CPSC 340: Machine Learning and Data Mining

Multi-Dimensional Scaling

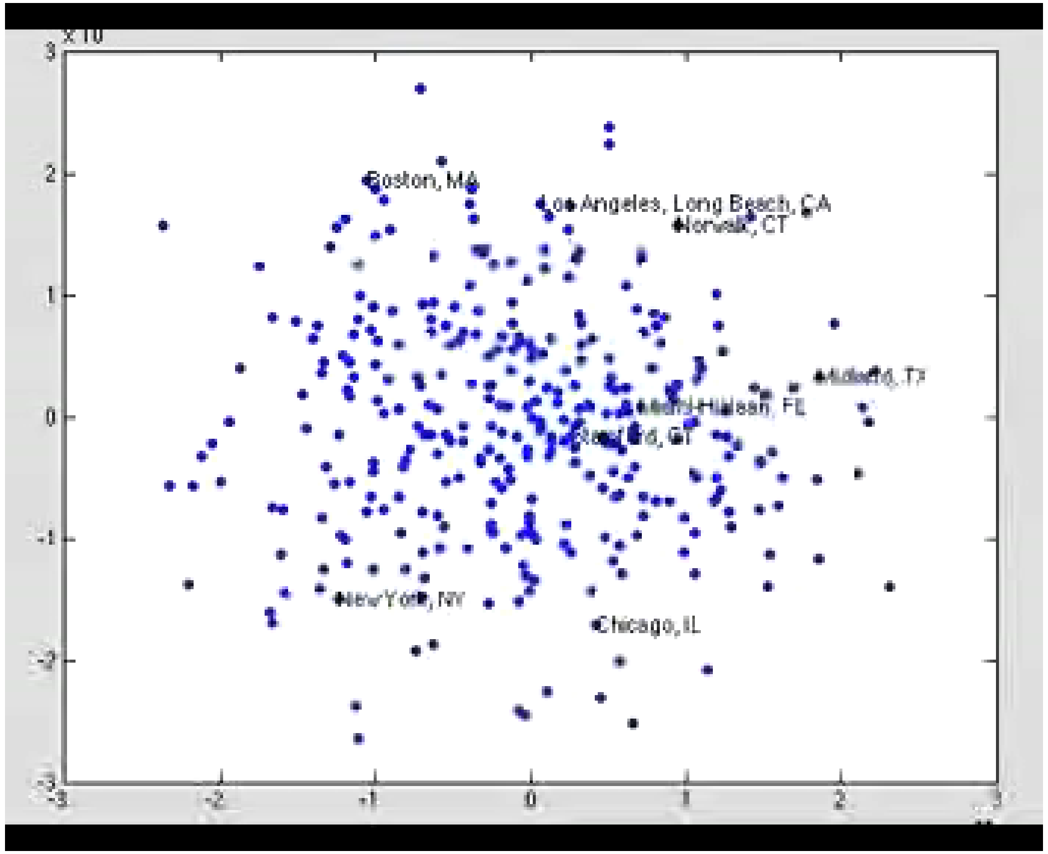
Summer 2021

Admin

- Assignment 6 out, due Friday 11:55pm
- Today is final exam coverage cut-off
- Final exam is next Wednesday (June 23)
  - Prep materials go up soon

- Course evaluation is open.
  - Please give me an honest feedback! How did I do?

Last Time: Multi-Dimensional Scaling



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"Try to make scatterplot distances match high-dimensional distance"

sum over pairs of examples

distance in scatterplot

Distance between points in original 'd' dimensions

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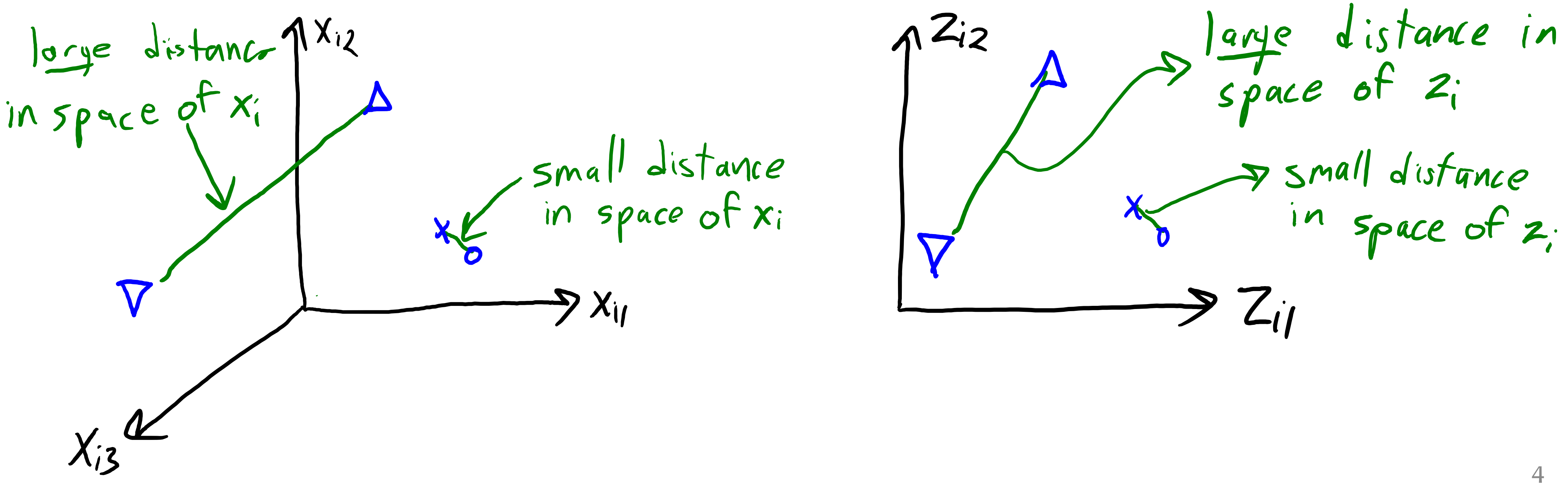

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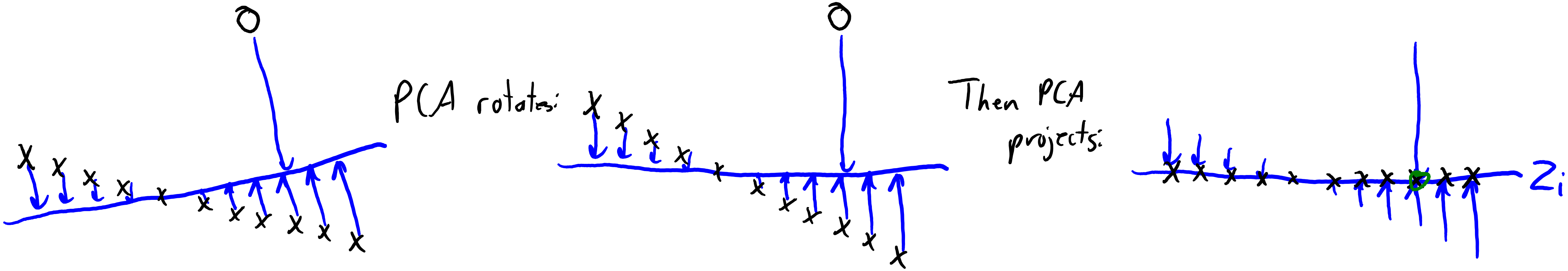

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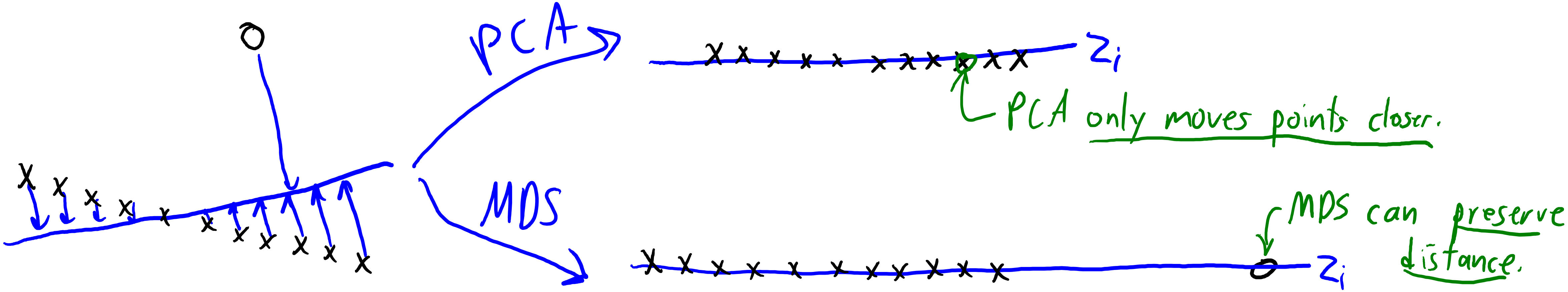

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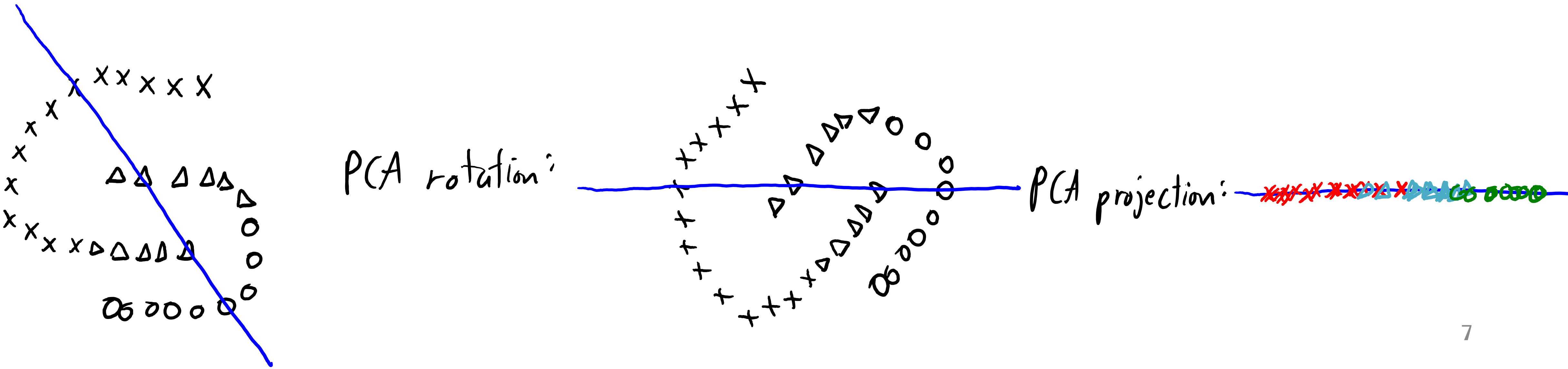

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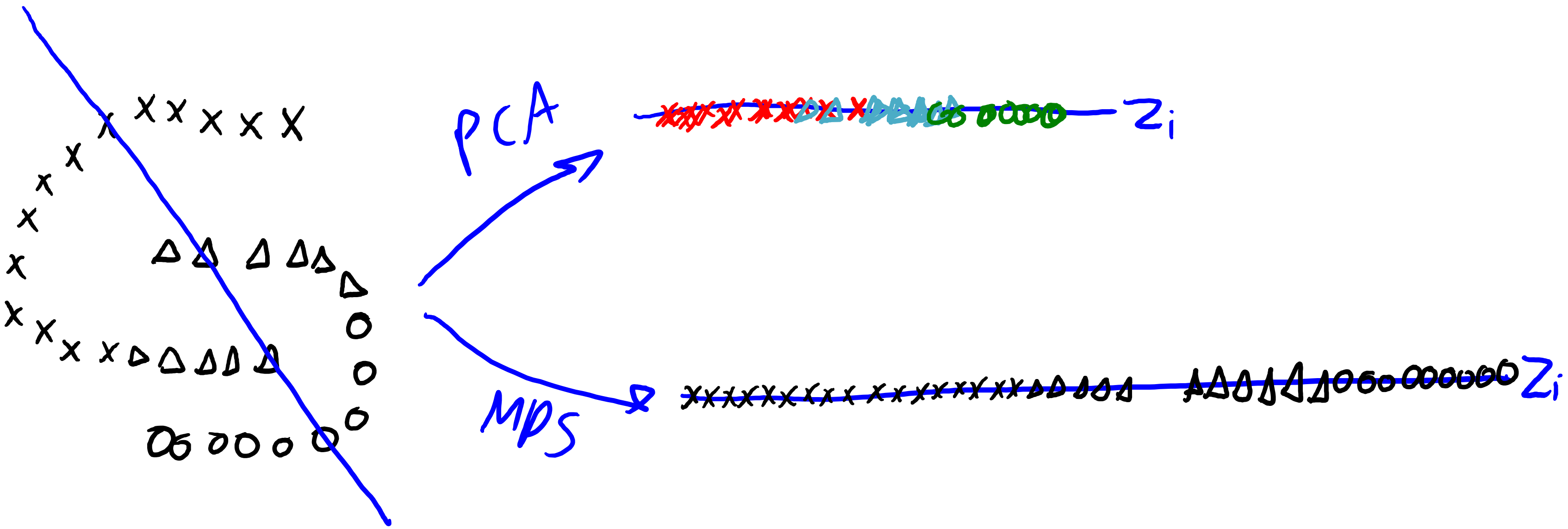

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- Cannot use SVD to compute solution:
  - Instead, do gradient descent on the z_i values.
  - You "learn" a scatterplot that tries to visualize high-dimensional data.
  - Not convex and sensitive to initialization.
    - And solution is not unique due to various factors like translation and rotation.

In This Lecture

1. Multi-Dimensional Scaling
   - Euclidean MDS
   - Sammon Mapping
   - Geodesic MDS (ISOMAP)

2. Latent Factors for Language

Coming Up Next

EUCLIDEAN MDS VARIANTS

Different MDS Cost Functions

- MDS default objective: squared difference of Euclidean norms:

$$f(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} \left(\|z_i - z_j\| - \|x_i - x_j\| \right)^2$$

Q: How many distance functions are involved here?

Q: Can we generalize this to other measures of distance?

Different MDS Cost Functions

- MDS default objective function with general distances/similarities:

$$f(Z) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} d_3(d_2(z_i, z_j) - d_1(x_i, x_j))$$

  - Functions are not necessarily the same:
    - d_1 := high-dimensional distance we want to match.

$$d_1 : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

    - d_2 := low-dimensional distance we can control.

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    - d_3 := how we compare high-/low-dimensional distances.

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- "Classic" MDS:
  - $d_1(x_i,x_j) = x_i^T x_j$, $d_2(z_i,z_j) = z_i^T z_j$, $d_3(a, b) = (a - b)^2$
  - This is a factorless version of ________.
  - Not a great choice because it's _________________.

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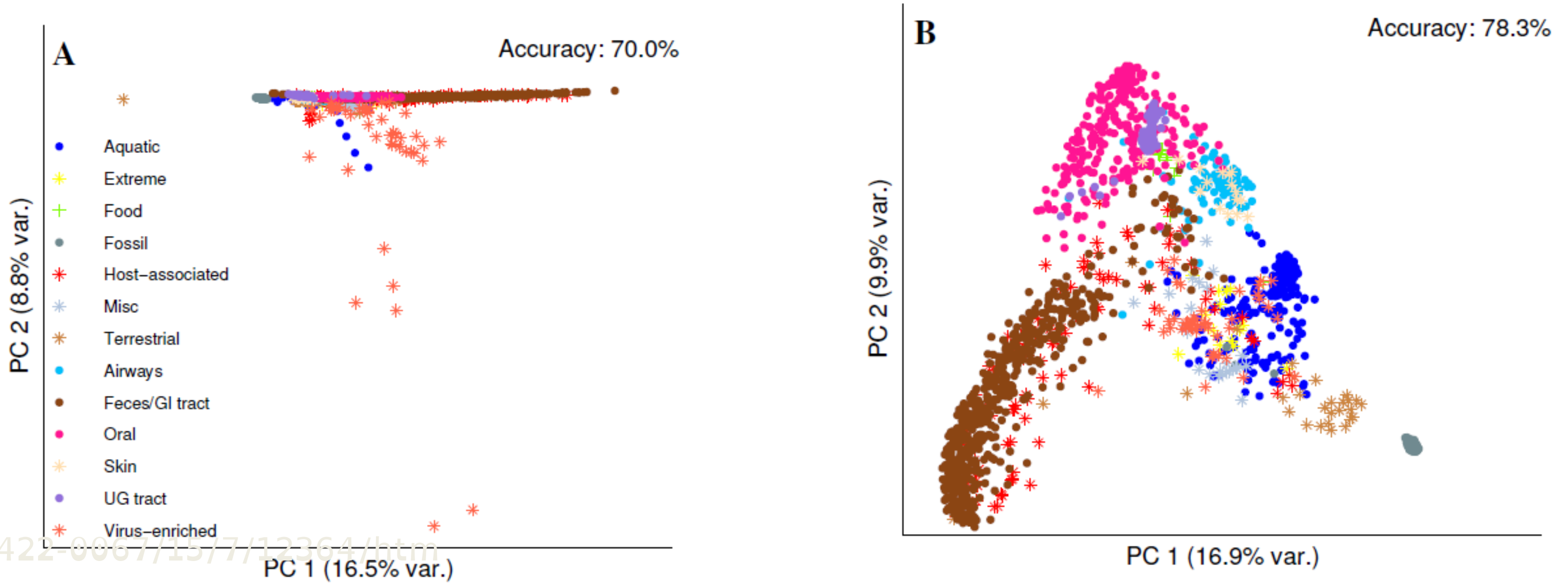
- Another possibility: $d_1(x_i,x_j) = ||x_i - x_j||_1$ and $d_2(z_i,z_j) = ||z_i - z_j||$.
  - z_i approximates high-dimensional L_1-norm distances.



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  - Denominator reduces focus on large distances.

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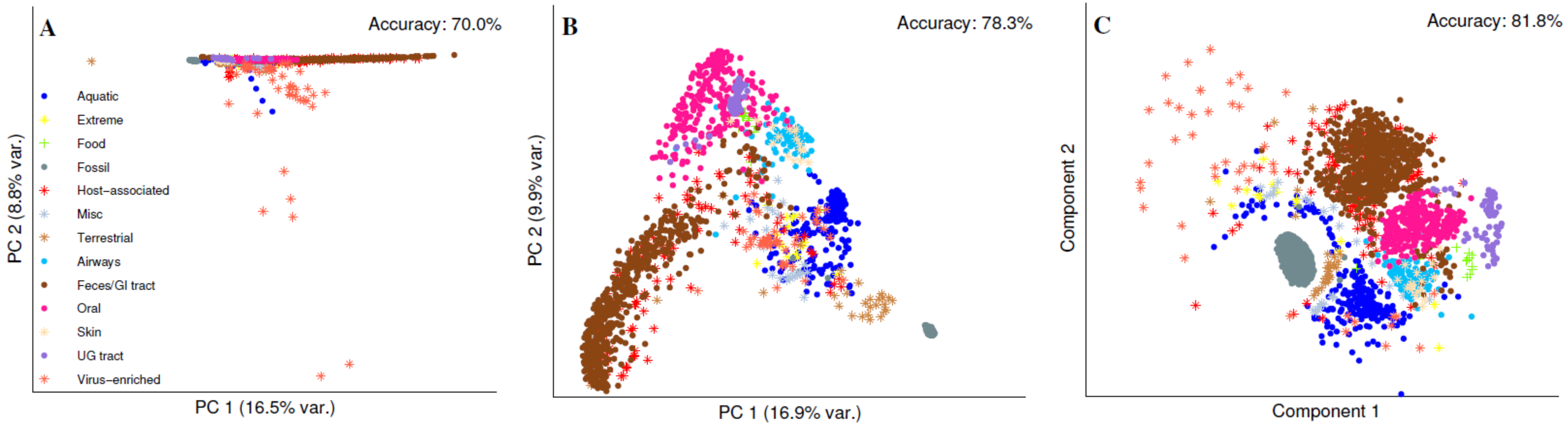

http://www.mdpi.com/1422-0067/15/7/12364/htm

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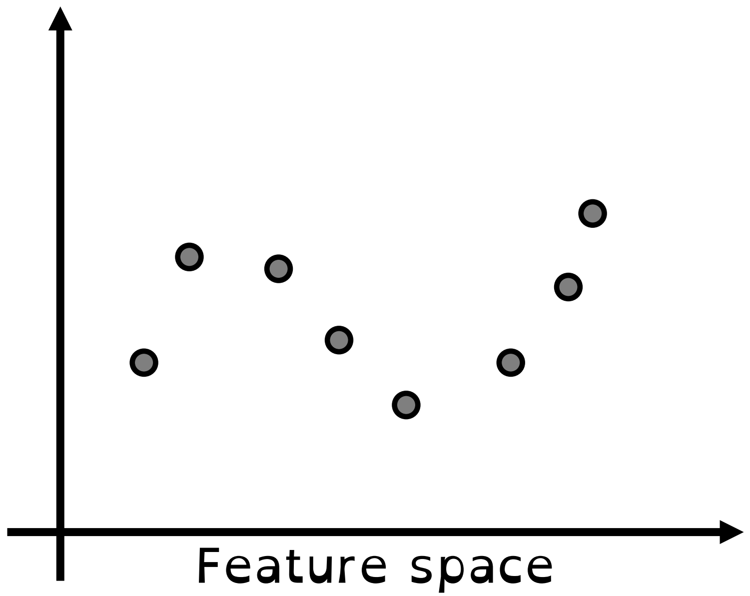
MANIFOLDS

“Manifold”

- “Manifold” := non-Euclidean subspace of feature space where datapoints live

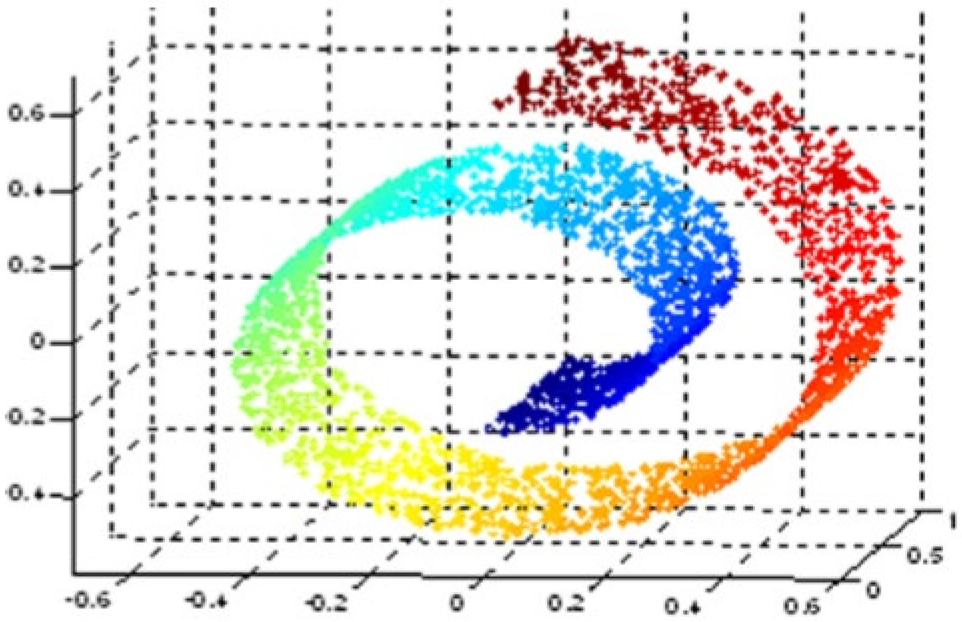


- Assumption: most data live on a manifold, not a true Euclidean feature space!

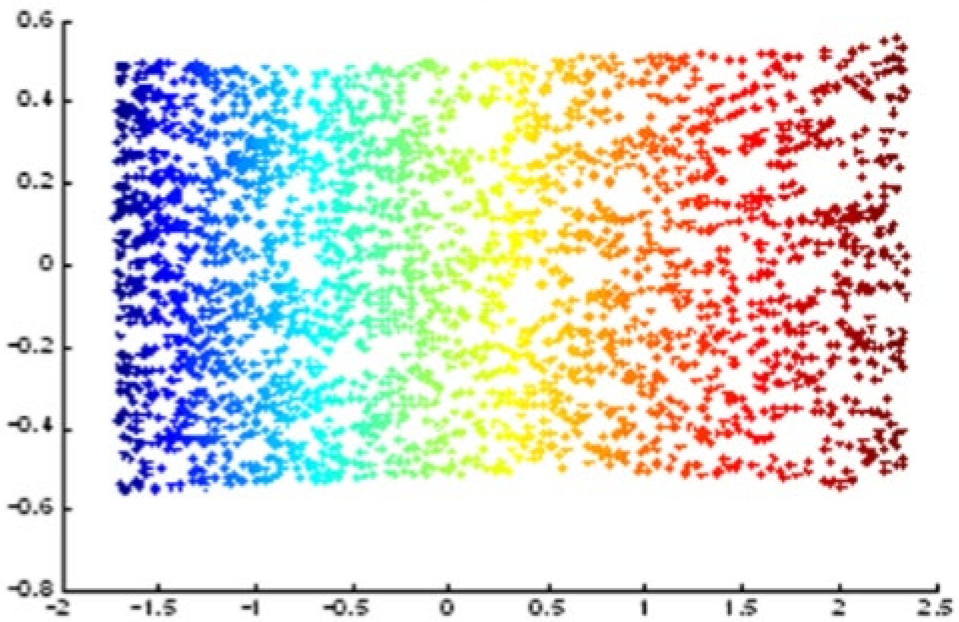
Learning Manifolds

- Consider data that lives on a low-dimensional “manifold”.
- e.g. ‘Swiss roll’:

Original data



Two-dimensional manifold



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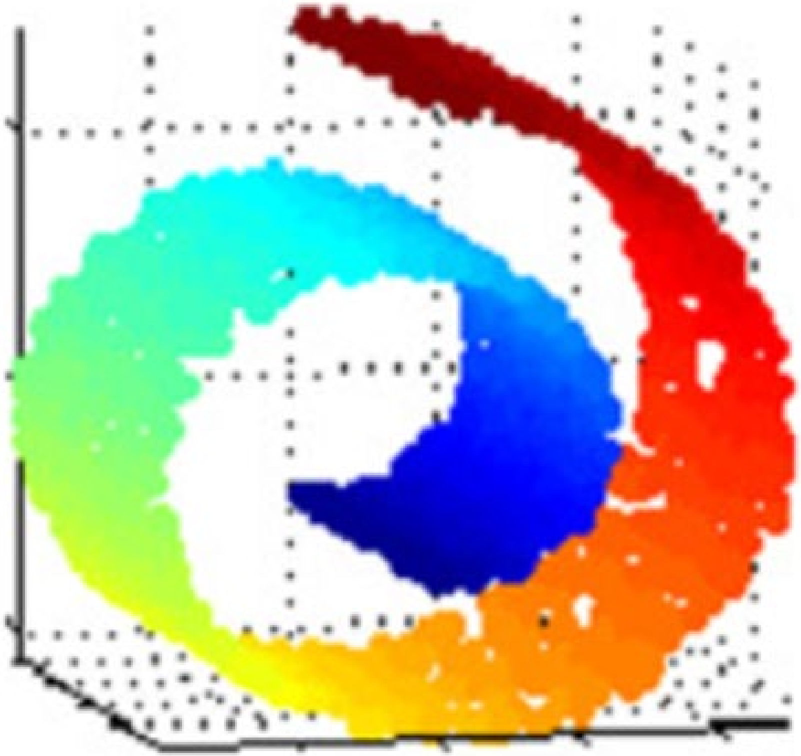

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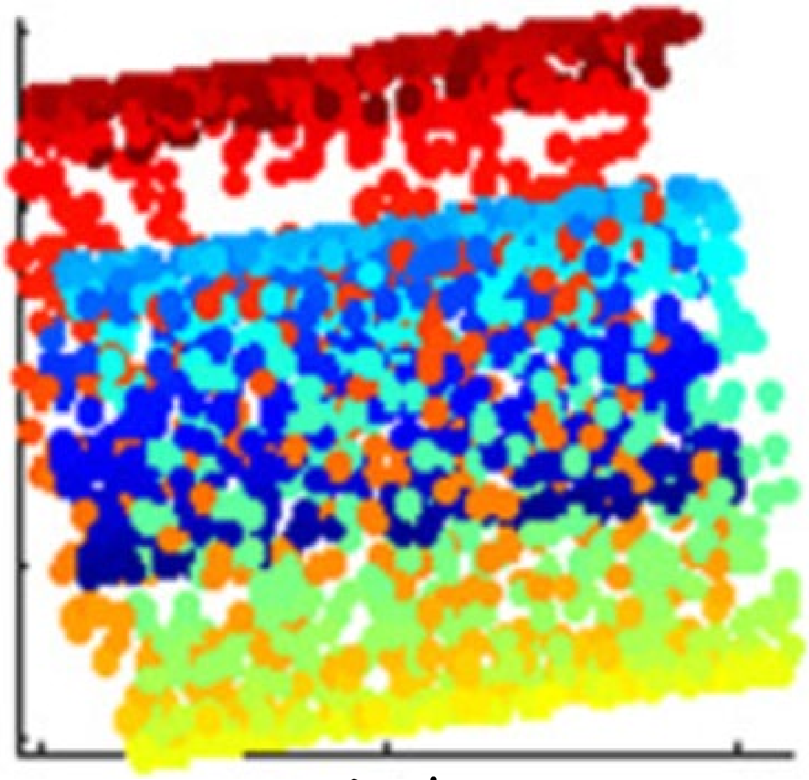

PCA

http://www.peh-med.com/content/9/1/12/figure/F1

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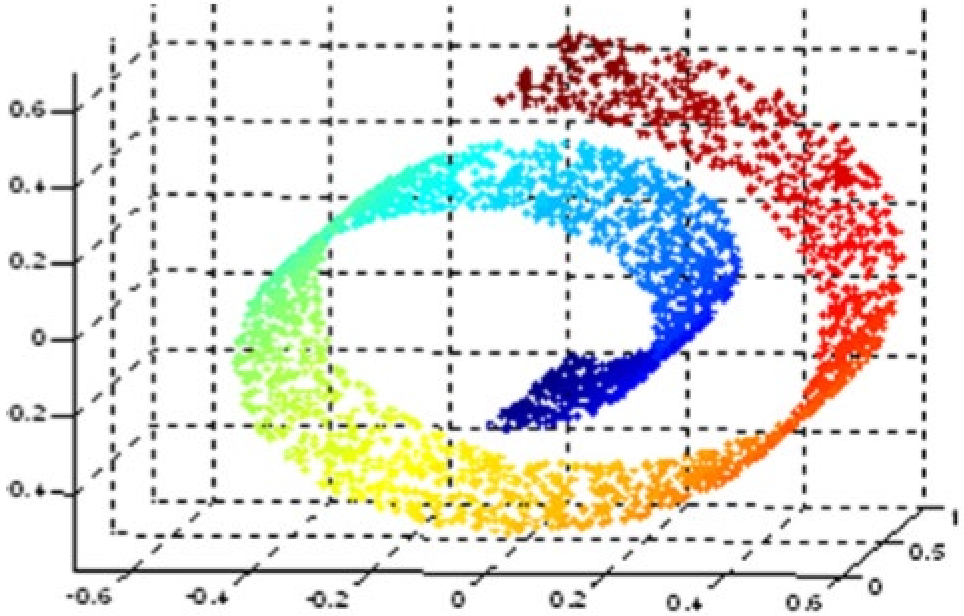
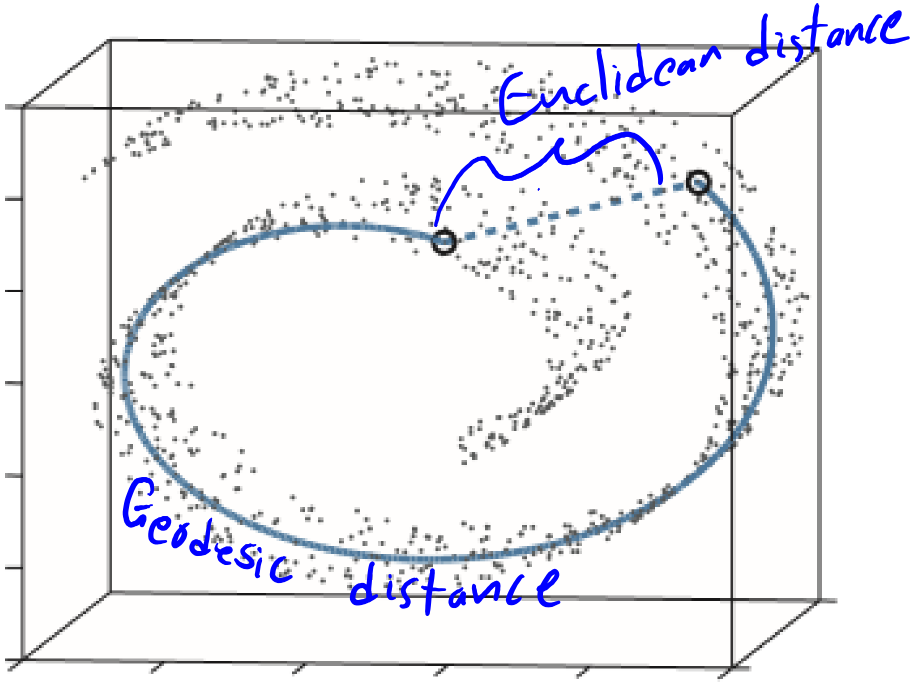
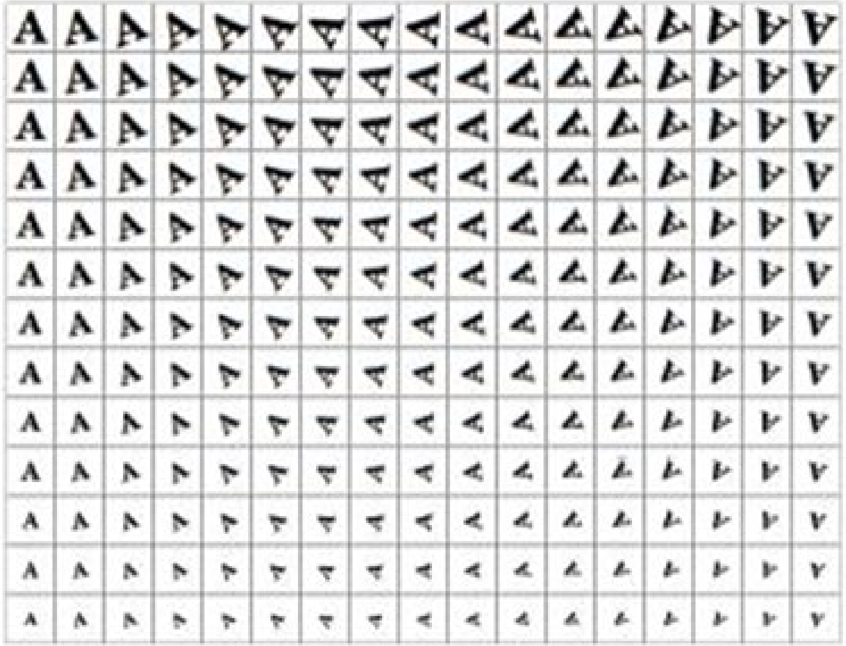
- We need geodesic distance: the ______________________________.





Manifolds in Image Space

- Consider slowly-varying transformation of image:



- Images are on a manifold in the high-dimensional space.
  - Euclidean distance doesn't reflect manifold structure.
  - Geodesic distance is distance through space of rotations/resizings.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nonlinear_dimensionality_reduction

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ISOMAP

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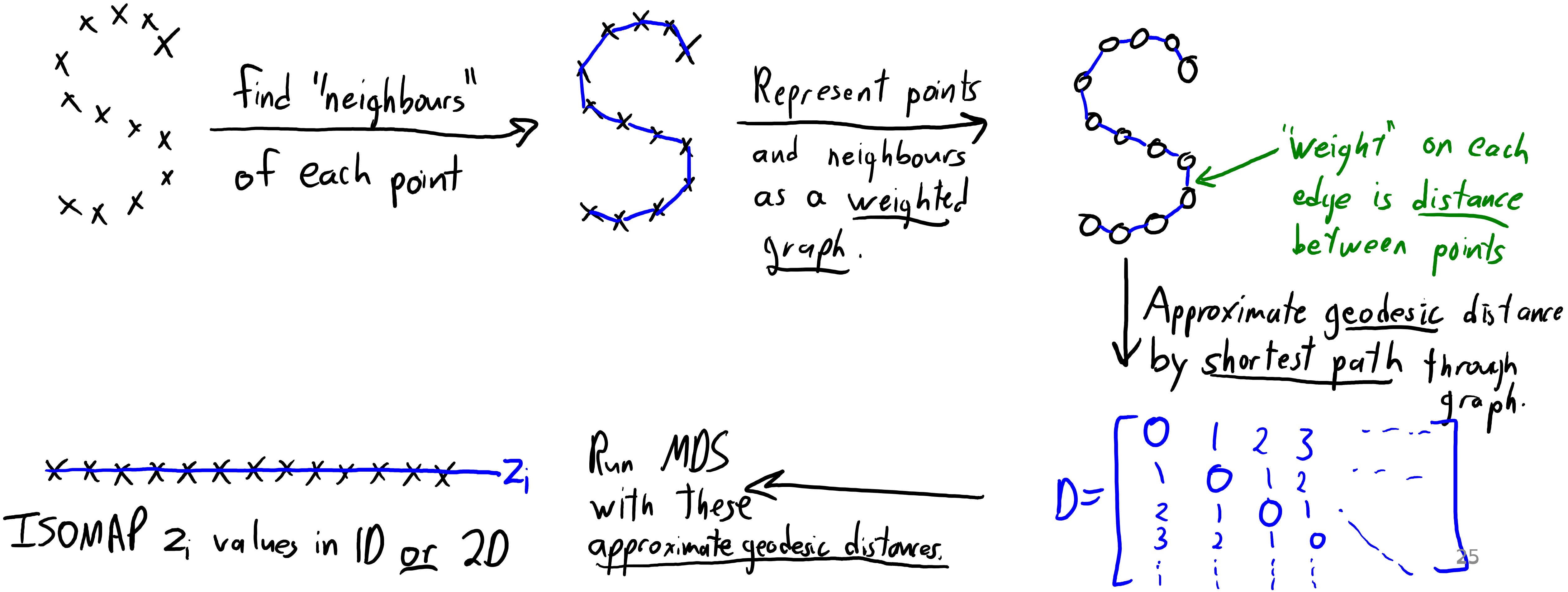
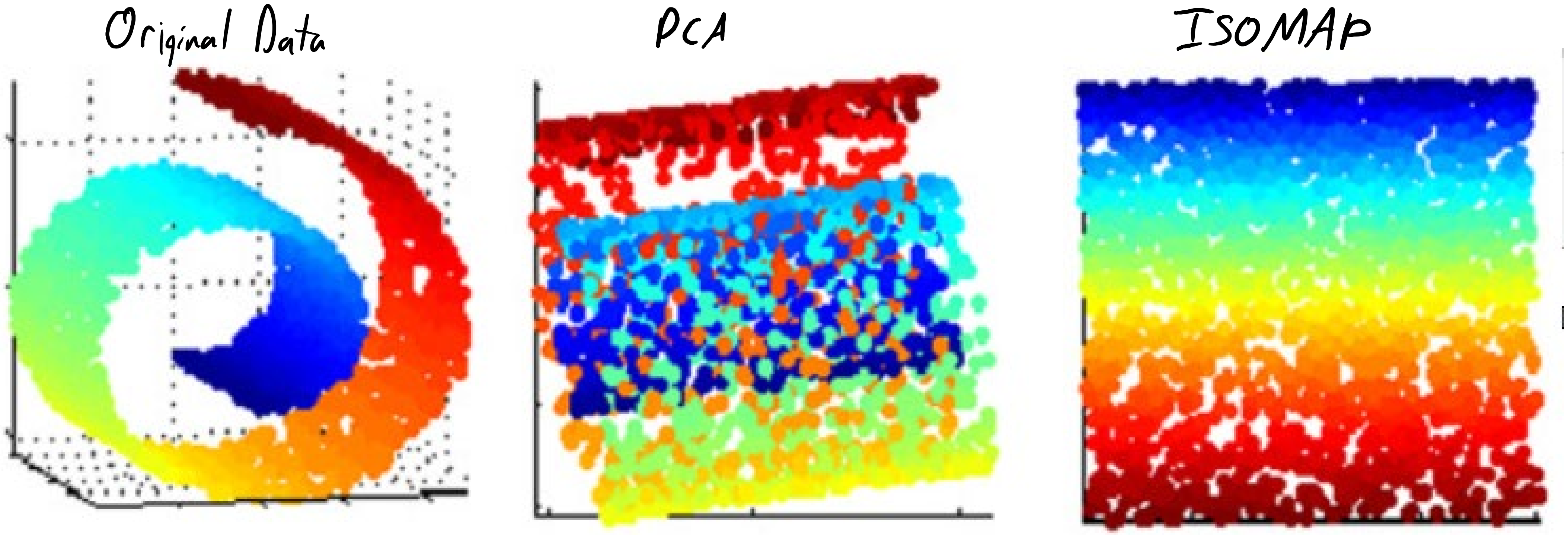
- ISOMAP is MDS on manifolds:



ISOMAP

- ISOMAP can "unwrap" the roll:
  - _________________ are approximations to geodesic distances.



- Sensitive to having _________________:
  - Points off of manifold and gaps in manifold cause problems.

Constructing Neighbour Graphs

- Sometimes you can define the graph/distance without features:
  - Facebook friend graph.
  - Connect YouTube videos if one video tends to follow another.

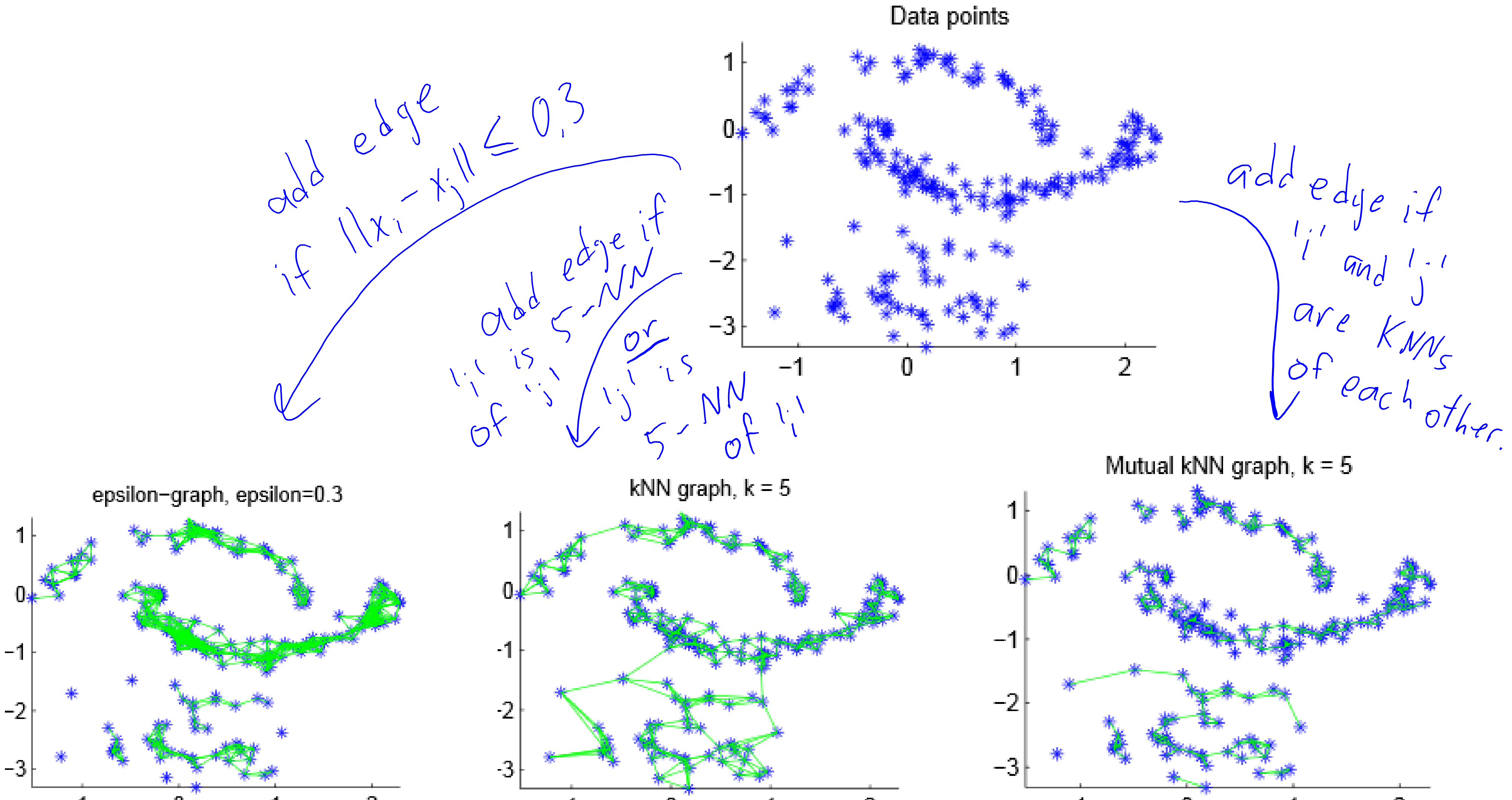
- But we can also convert from features x_i to a "neighbour" graph (A6):
  - Approach 1 ("epsilon graph"): connect x_i to all x_j within some threshold ε.
    - Like we did with density-based clustering.

  - Approach 2a ("KNN graph"): connect x_i to x_j if:
    - x_j is a KNN of x_i **OR** x_i is a KNN of x_j.

  - Approach 2b ("mutual KNN graph"): connect x_i to x_j if:
    - x_j is a KNN of x_i **AND** x_i is a KNN of x_j.

http://ai.stanford.edu/~ang/papers/nips01-spectral.pdf

Converting from Features to Graph



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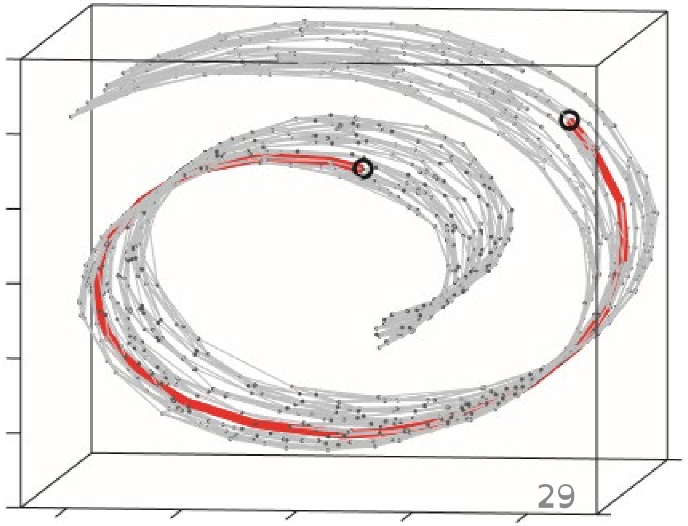
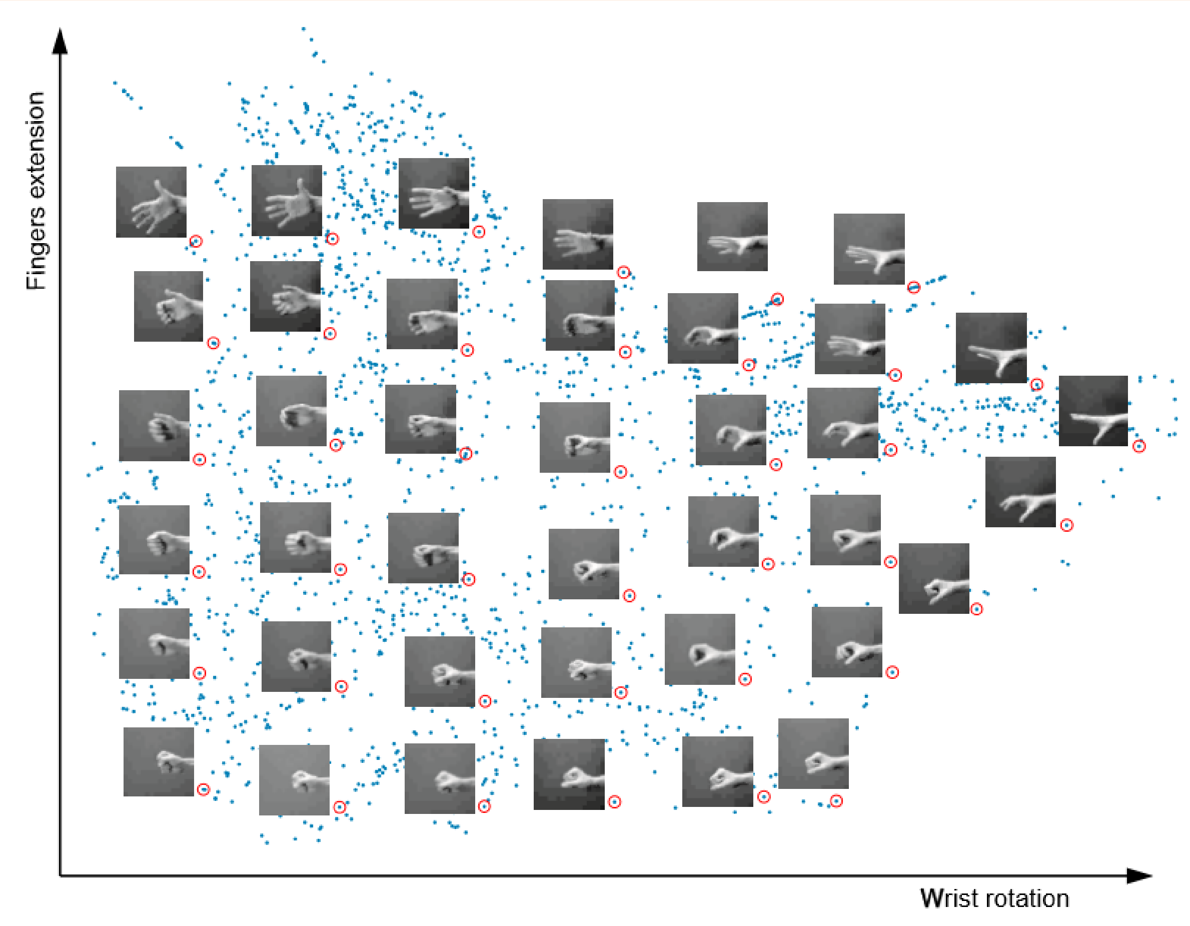
ISOMAP

- ISOMAP is latent-factor model for visualizing data on manifolds:
  1. Find the neighbours of each point.
     - Usually "k-nearest neighbours graph", or "epsilon graph".
  2. Compute edge weights:
     - Usually distance between neighbours.
  3. Compute weighted shortest path between all points
     - Dijkstra or other shortest path algorithm.
  4. Run MDS using these distances.



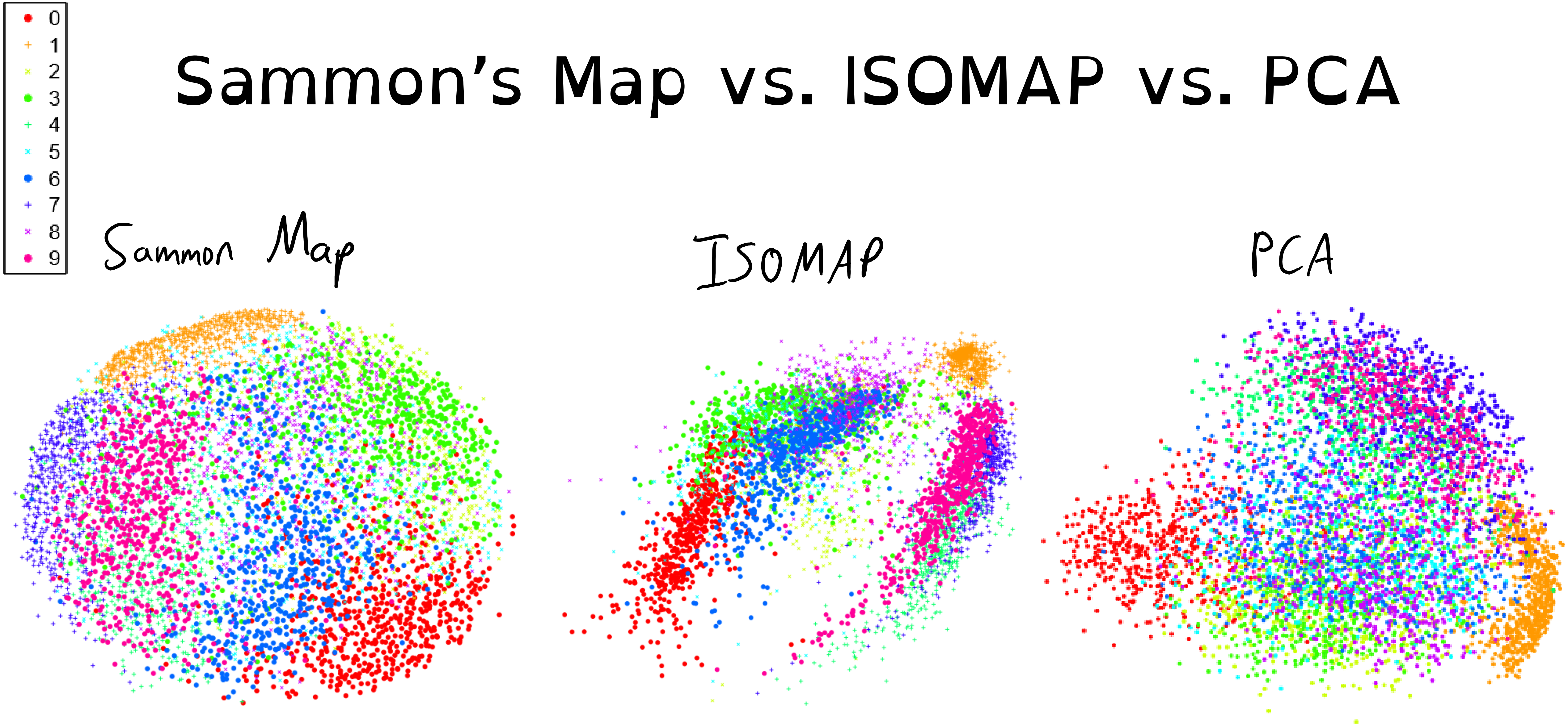
ISOMAP on Hand Images



- Related method is “local linear embedding”.

http://wearables.cc.gatech.edu/paper_of_week/isomap.pdf

Sammon's Map vs. ISOMAP vs. PCA



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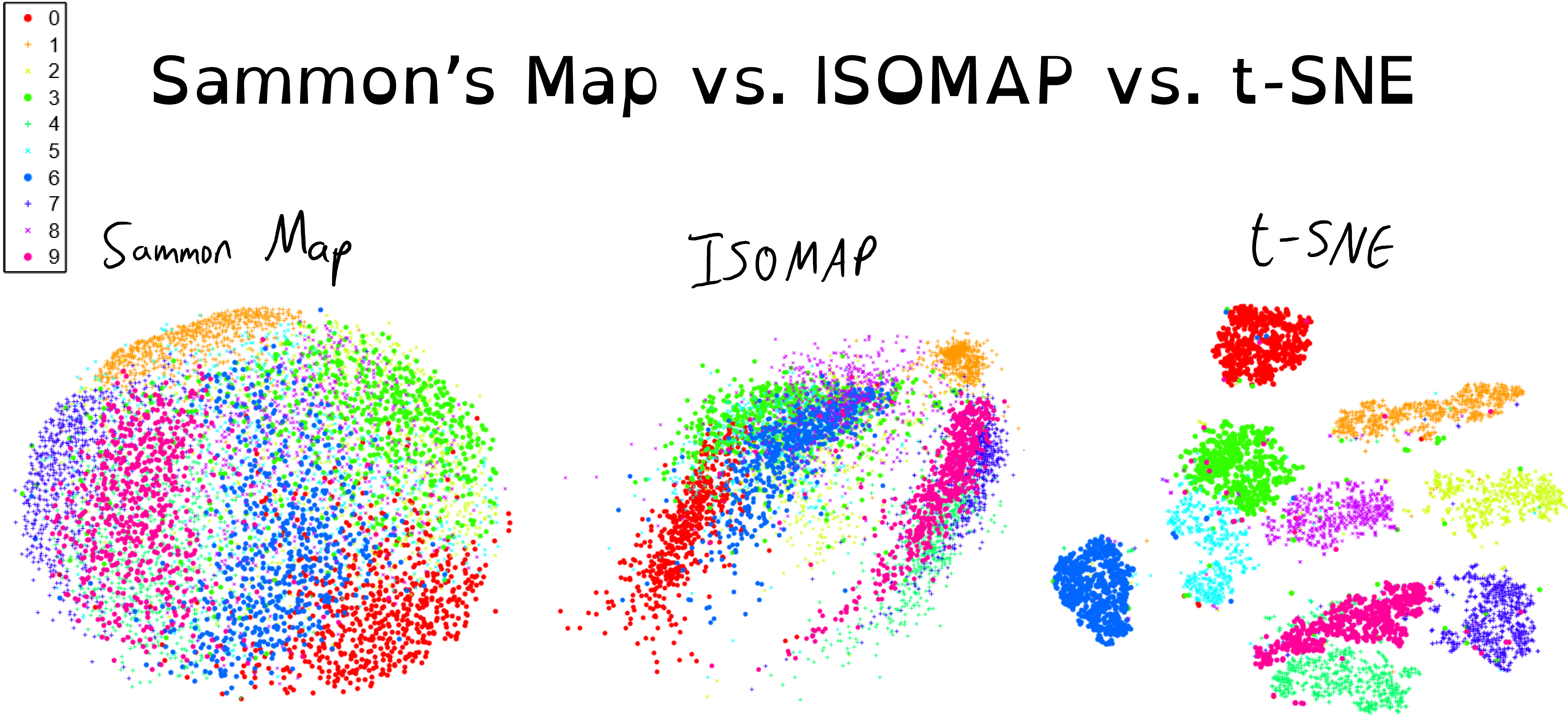

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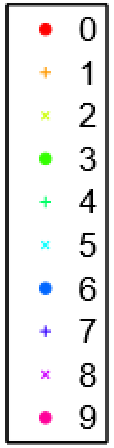

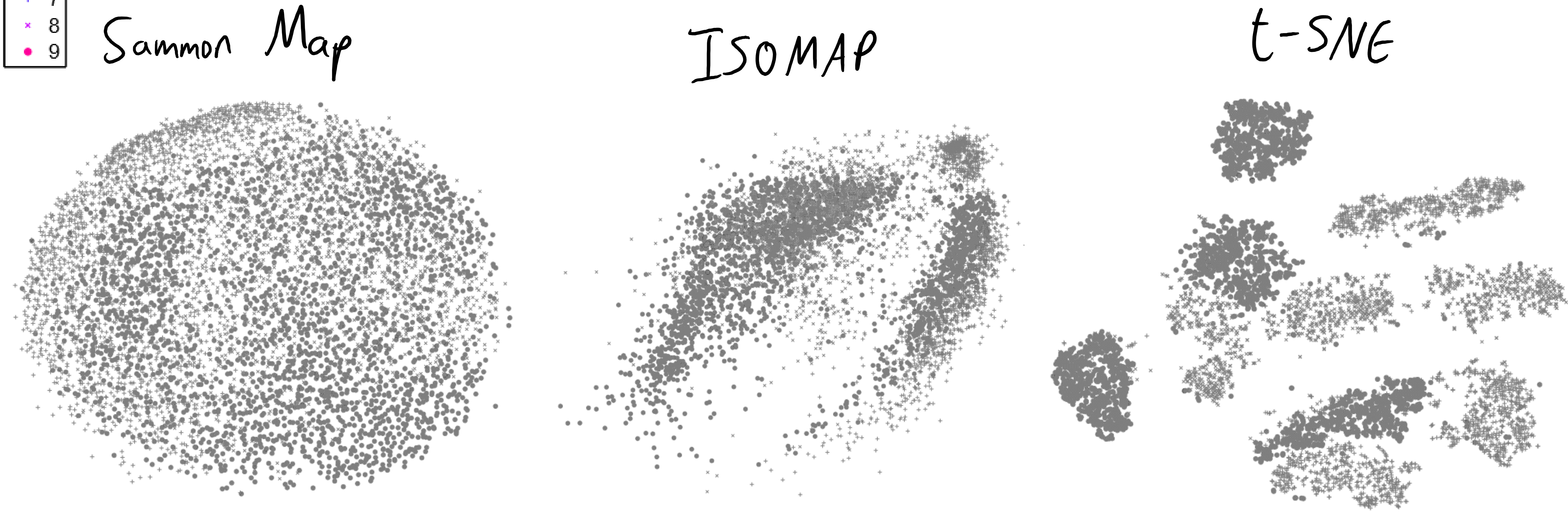

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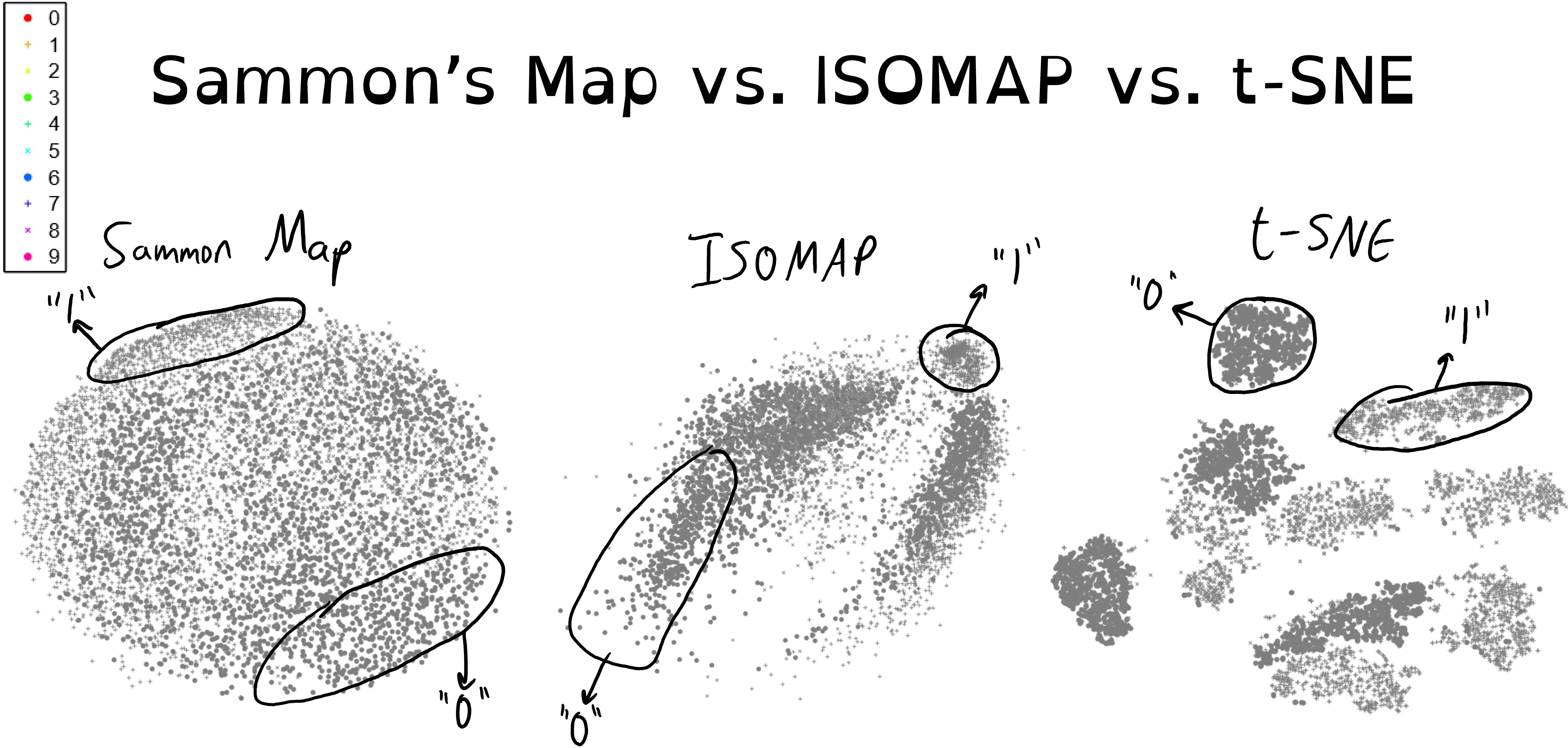

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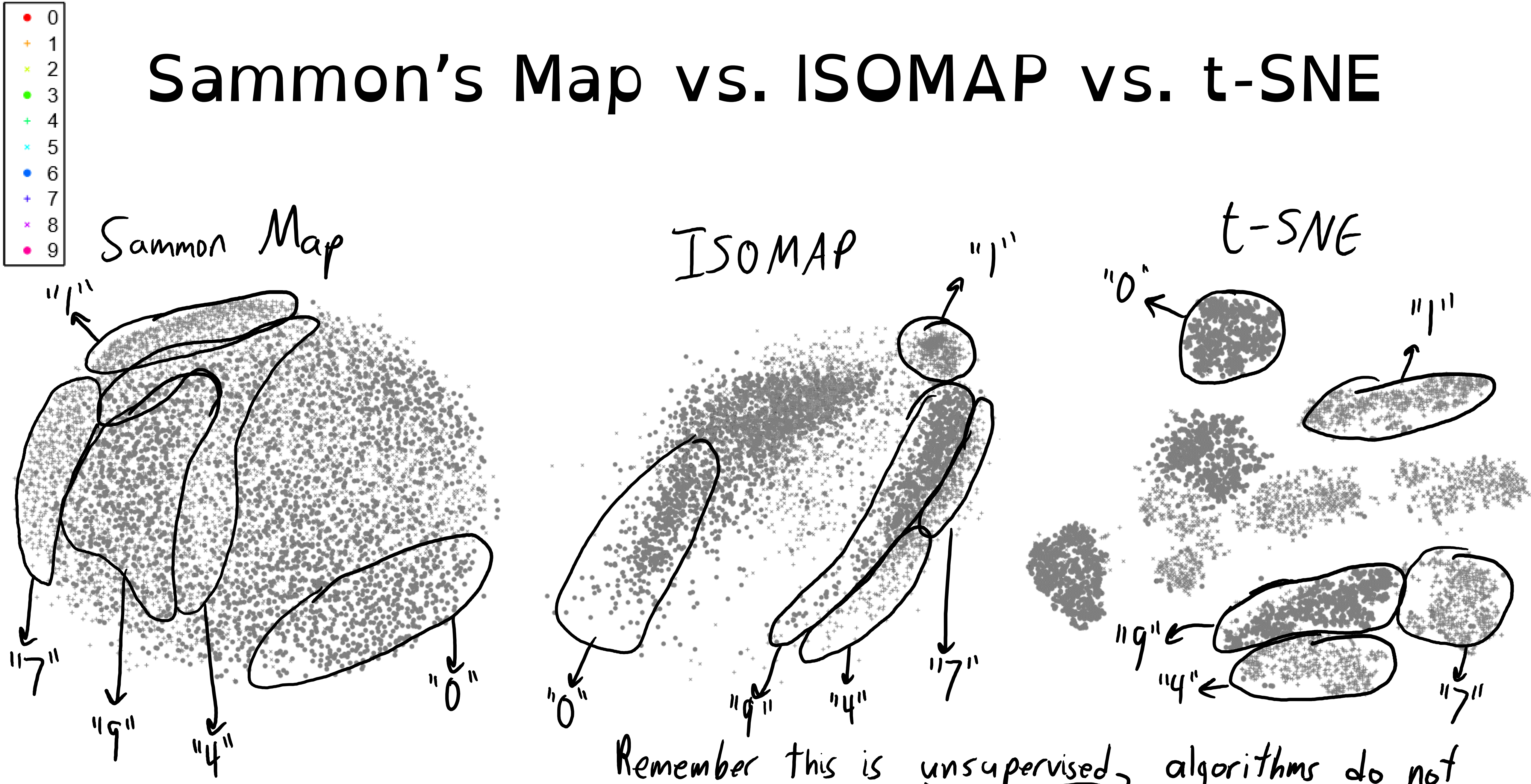

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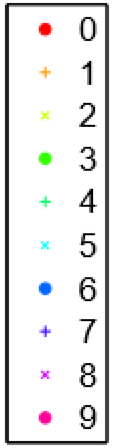

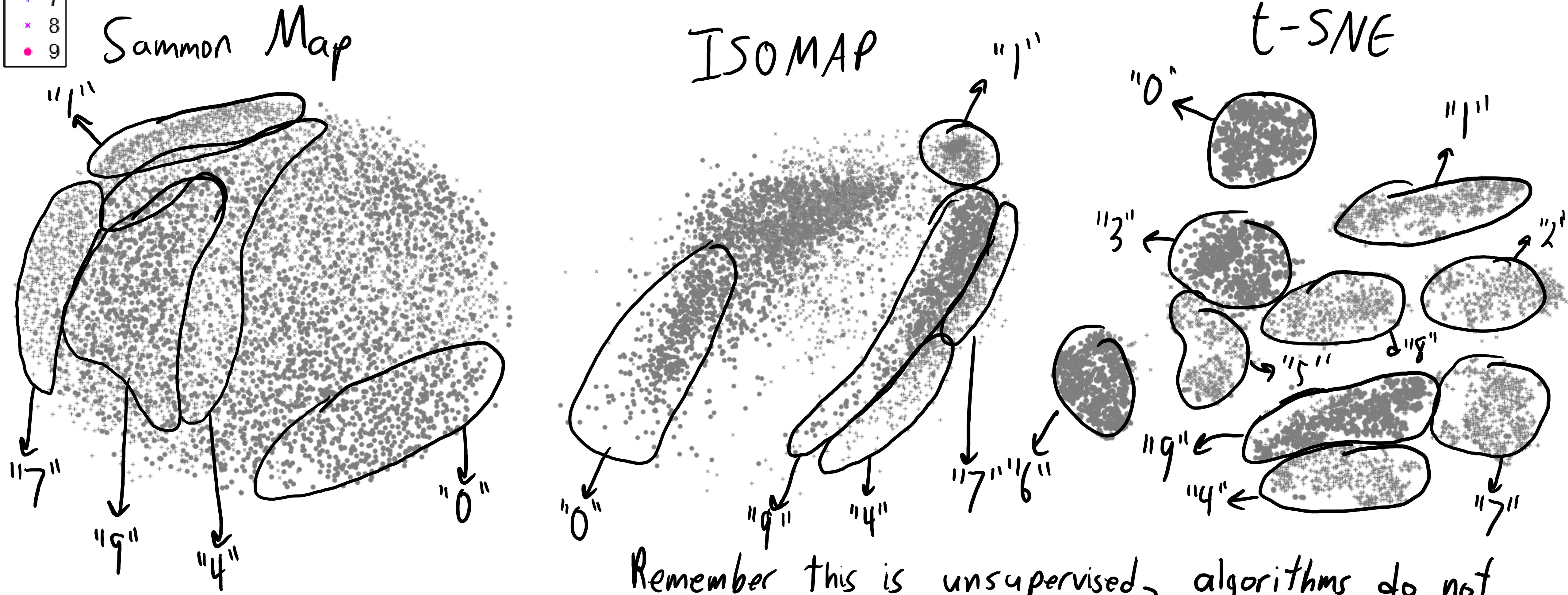

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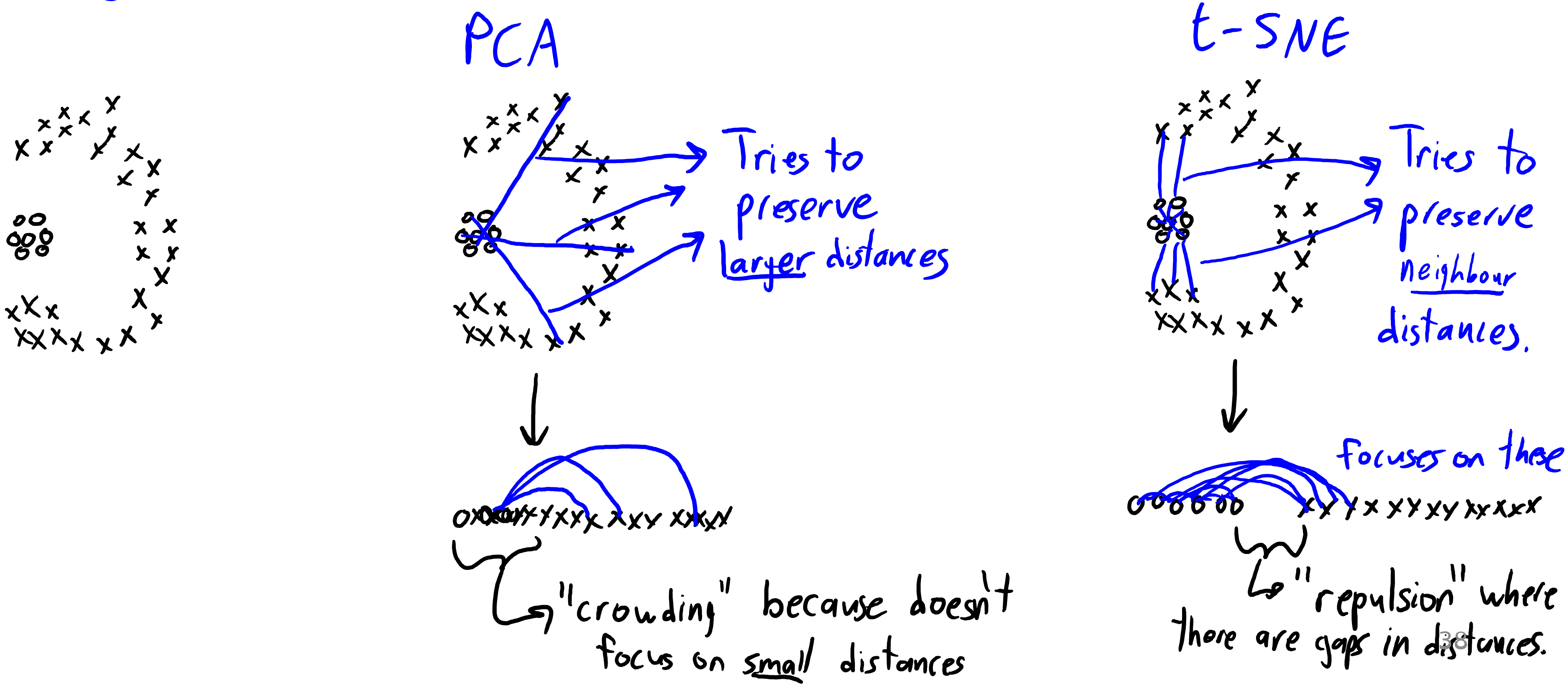
T-SNE

t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding

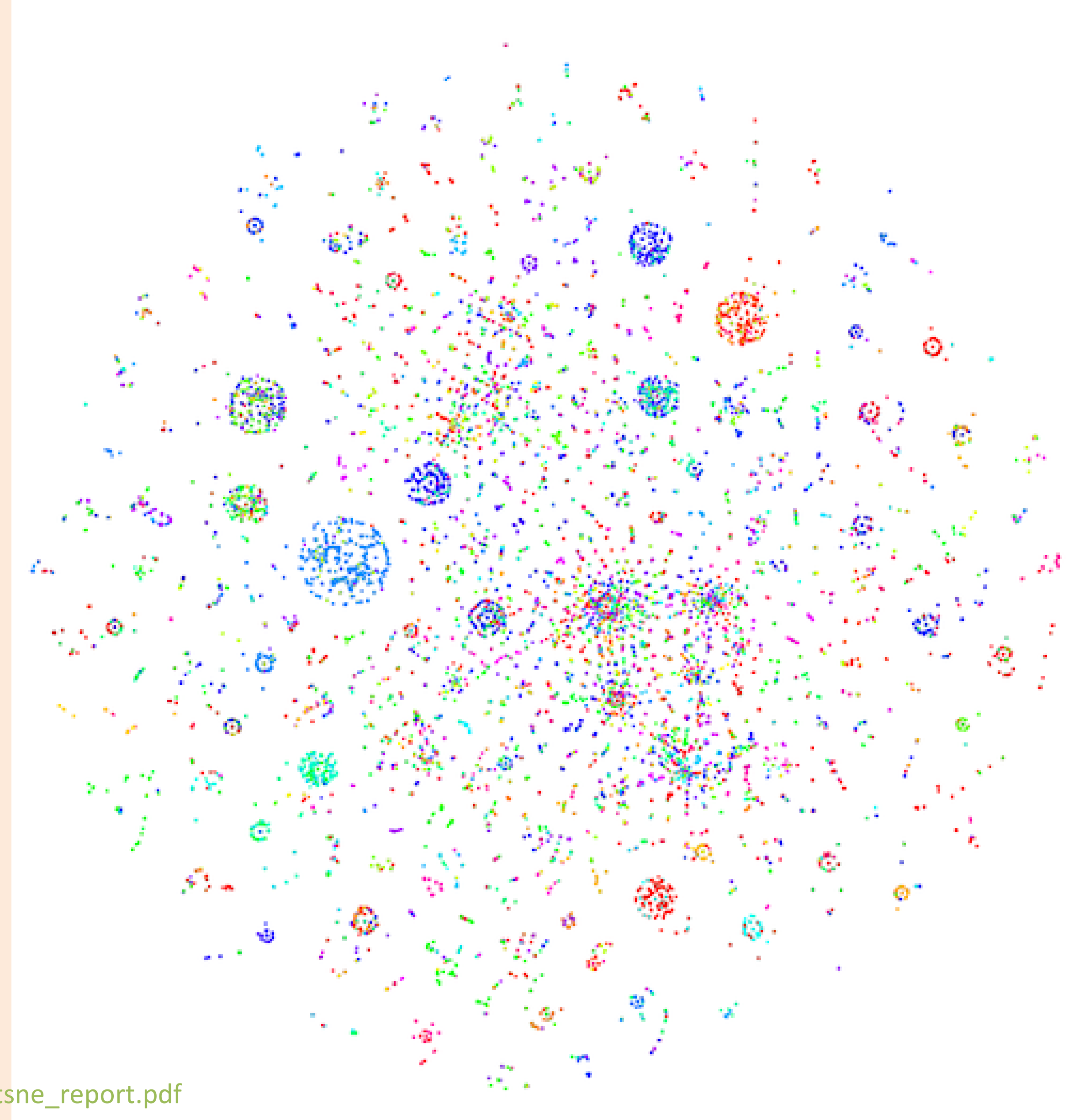
- One key idea in t-SNE:
  - Focus on distance to "neighbours"
    (allow large variance in other distances)



t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding

- t-SNE is a special case of MDS (specific d_1, d_2, and d_3 choices):
  - d_1: for each x_i, compute 'neighbour-ness' of each x_j
  - Computation is similar to k-means++, but most weight to close points (Gaussian).
    - Doesn't require explicit graph.
  - d_2: for each z_i, compute 'neighbour-ness' of each z_j.
    - Similar to above, but use student's t (grows really slowly with distance).
    - Avoids 'crowding', because you have a huge range that large distances can fill.
  - d_3: Compare x_i and z_i using an entropy-like measure:
    - How much 'randomness' is in probabilities of x_i if you know the z_i (and vice versa)?
- Interactive demo: https://distill.pub/2016/misread-tsne

t-SNE on Wikipedia Articles



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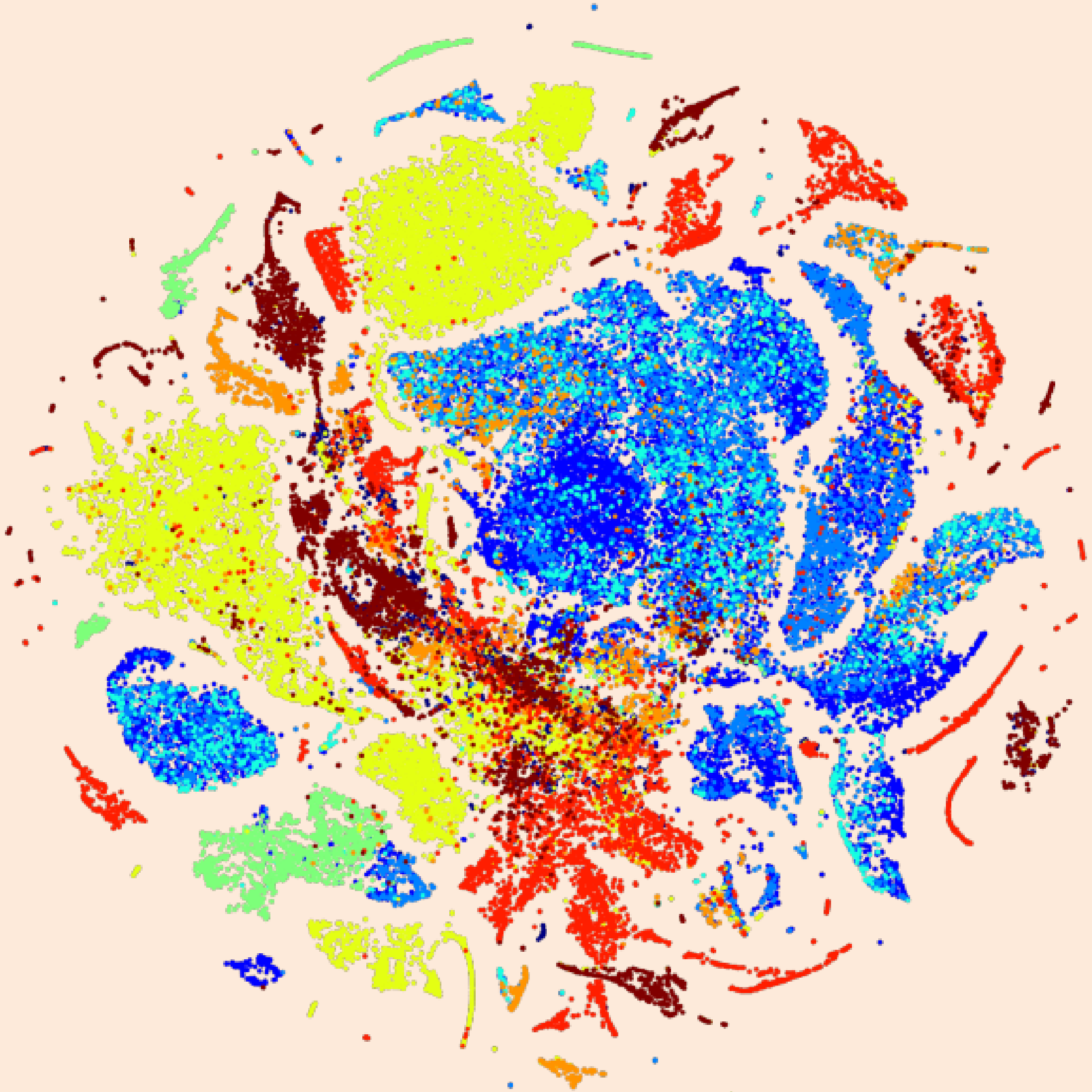
t-SNE on Product Features



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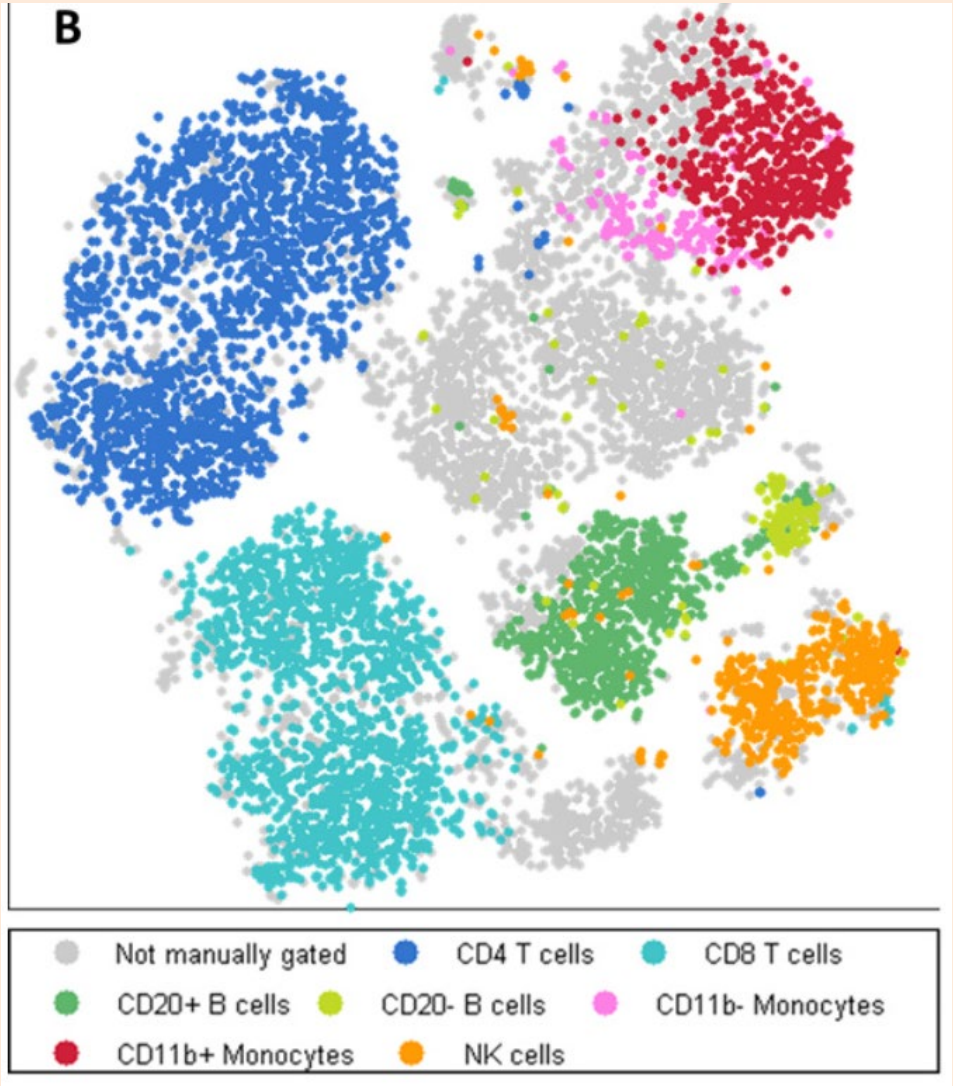
t-SNE on Leukemia Heterogeneity



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End of Part 4: Latent Factor Models

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$$f(W,Z) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{d}(\langle w^j, z_i\rangle - x_{ij})^2$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n}\|W^T z_i - x_i\|^2$$
$$= \|ZW - X\|_F^2$$

- Represent 'X' as linear combination of latent factors 'w_c'.
  - Latent features 'z_i' give a lower-dimensional version of each 'x_i'.
  - When k=1, finds direction that minimizes squared orthogonal distance.
- Applications:
  - Outlier detection, dimensionality reduction, data compression, features for linear models, visualization, factor discovery, filling in missing entries.

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- Principal component analysis (PCA):
  - Often uses orthogonal factors and fits them sequentially (via SVD).
- Non-negative matrix factorization:
  - Uses non-negative factors giving sparsity.
  - Can be minimized with projected gradient.
- Many variations are possible:
  - Different regularizers (sparse coding) or loss functions (robust/binary PCA).
  - Missing values (recommender systems) or change of basis (kernel PCA).

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- We discussed multi-dimensional scaling (MDS):
  - Non-parametric method for high-dimensional data visualization.
  - Tries to match distance/similarity in high-/low-dimensions.
    - “Gradient descent on scatterplot points”.
- Main challenge in MDS methods is “crowding” effect:
  - Methods focus on large distances and lose local structure.
- Common solutions:
  - Sammon mapping: use weighted cost function.
  - ISOMAP: approximate geodesic distance using via shortest paths in graph.
  - T-SNE: give up on large distances and focus on neighbour distances.

Summary

- Different MDS distances/losses/weights usually gives better results.
- Manifold learning focuses on low-dimensional curved structures.
- ISOMAP is most common approach:
  - Approximates geodesic distance by shortest path in weighted graph.
- t-SNE is promising new data MDS method.

- Next time: deep learning.

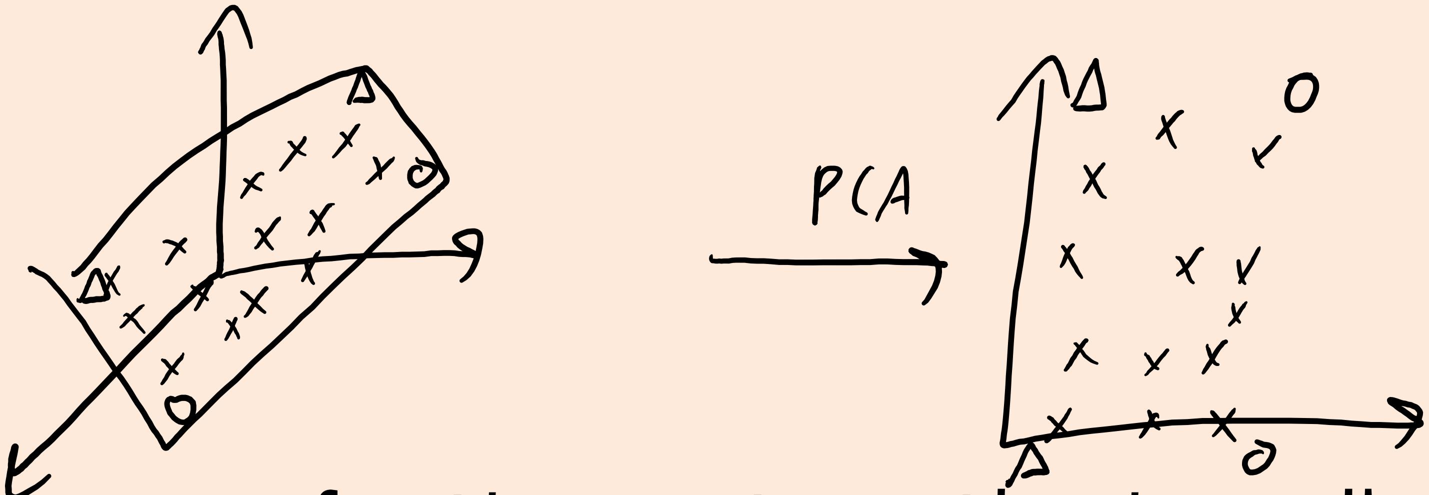
Please Do Course Evaluation!

Review Questions

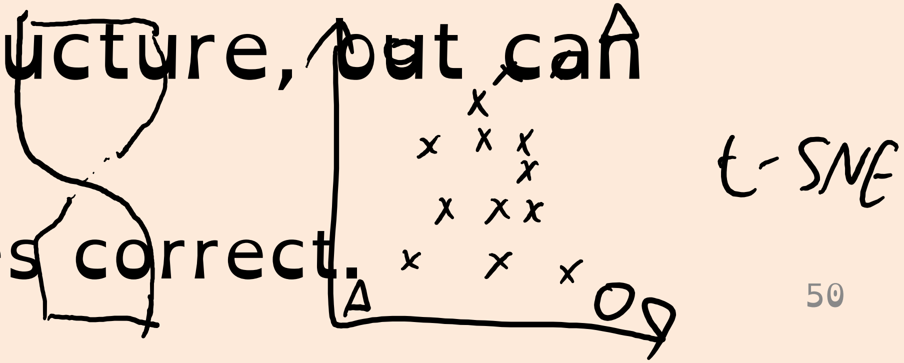
- Q1: Is MDS sensitive to initialization? Why?
- Q2: What is the problem with using linear dimensionality reduction for data on manifold?
- Q3: How does ISOMAP compute pair-wise distances among examples?
- Q4: What is the key idea behind t-SNE in terms of preserving distances in 2D?

Does t-SNE always outperform PCA?

- Consider 3D data living on a 2D hyper-plane:



- PCA can perfectly capture the low-dimensional structure.
- T-SNE can capture the local structure, but can "twist" the plane.
  - It doesn't try to get long distances correct.



Graph Drawing

- A closely-related topic to MDS is graph drawing:
  - Given a graph, how should we display it?
  - Lots of interesting methods: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graph_drawing

Bonus Slide: Multivariate Chain Rule

- Recall the univariate chain rule: $\frac{d}{dw}[f(g(w))] = f'(g(w))g'(w)$
- The multivariate chain rule: $\underbrace{\nabla[f(g(w))]}_{d \times 1} = \underbrace{f'(g(w))}_{1 \times 1}\underbrace{\nabla g(w)}_{d \times 1}$
- Example:

$$\nabla\left[\frac{1}{2}(w^Tx_i - y_i)^2\right]$$

$$= \nabla[f(g(w))]$$

with $g(w) = w^Tx_i - y_i$ → $\nabla g(w) = x_i$

and $f(r_i) = \frac{1}{2}r_i^2$ → $f'(r_i) = r_i$

$$\nabla[f(g(w))] = r_i\, x_i$$

$$= (w^Tx_i - y_i)x_i$$

Bonus Slide: Multivariate Chain Rule for MDS

- General MDS formulation:

$$\underset{Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}}{\arg\min} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} g(d_1(x_i, x_j), d_2(z_i, z_j))$$

- Using multivariate chain rule we have:

$$\nabla_{z_i} g(d_1(x_i, x_j), d_2(z_i, z_j)) = g'(d_1(x_i, x_j), d_2(z_i, z_j)) \nabla_{z_i} d_2(z_i, z_j)$$

- Example: If $d_1(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|$ and $d_2(z_i, z_j) = \|z_i - z_j\|$ and $g(d_1, d_2) = \frac{1}{2}(d_1 - d_2)^2$

$$\nabla_{z_i} g(d_1(x_i, x_j), d_2(z_i, z_j)) = \underbrace{-(d_1(x_i, x_j) - d_2(z_i, z_j))}_{g'(d_1, d_2)} \underbrace{\left[-\frac{(z_i - z_j)}{2\|z_i - z_j\|} \right]}_{\nabla_{z_i} d_2(z_i, z_j)}$$

$g'(d_1, d_2)$: (move distances closer)

$\nabla_{z_i} d_2(z_i, z_j)$: (how distance changes in z-space)

↳ Assuming $z_i \neq z_j$

Latent-Factor Representation of Words

- For natural language, we often represent words by an index.
  - E.g., "cat" is word 124056 among a "bag of words".
- But this may be inefficient:
  - Should "cat" and "kitten" share parameters in some way?

Latent-Factor Representation of Words

- Latent-factor representation of individual words:
  - Closeness in latent space should indicate similarity.
  - Distances could represent meaning?

- Recent alternative to PCA/NMF is word2vec…

Using Context

- Consider these phrases:
  - “the cat purred”
  - “the kitten purred”

  - “black cat ran”
  - “black kitten ran”

- Words that occur in the same context likely have similar meanings.

- Word2vec uses this insight to design an MDS distance function.

Word2Vec

- Two common word2vec approaches:
  1. Try to predict word from surrounding words (continuous bag of words).
  2. Try to predict surrounding words from word (skip-gram).

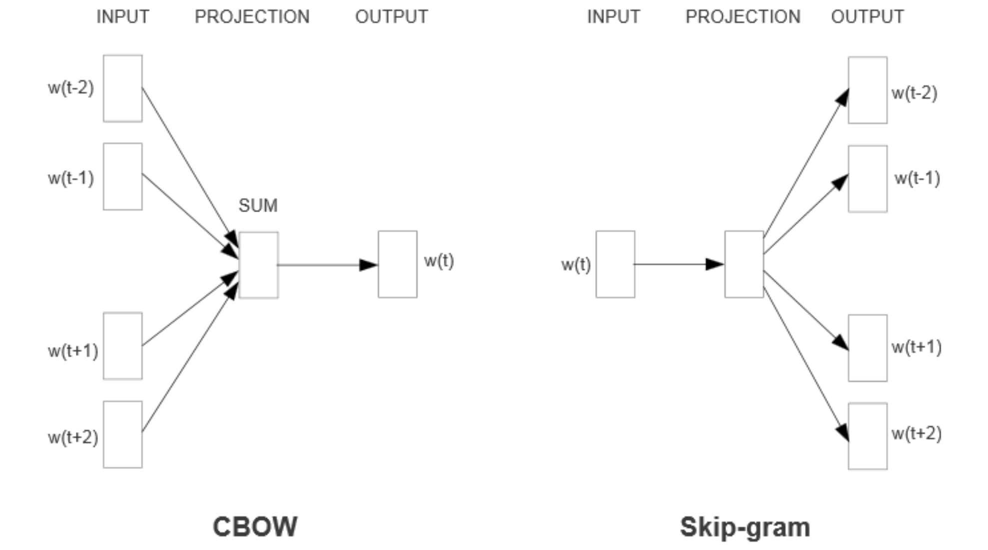


Figure 1: New model architectures. The CBOW architecture predicts the current word based on the context, and the Skip-gram predicts surrounding words given the current word.

- Train latent-factors to solve one of these supervised learning tasks.

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Word2Vec

- In both cases, each word 'i' is represented by a vector z_i.
- In continuous bag of words (CBOW), we optimize the following likelihood:

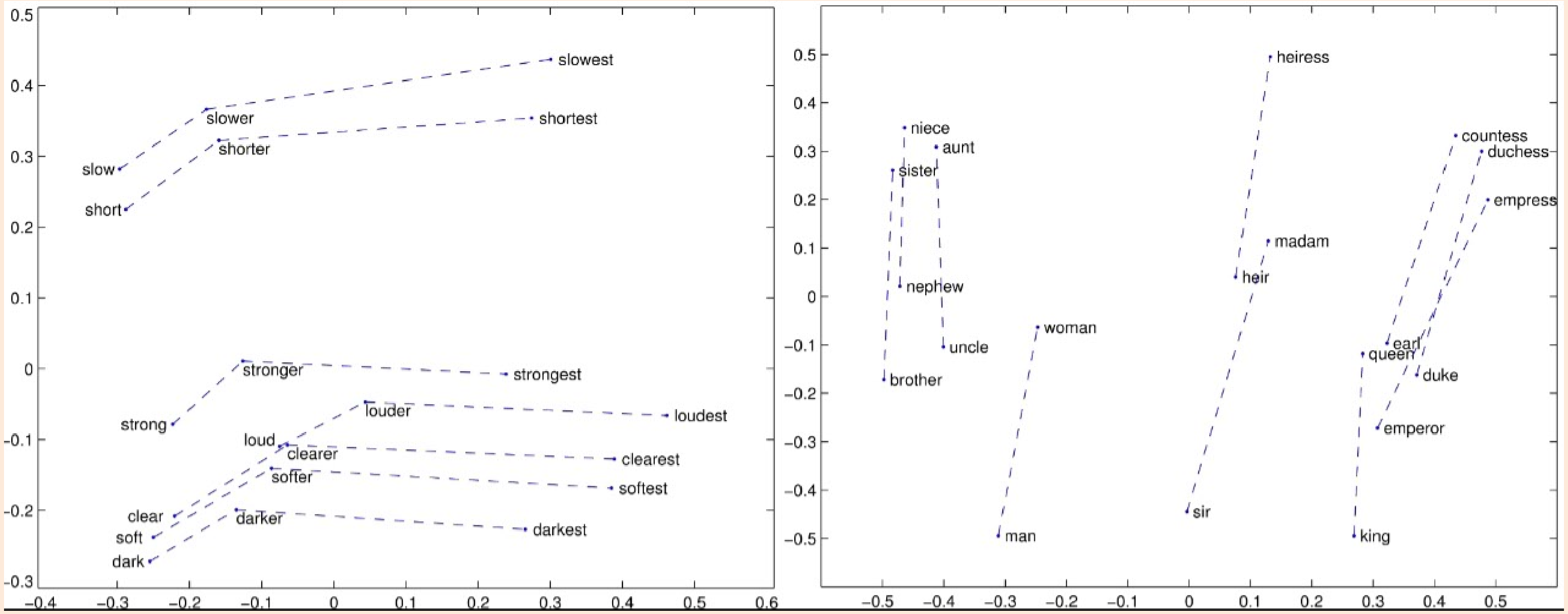
$$p(x_i \mid x_{surround}) = \prod_{j \in surround} p(x_i \mid x_j) \quad \text{(independence assumption)}$$

$$= \prod_{j \in surround} \frac{\exp(z_i^T z_j)}{\sum_{c=1}^{k} \exp(z_c^T z_j)} \quad \text{(softmax over all words)}$$

- Apply gradient descent to logarithm:
  - Encourages $z_i^T z_j$ to be big for words in same context (making z_i close to z_j).
  - Encourages $z_i^T z_j$ to be small for words not appearing in same context (makes z_i and z_j far).
- For CBOW, denominator sums over all words.
- For skip-gram it will be over all possible surrounding words.
  - Common trick to speed things up: sample terms in denominator ("negative sampling").

Word2Vec Example

- MDS visualization of a set of related words:



- Distances between vectors might represent semantics.

http://sebastianruder.com/secret-word2vec

Word2Vec

- Subtracting word vectors to find related vectors.

Table 8: *Examples of the word pair relationships, using the best word vectors from Table 4 (Skip-gram model trained on 783M words with 300 dimensionality).*

Relationship	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
France - Paris	Italy: Rome	Japan: Tokyo	Florida: Tallahassee
big - bigger	small: larger	cold: colder	quick: quicker
Miami - Florida	Baltimore: Maryland	Dallas: Texas	Kona: Hawaii
Einstein - scientist	Messi: midfielder	Mozart: violinist	Picasso: painter
Sarkozy - France	Berlusconi: Italy	Merkel: Germany	Koizumi: Japan
copper - Cu	zinc: Zn	gold: Au	uranium: plutonium
Berlusconi - Silvio	Sarkozy: Nicolas	Putin: Medvedev	Obama: Barack
Microsoft - Windows	Google: Android	IBM: Linux	Apple: iPhone
Microsoft - Ballmer	Google: Yahoo	IBM: McNealy	Apple: Jobs
Japan - sushi	Germany: bratwurst	France: tapas	USA: pizza

Table 8 shows words that follow various relationships. We follow the approach described above: the relationship is defined by subtracting two word vectors, and the result is added to another word. Thus for example, *Paris - France + Italy = Rome*. As it can be seen, accuracy is quite good, although

- Word vectors for 157 languages here.

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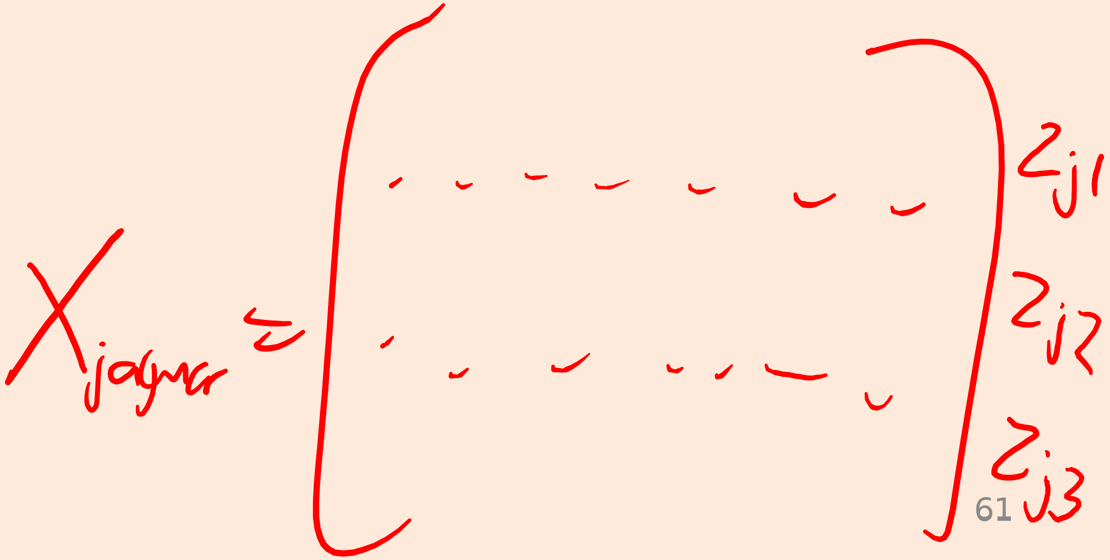
Multiple Word Prototypes

- What about homonyms and polysemy?
  - The word vectors would need to account for all meanings.

- More recent approaches:
  - Try to cluster the different contexts where words appear.
  - Use different vectors for different contexts.



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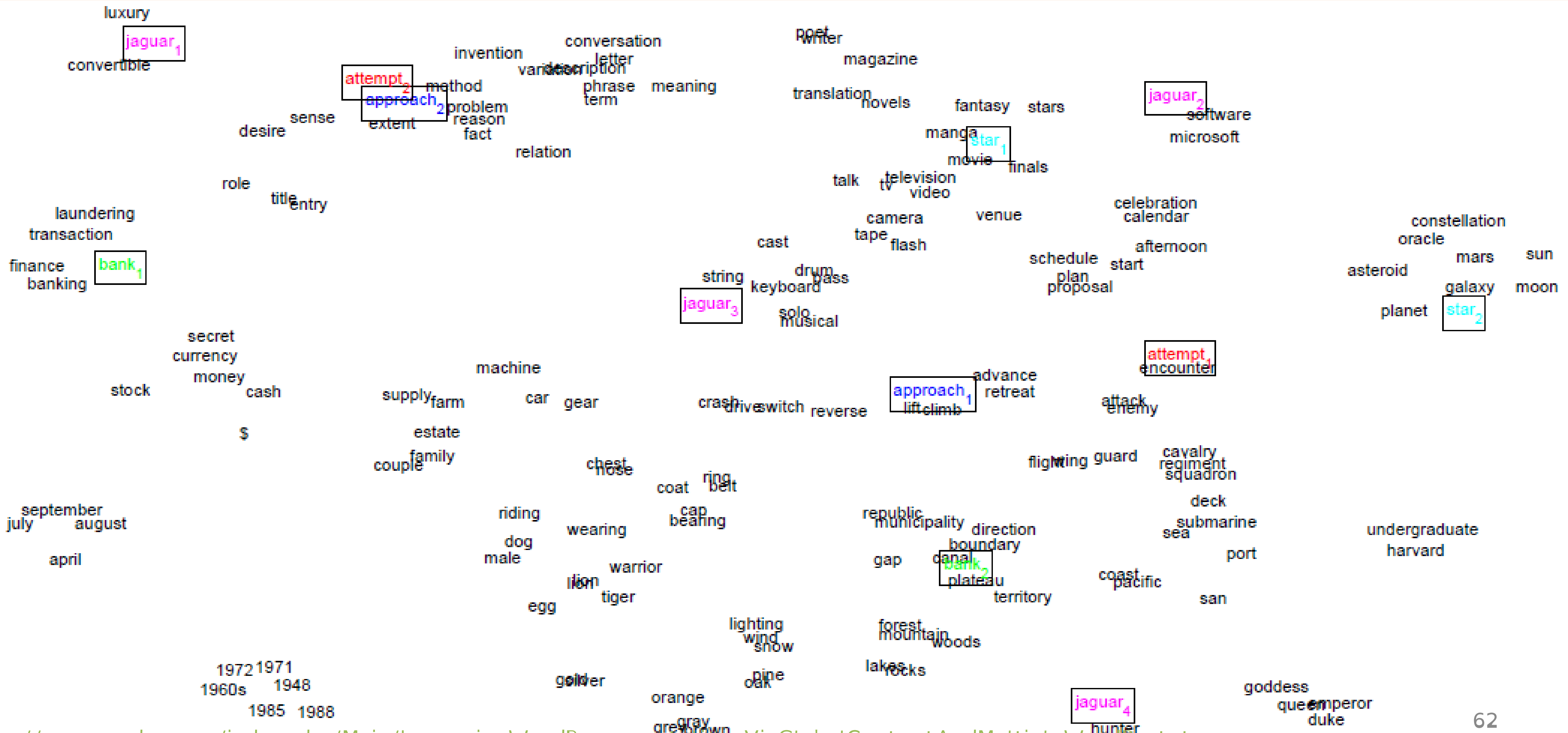

http://www.socher.org/index.php/Main/ImprovingWordRepresentationsViaGlobalContextAndMultipleWordPrototypes