

SLT coding exercise #1

# **Locally Linear Embedding**

<https://gitlab.vis.ethz.ch/vwegmayr/slt-coding-exercises>

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## The Model

We have a data set on  $N$  points  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$  of dimension  $D$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$ . The goal is to find a non-linear embedding of these points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $d \ll D$ . In Locally Linear Embedding this is done by first representing each data point as a function of its  $K$  nearest neighbors. The resulting reconstruction cost function is defined as:

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{x}_i - \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j\|^2,$$

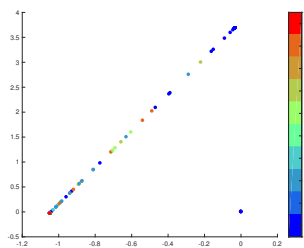
where the weights  $w_{ij} \neq 0$  only if  $\mathbf{x}_j$  is a nearest neighbor of  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and each row of the weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  sums up to 1,  $\sum_j w_{ij} = 1$ . The weights are calculated by minimizing the reconstruction cost function under these constraints. In the embedding step each point  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is mapped to a point  $\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  in the low dimensional space. The points  $\mathbf{y}_i$  are calculated by minimizing the embedding cost function defined as:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N) = \sum_i \|\mathbf{y}_i - \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{y}_j\|^2.$$

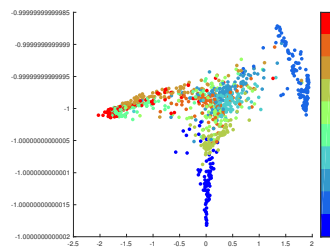
## The Questions

Answer (b), (d):

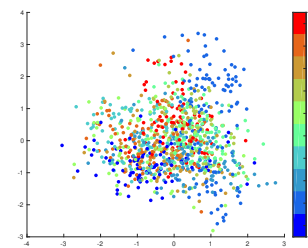
The results of applying the LLE algorithm on the MNIST data set for 2D & 3D embedding spaces and different numbers  $K$  of nearest neighbors are shown in Figure 1. For  $K = 10$  neighbors clusters of the different can be seen. Apart from the numbers 0 and 1 the handwritten digits are not clearly separable from each other.



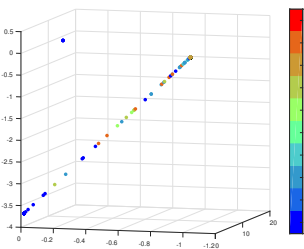
(a)  $d = 2, K = 3$ .



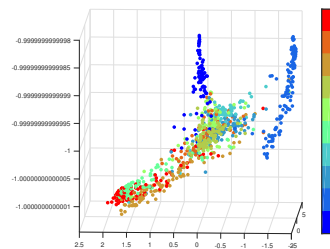
(b)  $d = 2, K = 10$ .



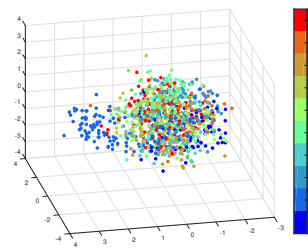
(c)  $d = 2, K = 200$ .



(d)  $d = 3, K = 3$ .



(e)  $d = 3, K = 10$ .

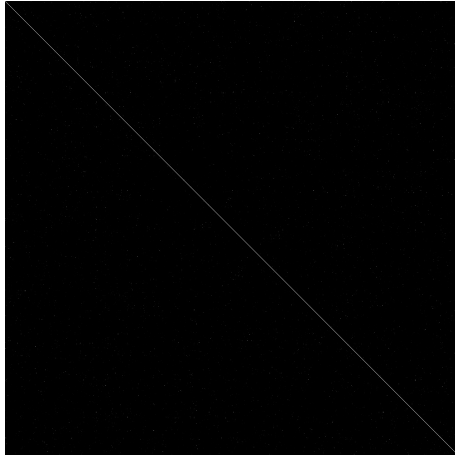


(f)  $d = 3, K = 200$ .

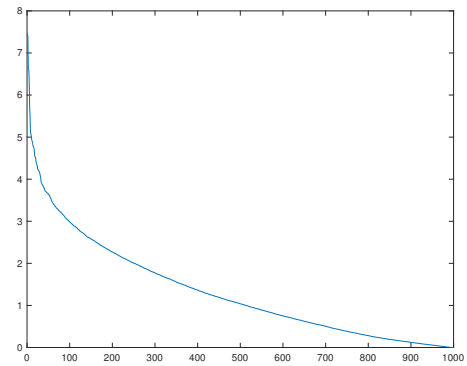
Figure 1: LLE algorithm applied on  $N = 1000$  images of the MNIST data set. Each image has dimension  $D = 784$ .

Answer (c):

In Figure 2 the values and the singular values of the  $M$  matrix are plotted. The diagonal elements of the  $M$  matrix are all clearly non-zero and the off diagonal elements are mostly equal to zero or close to zero.



(a) Values of  $M$  matrix.



(b) Singular values of  $M$  matrix.

Figure 2: Investigation on  $M$  matrix for  $d = 2$ ,  $K = 10$ .

## The Implementation

Link to my git branch: [https://gitlab.vis.ethz.ch/vwegmayr/slt-coding-exercises/tree/11-944-477/1\\_locally\\_linear\\_embedding](https://gitlab.vis.ethz.ch/vwegmayr/slt-coding-exercises/tree/11-944-477/1_locally_linear_embedding).

## Your Page

Your Answer

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