

Two-Sample Kernel Based Tests

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With multivariate data, the test is close to Hotelling's T^2 -test.

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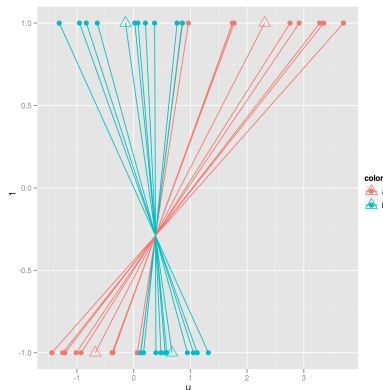
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Twitter Example



Barack Obama ✓

@BarackObama Washington, DC
44th President of the United States
<http://www.barackobama.com>

+ Follow



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<http://OFA.BO/6p2EMy>
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Speaking today about the United States' policy in the Middle East and North Africa. Watch live: <http://wh.gov/live>
#MEdspeech
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Delivering the commencement address at the United States Coast Guard Academy. Watch live at 11:30am ET:
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Sarah Palin ✓

@SarahPalinUSA Alaska
Former Governor of Alaska and GOP Vice Presidential Nominee
<http://www.facebook.com/sarahpalin>

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Yes, they did & we couldn't be any more blessed! RT" @C4Palin: Track Palin and Britta Hanson Married
<http://bit.ly/jCkT3i> #tcot #palin"
19 May



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I'm jealous! RT"@secupp: At the Wasilla Sportsman's Warehouse w/Joe the Plumber, Colorado Buck, Ken Onion and Sarah's parents. Good people."
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Twitter Data

Raw:

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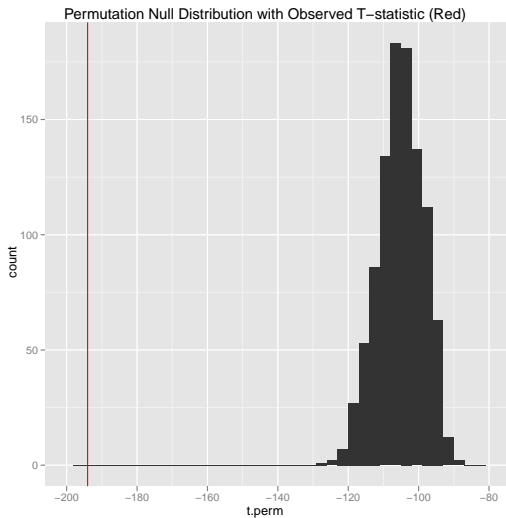
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The solution has the form $\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{\alpha}_i K(x, x_i)$, where $K(x, y) = \langle h(x), h(y) \rangle$.

Twitter Example

$p < .001$:



Power Simulations at .05 Level

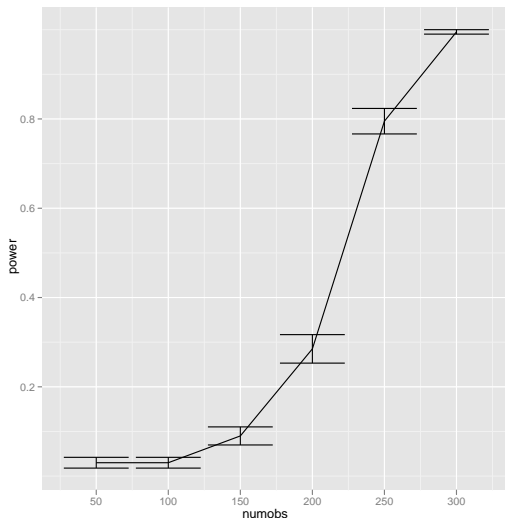
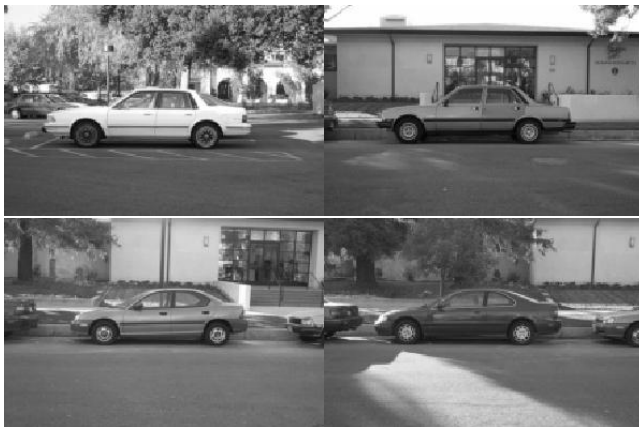


Image Data (Cars)

Caltech 101 Object Categories [2]

The cars are 300×197 grayscale.



Planes Before

The planes aren't.



Planes After



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The homogeneous polynomial kernel,

$$K(x, x') = \langle \Phi(x), \Phi(x') \rangle = \langle x, x' \rangle^d,$$

corresponds to the mapping

$$\Phi(x) = [x_1^d, \dots, x_p^d, x_1^{d-1}x_2, \dots, x_p^{d-1}x_{p-1}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}, \text{ where } d' = \binom{d+N-1}{d}.$$

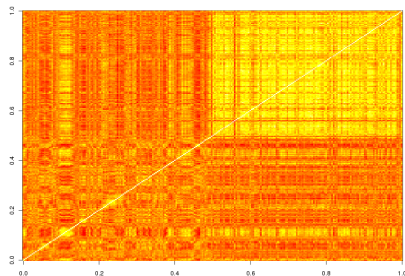
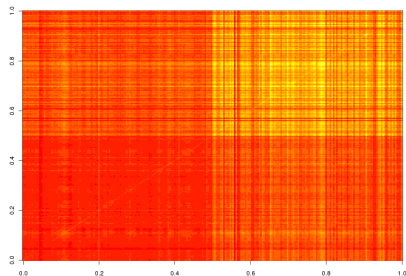
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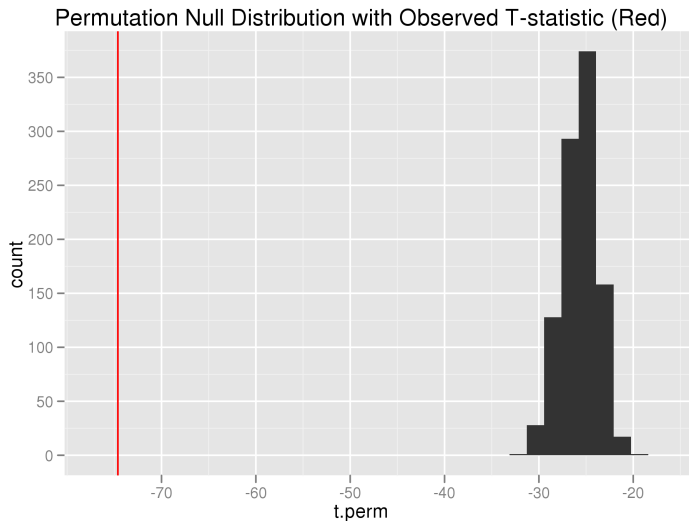
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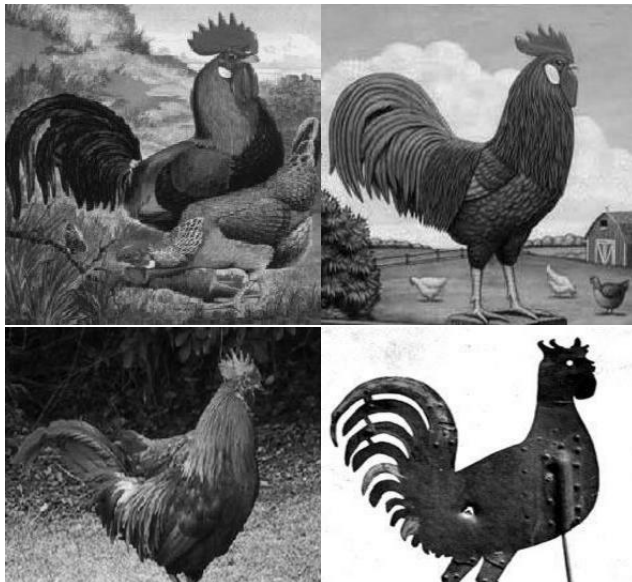
Unscaled linear kernel matrix, left; scaled, right



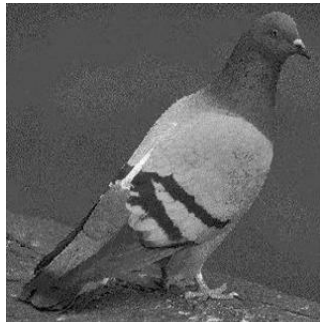
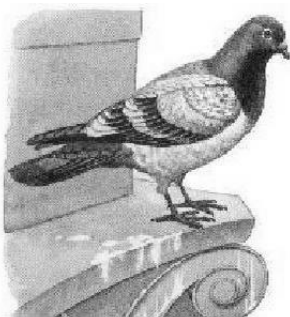
Car/Airplane Example (Linear Kernel)



Roosters

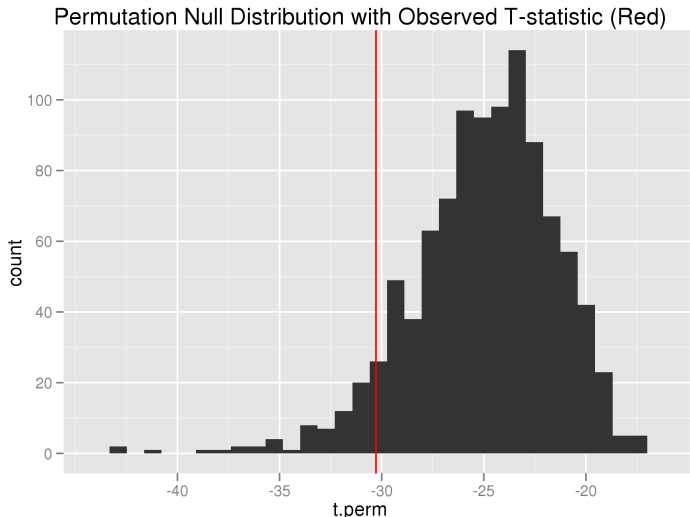


Pigeons



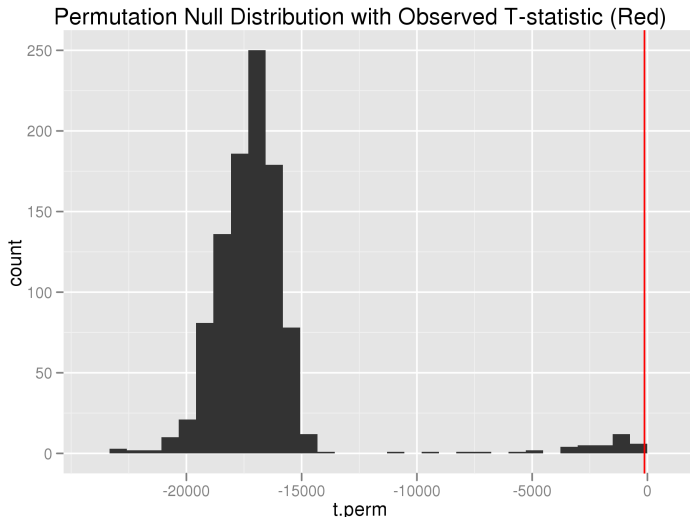
Rooster/Pigeon Example (Linear Kernel)

$$p = .138$$



Rooster/Pigeon Example (Inhomogeneous Degree 4)

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