

# OPTIMAL SETS OF PROJECTIONS OF HIGH-DIMENSIONAL DATA

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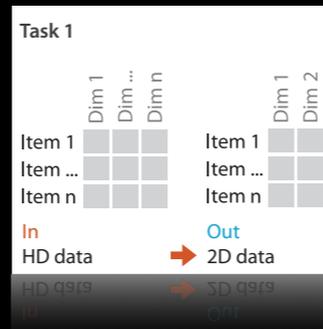
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Recall **REDUCE** task:

- **In:** HD Data
- **Out:** 2D projection

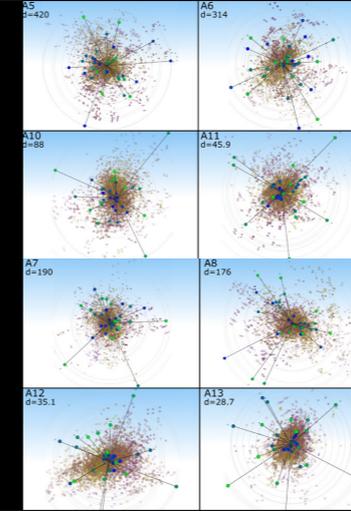
Today's paper:

- **In:** HD Data
- **Out:** "optimal" set of 2D projections



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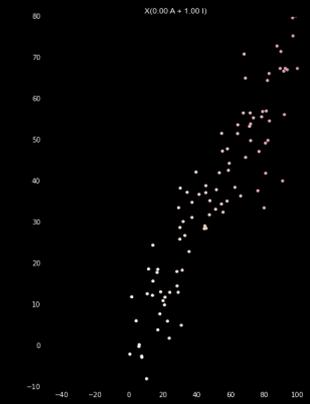
- Large space of potential projections
- Would like to find a minimal set of "interesting" projections to describe our dataset



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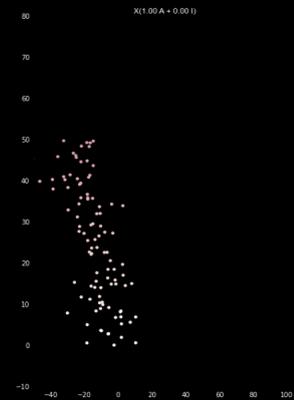
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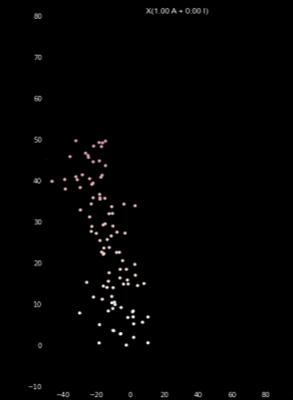
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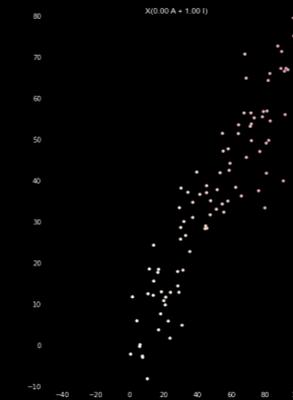
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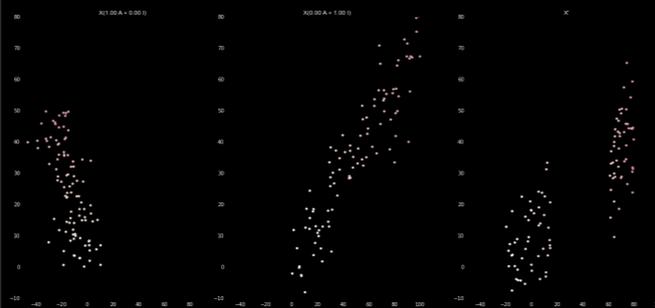
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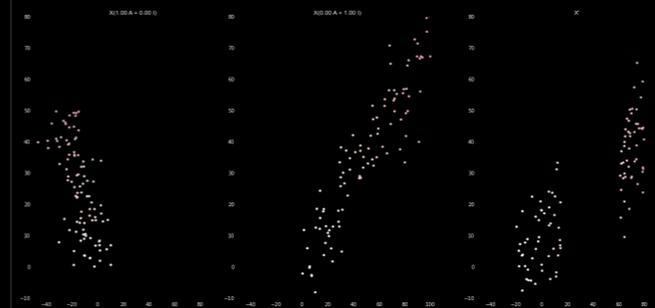
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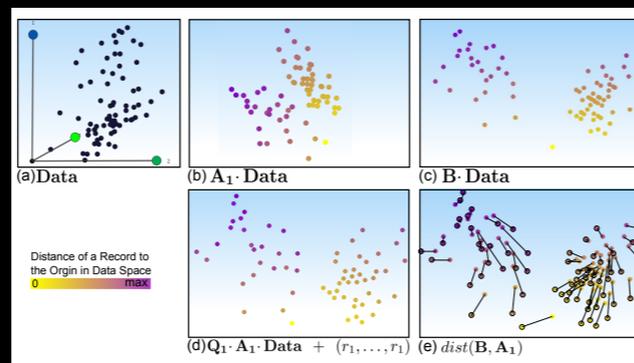


$d(A_1, A_2) = 0$        $d(A_1, A_3) > 0$

## ALGORITHM - HIGH LEVEL

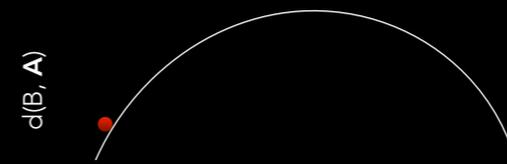
- At iteration  $i$ , given set of projections  $\mathbf{A} = \{A_0, \dots, A_{i-1}\}$
- Greedily find linear projection  $B$  that is most dissimilar from the projections in  $\mathbf{A}$
- Add  $A_i = B$  to our set of projections
- Repeat until the best new projection gives no new insight (equivalent up to an affine transformation)

## MEASURING DISSIMILARITY



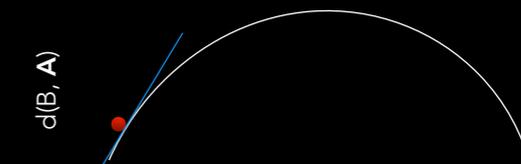
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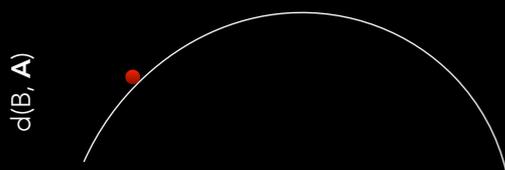
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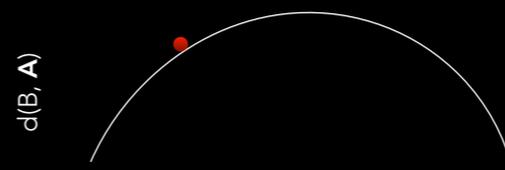
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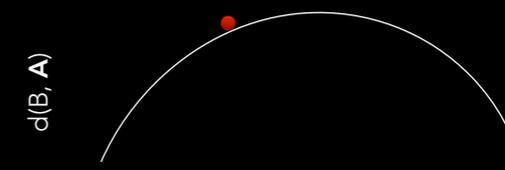
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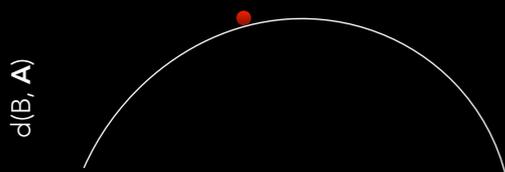
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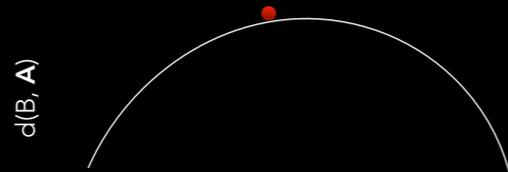
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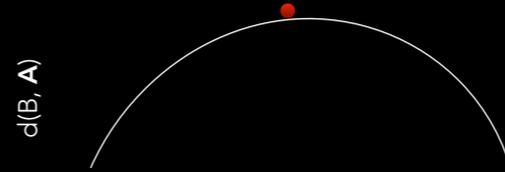
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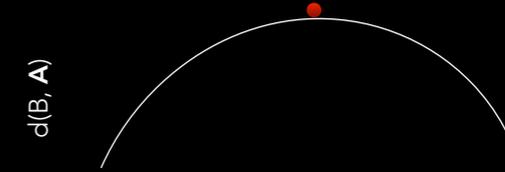
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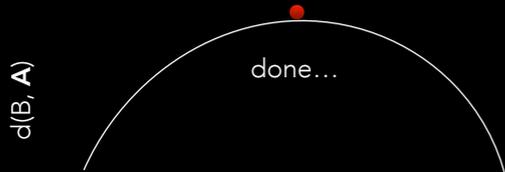
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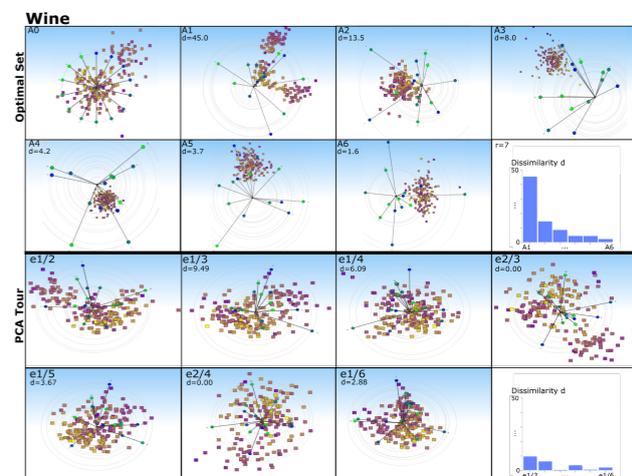
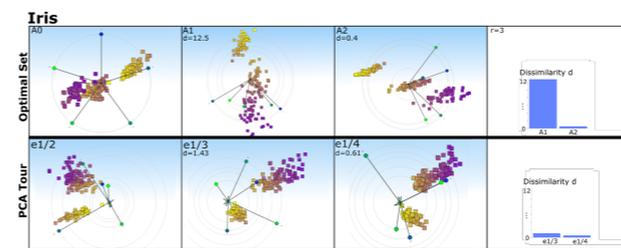
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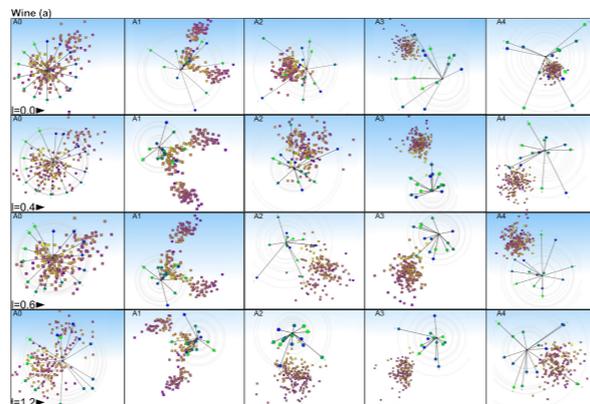
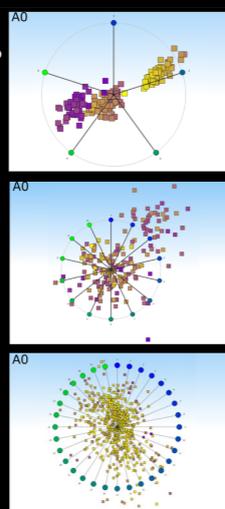
### TERMINATING THE ALGORITHM

- Terminate when  $d(B, A_0, \dots, A_{i-1}) = 0$ .
- i.e. We have a complete set of linear projects up to affine transforms.
- This occurs after at most  $n/2$  projections.



### HOW DO WE CHOOSE $\{A_0\}$ ?

- Default choice: radial layout.
- Stable to alternative choices - the data patterns remain visible even if the projections change.



### SUMMARY

- The algorithm produces the optimal set of linear projections up to affine transforms.
- Produces  $< n/2$  independent projections.
- Relatively robust to initialisation and convergence parameters.
- Scalability could be an issue? Distance is expensive.
- Needs testing to see if the affine assumption reasonable