

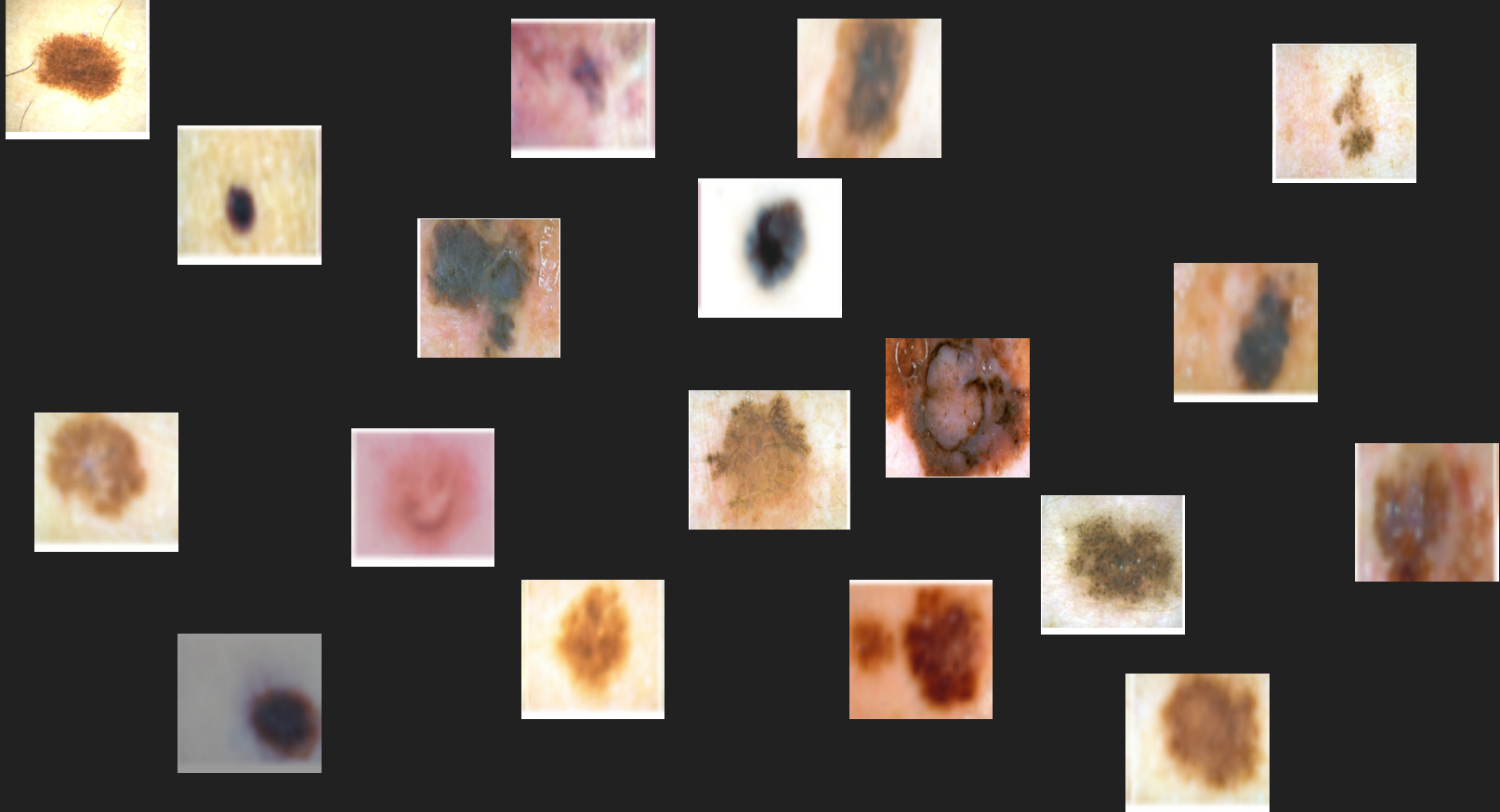
# Graph Geodesics to Find Progressively Similar Skin Lesions

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# Database of skin lesion images





# Image retrieval

Query  
Image



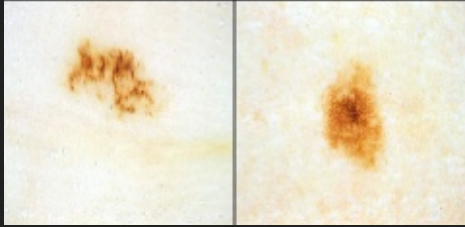
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MEL

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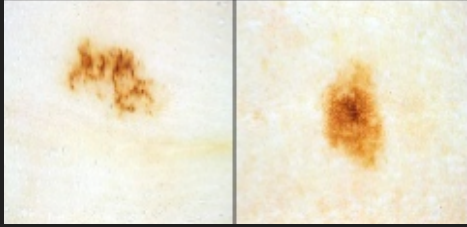
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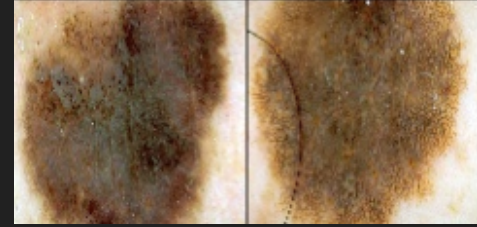
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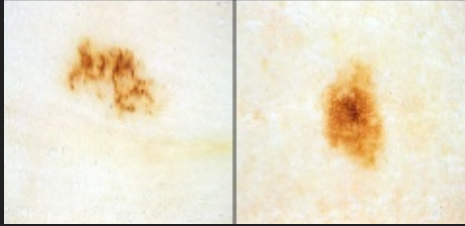
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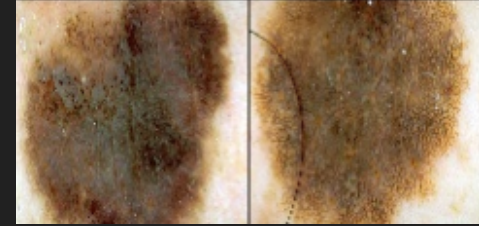


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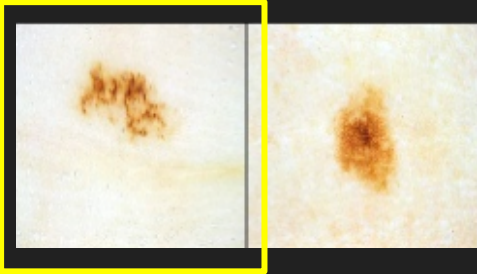
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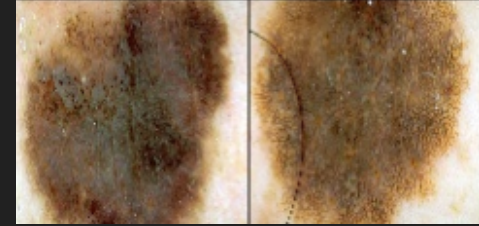


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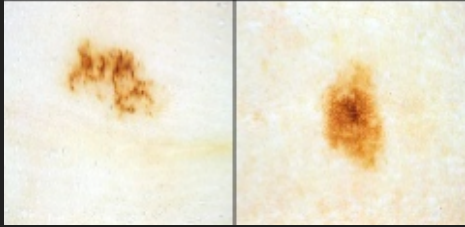
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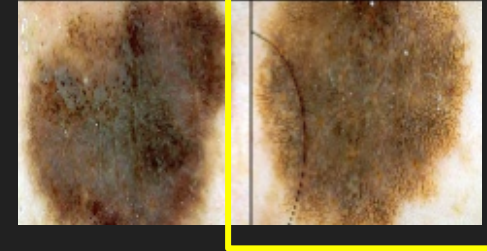


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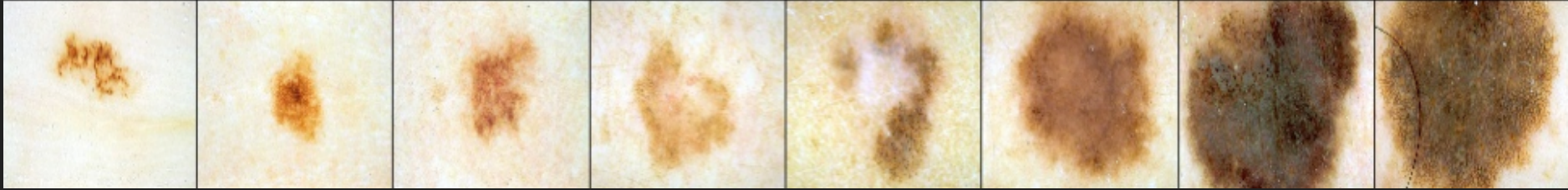
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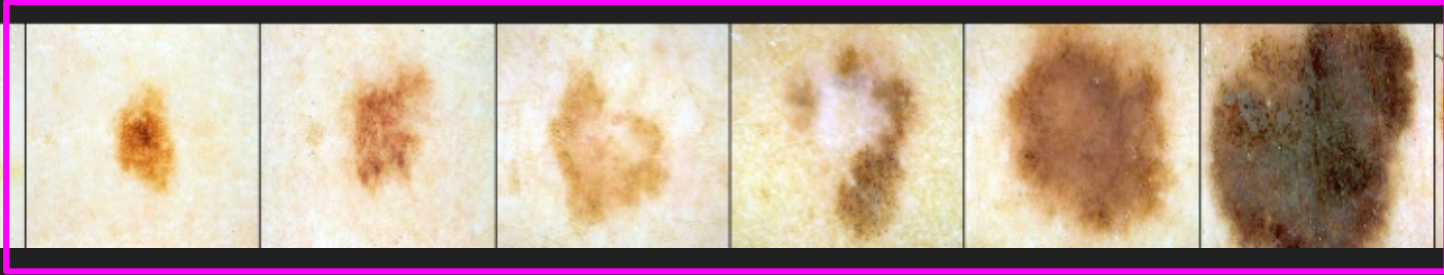
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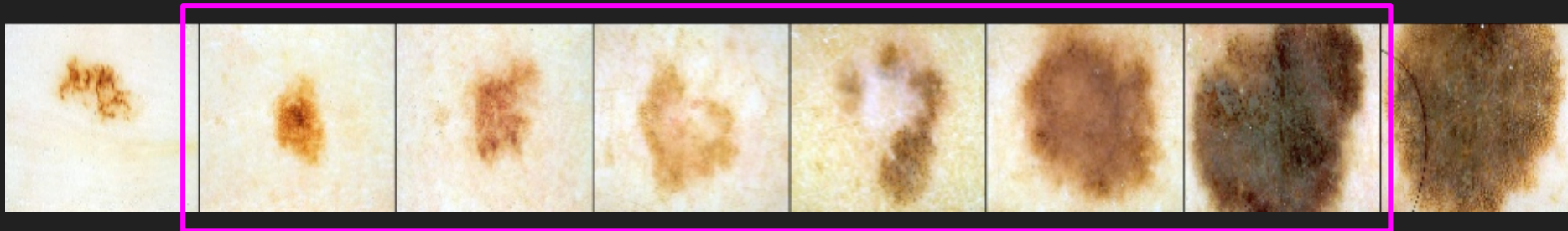
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A visual progression from a **source** to a **target** image

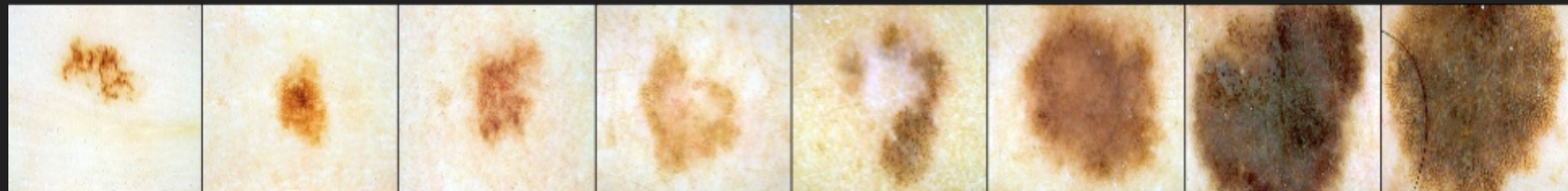
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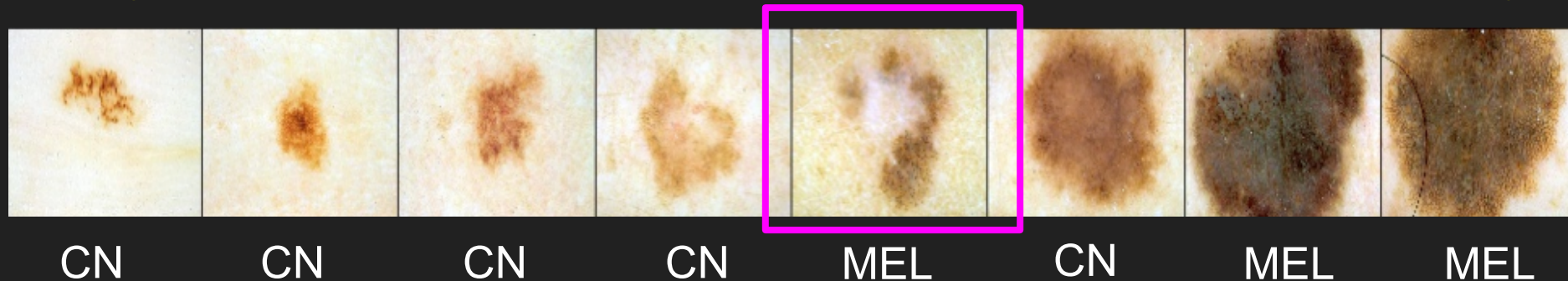
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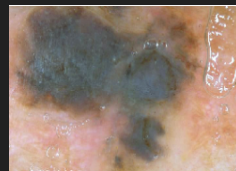
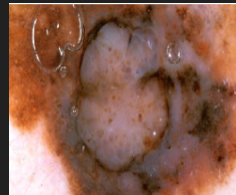
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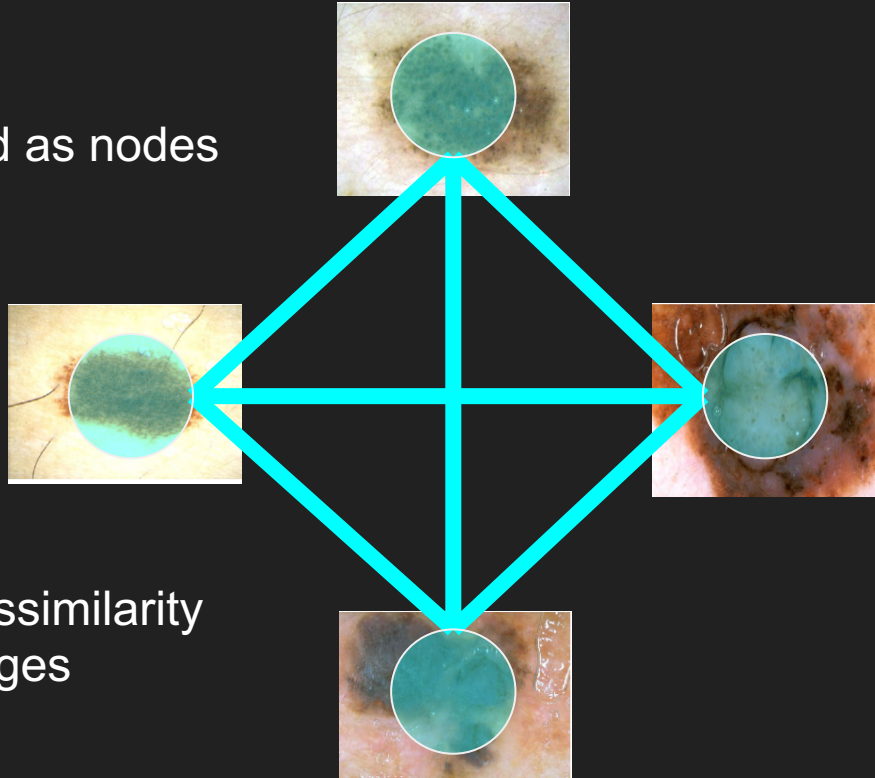
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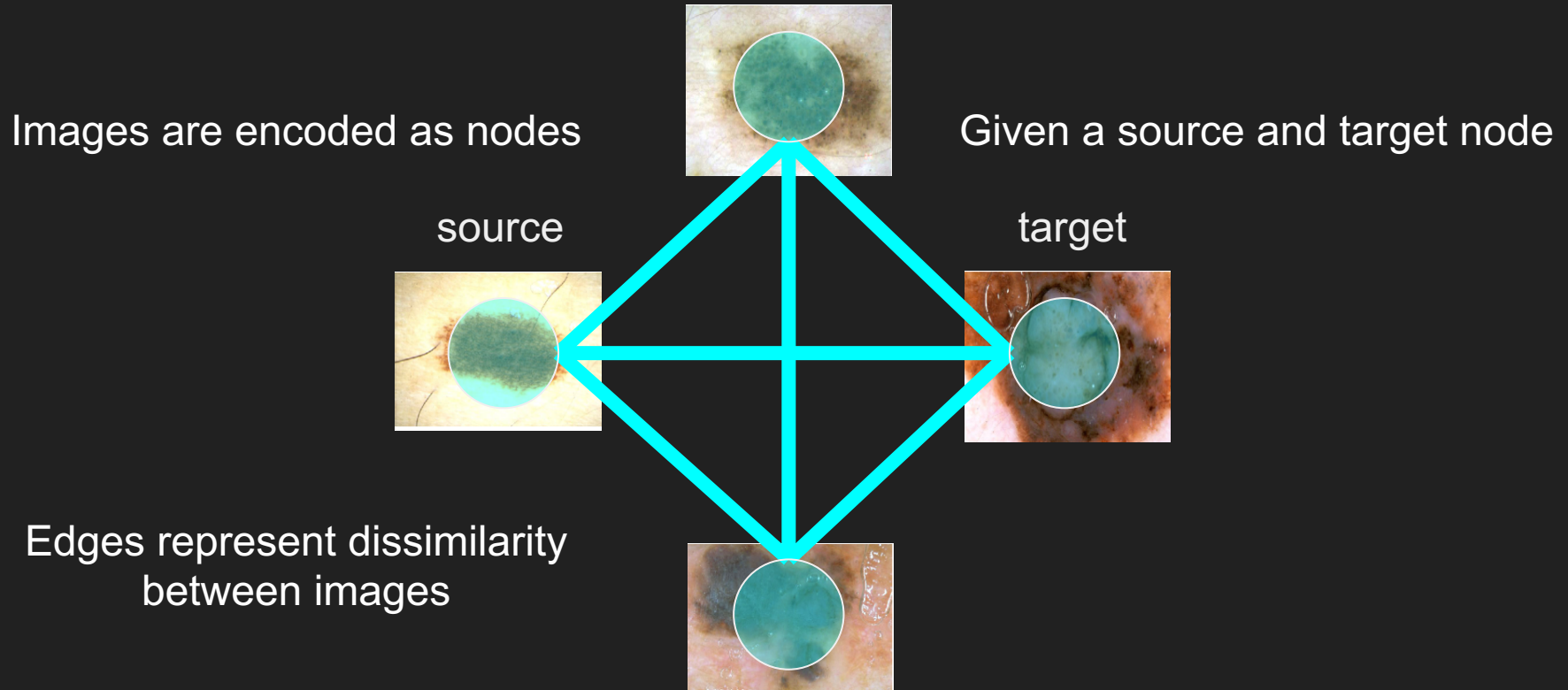
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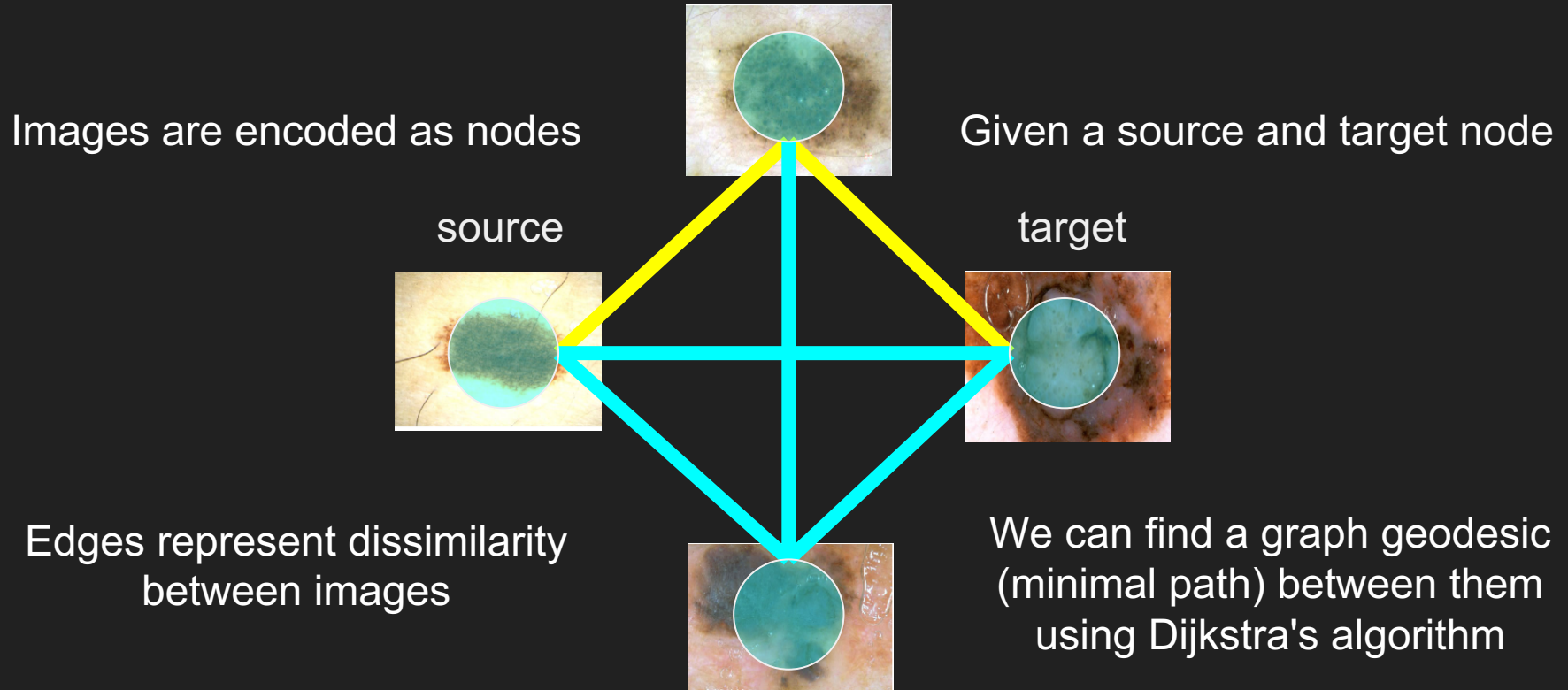


Edges represent dissimilarity  
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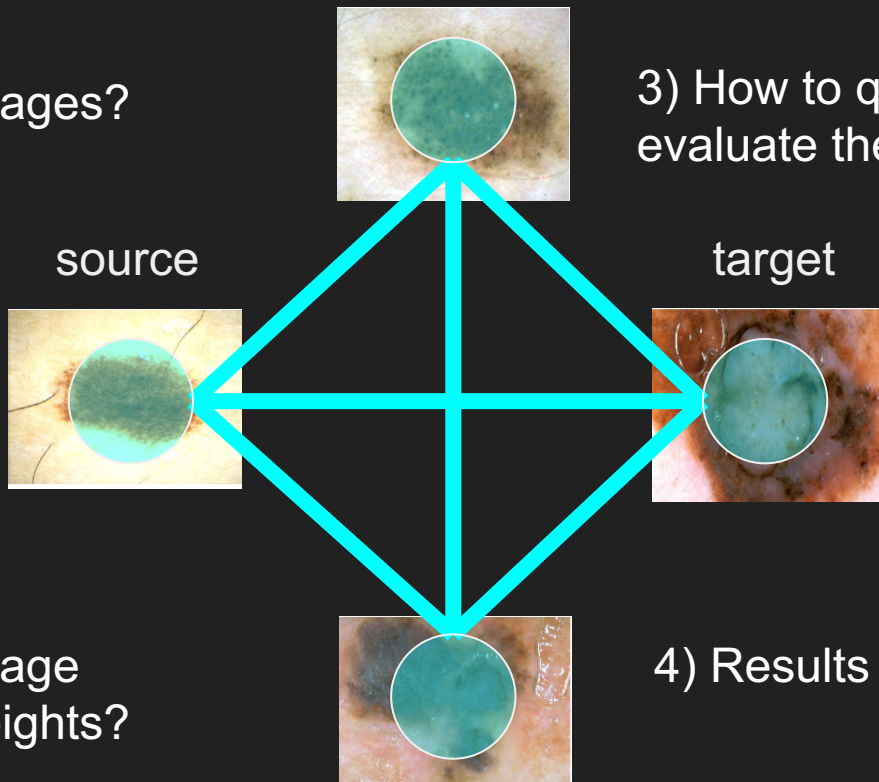
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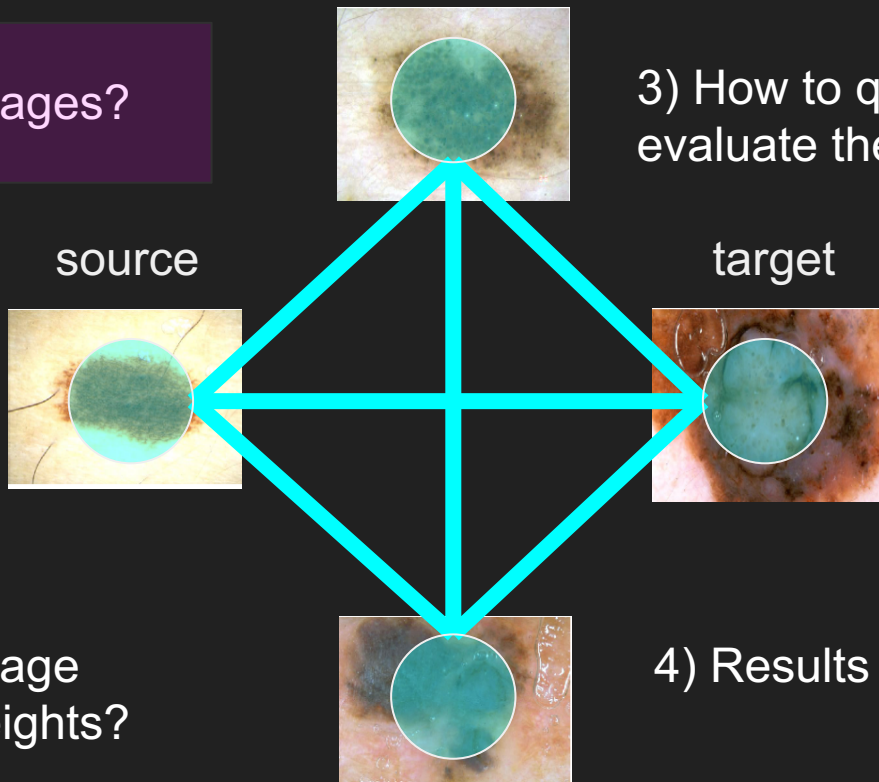
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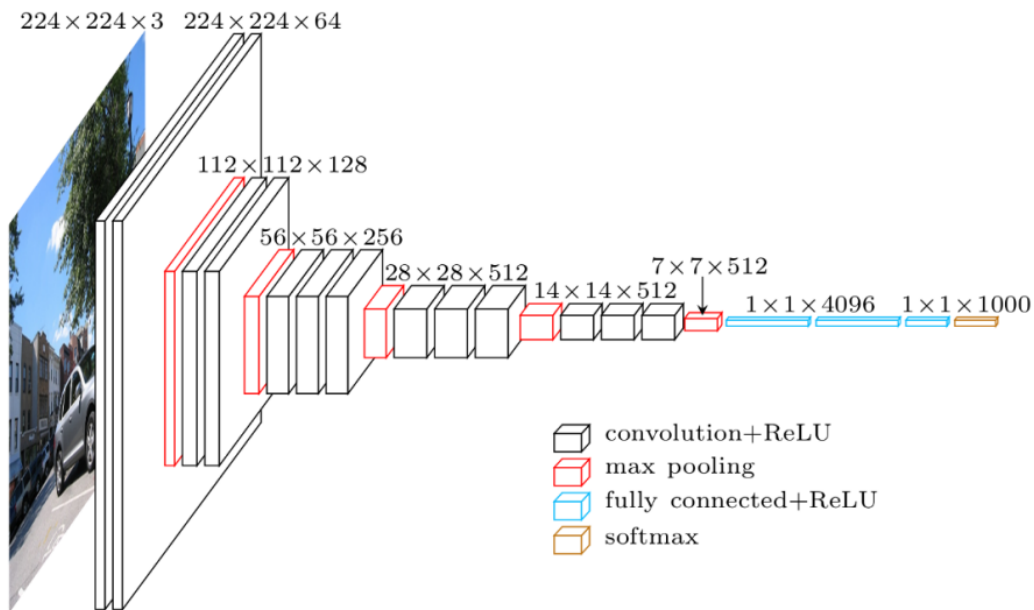
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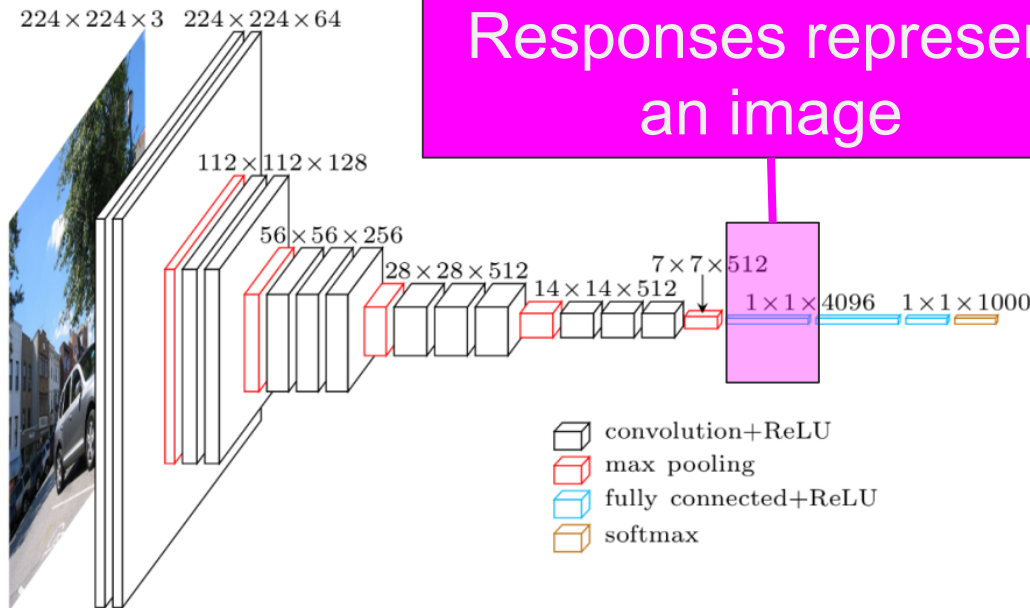
# VGG 16 Pretrained over ImageNet



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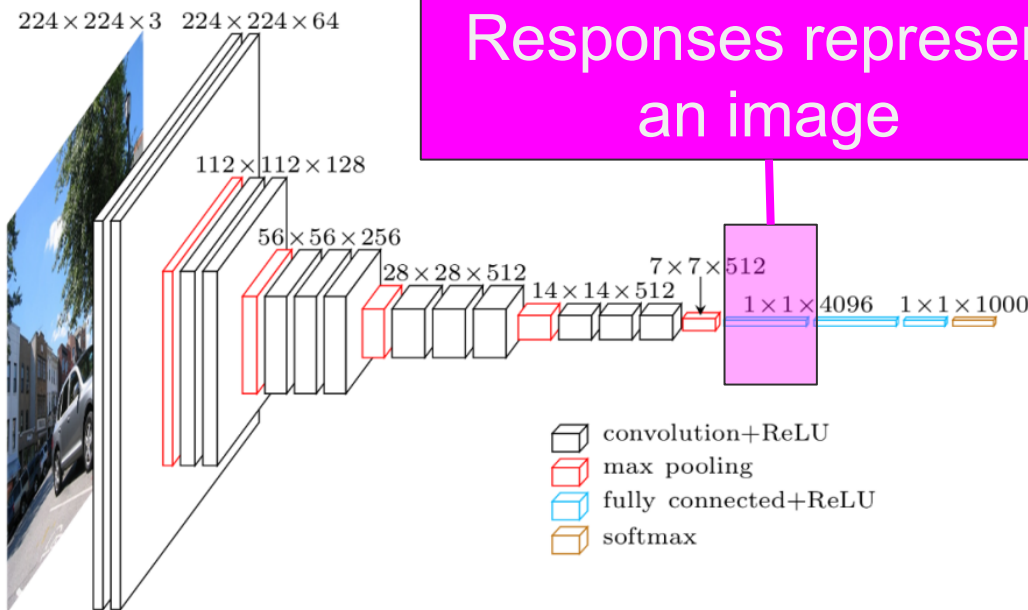


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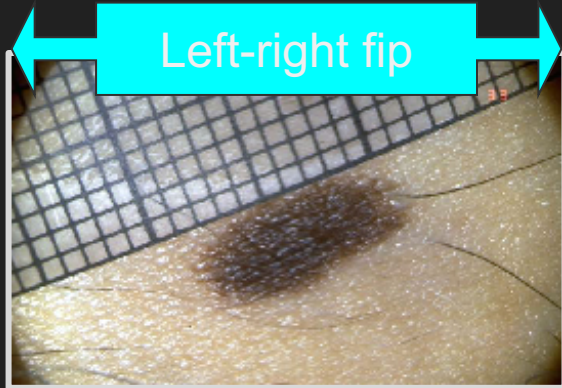
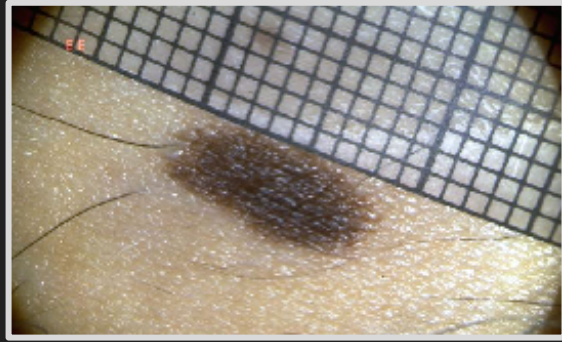
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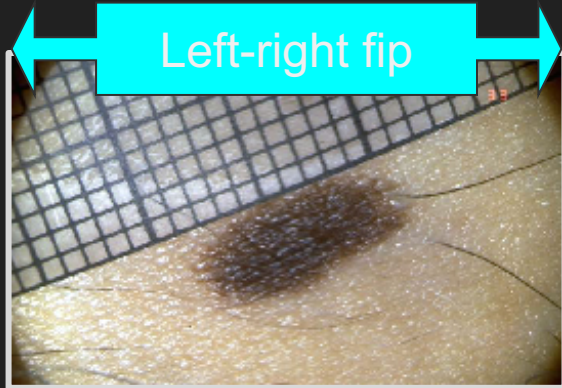
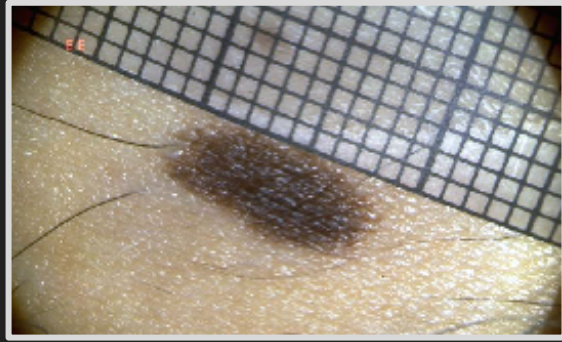
Left-right flip

5  
1  
3  
7  
2

3  
3  
1  
1  
4

Feature vector for  
each image

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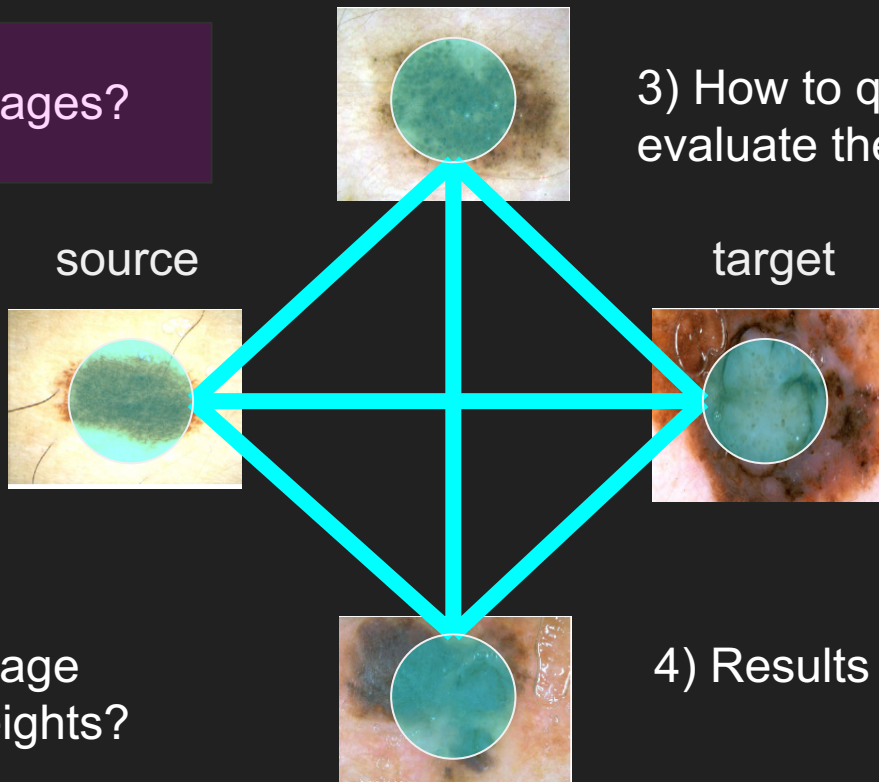
4  
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Average responses to  
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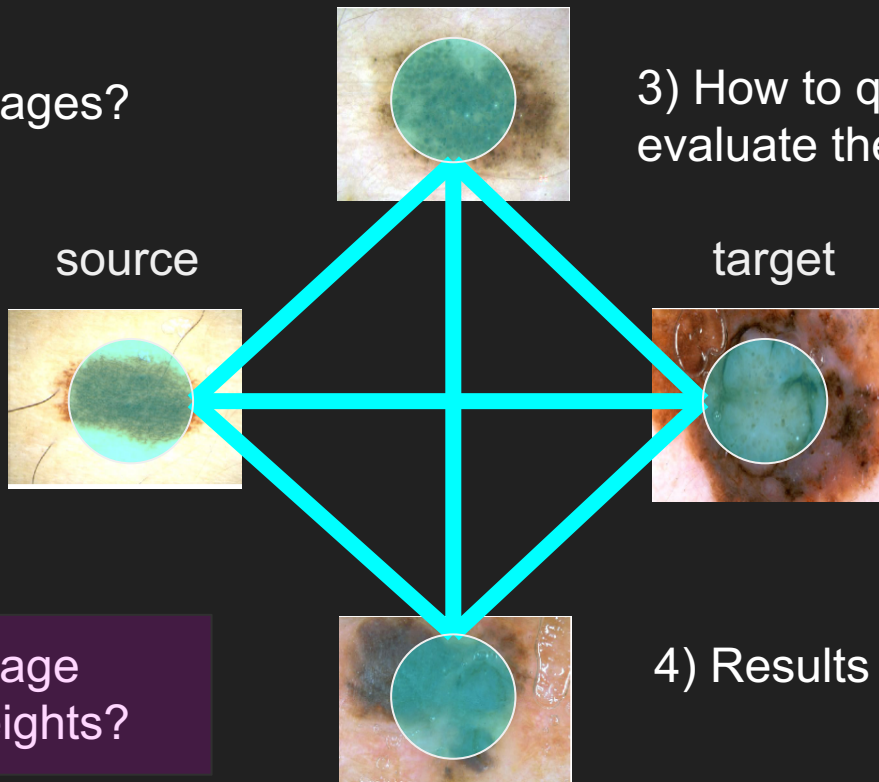
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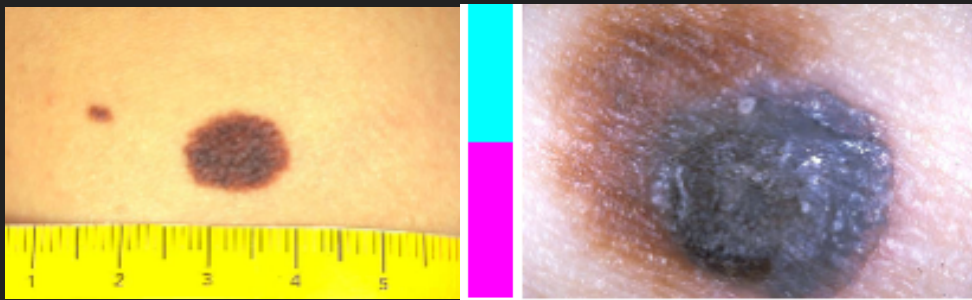
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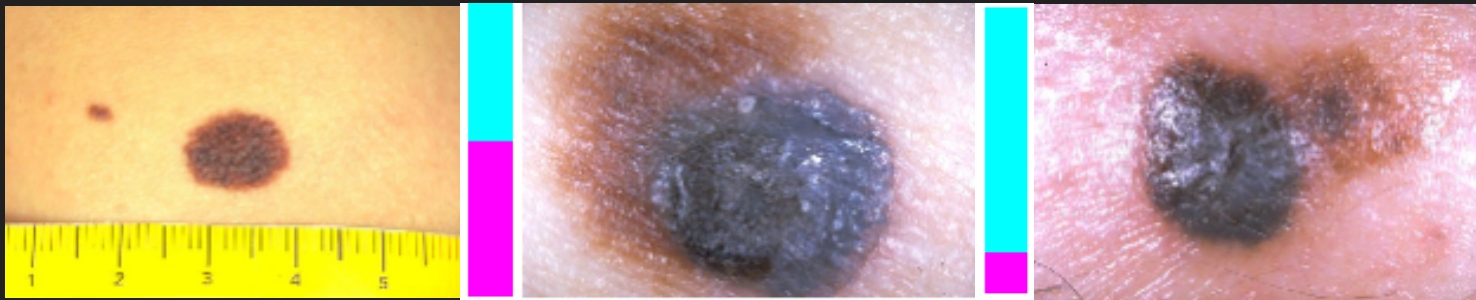
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**Magenta** indicates the  
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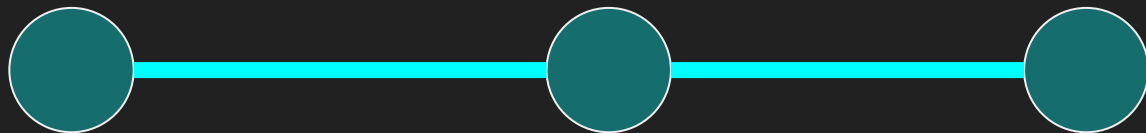


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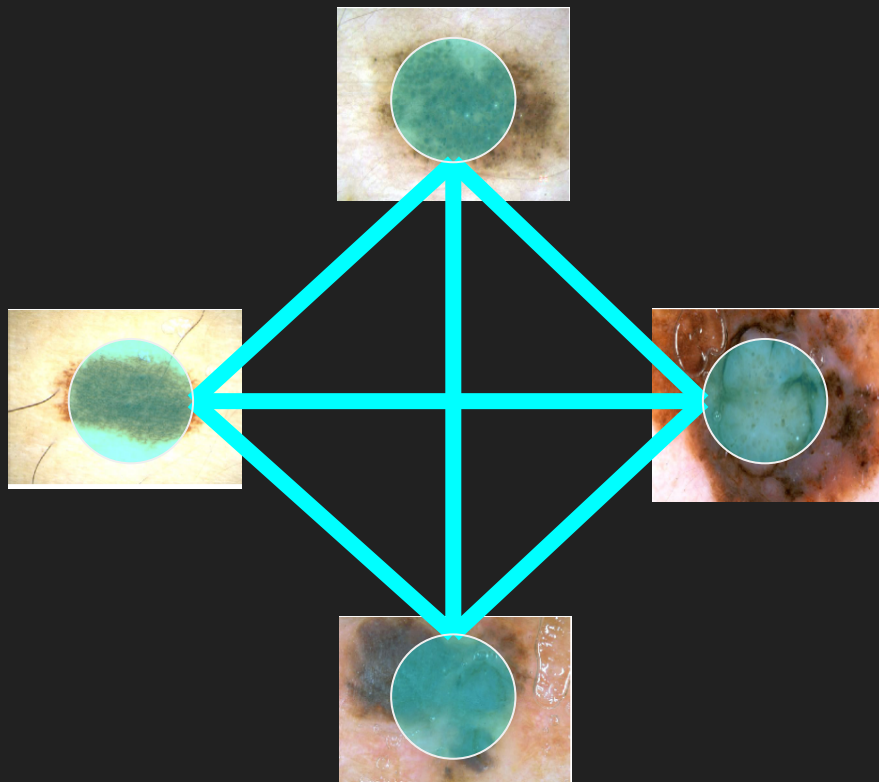
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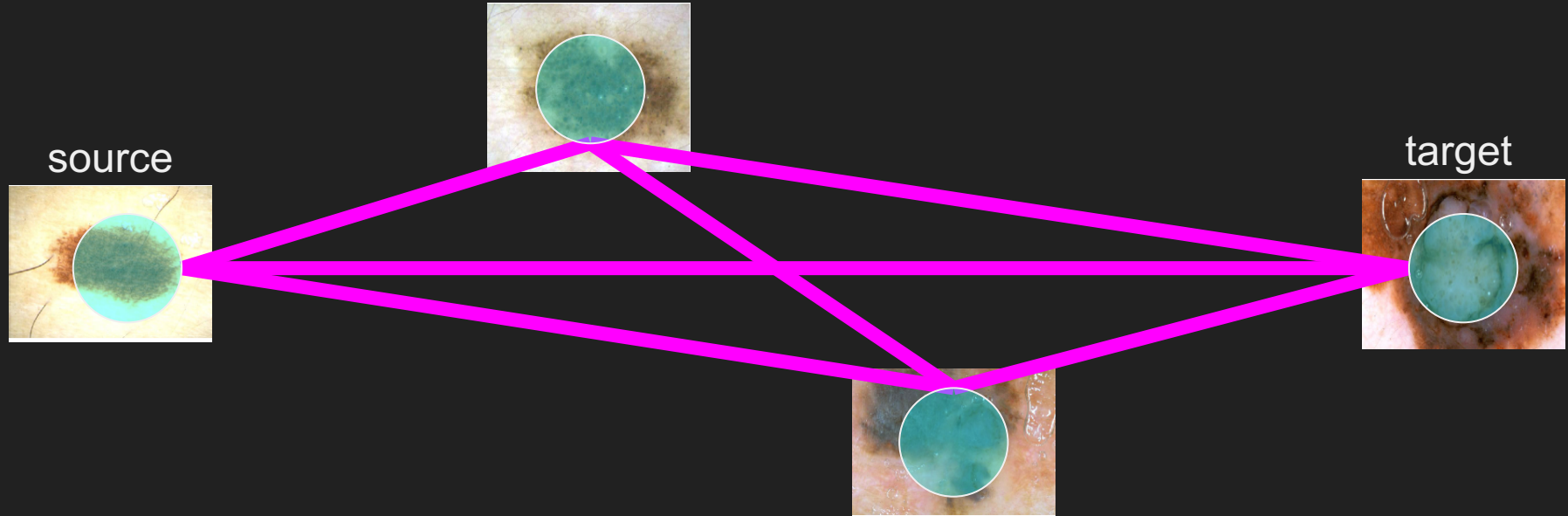
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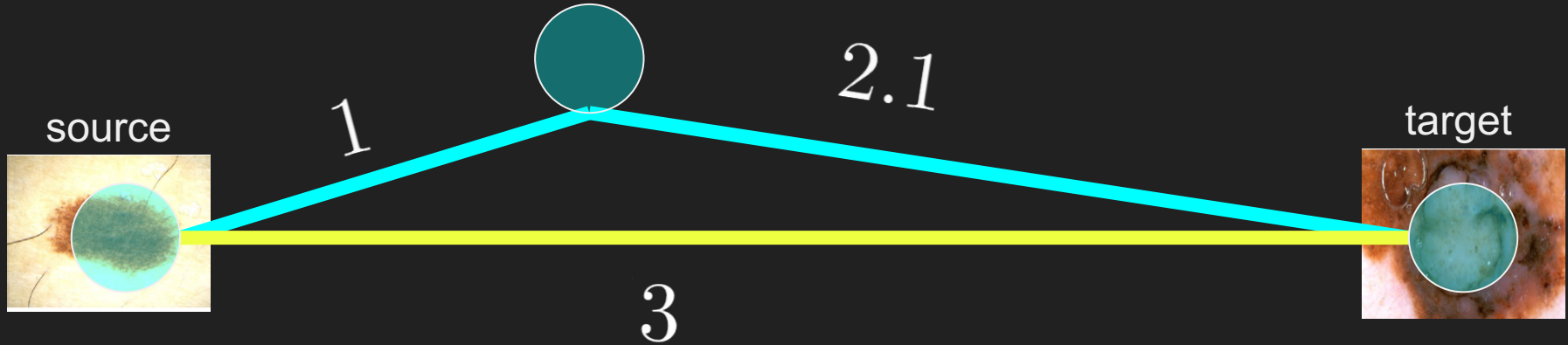


# Image dissimilarity as edge weights



Edges represent the dissimilarity between two images

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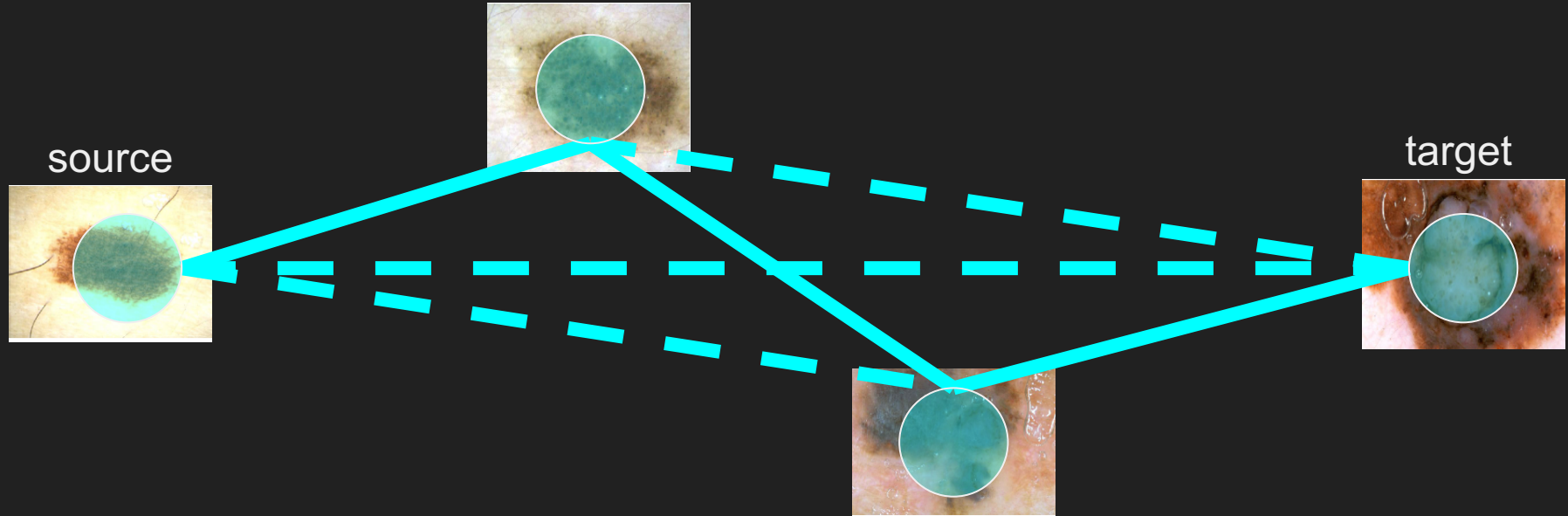


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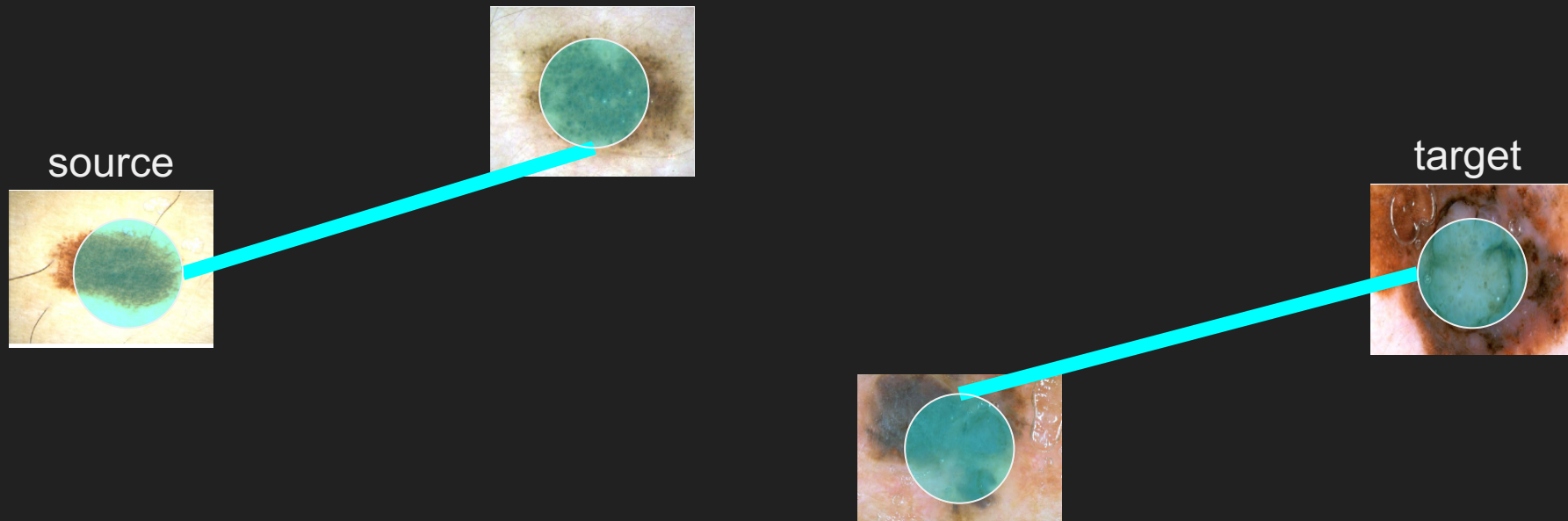
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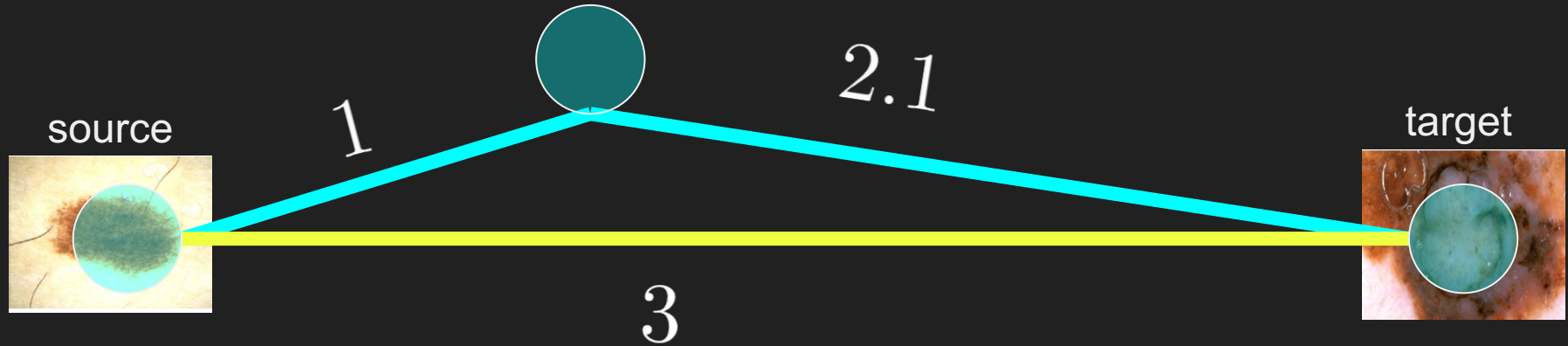


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Potential problem: how many edges to prune?  
**Can lead to disconnected graphs with no path**

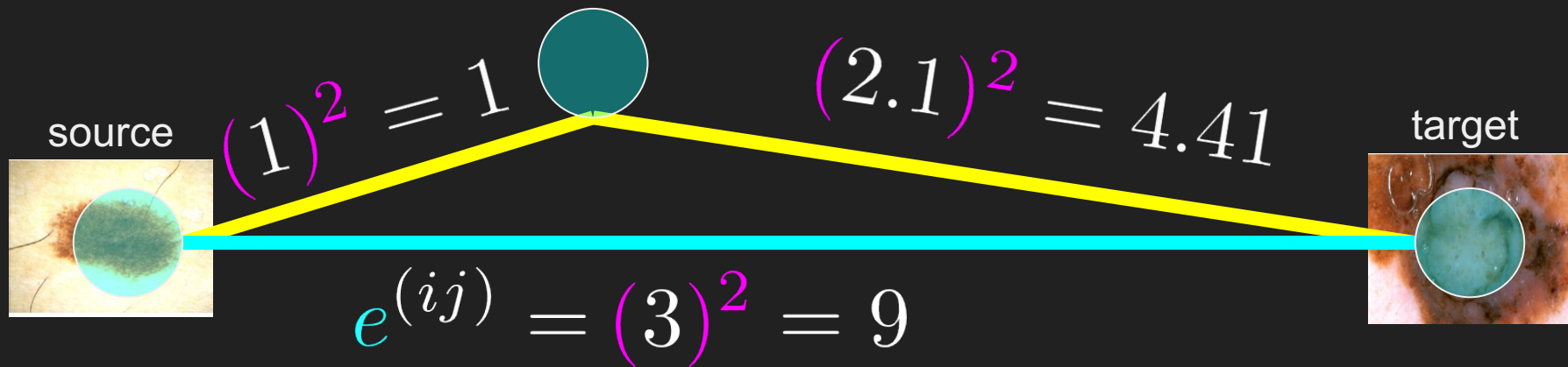
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$$9 > 1 + 4.41$$

Solution: exponential dissimilarity

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 $x_d^{(j)}$ 

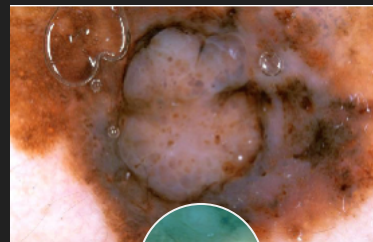
dermoscopic



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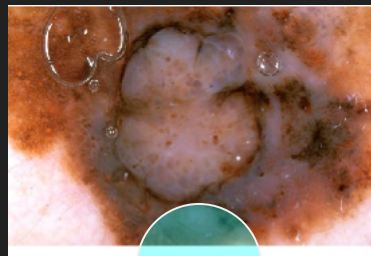
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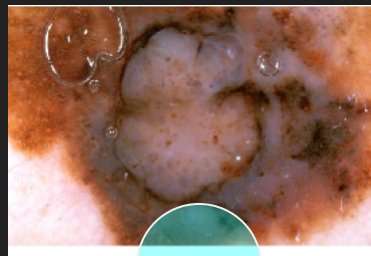
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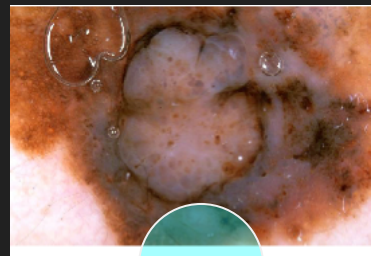
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$$e^{(ij)} = \alpha \mathcal{D}(x_d^{(i)}, x_d^{(j)}) + (1 - \alpha) \mathcal{D}(x_c^{(i)}, x_c^{(j)})$$

$\alpha = 0.8$  gives heavier weight to  
dermoscopic images

(as clinical images can contain background artefacts)

dermoscopic



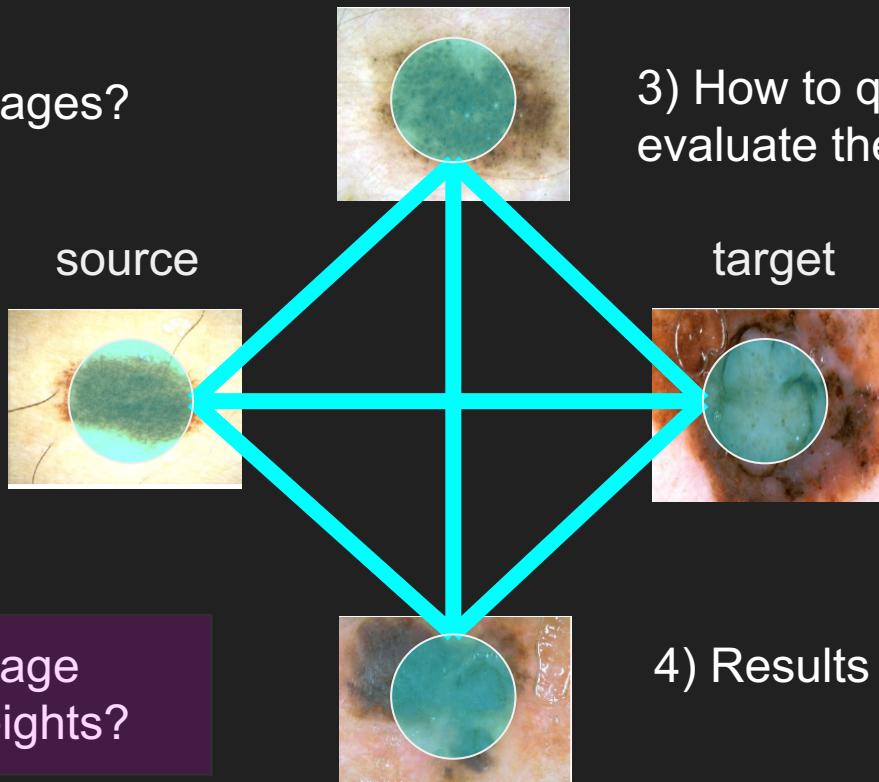
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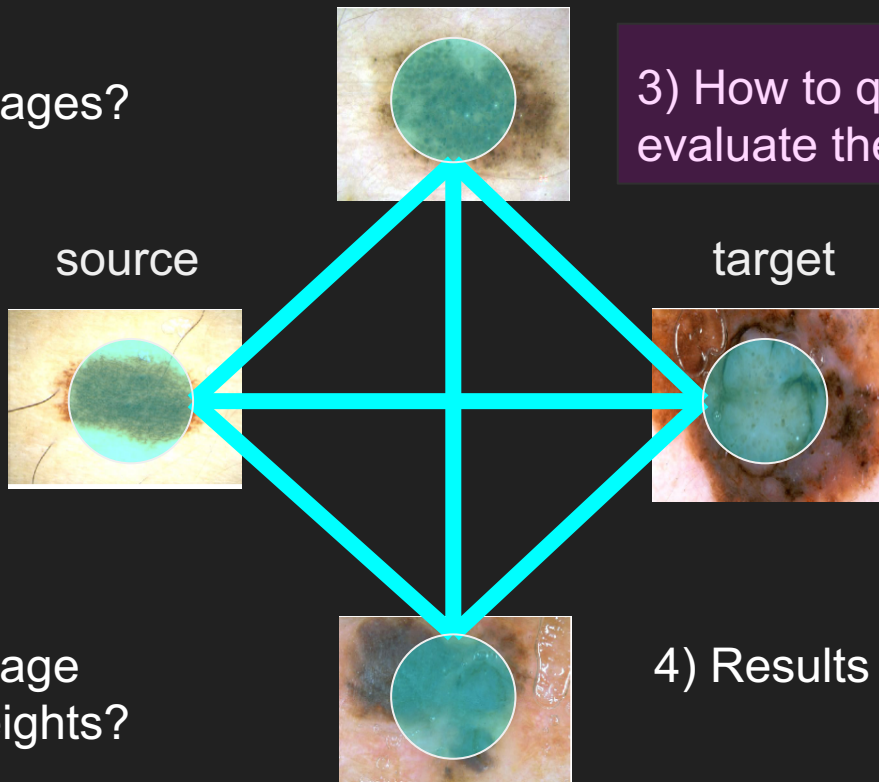
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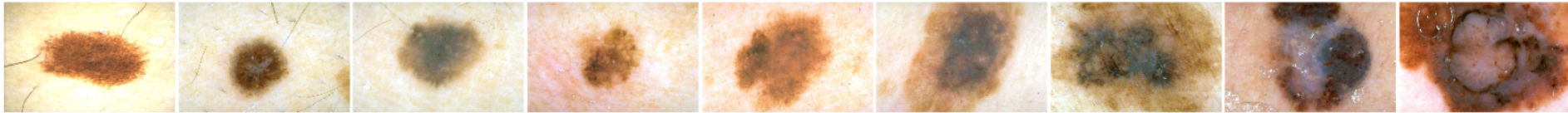
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CBN

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MLS

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RSN

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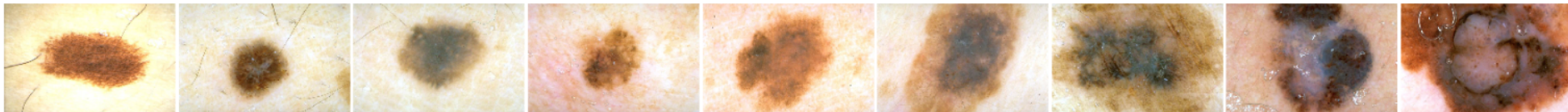
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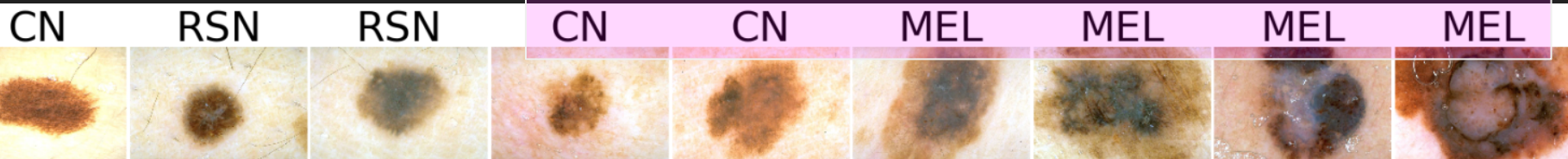
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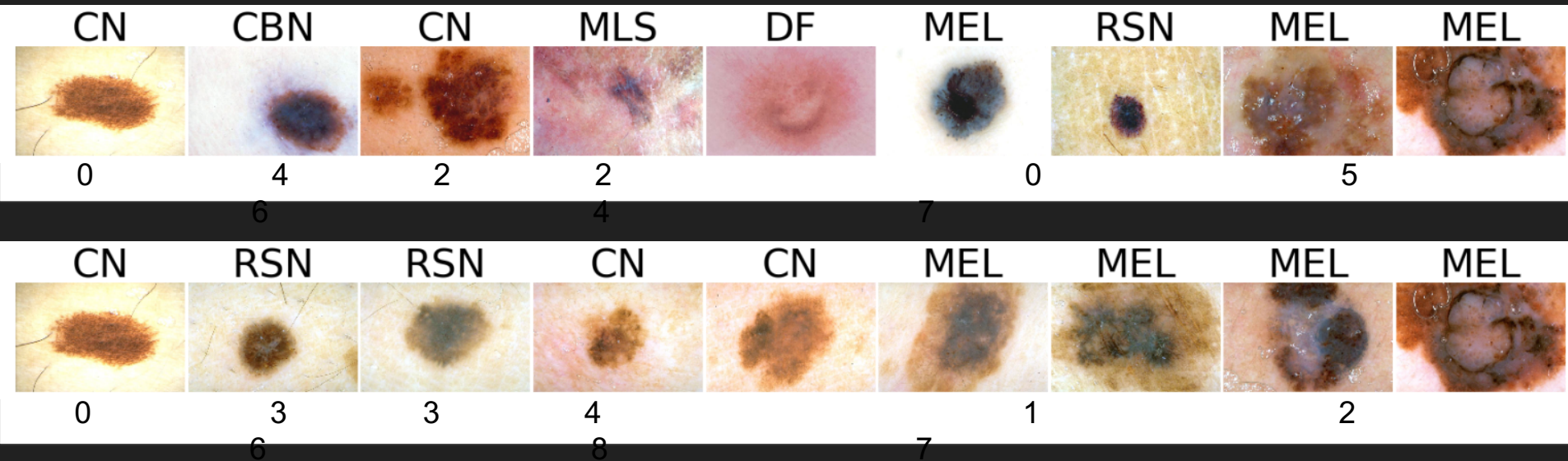


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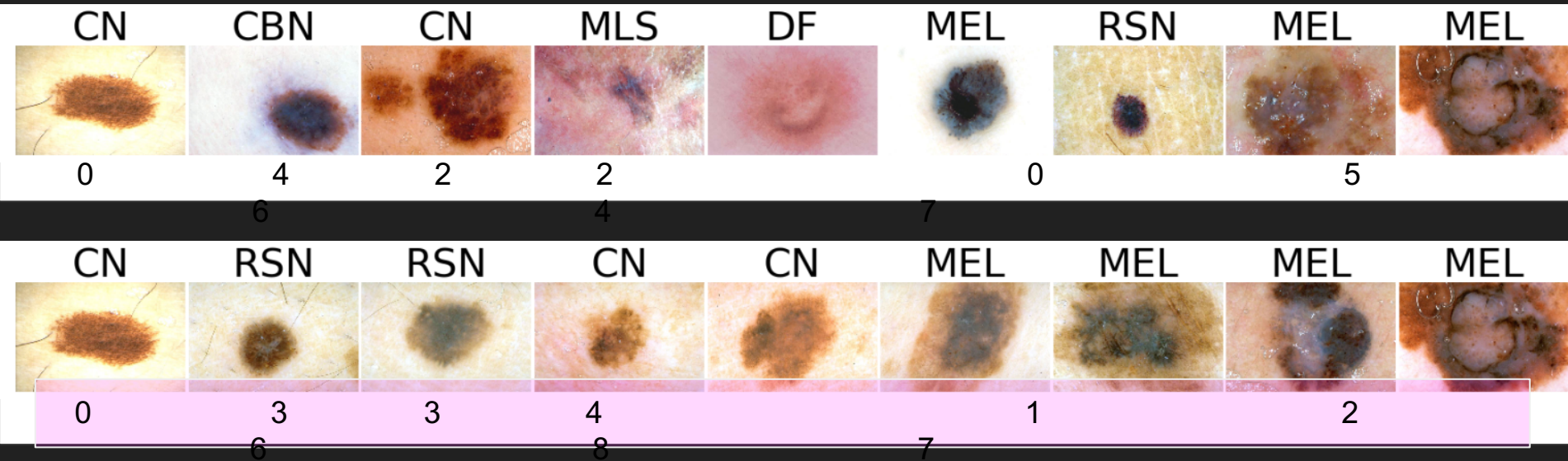
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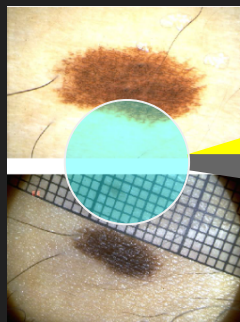
**Progression cost** = the **7-point scores** in a path should consistently increase/decrease between the source and target

# Transition cost

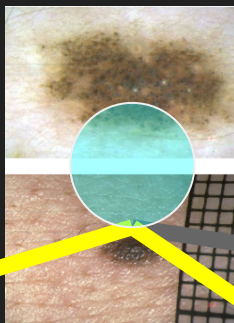
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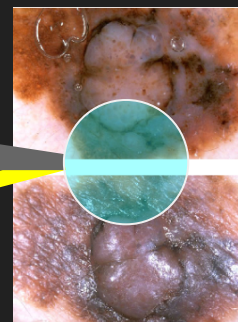
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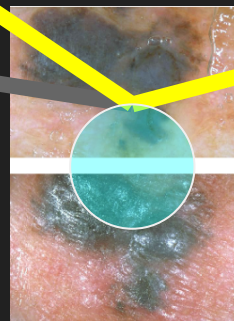
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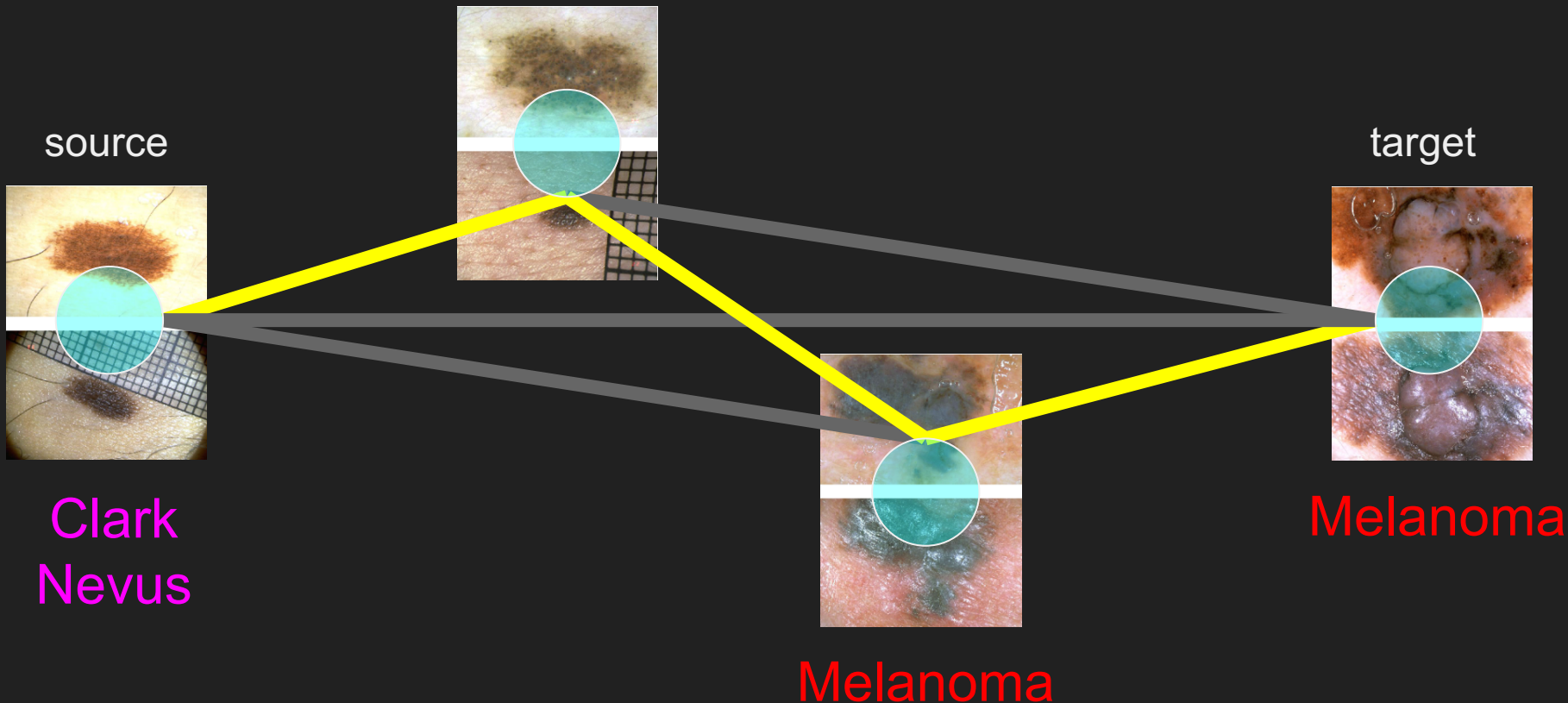
target



Melanoma



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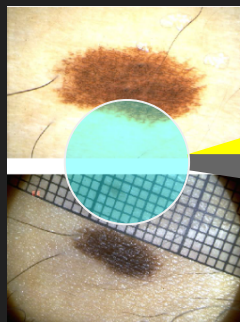
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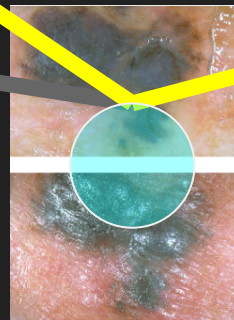
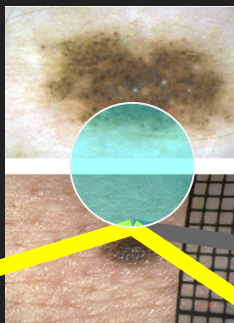
$$C = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if same labels} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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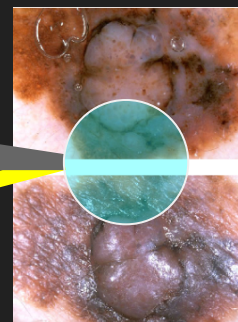
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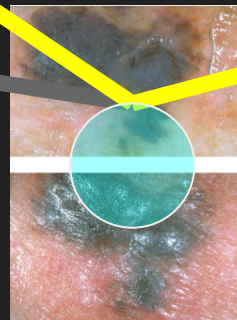
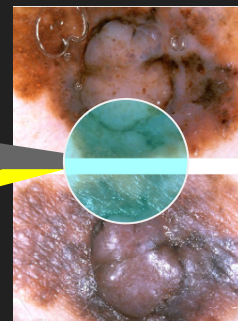
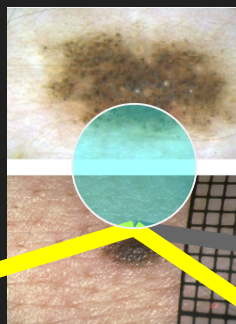
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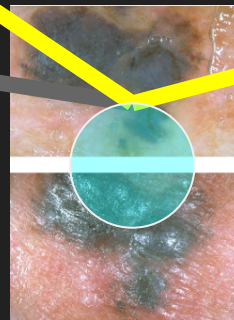
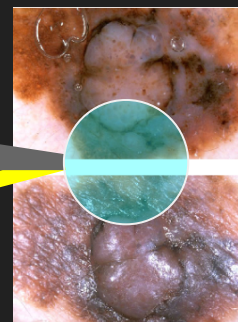
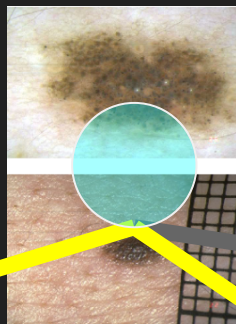
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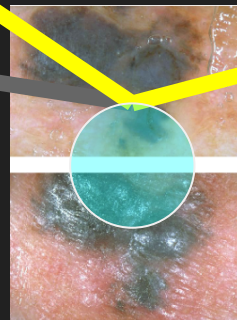
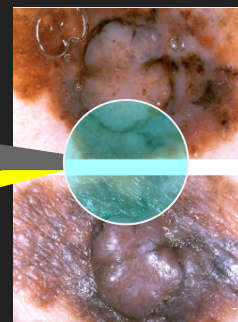
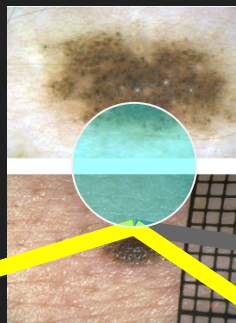
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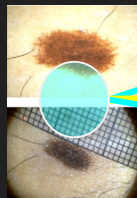
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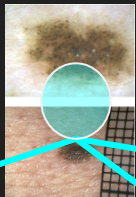
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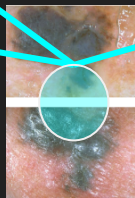
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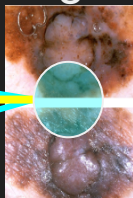


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target



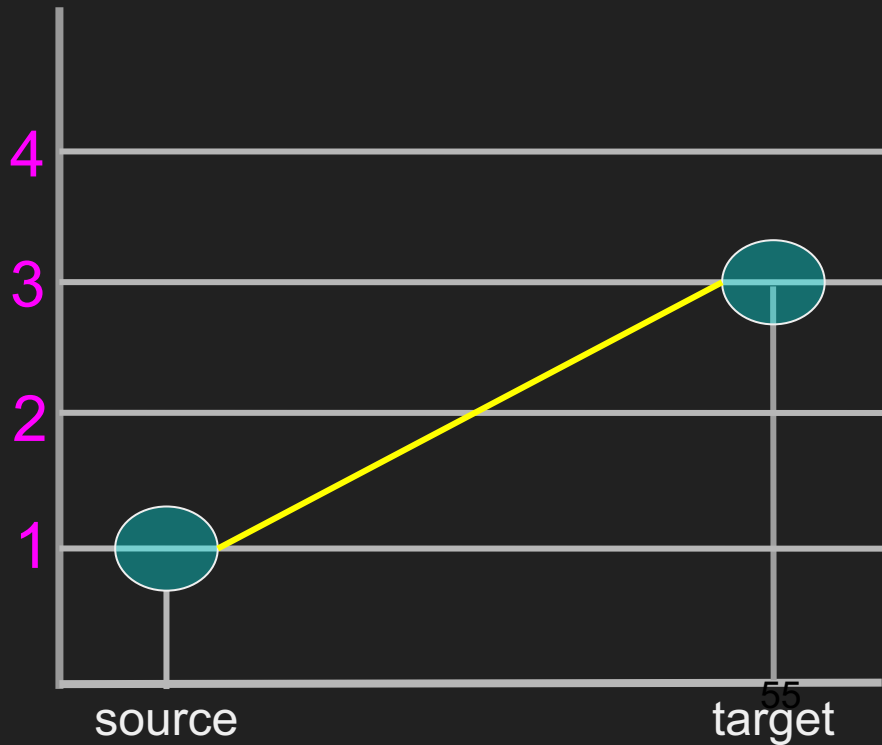
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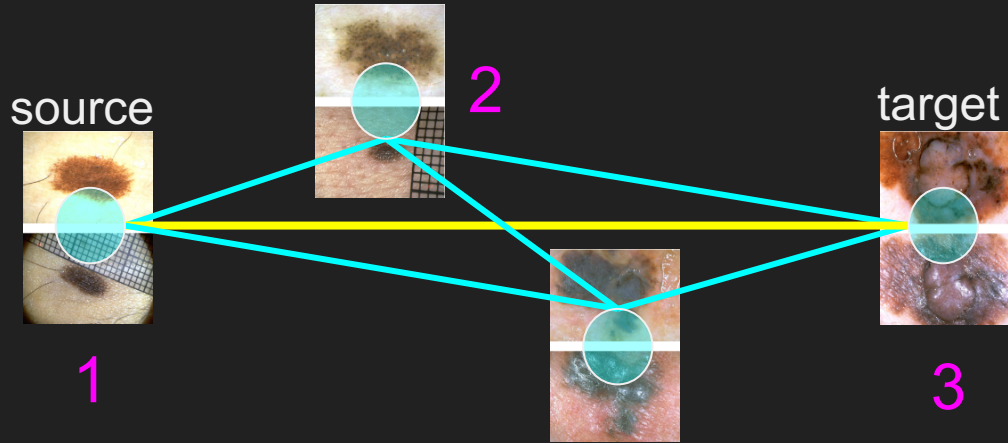
7-point scores



# Progression cost

*7-point score should consistently increase/decrease*





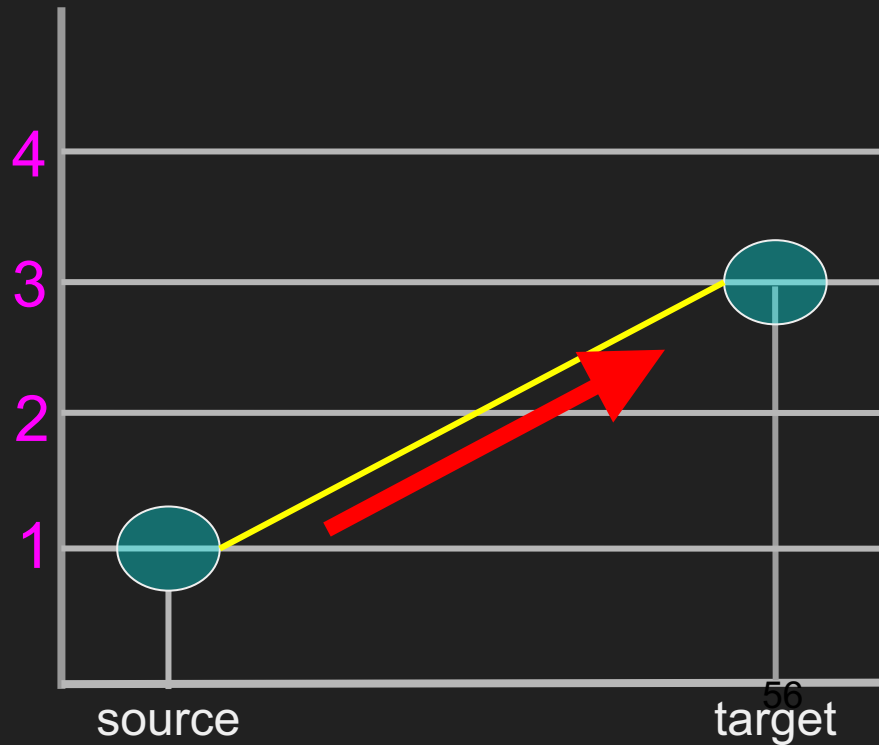
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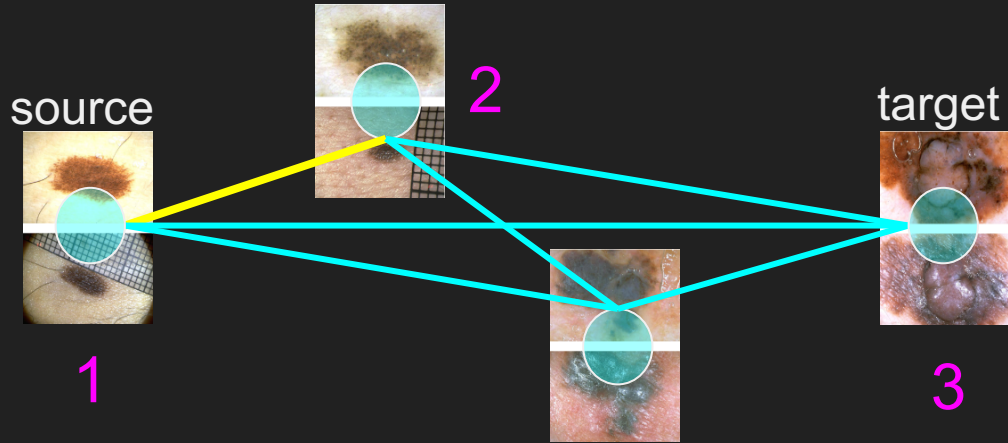


Increasing progression  
between source and target

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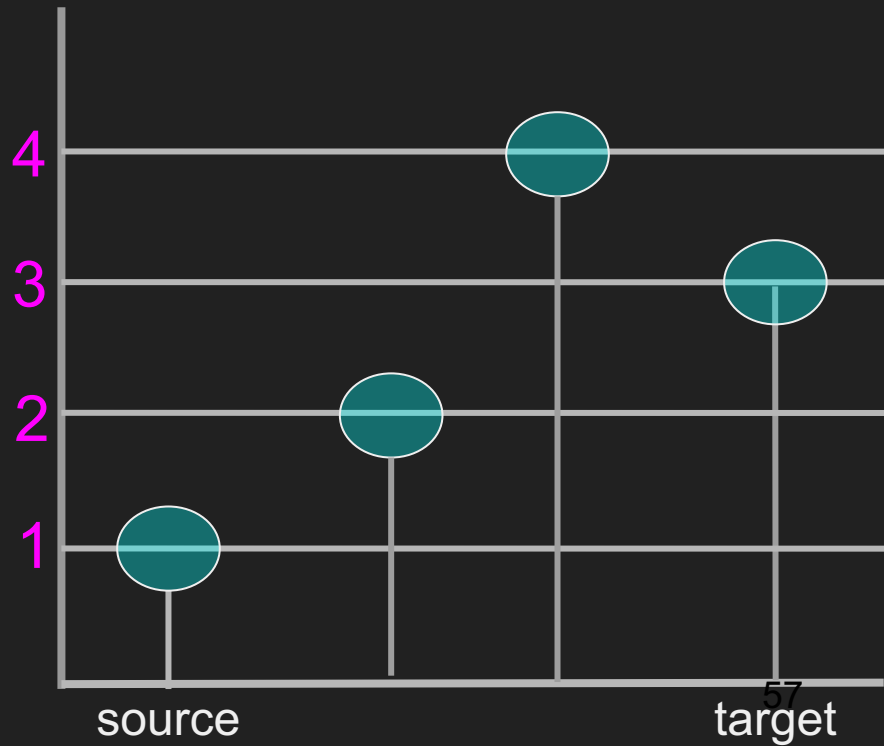


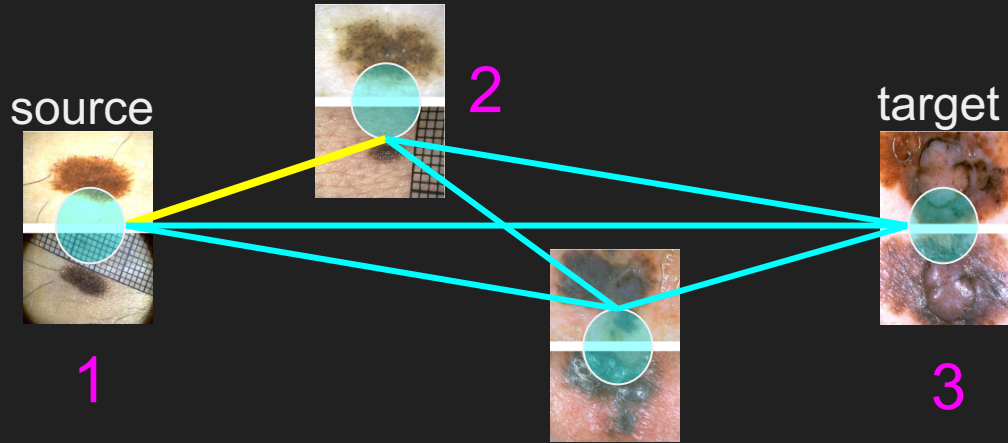
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C =

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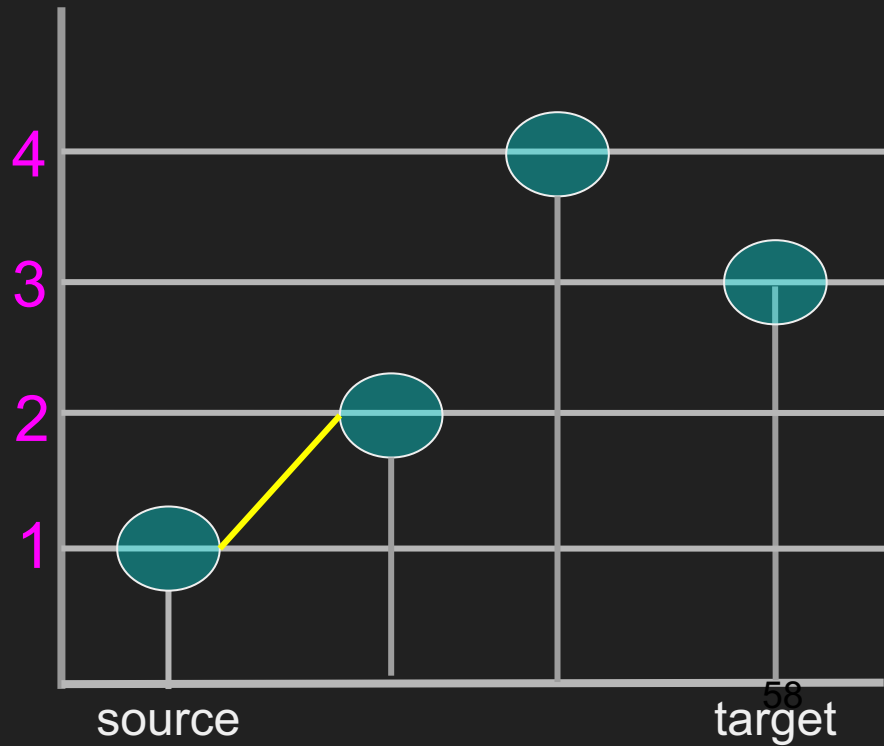


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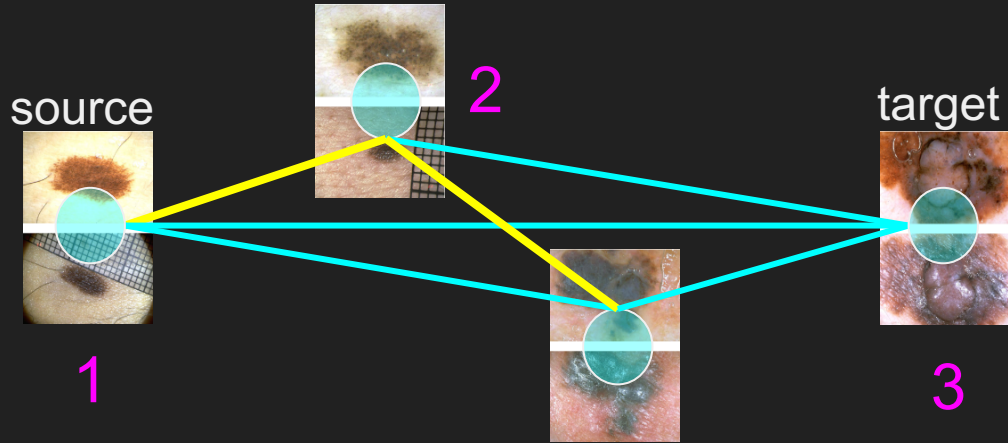
C = (0)

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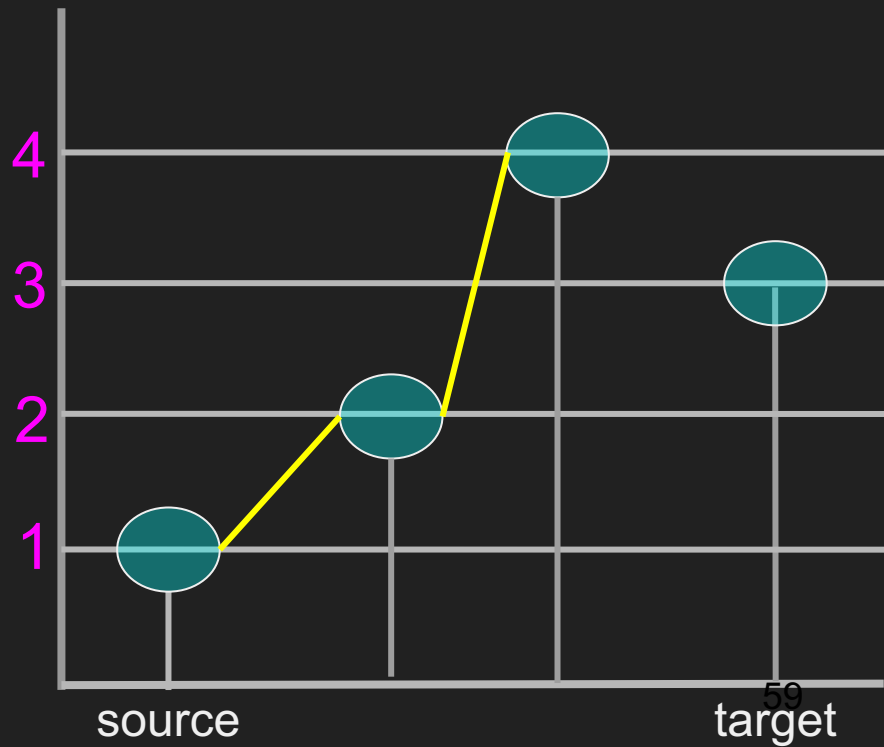


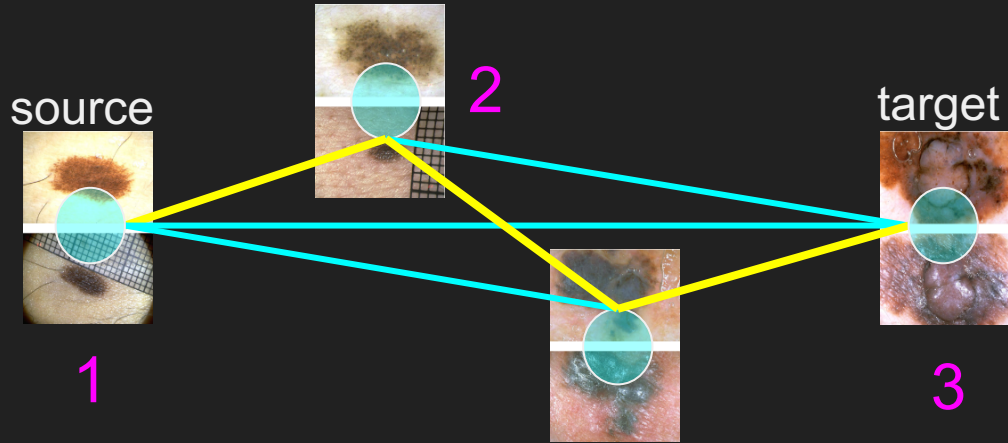


7-point scores →

$$C = (0 + 0)$$

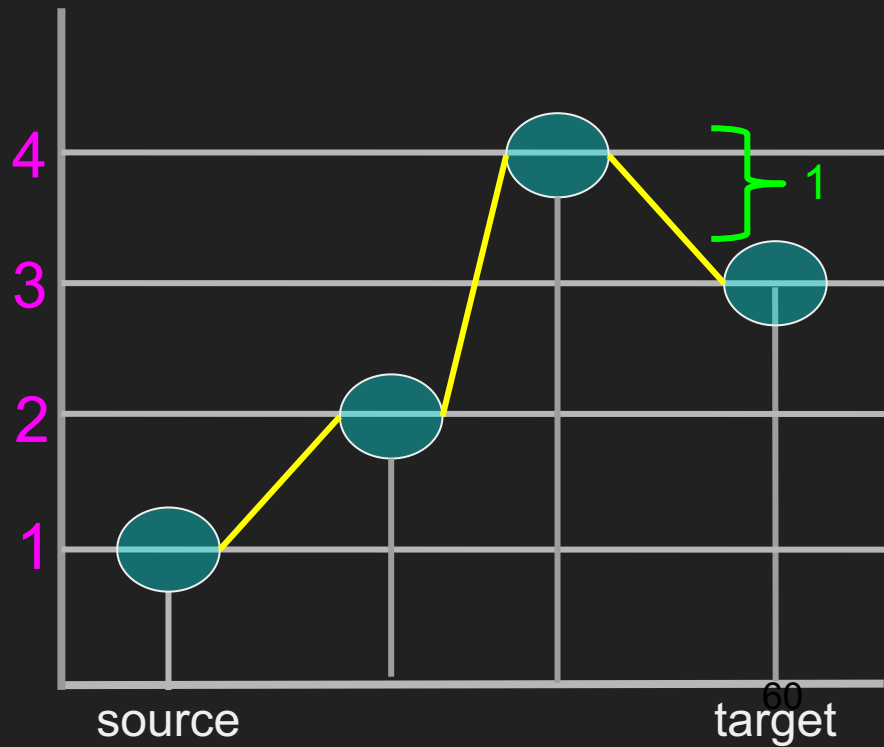
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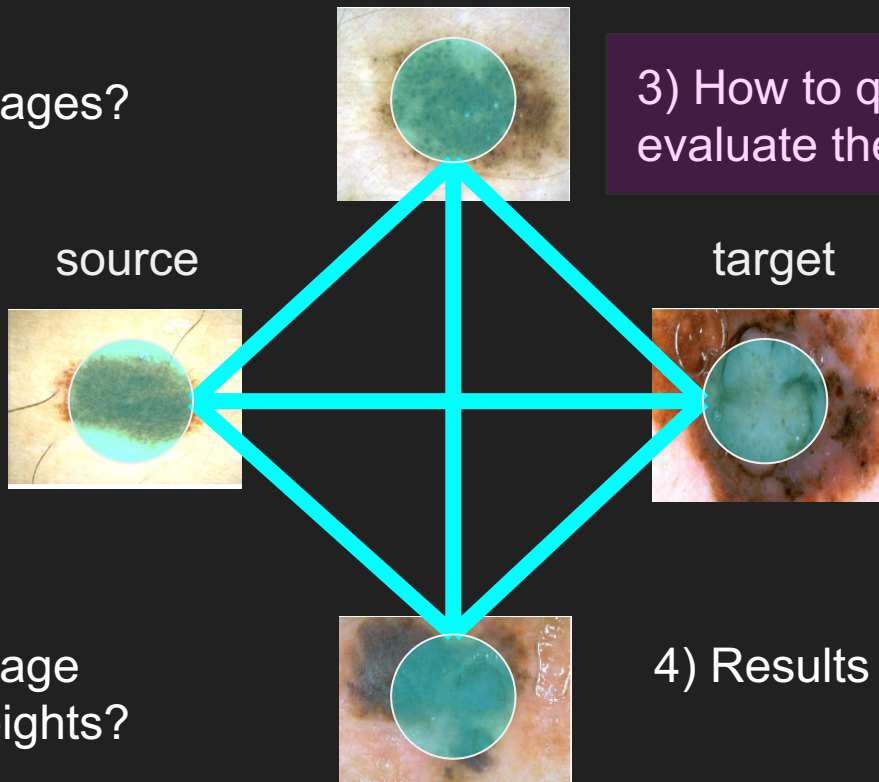
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# Progression cost



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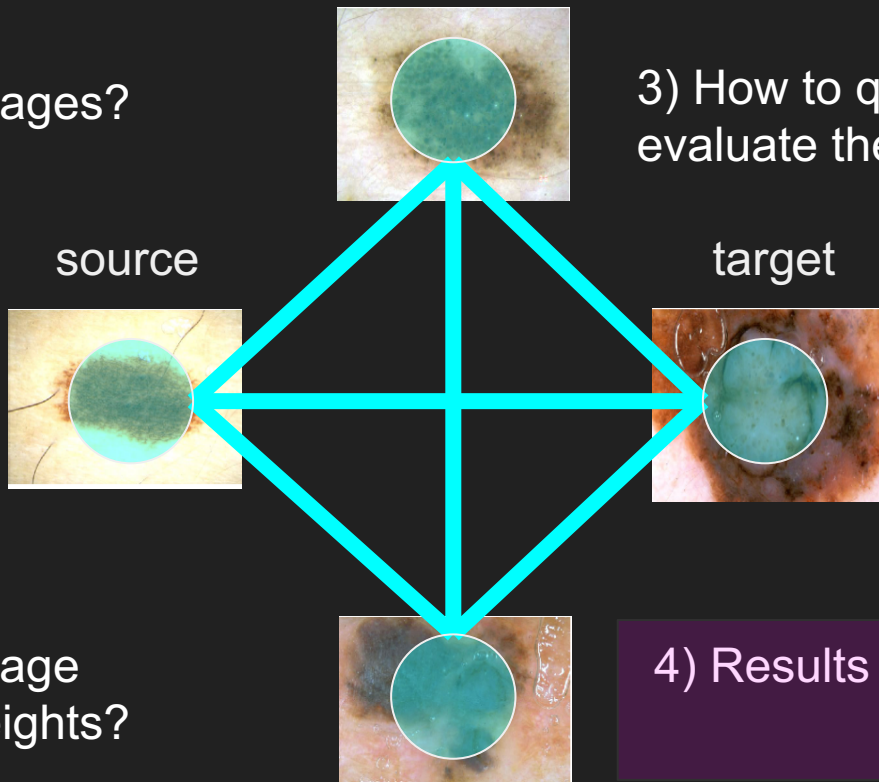
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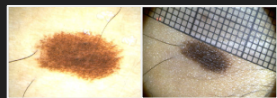
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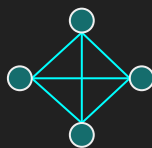
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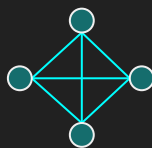


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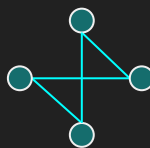
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A complete graph without exponential edge weights has a very short path

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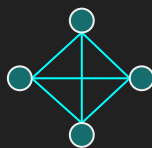
Restricting graph connectivity results in slightly longer paths



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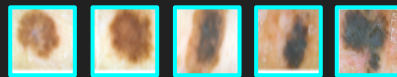


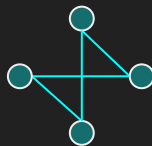
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Exponential edge weights yields longer paths even with a complete graph

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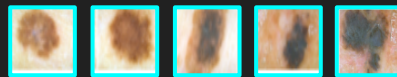
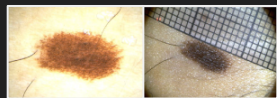


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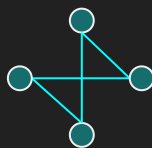
Clinical images score poorly on the transition costs

(as expected since clinical images contain more background clutter than dermoscopic images)

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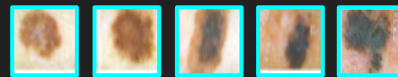
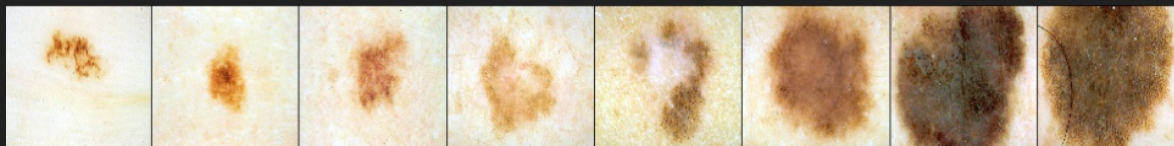


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Combined dermoscopic and clinical images have a low **transition cost**

# Summary



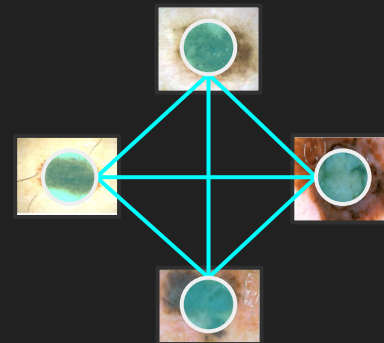
Graph geodesics (minimal path) to visualize skin lesions

Exponential multi-modal edge weights based on responses from a pretrained neural network

**Proposed metrics** to quantify the path quality

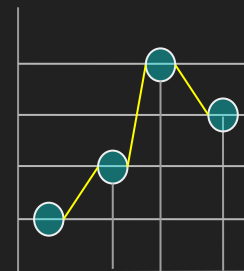
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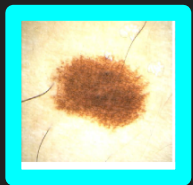


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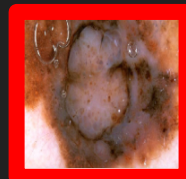
GRAIL



Non-Cancerous



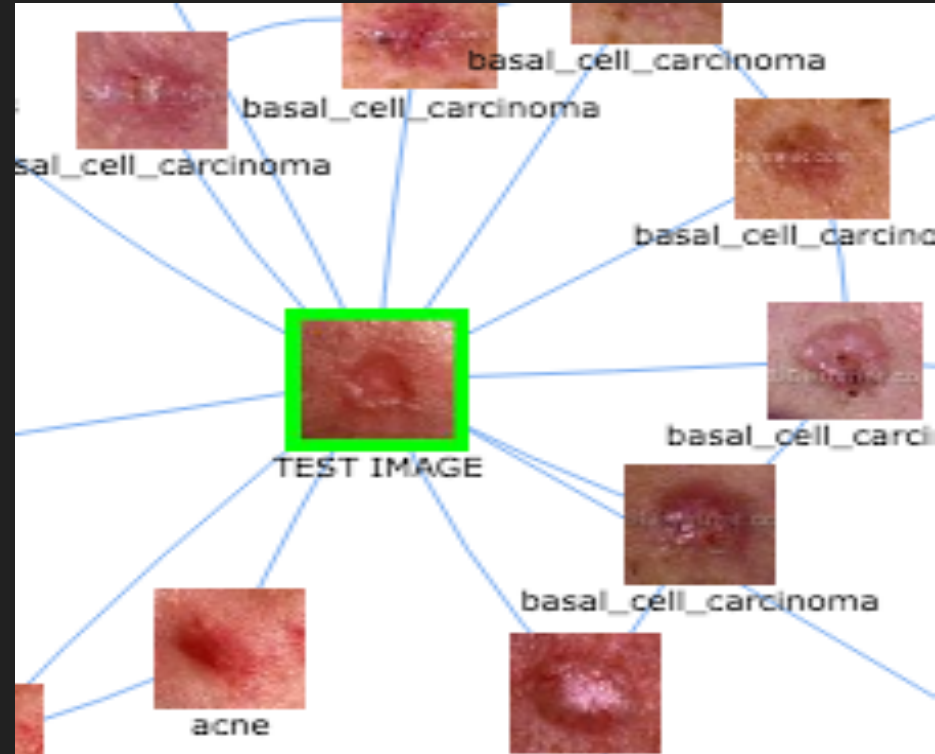
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# Applying machine learning to skin lesion diagnosis

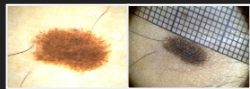
## Image Retrieval K-Nearest Neighbours

Diagnosis can be **inferred** by inspecting the appearance of **similarly diseased images**.





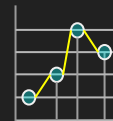
# Results (quantitative)



$$(2.1)^2 = 4.41$$



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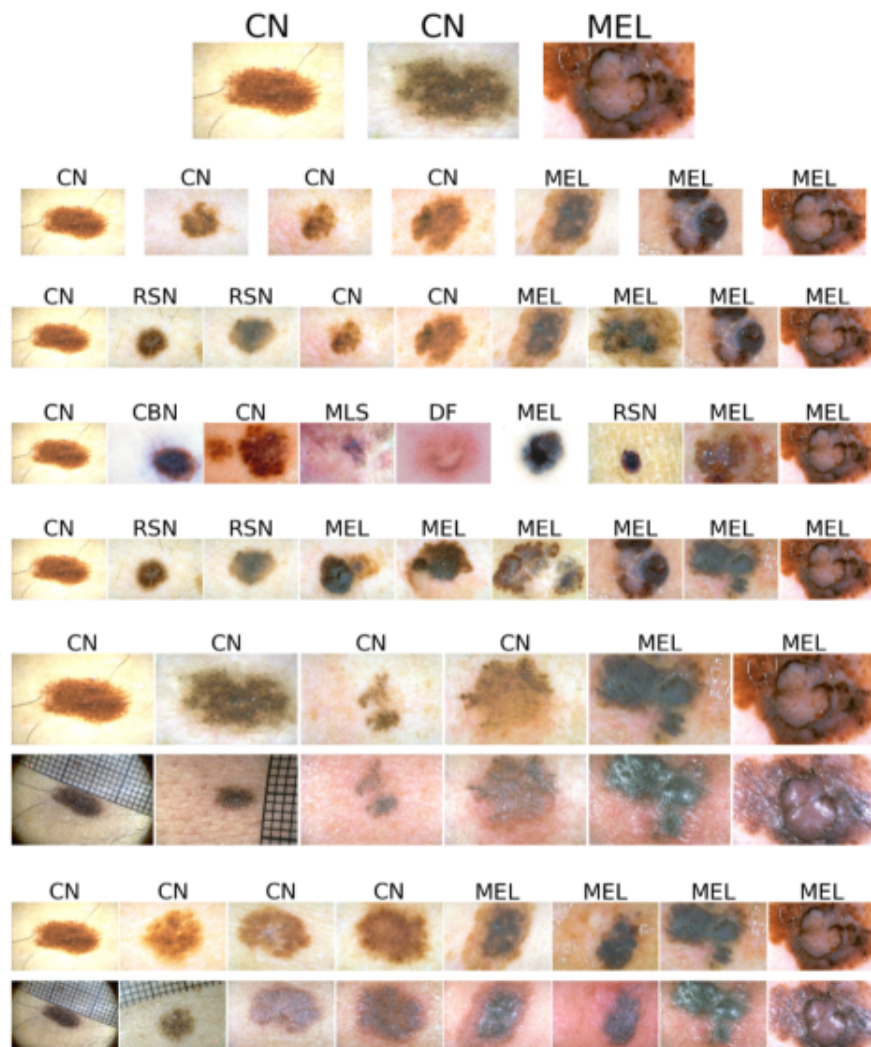


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# Synthetic Examples

