm

1. Build probability histogram
  - find all blocks of  $N$  consecutive words/letters in training documents
  - compute probability of occurrence  $p(x_t|x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-(n-1)})$

**WE NEED TO EAT CAKE**

Source: S. Seitz

## Text synthesis

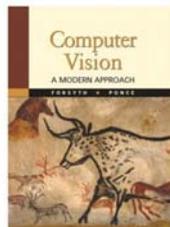
- Results:
  - "As I've commented before, really relating to someone involves standing next to impossible."
  - "One morning I shot an elephant in my arms and kissed him."
  - "I spent an interesting evening recently with a grain of salt"

Dewdney, "A potpourri of programmed prose and prosody" *Scientific American*, 1989.

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

## Synthesizing Computer Vision text

- What do we get if we extract the probabilities from a chapter on Linear Filters, and then synthesize new statements?



Check out Yisong Yue's website implementing text generation: build your own text Markov Chain for a given text corpus. <http://www.yisongyue.com/shaney/index.php>

Kristen Grauman

## Synthesized text

- This means we cannot obtain a separate copy of the best studied regions in the sum.
- All this activity will result in the primate visual system.
- The response is also Gaussian, and hence isn't bandlimited.
- Instead, we need to know only its response to any data vector, we need to apply a low pass filter that strongly reduces the content of the Fourier transform of a very large standard deviation.
- It is clear how this integral exist (it is sufficient for all pixels within a  $2k + 1 \times 2k + 1 \times 2k + 1 \times 2k + 1$  — required for the images separately).

Kristen Grauman

### Markov Random Field

A Markov random field (MRF)

- generalization of Markov chains to two or more dimensions.

First-order MRF:

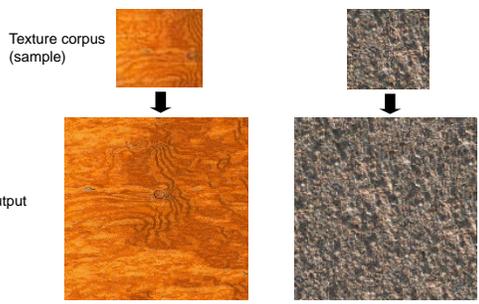
- probability that pixel  $X$  takes a certain value given the values of neighbors  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$ :

$$P(X|A, B, C, D)$$


Source: S. Seitz

### Texture Synthesis [Efros & Leung, ICCV 99]

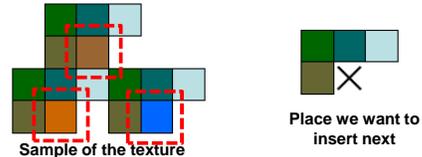
Can apply 2D version of text synthesis



### Texture synthesis: intuition

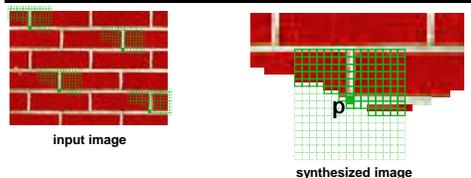
Before, we inserted the next word based on existing nearby words...

Now we want to insert **pixel intensities** based on existing nearby pixel values.



Distribution of a value of a pixel is conditioned on its neighbors alone.

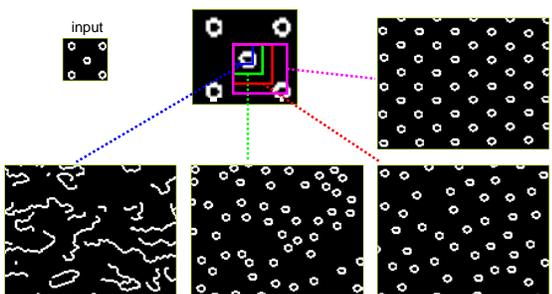
### Synthesizing One Pixel



- What is  $P(x|\text{neighborhood of pixels around } x)$  ?
- Find all the windows in the image that match the neighborhood
- To synthesize  $x$ 
  - pick one matching window at random
  - assign  $x$  to be the center pixel of that window
- An **exact** neighbour match might not be present, so find the **best** matches using **SSD error** and randomly choose between them, preferring better matches with higher probability

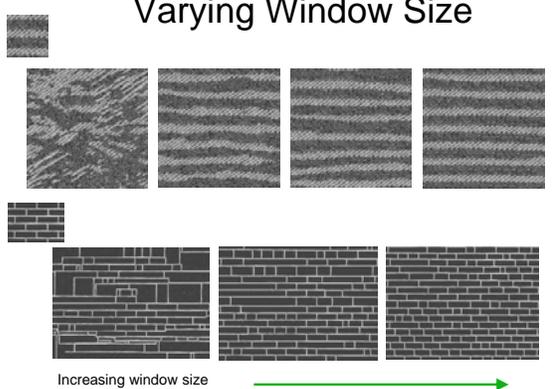
Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Neighborhood Window



Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Varying Window Size



Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Growing Texture

- Starting from the initial image, "grow" the texture one pixel at a time

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Synthesis results

french canvas

↓

rafia weave

↓

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Synthesis results

white bread

↓

brick wall

↓

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Synthesis results

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Failure Cases

↓

Growing garbage

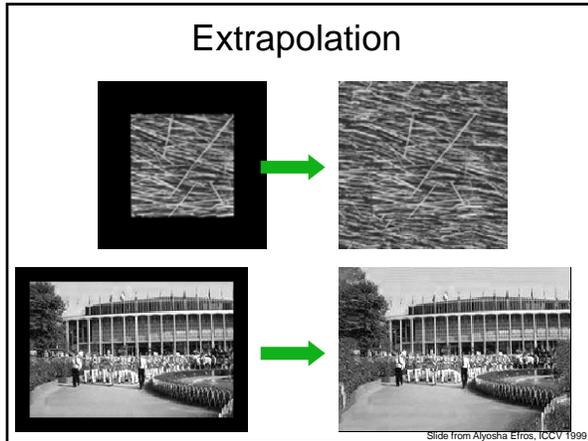
↓

Verbatim copying

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

### Hole Filling

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999



- The Efros & Leung algorithm
  - Simple
  - Surprisingly good results
  - Synthesis is easier than analysis!
  - ...but very slow

### Image Quilting [Efros & Freeman 2001]

- **Observation:** neighbor pixels are highly correlated
- Idea:** unit of synthesis = block
  - Exactly the same but now we want  $P(B|N(B))$
  - Much faster: synthesize all pixels in a block at once

Slide from Alyosha Efros, ICCV 1999

Input texture

Random placement of blocks

Neighboring blocks constrained by overlap

Minimal error boundary cut

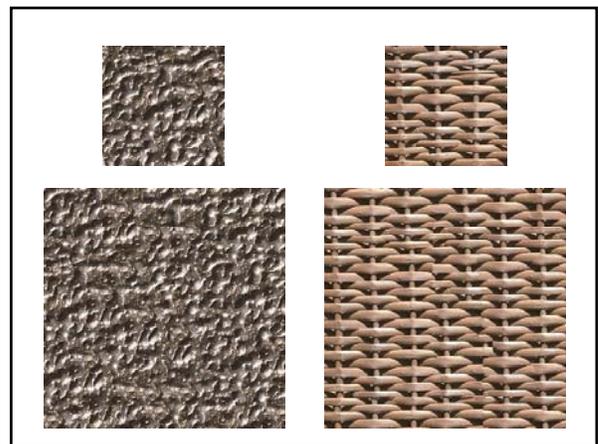
### Minimal error boundary

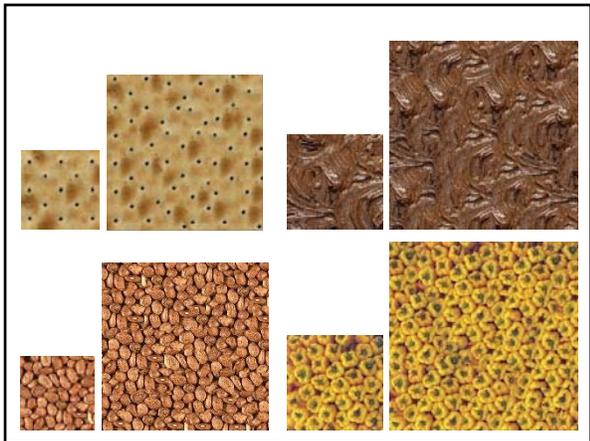
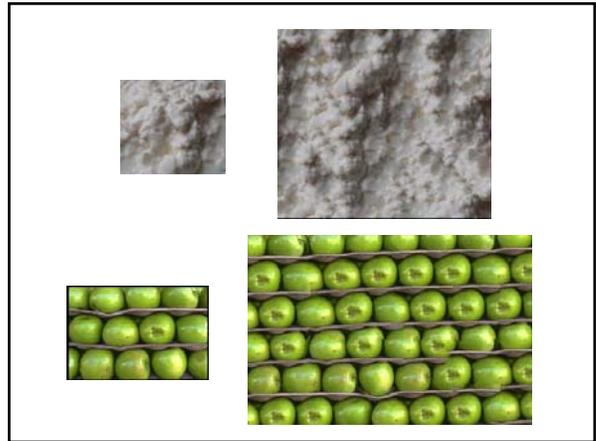
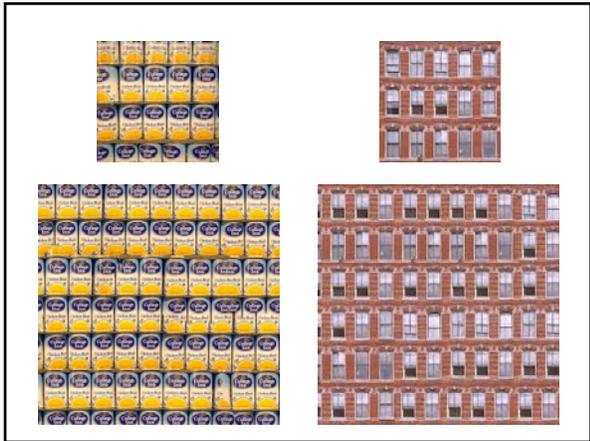
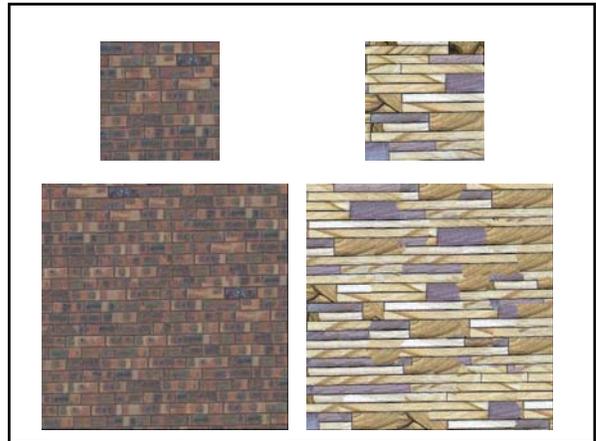
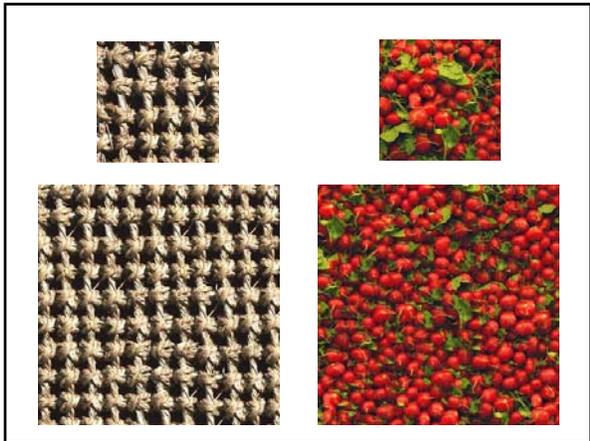
overlapping blocks → vertical boundary

$\left[ \begin{matrix} \text{block} \\ \text{block} \end{matrix} \right] - \text{overlap} = \text{error}$

overlap error → min. error boundary

Slide from Alyosha Efros

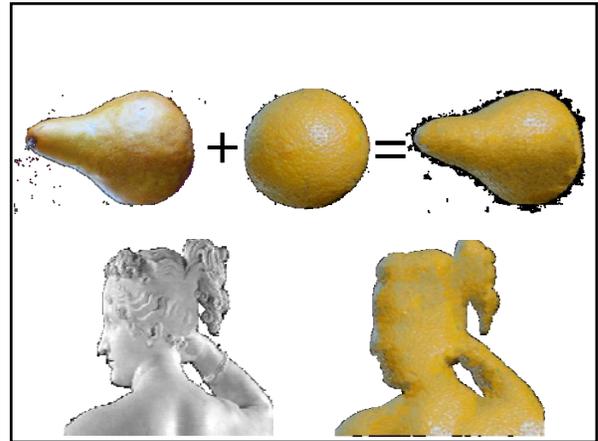
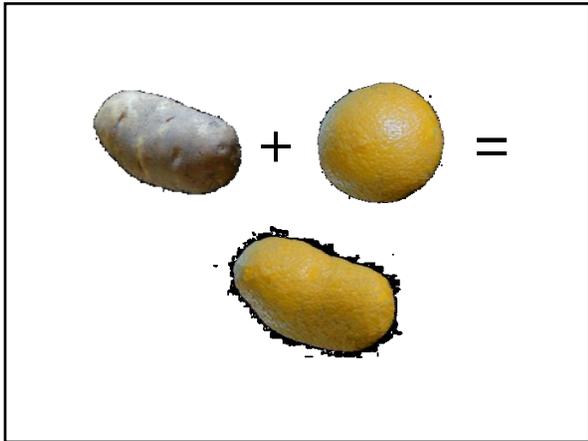
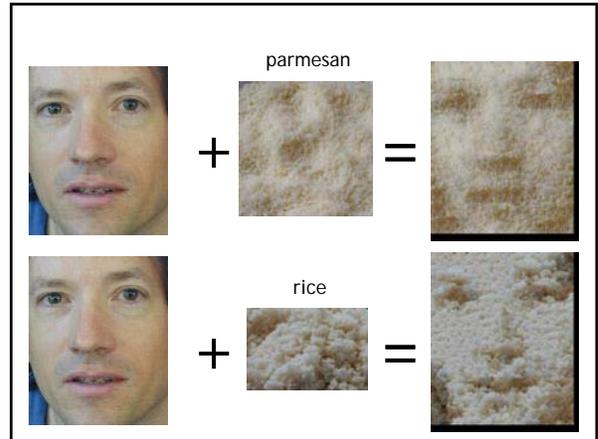
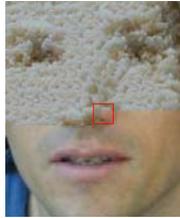




Failures  
(Chernobyl  
Harvest)

### Texture Transfer

- Take the texture from one object and “paint” it onto another object
  - This requires separating texture and shape
  - That’s HARD, but we can cheat
  - Assume we can capture shape by boundary and rough shading
- Then, just add another constraint when sampling: similarity to underlying image at that spot



### (Manual) texture synthesis in the media



### (Manual) texture synthesis in the media





### Summary

- Texture is a useful property that is often indicative of materials, appearance cues
- **Texture representations** attempt to summarize repeating patterns of local structure
- **Filter banks** useful to measure redundant variety of structures in local neighborhood
  - Feature spaces can be multi-dimensional
- Neighborhood statistics can be exploited to “sample” or **synthesize** new texture regions
  - Example-based technique

Kristen Grauman

### So far: features and filters

Transforming and describing images; textures, colors, edges

Kristen Grauman