Introduction to Audio Content Analysis

Module 3.7: Feature Postprocessing

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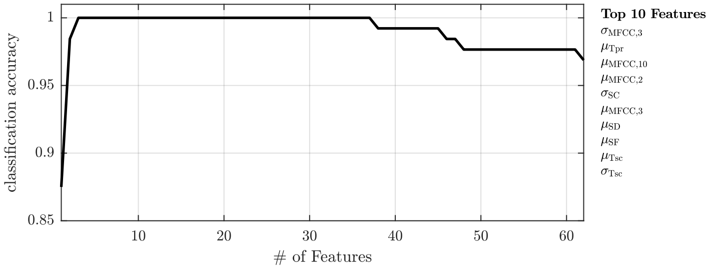

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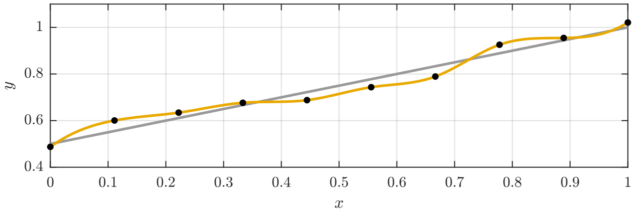

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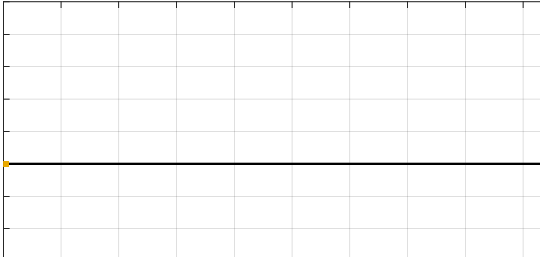
- **curse of dimensionality**:
  - increasing dimensionality leads to sparse training data
  - neighborhoods of data points become less concentrated
  - model tends to be harder to estimate in higher-dimensional space
  - applies to distance-based algorithms

- **example** (uniformly distributed data)
  - identify region on axis covering **1% of data**
    - 1-D: 1% of x-axis
    - 2-D: 10% of x-axis/y-axis
    - 3-D: 21.5% of x-axis/y-axis/z-axis
    - 10-D: 63%
    - 100-D: 95%



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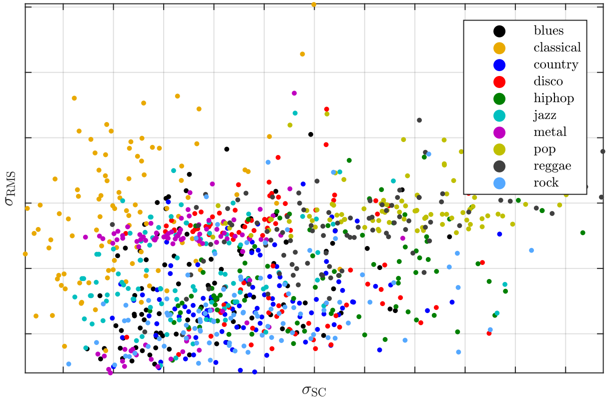
manual feature selection

example scatter plots of pairs of features in a multi-class scenario



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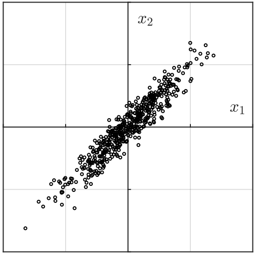

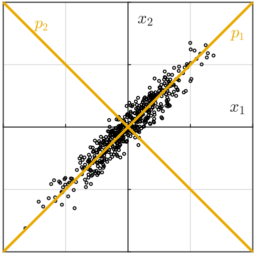

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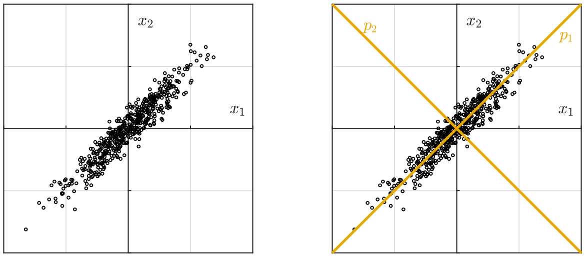

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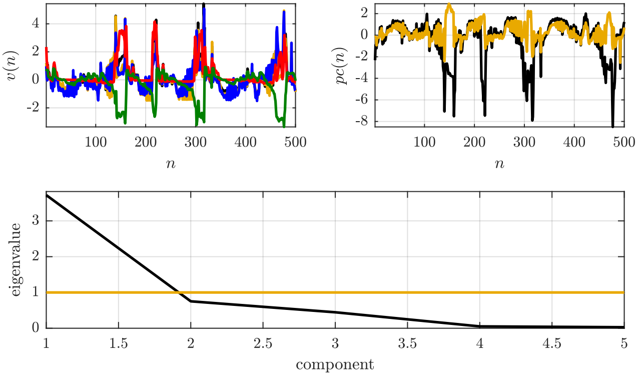

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summary
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  - overfitting
  - insufficient training data $\Rightarrow$ sparse feature space
- **feature selection**
  - select subset of features performing "best"
  - wrapper methods use classifier itself as objective function
  - filter methods use different objective function
- **feature transformation**
  - map feature space into new space minimizing irrelevant information
  - still requires computation of all features
  - new dimensions commonly lack interpretability