## Detecting Mixed Density and Dimensionality: Applications to Brain Imaging

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### Detecting mixed dimensionality and density

#### Motivation

#### Goal

Detect and estimate different dimensions and densities in the same noisy point cloud data and cluster the points according to these characteristics.



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### Outline

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#### Levina and Bickel's approach

# **Basic idea:** proportion of points falling into a ball. $\frac{k}{n} \approx f(x)V(m)R_k(x)^m$

where:

- k: number of points inside ball.
- n: total number of points.
- f(x): local density at point x.
- V(m): volume of the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- $R_k(x)$ : Euclidean distance from x to its k-th nearest neighbor.



#### Levina and Bickel's approach

**Observable event:** Number of points falling into a small sphere B(R, x) (radius R, centered at x).

$$\mathsf{V}(\mathsf{R},x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mathsf{N}} \mathbf{1}\{x_i \in B(\mathsf{R},x)\}$$

Making the **approximations**:

- Binomial process by a **Poisson process** 
  - $(n \rightarrow \infty, k \text{ moderate, and } k/n \rightarrow 0).$
- $f(x) \approx const.$  in a small sphere.

then, the rate  $\lambda$  of the counting process N

$$\lambda(r,x) = f(x)V(m)mr^{m-1}$$

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#### Levina and Bickel's approach

Log-likelihood of the observed process N(R, x)

$$L(m(x), \theta(x)) = \int_0^R \log \lambda(r, x) dN(r, x) - \int_0^R \lambda(r, x) dr$$

ML estimators satisfy  $\partial L/\partial \theta = 0$  and  $\partial L/\partial m = 0$  ( $\theta = \log f(x)$ ). Fixing the number of neighbors (kNN-graph) we obtain

$$\hat{m}(x) = \left[\frac{1}{k-1}\sum_{j=1}^{k-1}\log\frac{R_k(x)}{R_j(x)}\right]^{-1}$$

Same as Takens' estimator in dynamical systems.

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Modeling a counting process under noise (Snyder & Miller)



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#### Particular case:

i.i.d. Gaussian noise in the points coord.

$$\hat{D}_{ij} pprox D_{ij} + W$$

where  $W \sim N(0, 2\sigma^2) * \hat{\chi}_p^2 * \check{\chi}_1^2$ . For sufficient SNR:  $W \sim N(0, 2\sigma^2)$ .



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$$m(x_t) = \left[\frac{1}{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{\int_0^{R'} f(R_i(x_t)|r) r^{m-1} \log \frac{R_k(x_t)}{r} dr}{\int_0^{R'} f(R_i(x_t)|r) r^{m-1} dr}\right]^{-1}$$

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If  $f(s|r) = \delta(s-r)$  (no noise)  $\rightarrow$  Levina and Bickel estimator.

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#### Detecting mixed dimensionality and density

Consider *J* mixture components (Translated Poisson distributions): vector of parameters  $\psi = {\pi^j, m^j, \theta^j; j = 1, ..., J}$  where

- $\pi^j$  is the mixture coefficient for class j,
- $\theta^j$  is the density parameter  $(f^j = e^{\theta^j})$
- *m<sup>j</sup>* is the dimension.

Observable event: y = N(R, x), # points inside ball B(R, x).

#### **Density function:**

$$p(y_t|\psi) = \sum_{j=1}^J \pi^j p(y_t|\theta^j, m^j)$$

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### Translated Poisson Mixture Model (TPMM)

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- $\rightarrow$  Solved by the **EM algorithm**:
  - **E-step:** Computation of the expectation of the membership functions,  $h^{j}(y_{t})$ .
  - M-step: Computation of the parameters π<sup>j</sup>, m<sup>j</sup>, θ<sup>j</sup> of the J experts by maximizing the expectation of the log-likelihood w.r.t Z.

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#### Another interpretation of EM

EM is based on the following decomposition of the log-likelihood:

$$\begin{split} L(Y|\psi,H) &= \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} h^{j}(y_{t}) \log \left[ p(y_{t}|\psi^{j}) \pi^{j} \right] \\ &- \sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} h^{j}(y_{t}) \log \left[ h^{j}(y_{t}) \right], \end{split}$$

where  $H = \{h^{j}(y_{t}) \leq 1; t = 1, ..., T, j = 1, ..., J\}.$ 

First term: Expectation of  $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} \delta_t^j \log \left[ p(y_t | \psi^j) \pi^j \right]$  w.r.t. Z. Second term: Entropy of the membership functions.

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#### Another interpretation of EM

EM can be seen as an **alternate optimization algorithm** of the previous log-likelihood.

#### E-step:

Maximization of  $L(Y|\psi, H)$  w.r.t. Hwith the additional constraint that  $\sum_{i=1}^{J} h^{j}(y_{t}) = 1, t = 1, ..., T$ .

#### **M-step:**

Maximization of  $L(Y|\psi, H)$  w.r.t.  $\psi$ 

with an additional constraint for the mixture probabilities:  $\sum_{j=1}^{J} \pi^{j} = 1$ .

#### Extended functional

Inspired by the neighborhood EM (NEM) [Ambroise, Govaert].

 $F(\psi, H) = L(Y|\psi, H) + \alpha S(H)$ 

where

- S(H) is a regularization term.
- $\alpha$  is a regularization parameter.

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Spatial/Temporal regularity

$$\mathcal{D}_R := \sum_{s \sim t} (1 - h^j(y_s))$$

Different neighborhoods  $s \sim t$  result in different kinds of regularization.

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### Regularized TPMM (R-TPMM)

#### Algorithm R-TPMM

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▶ 2nd-step: compute  $\psi_{n+1}^j = \{\pi_{n+1}^j, m_{n+1}^j, \theta_{n+1}^j\}$ 

$$\psi_{n+1}^{j} = \arg\max_{\psi} F(\psi, H_{n+1}) + \lambda (\sum_{r=1}^{J} \pi^{r} - 1)$$

### Regularized TPMM (R-TPMM)

Computation of parameters at step n + 1:

$$\pi_{n+1}^{j} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} h_{n+1}^{j}(y_{t})$$
$$m_{n+1}^{j} = \left[ \sum_{t} h_{n+1}^{j}(y_{t}) \hat{m}(x_{t})^{-1} / \sum_{t} h_{n+1}^{j}(y_{t}) \right]^{-1}$$
$$\sum_{t=1}^{t} e^{\theta_{n+1}^{j}} = \left[ \sum_{t} h_{n+1}^{j}(y_{t}) \hat{f}(x_{t})^{-1} / \sum_{t} h_{n+1}^{j}(y_{t}) \right]^{-1}$$

where  $\hat{m}(x_t)$  and  $\hat{f}(x_t)$  are the local estimators (Translated Poisson). If  $\sigma = 0$ , PMM, they are the Levina and Bickel's estimators.

### $\rightarrow$ Weighted harmonic means

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Asymptotic behavior

Levina and Bickel's technique

$$\mathsf{E}[\hat{m}(x)] = m_T, \qquad \mathsf{Var}[\hat{m}(x)] = \frac{m_T^2}{k-3}$$

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(dividing by k-2 instead of k-1)

#### **R-TPMM** approach (hard clustering version)

$$\mathsf{E}[\hat{m}^{j}] = m_{\mathcal{T}}^{j} + \frac{m_{\mathcal{T}}^{j}}{(k-1)N^{j} - 1}, \qquad \mathsf{Var}[\hat{m}^{j}] = (m_{\mathcal{T}}^{j})^{2}O\left(\frac{1}{N^{j}(k-1) - 4}\right)$$

where  $N^{j}$  is the number of points in class j.

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#### Notation

	$\sigma = 0$	$\sigma > 0$
$\alpha = 0$	PMM	TPMM
$\alpha > 0$	R-PMM	R-TPMM

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### **Experiments**

Synthetic data - two mixtures



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#### Synthetic data - two mixtures

	PN	/M	R-P	MM	TPI	MM	R-TF	PMM
	Estimated parameters							
m	2.47	1.51	2.48	1.43	1.86	1.35	1.87	1.32
$\theta$	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.03	0.87	0.34	0.83	0.40
			Po	oints in	each cla	iss		
PI.	764	36	800	0	784	16	800	0
Sp.	22	278	25	275	27	273	29	271

Estimated parameters of a spiral and a plane with noise (k = 40, J = 2).

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Clustering of a Swiss roll and a line with two different densities



See Haro-Randall-Sapiro, NIPS 2006 and IJCV 2008 for numerous image/video examples.

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### **Diffusion Imaging: Complexity in the Forceps Minor**



### **Diffusion Imaging: Which Representation?**



Color	Red	Green	Blue	Yellow	L. blue	Purple
HARDI						
Dim.	1.55	4.88	5.92	4.32	5.59	5.67
Dens.	9.27	16.01	10.69	2.42	13.18	15.85
Prob.	0.65	0.18	0.005	0.002	0.026	0.088
ODF 4						
Dim.	1.33	4.53	4.64	2.56	5.32	5.41
Dens.	12.53	26.70	20.59	7.73	25.96	28.57
Prob.	0.70	0.16	0.014	0.002	0.038	0.092
ODF 6						
Dim.	1.34	4.52	4.64	2.57	5.33	5.40
Dens.	12.54	26.64	20.57	7.74	25.94	28.49
Prob.	0.70	0.16	0.014	0.002	0.037	0.092

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#### Conclusions

- Algorithm to estimate and classify different dimensions and densities in noisy point cloud data.
- The noise is included in the statistical model.
- Natural way to introduce spatial/temporal regularization.
- Experiments in synthetic and real data.

#### Future work/ in progress

- Differentiate between manifolds of same dimension.
- Population analysis of HARDI/DTI data.

# Thank you!



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