

Abstraction by Structure

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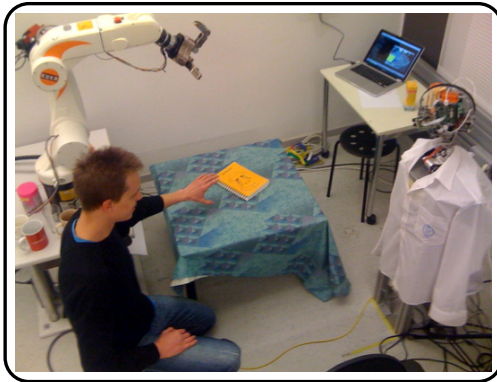
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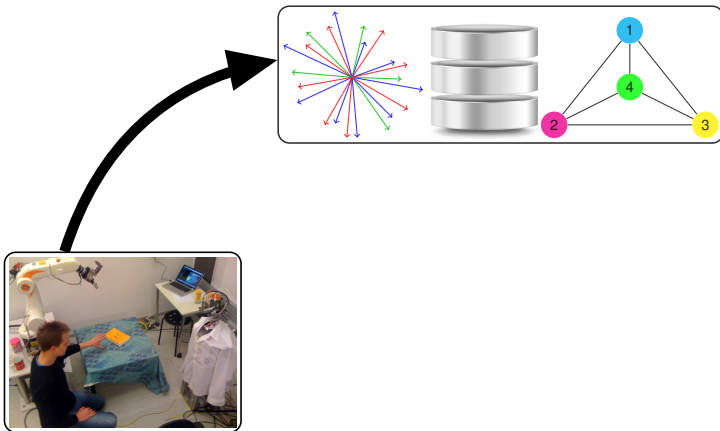
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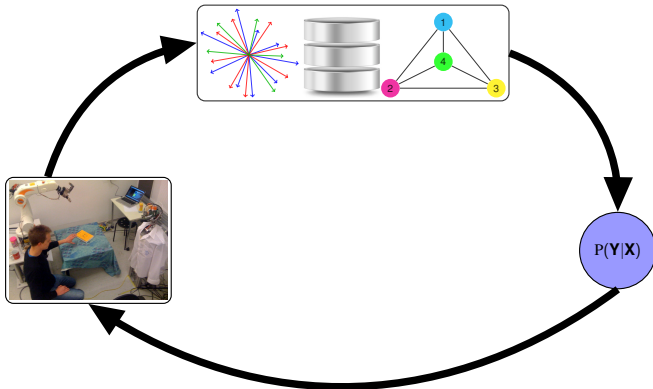
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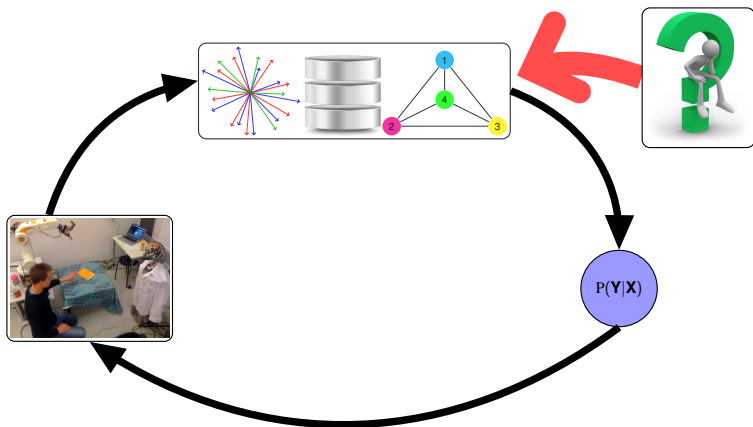
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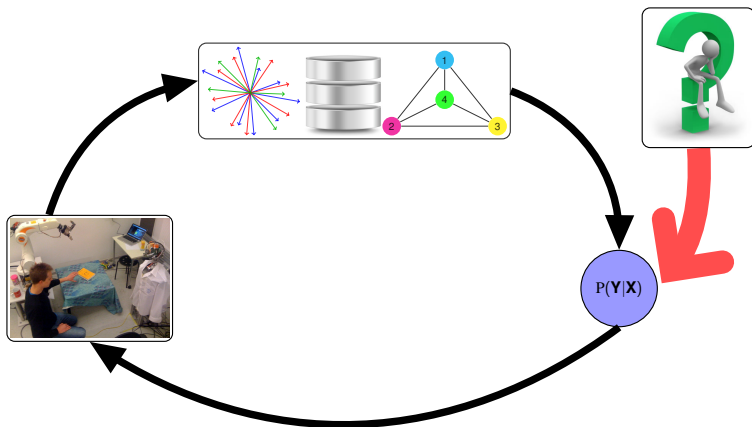
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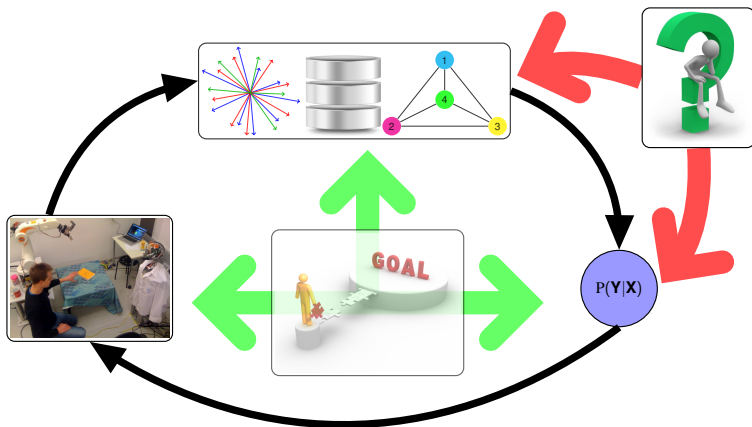
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Representation

- Internal representation
 - ▶ basis for reasoning
 - ▶ unobservable
- External representation
 - ▶ Facilitates communication
 - ▶ Agreed/negotiated
 - ▶ Aware



“Grammar”

- Facilitates reasoning
 - ▶ Rules of generalisation
 - ▶ Ex *Triangle inequality*
- Preferential Representation
 - ▶ “Simple” structurally



Representation



Representation



- Representation result of capturing
- Over-interpretation on
- Same yes, similar no
 - ▶ *success of NN, RBF*

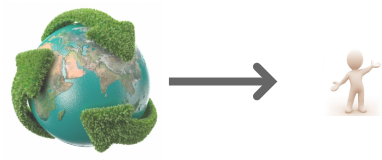
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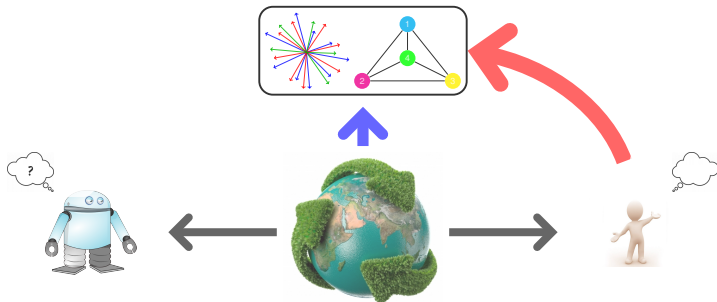
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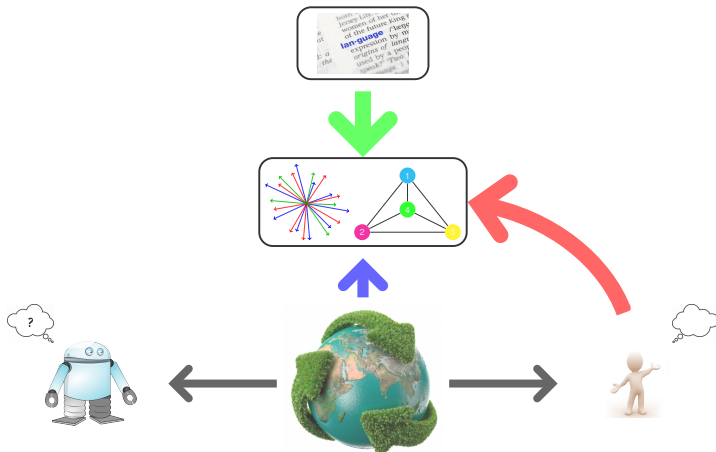
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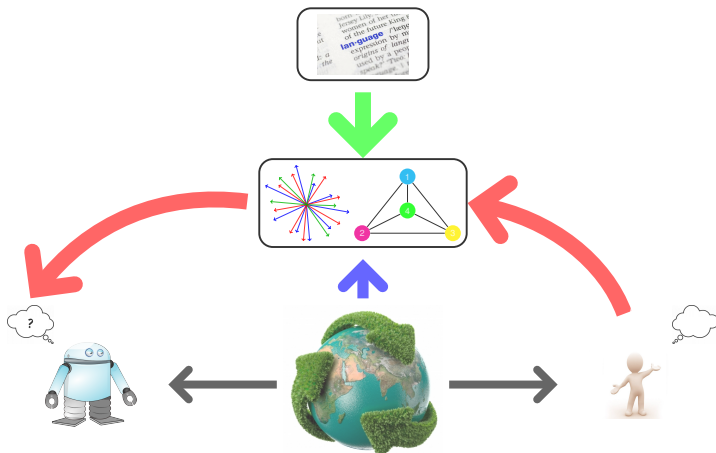
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External

Information

- Sensory data
 - ▶ images
 - ▶ depth
 - ▶ ...

Language/Grammar

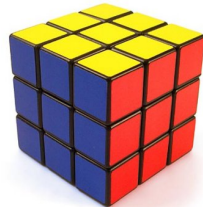
- “*Mathematical*”
 - ▶ similarity
 - ▶ integration/derivation
 - ▶ generalisation



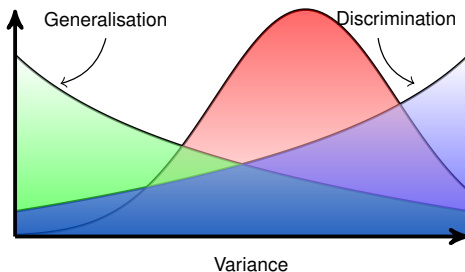
Motivation

What to represent?

- Task dependent
- Very rich sensory domain
 - ▶ Generalisation **not** discrimination
- Generalising variance?
 - ▶ structure?
 - ▶ appearance?



The Importance of Structure¹



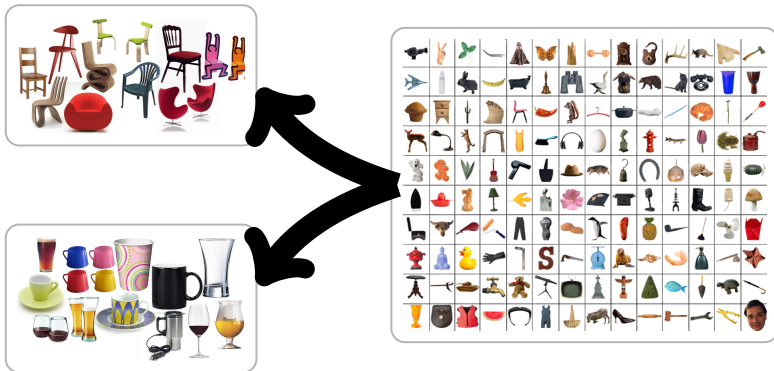
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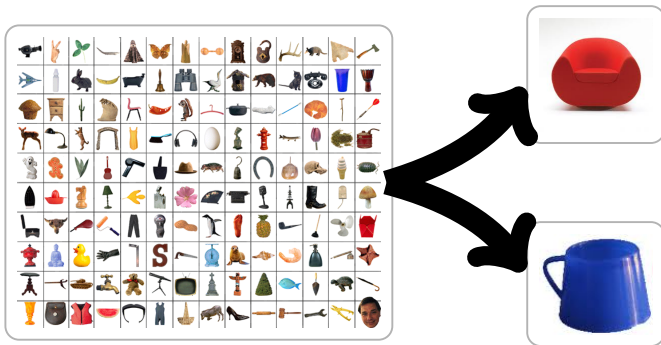
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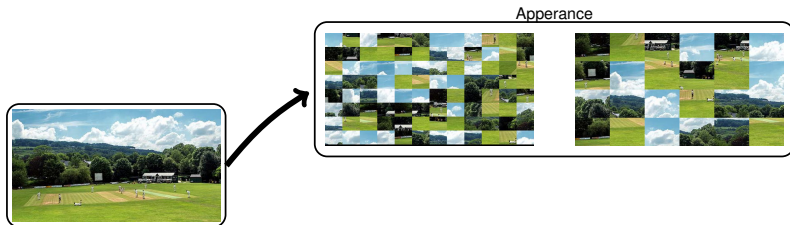


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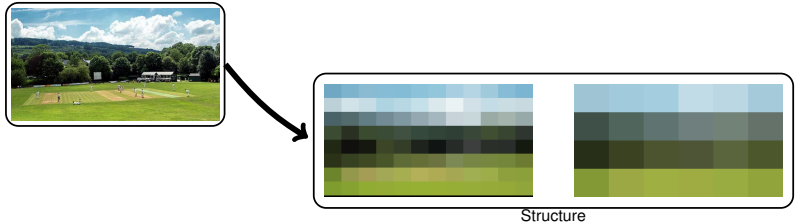


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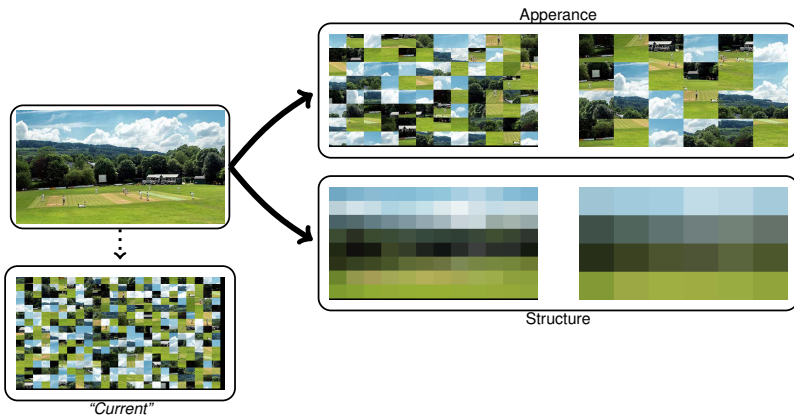
- 438 – 5, Alastair Cook Gray Nicolls bat

Current approach



- Summer, Field, Outdoor

Current approach



- *Worst of both worlds*

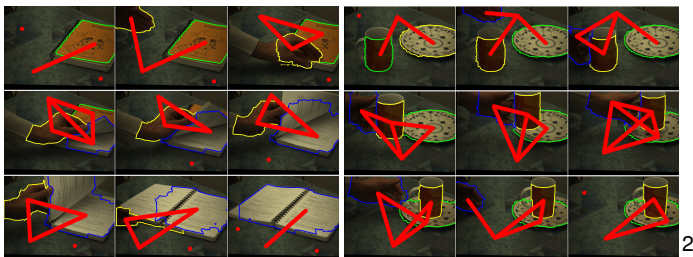
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²Aksoy et al. [2010]

Text analysis

Amiga demos are [demos](#) created for the [Commodore Amiga home computer](#).

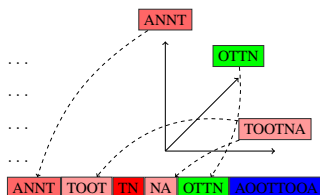
A "demo" is a demonstration of the multimedia capabilities of a computer (or more to the point, a demonstration of the skill of the demo's constructors). There was intense rivalry during the 1990s among the best programmers, graphic artists and computer musicians to continually outdo each other's demos. Since the Amiga's hardware was more or less fixed (unlike today's PC industry, where arbitrary combinations of hardware can be put together), there was competition to test the limits of that hardware and perform theoretically "impossible" feats by refactoring the problem at hand. The Amiga was the undisputed leader of mainstream multimedia computing in the late 1980s and early 1990s, though it was inevitably overtaken by PC architecture.

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- “No” appearance problem
- All information in ordering (1D Structure)

String Feature Space³

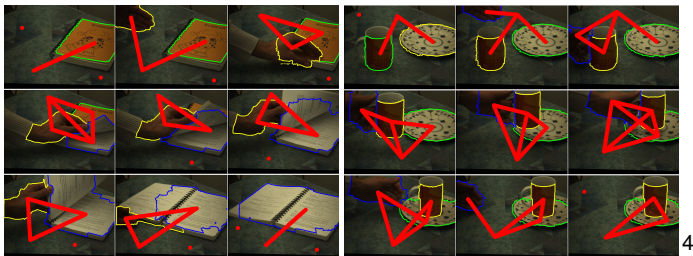
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 \end{array}$$



- Infinite dimensional representation **space**
- Kernel finite dimensional
- Inner-product efficiently computed

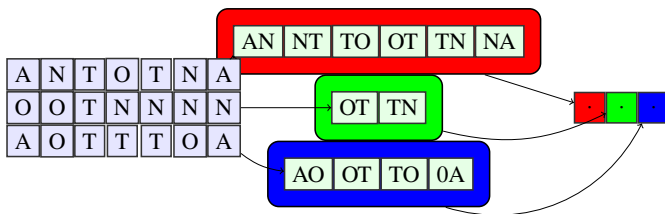
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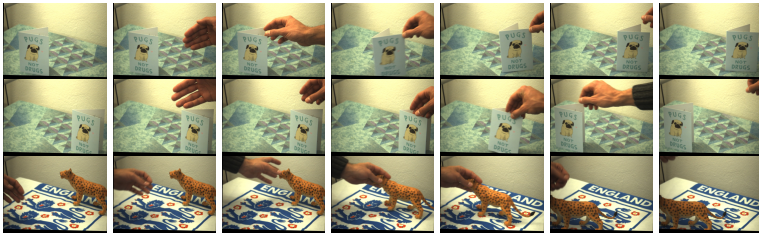


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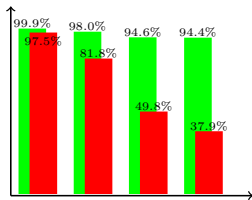
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⁴Luo et al. [2011]

Action Representation



94.8	1.6	0.4	3.2
0.4	99.2	0.4	0
2.0	1.2	96.8	0
0.8	0	0	99.3

75.2	4.0	18.8	2.0
6.0	81.2	12.8	0
10.0	6.8	81.2	2.0
1.6	0.4	8.4	89.6

47.6	7.2	11.6	33.6
34.8	34.0	10.0	21.2
40.8	6.4	30.0	22.8
10.0	1.2	1.2	87.6

57.2	3.6	0.8	38.4
53.6	10.8	6.4	29.2
61.6	0.8	8.0	29.6
22.8	0.8	0.8	75.6

99.7	0	0.3	0
0	100	0	0
0	0.1	99.9	0
0	0	0	100

99.3	0	0.6	0.1
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1.6	1.4	97	0
1.3	2.7	0.1	95.9

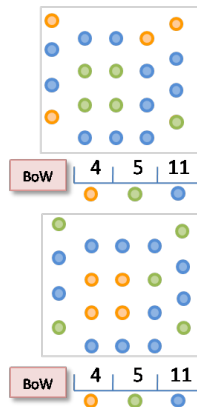
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1.7	1.7	0.1	96.5

90.2	2.2	7.1	0.4
0.4	96.4	2.9	0.3
6.6	1.2	92.1	0.3
0.5	0.7	0	98.8

Objects⁴

Feature Representation

- Local representation
- Encode order
- Distribution of order

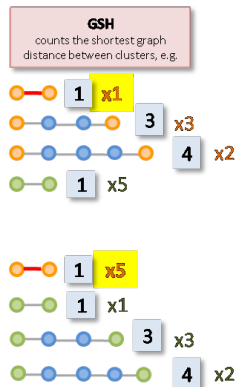


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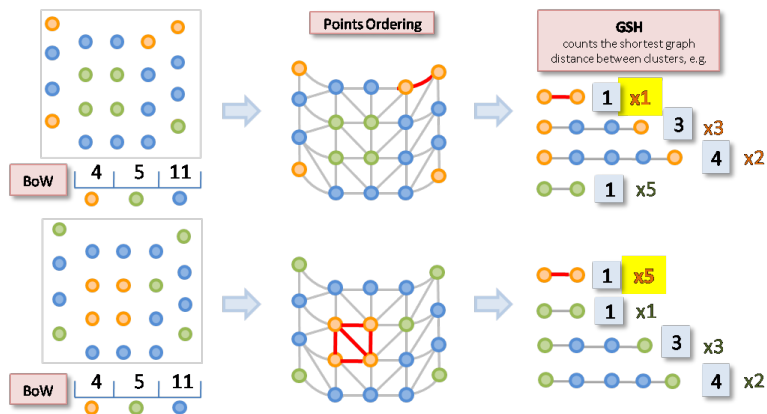
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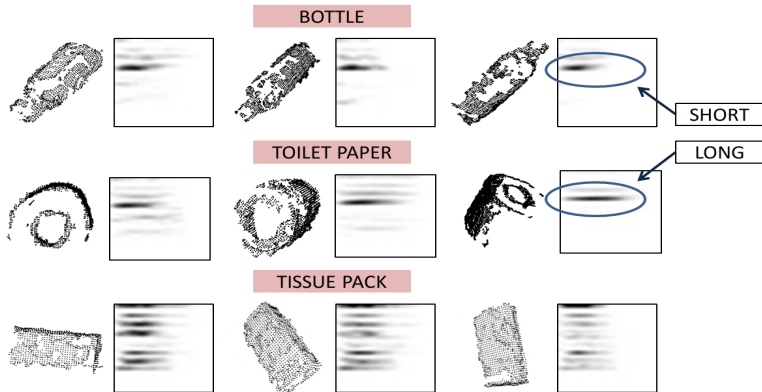
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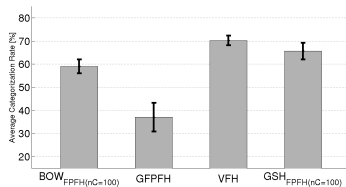


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- Real & different pose, scale
- Synthetic & full, partial

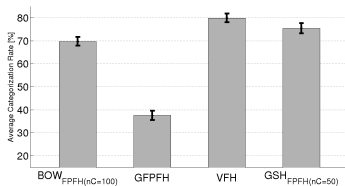


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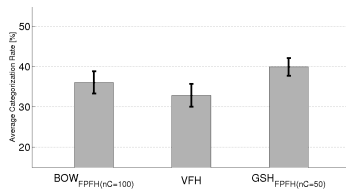


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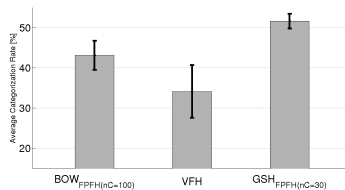


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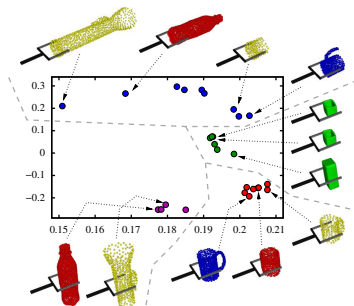
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Grasping⁵

- Pre-segmentation of objects
- Exploit structure in joint object and grasp space
- Part based generalisation



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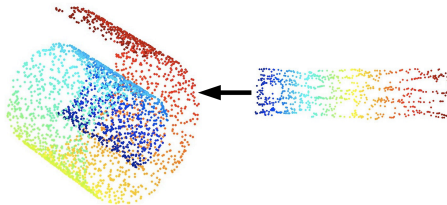
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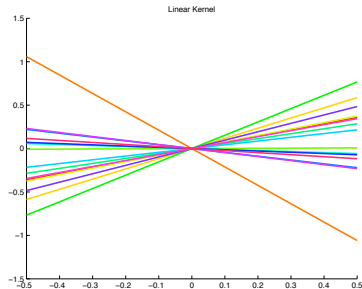


- Preference: low-dimensional
- Linearity
- Observed data $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \cdot D}$
- Underlying intrinsic representation $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \cdot q}$
- Generative mapping: $\mathbf{y}_i = f(\mathbf{x}_i)$

Gaussian Processes: Prior

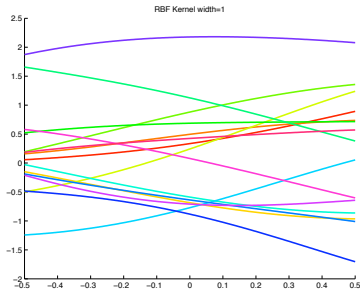
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Gaussian Processes: Prior



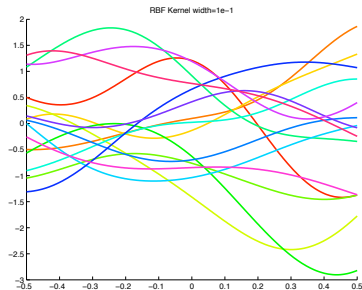
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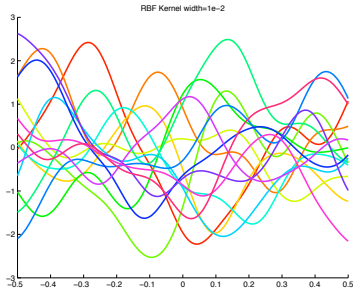
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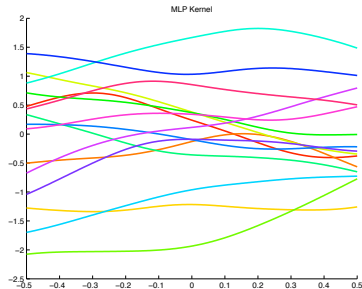
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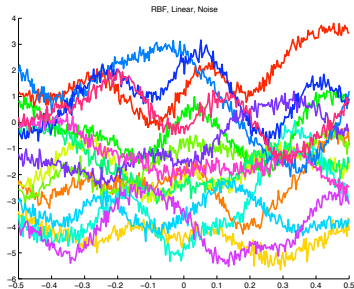
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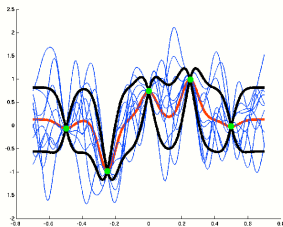
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Gaussian Processes: Posterior

Combine prior with observed data

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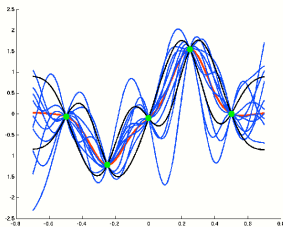
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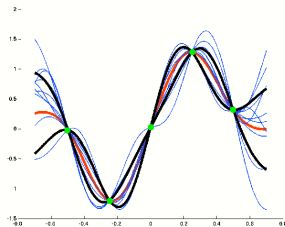
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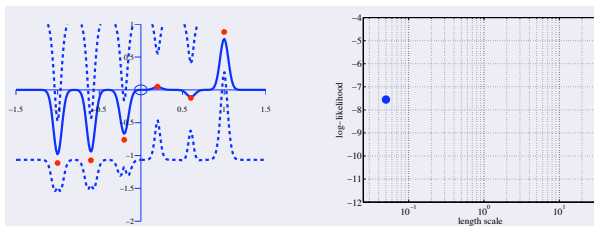
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Gaussian Processes: Marginal Likelihood⁶

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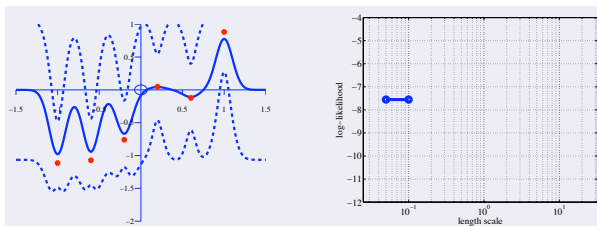
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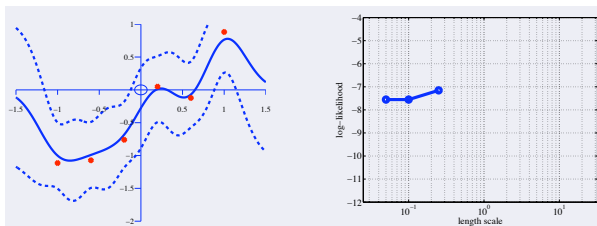
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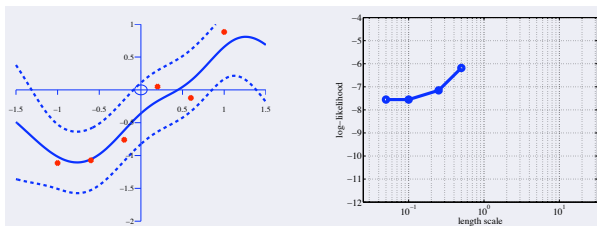
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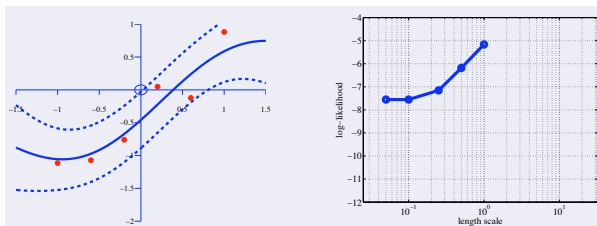
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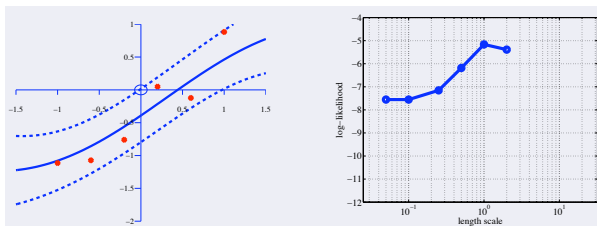
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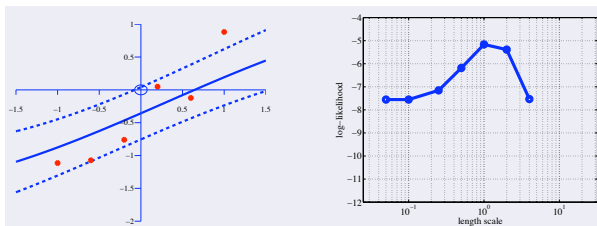
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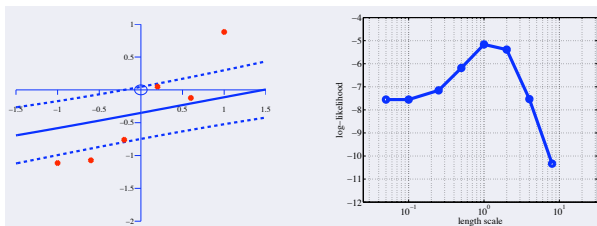
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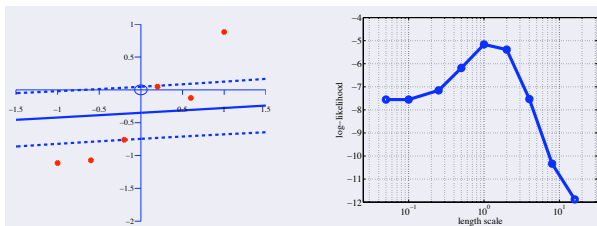
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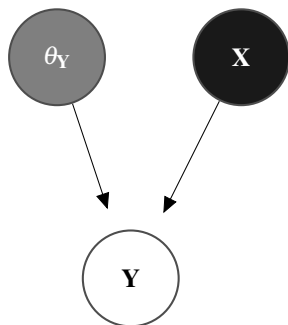
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Re-representation

GP-LVM^a

^aLawrence [2005]

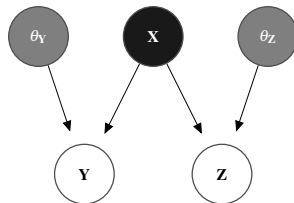
- Occam's Razor
 - ▶ Dimensionality
 - ▶ Co-variance function
- Sufficiently regularises problem



Shared Representations⁷

GP-LVM

- Fully shared
 - ▶ not CCA style
- Shared/Private

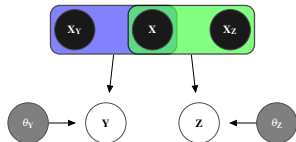


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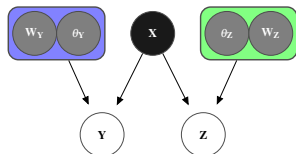
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Factorized Variance⁸

- Bayesian GP-LVM^a
 - ▶ Prior on \mathbf{X}
 - ▶ ARD

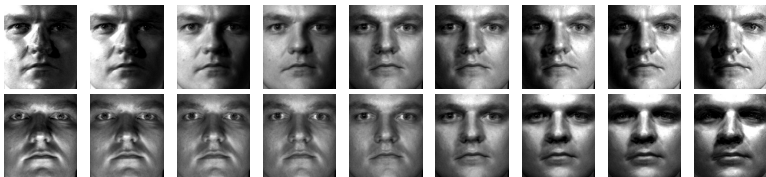
$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = (\sigma_{ard}^Y)^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{q=1}^Q w_q^Y (x_{i,q} - x_{j,q})^2}$$

^aTitsias and Lawrence [2010]



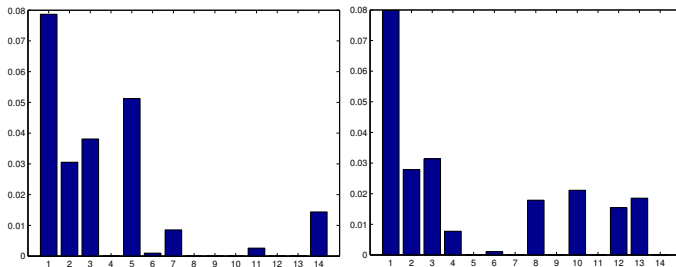
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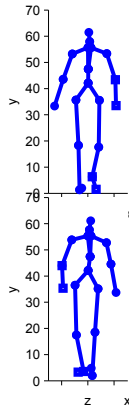
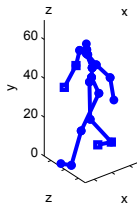
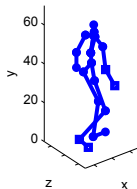


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Factorised Density⁹

Dimensionality Reduction I

- Conditional dependency structures,

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_i p(\mathbf{x}_i | \pi(\mathbf{x}_i), \theta_i, \mathbf{S})$$

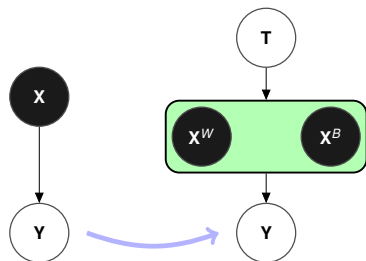
- Learning,
 - ▶ Parameters: θ_i
 - ▶ Structure: \mathbf{S}
 - Priors?
 - Carnality
- Heuristics for discrete data

⁹Song, Huebner, Hjelm

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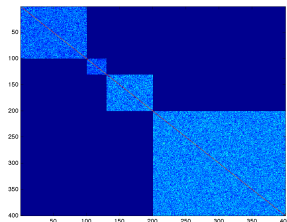
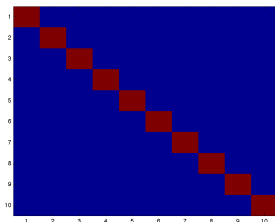
Dimensionality Reduction II

- Very ill-defined
- Re-representation
 - ▶ “a mapping and configuration”
- Prefer “clustered” re-representation



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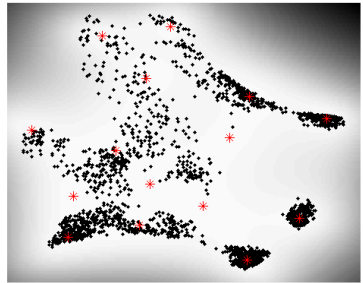
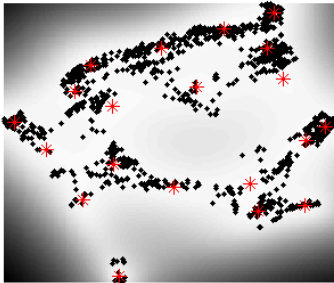


Objective

$$p(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{U}|\theta) = \int p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{f}, \theta)p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{f}_U, \mathbf{X}, \theta)p(\mathbf{f}_U|\mathbf{U}|\theta)p(\mathbf{X})p(\mathbf{U}|\theta)d\mathbf{f}d\mathbf{f}_U$$

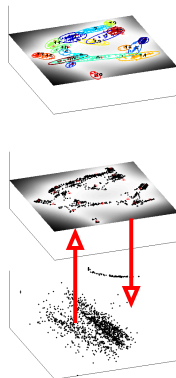
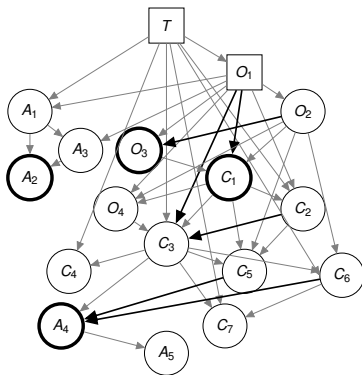
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Hammer

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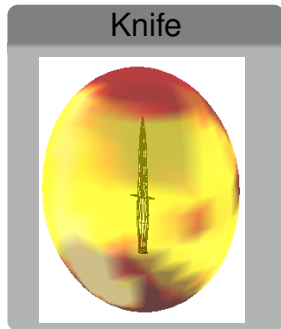
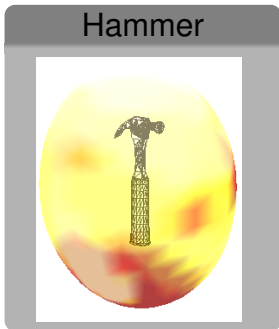
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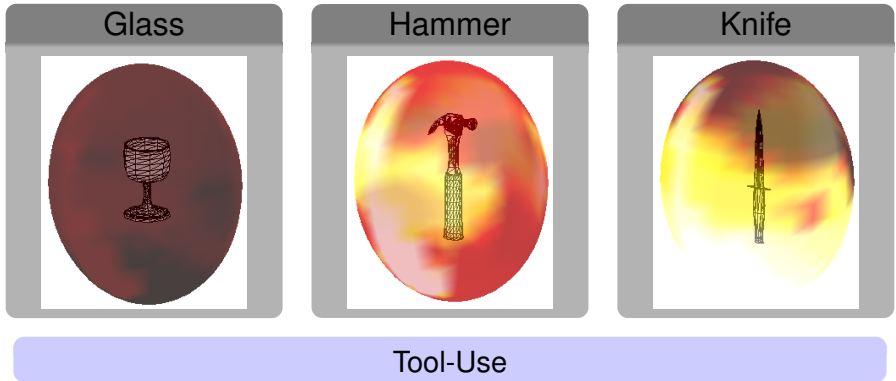
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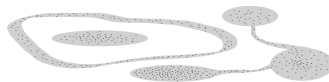
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Topology Respecting

- Structural properties
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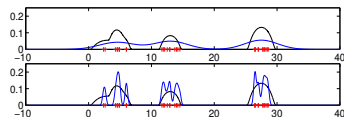
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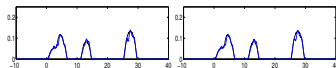
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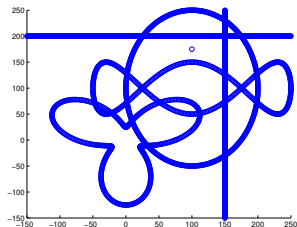
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Conclusions

- Generalisation not discrimination
- Less is sometimes more
- Model relevance

Future Work

- Multidimensional structure
- Different generalisations
- Latent space priors
- New kernels
 - ▶ know the characteristics of the space

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