

# Structured Data: Dependency, Testing

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∈ Structured Data: Learning, Prediction, **Dependency**, **Testing**  
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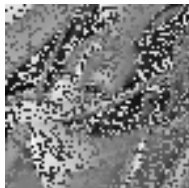
- Motivation:
  - Objective functions: from dependency measures.
  - Testing.
- Kernel, RKHS.
- Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis.
- Mean embedding:
  - Characteristic property,
  - Universality.
- Maximum mean discrepancy.
- Cross-covariance operator, HSIC.
- Hypothesis testing.

# Dependency Measures as Objective Functions

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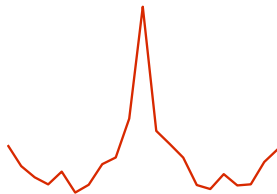
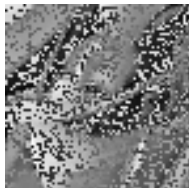


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# Outlier-robust image registration: equations

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

Objective:

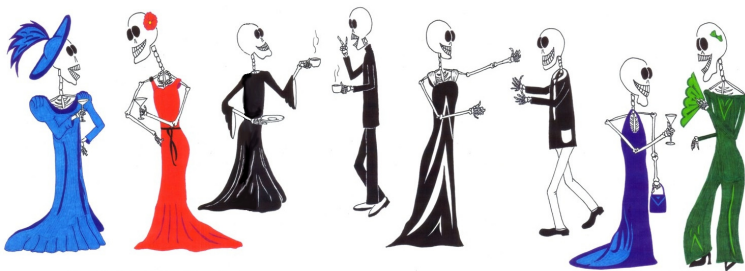
$$J(\theta) = \underbrace{I(\mathbf{y}_{\text{ref}}, \mathbf{y}_{\text{test}}(\theta))}_{\text{similarity}} \rightarrow \max_{\theta \in \Theta},$$

In the example:  $I = \text{KCCA}$ .

# Independent Subspace Analysis [Cardoso, 1998]

Cocktail party problem:

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



Observation:

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

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

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



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

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} = \left[ \mathbf{y}^1; \dots; \mathbf{y}^M \right],$$
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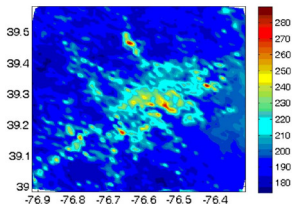
# Distribution regression

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

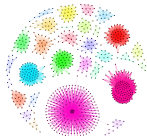
- **Goal:** aerosol prediction = air pollution  $\rightarrow$  climate.



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



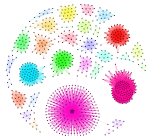
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- Wider context (statistics): point estimation tasks.

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## Challenge

Inner product of distributions:  $K(\mu_{\hat{P}_i}, \mu_{\hat{P}_j}) = ?$



# Feature selection

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



# Feature selection: equations

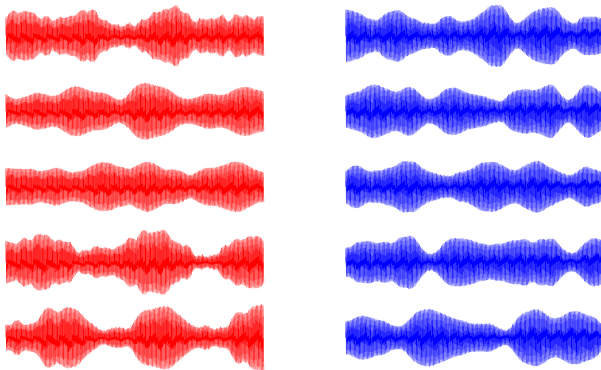
- Features:  $x^1, \dots, x^F$ . Subset:  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, F\}$
- Max**Relevance** - Min**Redundancy** principle [Peng et al., 2005]:

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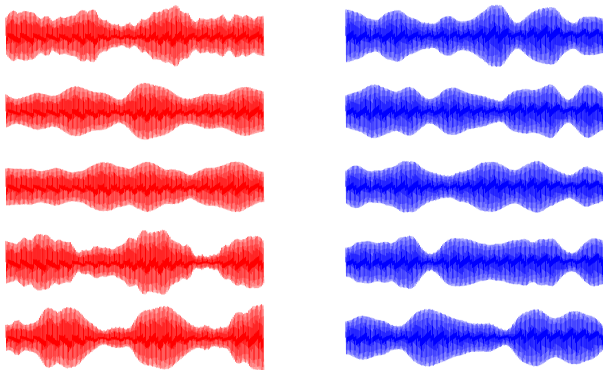
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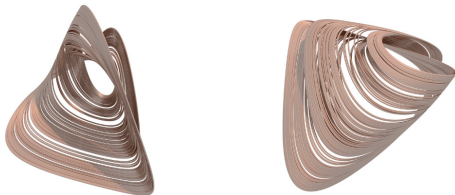
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Are the French paragraphs translations of the English ones, or have nothing to do with it, i.e.  $\mathbb{P}_{XY} = \mathbb{P}_X \mathbb{P}_Y$ ?

# We will use **kernels** to tackle these problems

They exist essentially **on any data type**:

- images, texts, graphs, time series, dynamical systems, ...



- Estimators for
  - dependency measures ( $\ni$  **KCCA**),
  - distances on distributions ( $\ni$  **MMD**).
  - independence of random variables ( $\ni$  **HSIC**).
- Several demos. [Link](#):
  - Matlab: <https://bitbucket.org/szzoli/ite/>
  - Python: <https://bitbucket.org/szzoli/ite-in-python/>

# Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis (KCCA)

# Independence measures

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  2.  $Q(\mathbb{P}_{xy}) \in [0, 1]$ ,
  3.  $Q(\mathbb{P}_{xy}) = 0$  iff.  $x \perp y$ .
  4.  $Q(\mathbb{P}_{xy}) = 1$  iff.  $y = f(x)$  or  $x = g(y)$ .

- He showed:

$$Q(\mathbb{P}_{xy}) = \sup_{f,g: \text{measurable}} \text{corr}(f(x), g(y)),$$

satisfies 1-4.

- Too ambitious:
  - computationally intractable.
  - **many** measurable functions.

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  - certain RKHS-s are **dense** in  $C_b(\mathcal{X})$ .
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- KCCA measure of  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$

$$\rho_{\text{KCCA}}(x, y; \mathcal{H}_k, \mathcal{H}_\ell) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{H}_k, g \in \mathcal{H}_\ell} \text{corr}(f(x), g(y)),$$
$$\text{corr}(f(x), g(y)) = \frac{\text{cov}_{xy}(f(x), g(y))}{\sqrt{\text{var}_x f(x) \text{var}_y g(y)}}.$$

- Optimization domain:  $\mathcal{H}_k \times \mathcal{H}_\ell \ni (f, g)$ .
- By **reproducing property**: we will get a **finite-D task**.
- $k, \ell$  linear: standard CCA.
- In **practice**: we have  $\{(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^N$  **samples** from  $(x, y)$ .

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Until now

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## Question

How do we solve **it**?

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Normalization:

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

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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- For consistent KCCA estimate:
  - $\kappa_N \rightarrow 0$  [Leurgans et al., 1993] (spline-RKHS), [Fukumizu et al., 2007] (general RKHS).
  - analysis: covariance operators (later).

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$\mathbf{H}$ : symmetric ( $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^T$ ), idempotent ( $\mathbf{H}^2 = \mathbf{H}$ ).

KCCA: finished.



# Mean embedding

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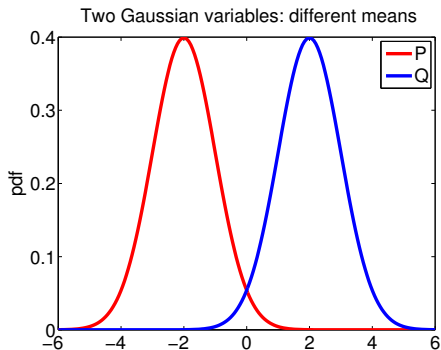
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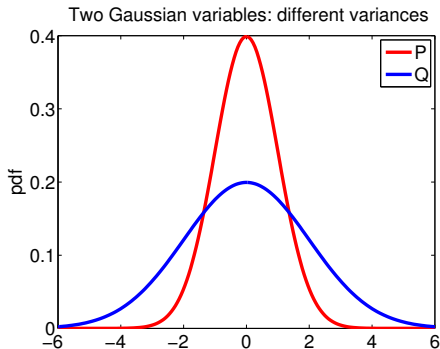
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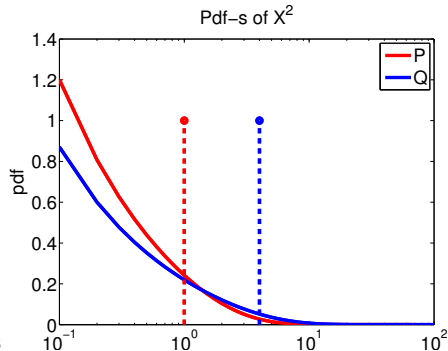
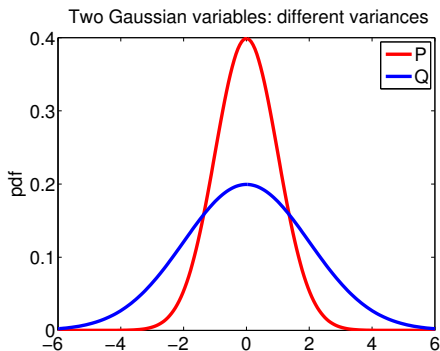
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- Idea: look at the 2nd-order features of RVs.





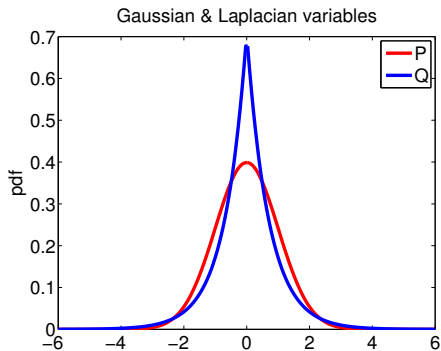
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Let us consider feature representations!

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- $\mu_{\mathbb{P}}$ : well-defined for all distributions (bounded  $k$ ).

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- $f$  **measurable function** is Bochner  $\mu$ -integrable if
  - $\exists (f_n)$  measurable step functions:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \|f - f_n\|_B d\mu = 0$ .
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In short

$|\int f d\mu| \leq \int |f| d\mu$  and  $c \int f d\mu = \int c f d\mu$  generalize nicely.

Given:

- $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$  measurable space,
- $k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  kernel.

## Theorem

$\mu_{\mathbb{P}} := \int_{\mathcal{X}} k(\cdot, x) d\mathbb{P}(x)$  exists,  $\mu_{\mathbb{P}} \in \mathcal{H}_k$ , and

$$\mathbb{P}f := \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} f(x) = \langle f, \mu_{\mathbb{P}} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_k} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}_k$$

*under mild conditions:*

- $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} \sqrt{k(x, x)} < \infty$ , and
- $y \mapsto k(y, x)$  is measurable for any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ .

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# Existence of $\mu_{\mathbb{P}}$ : proof

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- Measurability of  $x \in \mathcal{X} \mapsto k(\cdot, x) \in \mathcal{H}_k$ :  $\Leftrightarrow y \mapsto k(y, x)$  is measurable  $\forall x$  [Berlinet and Thomas-Agnan, 2004].



For

- $k(x, x') = e^{\langle x, x' \rangle}$ :  $\mu_{\mathbb{P}} =$  **moment generating function** of  $\mathbb{P}$ .
- $k(x, y) = e^{i\langle x, y \rangle}$ :  $\mu_{\mathbb{P}} =$  **characteristic function** of  $\mathbb{P}$ .
  - Only formally:  $k(x, y) = k(y, x)^*$  fails.
- $\mathbb{P} = \delta_x$ ,  $\mu_{\mathbb{P}} = k(\cdot, x)$ .

Condition:

- $y \mapsto k(y, x)$  is measurable  $\forall x$ : super-mild.
- $\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}} \sqrt{k(x, x)} < \infty$ : holds for **bounded kernels**, i.e. when

$$\sup_{x, x' \in \mathcal{X}} k(x, x') \leq B_k < \infty.$$

- $\mu_{\mathbb{P}}$ : typically **analytically not available**.
- Empirical estimate: from  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathbb{P}$

$$\widehat{\mu}_{\mathbb{P}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n k(\cdot, x_i) = \mu_{\mathbb{P}_n} \in \mathcal{H}_k,$$

where  $\mathbb{P}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$  is the empirical measure.

Theorem ([Alton and Smola, 2006, Szabó et al., 2015])

For a  $k$  bounded kernel [ $\sup_{x,y \in \mathcal{X}} k(x,y) \leq B_k$ ], with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta$

$$\|\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}_n}\|_{\mathcal{H}_k} \leq \frac{\left[1 + \sqrt{\log\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)}\right] \sqrt{2B_k}}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

# Finite-sample guarantee: proof idea

- $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \|\mu_{\mathbb{P}} - \mu_{\mathbb{P}_n}\|_{\mathcal{H}_k}$ : **bounded difference** property  $\Rightarrow$
- **McDiarmid** inequality: concentration around  $\mathbb{E}g$ .
- $\mathbb{E}g \leq$  expected kernel values ( $B_k$  appears).

Alternative of

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- $d_k$  is metric  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{P} \mapsto \mu_{\mathbb{P}}$  is injective.
- Characteristic kernel [Fukumizu et al., 2004, Fukumizu et al., 2008]:
  - characteristic function analogy.
  - $L$ -order polynomial kernel: encodes moments  $\leq L$ . (not)



Mean embedding: universality ( $k$ )

Let  $C(\mathcal{X}) = \{f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous}\}$ .

## Definition

Assume:

- $\mathcal{X}$ : compact metric space.
- $k$ : continuous kernel on  $\mathcal{X}$ .

$k$  is called *(c)-universal* [Steinwart, 2001] if  $\mathcal{H}_k$  is dense in  $(C(\mathcal{X}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ .

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Notes:

- $k$ : continuous,  $\mathcal{X}$ : compact  $\Rightarrow k$ : bounded.
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[Steinwart and Christmann, 2008].

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Notes:

- Extensions of c-universality to **non-compact spaces**:
  - $c_0$ -universality, cc-universality,  
... [Carmeli et al., 2010, Sriperumbudur et al., 2010a, Simon-Gabriel and Schölkopf, 2016].

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Let us construct some *examples* first!



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$$k(x, y) = f(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

is universal on  $\mathcal{X} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x\|_2 \leq \sqrt{r}\}$ .

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  - on  $\mathcal{X}$  compact  $\subset \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x\|_2 < 1\}$ .
  - $f(t) = (1 - t)^{-\alpha} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\binom{-\alpha}{n}}_{>0} (-1)^n t^n$  ( $|t| < 1$ ),

where  $\binom{b}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b-i+1}{i}$ .

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Let  $H$  is a subspace of a normed space  $C$ .  $H$  is dense in  $C$  iff.

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Direct reasoning: We have already mentioned [Dudley, 2004]:

- Let  $\mathcal{X}$ : metric space,  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}_1^+(\mathcal{X})$ .
- Then  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Q} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\mathbb{P}f = \mathbb{Q}f \quad \forall f \in C_b(\mathcal{X}).$$

We have a characterization of  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Q}$  in terms of expectations.

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Universality: finished. Now: characteristic property.

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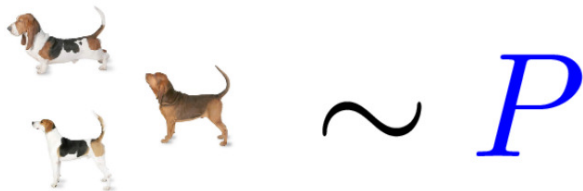
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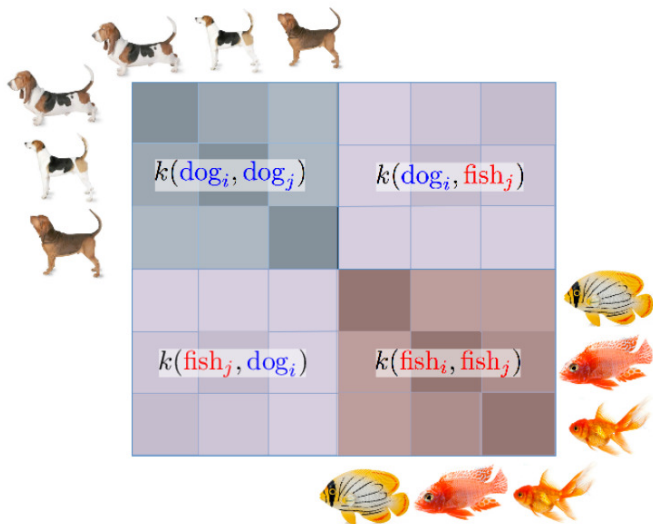
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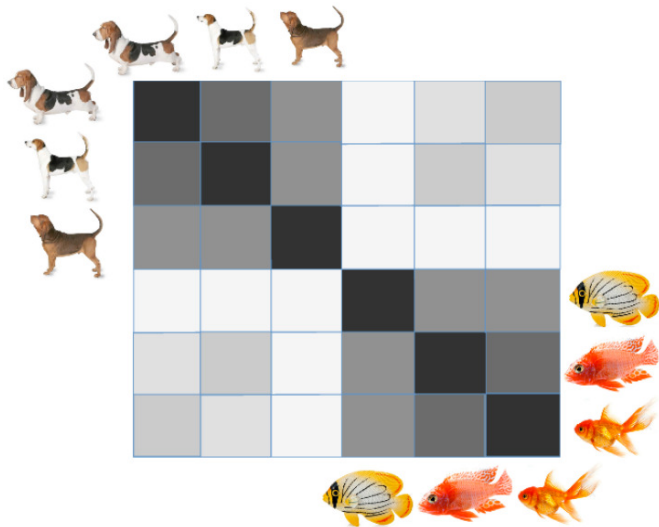
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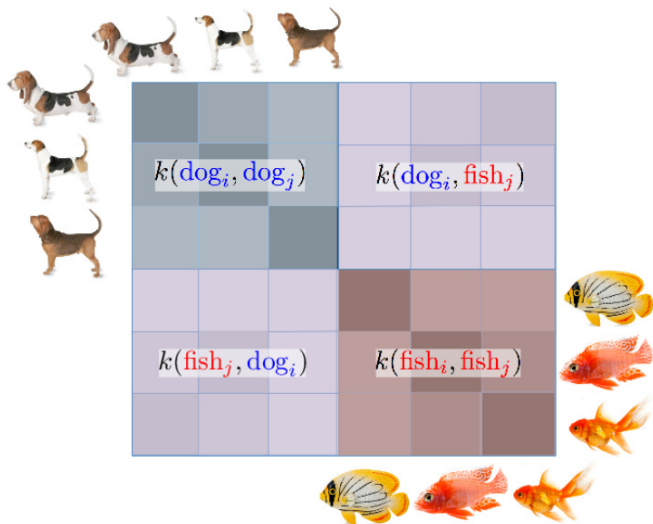
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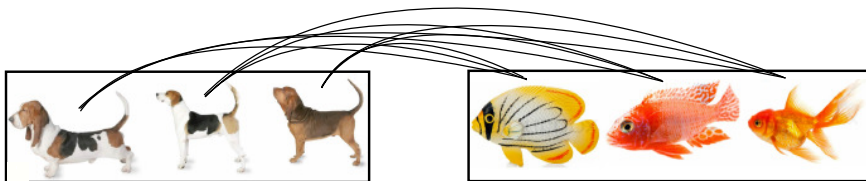
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Theorem ([Sejdinovic et al., 2013b])

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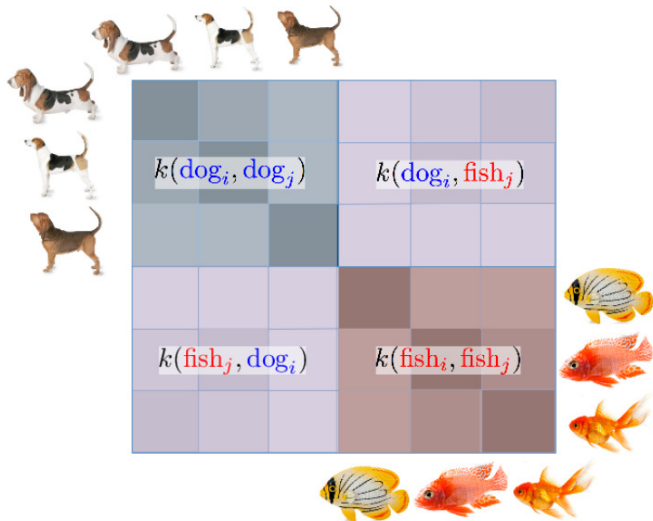
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measures/estimates on probability distributions

without density estimation!

# HSIC estimators

# Recall: MMD estimator



$$\widehat{MMD}_U^2(P, Q) = \overline{G_{P,P}} + \overline{G_{Q,Q}} - 2\overline{G_{P,Q}} \quad (\text{without diagonals in } \overline{G_{P,P}}, \overline{G_{Q,Q}})$$

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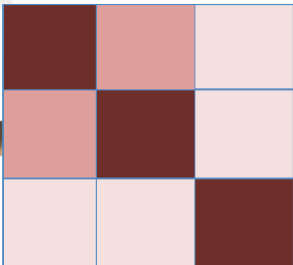
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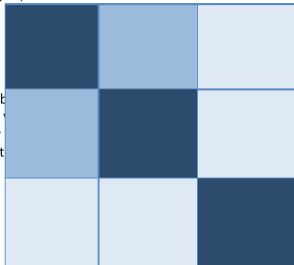
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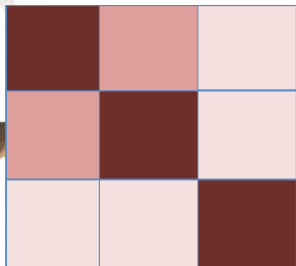
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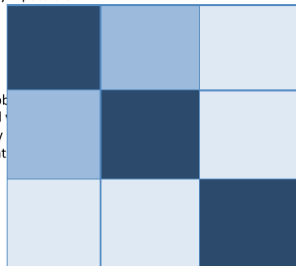
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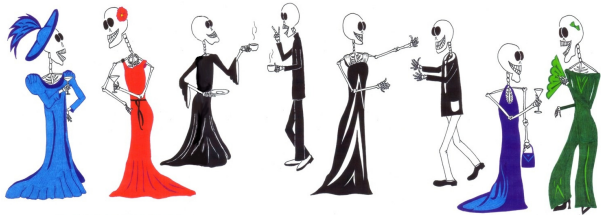
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Empirical estimate:

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# Cocktail party: HSIC demo



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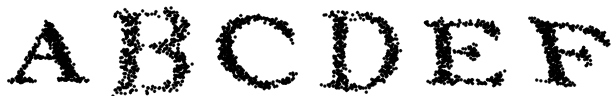
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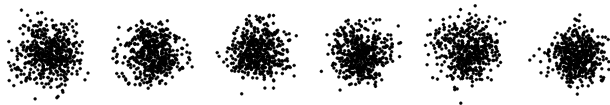
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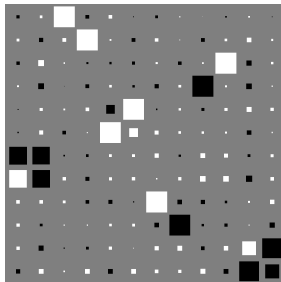
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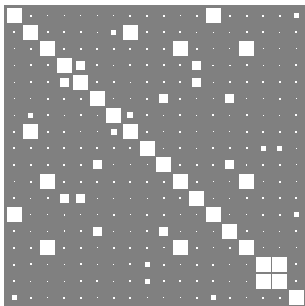
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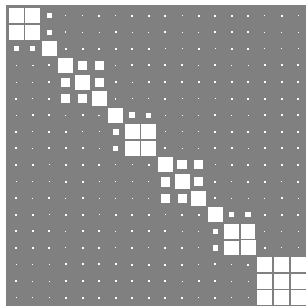
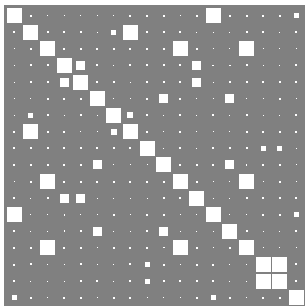
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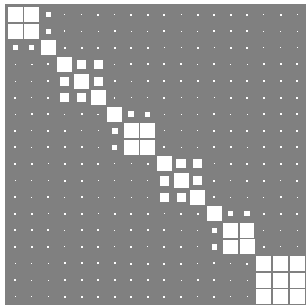
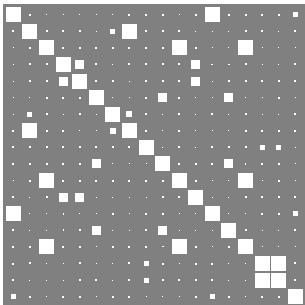
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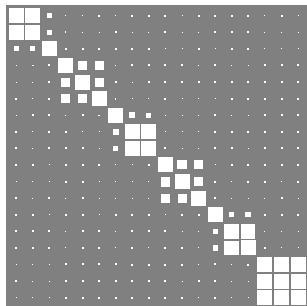
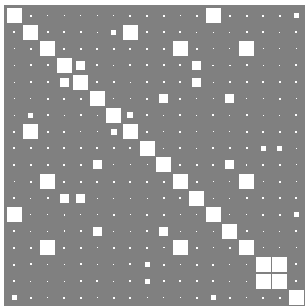
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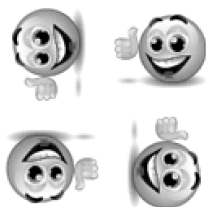
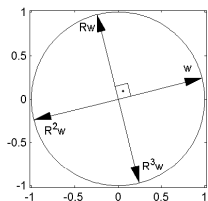
# Conjecture: ISA separation theorem [Cardoso, 1998]

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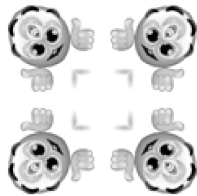
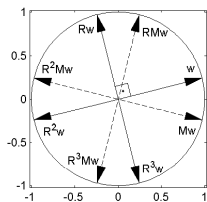
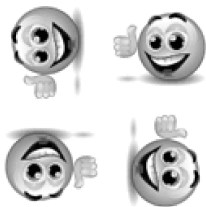
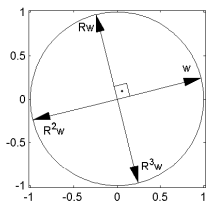
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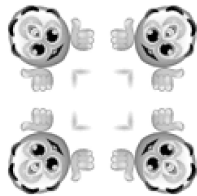
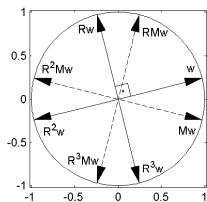
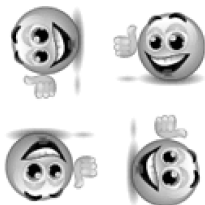
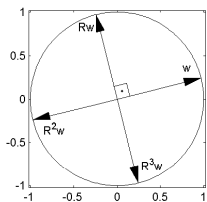
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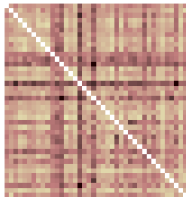
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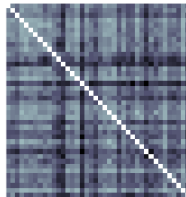
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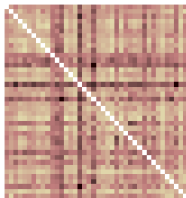
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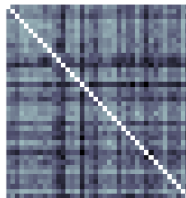
Results:

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## Question

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## Result

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# HSIC: resulting unbiased estimator

After some linear algebra [Gretton et al., 2005a],  $(M)_{++} := \sum_{i,j} M_{ij}$ ,

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# Estimation in practice: few ITE examples

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## Question

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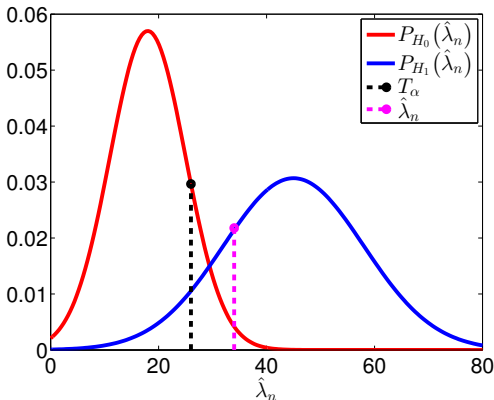
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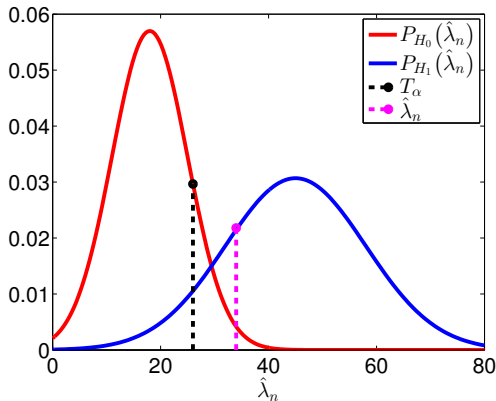
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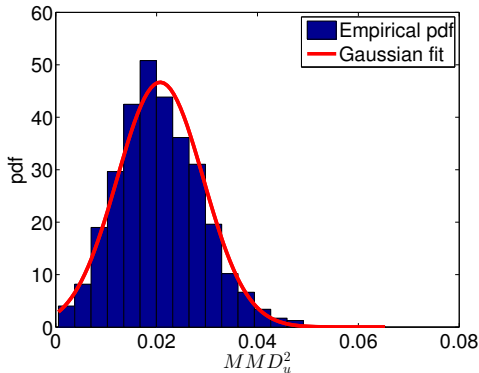
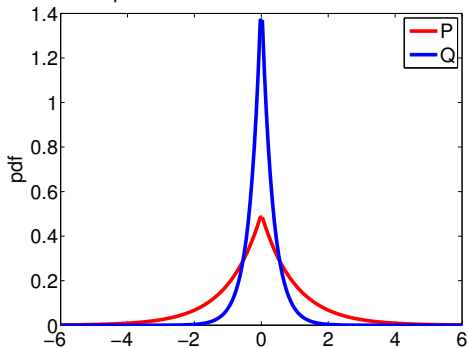
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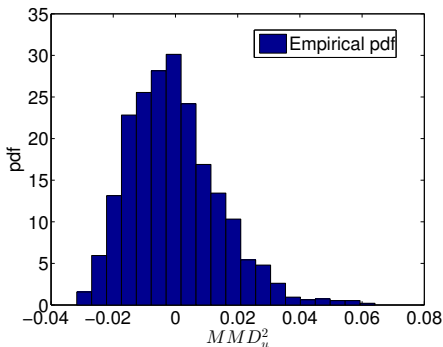
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Conclusion:  $c > 1$ .



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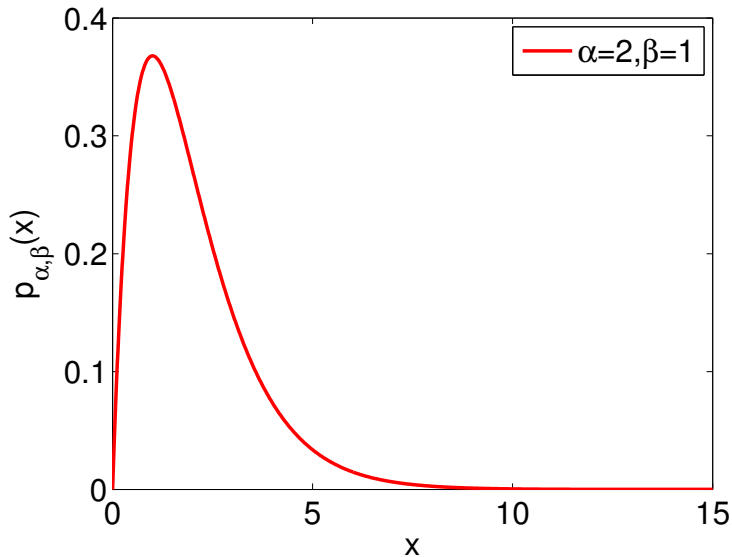
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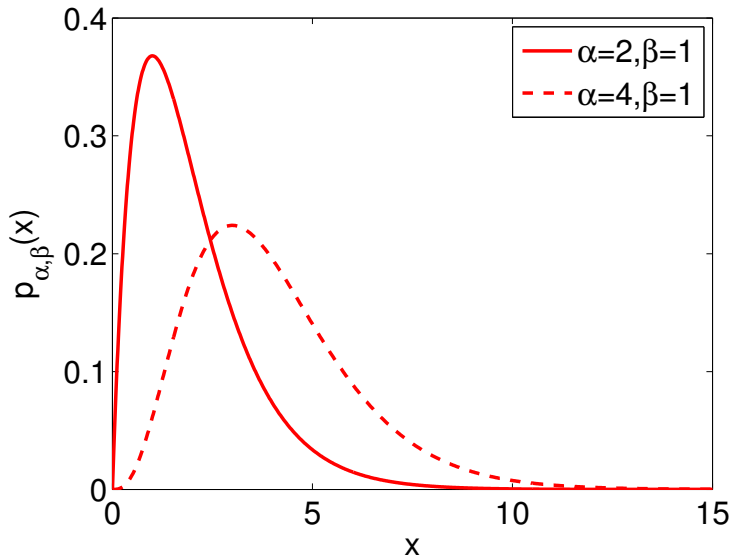
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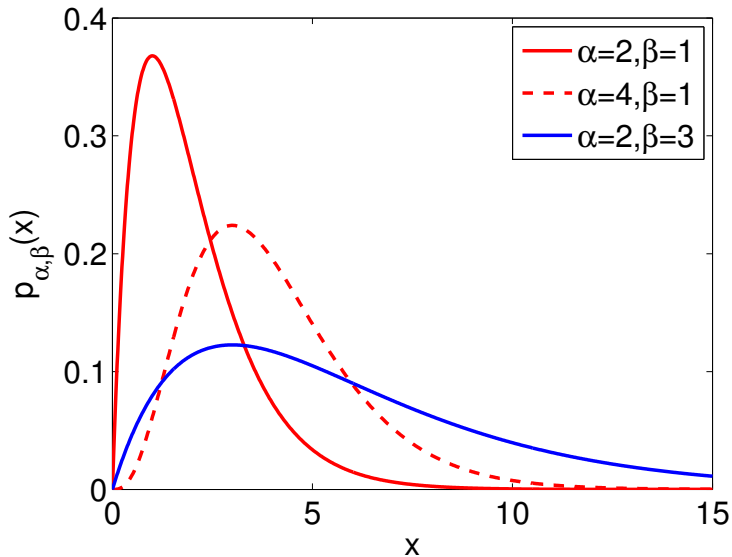
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# Independence testing: HSIC

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# Related work

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Remember (characteristic kernels)

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Briefly

We simply '**overloaded**' the features with the RFF ones.



# Some further RFF-accelerated measures

- **KCCA** [Lopez-Paz et al., 2014].
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## Theorem (Finite-sample optimal uniform bound on RFF)

Let  $k$  be continuous,  $\sigma^2 := \int \|\omega\|^2 d\Lambda(\omega) < \infty$ . Then for  $\forall \tau > 0$  and compact set  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

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**Ref:** [van der Vaart and Wellner, 1996, van der Vaart, 1998, van de Geer, 2009].

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Nyström method, RFF: the end.



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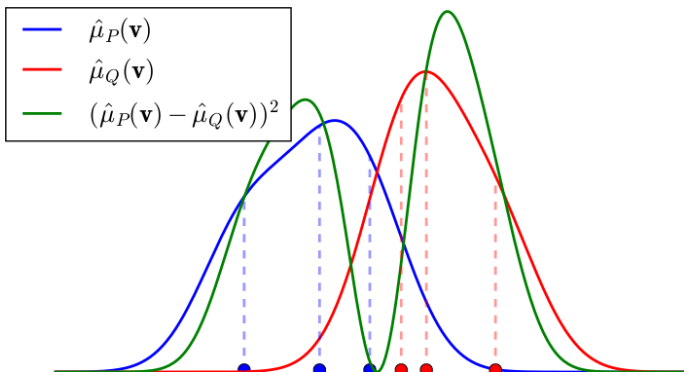
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# Normalized version gives tractable null

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where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n = \text{cov}(\{\mathbf{z}_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ .

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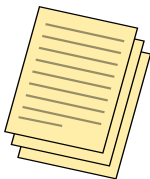
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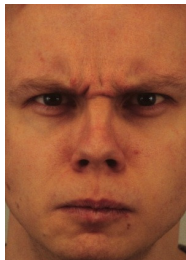
# Linear-time high-power two-sample testing

# Example-1: NLP

- Given: two categories of documents (Bayesian inference, neuroscience).
- Task:
  - test their distinguishability,
  - most discriminative words → interpretability.



## Example-2: computer vision



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

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- <https://github.com/wittawatj/interpretable-test>



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## Theorem (Lower bound on power, for large $n$ )

Test power  $\geq L(\lambda_n)$ ;  $L$ : explicit function, increasing.

- Here,
  - $\lambda_n = n\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}$ : population version of  $\hat{\lambda}_n = n\bar{\mathbf{z}}_n^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_n$ .
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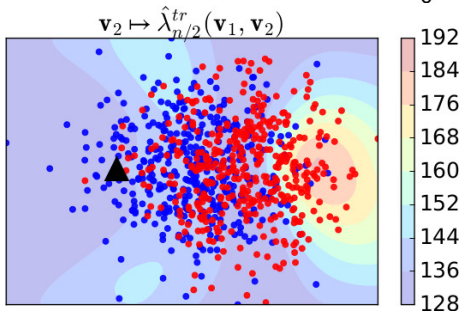
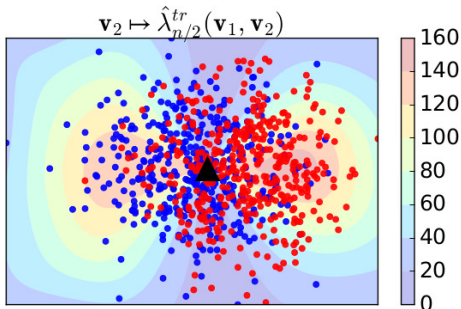


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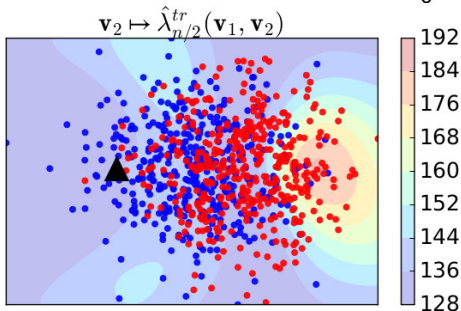
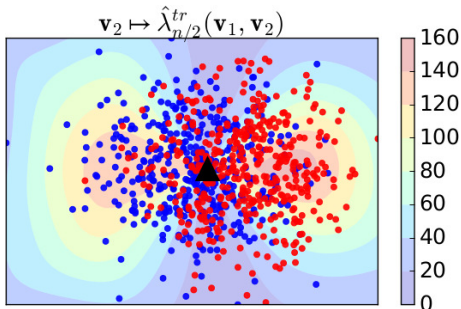
$$\mathbb{P} := \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}), \quad \mathbb{Q} := \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{I}).$$

- $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ . Fix  $\mathbf{v}_1$  to the triangle.
- $\mathbf{v}_2 \mapsto \hat{\lambda}_n(\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\})$ : contour plot.



# Non-convexity, informative features

- **Nearby locations**: do not increase discriminability.
- **Non-convexity**: reveals multiple ways to capture the difference.



- Optimization & testing: linear in  $n$ .
- Testing:  $\mathcal{O}(ndJ + nJ^2 + J^3)$ .
- Optimization:  $\mathcal{O}(ndJ^2 + J^3)$  per gradient ascent.

# Number of locations ( $J$ )

- Small  $J$ :
  - often enough to detect the difference of  $\mathbb{P}$  &  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - few distinguishing regions to reject  $H_0$ .
  - faster test.

# Number of locations ( $J$ )

- **Very large  $J$ :**
  - test power need not increase monotonically in  $J$  (more locations  $\Rightarrow$  statistic can gain in variance).
  - defeats the purpose of a linear-time test.

# Numerical demos

- Gaussian kernel ( $\sigma$ ).  $\alpha = 0.01$ .  $J = 1$ . Repeat 500 trials.
- Report

$$P(\text{reject } H_0) \approx \frac{\#\text{times } \hat{\lambda}_n > T_\alpha \text{ holds}}{\#\text{trials}}.$$

- Compare 4 methods
  - **ME-full**: Optimize  $\mathcal{V}$  and Gaussian bandwidth  $\sigma$ .
  - **ME-grid**: Optimize  $\sigma$ . 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 [ $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ ].



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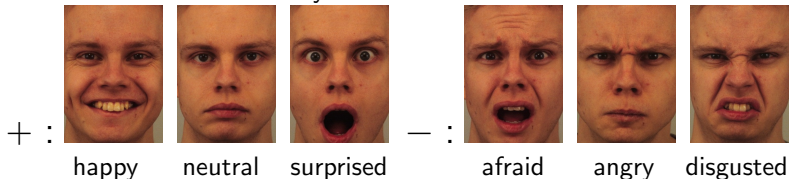
- Aggregating over trials; example: 'Bayes-Neuro'.
- Most discriminative words:
  - **spike, markov, cortex, dropout, recurr, iii, gibb.**
  - learned test locations: highly interpretable,
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# Distinguish positive/negative emotions

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



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+ vs. -	201	.998	.656	1.00	.578

- Learned test location (averaged) =



Linear-time high-power two-sample testing:  
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# Linear-time **high-power** independence testing

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Until now:

- adaptive linear-time 2-sample test (automatic parameter tuning).

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By rewriting

$$\begin{aligned}u(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) &= \mu_{\mathbf{xy}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) - \mu_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{v})\mu_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{w}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{xy}}[k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})\ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w})] - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}}[k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})]\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y}}[\ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w})] \\ &= \text{cov}_{\mathbf{xy}}(k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}), \ell(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w})).\end{aligned}$$

⇒ We picked the  $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})^{th}$  entry of

$$\begin{aligned}C_{\mathbf{xy}}^c &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{xy}}[\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \psi(\mathbf{y})] - \mu_{\mathbf{x}} \otimes \mu_{\mathbf{y}}, \\ \text{HSIC} &= \|C_{\mathbf{xy}}^c\|_{HS}.\end{aligned}$$

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FSIC is **immediately applicable** in ISA, feature selection, outlier-robust image registration, ...

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## Theorem (Asymptotic normality)

For any fixed locations  $\mathcal{V} = \{(\mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{w}_j)\}_{j=1}^J$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{u}} := [\hat{u}(\mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{w}_j)]_{j=1}^J$

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- Under  $H_1$ : we get a consistent test (i.e., power  $\rightarrow 1$ ).

Test statistic:

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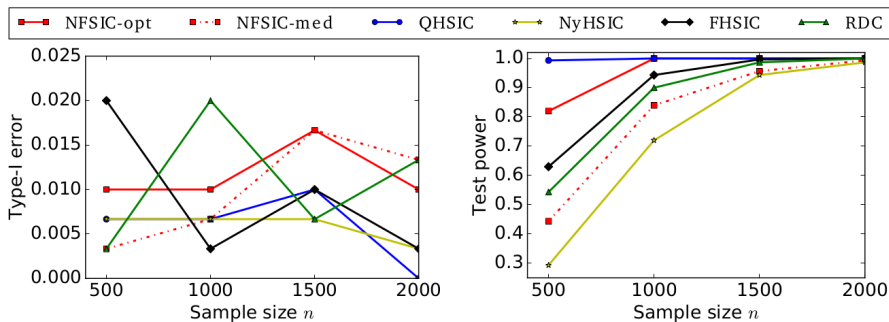
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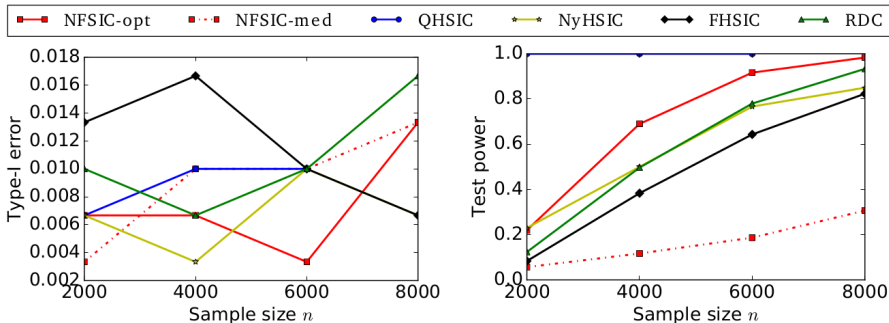
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