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Bubbles: a technique to reveal the use of information in recognition tasks

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bstract

rights reserved on the same set of faces, with human and ideal observers to compare the features they used. © 2001 Elsevier Science Ltd. All information. To illustrate the technique, we applied Bubbles on three categorization tasks (gender, expressive or not and identity) developed Bubbles, a general technique that can assign the credit of human categorization performance to specific visual unifying method, based on the categorization performance of subjects, that can isolate the information used. To this end, we evidence suggest that these categorizations require the use of different visual information from the input. However, there is no Everyday, people flexibly perform different categorizations of common faces, objects and scenes. Intuition and scattered

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Male or female (GENDER)?

Expressive or not expressive (EXNEX)?



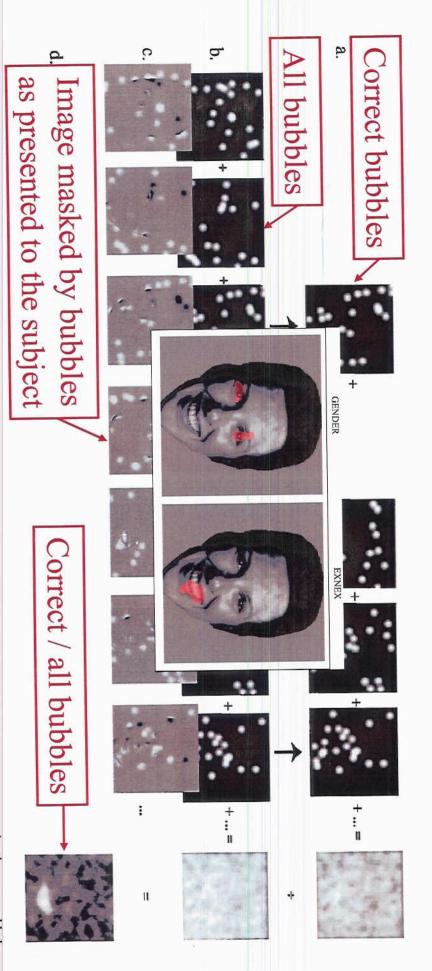


Fig. 3. This figure illustrates Bubbles in experiment 1 for the EXNEX task. In (a), the bubbles leading to a correct categorization are added the whiter mouth area (the greyscale has been renormalized to facilitate interpretation). See Fig. 2 for the outcome of experiment 1. illustrative to judge whether each sparse stimulus is expressive or not. ProportionPlane (d) is the division of CorrectPlane with TotalPlane. Note are added to form TotalPlane (the rightmost greyscale picture). In (c), examples of experimental stimuli as revealed by the bubbles of (b). It is together to form the CorrectPlane (the rightmost greyscale picture). In (b), all bubbles (those leading to a correct and incorrect categorizations)

Bubbles aralysis: usual 2- sample test for proportions:

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Problem: Détect a loralised signal in X(t) visible a set 5 (= brain) Tex statistic: Max X (E) ratio test under certain models for rignal) P-value? P(Max X(E) > x) = P(X(E) = x for some & ES) Bonferroni? < (#voscelo) P(X(5) > x) - tos conservative! For large X; Ax spanse, Max X(f) = x $= EC(S \cap Ax)$ Take ogestations: inelicator: { o if time × E(Ec(SnAx)) P(Max X(E) >x) Excaet results Asymptotic results: for all x, which Rice (1945), Leadletter, are much more lindgren, Rootzen, Belgoer, Piterbary (1970's) accurate for P-value.

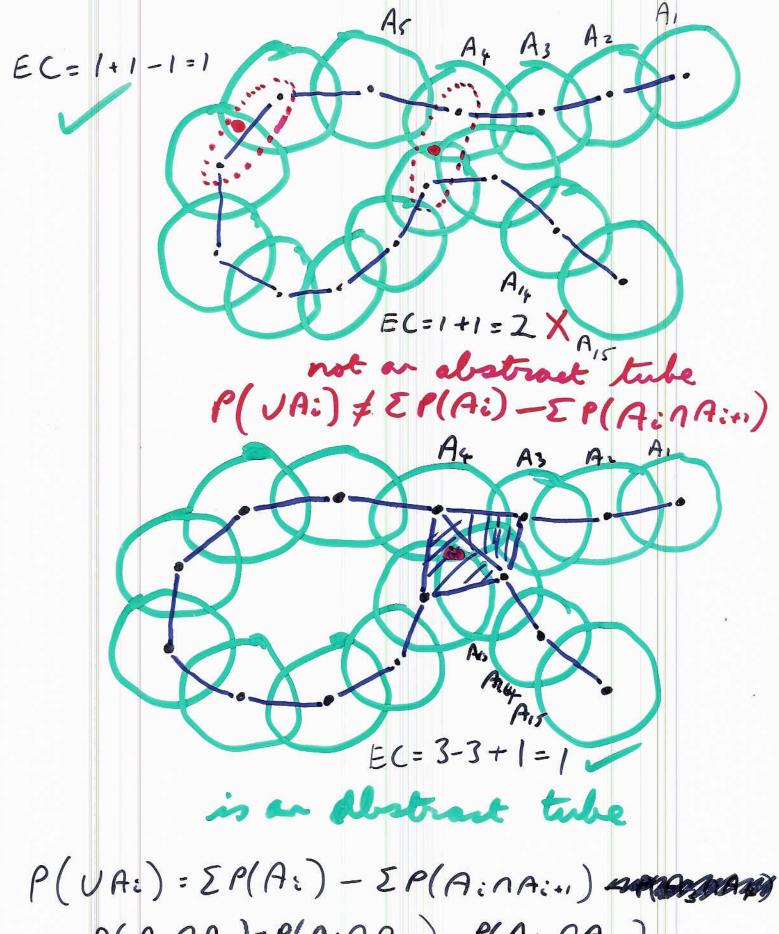
Abstract tubes (Navian, Wynn, 1992) Search region 5 = { £, , £2, ..., £, } is discrete A:= {x(\(\xi\) \rightarrow x\), P(Max x(\(\xi\)) \rightarrow x) = P(\(\hat{U}\) A:) EP(A:) - EEP(A:nA;) & P(UA:) & EP(A:) "improved Borferoi: - ZP (Ain Ai+1) Simplicial complex C 2 [1,2,...,n] Sub-simplicial complex is a subset of simplices that can occur (with prob >0) (identifying {i,j} with AinA; etc.) "triangle" {i,j,k} with A: NA; NAk / EC of a sub simplicial complex is EC = # points - # edges + # trongles - ... Abstract tube T is simplicial complex s.t. EC (sub simplicial complex) = 1

Proof:

P(A, UAz UAz U-... UAn)

BONFERRONI:

Theorem If T is an abstract terbe then $P(UAi) = \sum_{points \in T} P(Ai) - \sum_{points \in T} P(Ai) - \sum_{points \in T} P(Ai)$ + E P(A: NA; NA) - E ...
triongles & tetrahedra & T eg. A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_6 A_6 ie Bonferron is exact A. Ac As As As As As P(JAE) = EP(AE) - EP(A: NAi+1) E(= 12-1 E(=3-2 is inproved Bon is exact.

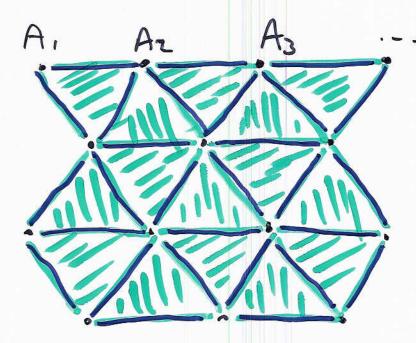


P(UA:) = ΣP(A:) - ΣP(A: nA:..) μαροσμαρή - P(A3 nA13)-P(A4 nA13) - P(A4 nA12) + P(A3 nA4 nA13) + P(A4 nA12 nA13).

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Proof "Trivial":
                    = { Ai} that can occur
A sub- simp. comp.
                    = "excursion set"
                    = {i: X(5:) ≥ x }.
Condition for an abstract tube is:
  EC ("exursion set") = | wherever something
                    occurs (non-empty)
T:
E(EC) = E(# point - # edges + # faces - ...)
        >= E P(A:) - E P(A: NA;) + E P(A: NA; NA)

point edges forces
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For a random field, the natural choice of simplicial complex is a triangular mesh in 20:



which is almost an abstract tube if \times is large, in which case $P(Max \times (\underline{\epsilon})) \approx E(Ec(A_{x} \cap 5))$ $\underline{\epsilon} \in 5$

* Ec (securion set) x { 1 if not empty

O if empty

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In 30, EC = #blobs - #shandles + # hollows
eg. EC(golfball) = 1

EC(doughout () = 0

EC(pretzel () = -2

FORMAL DEFINITION:

 $E((\beta)=0)$, E((simply connected set) = 1E((AUB) = E((A) + EC(B) - EC(ANB)).

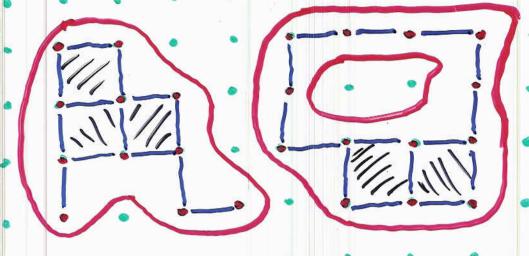
E((tennis ball (i)) = +2

TWO APPLICATIONS:

1 Descriptive measure of "topology"

(2) Esterate number of local "signal,"

Hom to calculate EC Cover set with a fire lattice: eg. D = 2:



EC = #print - # edges + # faces in set = 24 - 28 + 5 = 10=3:

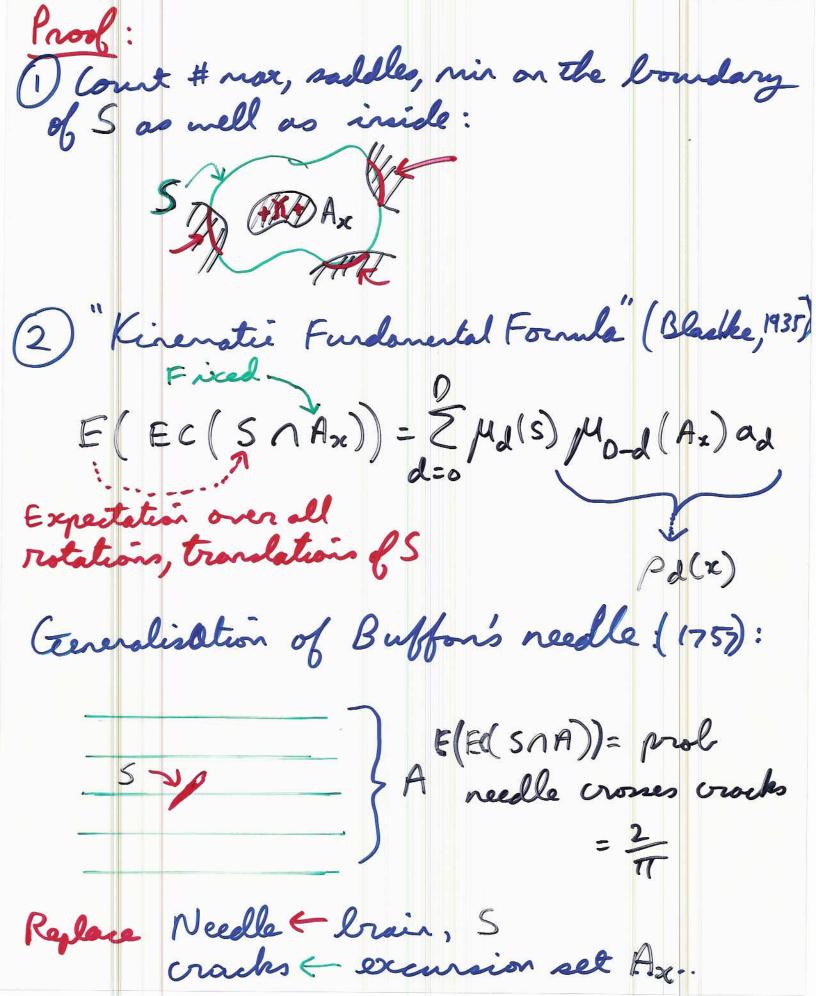
EC = # points - # edges + # faces - # cubes in set

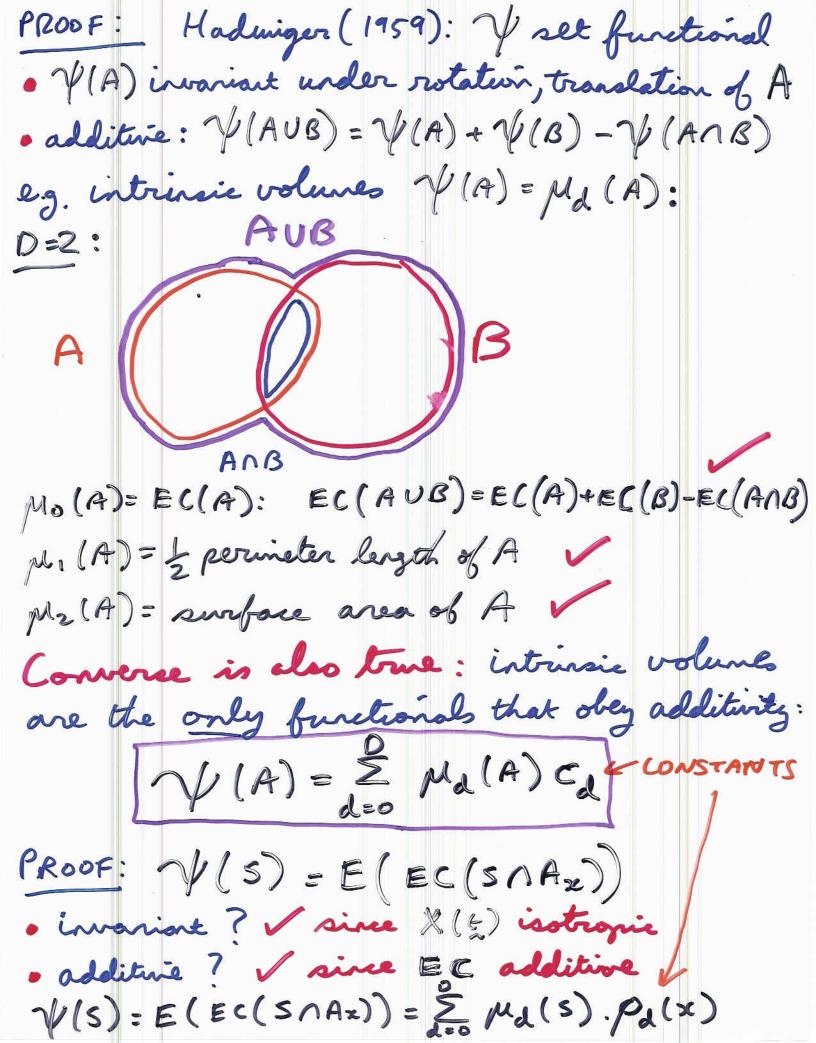
etc.

Model the normalised galaxy density by a random field X(E), EER isotropie, smooth, NN(0,1) at each point. Exerción set Ax = { £: X(£) >x} Theorem (Adlen, 1976, 1981): $p_D(x)$ = $E(EC(A_x)) = 7\frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi}$ $He_{D-1}(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ Hernite polynomial: D=3: Hez(x) = X2-1 $\lambda = Van\left(\frac{\partial X}{\partial \epsilon_i}\right)$ Note: Depends on spatial correlation function h(t) of X(t) only through its curvature at the origin h(0) = - > I

Proof: More Theory (1969): # saddles + # runing D=2: EC(Ax)= # marina of x(t) 6×(5) &X(£) contours of X(E) EC=+1 -1+1=1 EC = +1 +1 -1 = 1 $E(E((A_x)) = E((X > x) sign(det(-x)) | det(-x))$ $\chi = 0$ $\rho(\chi = 0)$ $P_o(x) = E((x > x) det(-x) | x=0) P(x=0)$ (Brillinger, 1970) $X, \dot{X}, \dot{X} \sim jointly N \rightarrow result.$

Ec clarette Recall: For large 5, E(EC(SnAx)) ~ Vol(s) po(x) Theorem (W, 1995) $E(EC(SNAx)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu_{a}(s) \rho_{a}(x)$ Intrinsie volumes (Vol(s) if d=0 Mo(S)=EC(S) by Gauss-Bornet theorem. Sum of determinants of all 0-1-d x 0-1-d principal minors of Eg. 0=3: E(EC(SnAx)) = Vol(s) 2 (x21) e + 2 Surface area (S) \ > e = \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 2 "Califier déaneter" (5) $\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}\chi^2}$ Mean dianeter over all rotations of5: $\int_{x}^{5} \int_{2\pi}^{5} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} dy$ Boundary correction terms





Cosmic oddity casts doubt on theory of universe

BY DAN FALK

the Big Bang has left cosmologists scratching their heads and could throw a monkey wrench into efforts to understand how the universe began.

U.S. and European scientists analyzed the distribution of "hot" and "cold" regions — areas that are putting out greater or less amounts of energy than the average — of the cosmic microwave background radiation (the so-called echo). What they found was unexpected: an apparent correlation between those hot and cold spots and the orientation and motion of our solar system.

"All of this is mysterious," says Glenn Starkman, a Canadian physicist based at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and one of the authors of a recent paper in

Physical Review Letters that outlined the finding. "And the strange thing is, the more you delve into it, the more mysteries you find."

The study, by Case Western scientists and the European Centre for Nuclear Research in Geneva, is based on data from the WMAP satellite, the NASA spacecraft that began mapping the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation in fine detail in 2001.

The observed correlation is troubling on several fronts.

First of all, there is no reason to believe that the finding reflects any physical connection between our local astronomical neighbourhood and the universe at large.

As Dr. Starkman puts it: "None of us believe that the universe knows about the solar system, or that the solar system knows about the universe."

Far more plausible, he says, is

that something within our solar system is producing or absorbing microwaves. That means that anyone doing cosmology would have to take into account such "local" contamination.

(The correlation involves the largest-scale fluctuations of the CMB radiation. If some of those fluctuations are a local rather than a cosmological phenomenon, it would mean that the truly cosmological large-scale fluctuations are even less intense than previously thought.)

There is, however, another possibility: The patterns seen by Dr. Starkman and his colleagues might simply be a fluke — an accidental alignment between the solar system and patterns in the CMB radiation.

ff the correlation is real, however, it could cast doubt on the popular "inflation" model of the

early universe. That model, which builds on the well-established Big Bang theory, says the universe underwent a period of incredibly rapid, exponential growth in the first split-second of its existence.

One of its predictions is that the universe should be nearly perfectly "smooth," that the CMB fluctuations should be equally intense at all scales.

An analogy with a musical instrument can be helpful: If you hit a drum, you hear many tones at the same time — a primary tone as well as many overtones, or "harmonics." The inflation model predicts that all the overtones in the CMB should be equally intense, but instead "we're missing the bass," Dr. Starkman says. "And what bass there is seems to be not generated by the universe, but by something local."

Other physicists are responding

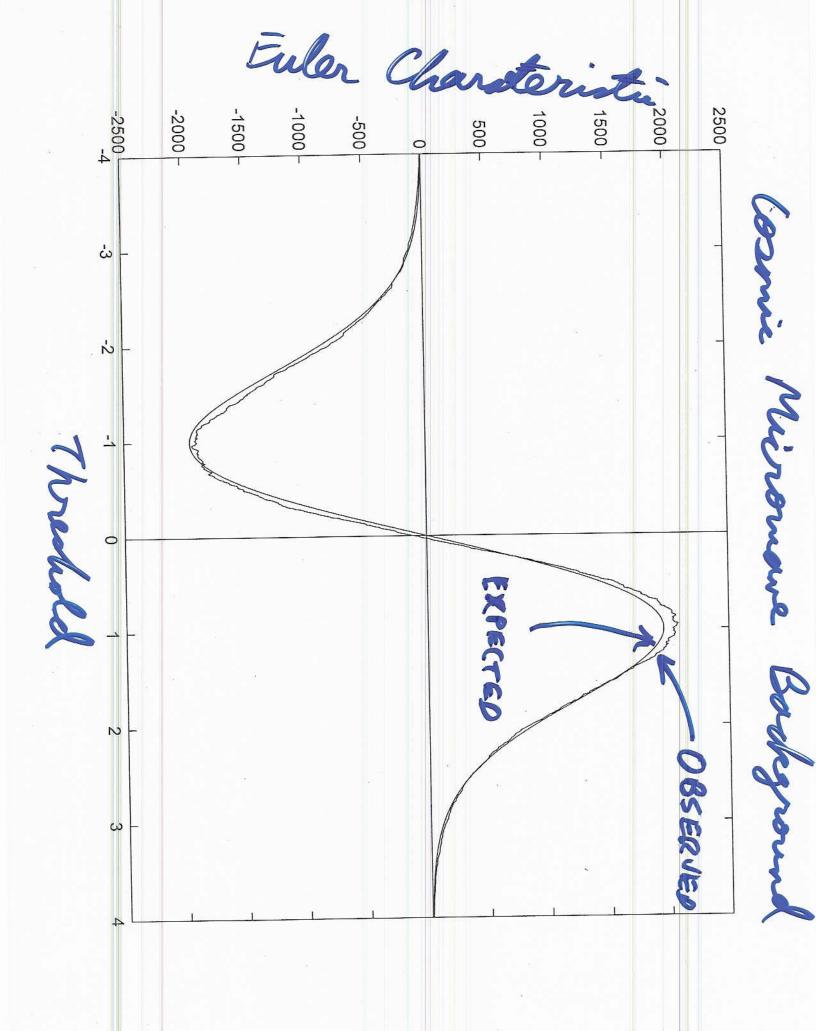
with caution to the finding.

"There is no way to judge the real significance of such a result," says Charles Bennett of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., the leader of the WMAP team.

It all depends on how we perceive "chance," and how we evaluate probabilities, Dr. Bennett says. The alignments seen in the CMB may seem unlikely, he says, but that doesn't necessarily mean that they require new physics to explain them.

He points out that "improbable things happen frequently because there are lots of opportunities for them to occur." In other words, he says, the newly discovered CMB correlations are most likely the product of chance.

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Back to P-value: (Adler, 2000) $P(Max X(\xi) > x) - E(EC(S \cap A_n)) = Q(e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2})$ (Poly. degree D-linx) e + Se du

25211 even -> 0 exponentially fater then last term =) E(EC(SnAxi)) gives first D+1 terms! Taylor, Takerwra, Adler (2005): 5 convex, spatial correlation h(E) monotore, 0=1: X=-X, X=0, E(E((SnAn)) is exact!

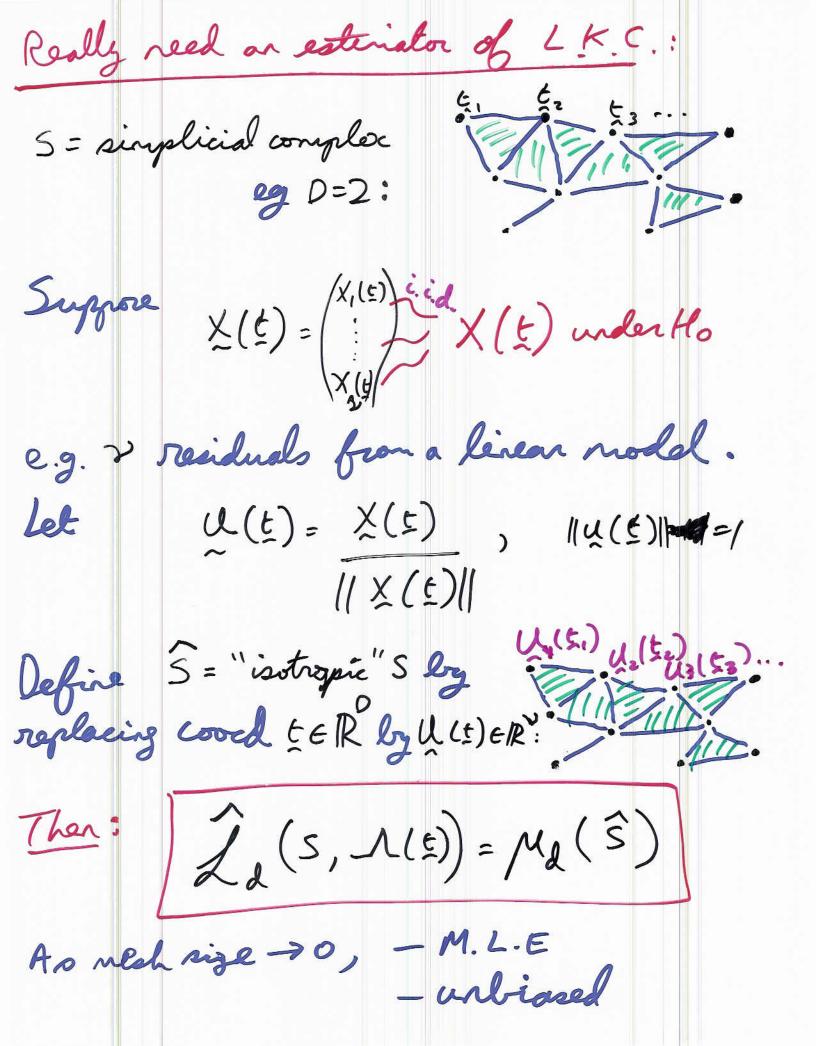
 $n_1 = 163$ normal adult males $n_2 = 158$ " females $n_3 = 321$

Y = cortical thickness, non.

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Random Field Theory: P(T>4.4) ≈ 0.05 (corrected for search)

Non-isotropie random field (w'98, Taylor + Adler, 2003) e.g. & & marifold such as cortical surface Idea: (Sompson + Garttorp, 192): Replace Euclidean netrie lz variogram: dist (t,, tr) = Var (X(tr) - X(tr)) = E(EC(SNAx) = \(\frac{2}{2}\) \Lag(S, \L(\frac{1}{2})) \partial \(\frac{1}{2}\) \\ \d=0 \quad \(\frac{1}{2}\) "Lipschitz - Killing Var (x(1)) for isotropie GRF, Var(x):] - transfors smoothness information from EC dersities to Lip. - Kill. Cur. - BUT very tricky to evaluate KKC in general Intropie case: Ld (S, I) = Md (S) (as before) 2d(5, I)= 2d(15, I)=Ma(15)= 2 Ma(5) [Lt: EES]



U,((t)) U,((t)) U3((t))... Hour dome calculate Ma(ŝ)? CR". Not snooth could snooth slightf ... mess ! Housever me know ud (simplices) eg. D=3 Mo (Eltrahedron) = 1 M. (tet) = E (T-interior) x (edge)
edges = 2TT (length) M2 (tet) = 5 surface area M3 (tet) = volume and: S = U simplices and: Mg(S,USz) = Mg(S,) + Mg(Sz)-Mg(S,NSz) some should be able to do it, but it is still a wess: 40962 D's and 40962×40961 intersections....

Theorem (Taylor + W'2005)

D=3 case:
$$\mu_3(\hat{S}) = \sum \mu_3(\text{tet})$$

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Confidence region for signal location If signal & spatial correlation furtion -2 log (likelihood) = X(t)² + const.

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Useual theory works:

Approx (asymptotic) 100(1-x)% confidence
region: $C = \{ \xi : \times_{max}^2 - \times (\xi)^2 \leq \chi_{D,\alpha}^2 \}$ $= \{ \xi : \chi(\xi) \ge \int \chi_{\text{mexc}}^2 - \chi_{0,\alpha}^2 \}$ D=3, d=0.05, 7.89 il find lord mox, Xmax, drop down 70,0, ther threshold.

SUMMARY: When can you we this? Repeated co-registered images · Interested in localised differences/ activitions - most of image is not affected. Thresholding is optimal for detection (perhaps after smoothing) · Smooth (not recessarily equally so) · To not smooth, good old Borferroni is often better / · Alterative apparach altogether: False Dissovery Rate