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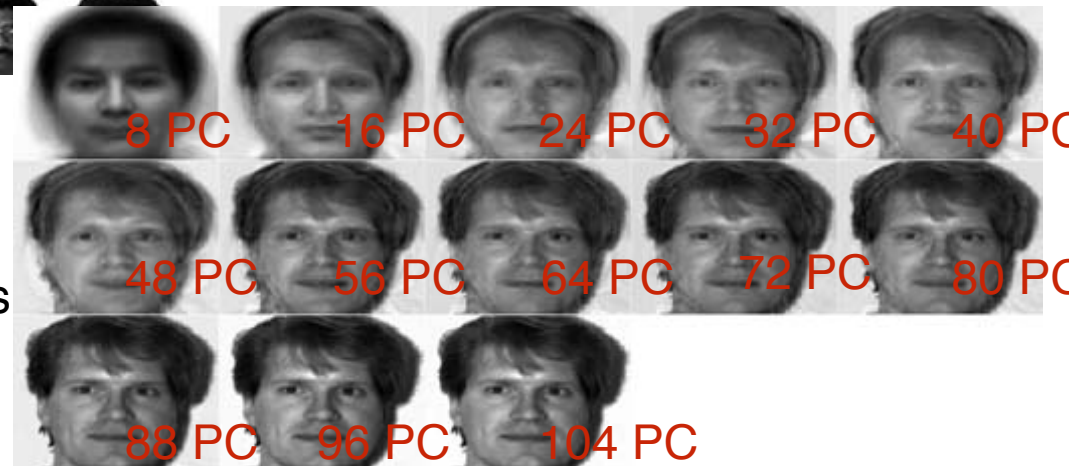
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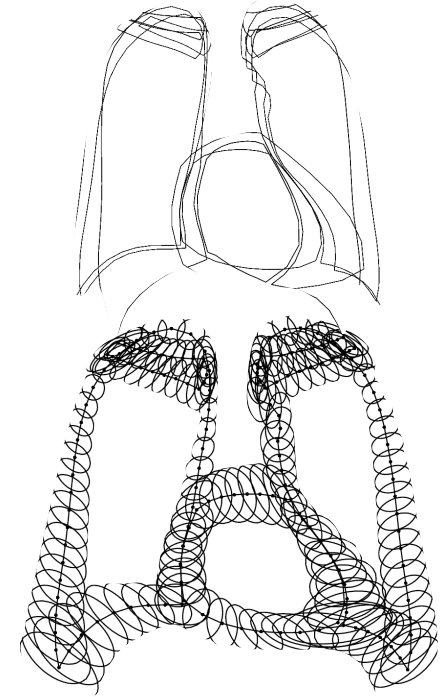
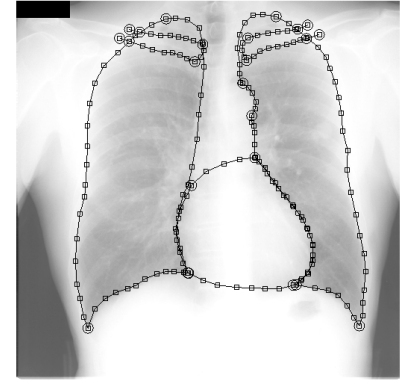


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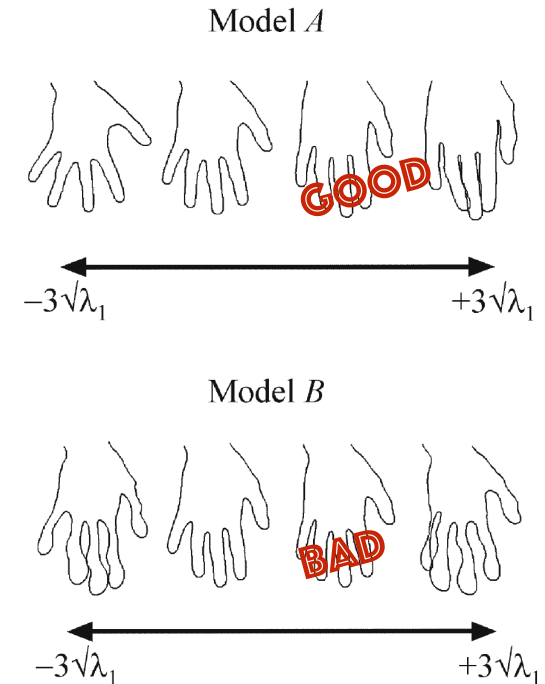
And what about medical image analysis

- Shapes can be captured by PCA
 - Shapes can be represented as Point Distribution Models PDM
 - Described by a fixed number of landmarks
 - Registered together
 - All the instances of each landmark across the dataset form a point cloud
 - We stack the coordinates of the landmarks in feature vectors
 - Instead of independent PCA for each point cloud, perform a PCA on whole-shape vectors!



Shape analysis

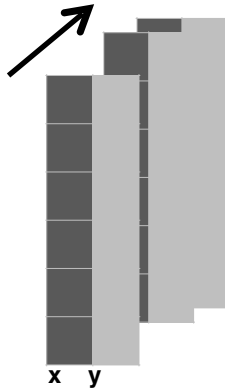
- Simple shapes: align control points manually
- Complex shapes: solving the correspondence problem
 - Manual pixel/voxel segmentation
 - Mesh the segmentation
 - Resample meshes with the same number of points
 - Bring the points into correspondenceThis is a registration problem!
- Common approach: parameterize the shapes by projection onto a topological shape primitive (e.g. the unit sphere)
- Solve correspondence by re-parameterization
- Statistical Models of Shape: Optimisation and Evaluation, Rhodri Davies, Carole Twining and Chris Taylor, Springer, 2008



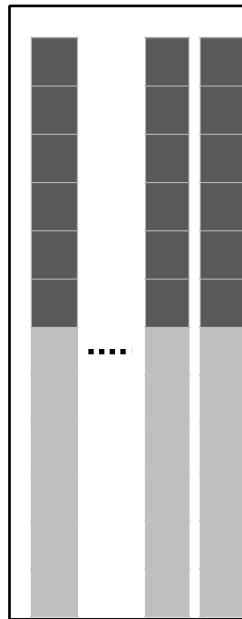
Shape analysis

- Compute a mean shape S_{μ} from the PDM $S_{\mu} = \frac{1}{n_S} \sum_{i=1}^{n_S} S_i$
- Use PCA to calculate an orthogonal basis of shape deformations

n_S training shapes

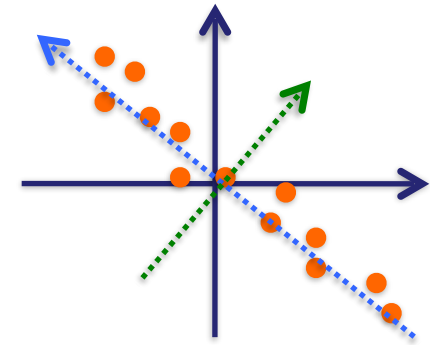


Landmark representation in x/y coordinates

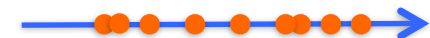


Training data matrix for PCA:
Representation as shape vectors

S_i

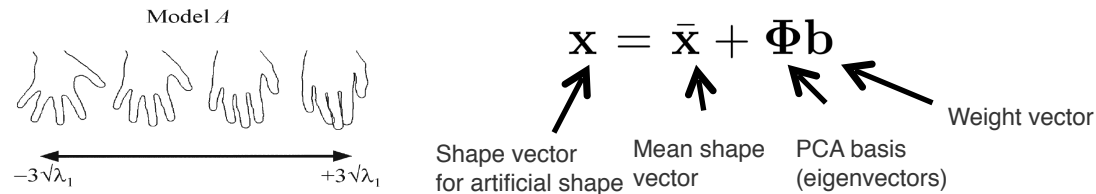


PCA

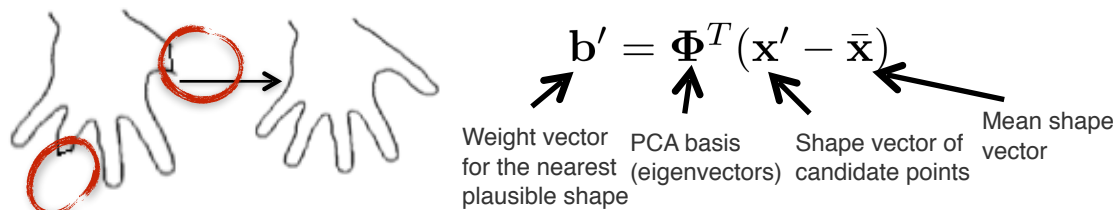


PCA as a regularization

- We can show the modes of variation captured by the model by synthesis of a new shape :
 - We vary weights associated with eigen-modes to get new data-points that are representative of the learnt modes of variation of the data. In the example below we get new “legal” shape by varying **b**.



- We can regularise a data-point (a shape, a patch) using PCA:
 - We can take a high dimensional data-point that is a noisy version of the data-points seen during training (for example a shape that is not very regular or that ignores part of the object) and we can reduce its dimensionality through PCA getting a vector of weights **b**.



- We can use said vector **b** to synthesise a new “legal” data-point, for example a “legal” shape.