

# ***MACHINE LEARNING***

## **Linear and Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis**



# Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)

## GOAL:

Determine **features** in **two (or more) separate descriptions of the dataset** such that **jointly** these features represent well the dataset.

Applicable to datasets that are **multimodal**:

- audio & images/video
- biometric data (size, fingerprint, hair color, etc.)
- text and speech

CCA is useful when the modalities have very different characteristics:

- different dimensions
- different features



# CCA Principle

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$$

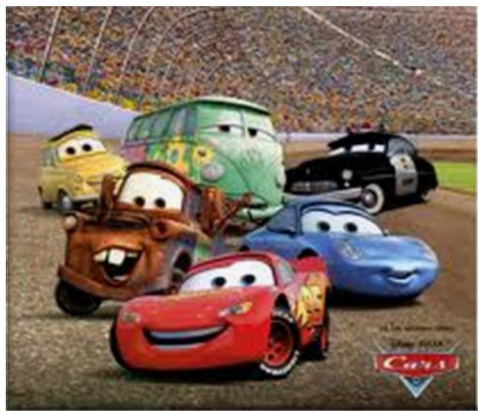
$$y \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$$



Search projections in X and Y.

$$\{x^1, y^1\}$$

$$w_x \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$$



$$\{x^2, y^2\}$$

$$w_y \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$$

$$\max_{w^x, w^y} \text{corr}(w_x^T x, w_y^T y)$$

Video description

Audio description

Extract hidden structure in each modality.



# CCA Derivation

Dataset is composed of **M** pairs of multidimensional variables

$$X = \left\{ x^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x} \right\}_{i=1}^M, Y = \left\{ y^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y} \right\}_{i=1}^M$$

Search two projections  $w_x$  and  $w_y$

$$\max_{w_x, w_y} \text{corr}(w_x^T X, w_y^T Y)$$

Crosscovariance matrix

$C_{xy}$  is  $N_x \times N_y$

Measure crosscorrelation between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$$= \max_{w_x, w_y} \frac{w_x^T E\{XY^T\} w_y}{\|w_x^T X\| \|w_y^T Y\|} = \max_{w_x, w_y} \frac{w_x^T C_{xy} w_y}{\sqrt{w_x^T C_{xx} w_x w_y^T C_{yy} w_y}}$$

With  $X$  and  $Y$  zero mean, i.e.  $E\{X\} = E\{Y\} = 0$

Covariance matrices

$$C_{xx} = E\{XX^T\}: N_x \times N_x$$

$$C_{yy} = E\{YY^T\}: N_y \times N_y$$



# CCA Derivation

Correlation not affected by rescaling the norm of the vectors,

$\Rightarrow$  we can ask that  $w_x^T C_{xx} w_x = w_y^T C_{yy} w_y = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \rho &= \max_{w_x, w_y} w_x^T C_{xy} w_y \\ \text{u. c. } w_x^T C_{xx} w_x &= w_y^T C_{yy} w_y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

To determine the optimum (maximum) of  $\rho$ , solve by Lagrange:

$$L(w_x, w_y, \lambda_x, \lambda_y) = w_x^T C_{xy} w_y - \lambda_x (w_x^T C_{xx} w_x - 1) - \lambda_y (w_y^T C_{yy} w_y - 1)$$

Taking the partial derivatives over  $w_x, w_y$

$$C_{xy} w_y = 2\lambda_x C_{xx} w_x$$

$$C_{yx} w_x = 2\lambda_y C_{yy} w_y$$

Multiply each equation by  $w_x$  and  $w_y$  respectively  
and subtracting  $\Rightarrow \lambda_x = \lambda_y := \lambda / 2$



# CCA Solution

Replacing  $\lambda_x$  and  $\lambda_y$  by  $\lambda / 2$ , the partial derivatives become:

$$C_{xy} w_y = \lambda C_{xx} w_x$$

$$C_{yx} w_x = \lambda C_{yy} w_y$$

⇒ Which can be rewritten as

$$C_{xy} C_{yy}^{-1} C_{yx} w_x = \lambda^2 C_{xx} w_x$$

Generalized Eigenvalue Problem;  
It can be reduced to a classical eigenvalue problem if  $C_{xx}$  is invertible

Solving for  $w_y$  gives:

$$C_{yx} C_{xx}^{-1} C_{xy} w_y = \lambda^2 C_{yy} w_y$$

If  $C_{yy}$  is invertible, it becomes an eigenvalue problem as for  $w_y$ .

These two eigenvalue problems yield a pair of  $q$  vectors  $\{w_x^i, w_y^i\}_{i=1..q}$ , where  $q = \min(N_x, N_y)$   
 $w_x^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}, w_y^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$

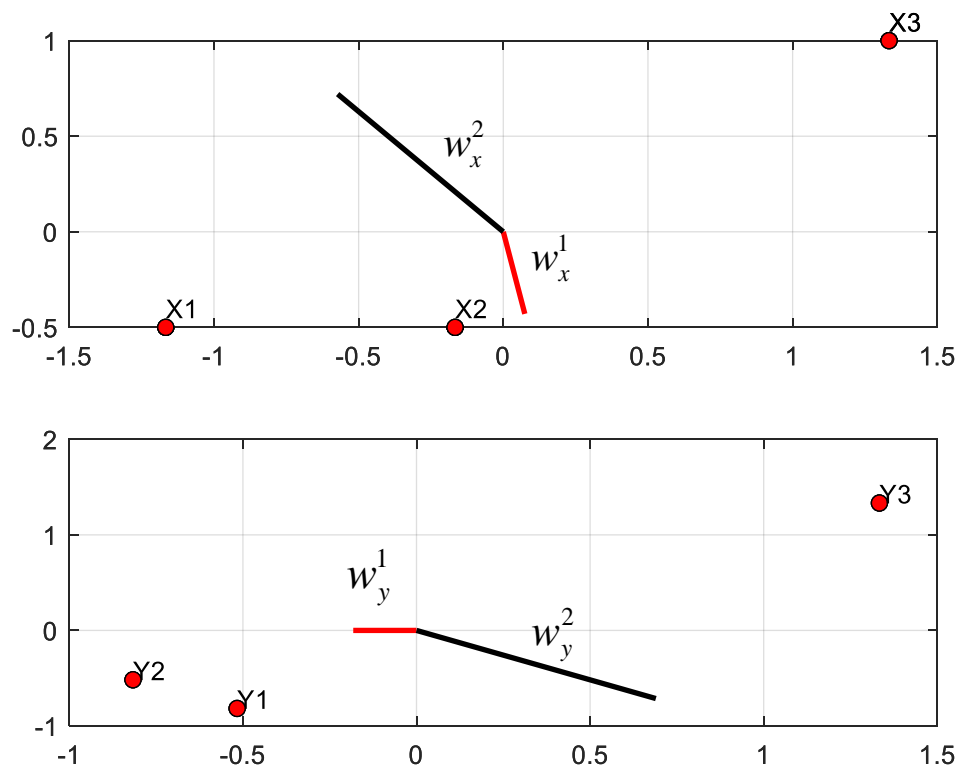


# CCA Solution

The projection vectors can be visualized in original space.

If  $x$  and  $y$  are 2-dimensional spaces, we have at most 2 pairs of projections.

$$\{w_x^1, w_y^1\} \text{ and } \{w_x^2, w_y^2\}$$



# Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis

- ❖ CCA assumes **linear projections in each space**.
- ❖ Kernel CCA extends CCA to discover correlations in non-linear features.
- ❖ As for kPCA, kCCA will exploit the fact that CCA depends on computing inner product across datapoints, and replace these by the kernel function to apply linear CCA in feature space.



# kCCA Principle

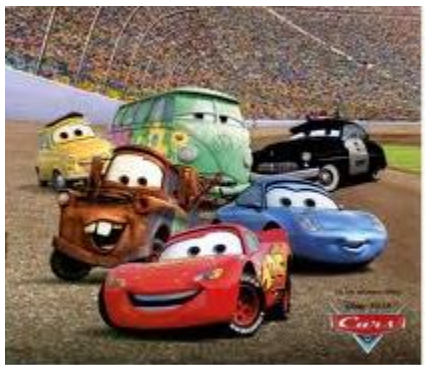
$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$$



$$\max_{w^x, w^y} \text{corr} \left( w_x^T \phi_x(x), w_y^T \phi_y(y) \right)$$

Diagram illustrating the correlation analysis in feature space. Two input pairs,  $\{x^1, y^1\}$  and  $\{x^2, y^2\}$ , are shown. Arrows indicate the transformation of these inputs into the feature space using transformations  $\phi_x$  (green) and  $\phi_y$  (red), which are then correlated.



Video description

Audio description

Assume two transformations

$$\phi_x \quad \phi_y$$

And then perform correlation analysis in feature space across the two feature spaces.



# kCCA derivation

$$X = \left\{ x^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x} \right\}_{i=1}^M, Y = \left\{ y^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y} \right\}_{i=1}^M$$

Send into two separate feature spaces for data in  $X$  and in  $Y$ .

$$F_x = \left\{ \phi_x(x^i) \right\}_{i=1}^M \text{ and } F_y = \left\{ \phi_y(y^i) \right\}_{i=1}^M, \text{ with } E\{F_x\} = \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_x(x^i) = 0 \text{ and } E\{F_y\} = \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_y(y^i) = 0$$

Construct associated kernel matrices:

$$K_x = F_x^T F_x, K_y = F_y^T F_y, \quad \text{columns of } F_x, F_y \text{ are } \phi_x(x^i), \phi_y(y^i)$$



# kCCA derivation

In Linear CCA, we were solving for:

$$\max_{w_x, w_y} w_x^T C_{xy} w_y$$

$$\text{u.c. } w_x^T C_{xx} \underline{w_x} = w_y^T C_{yy} \underline{w_y} = 1$$

In kernel CCA, we solve for:

$$\max_{w_x, w_y} \alpha_x^T \overset{K_x}{F_x^T F_x} \overset{K_y}{F_y^T F_y} \alpha_y$$

$$\text{u.c. } \alpha_x^T \underset{K_x}{F_x^T F_x} \underset{K_y}{F_y^T F_y} \alpha_x = \alpha_y^T \underset{K_x}{F_y^T F_y} \underset{K_y}{F_y^T F_y} \alpha_y = 1$$

Express the projection vectors as a linear combination of images of datapoints in feature space (as in kPCA):

$$w_x = F_x \alpha_x \text{ and } w_y = F_y \alpha_y$$

$$\Rightarrow w_x = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_{x,i} \phi_x(x^i) \text{ and } w_y = \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_{y,i} \phi_y(y^i)$$

Replace the covariance and crosscovariance matrices by the product of the projection vectors in feature space (as in kPCA):

$$C_{xx} = F_x F_x^T$$

$$C_{yy} = F_y F_y^T$$

$$C_{xy} = F_x F_y^T$$



# kCCA Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{w_x, w_y} \rho &= \max_{\alpha_x, \alpha_y} \alpha_x^T K_x K_y \alpha_y \\ u.c. \quad &(\alpha_x^T K_x^2 \alpha_x) = (\alpha_y^T K_y^2 \alpha_y) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & K_x K_y \\ K_y K_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} K_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & K_y^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \end{pmatrix}$$

This is again a generalized eigenvalue problem with  $\alpha_x, \alpha_y$  the dual eigenvectors (as dual eigenvectors in kPCA), see documentation in annexes for derivation.



# kCCA Solution

If the intersection between the spaces spanned by  $K_x \alpha_x$ ,  $K_y \alpha_y$  is non-zero (with no centering), then the problem has a trivial solution, as  $\rho \sim \cos(K_x \alpha_x, K_y \alpha_y) = 1$  (see solution to the exercises).

Generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & K_x K_y \\ K_y K_x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} K_x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & K_y^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Add a regularization term to increase the rank of the matrix and make it invertible (to avoid the trivial solution)

$$K_x^2 \rightarrow \left( K_x + \frac{M \kappa}{2} \mathbf{I} \right)^2, \quad \kappa > 0$$



# kCCA for multiple modalities

$$X = \left\{ x^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x} \right\}_{i=1}^M, Y = \left\{ y^i \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y} \right\}_{i=1}^M$$

2-modalities

Can be extended to multiple modalities

$L$  subdatasets:  $X_1, \dots, X_L$  with  $M$  observations each

Dimensions  $N_1, \dots, N_L$ , i.e.  $X_i : N_i \times M$

Applying  $L$  non-linear transformations  $\phi_i$ , to  $X_1, \dots, X_L$ , resp.

→ construct  $L$  Gram matrices:  $K_1, \dots, K_L$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & K_1 K_2 & \dots & K_1 K_L \\ K_2 K_1 & 0 & \dots & K_2 K_L \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ K_L K_1 & K_L K_2 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_L \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} \left( K_1 + \frac{M\kappa}{2} \mathbf{I} \right)^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \left( K_2 + \frac{M\kappa}{2} \mathbf{I} \right)^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \left( K_L + \frac{M\kappa}{2} \mathbf{I} \right)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_L \end{pmatrix}$$



# Interpreting the solution of kCCA

We cannot observe the projection vectors  $w_i$ .

But we can observe the projections of the datapoints on these vectors.

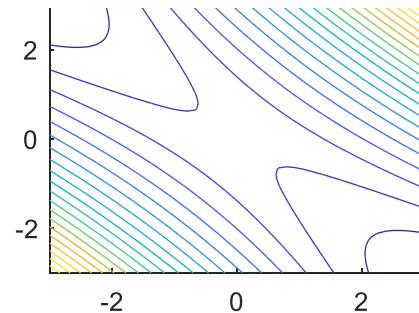
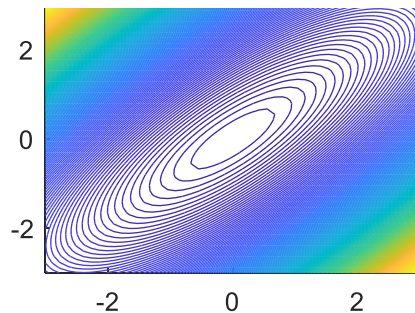
Recall that we have expressed the projection vectors as a linear combination of images of datapoints in feature space (as in kPCA):

$$w_x = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{x,j} \phi(x^j)$$

$$\langle w_x, \phi(x) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{x,j} \underbrace{\langle \phi(x^j), \phi(x) \rangle}_{k(x^j, x)}$$

We can visualize the isolines solution:

$$\langle w_x, \phi(x) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{x,j} k(x^j, x) = cst$$



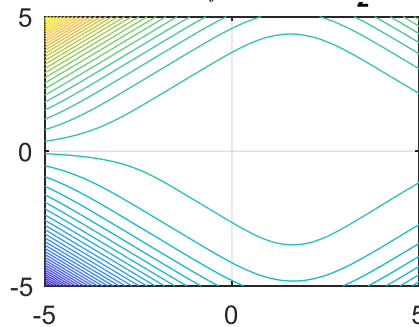
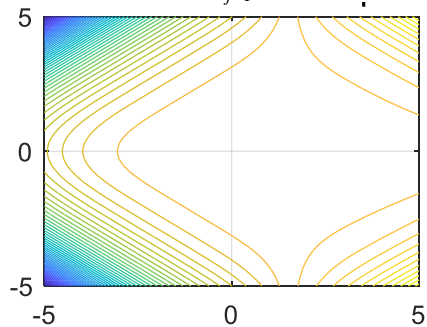
Homogeneous polynomial kernel  $p = 2$



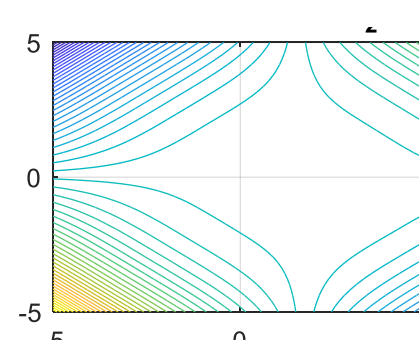
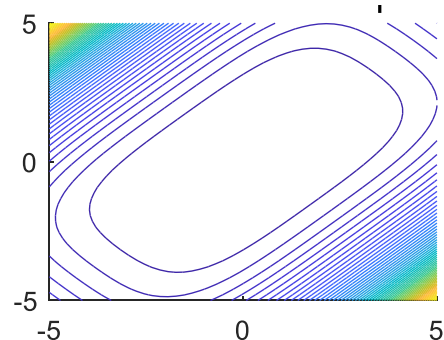
# Example of Isolines in kCCA

$$\langle w_x, \phi(x) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{x,j} k(x^j, x) = cst$$

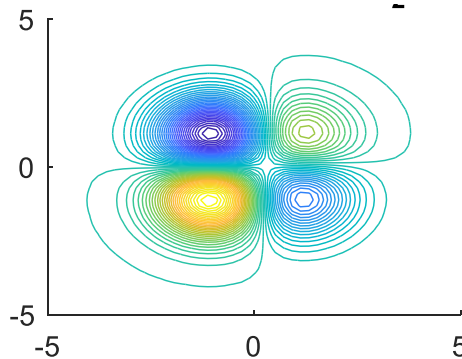
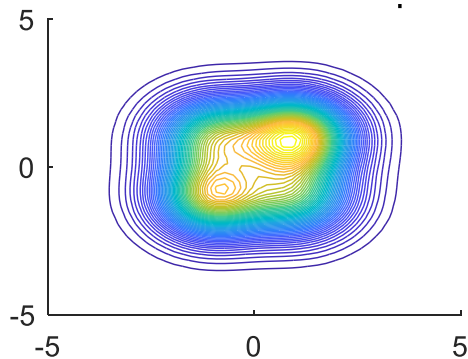
$$\langle w_y, \phi(y) \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{y,j} k(y^j, y) = cst$$



Inhomogeneous polynomial kernel  $p = 5, c = 1$



Inhomogeneous polynomial kernel  $p = 4, c = 1$



*RBF* kernel



# CCA and PCA

**CCA is often thought of as a generalization of PCA.**

- ❖ CCA resembles PCA in that it seeks to find correlations to reveal features. However, these are not the same correlations.
- ❖ CCA resembles PCA in that it can be solved in closed-form through an eigendecomposition of a matrix. But CCA and PCA have different matrices.
- ❖ CCA differs from PCA in that it finds different axes, in general.
- ❖ The axes found by PCA form an orthonormal basis of the space. This is not the case for CCA.
- ❖ The axes are not necessarily aligned with maximum variance in CCA.



## CCA and kCCA: Summary

- ❖ CCA is an excellent mean to discover appropriate projections when your data is multi-modal.
- ❖ In each modality (separately), CCA finds projections that highlight features common to the datapoints as a whole.
- ❖ It generates projections that are different from performing PCA on each modality separately.
- ❖ The non-linear version of CCA, kernel CCA, generates sets of projections different from linear CCA and from kPCA.
- ❖ CCA and kCCA can be good pre-processing methods before performing more complex computation, such as clustering or classification.

