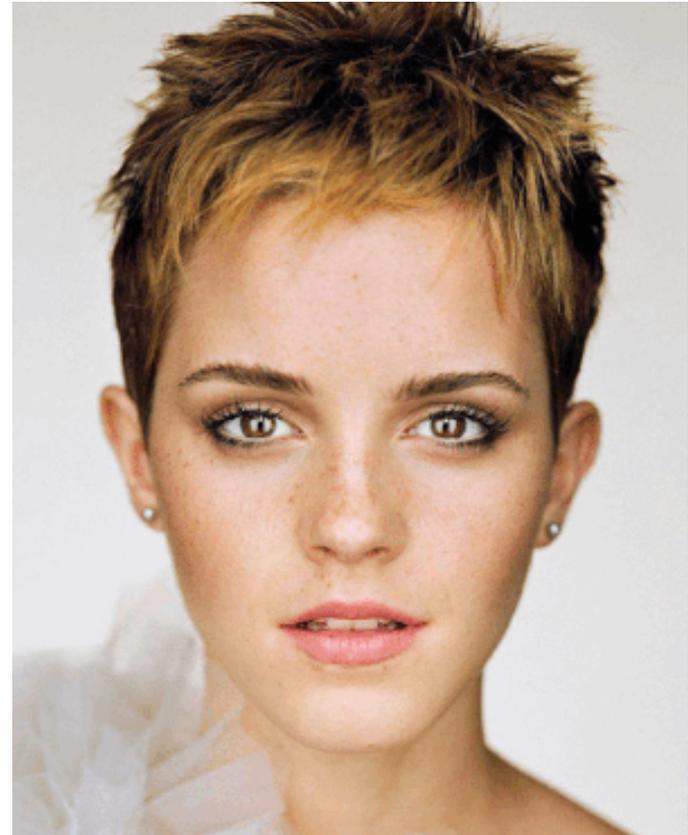


# Image Morphing

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# Image Warping in Biology

D'Arcy Thompson

<http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/Miscellaneous/darcy.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D'Arcy\\_Thompson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D'Arcy_Thompson)

Importance of shape and structure in evolution

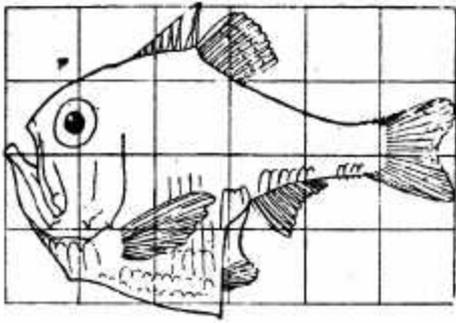
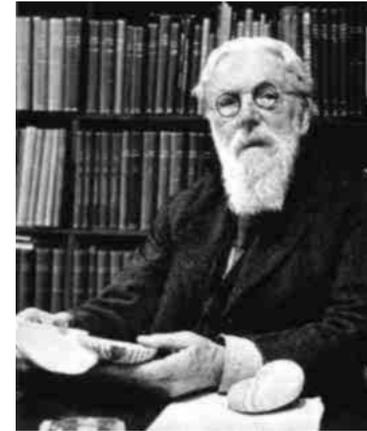
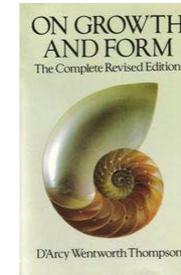


Fig. 517. *Argyropelecus Olfersi*.

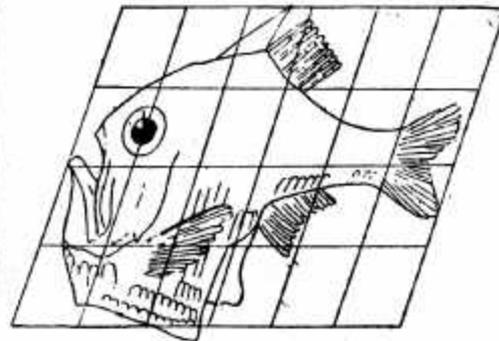
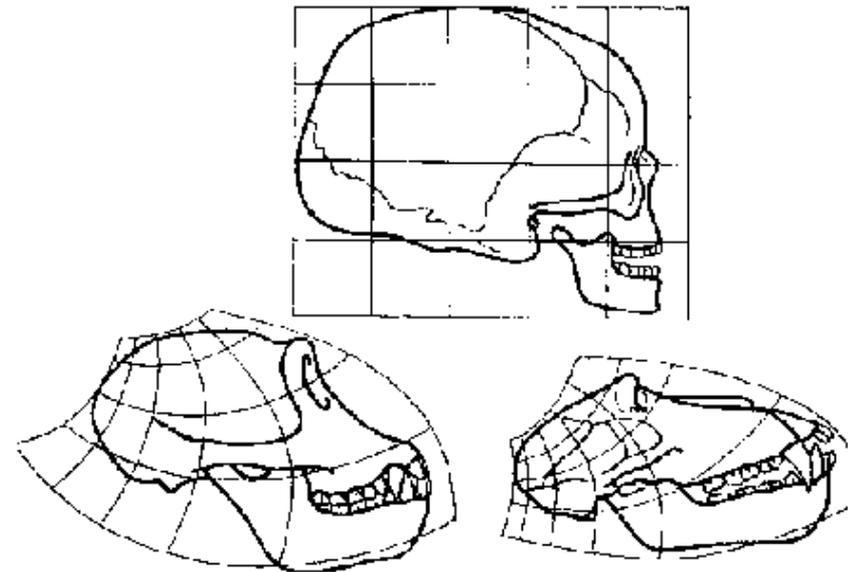


Fig. 518. *Sternoptyx diaphana*.



Skulls of a human, a chimpanzee and a baboon and transformations between them

# Morphing = Object Averaging

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The aim is to find “an average” between two objects

- Not an average of two images of objects...
- ...but an image of the average object!
- How can we make a smooth transition in time?
- Do a “weighted average” over time  $t$ !

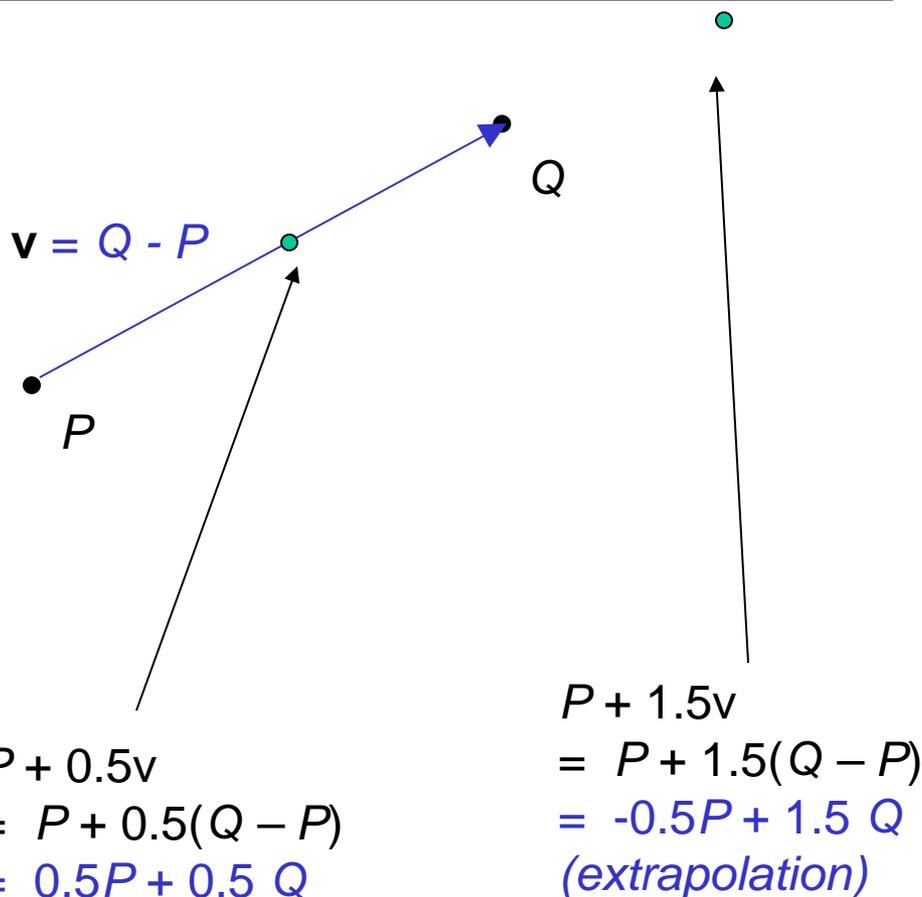
How do we know what the average object looks like?

- We haven't a clue!
- But we can often fake something reasonable
  - Usually requires user/artist input

# Averaging Points

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What's the average of P and Q?



Linear Interpolation  
(Affine Combination):  
New point  $aP + bQ$ ,  
defined only when  $a+b = 1$   
So  $aP+bQ = aP+(1-a)Q$

P and Q can be anything:

- points on a plane (2D) or in space (3D)
- Colors in RGB or HSV (3D)
- Whole images (m-by-n D)... etc.

# Idea #1: Cross-Dissolve

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Interpolate whole images:

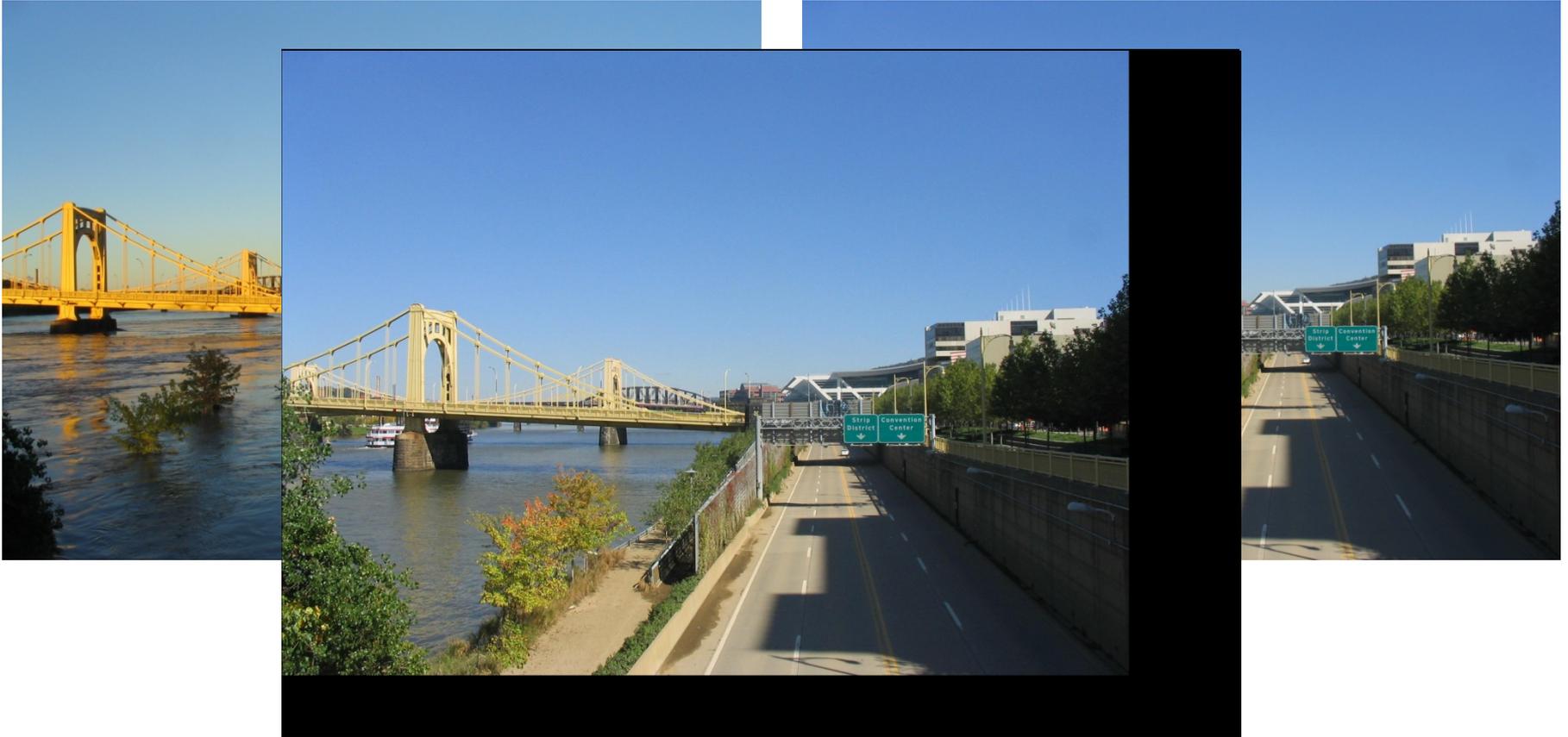
$$\text{Image}_{\text{halfway}} = (1-t) \cdot \text{Image}_1 + t \cdot \text{Image}_2$$

This is called **cross-dissolve** in film industry

But what if the images are not aligned?

# Idea #2: Align, then cross-dissolve

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Align first, then cross-dissolve

- Alignment using global warp – picture still valid

# Parametric (global) warping

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Examples of parametric warps:



translation



rotation



aspect



affine



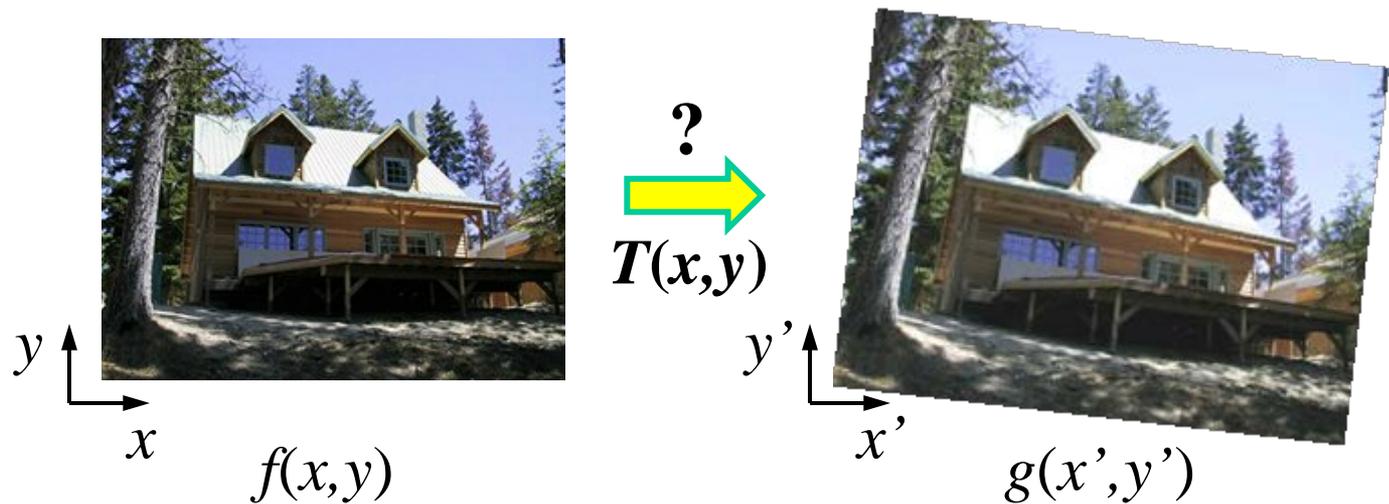
perspective



cylindrical

# Recovering Transformations

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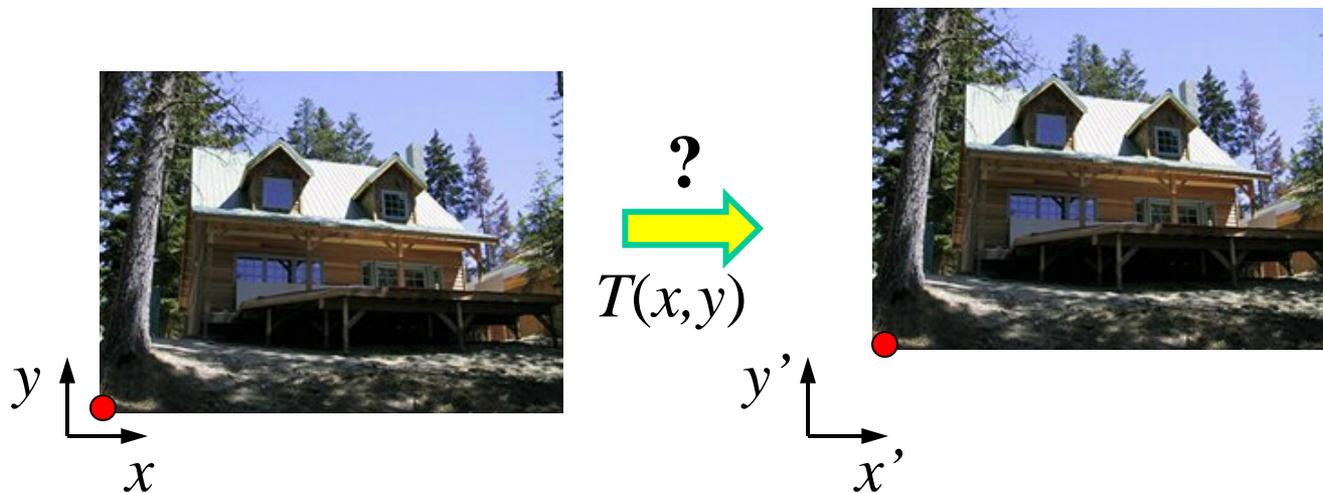


What if we know  $f$  and  $g$  and want to recover the transform  $T$ ?

- willing to let user provide correspondences
  - How many do we need?

# Translation: # correspondences?

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How many correspondences needed for translation?

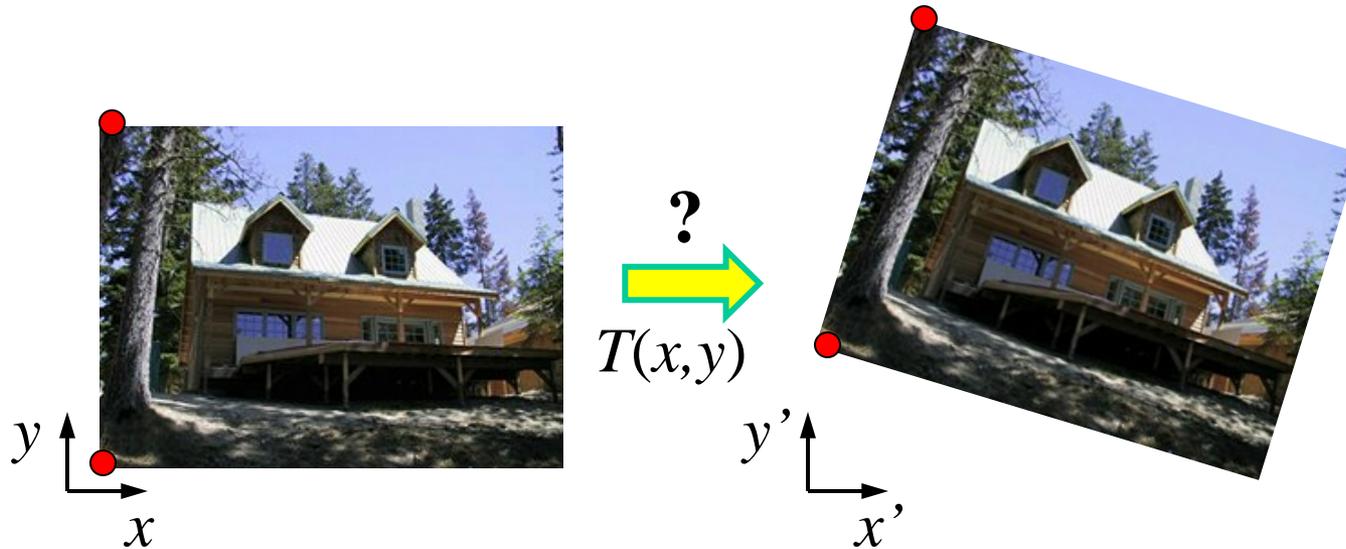
How many Degrees of Freedom?

What is the transformation matrix?

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & p'_x - p_x \\ 0 & 1 & p'_y - p_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Euclidian: # correspondences?

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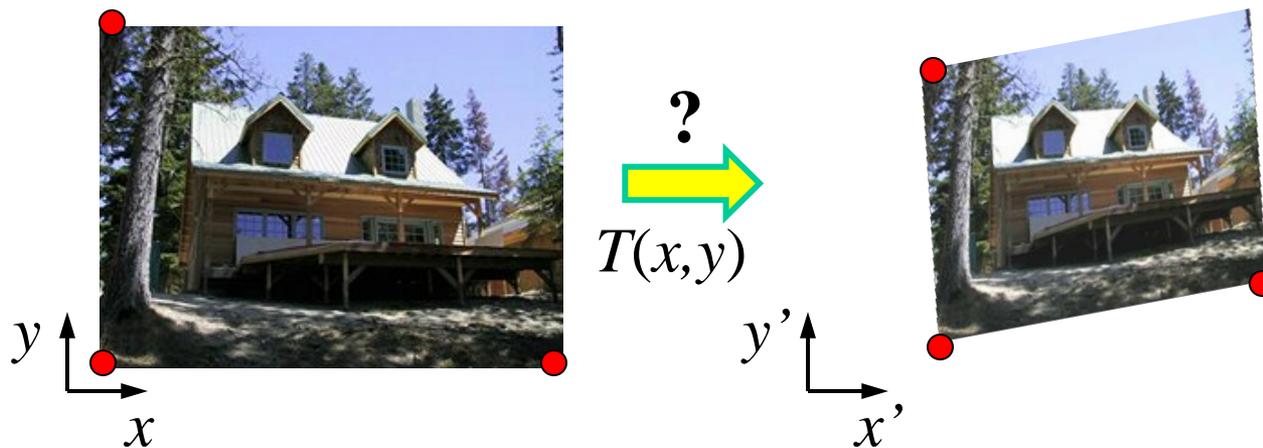


How many correspondences needed for translation+rotation?

How many DOF?

# Affine: # correspondences?

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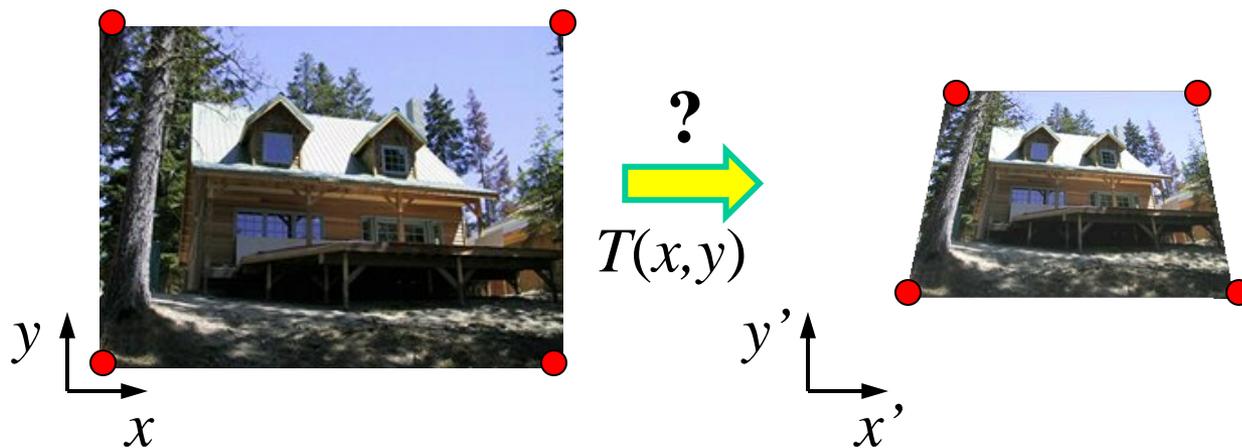


How many correspondences needed for affine?

How many DOF?

# Projective: # correspondences?

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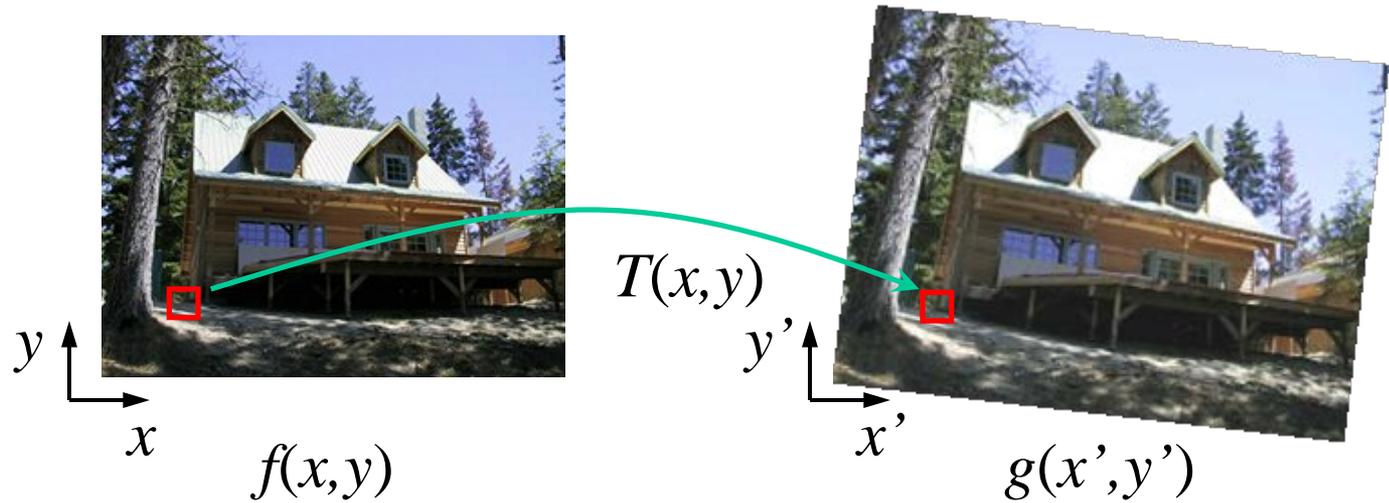


How many correspondences needed for projective?

How many DOF?

# Image warping

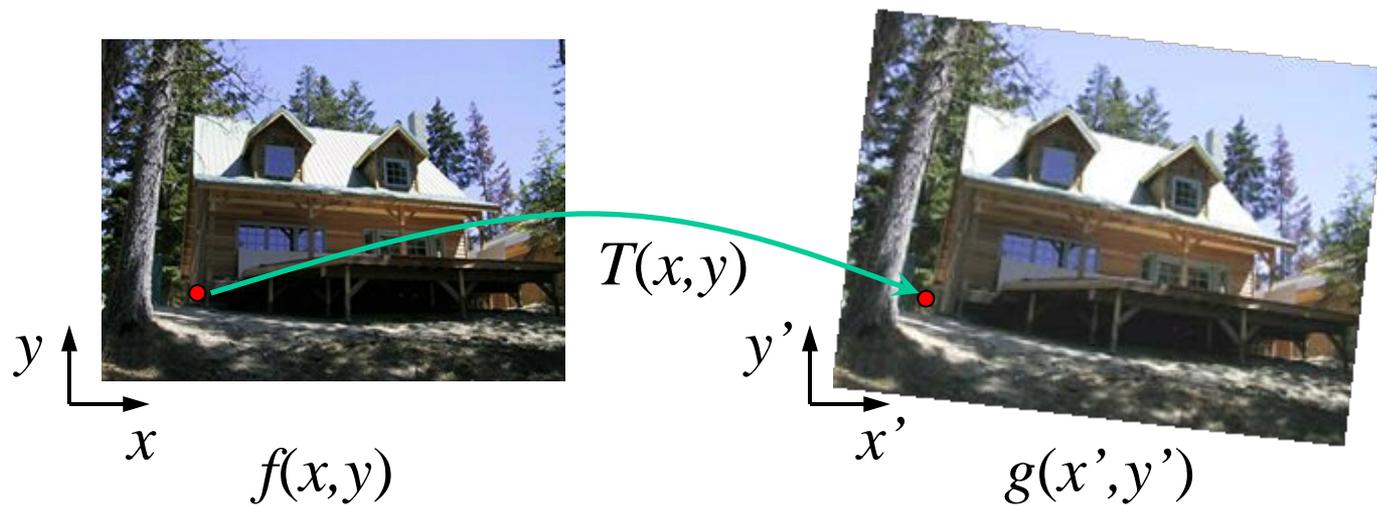
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Given a coordinate transform  $(x',y') = T(x,y)$  and a source image  $f(x,y)$ , how do we compute a transformed image  $g(x',y') = f(T(x,y))$ ?

# Forward warping

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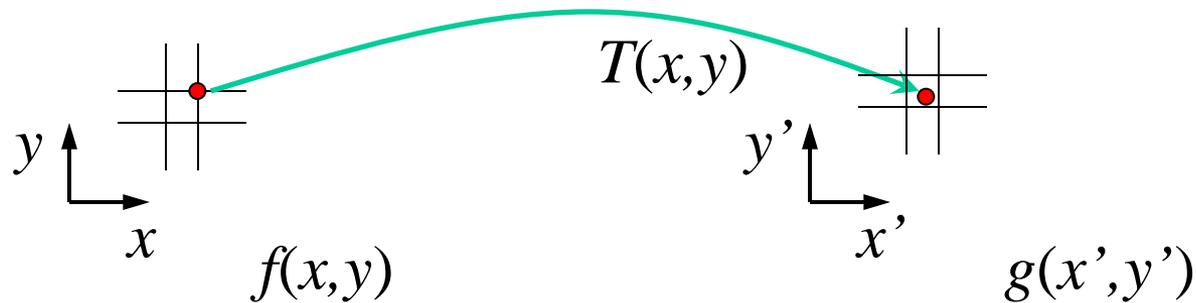


Send each pixel  $f(x, y)$  to its corresponding location  $(x', y') = T(x, y)$  in the second image

Q: what if pixel lands “between” two pixels?

# Forward warping

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Send each pixel  $f(x,y)$  to its corresponding location  $(x',y') = T(x,y)$  in the second image

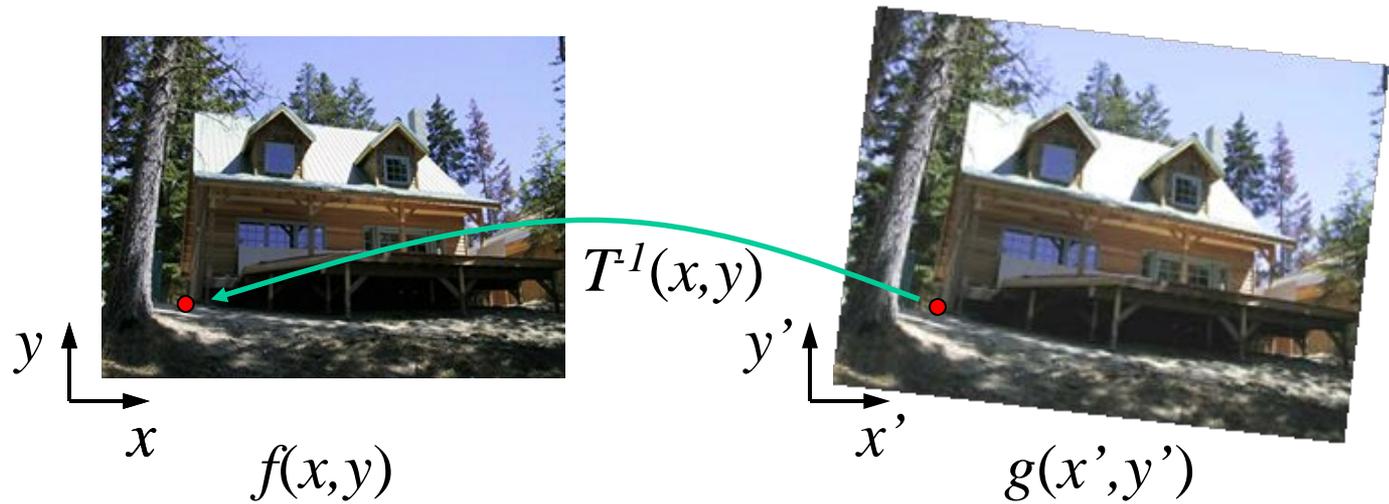
Q: what if pixel lands “between” two pixels?

A: distribute color among neighboring pixels  $(x',y')$

- Known as “splatting”
- Check out `griddata` in Matlab

# Inverse warping

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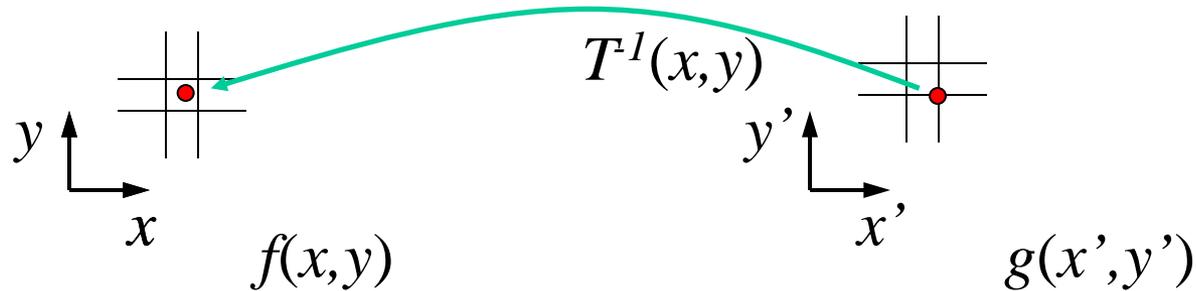


Get each pixel  $g(x',y')$  from its corresponding location  $(x,y) = T^{-1}(x',y')$  in the first image

Q: what if pixel comes from “between” two pixels?

# Inverse warping

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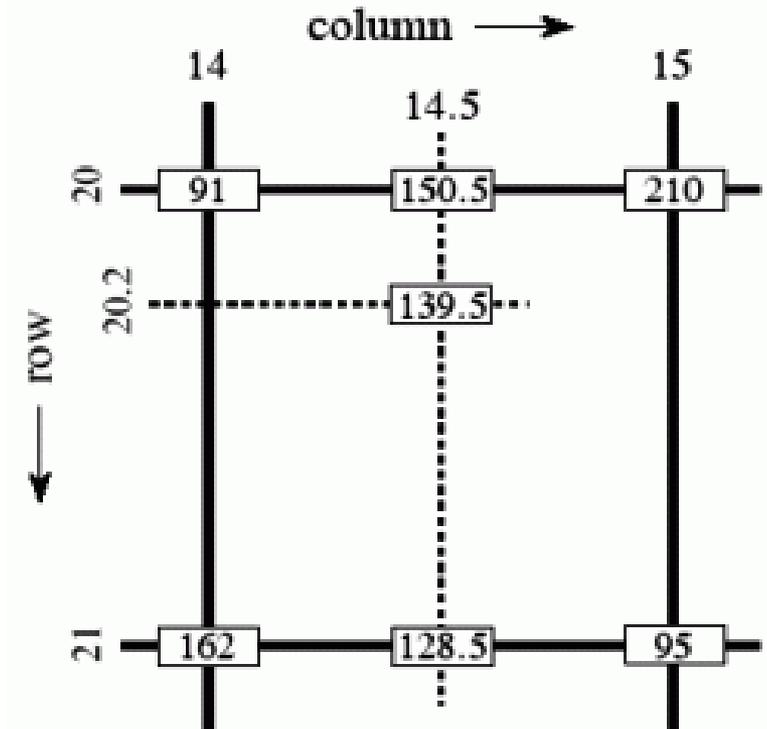
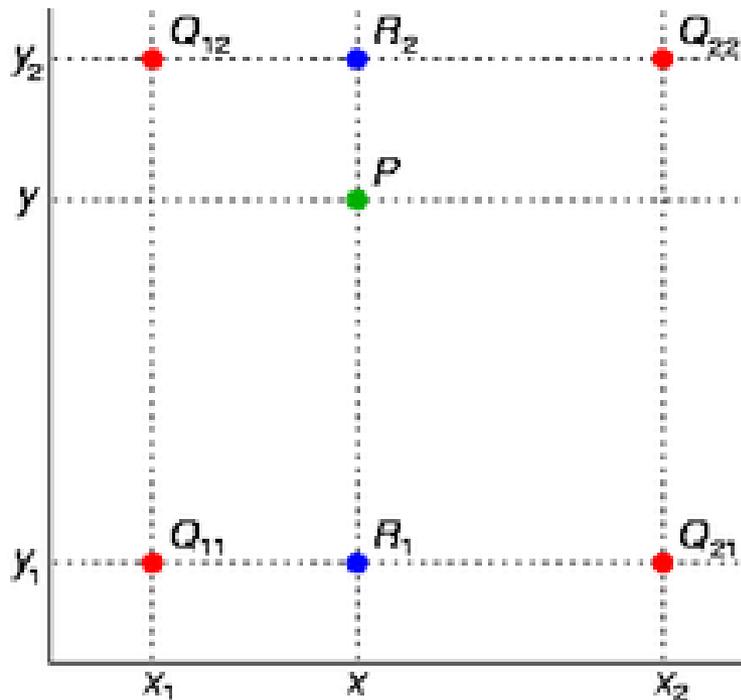
Get each pixel  $g(x', y')$  from its corresponding location  $(x, y) = T^{-1}(x', y')$  in the first image

Q: what if pixel comes from “between” two pixels?

A: *Interpolate* color value from neighbors

- nearest neighbor, bilinear, Gaussian, bicubic
- Check out `interp2` in Matlab

# Bilinear Interpolation



# Forward vs. inverse warping

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Q: which is better?

A: usually inverse—eliminates holes

- however, it requires an invertible warp function—not always possible...

# Global warp not always enough!

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## What to do?

- Cross-dissolve doesn't work
- Global alignment doesn't work
  - Cannot be done with a global transformation (e.g. affine)
- Any ideas?

## Feature matching!

- Nose to nose, tail to tail, etc.
- This is a local (non-parametric) warp

# Local (non-parametric) Image Warping

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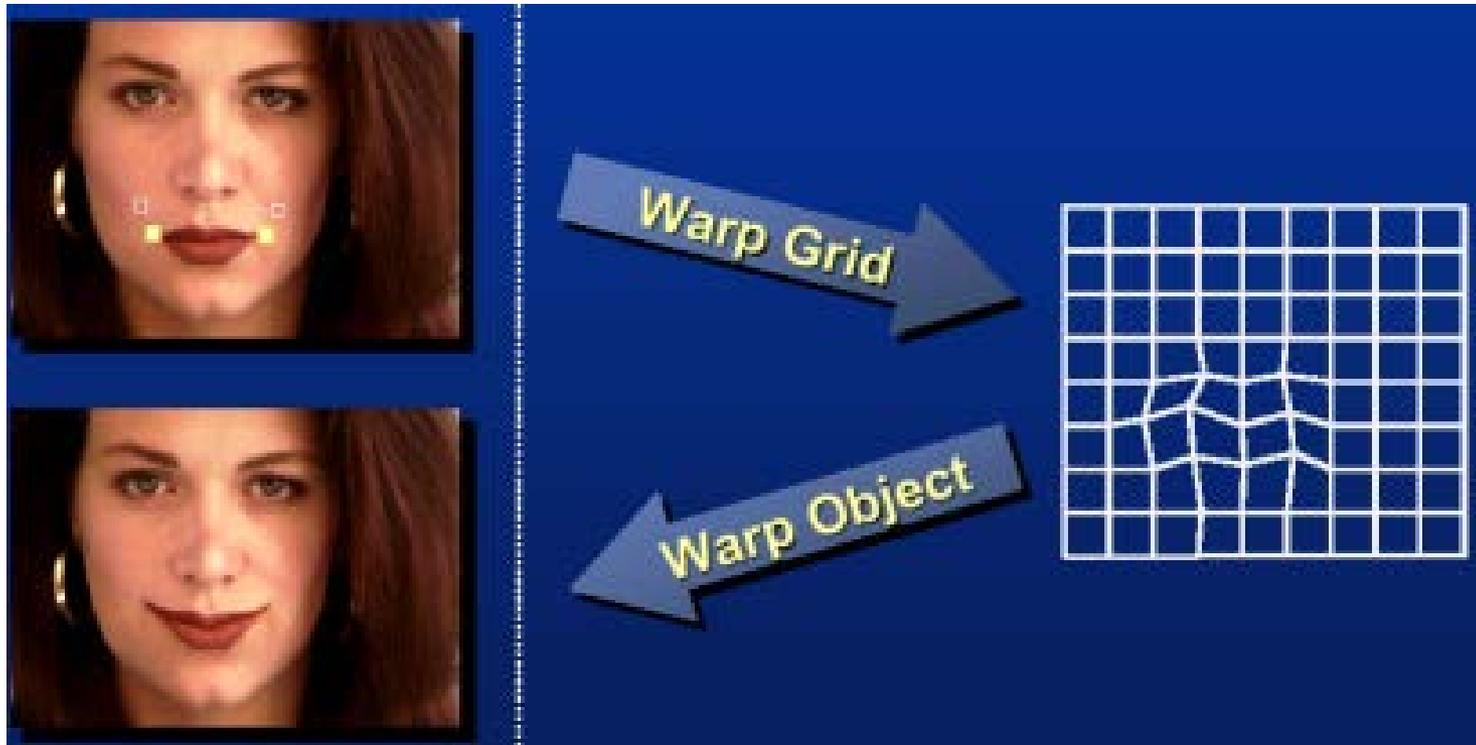
Need to specify a more detailed warp function

- Global warps were functions of a few (2,4,8) parameters
- Non-parametric warps  $u(x,y)$  and  $v(x,y)$  can be defined independently for every single location  $x,y$ !
- Once we know vector field  $u,v$  we can easily warp each pixel (use backward warping with interpolation)

# Warp specification -- dense

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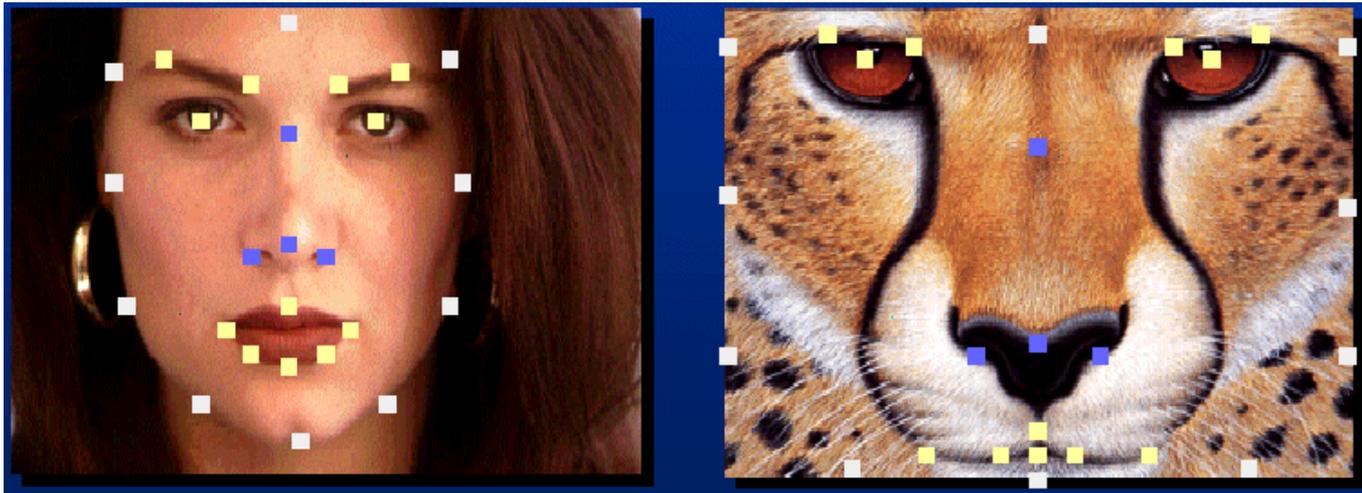
Define vector field to specify a dense warp



# Warp specification - sparse

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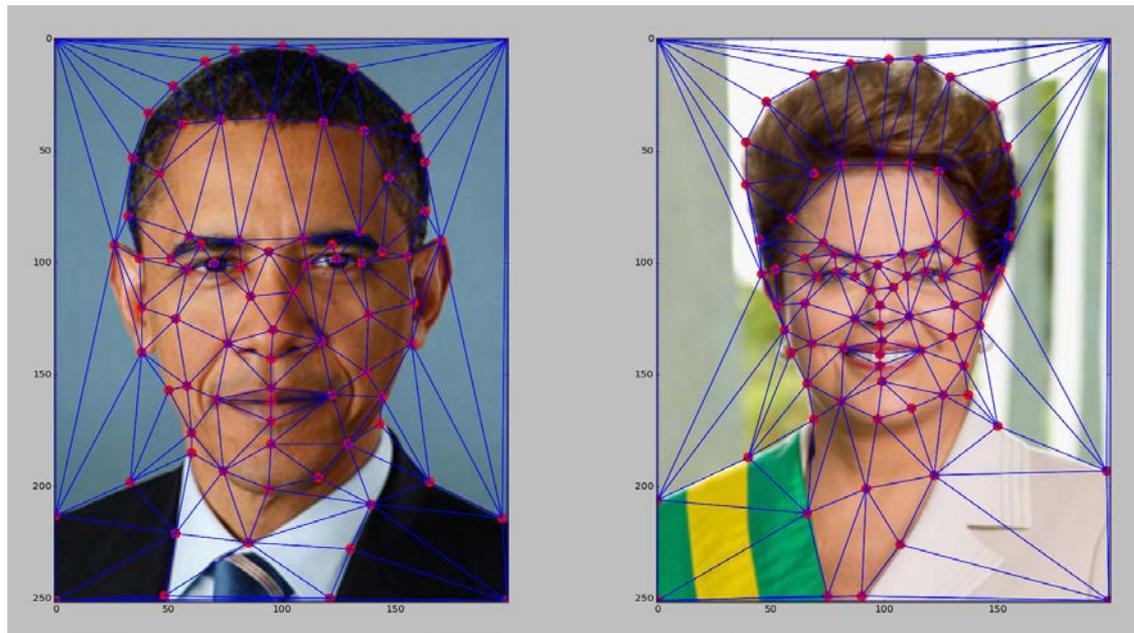
How can we specify a sparse warp?



How do we go from feature points to pixels?

# Triangular Mesh

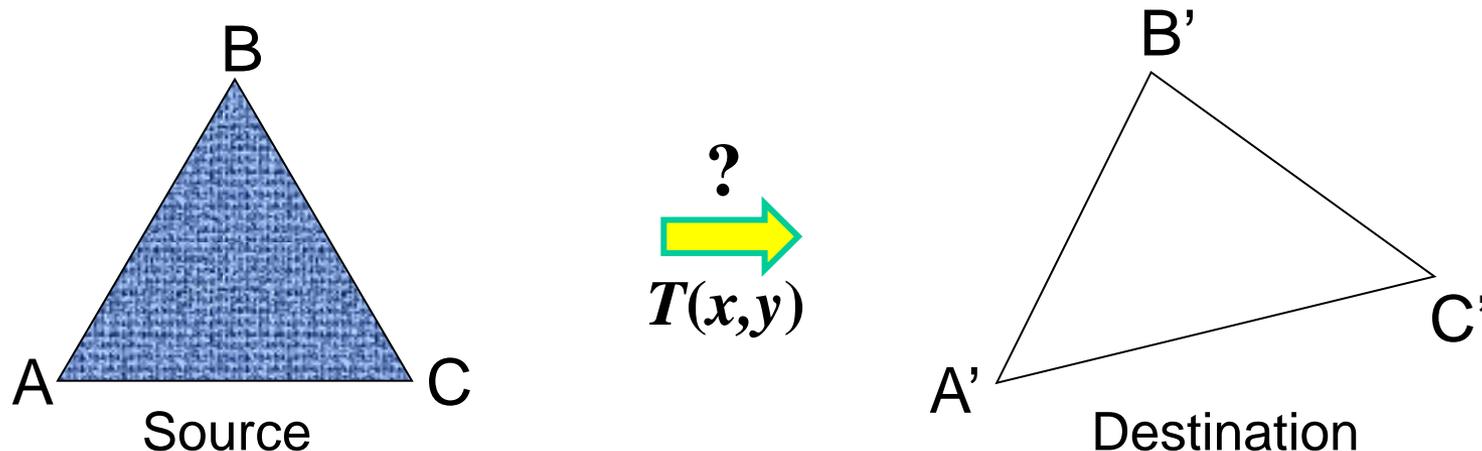
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1. Input correspondences at key feature points
2. Define a triangular mesh over the points
  - Same mesh in both images!
  - Now we have triangle-to-triangle correspondences
3. Warp each triangle separately from source to destination
  - How do we warp a triangle?

# Warping triangles

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Given two triangles:  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  in 2D (12 numbers)  
Need to find transform  $T$  to transfer all pixels from one to the other.

What kind of transformation is  $T$ ?

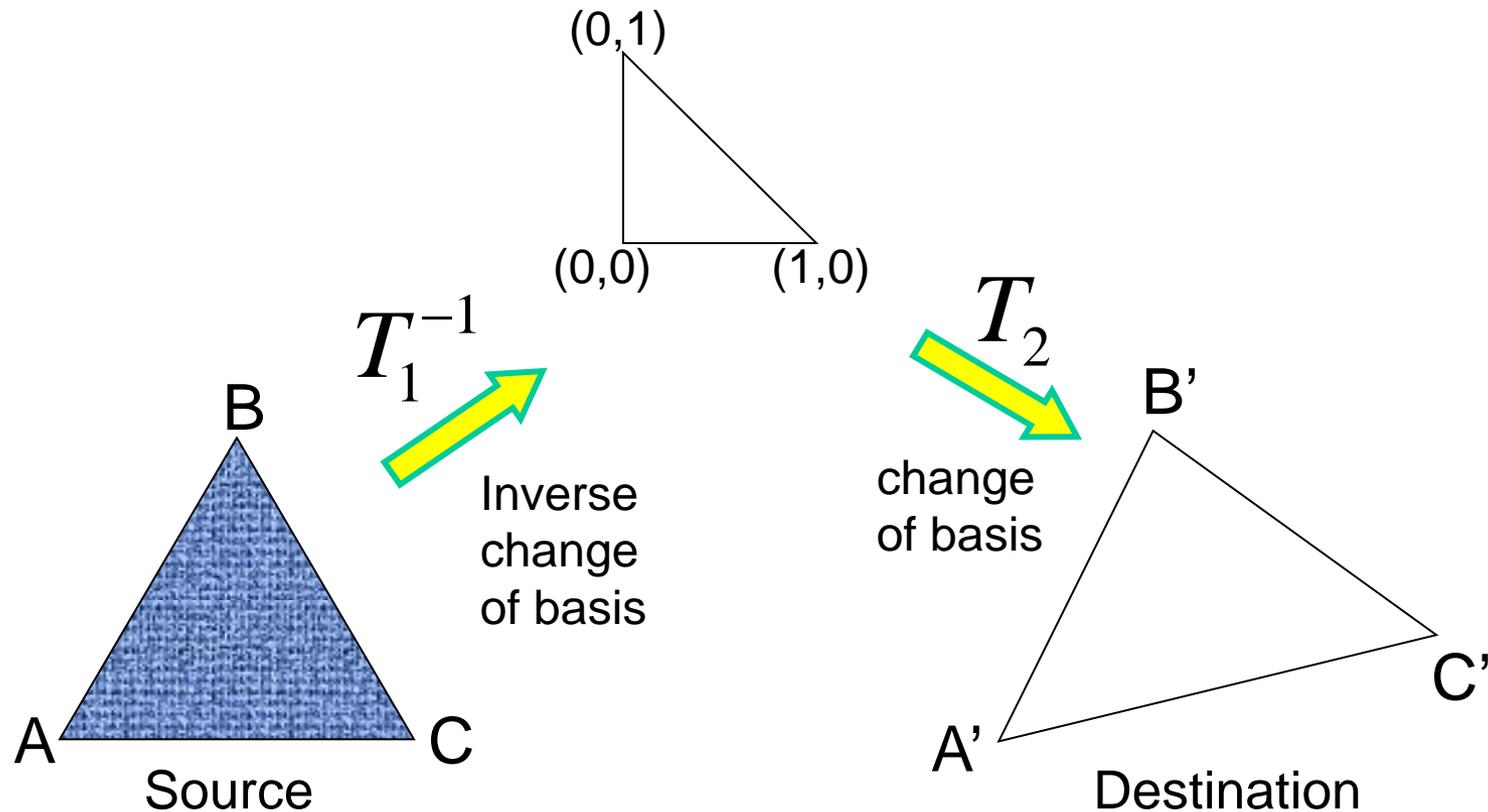
How can we compute the transformation matrix:

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

Two ways:  
Algebraic and  
geometric

# warping triangles (Barycentric Coordinates)

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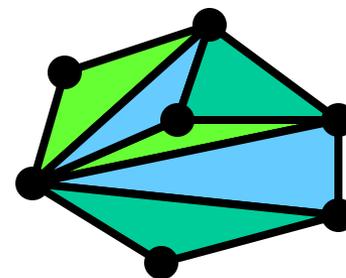
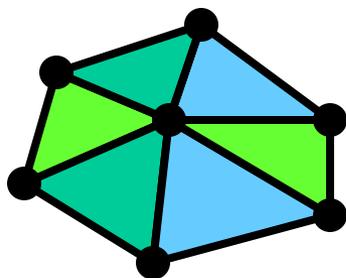
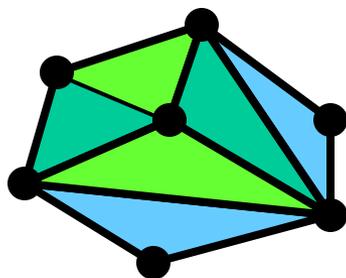
Don't forget to move the origin too!

# Triangulations

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A *triangulation* of set of points in the plane is a *partition* of the convex hull to triangles whose vertices are the points, and do not contain other points.

There are an exponential number of triangulations of a point set.

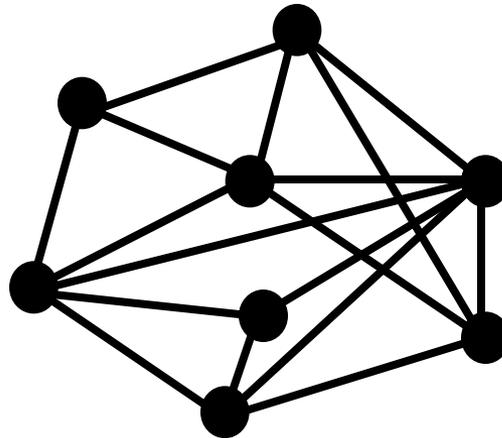


# An $O(n^3)$ Triangulation Algorithm

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Repeat until impossible:

- Select two sites.
- If the edge connecting them does not intersect previous edges, keep it.



# “Quality” Triangulations

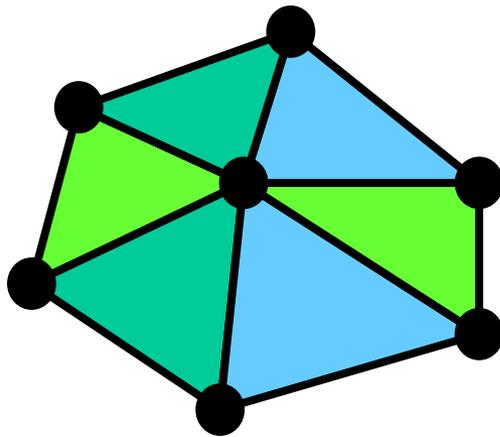
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Let  $\alpha(T) = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{3t})$  be the vector of angles in the triangulation  $T$  in increasing order.

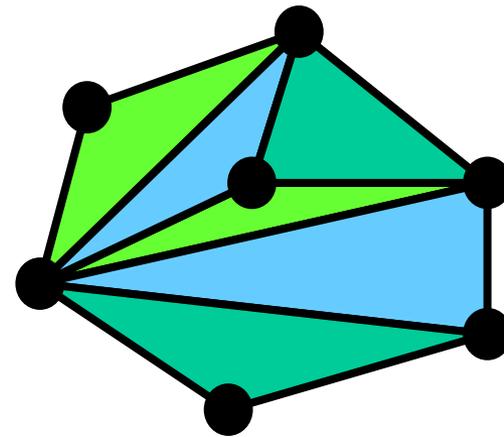
A triangulation  $T_1$  will be “better” than  $T_2$  if  $\alpha(T_1) > \alpha(T_2)$  lexicographically.

The Delaunay triangulation is the “best”

- Maximizes smallest angles



good

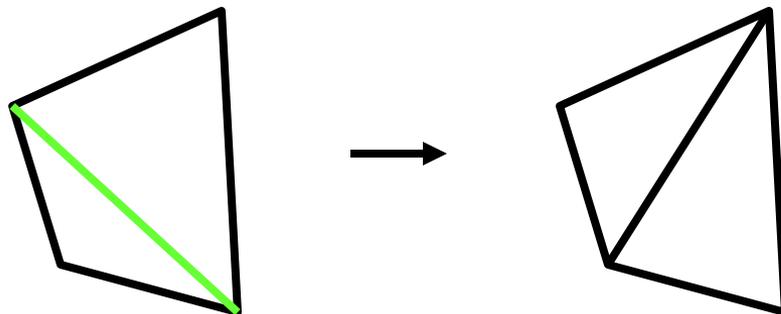


bad

# Improving a Triangulation

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In any convex quadrangle, an *edge flip* is possible. If this flip *improves* the triangulation locally, it also improves the global triangulation.



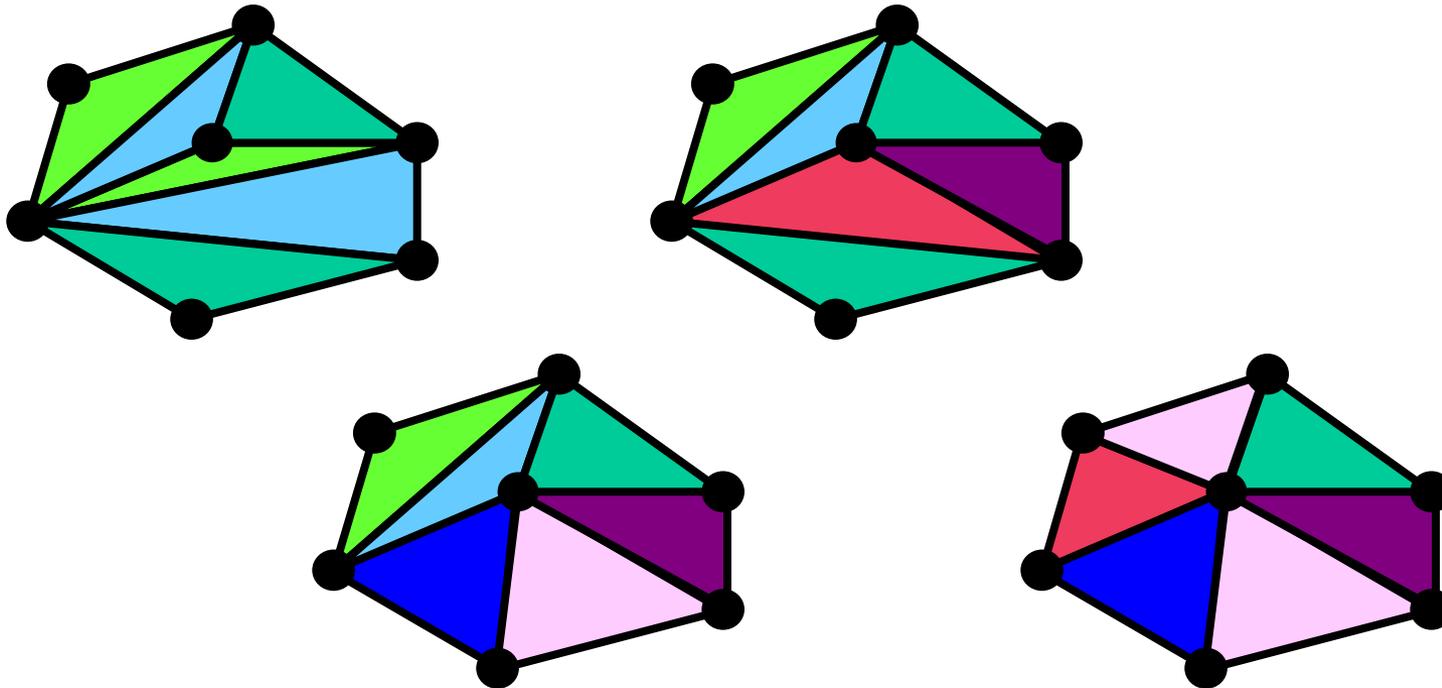
If an edge flip improves the triangulation, the first edge is called *illegal*.

# Naïve Delaunay Algorithm

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Start with an arbitrary triangulation. Flip any illegal edge until no more exist.

Could take a long time to terminate.



# Delaunay Triangulation by Duality

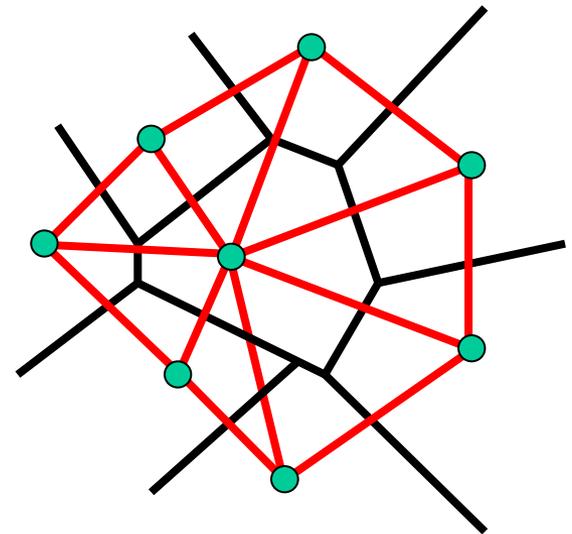
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General position assumption: There are no four co-circular points.

Draw the dual to the Voronoi diagram by connecting each two neighboring sites in the Voronoi diagram.

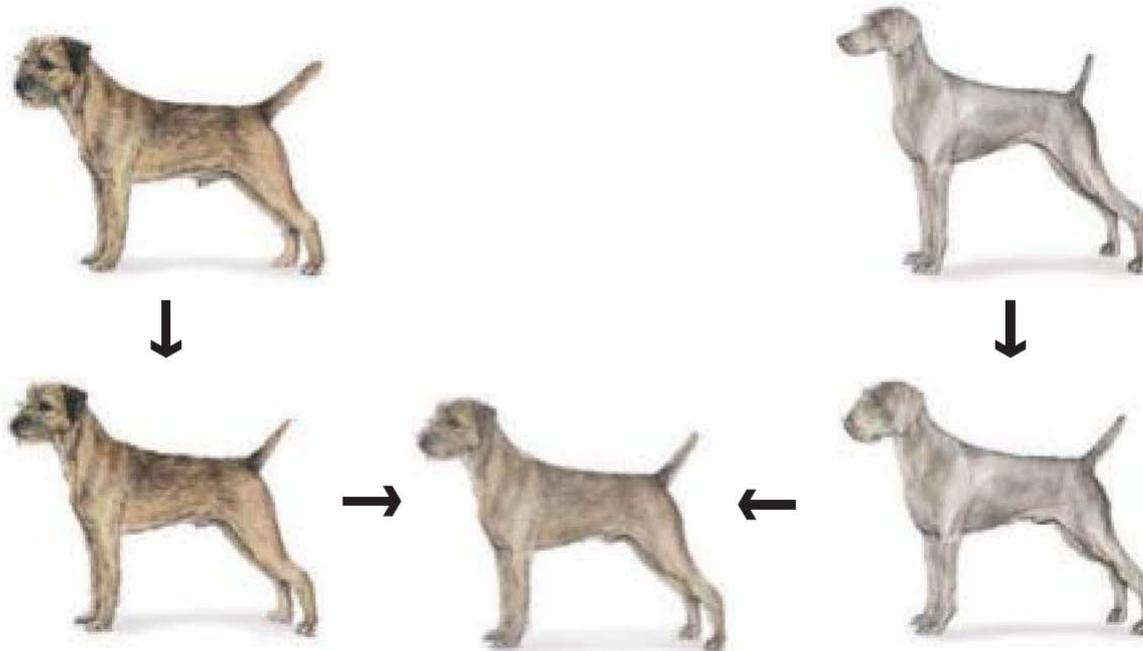
**Corollary:** The DT may be constructed in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

This is what Matlab's `delaunay` function uses.



# Full Morphing Procedure

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Morphing procedure:

*for every  $t$ ,*

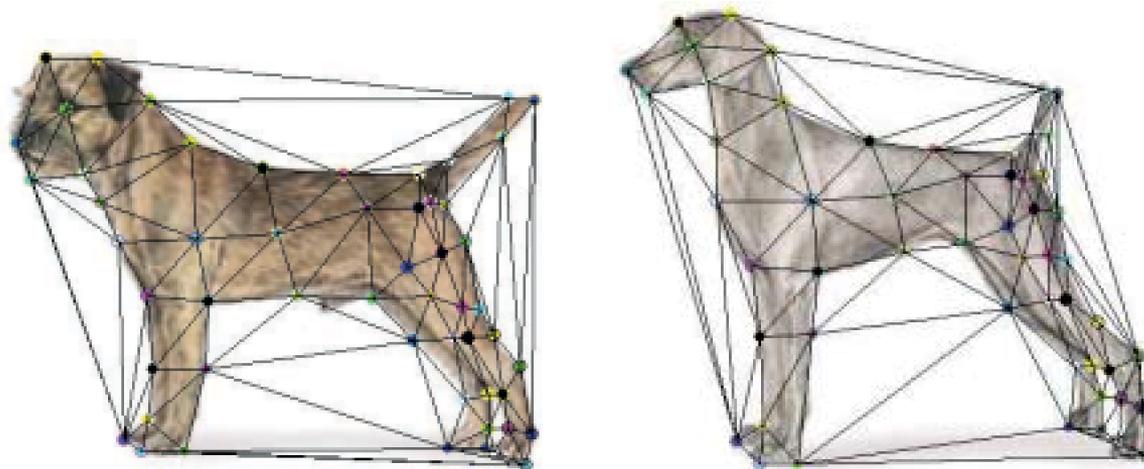
1. Find the average shape (the “mean dog” 😊)
  - local warping
2. Find the average color
  - Cross-dissolve the warped images

# 1. Create Average Shape

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How do we create an intermediate warp at time  $t$ ?

- Assume  $t = [0,1]$
- Simple linear interpolation of each feature pair
  - $p=(x,y) \rightarrow p'(x,y)$
- $(1-t)*p+t*p'$  for corresponding features  $p$  and  $p'$



## 2. Create Average Color

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Interpolate whole images:

$$\text{Image}_{\text{halfway}} = (1-t) * \text{Image} + t * \text{image}'$$

**cross-dissolve!**

# Morphing & matting

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Extract foreground first to avoid artifacts in the background



(c)  $\alpha = 0.0$



(d)  $\alpha = 0.2$



(e)  $\alpha = 0.4$



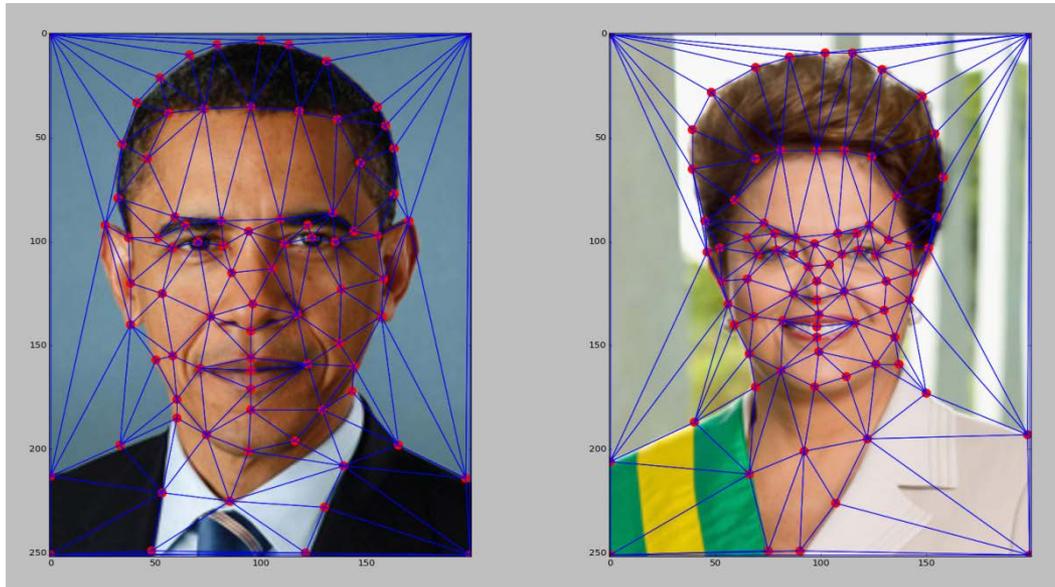
(f)  $\alpha = 0.6$



(g)  $\alpha = 0.8$



(h)  $\alpha = 1.0$



(c) Ian Albuquerque Raymundo da Silva

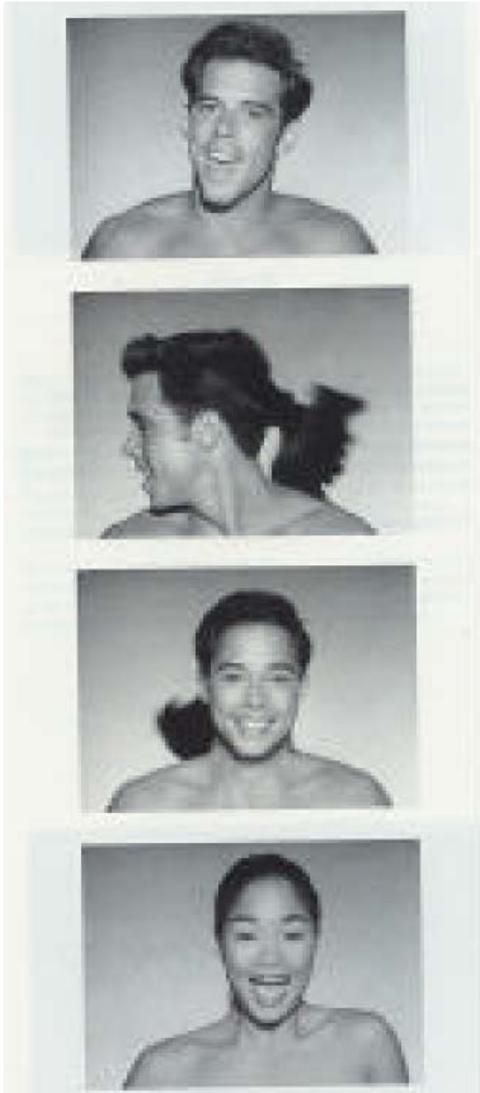
# Summary of morphing

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1. Define corresponding points
2. Define triangulation on points
  - Use same triangulation for both images
3. For each  $t = 0:\text{step}:1$ 
  - a. Compute the average shape at  $t$  (weighted average of points)
  - b. For each triangle in the average shape
    - Get the affine projection to the corresponding triangles in each image
    - For each pixel in the triangle, find the corresponding points in each image and set value to weighted average (cross-dissolve each triangle)
  - c. Save the image as the next frame of the sequence

# Dynamic Scene (“Black or White”, MJ)

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4kLKv5gtxc>

# Women in Art video

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Women In Art

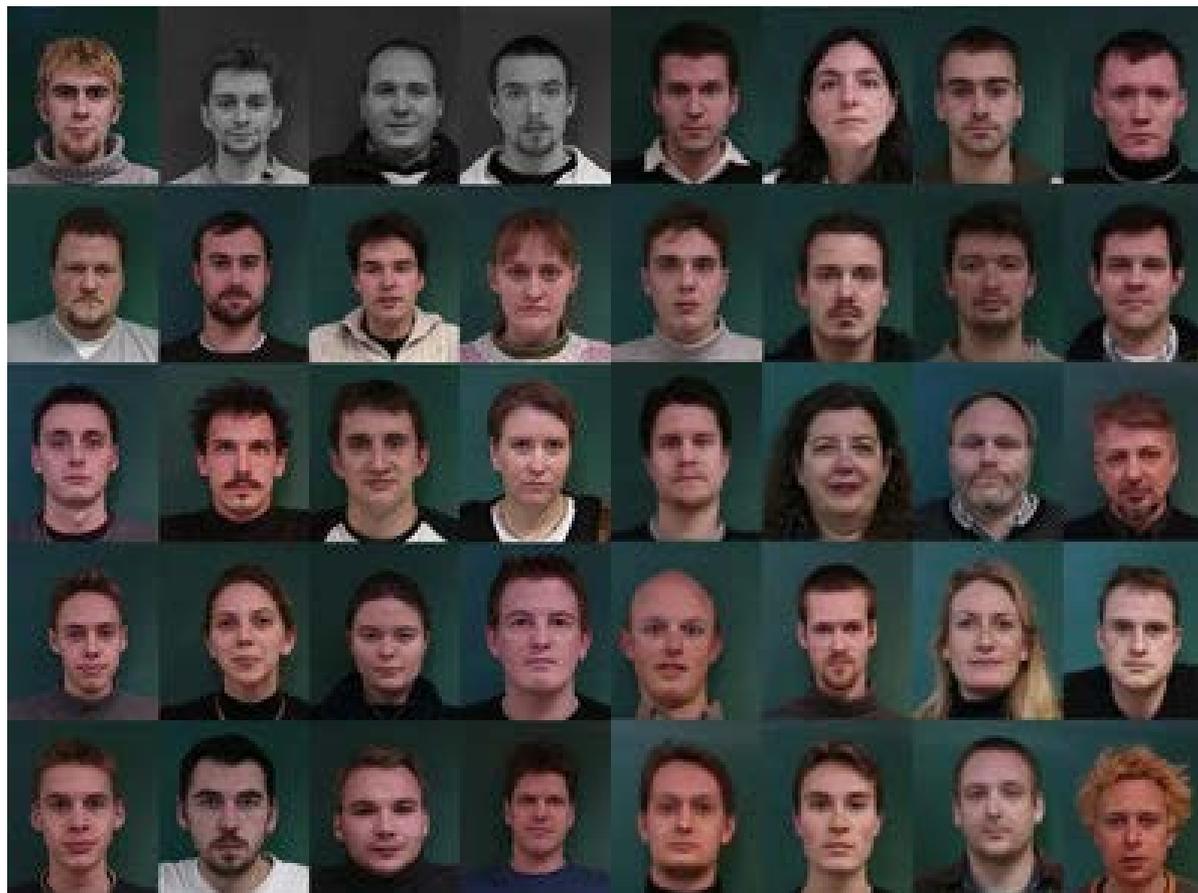


watch in high quality

[http://youtube.com/watch?v=nUDIoN-\\_Hxs](http://youtube.com/watch?v=nUDIoN-_Hxs)

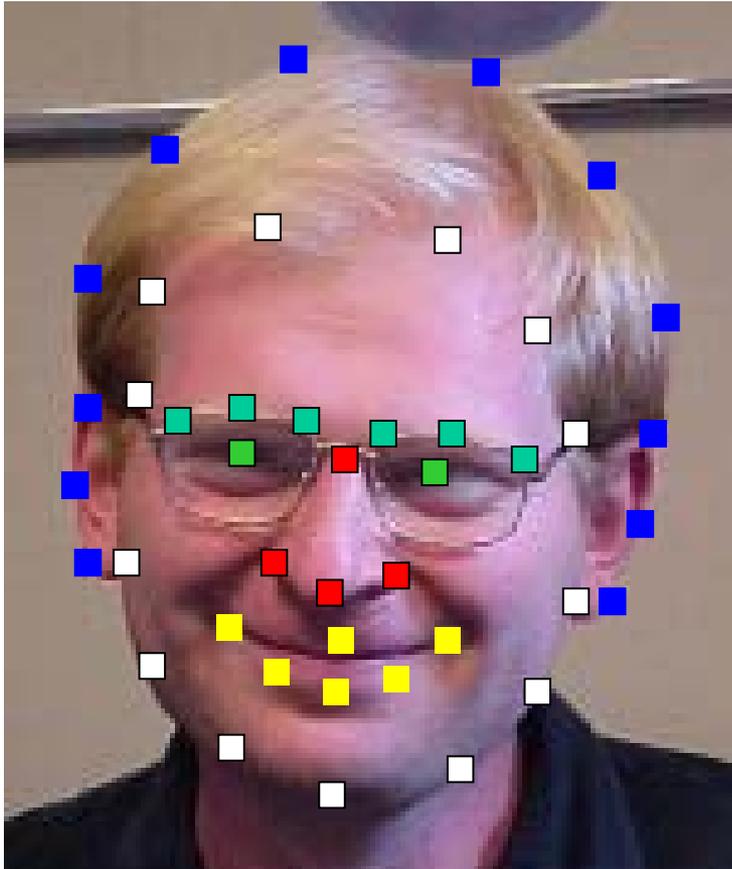
# Multi-image alignment / averaging

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# Shape Vector

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Provides alignment!

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# Appearance Vectors vs. Shape Vectors

Appearance  
Vector

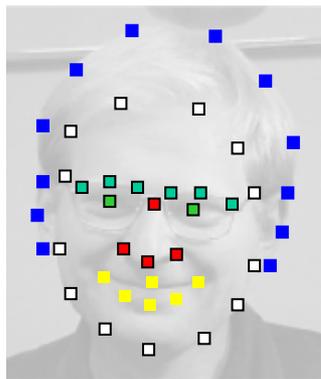


200\*150 pixels (RGB)



Vector of  
200\*150\*3  
Dimensions

Shape  
Vector



43 coordinates (x,y)



Vector of  
43\*2  
Dimensions

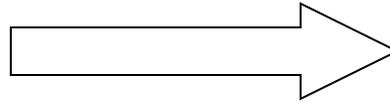
- Requires Annotation
- Provides alignment!

# Average Face

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1. Warp to mean shape
2. Average pixels



# Subpopulation means

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Examples:

- Male vs. female
- Happy vs. sad
- Average Kids
- Happy Males
- Etc.
- <http://www.faceresearch.org>



Average female



Average kid



Average happy male



Average male

# Average Women of the world

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Central African

Burmese

Cambodian

English

Ethiopian

Filipino



Greek

Indian

Iranian

Irish

Israeli

Italian



Peruvian

Polish

Romanian

Russian

Samoan

South African

# Average Men of the world

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AUSTRIA



AFGHANISTAN



ARGENTINA



BURMA (MYANMAR)



GERMANY



GREECE



CAMBODIA



ENGLAND



ETHIOPIA



FRANCE



IRAQ



IRELAND



MONGOLIA



PERU



POLAND



PUERTO RICO



UZBEKISTAN



AFRICAN AMERICAN

# Deviations from the mean



Image  $X$



Mean  $\bar{X}$

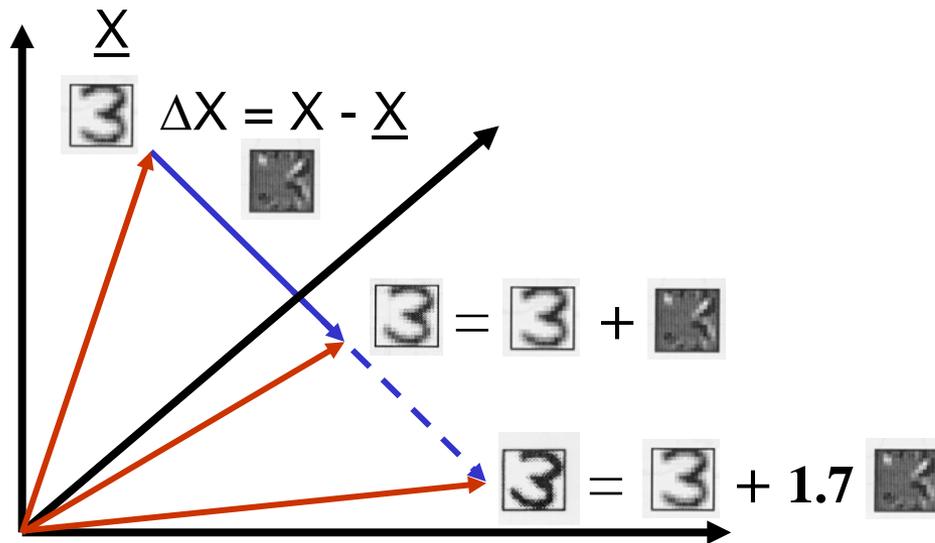
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$$\Delta X = X - \bar{X}$$

# Deviations from the mean

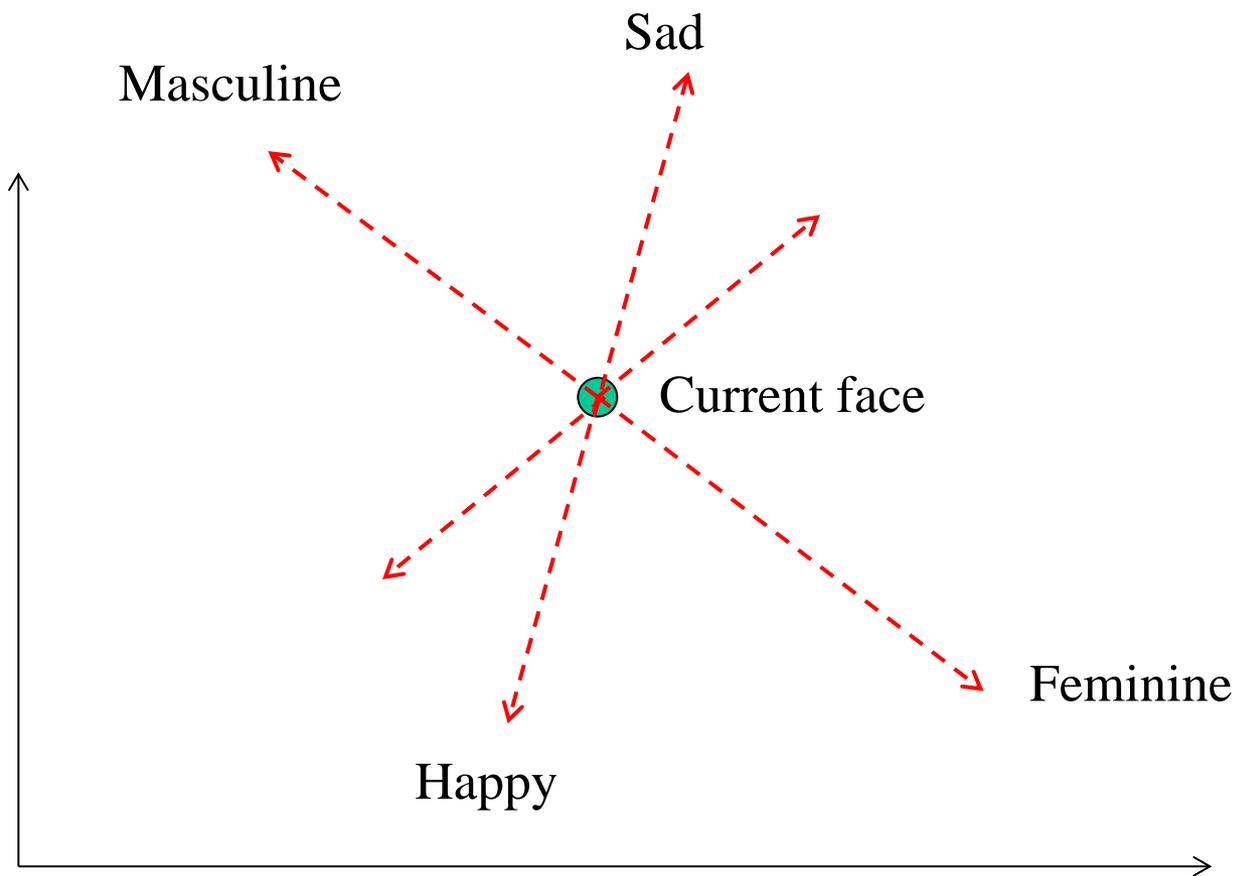
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# Extrapolating faces

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- We can imagine various meaningful directions.



# Manipulating faces

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- How can we make a face look more female/male, young/old, happy/sad, etc.?
- <http://www.faceresearch.org/demos/transform>

