

# **Semi-Supervised Locally Linear Embedding (SSLLE)**

**Application & Sensitivity Analysis of Critical Hyperparameters**



# 0 AGENDA

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- 1 Problem
- 2 Local graph-based manifold learning (LGML)
- 3 Techniques
  - 1 Unsupervised
  - 2 Semi-supervised
  - 3 Challenges
- 4 Sensitivity analysis
  - 1 Setup
  - 2 Results
- 5 Discussion

SSLLE

# 1 PROBLEM MANIFOLD LEARNING

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**Situation.** Rapidly increasing amount of data thanks to novel applications and data sources

**Problem.** High data dimensionality detrimental to

- Model functionality
- Interpretability
- Generalization ability

**Manifold assumption.** Data in high-dimensional observation space truly sampled from low-dimensional manifold



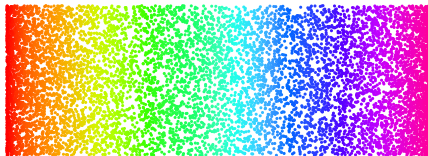
**How to find a meaningful, structure-preserving embedding?**

# 1 PROBLEM MANIFOLD LEARNING

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## Formal goal of manifold learning.

- **Given.** Data  $\mathcal{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)$ , with  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  and  $N, D \in \mathbb{N}$ , supposedly lying on  $d$ -dimensional manifold  $\mathcal{M}$
- ⇒  $\psi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $d \ll D, d \in \mathbb{N}$
- ⇒  $\mathcal{X} \sim \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$
- **Goal.** Find  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean representation
- ⇒  $\mathcal{Y} = (\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_N)$ , with  $\mathbf{y}_i = \psi(\mathbf{x}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .



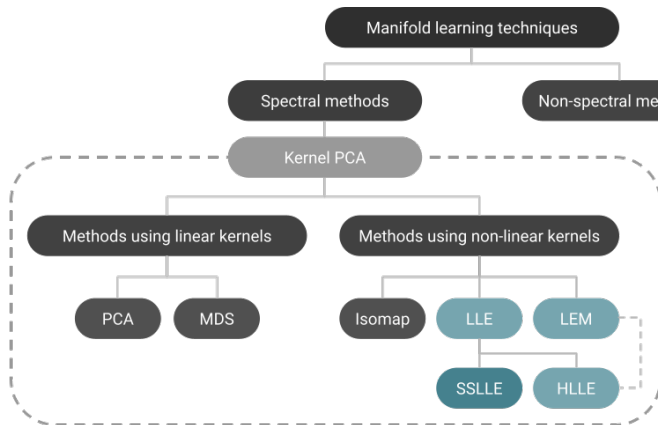
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## 2 LGML

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## 2 LGML TAXONOMY

**Landscape.** Various approaches, many of which may be translated into one another

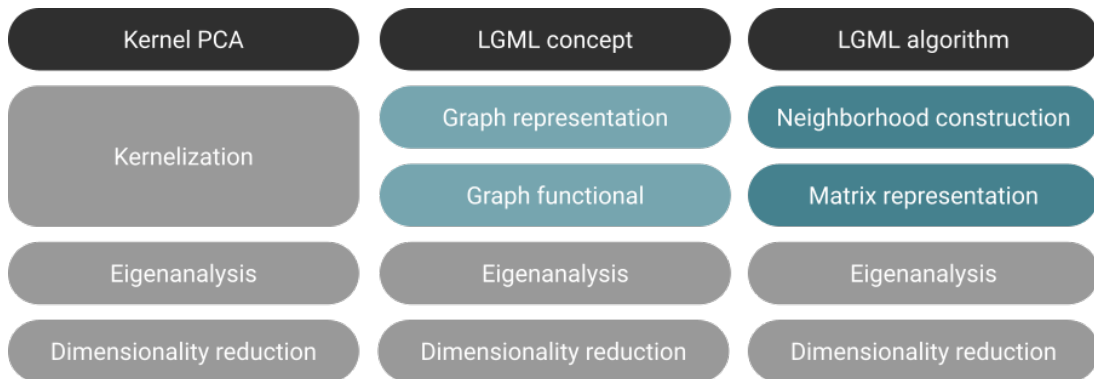


**LEM** Laplacian eigenmaps  
**LLE** Locally linear embedding  
**HLLLE** Hessian LLE  
**SSLLE** Semi-supervised LLE

## 2 LGML CONCEPT

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**Idea.** Capture intrinsic geometry, find principal axes of variability, retain most salient ones



## 2 LGML CONCEPT

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**Graph representation.** Constructing a skeletal model of the manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^D$

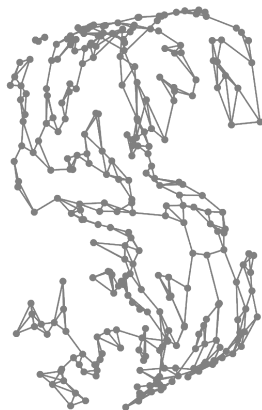
**Vertices.** Given by observations

**Edges.** Present between neighboring points

- Typically,  $k$ -neighborhoods
- Edge weights determined by nearness

**Graph functional.** Belief about intrinsic manifold properties at the heart of each method

- Smoothness **LEM**
- Local linearity **LLE** **SSLLE**
- Curviness **HLLE**
- ...



**Achievements: non-linearity & locality**



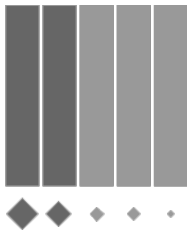
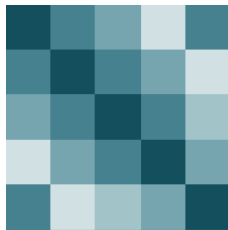
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**Eigenanalysis.** Finding axes of variability in intrinsic manifold structure

- Matrix representation of manifold properties
- Assessment through eigenanalysis
  - Directions of variability  $\Rightarrow$  eigenvectors
  - Respective degrees of variability  $\Rightarrow$  eigenvalues

**Dimensionality reduction.** Projection into subspace spanned by  $d$  principal eigenvectors



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# 3 TECHNIQUES

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## 3.1 UNSUPERVISED LEM

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**Proposal.** Belkin and Niyogi (2001)

**Idea.** Forcing nearby inputs to be mapped to nearby outputs

- Notion of smoothness in mapping function
- Second-order penalty on gradient

**Graph Laplacian.** Discrete approximation of Laplace-Beltrami operator

- Weight matrix.  $\mathbf{W} = (w)_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ , where  $w_{ij} = w_{ij}(\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|^2)$
- Graph Laplacian.  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\sum_j w_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

**Generalized eigenvalue problem.**

$$\min_{\mathcal{Y}} \text{trace}(\mathcal{Y}^T \mathbf{L} \mathcal{Y}), \quad \text{s.t. } \mathcal{Y}^T \mathbf{D} \mathcal{Y} = \mathbf{I} \quad (1)$$

**Solution: bottom  $d + 1$  eigenvectors**

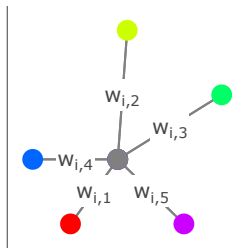
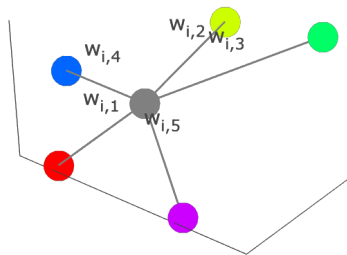
## 3.1 UNSUPERVISED LLE

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**Proposal.** Roweis and Saul (2000)

**Idea.** Preserving locally linear reconstructions

- Linear reconstruction of points in  $\mathbb{R}^D$  by their neighbors
- Reconstruction weights = topological properties
- Neighborhood patches invariant to dimensionality reduction



## 3.1 UNSUPERVISED LLE

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**Reconstruction loss minimization.** Finding optimal reconstruction weights

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}} \varepsilon(\mathbf{W}) = \min_{\mathbf{W}} \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{x}_j \right\|^2, \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w}_i = 1 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \quad (2)$$

**Embedding loss minimization.** Finding optimal embedding coordinates

$$\min_{\mathcal{Y}} \Phi(\mathcal{Y}) = \min_{\mathcal{Y}} \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{y}_i - \sum_j w_{ij} \mathbf{y}_j \right\|^2, \quad \text{s.t. } \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_i^T = \mathbf{I}, \quad \sum_i \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \quad (3)$$

**Eigenvalue problem.** Define  $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})$  and set  $\tilde{\mathcal{Y}} = \mathcal{Y}^T$ , such that

$$\min_{\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}} \text{trace}(\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^T \mathbf{E} \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}), \quad \text{s.t. } \frac{1}{N} \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^T \tilde{\mathcal{Y}} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{Y}}^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (4)$$

**Solution: bottom  $d + 1$  eigenvectors**

## 3.1 UNSUPERVISED HLLE

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**Proposal.** Donoho and Grimes (2003)

**Idea.** Finding a truly locally linear mapping while preserving local isometry

- Notion of curviness in mapping function
- Second-order penalty on Hessian
- Strong convergence guarantees for limit case

**Hessian functional.** Measuring average curviness over  $\mathcal{M}$

- Continuous functional.  $\mathcal{H}(f) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \|\mathbf{H}_f^{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{p})\|_F^2 d\mathbf{p}$
- Hessian estimators  $\mathbf{H}_\ell$  derived from locally linear neighborhood patches
- Empirical approximator.  $\mathcal{H}_{ij} = \sum_{\ell} \sum_m (\mathbf{H}_\ell)_{m,i} (\mathbf{H}_\ell)_{m,j}$
- Finding null space of  $\mathcal{H}$

**Solution: bottom  $d + 1$  eigenvectors + scaling**

## 3.2 SEMI-SUPERVISED SSLLE

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**Proposal.** Yang et al. (2006)

**Idea.** Improving LLE by use of prior knowledge

## 3.3 CHALLENGES CRITICAL PARAMETERS

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**Intrinsic dimensionality.** True sources of variability

→ Considered known with availability of prior information

**Neighborhood size.** Global vs local structure

→ Tunable (expensive)

**Regularization constant.** Singularity for  $D < k$

→ Heuristics

**Number & location of prior points.** Utility of prior knowledge

ANALYSIS

→ Exploration vs labeling cost

**Noise level.** Quality of prior knowledge

ANALYSIS

→ How exact must prior information be?

**Confidence parameter.** Belief in prior knowledge

→ Rather robust



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# 4 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

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## 4.1 SETUP SCENARIOS

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## 4.1 SETUP EVALUATION

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## 4.2 RESULTS    **FOO**

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# 5 DISCUSSION

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