

# A Distance for HMMs based on Aggregated Wasserstein Metric and State Registration

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## 0. Motivation

**KL based distance between HMMs:** [Juang *et al.*]

$$d(\Lambda^{(1)}, \Lambda^{(2)}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{O_T} \frac{1}{T} \log \left( \frac{P_{\Lambda^{(1)}}(O_T)}{P_{\Lambda^{(2)}}(O_T)} \right) P_{\Lambda^{(1)}}(O_T) dO_T$$

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} (P_{\Lambda^{(1)}}(O_T) - P_{\Lambda^{(2)}}(O_T))$$

	KL-based	MAW	IAW
rely on original seq. data	Yes, sometimes	No	No
need to generate long seq.	Yes, sometimes	No	Kind of
differentiation ability	Not good	Good	Best
Speed	Fast	Fast	Relative slow

Table: Summary

## 1. Introduction

### Hidden Markov Model

- $M$  states:  $\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_M\}$
- Transition matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ :  $\mathbf{T}_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(s_{t+1} = j | s_t = i)$
- Parameters of Gaussian probabilistic emission functions:  $\mathcal{M}(\{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^M, \{\Sigma_i\}_{i=1}^M, \pi)$

We denote a HMM as:

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{T}, \mathcal{M}) = \Lambda(\mathbf{T}, \{\mu_i\}_{i=1}^M, \{\Sigma_i\}_{i=1}^M)$$

### $p$ -Wasserstein Distance

$$W_p(f, g) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[ \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(f, g)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^p d\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right]^{1/p}$$

If  $p = 2$ ,  $\exists$  closed form solution for Gaussians:

$$W_2(\phi_1, \phi_2)^2 = \|\mu_1 - \mu_2\|^2 + \text{tr} \left( \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 - 2(\Sigma_1^{1/2} \Sigma_2 \Sigma_1^{1/2})^{1/2} \right)$$

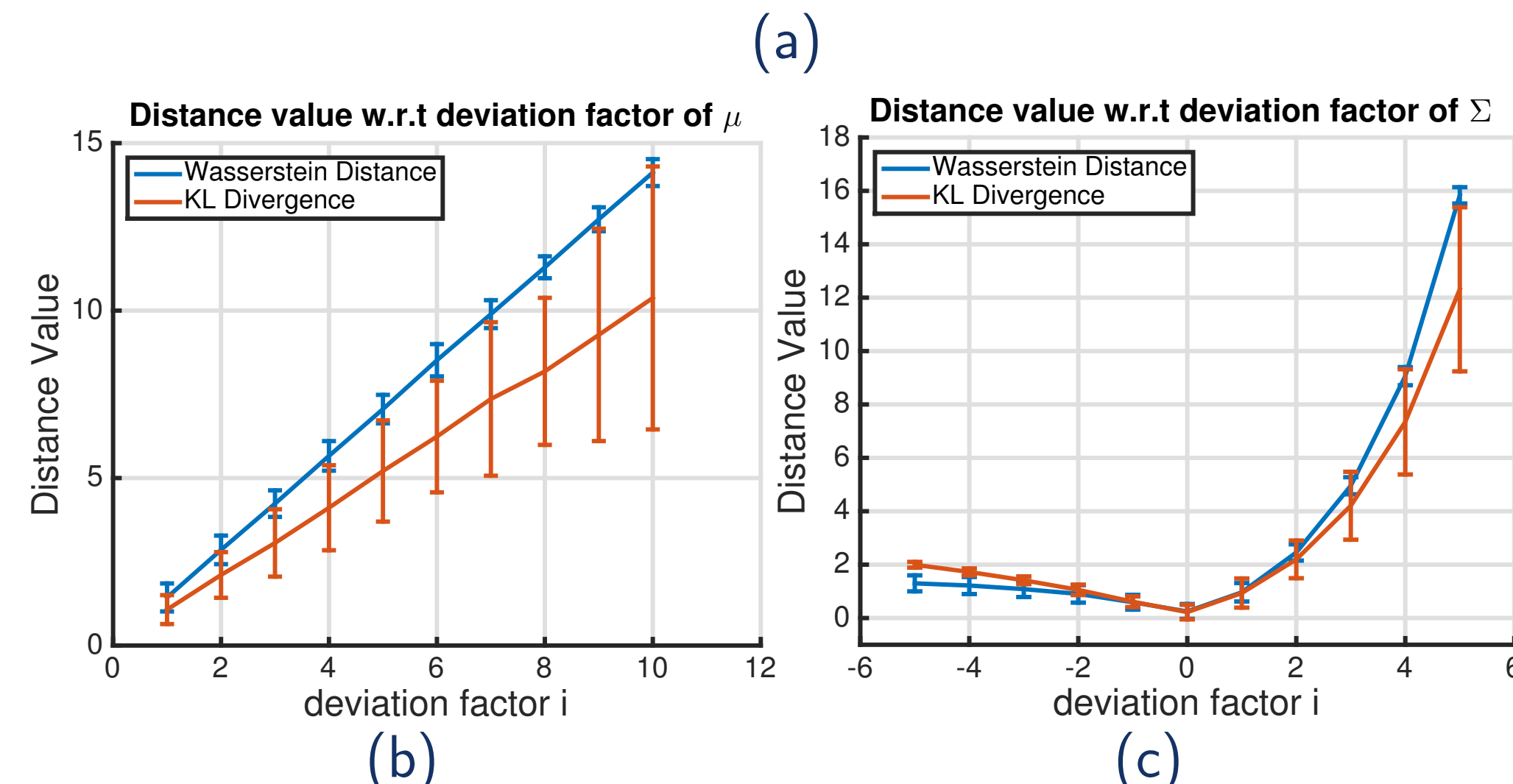
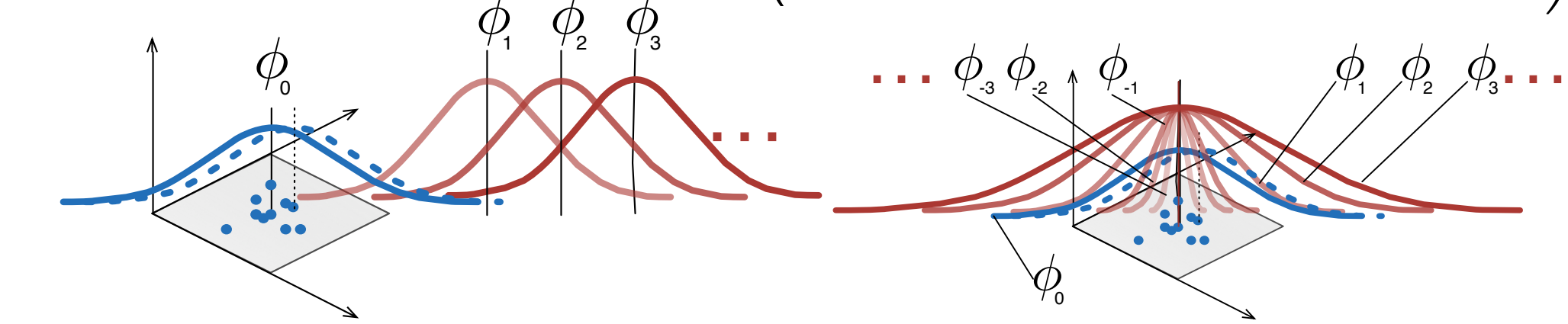


Figure: (a) Experiment scheme for varying  $\mu$  and varying  $\Sigma$ . A re-estimated  $\hat{\phi}_0$  is denoted as the dashed blue line. (b) (c) Mean estimates of  $W_2(\hat{\phi}_0, \phi_i)$  (blue) and  $KL(\hat{\phi}_0, \phi_i)$  (orange) and their  $3\sigma$  confidence intervals w.r.t different Gaussian  $\phi_i$ . (b) is for varying  $\mu$ , and (c) is for varying  $\Sigma$ .

## 2. State Registration

Treat as an optimal transport problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{W} \in \Pi(\pi_1, \pi_2)} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1}^{M_2} w_{i,j} W_2(\phi_{1,i}, \phi_{2,j})^p$$

where

$$\Pi(\pi_1, \pi_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{M_1 \times M_2} : \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} w_{i,j} = \pi_{2,j}, j = 1, \dots, M_2 \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{j=1}^{M_2} w_{i,j} = \pi_{1,i}, i = 1, \dots, M_1; \text{ and } w_{i,j} \geq 0, \forall i, j \right\}$$

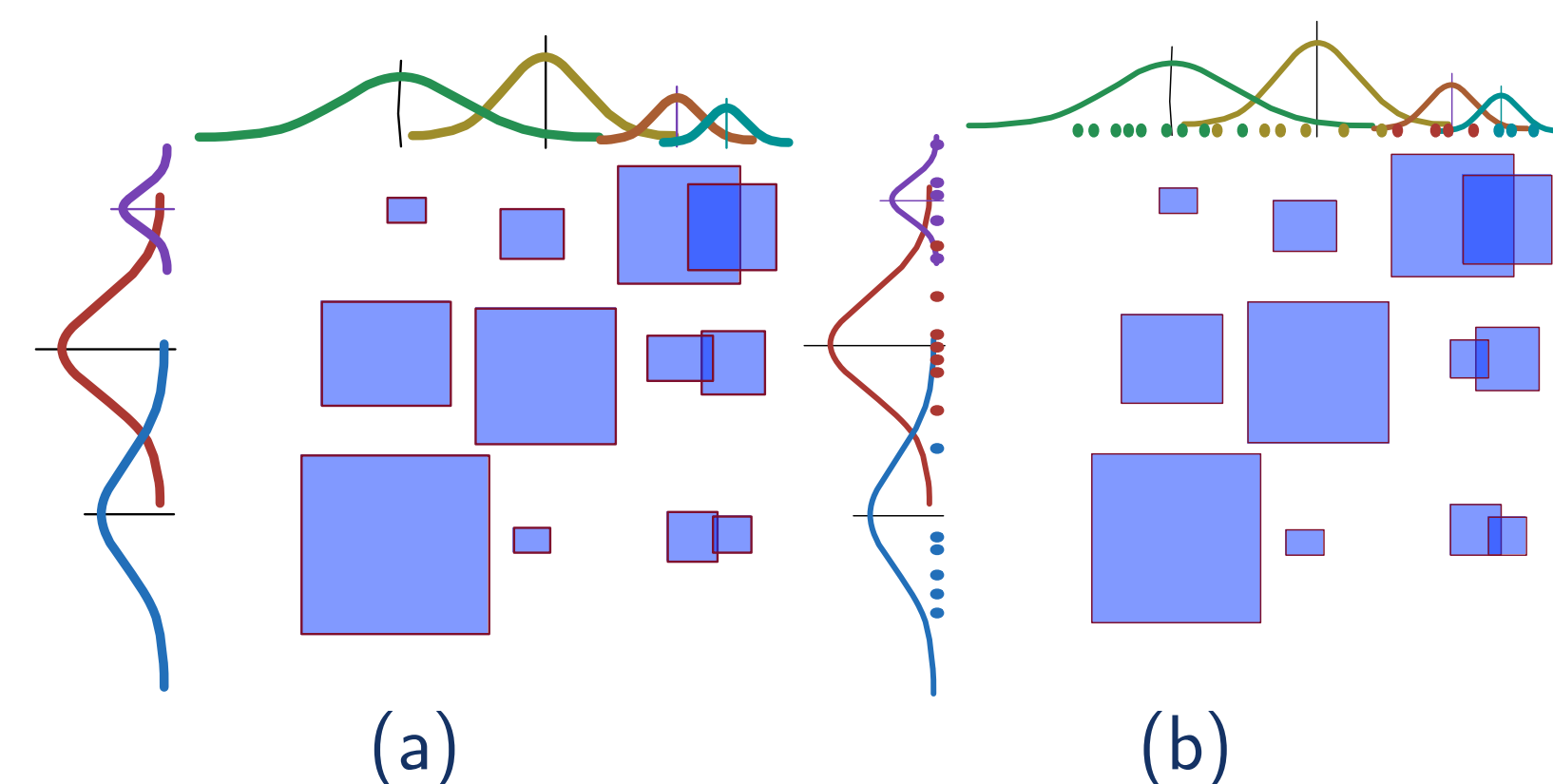


Figure: Illustration of state registration. (a) for MAW, (b) for IAW

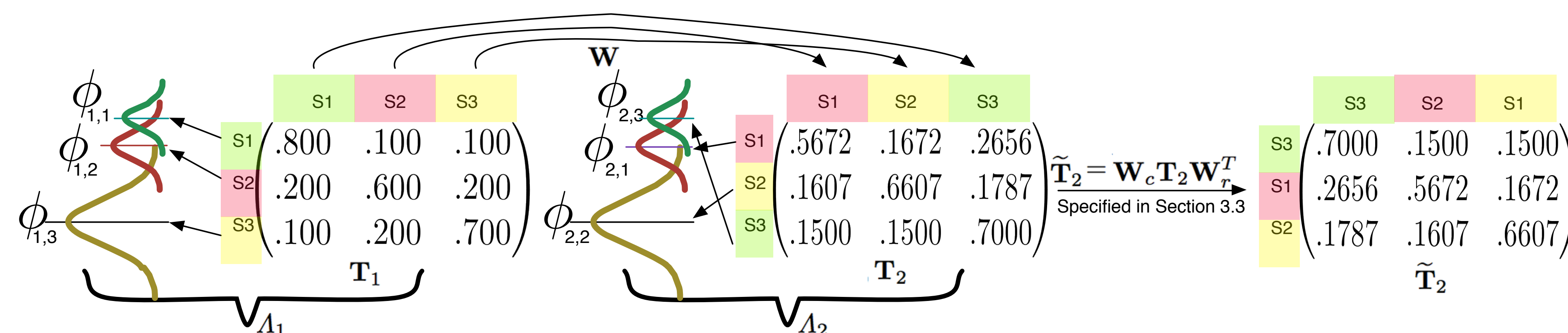


Figure: A simple registration example about how  $\mathbf{T}_2$  in  $\Lambda_2$  is registered towards  $\Lambda_1$  such that it can be compared with  $\mathbf{T}_1$  in  $\Lambda_1$ . For this example,  $\mathbf{W}$  encodes a "hard matching" between states in  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$

## 4. Experiments

### Synthetic Data: (1-NN Retrieval)

Exp. index	deviation step	$\bar{\mu}$	$\bar{\Sigma}$	$\mathbf{T}$
1	$\Delta\mu = 0.2$ , 0.4, 0.6	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2+i\Delta\mu \\ 2+i\Delta\mu \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5+i\Delta\mu \\ 5+i\Delta\mu \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ $ i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$
2	$\Delta\sigma = 0.2$ , 0.4, 0.6	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \{0.2 \cdot \exp(i\Delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{S})\}, \{0.2 \cdot \exp(i\Delta\sigma \cdot \mathbf{S})\} \right\}$ $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$ $\mathbf{S} = \text{rand}(2)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$
3	$\Delta t = 0.2$ , 0.4, 0.6	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$	$\{\Delta t \cdot \mathbf{S} + (1 - \Delta t) \cdot \mathbf{T}_i\}$ $\mathbf{T}_i[j, :] \sim \text{Dirichlet}(10 \cdot \mathbf{S}[j, :]), i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$ $\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$

Table: Summary of the parameters setup for parameter perturbation experiments.  $\text{rand}(2)$  here means random matrix of dimension 2 by 2.  $\text{Dirichlet}(\vec{x})$  here means generating samples from Dirichlet distribution with parameter  $\vec{x}$ .

## 3. MAW and IAW

### 1) Difference between GMMs:

$$\tilde{R}_p(\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2; \mathbf{W})^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \sum_{j=1}^{M_2} w_{i,j} W_2(\phi_{1,i}, \phi_{2,j})^p$$

### 2) Difference between transition matrices:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{T}_2 \mathbf{W}_c^T \in \mathbb{R}^{M_1 \times M_1}, \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{W}_c^T \mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{W}_r \in \mathbb{R}^{M_2 \times M_2}$$

$$d_T(\mathbf{T}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_2)^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{M_1} \pi_{1,i} \tilde{W}_p(\mathcal{M}_1^{(i)} |_{\mathbf{T}_1(i,:)}, \mathcal{M}_1^{(i)} |_{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_2(i,:)})^p$$

$$d_T(\mathbf{T}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_1)^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{M_2} \pi_{2,i} \tilde{W}_p(\mathcal{M}_2^{(i)} |_{\mathbf{T}_2(i,:)}, \mathcal{M}_2^{(i)} |_{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}_1(i,:)})^p$$

$$D_p(\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2; \mathbf{W})^p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d_T(\mathbf{T}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_2)^p + d_T(\mathbf{T}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{T}}_1)^p$$

### Aggregated Wasserstein:(MAW/IAW)

$$AW(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (1 - \alpha) \tilde{R}_p(\mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2; \mathbf{W}) + \alpha D_p(\mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{T}_2; \mathbf{W})$$

## 4. Experiments (Cont.)

### CMU Mocap Data <sup>a</sup>:

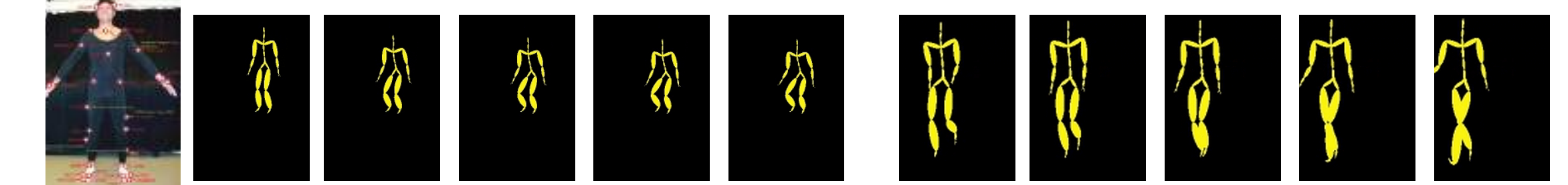


Figure: Visualization of CMU motion capture data. Left: Jump. Right: Walk

### 1). 1-NN Retrieval:

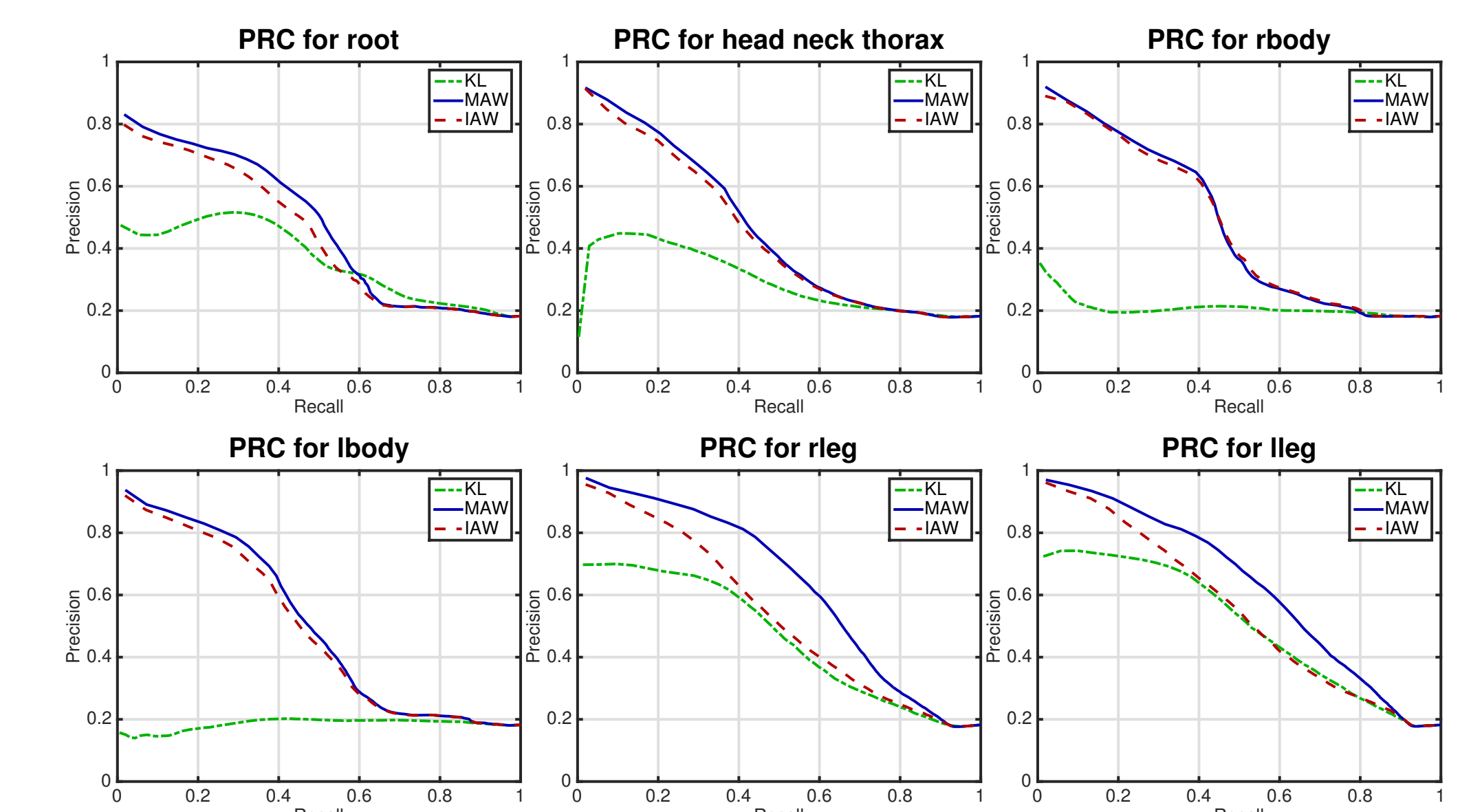


Figure: Precision Recall Plot for Motion Retrieval. The plot for 6 joint-groups, i.e.  $root_{12}$ ,  $head\_neck\_thorax_{12}$ ,  $rbody_{12}$ ,  $lbody_{12}$ ,  $rleg_6$ ,  $lleg_6$ , are displayed separately.

### 2). Classification by Adaboost:

Experiment setup follows [Lv *et al.* ECCV'2006]

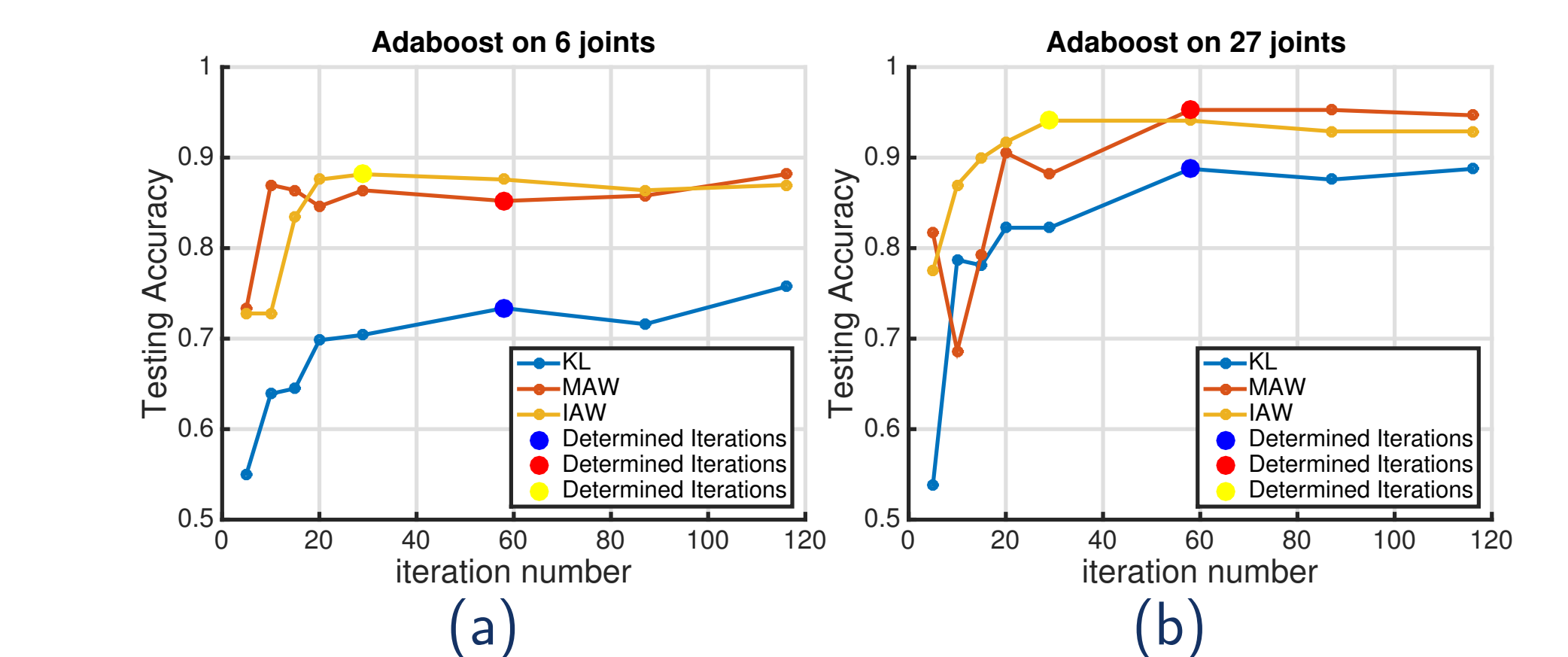


Figure: Testing accuracies w.r.t iteration number of Adaboost (number of weak classifiers selected). (a) Motion Classification by Adaboost on 6 joints. (b) Motion Classification by Adaboost on 27 joints. The iteration number means the number of features incrementally acquired in Adaboost.

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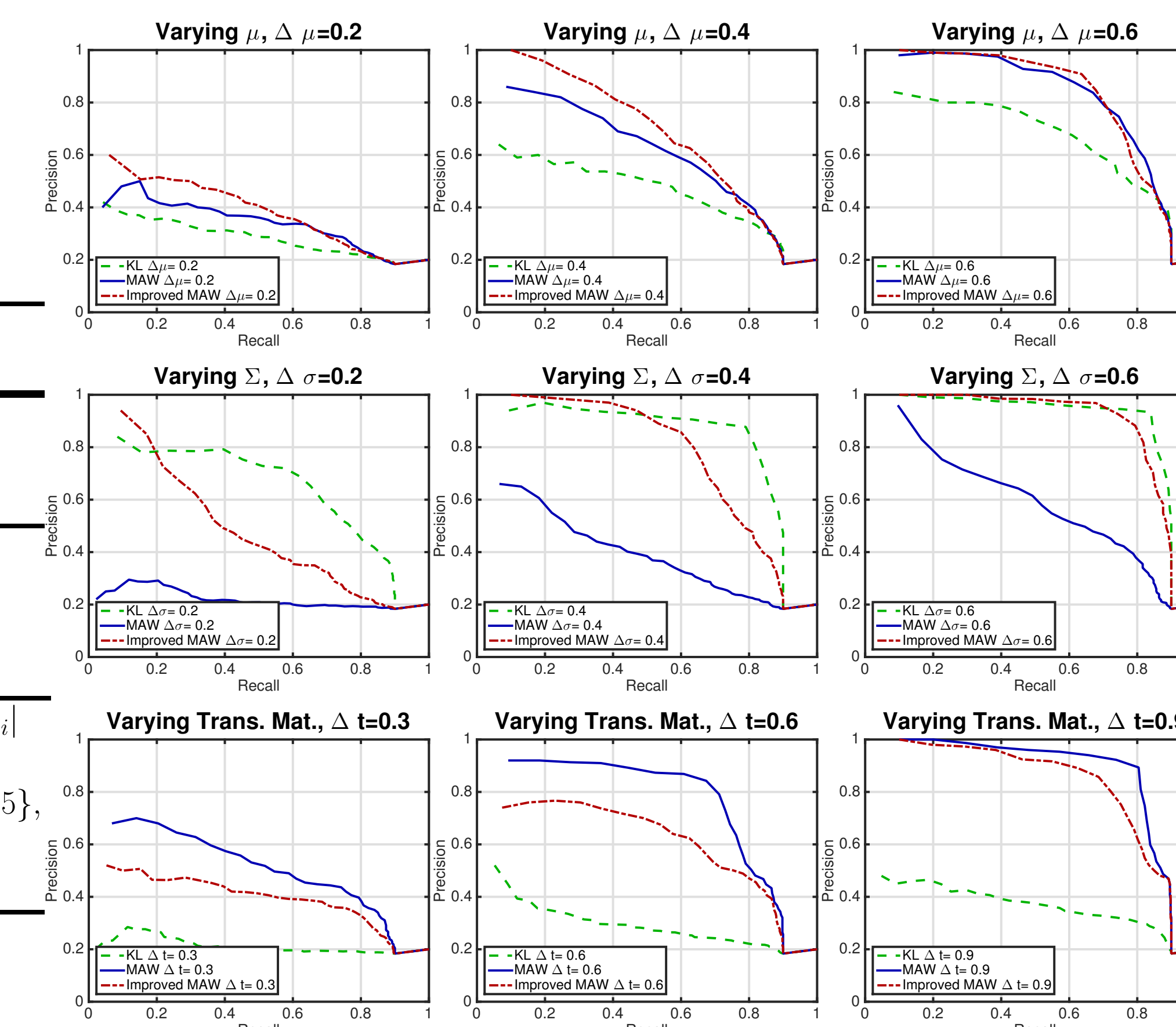


Figure: Precision-recall plot for the study to compare KL, MAW and IAW's sensitivity to the perturbation of