

# Diffeomorphic Warping

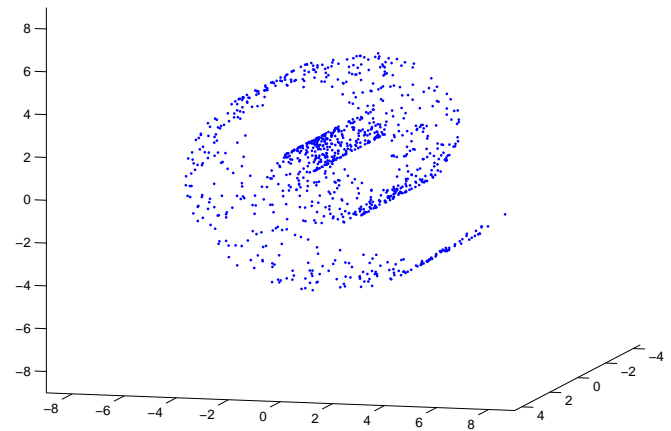
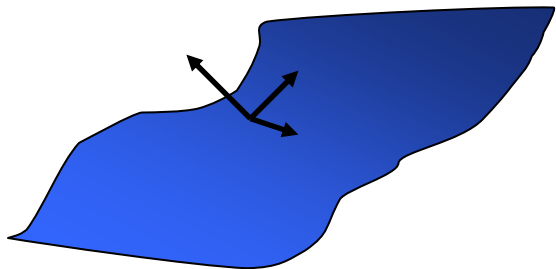
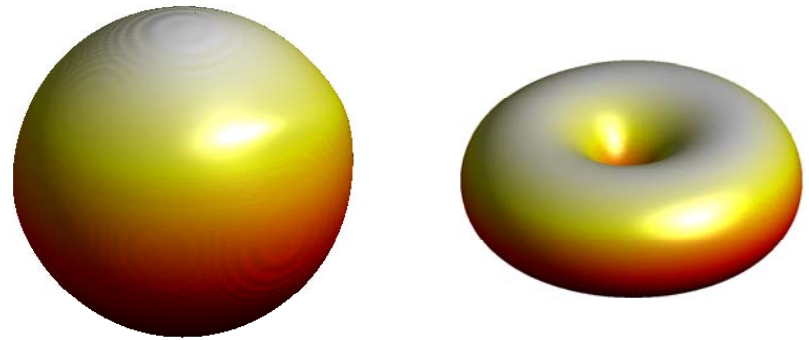
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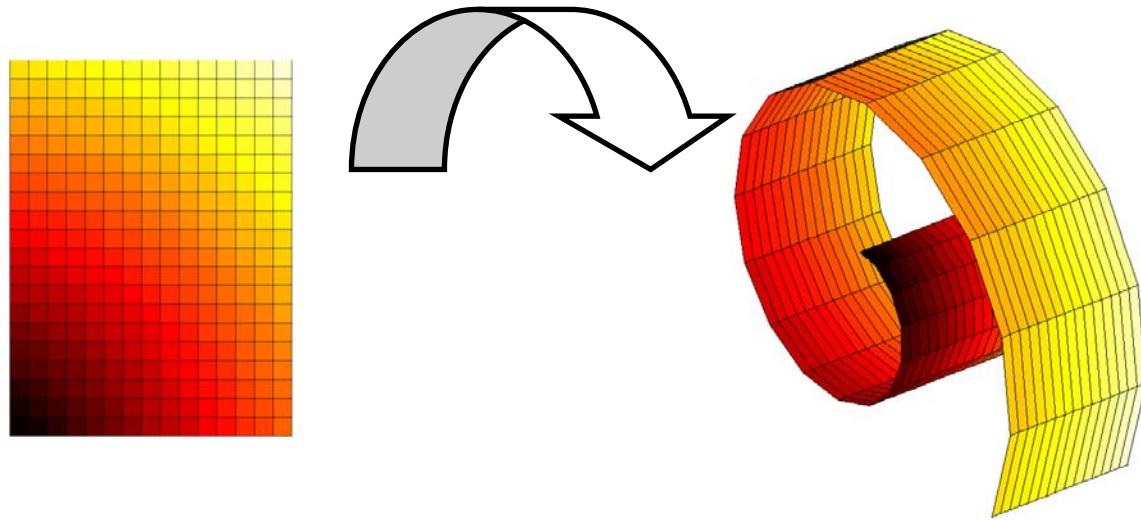
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# What “Manifold Learning” Isn’t

- Common features of Manifold Learning Algorithms:
  - 1-1 charting
  - Dense sampling
  - Geometric Assumptions



# What Manifold Learning might be...



- Sample data in a low dimensional space
- Pass each data point through the same nonlinearity
- How to recover the data?

# Probabilistic Model

- Data  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  sampled from a joint distribution  $p(\mathbf{X})$
- Each  $x$  is passed through a nonlinear function
$$f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^D, \quad y_i = f(x_i)$$
- The distribution for  $\mathbf{Y}$  is given by

$$p_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{Y}; f) = p_{\mathbf{X}}(f^{-1}(y_1), \dots, f^{-1}(y_N)) \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^N \det \left( \nabla f(f^{-1}(y_i)) \nabla f(f^{-1}(y_i))' \right)^{-1/2}$$

# Diffeomorphic Warping

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- Taking a logarithm, we may search for the maximum likelihood  $g$

$$\max_g \log p_X(g(y_1), \dots, g(y_N)) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \det (Dg(y_i)' Dg(y_i))$$

# Benefits of this Perspective

- Asymptotic Convergence
- Out of Sample Extension
- No neighborhood estimates
- Incorporates Prior Knowledge
- Easy to make “semi-supervised”

# Asymptotic Convergence

- If  $y_i$  is sampled iid,

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log p_y(y_i; g) \rightarrow \int_y p_y(y) \log p_y(y; g)$$

- Which is minimized when  $p_y(y; g) = p_y$
- Similarly, if joint distribution is stationary and ergodic sequence and k-th order Markov,  $\log p_Y$  converges to the cross entropy (Shannon-McMillan-Breiman Theorem)



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## Ingredients

- Set of functions
- Prior on  $\mathbf{X}$
- Optimization Tools
- **RKHS**
- **Dynamics**
- **Duality**

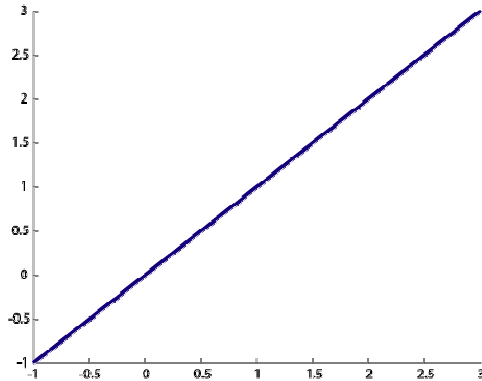
# Kernels

- $\mathbf{k}$  be a function of two variables which is *positive definite*

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N c_i c_j k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \geq 0$$

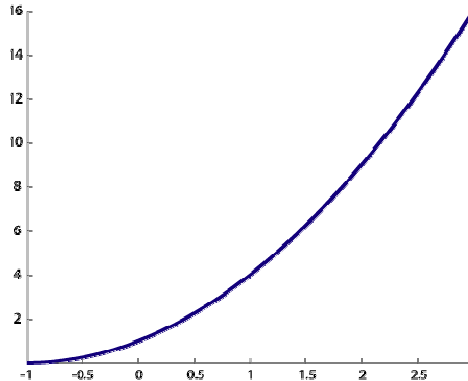
for all  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $c_i$ . Such a function is called a *positive definite kernel*.

# Examples of Kernels



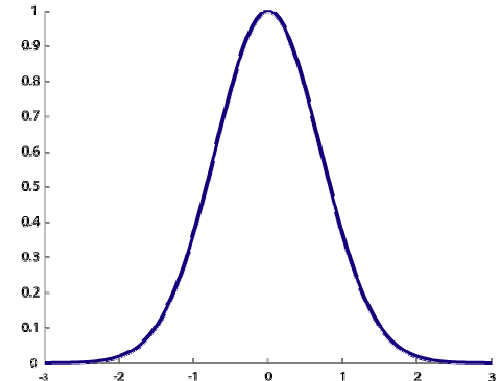
**Linear**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_2$$



**Polynomial**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = (1 + \mathbf{x}_1^\top \mathbf{x}_2)^d$$



**Gaussian**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \exp(-C\|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|^2)$$

# Aside: Checking Positivity

- When is a symmetric function a kernel?
- Polynomials – trivial to check (positive definite form on monomials)
- Gaussians – Fourier transform of positive function
- Sum and Mixtures
- Pointwise Products (Schur Product theorem)
- What else? And what algorithmic tools can we develop to check whether a kernel is positive?

# Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces

- **Theorem:** If  $X$  is a compact set and  $\mathcal{H}$  is a Hilbert space of functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then all functionals

$$\delta_{\mathbf{x}}(f) = f(\mathbf{x})$$

are bounded iff there is a unique positive definite kernel  $k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$  such that for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in X$

$$\langle k(\mathbf{x}, \cdot), f \rangle = f(\mathbf{x})$$

$k$  is called the *reproducing kernel* of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# RKHS (converse)

- If  $k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)$  is a positive definite kernel on  $X$ , consider the set of functions

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\phi_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}) := k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\}$$

- And define the inner product  $\langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}}, \phi_{\mathbf{y}} \rangle = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$
- Then the span of  $\mathcal{F}$  is an inner product space and its completion is an RKHS

# Properties of RKHS

- Let  $\alpha = \sum_i c_i \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot)$

$$\|\alpha\|_K^2 = \langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \langle \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \cdot), \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_j, \cdot) \rangle = \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{K} \mathbf{c}$$

where  $\mathbf{K}_{ij} = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$

- If  $\mathbf{x} \in X$   $\langle \alpha, \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}, \cdot) \rangle = \sum_i c_i \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) = \alpha(\mathbf{x})$

# Duality and RKHS

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} & \|f\|^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} f(\mathbf{x}_j) \leq b_i \end{array}$$

$$f^*(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \lambda_i a_{ij} k(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x})$$

- $\lambda_i$  is the Lagrange multiplier associated with constraint  $i$
- No duality gap



# Duality and RKHS

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \sum_i \lambda_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} f(\mathbf{x}_j) - b_i \right) \\ &= \langle f, f \rangle - 2 \sum_i \lambda_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} \langle f, \phi_{\mathbf{x}_j} \rangle - b_i \right) \\ &= \langle f, f \rangle - 2 \langle \sum_{i,j} f, \lambda_i a_{ij} \phi_{\mathbf{x}_j} \rangle - \sum_i \lambda_i b_i\end{aligned}$$

**Dual:**  $\max_{\lambda} -\lambda' \mathbf{Q} \lambda + \mathbf{b}^\top \lambda$

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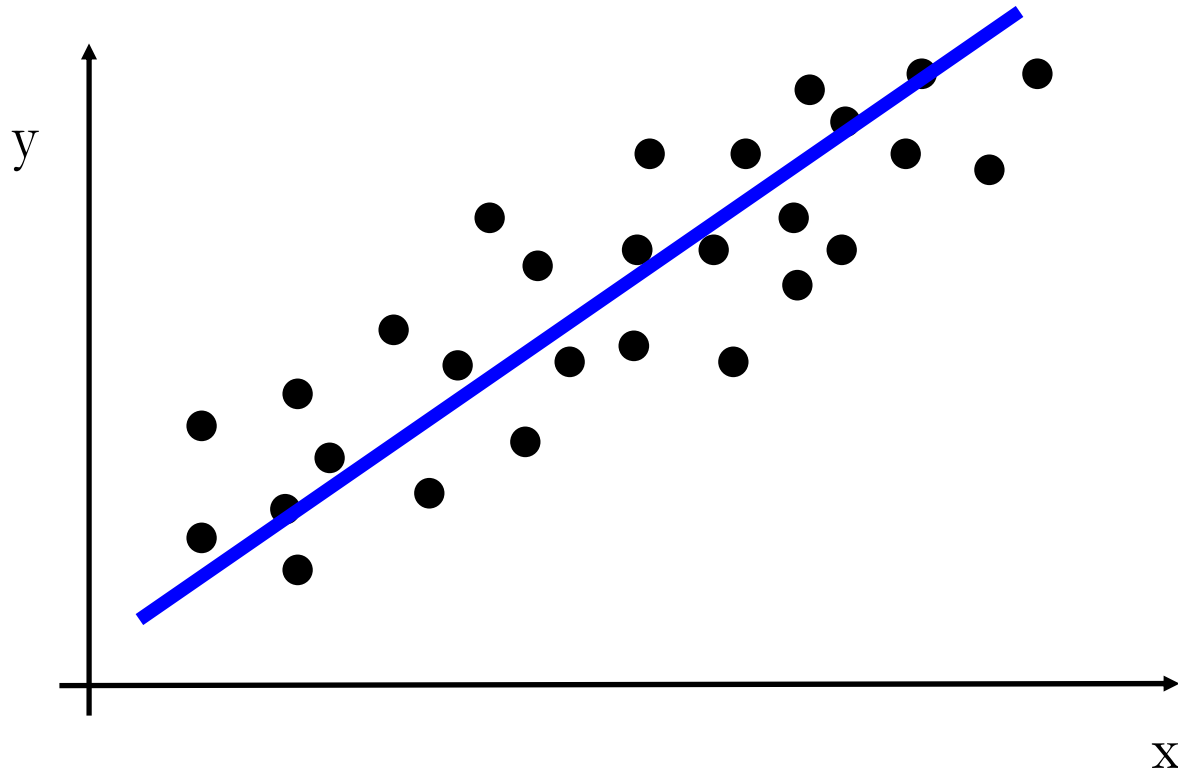
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- Optimizations involving norm of  $f$  and  $f$  on data admit finite representation
- Nonlinearity of kernel gives nonlinear functions
- Extends to gradients of  $f$
- Hugely successful in approximation and learning

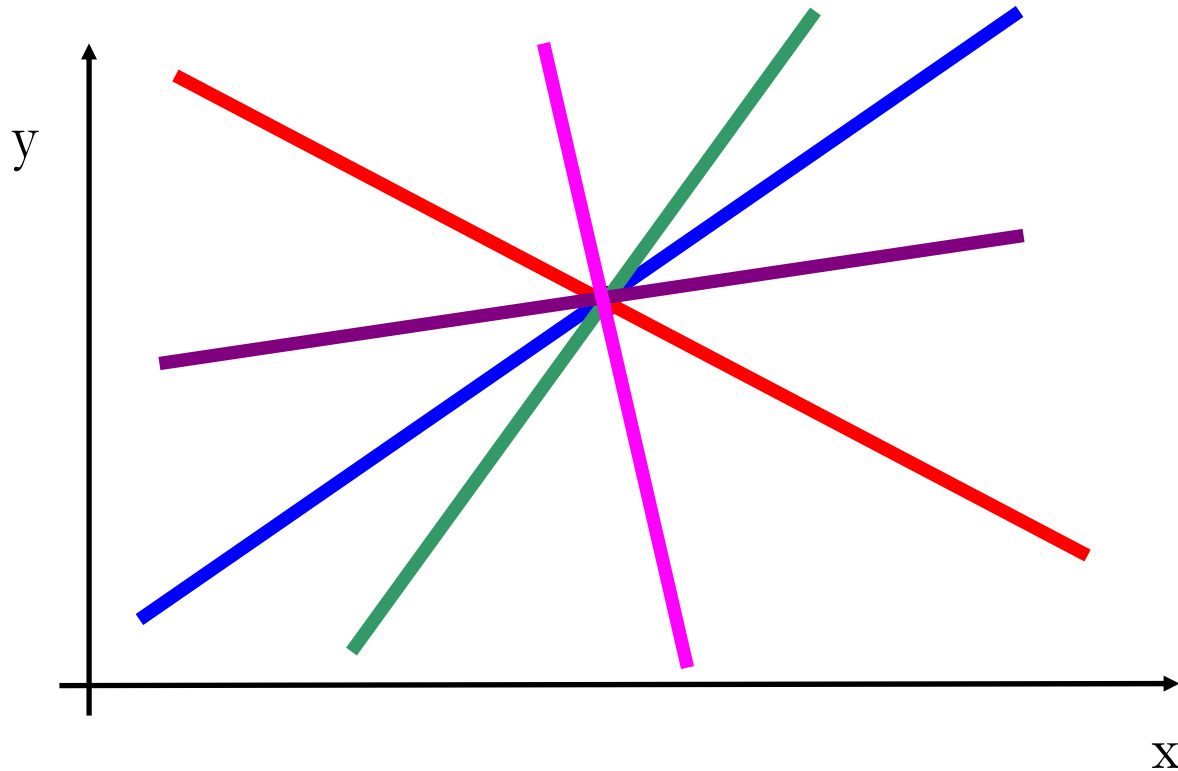
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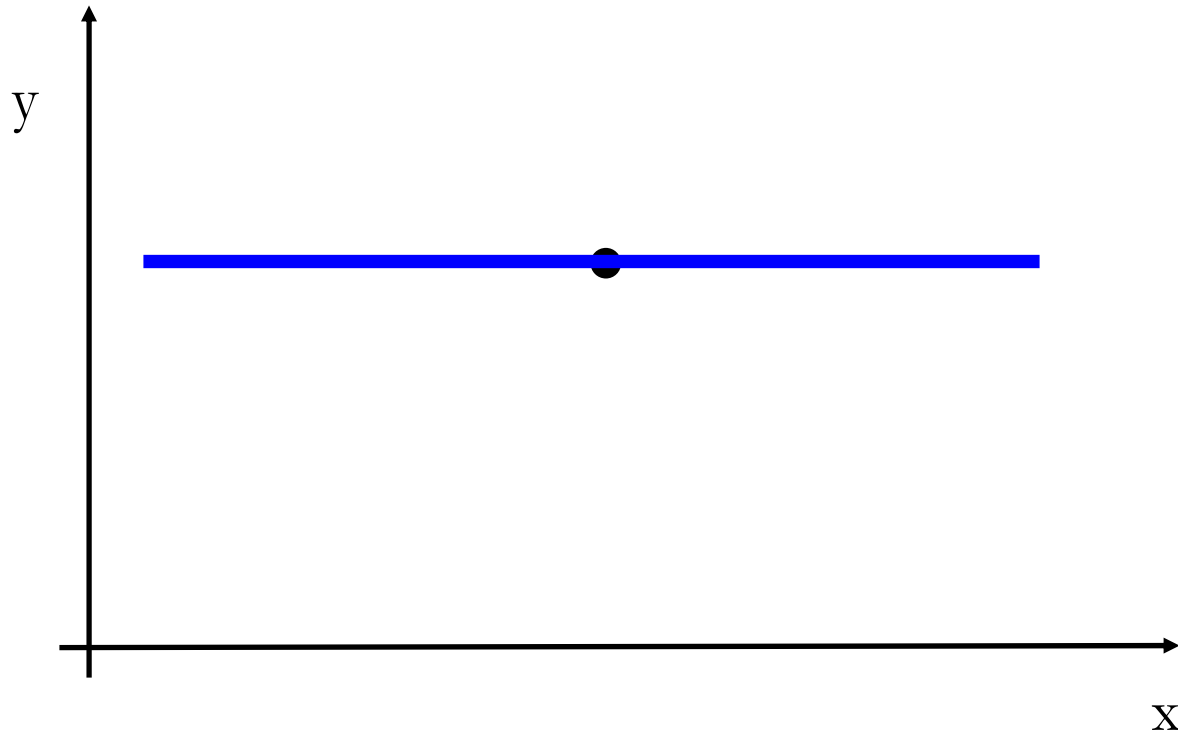
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$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, d} \sum_{i=1}^L (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + d - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_K^2$$

Agree with data



Smoothness/Complexity

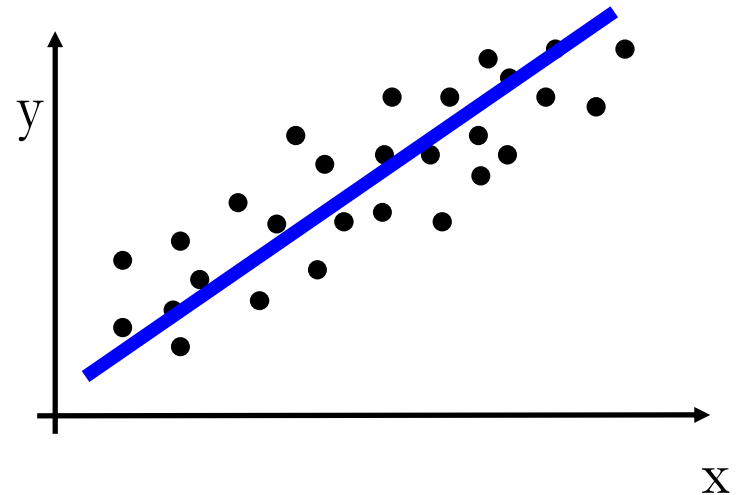


- Linear f. Euclidean Norm. Solution:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^L c_i (\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}) + d$$

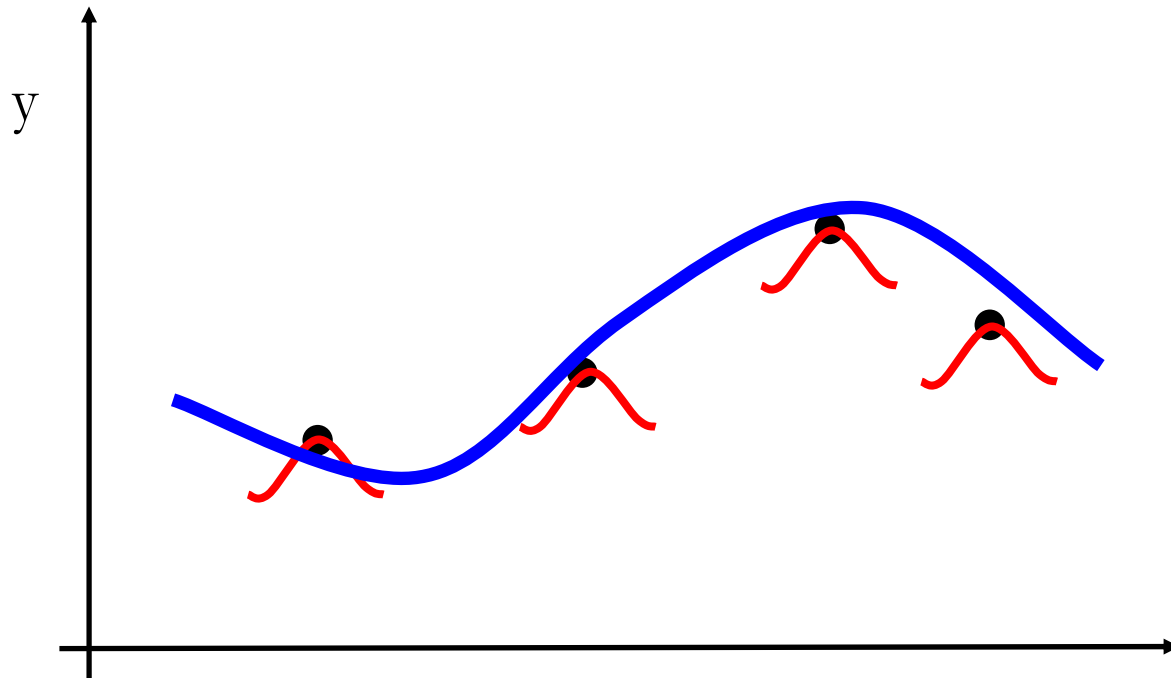
# Linear Regression: Morals

- Can be solved with least-squares.
- The solution is a linear combination of the data.
- Computing  $f(\mathbf{x})$  only involved inner products of the data.
- How about nonlinear models?



# Regression (nonlinear)

- Search over an RKHS



- Evgeniou et al (1999), Poggio and Smale (2003)



# Nonlinear Regression


- Find best model agreeing with data

$$\min_f \sum_{i=1}^L (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2 + \lambda \|f\|_K^2$$

Agree with data



Smoothness/Complexity



- $f \in \text{RKHS}$ , RKHS norm. Solution:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^L c_i \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x})$$

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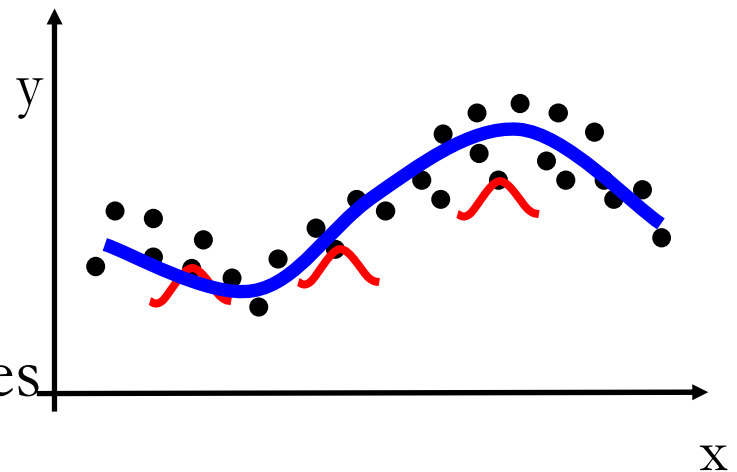
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Nonlinear

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# Nonlinear Regression: Morals

- Can be solved with least-squares.
- The solution is a linear combination of kernels centered at the data.
- Computing  $f(\mathbf{x})$  only involves kernel products of the data.
- RKHS often dense in  $L_2$ .



# Generalization and Stability

- Regularizing with the norm makes algorithms *robust* to changes in the training data
- Models *generalize* if they predict novel data as well as they predict on the training data
- **Theorem:** A model generalizes if and only if it is robust to changes in the data [Poggio et al 2004].
- The RKHS norm is meaningful: penalizes complexity.

# Diffeomorphic Warping with RKHS

$$\max_g \log p_{\mathbf{X}}(g(y_1), \dots, g(y_N)) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \log \det (\nabla g(y_i)' \nabla g(y_i)) + \lambda_r \|g\|^2$$

- We know:  $g(y) = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i k(y_i, y) + a_i^\top \nabla k(y_i, y)$
- But log det is not convex in (a,c)
- Construct a dual problem as approximation. If  $p_{\mathbf{X}}$  is a zero-mean gaussian, we get a determinant maximization problem [Vandenberghe et al, 1998]

$$\min_{\mathbf{S} \succeq 0} \text{Tr}(\Omega \mathbf{S}) - \sum_{k=1}^N \log(\text{Tr}(\mathbf{J}_k \mathbf{S}))$$

# Eigenvalue Approximation

$$\min_{\mathbf{S} \succeq 0} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{\Omega} \mathbf{S}) - \sum_{k=1}^N \log(\text{Tr}(\mathbf{J}_k \mathbf{S}))$$

- $\mathbf{\Omega}^{-1}$  is an optimal solution if and only if

$$\mathbf{\Omega} - \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\text{Tr}(\mathbf{J}_k \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1})} \mathbf{J}_k \succeq 0$$

- This follows from KKT conditions of MAXDET
- The eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{\Omega}$  give coefficients for the expansion of  $g$

# Remarks

- Dual can be solved using an interior point method
- Provides a lower bound on the log-likelihood
- We can approximate with a spectral method
- Easy to extend to any log-concave prior on  $X$
- Performs quite well in experiments

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| • Optimization Tools | • <b>Duality</b>  |



# Dynamics

$$\mathbf{s}[t + 1] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}[t] + \boldsymbol{\omega}[t]$$

$$\mathbf{x}[t] = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{s}[t] + \boldsymbol{\nu}[t]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\omega}[t]\boldsymbol{\omega}[t]'] = \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$$

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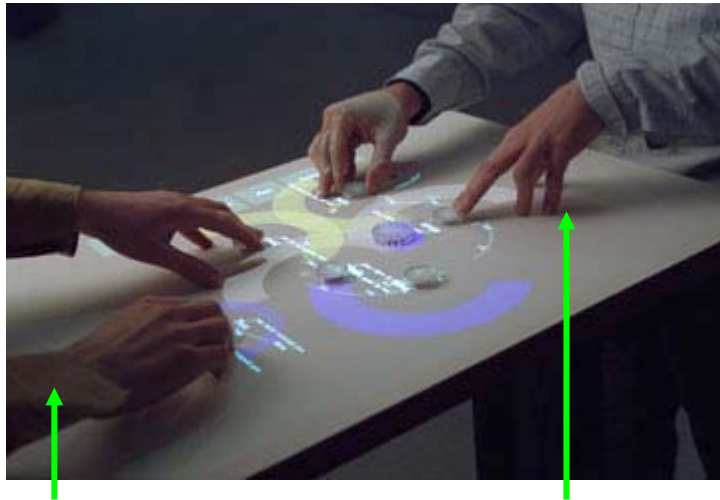
Assume data is  
generated by an  
LTIG system

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \delta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the experiments,  
this model can be  
very dumb!

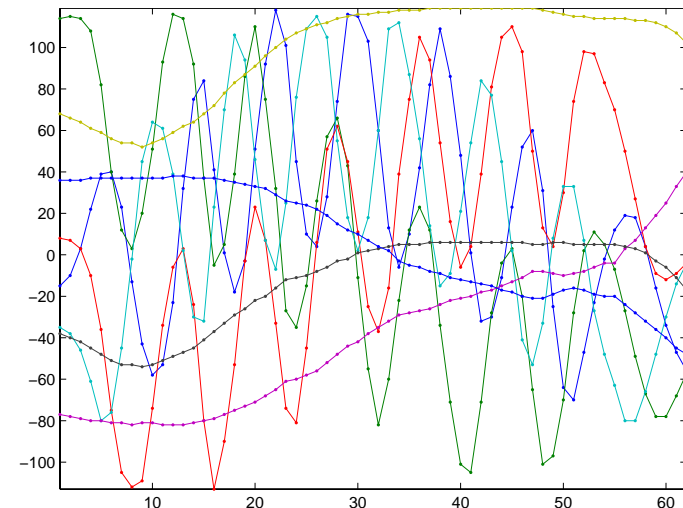
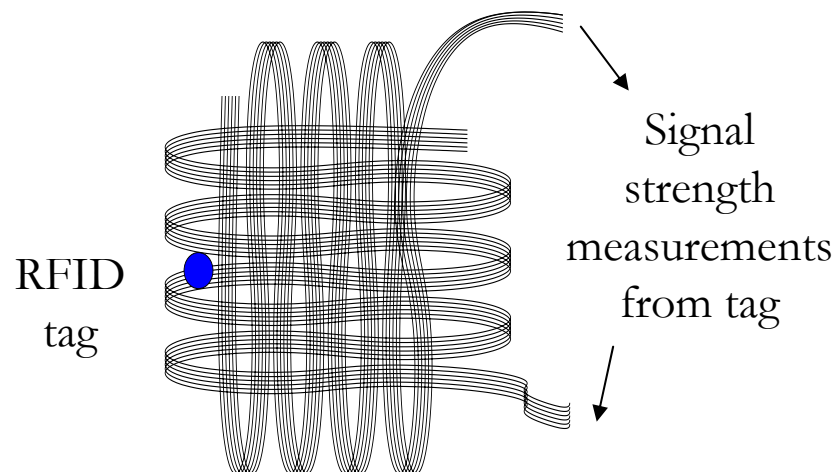
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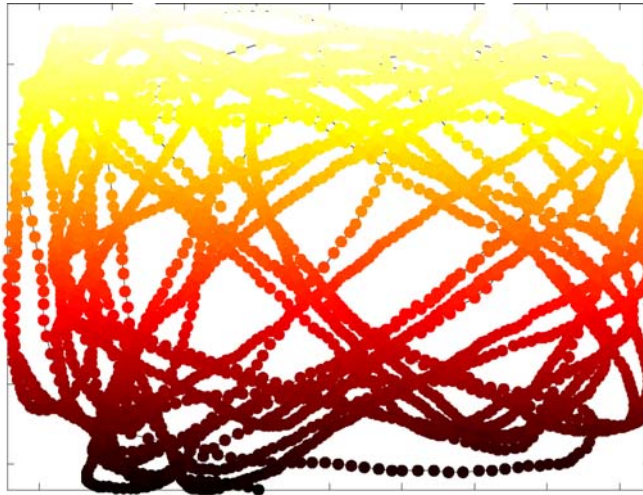
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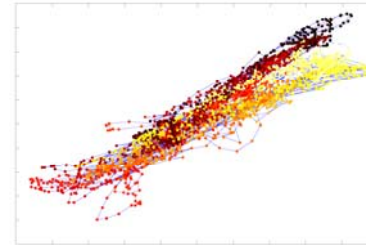
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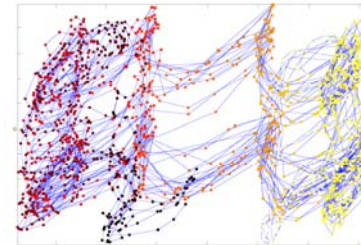
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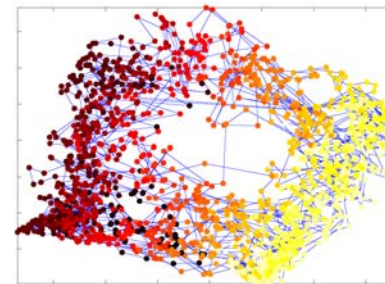
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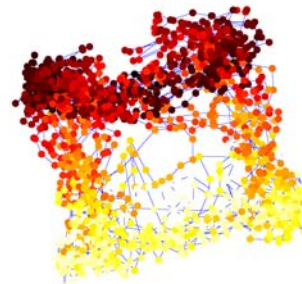
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KPCA

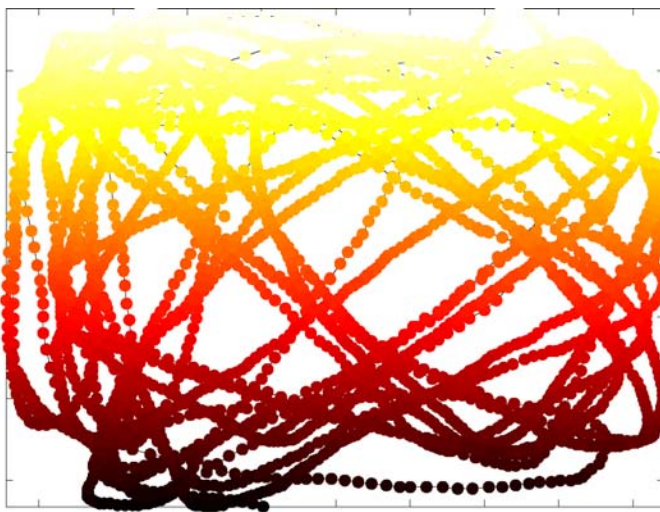


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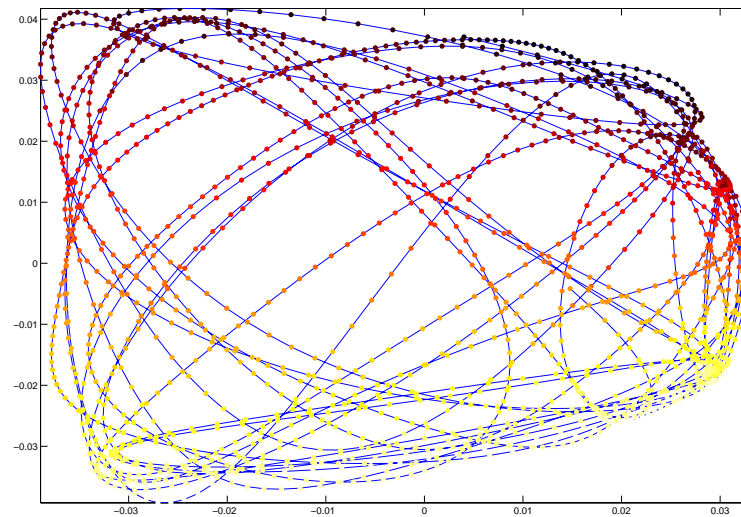


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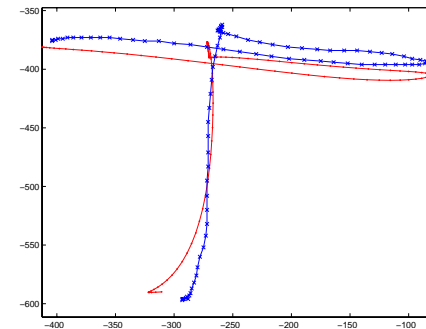
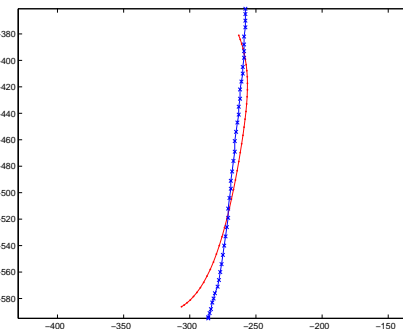
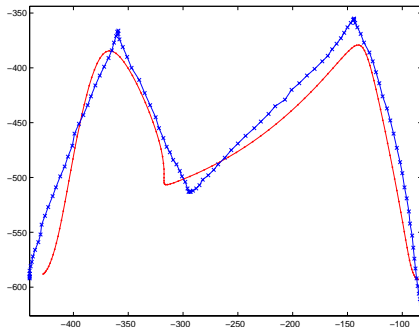
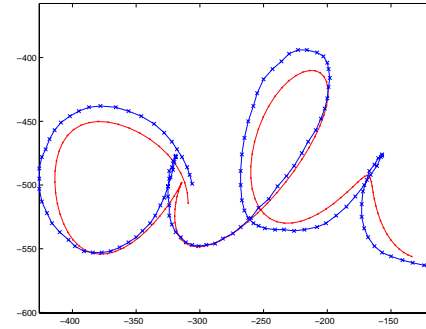
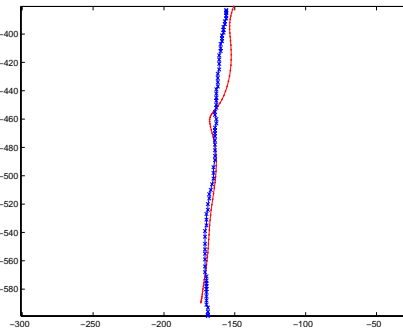
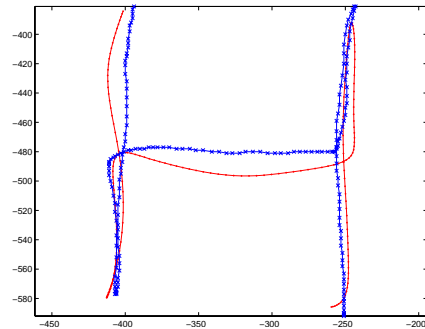
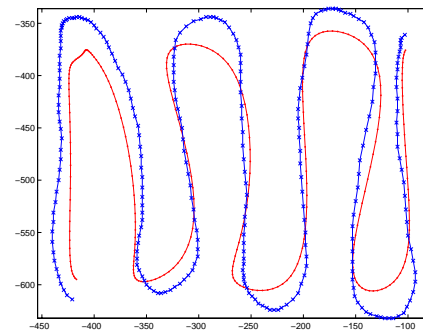
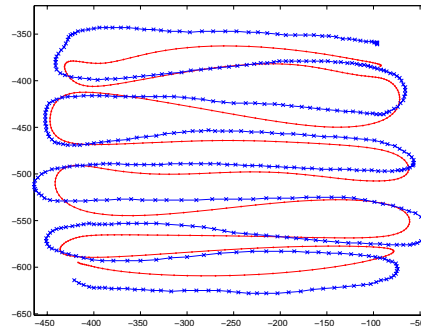


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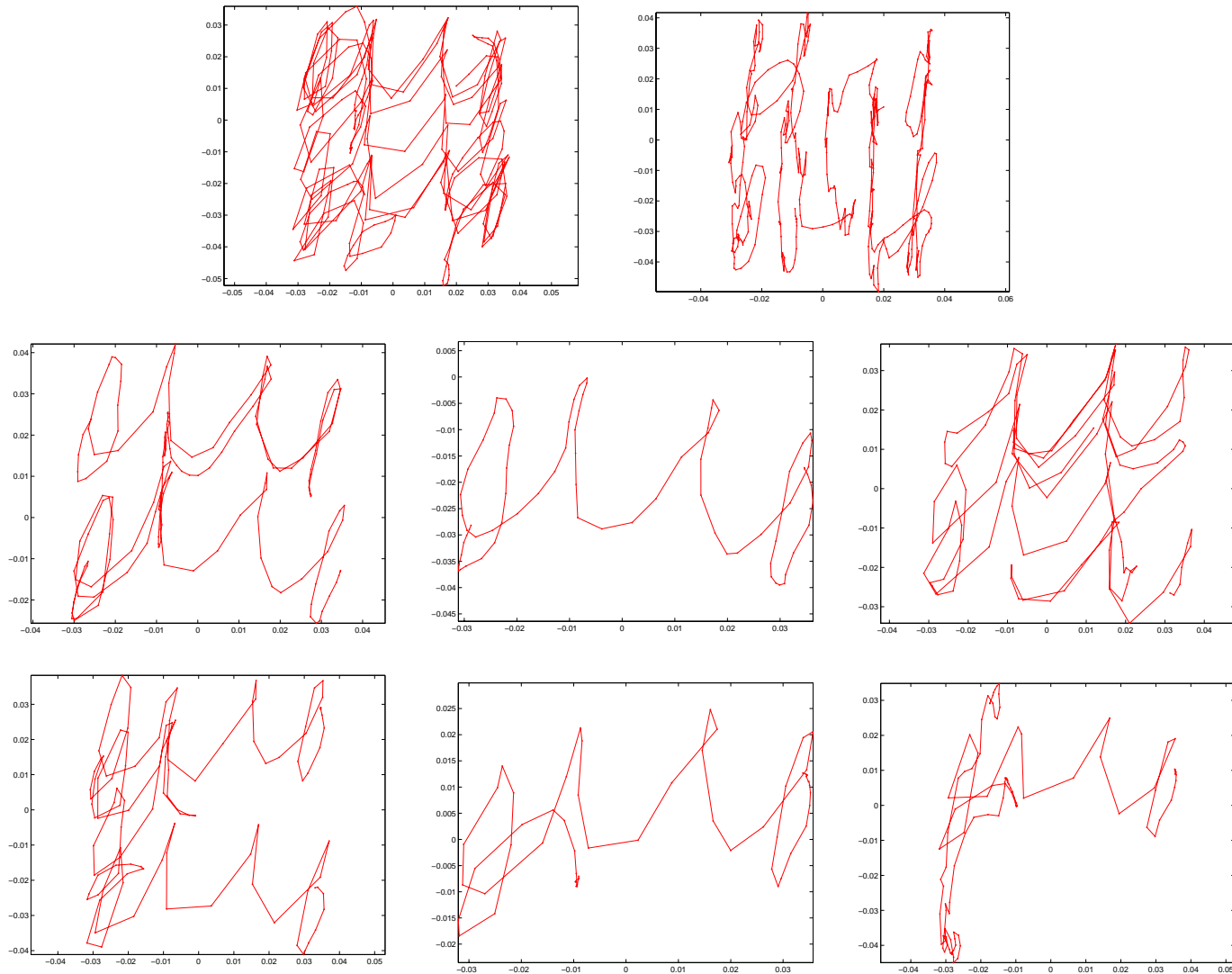


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# Tracking



# Tracking with KPCA





Video

# Representation

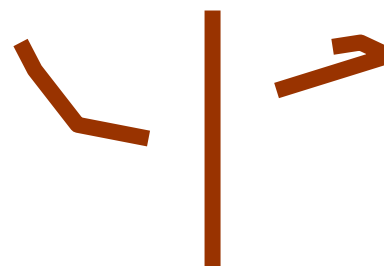
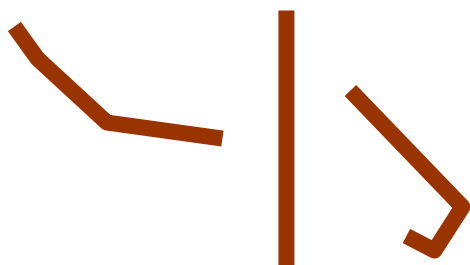
- Big mess of numbers for each frame


$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ 43 \\ 76 \\ 121 \\ 147 \\ 158 \\ 170 \\ 172 \\ 168 \\ 169 \\ 176 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

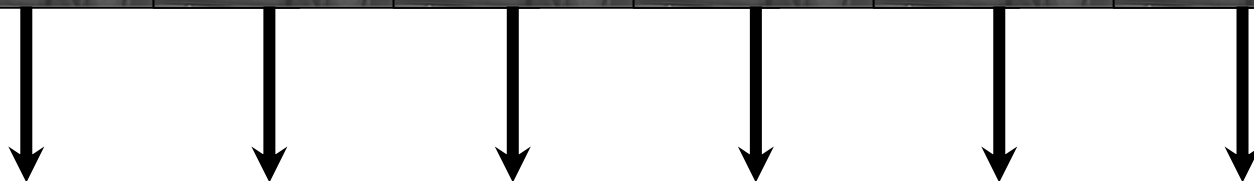
- Raw pixels, no image processing







Annotations from user or detection algorithms



Assume that output time series is smooth.



[Video](#)

# Future Work

- Speeding up the log-det
- Optimizing over families of priors  $p_X$
- Estimating the duality gap
- Learning manifolds that need more than one chart
- Understanding why nonparametric ID is easy while parametric ID is hard