Clustering of Distributions on 1-Dimensional Manifolds

Setup

Suppose we have two manifolds \mathcal{M}_1 and $\mathcal{M}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$, each of length 1, defined by $f_1(t)$ and $f_2(t)$ respectively $(f_k:[0,1]\mapsto\mathbb{R}^d)$. Define δ as the minimum distance between any two manifolds, i.e., $\delta = \max_{k,\ell} \min_{s,t} \|f_k(s) - f_\ell(t)\|$, and let $\delta > 0$. Restrict each f_k such that the distance along the manifold between $f_k(t)$ and $f_k(s)$ is equal to the difference between t and s, i.e., f_k is the arclength parameterization of \mathcal{M}_k (this also implies that each manifold is of length 1). Labels are sampled as $Z_1,...,Z_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Multinomial}(\alpha_1,\alpha_2)$, and we define n_k as the number of labels with label k. Sample $T_1,...,T_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} F$ for some distribution F with support [0,1]. Finally, let $X_i = f_{Z_i}(T_i)$ for each $i \in [n]$ be the latent vector of vertex i, and gather the latent vectors as $X = |X_1 \cdots X_n|$. We observe $A \sim \text{RDPG}(X)$ (or $A \sim \text{GRDPG}_{p,q}(X)$) and wish to recover $Z_1, ..., Z_n$.

Preliminary Theory

Distributions of differences of order statistics

Let $D_i = X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)}$. Then if $\max_i D_i < \delta$, we have sufficient separation of points in \mathcal{M}_1 . Then it is sufficient to quantify $P(\max_i D_i > \delta)$ as a function of n and δ and show that this converges to zero as n grows to ∞ .

We denote f(x) as the density of each X_i , $g_i(x)$ as the density of $X_{(i)}$, $g_{ij}(x,y)$ as the joint density of $X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}$, and $h_i(d)$ as the density of D_i (with corresponding capital letters for the cumulative distribution functions).

The following are taken as given¹:

- 1. $g_i(x) = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 F(x))^{n-i} f(x)$. 2. $g_{ij}(x,y) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(j-i-1)!(n-j)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (F(y) F(x))^{j-i-1} (1 F(y))^{n-j} f(x) f(y)$. 3. By convolution, $h_i(d) = \int_0^1 g_{i,i+1}(x,x+d) dx$.

Lemma 1 (The probability density function of D_i).

$$h_i(d) = \int_0^{1-d} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+d))^{n-i-1} f(x) f(x+d) dx$$
 (1)

Proof. This is just a direct consequence of 2 and 3 under the given statements. We also note that because the support of X_i is [0,1], the integral only needs to be evaluated from 0 to 1-d because of the f(x+d) and 1-F(x+d) terms.

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_statistic

Lemma 2 (The cumulative distribution function of D_i).

$$P(D_i < \delta) = H_i(\delta) = 1 - \int_0^{1-\delta} \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+\delta))^{n-i} f(x) dx$$
 (2)

Proof.

$$H_{i}(\delta) = \int_{x}^{x+\delta} h_{i}(d)dd$$

$$= \int_{x}^{x+\delta} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} ((F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+d))^{n-i-1} f(x) f(x+d) dx dd$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} f(x) \int_{x}^{x+\delta} (1 - F(x+d))^{n-i-1} f(x+d) ddx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} f(x) \int_{F(x)}^{F(x+\delta)} (1 - u)^{n-i-1} du dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} (F(x))^{i-1} f(x) ((1 - F(x))^{n-i} - (1 - F(x+\delta))^{n-i}) dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} g_{i}(x) dx - \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+\delta))^{n-i} f(x) dx$$

$$= 1 - \int_{0}^{1} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+\delta))^{n-i} f(x) dx$$

Because of the $x + \delta$ term, we can't actually evaluate this integral all the way up to 1, and so we are left with

$$=1-\int_0^{1-\delta} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1-F(x+\delta))^{n-i} f(x) dx.$$

Uniform case

Lemma 3 (Differences between order statistics of a uniform distribution). If $X_1, ..., X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, then each $D_i \sim \text{Beta}(1, n)$.

Proof. We begin with Eq. (1), plugging in f(x) = 1 and F(x) = x:

$$h_i(d) = \int_0^{1-d} \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} x^{i-1} (1-x-d)^{n-i-1} dx$$

Then we proceed with integration by parts, setting $u=x^{i-1} \implies du=(i-1)x^{i-2}$ and $dv=(1-x-d)^{n-i-1}dx \implies v=-\frac{1}{n-i}(1-x-d)^{n-i-1}$. Note that $uv|_0^{1-d}=0$ in this case. This yields

$$= \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} \int \frac{i-1}{n-i} x^{i-2} (1-x-d)^{n-i} dx$$

Then applying integration by parts again until the x^p term disappears, we get:

$$= \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i-1)!} \frac{(i-1)!}{(n-i)\cdots(n-2)} \int_0^{1-d} (1-x-d)^{n-2} dx$$

$$= -\frac{n(n-1)}{n-1} (1-x-d)^{n-1} \Big|_0^{1-d}$$

$$= n(1-d)^{n-1}$$

This the density function for Beta(1, n), completing the proof.

Theorem 1. Let $X_1,...,X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Uniform}(0,1)$. Then for any ϵ and $\delta > 0$, there exists an $N = O(\frac{-\log \epsilon}{\delta})$ such that $P(\max_i X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)} < \delta) \ge 1 - \epsilon$ when n > N.

Proof (sketch). Since $X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)} = D_i \sim \text{Beta}(1, n)$, $P(X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)} < \delta) = 1 - (1 - \delta)^n$. This yields

$$P(\max_{i} D_{i} < \delta) \ge (P(D_{i} < \delta))^{n-1}$$
$$= (1 - (1 - \delta)^{n})^{n-1}$$
$$\approx e^{-n \exp(-n\delta)}.$$

In the limit $n \to \infty$, this goes to 1.

General case

Theorem 2. Let $X_1, ..., X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} F$ with support [0,1], and suppose f(x) is continuous and $f(x) \ge a > 0$ everywhere on the support. Let $D_i = X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)}$. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $P(\max_i D_i < \delta) \ge 1 - \epsilon$ when n > N.

Proof (sketch). We start with Eq. (2):

$$P(D_i \le \delta) = 1 - \int_0^{1-\delta} \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x+\delta))^{n-i} f(x) dx.$$

Making the approximation $F(x + \delta) \approx F(x) + \delta f(x)$ and bounding $f(x) \ge a$, we get:

$$P(D_i \le \delta) \ge 1 - \int_0^{1-\delta} \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i-1)!} (F(x))^{i-1} (1 - F(x) - a\delta)^{n-i} f(x) dx.$$

Then making the substitution $u = F(x) \implies du = f(x)dx$, we obtain

$$1 - \int_0^{F(1-\delta)} \frac{n!}{(n-i)!(i-1)!} u^{i-1} (1 - u - a\delta)^{n-i} du$$

Evaluating the integral yields

$$P(D_i < \delta) = 1 - (1 - a\delta)^n + (1 - F(1 - \delta) - a\delta)^n.$$

Then as before,

$$P(\max_{i} D_{i} < \delta) = P(\text{all } D_{i} < \delta)$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{some } D_{i} > \delta)$$

$$\geq 1 - \sum_{i}^{n-1} P(D_{i} > \delta)$$

$$= 1 - (n-1)(1 - a\delta)^{n} + (n-1)(1 - F(1 - \delta) - a\delta)^{n}$$

This converges to 1 in the limit $n \to \infty$.

We can also approximate $F(1-\delta) \approx 1-a\delta$, which yields $1-(n-1)(1-a\delta)^n$. Setting this $\geq 1-\epsilon$...

Extension to multidimensional manifolds

Here, we extend the results on the line to the unit hypercube. The following theorem is a direct consequence of Lemma 2 of Trosset and Buyukbas [1].

Theorem 3. Let $X_1, ..., X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} F$ with support $[0, 1]^r$, and $f(x) \ge a > 0$ everywhere on the support. Define E_n as the event that an η -neighborhood graph constructed from the sample is connected. Then for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N = O\left(\frac{\log \epsilon \eta^r/r^{r/2}}{\log(1-\frac{a\eta^r}{r^{r/2}})}\right)$ such that $P(E_n) > 1 - \epsilon$ when $n \ge N$.

Proof (sketch). Divide the hypercube $[0,1]^r$ into a grid of sub-hypercubes of side length at most η/\sqrt{r} . E_n is satisfied if each sub-hypercube contains at least one X_i from the sample.

$$P(E_n) = 1 - P(\text{some cells don't contain } X_i)$$

$$\geq 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \sqrt{r}/\eta \rceil^r} \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i \text{ is not in the } k^{th} \text{ hypercube})$$

$$\geq 1 - \lceil \sqrt{r}/\eta \rceil^r (1 - a\eta^r/r^{r/2})^n$$

Setting this $\geq 1 - \epsilon$ and solving for n yields the desired rate.

Algorithms

TBD

Computational Results

TBD

References

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