

Basic Concepts in Big Data

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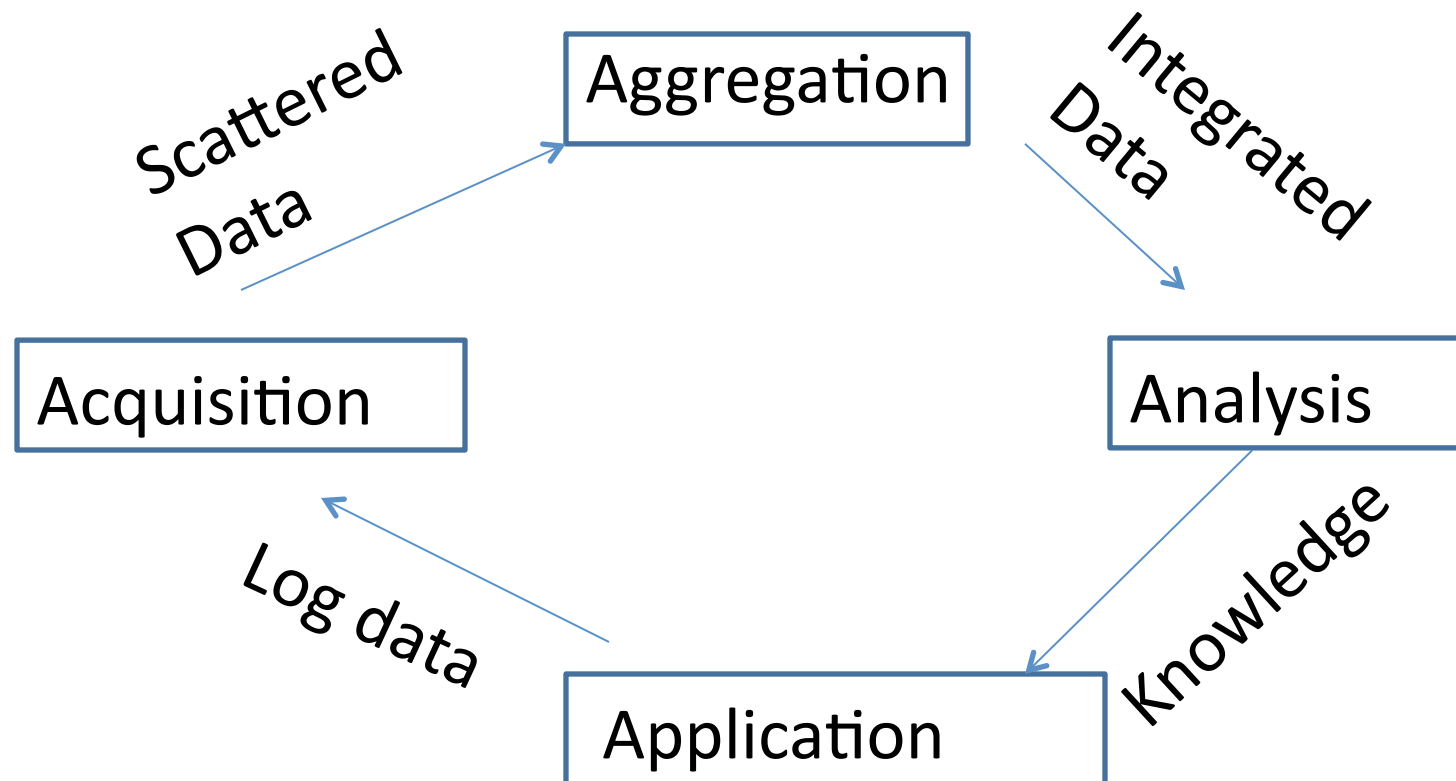
What is “big data”?

- "Big Data are **high-volume**, **high-velocity**, and/or **high-variety** information assets that require new forms of processing to enable enhanced decision making, insight discovery and process optimization” (Gartner 2012)
- Complicated (intelligent) analysis of data may make a small data “appear” to be “big”
- Bottom line: Any data that exceeds our current capability of processing can be regarded as “big”

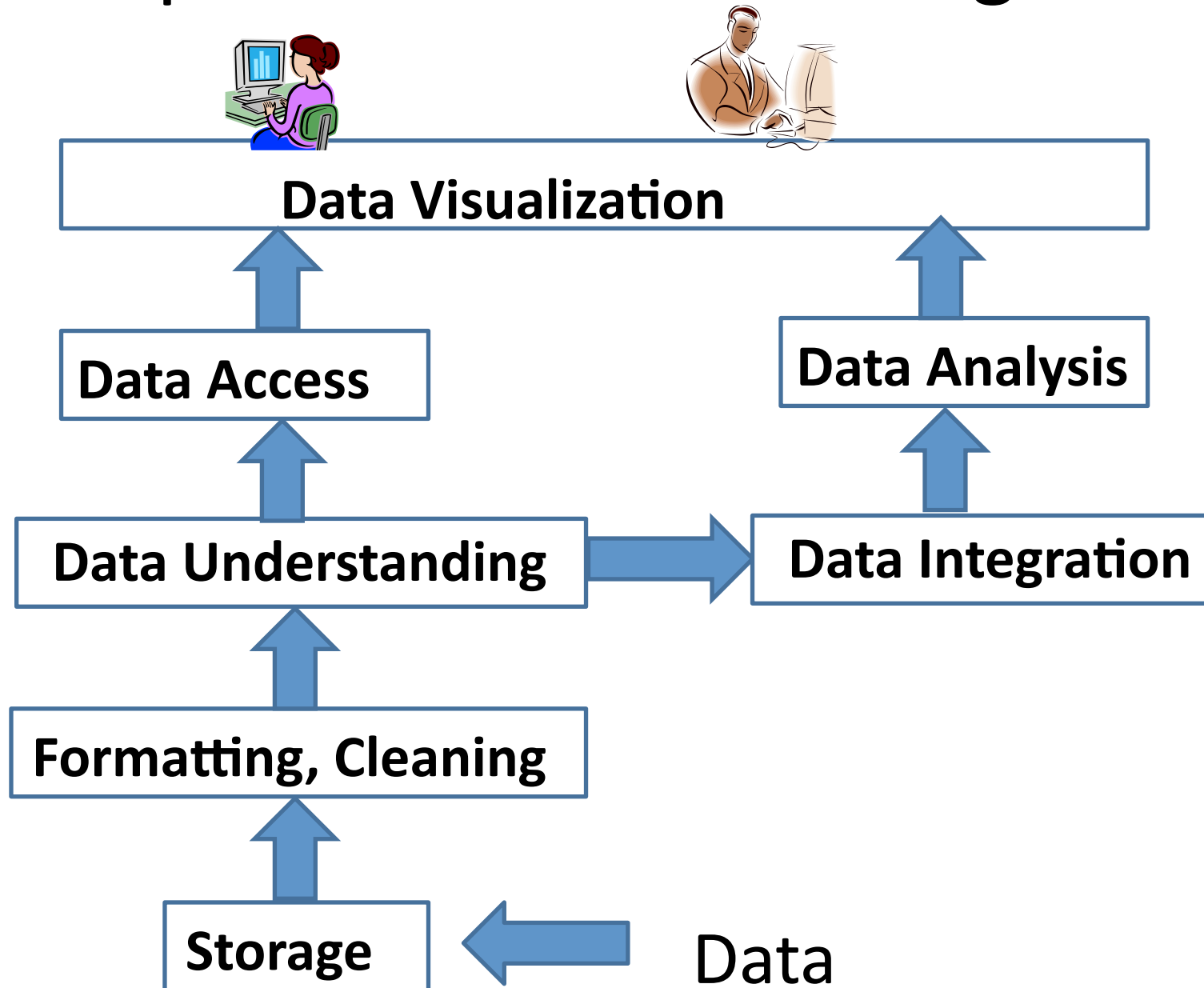
Why is “big data” a “big deal”?

- Government
 - Obama administration announced “big data” initiative
 - Many different big data programs launched
- Private Sector
 - Walmart handles more than 1 million customer transactions every hour, which is imported into databases estimated to contain more than 2.5 petabytes of data
 - Facebook handles 40 billion photos from its user base.
 - Falcon Credit Card Fraud Detection System protects 2.1 billion active accounts world-wide
- Science
 - Large Synoptic Survey Telescope will generate 140 Terabyte of data every 5 days.
 - Biomedical computation like decoding human Genome & personalized medicine
 - Social science revolution
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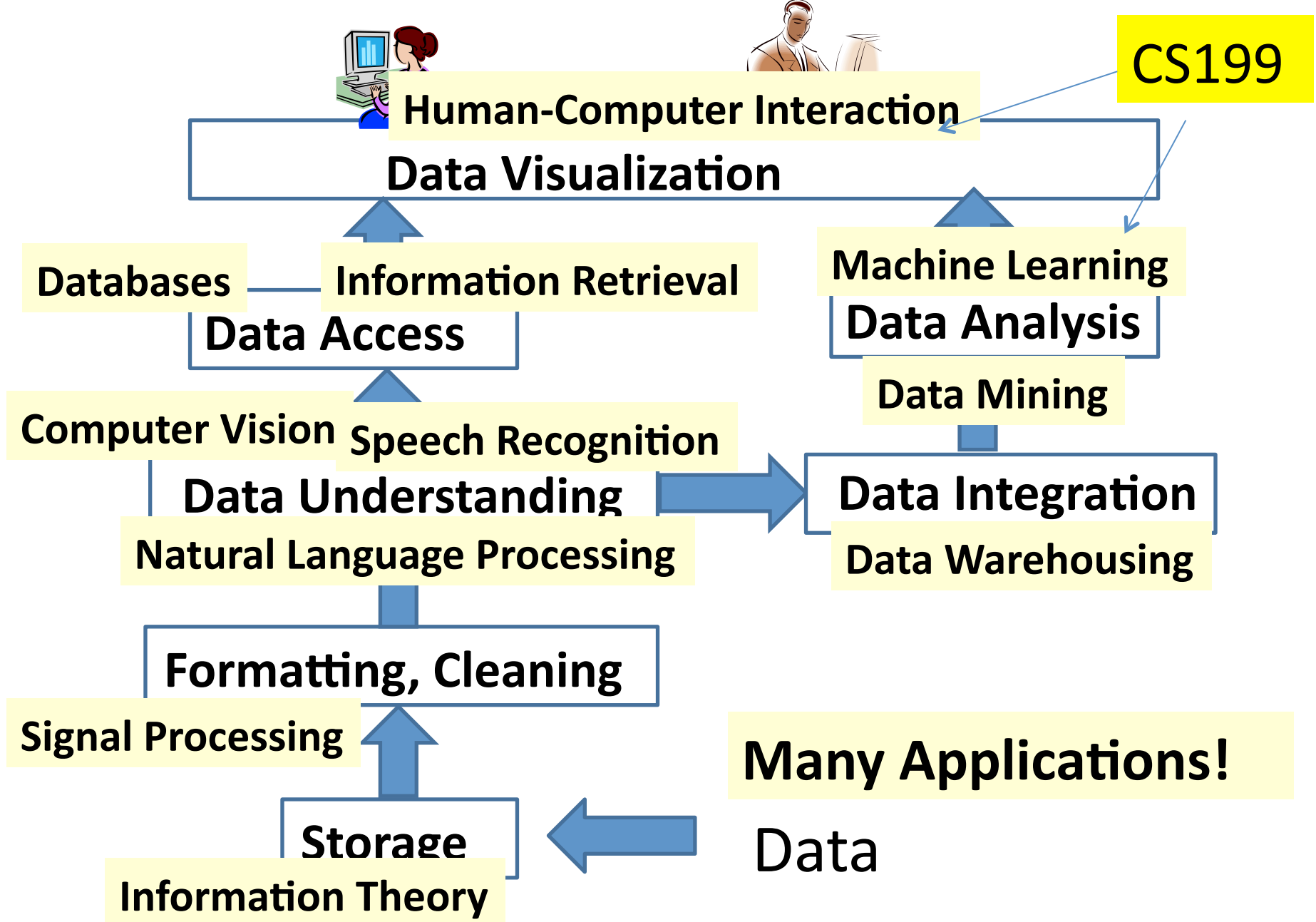
Lifecycle of Data: 4 “A”s



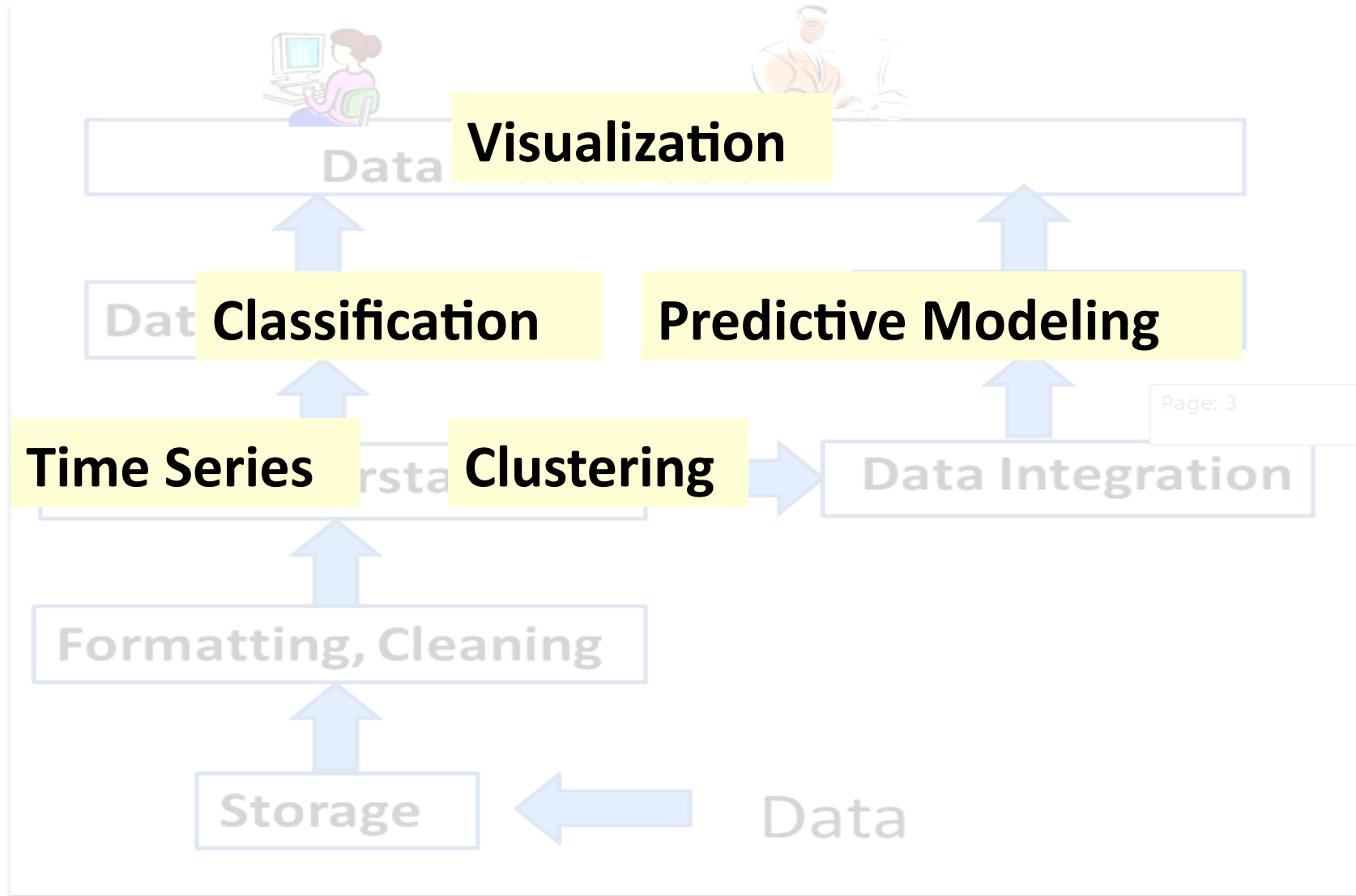
Computational View of Big Data



Big Data & Related Topics/Courses



Some Data Analysis Techniques



Example of Analysis: Clustering & Latent Factor Analysis

Group M1

Group M2

	Movie 1	Movie 2	...	Movie m	
Group U1	User1	3.5	4		5
User2	5	1			
Group U2	...				
User n	2	1			4

Example of Analysis: Predictive Modeling

	Movie 1	Movie 2	...	Movie m
User1	3.5	4		5
User2	5	1		=?
...				
User n	2	1		4

Does user2 like movie m?

(Binary) Classification

What rating is user2 likely going to give movie m?

Regression

Some topics we'll cover

	Pictures	Text	Sound	Numbers	Series
Visualization	MDS for image layout	Histograms of keywords		Various plots	Various plots
Classification	Vegetation in Remote Sensing	Spam Filtering	Identifying Instruments		
Clustering		Clauses in construction documents			
Transform	Eigenfaces (PCA)		Spectrograms	Multi dimensional scaling	Financial data
Matching	Filling holes in pictures	Predicting the next word		Filling holes in Hydrology data	