

Tangent Space Alignment for Manifold Learning

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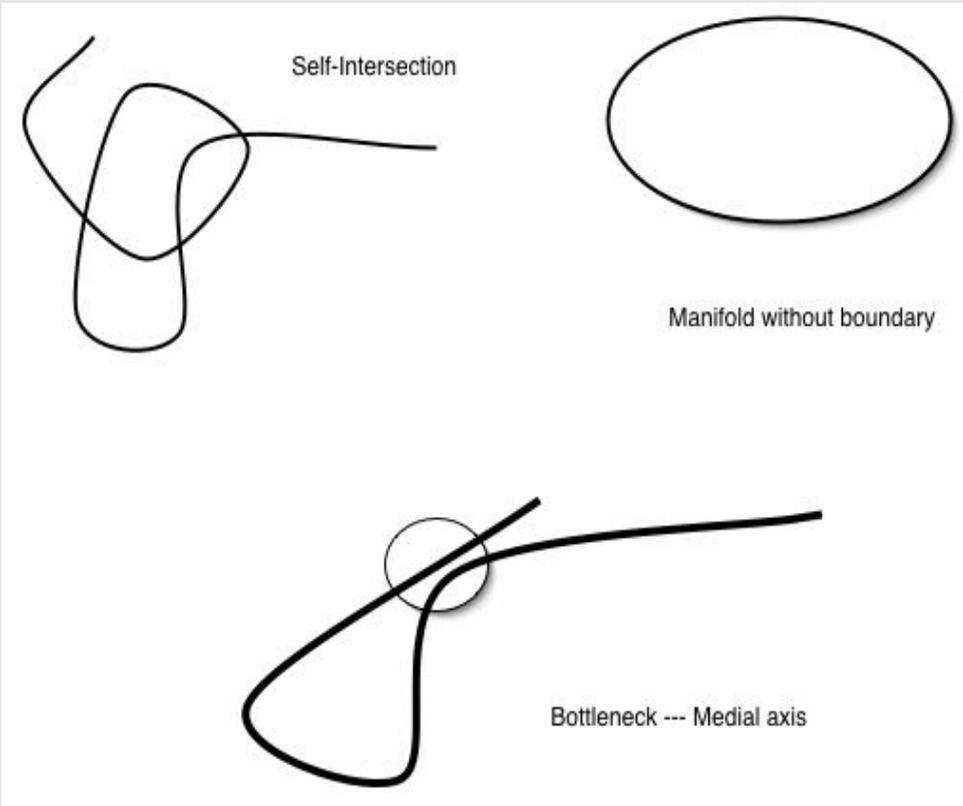
Introduction

- Assume a d -dimensional **Parametrized** manifold \mathcal{F} embedded in an m -dimensional space ($d < m$),

$$f : C \subset \mathcal{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m,$$

where C is a compact and connected subset of \mathcal{R}^d with open interior.
(Note. \mathcal{F} well-behaved, no self-intersection etc.)





- Given a set of data points x_1, \dots, x_N , where $x_i \in \mathcal{R}^m$,

$$x_i = f(\tau_i) + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

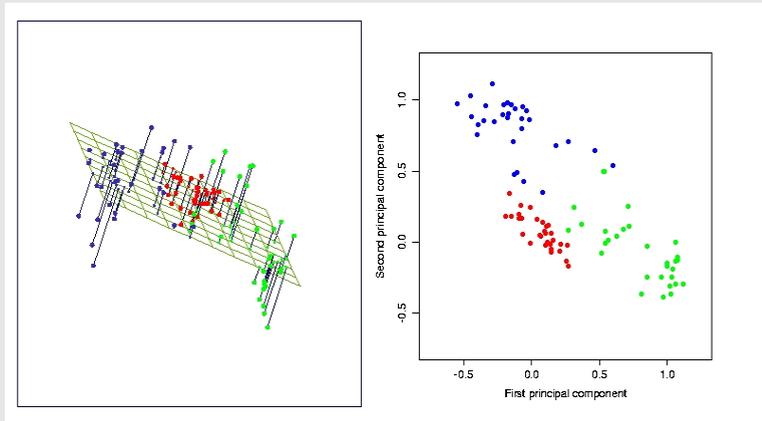
where ϵ_i represent noise.

- By DIMENSION REDUCTION we mean the estimation of the unknown lower dimensional parameter vectors τ_i 's from the x_i 's
- By MANIFOLD LEARNING we mean the reconstruction of f from the x_i 's.



PCA and Orthogonal Projections

(Figure from Hastie et. al. *Element of Statistical Learning*)



PCA for Linear Case

- Data points sampled from a d -dimensional affine subspace, i.e.,

$$x_i = c + U\tau_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

U orthonormal columns. In matrix format, let

$$X = [x_1, \dots, x_N], \quad T = [\tau_1, \dots, \tau_N], \quad E = [\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_N].$$

- Find c, U and T to minimize the reconstruction error E , i.e.,

$$\min \|E\| = \min_{c, U, T} \|X - (ce^T + UT)\|_F.$$

- Solutions are given by

$$c = \bar{x}$$

$$\tau_i = V_d^T(x_i - c)$$

$V_d = d$ largest *left* singular vectors of *centered* X



Tangent space

- At a reference point τ , first-order Taylor expansion,

$$f(\tilde{\tau}) = f(\tau) + J_f(\tau) \cdot (\tilde{\tau} - \tau) + O(\|\tilde{\tau} - \tau\|^2)$$

with $J_f(\tau) \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times d}$ the Jacobi matrix,

$$f(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\tau) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(\tau) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{then} \quad J_f(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial f_1 / \partial \tau_1 & \cdots & \partial f_1 / \partial \tau_d \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \partial f_m / \partial \tau_1 & \cdots & \partial f_m / \partial \tau_d \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Local linear approximation in a neighborhood of τ ,

$$f(\tilde{\tau}) \approx f(\tau) + J_f(\tau) \cdot (\tilde{\tau} - \tau)$$

Points in the neighborhood lie close to a d -dimensional affine subspace spanned by columns of $J_f(\tau)$.



Relation between local coordinates and global coordinates

- Q_τ : orthonormal basis of tangent space at τ

$$J_f(\tau) \cdot (\tilde{\tau} - \tau) = Q_\tau \theta_\tau, \quad \tilde{\tau} - \tau = J_f^+(\tau) Q_\tau \theta_{\tilde{\tau}} \equiv L_\tau \theta_{\tilde{\tau}}$$

- Local vs. global

$$\tilde{x} = x + Q_\tau \theta_{\tilde{\tau}}, \quad \tilde{\tau} = \tau + L_\tau \theta_{\tilde{\tau}},$$

i.e., local coordinates $\theta_{\tilde{\tau}}$ and global coordinates $\tilde{\tau}$ are related by an affine transformation.

- **Note.** If f is locally isometric, J_f is orthonormal, and L_τ is orthogonal.



Alignment

Find global coordinate τ and local affine transformation L_τ to minimize (Symbolically),

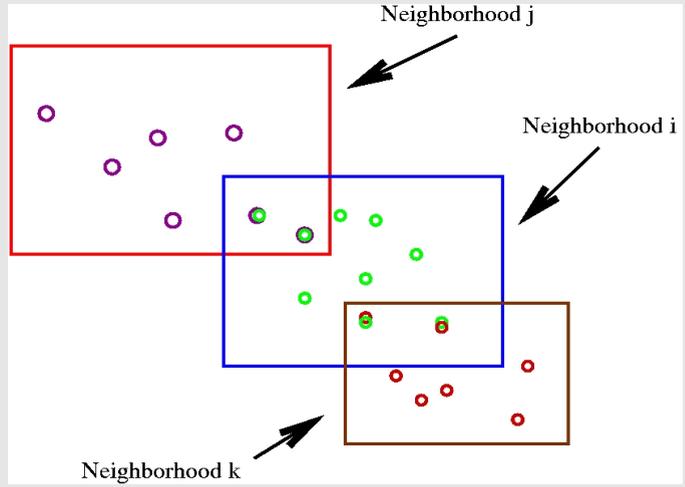
$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\int_{\Omega(\tau)} \|\bar{\tau} - \tau - L_\tau \theta(\bar{\tau})\| d\bar{\tau} / \int_{\Omega(\tau)} d\bar{\tau} \right) d\tau$$

over all possible nonsingular L_τ .



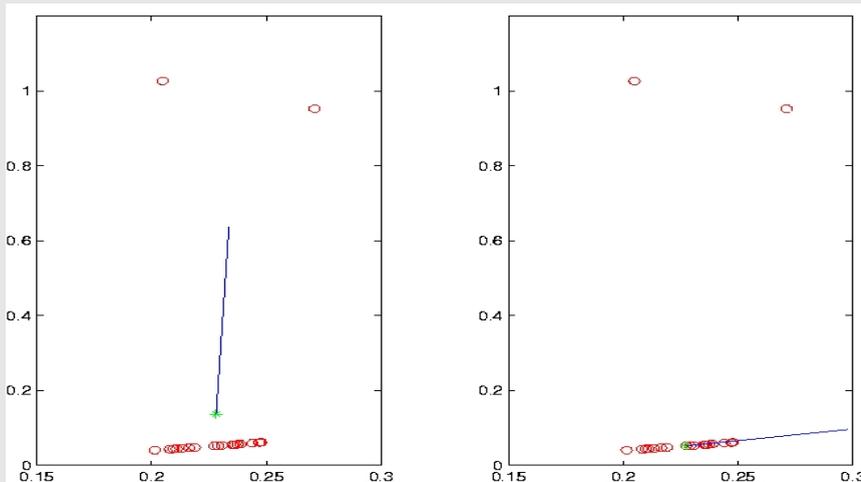
Overlay a K-NN graph on the sample points

- For each x_i , let $X_i = [x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}]$ be its k -nearest neighbors including x_i , say in terms of the Euclidean distance. (Other possibilities and acceleration.)



Constructing approximate tangent space

Apply PCA to each neighborhood $X_i = [x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}] \Rightarrow$ sensitive to outliers.



Weighted (robust) PCA

$$\sum_j w_{i,j} \|x_{i_j} - (\bar{x}_i^w + U_i \theta_j^{(i)})\|_2^2 = \min_{c, U, \theta_j} \sum_j w_{i,j} \|x_{i_j} - (c + U \theta_j)\|_2^2,$$

Weight selection

Choose the initial vector $\bar{x}_{w(0)}$ as the mean of the k vectors x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k} ,

1. Compute the current weights,

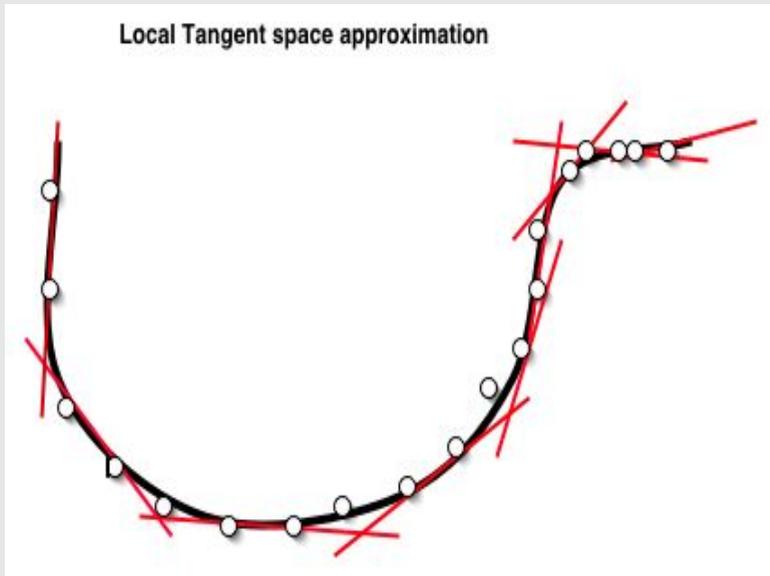
$$w_s^{(j)} = \exp(-\gamma \|x_{i_s} - \bar{x}_{w^{(j-1)}}\|_2^2).$$

2. Compute a new weighted center

$$\bar{x}_{w^{(j)}} = \sum_{s=1}^k w_s^{(j)} x_{i_s}.$$



Illustration



Alignment

- In each nbhd, apply (weighted) PCA to $X_i = [x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}]$,

$$x_{i_j} = \bar{x}_i + V_i \theta_j^{(i)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

V_i orthonormal basis.

- Global vs. local,

$$\tau_{i_j} = \bar{\tau}_i + L_i \theta_j^{(i)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, k$$

Let $T_i = [\tau_{i_1}, \dots, \tau_{i_k}]$ and $\Theta_i = [\theta_1^{(i)}, \dots, \theta_k^{(i)}]$

$$T_i J_k - L_i \Theta_i \approx 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

with $J_k = I_k - ee^T/k$, centering matrix.



(Con't)

- A minimization problem (over T, L_i)

$$\sum_i \|T_i J_k - L_i \Theta_i\|^2 = \min$$

- Fix T_i and minimize

$$\|T_i J_k - L_i \Theta_i\|$$

w.r.t. $L_i \implies \|T_i J_k (I - \Theta_i^+ \Theta_i)\|.$

- Let $W_i = J_k (I - \Theta_i^+ \Theta_i)$. **Note.**

$$W_i W_i^T = J_k (I - \Theta_i^+ \Theta_i) J_k,$$

orthogonal projection onto $\text{span}^\perp([e, \Theta_i^T]).$



(Con't)

- Define S_i a selection matrix such that

$$T_i = TS_i, \quad T = [\tau_1, \dots, \tau_N].$$

- Let

$$[TS_1W_1, \dots, TS_NW_N] \equiv T\Psi$$

leading to

$$\min_T \|T\Psi\|_F^2 = \min_T \text{trace} (T(\Psi\Psi^T)T^T).$$

- Normalization $TT^T = I_d$. Solution T given by the eigenvectors of $\Phi \equiv \Psi\Psi^T$ corresponding to the 2nd to $d+1$ st smallest eigenvalues. (more on normalization later).



Computational Issues

- Forming Krylov subspaces ($\Phi = \Psi\Psi^T$)

$$K_p(\Phi, v_0) = \text{span}\{v_0, \Phi v_0, \Phi^2 v_0, \dots, \Phi^{p-1} v_0\}.$$

- Matrix-vector multiplications Φx

$$\Phi x = S_1 W_1 W_1^T S_1^T x + \dots + S_N W_N W_N^T S_N^T x,$$

where

$$W_i = (I - \frac{1}{k} e e^T)(I - \Theta_i^+ \Theta_i).$$

Each term involves the x_i 's in *one neighborhood*.

- With the SVD of $X_i - \bar{x}_i e^T = Q_i \Sigma_i H_i^T$

$$W_i = I - \frac{1}{k} e e^T - H_i H_i^T = I - [e/\sqrt{k}, H_i][e/\sqrt{k}, H_i]^T \equiv I - G_i G_i^T.$$



Local Tangent Space Alignment (LTSA)

Given N m -dimensional points sampled possibly with noise from an underlying d -dimensional manifold, this algorithm produces N d -dimensional coordinates $T \in \mathcal{R}^{d \times N}$ for the manifold constructed from k local nearest neighbors.

Step 1. [Extracting local information.] For each $i = 1, \dots, N$,

1.1 Determine k nearest neighbors x_{i_j} of x_i , $j = 1, \dots, k$.

1.2 Compute the d largest eigenvectors g_1, \dots, g_d of the correlation matrix $(X_i - \bar{x}_i e^T)^T (X_i - \bar{x}_i e^T)$, and set

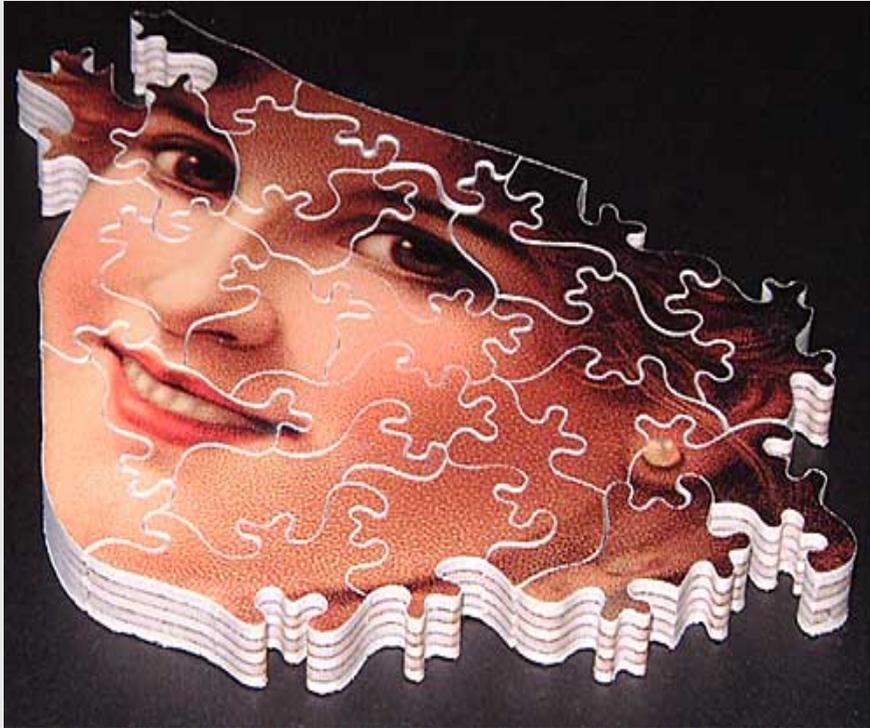
$$G_i = [e/\sqrt{k}, g_1, \dots, g_d].$$

Step 2. [Constructing the alignment matrix.] Form the the alignment matrix Φ by locally summation if a direct eigen-solver will be used. Otherwise implement a routine that computes matrix-vector multiplication Bu for an arbitrary vector u .

Step 3. [Computing global coordinates.] Compute the $d+1$ smallest eigenvectors of Φ and pick up the eigenvector matrix $[u_2, \dots, u_{d+1}]$ corresponding to the 2nd to $d+1$ st smallest eigenvalues, and set $T = [u_2, \dots, u_{d+1}]^T$.



Solving jigsaw puzzles



(Better, we allow each piece be affinely transformed.)



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Examples

Consider $d = 1$, and

$$x_i = c + u\tau_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

PCA on $X = [x_1, \dots, x_N]$ is equivalent to finding the nullspace of

$$\Phi = I - J_N(I - X^+X)J_N = I - J_N(I - T^+T)J_N, \quad J_N = I - ee^T/N.$$

Here $T = [\tau_1, \dots, \tau_N]$, all distinct.

Φ is the orthogonal projection onto $\text{span}^\perp([e, T^T])$.



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Split T into two parts $T = [T_1, T_2]$, and build the matrix

$$\Phi = \text{diag}(\Phi_1, \Phi_2), \quad \Phi_i = I - [e, T_i^T]^+ [e, T_i^T], \quad i = 1, 2.$$

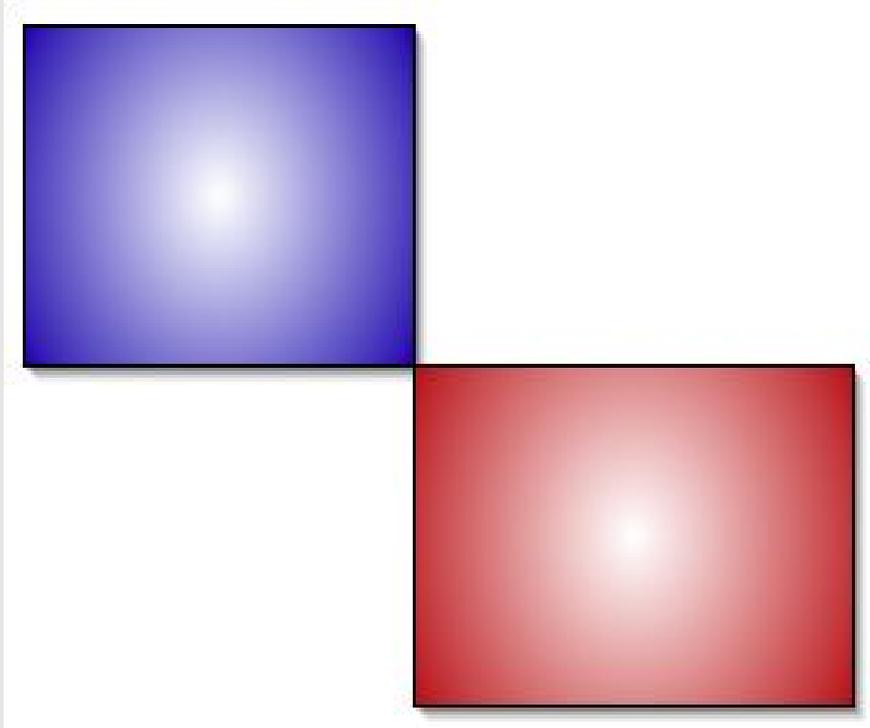
It is easy to check

$$e, T^T \in \mathcal{N}(\Phi) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} e \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} T_1^T \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ e \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ T_2^T \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

but $\dim(\mathcal{N}(\Phi)) = 4$. How to get rid of the unwanted info in $\mathcal{N}(\Phi)$?



Illustration



(Con't)

Now let T_1 and T_2 share a point. Build Φ as before,

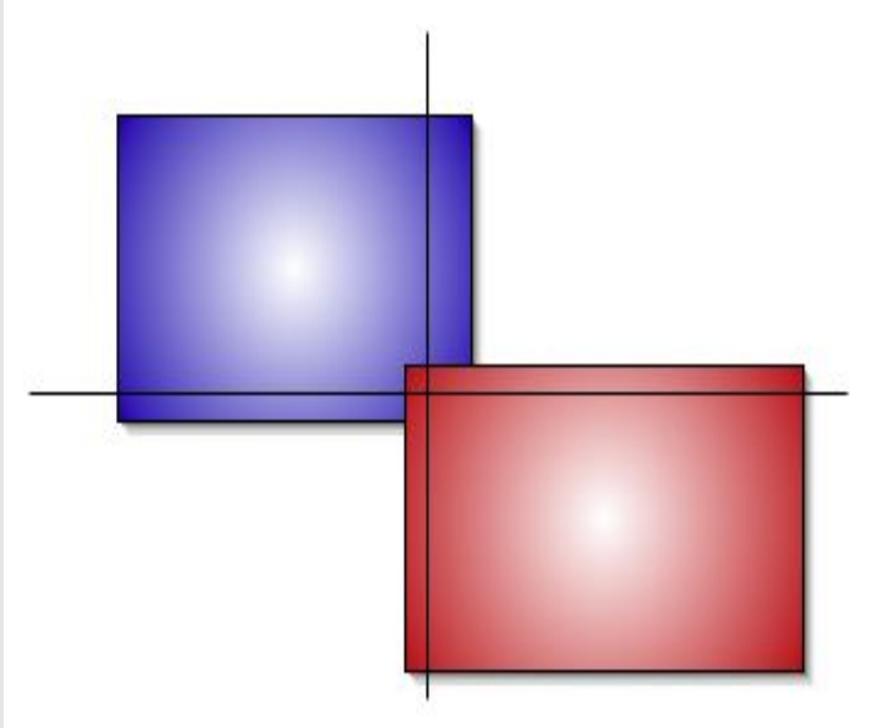
$$\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2.$$

Φ_1 and Φ_2 overlap **one** row and **one** column. Again it is easy to see that

$$e, T^T \in \mathcal{N}(\Phi) = \text{span} \left\{ e, T^T, \begin{bmatrix} T_1^T \\ 2T_1(n_1) - T_2(2:n_2)^T \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



Illustration



(Con't)

Now let T_1 and T_2 share two distinct points. Build Φ as before,

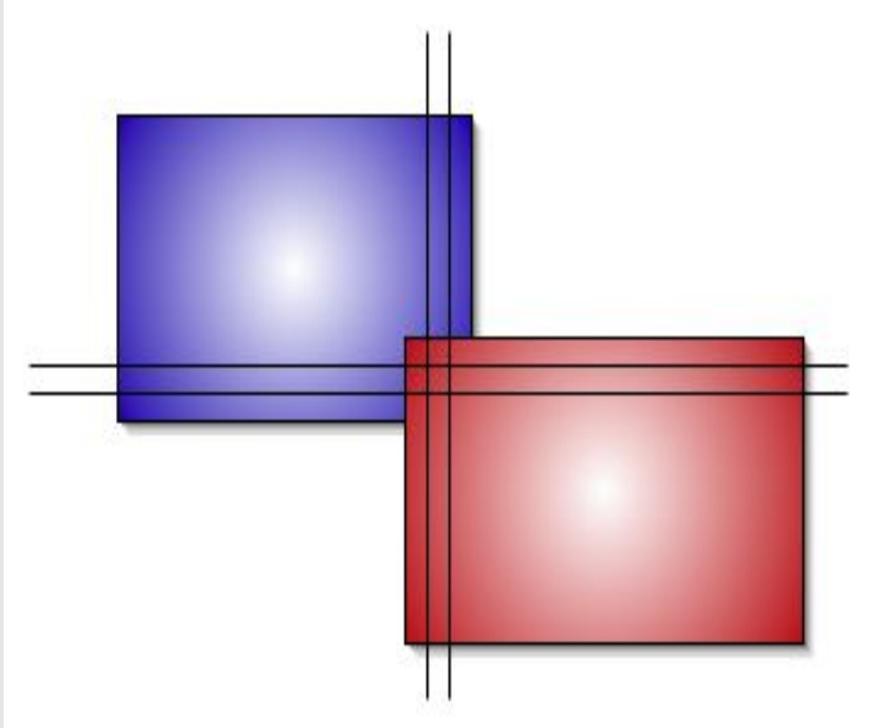
$$\Phi = \Phi_1 + \Phi_2,$$

Φ_1 and Φ_2 overlap **two** rows and **two** columns. Then

$$\mathcal{N}(\Phi) = \text{span}\{e, T^T\}.$$



Illustration



Spectral analysis of the alignment

- Consider $T = [\tau_1, \dots, \tau_N] \in \mathcal{R}^{d \times N}$, d -dimensional parameter vectors with each neighborhood (patch) corresponding to a submatrix of T , called a **section**.
- Assume we have computed sections $T_i = [\tau_{i_1}, \dots, \tau_{i_{k_i}}] \in \mathcal{R}^{d \times k_i}$. (Actually up to an affine transformation, or a rigid motion).
- Given a collection of sections $\{T_1, \dots, T_s\}$ of T , build an alignment matrix:

$$\Phi = \sum_{i=1}^s \Phi_i,$$

here P_i orthogonal projection onto $\text{span}^\perp([e, T_i^T])$, *stretch* to obtain Φ_i .



Reminder

Recall,

$$\Phi = S_1(W_1W_1^T)S_1^T + \cdots + S_N(W_NW_N^T)S_N^T,$$

where

$$W_i = J_k(I - \Theta_i^+\Theta_i),$$

and Θ_i local coordinates. Now

$$W_iW_i^T = J_k(I - \Theta_i^+\Theta_i)J_k,$$

orthogonal projection onto $\text{span}^\perp([e, T_i^T])$.



Null space of Φ

Fully overlapped. Two sections T_1 and T_2 are **fully overlapped**, if the vectors in the intersection part are in general position, i.e., dimension of the spanned affine subspace is d .

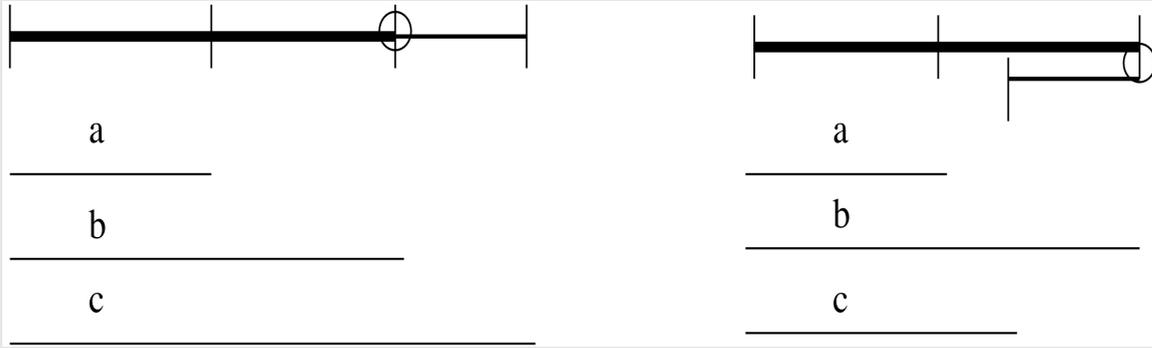
Theorem. Assume two sections, then

1. $\text{span}([e, T^T]) \subset \mathcal{N}(\Phi)$.
2. $\mathcal{N}(\Phi) = \text{span}([e, T^T])$ iff $\{T_1, T_2\}$ is fully overlapped.

Recall in LTSA, we extract the 2nd to $d + 1$ st smallest eigenvectors of Φ .



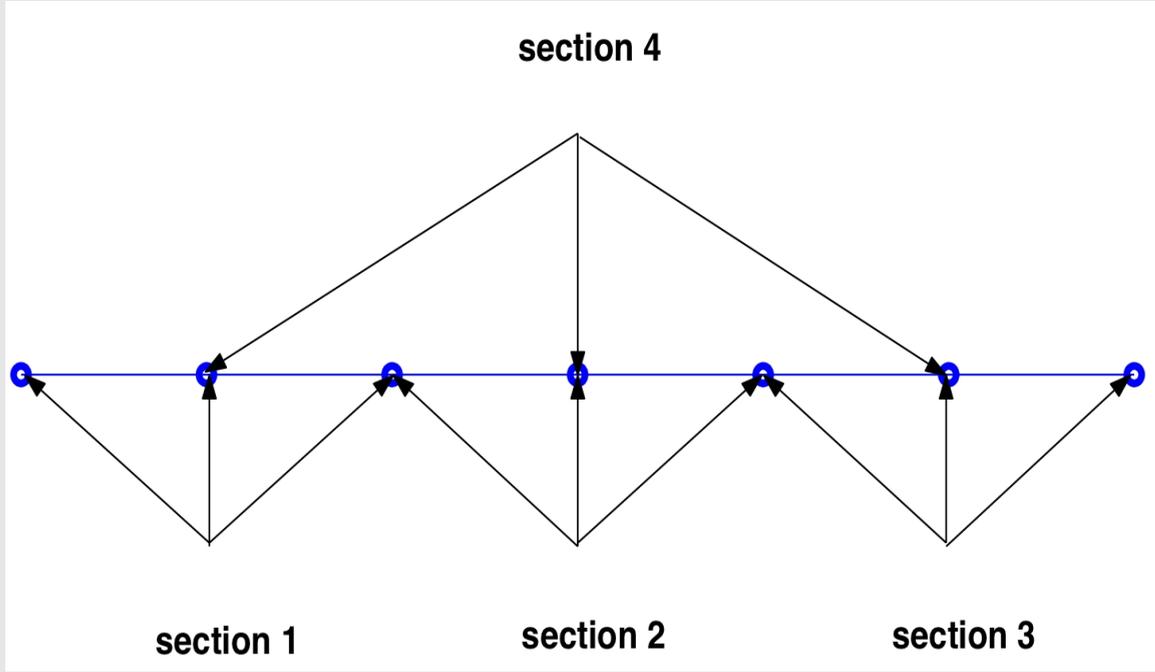
An example



Nullspace contains unwanted information, and embedding has manifold folds upon itself.

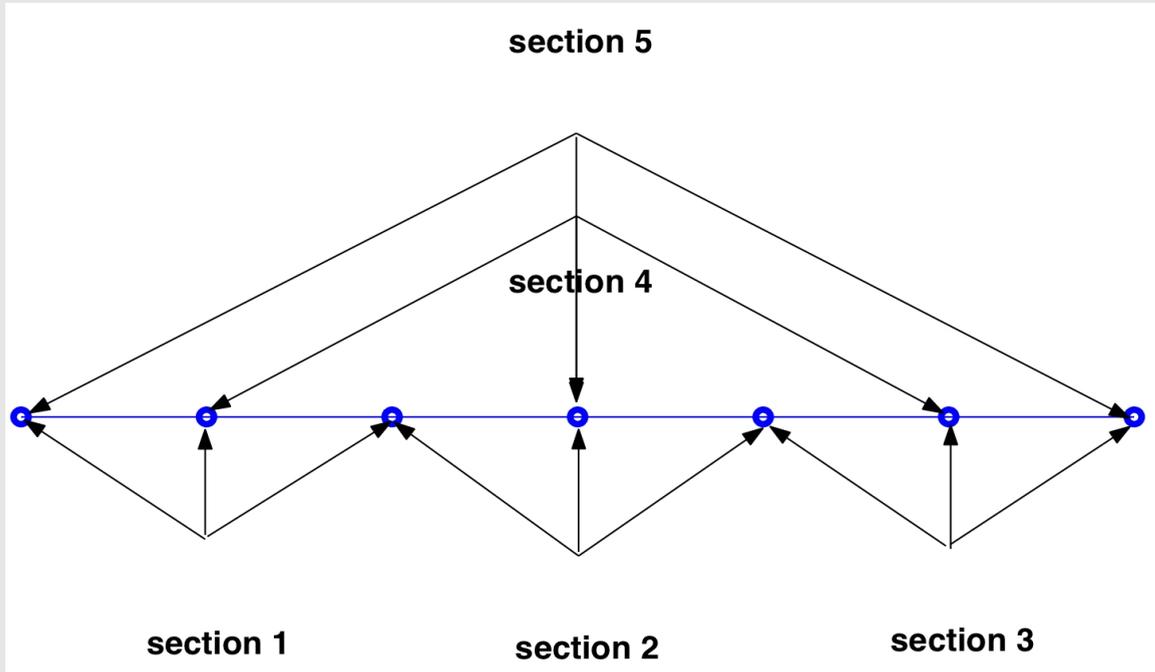


Multiple Sections



Unsuccessful recovery.





Successful recovery.



Necessary Conditions

Theorem. Let $[e, T_i^T]$ be of full column-rank for $i = 1, \dots, s$. If

$$\mathcal{N}\{\Phi\} = \text{span}\{[e, T^T]\},$$

then

- 1) $\{T_1, \dots, T_s\}$ is **connectedly overlapped**, or
- 2) $\{T_1, \dots, T_s\}$ is not connectedly overlapped, and for any maximally connectedly overlapped subset $\{T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_k}\}$,

$$\{[T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_k}], [T_{i_{k+1}}, \dots, T_{i_s}]\}$$

are fully overlapped.



Sufficient Conditions

Theorem.

- 1) $\{T_1, \dots, T_s\}$ is **connectedly overlapped**, or
- 2) $\{T_1, \dots, T_s\}$ is not connectedly overlapped, but there is a maximally connectedly overlapped subset $\{T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_k}\}$ such that

$$\{T_{i_{k+1}}, \dots, T_{i_s}\}$$

is also a connectedly overlapped subset and

$$\{[T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_k}], [T_{i_{k+1}}, \dots, T_{i_s}]\}$$

are fully overlapped, then

$$\mathcal{N}\{\Phi\} = \text{span}\{[e, T^T]\}.$$



Spectral gap

Recall, two sections **fully overlapped** iff $\sigma_d(V - \bar{v}e^T) > 0$, where V , $\bar{v}e^T$ vectors in the intersection. Quantitatively,

Theorem. The smallest nonzero eigenvalue of Φ is $O(\sigma_d^2(V - \bar{v}e^T))$. (Only $d = 1$ case is proved, working on the more general case.)

Theorem. For $i = 1, 2$, $P_i = Q_i Q_i^T$ orthogonal projections onto the orthogonal complements of $[e, T_i^T]$, and $H_i = Q_i(I_1 \cap I_2, :)$. Then

$$\lambda(\Phi) = \{0, 1, 1 \pm \sigma_i(H_1^T H_2)\}.$$



Practical situation

Each patch is handled separately, local coordinates \implies transformations and approximations w.r.t. global coordinates.

Proposition. Let $T_i, i = 1, 2$ be two sections of T , and $\Theta_i, i = 1, 2$ are the same as T_i up to an affine transformation. P_i be the orthogonal projection onto the orthogonal complement of $[e, \Theta_i^T]$. Then

$$\text{span}\{[e, T^T]\} \subset \mathcal{N}\{\Phi\},$$

where Φ is built from P_i . Furthermore, if T_i fully overlapped, then

$$\text{span}\{[e, T^T]\} = \mathcal{N}\{\Phi\}.$$



LTSA recovers isometry

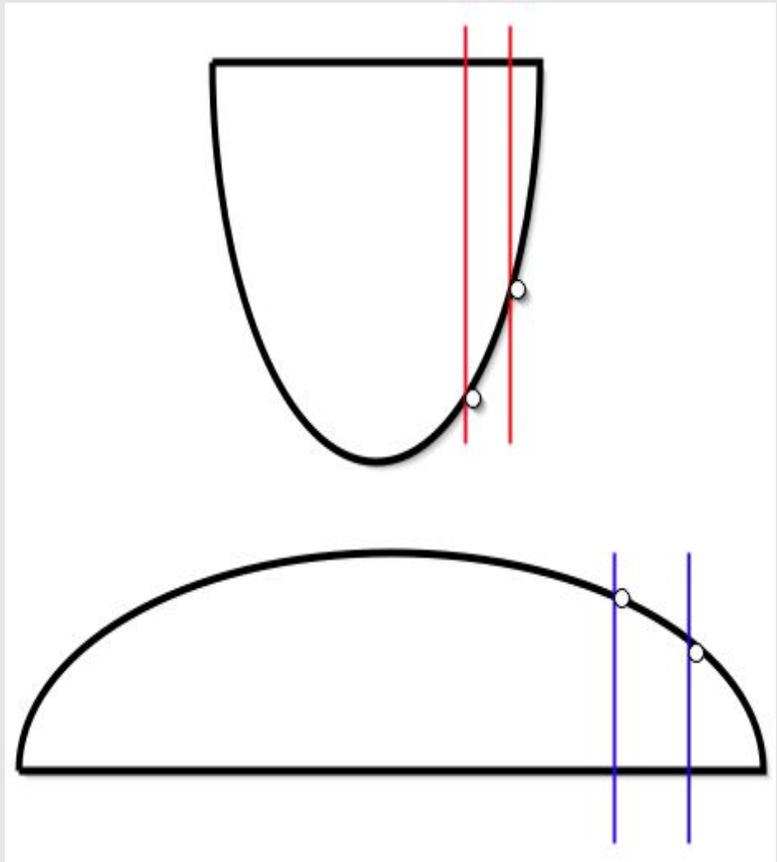
- Assume f is an isometry.
- Up to local approximation errors, local coordinates are isometric to global coordinates: Jacobi matrix is orthonormal.
- Nullspace of Φ gives global coordinates.
- Normalization of nullspace basis vectors.



Two competing requirements

- Large overlap favors large neighborhood
- Large neighborhood results in large approximation errors



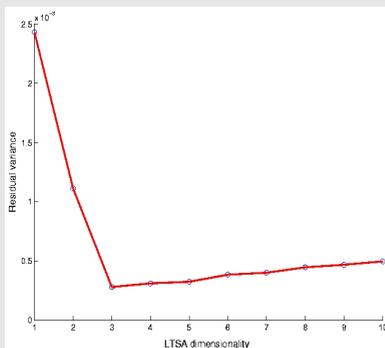
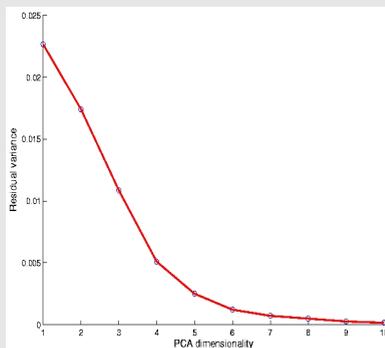
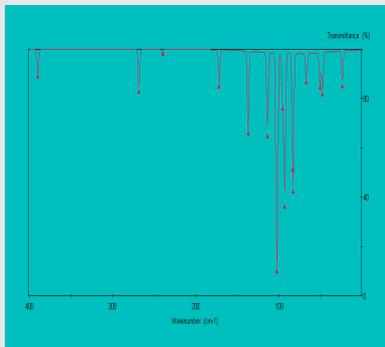
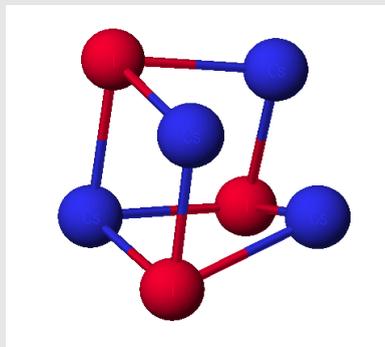


Adaptive manifold learning

- Adaptive neighborhood size selection.
- Bias reduction in local coordinate estimation.



Molecular Dynamics Simulation/Example



Energy Landscape Interpolation

- N -particles simulation system \Rightarrow configuration space $d = 3N$
- Not all $3N$ degrees of freedom are *activated*
- Trajectories of the particles occupy a low-dimensional manifold
- More efficient and accurate approaches for the potential energy surface and force computation

CAMLET: A Combined Ab-initio Manifold LEarning Toolbox

- Explore the low-dimensional characteristics particle trajectories
- Identify the suitable clusters in the reduced dimension spaces
- Efficient energy and force interpolations



Thanks! Questions?

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