

# Stats, Math and AI

## An introduction to object data analysis

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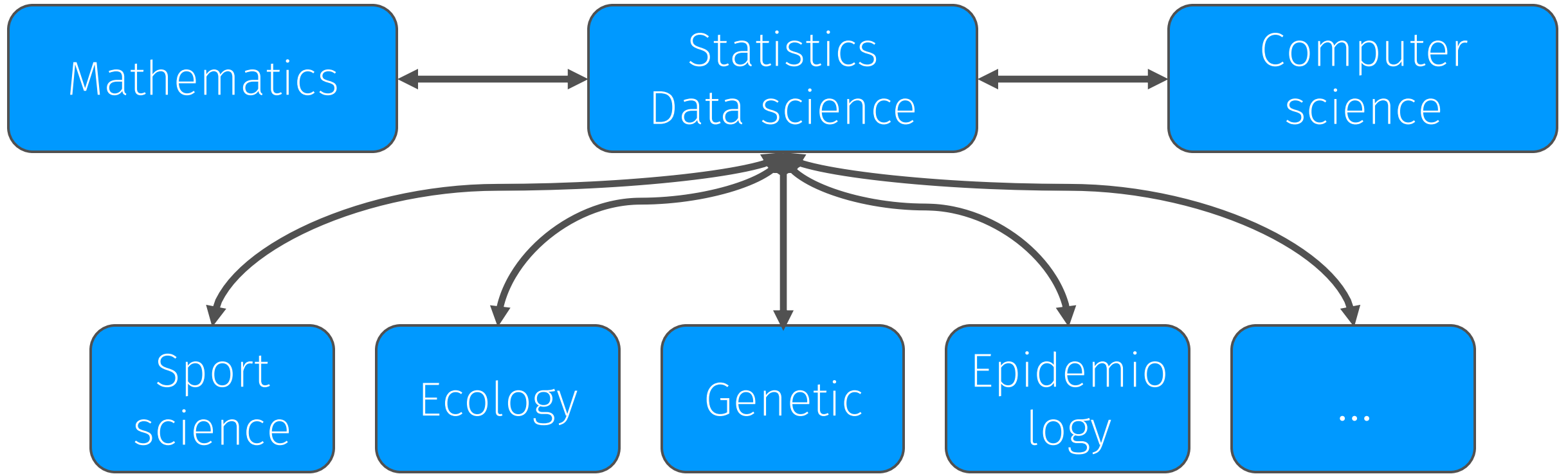


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The best thing about being a statistician is that you get to play in everyone's backyard. — John Tukey<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>see [www.princeton.edu/pr/news/00/q3/0727-tukey.htm](http://www.princeton.edu/pr/news/00/q3/0727-tukey.htm) or The New York Times, July 28, 2000.

AI is the science of making machines capable of performing tasks that would require intelligence if done by humans. — Marvin Minsky<sup>1</sup>

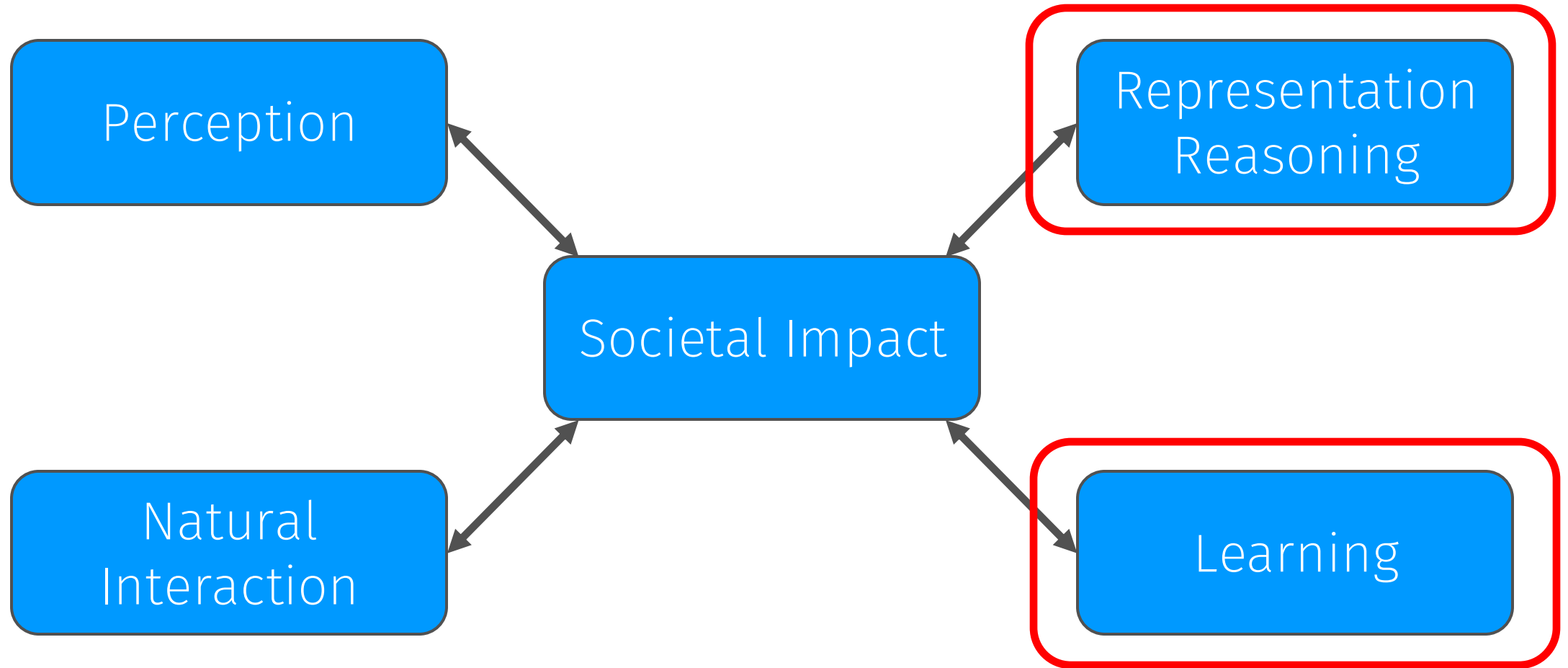
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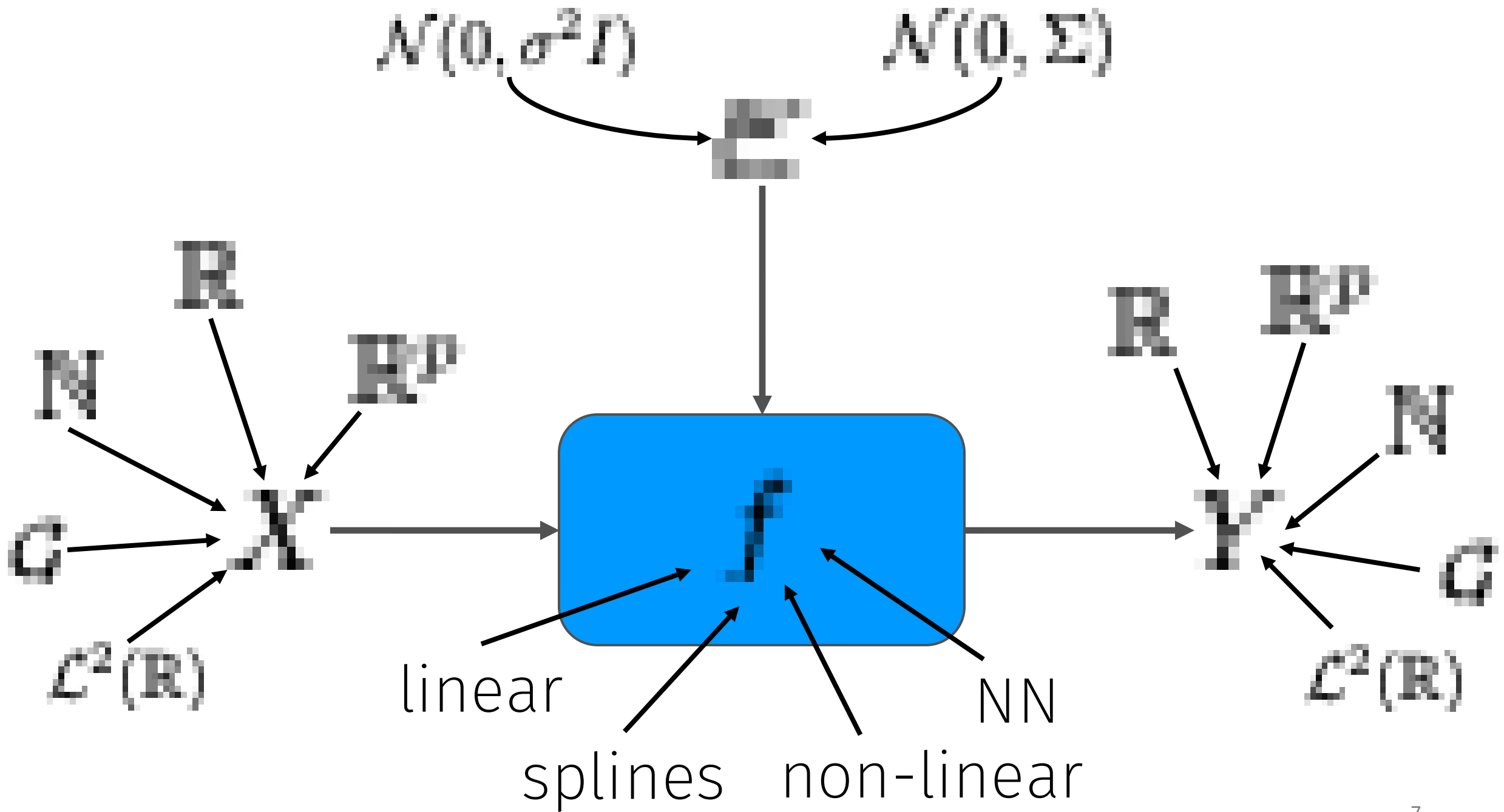
The human mind is not merely a collection of special-purpose programs hard-coded by evolution. The mind is not a single, general-purpose “blank slate” system capable of learning anything from experience. — François Chollet

<sup>1</sup>Minsky, M. L. Semantic information processing. Cambridge, MIT Press (2003).

<sup>2</sup>Hernández-Orallo, J. Evaluation in artificial intelligence: from task-oriented to ability-oriented measurement. Artificial Intelligence Review (2017).

<sup>3</sup>Chollet, F. On the measure on intelligence (2019).





$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

Loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}(Y, f(X)) = (Y - f(X))^2$$

Solution:

$$f(X) = \mathbb{E}(Y \mid X = x)$$



K-nearest neighbors

$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i \in N_k(X)} Y_i$$

Linear regression

$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

$$f(X) = X\theta$$

Student's test

$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

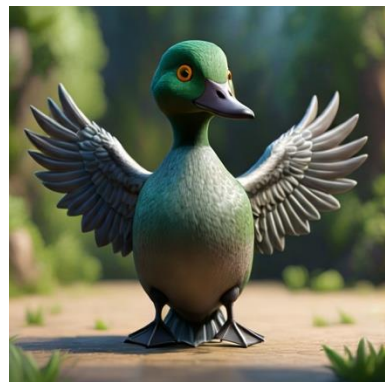
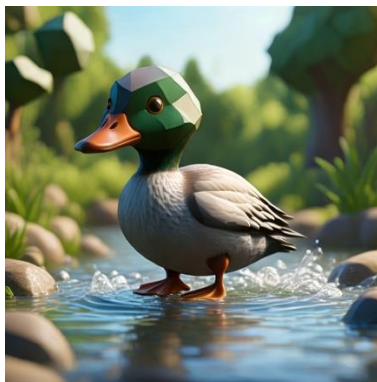
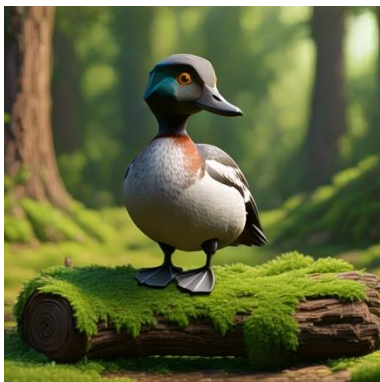
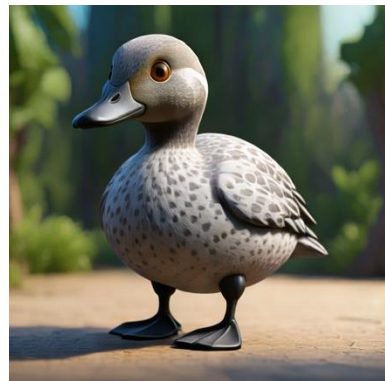
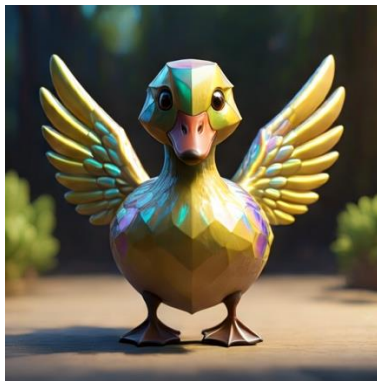
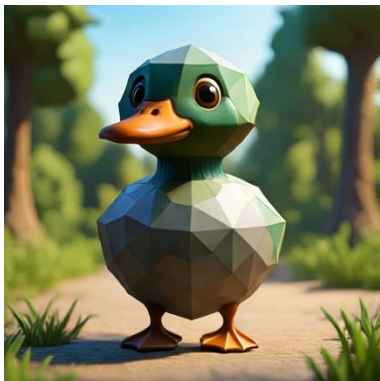
$$f(X) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X, \quad X \in \{0, 1\}$$

# Deep neural network

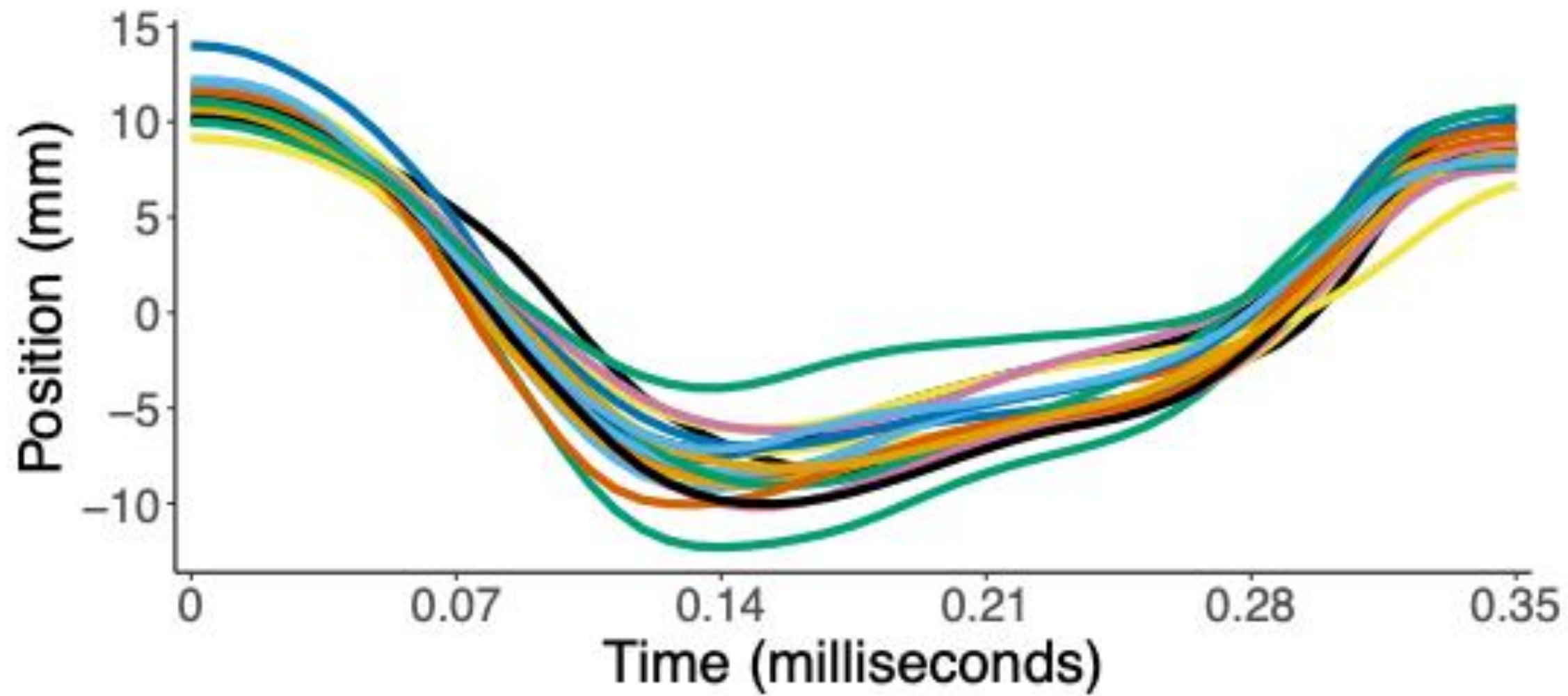
$$Y = f(X) + \epsilon$$

$$f(X) = W^{(L)} \sigma(W^{(L-1)} \sigma(\dots \sigma(W^{(1)} X + b^{(1)}) \dots) + b^{(L-1)}) + b^{(L)}$$

~~X = duck~~



Ceci n'est pas un canard.



# Karhunen-Loève decomposition

$$X(t) = \sum_k a_k \phi_k(t)$$

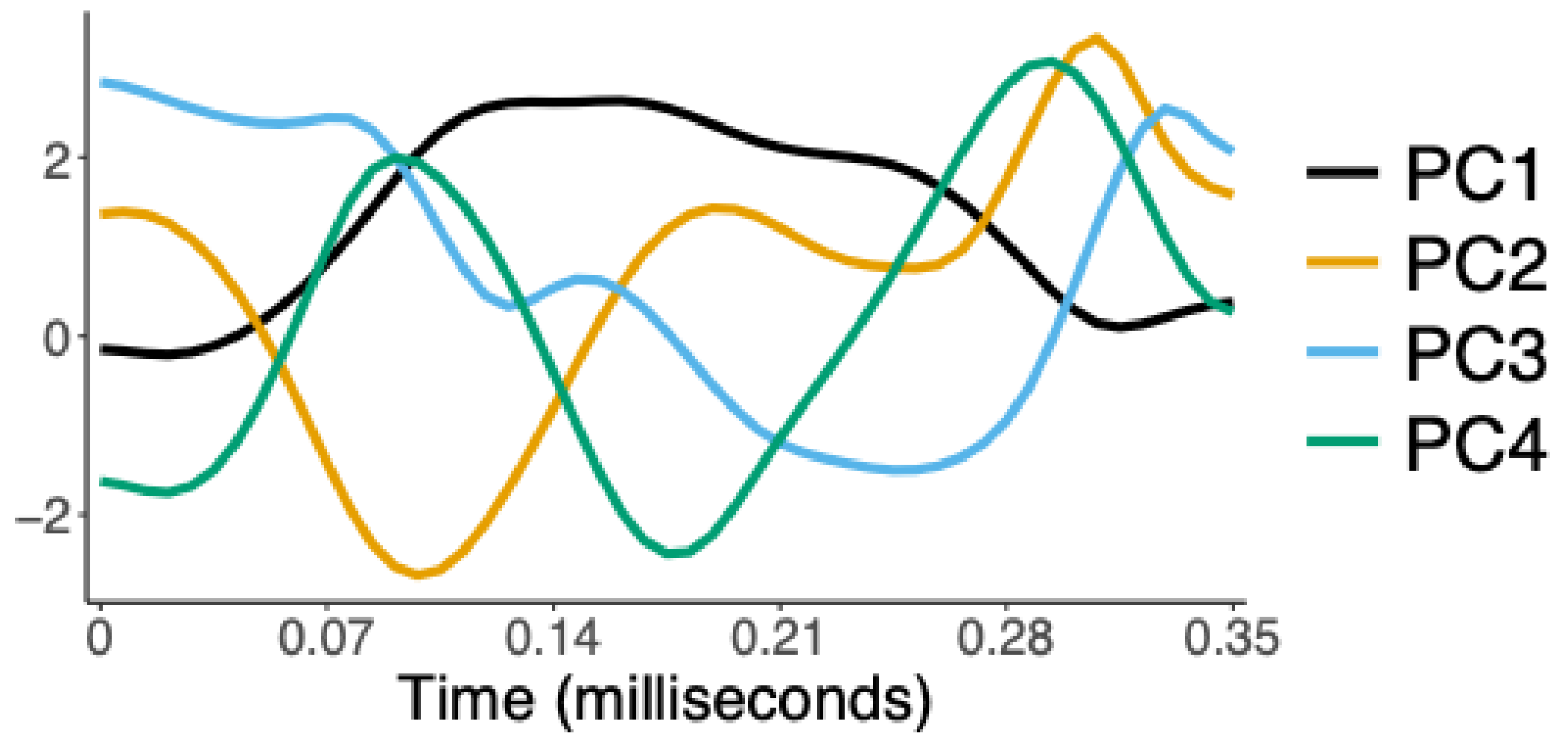
Solution:

$\phi_k$  eigenfunctions of the covariance function  $C$

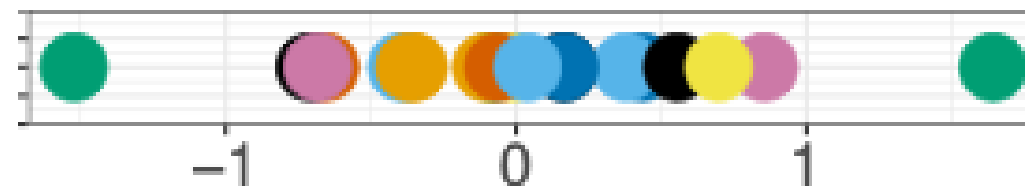
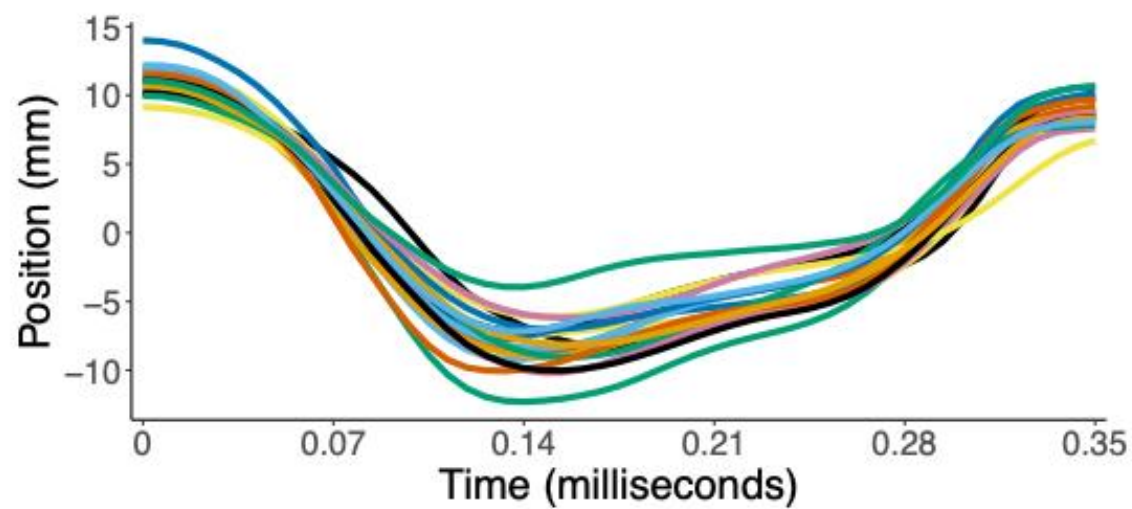
$$a_k = (X, \phi_k)$$

Proof:

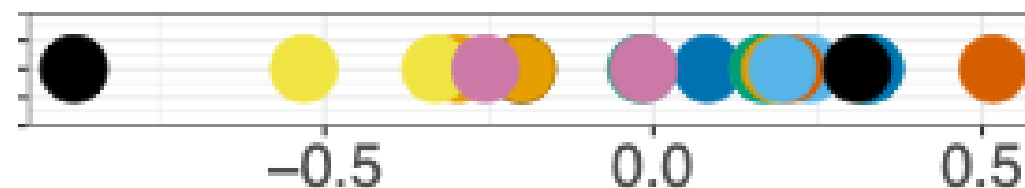
Study of the operator  $\Gamma f = \int C(s, \cdot) f(s) ds$



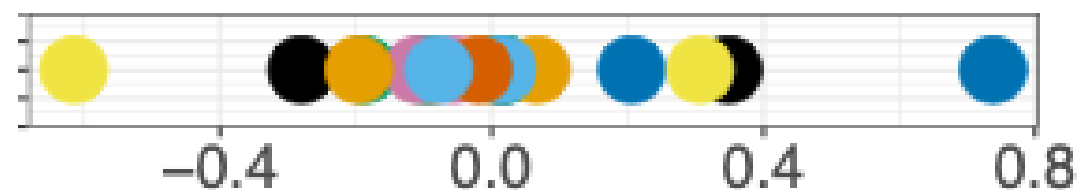


$\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  $\mathbb{R}^4$ 

Value for PC1



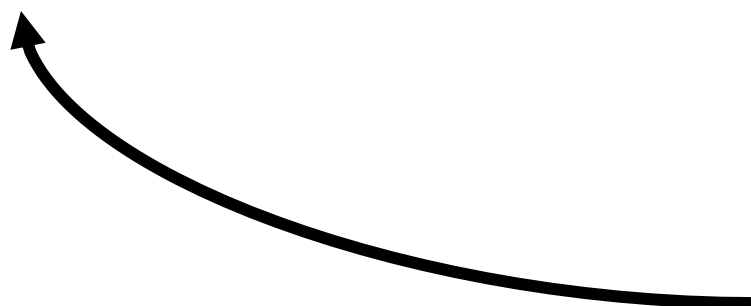
Value for PC2



Value for PC3



Value for PC4



$$Y = f(X) + \varepsilon$$

$$Y = (X, \phi)$$

$$Y = (X, \sum_k a_k X_k) = \sum_k a_k (X, X_k)$$

# Principal differential analysis

$$\mathcal{L} = \beta_0 I + \beta_1 D + D^2$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} X(t) = -\beta_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} X(t) - \beta_0(t) X(t)$$

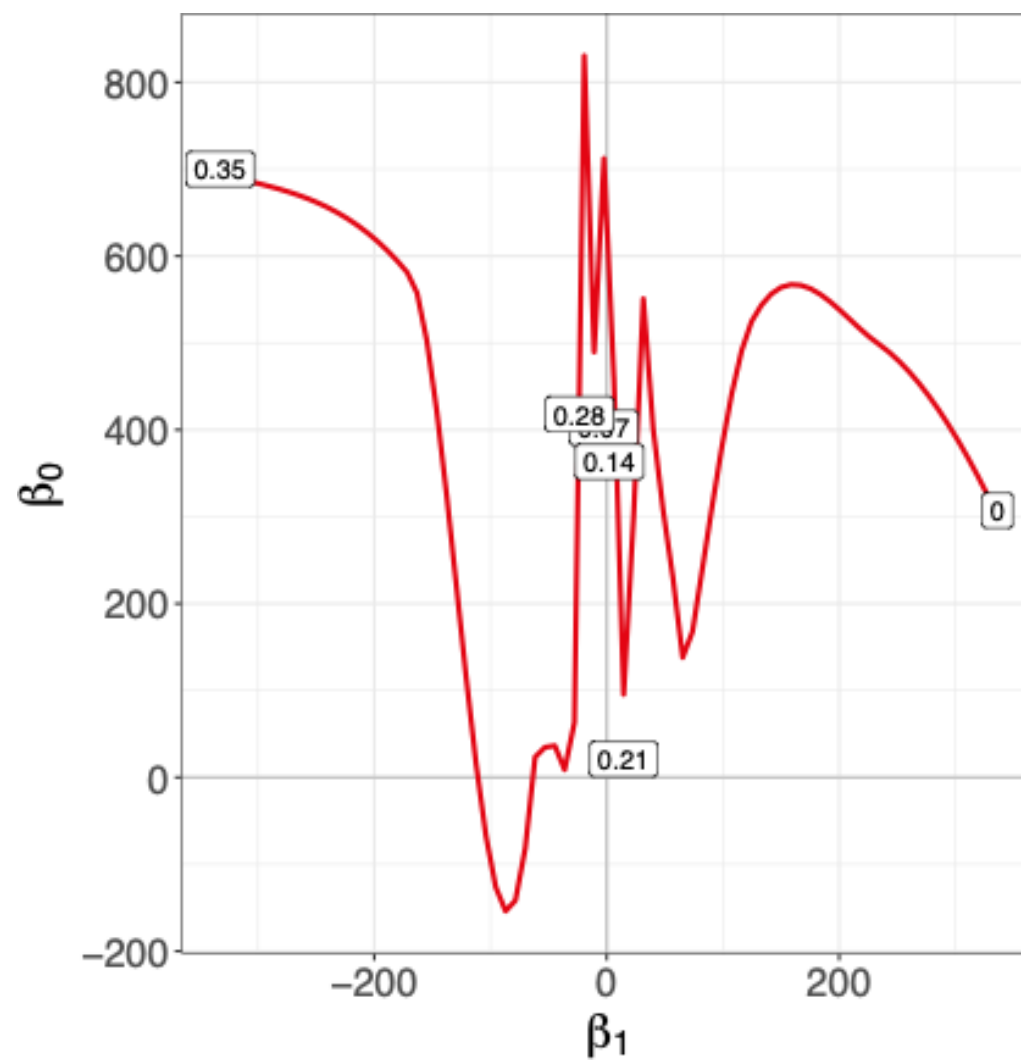
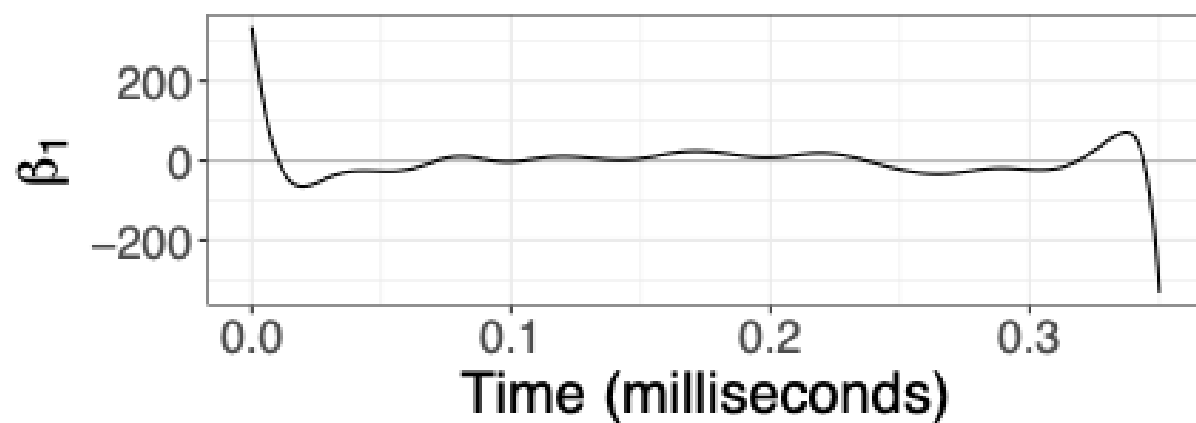
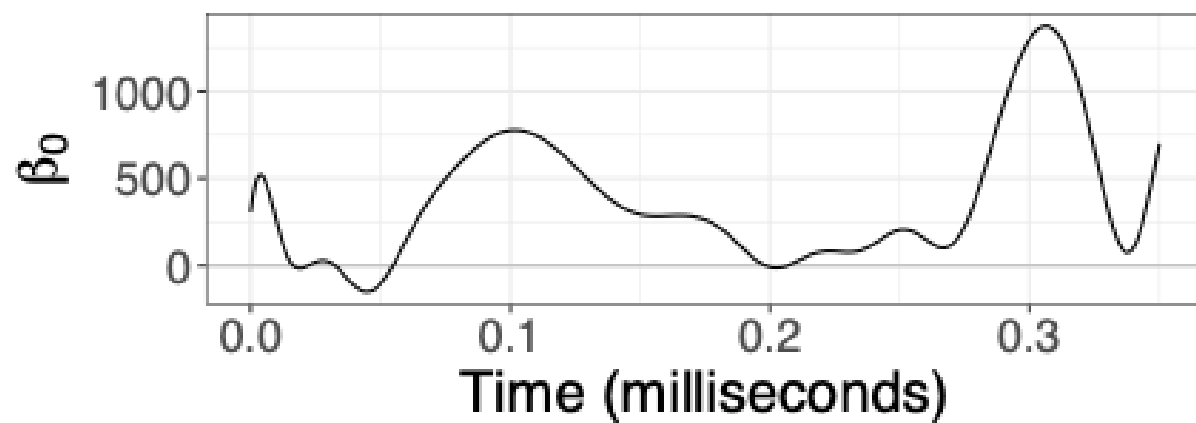
Objective:

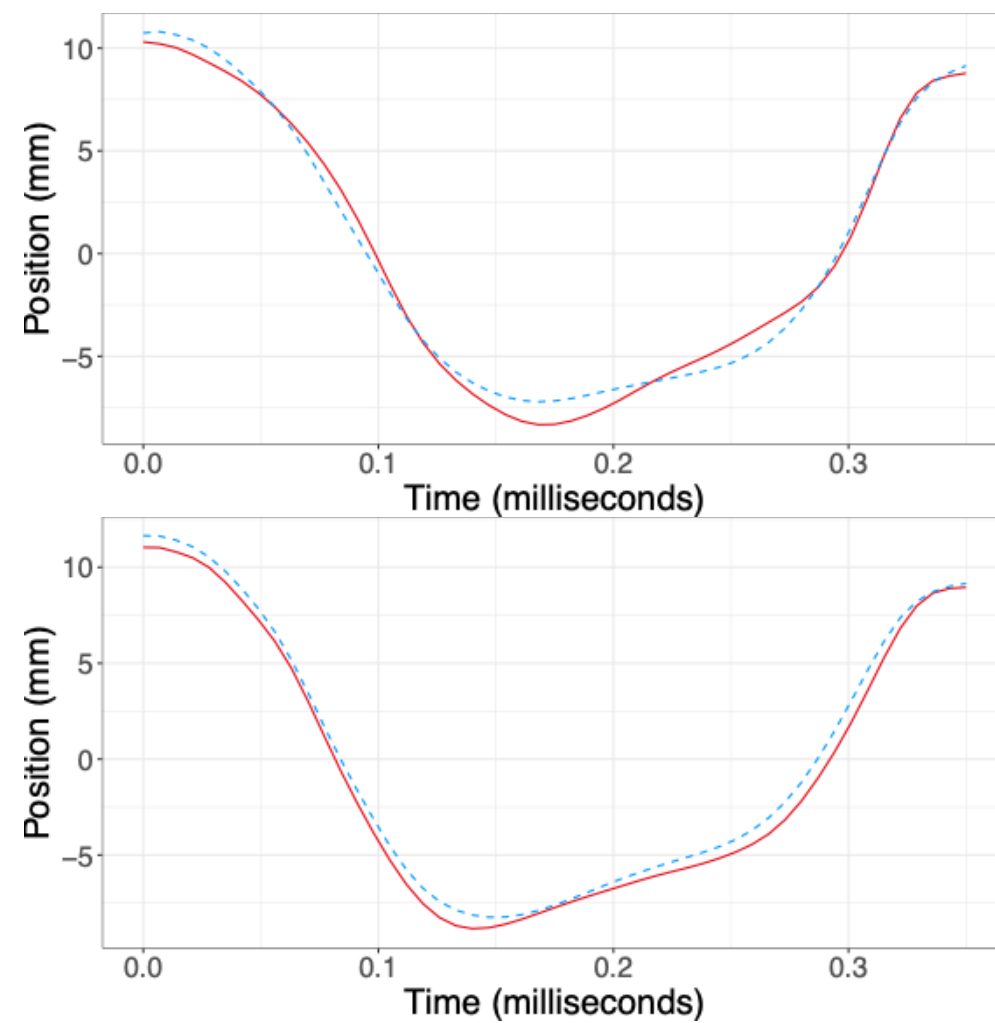
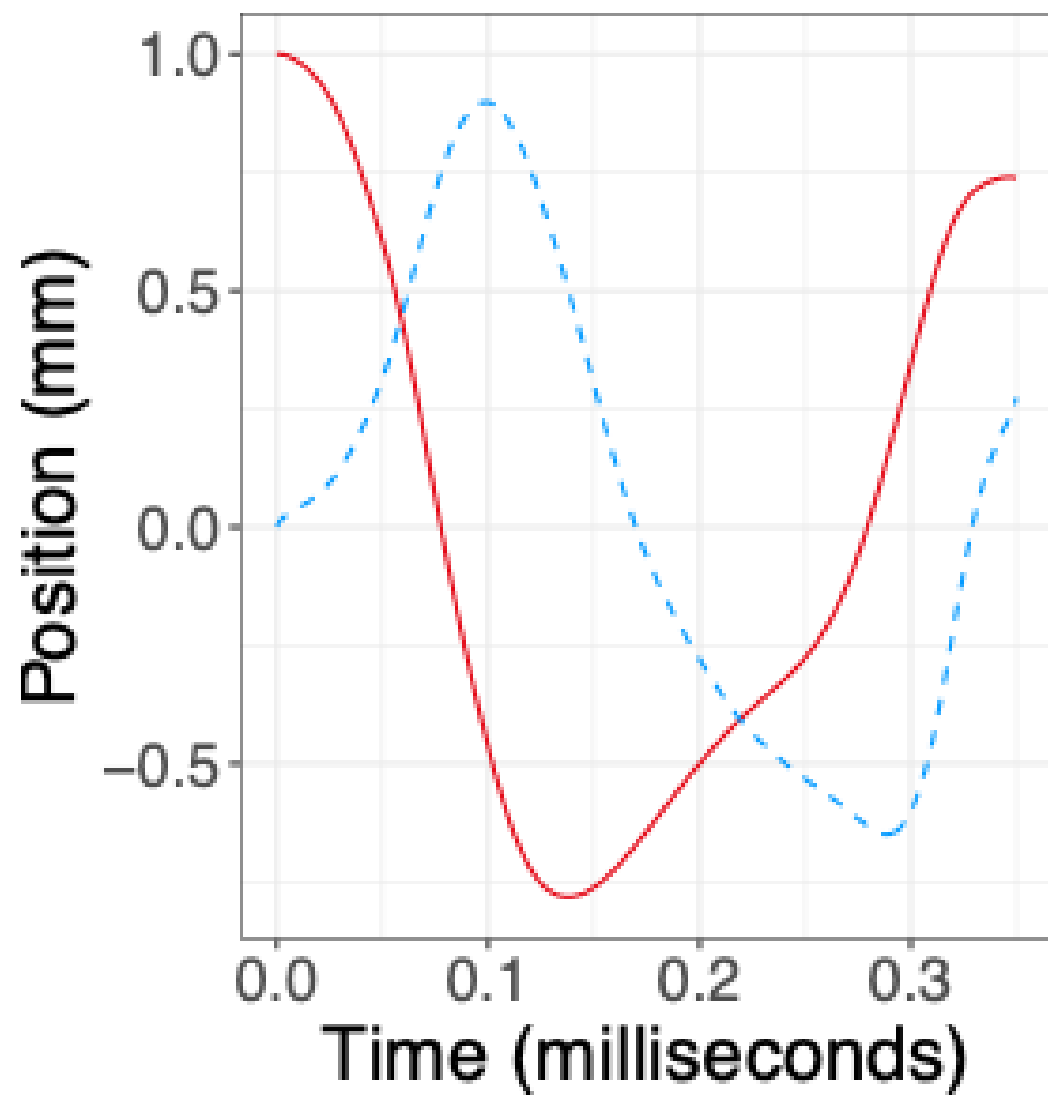
Find  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}X \approx 0$

Find  $\phi$  such that  $\mathcal{L}\phi = 0$

Solution:

Estimation by minimization of least-squares.





Lots of stuff to do in ODA  
and we need math development for that...

Stop being humble: you're doing AI!



$R$   $R^D$   
 $N$   $C$   
 $\mathcal{L}^2(R)$

Duck space