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# Topological Clustering with Statistical Guarantees 

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This is a NP hard problem!
Lloyd's algorithm: a very simple local search algorithm.

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- Lack of stability: output is very sensitive to initial seeds.



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Dendogram, i.e., a tree such that:

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- each node represents a cluster,
- the root node contains the whole data,
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## Mode seeking clustering



In mode seeking, data points are sampled according to some (unknown) probability density, and clusters are given with its basins of attraction.

## Two approaches:

- Iterative, such as, e.g., Mean Shift. $\begin{aligned} & \text { space analysis, Comaniciu et al., IEEE Trans. on } \\ & \text { Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2002] }\end{aligned}$
- Graph-based, such as, e.g., $\begin{gathered}\text { [A Graph-Theoretic Approach to Nonparametric } \\ C l u s t e r ~ A n a l y s i s, ~ K o o n t z ~ e t ~ a l ., ~ I E E E ~ T r a n s . ~ o n ~\end{gathered}$ Computers, 1976].


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## The algorithm:

Input: A neighborhood graph $G$ with $n$ vertices (the data points) and an $n$-dimensional vector $\hat{f}$ (density estimate).

Sort the vertex indices $\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$ in decreasing order: $\hat{f}(1) \geq \cdots \geq \hat{f}(n)$. Initialize a union-find data structure $\mathcal{U}$ and two lists $g, r$ of length $n$. for $i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}$ :

Let $\mathcal{N}$ be the set of neighbors of $i$ in $G$ that have indices lower than $i$ if $\mathcal{N}=\varnothing$ :

Create a new entry $e$ in $\mathcal{U}$ and attach vertex $i$ to it: $\mathcal{U}$.MakeSet(i)
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else:
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## Pseudo-code

Input: A graph $G$ with $n$ vertices, an $n$-dimensional vector $\hat{f}$, and $\tau \geq 0$. Sort the vertex indices $\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$ in decreasing order: $\hat{f}(1) \geq \cdots \geq \hat{f}(n)$. Initialize a union-find data structure $\mathcal{U}$ and two lists $g, r$ of length $n$. for $i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}$ :

Let $\mathcal{N}$ be the set of neighbors of $i$ in $G$ that have indices lower than $i$ if $\mathcal{N}=\varnothing$ :

Create a new entry $e$ in $\mathcal{U}$ and attach vertex $i$ to it: $\mathcal{U}$.MakeSet(i)
$r[e] \leftarrow i{ }_{(r[e] \text { stores the root vertex associated with the entry e) }}$
else:
$g[i] \leftarrow \operatorname{argmax}\{\hat{f}(j): j \in \mathcal{N}\} \quad(g[i]$ stores the approximate egradient at vertex $i)$
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| 2 | 3827 | 1.91865 |
| 3 | 1334 | 2.8813 |
| 4 | 557 | 3.76217 |
| 5 | 85 | 4.73838 |
| 6 | 32 | 5.65553 |
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## Image Segmentation

Density is estimated in 3D color space.
Neighborhood graph is built in image domain


Distribution of prominences does not usually show a clear unique gap.

Still, relationship between choice of $\tau$ and number of obtained clusters remains explicit.


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visualize topology on the data directly


## Mapper in applications

Two types of applications:
$\rightarrow$ clustering
$\rightarrow$ feature selection
principle: identify statistically relevant subpopulations through patterns (flares, loops)

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3d shapes classification

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## Classical choices:

- density estimates
- centrality $f(x)=\sum_{y \in X} d(x, y)$
- eccentricity $f(x)=\max _{y \in X} d(x, y)$
- PCA coordinates
- Eigenfunctions of graph laplacians.
- Functions detecting outliers.
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## Intuition:

- small $r \rightarrow$ finer resolution, more nodes.
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- small $g \rightarrow$ less connectivity, nerve dimension small.
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- any clustering algorithm works
- different clustering algorithms/parameters for each preimage
- for theoretical reasons, we prefer to work with hierarchical clustering with (predefined) neighborhood size $\delta$


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Build a neighboring graph (kNN,...)



Take the connected components of the subgraph spanned by the vertices in the preimage $f^{-1}(U)$.

Mapper in practice

$G_{\delta}=\delta$-neighborhood graph

## Choice of parameters

In practice, trial-and-error:
high-dimensional data sets ${ }^{40,48}$. This is performed automatically within the software, by deploying an ensemble machine learning algorithm that iterates through overlapping subject bins of different sizes that resample the metric space (with replacement), thereby using a combination of the metric location and similarity of subjects in the network topology. After performing millions of iterations, the algorithm returns the most stable, consensus vote for the resulting 'golden network' (Reeb graph), representing the multidimensional data shape ${ }^{12,40}$.

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Idea: deform the Reeb graph so that it becomes the Mapper and track the corresponding changes in the persistence diagram $D_{\tilde{f}}$.

Operation 1: Merge $M_{a, b}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(Y_{i-1} \times\left[a_{i-1}, a_{i}\right]\right) \cup_{\psi_{i-1}}\left(X_{i} \times\left\{a_{i}\right\}\right) \cup_{\phi_{i}} \ldots \cup_{\psi_{j-1}}\left(X_{j} \times\left\{a_{j}\right\}\right) \cup_{\phi_{j}}\left(Y_{j} \times\left[a_{j}, a_{j+1}\right]\right) \\
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Let $\mathcal{I}$ minimal cover of $\operatorname{Im} f \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. For $I \in \mathcal{I}$, let $I=I^{-} \sqcup \tilde{I} \sqcup I^{+}$, and define the staircases $Q_{\mathcal{I}}$ with:


## Descriptor for ${ }^{n}{ }^{n}$



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Cor: $D_{\tilde{f}, \mathcal{I}}=D_{\tilde{f}}$ whenever the resolution $r$ of $\mathcal{I}$ is smaller than the smallest distance from $D_{\tilde{f}} \backslash \Delta$ to the diagonal $\Delta$.

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Extensions to:

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Mapper in practice

$G_{\delta}=\delta$-neighborhood graph

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## Questions:

- Statistical properties of the estimator $\mathrm{M}_{f, \delta}^{\bullet}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right)$ ?
- Convergence to the ground truth $\mathrm{R}_{f}(X)$ in $d_{b}$ ? Deviation bounds?


## Statistics for Mapper



Let $\mathrm{M}_{f, \delta}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right)$ denote $\mathrm{M}_{f}\left(G_{\delta}, \mathcal{I}\right)$

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a. support $\rightarrow \delta$-neighborhood graph
b. Reeb graph $\rightarrow$ Mapper

$$
X \rightarrow G_{\delta}\left(\hat{X}_{n}\right)
$$

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$\omega$ : modulus of continuity of $f$, defined as $\omega: \delta \mapsto \sup \{|f(x)-f(y)|: d(x, y) \leq \delta\}$ rch: reach of $X$.
$\rho$ : radius of convexity of $X$ : largest $r$ s.t. geodesic balls of radius $r$ are convex.
$d_{H}$ : Hausdorff distance.

## Statistics for Mapper



Def: The distance function to a compact $M \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}, d_{M}: \mathbb{R}^{d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{+}$is:

$$
d_{M}(x)=\inf _{p \in M}\|x-p\|
$$

Def: The Hausdorff distance between two compact sets $M, M^{\prime} \subset \mathbb{R}^{d}$ is:

$$
d_{H}\left(M, M^{\prime}\right)=\sup _{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d}}\left|d_{M}(x)-d_{M^{\prime}}(x)\right|
$$

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$\Gamma_{M}(x)=\left\{y \in M: d_{M}(x)=\|x-y\|\right\}$
Def: The medial axis of $M$ is:

$$
\mathcal{M}(M)=\left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{d}:\left|\Gamma_{M}(x)\right| \geq 2\right\}
$$



Def: The reach of $M, \operatorname{rch}(M)$ is the smallest distance from $\mathcal{M}(M)$ to $M$ :

$$
\operatorname{rch}(M)=\inf _{y \in \mathcal{M}(M)} d_{M}(y)
$$

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Thm: If there are no intersection-crossing edges, then

$$
\mathrm{M}_{f, \delta}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right) \simeq \mathrm{M}_{f, \delta}^{\bullet}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right)
$$

and thus we can define $D_{\dot{f}, \mathcal{I}}^{\bullet}:=D_{\tilde{f}, \mathcal{I}}$.

## Statistics for Mapper

intersection-crossing


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## Statistics for Mapper



Gathering everything, it only remains to upper bound $d_{H}\left(X, \hat{X}_{n}\right)$ (which is random since $\hat{X}_{n}$ is random).

Hyp-Def: $\mu$ is called $(a, b)$-standard if:

$$
\mu(B(x, r)) \geq \min \left\{1, a r^{b}\right\} \text { for all } x \in X \text { and } r>0
$$

Then it is known that one has asymptotically almost surely:

$$
d_{H}\left(X, \hat{X}_{n}\right) \leq C(a, b)\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)^{1 / b}
$$

## Statistics for Mapper



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$$
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& \sup _{\mu \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}\left[d_{b}\left(D_{\tilde{f}_{\mathrm{PL}}, \mathcal{I}_{n}}^{\bullet}, D_{\tilde{f}}\right)\right] \leq C\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)^{1 / b},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $C$ depends only on $a, b, c$.
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Moreover, the estimator $D_{\dot{\tilde{f}}_{\mathrm{PL}}, \mathcal{I}_{n}}$ is minimax optimal (up to a $\log n$ factor) on the space $\mathcal{P}$ of $(a, b)$-standard probability measures on $X$.

Thm: For any estimator $\widehat{\mathrm{R}}$, one has:

$$
\sup _{\mu \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}\left[d_{b}\left(D_{\widehat{\mathrm{R}}}, D_{\tilde{f}}\right)\right] \geq C\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1 / b}
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Proof: Consequence of Le Cam's lemma.

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## Ex: PCA filter

$\Pi_{1}$ : orthonormal projection onto first principal direction of covariance operator. $\widehat{\Pi}_{1}$ : orthonormal projection onto first principal direction of empirical covariance operator.

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[d_{b}\left(D_{\widehat{\Pi}_{1, \mathrm{PL}}^{\bullet}, \mathcal{I}_{n}}, D_{\tilde{\Pi}_{1}}\right)\right] \lesssim\left(\frac{\log (n)^{2+\beta}}{n}\right)^{1 / b} \vee \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}
$$

[PCA-Kernel Estimation, Biau, Mas, Statistics \& Risk Modeling with Applications in Finance and Insurance, 2012]

Get confidence region with $\mathbb{E}[d(\cdot, \cdot)]=\int_{\alpha} \mathbb{P}(d(\cdot, \cdot) \geq \alpha) \mathrm{d} \alpha$.

## Multivariate case: filter-based pseudometric

[Topological Analysis of Nerves, Reeb
Spaces, Mappers, and Multiscale Mappers, Dey, Mémoli, Wang, SoCG, 2017]

Def: The filter-based pseudometric $d_{f}: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$
d_{f}\left(x, x^{\prime}\right)=\inf _{\gamma \in \Gamma\left(x, x^{\prime}\right)} \operatorname{diam}_{Y}(f \circ \gamma),
$$

where $\Gamma\left(x, x^{\prime}\right)$ denotes the set of all continuous paths $\gamma:[0,1] \rightarrow M$ such that $\gamma(0)=x$ and $\gamma(1)=x^{\prime}$, and $\operatorname{diam}_{Y}$ denotes the diameter of a subset of $Y$.

Def: The Gromov-Hausdorff metric $d_{G H}$ between $\left(M, d_{f}\right),\left(M^{\prime}, d_{f^{\prime}}\right)$ is defined as

$$
d_{G H}\left(M, M^{\prime}\right)=\frac{1}{2} \inf _{C} \sup _{\left(x, x^{\prime}\right),\left(y, y^{\prime}\right) \in C}\left|d_{f}(x, y)-d_{f^{\prime}}\left(x^{\prime}, y^{\prime}\right)\right|,
$$

where $C$ denotes the set of all correspondences between $M$ and $M^{\prime}$ (subsets of $M \times M^{\prime}$ s.t. projections onto $M$ and $M^{\prime}$ are surjective).

## Statistics for multivariate Mapper



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Thm: If $\mu$ and $f \# \mu$ are $(a, b)$-standard, then for $\delta_{n}$ as before, one has:

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[d_{G H}\left(\mathrm{M}_{f, \delta_{n}}^{\bullet}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right), \mathrm{R}_{f}(X)\right)\right] \leq 5 \cdot \mathbb{E}[\operatorname{res}(\mathcal{I})]+C \omega\left(\frac{\log (n)^{i}}{n}\right.
$$

where $C$ depends only on $a, b$, and res denotes the resolution of the cover $\mathcal{I}$, i.e., the diameter of its elements.

Moreover, using covers with hypercubes or $K$-means, or quantized Distance-to-Measure allows to bound $\mathbb{E}[\operatorname{res}(\mathcal{I})] . \quad \begin{gathered}{[A k \text {-points-based distance for robust geometric inference, }} \\ \text { Brecheteau, Levarad, Bermoilli, } 2020]\end{gathered}$

## Statistics for multivariate Mapper



Thm: If $w(u) \leq c u^{\gamma}$ for some $c>0, \gamma \in(0,1)$, and for a cover $\mathcal{I}$ given by thickening a $k$-means partition in $\mathbb{R}^{D}$ :

$$
\mathbb{E}[\operatorname{res}(\mathcal{I})] \leq k^{-\left(2 \gamma^{2}\right) /\left(2 \gamma b+b^{2}\right)}+\left(\frac{k D}{n}\right)^{\gamma /(2 b+4 \gamma)}
$$

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## Experiments Chromosome conformation capture



Initial state


Cross-linking


Fragmentation


Ligation
$\qquad$

Reverse cross-linking


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Formal identification of cell cycle with $95 \%$ confidence

## Experiments Spinal cord data



Section Specific SPLiT-Seq and scATAC-Seq



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Lumbar

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## Machine Learning Classifier Monitoring

Filter $=$ confidence of Random Forest classifier (in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ )



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Filter $=$ confidence of Random Forest classifier (in $\mathbb{R}^{6}$ )


## Other works

Another line of work is about the interleaving distance between Mappers and Reeb spaces seen as cosheaves Open $\left(\mathbb{R}^{d}\right) \rightarrow$ Set.
[Convergence between categorical representations of Reeb space and Mapper, Munch, Wang, SoCG, 2016]

Prop: For $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d}, d_{I}\left(\mathcal{C}\left(\mathrm{R}_{f}(X)\right), \mathcal{C}\left(\mathrm{M}_{f}(X, \mathcal{I})\right)\right) \leq \operatorname{res}(\mathcal{I})$.
[Probabilistic convergence and stability of random Mapper graphs, Brown et al., JACT, 2020]

Prop: For $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow+\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(d_{I}\left(\mathcal{C}\left(\mathrm{R}_{f}(X)\right), \mathcal{C}\left(\mathrm{M}_{f}\left(\hat{X}_{n}, \mathcal{I}\right)\right)\right) \leq \operatorname{res}(\mathcal{I})\right)=1
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