

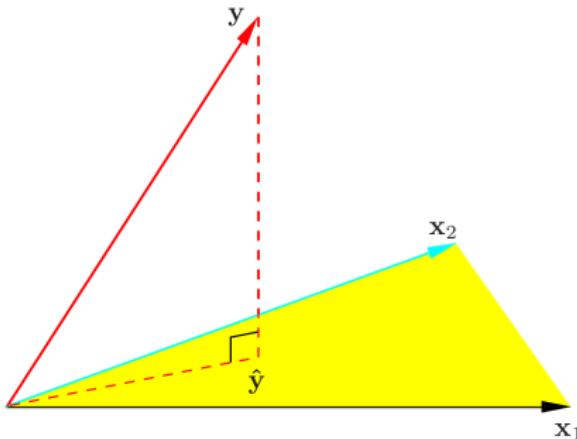
# Dimensionality Reduction

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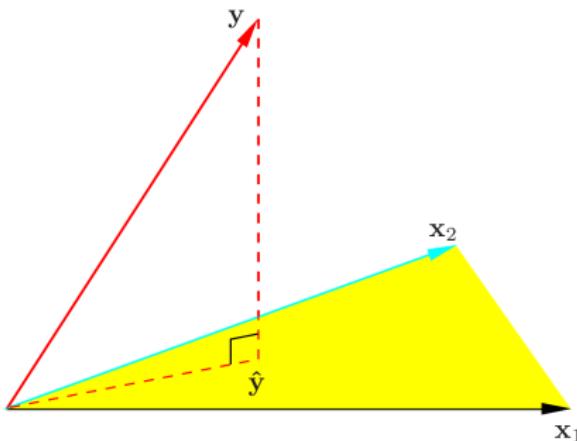
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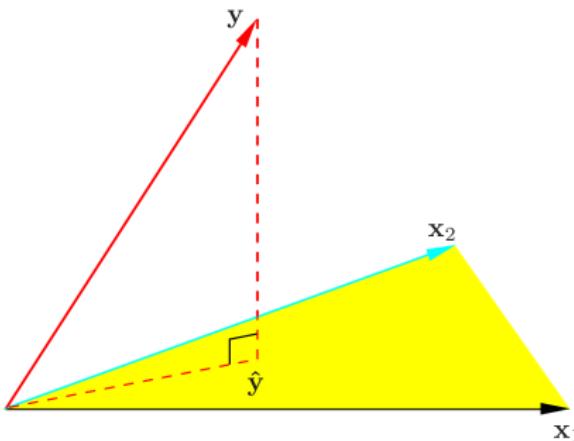
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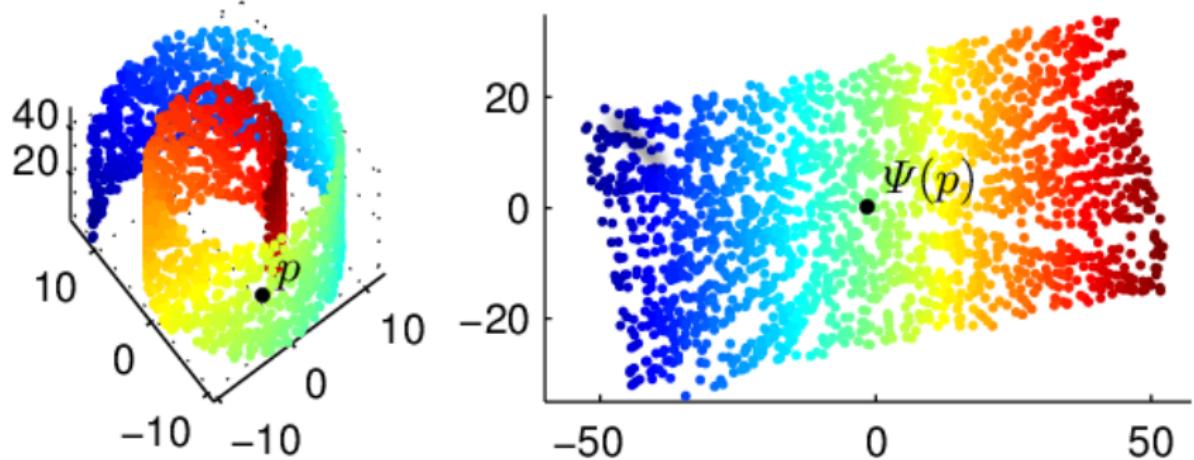
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    - implicit usage of features,
    - $\mathcal{H}_k = \overline{\{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \varphi(x_i)\}}$ .

# Today: dimensionality reduction

- Given: a set of observations  $X = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ .
- Goal: find  $X' = \{\mathbf{x}'_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  'preserving' the geometry of  $X$ .
- $d \ll D$ : compression (images, music, ...).



# Dimensionality reduction = manifold learning



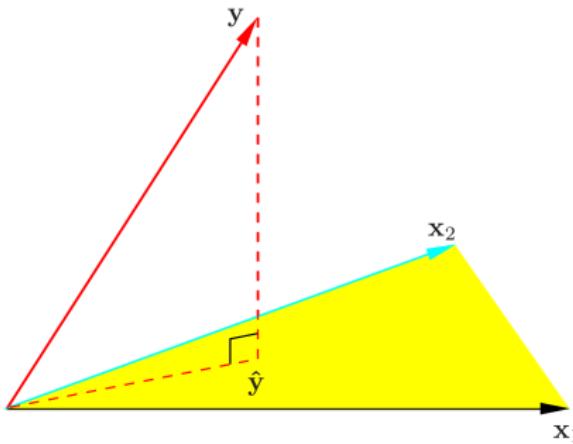
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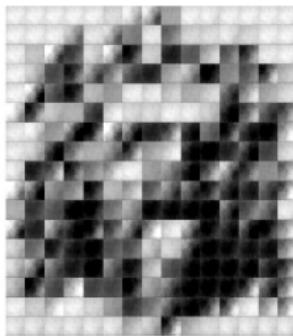


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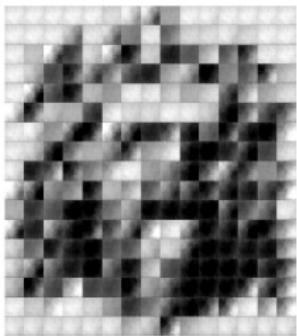


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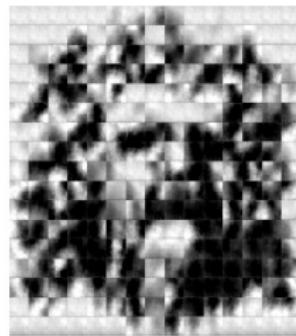
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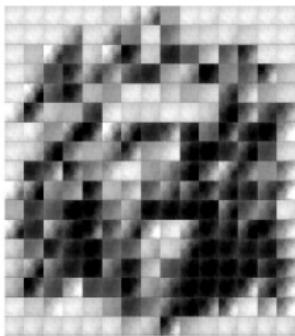


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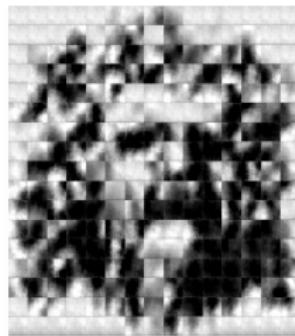
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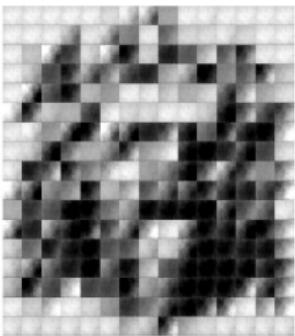


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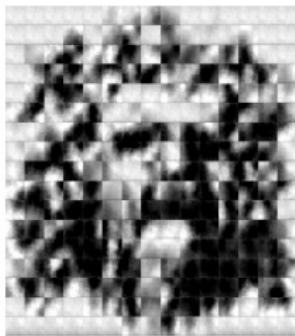
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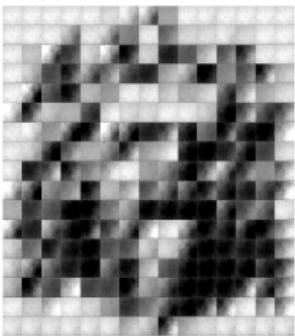


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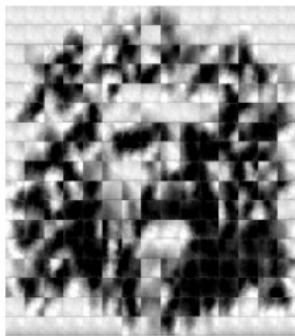
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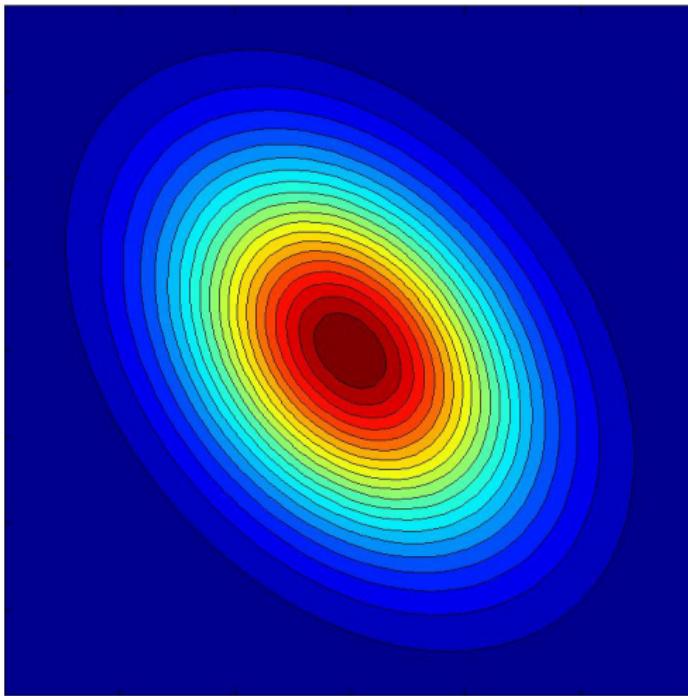


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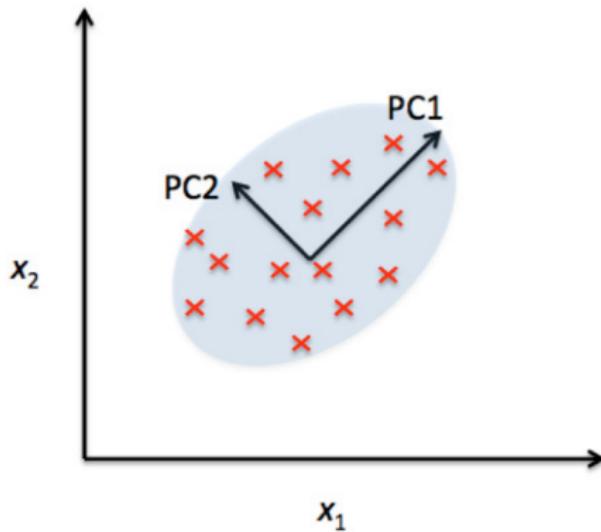
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# Conjecture? Most important direction?



# PCA: intuition

Task: find the best  $d$ -dimensional subspace approximating  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ .



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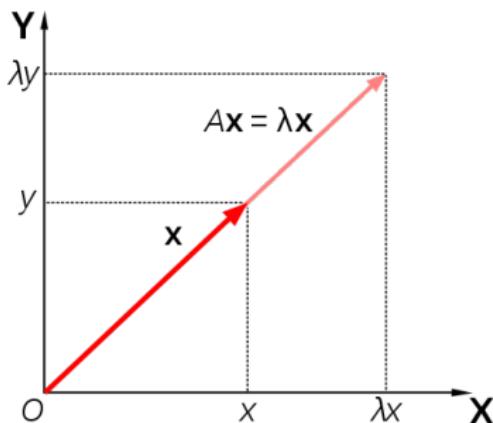
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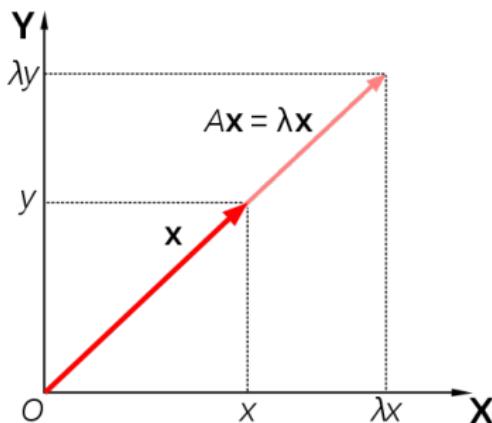
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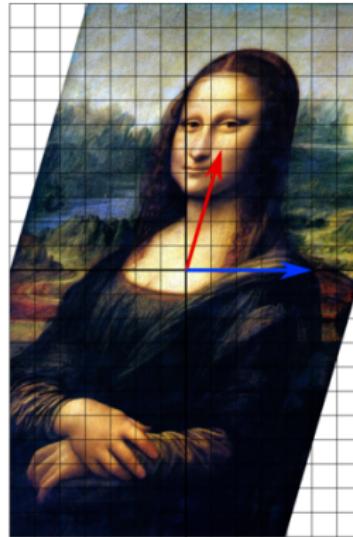
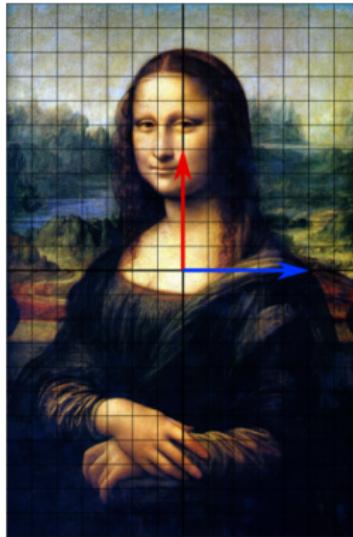
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- A symmetric  $\mathbf{A}$  ( $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^T$ ) behaves similarly:

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where  $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\lambda_i)$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ : orthogonal.

Let us apply these observations in PCA!

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$\mathbf{w}^*$ : eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_{\max}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

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- ONB in the subspace ( $\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$ ):

$$\mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_d] \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times d},$$

- Approximation:

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After similar calculation than for  $d = 1 \dots$

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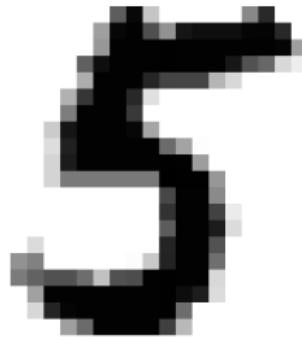
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# Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)

# CCA definition

- Given a pair of random variables:  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d}$ .
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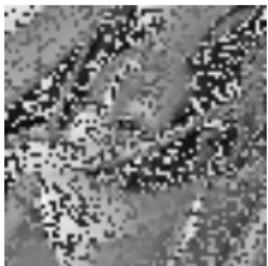
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## Examples

follow where dependence measures are useful!

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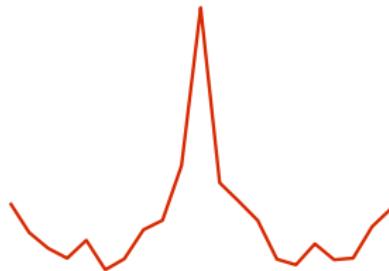
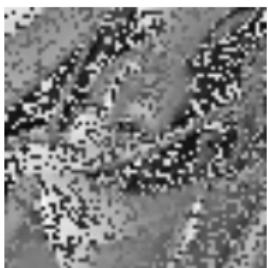
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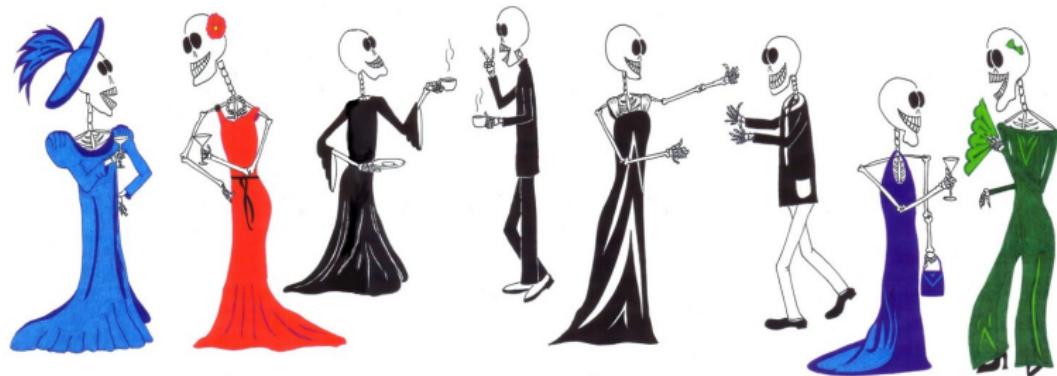
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In the example:  $I = \text{Non-linear CCA}$ .

Cocktail party problem:

- independent groups of people / music bands,
- observation = mixed sources.



# ISA equations

Observation:

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}_t, \quad \mathbf{s} = [\mathbf{s}^1; \dots; \mathbf{s}^M].$$

Goal:  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}$  from  $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_T\}$ . Assumptions:

- independent groups:  $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{s}^1, \dots, \mathbf{s}^M) = 0$ ,
- $\mathbf{s}^m$ -s: non-Gaussian,
- $\mathbf{A}$ : invertible.

Find  $\mathbf{W}$  which makes the estimated components independent:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Wx} = \left[ \mathbf{y}^1; \dots; \mathbf{y}^M \right],$$

$$J(\mathbf{W}) = I\left(\mathbf{y}^1, \dots, \mathbf{y}^M\right) \rightarrow \min_{\mathbf{W}}.$$

## Recall: feature selection

- **Goal:** find
  - the feature subset (# of rooms, criminal rate, local taxes)
  - most relevant for house price prediction ( $y$ ).



Here we consider a non-linear alternative of Lasso .

# Feature selection: equations

- Features:  $x^1, \dots, x^F$ . Subset:  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, F\}$ .
- MaxRelevance - MinRedundancy principle:

$$J(S) = \frac{1}{|S|} \sum_{i \in S} I(x^i, y) - \frac{1}{|S|^2} \sum_{i, j \in S} I(x^i, x^j) \rightarrow \max_{S \subseteq \{1, \dots, F\}}$$

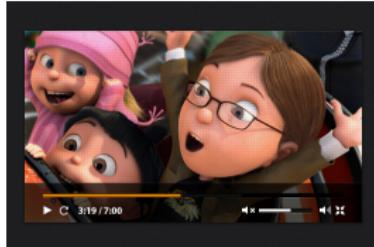
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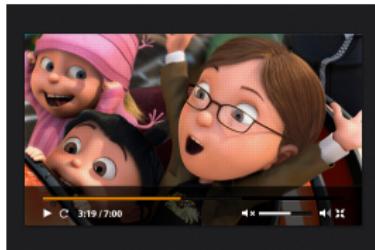


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>>> from numpy import array
>>> ds = array([2, 3, 4])
>>> t = 1000
>>> y = randn(t, sum(ds))
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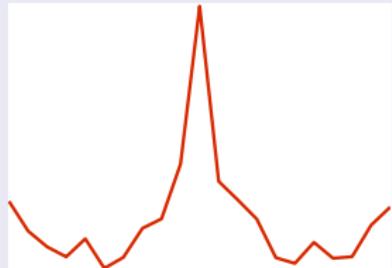
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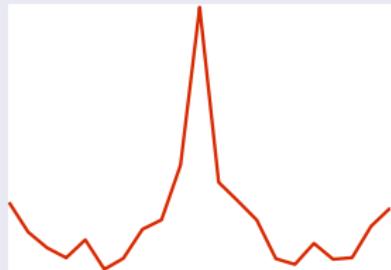
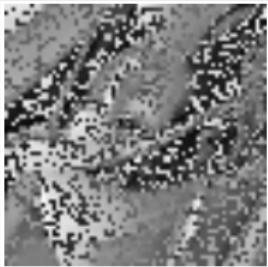
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where  $\eta$ : low-rank approximation,  $\kappa$ : regularization constant.

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Can solving eigenvalue problems be avoided? Analytical solution?

# CCA Alternative: HSIC

# HSIC: intuition. $\mathcal{X}$ : images, $\mathcal{Y}$ : descriptions



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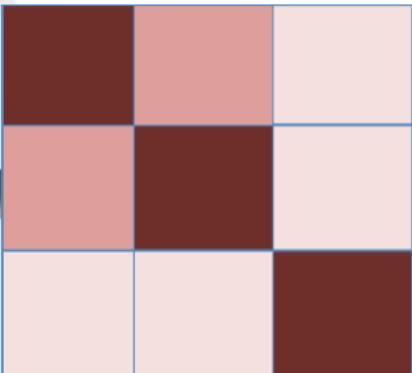
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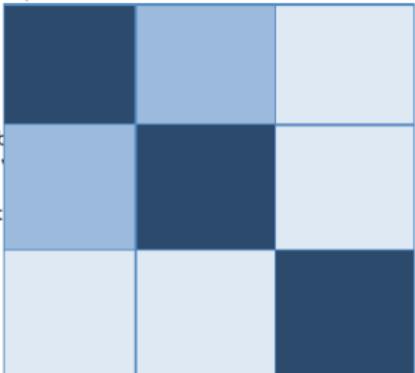
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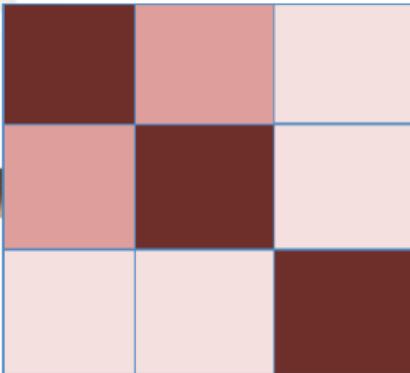


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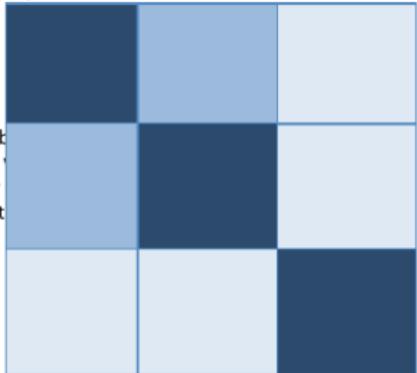
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Empirical estimate<sup>†</sup>:

$$\widehat{\text{HSIC}}^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\langle \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_x, \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_y \right\rangle_F . \quad \leftarrow \text{analytical!}$$

<sup>†</sup> Visual illustration credit: Arthur Gretton

# Cocktail party: HSIC demo



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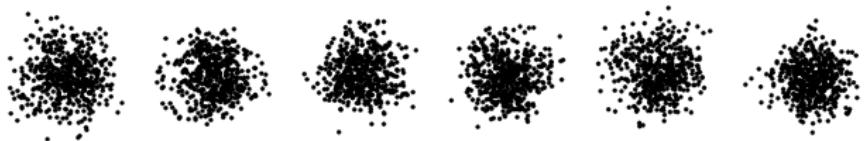
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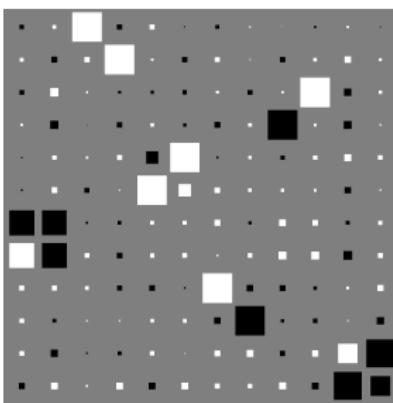
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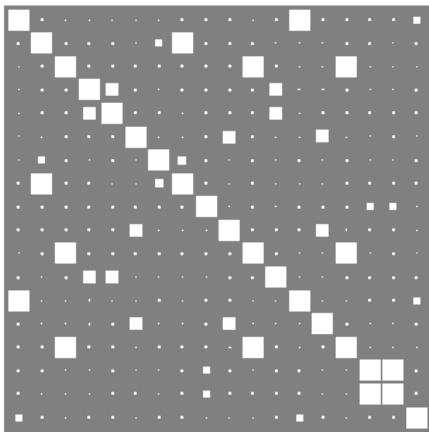


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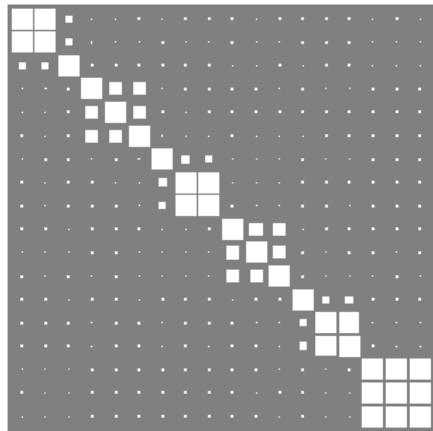
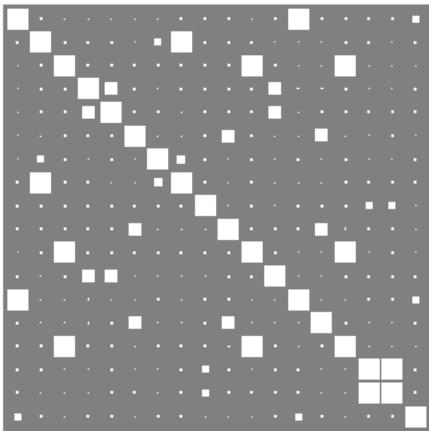
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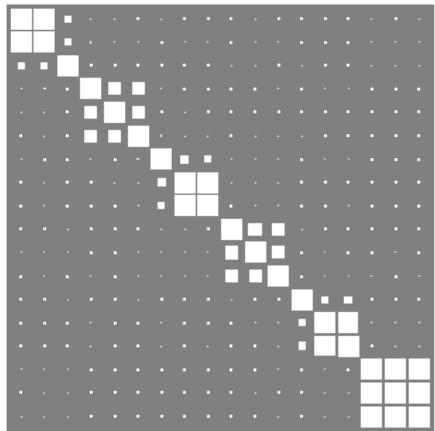
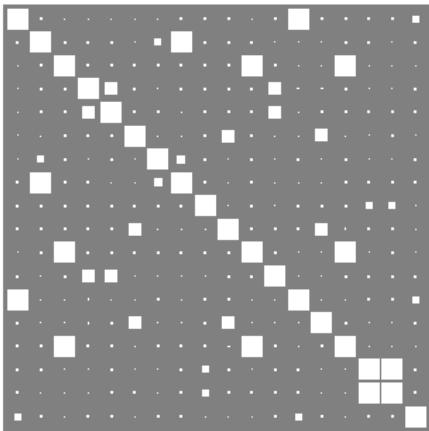
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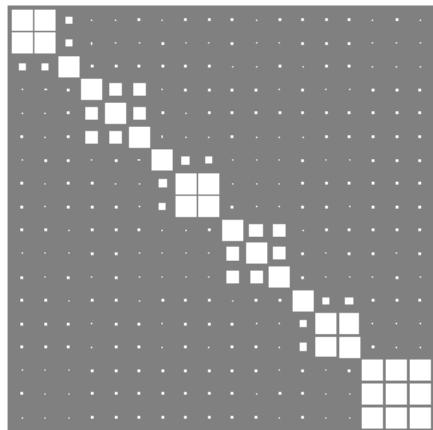
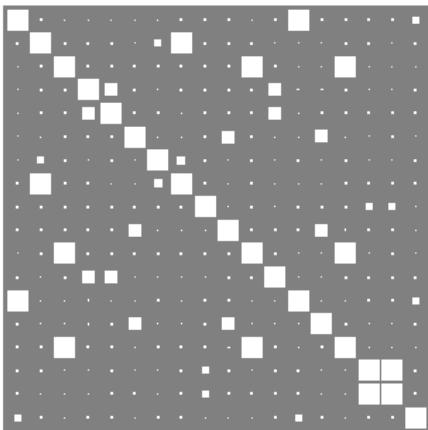
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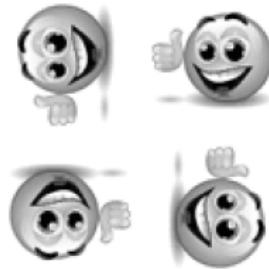
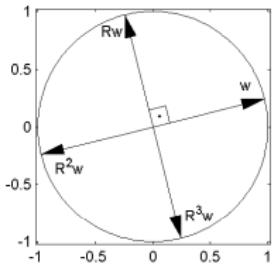
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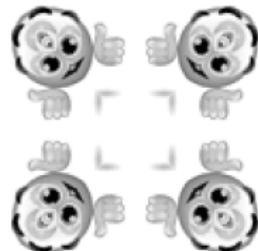
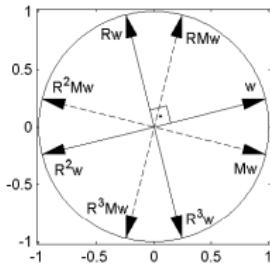
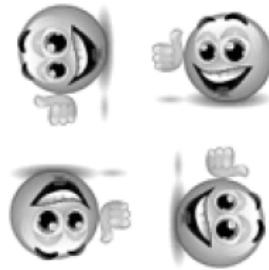
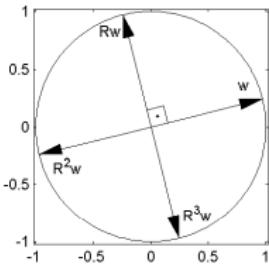


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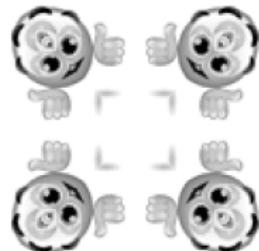
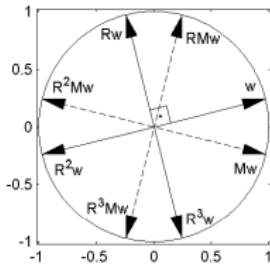
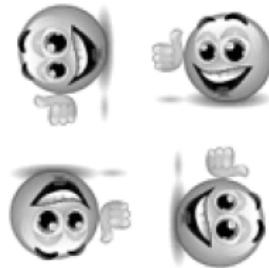
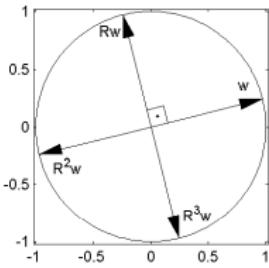


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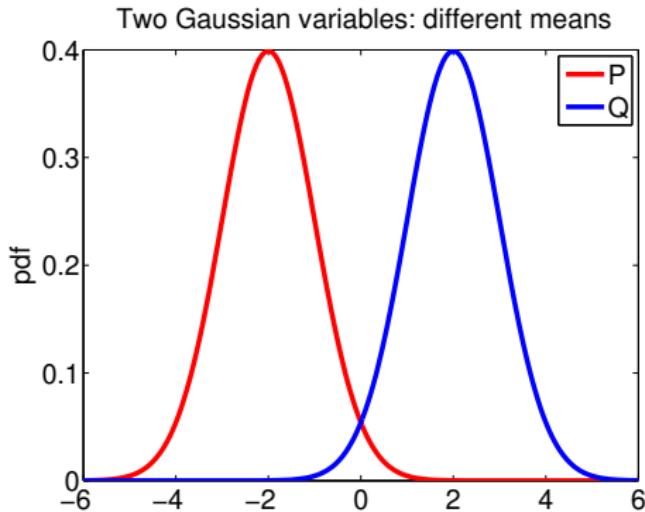
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## Questions

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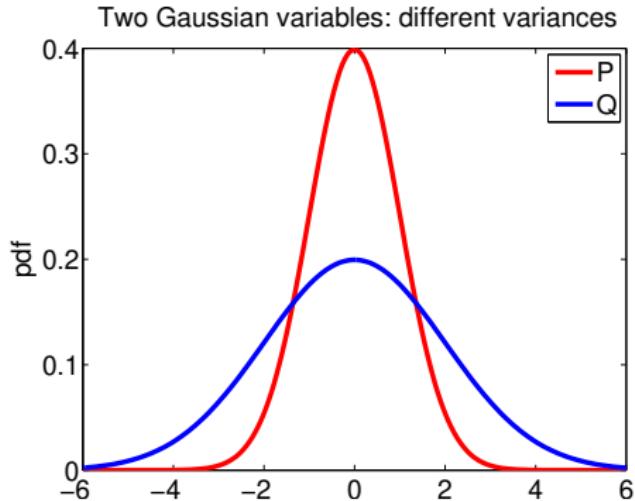
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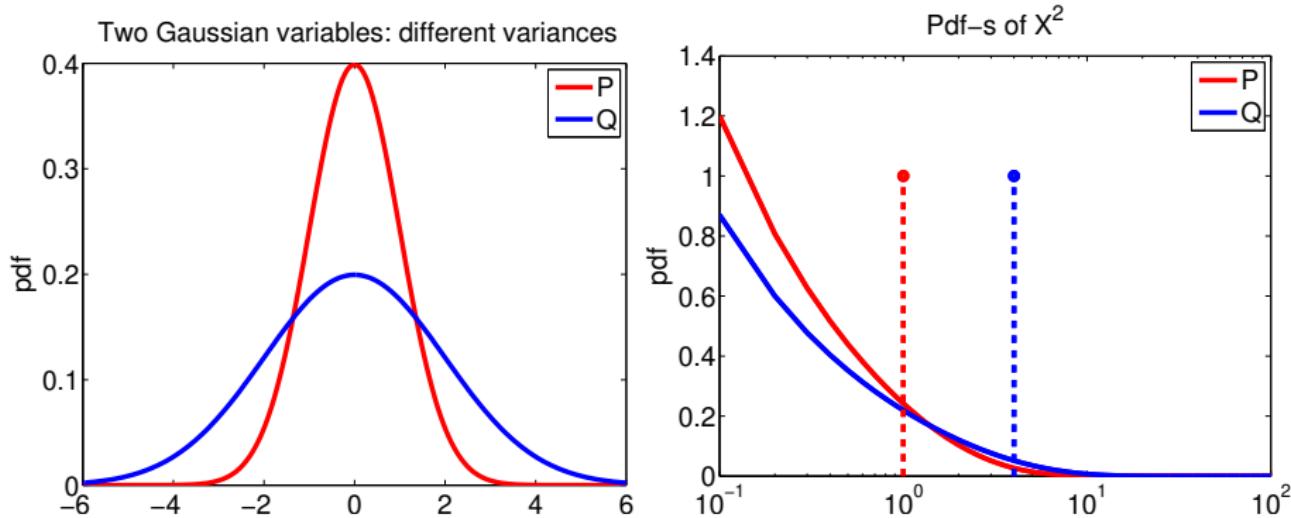
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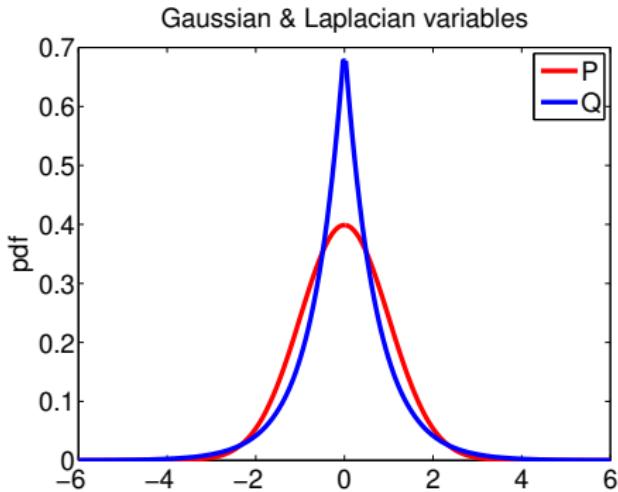
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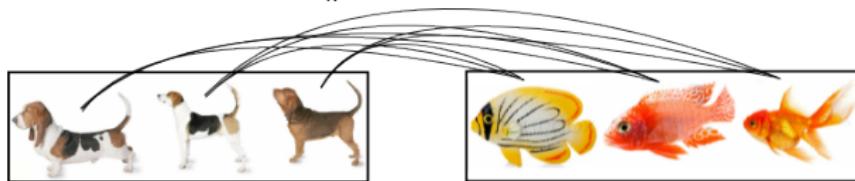
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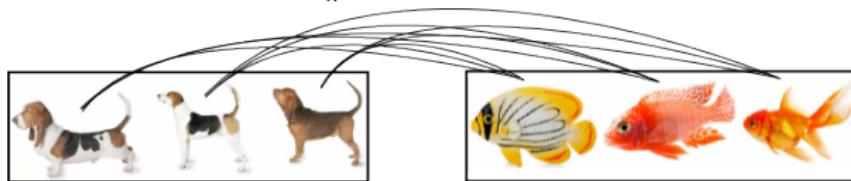
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- kernel Bayesian inference,
- approximate Bayesian computation, probabilistic programming,
- model criticism, goodness-of-fit,
- distribution classification, distribution regression,
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- universality  $\Rightarrow$  characteristic.
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# Other non-linear methods



Goal:  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^D \xrightarrow{?} \{\mathbf{x}'_i\}_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , retaining the geometry of  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ .

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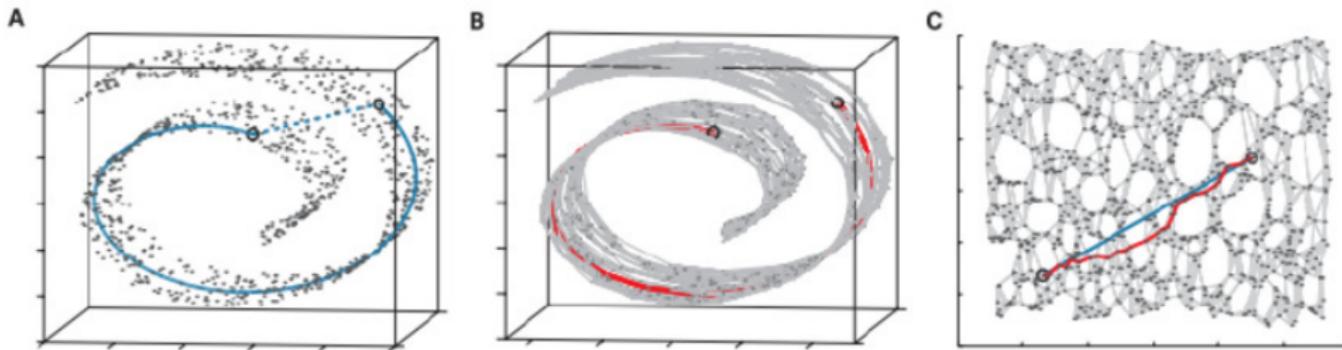
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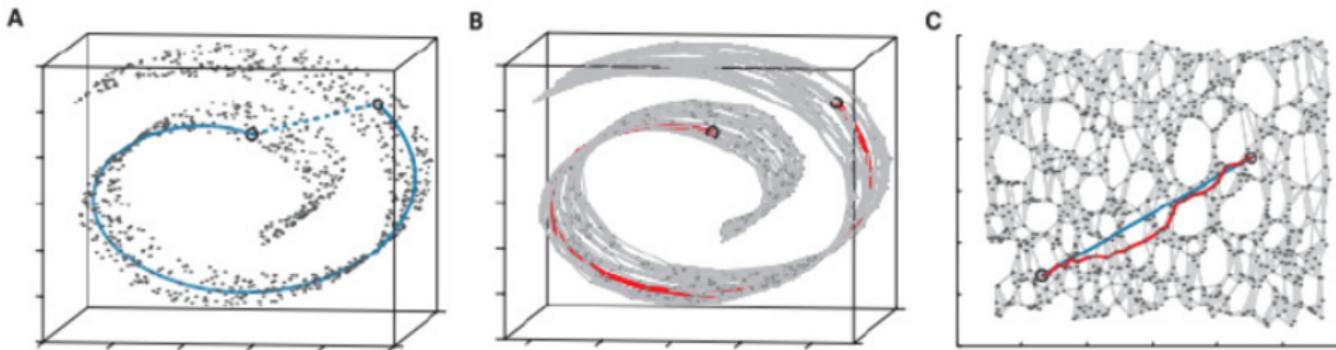
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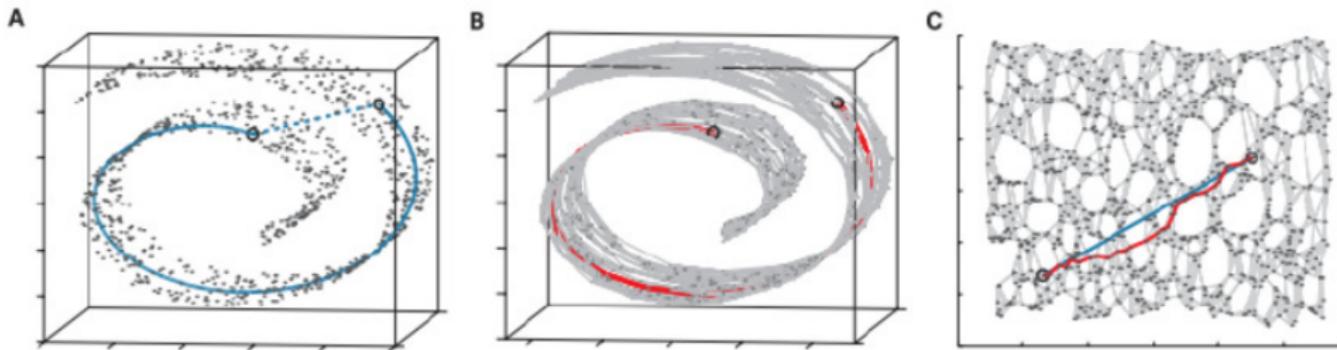
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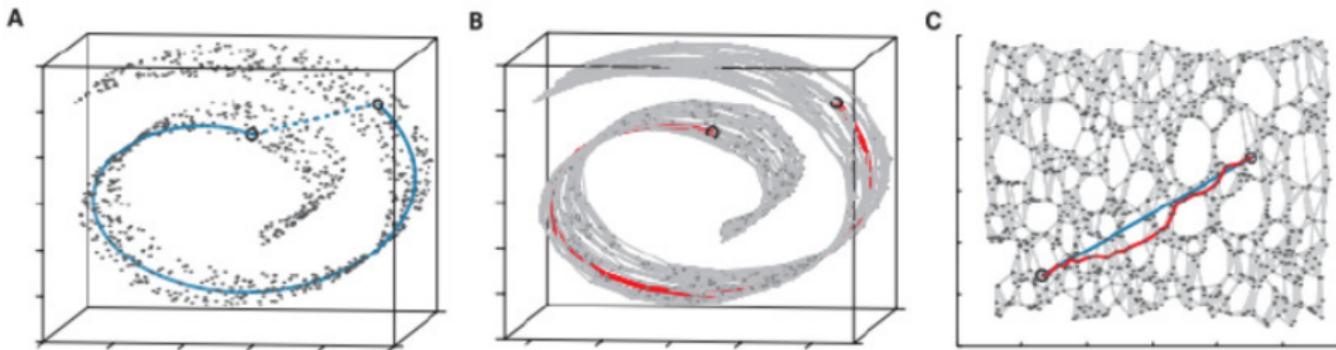
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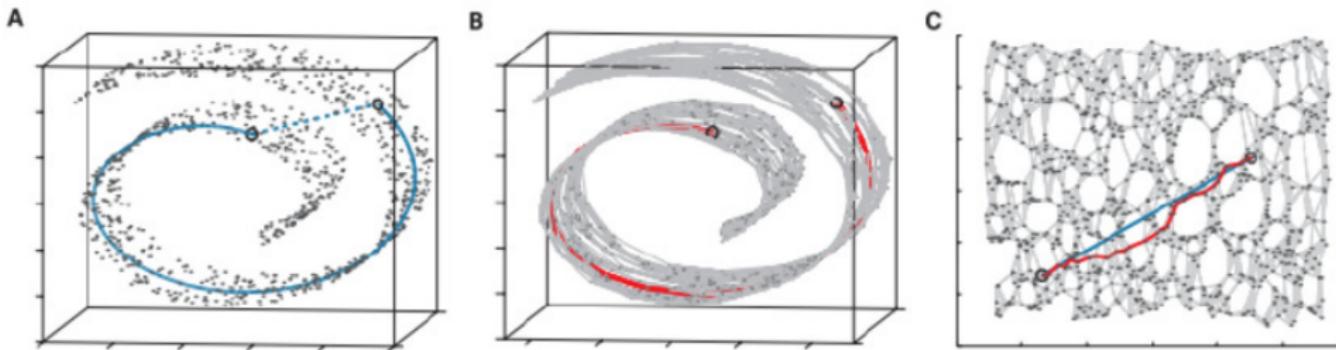
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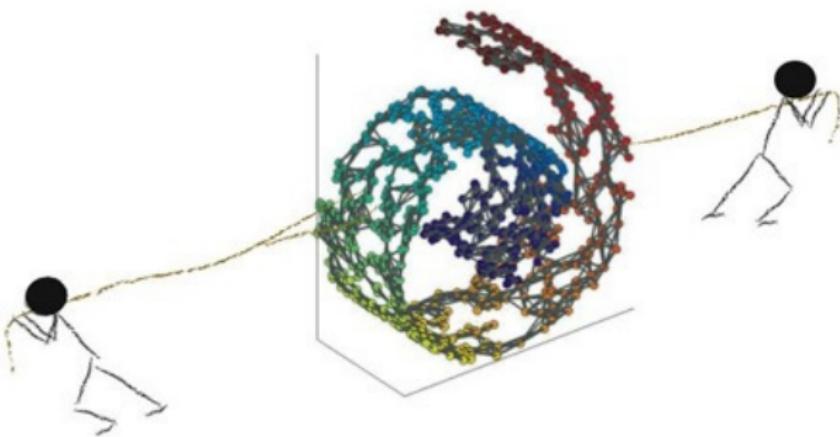
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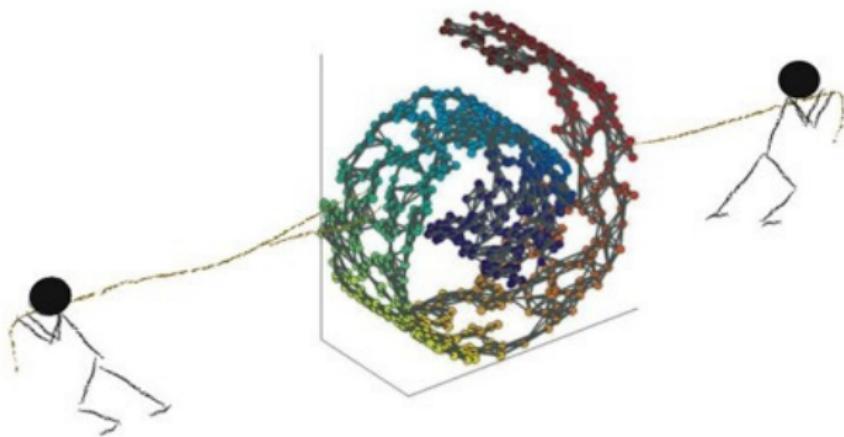
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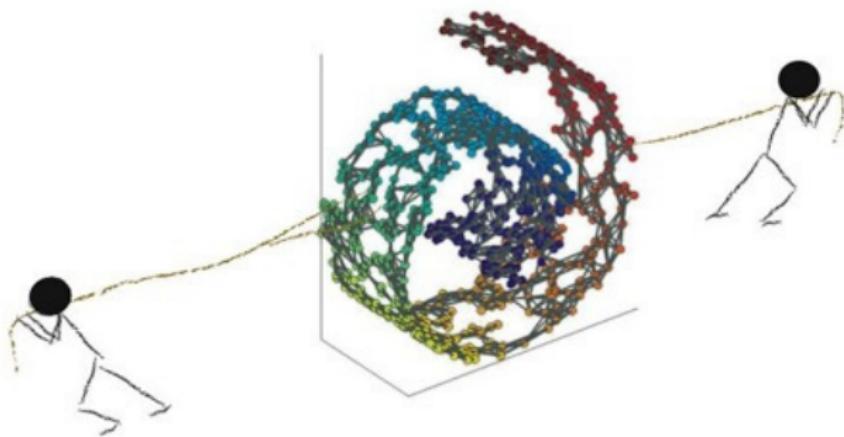
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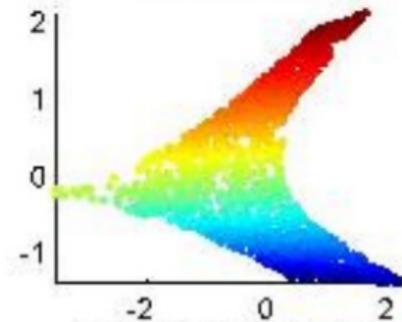
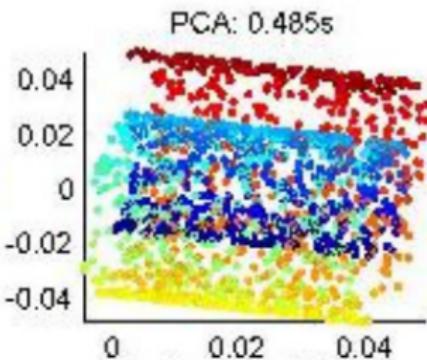
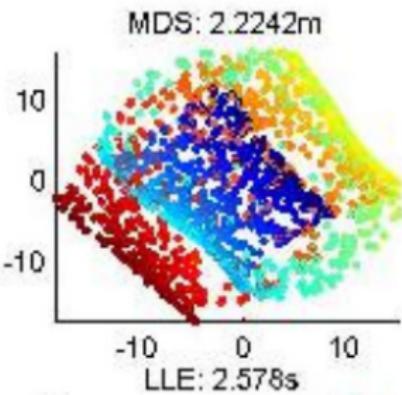
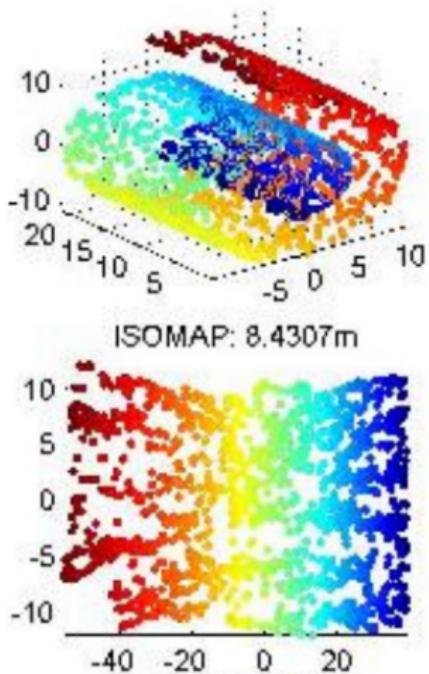
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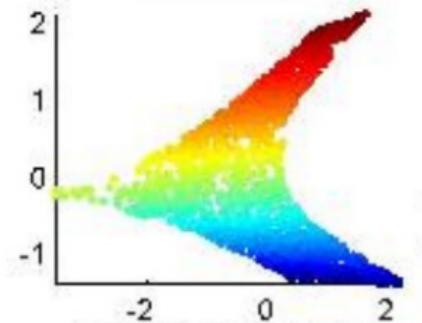
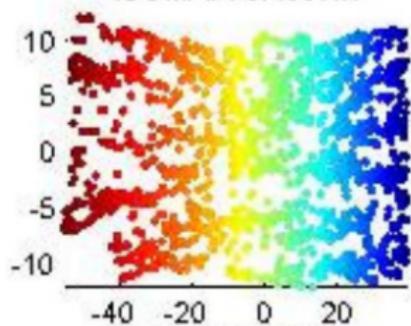
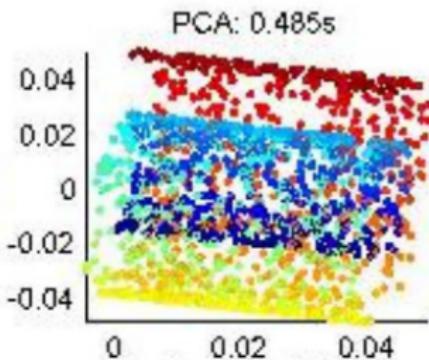
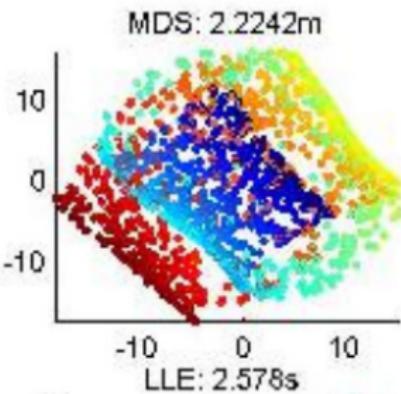
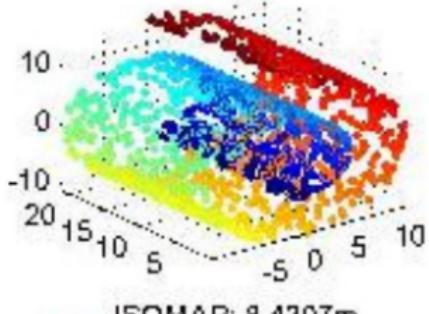
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## Techniques:

- PCA, KPCA: maximum variance projection.
- CCA, KCCA: maximally dependent projection.
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  - analytical KCCA alternative,
  - norm of covariance operator.
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## Applications:

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- cocktail party (ISA).

Thank you for the attention!



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