

Computational Information Geometry for Machine Learning

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Computational Information Geometry (CIG) : Background

Computational Information Geometry (CIG) relies seamlessly on :

- ▶ statistics and probability (STAT & PR),
- ▶ information theory (IT),
- ▶ differential geometry (DG, including multilinear algebra of tensors),
- ▶ computation :

Yes, we are computer scientists and programmers! How do we compute friendly ? (make wide & wise use of dualities...)

Many *application fields* : computational statistics, machine learning (ML), information retrievals (IRs), computer vision (CV), medical imaging, radar signal processing, etc.

→ Method of information geometry [2] (2000), prone a framework !

Distances

Coordinate-free
families

Probability

Computational
language

Maximum
measures

Entropy learning

Distributions

Entropies

Statistics

Dually-flat

Geometry

Geometric
algorithms

Machine

Generalized

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Positive
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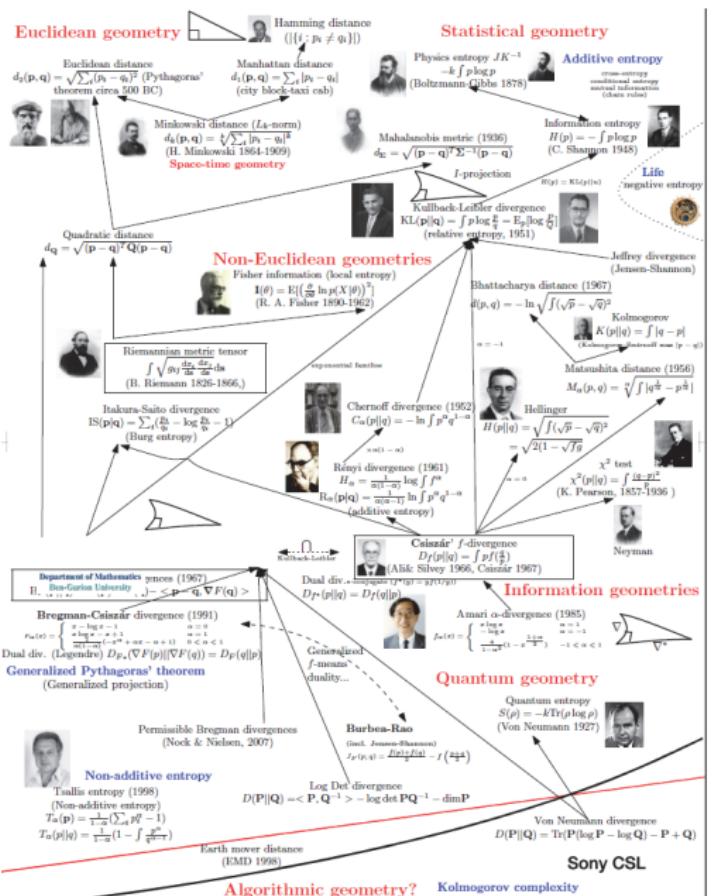
Motivations : Setting goals !

Computational Information Geometry : Main goals

1. understand “distances” and group them axiomatically into classes and build generic meta-algorithms (unifying former algorithms) :
Bregman divergences B_F , Csiszár f -divergences I_f , proper scoring rules, etc.
→ seek for “properties with exhaustivity”,
2. understand relationships between distances and geometries,
3. understand *generalized entropies*, cross-entropies, maximum entropy probability distributions, and their induced geometries (beyond Shannon/Boltzmann/Gibbs).
4. provide (coordinate-free) intrinsic computing using the language/affordances of geometry (for computational statistics, machine learning and predictive analytics)

Goal 1. Dissimilarities (distances) and meta-algorithms

- ▶ unify algorithms into meta-algorithms working on classes of distances (metrics, divergences) :
 - ▶ parameter estimation (with goodness-of-fit),
 - ▶ center-based clustering (with Bregman distances),
 - ▶ learning (boosting with surrogate loss functions),
 - ▶ forecasting (with proper score functions),
 - ▶ etc.
- ▶ propose new principled classes of distances :
total Bregman divergences [17], total Jensen divergences [41], conformal divergences [45], etc.
- ▶ understand axiomatically properties and relationships between distances (or multi-entity diversity indexes) and search for their exhaustive characterizations.



<http://www.sonycsl.co.jp/person/nien/ FrankNielsen-distances-figs.pdf>

Goal 2. Distances and geometries

Not 1-to-1 (because same geometry can be realized for different distances).

Geometry = meta-model

Embedding (isometrically) a geometry into another geometry : =model interpreted into another larger model.

- ▶ Underlying geometries of distances/divergences :
 - ▶ Riemannian geometry with metric distances (with the metric Levi-Civita connection),
 - ▶ Dually coupled affine differential geometry ($\pm\alpha$ -geometry) and non-metric distances (aka. divergences),
 - ▶ monotone embeddings into (ρ, τ) -structure (extending l_α -embedding),
 - ▶ etc.
- ▶ geometries of probability distributions/positive measures and distances :
How to define statistical manifolds ?

Goal 3. Entropies, cross-entropies, relative entropies and MaxEnt distributions

- ▶ entropies $H(P)$ (Shannon-Boltzmann-Gibbs), cross-entropies $H^\times(P : Q)$ and relative entropies KL. $\text{KL}(P : Q) = H^\times(P : Q) - H(P)$ with $H(P) = H^\times(P : P)$.
- ▶ generalized entropies (so called deformed “logarithms”), the concept of escort distributions,
- ▶ maximum entropy principle and equilibrium distributions (Boltzmann-Gibbs, Tsallis’s heavy tailed distributions, etc.)
- ▶ entropies, information (=neg-entropy) and complexity (Kolmogorov, non-computability)

Goal 4. Geometric computing for intrinsic computing

Propose a paradigm for data science : from “datum” (biased) processing to geometric “pointum” (non-biased) coordinate-free computing

- ▶ get unbiased processing : coordinate-free !,
- ▶ use affordances of the geometric language for building/explaining algorithms :
points, geodesics, balls, orthogonality, projection, Pythagoras, flat, submanifold, etc.
- ▶ analytic and synthetic geometries (closed-form or exact geometric characterization).
Example : Two pseudo-segments always intersect in a common point... that may not be in closed-form.
- ▶ invariance (and statistical invariance) and geometry : group of invariance, invariance and sufficiency, statistical invariance, etc.

Geometrizing probability spaces yields statistical manifolds

Part I : Geometry of statistical manifolds

Outline of Part I

1. Fisher information (Cramér-Rao lower bound) & sufficiency (1922)
2. Structures from differential geometry of population spaces (Hotelling, 1930, Rao, 1945, Amari-Centsov 1980's)
3. Maximum entropy principle (exponential families) (1957, Jaynes)
4. Information projections (and Pythagoras' theorem)

I. Statistical Information

Fisher Information

$$I(\theta)$$

Old days - :) Discrete and Continuous random variables

- Discrete RV : probability mass function (pmf) $X \sim p$, discrete support \mathcal{X} .

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x)x = \langle X \rangle$$

Distributions : Bernoulli, binomial, multinomial, Poisson, etc.-∞,

- Continuous RV : probability density function (pdf) $X \sim p$, continuous support \mathcal{X} .

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x)x dx = \langle X \rangle$$

Distributions : exponential, normal, lognormal, gamma, beta, Dirichlet, Wishart, etc.-∞,

From data sets to empirical (discrete) distributions

Given $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ observations...

...build the empirical distribution :

$$p_e(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(X - X(i))$$

$$F_e(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{[x_i \leq x]} \text{ (cdf)}$$

$$p_e^i = \frac{1}{n} \#\{x = i\} \text{ (frequency)}$$

Support \mathcal{X} is unknown *a priori* : not a multinomial distribution nor a finite mixture!

Sample mean $\bar{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i = \langle X \rangle_{p_e} = \sum_{i \in \{??\}} p_e^i i.$

Estimation $X \sim D(\theta)$ by the method of moments :

$$\boxed{\langle X \rangle_{p_e} = \mathbb{E}[X] = \langle X \rangle}$$

Old days : Discrete and continuous random variables

- Discrete RV. Shannon entropy :

$$H(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)} \geq 0$$

always positive (notion of uncertainty ! max uncertainty for uniform distribution : $H(U) = \log n$)

- Continuous RV. Differential entropy :

$$H(X) = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)} dx$$

can be negative (physical interpretation !) ...

For example, for multivariate normals (MVNs) $N(\mu, \Sigma)$:

$$H(X) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi e)^d |\Sigma|$$

Mixture sampling : Example of a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

To sample a variate x from a GMM :

- ▶ Choose a component I according to the weight distribution w_1, \dots, w_k ,
- ▶ Draw a variate x according to $N(\mu_I, \Sigma_I)$.

→ Sampling is a doubly stochastic process :

- ▶ throw a biased dice with k faces to choose the component :

$$I \sim \text{Multinomial}(w_1, \dots, w_k)$$

(Multinomial is normalized histogram without void bins)

- ▶ then draw at random a variate x from the I -th component

$$x \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_I, \Sigma_I)$$

$x = \mu + Cz$ with Cholesky : $\Sigma = CC^T$ and $z = [z_1 \dots z_d]^T$ standard normal random variate : $z_i = \sqrt{-2 \log U_1} \cos(2\pi U_2)$

Statistical mixtures : discrete, continuous or mixed !

Finite mixture models ($k \in \mathbb{N}$) have pmf/pdf :

$$m(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i p_i(x)$$

(not sum of RVs, $M \neq \sum_i w_i X_i$ that have convolutional densities)

- ▶ mixtures of Gaussians (universal representation for smooth densities)
- ▶ multinomial distribution is a mixture
(and also an exponential family in information geometry...)

What about the mixture of a standard Gaussian with a binomial distribution ? → Neither discrete nor continuous !

Measure theory (axiom system of Kolmogorov, 1933)

- ▶ unify discrete and continuous RVs as probability measures (pm) μ, ν , etc.
- ▶ can handle RVs that are neither continuous nor discrete (eg., a mixture of Poisson with a Gaussian)
- ▶ for probability measures, pmfs/pdfs are Radon-Nikodym derivatives
- ▶ expectation notation is unified as :

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X}} xp(x) \, d\nu(x)$$

- ▶ Two usual base measures :
 - ▶ counting measure : ν_C ($\int \rightarrow \sum$)
 - ▶ Lebesgue measure : ν_L

Measure theory : Probability space (recalling terminology)

- ▶ \mathcal{X} a set, the sample space
- ▶ σ -algebra \mathcal{F} over \mathcal{X} : subsets of \mathcal{X} closed under countable many intersections, unions, and complements.
- ▶ $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$: measurable space
- ▶ measure $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ with
 - ▶ $\mu(E) \geq 0, \forall E \in \mathcal{F}, \mu(\emptyset) = 0$
 - ▶ $\mu(\cup_{i \geq 1} E_i) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \mu(E_i)$ for pairwise disjoint sequence $\{E_i \in \mathcal{F}\}$;
- ▶ $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$, a (positive) measure space
- ▶ $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ with $\mu(\mathcal{X}) = 1$, a probability space, $F \in \mathcal{F}$ are events

Measurable functions and random variables

- ▶ Measurable function $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ between two measurable spaces $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F})$ and $(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{G})$:

$$\forall G \in \mathcal{G}, \quad f^{-1}(G) \in \mathcal{F}$$

- ▶ Random variable $X = \text{measurable function } X : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Therefore :

$$\{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid a < X(x) < b\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

all sample states with X taking values between a and b is an event (CDF)

- ▶ continuous RV = measures on Borel σ -algebra

Dominance and Radon-Nikodym derivatives

- ▶ measure μ is dominated by measure ν ($\mu \ll \nu$) iff.

$$\boxed{\nu(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu(E) = 0}$$

- ▶ $\mu \ll \nu$ σ -finite (\mathcal{X} =countable union of measurable sets with finite measure) then μ admits a density f wrt to ν , the Radon-Nikodym derivative :

$$\boxed{f \stackrel{\text{n.}}{=} \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}}$$

$$\forall \nu - \text{measurable } E, \boxed{\mu(E) \stackrel{\text{n.}}{=} \int_{e \in E} f d\nu(e)}$$

- ▶ $P \ll \nu$, Shannon entropy : $H(P) = - \int p(x) \log p(x) d\nu(x)$.

Statistical estimation : parametric estimation $\hat{\theta}$

- Given idd. $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \sim p_{\theta_0}(x)$ (hidden by Nature), estimate θ in family $\{p_\theta(x)\}_\theta$?
→ from observation sets to random vectors
- Maximum Likelihood Principle (MLE) :

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} \prod_i p_{\theta}(x_i) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta} I(X; \theta) = \sum_i \log p_{\theta}(x_i)$$

- Consistency : $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\theta}_n = \theta_0$
- score function : $s(\theta, x) = \nabla_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(x)$ with $\nabla_{\theta} = (\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^i})_i$. score indicates the *sensitivity of the log-likelihood curve*.
- For strictly concave log-likelihood, unique $\hat{\theta}$ such that $s(\hat{\theta}, x) = 0$ (MVNs, Beta, Poisson, Dirichlet, etc).

Fisher information $I(\theta) = \text{Variance of the score}$

Amount of information that an observable random variable X carries about an unknown parameter θ :

First moment of score : 0, not discriminative !

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p(X; \theta) \mid \theta \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p(X; \theta)}{p(X; \theta)} \mid \theta \right] = \int \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p(x; \theta)}{p(x; \theta)} p(x; \theta) dx \\ &= \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} p(x; \theta) dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int f(x; \theta) dx \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} 1 = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Second moment of score : (with $\partial_i I(x; \theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} I(x; \theta)$)

$$I(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(X; \theta) \right)^2 \middle| \theta \right] = \int \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x; \theta) \right)^2 f(x; \theta) dx > 0$$

Multi-parameter : $I_{i,j}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_\theta [\partial_i I(x; \theta) \partial_j I(x; \theta)]$, $I(\theta) \succeq 0$, PS(S)D

Fisher information and Cramér-Rao lower bound

How good is an estimator ? how to measure goodness ?

- ▶ Mean Square Error (MSE) : $\text{MSE}(\theta) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \mathbb{E}[\|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0\|^2]$ (consistency : $\text{MSE} \rightarrow 0$)
- ▶ Cramér-Rao lower bound : for an *unbiased estimator* $\hat{\theta}$:

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\theta}] \succeq I^{-1}(\theta_0)$$

- ▶ efficiency : unbiased estimator matching the CR lower bound
- ▶ asymptotic normality of $\hat{\theta}$ (on random vectors) :

$$\hat{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta_0, \frac{1}{n}I^{-1}(\theta_0)\right)$$

Fisher Information Matrix (FIM)

$$I(\theta) = [I_{i,j}(\theta)]_{i,j}, \quad I_{i,j}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_\theta[\partial_i I(x; \theta) \partial_j I(x; \theta)]$$

- For multinomials (p_1, \dots, p_d) :

$$I(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} p_1(1-p_1) & -p_1p_2 & \dots & -p_1p_k \\ -p_1p_2 & p_2(1-p_2) & \dots & -p_2p_k \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ -p_1p_k & -p_2p_k & \dots & p_k(1-p_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

- For multivariate normals (MVNs) $N(\mu, \Sigma)$:

$$I_{i,j}(\theta) = \frac{\partial \mu^\top}{\partial \theta_i} \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \theta_j} + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \theta_i} \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \theta_j} \right)$$

matrix trace : tr.

Reparameterization of the Fisher information matrix

- ▶ Let $\theta = \theta(\eta)$ and η be two 1-to-1 parameterizations
- ▶ $J = [J_{i,j}]_{i,j}$: Jacobian matrix $J_{i,j} = \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial \eta_j}$.

$$I_\eta(\eta) = J^\top \times I_\theta(\theta(\eta)) \times J$$

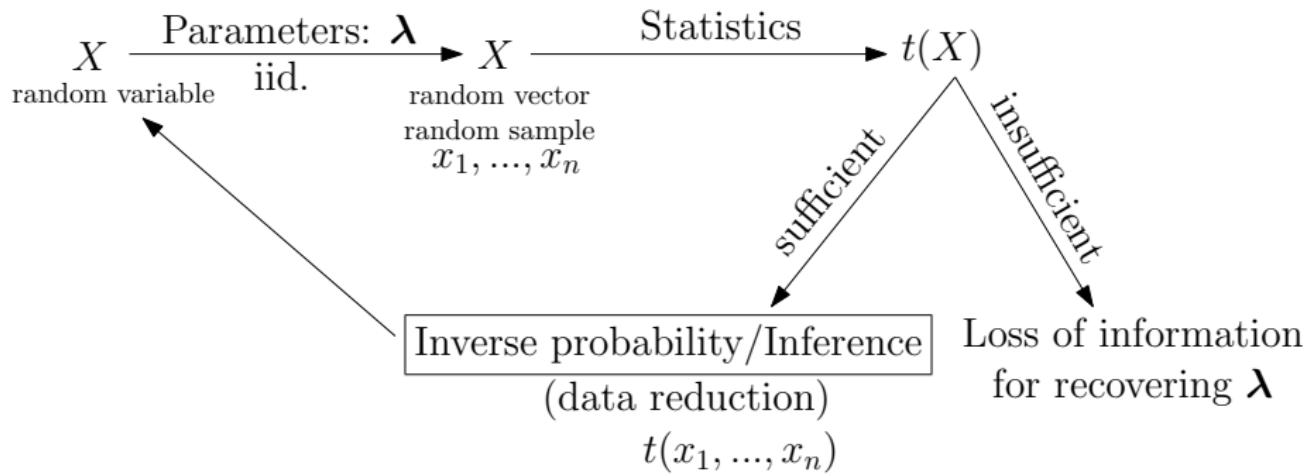
Fisher information matrix depends on the parameterization of the parameter space (covariant)

Statistics : Information and sufficiency

- ▶ sufficiency : $\mathbb{P}(x|t, \theta) = \mathbb{P}(x|t)$
⇒ all information about θ is contained inside t
- ▶ $I_{s(X)}(\theta) \leq I_X(\theta)$ for a statistic s , with equality iff. s is sufficient
- ▶ Fisher-Neyman's factorization criterion : $t(x)$ is sufficient then we have the following canonical factorization :

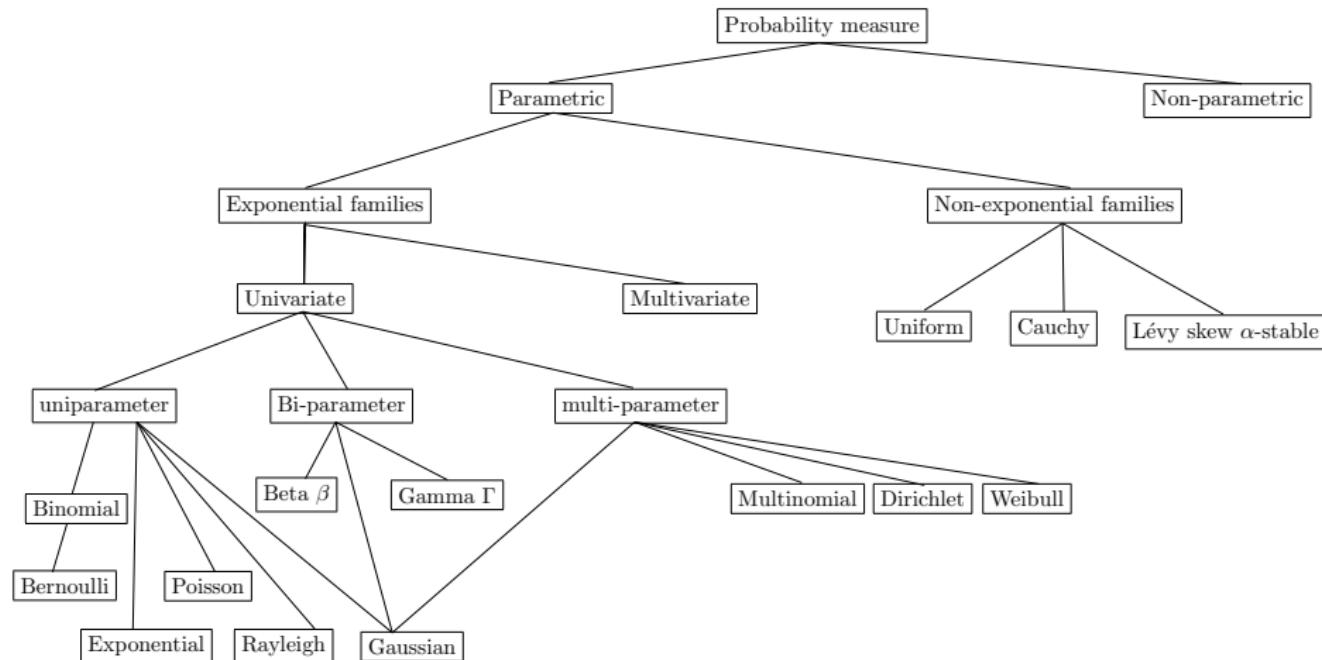
$$p(x; \theta) = g(t(x); \theta)h(x)$$

- ▶ Ex. : $t(x) = (\sum_i x_i, \sum_i x_i^2)$ sufficient for univariate normals.
 - ▶ All information about θ in two quantities : data reduction without loss of statistical information
 - ▶ sample mean $\bar{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i$, sample variance
$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (x_i - \bar{\mu})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i^2 - \bar{\mu}^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i^2 - \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i\right)^2}$$
- ▶ not all statistics carry information on θ : ancillary statistics, statistics that does not depend on the parameter θ .



We are interested in finite-dimensional sufficient statistics... (statistical lossless data reduction)

Exponential families and finite sufficiency



Beware : Exponential distribution belongs to the exponential families too.

Exponential families : families of parametric distributions

- ▶ Canonical decomposition ($t(x)$ sufficient statistics, $k(x)$ auxiliary carrier term) :

$$p(x; \theta) = \exp(\langle t(x), \theta \rangle - F(\theta) + k(x))$$

- ▶ log-Laplace transform :
$$F(\theta) = \log \int \exp(\langle t(x), \theta \rangle + k(x)) dx$$
- ▶ many distributions $p(x; \lambda)$ (normal, gamma, beta, multinomial, Poisson) are exponential families with $\theta(\lambda)$
- ▶ F is *strictly convex* on convex natural parameter space
$$\Theta = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid F(\theta) < \infty\}$$
- ▶ Dual parameterizations : $\theta(\lambda)$ or $\eta(\lambda) = \nabla F(\theta(\lambda)) = \mathbb{E}[t(X)]$
- ▶ Fisher information matrix : $I(\theta) = \nabla^2 F(\theta) \succ 0$ (Hessian of strictly convex function)
- ▶ MLE : $\hat{\eta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i t(x_i) = \nabla F(\theta)$ (condition on existence)

Convex duality : Legendre-Fenchel transformation [21, 19]

- ▶ For a strictly convex and differentiable function $F : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, define the convex conjugate :

$$F^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \underbrace{\{\langle y, x \rangle - F(x)\}}_{I_F(y; x)};$$

- ▶ Maximum obtained for $y = \nabla F(x)$:

$$\nabla_x I_F(y; x) = y - \nabla F(x) = 0 \Rightarrow y = \nabla F(x)$$

- ▶ Maximum *unique* from convexity of F ($\nabla^2 F \succ 0$) :

$$\nabla_x^2 I_F(y; x) = -\nabla^2 F(x) \prec 0$$

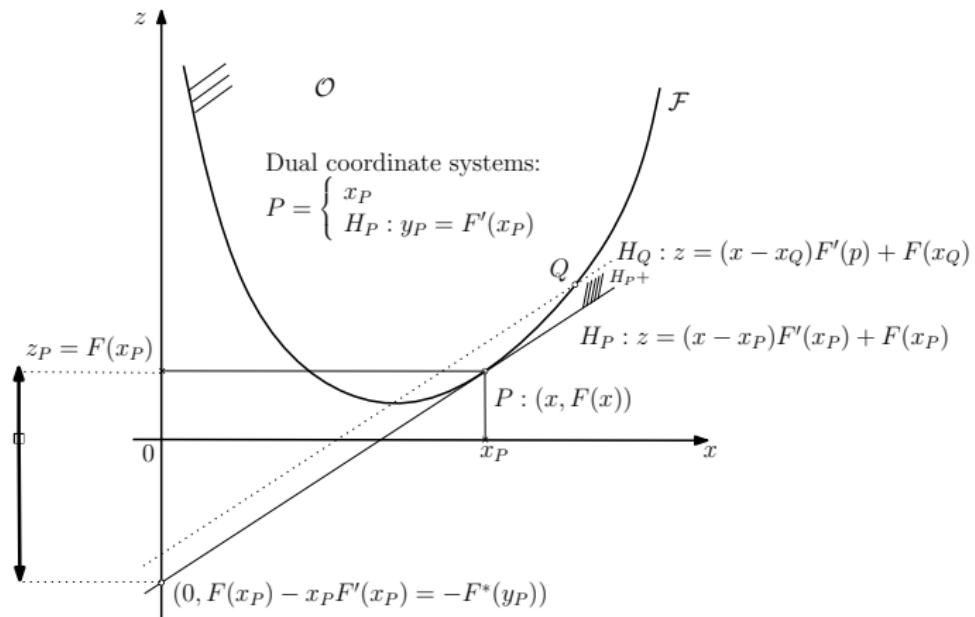
- ▶ **Convex conjugates with domains** :

$$(F, \mathcal{X}) \Leftrightarrow (F^*, \mathcal{Y}), \quad \mathcal{Y} = \{\nabla F(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

Legendre duality : Geometric interpretation

Consider the epigraph of F as a convex object :

- ▶ convex hull (vertex, V -representation), versus
 - ▶ half-space (halfspace, H -representation).



Legendre transform also called “slope” transform.

Legendre duality & Canonical divergence

- ▶ Convex conjugates have *functional inverse* gradients $\nabla F^{-1} = \nabla F^*$
 ∇F^* may require numerical approximation
(not always available in analytical closed-form)
- ▶ Involution : $(F^*)^* = F$ with $\nabla F^* = (\nabla F)^{-1}$.
- ▶ Convex conjugate F^* expressed using $(\nabla F)^{-1}$:

$$\begin{aligned} F^*(y) &= \langle x, y \rangle - F(x), x = \nabla_y F^*(y) \\ F^*(y) &= \langle (\nabla F)^{-1}(y), y \rangle - F((\nabla F)^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Fenchel-Young inequality at the heart of the canonical divergence :

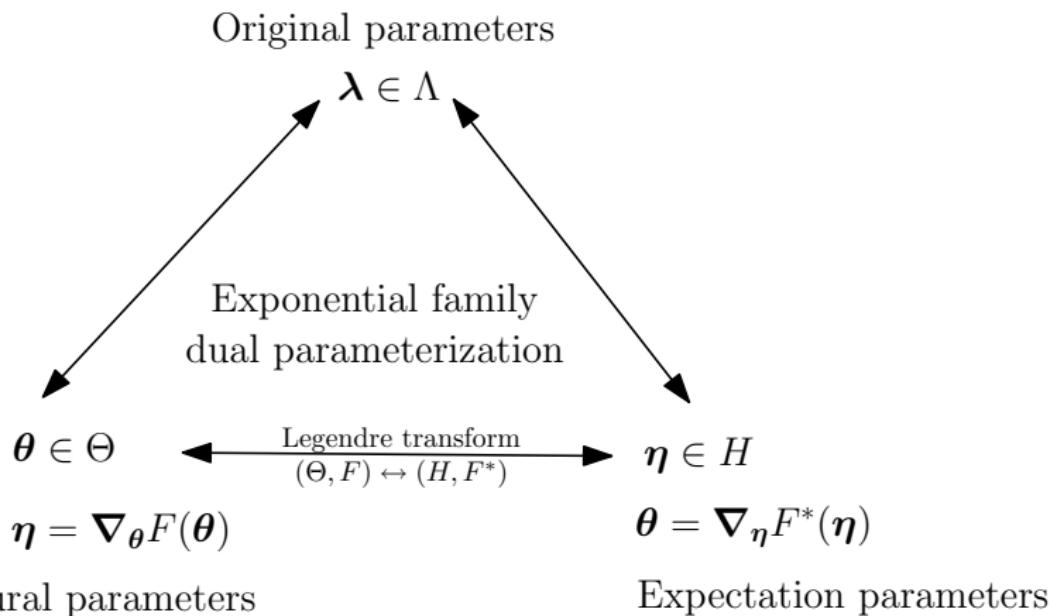
$$F(x) + F^*(y) \geq \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$A_F(x : y) = A_{F^*}(y : x) = F(x) + F^*(y) - \langle x, y \rangle \geq 0$$

Parameters of exponential families

- D : order of the exponential family
- d : uni- ($d = 1$) or multi-variate family

Many parameterizations are possible but only two are canonical : natural parameters and expectation parameters.



Canonical decomposition of exponential families

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: inner product on vectors (scalar product), matrices ($\text{ReTr}(AB^*)$)
 $t(x)$ sufficient statistics, $k(x)$ auxiliary carrier term :

$$p(x; \theta) = \exp(\langle t(x), \theta \rangle - F(\theta) + k(x))$$

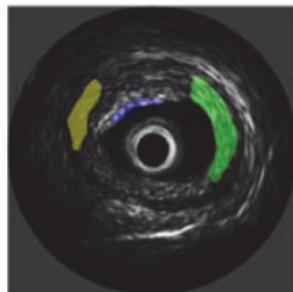
Not unique decomposition because :

- ▶ natural parameter and sufficient statistic : $t'(x) = At(x)$ and $\theta' = A^{-1}\theta$
(for $|A| \neq 0$ affine transformation)
- ▶ constant in $F'(\theta) = F(\theta) + c$ and $k'(x) = k(x) - c$

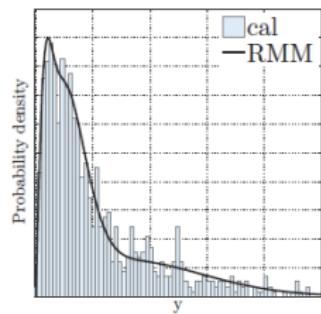
Let us give some decomposition examples...

Statistical mixtures : Rayleigh MMs [28]

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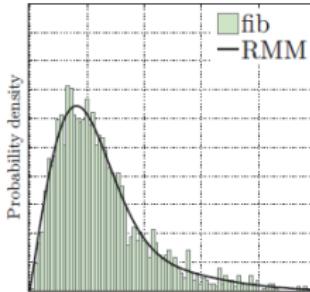


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Probability density

Rayleigh distribution :

$$p(x; \lambda) = \frac{x}{\lambda^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\lambda^2}}$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$d = 1$ (univariate)

$D = 1$ (order 1)

$$\theta = -\frac{1}{2\lambda^2}$$

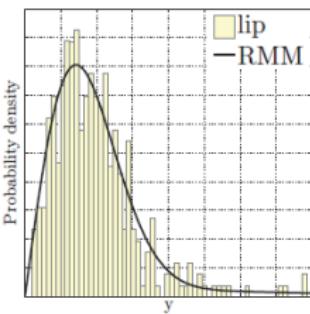
$$\Theta = (-\infty, 0)$$

$$F(\theta) = -\log(-2\theta)$$

$$t(x) = x^2$$

$$k(x) = \log x$$

(Weibull $k = 2$)



Probability density

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Coronary plaques : fibrotic tissues, calcified tissues, lipidic tissues

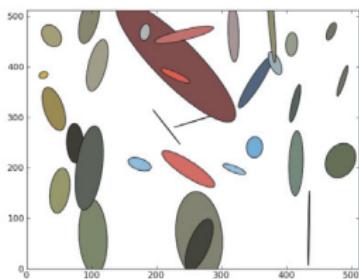
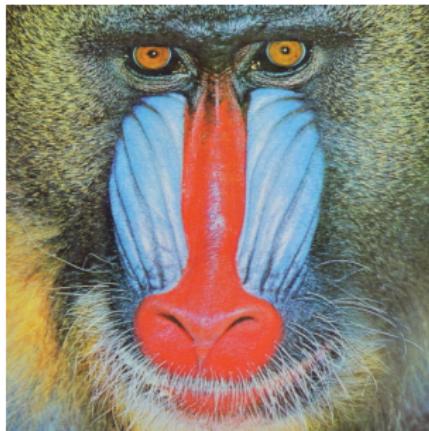
Rayleigh Mixture Models (RMMs) :

for *segmentation* and *classification* tasks

Statistical mixtures : Gaussian MMs [12, 28, 13]

Gaussian mixture models (GMMs) : model low frequency.

Color image interpreted as a 5D xyRGB point set.



Gaussian distribution $p(x; \mu, \Sigma)$:

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} D_{\Sigma^{-1}}(x - \mu, x - \mu)}$$

Squared Mahalanobis distance :

$$D_Q(x, y) = (x - y)^T Q(x - y)$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

d (multivariate)

$$D = \frac{d(d+3)}{2} \text{ (order)}$$

$$\theta = (\Sigma^{-1}\mu, \frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}) = (\theta_v, \theta_M)$$

$$\Theta = \mathbb{R} \times S_{++}^d$$

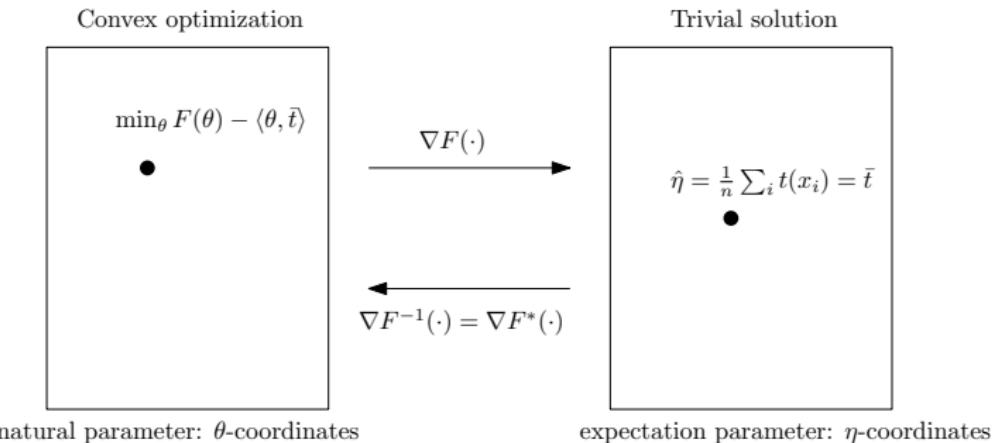
$$F(\theta) = \frac{1}{4}\theta_v^T \theta_M^{-1} \theta_v - \frac{1}{2} \log |\theta_M| + \frac{d}{2} \log \pi$$

$$t(x) = (x, -xx^T)$$

$$k(x) = 0$$

MLE of exponential families : Two coordinate systems

$$\eta = \mathbb{E}[t(x)] = \nabla F(\theta), \quad \theta = (\nabla F)^{-1}(\eta) = \nabla F^*(\eta)$$



- ▶ Closed-form in expectation parameter coordinate system η :

$$\hat{\eta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i t(x_i)$$

- ▶ Convex optimization in the natural parameter coordinate system θ .

$$\max_{\theta} I(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (\langle t(x_i), \theta \rangle - F(\theta)) \equiv \min_{\theta} F(\theta) - \langle \theta, \bar{t} \rangle \text{ (that is, } \nabla F(\hat{\theta}) = \bar{t})$$

Exponential families : Universal families !

Universal representations of “smooth” densities :

- ▶ mixtures of exponential families approximate any smooth density (mixtures of Gaussians)
- ▶ a single exponential family (possibly multimodal) approximates also any smooth density : Similar to approximations of functions by polynomials. We can choose the sufficient statistics in $(1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots)$ and $(\log x, \log^2 x, \log^3 x, \dots)$. But then $F(\theta)$ not in closed form :

$$F(\theta) = \int_x \exp \left(\theta^\top t(x) + k(x) \right) d\nu(x)$$

(common problem met in practice not to have closed-form expression of F , Ising and Potts models, etc.)

Boltzmann-Gibbs distribution in statistical physics

Let $E(X; \theta)$ be an energy function.

$$p(X; \theta) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp(-E(X; \theta))$$

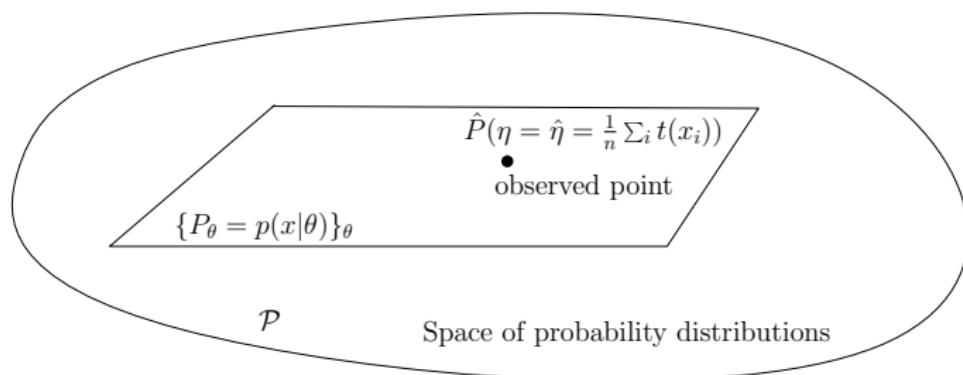
$Z(\theta)$ normalization factor (aka. partition function) :

$$Z(\theta) = \int_X \exp(-E(X; \theta)) d\nu(x)$$

$$F(\theta) = \log Z(\theta)$$

The observed point \hat{P} in information geometry

- $\{P_\theta\}_\theta$: a parametric (exponential family) model, identifiable
- View P_θ as a point on a manifold (dual coordinates θ and η)
- Observed point \hat{P} with η -coordinate $\overline{t(x)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i t(x_i)$ (MLE)



We shall see later that \hat{P} is *m*-projection of the empirical distribution on the e-flat...

MLE of exponential families [20]

- $\hat{\eta} = \overline{t(x)}$ but we would like $\hat{\theta} = (\nabla F^{-1})(\hat{\eta})$
- value of the maximum likelihood :

$$I(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = F^*(\hat{\eta}) + \overline{k(x)}$$

$$\overline{k(x)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n k(x_i)$$

F^* is neg-entropy

- When $F(\theta)$ not in closed-form : Contrastive Divergence (MCMC), score matching (Fisher divergence), etc.

II. Geometric structures of probability manifolds :

- (M, g)
- $(M, g, \nabla, \nabla^*) \Leftrightarrow (M, g, T)$

Population space & Parameter space

H. Hotelling [15] (1930), C. R. Rao [47] (1945)

- ▶ $\mathcal{P} = \{p(x|\theta) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$ a *parametric family* of distributions, the population space,
- ▶ Θ , the parameter space of dimension D
- ▶ immersion $i(\theta) = p(x|\theta)$ from the parameter space to the population space :
 - ▶ i : one-to-one (model identifiability)
 - ▶ i of rank $\dim(\Theta) = D$:

$$\frac{\partial p(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial p(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta_D}$$

... are *linearly independent*

- ▶ Geometric structures of SPD matrices when we consider the particular space $\{N(0, \Sigma) \mid \Sigma \succ 0\}$

Fisher information matrix (FIM)

- ▶ log-likelihood $I(\theta|x) = \log p(x|\theta)$, $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}$.
- ▶ Metric tensor, $D \times D$ matrix : $g = [g_{ij}] = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij} dx_i \otimes dx_j$ (tensor product)

$$g_{ij} = \mathbb{E}_\theta[\partial_i I(\theta) \partial_j I(\theta)]$$

- ▶ FIM can be rewritten *equivalently* as :

$$g_{ij} = 4 \int_x \partial_i \sqrt{p(x|\theta)} \partial_j \sqrt{p(x|\theta)} dx$$

- ▶ g symmetric positive definite (SPD), non-degenerate when $\{\partial_i p(x|\theta)\}_i$ are linear independent (problem with mixture models where $\exists \theta, I(\theta) = 0$)

Fisher information matrix & Hessian

Negative expectation of the Hessian of the log-likelihood function :

$$g_{ij} = \mathbb{E}_\theta[\partial_i l(\theta) \partial_j l(\theta)]$$

$$g_{ij} = 4 \int_x \partial_i \sqrt{p(x|\theta)} \partial_j \sqrt{p(x|\theta)} dx$$

$$g_{ij} = \boxed{-\mathbb{E}_\theta[\partial_i \partial_j l(\theta)]}$$

For natural exponential families $p(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle \theta, x \rangle - F(\theta))$,

$$\boxed{l(\theta) = \nabla^2 F(\theta) \succ 0}$$

Fisher information : invariance and covariance

- ▶ Invariant under reparameterization of the sample space : X RV. with $p(x|\theta)$ and $Y = f(X)$ for an invertible transformation $f(\cdot)$ with density $\bar{p}(y|\theta)$.

$$g_{ij}(\theta) = \bar{g}_{ij}(\theta)$$

- ▶ Covariant under reparameterization of the parameter space : Let $\eta = \eta(\theta)$ be an invertible transformation with $\bar{p}_\eta(x) = p_{\eta(\theta)}(x)$

$$\bar{g}_{ij}(\eta) = g_{kr} \Big|_{\eta=\eta(\theta)} \frac{\partial \theta_k}{\partial \eta_i} \frac{\partial \theta_r}{\partial \eta_j}$$

- ▶ sufficient statistics : $p(x|t, \theta) = p(x|t)$, non-deterministic Markov morphism transformations (statistical invariance).

Basics of Riemannian geometry

- ▶ (M, g) : Riemannian manifold
- ▶ $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, Riemannian *metric tensor* g : definite positive bilinear form on each tangent space $T_x M$ (depends smoothly on x)
- ▶ $\| \cdot \|_x : \|u\| = \langle u, u \rangle^{1/2}$: Associated norm in $T_x M$
- ▶ $\rho(x, y)$: metric distance between two points on the manifold M (length space)

$$\rho(x, y) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|\dot{\gamma}(t)\| dt, \quad \gamma \in C^1([0, 1], M), \quad \gamma(0) = x, \quad \gamma(1) = y \right\}$$

- ▶ Shortest paths (length space)
- ▶ but technically parallel transport wrt. Levi-Civita metric connection ∇_{LC} .

Basics of Riemannian geometry : Exponential map

- ▶ Local map from the *tangent space* $T_x M$ to the *manifold* defined with geodesics (wrt ∇).

$$\forall x \in M, D(x) \subset T_x M : D(x) = \{v \in T_x M : \gamma_v(1) \text{ is defined}\}$$

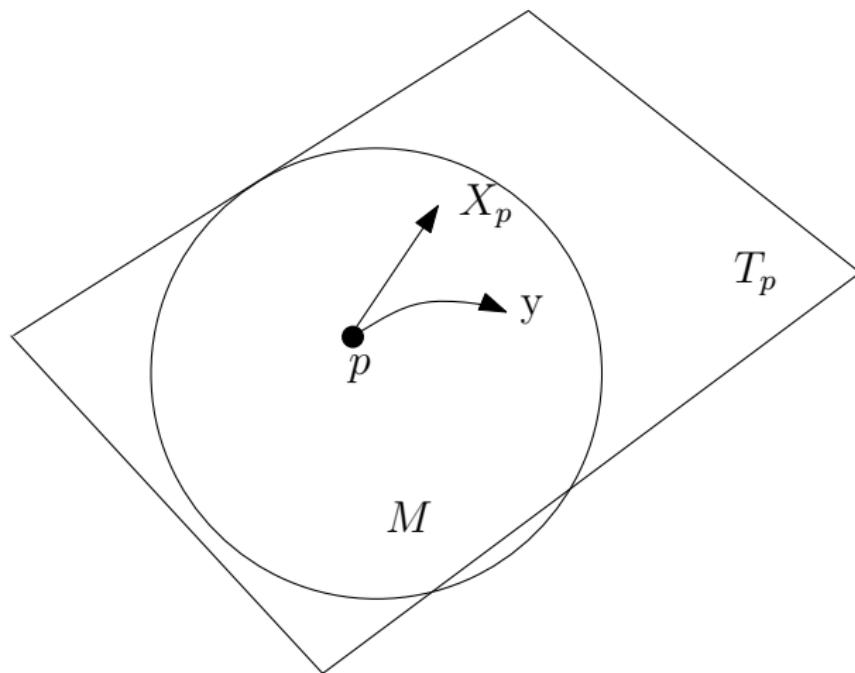
with γ_v maximal (i.e., largest domain) geodesic with $\gamma_v(0) = x$ and $\gamma'_v(0) = v$.

- ▶ Exponential map :

$$\begin{aligned} \exp_x(\cdot) &: D(x) \subseteq T_x M \rightarrow M \\ \exp_x(v) &= \gamma_v(1) \end{aligned}$$

D is *star-shaped*.

Riemannian geometry : Exponential and Logarithmic maps



$$\exp : y \in M \rightarrow X_p \in T_p$$

$$\log = \exp^{-1} : X_p \in T_p \rightarrow y \in M$$

Basics of Riemannian geometry : Geodesics

- ▶ *Geodesic* : smooth path which locally minimizes the distance between two points.
- ▶ Given a vector $v \in T_x M$ with base point x , there is a unique geodesic started at x with speed v at time 0 : $t \mapsto \exp_x(tv)$ or $t \mapsto \gamma_t(v)$.
- ▶ Geodesic on $[a, b]$ is *minimal* if its length is less or equal to others. For *complete* M (i.e., $\exp_x(v)$), taking $x, y \in M$, there exists a *minimal* geodesic from x to y in time 1.
 $\gamma_{\cdot}(x, y) : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$, $t \mapsto \gamma_t(x, y)$ with the conditions $\gamma_0(x, y) = x$ and $\gamma_1(x, y) = y$.
- ▶ $U \subseteq M$ is convex if for any $x, y \in U$, there exists a unique minimal geodesic $\gamma_{\cdot}(x, y)$ in M from x to y . Geodesic *fully lies* in U and depends smoothly on x, y, t .

Basics of Riemannian geometry : Geodesics

- ▶ Geodesic $\gamma(x, y)$: locally minimizing curves linking x to y
- ▶ Speed vector $\gamma'(t)$ parallel along γ :

$$\boxed{\frac{D\gamma'(t)}{dt} = \nabla_{\gamma'(t)}\gamma'(t) = 0}$$

- ▶ When manifold M embedded in \mathbb{R}^d , acceleration is normal to tangent plane :

$$\gamma''(t) \perp T_{\gamma(t)}M$$

- ▶ $\|\gamma'(t)\| = c$, a constant (say, unit).

⇒ Parameterization of curves with constant speed (otherwise, you get the trace of the geodesic only...)

Basics of Riemannian geometry : Geodesics and means

Constant speed geodesic $\gamma(t)$ so that $\gamma(0) = x$ and $\gamma(\rho(x, y)) = y$ (constant speed 1, the unit of length).

$$x \#_t y = m = \gamma(t) : \rho(x, m) = t \times \rho(x, y)$$

For example, in the Euclidean space :

$$x \#_t y = (1 - t)x + ty = x + t(y - x) = m$$

$$\rho_E(x, m) = \|t(y - x)\| = t\|y - x\| = t \times \rho(x, y), t \in [0, 1]$$

$\Rightarrow m$ interpreted as a mean (barycenter) between x and y

Basics of Riemannian geometry : Injectivity radius

Diffeomorphism from the tangent space to the manifold

- ▶ *Injectivity radius* $\text{inj}(M)$: largest $r > 0$ such that for all $x \in M$, the map $\exp_x(\cdot)$ restricted to the open ball in $T_x M$ with radius r is an embedding.
- ▶ *Global injectivity radius* : infimum of the injectivity radius over all points of the manifold.

Important for navigating back and forth from $T_x M$ to M (extrinsic/intrinsic computing)...

Riemannian geometry of population spaces

- ▶ Consider (M, g) with $g = I(\theta)$, Hotelling (1930), Rao (1945). Fisher information matrix is unique up to a constant (for statistical invariance).
- ▶ Geometry of multinomials is spherical (on the orthant)
- ▶ For univariate location-scale families, hyperbolic geometry or Euclidean geometry (location only)

$$p(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma} p_0 \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right), \quad X = \mu + \sigma X_0$$

(Normal, Cauchy, Laplace, Student t -, etc.)

Tangent planes, tangent bundles, vector fields

- ▶ T_p : tangent plane at p
- ▶ TM , tangent bundle
- ▶ vector field = global section of the tangent bundle
- ▶ Mahalanobis metric distance on tangent planes T_x :

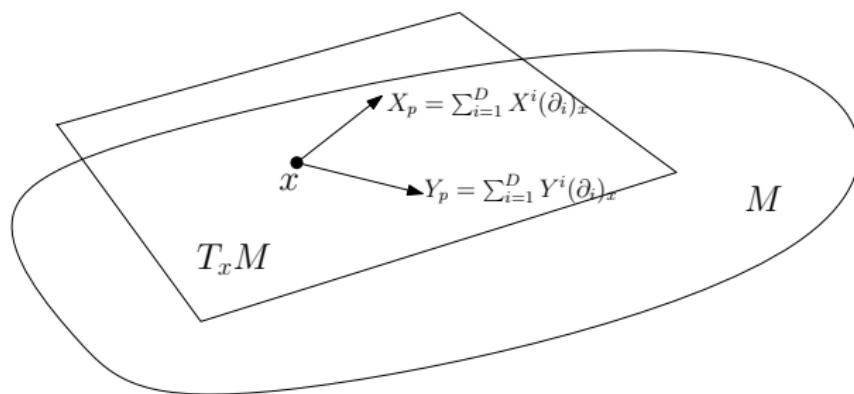
$$M_Q(p, q) = \sqrt{(p - q)^\top Q(x)(p - q)}$$

axioms of the metric for $Q(x) = g(x) \succ 0$ (SPD).

- ▶ Rao's distance between close points amounts to $\rho \simeq \sqrt{2KL} = \sqrt{\text{SKL}}$.
For exponential families, $\rho \simeq \text{Mahalanobis} = \sqrt{\Delta\theta^\top I(\theta)\Delta\theta}$.

Tangent plane : basis vectors

- ▶ $(\partial_i)_x = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^i}\right)_x$
- ▶ $X_x = \sum_{i=1}^D X^i (\partial_i)_x$
- ▶ Define proper metric tensor : $g_{ij}(x) = g_x(\partial_i, \partial_j) > 0$



α -representations and parameterizations of the tangent planes

$$f_\alpha(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{1-\alpha} u^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}}, & \alpha \neq 1 \\ \log u, & \alpha = 1. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ $\alpha = -1 : p(x|\theta) \rightarrow f_{-1}(p(x|\theta)) = p(x|\theta)$: usual parameterization of the tangent plane $T_x^{(-1)} M$ with basis $\partial_i^{(-1)} = \partial_i$.
- ▶ $\alpha = 0 : \text{square root representation} : p(x|\theta) \rightarrow f_0(p(x|\theta)) = 2\sqrt{p(x|\theta)}$.
 $\partial^{(0)}$ perpendicular to θ , identified with the tangent plane $T_x^{(0)} M$.
- ▶ $\alpha = 1 : \text{logarithmic representation} : p(x|\theta) \rightarrow f_1(p(x|\theta)) = \log p(x|\theta)$.
 $\partial^{(1)} = \partial_i f_1(p(x|\theta)) = \frac{1}{p(x|\theta)} \partial_i p(x|\theta)$

Tangent planes are invariant objects : do not depend on the α -representation.

Extrinsic Computational Geometry on tangent planes

- ▶ Tensor $g = Q(x) \succ 0$ defines smooth inner product $\langle p, q \rangle_x = (p - q)^\top Q(x)(p - q)$ that induces a normed distance :
 $d_x(p, q) = \|p - q\|_x = \sqrt{(p - q)^\top Q(x)(p - q)}$
- ▶ Mahalanobis metric distance on tangent planes :

$$\Delta_\Sigma(X_1, X_2) = \sqrt{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mu_1 - \mu_2)} = \sqrt{\Delta \mu^\top \Sigma^{-1} \Delta \mu}$$

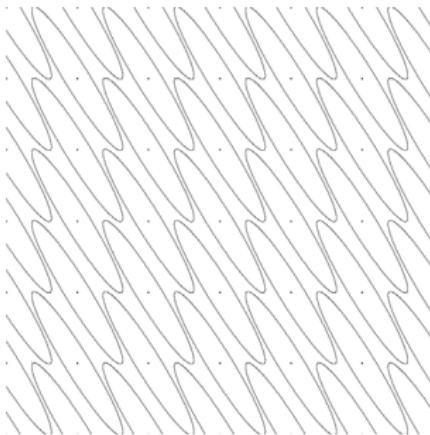
- ▶ Cholesky decomposition $\Sigma = LL^\top$, lower triangular matrix L :

$$\Delta(X_1, X_2) = D_E(L^{-1}\mu_1, L^{-1}\mu_2)$$

- ▶ Computing on tangent planes = Euclidean computing on transformed points $x' \leftarrow L^{-1}x$.
Extrinsic vs intrinsic computations.

Riemannian Mahalanobis metric tensor (Σ^{-1} , PSD)

$$\rho(p_1, p_2) = \sqrt{(p_1 - p_2)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (p_1 - p_2)}, \quad g(p) = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



non-conformal geometry : $g(p) \neq f(p)I$
(Visualization with Tissot indicatrix)

Normal/Gaussian family and 2D location-scale families

- ▶ Fisher Information Matrix (FIM) :

$$I(\theta) = \left[I_{i,j}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_\theta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \log p(x|\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log p(x|\theta) \right] \right] = \mathbb{E}_\theta [\partial_i I \partial_j I]$$

- ▶ FIM for univariate normal/multivariate spherical distributions :

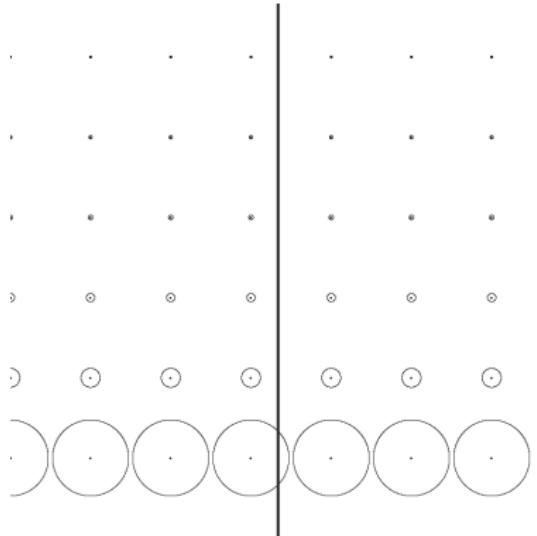
$$I(\mu, \sigma) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I(\mu, \sigma) = \text{diag} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

- ▶ → amount to Poincaré metric $\frac{dx^2+dy^2}{y^2}$, hyperbolic geometry in upper half plane/space.

Riemannian Poincaré upper plane metric tensor (conformal)

$$\cosh \rho(p_1, p_2) = 1 + \frac{\|p_1 - p_2\|^2}{2y_1 y_2}, \quad g(p) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{y^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{y^2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{y^2} I$$



$$\text{conformal : } g(p) = \frac{1}{y^2} I$$

Matrix SPD spaces and hyperbolic geometry

Symmetric Positive Definite matrices $M : \forall x \neq 0, x^\top M x > 0$.

- ▶ 2D $\text{SPD}(2)$ matrix space has dimension $d = 3$: A positive cone.

$$\text{SPD}(2) \left\{ (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a > 0, ab - c^2 > 0 \right\}$$

- ▶ Can be *peeled into sheets* of dimension 2, each sheet corresponding to a *constant value of the determinant* of the elements

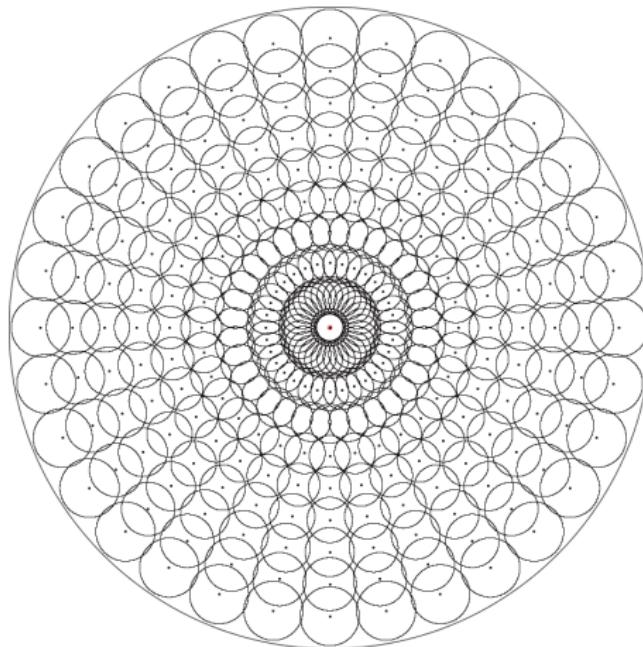
$$\boxed{\text{SPD}(2) = \text{SSPD}(2) \times \mathbb{R}^+}$$

where $\text{SSPD}(2) = \{a, b, c = \sqrt{1 - ab} : a > 0, ab - c^2 = 1\}$

- ▶ Mapping $M(a, b, c) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2$:

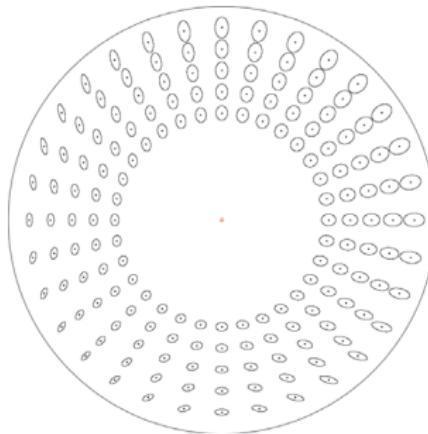
- ▶ $(x_0 = \frac{a+b}{2} \geq 1, x_1 = \frac{a-b}{2}, x_2 = c)$ in hyperboloid model [39]
- ▶ $z = \frac{a-b+2ic}{2+a+b}$ in Poincaré disk [39].

Riemannian Poincaré disk metric tensor (conformal)



→ often used in Human Computer Interfaces, network routing (embedding trees), etc.

Riemannian Klein disk metric tensor (non-conformal)



- ▶ recommended for “computing space” since geodesics are straight line segments
- ▶ Klein is also **conformal at the origin** (so we can perform translation from and back to the origin via Möbius transform.)
- ▶ Geodesics passing through O in the Poincaré disk are straight (so we can perform translation from and back to the origin)

Riemannian geometry : Optimization on the manifold with the natural gradient [1]

Numerical optimization on manifolds :

- ▶ defined on a manifold, generalize Euclidean gradient

$$\nabla_x f(x) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f(x), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_D} f(x) \right).$$

- ▶ natural gradient respects intrinsic geometry of the manifold :

$$\tilde{\nabla}_\theta f(\theta) = (I(\theta))^{-1} \times \nabla_\theta f(\theta)$$

(Euclidean geometry : $I(\theta) = I.$)

- ▶ invariant under changes of the parameterization (natural gradient = contravariant form of the gradient)
- ▶ Information-geometric optimization (IGO), black-box optimization

Jeffrey's prior from volume element

- ▶ Volume of the manifold :

$$v(M) = \int \sqrt{|g(\theta)|} d\theta < \infty$$

- ▶ Consider the prior distribution :

$$q(\theta) = \frac{1}{v(M)} \sqrt{|g(\theta)|}$$

- ▶ invariant under reparameterization
- ▶ Bayesian statistics (and other $\pm\alpha$ -volume element in IG : $|g(\theta)|^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}}$)

Affine differential geometry :
dual connections ∇ and ∇^*
coupled with a metric g

Connections Π and covariant derivatives ∇

- ▶ Connections Π set correspondences between vectors in tangent spaces T_p and T_q . When manifold M is embedded in \mathbb{R}^d , there exists a natural correspondence. Otherwise, connections Π need to be formally defined.
- ▶ Covariant derivatives ∇ : differentiation of a vector field Y in the direction of another vector field X , yielding a vector field $Z = \nabla_X Y$.
- ▶ Connections and covariant derivatives induce the same geometric structure. Yield notions of geodesics, flatness/curvature, parallelness, torsion.
- ▶ Riemannian structure (M, g) has an induced metric connection $\nabla_g = \nabla_{\text{LC}} = \nabla^{(0)}$, called the Levi-Civita connection.

Connections and parallel transport

- $\Pi_{p,q}$ a connection from T_p to T_q

$$\prod_{p,q} : T_p \rightarrow T_q$$

so that $v \in T_p$ yields $w = \prod_{p,q}(v) \in T_q$

- from linear isomorphism between tangent spaces of neighboring points to tangent points between arbitrary points by integrating along a curve $\gamma_{p,q}$ connecting p with q .
- d^3 coefficients $\Gamma_{ijk}(p)$ required for defining \prod .
- Vector field X along γ with $X(t + dt) = \prod_{\gamma(t), \gamma(t+dt)} X(t)$. We say vector fields $\{X(t) \mid t\}$ along γ are parallel with respect to the connection \prod . Parallel transport.

Covariant derivatives ∇

∇ : differentiation of a vector field Y in the direction of another vector field X , yielding a vector field $Z = \nabla_X Y$.

$$\nabla : V(M) \times V(M) \rightarrow V(M)$$

Properties ∇ should have :

$$\nabla_{f_1 X_1 + f_2 X_2} Y = f_1 \nabla_{X_1} Y + f_2 \nabla_{X_2} Y$$

$$\nabla_X (Y_1 + Y_2) = \nabla_X Y_1 + \nabla_X Y_2$$

$$\nabla_X (fY) = f \nabla_X Y + (Xf)Y$$

Linear combinations of covariant derivatives is a covariant derivative

Vector field parallel to a curve

Vector field $Y \in V(M)$ is ∇ -parallel to a curve $\gamma(t)$:

$$\forall t, \forall X \in V(M), \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}(t)} Y = 0$$

Geodesics in differential geometry

Curves γ on (M, ∇) such that

$$\boxed{\forall t, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}(t)} \dot{\gamma}(t) = 0}$$

Affine coordinate system and flat connection

In general, specify a connection/covariant ∇ by D^3 coefficients :

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\partial_i} \partial_j = \Gamma_{ij}^k \partial_k, \quad \forall i, j, k \in \{1, \dots, D\}}$$

(M, ∇) , θ a coordinate system.

θ is an affine coordinate system iff :

- ▶ Vector fields $\{\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}\}$ are parallel in M
- ▶ Equivalent to $\forall i, j, \quad \nabla_{\partial_i} \partial_j = 0$
- ▶ Equivalent to $\forall i, j, k, \quad \Gamma_{ij}^k = 0$ (Christoffel symbols)

When there exists an affine coordinate system for (M, ∇) , we say that M is flat.

Metric connection : Special case of Levi-Civita connection

$$\nabla_{LC} = \nabla^{(0)}$$

Given (M, g) , there exists a unique metric connection, the Levi-Civita connection :

- ▶ $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{\partial_i g_{jk} + \partial_j g_{ki} - \partial_k g_{ij}}{2}$
- ▶ and we have $g(\nabla_{\partial_i}^{(0)} \partial_j, \partial_k) = \Gamma_{ij}^k$.
- ▶ Parallel transport of tangent vectors preserves the inner product.
- ▶ Therefore angles are kept, henceforth “parallel transport”

Autoparallel submanifold

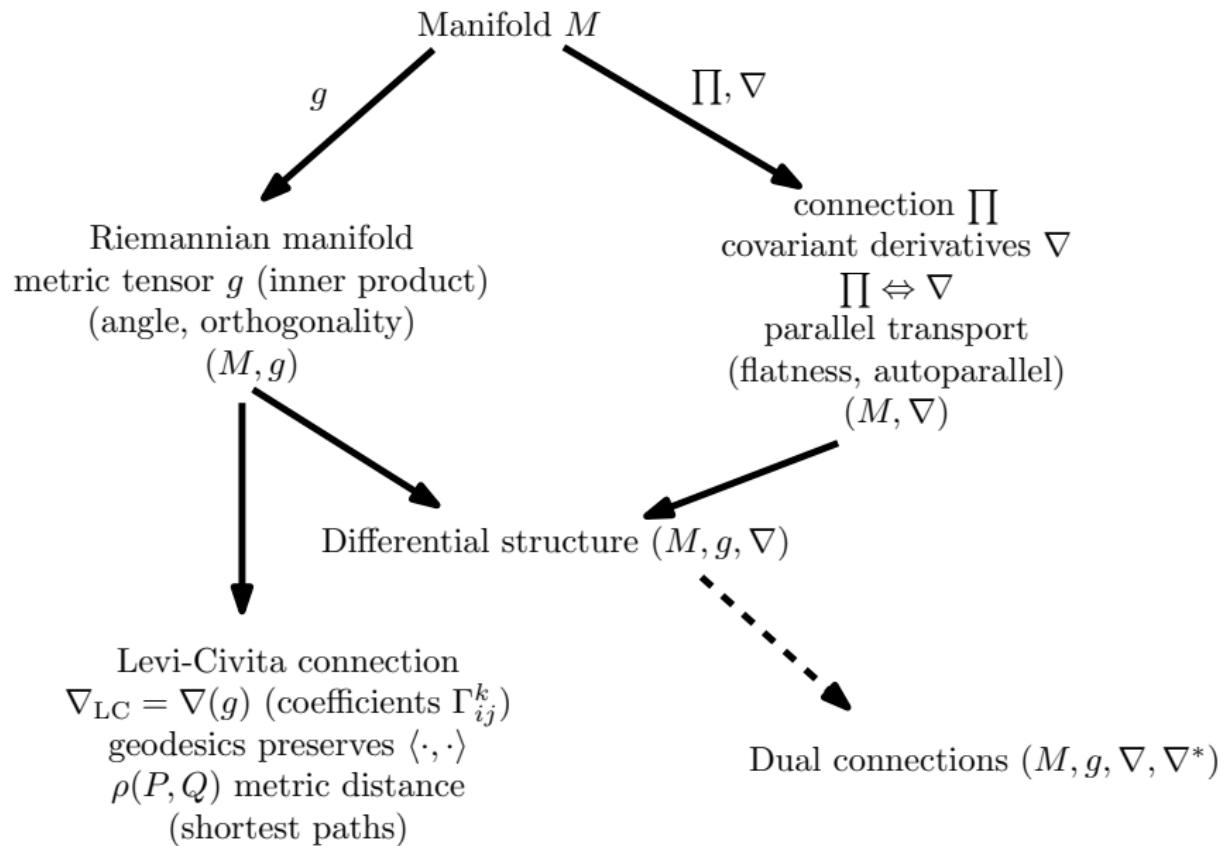
$N \subset M$ of (M, N) is autoparallel :

- ▶ Property on the tangent bundle TN

$$\boxed{\forall X, Y \in TN, \quad \nabla_X Y \in TN}$$

- ▶ Parallel (∇)-transport of tangent vectors for N are tangent vectors of N .
- ▶ Notion of “hyperplanes” in differential geometry
- ▶ **For an affine connection with coordinate system θ , equivalent to an affine subspace of $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D$.**

Differential-geometric structures : Summary

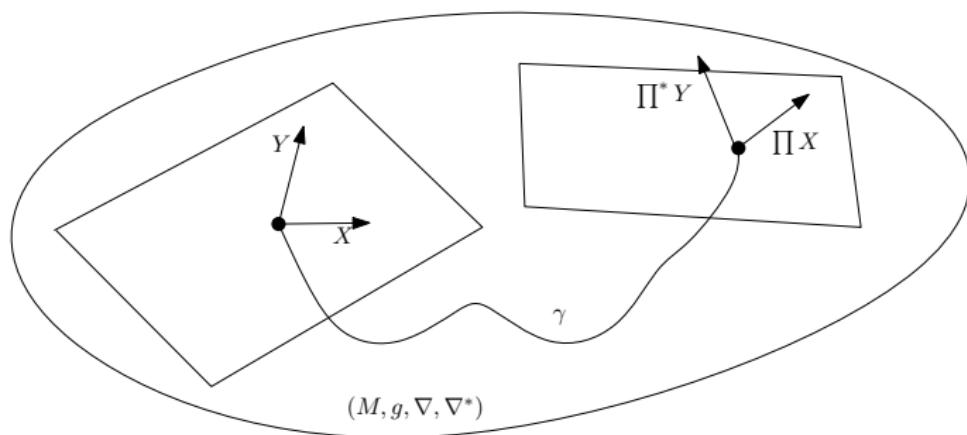


Dually affine connections

- ▶ Two affine connections Π and Π^* (and covariant derivatives ∇ and ∇^*)
- ▶ Property of inner product :

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_g = \langle \Pi X, \Pi^* Y \rangle_g$$

- ▶ Riemannian geometry : $\Pi = \Pi^*$



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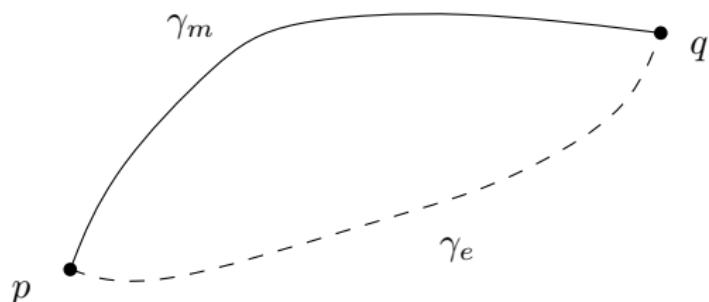
Dually affine connections : e -connection and m -connection

Exponential e -geodesics and mixture m -geodesics for probability densities :

$$\gamma_m(p, q, \alpha) : r(x, \alpha) = \alpha p(x) + (1 - \alpha)q(x)$$

$$\gamma_e(p, q, \alpha) : \log r(x, \alpha) = \alpha p(x) + (1 - \alpha)q(x) - F(t)$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}_e}^{(e)} \dot{\gamma}_e(t) = 0, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}_m}^{(m)} \dot{\gamma}_m(t) = 0}$$



Flat but not Riemannian flat : e -flat and m -flat.

Dually α -affine connections

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \boxed{\nabla^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1+\alpha}{2}\nabla + \frac{1-\alpha}{2}\nabla^*}$$

- ▶ $\nabla = \nabla^e$ or ∇^m
- ▶ Dually-coupled affine connections : $\nabla^{(\alpha)}$ and $\nabla^{(-\alpha)}$
- ▶ $\alpha = 0$: $\nabla^{(0)} = \frac{\nabla + \nabla^*}{2} = \nabla_{LC}$, Levi-Civita metric connection (self-dual $\nabla^{(0)} = \nabla^{(0)*}$)
- ▶ 0-geometry is Riemannian geometry (often curved but not for isotropic Gaussians)

Dually flat orthogonal coordinate systems

- ▶ θ - and η -coordinate systems
- ▶ partial derivatives : $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i}$, $\partial^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta^i}$
- ▶ $\langle \partial_i, \partial^j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ (biorthogonal coordinate systems)
- ▶ metric-coupled connection :

$$X\langle Y, Z \rangle = \langle \nabla_X Y, Z \rangle + \langle Y, \nabla_X^* Z \rangle$$

- ▶ $\Gamma_{ijk}(\theta) = \Gamma_{ijk}^*(\eta) = 0$

This is key advantage over the Riemannian (∇_{LC}) structure : Geodesics are known in closed form with the affine coordinate systems. Line segments in either the θ - or η -coordinate systems.

Dually flat manifolds from a convex function F

Canonical geometry induced by strictly convex and differentiable convex function F .

- ▶ Potential functions : F and Legendre convex conjugate $G = F^*$
- ▶ Dual coordinate systems : $\theta = \nabla F^*(\eta)$ and $\eta = \nabla F(\theta)$.
- ▶ Metric tensor g : written equivalently using the two coordinate systems :

$$g_{ij}(\theta) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} F(\theta), \quad g^{ij}(\eta) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta_i \partial \eta_j} G(\eta)$$

- ▶ Divergence from Young's inequality of convex conjugates :

$$D(P : Q) = F(\theta(P)) + F^*(\eta(Q)) - \langle \theta(P), \eta(Q) \rangle$$

This is a Bregman divergence in disguise - :) ...

- ▶ exponential family : $p(x|\theta) = \exp(\langle \theta, x \rangle - F(\theta))$
- Terminology : $F = \underline{\text{cumulant function}}$, $G = \underline{\text{negative entropy}}$

Geometry induced from a potential function

F a strictly convex potential function

$$g_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial_i \partial_j}$$

$$\Gamma_{ijk}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{1-\alpha}{2} \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial_i \partial_j \partial_k}$$

Dually coupled $\pm\alpha$ -connections (affine torsion-free, Kurose [16], 1994) :

$$\boxed{\forall X, Y, Z \in V(M), \quad Xg(Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X^{(\alpha)} Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^{(\alpha)} Z)}$$

Curvature : $\kappa = \frac{1-\alpha^2}{4}$ (and hence $\alpha = \pm 1 \Leftrightarrow \kappa = 0$, flat)

Bregman divergences : An old friend from the optimization community

Bregman divergences

$$D_F(p : q) = F(p) - F(q) - \langle p - q, \nabla F(q) \rangle$$

includes...

- ▶ squared Euclidean distance : $F(x) = \langle x, x \rangle$, and squared Mahalanobis $F(x) = x^\top Qx$ (only symmetric divergences)
- ▶ (extended) Kullback-Leibler divergence : $F(x) = \sum_i x_i \log x_i - x_i$ (Shannon information),

$$\text{eKL}(p : q) = \sum_i \left(p_i \log \frac{p_i}{q_i} + q_i - p_i \right)$$

- ▶ $F(x) = -\sum_i \log x_i$ (Burg information), Itakura-Saito divergence :

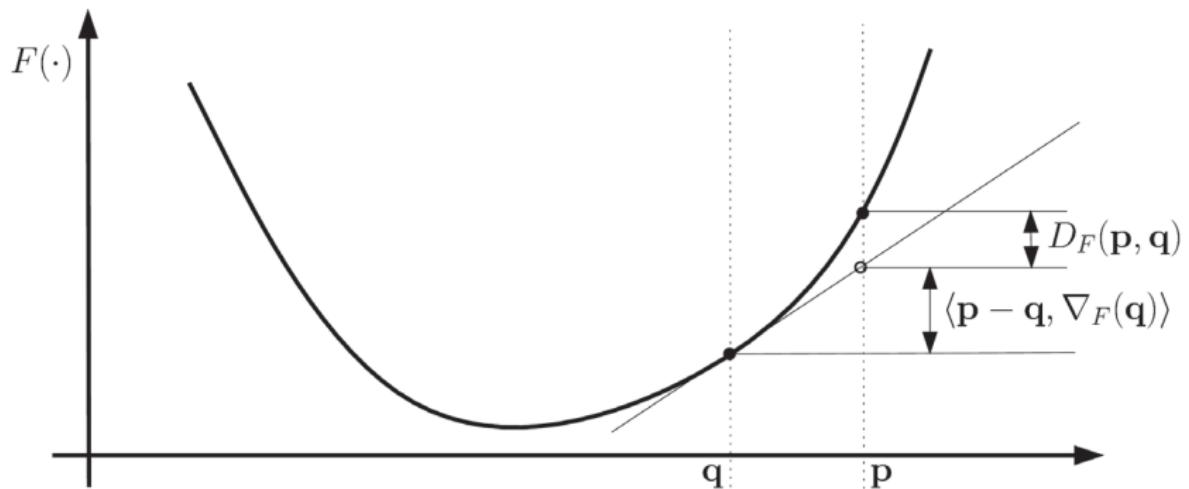
$$\text{IS}(p : q) = \sum_i \left(\frac{p_i}{q_i} - \log \frac{p_i}{q_i} - 1 \right)$$

- ▶ and many others!

Bregman divergence : Geometric interpretation (I)

Potential function F , graph plot $\mathcal{F} : (x, F(x))$.

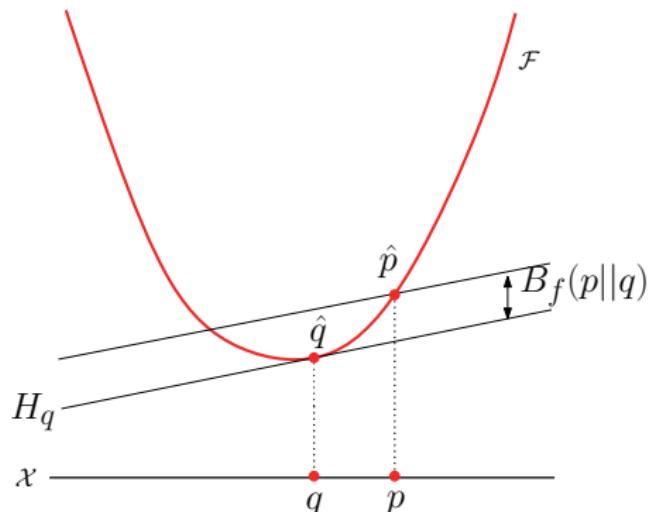
$$D_F(p : q) = F(p) - F(q) - \langle p - q, \nabla F(q) \rangle$$



Bregman divergence : Geometric interpretation (II)

Potential function f , graph plot $\mathcal{F} : (x, f(x))$.

$$B_f(p||q) = f(p) - f(q) - (p - q)f'(q)$$



$B_f(\cdot||q)$: vertical distance between the hyperplane H_q tangent to \mathcal{F} at lifted point \hat{q} , and the translated hyperplane at \hat{p} .

Bregman divergence : Geometric interpretation (III)

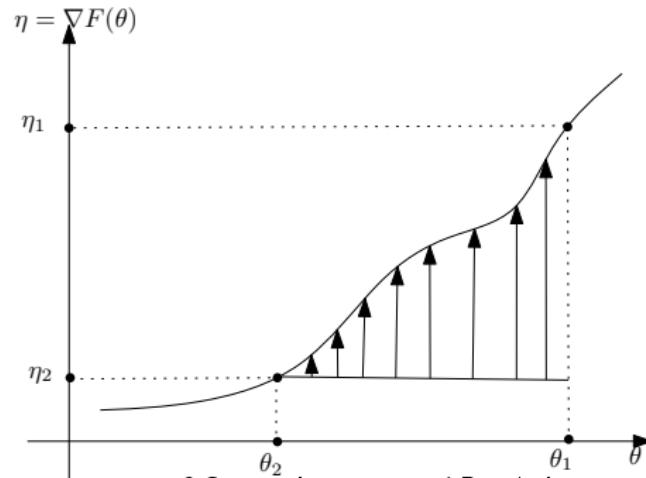
Bregman divergence and path integrals

$$B(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) - \langle \theta_1 - \theta_2, \nabla F(\theta_2) \rangle, \quad (1)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_2}^{\theta_1} \langle \nabla F(t) - \nabla F(\theta_2), dt \rangle, \quad (2)$$

$$= \int_{\eta_1}^{\eta_2} \langle \nabla F^*(t) - \nabla F^*(\eta_1), dt \rangle, \quad (3)$$

$$= B^*(\eta_2 : \eta_1) \quad (4)$$



Dual Bregman divergences & canonical divergence [34]

For P and Q belonging to the same exponential families]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{KL}(P : Q) &= E_P \left[\log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right] \geq 0 \\ &= B_F(\theta_Q : \theta_P) = B_{F^*}(\eta_P : \eta_Q) \\ &= F(\theta_Q) + F^*(\eta_P) - \langle \theta_Q, \eta_P \rangle \\ &= A_F(\theta_Q : \eta_P) = A_{F^*}(\eta_P : \theta_Q)\end{aligned}$$

with θ_Q (natural parameterization) and $\eta_P = E_P[t(X)] = \nabla F(\theta_P)$ (moment parameterization).

$$\text{KL}(P : Q) = \underbrace{\int p(x) \log \frac{1}{q(x)} dx}_{H^\times(P:Q)} - \underbrace{\int p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)} dx}_{H(p)=H^\times(P:P)}$$

Shannon cross-entropy and entropy of EF [34] :

$$\begin{aligned}H^\times(P : Q) &= F(\theta_Q) - \langle \theta_Q, \nabla F(\theta_P) \rangle - E_P[k(x)] \\ H(P) &= F(\theta_P) - \langle \theta_P, \nabla F(\theta_P) \rangle - E_P[k(x)] \\ H(P) &= -F^*(\eta_P) - E_P[k(x)]\end{aligned}$$

III. Principle of Maximum Entropy (MaxEnt)

Maximum entropy (MaxEnt)

Underconstrained optimization problem (Jaynes's principle for maximum ignorance) :

$$\max_p H(p) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

$$\sum_x p(x) t_i(x) = m_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, D\}$$

$$p(x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\sum_x p(x) = 1$$

- ▶ Maximizing a concave function (H) subject to linear constraints
- ▶ Convex optimization problem.

A more general setting for MaxEnt

Given a prior q , find the closest distribution which satisfies the linear constraints :

$$\min_p \text{KL}(p : q) = \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

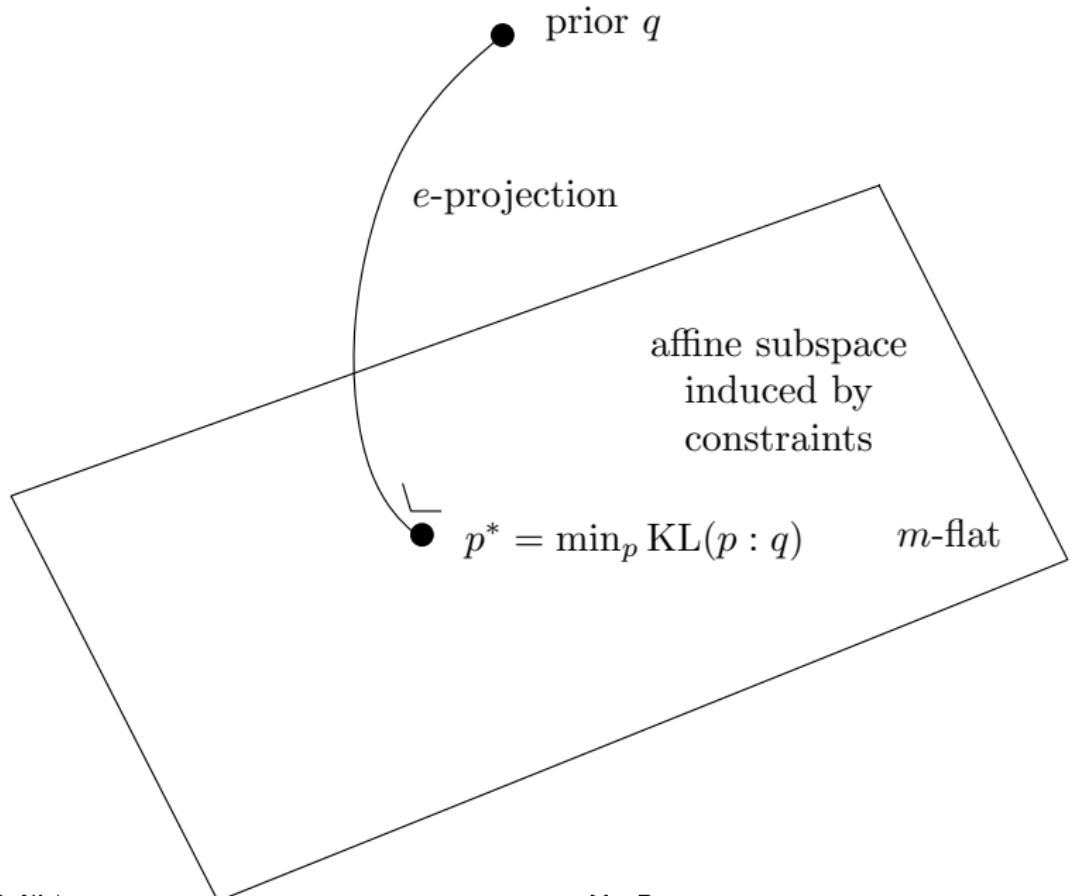
$$\sum_x p(x) t_i(x) = m_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, D\}$$

$$p(x) \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\sum_x p(x) = 1$$

→ Maximum entropy when $q = \frac{1}{n}$, the uniform prior

An illustration...



Analytic solution : exponential families !

Using Lagrange multipliers θ with $t(x) = (t_1(x), \dots, t_D(x))$:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp(\langle \theta, t(x) \rangle) q(x)$$

... but Lagrange multipliers usually not in explicit form.

- ▶ Canonical exponential families : $\exp(\langle \theta, t(x) \rangle - F(\theta) + k(x))$
- ▶ Prior q gives the carrier measure $q(x) = e^{k(x)}$
- ▶ $Z(\theta)$ is the normalizer
- ▶ called Gibbs distribution, Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution in statistical mechanics

A toy example for MaxEnt

- ▶ A distribution p with support \mathbb{R} has $\mathbb{E}[X] = 3$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 25$. Which distribution should we choose for p ?
- ▶ $t(x) = (x, x^2)$ defines the univariate Gaussian family of distributions.
- ▶ So we choose $p \sim N(\mu = 3, \sigma = 5)$

in general not so easy if we are given $E[X^k]$ for $k > 2$... uniqueness but no closed form...

Another insightful proof

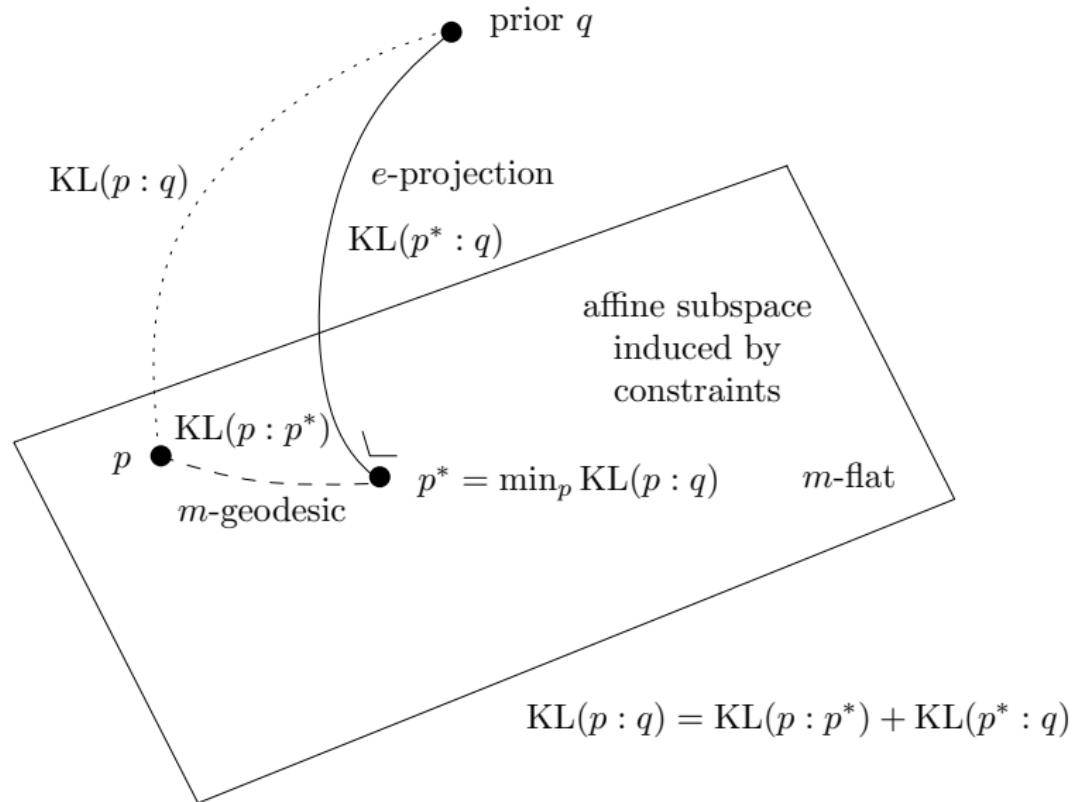
Any other distribution $p \neq p^*$ satisfying the constraints is such that $\text{KL}(p : q) > \text{KL}(p^* : q)$.

Consider the difference $\text{KL}(p : q) - \text{KL}(p^* : q)$:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - \sum_x p^*(x) \log \frac{p^*(x)}{q(x)} \\ &\dots \\ &= \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p^*(x)}{q(x)} \\ &= \sum_x p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{p^*(x)} = \text{KL}(p : p^*) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Pythagorean relation : $\boxed{\text{KL}(p : q) = \text{KL}(p : p^*) + \text{KL}(p^* : q)}$

An illustration of MaxEnt with prior $q(x)$...

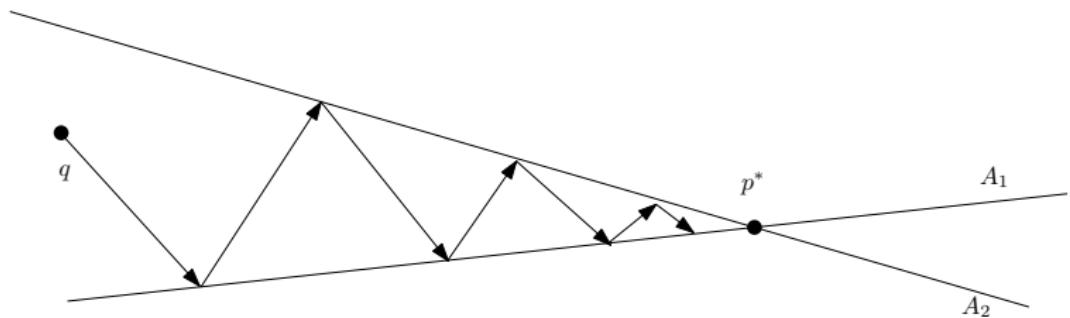


Pythagoras' theorem...

Computing information projections easily

- ▶ Project the prior q onto $A = \{p \mid \mathbb{E}_p[t_i(x)] = m_i, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, D\}\}$. Let $A_i = \{p \mid \mathbb{E}_p[t_i(x)] = m_i\}$
- ▶ Let $t = 0$ and $p_0 = q$
- ▶ Repeat until convergence (within a threshold) :
$$p_{t+1} = \text{l-projection of } p_t \text{ onto } L_{t \bmod D}$$
- ▶ 1D projection easy : Find θ_i such that $F_{\neq i}(\theta_i) = m_i$ (for example, using line search)

Cyclic (line search) 1D information projections



IV. Information projection

Projections : e -projection and m -projection

$$\boxed{\nabla^{(e)} = \nabla^{(1)}, \quad \nabla^{(m)} = \nabla^{(-1)}}$$

- ▶ e-projection q is **unique** if $M \subseteq S$ is m -flat and minimizes the m -divergence $\text{KL}(\boxed{q} : p)$.
- ▶ m-projection q is **unique** if $M \subseteq S$ is e -flat and minimizes the e -divergence $\text{KL}(p : \boxed{q})$.

KL and reverse KL are α -divergences for $\alpha = \pm 1\dots$

MLE as min KL : Information projection

- ▶ Empirical distribution : $p_e(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \delta(x - x_i)$.
- ▶ p_e is absolutely continuous with respect to $p_\theta(x)$

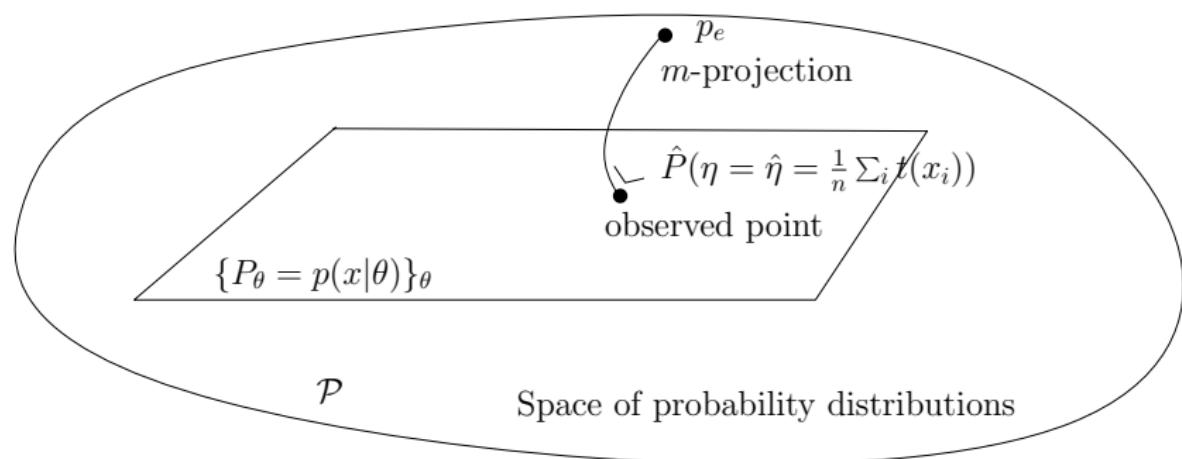
$$\begin{aligned}\min \text{KL}(p_e(x) : p_\theta(x)) &= \int p_e(x) \log p_e(x) dx - \int p_e(x) \log p_\theta(x) dx \\ &= \min -H(p_e) - E_{p_e}[\log p_\theta(x)] \\ &\equiv \max \frac{1}{n} \sum \delta(x - x_i) \log p_\theta(x) \\ &= \max \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \log p_\theta(x_i) = \boxed{\text{MLE}}\end{aligned}$$

Log-likelihood function

$$I(\theta; X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(x_i | \theta) = \langle \log p(x | \theta) \rangle_{p_e}$$

Empirical distribution : $p_e(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(X - X(i))$

MLE = m-projection from p_e to the model submanifold



Nested and curved exponential families

$\mathcal{P}(\theta)$ an exponential family

- ▶ nested EFs : Fix some parameters $\theta = (\theta_{\text{fixed}}, \theta_{\text{variable}})$. Then $\mathcal{P}_{\theta_{\text{fixed}}}(\theta_{\text{variable}})$ is a nested exponential family. Get stratified EFs with uni-order EF easy to handle algorithmically (Legendre)
- ▶ curved EFs : $\mathcal{C}(\gamma) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\theta)$ embedded in $\mathcal{P}(\theta)$. Example : $\{N(\mu, \mu^2) \mid \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is embedded into $\{N(\mu, \sigma^2)\}$.

MLE for curved exponential families

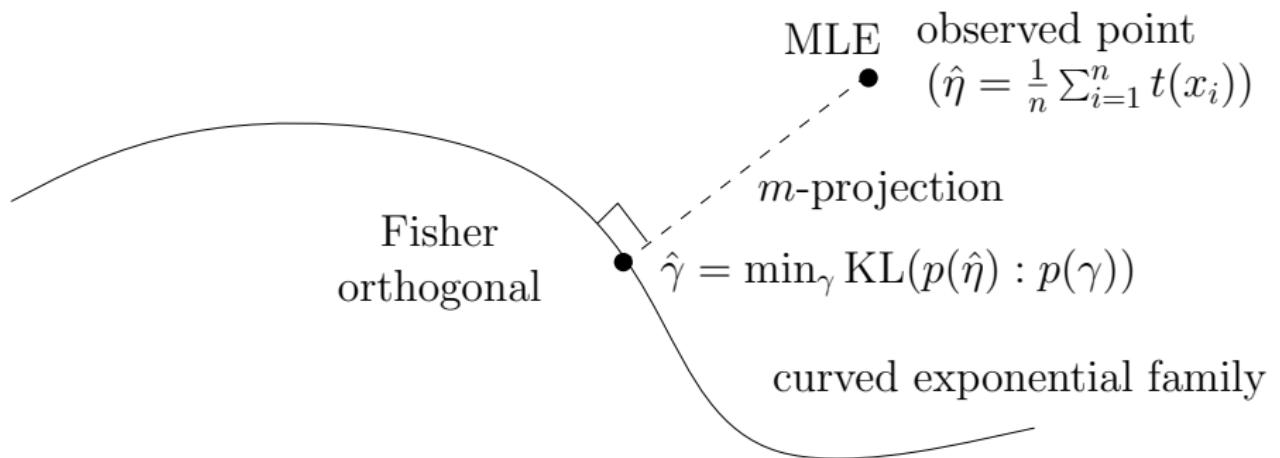
Entropy $H(\theta) = -E_\theta[\log p(x|\theta)] = F(\theta) - \langle \theta, \nabla F(\theta) \rangle = -F^*(\eta)$ (when $k(x) = 0$, otherwise add $-E[k(x)]$).

$$D(p(\hat{\eta}) : p(\gamma)) = -H(\hat{\eta}) - \frac{1}{n} \log L(\gamma)$$

$$\boxed{\max_{\gamma} L(\gamma) \equiv \min_{\gamma} D(p(\hat{\eta}) : p(\gamma))}$$

$\hat{\gamma}$ is the *m*-projection of the observation point (with η -coordinate $\hat{\eta}$)

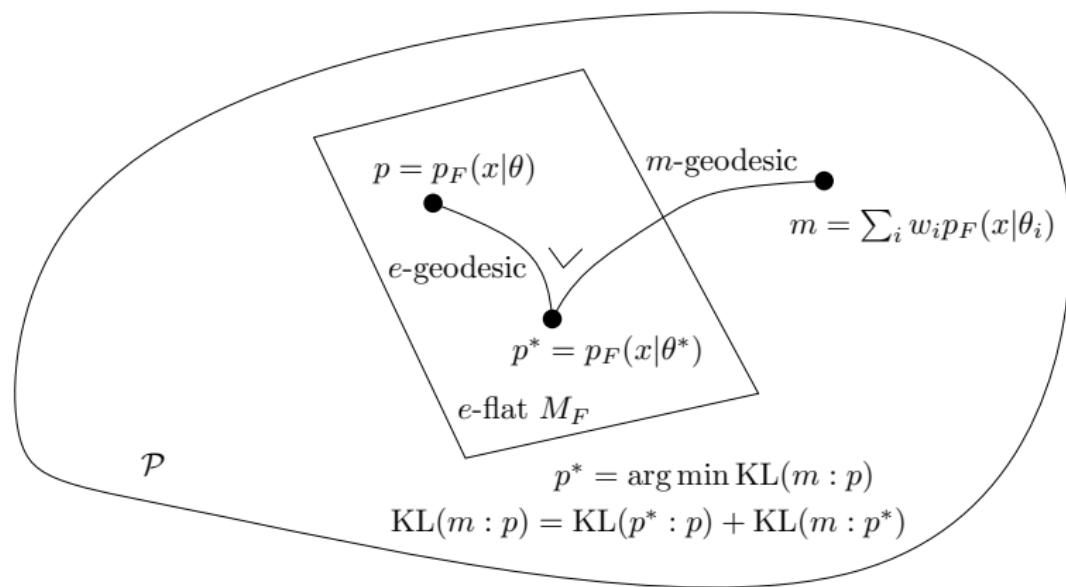
Illustration : MLE for curved exponential families



information loss, statistical curvature.

Simplifying a mixture model into a single component [48]

m -projection of the mixture model m onto the e-flat (exponential family manifold) : Best single distribution that approximates an exponential family mixture is found by taking the center of mass of the moment parameters :
 $\bar{\eta} = \sum_i w_i \eta_i$.



Kullback-Leibler divergence and Fisher information

$$\text{KL}(\theta + \Delta\theta : \theta) \approx \frac{1}{2}\theta^\top I(\theta)\theta$$

... square Mahalanobis induced locally by half squared Mahalanobis distance for the Fisher information matrix.

$$g_{ij}(\theta_0) = \left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^i\partial\theta^j} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} \text{KL}(P(\theta)\|P(\theta_0))$$

This holds for f -divergences $\int p(x)f\left(\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}\right)d\nu(x)$ (that includes Kullback-Leibler divergence) : divergence inducing a metric proportional to Fisher information (Part II).

Additive Shannon/Rényi versus non-additive Tsallis entropies

- additive (Shannon-Rényi)

$$H(P \times Q) = H(P) + H(Q)$$

- non-additive (Tsallis) $T_q(X) = \frac{1}{q-1}(1 - \sum_i p_i^q)$

$$T_q(X \times Y) = T_q(X) + T_q(Y) + (1 - q)T_q(X)T_q(Y)$$

- Both can be unified with Sharma-Mittal [37] 2-parameter family of entropies
- Sharma-Mittal entropies, cross-entropies and relative entropies are known in closed-form for exponential families.

Part I : Summary

- ▶ Fisher information (Cramér-Rao lower bound) & sufficiency (1922)
- ▶ Differential geometry of population spaces :
 - ▶ Fisher-Rao geometry (Hotelling, 1930) : $g(\theta) = I(\theta)$
 - ▶ Dually-coupled connection geometry (1970's-1980's, Cencov, Amari, Kurose) : $(M, g, \nabla^{(\alpha)}, \nabla^{(-\alpha)})$, or (M, g, T)
 - ▶ Dually-flat manifold from a potential function F and canonical divergence (=Bregman divergence).
- ▶ Exhaustivity : Bregman divergences=canonical divergences in dually flat spaces
- ▶ Maximum entropy principle (Shannon entropy & exponential families)
- ▶ Information-geometric projections : MLE from empirical distribution, MLE in curved exponential families, and in mixture simplification.

Part II : Algorithms & Space of spheres

Brief historical review of Computational Geometry (CG)

- ▶ Three research periods :

1. **Geometric algorithms** :

Voronoi/Delaunay, minimum spanning trees, data-structures for proximity queries

2. **Geometric computing** :

robustness, algebraic degree of predicates, programs that work/scale !

3. **Computational topology** (global geometry) :

simplicial complexes, filtrations, input=distance matrix

→ paradigm of Topological Data Analysis (TDA)

- ▶ Showcasing libraries for CG software :

- ▶ CGAL <http://www.cgal.org/>

Geometry Factory <http://geometryfactory.com/>

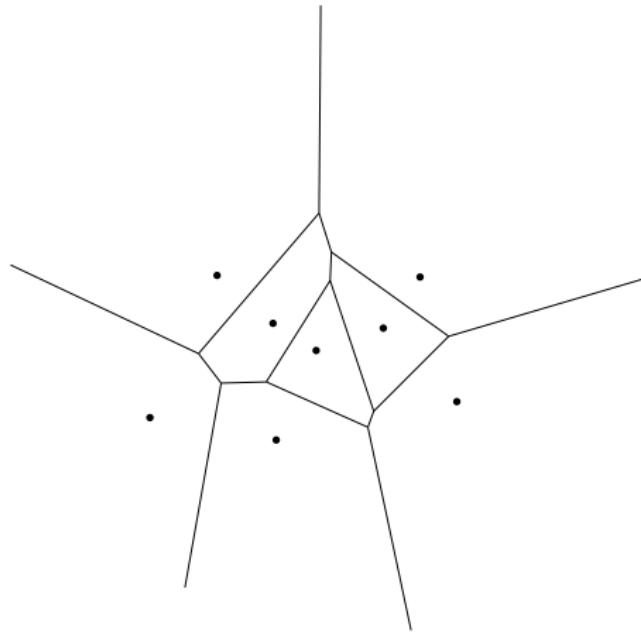
- ▶ Gudhi <https://project.inria.fr/gudhi/>

Ayasdi <http://www.ayasdi.com/>

Basics of Euclidean Computational Geometry : Voronoi diagrams and dual Delaunay complexes

Euclidean (ordinary) Voronoi diagrams

$\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$: n distinct **point generators** in Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^d



$$V(P_i) = \{X : D_E(P_i, X) \leq D_E(P_j, X), \forall j \neq i\}$$

Voronoi diagram = cell complex $V(P_i)$'s with their faces

Voronoi diagrams from bisectors and \cap halfspaces

Bisectors

$$\text{Bi}(P, Q) = \{X : D_E(P, X) = D_E(Q, X)\}$$

→ are **hyperplanes** in Euclidean geometry

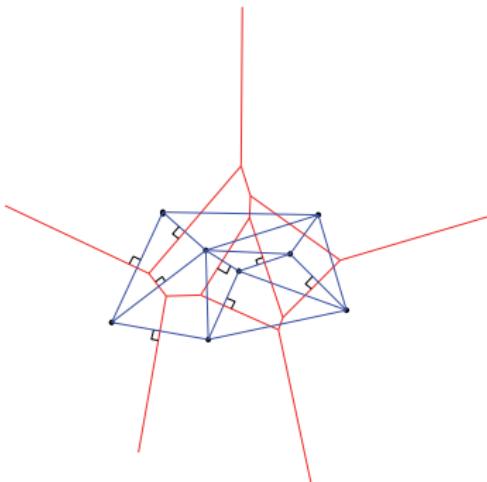
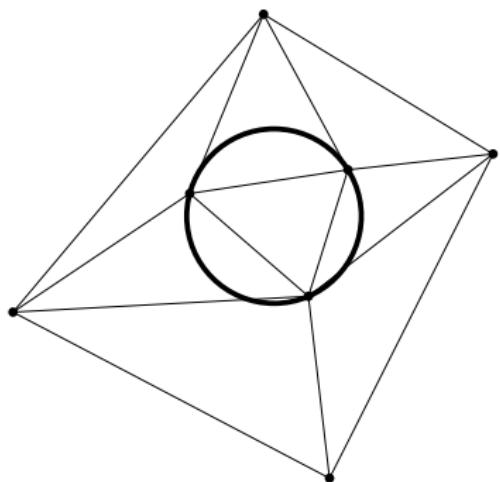
Voronoi cells as halfspace intersections :

$$V(P_i) = \{X : D_E(P_i, X) \leq D_E(P_j, X), \forall j \neq i\} = \cap_{j=1}^n \text{Bi}^+(P_i, P_j)$$

$$D_E(P, Q) = \|\theta(P) - \theta(Q)\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^d (\theta_i(P) - \theta_i(Q))^2}$$
$$\theta(P) = p : \text{Cartesian coordinate system with } \theta_j(P_i) = p_i^{(j)}.$$

⇒ Many applications of Voronoï diagrams : crystal growth, codebook/quantization, molecule interfaces/docking, motion planning, etc.

Voronoi diagrams and **dual** Delaunay simplicial complex



- ▶ **Empty sphere** property, **max min angle** triangulation, etc
- ▶ Voronoi & dual **Delaunay triangulation**
→ non-degenerate point set = no $(d + 2)$ points co-spherical
- ▶ Duality : Voronoi k -face \Leftrightarrow Delaunay $(d - k)$ -simplex
- ▶ Bisector $\text{Bi}(P, Q)$ **perpendicular** \perp to segment $[PQ]$

Voronoi & Delaunay : Complexity and algorithms

- ▶ Combinatorial complexity : $\Theta(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$ (\rightarrow quadratic in 3D)
matched for points on the moment curve : $t \mapsto (t, t^2, \dots, t^d)$
- ▶ Construction : $\Theta(n \log n + n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil})$, optimal
- ▶ some output-sensitive algorithms but...
- ▶ $\Omega(n \log n + f)$, **not yet optimal output-sensitive algorithms.**

Population spaces : Hotelling (1930) [15] & Rao (1945) [47]

Birth of **differential-geometric methods in statistics**.

- ▶ Fisher information matrix (non-degenerate positive definite) can be used as a (smooth) *Riemannian metric tensor* g .
- ▶ Distance between two populations indexed by θ_1 and θ_2 : Riemannian distance (metric length)

First applications in statistics :

- ▶ Fisher-Hotelling-Rao (FHR) geodesic distance used in **classification** :
Find the closest population to a given set of populations
- ▶ Used in **tests of significance** (null versus alternative hypothesis), power of a test : $\mathbb{P}(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is false})$
→ define surfaces in population spaces

Rao's distance (1945, introduced by Hotelling 1930 [15])

- ▶ Infinitesimal squared length element :

$$ds^2 = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}(\theta) d\theta_i d\theta_j = d\theta^T I(\theta) d\theta$$

- ▶ Geodesic and distance are **hard to explicitly calculate** :

$$\rho(p(x; \theta_1), p(x; \theta_2)) = \min_{\substack{\theta(s) \\ \theta(0)=\theta_1 \\ \theta(1)=\theta_2}} \int_0^1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{d\theta}{ds}\right)^T I(\theta) \frac{d\theta}{ds}} ds$$

Rao's distance not known in closed-form for multivariate normals

- ▶ Advantages : Metric property of ρ + many tools of differential geometry [3] : Riemannian Log/Exp tangent/manifold mapping

Extrinsic Computational Geometry on tangent planes

- ▶ Tensor $g = Q(x) \succ 0$ defines smooth inner product
 $\langle p, q \rangle_x = (p - q)^\top Q(x)(p - q)$ that induces a normed distance :
 $d_x(p, q) = \|p - q\|_x = \sqrt{(p - q)^\top Q(x)(p - q)}$
- ▶ Mahalanobis metric distance on tangent planes :

$$\Delta_{\Sigma}(X_1, X_2) = \sqrt{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_2)} = \sqrt{\Delta\mu^\top \Sigma^{-1} \Delta\mu}$$

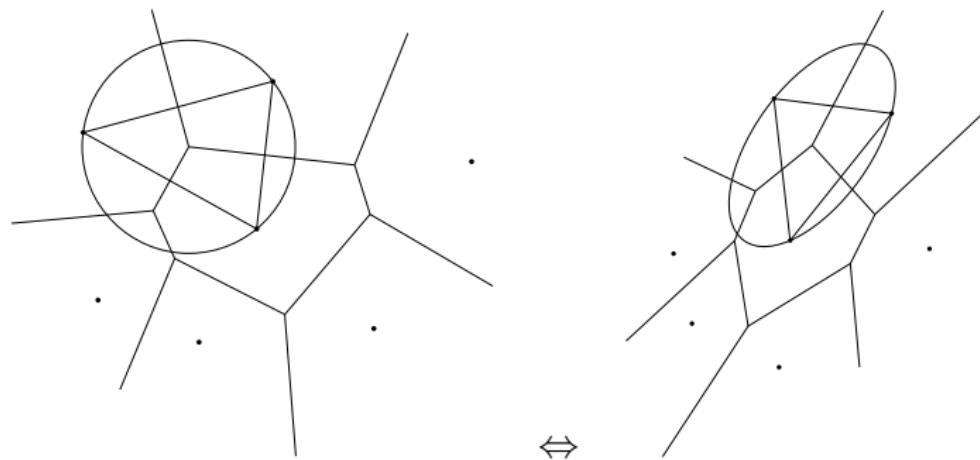
- ▶ Cholesky decomposition $\Sigma = LL^\top$

$$\Delta(X_1, X_2) = D_E(L^{-1}\mu_1, L^{-1}\mu_2)$$

- ▶ CG on tangent planes = **ordinary CG** on transformed points $x' \leftarrow L^{-1}x$.
Extrinsic vs intrinsic means [11]

Mahalanobis Voronoi diagrams on tangent planes (extrinsic)

In statistics, covariance matrix Σ account for both **correlation** and dimension (feature) **scaling**



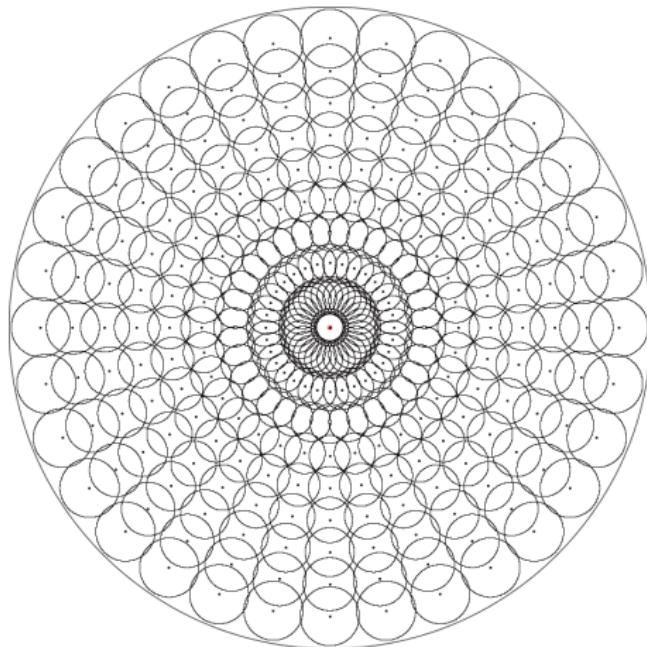
Dual structure \equiv anisotropic Delaunay triangulation
 \Rightarrow "empty circumellipse" property (Cholesky decomposition)

Riemannian manifolds : Choice of equivalent models ?

Many **equivalent** models of hyperbolic geometry :

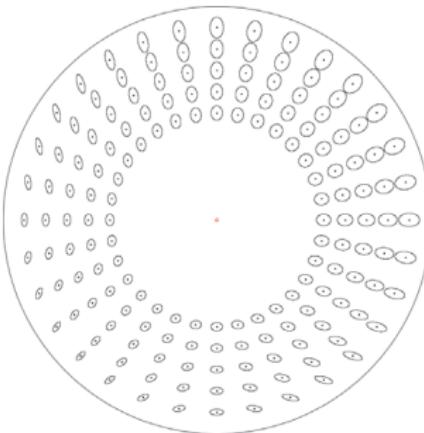
- ▶ **Conformal** (good for visualization since we can measure angles) versus **non-conformal** (computationally-friendly for geodesics) models.
- ▶ Convert *equivalently* to other models of hyperbolic geometry : Poincaré disk, upper half space, hyperboloid, **Beltrami** hemisphere, etc.

Riemannian Poincaré disk metric tensor (conformal)



→ often used in Human Computer Interfaces, network routing (embedding trees), etc.

Riemannian Klein disk metric tensor (non-conformal)



- ▶ recommended for “computing space” since geodesics are straight line segments
- ▶ Klein is also **conformal at the origin** (so we can perform translation from and back to the origin)
- ▶ Geodesics passing through O in the Poincaré disk are straight (so we can perform translation from and back to the origin)

Hyperbolic Voronoi diagrams [35, 40]

In arbitrary dimension, \mathbb{H}^d

- ▶ In Klein disk, the hyperbolic Voronoi diagram amounts to a **clipped affine Voronoi diagram**, or a **clipped power diagram** with efficient clipping algorithm [6].
- ▶ then convert to other models of hyperbolic geometry : Poincaré disk, upper half space, hyperboloid, **Beltrami** hemisphere, etc.
- ▶ **Conformal** (good for visualization) versus **non-conformal** (good for computing) models.

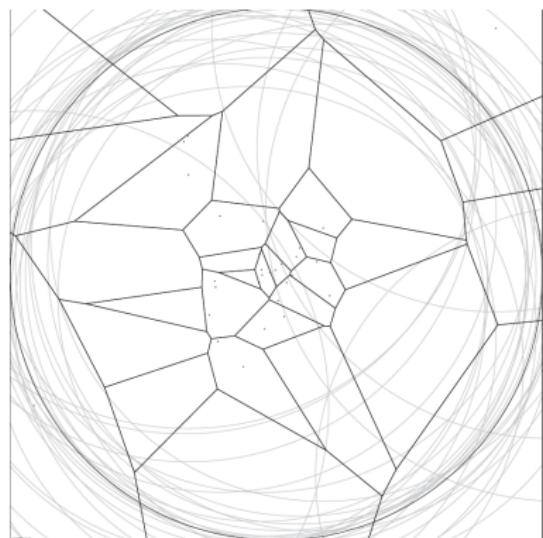
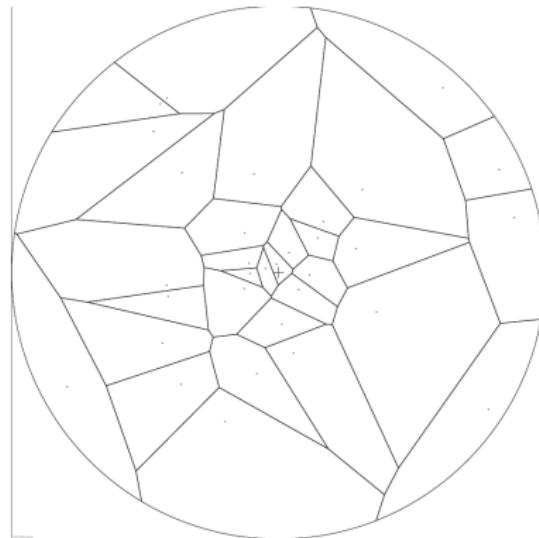
Hyperbolic Voronoi diagrams [35, 40]

Hyperbolic Voronoi diagram in Klein disk = clipped power diagram.

Power distance :

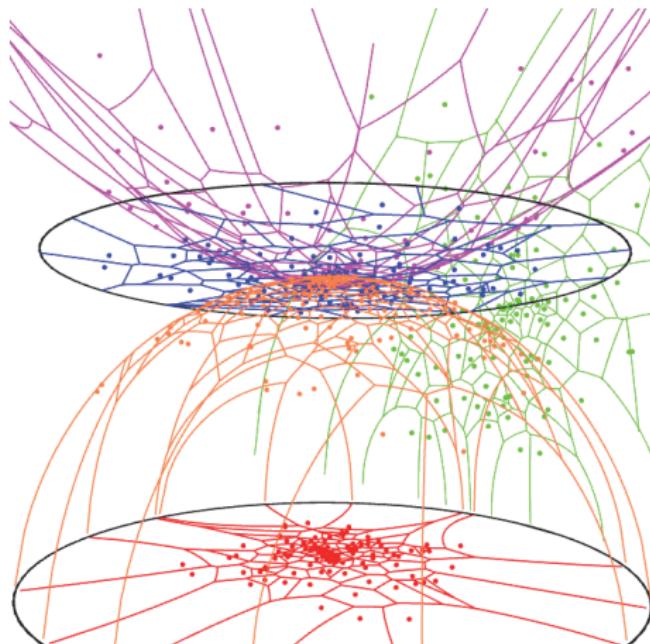
$$\boxed{\|x - p\|^2 - w_p}$$

→ additively weighted ordinary Voronoi = ordinary CG



Hyperbolic Voronoi diagrams [35, 40]

5 common models of the abstract hyperbolic geometry



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9IUzNxeH4o> (5 min. video)
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Voronoi diagrams in dually affine information geometry

Dually flat space construction from convex functions F

- Convex and strictly differentiable function $F(\theta)$ admits a Legendre-Fenchel convex conjugate $F^*(\eta)$:

$$F^*(\eta) = \sup_{\theta} (\theta^\top \eta - F(\theta)), \quad \nabla F(\theta) = \eta = (\nabla F^*)^{-1}(\theta)$$

- Young's inequality gives rise to **canonical divergence** [19] :

$$F(\theta) + F^*(\eta') \geq \theta^\top \eta' \Rightarrow A_{F,F^*}(\theta, \eta') = F(\theta) + F^*(\eta') - \theta^\top \eta'$$

- Writing using **single coordinate system**, get dual **Bregman divergences** :

$$\begin{aligned} B_F(\theta_p : \theta_q) &= F(\theta_p) - F(\theta_q) - (\theta_p - \theta_q)^\top \nabla F(\theta_q) \\ &= B_{F^*}(\eta_q : \eta_p) = A_{F,F^*}(\theta_p, \eta_q) = A_{F^*,F}(\eta_q : \theta_p) \end{aligned}$$

- dual affine coordinate systems with geodesics “straight” :

$$\eta = \nabla F(\theta) \Leftrightarrow \theta = \nabla F^*(\eta). \text{ Tensor } g(\theta) = g^*(\eta)$$

Dual divergence/Bregman dual bisectors [7, 32, 36]

Bregman sided (reference) bisectors related by convex duality :

$$\text{Bi}_F(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \{\theta \in \Theta \mid B_F(\theta : \theta_1) = B_F(\theta : \theta_2)\}$$

$$\text{Bi}_{F^*}(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \{\eta \in H \mid B_{F^*}(\eta : \eta_1) = B_{F^*}(\eta : \eta_2)\}$$

Right-sided bisector : $\rightarrow \theta\text{-hyperplane}, \eta\text{-hypersurface}$

$$H_F(p, q) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid B_F(x : \boxed{p}) = B_F(x : \boxed{q})\}.$$

$$H_F : \langle \nabla F(p) - \nabla F(q), x \rangle + (F(p) - F(q) + \langle q, \nabla F(q) \rangle - \langle p, \nabla F(p) \rangle) = 0$$

Left-sided bisector : $\rightarrow \theta\text{-hypersurface}, \eta\text{-hyperplane}$

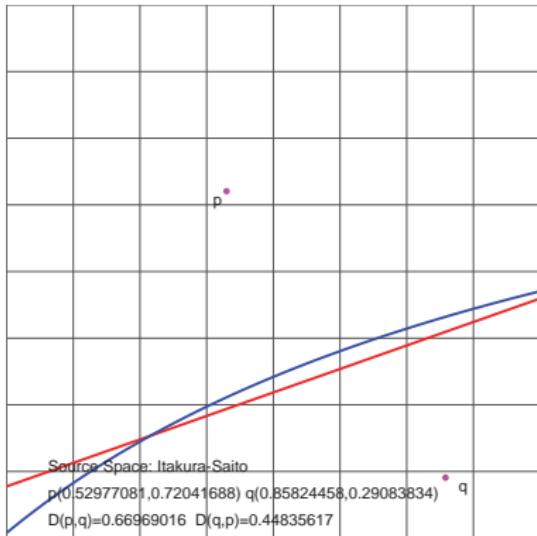
$$H'_F(p, q) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid B_F(\boxed{p} : x) = B_F(\boxed{q} : x)\}$$

$$H'_F : \langle \nabla F(x), q - p \rangle + F(p) - F(q) = 0$$

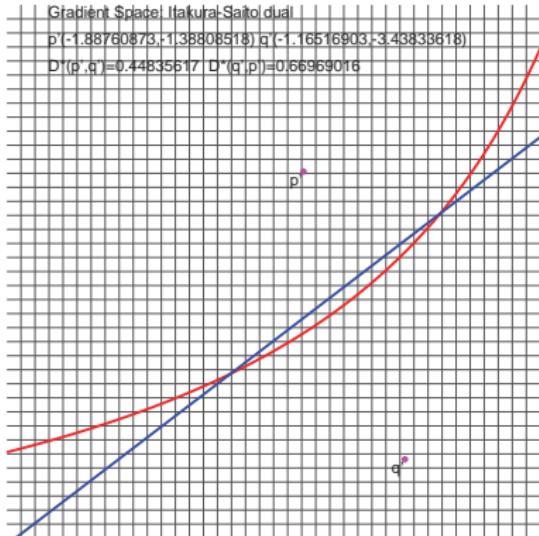
hyperplane = autoparallel submanifold of dimension $d - 1$

Visualizing Bregman bisectors in θ - and η -coordinate systems

Primal coordinates θ
natural parameters



Dual coordinates η
expectation parameters



$\text{Bi}(P, Q)$ and $\text{Bi}^*(P, Q)$ can be expressed in either θ/η coordinate systems

Spaces of spheres : 1-to-1 mapping between d -spheres and $(d + 1)$ -hyperplanes using potential functions

Space of Bregman spheres and Bregman balls [7]

Dual sided Bregman balls (bounding Bregman spheres) :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ball}_F^r(c, r) &= \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid B_F(x : c) \leq r\} \\ \text{Ball}_F^l(c, r) &= \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid B_F(c : x) \leq r\}\end{aligned}$$

Legendre duality :

$$\text{Ball}_F^l(c, r) = (\nabla F)^{-1}(\text{Ball}_{F^*}^r(\nabla F(c), r))$$



Illustration for Itakura-Saito divergence, $F(x) = -\log x$

Generalized law of cosines and generalized Pythagoras' theorem

- Generalized law of cosines : $\theta = \text{angle made at } Q \text{ by the } \nabla\text{-geodesic } \gamma_{PQ}$ with the $\nabla^*\text{-geodesic } \gamma_{QR}^*$

$$D(P : R) = D(P : Q) + D(Q : R) - \underbrace{\|\dot{\gamma}_{PQ}\| \|\dot{\gamma}_{QR}^*\| \cos(\theta)}_{\langle \theta_P - \theta_Q, \eta_R - \eta_Q \rangle}$$

- Euclidean law of cosines when $D = B_F$ for $F = \frac{1}{2}x^\top x$:

$$\|\overrightarrow{PR}\|^2 = \|\overrightarrow{PQ}\|^2 + \|\overrightarrow{QR}\|^2 - 2\|\overrightarrow{PQ}\| \|\overrightarrow{QR}\| \cos \theta$$

- Generalized Pythagoras' theorem when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$:

$$D(P : R) = D(P : Q) + D(Q : R)$$

amount to check that $\cos \theta = 0$, that is $\langle \theta_P - \theta_Q, \eta_R - \eta_Q \rangle = 0$

Space of Bregman spheres : Lifting map [7]

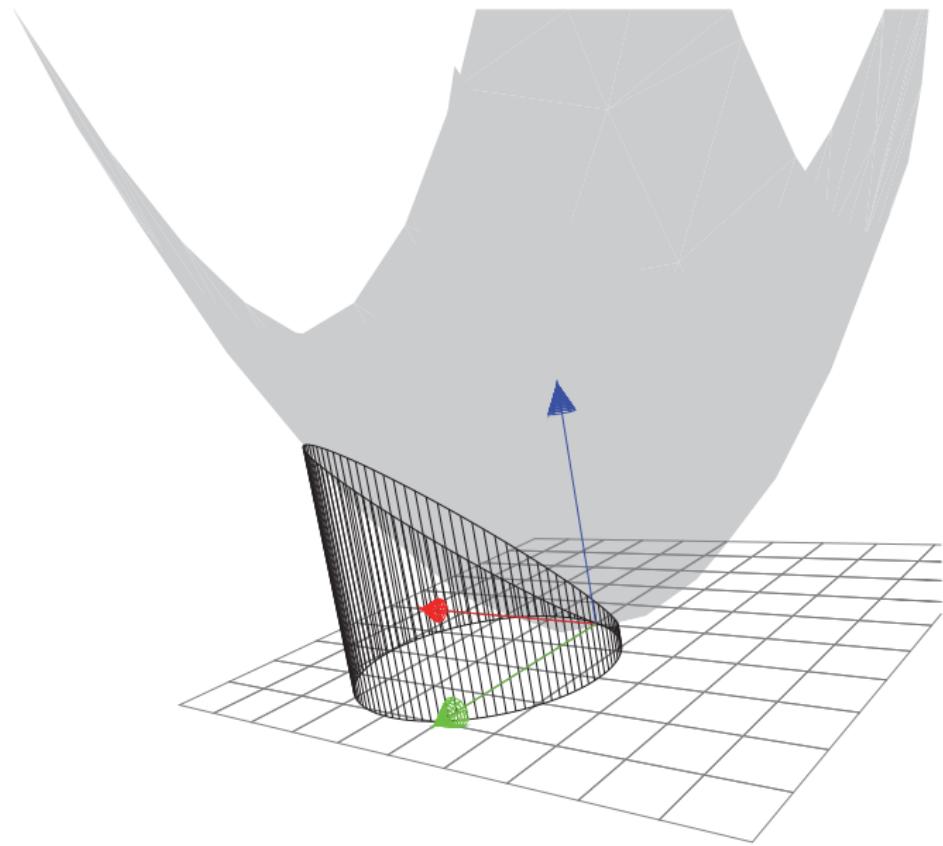
$\mathcal{F} : x \mapsto \hat{x} = (x, F(x))$, hypersurface in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} , potential function

H_p : Tangent hyperplane at \hat{p} , $z = H_p(x) = \langle x - p, \nabla F(p) \rangle + F(p)$

- ▶ Bregman sphere $\sigma \longrightarrow \hat{\sigma}$ with supporting hyperplane
 $H_\sigma : z = \langle x - c, \nabla F(c) \rangle + F(c) + r.$
(// to H_c and shifted vertically by r)
 $\hat{\sigma} = \mathcal{F} \cap H_\sigma.$
- ▶ intersection of any hyperplane H with \mathcal{F} projects onto \mathcal{X} as a Bregman sphere :

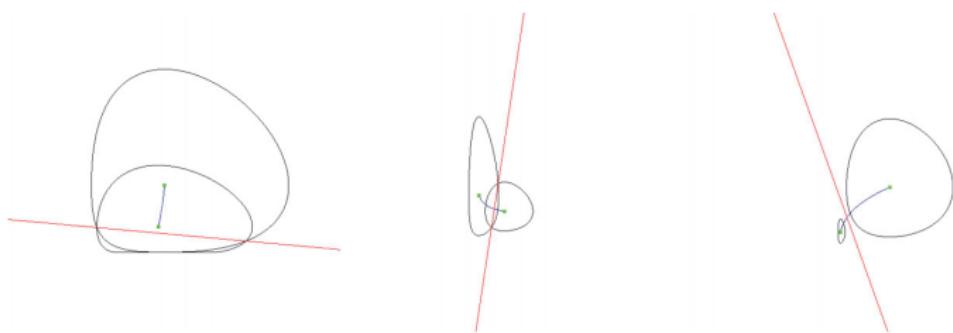
$$H : z = \langle x, a \rangle + b \rightarrow \sigma : \text{Ball}_F(c = (\nabla F)^{-1}(a), r = \langle a, c \rangle - F(c) + b)$$

Lifting/Polarity : Potential function graph \mathcal{F}



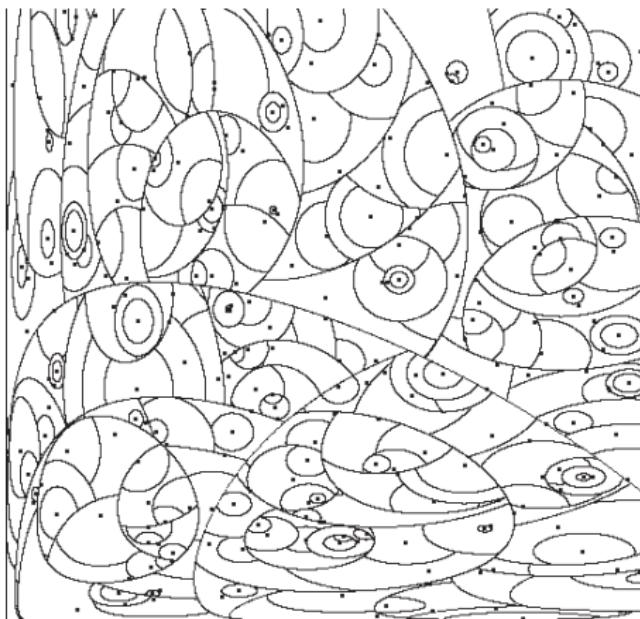
Space of Bregman spheres : Algorithmic applications [7]

- ▶ Vapnik-Chervonenkis dimension (VC-dim) is $d + 1$ for the class of Bregman balls.
- ▶ Union/intersection of Bregman d -spheres from representational $(d + 1)$ -polytope [7]
- ▶ **Radical axis** of two Bregman balls is an **hyperplane** : Applications to Nearest Neighbor search trees like Bregman ball trees or Bregman vantage point trees [43].



Bregman proximity data structures [43]

Vantage point trees : partition space according to Bregman balls



Partitionning space with intersection of Kullback-Leibler balls
→ efficient nearest neighbour queries in information spaces

Application : Minimum Enclosing Ball [30, 44]

To a hyperplane $H_\sigma = H(a, b) : z = \langle a, x \rangle + b$ in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} , corresponds a ball $\sigma = \text{Ball}(c, r)$ in \mathbb{R}^d with center $c = \nabla F^*(a)$ and radius :

$$r = \langle a, c \rangle - F(c) + b = \langle a, \nabla F^*(a) \rangle - F(\nabla F^*(a)) + b = \boxed{F^*(a) + b}$$

since $F(\nabla F^*(a)) = \langle \nabla F^*(a), a \rangle - F^*(a)$ (Young equality)

SEB : Find halfspace $H(a, b)^- : z \leq \langle a, x \rangle + b$ that contains all lifted points :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{a,b} r &= F^*(a) + b, \\ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad \langle a, x_i \rangle + b - F(x_i) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

→ Convex Program (CP) with linear inequality constraints

$F(\theta) = F^*(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}x^\top x$: CP → Quadratic Programming (QP) [14] used in SVM. Smallest enclosing ball used as a primitive in SVM [49]

Smallest Bregman enclosing balls [44, 29]

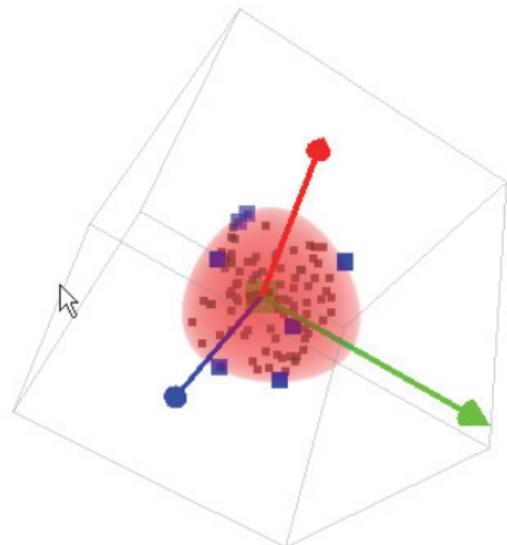
Algorithm 1: BBCA(\mathcal{P}, l).

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c1 ← choose randomly a point in  $\mathcal{P}$ ;  
for  $i = 2$  to  $l - 1$  do  
    // farthest point from  $c_i$  wrt.  $B_F$   
     $s_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{j=1}^n B_F(c_i : p_j)$ ;  
    // update the center: walk on the  $\eta$ -segment  $[c_i, p_{s_i}]_\eta$   
     $c_{i+1} \leftarrow \nabla F^{-1}(\nabla F(c_i) \#_{\frac{1}{i+1}} \nabla F(p_{s_i}))$ ;  
end  
// Return the SEBB approximation  
return Ball( $c_l, r_l = B_F(c_l : X)$ ) ;
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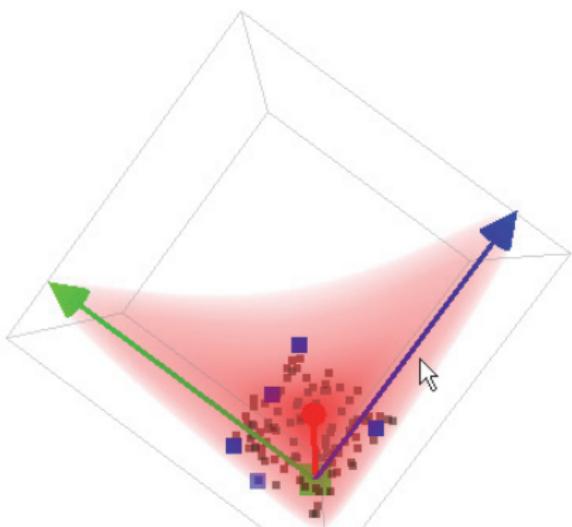
θ -, η -geodesic segments in dually flat geometry.

Smallest enclosing balls : Core-sets [44]

$$\text{Core-set } \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{S} : \boxed{\text{SOL}(\mathcal{S}) \leq \text{SOL}(\mathcal{C}) \leq (1 + \epsilon)\text{SOL}(\mathcal{S})}$$



extended Kullback-Leibler



Itakura-Saito

InSphere predicates wrt Bregman divergences [7]

Implicit representation of Bregman spheres/balls : consider $d + 1$ support points on the boundary

- ▶ Is x inside the Bregman ball defined by $d + 1$ support points ?

$$\text{InSphere}(x; p_0, \dots, p_d) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ p_0 & \dots & p_d & x \\ F(p_0) & \dots & F(p_d) & F(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

- ▶ sign of a $(d + 2) \times (d + 2)$ matrix determinant
- ▶ $\text{InSphere}(x; p_0, \dots, p_d)$ is negative, null or positive depending on whether x lies inside, on, or outside σ .

Smallest enclosing ball in Riemannian manifolds [3]

$c = a \#_t^M b$: point $\gamma(t)$ on the geodesic line segment $[ab]$ wrt M such that
 $\rho_M(a, c) = t \times \rho_M(a, b)$ (with ρ_M the metric distance on manifold M)

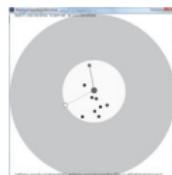
Algorithm 2: GeoA

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 $c_1 \leftarrow$  choose randomly a point in  $\mathcal{P}$ ;  
for  $i = 2$  to  $I$  do  
    // farthest point from  $c_i$   
     $s_i \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}_{j=1}^n \rho(c_i, p_j);$   
    // update the center: walk on the geodesic line segment  
     $[c_i, p_{s_i}]$   
     $c_{i+1} \leftarrow c_i \#_{\frac{i}{i+1}}^M p_{s_i};$   
end  
// Return the SEB approximation  
return  $\operatorname{Ball}(c_I, r_I = \rho(c_I, \mathcal{P}))$ ;
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Approximating the smallest enclosing ball in hyperbolic space



Initialization



First iteration



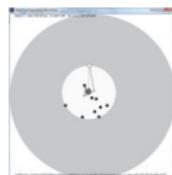
Second iteration



Third iteration



Fourth iteration

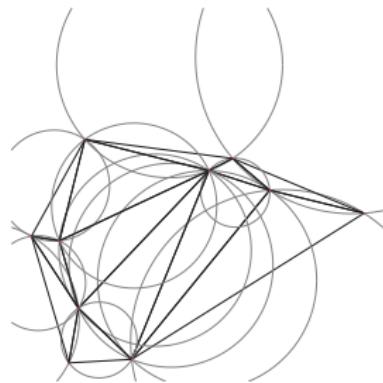


after 104 iterations

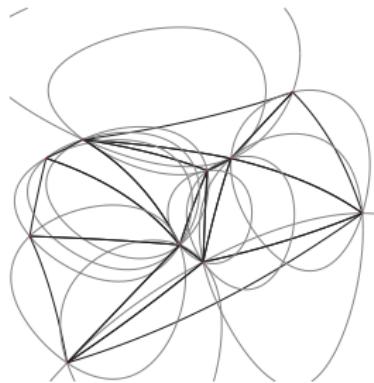
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Bregman dual regular/Delaunay triangulations

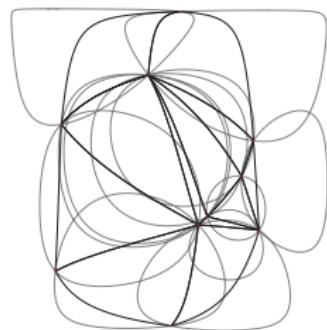
Embedded geodesic Delaunay triangulations+empty Bregman balls



Delaunay



Exponential Del.



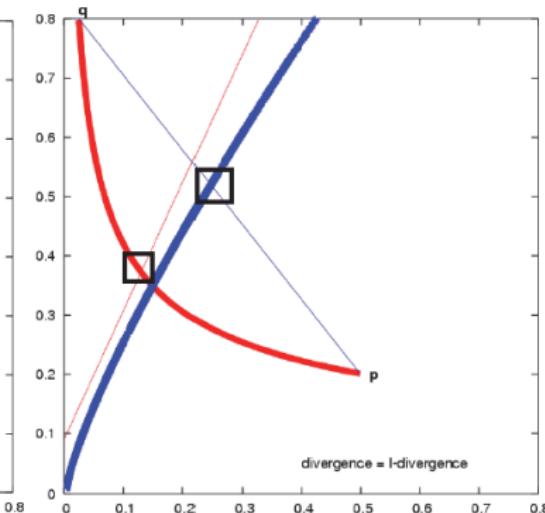
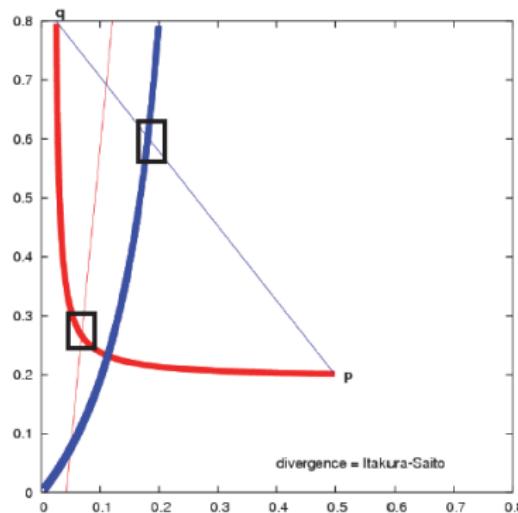
Hellinger-like Del.

- ▶ empty Bregman sphere property,
- ▶ geodesic triangles : embedded Delaunay.

Dually orthogonal Bregman Voronoi & Triangulations

Ordinary Voronoi diagram is perpendicular to Delaunay triangulation :
Voronoi k -face \perp Delaunay $d - k$ -face

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bi}(P, Q) &\perp \gamma^*(P, Q) \\ \gamma(P, Q) &\perp \text{Bi}^*(P, Q) \end{aligned}$$



Synthetic geometry : Exact
characterization of the
Bayesian error exponent but
no closed-form known

Bayesian hypothesis testing, MAP rule and probability of error P_e

- Mixture $p(x) = \sum_i w_i p_i(x)$. **Task = Classify x Which component ?**
- Prior probabilities : $w_i = \mathbb{P}(X \sim P_i) > 0$ (with $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$)
- Conditional probabilities : $\mathbb{P}(X = x | X \sim P_i)$.

$$\mathbb{P}(X = x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(X \sim P_i) \mathbb{P}(X = x | X \sim P_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \mathbb{P}(X | P_i)$$

- Best rule = **Maximum *A Posteriori* probability (MAP) rule :**

$$\text{map}(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} w_i p_i(x)$$

where $p_i(x) = \mathbb{P}(X = x | X \sim P_i)$ are the conditional probabilities.

- For $w_1 = w_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, probability of error
 $P_e = \frac{1}{2} \int \min(p_1(x), p_2(x)) dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \int p_1(x)^\alpha p_2(x)^{1-\alpha} dx$, for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.
Best exponent α^*

Error exponent for exponential families : duality EF \Leftrightarrow BD

- ▶ **Exponential families** have finite dimensional sufficient statistics : \rightarrow Reduce n data to D statistics.

$$\boxed{\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{P}(x|\theta) = \exp(\theta^\top t(x) - F(\theta) + k(x))}$$

$F(\cdot)$: log-normalizer/cumulant/partition function, $k(x)$: auxiliary term for carrier measure.

- ▶ Maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) : $\nabla F(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i t(X_i) = \hat{\eta}$
- ▶ **Bijection between exponential families and Bregman divergences :**

$$\boxed{\log p(x|\theta) = -B_{F^*}(t(x) : \eta) + F^*(t(x)) + k(x)}$$

Exponential families are log-concave

Geometry of the best error exponent

On the exponential family manifold, **Chernoff α -coefficient** [8] :

$$c_\alpha(P_{\theta_1} : P_{\theta_2}) = \int p_{\theta_1}^\alpha(x) p_{\theta_2}^{1-\alpha}(x) d\mu(x) = \exp(-J_F^{(\alpha)}(\theta_1 : \theta_2))$$

Skew Jensen divergence [26] on the natural parameters :

$$J_F^{(\alpha)}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) = \alpha F(\theta_1) + (1 - \alpha) F(\theta_2) - F(\theta_{12}^{(\alpha)})$$

Chernoff information = Bregman divergence for exponential families :

$$C(P_{\theta_1} : P_{\theta_2}) = B(\theta_1 : \theta_{12}^{(\alpha^*)}) = B(\theta_2 : \theta_{12}^{(\alpha^*)})$$

Finding best error exponent α^* ?

Geometry of the best error exponent : binary hypothesis [23]

Chernoff distribution P^* :

$$P^* = P_{\theta_{12}^*} = G_e(P_1, P_2) \cap \text{Bi}_m(P_1, P_2)$$

e-geodesic :

$$G_e(P_1, P_2) = \left\{ E_{12}^{(\lambda)} \mid \theta(E_{12}^{(\lambda)}) = (1 - \lambda)\theta_1 + \lambda\theta_2, \lambda \in [0, 1] \right\},$$

m -bisector :

$$\text{Bi}_m(P_1, P_2) : \left\{ P \mid F(\theta_1) - F(\theta_2) + \eta(P)^\top \Delta\theta = 0 \right\},$$

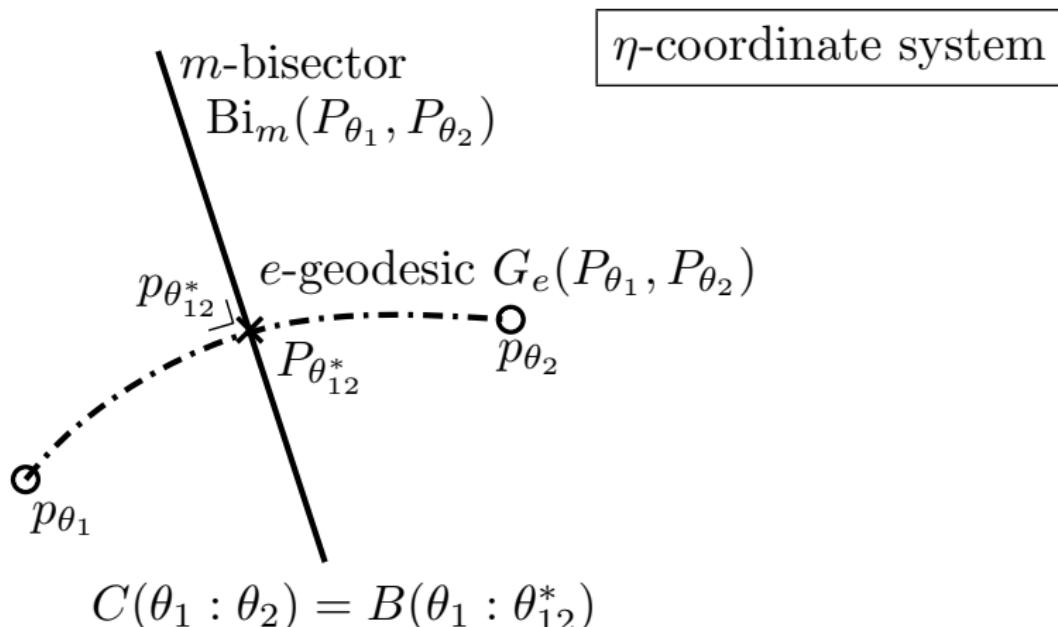
Optimal natural parameter of P^* :

$$\theta^* = \theta_{12}^{(\alpha^*)} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} B(\theta_1 : \theta) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} B(\theta_2 : \theta).$$

→ closed-form for order-1 family, or efficient bisection search.

Geometry of the best error exponent : binary hypothesis

$$P^* = P_{\theta_{12}^*} = G_e(P_1, P_2) \cap \text{Bi}_m(P_1, P_2)$$



Binary Hypothesis Testing : P_e bounded using Bregman divergence between Chernoff distribution and class-conditional distributions.

Clustering and Learning finite statistical mixtures

The distortion class of α -divergences

For $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \neq \pm 1$, α -divergences [9] on positive arrays [51] :

►
$$D_\alpha(p : q) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2} p^i + \frac{1+\alpha}{2} q^i - (p^i)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} (q^i)^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right)$$
 with

$D_\alpha(p : q) = D_{-\alpha}(q : p)$ and in the limit cases $D_{-1}(p : q) = \text{KL}(p : q)$ and $D_1(p : q) = \text{KL}(q : p)$, where KL is the extended Kullback–Leibler divergence $\text{KL}(p : q) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^d p^i \log \frac{p^i}{q^i} + q^i - p^i$

► α -divergences belong to the class of Csiszár f -divergences

$$I_f(p : q) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^d q^i f\left(\frac{p^i}{q^i}\right)$$
 with the following generator :

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} (1 - t^{(1+\alpha)/2}), & \text{if } \alpha \neq \pm 1, \\ t \ln t, & \text{if } \alpha = 1, \\ -\ln t, & \text{if } \alpha = -1 \end{cases}$$

Information monotonicity

Pythagoras' theorem for α -divergences [16]

Use $\nabla^{(\alpha)}$ and $\nabla^{(-\alpha)}$ dually coupled connections with respect to g .

$$Xg(Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X^{(\alpha)}, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X^{(-\alpha)}Z)$$

$$\gamma_{PQ}^{(\alpha)} \perp \gamma_{QR}^{(-\alpha)}$$

$$D_\alpha(P : Q) = D_\alpha(P : Q) + D_\alpha(Q : R) - \kappa D_\alpha(P : Q) D_\alpha(Q : R)$$

Curvature $\kappa = \frac{\alpha^2 - 1}{4}$.

Mixed divergences [42]

Defined on three parameters p , q and r :

$$M_\lambda(p : q : r) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \lambda D(p : q) + (1 - \lambda)D(q : r)$$

for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Mixed divergences include :

- ▶ the **sided divergences** for $\lambda \in \{0, 1\}$,
- ▶ the **symmetrized** (arithmetic mean) divergence for $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, or skew symmetrized for $\lambda \neq \frac{1}{2}$.

Symmetrizing α -divergences

$$\begin{aligned} S_\alpha(p, q) &= \frac{1}{2} (D_\alpha(p : q) + D_\alpha(q : p)) = S_{-\alpha}(p, q), \\ &= M_{\frac{1}{2}}(p : q : p), \end{aligned}$$

For $\alpha = \pm 1$, we get half of Jeffreys divergence :

$$S_{\pm 1}(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d (p^i - q^i) \log \frac{p^i}{q^i}$$

- ▶ Centroids for symmetrized α -divergence usually not in closed form.
- ▶ How to perform center-based clustering without closed form centroids ?

Jeffreys positive centroid [22]

- ▶ Jeffreys divergence is symmetrized $\alpha = \pm 1$ divergences.
- ▶ The Jeffreys positive centroid $c = (c^1, \dots, c^d)$ of a set $\{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$ of n weighted positive histograms with d bins can be calculated component-wise exactly using the Lambert W analytic function :

$$c^i = \frac{a^i}{W\left(\frac{a^i}{g^i}e\right)}$$

where $a^i = \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_j h_j^i$ denotes the coordinate-wise arithmetic weighted means and $g^i = \prod_{j=1}^n (h_j^i)^{\pi_j}$ the coordinate-wise geometric weighted means.

- ▶ The Lambert analytic function W [5] (positive branch) is defined by $W(x)e^{W(x)} = x$ for $x \geq 0$.
- ▶ → Jeffreys k -means clustering . But for $\alpha \neq 1$, how to cluster ?

Mixed α -divergences/ α -Jeffreys symmetrized divergence

- ▶ Mixed α -divergence between a histogram x to **two** histograms p and q :

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\lambda,\alpha}(p : x : q) &= \lambda D_\alpha(p : x) + (1 - \lambda) D_\alpha(x : q), \\ &= \lambda D_{-\alpha}(x : p) + (1 - \lambda) D_{-\alpha}(q : x), \\ &= M_{1-\lambda,-\alpha}(q : x : p), \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ α -Jeffreys symmetrized divergence is obtained for $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$S_\alpha(p, q) = M_{\frac{1}{2},\alpha}(q : p : q) = M_{\frac{1}{2},\alpha}(p : q : p)$$

- ▶ skew symmetrized α -divergence is defined by :

$$S_{\lambda,\alpha}(p : q) = \lambda D_\alpha(p : q) + (1 - \lambda) D_\alpha(q : p)$$

Mixed divergence-based k -means clustering

k distinct seeds from the dataset with $l_i = r_i$.

Input: Weighted histogram set \mathcal{H} , divergence $D(\cdot, \cdot)$, integer $k > 0$, real $\lambda \in [0, 1]$;

Initialize left-sided/right-sided seeds $\mathcal{C} = \{(l_i, r_i)\}_{i=1}^k$;

repeat

//Assignment

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **do**

| $\mathcal{C}_i \leftarrow \{h \in \mathcal{H} : i = \arg \min_j M_\lambda(l_j : h : r_j)\}$;

end

// Dual-sided centroid relocation

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **do**

| $r_i \leftarrow \arg \min_x D(\mathcal{C}_i : x) = \sum_{h \in \mathcal{C}_i} w_j D(h : x)$;

| $l_i \leftarrow \arg \min_x D(x : \mathcal{C}_i) = \sum_{h \in \mathcal{C}_i} w_j D(x : h)$;

end

until convergence;

Mixed α -hard clustering : MAhC($\mathcal{H}, k, \lambda, \alpha$)

Input: Weighted histogram set \mathcal{H} , integer $k > 0$, real $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, real $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$;

Let $\mathcal{C} = \{(l_i, r_i)\}_{i=1}^k \leftarrow \text{MAS}(\mathcal{H}, k, \lambda, \alpha)$;

repeat

//Assignment

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **do**

$\mathcal{A}_i \leftarrow \{h \in \mathcal{H} : i = \arg \min_j M_{\lambda, \alpha}(l_j : h : r_j)\}$;

end

// Centroid relocation

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ **do**

$r_i \leftarrow \left(\sum_{h \in \mathcal{A}_i} w_i h^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}}$;

$l_i \leftarrow \left(\sum_{h \in \mathcal{A}_i} w_i h^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{1+\alpha}}$;

end

until convergence;

Coupled k -Means++ α -Seeding

Algorithm 3: Mixed α -seeding; MAS($\mathcal{H}, k, \lambda, \alpha$)

Input: Weighted histogram set \mathcal{H} , integer $k \geq 1$, real $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, real $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$;

Let $\mathcal{C} \leftarrow h_j$ with uniform probability ;

for $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$ **do**

Pick at random histogram $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with probability :

$$\pi_{\mathcal{H}}(h) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \frac{w_h M_{\lambda, \alpha}(c_h : h : c_h)}{\sum_{y \in \mathcal{H}} w_y M_{\lambda, \alpha}(c_y : y : c_y)}, \quad (5)$$

//where $(c_h, c_h) \stackrel{\text{eq}}{=} \arg \min_{(z, z) \in \mathcal{C}} M_{\lambda, \alpha}(z : h : z)$;

$\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{(h, h)\}$;

end

Output: Set of initial cluster centers \mathcal{C} ;

→ Guaranteed probabilistic bound. Just need to initialize! No centroid computations

Learning MMs : A geometric hard clustering viewpoint

Learn the parameters of a mixture $m(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k w_i p(x|\theta_i)$

Maximize the **complete data likelihood**=clustering objective function

$$\begin{aligned}\max_{W, \Lambda} I_c(W, \Lambda) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k z_{i,j} \log(w_j p(x_i|\theta_j)) \\ &= \max_{\Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \max_{j=1}^k \log(w_j p(x_i|\theta_j)) \\ &\equiv \boxed{\min_{W, \Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \min_{j=1}^k D_j(x_i)},\end{aligned}$$

where $c_j = (w_j, \theta_j)$ (**cluster prototype**) and $D_j(x_i) = -\log p(x_i|\theta_j) - \log w_j$ are **potential distance-like functions**.

further attach to each cluster a different family of probability distributions.

Generalized k -MLE for learning statistical mixtures

Model-based clustering : Assignment of points to clusters :

$$D_{w_j, \theta_j, F_j}(x) = -\log p_{F_j}(x; \theta_j) - \log w_j$$

k -GMLE :

1. Initialize weight $W \in \Delta_k$ and family type (F_1, \dots, F_k) for each cluster
2. Solve $\min_W \sum_i \min_j D_j(x_i)$ (**center-based clustering** for W fixed) with potential functions : $D_j(x_i) = -\log p_{F_j}(x_i | \theta_j) - \log w_j$
3. **Solve family types** maximizing the MLE in each cluster C_j by choosing the parametric family of distributions $F_j = F(\gamma_j)$ that yields the best likelihood : $\min_{F_1 = F(\gamma_1), \dots, F_k = F(\gamma_k) \in \mathcal{F}(\gamma)} \sum_i \min_j D_{w_j, \theta_j, F_j}(x_i)$.
 $\forall I, \gamma_I = \max_j F_j^*(\hat{\eta}_I = \frac{1}{n_I} \sum_{x \in C_I} t_j(x)) + \frac{1}{n_I} \sum_{x \in C_I} k(x)$.
4. **Update weight** W as the cluster point proportion
5. Test for convergence and go to step 2) otherwise.

Drawback = biased, non-consistent estimator due to Voronoi support truncation.

Computing f -divergences for generic f : Beyond stochastic Monte-Carlo numerical integration

Ali-Silvey-Csiszár f -divergences

$$I_f(X_1 : X_2) = \int x_1(x) f\left(\frac{x_2(x)}{x_1(x)}\right) d\nu(x) \geq 0$$

Name of the f -divergence	Formula $I_f(P : Q)$	Generator $f(u)$ with $f(1) = 0$
Total variation (metric)	$\frac{1}{2} \int p(x) - q(x) d\nu(x)$	$\frac{1}{2} u - 1 $
Squared Hellinger	$\int (\sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)})^2 d\nu(x)$	$(\sqrt{u} - 1)^2$
Pearson χ_P^2	$\int \frac{(q(x) - p(x))^2}{p(x)} d\nu(x)$	$(u - 1)^2$
Neyman χ_N^2	$\int \frac{(p(x) - q(x))^2}{q(x)} d\nu(x)$	$\frac{(1-u)^2}{u}$
Pearson-Vajda χ_P^k	$\int \frac{(q(x) - \lambda p(x))^k}{p^{k-1}(x)} d\nu(x)$	$(u - 1)^k$
Pearson-Vajda $ \chi ^k_P$	$\int \frac{ q(x) - \lambda p(x) ^k}{p^{k-1}(x)} d\nu(x)$	$ u - 1 ^k$
Kullback-Leibler	$\int p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} d\nu(x)$	$-\log u$
reverse Kullback-Leibler	$\int q(x) \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x)} d\nu(x)$	$u \log u$
α -divergence	$\frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} (1 - \int p^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}}(x) q^{1+\alpha}(x) d\nu(x))$	$\frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} (1 - u^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}})$
Jensen-Shannon	$\frac{1}{2} \int (p(x) \log \frac{2p(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} + q(x) \log \frac{2q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)}) d\nu(x)$	$-(u+1) \log \frac{1+u}{2} + u \log u$

Information monotonicity of f -divergences

Do coarse binning : from d bins to $k < d$ bins :

$$\mathcal{X} = \uplus_{i=1}^k A_i$$

Let $p^A = (p_i)_A$ with $p_i = \sum_{j \in A_i} p_j$.

Information monotonicity :

$$D(p : q) \geq D(p^A : q^A)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ -divergences are the *only* divergences preserving the information monotonicity.

f -divergences and higher-order Vajda χ^k divergences

$$I_f(X_1 : X_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{k!} \chi_P^k(X_1 : X_2)$$

$$\chi_P^k(X_1 : X_2) = \int \frac{(x_2(x) - x_1(x))^k}{x_1(x)^{k-1}} d\nu(x),$$

$$|\chi|_P^k(X_1 : X_2) = \int \frac{|x_2(x) - x_1(x)|^k}{x_1(x)^{k-1}} d\nu(x),$$

are f -divergences for the generators $(u - 1)^k$ and $|u - 1|^k$.

- When $k = 1$, $\chi_P^1(X_1 : X_2) = \int (x_1(x) - x_2(x)) d\nu(x) = 0$ (never discriminative), and $|\chi_P^1|(X_1, X_2)$ is twice the **total variation distance**.
- χ_P^k is a **signed distance**

Affine exponential families

Canonical decomposition of the probability measure :

$$p_\theta(x) = \exp(\langle t(x), \theta \rangle - F(\theta) + k(x)),$$

consider natural parameter space Θ affine (like multinomials).

$$\text{Poi}(\lambda) : p(x|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, \lambda > 0, x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Nor}_I(\mu) : p(x|\mu) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^\top(x-\mu)}, \mu \in \mathbb{R}^d, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Family	θ	Θ	$F(\theta)$	$k(x)$	$t(x)$	ν
Poisson	$\log \lambda$	\mathbb{R}	e^θ	$-\log x!$	x	ν_c
Iso.Gaussian	μ	\mathbb{R}^d	$\frac{1}{2}\theta^\top \theta$	$\frac{d}{2}\log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2}x^\top x$	x	ν_L

Higher-order Vajda χ^k divergences

The (signed) χ_P^k distance between members $X_1 \sim \mathcal{E}_F(\theta_1)$ and $X_2 \sim \mathcal{E}_F(\theta_2)$ of the same affine exponential family is ($k \in \mathbb{N}$) always bounded and equal to :

$$\boxed{\chi_P^k(X_1 : X_2) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} \frac{e^{F((1-j)\theta_1 + j\theta_2)}}{e^{(1-j)F(\theta_1) + jF(\theta_2)}}}$$

For Poisson/Normal distributions, we get **closed-form** formula :

$$\chi_P^k(\lambda_1 : \lambda_2) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} e^{\lambda_1^{1-j} \lambda_2^j - ((1-j)\lambda_1 + j\lambda_2)},$$

$$\chi_P^k(\mu_1 : \mu_2) = \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^{k-j} \binom{k}{j} e^{\frac{1}{2}j(j-1)(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^\top (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}.$$

f -divergences : Analytic formula [18]

- $\lambda = 1 \in \text{int}(\text{dom}(f^{(i)}))$, f -divergence (Theorem 1 of [4]) :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| I_f(X_1 : X_2) - \sum_{k=0}^s \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{k!} \chi_P^k(X_1 : X_2) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(s+1)!} \|f^{(s+1)}\|_\infty (M-m)^s, \end{aligned}$$

where $\|f^{(s+1)}\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in [m, M]} |f^{(s+1)}(t)|$ and $m \leq \frac{p}{q} \leq M$.

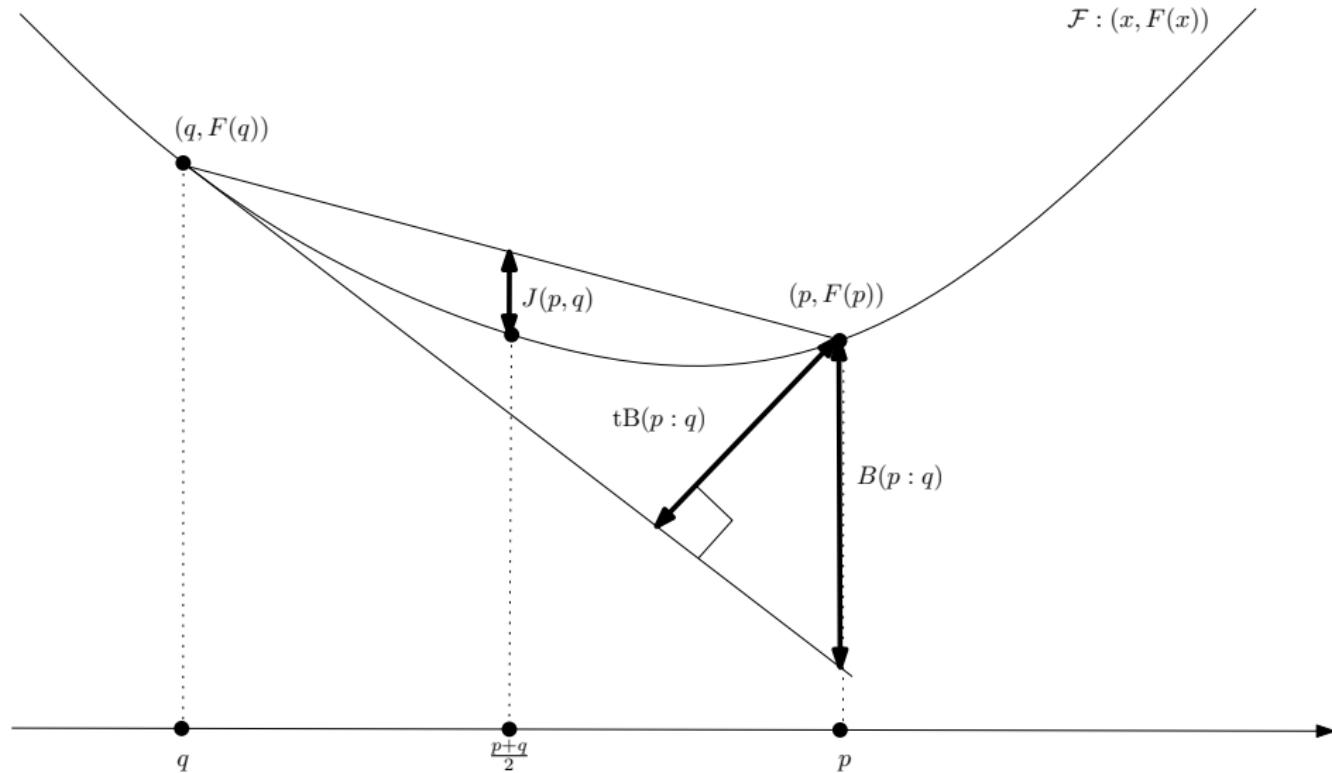
- $\lambda = 0$ (whenever $0 \in \text{int}(\text{dom}(f^{(i)}))$) and affine exponential families, simpler expression :

$$\begin{aligned} I_f(X_1 : X_2) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(0)}{i!} I_{1-i,i}(\theta_1 : \theta_2), \\ I_{1-i,i}(\theta_1 : \theta_2) &= \frac{e^{F(i\theta_2 + (1-i)\theta_1)}}{e^{iF(\theta_2) + (1-i)F(\theta_1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Designing conformal divergences : Finding graphical gaps !

Geometrically designed divergences

Plot of the convex generator F .



Divergences : skew Jensen & Bregman divergences

F a smooth convex function, the generator.

- Skew Jensen divergences :

$$\begin{aligned} J'_\alpha(p : q) &= \alpha F(p) + (1 - \alpha)F(q) - F(\alpha p + (1 - \alpha)q), \\ &= (F(p)F(q))_\alpha - F((pq)_\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

where $(pq)_\gamma = \gamma p + (1 - \gamma)q = q + \gamma(p - q)$ and

$$(F(p)F(q))_\gamma = \gamma F(p) + (1 - \gamma)F(q) = F(q) + \gamma(F(p) - F(q)).$$

- Bregman divergences :

$$B(p : q) = F(p) - F(q) - \langle p - q, \nabla F(q) \rangle,$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} J_\alpha(p : q) = B(p : q), \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} J_\alpha(p : q) = B(q : p)}$$

- Statistical skewed Bhattacharrya divergence :

$$\text{Bhat}(p_1 : p_2) = -\log \int p_1(x)^\alpha p_2(x)^{1-\alpha} d\nu(x) = J'_\alpha(\theta_1 : \theta_2)$$

for exponential families [27].

Divergences and centroids [33, 27]

Population minimizers : $\arg \min_c \sum_{i=1}^n w_i D(p_i : c)$

- ▶ useful for center-based clustering algorithms (k -means)
- ▶ For Bregman divergences : $c^R = \sum_i w_i p_i$ (invariant, center of mass).
 $c^L = (\nabla F)^{-1}(\sum_i w_i \nabla F(p_i))$ a f -mean also called
quasi-arithmetic mean : $f^{-1}(\sum_i w_i f(x_i))$ that generalizes arithmetic
 $f(x) = x$, harmonic $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and geometric means $f(x) = \log x$.
- ▶ Bregman information $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i D(p_i : c^R) = F(\sum_i w_i p_i) - \sum_i w_i F(p_i)$, a
Jensen diversity index.
- ▶ For Jensen divergences, use Concave-Convex Procedure from
 $c_0 = \sum_i w_i p_i$ to solve $\sum_i w_i J'_\alpha(c : p_i)$:

$$c_{t+1} = (\nabla F)^{-1} \left(\sum_i w_i \nabla F(\alpha c_t + (1 - \alpha) p_i) \right)$$



Bregman divergence:

$$B_F(p : q) = F(p) - F(q) - \langle p - q, \nabla F(q) \rangle$$

Legendre transform

Convexity

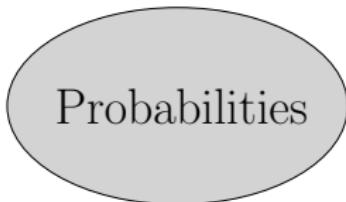
Convex F

\Leftrightarrow
 $f = \nabla F$ Monotone increasing

Probability:

$$p_F(x|\theta) = e^{\langle t(x), \theta \rangle - F(\theta) + k(x)}$$

$$p_F(x|\theta) = e^{-B_{F^*}(t(x):\nabla F(\theta)) + F^*(t(x)) + k(x)}$$



Quasi-arithmetic mean:

$$M_f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f^{-1}(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} f(x_i))$$



Total Bregman divergences [17]

Conformal divergence, conformal factor ρ :

$$D'(p : q) = \rho(p, q)D(p : q)$$

plays the rôle of “regularizer” [50]

Invariance by rotation of the axes of the design space

$$\begin{aligned} tB(p : q) &= \frac{B(p : q)}{\sqrt{1 + \langle \nabla F(q), \nabla F(q) \rangle}} = \rho_B(q)B(p : q), \\ \rho_B(q) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \langle \nabla F(q), \nabla F(q) \rangle}}. \end{aligned}$$

For example, total squared Euclidean divergence :

$$tE(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle p - q, p - q \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + \langle q, q \rangle}}.$$

Total skew Jensen divergences [38]

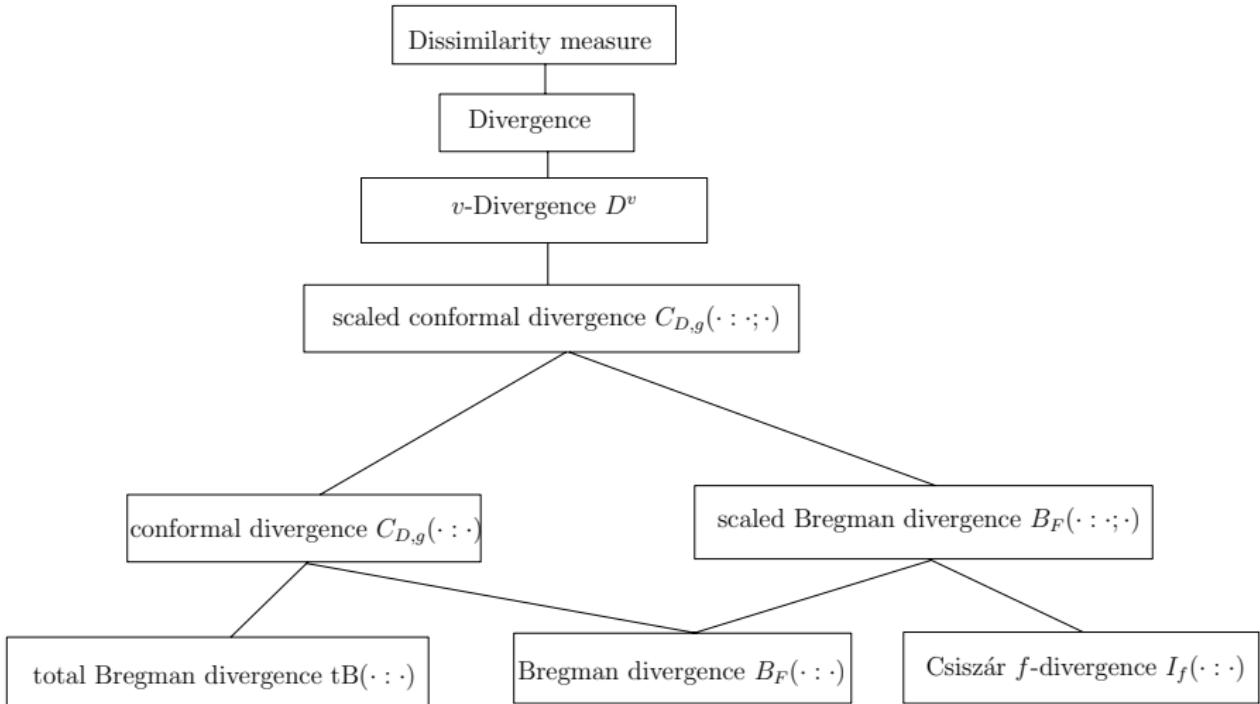
$$tB(p : q) = \rho_B(q)B(p : q), \quad \rho_B(q) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \langle \nabla F(q), \nabla F(q) \rangle}}$$

$$tJ_\alpha(p : q) = \rho_J(p, q)J_\alpha(p : q), \quad \rho_J(p, q) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{(F(p) - F(q))^2}{\langle p - q, p - q \rangle}}}$$

Jensen-Shannon divergence, square root is a metric :

$$JS(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d p_i \log \frac{2p_i}{p_i + q_i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d q_i \log \frac{2q_i}{p_i + q_i}$$

But the square root of the total Jensen-Shannon divergence is **not** a metric.



$$D^v(P : Q) = D(v(P) : v(Q))$$

$$I_f(P : Q) = \int p(x)f\left(\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}\right) d\nu(x)$$

$$B_F(P : Q) = F(P) - F(Q) - \langle P - Q, \nabla F(Q) \rangle$$

$$tB_F(P : Q) = \frac{B_F(P : Q)}{\sqrt{1 + \|\nabla F(Q)\|^2}}$$

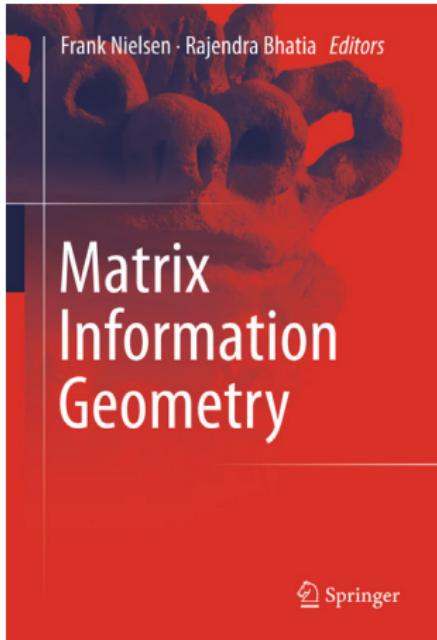
$$C_{D,g}(P : Q) = g(Q)D(P : Q)$$

$$B_{F,g}(P : Q; W) = WB_F\left(\frac{P}{Q} : \frac{Q}{W}\right)$$

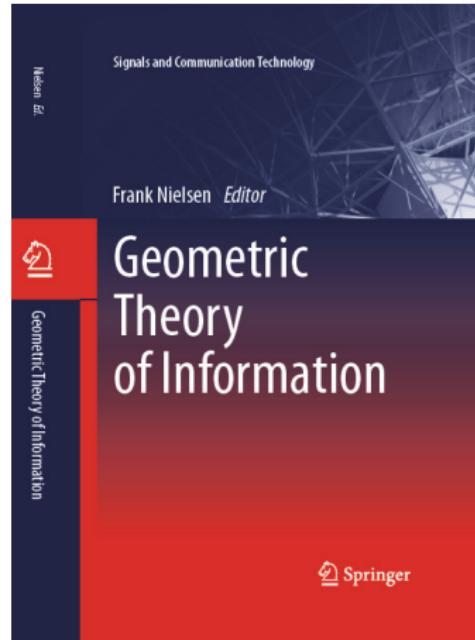
Summary : Part II. Geometric Computing in Information Spaces

- ▶ Location-scale families, spherical normal, symmetric positive definite matrices → hyperbolic geometry.
- ▶ Hyperbolic geometry : CG affine constructions in Klein disk
- ▶ Space of spheres in dually affine connection geometry
- ▶ Synthetic geometry for characterizing the best error exponent in Bayes error
- ▶ Conformal divergences : total Bregman/total Jensen divergences
- ▶ Clustering using pair of centroids for clusters using mixed divergences for symmetrized alpha divergences
- ▶ Learning statistical mixtures maximizing the complete likelihood as a sequence of geometric clustering problems : k -GLME
- ▶ In search of closed-form solutions : Jeffreys centroid using Lambert W function, f -divergence approximation for affine exponential families.

Computational Information Geometry (Edited books)



[25]



[24]

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Geometric Sciences of Information (GSI) 2015

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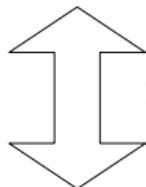
Summary : Computational Information Geometry

- ▶ Originally, IG studied the space of (parametric) probability distributions, but now geometry of “parameter spaces” in general (matrices, dynamic systems, etc.)
- ▶ Fisher-Rao Riemannian geometry has often geodesics *not* in closed form
- ▶ Dual connections coupled with metric has dual geodesics straight in biorthogonal affine coordinate systems
- ▶ Bregman divergences are canonical divergences in dually flat spaces
- ▶ Csiszár f -divergences preserve information monotonicity and induce locally Fisher tensor metric geometry.
- ▶ Algorithm designs are often based on information projections.

Closing philosophical view...

Super-model M^+

Model M



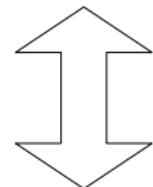
Structure

Parameter θ

Configuration space Θ

Geometry embedding G^+

Geometry G



Structure

Point P_θ

Space $\{P_\theta | \theta \in \Theta\}$

coordinate-based (biased)

coordinate-free!

The next big wave...



Quantum Information Geometry (and QIT)

- ▶ Quantum states : density matrices = Hermitian positive semi-definite matrices of unit trace (John von Neumann, 1927)
- ▶ A generalization of probability theory (classical probability=diagonal matrices=commutative matrices)
- ▶ Several Quantum Fisher Information metrics [46]
- ▶ Quantum random walks to define distance between graphs (simulated on classical computers [10])
- ▶ Quantum Voronoi diagrams [31]
- ▶ etc.

Thank you !

Next time, why not consider CIG for your ML problems - :) ?

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