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Is an Affine Constraint Needed for Affine Subspace Clustering?

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Affine Subspace Clustering w/o Affine Constraint

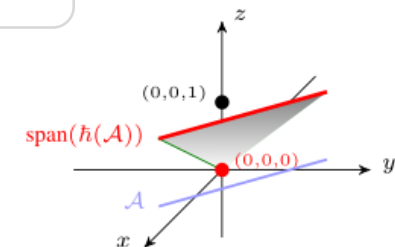
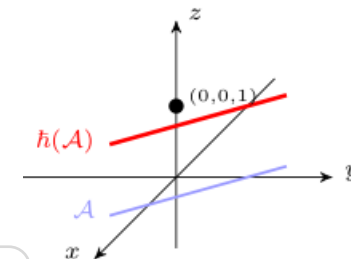
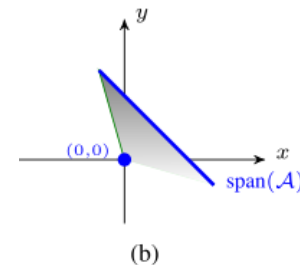
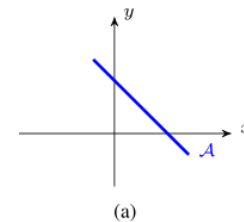
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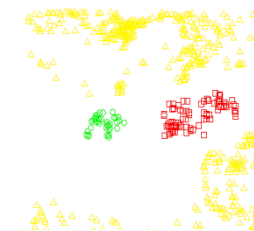
Structures in High-Dimensional Data

- High dimensional data in computer vision, pattern recognition, and bioinformatics are usually controlled by *a few hidden factors*

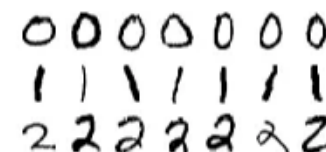
- Frontal face images of varying illumination condition



- Feature points trajectory on moving rigid object in video



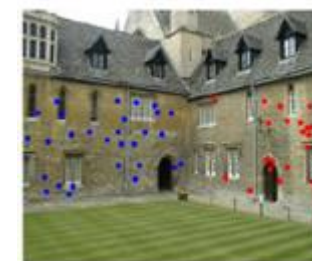
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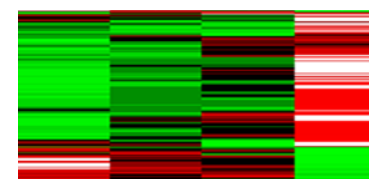
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- Gene expression data of cancer subtype

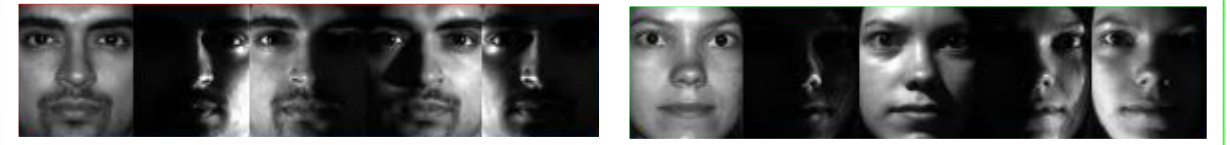


Examples in Application

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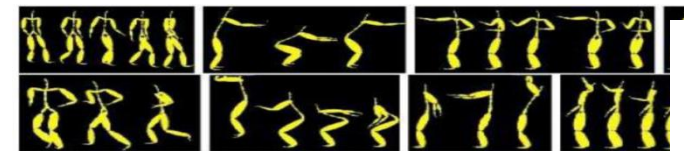
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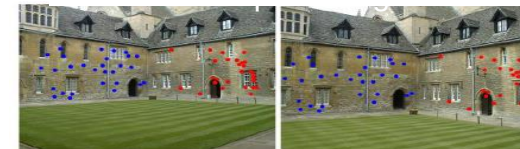
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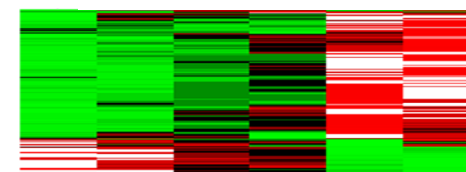
- Action Segmentation



- Planar Area Detection in 3D



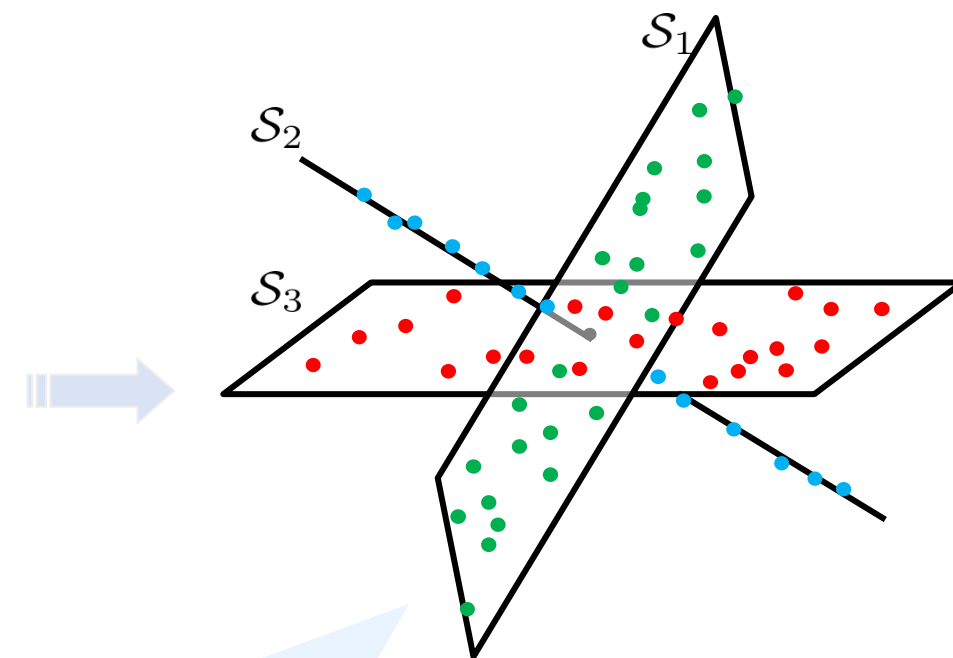
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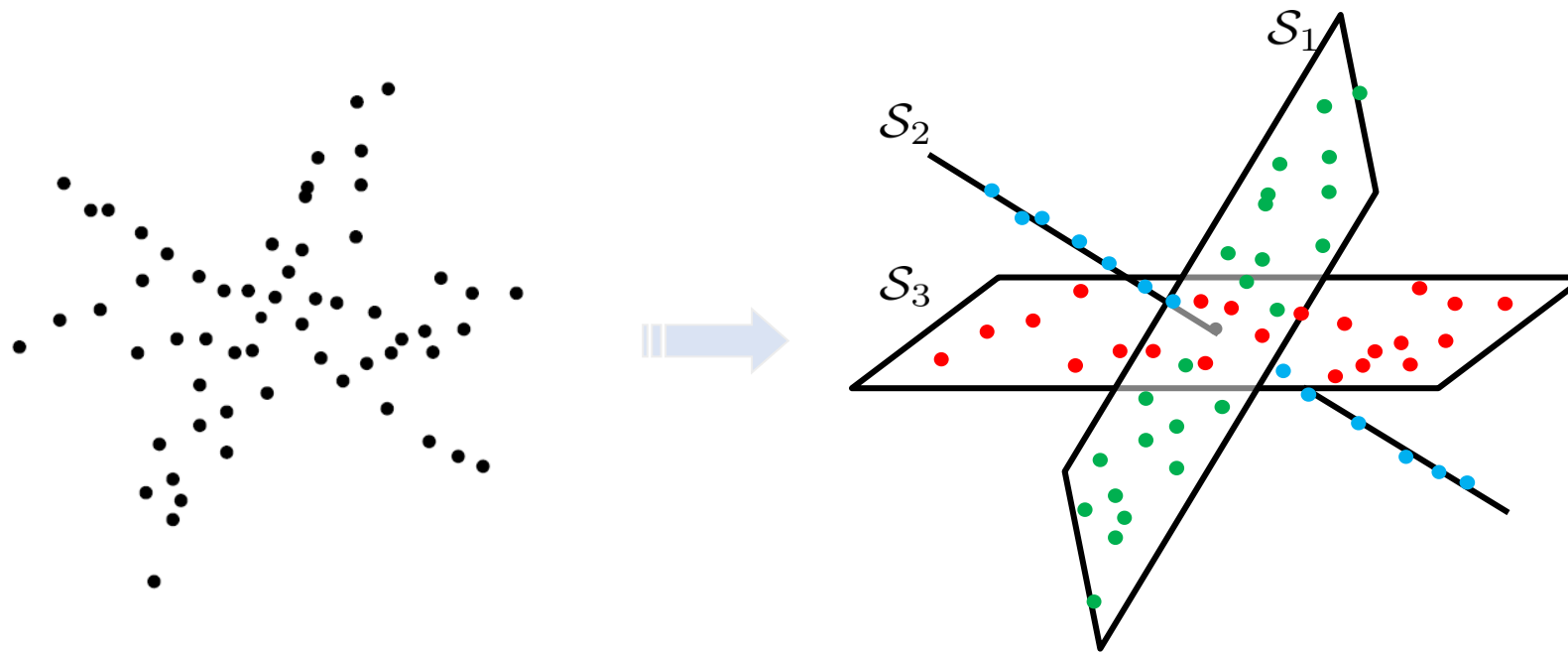
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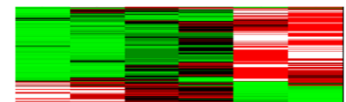
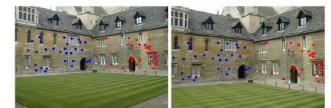
Union of Subspaces

Subspace Clustering

- Given a set of data points lying (approximately) in a **union of subspaces**, to segment the data points into each subspace



- Each subspace corresponds to a pattern (or cluster) in data
 - ✓ e.g. a moving object, person, digit, action, plan area, cancer subtype



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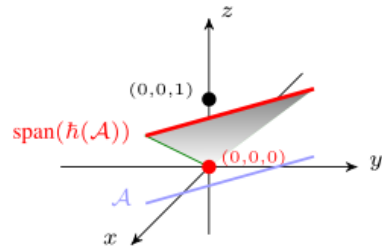
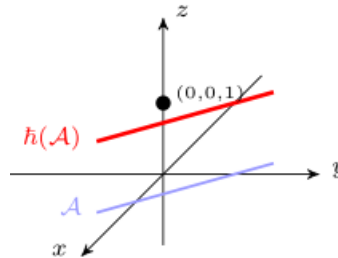
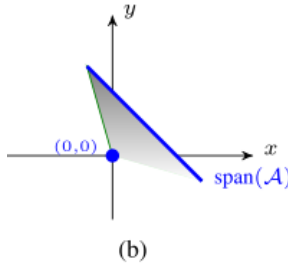
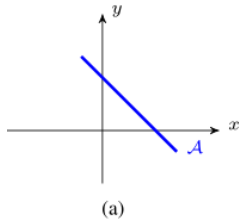
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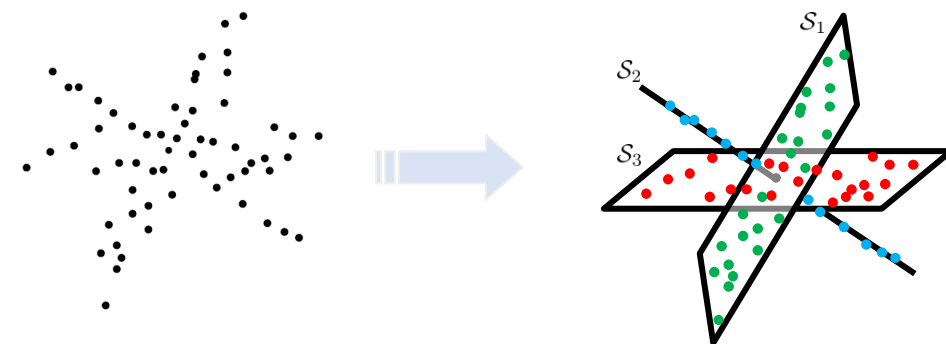
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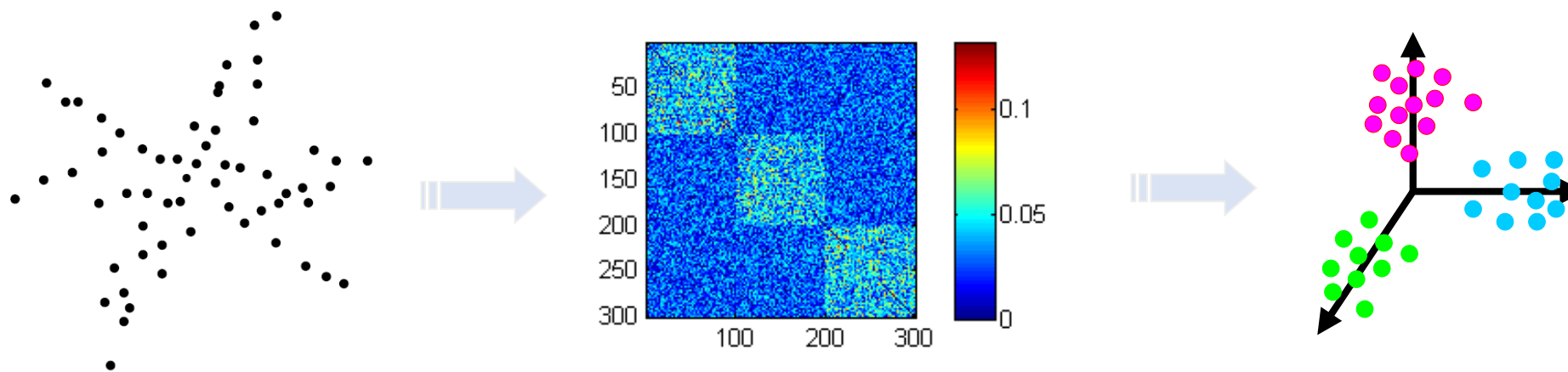
- Iterative methods
 - k-plane, q-flats, ...
- Statistical methods
 - Matrix Factorization, MPPCA, ...
- Algebraic methods
 - Generalized PCA (GPCA), ...
- Spectral Subspace Clustering
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Spectral Clustering based Methods

- Step 1: Build a Data Affinity Matrix
- Step 2: Apply **Spectral Clustering**

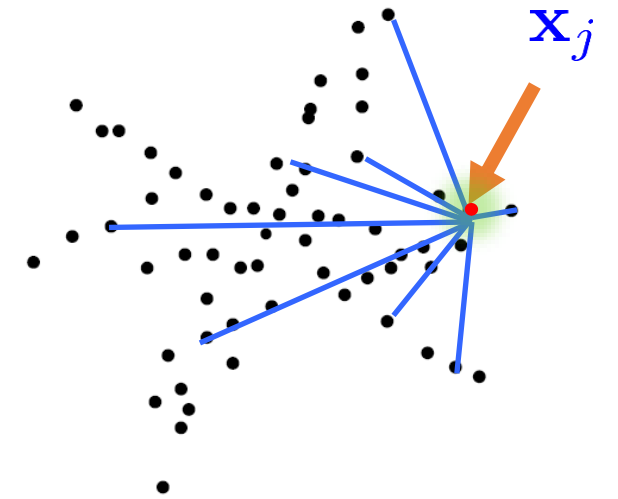


➤ Why spectral clustering? Spectral Graph Theory



Detection of Subspace Structures

- Step 1: Build a Data Affinity Matrix
- Step 2: Apply Spectral Clustering



- Self-Expression Model
 - Express a data point as a linear combination of other data points

$$\mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i \neq j}^N c_i \mathbf{x}_i = c_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + c_{j-1} \mathbf{x}_{j-1} + 0 \cdot \mathbf{x}_j + c_{j+1} \mathbf{x}_{j+1} + \dots + c_N \mathbf{x}_N$$



Subspace Preserving Property

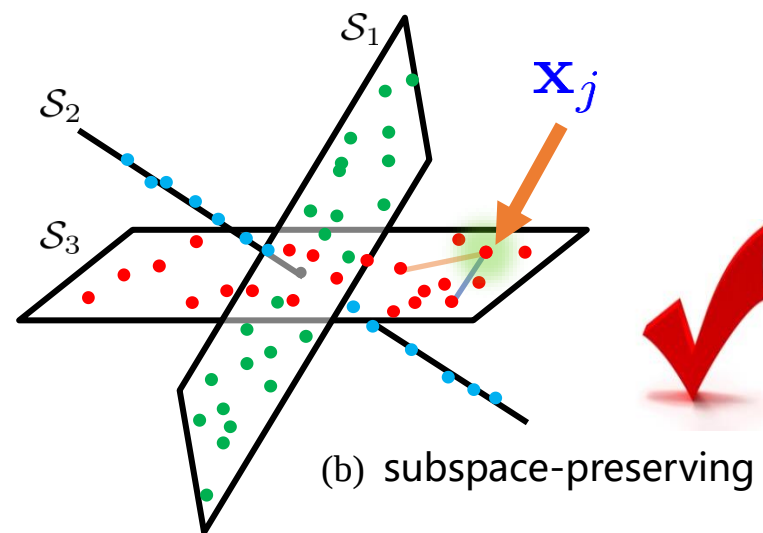
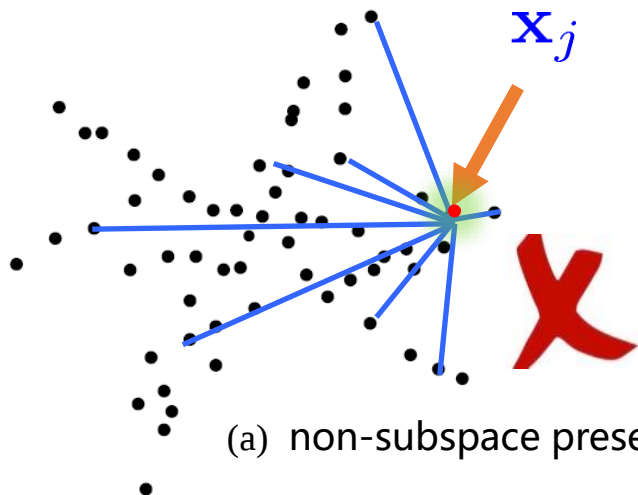
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➤ **Subspace-Preserving Property:** nonzero coefficients ONLY correspond to data points in the same subspace as $\mathbf{x}_j$





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➤ To find the coefficients with **subspace-preserving property**, a proper regularization is adopted, e.g.

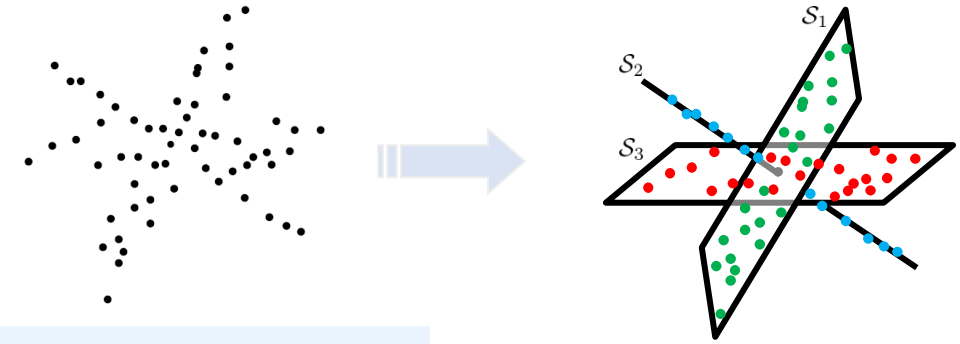
✓ $\|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \rightarrow$ Sparse Subspace Clustering (SSC)

✓ $\|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 \rightarrow$ Least Square Regression (LSR)

✓ $\|\mathbf{C}\|_* \rightarrow$ Low-Rank Representation (LRR/LRSC)



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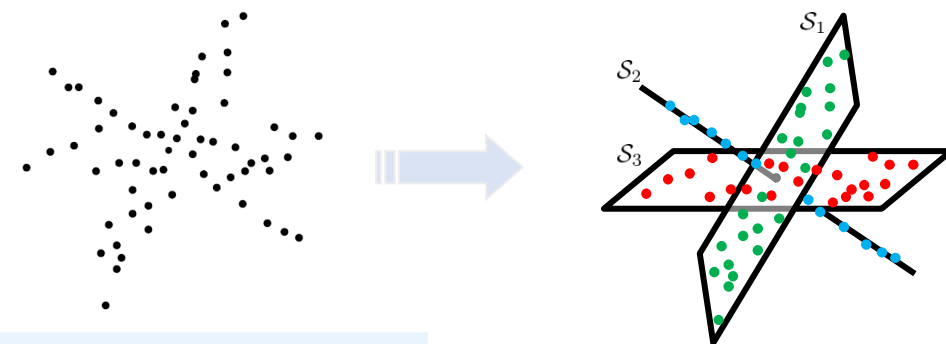
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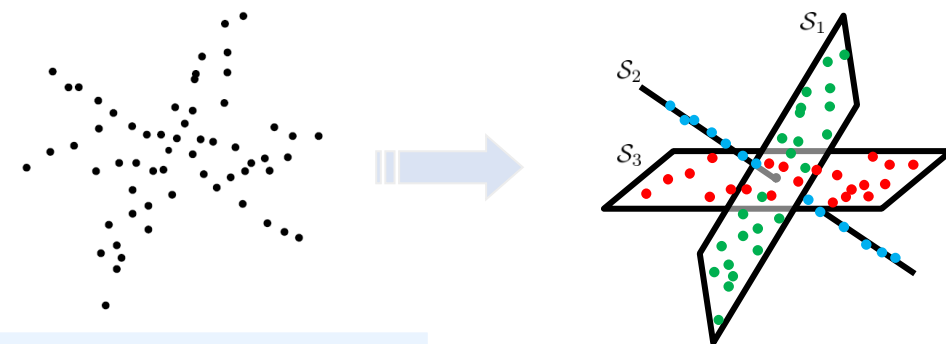
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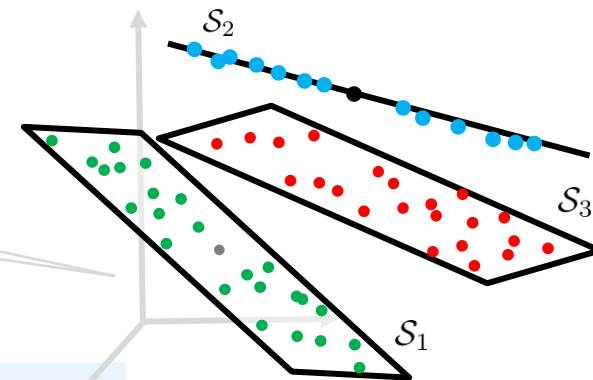
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Union of **Affine** Subspaces



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Affine Constraint $\rightarrow ?$

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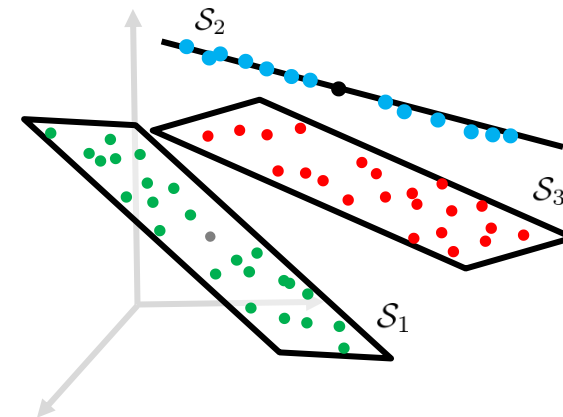
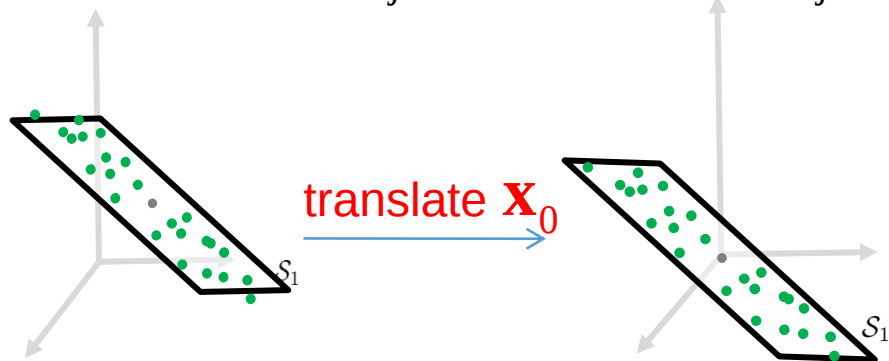
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✓ Affine constraint $\sum_{i=1}^N c_i = 1 \Rightarrow$ Coefficients are **translation invariant**.

$$\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_0 = \sum_{i \neq j}^N c_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_0) = \sum_{i \neq j}^N c_i \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_0 \sum_{i \neq j}^N c_i = \sum_{i \neq j}^N c_i \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_0$$





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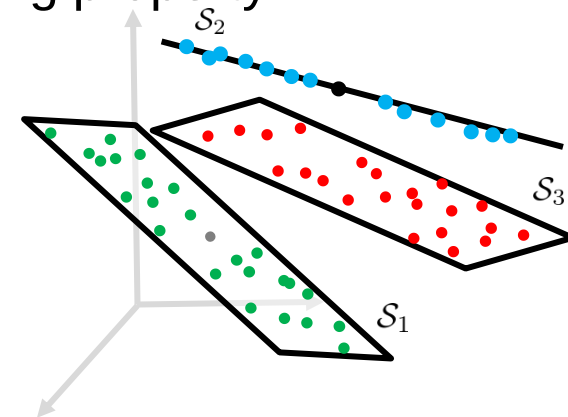
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- To find the coefficients with subspace-preserving property, a proper regularization is adopted, e.g. $\|\mathbf{c}\|_1$, $\|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$, $\|C\|_*$

- Can it still find self-expressive coefficients with subspace-preserving property?

- If YES, under what conditions?

- Is an affine constraint necessary for affine subspace clustering?



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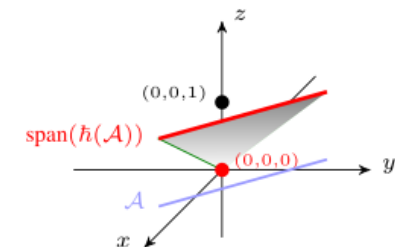
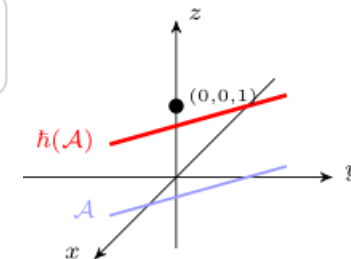
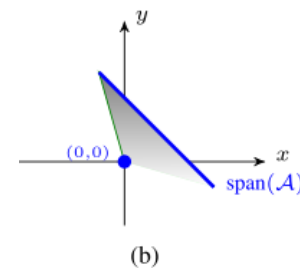
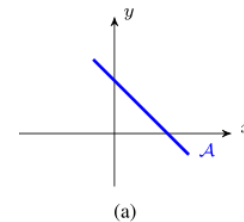
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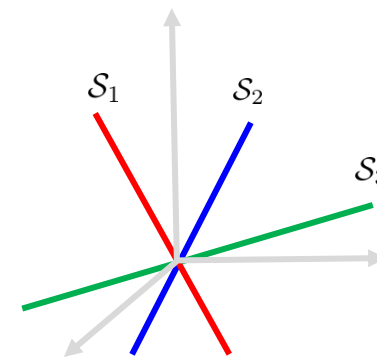
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Arrangement of Subspaces

- Linearly independent vs. affinely independent

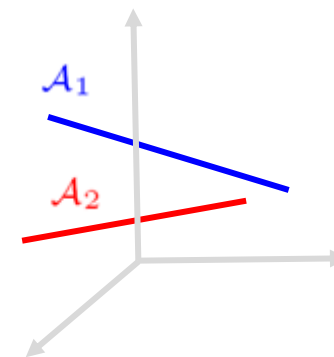


- Definition 1: The linear subspaces $\{\mathcal{S}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ (linearly) independent if

$$\dim(\text{span}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{S}_\ell)) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \dim(\mathcal{S}_\ell)$$

- Definition 2: The affine subspaces $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ affinely independent if

$$\dim(\text{aff}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{A}_\ell)) + 1 = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \dim(\mathcal{A}_\ell) + n$$





Affine Subspace Clustering with Affine Constraint

Affine Subspace Clustering (ASC):

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, \quad c_j = 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (1)$$

where $r(\cdot)$ satisfies the Extended Block Diagonal condition (EBD)

function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to satisfy the EBD conditions if

- Ω is closed under permutations and f is permutation invariant, i.e., for any $\mathbf{C} \in \Omega$ we have $\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{P} \in \Omega$ and $f(\mathbf{C}) = f(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{P})$ for any permutation matrix $\mathbf{P}$, and

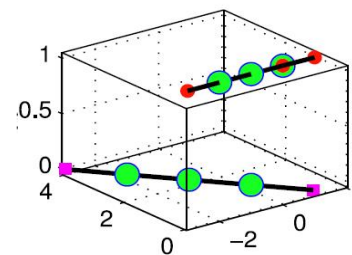
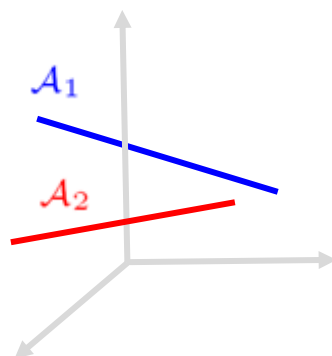
- for any partition $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1 & \mathbf{C}_3 \\ \mathbf{C}_4 & \mathbf{C}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ of any matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \Omega$

such that $\mathbf{C}_1$ and $\mathbf{C}_2$ are square matrices we have

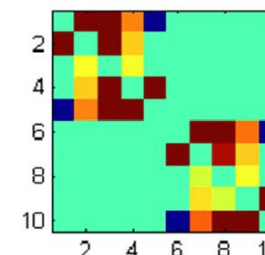
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad f\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1 & \mathbf{C}_3 \\ \mathbf{C}_4 & \mathbf{C}_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \geq f\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

with equality holding if and only if $\mathbf{C}_3 = \mathbf{C}_4 = \mathbf{0}$.

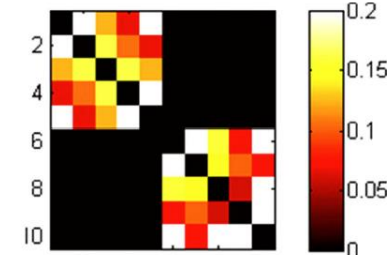
➤ Theorem 1: If the affine subspaces $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ **affinely independent**, any optimal solution to (1) is subspace-preserving.



(a) data points



(b) coefficients matrix C



(c) affinity matrix A



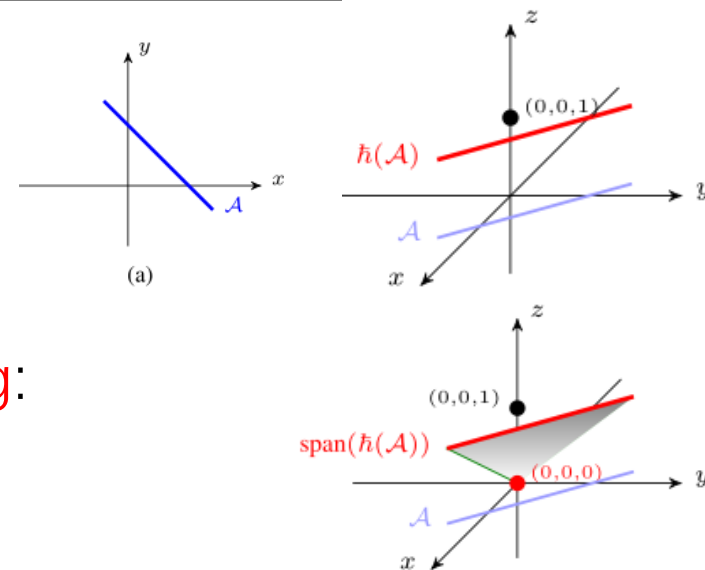
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- **ASC with** Affine Constraint:

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- Reformulate (1) with **homogenous embedding**:

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{s.t. } \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_j \\ \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X \\ \mathbf{1}^T \end{bmatrix}} \mathbf{c}, \quad c_j = 0$$



- ✓ Theorem 2: If the linear subspaces $\{\text{span}(\tilde{h}(\mathcal{A}_\ell))\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are linearly independent, if and only if affine subspaces $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are affinely independent



Affine Subspace Clustering with Affine Constraint

- ASC with Affine Constraint:

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, \quad c_j = 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (1)$$

- Random Affine Subspace Model:

$$\mathcal{A}_\ell = \mathbf{w}_{0,\ell} + \text{span}\{\mathbf{w}_{1,\ell}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{d_\ell,\ell}\}$$

- where $\{\mathbf{w}_{0,\ell}, \mathbf{w}_{1,\ell}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{d_\ell,\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are independently and uniformly drawn from unit sphere of $\mathbb{R}^D$

✓ Theorem 3: If affine subspaces $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ generated with the random model and $D \geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_\ell + n - 1$ are $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ independent with probability 1.



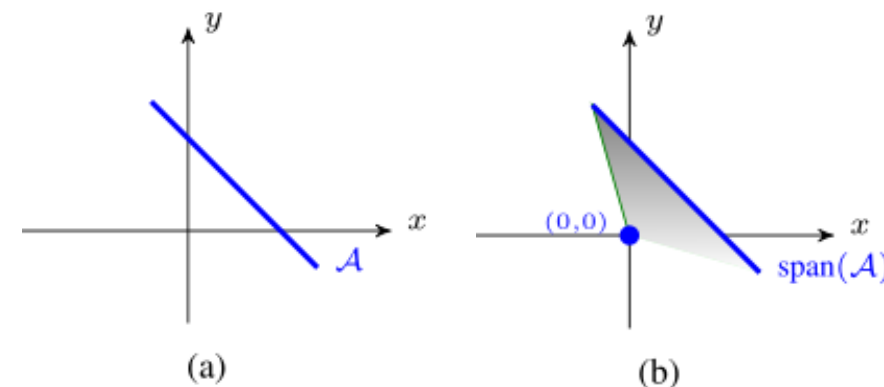
Affine Subspace Clustering **without** Affine Constraint

- **ASC without** Affine Constraint:

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, c_j = 0 \quad (2)$$

where $r(\cdot)$ satisfies the Extended Block Diagonal condition (EBD)

- Theorem 4: If (linear) subspaces $\{\text{span}(\mathcal{A}_\ell)\}_{\ell=1}^n$ linearly independent, any optimal solution to (2) is subspace-preserving.

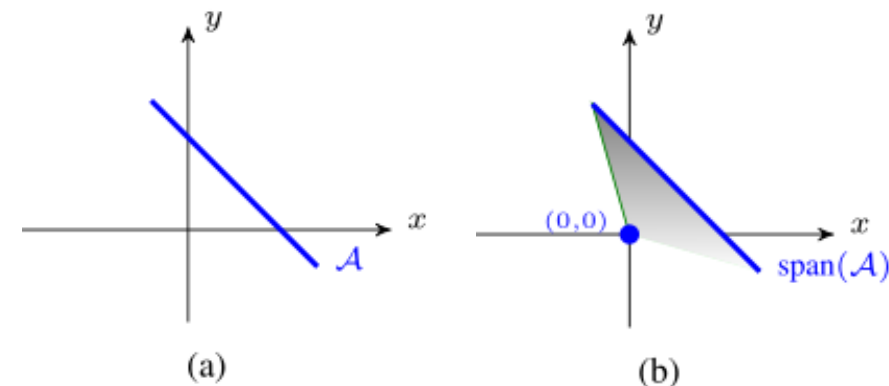




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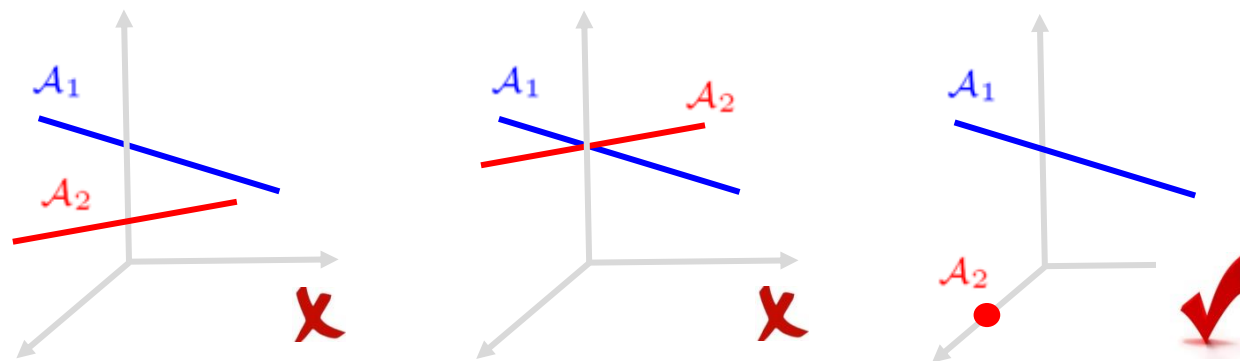
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➤ Theorem 4: If (linear) subspaces $\{\text{span}(\mathcal{A}_\ell)\}_{\ell=1}^n$ linearly independent, any optimal solution to (2) is subspace-preserving.

✓ Proposition 1: $\{\text{span}(\mathcal{A}_\ell)\}_{\ell=1}^n$ linearly independent **if and only if**: $0 \notin \text{aff}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{A}_\ell)$ and $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are **affinely** independent.

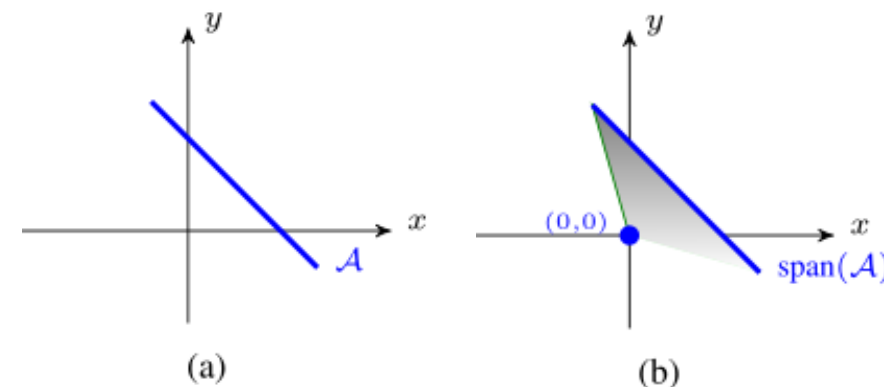




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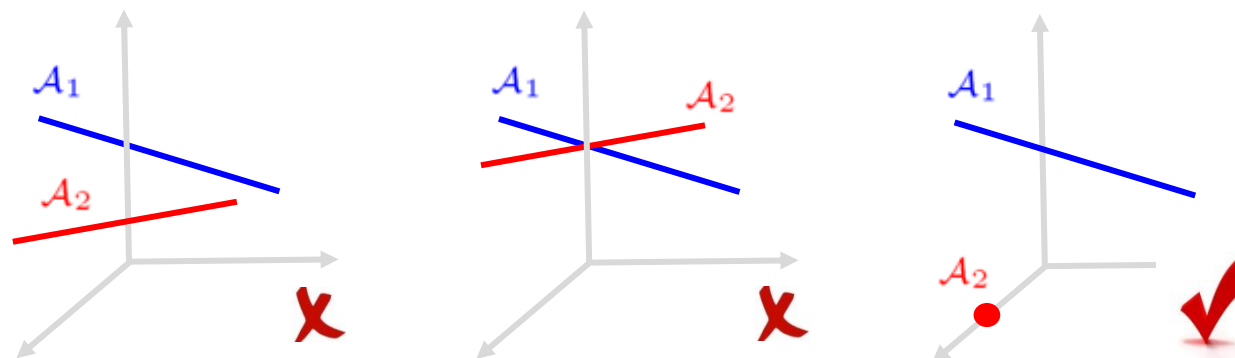
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where $r(\cdot)$ satisfies the Extended Block Diagonal condition (EBD)

➤ Theorem 5: If affine subspaces
and $D \geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_{\ell} + n$
independent with probability 1.

$\{\mathcal{A}_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^n$ generated with the random model
 $\mathbf{0} \notin \text{aff}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{A}_{\ell})$ are $\{\mathcal{A}_{\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^n$





ASC *without or with* Affine Constraint

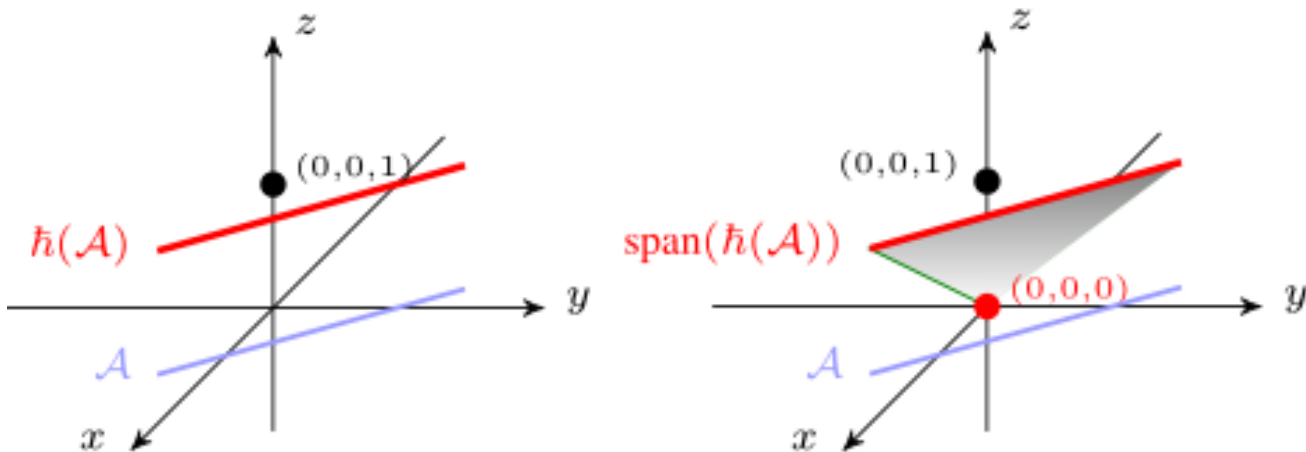
- $\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, c_j = 0, \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (1)$

➤ $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are **affinely** independent

➤ Under the random model, if

$$D \geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_\ell + n - 1$$

then every optimal solution to (1) is subspace preserving



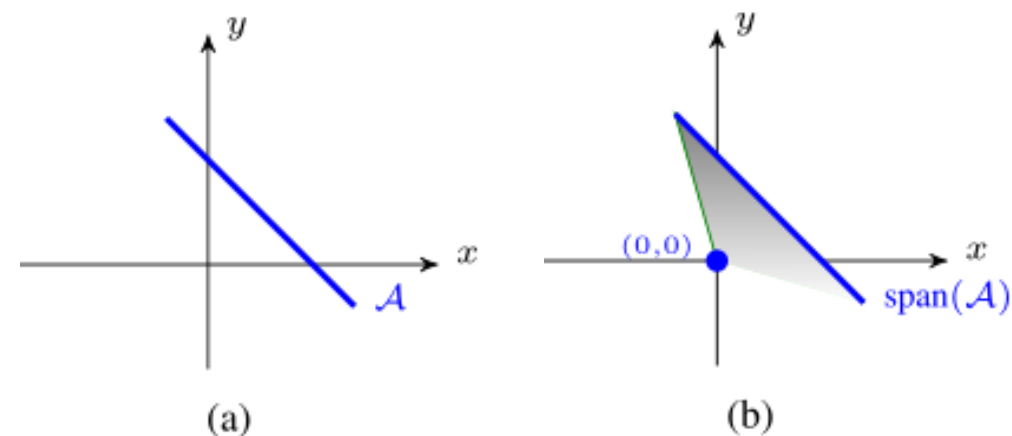
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➤ $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ are **affinely** independent and $\mathbf{0} \notin \text{aff}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{A}_\ell)$

➤ Under the random model, if

$$D \geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_\ell + n$$

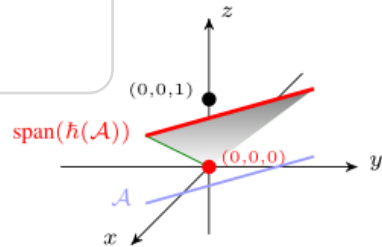
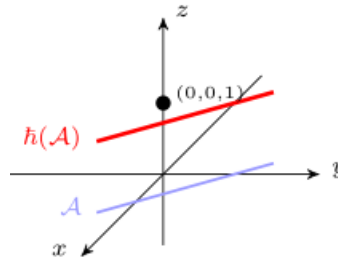
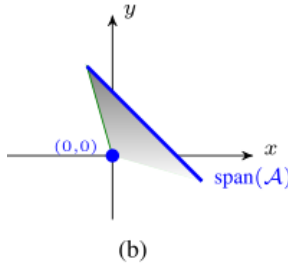
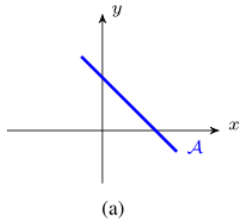
then every optimal solution to (2) is subspace preserving



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Comparison on ASC with/without Affine Constraint

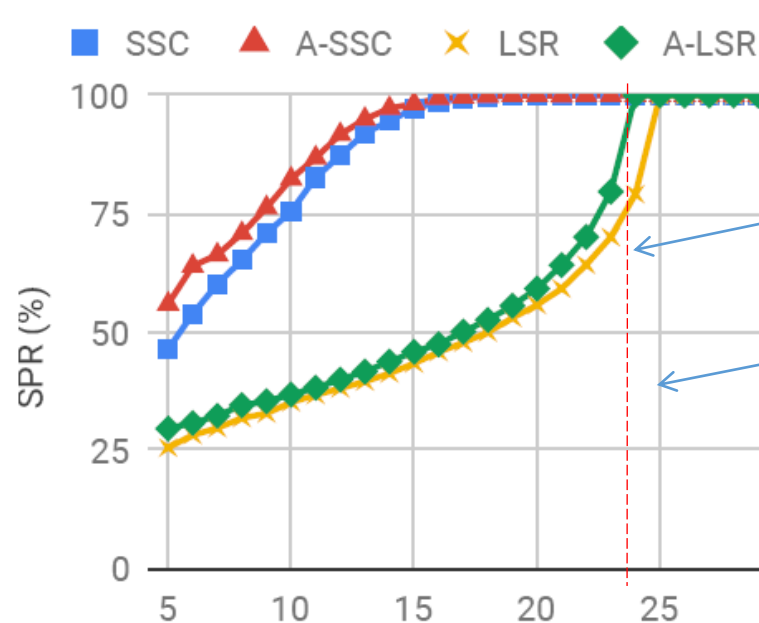




ASC with or without Affine Constraint

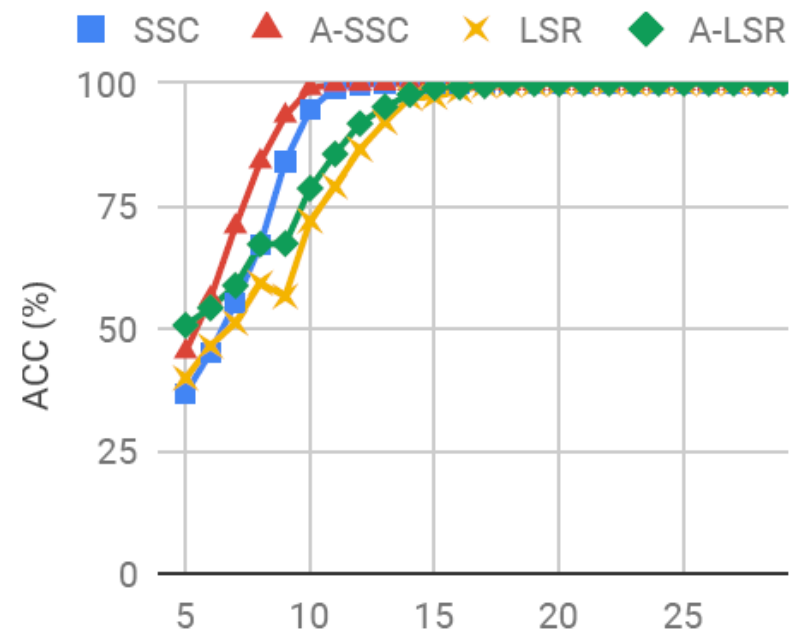
- $\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c})$ s.t. $\mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}$, $c_j = 0$, $\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1$ (1) $\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c})$ s.t. $\mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}$, $c_j = 0$, (2)

➤ **Synthetic Data:** Generate $n=5$ affine subspaces under the random model, each affine subspace with dimension $d=4$.



(a) SPR vs. D

$$\begin{aligned} D &\geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_{\ell} + n - 1 \\ &= 24 \\ D &\geq \sum_{\ell=1}^n d_{\ell} + n \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$



(b) ACC vs. D



ASC with or without Affine Constraint

- $$\min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_j - X\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t. } c_j = 0, \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (1) \quad \min_{\mathbf{c}} r(\mathbf{c}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_j - X\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 \quad \text{s.t. } c_j = 0 \quad (2)$$

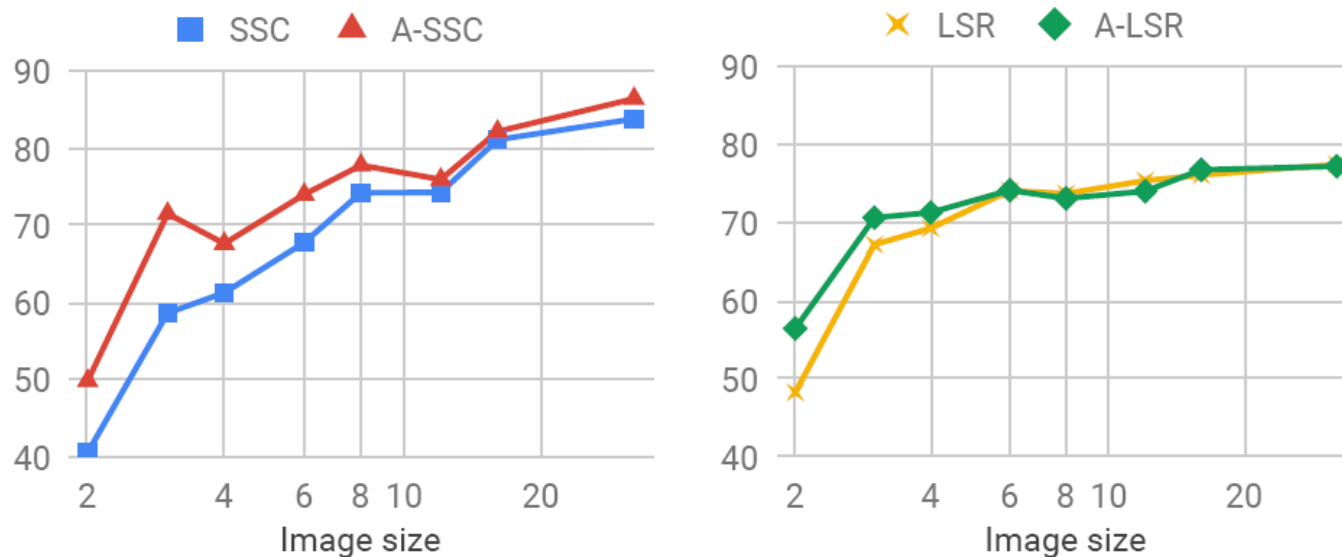


Figure 4. Performance on Coil-100 with various ambient dimension. Images in Coil-100 are downsampled to size p -by- p , with p varied on the x -axis, and clustering accuracy shown on the y -axis.

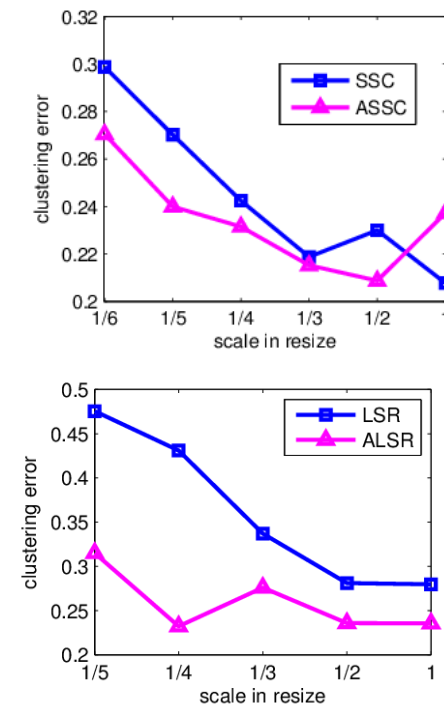
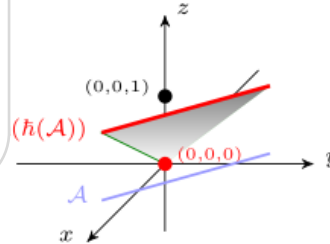
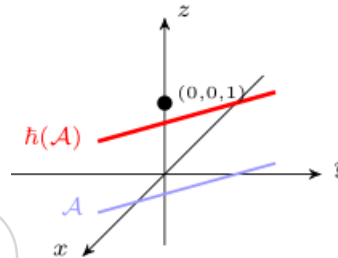
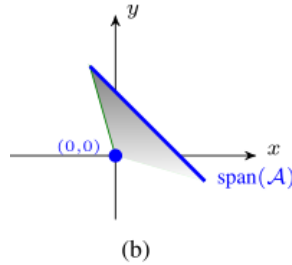
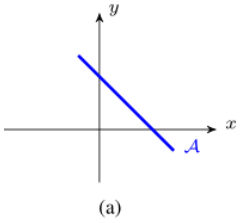


Figure 5. Performance on ORL400 with various ambient dimension

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When the dimension D of ambient space is lower, the affine constraint is needed.

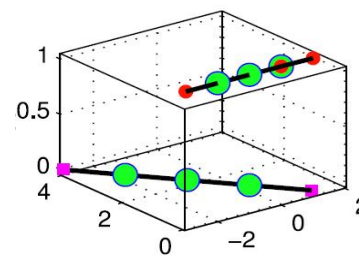




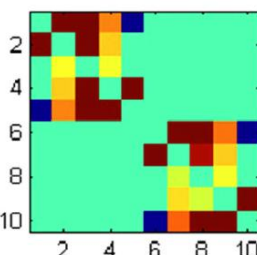
On Geometric Analysis of Affine SSC (1/3)

- Affine SSC (ASSC):**

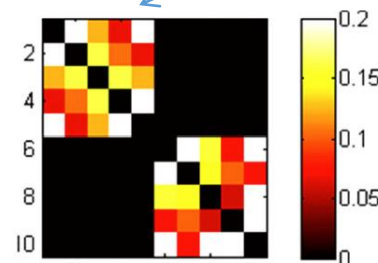
$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, \quad c_j = 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (3)$$



(a) data points



(b) coefficients matrix C



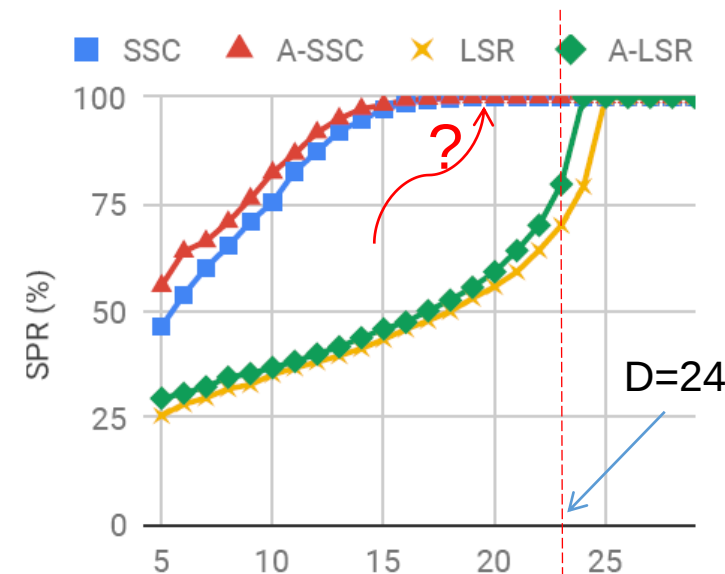
(c) affinity matrix A

➤ Theorem 1: The affine subspaces $\{\mathcal{A}_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^n$ affinely independent, any optimal solution to (3) is subspace-preserving.

- Affinely independent requires:

$$\dim(\text{aff}(\cup_{\ell=1}^n \mathcal{A}_\ell)) + 1 = \sum_{\ell=1}^n \dim(\mathcal{A}_\ell) + n$$

➤ Synthetic Data: $n=5$, $\dim=4$



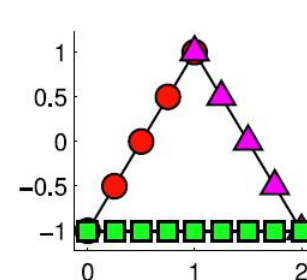
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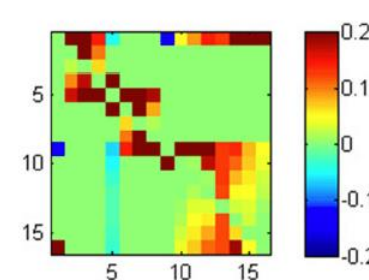
On Geometric Analysis of Affine SSC (2/3)

- Affine SSC (ASSC):**

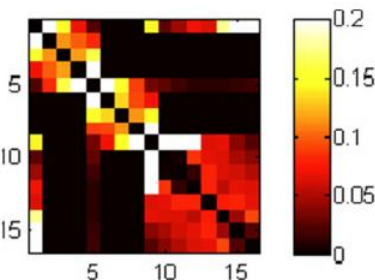
$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, \quad c_j = 0, \quad \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (3)$$



(a) data points



(b) coefficients matrix C



(c) affinity matrix A

➤ Relative position of data points:

- In relative interior: $\mathbf{c} \geq \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1$
 - ✓ Every optimal solution is *nonnegative*.
 - ✓ **Equivalent condition** to guarantee subspace-preserving:
 - ✓ Exists nonnegative **subspace-dense** solution
- On boundary:
 - ✓ Every optimal solution is nonnegative
- At vertex:
 - ✓ Nonnegative solution cannot be subspace preserving

$\mathcal{A}_\ell$ does not intersect $\text{conv}(\mathcal{X}^{(-\ell)})$

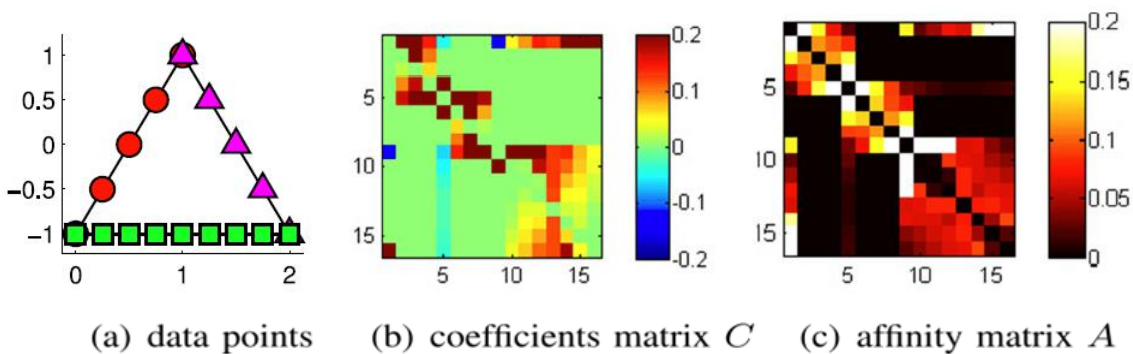
approximately $\sim \frac{c(\log N_\ell)^{\frac{d_\ell - 1}{2}}}{N_\ell}$



On Geometric Analysis of Affine SSC (3/3)

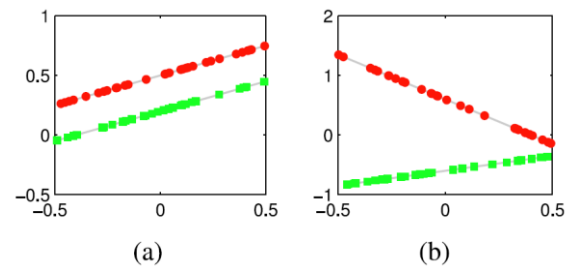
- Affine SSC (ASSC):

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x}_j = X\mathbf{c}, c_j = 0, \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1 \quad (3)$$



➤ Relative position of data points:

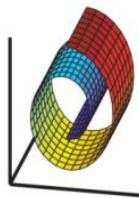
- In relative interior: $\mathbf{c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 = \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{c} = 1$
 - ✓ Every optimal solution is *nonnegative*.
 - ✓ Equivalent condition to guarantee subspace-preserving
 - ✓ Exists nonnegative *subspace-dense* solution
- On boundary:



	Hopkins 155		Iris	Wdbc	Wine	Ionosphere	UCI Digits	USPS
	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 3$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 2$	$n = 10$	$n = 10$
SSC(n)	5.48	15.60	8.00	28.12	34.83	35.33	31.87	14.71
ASSC(n)	1.95	4.94	6.67	8.26	7.87	29.91	28.67	11.70*



Q & A?



(Science,2000)

Thank you!

