

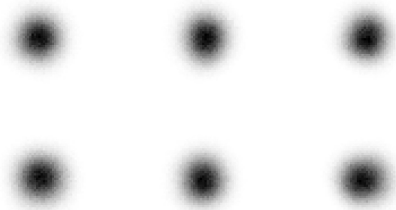
Applications of Kernel-based Information Theoretical Measures

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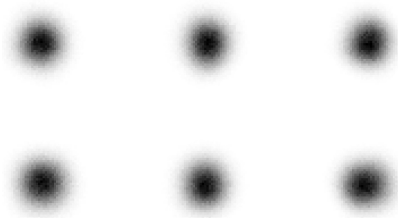
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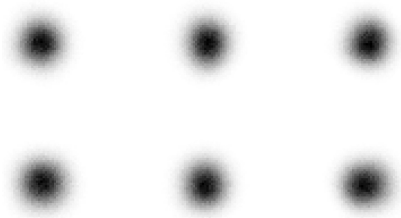
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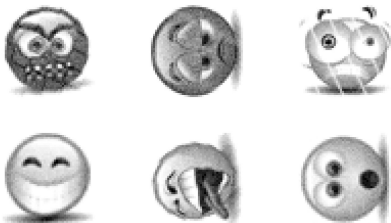
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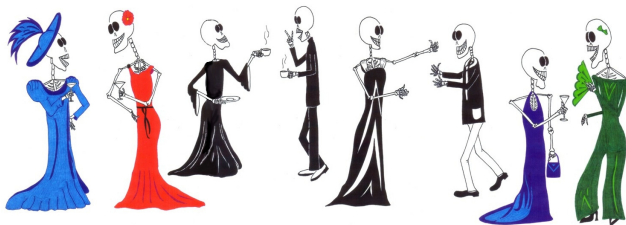
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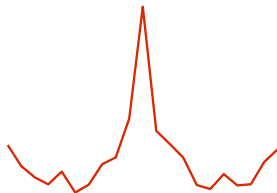
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- Reference image: \mathbf{y}_{ref} ,
- test image: \mathbf{y}_{test} ,
- possible transformations: Θ .

Trick

maximization of **statistical dependence**

Objective:

$$J(\theta) = \underbrace{I(\mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}, \mathbf{y}_{\text{test}}(\theta))}_{\text{similarity}} \rightarrow \max_{\theta \in \Theta}.$$

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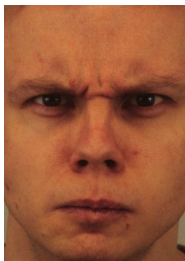
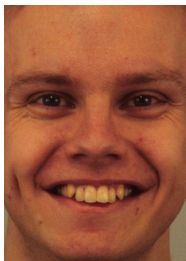
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Differentiating positive and negative emotions



- Given: two sets of faces (happy, angry).
- Task:

Do $\{x_i\}$ and $\{y_j\}$ come from the same distribution, i.e. $\mathbb{P}_x = \mathbb{P}_y$?

Determine the most discriminative features/regions.

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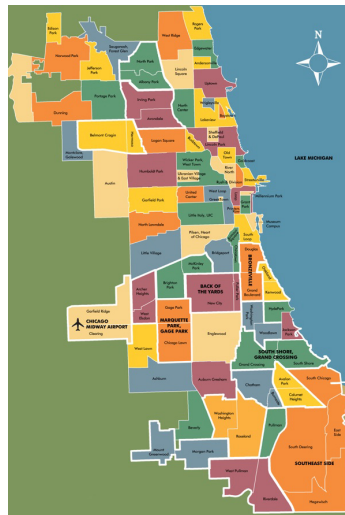
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Are the **French** paragraphs translations of the **English** ones, or have nothing to do with it, i.e. $\mathbb{P}_{xy} = \mathbb{P}_x \mathbb{P}_y$?

Criminal data analysis

- Given:

- Density/model: p .
- Samples: $X = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim q$ (unknown).



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$$\text{HSIC}_k(\mathbb{P}) = \text{MMD}_k\left(\mathbb{P}, \otimes_{m=1}^M \mathbb{P}_m\right).$$

Thank you for the attention!



ITE on BitBucket! (playground)