# Modelling 2 STATISTICAL DATA MODELLING 

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## Chapter 10 <br> Space

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## Video \#10 Space

- High-dimensional space \& the curse of dimensionality
- Kernels: flat space extended
- Manifolds: curved space


## The Curse of Dimensionality

## Issues with high-dimensional data

- Structural anomalies - too much space
- Distance concentration
- Naïve dimensionality reduction
- The Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma
- Generalization problems - too little data
- Sampling requirements
- Curved space
- Computational problems - too much work
- Searching
- Integration
- too much space in high dimensions Structural / Logical Anomalies


## Higher Dimensions are Weird

## Issues with High-Dimensional Spaces:

- d-dimensional space: $d$ independent neighboring directions to each point
- Volume-distance ratio explodes


$d=1$


$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{vol}(r) \in \Theta\left(r^{d}\right) \\
\qquad d \rightarrow \infty
\end{gathered}
$$

## Dart Throwing



normal distribution

by radius: bulls-eye unlikely

## Higher Dimensions are Weird



## Concentration of distances

- "Dart-throwing anomaly"
- Normal distributions
- Gather probability-mass in thin shells

$$
p(r) \sim r^{d-1} e^{-r^{2}} \text { (maximum in the limit: } \sqrt{d} \text { ) }
$$

- Nearest neighbor $\approx$ farthest neighbor
- For unstructured points (e.g. iid-random)
- Not true for if data is structured specifically


## Heavy Corners


looks benign in 2D

all samples near corners in high-dim.

## Why do we always sample Gaussians?

- Uniform random variables on a cube
- Corners have most of the volume (growth $r^{d}$ )
- Need symmetric shapes
- Gaussian is rotationally symmetric (and is separable)
- Sphere would also work


## Dimensionality Reduction

## Can we reduce dimensions?

- Assume point set

$$
P=\left\{\mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{n}\right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d}
$$

- Let's say, we only care about pairwise distances

$$
\left|x_{i}-x_{j}\right|, \quad i, j \in\{1, \ldots, n\}
$$

- Example application: classifier
- (general discriminative tasks)


## Dimensionality Reduction

## "Trivial" result

- Embedding $n$ points in $d=n-1$ dimensions
- Only interesting if $d>n$
- Just use differences $\mathbf{x}_{i}-\mathbf{x}_{1}$ as coordinate vectors
- Then run Gram-Schmidt-orthogonalization to get orthogonal coordinate frame

Johnsen-Lindenstrauss Lemma

- Good approximate embedding in $d \in O(\log n)$
- Guaranteed quality for any point set
- A bit more surprising


## Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma

JL-Lemma: [Dasgupta \& Gupta 2003]

- Point set $P=\left\{\mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{n}\right\}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$
- There exists $f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k}$ with $k \in \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{-2} \ln n\right)$

$$
\left(k \geq 4\left(\epsilon^{2} / 2-\epsilon^{3} / 3\right)^{-1} \ln n\right)
$$

- ...that preserves all inter-point distances up to a factor of $(1+\epsilon)$


## Random orthogonal linear projection

- Works with probability $\geq(1-1 / n)$
S. Dasgupta, A. Gupta: An Elementary Proof of a Theorem of Johnson and Lindenstrauss Random Structures and Algorithms, 22(1):60-65, 2003, https://cseweb.ucsd.edu/~dasgupta/papers/jl.pdf


## This means...

## What Does the JL-Lemma Imply?

Pairwise distances in small point set $P$
(sub-exponential in $d$ )
can be well-preserved in low-dimensional embedding

## What does it not say?

Does not imply that the points themselves are wellrepresented (just the pairwise distances)

## Experiment



## Proof Sketch

## Difference Vectors

- Normalize (relative error)
- All $n^{2}$ pairs yield poles
- Pole yields bad approximation
- $n^{2}$ poles $d_{i j}$
- Non-pole area much larger
- High dimension
- Volume grows with:

$$
\sin ^{d-1} \alpha
$$

- Covering sphere with poles
- Need large number of poles
- Exponential in $d$


## - too little data for high dimensions Generalization Problems

## Sampling Requirements

## Sampling costs grow exponentially with $d$

- Sampling a unit cube in $\mathbb{R}^{d}$
- Spacing $\epsilon \rightarrow n=1 / \epsilon$ samples
- Costs $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{d}\right)$


## Sampling theory



- Resolve frequencies $\omega=1 / \epsilon$
- Tensor-product Fourier basis Rect.: $\left\{e^{i\left(\omega_{1} x_{1}+\cdots+\omega_{d} x_{d}\right)} \mid \omega_{1}, \ldots, \omega_{d}=-n . . n\right\}$ Isotropic: $\omega_{1}^{2}+\cdots+\omega_{d}^{2} \leq n^{2}$
- Exponential costs



## Subspace Sampling

## Sampled Hyperplane

- Space has dimension $d$
- Hyperplane has dimension $k<d$


## Discriminative Task

- Neighborhood based classifier
- Blue sample $r$ away from plane

- Nearest neighbor on plane should be closer than blue sample
- Need $\Omega\left(n^{k}\right), n=r^{-1}$ samples - exponential
- Need $\Omega\left(n^{k} \log n^{k}\right)=\Omega\left(k n^{k} \log n\right)$ random samples


## Random Samples?

## Coupon-Collectors Theorem

- On expectation, we need

$$
\underbrace{\mathrm{H}_{n}}_{=(\ln n) \pm 1}
$$

random draws to hit $n$ bins / coupons

- Thus, random i.i.d. uniform samples increase effort

$$
O(n) \rightarrow O(n \ln n)
$$



## Learning Manifolds



## (Common) Assumption

- Data of a class forms a smooth $k$-dimensional surface (" $k$-manifold") in $d$-dimensional space
- Model: Local flat approximation
- Again, costs are exponential in $k$


## Consequence

## Hard to learn

- Data manifolds with intrinsically high dimension
- Common - think of all the poses of a dog

Distance-based classifiers...

- ...will have exponential sampling cost
- I.e., need exponential amount of training data!

Smoothness is distance based [Bengio]

- Nearest-Neighbors, Histograms, Parzen Windows
- Gaussian-Kernel-SVM, Gaussian processes


## DNNs Can Learn combinatorially

three network layers

Interpretation
Nested ReLU-layer = nested convex cells


## Activation Patterns

Encode combinatorial decisions
(which linear map to use)

## Example: ReLU

## Activations of a ReLU Neuron

- Binary weights - work as "or"-operator
- Negative weights act as "not"-operator
- Can build "NOR"-gates

NOR-gates are universal

- Can encode arbitrary logically functions with a network of NOR-gates
- Depth make it efficient
- Shallow circuits might have exponential disadvantage

Impossible with distance-based methods

- too much work in high dimensions Computational Issues
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SEARCH

## Search

## Given

- Point cloud $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$
- Query point $\mathrm{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$


## How to efficiently find

- ( $k$-)nearest-neighbors of x
- Neighbors in fixed radius $r$ from x


## Example applications

- k-NN Classifier (old-school)
- Using Siamese Networks (new-school) $\}$


## Data Structures

## Search Data structures

- Bounding volume hierarchy
- Hierarchical grouping of points
- Bounding volumes (e.g. spheres)
- Generic idea - many variants
- BSP-tree ("binary space partition tree")
- Split by planes
- (Usually) binary tree
- Complex, convex cells as bounding volumes
- Half-space test per node



## Variants

## Variants

- k-D-tree (axis aligned BSP-tree)
- Use axis parallel splitting planes
- Cyclically alternate splitting dimension
- Median cut
- Quadtrees / Octrees
- Divide into 4 (8) congruent cubes
- Costs exponential with dimension
- Practically used only in $\mathbb{R}^{2}, \mathbb{R}^{3}$



## Range Query Algorithm



Recursively from root node

- If range overlaps bounding box
- Collect points in node (if any) Keep those in range
- Recursion for child nodes
- If range does not overlap bounding box
- Return empty


## Examples



## Nearest-Neighbor Query Algorithm

Algorithm: $k$ nearest neighbors
Data structure: queue sorted by distance
Initialization: Put root node in queue While not yet $k$ points found and queue non-empty:

Take closest object from queue
If this is a point:
output the point
Otherwise, if this is a node:
If leaf node: Insert all points into queue
If inner node: Insert all child-boxes into queue


## How to Search in High Dimensions

## Nearest-Neighbor(s) / $\epsilon$-Neighbors

- Linear-time brute-force search always work
- Tree-based algorithms
- Reasonable space/ precomputation
- Worst-case search time bounds exponential in dimension
- In practice
- kD-Trees work up to dimension 10-20
- Approximate search to speed it up
- Libraries: ANN, FLANN
- J-S-Lemma
- Reduce dimensionality to 10-20, then use ANN/FLANN
- Direct application: Locality-sensitive-hashing (LSH)
- too much work in high dimensions Computational Issues

INTEGRATION

## High Dimensional Integrals

Classic application domain

- High-dimensional integration domains
- Let's say, $\Omega=[0,1]^{20}$


## Standard Integration

- Regular grid, $k^{20}$ samples
- No need to try this...


Rieman-sum


## Higher Dimensions

## Monte-Carlo Approach:

- Sample n points
- Compute average
- Multiply with domain volume


## Property

- Works if variance is not too large

- Dimension irrelevant


## Example

## When is Monte-Carlo integration possible?


optimal -
no variance

moderate variance -MC-int. possible

large variance not efficient

## General observation

- Randomized algorithms are efficient if the crucial information is easy to find by random trials


## Numerical Example


$q=1$

$q=0.5$

$q=0.1$

$q=0.01$

$q=0.001$


## Averaging Samples:

- $n=100$ samples
- Fraction $q$ of the domain with value $0.5 / q$
- Showing multiple pixels


## Example

## Speed of convergence:

$$
n=1
$$

- Now growing $n$
- Pixel: 50\% black / 50\% white

$$
n=10
$$

- Growing sample size


## Observation

$$
n=100
$$

- Large sample size required before noise vanishes

$$
n=1000
$$

$$
n=10000
$$

## Variance Reduction Two reasons for long compute times

> Biggest Problem primary estimator variance

Possible solution: Importance Sampling

## Importance Sampling

## Importance Sampling

- Idea: More samples in important regions
- Need to weight differently to avoid bias
- New estimator
- Choose sampling density $p$ on $\Omega$

$$
\int_{\Omega} f(x) d x \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{f\left(x_{i}\right)}{p\left(x_{i}\right)}(p(x)>0 \forall x \in \Omega)
$$

- (Note: No $|\Omega|$ factor required here.)
- Sampling density $p$ controls importance


## Illustrative Example from Graphics

6000 km


1 million light sources

$$
1 \text { light source } \frac{1 \mathrm{~m}}{1}
$$

New York

## More Complex Sampling Problems

## What if sampling itself is costly?

- For example, from a MRF

$$
p\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i} p\left(x_{i}\right) \prod_{i, j} p\left(x_{i}, x_{j}\right)
$$

Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo

- Gibbs sampler (for graphical models / MRFs)
- Metropolis sampler (for unnormalized densities)


## Nonetheless...

- Many (e.g. Bayesian) integration problems remain intractable


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## Data Modeling with Kernels

## Topics

- Inner products \& kernel
- Definitions
- Networks as kernels
- Understanding kernels via dual PCA
- Gaussian Processes
- Data analysis with GP
- Application to DNN analysis
- Networks as GPs
- Neural tangent kernel
- Towards explaining "Double Descent"


## Inner Products \& Kernels

More on Kernel Methods
John Shawe-Taylor, Nello Cristianini:
Kernel Methods for Pattern Analysis.
Cambridge University Press, 2004

## Inner Products

## Vector space $V$

- Inner product $\langle\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}\rangle$ of vectors $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y} \in V$
- Symmetric (commutative)

$$
\langle x, y\rangle=\langle y, x\rangle
$$

- Bilinear

$$
\left\langle\lambda \mathrm{x}_{1}+\mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{y}\right\rangle=\lambda\left\langle\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{y}\right\rangle+\left\langle\mathrm{x}_{2}, \mathrm{y}\right\rangle
$$

- Positive definite

$$
\langle\mathbf{x}, \mathrm{x}\rangle \geq 0 \text { and }\langle\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{x}\rangle=0 \Leftrightarrow \mathrm{x}=0
$$

- In finite dimensions, this are exactly functions

$$
\langle\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}\rangle=\mathrm{x}^{T} \mathbf{M y} \text { for SPD matrices } \mathbf{M}
$$

or equivalently
$\langle\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}\rangle=(\mathrm{Tx})^{T}(\mathrm{Ty})$ for invertible matrices T

## Cartoon Example

## Example Goal: Linear classification


original space

"feature space"
$\phi: \mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$
$(x, y) \mapsto\left(x^{2}, x y, y^{2}\right)$

## Kernels



## Feature spaces

- Data $\mathrm{x} \in V$ from vector space $V$
- Transform data by function $\phi: V \rightarrow W$
- Vector space $W$ is called "feature space"


## Kernels



Kernels: Inner products in feature space

- Kernel $\kappa(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}):=\langle\phi(\mathrm{x}), \phi(\mathrm{y})\rangle$
- Data $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$
- Why $\phi$ ?
- $\phi$ can emphasize / unveil structure
- Why kernels?
- Sometimes easier to compute (as in "tractable")


## "The Kernel Trick"



## Why Kernels?

## Expensive Kernels

- „Polynomial kernel"

$$
\kappa(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})=(\langle\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\rangle+c)^{D}
$$

computes implicitly all monomials up to degree $D$

- Attention: with non-uniform coefficients
- Direct mapping $\phi$ would be exponential in $D$
- Can analyze higher moments at moderate costs


## Another Popular Kernel



## Gaussian / RBF / squared-exponential kernel

$$
k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})=\exp \left(-a\|\mathbf{x}-\mathrm{y}\|^{2}\right)
$$

- Popular choice
- Ignores detail in data below length-scale $\approx \sigma$
- Go-to solution for kernel SVMs, GP regression


## Fourier Analysis

## Analysis

$$
k(r)=\exp \left(-a r^{2}\right) \text { with } r:=\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}\|
$$

## Fourier-Domain

- Fourier-transformation

$$
K(\omega)=\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\pi \omega)^{2}}{a}}
$$

- Low-pass filter on the distance function
- Exponential frequency drop-off


## Fourier Analysis



## Multi-Dimensional FT

- Gaussian cross section along x $\perp$ y
- Constant along x || y


## Fourier Analysis



## Numerical approximation

- Assume Data in $\mathrm{x} \in[0,2 \pi]^{d}$

$$
k(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})=\sum_{\mathrm{w} \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}} z_{\mathrm{w}} e^{-i\langle\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y}\rangle}=\sum_{\mathrm{w} \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}} z_{\mathrm{w}} e^{-i\langle\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{x}\rangle} e^{i\langle\mathrm{w}, \mathrm{y}\rangle}
$$

with non-zero Fourier coefficients $z_{\mathrm{w}} \in \mathbb{R}$

## Note Networks as Kernels

## How does a deep network classifier work?

- Apply deep network $f^{L} \circ \ldots \circ f^{1}$ on inputs $\mathbf{x}$
- Final layer $f^{L}$ usually a (fully-connected) linear layer
- Followed by soft-max \& x-entropy loss or hinge-loss


## Kernel-machine

- Consider $f^{L-1} \circ \ldots \circ f^{1}$ a learned kernel
- Last layer: logistic/softmax regression or SVM
- Kernel LR / Kernel-SVM
- But the kernel is rather "fancy"
- Most traditional practice: "handcrafted" kernels


## Simple Kernelization

## How to Kernelize "any" Algorithm

Run Kernel-PCA (a.k.a. dual-PCA / MDS)

- Data

$$
\mathbf{x}=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & & \mid \\
\mathbf{x}_{1} & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_{n} \\
\mid & & \mid
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Feature matrix (do not compute!)

$$
\phi(\mathbf{X})=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & & \mid \\
\phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}\right) & \cdots & \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}\right) \\
\mid & & \mid
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Its Gram matrix (kernel evaluations only)

$$
\mathrm{G}=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
\ddots & & \ddots  \tag{63}\\
& \left\langle\phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right), \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{j}\right)\right\rangle & \ddots \\
\ddots & & \ddots
\end{array}\right)=\phi(\mathbf{X})^{T} \phi(\mathbf{X}),
$$

## How to Kernelize "any" Algorithm

## Run Kernel-PCA (dual-PCA / MDS)

- Take a "square root" of G:

$$
{ }^{\prime} \sqrt{\mathbf{G}^{\prime}}=\phi(\mathrm{X})=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\mid & \mid \\
\phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}\right) & \cdots & \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}\right) \\
\mid & & \mid
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Obtained from eigenvalue decomposition

$$
G=V \Lambda V^{T}=(V \sqrt{\Lambda})\left(\sqrt{\Lambda}^{T} V^{T}\right)
$$

- Recovering rotated feature space

$$
\phi(\mathbf{X})=\mathbb{R}\left(\sqrt{\Lambda} V^{T}\right) \text { for some orthogonal } \mathbb{R}
$$

- Because $\sqrt{\mathrm{G}}$ is not unique

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=V \Lambda V^{T}=(V \sqrt{\Lambda}) \underbrace{R^{T} \mathbb{R}}_{I}\left(\sqrt{\Lambda} V^{T}\right) \tag{64}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Why is this good?

## Kernel-algorithm recipe

- Compute kernel-matrix G
- Eigendecomposition $\sqrt{G}=\sqrt{\Lambda} V^{T}$
- Embedding = columns of $\sqrt{\Lambda} V^{T}$
- Use embedded points in ML-algorithm


## Complexity reduction

- $n$ data points
- Embedding: at most $n$ dimensions
- Potentially high-dim. feature space (before R )


## Does this do the trick?

## Invariance

- Kernel (Gram) matrix is rotation invariant

$$
[\phi(\mathbf{X})]^{T}[\phi(\mathbf{X})]=[\phi(\mathbf{X})]^{T} \mathbf{R}^{T} \mathbb{R}[\phi(\mathbf{X})]=[\mathbf{R} \phi(\mathbf{X})]^{T}[\mathbf{R} \phi(\mathbf{X})]
$$

- Embedding does not alter information


## Costs

- Kernel matrix is always needed
- $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{2}\right)$ costs
- Spectral decomposition is typically $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{3}\right)$
- Might be suboptimal
- But very easy to employ


## Nyström Projection

## Nyström Projection

- Embed new feature $\phi(\mathrm{x})$ :

$$
e m b(\phi(\mathrm{x}))=\mathrm{V}^{T} \Lambda^{-1}\left(\begin{array}{c}
\kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, \mathrm{x}\right) \\
\vdots \\
\kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}, \mathrm{x}\right)
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Nyström Projection

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- Reminder: $\quad \phi(\mathbf{X})=\mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^{T} \quad \mathrm{G}=\phi(\mathbf{X})^{T} \phi(\mathbf{X})=\mathrm{V} \Lambda^{2} \mathrm{~V}^{T}$

$$
e m b_{P C A}(\phi(\mathbf{X}))=\mathbf{U}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{X}) \quad e m b_{\text {dual }}(\phi(\mathbf{X}))=\Lambda \mathbf{V}^{T}
$$

- Project new feature $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ on principal axes $\mathbf{u}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_{d}$ :

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\operatorname{emb}(\phi(\mathbf{x}))= & \mathbf{U}^{T} \phi(\mathbf{x}) & \\
= & \left(\mathbf{V}^{T} \Lambda^{-1} \phi(\mathbf{X})^{T}\right) \phi(\mathbf{x}) & & \mathbf{X})=\mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{V}^{T} \\
& \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_{1}} v_{i, 1}\left\langle\phi\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right), \phi(\mathbf{x})\right\rangle\right) & \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}=\phi(\mathbf{X}) \mathbf{V} \Lambda^{-1} \\
\Rightarrow & \mathbf{U}^{T}=\mathbf{V}^{T} \Lambda^{-1} \phi(\mathbf{X})^{T}
\end{array}
$$

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& =\left(\begin{array}{c}
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_{1}} v_{i, 1} \kappa\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}\right) \\
\vdots \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\lambda_{n}} v_{i, n} \kappa\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}\right)
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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\vdots \\
\kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}, \mathrm{x}\right)
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Training \& Inference

- Determine factorization for training
- Use Nyström-Projection for inference
- Input new data points into non-kernelized ML-algorithm
- Embedding varies with $\kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}, \cdot\right)$
- Gaussian: Smoothed proximity to $\mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{n}$
- Distance-based learning scheme


## Note: MDS

## We can convert

- Gram matrix $\rightarrow$ all pairwise distances
- Losing global translation
- All pairwise distances $\rightarrow$ Gram matrix
- Up to a global translation


## Consequences

- After feature-map, algorithms are distance-based
- Johnsen-Lindenstrauss-Lemma
- Can be approximated in rel. low dimensions
- Much less information than full vectors
- Kernel design by distances-design
- Often more intuitive


# Gaussian Process Regression 

## Background Literature

Carl Edward Rasmussen, Christopher K. I. Williams
Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning
The MIT Press, 2006.
http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/

## Linear Regression (w/linear basis)

## Regression

- Data points

$$
\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}, y_{1}\right), \ldots,\left(\mathbf{x}_{n}, y_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{d} \times \mathbb{R}
$$

- Looking for approx. function

$$
f\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \approx y_{i}
$$

## Linear Regression

- Ansatz

$$
f_{w}(x)=\langle w, x\rangle
$$

- Objective

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\|\mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}_{i}-y_{i}\right\|^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathrm{w} \mathbf{x}_{i}-2 \mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x}_{i} y_{i}+y_{i}^{2}\right) \rightarrow \min . \tag{73}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Linear Regression (w/linear basis)

## Kernelized Linear Regression

- Ansatz

$$
f_{\mathrm{w}}(\mathrm{x})=\langle\mathrm{w}, \phi(\mathrm{x})\rangle
$$

- Objective

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left\|\mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right)-y_{i}\right\|^{2} \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}}\left[\phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\right] \mathrm{w}-2 \mathrm{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \phi\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) y_{i}+y_{i}^{2}\right) \rightarrow \min .
\end{aligned}
$$

- Still: Quadratic optimization problem in w
- Gaussian probabilistic model
- Simply solve a linear system


## How Interesting is This?

## Moderately Interesting?

- Ansatz

$$
f_{\mathrm{w}}(\mathrm{x})=\langle\mathrm{w}, \phi(\mathrm{x})\rangle
$$

with

$$
\phi(\mathrm{x})=\left(\begin{array}{c}
b_{1}(\mathrm{x}) \\
\vdots \\
b_{k}(\mathrm{x})
\end{array}\right)
$$

is just approximation with a linear basis (Mod-1)

- For example

$$
\phi(x)=\left(1, x, x^{2}, \ldots, x^{D}\right)^{T}
$$

yields polynomial fitting (Video 05d)

## Non-Parametric GPs

## Gaussian Processes

## Main idea

- Consider function space
- Define Gaussian distribution in function space
- Gaussian priors
- Gaussian data terms
- Use this to solve various ML-problems


## Technical challenge

- Gaussians in infinite-dim. space


## Gaussian Processes

## Gaussian processes

- We would like to infer functions

$$
f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
$$

- We assume a "Gaussian distribution"
- For any finite sample $\mathrm{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$ $f\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}\right), \ldots, f\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}\right)$ are normal distributed
- ...with mean $\mu=0$, i.e. $\mu\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \mu\left(x_{n}\right)=0$
- ...and covariance

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{cov}\left(f\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right), f\left(\mathrm{x}_{j}\right)\right)=\kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}, \mathrm{x}_{j}\right) \\
& \left.=\mathbb{E}\left[f\left(x_{i}\right)-\mathbb{E}\left[f\left(x_{i}\right)\right]\right) \cdot\left(f\left(x_{j}\right)-\mathbb{E}\left[f\left(x_{j}\right)\right]\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

- The "kernel" $\kappa$ is called the covariance function.


## Nothing to see here, move on...

## Comparison: vector case

$$
\mathbf{x}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
x_{1} \\
\vdots \\
x_{n}
\end{array}\right), \quad \mu=\left(\begin{array}{c}
\mu_{1} \\
\vdots \\
\mu_{n}
\end{array}\right), \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
\ddots & & \ddots \\
& \operatorname{cov}\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{j}\right) & \\
\ddots & & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

Functions / GPs
$f \rightarrow\left(\begin{array}{c}f\left(x_{1}\right) \\ \vdots \\ f\left(x_{n}\right)\end{array}\right)$,
$\mu \rightarrow\left(\begin{array}{c}\mu\left(x_{1}\right) \\ \vdots \\ \mu\left(x_{n}\right)\end{array}\right)$,
$\mathbf{K}=\left(\begin{array}{l}\because \\ \because\end{array}\right.$
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\because \\ \ddots\end{array}\right)$

## Gaussian Process Regression

## Regression

- Data points

$$
\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}, y_{1}\right), \ldots,\left(\mathrm{x}_{n}, y_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{d} \times \mathbb{R}
$$

- Looking for approx. function

$$
f\left(\mathbf{x}_{i}\right) \approx y_{i}
$$

## Prior on function space

- Normal distribution on functions $f \sim \mathcal{N}_{0, \kappa}$
- In the sense of the previous slide

Data term

- Noisy observations $f\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}\right) \sim \mathcal{N}_{y_{i}, \sigma}(y)$


## Bayes Rule

## Combining Data + Prior

$$
P(f \mid D)=\frac{P(D \mid f) P(f)}{P(D)} \sim P(D \mid f) P(f)
$$

Notation (next slide)

- Training data points $\mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$ with values $y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n} \in \mathbb{R}$
- Query data points $\mathrm{x}_{1}^{*}, \ldots, \mathrm{x}_{m}^{*} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$
- Unknown function $f$ :
- Unknown function values $\mathbf{Y}=\left(f\left(\mathbf{x}_{1}\right), \ldots, f\left(\mathbf{x}_{n}\right)\right)^{\mathbf{T}}$
- Not necessarily equal to $\left(y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}\right)$
- Unknown query function values $\mathrm{Y}^{*}=\left(f\left(\mathrm{x}_{1}^{*}\right), \ldots, f\left(\mathrm{x}_{m}^{*}\right)\right)^{\mathrm{T}}$


## Bayes Rule

## Data Term

$$
P(f \mid D) \sim P(D \mid f) P(f)
$$

- $P(\mathrm{Y} \mid D)=\prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{N}_{y_{i}, \sigma}(\mathrm{Y})$


## Prior

- $P\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}\mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{*}\end{array}\right]\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{0}, \Sigma}\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}\mathbf{Y} \\ \mathbf{Y}^{*}\end{array}\right]\right)$ with $\mathbf{\Sigma}=\left(\begin{array}{ll}K(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}) & K\left(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}^{*}\right) \\ K\left(\mathrm{Y}^{*}, \mathbf{Y}\right) & K\left(\mathrm{Y}^{*}, \mathrm{Y}^{*}\right)\end{array}\right)$

$$
\text { where } K(\mathbf{X}, \mathrm{Y})=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
\ddots & & \ddots \\
& \kappa\left(\mathrm{x}_{i}, \mathrm{y}_{j}\right) & \ddots \\
\ddots & & \ddots
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Inference

## Determine new function values

- Multiply Gaussians
- Result is again a Gaussian
- Mean and covariance matrix change (combination)
- Means for new variables yield interpolation
- Variances are also available!


## Corresponding linear system

$$
\left[\left(\begin{array}{cc}
K(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y})+\sigma^{-2} \mathbf{I} & K\left(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Y}^{*}\right) \\
K\left(\mathbf{Y}^{*}, \mathbf{Y}\right) & K\left(\mathbf{Y}^{*}, \mathbf{Y}^{*}\right)
\end{array}\right)\right]\binom{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{Y}^{*}}=\binom{\sigma^{-2} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{0}}
$$

## Example 1: Image Reconstruction



## Minimization Problem

## Continuous

$$
\sigma_{D}^{-2} \int_{\Omega}(f(\mathbf{x})-d(\mathbf{x}))^{2} d \mathbf{x}+\sigma_{X}^{-2} \int_{\Omega}\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^{2} d \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \min .
$$

## Minimize



## Equivalent minimization objective



## Euler-Lagrange Equation

## Variational problem

$$
E(f) \rightarrow \text { min. with }
$$

$$
E(f)=\int_{\Omega} F\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{d}, f(\mathrm{x}), \partial_{x_{1}} f(\mathrm{x}), \ldots, \partial_{x_{d}} f(\mathrm{x})\right) d \mathrm{x}
$$

## Necessary condition

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\frac{\partial F}{\partial \arg \{f(\mathrm{x})\}}=\sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \frac{\partial F}{\begin{array}{c}
\text { ordinary partial } \\
\text { derivative by } x_{i}
\end{array}} \begin{array}{r}
\text { derivative of } F \\
\text { by corr. argument }
\end{array}
\end{array}
$$

## Diffusion / Poisson Equation

## Harmonic energy

$$
E(f)=\int_{\Omega}\|\nabla f(\mathrm{x})\|^{2} d \mathrm{x} \rightarrow \min .
$$

## Necessary condition

$$
\Delta f(\mathrm{x})=0
$$

## Proof

- Euler-Lagrange-Equation (Mod-1)


## Diffusion / Poisson Equation

## Harmonic energy

$$
E(f)=\int_{\Omega}\|\nabla f(\mathrm{x})\|^{2} d \mathrm{x}=\int_{\Omega}\left(\partial_{x_{1}} f(\mathrm{x})\right)^{2}+\cdots+\left(\partial_{x_{d}} f(\mathrm{x})\right)^{2} d \mathrm{x}
$$

## Necessary condition

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 & =\sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} \frac{\partial\left(\mathrm{x} \rightarrow\left(\partial_{x_{1}} f(\mathrm{x})\right)^{2}+\cdots+\left(\partial_{x_{d}} f(\mathrm{x})\right)^{2}\right)}{\partial \arg \left\{\partial_{x_{i}} f(\mathrm{x})\right\}} \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i}} 2 \partial_{x_{i}} f(\mathrm{x})=2 \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{\partial^{2} f(\mathrm{x})}{\partial_{x_{i}}^{2}} \Rightarrow \Delta f(\mathrm{x})=0
\end{aligned}
$$

## Eigen Analysis

## Eigenfunctions of the Laplacian

$$
\Delta f=\partial_{x_{1}}^{2} f+\cdots+\partial_{x_{d}}^{2} f
$$

## Eigenfunctions

- Square domain $\Omega=[0,2 \pi]^{2}$
- Eigenbasis: Fourier-Basis

$$
b_{\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}}(x, y)=e^{-i\left(\omega_{1} x+\omega_{2} y\right)}, \omega_{1}, \omega_{2} \in \mathbb{Z}
$$

- Eigenvalues

$$
\lambda_{\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}}=\omega_{1}^{2}+\omega_{2}^{2}
$$

## All Just Gaussians...



## So what does it do?

## Optimization problem

$$
E(f)=\underbrace{\int_{0}^{2 \pi}(f(x)-d(x))^{2} d x}_{\text {likelihood (data) }}+c \cdot \underbrace{\int_{0}^{2 \pi}(\nabla f(x))^{2} d x}_{\text {prior }}
$$

Frequency response



## Visualization (2D)

## Eigenvalues grow with 2D frequencies



## Visualization (2D)

## Dampening of high frequencies (2D)



## Insights

## The following three things are identical

- Maximum a priori reconstruction with $\|\nabla f\|^{2}$-prior
- Dampening of frequency spectrum with

$$
\frac{1}{1+\|\omega\|^{2}}
$$

frequency response ( $\boldsymbol{\omega}=$ frequency)

## Differential Regularization as GP

## Kernel interpretation

- Assume $f$ is given as Fourier series

$$
f(\mathbf{x})=\sum_{\omega \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}} z_{\omega} e^{-i \omega \mathrm{x}}
$$

- Derivative $\nabla f$ has Fourier series

$$
\nabla f(\mathrm{x})=\sum_{\omega \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}}-i \omega \cdot z_{\omega} e^{-i \omega \mathrm{x}}
$$

- Thus

$$
\kappa\left(\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}\right)=\omega_{1} \cdot \omega_{2}
$$

- Spatial kernel via inverse FT
- See [Rasmussen \& Williams 2004] for details


## Better Inference

## Go full Bayesian

- We usually have hyperparameters
- Strength of the regularizer
- Properties of the kernel
- E.g. parameter $a$ in RBF-kernel
- Determines spectral properties / smoothing
- We can just marginalize over everything
- Regularizer weight
- Kernel parameters
- As everything is Gaussian, the marginal likelihood can be computed
- Integration over "all models" can be done in closed-form
- Averaging still exponential in number of parameters


# Example 2: Fractal Brownian Motion 

## Brown Noise

## Fractal noise

- Uniform i.i.d. noise rare in nature
- „Fractal Brownian Motion" (FBM): Noise with decaying PowerSpectrum



## FBM Noise (1D)

## Formal Definition

- Function

$$
f:[0,2 \pi]^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}
$$

- Gaussian distribution on such functions
- Gaussian process
- Fourier spectrum
- Each Fourier-coefficient is i.i.d. Gaussian
- Mean $\mu_{\omega}=0$
- Variance is $\sigma_{\omega}^{2}=\frac{1}{\omega^{2 h}}$ for $h>0$



## FBM Noise (1D)

## Fourier synthesis

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f(x)=\sum_{\omega=1}^{\infty} a_{\omega} \sin \left(\omega x+\varphi_{k}\right) \\
& a_{\omega} \sim \mathcal{N}_{\mu=0, \sigma=\frac{1}{k^{h}}} \\
& \varphi_{\omega} \sim \operatorname{rnd}[0,2 \pi]
\end{aligned}
$$

$h>0$ („fractal exponent")
white noise


FBM noise

"fractal landscape"


[joint work with Martin Bokeloh, 2006]

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## Deep Networks

Sounds all nice, but how is this relevant to demystifying deep learning?

## GPs \& DNNs

## Three Examples

- Wide network layers approach GPs
- The neural tangent kernel (NTK)
" A model for the "double-descent" phenomenon


## Two Layers Network [Neal 1996]

## Considering Preactivations (and next. Layer)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{i}^{(l)}=\sum_{j=1}^{d_{l}} \mathbf{w}_{i, j}^{(l)} \cdot f_{i}^{(l-1)}(\mathbf{x}) \\
& f_{i}^{(l)}=\varphi\left(y_{i}^{(l)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Assuming that weights are initialized i.i.d.
- Mean zero, typ. normal distributed (not important)
- Each $y_{i}^{(l)}$ is the sum of i.i.d. random variables
- Converges to normal distribution (CLT)
- Assuming distributions with mean and variance
- Mean zero
- Variance grows linearly with $d_{l}$


## Layer Output

## In the infinite-width-limit

- Networks yield Gaussian processes at initialization


## Speaking of initialization...

$$
y_{i}^{(l)}=\sum_{j=1}^{d_{l}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{l}}} \mathbf{w}_{i, j}^{(l)} \cdot f_{i}^{(l-1)}(\mathbf{x})
$$

- LeCun-Initialization
- Normal distributed initialization
- Normalize output to unit variance
- Our equation
- We assume $\mathbf{w}_{i, j}^{(l)} \sim \mathcal{N}_{0,1}$ and normalize by $\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{l}}}$ explicitly


## The Neural Tangent Kernel

## Something very simple

- Let $f(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{W})$ the full multi-layer network
- $f$ is a function of inputs $\mathbf{x}$ and weights $\mathbf{W}$
- $f$ is highly non-linear
- Using LeCun-Initialization $\mathbf{W}_{0}$
- Taylor-approximation
$f(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{W}) \dot{\approx} f\left(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{W}_{0}\right)+\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} f\left(\mathbf{x}_{0} ; \mathbf{W}_{0}\right) \cdot\left(\mathbf{W}-\mathbf{W}_{0}\right)$
- Linearized version is a Gaussian process
- Non-linear feature map in $\mathbf{X}$
- Linear in weights $\mathbf{W}$
- Training amounts to solving a linear system
- Think of fitting non-linear basis functions w/linear weights


## The Neural Tangent Kernel

## First-order Taylor

- NTK-Approximation

$$
f(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{W}) \dot{\approx} f\left(\mathbf{x} ; \mathbf{W}_{0}\right)+\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} f\left(\mathbf{x}_{0} ; \mathbf{W}_{0}\right) \cdot\left(\mathbf{W}-\mathbf{W}_{0}\right)
$$

This can't be good, can it?

- Linear approximation only valid close to $\mathbf{W}_{0}$

Now: Infinite width limit

- Very wide networks: weights $\mathbf{W}$ change very little during training
- Empirical finding (for now)
- Seems to converge


## It Does Converge...

## Proof sketch:

- Measuring non-linearity as

$$
\frac{\left\|H_{f}\right\|^{2}}{\|\nabla f\|^{2}}
$$

- Ratio of Hessian $H_{f}$ to Gradient (Jacobian) $\nabla f$
- Chain rule: replace $f(x) \rightarrow f(\alpha x)$ leads to

$$
f^{\prime}(x) \rightarrow \alpha f^{\prime}(\alpha x) \quad f^{\prime}(x) \rightarrow \alpha^{2} f^{\prime \prime}(\alpha x)
$$

- Multi-variate

$$
f(\mathbf{W}) \rightarrow f(\alpha \mathbf{W}) \text { leads to } \frac{\alpha^{2}\left\|H_{f}(\alpha \mathbf{W})\right\|^{2}}{\alpha\|\nabla f(\alpha \mathbf{W})\|^{2}}
$$

## Layer scaling

## Deep Network Layer

$$
y_{i}^{(l)}=\sum_{j=1}^{d_{l}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{l}}} \mathbf{w}_{i, j}^{(l)} \cdot f_{i}^{(l-1)}(\mathrm{x})
$$

## Going wide...

- We take $d_{l} \rightarrow \infty$
- Thus, we take $\alpha=\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{l}}} \rightarrow 0$
- Network becomes approximately linear
- Converges to linear for infinite width
- One can compute the limit kernel analytically!


## So, All Linear Regression Then?

## Practical findings

- Reasonably good performance
- Better than standard kernels such as RBF
- But: still below finite-width DNNs
- Fully-connected NTK networks quoted 7\% below standard
- Best convolutional NTK network I've seen performs at "AlexNet"-Level on CIFAR-10
- Finite width seems to be important


## Strong theoretical tool

- GPs are much easier to understand than DNNs


## (Deep?) Double Descent

## The Generalization Conundrum



## Generalization behavior is weird

- Networks are able to fit random data
- Still generalize on "reasonable" data
[A. Achille, S. Soatto: Emergence of Invariance and Disentanglement in Deep Representations Journal of Machine Learning Research 18 (2018) 1-34. (Figure 1, CC-BY 4.0)]


## The "Double-Descent"



Closer inspection: "Double-Descent" [Belkin 2019]

- Underparametrized regime: "Classical" Bias-Variance-Trade-Off
- Overparametrized regime: Error reduced again (maybe even lower)


## Overparametrized Double-Descent

## Let's assume, we just do function fitting

- Searching function

$$
f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}
$$

- Basis functions

$$
b_{1}, \ldots, b_{k}: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}
$$

- Ansatz

$$
f(\mathrm{x})=\sum_{i=1}^{k} \lambda_{i} b_{i}(\mathrm{x})
$$

- With Gaussian prior $p\left(\lambda_{i}\right)=\mathcal{N}_{0, \sigma_{i}}$


## Overparametrized Double-Descent

## Example: Image reconstruction

- Fourier basis functions

$$
b_{\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}}=\exp \left(i\left(\omega_{1} x_{1}+\omega_{2} x_{2}\right)\right)
$$

- Prior

$$
p\left(\lambda_{\omega_{1}, \omega_{2}}\right)=\mathcal{N}_{0, \sigma_{i}=\omega_{1}^{2}+\omega_{2}^{2}}
$$

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## We Now Do Function Fitting

"Realistic" Numerics

- We replace the prior by uniform prior

$$
p\left(\lambda_{i}\right)=\mathcal{N}_{0,1}
$$

- Rescale basis functions accordingly

$$
b_{i}^{\prime}=\frac{1}{\sigma_{i}} b_{i}
$$

- Yields same solution
- That is also what a kernel feature map would do


## We Now Do Function Fitting

## Least-Squares-Fitting

- Given training data $\mathbf{x}_{j}, \mathbf{y}_{j}, j=1, \ldots, n$
- We solve

$$
\underset{\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{k}}{\arg \min } \sum_{j=1}^{n}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{k} \lambda_{i} b_{i}\left(\mathbf{x}_{j}\right)-\mathbf{y}_{j}\right\|^{2}
$$

- And pick $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{k}$ with minimal $\|\lambda\|^{2}$ in case of ambiguity
- An SVD-solver (pseudo inverse) would do this
- Most (mildly-regularized) numerical descent solvers would do this


## What Do We Get?

## Now, change parameters

- We pick only a subset $S$ of basis functions

$$
S \subset B=\left\{b_{1}, \ldots, b_{k}\right\}
$$

- Underparametrized
- \#S << n: underfitting possible
- Interpolation
- \#S $\approx$ n: exact fit to the data with random $S$
- Results might be rather bad
- Overparametrized
- Convergence to regularized solution
- Many solutions, picking with minimal $\|\lambda\|^{2}$
- This leads to regularization!
"Classical"
BV-Trade-Off

Convergence
to regularized
(better) solution

## Et Voilà!



Double Descent

## Double-Descent in GPs with RFF

## Conclusions

- Simple least-squares fitting can double-descent
- Increase parameters
- By adding more basis functions
- Approximation first overfits, then gets better again
- Deep networks can be approximated by GPs
- Belkin et al. discuss "Random Fourier Features" for approximating an RBF-kernel
- NTK-view: Better approximation by increasing width
- Not a complete explanation
- Only plausible hypothesis for effect structure


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## Summary

## Kernels - Virtual Euclidean Space

## Feature maps w/kernels

- Map input into "deformed" feature space
- Kernels are the scalar product of the feature space
- Efficient handling of complex feature spaces


## Gaussian processes

- Gaussian model on functions
- Covariance function could be interpreted as kernel

Analysis of DNNs

- Kernel / GP approximation provide models


# Modelling 2 STATISTICAL DATA MODELLING 

Informatik


## Chapter 10 <br> Space

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## Video \#10 Space

- High-dimensional space \& the curse of dimensionality
- Kernels: flat space extended
- Manifolds: curved space


## Overview

## Curved Space

- Brief intro to concepts from differential geometry
- Fundamental forms: Metric \& Curvature
- 2D and 3D Curves \& Surfaces
- Intrinsic geometry
- Applications to deep learning


## Differential Geometry Intro



Embedded Geometry
$d$-dim. Manifold embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

$$
(d \leq n)
$$



Intrinsic Geometry
no ambient space ("general relativity")

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## Elementary Topology

## Homeomorphism

- $h: X \rightarrow Y$
- $h$ is bijective
- $h$ is continuous
- $h^{-1}$ exists and is continuous
- Basically, a continuous deformation


## Topological equivalence

- Objects are topologically equivalent if there exists a homeomorphism that maps between them
- "Can be deformed into each other"


## Surfaces of Volumes

## Boundaries of volumes in 3D

- Topological equivalence classes
- Sphere
- Torus
- n-fold Torus
- Genus = number of tunnels



## Manifold



## Definition: Manifold

- A d-manifold $\mathcal{M}$ :

At every $\mathrm{x} \in \mathcal{M}$ there exists an $\epsilon$-environment homeomorphic to a $d$-dimensional disc

- "With boundary": disc or half-disc

Parametric Functions

## Parametric Patches



## Parametric Patch

- Mapping $f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{D}$
- Assumption: $f \in C^{\infty}, \Omega$ open
- Geometry $\mathcal{G}=f(\Omega)$


## Regular Parametrizations



## Regular Parametrization

- "Does not stop anywhere"
- Formally: $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega: \operatorname{det} \nabla f(\nabla f)^{T} \neq 0$



## Tangent Space



## Tangent Space

- Assume regular parametrization
- Tangent space $T_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathrm{x})=\operatorname{span}\left(\partial_{1} f(\mathrm{x}), \ldots, \partial_{d} f(\mathrm{x})\right)$
- Vector space - as affine space: origin $f(\mathrm{x})$


## Complex Geometry: Overlapping "Charts"



## Examples (Curves \& Surfaces)

## Parametric Curves

## Parametric Curves:

- A differentiable function

$$
f:(a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}
$$


describes a parametric curve

$$
C=f((a, b)), C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n}
$$

- Parametrization regular: $f^{\prime}(t) \neq 0$ for all $t$
- Unit-speed parametrization: $\left\|f^{\prime}(t)\right\| \equiv 1$


## Tangents

## Tangents / normals

- Any curve $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n}$ : unit tangent vector

$$
\operatorname{tangent}(t)=\frac{f^{\prime}(t)}{\left\|f^{\prime}(t)\right\|}
$$

- For curves $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2}$ : unit normal vector

$$
\operatorname{normal}(t)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
0 & -1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right) \frac{f^{\prime}(t)}{\left\|f^{\prime}(t)\right\|}
$$

## Parametric Surfaces



Function $f(\mathbf{x})=f(u, v) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$

- Tangents:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{u}(u, v)=\partial_{u} f(u, v), \\
& \mathbf{v}(u, v)=\partial_{v} f(u, v)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Normal:

$$
\mathbf{n}(u, v)=\frac{\partial_{u} f(u, v) \times \partial_{v} f(u, v)}{\left\|\partial_{u} f(u, v) \times \partial_{v} f(u, v)\right\|}
$$

## The Metric Tensor

## First Fundamental Form



First fundamental form a.k.a. metric tensor

- Regular parametric patch

$$
f: \mathbb{R}^{d} \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{D}
$$

- $f$ will distort angles and distances
- Visible in the scalar product.
- First order Taylor approximation measures effect

$$
f(\mathrm{x}) \approx f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)+\nabla f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)
$$

## First Fundamental Form




## First Fundamental Form a.k.a. metric tensor

- First order Taylor approximation:

$$
f(\mathrm{x}) \approx f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)+\nabla f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)\left(\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)
$$

- Scalar product of vectors $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\langle f\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}+\mathrm{a}\right)-f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right), f\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}+\mathrm{b}\right)-f\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)\right\rangle \\
\approx\left\langle\nabla f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathrm{a}, \nabla f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathrm{b}\right\rangle=\underbrace{\mathrm{a}^{\mathrm{T}} \underbrace{\left(\nabla f \left(\mathrm{x}^{\prime}\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)\right.\right.}_{\text {first fundamental form }} \mathrm{T} \cdot \nabla f\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)) \mathrm{b}}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Surfaces (2-Manifolds)

## First Fundamental Form

- Metric tensor is a $d \times d$ matrix
- Symmetric, positive definite (regular parametrization)
- Generalized scalar product
- Bilinear Form

$$
\mathbb{I}_{f}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{~b}):=\mathrm{a}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot\left(\nabla f^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \nabla f\right) \cdot \mathrm{b}
$$

- For surfaces $(d=2)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\nabla f^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \nabla f\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\partial_{u} f \partial_{u} f & \partial_{u} f \partial_{v} f \\
\partial_{u} f \partial_{v} f & \partial_{v} f \partial_{v} f
\end{array}\right)=:\left(\begin{array}{ll}
E & F \\
F & G
\end{array}\right) \\
& \mathbb{I}_{f}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{~b})=E a_{1} b_{1}+F\left(a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1}\right)+G a_{2} b_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Remark



## First fundamental form

- Property of the parametrization
- Does not characterize surface itself
- Can always find parametrization with $\mathbb{I}_{f}=$ identity matrix
- Local orthogonal tangent-frame
- Higher-order derivatives capture geometry
- Derivative of first fundamental form


## Examples (Curves \& Surfaces)

## Length of a Curve

## The length of a curve

- The length of a regular curve $C$ is defined as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{length}(C) & =\int_{a}^{b}\left\|f^{\prime}(t)\right\| d t \\
& =\int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{\operatorname{det} \mathbb{I}_{f}(t)} d t
\end{aligned}
$$

- Independent of the parametrization
- Proof: integral transformation theorem
- length $(C)=|b-a|$ for a unit-speed parametrization


## Surface Area

## Surface Area

- Patch $\mathcal{S}$

$$
s: \mathbb{R}^{2} \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}
$$

- Integrate over constant function

$$
\mathcal{S} \ni \mathrm{y} \mapsto 1
$$

over surface

- Then apply integral transformation theorem:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{area}(\mathcal{S}) & =\int_{\Omega} \sqrt{\operatorname{det} \mathbb{I}_{S}(t)} d \mathbf{x} \\
& =\int_{\Omega}\left\|\partial_{u} s(\mathbf{x}) \times \partial_{v} s(\mathbf{x})\right\| d \mathbf{x}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Curvature (of curves)

## Curvature

## Curvature:

- First derivatives:
- Curve direction / speed of movement
- Curvature:
- Encoded in 2nd order information


## Why not just use $f^{\prime \prime}$ ?

- Problem: Depends on parametrization
- Different velocity yields different results
- Need to distinguish acceleration...
- ...in tangential and
- ...non-tangential directions.


## Curvature \& 2nd Derivatives



## Definition of curvature

- Need non-tangential component of $f^{\prime \prime}$
- Project on normal
- Ignore accelerating/slowing down
- Normalize speed


## Space Curves



## Curvature of a curve $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$

- Curvature defined as

$$
\kappa(t)=\frac{\left\|f^{\prime}(t) \times f^{\prime \prime}(t)\right\|}{\left\|f^{\prime}(t)\right\|^{3}}
$$

- Assuming regular parametrization
- $f^{\prime}$ does not vanish


## Torsion



## Definition torsion of $f$ at $t$

- Curve $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$
- Regular parametrization
- Non-zero curvature


## Theorem

## Fundamental Theorem of Space Curves

- Two curves $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$
- unit speed parameterized
- identical, positive curvature ( $\kappa>0$ )
- and identical torsion
are identical up to a rigid motion.
- In the 2D case, torsion is not required
- Would be zero everywhere


## Curvature (of surfaces)

## Second Fundamental Form

Again: Missing Information

- First fundamental form measures only length changes.
- Cylinder looks like a flat sheet

Complete (extrinsic) geometry

- Measure curvature of a surface as well.
- Requires second order information
- Anything first order is inherently "flat"


## Second Fundamental Form

## Basic Idea

- Compute second derivative vectors
- Project in normal direction
- Remove tangential acceleration


## Second Fundamental Form

## Definition

- Regular parametrization $s: \mathbb{R}^{2} \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$
- Second fundamental form of $s$ :

$$
\mathrm{II}_{s}\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\partial_{u u} s\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) & \partial_{u v} s\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \\
\partial_{u v} s\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) & \partial_{v v} s\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
e & f \\
f & g
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Notation as bilinear form

$$
\mathrm{II}_{S}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{~b})=\mathbf{a}^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\partial_{u u} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} \\
\partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{v v} S \cdot \mathbf{n}
\end{array}\right) \mathbf{b}
$$

## Remark: Christoffel Symbols

## Second fundamental form

$$
\mathrm{II}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\partial_{u u} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} \\
\partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{v v} S \cdot \mathbf{n}
\end{array}\right)
$$

- Extrinsic curvature
- Projection on normal - measure only curvature away from tangent space

Full picture

- We can measure tangential curvature, too
- Useful for intrinsic view (non-embedded manifolds)
- "Christoffel Symbols"


## Full Second-Order Expansion

## Parametric surface

$$
s: \mathbb{R}^{2} \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}
$$

## Second order representation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \partial_{u u} S=\Gamma_{11}^{1} \mathbf{u}+\Gamma_{11}^{2} \mathbf{v}+e \mathbf{n} \\
& \partial_{u v} S=\Gamma_{12}^{1} \mathbf{u}+\Gamma_{12}^{2} \mathbf{v}+f \mathbf{n} \\
& \partial_{v v} S=\Gamma_{22}^{1} \mathbf{u}+\Gamma_{22}^{2} \mathbf{v}+g \mathbf{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

Christoffel Symbols $\Gamma_{i j}^{k}$

- Projections of second derivatives into tangent plane
- Intrinsic curvature properties


## Shape Operator

## Second fundamental form

$$
\operatorname{II}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)=\left.\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\partial_{u u} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} \\
\partial_{u v} S \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{v v} S \cdot \mathbf{n}
\end{array}\right)\right|_{\left(\mathrm{at}_{0}\right)}
$$

- $2^{\text {nd }}$ fundamental form is parametrization dependent!


## Definition: The shape operator

- Orthogonal tangent vectors u, v yield the shape operator $\mathbf{S}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)$ (a.k.a. curvature tensor)
- Directional derivative of normal vector
- Still depends on choice of coordinates (e.g., rotation of u,v).


## Alternative Formulation (Gauss)



## Orthogonal tangent frame

- Local height field parameterization $s(\mathrm{x})=z(x, y)$
- Orthonormal $x, y$ coordinates tangential to surface
- Function values $z$ in normal direction
- Origin at zero
- Then: shape operator = second fundamental form
= matrix of second derivatives


## Alternative Formulation (Gauss)



Tangential height fields, orthogonal frame:

$$
\mathrm{II}(\mathrm{x})=\mathbf{S}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{Z}}(\mathrm{x})
$$

## Local height field parameterization

- 2nd order Taylor approximation

$$
\begin{gathered}
z(\mathrm{x}) \approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{z}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{x}}_{=e x^{2}+2 f x y+g y^{2}}+\underbrace{\mathbf{J}_{z}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{x}}_{0}+\underbrace{z(0)}_{0} \\
\left(\begin{array}{ll}
e & f \\
f & g
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
\partial_{u u} Z & \partial_{u v} Z \\
\partial_{u v} Z & \partial_{v v} Z
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## In Practice




## Cloud of data points

- k-nearest neighbors
- PCA for approx. tangent plane
- Least-squares fitting of height field


## Example



## Basic Idea

## In other words:

- First fundamental form: I Linear part (squared) of local Taylor approximation.
- Second fundamental form: II Quadratic part of heightfield
 approximation
- Both matrices are symmetric.
- Next: eigenanalysis, of course...


## Principal Curvature

## Eigenanalysis

- Eigenvalues of shape operator are called principal curvatures $\kappa_{1}, \kappa_{2}$.
- Corresponding eigenvectors are called directions of principle curvature.

$\kappa_{0}>0, \kappa_{1}<0$
$\kappa_{0}=0, \kappa_{1}>0$
$\kappa_{0}=0, \kappa_{1}=0$


## Examples



Stanford Bunny (dense point cloud)

[courtesy of Martin Bokeloh]

## Normal Curvature

## Definition

- Normal curvature $k(r)$ in direction $r$ at $\mathbf{x}_{0}$

$$
k_{\mathrm{x}_{0}}(\mathrm{r}):=\mathrm{r}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathrm{~S}\left(\mathrm{x}_{0}\right) \cdot \mathrm{r}
$$

(for $\|r\|=1, r \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ )

## Relation to curvature of plane curves

- Intersect the surface with plane spanned by
$\mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)$ and $\left(\begin{array}{cc}\mid & \mid \\ \mathbf{u}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) & \mathbf{v}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right) \\ \text { | } & \mid\end{array}\right) \cdot \mathbf{r}$ through $s\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}\right)$.
- Identical curvatures (up to sign)



## Normal \& Principal Curvatures

## Relation to principal curvature

- Maximum principal cuvature $\kappa_{1}$
= maximum of normal curvature
- Minimum principal cuvature $\kappa_{2}$
= minimum of normal curvature


## Gaussian \& Mean Curvature

## More Definitions

- Gaussian curvature $K:=\kappa_{1} \kappa_{2}$
- Product of principal curvatures
- Mean curvature $H:=\frac{1}{2}\left(\kappa_{1}+\kappa_{2}\right)$
- Average of principle curvatures


## Theorems

- $K(\mathbf{x})=\operatorname{det}(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}))$
- $H(\mathbf{x})=\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}))$


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last part:
Theorems
- $K(\mathrm{x})=\operatorname{det}(\mathbf{S}(\mathrm{x}))=\frac{\operatorname{det} \mathrm{II}}{\operatorname{det} \mathrm{I}}=\frac{e g-f^{2}}{E G-F^{2}}$
- $H(\mathbf{x})=\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}(\mathrm{x}))=\frac{e G-2 f F+g E}{2\left(E G-F^{2}\right)}$


## Global Properties

## Definitions

- An isometry is a mapping between surfaces that preserves distances on the surface ("geodesic distances")
- Developable surface: Gauss curvature zero everywhere
- I.e. no curvature in at least one direction.
- Examples: Cylinder, Cone, Plane


## Developable surfaces

- Developable surfaces can be (locally) mapped to a plane isometrically (flattening out, unroll).


## Theorema Egregium

## Theorema egregium (Gauss, 1828)

- Surfaces (2-manifolds) in 3D
- Any isometric mapping preservers Gaussian curvature
- Gaussian curvature is invariant under isometric maps
- "Intrinsic surface property"


## Consequence

- The earth ( $\approx$ sphere) cannot be mapped to a plane in a length preserving way.
- Maps / atlases distort distances


## Gauss Bonnet Theorem

## Gauss Bonnet Theorem

- Let $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}$ be smooth, compact, orientable surface without boundary
- Then, the area integral of the Gauss curvature is related to the genus g of the surface:

$$
\int_{S} K(\mathrm{x}) d \mathrm{x}=4 \pi(1-g)
$$



## Fundamental Theorem of Surfaces

## Theorem

- Given two parametric patches in $\mathcal{S}_{1}, \mathcal{S}_{2} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$,
- defined on the same domain $\Omega$ :

$$
\delta_{i}=s_{i}(\Omega) .
$$

- Assume that first and second fundamental form are identical

$$
\mathbf{I}_{1} \equiv \mathbf{I}_{2}, \quad \mathbf{I I}_{1} \equiv \mathbf{I I}_{2}
$$

- Then there exists a rigid motion that maps on surface to the other

$$
\mathcal{S}_{2}=\mathrm{T}\left(\mathcal{S}_{1}\right), \text { for some } \mathrm{T} \in E(3) .
$$

## Summary

## Objects are the same up to a rigid motion, if...:

- Curves $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2}$ : Same speed, same curvature
- Curves $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ : Same speed, same curvature, torsion
- Surfaces $\mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ : Same first \& second fundamental form
- Volumetric objects $\mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ : Same first fundamental form


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Intrinsic Differential } \\
& \text { Geometry }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Differential Geometry Intro



Embedded Geometry
$d$-dim. Manifold embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

$$
(d \leq n)
$$



Intrinsic Geometry
no ambient space ("general relativity")

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d-dim. Manifold embedded in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ $(d \leq n)$


Intrinsic Geometry
no ambient space ("general relativity")

## Illustration



Metric Distortion
(Extrinsic Counterpart: [ $\left.\bar{S} \boldsymbol{\nabla} s^{T}\right]$ )
$\left(g_{i j}\right)_{i j}=\left[\nabla s^{T} \nabla s\right]$

## Illustration



## Riemannian Metric

(on a Riemannian Manifold)


## Illustration



## Example:

We alter the standard metric


Metric Tensor
$\left(g_{i j}\right)_{i j}=\left[\nabla s^{T} \nabla s\right]$

## Curvature

## Given

- Abstract parameter domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$
- Metric $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$


## Higher-order properties

(1) Define derivative of $g$

- "Covariant derivative" or "connection"
- Canonical choice: Levi-Cevita-connection
- Behaves like projection into tangent plane
- No torsion
(2) Riemann Curvature Tensor
- Invariants are the analog to "Gaussian curvature"


## Space(-Time) is not Euclidean


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravity_Probe_B

## Geodesics

## Geodesics

## Definition

- A geodesic is a curve with no intrinsic curvature


## Embedded case

- After projection into the tangent space, we have no curvature

$$
\kappa\left[\binom{-\mathbf{u}-}{-\mathbf{v}-} f(t)\right]=\mathbf{0}
$$

## Shortest path



- Shortest paths on smooth manifolds are geodesics


## Geodesic Distances

## Shortest distance between two points

- "Geodesic distance"
- Path itself: Often also called "Geodesic"


## Intuition



- If there was still intrinsic curvature
- Path could be straightened
- Shortens path



## Computing Shortest Paths

## Approximate Global Optimum

- Discretize
- Graph representation
- Sample points on surface
- Mesh or Point-Cloud with k-nearest-neighbor-Graph
- Connect nearby points with edges
- Local Euclidean distance as weights
- First-order approximation of intrinsic metric
- First-order consistent error
- Dijkstra graph shortest path
- Not consistent - metrification errors
- Discrete directions lead to overestimation


## Neighborhood Graphs


resampled point cloud with 20-nearest-neighbors graph
original
mesh

## Discrete Geodesics

## "Dijkstra" geodesics

- Advantages
- Easy to implement
- Global optimum
- Disadvantages
- $O(n \log n)$ cost for n points, one-to-all paths (one-to-one not faster!)
- Approximate - substantial errors (overestimation)
green: smoothed red: Dijkstra
shortest path with point-cloud NN-graph
[Image: Art Tevs]


## Continuous Geodesics

## Continuous geodesics

- Smoothing
- Start with coarse path
- Minimize path length
- $\int_{a}^{b}\left\|\frac{d}{d t} c(t)\right\|^{2} d t \rightarrow$ min.
- Constrained least-squares
- Disadvantages
- Expensive
green: smoothed red: Dijkstra
- Global optimum not guaranteed (theoretical issue, works in practice)


## Applications



## Differential Geometry in ML

## Example Applications

- Isomap
- Approximate intrinsic geometry
- The Fisher information matrix
- A natural metric for distributions
- Intrinsic views of deep networks
- Networks in input space


## ISOMAP

## Isomap

## Mapping Manifolds to Euclidean Space <br> - Approximation <br> - Assuming disc topology

Algorithm: "ISOMAP"

- Compute all pairwise intrinsic distances
- Typically: k-NN graph, Dijkstra's Algorithm
- Run MDS on pairwise distances
- Another kernel-PCA variant
- Intrinsic metric for embedding


## The Fisher Information Matrix

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## Fisher Information

## Big picture

- We often use parametric distributions

$$
p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x}), \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d}
$$

- Natural metric on parameter space $\Omega(\theta)$


## Information theory

- Use KL-divergence to measure distance


## Differential geometry

- Derive metric tensor for changes in distribution
- Not distance in parameter space


## Note: Notation

## Gradient operator

$$
\nabla_{\mathrm{x}}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\partial_{x_{1}} \\
\vdots \\
\partial_{x_{d}}
\end{array}\right], \quad \nabla_{\mathrm{x}}^{T}=\left[\partial_{x_{1}} \cdots \partial_{x_{d}}\right]
$$

Hessian operator / matrix

$$
\nabla_{\mathrm{x}}^{T} \nabla_{\mathrm{x}}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\partial_{x_{1}} \partial_{x_{1}} & \cdots & \partial_{x_{d}} \partial_{x_{1}} \\
\vdots & & \vdots \\
\partial_{x_{1}} \partial_{x_{d}} & \cdots & \partial_{x_{d}} \partial_{x_{d}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## KL-Divergence

## Consider

- $K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)$ for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$
- $\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\in} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$
- $p_{\theta}$ smooth in $\theta$

Let's see

$$
K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)=\sum_{x \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(x)\left(\log _{2} p_{\theta}\left(x_{i}\right)-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}\left(x_{i}\right)\right)
$$

- Note: for small $\|\epsilon\|$, the $K L$-divergence is symmetric


## KL-Divergence

## Gradients

$$
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{\epsilon} K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right) & =\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\right]\left(\log _{2} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \\
& -\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\left(\nabla_{\epsilon} \log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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& -\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\left(\nabla_{\epsilon} \log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \\
& =-\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\left(\nabla_{\epsilon} \log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \\
& =\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right] \\
& =0(!)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Expected "Score Function"

## Expected gradients of log-likelihoods are zero

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\theta}\left(\log _{2} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right]=\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\left(\nabla_{\theta}\left(\log _{2} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right) \\
& \left.\nabla \log f(\mathrm{x})=\frac{\nabla f(\mathrm{x})}{f(\mathrm{x})}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

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\left.\nabla \log f(\mathrm{x})=\frac{\nabla f(\mathrm{x})}{f(\mathrm{x})}\right\} & =\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x}) \overbrace{\left(\frac{\nabla_{\theta} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\right)} \\
& =\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} \nabla_{\theta} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x}) \\
& =\nabla_{\theta} \sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})=\nabla_{\theta} 1=0 \tag{215}
\end{align*}
$$

## KL-Divergence

## Gradients

$$
\nabla_{\epsilon} K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right]=0
$$

## Hessian

$\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right]\right]$

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Note (probably not stressed enough in the video):

- The gradient only vanishes, because $\theta$ are the true parameters
- We take $\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\theta}\left(\underset{x}{(x)}[\cdots] \text { of } \nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right.}^{\text {true distribution }}$ comparison
- In the proof sketch (Slide 214/215), $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is at the "true" value
- In general, gradients of log-likelihoods do not vanish!
- Optimization in DL is all about gradient descent neg-log-likelihoods!


## KL-Divergence

## Gradients

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$$

$$
=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[-\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \frac{\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}\right]
$$

$$
=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[-\frac{\left(\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})-\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})^{2}}\right]
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nabla \frac{f(\mathrm{x})}{g(\mathrm{x})}=\frac{\nabla f(\mathrm{x}) g(\mathrm{x})-f(\mathrm{x}) \nabla g(\mathrm{x})}{g(\mathrm{x})^{2}} \tag{219}
\end{equation*}
$$

## KL-Divergence

## Hessian

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$$

$$
=-\sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})+\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\left(\frac{\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}\right)\left(\frac{\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}\right)\right]
$$

$$
=\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] \sum_{\mathrm{x} \in \Omega(X)} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})+\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\left(\frac{\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}\right)\left(\frac{\nabla_{\epsilon} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}{p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\right]
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\right] \tag{221}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Summary

## "Score Function": Derivative of neg-log-likelihood

$$
\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)
$$

## Gradient: Vanishes

$$
\nabla_{\epsilon} K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)\right]=0
$$

## Hessian: Covariance Matrix

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right)} \\
& \quad=\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

## Summary

## Hessian is the Fischer information matrix

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{F} & :=\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}^{T} \nabla_{\epsilon}\right] K L\left(p_{\theta} \| p_{\theta+\epsilon}\right) \\
& =\mathbb{E}_{\mathrm{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathrm{x})}\left[\nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right) \cdot \nabla_{\epsilon}\left(-\log _{2} p_{\theta+\epsilon}(\mathrm{x})\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

## Usage as metric tensor

$$
\left\langle d \theta_{a}, d \theta_{b}\right\rangle_{F}=\left(d \theta_{a}\right)^{T} \cdot \mathrm{~F} \cdot d \theta_{b}
$$

## Applications

## "Natural Gradient Descent"

- Standard Gradient Descent
- Deep network $f: \mathbb{R}^{d_{0}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d_{L}}$
- Loss function: Neg-log-likelihood $L\left(f_{\theta}\right)$
- Parameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ (weights)
- Learning rate $\lambda$
- Gradient descent

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i+1} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i}-\lambda \nabla_{\theta} L\left(f_{\theta}\right)
$$

## Applications

## "Natural Gradient Descent"

- Standard Gradient Descent

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i+1} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i}-\lambda \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L\left(f_{\theta}\right)
$$

- "Natural" Gradient Descent

$$
\boldsymbol{\theta}_{i+1} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta}_{i}-\lambda \mathbf{F}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L\left(f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\right)
$$

Discussion

- Problem: Inverting the F-Matrix
- Too expensive for deep networks
- Approximations possible
- ADAM uses diagonal F


## Application

## Jeffreys Prior

- Inferring parameters via

$$
p(\theta \mid D) \sim p(D \mid \theta) P(\theta)
$$

- We have a likelihood $p(D \mid \theta)$
- What prior $P(\theta)$ should we use?


## Approach

- We want "uninformative" prior
- Independent of parametrization

$$
P_{\text {Jeffreys }}(\theta):=\sqrt{\underbrace{\operatorname{det~F}_{p(D \mid \theta)}}_{\begin{array}{c}
\text { volume element } \\
\text { in F-metric }
\end{array}}}
$$

## Jeffreys Prior

## Discussion

- Often used as "objective" Bayesian prior
- It does not solve the problem of infinite domains
- E.g., improper prior for mean of a Gaussian
- Results invariant under change of domain parametrization
- However, not invariant under transformations of the ouput
- Computation might be costly

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Intrinsic View } \\
& \text { of Deep Networks }
\end{aligned}
$$

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## ReLU Networks Subdivide Input Space



## Take this one step further

- Feedforward network with ReLU nonlinearity
- Map outputs into input space
- Input $\mathrm{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{0}} \rightarrow$ Outputs $f(\mathrm{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{L}}$ in $d_{0}$-manifold
- Embed outputs in $\mathbb{R}^{d_{0}}$


## ReLU Networks

## Fully-connected ReLU network

$f^{(L)}(\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{W})$

$$
=\varphi\left(\mathbf{W}^{(L)} \varphi\left(\mathbf{W}^{(L-1)} \varphi\left(\cdots \mathbf{W}^{(0)} \mathbf{x}\right) \cdots\right)\right)
$$

## In matrix notation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f^{(L)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) \\
& \quad=\mathbf{R}^{(L)} \mathbf{W}^{(L)} \mathbf{R}^{(L-1)} \mathbf{W}^{(L-1)} \cdots \mathbf{R}^{(1)} \mathbf{W}^{(0)} \mathbf{X}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Diagonal 0/1 ReLU matrices $\mathbf{R}^{(l)}$
- Attention! $\mathbf{R}^{(l)}$ depends on preactivation
- Non-linear, non-constant function of $\mathbf{x}$


## ReLU Networks

## Embedding into input space

$$
\mathbf{x}_{f}:=\left(\mathbf{R}^{(1)} \mathbf{W}^{(1)}\right)^{\dagger} \ldots\left(\mathbf{R}^{(L)} \mathbf{W}^{(L)}\right)^{\dagger} f^{(L)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W})
$$

where $\mathbf{M}^{\dagger}$ is the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse of $\mathbf{M}$ (data dependent, different P.-I. for each $\mathbf{x}$ )

## What does it show?

- Visualizes network $f$ as deformation of the input
- Visualization uses additional PCA-dimensionality reduction


## Results after PCA [David Hartmann]


classification task

optimization process
layer-wise result

## Summary

## Space might not be flat...

## Differential geometry

- Studying geometry independent of parametrization
- Useful to abstract from "implementation details"
- Length/volumes, curvature, higher-order moments


## Intrinsic (differential) geometry

- View from inside the manifold
- Ignore outer space
- Useful if this does not matter for the application
- Starts with the metric
- Specify metric tensor
- Intrinsic curvature can be derived (under assumptions)


## Intrinsic View of Curved Space



