

Analogy using vector transport

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Analogy task looks like this - $a : b :: c : d$ where a, b, c are three words represented by points on the grassmanian manifold. Now, let me denote a, b, c with orthonormal matrices A, B, C respectively.

Steps to find the unknown subspace D representing the word d -

- Use the closed form equation of the geodesic connecting a and b to get the tangent vector at point A . The closed form equation is given by

$$\gamma(t) = XV \cos(\Theta t) + U \sin(\theta t)$$

where $\gamma(0) = A$, $\gamma(1) = B$ and $\Theta = \tanh \Sigma$. The quantities U, Σ, V are gotten after the SVD decomposition of projection of $B(A^T B)^{-1}$ onto the orthogonal complement of X , i.e.,

$$U \Sigma V^T = (I - AA^T) B (A^T B)^{-1}$$

The tangent vector that we need is basically $\dot{\gamma}(0)$. Let us give it a better name T_A . So T_A can be calculated simply using $U \Theta V^T$. Infact, θ is the diagonal matrix having all the principal angles between subspace A and B .

- We also calculate the geodesic length of the curve connecting the two subspaces. This turns out to be $\sqrt{\sum_i \theta_i^2}$ where θ_i are the principal angles between the two subspaces. Let us call it L .
- Now that we have T_A , we use the vector transport equation to parallelly translate it along the geodesic connecting A and C . The closed form of the equation is given by

$$T_A(t) = (-AV \sin(\Sigma t) U^T + U \cos(\Sigma t) U^T + (I - UU^T)) T_A$$

where $T_A(t)$ represents the tangent vector after being transported to a point $\alpha(t)$ where α represents the geodesic. U, Σ, V are gotten after SVD decomposition of T_A , i.e., $U \Sigma V^T = T_A$. We require $\tau T_A(1)$ and let us call it T_C .

- Next step is to use this transported vector at subspace C to move along the geodesic till we have covered a distance of length L . The closed form of this equation is given by -

$$\beta(t) = XV \cos(\Theta t) + U \sin(\theta t)$$

where $\beta(0) = C$ and U, Θ, V are gotten after SVD decomposition of the parallel transported tangent vector T_C , i.e., $U \Theta V^T = T_C$.

So, the point we get after traversing the curve β till length L at a velocity equal to T_C is our required subspace D . Now we search for all words that are close to D .