

# Deep Canonical Correlation Analysis

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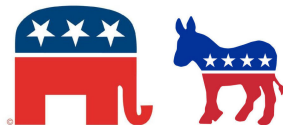
# Data with multiple views

$$x_1^{(i)}$$

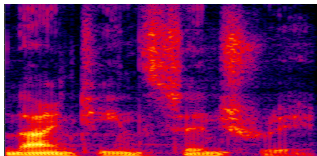
$$x_2^{(i)}$$



demographic properties



responses to survey



audio features at time  $i$



video features at time  $i$

# Correlated representations

- CCA, KCCA, and DCCA all learn functions  $f_1(x_1)$  and  $f_2(x_2)$  that maximize

$$\text{corr}(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2)) = \frac{\text{cov}(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))}{\sqrt{\text{var}(f_1(x_1)) \cdot \text{var}(f_2(x_2))}}$$

- Finding correlated representations can be used to
  - provide insight into the data
  - detect asynchrony in test data
  - remove noise that is uncorrelated across views
  - induce features that capture some of the information of the other view, if it is unavailable at test time
- Has been applied to problems in computer vision, speech, NLP, medicine, chemometrics, meteorology, neurology, etc.

# Canonical correlation analysis

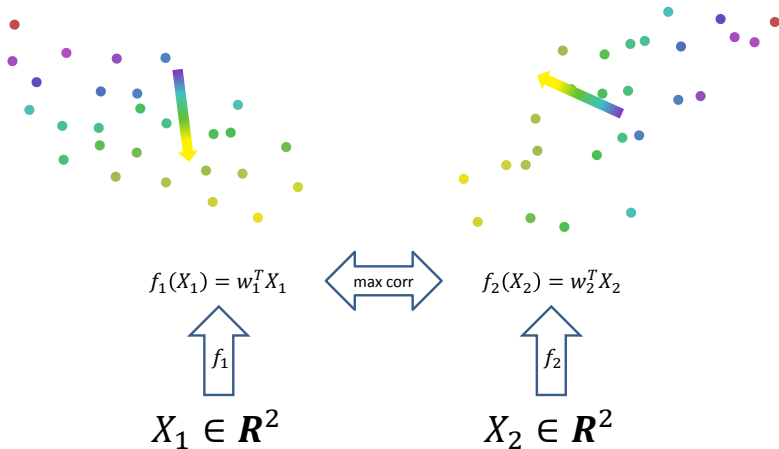
- CCA (Hotelling, 1936) is a classical technique to find linear relationships:  $f_1(x_i) = W_1'x_i$  for  $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times k}$  (and  $f_2$ ).
- The first columns  $(w_1^1, w_2^1)$  of the matrices  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are found to maximize the correlation of the projections

$$(w_1^1, w_2^1) = \operatorname{argmax}_{w_1, w_2} \operatorname{corr}(w_1'X_1, w_2'X_2).$$

- Subsequent pairs  $(w_1^i, w_2^i)$  are constrained to be uncorrelated with previous components: For  $j < i$ ,

$$\operatorname{corr}((w_1^i)'X_1, (w_1^j)'X_1) = \operatorname{corr}((w_2^i)'X_2, (w_2^j)'X_2) = 0.$$

# CCA Illustration



Two views of each instance have the same color

# CCA: Solution

- 1 Estimate covariances, with regularization.

$$\Sigma_{11} = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_1^{(i)} - \bar{x}_1)(x_1^{(i)} - \bar{x}_1)' + r_1 I \quad (\text{and } \Sigma_{22})$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_1^{(i)} - \bar{x}_1)(x_2^{(i)} - \bar{x}_2)'$$

- 2 Form normalized covariance matrix  $T \triangleq \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2}$  and its singular value decomposition  $T = UDV'$ .
- 3 Total correlation at  $k$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^k D_{ii}$ .
- 4 The optimal projection matrices are

$$(W_1^*, W_2^*) = (\Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} U_k, \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} V_k)$$

where  $U_k$  is the first  $k$  columns of  $U$ .

# Finding nonlinear relationships with Kernel CCA

- There may be nonlinear functions  $f_1, f_2$  that produce more highly correlated representations than linear maps.
- Kernel CCA is the principal method to detect such functions.
  - learns functions from any RKHS
  - may use different kernels for each view
- Using the RBF (Gaussian) kernel in KCCA is akin to finding sets of instances that form clusters in both views.



# KCCA: Pros and Cons

- Advantages of KCCA over linear CCA
  - More complex function space can yield dramatically higher correlation with sufficient training data.
  - Can be used to produce features that improve performance of a classifier when second view is unavailable at test time (Arora & Livescu, 2013)
- Disadvantages
  - Slower to train
  - Training set must be stored and referenced at test time
  - Model is more difficult to interpret

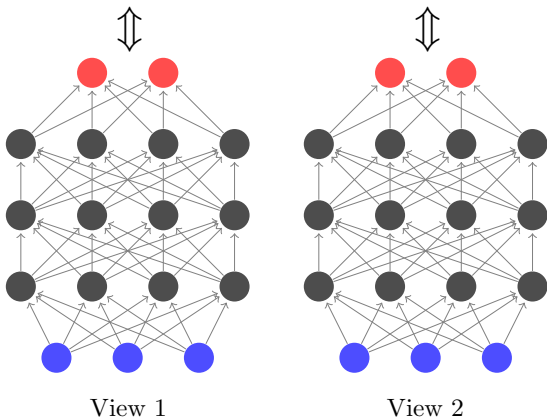


# Training deep networks

- Until mid-2000s, little success with *deep* MLPs (>2 layers).
- Now, increasing performance with 10 or more layers due to pretraining methods like Contrastive Divergence, variants of autoencoders (Hinton et al. 2006, Bengio et al. 2007).
- Weights of each layer are initialized to optimize a *generative* criterion, to learn hidden layers that can in some sense reconstruct the input.
- After pretraining the network is “fine tuned” by adjusting the pretrained weights to reduce the error of the output layer.

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- Advantages over KCCA:
  - May be better suited for natural, real-world data such as vision or audio, compared to standard kernels.
  - Parametric model
    - The training set can be discarded once parameters have been learned.
    - Computation of test representations is fast.
  - Does not require computing inner products.

# Deep CCA training

- To train a DCCA model
  - 1 Pretrain the layers of each side individually.
    - We use denoising autoencoder pretraining in this work. (Vincent et al., 2008)
  - 2 Jointly fine-tune all parameters to maximize the total correlation of the output layers  $H_1, H_2$ . Requires computing correlation gradient:
    - 1 Forward propagate activations on both sides.
    - 2 Compute correlation and its gradient w.r.t. output layers.
    - 3 Backpropagate gradient on both sides.
- Correlation is a population objective, but typical stochastic training methods use one instance (or minibatch) at a time
  - Instead, we use L-BFGS second-order method (full-batch)

# DCCA Objective Gradient

- To fine-tune all parameters via backpropagation, we need to compute the gradient  $\partial \text{corr}(H_1, H_2) / \partial H_1$ .
- Let  $\Sigma_{11}, \Sigma_{22}, \Sigma_{12}$ , and  $T = \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} = UDV'$ . Then,

$$\frac{\partial \text{corr}(H_1, H_2)}{\partial H_1} = \frac{1}{m-1} (\nabla_{12}(H_2 - \bar{H}_2) - \nabla_{11}(H_1 - \bar{H}_1))$$

where

$$\nabla_{12} = \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} UV' \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2}$$

and

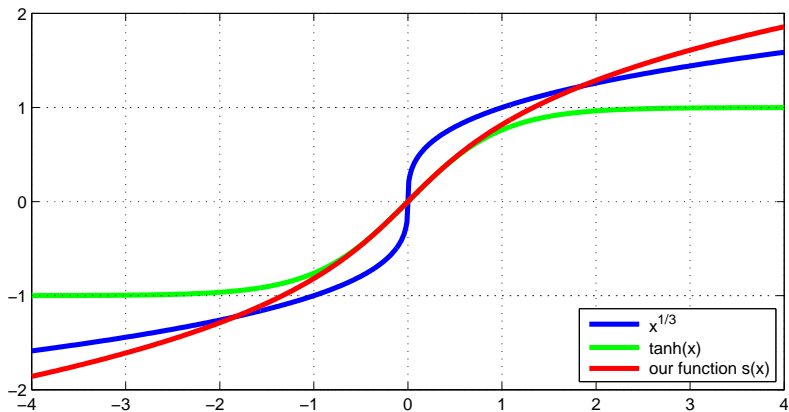
$$\nabla_{11} = \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} UDU' \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2}.$$

# Nonsaturating nonlinearity

- Standard, saturating sigmoid nonlinearities (logistic, tanh) sometimes cause problems for optimization (plateaus, ill-conditioning).
- We obtained better results with a novel nonsaturating sigmoid related to the cube root.



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- If  $g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is the function  $g(y) = y^3/3 + y$ , then our function is  $s(x) = g^{-1}(x)$ .
- Unlike  $\sigma$  and  $\tanh$ , does not saturate, derivative decays slowly.
- Unlike cube root, differentiable at  $x = 0$  (with unit slope).
- Like  $\sigma$  and  $\tanh$ , derivative is expressible in terms of function value:  $s'(x) = (s^2(x) + 1)^{-1}$ .
- Efficiently computable with Newton's method.



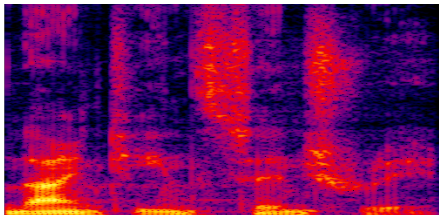
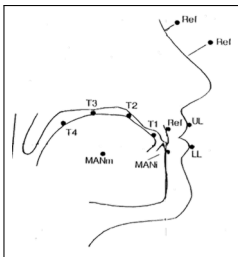
# Split MNIST results

- Compare total correlation on test data after applying transformations  $f_1, f_2$  learned by each model.
- Output dimensionality is 50 for all models.
  - Maximum possible correlation is 50.
- Hyperparameters of all models fit on random 10% of training data.
- DCCA model has two layers; hidden layer widths chosen on development set as 2038 and 1608.

	CCA	KCCA (RBF)	DCCA (50-2)	max
Dev	28.1	33.5	<b>39.4</b>	50
Test	28.0	33.0	<b>39.7</b>	50

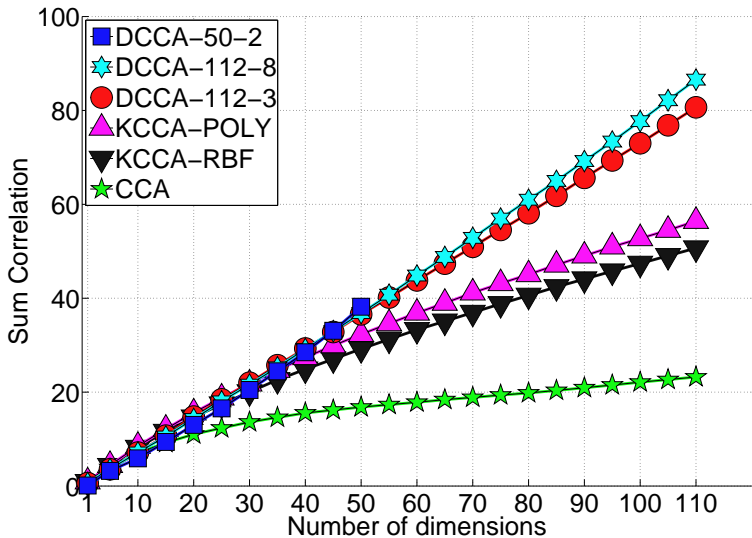
# Acoustic and articulatory views

- Wisconsin XRMB database of simultaneous acoustic and articulatory recordings
  - Articulatory view: horizontal and vertical displacements of eight pellets on speaker's lips, tongue and jaws concatenated over seven frames (112 features)
  - Acoustic view: 13 MFCCs + first and second derivatives, concatenated over seven frames (273 features)



# Comparing top $k$ components

- We compare the total correlation of the top  $k$  components of each model, for all  $k \leq o$  (DCCA output size).
- CCA and KCCA order components by training correlation, but the output of a DCCA model has no inherent ordering.
- To evaluate at  $k < o$ 
  - Perform linear CCA over DCCA representations of training data to obtain linear transformations  $W_1, W_2$ .
  - Map DCCA representations of test data by  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , then compare total correlation of top  $k$  components.



# Correlation as a function of depth

- Explore relative contribution of depth/width
- Vary depth from three to eight layers, reducing the width to keep the total number of parameters constant
- Total correlation increases monotonically with depth, and at eight layers has still not reached saturation

layers	3	4	5	6	7	8	max
Dev set	66.7	68.1	70.1	72.5	76.0	<b>79.1</b>	112
Test set	80.4	81.9	84.0	86.1	88.5	<b>88.6</b>	112



# Conclusions

- DCCA learns complex nonlinear transformations to discover latent relationships in two views of data.
- Unlike KCCA, DCCA is a parametric method.
  - does not require an inner product
  - representations of unseen instances can be computed without reference to the training set
- In experiments, DCCA finds much more highly correlated representations than KCCA or linear CCA.
- Tall skinny networks are better than short fat ones.