

Question 3

Let S be a set of points in \mathbb{R}^d , and let $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be an embedding function that satisfies the bounds of the JL-Lemma, meaning that for any two points u, v in S , the following inequality holds:

$$\|v - u\|^2 \leq \|f(v) - f(u)\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|v - u\|^2$$

Now, consider a specific example where S is the set of points in \mathbb{R}^2 , and the points u, v , and w are defined as:

$$u = (0,0) \quad v = (1,0) \quad w = (0,1)$$

The area of the triangle $\langle u, v, w \rangle$ is 0.5.

Now, let's define the function $f(x) = x + (e, 0)$ for $x = u, v$ and $f(x) = x + (e, e)$ for $x = w$

The points $f(u)$, $f(v)$, and $f(w)$ are defined as:

$$f(u) = (e, 0) \quad f(v) = (1+e, 0) \quad f(w) = (e, 1+e)$$

The area of the triangle $\langle f(u), f(v), f(w) \rangle$ is $(1+e)^2/2$ which is greater than $0.5 + e/2$

As we can see the area of the triangle $\langle f(u), f(v), f(w) \rangle$ is not bounded by $(1+c\epsilon) \cdot \text{area}(\langle u, v, w \rangle)$ for any c , it's only bounded by $(1+\epsilon/2) \cdot \text{area}(\langle u, v, w \rangle)$

Therefore, it is not true in general that the area of a triangle is always preserved under the embedding function f , and this specific counterexample shows that it is possible for the area of a triangle to be distorted by a factor greater than $1 + c\epsilon$ for any constant c .