

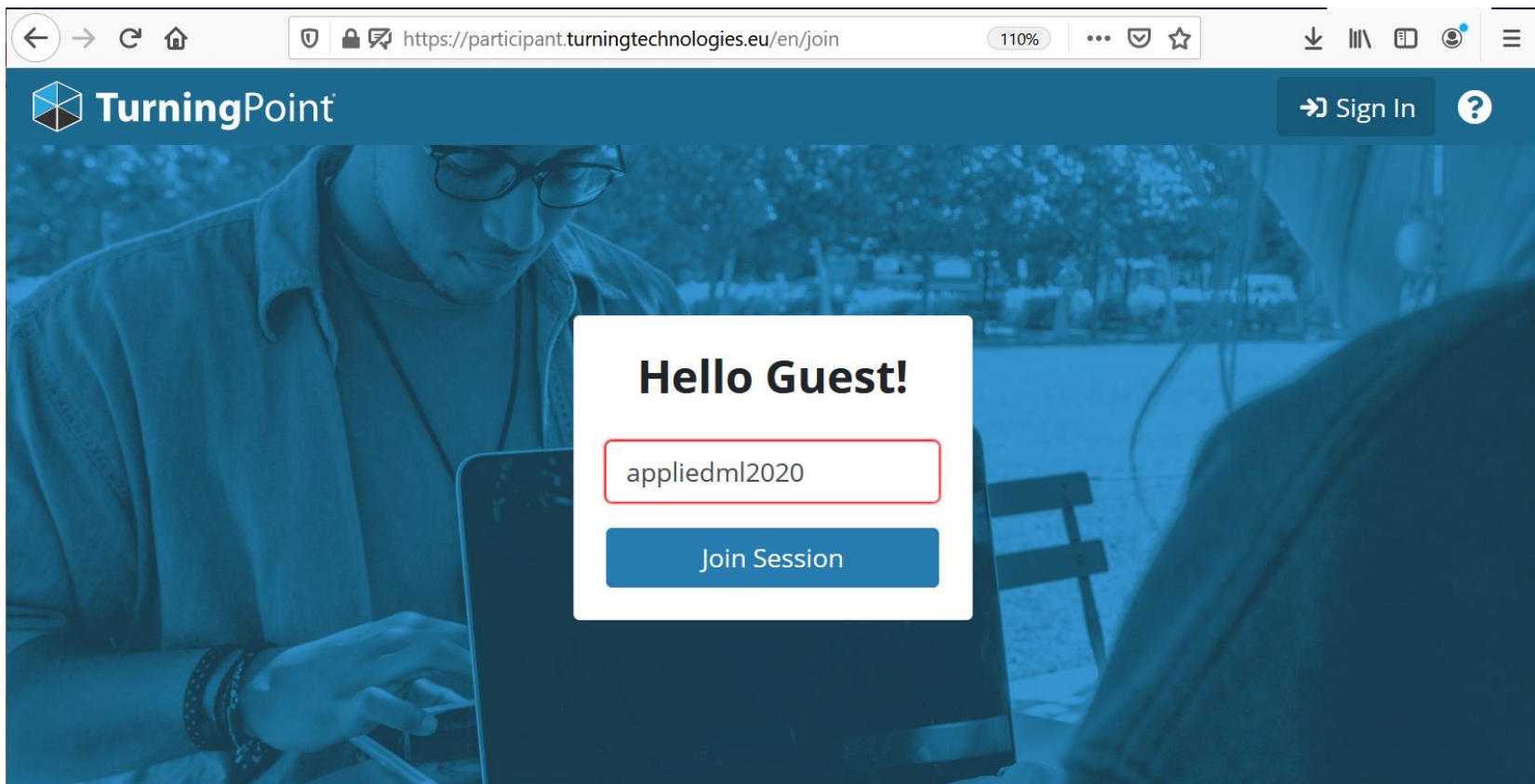
Pdf, GMM and E-M

Interactive Lecture

Launch polling system

<https://participant.turningtechnologies.eu/en/join>

Access as GUEST and enter the session id: *appliedml2020*



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the TurningPoint participant interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://participant.turningtechnologies.eu/en/join>. The page features the TurningPoint logo in the top left and a 'Sign In' button in the top right. A central dialog box with a white background and a blue border is overlaid on the page. The dialog contains the text 'Hello Guest!' in bold, followed by a text input field containing the session ID 'appliedml2020'. Below the input field is a blue button labeled 'Join Session'. The background of the page is a blue-tinted image of a person wearing glasses and looking at a laptop.

Linear Correlation

Two variables x_1, x_2 are correlated if:

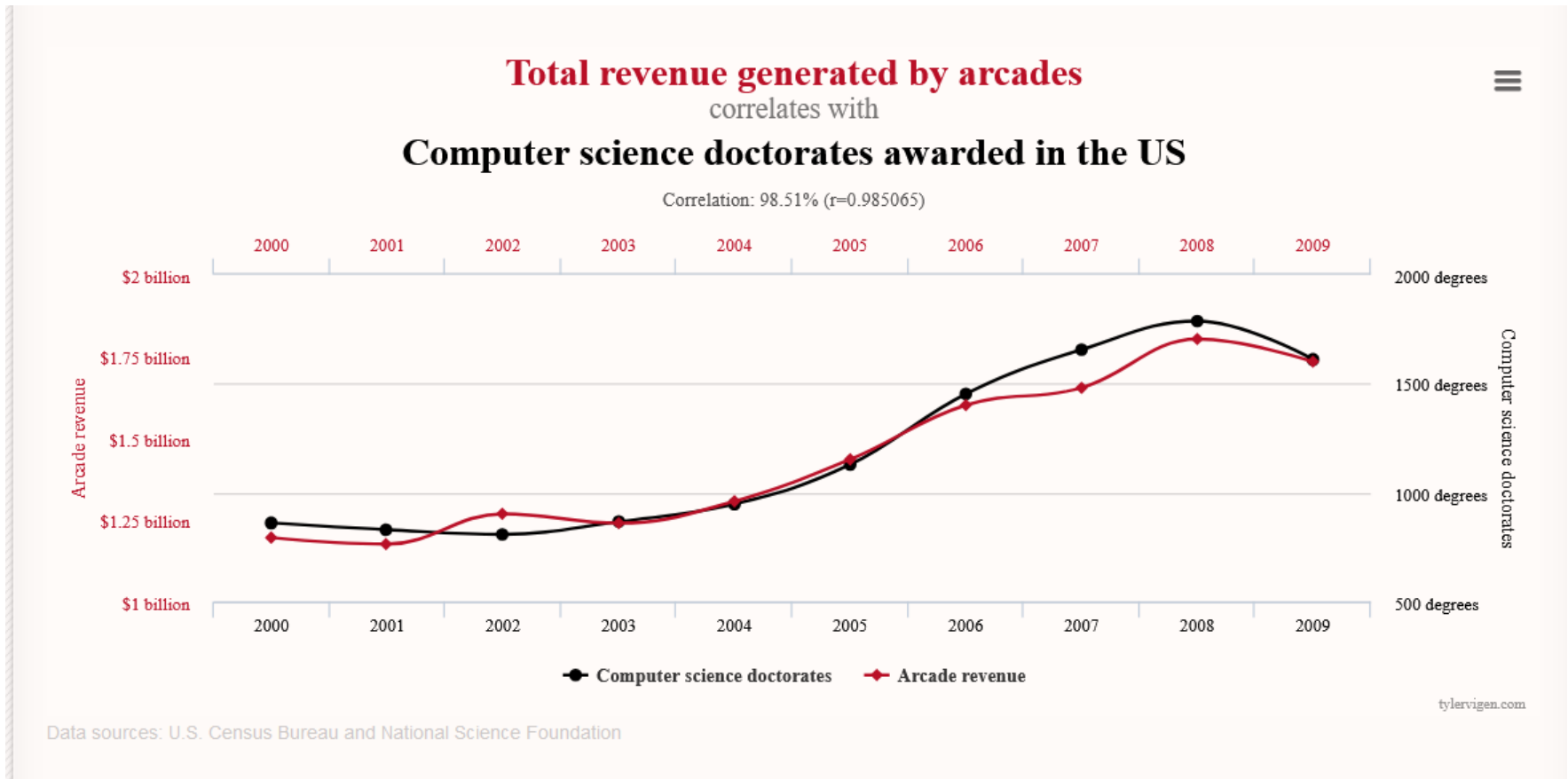
$$\text{corr}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\text{cov}(x_1, x_2)}{\text{var}(x_1) \text{var}(x_2)} \neq 0$$

$\text{corr}(x_1, x_2) >< 0$: positive / negative correlation

$|\text{corr}(x_1, x_2)| = 1$: perfectly correlated

$|\text{corr}(x_1, x_2)| < 0.5$ weakly correlated

Real and Spurious Correlations



Statistical Independence and uncorrelatedness

Are x, y correlated?
Are x, y statist. dependent?

Uncorrelated: $E\{x, y\} = E\{x\}E\{y\}$

Statistical Ind.: $p(x, y) = p(x)p(y)$

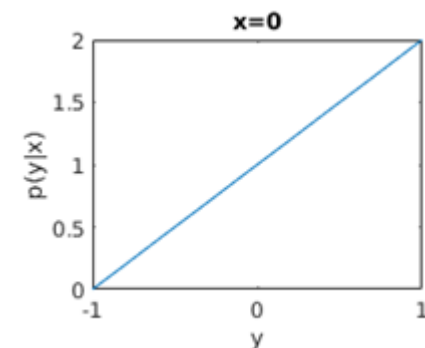
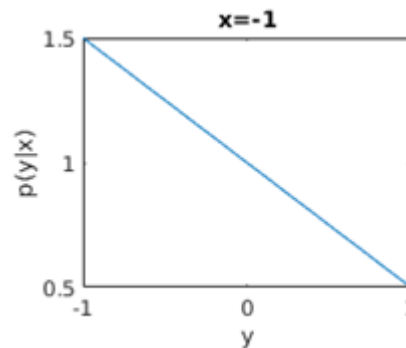
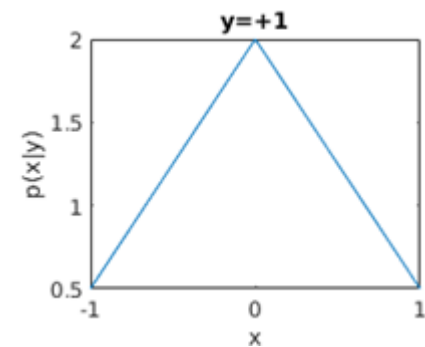
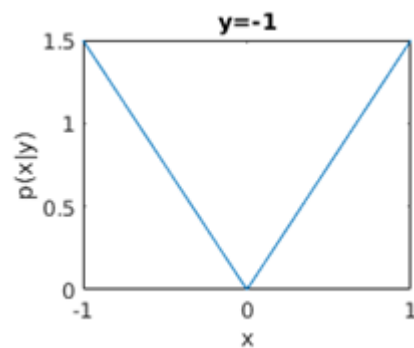
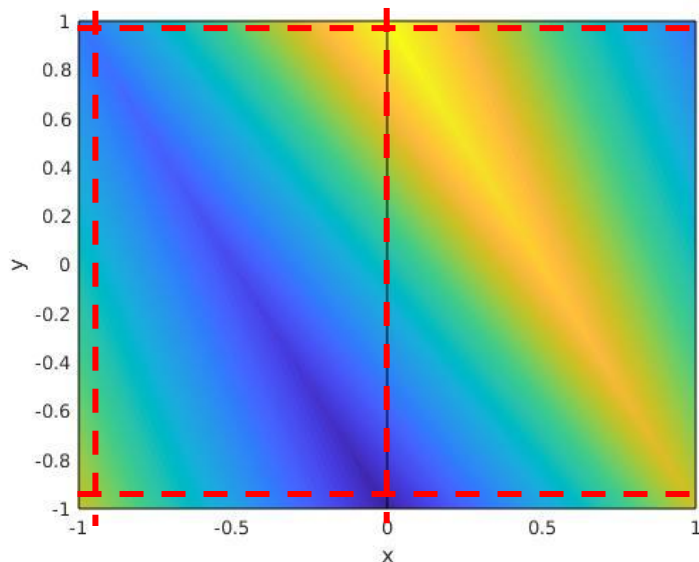
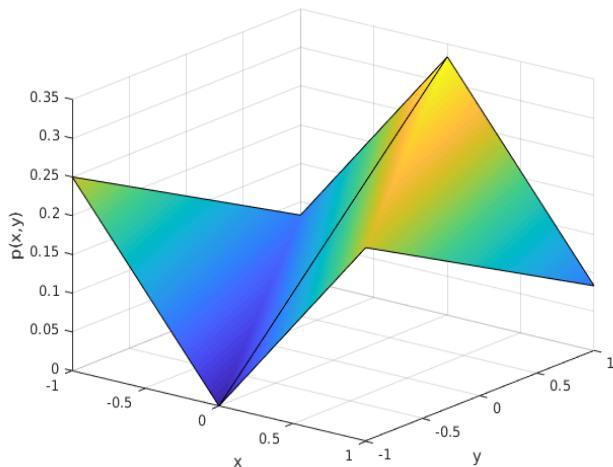
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$$E\{x, y\} = E\{x\}E\{y\} = 0$$



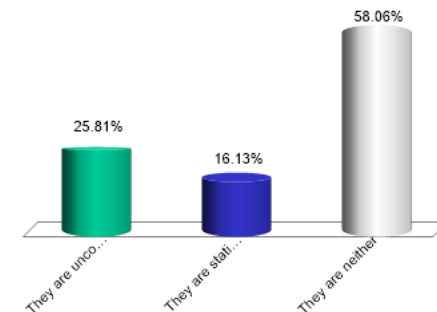
Statistical Independence and uncorrelatedness

Joint probabilities over two variables x_1, x_2

	$x_2=-1$	$x_2=0$	$x_2=1$	Total
$x_1=-1$	3/12	0	3/12	1/2
$x_1=1$	1/12	4/12	1/12	1/2
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	

Are x_1 and x_2 uncorrelated and statistically independent?

- A. They are uncorrelated
- B. They are statistically independent
- C. They are neither



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$$E\{x_1, x_2\} = E\{x_1\} E\{x_2\}$$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^3 (x_1=i, x_2=j) \cdot ((x_1=i), (x_2=j)) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_1=i) p((x_1=i))}_0 \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_2=i) p((x_2=i))}_0$$

Both sums are zero $\Rightarrow x_1, x_2$: uncorrelated

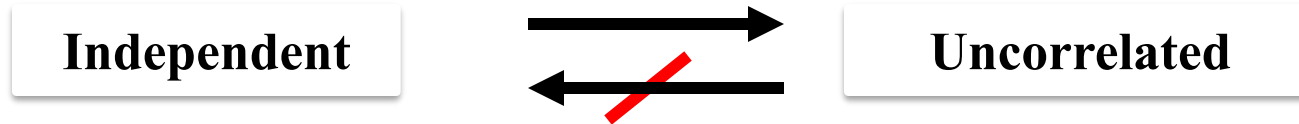
$$p(x_1 = -1, x_2 = 1) = 3/12 = 0.25$$

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$$p(x_1 = -1) p(x_2 = 1) = 1/2 * 1/3 = 0.1667$$

x_1 and x_2 are uncorrelated but not statistically independent.

Statistical Independence and uncorrelatedness



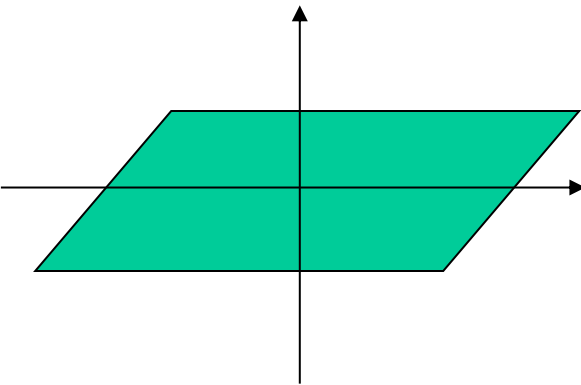
$$p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2) \Rightarrow E\{x_1, x_2\} = E\{x_1\}E\{x_2\}$$

$$p(x_1, x_2) = p(x_1)p(x_2) \not\Leftarrow E\{x_1, x_2\} = E\{x_1\}E\{x_2\}$$

Statistical independence ensures uncorrelatedness.
The converse is not true.

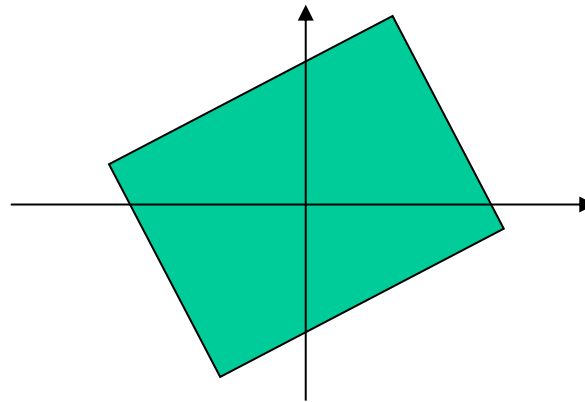
ICA: Preprocessing – Whitening & Independent Component Identification

Original Distribution



Uncorrelated distribution:

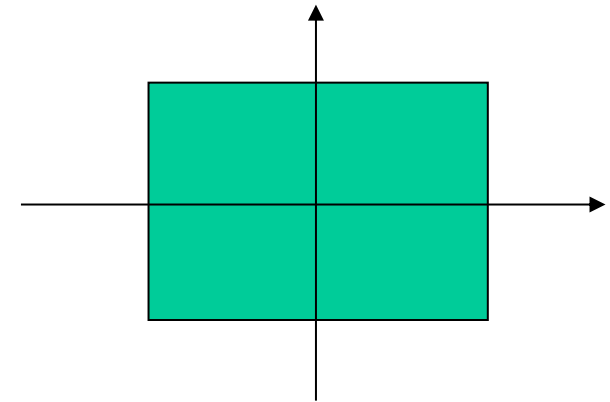
$$E\{x_1, x_2\} = E\{x_1\} E\{x_2\}$$



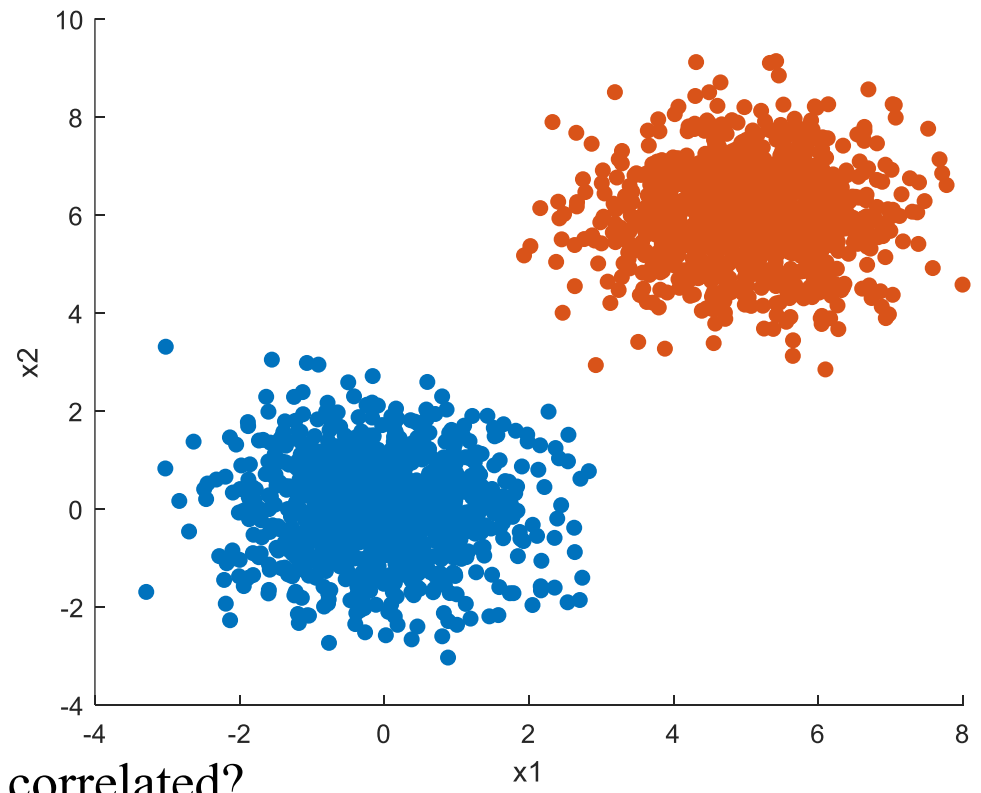
Whitening preprocessing:

$$E\{XX^T\} = I$$

Statistically Indep. Distr.

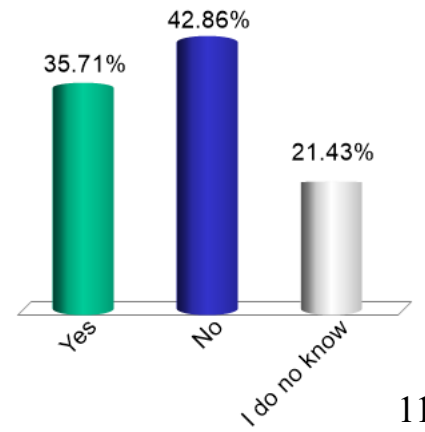


After projection on
independent components

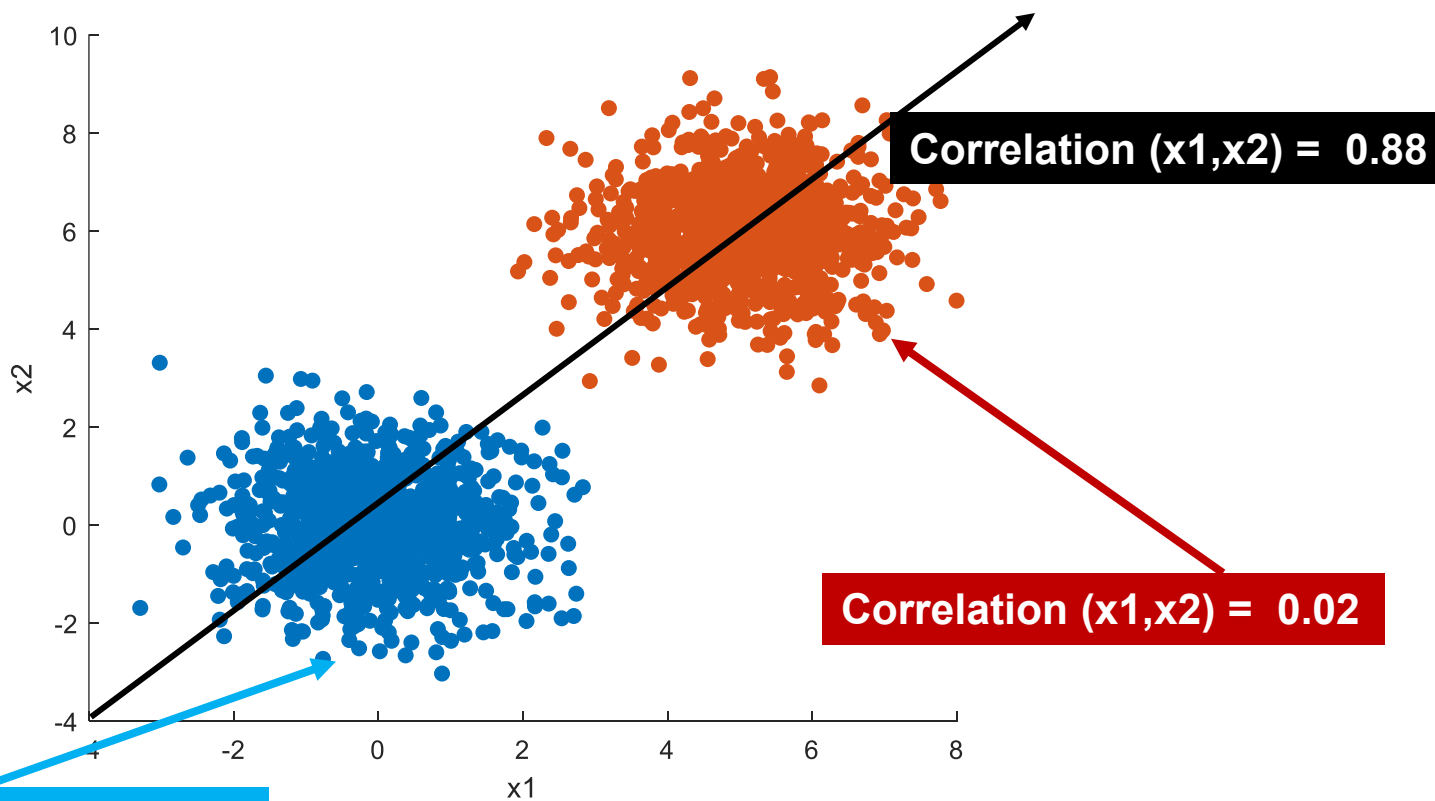


Are x_1 and x_2 correlated?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I do no know



Correlations



Correlation (x1,x2) = -0.04

Correlation (x1,x2) = 0.02

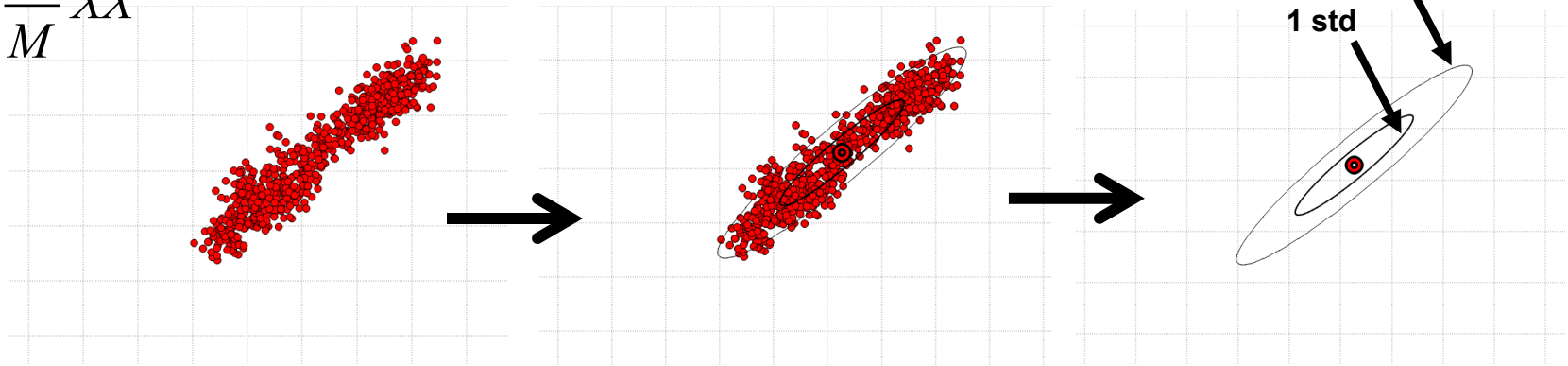
Correlation (x1,x2) = 0.88

Spurious correlations as we compare two groups of data that come from two different distributions

Modeling Data with a Gaussian Function

Construct covariance matrix from (centered) set of datapoints $X = \{x^i\}_{i=1 \dots M}$:

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{M} XX^T$$

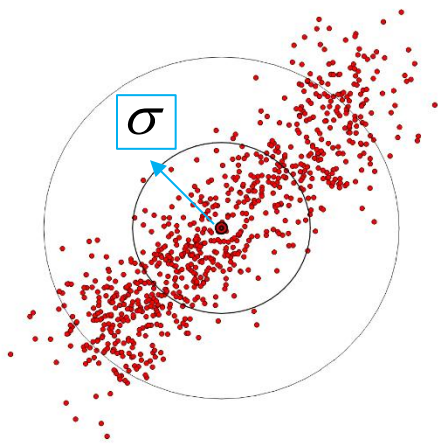


$$p(x; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{N}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)}$$

if x is N -dimensional, then
 μ is a N – dimensional mean vector
 Σ is a $N \times N$ covariance matrix

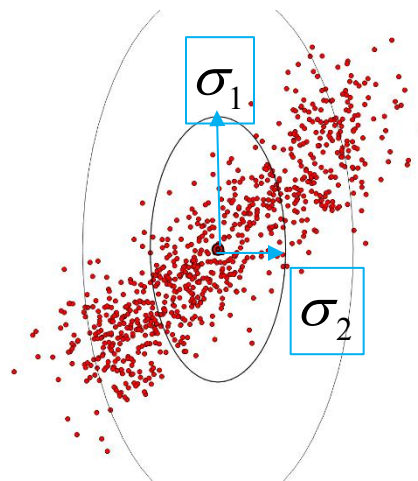
Which model?

$$p(x = [x_1 \ x_2], ; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{N}{2}} |\Sigma|^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right)}$$



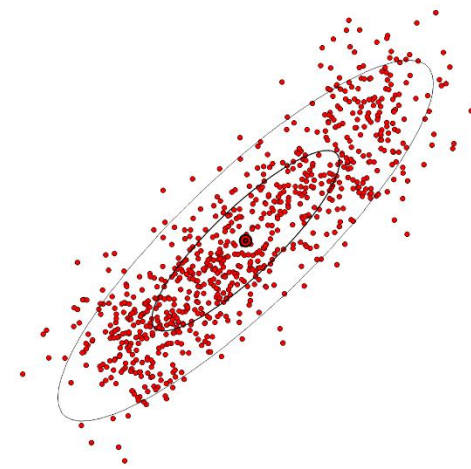
Spherical

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \end{bmatrix}$$



Diagonal

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



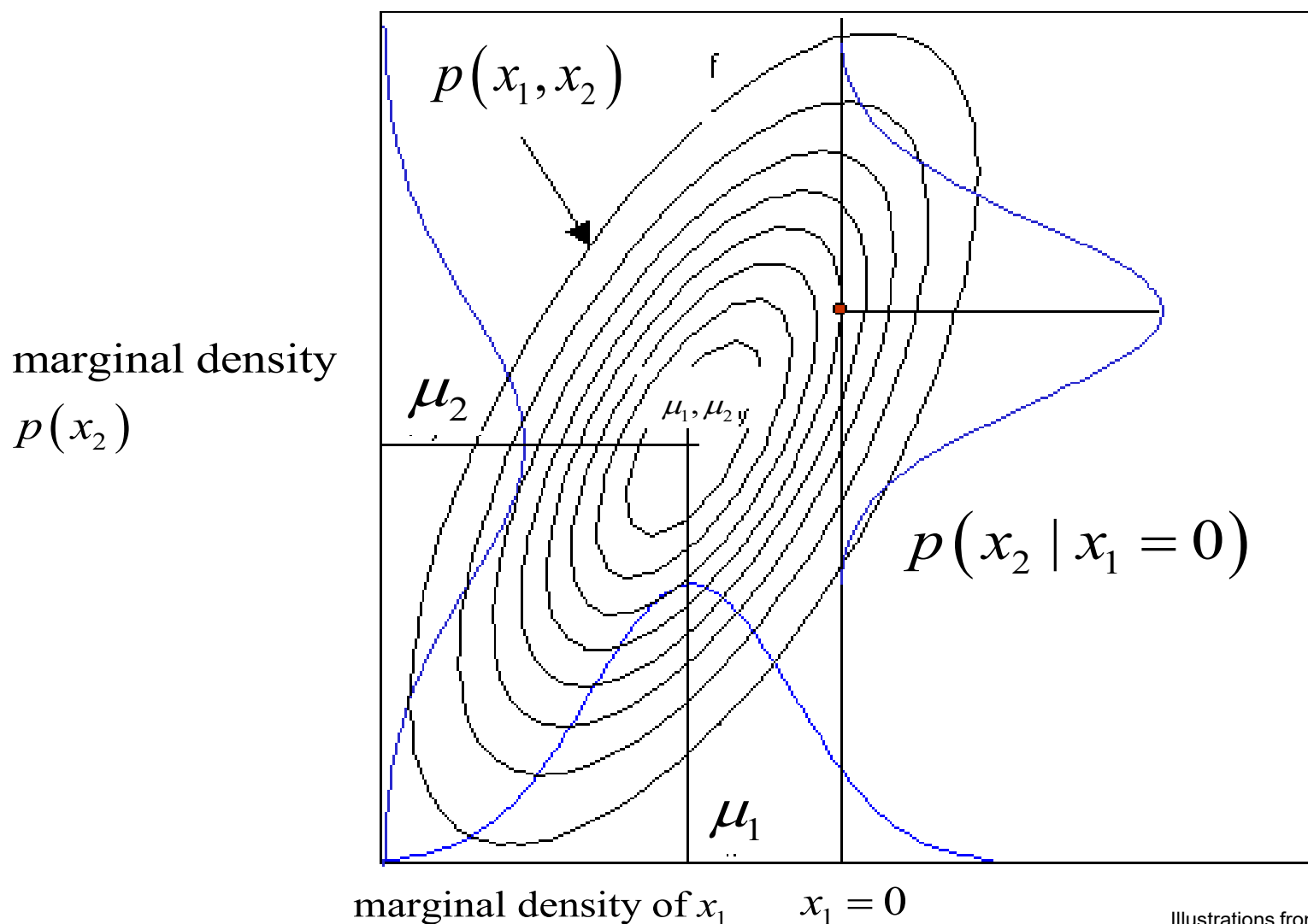
Full

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

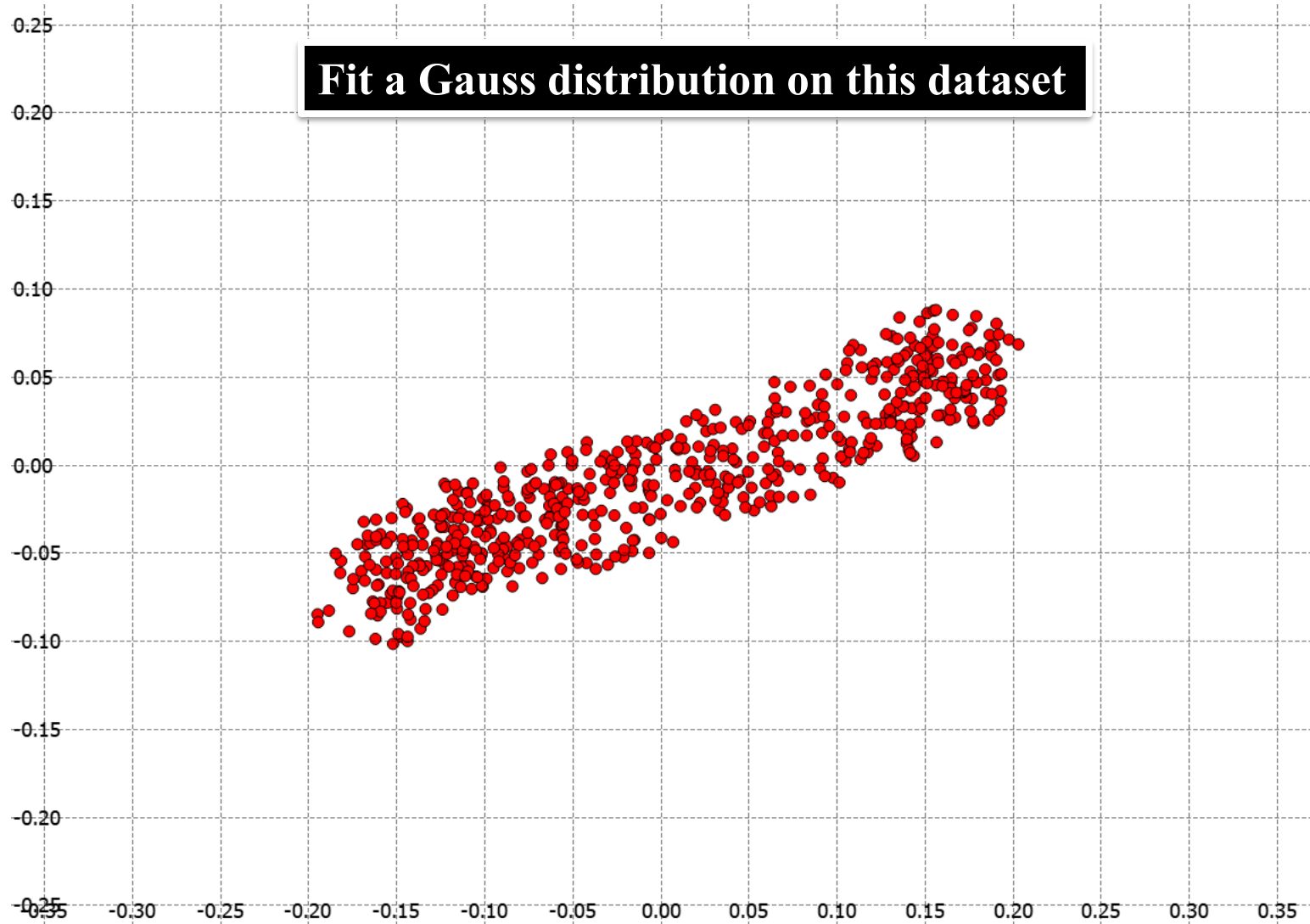
Need a method to derive optimal parameters (mean and covariance matrix)

Marginal, Conditional Pdf of Gauss Functions

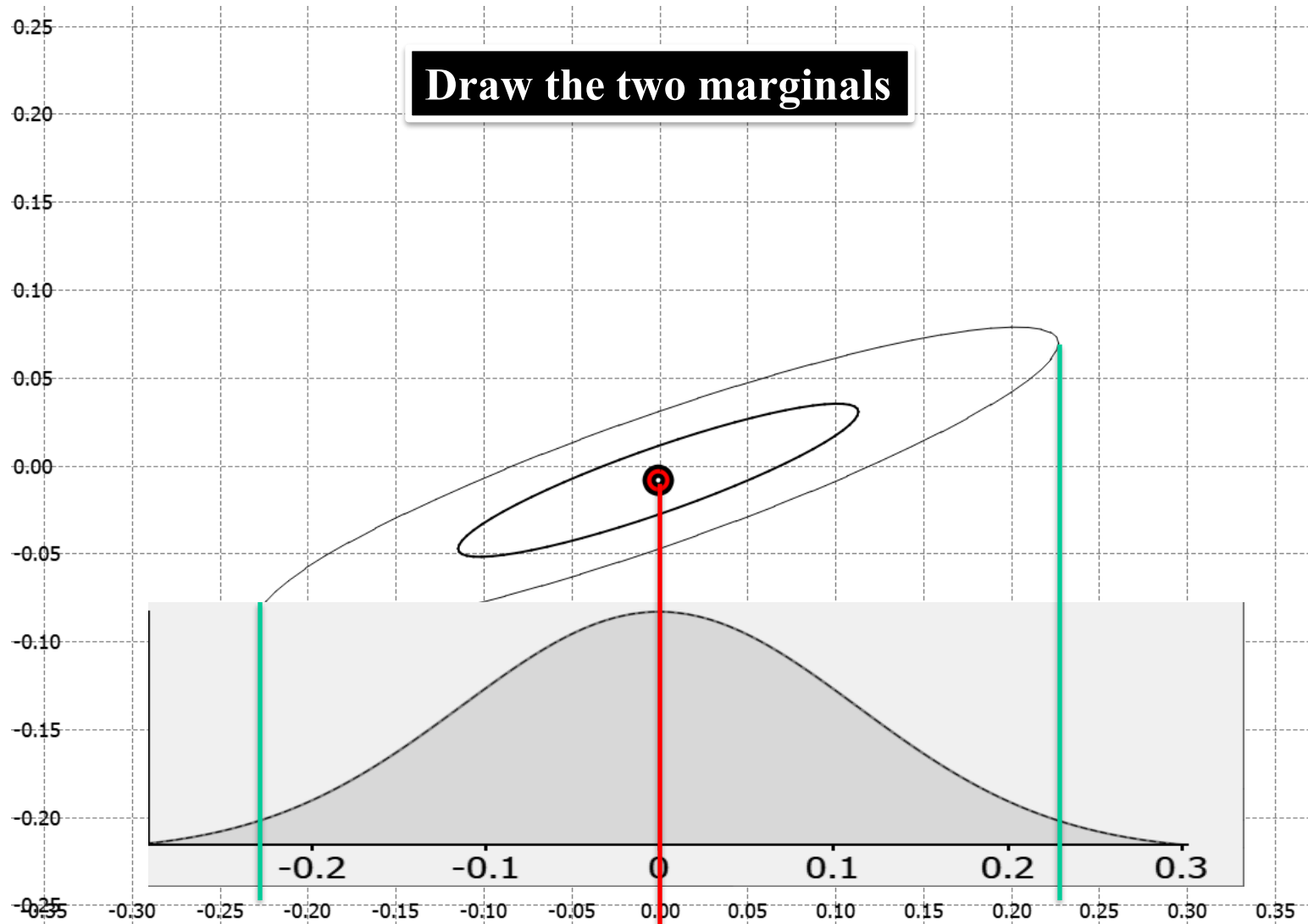
The conditional and marginal pdf of a multi-dimensional Gauss function are all Gauss functions!



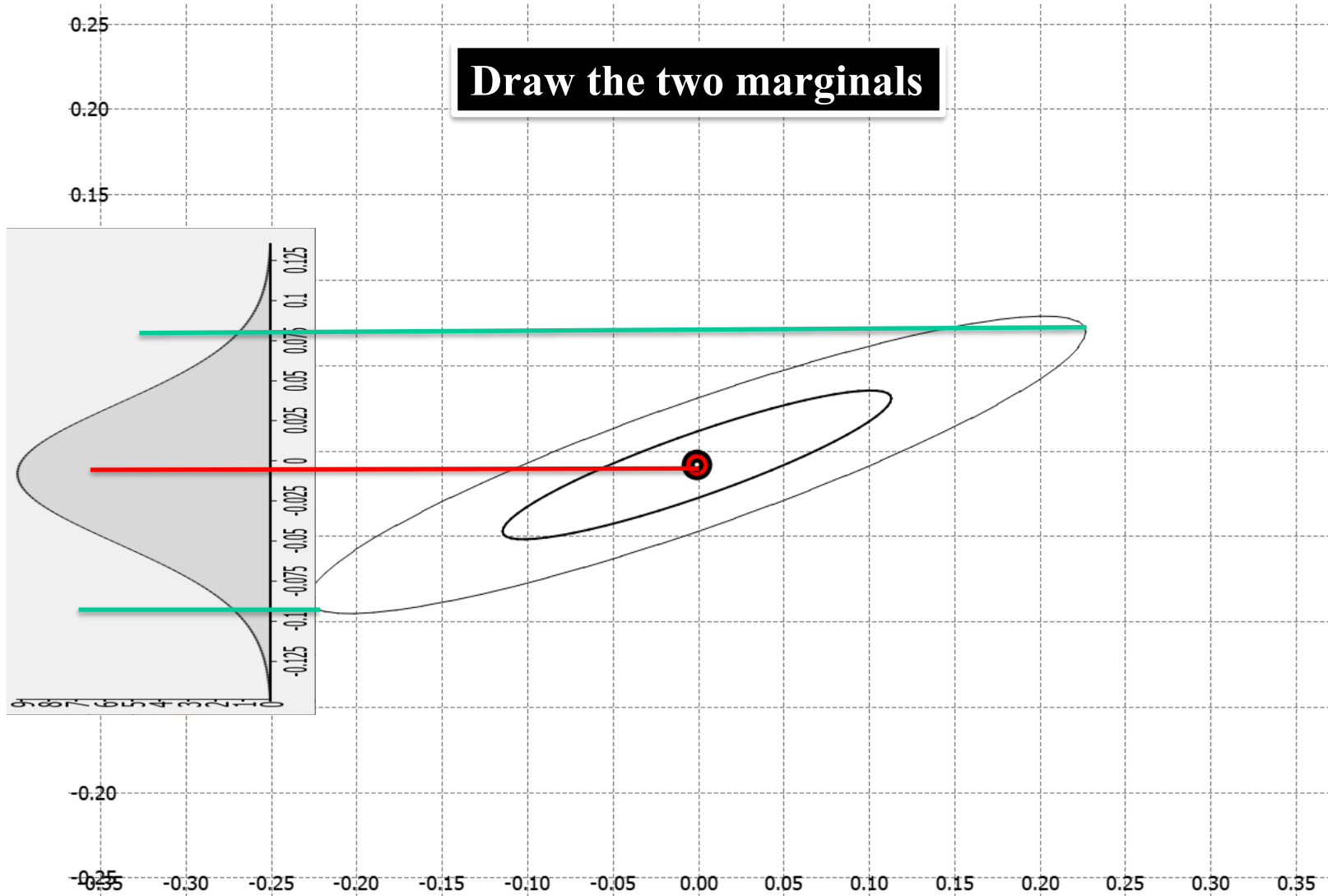
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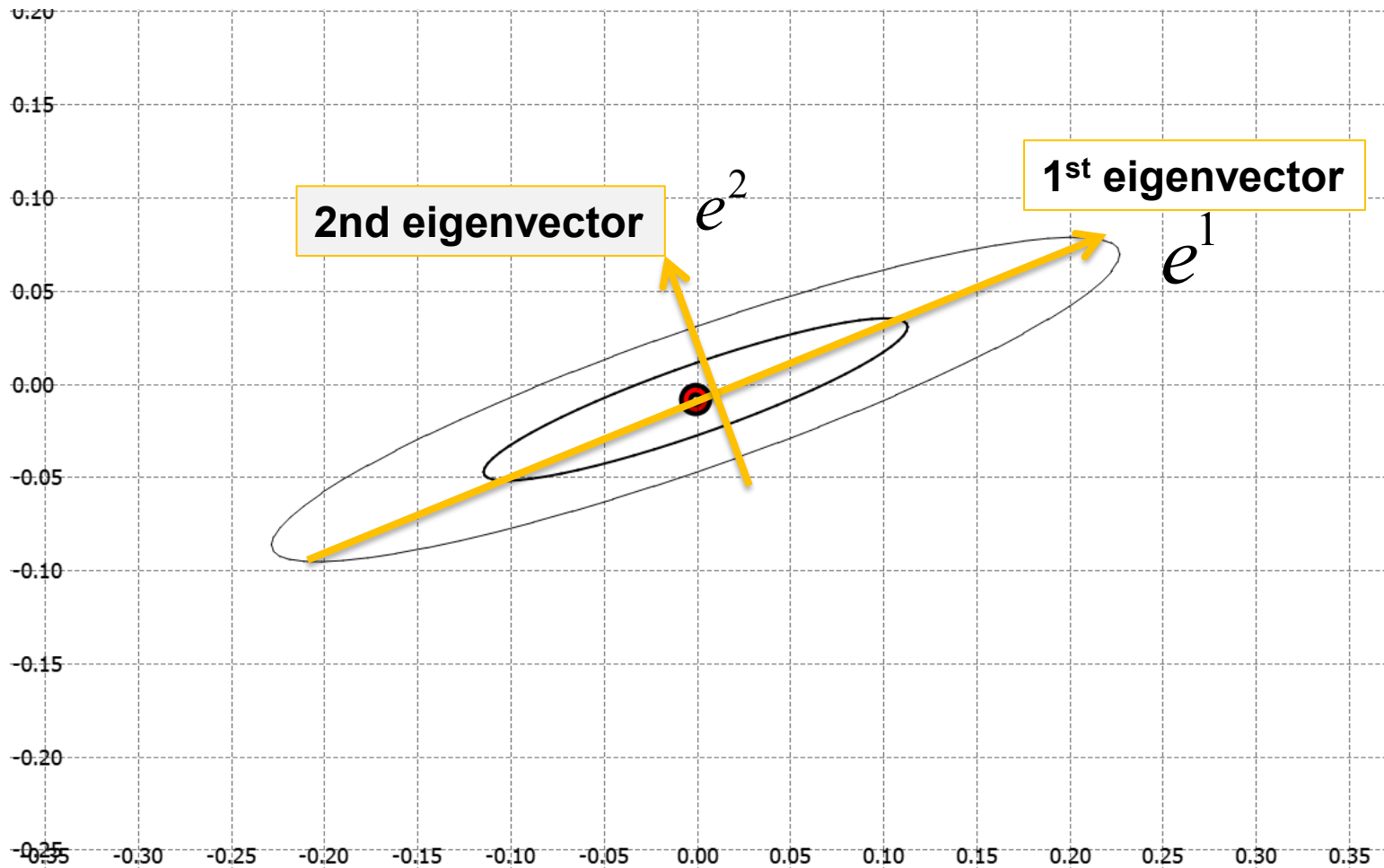


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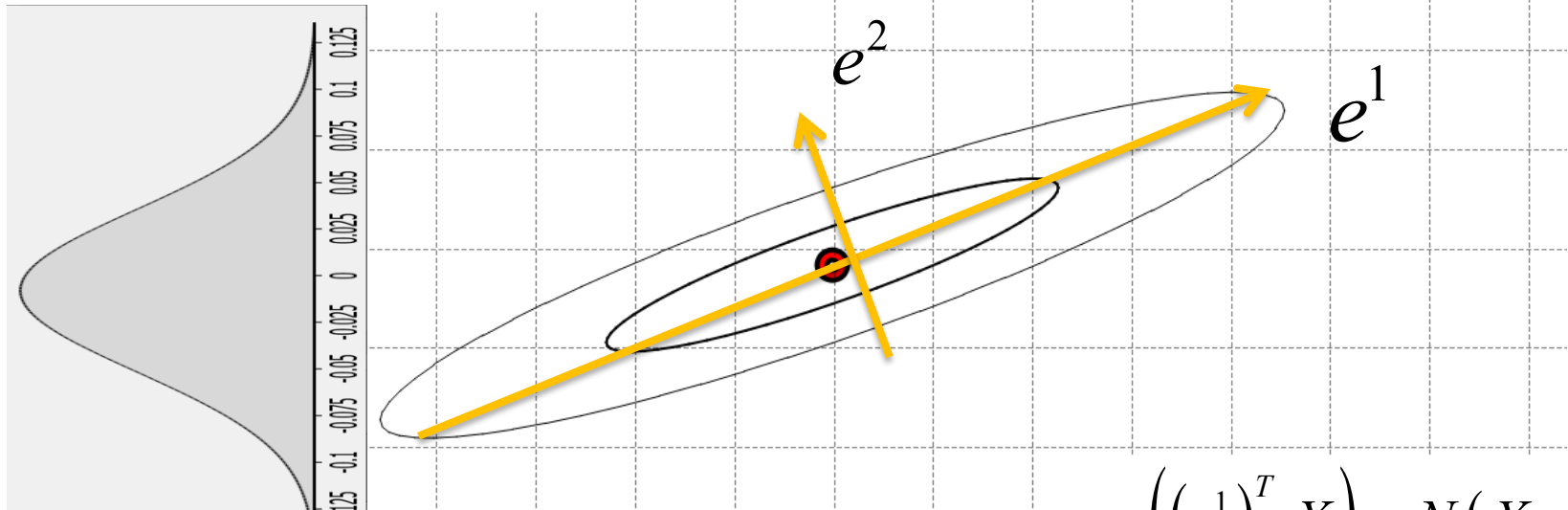
Σ eigenvalue decomposition: $\Sigma = V \Lambda V^T$, $V = \begin{bmatrix} e^1 & e^2 \end{bmatrix}$



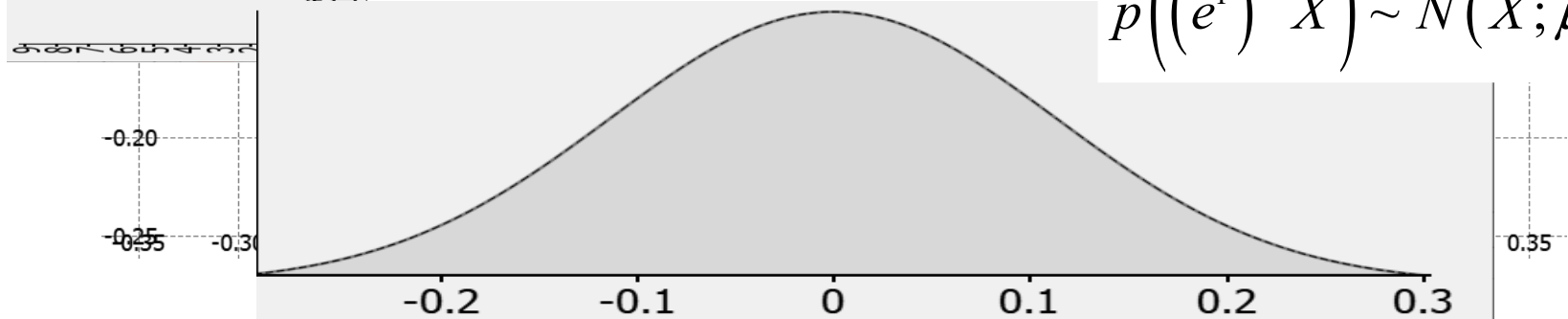
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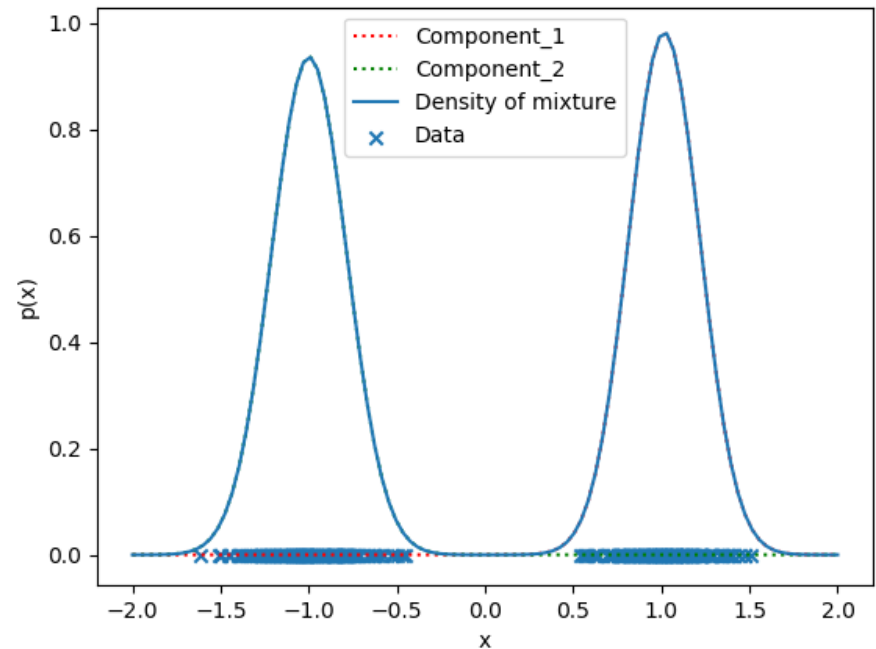
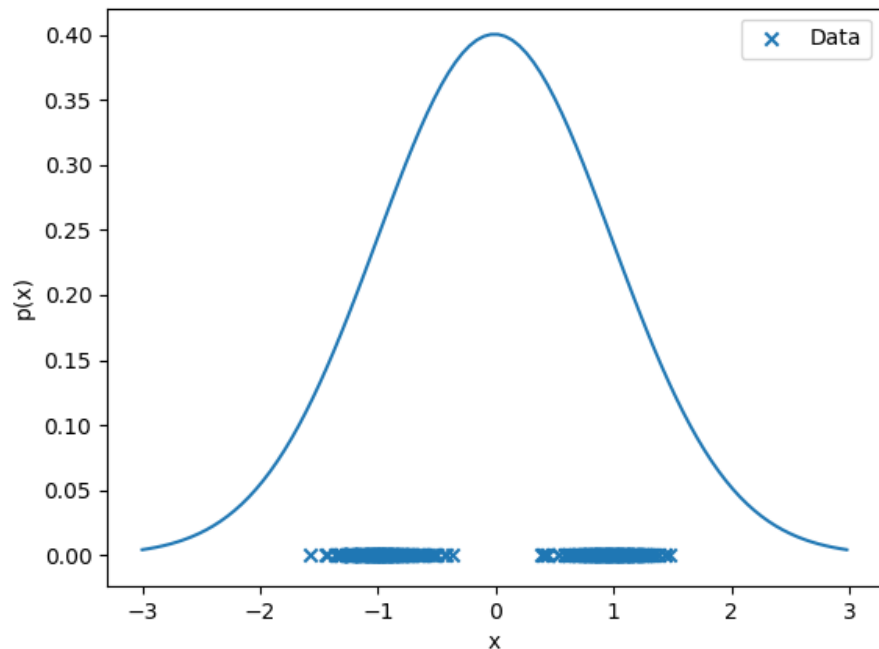
$$p\left(\left(e^2\right)^T X\right) \sim N\left(X; \mu_2, \sigma_2\right)$$



$$p\left(\left(e^1\right)^T X\right) \sim N\left(X; \mu_1, \sigma_1\right)$$



Mixture of Gauss Functions



Combination of K Gauss functions

$$p(x; \Theta) = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k p_k(x; \mu^k, \Sigma^k) \text{ with } \Theta = \{\mu^1, \Sigma^1, \dots, \mu^K, \Sigma^K\}, \alpha_k \in [0, 1].$$

Linear weighted combination

K Gaussian Functions

Training of GMM uses Expectation-Maximization

E-M searches for optimum of the likelihood of the model given the data, i.e.:

$$\max_{\Theta} L(\Theta | X) = \max_{\Theta} p(X | \Theta)$$

The parameters of a GMM are the means, covariance matrices and priors:

$$\Theta = \{ \mu^1, \dots, \mu^K, \Sigma^1, \dots, \Sigma^K, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K \}$$

Computing the log of the likelihood yields the same optimum:

$$\max_{\Theta} p(X | \Theta) = \max_{\Theta} \log p(X | \Theta)$$

$$\max_{\Theta} \log \prod_{i=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \cdot p(x^i; \mu^k, \Sigma^k) = \max_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^M \log \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \cdot p(x^i; \mu^k, \Sigma^k) \right)$$

No closed-form solution \rightarrow Solve through Expectation-Maximization (E-M)

E-M is an *iterative* procedure to estimate the best set of parameters

It converges to a **local optimum** \rightarrow Sensitive to initialization!

See derivation of E-M for GMM in the annexes posted on the website

Likelihood

Likelihood for a single unnormalized Gauss function, given a set of M datapoints $\{x^i\}_{i=1}^M$

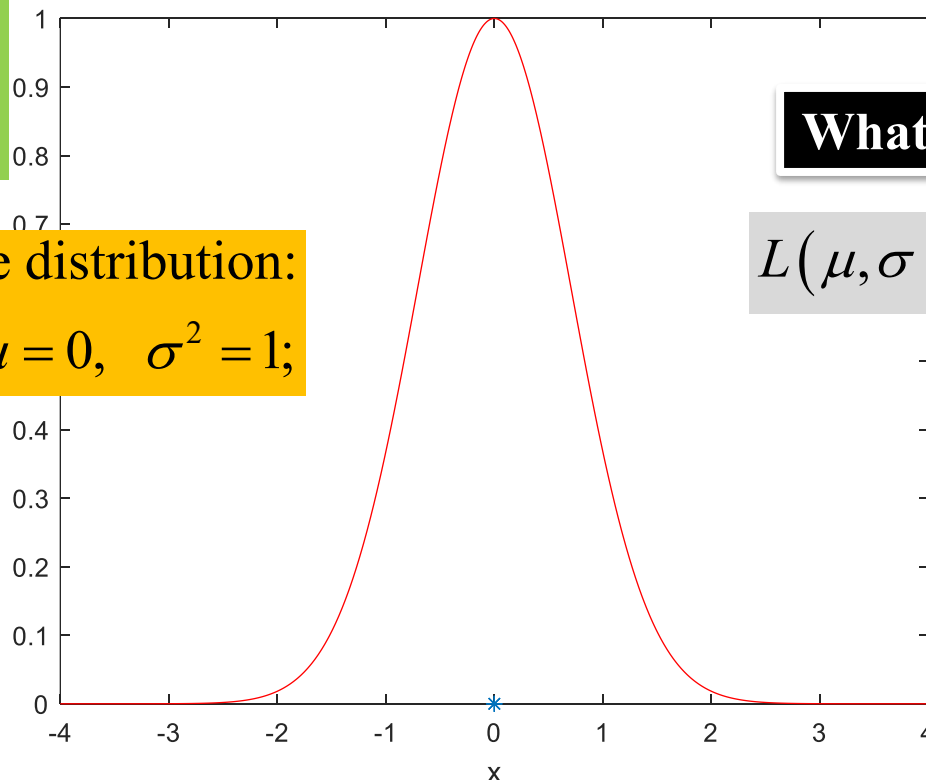
$$L(\mu, \sigma | X) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(x^i; \mu, \sigma) = e^{\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)}$$

Dataset:

$$X = [x^1], x^1 = 0;$$

Sampled from the distribution:

$$x \sim p(x; \mu, \sigma); \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1;$$



What is the likelihood?

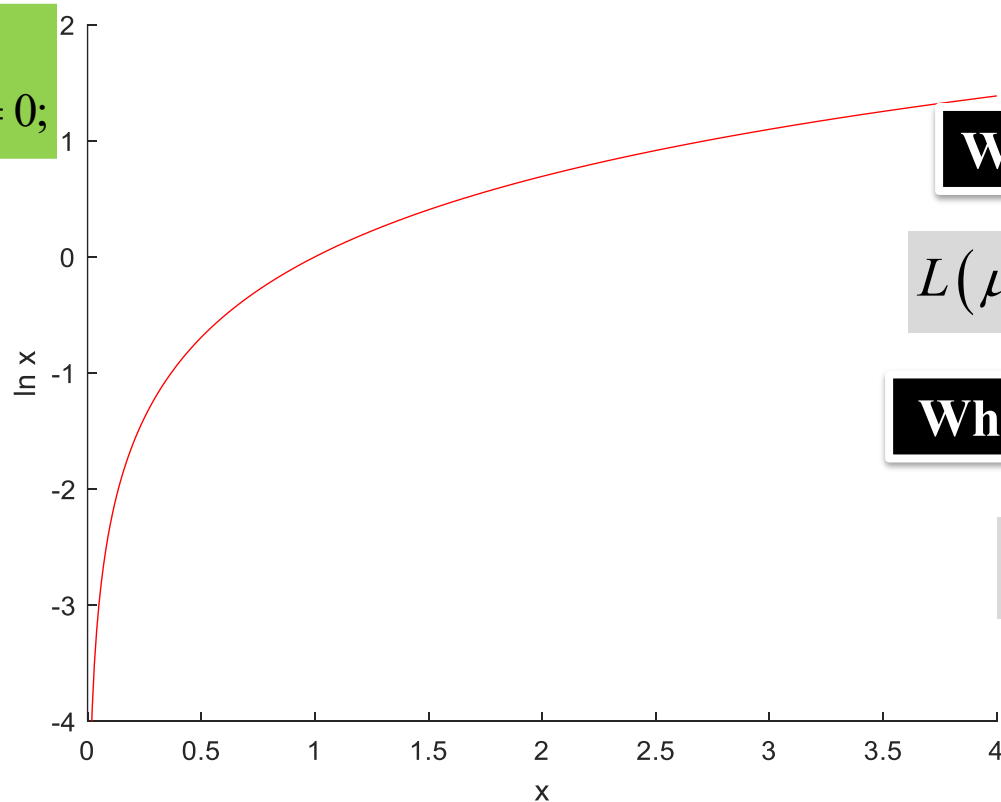
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Here: we consider an un-normalized Gauss function, also called Radial Basis Functions (RBF).

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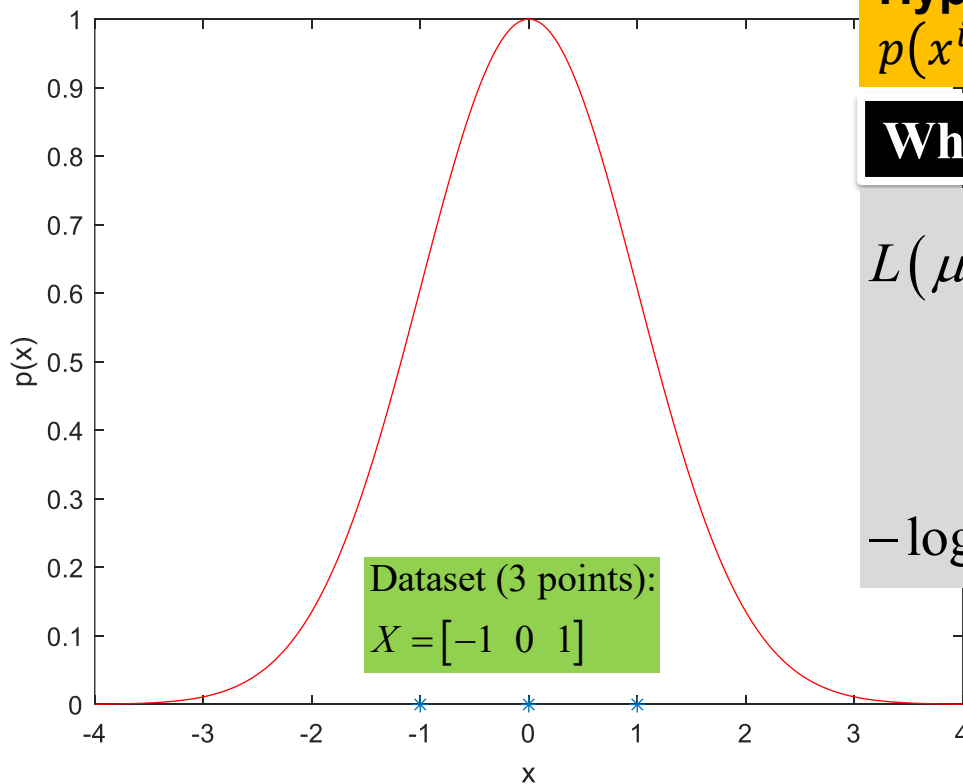
What is the log-likelihood?

$$\log p(x^1; \mu, \sigma) = 0$$

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Hypothetical Model:

$$p(x^i; \mu, \sigma); \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 2;$$

What is the likelihood?

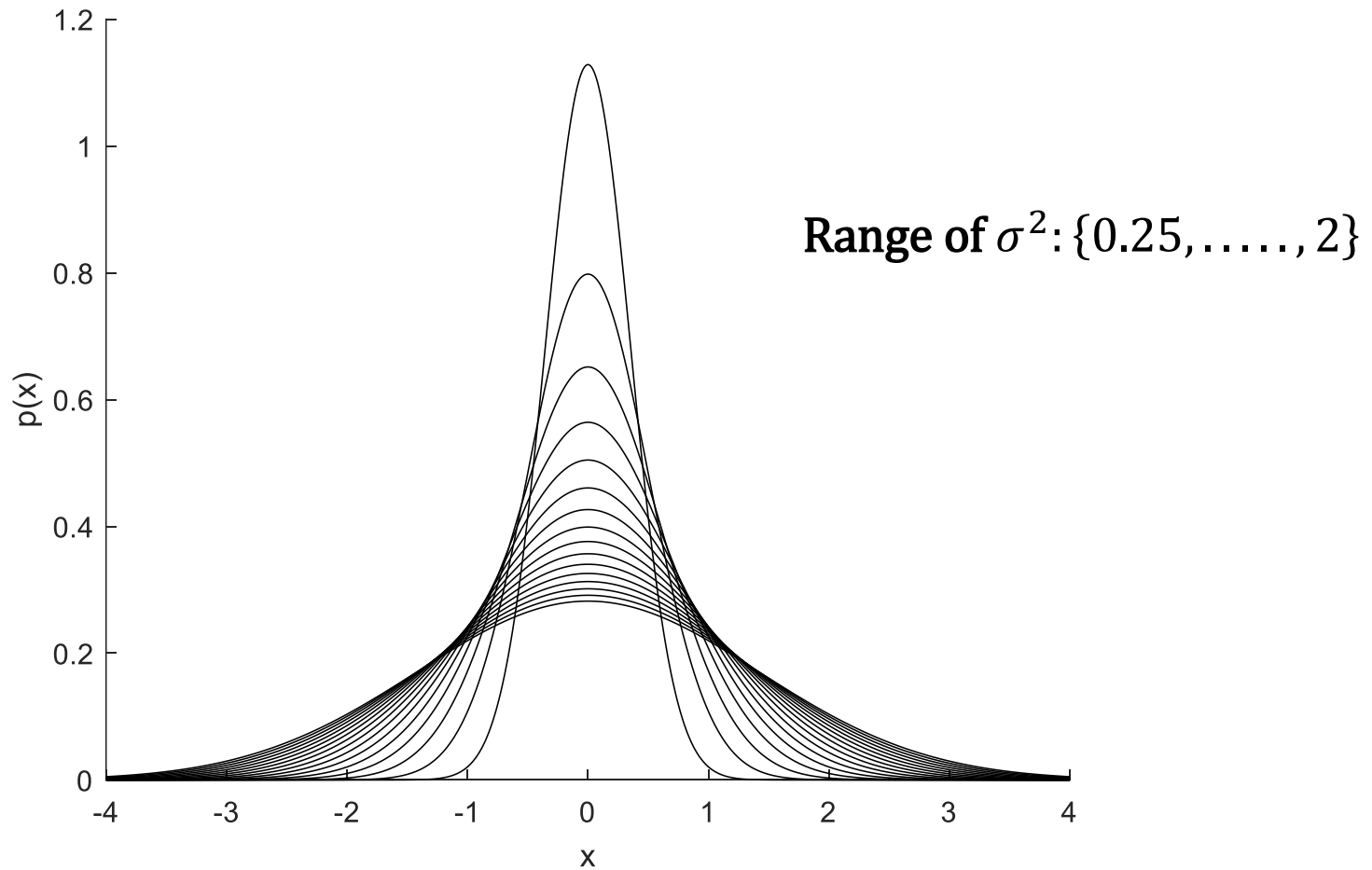
$$L(\mu, \sigma | X) = \prod_{i=1}^3 p(x^i; \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= 0.8 * 1 * 0.8$$

$$= 0.6$$

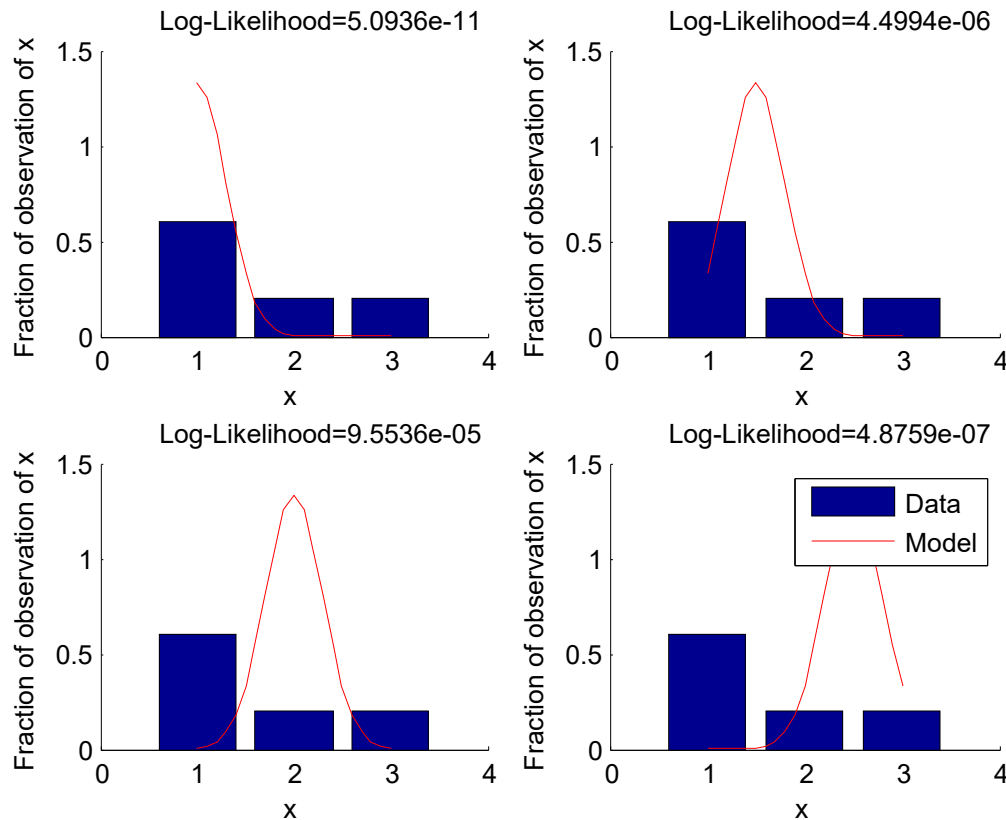
$$-\log L(\mu, \sigma | X) = 0.5$$

Gauss pdfs



Pdf for the normalized distributions

Likelihood Function for data not gauss distributed

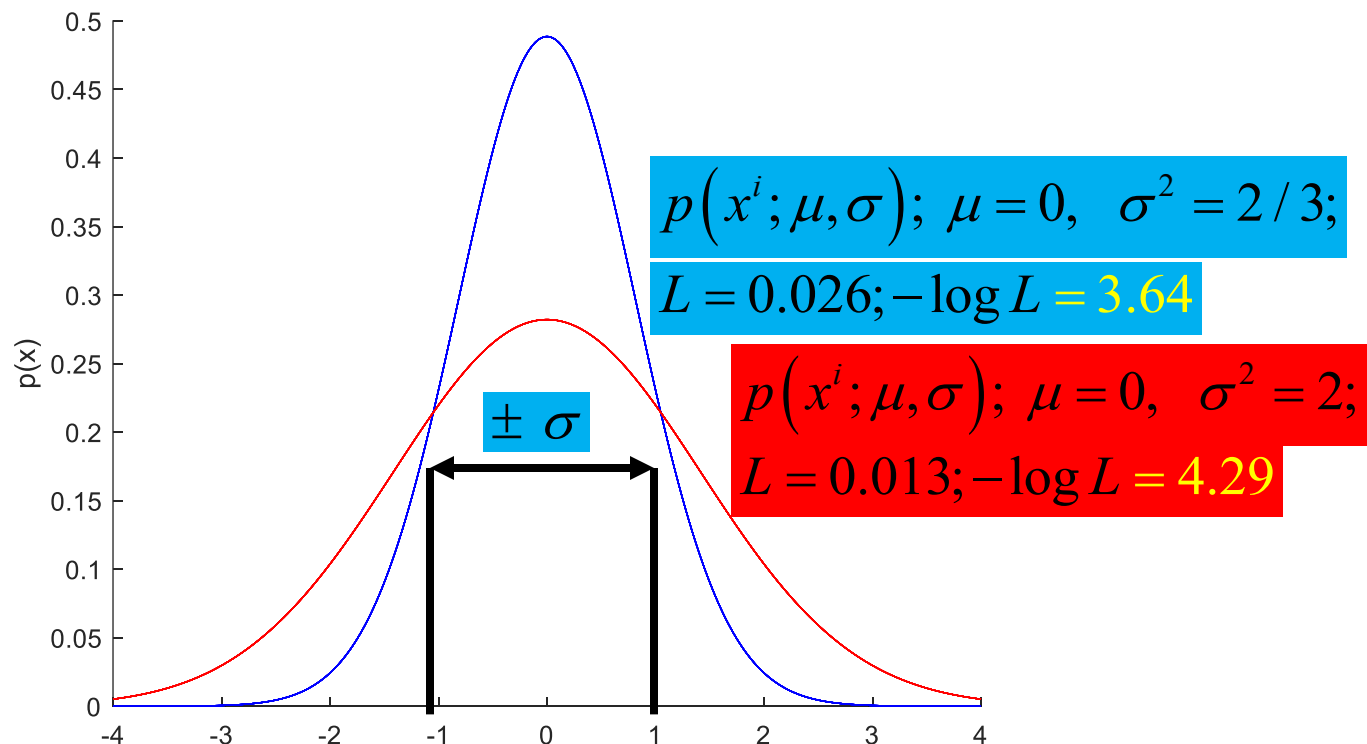


Log-Likelihood for a series of Gauss functions applied to datasets with pdfs that do not follow a Gauss distribution. The Likelihood increases as the fit is closer to the real mean of the data, even if this may appear as a poorer fit.

Maximum Likelihood

Likelihood for a single Gauss function, given a set of M datapoints $\{x^i\}_{i=1}^M$

$$L(\mu, \sigma | X) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(x^i; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



Pdf for the normalized distributions

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The blue solution is the optimal value on the likelihood **we can ever get** for such a distribution of points.

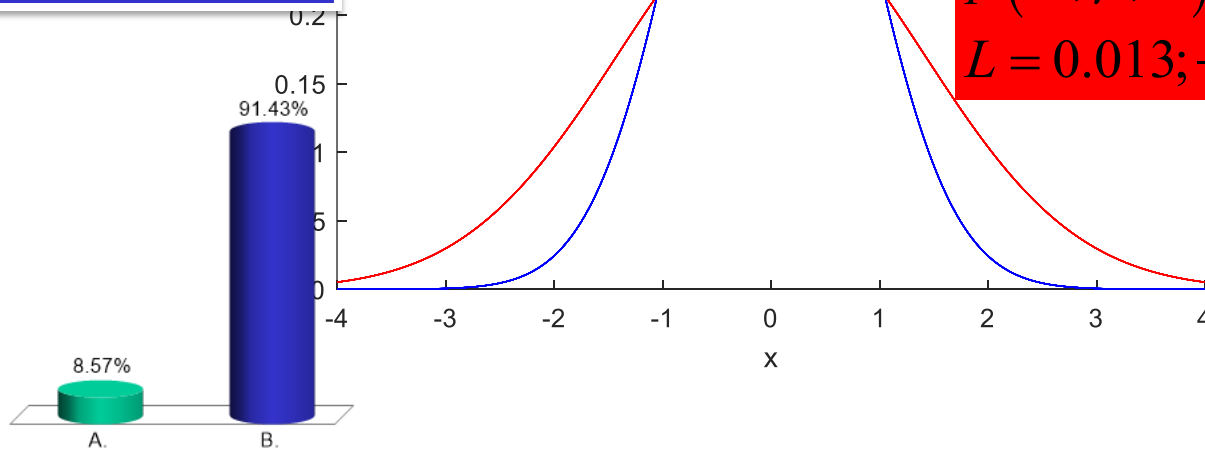
- A. True
- B. False

$$p(x^i; \mu, \sigma); \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 2/3;$$

$$L = 0.026; -\log L = 3.64$$

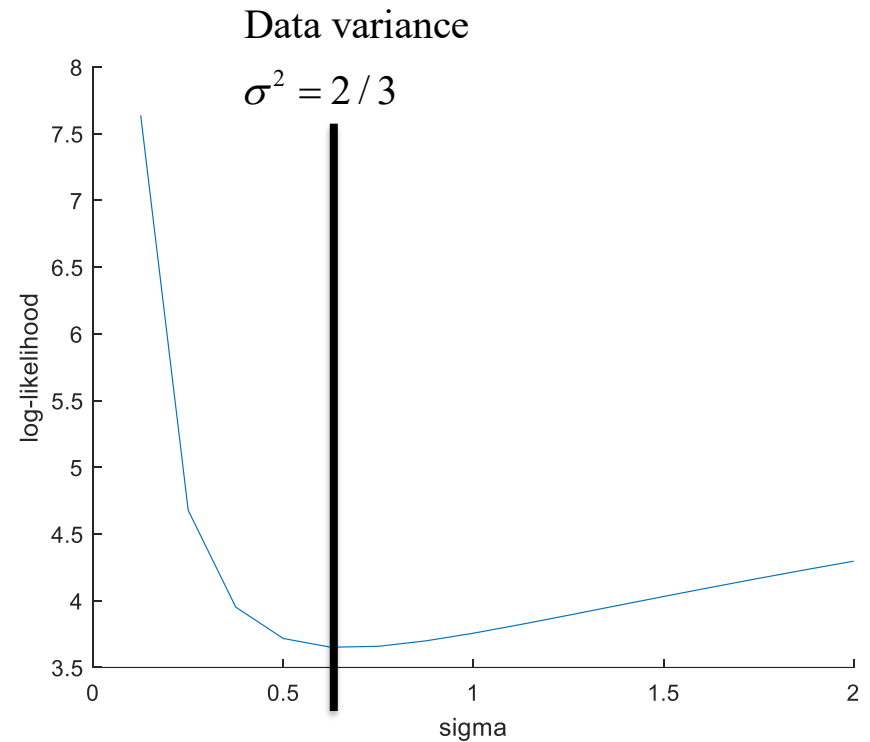
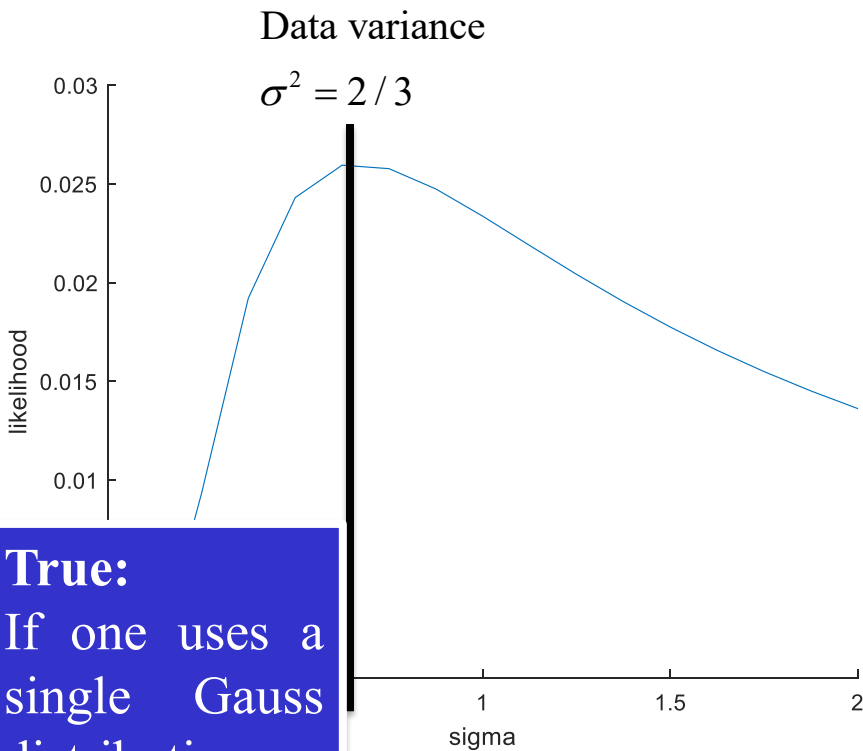
$$p(x^i; \mu, \sigma); \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 2;$$

$$L = 0.013; -\log L = 4.29$$



Maximum Likelihood

The maximum of the likelihood, minimum of $-\log$ -likelihood, is obtained for a distribution with same variance as that of the data.



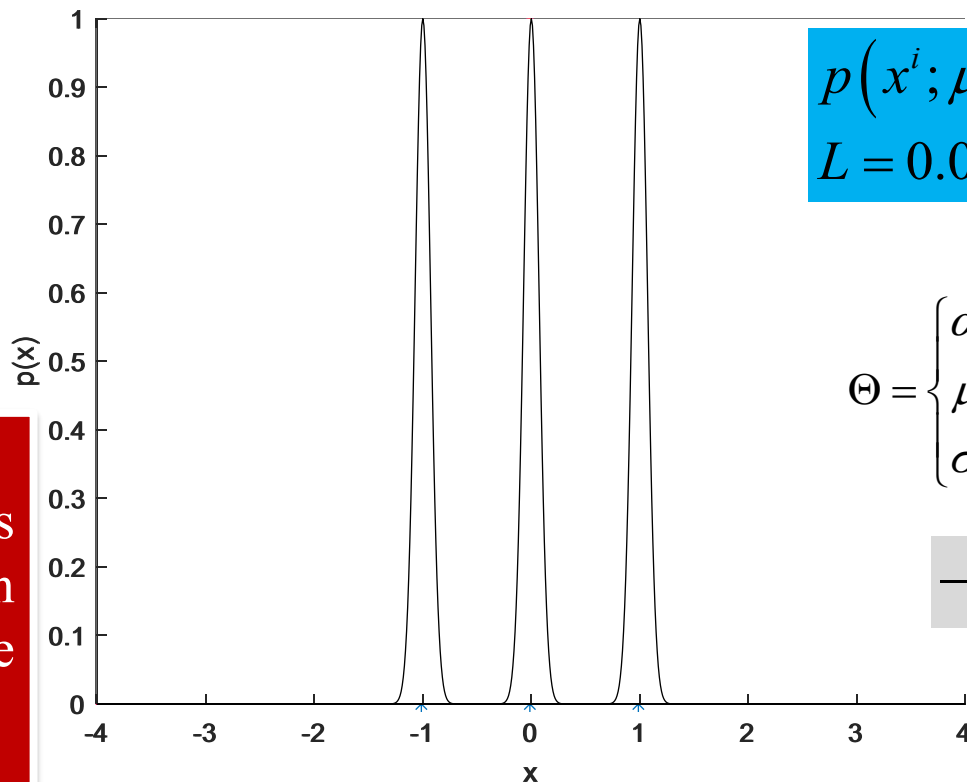
True:
If one uses a single Gauss distribution as model fit.

Real values for the normalized distributions

Maximum Likelihood

Likelihood for a single Gauss function, given a set of M datapoints $\{x^i\}_{i=1}^M$

$$L(\Theta | X) = \prod_{i=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^3 \alpha_k p(x^i; \mu_k, \sigma_k)$$



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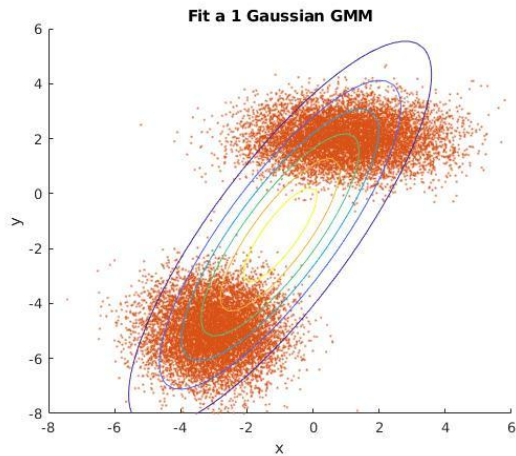
$$\Theta = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 = 1/3, \alpha_2 = 1/3, \alpha_3 = 1/3, \\ \mu_1 = -1, \mu_2 = 0, \mu_3 = 1, \\ \sigma_1 = 0.01, \sigma_2 = 0.01, \sigma_3 = 0.01 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$-\log L(\Theta | X) = 3.29$$

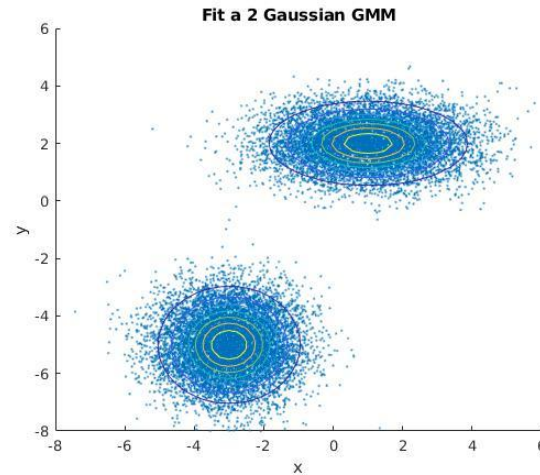
False:

A better fit is obtained when using more complex distributions.

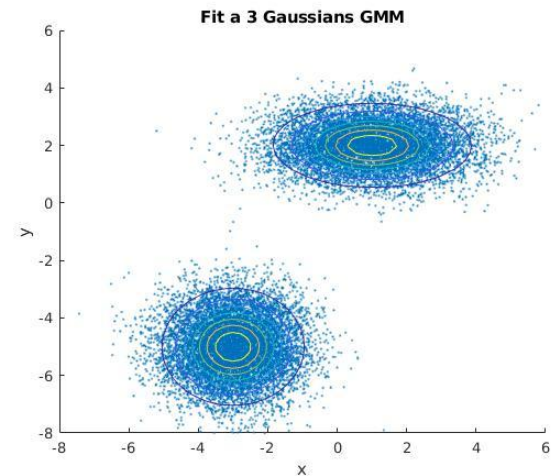
Maximum likelihood with Mixture of Gaussians



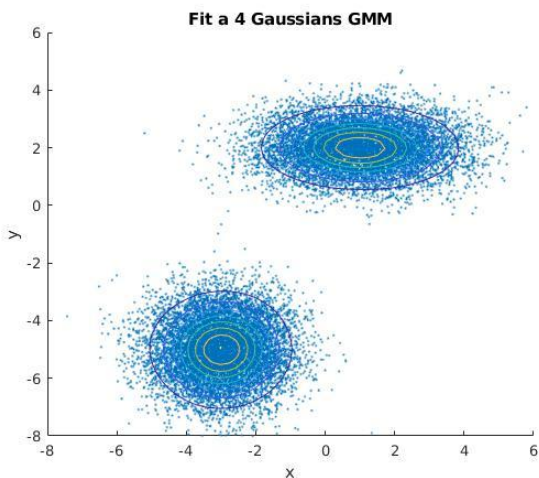
Log-Likelihood = -87825



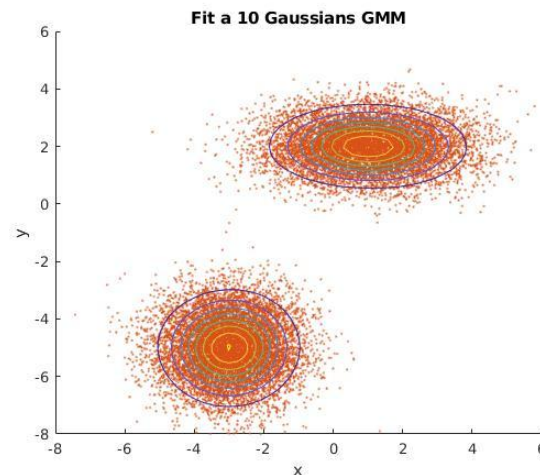
Log-Likelihood = -70610



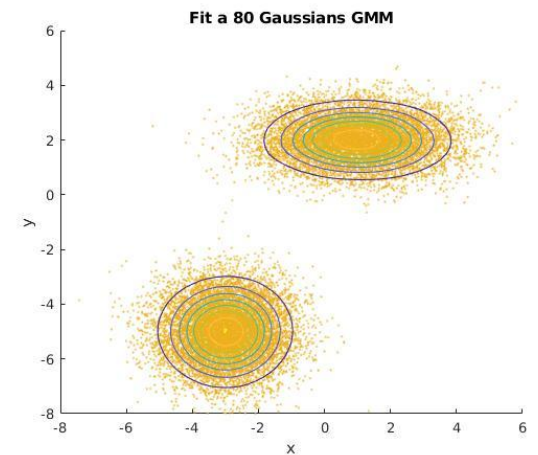
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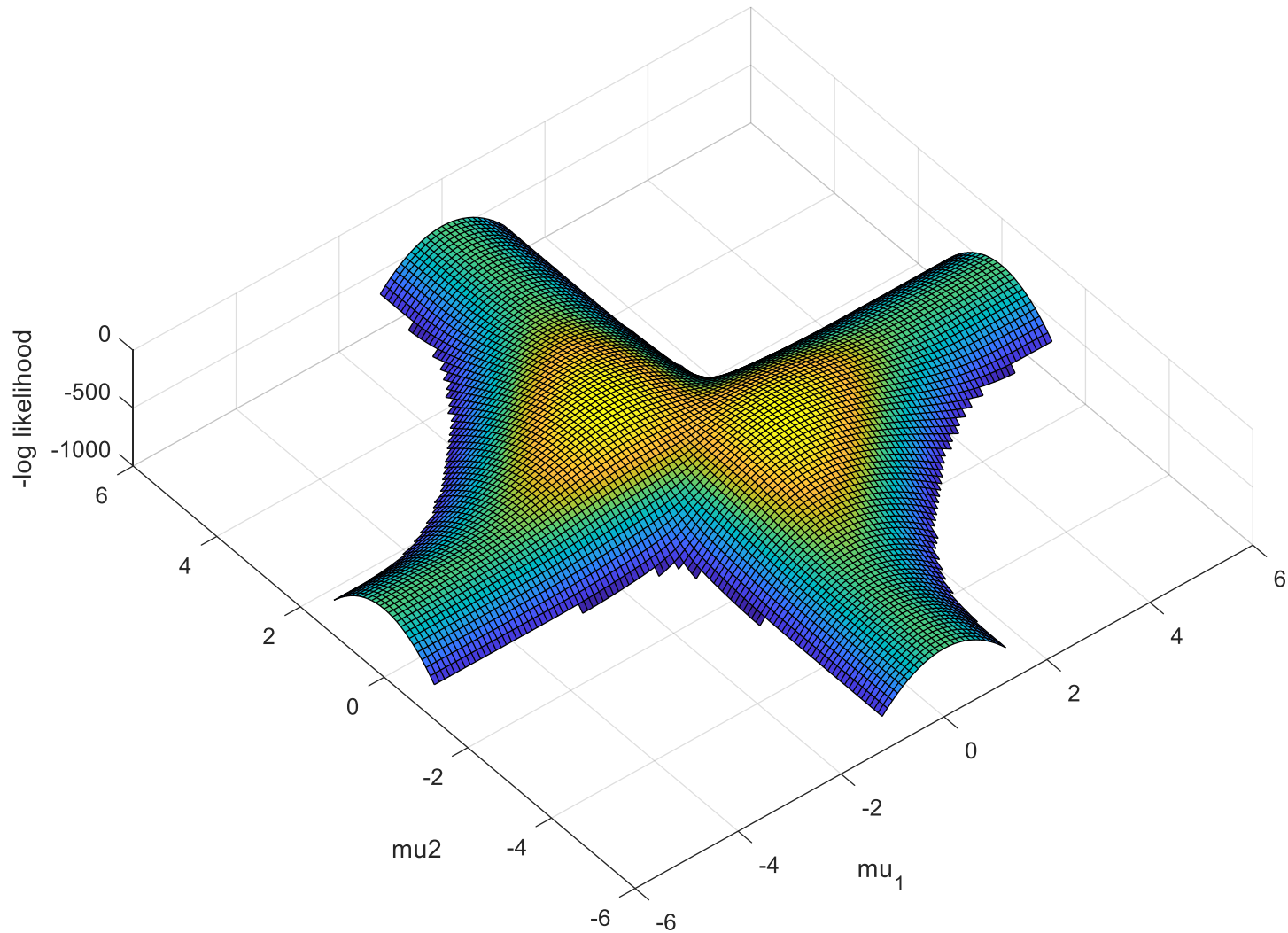


Log-Likelihood = -70601



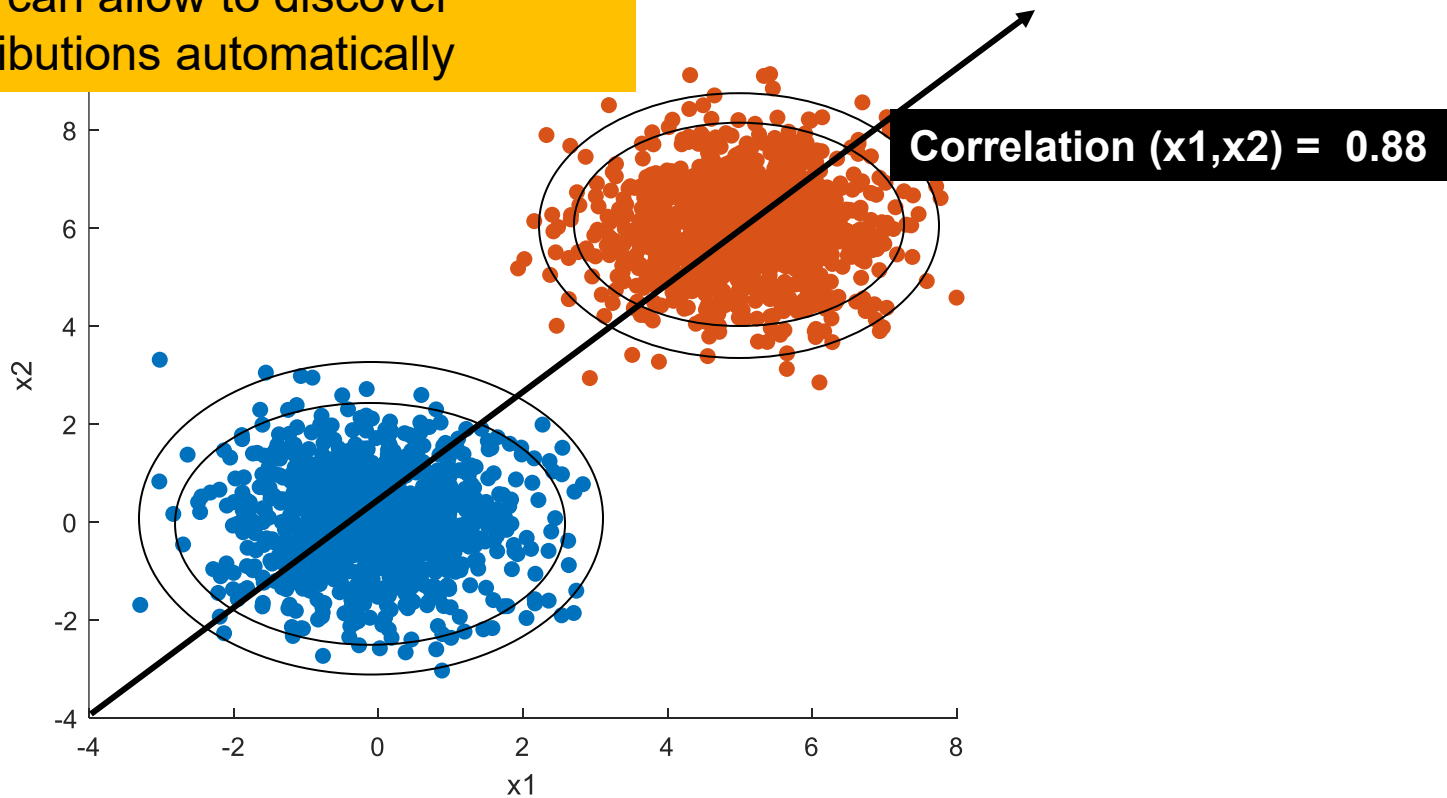
Log-Likelihood = -70581

Non-convexity of the likelihood



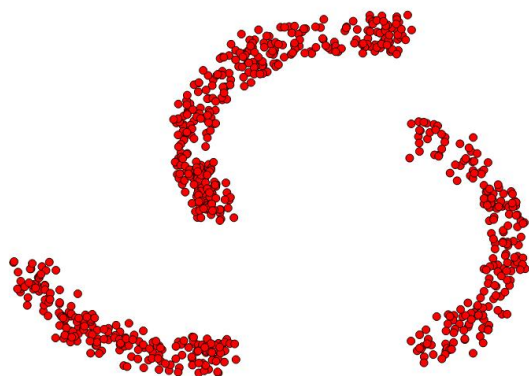
Correlations

Clustering can allow to discover these distributions automatically

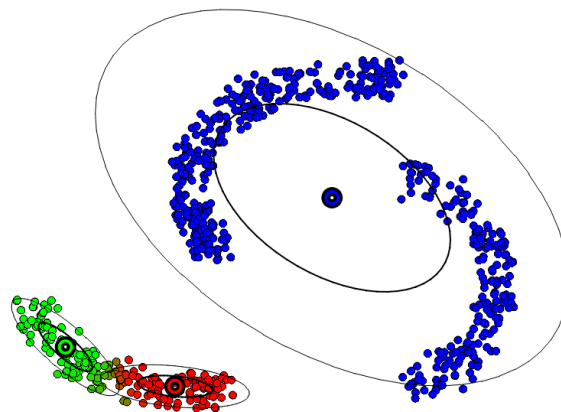


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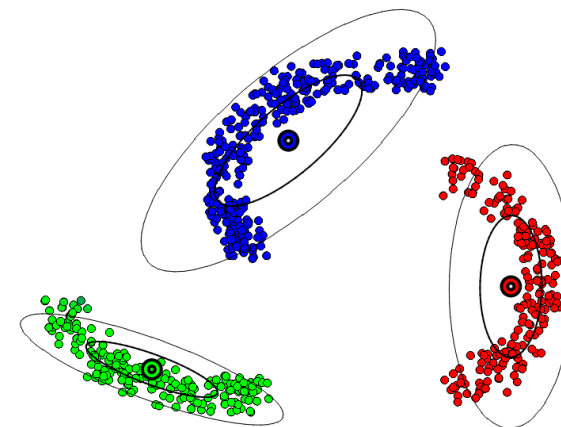
Clustering with Gaussian Mixture Models



Original data

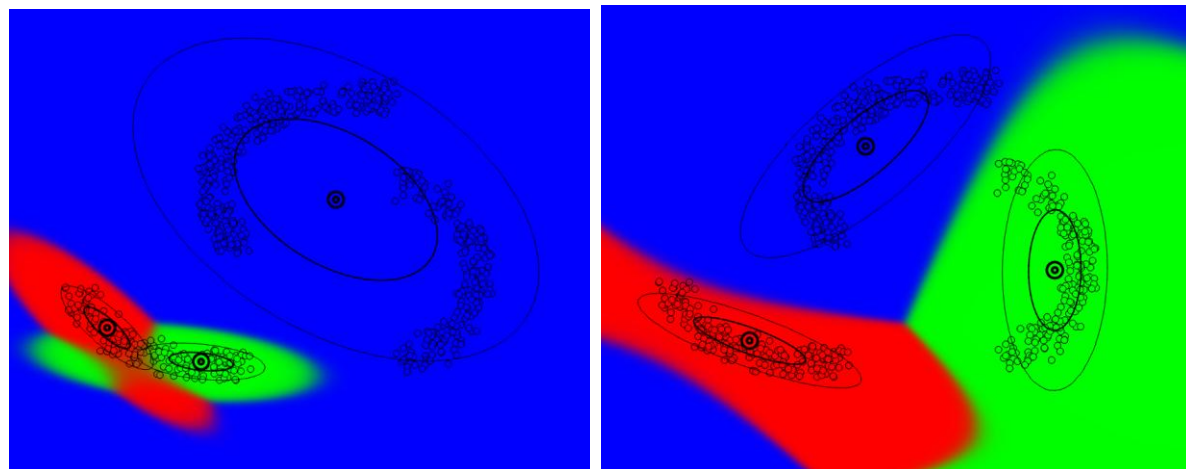


Solution 1



Solution 2

Compute boundary across clusters by comparing likelihood of each cluster, i.e. of each Gauss function.

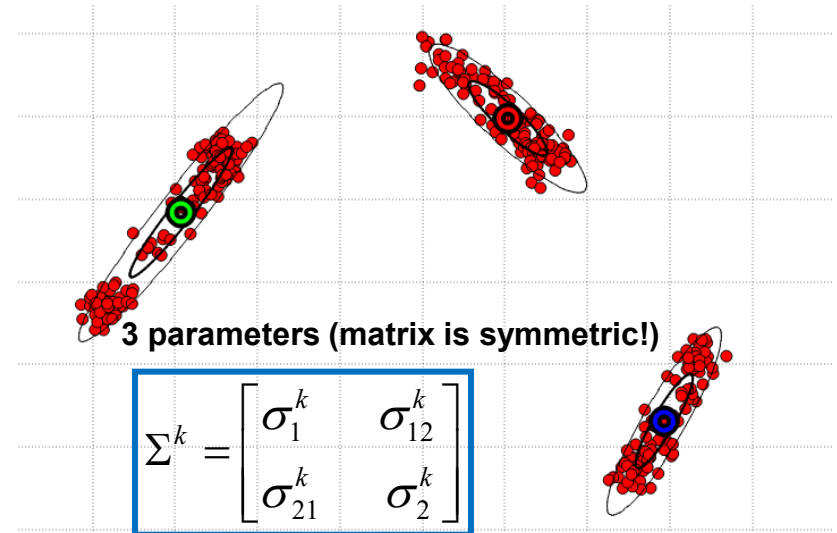
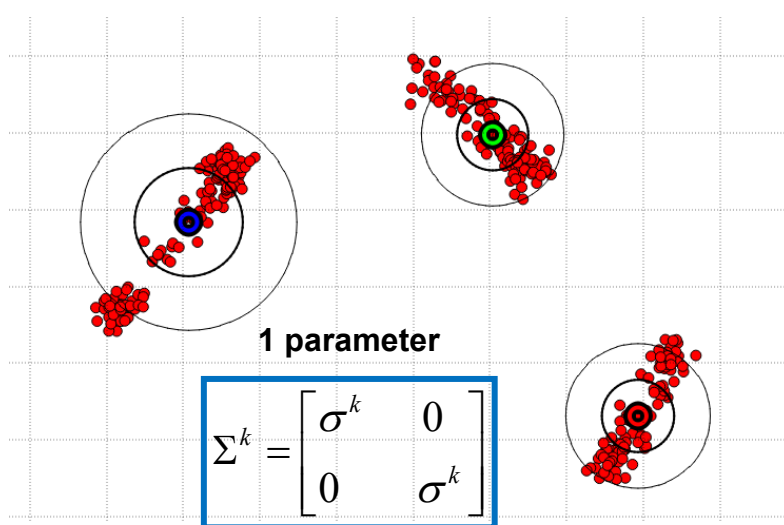


Boundaries

Tradeoff between computation costs and better fit

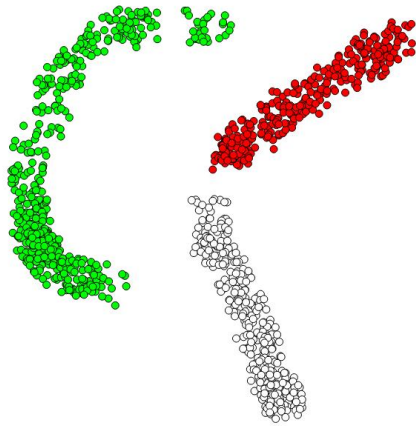
- ❑ A GMM can fit very closely the local distribution of datapoints.
- ❑ But this comes at the cost of an increase in the number of parameters

Full covariance matrices require $N(N+1)/2$ parameters against N for diagonal matrices and 1 for spherical matrices.*

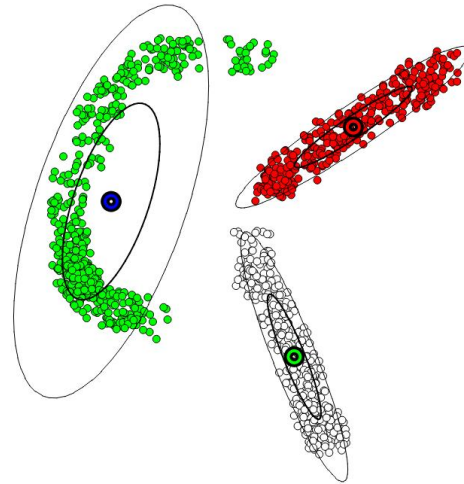


How to determine the best mixtures of Gaussians?

Which Model?



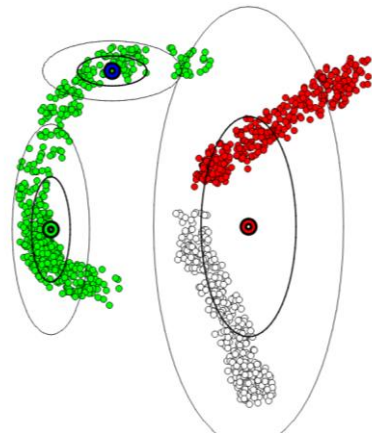
Original data



Solution with full matrices

Full matrices:

$$\Sigma^k = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^k & \sigma_{12}^k \\ \sigma_{21}^k & \sigma_2^k \end{bmatrix}$$



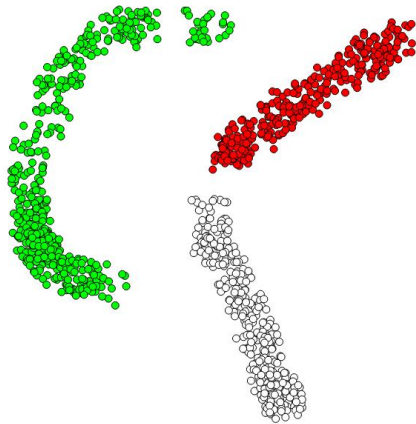
Diagonal matrices:

$$\Sigma^k = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^k & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^k \end{bmatrix}$$

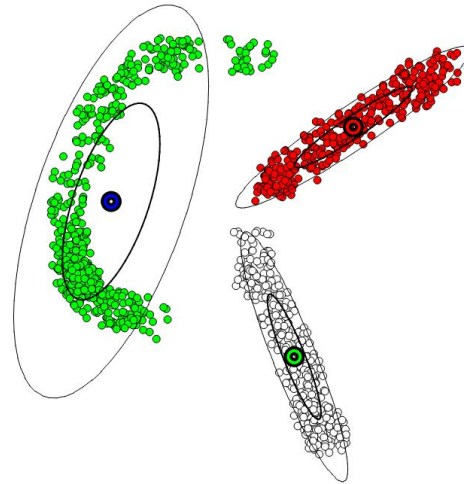
Solution with diagonal matrices

Metrics to choose model

1180 sample points



Original data

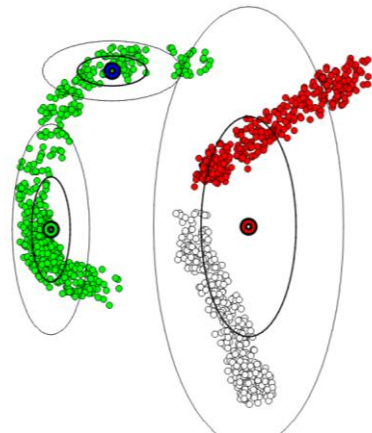


Solution with full matrices

Parameters: $3 \times (2+3) = 15$

Likelihood: 2719,
AIC: - 5419
BIC: -5373

Even if it requires more parameters, the gain on likelihood is important
→ Optimal solution



Solution with diagonal matrices

Parameters: $3 \times (2+2) = 12$

Likelihood: 1999,
AIC: - 2912
BIC: -2972

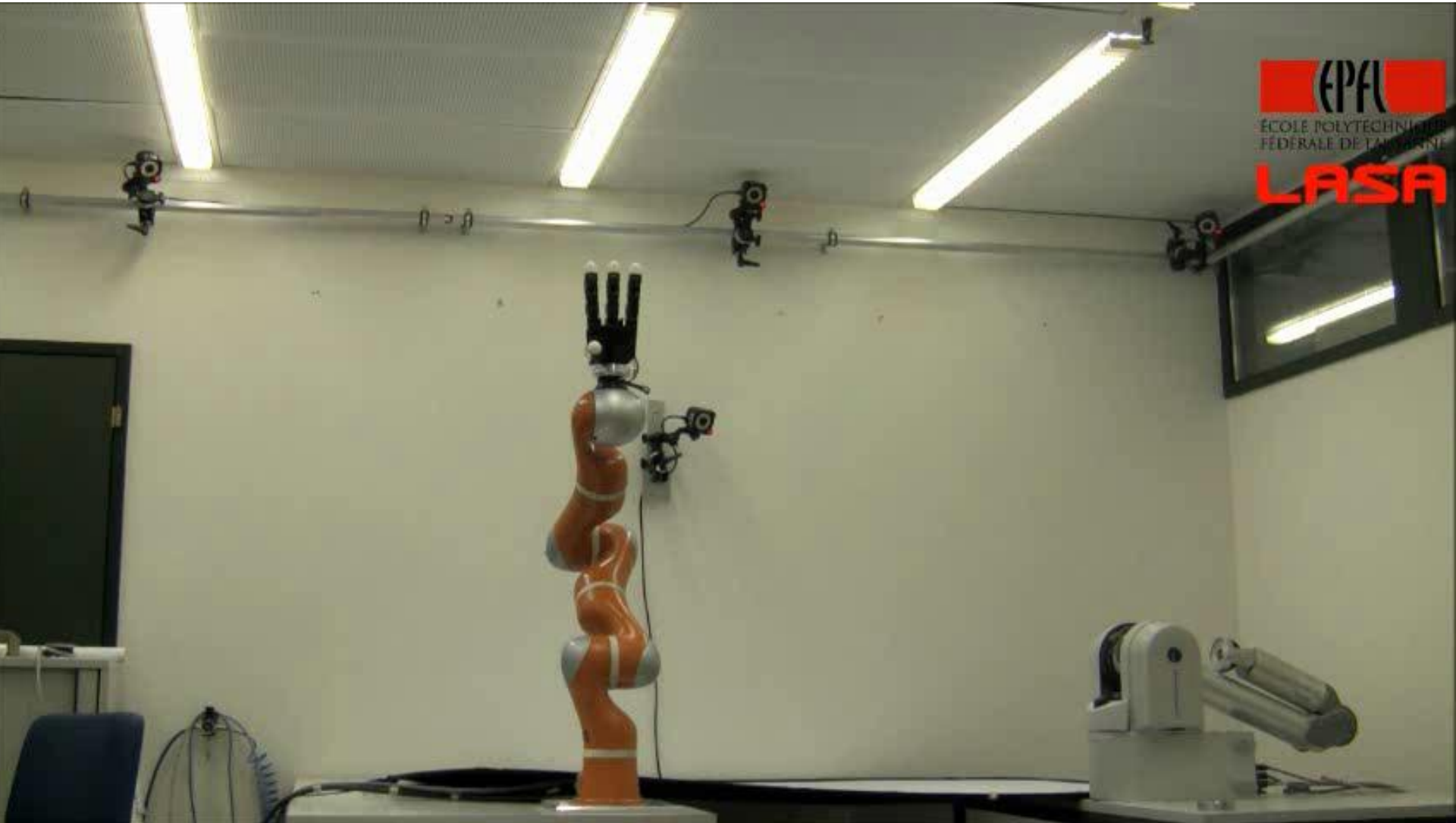
Which of the two solutions would get the best values on AIC or BIC?

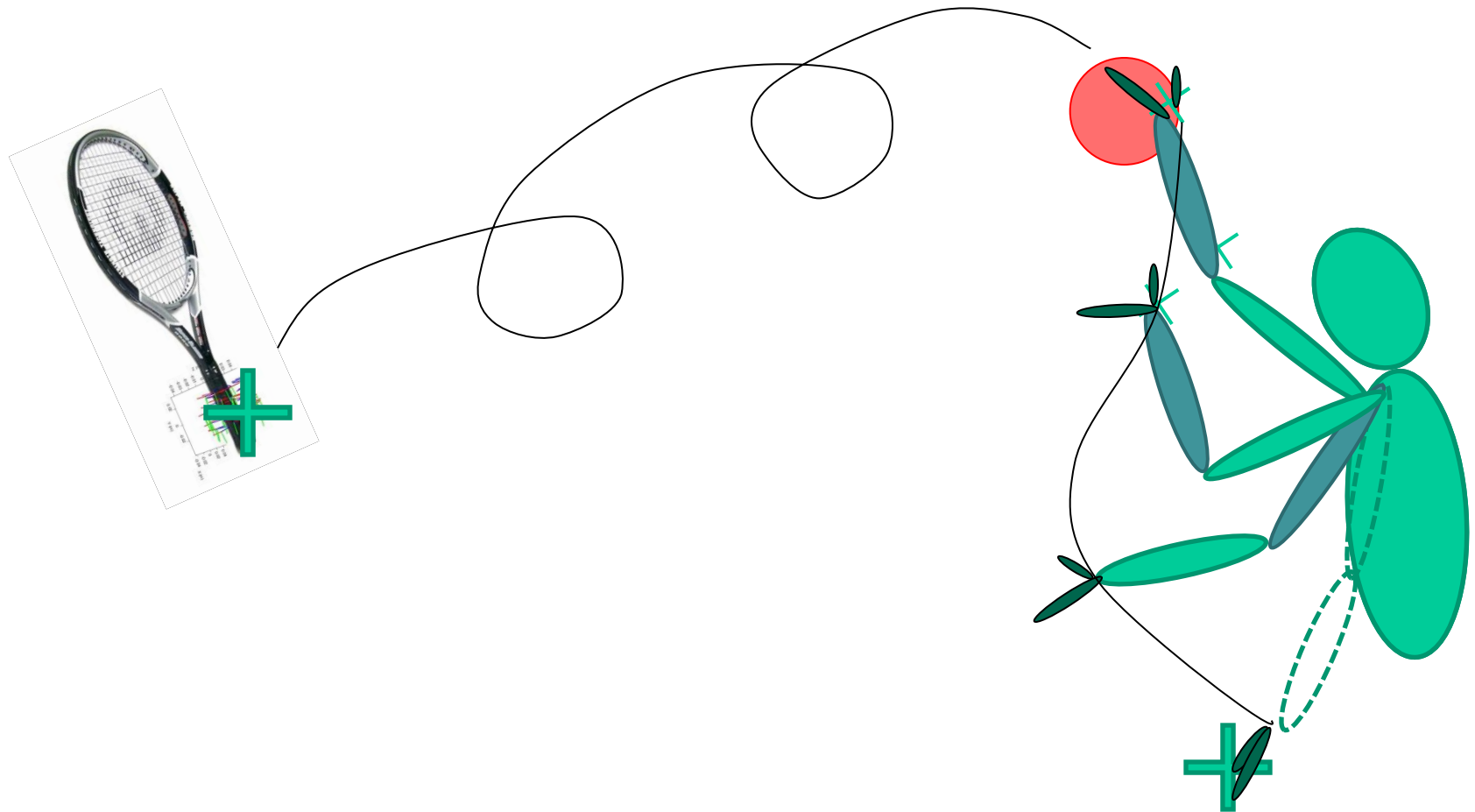
$$AIC = -2 \ln(L) + 2B$$

$$BIC = -2 \ln(L) + \ln(M)B$$

B=# Parameters

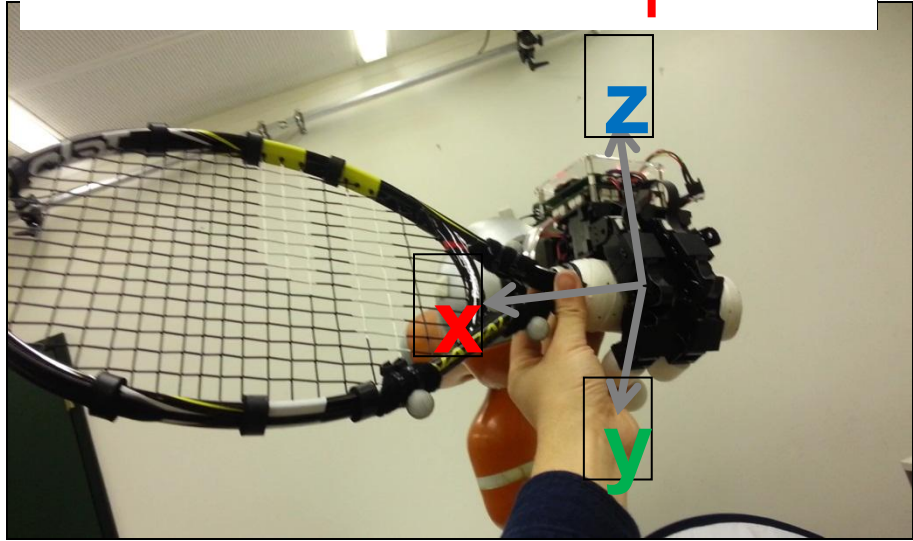
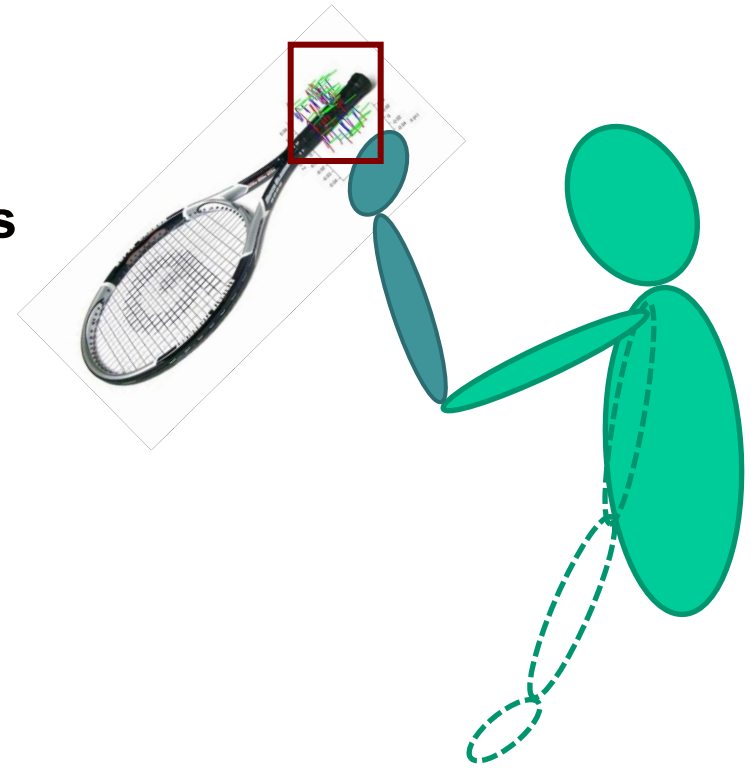
Examples of application of GMM



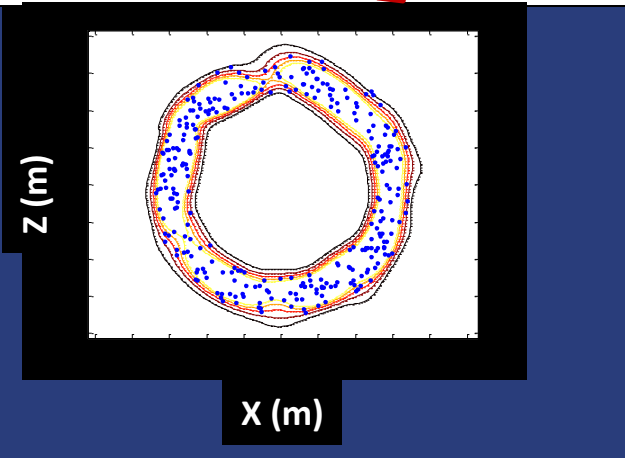
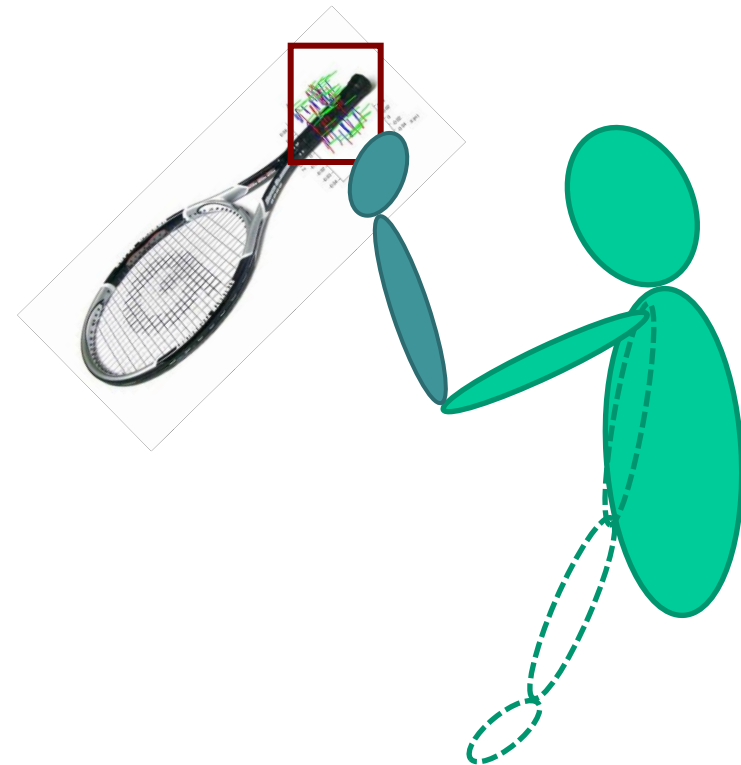


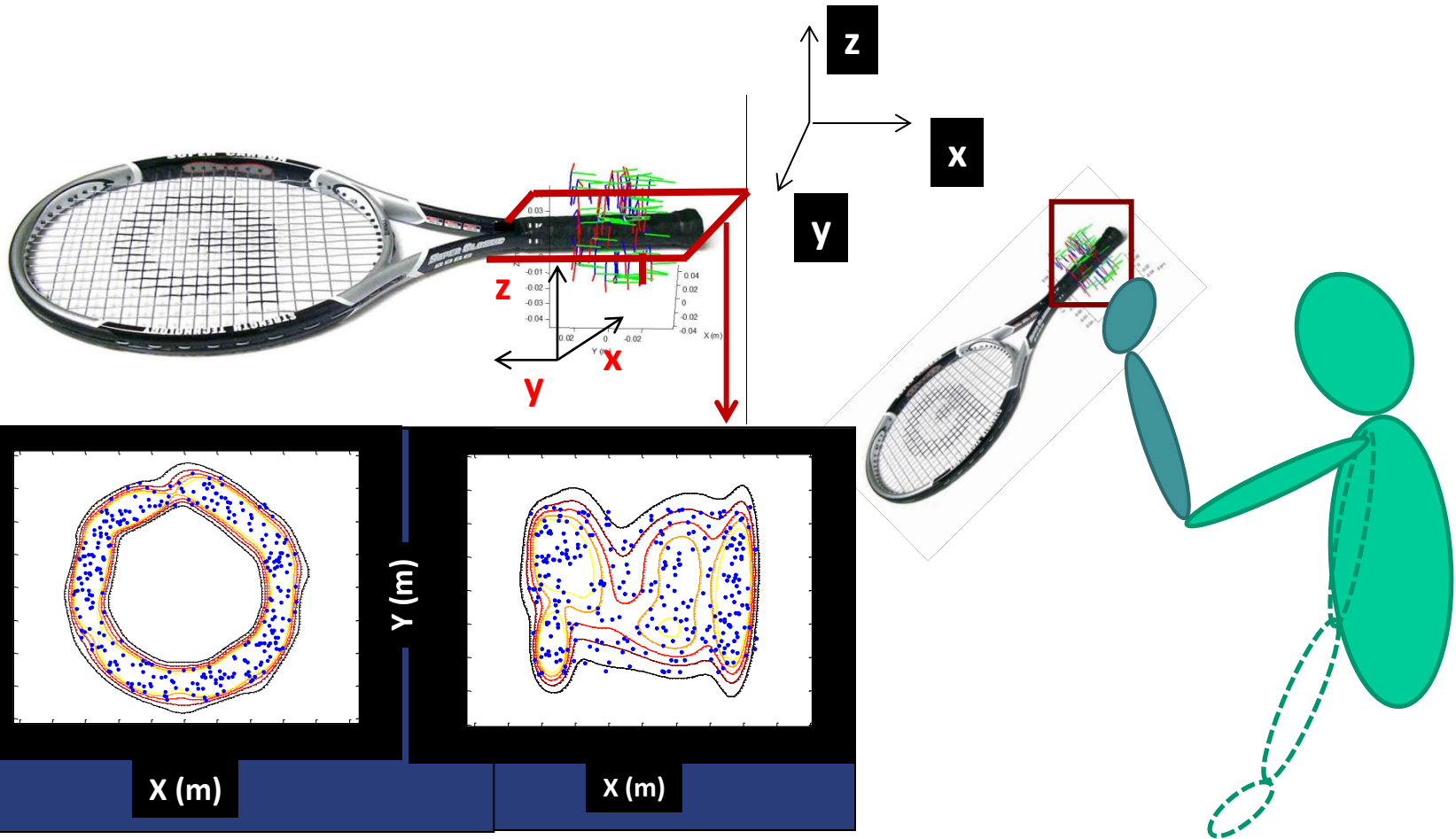


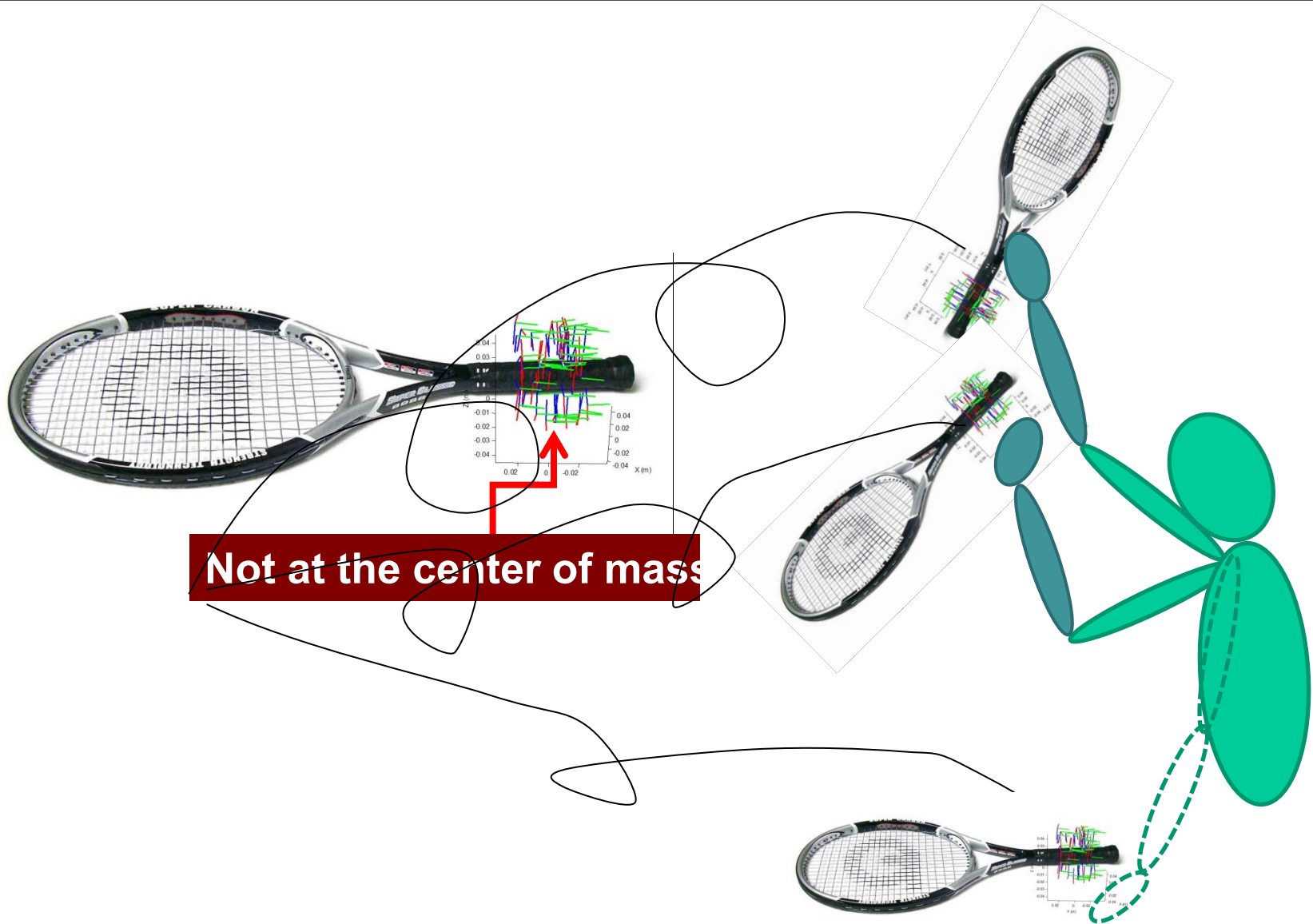
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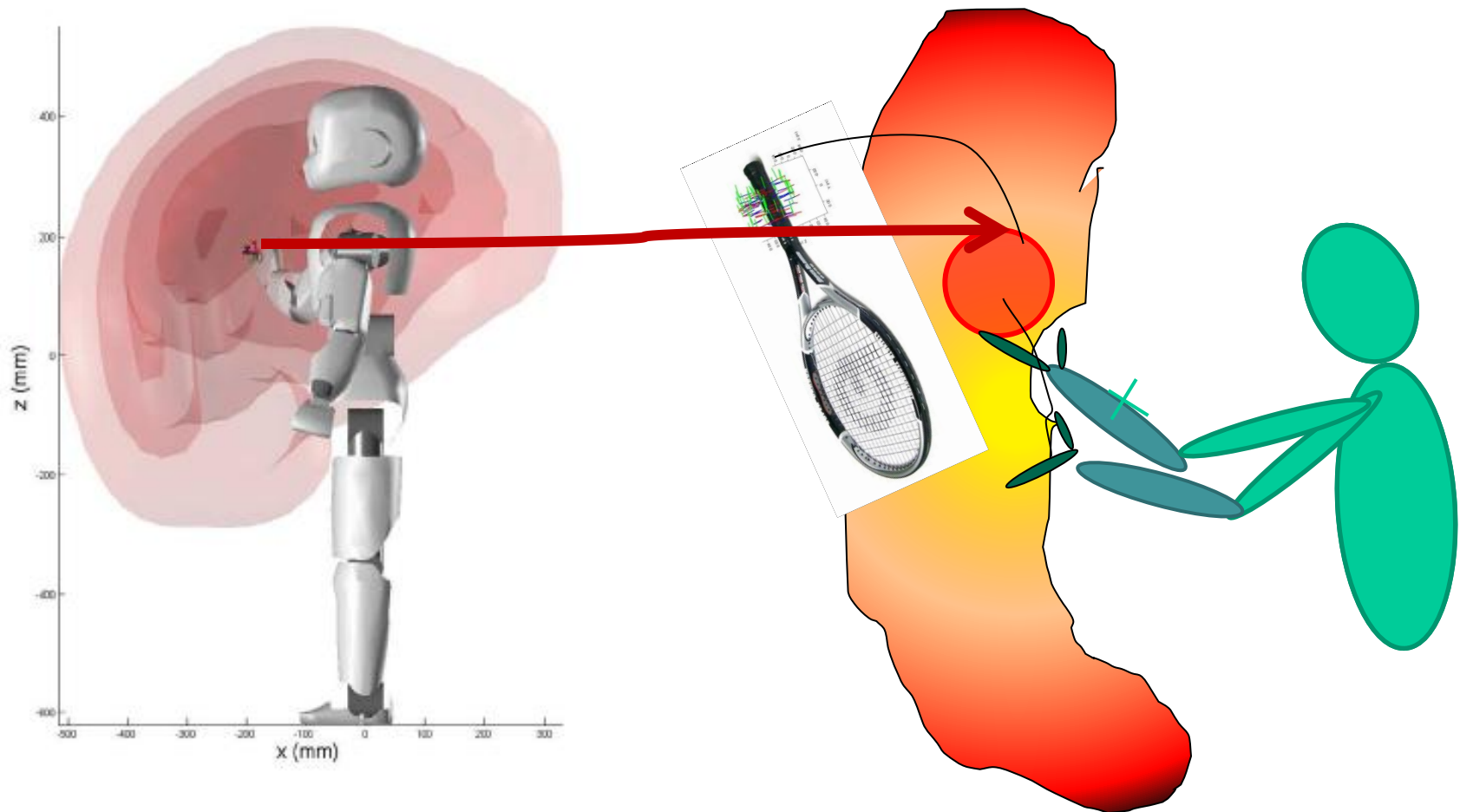
**Learn catchable region on the object:
Train a GMM to model the distribution of grasps on the object from
human demonstrations**



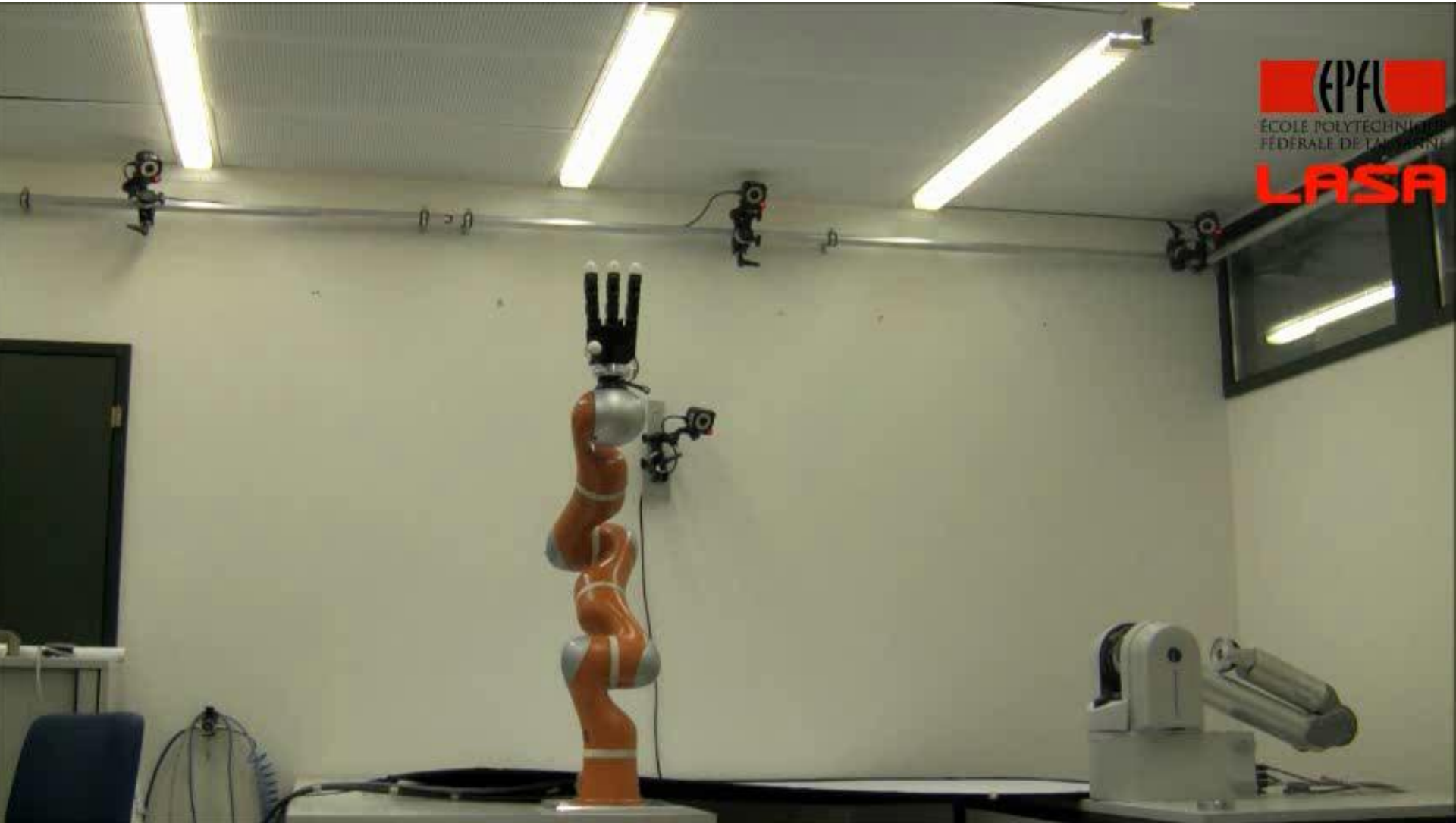




**Learn most likely region to catch object:
Train a GMM to model workspace of the 7 degrees of freedom robot arm**



Examples of application of GMM

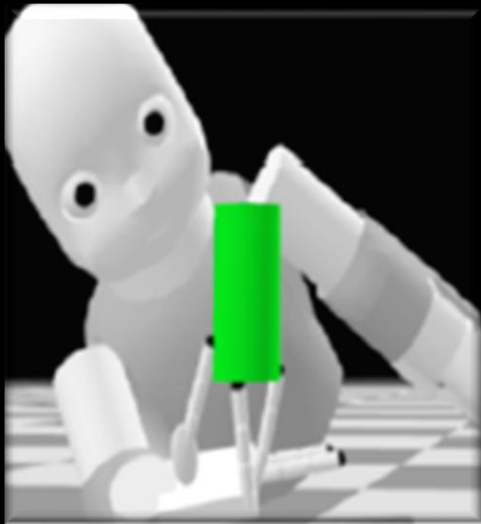


Examples of application of GMM



Reproduce variety of human grasps

Generate a variety of grasps for robots



Find 3 contact points that minimize torques at fingers' contact position (θ):

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \sum_i \tau_i(\theta);$$

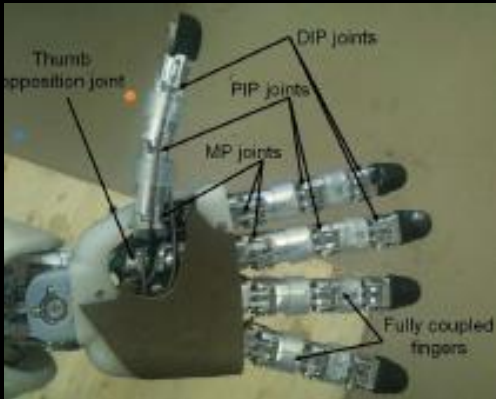
and ensure:

- 1) Stability (force closure)
- 2) Kinematic feasibility
- 3) Collision avoidance

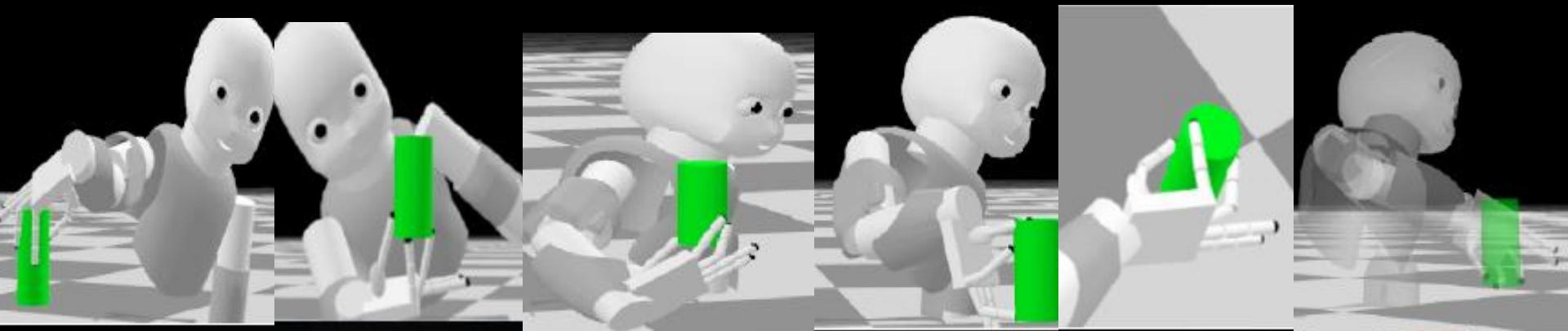
→ Nonlinear constraint-based optimization

Exploit the non-convex optimization formulation!
→ Search for numerous feasible solutions

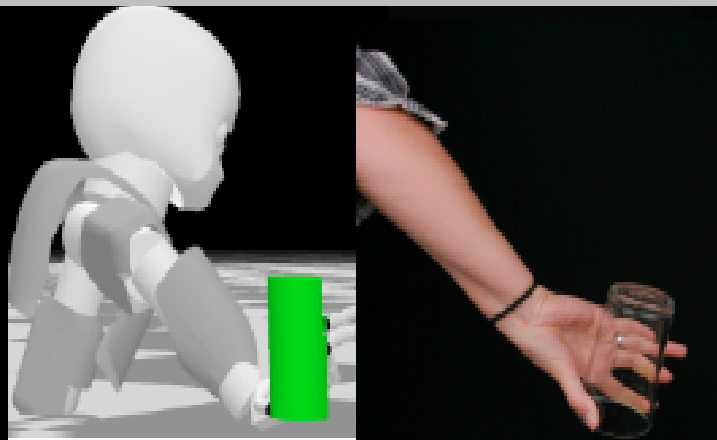
Found ~1500 solutions; clustered into 14 classes



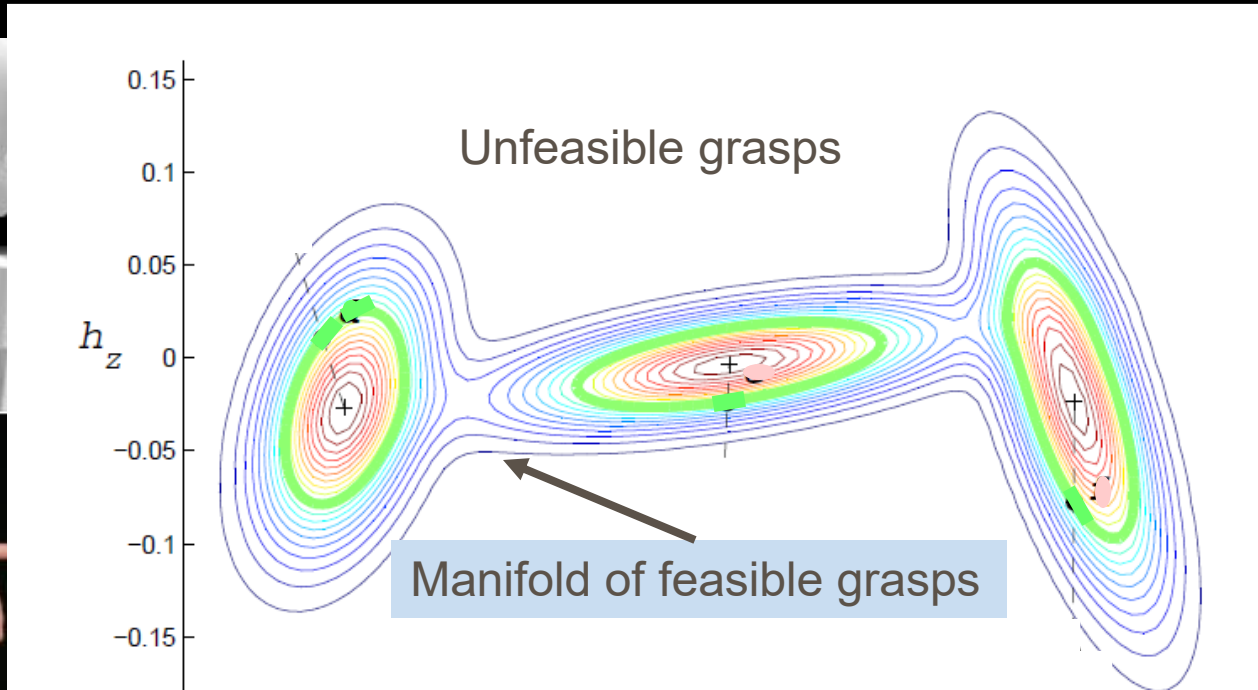
Generate a variety of grasps for robots



To run the optimization is slow and too demanding at run time

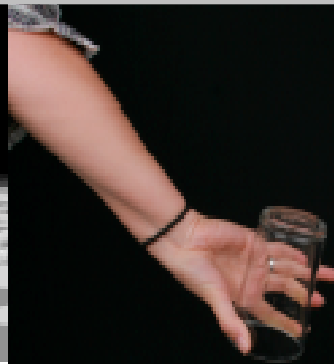
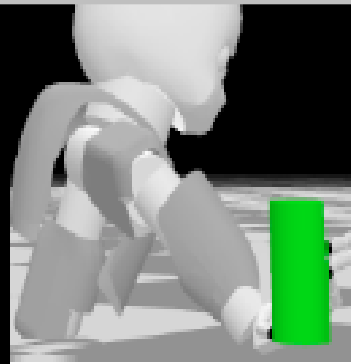
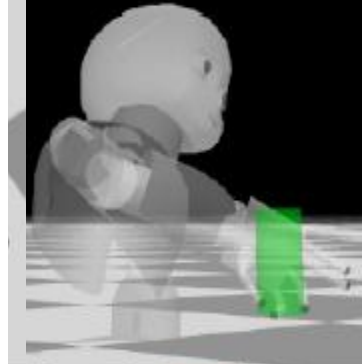


Generate a variety of grasps for robots

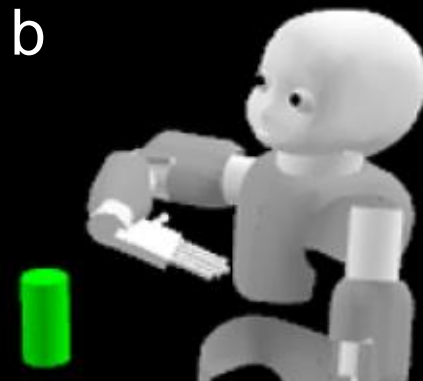
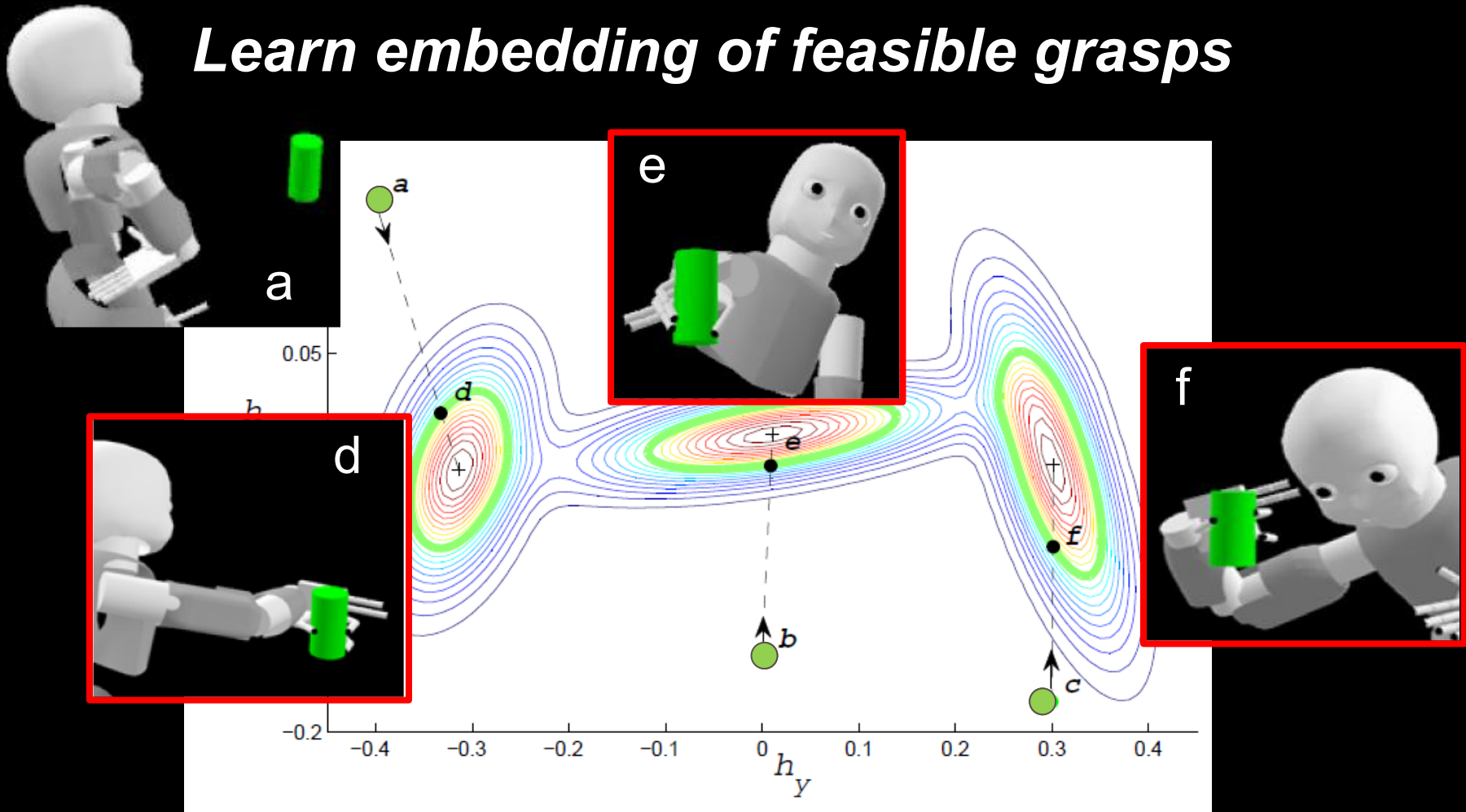


Learn distribution of feasible postures on cylinder $P(\theta)$

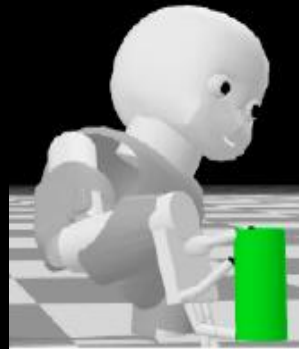
$\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{14}$: Hand position and orientation + 8 finger joints



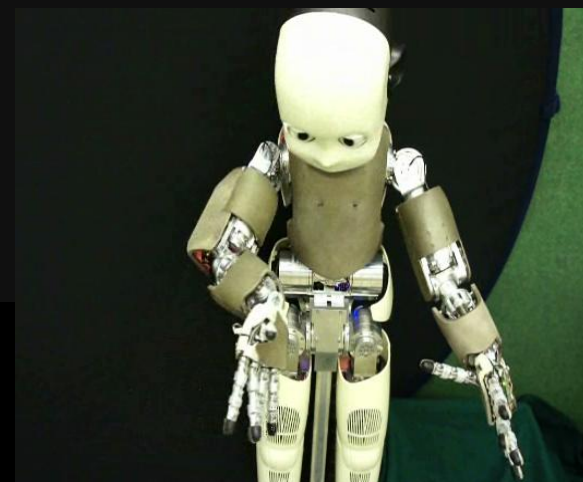
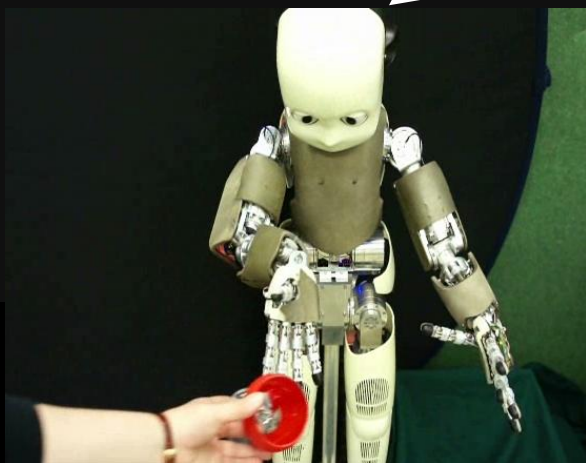
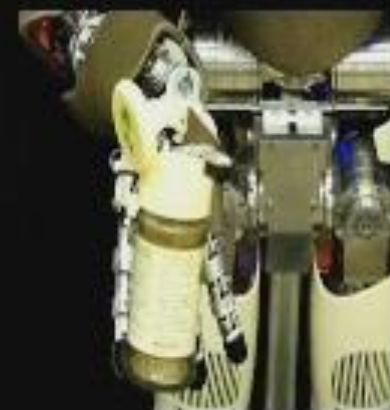
Learn embedding of feasible grasps

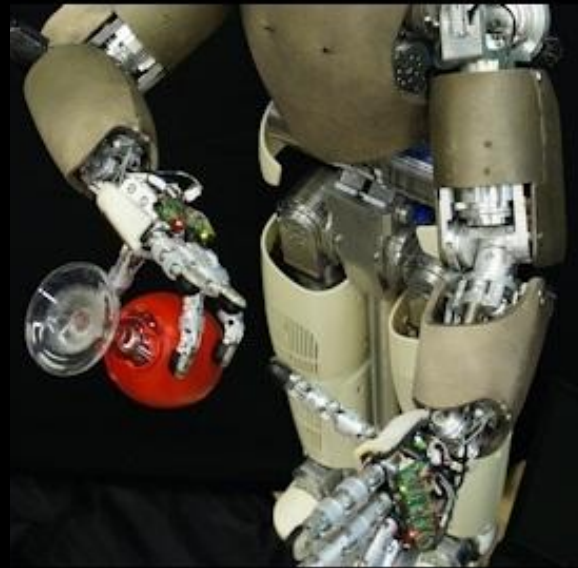


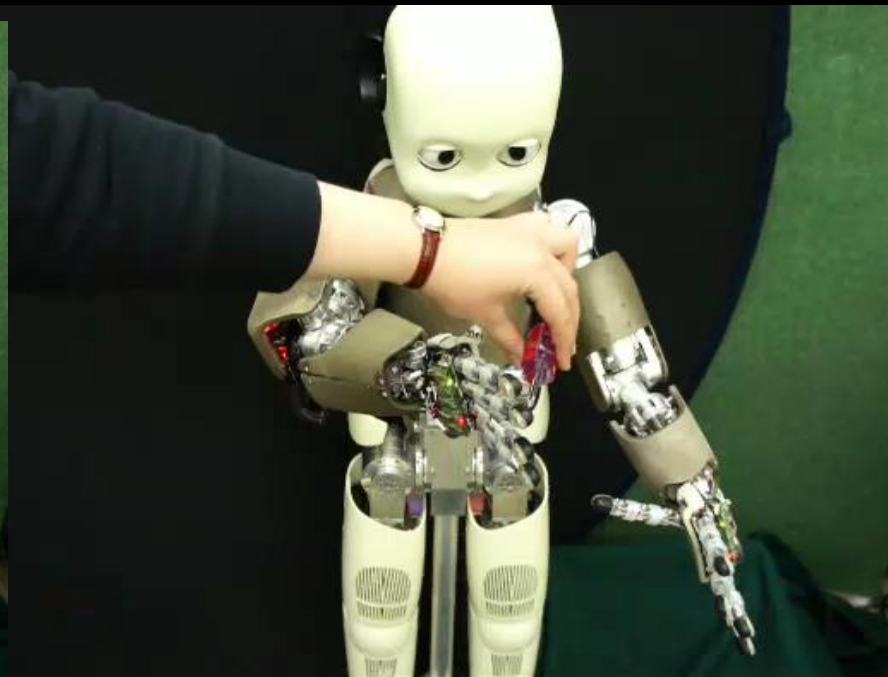
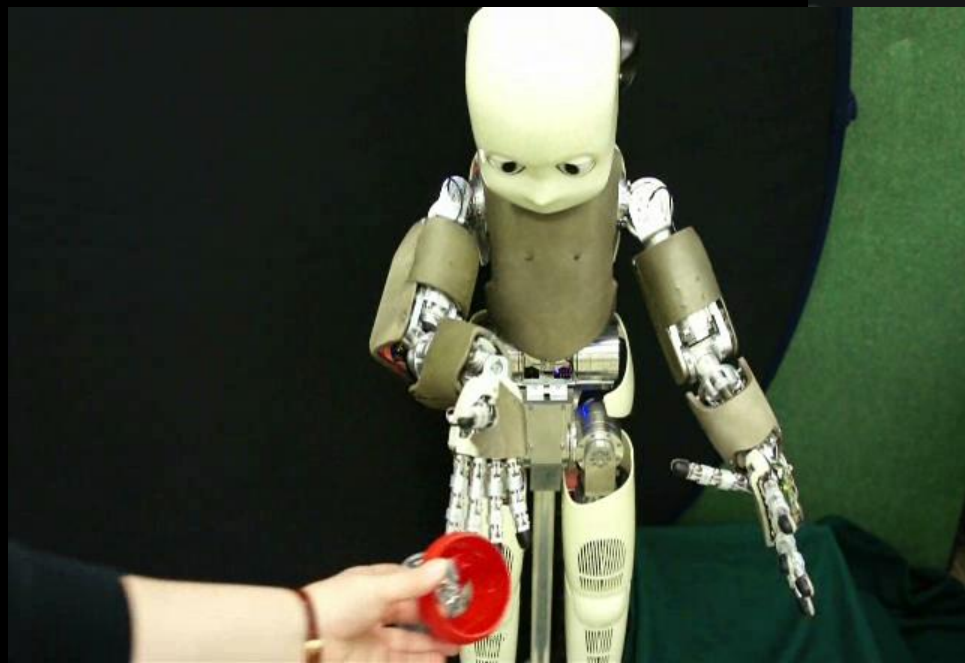
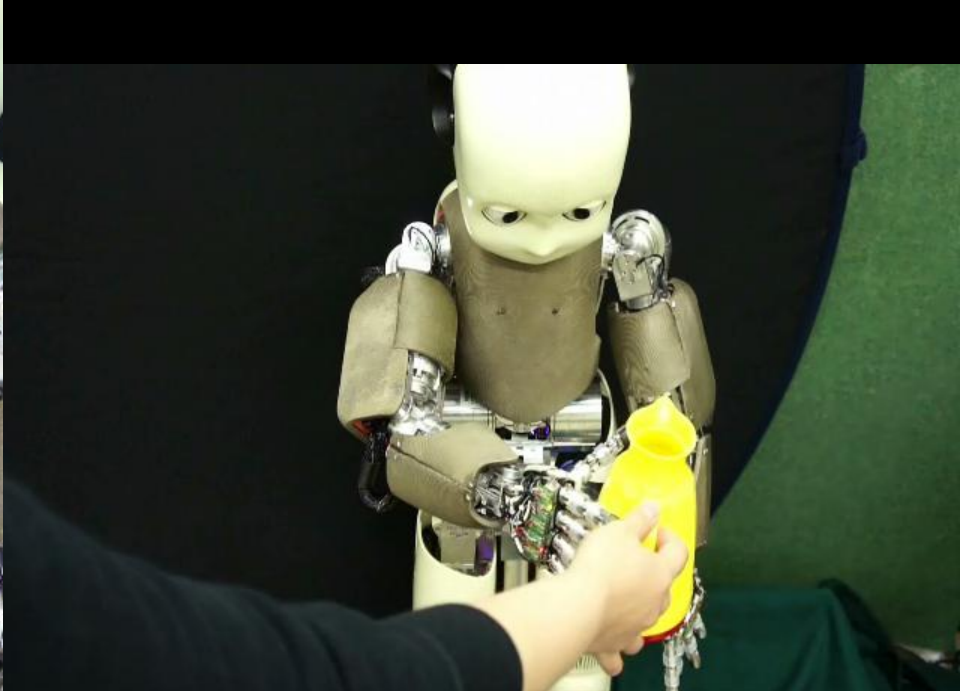
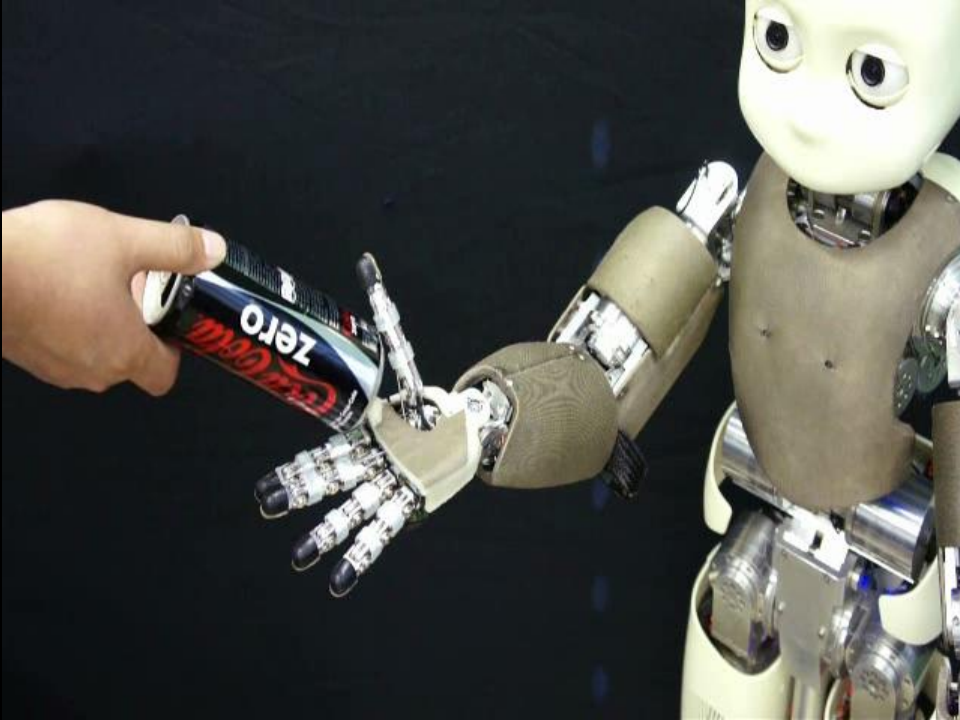
Generalization to variety of objects



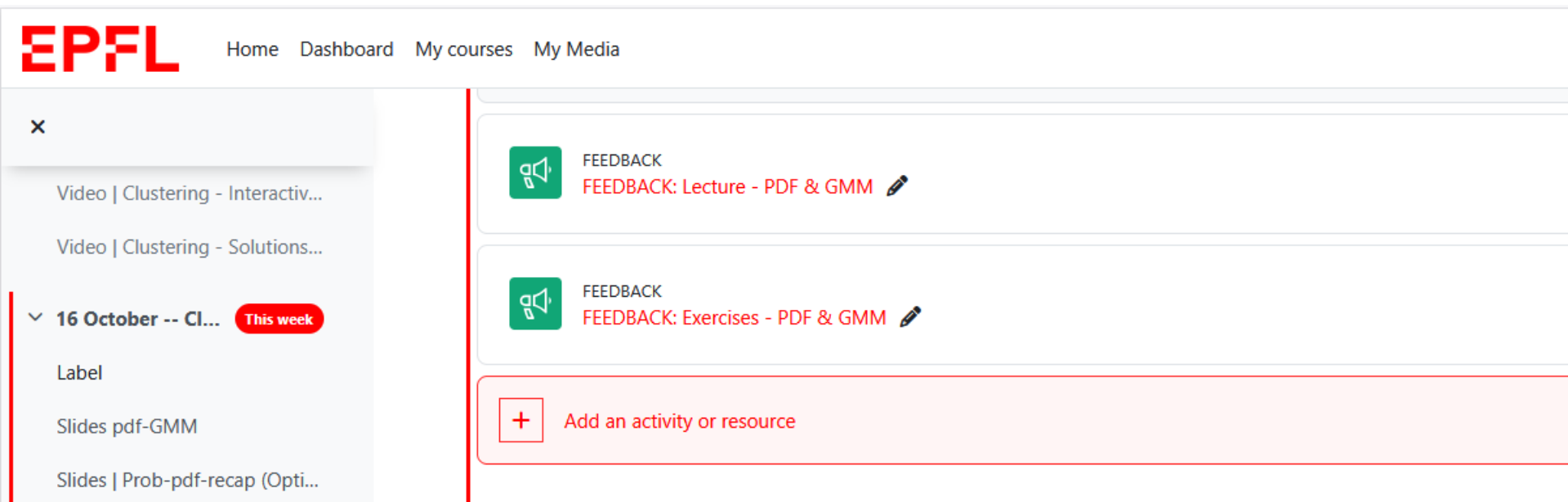
Generalization to variety of objects







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