

Kernel Methods, Divergence and Independence Measures, Hypothesis Testing

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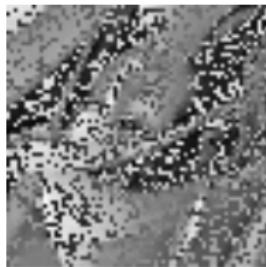
Outline

- Applications:
 - Information theoretical objectives.
 - Testing.
- Classical information theory: $\mathbb{R}^d \xrightarrow{\text{diverse set of domains}}$
- Kernels, RKHS:
 - Linear → non-linear techniques.
 - Classification, regression, dimensionality reduction.
 - KCCA, MMD, HSIC.
- Hypothesis testing.

Information Theoretical Objectives

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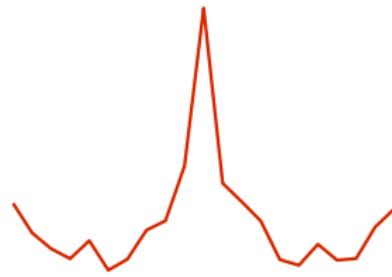
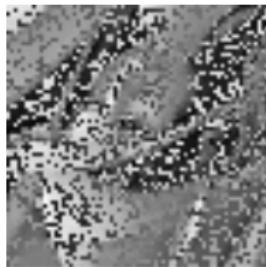
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Outlier-robust image registration: equations

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

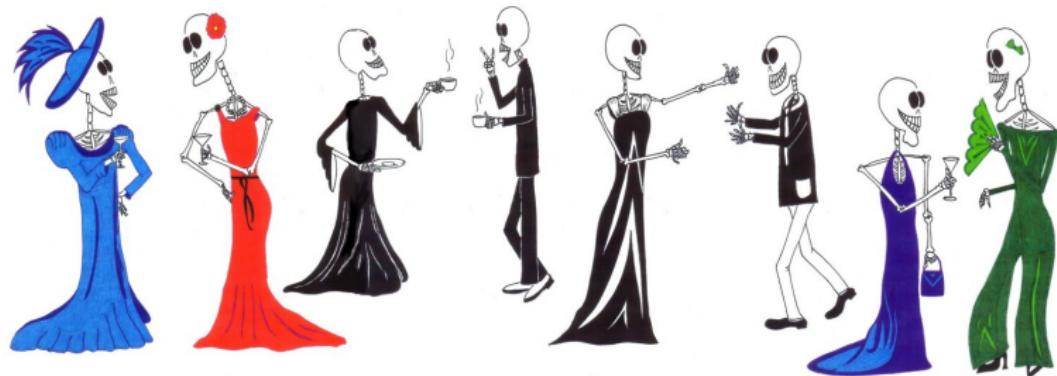
Objective:

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

In the example: $I=KCCA$.

Cocktail party problem:

- independent groups of people / music bands,
- observation = mixed sources.



Observation:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}_t, \quad \mathbf{s} = [\mathbf{s}^1; \dots; \mathbf{s}^M].$$

Goal: $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$ from $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T\}$. Assumptions:

- independent groups: $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{s}^1, \dots, \mathbf{s}^M) = 0$,
- \mathbf{s}^m -s: non-Gaussian,
- \mathbf{A} : invertible.

Find \mathbf{W} which makes the estimated components independent:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Wx} = \left[\mathbf{y}^1; \dots; \mathbf{y}^M \right],$$

$$J(\mathbf{W}) = I\left(\mathbf{y}^1, \dots, \mathbf{y}^M\right) \rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{W}}.$$

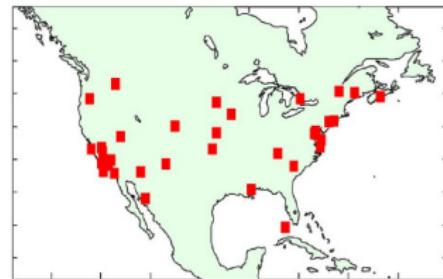
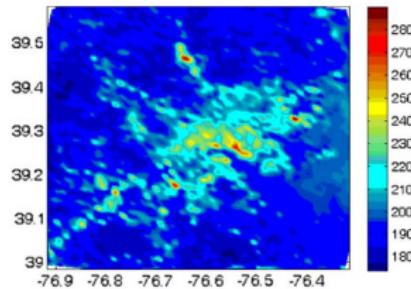
Distribution regression

[Póczos et al., 2013, Szabó et al., 2016]. Sustainability

- **Goal:** aerosol prediction = air pollution → climate.



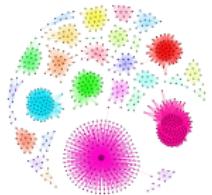
- Prediction using labelled bags:
 - bag := multi-spectral satellite measurements over an area,
 - label := local aerosol value.



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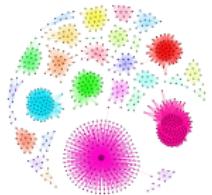


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Inner product of distributions

$$K(\mu_{\hat{\mathbb{P}}_i}, \mu_{\hat{\mathbb{P}}_j}) = ?$$

Feature selection

- **Goal:** find
 - the feature subset (# of rooms, criminal rate, local taxes)
 - most relevant for house price prediction (y).



Feature selection: equations

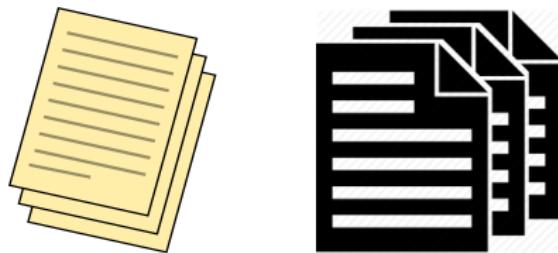
- Features: x^1, \dots, x^F . Subset: $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, F\}$.
- MaxRelevance - MinRedundancy principle [Peng et al., 2005]:

$$J(S) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{i \in S} I(x^i, y) - \frac{1}{|S|^2} \sum_{i, j \in S} I(x^i, x^j) \rightarrow \max_{S \subseteq \{1, \dots, F\}} .$$

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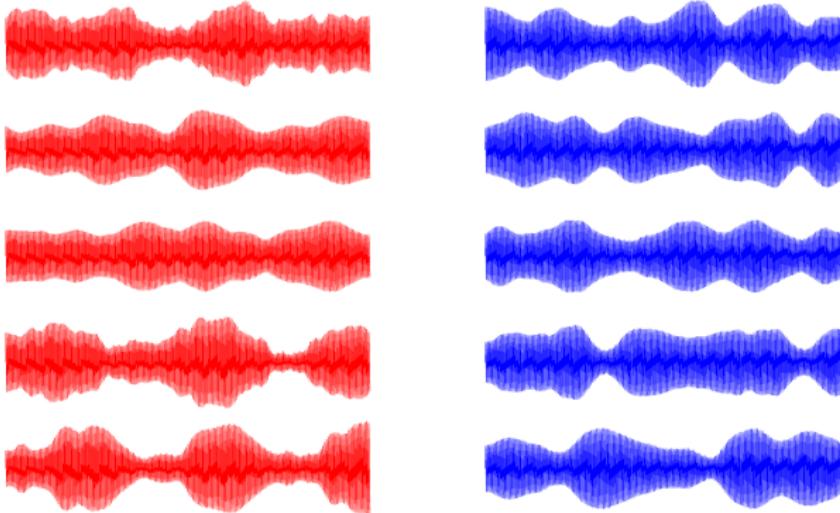
Example-2 (2-sample testing): computer vision



- Given: two sets of faces (happy, angry).
- Task:
 - check if they are different,
 - determine the most discriminative features/regions.

Example-3 (2-sample testing): audio

- Amplitude modulation:
 - simple technique to transmit voice over radio.
 - in the example: 2 songs.
- Fragments from song₁ ~ \mathbb{P}_x , song₂ ~ \mathbb{P}_y .



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$$H_0 : p = q, \text{ vs}$$

$$H_1 : p \neq q.$$



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Alternatives: Rényi, Tsallis, L^2 divergence... $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$.

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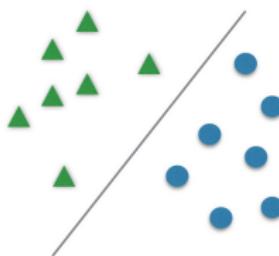
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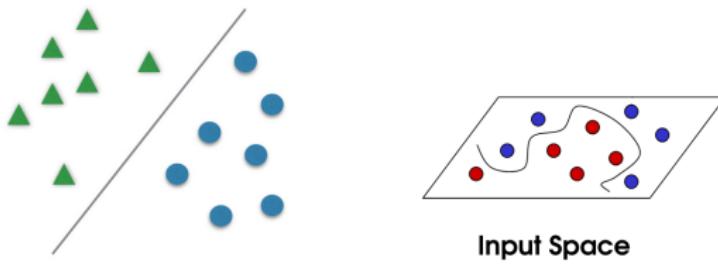
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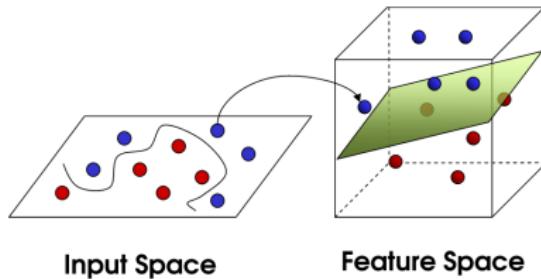
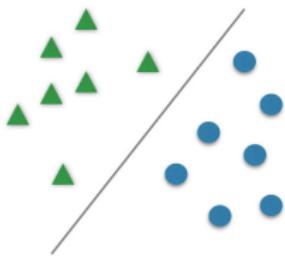
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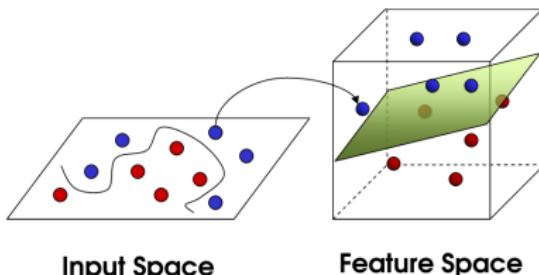
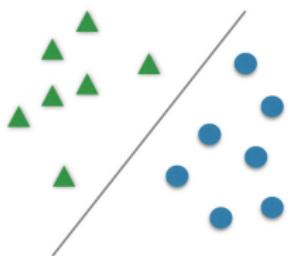
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Example: $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$: mean.

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Trick

φ : on any kernel-endowed domain!

- **Trees** [Collins and Duffy, 2001, Kashima and Koyanagi, 2002], **time series** [Cuturi, 2011], **strings** [Lodhi et al., 2002],
- **mixture models**, **hidden Markov models** or **linear dynamical systems** [Jebara et al., 2004],
- **sets** [Haussler, 1999, Gärtner et al., 2002], **fuzzy domains** [Guevara et al., 2017], **distributions** [Hein and Bousquet, 2005, Martins et al., 2009, Muandet et al., 2011],
- **groups** [Cuturi et al., 2005] $\xrightarrow{\text{spec.}}$ **permutations** [Jiao and Vert, 2016],
- **graphs** [Vishwanathan et al., 2010, Kondor and Pan, 2016].

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Applications:

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[Baringhaus and Franz, 2004, Székely and Rizzo, 2004, Székely and Rizzo, 2005, Borgwardt et al., 2006, Harchaoui et al., 2007, Gretton et al., 2012, Jitkrittum et al., 2016], and its differential private variant [Raj et al., 2019]; independence [Gretton et al., 2008, Pfister et al., 2017, Jitkrittum et al., 2017a] and goodness-of-fit testing [Jitkrittum et al., 2017b, Balasubramanian et al., 2017], causal discovery [Mooij et al., 2016, Pfister et al., 2017],
- domain adaptation [Zhang et al., 2013], -generalization [Blanchard et al., 2017], change-point detection [Harchaoui and Cappé, 2007], post selection inference [Yamada et al., 2018],
- kernel Bayesian inference [Song et al., 2011, Fukumizu et al., 2013], approximate Bayesian computation [Park et al., 2016], probabilistic programming [Schölkopf et al., 2015], model criticism [Lloyd et al., 2014, Kim et al., 2016],
- topological data analysis [Kusano et al., 2016],
- distribution classification
[Muandet et al., 2011, Lopez-Paz et al., 2015, Zaheer et al., 2017], distribution regression [Szabó et al., 2016, Law et al., 2018],
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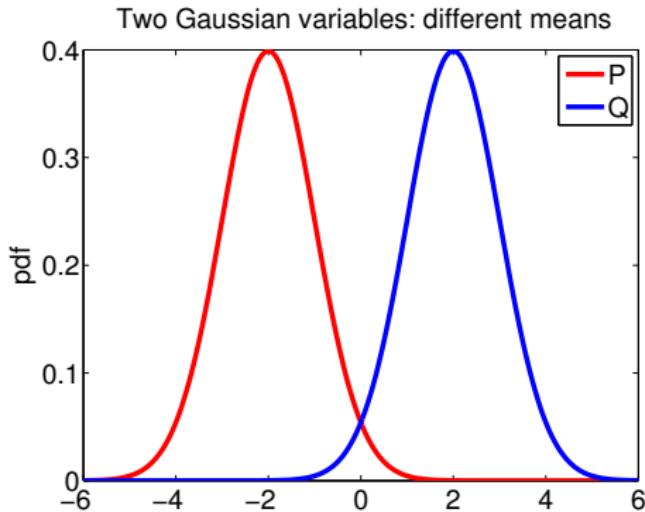
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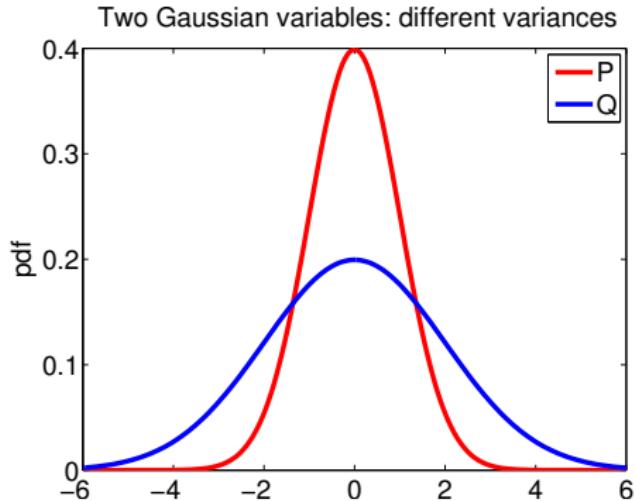
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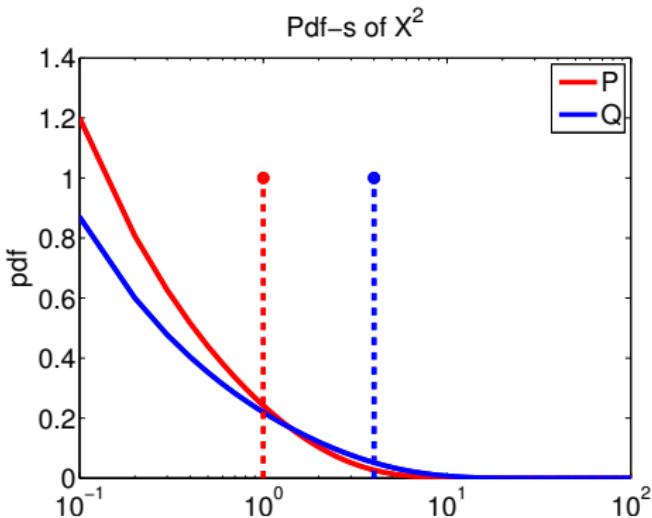
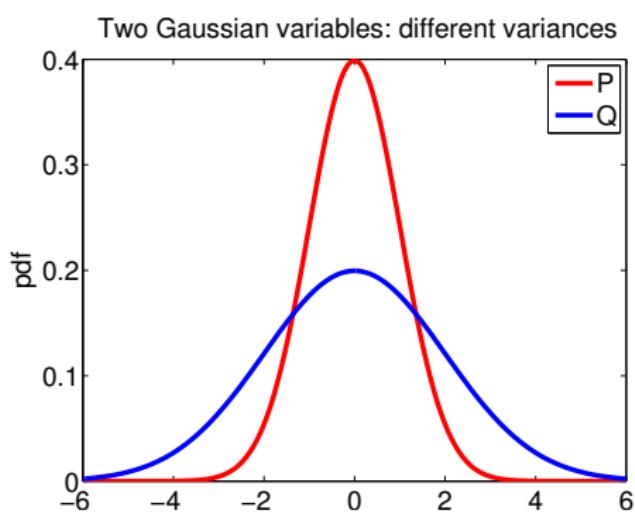
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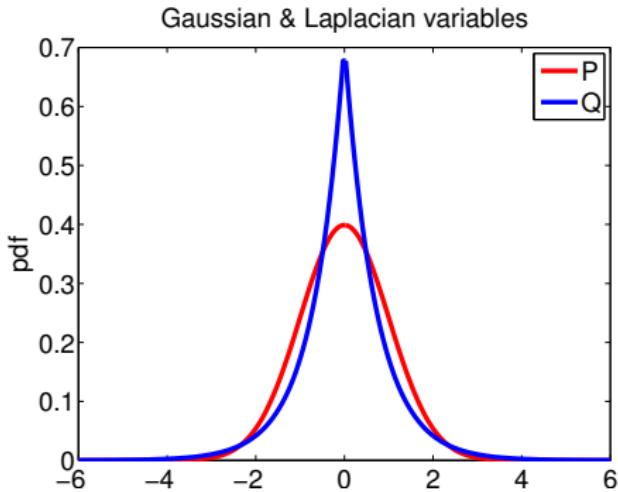
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Representations of distributions: further moments

- Setup: a Gaussian and a Laplacian distribution.
- Challenge: their means *and* variances are the same.
- Idea: look at higher-order features.



$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = e^{i\langle \cdot, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$: characteristic function, $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$.

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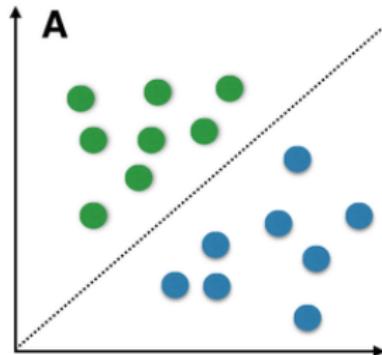
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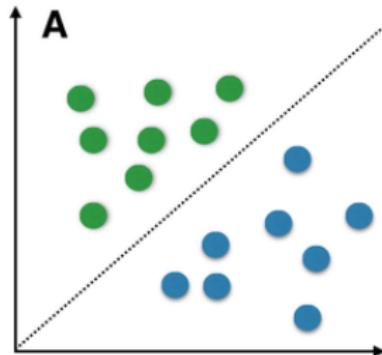


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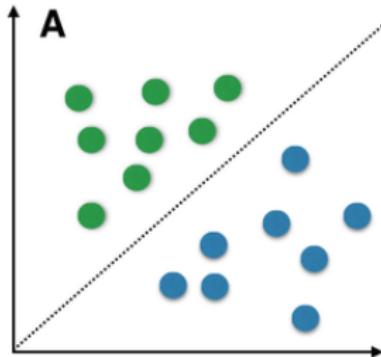
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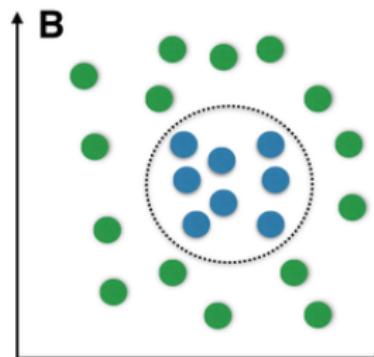
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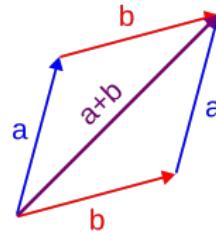
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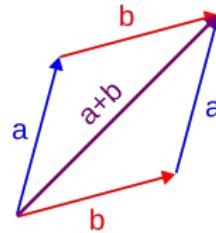
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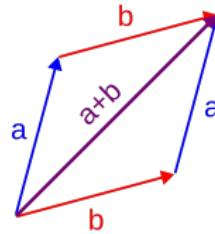


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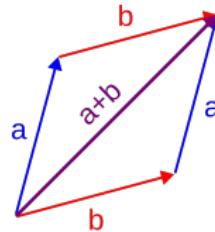


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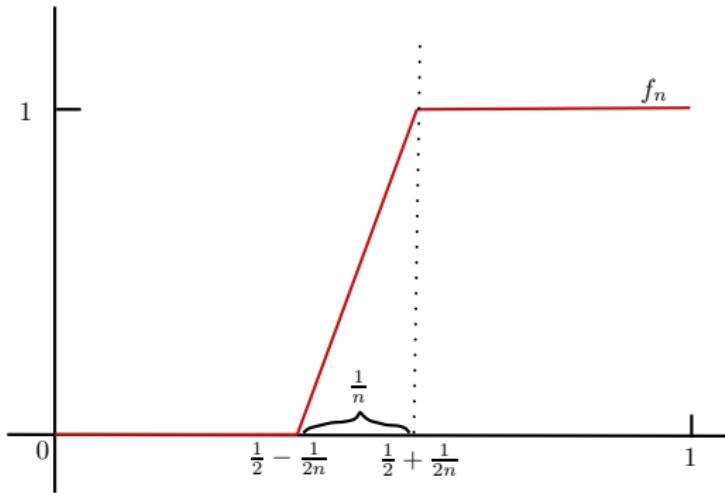
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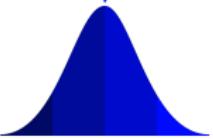
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Kernel factory: \mathbb{R}^d & Bochner theorem

We focus on continuous bounded shift-invariant kernels:

Theorem (Bochner's theorem [Wendland, 2005])

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = k_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\langle \mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}, \omega \rangle} d\Lambda(\omega),$$

where Λ is a finite Borel measure (w.l.o.g. probability).

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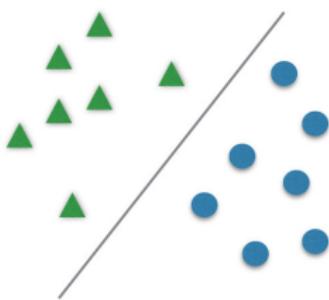
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Kernels in action: classification, regression, dimensionality reduction

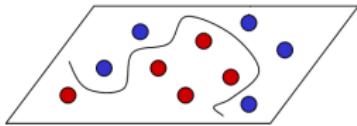
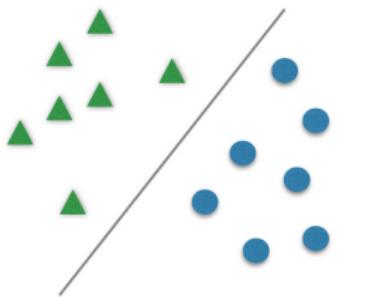
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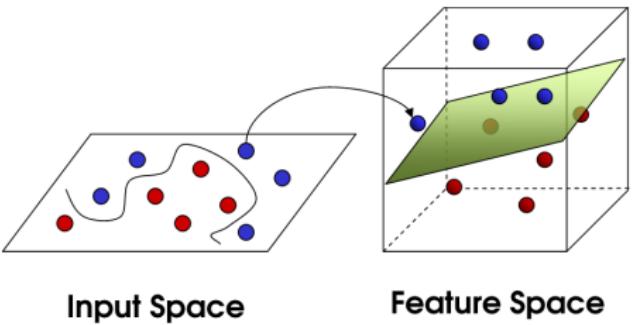
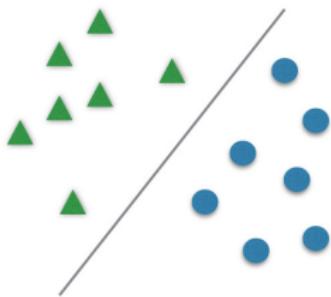
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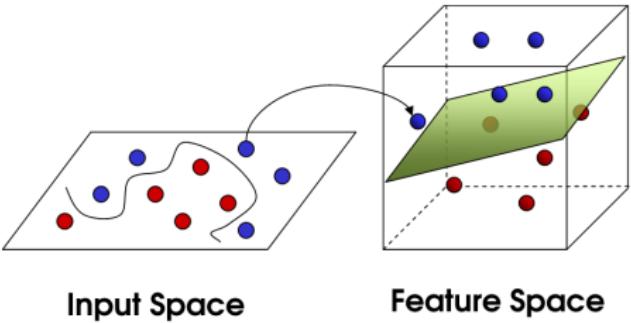
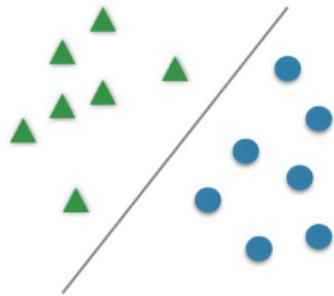
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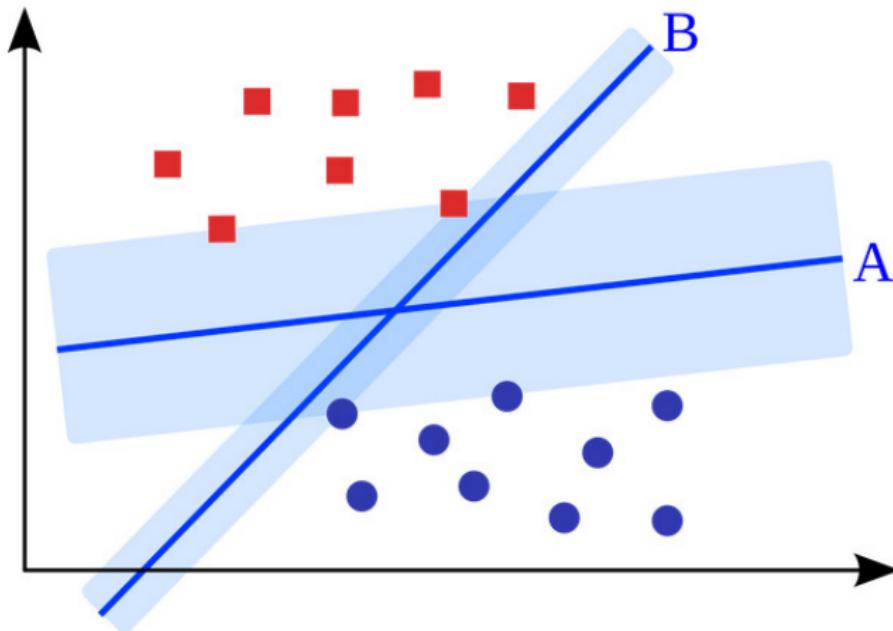
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- $d \ll D$: compression (images, music, ...).



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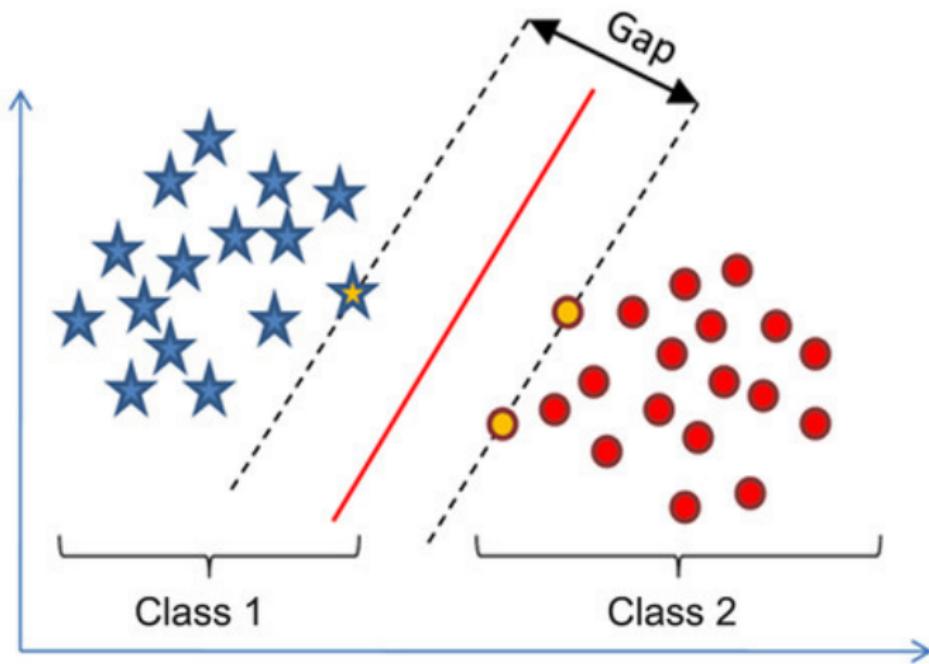
Support vector machine (SVM) for classification

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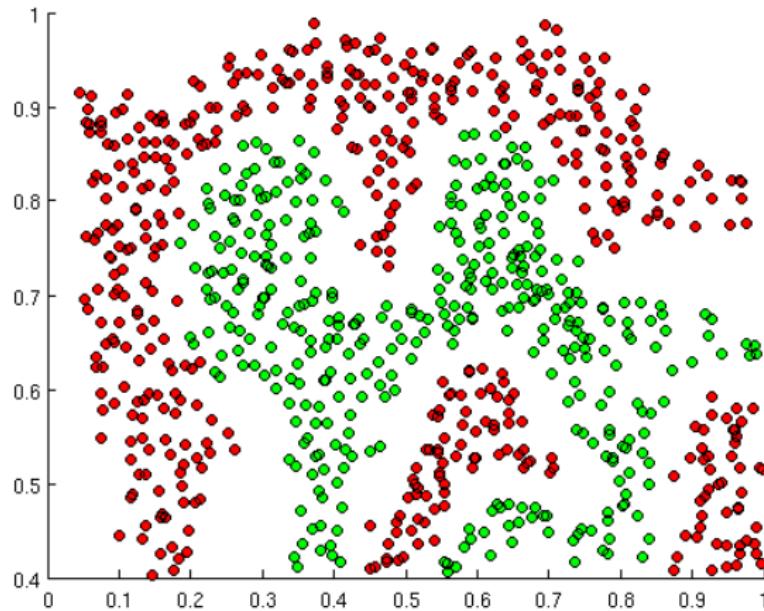
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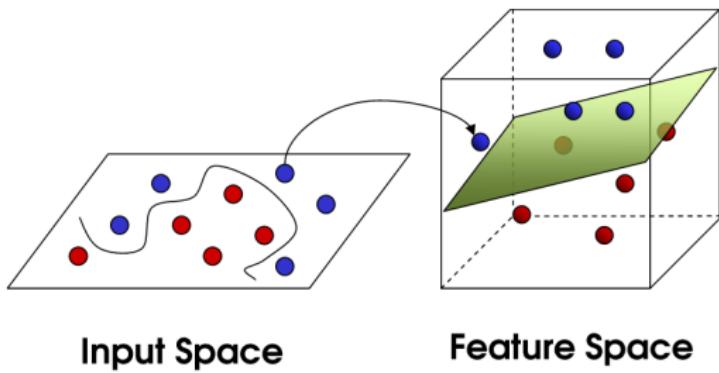
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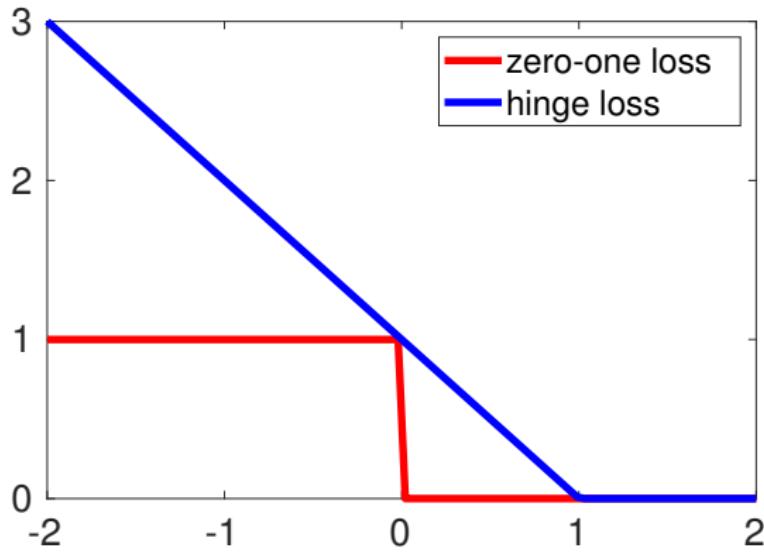
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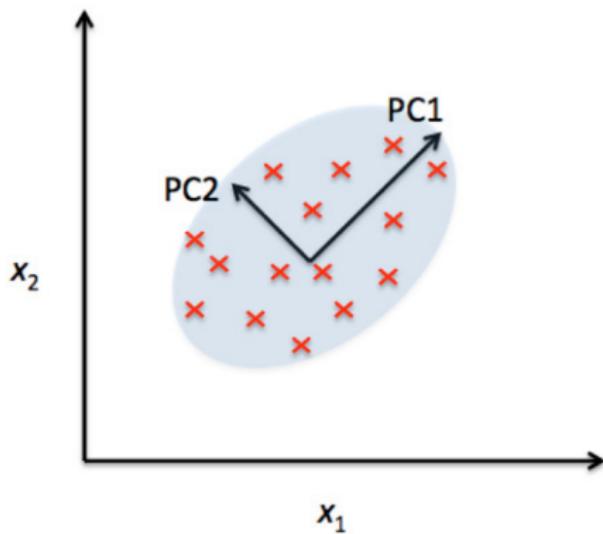
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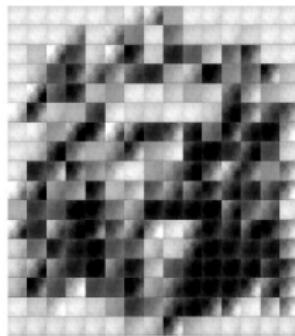


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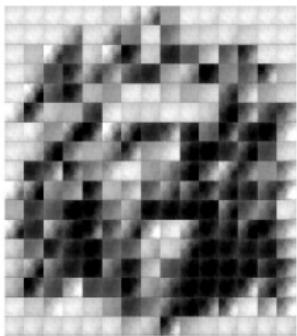


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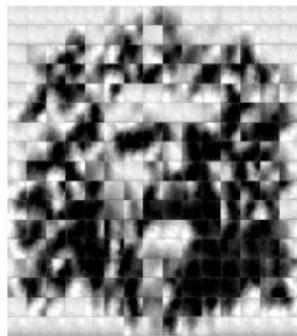
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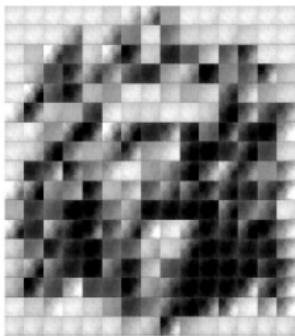


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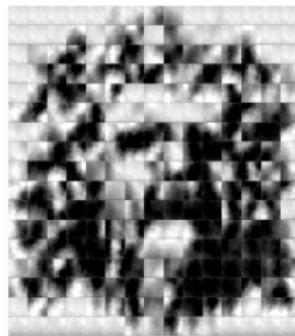
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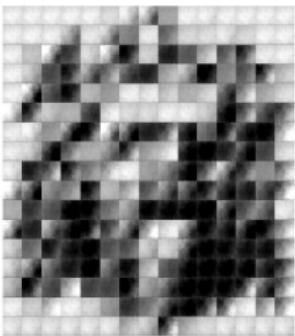


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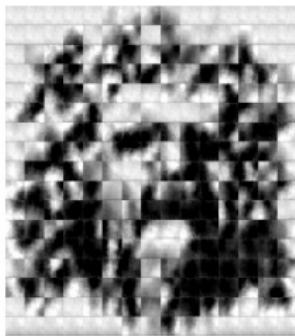
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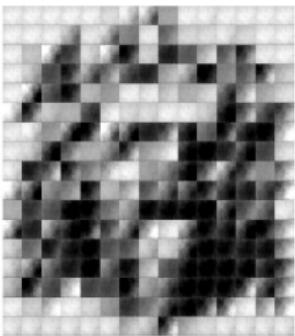


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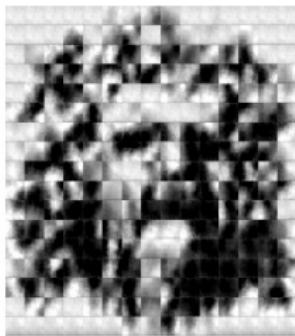
PCA example: 100% → 20%



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In denoising application: PCA vs kernel PCA

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Recall the reproducing property

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Until now

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Question

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Normalization:

- (\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}) : solution $\Rightarrow (a\mathbf{c}, b\mathbf{d})$: solution $a, b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.
- denominators := 1.

KCCA: final task

Find the maximal eigenvalue, $\lambda := \mathbf{c}^T \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_x \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_y \mathbf{d}$, of the generalized eigenvalue problem:

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- Example ($\gamma > 0$):
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- **Regularization is important:** With $\kappa = 0, \lambda \in \{0, \pm 1\} \Rightarrow$

$$\rho_{\text{KCCA}}(x, y; \mathcal{H}_k, \mathcal{H}_\ell, \kappa) = 1$$

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- For consistent KCCA estimate:
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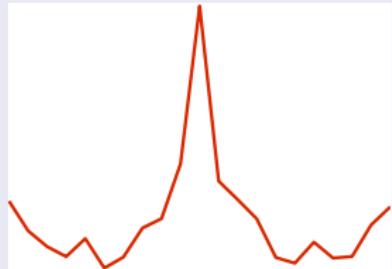
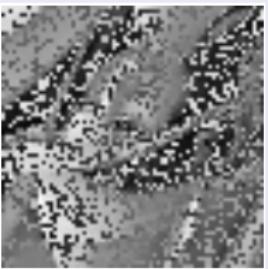
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MMD estimator: intuition

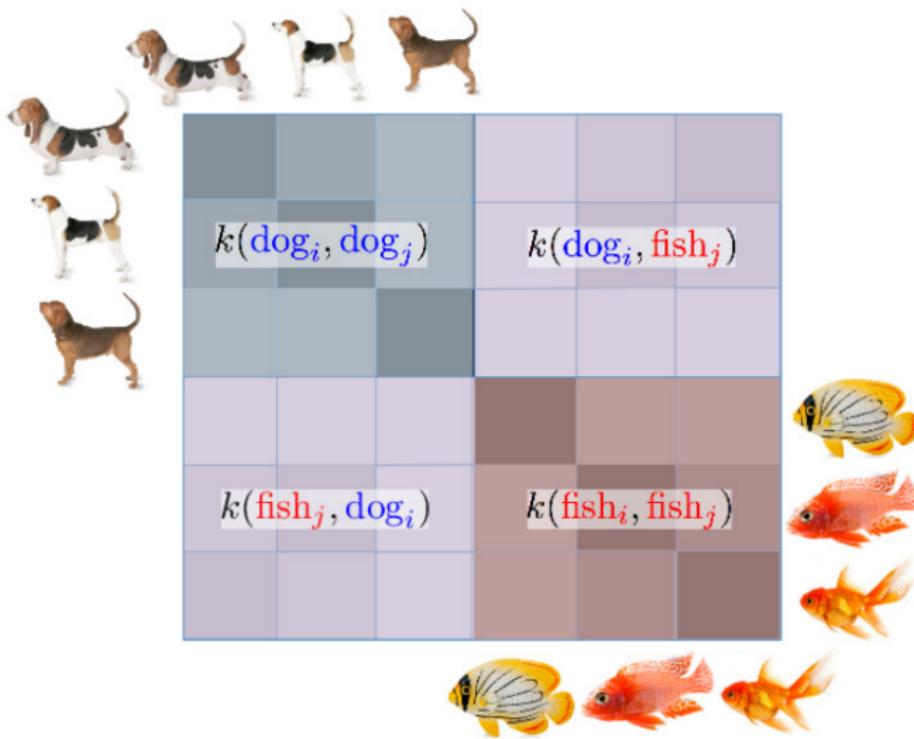


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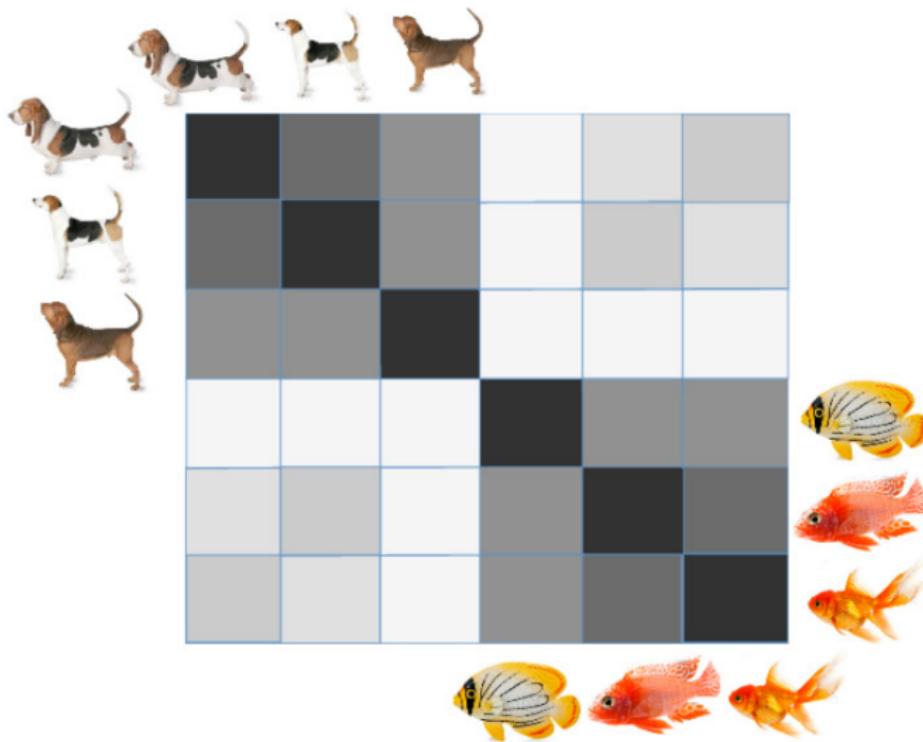


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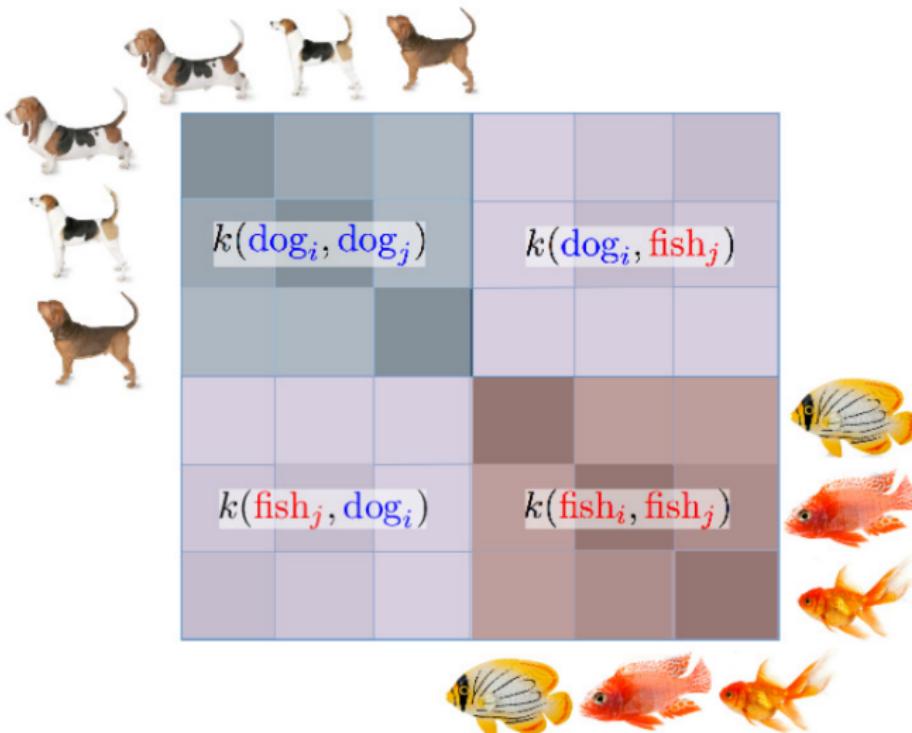
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† $\widehat{\text{MMD}}$ & $\widehat{\text{HSIC}}$ illustration credit: Arthur Gretton

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using $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m \sim \mathbb{P}$, $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^n \sim \mathbb{Q}$ samples.

- Computational complexity: $\mathcal{O}((m+n)^2)$, quadratic.

Hilbert-Schmidt Independence Criterion (HSIC)

HSIC: intuition. \mathcal{X} : images, \mathcal{Y} : descriptions



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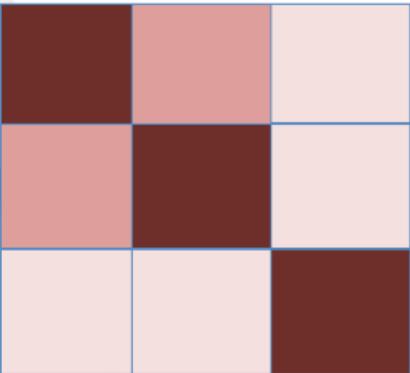
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Text from dogtime.com and petfinder.com

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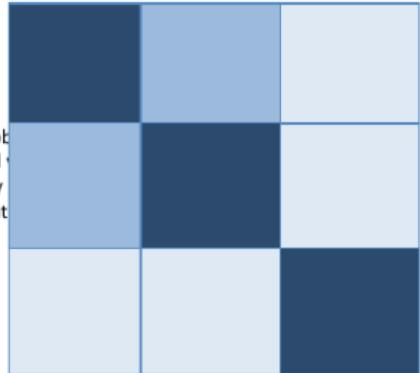


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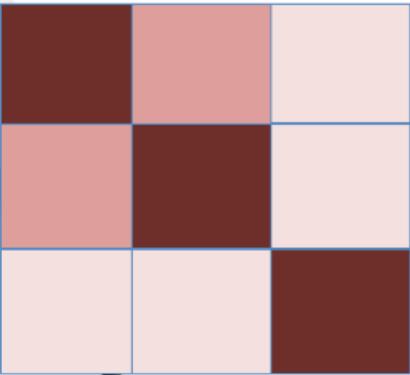


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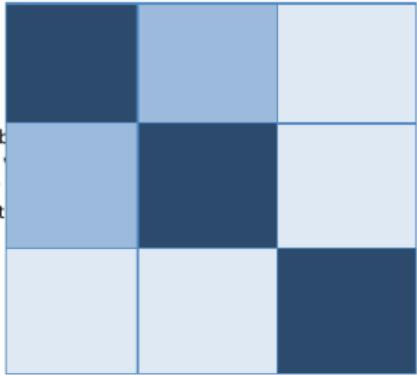
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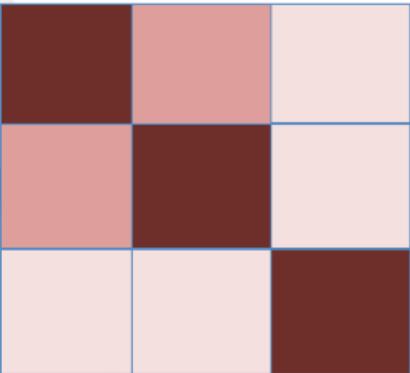
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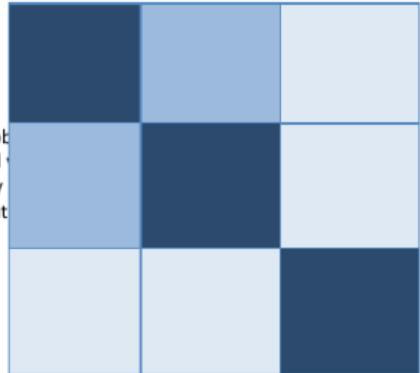


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Question

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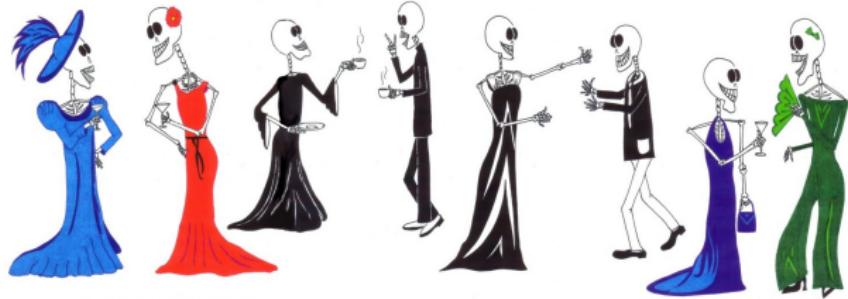
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Cocktail party: HSIC demo



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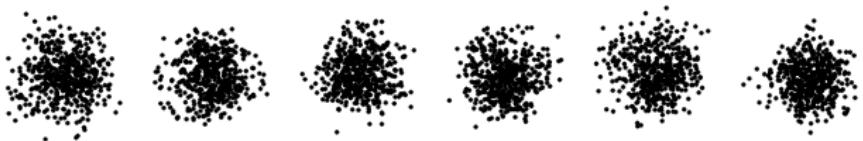
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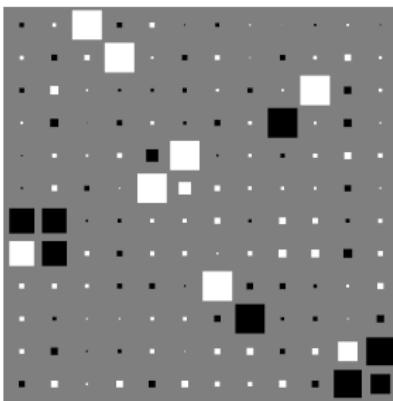
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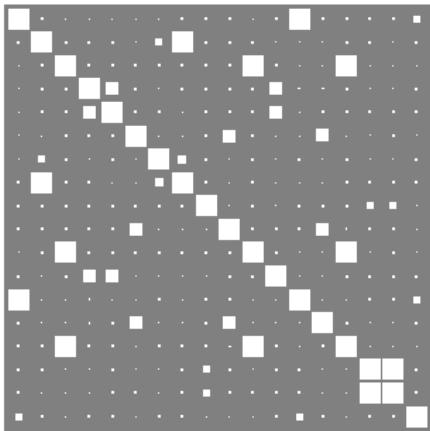


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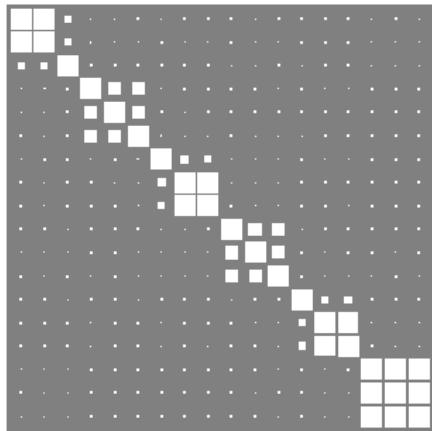
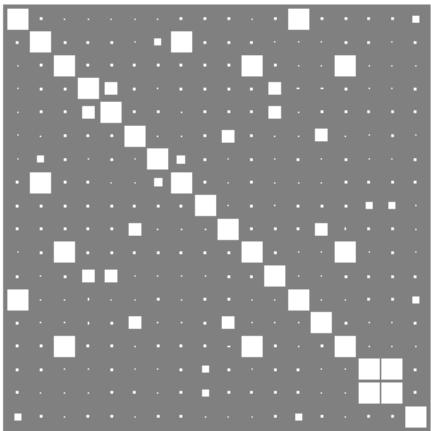
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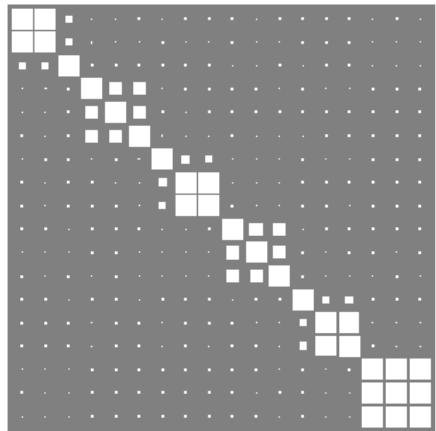
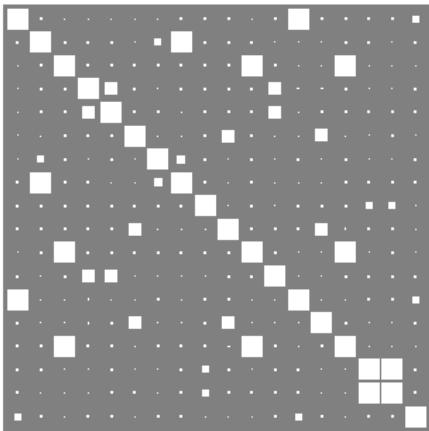
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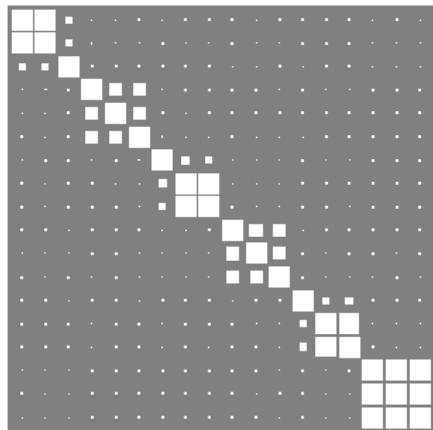
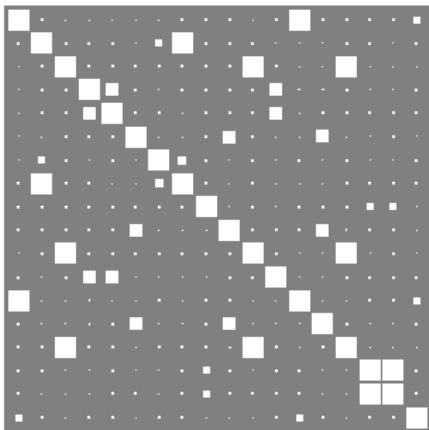
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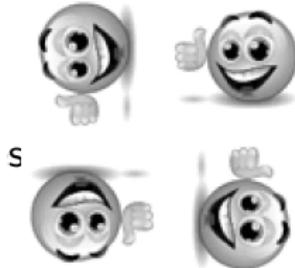
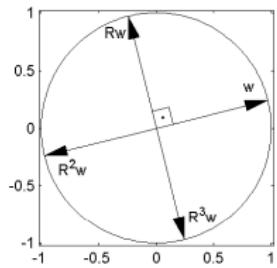
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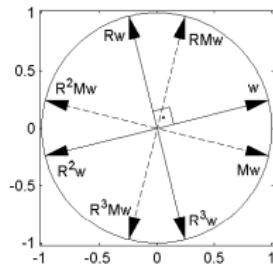
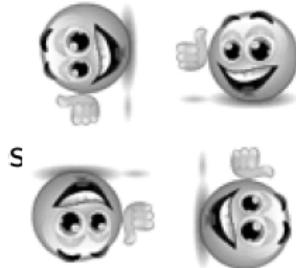
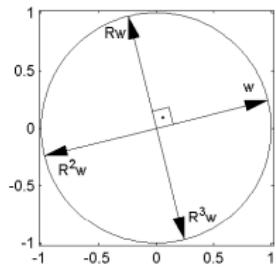
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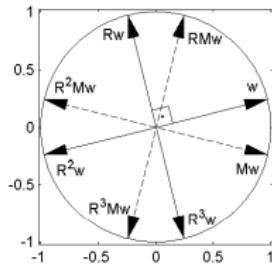
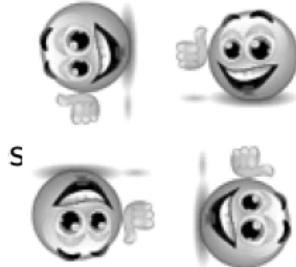
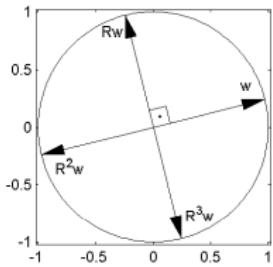
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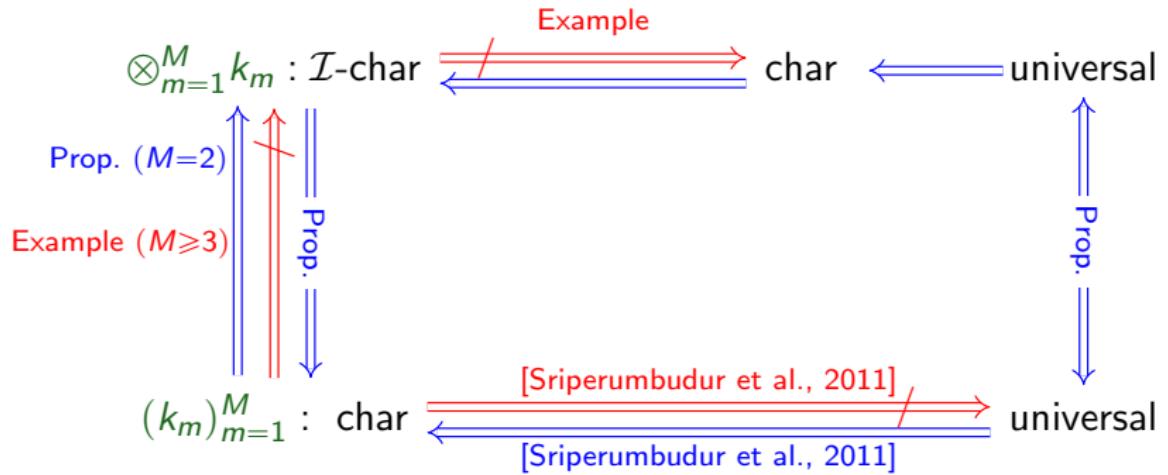
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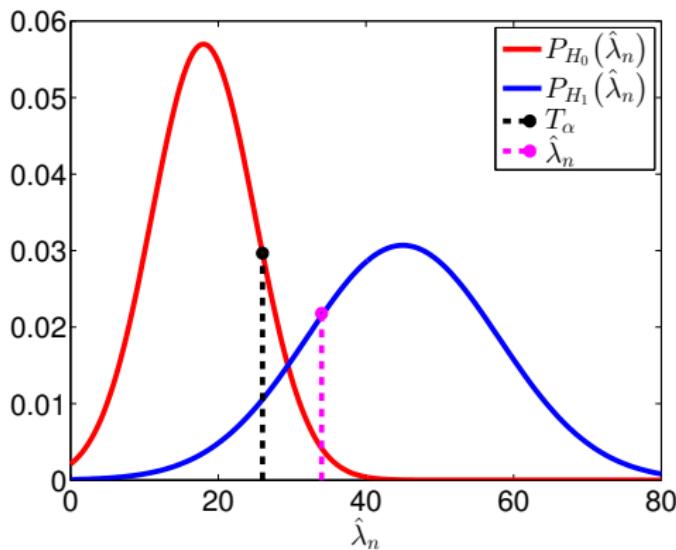
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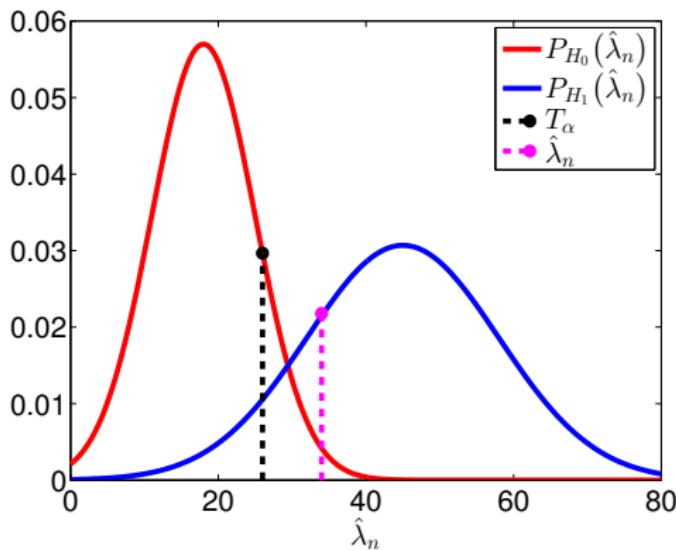
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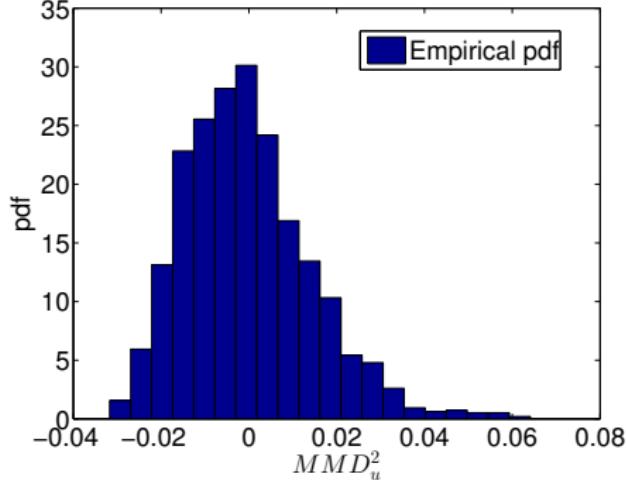
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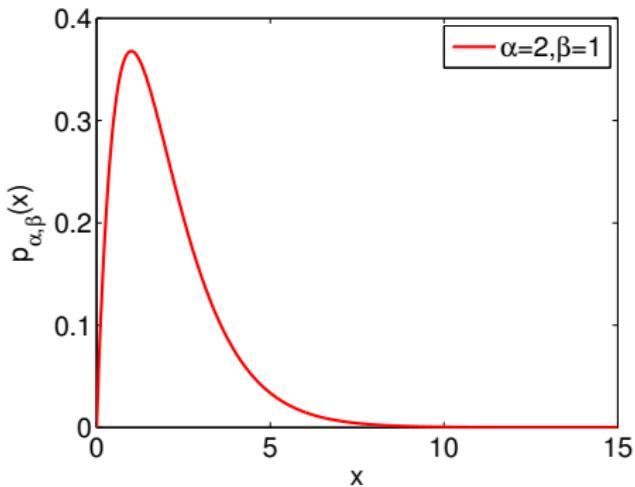
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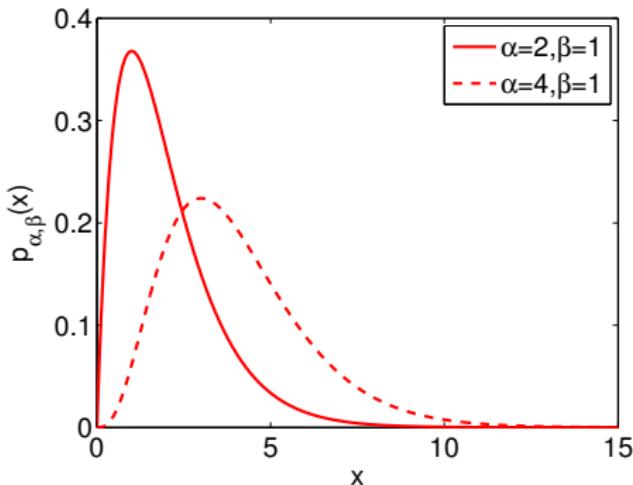
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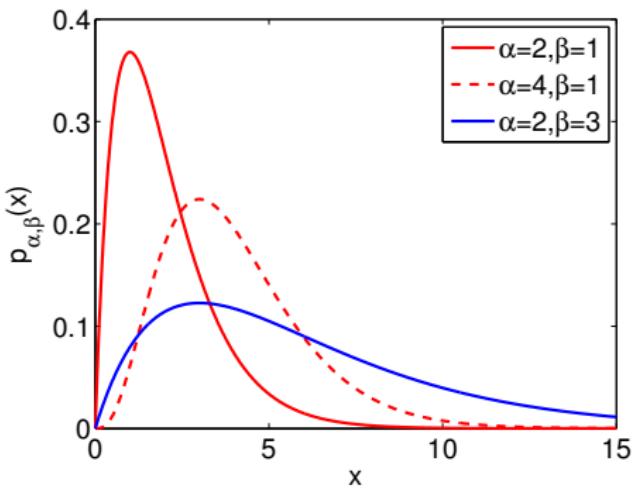
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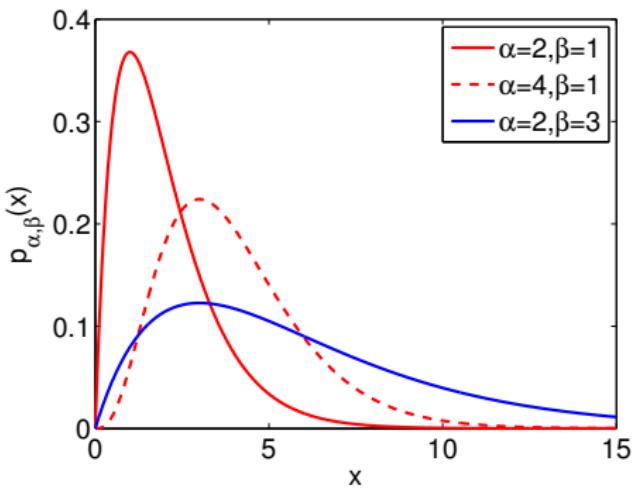
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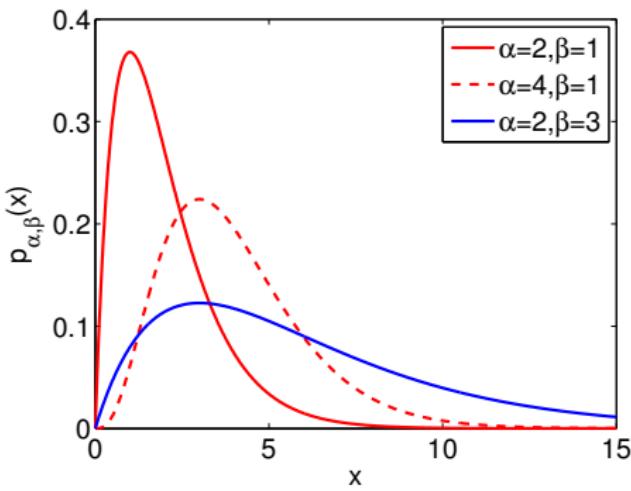
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We

- assumed analytic, characteristic, bounded kernels.
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Goodness-of-fit [Jitkrittum et al., 2017a],
 [Chwialkowski et al., 2016, Liu et al., 2016]

Let $d = 1$. Stein operator of model p

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$L^2(\mathcal{V})$ trick goes through.

Numerical Illustrations

2-sample testing: parameter settings

- Gaussian kernel (σ). $\alpha = 0.01$. $J = 1$. Repeat 500 trials.
- Report **rejection rate of H_0**
- Compare 4 methods
 - **ME-full**: Optimize \mathcal{V} and σ .
 - **ME-grid**: Optimize σ . Random \mathcal{V} [Chwialkowski et al., 2015].
 - **MMD-quad**: Test with quadratic-time MMD [Gretton et al., 2012].
 - **MMD-lin**: Test with linear-time MMD [Gretton et al., 2012].
- Optimize kernels to power in MMD-lin, MMD-quad.

NLP: discrimination of document categories

- 5903 NIPS papers (1988-2015).
- Keyword-based category assignment into 4 groups:
 - Bayesian inference, Deep learning, Learning theory, Neuroscience
- $d = 2000$ nouns. TF-IDF representation.

Problem	n^{te}	ME-full	ME-grid	MMD-quad	MMD-lin
1. Bayes-Bayes	215	.012	.018	.022	.008
2. Bayes-Deep	216	.954	.034	.906	.262
3. Bayes-Learn	138	.990	.774	1.00	.238
4. Bayes-Neuro	394	1.00	.300	.952	.972
5. Learn-Deep	149	.956	.052	.876	.500
6. Learn-Neuro	146	.960	.572	1.00	.538

- Performance of ME-full [$\mathcal{O}(n)$] is comparable to MMD-quad [$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$].

- Aggregating over trials; example: 'Bayes-Neuro'.
- Most discriminative words:
spike, markov, cortex, dropout, recur, iii, gibb.
 - learned test locations: highly interpretable,
 - '**markov**', '**gibb**' (\Leftarrow Gibbs): **Bayes**ian inference,
 - '**spike**', '**cortexneuroscience**.

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- Least discriminative ones:
circumfer, bra, dominiqu, rhino, mitra, kid, impostor.

Distinguish positive/negative emotions

- Karolinska Directed Emotional Faces (KDEF) [Lundqvist et al., 1998].
- 70 actors = 35 females and 35 males.
- $d = 48 \times 34 = 1632$. Grayscale. Pixel features.



Problem	n^{te}	ME-full	ME-grid	MMD-quad	MMD-lin
\pm vs. \pm	201	.010	.012	.018	.008
$+$ vs. $-$	201	.998	.656	1.00	.578

- Learned test location (averaged) =

Independence testing: parameters

- k_1, k_2 : Gaussian. $J = 10$.
- Report: rejection rate of H_0 .
- Compare 6 methods:

Method	Description	Tuning	Test size	Complexity
NFSIC-opt	Studied	Gradient descent	$n/2$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
NFSIC-med	No tuning	Random locations	n	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
QHSIC	Full HSIC	Median heuristic	n	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
NyHSIC	Nyström + HSIC	Median heuristic	n	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
FHSIC	RFF + HSIC	Median heuristic	n	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
RDC	RFF + CCA	Median heuristic	n	$\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

Demo-1: million song data

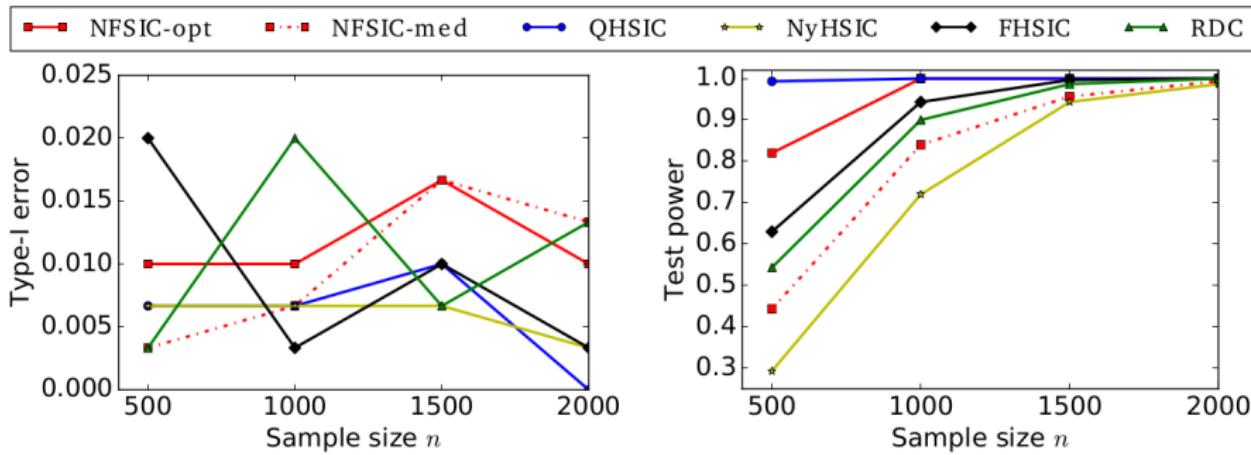
Song (x) vs. year of release (y).

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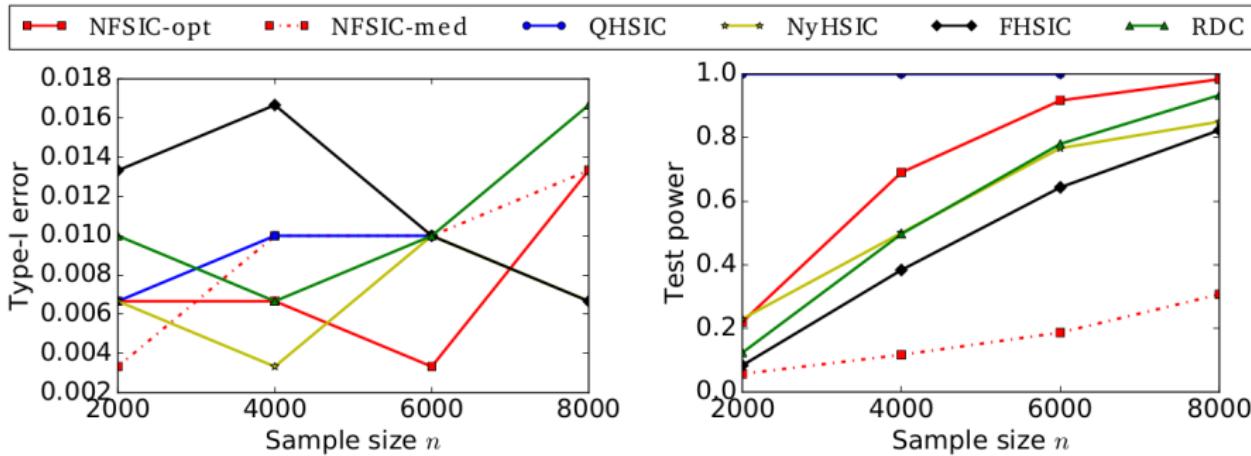
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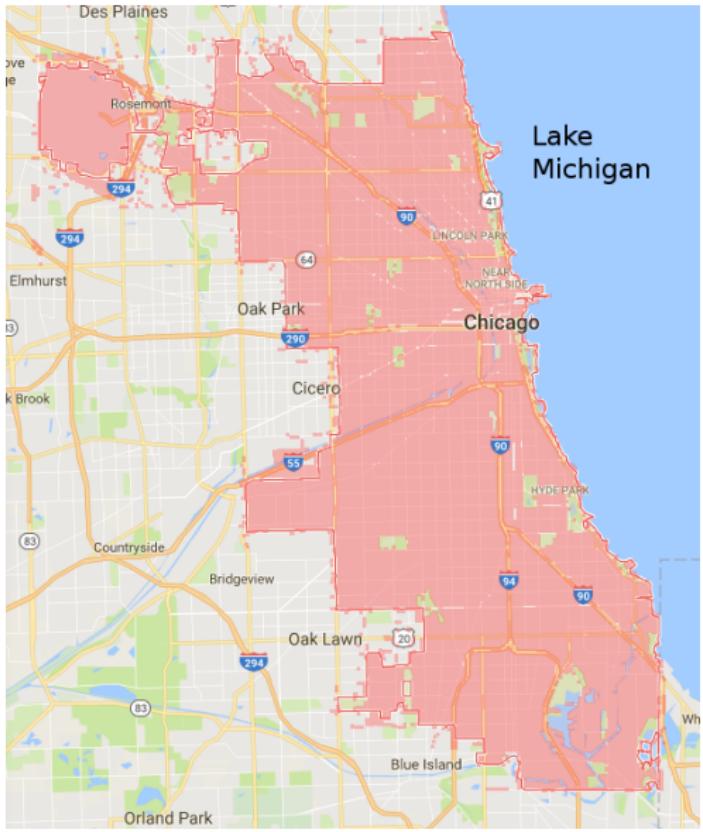
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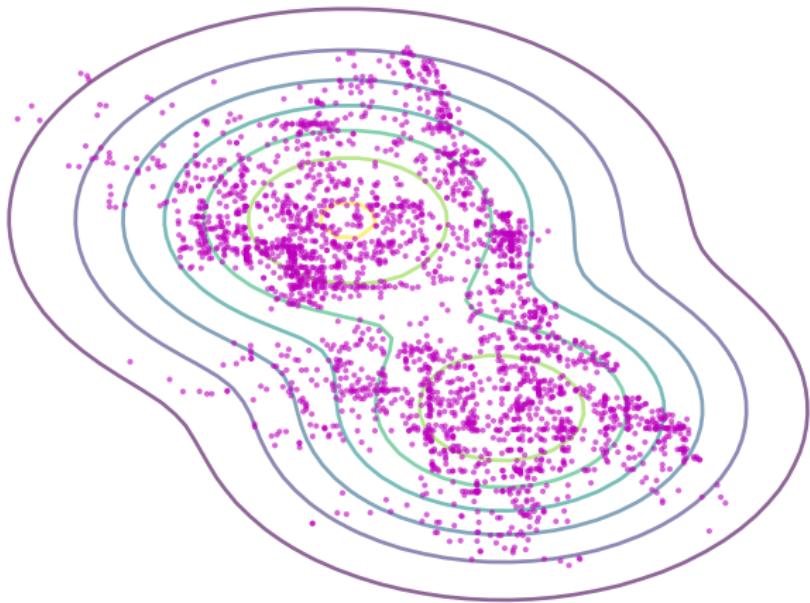


Goodness-of-Fit Demo

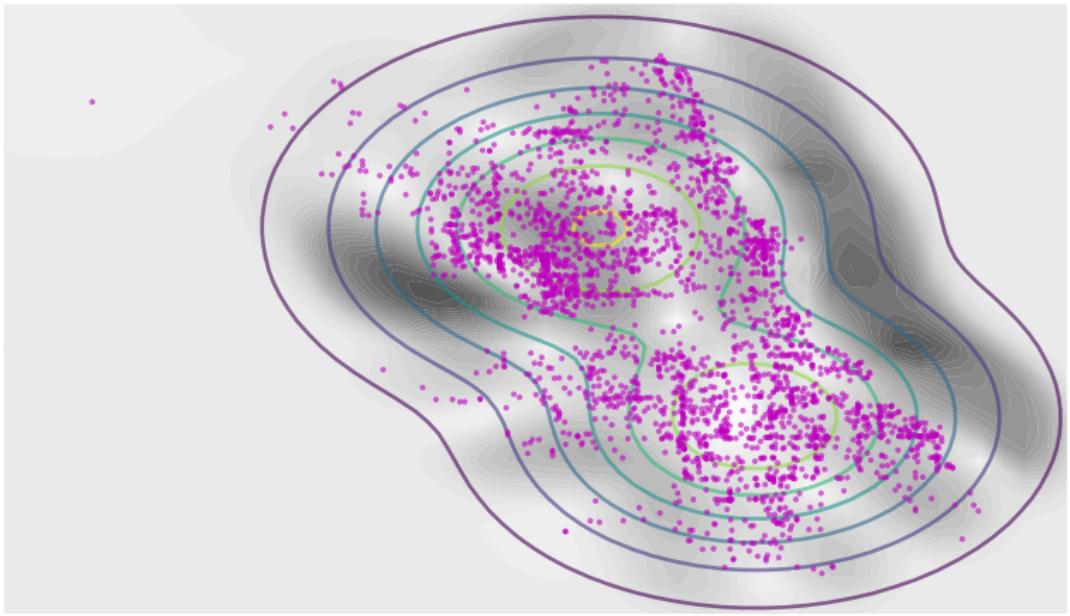




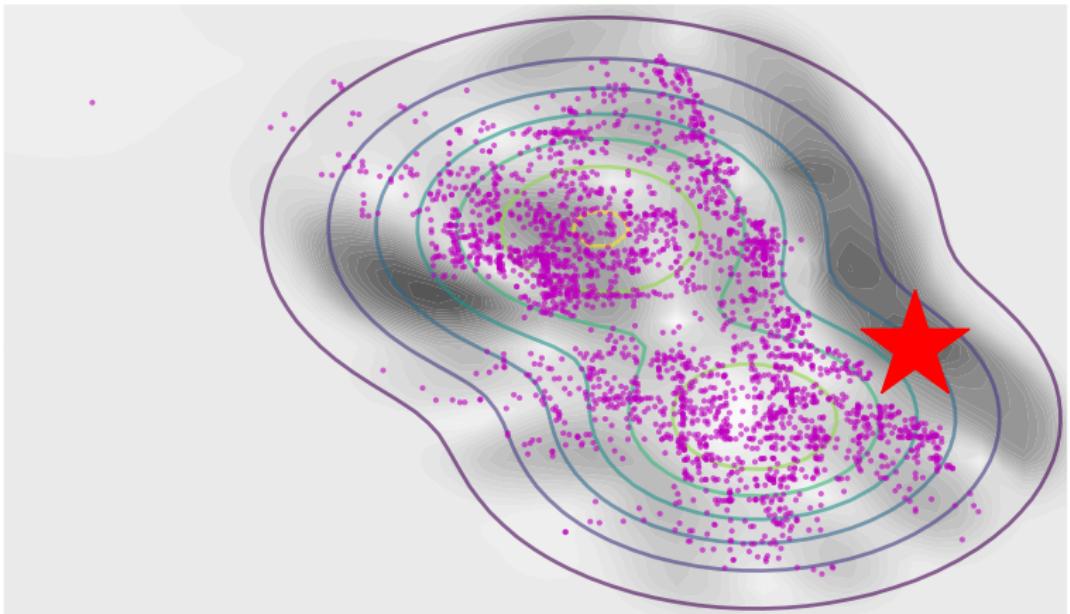
Robbery events (lat/long coordinates) $\sim q$.



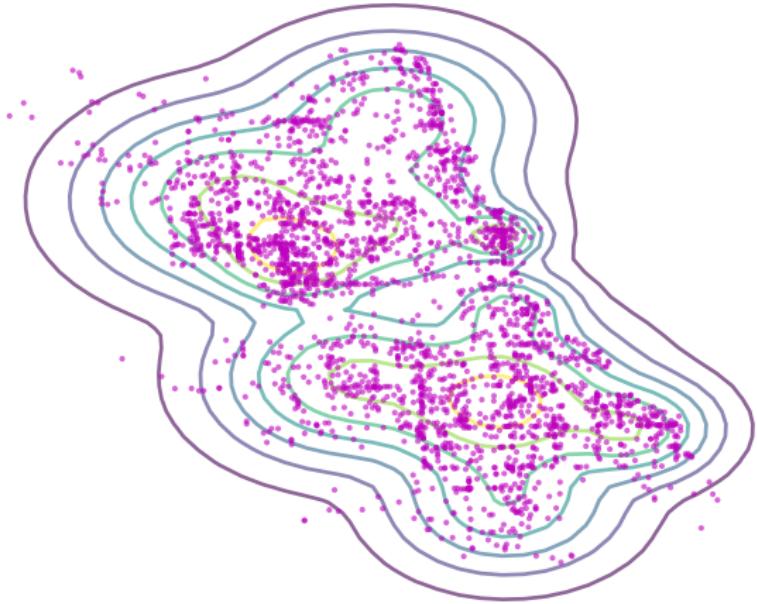
Model p : 2-component Gaussian mixture.



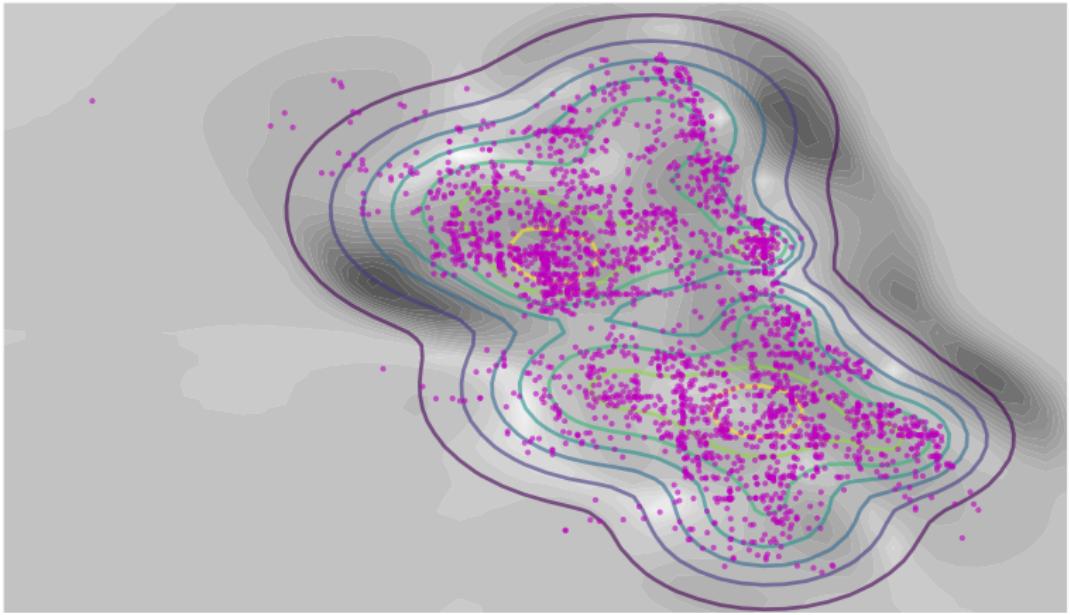
Score surface



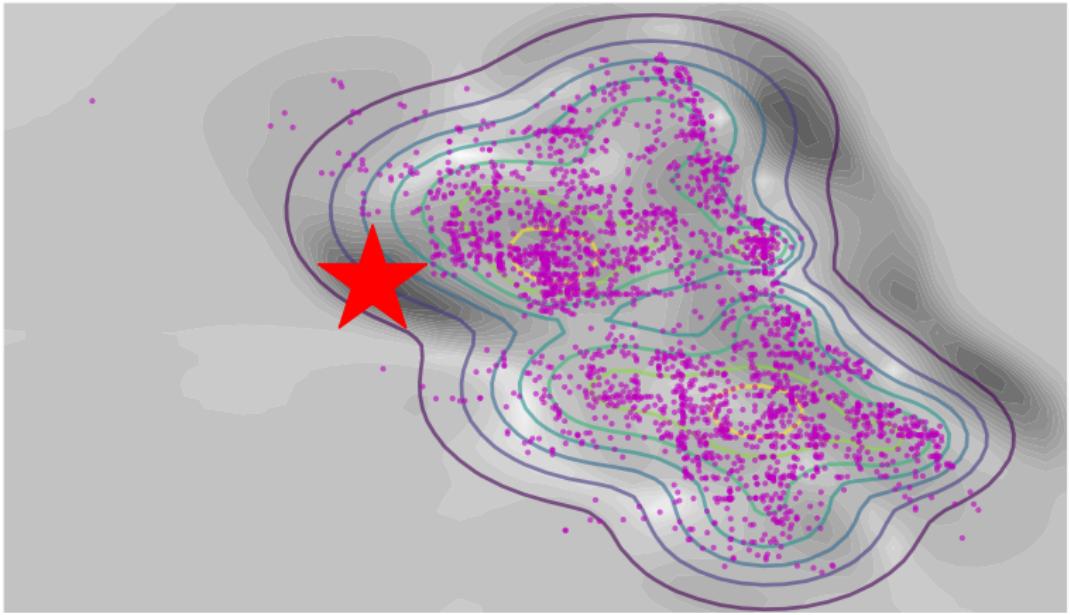
★ = optimized v .
No robbery in Lake Michigan.



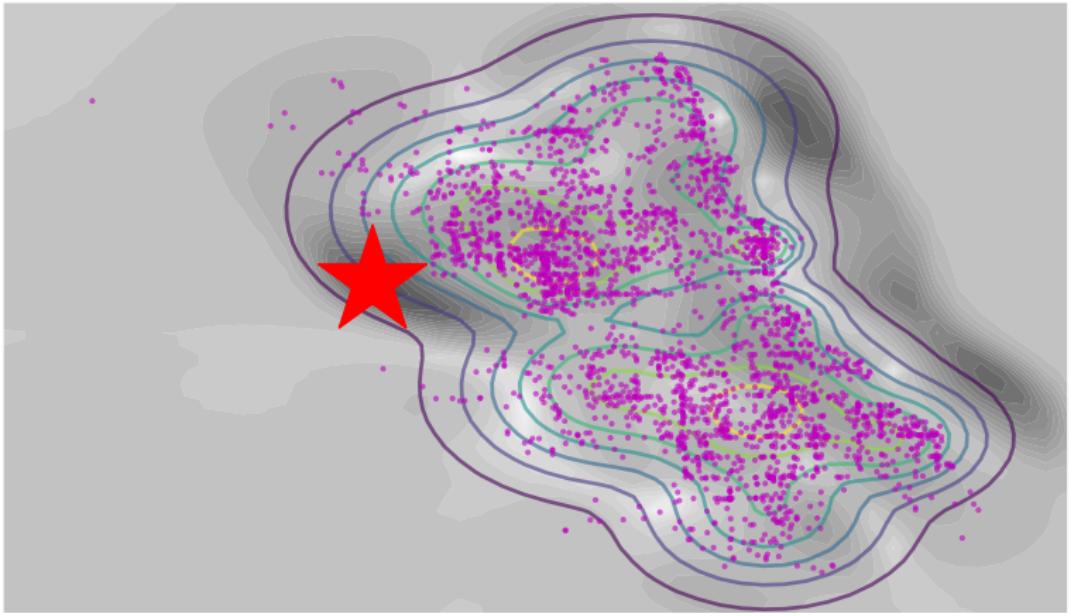
Model p : 10-component Gaussian mixture.



Capture the right tail better.



Still, does not capture the left tail.



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Sharp boundary (geography of Chicago) \neq Gaussian tails. \rightarrow interpretable features

- Motivation: infoT objectives, hypothesis testing.
- Kernels, RKHS: definitions, construction.
- Kernel applications: classification, ridge regression, PCA.
- MMD, HSIC, KCCA.
- Characteristic, universal, \mathcal{I} -characteristic property.
- Hypothesis testing: quadratic & linear-time methods.

Thank you for the attention!



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