# 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.

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A metric space structure provides a comparison between two shapes.

## Kendall's Shape Space



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

Kendall, 1984

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- How to remove scaling and rotation?


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Complex Multiplication:

$$
s e^{i \theta} * r e^{i \phi}=(s r) e^{i(\theta+\phi)}
$$

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

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This gives complex projective space $\mathbb{C P}^{k-2}$ - 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: $d(p, q)=\left\|\log _{p}(q)\right\|$.


## Intrinsic Means (Fréchet, 1948)

The intrinsic mean of a collection of points $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{N}$ on a metric space $M$ is

$$
\mu=\arg \min _{x \in M} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d\left(x, x_{i}\right)^{2}
$$

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



Mode 1


Mode 2


Mode 3

## 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.


## Mean vs. Median in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

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Geometric Median, or Fermat-Weber Point:

$$
m=\arg \min _{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}} \sum\left\|x-x_{i}\right\|
$$

No closed-form solution

## Weiszfeld Algorithm in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

- Gradient descent on sum-of-distance:

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{k+1} & =m_{k}-\alpha G_{k}, \\
G_{k} & =\sum_{i \in I_{k}} \frac{m_{k}-x_{i}}{\left\|x_{i}-m_{k}\right\|} /\left(\sum_{i \in I_{k}}\left\|x_{i}-m_{k}\right\|^{-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Step size: $0<\alpha \leq 2$
- Exclude singular points: $I_{k}=\left\{i: m_{k} \neq x_{i}\right\}$
- 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:

$$
m=\arg \min _{x \in M} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d\left(x, x_{i}\right)
$$

Fletcher, et al. CVPR 2008 and Neurolmage 2009.

## Weiszfeld Algorithm for Manifolds

Gradient descent:

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{k+1} & =\operatorname{Exp}_{m_{k}}\left(\alpha v_{k}\right), \\
v_{k} & =\sum_{i \in I_{k}} \frac{\log _{m_{k}}\left(x_{i}\right)}{d\left(m_{k}, x_{i}\right)} /\left(\sum_{i \in I_{k}} d\left(m_{k}, x_{i}\right)^{-1}\right)
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## Example: Rotations

Input data: 20 random rotations


Outlier set: random, rotated $90^{\circ}$


## Example: Rotations



Median


O outliers 5 outliers 10 outliers 15 outliers

## Example on Kendall Shape Spaces



Outliers
Hand shapes

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Mean:
\# Outliers:





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Mean:






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Median:


## Image Metamorphosis

- Metric between images
- Includes both deformation and intensity change

$$
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## Example: Metamorphosis



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!


## Regression on Manifolds



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## Want:

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


## Parametric vs. Nonparametric Regression



Linear Regression


Kernel Regression

## Kernel Regression (Nadaraya-Watson)

Define regression function through weighted averaging:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f(t)=\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_{i}(t) Y_{i} \\
w_{i}(t)=\frac{K_{h}\left(t-T_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} K_{h}\left(t-T_{i}\right)}
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$$

## Example: Gray Matter Volume

Gray Matter Volume


$$
w_{i}(t)=\frac{K_{h}\left(t-T_{i}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} K_{h}\left(t-T_{i}\right)}
$$

Kernel Width=6; Sample Size=50


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## Manifold Kernel Regression



Using Fréchet weighted average:

$$
\hat{m}_{h}(t)=\arg \min _{y} \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_{i}(t) d\left(y, Y_{i}\right)^{2}
$$

Davis, et al. ICCV 2007

## Geodesic Regression

- Generalization of linear regression.
- Find best fitting geodesic to the data $\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right)$.
- Least-squares problem:

$$
\begin{gathered}
E(p, v)=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d\left(\operatorname{Exp}\left(p, x_{i} v\right), y_{i}\right)^{2} \\
(\hat{p}, \hat{v})=\arg \min _{(p, v) \in T M} E(p, v)
\end{gathered}
$$

## 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, $T M$



- 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:

$$
Y_{i}=\operatorname{Exp}\left(\operatorname{Exp}\left(p_{i}, X_{i} u_{i}\right), \epsilon_{i}\right)
$$

Average group trend (in TM):

$$
\left(p_{i}, u_{i}\right)=\operatorname{Exp}_{S}\left((\alpha, \beta),\left(v_{i}, w_{i}\right)\right)
$$

Muralidharan \& Fletcher, CVPR 2012

## Longitudinal Corpus Callosum Experiment

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


Healthy Controls


Dementia Patients

Statistically significant: $p=0.027$

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