

Machine Learning approaches for Computer Vision applications

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Short bio

Academic positions

- 2017 – Assistant Prof. of Machine Learning and Computer Vision, Aarhus University
- 2018 – Adjunct Prof. (Docent) of Machine Learning, Tampere University of Technology
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- 2015-2017 TTY Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Education

- 2014 PhD in Informatics (Computer Science), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 2010 M.Eng. in Electrical & Computer Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace
- 2008 Diploma in Electrical & Computer Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace

Research interests

- Statistical Machine Learning and Artificial Neural Networks
- Image/Video/Signal analysis, Computer Vision, Computational Finance

Overview

Computer Vision applications

- › Image analysis/recognition/segmentation
- › Video analysis/segmentation
- › Face recognition/verification and affective computing
- › Human action recognition/localization/segmentation
- › Domain-specific image/video analysis

Recent contributions

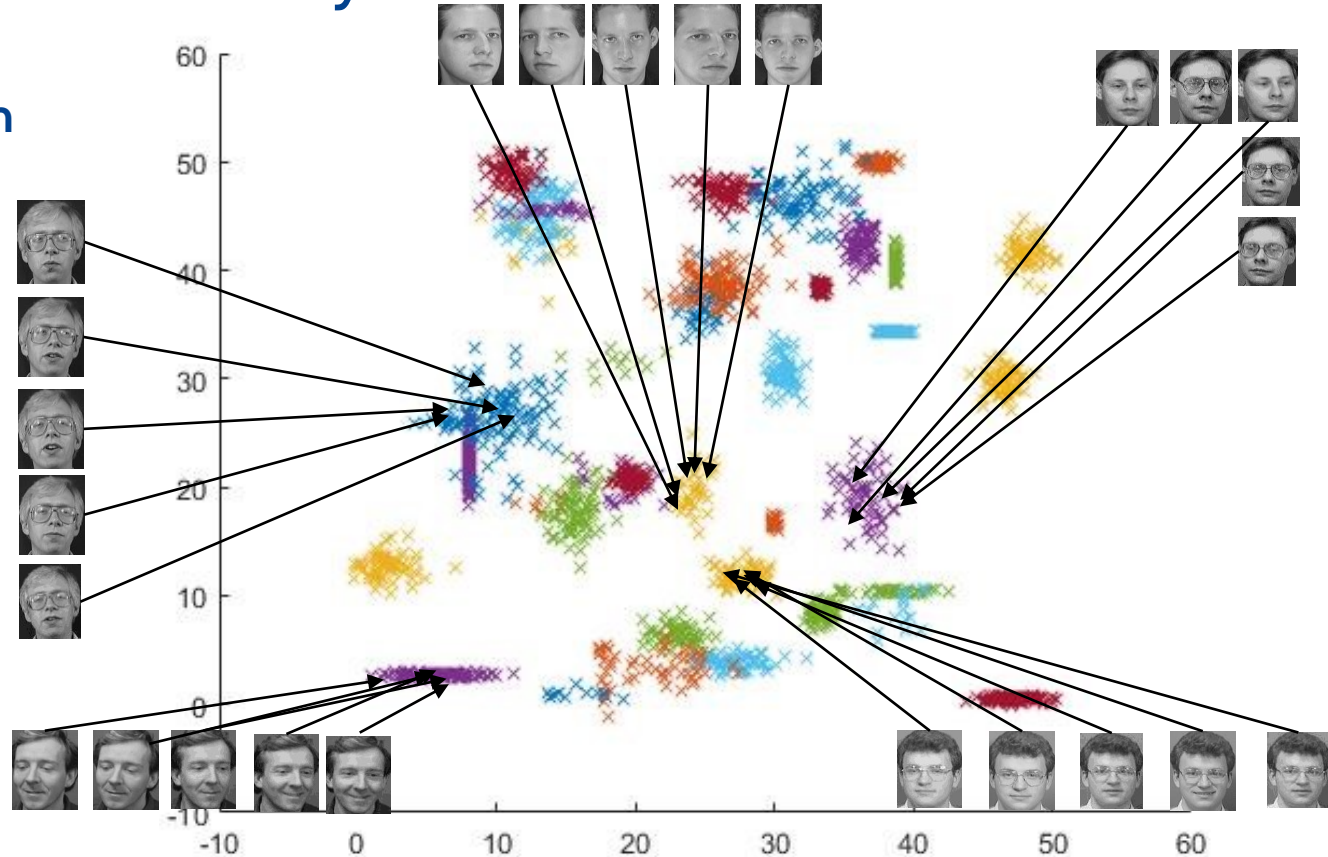
- › Graph-based analysis/recognition/clustering
- › Max-margin Classification
- › Discriminant Learning
- › Kernel-based learning
- › Multi-view/modal Data Analysis
- › Neural Network (Deep Learning) acceleration
- › Data-driven (Deep) Architecture Learning

Extensions to applications of other domains

Computer Vision applications

Human Face Analysis

Face recognition

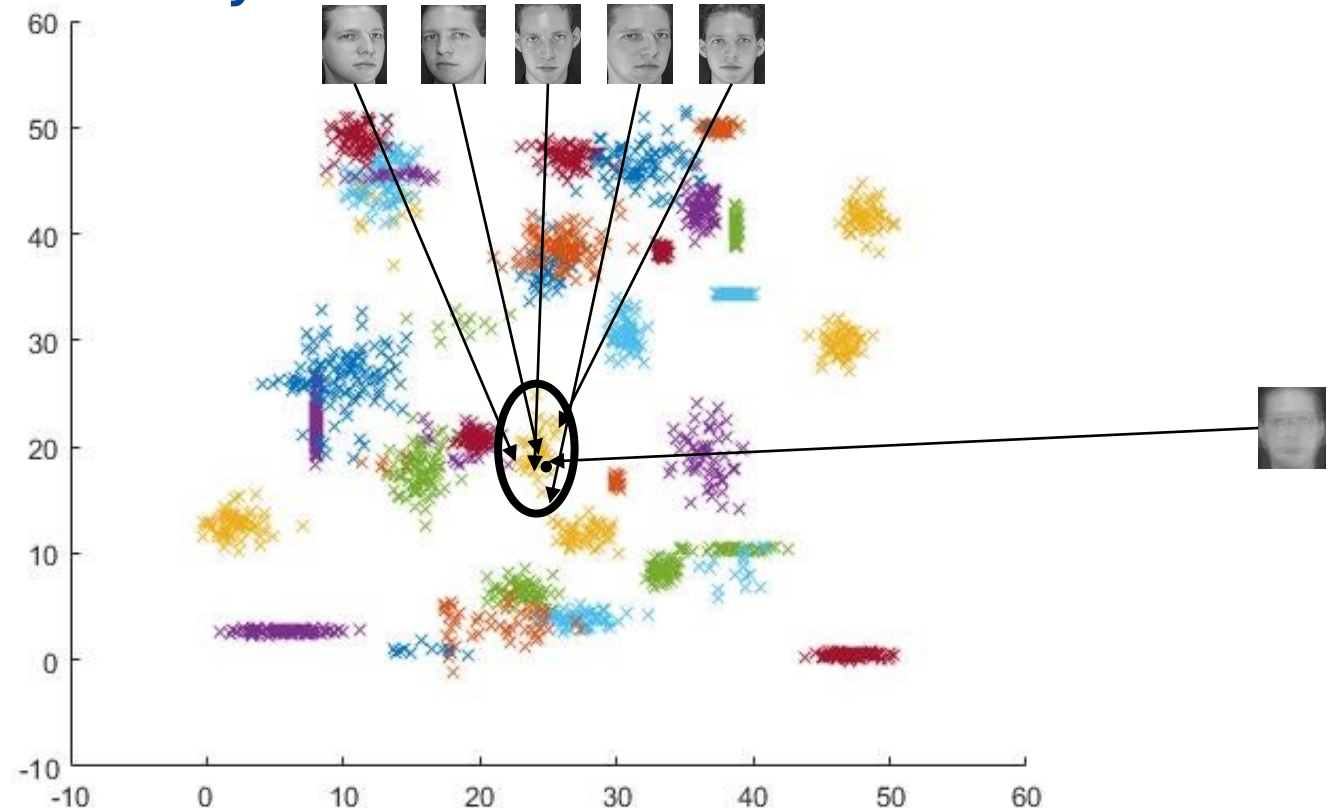


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Human Face Analysis

Face verification
Face identification



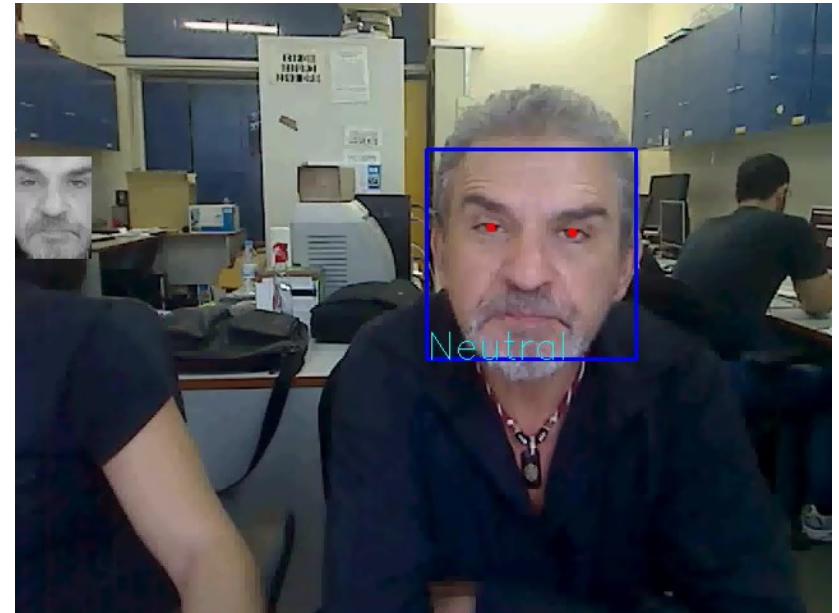
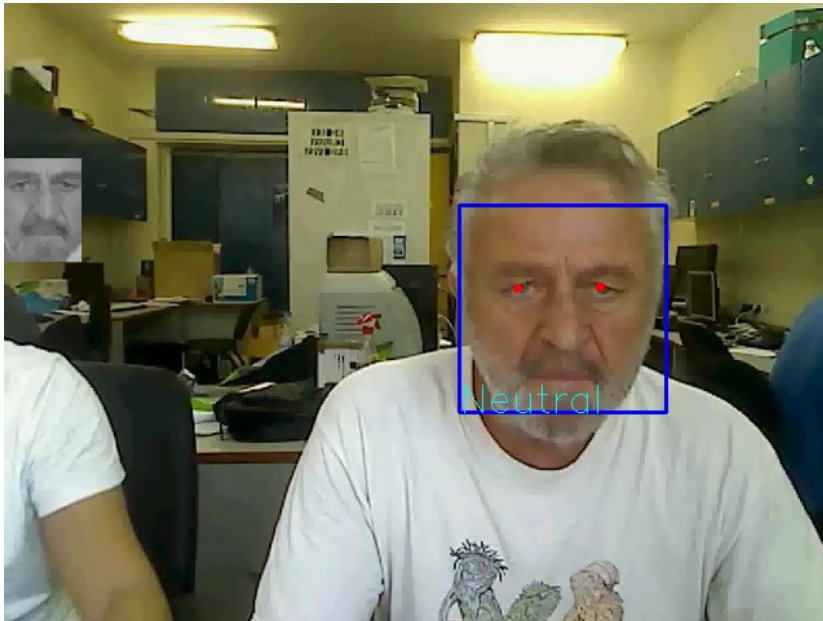
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Human Face Analysis

Facial expression recognition (Affective Computing)

MOBISERV FP7



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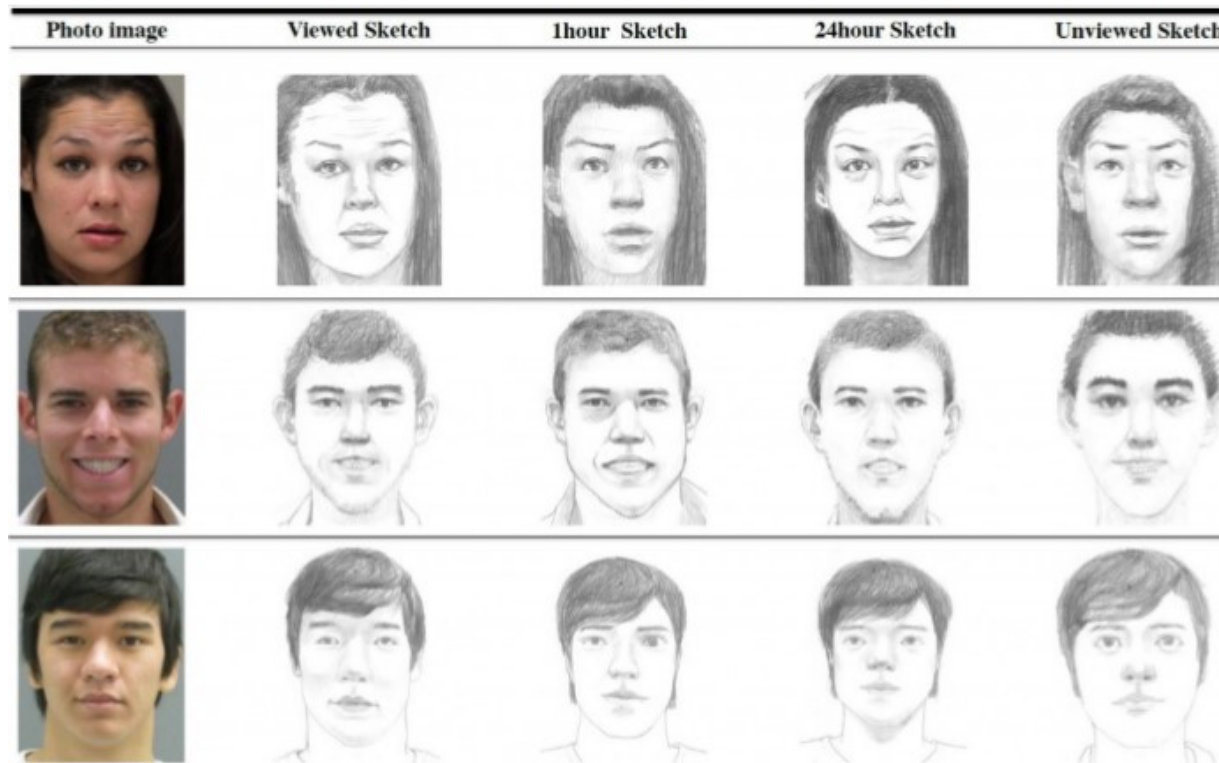
Visual Voice Activity Detection → Assign the correct face to the observed voice



3DTVS FP7-ICT

Human Face Analysis

Face – Sketch recognition



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Image Analysis

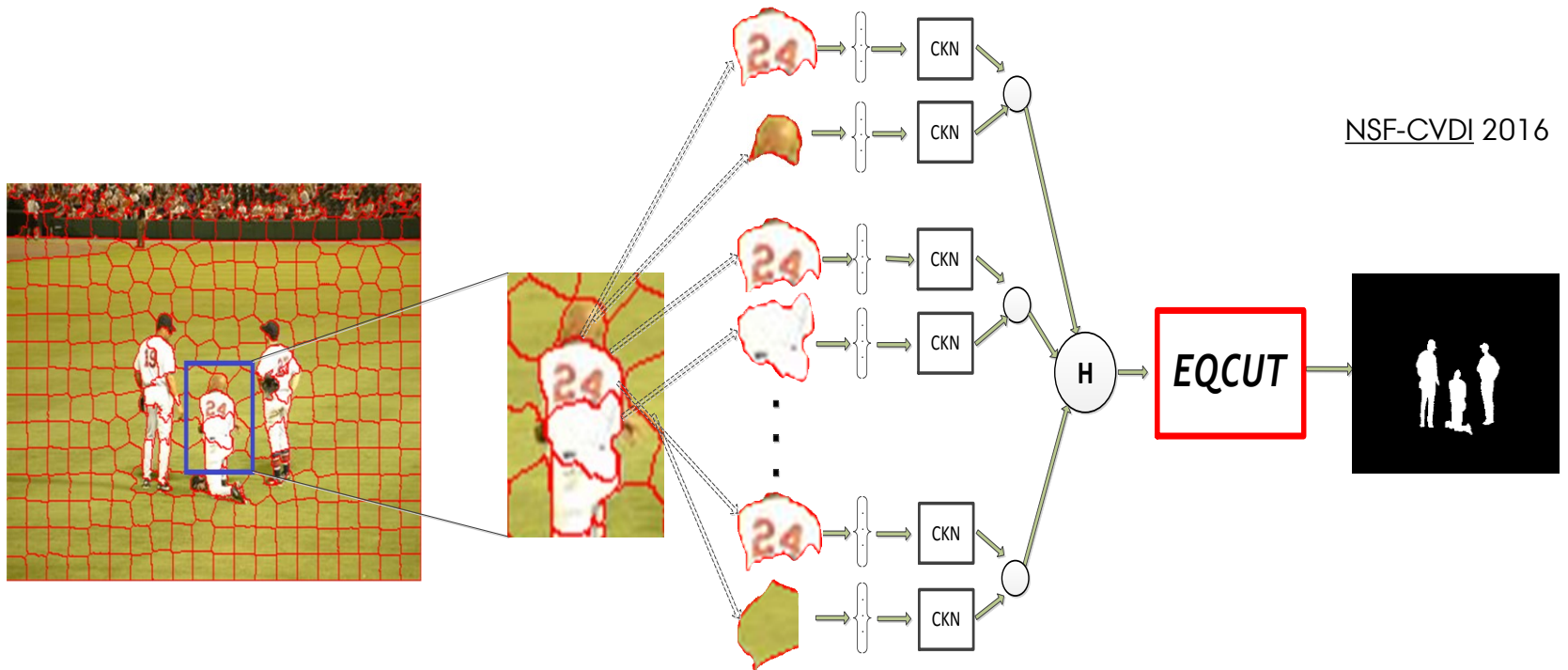
Salient object segmentation → Unsupervised (generic) case

NSF-CVDI 2016



Image Analysis

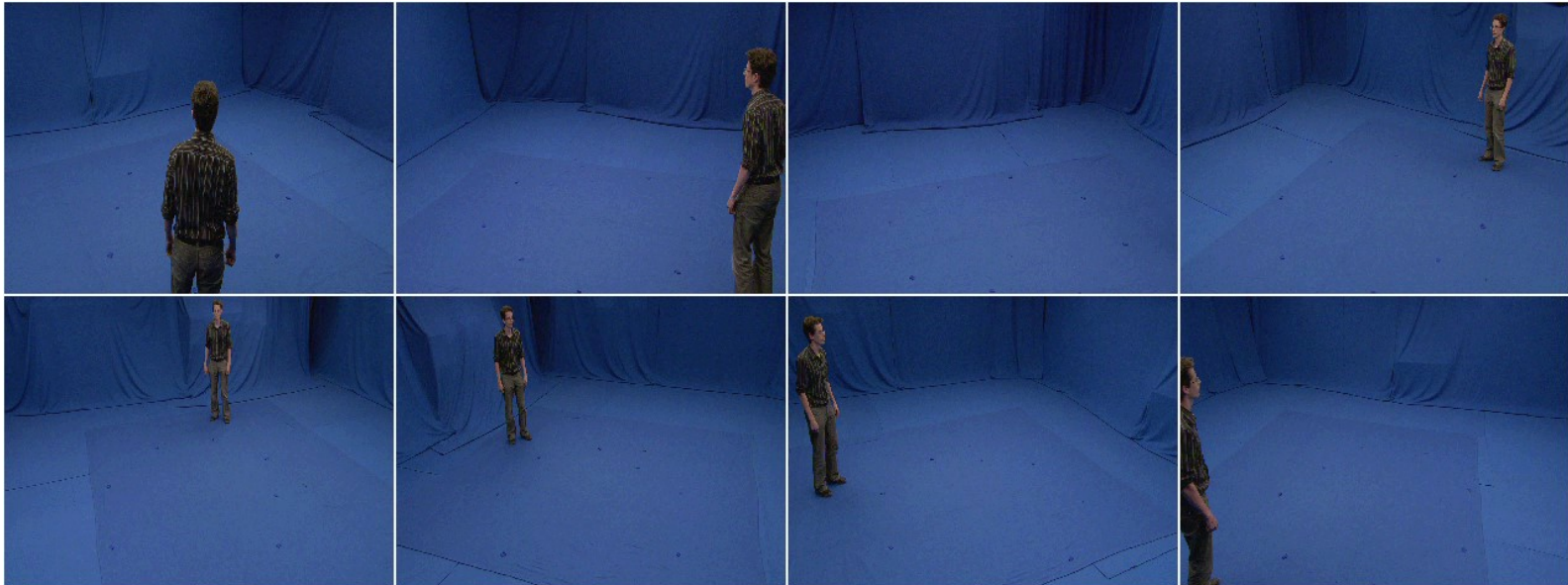
Salient object segmentation → Supervised (User-directed case)



Human Action Recognition

How to combine action observations from various views/cameras
Restricted application scenario → **Movie production**

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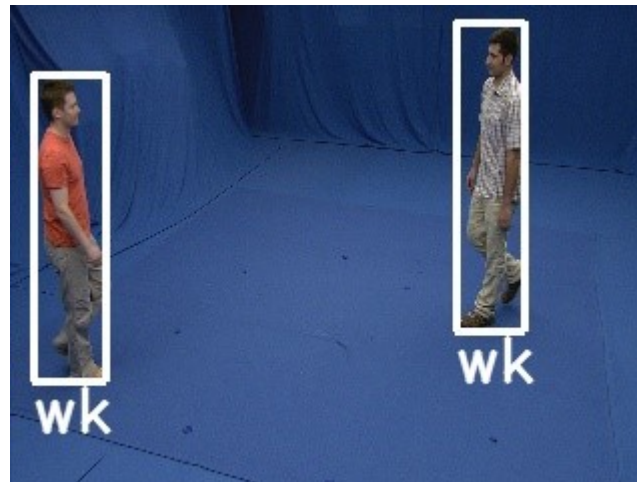
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Localization of people and classification of their actions



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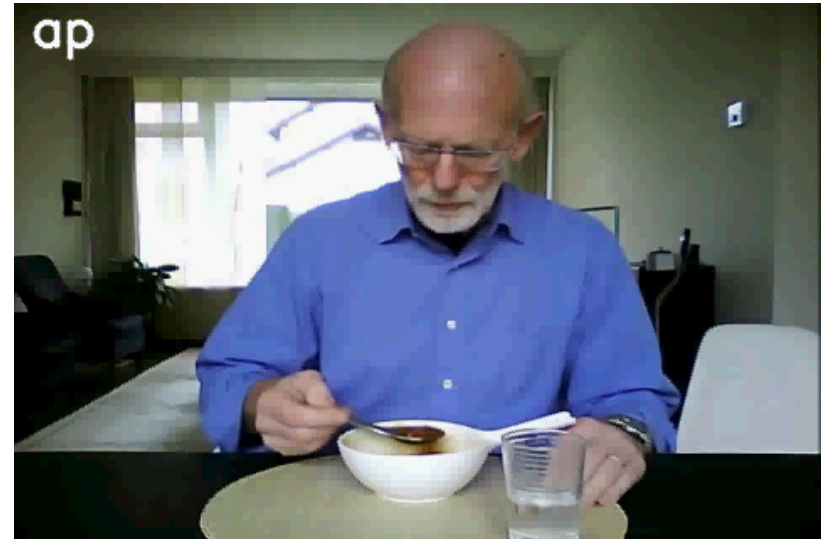
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Human Action Recognition

Human action recognition for assisted living of the elderly

MOBISERV FP7



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Human Action Recognition

What can we do for complex actions in complex/cluttered scenes?



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We focus on Space-Time Interest Points (STIPs) and follow the similar approaches



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Human Action Recognition

When enriched visual information is available → Stereo Cameras

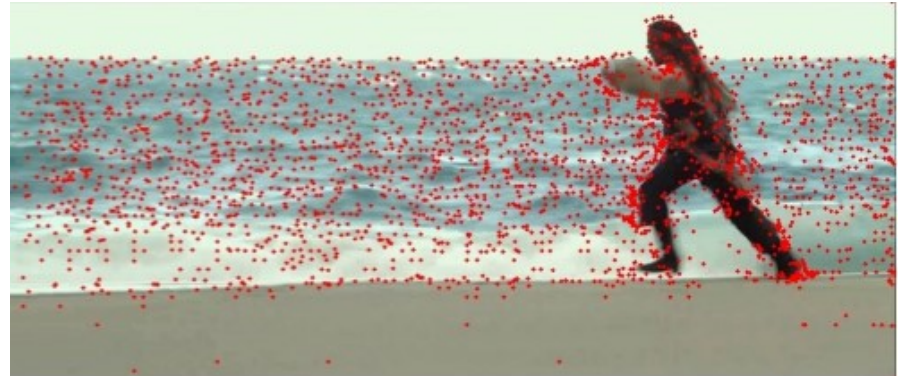


Human Action Recognition

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Original DT-based
description

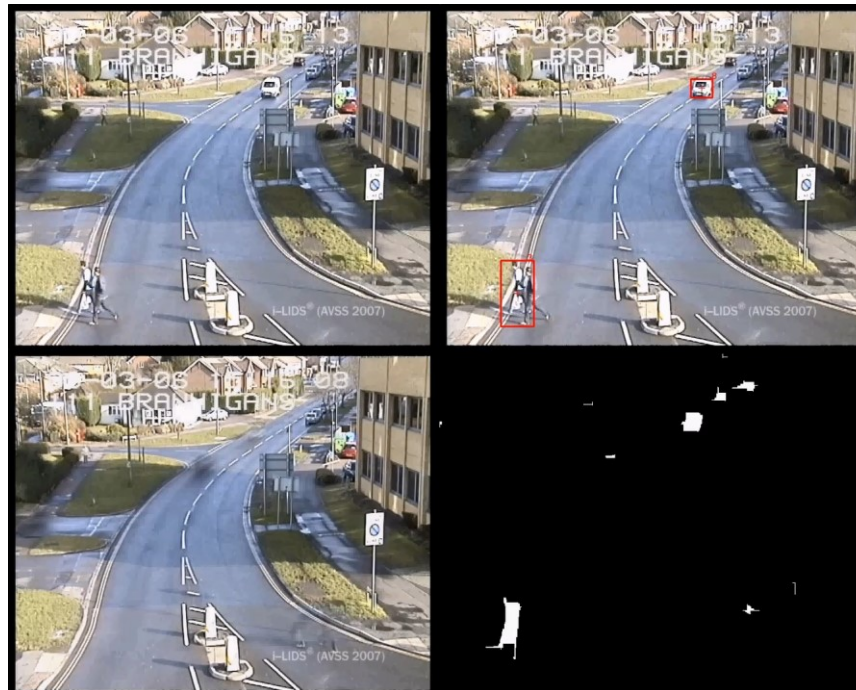


Disparity-enhanced DT-
based description



Video analysis

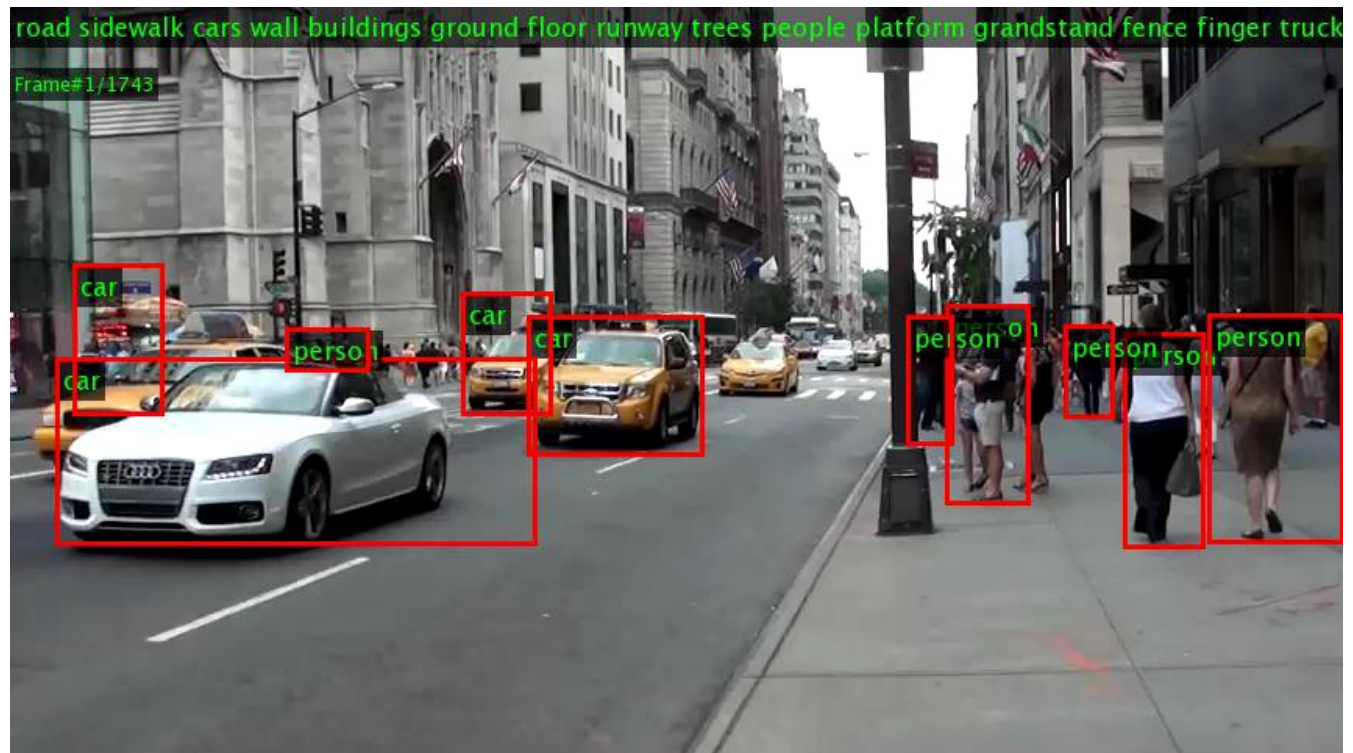
Object tracking



Video analysis

Object detection/recognition Scene analysis

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Multi-view/modal Data analysis

Image and Text (I2T and T2I) Retrieval

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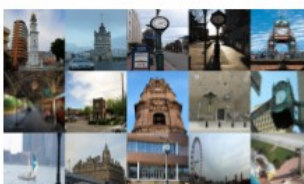
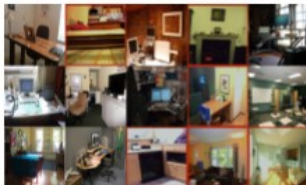
Image Query	Text Query	
	1. A very big building with many windows and a clock on it. 2. A very old tall building with a large clock tower sticking out of it. 3. The clock tower stands high above the city. 4. A clock that is on the side of a large building. 5. The bridge is in front of a huge building with a clock tower in the middle of it.	
Precision: 53.33%	Precision: 86.67%	Precision: 100%
		
(a) Query by original image feature	(b) Query by projected image feature	(c) Query by text

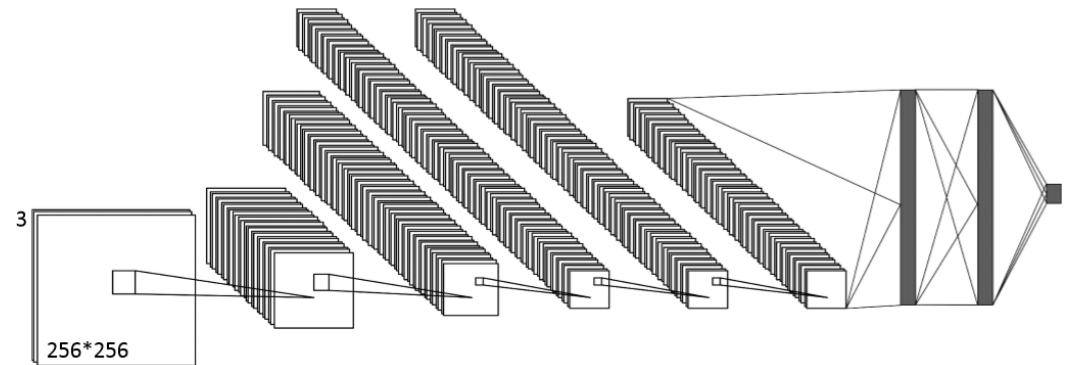
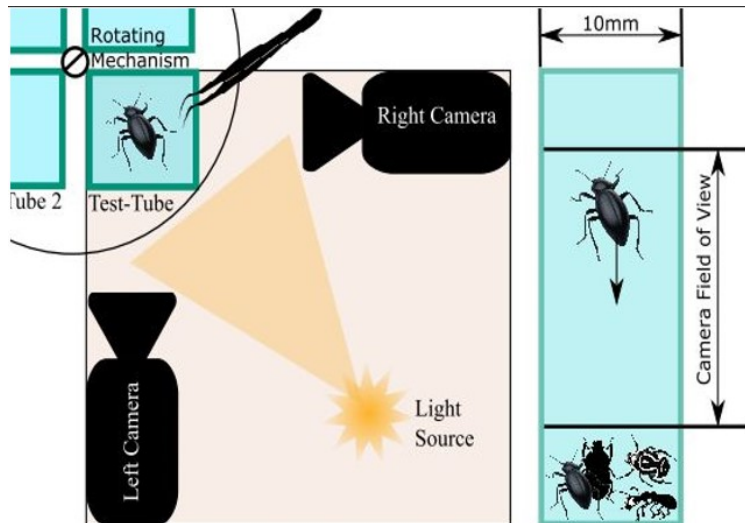
Image Query	Text Query	
	1. An open laptop sits on a desk in front of a window. 2. An Apple laptop sitting on a wooden desk. 3. An Apple laptop sitting on a wooden desk in an office. 4. An Apple laptop on a desk in an office. 5. A desk with a laptop sitting on top of it.	
Precision: 60.00%	Precision: 86.67%	Precision: 66.67%
		
(a) Query by original image feature	(b) Query by projected image feature	(c) Query by text

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Domain-specific Media Data Analysis

Classification of Aquatic Macroinvertebrates (bugs in lakes)

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- J. Raitoharju, E. Riabchenko, K. Meissner, I. Ahmad, A. Iosifidis, M. Gabbouj and S. Kiranyaz, “Data Enrichment in Fine-Grained Classification of Aquatic Macroinvertebrates”, ICPR, 2016

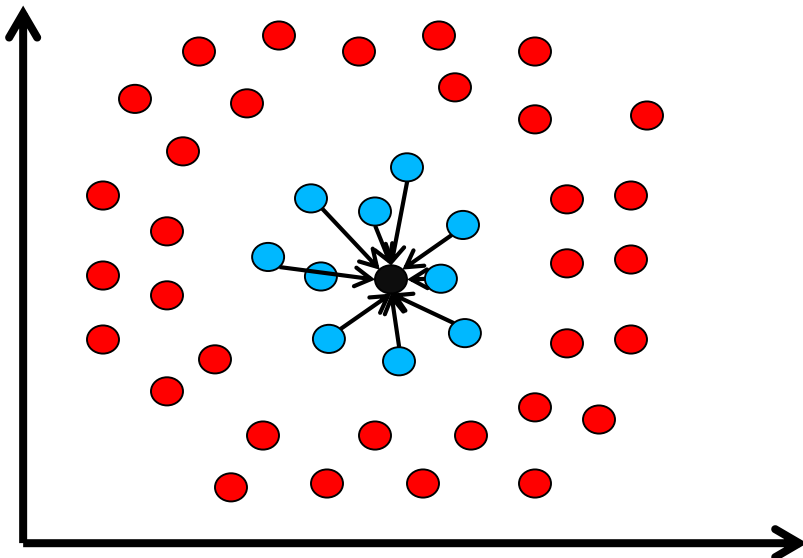
Recent Contributions

Discriminant Learning

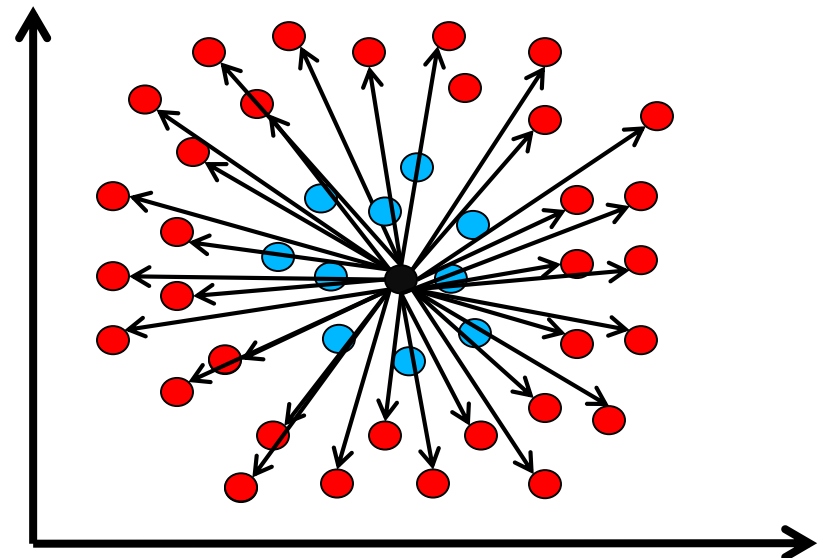
Class-specific kernel Discriminant Analysis

- › Data represented as vectors
- › Vector to vector transformation/mapping
- › Find a data mapping that maximizes discrimination of the class of interest from the rest of the world

Intra-class scatter S_i



Out-of-class scatter S_p



Discriminant Learning

➤ Traditional CSKDA:

1. Data mapping to the feature space:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \in \mathcal{F}$$

2. Application of the linear projection in

$$\mathbf{S}_i = \Phi \mathbf{L}_i \Phi^\top$$

$$\mathbf{S}_p = \Phi \mathbf{L}_p \Phi^\top$$

$$\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{A}^\top \Phi^\top \Phi \mathbf{L}_i \Phi^\top \Phi \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{K} \mathbf{A}$$

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- $\mathbf{A}$ is calculated by applying eigen-analysis to the matrix
 $(\mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}_p \mathbf{K})^{-1} (\mathbf{K} \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{K}) \leftarrow$ scaling to big data issues!
stability issues!

Discriminant Learning

We showed that the standard CSKDA solution is equivalent to:

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}} = \|\mathbf{W}^T \Phi - \mathbf{T}\|_F^2, \quad s.t. : \text{rank}(W) \leq d$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{J}} = \|\mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{Q}^T \Phi) - \mathbf{T}\|_F^2 = \|\mathbf{B}^T (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{K}) - \mathbf{T}\|_F^2$$

using data-independent targets $\mathbf{T}$!

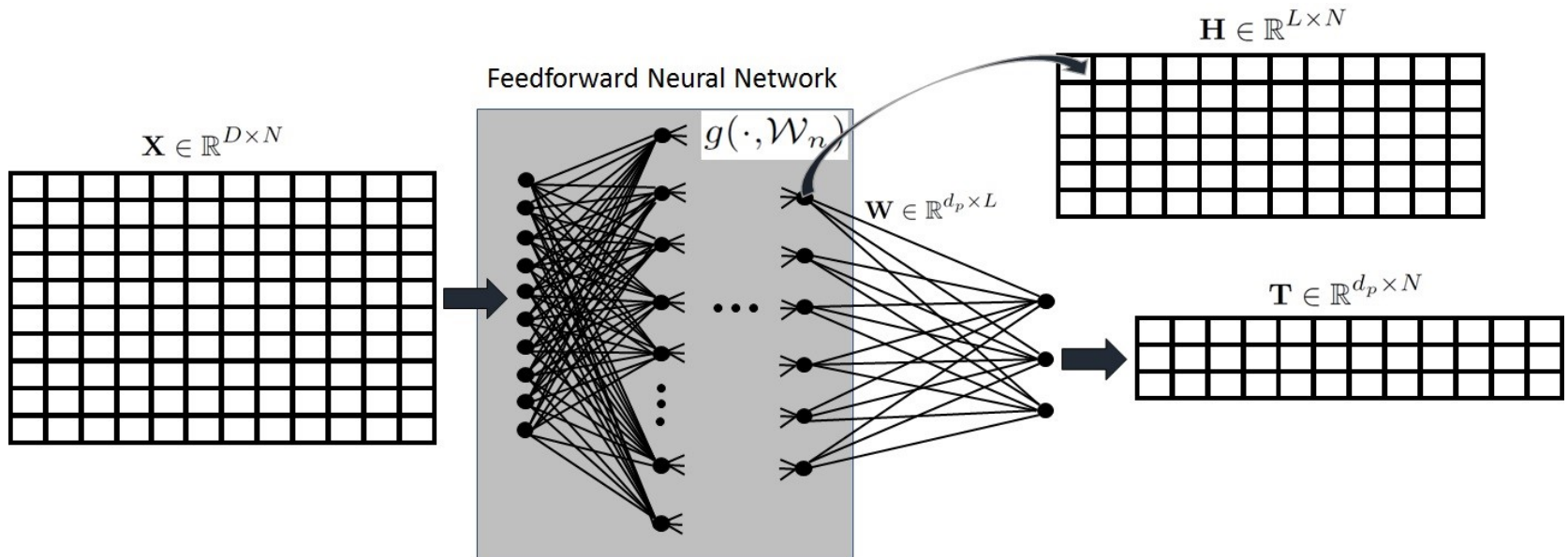
Benefits

- › Much stable and fast solutions can be calculated
- › Approximation schemes are readily available and extremely efficient/effective
- › Incremental/Decremental solutions are available
- › Hierarchical (deep) models for class-specific learning are now possible

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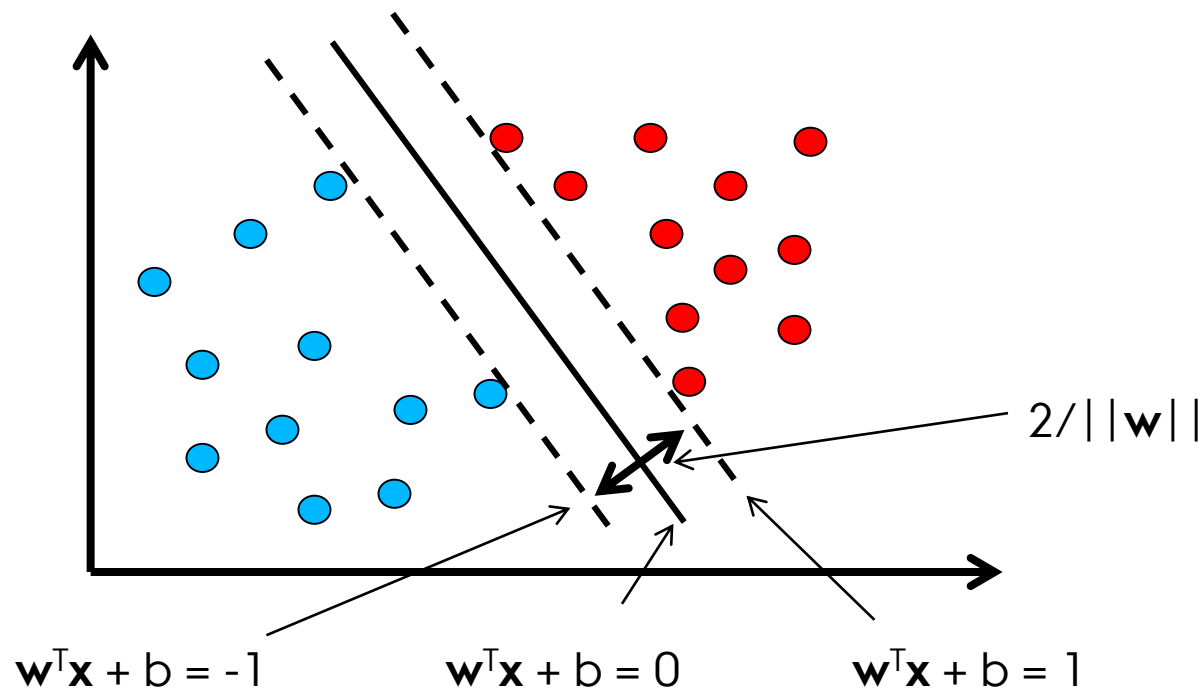
Deep Class-specific Discriminant Analysis model:



Classification

Max-margin based classification

- › Find the decision hyperplane discriminating the classes with maximum margin
- › Theoretical guarantees for generalization error
- › One (global) solution



Classification

➤ Binary classification:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, b} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + c \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i,$$

$$\text{s.t.:} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad \xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

$y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ are the binary labels.

➤ Multi-class classification:

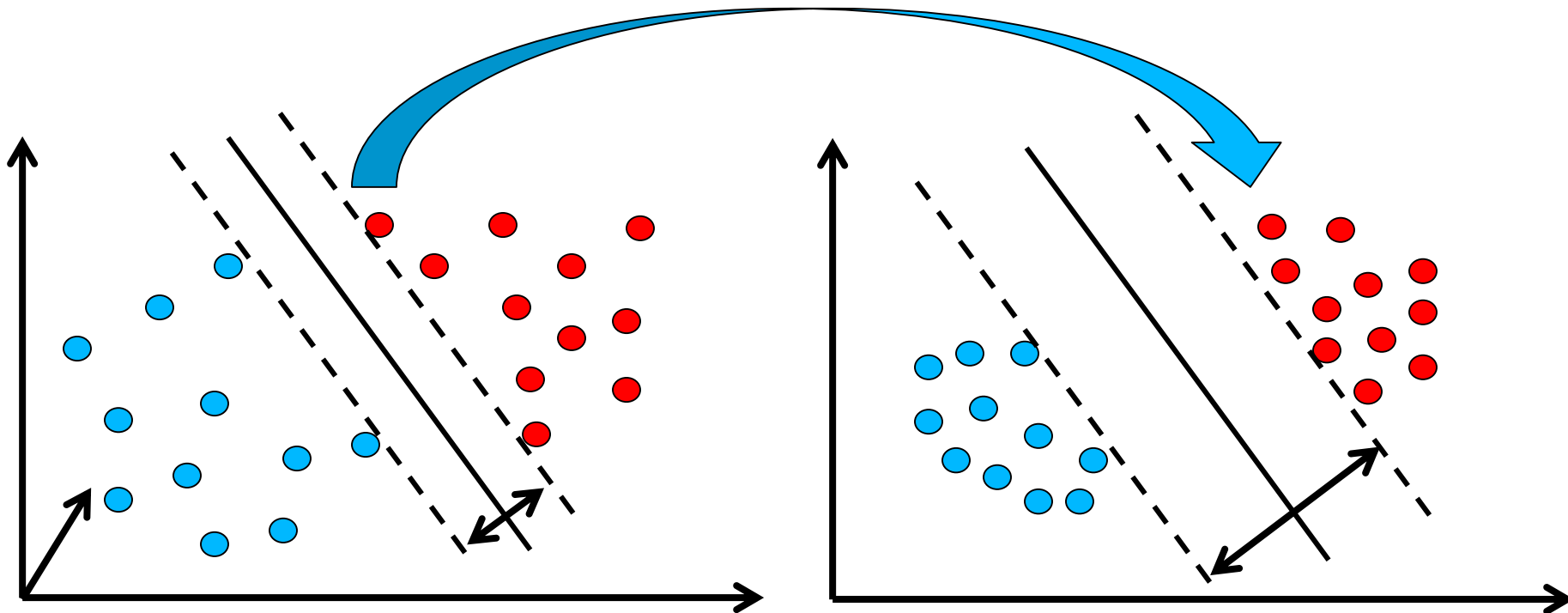
$$\min_{\mathbf{w}_k, b_k} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{w}_k + c \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k \neq l_i} \xi_i^k$$

$$\text{s.t.:} \quad \mathbf{w}_{l_i}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b_{l_i} \geq \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}_i + b_k + 2 - \xi_i^k, \quad \xi_i^k \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad k \neq l_i.$$

Classification

In order to increase class discrimination

- > Discriminant data mapping
- > Max-margin classification



Classification

Discriminant max-margin based classification

- > We proved that these two processing steps can be applied at once!
- > Max-margin to a discriminant (kernel) space

➤ Multi-class classification:

$$\text{s.t.:} \quad \min_{\mathbf{w}_k, b_k} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{w}_k + c \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k \neq l_i} \xi_i^k + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\lambda}{2} \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{w}_k}_{\text{Discriminant Term}}$$

$\mathbf{S} = \tilde{\mathbf{S}}_p^{-1} \mathbf{S}_i$

$$\mathbf{w}_{l_i}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b_{l_i} \geq \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}_i + b_k + 2 - \xi_i^k, \quad \xi_i^k \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad k \neq l_i$$

➤ Joint optimization of K decision functions $\{\mathbf{w}_k, b_k\}$, $k=1, \dots, K$.

Probability-based Visual Saliency

Saliency model:

- › The probability of an image region (pixel/super-pixel) to be salient is obtained by:

$$\underset{P(x)}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left(\sum_i (P(x = x_i))^2 v_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (P(x = x_i) - P(x = x_j))^2 w_{i,j} \right)$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_i P(x = x_i) = 1.$$



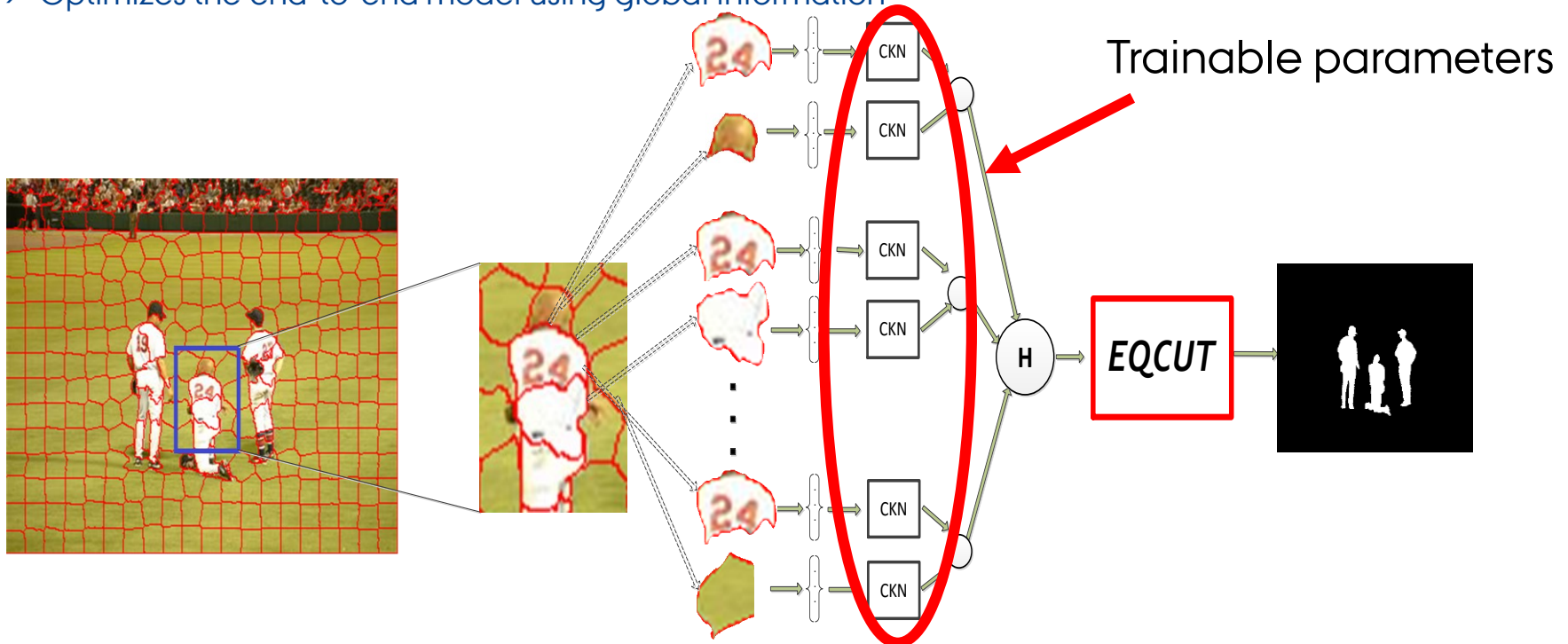
Properties

- › Global optimum solution
- › Generic framework for visual saliency:
 - › Diffusion methods are special cases of PSE
 - › PSE optimally refines the solution of QCut (SoA unsupervised saliency estimation method)
- › Now Saliency Estimation can also be modelled as an One-Class Classification Problem

Supervised Visual Saliency

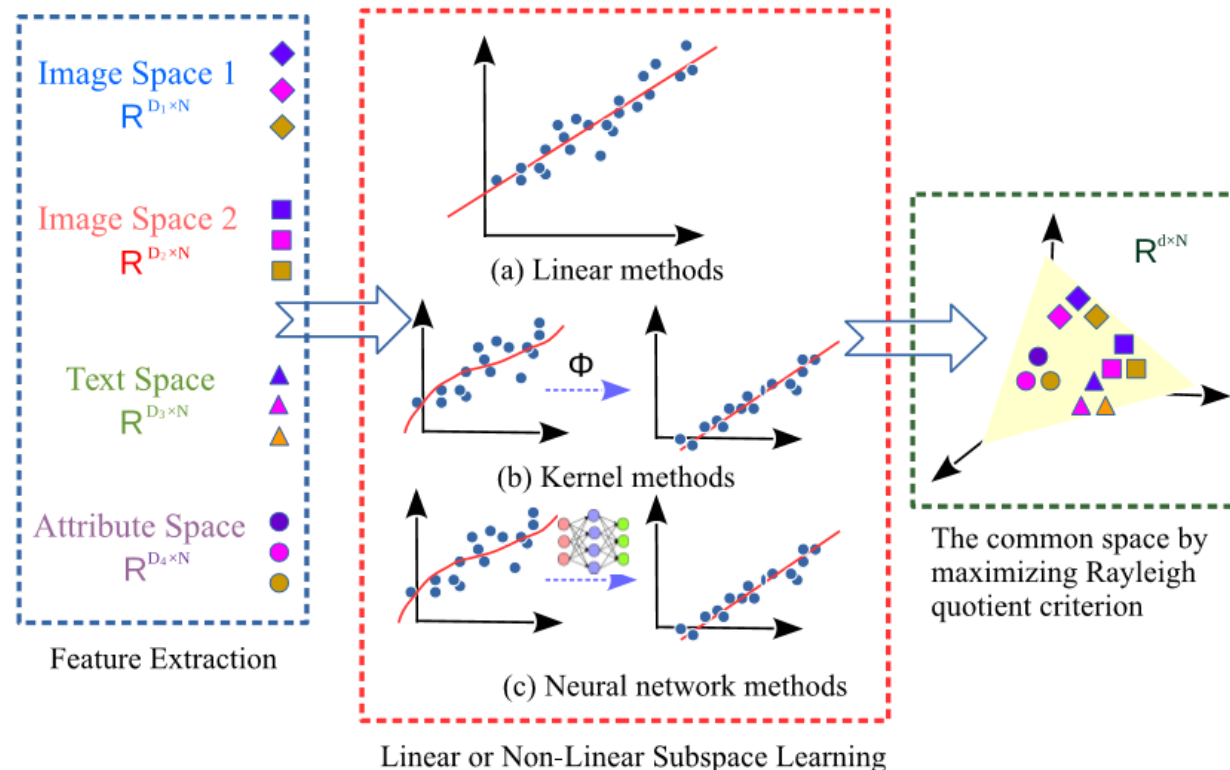
End-to-end learning for visual saliency that:

- › Exploits successive learnable feature transformations
- › Optimizes the end-to-end model using global information



Multi-view/modal Data Analysis

Generalized Multi-view Embedding



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$$\mathcal{J} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{W})}{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{W})}$$

	P	Q
CCA	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \Sigma_{12} & \cdots & \Sigma_{1V} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \Sigma_{2V} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{V1} & \Sigma_{V2} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Sigma_{22} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \Sigma_{VV} \end{bmatrix}$
PLS	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \Sigma_{12} & \cdots & \Sigma_{1V} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \Sigma_{2V} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{V1} & \Sigma_{V2} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$
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Multi-view/modal Data Analysis

Generalized Multi-view Embedding

- > We showed that most multi-view embedding methods can be modeled using the Rayleigh Quotient
- > Based on this observation, we proposed a new MvLDA criterion incorporating inter-view and intra-view variance criteria

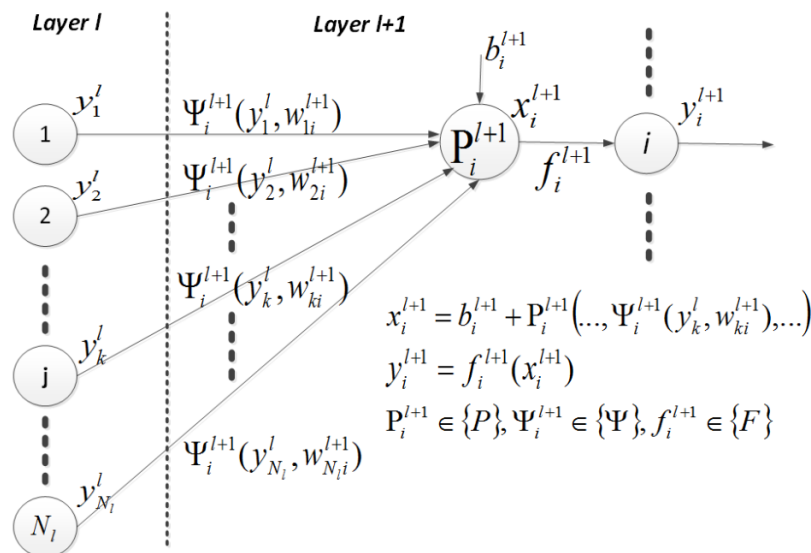
$$\begin{aligned} S_W &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{c=1}^C \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{X}_i \left(\mathbf{I} - \sum_{c=1}^C \frac{1}{N_c} \mathbf{e}_c \mathbf{e}_c^\top \right) \mathbf{X}_i^\top \mathbf{W}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{c=1}^C \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{Q}_{ii} \mathbf{W}_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_B &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j=1}^V \sum_{p=1}^C \sum_{q=1}^C \substack{(\mathbf{m}_p^i - \mathbf{m}_q^j)(\mathbf{m}_p^i - \mathbf{m}_q^j)^\top \\ p \neq q} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j=1}^V \sum_{p=1}^C \sum_{q=1}^C \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{L}_B \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{W}_j \\ S'_B &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j=1}^V \sum_{p=1}^C \sum_{q=1}^C \substack{(\mathbf{m}_p^i - \mathbf{m}_q^j)(\mathbf{m}_p^j - \mathbf{m}_q^i)^\top \\ p \neq q} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^V \sum_{j=1}^V \sum_{p=1}^C \sum_{q=1}^C \mathbf{W}_i^\top \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{L}'_B \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{W}_j \end{aligned}$$

Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

Basic idea of neural network-based learning

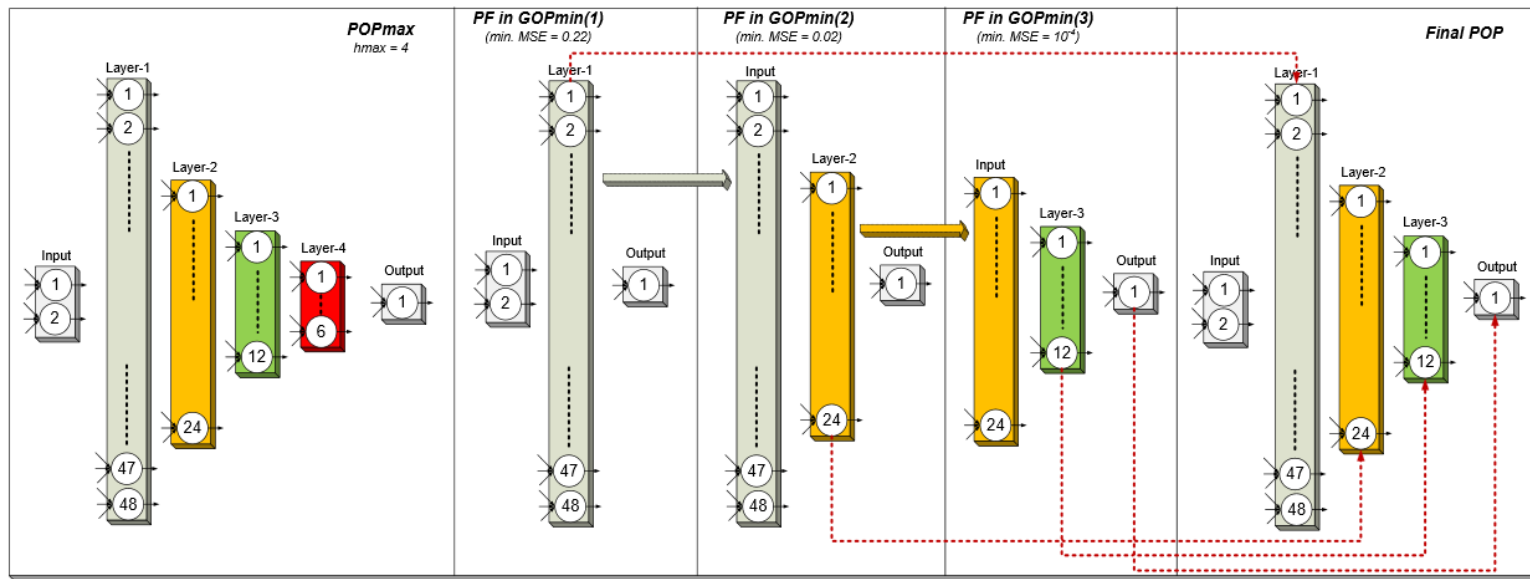
- › Data-driven fine-tuning the parameters of a network to regress inputs to targets using:
 - › User-defined number of layers
 - › User-defined activation functions (always the same for the entire network, except the last one)
 - › User-defined neuron pooling operator (always the same for all neurons)
 - › User-defined neuron nodal operator (always the same for all neurons)



Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

We proposed a Progressive Operational Feedforward Neural network learning approach

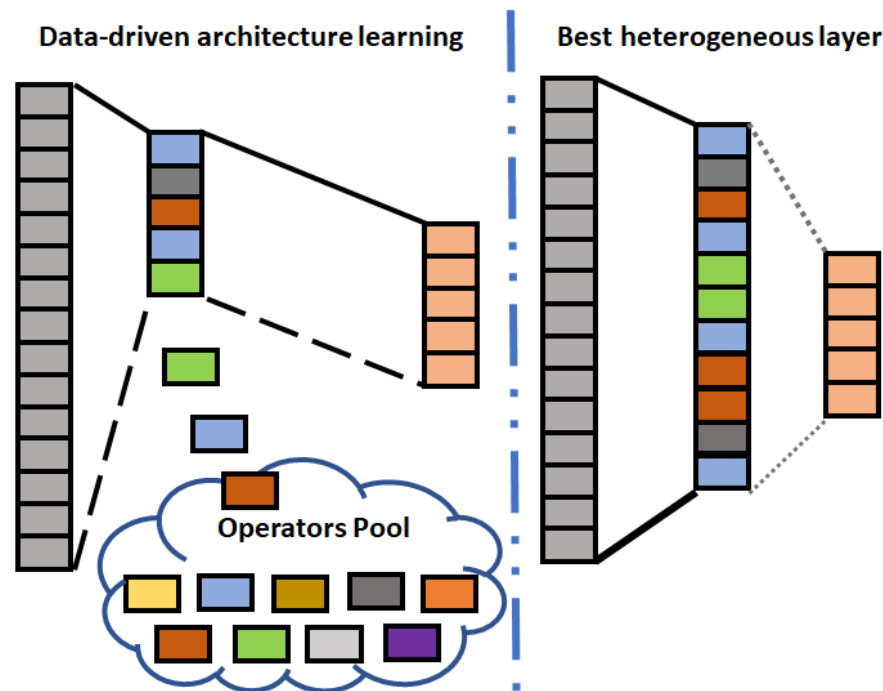
- > Data-driven network's architecture
- > Data-driven network's parameters tuning



Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

We proposed a data-driven neural network architecture learning scheme

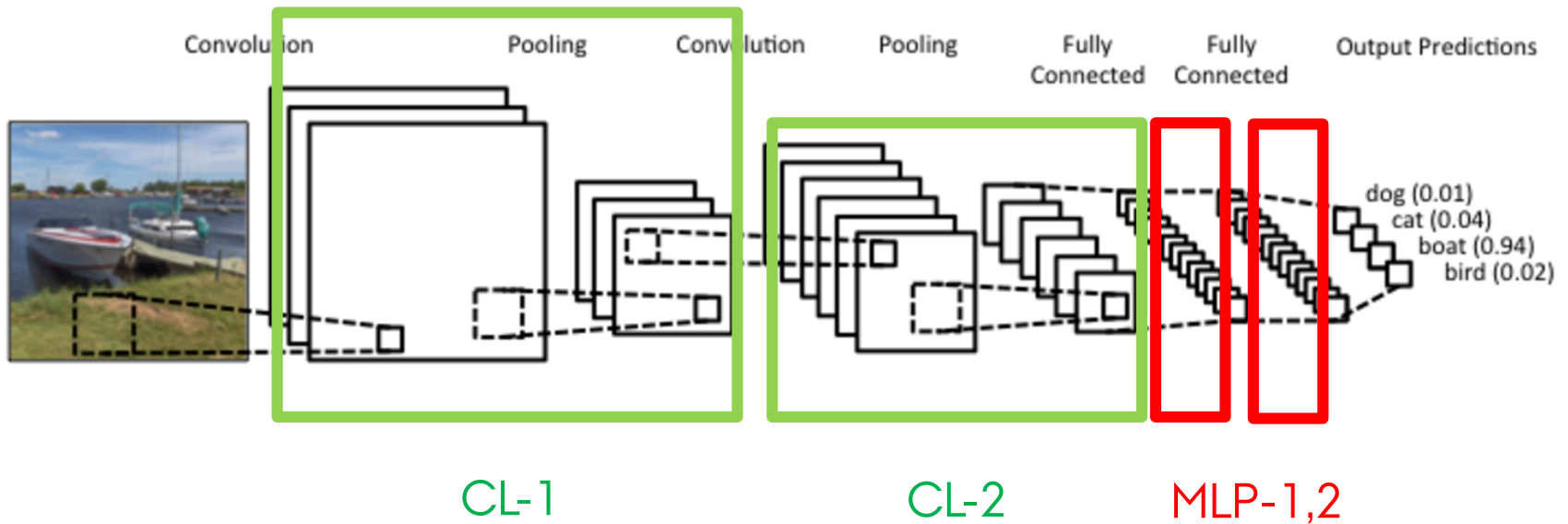
- › Fully heterogeneous layers



Convolutional Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

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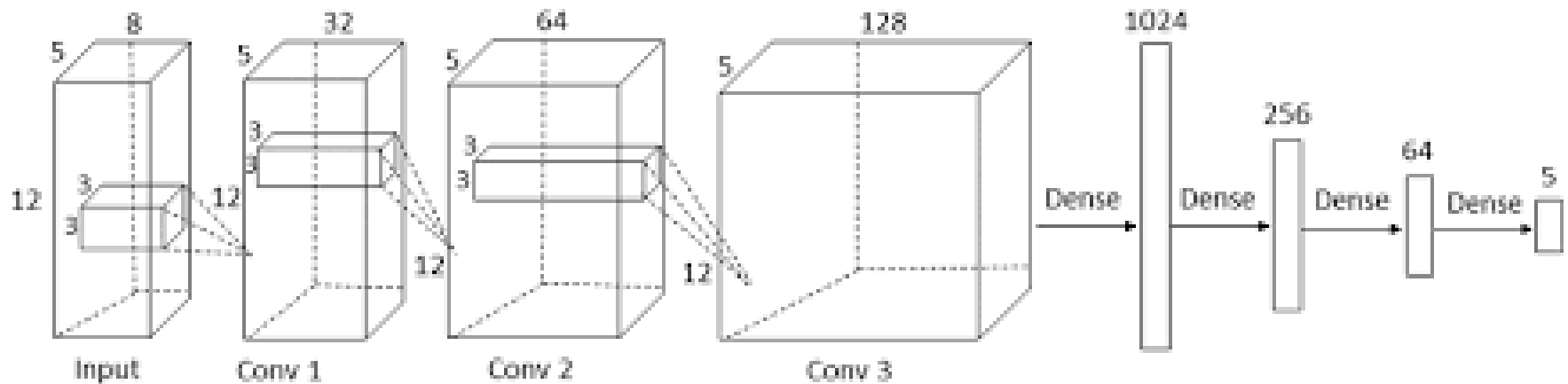
- > Convolutional layers
- > Multilayer Perceptron (vector) layers



Convolutional Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

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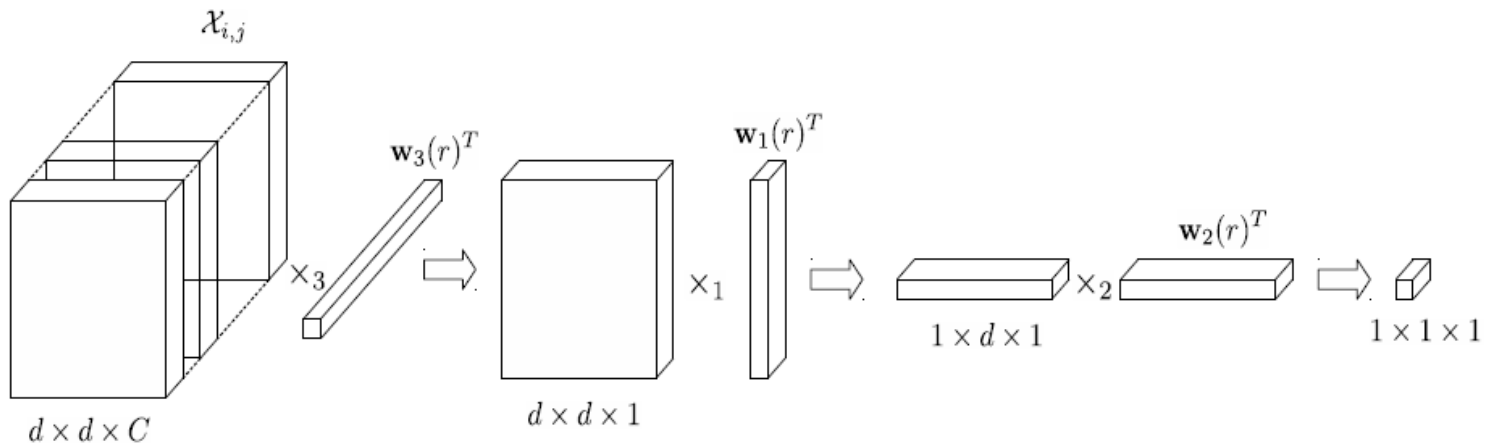


Real CNN architecture: CLs are tensors!

Convolutional Neural Networks (Deep Learning)

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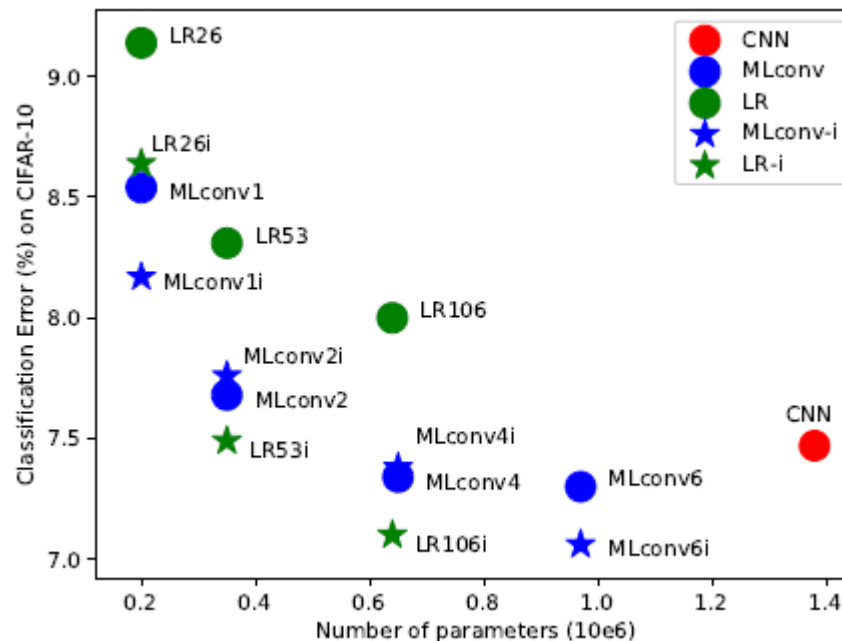
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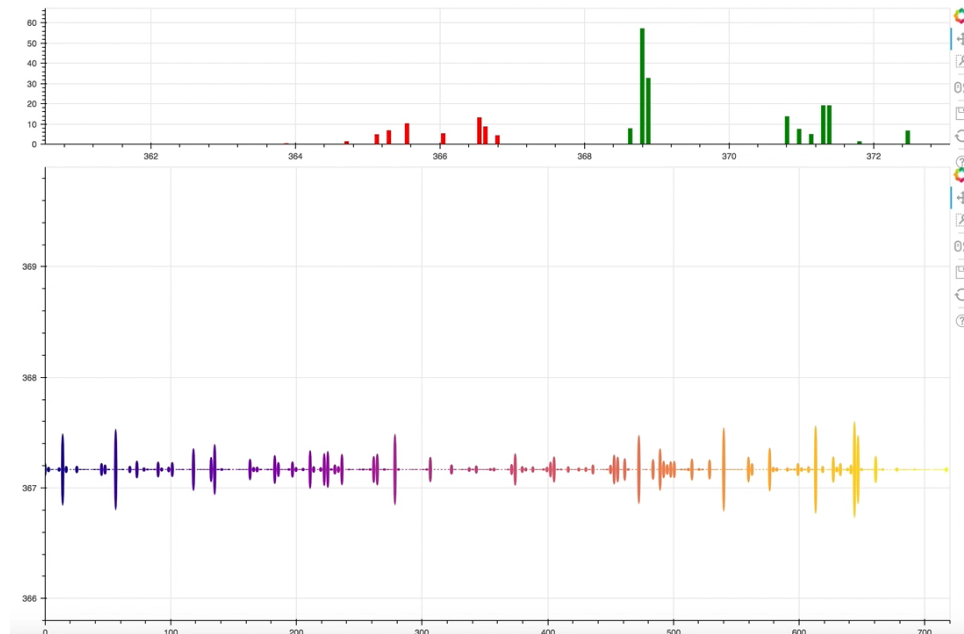


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Extension to applications of other domains

Other applications

Stock prediction in financial markets



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Other applications

Stock prediction in financial markets

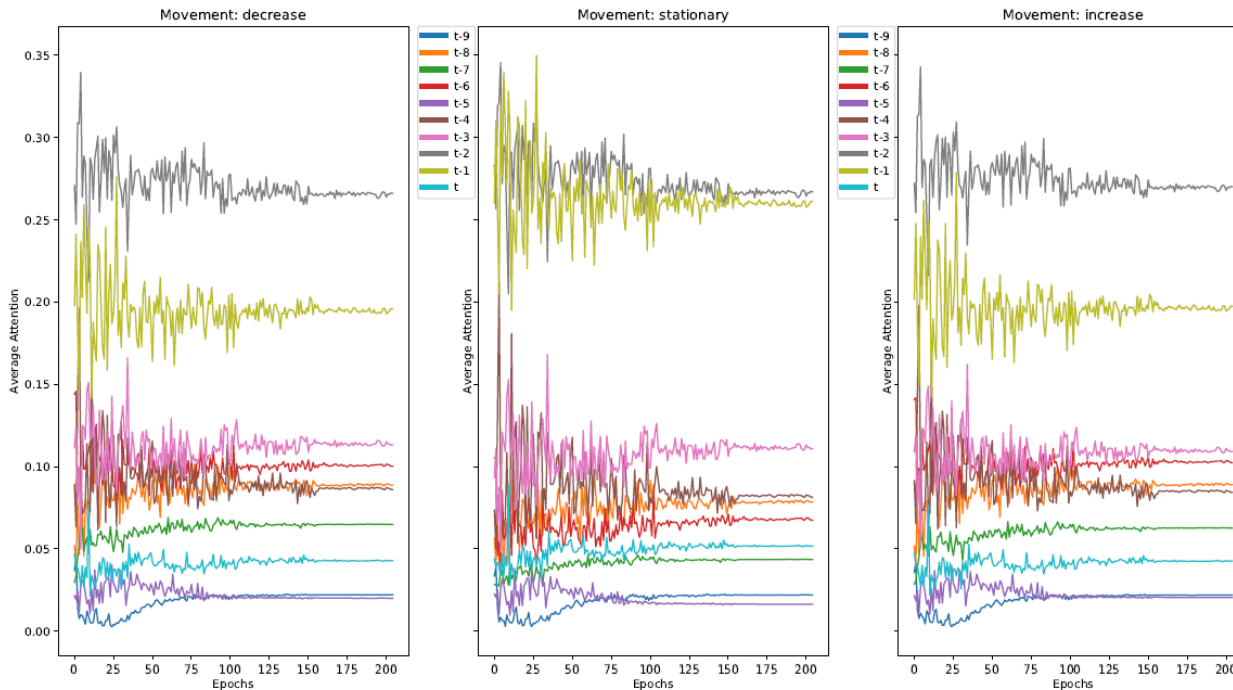
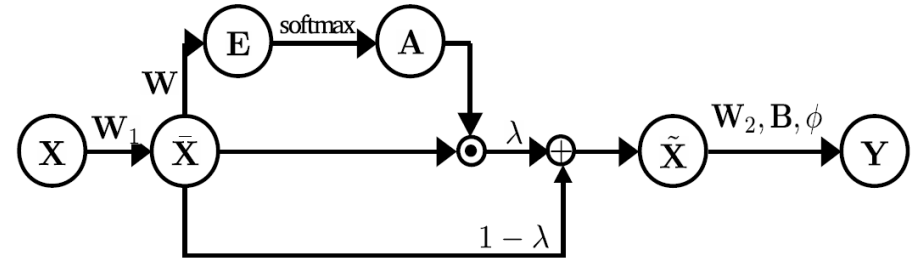


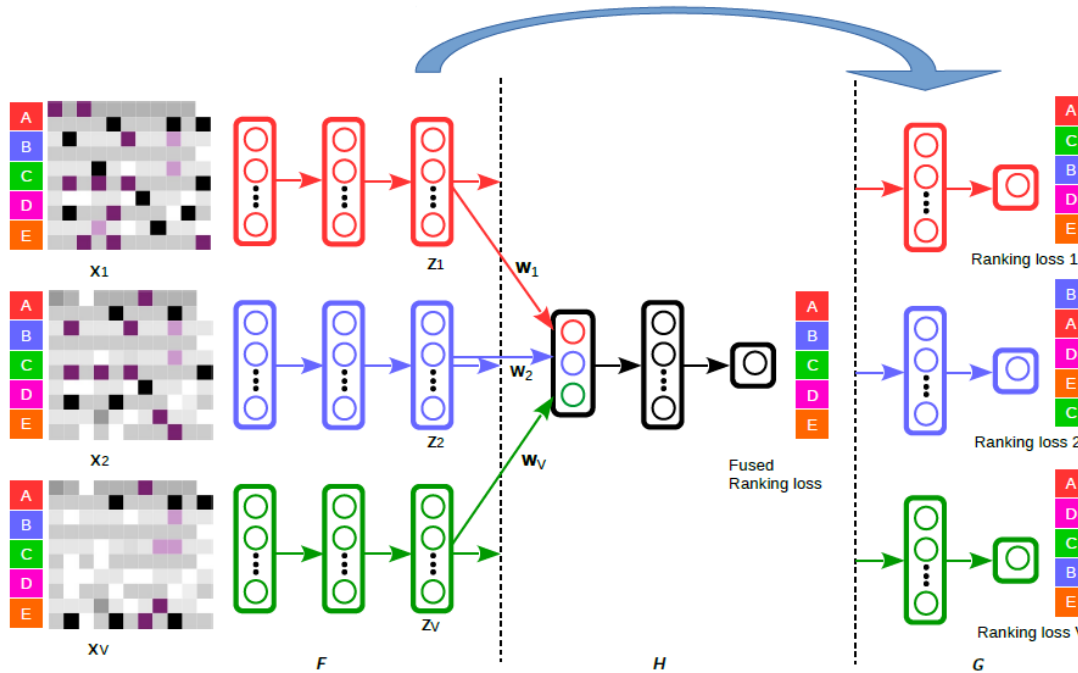
Fig. 3. Average attention of 10 temporal instances during training in 3 types of movement: decrease, stationary, increase. Values taken from configuration A(TABL) in Setup2, horizon $H = 10$

Models	Accuracy %	Precision %	Recall %	F1 %
Prediction Horizon $H = 10$				
SVM[48]	-	39.62	44.92	35.88
MLP[48]	-	47.81	60.78	48.27
CNN[47]	-	50.98	65.54	55.21
LSTM[48]	-	60.77	75.92	66.33
A(BL)	29.21	44.08	48.14	29.47
A(TABL)	70.13	56.28	58.26	56.03
B(BL)	78.37	67.73	68.89	67.71
B(TABL)	78.91	68.04	71.21	69.20
C(BL)	82.52	73.89	76.22	75.01
C(TABL)	84.70	76.95	78.44	77.63
Prediction Horizon $H = 20$				
SVM[48]	-	45.08	47.77	43.20
MLP[48]	-	51.33	65.20	51.12
CNN[47]	-	54.79	67.38	59.17
LSTM[48]	-	59.60	70.52	62.37
A(BL)	42.01	47.71	45.38	38.61
A(TABL)	62.54	52.36	50.96	50.69
B(BL)	70.33	62.97	60.64	61.02
B(TABL)	70.80	63.14	62.25	62.22
C(BL)	72.05	65.04	65.23	64.89
C(TABL)	73.74	67.18	66.94	66.93
Prediction Horizon $H = 50$				
SVM[48]	-	46.05	60.30	49.42
MLP[48]	-	55.21	67.14	55.95
CNN[47]	-	55.58	67.12	59.44
LSTM[48]	-	60.03	68.58	61.43
A(BL)	51.92	51.59	50.35	49.58
A(TABL)	60.15	59.05	55.71	55.87
B(BL)	72.16	71.28	68.69	69.40
B(TABL)	75.58	74.58	73.09	73.64
C(BL)	78.96	77.85	77.04	77.40
C(TABL)	79.87	79.05	77.04	78.44

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Other applications

Multi-faceted and multi-objective data ranking



Safety/hazard Assessment

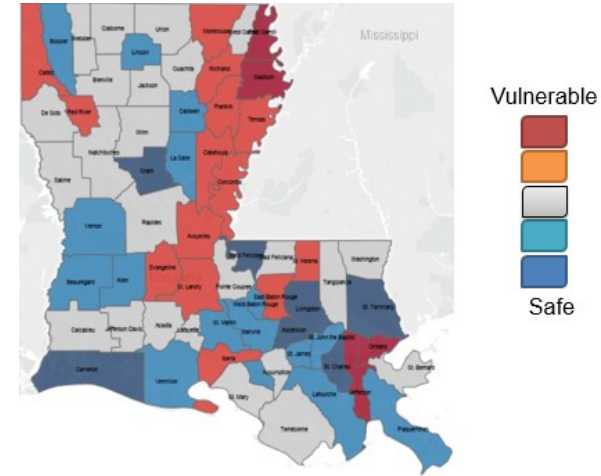


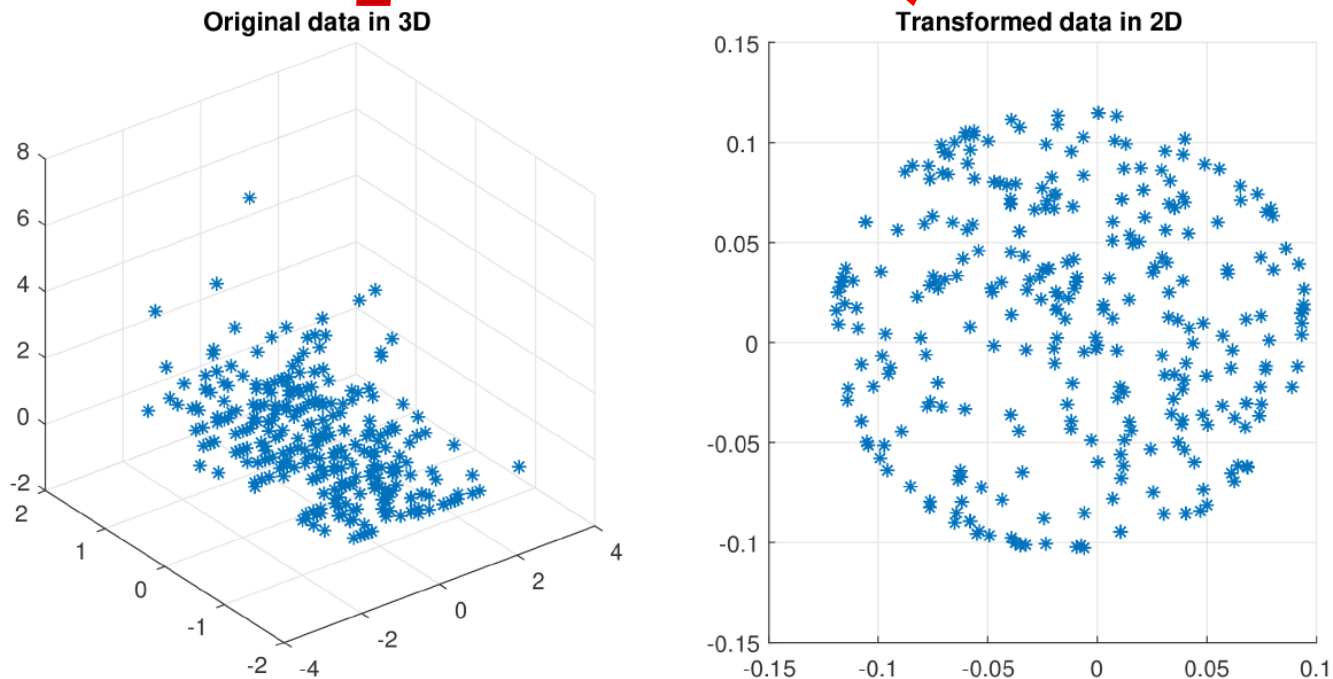
TABLE 1: Average Prediction Results (%) on 3 University Ranking Datasets in 2015.

Methods	Kendal's tau	Accuracy
Best Single View	65.38	-
Feature Concat	35.10	-
LMvCCA [5]	86.04	94.49
LMvMDA [5]	87.00	94.97
MvDA [6]	85.81	94.34
SmVR [8]	80.75	-
DMvCCA [5]	70.07	93.20
DMvMDA [5]	70.81	94.75
MvCCAe (ours)	75.94	94.01
MvMDAE (ours)	81.04	94.85
DMvDR (ours)	89.28	95.30

Other applications

Novelty detection

SVDD-based subspace



Thank you for your attention!

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