

# Bayesian nonparametric subspace estimation

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# Lower dimensional representation

## subspace estimation

$$\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}, \text{ with } K \ll D$$

$$\mathbf{y}_n = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{e}_n = \sum_{k=1}^K x_{n,k} \mathbf{p}_k + \text{noise}$$

choice of  $K \rightarrow$  relevance of the dimension reduction  
 $\rightarrow$  critical impact on performances

e.g., Hyperspectral unmixing

# A review of subspace estimation

- the most ubiquitous tool : PCA
- **probabilistic PCA** → latent factor analysis *Tipping and Bishop (1999)*
- difficulty : estimate the covariance matrix
- $K$  as a latent variable
  - approximate the posterior *Minka (2000), Šmídl and Quinn (2007)*
  - RJMCMC *Zhang et al. (2004)*
- related methodology : sparse PCA *Zou et al. (2006)*

# Contributions

- Bayesian nonparametric sparse PCA
- IBP + Stiefel manifold
- asymptotic consistency of  $K|\mathbf{Y}$
- numerical study
- applications : Hyperspectral + MNIST

# Proposed model

$$\mathbf{y}_n = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{z}_n \odot \mathbf{x}_n) + \mathbf{e}_n$$

$\mathbf{y}_1 \dots \mathbf{y}_N \in \mathbb{R}^D$ ,  $N$  observations

$\mathbf{e}_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_D)$ , noise

$\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_1 \dots \mathbf{p}_K, \mathbf{p}_{K+1} \dots \mathbf{p}_D]$ ,  $\mathbf{P}^t \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_D$ , and  $\mathbf{P} \sim \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{O}_D}$

$\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{z}_1 \dots \mathbf{z}_N] \sim \text{IBP}(\alpha)$  binary matrix  $\rightarrow K$

$\theta = \{\delta^2, \sigma^2, \alpha\}$  vague conjugate priors

$\mathbf{x}_n = [x_{n,1} \dots x_{n,K}] \forall k, x_{k,n} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \delta_k^2 \sigma^2)$

$$p(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Z}, \theta | \mathbf{Y}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{DN}} p(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Z}, \theta, \mathbf{X} | \mathbf{Y}) d\mathbf{X}$$

# The Indian Buffet Process prior *Griffiths and Ghahramani (2006)*

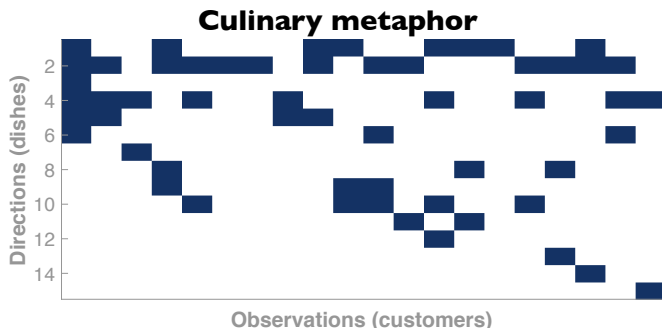
prior on binary matrices  $\rightarrow$  sparsity

potentially infinite number of rows

column  $\rightarrow$  observations, rows  $\rightarrow$  feature

regularizing effect :  $\mathbb{E}[K] = \alpha \log(N)$

$\rightarrow$  dimension reduction effect



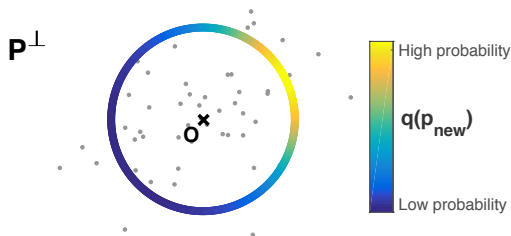
# Algorithm

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foreach Iteration t do  
  // K is sampled here  
  for  $n \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do  
    | sample active  $(z_{k,n})_k$ ;  
    | add / suppress directions  $\sim$  von Mises Fischer;  
  end  
  // K is fixed  
  sample direction energy  $\delta \sim$  conjugate shifted Gamma;  
  foreach active direction k do  
    |  $\mathbf{p}_k | \mathbf{P}_{\setminus k} \sim$  Bingham;  
  end  
   $\sigma^2, \alpha \sim$  conjugate distribution;  
end
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# Posteriors of interest

## Explore new direction(s)

1. number of directions  $\kappa^* \sim \mathcal{P}(\alpha)$
2. new directions  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{new}} | \kappa^* \stackrel{d}{\sim} \mathbf{q} = \text{von Mises Fischer}$
3. accept new state  $\rightarrow$  Metropolis Hastings



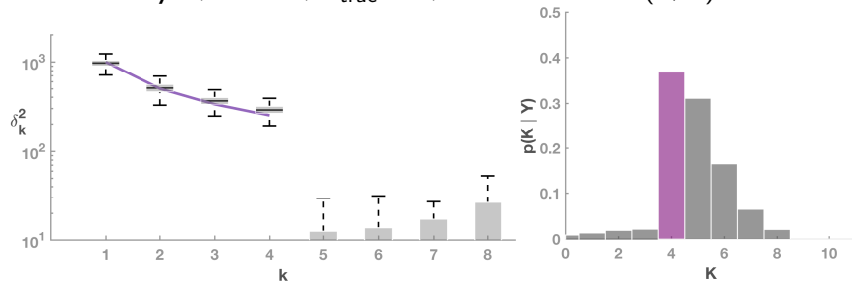


# Examples

Generate observations

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}$$

with arbitrary  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $D = 16$ ,  $K_{\text{true}} = 4$ ,  $N = 500$   $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$



# Marginal MAP estimation of $K$

## Theoretical result

$$\forall k, \limsup_{N \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{P}[K_N = k \mid \mathbf{y}_1 \dots \mathbf{y}_N, \alpha] < 1 \quad \text{with probability 1}$$

+ special case for white noise

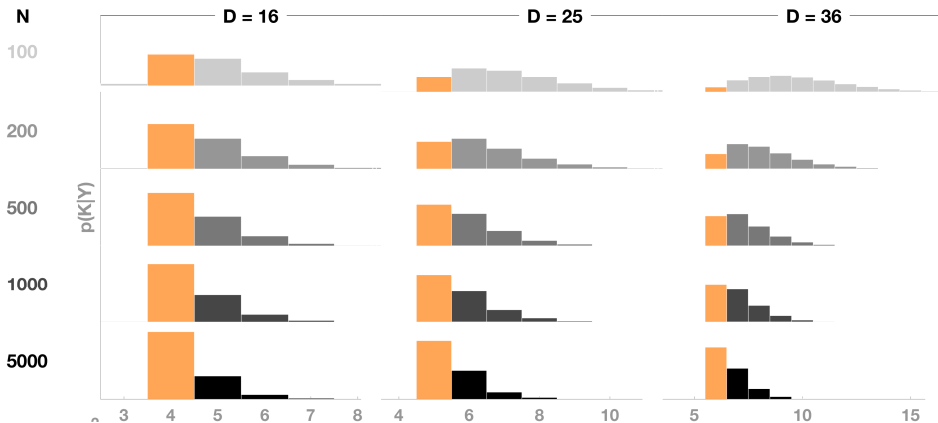
similar to [Miller and Harrison \(2014\)](#) for clustering with CRP

$\Rightarrow$  The MAP estimator of  $K \mid \alpha$  is not consistent

**This is bad news**

Once  $K$  is known : subspace estimation [Besson et al. \(2011\)](#)

# If the MAP is marginalized w.r.t. $\alpha$



## In summary

Inconsistent

$$\arg \max p(K|\mathbf{Y}, \alpha)$$

mass never tends to 1

Empirically consistent

$$\arg \max p(K|\mathbf{Y})$$

but no theoretical  
guarantees yet

$K|\mathbf{Y}$  is consistent for  $N \gg D$

need for more reliable estimator

# Proposed method to infer $K$

## Key idea

$K$  relevant directions  $\rightarrow D - K$  irrelevant directions

irrelevant  $\rightarrow$  close to uniformly distributed on  $\mathbf{P}_{\text{relevant}}^\perp$

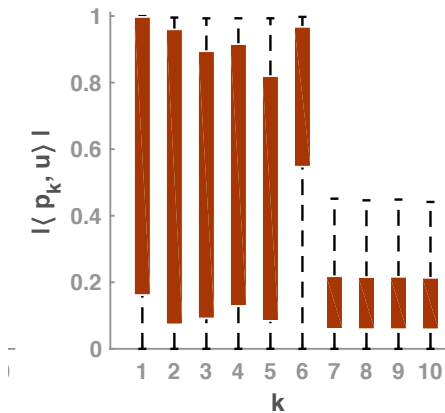
if  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$  uniform on  $\mathcal{O}_{D-K}$ ,  $W_{D-K} = |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p} \rangle|$

$$\mathbb{P}(W_{D-K} \leq \lambda) = \frac{\text{vol}(\mathcal{S}_{D-K-2})}{\text{vol}(\mathcal{S}_{D-K-1})} 2 \int_0^\lambda (1 - w^2)^{(D-K-3)/2} dw$$

## Statistical test

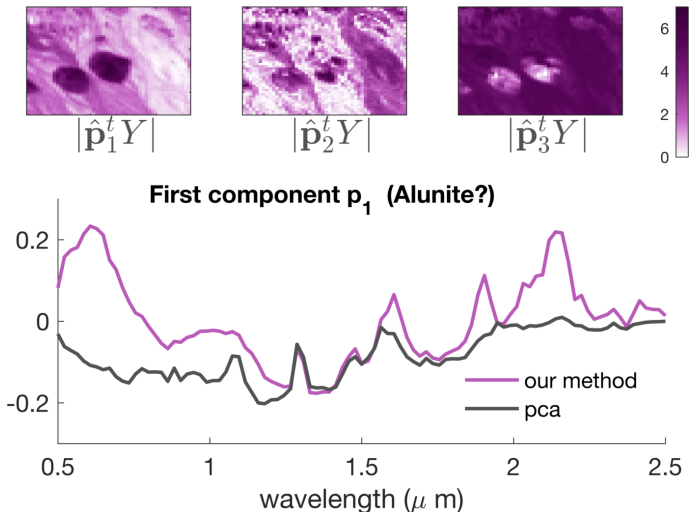
$$H_0^{k,K} : |\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}_k \rangle| \sim W_{D-K}$$

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# Application I : Hyperspectral subspace identification

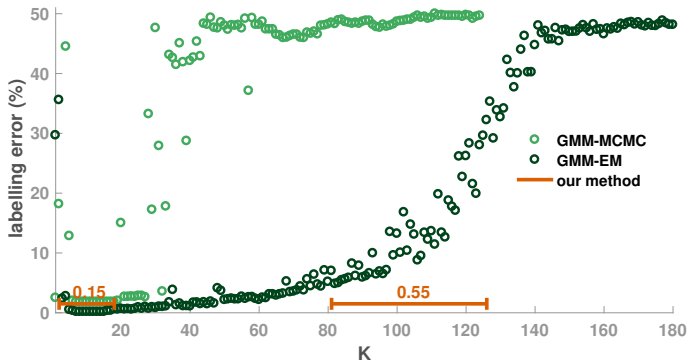
$y \in \mathbb{R}^{\#\text{wavelength}}$   $\hat{K} = 14$  ground truth  $\simeq 10$



## Application 2 : Coupling with clustering

$$\mathbf{x}_n \sim \pi_1 \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \delta_1^2 \sigma^2) + (1 - \pi_1) \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \delta_2^2 \sigma^2)$$

2 digits (6 and 7) of MNIST dataset





## Conclusion

- ♪ sparse Bayesian nonparametric PCA
  - ♪ Metropolis within Gibbs for inference
  - ♪  $K|\mathbf{Y}$  inconsistent  $\rightarrow$  new estimator
  - ♪ validation on simulated data
  - ♪ 2 applications on real data.
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- ♪ consistence of the new estimator?
  - ♪ hyperspectral subspace identification  $\rightarrow$  Hyperspectral unmixing
  - ♪ extension to non linear methods?

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## Annexe I :

Result with a generative model

$$\text{If } \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad \mathbb{P} \left[ K_N = 0 | \mathbf{y}_1 \dots \mathbf{y}_N, \alpha, \sigma^2 \right] \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow +\infty]{a.s.} 0$$

## Summary

General result

$$\arg \max p(K|\mathbf{Y}, \alpha)$$

mass never tends to 1

Specific setting

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$\arg \max p(K|\mathbf{Y}, \alpha, \sigma^2)$$

Only noise as input

We expect  $p(K=0) \rightarrow 0$

but  $p(K=0) \rightarrow 1$

Empirical results

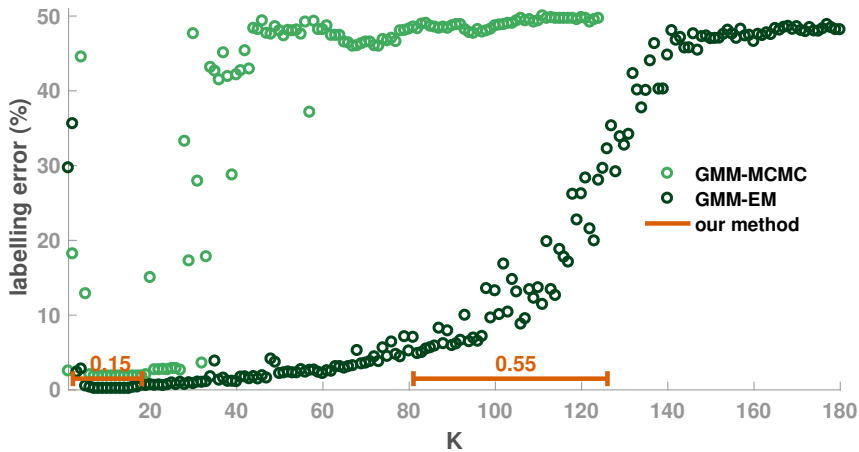
various settings

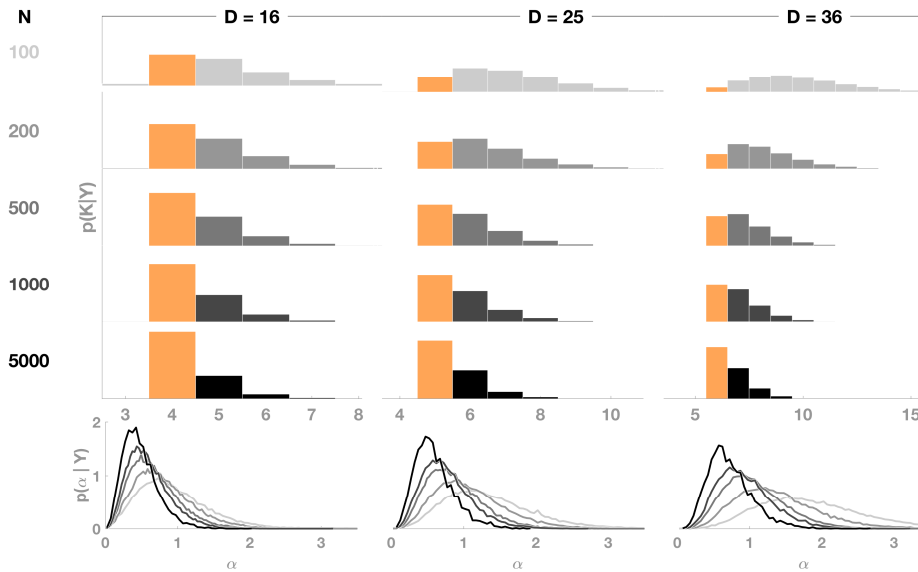
$$\arg \max p(K|\mathbf{Y})$$

Behaves as expected

but no guaranties

How large  $N$  should be?





## Update existing directions

A.  $\mathbf{v}_k | \mathbf{P}_{\setminus k} \sim$  Bingham

