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## Lecture 07 Dimensionality Reduction and Subspace Clustering with the Doctor-in-the-Loop

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### Advance Organizer (1/2)



- Artificial neural network (ANN) = a computational adaptive model (inspired by biological neural networks), consisting of interconnected groups of artificial neurons; processes information using a connectionist approach.
- Association rule learning = a set of techniques for discovering interesting relationships, i.e., "association rules," among variables in large databases used for data mining;
- Classification = a set of techniques to identify the categories in which new data points belong, based on a training set containing data points that have already been categorized; these techniques are often described as supervised learning because of the existence of a training set; they stand in contrast to cluster analysis, a type of unsupervised learning; used e.g. for data mining;
- Cluster analysis = statistical method for classifying objects that splits a diverse group into smaller groups of similar objects, whose characteristics of similarity are not known in advance; a type of unsupervised learning because training data are not used - in contrast to classification, used for data mining.
- Data mining = a set of techniques to extract patterns from large data by combining methods from statistics and machine learning with database management (e.g. association rule learning, cluster analysis, classification, regression, etc.);
- Knowledge Discovery (KD) = process of identifying valid, novel, useful and understandable patterns out of large volumes of data

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### Learning Goals: At the end of this lecture you ...

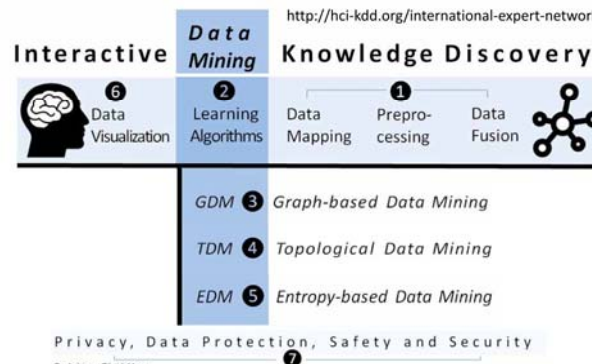


- ... know the differences between **classification** and **clustering** and why it is important for health;
- ... are aware that **features** are key to learning and understanding;
- ... understand the **curse of dimensionality**;
- ... have an idea of **dimensionality reduction**;
- ... recognize the value of **subspace clustering** and analysis with the **doctor-in-the-loop**;
- Understand why the question "What is interesting?" is not easy to answer;

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### Advance Organizer (2/2)



- Deep Learning = class of machine learning algorithms using layers of non-linear processing units for feature extraction (remember: features are key for learning and understanding) - learning representations from data;
- Knowledge Extraction = is the creation of knowledge from structured (relational databases, XML) and unstructured (text, documents, images) sources;
- Multimedia = several data of different modalities are processed at the same time, i.e. encompassing audio data (sound, speech), image data (b/w and colour images), video data (time-aligned sequences of images), electronic ink (sequences of time aligned 2D and 3D coordinates of a stylus, pen, data gloves etc.)
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) = statistical technique for finding patterns in high-dimensional data;
- Sparse Data =
- Supervised learning = inferring a function from supervised training data on the basis of training data which consist of a set of training examples, the input objects (typically vectors) and a desired output value (also called the supervisory signal).
- Supervised learning algorithm = analyzes the training data and produces an inferred function, called a classifier (if the output is discrete) or a regression function (if the output is continuous); the algorithm generalizes from the training data to unseen situations.
- Support vector machine (SVM) = concept for a set of related supervised learning methods to analyze data and recognize patterns, used for classification and regression analysis.
- Unsupervised learning = establishes clusters in data, where the class labels of training data is unknown.

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### Key Challenges



- Uncertainty
- Validation
- Curse of Dimensionality
- Large spaces gets sparse
- Distance Measures get useless
- Patterns occur in different subspaces
- Pressing question: "What is interesting?"

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- Classification
- Clustering
- Curse of dimensionality
- Dimensionality reduction
- Interestingness
- Feature extraction
- Feature selection
- Mapping
- Subspace analysis
- Subspace clustering

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### Glossary



- ANN = Artificial Neural Network
- ANOVA = Analysis of Variance
- AUC - area under the curve
- CDT = Clinical Decision Tree
- DM = Data Mining
- KDD = Knowledge Discovery from Data(bases)
- LLE = Locally Linear Embedding
- MDS = Multi Dimensional Scaling
- MELD = model for end-stage liver disease
- MM = Multimedia
- NLP = Natural Language Processing
- PCA = Principal Components Analysis
- ROC = Receiver Operating Characteristic
- SVM = Support Vector Machine

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### Agenda for today



- 00 Reflection – follow-up from last lecture
- 01 Classification vs. Clustering
- 02 Feature Engineering
- 03 Curse of Dimensionality
- 04 Dimensionality Reduction
- 05 Subspace Clustering and Analysis
- 06 Projection Pursuit
- 07 Conclusion and Future Challenges

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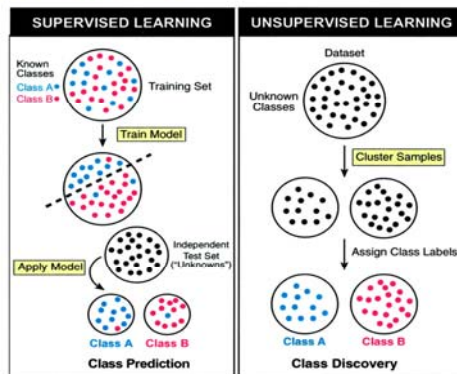
# 01 Classification vs. Clustering



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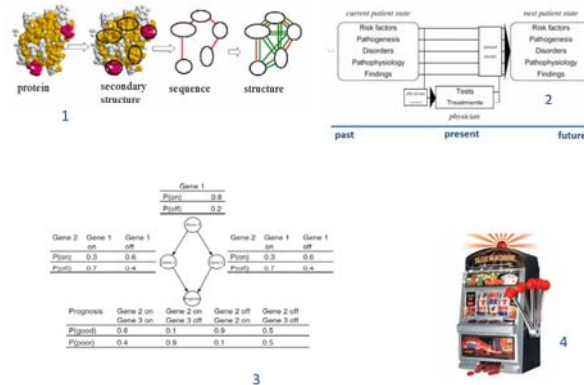
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- 1) The data is not labeled (cIa/Clu)?
- 2) Identify structure/patterns (cIa/Clu)?
- 3) Predicting an item set, identify to which set of categories a new observation belongs (cIa/Clu)?
- 4) Assigning a set of objects into groups (cIa/Clu)?
- 5) Having many labelled data points (cIa/Clu)?
- 6) Using the concept of supervised learning (cIa/Clu)?
- 7) Grouping data items close to each other (cIa/Clu)?
- 8) Used to explore data sets (cIa/Clu)?



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## Why do we need Classification in Health Informatics?



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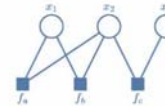
**Undirected:** Markov random fields, useful e.g. for computer vision (Details: Murphy 19)

$$P(X) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left( \sum_{ij} W_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_i x_i b_i \right)$$



**Directed:** Bayes Nets, useful for designing models (Details: Murphy 10)

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{k=1}^K p(x_k | \mathbf{pa}_k)$$



**Factored:** useful for inference/learning

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_s f_s(\mathbf{x}_s)$$

Tutorial on Factor Graphs <http://deeptide.stanford.edu/inference>

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### Classification

- Supervised learning, Pattern Recognition, Prediction, ...
- Supervision = the training data (observations, measurements, etc.) are accompanied by **labels** indicating the class of the observations;
- New data is **classified based on the training set**
- Important for clinical decision making
- Example: Benign/Malign Classification of Tumors

### Clustering

- Unsupervised learning, class discovery, ...
- The class labels of training data is unknown
- Given a set of measurements, observations, etc. with the aim of **establishing the existence of clusters** in the data;
- Example: K-Means Algorithm for disease clustering

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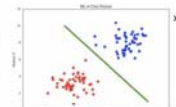
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$\mathbf{x}$  -- set of pixel intensities

- $C_1$ : Cancer present
- $C_2$ : Cancer absent



$\mathbf{x}$ : data points  
 $\mathbf{y}$ : labels  
features  
decision boundary

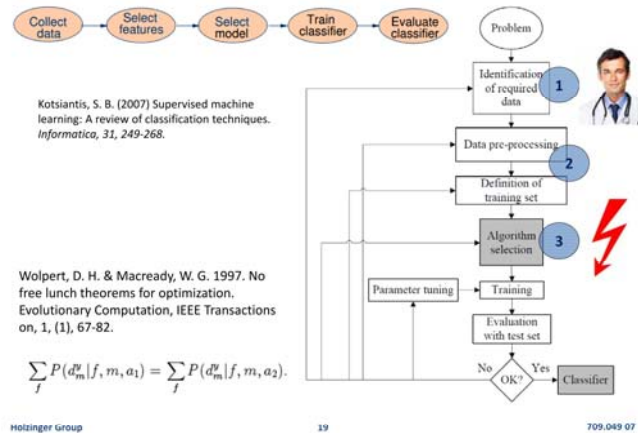
### Typical questions include:

- Is this protein functioning as an enzyme?
- Does this gene sequence contain a splice site?
- Is this melanoma malign?
- Given object  $x$  – predict the class label  $y$ 
  - If  $y \in \{0,1\} \rightarrow$  binary classification problem
  - If  $y \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and is  $n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow$  multiclass problem
  - If  $y \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$  regression problem

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### SVM

- Deterministic algorithm
- Nice generalization properties
- Hard to learn – learned in batch mode using quadratic programming techniques
- Using kernels can learn very complex functions

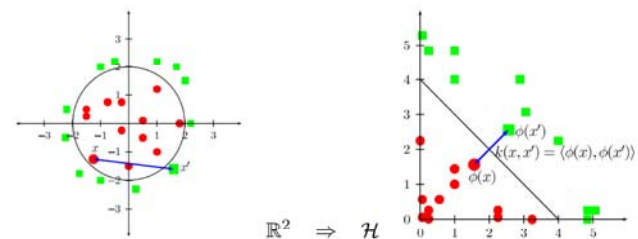
### ANN

- Nondeterministic algorithm
- Generalizes well but doesn't have strong mathematical foundation
- Can easily be learned in incremental fashion
- To learn complex functions—use multilayer perceptron (nontrivial)

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- Naïve Bayes (NB) – see Bayes' theorem with independent assumptions (hence “naïve”)
- Decision Trees (e.g. C4.5)
- NN – if  $x_1$  is most similar to  $x_2 \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2$ 

$$x_j = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in D} \|x - x_i\|^2 \Rightarrow y_i = y_j$$
- SVM – a plane/hyperplane separates two classes of data – very versatile for classification and clustering – also via the Kernel trick in high-dimensions

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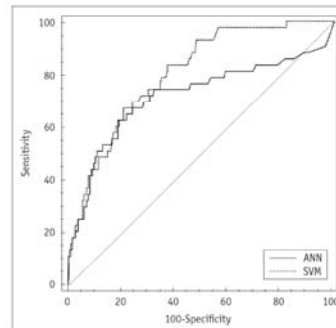
1: Input:  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n), C, \epsilon$ 
2:  $S_1 \leftarrow \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ 
3: repeat
4:   for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
5:      $H(y) \leftarrow \Delta(y_i, y) + w^T \Phi(x_i, y) - w^T \Phi(x_i, y_i)$ 
6:     compute  $\hat{y} = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in C} H(y)$ 
7:     compute  $\xi_i = \max\{0, \max_{y \in C} H(y)\}$ 
8:     if  $H(\hat{y}) > \xi_i + \epsilon$  then
9:        $S_i \leftarrow S_i \cup \{i\}$ 
10:       $w \leftarrow$  optimize primal over  $S = \bigcup_i S_i$ 
11:    end if
12:  end for
13: until no  $S_i$  has changed during iteration
    
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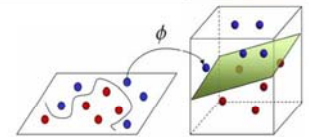
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## Why do we need Clustering in Health Informatics?



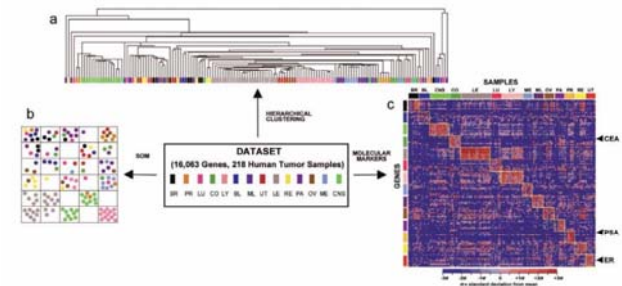
- Uses a nonlinear mapping to transform the original data (input space) into a higher dimension (feature space)
- = classification method for both linear and nonlinear data;
- Within the new dimension, it searches for the linear optimal separating hyperplane (i.e., “decision boundary”);
- By nonlinear mapping to a sufficiently high dimension, data from two classes can always be separated with a hyperplane;
- The SVM finds this hyperplane by using **support vectors** (these are the “essential” training tuples) and **margins** (defined by the support vectors);



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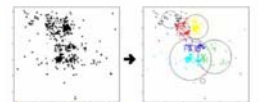
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- Group similar objects into clusters together, e.g.
  - For image segmentation
  - Grouping genes similarly affected by a disease
  - Clustering patients with similar diseases
  - Cluster biological samples for category discovery
  - Finding subtypes of diseases
  - Visualizing protein families
- Inference: given  $x_i$ , predict  $y_i$  by learning  $f$
- No training data set – learn model and apply it



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- Partite a set of  $n$  observations into  $k$  clusters so, that the intra-cluster variance is  $\operatorname{argmin}$ 
  - $v$  ... variance (objective function)
  - $S_i$  ... cluster
  - $c_j$  ... mean ("centroid" for cluster  $j$ )
  - $D$  ... set of all data points  $x_j$
  - $k$  ... number of clusters

Distance "medoid"

$$v(D) = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^n \|(x_i - c_j)\|^2$$

Jain, A. K. 2010. Data clustering: 50 years beyond K-means. Pattern Recognition Letters, 31, (8), 651-666, doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.patrec.2009.09.011.

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## Feature Engineering

"Applied Machine Learning is basically feature engineering".



Andrew Y. Ng, VP & Chief Scientist of Baidu;  
Co-Chair/Founder of Coursera; Professor at Stanford University

<http://www.andrewng.org>

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A Metric Space is a pair  $(X, d)$  where  $X$  is a set and  $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , called the metric, s.t.

- For all  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ .
- For all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ .
- $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ .

**Remark 1.** One example is  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with the Euclidean metric. Spheres  $S^n$  endowed with the spherical metric provide another example.

$$d: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$d(x, x) = 0$$

$$d(x^1, x^2) = d(x^2, x^1) \text{ symmetry}$$

$$d(x^1, x^2) \leq d(x^1, x^3) + d(x^3, x^2) \text{ triangle inequality}$$

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Algorithm 1: Example for a classical weight balanced  $k$ -means algorithm

**Input:**  $d, k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $X := \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $S := \{s_1, \dots, s_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$   
**Output:** Clustering  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_k)$  of  $X$  and the arithmetic means  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  as sites

- Partition  $X$  into a clustering  $C = (C_1, \dots, C_k)$  by assigning  $x_j \in X$  to a cluster  $C_i$  that is closest to site  $s_i \in S$ .
- Update each site  $s_i$  as the center of gravity of cluster  $C_i$ ; if  $|C_i| = 0$ , choose  $s_i = x_i$  for a random  $i \leq n$  with  $x_i \neq s_j$  for all  $j \leq k$ . If the sites change, go to (1.).

Merely an increase in awareness of physicians on risk factors for ARA in children can be sufficient to change their attitudes towards antibiotics prescription. Our results can also be useful when preparing recommendations for antibiotics prescription and to guide the standardized health data record.



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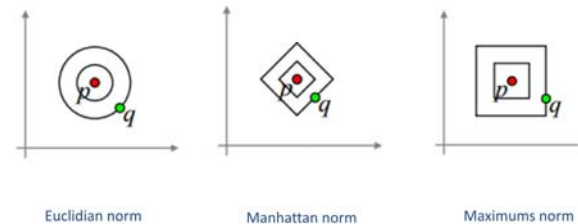
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- Feature:= specific measurable property of a phenomenon being observed.
- Feature engineering:= using domain knowledge to create features useful for ML. ("Applied ML is basically feature engineering. Andrew Ng").
- Feature learning:= transformation of raw data input to a representation, which can be effectively exploited in ML.

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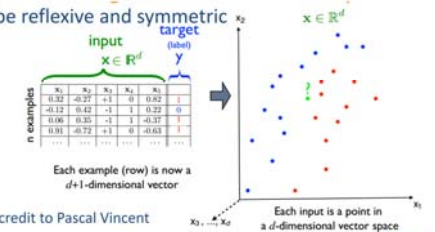
- C4.5**
  - Wu et al. (2008) Top 10 algorithms in data mining. Knowledge & Information Systems, 14, 1, 1-37.
  - for generation of decision trees used for **classification**, (statistical classifier, Quinlan (1993));
- k-means**
  - simple iterative method for partition of a dataset in a user-specified  $n$  of **clusters**,  $k$  (Lloyd (1957));
- A-priori**
  - for finding frequent item sets using candidate generation and **clustering** (Agrawal & Srikant (1994));
- EM**
  - Expectation–Maximization algorithm for finding maximum likelihood estimates of parameters in models (Dempster et al. (1977));
- PageRank**
  - a search ranking algorithm using hyperlinks on the Web (Brin & Page (1998));
- Adaptive Boost**
  - one of the most important ensemble methods (Freund & Shapire (1995));
- k-Nearest Neighbor**
  - a method for **classifying** objects based on closest training sets in the feature space (Fix & Hodges (1951));
- Naive Bayes**
  - can be trained efficiently in a supervised learning setting for classification (Domingos & Pazzani (1997));
- CART**
  - Classification And Regression Trees** as predictive model mapping observations about items to conclusions about the goal (Breiman et al 1984);
- SVM** support vector machines offer one of the most robust and accurate methods among all well-known algorithms (Vapnik (1995));

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- Intuitively: a domain with a distance function
- Formally: Feature Space  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{D}, d)$ 
  - $\mathcal{D}$  = ordered set of features
  - $d: \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  ... a total distance function; true for
    - $\forall p, q \in \mathcal{D}, p \neq q: d(p, q) > 0$  (strict)
    - and must be reflexive and symmetric



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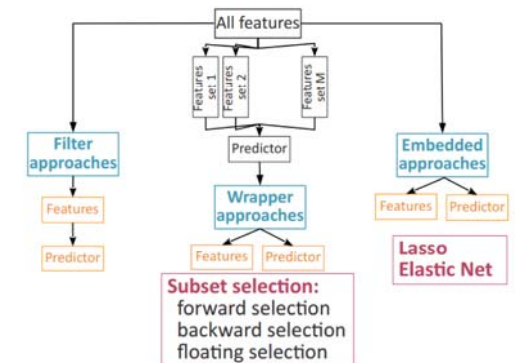


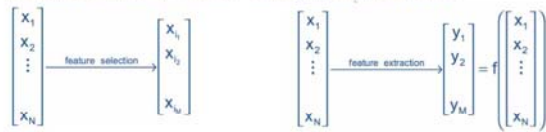
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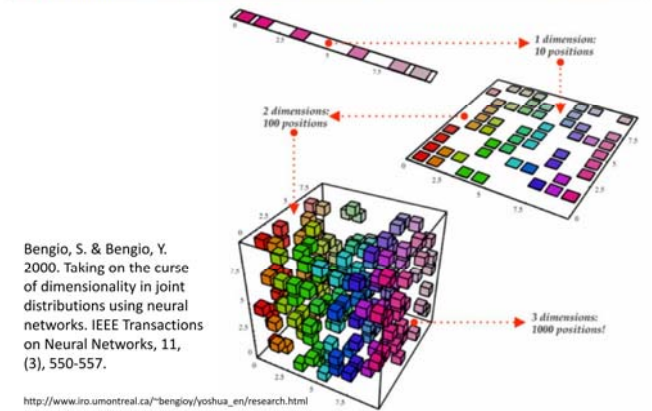
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- Feature selection is just selecting a subset of the existing features without any transformation
- Feature extraction is *transforming* existing features into a lower dimensional space

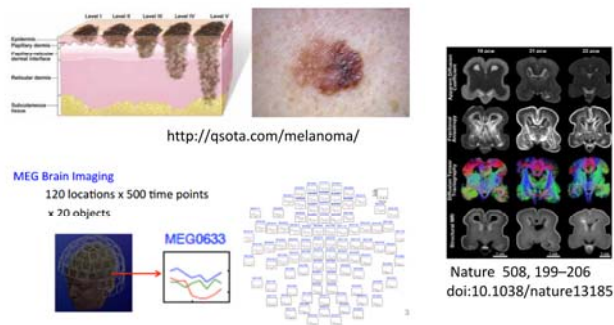


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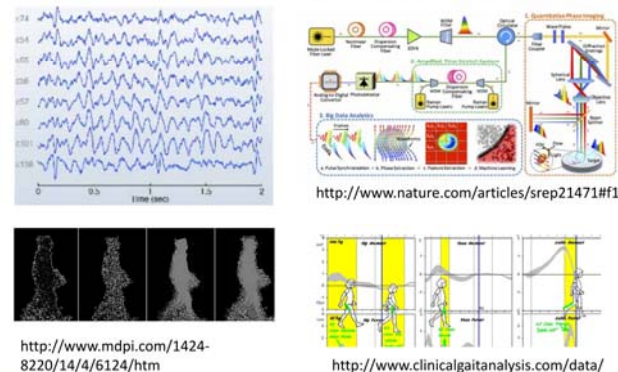
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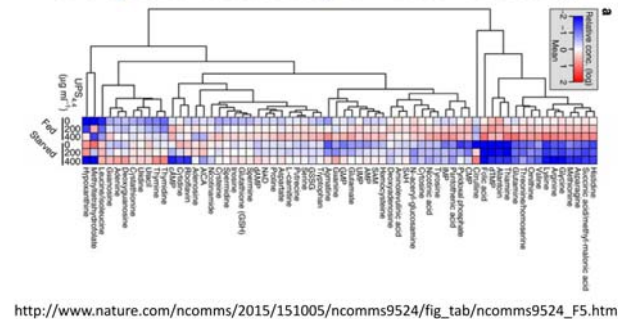
- Medical Image Data (16 - 1000+ features)



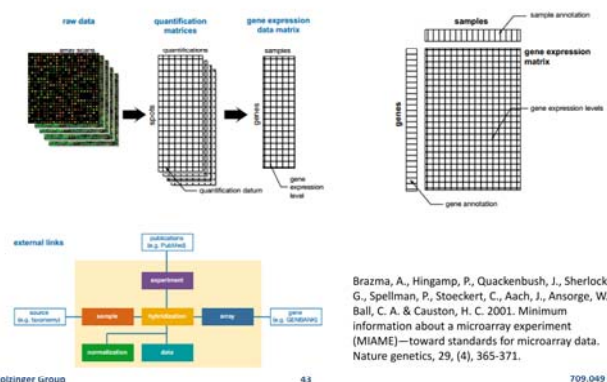
- Biomedical Signal Data (10 - 1000+ features)



- Metabolome data (feature is the concentration of a specific metabolite; 50 - 2000+ features)



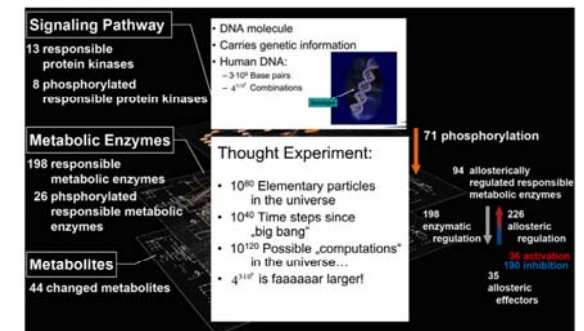
- Microarray Data (features correspond to genes, up to 30k features)



- Text > 10<sup>9</sup> documents × 10<sup>6</sup> words/n-grams features correspond to words or terms, between 5k to 20k features
- Text (Natural Language) is definitely very important for health:
  - Handwritten Notes, Drawings
  - Patient consent forms
  - Patient reports
  - Radiology reports
  - Voice dictations, annotations
  - Literature !!!



[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/255723699\\_An\\_Answer\\_to\\_Who\\_Needs\\_a\\_Styleus\\_on\\_Handwriting\\_Recognition\\_on\\_Mobile\\_Devices](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/255723699_An_Answer_to_Who_Needs_a_Styleus_on_Handwriting_Recognition_on_Mobile_Devices)



Yugi, K. et al. 2014. Reconstruction of Insulin Signal Flow from Phosphoproteome and Metabolome Data. Cell Reports, 8, (4), 1171-1183, doi:10.1016/j.celrep.2014.07.021.



- Hyperspace is large – all points are far apart
- Computationally challenging (both in time & space)
- Complexity grows with  $n$  of features
- Complex models less robust – more variance
- Statistically challenging – hard to learn
- Hard to interpret and **hard to visualize (humans are bound to R3/R2!)**
- Problem with redundant features and noise
- Question: Which algorithms will provide worse results with increasing irrelevant features?
- Answer: Distance-based algorithms generally trust all features of equal importance

- Data visualization only possible in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  ( $\mathbb{R}^3$  cave)
- Human interpretability only in  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{R}^3$  (visualization can help sometimes with parallel coordinates)
- Simpler (=less variance) models are more robust
- Computational complexity (time and space)
- Eliminate non-relevant attributes that can make it more difficult for algorithms to learn
- Bad results through (many) irrelevant attributes?
- Note again: Distance-based algorithms generally trust that all features are equally important.*

- Given  $n \times n$  matrix of pairwise distances between data points
- Compute  $n \times k$  matrix  $X$  with coordinates of distances with some linear algebra magic
- Perform PCA on this matrix  $X$

$x_i$  Point in  $d$  dimensions

$y_i$  Corresponding point in  $r < d$  dimension

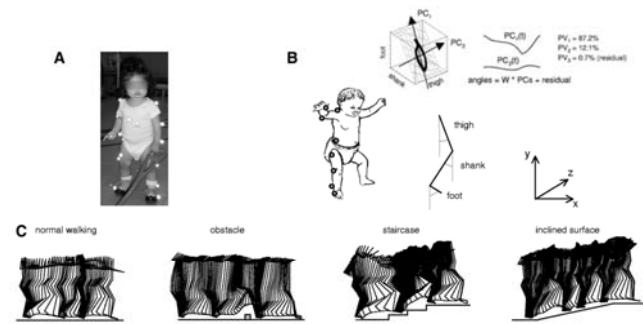
$\delta_{ij}$  Distance between  $x_i$  and  $x_j$

$d_{ij}$  Distance between  $y_i$  and  $y_j$

Define (e.g.)  $E(y) = \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{d_{ij} - \delta_{ij}}{\delta_{ij}} \right)^2$

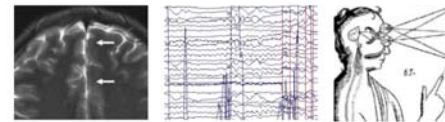
- Find  $y_i$ 's that minimize  $E$  by gradient descent
- Invariant to translations, rotations and scalings

Kruskal, J. B. 1964. Multidimensional scaling by optimizing goodness of fit to a nonmetric hypothesis. Psychometrika, 29, (1), 1-27.



Dominici, N., Ivanenko, Y. P., Cappellini, G., Zampagni, M. L. & Lacquaniti, F. 2010. Kinematic Strategies in Newly Walking Toddlers Stepping Over Different Support Surfaces. Journal of Neurophysiology, 103, (3), 1673-1684, doi:10.1152/jn.00945.2009.

- Given  $n$  data points in  $d$  dimensions
- Conversion to  $m$  data points in  $r \ll d$  dimension
- Challenge: **minimal loss of information \***
- \*) this is always a grand challenge, e.g. in k-Anonymization – see later*
- Very dangerous is the “modeling-of-artifacts”



## 05 Subspace Clustering\* and Analysis

- Two major issues
- (1) the algorithmic approach to clustering and
- (2) the definition and assessment of **similarity versus dissimilarity**.

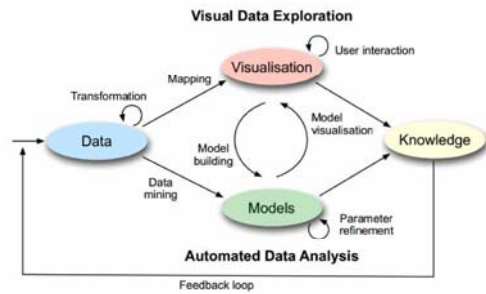
## 04 Dimensionality Reduction

- Linear methods (unsupervised):
  - PCA (Principal Component Analysis)
  - FA (Factor Analysis)
  - MDS (Multi-dimensional Scaling)**
- Non-linear methods (unsupervised):
  - Isomap (Isometric feature mapping)
  - LLE (locally linear embedding)
  - Autoencoders
- Supervised methods:
  - LDA (Linear Discriminant Analysis)
- Subspace Clustering with a human-in-the-loop**

- Definitions:
- $K$  clusters
- $N$  data points
- $D$  dimensions (original space)
- $d$  dimensions (latent subspace)
- Subspace Clustering is the process of clustering data whilst reducing the  $d$  of each cluster to a cluster-dependent subspace

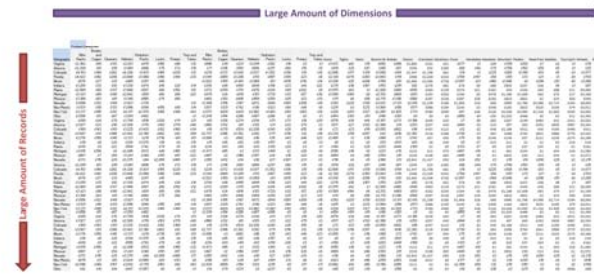
Agrawal, R., Gehrke, J., Gunopulos, D. & Raghavan, P. 1998. Automatic subspace clustering of high dimensional data for data mining applications. SIGMOD Rec., 27, (2), 94-105, doi:10.1145/276305.276314.



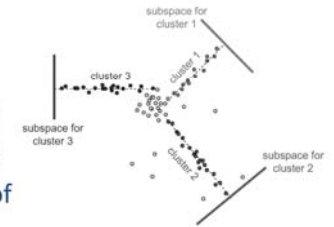


Keim, D., Kohlhammer, J., Ellis, G. & Mansmann, F. (eds.) 2010. Mastering the Information Age: Solving Problems with Visual Analytics, Goslar: Eurographics.

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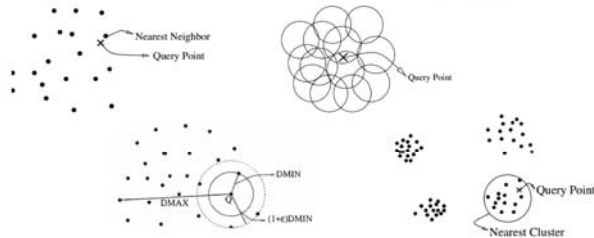
- Many irrelevant dimensions
- Correlated and redundant dimensions
- Conflicting dimensions
- Wrong Interpretation of global analysis results



Beyer, K., Goldstein, J., Ramakrishnan, R. & Shaft, U. 1999. When is "nearest neighbor" meaningful? In: Beeri, C. & Buneman, P. (eds.) Database Theory ICDT 99, LNCS 1540. Berlin: Springer, pp. 217-235.

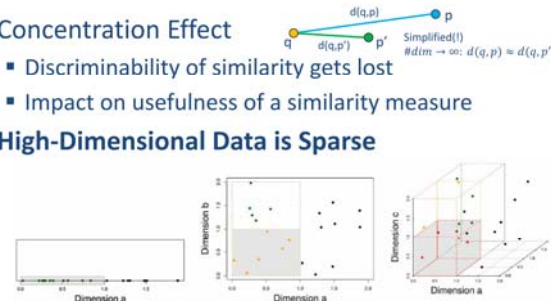
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- NN problem: Given  $n$  data points and a query point in an  $m$  –dimensional metric space
- find the data point closest to the query point.

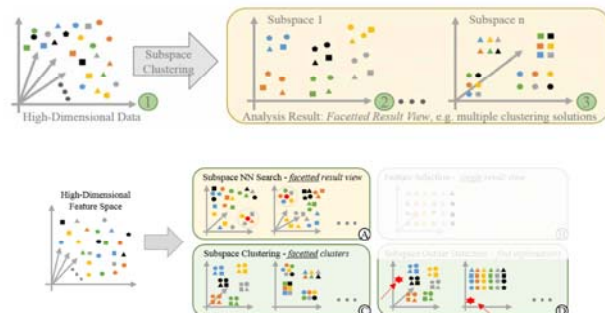
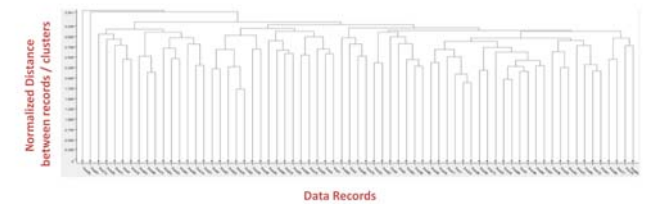


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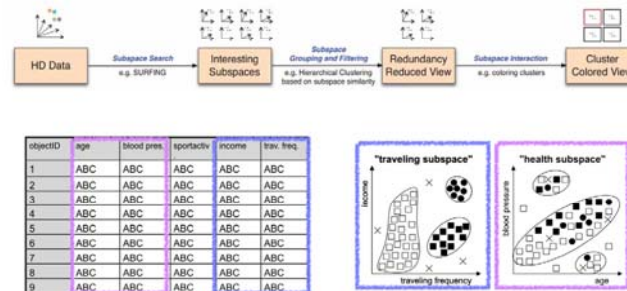
- Concentration Effect
  - Discriminability of similarity gets lost
  - Impact on usefulness of a similarity measure
- High-Dimensional Data is Sparse



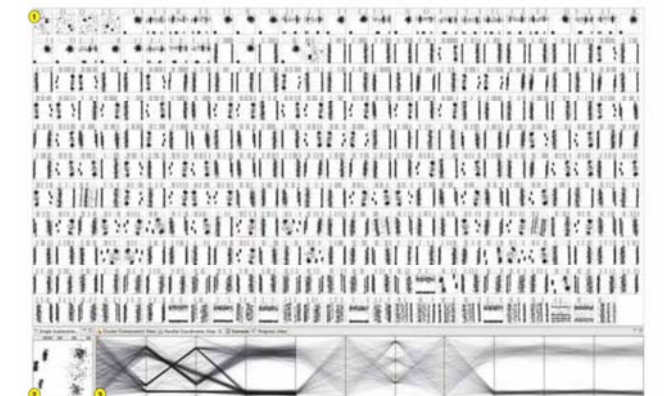
Optimization Problem and Combinatorial Issues  
Feature selection and dimension reduction  
 $2^d - 1$  possible subsets of dimensions ( $\rightarrow$  subspaces)

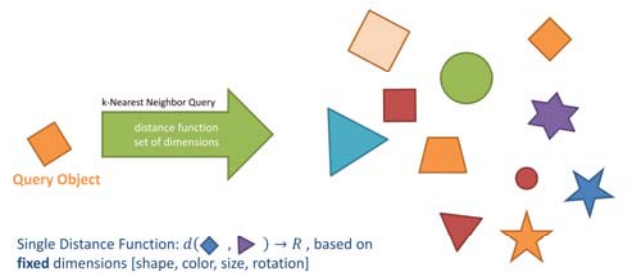


- Patterns may be found in subspaces (dimension combinations)
- Patterns may be complementary or redundant to each other



Tatu, A., Maass, F., Faerber, I., Bertini, E., Schreck, T., Seidl, T. & Keim, D. Subspace search and visualization to make sense of alternative clusterings in high-dimensional data. IEEE Symposium on Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST), 2012 Seattle. IEEE, 63-72, doi:10.1109/VAST.2012.6400488.





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## TU Application in a Clinical Scenario



- (1) Relevant subspaces *depend on the patient* and are *unknown* beforehand
- (2) *Multiple* subspaces might be relevant
- (3) Subspaces helps to *interpret* the nearest neighbors (*semantic meaning*)

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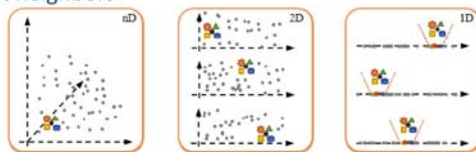
## TU Initial Subspace Model

### Relevance of Nearest Neighbors

A set of objects  $a, b, c$  are NN of the query  $q$  in a subspace  $s$ , iff  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are similar to  $q$  in all dimensions of  $s$ .

### Relevance of a Subspace

A subspace is considered **relevant**, iff it contains relevant nearest neighbors

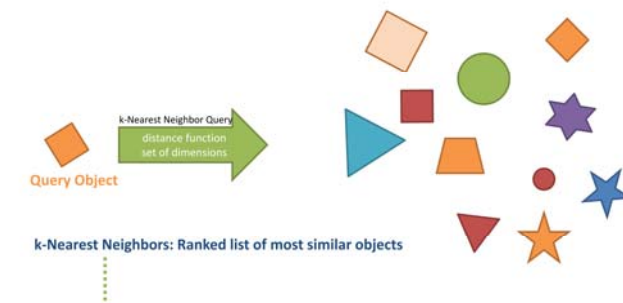


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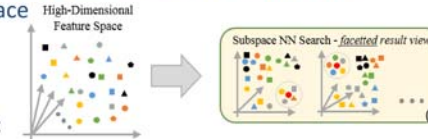
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## TU Subspace NN-Search: Definition and Characteristics

1. Detect all previously unknown subspaces that are relevant for a NN-search
2. Determine the respective set of NN within each relevant subspace



Characteristics:

- Search for different NN's in different subspaces
- Consider local similarity (instead of global)
- Subspaces are query dependent
- Subspaces are not an abstract concept but helps to semantically interpret the nearest neighbors

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## TU Advantages of Subspace Modelling

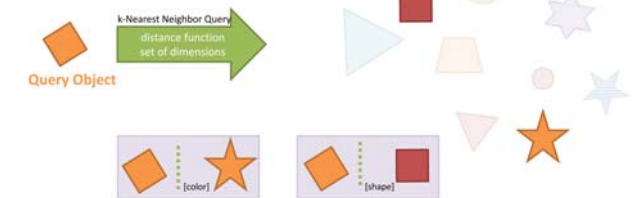
- **Interpretability:** reflects the semantic meaning
  - In which way are NN's similar to the query?
  - → In all dimensions of the subspace
- **Fulfills the downward-closure property**
  - Make use of *Apriori-like algorithms* for subspace search
- **No global distance function necessary**
  - Heterogeneous subspaces can be described
  - Compute the nearest neighbors in every dimension separately (with an appropriate distance function)
  - Compute subspace by intersection

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- **Attention:** Similarity measures lose their discriminative ability
- Noise, irrelevant, redundant, and conflicting dimensions appear



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## TU Again: What is a Relevant Subspace for NN-Search?



**Subspace clustering** aims at finding clusters in different axis-parallel or arbitrarily-oriented subspaces [1]

**Subspace Outlier Detection** search for subspaces in which an arbitrary, or a user-defined object is considered as outlier [2].

[1] Kriegel, H. P., Kroger, P. & Zimek, A. 2009. Clustering High-Dimensional Data: A Survey on Subspace Clustering, Pattern-Based Clustering, and Correlation Clustering. *ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)*, 3, (1), 1-58, doi:10.1145/1497577.1497578.

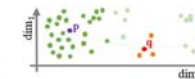
[2] Zimek, A., Schubert, E. & Kriegel, H. P. 2012. A survey on unsupervised outlier detection in high-dimensional numerical data. *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining*, 5, (5), 363-387.

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## TU Query Based Interestingness Measure for Dimensions

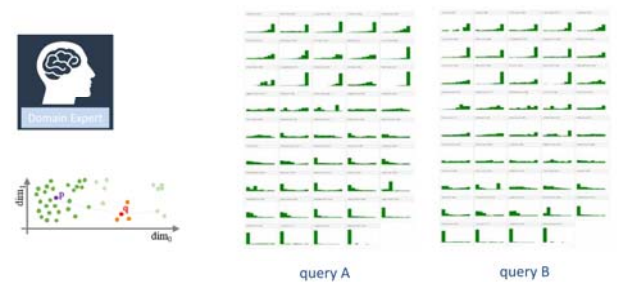


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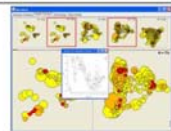


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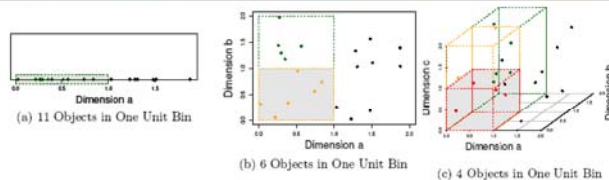
- VISA by Assent et al. (2007)
- CoDa by Günnemann et al (2010)
- Morpheus by Müller et al. (2008)
- Visual Analytics Framework by Tatu et al. (2012)



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- Data in only one dimension is relatively packed
- Adding a dimension "stretch" the points across that dimension, making them further apart
- Adding more dimensions will make the points further apart—high dimensional data is extremely sparse
- Distance measure becomes meaningless—due to equidistance

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- (1) Determine Nearest Neighbors per Dimension
- (2) Efficient Search Strategy
- (3) Query-Based Interestingness for Dimensions
- (4) Subspace Quality Criterion (Depends on Analysis Task)
- (5) Evaluation Methods and Development of Benchmark Datasets
- (6) Multi-input Subspace Nearest Neighbor Search
- (7) Visualization and User Interaction

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- Existing techniques: **exploration** of subspace clusters
- Visualizations to **make sense** of clusters and its subspaces
  - Is the parameter setting appropriate for the data?
  - What happens if algorithms cannot scale with the #dimensions?
- We need methods to **steer algorithms** while computing relevant subspaces
  - Pruning of intermediate results
  - Adjust parameters to domain knowledge
  - ...

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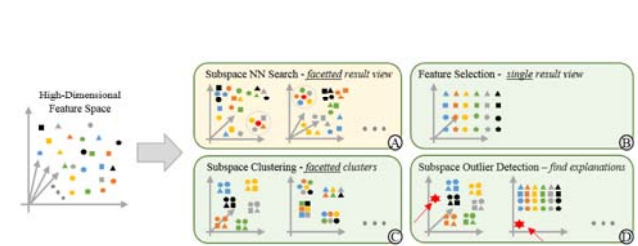
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- Data set** - consists of a matrix of data values, rows represent individual instances and columns represent dimensions.
- Instance** - refers to a vector of  $d$  measurements.
- Cluster** - group of instances in a dataset that are more similar to each other than to other instances. Often, similarity is measured using a distance metric over some or all of the dimensions in the dataset.
- Subspace** - is a subset of the  $d$  dimensions of a given dataset.
- Subspace Clustering** - seek to find clusters in a dataset by selecting the most *relevant* dimensions for each cluster separately.
- Feature Selection** - process of determining and selecting the dimensions (features) that are most relevant to the data mining task.

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Hund, M., Sturm, W., Schreck, T., Ullrich, T., Keim, D., Majnaric, L. & Holzinger, A. 2015. Analysis of Patient Groups and Immunization Results Based on Subspace Clustering. In: Guo, Y., Friston, K., Aldo, F., Hill, S. & Peng, H. (eds.) Brain Informatics and Health, Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence LNAI 9250. Cham: Springer International Publishing, pp. 358-368, doi:10.1007/978-3-319-23344-4\_35.

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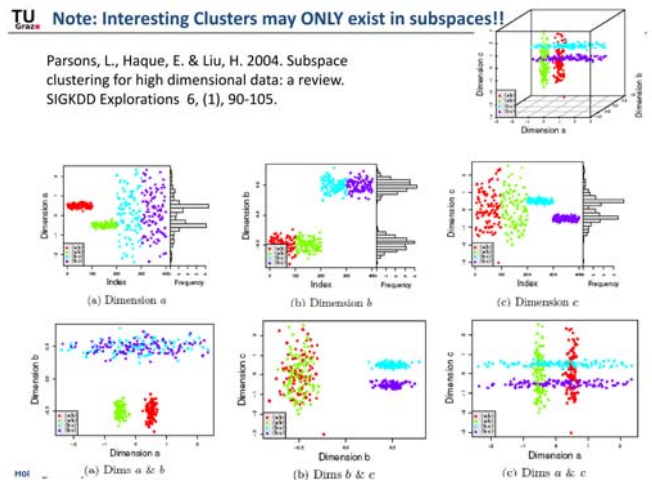
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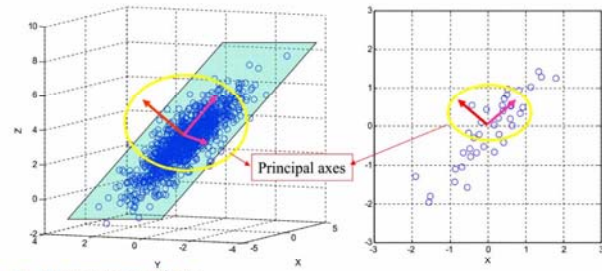


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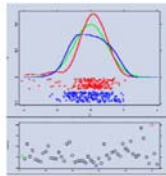
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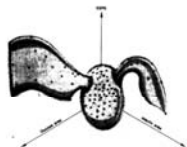
- We assume that
- 1) data sets concentrate to a low d-dim. linear subspace
- 2) axes of the subspaces are representations of the data
- 3) identifying the axes can be done by PCA

- Remember: Gaussian distribution maximizes the entropy!
- Now the objective is to minimize the entropy:
- $\min H(t)$  for  $t = \omega^T x$
- (i.e.  $t$  is normalized)



<http://fedc.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/xplore/tutorials/mvahtmlnode115.html>

Friedman, J. H. & Tukey, J. W. 1974. A projection pursuit algorithm for exploratory data analysis. IEEE Transactions on Computers, 100, (9), 881-890.



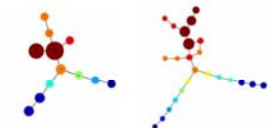
Given a point cloud data set  $X$  and a covering  $U \Rightarrow$  simplicial complex

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$$

$$f_\varepsilon(x) = C_\varepsilon \sum_y \exp\left(\frac{-d(x, y)^2}{\varepsilon}\right)$$



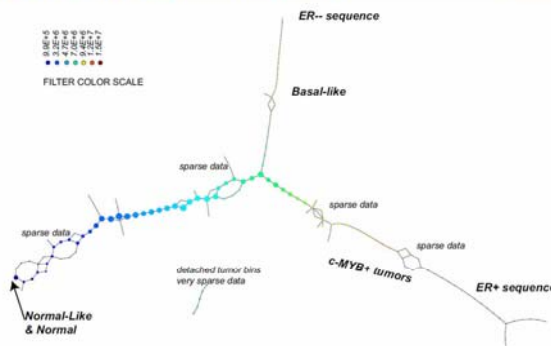
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## 06 “What is interesting?” Projection Pursuit



- 145 diabetes patients
- 6 dimensional data set:
  - 1) age,
  - 2) relative weight,
  - 3) fasting plasma glucose,
  - 4) area under the plasma glucose curve for the three hour glucose tolerance test (OGTT),
  - 5) area under the plasma insulin curve for the OGTT,
  - 6) steady state plasma glucose response.
- Method: Projection Pursuit (PP)
- Result:  $\mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

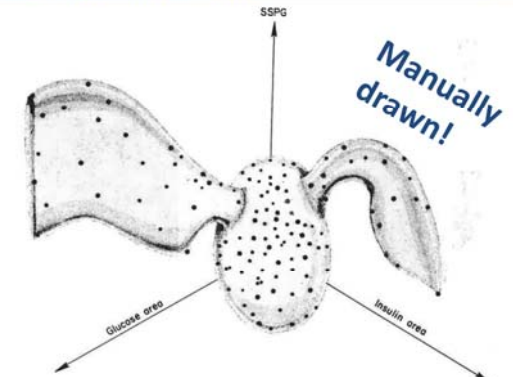
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Nicolau, M., Levine, A. J. & Carlsson, G. (2011) Topology based data analysis identifies a subgroup of breast cancers with a unique mutational profile and excellent survival. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 108, 17, 7265-7270.

- **Projection pursuit** : Find a subset of coordinates of the data which display “interesting” features. Often the selection of the subset of coordinates is manual, but there are automated algorithms which can find these subsets automatically also. Finally one has to inspect each projection and decide if its “interesting”.

Huber P.J.: Projection pursuit. Ann. Statist. 13, 2 (1985), 435-525.



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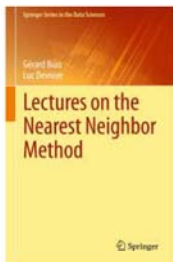
## Conclusion and Future Challenges



- Sometimes we have
  - A small number of data sets
  - Rare events – “little data”
  - NP-hard problems (e.g. k-Anonymization, Protein-Folding, Graph Coloring, Subspace Clustering, ...)
- Then we still need the “human-in-the-loop”



## Questions

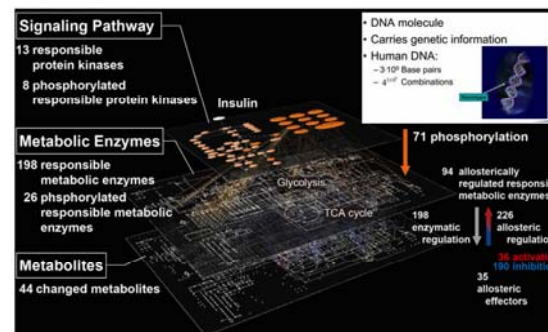


“Children learn effortlessly by example and exhibit a remarkable capacity of generalization. The field of machine learning, on the other hand, stumbles along clumsily in search of algorithms and methods, but nothing available today comes even close to an average two-year-old toddler ...”

Biau, G. & Devroye, L. 2016. Lectures on the nearest neighbor method, Springer, doi:10.1007/978-3-319-25388-6.

- Time (e.g. entropy) and Space (e.g. topology)
- Knowledge Discovery from “unstructured” ;-)  
(Forrester: >80%) data and applications of structured components as methods to index and organize data -> Content Analytics
- Open data, Big data, sometimes: “little data”
- Integration in “real-world” (e.g. Hospital context)
- How can we measure the benefits of visual analysis as compared to traditional methods?
- Can (and how can) we develop powerful visual analytics tools for the non-expert end user?

- Why would we wish at all to reduce the dimensionality of a data set?
- Why is feature selection so important? What is the difference between feature selection and feature extraction?
- What types of feature selection do you know?
- Can Neural Networks also be used to select features?
- Why do we need a human expert in the loop in subspace clustering?
- What is the advantage of the Projection Pursuit method?
- Why is algorithm selection so critical?



Yugi, K. et al. 2014. Reconstruction of Insulin Signal Flow from Phosphoproteome and Metabolome Data. Cell Reports, 8, (4), 1171-1183, doi:10.1016/j.celrep.2014.07.021.

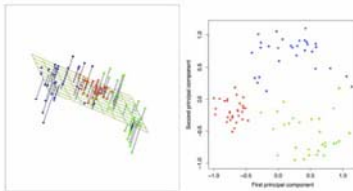


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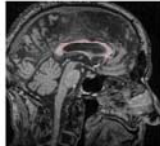
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- Subtract mean from data (center X)
- (Typically) scale each dimension by its variance
  - Helps to pay less attention to magnitude of dimensions
- Compute covariance matrix  $S = \frac{1}{N} X^T X$
- Compute  $k$  largest eigenvectors of  $S$
- These eigenvectors are the  $k$  principal components



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TU Graz Example 4: MDS: Find projection that best preserves  $d$ 

- Given  $n \times n$  matrix of pairwise distances between data points
- Compute  $n \times k$  matrix  $X$  with coordinates of distances with some linear algebra magic
- Perform PCA on this matrix  $X$

$x_i$  Point in  $d$  dimensions

$y_i$  Corresponding point in  $r < d$  dimension

$\delta_{ij}$  Distance between  $x_i$  and  $x_j$

$d_{ij}$  Distance between  $y_i$  and  $y_j$

- Define (e.g.)  $E(y) = \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{d_{ij} - \delta_{ij}}{\delta_{ij}} \right)^2$

- Find  $y_i$ 's that minimize  $E$  by gradient descent
- Invariant to translations, rotations and scalings

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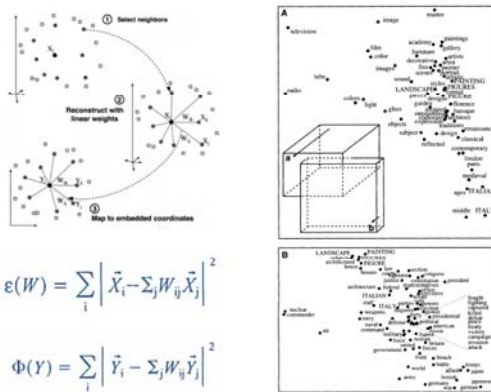
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## TU Graz Example 7: Locally Linear Embedding (LLE)

Roweis, S. T. & Saul, L. K. 2000. Nonlinear dimensionality reduction by locally linear embedding. Science, 290, (5500), 2323-2326, doi:10.1126/science.290.5500.2323.



$$\epsilon(W) = \sum_i \left| \tilde{x}_i - \sum_j W_{ij} \tilde{x}_j \right|^2$$

$$\Phi(Y) = \sum_i \left| \tilde{y}_i - \sum_j W_{ij} \tilde{y}_j \right|^2$$

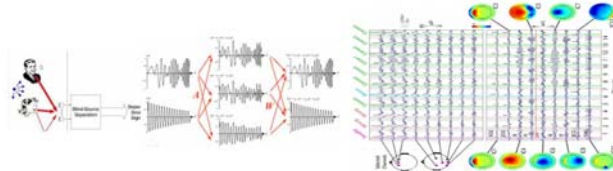
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## TU Graz Example 2 ICA (Motivation: Blind Source Separation)

- Suppose that there are  $k$  unknown independent sources  
 $s(t) = [s_1(t), \dots, s_k(t)]^T$  with  $Es(t) = 0$
- A data vector  $x(t)$  is observed at each time point  $t$ , such that  $x(t) = As(t)$   
 where  $A$  is a  $n \times k$  full rank scalar matrix



Holzinger, A., Scherer, R., Seiber, M., Wagner, J. & Müller-Putz, G. 2012. Computational Sensemaking on Examples of Knowledge Discovery from Neuroscience Data: Towards Enhancing Stroke Rehabilitation. In: Böhm, C., Khuri, S., Uhtskäl, L. & Renda, M. (eds.) Information Technology in Bio- and Medical Informatics, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, LNCS 7451. Heidelberg, New York: Springer, pp. 166-168

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## TU Graz Example 5: Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)

"Arts" "Budgets" "Children" "Education"

NEW MILLIONS CHILDREN SCHOOL  
 FILM TEL WOMEN STUDENTS  
 SHOW PROGRAM PEOPLE SCHOOLS  
 MUSIC BUDGET CHILD EDUCATION  
 MOVIE BELONG YEARS TEACHERS  
 PLAY FEDERAL FAIRIES BOB  
 SOCIAL YEAR WASH PERCH  
 REIT OPENING PARENTS ELABOR  
 ACTION NEW WASH ELABOR  
 FIRST STATE FAMILY MASHAT  
 VILMA PLANE WELFARE NASHPI  
 OPERA MONEY STATE NASHPI  
 THEATER PROGRAMS MEN PRESIDENT  
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The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will give \$1.25 million to Lincoln Center, Metropolitan Opera Co., New York Philharmonic, and Juilliard School. "Our board felt that we had a real opportunity to make a mark on the future of the performing arts with these gifts, an act every bit as important as our traditional areas of support in health, medical research, education and the social sciences." Hearst Foundation President Randolph A. Hearst said Monday in announcing the gifts. Lincoln Center's share will be \$1,000,000 for its new building, which will house young artists and provide new public facilities. The Metropolitan Opera Co. and New York Philharmonic will receive \$400,000 each. The Juilliard School, where music and the performing arts are taught, will get \$100,000. The Hearst Foundation, a leading supporter of the Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund, will make its usual annual \$100,000 donation, too.

(1) initialize  $\theta_i^0 = 1/2$  for all  $i$  and  $\alpha$   
 (2)  $z_i^0 = n_i = N_i / 2$  for all  $i$   
 repeat  
 for  $i = 1$  to  $N$   
 (3)  $z_i^t = \arg \max_z p(z_i | \theta_i^t)$   
 (4)  $\theta_i^{t+1} = \frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} p(z_j = i | \theta_i^t)$   
 (5)  $\alpha^{t+1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i^{t+1}$   
 until convergence

$p(D | \alpha, \beta) = \prod_{d=1}^M \int p(\theta_d | \alpha) \left( \prod_{n=1}^{N_d} \sum_{z_{dn}} p(z_{dn} | \theta_d) p(w_{dn} | z_{dn}, \beta) \right) d\theta_d$

Blei, D. M., Ng, A. Y. & Jordan, M. I. 2003. Latent Dirichlet allocation. Journal of Machine Learning Research, 3, (4-5), 993-1022.

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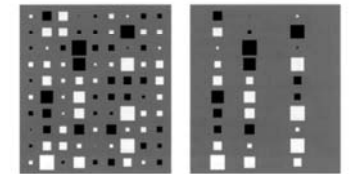
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## TU Graz Example 3: Factor Analysis (FA)

- FA describes variability of observations given unobserved **latent variables = factors**.
- Factors explain correlation between variables
- Similar to PCA, the difference is the conditional probability of the data ( $\psi$  = diagonal matrix):

$$p(x|z) = \mathcal{N}(x|Wz + \mu, \Psi)$$

Bishop, C. M. 2006. Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, Heidelberg, Springer, Chapter 12.2.4



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## TU Graz Example 6: Isomap

### A Global Geometric Framework for Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction

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Scientists working with large volumes of high-dimensional data, such as global climate patterns, stellar spectra, or human gene distributions, regularly confront the problem of dimensionality reduction: finding meaningful low-dimensional structure hidden in their high-dimensional observations. The human brain confronts the same problem in everyday perception, extracting from its high-dimensional sensory inputs—30,000 auditory nerve fibers or 10<sup>6</sup> optic nerve fibers—a manageably small number of perceptually relevant features. Here we describe an approach to solving dimensionality reduction problems that uses easily measured local metric information to learn the underlying global geometry of a data set. Unlike classical techniques such as principal component analysis (PCA) and multidimensional scaling (MDS), our approach is capable of discovering the nonlinear degrees of freedom that underlie complex natural observations, such as human handwriting or images of a face under different viewing conditions. In contrast to previous algorithms for nonlinear dimensionality reduction, ours efficiently computes a globally optimal solution, and, for an important class of data manifolds, is guaranteed to converge asymptotically to the true structure.

Goal: Find projection onto nonlinear manifold

1. Construct neighborhood graph  $G$ :

For all  $x_i, x_j$

If  $\text{distance}(x_i, x_j) < \epsilon$

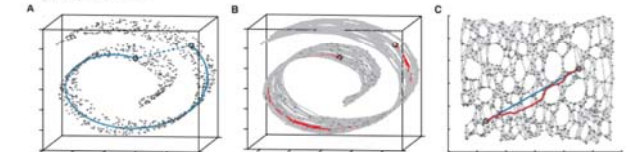
Then add edge  $(x_i, x_j)$  to  $G$

2. Compute shortest distances along graph  $\delta_G(x_i, x_j)$

(e.g., by Floyd's algorithm)

3. Apply multidimensional scaling to  $\delta_G(x_i, x_j)$

<http://isomap.stanford.edu/>



Tenenbaum, J. B., De Silva, V. & Langford, J. C. 2000. A global geometric framework for nonlinear dimensionality reduction. Science, 290, (5500), 2319-2323, doi:10.1126/science.290.5500.2319.

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## TU Graz Autoencoders are "old"

- Sigmoidal neurons and backpropagation: Rumelhart\*, D. A., Hinton, G. E. & Williams, R. J. 1986. Learning representations by back-propagating errors. Nature, 323, 533-536.

$$\Delta(y, x) = \|y - x\|_2^2$$

- Linear autoencoders: Baldi, P. & Hornik, K. 1989. Neural networks and principal component analysis: Learning from examples without local minima. Neural networks, 2, (1), 53-58.

$$\min_{A, B} \sum_x \|ABx - x\|_2^2$$

\* David Rumelhart (1942-2011) was Cognitive Scientist working on math. Psychology

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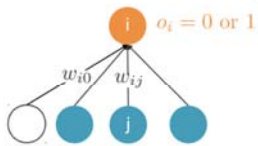
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- Based on Information processing in dynamical systems: Foundations of harmony theory by Smolensky (1986): Stochastic neural networks where the unit activation  $i$  = probabilistic

$$Pr(o_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w_{i0} + \sum_j o_j w_{ij}}}$$



Right: A restricted Boltzmann machine with binary hidden units and softmax visible units

Salakhutdinov, R., Mnih, A. & Hinton, G. (2007) Restricted Boltzmann machines for collaborative filtering. ICML, 791-798.

- Goal: Having  $m < p$  features
- Feature selection via
  - A) Filter approaches
  - B) Wrapper approaches
  - C) Embedded approaches (Lasso, Elastic net, see Tibshirani, Hastie ...)
- Feature extraction
  - A) Linear: e.g. PCA
  - B) Non-linear: Autoencoders (map the input to the output via a smaller layer)