Multi-Dimensional Scaling and Applications to Posture-Invariant Surface Processing





- Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS)
- Isometric Embeddings
- Applications of Isometric Embeddings
 - Surface Recognition
 - Face Recognition
 - Surface Correspondence
 - Feature Extraction
- Limitations of Isometric Embeddings

What is MDS?

Given: Dissimilarity matrix

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{1,1} & \dots & \delta_{1,n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \delta_{n,1} & \dots & \delta_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

y $\int d_{i,j}pprox \delta_{i,j}$ ٥ 0 0 0 o 0 0 x

Find: $X = x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^p$

Exact Solution Does Not Exist





 \Rightarrow Approximation required (Figure from [BBKY06])

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Properties of Approximation

- Approximation known to be hard
- Objective function is nonlinear and non-convex
- Function, gradient, and Hessian require heavy computation
- Hessian is dense
- Solution is not unique (translation, rotation, reflections do not change value of stress function)

Methods for MDS

- Classical MDS [Gow66] (spectral method)
- Least-squares MDS [CC01] (gradient descent method)
- Fast MDS [FL95] (heuristic based on projecting points to hyperplanes)
- Generalized MDS [BBK06] (embedding space is an arbitrary surface)
- Many more methods, see Cox and Cox [CC01]

Extrinsic vs. Intrinsic Geometry



Figure created with Mathematica

Intrinsic geometry



Escher's Moebius strip

Isometry



Figure from [EK03]

S, *Q* : smooth Riemann manifolds Mapping

 $\varphi: \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{Q}$

isometry if and only if geodesic distances are preserved.

Isometric Embedding

Isometric Embedding

Find a representation of the intrinsic geometry of a Riemannian manifold *S* in an embedding space *Q* with simple extrinsic geometry (often: \mathbb{R}^3).

How does MDS help?

We use geodesic distances as dissimilarities.

Surface Recognition [EK03]



Top: original surfaces. Bottom: canonical forms. Figures from [EK03]

Face Recognition [BBK05, BBK03]



Figure from [BBK05]

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Surface Correspondence [WSAB07]

• Given two incomplete manifold meshes $S^{(0)}$ and $S^{(1)}$



• Compute a canonical form in \mathbb{R}^k



 Compute correspondence in MDS space using rigid alignment

Surface Correspondence [BBK06]



Figure from Bronstein et al. [BBK06].

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Feature Extraction [WAS10]

Compute features as points with unusual Spin images [JH99] on canonical form.





- Symmetric alignments
- Surfaces with non-Euclidean intrinsic geometries
- Large holes
- Outliers



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