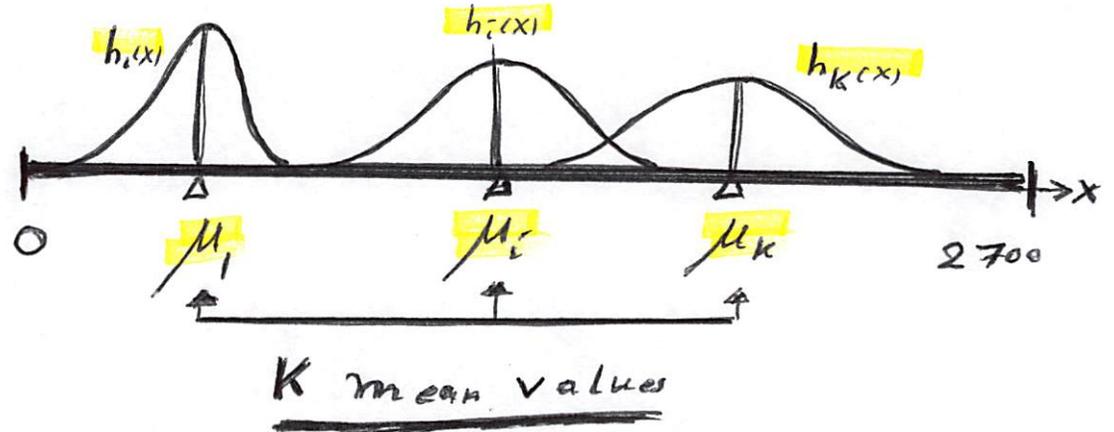
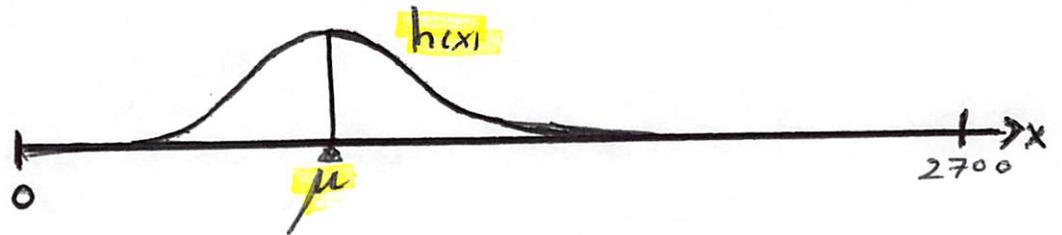


## BLENDING HISTOGRAMS

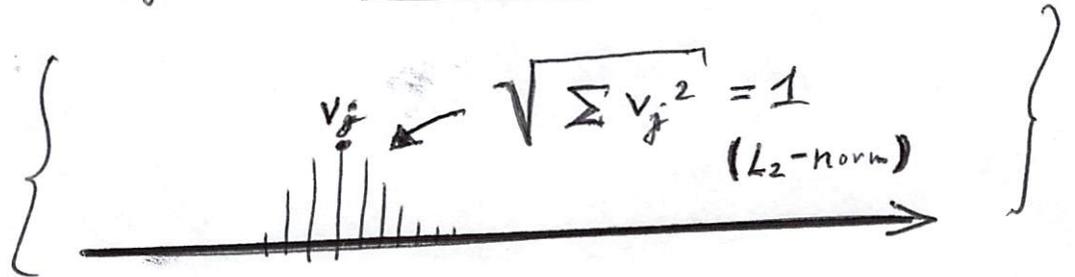
- Given:  $\rightarrow$  Set of "prototype" histograms  $h_1, \dots, h_K$  of  $K$  materials:



- $\rightarrow$  Histogram  $h(x)$  to be analyzed/classified:

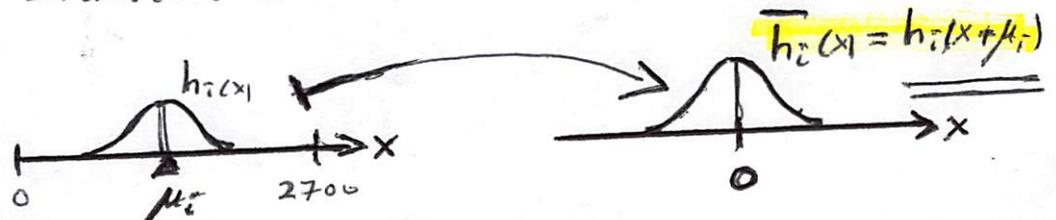


- $\rightarrow$  Histograms are normalized:  $\|h_i(x)\| = \|h(x)\| = 1$ :

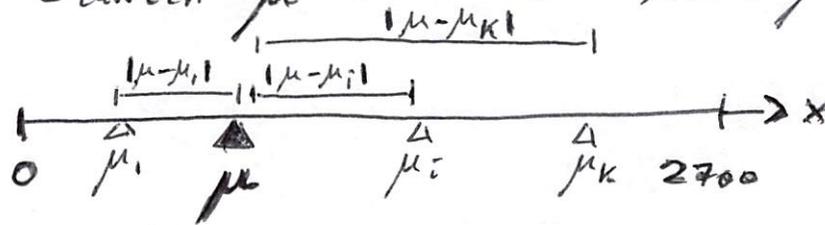


### Operations:

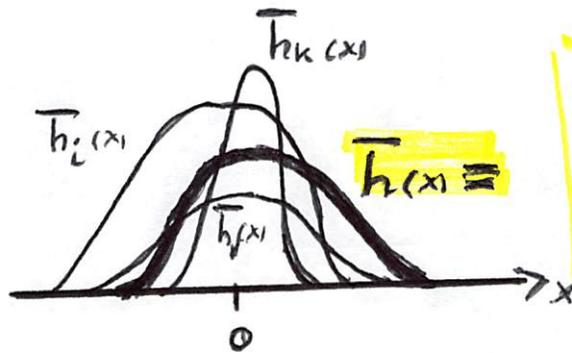
- Translation: translate all  $h_i(x)$  to origin:



- Blending: Linearly blend the  $h_i(x)$ , using "distance weights" (considering the distance between  $\mu$  and the respective  $\mu_i$ -Values)



to define  $\bar{h}(x)$ , a new function obtained by blending the  $h_i(x)$  functions for value  $\mu$ .



$$\bar{h}(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{|\mu - \mu_i|} \cdot h_i(x)}{\sum_{i=1}^K \frac{1}{|\mu - \mu_i|}}$$

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+ PLUS:  $\rightarrow$  Is mean of  $\bar{h}(x) = 0$ ?

|| Yes  $\Rightarrow \checkmark$

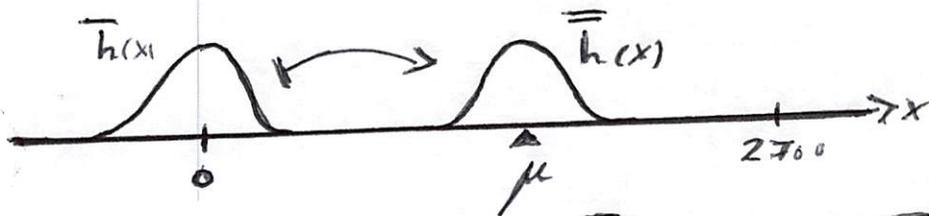
|| No  $\Rightarrow$  determine  $\bar{\mu}$  = mean of  $\bar{h}(x)$

\* or uses  $|\mu - \mu_i|^{-2}$   
+ OR: "TP5"

+ PLUS:  $\rightarrow$  Normalize  $\bar{h}(x) \Rightarrow \|\bar{h}\| = 1$

- Translation: translate  $\bar{h}(x)$  s.t. (new) mean is  $\mu$ :

$$\bar{h}(x) = \bar{h}(x - \mu)$$



- Difference: compute difference between  $h(x)$  and  $\bar{h}(x)$

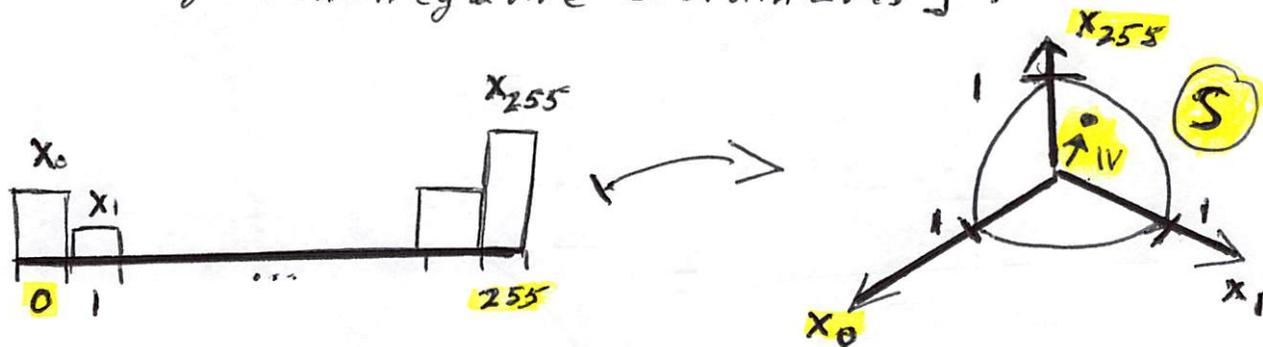


$$S = \sqrt{\int (h - \bar{h})^2}$$

"IF  $S < \epsilon$  THEN threat"

Alternative View

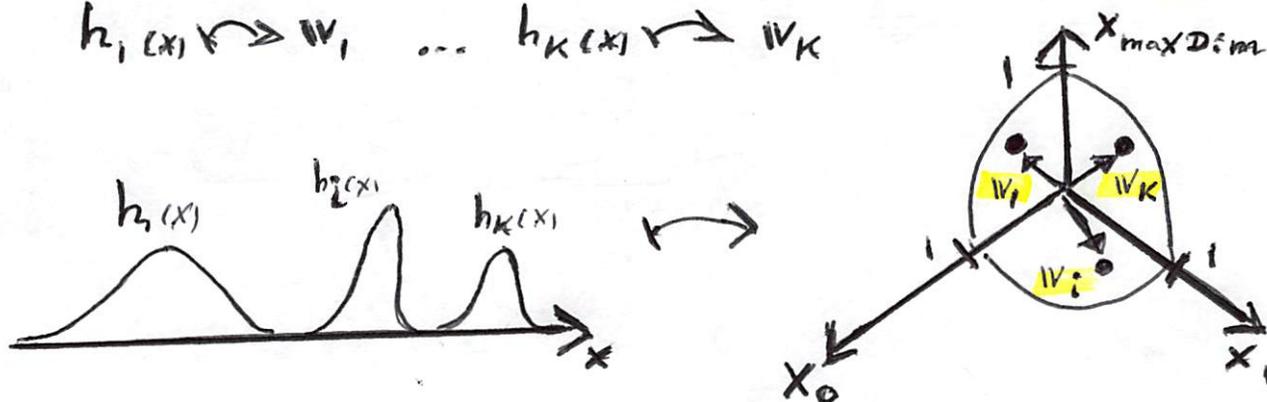
" Histograms viewed as (positional) unit vectors emanating from the origin and ending on the part of a hyper-sphere [consisting of points with only non-negative coordinates] :



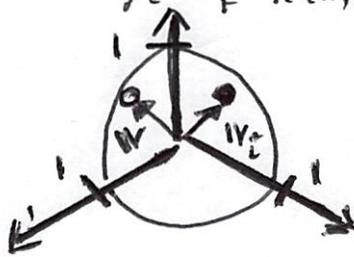
$$w = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ x_{255} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \|w\| = 1$$

⇒ Prototype histograms viewed as points on sphere S :

$$h_1(x) \mapsto w_1, \dots, h_K(x) \mapsto w_K$$



⇒ Consider GEODESIC DISTANCE or ANGLE (COS) between  $w$  (= image of  $h(x)$ ) and  $w_i$  :  $w$  and  $w_i$  s.t.  $\|w\| = \|w_i\| = 1$



$$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{COS}} = w \cdot w_i \in [0, 1]$$

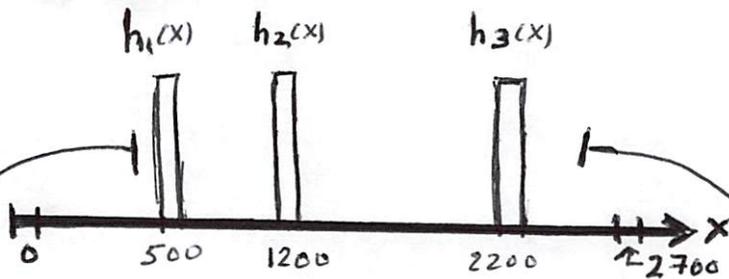
COS close to 1 ⇒  $w$  &  $w_i$  are close!

HISTOGRAM APPROXIMATION - cont'd.

- given: 1) IDEAL histograms (= perfect density/intensity)
- 2) SCANNER- and PHANTOM-SPECIFIC histograms  
(of the same materials)
- 3) HISTOGRAM of unknown material  
(obtained via the specific scanner)

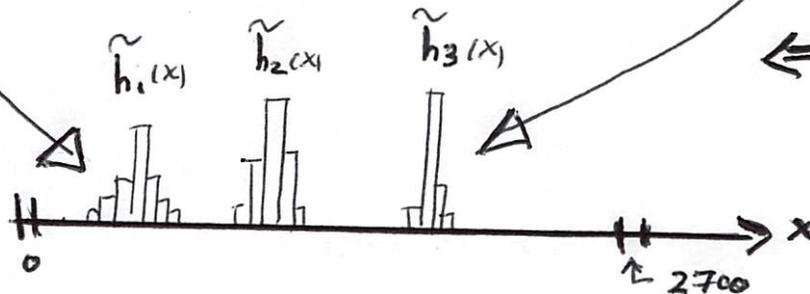
→ question: "Can the histogram from 3) be viewed as one of the histograms from 2), or possibly as a combination of histograms from 2)?"

1) IDEAL histograms:



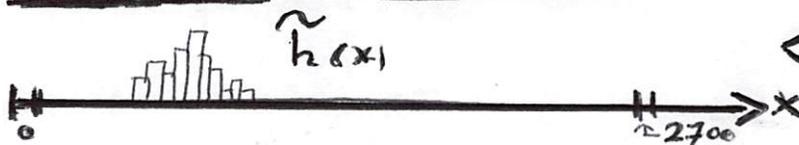
← 2701 bins,  
each one for ONE  
integer value density

2) SCANNER-specific histograms:



← 3 materials producing  
"translated and spread-out  
versions"  $\tilde{h}_j(x)$   
corresponding to the ideal  
 $h_j(x)$  histograms

3) Histogram of UNKNOWN MATERIAL:

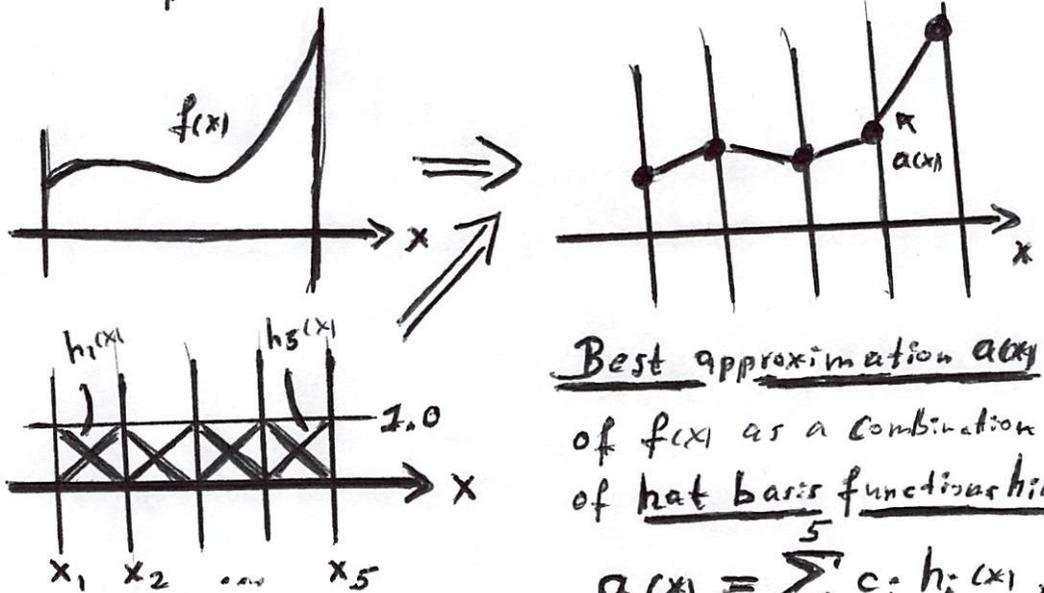


← Does  $\tilde{h}(x)$  "resemble"  
one of the  $\tilde{h}_j(x)$  histograms,  
or a "combination"?

HISTOGRAM APPROXIMATION - cont'd.

→ Compute BEST APPROXIMATION of  $\tilde{h}(x)$  using method of LEAST SQUARES applied to the histograms, understood as piecewise constant functions.

{ Reminder:



Best approximation  $a(x)$  of  $f(x)$  as a combination of hat basis functions  $h_i(x)$ :

$$a(x) = \sum_{i=1}^5 c_i h_i(x)$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle h_1, h_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle h_1, h_5 \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle h_5, h_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle h_5, h_5 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle f, h_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle f, h_5 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

⇒ least squares approximation }

→ Here : • All functions  $h_j(x), \tilde{h}_j(x), \tilde{h}(x)$  are :

-  $\geq 0$  and

- normalized, i.e.,  $\|\cdot\|_2 = \sqrt{\int f \cdot g} = 1$

⇒ example above:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle \tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_3 \rangle \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \langle \tilde{h}_3, \tilde{h}_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle \tilde{h}_3, \tilde{h}_3 \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{h}_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{h}_3 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

("⟨·,·⟩" denotes the inner product of two functions.)

⇒ Compute coefficient vector  $(c_1, c_2, c_3)^T$

Determine those coefficients  $c_j \geq 0$  for which  $1 - c_j < \epsilon$

⇒ " $\tilde{h}(x)$  represents" those "material types  $j$ " ■ 34