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The EM algorithm is an iterative algorithm that has two main steps. Applied to our problem, in the E-step, it tries to "guess" the values of the $z^{(i)}$'s. In the M-step, it updates the parameters of our model based on our guesses. Since in the M-step we are pretending that the guesses in the first part were correct, the maximization becomes easy. Here's the algorithm:

In the E-step, we calculate the posterior probability of our parameters the $z^{(i)}$'s, given the $x^{(i)}$ and using the current setting of our parameters. I.e., using Bayes rule, we obtain:

$$p(z^{(i)} = j | x^{(i)}; \phi, \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{p(x^{(i)} | z^{(i)} = j; \mu, \Sigma) p(z^{(i)} = j; \phi)}{\sum_{l=1}^{k} p(x^{(i)} | z^{(i)} = l; \mu, \Sigma) p(z^{(i)} = l; \phi)}$$

Here, $p(x^{(i)} | z^{(i)} = j; \mu, \Sigma)$ is given by evaluating the density of a Gaussian with mean μ_j and covariance Σ_j at $x^{(i)}$; $p(z^{(i)} = j; \phi)$ is given by ϕ_j, and so on. The values $w_j^{(i)}$ calculated in the E-step represent our "soft" guesses[2] for the values of $z^{(i)}$.

EM Algorithm

Repeat until convergence: {

(E-step) For each i, j, set

$$w_j^{(i)} := p(z^{(i)} = j | x^{(i)}; \phi, \mu, \Sigma)$$

(M-step) Update the parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_j &:= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_j^{(i)}, \\
\mu_j &:= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_j^{(i)} x^{(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_j^{(i)}}, \\
\Sigma_j &:= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_j^{(i)} (x^{(i)} - \mu_j)(x^{(i)} - \mu_j)^T}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_j^{(i)}}
\end{aligned}$$

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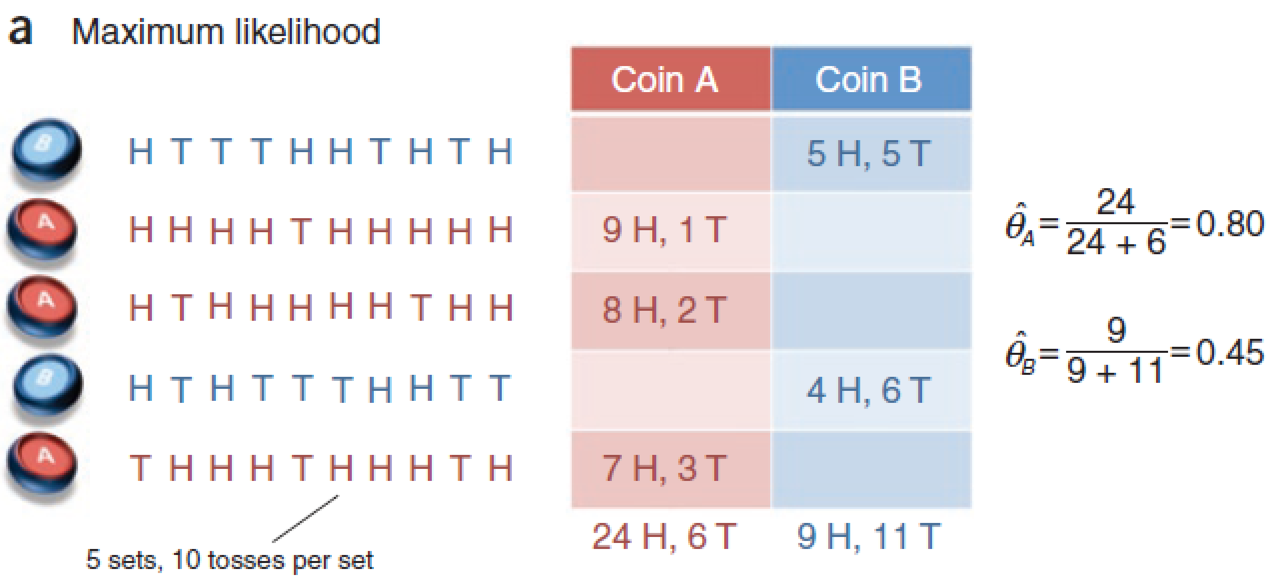
Example


a Maximum likelihood
Coin A
Coin B
H T T T H H T H T H
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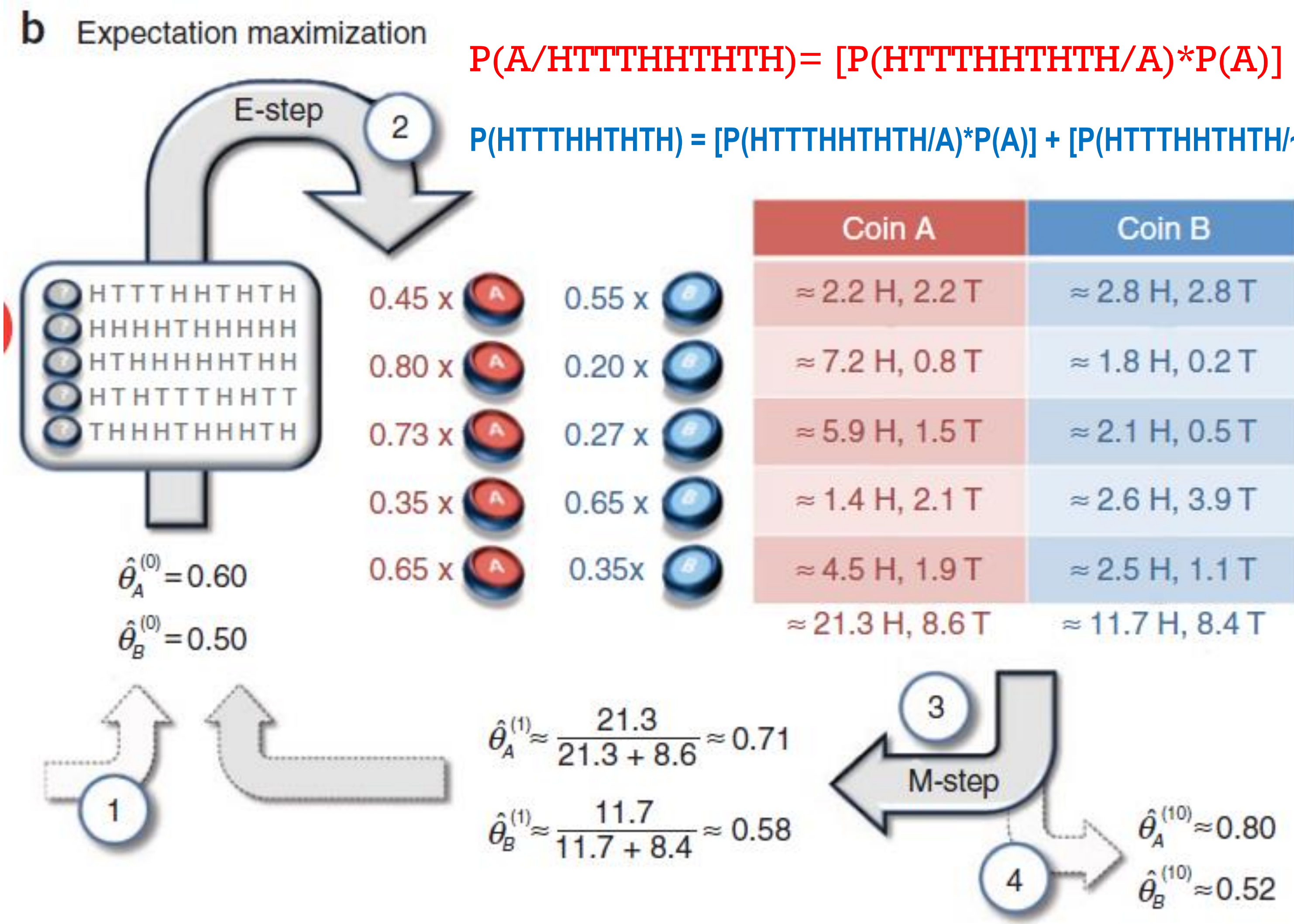
T H H H T H H H T H
5 H, 5 T
9 H, 1 T
8 H, 2 T
4 H, 6 T
7 H, 3 T
24 H, 6 T
9 H, 11 T
5 sets, 10 tosses per set
$\hat{\theta}_A = \frac{24}{24+6} = 0.80$
$\hat{\theta}_B = \frac{9}{9+11} = 0.45$

Example

P(A/HTTTHHTHTH)= [P(HTTTHHTHTH/A)*P(A)] / P(HTTTHHTHTH)

P(HTTTHHTHTH) = [P(HTTTHHTHTH/A)*P(A)] + [P(HTTTHHTHTH/~A)*P(~A)]



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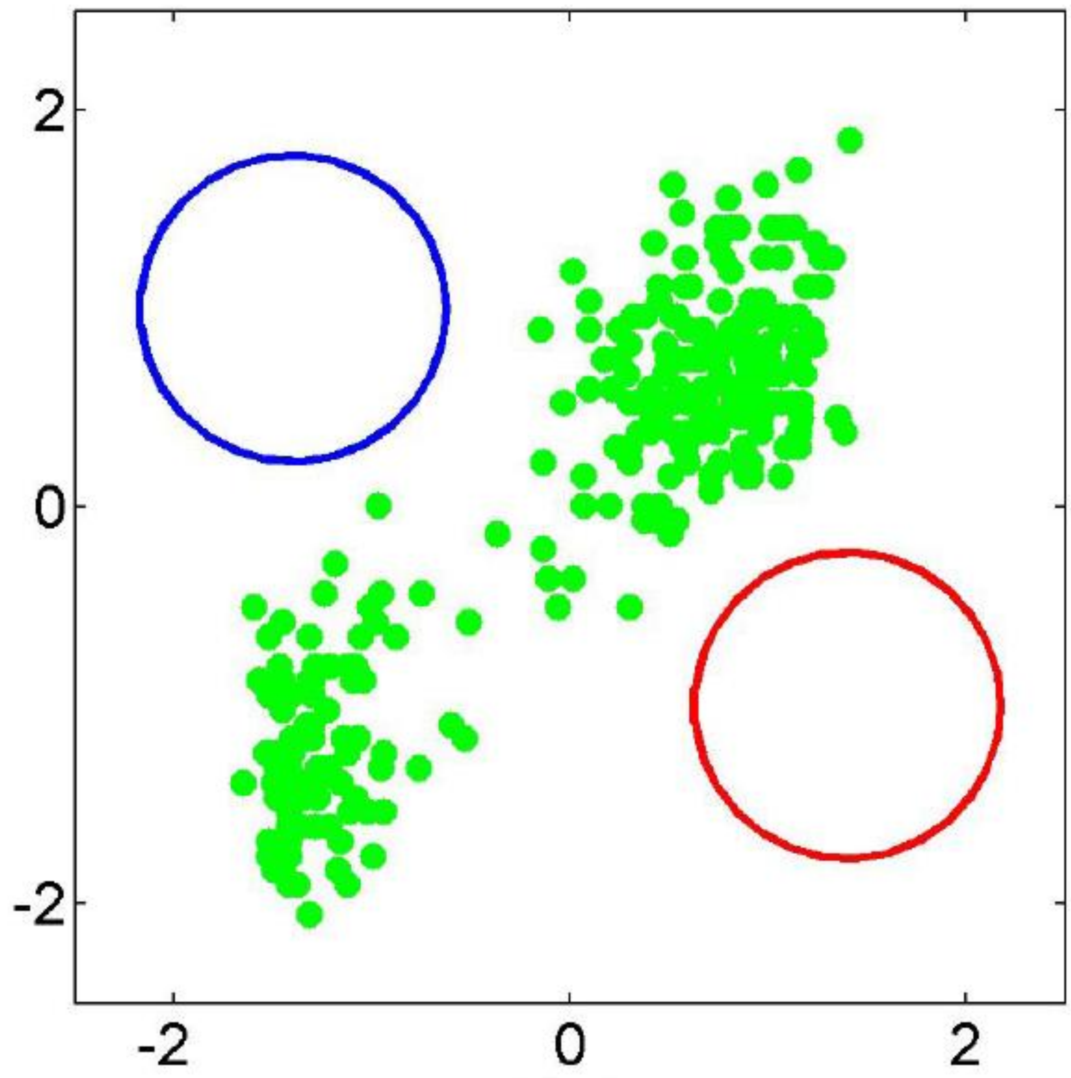

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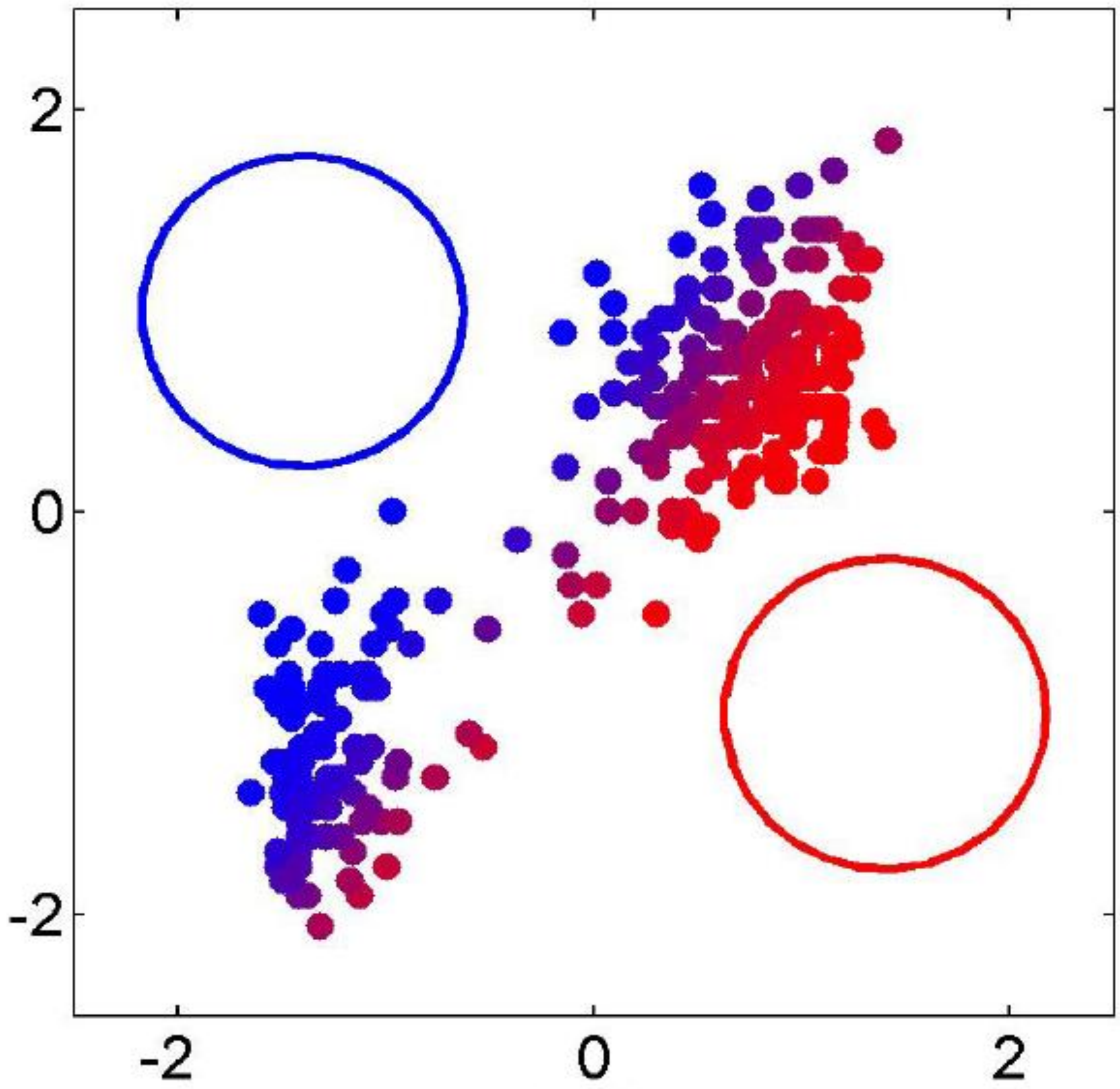

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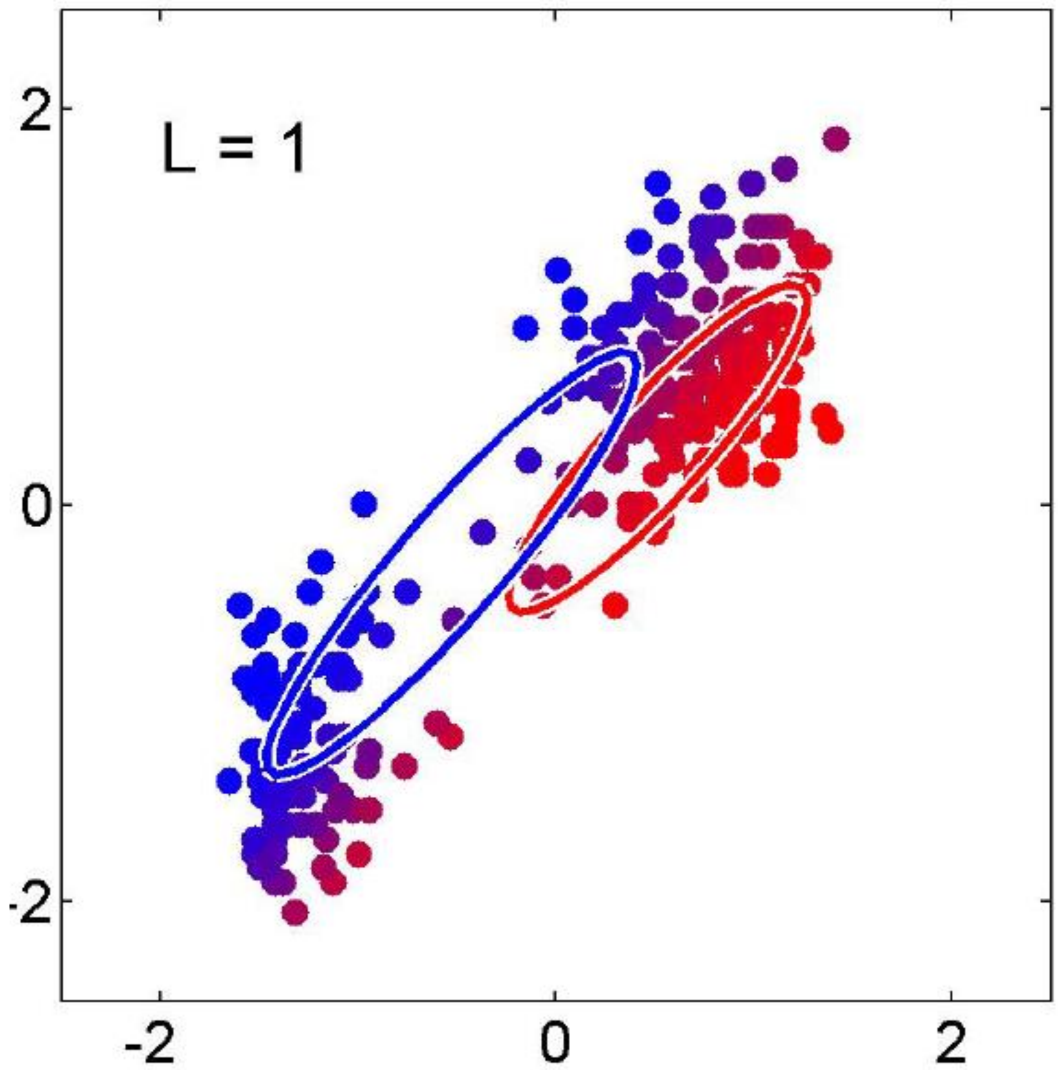

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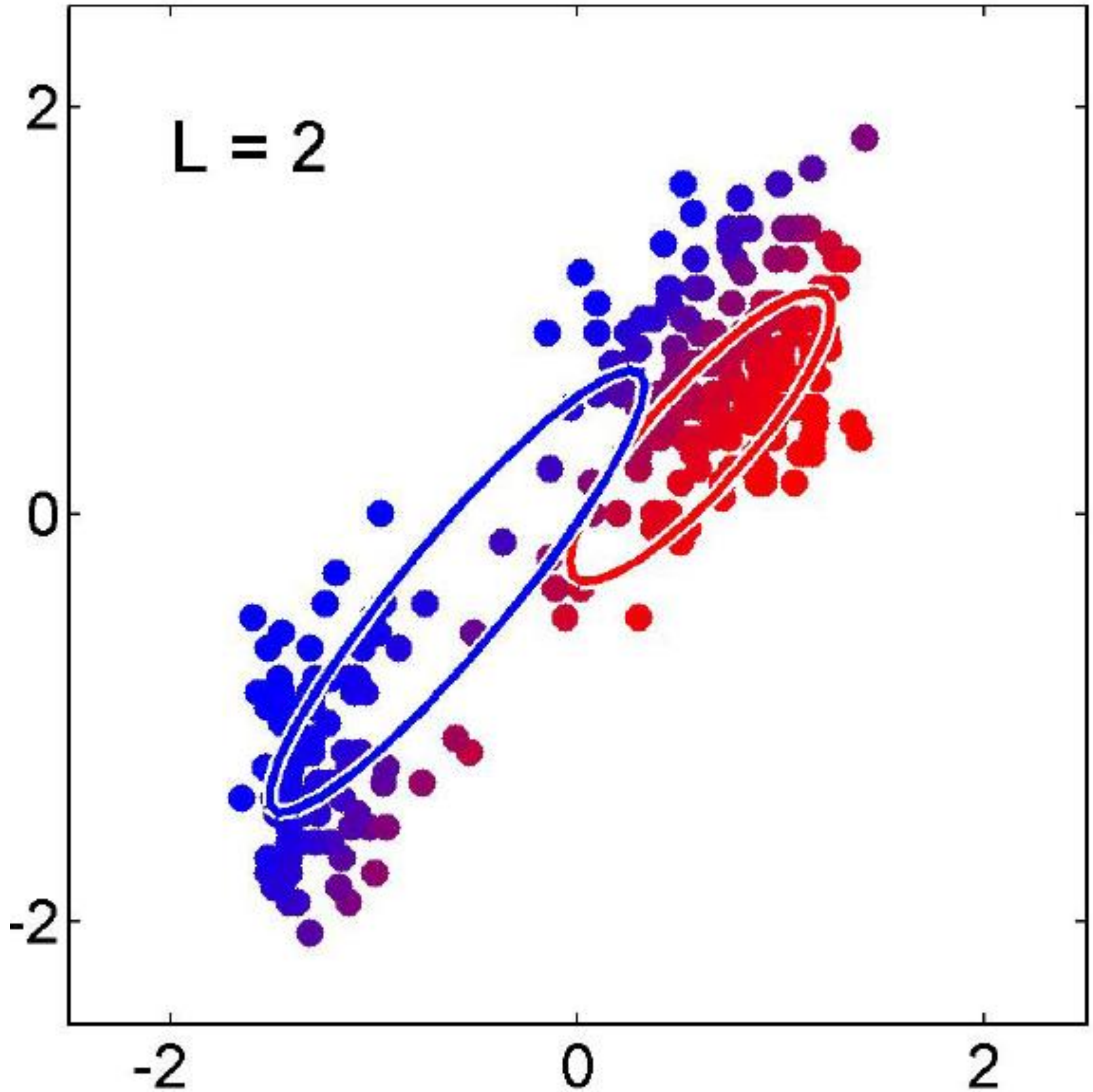

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