

Bayesian Clustering of Curves with Applications to Juvenile and Hominin Cochlear Shapes



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Bayesian inference: Some applications

Bayesian inference: derives the posterior probability from a "prior" information and a "likelihood" function from the observed data.

$$p(\theta|Data) = \frac{p(Data|\theta) p(\theta)}{p(Data)}$$

Posterior ← $p(\theta|Data)$

Likelihood → $p(Data|\theta)$

Prior → $p(\theta)$

Normalization → $p(Data)$

Models:



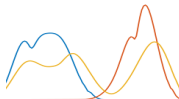
Applications:



Vectors



Signals



Functions



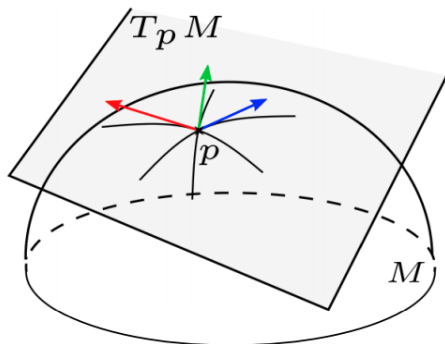
Shapes

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- ◆ The algorithm
- ◆ Experimental results

Introduction: Riemannian manifold

Definition

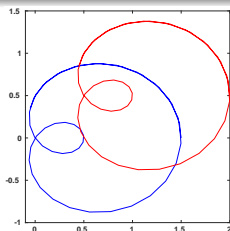
In differential geometry, a **Riemannian manifold** (M, g) is a nonlinear space M equipped with a positive-definite inner product g on the tangent space $T_p M$ at each point p .



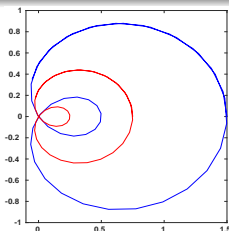
Introduction: Shapes of curves

Definition

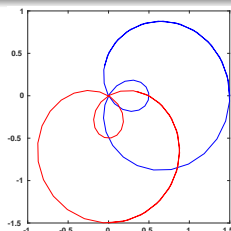
A **shape** is the geometrical information that remains when affine transformations (translation, scaling and rotation) are filtered out.



translation



scaling

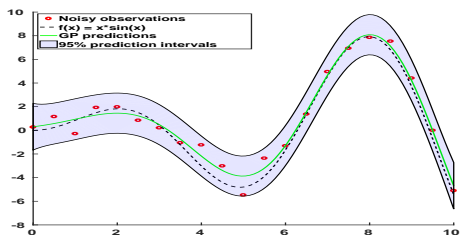


rotation

- ◆ Shape analysis of curves deals with the Generalized Procrustes Analysis (**GPA**) algorithm where the curve is represented with n landmarks in $\mathbb{R}^d \implies$ finite vectors on the sphere.
- ◆ Shape analysis of curves deals with the tangent PCA (**TPCA**) \implies finite vectors projected into the tangent space of the sphere + PCA.

Introduction: Gaussian process (GP)

- ◆ A covariance is a bi-variate function $c : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $(x, x') \mapsto c(x, x')$ that characterizes the dependence between two random variables.
- ◆ A function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is modeled with a centered **GP**, denoted $f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, c)$, if $\mathbf{f} = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_N))^T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{C})$ for any $N \geq 1$.
- ◆ \mathbf{C} refers to the covariance matrix constructed from the covariance function c such that: $\mathbf{C}_{ij} = c(x_i, x_j) = \text{cov}(f(x_i), f(x_j))$.
- ◆ An example of a GP regression model:



Problem formulation

◆ Observations:

β_1, \dots, β_N where $\beta_i : I = [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$; $d \geq 1$.

◆ Goal:

Assign each curve to one of K clusters with $K \ll N$.

◆ Problem:

In practice, we can not observe all β_i .

◆ Notations:

- Let $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ be a discretization of I .
- We only observe a discretization of β_i , i.e., $\beta_i \circ F(\xi)$ where F is a reparametrization, identified with a **cumulative distribution function** (CDF) defined on $I = [0, 1]$, belonging to

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ F : I \rightarrow I \mid F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1, \text{ and } \dot{F} \text{ is nonnegative} \right\}$$

□ References:

[Kendall \(1984\)](#) ; [Srivastava et al. \(2011\)](#).

Examples of F and β : $d = 3$ and $n = 100$

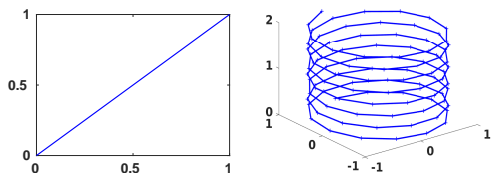


Figure: F is the **uniform** CDF on I : $F(\xi) = \xi$ and $\beta \circ F(\xi)$.

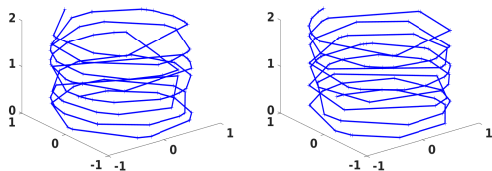


Figure: The same curve β with two **different** CDFs F_1 and F_2 . The difference in locations is $\|\beta \circ F_1 - \beta \circ F_2\| \neq 0$.

Main idea

◆ Issues:

- ① \mathcal{F} is a **group** of diffeomorphisms without any geometric structure.
- ② Minimizing a cost function on $F \in \mathcal{F}$ is complicated and intractable.

◆ Solutions:

- ① \mathcal{F} is isometrically mapped to the Hilbert **upper-hemisphere**

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ \psi \equiv \sqrt{\dot{F}} \mid \psi \text{ is nonnegative, and } \|\psi\|_{\mathbb{L}^2} = \left(\int_I \psi(t)^2 dt \right)^{1/2} = 1 \right\}$$

- ② $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{L}^2})$ is a complete **Riemannian manifold**.
- ③ Given $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ and $g \in T_\psi(\mathcal{H})$ the **geodesic path** with an initial position ψ and a direction g at any time instant t satisfies

$$\psi(t) = \cos(t\|g\|_{\mathbb{L}^2})\psi + \sin(t\|g\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}) \frac{g}{\|g\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}}$$

CDF expansion

- ◆ If $\psi \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, c) \implies$ Its **Karhunen-Loève** expansion is

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_l \phi_l(t), \text{ with } a_l \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda_l) \text{ and } (\phi_l)_l \text{ is a } \mathbb{L}^2 \text{ basis}$$

$\hookrightarrow (\lambda_l)_l$ and $(\phi_l)_l$ refers to **eigen-values** and **eigen-functions** of c .

- ◆ Identifying ψ and F with their **truncated versions** at order m

$$\psi_m(t) = \sum_{l=1}^m a_l \phi_l(t) \quad \text{and} \quad F_m(\xi) = \int_0^{\xi} \psi_m^2(t) dt$$

Proposition

F_m is a CDF if and only if $A = (a_1, \dots, a_m)^T \in \mathcal{S}^{m-1}$ where

$$\mathcal{S}^{m-1} = \left\{ A \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \|A\|_2 = \left(\sum_{l=1}^m a_l^2 \right)^{1/2} = 1 \right\}$$

Square-root velocity function (SRVF)

◆ Problems:

- 1 The \mathbb{L}^2 metric is not a good choice to quantify the dissimilarity between curves \implies The **elastic** metric.
- 2 The implementation of the elastic metric is hard in practice.

◆ Solutions:

- 1 A curve β can be represented by its **SRVF** (or q -function)

$$q : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$
$$\xi \mapsto q(\xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{\dot{\beta}(\xi)}{\sqrt{\|\dot{\beta}(\xi)\|_2}} & \text{if } \dot{\beta}(\xi) \neq 0. \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- 2 $\beta \circ F$ is then represented by

$$q^*(\xi) = \sqrt{\dot{F}(\xi)} q(F(\xi))$$

Advantages of SRVF

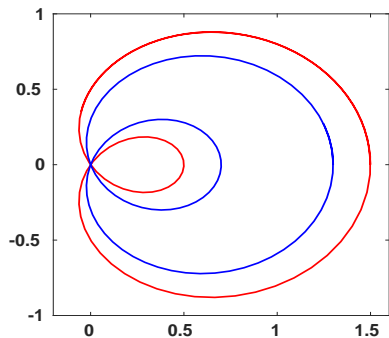
- ◆ The elastic metric defined on the shape space of curves β reduces to a \mathbb{L}^2 metric on the space of SRVFs q .
- ◆ **Invariance** to: translation, scaling, rotation and reparametrization since $\|q_1^* - q_2^*\| = \|q_1 - q_2\|$.
- ◆ Given a random sample q_1, \dots, q_N , their **Fréchet mean** $\tilde{q}(\xi)$ minimizing the Fréchet variance

$$\mathbb{V}(q) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \inf_{F_i \in \mathcal{F}} \|q - q_i^*\|^2$$

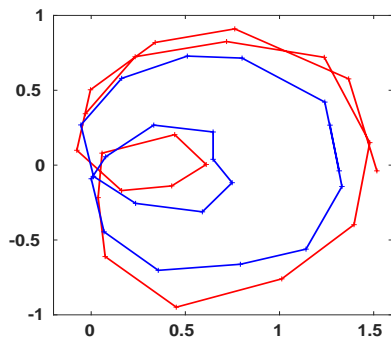
results to be the **Euclidean mean**, i.e., $\tilde{q}(\xi) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i^*(\xi)$.

Example of true and observed curves ($N = 2, K = 2, \sigma^2 = 0.1$)

True curve to be estimated for
 k -th cluster: $\tilde{q}^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}), k = 1, \dots, K$



Observed curve: $q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi})|C_i = k \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{q}^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}), i = 1, \dots, N$



Bayesian clustering with GMM: K clusters

Finding the **optimal** truncated CDF F_m^k depending on A^k for k -th cluster.

Assumptions

- ◆ Let $\pi_k = \mathbb{P}(C_i = k)$ with $k = 1, \dots, K$.
- ◆ Let $q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi}) | C_i = k \sim \mathcal{N}(\tilde{q}^k(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \sigma^2 \mathcal{I})$.

Bayesian inference on coefficients A^k

- ◆ Likelihood:

$$\mathbb{P}(q_1, \dots, q_N | A^1, \dots, A^K, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_K, \tilde{q}^{1,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \dots, \tilde{q}^{K,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \sigma^2) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \tilde{q}^{k,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2^2 \right) \right)$$

- ◆ Prior: $\mathbb{P}(A^k) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^m \frac{a_l^{k2}}{\lambda_l} \right) \times \delta_{\{A^k \in \mathcal{S}^{m-1}\}}$

- ◆ Log-posterior:

$$\log \mathbb{P}(A^1, \dots, A^K | q_1, \dots, q_N, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_K, \tilde{q}^{1,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \dots, \tilde{q}^{K,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi}), \sigma^2) \propto \sum_{i=1}^N \log \left(\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \tilde{q}^{k,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2^2 \right) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{l=1}^m \frac{a_l^{k2}}{\lambda_l}$$

Spherical Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC) sampling: 10^4 iterations

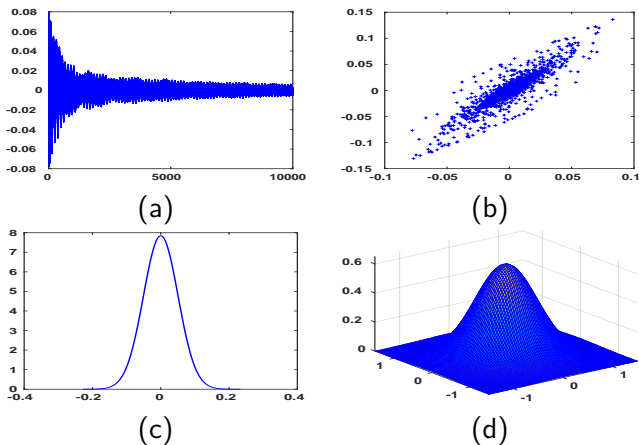


Figure: The **Markov chain** trajectory of: a_1^1 (a) and (a_1^1, a_2^1) (b). The nonparametric **density estimation** of: a_1^1 (c) and (a_1^1, a_2^1) (d).

- ◆ Our method: spherical HMC sampling for A^k with an extra MCMC sampling for π_k , $\tilde{q}^{k,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$, and σ^2 .
- ◆ Probability that i -th curve belongs to k -th cluster

$$\mathbb{P}(C_i = k | q_i) = \frac{\pi_k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \tilde{q}^{k,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2^2\right)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|q_i^*(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \tilde{q}^{k,m}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\|_2^2\right)}$$

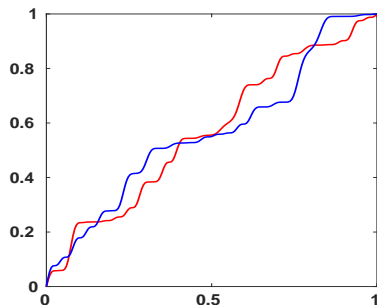
- ◆ Comparison:

- 1 GPA-kmeans and GPA-kmedoids, when applying the GPA to $\beta_i(\boldsymbol{\xi})$
 \implies vectors belonging to $\mathcal{S}^{nd-d-1-\frac{1}{2}d(d-1)}$.
- 2 TPCA-kmeans and TPCA-GMM, when applying the PCA to shape vectors projected onto the tangent space of the sphere \implies vectors belonging to \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 .

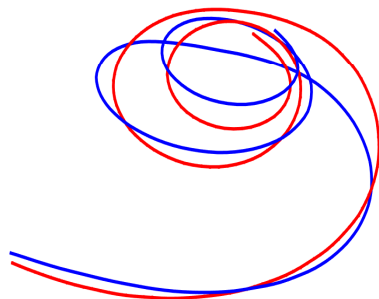
Experimental results: First dataset

- ◆ Dataset: 94 cochlea for juvenile.
- ◆ Dimension: $n \times d = 200 \times 3$.
- ◆ Cluster 1: girls & Cluster 2: boys.

Cluster of girls (blue) and Cluster of boys (red).



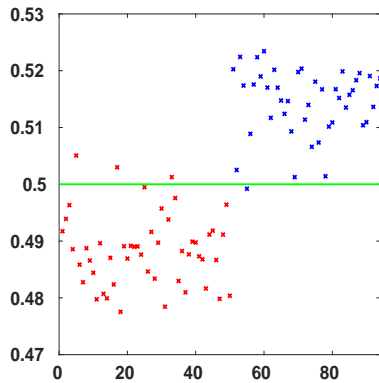
The optimal reparametrization



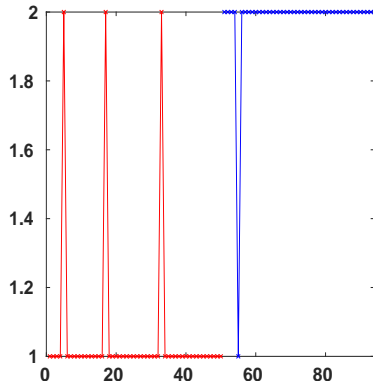
The Fréchet mean

Experimental results: Clustering

Cluster of girls (blue) and Cluster of boys (red).



The probability $\mathbb{P}(C_i = 1 | q_i)$



The resulting cluster

Experimental results: Accuracy rates

Table: Mean clustering error (MCE), specificity (SP) and sensibility (SE) for juvenile cochlea.

Methods	MCE	SP	SE
TPCA-GMM	41.75%	58.07%	58.5%
TPCA-kmeans	41.54%	58.44%	58.5%
GPA-kmeans	25.11%	74.4%	75.45%
GPA-kmedoids	10.85%	89.8%	88.41%
Proposed	4.26%	94%	97.73%

Experimental results: Second dataset

- ◆ Dataset: 80 cochlea for hominin.
- ◆ Dimension: $n \times d = 200 \times 3$.
- ◆ Cluster 1: Modern humans (HSS) & Cluster 2: Paranthropus (PAR) & Cluster 3: Gorillas (GOR) & Cluster 4: Chimpanzees (PAN) & Cluster 5: Australopithecus (AUS).



Figure: The Fréchet mean of each cluster.

Experimental results: Accuracy rates

The probability: $\mathbb{P}(C_i = k|q_i)$.

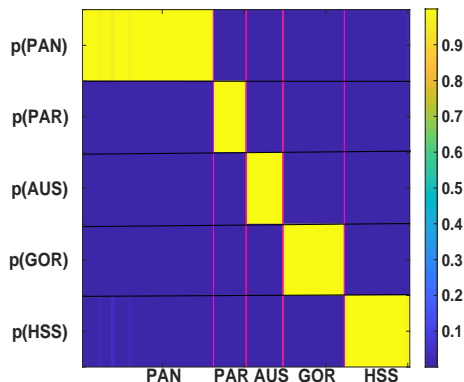
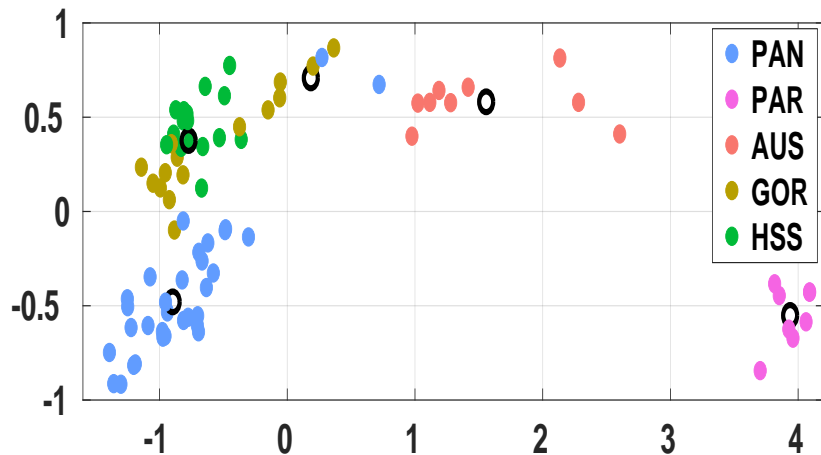


Table: Mean clustering error (MCE) for hominin cochlea.

Methods	MCE
TPCA-GMM	15%
TPCA-kmeans	20%
GPA-kmeans	12.5%
GPA-kmedoids	10%
Proposed	0%

Experimental results: Illustration

TPCA with PC1= 82.5% and PC2= 10.2% of variance.



Thank you for your attention !!!

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More details about cochlear data collection and analysis:

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