

4.3. Diffusion Maps

→ Non-linear dimensionality Reduction

→ Coifman-Lafon 2006

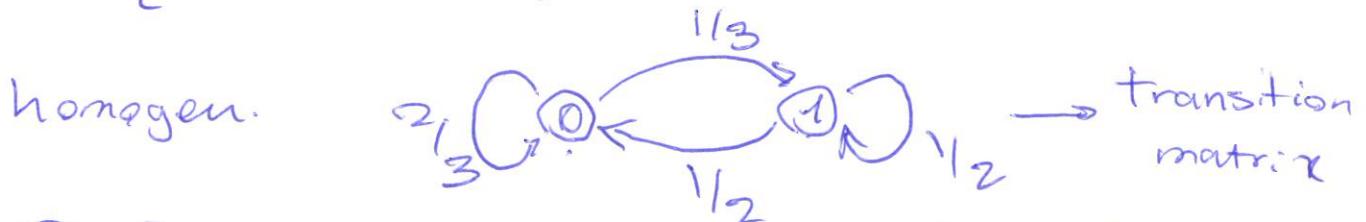
Goal: represent data in a lower dimensional space while preserving the geometry

Main Steps:

1) Construct a weighted graph $G(V, E, W)$ on the data

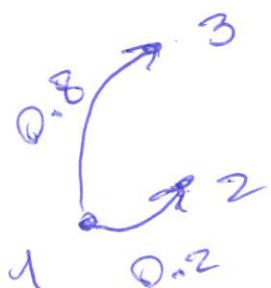
2) Define a homogeneous random walk on the graph determined by a transition matrix.

X_t random process



3) Perform a non-linear embedding of the points

example:



$x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^P$, n samples

$GCV(E, W)$

4) $v_i \rightarrow x_i$

The weight of an edge : between x_i and x_j

using the weigh function or Kernel $K(x_i, x_j)$

Important: different from the notion of Kernel
in SVM.

Properties of $K(x_i, x_j)$

- $K(x_i, x_j) = K(x_j, x_i)$ Symmetry
- Non-negativity $K(x_i, x_j) \geq 0$
- Locality if $\|x_i - x_j\| \ll \varepsilon$ then $K(x_i, x_j) \rightarrow 1$
and if $\|x_i - x_j\| \gg \varepsilon$ then $K(x_i, x_j) \rightarrow 0$

* Pay attention to ε

examples: Gaussian Kernel

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\varepsilon^2}\right)$$

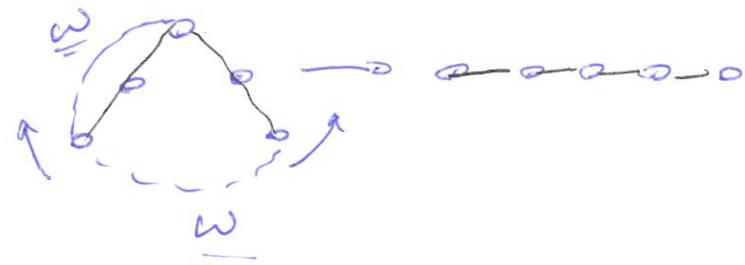
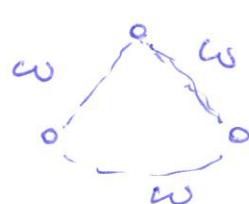
(Ex. verify the above properties)

Example: $K(x_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \|x_i - x_j\| \leq \varepsilon \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

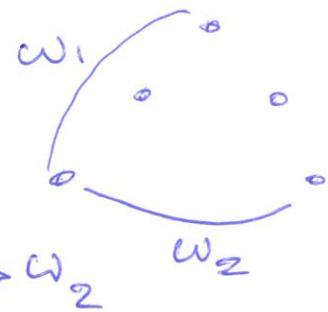
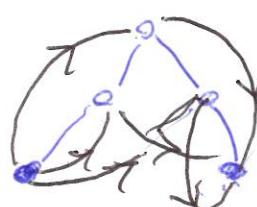
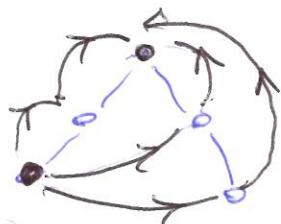
(How to choose ε ? ISOMAP)

$$v_i \rightarrow x_i$$

$$w_{ij} = K(x_i, x_j)$$



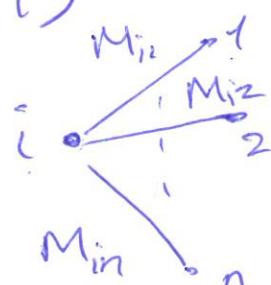
Two steps



$M = (M_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$ transition matrix.

$$M_{ij} = P(X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i)$$

$$M_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_j w_{ij}}$$



$$\sum_j M_{ij} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_j w_{ij} \neq 1$$

$$\boxed{M_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{\deg(i)}} \quad \deg(i) = \sum_j w_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow M = D^{-1} W$$

$$W = (w_{ij})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\deg(1), \deg(2), \dots, \deg(n))$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \deg(1) & & & \\ & \deg(2) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \deg(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

* $\Phi(X_t=j | X_0=i) = (M^t)_{ij} \quad j=1, \dots, n$
 $t \in \mathbb{N} \quad (\text{ex-verify})$

$$M = (M_{ij}) \quad M_{ij} = \Phi(X_1=j | X_0=i)$$

$$M = D^{-1}W$$

distances between i and other points

, $(M^t)_{i1}, M^t_{i2}, \dots, M^t_{in} \rightarrow$ i^{th} row of M^t

$$\Rightarrow e_i^T M^t \quad e_i \text{ canonical basis}$$

$$e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ i \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{vectors}} \text{position } i$$

$$\cdot v_i \rightarrow e_i^T M^t$$

$\rightarrow M^t$ is not symmetric \Rightarrow MDS does not work

Spectral decomposition:

$$M = D^{-1}W$$

W symm. D^{-1} sym.

$$S = D^{1/2} M D^{-1/2} = D^{-1/2} W D^{-1/2} \Rightarrow S \text{ sym.}$$

$$M = D^{-1}W \quad S = D^{-1/2}WD^{-1/2} = \underline{V}\Lambda V^T$$

$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$ eigenvalues

$V = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ eigenvectors

$$S = D^{1/2} M D^{-1/2} \Rightarrow M = D^{-1/2} S D^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow M &= D^{-1/2} V \Lambda V^T D^{1/2} \\ &= \underline{\Phi} \Lambda \underline{\psi}^T \end{aligned}$$

$\Phi = D^{-1/2}V$
 $\psi = D^{1/2}V$

Φ and ψ are bi-orthogonal:

$$\Rightarrow \Phi^T \psi = I \quad (\text{because } V \text{ is an ortho. matrix.})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M\phi_k = \lambda_k \phi_k \\ \psi_k^T M = \lambda_k \psi_k^T \\ \Phi_i^T \psi_j = \delta_{ij} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) \\ \psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n) \\ \rightarrow \text{Ex. verify!} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow M \text{ can be written as: } M = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \phi_k \psi_k^T$$

$$M^t = ? \Rightarrow \left[M^t = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^t \phi_k^T \psi_k \right]$$

$$v_i \rightarrow e_i^T M^t = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k^t \underbrace{e_i^T \phi_k \psi_k^T}_{\rightarrow} \Rightarrow$$

$$e_i^T M^t = \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\lambda_k^t \phi_{k,i}}_{\Phi_{K,i}} \underbrace{\psi_k^T}_{\Psi_K}$$

$$\Phi_K = (\phi_{K,1}, \phi_{K,2}, \dots, \phi_{K,n})^T$$

$$\phi_{K,i} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Definition 4.5. The diffusion map at step time \underline{t}

t is defined as

$$\Phi_t(v_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^t \phi_{1,i} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n^t \phi_{n,i} \end{pmatrix} \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

Theorem 4.6. The eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ of

M satisfy $|\lambda_k| \leq 1$. It also holds that

$M \underline{1}_n = \underline{1}_n$ and $\underline{1}$ is an eigenvalue of M .

$$\Phi_t(v_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{1} \\ \lambda_2^t \phi_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n^t \phi_{n,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$* \sum_j M_{ij} = 1 \Rightarrow M \underline{1}_n = \underline{1}_n$$

$$\Phi_t(v_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2^t \phi_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n^t \phi_{n,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

- It is possible to have more than eigenvalues equal to one. \Rightarrow graph disconnected or bipartite

Definition 4.7. The diffusion map truncated to

d dimensions is defined as.

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_t^{(d)}(v_i) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_2^t \phi_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_{d+1}^t \phi_{d+1,i} \end{pmatrix} *$$

$\Phi_t^{(d)}(v_i)$ an approximate embedding of v_1, \dots, v_n in a d -dimensional space.

Theorem 4.8 For any pair of nodes v_i and v_j we have

$$\|\Phi_t(v_i) - \Phi_t(v_j)\|^2 = \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{1}{\deg(l)} \left(P(X_t=l|X_0=i) - P(X_t=l|X_0=j) \right)^2$$

Proof. Exercise