

Geomstats: a Python package for Riemannian Geometry and Geometric Statistics

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Geomstats¹

Computations and **statistics** on **manifolds** with geometric structures

- Python (powered by numpy, autograd, or pytorch)
- open-source (MIT license)
- object-oriented
- sklearn-inspired API
- thoroughly tested with (extended) pytest

¹Guigui, Miolane, and Pennec, “Introduction to Riemannian Geometry and Geometric Statistics”, 2022.

Useful links

1. geomstats documentation: <https://geomstats.github.io/>
2. Basic demo (with installation instructions): <https://github.com/luisfpereira/giw25>
3. Additional resources:
 - 3.1 polpo: <https://geometric-intelligence.github.io/polpo/> (in particular, how-tos)
 - 3.2 pyvista: <https://docs.pyvista.org/> (a proof it can be used to create impressive 3D figures: https://www.jeanfeydy.com/Talks/ShapeSeminar_2024/ShapeSeminar_2024.pdf)

Motivation: Riemannian geometry

Let $A, B \in \mathcal{X}$, where \mathcal{X} is some non-linear space:

1. how to compute **distances** between A and B ?
2. how to **interpolate** between A and B ?
3. how to **extrapolate**?

Why these questions?

1. notion of distance \implies can do statistics
2. interpolation \implies can meaningfully move between points
3. extrapolation \implies strong predicting ability

Motivation: why Geomstats?

A platform implementing **consistently** and **flexibly** different Riemannian manifolds (and more).

Consequences:

- code reuse
- (hopefully) less bugs (easier testing)
- easy experimentation
- productivity gains (after mastering structure)
- sense of community

Geomstats: main use case

1. Geometry: Instantiate a manifold

```
from geomstats.geometry.hypersphere import Hypersphere
sphere = Hypersphere(dim=2)
```

2. Statistics/Learning: Run estimation or learning

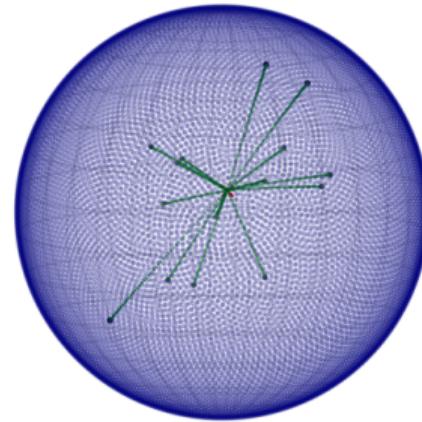
```
from geomstats.learning.frechet_mean import FrechetMean
estimator = FrechetMean(space)
estimator.fit(points)
```

Statistics on manifolds: Fréchet mean

```
estimator = FrechetMean(space)
estimator.fit(X)

mean = estimator.estimate_
```

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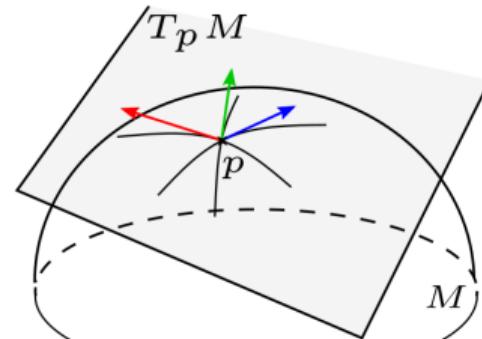
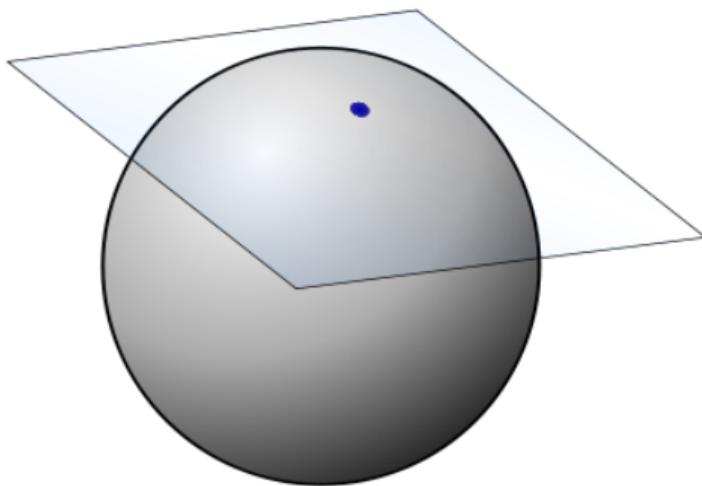


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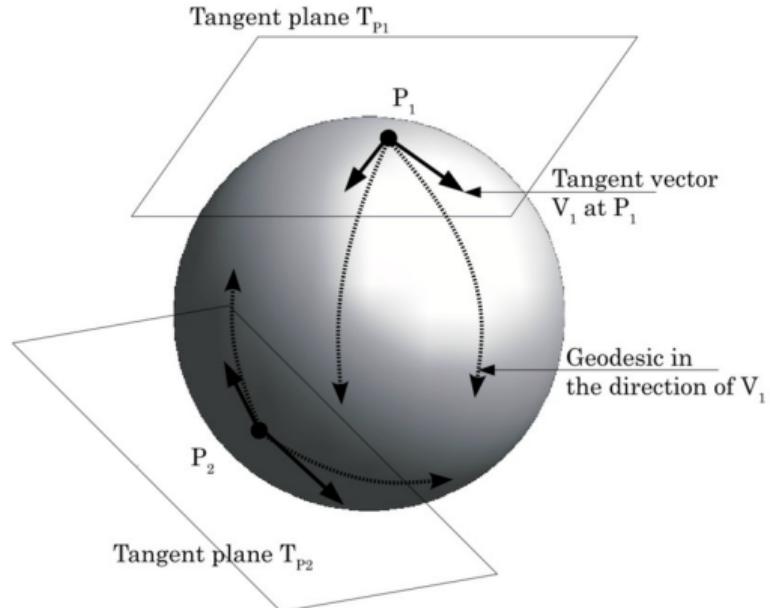
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Tangent space

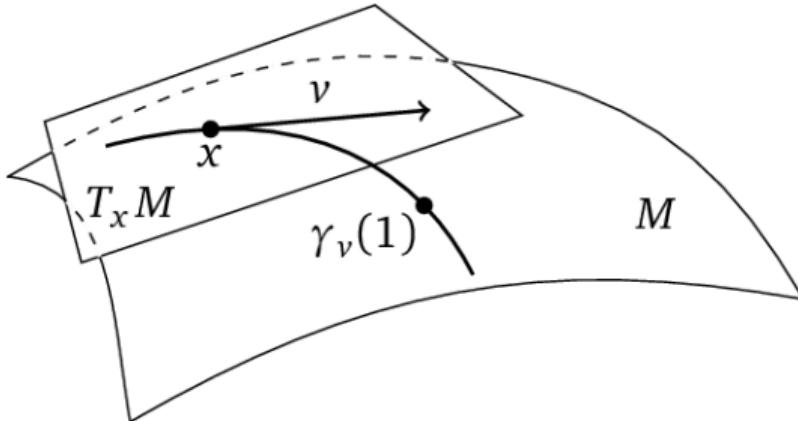
- Vector space associated to a point in a manifold



Generalizing straight lines: geodesics



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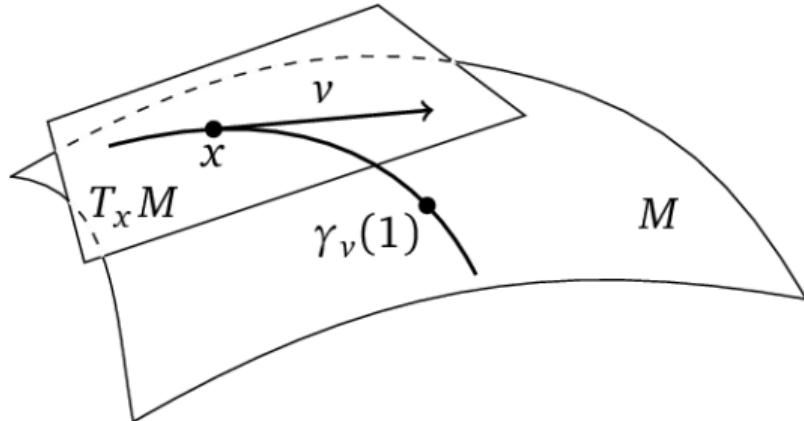
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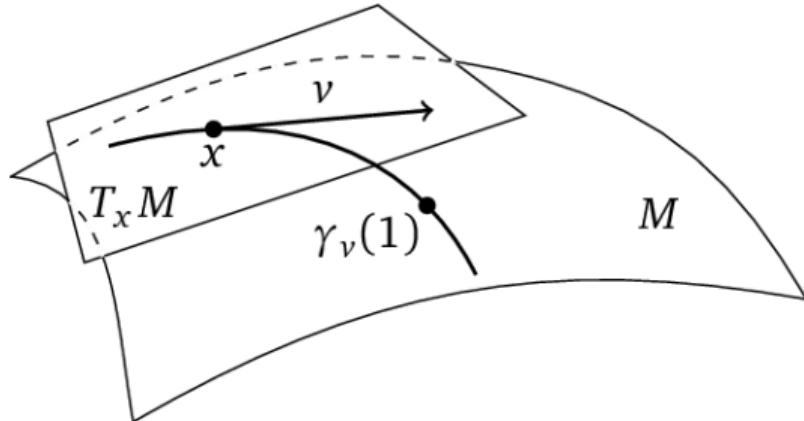
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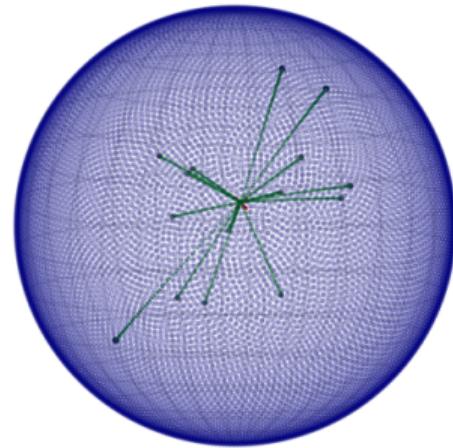
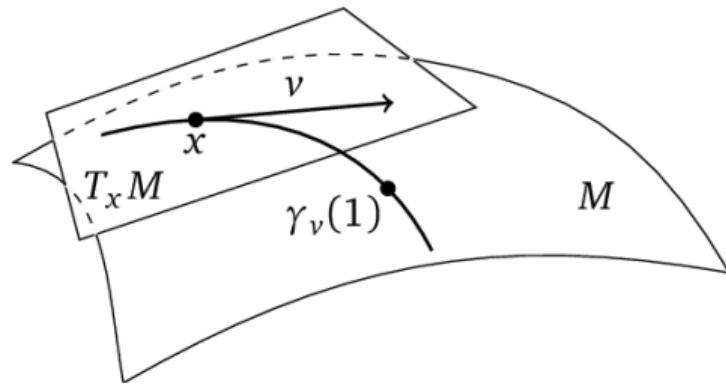
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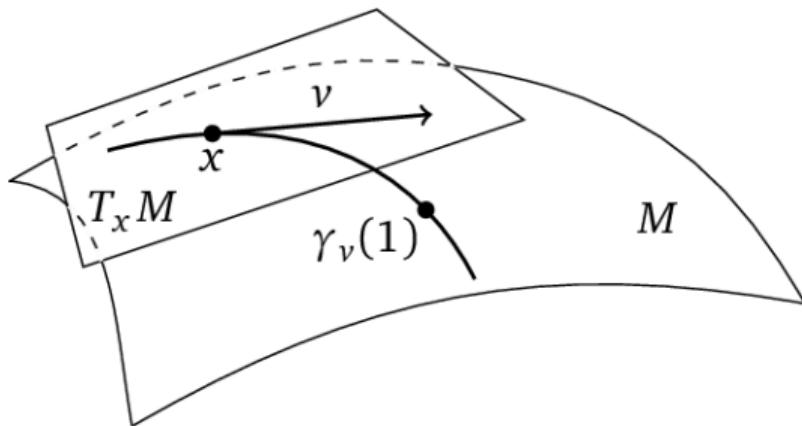
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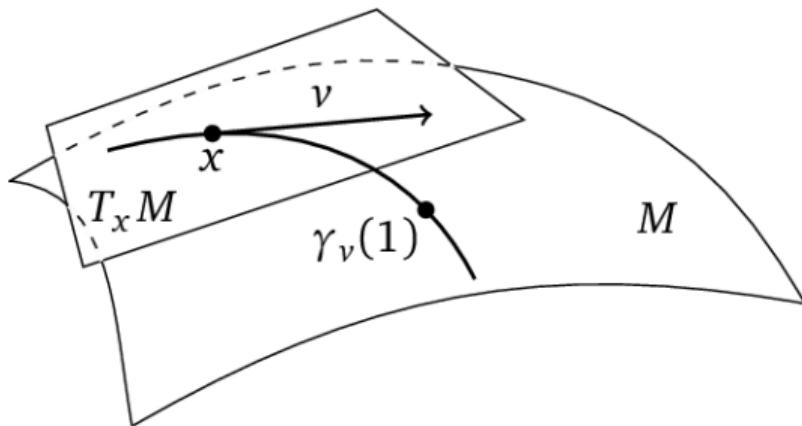
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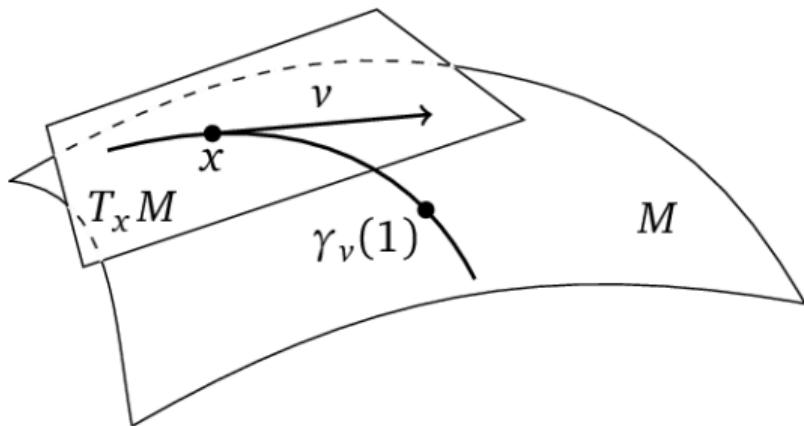
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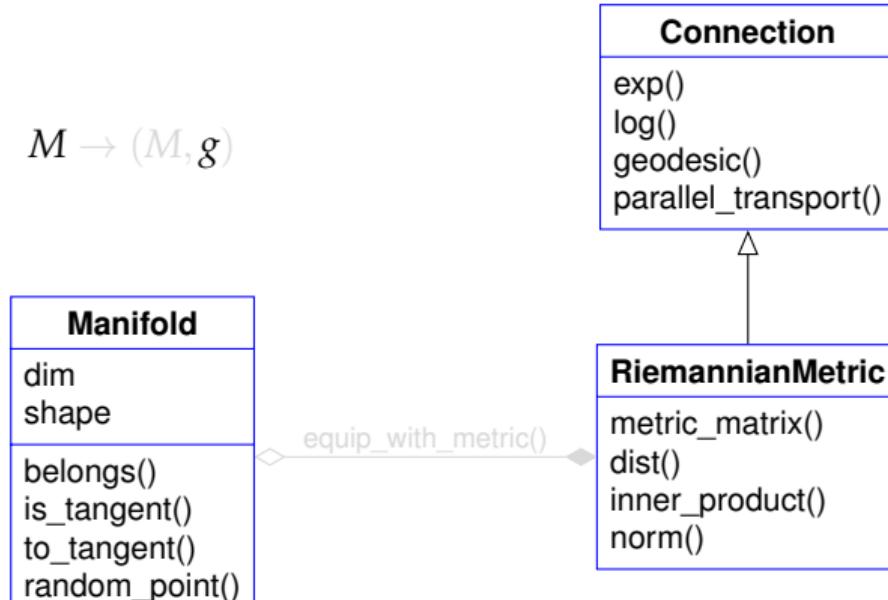
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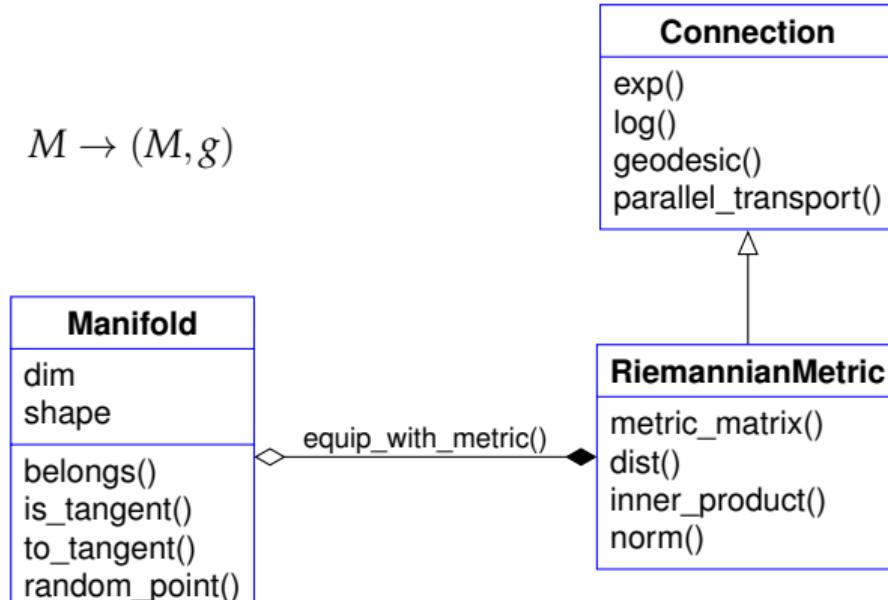
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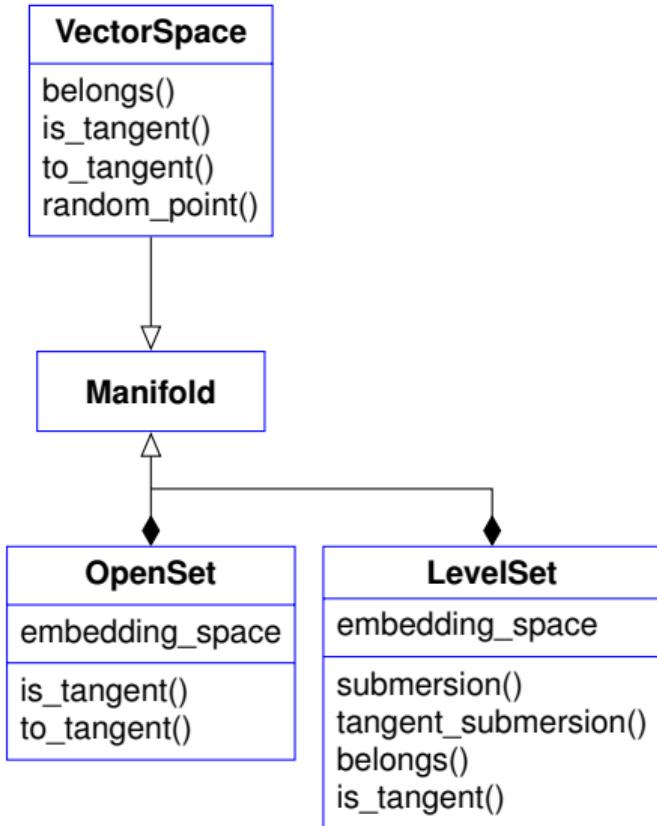
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Implementing manifolds



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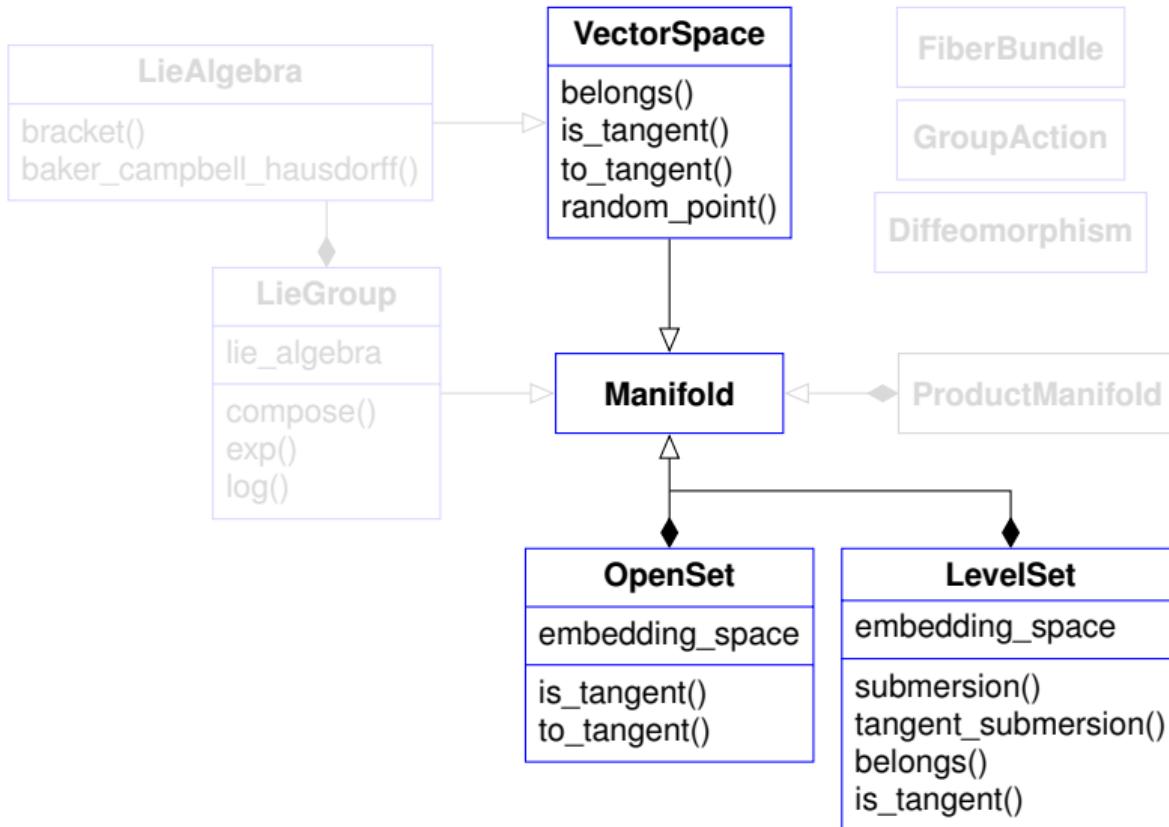
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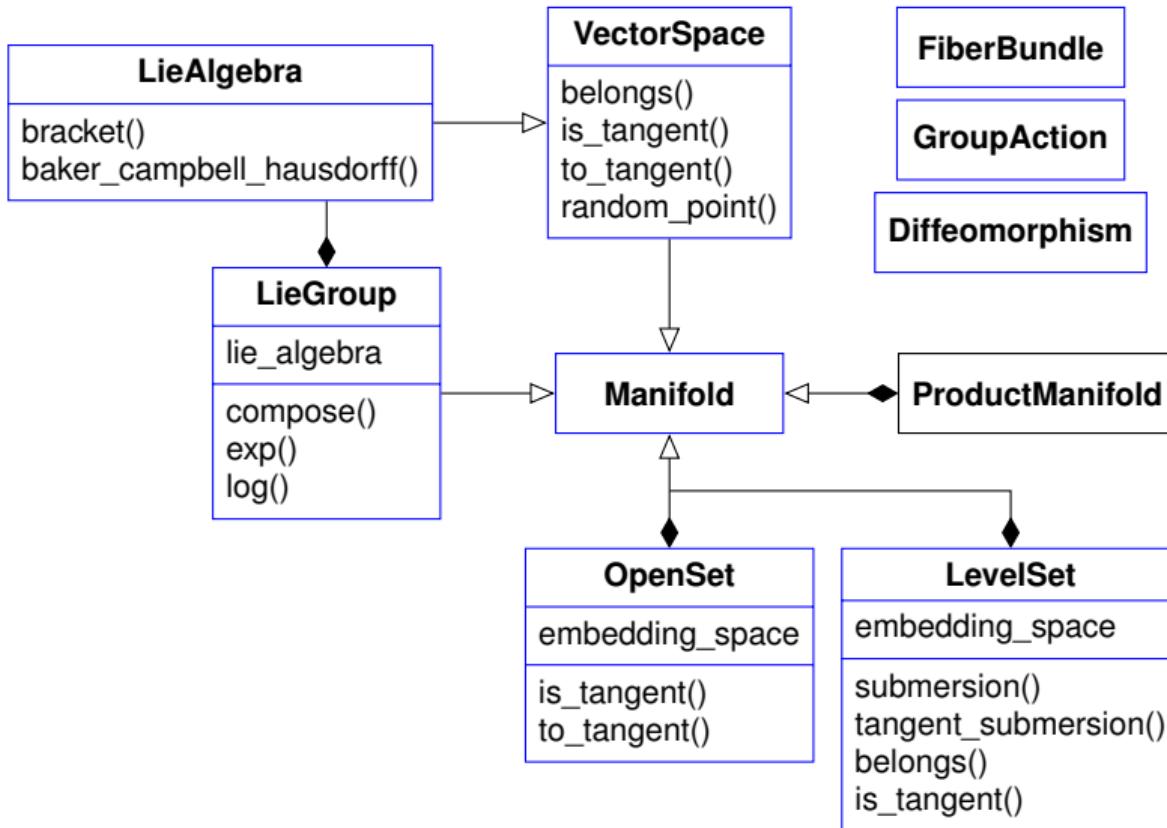
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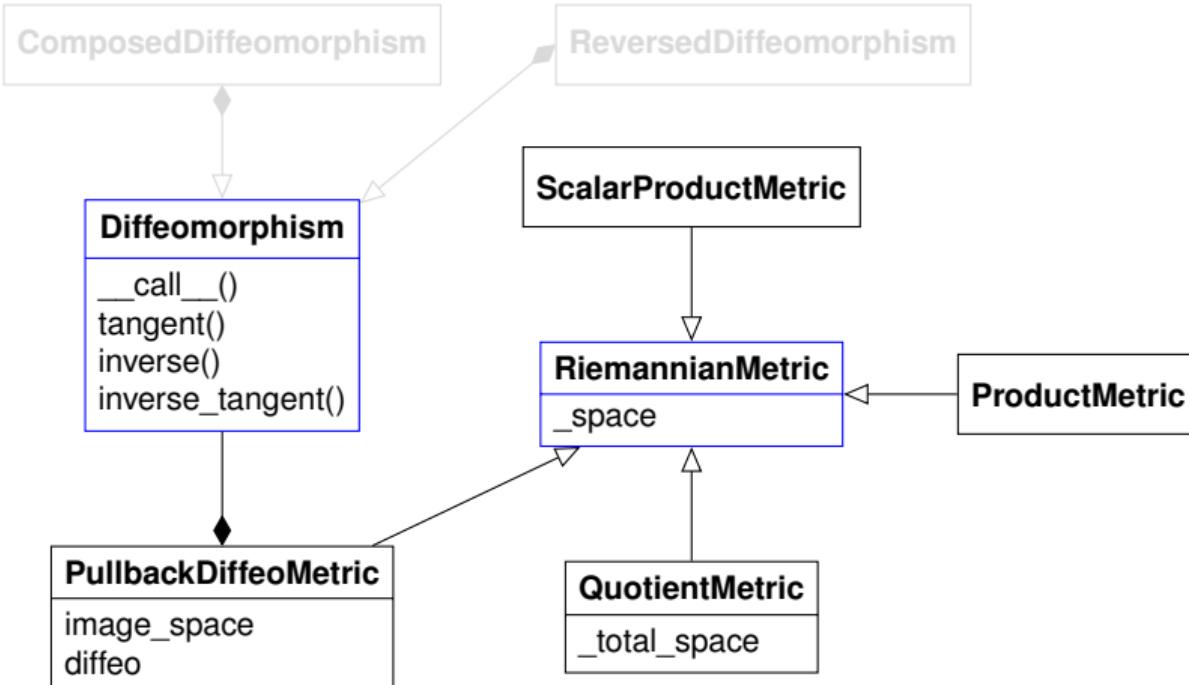
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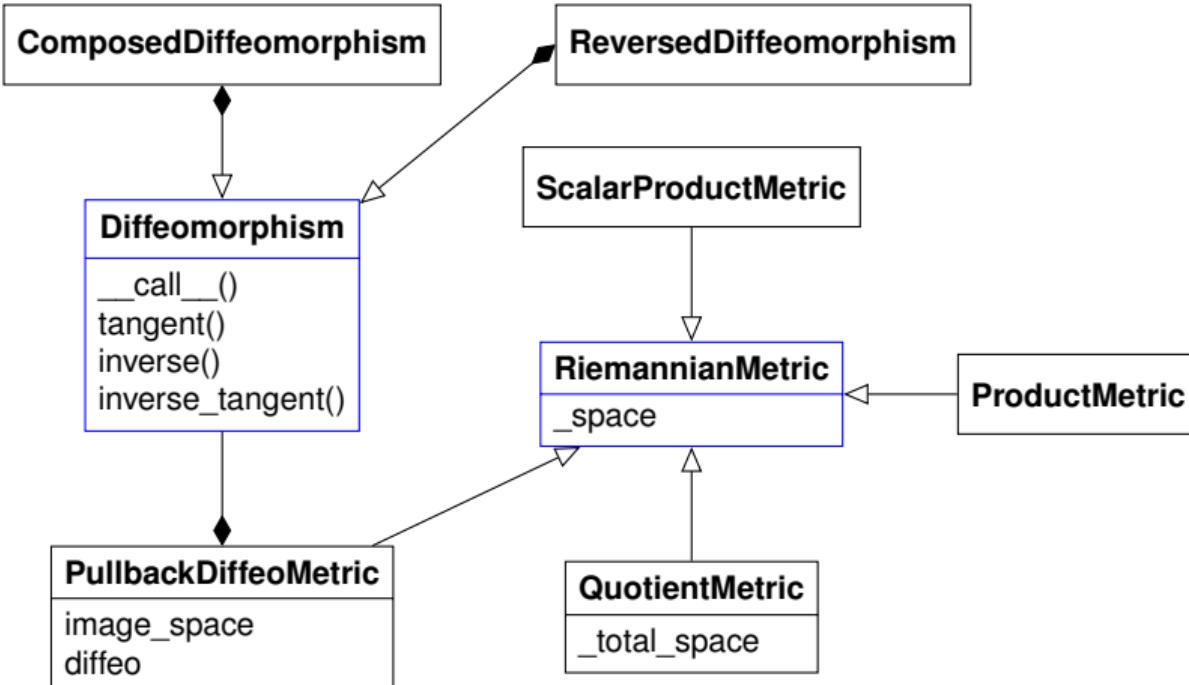
Taking advantage of existing structures:

- product manifold -> **product metric**
- pullback using diffeomorphisms -> **pullback metric**
- quotient space (action of a Lie group) -> **quotient metric**
- **scaled metric**

Implementing metrics

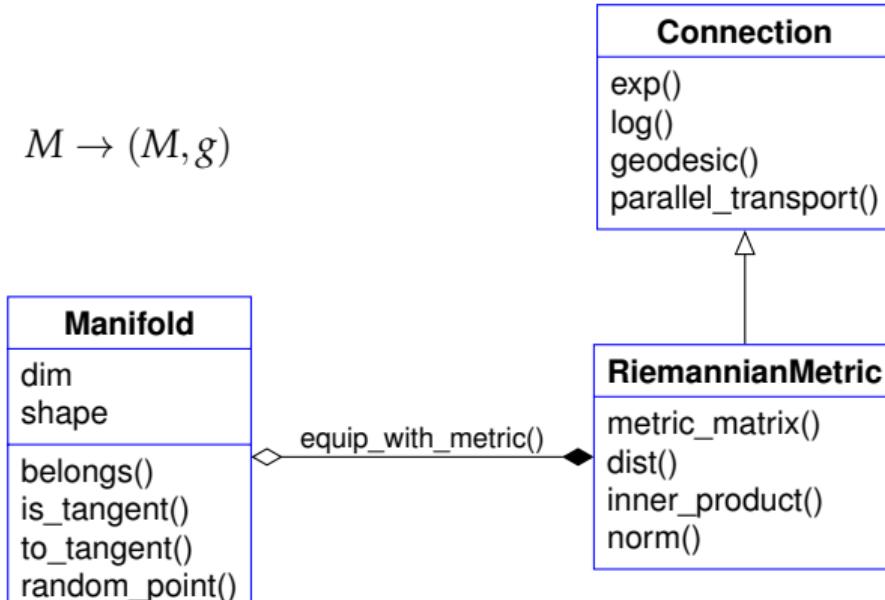


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Riemannian Metric	Curvature
Quotient-Affine	$[\frac{-1}{2}, +\infty)$
Quotient Lie-Cholesky	?
Poly-Hyperbolic-Cholesky	≤ 0
Euclidean-Cholesky	0
log-Euclidean-Cholesky	0
Off-Log	0
Log-Scaled	0
Spherical Product	≥ 0

²Thanwerdas, “Riemannian and stratified geometries of covariance and correlation matrices”, 2022.

³Bisson, 2025. To appear.

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        n = space.n
        diffeo = CholeskyMap()
        image_space = UnitNormedRowsPLTMatrices(n)

        super().__init__(
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        )
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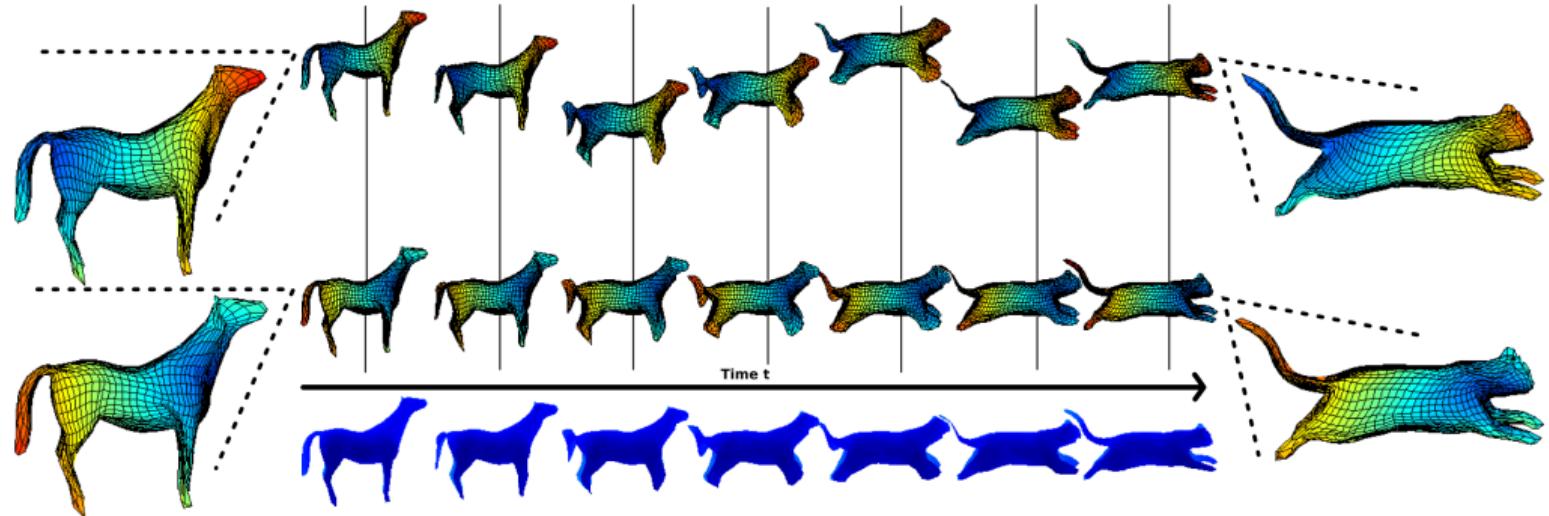
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        if n == 2:
            diffeos.append(OpenHemisphereToHyperboloidDiffeo())
            image_space = Hyperboloid(dim=1)
        else:
            image_space = OpenHemispheresProduct(n=n)

        diffeo = ComposedDiffeo(diffeos)

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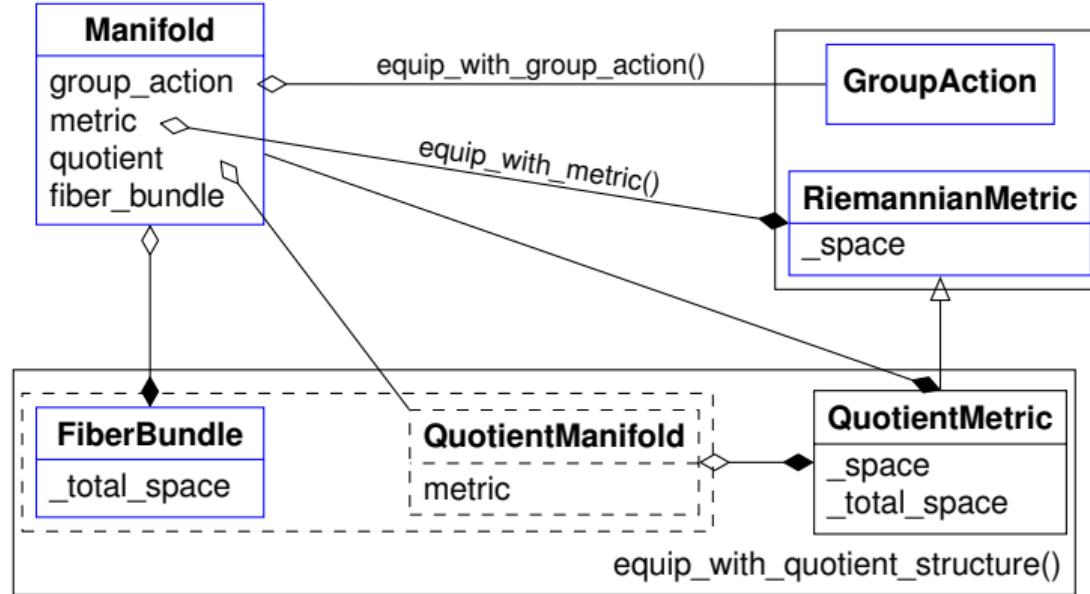
Quotient spaces: a visual perspective



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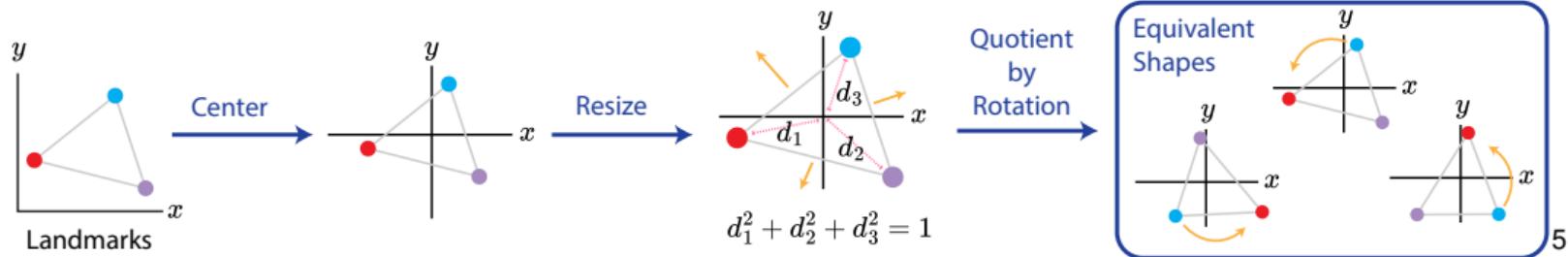
⁴Tumpach, “Some aspects of infinite-dimensional Geometry”, 2022.

Equip with quotient structure



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total_space = MyManifold(equip=False)
total_space.equip_with_metric(MyRiemannianMetric)
total_space.equip_with_group_action(my_group_action)
total_space.equip_with_quotient_structure()
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Example: Kendall shape space

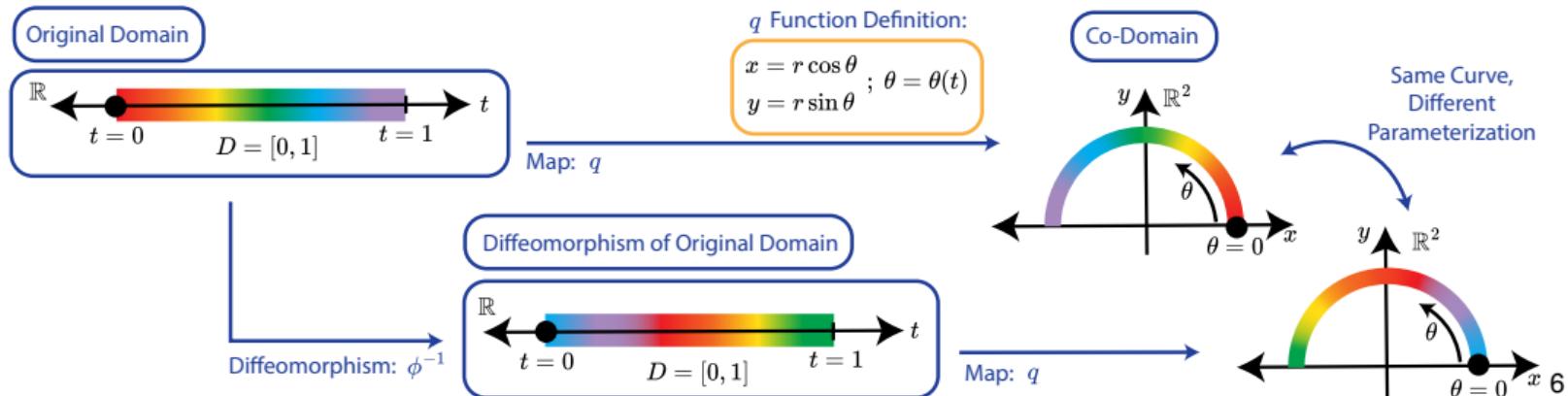


Pre-shape space and metric
(a LevelSet and a PullbackDiffeoMetric)

Rotations, pre-shape bundle, and Kendall metric
(a GroupAction, a FiberBundle, and a QuotientMetric)

⁵Pereira et al., [Learning from landmarks, curves, surfaces, and shapes in Geomstats](#), 2024.

Example: elastic metrics on curves



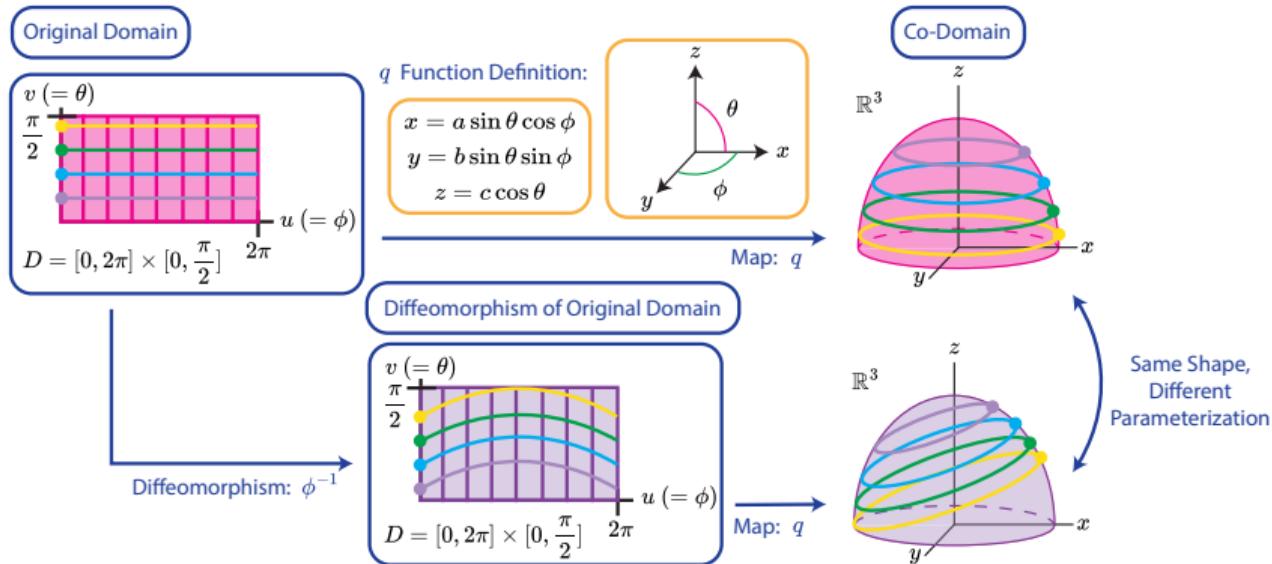
Isometry between
 $(\text{Imm}_0([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d), G^{a,b})$ and $(C^\infty([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}), 4b^2 G_{\lambda}^{L^2})^7$

Main challenge: alignment wrt reparameterizations (AlignerAlgorithm).

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Example: elastic metrics on surfaces



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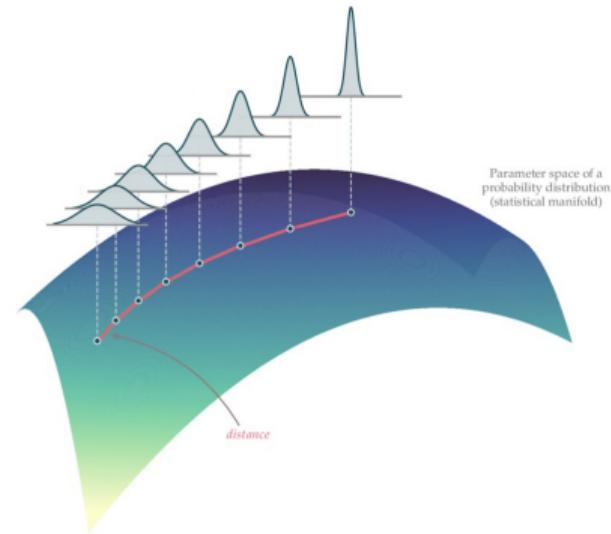
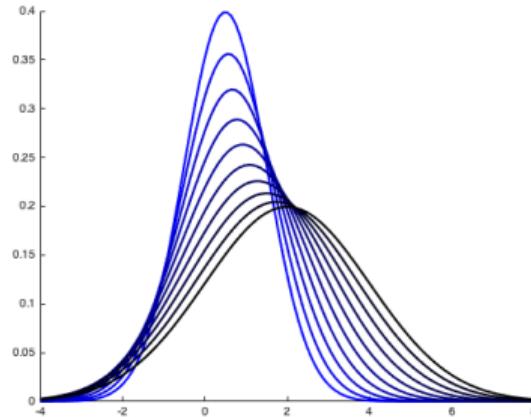
Challenges:

- no-closed form solutions for exp and log
- alignment wrt reparameterizations (varifolds and pykeops)

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Information geometry⁹

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ P_\theta, \theta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d \right\}$$



How to compute distances between probability distributions?

⁹Brigant et al., [Parametric information geometry with the package Geomstats](#), 2022.

Information geometry (cont'd)

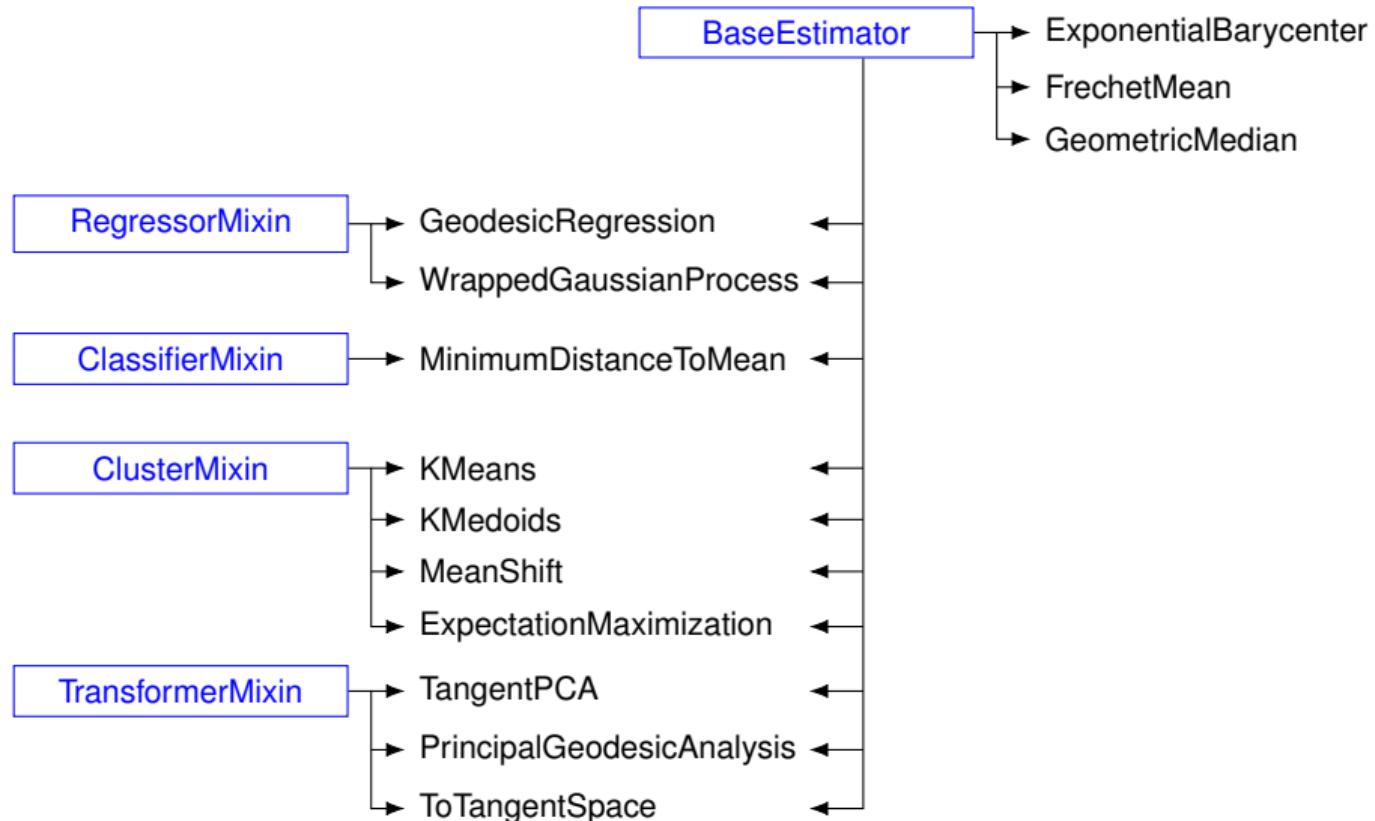
Fisher information: way of measuring the *amount of information* that an observable random variable X carries about *unknown parameters* θ of a distribution that models X .

$$I_\theta(x) = -\mathbb{E} [\nabla_\theta^2 \log p_\theta(x)]$$

Statistical manifold: (\mathcal{P}, g)

$$g(u, v) = u^\top I_\theta(x)v \text{ on } T_\theta \mathcal{P}$$

Geometric statistics

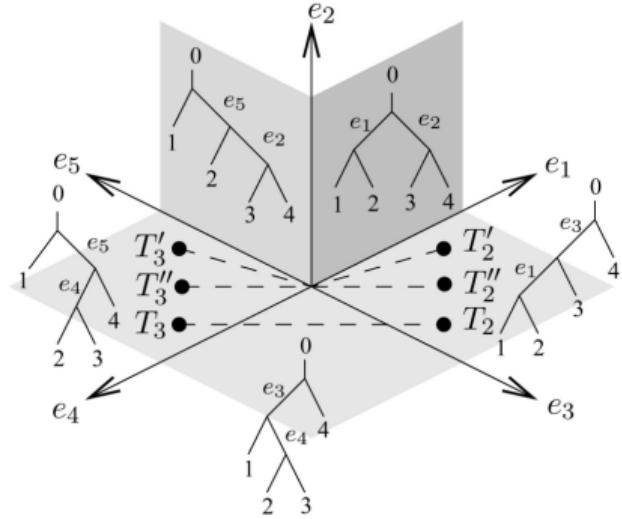
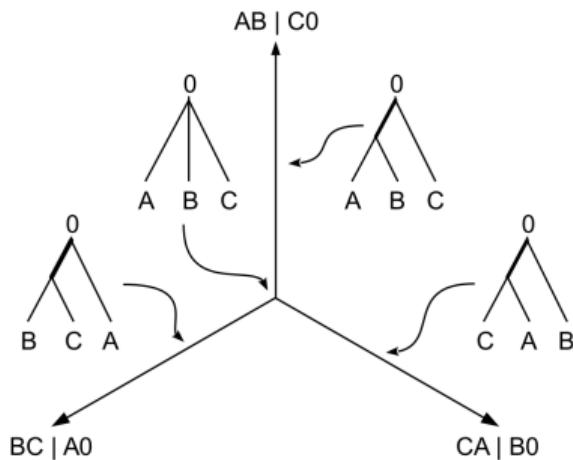


Beyond Riemannian

- GraphSpace X/T

$$d_{X/T}([x_1], [x_2]) = \min_{t \in T} d_X(x_1, tx_2)$$

- Spider
- BHVSpace, WaldSpace



Backend

```
import geomstats.backend as gs
```

	numpy	autograd	pytorch
numerical precision	float64		
gpu			✓
automatic differentiation	✓	✓	✓

Towards correctness

- (extended) pytest-based testing framework
- clear distinction between a test and the corresponding test data
- take advantage of:
 - ▶ ability to generate random points and vectors
 - ▶ known mathematical properties
 - ▶ composition with inverse

```
@pytest.mark.random
def test_exp_after_log(self, n_points, atol):
    base_point = self.data_generator.random_point(n_points)
    point = self.data_generator.random_point(n_points)

    tangent_vec = self.space.metric.log(point, base_point)
    point_ = self.space.metric.exp(tangent_vec, base_point)

    self.assertAllClose(point, point_, atol=atol)
```



Thank you for your attention!

<https://geomstats.ai/>

<https://github.com/geomstats/geomstats>

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