EE-559 – Deep learning

3.3. Linear separability and feature design

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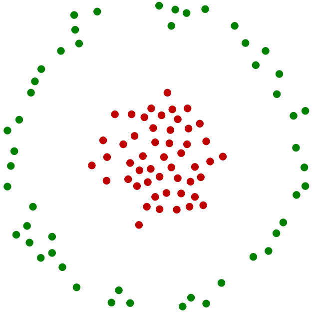

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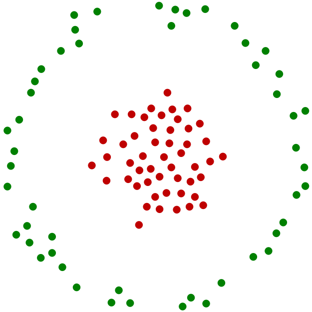

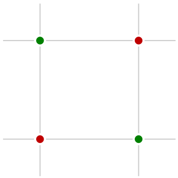

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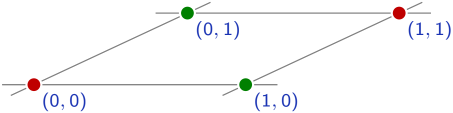

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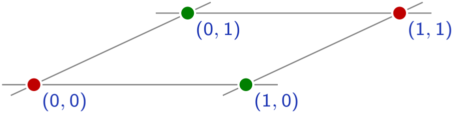

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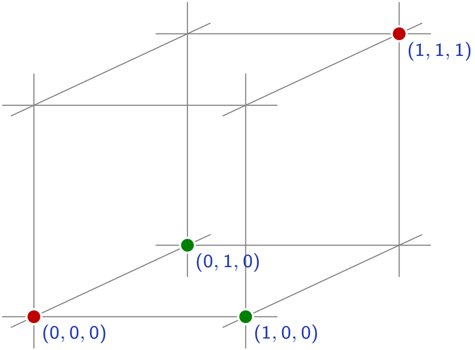

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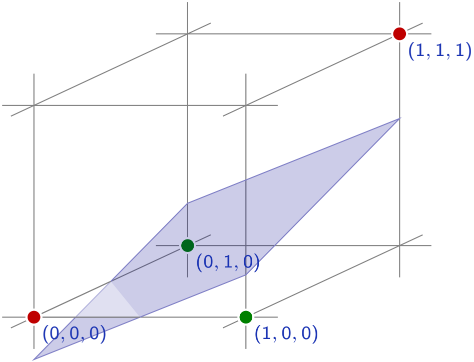

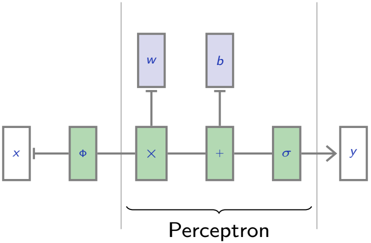
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By increasing D, we can approximate any continuous real function on a compact space (Stone-Weierstrass theorem).

It means that we can make the capacity as high as we want.

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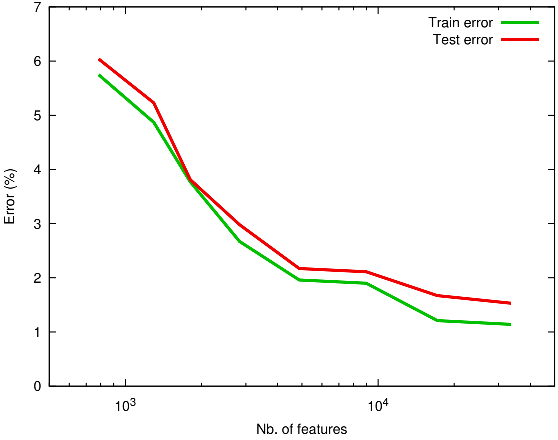

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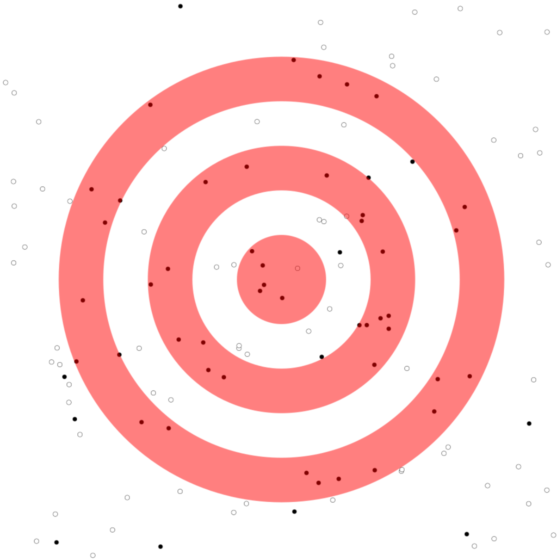
In particular, good features should be invariant to perturbations of the signal known to keep the value to predict unchanged.



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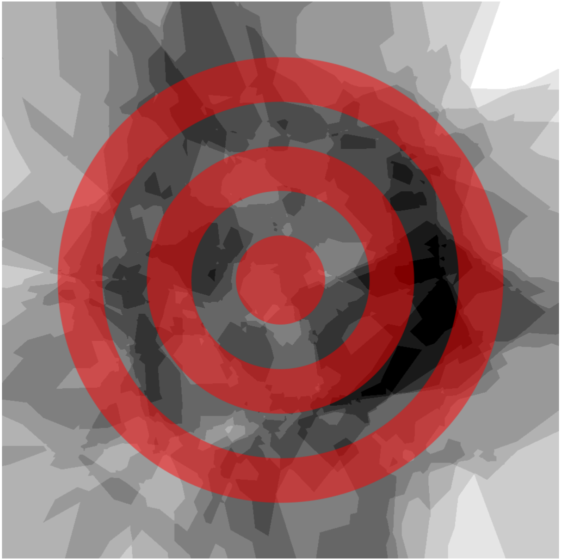

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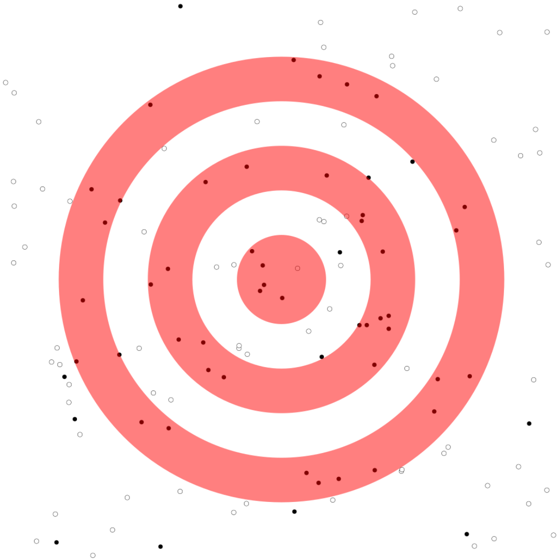

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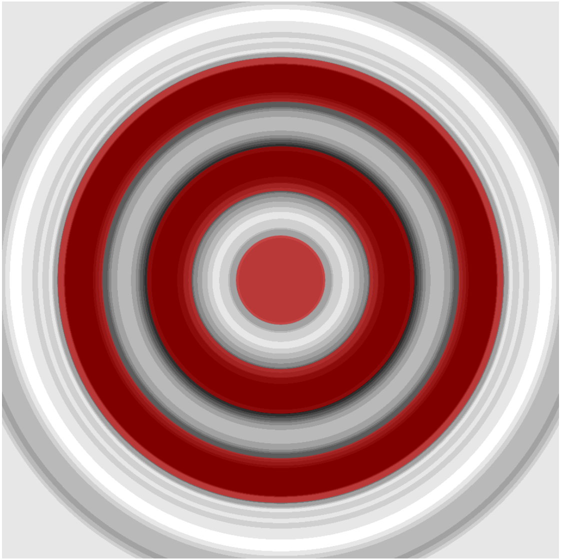

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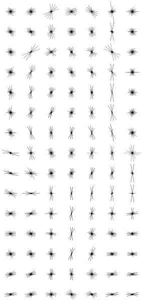
A classical example is the "Histogram of Oriented Gradient" descriptors (HOG), initially designed for person detection.

Roughly: divide the image in 8×8 blocks, compute in each the distribution of edge orientations over 9 bins.



Dalal and Triggs (2005) combined them with a SVM, and Dollár et al. (2009) extended them with other modalities into the "channel features".

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This is the **kernel trick**, which we will not talk about in this course.

Training a model composed of manually engineered features and a parametric model such as logistic regression is now referred to as **"shallow learning"**.

The signal goes through a single processing trained from data.

The end

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