

## Applications of exp and geodesics:

- The mean shift algorithm

let  $\underline{x}_i$  be  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

we wish to cluster. We do so by finding the peak of a kernel density estimate

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{h^2} k\left(\frac{\|y - x_i\|^2}{h^2}\right)$$

where  $\int k(u) dA = 1$

(which means that  $f$  is a density)

Now notice that

$$\nabla_y f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ k'(\cdot) \cdot \frac{2(y - x_i)}{h^2} \right]$$

So that:

$$\frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\nabla_y f}{\sum_{i=1}^n k'(\frac{\|y - x_i\|^2}{h^2})} = y - \frac{\sum k'(l) x_i}{\sum k'(l)}$$

Now we know that at the peak,  $\nabla_y f = 0$

So, AT THE PEAK.

$$\hat{y} = \frac{\sum k'(l) x_i}{\sum k'(l)}$$

This suggests the iteration

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \left[ \frac{\sum x_i k'(l)}{\sum k'(l)} - y_k \right]$$

↑ mean shift vector

recall this is a fn of  $y_k$ !

This iteration is effective, and leads to a very useful clusterer.

BUT what if the objects we wish to cluster are points on some Riemannian manifold?

Example estimates of pose from different sources

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \in \quad SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\
 \downarrow \\
 = SE(3)
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \in \quad SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ \downarrow \\ = SE(3) \end{array}} \right] \text{Euclidean group}$$

Example

• Chromatic noise

Noise model: Intensity is correctly estimated, direction of RGB vector is not

- eg (I think) Color demosaicing  
mean shift on 2-sphere  
(in fact, hemisphere - paper says  $G_{3,1}$ , but this is nonsense)

Example:

3D Motion clustering.

- A set of 3D pts in Orthographic views gives a rank 4 Data matrix, when motion is rigid

• Equivalently, the data matrix represents a point in

$$G_{2F, 4}$$

the point  $\equiv$  subspace yields the camera motion and 3D geometry.

• Now, if we have several independently moving rigid objects, IF we can segment the objects, above applies to each separately

• Traditional problem:

Segment AND obtain recons, motion

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- One strategy
  - each group of  $q$  points yields an estimate of a subspace
  - (Hopefully) outliers dominate outliers - careful choice of groups can help here
  - We then cluster to find segments
- Clustering is on  $G_{2F,4}$

Q: how can we do mean shift on a Riemannian manifold?

A: Core algorithm is quite straightforward, but computations can get nasty.

Algorithm:  $\underline{x}_i \in M$

(represented in some set of coords, etc)

Define the density estimate

$$f(y) = \frac{c}{n} \sum_i k\left(\frac{d(x_i, y)^2}{h^2}\right)$$

Where:

$c$  normalizes

$d(x_i, y)$  is distance on manifold

Notice there is a minor technical difficulty here - the integral of a function depends on where you put it, - it's quite hard to simply shift  $f$ 's around - which is why the normalization const is at the front.

We need to define the gradient of a function on a Riemannian manifold

$\nabla f$  :  $\equiv$  vector such that

$$Xf = \langle X, \nabla f \rangle \quad \text{for}$$

all  $X$

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In coordinates

repr of  $X$  in local coords

$$Xf = \sum_i x_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}$$

local coords

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} x_i y_j$$

so Define  $g^{ij}$  st

$$\sum_j g^{ij} g_{jk} = \delta_k^i \leftarrow = \begin{cases} 1 & i=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then

$$\nabla f = \left( \sum_j g^{ij} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_j} \right) e_i$$

unit basis vector for  $i$ th coord.

$$\nabla f = \frac{c}{n} \sum_i k'(l) \cdot \left[ \frac{\nabla d^2(x_i, y)}{h^2} \right]$$

- notice that this is a Tangent vector
- if we can evaluate  $\nabla d^2(x_i, y)$  we're in business.

- We now need some facts about geodesics and the exponential map.
- Consider the geodesic leaving  $y$ , in dirn  $T$ .

length  $\exp_y(T) \equiv$  ~~travel along~~ section of this geodesic from  $u=0$  to  $u=1$

we assume  $T$  is small enough that this exists

$$\text{length} [\exp(T)]$$

$$= \int_{u=0}^1 \langle T, T \rangle^{1/2} du$$

(where the curve is given by ODE  $\nabla_{\dot{T}} T = 0$ )

Now :

$T \langle T, T \rangle =$  rate of change of  $\langle T, T \rangle$   
as we move along geodesic

by properties of connections  $\rightarrow = 2 \langle \nabla_{\dot{T}} T, T \rangle$

$$= 0$$

by properties of geodesics.

Notice

$$\text{length}(\exp(\alpha T)) = \alpha \text{length}(\exp(T))$$

$(\alpha \geq 0)$

AND

$$\|T\| = 1 \Rightarrow \text{length}(\exp(T)) = \int_0^1 1 \, du$$
$$= 1$$

So  $\text{length}(\exp(T)) = \|T\|.$

Now consider the geodesic from

$y$  to  $x_i$

• define  $V$  by  $\underline{x}_i = \exp_y(V)$

• notice: a small positive step along  $V$  moves me towards  $\underline{x}_i$

$$d^2(x_i, y) = \|V\|^2 = \left[ \langle V, V \rangle^{1/2} \right]^2$$

↑ there is a sign issue here.

$$\nabla d^2(x_i, y) = 2 d(x_i, y) \cdot \nabla d(x_i, y)$$

$$= 2 \|V\| \cdot \left[ \frac{-V}{\|V\|} \right] = -V$$

↑ down along geodesic away from  $x_i$

The mean shift update now becomes

$$m_{y_k} = - \frac{\sum_i k' \cdot V_i}{\sum_i k'}$$

This is a tangent vector at  $y_k$

and then we form

$$y_{k+1} = \exp_{y_k} \left( m_{y_k} \right)$$

Notice

- in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , this is just what we've used to
- for anything else, we need to be good at exp.

## Some examples:

- Lie groups.

(a Lie group is a group that is a differentiable manifold, where the group's action on itself  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  is differentiable; they have lots of interesting properties; all our usual matrix groups are Lie groups)

- assume a matrix representation
- Define two MATRIX operators

$$e^M = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} M^i$$

$$\log(M) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} (M - I_d)^i$$

You can verify that  $\log(e^M) = M$   
 $e^{\log M} = M$  etc.

These series may come with requirements on  $M$  for convergence!

One can now show (O'Neill, ch II) that

$$\exp_x(M) = x e^{[x^{-1} \cdot M]}$$

Matrix; a  
point on group

matrix tangent to group

if  $\exp_x(V) = y$  then

$$V = X \log [X^{-1}Y]$$

None of this is particularly attractive; but in special cases, we can do things

eg:  $SO(3)$  (3D rotations)

notice: if  $M(\phi)$  is  $\in SO(3)$

then  $M^T M = Id$

$$\text{so } M^T \nabla_{\phi} M + \nabla_{\phi} M^T M = 0$$

now consider tangents at origin,  $M = Id$

$$\nabla_{\phi} M + \nabla_{\phi} M^T = 0$$

We always work with the natural inner product on the matrix space

so if  $u, v$  are tangent vectors represented as matrices we use

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, v \rangle &= \sum_{ij} u_{ij} v_{ij} \\ &= \text{Trace}(u^T v)\end{aligned}$$

So tangent space at origin consists of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  N s.t.  $N + N^T = 0$

write

$$[\omega]_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_z & \omega_y \\ \omega_z & 0 & -\omega_x \\ -\omega_y & \omega_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(here  $\omega = [\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]$  is axis of rotation,  $\|\omega\|$  is magnitude)

then

$$e^{[\omega]_x} = Id + \frac{\sin \|\omega\|}{\|\omega\|} [\omega]_x + \frac{(1 - \cos \|\omega\|)}{\|\omega\|^2} [\omega]_x^2$$

(called the Rodriguez formula - expand, and match terms w/ Taylor series)

It's also straightforward to extract axis angle from a rotation. Consider  $M \in SO(3)$

$$Mv = v \quad \text{if } v \text{ is } \underline{\text{axis}}$$

other two eigenvalues reveal angle;  
cf eigenvalues of 2D rotation.

$$\left( \lambda_1, \lambda_2 = e^{\pm i\theta} \right)$$

This seems to work rather well for clustering pose.

(Subbarao + Meer paper)

# Working on Grassmannians

(Earlier notes were a little sloppy;  
better here)

$$G_{N,p} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{space} \\ \text{Set of } p\text{-dimensional flats} \\ \text{through the origin in } \mathbb{R}^N \end{array} \right\}$$

(which is the same as  $p-1$  d flats in  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{P}^{n-1} \end{array} \right\}$ )

Multiple representations available. We will  
parametrize with

$$[Y] = n \times p \text{ matrix}$$

$$\text{st } Y^T Y = I_d.$$

Notice that multiple  $Y$ 's can represent the same point on the Grassmannian

- If  $M_{p \times p}$  is a  $p \times p$  rotation

$$M^T M = Id$$

then  $YM$  represents the same point

### Interpretation

- $p$  orthogonal basis for vectors for the space we wish to rep'n

- $M_{p \times p}$ , right action is a rotation of that basis w/in that space.

## Tangent vectors:

• Easy argument (there's a harder argument in Edelman).

want  $\Delta$  st.

$$(Y + \epsilon \Delta)^T (Y + \epsilon \Delta) = I_d$$

to first order.

so

$$Y^T \Delta = 0$$

$\uparrow$   
n x p

Tangent space is  $p(n-p)$  dimensional,  
as it should be.

Metric

$$\langle \Delta, \Gamma \rangle = \text{tr}(\Delta^T \Gamma) \quad \text{as before.}$$

Then, there is a parametric form for  $\exp$

$$\exp_y(H) = [YV \cdot U] \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Sigma \\ \sin \Sigma \end{pmatrix} V^T$$

Where  $U \Sigma V^T$  is SVD of  $H$ .

Proof: Edelman, p15, easy!

AND

if

$$M = \exp_y(H)$$

$$H = A \sin^{-1}(S) B^T$$

where

$$A S D^T = M - Y Y^T M$$

$$B C D^T = Y^T M$$

$$C^T C + S^T S = I_d$$

$S, C$  diagonal.

(Subbarao + Meer - Haven't checked this!)