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Autonomous Active Recognition & Unfolding of Clothes using Random Decision Forests & Probabilistic Planning

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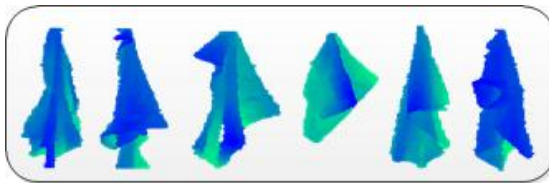


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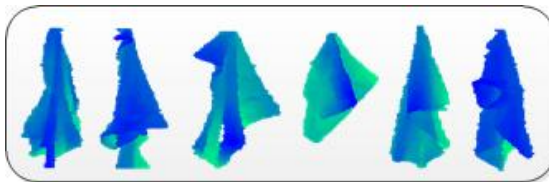
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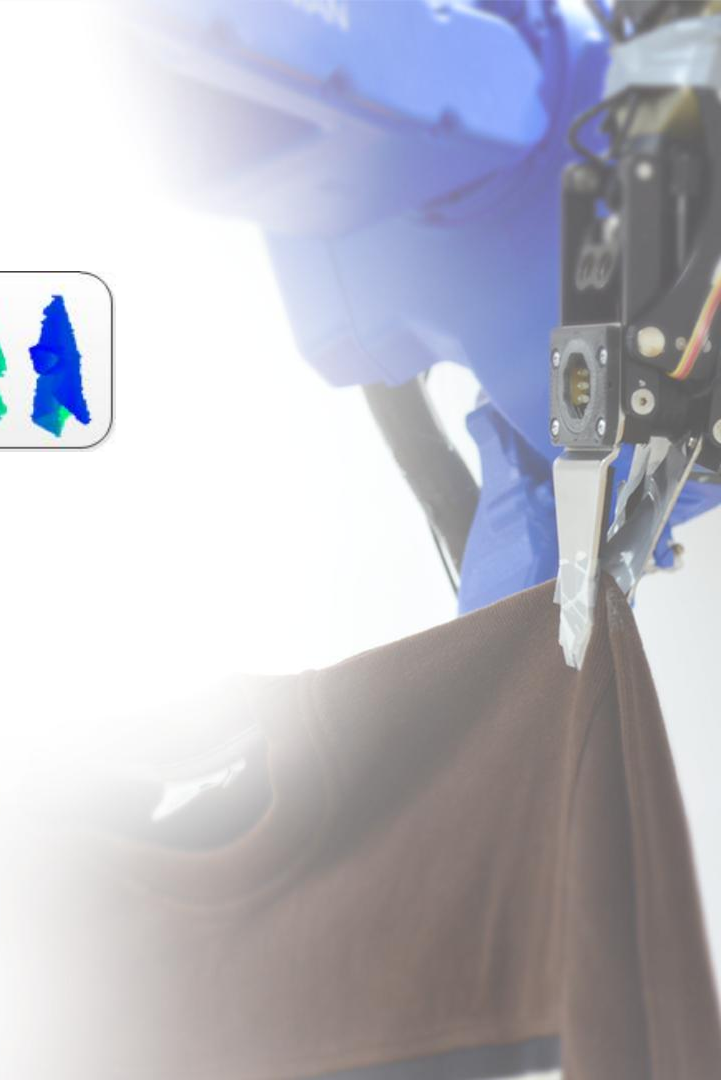
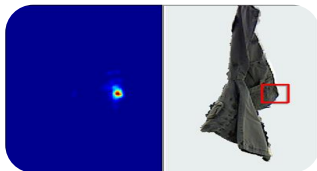


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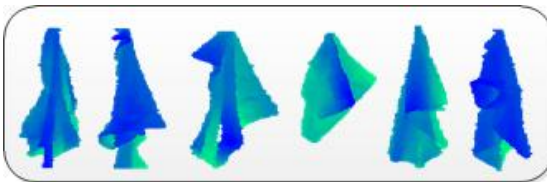


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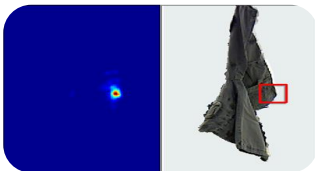


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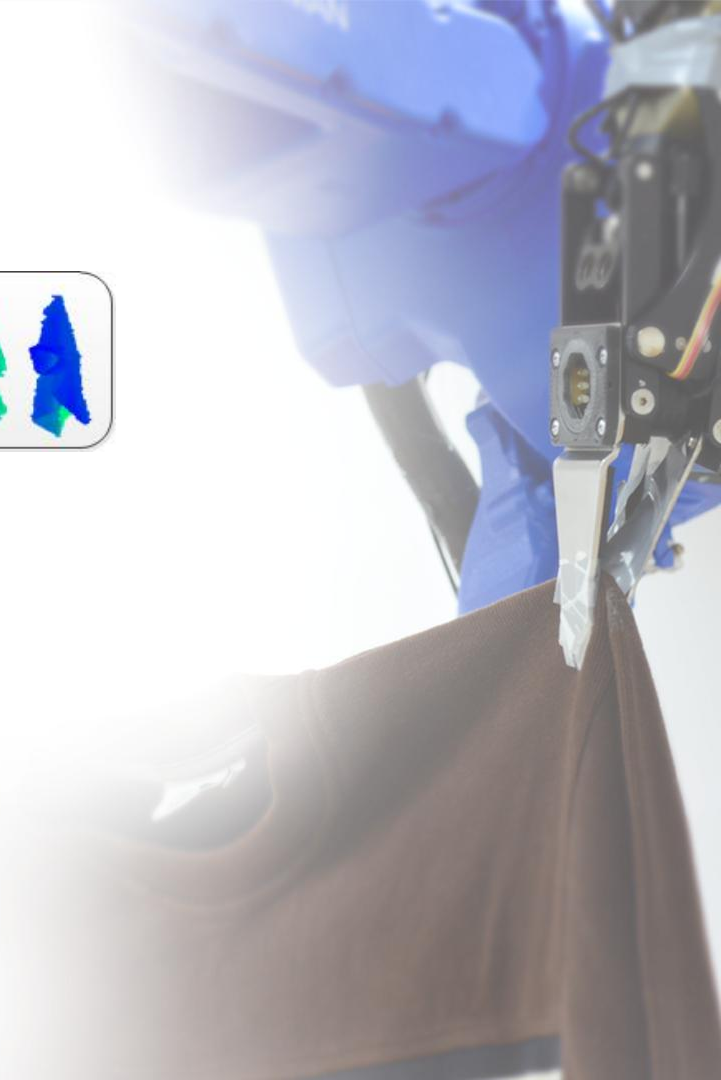
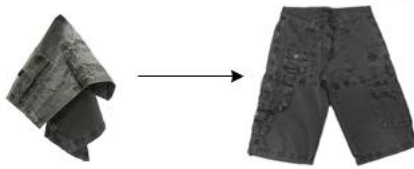
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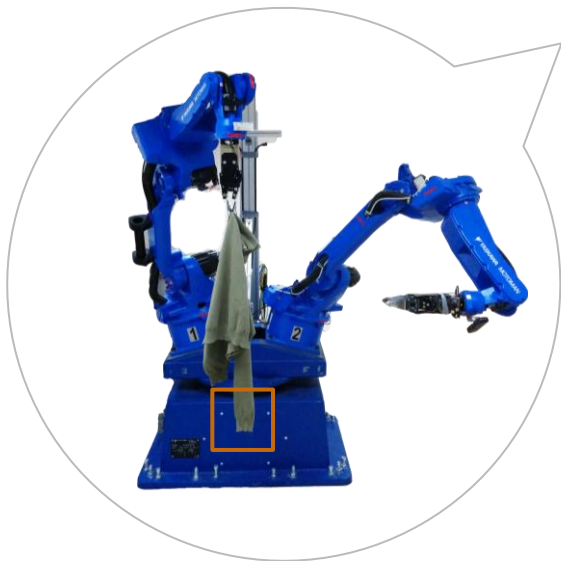
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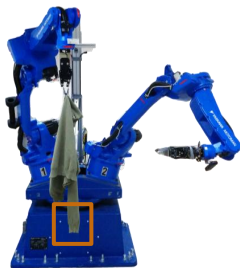
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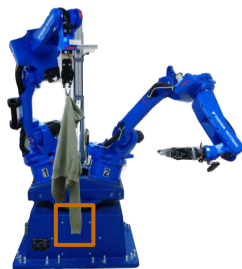
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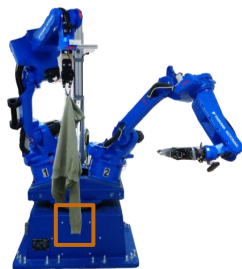
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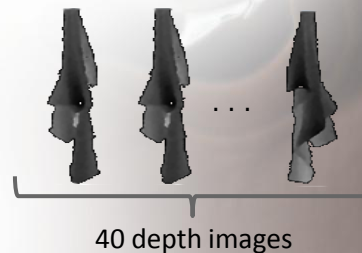
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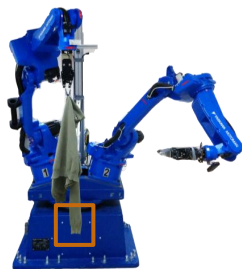
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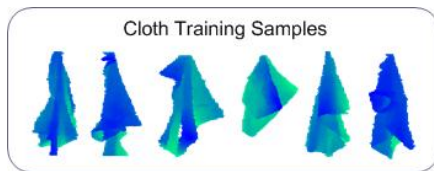
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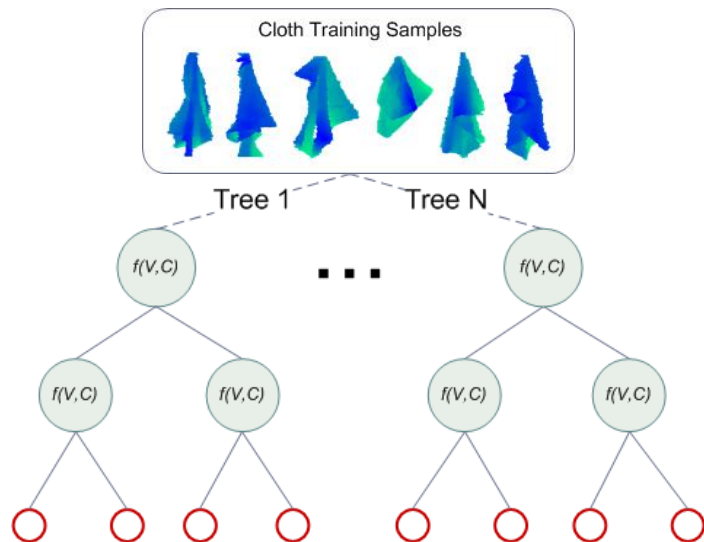
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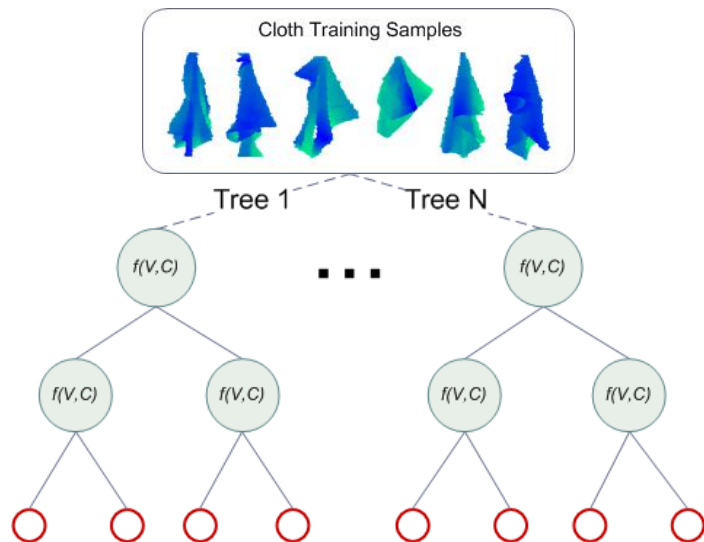
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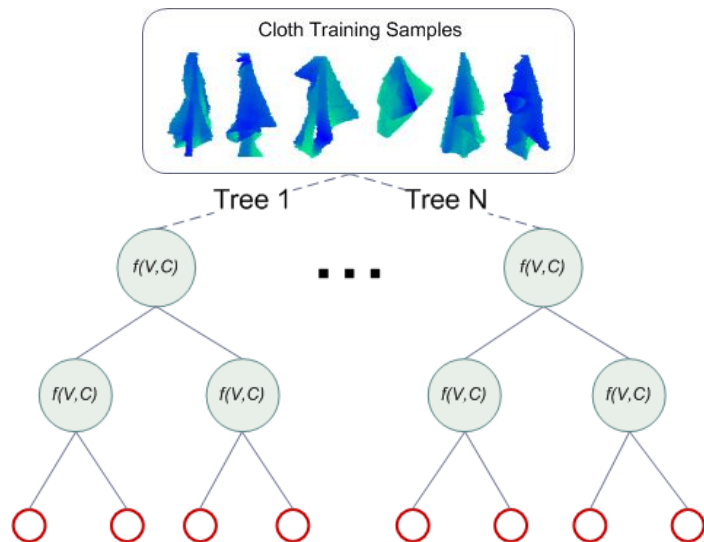


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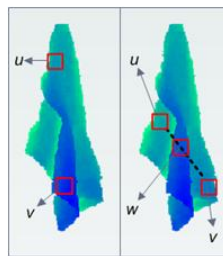


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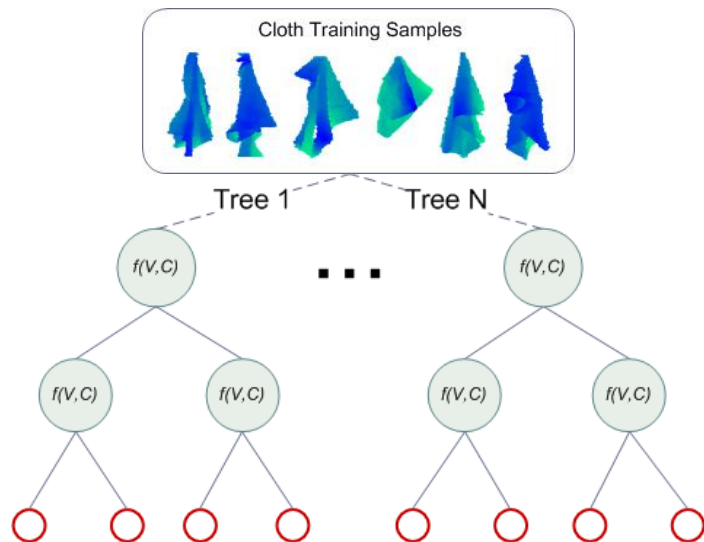
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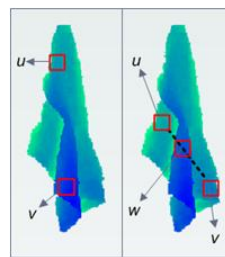
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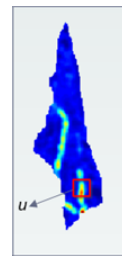
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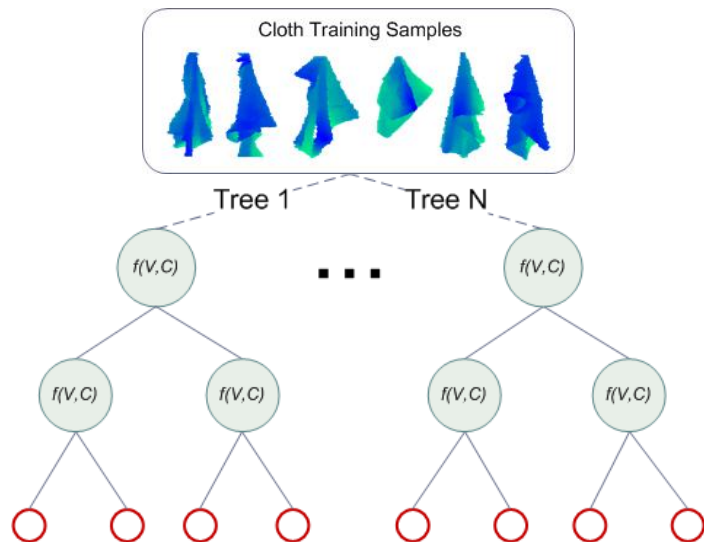


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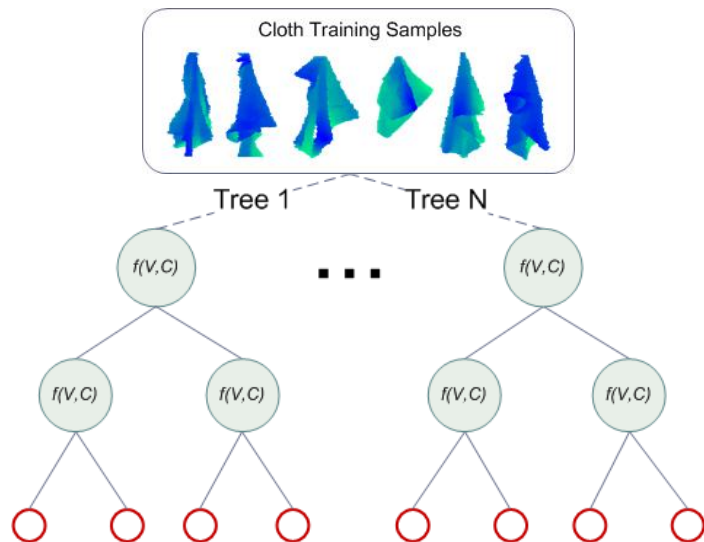


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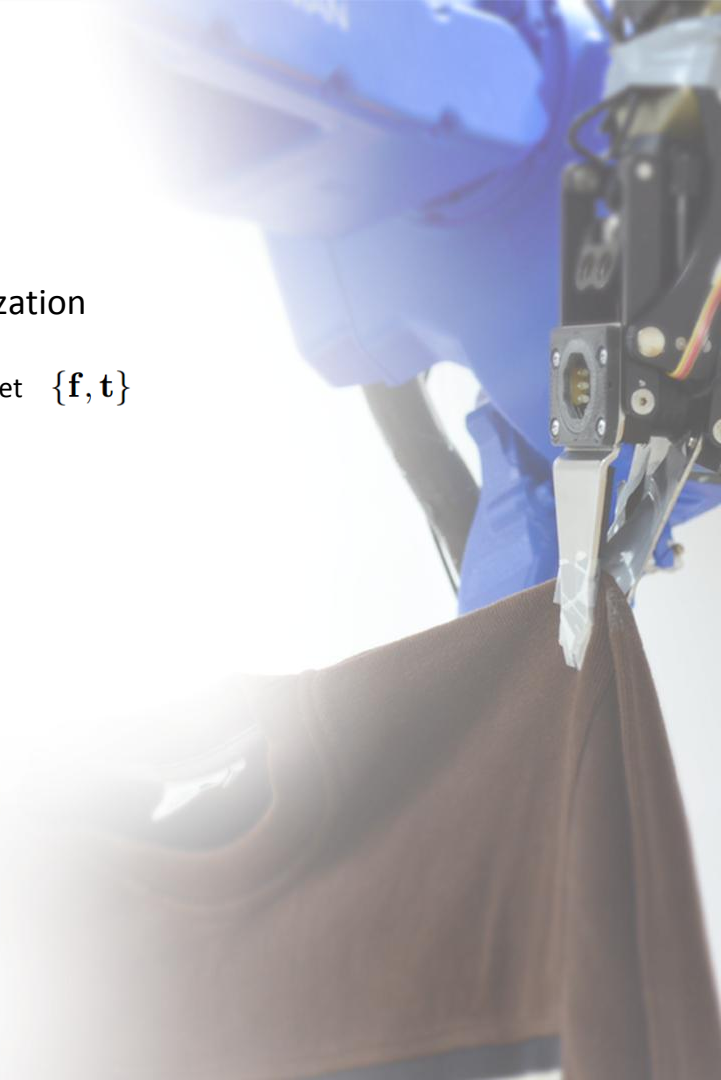
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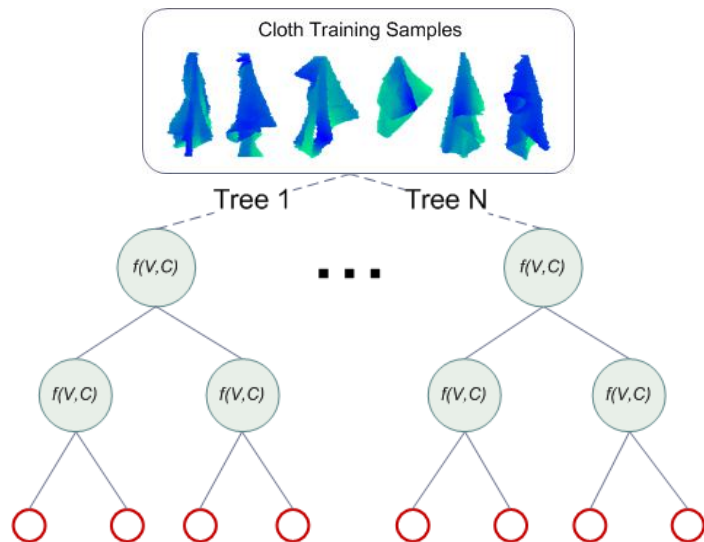
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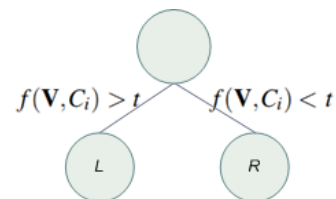
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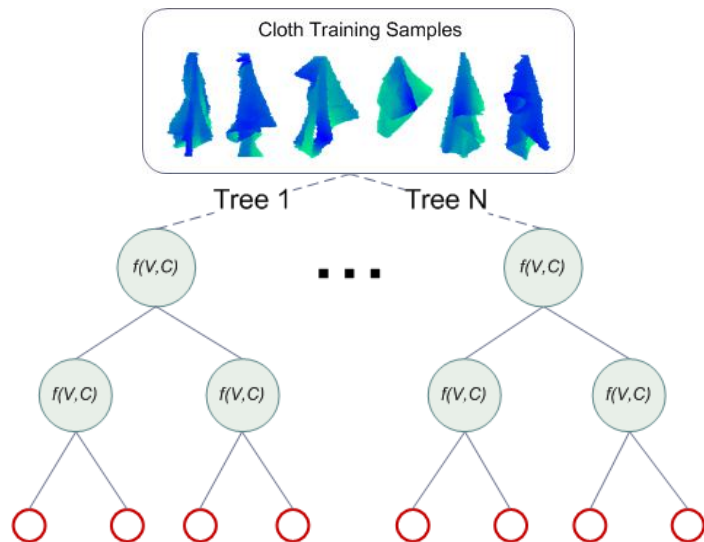
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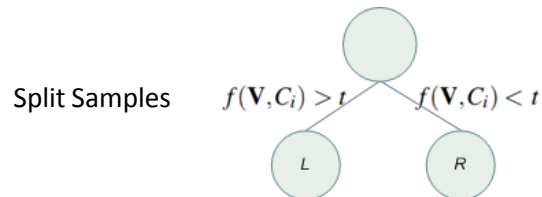
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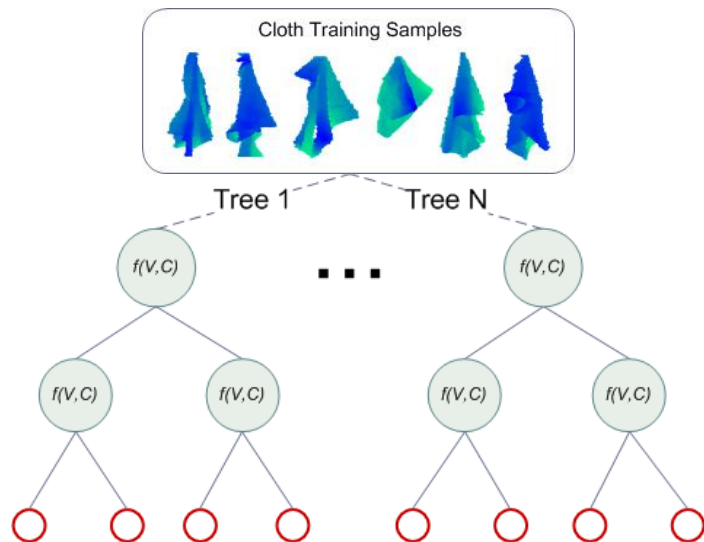


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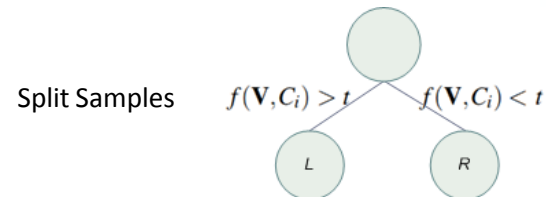
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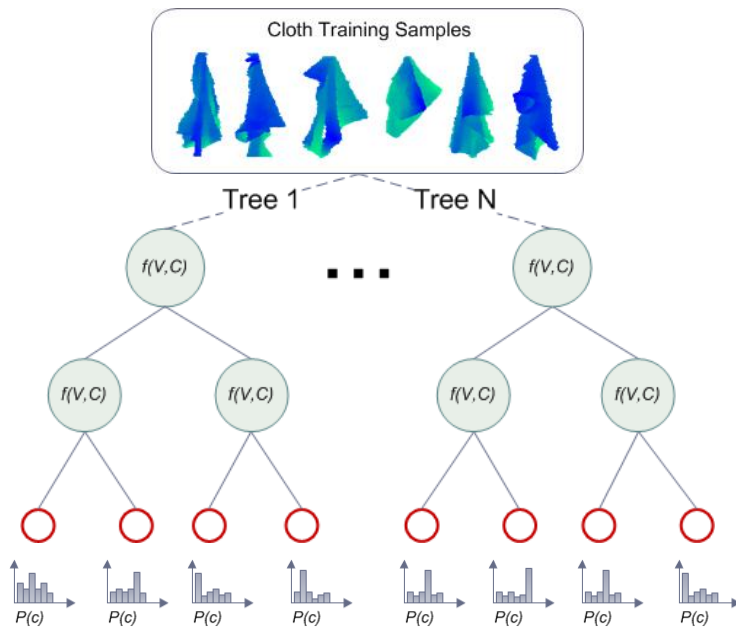
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Greedly Optimize

$$\{f, t\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f, t} H$$

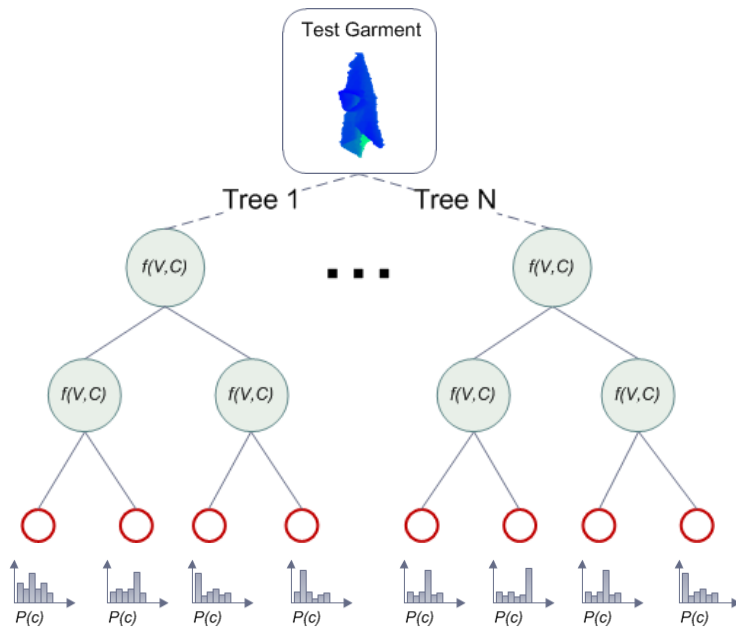
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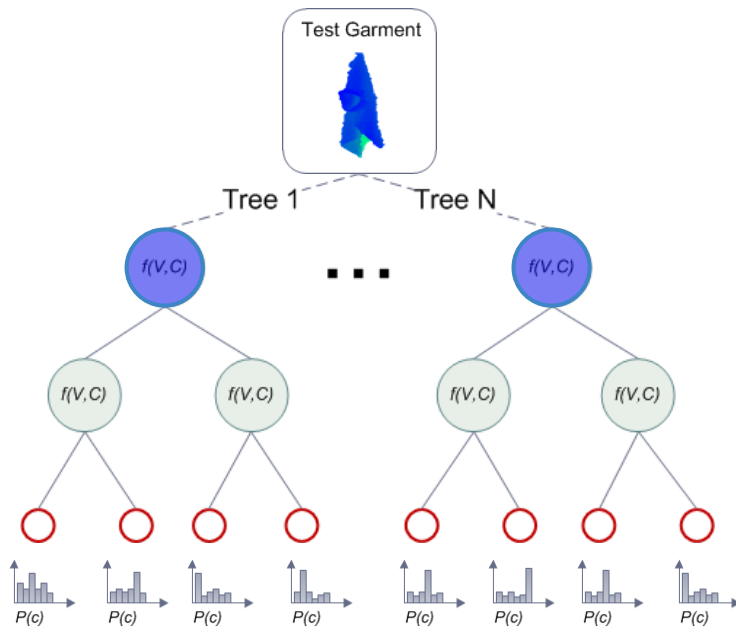
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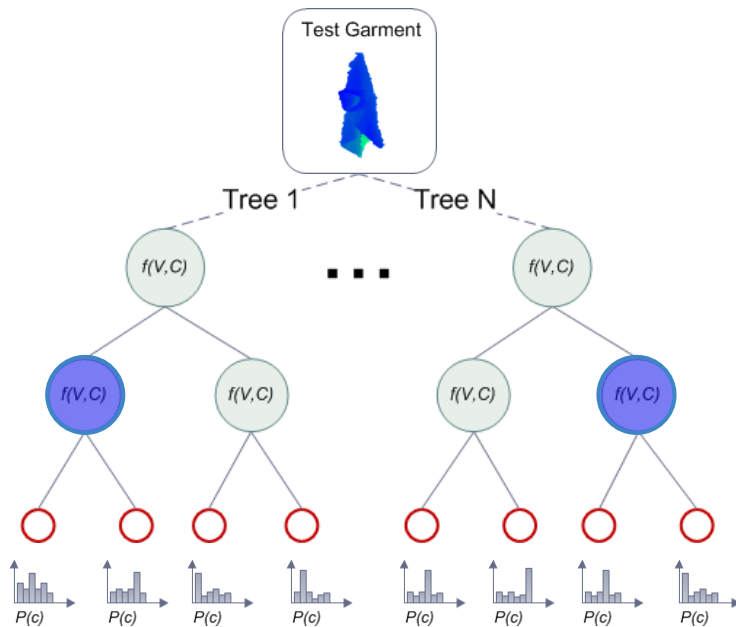
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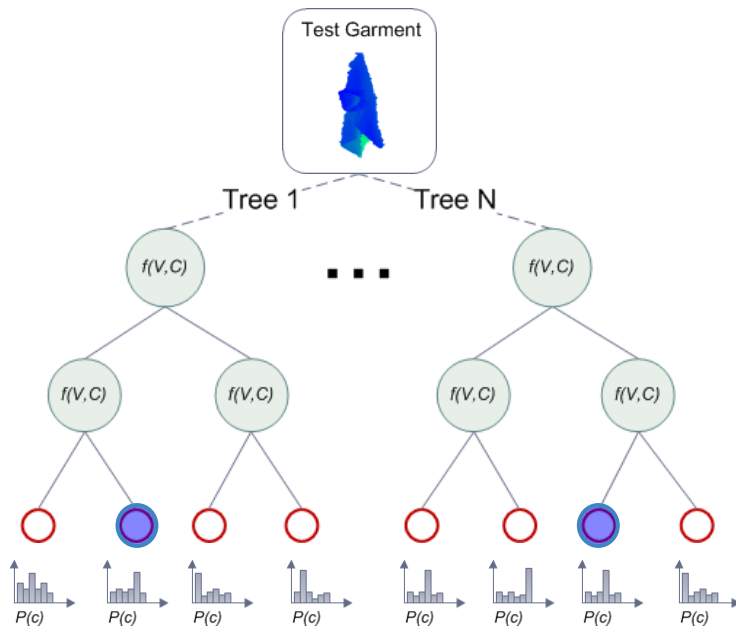
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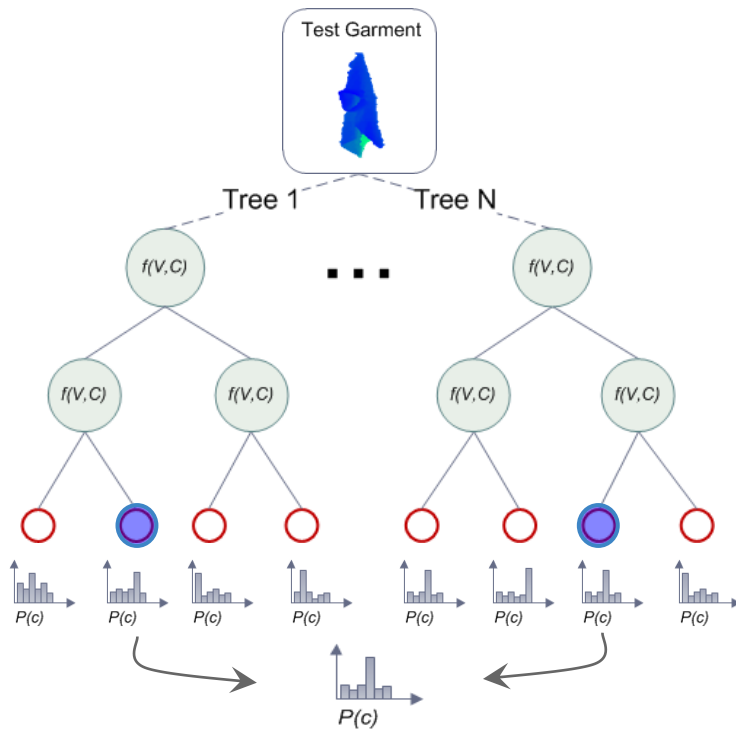
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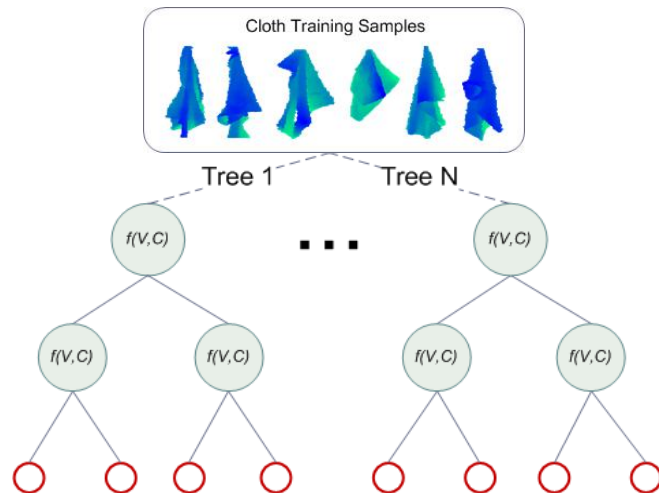


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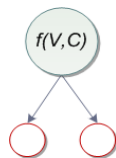


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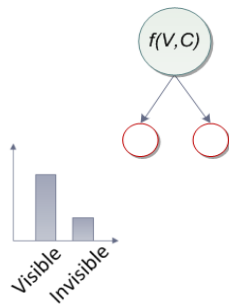


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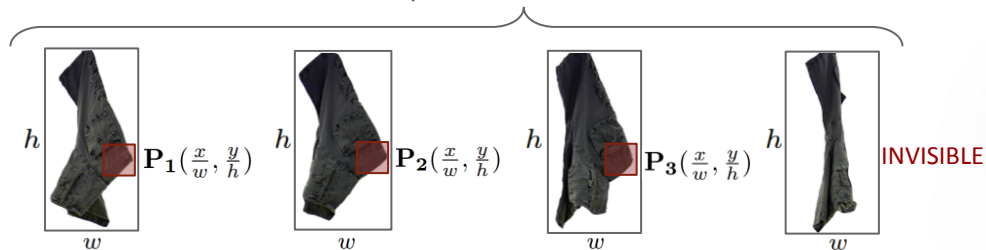
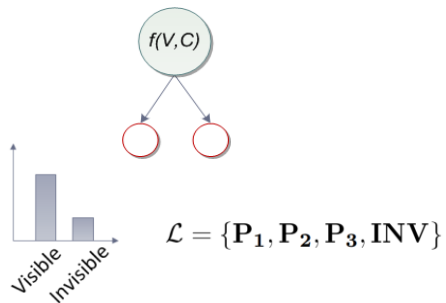


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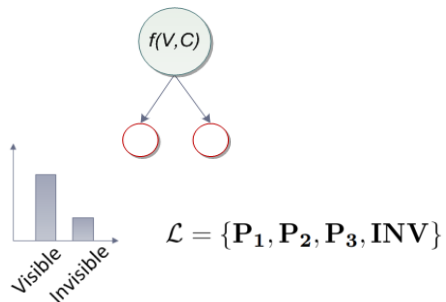


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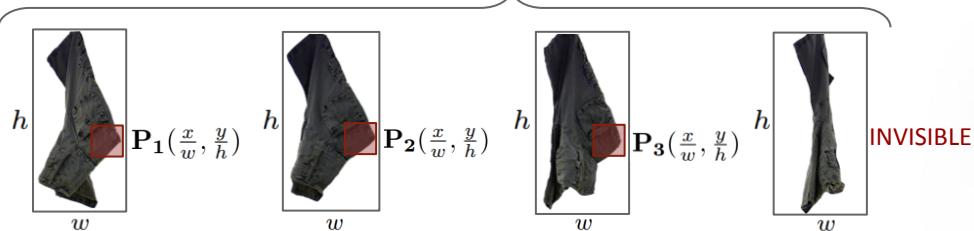
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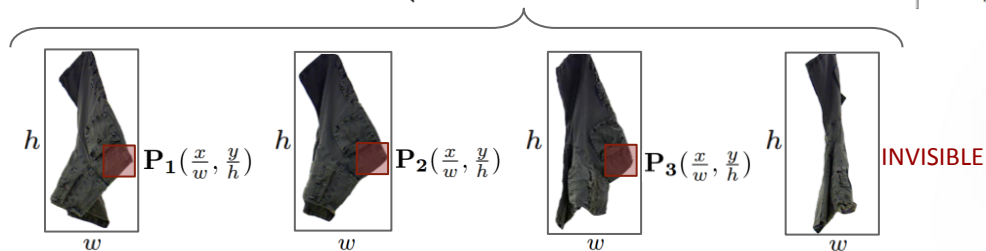
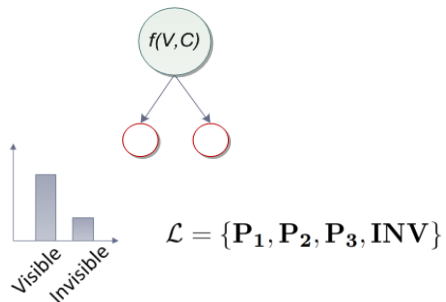


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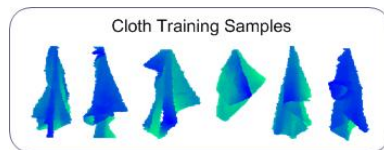
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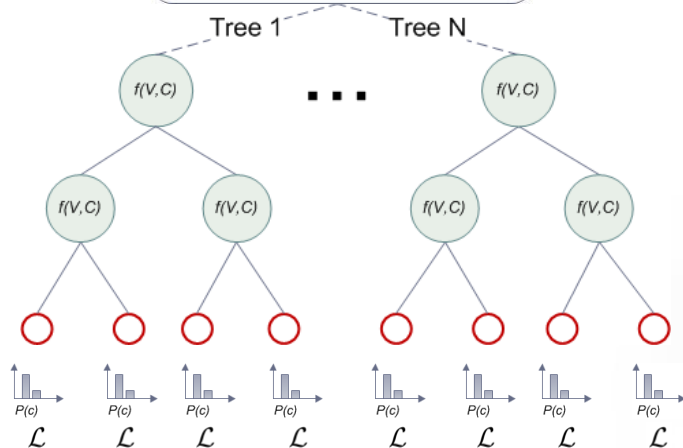
$$D = \sum_{samples} d(\mathbf{p}_s, \mathbf{p}_m) \quad \text{Variance in each child}$$

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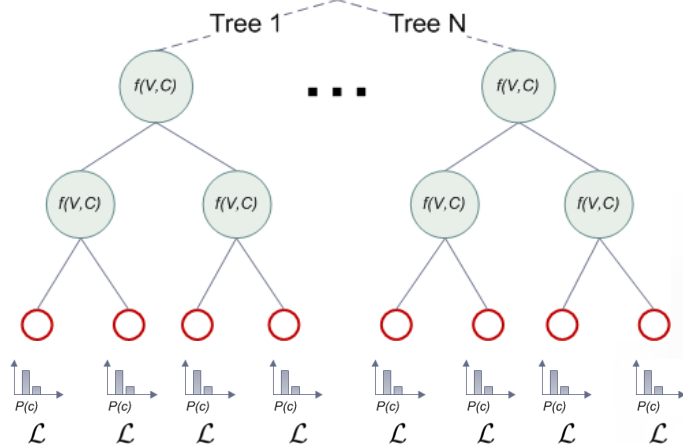


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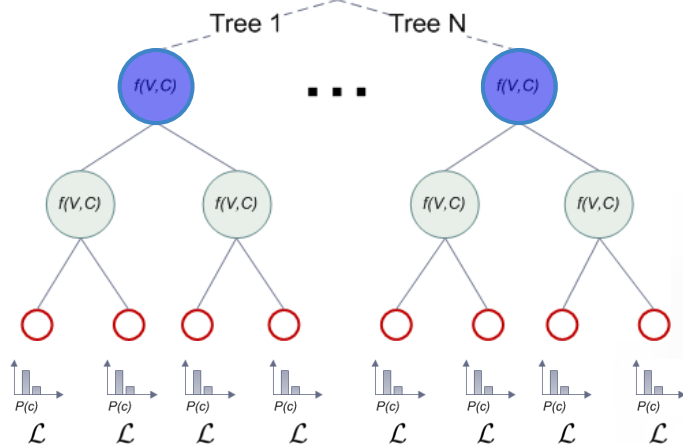


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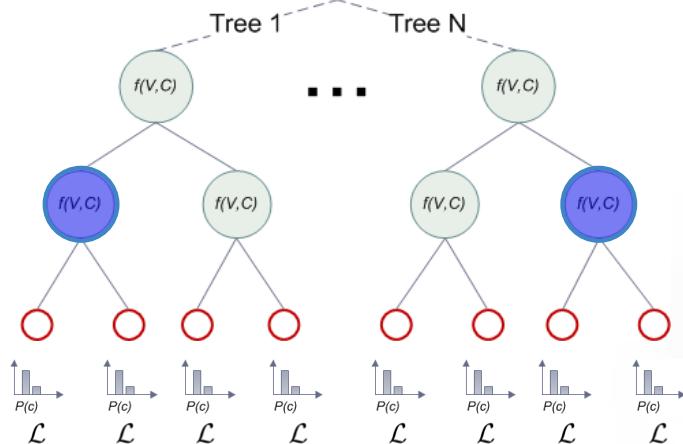


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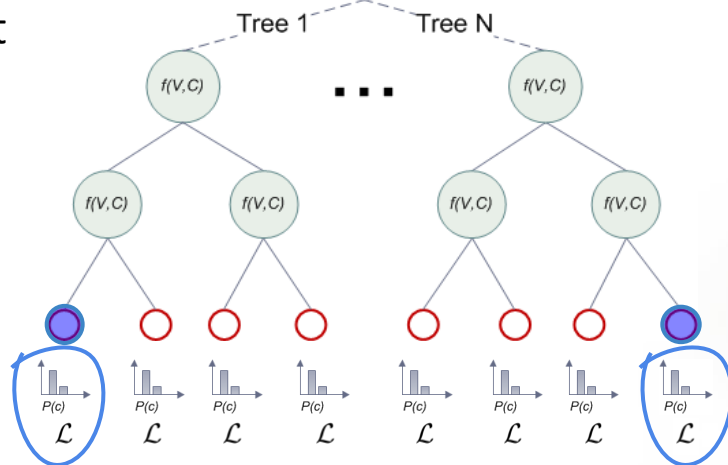


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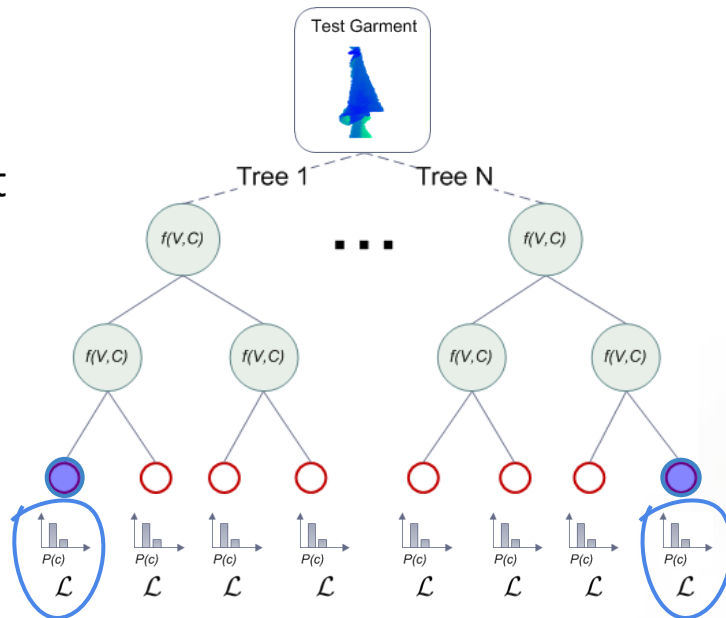


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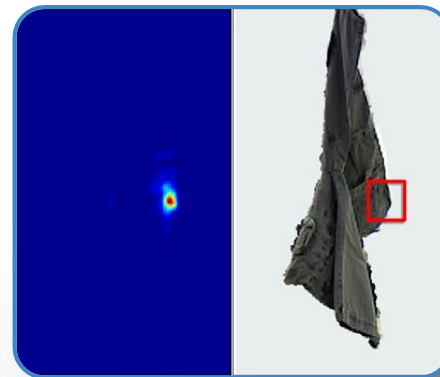
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Hough Voting Image



Active Planning



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success ~ 90%

Crucial Decisions



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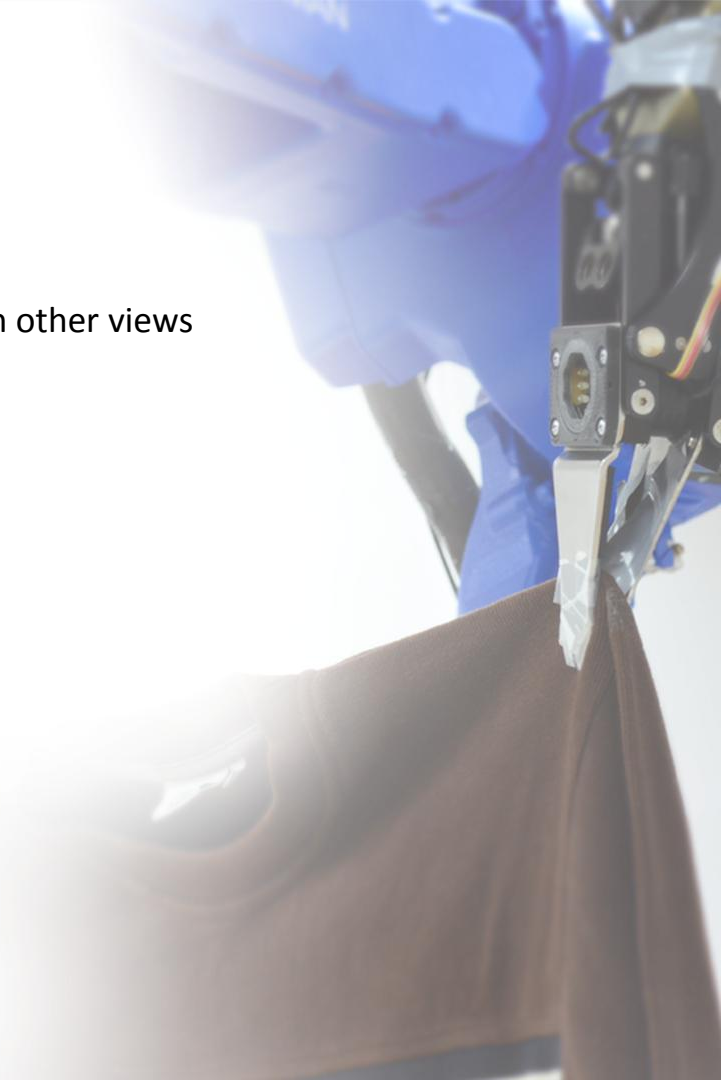
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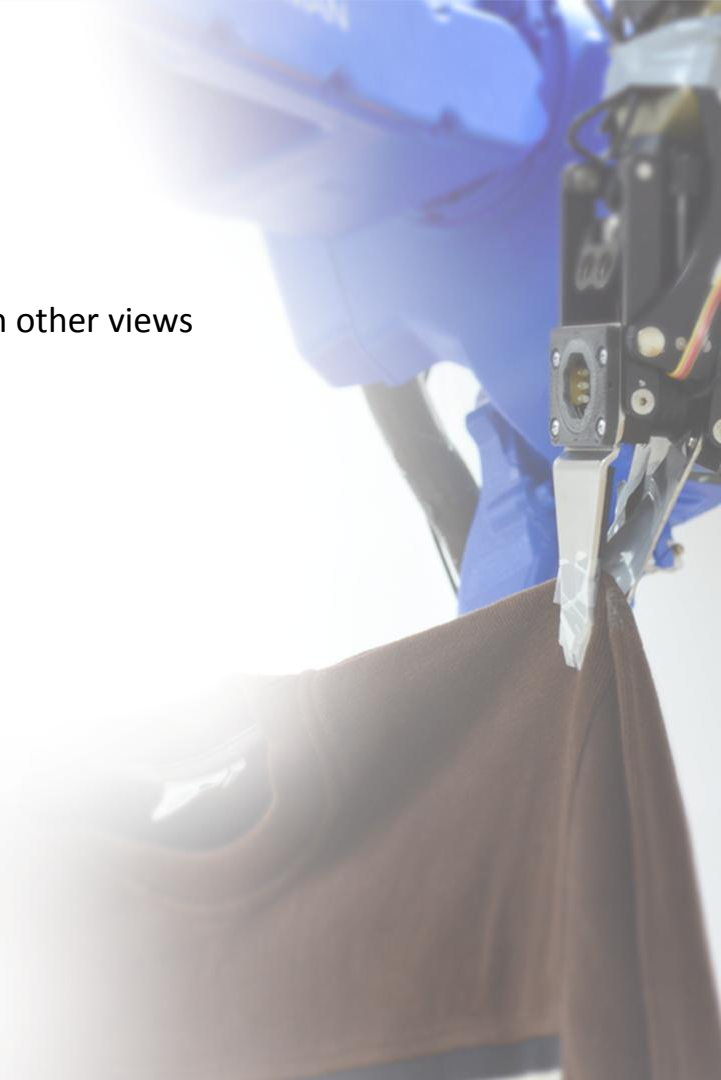
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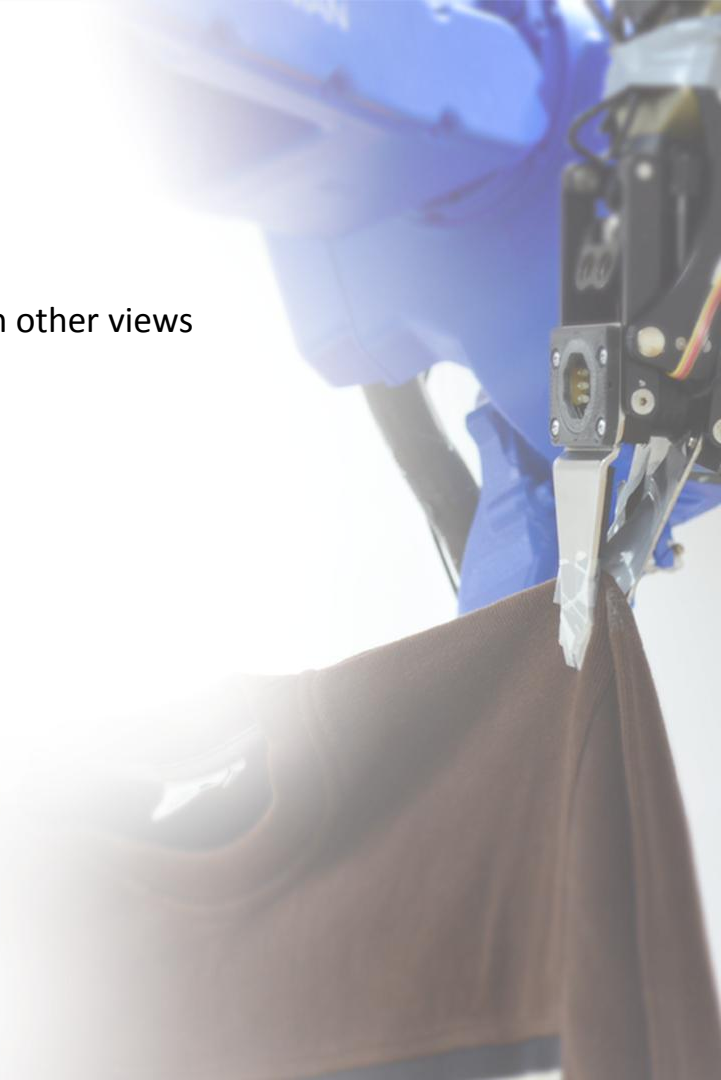


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Until we reach a certain **degree of confidence**

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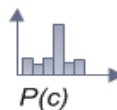
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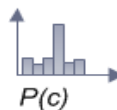
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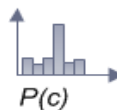
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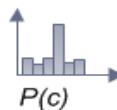
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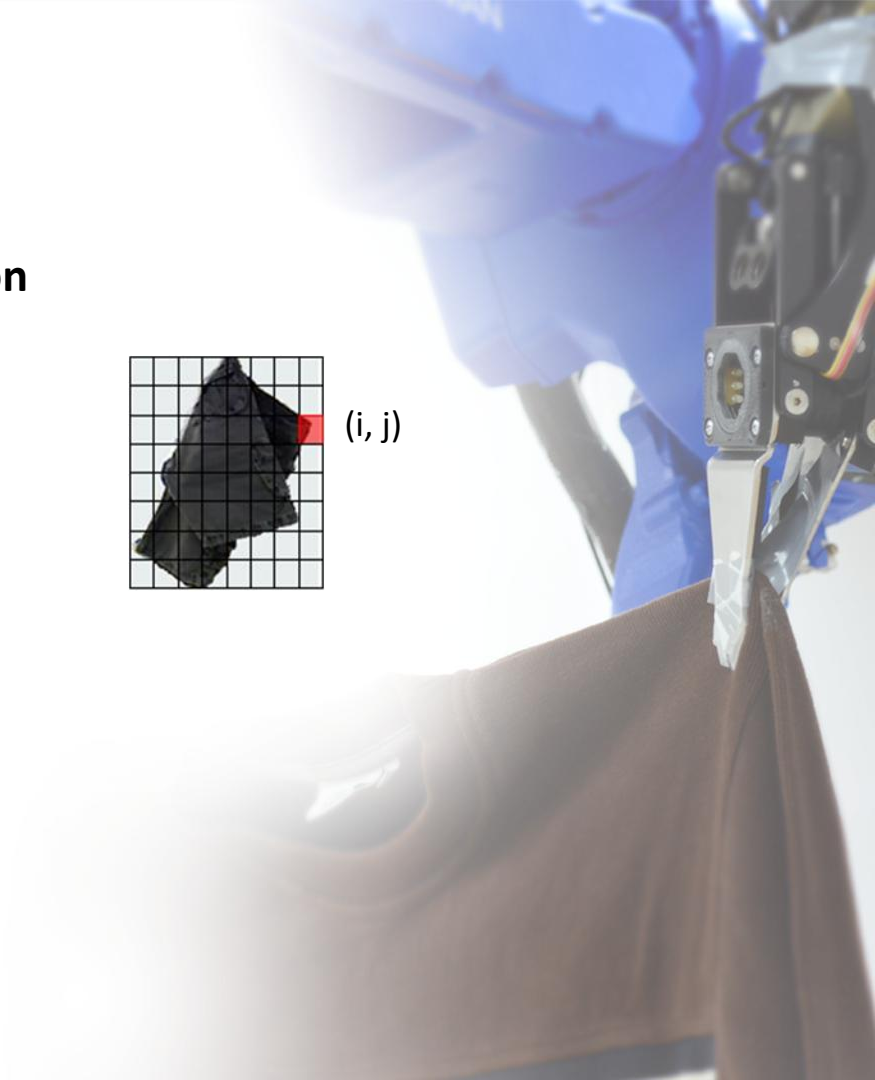
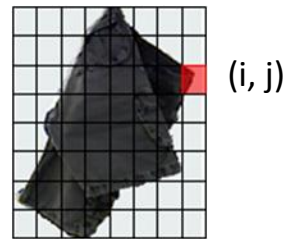
Active Point Estimation — **POMDP solution**



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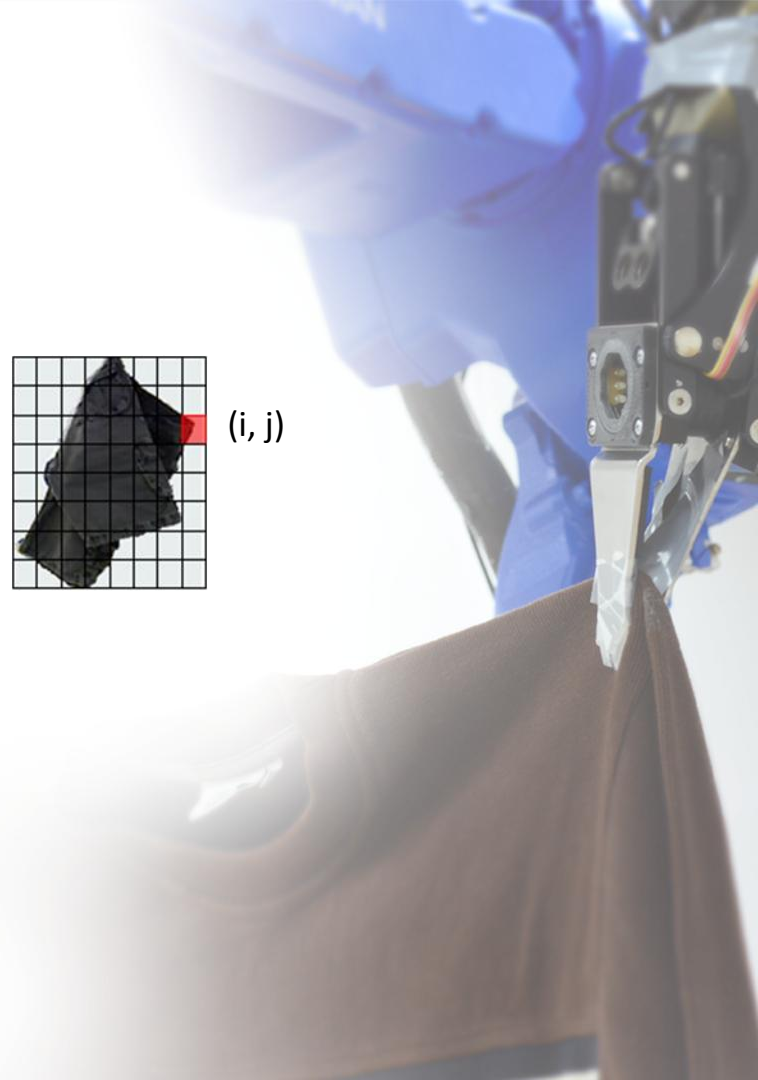
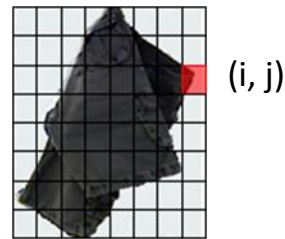


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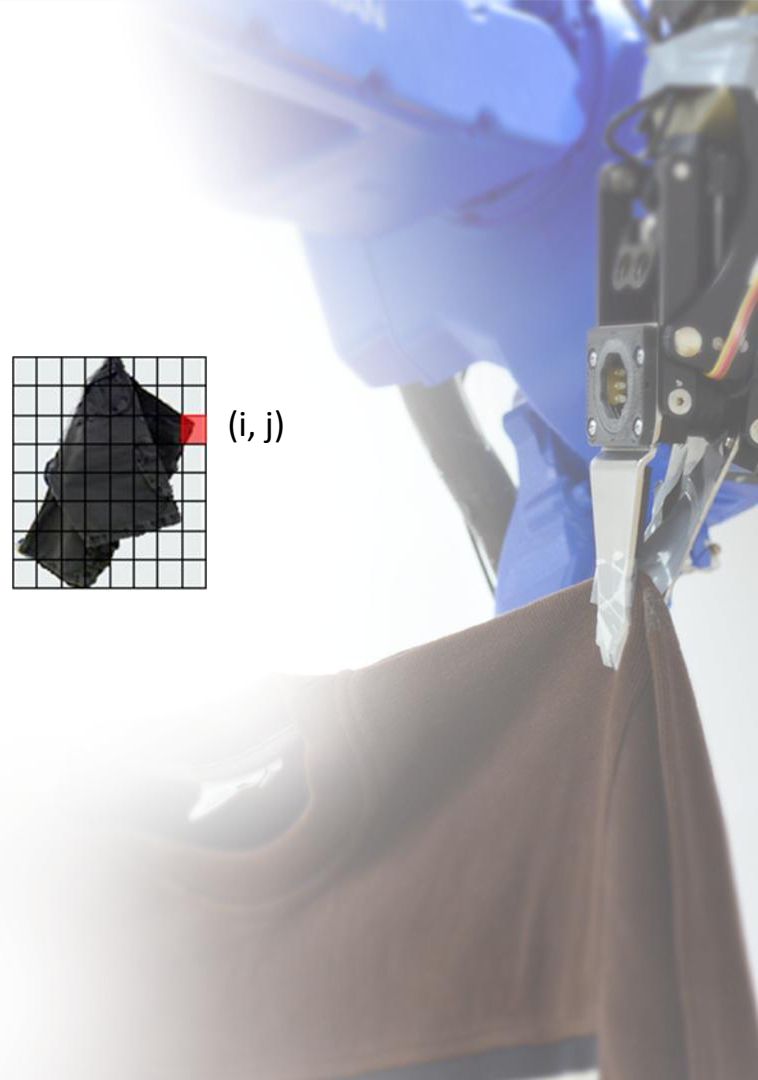
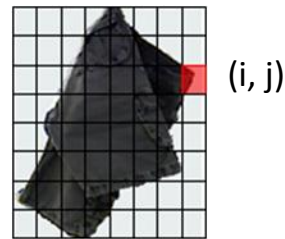
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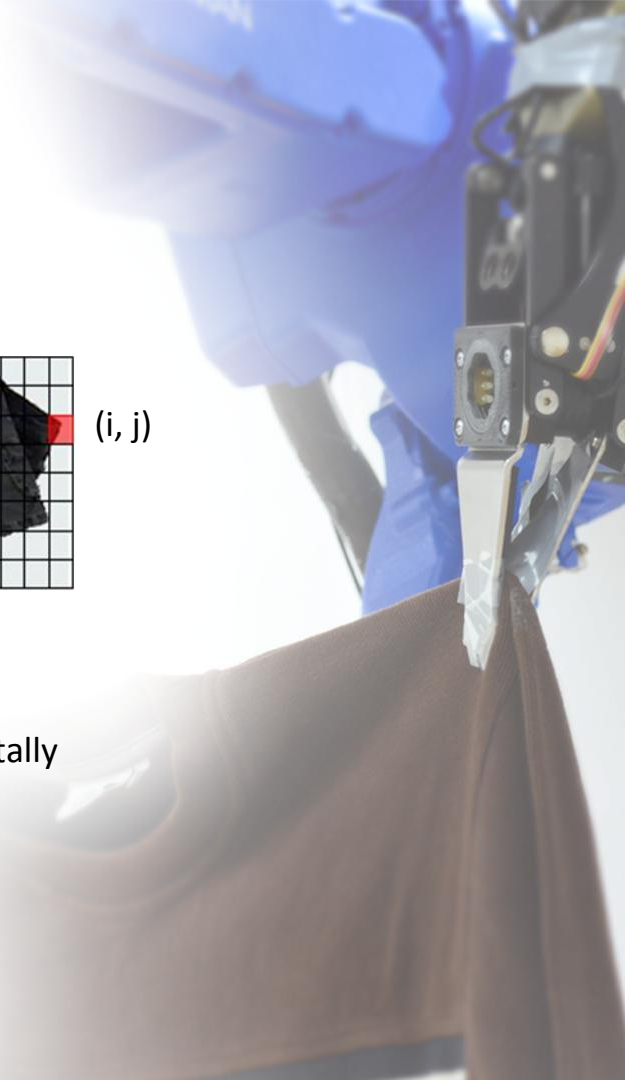
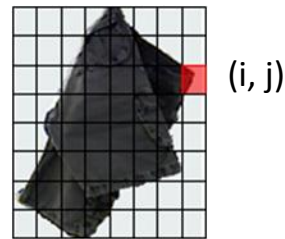
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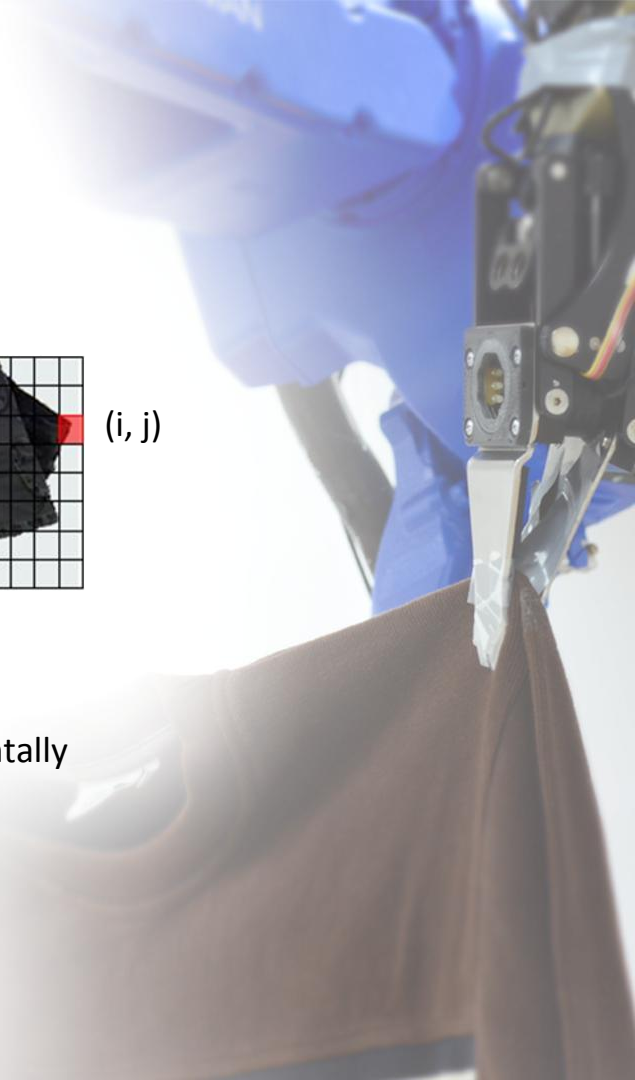
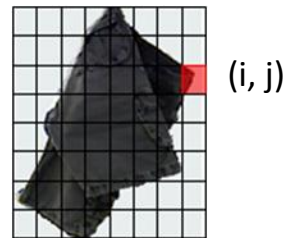
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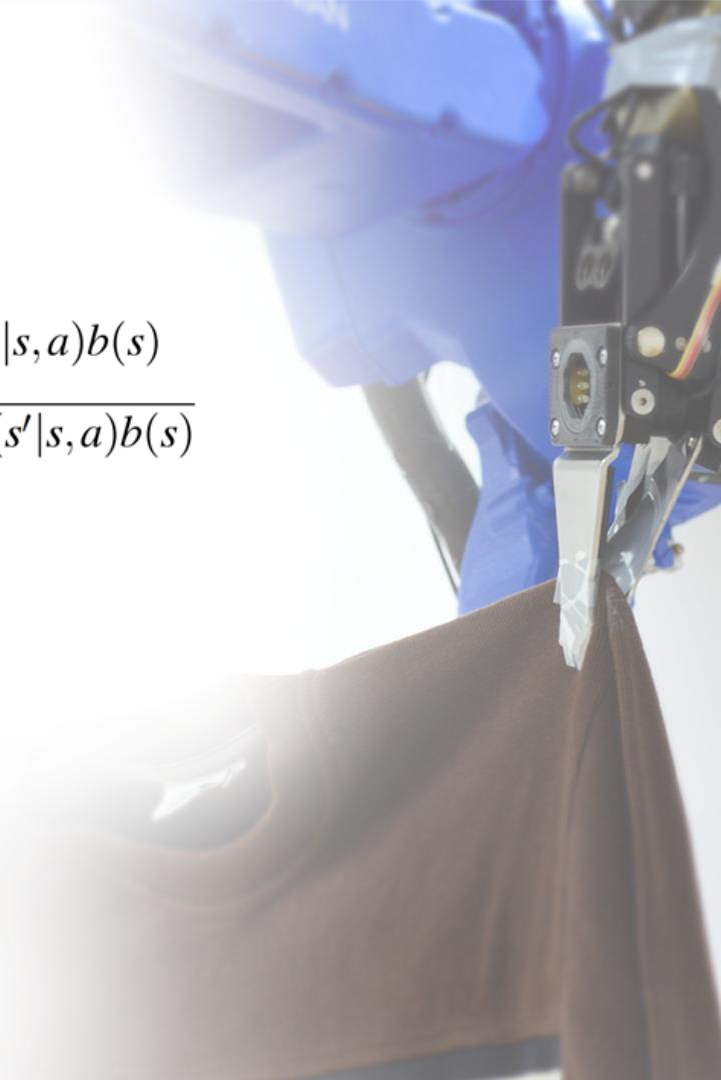
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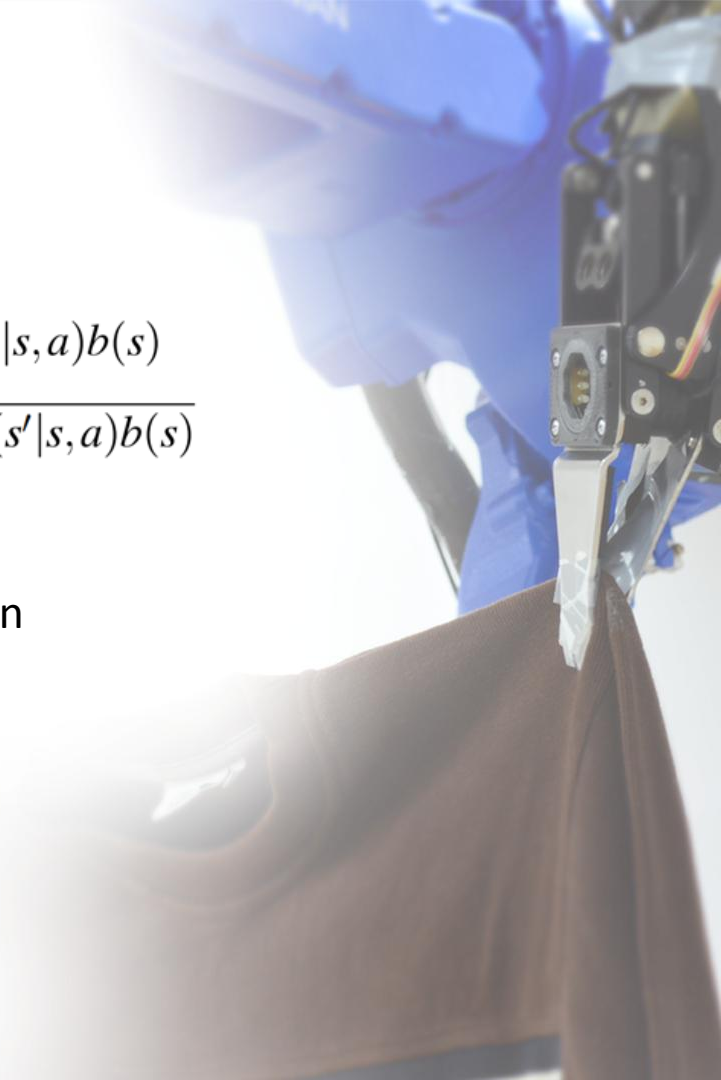
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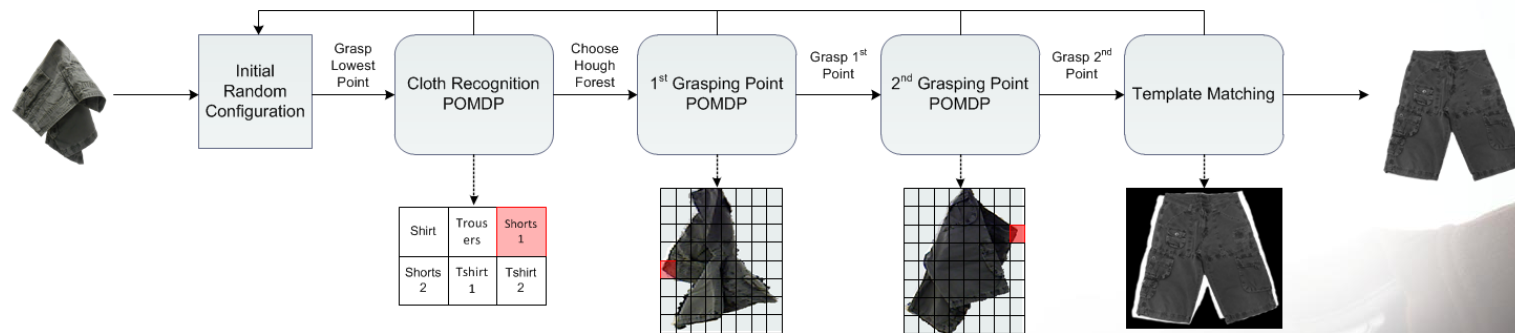
POMDP solution policy

A(b(s)) → Optimal Action



Block Diagram

Unfolding Process



Results



Training Database



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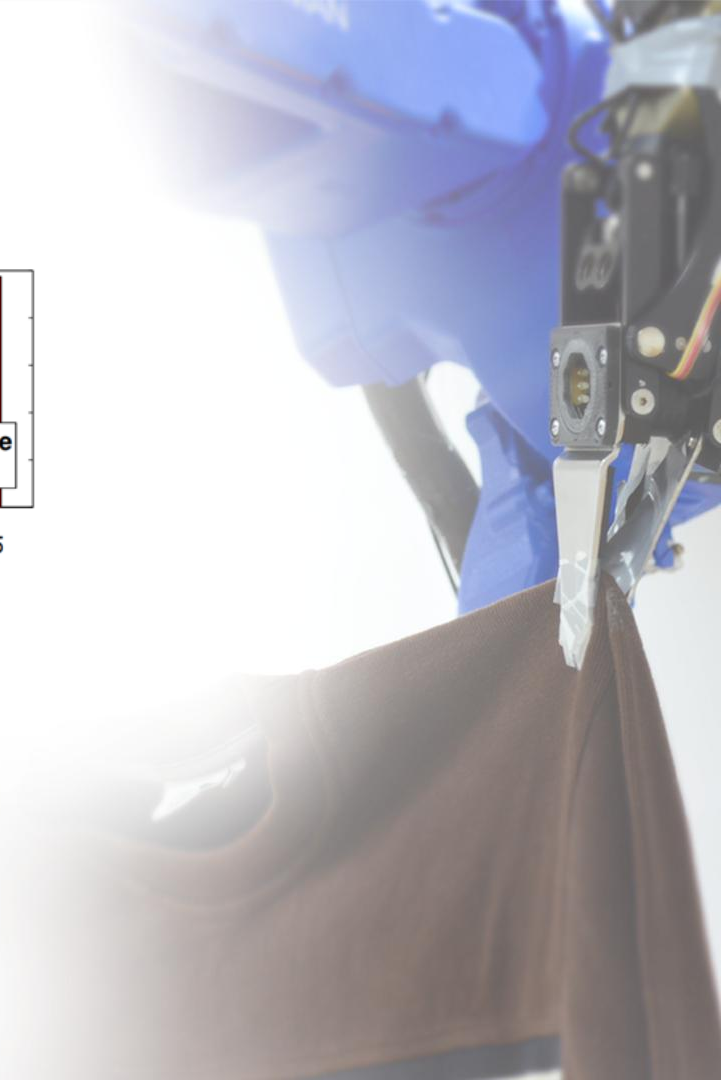
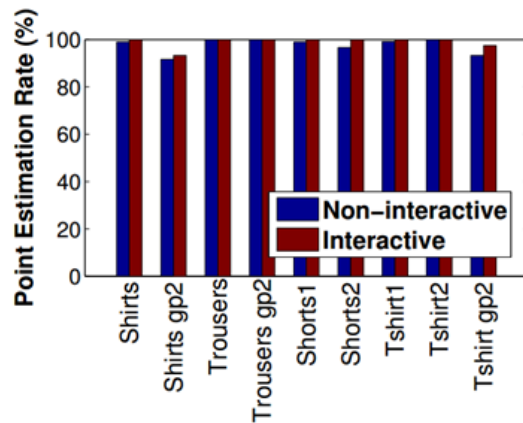
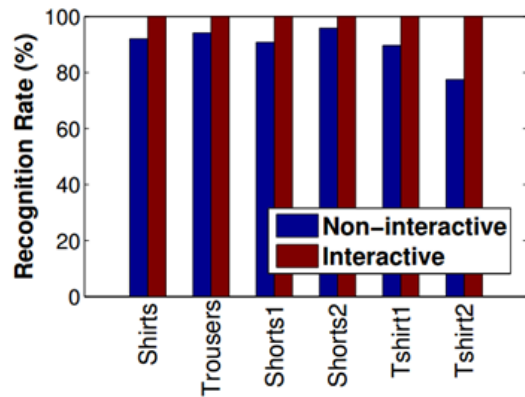
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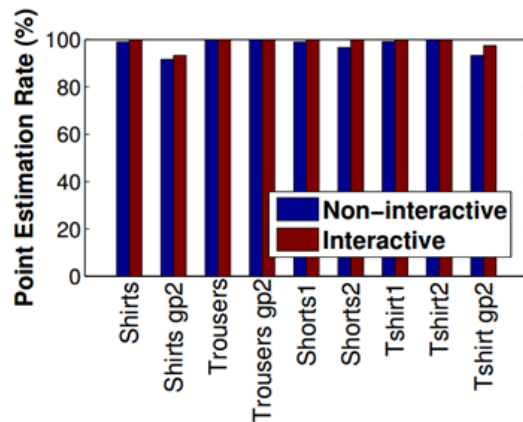
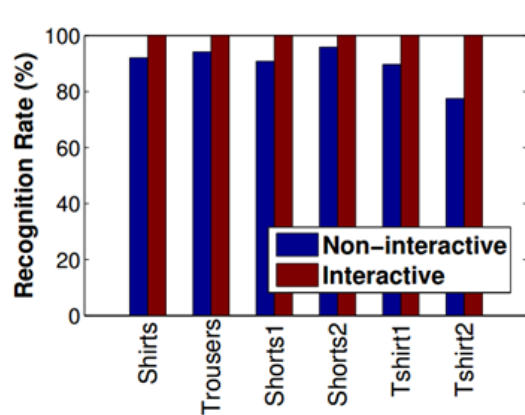
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positive examples



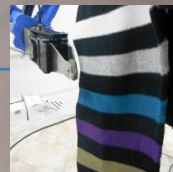
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regular-sized
clothes



Supplementary Material

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