

Semi-definite embedding (SDE)

Again, given data $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$, we want to find $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, $p < d$.



The idea of SDE is to unfold the manifold so

- (1) Euclidean distances of neighbor points are preserved
(local structures will be retained in low-dimensional space)
- (2) maximise the pairwise distance of every pair of points
(pulling points a far away from each other as possible so this manifold can unfolded)

For (1): $|x_i - x_j|^2 = |y_i - y_j|^2$ if $g_{ij} = 1$

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \quad Y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

$$g_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is a neighbor of } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If we expand the constraint

$$\begin{aligned} |x_i - x_j|^2 &= x_i^T x_i + x_j^T x_j - 2x_i^T x_j \\ &= y_i^T y_i + y_j^T y_j - 2y_i^T y_j \\ &= K_{ii} + K_{jj} - 2K_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

K is the kernel, which should satisfy

- K should be a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix, denote by $K \succeq 0$
- K should be Centralised, meaning

$$\sum_j K_{ij} = 0 = \sum_j y_i^T y_j$$

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} K_{11} & \dots & K_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ K_{n1} & \dots & K_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1^T y_1 & \dots & y_1^T y_n \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_n^T y_1 & \dots & y_n^T y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

For (2): we want to maximise the pairwise distance in low-dimensional space

$$\begin{aligned} \max_Y \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} |y_i - y_j|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (y_i^T y_i + y_j^T y_j - 2y_i^T y_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_i y_i^T y_i + \sum_j y_j^T y_j - \underbrace{2 \sum_{i,j} y_i^T y_j}_0 \right) \\ &= \sum_i y_i^T y_i \\ &= \text{Trace}(K) \end{aligned}$$

SDE is also known as Maximum Variance unfolding

In summary, we put all together and have the optimisation

$$\begin{aligned} \max_K \text{Trace}(K) & \quad \text{Semi-definite programming} \\ \text{s.t. } K \succeq 0, \sum_j K_{ij} &= 0 \\ |x_i - x_j|^2 &= K_{ii} + K_{jj} - 2K_{ij} \text{ if } g_{ij} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

once we have K , we can compute embedding Y from

$$Y = \Sigma V^T$$

where V consists of eigenvectors and Σ is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues of K