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# Self-organizing map (SOM)

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# Title

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# What is SOM?

- **The self-organizing map** also known as a Kohonen map.
- SOM is a technique which reduce the dimensions of data through the use of self-organizing neural networks.
- The model was first described as an artificial neural network by professor Teuvo Kohonen.



# Unsupervised learning

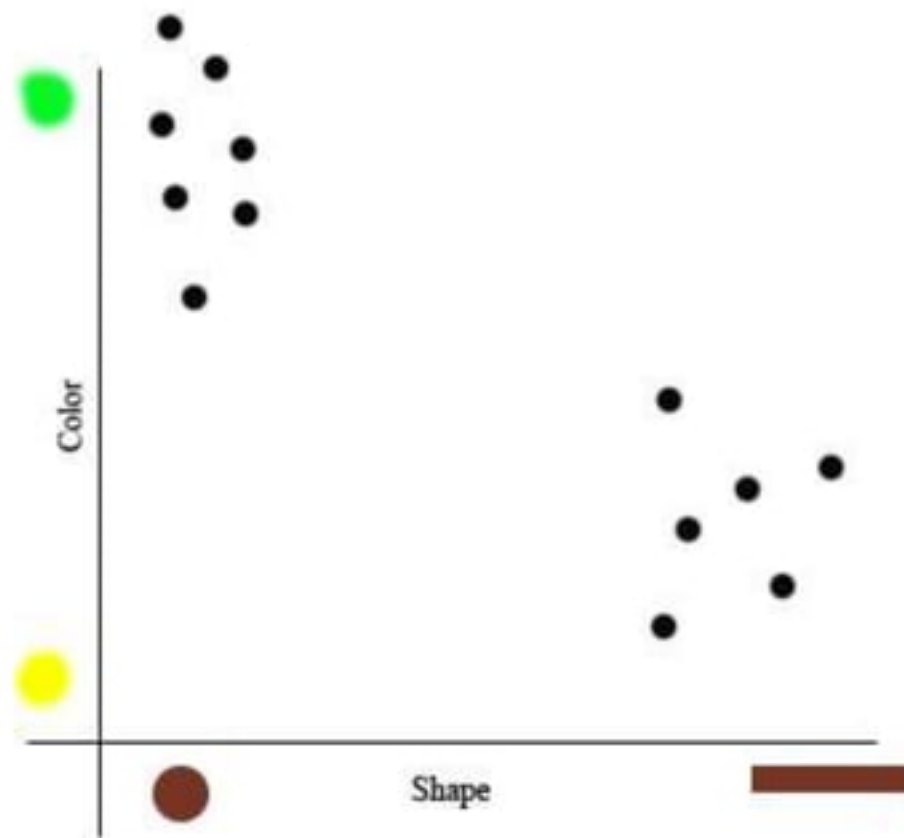
- Unsupervised learning is a class of problems in which one seeks to determine how the data are organized.
- One form of unsupervised learning is clustering.

# Unsupervised learning

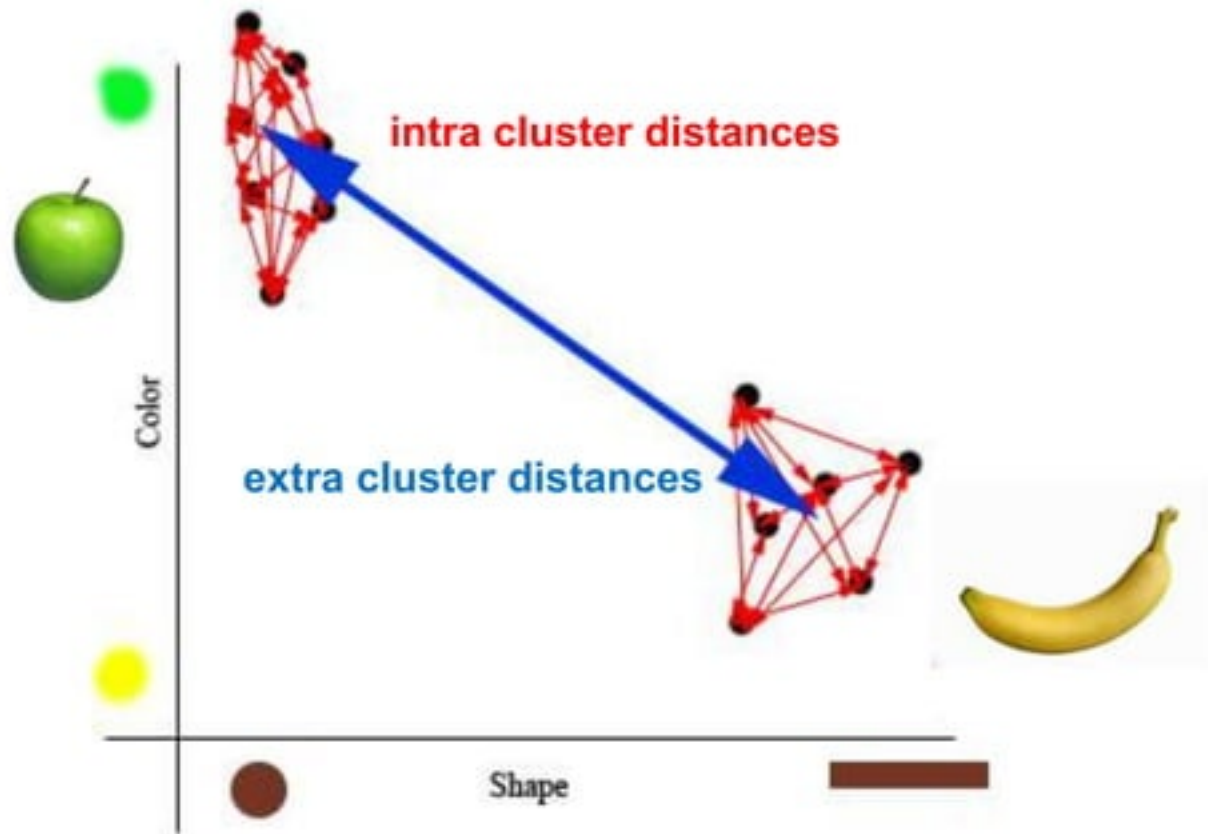
- How could we know what constitutes “different” clusters?
- Green Apple and Banana Example.
  - two features: shape and color.



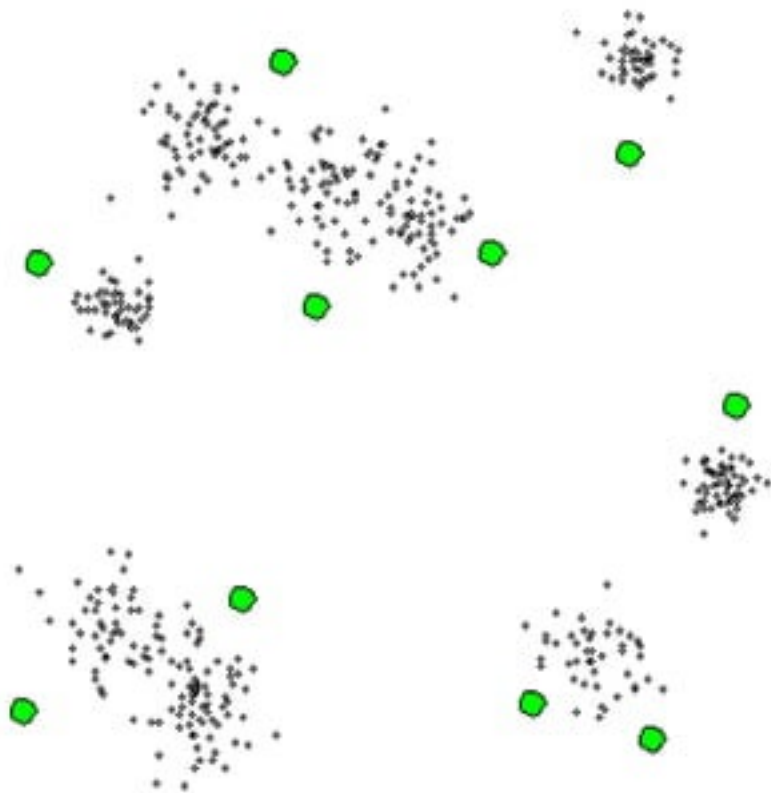
# Unsupervised learning



# Unsupervised learning



# Competitive learning





# Unit

- Unit, also called artificial particle and agent, is a special type of data point.
- The difference between unit and the regular data points is that the units are dynamic

# Competitive learning

- the position of the unit for each data point can be expressed as follows:

**p**



**x**

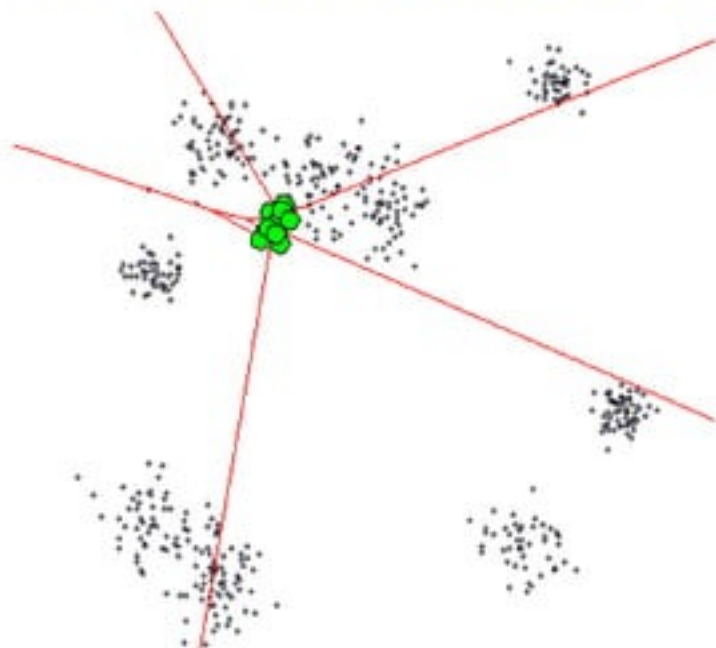


$$p(t+1) = a(p(t)-x) d(p(t),x)$$

- a** is a factor called **learning rate**.
- d(p,x)** is a distance scaling function.

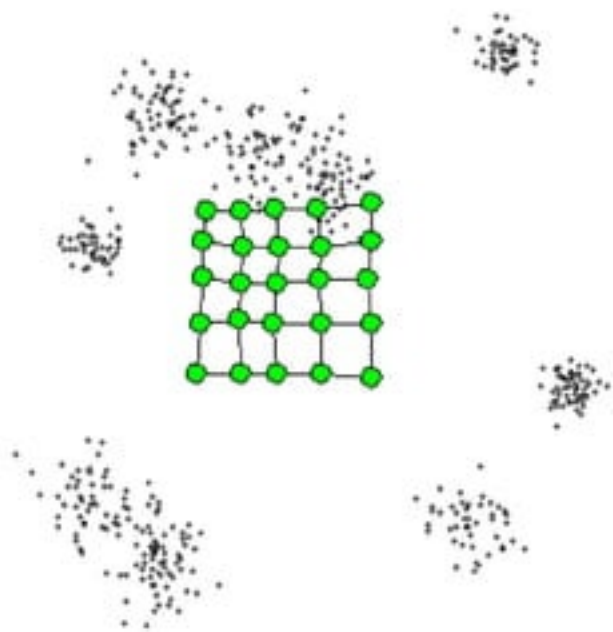
# Competitive learning

- Competitive learning is useful for clustering of input patterns into a discrete set of output clusters.



# The Self-Organizing Map (SOM)

- SOM is based on competitive learning.
- The difference is units are all interconnected in a grid.



# The Self-Organizing Map (SOM)

- The unit closest to the input vector is called Best Matching Unit (BMU).
- The BMU and other units will adjust its position toward the input vector.
- The update formula is
$$Wv(t + 1) = Wv(t) + \Theta (v, t) \alpha(t)(D(t) - Wv(t))$$

# The Self-Organizing Map (SOM)

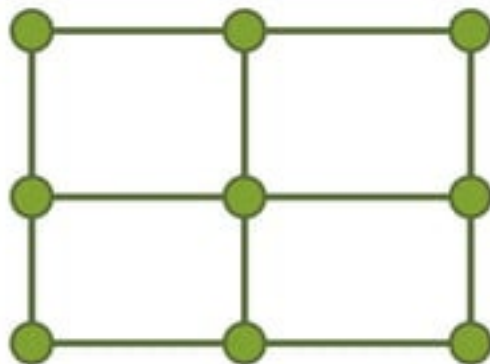
$$Wv(t + 1) = Wv(t) + \Theta(v, t) \alpha(t)(D(t) - Wv(t))$$

- $Wv(t)$  = weight vector
- $\alpha(t)$  = monotonically decreasing learning coefficient
- $D(t)$  = the input vector
- $\Theta(v, t)$  = neighborhood function

This process is repeated for each input vector for a (usually large) number of cycles  $\lambda$ .

# Algorithm

1. Randomize the map's nodes' weight vectors



# Algorithm

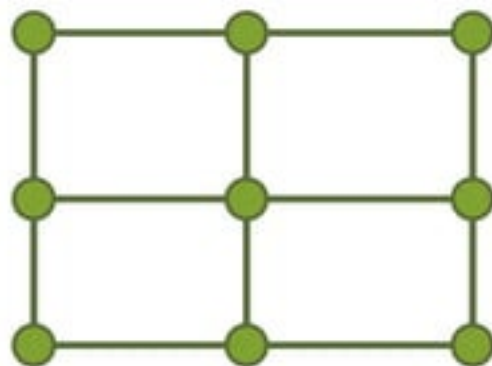
## 2. Grab an input vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$



# Algorithm

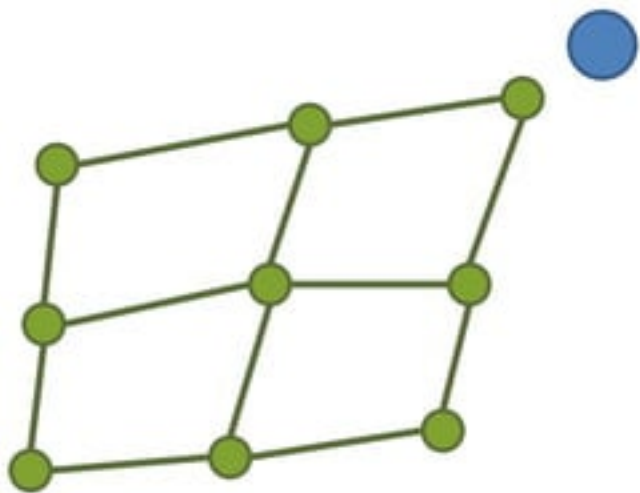
3. Traverse each node in the map



# Algorithm

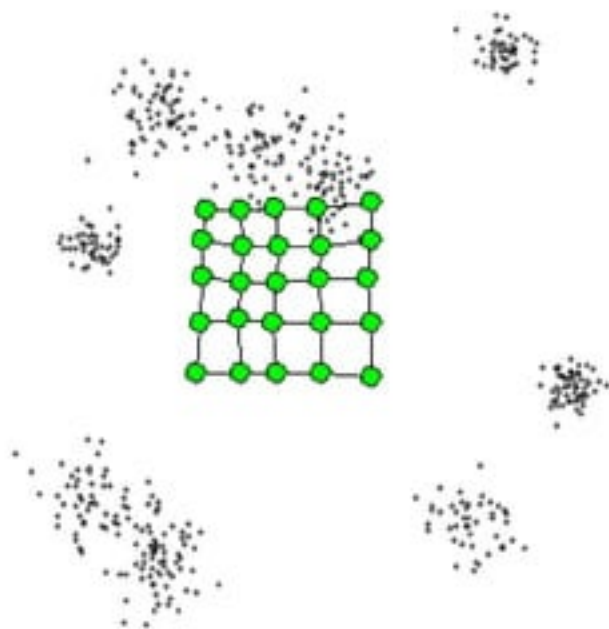
4. Update the nodes in the neighbourhood of BMU by pulling them closer to the input vector

$$Wv(t + 1) = Wv(t) + \Theta(t)\alpha(t)(D(t) - Wv(t))$$

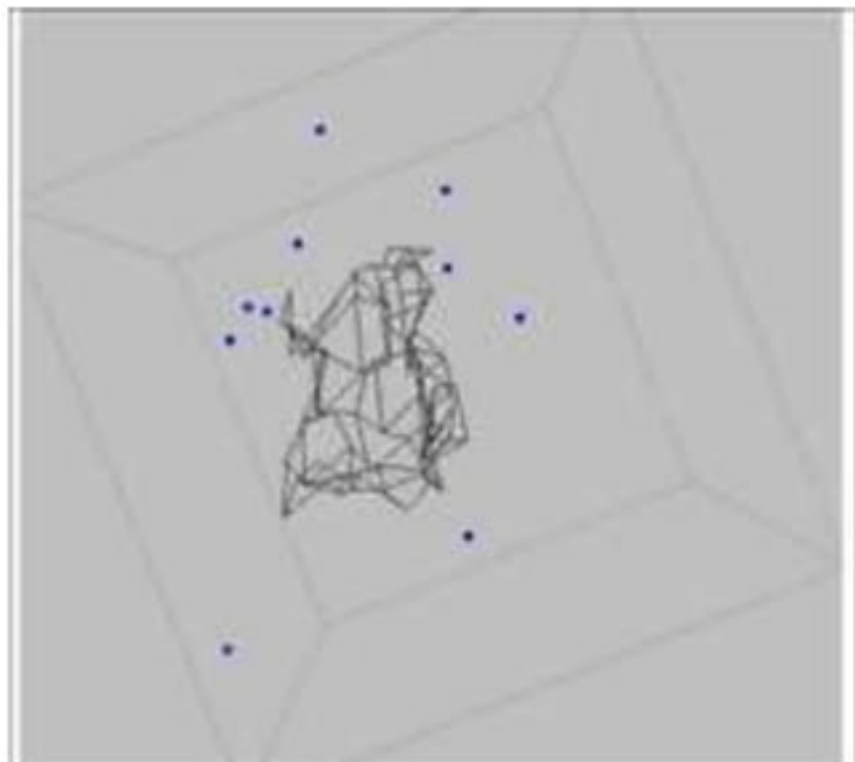


# Algorithm

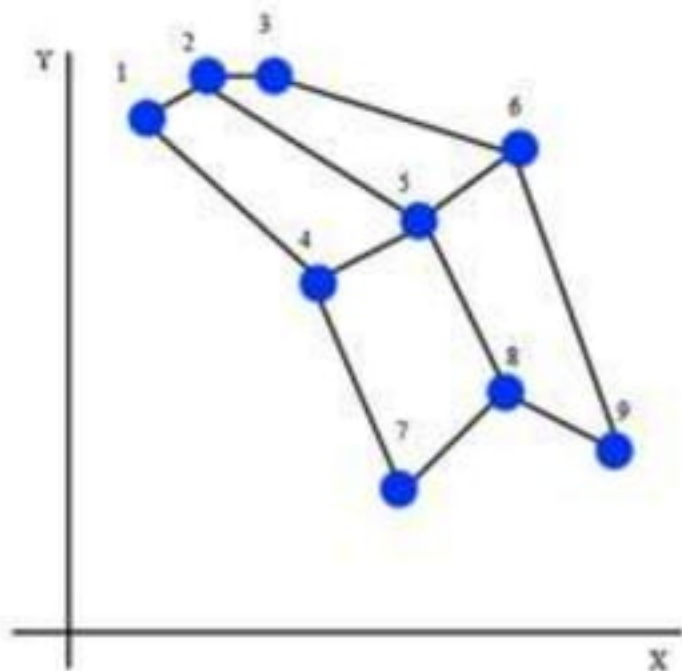
5. Increment  $t$  and repeat from 2 while  $t < \lambda$



# SOM in 3D



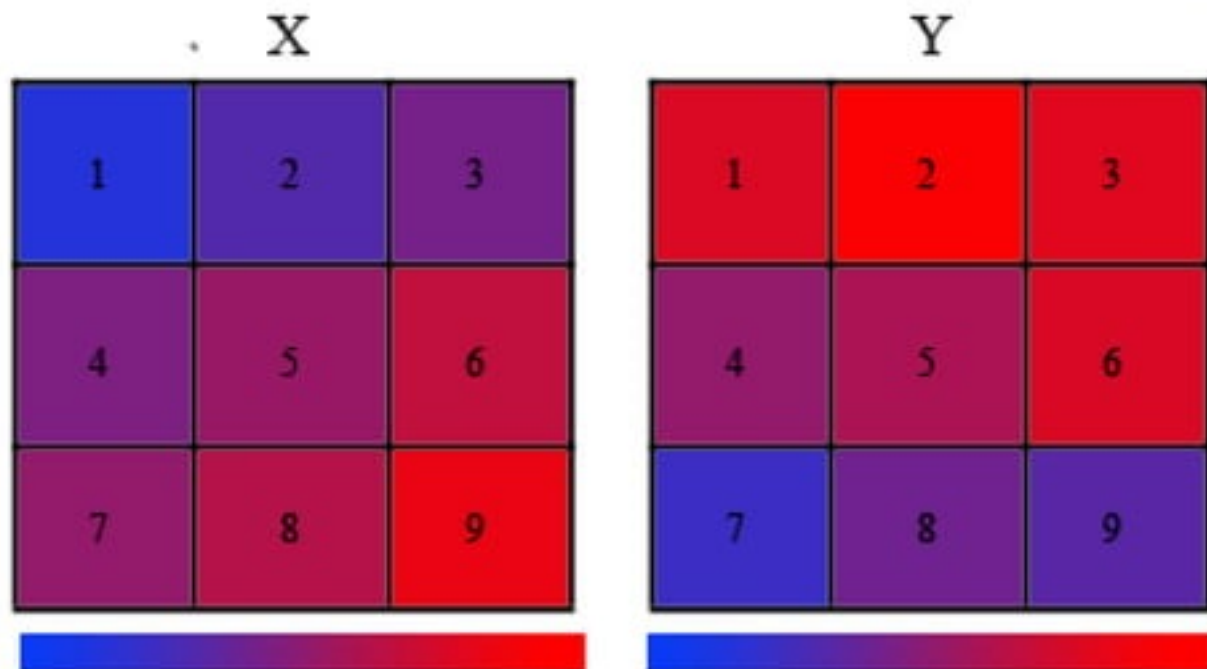
# Visualization with the SOM



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

**Maplet**

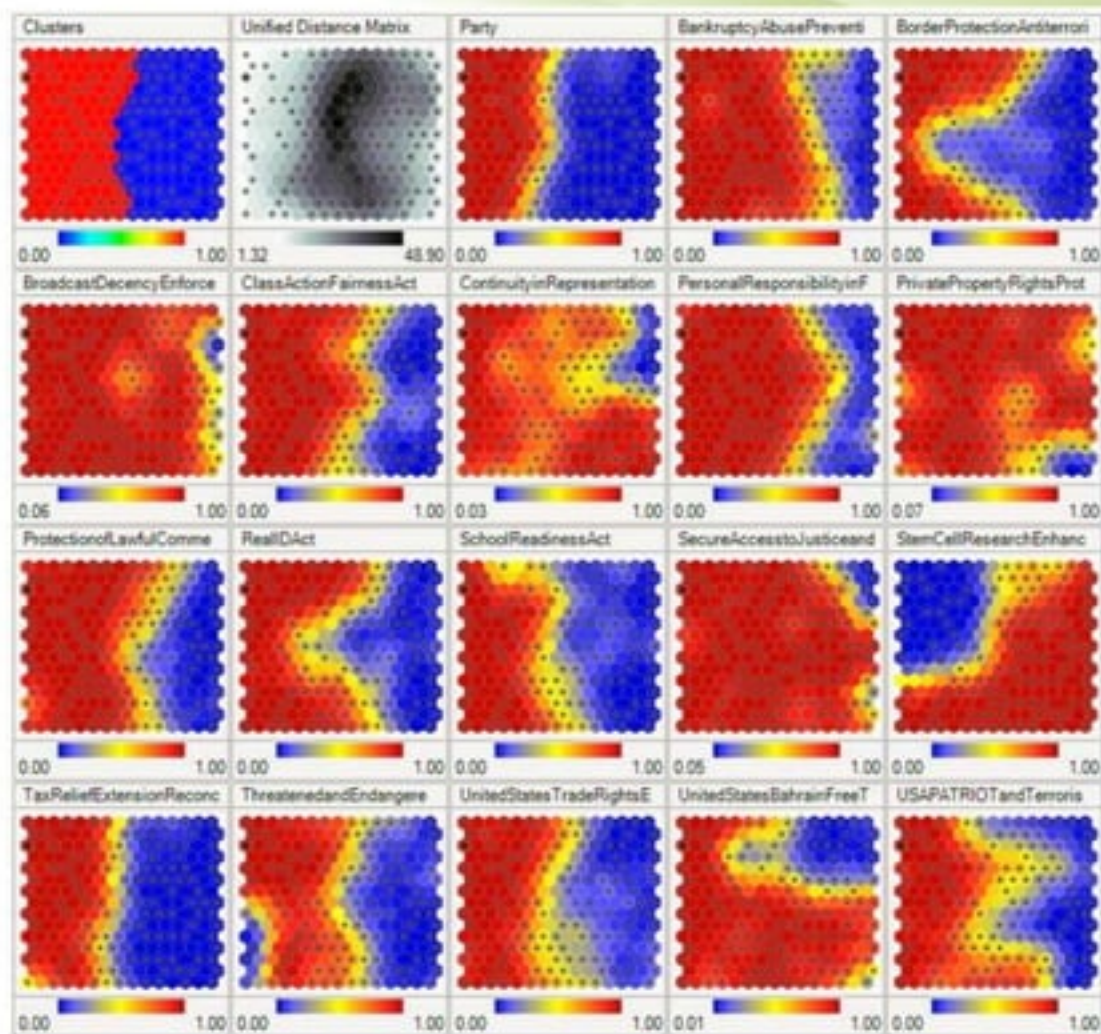
# Visualization with the SOM



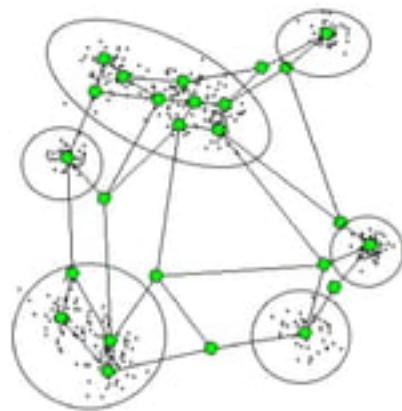
Blue color -> low value

Red color -> High value

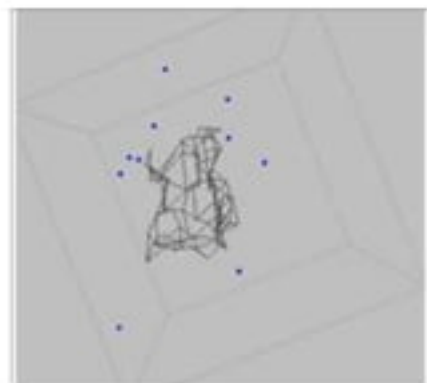
# SOM showing US congress voting results



# Dimension Reduction



2D

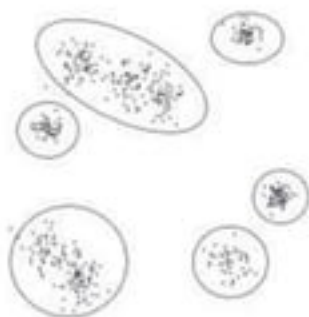


3D

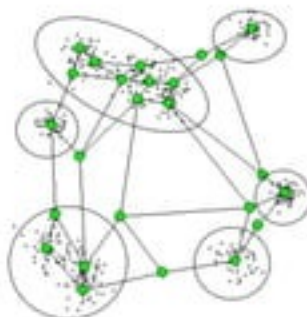


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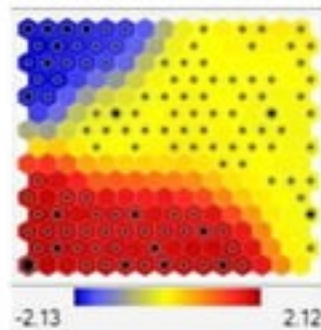
Input vector



BMU



Unit 2D



$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{BMU} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}$$



$$U = [u_x, u_y]$$

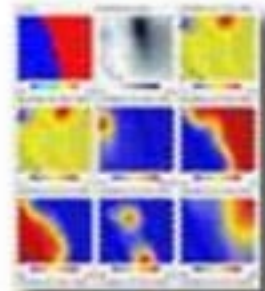
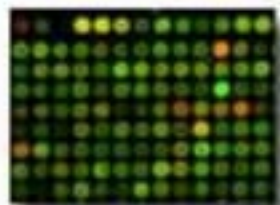
# Application

- Dimensionality Reduction using SOM based Technique for Face Recognition.
- A comparative study of PCA, SOM and ICA.
- SOM is better than the other techniques for the given face database and the classifier used.
- The results also show that the performance of the system decreases as the number of classes increase



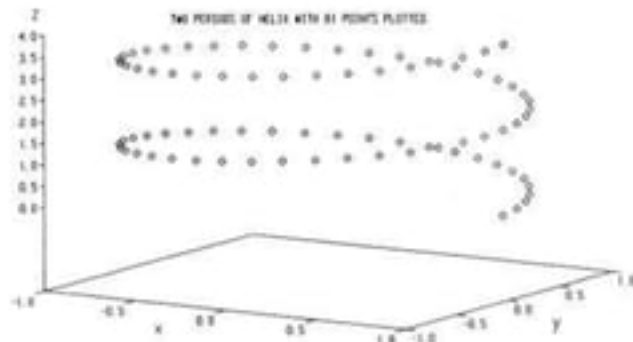
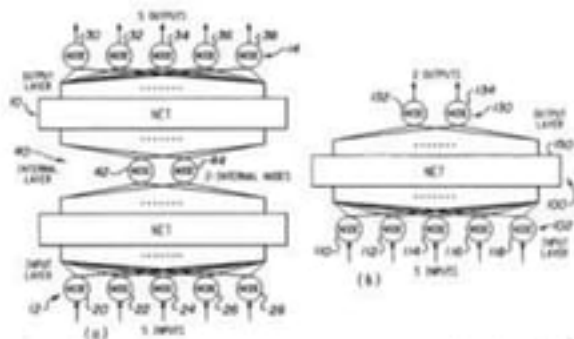
# Application

- Gene functions can be analyzed using an adaptive method – SOM.
- Clustering with the SOM Visualizer - create a standard neural network based classifier based on the results.



# Application

- A neural network comprised of a plurality of layers of nodes.
- A system for organization of multi-dimensional pattern data into a two-dimensional representation comprising
- It allows for a reduced-dimension description of a body of pattern data to be representative of the original body of data.



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