## Manifold Learning and Spectral Methods





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#### Discovering latent manifold structure in data

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Information geometry - the manifold structure of parameter space

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Tenenbaum, De Silva and Langford 2000

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Boots, Siddiqi and Gordon 2011

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Convolutions on Graphs and Manifolds

Spectral Graph Convolutional Neural Networks

Inference in Spectral Learning with Deep Networks

Part I

## Theory

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# Graph Theory (in three slides)

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Part Ib

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Solve numerically on meshes with fast marching method

Kimmel and Sethian 1998

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# Spectral Theory for Graphs and Manifolds

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# The Geometry of Data

# Classic Manifold Learning: A Time Before Deep Learning

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Belkin and Niyogi 2002; Mikolov, Sutskever, Chen, Corrado and Dean 2013

## Spectral clustering

Same embedding as Laplacian eigenmaps, but use embedding vectors for clustering instead of visualization



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Minimum (normalized) cut problem:} \\ \mbox{partition vertices into sets } \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{V} \end{array}$ 

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Works for fixed dataset  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  but what is the embedding vector for a new data point x'?

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From eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k$  and eigenvectors  $\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_k$  of **M**, can approximate eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{K}_p$  with Nyström method:

$$\phi_k(\mathbf{x}') \propto \sum_i \phi_{ki} k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}')$$

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Other methods have become popular for low-dimensional visualization - especially t-SNE  $({\sf Maaten}\ {\sf and}\ {\sf Hinton}\ 2008)$ 

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Consider a single object under different lighting and rotation

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Part IIb

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Some data can be embedded uniformly in flat space



What about data with hierarchical structure?





Tree with branching factor b has  $b^{\ell}$  nodes at layer  $\ell$  - exponential growth Area of sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with radius r grows as  $r^{N-1}$  - polynomial growth



Idea: embed nodes in hierarchy in hyperbolic space instead of flat space



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Many possible models of hyperbolic space



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	Poincaré	Rank MAP	4.9 0.823	4.02 0.851	3.84 0.855	3.98 0.86	3.9 0.857	3.83 0.87
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State of the art results on graded lexical entailment on HyperLex

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$$\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle_{\mathcal{L}}$$



Nickel and Kiela 2018

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	Lorentz	22.8	3.18	2.95	3.64	1.26	1.23	1.63	1.24	1.17	3.05	1.67	1.63	38.99	14.13	12.42
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	Lorentz	30.5	92.3	92.8	57.9	93.5	93.3	87.1	95.8	96.5	82.9	96.6	97.0	34.8	77.7	79.9
	Δ%	61.3	10.3	6.8	58.6	2.7	2.3	35.6	1.6	2.0	19.6	2.7	2.3	43.9	1.8	0.6
ρ	Poincaré	13.8	57.2	58.5	11.0	54.1	55.1	37.5	57.5	61.4	59.8	63.5	62.9	42.2	69.9	74.9
	Lorentz	41.0	58.9	59.5	47.9	55.5	56.6	54.5	61.7	67.5	65.9	65.9	65.9	64.5	71.4	76.3

Significant improvement over Poincaré, especially in low dimensions



# Hyperbolic Attention Networks



Imposes hyperbolic geometry on activations of deep network with attention

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Part III

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Part IIIb

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Figure: Monti, Boscaini, Masci, Rodolà, Svoboda, Bronstein 2017

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Classification accuracy of different methods on citation network datasets

Data:  $^{1,2}$ Sen et al. 2008; methods:  $^3$ Belkin et al. 2006;  $^4$ Weston et al. 2012;  $^5$ Zhu et al. 2003;  $^6$ Perozzi et al. 2014;  $^7$ Yang et al. 2016;  $^8$ Kipf, Welling 2016 (simplification of ChebNet)

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Example of Chebyshev filters (order r = 7) on Euclidean grid

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#### Geometric Deep Learning Tutorial: NIPS 2017 https://vimeo.com/248497329

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## Spectral inference networks on Atari

Successor Features

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Can we use the learned representations for challenging downstream tasks?

Can we better connect spectral learning with probabilistic models?

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