

Object Detection

In this assignment, you will develop an object detector based on gradient features and sliding window classification. A set of test images and hogvis.py are provided in the Canvas assignment directory

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In [1]: import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

1. Image Gradients [20 pts]

Write a function that takes a grayscale image as input and returns two arrays the same size as the image, the first of which contains the magnitude of the image gradient at each pixel and the second containing the orientation.

Your function should filter the image with the simple x- and y-derivative filters described in class. Once you have the derivatives you can compute the orientation and magnitude of the gradient vector at each pixel. You should use scipy.ndimage.correlate with the 'nearest' option in order to nicely handle the image boundaries.

Include a visualization of the output of your gradient calculate for a small test image. For displaying the orientation result, please uses a cyclic colormap such as "hsv" or "twilight". (see https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/colors/colormaps.html (https://matplotlib.org/tutorials/colors/colormaps.html))

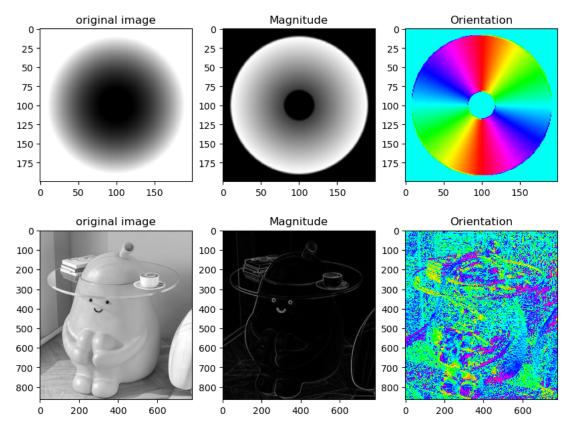
NOTE: To be consistent with the provided code that follows, the gradient orientation values you return should range in (-pi/2,+pi/2) where a horizontal edge (vertical gradient) is -pi/2 and the angle increases as the edge rotates clockwise in the image.

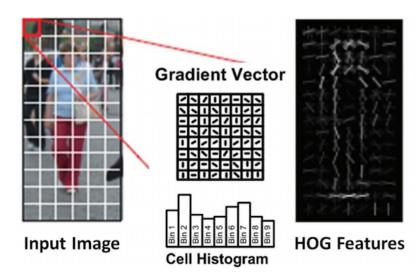
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In [2]: #we will only use: scipy.ndimage.correlate
        from scipy import ndimage
        def mygradient(image):
            This function takes a grayscale image and returns two arrays of the
            same size, one containing the magnitude of the gradient, the second
            containing the orientation of the gradient.
            Parameters
             _____
            image : 2D float array of shape HxW
                 An array containing pixel brightness values
            Returns
            _____
            mag : 2D float array of shape HxW
                gradient magnitudes
            ori : 2Dfloat array of shape HxW
            gradient orientations in radians
            # Gaussian blur to reduce noise
            blur_w = np.array([[1/16, 2/16, 1/16],[2/16, 4/16, 2/16],[1/16, 2/16, 1/16]])
            image = ndimage.correlate(image, blur_w)
            wx = np.array([[-1, 0, 1], [-1, 0, 1], [-1, 0, 1]])
            wy = np.array([[-1, -1, -1], [0, 0, 0], [1, 1, 1]])
            dx = ndimage.correlate(image, wx, mode='nearest')
            dy = ndimage.correlate(image, wy, mode='nearest')
            # Compute gradient magnitude and orientation
mag = np.sqrt(dx**2 + dy**2)
            dx = np.where(dx==0, 1, dx)
            ori = np.arctan(dy/dx)
            return (mag, ori)
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In [3]: #
        # Demonstrate your mygradient function here by loading in a grayscale
        # image, calling mygradient, and visualizing the resulting magnitude
        # and orientation images. For visualizing orientation image, I suggest
        # using the hsv or twilight colormap.
        #
        # here is one simple test image which has gradients pointed in all
        # directions so you can see if your orientation estimates are reasonable
        [yy,xx] = np.mgrid[-100:100,-100:100]
        testimage = np.minimum(np.maximum(np.array(xx*xx+yy*yy,dtype=float),400),8100)
        fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
        rows =1
        columns = 3
        (mag,ori) = mygradient(testimage)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add_subplot(rows, columns, 1)
        plt.title("original image")
        plt.imshow(testimage, cmap=plt.cm.gray)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add_subplot(rows, columns, 2)
        plt.title("Magnitude")
        plt.imshow(mag, cmap=plt.cm.gray)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add_subplot(rows, columns, 3)
        plt.title("Orientation")
        plt.imshow(ori, cmap='hsv') # clip to [-pi, pi]
        # you should also load in or synthesize another image to test with besides
        # the one above.
        image = plt.imread("table.png")
        image = np.mean(image,axis=2)
        fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
        rows =1
        columns = 3
        (mag,ori) = mygradient(image)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add_subplot(rows, columns, 1)
        plt.title("original image")
        plt.imshow(image, cmap=plt.cm.gray)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add_subplot(rows, columns, 2)
        plt.title("Magnitude")
        plt.imshow(mag, cmap=plt.cm.gray)
        # Adds a subplot at the 1st position
        fig.add subplot(rows, columns, 3)
        plt.title("Orientation")
        plt.imshow(ori, cmap = 'hsv')
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Out[3]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7f8def4689a0>
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2. Histograms of Gradient Orientations [25 pts]

Write a function that computes gradient orientation histograms over each 8x8 block of pixels in an image. Your function should bin the orientation into 9 equal sized bins between -pi/2 and pi/2. The input of your function will be an image of size HxW. The output should be a three-dimensional array **ohist** whose size is (H/8)x(W/8)x9 where **ohist[i,j,k]** contains the count of how many edges of orientation k fell in block (i,j). If the input image dimensions are not a multiple of 8, you should use **np.pad** with the **mode=edge** option to pad the width and height up to the nearest integer multiple of 8.

To determine if a pixel is an edge, we need to choose some threshold. I suggest using a threshold that is 10% of the maximum gradient magnitude in the image. Since each 8x8 block will contain a different number of edges, you should normalize the resulting histogram for each block to sum to 1 (i.e., *np.sum(ohist,axis=2)* should be 1 at every location).

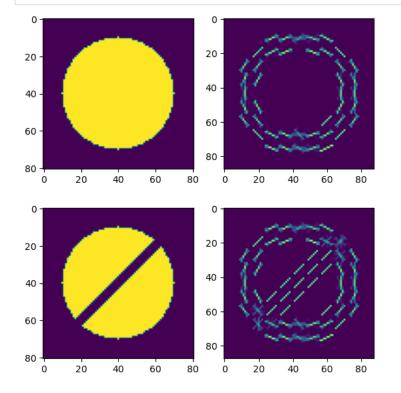
I would suggest your function loops over the orientation bins. For each orientation bin you'll need to identify those pixels in the image whose gradient magnitude is above the threshold and whose orientation falls in the given bin. You can do this easily in numpy using logical operations in order to generate an array the same size as the image that contains Trues at the locations of every edge pixel that falls in the given orientation bin and is above threshold. To collect up pixels in each 8x8 spatial block you can use the function *ski.util.view_as_windows(...,(8,8),step=8)* and *np.count_nonzeros* to count the number of edges in each block.

Test your code by creating a simple test image (e.g. a white disk on a black background), computing the descriptor and using the provided function **hogvis** to visualize it.

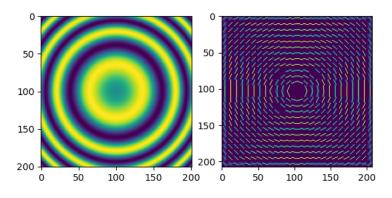
Note: in the discussion above I have assumed 8x8 block size and 9 orientations. In your code you should use the parameters **bsize** and **norient** in place of these constants.

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In [4]: #we will only use: ski.util.view_as_windows for computing hog descriptor
        import skimage as ski
        def hog(image,bsize=8,norient=9):
            This function takes a grayscale image and returns a 3D array
            containing the histogram of gradient orientations descriptor (HOG)
            We follow the convention that the histogram covers gradients starting
            with the first bin at -pi/2 and the last bin ending at pi/2.
            Parameters
            image : 2D float array of shape HxW
                 An array containing pixel brightness values
            bsize : int
                The size of the spatial bins in pixels, defaults to 8
            norient : int
                The number of orientation histogram bins, defaults to 9
            Returns
            _____
            ohist : 3D float array of shape (H/bsize,W/bsize,norient)
            edge orientation histogram
            # determine the size of the HOG descriptor
            (h,w) = image.shape
            h2 = int(np.ceil(h/float(bsize)))
            w2 = int(np.ceil(w/float(bsize)))
            ohist = np.zeros((h2,w2,norient))
            # pad the input image on right and bottom as needed so that it
            # is a multiple of bsize
            wremain = (w2 * bsize - w) % bsize
            hremain = (h2 * bsize - h) % bsize
            pw = ((wremain) // 2, (wremain + 1) // 2) \# amounts to pad on left and right side
            ph = ((hremain) // 2, (hremain + 1) // 2) # amounts to pad on bottom and top side
            image = np.pad(image, (ph, pw), 'constant', constant values=0)
            # make sure we did the padding correctly
            assert(image.shape==(h2*bsize,w2*bsize))
            # compute image gradients
            (mag,ori) = mygradient(image)
            # choose a threshold which is 10% of the maximum gradient magnitude in the image
            thresh = np.max(mag)*0.1
            # separate out pixels into orientation channels, dividing the range of orientations
            # [-pi/2,pi/2] into norient equal sized bins and count how many fall in each block
            binEdges = np.linspace(-np.pi/2, np.pi/2, norient+1);
            # as a sanity check, make sure every pixel gets assigned to at most 1 bin.
            bincount = np.zeros((h2*bsize,w2*bsize))
            for i in range(norient):
                #create a binary image containing 1s for pixels at the ith
                #orientation where the magnitude is above the threshold.
                B = np.where(np.logical_and(np.logical_and(ori >= binEdges[i], ori < binEdges[i+1]), mag > thresh), 1, 0)
                #sanity check: record which pixels have been selected at this orientation
                bincount = bincount + B
                #pull out non-overlapping bsize x bsize blocks
                chblock = ski.util.view as windows(B,(bsize,bsize),step=bsize)
                #sum up the count for each block and store the results
                ohist[:,:,i] += np.count_nonzero(chblock, axis=(2,3))
            #each pixel should have only selected at most once
            assert(np.all(bincount<=1))</pre>
            # lastly, normalize the histogram so that the sum along the orientation dimension is 1
            # note: don't divide by 0! If there are no edges in a block (i.e. the sum of counts
            # is 0) then your code should leave all the values as zero.
            sum ori = np.sum(ohist, axis=2, keepdims=True)
            sum_ori = np.where(sum_ori==0, 1, sum_ori)
            ohist = ohist/sum_ori
            assert(ohist.shape==(h2,w2,norient))
            return ohist
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In [5]: #provided function for visualizing hog descriptors
         from hogvis import hogvis
         # generate a simple test image... a 80x80 image
# with a circle of radius 30 in the center
         [yy,xx] = np.mgrid[-40:41,-40:41]
         im = np.array((xx*xx+yy*yy<=30*30),dtype=float)</pre>
        hogim = hogvis(hog(im))
         plt.subplot(1,2,1)
         plt.imshow(im)
        plt.subplot(1,2,2)
        plt.imshow(hogim)
        plt.show()
         # two other synthetic test images to experiment with
         [yy,xx] = np.mgrid[-40:41,-40:41]
         im1 = np.array((xx*xx+yy*yy<=30*30),dtype=float)</pre>
         im1[np.abs(xx+yy) <= 3] = 0
        hogim1 = hogvis(hog(im1))
        plt.subplot(1,2,1)
        plt.imshow(im1)
        plt.subplot(1,2,2)
        plt.imshow(hogim1)
        plt.show()
         [yy,xx] = np.mgrid[-100:101,-100:101]
         im2 = np.array(np.sin((xx*xx+yy*yy)/800),dtype=float)
         hogim2 = hogvis(hog(im2))
         plt.subplot(1,2,1)
         plt.imshow(im2)
        plt.subplot(1,2,2)
        plt.imshow(hogim2)
        plt.show()
```



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3. Detection [25 pts]

Write a function that takes a template and an image and returns the top detections found in the image. Your function should follow the definition given below.

In your function you should first compute the histogram-of-gradient-orientation feature map for the image, then correlate the template with the feature map. Since the feature map and template are both three dimensional, you will want to filter each orientation separately and then sum up the results to get the final response. If the image of size HxW then this final response map will be of size (H/8)x(W/8).

When constructing the list of top detections, your code should implement non-maxima suppression so that it doesn't return overlapping detections. You can do this by sorting the responses in descending order of their score. Every time you add a detection to the list to return, check to make sure that the location of this detection is not too close to any of the detections already in the output list. You can estimate the overlap by computing the distance between a pair of detections and checking that the distance is greater than say 70% of the width of the template.

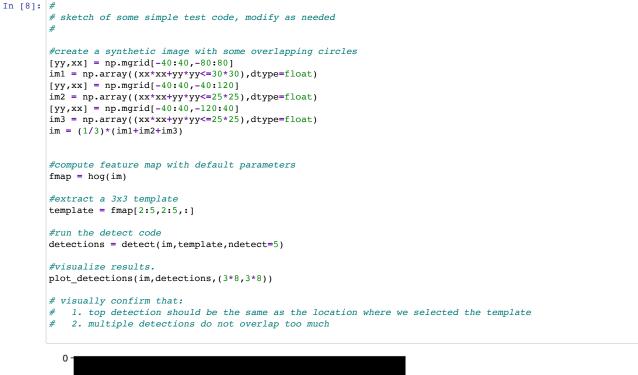
Your code should return the locations of the detections in terms of the original image pixel coordinates (so if your detector had a high response at block [i,j] in the response map, then you should return (8*i*,8*j*) as the pixel coordinates).

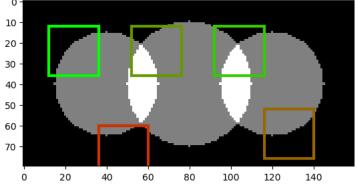
I have provided a function for visualizing the resulting detections which you can use to test your detect function. Please include some visualization of a simple test case.

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In [6]: from scipy import ndimage #we will only use: scipy.ndimage.correlate
        def detect(image,template,ndetect=5,bsize=8,norient=9):
             """This function takes a grayscale image and a HOG template and
            returns a list of detections where each detection consists
            of a tuple containing the coordinates and score (x,y,score)
            Parameters
            _____
            image : 2D float array of shape HxW
                 An array containing pixel brightness values
            template : a 3D float array
                The HOG template we wish to match to the image
            ndetect : int
                Maximum number of detections to return
            bsize : int
                The size of the spatial bins in pixels, defaults to 8
            norient : int
                The number of orientation histogram bins, defaults to 9
            Returns
            detections : a list of tuples of length ndetect
            Each detection is a tuple (x,y,score)
            # norient for the template should match the norient parameter passed in
            assert(template.shape[2]==norient)
            fmap = hog(image,bsize=bsize,norient=norient)
            #cross-correlate the template with the feature map to get the total response
            resp = np.zeros((fmap.shape[0],fmap.shape[1]))
            for i in range(norient):
                resp = resp + ndimage.correlate(fmap[:,:,i], template[:,:,i])
            #sort the values in resp in descending order.val[i] should be ith largest score in resp
            # ind[i] should be the index at which it occurred so that val[i]==resp[ind[i]]
            val = np.sort(resp, axis=None)[::-1] #sorted response values
            ind = np.argsort(resp, axis=None)[::-1] #corresponding indices
            #work down the list of responses from high to low, to generate a list of ndetect top scoring matches which do not c
            detcount = 0
            i = 0
            detections = []
            while ((detcount < ndetect) and (i < len(val))):</pre>
                # convert 1d index into 2d index
                yb, xb = np.unravel_index(ind[i], resp.shape)
                assert(val[i]==resp[yb,xb]) #make sure we did indexing correctly
                #covert block index to pixel coordinates based on bsize
                xp = xb*bsize
                yp = yb*bsize
                #check if this detection overlaps any detections that we've already added
                #to the list. compare the x,y coordinates of this detection to the x,y
                #coordinates of the detections already in the list and see if any overlap
                #by checking if the distance between them is less than 70% of the template
                # width/height
                overlap = False
                for det in detections:
                    dist = np.sqrt((xp- det[0])**2 + (yp - det[1])**2)
                    if dist < (0.7*template.shape[0]*bsize):</pre>
                        overlap = True
                        break
                #if the detection doesn't overlap then add it to the list
                if overlap==False:
                    detcount = detcount + 1
                    detections.append((xp,yp,val[i]))
                i=i+1
            if (len(detections) < ndetect):</pre>
                print('WARNING: unable to find ',ndetect,' non-overlapping detections')
            return detections
```

In [7]: import matplotlib.patches as patches

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def plot_detections(image,detections,tsize_pix):
   This is a utility function for visualization that takes an image and
   a list of detections and plots the detections overlayed on the image
   as boxes.
   Color of the bounding box is based on the order of the detection in
   the list, fading from green to red.
   Parameters
    _____
   image : 2D float array of shape HxW
        An array containing pixel brightness values
   detections : a list of tuples of length ndetect
       Detections are tuples (x,y,score)
   tsize_pix : (int,int)
       The height and width of the box in pixels
   Returns
   None
    . . .
   ndetections = len(detections)
   plt.imshow(image,cmap=plt.cm.gray)
   ax = plt.gca()
   w = tsize_pix[1]
   h = tsize_pix[0]
   red = np.array([1,0,0])
   green = np.array([0,1,0])
   ct = 0
   for (x,y,score) in detections:
       xc = x - (w//2)
       yc = y - (h//2)
       col = (ct/ndetections)*red + (1-(ct/ndetections))*green
       rect = patches.Rectangle((xc,yc),w,h,linewidth=3,edgecolor=col,facecolor='none')
       ax.add_patch(rect)
       ct = ct + 1
   plt.show()
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4. Learning Templates [15 pts]

The final step is to implement a function to learn a template from positive and negative examples. Your code should take a collection of cropped positive and negative examples of the object you are interested in detecting, extract the features for each, and generate a template by taking the average positive template minus the average negative template.

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In [9]: def learn_template(posfiles,negfiles,tsize=np.array([16,16]),bsize=8,norient=9):
             ""This function takes a list of positive images that contain cropped
            examples of an object + negative files containing cropped background
            and a template size. It produces a HOG template and generates visualization
            of the examples and template
            Parameters
            _____
            posfiles : list of str
                 Image files containing cropped positive examples
            negfiles : list of str
                Image files containing cropped negative examples
            tsize : (int.int)
                The height and width of the template in blocks
            Returns
            template : float array of size tsize x norient
                The learned HOG template""
            #compute the template size in pixels corresponding to the specified template size (given in blocks)
            tsize pix=bsize*tsize
            #figure to show positive training examples
            fig1 = plt.figure()
            pltct = 1
            #accumulate average positive and negative templates
            pos_t = np.zeros((tsize[0],tsize[1],norient),dtype=float)
            for file in posfiles:
                #load in a cropped positive example
                img1 = plt.imread(file)
                #convert to grayscale and resize to fixed dimension tsize pix using skimage.transform.resize if needed.
                img_scaled1 = np.mean(img1, axis=2)
                img_scaled1 = ski.transform.resize(img_scaled1,tsize_pix)
                #if you want to train with a large # of examples, you may want to modify this, e.g. to show only the first 5.
                ax = fig1.add_subplot(len(posfiles),1,pltct)
                ax.imshow(img_scaled1,cmap=plt.cm.gray)
                pltct = pltct + 1
                #extract feature
                fmap = hog(img_scaled1)
                #compute running average
                pos_t += fmap
            pos_t = (1/len(posfiles))*pos_t
            plt.show()
            # repeat same process for negative examples
            fig2 = plt.figure()
            pltct = 1
            neg_t = np.zeros((tsize[0],tsize[1],norient),dtype=float)
            for file in negfiles:
                img2 = plt.imread(file)
                img_scaled2 = np.mean(img2, axis=2)
                img_scaled2= ski.transform.resize(img_scaled2,tsize_pix)
                ax = fig2.add subplot(len(negfiles),1,pltct)
                ax.imshow(img_scaled2,cmap=plt.cm.gray)
                pltct = pltct + 1
                fmap2 = hog(img scaled2)
                neg_t += fmap2
            neg_t = (1/len(negfiles))*neg_t
            plt.show()
            \# visualize the positive and negative parts of the template using hogvis. visualize pos_t and neg_t
            plt.title("positive image")
            hogim p = hogvis(pos t)
            plt.imshow(hogim_p)
            plt.show()
            plt.title("positive image")
            hogim n = hogvis(neg t)
            plt.imshow(hogim_n)
            plt.show()
            # now construct our template as the average positive minus average negative
            template = pos t - neg t
            return template
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5. Experiments [15 pts]

Test your detection by training a template and running it on a test image.

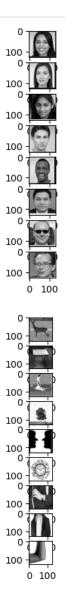
In your experiments and writeup below you should include: (a) a visualization of the positive and negative patches you use to train the template and corresponding hog feature, (b) the detection results on the test image. You should show (a) and (b) for *two different object categories*, the provided face test images and another category of your choosing (e.g. feel free to experiment with detecting cat faces, hands, cups, chairs or some other type of object). Additionaly, please include results of testing your detector where there are at least 3 objects to detect (this could be either 3 test images which each have one or more objects, or a single image with many (more than 3) objects). Your test image(s) should be distinct from your training examples. Finally, write a brief (1 paragraph) discussion of where the detector works well and when it fails. Describe some ways you might be able to make it better.

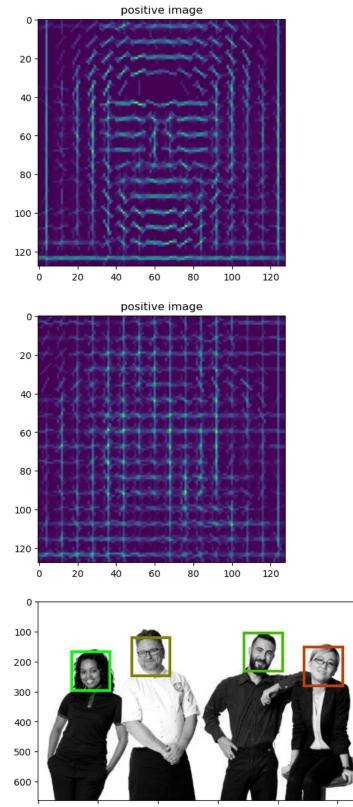
NOTE 1: You will need to create the cropped test examples to pass to your *learn_template*. You can do this by cropping out the examples by hand (e.g. using an image editing tool). You should attempt to crop them out in the most consistent way possible, making sure that each example is centered with the same size and aspect ratio. Negative examples can be image patches that don't contain the object of interest. You should crop out negative examples with roughly the same resolution as the positive examples.

NOTE 2: For the best result, you will want to test on images where the object is the same size as your template. I recommend using the default **bsize** and **norient** parameters for all your experiments. You will likely want to modify the template size as needed

Experiment 1: Face detection

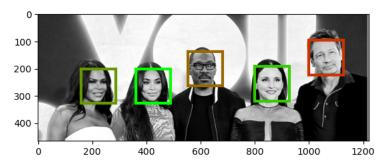
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In [11]:
          # assume template is 16x16 blocks, you may want to adjust this
          # for objects of different size or aspect ratio.
          # compute image a template size
          bsize=8
          tsize=np.array([16,16]) #height and width in blocks
          tsize pix = bsize*tsize #height and width in pixels
          posfiles = ('pos1.png','pos2.png','pos3.png','pos4.png','pos5.png', 'pos6.png', 'pos7.png', 'pos8.png')
negfiles = ('neg1.png','neg2.png','neg3.png','neg4.png','neg5.png','neg6.png', 'neg7.png', 'neg8.png', 'neg9.png')
          # call learn_template to learn and visualize the template and training data
          template = learn_template(posfiles,negfiles,tsize=tsize)
          # call detect on one or more test images, visualizing the result with the plot_detections function
          img = plt.imread('faces1.jpg')
          img = np.mean(img, axis=2)
          detections = detect(img, template, ndetect=4)
          plot_detections(img,detections,tsize_pix)
          # call detect on one or more test images, visualizing the result with the plot_detections function
          img = plt.imread('face1.png')
          img = np.mean(img, axis=2)
          detections = detect(img, template, ndetect=5)
          plot_detections(img,detections,tsize_pix)
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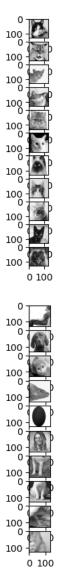
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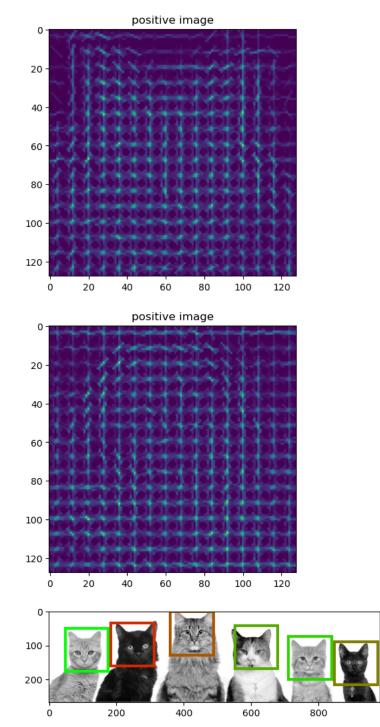


Experiment 2: ??? detection

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In [12]:
           # assume template is 16x16 blocks, you may want to adjust this
           # for objects of different size or aspect ratio.
           # compute image a template size
          print("Cats")
          bsize=8
          tsize=np.array([16,16]) #height and width in blocks
          tsize pix = bsize*tsize #height and width in pixels
          posfiles = ('p1.png', 'p2.png', 'p3.png', 'p4.png', 'p5.png', 'p6.png', 'p7.png', 'p8.png', 'p9.png', 'p10.png', 'p11.png')
negfiles = ('n1.png', 'n2.png', 'n3.png', 'n4.png', 'n5.png', 'n6.png', 'n7.png', 'n8.png', 'n9.png', 'n10.png' )
           # call learn_template to learn and visualize the template and training data
          template = learn_template(posfiles,negfiles,tsize=tsize)
           # call detect on one or more test images, visualizing the result with the plot_detections function
          img = plt.imread('cats.png')
          img = np.mean(img, axis=2)
          detections = detect(img, template, ndetect=6)
          plot_detections(img,detections,tsize_pix)
```

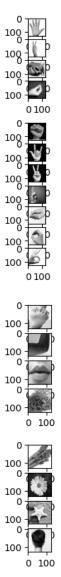
Cats

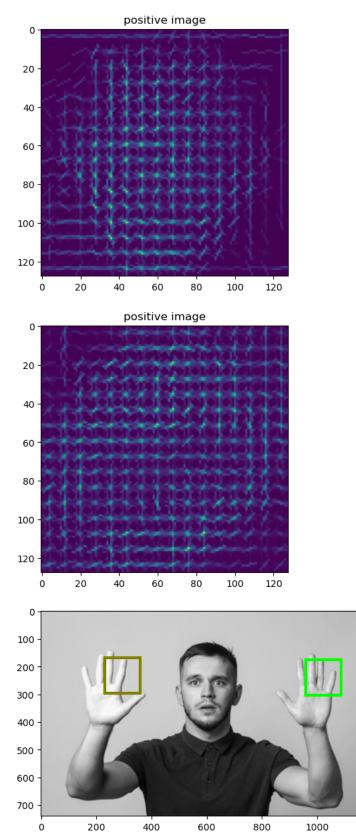




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In [1099]: # assume template is 16x16 blocks, you may want to adjust this
            # for objects of different size or aspect ratio.
            # compute image a template size
            print("Hands")
           bsize=8
            tsize=np.array([16,16]) #height and width in blocks
            tsize pix = bsize*tsize #height and width in pixels
            posfiles = ('pol.png','po2.png','po3.png','po4.png','po5.png', 'po6.png', 'po7.png', 'po8.png',
            'p09.png', 'p010.png', 'pp1.png', 'pp2.png')
negfiles = ('ne1.png', 'ne2.png', 'ne3.png', 'ne4.png', 'ne5.png', 'ne6.png', 'ne7.png', 'ne8.png', 'ne9.png')
            # call learn_template to learn and visualize the template and training data
            template = learn_template(posfiles,negfiles,tsize=tsize)
            # call detect on one or more test images, visualizing the result with the plot_detections function
            img = plt.imread('handsup.png')
            img = np.mean(img, axis=2)
            detections = detect(img, template, ndetect=2)
            plot_detections(img,detections,tsize_pix)
```

Hands





Write up: This method is a good base for our object detection, however, it requires an exahustive number of positive and negative samples to perform well. Also depending on the position and size of items with respect to the image, these method might fail to detect some objects. For instance, it was easier to detect human faces and cat faces, however, it was difficult to detect hands, becuae the hands have smaller components like fingers and different form of hand gestrues and fingures increases the search data base. One of the ways to improve is the use of neural networks, and dynamic programming. Therefore, this method can be extended and optimized into a better use.

In []: