

tSNE

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Why tSNE and UMAP?

- Aims to solve the problems of PCA
 - Non-linear scaling to represent changes at different levels
 - Optimal separation in 2-dimensions
- T-Distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding (tSNE)
- Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP)



Dimensionality Reduction

- The Dimensionality Reduction focus on preserving distances. A cost function should be developed to measure this reduction.
- Ideas for Dimensionality Reduction
 - Distance preservation
 - Topology preservation
 - Information preservation

tSNE is a distance-based method but tends to preserve topology

$$\mathbf{X} = {\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^h} \to \mathbf{Y} = {\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n \in \mathbb{R}^l}$$
$$\min_{\mathbf{Y}} C(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$$



Stochastic Neighbour Embedding

SNE converts Euclidean distances to similarities, that can be interpreted as probabilities. It computes pair-wise similarities.

$$p_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}$$

$$q_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_k\|^2)}$$

$$p_{j|i}=0, q_{j|i}=0$$

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Kullback-Leibler Divergence

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 $P_i = \{p_{1|i}, p_{2|i}, \dots, p_{n|i}\}$ and $Q_i = \{q_{1|i}, q_{2|i}, \dots, q_{n|i}\}$ are the distributions on the neighbors of datapoint i.

Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KL) compares two distributions

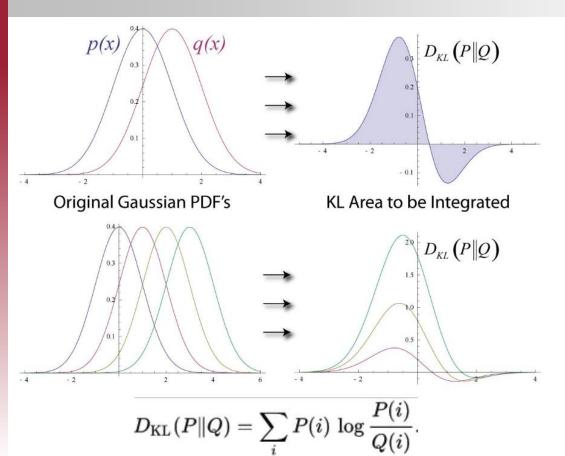
$$C = \sum_{i} KL(P_i \parallel Q_i) = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} p_{j|i} \log \frac{p_{j|i}}{q_{j|i}}$$
 Minimization

KL divergence is asymmetric and always positive

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{y}_i} = 2\sum_{i} (p_{j|i} - q_{j|i} + p_{i|j} - q_{i|j})(\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j)$$



Kullback-Leibler Divergence

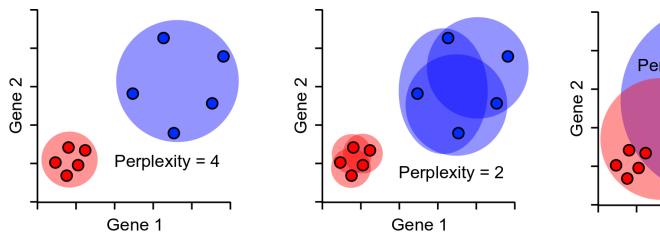


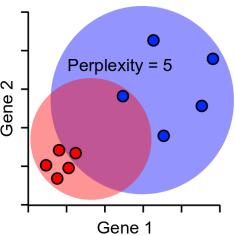
Measures the similarity between two probability distributions & it is asymmetric



Perplexity

- Perplexity = expected number of neighbours within a cluster. It can be thought of as a guess about the number of close neighbours each point has.
- Distances scaled relative to perplexity neighbours



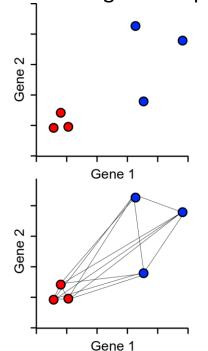


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Perplexity

For the distance $d_{ij}^2 = -\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2$ in $p_{j|i}$, σ_i is either set by hand or found by a binary search for the value of σ_i that makes the entropy of the distribution over neighbors equal to $\log k$.



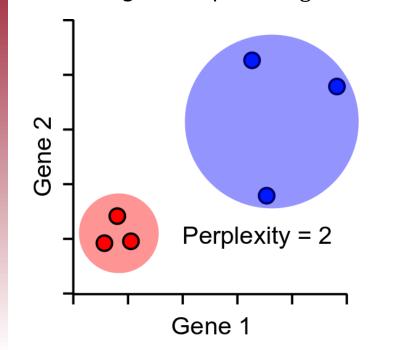
0	10	10	295	158	153
9	0	1	217	227	213
1	8	0	154	225	238
205	189	260	0	23	45
248	227	246	44	0	54
233	176	184	41	36	0

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0	4	6	586	657	836
4	0	4	815	527	776
9	3	0	752	656	732
31	28	29	0	4	7
31	24	25	4	0	7
40	37	32	8	8	0

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Shannon entropy

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Here, k - is the effective number of local neighbors or "perplexity" and is chosen by hand.

Perplexity(
$$P_i$$
) = $2^{H(P_i)}$

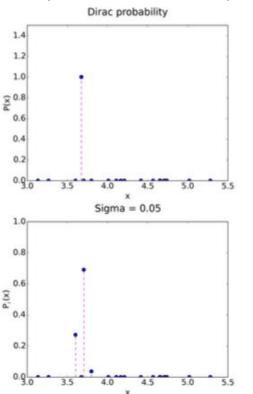
where $H(P_i)$ is the Shannon entropy of the conditional probability distribution P_i

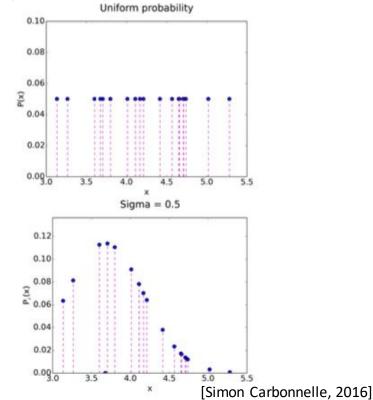
$$H(P_i) = -\sum_{i} p_{j|i} \log_2 p_{j|i}$$



Shannon entropy

Perplexity $(P_i) = 2^{H(P_i)}$, $H(P_i) = -\sum_j p_{j|i} \log_2 p_{j|i}$







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The binary search adjusts σ_i until the perplexity of the conditional distribution P_i is approximately equal to the user-defined perplexity.

If the entropy is too high (the distribution is too spread out), σ_i needs to be decreased, leading to a less dispersed distribution.

Conversely, if the entropy is too low, σ_i needs to be increased.



Symmetric SNE

Kullback-Leiber Divergence of SNE

$$C = \sum_{i} KL(P_i \| Q_i) = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} p_{j|i} \log \frac{p_{j|i}}{q_{j|i}}$$

where,
$$p_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}$$
 and $q_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_k\|^2)}$

- Asymmetric -> Symmetric, HOW?
- $p_{j|i} = \frac{\exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)}{\sum_{k \neq i} \exp(-\|\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2)} \to p_{ij} = \frac{p_{j|i} + p_{i|j}}{2n} \text{ and } q_{j|i} \to q_{ji}$
- $C = KL(P \parallel Q)$, and $\frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{v}_i} = 4\sum_j (p_{ij} q_{ij})(\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j)$
- Faster Computation



tSNE

• Use heavier tail distribution than Gaussian in low-dim space (t-Distribution)

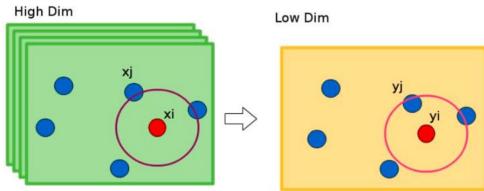
$$q_{ii} \propto (1 + ||\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_i||^2)^{-1}$$

• Why Student-t Distribution?



Student-t Distribution

- The crowding problem: when embedding neighbors from a high-dim space into a low-dim space, there is too little space near a point for all of its close-by neighbors.
- Suppose data is intrinsically high dimensional
- We try to model the local structure of this data in the map
- Result: Dissimilar points have to be modeled as too far apart in the map!





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$$p_{ij} = \frac{p_{j|i} + p_{i|j}}{2n}$$
 and $q_{ij} = \frac{(1 + \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2)^{-1}}{\sum_{k \neq i} (1 + \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_k\|^2)^{-1}}$

- The gradient: $\frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{y}_i} = 4\sum_j (p_{ij} q_{ij})(\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j) (1 + \|\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j\|^2)^{-1}$
- Even Faster Computation
- Better Behavior



Discussion

- tSNE aims to maintain the local structure of the data by preserving the local neighbor relationships.
- PCA is a linear algorithm that projects the data onto a new coordinate system such that the greatest variance by some projection of the data comes to lie on the first coordinate.



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