

# **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
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  - 2 Semi-supervised
  - 3 Challenges
- 4 Sensitivity analysis
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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



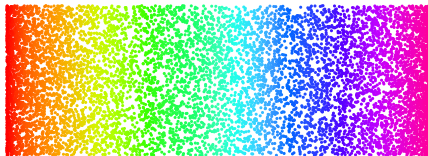
**How to find a meaningful, structure-preserving embedding?**

# 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  $\mathbf{y}_i = \psi(\mathbf{x}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .



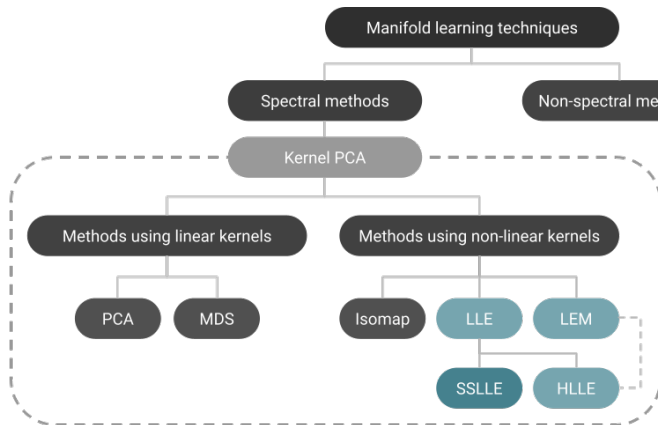
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## 2 LGML

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## 2 LGML TAXONOMY

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

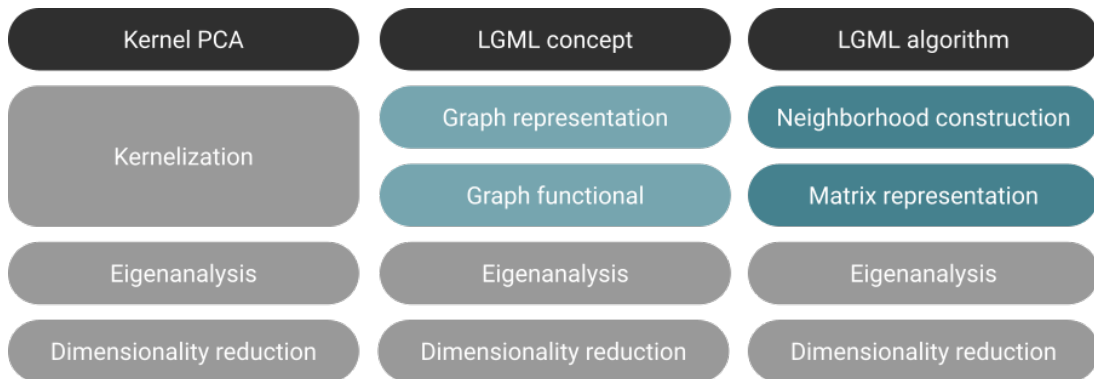


**LEM** Laplacian eigenmaps  
**LLE** Locally linear embedding  
**HLLLE** Hessian LLE  
**SSLLE** Semi-supervised LLE

## 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  $\mathbb{R}^D$

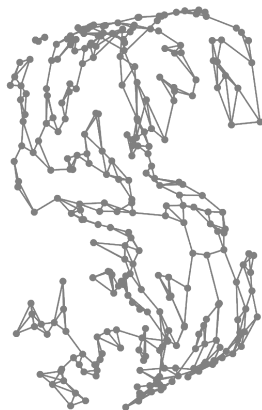
**Vertices.** Given by observations

**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 **HLL**
- ...



**Achievements: non-linearity & locality**



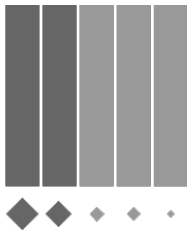
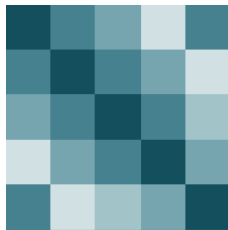
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**Eigenanalysis.** Finding axes of variability in intrinsic manifold structure

- 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**

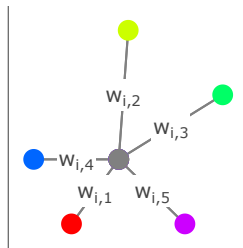
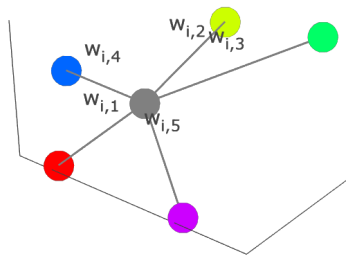
## 3.1 UNSUPERVISED LLE

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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  $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})^T (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{W})$ , such that

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

**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 but rather complex computations

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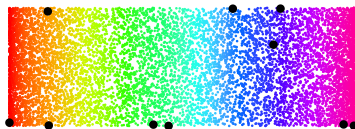
**Proposal.** Yang et al. (2006)

**Problem.** Embedding found by unsupervised methods not always meaningful

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

**Semi-supervision.** Anchoring embedding at some prior points with known coordinates

- More active than semi-supervised learning?
- Setting. Information available or to be obtained by querying the oracle
- Goal. Maximum information at little expense  $\Rightarrow$  careful choice of prior points



## 3.2 SEMI-SUPERVISED SSLLE

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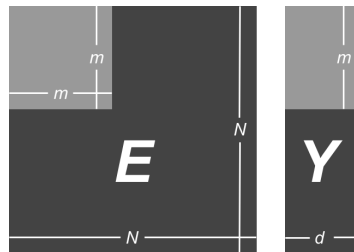
**Types of prior information.** Exact vs inexact

→ Level of confidence encoded in parameter  $\beta$

**Algorithmic impact.** Recall LLE eigenvalue problem

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⇒ Partitioning of  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$





## 3.2 SEMI-SUPERVISED SSLLE

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**Modified optimization problem.** Exact information

$$\min_{\mathcal{Y}_2} [\mathcal{Y}_1 \quad \mathcal{Y}_2] \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_1^T \\ \mathcal{Y}_2^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{Y}_2^T = M_{22}^{-1} M_{12} \mathcal{Y}_1^T \quad (6)$$

**Modified optimization problem.** Inexact information

$$\min_{\mathcal{Y}} [\mathcal{Y}_1 \quad \mathcal{Y}_2] \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_1^T \\ \mathcal{Y}_2^T \end{bmatrix} + \beta \left\| \mathcal{Y}_1^T - \hat{\mathcal{Y}}_1^T \right\|_F^2 \quad (7)$$

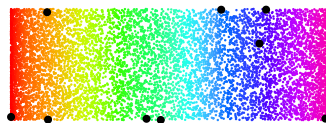
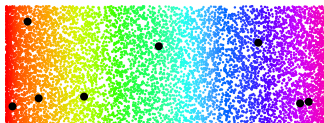
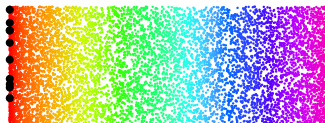
$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} + \beta I & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{Y}_1^T \\ \mathcal{Y}_2^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathcal{Y}}_1^T \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

## 3.2 SEMI-SUPERVISED SSLLE

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**Choice of landmark points.** Basically, three options

- Pre-existing prior information  $\Rightarrow$  worst case: poor coverage
- Random sampling
- Maximum coverage



**Maximum coverage.** Points scattered across manifold surface

- Goodness of solution depending on condition number  $\kappa(M_{22})$
- $\kappa(M_{22})$  minimal at maximization of minimum pairwise distances between prior points

## 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 DATA

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**Swiss roll.**

**Incomplete tire.**

## 4.1 SETUP SCENARIOS

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### **Sensitivity analysis I.** Landmark coverage $\times$ number of landmark points

- Landmark coverage  $\in \{\text{poor, random, maximum}\}$
- Number of landmark points  $\in \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$
- 18 scenarios

**Best case: maximum coverage, 12 landmarks**

### **Sensitivity analysis II.** Noise level $\times$ number of landmark points

- Simulation of inexact prior information through perturbation with Gaussian noise
- Noise level  $\in \{0.1, 0.5, 1, 3, 5\} \Rightarrow$  standard deviation
- Number of landmark points  $\in \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$
- 30 scenarios

**Best case: noise level 0.1, 12 landmarks**

## 4.1 SETUP EVALUATION

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## 4.2 RESULTS    **FOO**

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# 5 DISCUSSION

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