

# Unsupervised Learning

## Clustering and Dimension Reduction

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- **Marketing:** finding groups of customers with similar behavior given a large database of customer data containing their properties and past buying records;
- **Biology:** classification of plants and animals given their features;
- **Libraries:** book ordering;
- **Insurance:** identifying groups of motor insurance policy holders with a high average claim cost; identifying frauds;
- **City-planning:** identifying groups of houses according to their house type, value and geographical location;
- **Internet:** document classification; clustering weblog data to discover groups of similar access patterns.

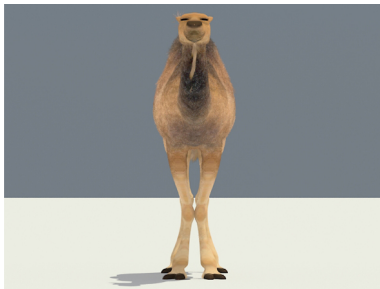


- **Data:** Base of customer data containing their properties and past buying records
- **Goal:** Use the customers *similarities* to find groups.
- **Two directions:**
  - **Clustering:** propose an explicit *grouping* of the customers
  - **Visualization:** propose a representation of the customers so that the groups are *visibles*

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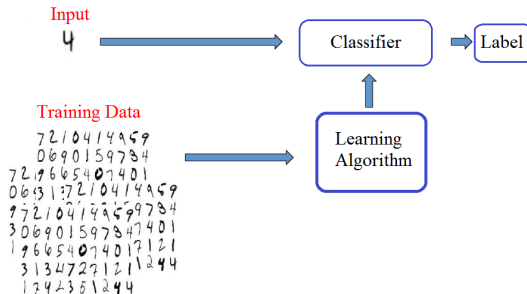


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A definition by Tom Mitchell  
(<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/>)

A computer program is said to learn from **experience E** with respect to some **class of tasks T** and **performance measure P**, if its performance at tasks in T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

## Experience, Task and Performance measure

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{X}_1, Y_1), \dots, (\mathbf{X}_n, Y_n)\}$  (i.i.d.  $\sim \mathbf{P}$ )
- **Predictor**:  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  measurable
- **Cost/Loss function** :  $\ell(f(\mathbf{X}), Y)$  measure how well  $f(\mathbf{X})$  “predicts”  $Y$
- **Risk**:

$$\mathcal{R}(f) = \mathbb{E} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} [\mathbb{E}_{Y|\mathbf{X}} [\ell(Y, f(\mathbf{X}))]]$$

- Often  $\ell(f(\mathbf{X}), Y) = \|f(\mathbf{X}) - Y\|^2$  or  $\ell(f(\mathbf{X}), Y) = \mathbf{1}_{Y \neq f(\mathbf{X})}$

## Goal

- Learn a rule to construct a **classifier**  $\hat{f} \in \mathcal{F}$  from the training data  $\mathcal{D}_n$  s.t. **the risk**  $\mathcal{R}(\hat{f})$  is **small on average** or with high probability with respect to  $\mathcal{D}_n$ .

## Experience, Task and Performance measure

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\}$  (i.i.d.  $\sim \mathbf{P}$ )
- **Task**: ???
- **Performance measure**: ???

- No obvious task definition!

## Tasks for this lecture

- **Clustering (or unsupervised classification)**: construct a **grouping** of the data in **homogeneous** classes.
- **Dimension reduction**: construct a map of the data in a **low dimensional** space without **distorting** it too much.

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\} \in \mathcal{X}^n$  (i.i.d.  $\sim \mathbf{P}$ )
- Latent groups?

## Clustering

- Construct a map  $f$  from  $\mathcal{D}$  to  $\{1, \dots, K\}$  where  $K$  is a number of classes to be fixed:

$$f : \mathbf{X}_i \mapsto k_i$$

- Similar to classification except:
  - no ground truth (no given labels)
  - label only elements of the dataset!

## Motivations

- Interpretation of the groups
- Use of the groups in further processing

- Need to define the **quality** of the cluster.
- No obvious measure!

## Clustering quality

- Inner homogeneity: samples in the same group should be similar.
  - Outer inhomogeneity: samples in two different groups should be different.
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- Several possible definitions of similar and different.
  - Often based on the distance between the samples.
  - Example based on the euclidean distance:
    - Inner homogeneity = intra class variance,
    - Outer inhomogeneity = inter class variance.
  - **Beware:** choice of the number of cluster  $K$  often complex!

- **Training data** :  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\} \in \mathcal{X}^n$  (i.i.d.  $\sim \mathbf{P}$ )
- Space  $\mathcal{X}$  of possibly high dimension.

## Dimension Reduction Map

- Construct a map  $\Phi$  from the space  $\mathcal{X}$  into a space  $\mathcal{X}'$  of **smaller dimension**:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi : \mathcal{X} &\rightarrow \mathcal{X}' \\ \mathbf{X} &\mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{X})\end{aligned}$$

- Map can be defined only on the dataset.

## Motivations

- Visualization of the data
- Dimension reduction before further processing

- Need to control the **distortion** between  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\Phi(\mathcal{D}) = \{\Phi(\mathbf{X}_1), \dots, \Phi(\mathbf{X}_n)\}$

## Distortion(s)

- Reconstruction error:
    - Construct  $\tilde{\Phi}$  from  $\mathcal{X}'$  to  $\mathcal{X}$
    - Control the error between  $\mathbf{X}$  and its reconstruction  $\tilde{\Phi}(\Phi(\mathbf{X}))$
  - Relationship preservation:
    - Compute a *relation*  $\mathbf{X}_i$  and  $\mathbf{X}_j$  and a *relation* between  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}_i)$  and  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}_j)$
    - Control the difference between those two *relations*.
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- Leads to different constructions....



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- Several strategies possible!
  - Can use dimension reduction as a preprocessing.

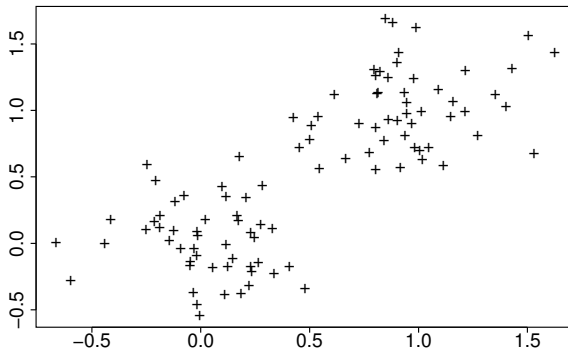
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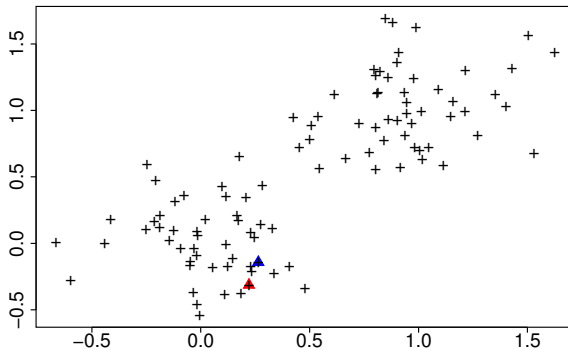
## Partition Heuristic

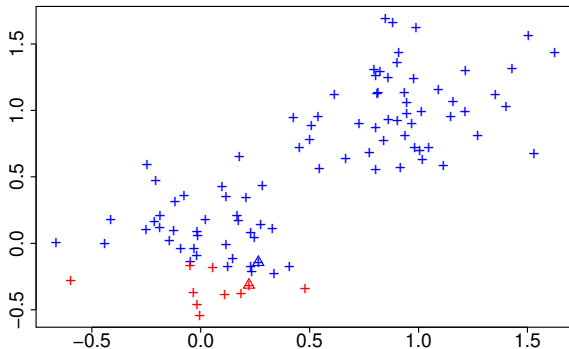
- Clustering is defined by a partition in  $K$  classes...
- that minimizes a homogeneity criterion.

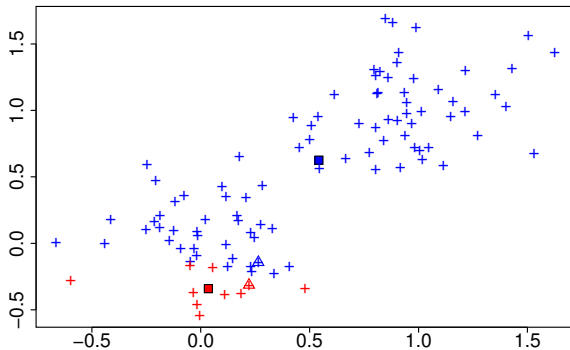
## K- Means

- Cluster  $k$  defined by a *center*  $\mu_k$ .
- Each sample is associated to the closest center.
- Centers defined as the minimizer of 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \min_k \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_k\|^2$$
- Iterative scheme (Lloyd):
  - Start by a (pseudo) random choice for the centers  $\mu_k$
  - Assign each samples to its nearby center
  - Replace the center of a cluster by the mean on its assigned samples.
  - Repeat the last two steps until convergence.



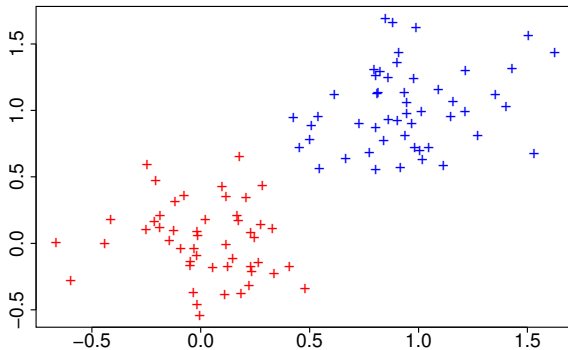








## Clustering



- Other schemes:
  - McQueen: modify the mean each time a sample is assigned to a new cluster.
  - Hartigan: modify the mean by removing the considered sample, assign it to the nearby center and recompute the new mean after assignment.
- A good initialization is crucial!
  - Initialize by samples.
  - k-Mean++: try to take them as separated as possible.
  - No guarantee to converge to a global optimum: repeat and keep the best result!
- Complexity :  $O(n \times K \times T)$  where  $T$  is the number of step in the algorithm.

- k-Medoid: use a sample as a center
  - PAM: for a given cluster, use the sample that minimizes the intra distance (sum of the squared distance to the other points)
  - Approximate medoid: for a given cluster, assign the point that is the closest to the mean.
- Complexity:
  - PAM:  $O(n^2 \times T)$  in the worst case!
  - Approximate medoid:  $O(n \times K \times T)$  where  $T$  is the number of step in the algorithm.
- **Remark:** Any distance can be used...

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## Model Heuristic

- Use a generative model of the data:

$$\mathbb{P} \{ \mathbf{X} \} = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \mathbb{P}_{\theta_k} \{ \mathbf{X} | k \}$$

where  $\pi_k$  are proportions and  $\mathbb{P}_{\theta} \{ \mathbf{X} | k \}$  are parametric probability models.

- Estimate those parameters (often by a ML principle).
- Assign each observations to the class maximizing the a posteriori probability (obtained by Bayes formula)

$$\frac{\widehat{\pi}_k \mathbb{P}_{\widehat{\theta}_k} \{ \mathbf{X} | k \}}{\sum_{k'=1}^K \widehat{\pi}_{k'} \mathbb{P}_{\widehat{\theta}_{k'}} \{ \mathbf{X} | k' \}}$$

- Link with Generative model in supervised classification!

- Large choice of parametric models.

## Gaussian Mixture Model

- Use

$$\mathbb{P}_{\theta_k} \{\mathbf{X}|k\} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

with  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$  the Gaussian law of mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

- Efficient optimization algorithm available (EM)
- Often some constrain on the covariance matrices: identical, with a similar structure...
- Strong connection with  $K$ -means when the covariance matrices are assumed to be the same multiple of the identity.

## Probabilistic latent semantic analysis (PLSA)

- Documents described by their word counts  $w$
- Model:

$$\mathbb{P}\{w\} = \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}\{k\} \mathbb{P}_{\theta_k}\{w|k\}$$

with  $k$  the (hidden) topic,  $\mathbb{P}\{k\}$  a topic probability and  $\mathbb{P}\{w|k\}$  a multinomial law for a given topic.

- Clustering according to

$$\mathbb{P}\{k|w\} = \frac{\widehat{\mathbb{P}\{k\}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{\theta_k}\{w|k\}}}{\sum_{k'} \widehat{\mathbb{P}\{k'\}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{\theta_{k'}}\{w|k'\}}}$$

- Same idea than GMM!
- Bayesian variant called LDA.

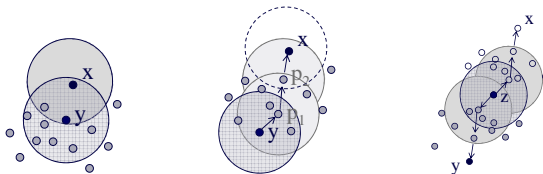
- Framework based on density estimation principle.
- Assign a probability of membership.
- Lots of theoretical studies...
- Model selection principle can be used to select  $K$  the number of class:
  - AIC / BIC /MDL penalization
  - Cross Validation is also possible!
- Complexity:  $O(n \times K \times T)$



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## Density heuristic

- Cluster are connected dense zone separated by low density zone.
  - Not all points belong to a cluster.
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- Basic bricks:
    - Estimate the density.
    - Find points with high densities.
    - Gather those points according to the density
  - Density estimation:
    - Classical kernel density estimate...
  - Gathering:
    - Link points of high density and use the resulted component.
    - Move them toward top of density *hill* by following the gradient and gather all the points arriving at the same *summit*.



- Examples:
  - DBSCAN: link point of high densities using a very simple kernel.
  - PdfCLuster: find connected zone of high density.
  - Mean-shift: move points toward top of density *hill* following an evolving kernel density estimate.
- Complexity:  $O(n^2 \times T)$  in the worst case.
- Can be reduced to  $O(n \log(n) T)$  if samples can be encoded in a tree structure (n-body problem type approximation).

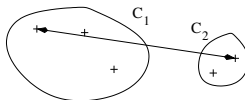
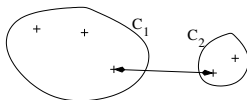
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## Agglomerative Clustering Heuristic

- Start with very small clusters (a sample by cluster?)
  - Sequential merging of the most similar clusters...
  - according to some *greedy* criterion  $\Delta$ .
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- Generates a hierarchy of clustering instead of a single one.
  - Need to select the number of cluster afterwards.
  - Several choice for the merging criterion...
  - Examples:
    - Minimum Linkage: merge the closest cluster in term of the usual distance
    - Ward Indice: merge the two clusters yielding the less inner inertia loss (k-means criterion)

## Algorithm

- Start with  $(\mathcal{C}_i^{(0)}) = (\{\mathbf{X}_i\})$  the collection of all singletons.
  - At step  $s$ , we have  $n - s$  clusters  $(\mathcal{C}_i^{(s)})$ :
    - Find the two clusters the most similar according to a criterion  $\Delta$ :
$$(i, i') = \underset{(j, j')}{\operatorname{argmin}} \Delta(\mathcal{C}_j^{(s)}, \mathcal{C}_{j'}^{(s)})$$
    - Merge  $\mathcal{C}_i^{(s)}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{i'}^{(s)}$  into  $\mathcal{C}_i^{(s+1)}$
    - Keep the  $n - s - 2$  other clusters  $\mathcal{C}_{i''}^{(s+1)} = \mathcal{C}_{i''}^{(s)}$
  - Repeat until there is only one cluster.
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- Complexity:  $O(n^3)$  if no restriction on the merging possibilities.
  - Can be reduced to  $O(n^2)$  if only a bounded number of merging is possible for a given cluster.



## Merging criterion based on the distance between points

- Minimum linkage:

$$\Delta(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = \min_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i} \min_{\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{C}_j} d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

- Maximum linkage:

$$\Delta(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = \max_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i} \max_{\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{C}_j} d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

- Average linkage:

$$\Delta(\mathcal{C}_i, \mathcal{C}_j) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}_i||\mathcal{C}_j|} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{C}_i} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathcal{C}_j} d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

- Clustering based on the proximity...

## Merging criterion based on the inertia (distance to the mean)

- Ward Indice:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(C_i, C_j) = & \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in C_i} (d^2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_{C_i \cup C_j}) - d^2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mu_{C_i})) \\ & + \sum_{\mathbf{x}_j \in C_j} (d^2(\mathbf{x}_j, \mu_{C_i \cup C_j}) - d^2(\mathbf{x}_j, \mu_{C_j}))\end{aligned}$$

- If  $d$  is the euclidian distance:

$$\Delta(C_i, C_j) = \frac{2|C_i||C_j|}{|C_i| + |C_j|} d^2(\mu_{C_i}, \mu_{C_j})$$

- Same criterion than in the  $k$ -means algorithm but greedy optimization.



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## Grid heuristic

- Split the space in pieces
  - Group those of high density according to their proximity
- 
- Similar to density based estimate (with partition based initial clustering)
  - Space splitting can be fixed or adaptive to the data.
  - Examples:
    - STING (Statistical Information Grid): Hierarchical tree construction plus DBSCAN type algorithm
    - AMR (Adaptive Mesh Refinement): Adaptive tree refinement plus  $k$ -means type assignment from high density leaves.
    - CLIQUE: Tensorial grid and 1D detection.
  - Linked to Divisive clustering (DIANA)

## Graph based

- Spectral clustering: dimension reduction + k-means
  - Message passing:
  - Max Flow / Min Flow:
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- Evolutionary algorithm,
  - ...

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## Large dataset issue

- When  $n$  is large, a  $O(n^\alpha \log n)$  with  $\alpha > 1$  is not acceptable!
- How to deal with such a situation?
- **Beware:** Computing all the pairwise distance requires  $O(n^2)$  operations!

## Ideas

- Sampling
- Online processing
- Simplification
- Parallelization

## Sampling heuristic

- Use only a subsample to construct the clustering.
  - Assign the other points to the constructed clusters afterwards.
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- Requires a clustering method that can assign new points (partition, model...)
  - Often repetition and choice of the best clustering
  - Example:
    - CLARA: K-medoid with sampling and repetition

## Online heuristic

- Modify the current clusters according to the value of a single observation.
- Requires compactly described clusters.
- Examples:
  - Add to an existing cluster (and modify it) if it is close enough and create a new cluster otherwise ( $k$ -means without reassignment)
  - Stochastic descent gradient (GMM)
- May leads to far from optimal clustering.
- Often used in a sequential way:
  - Several passes
  - Two step algorithm:
    - Generate a large number  $n'$  of clusters using the online algorithm (with  $n' \ll n$ )
    - Cluster the clusters with a more accurate algorithm.

## Simplification heuristic

- Simplify the algorithm to be more efficient at the cost of some precision.
- Algorithm dependent!
- Examples:
  - Replace groups of observation (preliminary cluster) by the (approximate) statistics.
  - Approximate the distances by cheaper ones.
  - Use n-body type techniques.



## Parallelization heuristic

- Split the computation on several computers.
- Algorithm dependent!
- Examples:
  - Distance computation in  $k$ -means, parameter gradient in model based clustering
  - Grid density estimation, Space splitting strategies
- Classical batch sampling not easy to perform as partitions are not easily merged...

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## High Dimension Geometry Curse

- Folks theorem: In high dimension, everyone is alone.
- Theorem: If  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  in the hypercube of dimension  $d$  such that their coordinates are i.i.d then

$$d^{-1/p} (\max \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|_p - \min \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|_p) = 0 + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}}\right)$$
$$\frac{\max \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|_p}{\min \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|_p} = 1 + O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log n}{d}}\right).$$

- When  $d$  is large, all the points are almost equidistant...
- Nearest neighbors are meaningless!

- $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbf{R}^d$
- $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i$

## Two views on inertia

- Inertia:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{x}_i - m\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- 2 times the mean squared distance to the mean = Mean squared distance between individual
- Heuristic: a good representation is a representation with a large inertia
- Large dispersion  $\sim$  Large average separation!

- What if we replace  $\mathbf{X}$  by its projection  $\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} = P(\mathbf{X} - m) + m$ ?

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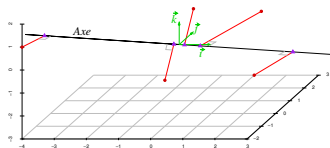
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- Inertia:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{l} &= l - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_i - \mathbf{x}_i\|^2 \\ &= l - \frac{1}{2n^2} \sum_{i,j} \left( \|\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_i - \widetilde{\mathbf{x}}_j\|^2 - \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

- Four different way to obtain a large inertia!

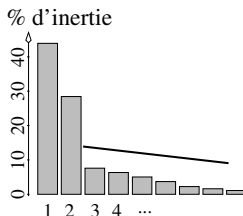


- 1D case:  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = m + a^t(\mathbf{X} - m)a$  with  $\|a\| = 1$
- Inertia:  $\tilde{I} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a^t(\mathbf{X}_i - m)(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t a$

## Principal Component Analysis : optimization of the projection

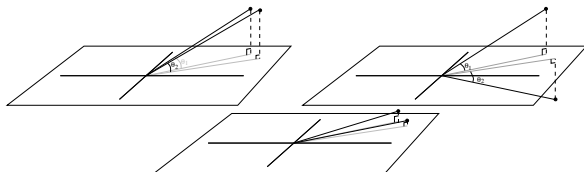
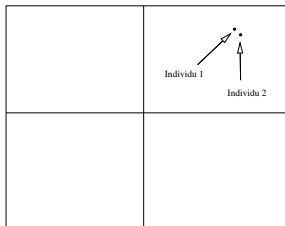
- Maximization of  $\tilde{I} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a^t(\mathbf{X}_i - m)(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t a = a^t \Sigma a$  with  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_i - m)(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t$  the empirical covariance matrix.
- Explicit optimal choice given by the eigenvector of the largest eigenvalue of  $\Sigma$ .





## Principal Component Analysis : optimization of the projection

- Explicit optimal solution obtain by the projection on the eigenvectors of the largest eigenvalues of  $\Sigma$ .
- Projected inertia given by the sum of those eigenvalues.
- Often fast decay of the eigenvalues: some dimensions are much more important than other.
- Not exactly the curse of dimensionality setting...
- Yet a lot of *small* dimension can drive the distance!



Close projection doesn't mean close individuals!

- Same projections but different situations.
- Quality of the projection measured by the angle!

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  - Partition Based
  - Model Based
  - Density based
  - Agglomerative clustering
  - Others
  - Scalability
- 3 **Dimension Reduction**
  - Dimensionality Curse, Inertia and PCA
  - **Reconstruction error**
  - Relationship preservation

## Goal

- Construct a map  $\Phi$  from the space  $\mathcal{X}$  into a space  $\mathcal{X}'$  of **smaller dimension**:

$$\Phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$$

$$\mathbf{X} \mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{X})$$

- Construct  $\tilde{\Phi}$  from  $\mathcal{X}'$  to  $\mathcal{X}$
  - Control the error between  $\mathbf{X}$  and its reconstruction  $\tilde{\Phi}(\Phi(\mathbf{X}))$
- Canonical example for  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ : find  $\Phi$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}$  in a parametric family that minimize

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

- $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathcal{X}' = \mathbb{R}^{d'}$
- Affine model  $\mathbf{X} \sim m + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} V^{(l)}$  with  $(V^{(l)})$  an orthonormal family.

- Equivalent to:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(\mathbf{X} - m) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\Phi}(\mathbf{X}') = m + V\mathbf{X}'$$

- Reconstruction error criterion:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{X}_i - (m + VV^t(\mathbf{X}_i - m))\|^2$$

- **Explicit solution:**  $m$  is the empirical mean and  $V$  is any orthonormal basis of the space spanned by the  $d'$  first eigenvectors (the one with largest eigenvalues) of the empirical covariance matrix  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_i - m)(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t$ .

## PCA Algorithm

- Compute the empirical mean  $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i$
  - Compute the empirical covariance matrix  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_i - m)(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t$ .
  - Compute the  $d'$  first eigenvectors of this matrix:  $V^{(1)}, \dots, V^{(d')}$
  - Set  $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$
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- Complexity:  $O(n(d + d^2) + d'd^2)$
  - Interpretation:
    - $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$ : coordinates in the restricted space.
    - $V^{(i)}$ : influence of each original coordinates in the  $i$ th new one.
  - **Scaling:** This method is not invariant to a scaling of the variables! It is custom to normalize the variables (at least within groups) before applying PCA.

- PCA assumes  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ !
- How to deal with categorical values?
- MFA = PCA with clever coding strategy for categorical values.

## Categorical value code for a single variable

- Classical redundant dummy coding:

$$\mathbf{X} \in \{1, \dots, V\} \mapsto P(\mathbf{X}) = (\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=V})^t$$

- Compute the mean (i.e. the empirical proportion)  $\bar{P} = \frac{1}{n}P(\mathbf{X})$

- Renormalize  $P(\mathbf{X})$  by  $1/\sqrt{(V-1)\bar{P}}$ :

$$P(\mathbf{X}) \mapsto P^r(\mathbf{X})$$

$$(\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=1}, \dots, \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=V}) \mapsto \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=1}}{\sqrt{(V-1)\bar{P}_1}}, \dots, \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}=V}}{\sqrt{(V-1)\bar{P}_V}} \right)$$

- $\chi^2$  type distance!

- PCA becomes the minimization of

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|P^r(\mathbf{X}_i) - (m + VV^t(P^r(\mathbf{X}_i) - m))\|^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{v=1}^V \frac{\left| \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{X}_i=v} - (m' + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} V^{(l)t}(P(\mathbf{X}_i) - m')V^{(l,v)}) \right|^2}{(V-1)\bar{P}_v}$$

- Interpretation:
  - $m' = \bar{P}$
  - $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(P^r\mathbf{X} - m)$ : coordinates in the restricted space.
  - $V^{(l)}$  can be interpreted as a probability profile.
- Complexity:  $O(n(V + V^2) + d'V^2)$
- Link with Correspondence Analysis (CA)



## MFA Algorithm

- Redundant dummy coding of each categorical variable.
  - Renormalization of each block of dummy variable.
  - Classical PCA algorithm on the resulting variables
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- Interpretation as a reconstruction error with a rescaled  $\chi^2$  metric.
  - Interpretation:
    - $\Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(P^r(\mathbf{X}) - m)$ : coordinates in the restricted space.
    - $V^{(l)}$ : influence of each modality/variable in the  $i$ th new coordinates.
  - **Scaling:** This method is not invariant to a scaling of the continuous variables! It is custom to normalize the variables (at least within groups) before applying PCA.

## PCA Model

- PCA: Linear model assumption

$$\mathbf{X} \simeq m + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} V^{(l)} = m + V \mathbf{X}'$$

- with
  - $V^{(l)}$  orthonormal
  - $\mathbf{X}'^{(l)}$  without constraints.
- Two directions of extension:
  - Other constraints on  $V$  (or the coordinates in the restricted space): ICA, NMF, Dictionary approach
  - PCA on a non linear image of  $\mathbf{X}$ : kernel-PCA
- Much more complex algorithm!

## ICA (Independent Component Analysis)

- Linear model assumption

$$\mathbf{X} \simeq \mathbf{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} \mathbf{V}^{(l)} = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{X}'$$

- with
  - $\mathbf{V}^{(l)}$  without constrains.
  - $\mathbf{X}'^{(l)}$  independent

## NMF (Non Negative Matrix Factorization)

- (Linear) Model assumption

$$\mathbf{X} \simeq \mathbf{m} + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} \mathbf{V}^{(l)} = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{V} \mathbf{X}'$$

- with
  - $\mathbf{V}^{(l)}$  non negative
  - $\mathbf{X}'^{(l)}$  non negative.

## Dictionary

- (Linear) Model assumption

$$\mathbf{X} \simeq m + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} V^{(l)} = m + V\mathbf{X}'$$

- with
  - $V^{(l)}$  without constraints
  - $\mathbf{X}'$  sparse (with a lot of 0)

## kernel PCA

- Linear model assumption

$$\Psi(\mathbf{X} - m) \simeq \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} V^{(l)} = V\mathbf{X}'$$

- with
  - $V^{(l)}$  orthonormal
  - $\mathbf{X}'_l$  without constraints.

- Linear model assumption:

$$\mathbf{X} \simeq m + \sum_{l=1}^{d'} \mathbf{X}'^{(l)} V^{(l)} = m + V \mathbf{X}'$$

- Vector rewriting

$$\mathbf{X}^t \simeq m^t + \mathbf{X}'^t V^t$$

## Matrix Rewriting and Low Rank Factorization

- Matrix rewriting

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \mathbf{X}_1^t - m^t \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_n^t - m^t \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \simeq \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \mathbf{X}_1'^t \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{X}_n'^t \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \mathbf{V}^t \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$(n \times d) \qquad (n \times d') \qquad (d' \times d)$

- Low rank matrix factorization! (Truncated SVD solution...)

## SVD Decomposition

- Any matrix  $n \times d$  matrix  $A$  can be decomposed as

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbf{A}} \\ (n \times d) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbf{U}} \\ (n \times n) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\Sigma} \\ (n \times d) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\mathbf{V}^t} \\ (d \times d) \end{array}$$

with  $U$  and  $V$  two orthonormal matrices and  $\Sigma$  a *diagonal* matrix with decreasing values.

## Low Rank Approximation

- The best low rank approximation or rank  $r$  is obtained by restriction of the matrices to the first  $r$  dimensions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \boxed{\mathbf{A}} & \simeq & \boxed{\mathbf{U}_r} \quad \boxed{\Sigma_{r,r}} \quad \boxed{\mathbf{V}_r^t} \\
 (n \times d) & & (n \times r) \quad (r \times r) \quad (r \times d)
 \end{array}$$

for both the operator norm and the Frobenius norm!

- PCA: Frobenius norm,  $d' = r$  and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^t - m^t \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n^t - m^t \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow A, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1'^t \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n'^t \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}_r \Sigma_{r,r}, \quad \mathbf{v}^t \leftrightarrow \mathbf{v}_r^t$$

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- Different point of view!
- Focus on pairwise relation  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$ .

## Distance Preservation

- Construct a map  $\Phi$  from the space  $\mathcal{X}$  into a space  $\mathcal{X}'$  of **smaller dimension**:

$$\Phi : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$$

$$\mathbf{X} \mapsto \Phi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}'$$

- such that

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) \sim \mathcal{R}'(\mathbf{X}'_i, \mathbf{X}'_j)$$

- Most classical version (MDS):
  - Scalar product relation:  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = (\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t(\mathbf{X}_j - m)$
  - Linear mapping  $\mathbf{X}' = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$ .
  - Euclidean scalar product matching:

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t(\mathbf{X}_j - m) - (\mathbf{X}'_i)^t \mathbf{X}'_j|^2$$

- $\Phi$  often defined only on  $\mathbf{D}$ ...

## MDS Heuristic

- Match the *scalar* products:

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t (\mathbf{X}_j - m) - \mathbf{X}_i'^t \mathbf{X}_j'|^2$$

- Linear method:  $\mathbf{X}' = U^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$  with  $U$  orthonormal

- **Beware:**  $\mathbf{X}$  is unknown!
- Resulting criterion: minimization in  $U^t(\mathbf{X}_i - m)$  of

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t (\mathbf{X}_j - m) - (\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t U U^t (\mathbf{X}_j - m)|^2$$

without knowing explicitly  $\mathbf{X}$ ...

- Explicit solution obtained through the eigendecomposition of the known Gram matrix  $(\mathbf{X}_i - m)^t (\mathbf{X}_j - m)$  by keeping only the  $d'$  largest eigenvalues.

- In this case, MDS yields the same result than the PCA (but with different inputs, distance between observation vs correlations)!
- **Explanation:** Same SVD problem up to a transposition:

- MDS

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)}^t \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)} \sim \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)}^t U U^t \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)}$$

- PCA

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)}^t \sim U^t \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{(n)}^t U$$

- Complexity: PCA  $O((n + d')d^2)$  vs MDS  $O((d + d')n^2)$ ...

- Preserving the scalar products amounts to preserve the euclidean distance.
- Easier **generalization** if we work in term of distance!

## Generalized MDS

- Generalized MDS:
  - Distance relation:  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = d(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j)$
  - Linear mapping  $\mathbf{X}' = \Phi(\mathbf{X}) = V^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$ .
  - Euclidean matching:

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n |d(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) - d'(\mathbf{X}'_i, \mathbf{X}'_j)|^2$$

- Strong connection (but no equivalence) with MDS when  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2$ !
- **Minimization:** Simple gradient descent can be used (can be stuck in local minima).

- MDS: equivalent to PCA (but more expensive) if  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|^2$ !
- ISOMAP: use a *localized* distance instead to limit the influence of very far point.

## ISOMAP

- For each point  $\mathbf{X}_i$ , define a neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}_i$  (either by a distance or a number of points) and let

$$d_0(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{X}_j) = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } \mathbf{X}_j \notin \mathcal{N}_i \\ \|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Compute the shortest path distance for each pair.
- Use the MDS algorithm with this distance

## Random Projection Heuristic

- Draw at random  $d'$  unit vector (direction)  $U_i$ .
- Use  $\mathbf{X}' = U^t(\mathbf{X} - m)$  with  $m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i$
- **Property:** If  $\mathbf{X}$  lives in a space of dimension  $d''$ , then, as soon as,  $d' \sim d'' \log(d'')$ ,
$$\|\mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{X}_j\|^2 \sim \frac{d}{d'} \|\mathbf{X}'_i - \mathbf{X}'_j\|^2$$
- Do not really use the data!

## LLE Heuristic

- For each point  $\mathbf{X}_i$ , define a neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}_i$  (either by a distance or a number of points).

- Compute some weights  $W_{i,j}$  such that

$$W_{i,j} = 0 \quad \text{if } \mathbf{X}_j \notin \mathcal{N}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i \sim \sum_j W_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_j$$

- Find some  $\mathbf{x}'_i$  in a space  $\mathcal{X}'$  of **smaller dimension** such that

$$\mathbf{x}'_i \sim \sum_j W_{i,j} \mathbf{x}'_j$$

- LLE: use a least square metric for the fits.

## SNE heuristic

- From  $\mathbf{X}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ , construct a set of conditional probability:

$$P_{j|i} = \frac{e^{-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{k \neq i} e^{-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}} \quad P_{i|i} = 0$$

- Find  $\mathbf{X}'_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{d'}$  such that the set of conditional probability:

$$Q_{j|i} = \frac{e^{-\|\mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}'_j\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{k \neq i} e^{-\|\mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}'_k\|^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}} \quad Q_{i|i} = 0$$

is close from  $P$ .

- t-SNE:** use a Student-t term  $(1 + \|\mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}'_j\|^2)^{-1}$  for  $\mathbf{x}'_i$
- Minimize the Kullback-Leibler divergence  $(\sum_{i,j} P_{j|i} \log \frac{P_{j|i}}{Q_{j|i}})$  by a simple gradient descent (can be stuck in local minima).
- Parameters  $\sigma_i$  such that  $H(P_i) = -\sum_{j=1}^n P_{j|i} \log P_{j|i} = \text{cst.}$



## Graph heuristic

- Construct a graph with weighted edges  $w_{i,j}$  measuring the *proximity* of  $\mathbf{X}_i$  and  $\mathbf{X}_j$  ( $w_{i,j}$  large if close and 0 if there is no information).

- Find the points  $\mathbf{X}'_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}$  minimizing

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{i,j} \|\mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}'_j\|^2$$

- Need of a constraint on the size of  $\mathbf{X}'_i$ ...
- Explicit solution through linear algebra:  $d'$  eigenvectors with smallest eigenvalues of the Laplacian of the graph  $D - W$ , where  $D$  is a diagonal matrix with  $D_{i,i} = \sum_j w_{i,j}$ .
- Variation on the definition of the Laplacian...



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