

# Data analysis and Unsupervised Learning

## Dimensionality Reduction: Beyond PCA and Non Linear Methods

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## Introduction

### Packages required for reproducing the slides

```
library(tidyverse) # opinionated collection of packages for data manipulation
library(GGally)    # extension to ggplot vizualization system
library(FactoMineR) # PCA and oter linear method for dimension reduction
library(factoextra) # fancy plotting for FactoMineR output
# color and plots themes
library(RColorBrewer)
pal <- brewer.pal(10, "Set3")
theme_set(theme_bw())
```

# Companion data set: 'scRNA'

Subsamples of normalized Single-Cell RNAseq

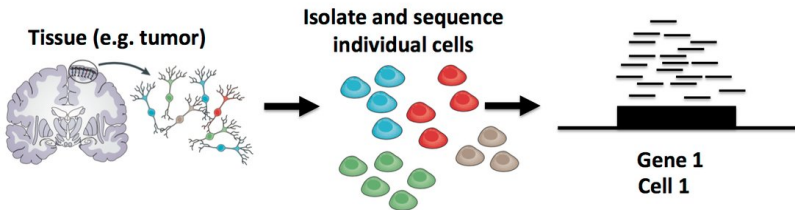
**Description:** *subsample of a large data set*

Gene-level expression of 100 representative genes for a collection of 301 cells spreaded in 11 cell-lines. Original transcription data are measured by counts obtained by *RNAseq* and normalized to be close to Gaussian.



Pollen, Alex A., et al. Low-coverage single-cell mRNA sequencing reveals cellular heterogeneity and activated signaling pathways in developing cerebral cortex.

Nature biotechnology 32.10 (2014): 1053.



**Figure:** Single Cell RNA sequencing data: general principle – source: Stephanie Hicks

# Companion data set: 'scRNA'

## Brief data summary I

### Data manipulation

```
load("../..//data/scRNA.RData")
scRNA <- pollen$data %>% t() %>% as_tibble() %>%
  add_column(cell_type = pollen$celltypes)
```

### Cell types

```
scRNA %>% dplyr::select(cell_type) %>% summary() %>% knitr::kable()
```

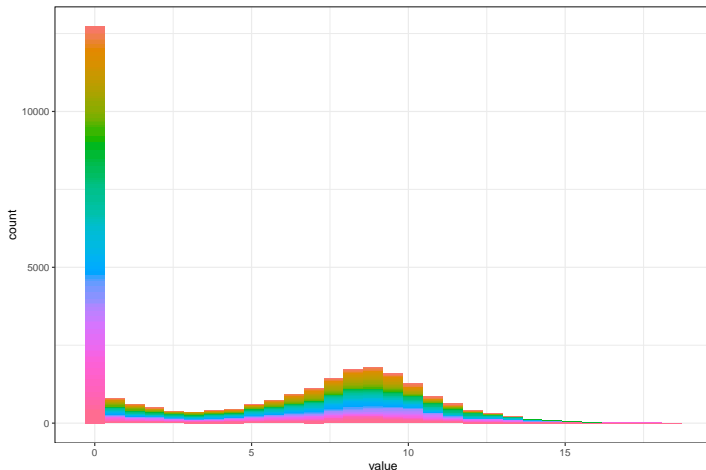
	cell_type
	HL60 :54
	K562 :42
	Kera :40
	BJ :37
	GW16 :26
	hiPSC :24
	(Other):78

# Companion data set II: 'scRNA'

## Brief data summary II

### Histogram of normalized expression

```
scRNA %>% dplyr::select(-cell_type) %>% pivot_longer(everything()) %>%  
  ggplot() + aes(x = value, fill = name) + geom_histogram(show.legend = FALSE)
```



## PCA

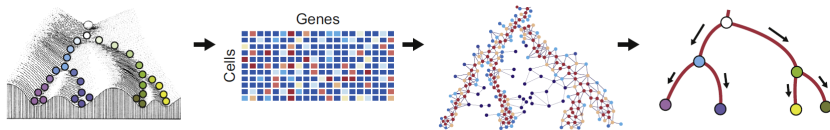
# PCA (and linear methods) limitations

## Account for complex pattern

- Linear methods are powerful for **planar structures**
- May fail at describing **manifolds**

## Preserve local geometry

- High dimensional data are characterized by **multiscale properties** (local / global structures)
- Non Linear projection helps at preserving **local characteristics** of distances



**Figure:** Intuition of manifolds and geometry underlying sc-data — source: F. Picard



# Companion data set II: 'mollusk'

Abundance table (Species counts spread in various sites)

Description: *small size count data*

Abundance of 32 mollusk species in 163 samples. For each sample, 4 additional covariates are known.



Richardot-Coulet, M., Chessel D. and Bournaud M. Typological value of the benthos of old beds of a large river. Methodological approach. Archiv für Hydrobiologie, 107.

```
mollusk <- PLNmodels::mollusk$Abundance %>% as_tibble() %>%  
  add_column(site = PLNmodels::mollusk$Covariate$site,  
             season = PLNmodels::mollusk$Covariate$season)
```

## External Covariates

```
mollusk %>% dplyr::select(site, season) %>% summary() %>% t() %>% knitr::kable()
```

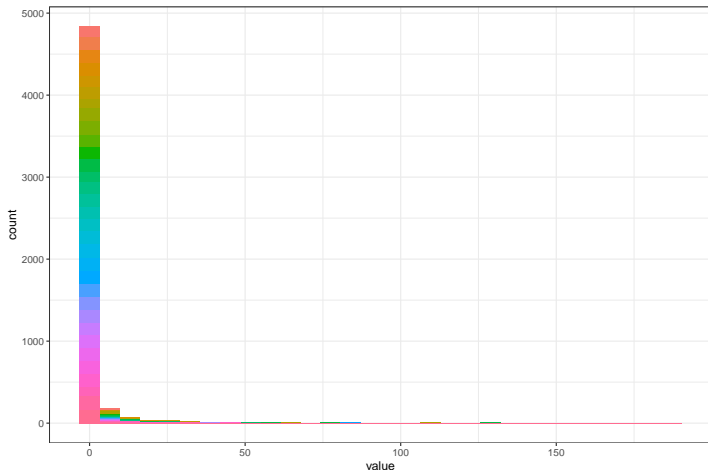
site	Negria1 :24	Negria2 :24	Pecheurs1:24	Pecheurs2:24	GGravier3:22	GGravier4:22
season	autumn:41	spring:44	summer:44	winter:34	NA	NA

# Companion data set: 'mollusk'

## Brief data summary II

### Histogram of raw counts

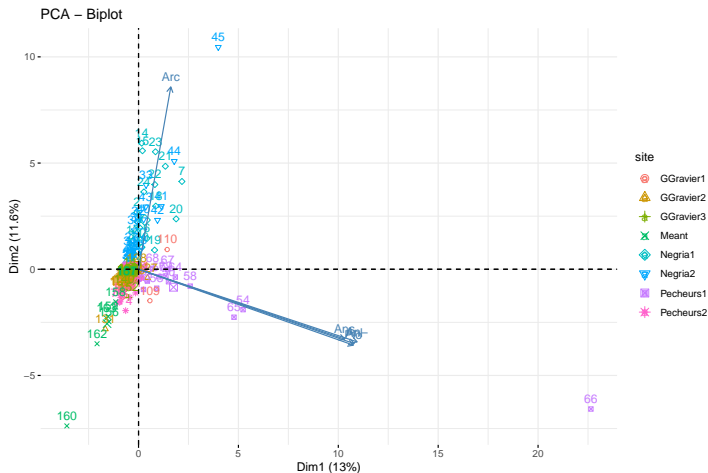
```
mollusk %>% dplyr::select(-site, -season) %>% pivot_longer(everything()) %>%  
  ggplot() + aes(x = value, fill = name) + geom_histogram(show.legend = FALSE)
```



# Companion data set: 'mollusk'

## PCA

```
mollusk %>% PCA(graph = FALSE, quali.sup = which(map_lgl(mollusk, is.factor))) %>%  
  fviz_pca_biplot(select.var = list(contrib = 5), habillage = "site")
```



# PCA (and linear methods) limitations

## Account for complex data distribution

- Linear methods /PCA are tied to an hidden **Gaussian assumption**
- Fail with **Count data**
- Fail with **Skew data**

## Possible solutions

- Probabilistic (non Gaussian) models
- Need transformed (non-linear) input space

# Dimension reduction: revisiting the problem setup

## Settings

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , (i.i.d.)
- Space  $\mathbb{R}^p$  of possibly high dimension ( $n \ll p$ )

## Dimension Reduction Map

Construct a map  $\Phi$  from the space  $\mathbb{R}^p$  into a space  $\mathbb{R}^q$  of **smaller dimension**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \quad \mathbb{R}^p &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q, q \ll p \\ \mathbf{x} &\mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

# How should we design/construct $\Phi$ ?

## Criterion

- Geometrical approach (**see slides on PCA**)
- Reconstruction error
- Relationship preservation

## Form of the map $\Phi$

- **Linear** or **non-linear** ?
- tradeoff between interpretability and **versatility** ?
- tradeoff between **high** or low computational resource

## Part II

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# Reconstruction error approach

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- 2 Construct  $\tilde{\Phi}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^q$  to  $\mathbb{R}^p$  (**reconstruction formula**)
- 3 Control an error between  $\mathbf{x}$  and its reconstruction  $\tilde{\Phi}(\Phi(\mathbf{x}))$ , e.g

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \tilde{\Phi}(\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right\|^2$$

# Reinterpretation of PCA

## PCA model

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a  $p \times q$  matrix whose columns are of  $q$  orthonormal vectors.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathbf{V}^\top (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{x} &\simeq \tilde{\Phi}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{V}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\end{aligned}$$

↪ Model with **Linear assumption + ortho-normality constraints**

## PCA reconstruction error

$$\underset{\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^p, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{O}_{p,q}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\|^2$$

## Solution (explicit)

- $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$  the empirical mean
- $\mathbf{V}$  an orthonormal basis of the space spanned by the  $q$  first eigenvectors of the empirical covariance matrix

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# Important digression: SVD

## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

The SVD of  $\mathbf{M}$  a  $n \times p$  matrix is the factorization given by

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top,$$

where  $r = \min(n, p)$  and

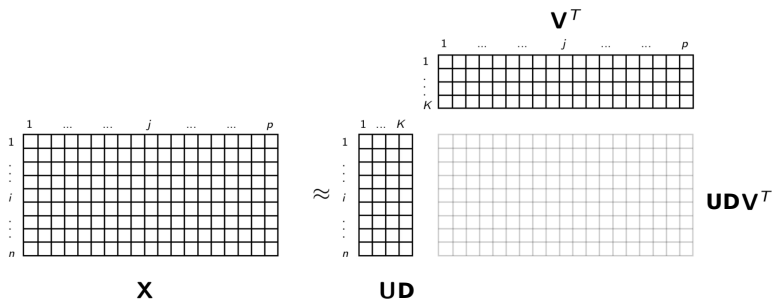
- $\mathbf{D}_{r \times r} = \text{diag}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_r)$  is the diagonal matrix of singular values.
- $\mathbf{U}$  is orthonormal, whose columns are eigen vectors of  $(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}^\top)$
- $\mathbf{V}$  is orthonormal whose columns are eigen vectors of  $(\mathbf{M}^\top\mathbf{M})$

→ Time complexity in  $\mathcal{O}(npqr)$  (less when  $k \ll r$  components are required)

## Connection with eigen decomposition of the covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^\top\mathbf{M} &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^\top\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top \\ &= \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{V}^\top = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^\top\end{aligned}$$

PCA solution is given by SVD of the centered data matrix



Since  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X}^c \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}$ , PCA can be rephrased as

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^c = \mathbf{F} \mathbf{V}^T = \arg \min_{\mathbf{F} \in \mathcal{M}_{p,q}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{O}_{p,q}} \left\| \mathbf{X}^c - \mathbf{F} \mathbf{V}^T \right\|_F^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \sum_{ij} a_{ij}^2,$$

$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q} \Big\} \quad \text{Best linear low-rank representation of } \mathbf{X}$

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# Kernel-PCA

Principle: non linear transformation of  $\mathbf{x}$  before PCA

- ① Project the data into a higher space where it is linearly separable
- ② Apply PCA to the transformed data

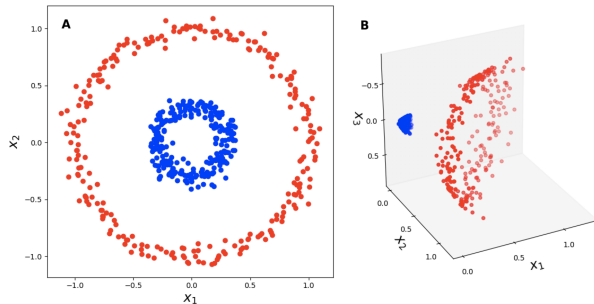


Figure:  $\Psi : \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \Psi(\mathbf{x})$

# Kernel-PCA

## Kernel PCA Model

Assume a non linear transformation  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  where  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , then perform linear PCA, with  $\mathbf{V}$  a  $n \times q$  orthonormal matrix

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{V}^\top \Psi(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

## Kernel trick

Never calculate  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  thanks to the kernel trick:

$$K = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\Psi(\mathbf{x}), \Psi(\mathbf{y})) = \Psi(\mathbf{x})^T \Psi(\mathbf{y})$$

## Solution

Eigen-decomposition of the doubly centered kernel matrix  $\mathbf{K} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'})$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top/n)\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top/n) = \mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^\top$$

# Choice of a kernel

A symmetric positive definite function  $k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}$ , which depends on the kind of similarity assumed

Some common kernels

- **Polynomial Kernel**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'}) = (\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{x}_{i'} + c)^d$$

- **Gaussian (radial) kernel**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'}) = \exp \frac{-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{i'}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

- **Laplacian kernel**

$$k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'}) = \exp \frac{-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{i'}\|}{\sigma}$$

→ Kernel PCA suffers from the choice of the Kernel to correctly

# Example on scRNA

Run the fit

```
scRNA_expr <- scRNA %>% select(-cell_type) %>% as.matrix()
```

```
kPCA_radial <-
```

```
  kpca(scRNA_expr, kernel = "rbfdot", features = 2, kpar = list(sigma = 0.5)) %>%  
  pcv() %>% as.data.frame() %>%  
  add_column(kernel = "Radial") %>%  
  add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

```
kPCA_linear <-
```

```
  kpca(scRNA_expr, kernel = "vanilladot", features = 2, kpar = list()) %>%  
  pcv() %>% as.data.frame() %>%  
  add_column(kernel = "Linear") %>%  
  add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

```
kPCA_polydot <- kpca(scRNA_expr, kernel = "polydot", features = 2, kpar = list(degree = 2)) %>%
```

```
  pcv() %>% as.data.frame() %>%  
  add_column(kernel = "Polynomial") %>%  
  add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

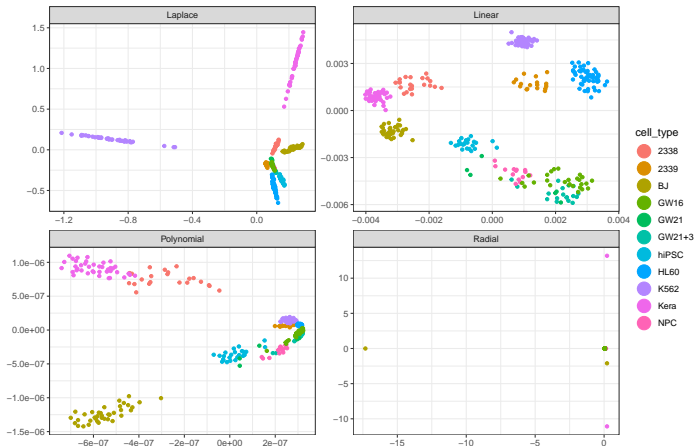
```
kPCA_laplacedot <- kpca(scRNA_expr, kernel = "laplacedot", features = 2) %>%
```

```
  pcv() %>% as.data.frame() %>%  
  add_column(kernel = "Laplace") %>%  
  add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

# Example on scRNA

Compare the projection

```
rbind(kPCA_linear, kPCA_polydot, kPCA_radial, kPCA_laplacedot) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = V1, y = V2, color = cell_type)) +  
  geom_point(size=1.25) + guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=6)))  
  facet_wrap(~kernel, scales = 'free') + labs(x = '', y = '')
```



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# Pairwise Relation

Focus on pairwise relation  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'})$ .

## Distance Preservation

- Construct a map  $\Phi$  from the space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  into a space  $\mathbb{R}^{d'}$  of **smaller dimension**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \quad \mathbb{R}^d &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d'}, d' \ll d \\ \mathbf{x} &\mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{such that } \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_{i'}) \sim \mathcal{R}'(\mathbf{x}'_i, \mathbf{x}'_{i'})$$

## Multidimensional scaling

Try to preserve inner product related to the distance (e.g. Euclidean)

## t-SNE – Stochastic Neighborhood Embedding

Try to preserve relations with close neighbors with Gaussian kernel

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# Stochastic Neighbor Embedding

[van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008]

- $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  are the points in the high dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ,
- Consider a similarity between points:

$$p_{i|j} = \frac{\exp(-\|x_i - x_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|x_k - x_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_k^2)}, \quad p_{ij} = (p_{i|j} + p_{j|i}) / 2N$$

- $\sigma$  smooths the data (linked to the regularity of the target manifold)
- $\sigma$  is chosen such that the entropy of  $p$  is fixed to a given value of the so-called perplexity

$$\exp \left( - \sum_{ij} p_{ij} \log(p_{ij}) \right)$$

# The perplexity parameter

- $\sigma_i$  Should adjust to local densities (neighborhood of point  $i$ )
- Define the Shannon entropy of  $p_i = (p_{1|i}, \dots, p_{n|i})$

$$H(p_i) = - \sum_{j=1}^n p_{j|i} \log_2 p_{j|i}$$

- The perplexity is defined by:

$$Perp(p_i) = 2^{H(p_i)}$$

- Interpreted as the smoothed effective number of neighbors.
- SNE performs a binary search for the value of  $\sigma_i$  that produces a  $p_i$  with a fixed perplexity that is specified by the user.

## tSNE and Student / Cauchy kernels

- Consider  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are points in the low dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- Consider a similarity between points in the new representation:

$$q_{i|j} = \frac{\exp(-\|y_i - y_j\|^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|y_k - y_j\|^2)}$$

- Robustify this kernel by using Student(1) kernels (ie Cauchy)

$$q_{i|j} = \frac{(1 + \|y_i - y_j\|^2)^{-1}}{\sum_{k \neq i} (1 + \|y_k - y_j\|^2)^{-1}}$$

# Optimizing tSNE

- Minimize the KL between  $p$  and  $q$  so that the data representation minimizes:

$$C(y) = \sum_{ij} KL(p_{ij}, q_{ij})$$

- The cost function is not convex

$$\left[ \frac{\partial C(y)}{\partial y} \right]_i = \sum_j (p_{ij} - q_{ij})(y_i - y_j)$$

- Interpreted as the resultant force created by a set of springs between the map point  $y_i$  and all other map points  $(y_j)_j$ . All springs exert a force along the direction  $(y_i - y_j)$ .
- $(p_{ij} - q_{ij})$  is viewed as a stiffness of the force exerted by the spring between  $y_i$  and  $y_j$ .

# Customed Gradient descent

- Gradient descent initialized by sampling map points randomly from an isotropic Gaussian with small variance centered around the origin
- Gradient update using

$$y^{(t)} = y^{(t-1)} + \eta \frac{\partial C(y)}{\partial y} + \alpha(t)(y^{(t-1)} - y^{(t-2)})$$

- $\eta$  learning rate,  $\alpha(t)$  momentum at iteration  $t$ .
- Gaussian noise is added to the map points to perform simulated annealing.



# Properties of t-SNE

- good at preserving local distances (intra-cluster variance)
- not so good for global representation (inter-cluster variance)
- hence good at creating clusters of points that are close, but bad at positioning clusters wrt each other
- preprocessing very important : initialize with PCA and feature selection plus log transform (non linear transform)
- percent of explained variance ? interpretation of the  $q$  distribution ?

# Example on scRNA I

## Run the fit

```
scRNA_expr <- scRNA %>% select(-cell_type) %>% as.matrix()

tSNE_perp2 <- Rtsne(scRNA_expr, perplexity = 2)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 2) %>% add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)

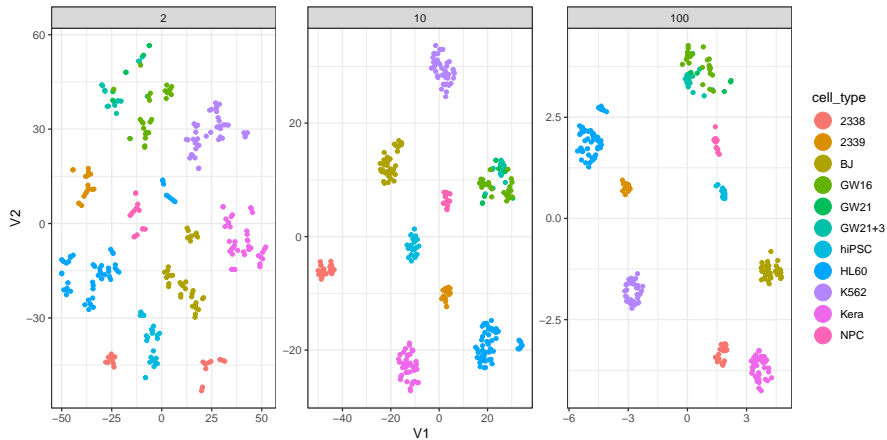
tSNE_perp10 <- Rtsne(scRNA_expr, perplexity = 10)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 10) %>% add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)

tSNE_perp100 <- Rtsne(scRNA_expr, perplexity = 100)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 100) %>% add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

## Compare perplexity

```
rbind(tSNE_perp2, tSNE_perp10, tSNE_perp100) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = V1, y = V2, color = cell_type)) +
    geom_point(size=1.25) +
    guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=6))) +
    facet_wrap(~perplexity, scales = 'free')
```

# Example on scRNA II



# Example on 'mollusk' I

## Run the fit

```
duplicated <- duplicated(mollusk %>% select(-site, -season))
mollusk_ab <- mollusk %>% select(-site, -season) %>% filter(!duplicated) %>% as.ma

tSNE_perp2 <- Rtsne(mollusk_ab, perplexity = 2)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 2) %>% add_column(site = mollusk$site)

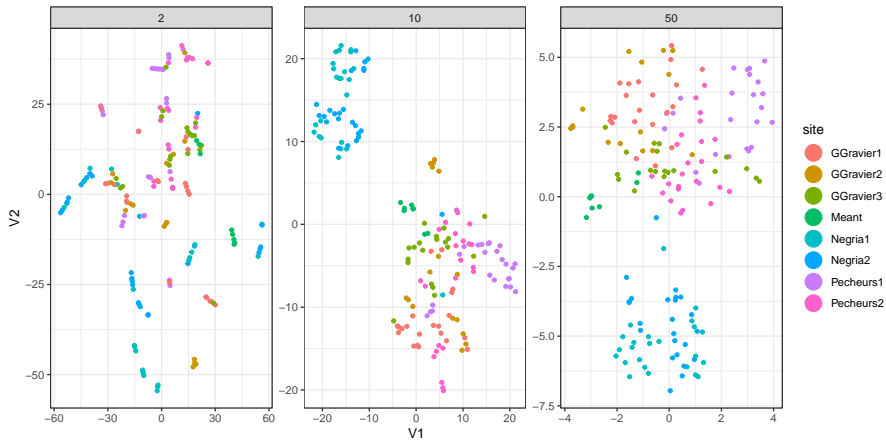
tSNE_perp10 <- Rtsne(log(1 + mollusk_ab), perplexity = 10)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 10) %>% add_column(site = mollusk$site)

tSNE_perp50 <- Rtsne(log(1 + mollusk_ab), perplexity = 50)$Y %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(perplexity = 50) %>% add_column(site = mollusk$site)
```

## Compare perplexity

```
rbind(tSNE_perp2, tSNE_perp10, tSNE_perp50) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = V1, y = V2, color = site)) +
  geom_point(size=1.25) +
  guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=6))) +
  facet_wrap(~perplexity, scales = 'free')
```

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# Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection

[McInnes et al., 2018]

# Properties of UMAP





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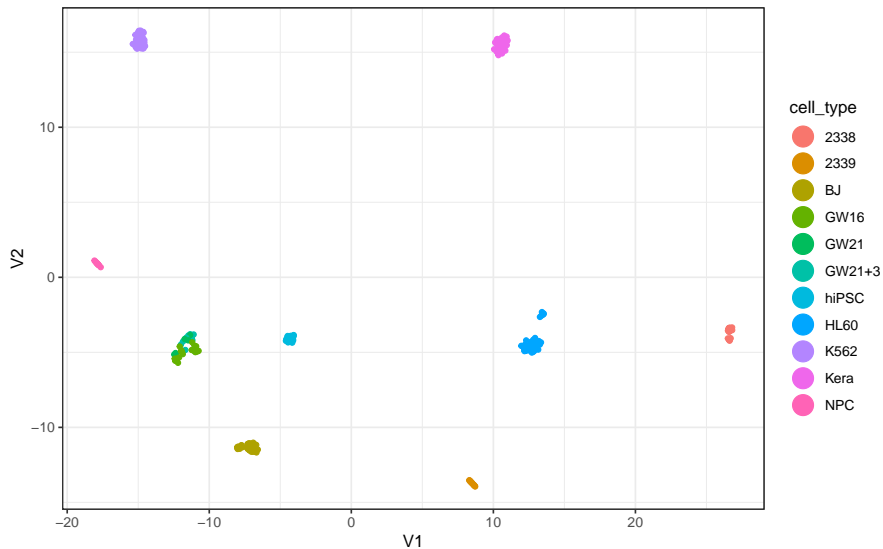
## Run the fit

```
scRNA_expr <- scRNA %>% select(-cell_type) %>% as.matrix()
umap_fit <- umap(scRNA_expr)$layout %>%
  as.data.frame() %>% add_column(cell_type = scRNA$cell_type)
```

## Visualization

```
umap_fit %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = V1, y = V2, color = cell_type)) +
  geom_point(size=1.25) +
  guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=6)))
```

## Example on scRNA II



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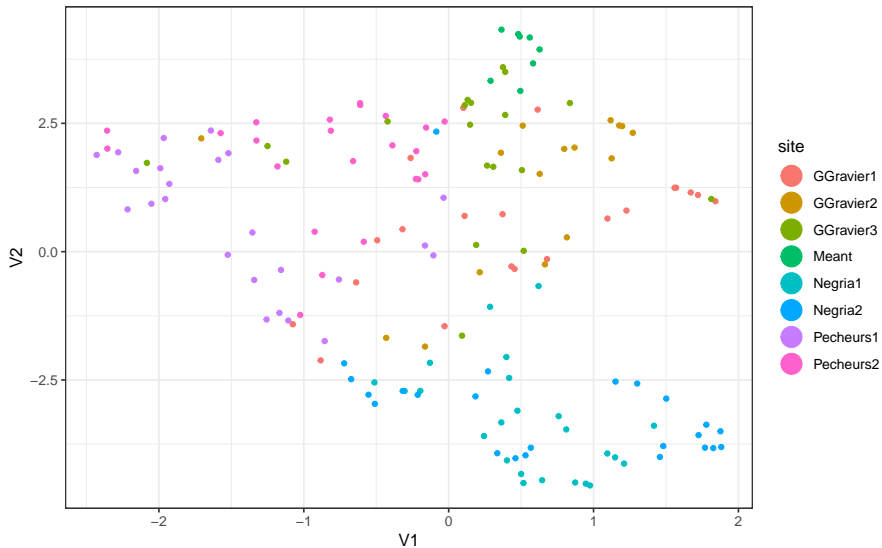
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```

## Visualization

```
umap_fit %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = V1, y = V2, color = site)) +
  geom_point(size=1.25) +
  guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=6)))
```

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