

# One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning for Action Recognition

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# Outline

Metric Learning  
ML

One Shot Similarity  
OSS

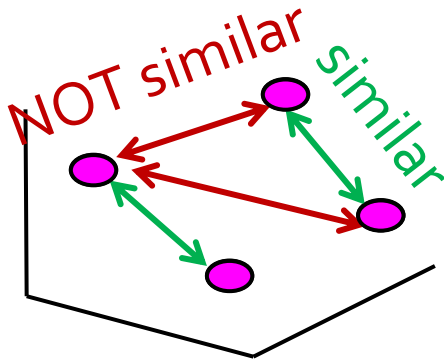
One Shot Similarity Metric Learning  
OSSML

Action Recognition



# Metric Learning

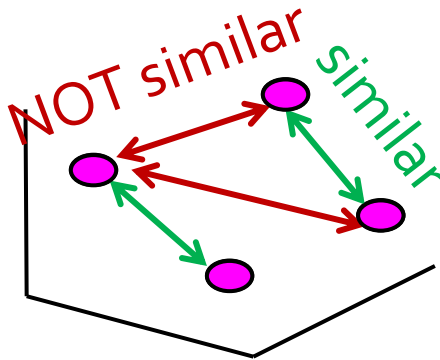
## Original Space



- No Labels
- Similar/Not-similar constraints
- Distance metric
  - Not relevant
  - Not meaningful

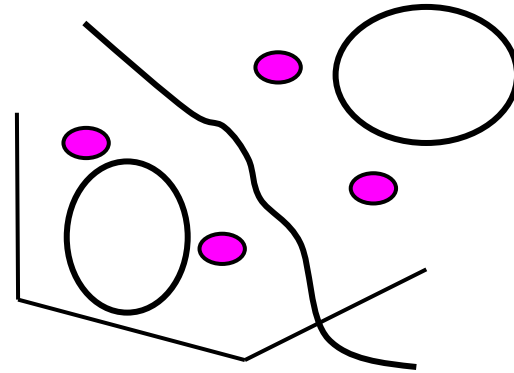
# Metric Learning

Original Space



$A=?$

Projected Space

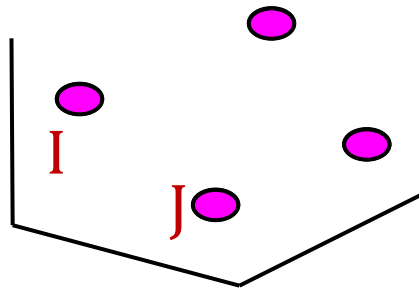


- No Labels
- Similar/Not-similar constraints
- Distance metric
  - Not relevant
  - Not meaningful

- Meaningful distance
- Consistent with constraints
- Easier to perform:
  - Classification
  - Clustering
  - Retrieval tasks
  - Pattern recognition
  - And more...

# Metric Learning

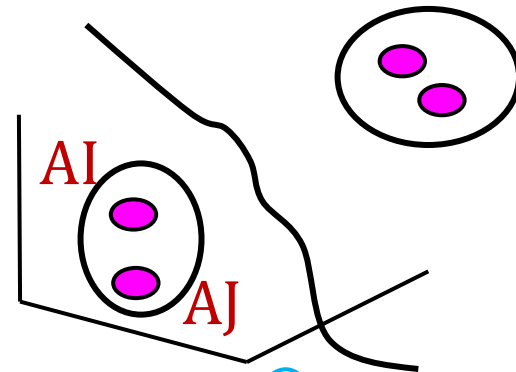
Original Space



$$(I - J)^T \underbrace{M}_{\text{blue circle}} (I - J)$$

$$A = ?$$

Projected Space



$$(I - J)^T A^T \underbrace{A}_{\text{blue circle}} (I - J)$$

Most Common Approach: *Euclidian Distance*

RCA Bar-Hillel et al. ICML'03

SDP Xing et al. NIPS'03

NCA Goldberger et al. NIPS'05

LMNN Weinberger et al. NIPS'06

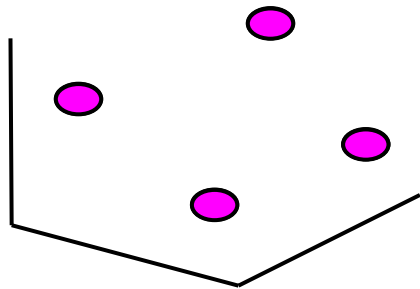
ITML Davis et al. ICML'07

OASIS Chechick et al. JMLR'10

and More...

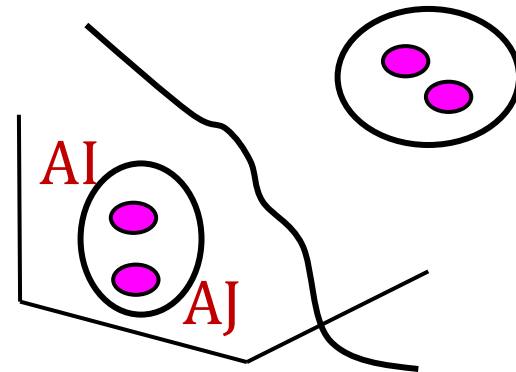
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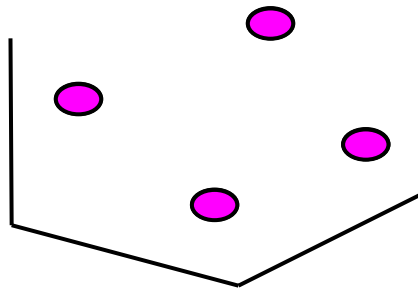
$$CSML \equiv \frac{(AI)^T (AJ)}{\|AI\| \|AJ\|}$$

- *Euclidian Distance*

Recently (Nguyen & Bai'10): *Cosine Similarity*

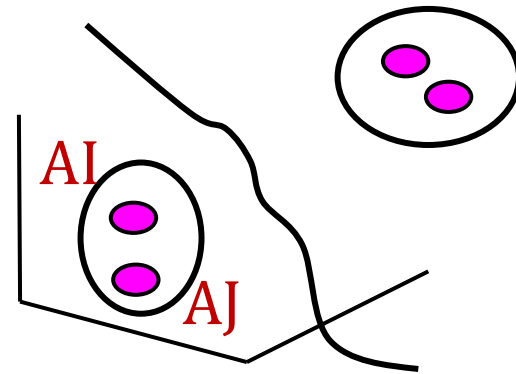
# Metric Learning

Original Space



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Projected Space



*OSSML*  $\equiv$  ???

- *Euclidian Distance*
- *Cosine Similarity*
- *One-Shot-Similarity*

In This Work:

One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning (OSSML)

# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

Wolf, Hassner, Taigman, ICCV'09A

- What:

A measure of the similarity between two vectors

- Input:

The two vectors  $I, J$

A set of "Background samples"  $N$

- How:

Use "One-Shot Learning"

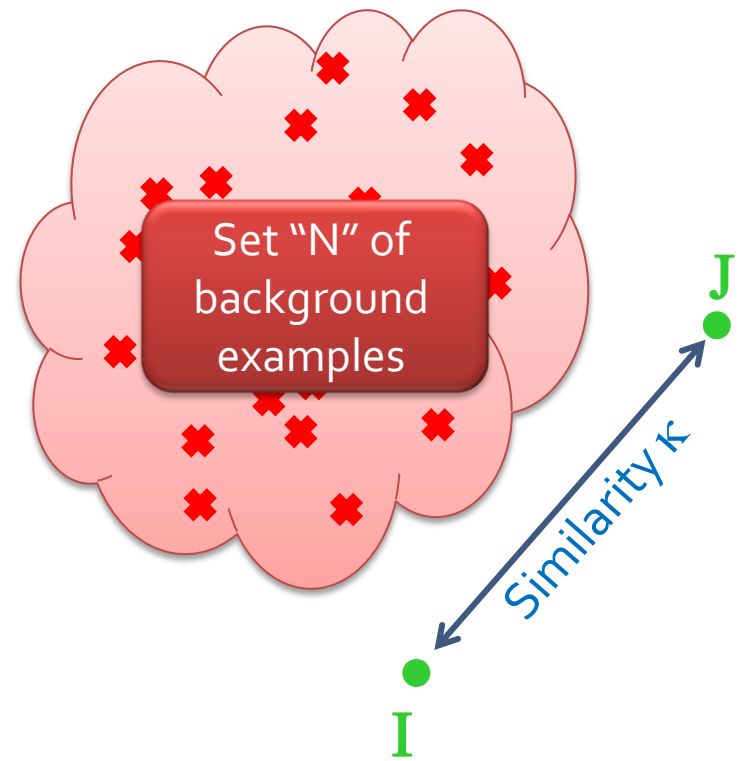
(i.e. classification with one positive example)



# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

Wolf, Hassner, Taigman, ICCV'09A

OSS Score:



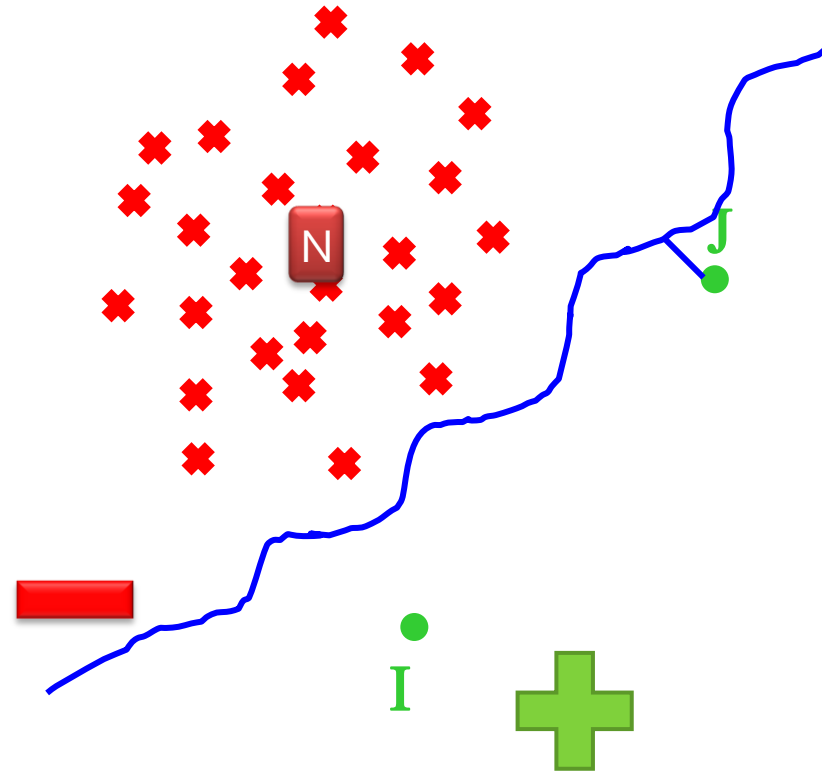
# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

Wolf, Hassner, Taigman, ICCV'09A

OSS Score:

$\text{Model}_1 = \text{train}(I, N)$

$\text{Score}_1 = \text{classify}(J, \text{Model}_1)$



# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

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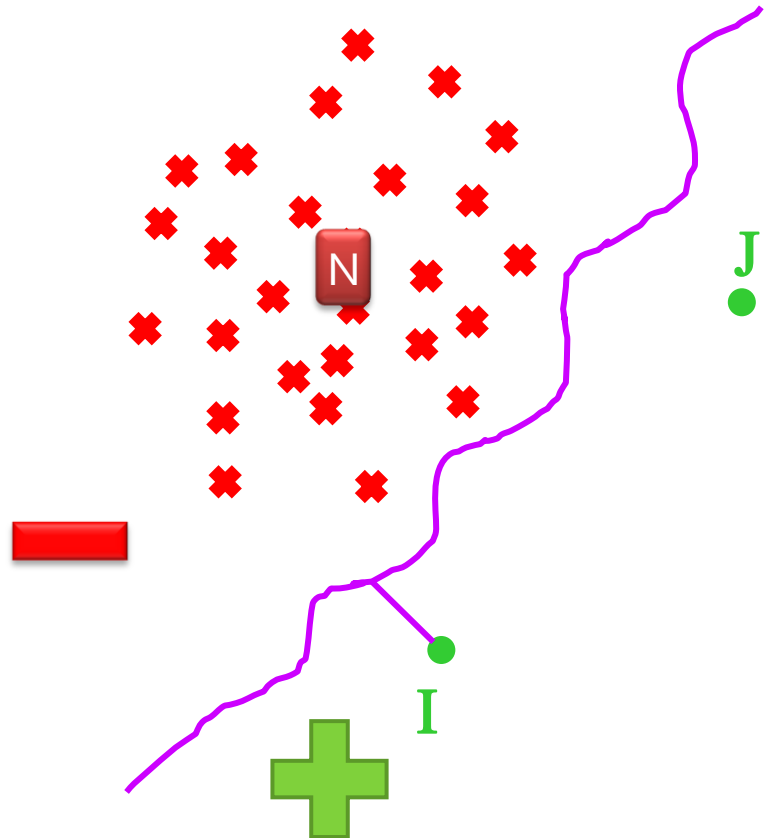
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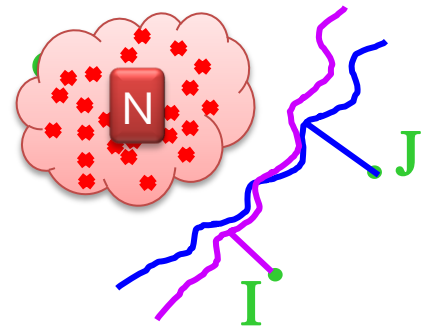
Model<sub>1</sub> = train (I, N)

Score<sub>1</sub> = classify(J, Model<sub>1</sub>)

Model<sub>2</sub> = train (J, N)

Score<sub>2</sub> = classify(I, Model<sub>2</sub>)

$$\text{OSS}(I, J, N) = (\text{score}_1 + \text{score}_2) / 2$$



# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

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## Properties:

### *Meta-Similarity*

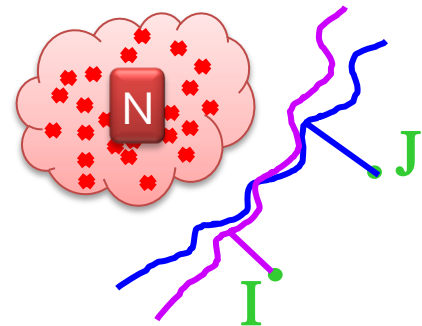
Can use any underlying classifier

### *Unlabeled training data*

Do not know class labels

### *Efficiently computed*

Statistical properties of set N computed once for all pairs I, J



# One-Shot-Similarity (OSS)

Face Recognition 😊



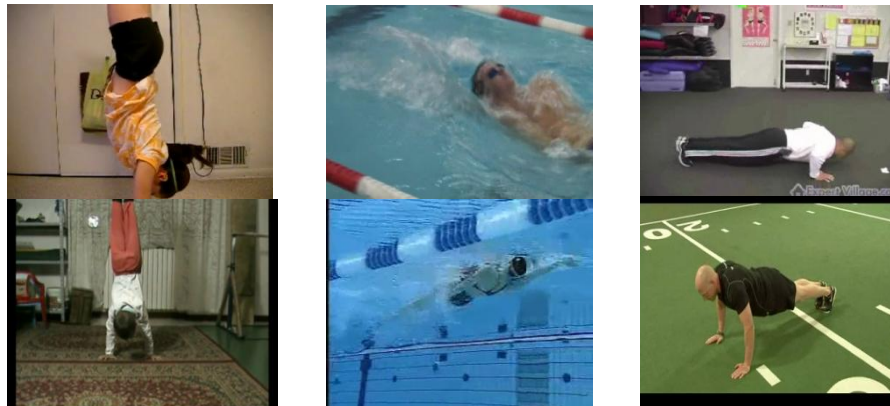
Documents Analysis 😊



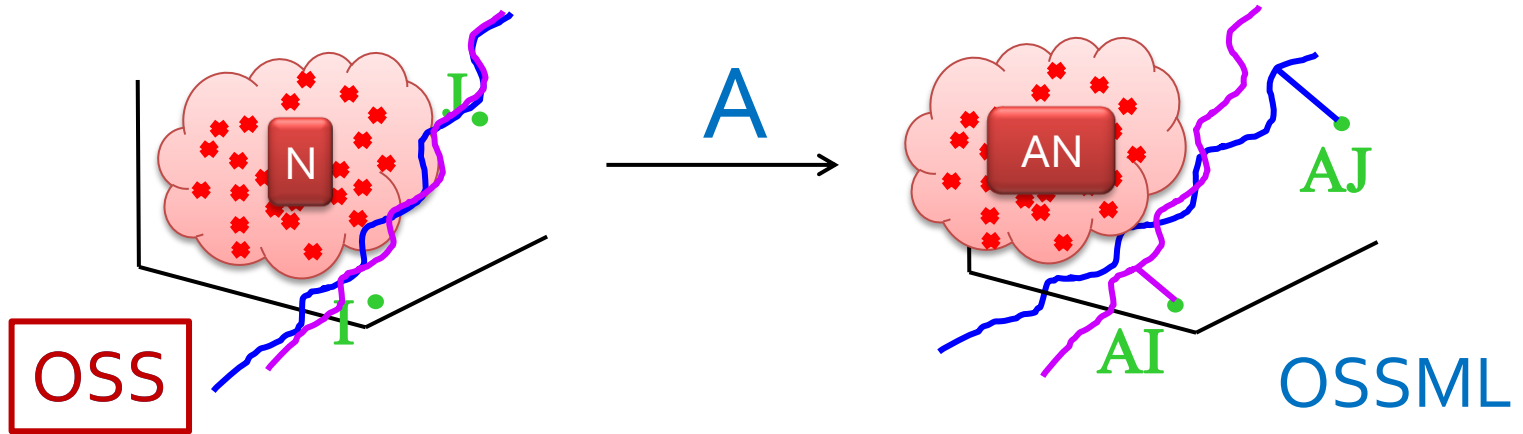
Wolf et-al'10

Wolf et-al'09

Action Recognition 😞



# One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning



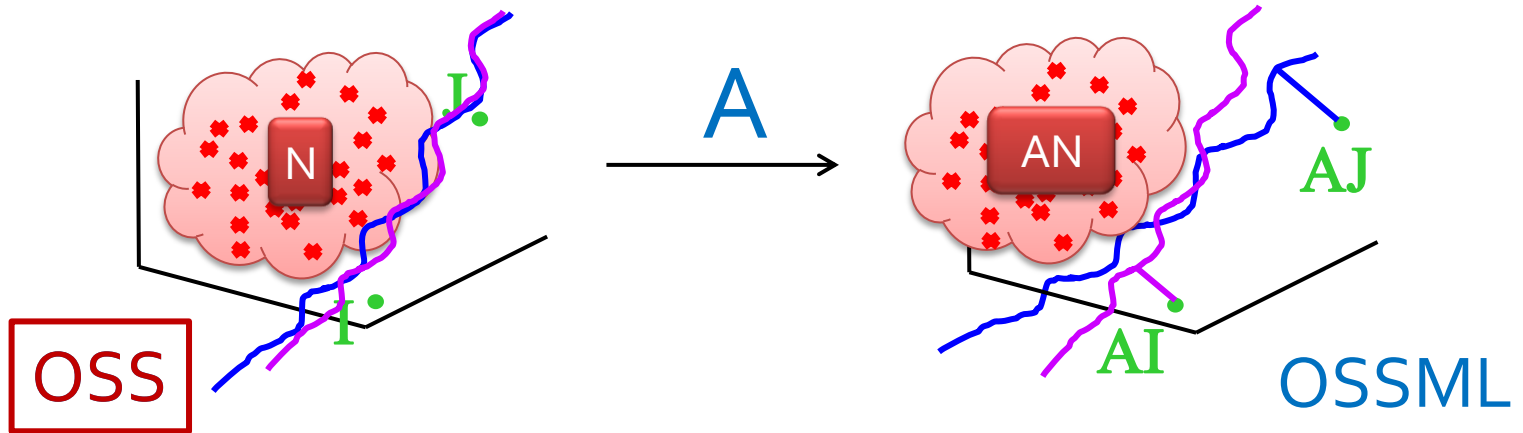
OSS Using *Free-Scale Linear Discriminant Analysis (FS-LDA)*

$$\text{LDA separator: } S = \frac{\sigma_b^2}{\sigma_w^2}$$

Variance between classes

Variance within classes

# One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning



OSS Using *Free-Scale Linear Discriminant Analysis (FS-LDA)*

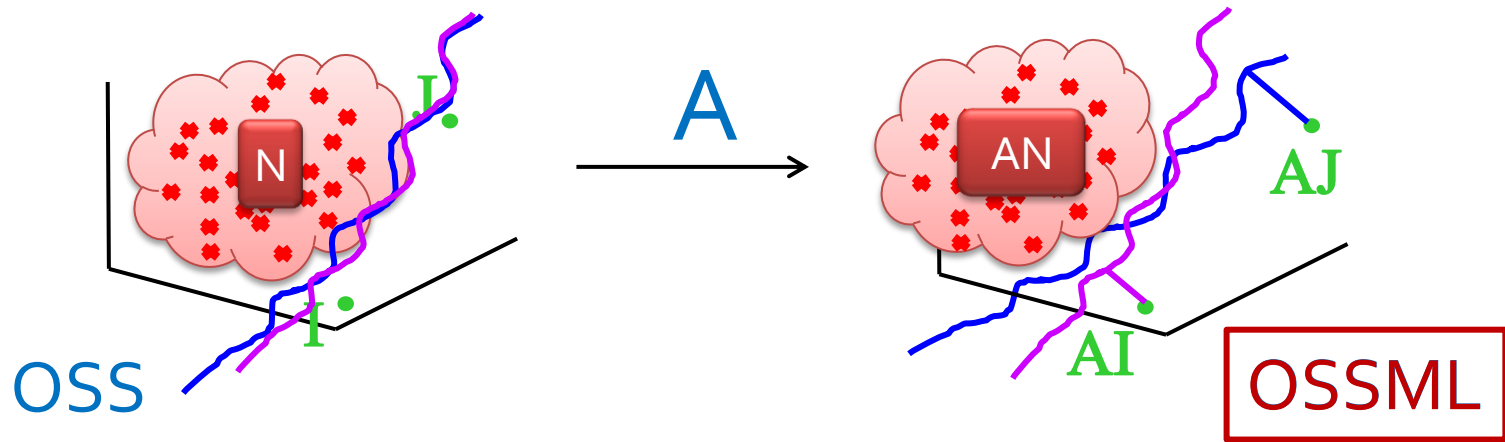
$$\begin{aligned}
 &OSS_{FS-LDA}(I, J, N) \\
 &= (I - \mu_N)^T S_N^{-1} \left( J - \frac{I + \mu_N}{2} \right) + (J - \mu_N)^T S_N^{-1} \left( I - \frac{J + \mu_N}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_N$  - mean of the set N

$S_N^{-1}$  - inverse of set N covariance matrix



# One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning

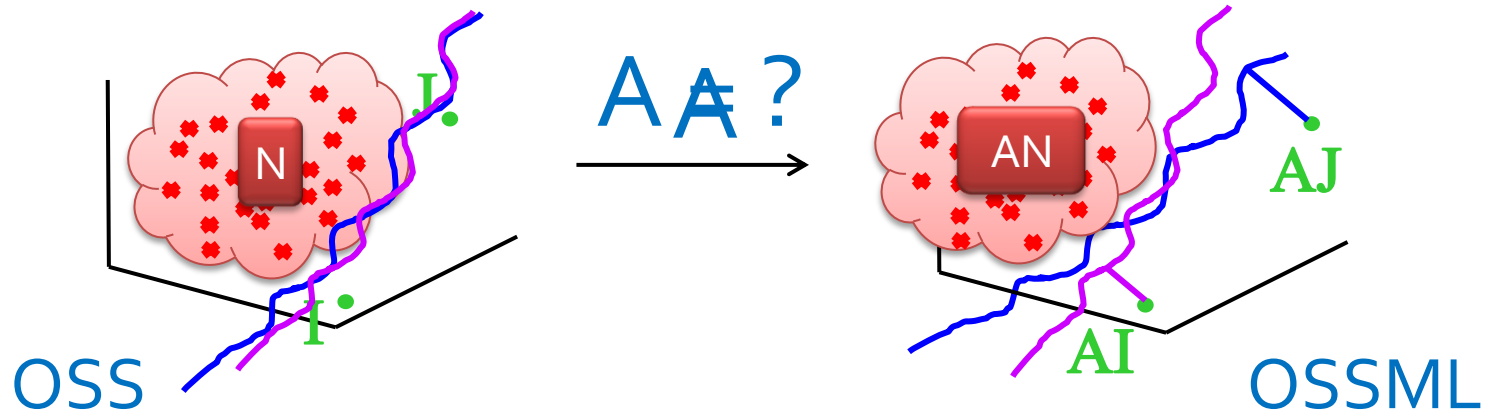


**OSSML** is simply OSS in the projected space

$$OSS_{ML}(I, J, N, A) = OSS(AI, AJ, AN)$$

$$= (AI - \mu_{AN})^T S_{AN}^{-1} \left( AJ - \frac{AI + \mu_{AN}}{2} \right) + (AJ - \mu_{AN})^T S_{AN}^{-1} \left( AI - \frac{AJ + \mu_{AN}}{2} \right)$$

# One-Shot-Similarity Metric Learning



# OSSML – Objective Function

Goal: Find  $A$  to optimize:

$$f(A) = \sum_{I, J \in \text{same}} OSS_{ML}(I, J, N, A) - \alpha \sum_{I, J \in \text{not-same}} OSS_{ML}(I, J, N, A) - \beta \|A - A_0\|^2$$

The diagram illustrates the objective function  $f(A)$  with three main components, each enclosed in an oval and annotated with a box below it:

- First term:**  $\sum_{I, J \in \text{same}} OSS_{ML}(I, J, N, A)$  (blue oval). A blue box below it says "Large separation between *Same* and *Not-same* pairs".
- Second term:**  $-\alpha \sum_{I, J \in \text{not-same}} OSS_{ML}(I, J, N, A)$  (blue oval). A green circle highlights the coefficient  $\alpha$ , with a green box below it labeled "Balance".
- Third term:**  $-\beta \|A - A_0\|^2$  (orange oval). A purple box below it labeled "Tradeoff" points to the coefficient  $\beta$ . An orange box below it labeled "Regularization" points to the squared norm term.

**Gradient has Closed-Form Solution!**

We perform the optimization using *gradient descent*

See our paper for more details

# OSSML for Action Recognition



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**ASLAN\***  
The Action  
Similarity  
Labeling  
Challenge

- New action recognition database
- > 400 complex action classes
- Web videos: unconstrained, realistic, uncontrolled setting
- Action pair matching

\* The Action Similarity Labeling Challenge, Kliper-Gross, Hassner, Wolf, To Appear TPAMI'11

# Action pair matching

Input: Video pair

Same / Not-Same action ?



# Challenges

Large  
variability



Class  
Resolutions



Action  
Ambiguity



Others



High-dimensional, complicated space

# The ASLAN benchmark - Setting

6000 Video pairs



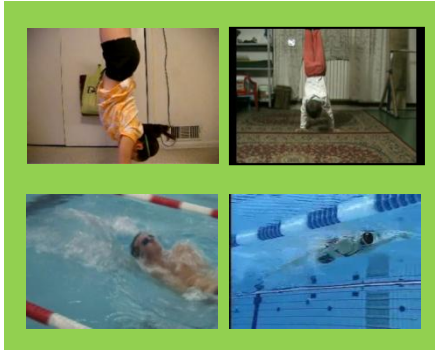
Mutually exclusive validation scheme



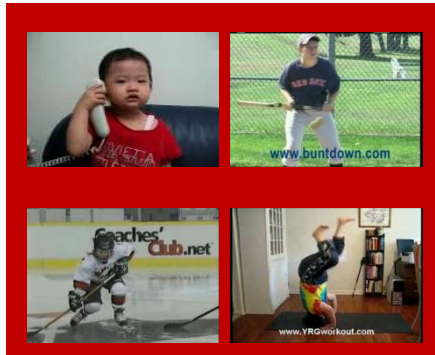
# Baseline Tests

ASLAN. To appear TPAMI'11

same



not  
same

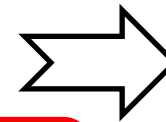


$$\Rightarrow \text{Sim} \left( \begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare \end{array} \right) = \kappa_1$$

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Classifier  
(e.g. SVM)



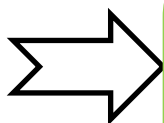
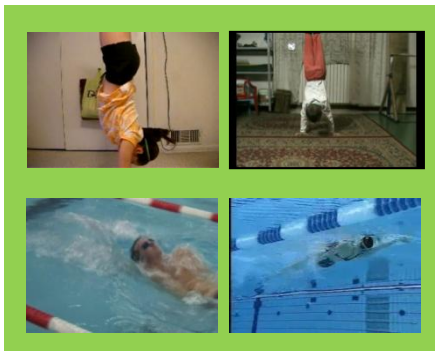
Threshold



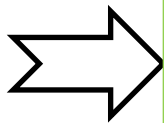
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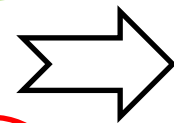
same



$(K_{1,1}, K_{1,2}, \dots, K_{1,n})$

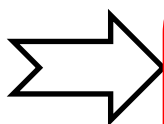
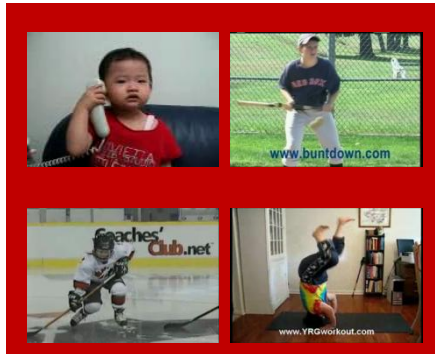


$(K_{2,1}, K_{2,2}, \dots, K_{2,n})$

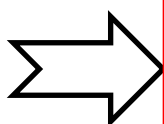


Classifier  
(e.g. SVM)

not  
same



$(K_{i,1}, K_{i,2}, \dots, K_{i,n})$

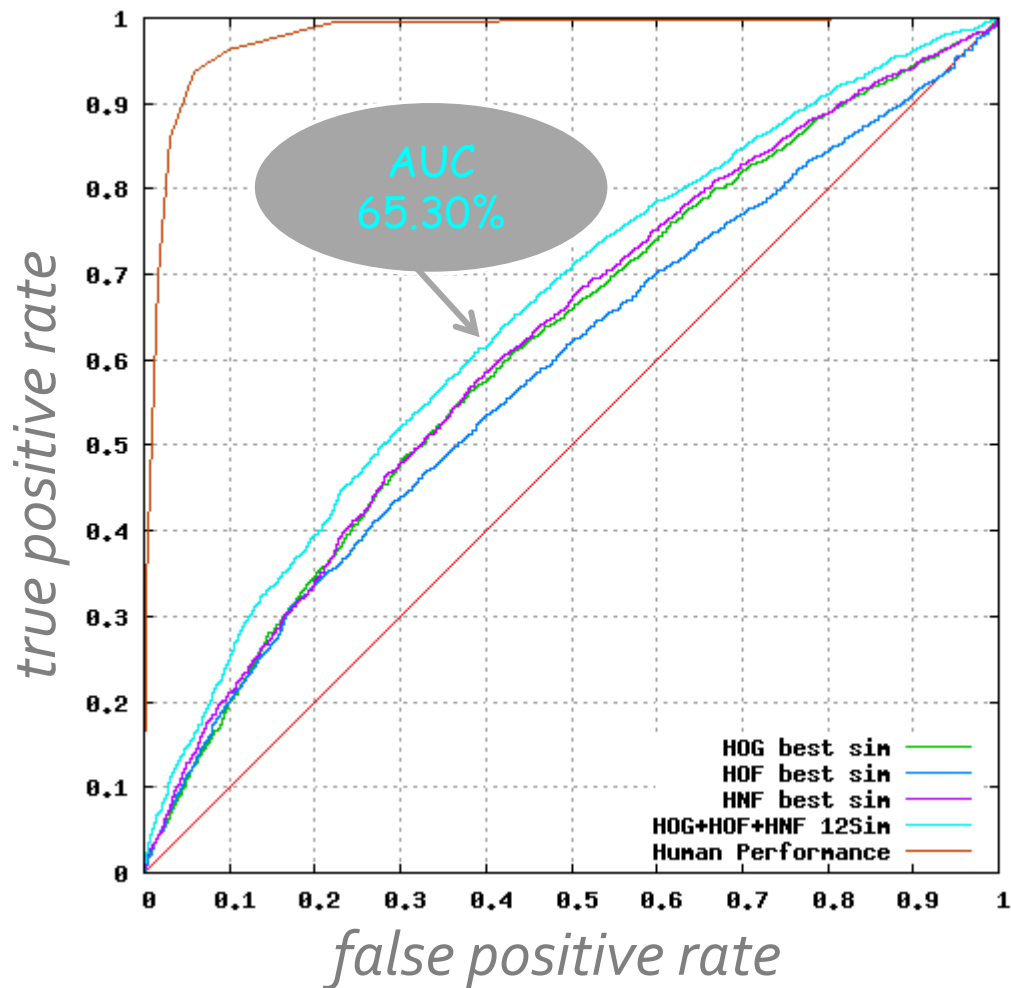


$(K_{i+1,1}, K_{i+1,2}, \dots, K_{i+1,n})$

multiple descriptors \ similarities

# Baseline Results on the ASLAN set

ASLAN. To appear TPAMI'11



HOG best: 63.2%

HOF best: 58.9%

HNF best: 63.3%

Human: 97.8%

Multiple descriptors:

AUC: 65.3%

Accuracy:  $60.9 \pm .77$

# Pipeline

Input  
Video pair

Find  
STIP



STIP: On Space-Time Interest Points  
Laptev IJCV'05

Software available on:

<http://www.irisa.fr/vista/Equipe/People/Laptev/download.html#stip>

# Pipeline

Input  
Video pair

Find  
STIP

Global  
Descriptors

Using:

- HOG, HOF and HNF  
With Bag of Words (BOW)

Learning realistic human actions  
from movies

Laptev et.al. CVPR'o8



Descriptor Size: 5000 features

# Pipeline

## This Work



Input  
Video pair

Find  
STIP

Global  
Descriptors

PCA+  
ML

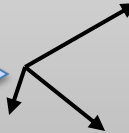
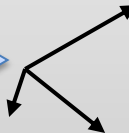
ML types:

- **CSML**

[Nguyen & Bai'10]

- **OSSML**

[This work – SIMBAD'11]



and  
Dimensionality Reduction: 5000  $\rightarrow$  100  $\rightarrow$  50

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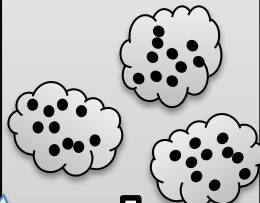
Find  
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Global  
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PCA+  
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CS+OSS  
scores

+ Multiple Similarities  
+ Multiple Descriptors



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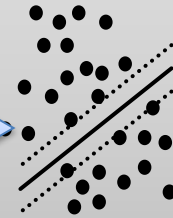
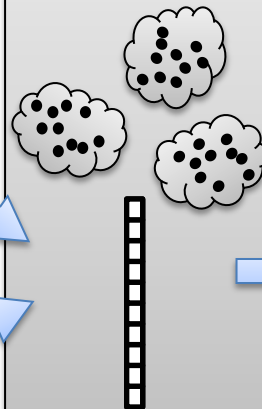
Global  
Descriptors

PCA+  
ML

CS+OSS  
scores

SVM  
classifier

Same  
Not-  
same



# OSSML Results

Best Baseline Results:

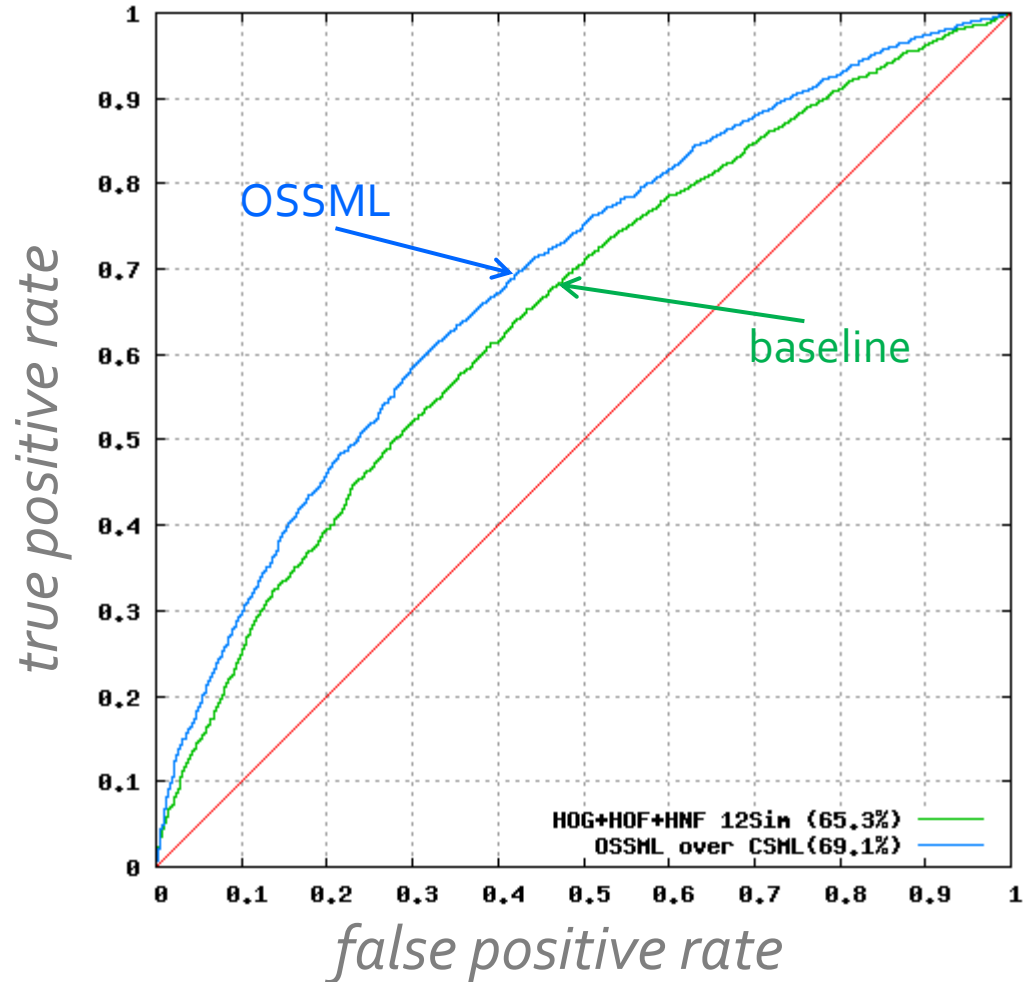
AUC: 65.30%

Accuracy:  $60.88 \pm .77$

Best OSSML Results:

AUC: 69.10%

Accuracy:  $64.25 \pm .7$



State-of-the-art results on the ASLAN benchmark



# OSSML Results (AUC)

		HOG	HOF	HNF	ALL Descriptors
PCA initialization	CS	63.9	60.1	64.2	65.2
	OSS	63.1	59.4	63.0	64.9
	CS+OSS				65.4
CSML after PCA	CS	64.2	61.8	64.3	67.4
	OSS	63.8	62.4	63.3	67.6
	CS+OSS				68.0
OSSML after PCA	CS	64.1	60.5	64.3	65.7
	OSS	63.8	60.7	64.0	66.7
	CS+OSS				66.6
OSSML after CSML	CS	65.0	63.6	65.1	68.0
	OSS	64.3	63.8	64.1	68.9
	CS+OSS				69.1

38% above a random classifier



# Same classified as Same (TP) 😊



# Not-Same classified as Not-Same (TN) 😊



# Same classified as Not-Same (FN) ☹️





# Not-Same classified as Same (FP) 😞



# Summary

- OSSML
  - A metric learning method geared towards improved One-Shot-Similarity (OSS) performance
  - Formulate a cost function using same/not-same labels
  - Gradient descent solution
- Application to Action Recognition
  - Action pair-matching
  - Best reported results on the ASLAN set

Thank You !