Probabilistic Dimensionality Reduction II

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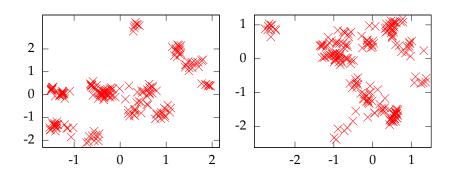


Figure: Two dimensional data sets.

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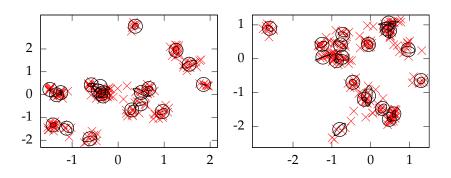


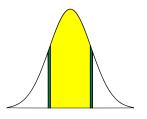
Figure: Complex structure not a problem for mixtures of Gaussians.

Thinking in High Dimensions

- ► Two dimensional plots of Gaussians can be misleading.
- ▶ Our low dimensional intuitions can fail dramatically.
- ► Two major issues:
 - 1. In high dimensions all the data moves to a 'shell'. There is nothing near the mean!
 - 2. Distances between points become constant.
 - 3. These affects apply to many densities.
- ► Let's consider a Gaussian "egg".

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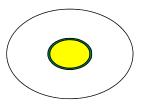


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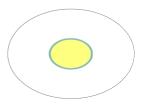
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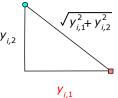
56.1%, 9.2%, 34.7%

Figure: Three dimensional Gaussian density.

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$$\Longrightarrow y_{i,k}^2 \sim \sigma^2 \chi_1^2$$



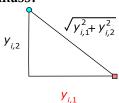
Square of sample from Gaussian is scaled chi-squared density

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Chi squared density is a variant of the gamma density with shape parameter $a = \frac{1}{2}$, rate parameter $b = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$, $\mathcal{G}(x|a,b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)}x^{a-1}e^{-bx}$.

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$$y_{i,k} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma^2\right)$$

$$\Longrightarrow y_{i,1}^2 + y_{i,2}^2 \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{2}{2}, \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

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Addition of gamma random variables with the same rate is gamma with sum of shape parameters ($y_{i,k}$ s are independent)

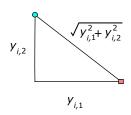
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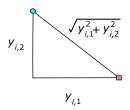
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Scaling of gamma density scales the rate parameter

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Where is the Mass?

Squared distances are gamma distributed.

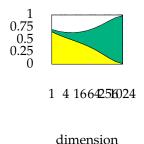
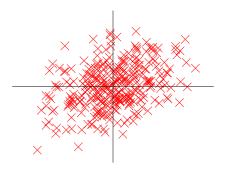


Figure: Plot of probability mass versus dimension. Plot shows the volume of density inside 0.95 of a standard deviation (yellow), between 0.95 and 1.05 standard deviations (green), over 1.05 and

Looking at Gaussian Samples



Interpoint Distances

- ► The other effect in high dimensions is all points become equidistant.
- ► Can show this for Gaussians with a similar proof to the above,

$$y_{i,k} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma_k^2\right) \qquad y_{j,k} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sigma_k^2\right)$$
$$y_{i,k} - y_{j,k} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, 2\sigma_k^2\right)$$
$$\left(y_{i,k} - y_{j,k}\right)^2 \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4\sigma_k^2}\right)$$

For spherical Gaussian, $\sigma_k^2 = \sigma^2$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} (y_{i,k} - y_{j,k})^{2} \sim \mathcal{G}\left(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{1}{4\sigma^{2}}\right)$$

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 - ▶ The variance about the mean scales as p^{-1} .

Summary

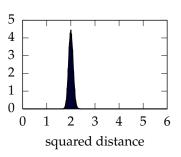
- ► In high dimensions if individual dimensions are *independent* the distributions behave counter intuitively.
- ▶ All data sits at one standard deviation from the mean.
- ► The densities of squared distances can be analytically calculated for the Gaussian case.
- ► For non-Gaussian *independent* systems we can invoke the central limit theorem.
- Next we will consider example data sets and see how their interpoint distances are distributed.

Sanity Check

Data sampled from independent Gaussian distribution

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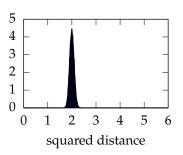
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Sanity Check

Same data generation, but fewer data points.

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Distance distribution for a Gaussian with p = 1000, n = 100



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- ▶ 12 simulated measurements of oil flow in a pipe.
- Nature of flow is dependent on relative proportion of oil, water and gas.

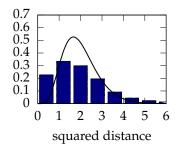


Figure: Interpoint squared distance distribution for oil data with p = 12 (variance of squared distances is 1.98 vs predicted 0.667).

Stick Man Data

- ► n = 55 frames of motion capture.
- ► *xyz* locations of 34 points on the body.
- p = 102 dimensional data.
- "Run 1" available from http://accad.osu.edu/ research/mocap/mocap_ data.htm.

Changing

Angle



of Run



Stick Man

► Motion capture data inter point distance histogram.

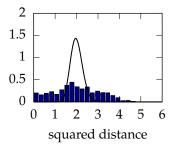


Figure: Interpoint squared distance distribution for stick man data with p = 102 (variance of squared distances is 1.09 vs predicted 0.0784).

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Microarray Data

- Gene expression measurements reflecting the cell cycle in yeast (?).
- ▶ p = 6,178 Genes measured for n = 77 experiments
- ► Data available from http: //genome-www.stanford. edu/cellcycle/data/ rawdata/individual. htm.

Yeast

Cell

Cycle

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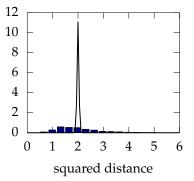


Figure: Interpoint squared distance distribution for Spellman microarray data with p = 6178 (variance of squared distances is 0.694 vs predicted 0.00129).

Grid Corpus Vowels

- Grid corpus data modeled for synthesis by Jon Barker.
- ➤ 33 context dependent vowel phones from 34 (mixed male/female) subjects.
- Means and variances of synthesis HMM for subjects (?).

34 Subjects'



Vowel



Phones



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- Grid Corpus: http: //www.dcs.shef.ac.uk/spandh/gridcorpus/.
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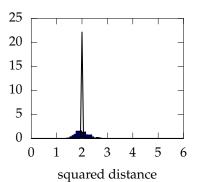


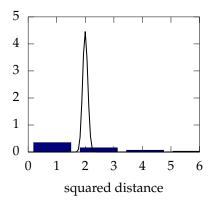
Figure: Interpoint squared distance distribution for Grid corpus

Where does practice depart from our theory?

- ► The situation for real data does not reflect what we expect.
- Real data exhibits greater variances on interpoint distances.
 - Somehow the real data seems to have a smaller effective dimension.
- ▶ Let's look at another p = 1000.

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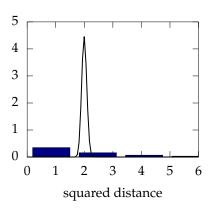
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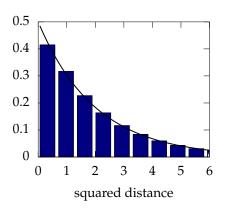


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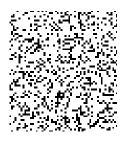
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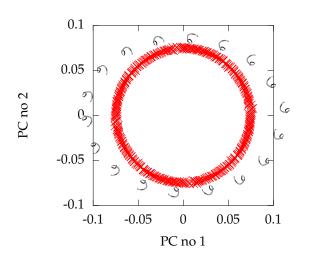


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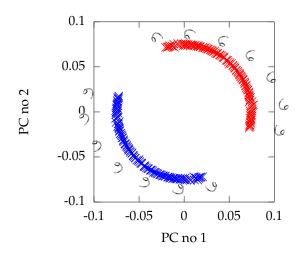
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Low Dimensional Manifolds

Pure Rotation is too Simple

- ► In practice the data may undergo several distortions.
 - *e.g.* digits undergo 'thinning', translation and rotation.
- For data with 'structure':
 - we expect fewer distortions than dimensions;
 - we therefore expect the data to live on a lower dimensional manifold.
- ► Conclusion: deal with high dimensional data by looking for lower dimensional non-linear embedding.

Data Representation

- ► Classical statistical approach: represent via proximities. (?)
- ► Proximity data: similarities or dissimilarities.
- ► Example of a dissimilarity matrix: a *squared distance matrix*.

$$d_{i,j} = ||\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:}||^2 = (\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:})^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:})$$

► For a data set can display as a matrix.

Interpoint Distances for Rotated Sixes

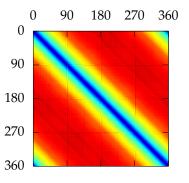


Figure: Interpoint distances for the rotated digits data.

Multidimensional Scaling

► Find a configuration of points, **X**, such that each

$$\delta_{i,j} = \left\| \mathbf{x}_{i,:} - \mathbf{x}_{j,:} \right\|^2$$

closely matches the corresponding $d_{i,j}$ in the distance matrix.

Need an objective function for matching $\Delta = (\delta_{i,j})_{i,j}$ to $\mathbf{D} = (d_{i,j})_{i,j}$.

An entrywise L_1 norm on difference between squared distances

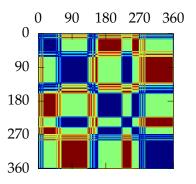
$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left| d_{ij} - \delta_{ij} \right|_{1}.$$

- ▶ Reduce dimension by selecting features from data set.
- ► Select for **X**, in turn, the column from **Y** that most reduces this error until we have the desired *q*.
- ► To minimise *E* (**Y**) we compose **X** by extracting the columns of **Y** which have the largest variance.

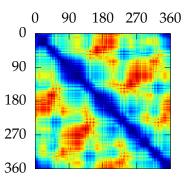
▶ Derive Algorithm

Feature Selection: Motivation

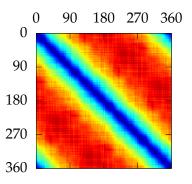
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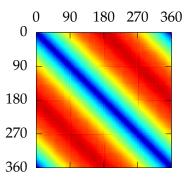
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Distances reconstructed with ten dimensions. MAE: 0.214.



Distances reconstructed with one hundred dimensions. MAE: 0.203.



Distances reconstructed with 1000 dimensions. MAE: 0.109.

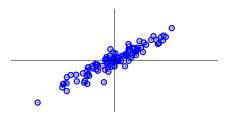


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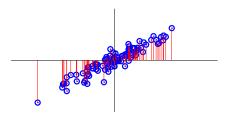


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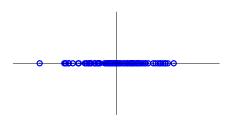
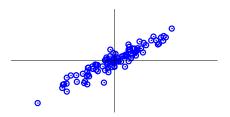


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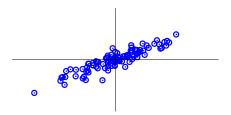
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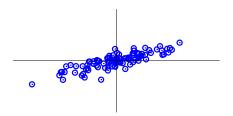
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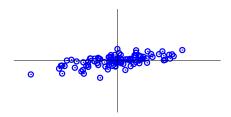
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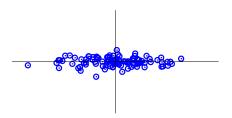
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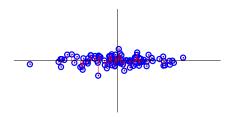


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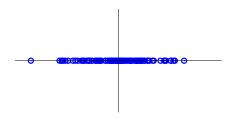


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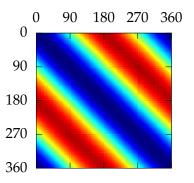
Which Rotation?

- We need the rotation that will minimise residual error.
- We already an algorithm for discarding features/directions.
- ▶ Retain features / directions with *maximum variance*.
- ► Error is then given by the sum of residual variances.

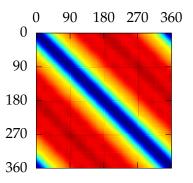
$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{2}{p} \sum_{k=q+1}^{p} \sigma_k^2.$$

- ► Rotations of data matrix *do not* effect this analysis.
- ► Rotate data so that largest variance directions are retained.

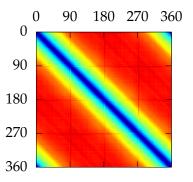
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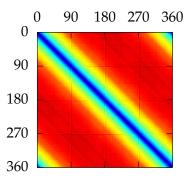
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Distances reconstructed with 360 dimensions. MAE: 0000.

Reminder: Principal Component Analysis

- ▶ How do we find these directions?
- ► Find directions in data with maximal variance.
 - ► That's what PCA does!
- ▶ PCA: rotate data to extract these directions.
- ▶ **PCA**: work on the sample covariance matrix $\mathbf{S} = n^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$.



Principal Coordinates Analysis

- ► The rotation which finds directions of maximum variance is the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix.
- ► The variance in each direction is given by the eigenvalues.
- Problem: working directly with the sample covariance, S, may be impossible.
- ► For example: perhaps we are given distances between data points, but not absolute locations.
 - ► No access to absolute positions: cannot compute original sample covariance.

► Principal Coordinates

Equivalent Eigenvalue Problems

- ▶ Principal Coordinate Analysis operates on $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}}$.
- ► Two eigenvalue problems are equivalent. One solves for the rotation, the other solves for the location of the rotated points.
- ▶ When p < n it is easier to solve for the rotation, \mathbf{R}_q . But when p > n we solve for the embedding (principal coordinate analysis).
- ▶ In MDS we may not know \mathbf{Y} , cannot compute $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ from distance matrix.
- ► Can we compute $\hat{Y}\hat{Y}^{T}$ instead?

Note: Centering and Squared Distances

► Consider matrix form of squared distance,

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}\left(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{\top}\right)\mathbf{1}^{\top} - 2\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{\top} + \mathbf{1}\text{diag}\left(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{\top}\right)^{\top}.$$

► A Centering matrix has the form

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - n^{-1} \mathbf{1} \mathbf{1}^{\top} : \mathbf{H} \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$$

► This implies:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{\hat{Y}}\mathbf{\hat{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}}.$$

• i.e. centered square distance matrix is closely related to centred similarity/kernel.

The Covariance Interpretation

- ▶ $n^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ is the data covariance.
- $\hat{Y}\hat{Y}^{T}$ is a centred inner product matrix.
 - ► Also has an interpretation as a covariance matrix (Gaussian processes).
 - It expresses correlation and anti correlation between data points.
 - Standard covariance expresses correlation and anti correlation between data dimensions.

Distance to Similarity: Gaussian Covariances

- ► Translate between covariance and distance.
 - Consider a vector sampled from a zero mean Gaussian distribution,

$$z\sim\mathcal{N}\left(0,K\right) .$$

 Expected square distance between two elements of this vector is

$$d_{i,j} = \left\langle \left(z_i - z_j \right)^2 \right\rangle$$
$$d_{i,j} = \left\langle z_i^2 \right\rangle + \left\langle z_j^2 \right\rangle - 2 \left\langle z_i z_j \right\rangle$$

under a zero mean Gaussian with covariance given by \boldsymbol{K} this is

$$d_{i,j} = k_{i,i} + k_{j,j} - 2k_{i,j}$$
.

Standard Transformation

- ► This transformation is known as the *standard transformation* between a similarity and a distance (Mardia et al., 1979, pg 402).
- ▶ If the covariance is of the form $\mathbf{K} = \hat{\mathbf{Y}}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^{\top}$ then $k_{i,j} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i,:}^{\top}\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{j,:}$ and

$$d_{i,j} = \mathbf{y}_{i,:}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}_{i,:} + \mathbf{y}_{j,:}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}_{j,:} - 2 \mathbf{y}_{i,:}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}_{j,:} = \|\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:}\|^{2}.$$

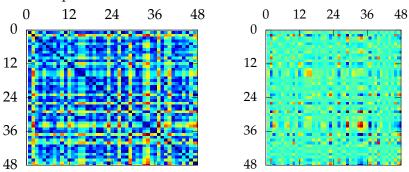
► For other squared distance matrices this gives us an approach to covert to a similarity matrix or kernel matrix so we can perform classical MDS.

Example: Road Distances with Classical MDS

- ► Classical example: redraw a map from road distances (see e.g. Mardia et al., 1979).
- ► Here we use distances across Europe.
 - ▶ Between each city we have road distance.
 - Enter these in a distance matrix.
 - Convert to a similarity matrix using the covariance interpretation.
 - Perform eigendecomposition.
- ► See http://inverseprobability.com/dimred/for the data we used.

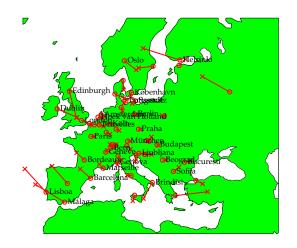
Distance Matrix

Convert distances to similarities using "covariance interpretation".



Left: road distances between European cities. *Right*: Equivalent similarity.

Example: Road Distances with Classical MDS



Beware Negative Eigenvalues

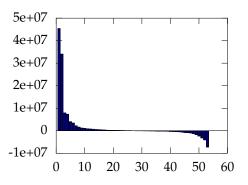
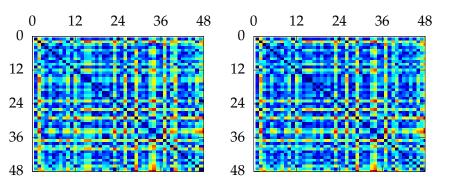


Figure: Eigenvalues of the similarity matrix are negative in this case.

European Cities Distance Matrices



Left: Original Distance matrix. *Right:* Reconstructed distance matrix.

Other Distance Similarity Measures

- ► Can use similarity/distance of your choice.
- Beware though!
 - The similarity must be positive semi definite for the distance to be Euclidean.
 - ► For more details see Mardia et al. (1979, Theorem 14.2.2).

Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction

- ▶ How do we get a nonlinear algorithm?
- ► One idea:
 - 1. Use linear algorithm (CMDS or Principal Coordinate Analysis).
 - 2. Make distance matrix *nonlinearly* related to original data.

Nonlinear Dimensionality Reduction

- ► Let's nonlinearly map data to a new space, and compute distances there.
- ▶ Do this using basis functions

$$f_i = f(\mathbf{y}_{i,:}) = \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \phi_j(\mathbf{y}_{i,:})$$
$$d_{i,j} = (z_i - z_j)^2$$

Exponentiated Quadratic Basis Functions

► Consider these basis functions:

$$\phi_j(\mathbf{y}_{j,:}) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\ell^2} \left\| \mathbf{y}_{j,:} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i \right\|_2^2\right)$$

take

$$\phi_{i,j} = \phi_j(\mathbf{y}_{i,:})$$

giving basis vector, $\phi_{i,:}$, and design matrix

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = [\phi_{1,:} \dots \phi_{n,:}]^{\top} \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times m}.$$

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Matrix Notation

▶ In matrix notation we have

$$f(\mathbf{y}_{i,:}) = \mathbf{w}^{\top} \phi_{i,:} = f_i.$$

- ► Which parameters **w**?
- Let's generate random functions: introduce a probability density for $p(\mathbf{w})$.
- ► Compute *expected squared distance*. Squared distance is:

$$(f_i - f_j)^2 = (\boldsymbol{\phi}_{i,:}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{w} - \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j,:}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{w})^2$$

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► We can rewrite this as

$$(f_i - f_j)^2 = (\phi_{i:i} - \phi_{j:i})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} (\phi_{i:i} - \phi_{j:i}).$$

Take expectation under $p(\mathbf{w})$

$$\langle (f_i - f_j)^2 \rangle = (\phi_{i,:} - \phi_{j,:})^\top \langle \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}^\top \rangle_{p(\mathbf{w})} (\phi_{i,:} - \phi_{j,:}).$$

▶ If second moment of $p(\mathbf{w})$ is \mathbf{I} ,

$$\langle \mathbf{w} \mathbf{w}^{\top} \rangle_{p(\mathbf{w})} = \mathbf{I}$$

then

$$\langle (f_i - f_j)^2 \rangle = (\phi_{i,:} - \phi_{j,:})^{\top} (\phi_{i,:} - \phi_{j,:}).$$

▶ If $\langle \mathbf{w} \rangle_{p(\mathbf{w})} = \mathbf{0}$ then covariance cov $(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{I}$.

Basis Functions

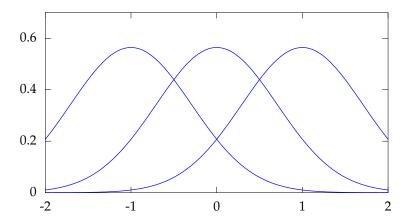


Figure: A small set of exponentiated quadratic basis functions with centers at -1, 0, and 1. The lengthscale of the basis functions is given

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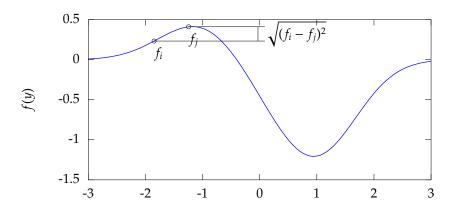


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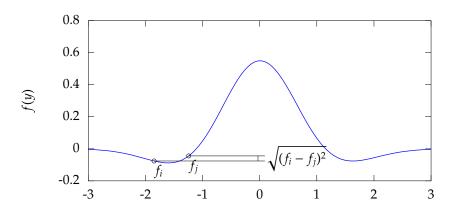


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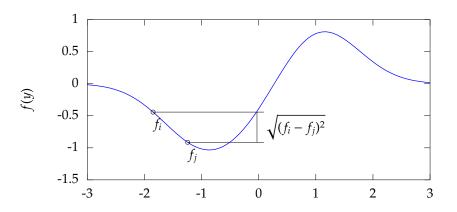


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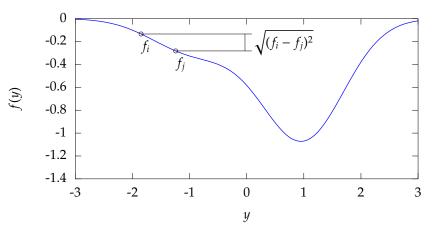


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Number and Location of Basis

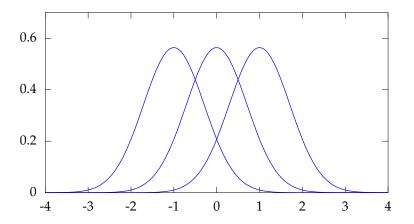


Figure: The exponentiated quadratic basis functions with centers at -1, 0, and 1. As we move away from the centers of the basis functions

Problems for Data from Outside Basis

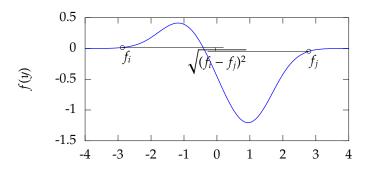


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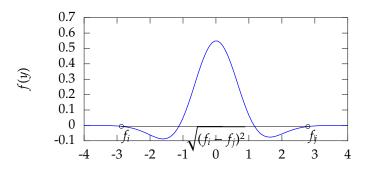


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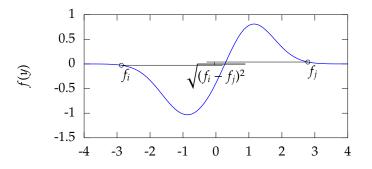


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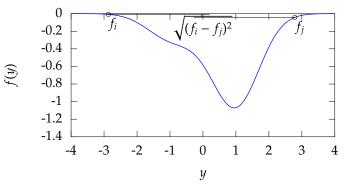


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Extending the Basis

- ▶ Distances are small despite data being far apart.
- ► Side effect of bad basis function placement.
- ► For exponentiated quadratic basis function elegant solution: place basis all across the *y* space.
- ▶ This leads to a kernel method.

An Infinite Basis

► We have functions of the form

$$f(y) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} w_k \exp\left(-\frac{(y - a - k\Delta\mu)^2}{\ell^2}\right),\,$$

if we set the location parameter of each $\phi_k(y)$ to

$$\mu_k = a + k\Delta\mu.$$

 Distances in feature space are dependent on the inner product between basis vectors.

Infinite Basis Functions

- ▶ Decrease $\Delta \mu$ to increase m.
- ► The inner product between the basis functions becomes

$$k(y, y') = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2\pi\ell^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - y')^2}{2\ell^2}\right).$$

Kernelization

- ► This procedure for moving from inner products, $\phi(y)^{\top}\phi(y')$, to covariance functions, k(y, y'), is sometimes known as kernelization (Schölkopf and Smola, 2001).
- k(y, y') has the properties of a Mercer kernel.
- ▶ This same property allows k(y, y') to be used as a *covariance* function: a function that can generate a covariance matrix.
- ► The mapping from data to distance is now a Gaussian process (O'Hagan, 1978; Williams; Rasmussen and Williams, 2006).

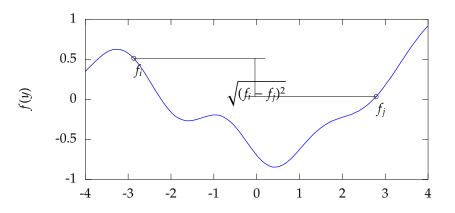


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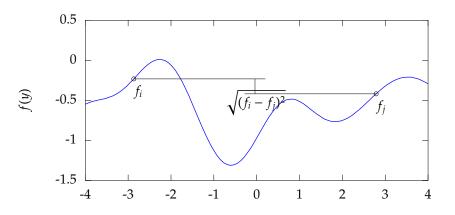


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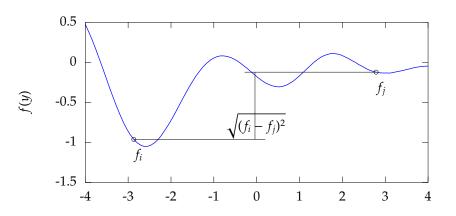


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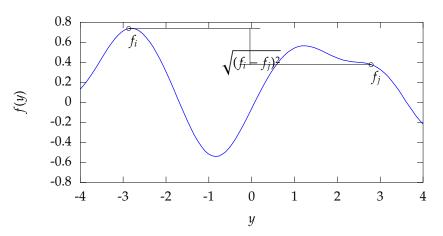


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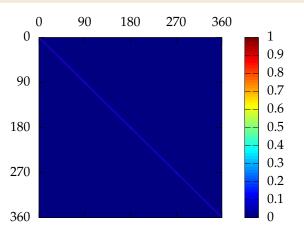


Figure: Similarity matrix for exponentiated quadratic kernel on rotated sixes.

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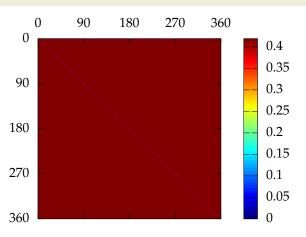


Figure: Implied distance matrix for kernel on rotated sixes. Note that most of the distances are set to $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$.

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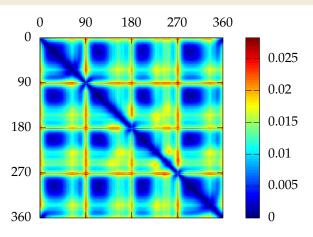
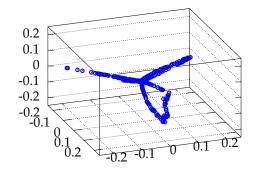
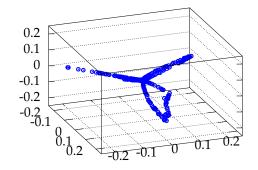
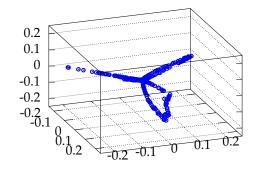
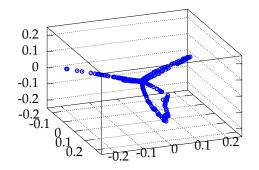


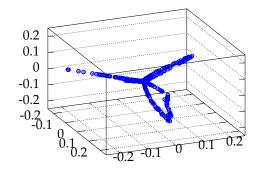
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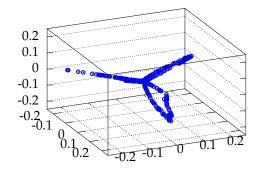












Kernel PCA: A Class of Similarities for Vector Data

- ▶ All Mercer kernels are positive semi definite.
- ► Example, exponentiated quadratic (also known as squared exponential, RBF or Gaussian)

$$k_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{\left\|\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:}\right\|^2}{2\ell^2}\right).$$

This leads to a kernel eigenvalue problem.

► This is known as Kernel PCA (Schölkopf et al., 1998).

Implied Distance Matrix

▶ What is the equivalent distance $\sqrt{d_{i,j}}$?

$$\sqrt{d_{i,j}} = \sqrt{k_{i,i} + k_{j,j} - 2k_{i,j}}$$

▶ If point separation is large, $k_{i,j} \rightarrow 0$. $k_{i,i} = 1$ and $k_{j,j} = 1$.

$$\sqrt{d_{i,j}} = \sqrt{2}$$

- Kernel with RBF kernel projects along axes PCA can produce poor results.
- Uses many dimensions to keep dissimilar objects a constant amount apart.

Outline

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Spectral Dimensionality Reduction in Machine Learning

- Spectral approach to dimensionality reduction.
 - 1. Convert data to a matrix of dimension $n \times n$.
 - 2. Visualize data with eigenvectors of matrix.
- Examples:
 - ▶ isomap (Tenenbaum et al., 2000),
 - ▶ locally linear embeddings (LLE, Roweis and Saul, 2000),
 - Laplacian eigenmaps (LE, Belkin and Niyogi, 2003) and
 - ► maximum variance unfolding (MVU, Weinberger et al., 2004).
 - ► Also kernel PCA (Schölkopf et al., 1998; Ham et al., 2004).

Classical Multidimensional Scaling Perspective

- Classical multidimensional scaling (CMDS)
 - 1. Compute an $n \times n$ squared distance matrix, **D**.
 - 2. Form the centered "similarity matrix" **HKH** = $-\frac{1}{2}$ **HDH**.
 - 3. Visualize through *q* principal eigenvectors (as latent matrix **X**).
- ► This algorithm matches squared distances computed in **X** to those computed in **Y** through an L1 error.
- Our Argument:
 - Main innovation in ML work: how to compute the squared distance matrix D.

Isomap

- ▶ MDS finds geometric configuration preserving distances.
- ► MDS applied to distance along manifold.
- ► Geodesic Distance

 Manifold Distance.
- Cannot compute geodesic distance without knowing manifold.
- ▶ Idea: compute distance via shortest path between point-pairs (Tenenbaum et al., 2000).
- Very similar to the road example: data points are cities, graph is roads.

Isomap

- ► Isomap: define neighbors and compute distances between neighbors.
- Geodesic distance approximated by shortest path through adjacency matrix.

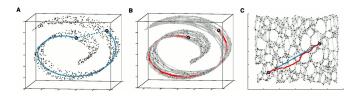


Figure: A: true geodesic distance. B: Approximate distance on graph. C: comparison of true and approximate distances. (Image from Tenenbaum et al., 2000).

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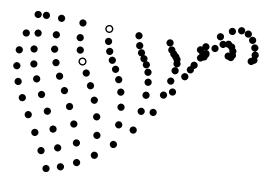


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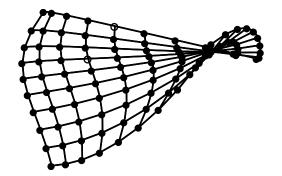


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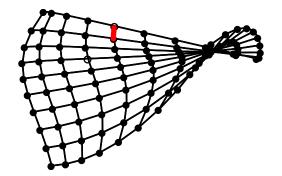


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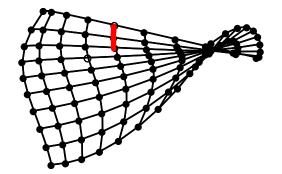


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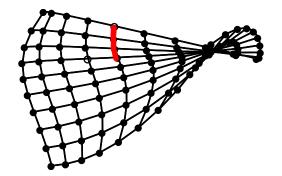


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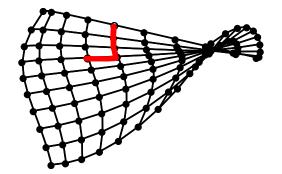


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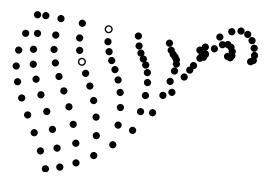


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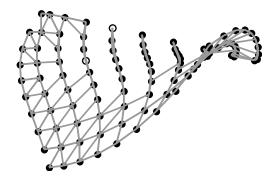


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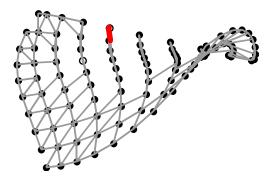


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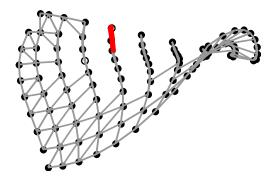


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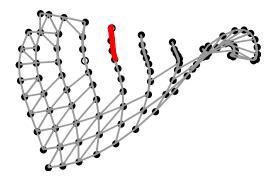


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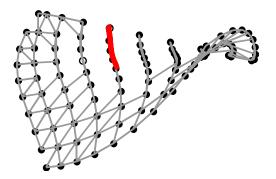


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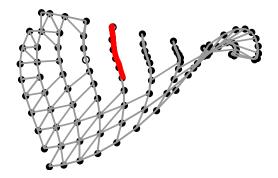


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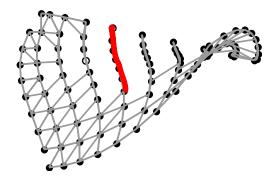


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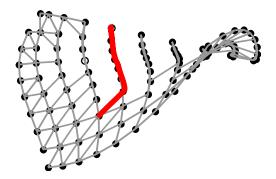


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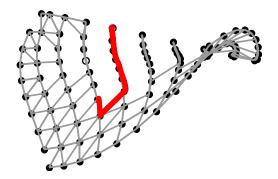


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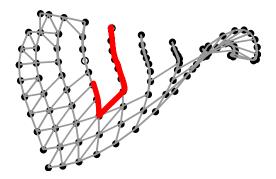


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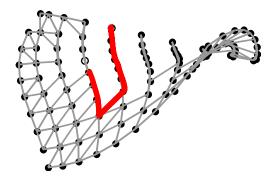


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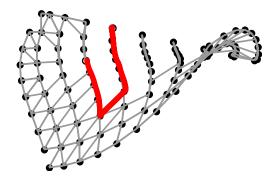


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Isomap Algorithm

- ▶ Build a neighborhood graph between data points.
- Set each edge in graph to a value given by interpoint distance (not squared!).
- Build a matrix of interpoint distances based on shortest distances in this graph.
- ▶ Perform CMDS on this graph.

Isomap on Stick Man

► Two components of stick man data.

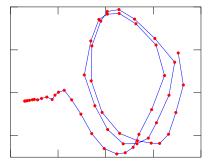


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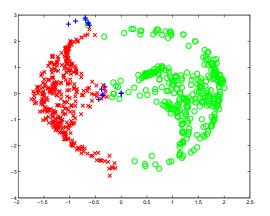


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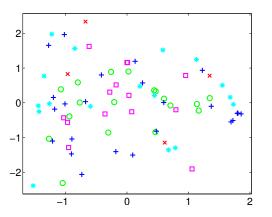


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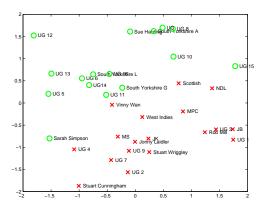


Figure: Grid vowels embedded using two dimensions of isomap. demGrid_vowelsIsomap1.

Isomap: Summary

MDS on Shortest Path Approximation of Geodesic Distance

- + Gives good embeddings.
- Can require solution of a very large eigenvalue problem.
- Eigenvalues can be negative (Geodesic distances aren't Euclidean).

Laplacian Eigenmaps I

- ► Spectral algorithm introduced by Belkin and Niyogi (2003)
- ► First define neighborhood in the data space.
- ▶ Define a sparse adjacency matrix, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times n}$, i, jth element, $a_{i,j}$ is non-zero if the ith and jth data points are neighbors.
- ► A 'good' *one dimensional embedding* is one where the latent points, **X** minimize

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i,j} (x_i - x_j)^2,$$

▶ Which we write as $\delta_{i,j} = \left\| \mathbf{x}_{i,:} - \mathbf{x}_{j::} \right\|_{2'}^2$ as

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{i,j} \delta_{i,j}.$$

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Laplacian Eigenmaps II

- Neighboring are non-zero entries adjacency matrix and their inter-point distance in latent space is minimized.
- In matrix form

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{A} \Delta).$$

- ► Rewrite by introducing the *Laplacian*.
 - ► The degree matrix, **D**, is diagonal with entries, $d_{i,i} = \sum_{j} \mathbf{A}_{i,j}$
 - ► The Laplacian is written

$$L = D - A$$

• Error function written in terms of **X**

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left(\mathbf{L} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \right)$$

- ▶ Objective insensitive to translations.
- Objective minimized by placing all points on top of one another.

Laplacian Eigenmaps III

► Constrain

$$\mathbf{x}_{:,i}^{\top}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}_{:,i}=1.$$

 Objective minimized by the generalized eigenvalue problem,

$$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}_i$$

- Smallest eigenvalue is zero and is associated with the constant eigenvector, it is discarded.
- ► Next *q* smallest eigenvalues are retained for the embedding.

$$\mathbf{x}_{:,i} = \mathbf{u}_{i+1}$$
 for $i = 1..q$

Parameterization in Laplacian Eigenmaps

► A either

- 1. set to constant values (the "simple-minded approach" Belkin and Niyogi)
- 2. or according to distance between two data points,

$$a_{i,j} = \exp\left(-\frac{\left\|\mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \mathbf{y}_{j,:}\right\|_{2}^{2}}{2\ell^{2}}\right),$$

by analogy between discrete graph Laplacian and the Laplace Beltrami operator (Belkin and Niyogi, 2003).

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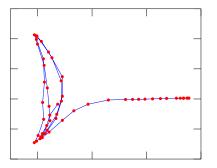


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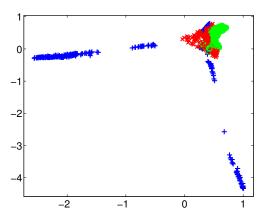


Figure: Oil data embedded using two dimensions of Laplacian eigenmaps (45 neighbors). demOilLe1.

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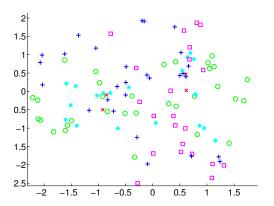


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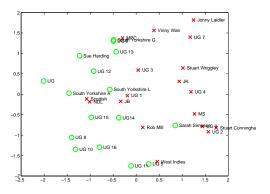


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Laplacian Eigenmaps: Summary

Eigenvalue problem on Graph Laplacian

- + Very fast to compute
- Can give poor embeddings for few data points.

Locally Linear Embedding I

- ► Approximate Non-linear Manifold by small linear patches.
- ► Assumes distance between data points is small relative to curvature.
- ► First define a local neighborhood for each data point.
- Find a set of linear regression weights for each data point to be reconstructed by its neighbors.
- ► For the *i*th data point, $\mathbf{y}_{i,:}$ and reconstruction weights, $\mathbf{w}_{:,i}$, least squares regression objective is,

$$E(\mathbf{w}_{:,i}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{y}_{i,:} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mathbf{y}_{j,:} w_{j,i} \right\|_{2}^{2}, \tag{1}$$

► Sum over the weights, $\mathbf{w}_{:,j}$ is restricted to neighbors, $\{\mathbf{y}_{j:}\}_{i \in \mathcal{N}(\Omega)}$.

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Locally Linear Embedding II

- ▶ Objective is invariant to rotation and rescaling of the data.
- ► The objective is not invariant to translation.
- ▶ Use modified objective,

$$E(\mathbf{w}_{:,i}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i,:} + \boldsymbol{\mu} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{j,:} w_{j,i} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{j,i} \right\|_{2}^{2},$$

and constrain $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}(i)} w_{j,i} = 1$.

- ▶ Terms involving μ cancel and we recover the original objective.
- ► Constraint $\mathbf{w}_{:,i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{1} = 1$ ensures the objective is translation invariant.

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Determining the Embedding in LLE I

- ► For truly low dimensional data, local linear relationships between neighbors should hold for a low dimensional data set we call X.
- ► To find this dataset minimize the LLE objective.

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{m}_{:,i}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^{\top} \mathbf{m}_{:,i} + \text{const}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{\top} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X} \right) + \text{const}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i,:}^{\top} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_{i,:} + \text{const.}$$

▶ Objective function trivially minimized by setting X = 0, so we constrain $X^TX = I$.

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Determining the Embedding in LLE II

► This leads to an eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{u}_{i}=\lambda_{i}\mathbf{u}_{i}.$$

Where smallest q + 1 eigenvalues are retained.

- Smallest eigenvector is the constant eigenvector and is associated with an eigenvalue of zero.
- ► Next *q* eigenvectors are retained to make up the low dimensional representation

$$\mathbf{x}_{:,i} = \mathbf{u}_{i+1}$$
 for $i = 1..q$.

- ► This process is extremely similar to Laplacian eigenmaps, despite different motivations.
- ► In LLE case the constraint on the latent embeddings is not scaled by the degree matrix.

LLE on Stick Man

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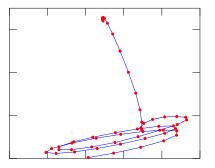


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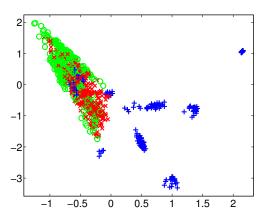


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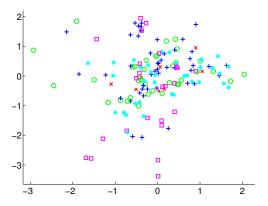


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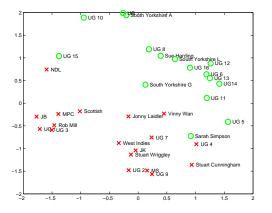


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Locally Linear Embedding: Summary

Model Data with Locally Linear Patches

- + Faster than isomap, slower than LE.
- Can still give poor embeddings for few data points.

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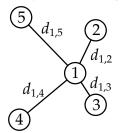
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 - Construct a kernel matrix where only distances between neighbors match data distances.

Maximum Variance Unfolding

▶ Optimize elements of \mathbf{K} by maximizing¹ tr (\mathbf{K}).



► Subject to squared distance constraints between neighbors

$$d_{i,j} = k_{i,i} - 2k_{i,j} + k_{j,j}$$

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MVU on Stick Man

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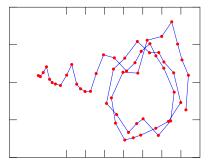


Figure: Stick man data embedded using two dimensions of isomap. demStickMvul.

MVU on Oil Data

- ► Graph doesn't fully connect until 30 neighbors are used.
- Resulting semi-definite program is too big for SeDuMi on my machine (32GB memory, but it swaps in MATLAB).
- ► There is approximate version of the algorithm, not applied in this case.

MVU on Grid Vowels

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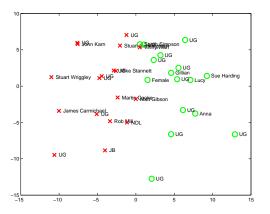


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Maximum Variance Unfolding: Summary

Chain Neighboring Data together and Maximum Data Variance

- + High quality embeddings with no negative eigenvalues.
- Slower than isomap, LLE and LE.

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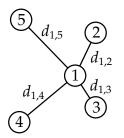
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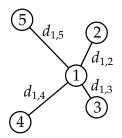


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Gaussian Random Field

► The maximum entropy probability distribution is a *Gaussian random field*

$$p(\mathbf{Y}) = \prod_{j=1}^{p} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{K}|^{\frac{1}{2}} (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}_{:,j}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{:,j}\right),$$

Covariance matrix is

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$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{L} + \gamma \mathbf{I})^{-1}$$

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- ► Where **L** is the *Laplacian* matrix associated with the neighborhood graph.
- ► Off diagonal elements of the Laplacian are Lagrange multipliers from moment constraints.
- ► On diagonal elements given by negative sum of off-diagonal (L1 = 0).

Data Feature Independence

- ► The GRF specifying independence across data *features*.
- Most applications of Gaussian models are applied independently across data *points*.
 - ► Notable exceptions include Zhu et al. (2003); Lawrence (2004, 2005); Kemp and Tenenbaum (2008).
- Maximum likelihood in this model is equivalent maximizing entropy under distance constraints.

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Inverse Covariance

- ► From the "covariance interpretation" we think of the similarity matrix as a covariance matrix.
 - Each element of the covariance is a function of two data points.
- ► For LE, LLE and MVU the stiffness matrix is like an *inverse* covariance.
 - ► This is a *conditional independence* assumption.
 - Describes how points are connected.

Conditional Independence

- ▶ A covariance matrix specifies correlation between two variables. If elements are zero those variables are *truly* independent.
 - ► In a marginal Gaussian those correlations don't change.
- ► The inverse covariance (precision, or information matrix) specifies conditional independencies.
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Mattress Model

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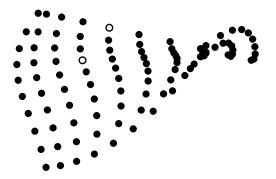


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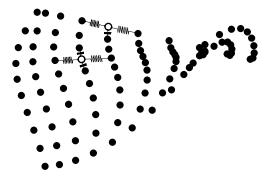
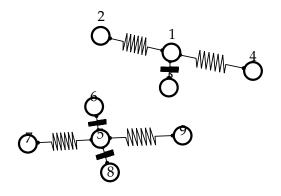


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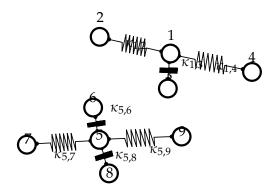
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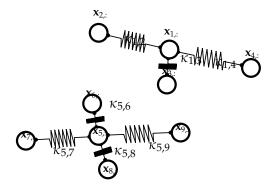


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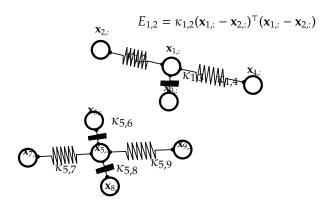
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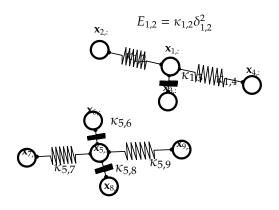
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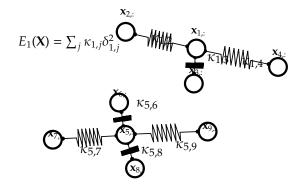
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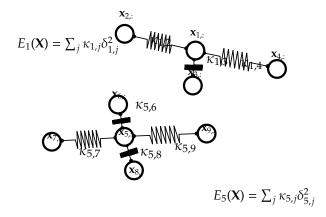
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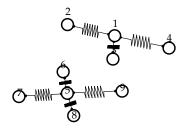
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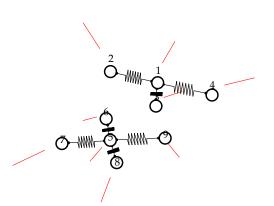
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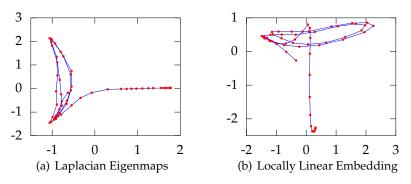


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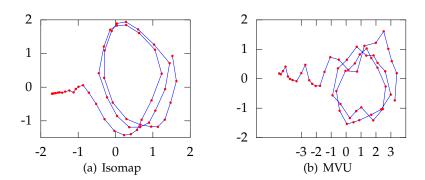


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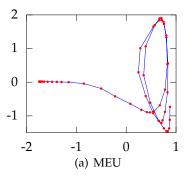


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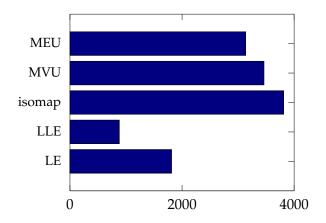


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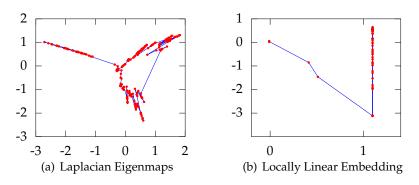


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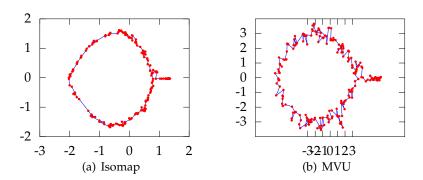


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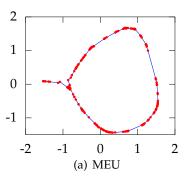


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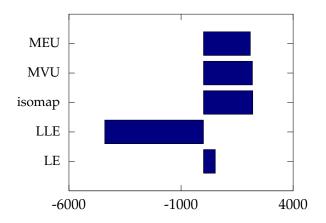


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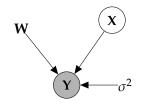
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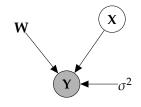


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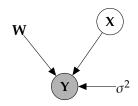


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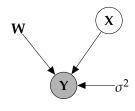
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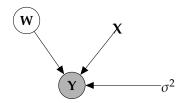
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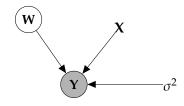


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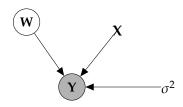
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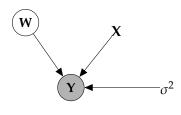
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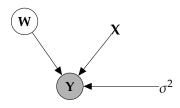
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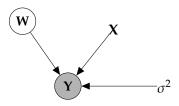
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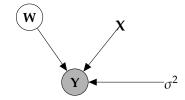


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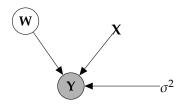


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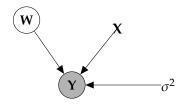
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► The EQ covariance has the form $k_{i,j} = k(\mathbf{x}_{i,:}, \mathbf{x}_{j,:})$, where

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- ▶ No longer possible to optimise wrt **X** via an eigenvalue problem.
- ▶ Instead find gradients with respect to \mathbf{X} , α , ℓ and σ^2 and optimise using conjugate gradients.

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Summary: Spectral Approaches

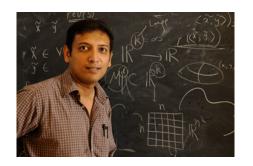
Good

▶ Unique optimum.

But

- ► Non trivial for dealing with missing data.
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