

FFTs in Graphics and Vision

Alignment, Invariance and Pattern Matching

Outline



Alignment

Shape Matching

Invariance

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Shape Representation



For 2D shape matching/analysis, it is common to represent the geometry of a shape by a circular array of real values.

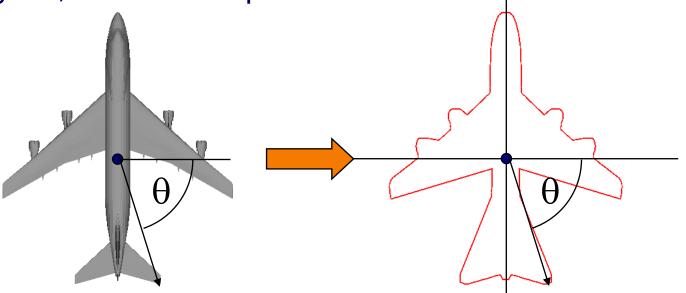
Shape Representation



Example:

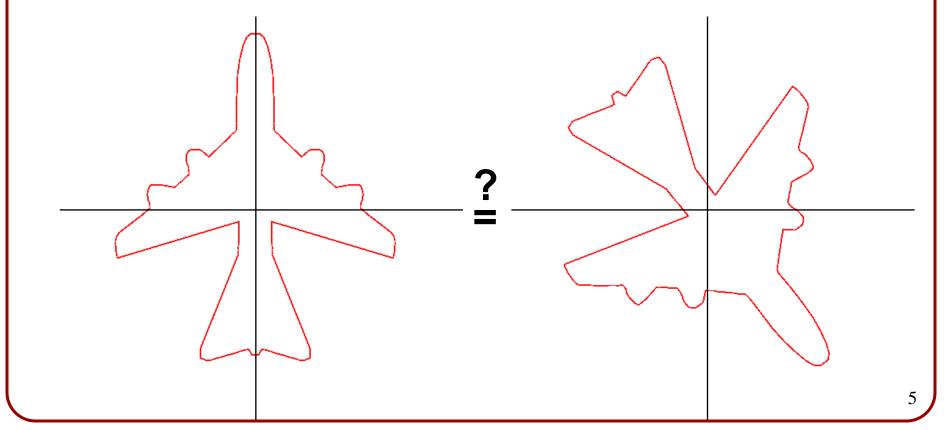
The <u>circular extent function</u> represents the extent of the shape about the center of mass:

• The value at an angle θ is the distance to the last point of intersection of the ray from the origin, with angle θ , with the shape



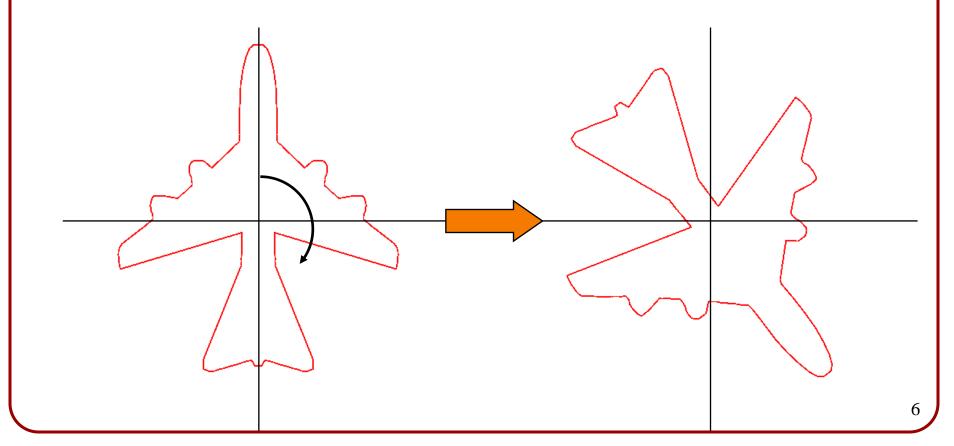


Since the shape of an object doesn't change when we rotate it, we would like to know if the two arrays are equivalent, up to rotation.





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Given the *n*-dimensional arrays f[] and g[], is there an index α such that:

Semantics



In a continuous setting, asking the binary question "are the arrays equal" is not very meaningful, since

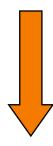
- Sampling
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can result in two "equal" arrays having different values.

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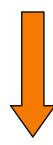


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For every rotation α , what is the value of:

$$D\Phi_{\alpha}(f[]),g[]$$



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So in our situation, we would like to evaluate:

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Re-writing this equation gives:

$$D^{2} \Phi_{\alpha}(f[]), g[] = \langle \rho_{\alpha}(f[]), \rho_{\alpha}(f[]) \rangle + \langle g[], g[] \rangle - \langle \rho_{\alpha}(f[]), g[] \rangle - \overline{\langle \rho_{\alpha}(f[]), g[] \rangle}$$



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Since the Hermitian dot-product of two realvalued arrays is also a real value:

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Since ρ_{α} is a unitary transformation:

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So, to compute the distance between a rotation of the circular array f[] by α , and the circular array g[], we need to know:

- •The magnitude of $f[]: ||f[]||_2^2$
- •The magnitude of $g[]: ||g[]||^2$,
- \circ The value of the cross-correlation: $\langle \rho_{\alpha}(f[]), g[] \rangle$

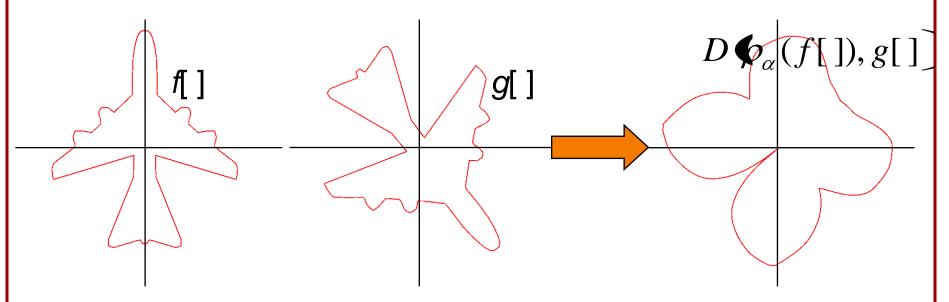


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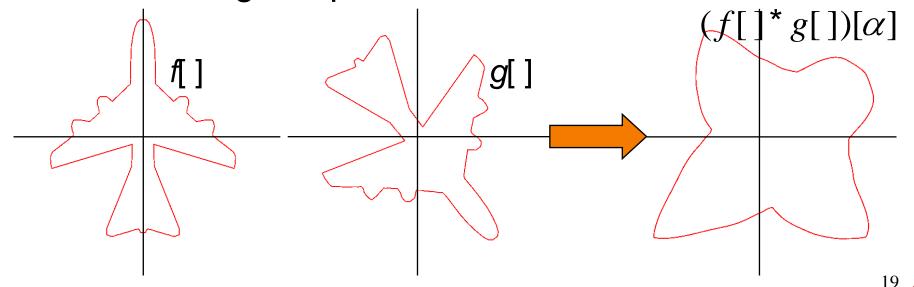
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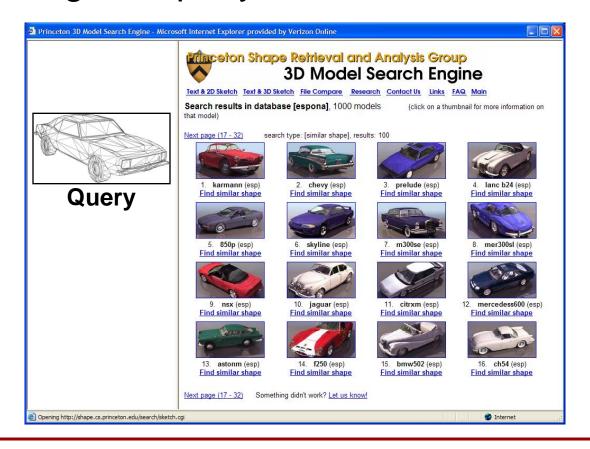
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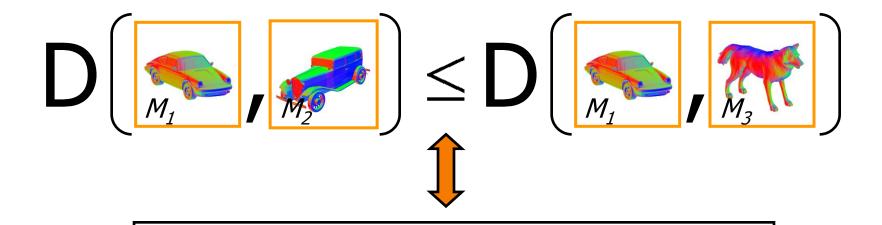
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General approach:

Define a function that takes in two models and returns a measure of their proximity.

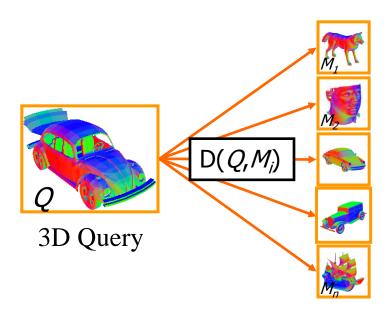


 M_1 is closer to M_2 than it is to M_3

Database Retrieval



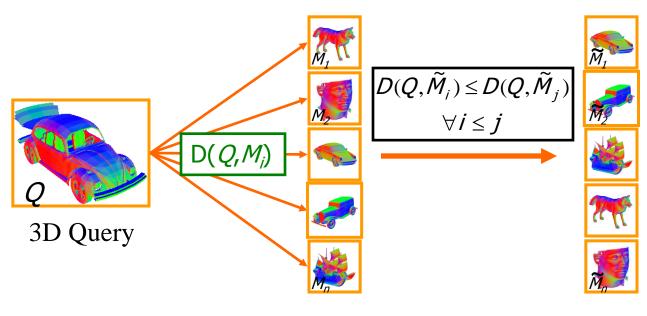
Compute the distance from the query to each database model



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Sort the database models by proximity

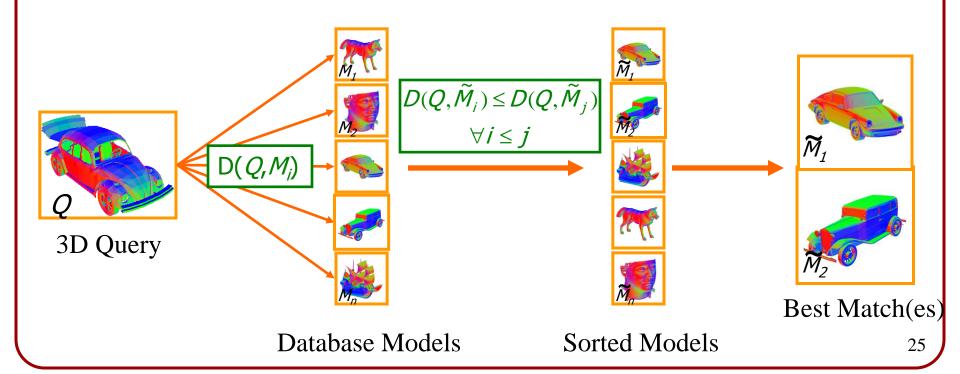


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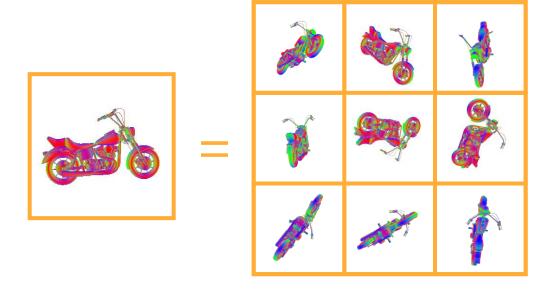
To do this efficiently, models are often represented by *Shape Descriptors*:

- Arrays of values encapsulating information about the shape of the model, such that
- The distance between the arrays gives a measure of proximity of the underlying shapes.



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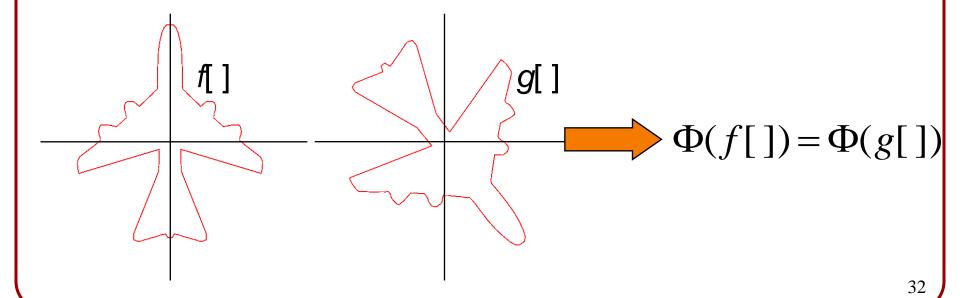
Alternatively, we can try to design a shape descriptor that is rotation invariant:

 Instances of the same shape in the same pose will give the same shape descriptor.



Given an array f[], we would like to define a (possibly non-linear) mapping Φ taking f[] to some array g[], such that for all α :

$$\Phi(f[]) = \Phi \Phi_{\alpha}(f[])$$





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Thus, if:

$$\hat{f}[0], \hat{f}[1], \dots, \hat{f}[n-1]$$

Are the Fourier coefficients of f[], then the Fourier coefficients of $\rho_{\alpha}(f[])$ will be:

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So, we can get a rotation invariant representation of *f*[] by storing only the magnitudes of the Fourier coefficients (i.e. discarding phase):

$$\Phi(f[]) = \|\hat{f}[0]\|, \|\hat{f}[1]\|, \dots, \|\hat{f}[n-1]\|$$



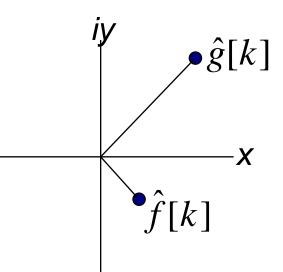
What kind of information do we get when we compare just the amplitudes of the Fourier coefficients?



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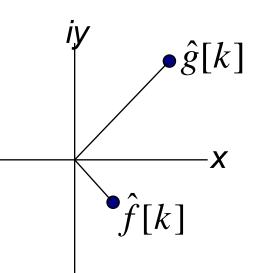


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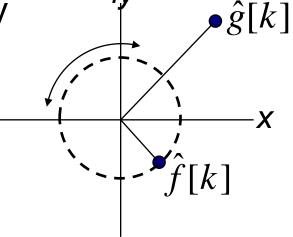


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At the optimal rotation, the Fourier coefficients are on the same line and the measure of similarity is the difference between the lengths.



Thus, storing only the amplitude of the Fourier coefficients and discarding phase, we get a shape representation $\Phi(f[\])$ that:

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This is a lower bound for the distance between f[] and g[] at the optimal alignment.



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Experiment:

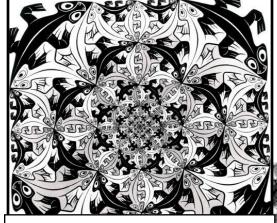
To test this, we can consider what happens when we take two arrays and swap the amplitudes of the Fourier coefficients:

$$f[] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [r_k e^{i\theta_k} v_k[]]$$

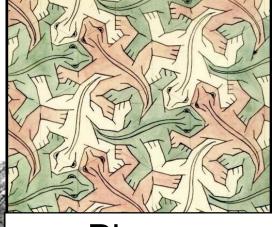
$$g[] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} s_k e^{i\overline{\phi_k}} v_k[]$$

$$ASwap(f[],g[]) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [r_k e^{i\overline{\phi_k}} v_k[]]$$





Amplitude



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If the grid encodes other type of information (non-visual) amplitude can be more important.

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Notation



If f[] and g[] are two n-dimensional arrays, then we can define $f[] \cdot g[]$ to be the entry-wise product of the two arrays, with:

$$\P[] \cdot g[][j] = f[j] \cdot g[j]$$



$$\langle f[] \cdot g[], h[] \rangle = \langle g[], f[] \cdot h[] \rangle$$



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$$= \langle g[], f[] \cdot h[] \rangle$$



If ρ_{α} is the unitary representation that shifts an array by α indices:

$$\rho_{\alpha}(f[])[k] = f[k - \alpha]$$

Then

$$\phi_{\alpha}(f[] \cdot g[]) = \rho_{\alpha}(f[]) \cdot \rho_{\alpha}(g[])$$

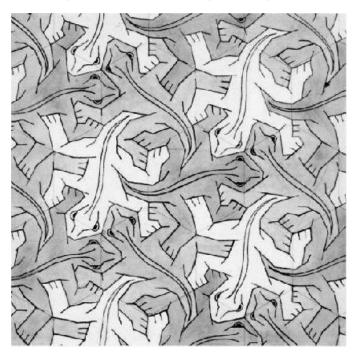


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Pattern *f*[][]



Target Image g[][]



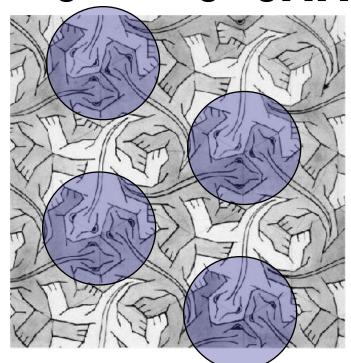


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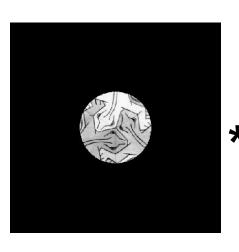


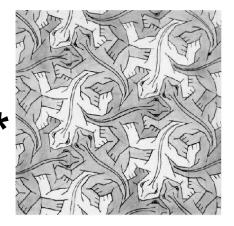
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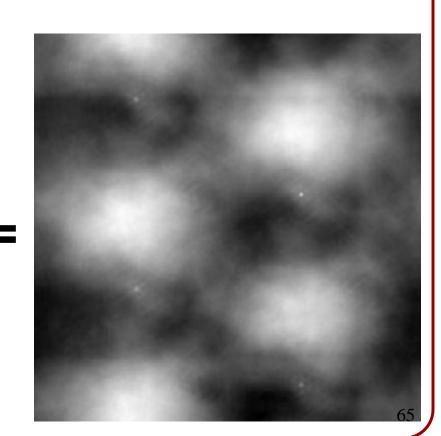




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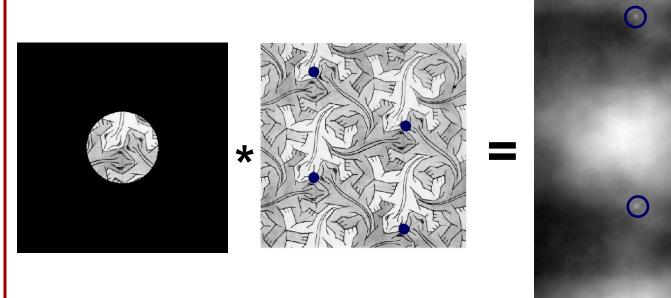


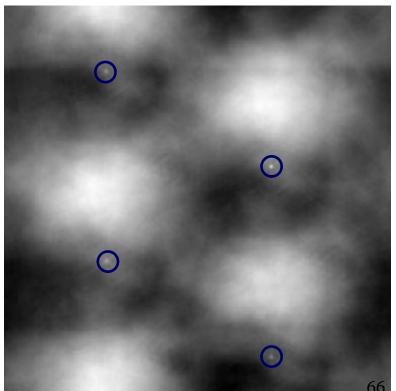






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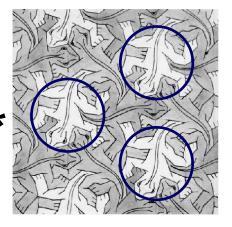
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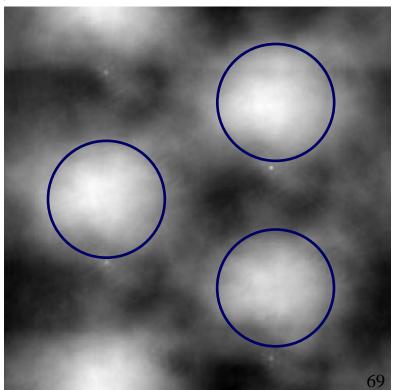


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We don't want to measure:

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What we want to measure is:

How <u>similar</u> is the pattern instance with a region in the image?

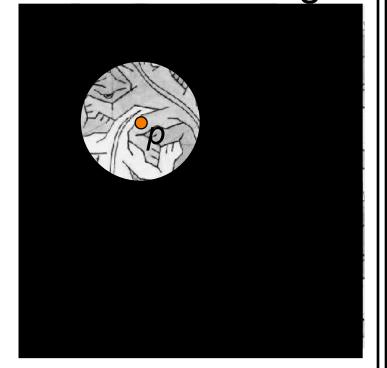


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Translated Pattern



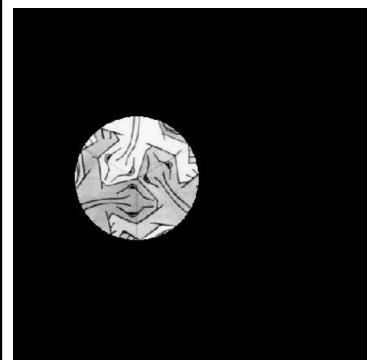
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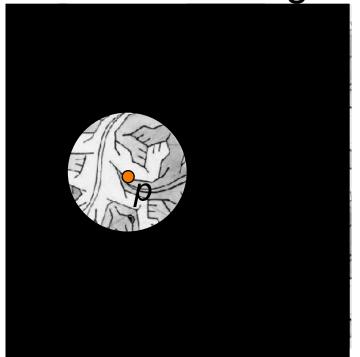


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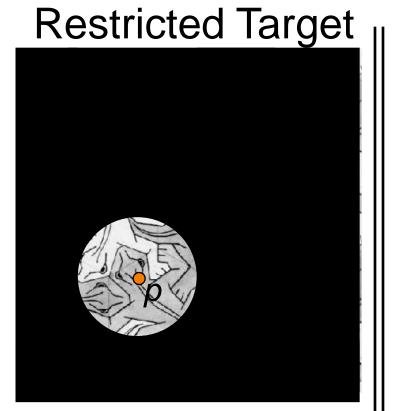
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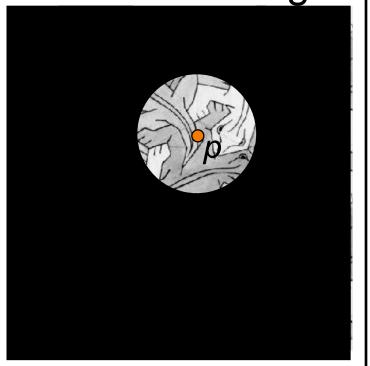


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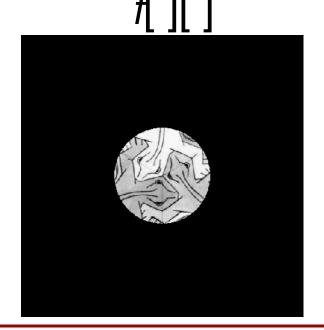
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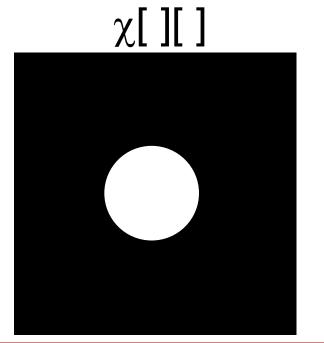


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Let $\chi[\][\]$ be the characteristic grid of the pattern:

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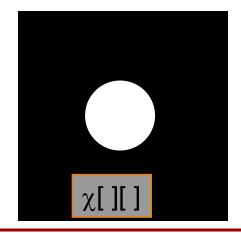


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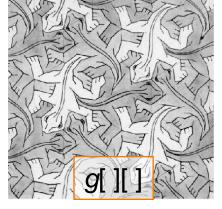


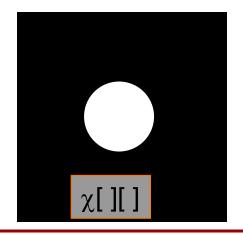
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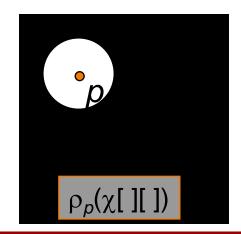
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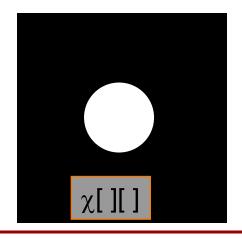


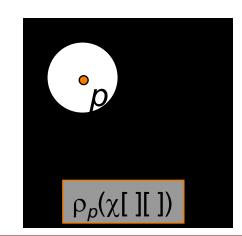
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Writing this out in terms of dot-products gives three terms:

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Pattern Matching (Term 1)



$$\langle \rho_p(f[][]), \rho_p(f[][]) \rangle$$

Using the the fact that the representation is unitary gives:

$$\langle \rho_p(f[][]), \rho_p(f[][]) \rangle = ||f[][]|^2$$

Pattern Matching (Term 2)



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Since the $\chi[\][\]$ is always equal to either 0 or 1, we have $\chi[\][\]=\chi^2[\][\]$ so that:

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