## Triplet loss

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## Embedding learning

- Distances
  - Absolute distances don't matter at inference
  - KNN cares about relative distance







## Triplet loss

- Objective  $\max(0, \|f_i f_j\| \|f_j f_k\| + \alpha)$
- Positive pair i, j
- Negative pair i, k



- Learning a distance metric from relative comparisons, Schultz and Joachims, NIPS 2003
- Distance metric learning for large margin nearest neighbor classification, Weinberger and Saul, JMLR 2009

## Triplet loss

- Only relative distance
  - Can deform
    embedding space
- Harder to train
  - All triplets vs pairs