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Data structure in machine learning: estimators and models

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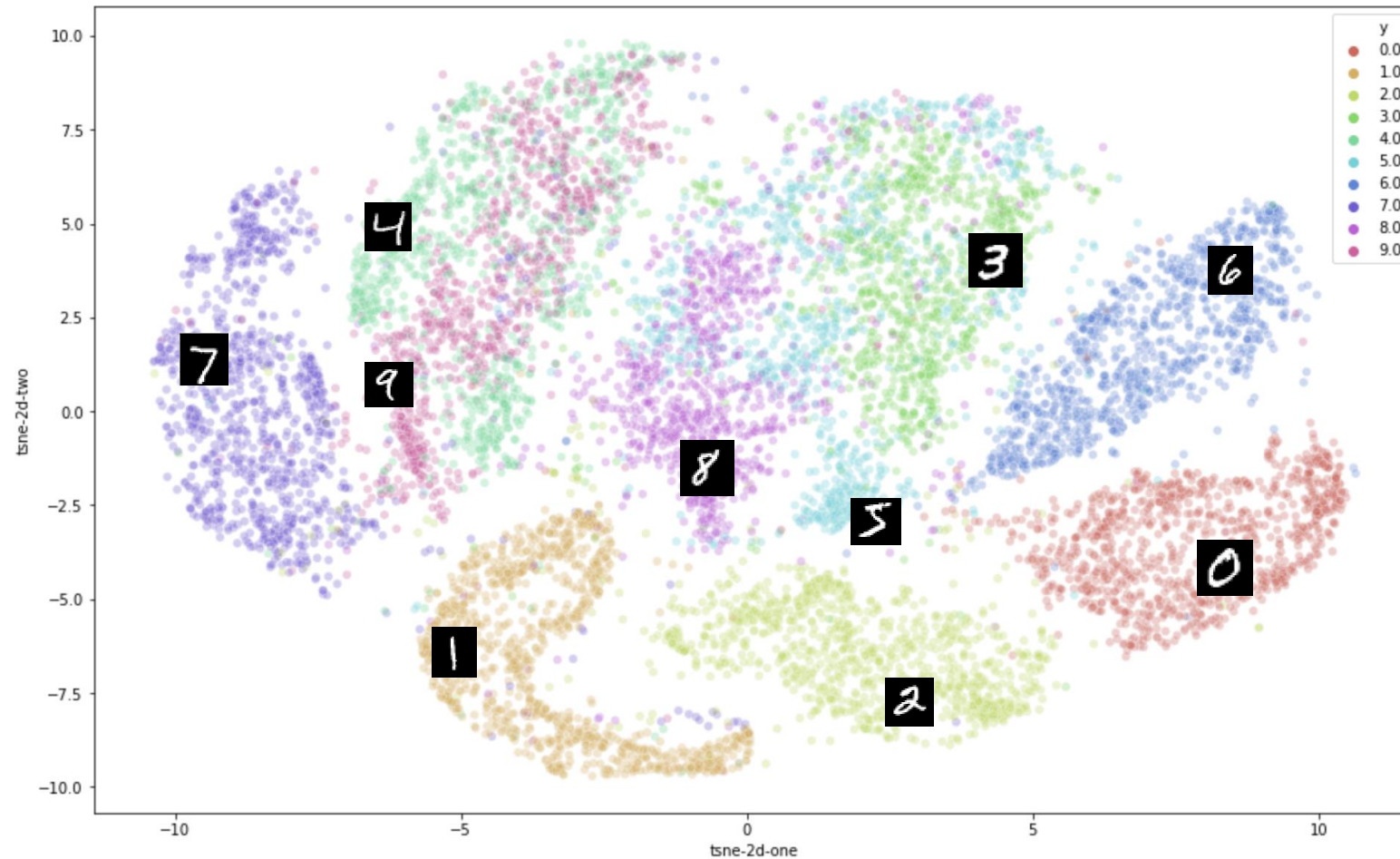
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Real data is geometrically structured



2d t-SNE projection of MNIST dataset

Understanding data structure requires many tools

TODAY

1) UNDERSTAND STRUCTURE IN REAL DATASETS (Manifold learning)

Clustering, Intrinsic dimension estimation, Dimensionality reduction, ...

**PART 1:
INTRINSIC DIMENSION
ESTIMATION**

2) HOW TO EMBED REAL DATASETS IN MATHEMATICALLY TRACTABLE SPACES

Word embeddings, One-hot encodings, ... +
Euclidean VS Non-Euclidean metrics (Wasserstein, p-norms, ...)

3) THEORETICAL MODELS

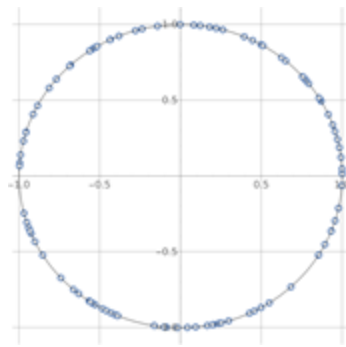
Perceptual manifolds, Teacher-student, Hidden manifold model

**PART 2:
LINEAR CLASSIFICATION OF
GEOMETRICALLY
STRUCTURE DATA**

Part 1: Intrinsic Dimension Estimation (IDE)

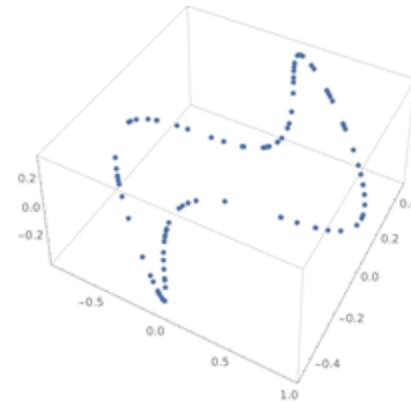
- 1) Define the problem
- 2) Overview of algorithms and issues
- 3) Glimpse of our novel estimator

IDE: retrieve the dimension d of manifold from a discrete, random sample of N points



Low d -dim manifold
+
Random sampling

Embedding

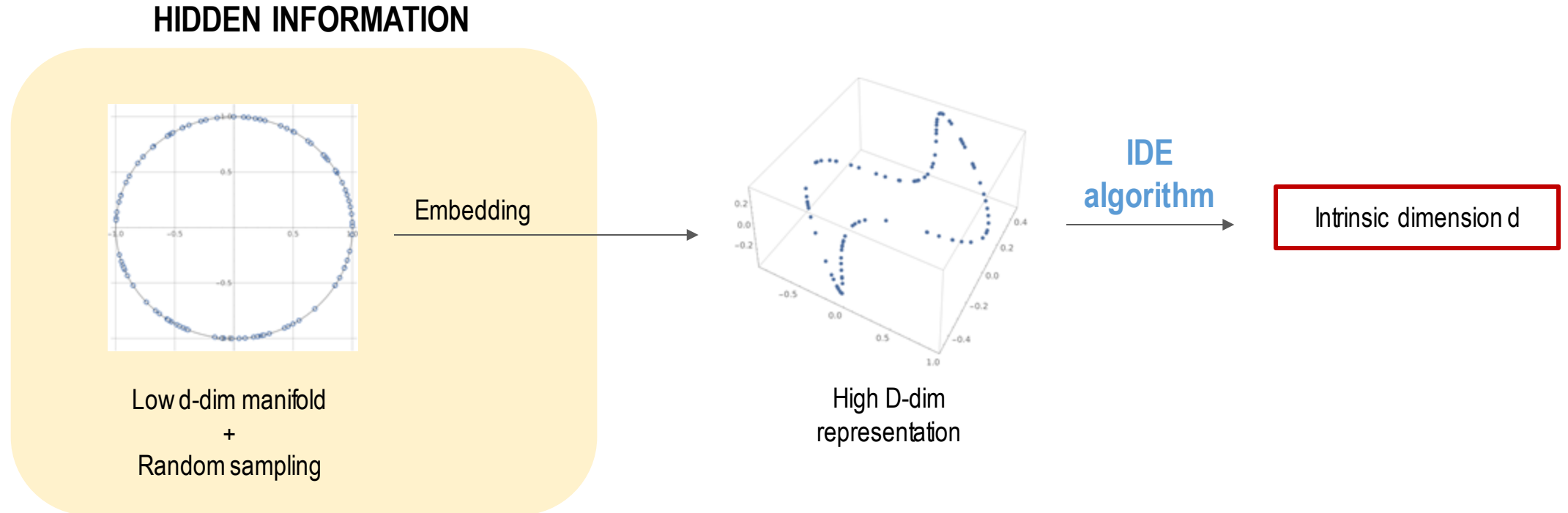


High D -dim
representation

IDE
algorithm

Intrinsic dimension d

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MANIFOLD HYPOTHESES

Real datasets are random samples of smooth manifolds

MAY NOT BE TRUE + EMBEDDING DEPENDENT

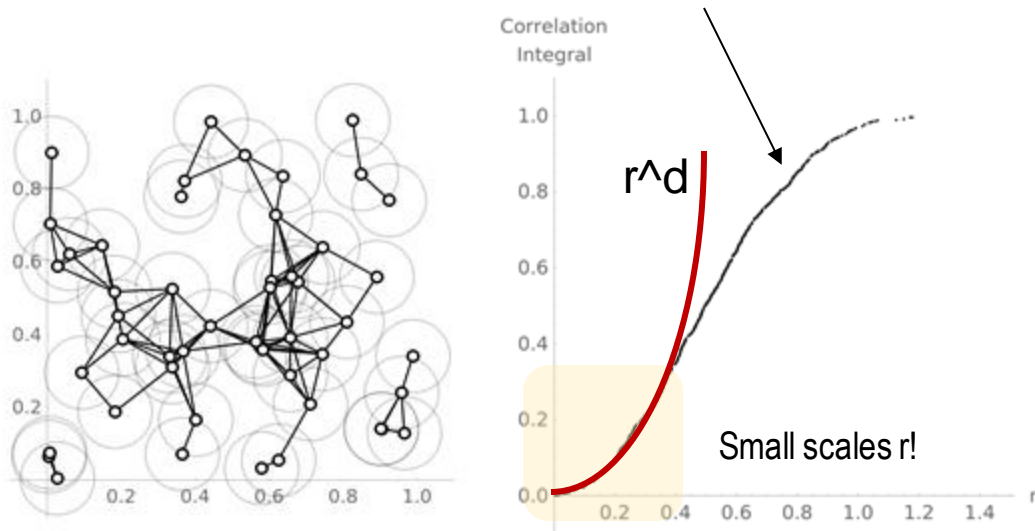
INTRINSIC DIMENSION

Minimal number of degrees of freedom that encode all information of the dataset

There are two classes of IDE algorithms

GEOMETRIC ESTIMATORS (Corr Dim)

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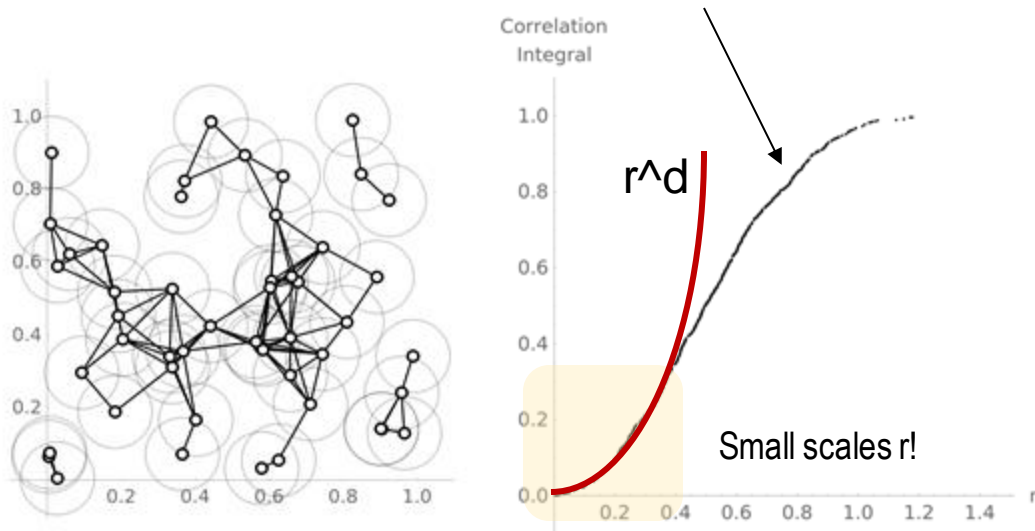


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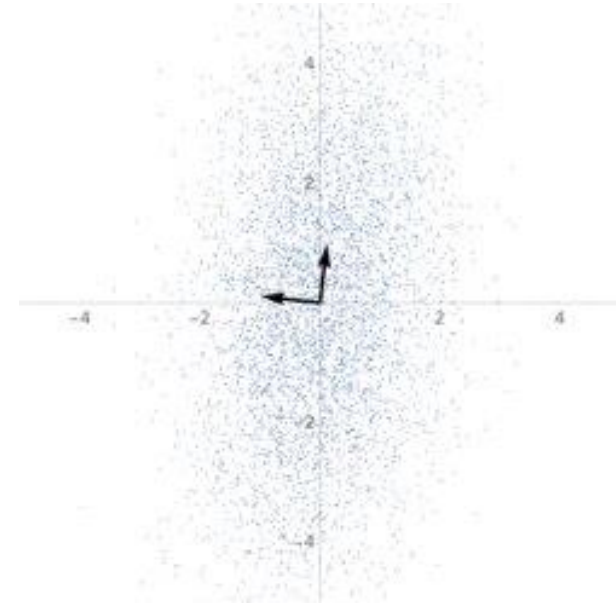
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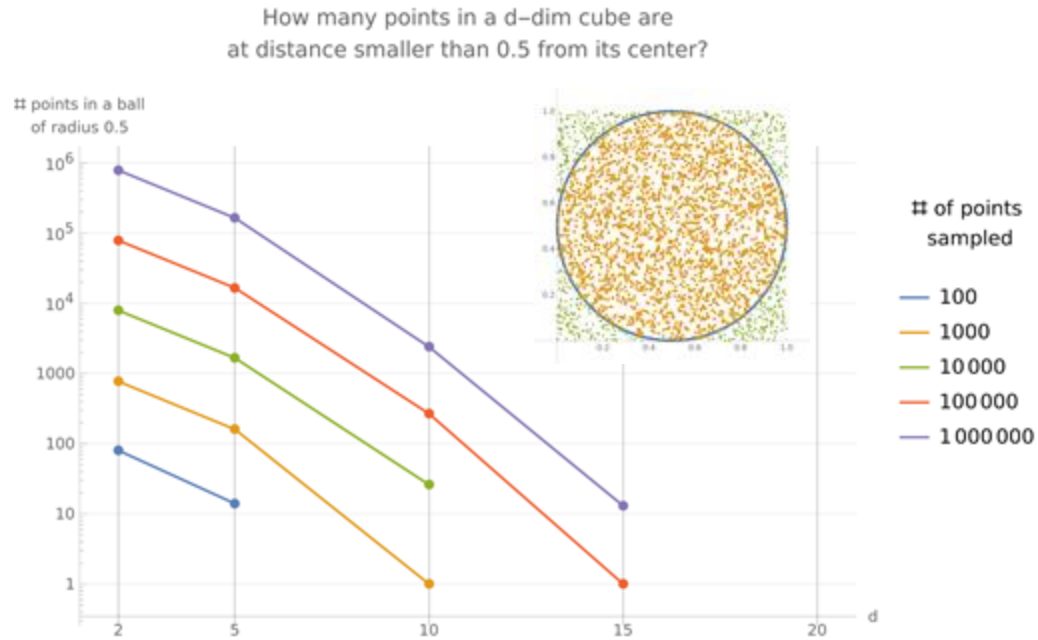
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PROJECTIVE ESTIMATORS (PCA)



**ASSUME GLOBAL LINEARITY
=
USE LINEAR ALGEBRA TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
INTRINSIC AND SPURIOUS DIMENSIONS**

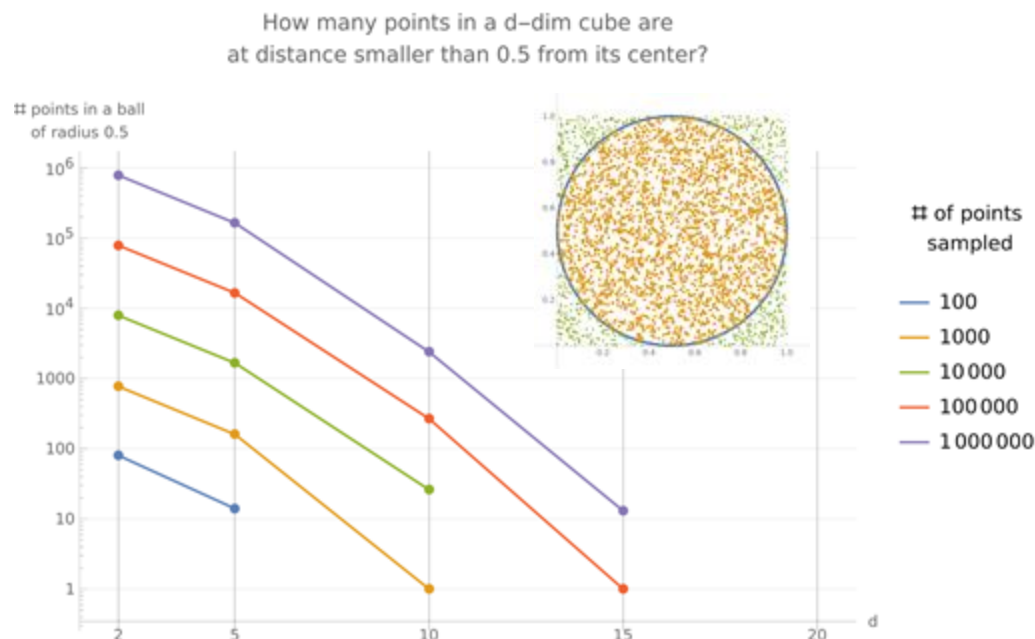
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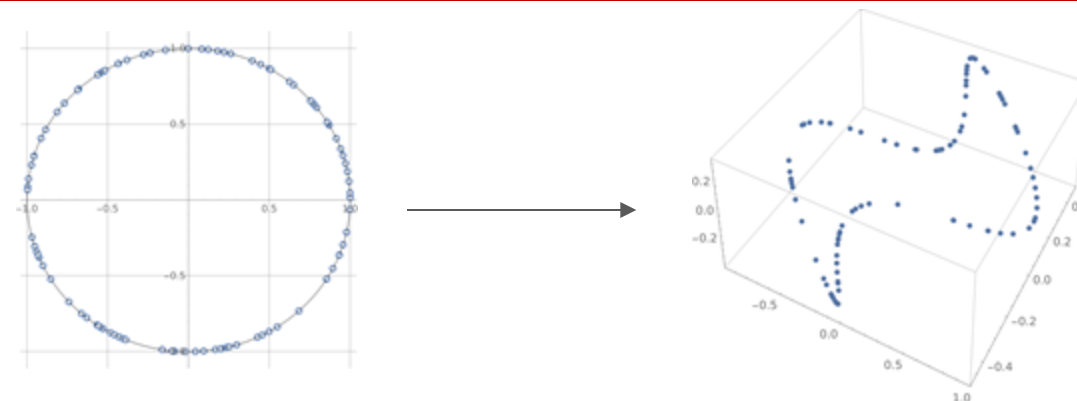
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**CURVATURE => PROLIFERATION OF POSSIBLE GEOMETRIES
+ NO GLOBAL LINEARITY**



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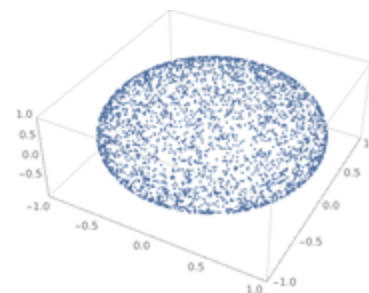
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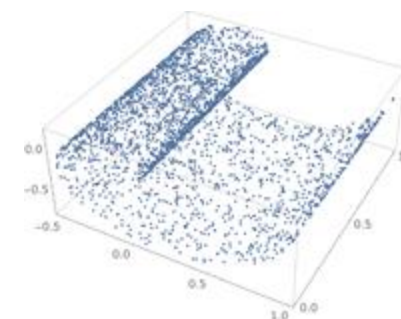
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INTRINSIC CURVATURE



EXTRINSIC CURVATURE



A new estimator: Full Correlation Integral (FCI)

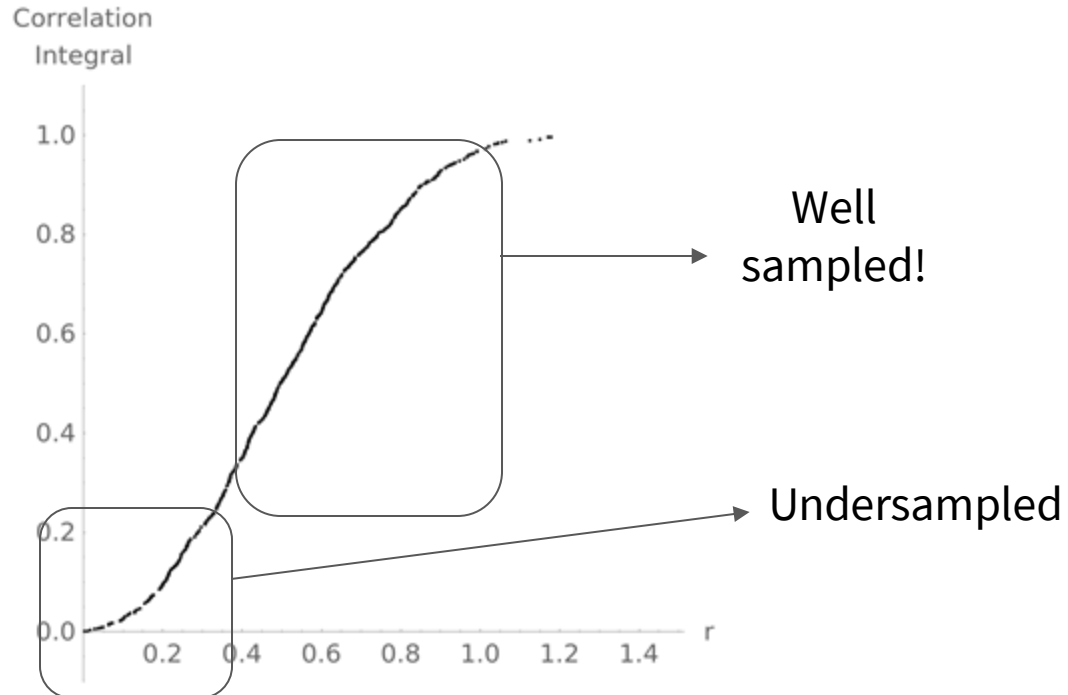
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Linear manifolds

Isotropic sampling measure

Linear embeddings

$$\rho(r; d) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\Omega_{d-1}}{\Omega_d} (r^2 - 2) {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1 - \frac{d}{2} \middle| \frac{3}{2} \middle| (r^2 - 2)^2 \right)$$



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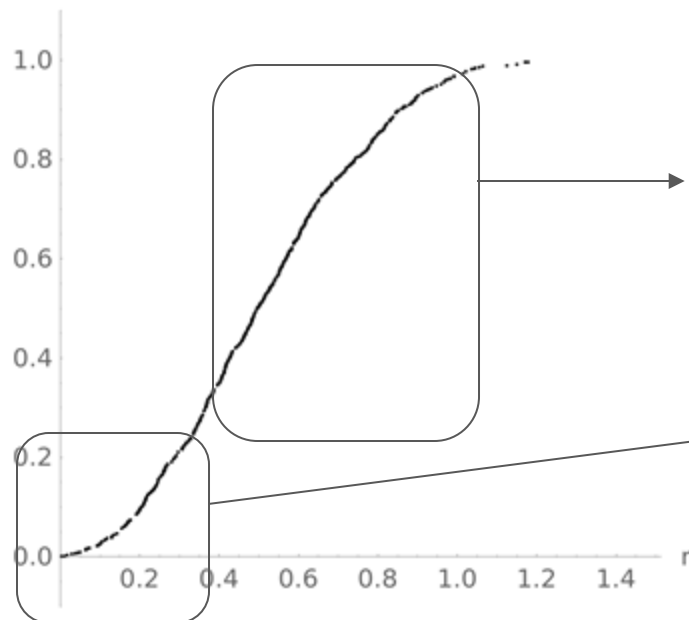
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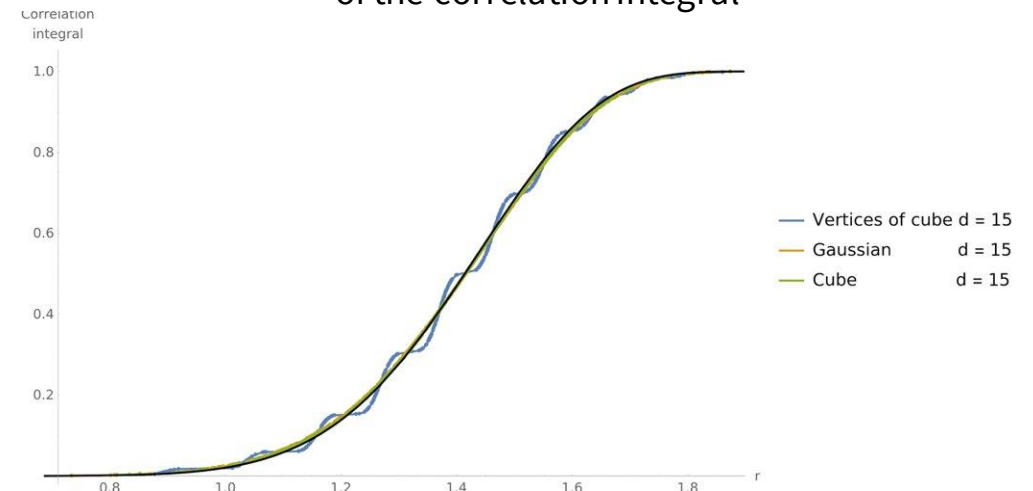
Correlation
Integral



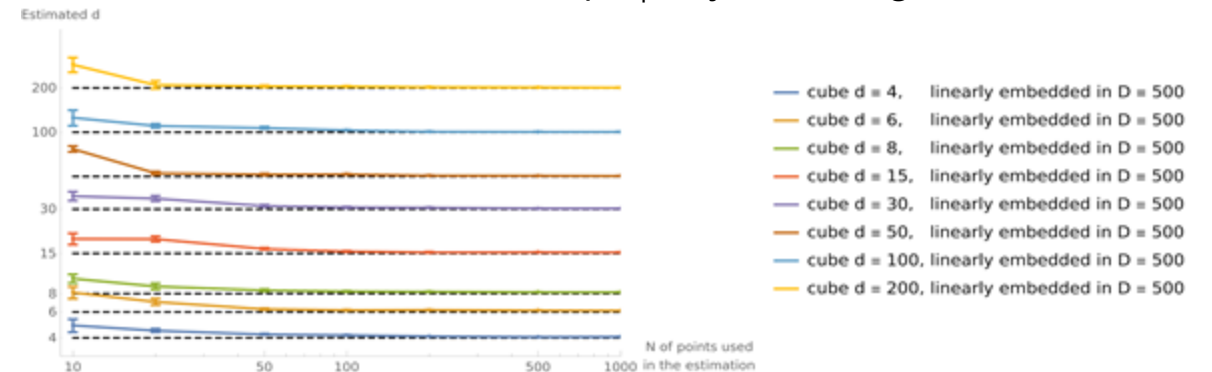
Well
sampled!

Undersampled

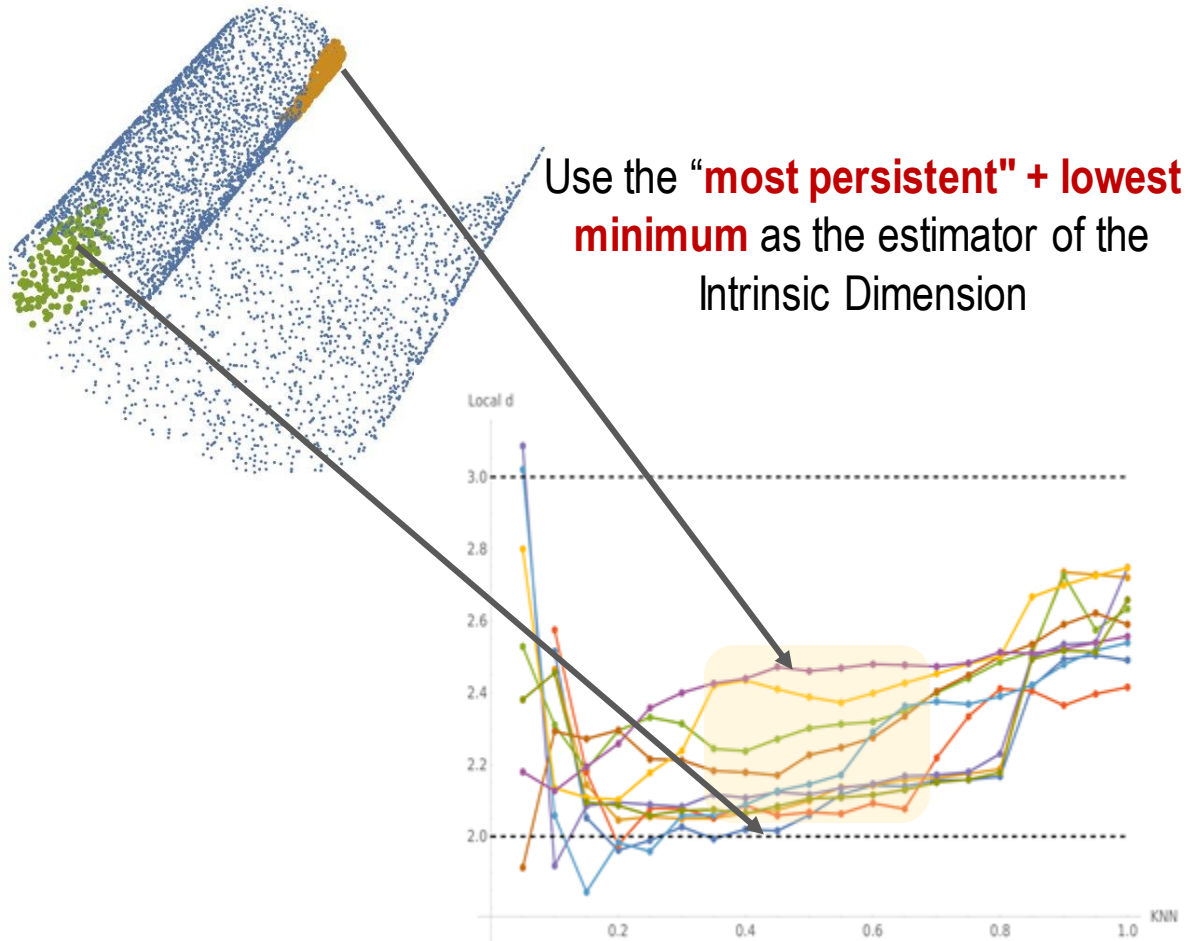
Manifold dependent features do not alter the overall shape
of the correlation integral



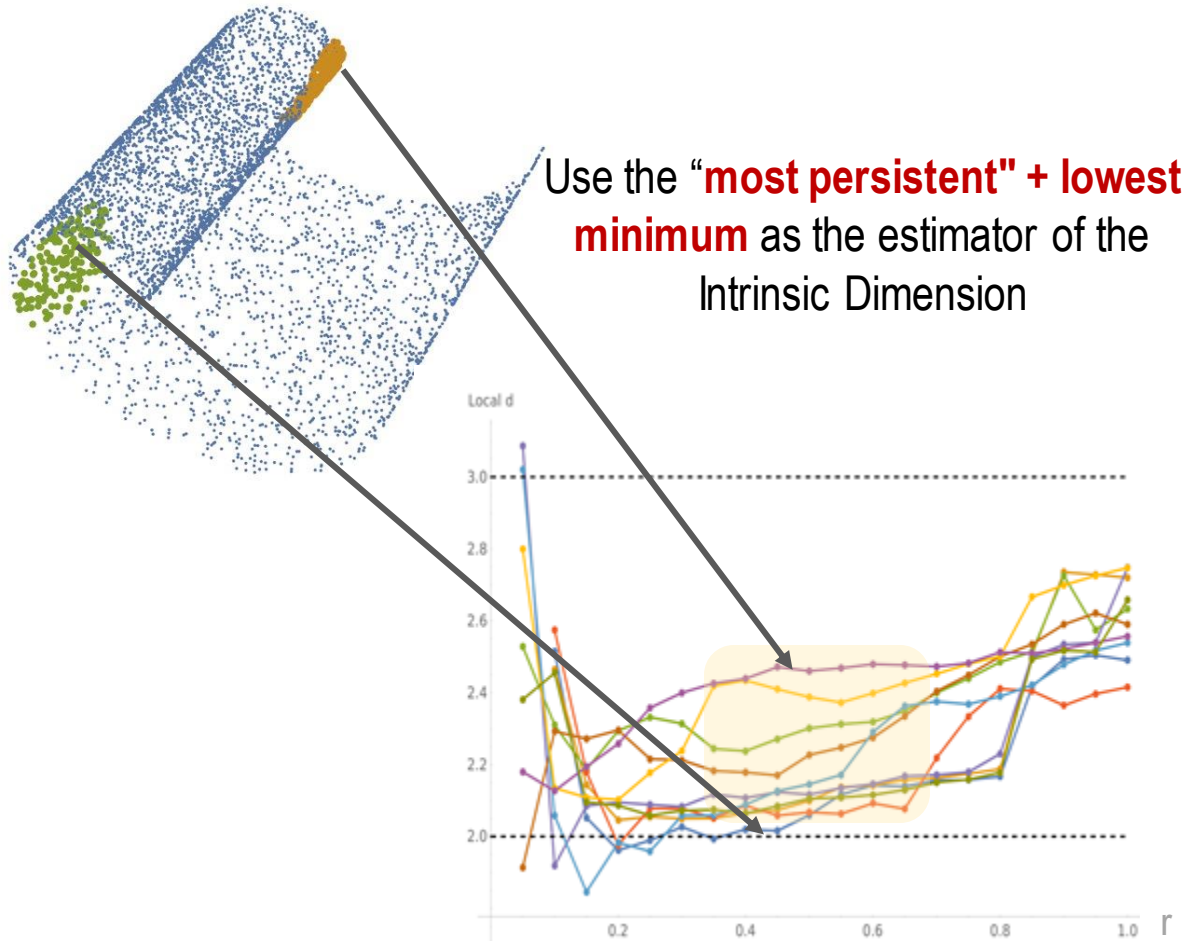
Able to estimate in the extreme undersampled regime $N < d$
(Geometric: $\exp d$ | Projective: $d \log d$)



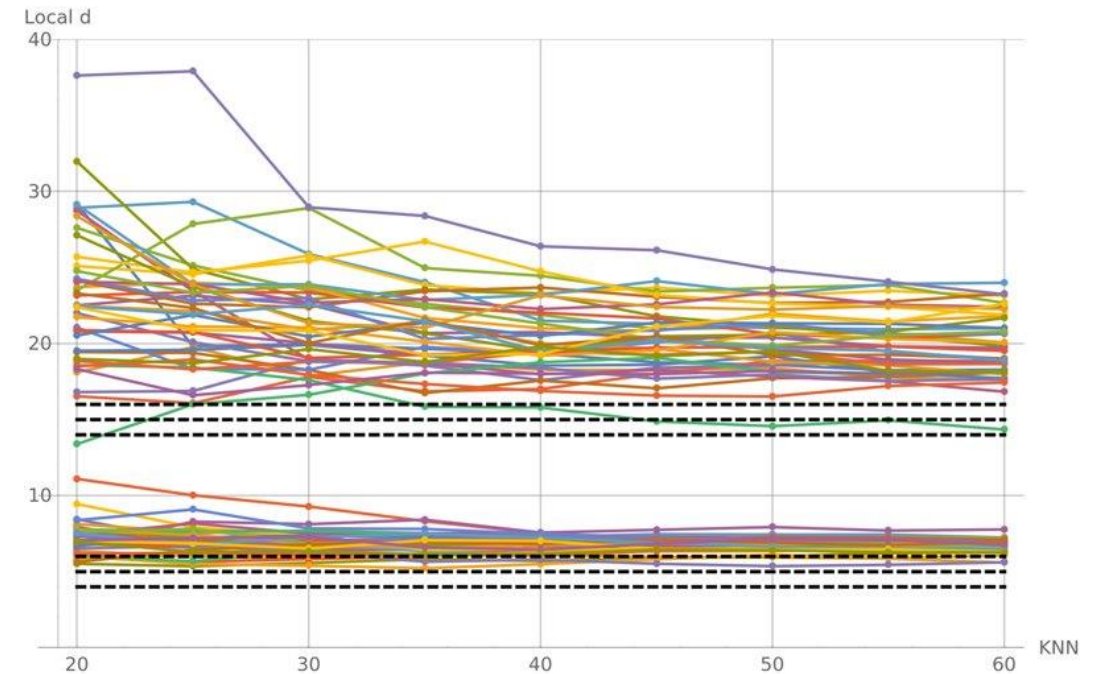
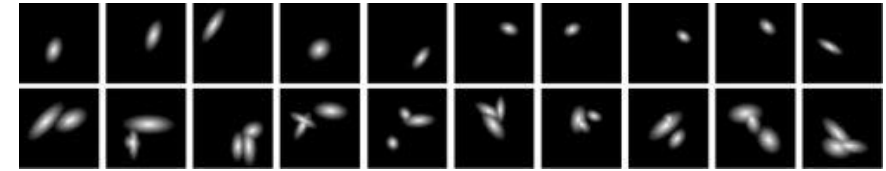
FCI can be easily multiscaled to extend to curved manifolds



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5 degrees of freedom per blob:
translation x, translation y, eccentricity,
scale, tilt



Part 1: Intrinsic Dimension Estimation (IDE)

- 1) Accurate IDE is tricky
- 2) FCI + multiscaleability => first step towards more robust IDE
- 3) A lot of work to do! Rationalize the multiscale approach into a statistically robust estimator

[Erba, V., Gherardi, M., & Rotondo, P. \(2019\). Intrinsic dimension estimation for locally undersampled data. *Scientific reports*, 9\(1\), 1-9](#)

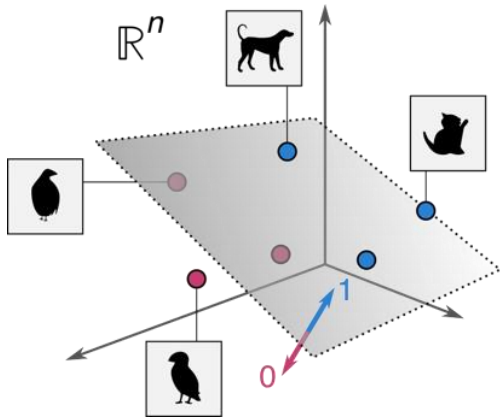
<https://github.com/vittorioerba/pyFCI>

Part 2: Linear classification of geometrically structured data

- 1) Define the polytope model
- 2) Review of expressivity of linear classifiers for unstructured data
- 3) Expressivity of linear classifiers for structured data
- 4) A data-driven phase transition

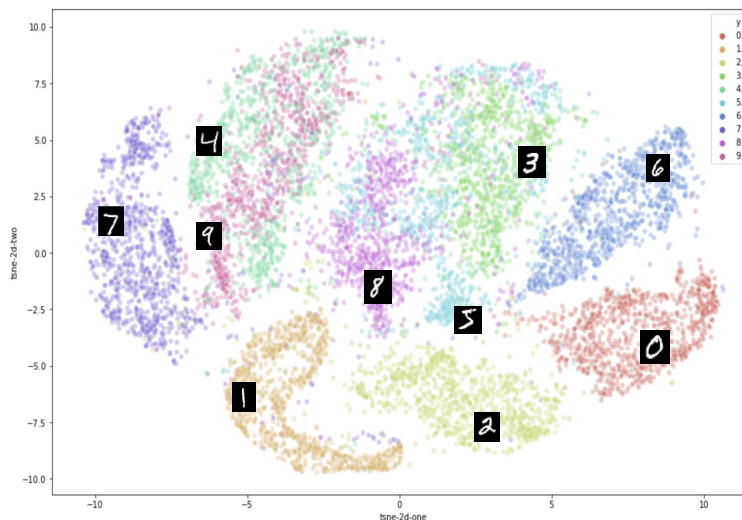
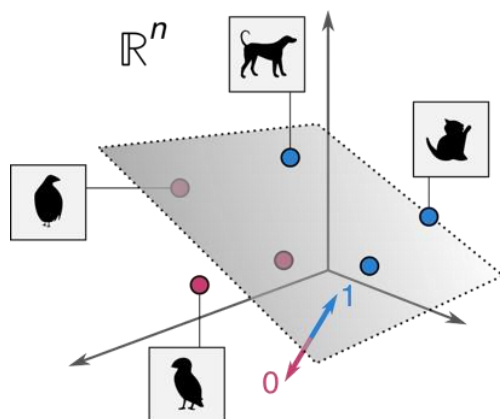
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Before:
Linear classification of
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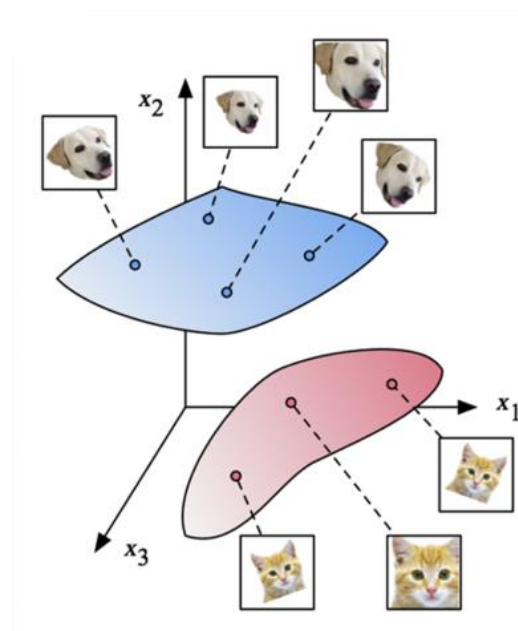
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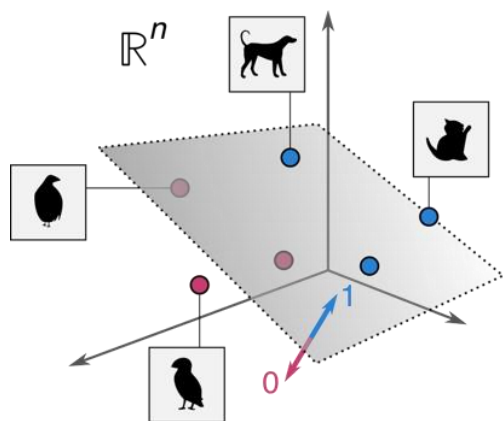
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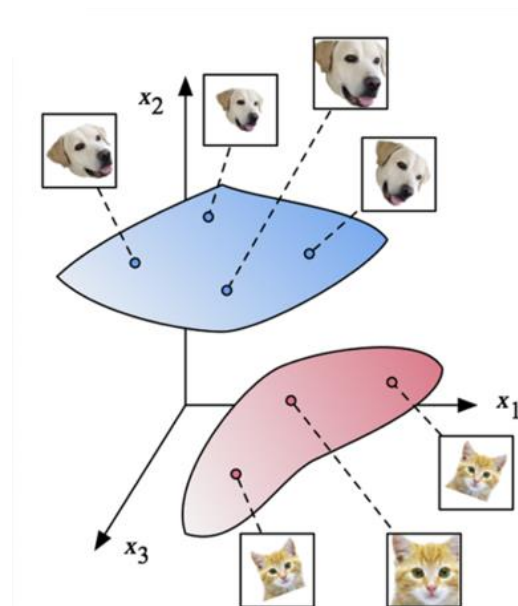
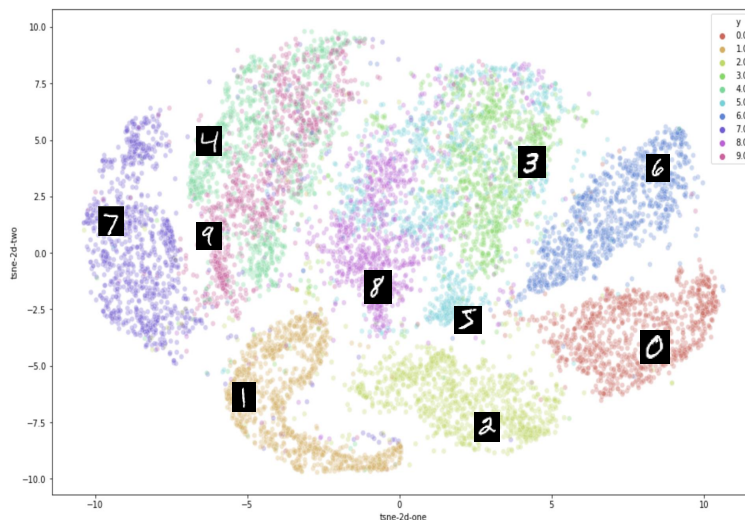
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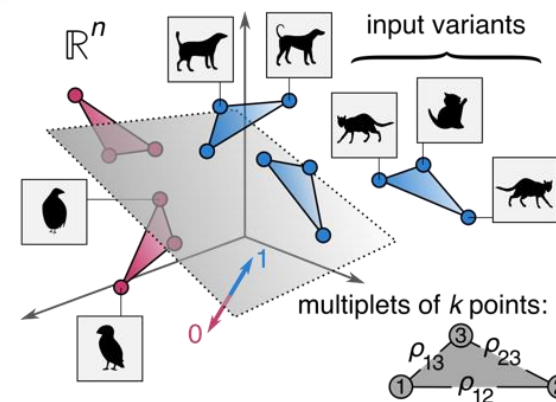
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- 1) Expand points into manifolds
- 2) Restrict the learning architectures to those that classify coherently points in the same manifolds

After:
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Classification of p convex polytopes
with k vertices with prescribed
overlaps

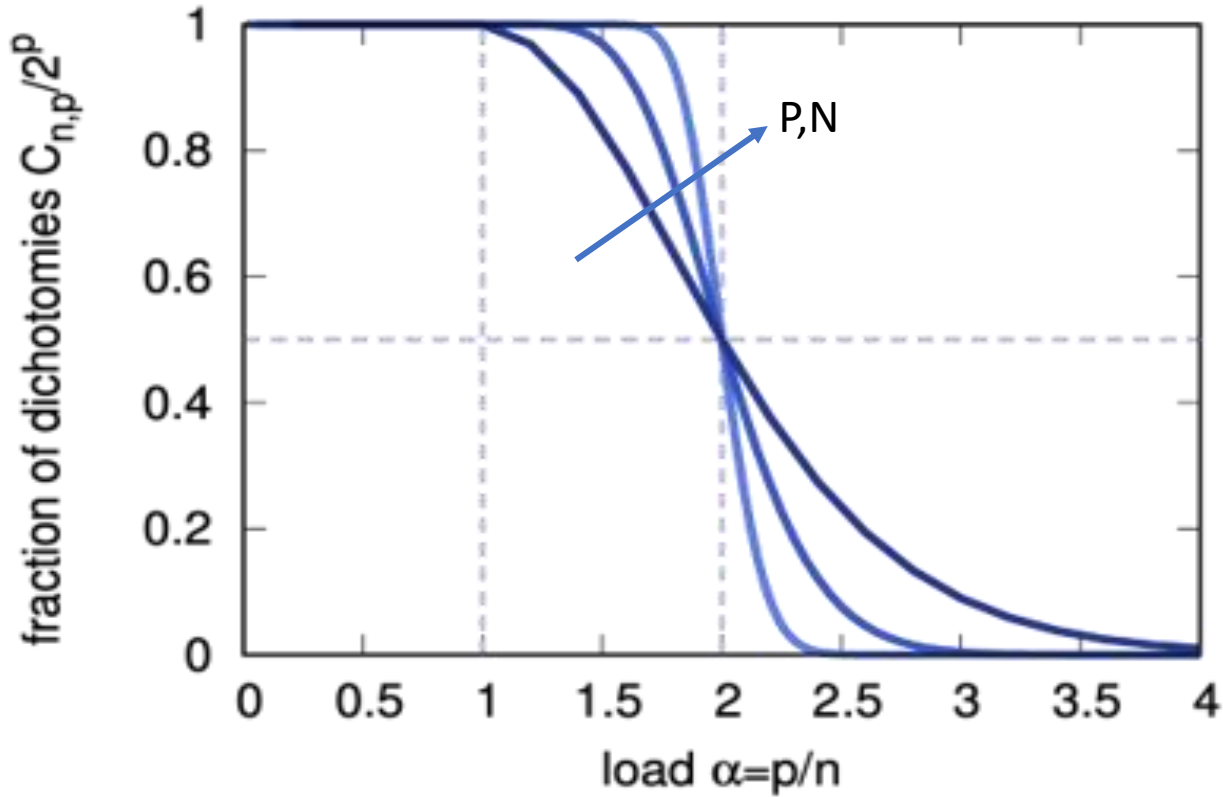


$$\xi_a^\mu \in S^n$$

$$\rho_{ab} = \sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_a^\mu)_i (\xi_b^\mu)_i$$

Understand how linear classification properties are
changed by data structure

The expressivity of linear classifiers can be computed using two complementary frameworks

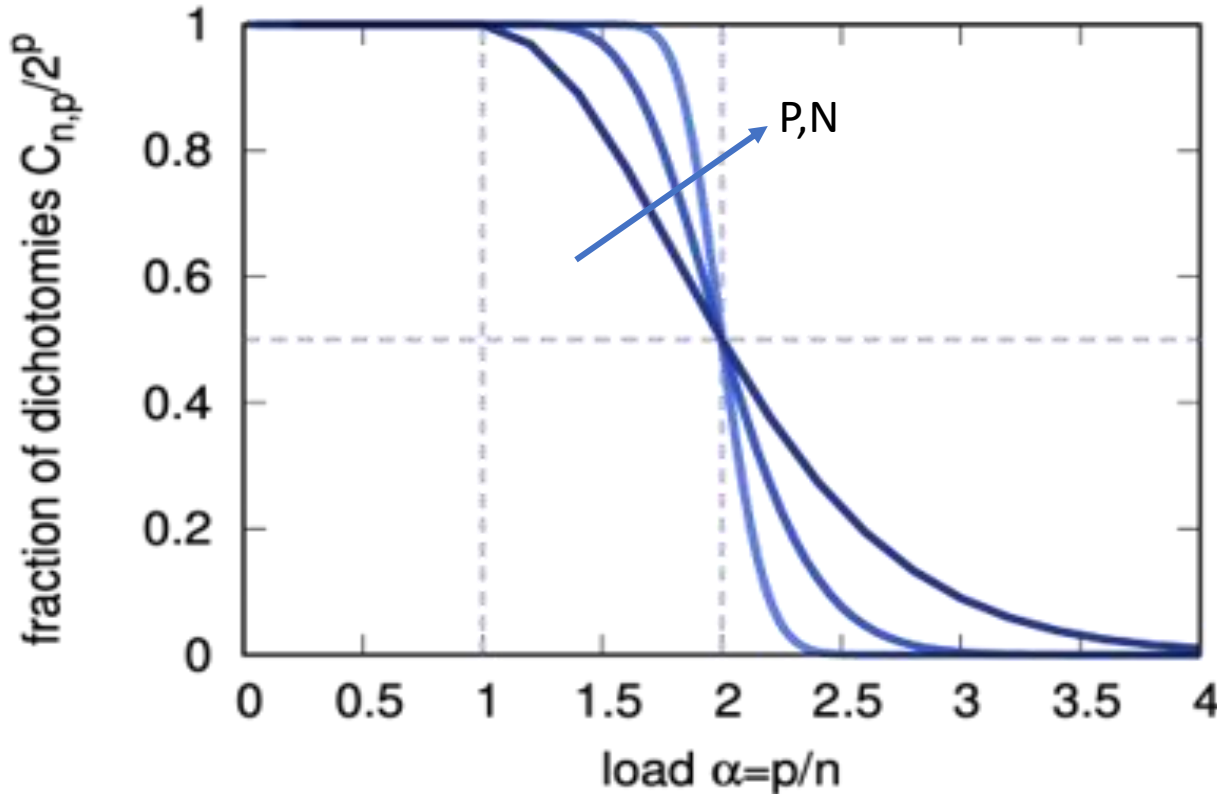


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Combinatorial (Cover)

- Exact results for full $C(N,P)$ curves
- Additional insights:
 $C(N,P)$ independent on the position of the points
Finite size corrections

$$C_{n,p} = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{p-1}{k}$$
$$\alpha_c = 2$$

Cover, T. M. (1965). Geometrical and statistical properties of systems of linear inequalities with applications in pattern recognition. *IEEE transactions on electronic computers*, (3), 326-334.

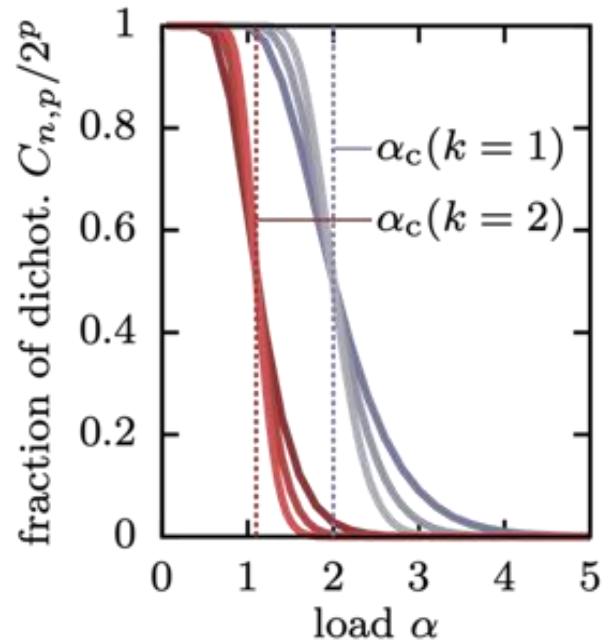
Statistical Physics (Gardner)

- Exact results for storage capacity
- Position of the points + labels = quenched disorder

$$\int D^n W \prod_{\mu=1}^p \theta \left(\sigma^\mu \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \xi_i^\mu \right)$$

Gardner, E. (1988). The space of interactions in neural network models. *Journal of physics A: Mathematical and general*, 21(1), 257.

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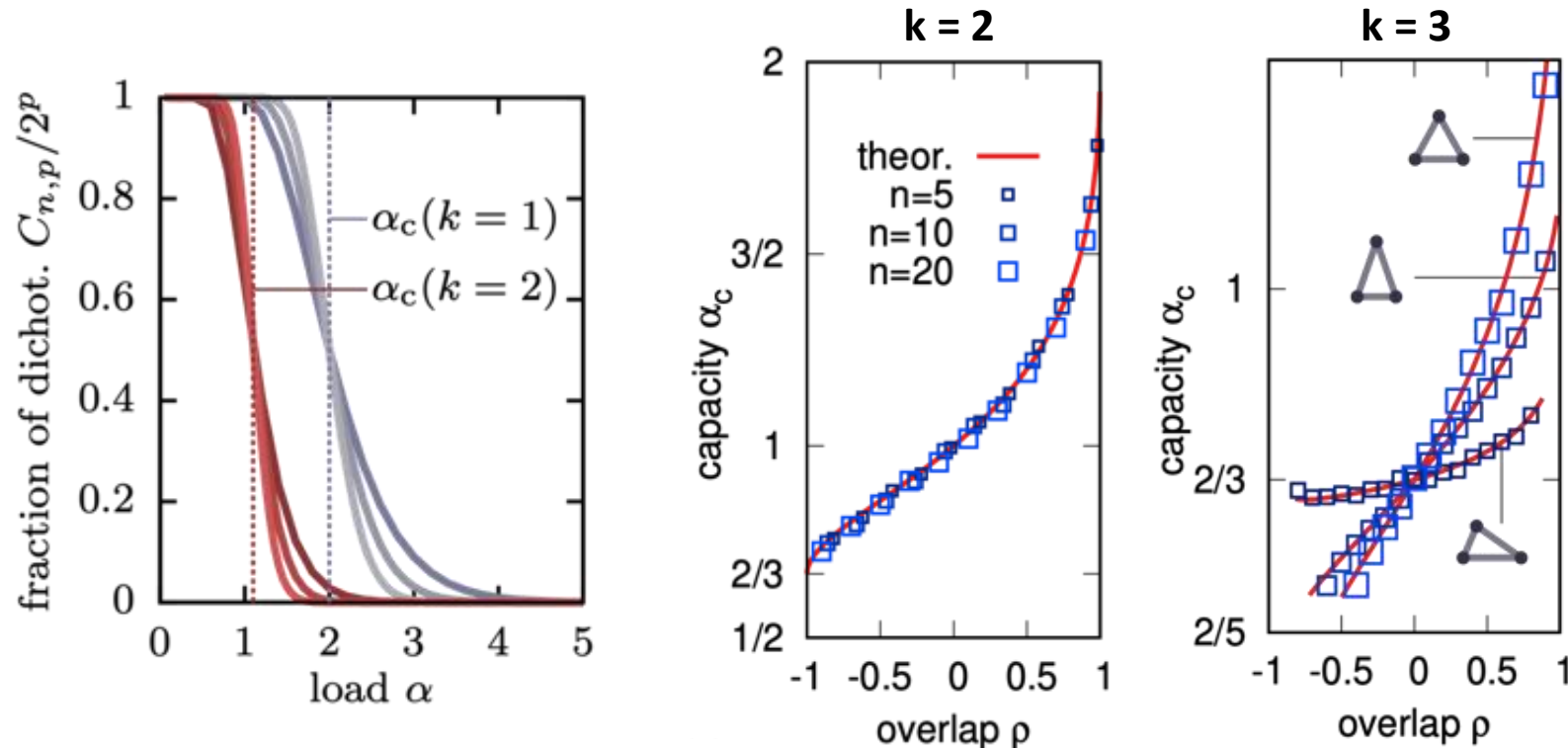
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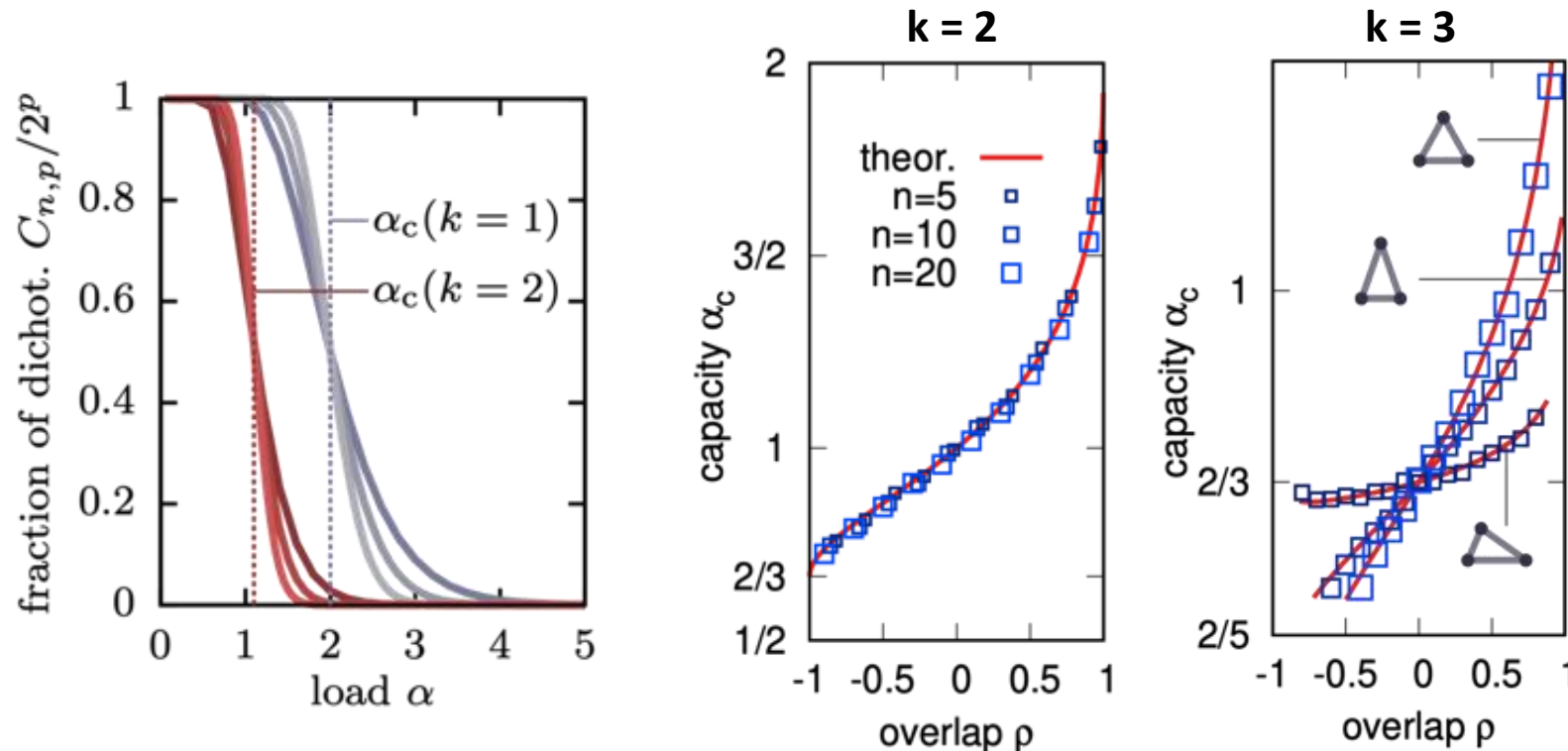
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Combinatorial

$$C_{n,p+1}^{(2)} = \Psi_2(\rho) C_{n,p}^{(2)} + C_{n-1,p}^{(2)} + [1 - \Psi_2(\rho)] C_{n-2,p}^{(2)}$$

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Statistical Physics

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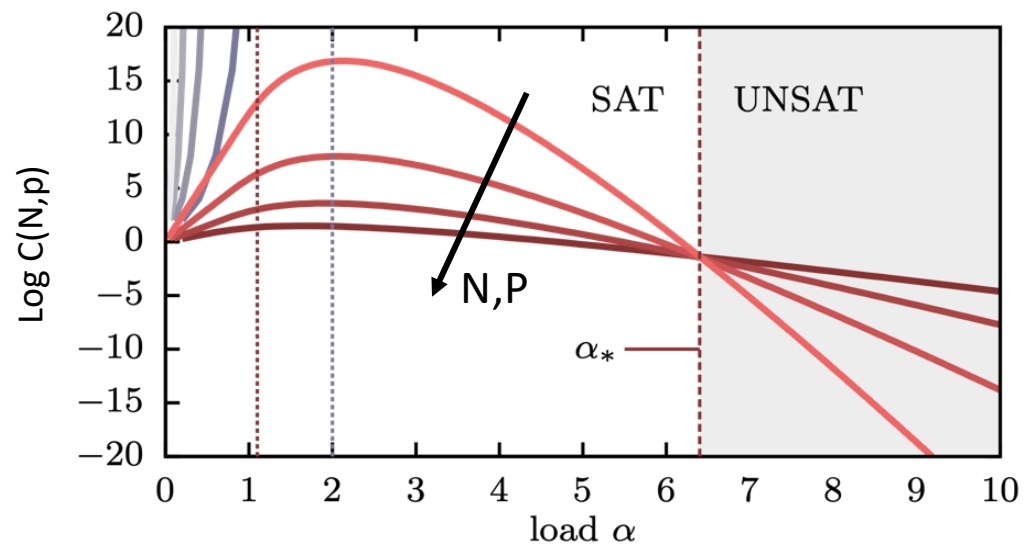
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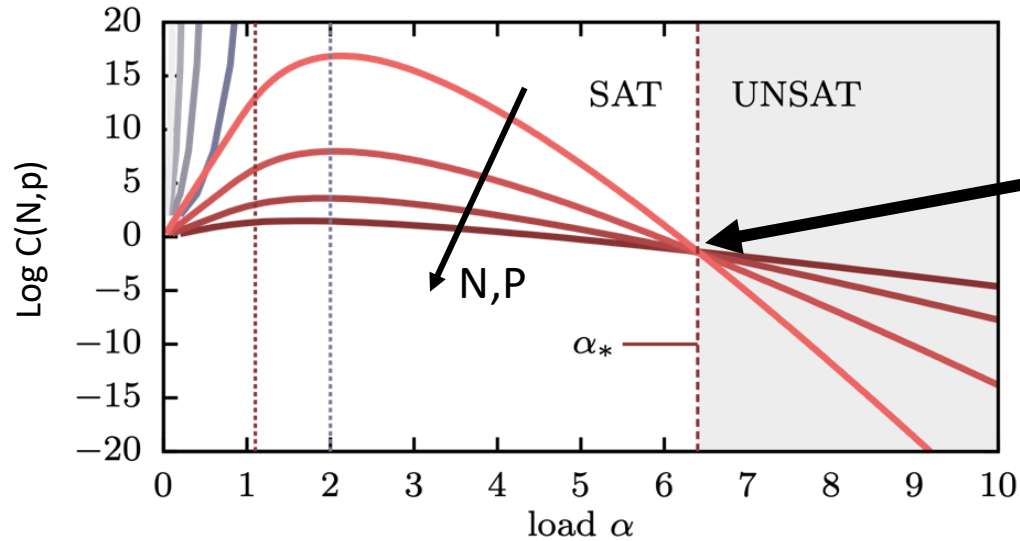
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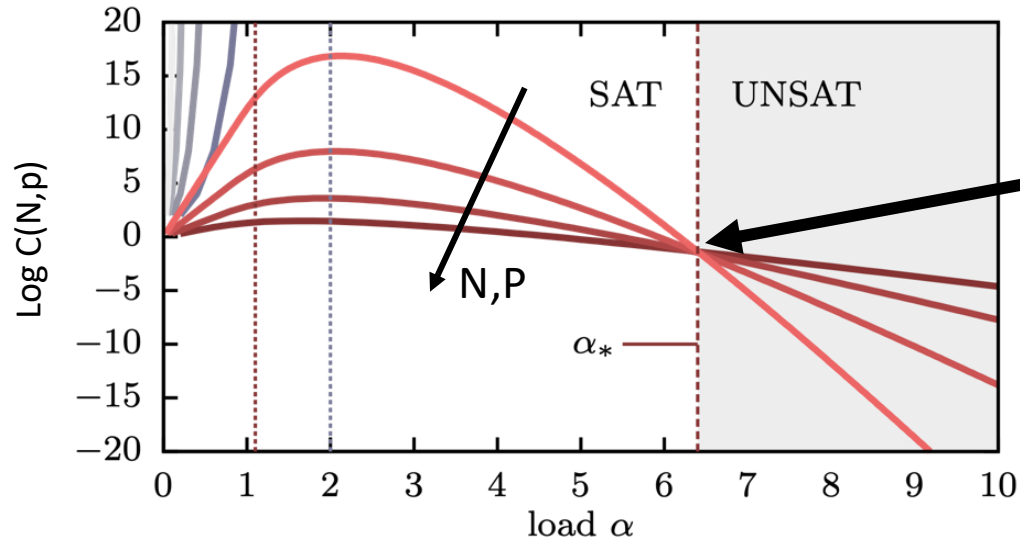
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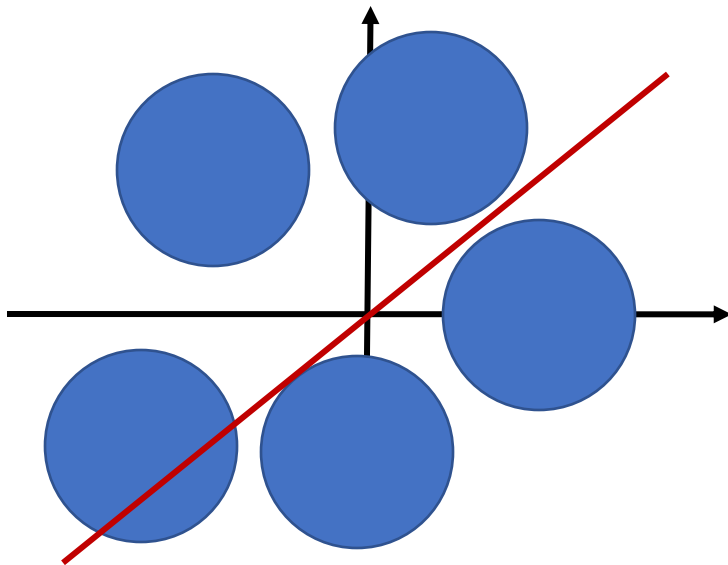


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Is a set of manifolds classifiable at all?

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Transition common to all models of extended geometry

Part 2: Linear classification of structured data (simplex model)

- 1) Polytope model is analytically tractable
- 2) Classification of extended datasets induces new phase transition
- 3) Check other kinds of data structure models?

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