

Unsupervised Learning

Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

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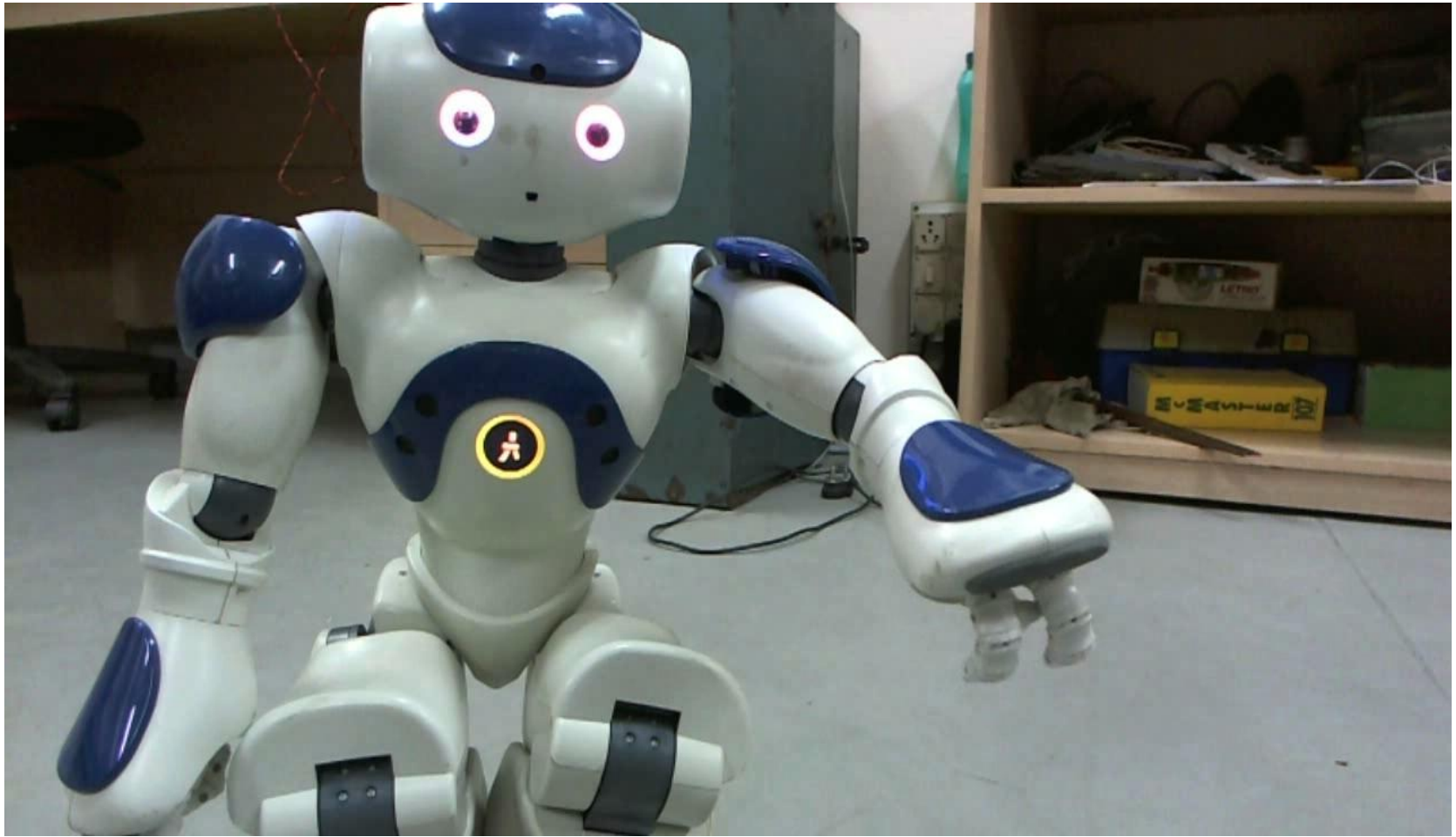
x_i : often high-dimensional

Input spaces : often sparse



images: 100 x 100 pixels

Learning to represent



Supervised vs. Unsupervised Learning

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x : often high-dimensional

$$f : x \rightarrow y$$

Difficulty:

Much of the work in identifying a good f , is also that of discovering structure in \mathbf{x} .

Representations in AI

Representation:

expected to be compact

Traditionally, given as part of the problem
specs

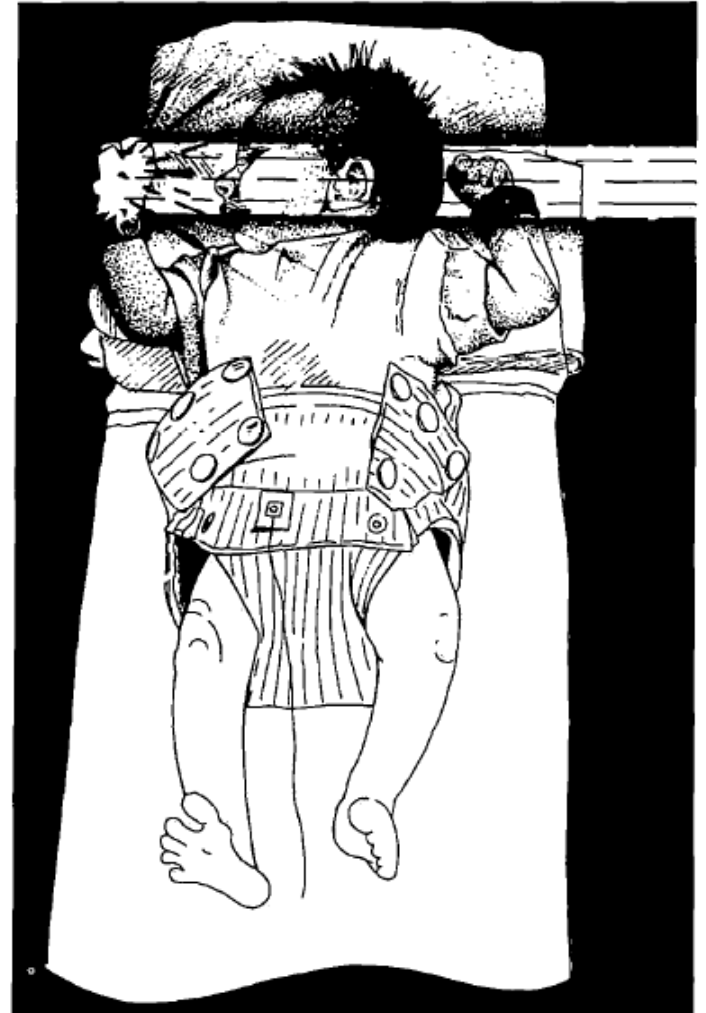
(e.g. determined by a knowledge engineer)

Q. Can we **learn** representations?

Role of Perception?

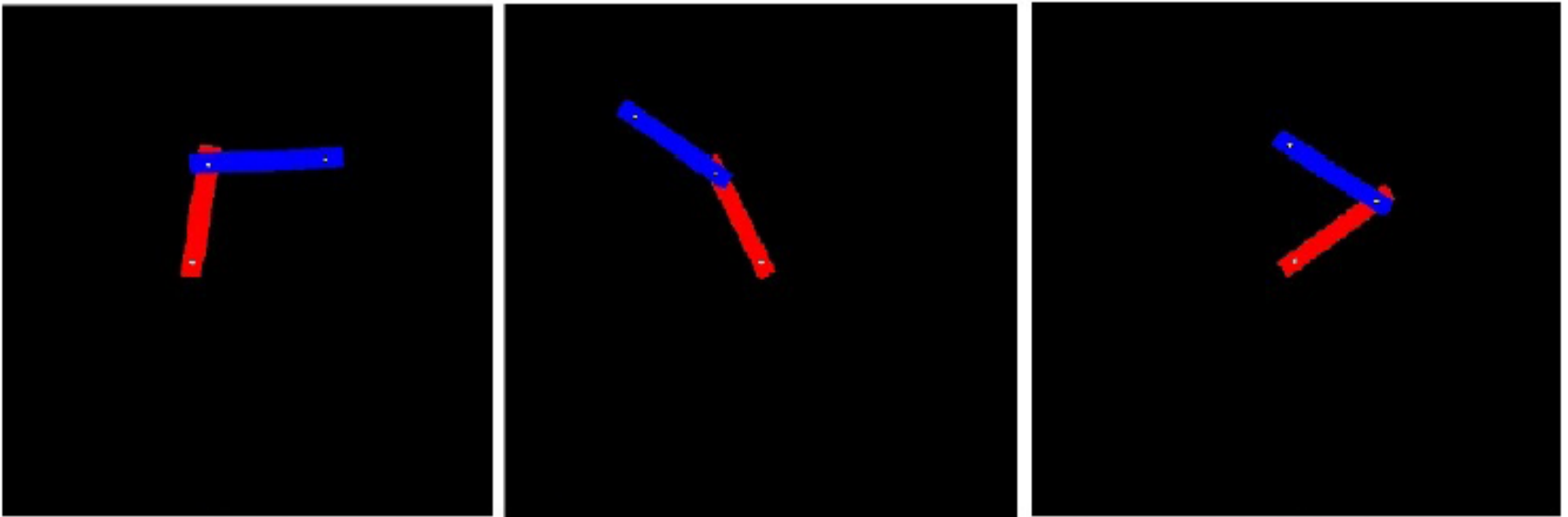
Newborns (10-24 day old) in dark room work hard to position hand so it is visible in a narrow beam of light. ...

Q. Can perception help in learning a representation?



[A. van der Meer, 1997: Keeping the arm in the limelight]

Learning to represent: robot motions



Representations in AI

How to represent a “robot”?

Must include: degrees of freedom (2)
parameters (θ_1, θ_2)
+ rules / functions

A representation for an object is a “frame” or collection of parameters and function associated with the object.

Manifold Learning

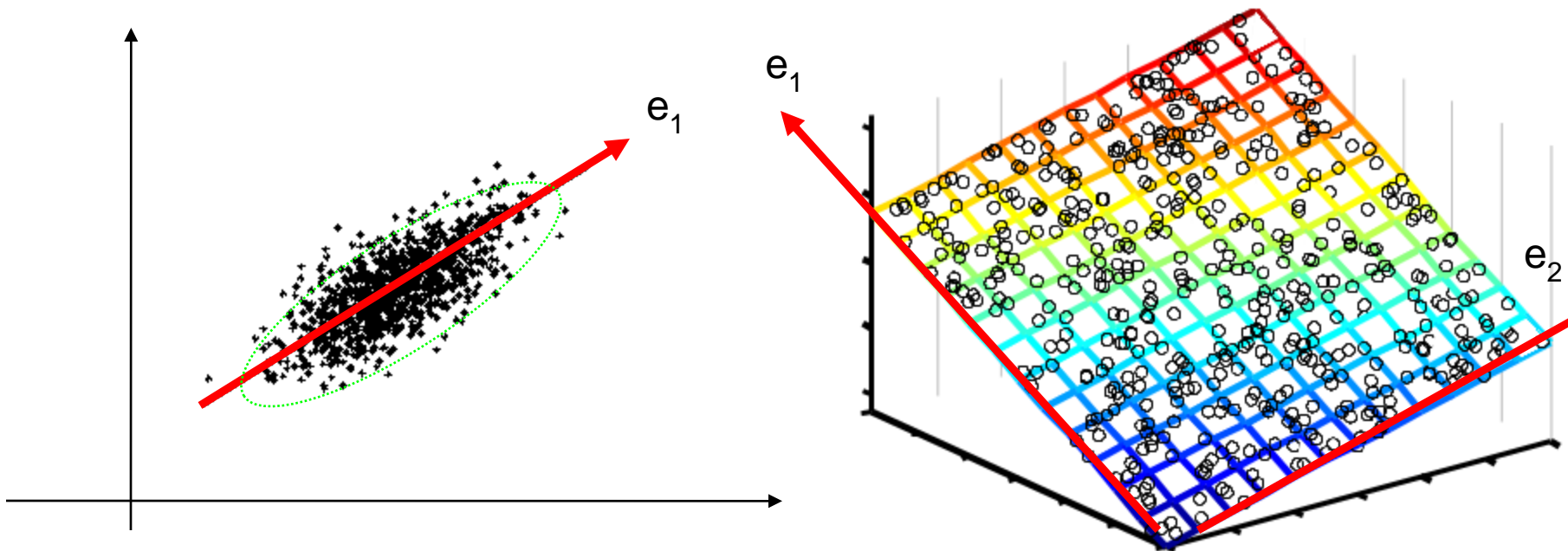
Linear dimensionality reduction

project data onto subspace of maximum variance

PCA: principal components analysis

$[A]$ = **top** eigenvectors of covariance matrix $[XX^T]$

$$Y = [A] X$$



Non-Linear Dimensionality Reduction: Manifolds

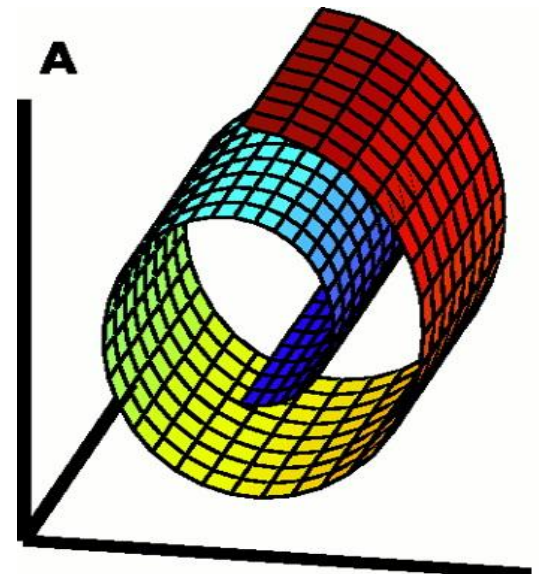
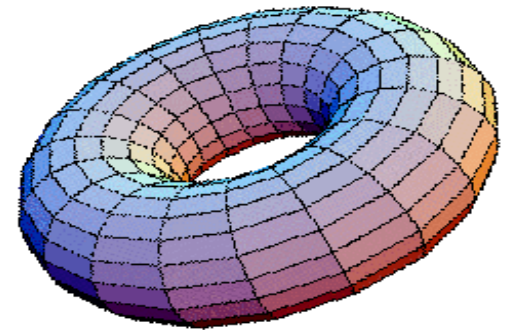
A manifold is a topological space which is locally Euclidean.

neighborhood N in $R^n \leftrightarrow$ ball B in R^d
(homeomorphic)

Homeomorphic: Every x in N has a map to a y in B

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Embedding dimension = n



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Real life data (e.g. images) : $D = 10^5$
motions = smooth variation
of just a few parameters

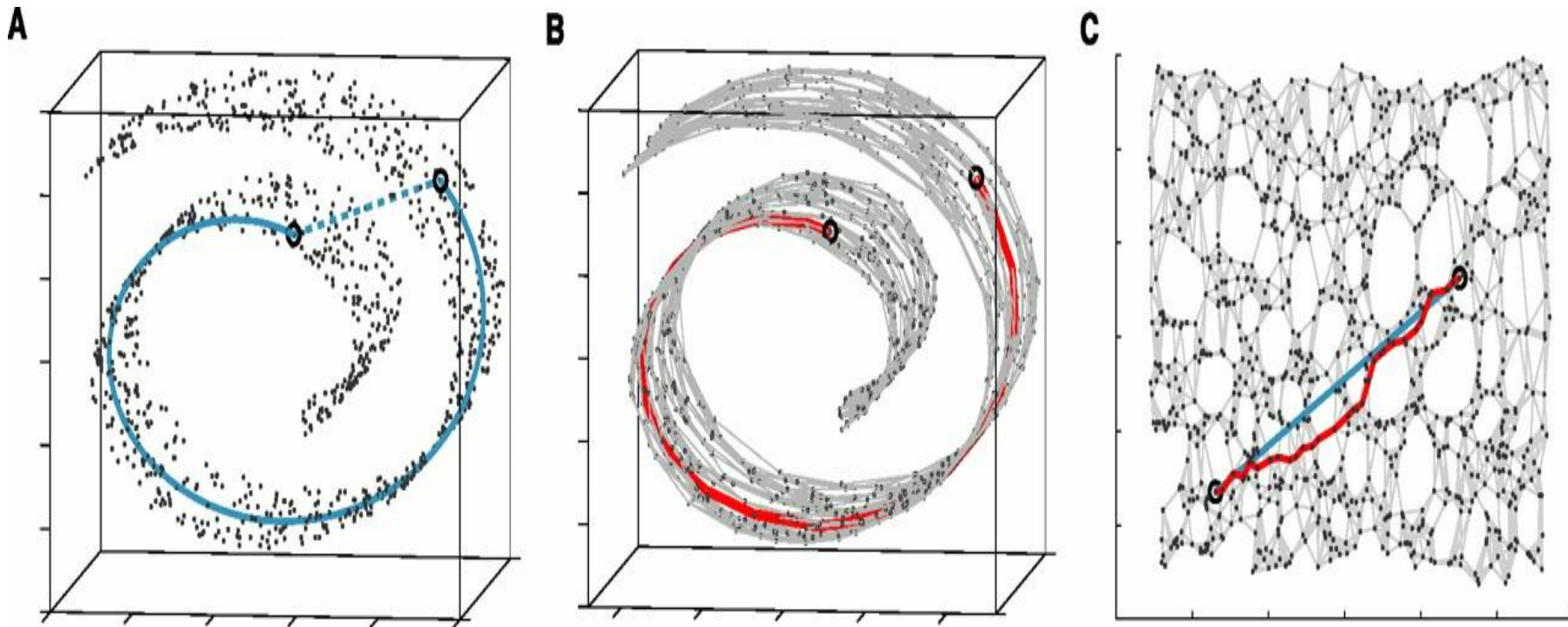
DOFs = pose of faces $\rightarrow d = 1$

Ideally, d = number of varying parameters



Non-Linear Dimensionality Reduction (NLDR) algorithms: ISOMAP

Euclidean or Geodesic distance?



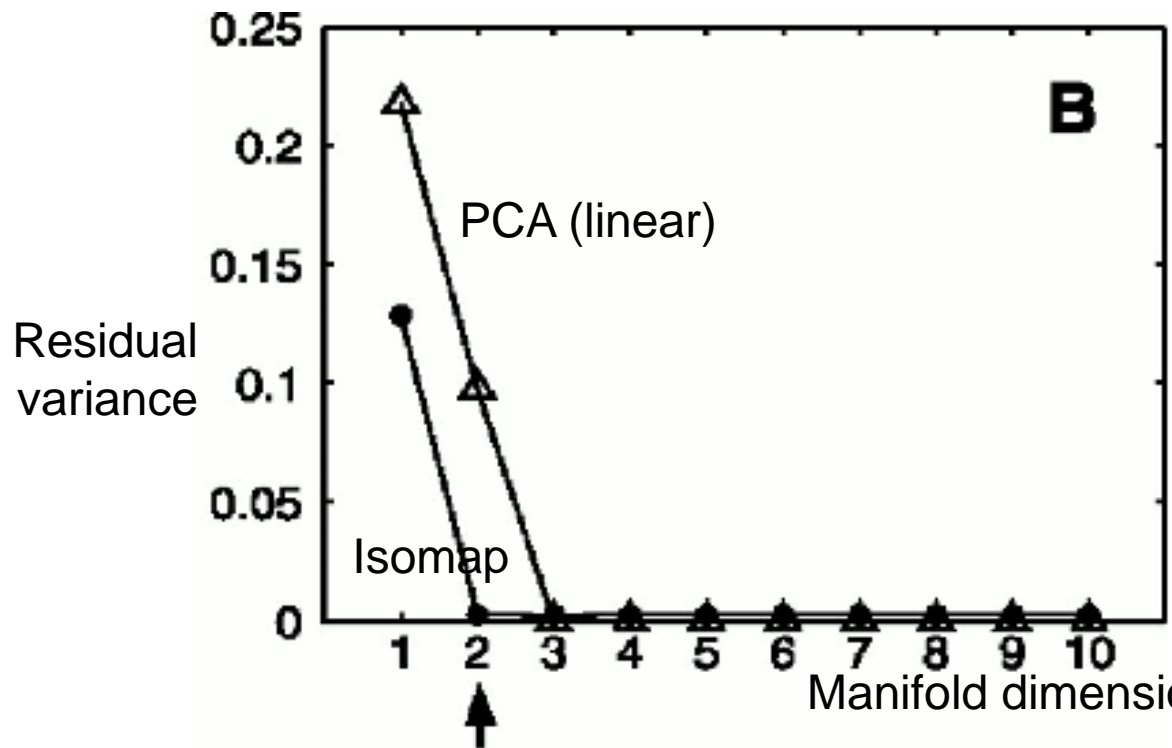
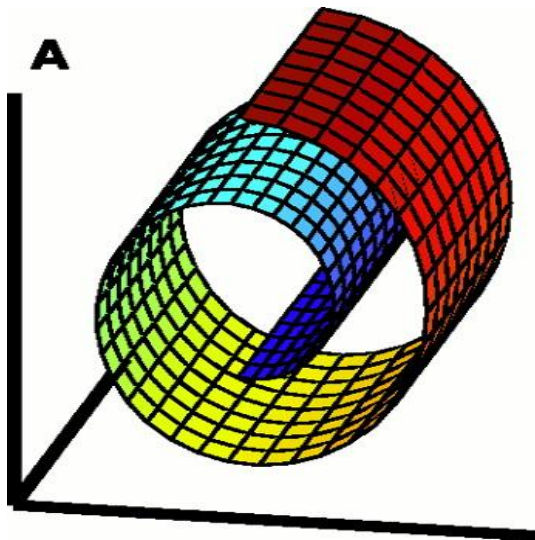
Geodesic = shortest path along manifold

Isomap Algorithm

- Identify neighbors.
 - points within epsilon-ball (ϵ -ball)
 - k nearest neighbors (k -NN)
- Construct neighborhood graph.
 - x connected to y if $neighbor(x,y)$.
 - edge length = $distance(x,y)$
- Compute shortest path between nodes
 - Dijkstra / Floyd-Warshall algorithm
- Construct a lower dimensional embedding.
 - Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS)

[Tenenbaum, de Silva and Langford 2001]

Residual Variance and Dimensionality



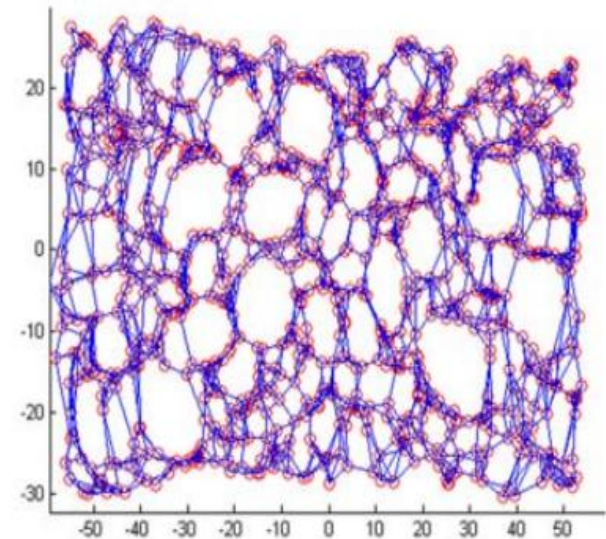
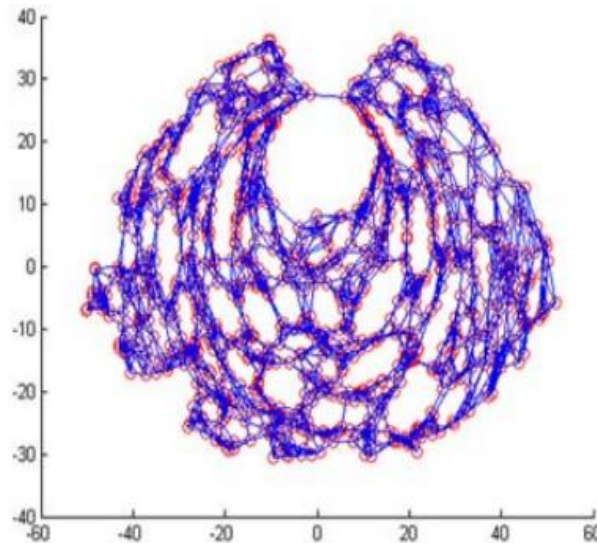
residual variance = $1 - r^2(D_g, D_y)$; r = linear correlation coefficient
 D_g = geodesic distance matrix; D_y = manifold distance

Short Circuits & Neighbourhood selection

neighbourhood size

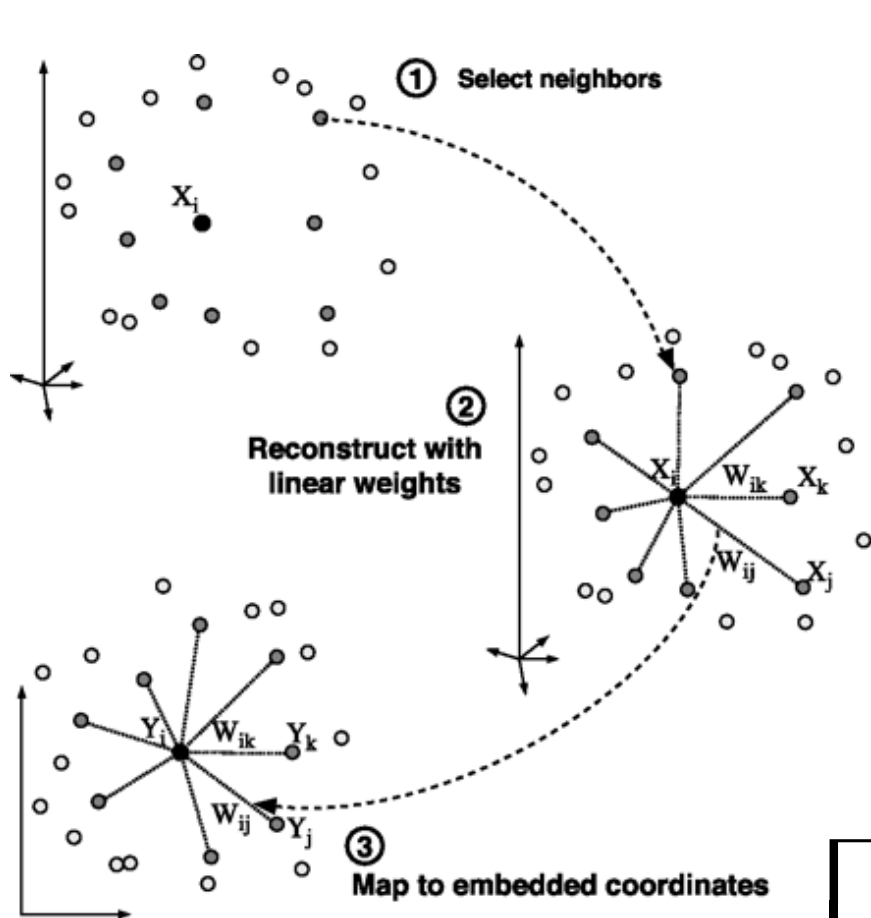
too big: short-circuit errors

too small: isolated patches



[saxena, gupta mukerjee 04]

Locally-Linear Embedding



$$X_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} X_j$$

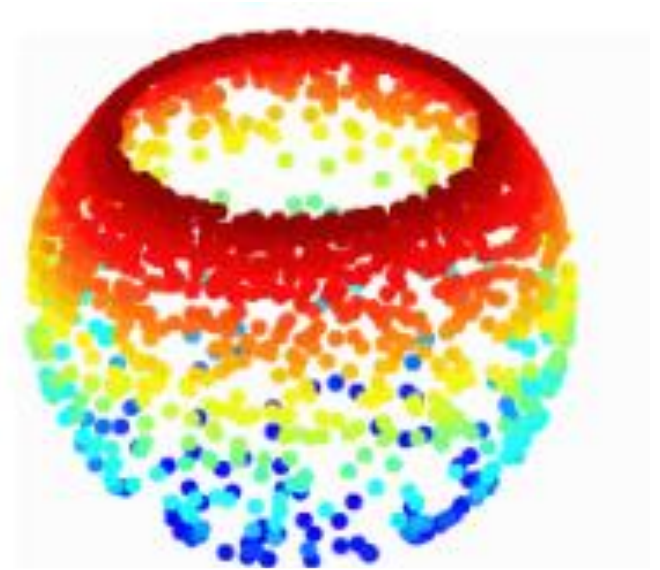
$$Y_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} Y_j$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 & \mathbf{y}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_N \end{bmatrix}_{d \times N} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_N \end{bmatrix}_{N \times d}$$

Non-isometric maps

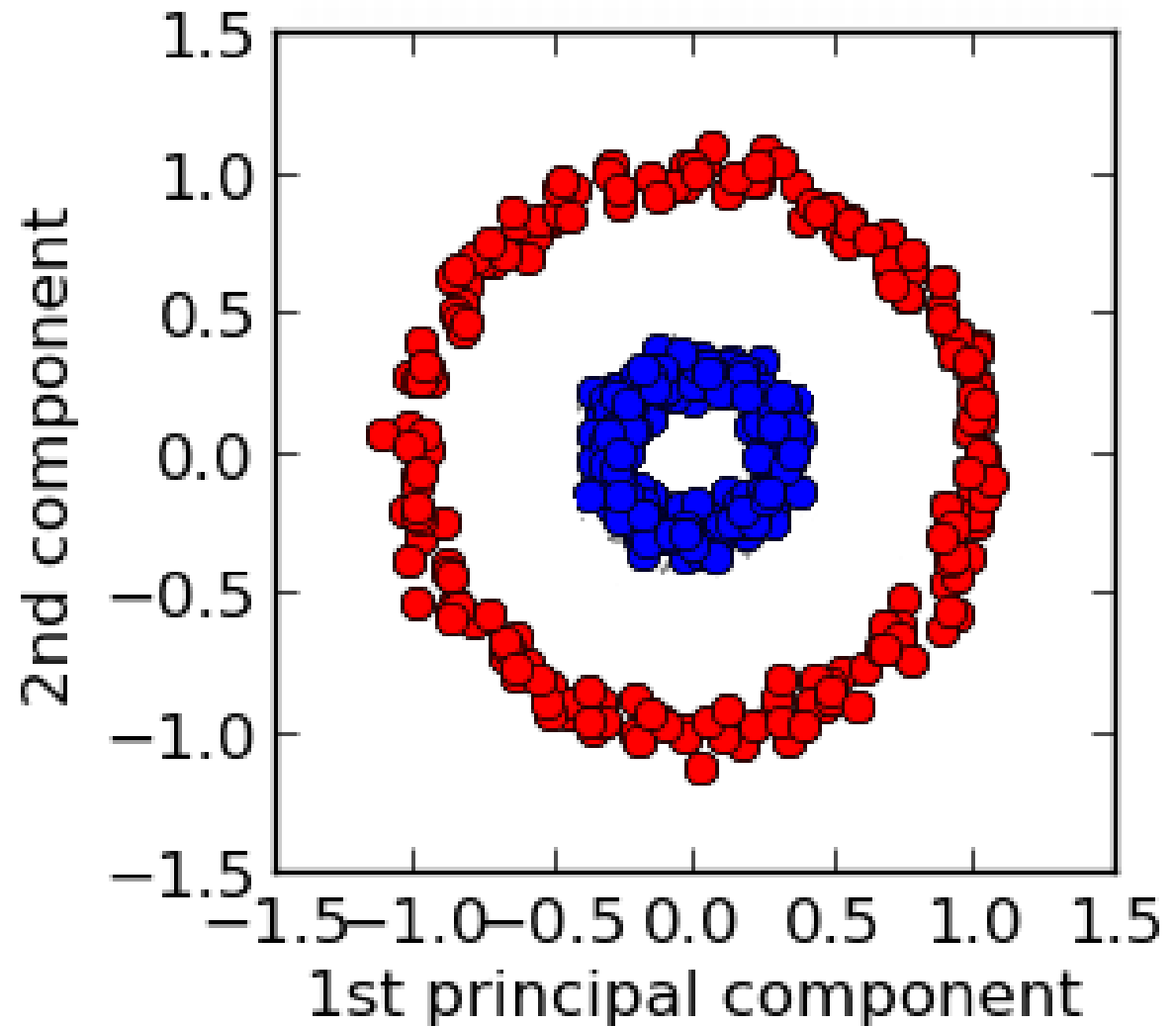
Fishbowl dataset : no isomorphic map to plane

- Conformal mappings: preserve angles, not distances
- Assume data is uniformly distributed in low dim

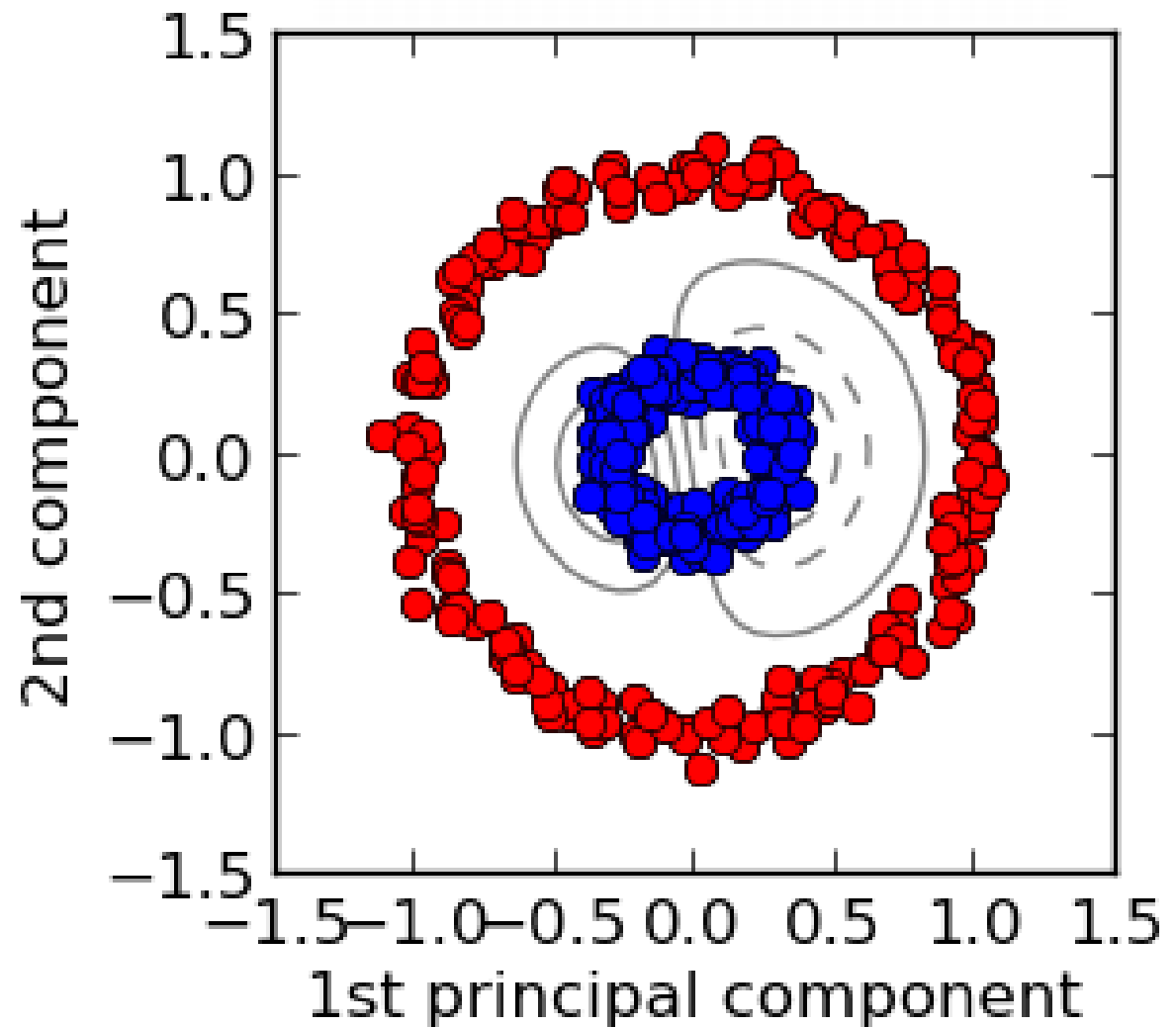


Kernel-PCA

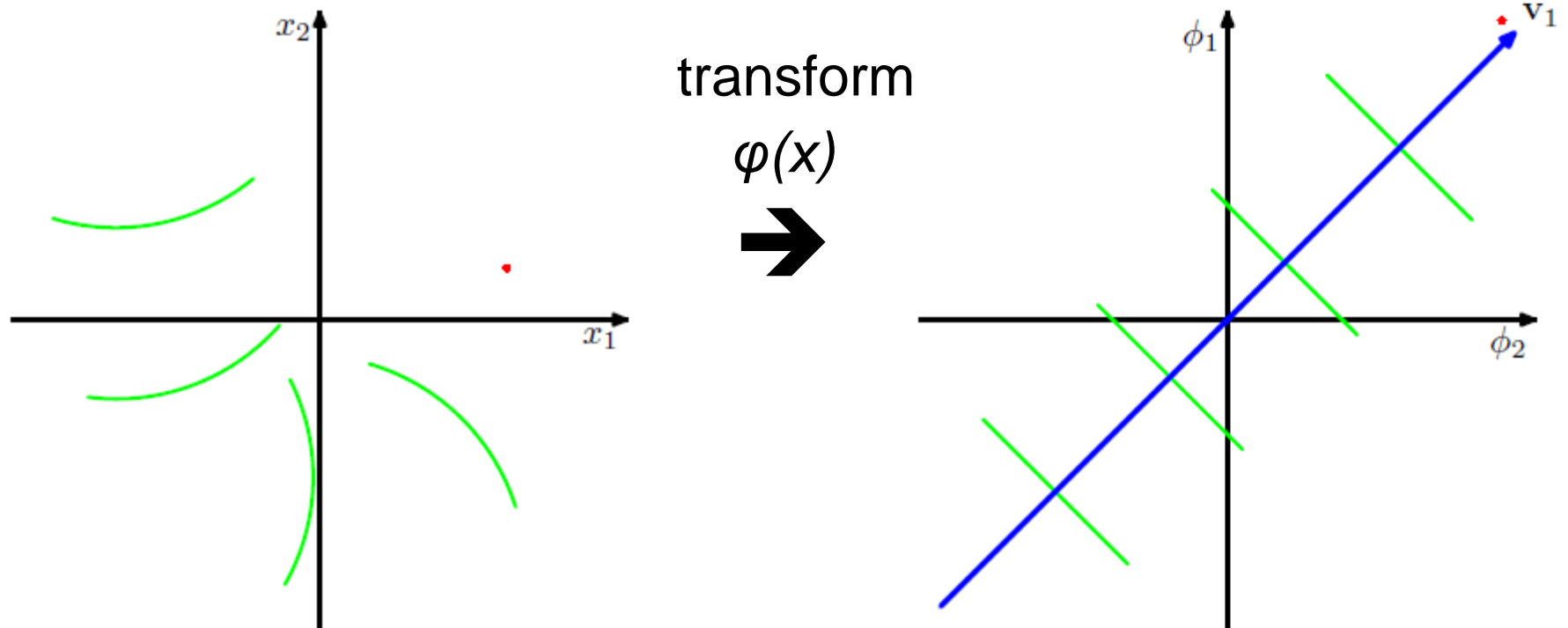
PCA on non-linear data



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Non-linear PCA?



Kernel PCA

PCA: **top** eigenvectors of covariance matrix $[XX^T]$

Kernel PCA: replace X by $\phi(\mathbf{x})$

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T$$

Eigenvalue expression $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$ **scalar**

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \{ \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{v}_i \} = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

To express in terms of kernel fn $k(x_n, x_m) = \phi(x_n)^T \phi(x_m)$,
substitute

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

Kernel PCA

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \sum_{m=1}^N a_{im} \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n).$$

Multiply both sides by $\phi(\mathbf{x}_l)^T$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_n) \sum_{m=1}^N a_{im} k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_n).$$

which reduces to

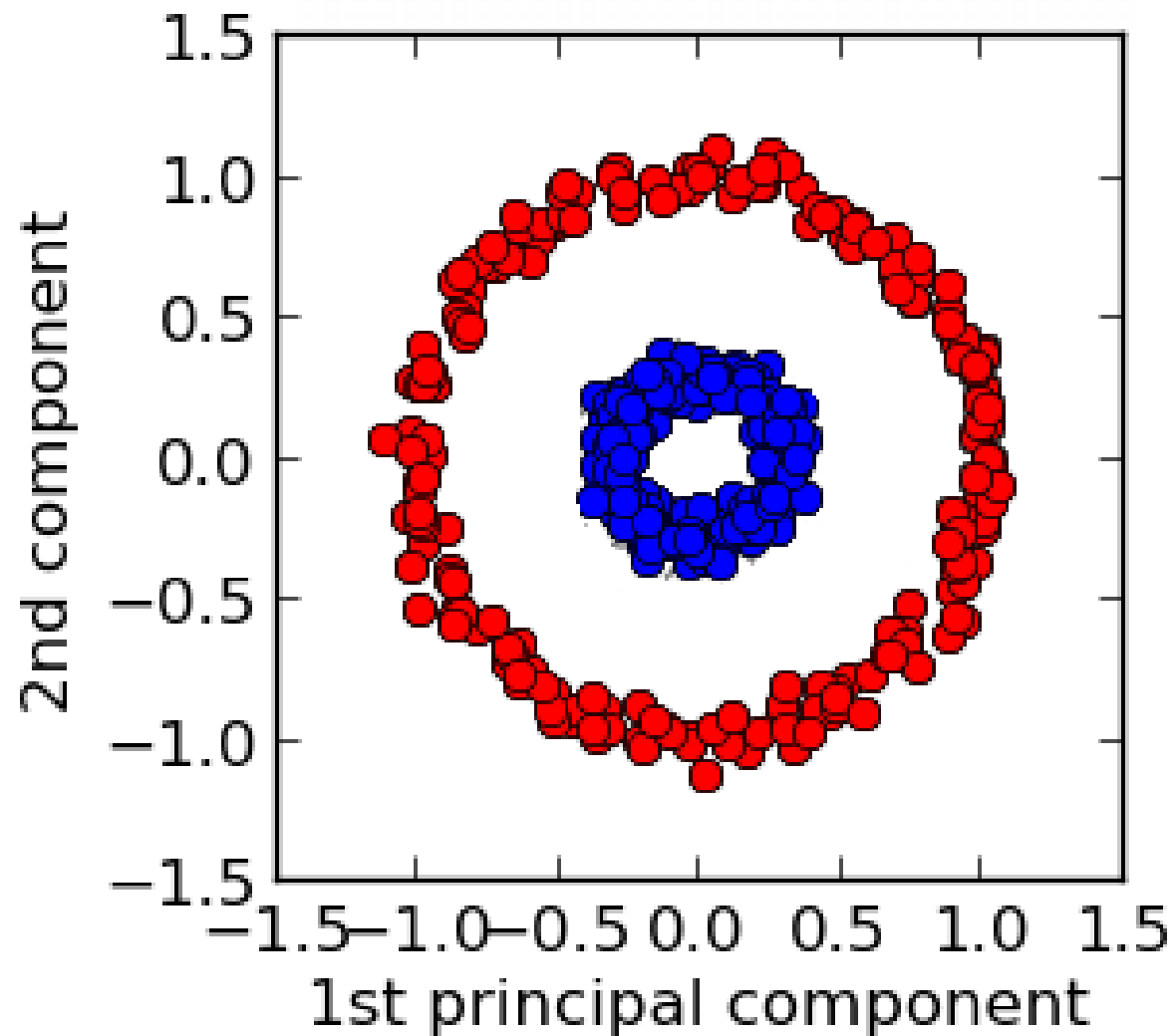
$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{a}_i = \lambda_i N \mathbf{a}_i$$

(K is semi-positive definite; removing from both sides – affects only zero λ_i).

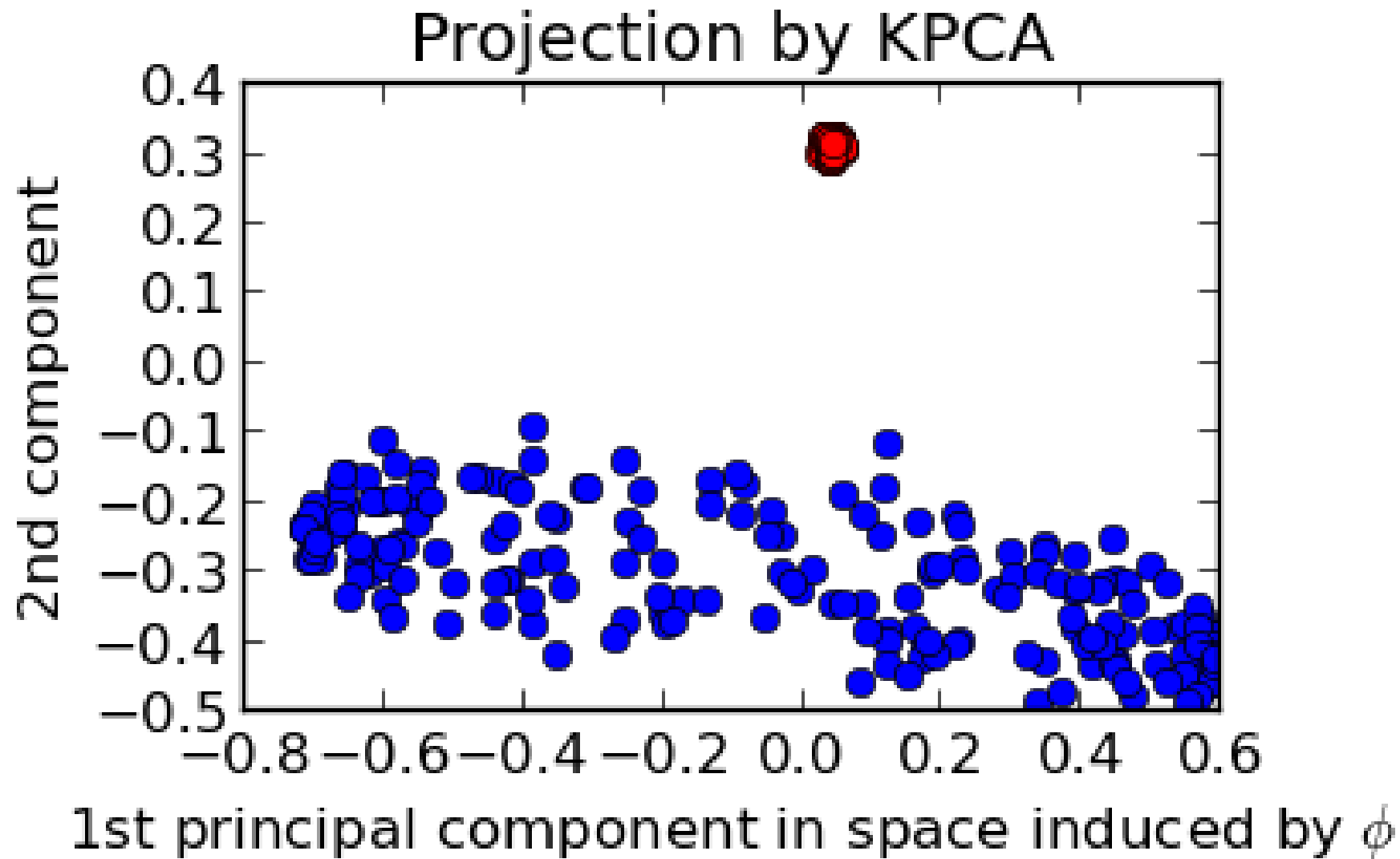
Projections $y_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_n)$

Q. What happens when we use a linear kernel $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}'$?

Kernel PCA

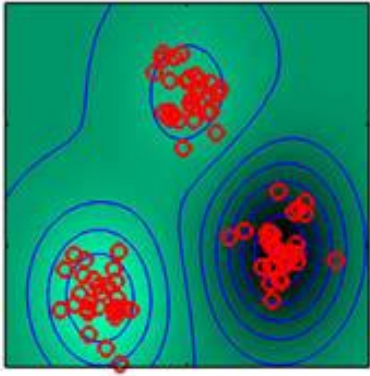


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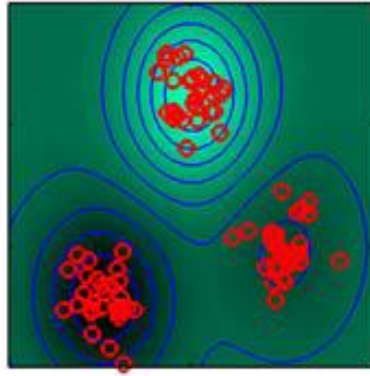


Kernel PCA : Demonstration

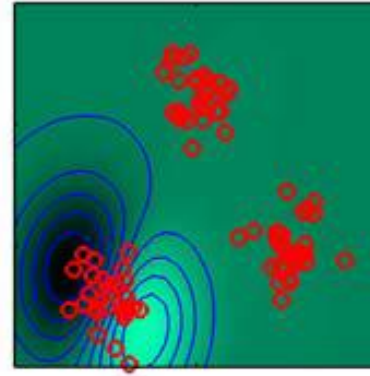
Eigenvalue=21.72



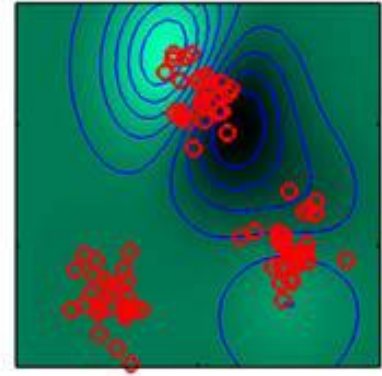
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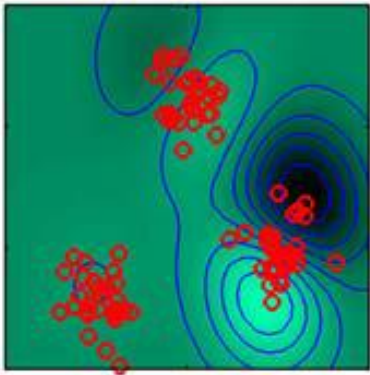
Eigenvalue=4.11



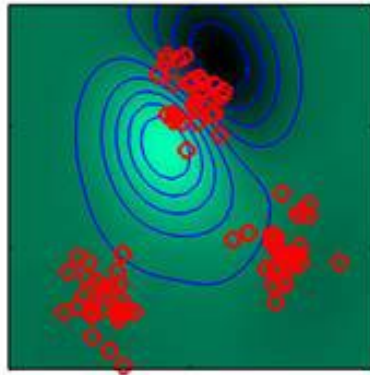
Eigenvalue=3.93



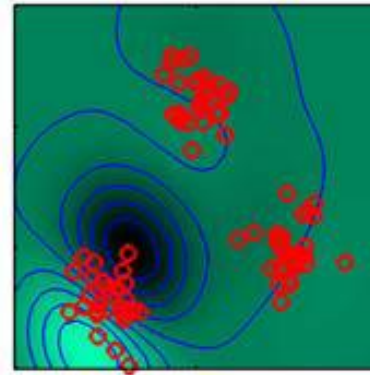
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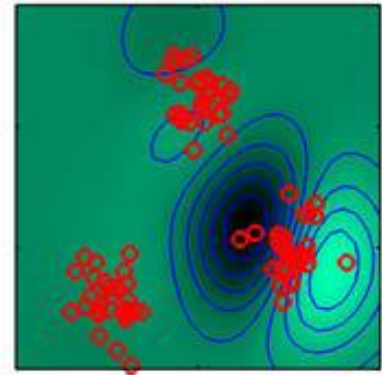
Eigenvalue=3.09



Eigenvalue=2.60



Eigenvalue=2.53



Kernel: $k(x, x') = \exp(-|x - x'|^2 / 0.1)$

[Scholkopf 98]

Manifolds in video

Dimensionality of Actions

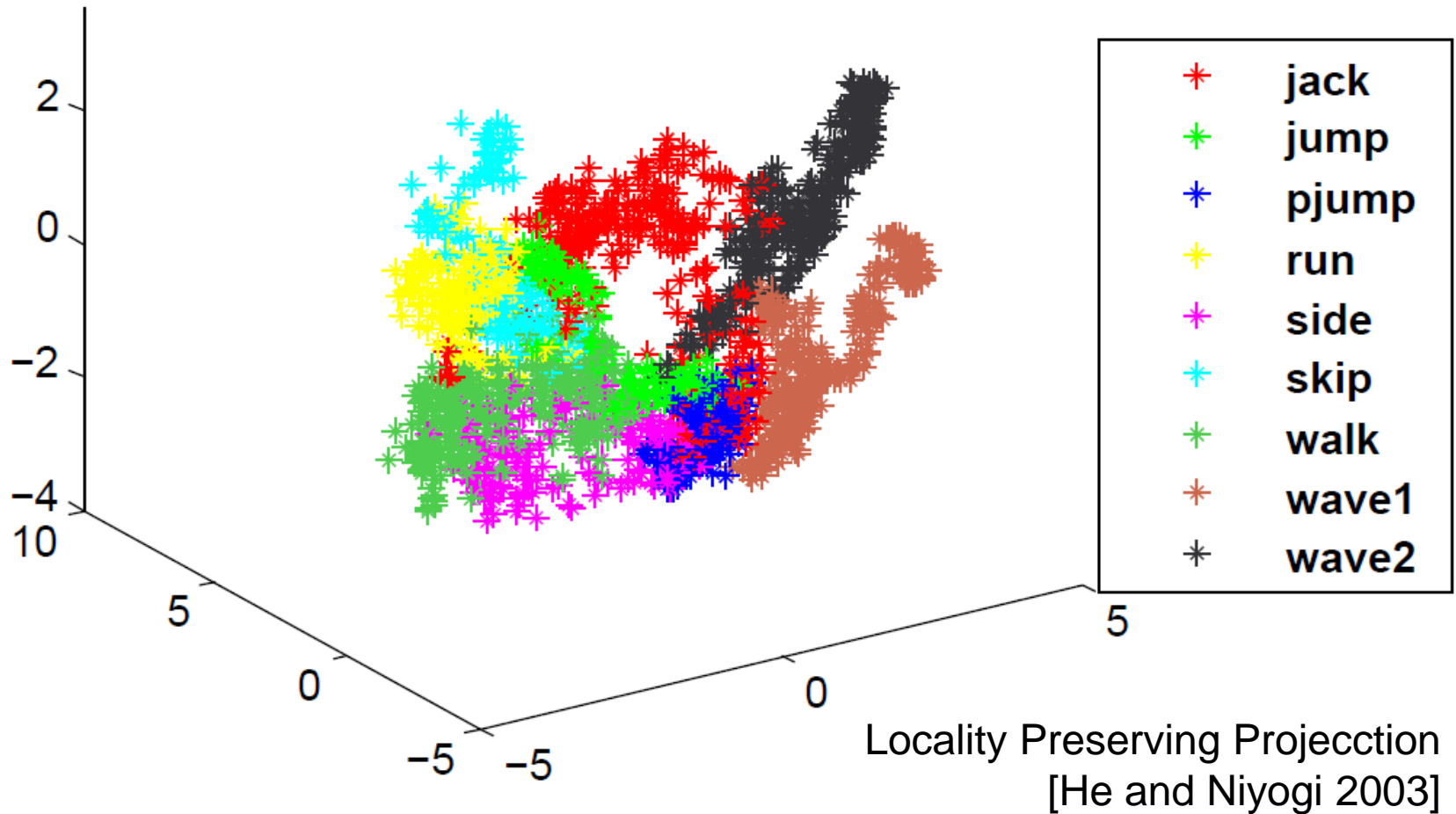


Weizmann activity dataset:

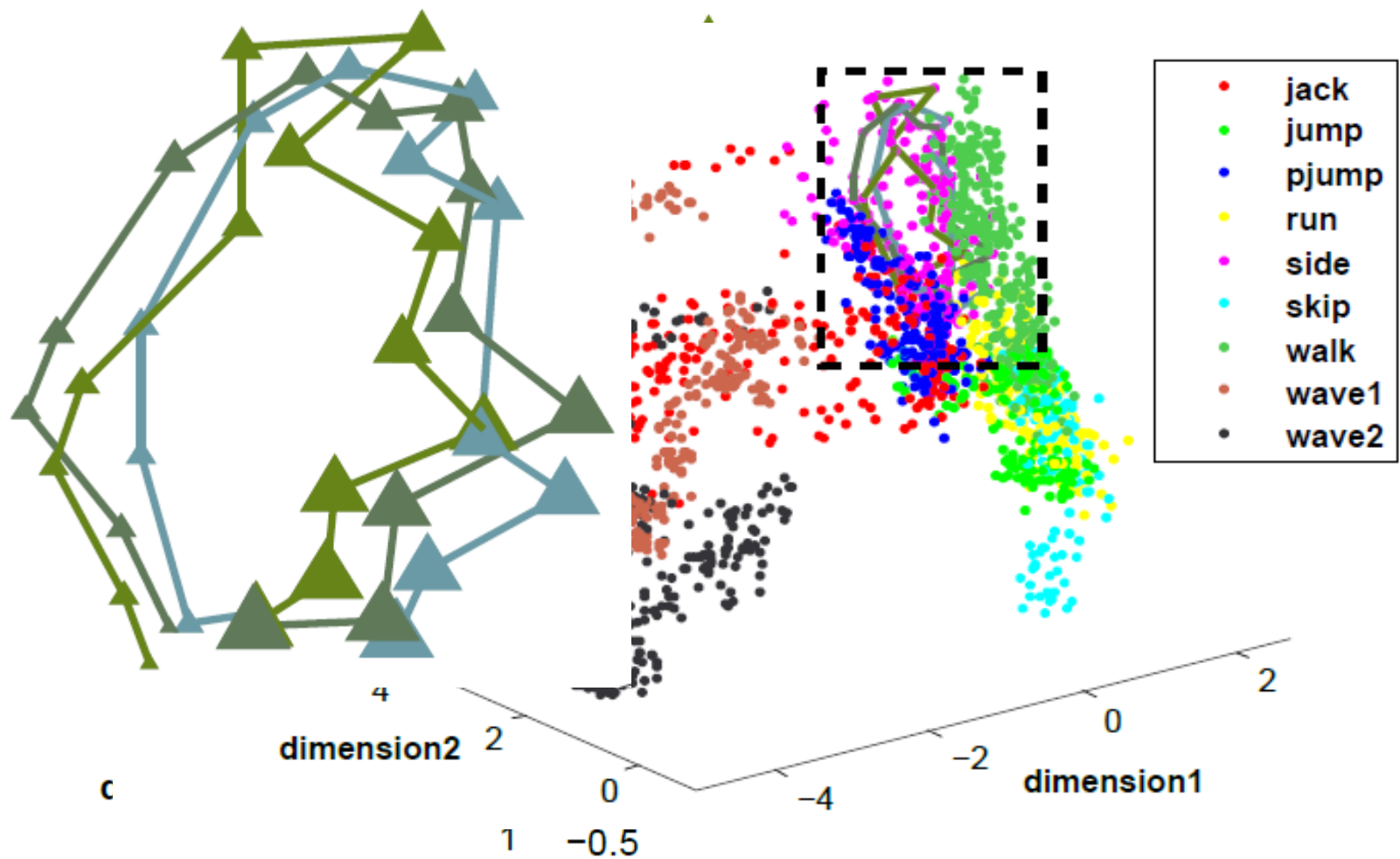
videos of 10 actions by 12 actors

[Gorelick / Blank / Irani : 2005 / 07]

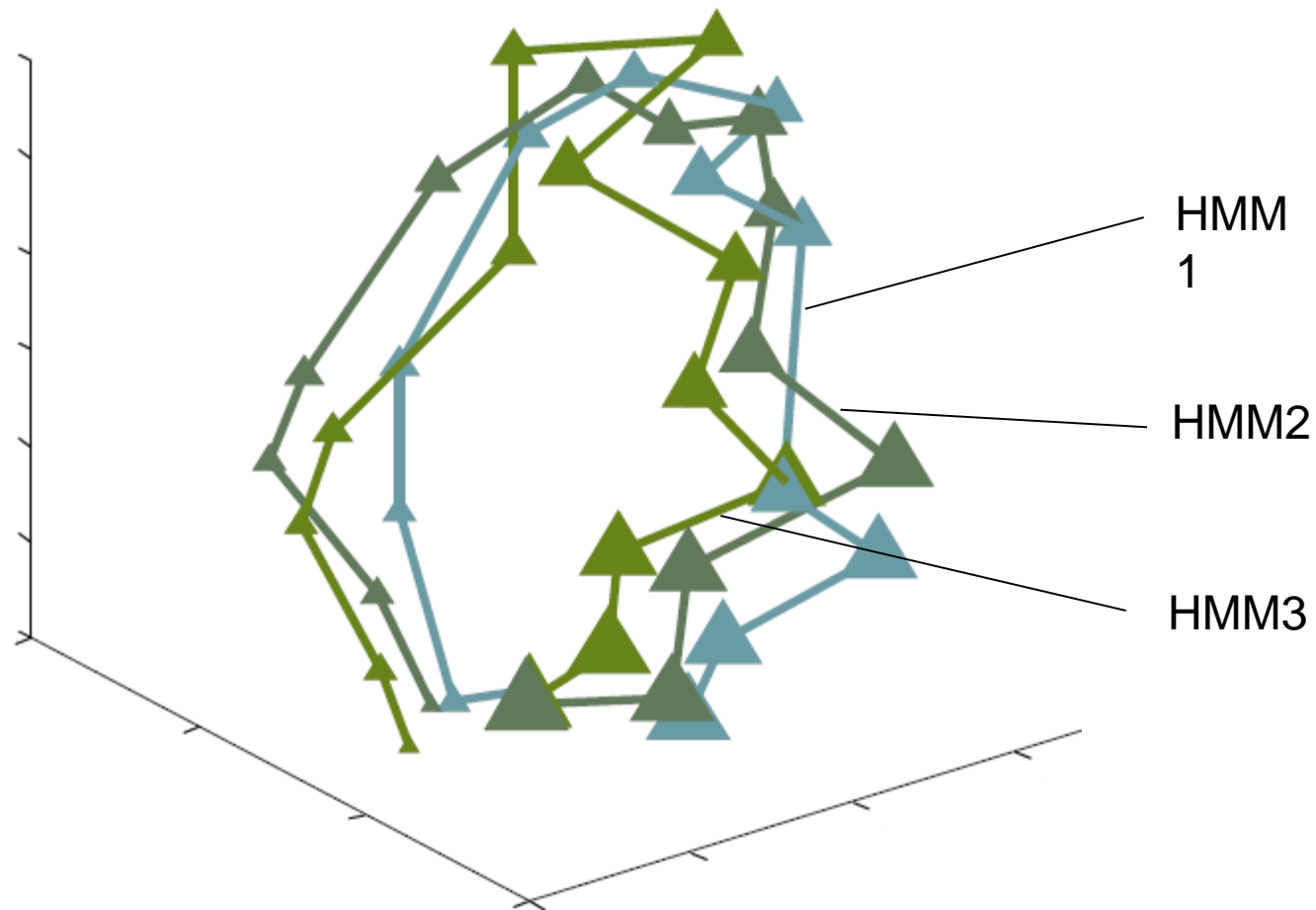
Reduced dimensionality



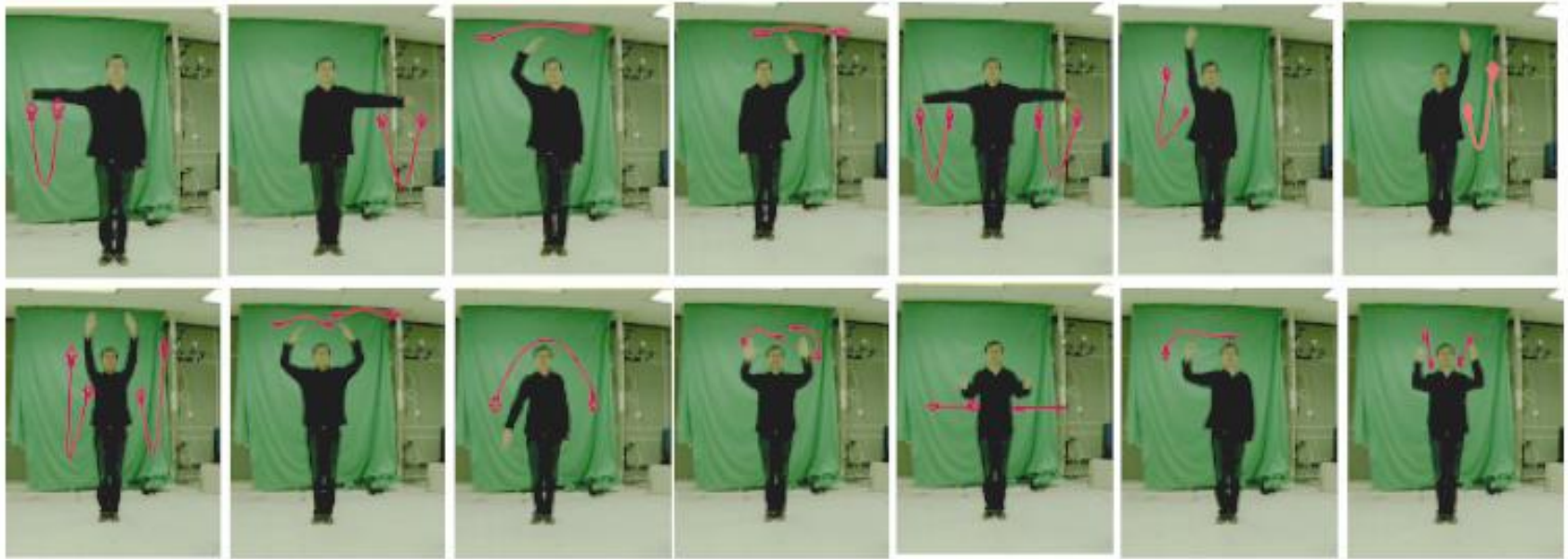
Gestures in low dimensions



Recognizing gestures



Recognizing gestures



Keck gesture dataset

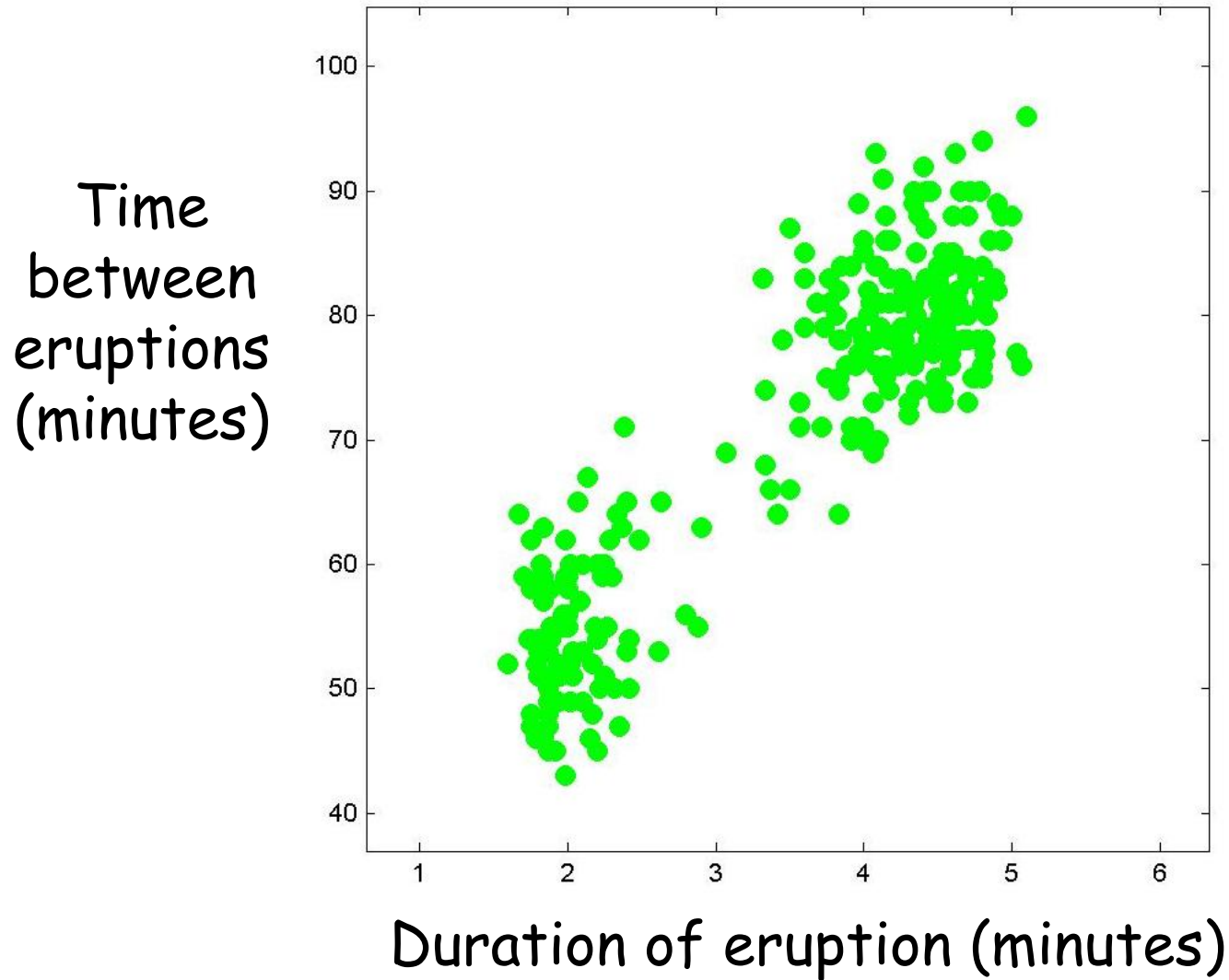
Expectation Maximization

Old Faithful Geyser



Slides: Christopher
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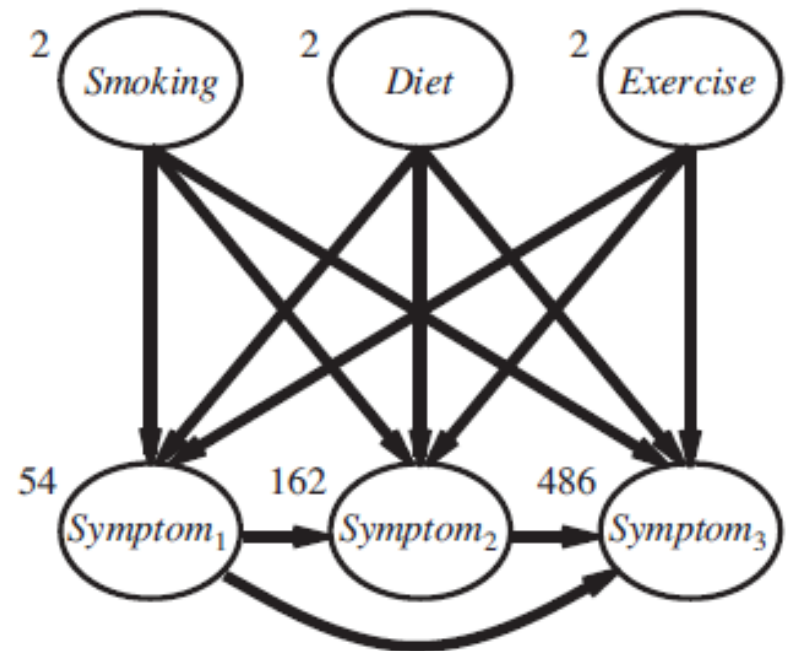
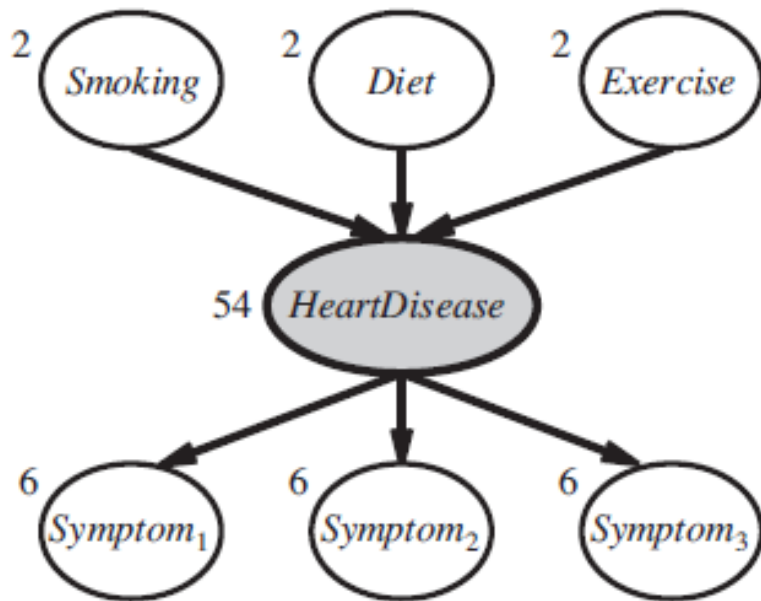
Old Faithful Data Set



Expectation Maximization

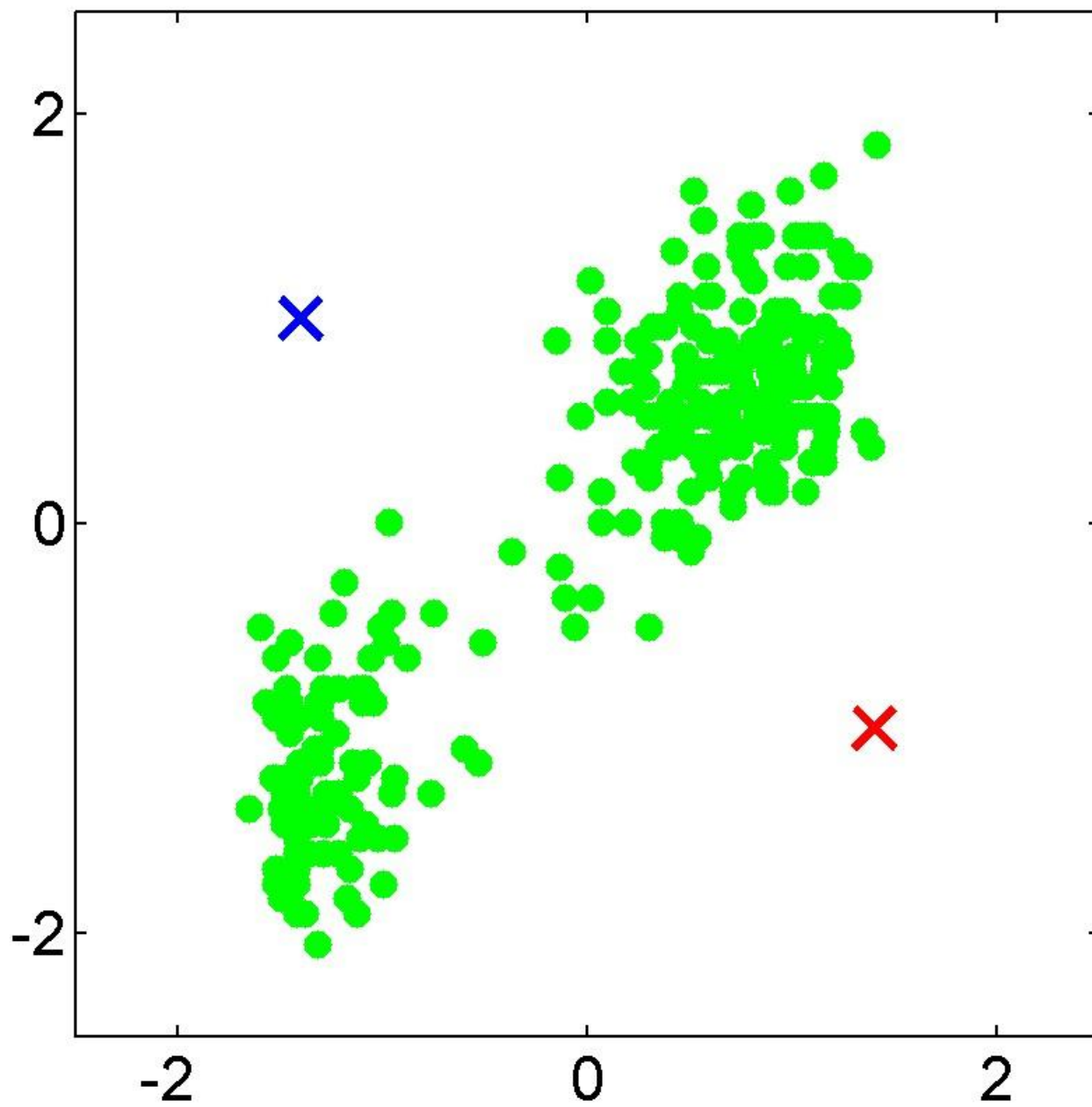
- Select a prototype (model) – e.g. k spherical clusters
- **E-step:** represent the data by assigning it to the nearest model . Compute the Expectation of the data for this assignment.
- **M-step: Identify the parameters** for the model so as to maximize the likelihood of the parameters
- How to minimize the number of parameters?

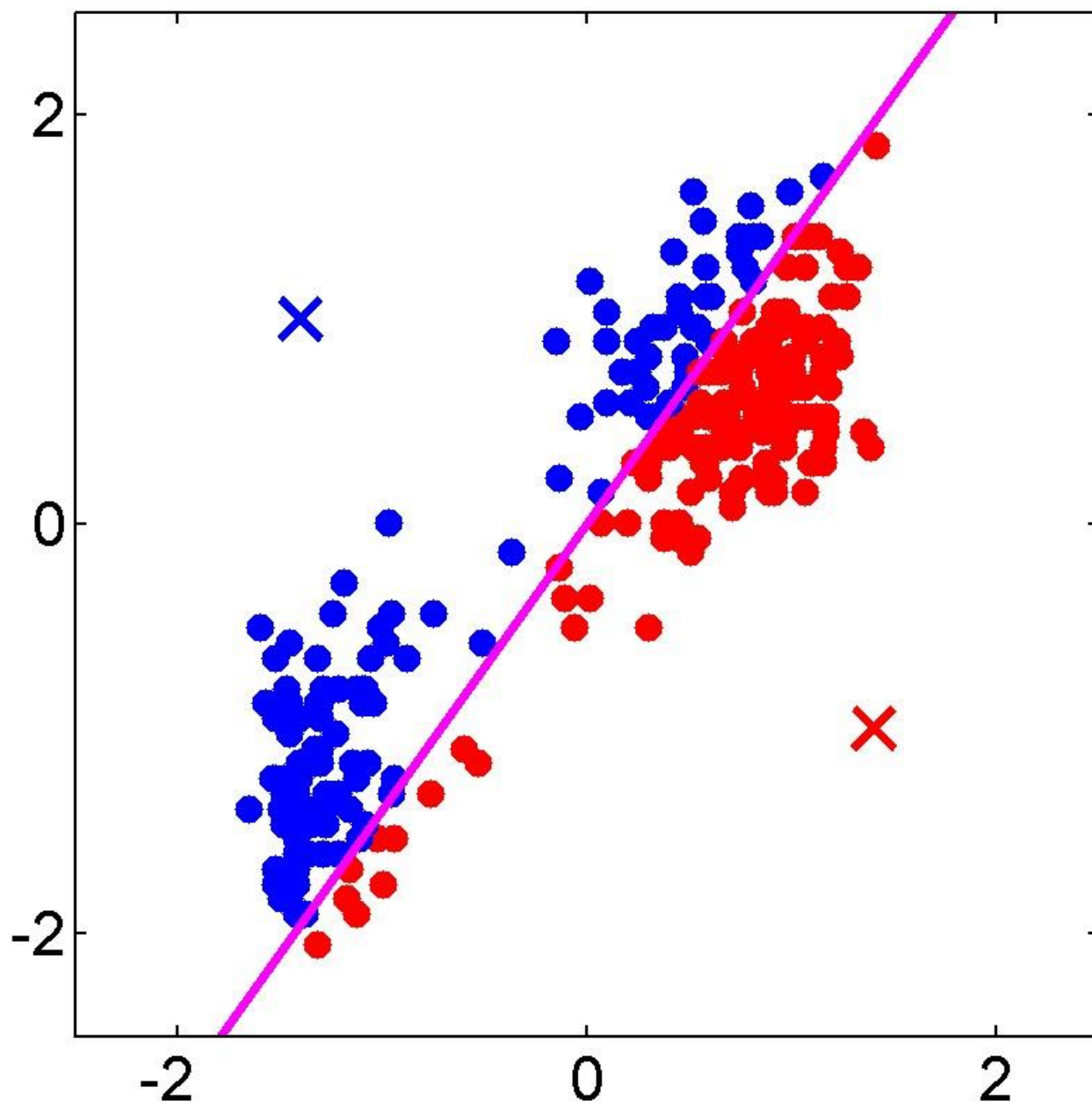
Assume latent state

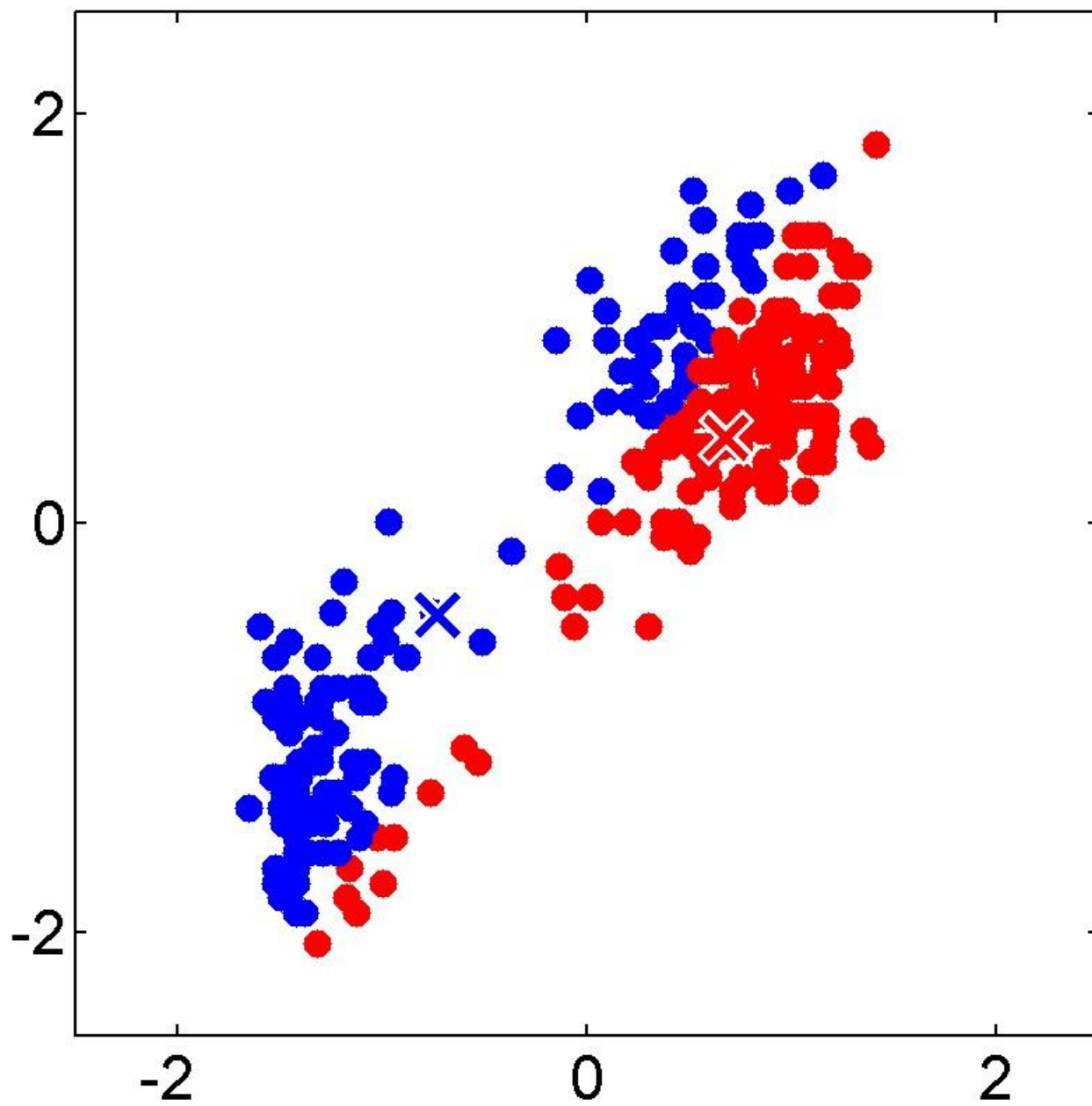


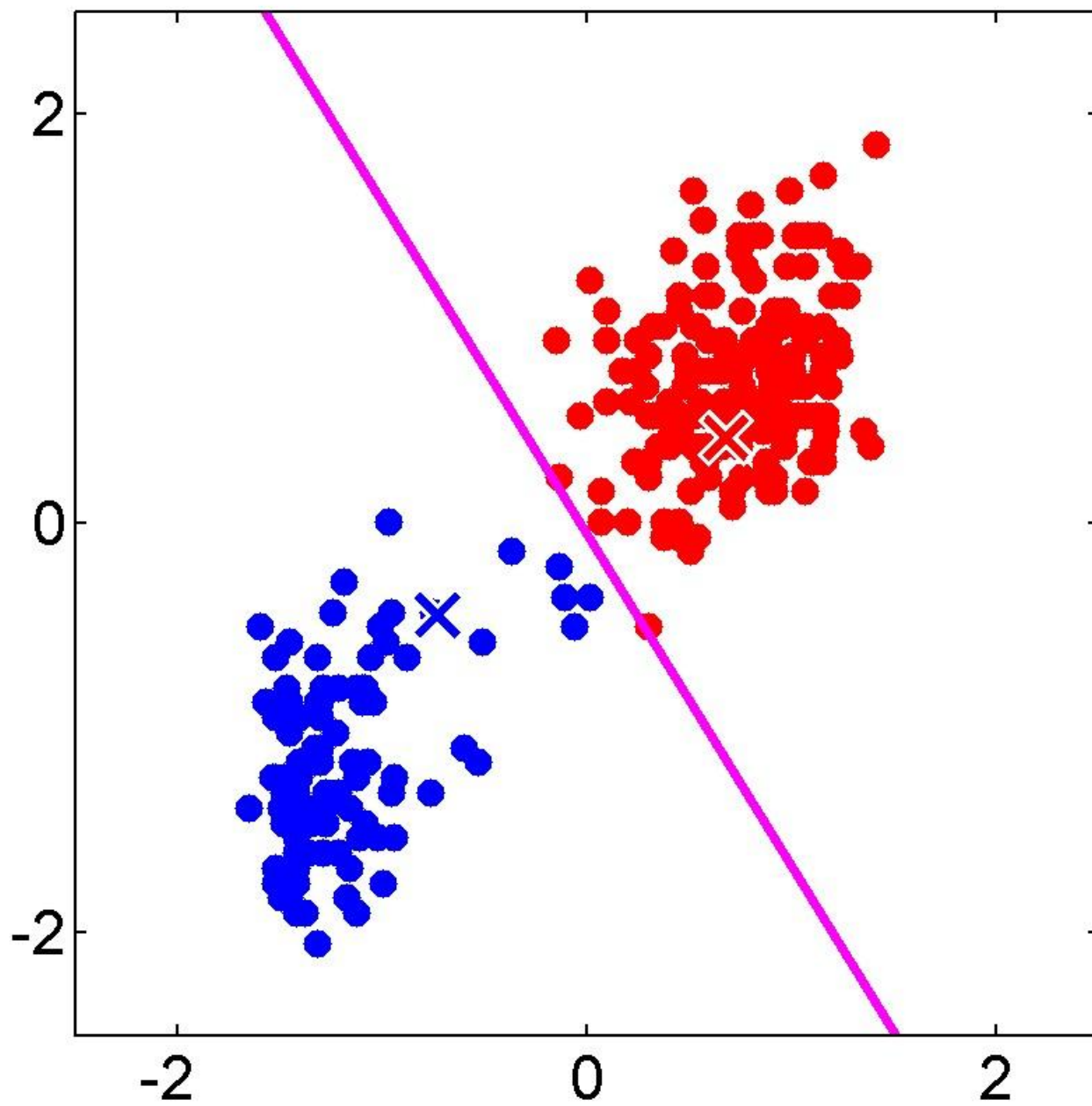
K-means Algorithm

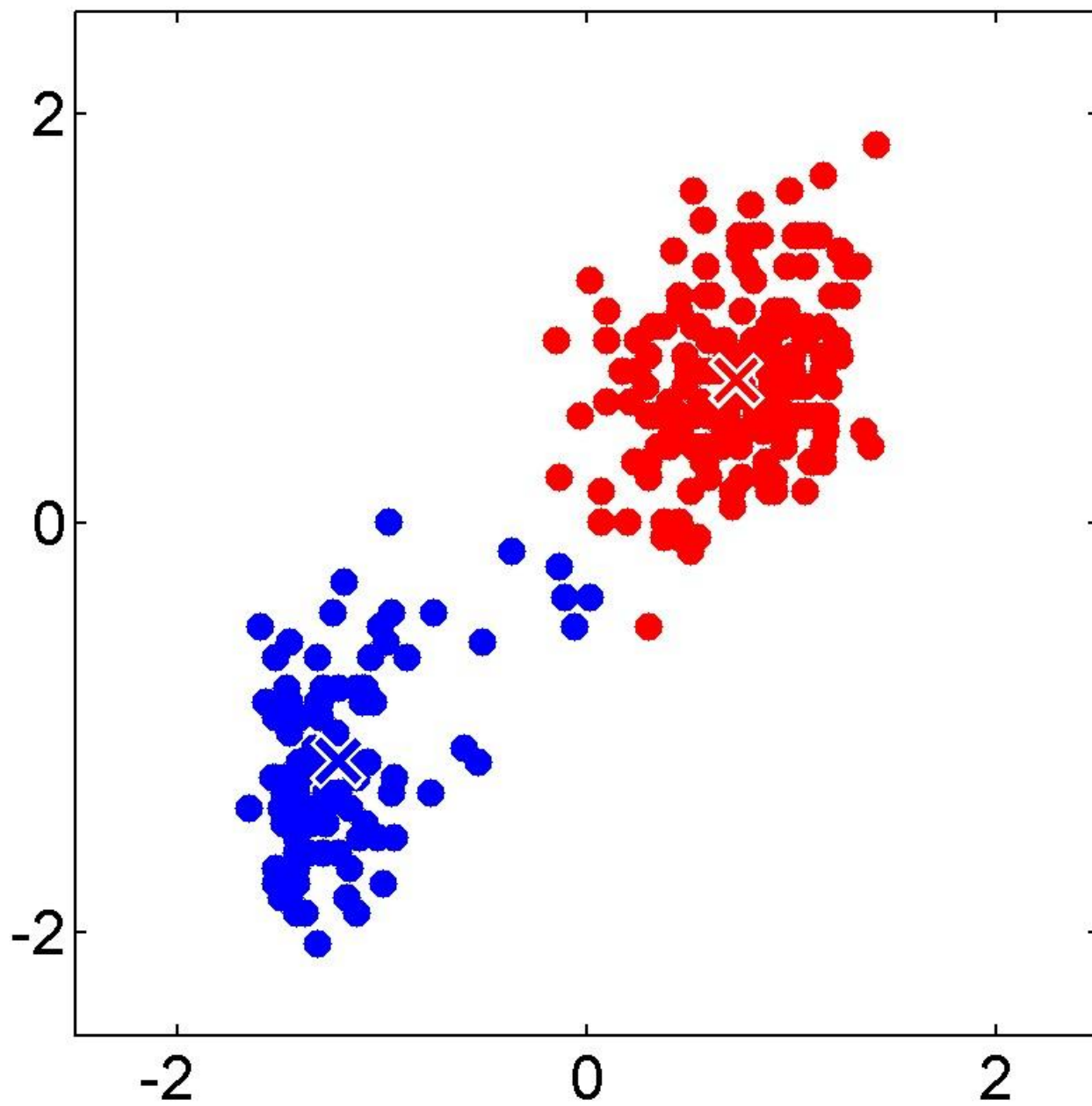
- Represent data set by K clusters each of which is summarized by a prototype μ_k
- Initialize prototypes, then iterate between two phases:
 - E-step: assign each data point to nearest prototype
 - M-step: update prototypes to be the cluster means
- Simplest version is based on Euclidean distance
 - re-scale Old Faithful data

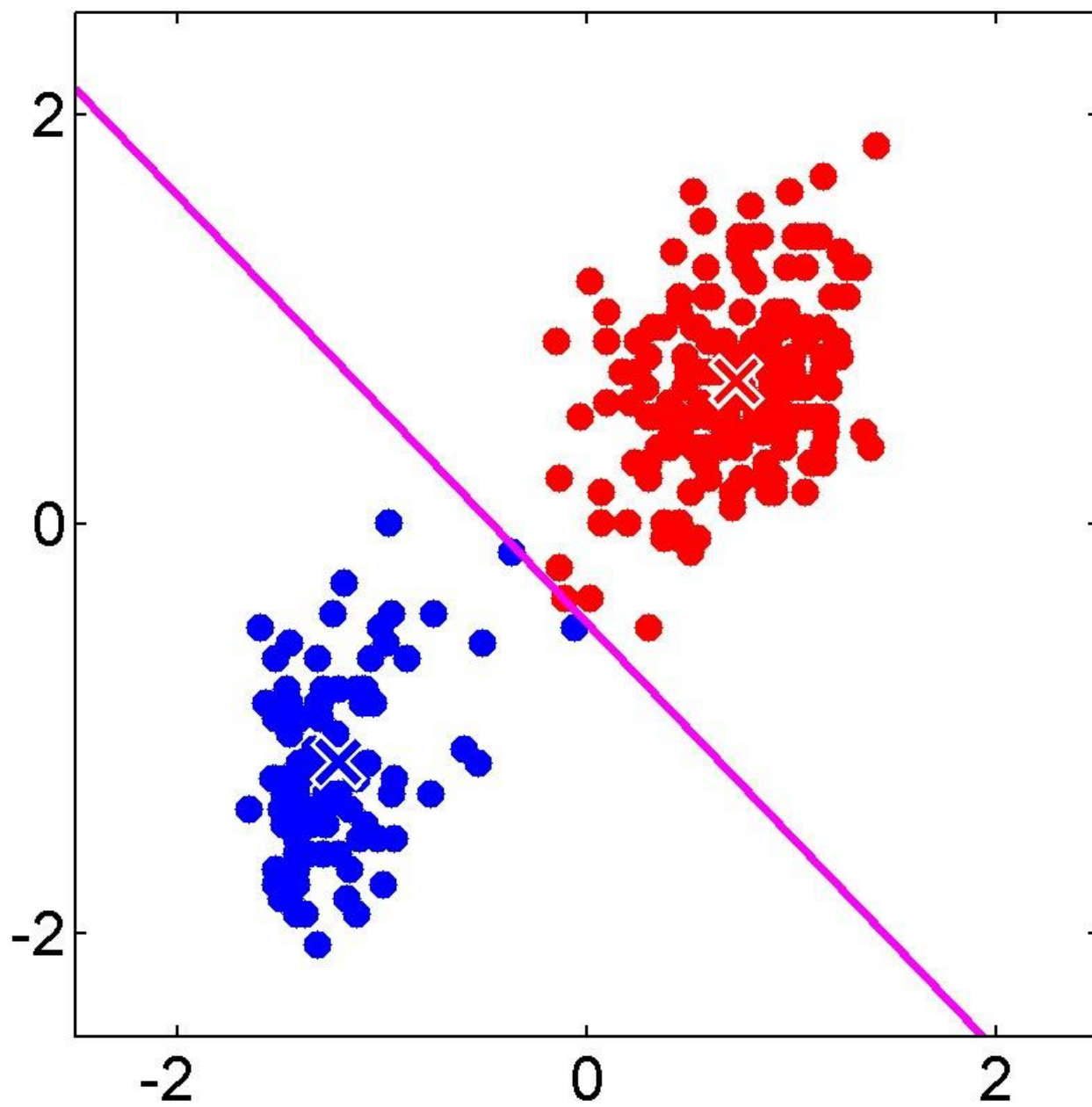


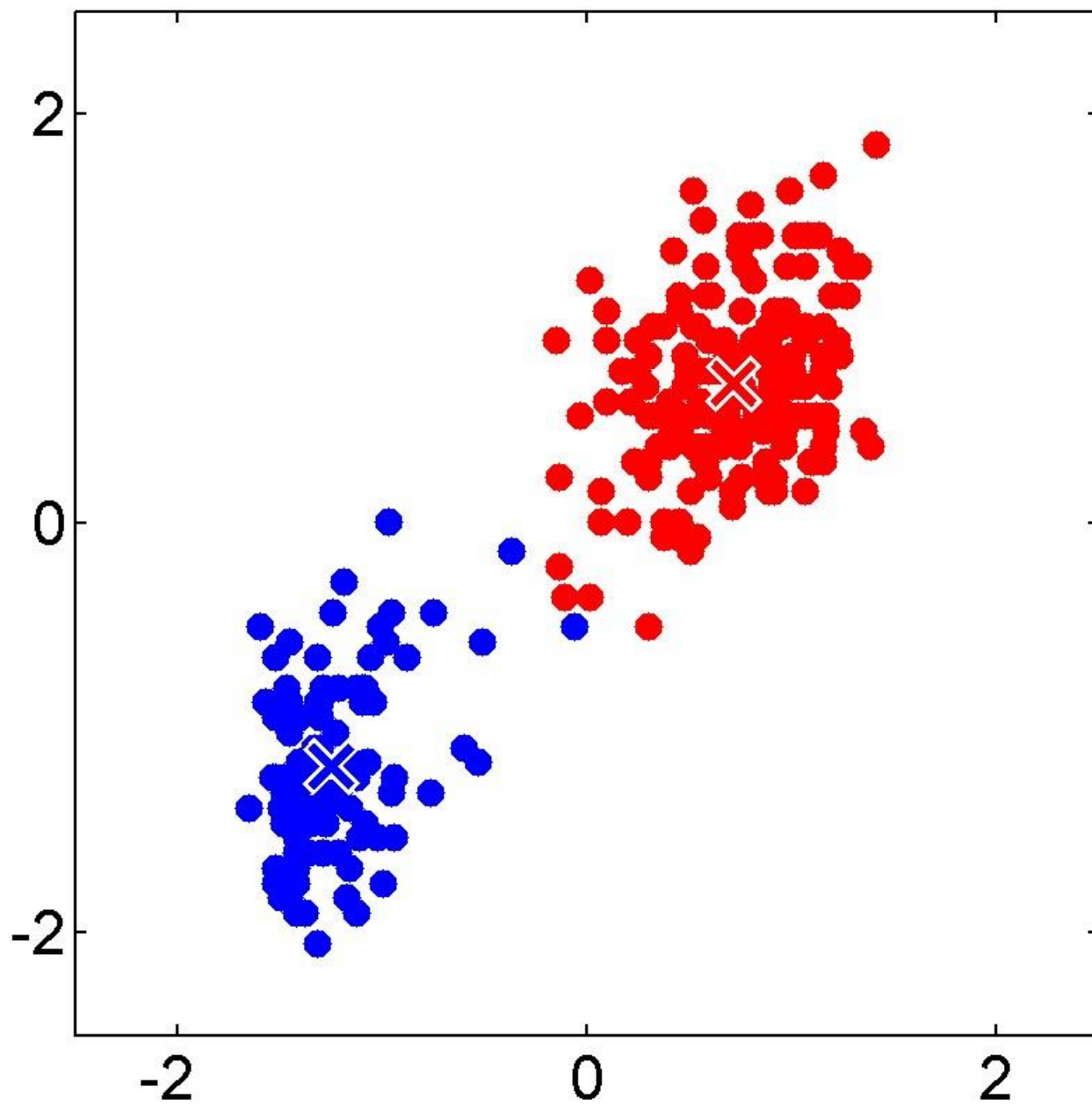


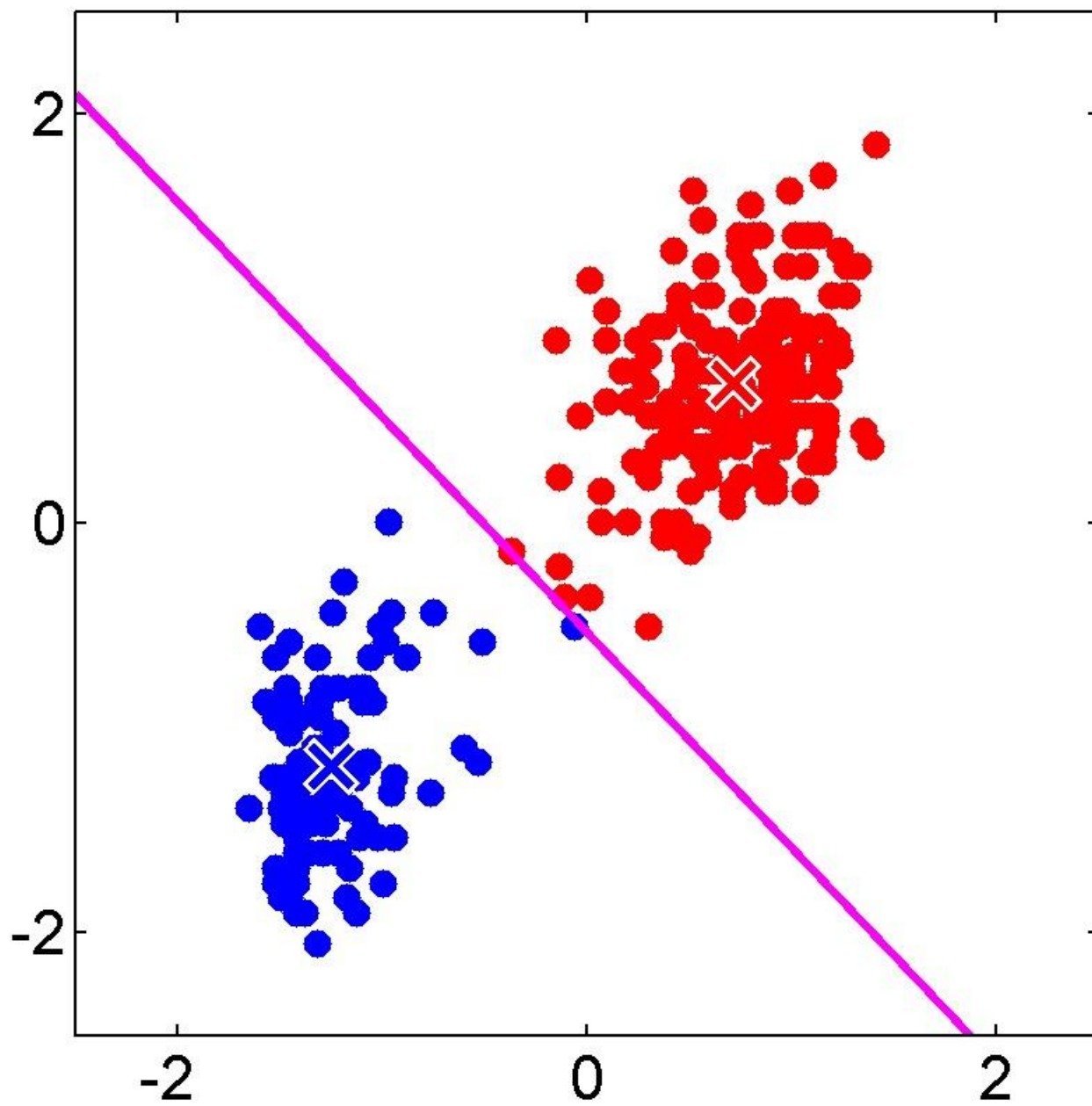


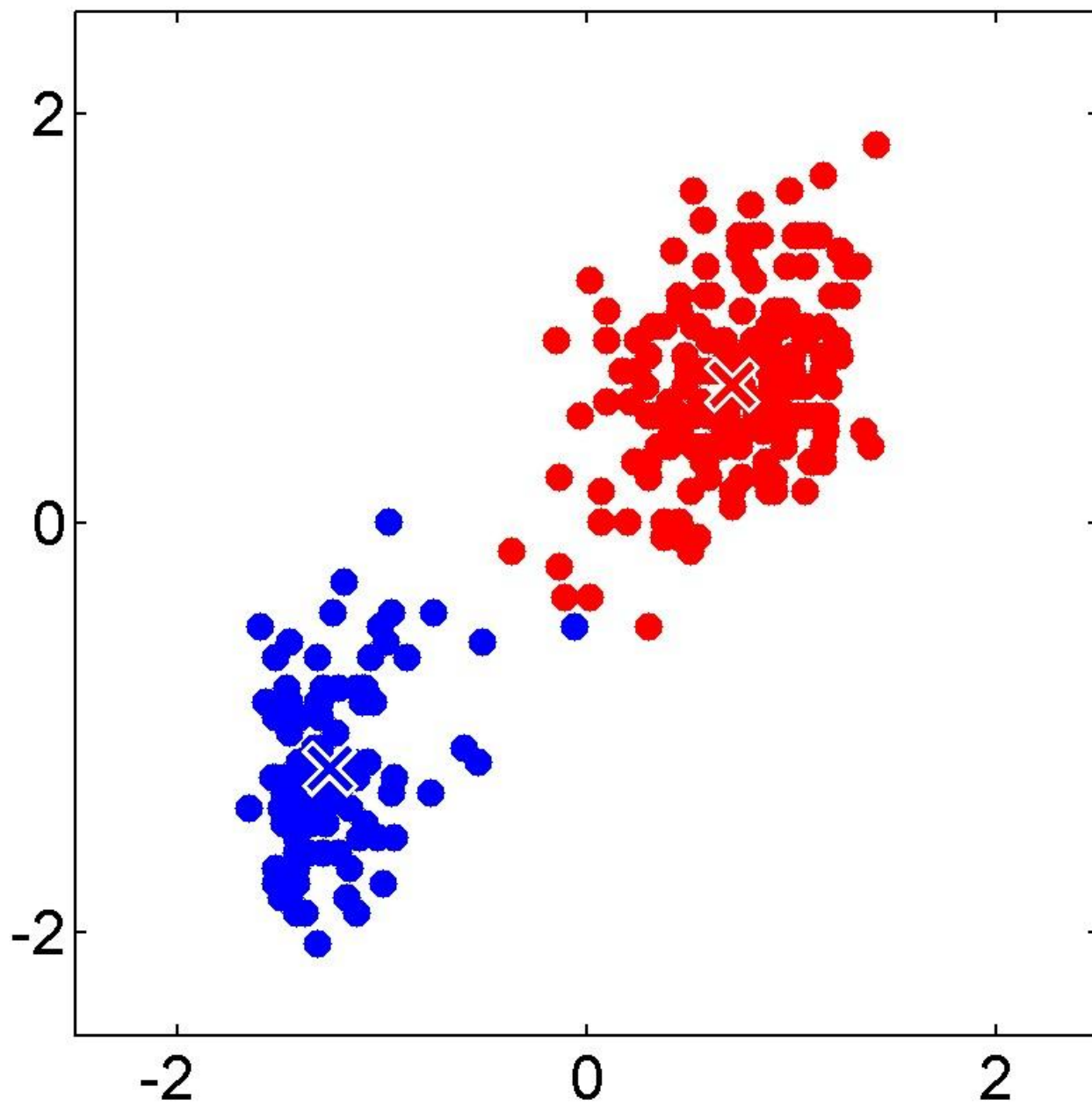












Responsibilities

- *Responsibility matrix*: assign data points to clusters

$$r_{nk} \in \{0, 1\}$$

such that

$$\sum_k r_{nk} = 1$$

- Example: 5 data points and 3 clusters

$$(r_{nk}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

K-means Cost Function

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K r_{nk} \|\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k\|^2$$

data

responsibilities

prototypes

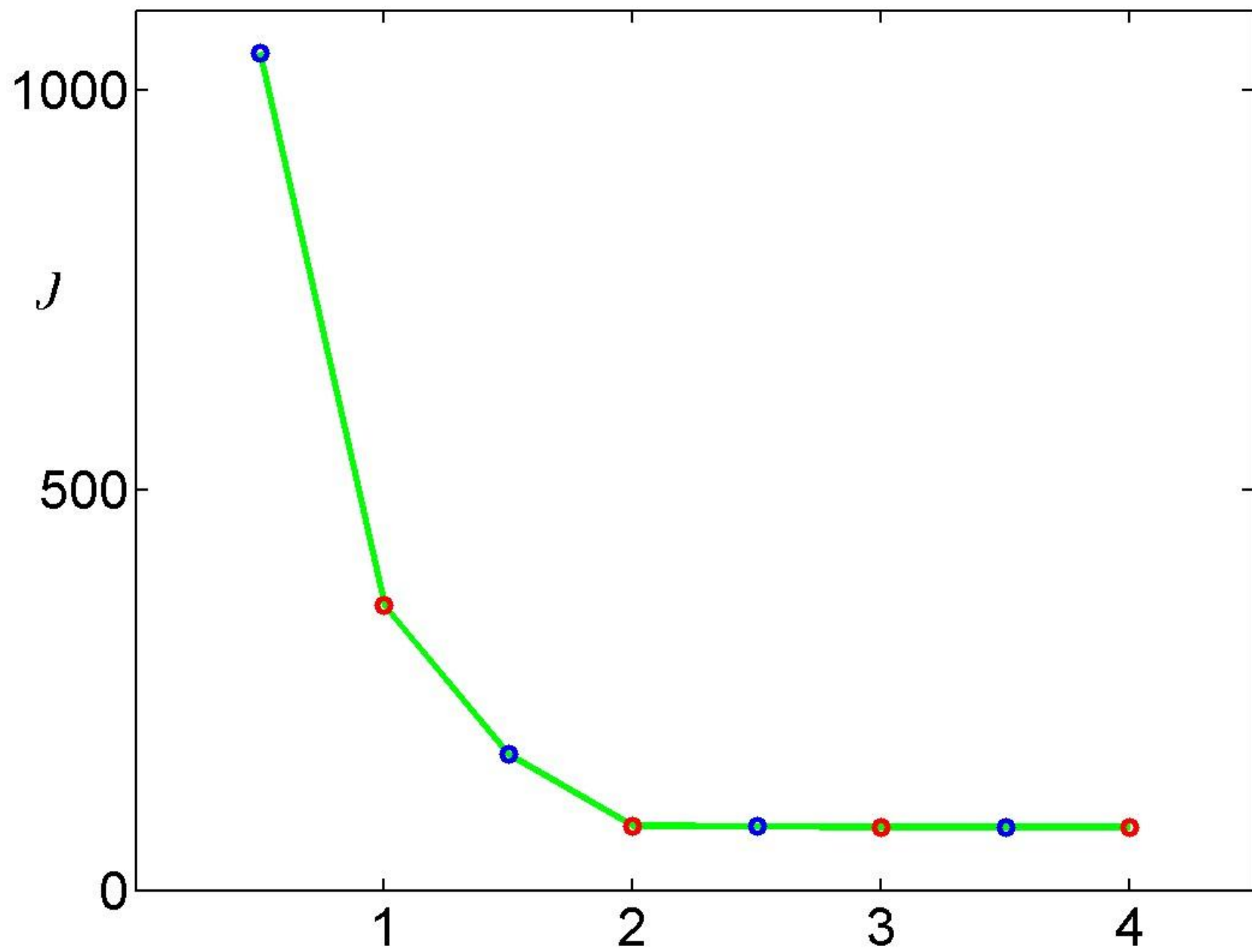
The diagram shows the K-means Cost Function formula with three blue arrows pointing to its components: 'data' points to \mathbf{x}_n , 'responsibilities' points to r_{nk} , and 'prototypes' points to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$.

Minimizing the Cost Function

- E-step: minimize J w.r.t. r_{nk}
 - assigns each data point to nearest prototype
- M-step: minimize J w.r.t μ_k
 - gives

$$\mu_k = \frac{\sum_n r_{kn} \mathbf{x}_n}{\sum_n r_{kn}}$$

- each prototype set to the mean of points in that cluster
- Convergence guaranteed since there is a finite number of possible settings for the responsibilities



Limitations of K-means

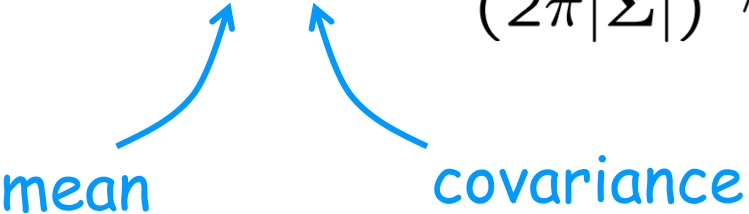
- Hard assignments of data points to clusters – small shift of a data point can flip it to a different cluster
- Not clear how to choose the value of K
- Solution: replace ‘hard’ clustering of K-means with ‘soft’ probabilistic assignments
- Represents the probability distribution of the data as a *Gaussian mixture model*

Mixture of Gaussians

- Each class is a mixture of k Gaussians.
- Each gaussian has covariance, in addition to mean

The Gaussian Distribution

- Multivariate Gaussian

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$


mean covariance

- Define precision to be the inverse of the covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

- In 1-dimension

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Likelihood Function

- Data set

$$D = \{\mathbf{x}_n\} \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

- Assume observed data points generated independently

$$p(D|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

- Viewed as a function of the parameters, this is known as the *likelihood function*

Maximum Likelihood

- Set the parameters by maximizing the likelihood function
- Equivalently maximize the log likelihood

$$\begin{aligned}\ln p(D|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &= -\frac{N}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{N}{2} \ln(2\pi) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})\end{aligned}$$

Maximum Likelihood Solution

- Maximizing w.r.t. the mean gives the *sample mean*

$$\mu_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_{\text{ML}})^{\top}$$

- Maximizing w.r.t covariance gives the *sample covariance*

Gaussian Mixtures

- Linear super-position of Gaussians

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$

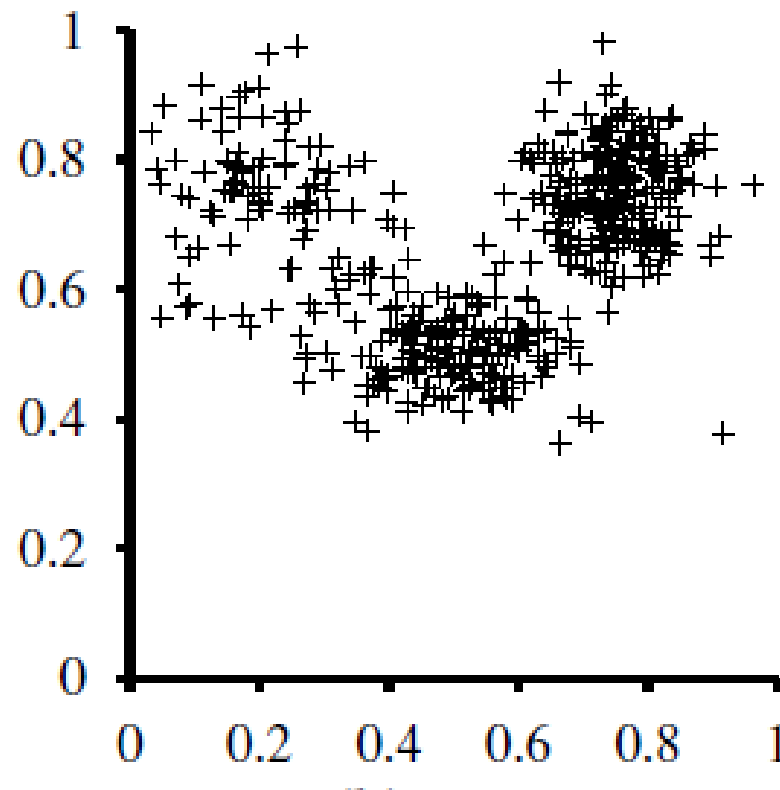
- Normalization and positivity require

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1 \quad 0 \leq \pi_k \leq 1$$

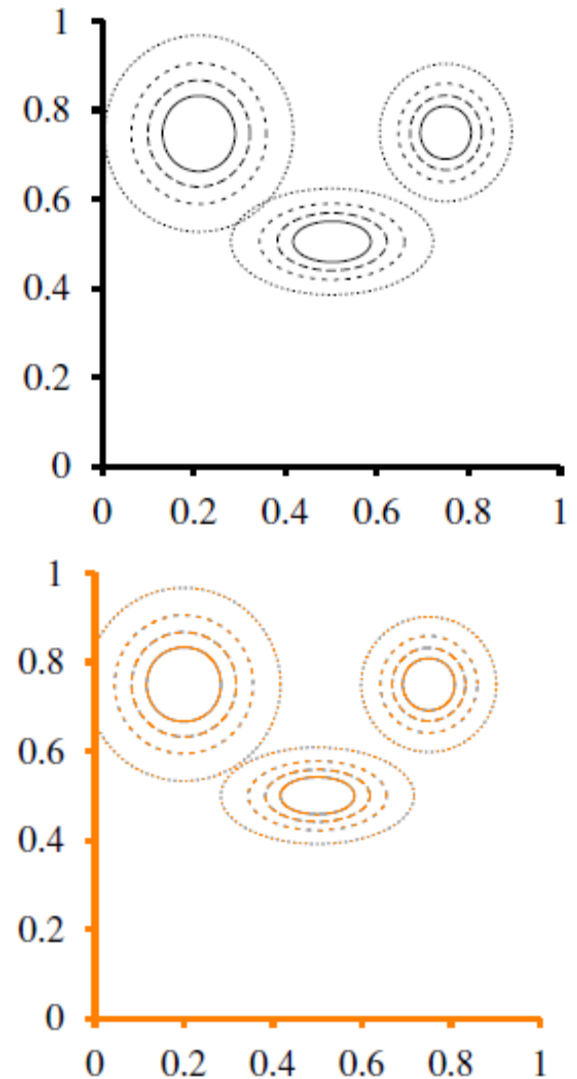
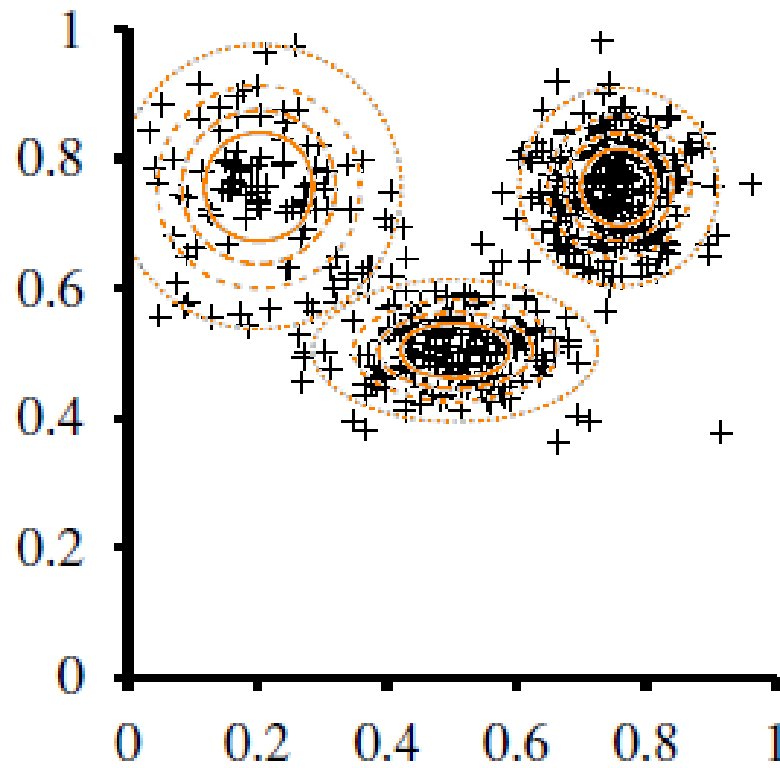
- Can interpret the mixing coefficients as prior probabilities

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^K p(k) p(\mathbf{x} | k)$$

Single Gaussians model



Single Gaussians model



The value of a good metric

Learning representations:
Handwritten Digits

handwrittten numerals (MNIST)

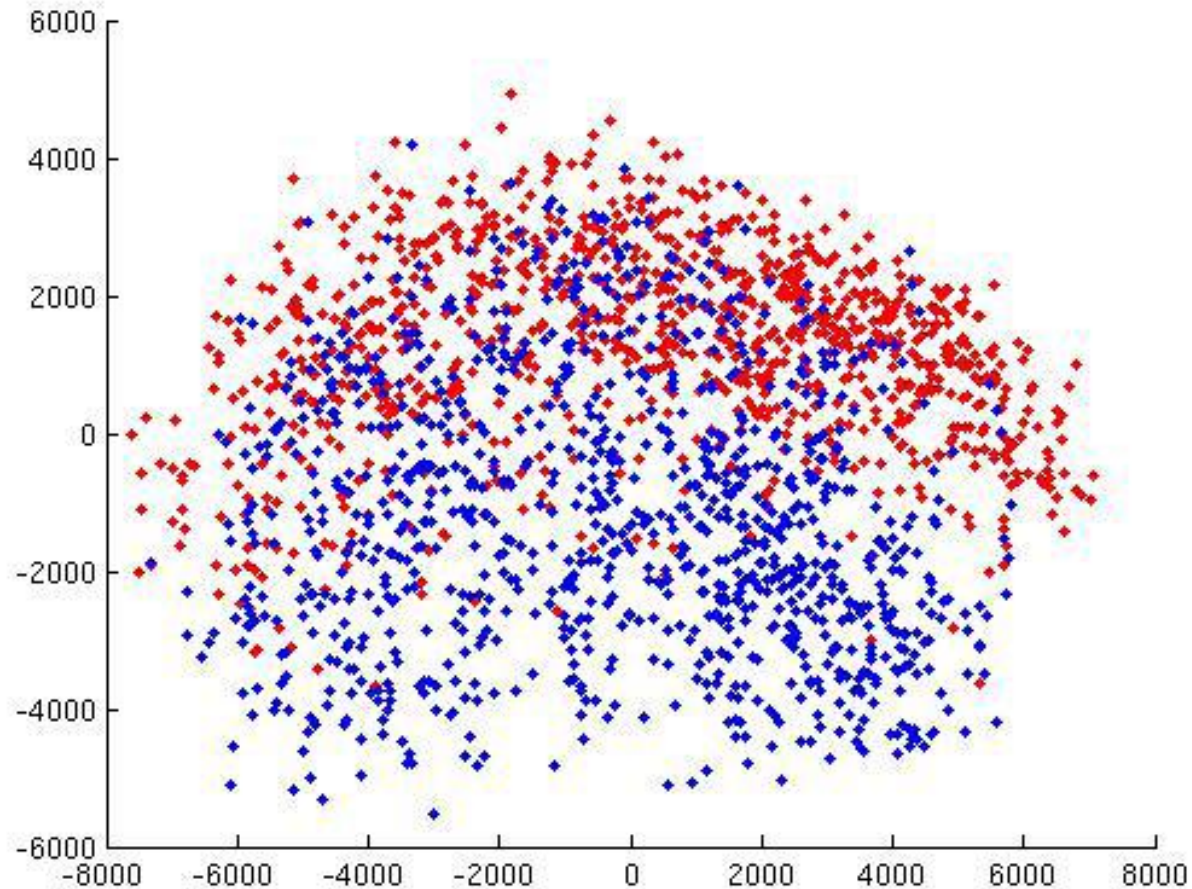


Modified NIST digits database: 60K + 10K 28x28 images

Importance of choosing a metric

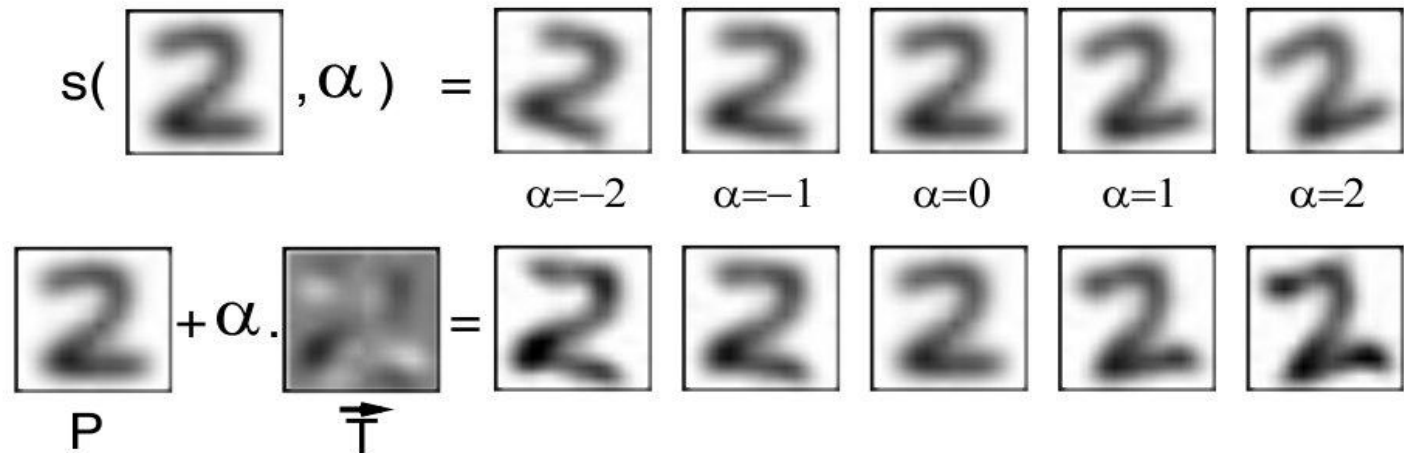
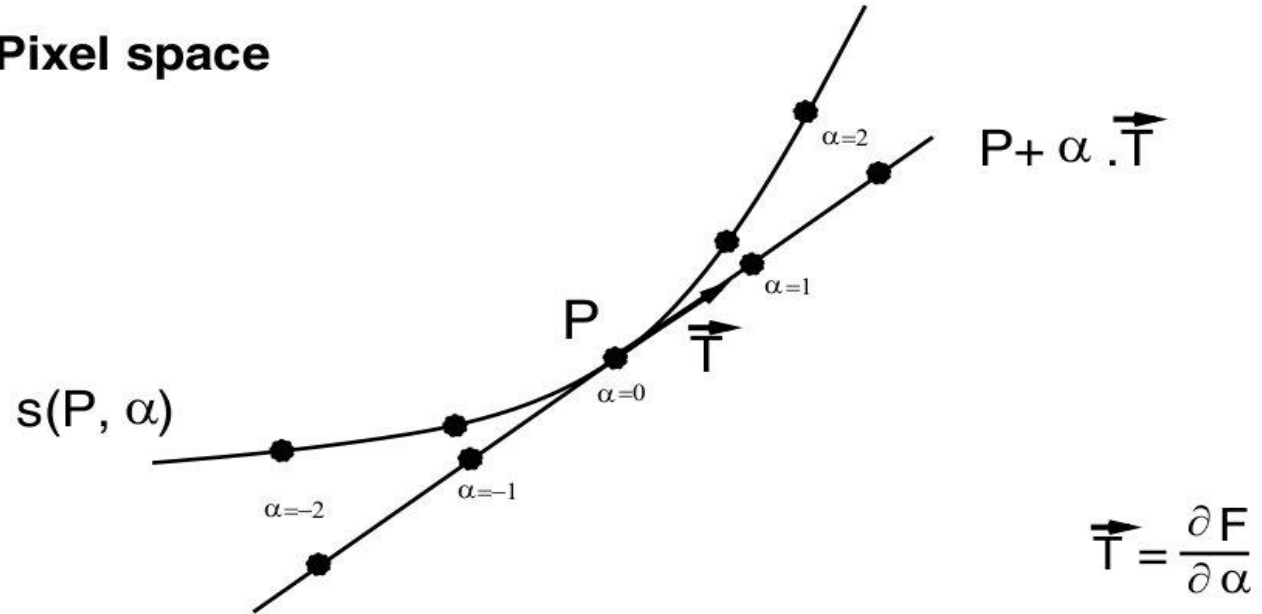


Manifold mapping with Euclidean Distance

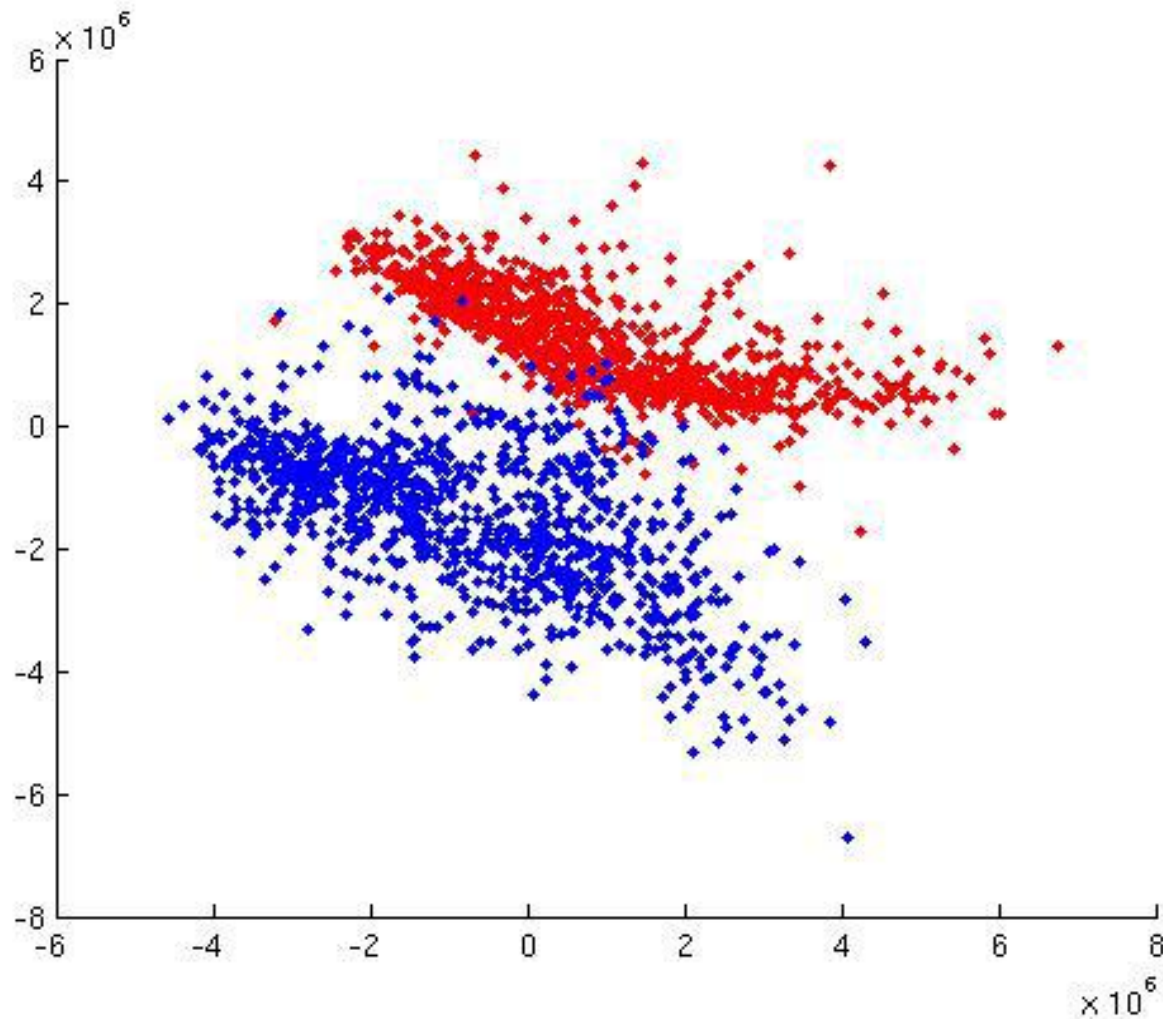


“tangent distance”

Pixel space

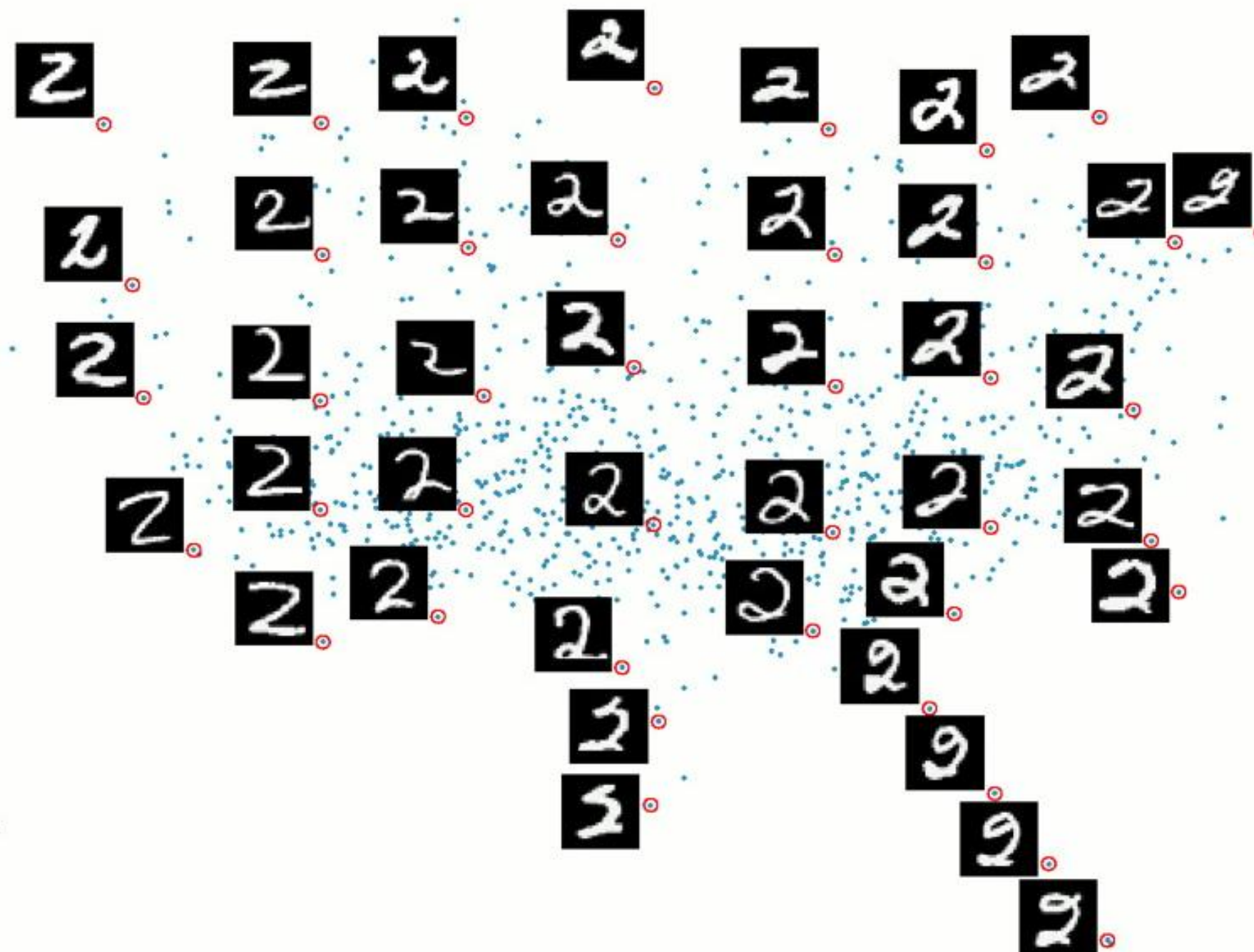


Manifold mapping with Euclidean Distance



B

Bottom loop articulation

Top arch articulation
↓

Dimensionality: handwritten digits

