#### Neuronal learning rules

• Skewness 1 Deviation from symmetry:

$$S_1 = E[c^3] / E^{1.5}[c^2].$$

$$\nabla S_1 = \frac{1}{\theta_M^{1.5}} E\left[c\left(c - E[c^3]/E[c^2]\right)\sigma'd\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{\theta_M^{1.5}} E\left[c\left(c - E[c^3]/\theta_M\right)\sigma'd\right]$$

where  $\Theta_m$  is defined as  $E[c^2]$ .

• Skewness 2 (additive):

$$S_{2} = E[c^{3}] - E^{1.5}[c^{2}].$$

$$\nabla S_{2} = 3E\left[c^{2} - c\sqrt{E[c^{2}]}\right]$$

$$= 3E\left[c\left(c - \sqrt{\theta_{M}}\right)\sigma'd\right],$$
subject to the constraint  $\parallel \mathbf{m} \parallel = 1.$ 

• Kurtosis 1 Emphasizes the tails:

$$K_1 = E[c^4]/E^2[c^2] - 3.$$

$$\nabla K_1 = \frac{1}{\theta_M^2} E\left[c\left(c^2 - E[c^4]/E[c^2]\right)\sigma'\mathbf{d}\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{\theta_M^2} E\left[c\left(c^2 - E[c^4]/\theta_M\right)\sigma'\mathbf{d}\right].$$

• Kurtosis 2 (additive):

$$K_{2} = E[c^{4}] - 3E^{2}[c^{2}].$$

$$\nabla K_{2} = 4E\left[\left(c^{3} - 3cE[c^{2}]\right)\sigma'\mathbf{d}\right]$$

$$= 4E\left[c(c^{2} - 3\theta_{M})\sigma'\mathbf{d}\right], \quad \|\mathbf{m}\| = 1.$$

• QBCM

$$QBCM = \frac{1}{3}E[c^3] - \frac{1}{4}E^2[c^2].$$
  

$$\nabla QBCM = E\left[c^2 - cE[c^2]\right]$$
  

$$= E[c(c - \theta_M)\sigma'd].$$

### Projections (RFs) from Natural Scenes (DOGed)



Top to bottom: QBCM,  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$ . Shown are five examples from each learning rule as well as the log of the normalized output distribution, before the application of the rectifying sigmoid.

## Projections from Natural Scenes (Sphered)



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#### Structure Removal (Sensitivity to outliers)

Patterns leading to high response



Effect of removal or top 1% response patterns



Top to bottom: QBCM; Kurtosis  $(K_1)$ ; Skewness  $(S_1)$ .

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#### Variants on the Kurtosis rules



#### DOGed images.

multiplicative, rectified outputs, non-rectified outputs, non-rectified outputs with centered moments, additive with rectified outputs, non-rectified outputs, non-rectified outputs with centered moments.

# **Measuring Bi-modality**



kurtosis: 'x',

Friedman's deviation from uniformity: '+', approximation of the negative entropy: '\*', QBCM index: 'o'.

#### **Projection Pursuit Regression**

- Presented by Friedman and Stuetzle (1981)
- Let (X, Y) be a pair of random variables,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- We seek an approximation to the *d* dimensional surface

$$f(x) = E[Y|X = x]$$

from n observations  $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$ .

• PPR tries to approximate a function f by a sum of ridge functions

$$f(x) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^m g_j(a_j^T x).$$

• Neural Networks: The function  $g_i$  is a sigmoidal