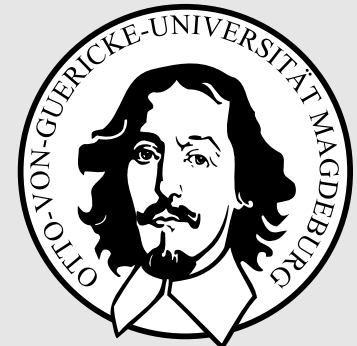




# Neural Networks

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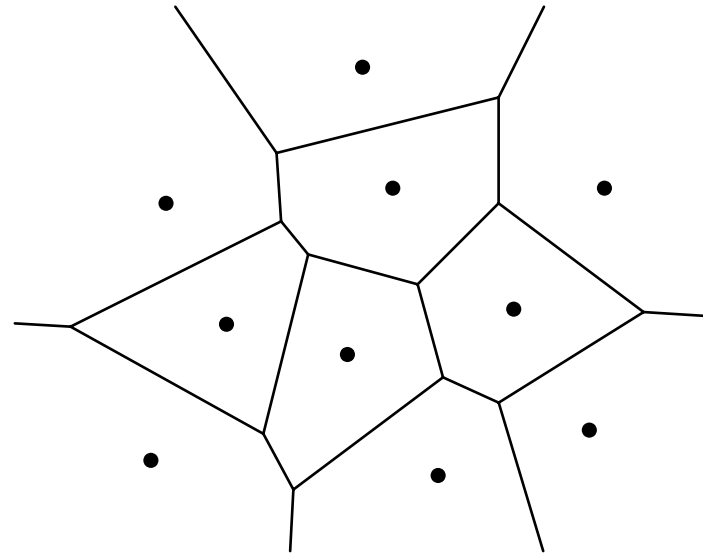
# Learning Vector Quantization

# Motivation

- previously: static learning  
now: „free“ learning, i.e. without known class labels or target values as training samples
- main idea: similar inputs leading to similar outputs
- like clustering: close data points in the input space are close together in the output space, too.

# Vector Quantization

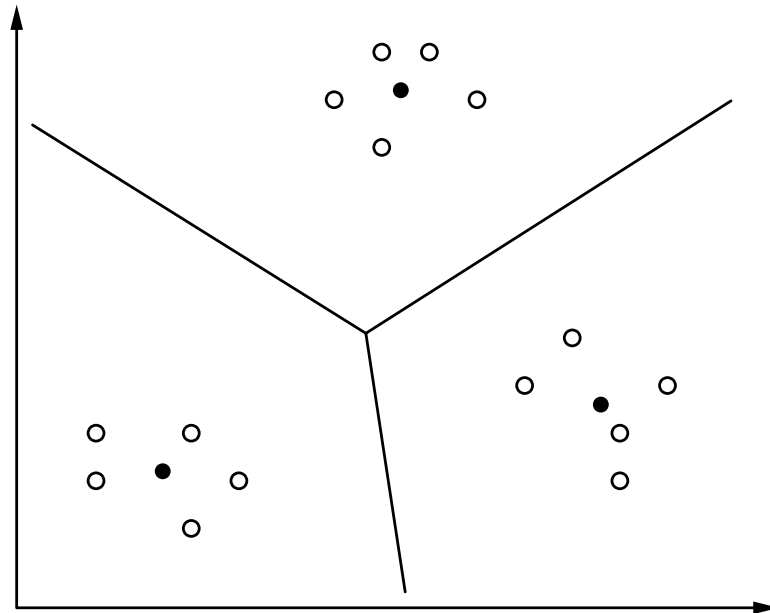
## Voronoi diagram of a vector quantization



- Dots represent vectors that are used for quantizing the area.
- Lines are the boundaries of the regions of points that are closest to the enclosed vector.

# Learning Vector Quantization

## Finding clusters in a given set of data points



- Data points are represented by empty circles (○).
- Cluster centers are represented by full circles (●).

# Learning Vector Quantization Networks

A **learning vector quantization network (LVQ)** is a neural network with a graph  $G = (U, C)$  that satisfies the following conditions

$$(i) \quad U_{\text{in}} \cap U_{\text{out}} = \emptyset, \quad U_{\text{hidden}} = \emptyset$$

$$(ii) \quad C = U_{\text{in}} \times U_{\text{out}}$$

The network input function of each output neuron is a **distance function** of the input vector and the weight vector, i.e.

$$\forall u \in U_{\text{out}} : \quad f_{\text{net}}^{(u)}(\vec{w}_u, \vec{\text{in}}_u) = d(\vec{w}_u, \vec{\text{in}}_u),$$

where  $d : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  is a function satisfying  $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^n :$

$$(i) \quad d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \vec{x} = \vec{y},$$

$$(ii) \quad d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = d(\vec{y}, \vec{x}) \quad (\text{symmetry}),$$

$$(iii) \quad d(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \leq d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) + d(\vec{y}, \vec{z}) \quad (\text{triangle inequality}).$$

# Distance Functions

## Illustration of distance functions

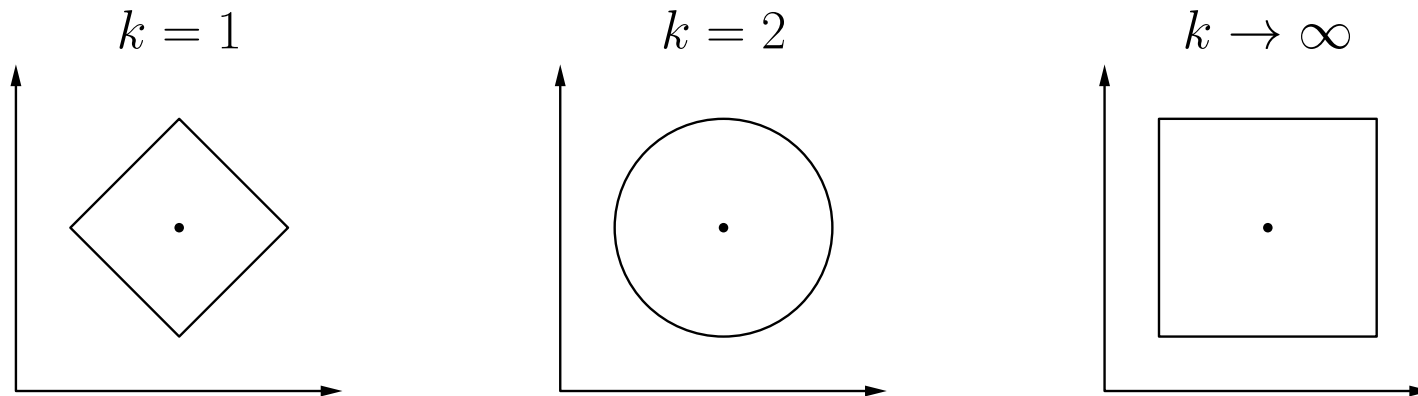
$$d_k(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^k \right)^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

Well-known special cases from this family are:

$k = 1$  : Manhattan or city block distance,

$k = 2$  : Euclidean distance,

$k \rightarrow \infty$  : maximum distance, i.e.  $d_\infty(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \max_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|$ .



(all points lying on a circle or rectangle are sharing the same distance to the center point, according to the corresponding distance function)

# Learning Vector Quantization

The activation function of each output neuron is a so-called **radial function**, i.e. a monotonously decreasing function

$$f : \mathbb{R}_0^+ \rightarrow [0, \infty] \quad \text{with} \quad f(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0.$$

Sometimes the range of values is restricted to the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

However, due to the special output function this restriction is irrelevant.

The output function of each output neuron is not a simple function of the activation of the neuron. Rather it takes into account the activations of all output neurons:

$$f_{\text{out}}^{(u)}(\text{act}_u) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \text{act}_u = \max_{v \in U_{\text{out}}} \text{act}_v, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

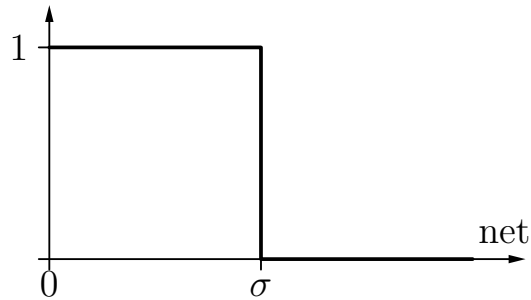
If more than one unit has the maximal activation, one is selected at random to have an output of 1, all others are set to output 0: **winner-takes-all principle**.



# Radial Activation Functions

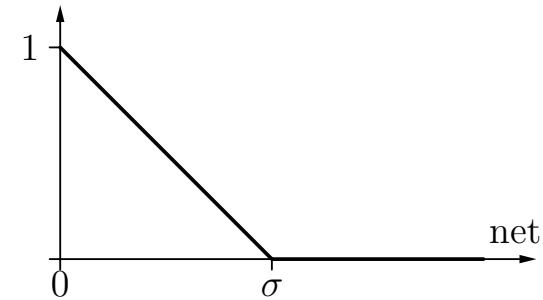
rectangle function:

$$f_{\text{act}}(\text{net}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \text{net} > \sigma, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



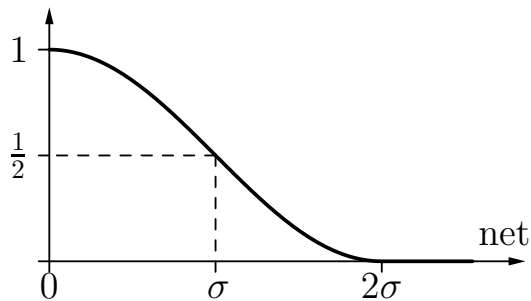
triangle function:

$$f_{\text{act}}(\text{net}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \text{net} > \sigma, \\ 1 - \frac{\text{net}}{\sigma}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



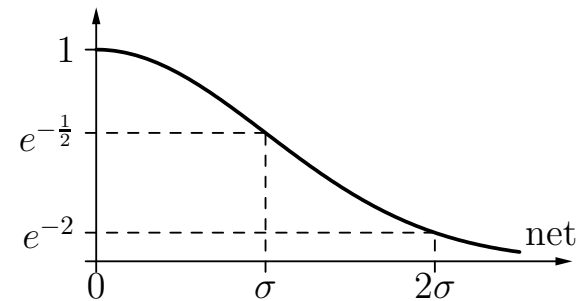
cosine until zero:

$$f_{\text{act}}(\text{net}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \text{net} > 2\sigma, \\ \frac{\cos(\frac{\pi}{2\sigma} \text{net}) + 1}{2}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Gaussian function:

$$f_{\text{act}}(\text{net}, \sigma) = e^{-\frac{\text{net}^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



# Learning Vector Quantization

## Adaptation of reference vectors / codebook vectors

- For each training pattern find the closest reference vector.
- Adapt only this reference vector (winner neuron).
- For classified data the class may be taken into account:  
Each reference vector is assigned to a class.

**Attraction rule** (data point and reference vector have same class)

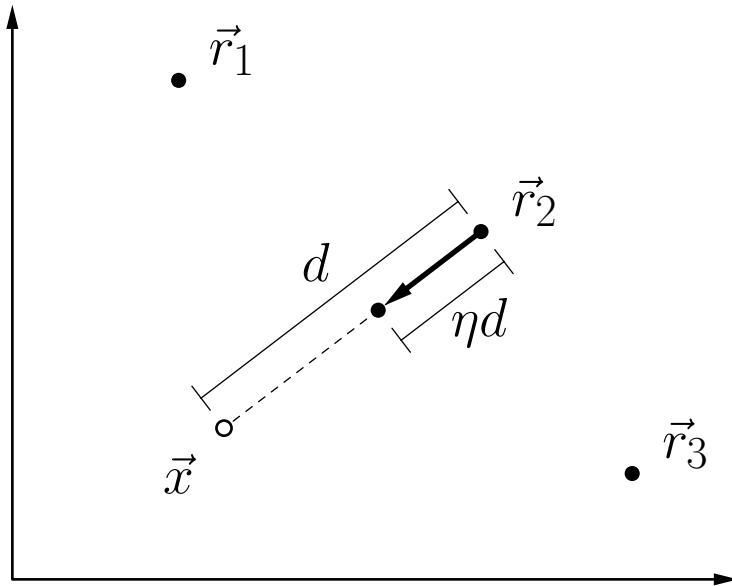
$$\vec{r}^{(\text{new})} = \vec{r}^{(\text{old})} + \eta(\vec{x} - \vec{r}^{(\text{old})}),$$

**Repulsion rule** (data point and reference vector have different class)

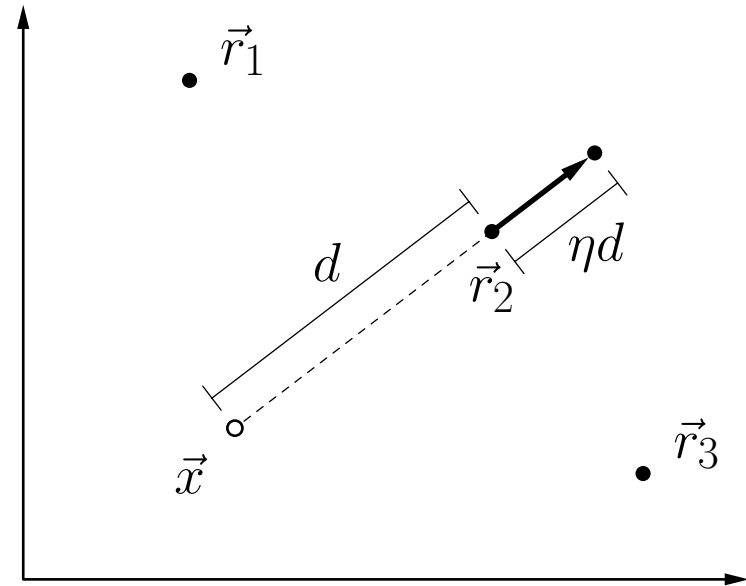
$$\vec{r}^{(\text{new})} = \vec{r}^{(\text{old})} - \eta(\vec{x} - \vec{r}^{(\text{old})}).$$

# Learning Vector Quantization

## Adaptation of reference vectors / codebook vectors



attraction rule

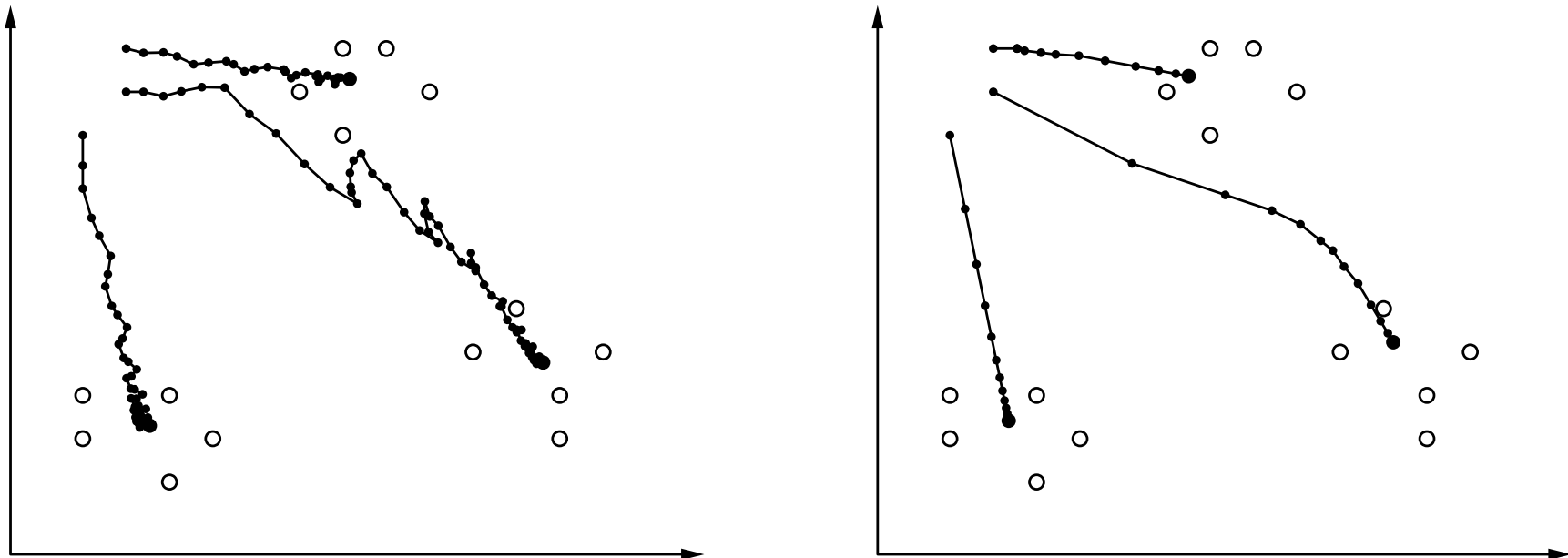


repulsion rule

- $\vec{x}$ : data point,  $\vec{r}_i$ : reference vector
- $\eta = 0.4$  (learning rate)

# Learning Vector Quantization: Example

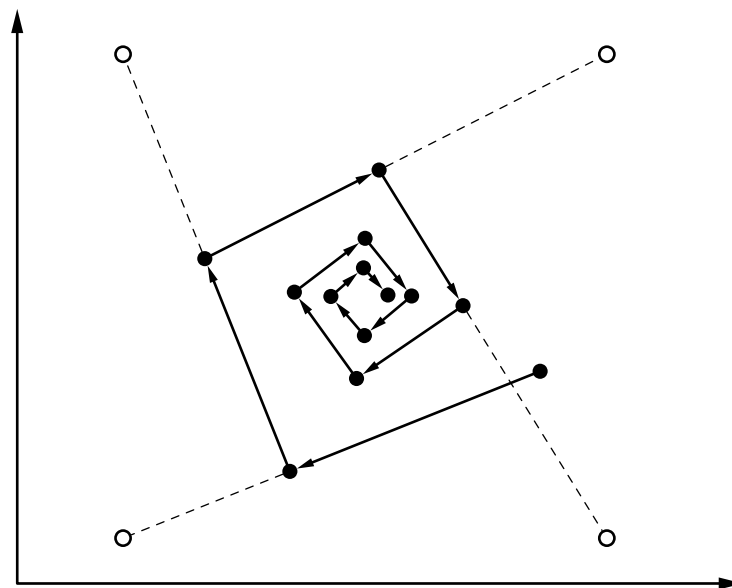
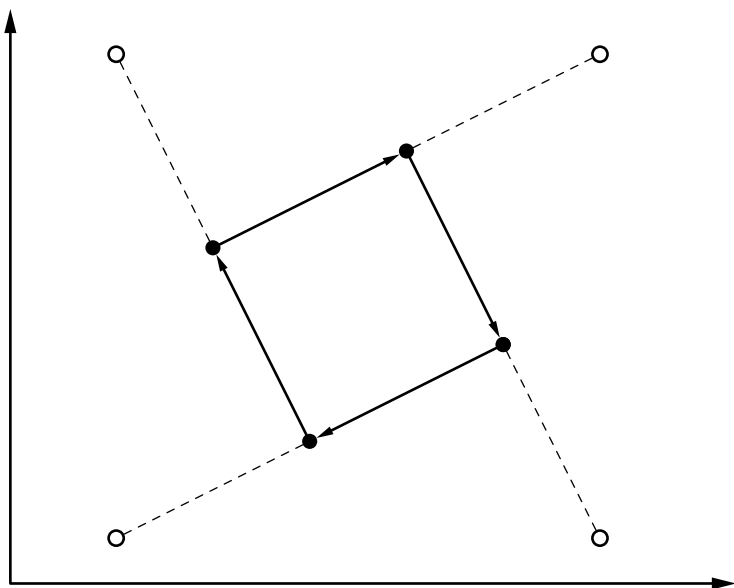
## Adaptation of reference vectors / codebook vectors



- Left: Online training with learning rate  $\eta = 0.1$ ,
- Right: Batch training with learning rate  $\eta = 0.05$ .

# Learning Vector Quantization: Learning Rate Decay

**Problem: fixed learning rate can lead to oscillations**



**Solution: time dependent learning rate**

$$\eta(t) = \eta_0 \alpha^t, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \eta(t) = \eta_0 t^\kappa, \quad \kappa > 0.$$

# Learning Vector Quantization: Classified Data

## Improved update rule for classified data

- **Idea:** Update not only the one reference vector that is closest to the data point (the winner neuron), but **update the two closest reference vectors**.
- Let  $\vec{x}$  be the currently processed data point and  $c$  its class. Let  $\vec{r}_j$  and  $\vec{r}_k$  be the two closest reference vectors and  $z_j$  and  $z_k$  their classes.
- Reference vectors are updated only if  $z_j \neq z_k$  and either  $c = z_j$  or  $c = z_k$ . (Without loss of generality we assume  $c = z_j$ .)  
The **update rules** for the two closest reference vectors are:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}_j^{(\text{new})} &= \vec{r}_j^{(\text{old})} + \eta(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_j^{(\text{old})}) && \text{and} \\ \vec{r}_k^{(\text{new})} &= \vec{r}_k^{(\text{old})} - \eta(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_k^{(\text{old})}),\end{aligned}$$

while all other reference vectors remain unchanged.

# Learning Vector Quantization: Window Rule

- It was observed in practical tests that standard learning vector quantization may drive the reference vectors further and further apart.
- To counteract this undesired behavior a **window rule** was introduced: update only if the data point  $\vec{x}$  is close to the classification boundary.
- “Close to the boundary” is made formally precise by requiring

$$\min \left( \frac{d(\vec{x}, \vec{r}_j)}{d(\vec{x}, \vec{r}_k)}, \frac{d(\vec{x}, \vec{r}_k)}{d(\vec{x}, \vec{r}_j)} \right) > \theta, \quad \text{where} \quad \theta = \frac{1 - \xi}{1 + \xi}.$$

$\xi$  is a parameter that has to be specified by a user.

- Intuitively,  $\xi$  describes the “width” of the window around the classification boundary, in which the data point has to lie in order to lead to an update.
- Using it prevents divergence, because the update ceases for a data point once the classification boundary has been moved far enough away.

# Soft Learning Vector Quantization

**Idea:** Use soft assignments instead of winner-takes-all.

**Assumption:** Given data was sampled from a mixture of normal distributions. Each reference vector describes one normal distribution.

**Objective:** Maximize the log-likelihood ratio of the data, that is, maximize

$$\ln L_{\text{ratio}} = \sum_{j=1}^n \ln \sum_{\vec{r} \in R(c_j)} \exp \left( -\frac{(\vec{x}_j - \vec{r})^\top (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r})}{2\sigma^2} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^n \ln \sum_{\vec{r} \in Q(c_j)} \exp \left( -\frac{(\vec{x}_j - \vec{r})^\top (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r})}{2\sigma^2} \right).$$

Here  $\sigma$  is a parameter specifying the “size” of each normal distribution.

$R(c)$  is the set of reference vectors assigned to class  $c$  and  $Q(c)$  its complement.

Intuitively: at each data point the probability density for its class should be as large as possible while the density for all other classes should be as small as possible.



# Soft Learning Vector Quantization

Update rule derived from a maximum log-likelihood approach:

$$\vec{r}_i^{(\text{new})} = \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})} + \eta \cdot \begin{cases} u_{ij}^{\oplus} \cdot (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})}), & \text{if } c_j = z_i, \\ -u_{ij}^{\ominus} \cdot (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})}), & \text{if } c_j \neq z_i, \end{cases}$$

where  $z_i$  is the class associated with the reference vector  $\vec{r}_i$  and

$$u_{ij}^{\oplus} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})})^\top (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})})\right)}{\sum_{\vec{r} \in R(c_j)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}^{(\text{old})})^\top (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}^{(\text{old})})\right)} \quad \text{and}$$
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$R(c)$  is the set of reference vectors assigned to class  $c$  and  $Q(c)$  its complement.

# Hard Learning Vector Quantization

**Idea:** Derive a scheme with hard assignments from the soft version.

**Approach:** Let the size parameter  $\sigma$  of the Gaussian function go to zero.

The resulting update rule is in this case:

$$\vec{r}_i^{(\text{new})} = \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})} + \eta \cdot \begin{cases} u_{ij}^{\oplus} \cdot (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})}), & \text{if } c_j = z_i, \\ -u_{ij}^{\ominus} \cdot (\vec{x}_j - \vec{r}_i^{(\text{old})}), & \text{if } c_j \neq z_i, \end{cases}$$

where

$$u_{ij}^{\oplus} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \vec{r}_i = \underset{\vec{r} \in R(c_j)}{\operatorname{argmin}} d(\vec{x}_j, \vec{r}), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad u_{ij}^{\ominus} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \vec{r}_i = \underset{\vec{r} \in Q(c_j)}{\operatorname{argmin}} d(\vec{x}_j, \vec{r}), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\vec{r}_i$  is closest vector of same class

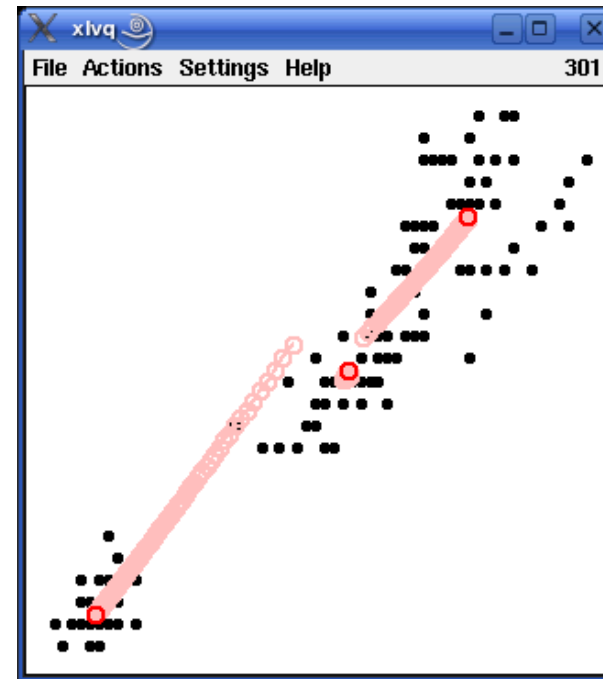
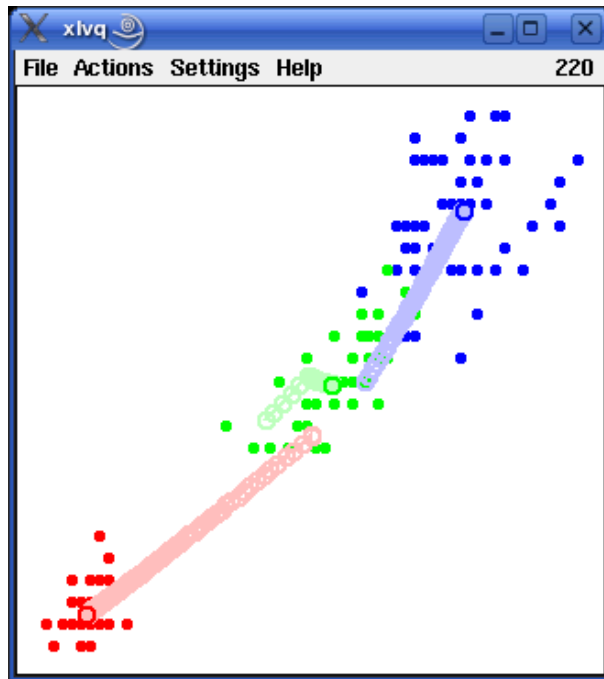
$\vec{r}_i$  is closest vector of different class

This update rule is stable without a *window rule* restricting the update.

# Learning Vector Quantization: Extensions

- **Frequency Sensitive Competitive Learning**
  - The distance to a reference vector is modified according to the number of data points that are assigned to this reference vector.
- **Fuzzy Learning Vector Quantization**
  - Exploits the close relationship to fuzzy clustering.
  - Can be seen as an online version of fuzzy clustering.
  - Leads to faster clustering.
- **Size and Shape Parameters**
  - Associate each reference vector with a cluster radius.  
Update this radius depending on how close the data points are.
  - Associate each reference vector with a covariance matrix.  
Update this matrix depending on the distribution of the data points.

# Demonstration Software: xlvq/wlvq



Demonstration of learning vector quantization:

- Visualization of the training process
- Arbitrary datasets, but training only in two dimensions
- <http://www.borgelt.net/lvqd.html>

# Self-Organizing Maps

# Self-Organizing Maps

A **self-organizing map** or **Kohonen feature map** is a neural network with a graph  $G = (U, C)$  that satisfies the following conditions

- (i)  $U_{\text{hidden}} = \emptyset, U_{\text{in}} \cap U_{\text{out}} = \emptyset,$
- (ii)  $C = U_{\text{in}} \times U_{\text{out}}.$

The network input function of each output neuron is a **distance function** of input and weight vector. The activation function of each output neuron is a **radial function**, i.e. a monotonously decreasing function

$$f : \mathbb{R}_0^+ \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{with} \quad f(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0.$$

The output function of each output neuron is the identity.

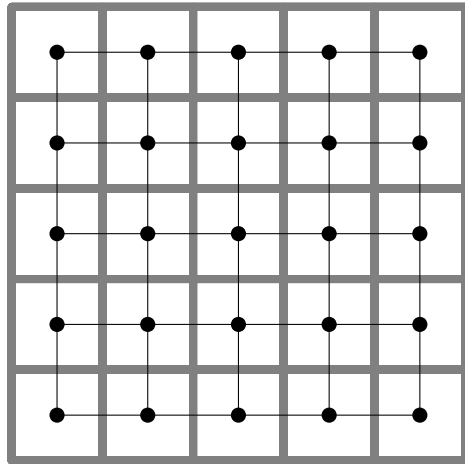
The output is often discretized according to the “**winner takes all**” principle.

On the output neurons a **neighborhood relationship** is defined:

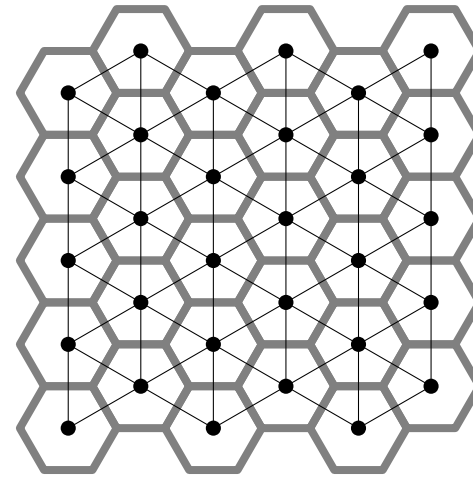
$$d_{\text{neurons}} : U_{\text{out}} \times U_{\text{out}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+.$$

# Self-Organizing Maps: Neighborhood

Neighborhood of the output neurons: neurons form a grid



quadratic grid

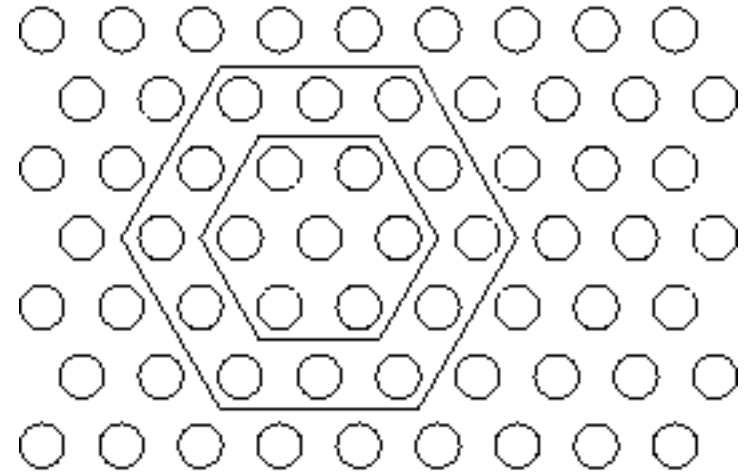
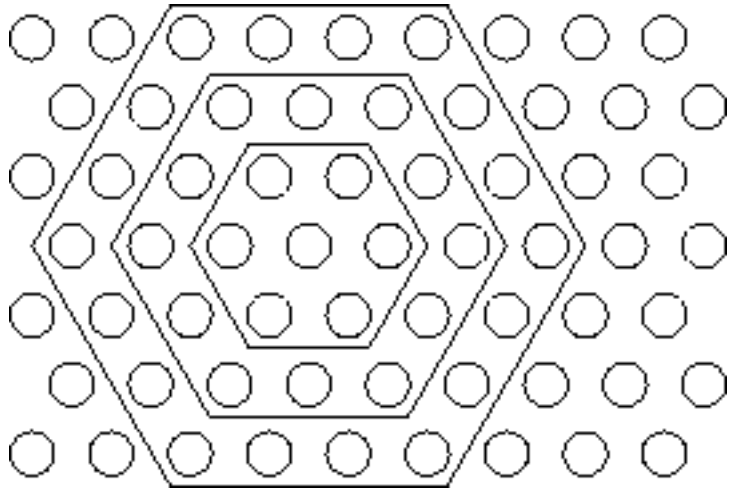


hexagonal grid

- Thin black lines: Indicate nearest neighbors of a neuron.
- Thick gray lines: Indicate regions assigned to a neuron for visualization.

# Self-Organizing Maps: Neighborhood

## Neighborhood of the winner neuron



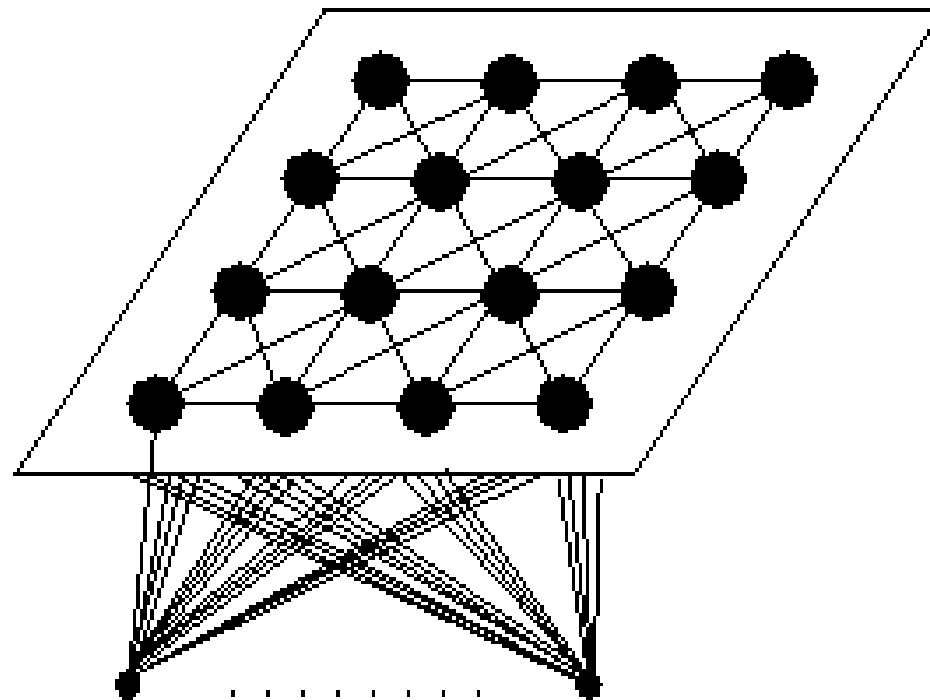
The neighborhood radius is decreasing by time.



# Self-Organizing Maps: Structure

the „map“ shows the output neurons and their neighbors.

Ausgabeneuronen mit Nachbarschaften



Eingabeneuronen

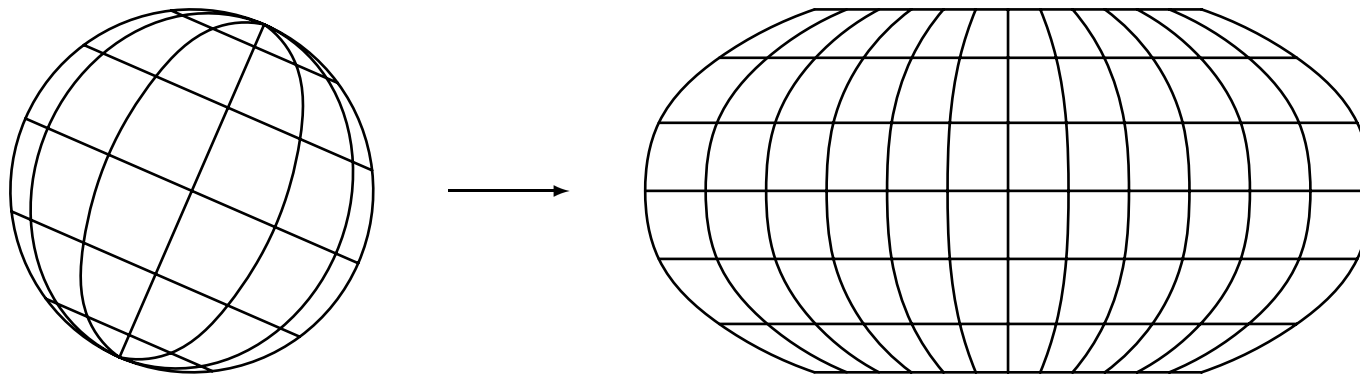
## The process of SOM-learning

1. initialize the SOM's weight vectors
2. randomly choose the input vector from the training set
3. determine winner neuron according to distance function
4. determine time-dependent radius of the neighboring neurons within the radius of the winner neuron
5. tune these neighboring neurons time-dependently, then follow step 2 again.

# Topology Preserving Mapping

**Images of points close to each other in the original space should be close to each other in the image space.**

Example: **Robinson projection** of the surface of a sphere



- Robinson projection is frequently used for world maps.
- → a SOM carries out a topology-preserving mapping

# Self-Organizing Maps: Neighborhood

## Find topology preserving mapping by respecting the neighborhood

Reference vector update rule:

$$\vec{r}_u^{(\text{new})} = \vec{r}_u^{(\text{old})} + \eta(t) \cdot f_{\text{nb}}(d_{\text{neurons}}(u, u_*), \varrho(t)) \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{r}_u^{(\text{old})}),$$

- $u_*$  is the winner neuron (reference vector closest to data point).
- The function  $f_{\text{nb}}$  is a radial function.

Time dependent learning rate

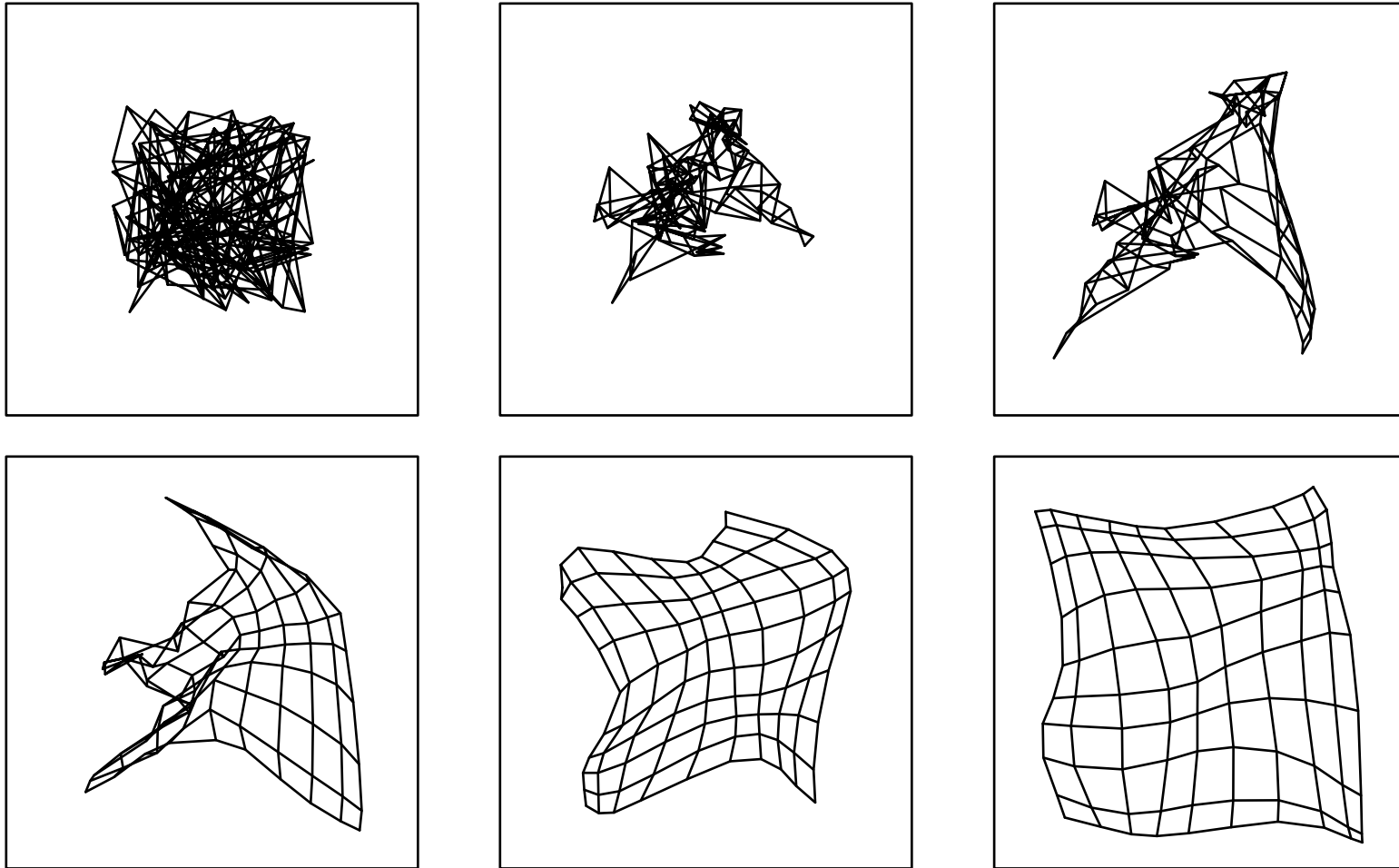
$$\eta(t) = \eta_0 \alpha_\eta^t, \quad 0 < \alpha_\eta < 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \eta(t) = \eta_0 t^{\kappa_\eta}, \quad \kappa_\eta > 0.$$

Time dependent neighborhood radius

$$\varrho(t) = \varrho_0 \alpha_\varrho^t, \quad 0 < \alpha_\varrho < 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \varrho(t) = \varrho_0 t^{\kappa_\varrho}, \quad \kappa_\varrho > 0.$$

# Self-Organizing Maps: Examples

**Example:** Unfolding of a two-dimensional self-organizing map.



The figures illustrate (left to right, top to bottom) the current state of the SOM (it's input space) after 10, 20, 40, 80 and 160 learning iterations. One training sample is being processed during each iteration.

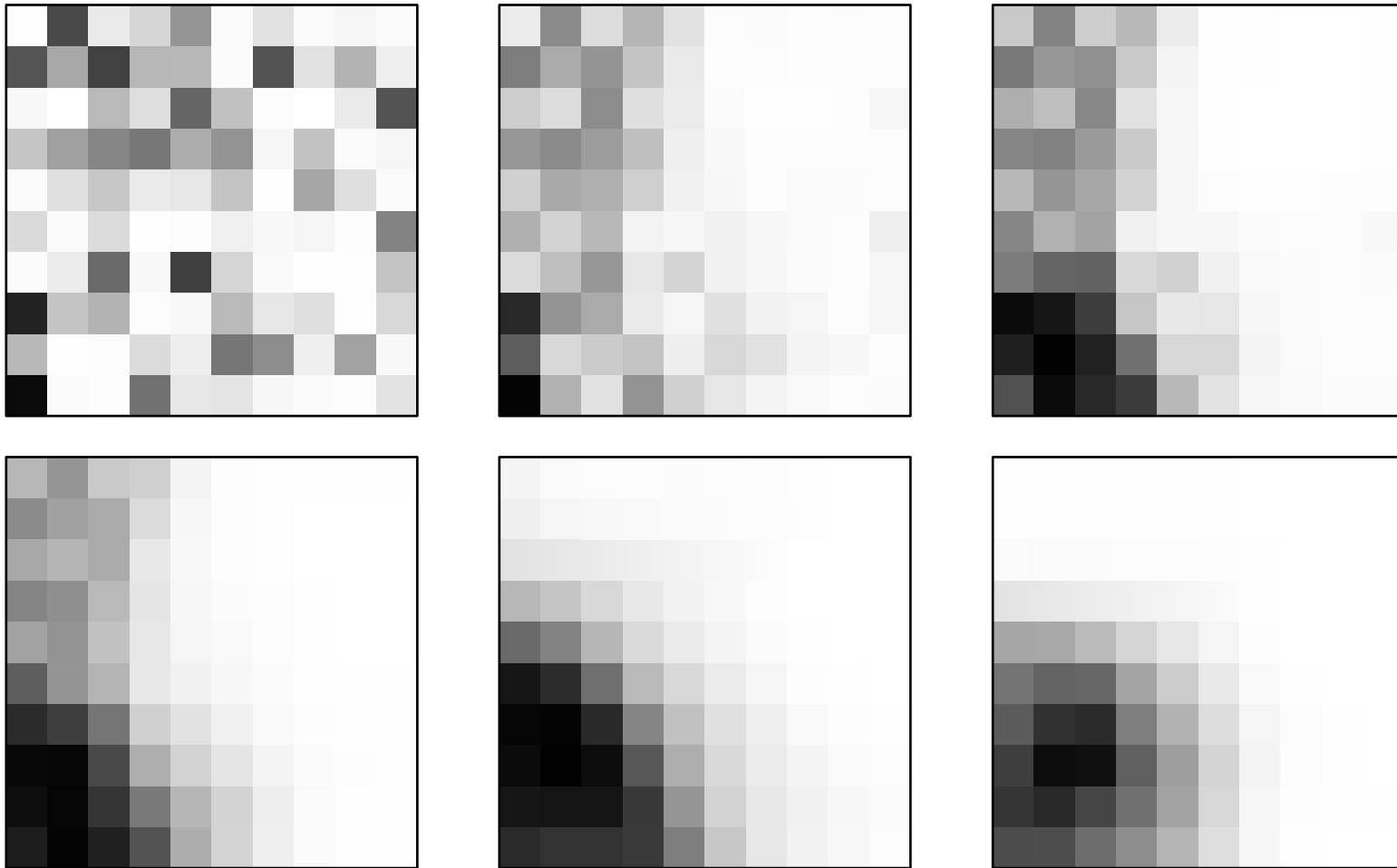
# Self-Organizing Maps: Examples

**Example:** Unfolding a two-dimensional self-organizing map. (comments)

- Unfolding a 10x10-map trained by random samples  $\in [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$
- initialization with reference vectors  $\in [-0.5, 0.5]$
- lines connecting direct neighbors (grid)
- learning rate  $\eta(t) = 0.6 * t$
- Gaussian neighborhood function  $f_{nb}$
- radius  $\rho(t) = 2.5 * t^{-0.1}$

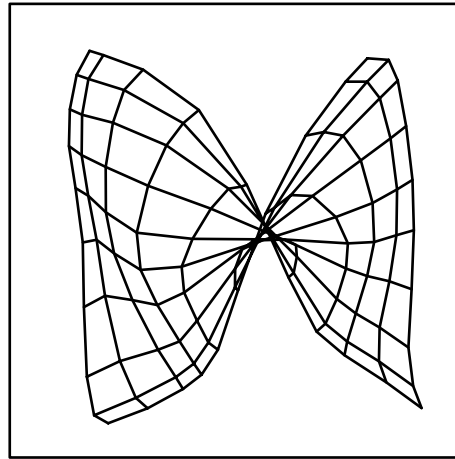
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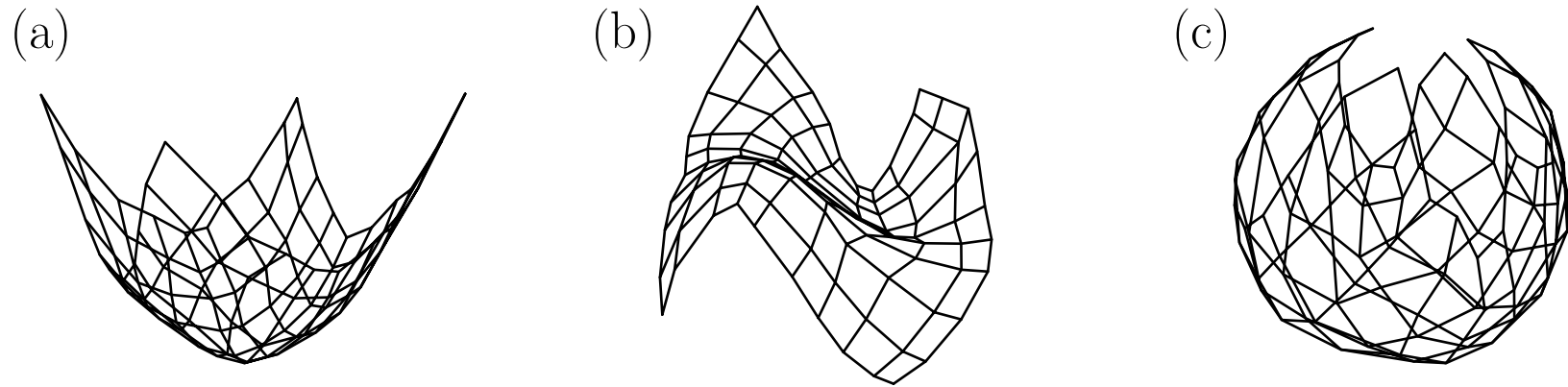
Training a self-organizing map may fail because of

- miserable initialization
- the (initial) learning rate chosen too small or
- the (initial) neighbor chosen too small.



# Self-Organizing Maps: Examples

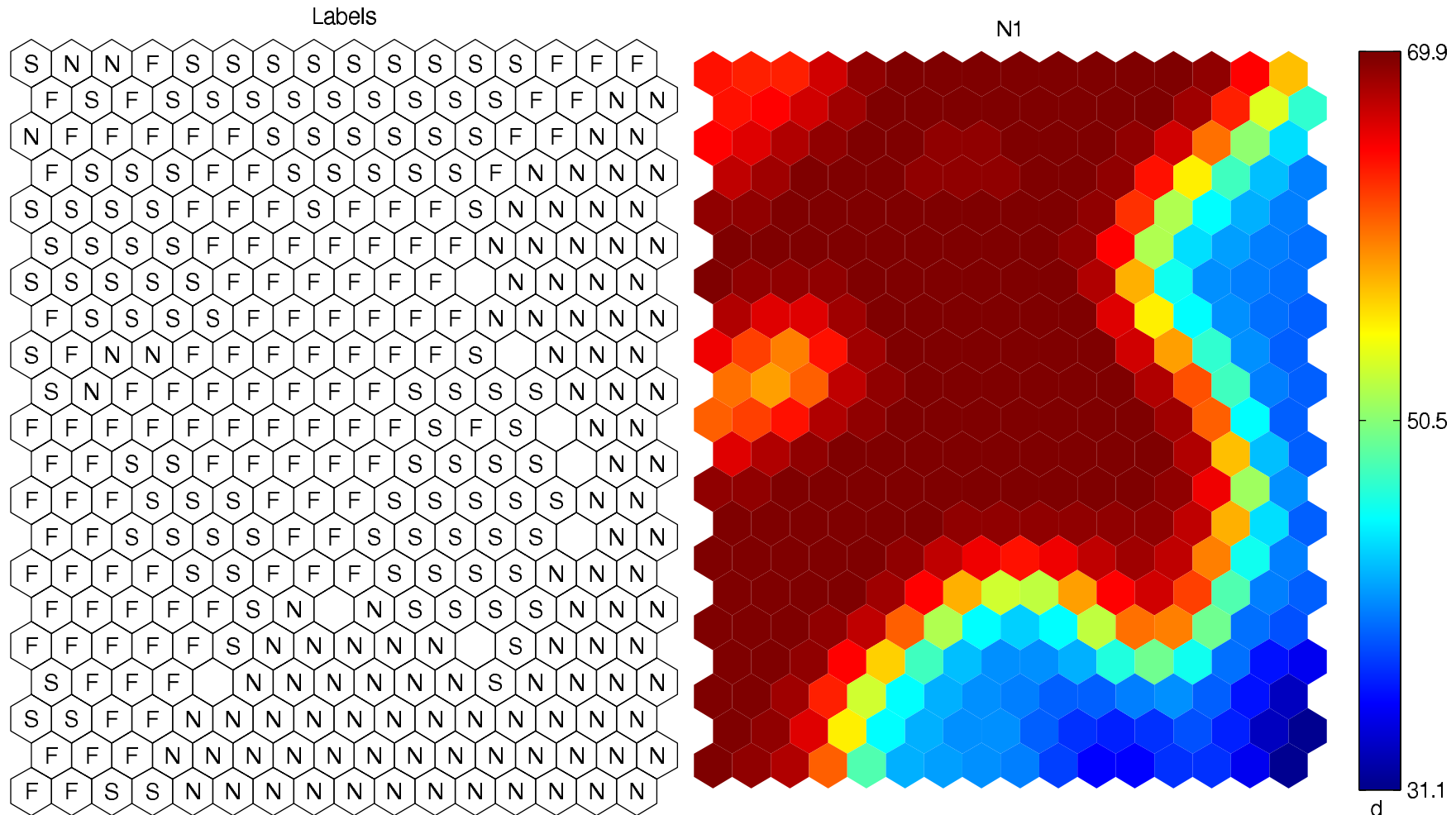
**Example:** Unfolding of a two-dimensional self-organizing map.



Self-organizing maps that have been trained with random points from (a) a rotation parabola, (b) a simple cubic function, (c) the surface of a sphere.

- In this case original space and image space have different dimensionality.
- Self-organizing maps can be used for dimensionality reduction.

# SOM, Example Clustering of Strategies for editing fields



Left: self-organizing map including class labels

Right: a variable that has been used for learning

# SOM, Phoneme map of Finnish

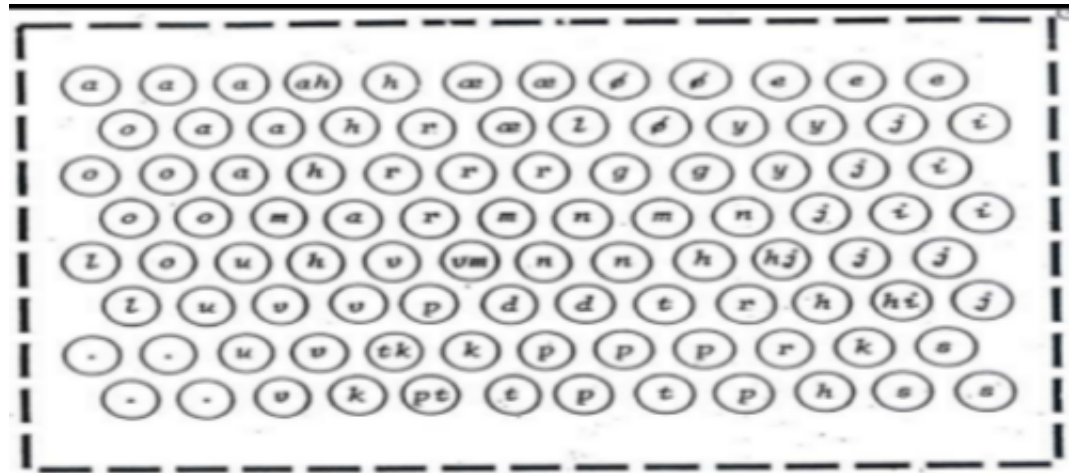


Abb. 2.6.7 Phonemkarte des Finnischen (nach [KOH88])

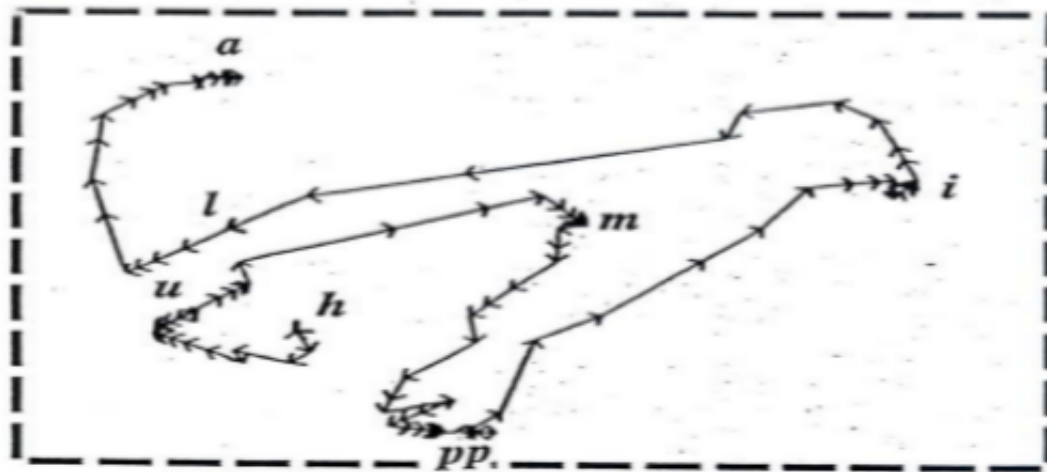
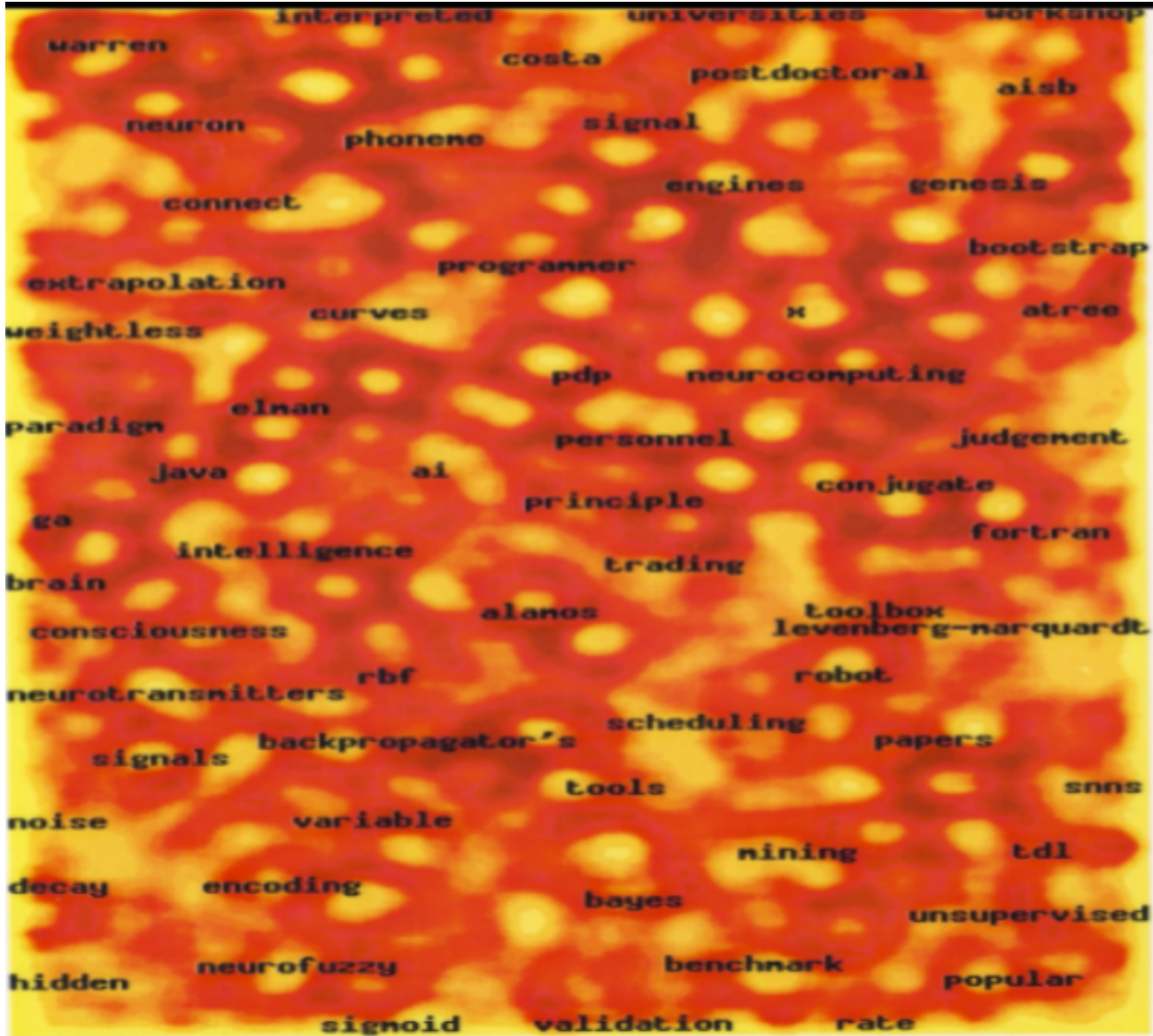


Abb. 2.6.8 Phonemsequenz für /humppila/ (nach [KOH88])

# SOM, Websom



# SOM, Websom

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled 'Websom'. The main content area displays a 'Decorative Map' with a grid of colored circles (green, blue, red) on a dark background. Several windows are open over the map:

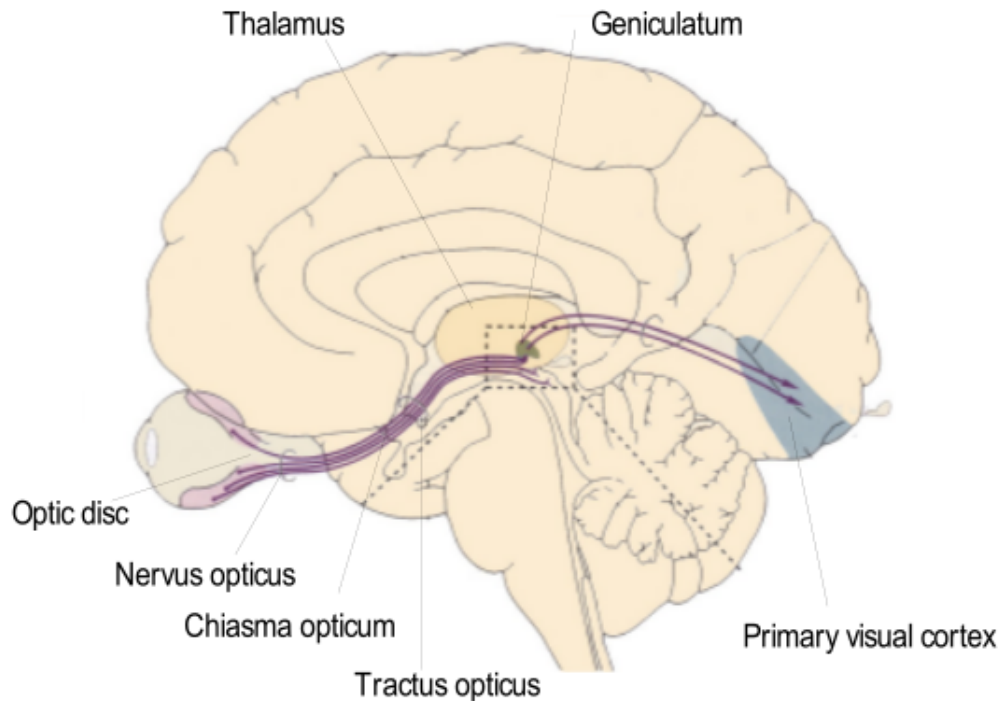
- Query**: A search box with 'neural' and 'networks' entered.
- Query Results**: A list of search results with a detailed view of a paper titled 'Execution of a remote sensing application on a custom neuro-computer'. The text includes: 'Abstract: A neural basis function network is applied to an area which is remote sensing estimates of water vapor content for climate modeling. The network which are up to 32% better than obtained using conventional same data. These results have short-term weather forecasting climate modeling. The neural network compared with the past and present at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The neural basis function network compared with regional low-power electronic implementation technology were explored to...'.
- Short-term ozone forecasting by artificial neural networks.**: A window with a title and some text.
- microwave radiometric technique to retrieve vapor, liquid and ice. I. Development of a neural network-based inversion method.**: A window with a title and text: 'With the advent of the microwave radiometer, passive remote sensing of clouds and precipitation has become an indispensable tool in a variety of meteorological and oceanographic applications. There is wide interest in the quantitative retrieval of water vapor, cloud liquid, and ice using brightness temperature observations in scientific studies such as Earth's radiation budget and microphysical processes of winter and summer clouds. Emission and scattering characteristics of hydrometeors depend on the frequency of observation. Thus, a multifrequency radiometer has the capability of profiling cloud microphysics. Sensitivities of vapor, liquid, and ice with respect to 20.6, 31.65 and 90 GHz brightness temperatures are studied. For the model studies, the...'.

At the bottom, there is a 'Mixed Category Map' window showing a grid of red and black circles. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various icons and the system clock.

# SOM, MusicMiner



# Gesichtsfeldausfall



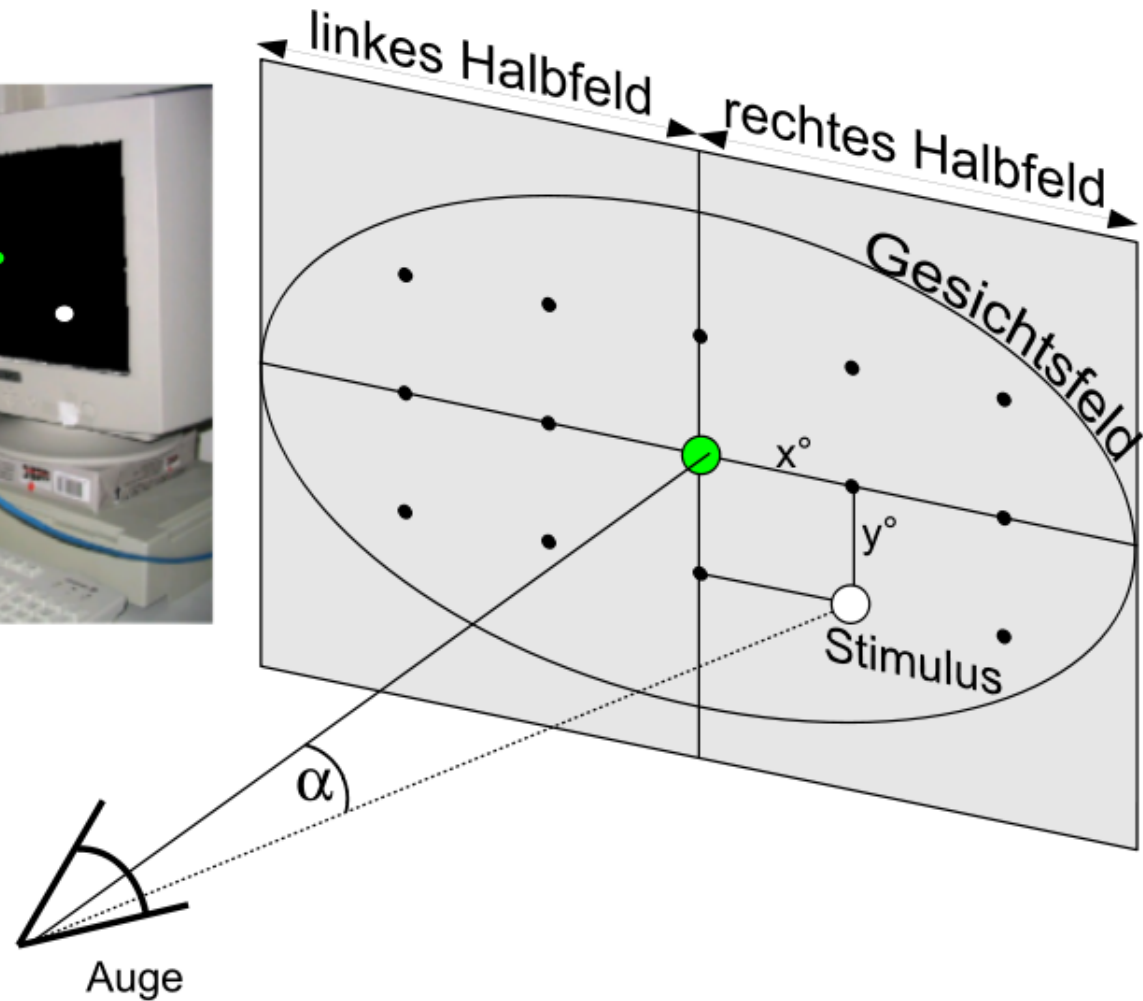
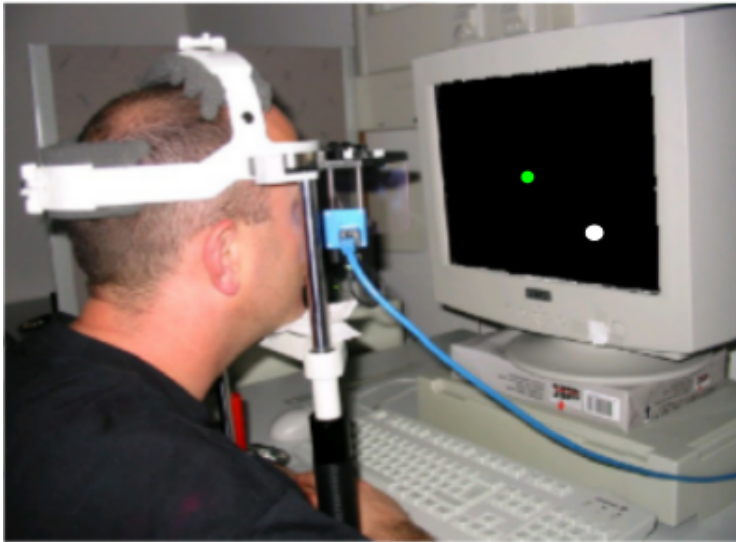
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(6 Monate à 1h pro Tag)**

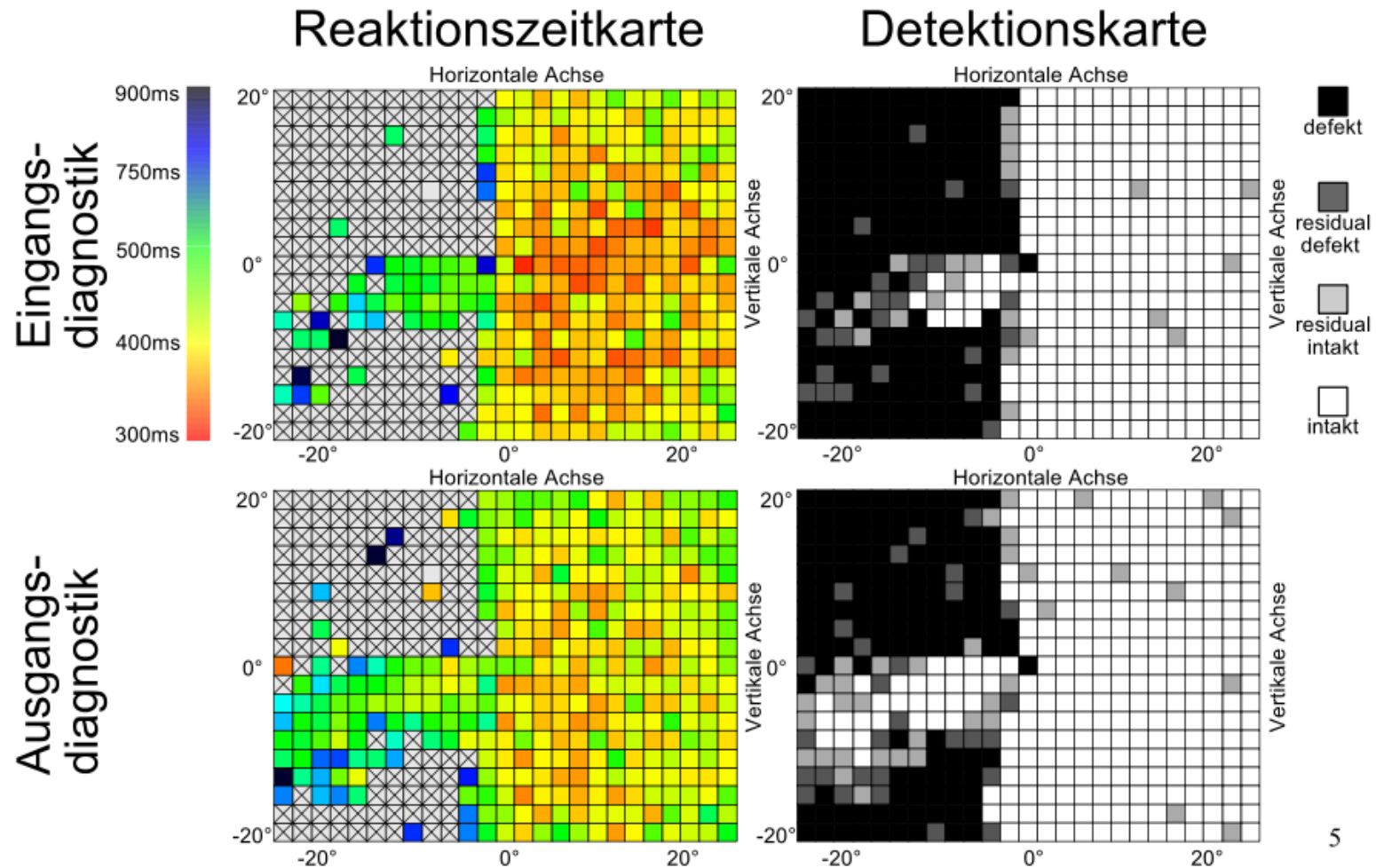
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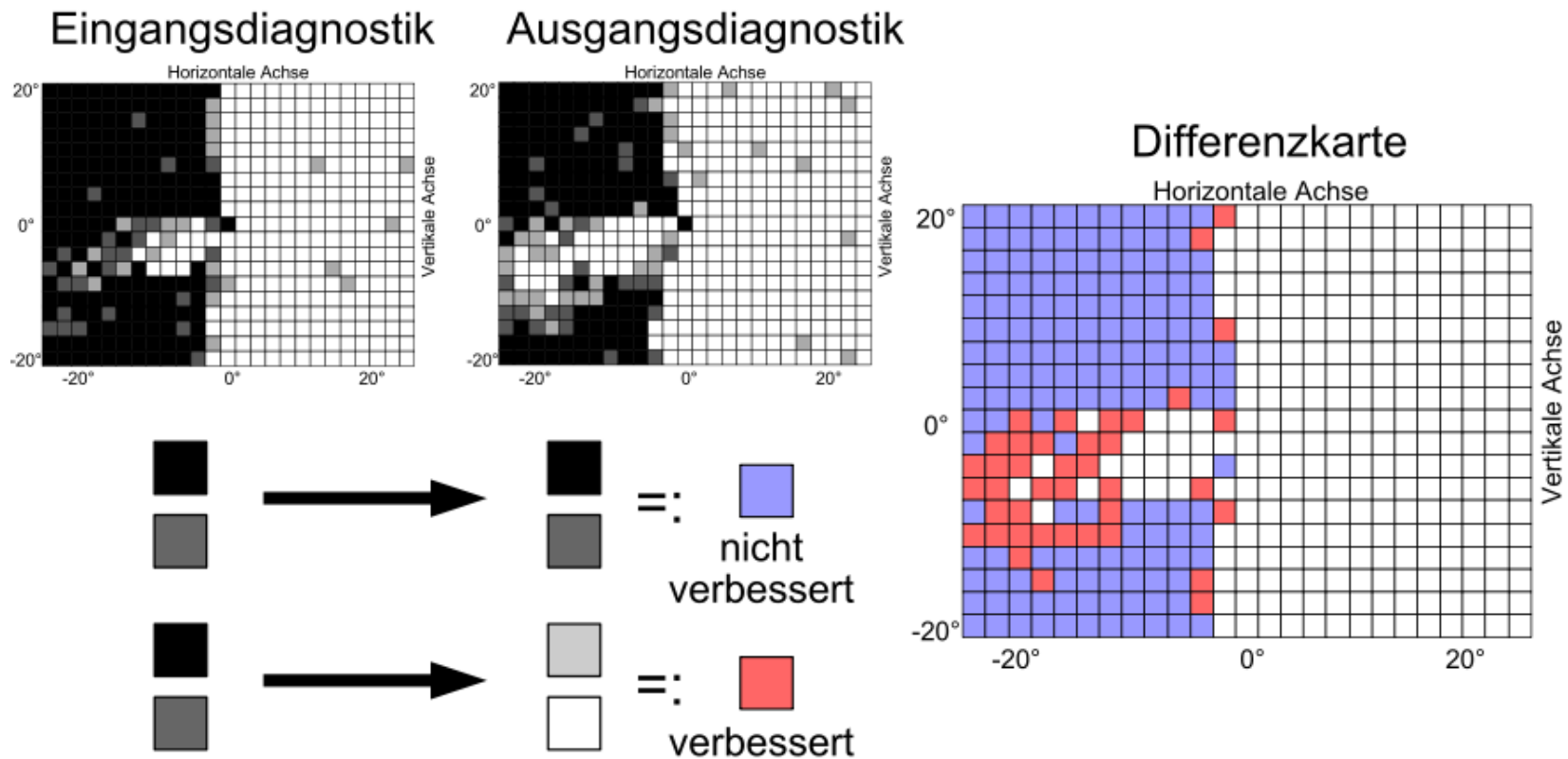




## Diagnostikkarten



## Verbesserte und nicht verbesserte Positionen



## Ziel der Arbeit

