

# 特征提取与特征选择

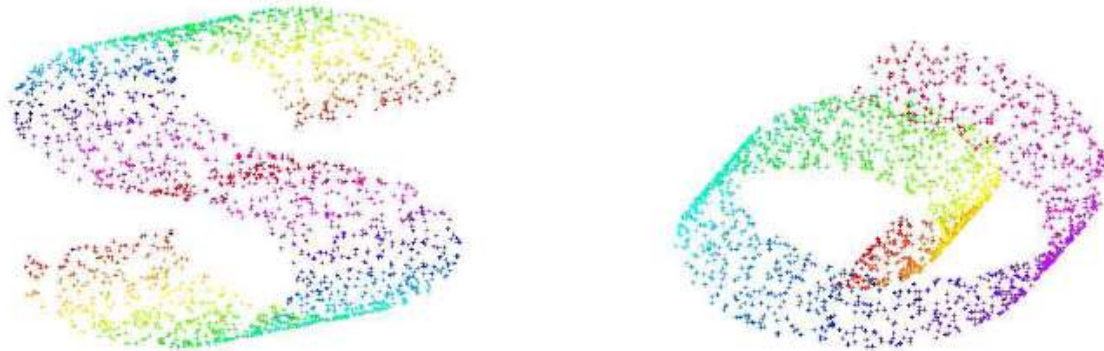
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# Nonlinear Extensions

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- Given: Low-dim. surface **embedded nonlinearly** in high-dim. space
  - Such a structure is called a **Manifold**

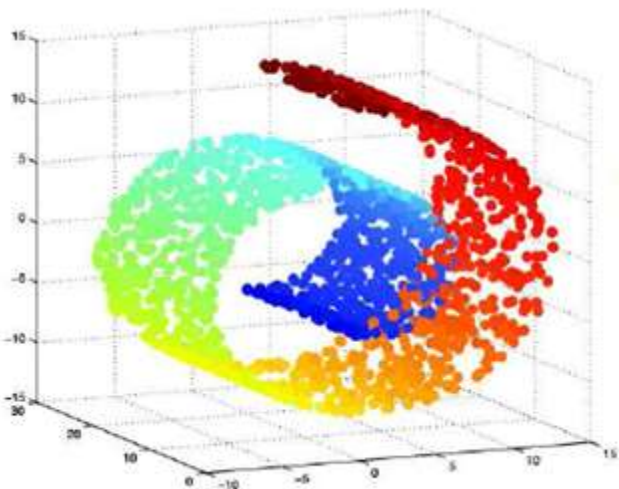


- Goal: Recover the low-dimensional surface

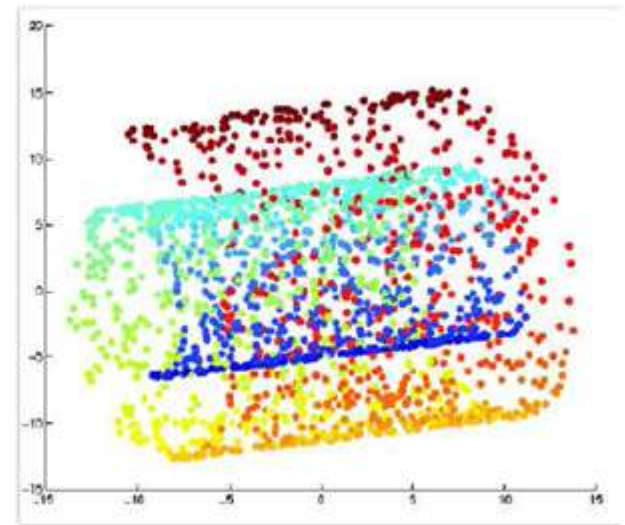


# Nonlinear Extensions

- Consider the swiss-roll dataset (points lying close to a manifold)



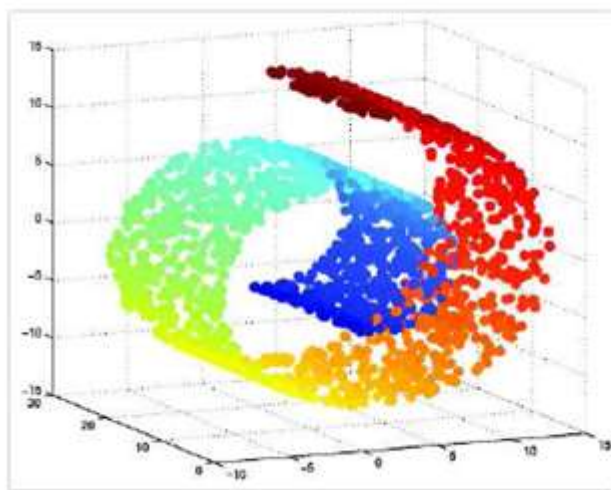
PCA (Linear Projection)



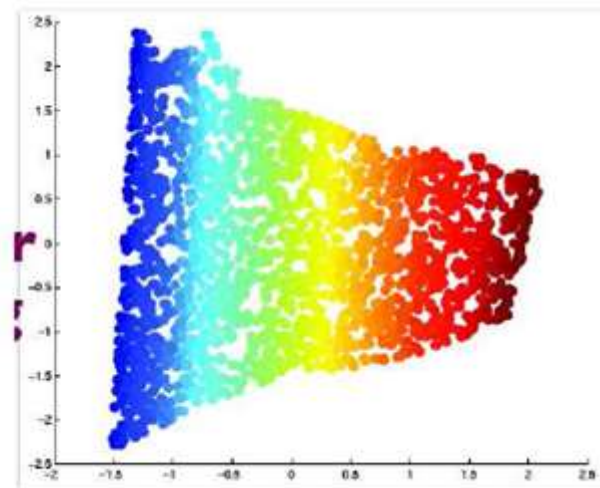
- Linear projection methods (e.g., PCA) **can't capture intrinsic nonlinearities**

# Nonlinear Extensions

- We want to do **nonlinear projections**
- Different criteria could be used for such projections
- Most nonlinear methods try to **preserve the neighborhood information**
  - Locally linear structures (locally linear  $\Rightarrow$  globally nonlinear)
  - Pairwise distances (along the nonlinear manifold)
- Roughly translates to “**unrolling**” the manifold



Nonlinear Projection



# Nonlinear Extensions

Two ways of doing it:

- **Nonlinearize** a linear dimensionality reduction method. E.g.:
  - **Kernel PCA (nonlinear PCA)**
- Using **manifold based methods**. E.g.:
  - **Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)**
  - **Isomap**
  - Maximum Variance Unfolding
  - Laplacian Eigenmaps
  - And several others (Hessian LLE, Hessian Eigenmaps, etc.)



# Kernel PCA

- Given  $N$  observations  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^D$ , define the  $D \times D$  covariance matrix (assuming centered data  $\sum_n \mathbf{x}_n = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^\top$$

- Linear PCA: Compute eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  satisfying:  $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, D$
- Consider a nonlinear transformation  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  into an  $M$  dimensional space
- $M \times M$  covariance matrix in this space (assume centered data  $\sum_n \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top$$

- Kernel PCA: Compute eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  satisfying:  $\mathbf{C} \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, M$
- Ideally, we would like to do this without having to compute the  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$ 's

# Kernel PCA

- **Kernel PCA:** Compute eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_i$  satisfying:  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i$
- Plugging in the expression for  $\mathbf{C}$ , we have the eigenvector equation:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \{ \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \mathbf{v}_i \} = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

- Using the above, we can write  $\mathbf{v}_i$  as:  $\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$

- Plugging this back in the eigenvector equation:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \sum_{m=1}^N a_{im} \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

- Pre-multiplying both sides by  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_l)^\top$  and re-arranging

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_l)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) \sum_{m=1}^N a_{im} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_l)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$



# Kernel PCA

- Using  $\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) = k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m)$ , the eigenvector equation becomes:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_n) \sum_{m=1}^N a_{im} k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) = \lambda_i \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

- Define **K** as the  $N \times N$  **kernel matrix** with  $K_{nm} = k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m)$ 
  - **K** is the similarity of two examples  $\mathbf{x}_n$  and  $\mathbf{x}_m$  in the  $\phi$  space
  - $\phi$  is implicitly defined by kernel function  $k$  (which can be, e.g., RBF kernel)
- Define **a<sub>i</sub>** as the  $N \times 1$  vector with elements  $a_{in}$
- Using **K** and **a<sub>i</sub>**, the eigenvector equation becomes:

$$\mathbf{K}^2 \mathbf{a}_i = \lambda_i N \mathbf{K} \mathbf{a}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\mathbf{K} \mathbf{a}_i = \lambda_i N \mathbf{a}_i}$$

- This corresponds to the original Kernel PCA eigenvalue problem  $\mathbf{C} \mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i$
- For a projection to  $K < D$  dimensions, top  $K$  eigenvectors of **K** are used

$$\boxed{\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)}$$

# Kernel PCA: Centering Data

- In PCA, we centered the data before computing the covariance matrix
- For kernel PCA, we need to do the same

$$\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_n) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_l)$$

- How does it affect the kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  which is eigen-decomposed?

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{K}_{nm} &= \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x}_m) \\ &= \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_l) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_l)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_m) + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N \phi(\mathbf{x}_j)^\top \phi(\mathbf{x}_l) \\ &= k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_m) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N k(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_l) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=1}^N k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_m) + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^N k(\mathbf{x}_l, \mathbf{x}_l)\end{aligned}$$

- In matrix notation, the centered  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{1}_N \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{K} \mathbf{1}_N + \mathbf{1}_N \mathbf{K} \mathbf{1}_N$
- $\mathbf{1}_N$  is the  $N \times N$  matrix with every element  $= 1/N$
- Eigen-decomposition is then done for the centered kernel matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}$

# Kernel PCA: The Projection

- Suppose  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_K\}$  are the top  $K$  eigenvectors of kernel matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}}$
- The  $K$ -dimensional KPCA projection  $\mathbf{z} = [z_1, \dots, z_K]$  of a point  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$z_i = \phi(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{v}_i$$

- Recall the definition of  $\mathbf{v}_i$

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

- Thus

$$z_i = \phi(\mathbf{x})^\top \mathbf{v}_i = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{in} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

# Kernel Subspace Learning

**KPCA** plus LDA: a complete kernel Fisher discriminant framework for feature extraction and recognition

[J Yang](#), [AF Frangi](#), [J Yang](#), [D Zhang](#)... - IEEE Transactions on ..., 2005 - [ieeexplore.ieee.org](#)

This paper examines the theory of kernel Fisher discriminant analysis (KFD) in a Hilbert space and develops a two-phase KFD framework, ie, kernel principal component analysis (**KPCA**) plus Fisher linear discriminant analysis (LDA). This framework provides novel ...

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*Kernel PCA*

Fisher discriminant analysis with kernels

[S Mika](#), [G Ratsch](#), [J Weston](#)... - Neural networks for ..., 1999 - [ieeexplore.ieee.org](#)

A non-linear classification technique based on Fisher's discriminant is proposed. The main ingredient is the kernel trick which allows the efficient computation of Fisher discriminant in feature space. The linear classification in feature space corresponds to a (powerful) non ...

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*Kernel LDA*

**Kernel** and nonlinear canonical correlation analysis

[PL Lai](#), [C Fyfe](#) - International Journal of Neural Systems, 2000 - World Scientific

... 2. We then use the kernel methods popularised by Support Vector Machines (SVMs) to create a Kernel CCA method ... This is a somewhat more ad hoc procedure than that used to derive Kernel CCA. Thus we calculate  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  using  $y_1 = \sum_j w_{1j} \tanh(v_{1j}x_{1j}) = w_1 f_1$  and ...

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*Kernel CCA*

**Kernel ICA**: An alternative formulation and its application to face recognition

[J Yang](#), [X Gao](#), [D Zhang](#), [J Yang](#) - Pattern Recognition, 2005 - Elsevier

This paper formulates independent component analysis (ICA) in the kernel-inducing feature space and develops a two-phase kernel ICA algorithm: whitened kernel principal component analysis (KPCA) plus ICA. KPCA spheres data and makes the data structure ...

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*Kernel ICA*

# Manifold Learning

- Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)
- Isomap
- Maximum Variance Unfolding
- Laplacian Eigenmaps
- And several others (Hessian LLE, Hessian Eigenmaps, etc.)



# Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)

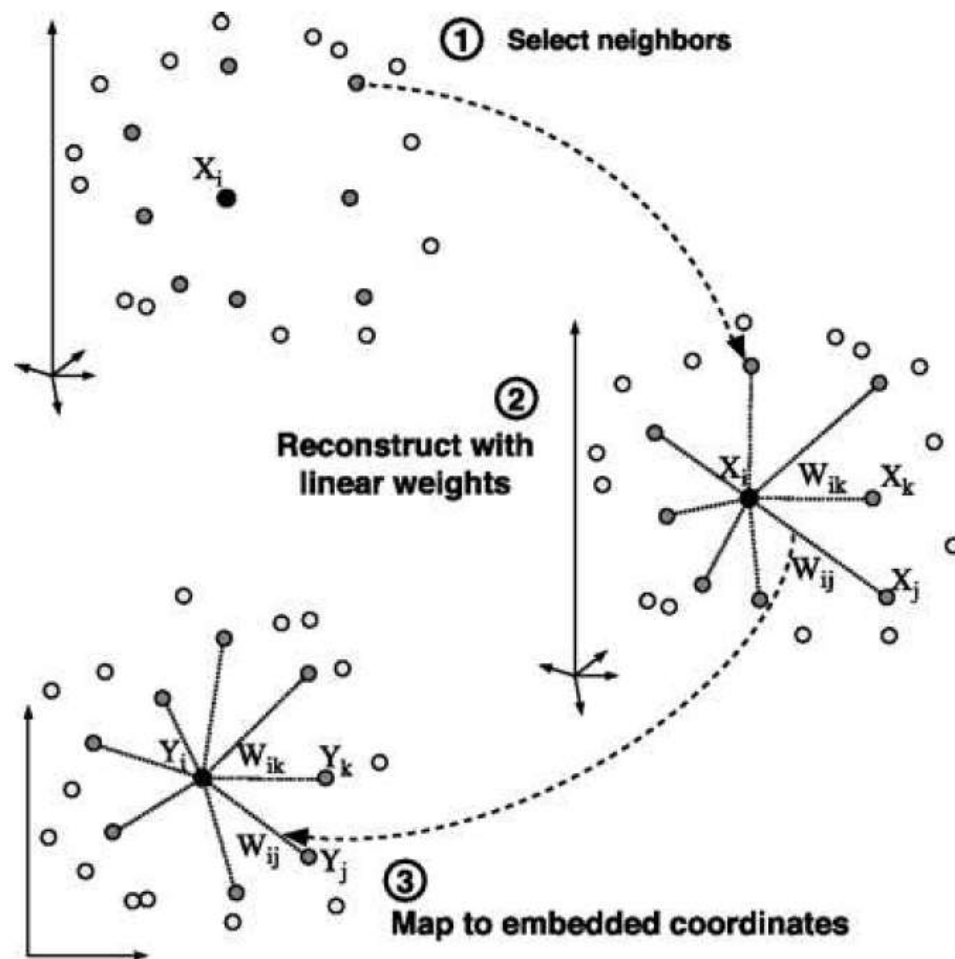
## Nonlinear dimensionality reduction

[ST Roweis](#), [LK Saul](#) - science, 2000 - scien

Many areas of science depend on explorat  
analyze large amounts of multivariate data  
reduction: how to discover compact represe

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- Based on a simple geometric intuition
- Assume each example and its neighborhood of the manifold
- LLE assumption: Projection should
  - Projected point should have the same





# Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)

- Given  $D$  dim. data  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , compute  $K$  dim. projections  $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N\}$

- For each example  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , find its  $L$  nearest neighbors

- Assume  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to be a **weighted linear combination** of the  $L$  nearest neighbors

$$\mathbf{x}_i \approx \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j \quad (\text{so the data is assumed locally linear})$$

- Find the weights by solving the following least-squares problem:

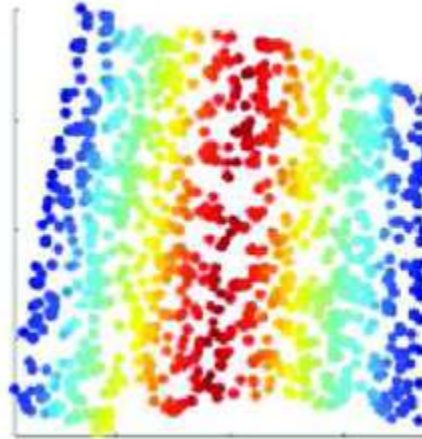
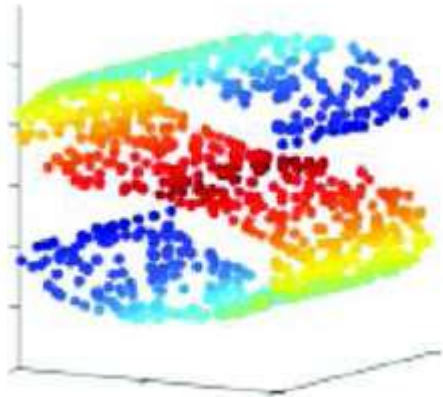
$$W = \arg \min_W \sum_{i=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \forall i \quad \sum_j W_{ij} = 1$$

- $\mathcal{N}_i$  are the  $L$  nearest neighbors of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  (note: should choose  $L \geq K + 1$ )

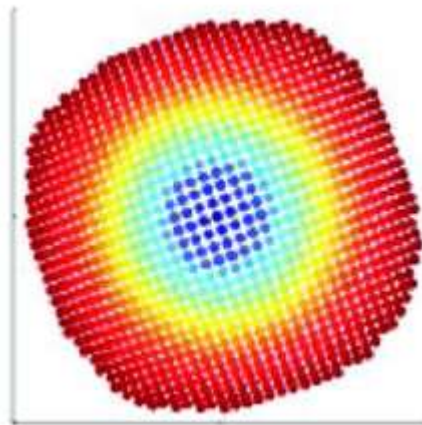
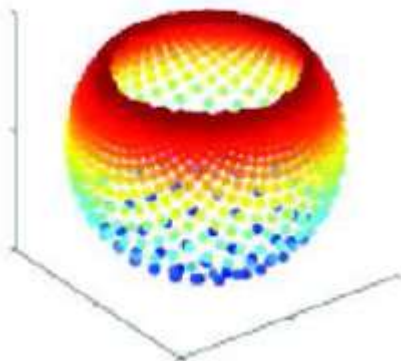
- Use  $W$  to compute low dim. projections  $\mathbf{Z} = \{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N\}$  by solving:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\mathbf{z}_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} W_{ij} \mathbf{z}_j\|^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \forall i \quad \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{z}_j = 0, \quad \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{Z}^\top = \mathbf{I}$$

# LLE: Examples



✓ *Nonlinear  
dimension  
reduction*



✓ *Out-of-sample  
problem*

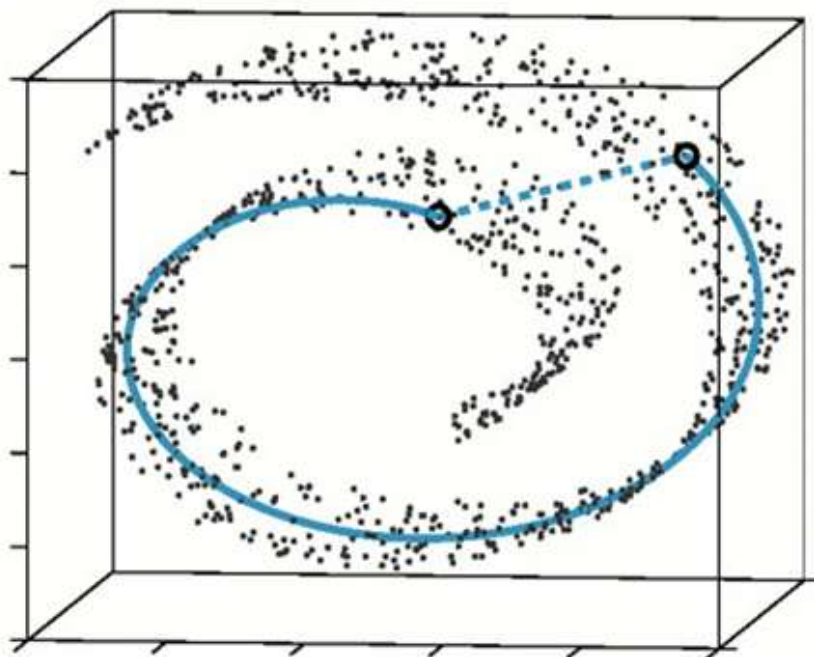
# Isometric Feature Mapping (ISOMAP)

A global geometric framework for nonlinear dimensionality reduction

[JB Tenenbaum](#), [V De Silva](#), [JC Langford](#) - science, 2000 - [science.sciencemag.org](#)

... Here we describe an approach that combines the major algorithmic **features** of PCA and MDS—computational efficiency, global optimality, and ... The complete **isometric feature mapping**, or Isomap, algorithm has three steps, which are detailed in Table 1. The first step determines ...

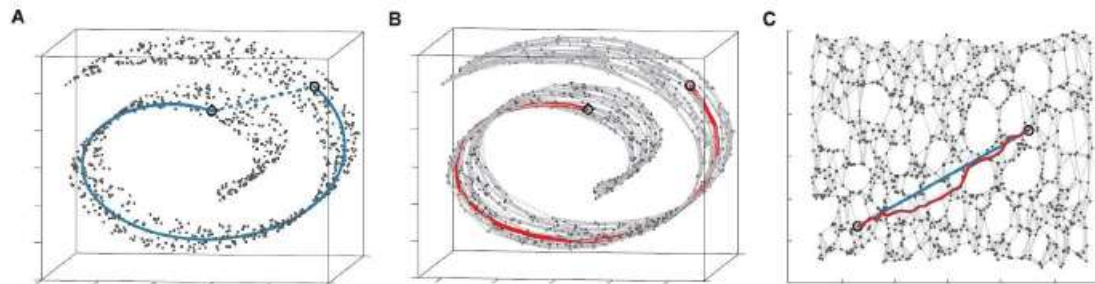
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# Isometric Feature Mapping (ISOMAP)

A graph based algorithm based on constructing a matrix of geodesic distances

- Identify the  $L$  nearest neighbors for each data point (just like LLE)
- Connect each point to all its neighbors (an edge for each neighbor)
- Assign weight to each edge based on the Euclidean distance
- Estimate the geodesic distance  $d_{ij}$  between any two data points  $i$  and  $j$ 
  - Approximated by the sum of arc lengths along the shortest path between  $i$  and  $j$  in the graph (can be computed using Dijkstra's algorithm)
- Construct the  $N \times N$  distance matrix  $\mathbf{D} = \{d_{ij}^2\}$





# Isometric Feature Mapping (ISOMAP)

- Use the distance matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  to construct the Gram Matrix

$$\mathbf{G} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{H}$$

where  $\mathbf{G}$  is  $N \times N$  and

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top$$

$\mathbf{I}$  is  $N \times N$  identity matrix,  $\mathbf{1}$  is  $N \times 1$  vector of 1s

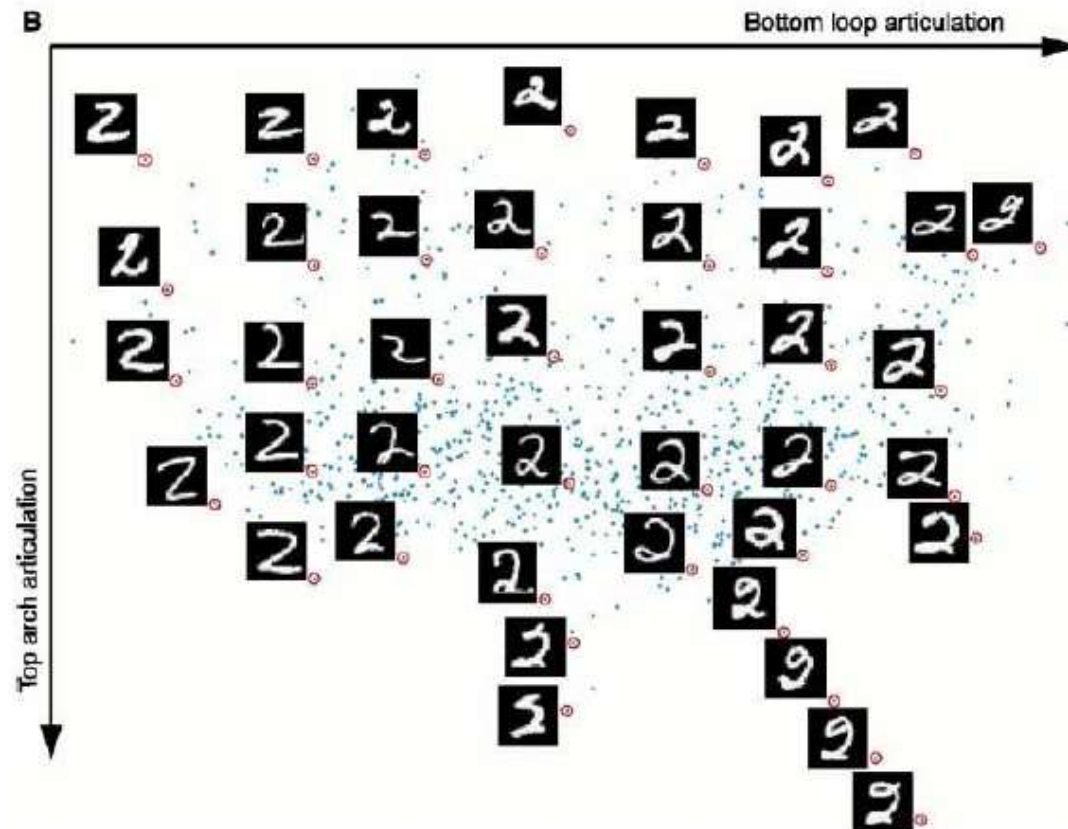
- Do an **eigen decomposition** of  $\mathbf{G}$
- Let the eigenvectors be  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_N\}$  with eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N\}$ 
  - Each eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}_i$  is  $N$ -dimensional:  $\mathbf{v}_i = [v_{1i}, v_{2i}, \dots, v_{Ni}]$
- Take the top  $K$  eigenvalue/eigenvectors
- The  $K$  dimensional embedding  $\mathbf{z}_i = [z_{i1}, z_{i2}, \dots, z_{iK}]$  of a point  $\mathbf{x}_i$ :

$$z_{ik} = \sqrt{\lambda_k} v_{ki}$$

*Out-of-sample problem*

# ISOMAP: Example

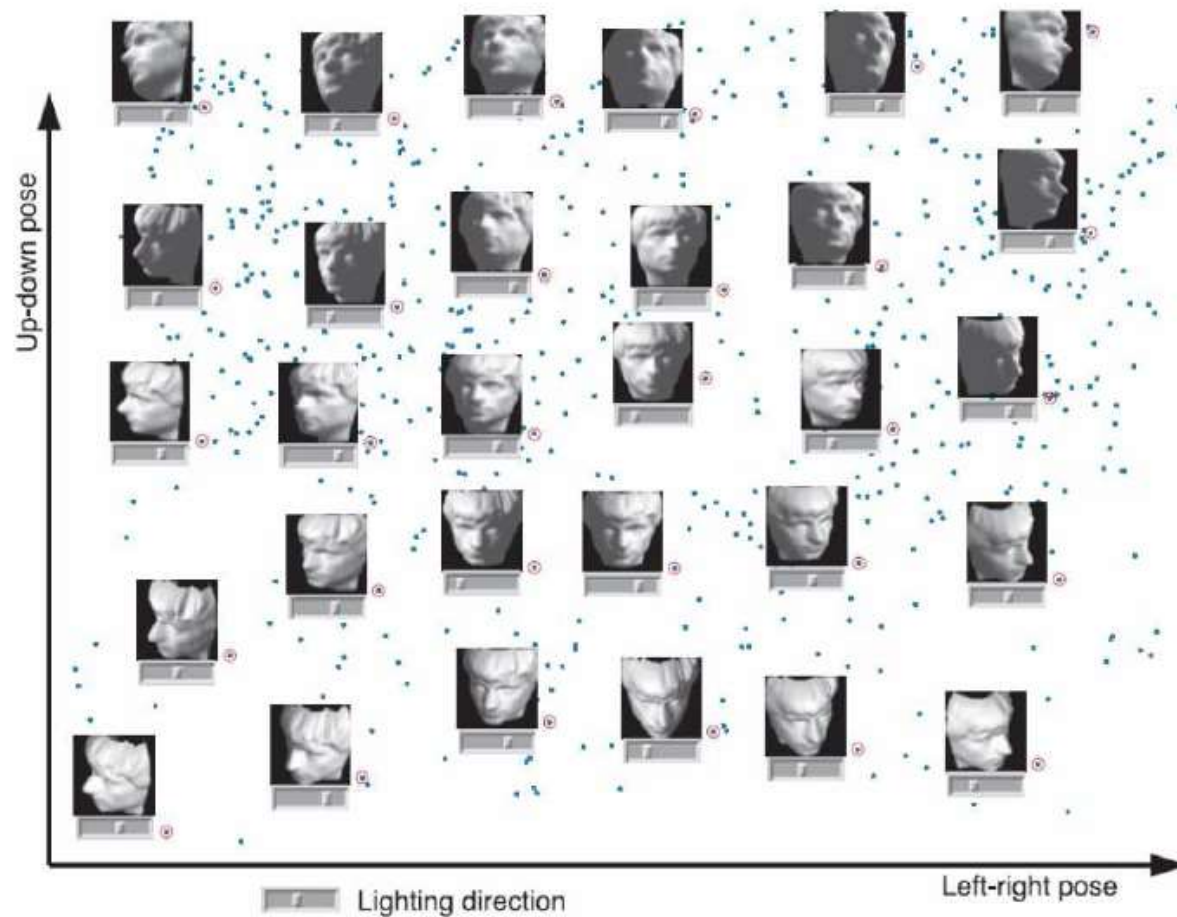
Digit images projected down to 2 dimensions





# ISOMAP: Example

Face images with varying poses



# LPP: Locality Preserving Projection

- **Out-of-sample problem:**
  - LLE and ISOMAP are computationally intensive
  - **The embedding is only defined on actual data points.**
- Solution:
  - LPP is a **linear method that approximates nonlinear methods** (specifically, the Laplacian Eigenmap.)
  - LPP is a **linear approximation to nonlinear methods**, which takes **locality** into account

$$\min \sum_{ij} (y_i - y_j)^2 S_{ij}$$
$$S_{ij} = \begin{cases} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / t), & \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 < \varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$S_{ij} = \begin{cases} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / t), & \text{if } \mathbf{x}_i \text{ is among } k \text{ nearest neighbors of } \mathbf{x}_j \\ & \text{or } \mathbf{x}_j \text{ is among } k \text{ nearest neighbors of } \mathbf{x}_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

# LPP: Locality Preserving Projection

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (y_i - y_j)^2 S_{ij} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_j)^2 S_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{ij} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i S_{ij} \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} - \sum_{ij} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i S_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \sum_i \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i D_{ii} \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T X S X^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T X D X^T \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^T X S X^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T X (D - S) X^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \mathbf{w}^T X L X^T \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

The matrix D provides a natural measure on data points → a measure importance of the  $i$ th image

So a constraint can be imposed

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}^T X D X^T \mathbf{w} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the optimization problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T X L X^T \mathbf{w} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{w}^T X D X^T \mathbf{w} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- The solution is the Generalized Eigenvalue problem.
- The solution is also called Laplacianfaces.

# Face Recognition

[PDF] [Locality preserving projections](#)

[X He](#), P Niyogi - Advances in neural information processing systems, 2004 - papers.nips.cc

Many problems in information processing involve some form of dimensionality reduction. In this paper, we introduce Locality Preserving Projections (LPP). These are linear projective maps that arise by solving a variational problem that optimally preserves the neighborhood ...

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**Eigenface (PCA)** – preserves **global structure** of image space (unsupervised)

**Fischerface (LDA)** – preserves **discriminating information** (supervised)

**Laplacianface (LPP)** – preserves **local structure** of image space (unsupervised)

TABLE 1

Performance Comparison on the Yale Database

| Approach              | Dims      | Error Rate   |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Eigenfaces            | 33        | 25.3%        |
| Fisherfaces           | 14        | 20.0%        |
| <b>Laplacianfaces</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>11.3%</b> |

TABLE 2

Performance Comparison on the PIE Database

| Approach              | Dims       | Error Rate  |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Eigenfaces            | 150        | 20.6%       |
| Fisherfaces           | 67         | 5.7%        |
| <b>Laplacianfaces</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>4.6%</b> |

# 特征选择

## Feature Selection

# 降维 vs 特征选择


- Dimensionality reduction
  - All original features are used
  - The transformed features are **linear combinations** of the original features
- Feature selection
  - Only a **subset** of the original features are selected
- Continuous versus discrete



# Feature Selection

- Definitions of subset optimality
- Perspectives of feature selection
  - Subset search and feature ranking
  - Feature/subset evaluation measures
  - Models: filter vs. wrapper
  - Results validation and evaluation

# An Example for Optimal Subset



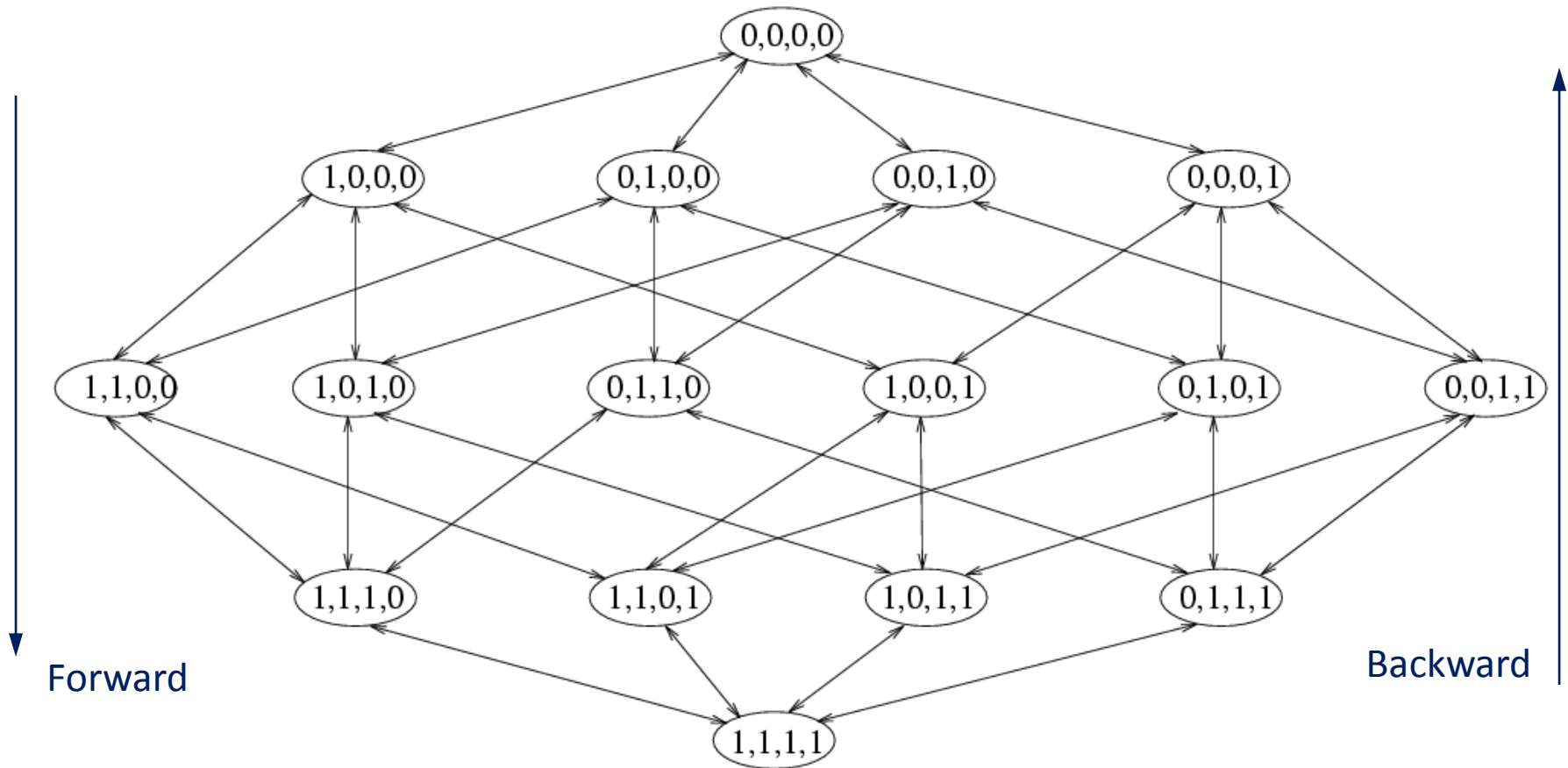
A diagram above the table shows two curved arrows originating from the feature headers  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  and pointing to the target header  $C$ , indicating a logical dependency.

| $F_1$ | $F_2$ | $F_3$ | $F_4$ | $F_5$ | $C$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1     | 0   |
| 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1   |
| 1     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1     | 1   |
| 1     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1   |
| 0     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0   |
| 0     | 1     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| 1     | 0     | 1     | 1     | 0     | 1   |
| 1     | 1     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 1   |

- Data set (whole set)
  - Five Boolean features
  - $C = F_1 \vee F_2$
  - $F_3 = \neg F_2, F_5 = \neg F_4$
  - Optimal subset:  
 $\{F_1, F_2\}$  or  $\{F_1, F_3\}$
- Combinatorial nature of searching for an optimal subset

# Subset Search Problem

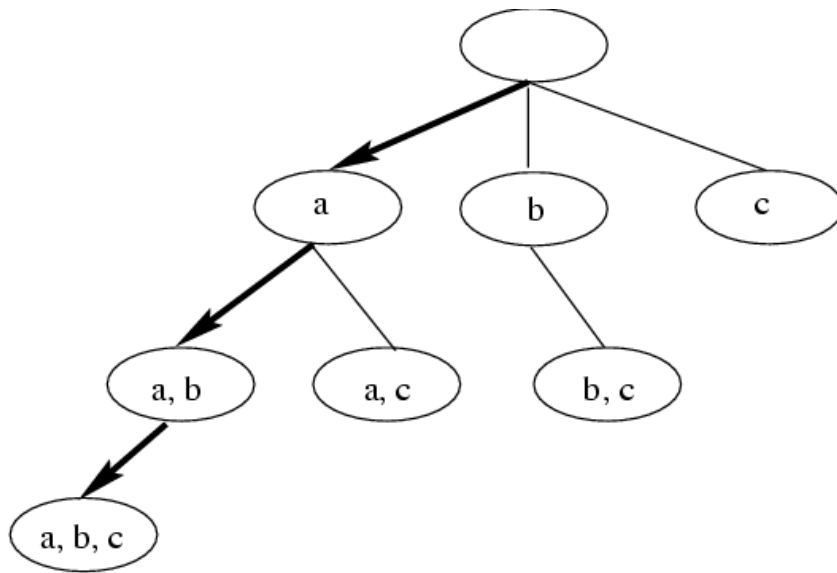
- An example of search space (*Kohavi & John 1997*)



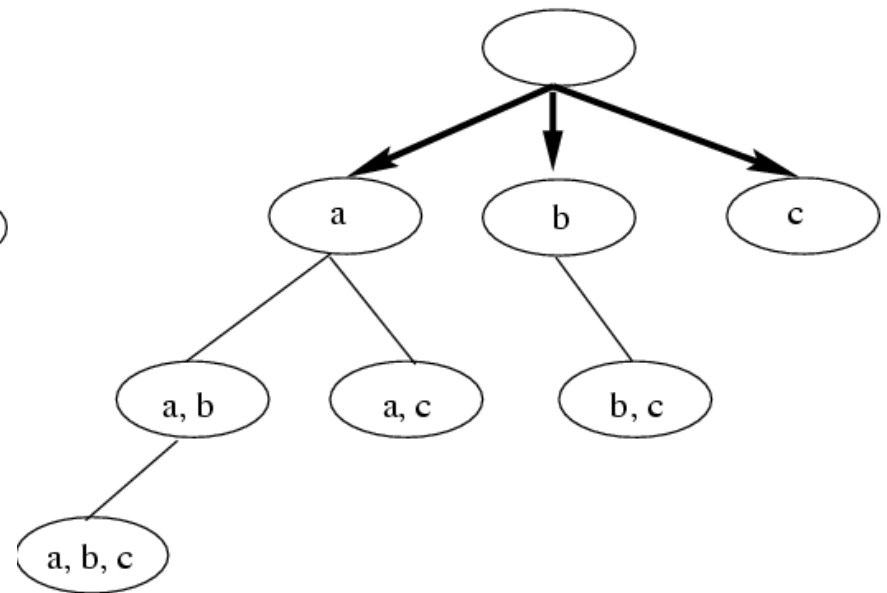
# Different Aspects of Search

- Search starting points
  - Empty set
  - Full set
  - Random point
- Search directions
  - Sequential forward selection
  - Sequential backward elimination
  - Bidirectional generation
  - Random generation
- Search Strategies
  - Exhaustive/complete search
  - Heuristic search
  - Nondeterministic search

# Illustration of Search Strategies



**Depth-first search**



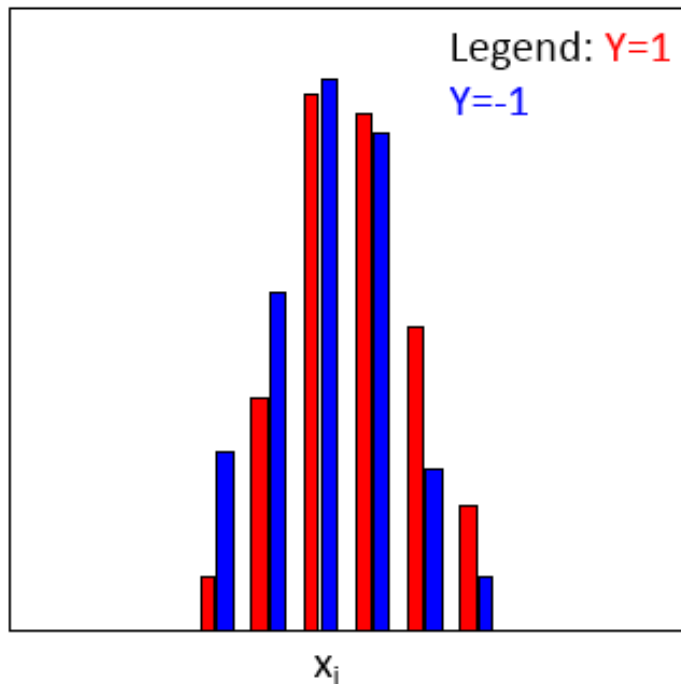
**Breadth-first search**

# Feature Ranking

- Weighting and ranking individual features
- Selecting top-ranked ones for feature selection
- Advantages
  - Efficient:  $O(N)$  in terms of dimensionality  $N$
  - Easy to implement
- Disadvantages
  - Hard to determine the threshold
  - Unable to consider correlation between features



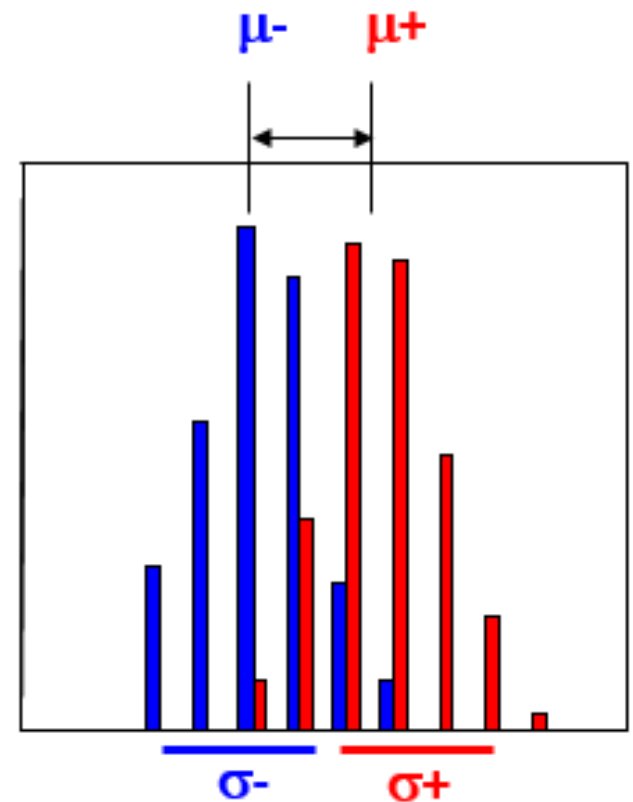
# Individual Feature Measures



$$P(X_i, Y) = P(X_i) P(Y)$$

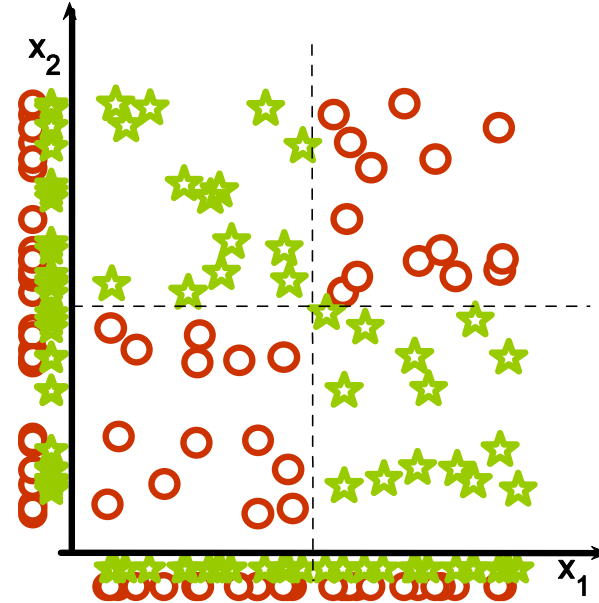
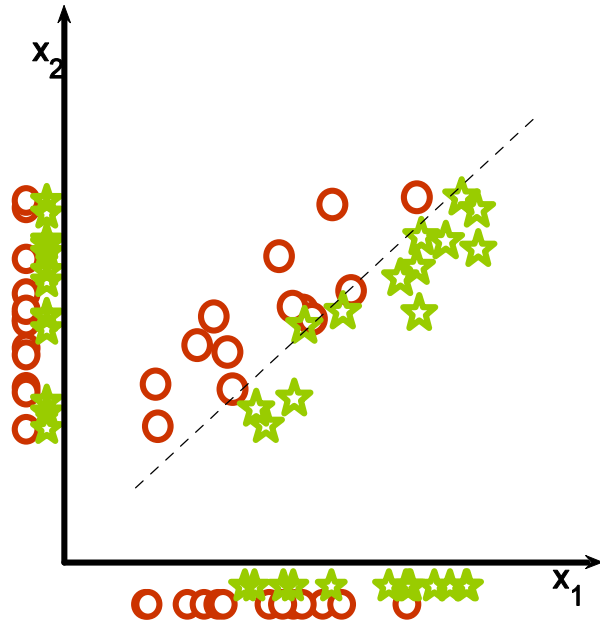
$$P(X_i | Y) = P(X_i)$$

$$P(X_i | Y=1) = P(X_i | Y=-1)$$



$$FDR = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

# Univariate Selection May Fail



# Evaluation Measures

- The goodness of a feature/feature subset is dependent on measures
- Various measures
  - Information measures (Yu & Liu 2004, Jebara & Jaakkola 2000)
  - Distance measures (Robnik & Kononenko 03, Pudil & Novovicov 98)
  - Dependence measures (Hall 2000, Modrzejewski 1993)
  - Consistency measures (Almuallim & Dietterich 94, Dash & Liu 03)
  - Accuracy measures (Dash & Liu 2000, Kohavi&John 1997)

# Illustrative Data set

|       | Hair | Height | Weight | Lotion | Result |
|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $i_1$ | 1    | 2      | 1      | 0      | 1      |
| $i_2$ | 1    | 3      | 2      | 1      | 0      |
| $i_3$ | 2    | 1      | 2      | 1      | 0      |
| $i_4$ | 1    | 1      | 2      | 0      | 1      |
| $i_5$ | 3    | 2      | 3      | 0      | 1      |
| $i_6$ | 2    | 3      | 3      | 0      | 0      |
| $i_7$ | 2    | 2      | 3      | 0      | 0      |
| $i_8$ | 1    | 1      | 1      | 1      | 0      |

Sunburn data

|                    | Result (Sunburn) |     |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|
|                    | No               | Yes |
| P(Result)          | 5/8              | 3/8 |
| P(Hair=1 Result)   | 2/5              | 2/3 |
| P(Hair=2 Result)   | 3/5              | 0   |
| P(Hair=3 Result)   | 0                | 1/3 |
| P(Height=1 Result) | 2/5              | 1/3 |
| P(Height=2 Result) | 1/5              | 2/3 |
| P(Height=3 Result) | 2/5              | 0   |
| P(Weight=1 Result) | 1/5              | 1/3 |
| P(Weight=2 Result) | 2/5              | 1/3 |
| P(Weight=3 Result) | 2/5              | 1/3 |
| P(Lotion=0 Result) | 2/5              | 3/3 |
| P(Lotion=1 Result) | 3/5              | 0   |

Priors and class conditional probabilities

# Information Measures

- Entropy of variable  $X$

$$H(X) = - \sum_i P(x_i) \log_2(P(x_i))$$

- Entropy of  $X$  after observing  $Y$

$$H(X|Y) = - \sum_j P(y_j) \sum_i P(x_i|y_j) \log_2(P(x_i|y_j))$$

- Information Gain

$$IG(X|Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

# Distance Measures

## – Distance Measures.

- Measures of separability, discrimination or divergence measures. The most typical is derived from distance between the class conditional density functions.

|  | Mathematical form  |
|--|--|
| Euclidean distance                         | $D_e = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - y_i)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  |
| City-block distance                        | $D_{cb} = \sum_{i=1}^m  x_i - y_i $  |
| Cebyshev distance                          | $D_{ch} = \max_i  x_i - y_i $  |
| Minkowski distance of order $m$            | $D_M = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - y_i)^m \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}$  |
| Quadratic distance $Q$ , positive definite | $D_q = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m (x_i - y_i) Q_{ij} (x_j - y_j)$   |
| Canberra distance                          | $D_{ca} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{ x_i - y_i }{x_i + y_i}$  |
| Angular separation                         | $D_{as} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m x_i \cdot y_i}{\left[ \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ |



# Consistency Measures

- Consistency measures
  - Trying to find a minimum number of features that separate classes as consistently as the full set can
  - They aim to achieve  $P(C | \text{FullSet}) = P(C | \text{SubSet})$ .
  - An inconsistency is defined as two instances having the same feature values but different classes
    - E.g., one inconsistency is found between instances  $i_4$  and  $i_8$  if we just look at the first two columns of the data table

|       | Hair | Height | Weight | Lotion | Result |
|-------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $i_1$ | 1    | 2      | 1      | 0      | 1      |
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# Dependence Measures

## – Dependence Measures.

- known as measures of association or correlation.
- Its main goal is to quantify how strongly two variables are correlated or present some association with each other, in such way that knowing the value of one of them, we can derive the value for the other.
- *Pearson correlation coefficient*:

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\left[ \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

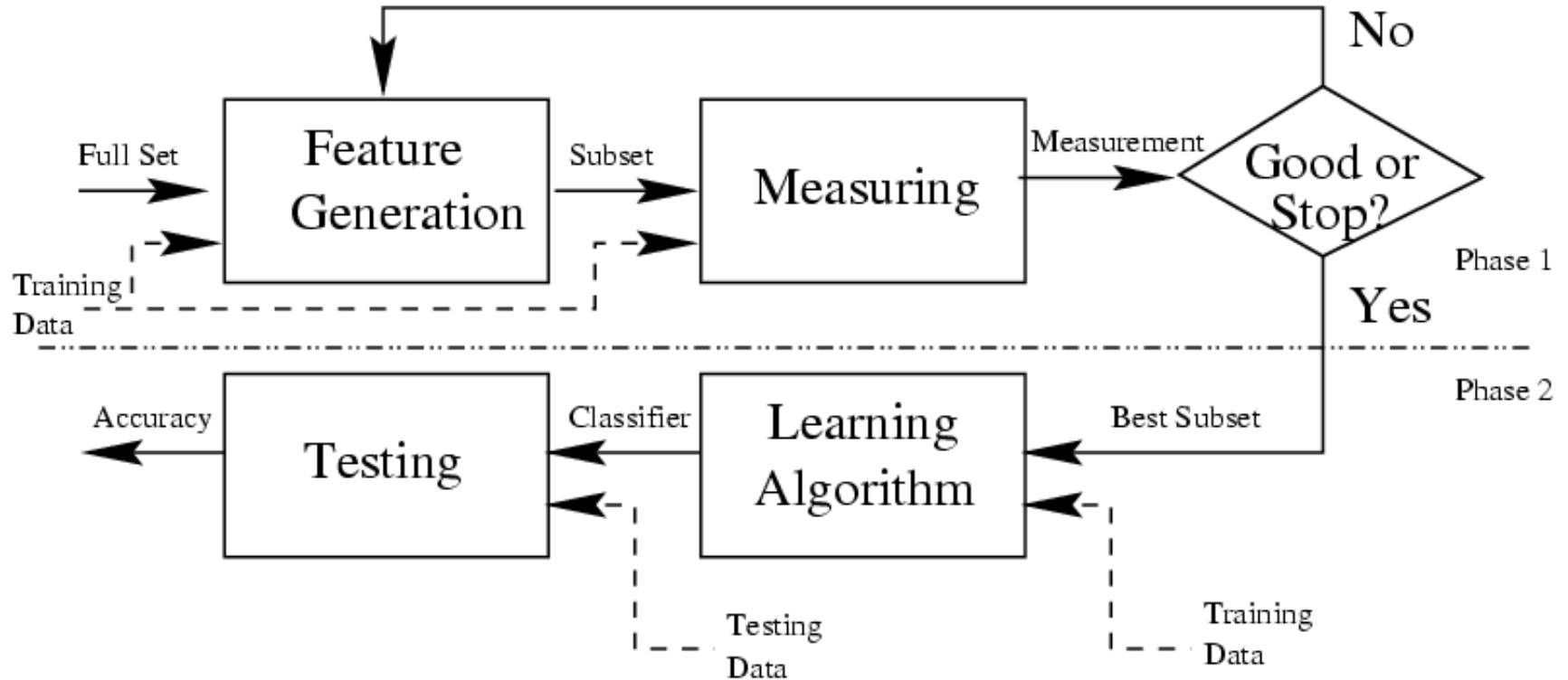
# Accuracy Measures

- Using **classification accuracy** of a classifier as an evaluation measure
- Factors constraining the choice of measures
  - Classifier being used
  - The speed of building the classifier
- Compared with previous measures
  - Directly aimed to improve accuracy
  - Biased toward the classifier being used
  - More time consuming

# Models of Feature Selection

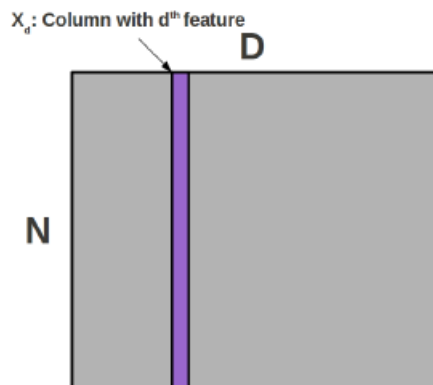
- **Filter model**
  - Separating feature selection from classifier learning
  - Relying on general characteristics of data (*information, distance, dependence, consistency*)
  - No bias toward any learning algorithm, fast
- **Wrapper model**
  - Relying on a predetermined classification algorithm
  - Using predictive accuracy as goodness measure
  - High accuracy, computationally expensive
- **Embedded model**
  - Feature selected during learning process

# Filter Model



# Filter Feature Selection

- Uses heuristics but is much faster than wrapper methods



- **Correlation Criteria:** Rank features in order of their correlation with the labels

$$R(X_d, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X_d, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X_d)\text{var}(Y)}}$$

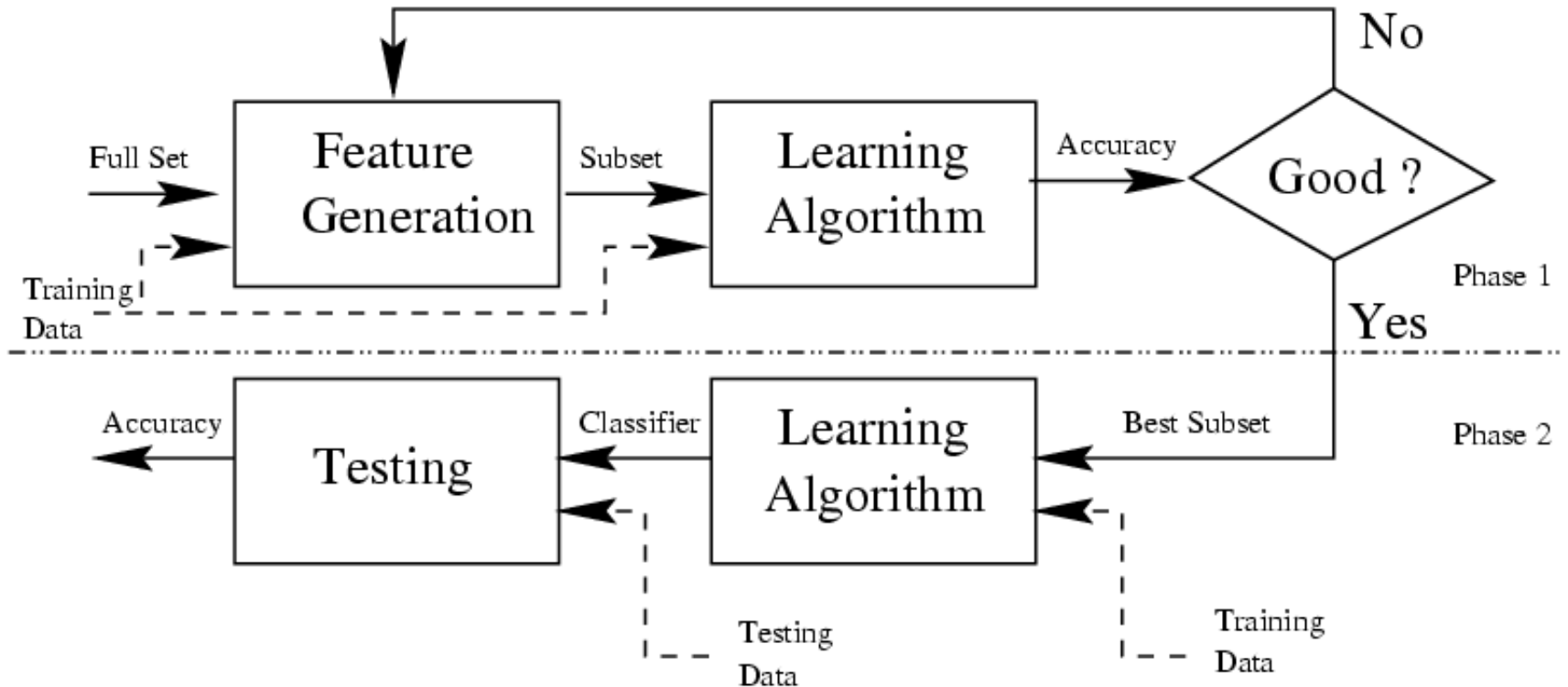
- **Mutual Information Criteria:**

$$MI(X_d, Y) = \sum_{X_d \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{Y \in \{-1,+1\}} P(X_d, Y) \frac{\log P(X_d, Y)}{P(X_d)P(Y)}$$

- High mutual information mean high relevance of that feature



# Wrapper Model



# Wrapper Feature Selection

- **Forward Search**

- Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\}$
- While not selected desired number of features
- For each unused feature  $f$ :
  - Estimate model's error on feature set  $\mathcal{F} \cup f$  (using cross-validation)
- Add  $f$  with lowest error to  $\mathcal{F}$

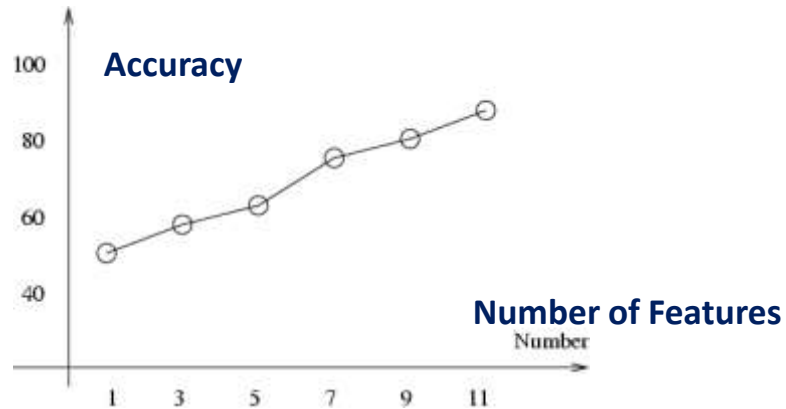
- **Backward Search**

- Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{all features}\}$
- While not reduced to desired number of features
- For each feature  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ :
  - Estimate model's error on feature set  $\mathcal{F} \setminus f$  (using cross-validation)
- Remove  $f$  with lowest error from  $\mathcal{F}$

# How to Validate Selection Results

- Direct evaluation (if we know *a priori* ...)
  - Often suitable for artificial data sets
  - Based on prior knowledge about data
- Indirect evaluation (if we don't know ...)
  - Often suitable for real-world data sets
  - Based on
    - number of features selected
    - performance on selected features (e.g., predictive accuracy, goodness of resulting clusters)
    - interpretability, speed

# Methods for Result Evaluation



- Learning curves
  - For results in the form of a ranked list of features
- Before-and-after comparison
  - For results in the form of a minimum subset
- Comparison using different classifiers
  - To avoid learning bias of a particular classifier
- Repeating experimental results
  - For non-deterministic results

# Representative Algorithms

- Filter algorithms
  - Feature ranking algorithms
    - Example: Relief (*Kira & Rendell 1992*)
  - Subset search algorithms
    - Example: consistency-based algorithms
      - Focus (*Almuallim & Dietterich, 1994*)
- Wrapper algorithms
  - Feature ranking algorithms
    - Example: SVM
  - Subset search algorithms
    - Example: RFE

# Relief Algorithm

## Relief

**Input:**  $\mathbf{x}$  - features

$m$  - number of instances sampled

$\tau$  - adjustable relevance threshold

**initialize:**  $\mathbf{w} = 0$

**for**  $i = 1$  to  $m$

**begin**

    randomly select an instance  $I$

    find nearest-hit  $H$  and nearest-miss  $J$

**for**  $j = 1$  to  $N$

$\mathbf{w}(j) = \mathbf{w}(j) - \text{diff}(j, I, H)^2/m + \text{diff}(j, I, J)^2/m$

**end**

**Output:**  $\mathbf{w}$  greater than  $\tau$



# Focus Algorithm

## Focus

**Input:**  $F$  - all features  $x$  in data  $D$   
 $U$  - inconsistency rate as evaluation measure

**initialize:**  $S = \{\}$

**for**  $i = 1$  to  $N$

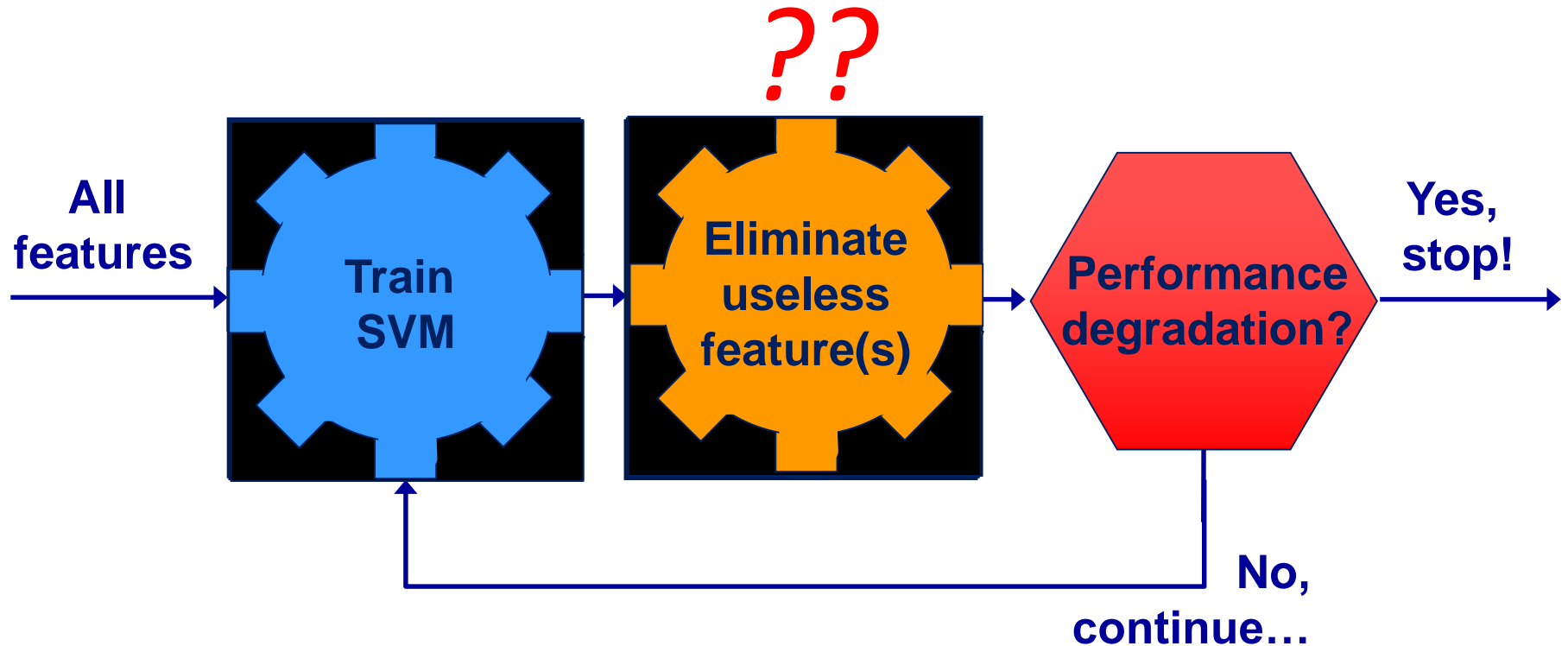
**for** each subset  $S$  of size  $i$

**if**  $\text{Cal}U(S, D) = 0$     */\* CalU(S, D) returns inconsistency\*/*

**return**  $S$

**Output:**  $S$  - a minimum subset that satisfies  $U$

# Embedded Methods (RFE)



Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) SVM. *Guyon-Weston, 2000. US patent 7,117,188*

# Feature Selection via Regularization (Sparse)

- Data:  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$
- Minimize with respect to function  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i, f(x_i)) \quad + \quad \frac{\lambda}{2} \|f\|^2$$

Error on data                      +                      Regularization

Loss & function space ?

Norm ?

- Two theoretical/algorithmic issues:
  1. Loss
  2. **Function space / norm**

# Ridge Regression and LASSO

- Compared methods to reach the least-square solution

- Ridge regression:  $\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2^2$

- Lasso:  $\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2} \|y - Xw\|_2^2 + \lambda \|w\|_1$

- Forward greedy:

- \* Initialization with empty set

- \* Sequentially add the variable that best reduces the square loss

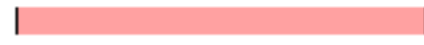
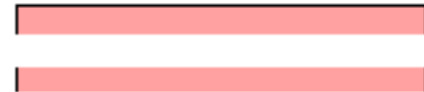
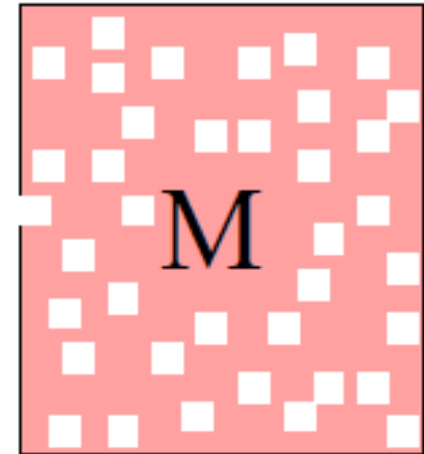
- Each method builds a path of solutions from 0 to ordinary least-squares solution

# Group Sparsity (Multi-Class)

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{y}_i \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{W}\|_{2,1} = \|\bar{\mathbf{w}}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^c w_{ij}^2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{M}} \quad & \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{t}^T - \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{M}\|_{2,1} + \lambda \|\mathbf{W}\|_{2,1} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{M} \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$




S. Xiang et al, *Discriminative Least Squares Regression* for Multiclass Classification and Feature Selection, IEEE Trans. NNLS, 2012.

# Dimension Reduction + Feature Selection

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## Forward Selection Component Analysis: Algorithms and Applications

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**Abstract**—Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a powerful and widely used tool for dimensionality reduction. However, the principal components generated are linear combinations of all the original variables and this often makes interpreting results and root-cause analysis difficult. Forward Selection Component Analysis (FSCA) is a recent technique that overcomes this difficulty by performing variable selection and dimensionality reduction at the same time. This paper provides, for the first time, a detailed presentation of the FSCA algorithm, and introduces a number of new variants of FSCA that incorporate a refinement step to improve performance. We then show different applications of FSCA and compare the performance of the different variants with PCA and Sparse PCA. The results demonstrate the efficacy of FSCA as a low information loss dimensionality reduction and variable selection technique and the improved performance achievable through the inclusion of a refinement step.



# Discussion

- Dimensionality reduction vs feature selection
- Advantage and disadvantage of manifold learning?
- Which criterion is best?
- What is a good feature representation?
- Can these ideas be extended to deep learning?

***Thank You!***  
***Q&A***