

Diffusion map

problem setup: a finite dataset $\{x^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Two viewpoints:

1: $\vec{x}^{(i)}$ are sampled from arbitrary distribution $\pi(\vec{x})$

$\pi(\vec{x})$ in a compact domain $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$

We can define the potential

$$U(\vec{x}) = -\log \pi(\vec{x}) \text{ so } \pi(\vec{x}) = \exp(-U(\vec{x}))$$

2: $\vec{x}^{(i)}$ are sampled from a stochastic dynamical system from equilibrium (i.e. order matters)

Assume $\vec{x}_t \in \Omega$ at time t

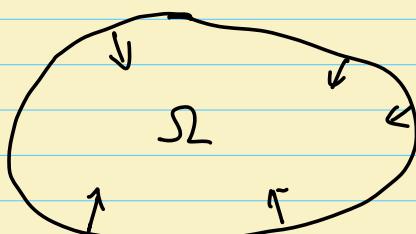
is the sample path of the following SDE.

Langevin equation:

$$d\vec{x}_t = -\nabla U(\vec{x}_t) dt + \sqrt{2} dW_t$$

W_t : D-dim Brownian Motion

reflecting BC at $\partial\Omega$



Another way to describe SDE to use transition probability density $P(\vec{x}, t | \vec{y}, s)$ with $t > s$.

of finding the system at location \vec{x} at time t given initial location \vec{y} at s .

Transition Probability density satisfies the following PDE: (Fokker-Planck eq)

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot P \nabla U(\vec{x}) + \nabla \cdot \nabla P$$

$\nabla \cdot (\nabla P)$

$= \Delta P$

is the

Laplacian
operator

$\triangleleft L_F P$ infinitesimal generator

$$\text{with IC } \lim_{t \rightarrow s^+} P(\vec{x}, t | \vec{y}, s) \text{ of } L_F \text{ operator}$$

$$= \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y})$$

Treat $P(\vec{x}, t | \vec{y}, s)$

\nwarrow backward variable

$s < t$ it satisfies
the backward
eq.

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial s} = -\nabla P \cdot \nabla U(\vec{y}) + \nabla \cdot \nabla P$$

$\triangleleft L_B P$ infinitesimal
generator of backward operator

The steady state solution (equilibrium)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P(\vec{x}, t | \vec{y}, s) = \frac{\exp(-U(\vec{x}))}{Z} \triangleq \tilde{\pi}(x)$$

$$Z = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp(-U(\vec{x})) d\vec{x}$$

If $Z \neq 1$, we can shift $U(\vec{x})$ by a constant

to make $Z = 1$

If we don't consider the time dependence
of the data in both scenarios,

The steady state density is the same

for ① and ②

Only the potential $U(\vec{x})$ and the geometry Ω matters.

Note: L_F is self-adjoint operator with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\pi} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{f(\vec{x}) g(\vec{x})}{\pi(\vec{x})} d\vec{x}, \quad f(\vec{x}), g(\vec{x}) \in L^1$$

L_B is self-adjoint operator with the inner product.

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\pi} = \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) g(\vec{x}) \pi(\vec{x}) d\vec{x},$$

for. $f(\vec{x}), g(\vec{x}) \in L^\infty$

The solution of the Fokker-Planck eq is. $\varphi_0(\vec{x})$

$$P(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j \exp(-\lambda_j t) \varphi_j(\vec{x}) = \vec{\pi}(\vec{x})$$

where $-\lambda_j$ are spectrum of FP operator

and $\varphi_j(\vec{x})$ are corresponding eigenfunctions

$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$$

The solution of the backward eq is

$$P(\vec{y}, s) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j \exp(-\lambda_j t) \phi_j(\vec{y})$$

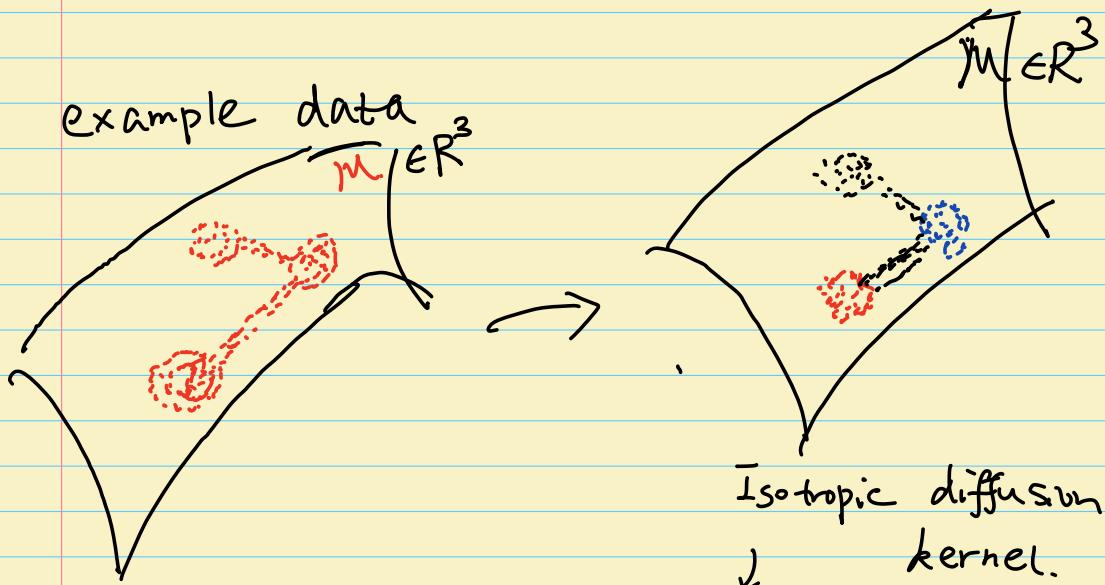
$\phi_0(\vec{y}) = 1$ // eigenvalues of L_F and L_B are the same

and eigenfunctions are

$$\boxed{\phi_j = \Phi_j / \|\Phi_j\|}$$

Long time behavior of the system is governed by first few eigenfunctions, $\Phi_0, \Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_k$ and $\lambda_k > \lambda_{k+1}$ spectrum gap.

or $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_k$.



Diffusion Map

$$k_\varepsilon(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|^2}{2\varepsilon}\right)$$

Assume the transition probability between $x^{(i)}$ and $x^{(j)}$ is proportional to $K_\varepsilon(\vec{x}^{(i)}, \vec{x}^{(j)})$

and construct $N \times N$ Markov Matrix

$$P_{ij} = \frac{K_\varepsilon(\vec{x}^{(i)}, \vec{x}^{(j)})}{\sum_j K_\varepsilon(\vec{x}^{(i)}, \vec{x}^{(j)})} = P_\varepsilon(x^{(i)})$$

interpretation

$$\Downarrow \triangleq \Pr(S_\varepsilon = \vec{x}^{(j)} \mid S_0 = \vec{x}^{(i)}) \quad \text{normalization constant}$$

\hookrightarrow Note $\sum_j P_{ij} = 1$

$$P_{ij}^t \triangleq \Pr(S_{\varepsilon t} = \vec{x}^{(j)} \mid S_0 = \vec{x}^{(i)})$$

ε : has dual interpretation.

unit (m^2) ① ε square radius of neighbourhood to infer local geometry and density information.

unit (s) ② discrete time step ③ at random walk jumps from point to point.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{1} \rightarrow \text{squared distance}$$

\nearrow time (s) \rightarrow diffusion coefficient (m^2/s)

If ε is large enough, M is fully connected in numerical sense.

$\Rightarrow \lambda_0 = 1$ is simple.

Analog to continuous case.

a row probability vector $\vec{v}_0 \in L^1$,

$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_0 \cdot P$ describe the evolution
of the probability at one

row
vector
↓
step.

FP operator

$(P, \vec{v}) \xrightarrow{\text{representation}} \text{of MC}$

a column vector $\vec{u}_0 \in L^\infty$.

$\vec{u}_1 = P \vec{u}_0$ backward operator
 $(P, \vec{u}) \xrightarrow{\text{representation}}$ of MC.

Denote $U = [\vec{u}_1^\top, \dots, \vec{u}_n^\top]$ and

$V = [\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n]$ are left and right
eigen vectors of P .

Note $\vec{u}_i = \vec{\pi}/\sqrt{n}$ $\vec{v}_i = \vec{1}/\sqrt{n}$ Moreover $\vec{u}_j/\vec{\pi} = \vec{v}_j$

$P = V \bigcup U^\top$ with $VU^\top = I$.

$$\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{u}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad \langle \vec{u}_i, \vec{u}_j \rangle_D^{-1}$$

At time t : $P^t = V \Lambda^t U^\top$ Ex: $\vec{u}_i^\top [d_1 \dots d_N] \vec{u}_j$

$$P_{ij}^t = \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k^t \vec{v}_k(i) \vec{u}_k(j)$$

$$\vec{v}_i^\top [d_1 \dots d_N] \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

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$$\langle \vec{v}_i, \vec{v}_j \rangle_D$$

In diffusion map $\vec{x} \rightarrow (\vec{z})^{(t)} = V \Lambda^t = [\lambda_1^t \vec{v}_1, \lambda_2^t \vec{v}_2, \dots, \lambda_N^t \vec{v}_N]$ \rightarrow all equal.

Lemma: the diffusion distance is equal to ℓ^2 distance between two probability vector P_{i*}^t, P_{j*}^t with the weight D^{-1} .

$$D_t^2(i, j) \triangleq \|z_t^{(i)} - z_t^{(j)}\|_2^2$$

$$= \|P_{i*}^t - P_{j*}^t\|_{D^{-1}}^2$$

$$P(t, x^{(k)} | x^{(i)}) P(t, x^{(k)} | x^{(j)})$$

Proof: $\|P_{i*}^t - P_{j*}^t\|_{D^{-1}}^2 = \sum_{l=1}^N (P_{il}^t - P_{jl}^t)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{d_l}$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^N \left[\sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k^t \vec{v}_k(i) \vec{u}_k(l) - \lambda_k^t \vec{v}_k(j) \vec{u}_k(l) \right]^2 \cdot \frac{1}{d_l}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\lambda_k^t \right)^2 \left[\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j) \right]^2 \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{\vec{v}_k^2(\ell)}{d_{\ell i}} \right) = 1 \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\lambda_k^t \right)^2 \left[\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j) \right]^2. \\
 &= \| \vec{z}_t^{(i)} - \vec{z}_t^{(j)} \|_2^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define truncated distance $D_t^s(i, j)$

$$= \left[\sum_{k: |\lambda_k| > s} \lambda_k^{2t} (\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j))^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

Lemma:

$$D_t^2(i, j) - \frac{2\delta^2}{d_{\min}} (1 - \delta_{ij}) \leq [D_t^s(i, j)]^2 \leq D_t^2(i, j)$$

where $d_{\min} = \min d_i$

Proof: $\langle \vec{v}_k, \vec{v}_j \rangle_D = \delta_{kj}$.

$$\Rightarrow V^T D V = I \Rightarrow (D^{1/2} V)^T (D^{1/2} V) = I.$$

$$\Rightarrow (D^{1/2} V) (D^{1/2} V)^T = I$$

$$\Rightarrow D^{1/2} V V^T D^{1/2} = I.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k=1}^N \vec{v}_k(i) \vec{v}_k(j) \\
 &= \frac{\delta_{ij}}{d_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V V^T = D^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^N (\vec{V}_k(i) - \vec{V}_k(j))^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^N (\vec{V}_k(i))^2 + \sum_{k=1}^N (\vec{V}_k(j))^2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^N \vec{V}_k(i) \vec{V}_k(j) \\
&= \frac{1}{d_i} + \frac{1}{d_j} - \frac{2 s_{ij}}{d_i} \leq \frac{2}{d_{\min}} - \frac{2 s_{ij}}{d_{\min}} \\
&= \frac{2}{d_{\min}} (1 - s_{ij})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[D_t^s(i,j)]^2 &= D_t(i,j) - \sum_{k: |\lambda_k|^t < s} \lambda_k^{2t} (\vec{V}_k(i) - \vec{V}_k(j))^2 \\
&\geq D_t(i,j) - s^2 \sum_{k: |\lambda_k|^t < s} (\vec{V}_k(i) - \vec{V}_k(j))^2 \\
&\geq D_t(i,j) - s^2 \sum_{k=1}^N (\vec{V}_k(i) - \vec{V}_k(j))^2 \\
&\geq D_t(i,j) - \frac{2s^2}{d_{\min}} (1 - s_{ij})
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition: $D_t(i,j) = 0$ with $x_i \neq x_j$

occurs \Leftrightarrow node i and j
have the exact same neighbors
and proportional weights,

i.e. $W_{ik} = \alpha W_{jk}$ $\alpha > 0$ for all $k \in V$.

Proof: \Rightarrow if $D_t(i, j) = 0$,

$$\text{then } \sum_{k=1}^N (\lambda_k^t)^2 (\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j))^2 = 0$$

for all k $\textcircled{1} \lambda_k^t \neq 0$, and $\vec{v}_k(i) = \vec{v}_k(j)$

either

$\textcircled{1}$ or $\textcircled{2} \quad \textcircled{2} \lambda_k^t = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_k = 0$

This implies $t=1$, $D_1(i, j) = 0$

$$\text{Note } D_1(i, j) = \|P_{i*} - P_{j*}\|_{D^{-1}} = 0$$

$\|\cdot\|_{D^{-1}}$ is a norm so $P_{i*} = P_{j*}$

Then $\frac{W_{ik}}{d_i} = \frac{W_{jk}}{d_j}$ for all $k \in V$.

define $\alpha = d_i/d_j$, then $W_{ik} = \alpha W_{jk}$.

\Leftarrow If $P_{i*} = P_{j*}$, then.

$$\sum_{k=1}^N (P_{ik} - P_{jk})^2 / d_k = 0$$

then $D_1(i, j) = 0$

$$\text{then } \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k^2 (\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j))^2 = 0$$

so for $\lambda_k \neq 0$, we have $\vec{v}_k(i) = \vec{v}_k(j)$.

Then we can conclude.

$$\sum_{k=1}^N (\lambda_k^2)^t (\vec{v}_k(i) - \vec{v}_k(j))^2 = 0$$

case	operator	stochastic process.
$\epsilon > 0$ N finite \downarrow	finite $N \times N$ matrix with left and right vectors	Random walk discrete in space and discrete in time.
$\epsilon > 0$ $N \rightarrow \infty$ \downarrow	operators $T_f, T_b.$	Random walk. continuous space discrete in time.
$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ $N \rightarrow \infty$	infinitesimal generator $L_f, L_b.$	diffusion process continuous in time and space.

fixed ε and $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mu(x) = \exp(-U(x))$$

around x
local probability density estimate
 $d_i = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij}$

Normalization factor is \Rightarrow

$$P_\varepsilon(y) = \int_{\Omega} k_\varepsilon(x, y) \mu(x) dx$$

The forward transition probability

$$M_f(x|y) = \Pr(X(t+\varepsilon) = x | X(t) = y)$$

$$= \frac{k_\varepsilon(x, y)}{P_\varepsilon(y)} \Rightarrow M_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{d_i}$$

A symmetric kernel $M_s(x, y)$.

$$M_s(x, y) = \frac{k_\varepsilon(x, y)}{\sqrt{P_\varepsilon(x) P_\varepsilon(y)}}$$

Define forward, backward, symmetric
(FP).

operator on the function space.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad T_f[\varphi](x) = \int_{\Omega} M_f(x|y) \varphi(y) \mu(y) dy$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad T_b[\varphi](x) = \int_{\Omega} M_f(y|x) \varphi(y) \mu(y) dy$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad T_s[\varphi](x) = \int_{\Omega} M_s(x,y) \varphi(y) \mu(y) dy$$

\textcircled{1} $\varphi(x) \in L^1$: probability distribution
 of finding system at location x .

$T_f^m[\varphi]$ at $t=\varepsilon$.
 $\rightarrow T_f[\varphi](x)$: the evolution of probability distribution at $t=\varepsilon$.

\textcircled{2} $\left(\begin{array}{l} T_b^m[\varphi] \\ \varphi \in L^\infty \end{array} \right)$

$T_b[\varphi](x)$: the average value of that function φ at time ε for the random walk that started x .

By definition. T_f and T_b .

are adjoint under the inner product with weight μ .

$$\langle T_f \varphi, \psi \rangle_\mu = \langle \varphi, T_b \psi \rangle_\mu$$

T_s is self-adjoint.

$$\langle T_s \varphi, \psi \rangle_\mu = \langle \varphi, T_s \psi \rangle_\mu$$

① T_s, T_f, T_b have the same eigenvalues

② If $T_s \varphi_s = \lambda \varphi_s$

the corresponding eigenfunctions for T_f

and T_b are $\varphi_f = \varphi_s \sqrt{P_\Sigma}$ and

$$\varphi_b = \varphi_s / \sqrt{P_\Sigma}$$

③ $\sqrt{P_\Sigma}$ is the first eigenfunction for T_s .

with $\lambda_0 = 1$.

Then for T_f , it is P_Σ .

for T_b it is 1.