Lecture 10 Geometric Data Analysis: Laplacian, Diffusion, and Hessian LLE





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Manifold Learning

Learning when data $\sim \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$

• Clustering: $\mathcal{M} \to \{1, \ldots, k\}$

connected components, min cut

- Classification/Regression: $\mathcal{M} \to \{-1, +1\}$ or $\mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}$ $P \text{ on } \mathcal{M} \times \{-1, +1\} \text{ or } P \text{ on } \mathcal{M} \times \mathbb{R}$
- Dimensionality Reduction: $f : \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ $n \ll N$
- M unknown: what can you learn about M from data?
 e.g. dimensionality, connected components
 holes, handles, homology
 curvature, geodesics

All you wanna know about differential geometry but were afraid to ask, in 9 easy slides

Embeded Manifolds

 $\mathcal{M}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^N$

Locally (not globally) looks like Euclidean space.



Tangent Space



k-dimensional affine subspace of \mathbb{R}^N .

Tangent Vectors and Curves



Tangent vectors <--> curves.

Riemannian Geometry

Norms and angles in tangent space.



Geodesics



Can measure length using norm in tangent space.

Geodesic — shortest curve between two points.

Gradients



Tangent vectors <--> Directional derivatives. Gradient points in the direction of maximum change.

Tangent Vectors vs. Derivatives



Exponential Maps



Laplacian-Beltrami Operator



Orthonormal coordinate system.

Generative Models in Manifold Learning



Spectral Geometric Embedding

Given $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, Find $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ where $d \ll N$

- ISOMAP (Tenenbaum, et al, 00)
- LLE (Roweis, Saul, 00)
- Laplacian Eigenmaps (Belkin, Niyogi, 01)
- Local Tangent Space Alignment (Zhang, Zha, 02)
- Hessian Eigenmaps (Donoho, Grimes, 02)
- Diffusion Maps (Coifman, Lafon, et al, 04)

Related: Kernel PCA (Schoelkopf, et al, 98)

Meta-Algorithm

- Construct a neighborhood graph
- Construct a positive semi-definite kernel
- Find the spectrum decomposition



Recall: ISOMAP

Construct Neighborhood Graph.
 Find shortest path (geodesic) distances.
 D_{ij} is $n \times n$

3. Embed using Multidimensional Scaling.

Recall: MDS

- Idea: Distances -> Inner Products -> Embedding
- Inner Product:

$$\|x - y\|^{2} = \langle x, x \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle - 2 \langle x, y \rangle$$
$$D_{ij} = Y_{ii} + Y_{jj} - 2Y_{ij}$$
$$A = -\frac{1}{2}HDH^{T}, \quad H = I - \frac{1}{n}11^{T}$$

• A is positive semi-definite with

$$A = U\Lambda U^T = YY^T, \qquad Y = U\Lambda^{1/2}$$

Recall: LLE (I)

- 1. Construct Neighborhood Graph.
- 2. Let x_1, \ldots, x_n be neighbors of x. Project x to the span of x_1, \ldots, x_n .
- 3. Find barycentric coordinates of \bar{x} .



 $\bar{x} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_3 x_3$

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 = 1$$

Weights w_1, w_2, w_3 chosen, so that \bar{x} is the center of mass.

Recall: LLE (II)

- 4. Construct sparse matrix W. *i* th row is barycentric coordinates of \bar{x}_i in the basis of its nearest neighbors.
- 5. Use lowest eigenvectors of $(I W)^t (I W)$ to embed.

Laplacian and LLE



 $f(x_i) = f(0) + x_i^t \nabla f + \frac{1}{2} x_i^t H x_i + o(||x_i||^2)$

$$(I - W)f(0) = f(0) - \sum w_i f(x_i) \approx f(0) - \sum w_i f(0) - \sum_i w_i x_i^t \nabla f - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i x_i^t H x_i =$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i x_i^t H x_i \approx -trH = \Delta f$$

Laplacian Eigenmaps (I) [Belkin-Niyogi]

Step 1 [*Constructing the Graph*]

 $e_{ij} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}_i$ "close to" \mathbf{x}_j

1. ϵ -neighborhoods. [parameter $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$] Nodes *i* and *j* are connected by an edge if

 $||\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j||^2 < \epsilon$

2. *n* nearest neighbors. [*parameter* $n \in \mathbb{N}$] Nodes *i* and *j* are connected by an edge if *i* is among *n* nearest neighbors of *j* or *j* is among *n* nearest neighbors of *i*.

Laplacian Eigenmaps (II)

Step 2. [Choosing the weights].

1. Heat kernel. [parameter $t \in \mathbb{R}$]. If nodes *i* and *j* are connected, put

$$W_{ij} = e^{-\frac{||\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j||^2}{t}}$$

2. Simple-minded. [*No parameters*]. $W_{ij} = 1$ if and only if vertices *i* and *j* are connected by an edge.

Laplacian Eigenmaps (III)

Step 3. [Eigenmaps] Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the generalized eigenvector problem:

 $Lf = \lambda Df$

D is diagonal matrix where

$$D_{ii} = \sum_{j} W_{ij}$$

$$L = D - W$$

Let $\mathbf{f}_0, \ldots, \mathbf{f}_{k-1}$ be eigenvectors.

Leave out the eigenvector \mathbf{f}_0 and use the next *m* lowest eigenvectors for embedding in an *m*-dimensional Euclidean space.

Connection to Markov Chain

- L = D W
- $P = I D^{-1}L = D^{-1}W$ is a markov matrix
- v is generalized eigenvector of L: $L v = \lambda D v$
- v is also a right eigenvector of P with eigenvalue $1-\lambda$
- *P* is lumpable iff v is piece-wise constant
- So Laplacian eigenmaps have Markov Chain interpretations (Diffusion Map)

Another choice of eigenmaps

- Normalized positive semi-definite Laplacian $L_n = D^{-1/2} (D - W) D^{-1/2} = I - D^{-1/2} W D^{-1/2}$
- ϕ_i is an eigenvector of L_n with eigenvalue λ_i
- Laplacian eigenmap/Diffusion map:

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^{1/2} \phi_1 & \lambda_2^{1/2} \phi_2 & \dots & \lambda_d^{1/2} \phi_d \end{pmatrix}$$

Laplacian on Graphs

Given a weighted graph (G, W, E), the combinatorial Laplacian is defined by L = D - W, where $(D)_{ii} = \sum_{j} W_{ij}$, and the normalized Laplacian is defined by $\mathcal{L} = D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(D - W)D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

These are self-adjoint positive-semi-definite operators, let λ_i and ϕ_i be the eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Fourier analysis on graphs. The heat kernel is of course defined by $H_t = e^{-t\mathcal{L}}$; the natural random walk is $D^{-1}W$.



 $d_{geod.}(A, B) \sim d_{geod.}(C, B)$, however $d^{(t)}(A, B) >> d^{(t)}(C, B)$.

A simple empirical diffusion matrix A can be constructed as follows Let X_i represent normalized data ,we "soft truncate" the covariance matrix

as

$$A_0 = [X_i * X_j]_{\varepsilon} = \exp\{-(1 - X_i * X_j)/\varepsilon\}$$
$$\|X_i\| = 1$$

 $A = D^{-1/2}A_0D^{-1/2}$ (D=diag(sum(A₀,1))) is a renormalized version of this matrix

The eigenvectors of this matrix provide a local non linear principal component analysis of the data. Whose entries are the diffusion coordinates These are also the eigenfunctions of the discrete Graph Laplace Operator.

$$A = \sum \lambda_l^2 \phi_l(X_i) \phi_l(X_j)$$

$$X_i^{(t)} \rightarrow (\lambda_1^t \phi_1(X_i), \lambda_2^t \phi_2(X_i), \lambda_3^t \phi_3(X_i), ...)$$

This map is a diffusion (at time t) embedding into Euclidean space

Kernel PCA and Diffusion Map

Let k be a positive definite kernel whose restriction to the data set is expanded in eigenfunctions

 $k(x,y) = \sum \lambda_i^2 \varphi_i(x) \varphi_i(y)$ Let

$$D^{2}(x,y) = \sum \lambda_{i}^{2} (\varphi_{i}(x) - \varphi_{i}(y))^{2}$$

Then

$$k(x,x) + k(y,y) - 2k(x,y) = D^{2}(x,y)$$

Clearly D is a distance on the data induced by the Geometric short time Diffusion map

$$\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma \to \widehat{\mathbf{X}}^{\mathsf{t}}(\mathbf{x}) = \{ \lambda_i^{t} \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \} \in \mathbf{1}^2 .$$

Heat Diffusion Map

- Find Gaussian kernel
- Normalize kernel

$$K^{(\alpha)}(x,y) = \frac{K_{\varepsilon}(x,y)}{p^{\alpha}(x)p^{\alpha}(y)}$$

$$K_{\varepsilon}(x,y) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$$

where
$$p(x) = \int K_{\varepsilon}(x, y) d\mu(y)$$

Renormalized kernel

$$A_{\varepsilon}(x,y) = \frac{K^{(\alpha)}(x,y)}{\sqrt{d^{(\alpha)}(x)}\sqrt{d^{(\alpha)}(y)}} \quad where \quad d^{(\alpha)}(x) = \int K^{(\alpha)}(x,y)d\mu(y)$$

- α=1, Laplacian-Beltrami operator, separate geometry from density
- α =0, classical normalized graph Laplacian
- $-\alpha = 1/2$, backward Fokkar-Planck operator

Heat Diffusion Distance

 $H^{t} = \exp(-tL_{n})$ where $L_{n} = I - D^{-1/2}WD^{-1/2}$

Heat diffusion operator H^t .

 δ_x and δ_y initial heat distributions.

Diffusion distance between x and y:

$$\|H^t \delta_x - H^t \delta_y\|_{L^2}$$

Difference between heat distributions after time t.

Heat Diffusion Maps

Embed using weighted eigenfunctions of the Laplacian:

$$x \to (e^{-\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{f}_1(x), e^{-\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{f}_2(x), \ldots)$$

Diffusion distance is (approximated by) the distance between the embedded points.

Closely related to random walks on graphs.

Justification

Find $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in R$

$$\min\sum_{i,j} (y_i - y_j)^2 W_{ij}$$

Tries to preserve locality

A Fundamental Identity

But

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i,j}(y_i - y_j)^2 W_{ij} = \mathbf{y}^T L \mathbf{y}$$

$$\sum_{i,j} (y_i - y_j)^2 W_{ij} = \sum_{i,j} (y_i^2 + y_j^2 - 2y_i y_j) W_{ij}$$
$$= \sum_i y_i^2 D_{ii} + \sum_j y_j^2 D_{jj} - 2 \sum_{i,j} y_i y_j W_{ij}$$
$$= 2\mathbf{y}^T L \mathbf{y}$$

Embedding

$$\lambda = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{1} = 0} \mathbf{y}^T L \mathbf{y}$$

Let
$$Y = [\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_m]$$

$$\sum_{i,j} ||Y_i - Y_j||^2 W_{ij} = \operatorname{trace}(Y^T L Y)$$

subject to $Y^T Y = I$.

Use eigenvectors of *L* to embed.

On the Manifold

smooth map $f: \mathcal{M} \to R$

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \|\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f\|^2 \approx \sum_{i \sim j} W_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2$$

Recall standard gradient in \mathbb{R}^k of $f(z_1, \ldots, z_k)$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} \\ \cdot \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k} \end{bmatrix}$$

Stokes Theorem

A Basic Fact $\int_{\mathcal{M}} \|\nabla_{\mathcal{M}} f\|^2 = \int f \cdot \Delta_{\mathcal{M}} f$

This is like

$$\sum_{i,j} W_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2 = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f}$$

where

 $\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} f$ is the manifold Laplacian

Manifold Laplacian

Recall ordinary Laplacian in \mathbb{R}^k This maps

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) \to \left(-\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}\right)$$

Manifold Laplacian is the same on the tangent space.



Manifold Laplacian Eigenvectors

Eigensystem

 $\Delta_{\mathcal{M}} f = \lambda_i \phi_i$

 $\lambda_i \geq 0$ and $\lambda_i \to \infty$

 $\{\phi_i\}$ form an orthonormal basis for $L^2(\mathcal{M})$

$$\int \|\nabla_{\mathcal{M}}\phi_i\|^2 = \lambda_i$$

Manifold Laplacian is non-compact!

Example: Circle

$$-\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = \lambda u \text{ where } u(0) = u(2\pi)$$

Eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_n = n^2$$

Eigenfunctions are

 $\sin(nt), \cos(nt)$

Spherical Harmonics in high-D sphere!

Spectral Growth

$$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \ldots \leq \lambda_j \leq \ldots$$

Then

$$A + \frac{2}{d}\log(j) \le \log(\lambda_j) \le B + \frac{2}{d}\log(j+1)$$

Example: on S^1

$$\lambda_j = j^2 \implies \log(\lambda_j) = \frac{2}{1}\log(j)$$

(Li and Yau; Weyl's asymptotics)

From Graph to Manifolds

 $f: \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R} \quad x \in \mathcal{M} \quad x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{M}$

Graph Laplacian:

$$L_n^t(f)(x) = f(x) \sum_j e^{-\frac{\|x - x_j\|^2}{t}} - \sum_j f(x_j) e^{-\frac{\|x - x_j\|^2}{t}}$$

Theorem [pointwise convergence] $t_n = n^{-\frac{1}{k+2+\alpha}}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(4\pi t_n)^{-\frac{k+2}{2}}}{n} L_n^{t_n} f(x) = \Delta_{\mathcal{M}} f(x)$$

Belkin 03, Lafon Coifman 04, Belkin Niyogi 05, Hein et al 05

From Graph to Manifolds

Theorem [convergence of eigenfunctions]

 $\lim_{t \to 0, n \to \infty} Eig[L_n^{t_n}] \to Eig[\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}]$

Belkin Niyogi 06

Recall

Heat equation in \mathbb{R}^n :

u(x,t) – heat distribution at time t. u(x,0) = f(x) – initial distribution. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x,t) = \frac{du}{dt}(x,t)$$

Solution – convolution with the heat kernel:

$$u(x,t) = (4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4t}} dy$$

Proof Idea (pointwise convergence)

Functional approximation:

Taking limit as $t \rightarrow 0$ and writing the derivative:

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) = \frac{d}{dt} \left[(4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4t}} dy \right]_0$$

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \approx -\frac{1}{t} (4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \left(f(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4t}} dy \right)$$

Empirical approximation:

Integral can be estimated from empirical data.

$$\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \approx -\frac{1}{t} (4\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \left(f(x) - \sum_{x_i} f(x_i) e^{-\frac{\|x - x_i\|^2}{4t}} \right)$$

Some Difficulties

Some difficulties arise for manifolds:

- Do not know distances.
- Do not know the heat kernel.



Careful analysis needed.

The Heat Kernel Approximation

- $H_t(x,y) = \sum_i e^{-\lambda_i t} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$
- in \mathbb{R}^d , closed form expression

$$H_t(x,y) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{d/2}} e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4t}}$$

Goodness of approximation depends on the gap

$$\left| H_t(x,y) - \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{d/2}} e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{4t}} \right|$$

H_t is a Mercer kernel intrinsically defined on manifold.
 Leads to SVMs on manifolds.

Three remarks on noises

- 1. Arbitrary probability distribution on the manifold: convergence to weighted Laplacian.
- 2. Noise off the manifold:

 $\mu = \mu_{\mathcal{M}^d} + \mu_{\mathbb{R}^N}$ Then

$$\lim_{t \to 0} L^t f(x) = \Delta f(x)$$

3. Noise off the manifold:

$$z = x + \eta \; (\sim N(0, \sigma^2 I))$$

We have

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \lim_{\sigma \to 0} L^{t,\sigma} f(x) = \Delta f(x)$$

General Diffusion Map

- P.S.D. Radial basis kernel
- Normalize kernel

$$K^{(\alpha)}(x,y) = \frac{K_{\varepsilon}(x,y)}{p^{\alpha}(x)p^{\alpha}(y)} \quad \text{where} \quad p(x) = \int K_{\varepsilon}(x,y)d\mu(y)$$

 $K_{\varepsilon}(x,y) = h\left(\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$

Markov kernel

$$a_{\varepsilon}^{(\alpha)}(x,y) = \frac{K^{(\alpha)}(x,y)}{d^{(\alpha)}(x)} \quad \text{where} \quad d^{(\alpha)}(x) = \int K^{(\alpha)}(x,y) d\mu(y)$$

• Diffusion Operator:

$$A_{\varepsilon}^{(\alpha)}f(x) = \int a_{\varepsilon}^{(\alpha)}(x,y)f(y)p(y)dy, \quad p(x) = \frac{\exp(-U(x))}{Z}$$
$$\Delta_{\varepsilon}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{I - A_{\varepsilon}^{(\alpha)}}{\varepsilon}$$

Convergence of Diffusion Map [Coifman et al. 2005]

- Uniform sampling: Laplacian eigenmap converges to Laplacian-Beltrami operators [Belkin-Niyogi]
- Nonuniform sampling with p(x) $- \alpha = 1: \Delta_{\varepsilon}^{(1)} = \frac{I - A_{\varepsilon}^{(1)}}{\varepsilon} = \Delta_{0} + O(\varepsilon^{1/2})$ where Δ_{0} is Laplacian-Beltrami operator on Riemannian manifolds
 - $-\alpha = 1/2$: backward Fokkar-Planck operator
 - $-\alpha$ =0: classical normalized graph laplacian

Two Assumptions on ISOMAP

(ISO1) Isometry. The mapping ψ preserves geodesic distances. That is, define a distance between two points m and m' on the manifold according to the distance travelled by a bug walking along the manifold M according to the shortest path between m and m'. Then the isometry assumption says that

$$G(m, m') = |\theta - \theta'|, \qquad \forall m \leftrightarrow \theta, m' \leftrightarrow \theta',$$

where $|\cdot|$ denotes Euclidean distance in \mathbb{R}^d .

(ISO2) Convexity. The parameter space Θ is a convex subset of \mathbb{R}^d . That is, if θ, θ' is a pair of points in Θ , then the entire line segment $\{(1-t)\theta + t\theta' : t \in (0,1)\}$ lies in Θ .

Convexity is hard to meet: consider two balls in an image which never intersect, whose center coordinate space (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) must have a hole.

Relaxations (Donoho-Grimes'2003)

- (LocISO1) Local Isometry. In a small enough neighborhood of each point m, geodesic distances to nearby points m' in M are identical to Euclidean distances between the corresponding parameter points θ and θ' .
- (LocISO2) Connectedness. The parameter space Θ is a open connected subset of \mathbb{R}^d .

Summary of Laplacian LLE

Summary

- Build graph from K Nearest Neighbors.
- Construct weighted adjacency matrix with Gaussian kernel.
- Compute embedding from normalized Laplacian.

• minimize $\int \left\| \nabla f \right\|^2 dx$ subject to $\left\| f \right\| = 1$

- Predictions
 - Assumes each point lies in the convex hull of its neighbors. So it might have trouble at the boundary.
 - Will have difficulty with non-uniform sampling.

Hessian LLE

Summary

Build graph from K Nearest Neighbors.

- Estimate tangent Hessians.
- Compute embedding based on Hessians.

 $f: X \to \Re$ $Basis(null(\|H_f(x)\|) dx) = Basis(X)$

- Predictions
 - Specifically set up to handle non-convexity.
 - Slower than LLE & Laplacian.
 - Will perform poorly in sparse regions.
 - Only method with convergence guarantees.

Note that: $\Delta(f) = trace(H(f))$

Convergence of Hessian LLE (Donoho-Grimes)

Theorem 1 Suppose $M = \psi(\Theta)$ where Θ is an open connected subset of \mathbb{R}^d , and ψ is a locally isometric embedding of Θ into \mathbb{R}^n . Then $\mathcal{H}(f)$ has a d+1 dimensional nullspace, consisting of the constant function and a d-dimensional space of functions spanned by the original isometric coordinates.

We give the proof in Appendix A.

Corollary 2 Under the same assumptions as Theorem 1, the original isometric coordinates θ can be recovered, up to a rigid motion, by identifying a suitable basis for the null space of $\mathcal{H}(f)$.

Comparisons on Swiss Roll with holes



ISOMAP

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