

# Image warping/morphing

Digital Visual Effects

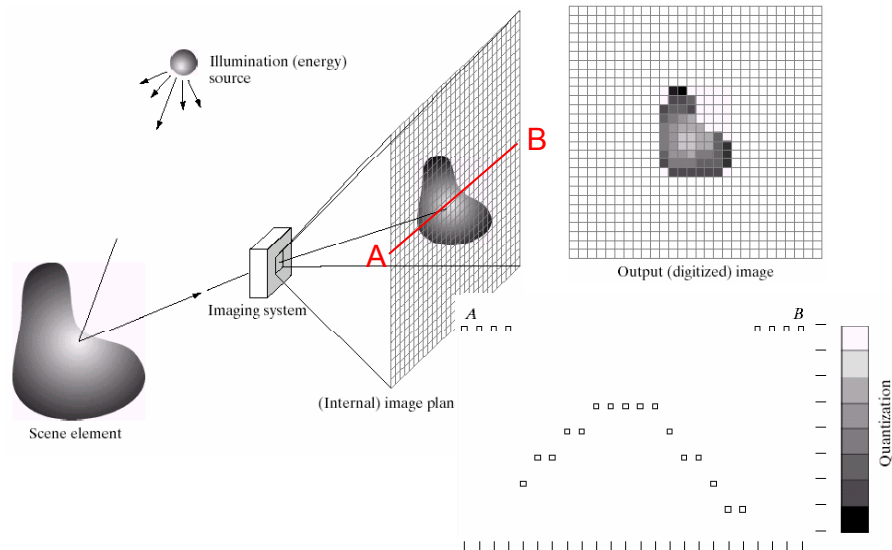
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# Image warping

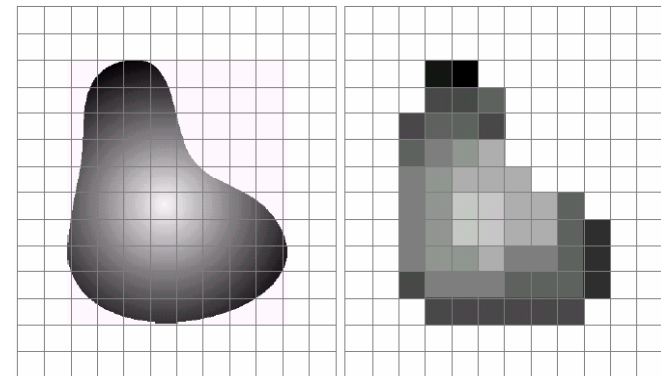
## Image formation

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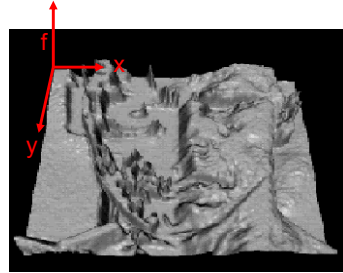
## Sampling and quantization

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## What is an image

- We can think of an **image** as a function,  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :
  - $f(x, y)$  gives the **intensity** at position  $(x, y)$
  - defined over a rectangle, with a finite range:
    - $f: [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow [0, 1]$



- A color image
 
$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} r(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \\ b(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

## A digital image

- We usually operate on **digital (discrete)** images:
  - Sample the 2D space on a regular grid
  - Quantize each sample (round to nearest integer)
- If our samples are  $D$  apart, we can write this as:
 
$$f[i, j] = \text{Quantize}\{f(iD, jD)\}$$
- The image can now be represented as a matrix of integer values

$i \downarrow j \rightarrow$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	62	79	23	119	120	105	4	0
1	10	10	9	62	12	78	34	0
2	10	58	197	46	46	0	0	48
3	176	135	5	188	191	68	0	49
4	2	1	1	29	26	37	0	77
5	0	89	144	147	187	102	62	208
6	255	252	0	166	123	62	0	31
7	166	63	127	17	1	0	99	30

## Image warping

image filtering: change **range** of image

$$g(x) = h(f(x))$$

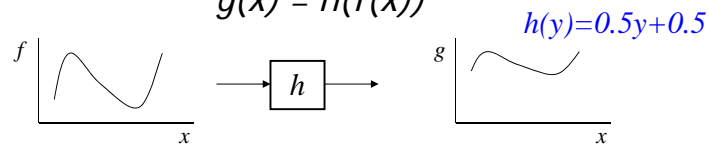
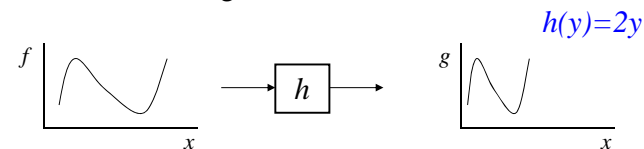


image warping: change **domain** of image

$$g(x) = f(h(x))$$



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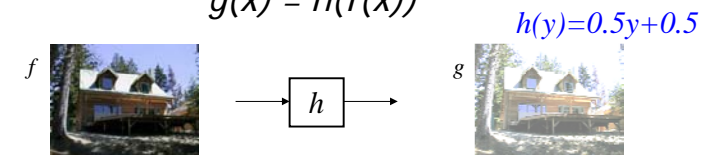
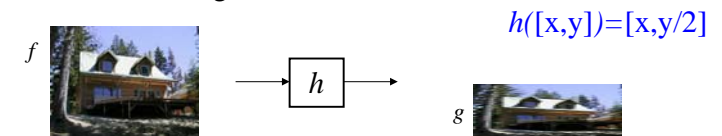


image warping: change **domain** of image

$$g(x) = f(h(x))$$



## Parametric (global) warping

Examples of parametric warps:



translation



rotation



aspect



affine



perspective

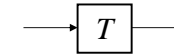


cylindrical

## Parametric (global) warping



$\mathbf{p} = (x, y)$



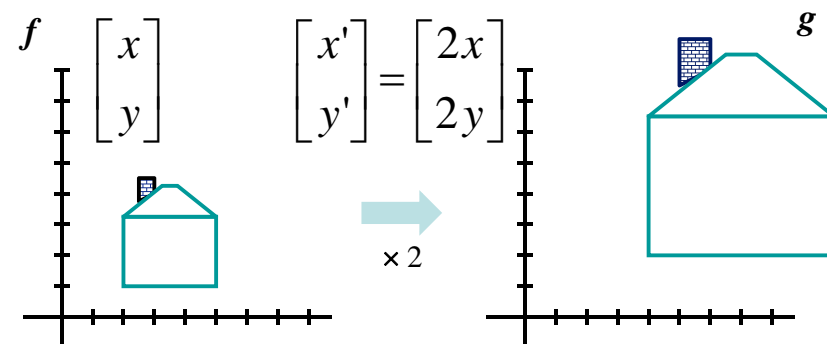
$\mathbf{p}' = (x', y')$

- Transformation  $T$  is a coordinate-changing machine:  $\mathbf{p}' = T(\mathbf{p})$
- What does it mean that  $T$  is global?
  - Is the same for any point  $\mathbf{p}$
  - can be described by just a few numbers (parameters)
- Represent  $T$  as a matrix:  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{p}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## Scaling

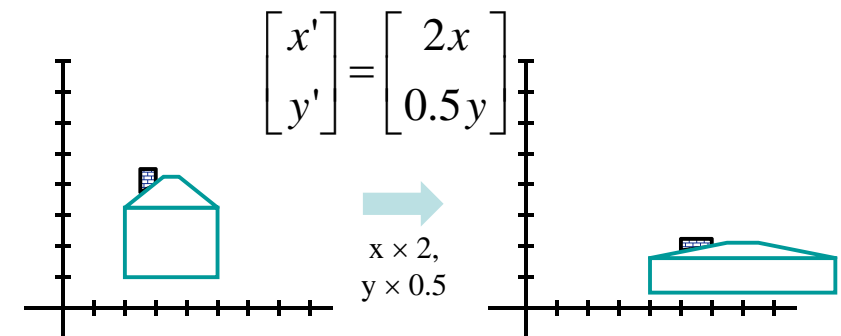
- Scaling* a coordinate means multiplying each of its components by a scalar
- Uniform scaling* means this scalar is the same for all components:



## Scaling

- Non-uniform scaling*: different scalars per component:

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = g\left(\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}\right)$$



## Scaling

- Scaling operation:  $x' = ax$   
 $y' = by$

- Or, in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scaling matrix } S} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

What's inverse of S?

## 2-D Rotation

- This is easy to capture in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{R}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

- Even though  $\sin(\theta)$  and  $\cos(\theta)$  are nonlinear to  $\theta$ ,
  - $x'$  is a linear combination of  $x$  and  $y$
  - $y'$  is a linear combination of  $x$  and  $y$
- What is the inverse transformation?
  - Rotation by  $-\theta$
  - For rotation matrices,  $\det(\mathbf{R}) = 1$  so  $\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$

## 2x2 Matrices

- What types of transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Identity?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x \\ y' &= y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Scale around (0,0)?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= s_x * x \\ y' &= s_y * y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x & 0 \\ 0 & s_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2x2 Matrices

- What types of transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Rotate around (0,0)?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \cos \theta * x - \sin \theta * y \\ y' &= \sin \theta * x + \cos \theta * y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Shear?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + sh_x * y \\ y' &= sh_y * x + y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & sh_x \\ sh_y & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2x2 Matrices

- What types of transformations can be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Mirror about Y axis?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -x \\ y' &= y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

2D Mirror over (0,0)?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -x \\ y' &= -y \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## All 2D Linear Transformations

- Linear transformations are combinations of ...
  - Scale,
  - Rotation,
  - Shear, and
  - Mirror
- Properties of linear transformations:
  - Origin maps to origin
  - Lines map to lines
  - Parallel lines remain parallel
  - Ratios are preserved
  - Closed under composition

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2x2 Matrices

- What types of transformations can **not** be represented with a 2x2 matrix?

2D Translation?

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x + t_x \\ y' &= y + t_y \end{aligned} \quad \text{NO!}$$

Only linear 2D transformations  
can be represented with a 2x2 matrix

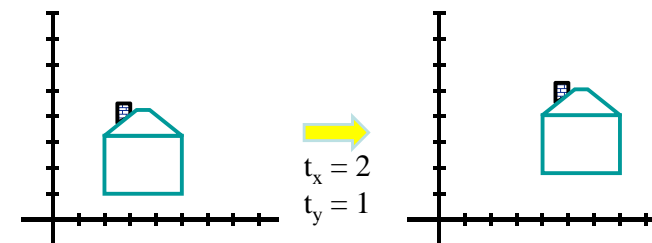
## Translation

- Example of translation

Homogeneous Coordinates



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + t_x \\ y + t_y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Affine Transformations

- Affine transformations are combinations of ...
  - Linear transformations, and
  - Translations

- Properties of affine transformations:

- Origin does not necessarily map to origin
- Lines map to lines
- Parallel lines remain parallel

- Ratios are preserved

- Closed under composition

- Models change of basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

## Projective Transformations

- Projective transformations ...

- Affine transformations, and
- Projective warps

- Properties of projective transformations:

- Origin does not necessarily map to origin

- Lines map to lines

- Parallel lines do not necessarily remain parallel

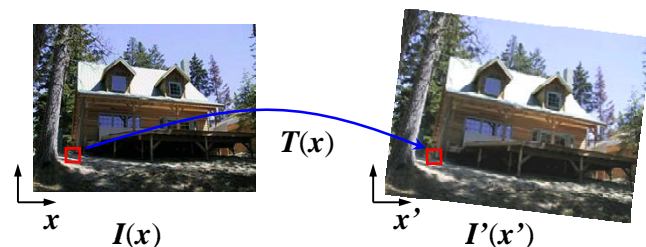
- Ratios are not preserved

- Closed under composition
- Models change of basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

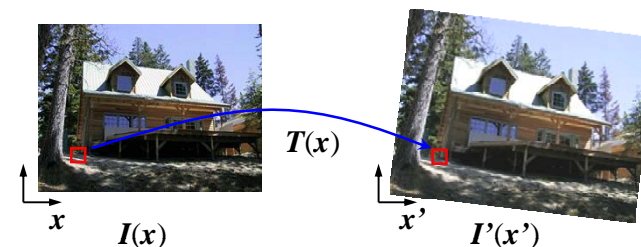
## Image warping

- Given a coordinate transform  $x' = T(x)$  and a source image  $I(x)$ , how do we compute a transformed image  $I'(x') = I(T(x))$ ?



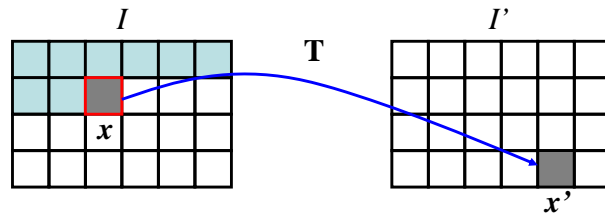
## Forward warping

- Send each pixel  $I(x)$  to its corresponding location  $x' = T(x)$  in  $I'(x')$



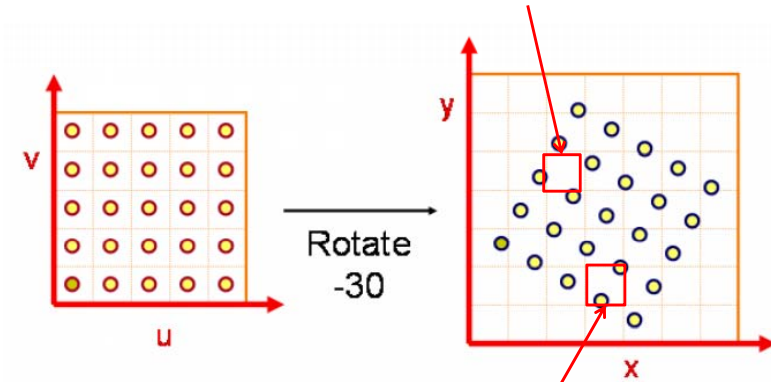
## Forward warping

```
fwarp(I, I', T)
{
  for (y=0; y<I.height; y++)
    for (x=0; x<I.width; x++) {
      (x',y')=T(x,y);
      I'(x',y')=I(x,y);
    }
}
```



## Forward warping

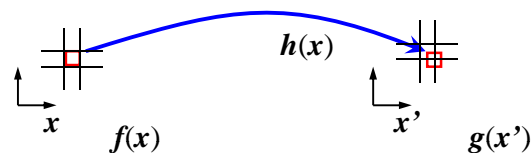
Some destination may not be covered



Many source pixels could map to the same destination

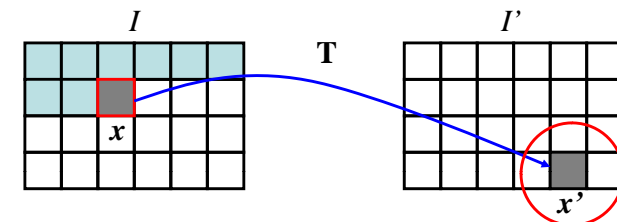
## Forward warping

- Send each pixel  $I(x)$  to its corresponding location  $x' = T(x)$  in  $I'(x')$
- What if pixel lands "between" two pixels?
- Will be there holes?
- Answer: add "contribution" to several pixels, normalize later (*splatting*)



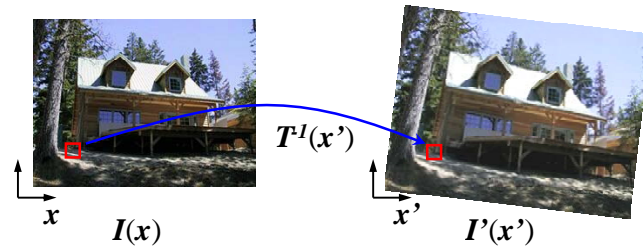
## Forward warping

```
fwarp(I, I', T)
{
  for (y=0; y<I.height; y++)
    for (x=0; x<I.width; x++) {
      (x',y')=T(x,y);
      Splatting(I',x',y',I(x,y),kernel);
    }
}
```



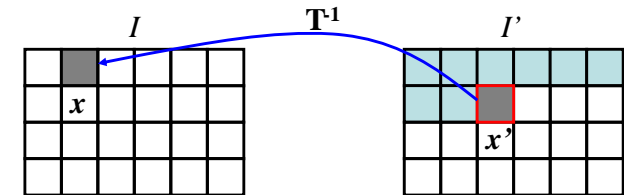
## Inverse warping

- Get each pixel  $I'(x')$  from its corresponding location  $x = T^{-1}(x')$  in  $I(x)$



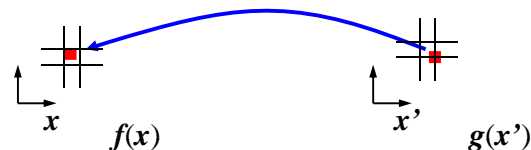
## Inverse warping

```
iwarp(I, I', T)
{
    for (y=0; y<I'.height; y++)
        for (x=0; x<I'.width; x++) {
            (x,y)=T^{-1}(x',y');
            I'(x',y')=I(x,y);
        }
}
```



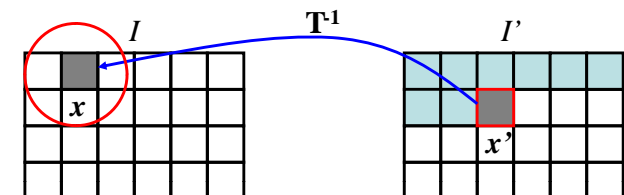
## Inverse warping

- Get each pixel  $I'(x')$  from its corresponding location  $x = T^{-1}(x')$  in  $I(x)$
- What if pixel comes from “between” two pixels?
- Answer: *resample* color value from *interpolated* (prefiltered) source image



## Inverse warping

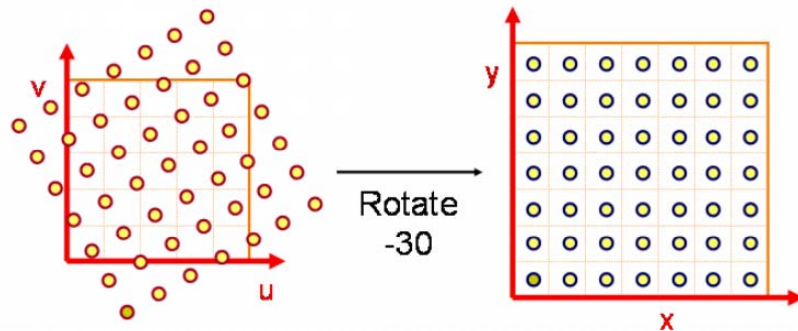
```
iwarp(I, I', T)
{
    for (y=0; y<I'.height; y++)
        for (x=0; x<I'.width; x++) {
            (x,y)=T^{-1}(x',y');
            I'(x',y')=Reconstruct(I,x,y,kernel);
        }
}
```





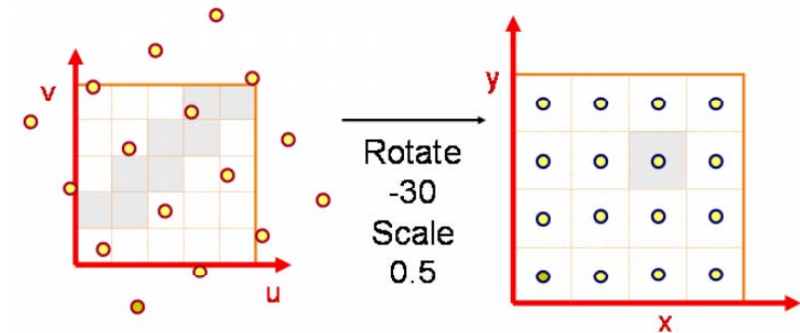
## Inverse warping

- No hole, but must resample
- What value should you take for non-integer coordinate? Closest one?



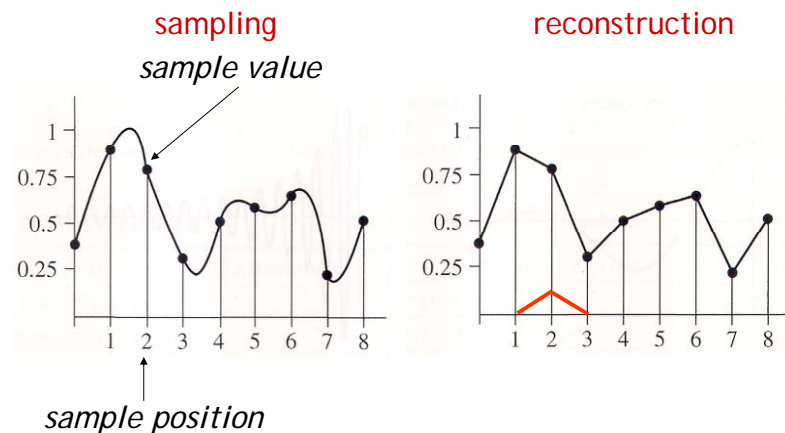
## Inverse warping

- It could cause aliasing



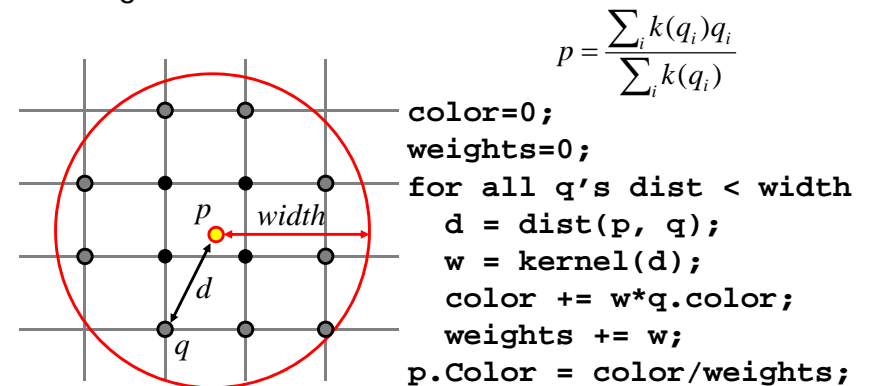
## Reconstruction

- Reconstruction generates an approximation to the original function. Error is called aliasing.



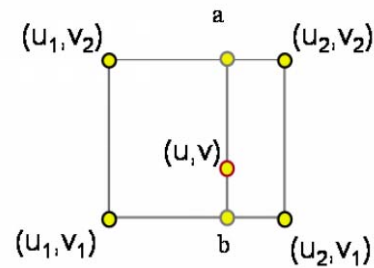
## Reconstruction

- Computed weighted sum of pixel neighborhood; output is weighted average of input, where weights are normalized values of filter kernel  $k$



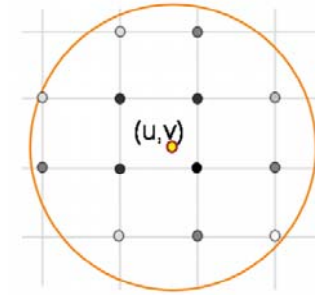
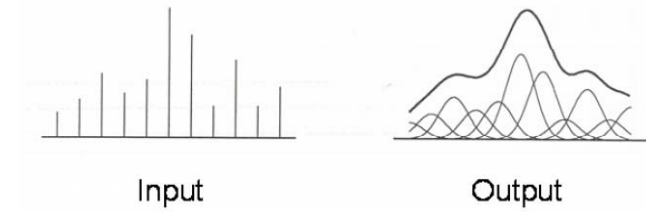
## Triangle filter

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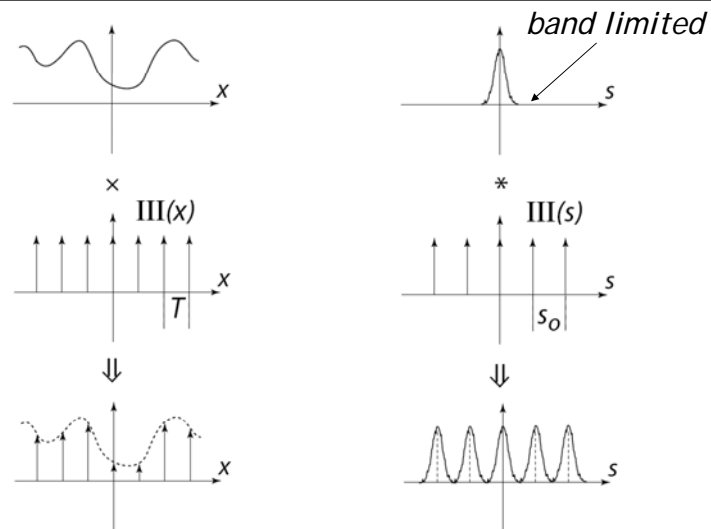
## Gaussian filter

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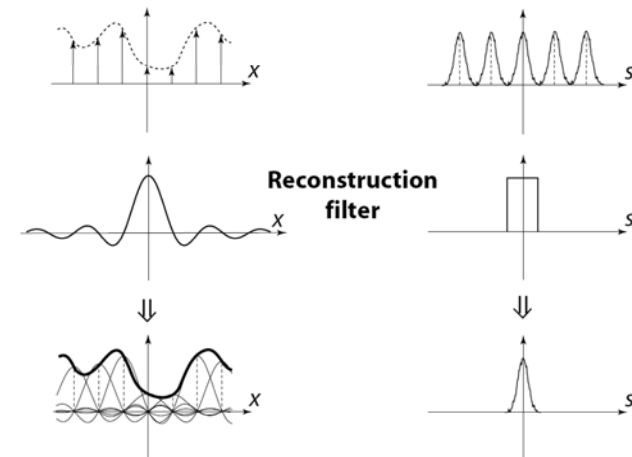
## Sampling

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## Reconstruction

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The reconstructed function is obtained by interpolating among the samples in some manner

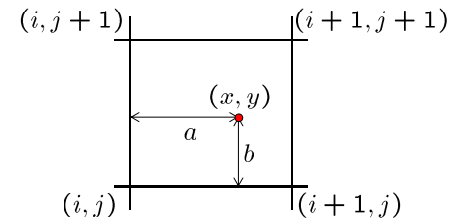
## Reconstruction (interpolation)

- Possible reconstruction filters (kernels):
  - nearest neighbor
  - bilinear
  - bicubic
  - sinc (optimal reconstruction)



## Bilinear interpolation (triangle filter)

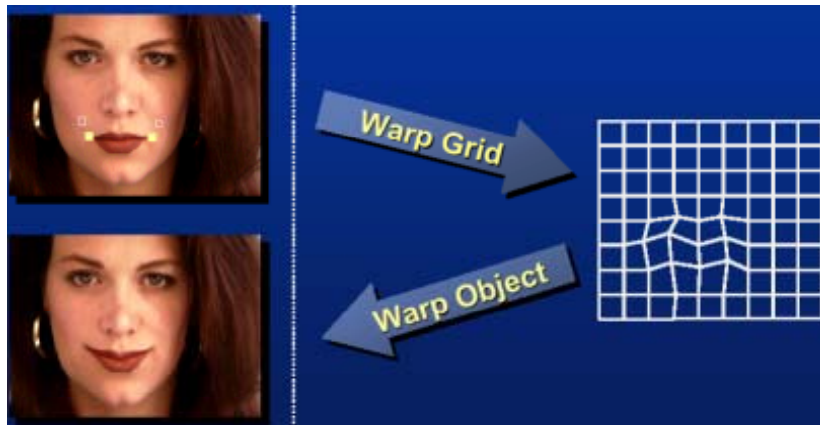
- A simple method for resampling images



$$f(x, y) = \begin{aligned} &(1-a)(1-b) f[i, j] \\ &+ a(1-b) f[i+1, j] \\ &+ ab f[i+1, j+1] \\ &+ (1-a)b f[i, j+1] \end{aligned}$$

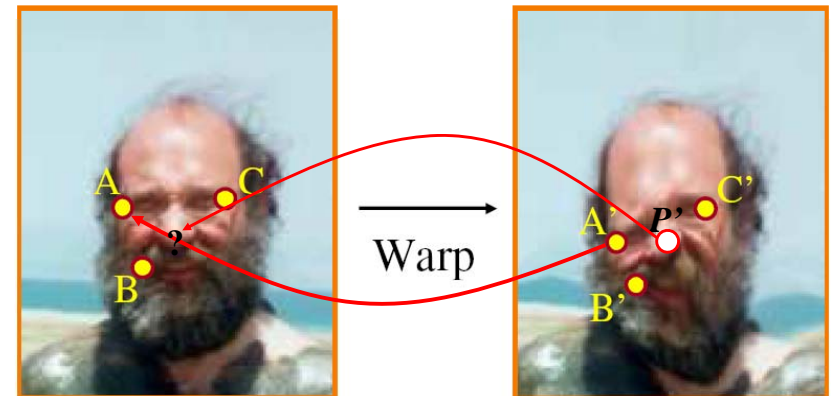
## Non-parametric image warping

- Specify a more detailed warp function
- Splines, meshes, optical flow (per-pixel motion)



## Non-parametric image warping

- Mappings implied by correspondences
- Inverse warping



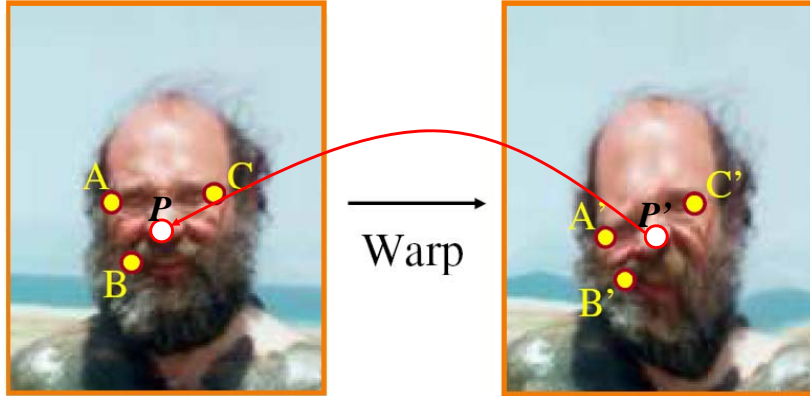
## Non-parametric image warping

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$$P = w_A A + w_B B + w_C C$$

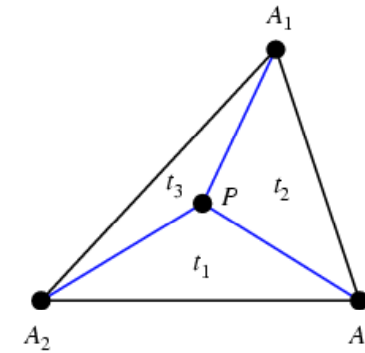
$$P' = w_A A' + w_B B' + w_C C'$$

Barycentric coordinate



## Barycentric coordinates

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$$P = t_1 A_1 + t_2 A_2 + t_3 A_3$$

$$t_1 + t_2 + t_3 = 1$$

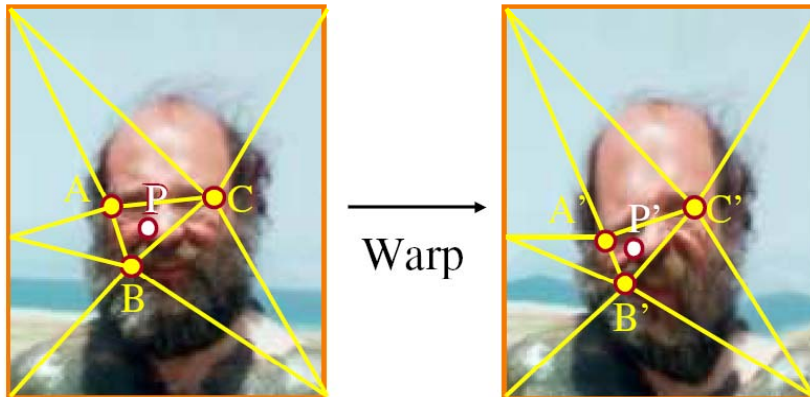
## Non-parametric image warping

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$$P = w_A A + w_B B + w_C C$$

$$P' = w_A A' + w_B B' + w_C C'$$

Barycentric coordinate



## Non-parametric image warping

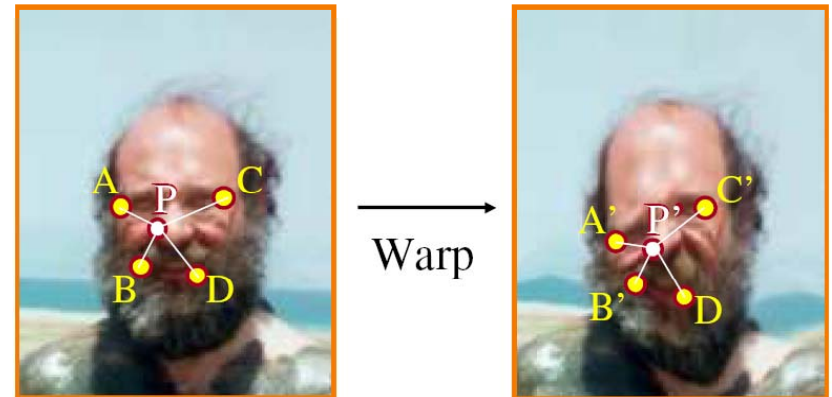
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Gaussian  $\rho(r) = e^{-\beta r^2}$

thin plate spline  $\rho(r) = r^2 \log(r)$

$$\Delta P = \frac{1}{K} \sum_i k_{x_i}(P') \Delta X_i$$

radial basis function



## Image warping



- Warping is a useful operation for mosaics, video matching, view interpolation and so on.

**An application of image warping:  
face beautification**

## Data-driven facial beautification



## Facial beautification





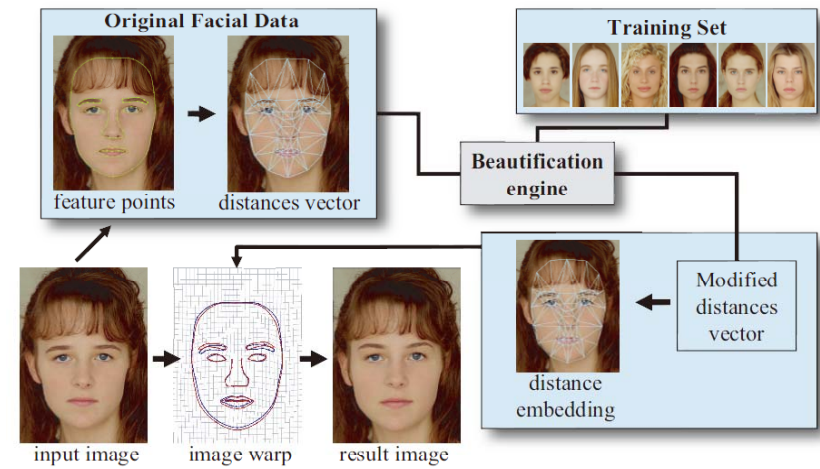
## Facial beautification

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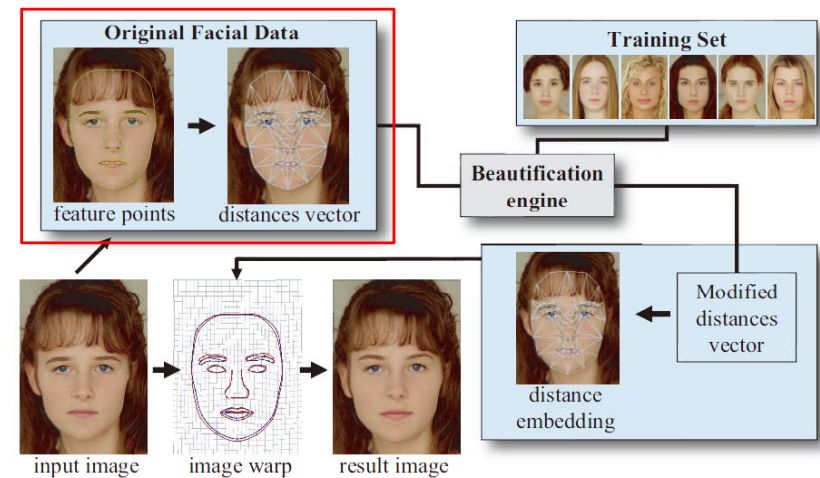
## Training set

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- Face images
  - 92 young Caucasian female
  - 33 young Caucasian male

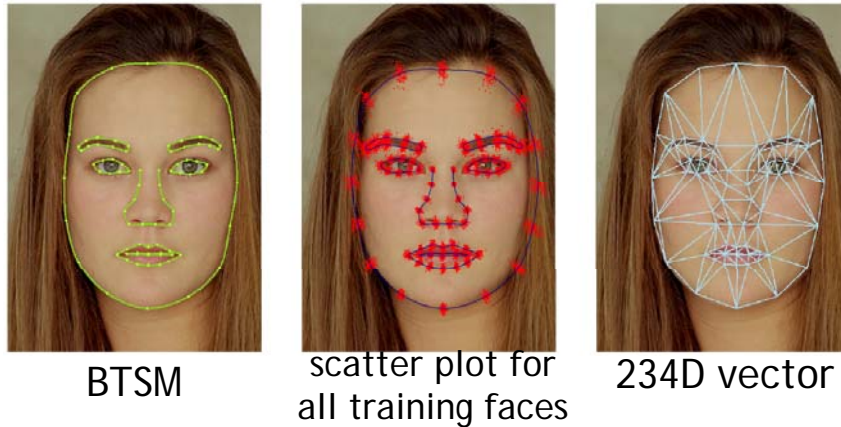
## Feature extraction

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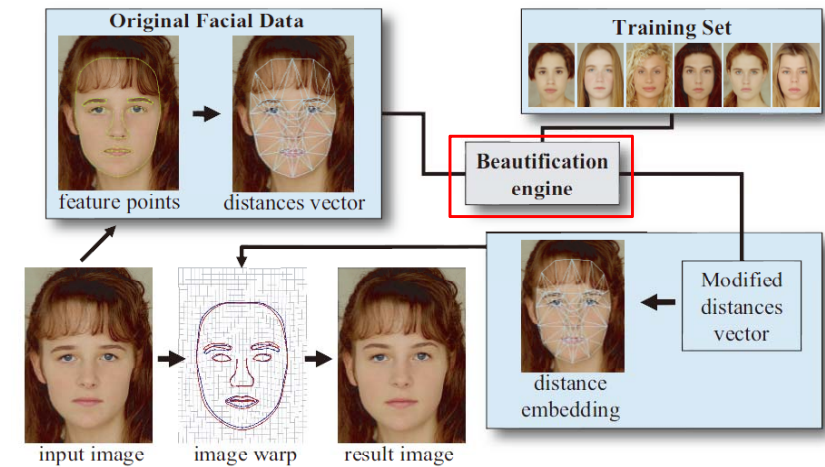


## Feature extraction

- Extract 84 feature points by BTSM
- Delaunay triangulation -> 234D distance vector (normalized by the square root of face area)

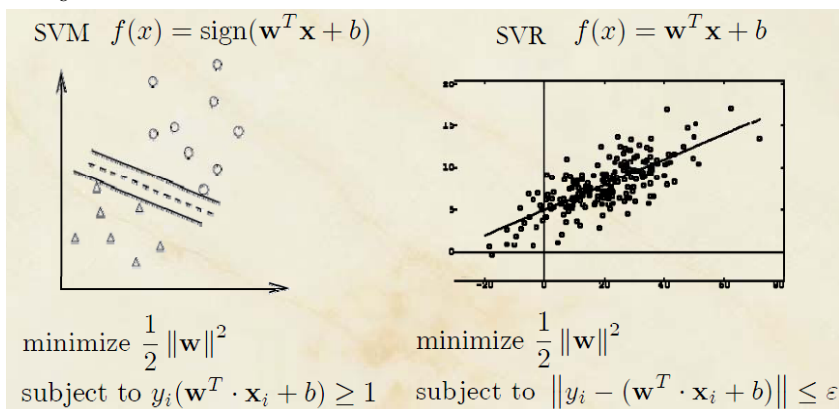


## Beautification engine



## Support vector regression (SVR)

- Similar concept to SVM, but for regression
- RBF kernels
- $f_b(v)$



## Beautification process

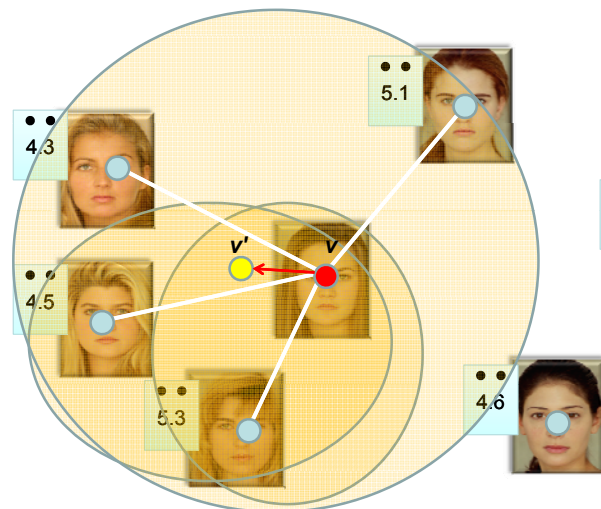
- Given the normalized distance vector  $v$ , generate a nearby vector  $v'$  so that

$$f_b(v') > f_b(v)$$

- Two options
  - KNN-based
  - SVR-based

## KNN-based beautification

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$$w_i = \frac{b_i}{\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_i\|}$$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^K w_i \mathbf{v}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^K w_i}$$

## SVR-based beautification

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- Directly use  $f_b$  to seek  $\mathbf{v}'$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \underset{\mathbf{u}}{\operatorname{argmin}} E(\mathbf{u}), \text{ where } E(\mathbf{u}) = -f_b(\mathbf{u})$$

- Use standard no-derivative direction set method for minimization
- Features were reduced to 35D by PCA

## SVR-based beautification

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- Problems: it sometimes yields distance vectors corresponding to invalid human face
- Solution: add log-likelihood term (LP)

$$E(\mathbf{u}) = (\alpha - 1)f_b(\mathbf{u}) - \alpha LP(\mathbf{u})$$

- LP is approximated by modeling face space as a multivariate Gaussian distribution

$$P(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{N/2} \sqrt{\prod_i \lambda_i}} \prod_i \exp\left(\frac{-\beta_i^2}{2\lambda_i}\right)$$

$\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ 's i-th component

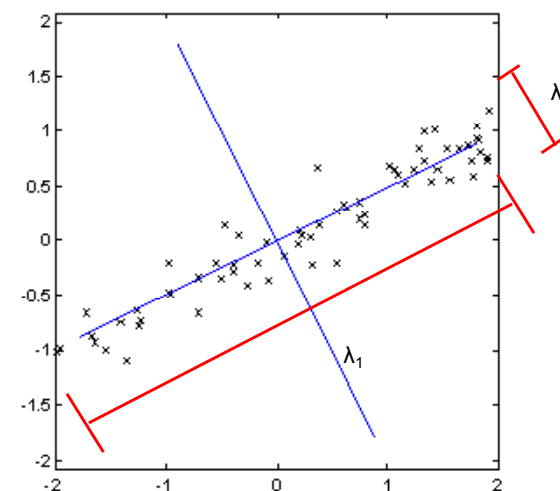
$\mathbf{u}$ 's projection in PCA space

$$LP(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \sum \frac{-\beta_i^2}{2\lambda_i} + \text{const}$$

i-th eigenvalue

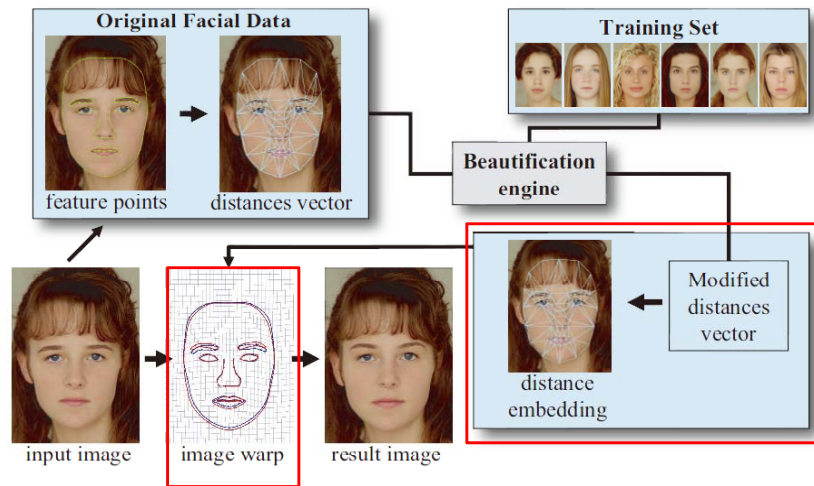
## PCA

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## Embedding and warping



## Distance embedding

- Convert modified distance vector  $v'$  to a new face landmark

$$E(q_1, \dots, q_N) = \sum_{e_{ij}} \alpha_{ij} \left( \|q_i - q_j\|^2 - d_{ij}^2 \right)^2$$

1 if  $i$  and  $j$  belong to different facial features  
10 otherwise

- A graph drawing problem referred to as a stress minimization problem, solved by LM algorithm for non-linear minimization

## Distance embedding

- Post processing to enforce similarity transform for features on eyes by minimizing

$$\sum \|Sp_i - q_i\|^2$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & t_x \\ -b & a & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Results (in training set)

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## User study

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Original portrait	3.37 (0.49)
Warped to mean	3.75 (0.49)
KNN-beautified (best)	4.14 (0.51)
SVR-beautified	4.51 (0.49)

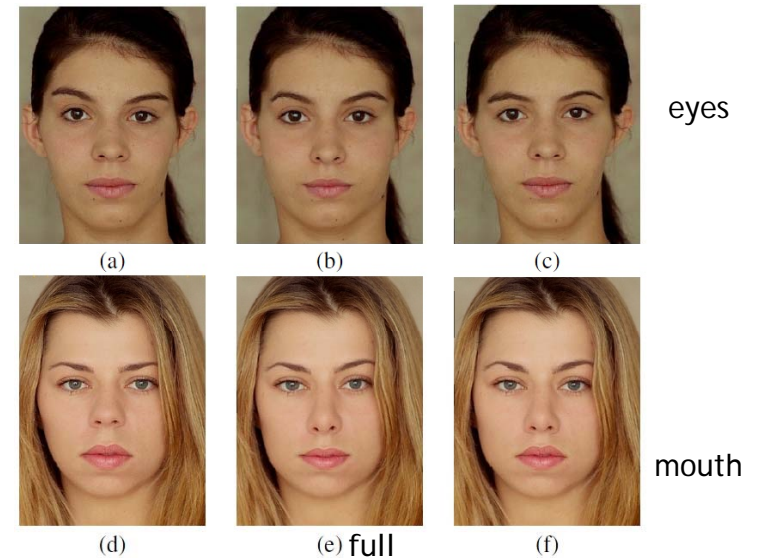
## Results (not in training set)

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## By parts

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## Different degrees

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50%



100%

## Facial collage

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## Results

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- [video](#)

Image morphing



## Image morphing

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- The goal is to synthesize a fluid transformation from one image to another.
- Cross dissolving is a common transition between cuts, but it is not good for morphing because of the ghosting effects.



image #1

dissolving

image #2

## Artifacts of cross-dissolving

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<http://www.salavon.com/>

## Image morphing

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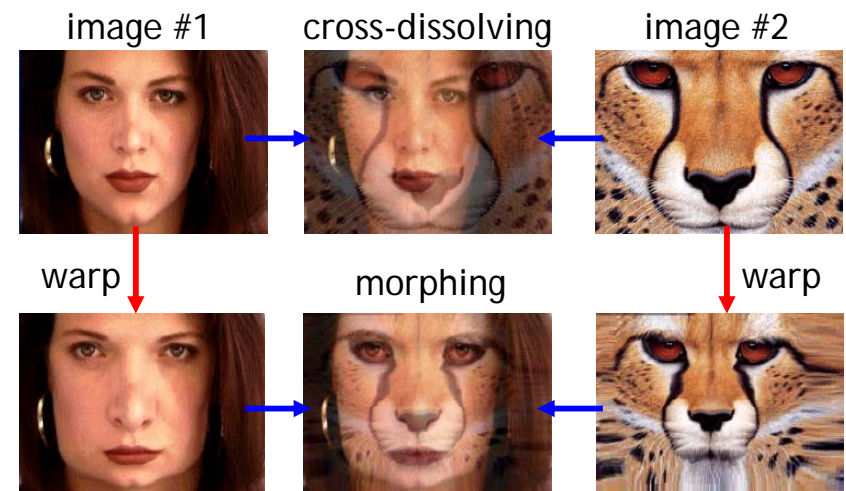
- Why ghosting?
- Morphing = warping + cross-dissolving

shape  
(geometric)

color  
(photometric)

## Image morphing

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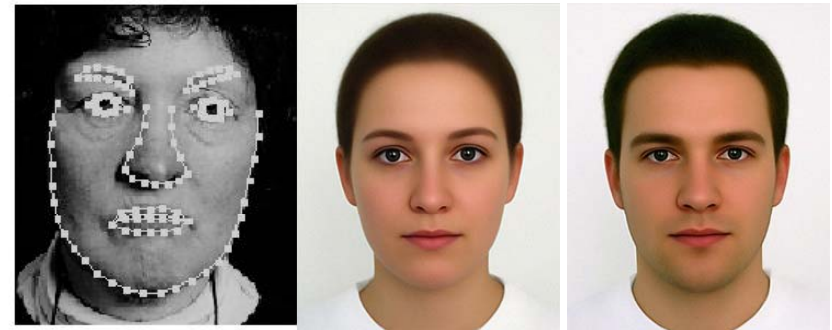
## Morphing sequence

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## Face averaging by morphing

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average faces

## Image morphing

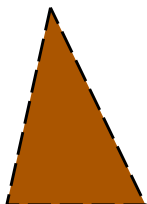
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create a morphing sequence: for each time  $t$

1. Create an intermediate warping field (by interpolation)
2. Warp both images towards it
3. Cross-dissolve the colors in the newly warped images



$t=0$



$t=0.33$



$t=1$

## An ideal example (in 2004)

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$t=0$

morphing

$t=1$

## An ideal example



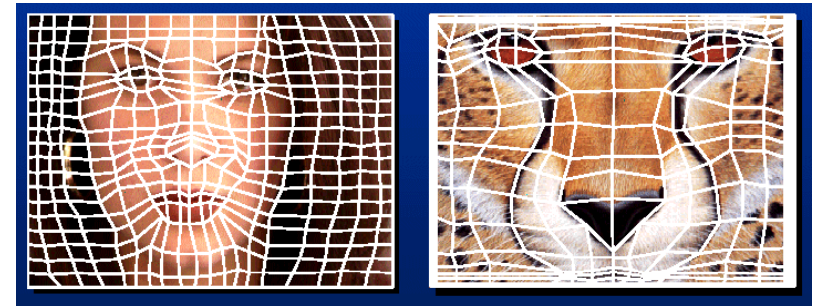
t=0

middle face (t=0.5)

t=1

## Warp specification (mesh warping)

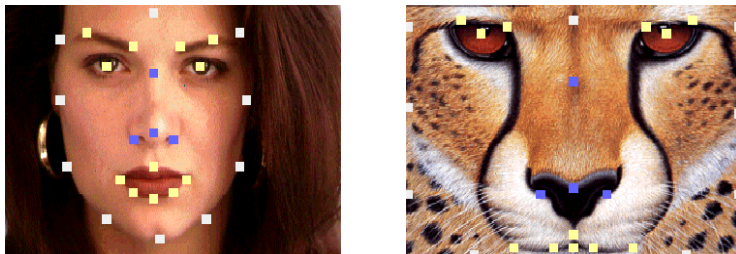
- How can we specify the warp?
  1. Specify corresponding *spline control points*  
*interpolate* to a complete warping function



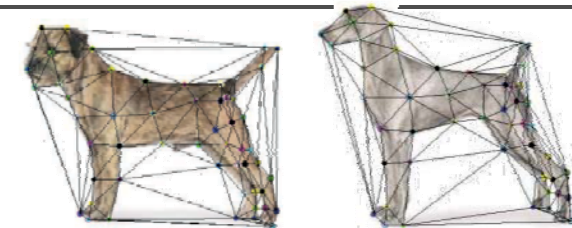
easy to implement, but less expressive

## Warp specification

- How can we specify the warp
  2. Specify corresponding *points*
    - *interpolate* to a complete warping function



## Solution: convert to mesh warping

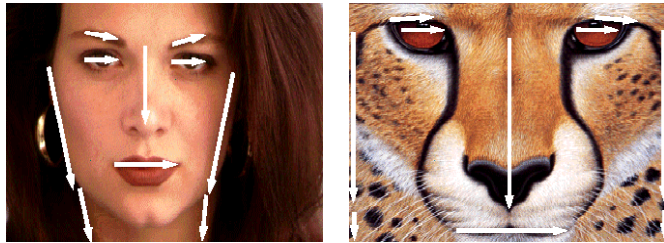


1. Define a triangular mesh over the points
  - Same mesh in both images!
  - Now we have triangle-to-triangle correspondences
2. Warp each triangle separately from source to destination
  - How do we warp a triangle?
  - 3 points = affine warp!
  - Just like texture mapping



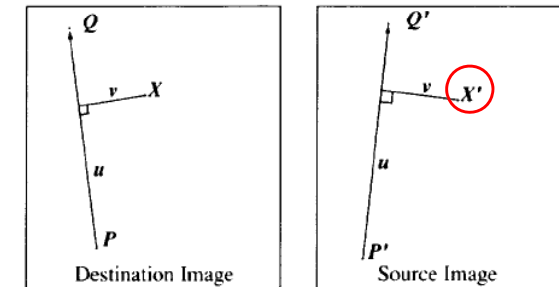
## Warp specification (field warping)

- How can we specify the warp?
  - Specify corresponding *vectors*
    - interpolate* to a complete warping function
    - The Beier & Neely Algorithm



## Beier&Neely (SIGGRAPH 1992)

- Single line-pair PQ to P'Q':



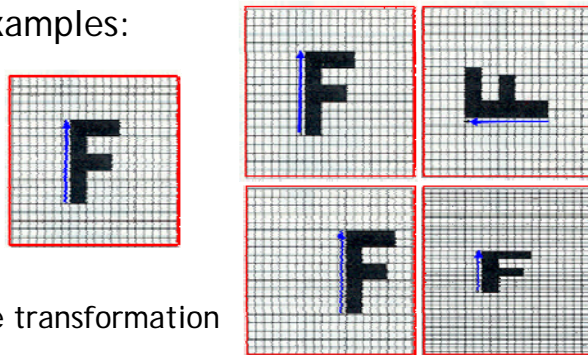
$$u = \frac{(X - P) \cdot (Q - P)}{\|Q - P\|^2} \quad (1)$$

$$v = \frac{(X - P) \cdot \text{Perpendicular}(Q - P)}{\|Q - P\|} \quad (2)$$

$$X' = P' + u \cdot (Q' - P') + \frac{v \cdot \text{Perpendicular}(Q' - P')}{\|Q' - P'\|} \quad (3)$$

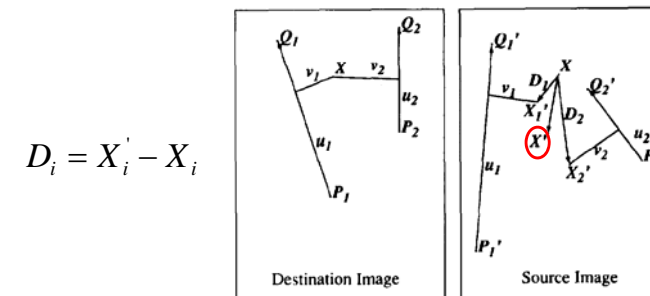
## Algorithm (single line-pair)

- For each X in the destination image:
  - Find the corresponding u,v
  - Find X' in the source image for that u,v
  - destinationImage(X) = sourceImage(X')
- Examples:



Affine transformation

## Multiple Lines



$$D_i = X_i' - X_i$$

$$weight[i] = \left( \frac{length[i]^p}{a + dist[i]} \right)^b$$

*length* = length of the line segment,

*dist* = distance to line segment

The influence of *a*, *p*, *b*. The same as the average of  $X_i'$

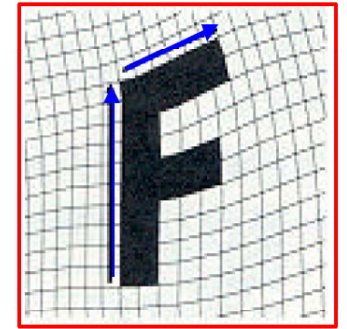
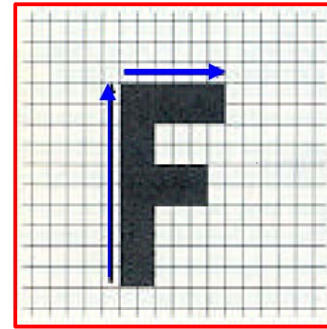
## Full Algorithm

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```
WarpImage(SourceImage, L'[...], L'[...])
begin
  foreach destination pixel X do
    XSum = (0,0)
    WeightSum = 0
    foreach line L[i] in destination do
      X'[i] = X transformed by (L[i], L'[i])
      weight[i] = weight assigned to X'[i]
      XSum = Xsum + X'[i] * weight[i]
      WeightSum += weight[i]
    end
    X' = XSum/WeightSum
    DestinationImage(X) = SourceImage(X')
  end
  return Destination
end
```

## Resulting warp

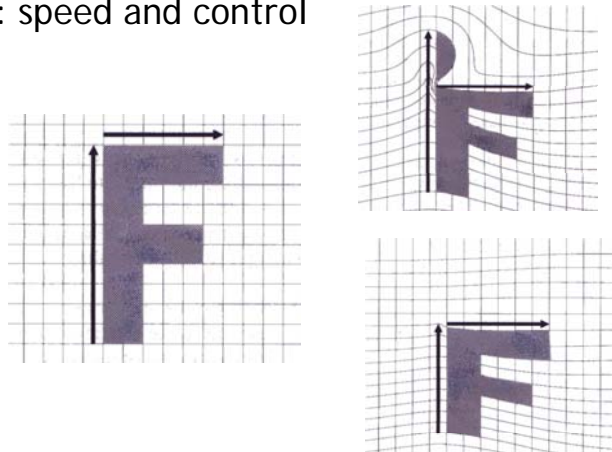
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## Comparison to mesh morphing

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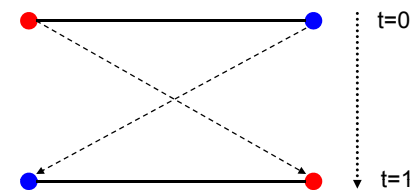
- Pros: more expressive
- Cons: speed and control



## Warp interpolation

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- How do we create an intermediate warp at time  $t$ ?
  - linear interpolation for line end-points
  - But, a line rotating 180 degrees will become 0 length in the middle
  - One solution is to interpolate line mid-point and orientation angle





## Animation

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GenerateAnimation(Image<sub>0</sub>, L<sub>0</sub>[...], Image<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>1</sub>[...])

**begin**

**foreach** intermediate frame time  $t$  **do**

**for**  $i=1$  to number of line-pairs **do**

$L[i] = \text{line } t\text{-th of the way from } L_0[i] \text{ to } L_1[i].$

**end**

$\text{Warp}_0 = \text{WarpImage}(\text{Image}_0, L_0[...], L[...])$

$\text{Warp}_1 = \text{WarpImage}(\text{Image}_1, L_1[...], L[...])$

**foreach** pixel  $p$  in FinalImage **do**

$\text{FinalImage}(p) = (1-t) \text{Warp}_0(p) + t \text{Warp}_1(p)$

**end**

**end**

**end**

## Animated sequences

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- Specify keyframes and interpolate the lines for the inbetween frames
- Require a lot of tweaking

## Results

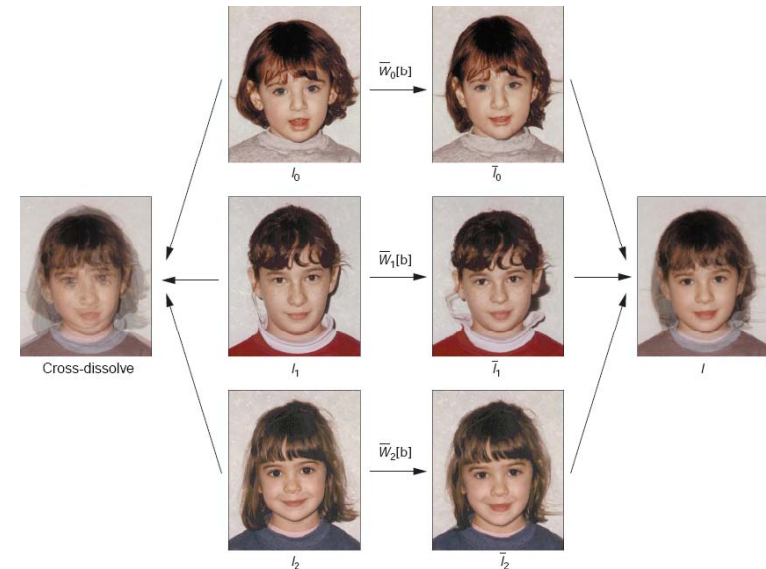
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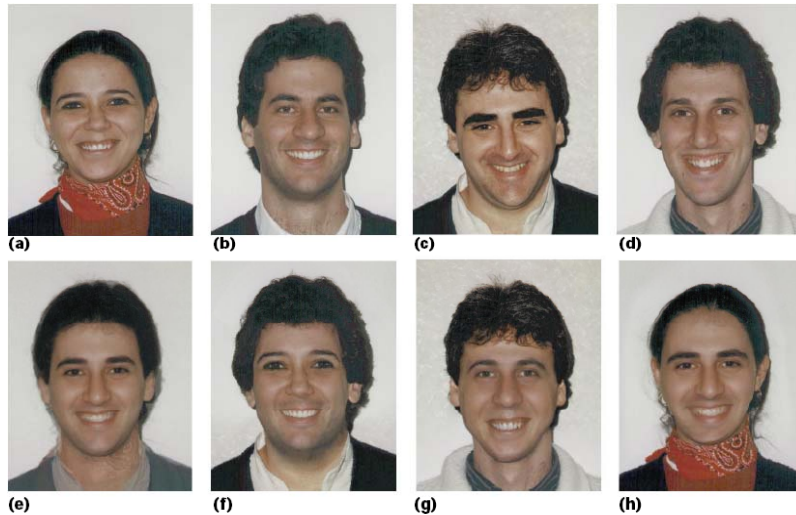
*Michael Jackson's MTV "Black or White"*

## Multi-source morphing

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## Multi-source morphing



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## Project #1: image morphing

## Reference software

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- I used [FantaMorph](#) 30-day evaluation version. You can use any one you like.



## Morphing is not only for faces

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