

# Robust affine point matching via quadratic assignment on Grassmannians

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## Abstract

GraNNI (Grassmannians for Nearest Neighbours Identification) is a new algorithm to solve the problem of affine registration of point clouds. The algorithm is based on the Grassmannian and minimizing the Frobenius norm between two elements of the Grassmannian. A relaxation of the Quadratic Assignment Problem (QAP) is then used to find the matching. Experiments demonstrate that the algorithm is more robust to noise and point discrepancy when matching point clouds than previous approaches.

## Introduction

Affine registration has a long history in computer vision literature, and extensive work was carried out for affine registration in two and three dimensions, [1–5]. In [6], two interesting matching problems are formulated and solved based on affine registration in higher dimensions; stereo correspondence under motion and image set matching.

This paper is especially related to [7] which proposed a two-stage procedure to recover correspondences between unlabelled, affinely transformed point sets. The first step finds the affine transformation, and the second the matching between the point sets. Specifically, we adopt their first step of using the Grassmannian, which is invariant under linear (affine) transformations of the point sets.

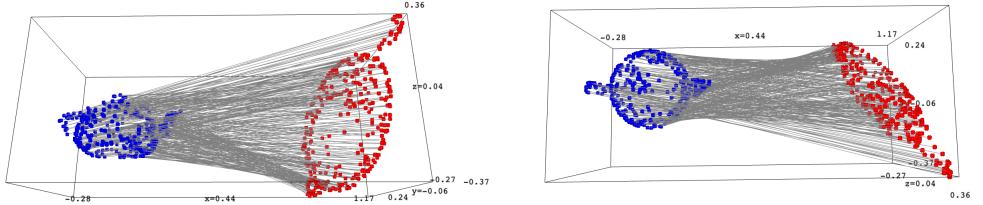
As noted in [8], it is provably better, in certain cases, to use an *indefinite relaxation* of the Quadratic Assignment Problem (QAP), which we use to find the matching, while the common convex relaxation almost always fails.

Based on these theoretical findings, we propose a relaxed quadratic programming method to identify the correct permutation (match) between the sets of points. The experimental outcomes support our notion that the new algorithm is more resistant to noise and point discrepancies than the approach presented in [7].

## Algorithm GraNNI (Grassmannians for Nearest Neighbours Identification)

Let  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  be two  $n$  point clouds in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , such that  $Y = L X S + t$  for a linear transformation  $L \in \text{GL}(d)$ , a matrix  $S$  from the group of permutation matrices  $\text{Sym}(n)$ ,

and a translation vector  $t \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let us assume that  $t = 0$  by translating both point clouds to have barycenters at 0. Furthermore, we assume, generically, that  $\text{rank } X = d$ , which implies the same rank for  $Y$ .



**Fig 1.** “Teapot” cloud: the initial point cloud  $X$  (blue) and its image  $Y$  (red) under a linear transformation  $L$  with  $\text{cond } L = 4.0$ . The feature matching is shown: side view (left) and top view (right).

Let  $\text{Gr}(k, n)$  be the Grassmannian of  $k$ -dimensional planes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We can view the point cloud  $X$  as a map  $X : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  defined by  $X(v) = Xv$ , for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $\ker X$  is an element of  $G = \text{Gr}(n-d, n) \cong \text{Gr}(d, n)$ . Moreover, for any  $L \in \text{GL}(d)$  we have  $\ker LX = \ker X$ . Thus,  $X$  and all of its non-degenerate images define the same element of  $G$ .

Let  $P_X$  be the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\ker X^\perp$ . The orthogonal projection  $P_X$ , which uniquely defines  $\ker X$ , will be used as the representation of an element of  $G$ . Note that  $P_X$  can be computed from the (reduced) singular value decomposition (SVD) of  $X$ ,

$$X = U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V \Rightarrow P_X = V^T V, \quad (1)$$

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is the diagonal of non-zero singular values, and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ .

We also have  $P_Y = S^T P_X S$ . The matrix  $S$  is not unique if there is a linear transformation  $T \in \text{GL}(d)$  such that  $TX = XS$ . Generically this does not happen, which we formulate as “ $X$  has no symmetries”.

Thus, we can formulate our problem as

$$\min_{S \in \text{Sym}(n)} \|P_Y - S^T P_X S\|_F \iff \max_{S \in \text{Sym}(n)} \text{tr}(P_Y S^T P_X S). \quad (2)$$

This problem is the Quadratic Assignment Problem (QAP) [9] and is NP-complete.

A generic picture of the “Teapot” point cloud  $X$  and its image  $Y$  is shown in Figure 1. The feature matching under the linear map  $L$  between the points is marked. However, the points of  $Y$  may be randomly permuted, and determining the right matching  $S$  is absolutely necessary to recover the linear map  $L$ .

Rather than directly optimizing over the permutation matrices, we relax the constraint set to the convex hull of  $S$ , the set of doubly stochastic matrices (that is also known as the Birkhoff polytope),

$$\mathcal{D} = \{S \in [0, 1]^{n \times n} \mid S1_n = 1_n, S^t 1_n = 1_n\}, \quad (3)$$

i.e. non-negative square matrices whose rows and columns all sum to one.

Relaxing the feasible region allows one to employ the tools of continuous optimization to search for a local optima. As this is not a convex problem different initializations can give different results.

In the ideal case when  $P_Y = S^T P_X S$  we have that

$$\max_{S \in \text{Sym}(n)} \text{tr } P_Y S^T P_X S = \text{tr } P_Y^2 = \text{tr } P_Y = d. \quad (4)$$

Thus, given a matrix  $S$  produced by rQAP, we may assign a weight  $w(S)$  to it that measures the proximity of  $S$  to  $S_*$ . For example,

$$w(S) = \exp(-C \cdot (\text{tr}(P_Y S^T P_X S) - d)^2), \quad (5)$$

where  $C > 0$  is some large constant. The requirement of  $w(S)$  is that  $w(S) \approx 1$  for permutations  $S$  that are Hamming–close to  $S_*$  and  $w(S) \approx 0$  for all others.

The idea is to run a sufficiently large number,  $N$ , of trials of rQAP, with different initializations obtaining the solutions  $S_1, \dots, S_N$ , and then project

$$\pi : \sum_{i=1}^N w(S_i) S_i \longmapsto S_0 \in \text{Sym}(n). \quad (6)$$

The projection  $\pi$  to the nearest permutation can be realized e.g. by the Hungarian Algorithm.

Another approach would be to take such an  $S_*$  among  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  that provides the best match between  $P_X$  and  $P_Y$ , that is an  $S_*$  that solves  $\|P_Y - S^T P_X S\|_F \rightarrow \min$  for  $S \in \{S_1, \dots, S_N\}$ . The results of [8] suggest that this indefinite relaxation (rQAP) of QAP proposed in [10] finds the optimal solution,  $S_*$ , with high probability.

We compare the best match and weighted sum approaches in “Finding feature matching” section below.

Once  $S$  is recovered, we recover  $L$  as

$$L = Y S^T X^T (X X^T)^{-1}, \quad (7)$$

since  $L$  solves the least squares problem

$$\min_{L \in \text{GL}(d)} \|L X - Y S^T\|_F. \quad (8)$$

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### Algorithm GraNNI

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**Input:**  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$

**Output:**  $L_0$  and  $S_0$  so that  $Y \approx L_0 X S_0$

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 $X \leftarrow \bar{X}, Y \leftarrow \bar{Y} \quad \triangleright \text{centering}$ 
 $P_X \leftarrow \ker X, P_Y \leftarrow \ker Y$ 
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $N$  do  $S_i \leftarrow \max_{S \in \text{Sym}(n)} \text{tr}(P_Y S^T P_X S)$   $\triangleright \text{rQAP}$ 
end for
 $S_0 \leftarrow \pi \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w(S_i) S_i \right)$   $\triangleright \text{Hungarian Algorithm}$ 
 $L_0 := Y S_0^T X^T (X X^T)^{-1}$ 

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## Correctness

Let  $S$  be the feature matching matrix produced by GraNNI. Let  $\mathbb{P}(S = S_*) = 1 - \alpha$  for some constant  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(S \neq S_*) = \alpha$ . It is also worth mentioning that in the setting of best matching for random Bernoulli graphs  $\alpha = 0$  actually holds [10].

Let  $w : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a weight function on the set of doubly stochastic matrices  $\mathcal{D} \supset \text{Sym}(n)$  such that  $w(S_*) = 1$  while  $w(S') \leq \varepsilon$ . Let  $S_w = w(S) S$  be the weighted version of a permutation  $S \in \text{Sym}(n)$ . Then

$$(1 - \alpha)S_* \leq \mathbb{E} S_w = (1 - \alpha)w(S_*)S_* + \sum_{S' \in \text{Sym}(n), S' \neq S_*} \mathbb{P}(S = S')w(S)S \leq \quad (9)$$

$$\leq (1 - \alpha)S_* + \varepsilon\alpha\mathbf{1}^T\mathbf{1}. \quad (10)$$

Thus, once  $\varepsilon < \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}$  we have that  $\pi(\mathbb{E} S_w) = S_*$ . However, we need to guarantee that the same equality holds once we replace  $\mathbb{E} S_w$  by the sample average  $\bar{S}_w$  for a large enough sample  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^N$  of permutation matrices produced by GraNNI.

Let the sample  $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^N$  contain  $m \leq N$  matrices  $S_i = S_*$  and  $N - m \geq 0$  matrices  $S_i \neq S_*$ . Then we have  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{m}{N}$ , and thus  $\pi(\bar{S}_w) = S_*$  for any  $\varepsilon < \frac{m}{N-m}$ .

The Cauchy–Bunyakovsky inequality implies that

$$|\text{tr}(P_Y S^T P_X S)| \leq \|P_Y S^T\|_F \|P_X S\|_F = \|P_Y\|_F \|P_X\|_F = d, \quad (11)$$

and thus, we need to choose a sufficiently large constant

$$C \geq \frac{\log(1/\varepsilon)}{4d^2} \quad (12)$$

in the equality

$$w(S) = \exp(-C \cdot (\text{tr}(P_Y S^t P_X S) - d)^2). \quad (13)$$

## Robustness to noise

As follows from Wedin’s theorem [11] (see also Theorem 2.5 and Corollary 2.6 in [12]), given a point clouds  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  a small perturbation of the vectors in  $Y$  results only in a small perturbation of the projection  $P_Y$  as the subspace  $\ker Y^\perp$ , corresponds to the  $d$  largest singular values of  $Y$ . This means that  $\ker Y$  is only slightly perturbed in the sense that if  $\tilde{Y} = Y + N$ , where  $N$  represents noise, then  $\|P_Y - P_{\tilde{Y}}\|_2 = O(\|N\|_2)$ .

## Point discrepancy

Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  and  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ , where we have  $m \leq n$ . Assume that there exist two matrices  $L \in \text{GL}(d)$  and  $S \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times m}$  such that  $Y' = Y S = L X$ .

Then we replace the projection matrix  $P_X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  with  $P_X \leftarrow P_X \oplus \mathbf{0}_{n-m}$  and apply GraNNI to the new pair  $P_X, P_Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Once an output  $S_0$  is produced, we pick only the first  $m$  columns to produce a matching between the points of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Indeed, matching any of the extra  $n - m$  rows/columns of  $P_Y$  to a zero row/column in  $P_X$  will be heavily penalized, and thus rQAP will target the closest possible match for the first  $m$  rows/columns of  $P_X$  and some  $m$  rows/columns of  $P_Y$ . Based on our experiments, this approach works well with missing/added points in  $X$  and  $Y$ , even for relatively large discrepancies.

## Finding feature matching

In Figure 17 we compare the relative errors  $\delta_L$ ,  $\delta_Y$  and  $\delta_X$  as defined above for the two approaches:

1. Taking the best match  $S_0$  solving  $\|P_Y - S^T P_X S\| \rightarrow \min_{S \in \{S_1, \dots, S_N\}}$ ;
2. Taking the weighted sum  $S_0 = \pi \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w(S_i) S_i \right)$ .

The relative Hamming distance

$$\delta_H = \frac{1}{2n} \|S - S_0\|_F^2$$

between the recovered  $S_0$  and ground truth  $S$  feature matching of  $n$  points is measured: for this purpose we assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  have no point discrepancy.

The initial point cloud  $X$  is a random point cloud of  $n$  points distributed uniformly in  $[0, 1]^d$ , and the image point cloud  $Y = L X S$  is obtained by applying a random linear map  $L$  with given condition number, and a random permutation matrix  $S \in \text{Sym}(n)$ . We also apply Gaussian multiplicative noise  $\mathcal{N}(1, \sigma^2)$  to each entry of  $Y$ .

In Figure 17 we have  $d = 3$ ,  $n = 100$ , and  $\text{cond } L = 3.0$ . The noise magnitude (determined by  $\sigma$ ) and the number of iterations  $N$  in the feature matching search vary: namely  $\sigma \in [0.05, 0.25]$  (with a step of 0.05) and  $N = 2^k$  for  $k = 5$  up to  $k = 10$  with unit step.

As evidenced by Figure 17 neither approach shows acceptable accuracy for  $N \leq 2^8$ . For  $N \geq 2^9$  the best match approach shows equally good or better accuracy while the noise is relatively small ( $0.0\sigma < 0.15$ ), while the weighted sum approach appears to be more robust for noise of larger magnitudes ( $0.15 < \sigma < 0.25$ ).

## Experiments

The following quantities were computed for each experiment:

- the error in recovering  $L$ ,  $\delta_L = \|L - L_0\|_2/\|L\|_2$ ;
- the error in matching the preimages defined as  $\delta_X = \|[\mathbf{L}_0^{-1} Y S^T]_X - X\|_2/\|X\|_2$ , where  $[A]_B$  is the matrix formed from the columns of  $A = \mathbf{L}_0^{-1} Y S^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  indexed with the same indexes as the columns of  $B = X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  inside  $X' \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ ;
- the error in matching the images,  $\delta_Y = \|L X - L_0 X\|_2/\|L X\|_2$ .

### Random point clouds

In our numerical experiments, GraNNI was applied to pairs of synthetic point clouds with the following specifications: one specimen point cloud  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{3 \times m}$  and another point cloud  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{3 \times n}$  such that

- $X$  is a random subset of  $X' \subset \mathbb{R}^{3 \times n}$  with  $m = \lfloor \lambda n \rfloor$  points with  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$  being the level of similarity (with  $\lambda = 1$  if all of  $X$  coincides with  $X'$ );
- $Y = Y' \odot N$ , with  $Y' = L X' S$ ,  $L \in \text{GL}(3)$  a random linear map such that  $L = P O$  with  $P$  a positive definite matrix having condition number  $c \in [1, +\infty)$  and  $O$  a uniformly distributed orthogonal matrix;  $S \in \text{Sym}(n)$  a random permutation; and  $N$ , multiplicative noise such that  $N_{ij} \in \mathcal{N}(1, \sigma^2)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 3$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , are i.i.d. Gaussian variables. Here  $\odot$  is the Hadamard (entry-wise) matrix product.

### Caerbannog point clouds

We used the (unoccluded) Caerbannog clouds [13] as the primary source of specimens  $X$ , while the corresponding  $Y$  clouds were synthesized.

The following values for  $\sigma$  (noise level) and  $\lambda$  (similarity level to create point discrepancy) were used:

- $\sigma \in \{0.0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.2\}$ ,
- $\lambda \in \{1.0, 0.95, 0.90, 0.85, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5\}$ .

It appears to us that there is no need to increment  $\sigma$  uniformly as we need to test only for reasonably small levels of noise (to observe that the algorithm works robustly) and for relatively high ones (to understand the limits of the algorithm's applicability). It also appears that we do not need to use lower levels of similarity than 0.5 as more than half of the points missing constitutes a fairly large discrepancy. As in the case of noise, we prefer to vary the discrepancy non-uniformly.

For each value of the noise  $\sigma$  and point discrepancy  $\lambda$ , a batch of 10 tests was run and the mean values of  $\delta_L$ ,  $\delta_Y$ , and  $\delta_X$  were computed. Every run of GraNNI used  $N = 2^{10}$  calls to rFAQ.

The Python code to perform the tests and the respective output stored is accessible on GitHub [14]. The code requires SageMath [15] and runs in the Jupiter environment. The output is saved in csv format and can be accessed without the need to run the code first.

Below we provide a graphical interpretation of the results, where for each value of  $\sigma$ , the values of  $\delta_*$ ,  $*$   $\in \{L, X, Y\}$  are provided for different values of  $\lambda$ . The higher the point discrepancy (i.e. the lower  $\lambda$ ), the longer the horizontal bar over the respective value of  $\delta_*$ ,  $*$   $\in \{L, X, Y\}$ .

In Figures 5 – 12, we provide only values  $\delta_* \leq 1.5$ , and sometimes cannot avoid the visual merging and overlaps of some of the horizontal bars. The exact values of  $\delta_*$ ,  $*$   $\in \{L, X, Y\}$  can be found in the GitHub repository [14].

As part of the data available in [14], we also measured the quantities

1.  $d_\sigma = \|Y' - Y\|_2/\|Y\|_2$  (the relative noise as compared to the ground truth image of  $X$  under  $L$ ); and
2.  $d_\lambda = \|X' \setminus X\|_2/\|X\|_2$  (the relative point discrepancy as compared to the initial specimen image).

The csv files of the test data contain the following values in each line in this order:  $\sigma$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $d_\sigma$ ,  $d_\lambda$ ,  $\delta_L$ ,  $\delta_Y$ ,  $\delta_X$ . We are mostly interested in measuring  $\delta_L$  and  $\delta_Y$  to understand how well we can recover  $L$  and how well the recovered linear map  $L_0$  approximates the original image of  $X$  under the action of  $L$ . The distance between the preimage of  $Y$  under  $L_0$  and the specimen image  $X$  is used for comparison, and we use preimages for illustrative purposes (as the direct images under  $L$  can be fairly deformed and thus less suitable for visualization).

The linear transformation  $L$  in all tests had condition number cond  $L = \|L\|_2 \|L^{-1}\|_2$  equal to 3.

In Figures 2, 3 and 4, we show the specimen cloud  $X$  (yellow), the preimage  $[L^{-1} Y S^T]_X$  (red), and also the point discrepancy consisting of points in  $X'$  that do not belong to  $X$  (blue). For all three point clouds we have  $\sigma = 0.05$ ,  $\lambda = 0.90$ , cond  $L = 3$ . The number of trials in each case is  $N = 2^{10}$ .

In Figure 2 we illustrate a test with  $X$  having 315 points and  $Y$  having 351 points. The test parameters are  $d_\sigma \approx 0.045$ ,  $d_\lambda \approx 0.328$ , with the output  $\delta_L \approx 0.045$ ,  $\delta_Y \approx 0.042$ , and  $\delta_X \approx 0.140$ .

In Figure 3 we illustrate a test with  $X$  having 475 points and  $Y$  having 528 points. The test parameters are  $d_\sigma \approx 0.044$ ,  $d_\lambda \approx 0.306$ , with the output  $\delta_L \approx 0.053$ ,  $\delta_Y \approx 0.044$ , and  $\delta_X \approx 0.127$ .

In Figure 4 we illustrate a test with  $X$  having 541 points and  $Y$  having 602 points. The test parameters are  $d_\sigma \approx 0.048$ ,  $d_\lambda \approx 0.348$ , with the output  $\delta_L \approx 0.036$ ,  $\delta_Y \approx 0.036$ , and  $\delta_X \approx 0.141$ .

## Partial scans of the same object

We also use two point clouds sampled from two scanned images of the same sculpture before and after restoration. Namely, our specimen cloud  $X$  is sampled from the mesh representing a scan of the damaged sculpture in Figure 14 (left). The other cloud  $Y$  is sampled from the mesh of a scan of the restored statue in Figure 14 (right). More precisely, a random linear transformation with a given condition number is applied to the mesh, and only then  $Y$  is sampled from it.

In Figure 14 (center) the ground truth of matching the damaged and restored sculptures is shown. In Figure 15–16, we show the matching of the broken sculpture (from which  $X$  is sampled) to the restored one with a linear transform  $L$  applied (from which  $Y$  is sampled). In order not to produce a confusing image of the sculpture distorted by  $L$ , we instead produce the image of the restored sculpture under  $L_0^{-1}L$  (where  $L$  is the original linear transform, and  $L_0$  is recovered by running GraNNI) followed by a translation. The translation adjusts the barycenters of the two meshes.

As compared to rigid registration, affine registration cannot recover the initial map so well in the presence of occlusion and noise: the affine group has more degrees of freedom, and thus it will necessarily register some bias produced by the noise and occlusion points. Note that in Figure 15 with more sample points and a smaller condition number of the random linear map, we have a better match than in Figure 16 where the number of sample points is reduced and the condition number of the random linear map is larger.

The code and mesh data used are available on GitHub [14].

## Comparison to other algorithms

In this section, we compare GraNNI to another algorithm, GrassGraf [7], that appears to be the state-of-the-art algorithm to recover affine correspondences.

We implemented GrassGraph as described by its authors in [7] and applied it in the simplest case of two point clouds  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  where  $X$  is the specimen cloud to be compared to  $Y = L X S$  with  $L \in \text{GL}(d)$ ,  $S \in \text{Sym}(n)$ .

The main finding is that GrassGraf loses precision very quickly if  $Y$  is affected even by relatively small noise. The test point clouds that were used are the unoccluded Caerbannog clouds [13]. We measured the values  $\delta_L$  and  $\delta_Y$ , just as in the case of GraNNI. These values are already enough to conclude that GrassGraph does not appear to recover  $L$  robustly.

In Figures 18 – 23, we show the graphical depiction of our test results (as in the case of GraNNI) for GrassGraph with 3 Laplacian eigenvectors used. The analogous dataset with test results for GrassGraph with 10 Laplacian eigenvectors used is available on GitHub [14]. We do not reproduce it here as it appears to show only a marginal improvement.

Also, some images of the test clouds are available on GitHub [14]: we do not reproduce them here, just note that the “Teapot” cloud shows slightly better robustness to noise and point discrepancy while, say, the “Cow” cloud already demonstrates a great difference between the recovered  $L_0$  and the initial  $L$  even for relatively small noise and point discrepancy.

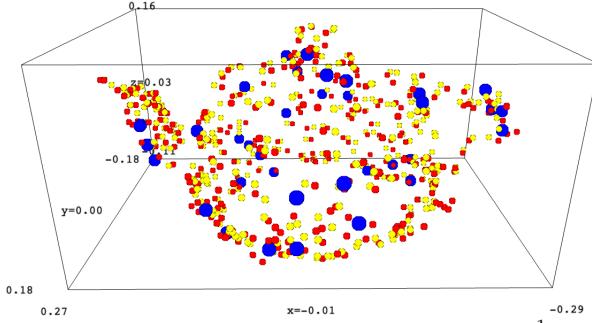
## Conclusions

Feature matching is at the heart of many applications and requires robust methods for recovery of correspondences and estimation of geometric transformations between domains.

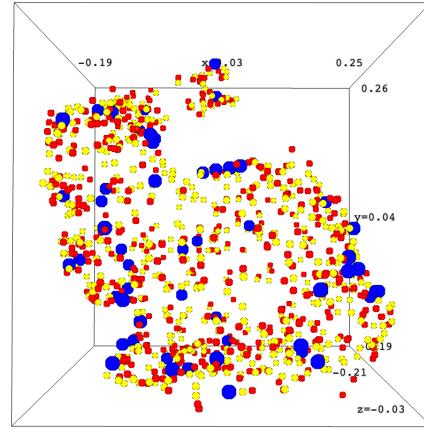
This paper provides a robust and efficient algorithm to find correspondences  
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between point clouds up to an affine transformation and gives bounds on the robustness  
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of the algorithm in the presence of noise and point discrepancies.  
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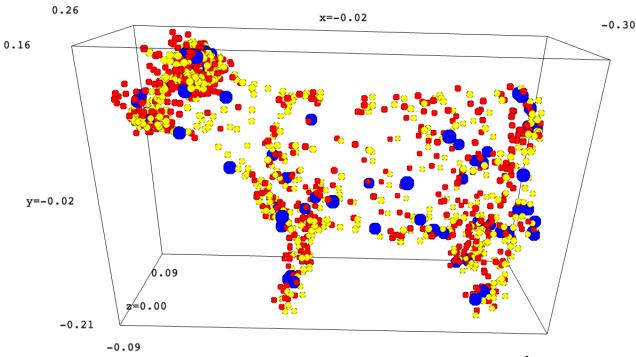
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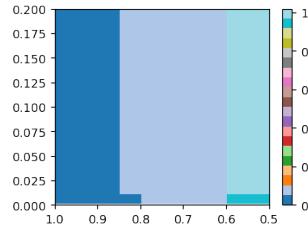
**Fig 2.** “Teapot” cloud: specimen  $X$  (yellow) and preimage  $L_0^{-1} Y$  (red). Points of  $X$  having no correspondence in  $Y$  are marked (blue).



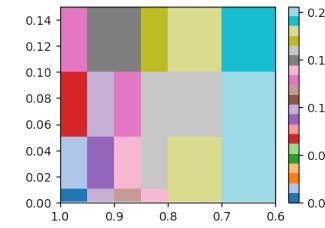
**Fig 3.** “Bunny” cloud: specimen  $X$  (yellow) and preimage  $L_0^{-1} Y$  (red). Points of  $X$  having no correspondence in  $Y$  are marked (blue).



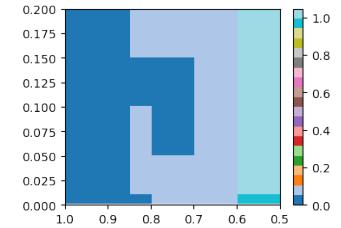
**Fig 4.** “Cow” cloud: specimen  $X$  (yellow) and preimage  $L_0^{-1} Y$  (red). Points of  $X$  having no correspondence in  $Y$  are marked (blue).



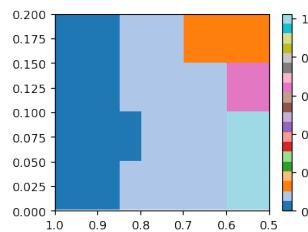
**Fig 5.** “Teapot” cloud:  
 $\delta_L$  as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



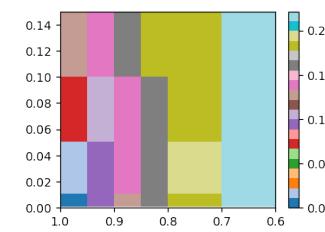
**Fig 6.** “Teapot” cloud:  
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horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



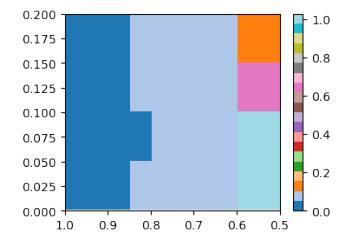
**Fig 7.** “Teapot” cloud:  
 $\delta_Y$  as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



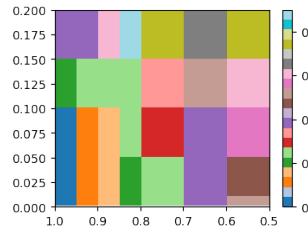
**Fig 8.** “Bunny” cloud:  
 $\delta_L$  as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



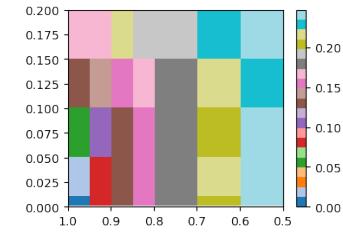
**Fig 9.** “Bunny” cloud:  
 $\delta_X$  as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



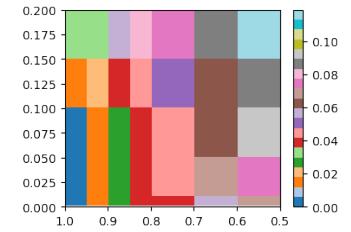
**Fig 10.** “Bunny” cloud:  
 $\delta_Y$  as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



**Fig 11.** “Cow” cloud:  $\delta_L$   
as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



**Fig 12.** “Cow” cloud:  $\delta_X$   
as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



**Fig 13.** “Cow” cloud:  $\delta_Y$   
as a function of  $\lambda$   
(discrepancy level,  
horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise  
level, vertical)



**Fig 14.** “Enfant au Chien” before (left) and after (right) restoration (available from [17]). The ground truth of matching the sculptures (center).



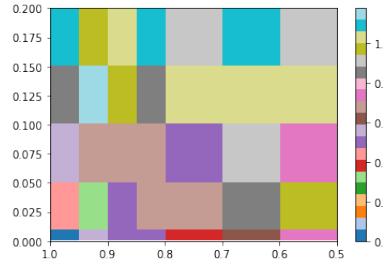
**Fig 15.** Testing GraNNI: sample 600 points from the broken statue mesh (source) for point cloud  $X$ , apply a random linear map  $L$  with  $\text{cond } L = 3.0$  to the restored statue mesh (target) and sample another 600 points from it for point cloud  $Y$ . Showing the source and the image of the target under  $L_0^{-1} L$ . Frontal and side views.



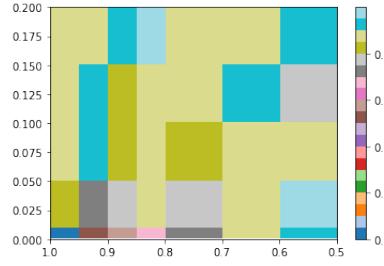
**Fig 16.** Testing GraNNI: sample 400 points from the broken statue mesh for point cloud  $X$ , apply a random linear map  $L$  with  $\text{cond } L = 5.0$  to the restored statue mesh and sample another 400 points from it for point cloud  $Y$ . Showing the source and the image of the target under  $L_0^{-1} L$ . Frontal and side views.



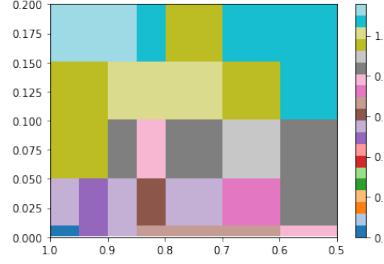
**Fig 17.** Best matching (left) vs weighted sum (right) approach for restoring the feature correspondence. The relative errors  $\delta_L$ ,  $\delta_Y$  and  $\delta_X$  are shown (top to bottom). The relative Hamming distance between the recovered and ground truth feature matching is measured (bottom row). The horizontal axis of each heatmap represents the number of iterations  $N$ , the vertical axis represent  $\sigma$  for the multiplicative Gaussian noise  $\mathcal{N}(1, \sigma^2)$  affecting  $Y$ .



**Fig 18.** “Teapot” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_L$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)



**Fig 19.** “Teapot” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_Y$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)



**Fig 20.** “Bunny” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_L$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)



**Fig 21.** “Bunny” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_Y$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)



**Fig 22.** “Cow” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_L$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)



**Fig 23.** “Cow” cloud for GrassGraph:  $\delta_Y$  as a function of  $\lambda$  (discrepancy level, horizontal) and  $\sigma$  (noise level, vertical)

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