

# Machine Learning for Sensorimotor Processing

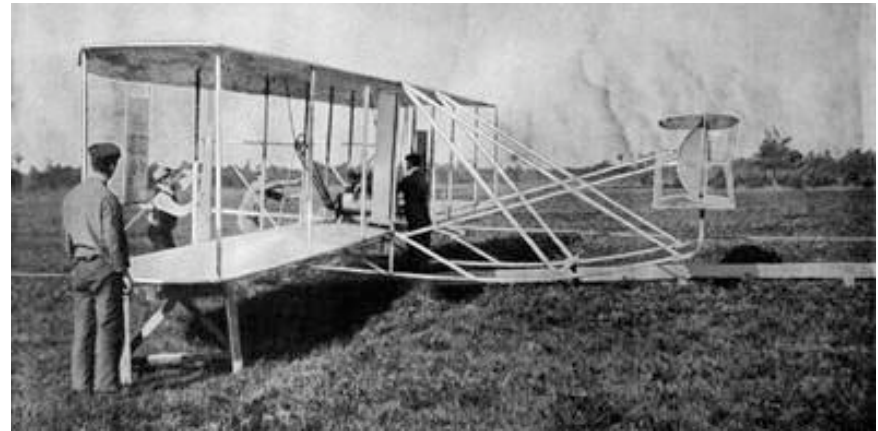
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# Biological inspiration

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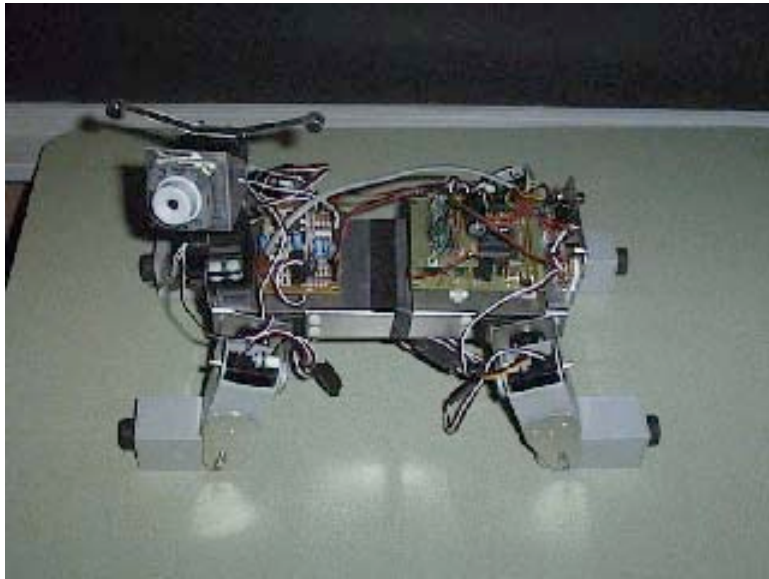


- ◆ Biological motivation for the Wright brothers in designing the airplane

# Robot dogs

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Custom built version



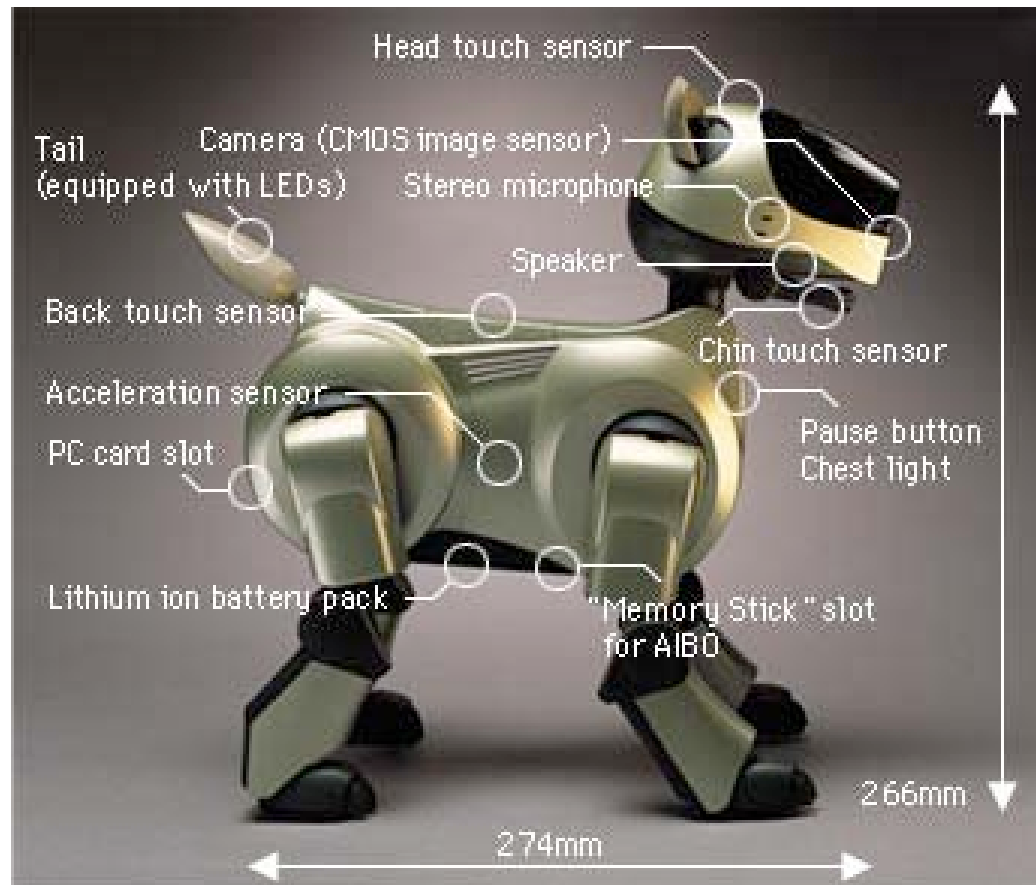
Sony Aibos



- ◆ Platforms for testing sensorimotor machine learning algorithms

# Robot hardware

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- ◆ Wide variety of sensors and actuators.

# Perception and motor control

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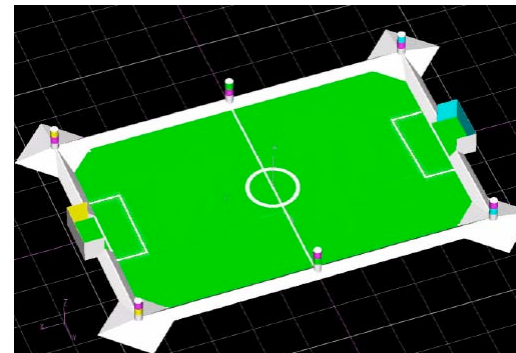


- ◆ Wide variety of sensors and actuators are readily available

# Legged league

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- ◆ Each team consists of 4 Sony Aibo robot dogs (one is a designated goalie), with WiFi communications.
- ◆ Field is 3 by 5 meters, with orange ball and specially colored markers.
- ◆ Game played in two halves, each 10 minutes in duration. Teams change uniform color at half-time.
- ◆ Human referees govern kick-off formations, holding, penalty area violations, goalie charging, etc.
- ◆ Penalty kick shootout in case of ties in elimination round.
- ◆ Recently implemented larger field and wireless communications among robots.





# Upennalizers in action

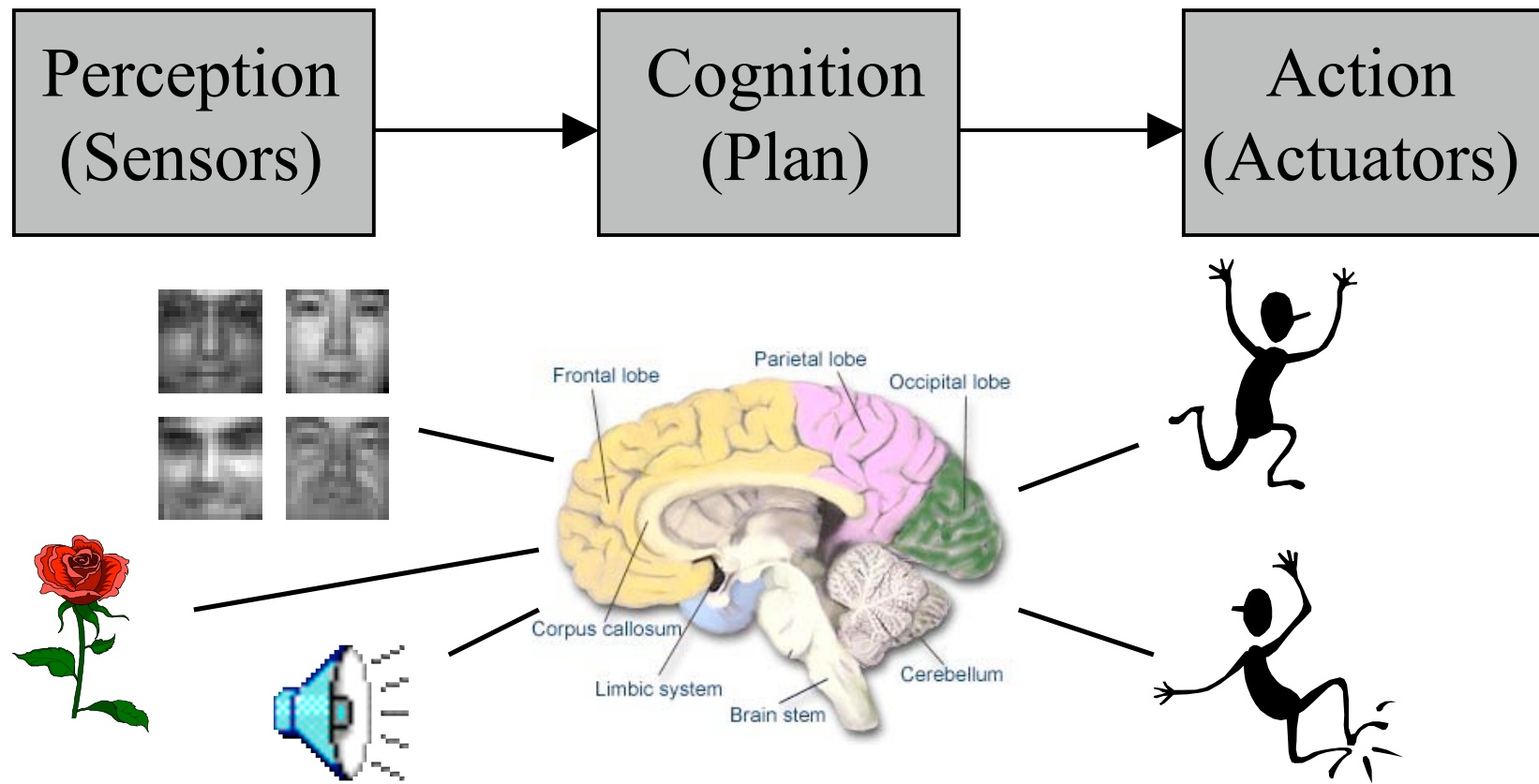
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- ◆ GOOAAALLL! 2nd place in 2003.

# Robot software architecture

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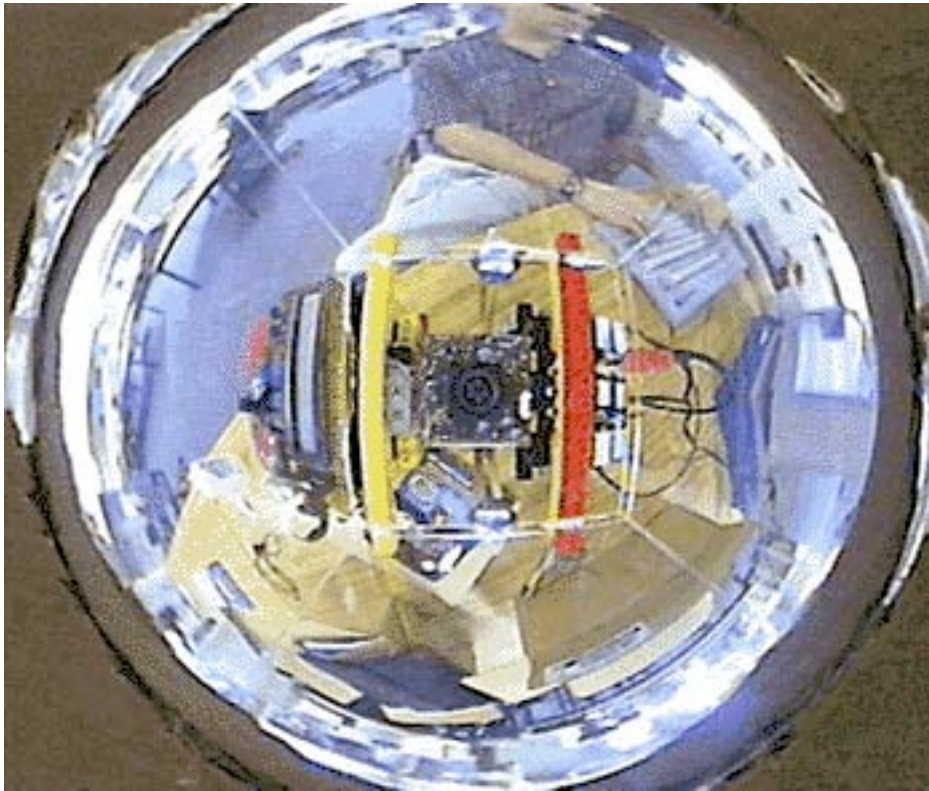


- ◆ Sense-Plan-Act cycle.



# *Perception*

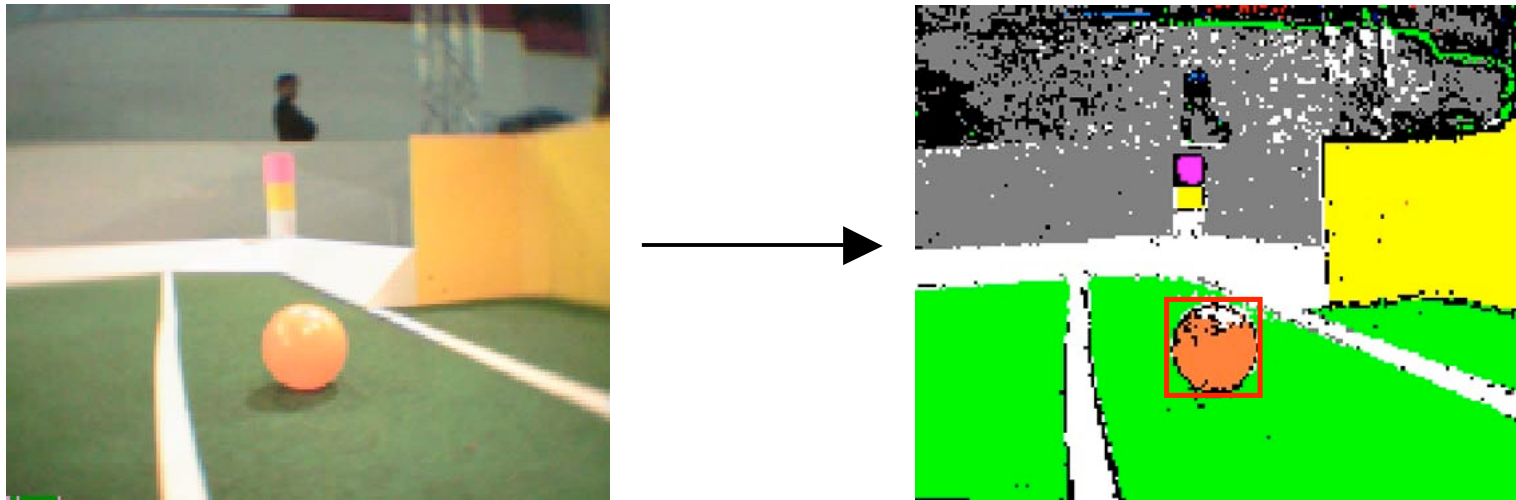
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View from Penn's  
omnidirectional camera

# Robot vision

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Color segmentation: estimate  $P(Y,Cb,Cr | \text{ORANGE})$  from training images

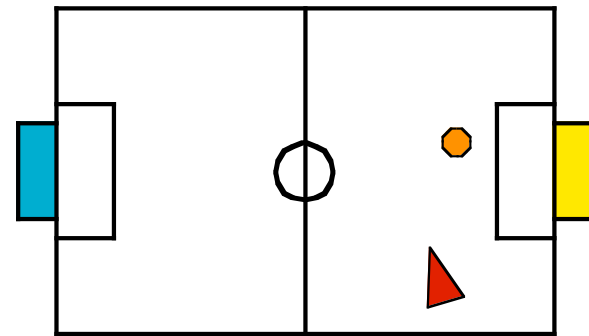
Region formation: run length encoding, union find algorithm

Distance calibration: bounding box size and elevation angle

Camera geometry: transformation from camera to body centered coordinates

- ◆ Tracking objects in structured environment at 25 fps

# Image reduction



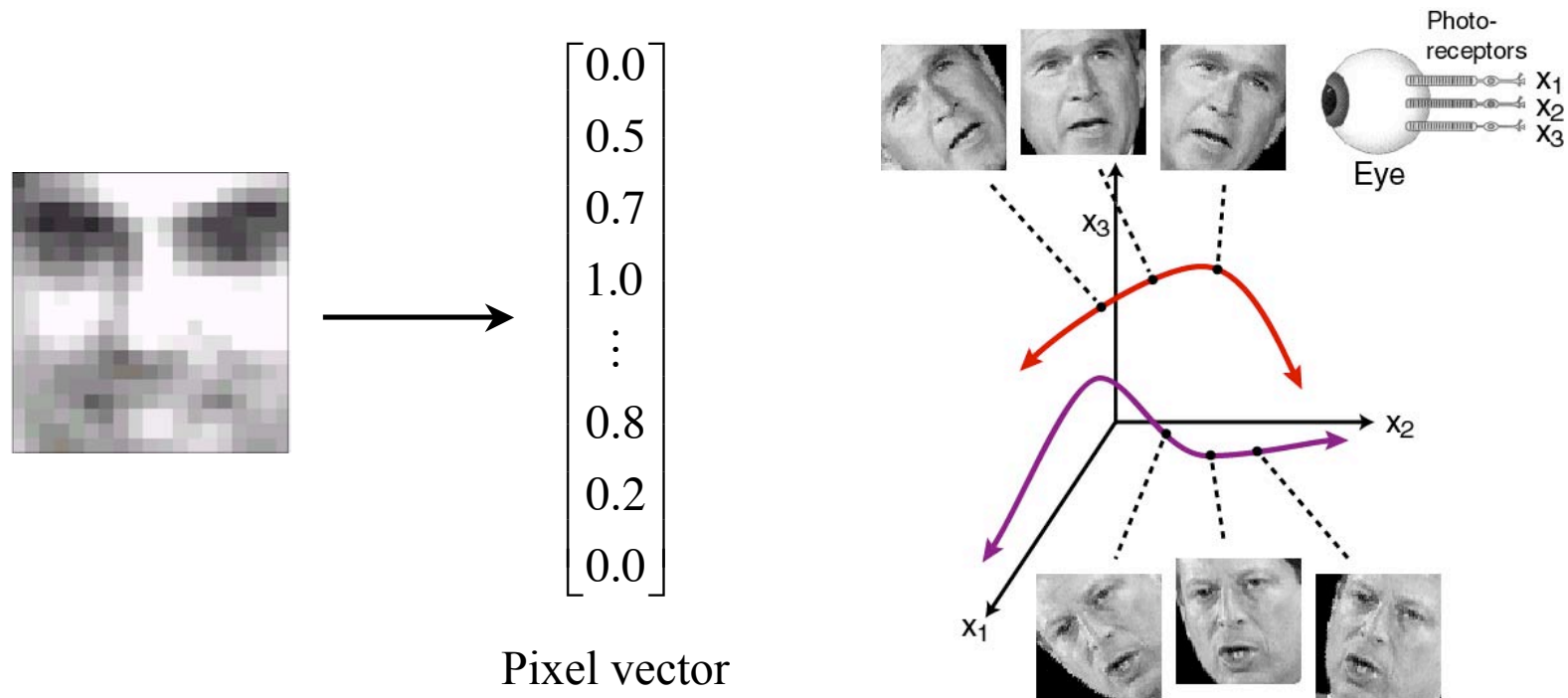
Deterministic position:  
 $(x_{ball}, y_{ball})$

Probabilistic model (Kalman):  
 $P(x_{ball}, y_{ball})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (53,65,27) & (52,67,35) & \dots \\ (48,68,31) & \ddots & \\ \vdots & & (250,213,196) \end{bmatrix}$$

- ◆  $144 \times 176 \times 3$  RGB image to 2 position coordinates

# Image manifolds



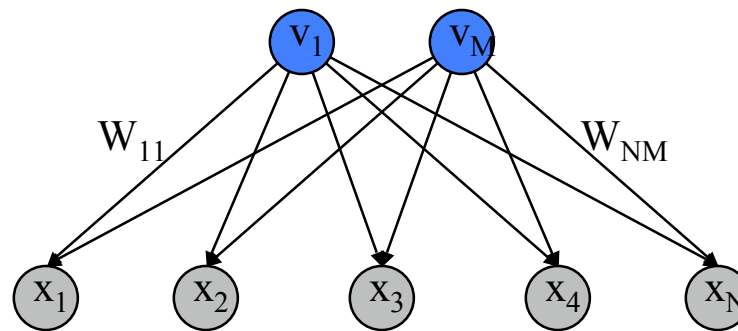
- ◆ Variation in pose and illumination give rise to low dimensional manifold structure

# Matrix factorization

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Data matrix:

$$X = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vec{x}_1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vec{x}_2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) & \dots \end{array} \right]$$
$$\approx W V$$



$$\langle x_i \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^M W_{ik} v_k$$

- ◆ Learning and inference of hidden units is equivalent to matrix factorization.
- ◆ Prior probability distribution of hidden variables.

# Linear factorization (PCA)

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$$X = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \bar{x}_1 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \bar{x}_2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right) & \cdots \end{array} \right]$$

$$X_{ij} \approx \sum_{k=1}^M W_{ik} V_{kj}$$

$$\min_{W, V} \|X - WV\|$$

subject to constraints:

$$W^T W = I$$

$$V V^T \text{ diagonal}$$

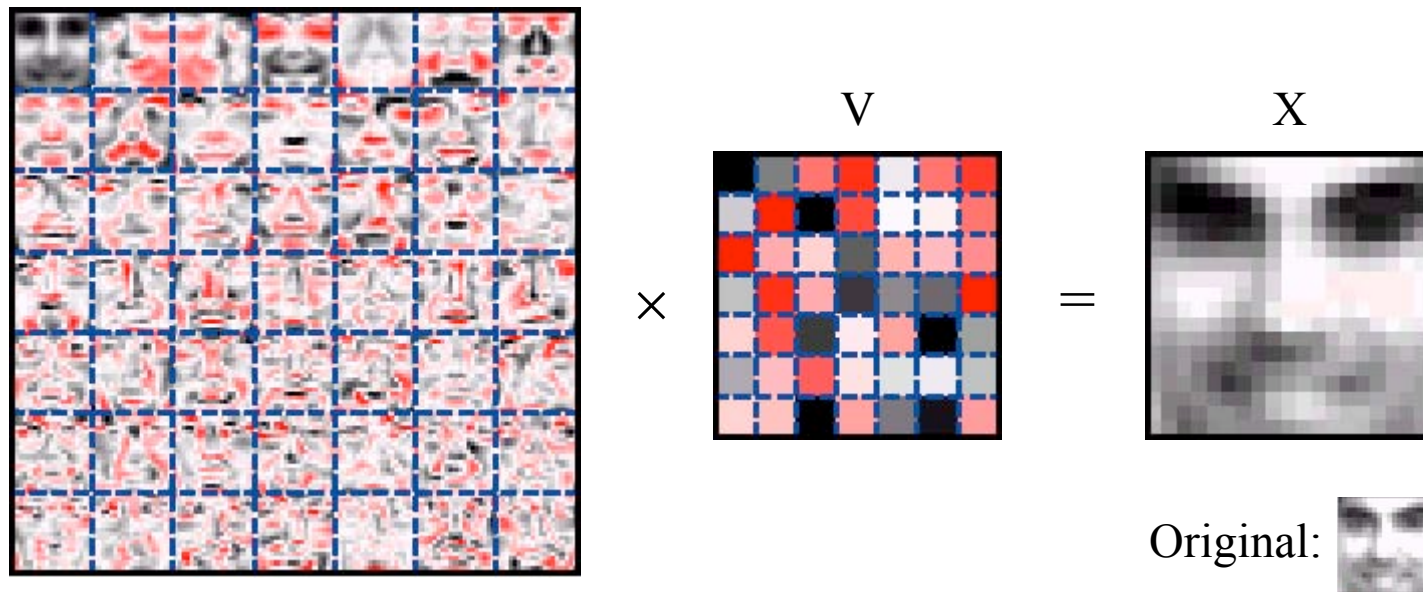
- ◆ Equivalent to singular value decomposition.
- ◆ Degeneracy eliminated by constraining  $W$  orthonormal, rows of  $V$  orthogonal.



# PCA representation

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W: 49 hidden units



- ◆ Linear model: representation uses positive and negative combinations to reconstruct original image.

# Vector quantization

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$$X_{ij} \approx \sum_{k=1}^M W_{ik} V_{kj}$$

$$\min_{W, V} \|X - WV\|$$

Winner take all constraint:

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

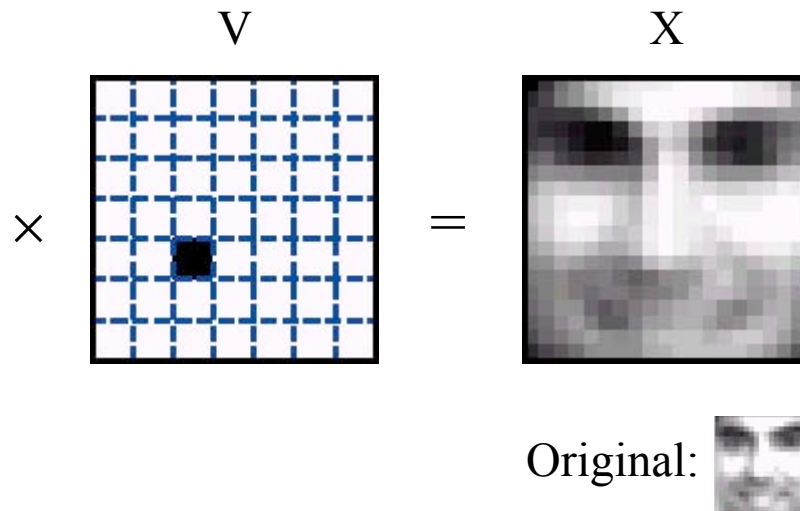
↑  
Unary vectors

- ◆ Columns of  $V$  constrained to be unary.
- ◆ Winner take all competition between hidden variables in modeling data.

# VQ representation

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W: 49 hidden units



- ◆ Weights cluster data into representative prototypes.

# Constraints and representations

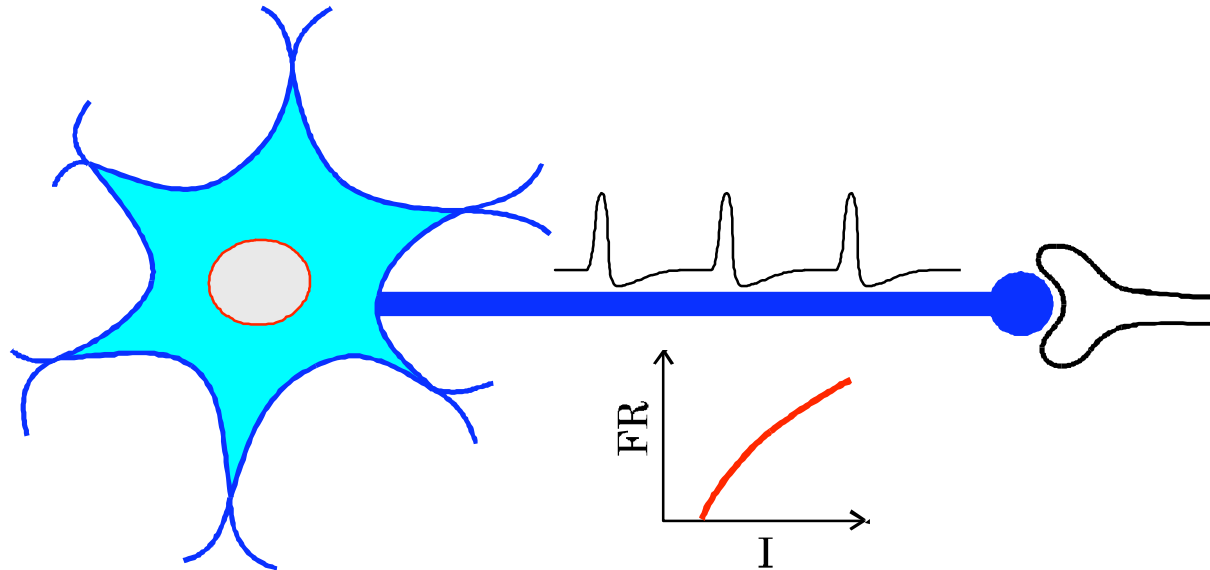
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<i>Model</i>	<i>Constraints</i>	<i>Representation</i>
VQ	$v_k = \delta_{kk'}$ for some $k'$	very sparse
PCA	$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}' = 0$	distributed

- ◆ Hard constraints give rise to very sparse representations, with bases identifiable as prototypes.
- ◆ Soft constraints lead to a very distributed representation but with features difficult to interpret.

# Biological motivation

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- ◆ Firing rates of neurons are nonnegative
- ◆ Synapses are either excitatory or inhibitory
- ◆ What are the functional implications of these nonlinear constraints for learning?

# Nonnegative constraints

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Hidden Prior:

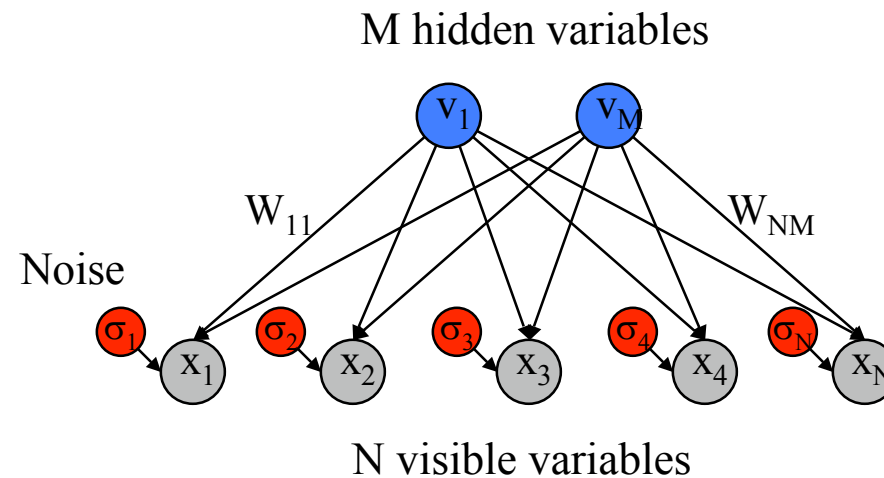
$$P(v) > 0 \text{ iff } v \geq 0$$

Excitatory Weights:

$$W_{ij} \geq 0$$

Visible Variables:

$$x_i \approx \sum_{k=1}^M W_{ik} v_k$$



- ◆ Nonnegative hidden variables and weights.



# Nonnegative factorization algorithm

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$$\min_{W \geq 0, V \geq 0} F = \sum_{ij} |X_{ij} - (WV)_{ij}|^2$$

Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial V_{ij}} = (W^T W V)_{ij} - (W^T X)_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial W_{ij}} = (W V V^T)_{ij} - (X V^T)_{ij}$$

Inference:

$$V_{ij} \leftarrow V_{ij} \frac{(W^T X)_{ij}}{(W^T W V)_{ij}}$$

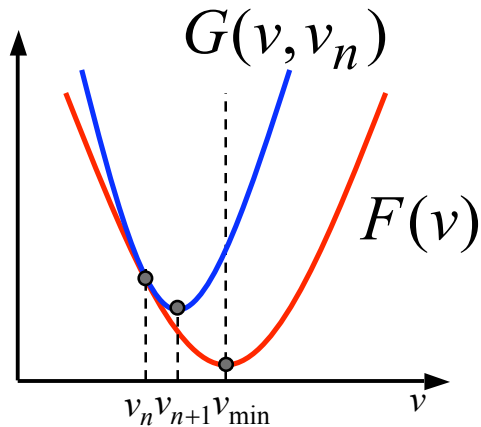
Learning:

$$W_{ij} \leftarrow W_{ij} \frac{(X V^T)_{ij}}{(W V V^T)_{ij}}$$

- ◆ Multiplicative algorithm can be interpreted as diagonally rescaled gradient descent.

# Convergence proof

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Upper bound:

$$F(v) \leq G(v, v_n)$$

$$F(v_n) = G(v_n, v_n)$$

Update rule:  $v_{n+1} = \arg \min_v G(v, v_n)$

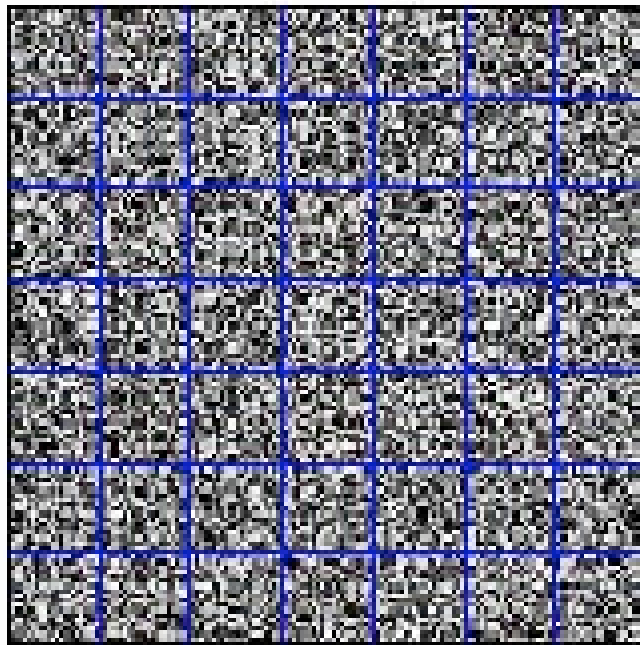
$$\longrightarrow F(v_{n+1}) \leq G(v_{n+1}, v_n) \leq G(v_n, v_n) = F(v_n)$$

- ◆ Minimizing auxiliary function  $G$  is guaranteed to monotonically converge to local minimum of  $F$ .

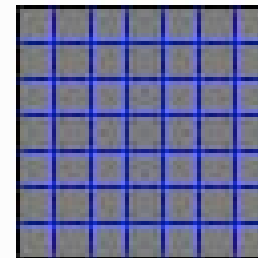
# NMF learning

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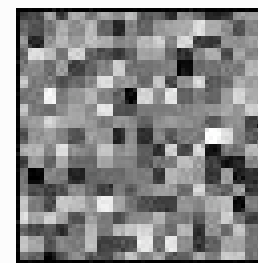
$W(001)$



$V$



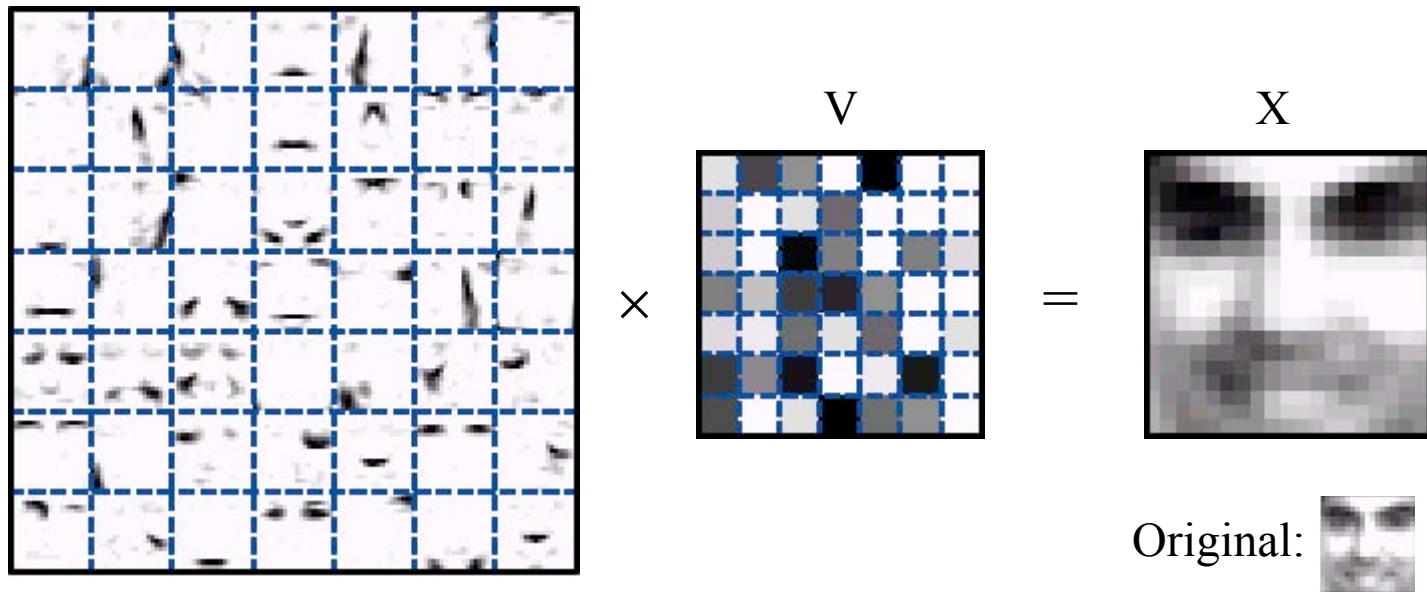
$X$



# NMF representation

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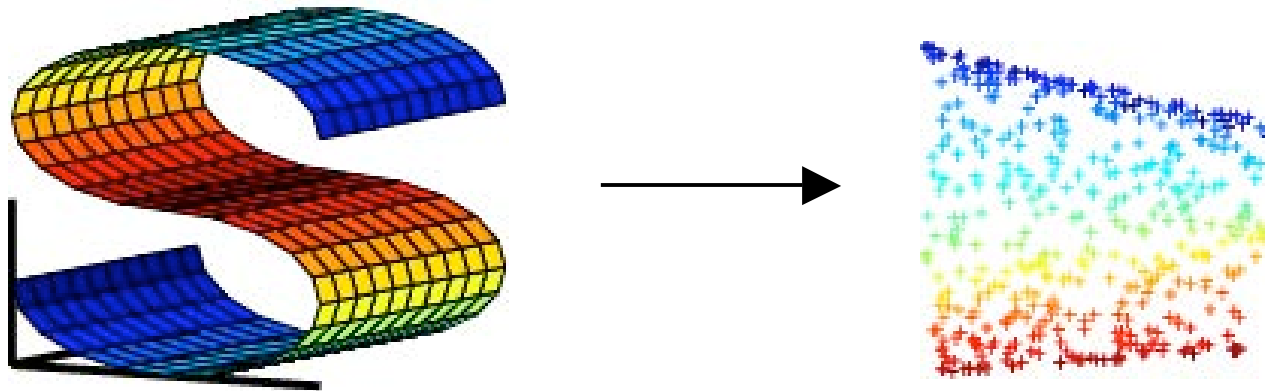
W: 49 hidden units



- ◆ Learned weights decompose the images into their constituent parts.
- ◆ Nonnegative constraint allows only additive combinations.

# Learning nonlinear manifolds

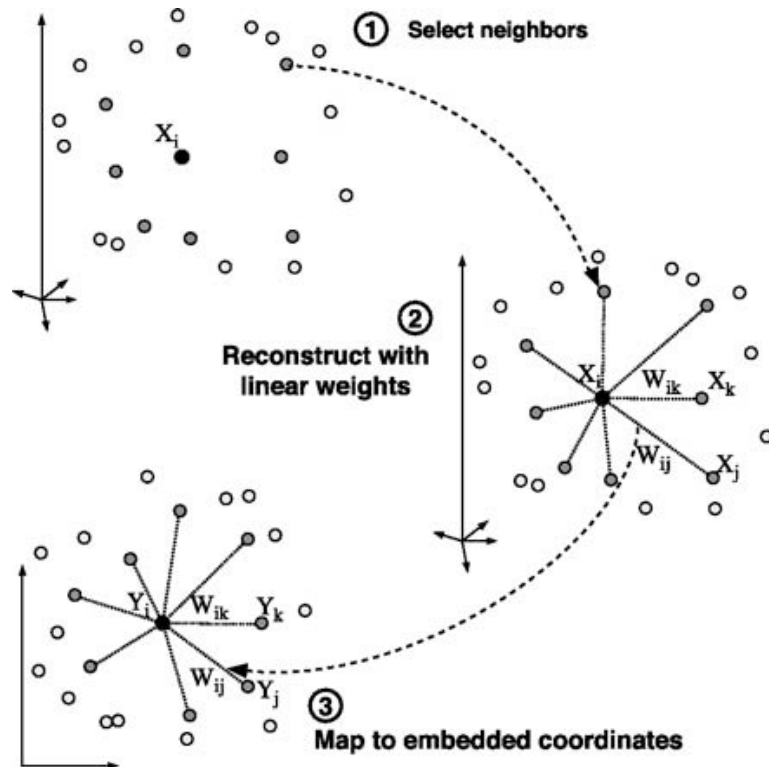
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Kernel PCA, Isomap, LLE, Laplacian Eigenmaps, etc.

- ◆ Many recent algorithms for nonlinear manifolds.

# Locally linear embedding



$$E(W) = \sum_i \left| \vec{X}_i - \sum_j W_{ij} \vec{X}_j \right|^2$$

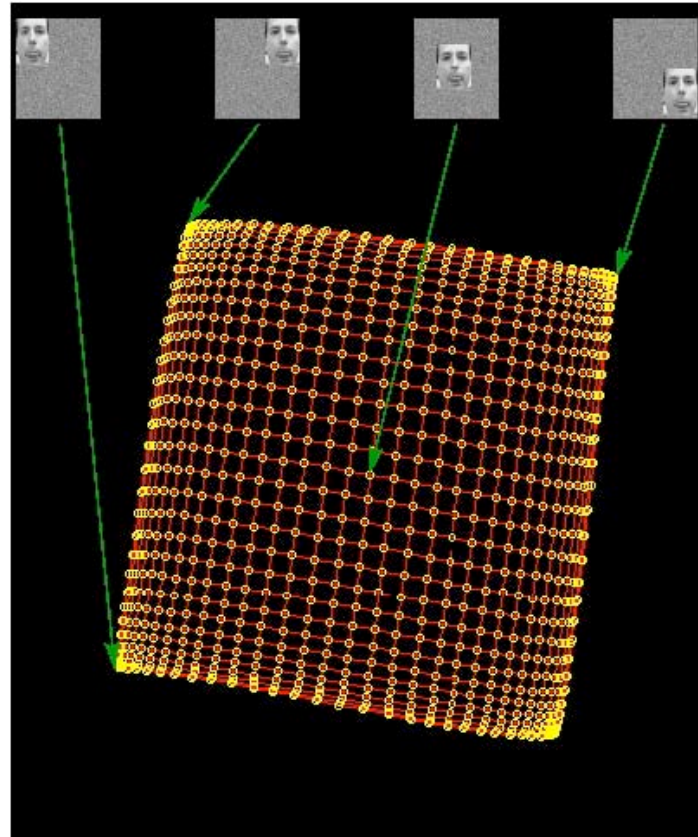
$$\Phi(Y) = \sum_i \left| \vec{Y}_i - \sum_j W_{ij} \vec{Y}_j \right|^2$$

- ◆ LLE solves two quadratic optimizations using eigenvector methods (Roweis & Saul).



# Translational invariance

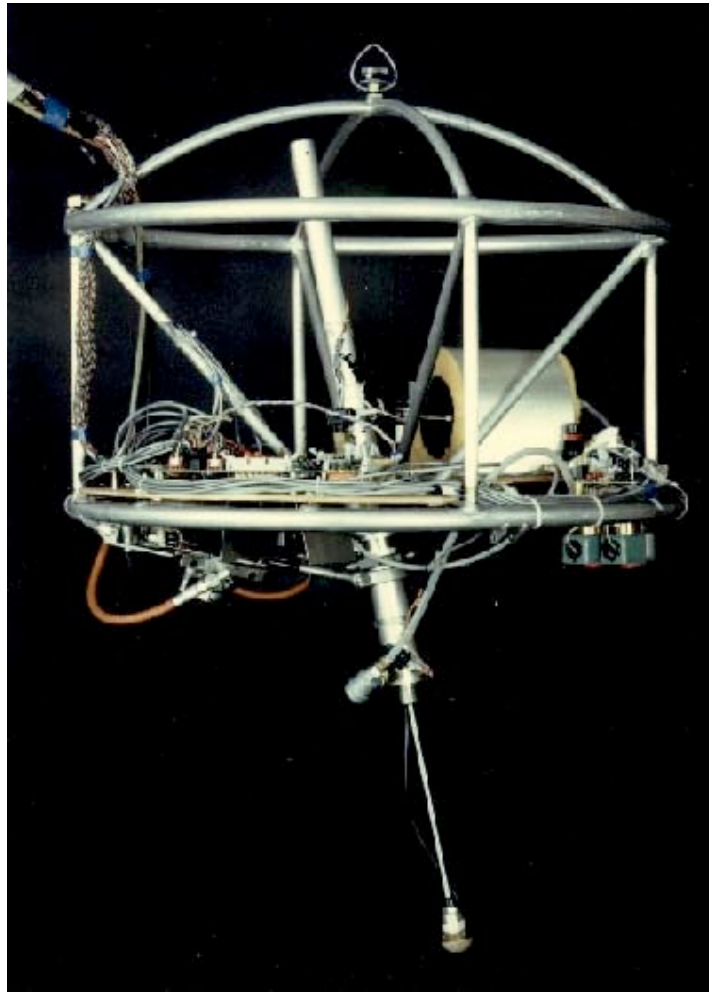
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- ◆ Application of LLE for translational invariance.

# *Action*

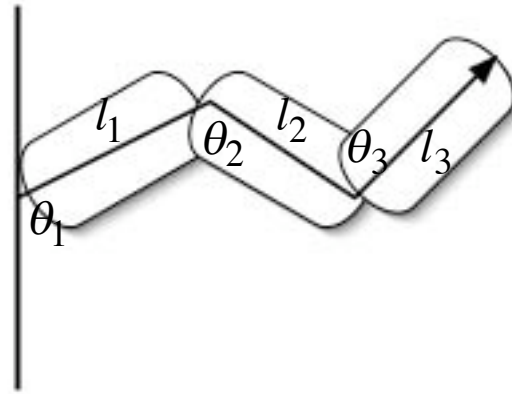
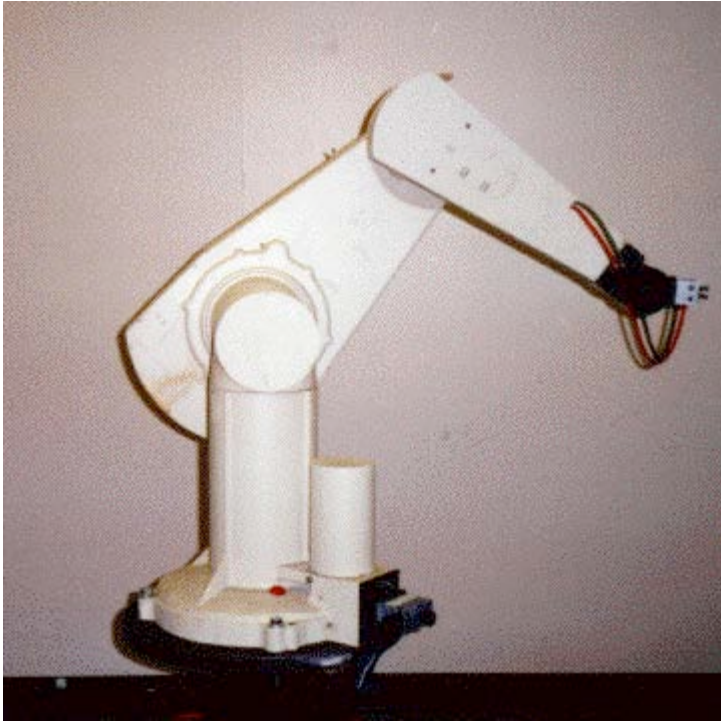
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M. Raibert's hopping robot (1983)

# Inverse kinematics

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$$H = R(\theta_1) \circ T(l_1) \circ R(\theta_2) \circ T(l_2) \circ R(\theta_3) \circ T(l_3)$$

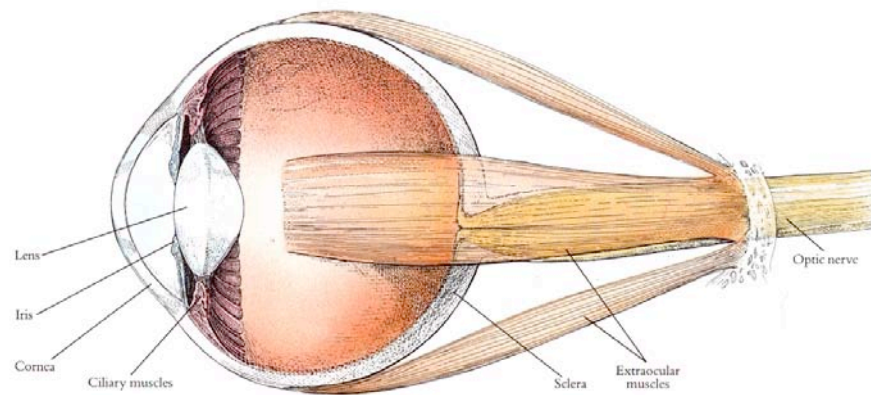
- ◆ Degenerate solutions with many articulators.

# Eye movements

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(Yarbus, 1967)



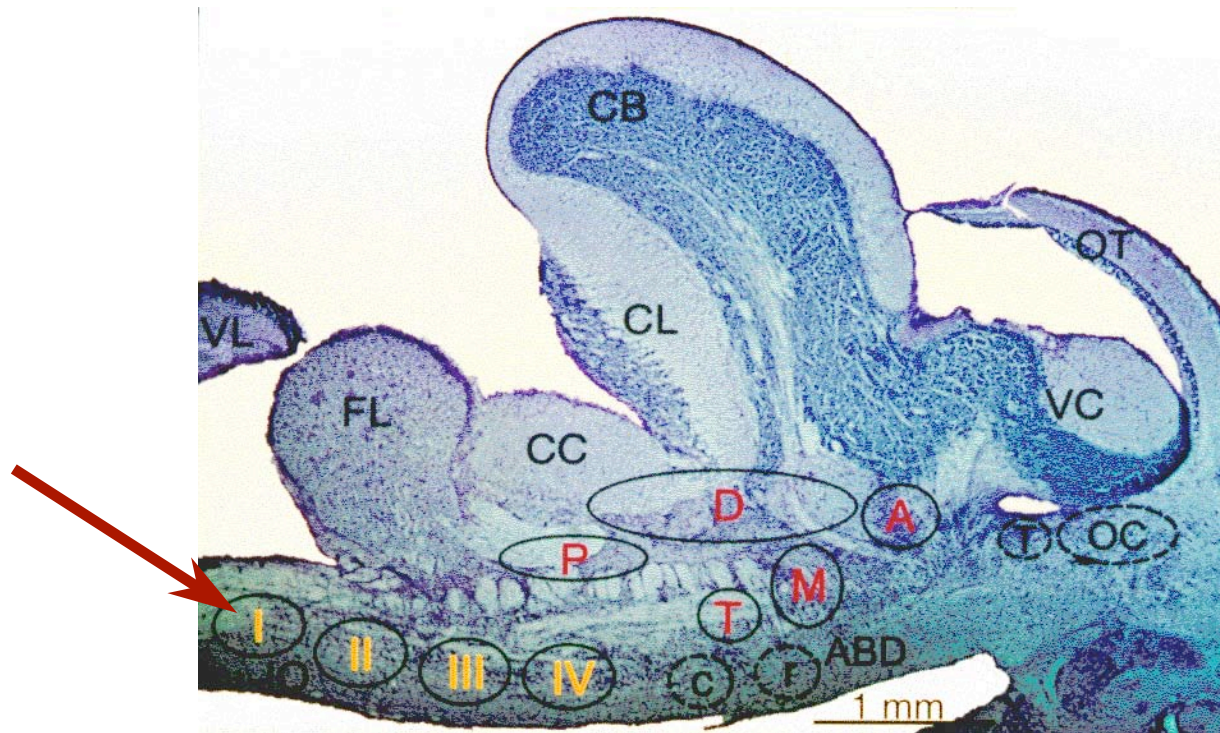
Eye muscles

- ◆ Fast eye movements to scan visual environment



# Neural integrator

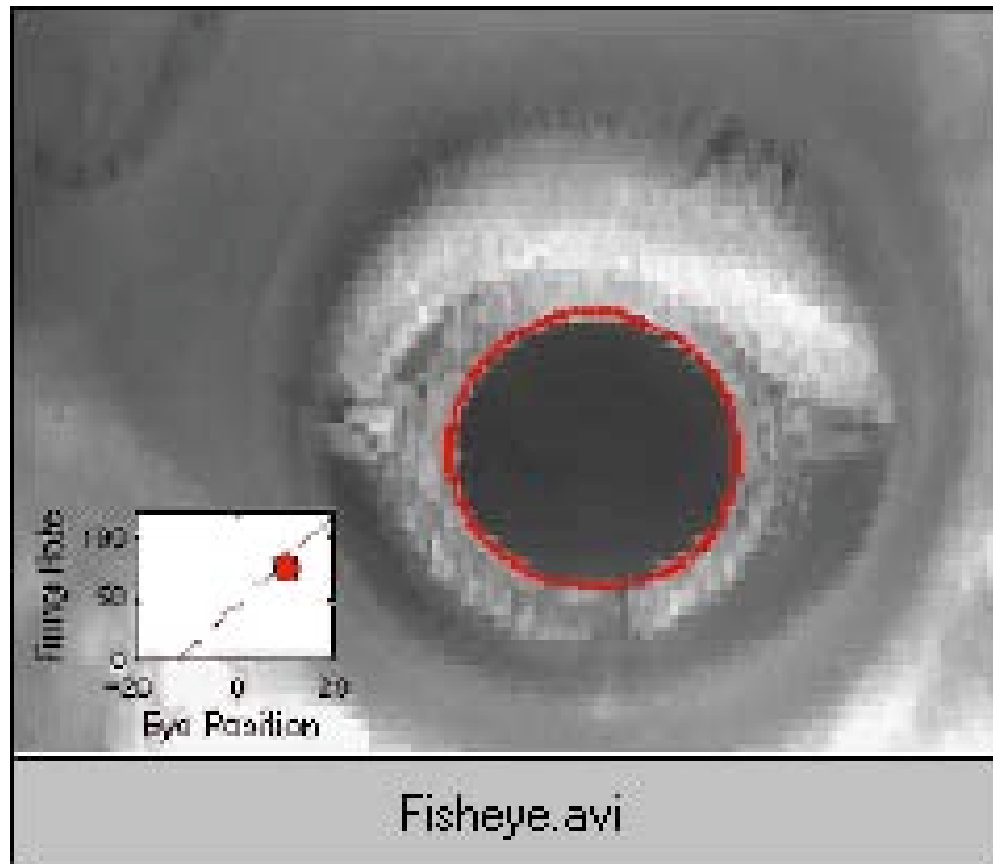
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Pastor et al., *PNAS* **91**, 807 (1994)

# Control of eye position

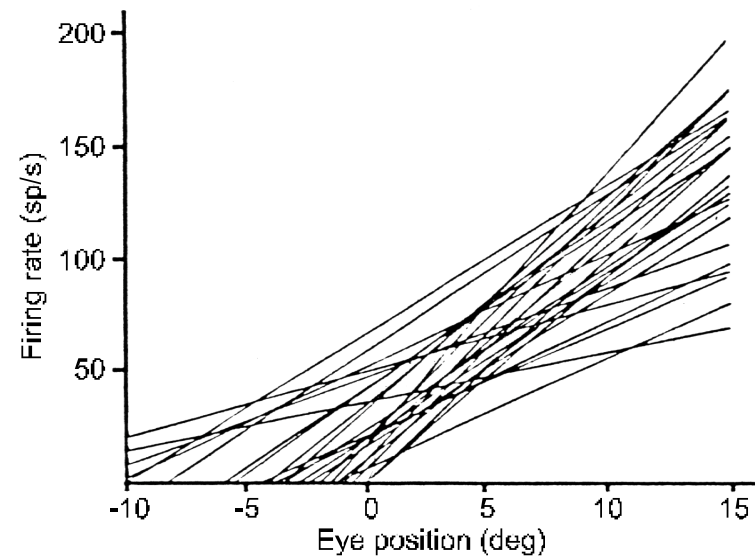
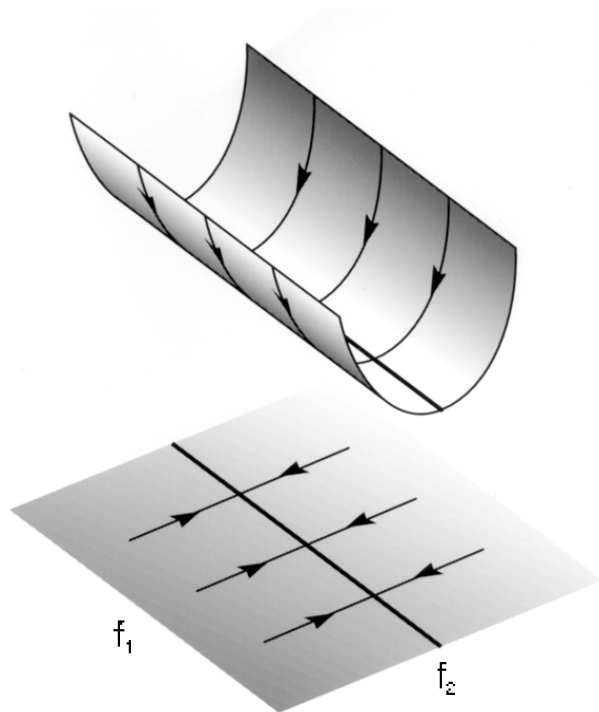
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# Line attractor

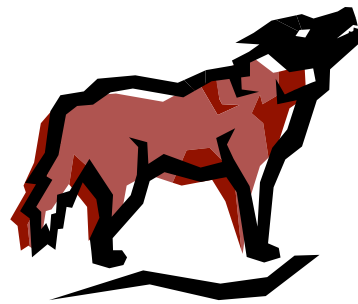
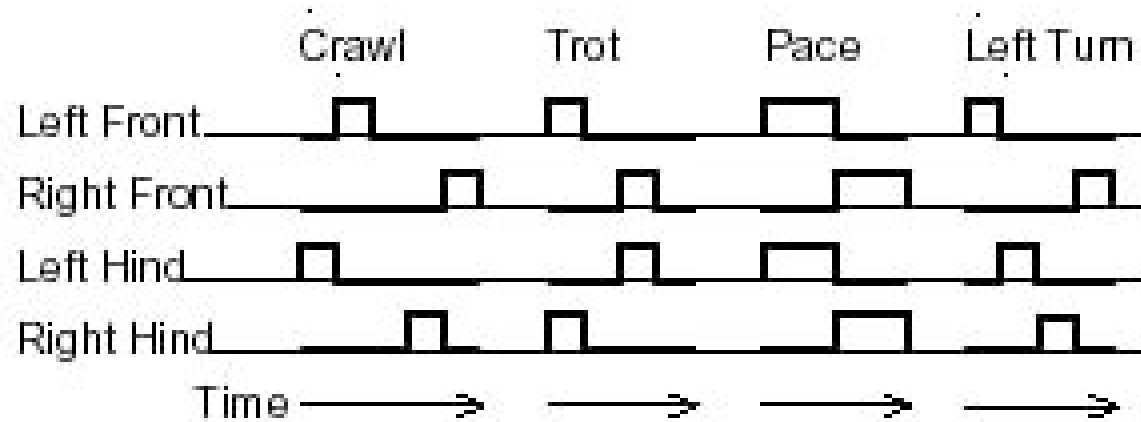
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- ◆ Low dimensional dynamics for motor control

# Gaits

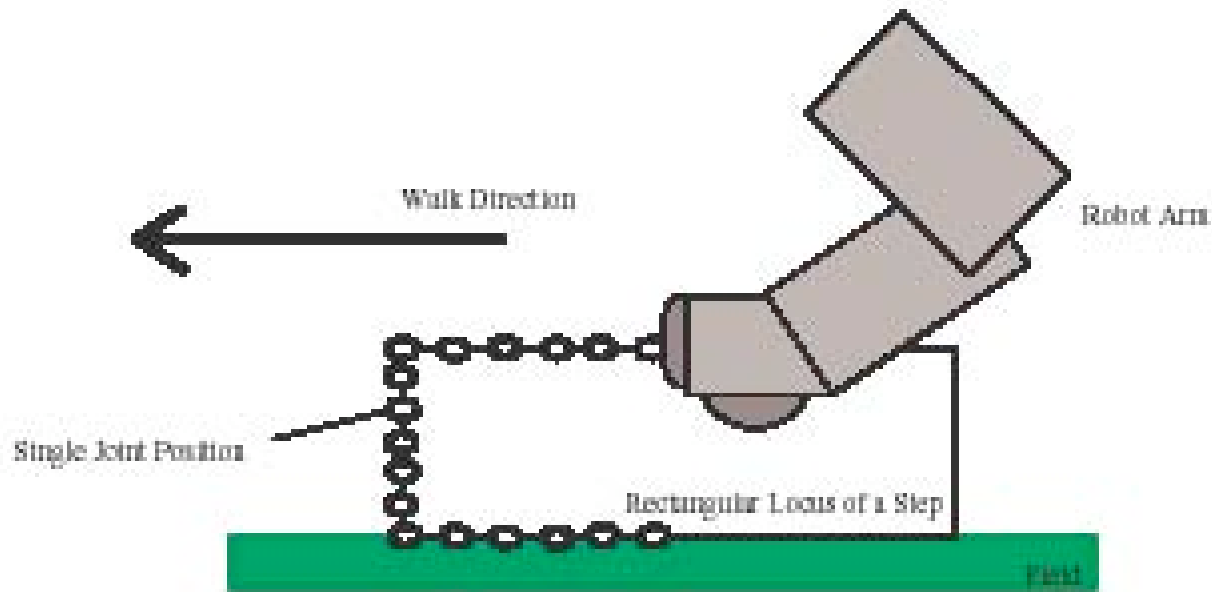
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- ◆ 4-legged animal gaits

# Walking

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Inverse kinematics to calculate joint angles in shoulder and knee

- ◆ Parameters tuned by optimization techniques

# *Behavior*

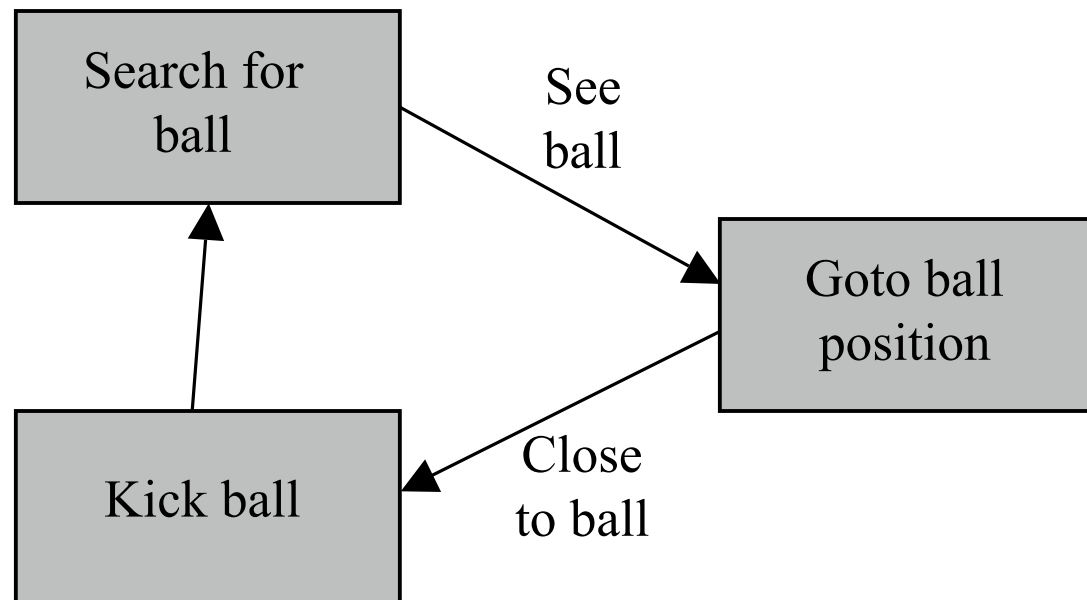
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SRI's Shakey (1970)

# Finite state machine

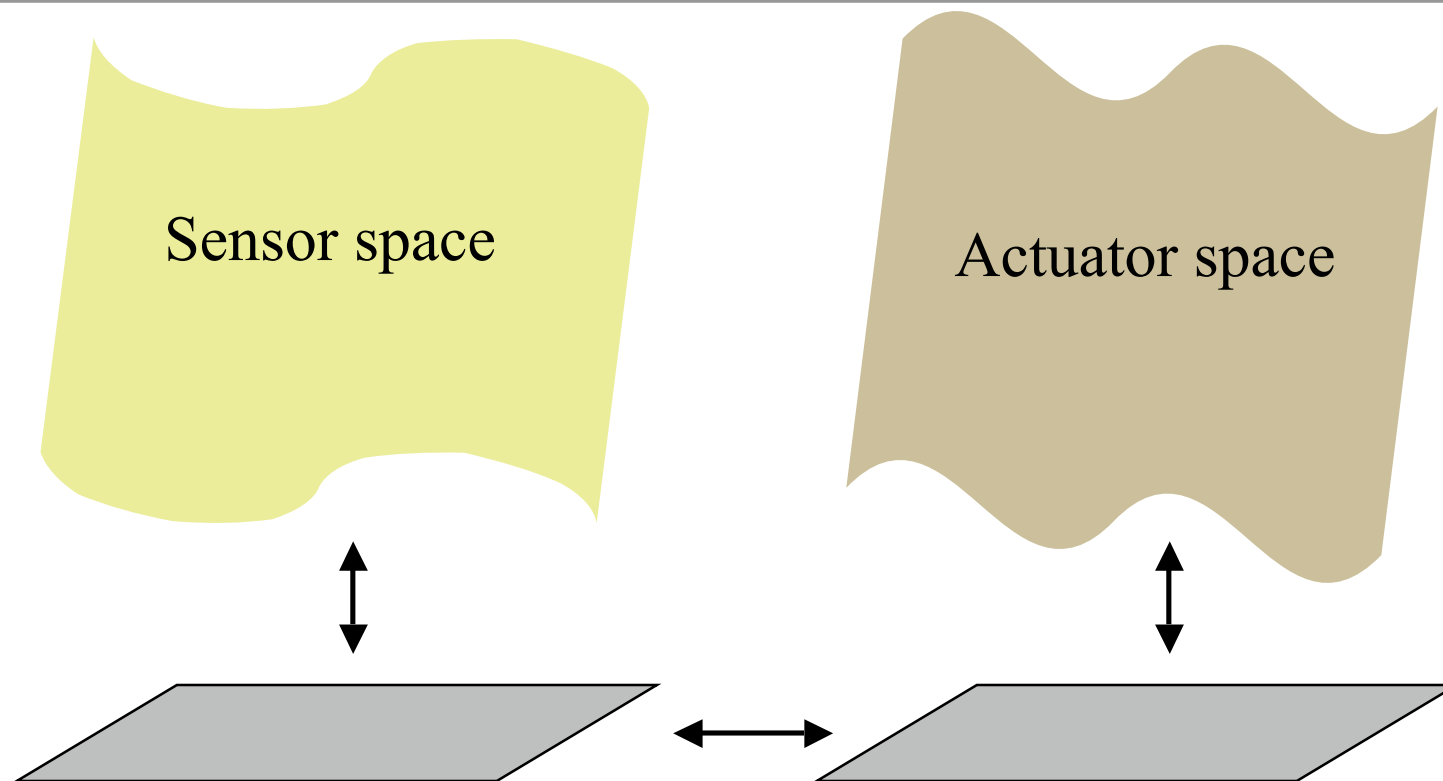
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- ◆ Event driven state machine.

# Sensor-actuator mapping

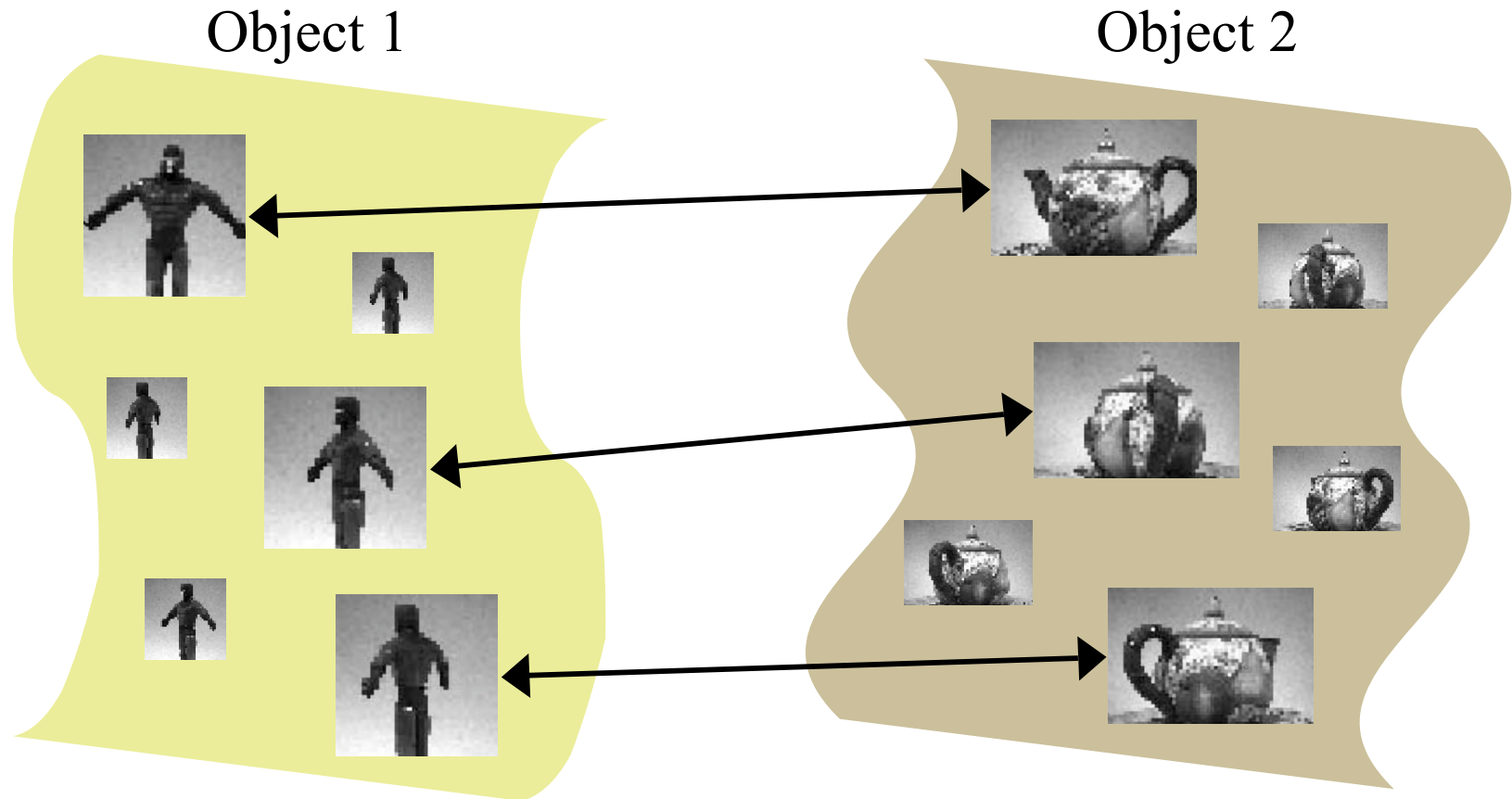
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- ◆ Construct low dimensional representations for reasoning about sensor stimuli to motor responses

# Image correspondences

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- ◆ Correspondences between images of objects at same pose

# Data from the web...

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- ◆ <http://www.bushorchimp.com>



# Learning from examples

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Given Data ( $X_1, X_2$ ):

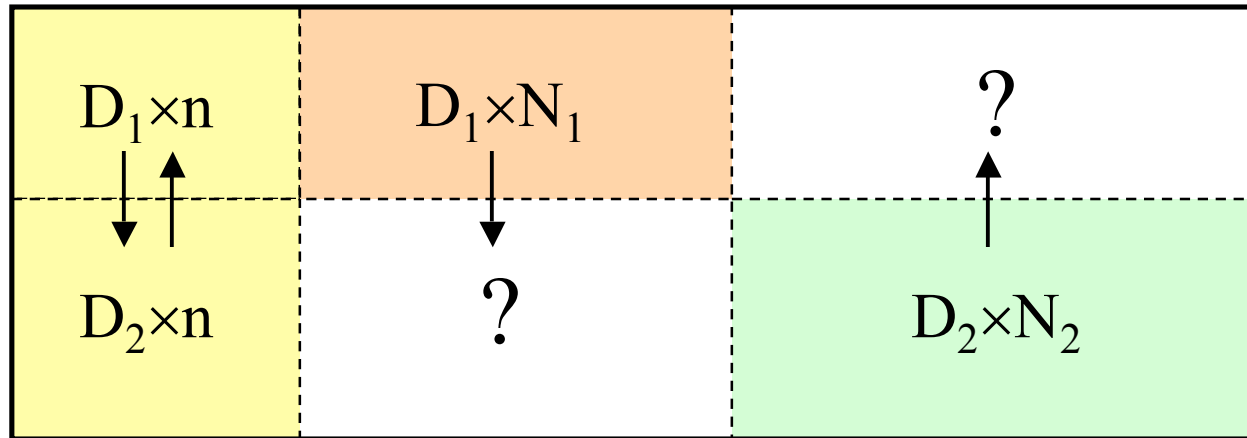
n labeled correspondences       $N_1$  examples of object 1 ( $D_1$  dimensions)       $N_2$  examples of object 2 ( $D_2$  dimensions)

$X_1$	$D_1 \times n$	$D_1 \times N_1$	?
$X_2$	$D_2 \times n$	?	$D_2 \times N_2$

- ◆ Matrix formulation ( $n \ll N_1, N_2$ )

# Supervised learning

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Training  
Data

Fill in the blanks:

$(D_1 + D_2) \times n$  labeled data

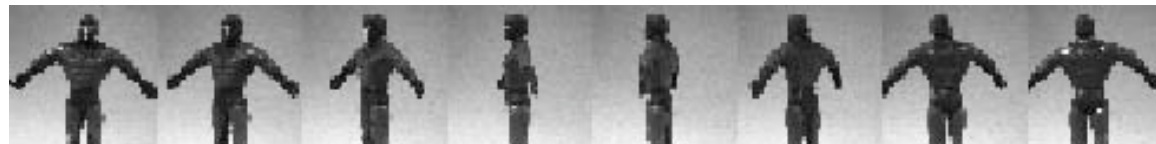
$D_1 \times D_2$  parameters

- ◆ Problem overfitting with small amount of labeled data

# Supervised backprop network

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Original:



Reconstruction:



Original:



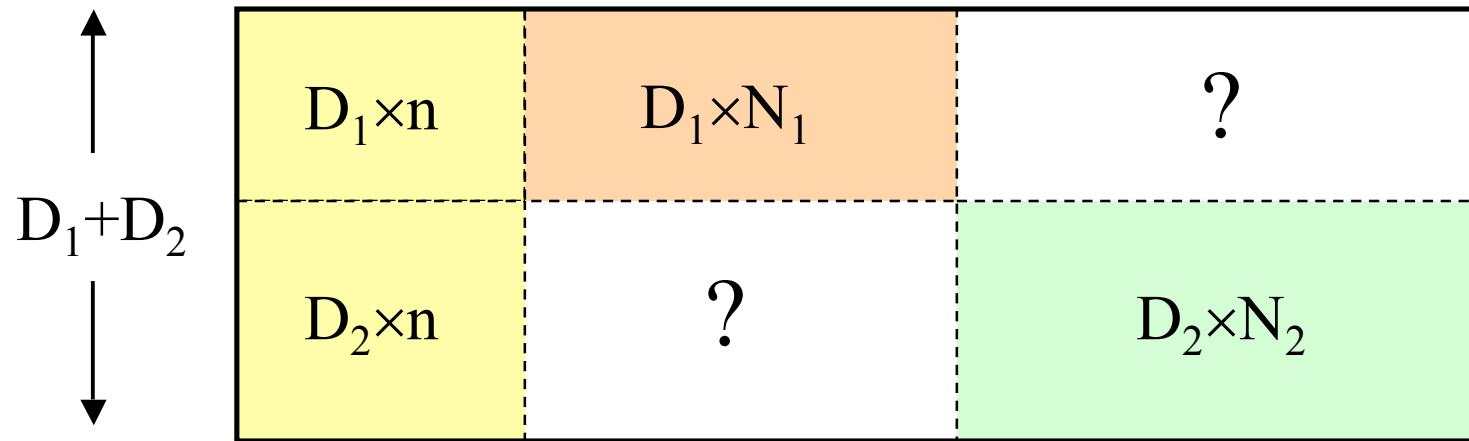
Reconstruction:



- ◆ 15 hidden units, tanh nonlinearity

# Missing data

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EM algorithm:

Iteratively fills in missing data statistics, reestimates parameters for PCA, factor analysis

- ◆ Treat as missing data problem using EM algorithm

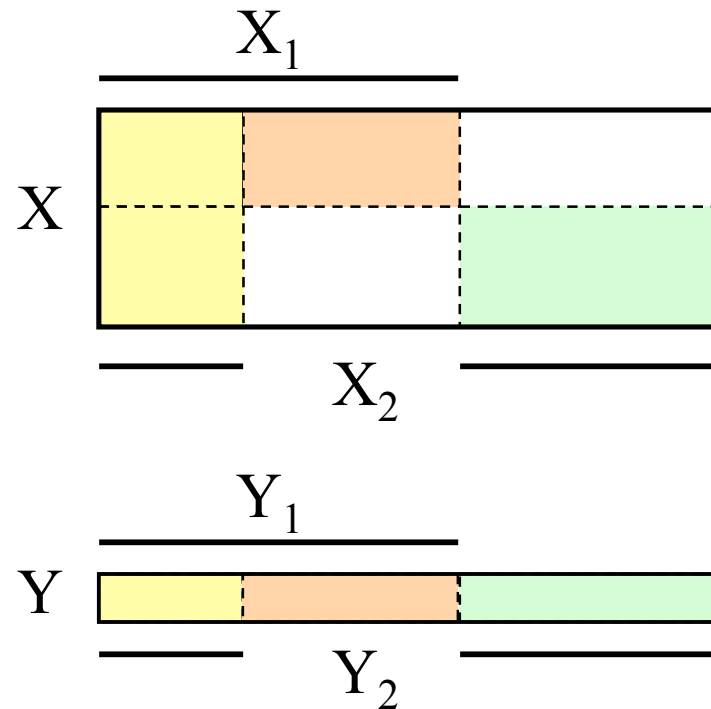
# EM algorithm

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$$\min_{Y_{ic}=Y_{jc}} \min_{W_i} \sum_i |X_i - W_i Y_i|^2$$

$$Y_i \leftarrow R Y_i \quad W_i \leftarrow W_i R^{-1}$$

so that  $Y^T Y = I$

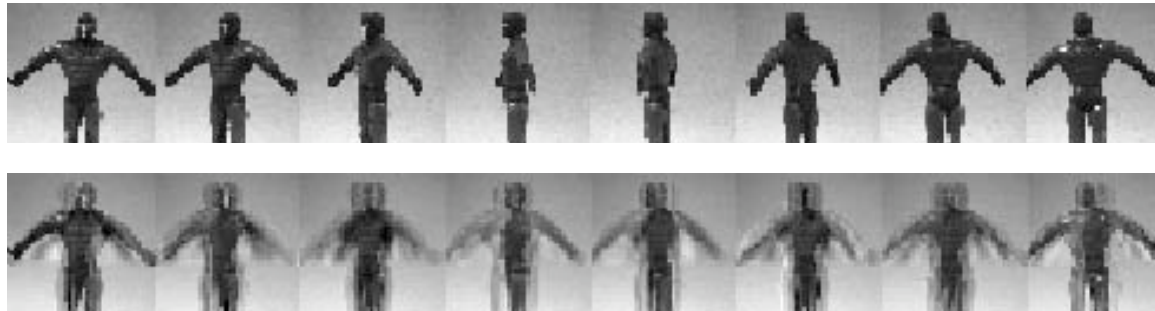


- ◆ Alternating minimization of least squares objective function.

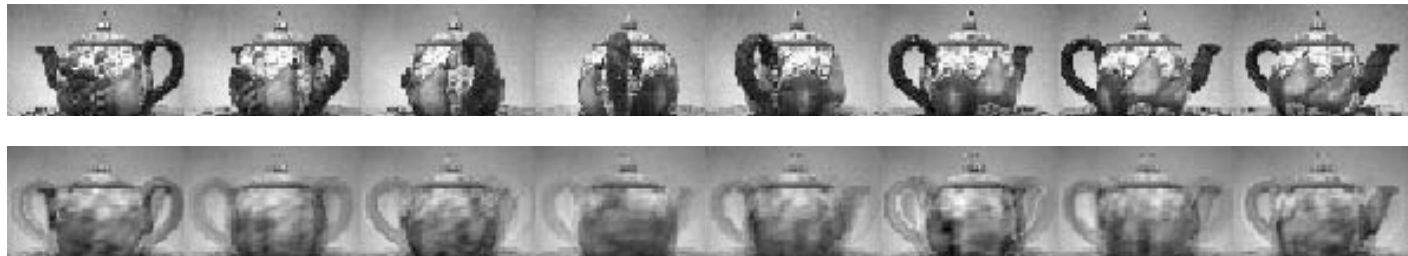
# PCA with correspondences

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Original:



Original:

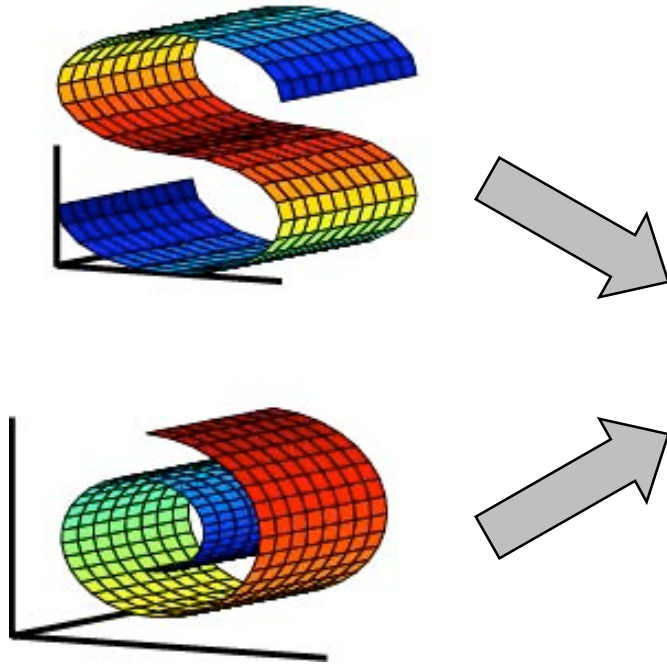


- ◆ 15 dimensional subspace, 200 images of each object, 10 in correspondence

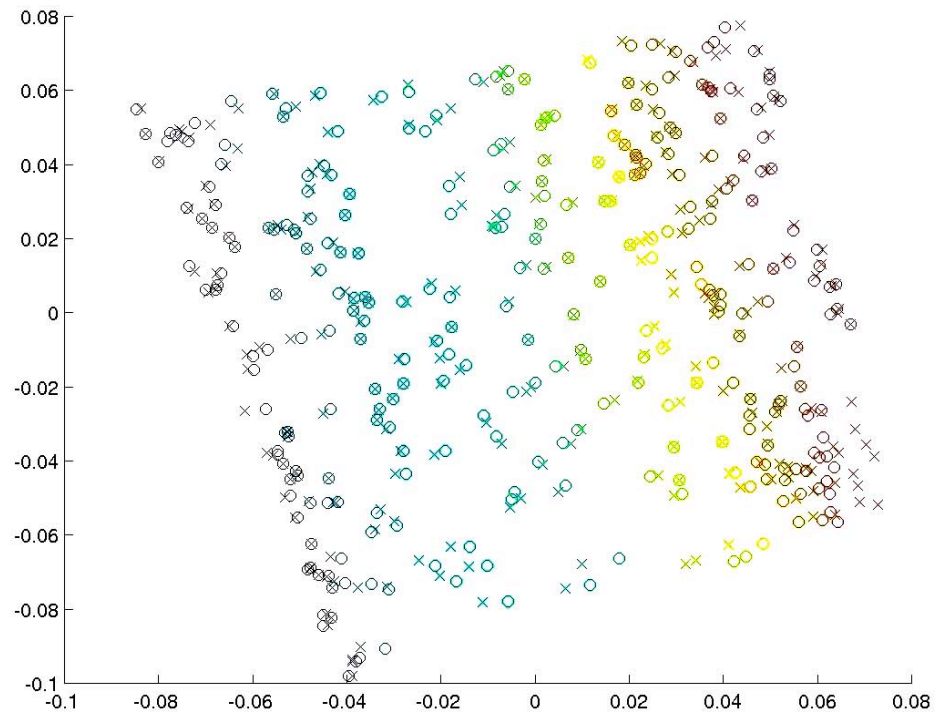
# Common embedding space

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Two input spaces



Common low dimensional space



# LLE with correspondences

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$$E(W^1) = \sum_i \left| \vec{X}_i^1 - \sum_j W_{ij}^1 \vec{X}_j^1 \right|^2$$

$$E(W^2) = \sum_i \left| \vec{X}_i^2 - \sum_j W_{ij}^2 \vec{X}_j^2 \right|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(Y^1, Y^2) = & \sum_i \left| \vec{Y}_i^1 - \sum_j W_{ij}^1 \vec{Y}_j^1 \right|^2 \\ & + \sum_i \left| \vec{Y}_i^2 - \sum_j W_{ij}^2 \vec{Y}_j^2 \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Correspondences:  $i \in S_c : \vec{Y}_i^1 = \vec{Y}_i^2$

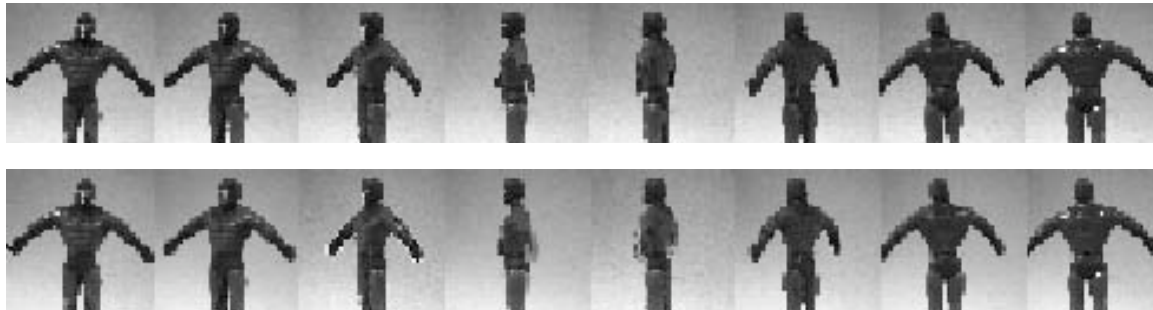
- ◆ Quadratic optimization with constraints is solved with spectral decomposition



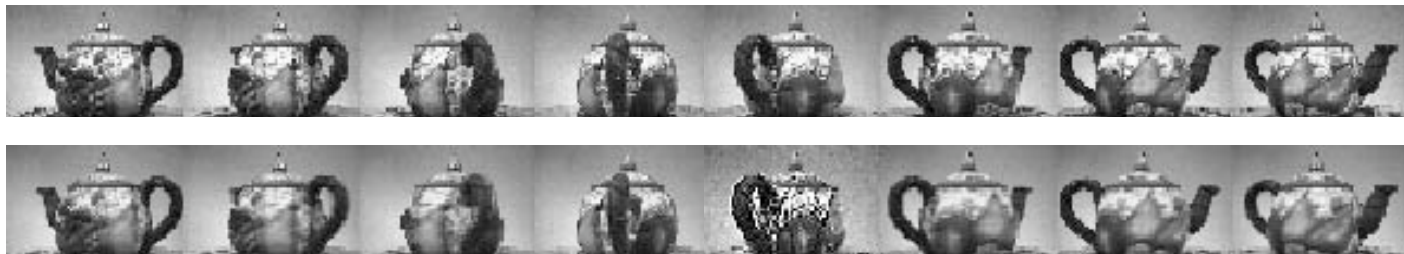
# LLE with correspondences

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Original:



Original:



- ◆ 8 nearest neighbors, 2 dimensional nonlinear manifold

# Summary

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- ◆ Adaptation and learning in biological systems for sensorimotor processing.
- ◆ Many sensory and motor activations are described by an underlying manifold structure.
- ◆ Development of learning algorithms that can incorporate this low dimensional manifold structure.
- ◆ Still much room for improvement...