

Visualising Multivariate Data

Information Visualisation
COMP40610

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Origins

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Agenda

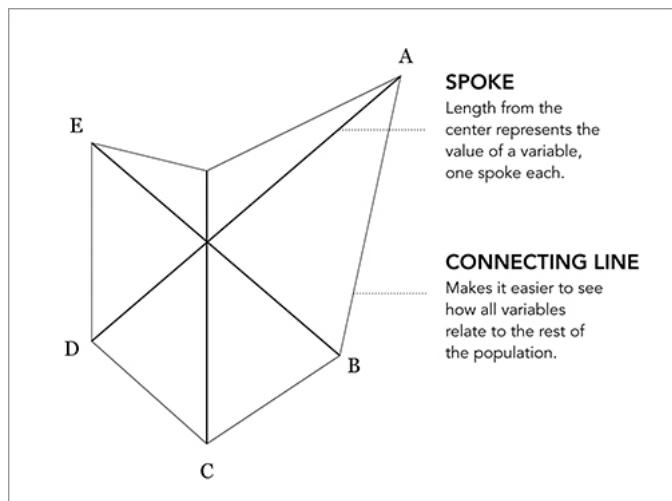
Visualising multi-variate data in two or three dimensions is difficult

We will look at a number of approaches:

- Point-Based Techniques
- Line-Based Techniques
- Dimensionality Reduction Techniques

POINT-BASED TECHNIQUES

Star Charts



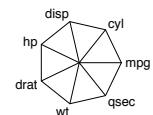
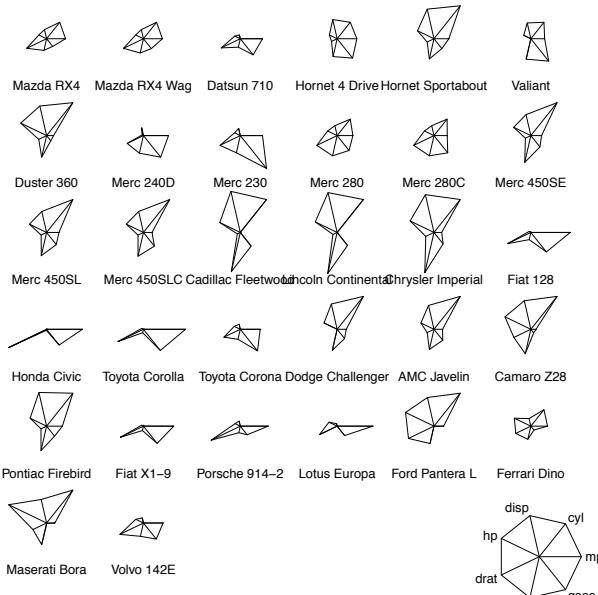
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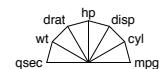
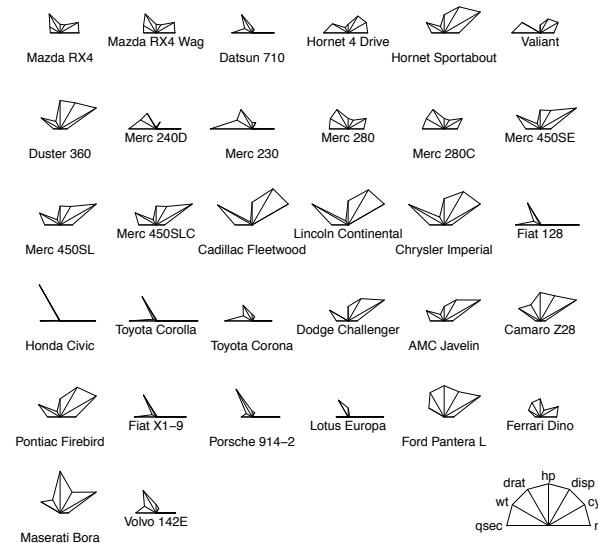
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Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.61
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17.02
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.22
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Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.19	20
Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.15	22.9
Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.44	18.3
Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.44	18.9
Merc 450SE	16.4	8	275.8	180	3.07	4.07	17.4
Merc 450SL	17.3	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.73	17.6
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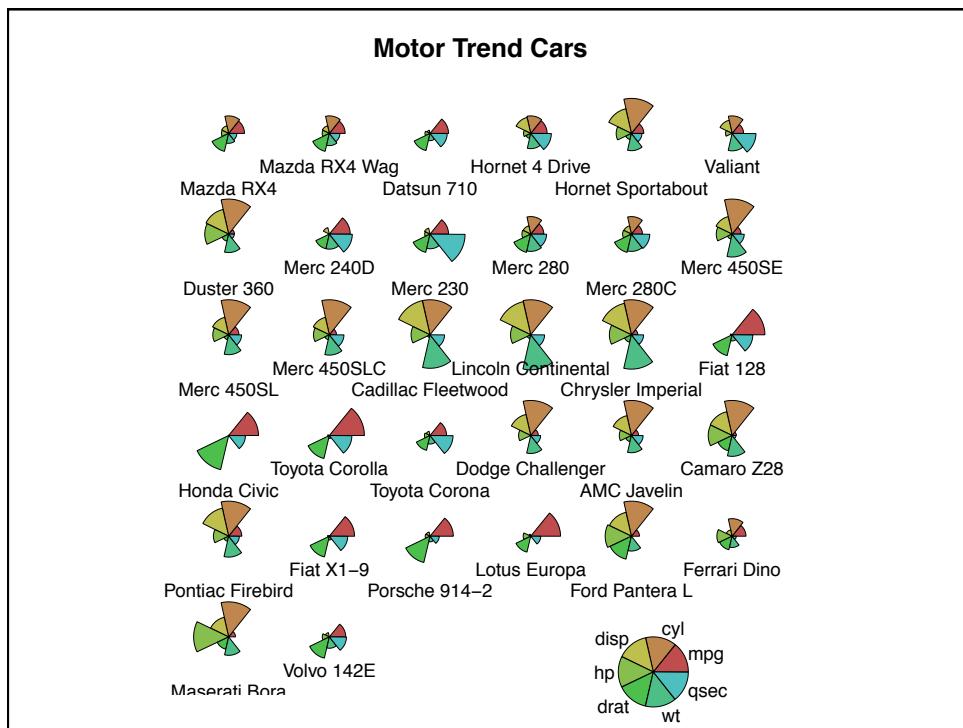
mtcars dataset (from R)

Motor Trend Cars

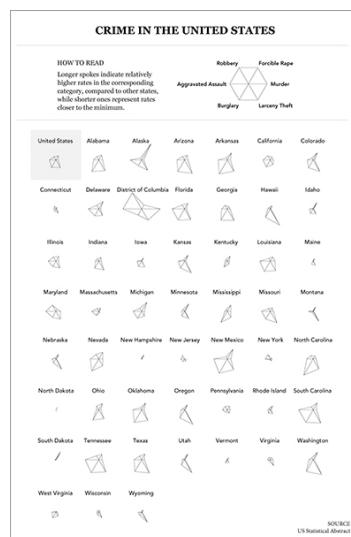


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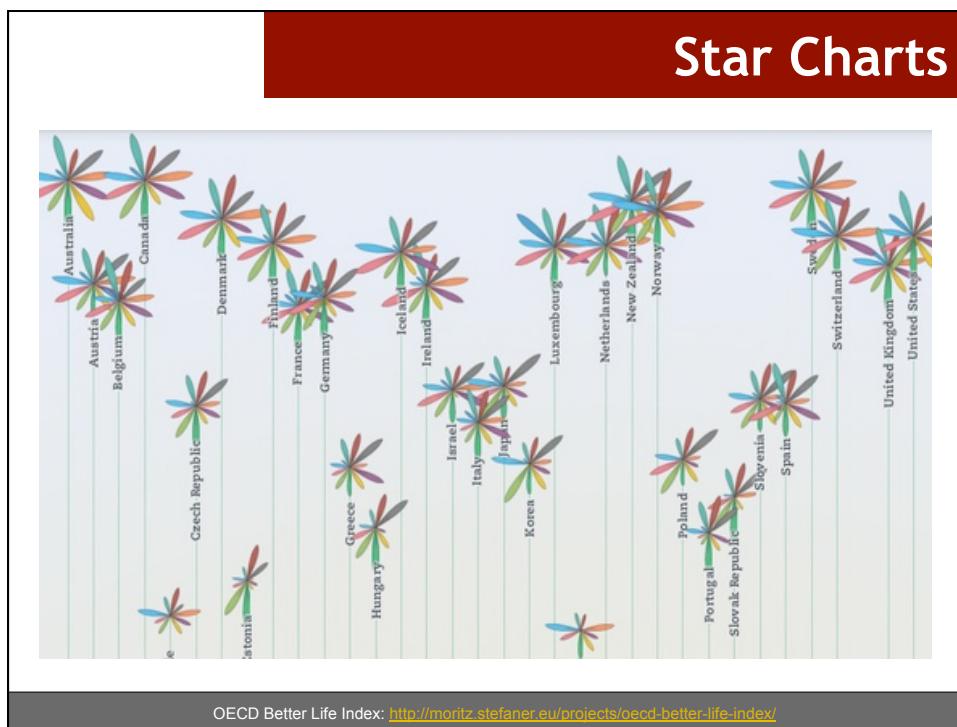
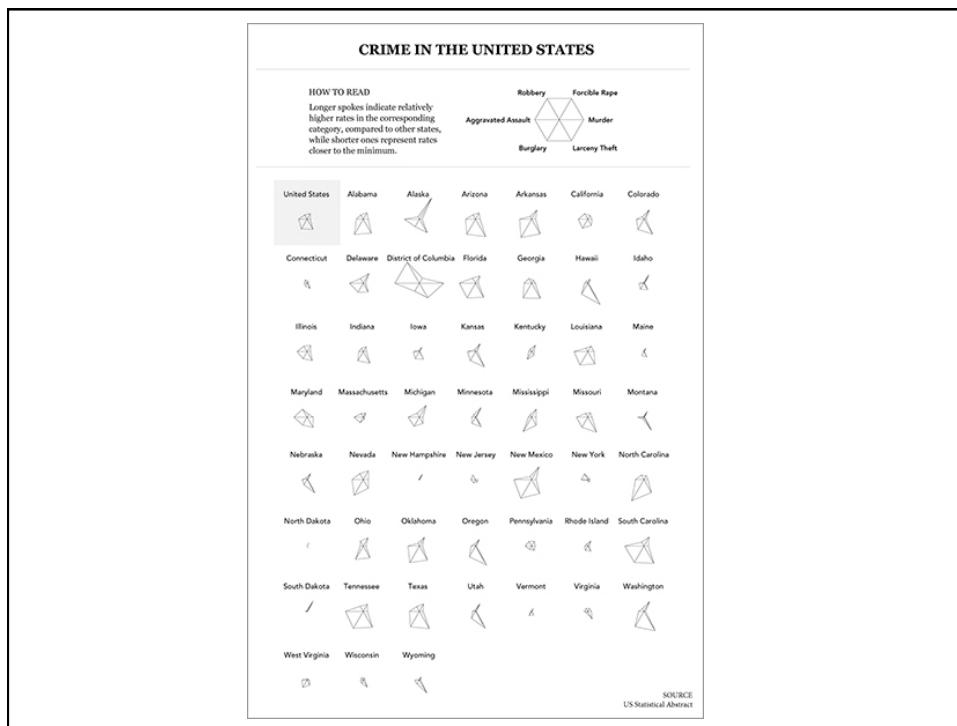


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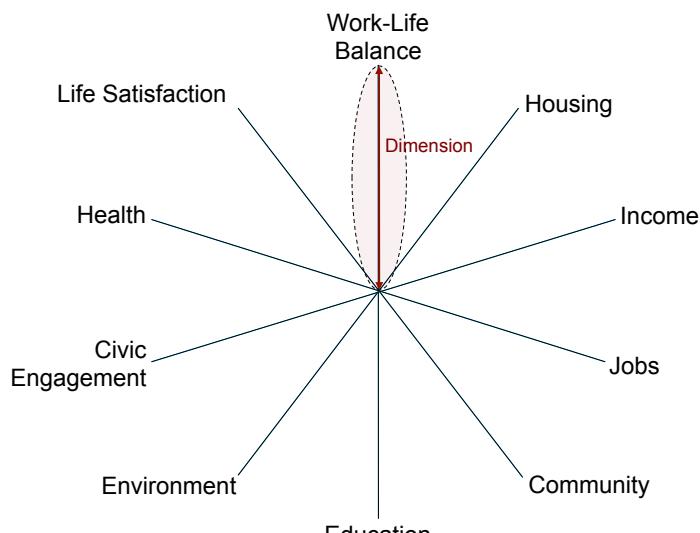


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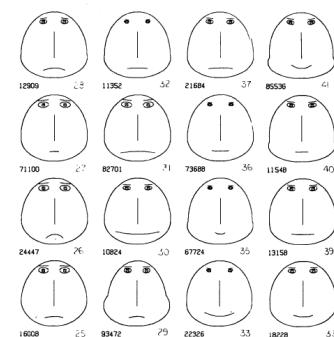


OECD Better Life Index: <http://moritz.stefaner.eu/projects/oecd-better-life-index/>

Chernoff Faces

Chernoff faces are a novel approach to visualising multivariate data

Lots of interesting argument about how useful they are

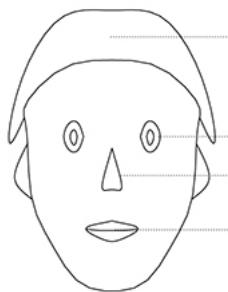


"The Use of Faces to Represent Points in K-Dimensional Space Graphically" Herman Chernoff, Journal of the American Statistical Association, vol 68 (342), pp 361–368, 1973.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/22803474>

Chernoff Faces

FACE

As a whole, this represents the whole unit or row of data.

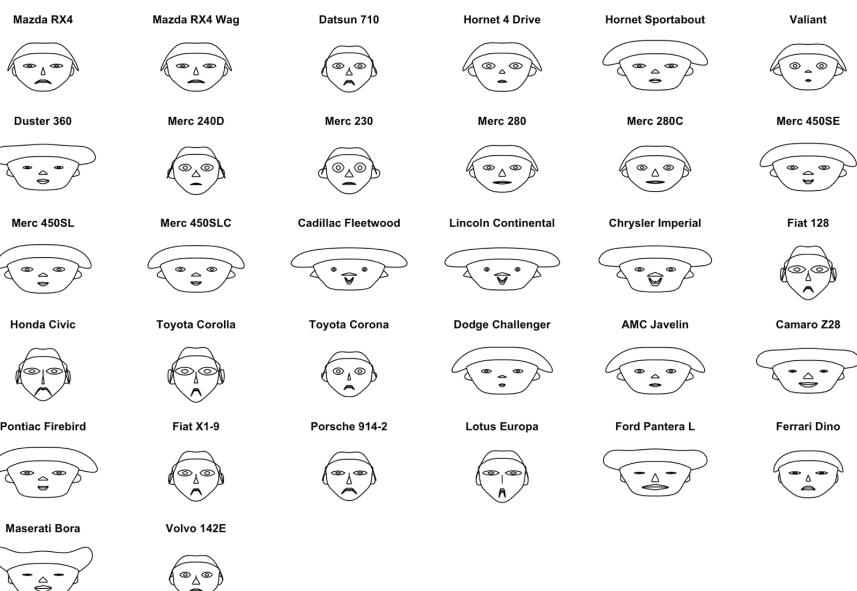


FEATURES

Parts of the face such as hair height, eye height, nose height, and curve of the smile are changed, depending on the data they represent.

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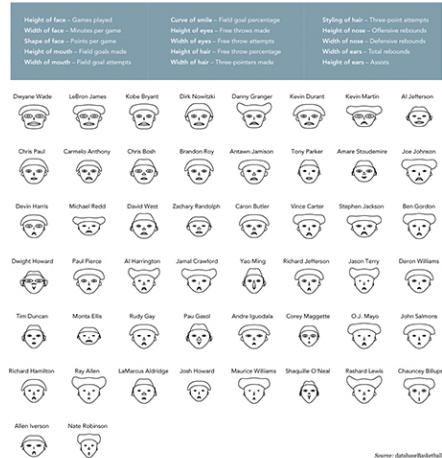
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Example:

NBA PER GAME PERFORMANCE

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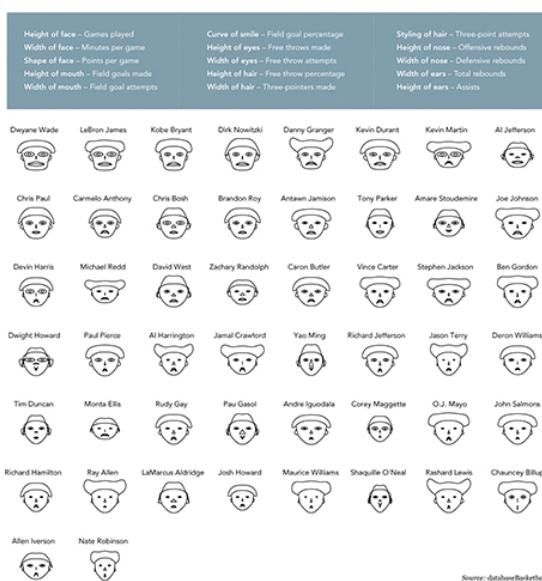


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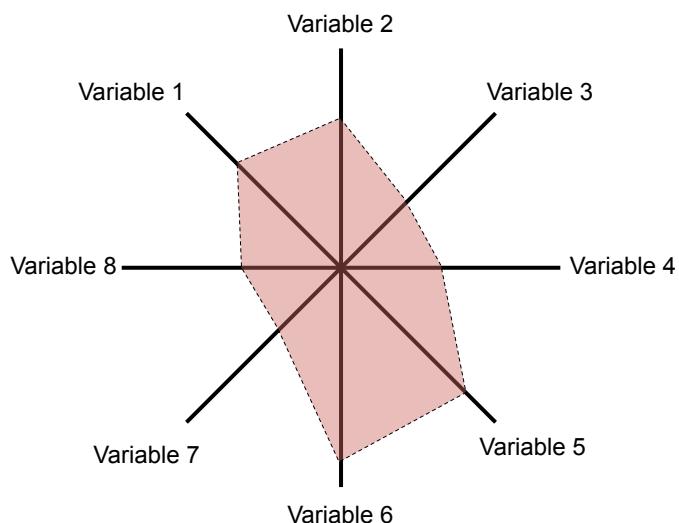
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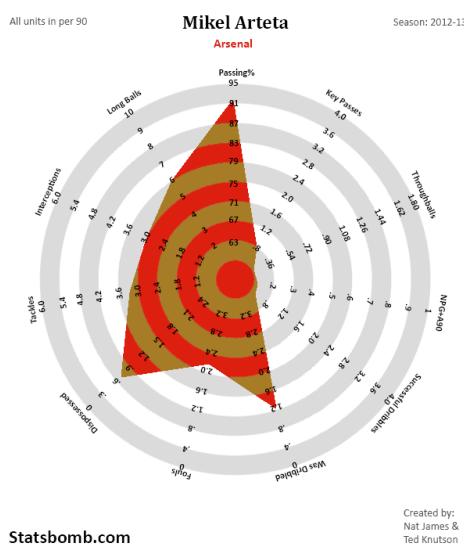


LINE-BASED TECHNIQUES

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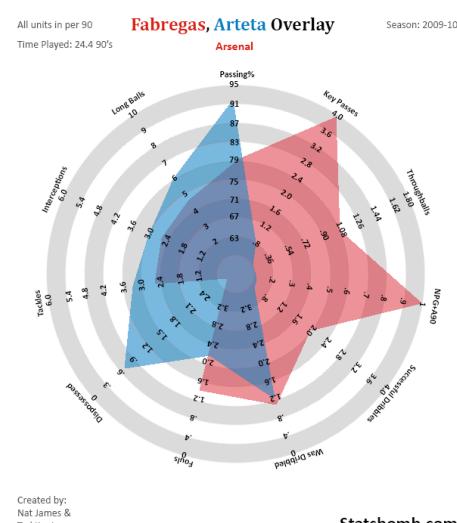


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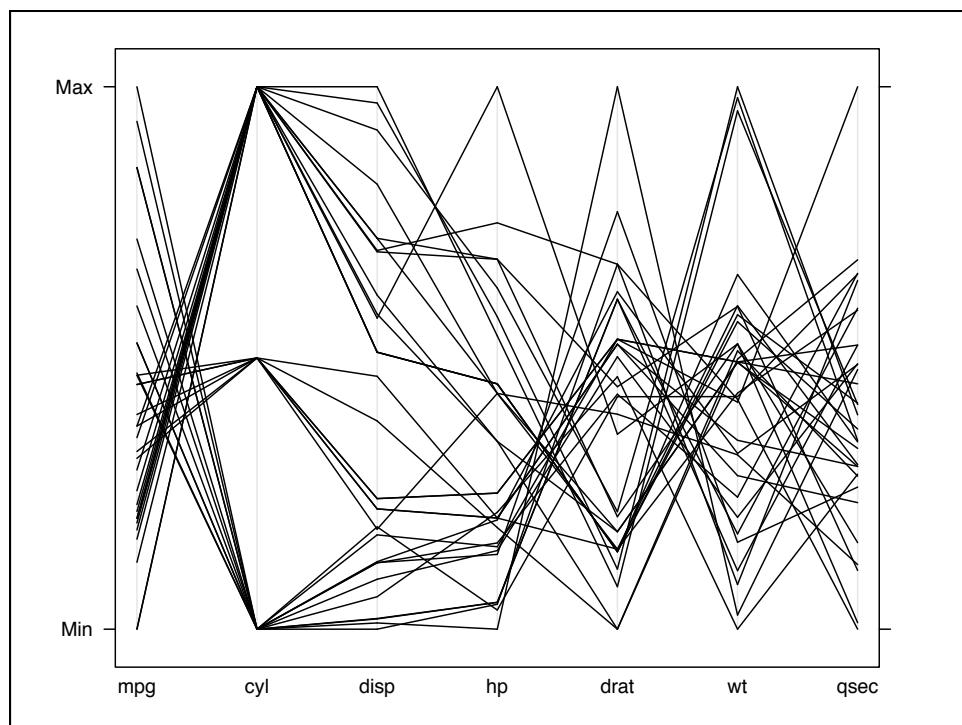
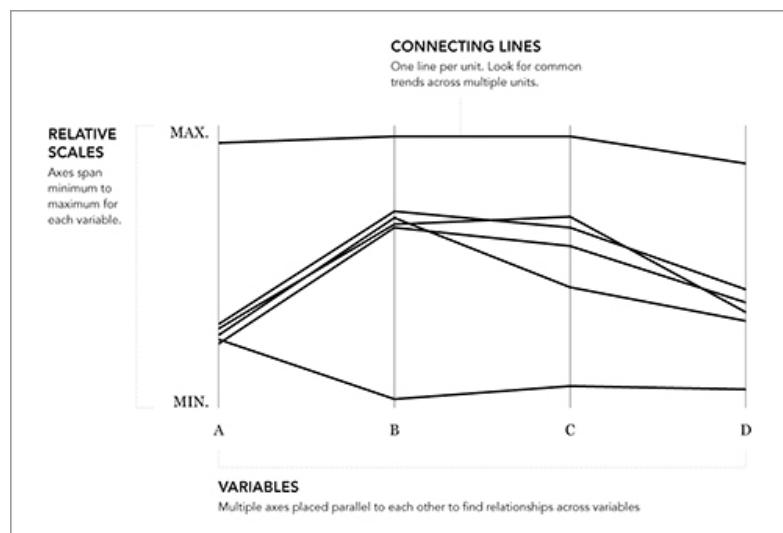
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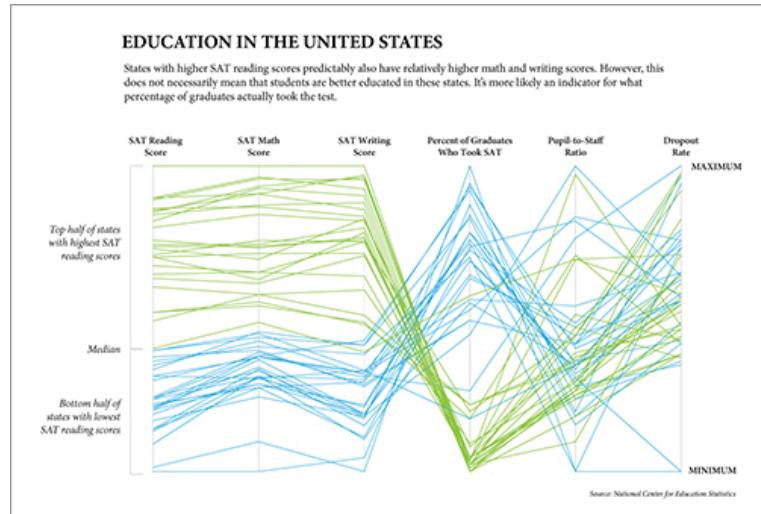


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Parallel Coordinates



Example: Education Performance

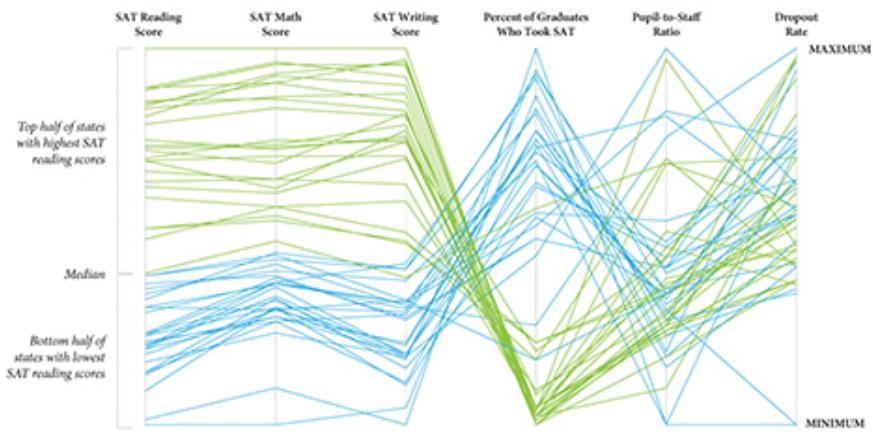


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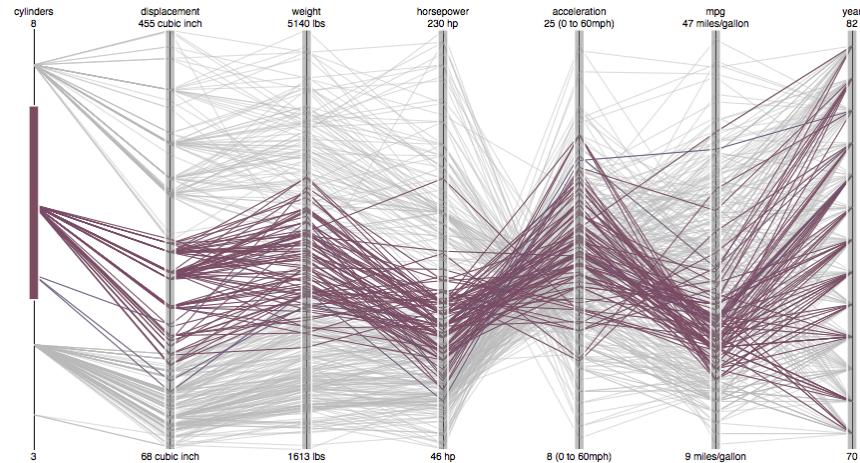
EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

States with higher SAT reading scores predictably also have relatively higher math and writing scores. However, this does not necessarily mean that students are better educated in these states. It's more likely an indicator for what percentage of graduates actually took the test.



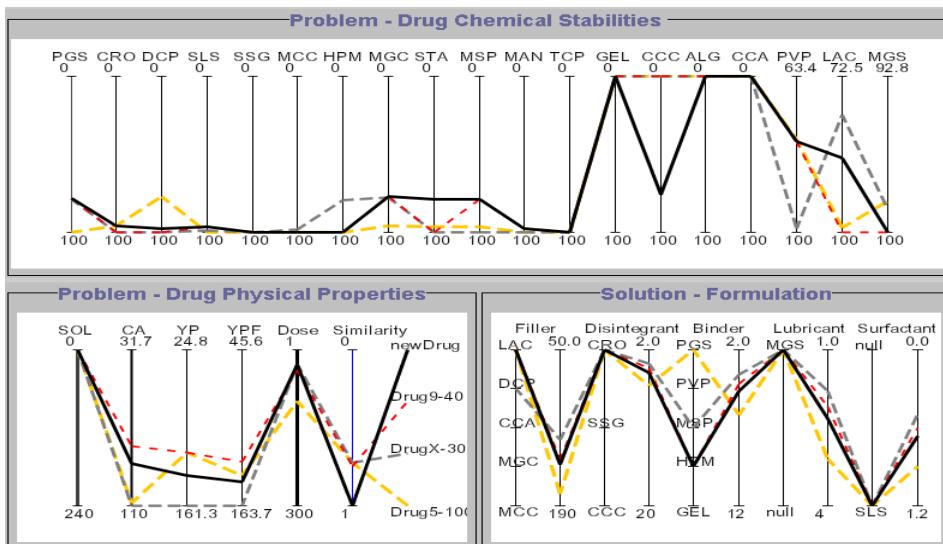
Parallel Coordinates: Best When Interactive

Parallel Coordinates of Automobile Data

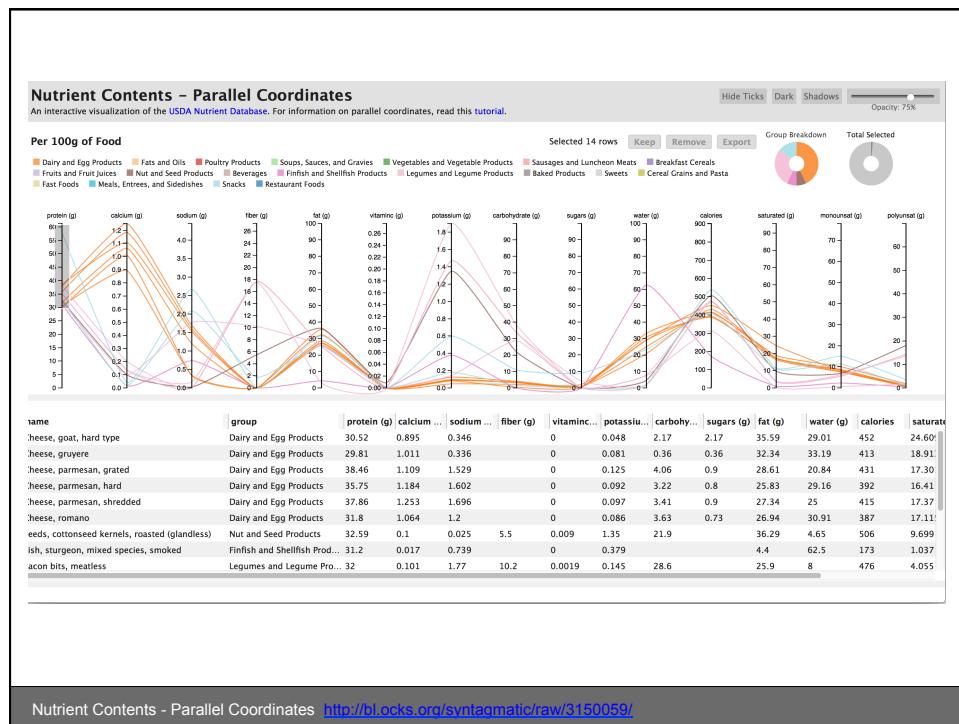


From GGobi: <http://hci.stanford.edu/jheer/files/zoo/ex/stats/parallel.html>

FormuCaseViz, Massie et al



Visualisation of Case-Based Reasoning for Explanation, S. Massie, S. Craw & N. Wiratunga, In Proceedings of the ECCBR 2004 Workshops, pp 135-144, 2004.



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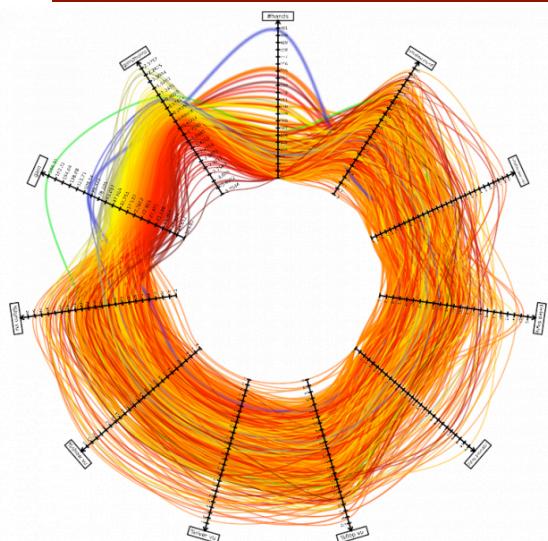
Parallel coordinates are a very good visualisation tool to help viewers explore multivariate relationships

Interaction (especially brushing) is required for parallel coordinate plots to be really useful

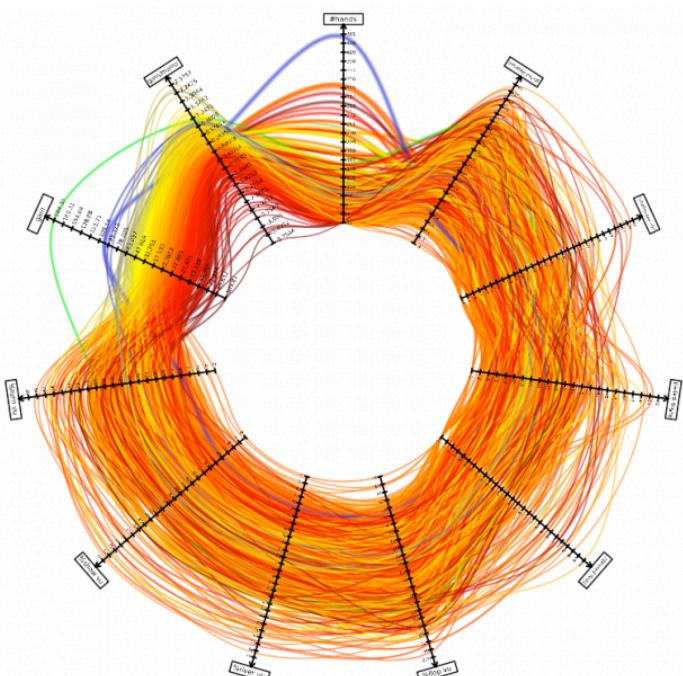
See paper below for a detailed exploration of the usefulness of parallel coordinates

"Perceiving Patterns in Parallel Coordinates: Determining Thresholds for Identification of Relationships", J Johansson, C. Forsell, M. Lind, M. Cooper, Information Visualization, vol. 7, no. 2, 152-162, 2008.
<http://webstaff.itn.liu.se/~imj/papers/IVJ08/IVJ08.pdf>

Circular Parallel Coordinates



Tulip visualisation Toolkit: <http://tulip.labri.fr/TulipDrupal/?q=node/321>



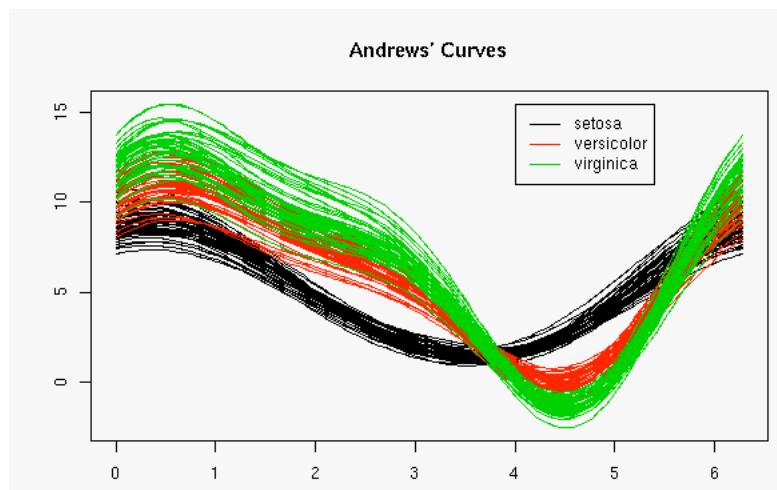
Andrews' Curves

Each multi-variate data point $D = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N)$ is used to create a curve of the form:

$$f(t) = \frac{d_1}{\sqrt{2}} + d_2 \sin(t) + d_3 \cos(t) + d_4 \sin(2t) + d_5 \cos(2t) + \dots$$

R Enthusiasts Gallery: http://gallery.r-enthusiasts.com/graph/Andrew_curves.47

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DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION APPROACHES

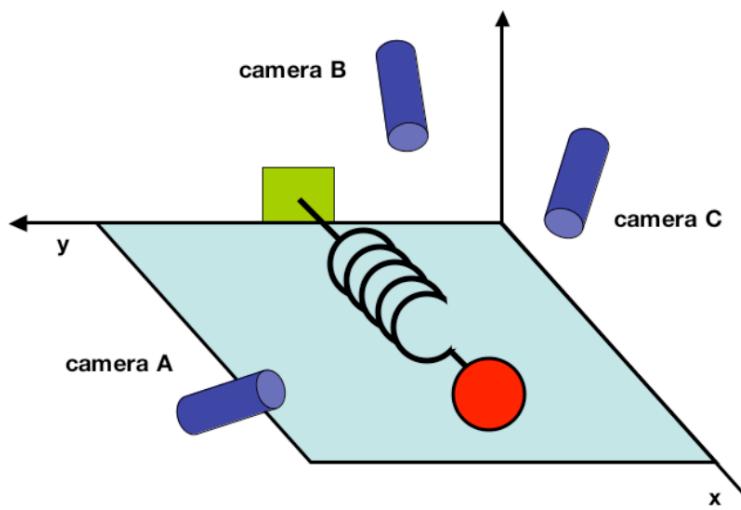
Principle Components Analysis

Principle Components Analysis (PCA) is a very common dimensionality reduction technique based on finding dimensions along which the maximum variance occurs in datasets

PCA is widely used for dimensionality reduction in statistics and machine learning

Also useful for visualizations

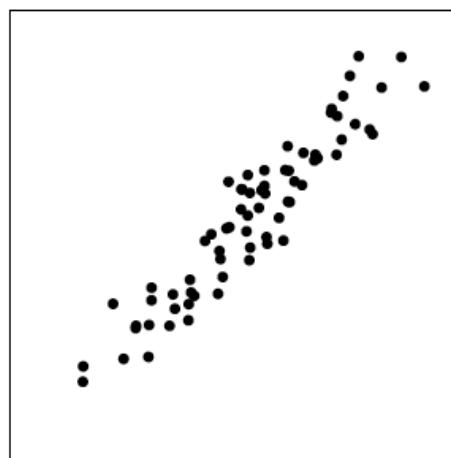
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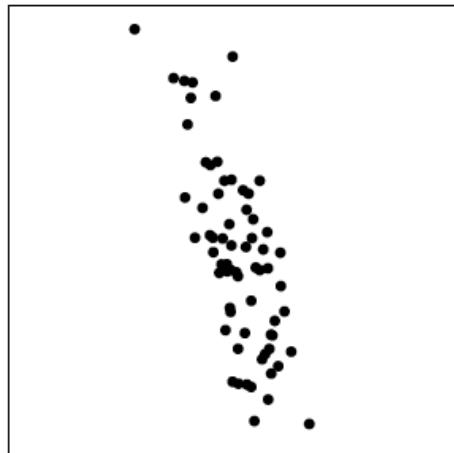
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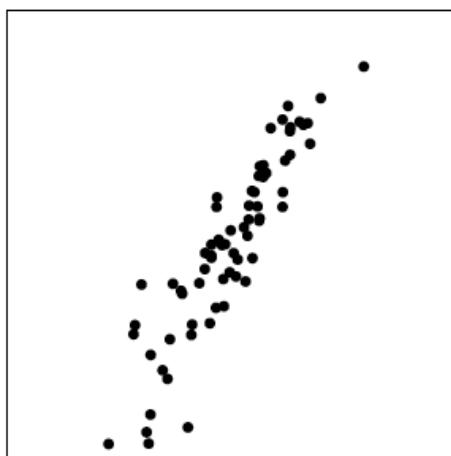
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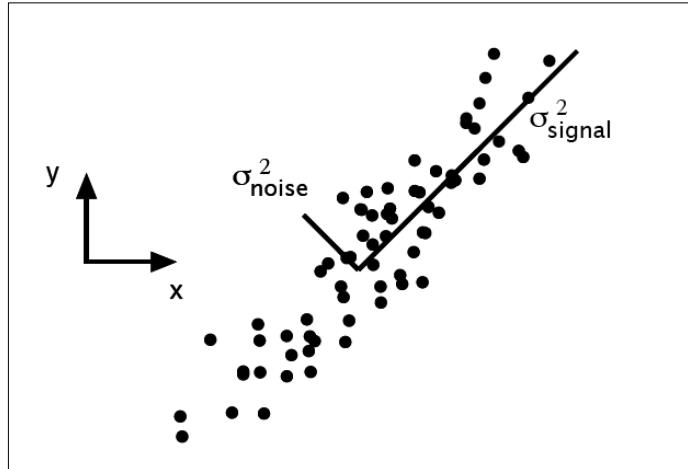
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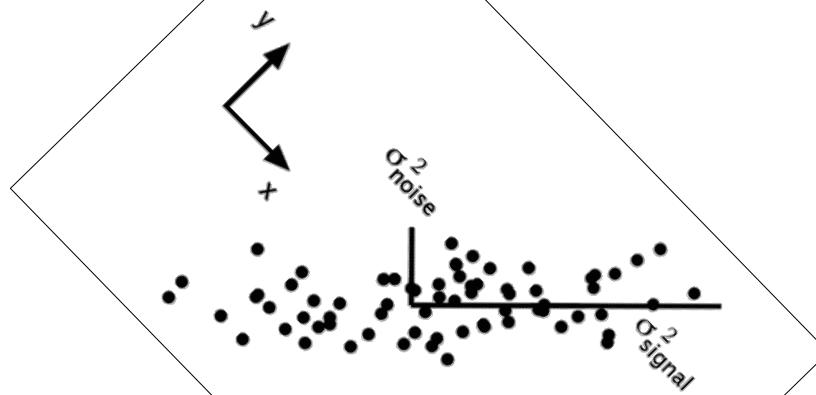
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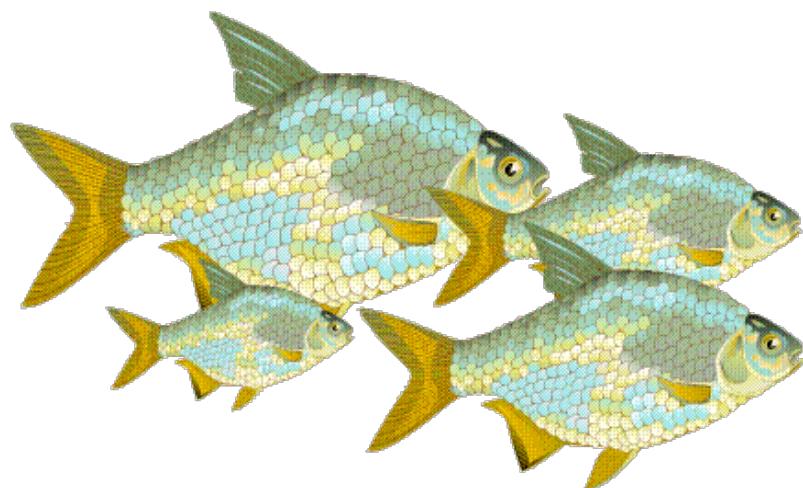
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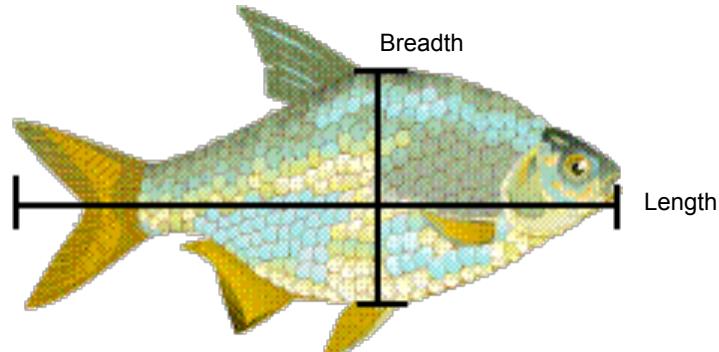
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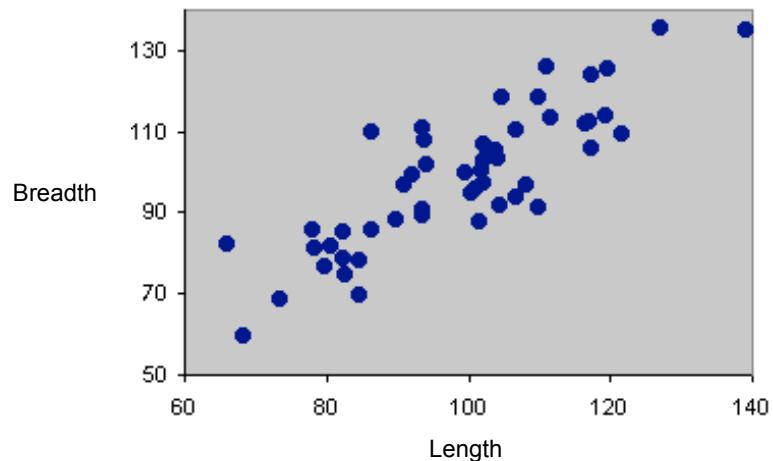
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http://www.alanfielding.co.uk/multivar/pca_graf.htm

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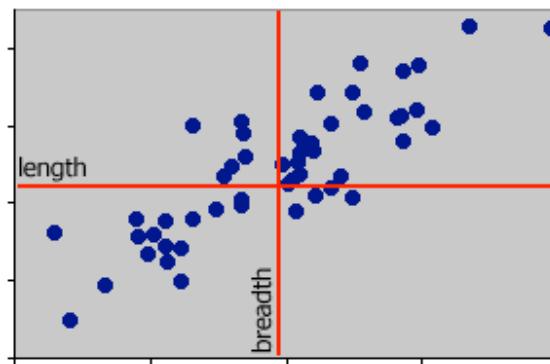
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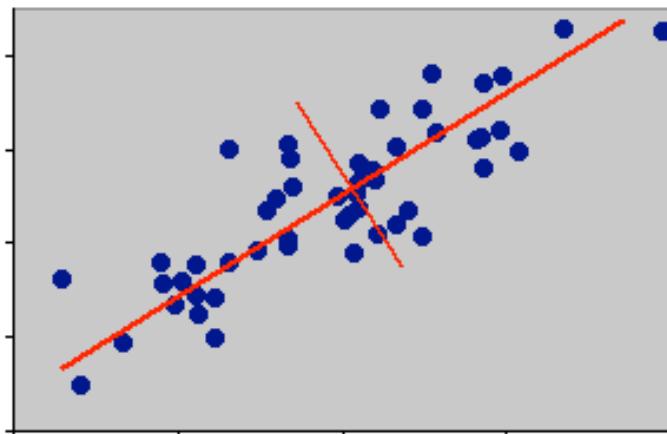
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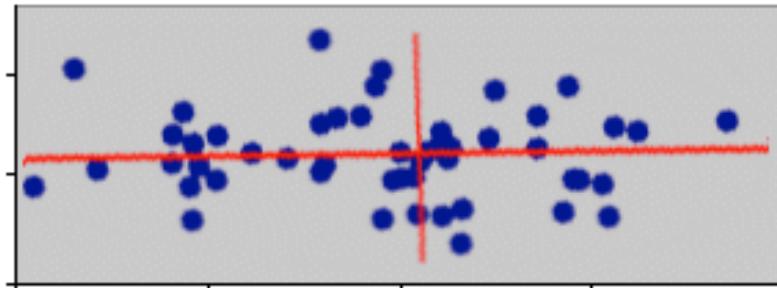
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Explaining PCA



size = length + breadth

size = $0.75 \times \text{length} + 0.25 \times \text{breadth}$

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PCA Process

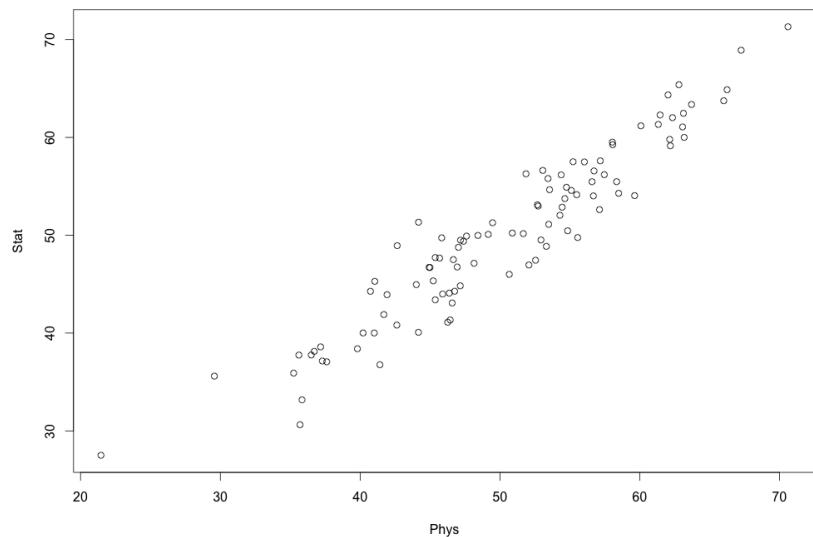
1. Center the data according to the mean.
2. Build the covariance matrix
3. Find the Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors for the above matrix
4. Plot the scaled data along with the Eigenvectors
5. Express the scaled data in terms of the Eigenvectors (principal components)
6. Plot the transformed data

PCA Process

Physics and statistics results for a group of students

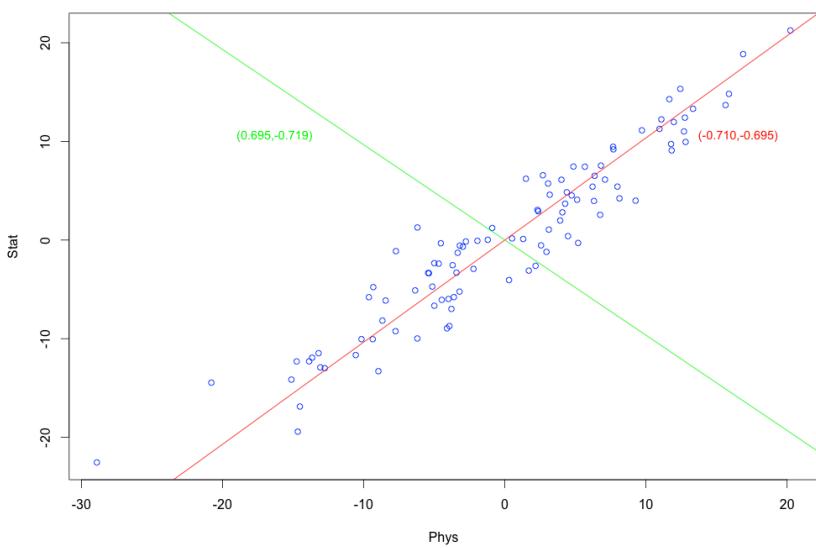
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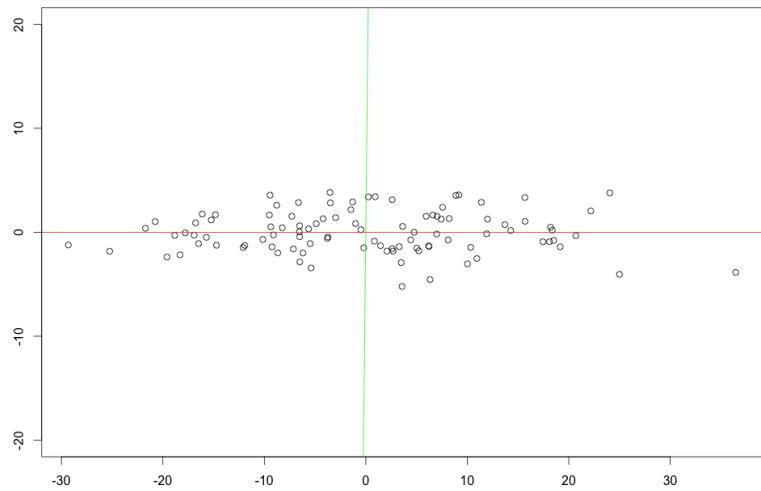


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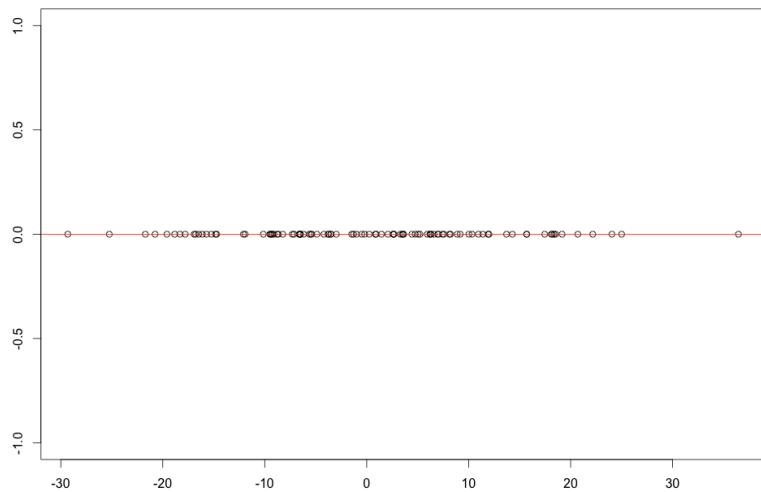
Plot of Scaled Physics Scores vs. Stat Scores



PCA Process



PCA Process



Iris PCA Example

Visualising Fisher's famous iris dataset



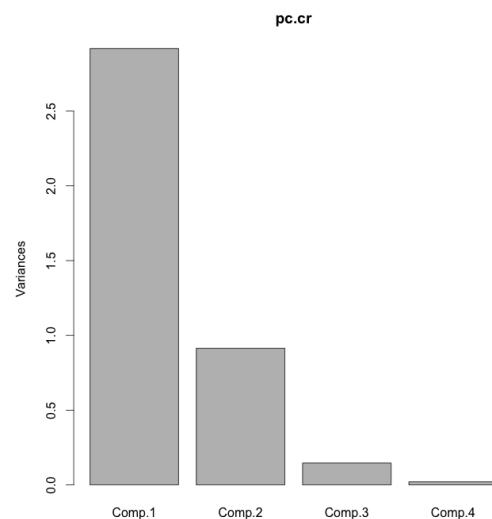
Sepal length	Sepal width	Petal length	Petal width	Species
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4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	I. setosa
4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	I. setosa
4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	I. virginica
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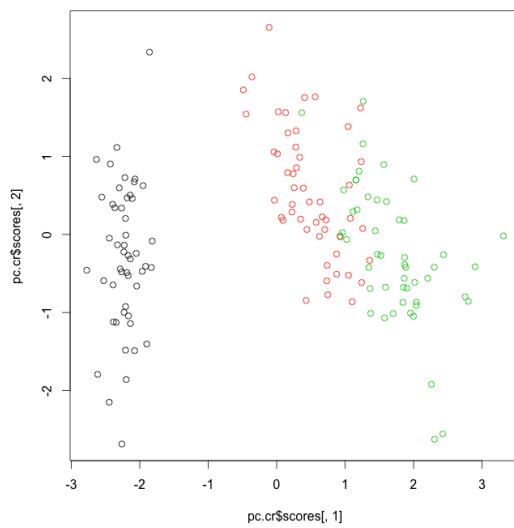
A simple R programme:

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data("iris")
pc.cr <- princomp(iris[1:4], cor = TRUE)
summary(pc.cr)
plot(pc.cr)
biplot(pc.cr)
plot(pc.cr$scores[, 1], pc.cr$scores[, 2], col=iris[, 5])
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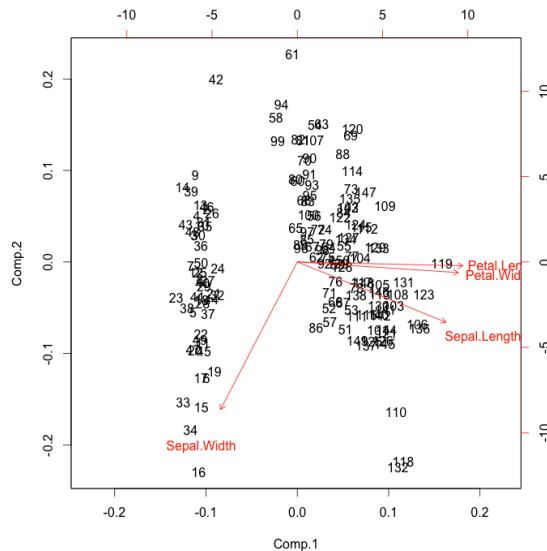
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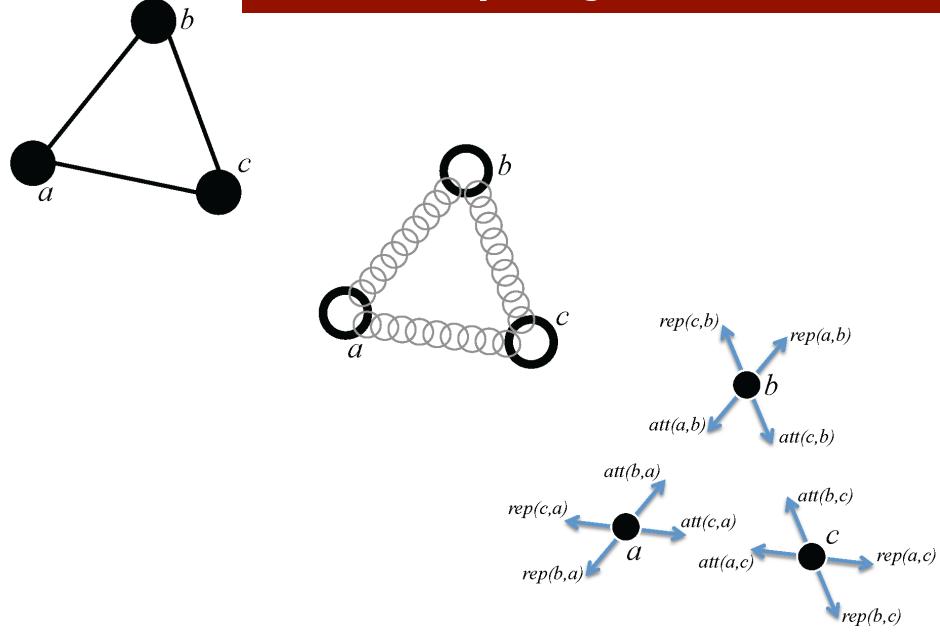
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Force Directed Graphs

Allow points arrange themselves within a two dimensional plane according to some set of simulated forces acting upon them

Spring Force Model



Spring Force Model

The total force exerted on any case v , $f(v)$, can be calculated as:

$$f(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} att(u, v) + \sum_{u \in N(v)} rep(u, v)$$

where $att(u, v)$ is the attractive force exerted on v by case u ; $rep(u, v)$ is the repulsive force exerted on v by u ; and $N(v)$ is the set of vertices emanating from v

Spring Force Model

Attractive forces are dictated by the strength of the springs between cases and are calculated using Hooke's law

- $att(u, v)$ is proportional to the distance between u and v and the zero energy length of the spring
- The zero energy length of a spring is the length at which the spring will exert no attractive forces and is directly proportional to the similarities between the cases it connects

The repulsive forces between cases are modelled as Newtonian gravitational forces, and so follow an inverse square law

Spring Force Model

So we can expand the previous equation as:

$$f_x(v) = \sum_{u \in N(v)} k_{att} * \frac{(dist(u, v) - zero(u, v)) * (v_x - u_x)}{dist(u, v)} + \sum_{u \in N(v)} k_{rep} * \frac{(u_x - v_x)}{dist(u, v)^3}$$

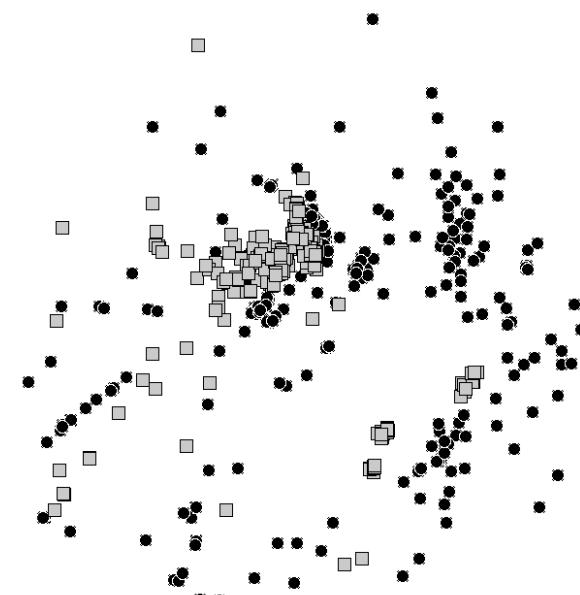
where $att(u, v)$ is the attractive force
where $zero(u, v)$ is given as:

$$zero(u, v) = (1 - sim(u, v)) * maxZeroEnergyLength$$

Spring Force Model

The similarity between examples can be calculated using any suitable similarity metric - for example Euclidean distance

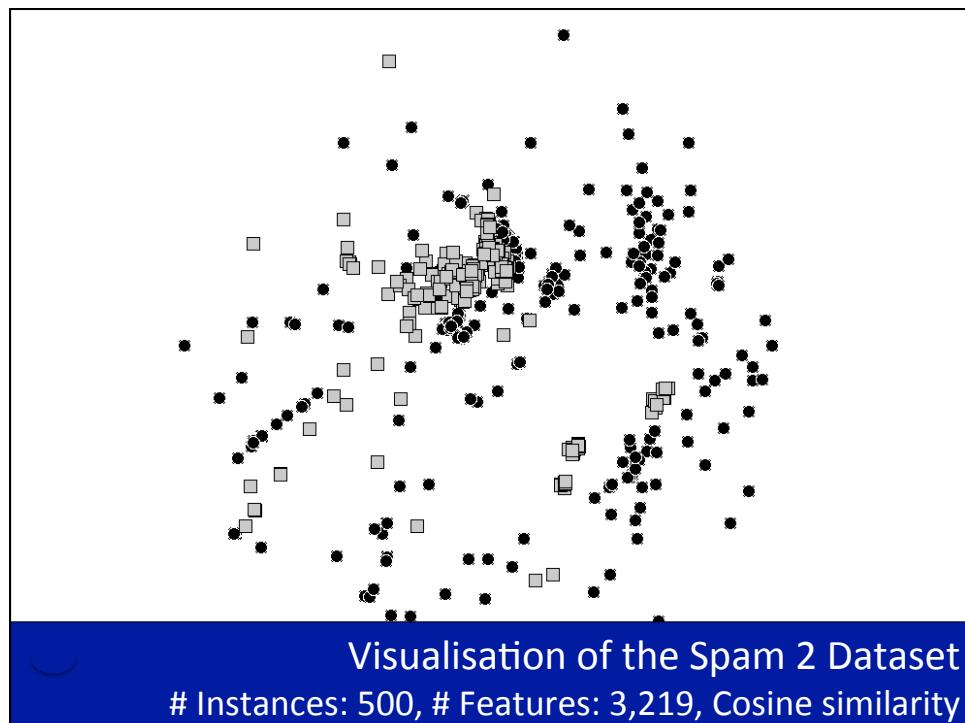
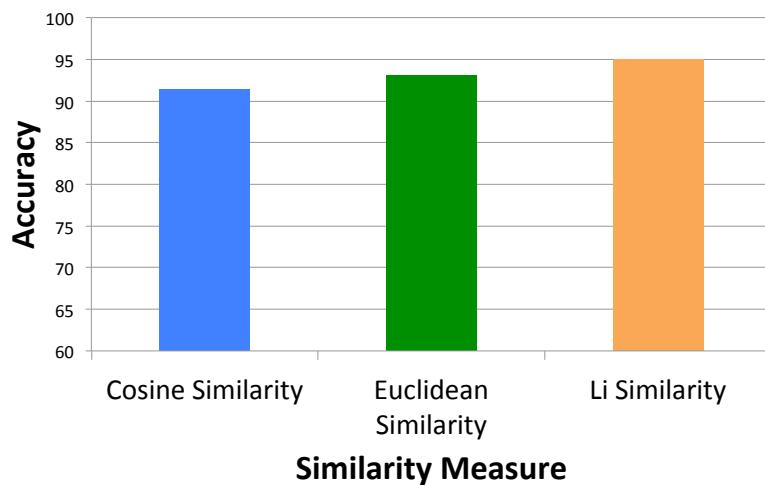
$$d = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k (X_i - Y_i)^2}$$

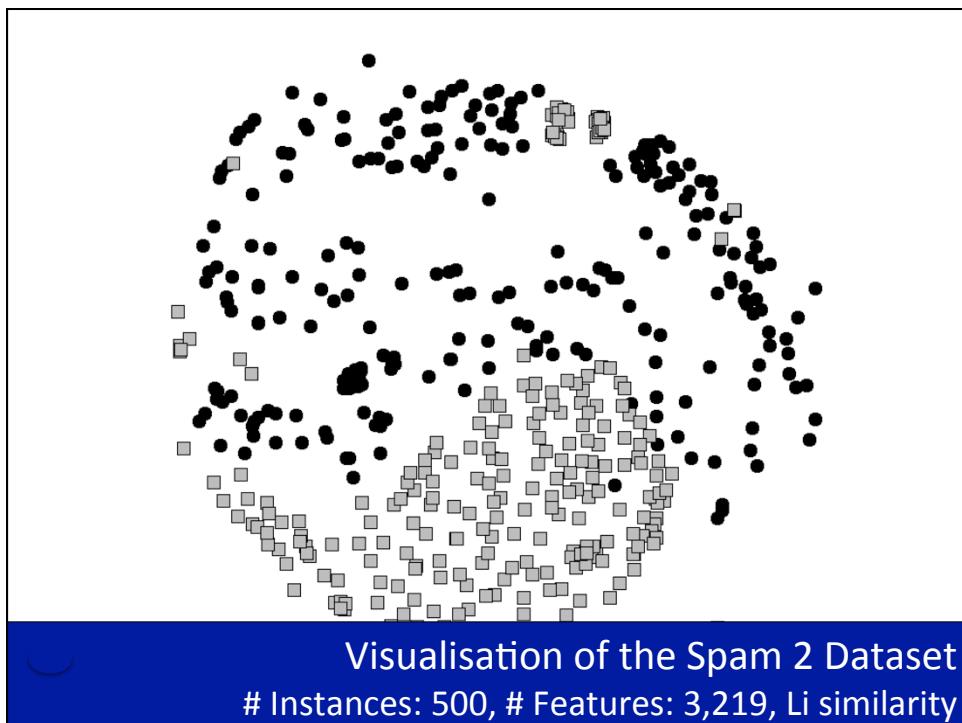
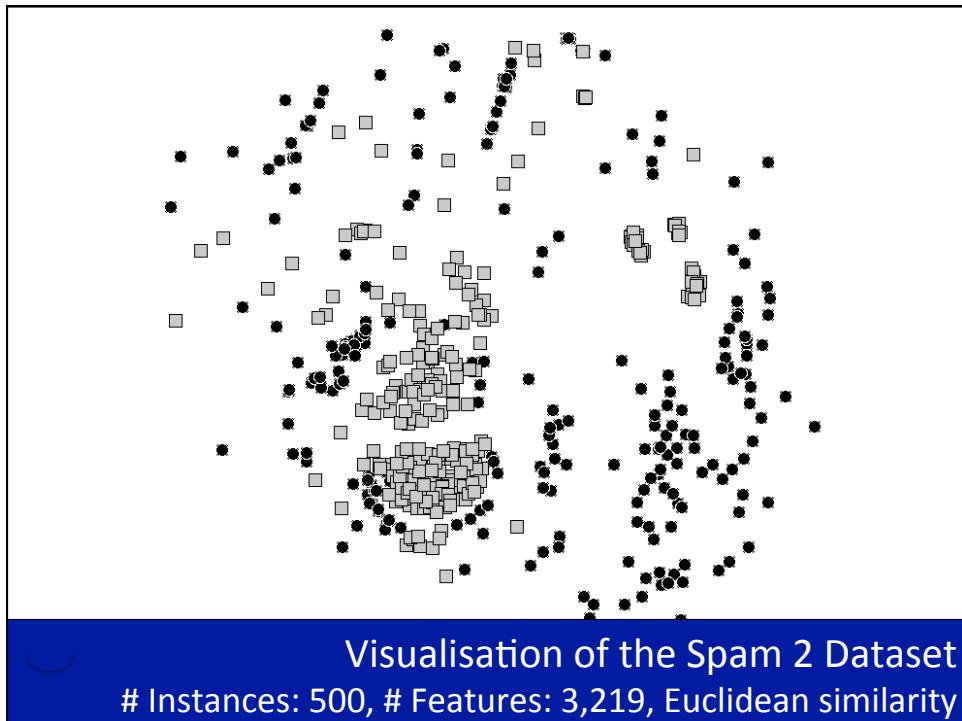


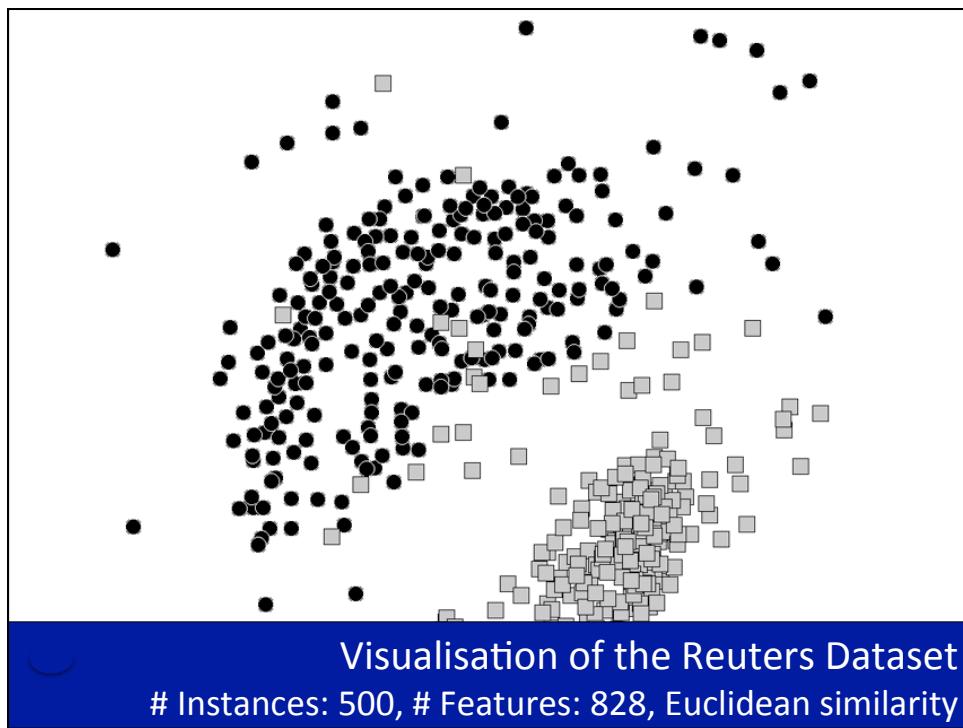
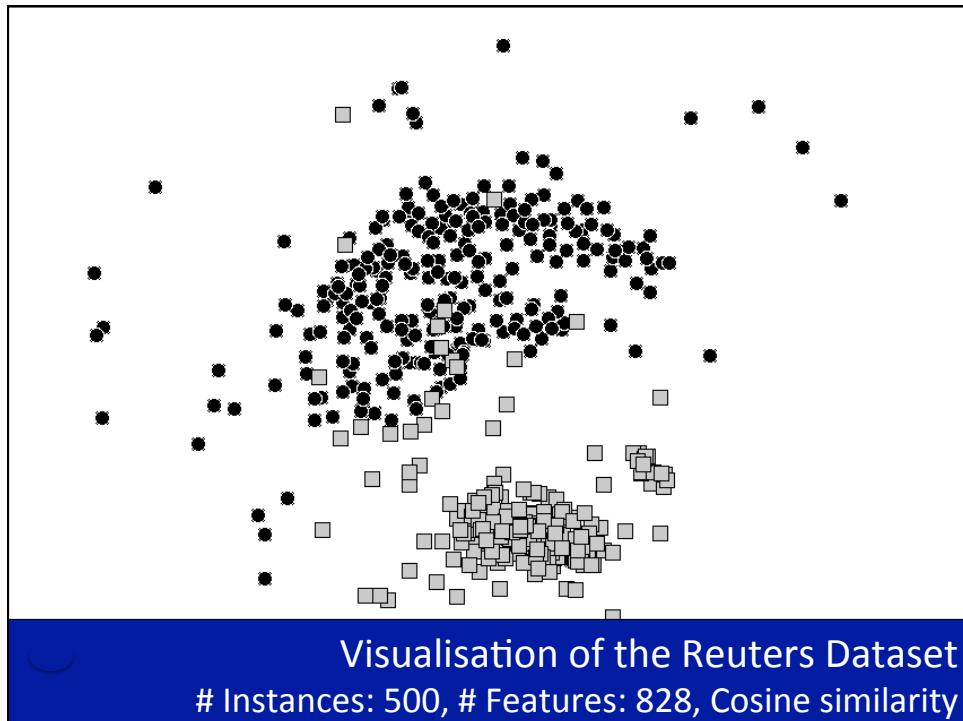
Visualisation of the Spam 2 Dataset

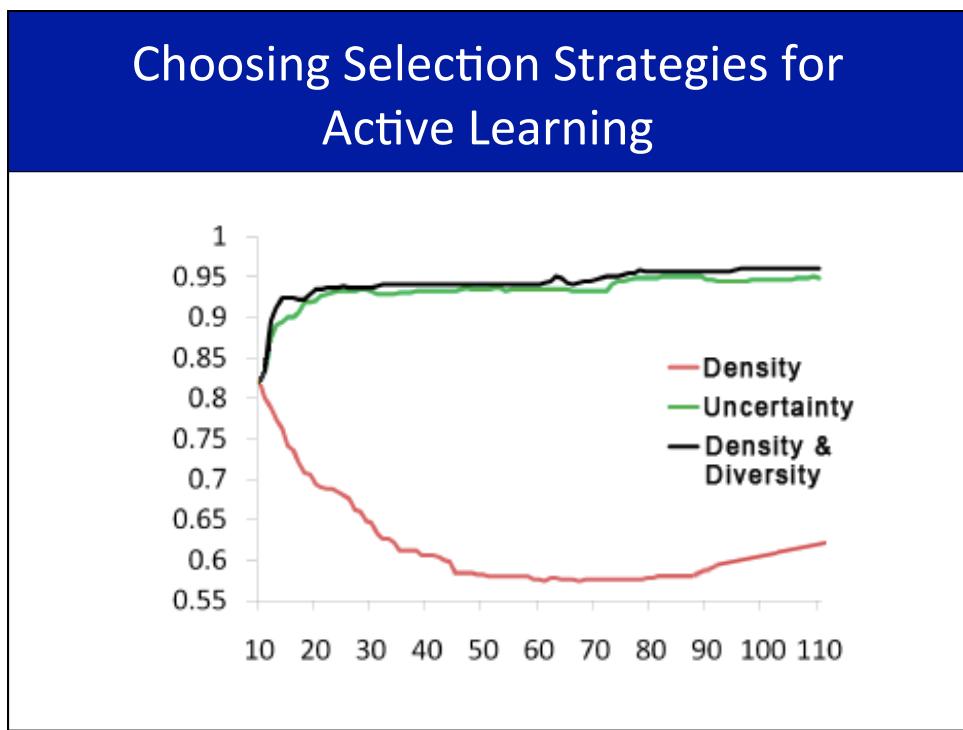
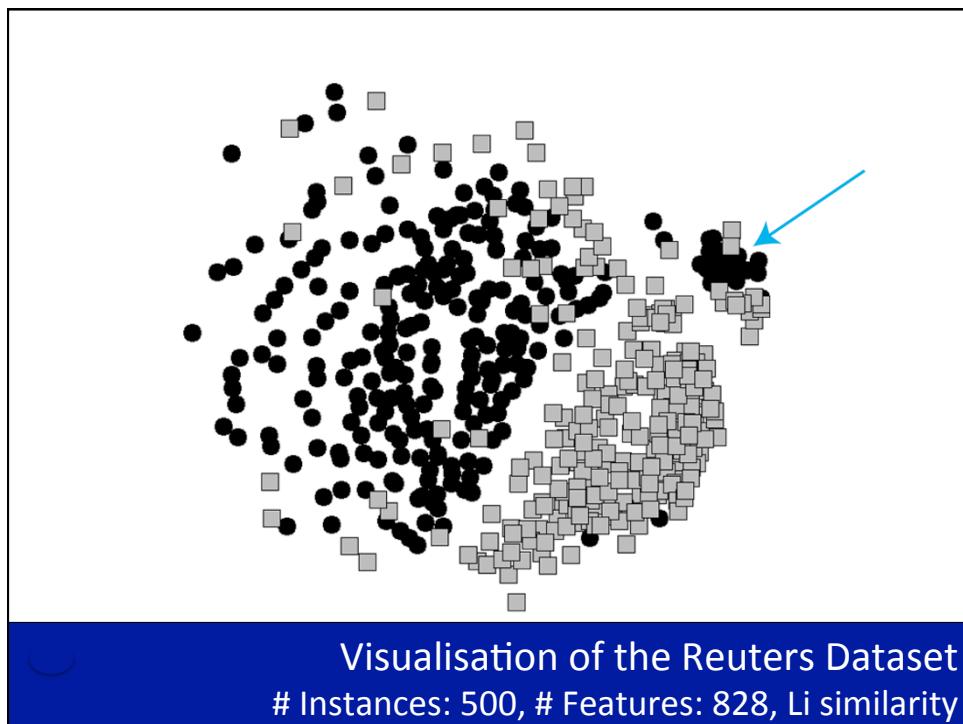
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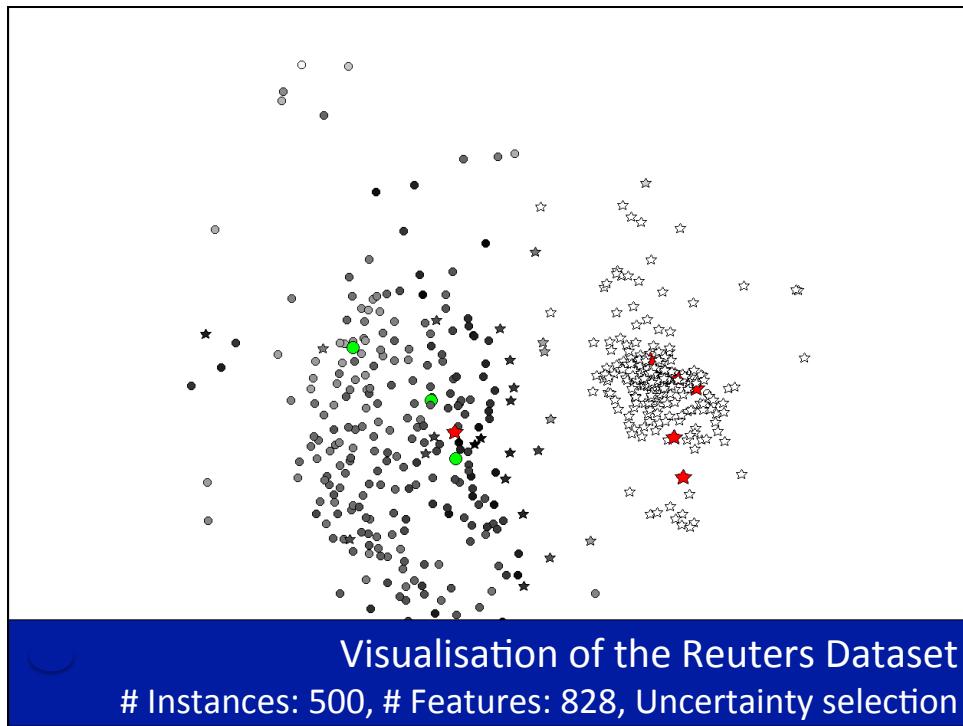
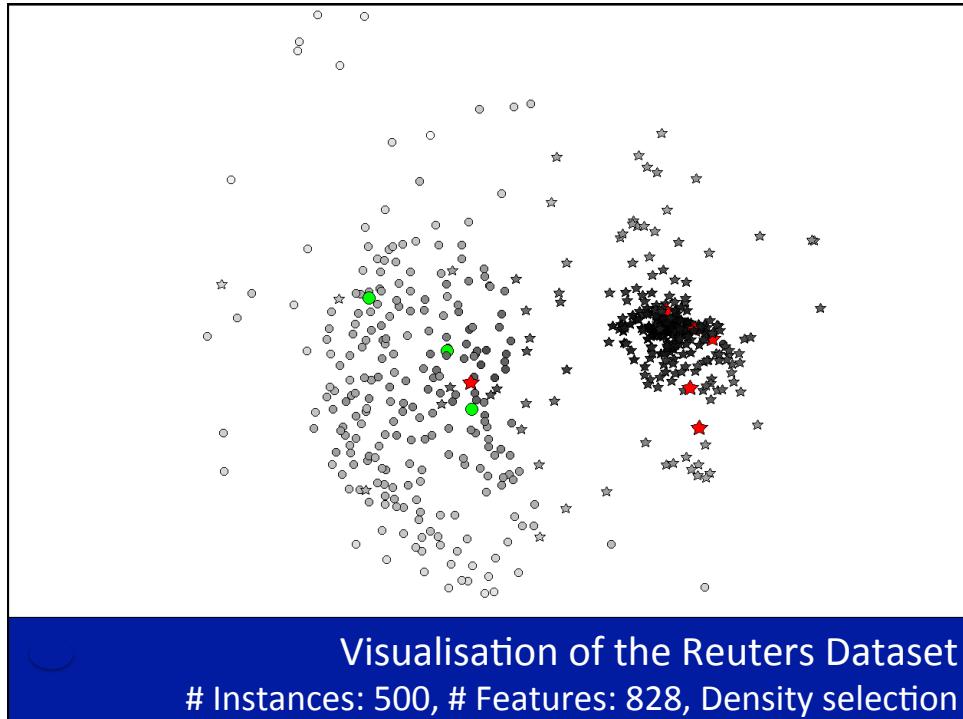
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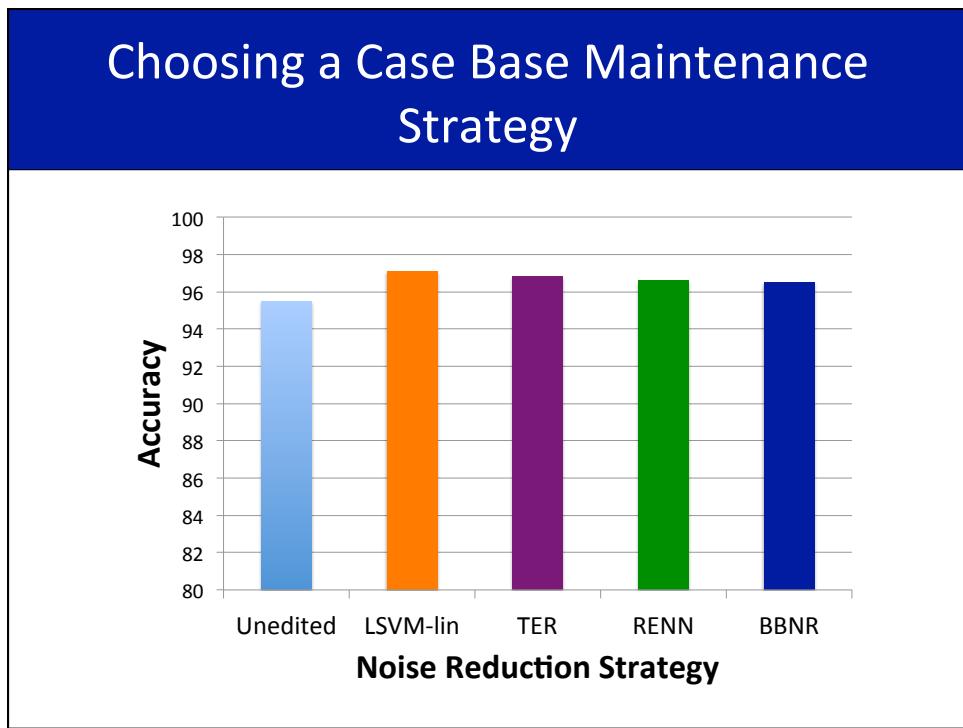
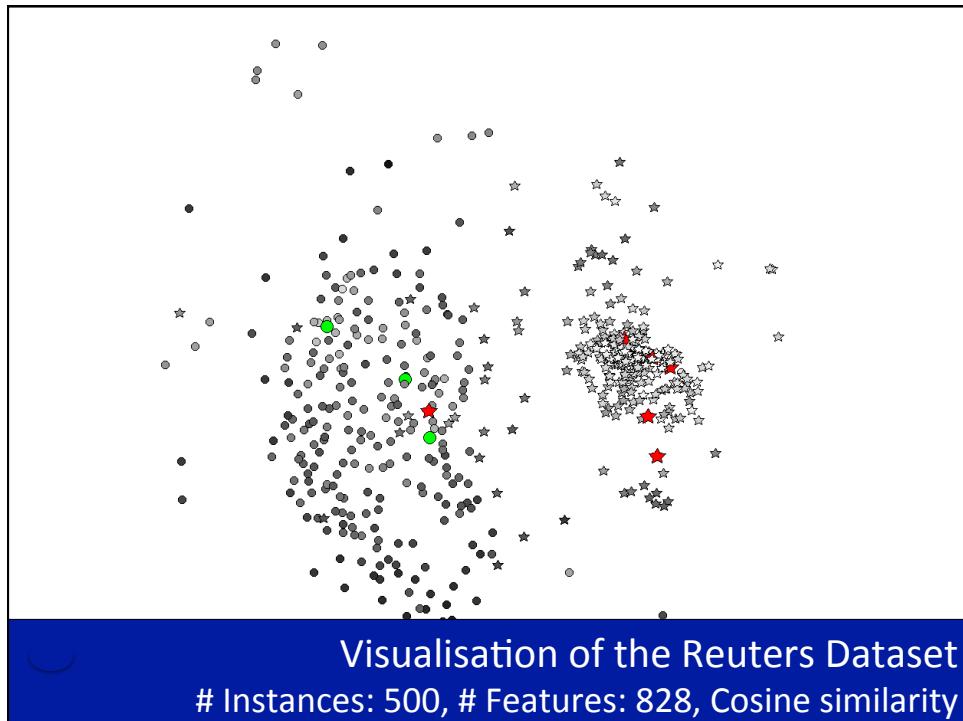


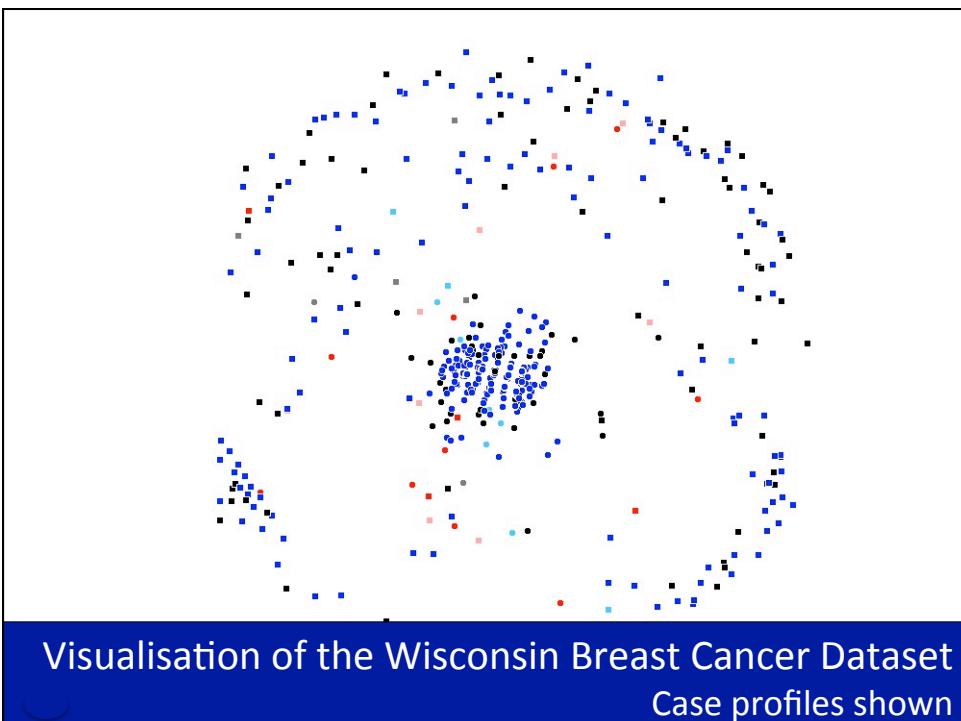
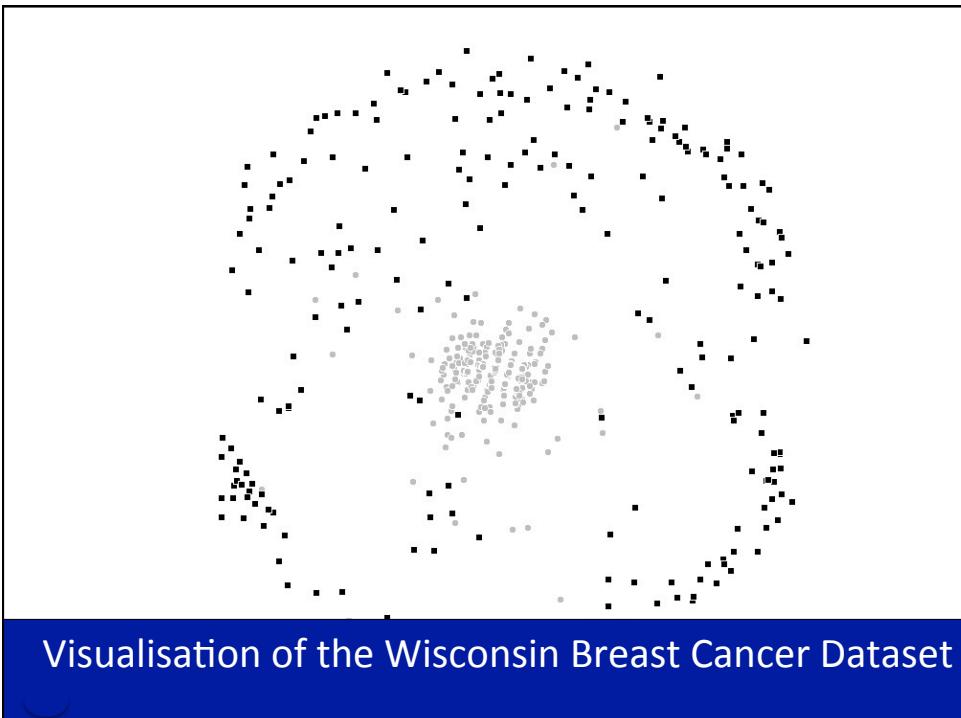


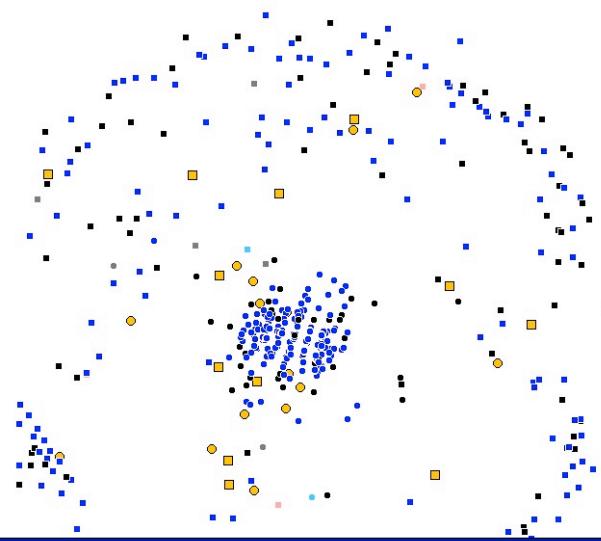




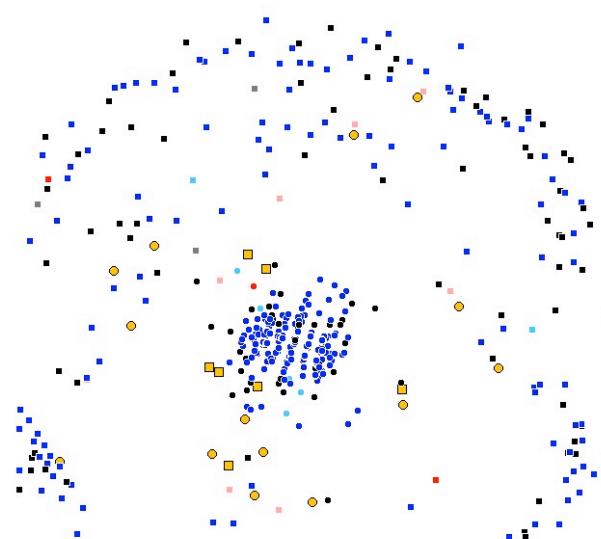




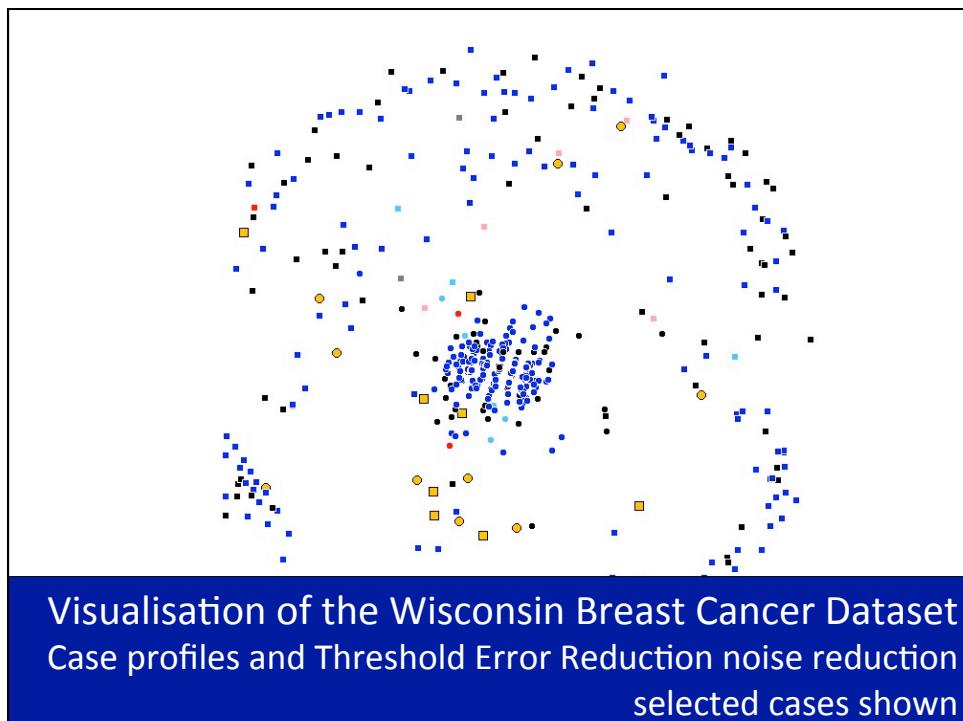
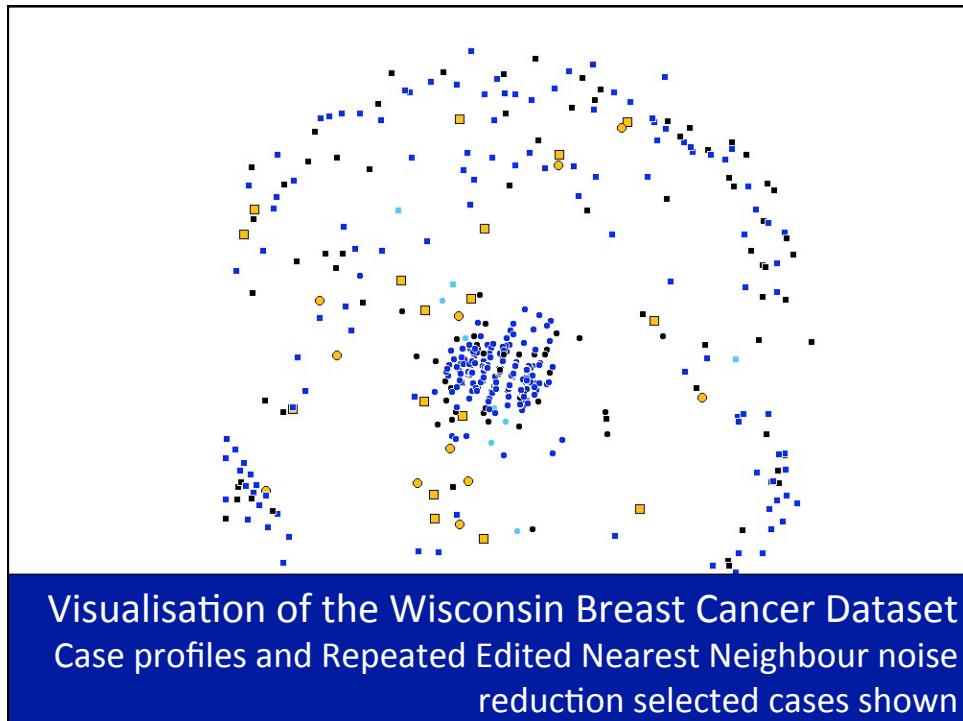




Visualisation of the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset
Case profiles and Blame Based Noise Reduction noise
reduction selected cases shown



Visualisation of the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset
Case profiles and Local Support Vector Machine noise
reduction selected cases shown



Conclusion: It does seem possible to create visualisations to help analysts better understand and use machine learning algorithms

Caveat: This relies on an accurate and representative visualisation

Future Work: Make examples more interactive and perform real evaluations with participant analysts

CONCLUSION

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Coping with multi-dimensional data is one of the key challenges in data visualisation

We deal with a constant trade-off between losing information and gaining interpretability

We have looked at a number of approaches:

- Point-Based Techniques
- Line-Based Techniques
- Dimension Reduction Techniques

Many variants and combinations of these approaches exist