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High dimensional Data visualization and clustering using Self Organizing Maps

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What are Self Organizing Maps



Dr. Teuvo Kohonen

- Invented by Dr. Teuvo Kohonen
- Unsupervised Learning Process
- Inspired by the Human Brian
- Grid of Neurons trained by Stimuli
- Visualises High Dimensional Data as a 2D Map.

"one of the most significant inventions in computational science"

(|EEE.org 2010)

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- Simple Implementation
- Satisfying Data Structure Preservation



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SOMTHING Application Main Window

Self Organised Mapping Tool using Hexagonal Interlaced Neuron Grids

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- U-Matrix
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Chainlink Dataset



- Common Clustering Benchmark
- 2 intertwined 3D Rings
- 500 Data Points per Ring
- unsolvable with K-Means or Hierarchical Clustering

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Self Organising Maps are ...

- an unsupervised learning method
- a powerful approach to visualise very high dimensional data.
- an interesting alternative to usual Clustering Methods.

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