# Computer Vision I

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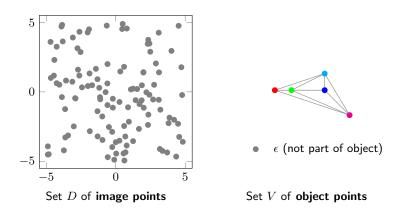
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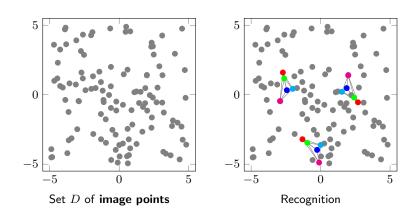
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**Object recognition** is the task of finding any occurrences of an object in an image, given a **model** of the the geometry and appearance of the object.



Pishchulin, Insafutdinov, Tang, A, Andriluka, Gehler, Schiele 2016. Insafutdinov, Pishchulin, A, Andriluka, Schiele 2016.





#### Decisions at points

- ▶ For any image point  $d \in D$  and any object point  $v \in V$ , let  $z_{dv} \in \{0,1\}$  indicate whether d is an occurrence of v.
- ightharpoonup We constrain each image point to be an occurrence of precisely one object point, possibly  $\epsilon$ . Hence, we consider the feasible set

$$Z_{DV} = \left\{ z \colon D \times V \to \{0, 1\} \mid \forall d \in D \colon \sum_{v \in V} z_{dv} = 1 \right\} .$$

#### Costs at points

- ▶ For any image point  $d \in D$  and any object point  $v \in V$ , let  $c_{dv} \in \mathbb{R}$  a cost associated with the decision  $y_{dv} = 1$
- ightharpoonup This cost typically depends on the contents of the image at the point d.
- It can be estimated from examples by the machine learning techniques discussed earlier.

#### Decisions for pairs of points

- ▶ For any pair  $\{d,d'\} \in \binom{D}{2}$  of image points, let  $y_{\{d,d'\}} \in \{0,1\}$  indicate whether d and d' belong to the same occurrence of an object in the image
- ► We require these decisions to be transitive, i.e.

$$\forall d \in D \ \forall d' \in D \setminus \{d\} \ \forall d'' \in D \setminus \{d, d'\}:$$

$$y_{\{d, d'\}} + y_{\{d', d''\}} - 1 \le y_{\{d, d''\}}$$
 (1)

Hence, we consider the feasible set

$$Y_D = \left\{ y \colon \binom{D}{2} \to \{0, 1\} \mid \mathbf{(1)} \right\}$$

#### Costs for pairs of points

- For any pair  $(d,d')\in D^2$  of image points such that  $d\neq d'$  and any pair  $(v,w)\in V^2$  of object points, let
  - $\blacktriangleright \ c'_{dd'vw} \in \mathbb{R}$  a cost associated with the decision  $z_{dv} \, z_{d'w} \, y_{\{d,d'\}} = 1$
  - $c_{dd'vw}^{\prime\prime\prime} \in \mathbb{R}$  a cost associated with the decision  $z_{dv} \, z_{d'w} \, (1 y_{\{d,d'\}}) = 1$
- $\blacktriangleright$  These costs can depend, e.g., on the distance between d and d' in the image plane.
- ► They can be estimated from examples by the machine learning techniques discussed earlier.

#### Optimization problem

 The task of object recognition can now be stated as the optimization problem

$$\min_{(y,z)\in Y_{D}\times Z_{DV}} \sum_{d\in D} \sum_{v\in V} c_{dv} z_{dv} 
+ \sum_{d\in D} \sum_{d'\in D\setminus\{d\}} \sum_{(v,w)\in V^{2}} c'_{dd'vw} z_{dv} z_{d'w} y_{\{d,d'\}} 
+ \sum_{d\in D} \sum_{d'\in D\setminus\{d\}} \sum_{(v,w)\in V^{2}} c''_{dd'vw} z_{dv} z_{d'w} (1 - y_{\{d,d'\}})$$

- ► This is a joint graph decomposition and node labeling problem.
- ► The same local search algorithms we have considered for the task of semantic segmentation can be applied.