Geometry of Diverse, High-Dimensional, and Nonlinear Imaging Data

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Shape priors in segmentation

Manifold Statistics: Hypothesis Testing

Testing group differences



Cates, et al. IPMI 2007 and ISBI 2008.

Manifold Statistics: Regression





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Shape is the geometry of an object modulo position, orientation, and size.











A metric space structure provides a comparison between two shapes.

Kendall's Shape Space



- Define object with k points.
- Represent as a vector in \mathbb{R}^{2k} .
- Remove translation, rotation, and scale.
- ► End up with complex projective space, CP^{k-2}.

Kendall, 1984

What do we get when we "remove" scaling from \mathbb{R}^2 ?

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Complex Multiplication:

$$se^{i\theta} * re^{i\phi} = (sr)e^{i(\theta+\phi)}$$

Multiplication by a complex number $se^{i\theta}$ is equivalent to scaling by *s* and rotation by θ .

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This gives complex projective space \mathbb{CP}^{k-2} – much like the sphere comes from equivalence classes of scalar multiplication in \mathbb{R}^n .

The Exponential and Log Maps



- The exponential map takes tangent vectors to points along geodesics.
- The length of the tangent vector equals the length along the geodesic segment.
- ► Its inverse is the log map it gives distance between points: d(p,q) = || Log_p(q)||.

Intrinsic Means (Fréchet, 1948)

The *intrinsic mean* of a collection of points x_1, \ldots, x_N on a metric space M is

$$\mu = \arg\min_{x \in M} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d(x, x_i)^2,$$

If M is a Riemannian manifold, d is geodesic distance.

Computing Means



Gradient Descent Algorithm:

Input:
$$\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_N \in M$$

 $\mu_0 = \mathbf{x}_1$

Repeat:

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PGA of Kidney



Robust Statistics: Motivation

- The mean is overly influenced by outliers due to sum-of-squares.
- Robust statistical description of shape or other manifold data.
- Deal with outliers due to imaging noise or data corruption.
- Misdiagnosis, segmentation error, or outlier in a population study.

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Geometric Median, or Fermat-Weber Point:

$$m = \arg\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum \|x - x_i\|$$

No closed-form solution

Weiszfeld Algorithm in \mathbb{R}^n

Gradient descent on sum-of-distance:

$$m_{k+1} = m_k - \alpha G_k,$$

$$G_k = \sum_{i \in I_k} \frac{m_k - x_i}{\|x_i - m_k\|} / \left(\sum_{i \in I_k} \|x_i - m_k\|^{-1} \right)$$

- Step size: $0 < \alpha \leq 2$
- Exclude singular points: $I_k = \{i : m_k \neq x_i\}$
- Weiszfeld (1937), Ostresh (1978)

Geometric Median on a Manifold

The geometric median of data $x_i \in M$ is the point that minimizes the sum of geodesic distances:

$$m = \arg\min_{x \in M} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d(x, x_i)$$

Fletcher, et al. CVPR 2008 and NeuroImage 2009.

Weiszfeld Algorithm for Manifolds

Gradient descent:

$$m_{k+1} = \operatorname{Exp}_{m_k}(\alpha v_k),$$
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Example: Rotations

Input data: 20 random rotations



Outlier set: random, rotated 90°



Example: Rotations



Example on Kendall Shape Spaces



Outliers

Hand shapes

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Example: Metamorphosis





Input Data

Median Atlas

Describing Shape Change

- How does shape change over time?
- ► Changes due to growth, aging, disease, etc.
- ► Example: 100 healthy subjects, 20-80 yrs. old

We need regression of shape!

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Want:

Relationship $f : \mathbb{R} \to M$ "how *x* explains *y*"



Parametric vs. Nonparametric Regression



Linear Regression

Kernel Regression
Kernel Regression (Nadaraya-Watson)

Define regression function through weighted averaging:

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i(t) Y_i$$
$$w_i(t) = \frac{K_h(t - T_i)}{T_h(t - T_i)}$$

$$w_i(t) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N K_h(t - T_i)}$$

Example: Gray Matter Volume



Manifold Kernel Regression



Using Fréchet weighted average:

$$\hat{m}_h(t) = \arg\min_{y} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i(t) d(y, Y_i)^2$$

Davis, et al. ICCV 2007

Geodesic Regression

- Generalization of linear regression.
- Find best fitting geodesic to the data (x_i, y_i) .
- Least-squares problem:

$$E(p, v) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d \left(\text{Exp}(p, x_i v), y_i \right)^2$$

$$(\hat{p}, \hat{v}) = \arg\min_{(p,v)\in TM} E(p,v)$$

Geodesic Regression



Experiment: Corpus Callosum





- The corpus callosum is the main interhemispheric white matter connection
- Known volume decrease with aging
- 32 corpus callosi segmented from OASIS MRI data
- Point correspondences generated using ShapeWorks www.sci.utah.edu/software/

The Tangent Bundle, TM



- Space of all tangent vectors (and their base points)
- Has a natural metric, called Sasaki metric
- Can compute geodesics, distances between tangent vectors

Longitudinal Models



Individual geodesic trends:

$$Y_i = \operatorname{Exp}(\operatorname{Exp}(p_i, X_i u_i), \epsilon_i)$$

Average group trend (in *TM*):

$$(p_i, u_i) = \operatorname{Exp}_{\mathcal{S}}((\alpha, \beta), (v_i, w_i))$$

Muralidharan & Fletcher, CVPR 2012

Longitudinal Corpus Callosum Experiment

- 12 subjects with dementia, 11 healthy controls
- 3 time points each, spanning 6 years



Statistically significant: p = 0.027

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