## Conditional Expectation Manifolds and Brain Population Analysis



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## Manifold Learning

# Some observations on popular algorithms





## lsomap

- Approximate geodesic distances  $\hat{\delta}$  by shortest path in nearest neighbor graph
- Preserve approximate geodesics

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$$\min_{x} = \sum_{i,j} [\hat{\delta}(y_i, y_j) - d(x_i, x_j)]^2$$

## Multidimensional scaling







## Properties

- Only relies on accurate local distances
- Shortcuts in graph very bad approximation
  - Quality measure based on graph embedding
  - Hard to detect



## Properties

 Classical multidimensional scaling is not minimizing

$$\sum_{i,j} [\hat{\delta}(y_i, y_j) - d(x_i, x_j)]^2$$

Optimization based approaches

J. Kruskal, Multidimensional scaling by optimizing goodness of fit to a nonmetric hypothesis, Psychometrika 1964

A. Agarwal, J. Phillips and S. Venkatasubramanian, Universal Multi-Dimensional Scaling, Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining 2010

## Laplacian Eigenmaps

- Given a manifold  $\mathscr{M}$  find functions  $f : \mathscr{M} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ such that  $\int_{\mathscr{M}} \|\nabla f(y)\|^2 dy$  is minimized
- The low dimensional embedding is  $x = [f_1(y), \dots, f_n(y)] \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Small gradient implies that close by points will be mapped close together



## Properties

- Again only local distances important
- No quality measure of the embedding.



## Eigenfunction Issue

- Minimzing  $\int_{\mathscr{M}} \|\nabla f(y)\|^2 dy$
- Orthogonality constraint on f in <u>function space</u> (not geometrically on manifold)
- Eigenvectors with higher frequency along same extension on the manifold can have smaller cost

## Eigenfunction Issue



- B is orthogonal to A (in function space)
- Cost of B less than C (the desired eigenvector)

Samuel Gerber, Tolga Tasdizen, Ross Whitaker, Robust Non-linear Dimensionality Reduction using Successive 1-Dimensional Laplacian Eigenmaps, ICML 2007

## Conditional Expectation Manifolds

Manifold learning as unsupervised non-parametric model fitting

## Principal Curves/Surfaces

## Curve through the middle of a density $y = g(s) + \eta(s)$



*T. Hastie, W. Stuetzle*, **Principal curves** Journal of the American Statistical Association 1989

## Principal Surface Definition

- Minimal orthogonal projection onto surface  $\lambda(y) = \max_{s} \{s : \|y - g(s)\| = \inf_{\tilde{s}} \|y - g(\tilde{s})\|\}$
- Principal surface iff conditional expectation of the projection equal to surface



$$E[Y|\lambda_g(Y)=X]=g(x)$$

# Principal Surface Estimation

- Principal surfaces are extremal points of (objective function)  $E[||Y g(\lambda(Y))||^2]$
- Pick a parametrized surface model g(s)
- Optimize over parameters of g(s)
- Unfortunately principal surfaces are all saddle points of  $E[\|Y-g(\lambda(Y))\|^2]$
- Projection is a non-linear optimization problem

## Conditional Expectation Manifolds (CEM)

- Define a coordinate mapping f
- Model surface g as conditional expectation of coordinate mapping. g(s) = E[Y|f(Y)]
- Optimize coordinate mapping



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## **CEM** Estimation

Coordinate mapping as kernel regression



 $f(y) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{K_n^y(y-y_j)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} K_n^y(y-y_k)} Z_j$ 

Samuel Gerber, Tolga Tasdizen, Ross Whitaker "Dimensionality Reduction and Principal Surfaces via Kernel Map Manifolds", (ICCV 2009)

## **CEM** Estimation

 Conditional expectation estimated with kernel regression



g(s) = E[Y|f(Y) = s]

Samuel Gerber, Tolga Tasdizen, Ross Whitaker "Dimensionality Reduction and Principal Surfaces via Kernel Map Manifolds", (ICCV 2009)

## Some results

### • Effect of optimization







Input

Initial MSE 8.6 Optimized MSE 2.6

## Some results

#### • 1965 images of different facial expression (20x28)



# Work in Progress

 Saddle point property of extrema is problematic for model selection



# Work in Progress

 Conditional expectation manifolds pave way for other objective functions



## Brain Population Analysis



## Motivation

- Proof of concept
  - Conditional expectation manifold for brain images
- Non-linearity in shape space
- Natural extension at the time from single atlas to multiple atlases to continuum
- Simplify statistics on shape spaces

# Measuring Shape Differences

- Euclidean space does not capture changes in shape
- Distance based on measuring length of transformation
  - $y_i(r)$  v(r)  $y_i(r+v(r))$   $y_j$









## Large Deformation Diffeomorphic Metric

 $v(\phi(r, au), au)$ 

 $\phi(r,0)$ 

- Diffeomorphic transform  $\phi(r, 1)$  $\phi(r, t) = r + \int_0^t v(\phi(r, \tau), \tau) d\tau$
- Riemannian metric  $\|v(r, \tau)\|_Q$   $(Q = \alpha \nabla + (1 \alpha)I)$
- Geodesics on diffeomorphic transformations  $d(e,\phi)^2 = \min_v \int_0^t \int_\Omega ||v(r,\tau)||_Q dr \, d\tau$
- Induces metric on images

$$\tilde{d}(y_i, y_j)^2 = \min_{v} \int_0^1 ||v(r, \tau)||_Q d\tau$$
  
such that  $\int_{\Omega} ||y_i(\phi(r, 1)) - y_j(r))||_2^2 dr = 0$ 

## Manifold in Brain Space





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#### Data set: spiral segments



#### Manifold mean



#### Diffeomorphic mean



# Approximating the Diffeomorphic Metric

- For small deformations work in tangent space  $\phi(r, 1) \approx v(r, 0) = u(r)$
- Distance defined by  $d_a(y_i, y_j)^2 = \min_u \int_{\Omega} ||u(r)||_Q^2 dr$ such that  $\int_{\Omega} ||y_i(r+u(r)) - y_j(r))||_2^2 dr \le \varepsilon$
- For symmetry

 $d(y_i, y_j) = \frac{1}{2}(d_a(y_i, y_j) + d_a(y_j, y_i))$ 

## Manifold Representation

 Represent manifold as conditional expectation of some function



- g(x) = E[Y|f(y) = x]
- Non euclidean space use Frechet mean  $y_m = \arg\min_{y \in \mathscr{M}} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i d(y, y_i)^2$   $g(x) = \arg\min_y \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{K_x(\|x - f(y_i)\|_2)}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_x(\|x - f(y_j)\|_2)} d(y, y_i)^2$

*B. Davis, P. Fletcher, E. Bullitt, S. Joshi*, **Population shape regression from random design data**, ICCV 2007

# Manifold Representation

- Compute embedding based on pairwise distance matrix (isomap)
- Define coordinate mapping based kernel map manifold approach



$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{K_{y}(d(y,y_{i}))z_{i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{y}(d(y,y_{j}))}$$

## Manifold Representation

- In all steps:
  - Large distances have negligible effect

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{K_{y}(d(y,y_{i}))z_{i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{y}(d(y,y_{j}))}$$





$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \arg\min_{y} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{K_{x}(\|x - f(y_{i}))\|_{2}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{x}(\|x - f(y_{j}))\|_{2})} d(y, y_{i})^{2}$$

## Results

- OASIS data set
  - 416 subjects, age 16 to 80
  - 100 subjects diagnosed with mild to moderate dementia
- ADNI data set
  - 156 Subjects, age 57 to 88
  - 38 normal, 84 MCI,
    34 early AD





## OASIS 2D Embedding



## Manifold Fit - OASIS

- Measure reconstruction error
  - Comparison to PCA
  - Comparison of different metrics
  - Scale by average nearest neighbor distance error =  $\frac{\sum_i d(g(f(y_i)), y_i)}{\sum_i d(nn(y_i), y_i)}$





## Manifold Fit - ADNI







### Projection distance

I.07

Left out volumes 0.81

1.23







Reconstructed volumes

## Statistical Analysis - OASIS

- Linear regression on age, MMSE, CDR
  - Comparison to PCA and age as predictor
  - Controlled for age BIC to select best model

Model	t	Residual	$R^2$	F	p-value
$\operatorname{age} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i l_i$	41.5 / -12.5 / 4.2 / -7.1 / -8.7	10.5	0.82	404.9	$< \epsilon$
$ ext{age} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i x_i$	-39.3 / 10.0 / -13.0	10.87	0.82	639.5	$< \epsilon$
$MMSE = a_0 + a_1age$	-4.0	3.59	0.06	15.82	9.3e-05
$\mathrm{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	-6.6	3.40	0.16	43.13	3.3e-10
$\text{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 x_1$	6.8	3.36	0.18	50.3	1.6e-11
$CDR = a_0 + a_1age$	12.0	0.27	0.25	144.5	$< \epsilon$
$\mathrm{CDR} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	14.9	0.26	0.34	223.9	$< \epsilon$
$CDR = a_0 + a_1 x_1$	-15.8	0.25	0.36	248.5	$<\epsilon$

# Statistical Analysis - OASIS

Restricted to subjects age above 60

Model	t	Residual	$R^2$	F	<i>p</i> -value
$ ext{age} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i l_i$	5.1 / -2.0	4.3	0.18	13.3	6.1e-6
age = $a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i x_i$	-4.4 / 2.0	4.4	0.14	9.9	1.0e-4
$MMSE = a_0 + a_1age$	-1.0	4.09	0.008	1.0	0.3
$\text{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	-4.0	3.86	0.12	15.9	1.2e-4
$\text{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 x_1$	4.6	3.8	0.15	20.9	1.2e-5
$\mathrm{CDR} = a_0 + a_1 \mathrm{age}$	3.5	0.37	0.09	11.2	1.1e-3
$\mathrm{CDR} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	4.9	0.36	0.16	24.1	3.0e-6
$\mathrm{CDR} = a_0 + a_1 x_1$	-5.5	0.35	0.20	30.0	2.4e-7

# Statistical Analysis - ADNI

Model	t	Residual	$R^2$	F	<i>p</i> -value
$ ext{age} = a_0 + a_1 l_1 + \sum_{i=4}^5 a_i l_i$	5.41 / -2.24 / -2.50 /	5.5	0.21	13.5	7.3e-8
$\mathrm{age} = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i x_i$	4.83 / 2.34	5.7	0.16	14.39	1.8e-6
$MMSE = a_0 + a_1age$	0.65	2.43	0.003	0.43	0.52
$\mathrm{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	-2.53	2.39	0.04	6.38	0.01
$\text{MMSE} = a_0 + a_1 x_1$	-2.83	2.37	0.05	8.03	0.005
$ ext{diagnosis} = a_0 + a_1  ext{age}$	-0.74	0.68	0.003	0.54	0.46
${ m diagnosis} = a_0 + a_1 l_1$	2.54	0.67	0.04	6.43	0.012
$\mathrm{diagnosis} = a_0 + a_1 x_1 + a_6 x_6$	3.55 / -3.30	0.64	0.13	11.74	1.8e-5

## Reconstructions - ADN



## **ADNI - Statistics**





## Extensions

- Different Metrics?
  - Transformation based metric is expensive
  - No optimization of conditional expectation manifold
- Embedding/Statistics including metric tensor.
- Adding supervision
  - Fit manifold with respect to a clinical predictor



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## Thoughts on Manifold Learning

- For which applications / tasks is manifold learning effective?
  - Purely unsupervised tasks are rare
    - Exploratory analysis
  - In supervised settings:
    - Manifold learning as regularization
    - Feature extraction
- Stratified, non *flat-able* manifolds and detection of non-manifold structure