

# Selecting the independent coordinates of manifolds with large aspect ratios

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- Joint work with Marina Meila.
- Please check our paper [CM19] for more detail:
  - ▶ Yu-Chia Chen and Marina Meila. “Selecting the independent coordinates of manifolds with large aspect ratios”. NeurIPS’19. (To appear, also on [arXiv:1907.01651](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.01651)).
- Paper, Slides & Poster can be downloaded here<sup>1</sup>.
- Codes will be made available soon and can also be accessed here<sup>1</sup> when it is ready.

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# INTRODUCTION



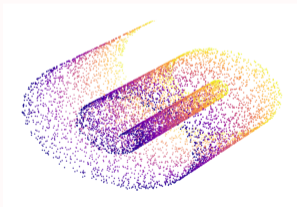
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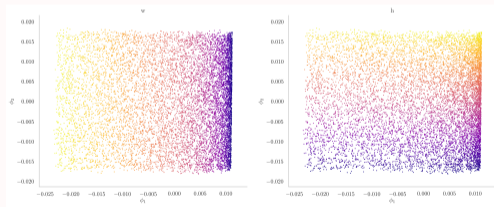


# MANIFOLD LEARNING

Given data  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times D}$  sampled from a *smooth*  $d$ -dimensional submanifold  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ .  
Manifold Learning algorithms map  $\mathbf{x}_i, i \in [n]$  to  $\mathbf{y}_i = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , where  $d \leq s \ll D$ , thus reducing the dimension of the data  $\mathbf{X}$  while preserving (some of) its properties.

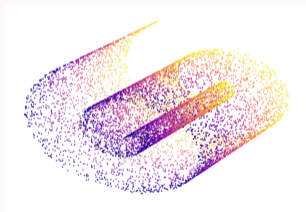


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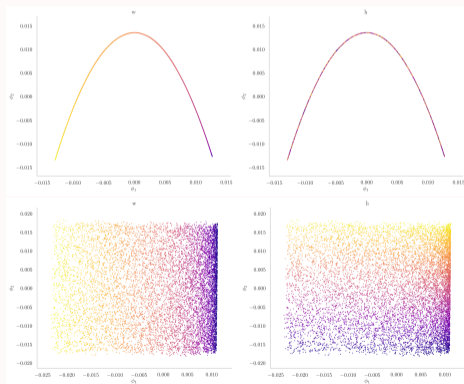


# INDEPENDENT EIGEN-COORDINATES SEARCH PROBLEM [GZKR08]

A family of Manifold learning algorithms **fail** apparently or suffer from **artifacts** when data manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is long and thin, e.g., when it has **aspect ratio**  $> 2$  for 2D strip.

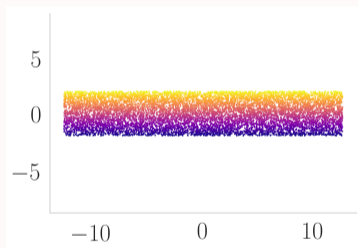


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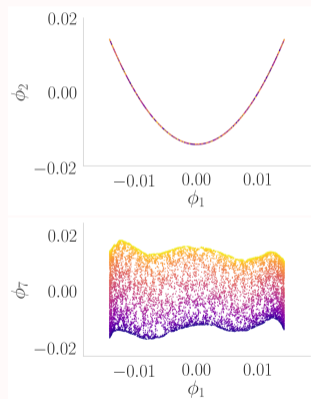
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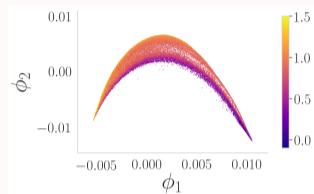
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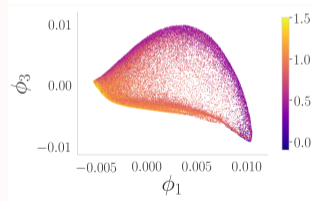


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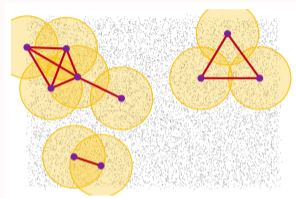
The family of algorithms suffer from the artifacts

- Laplacian eigenmap (LE) [BN03]
- Diffusion map (DM) [CL06]
- Locally linear embedding (LLE) [RS00]
- Local tangent space alignment (LTSA) [ZZ02]
- Hessian LLE (HLLE) [DG03]

In this work, we focus on *diffusion map* algorithm. But we will also discuss the possible extensions & challenges to LTSA & HLLE algorithms.

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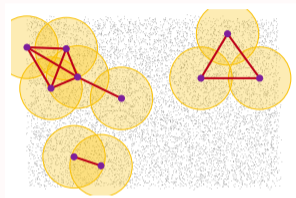
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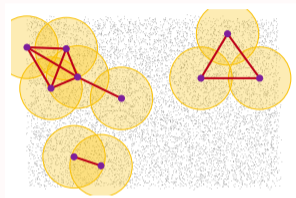
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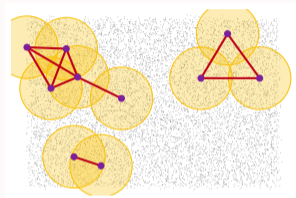
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# LAPLACIAN EIGENMAP/DIFFUSION MAP ALGORITHM

1. Build neighborhood graph  $G(V, E)$  with  $3\varepsilon$ -ball kernel.

▶  $V = [n], E = \{(i, j) \in V^2 : \|x_i - x_j\| \leq 3\varepsilon\}$ .

2. Compute kernel matrix  $[K]_{ij} = \exp(-\|x_i - x_j\|^2/\varepsilon^2)$  and the *renormalized graph Laplacian*  $L$

$$L = I - W^{-1}D^{-1}KD^{-1}$$

where  $D = \text{diag}(K\mathbf{1}_n)$  and  $W = \text{diag}(D^{-1}KD^{-1}\mathbf{1}_n)$

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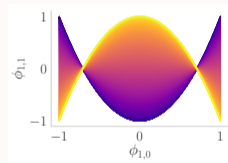
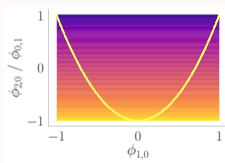


## MOTIVATING EXAMPLE – 2D STRIP

The eigenvalues & eigen-functions of Laplace-Beltrami operator  $\Delta_{\mathcal{M}}$  (Neumann boundary condition) on 2D long strip, measurement is (width, height) =  $(W, H)$ , are

$$\lambda_{k_1, k_2} = \left(\frac{k_1\pi}{W}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k_2\pi}{H}\right)^2$$

$$\phi_{k_1, k_2}(w, h) = \cos\left(\frac{k_1\pi w}{W}\right) \cos\left(\frac{k_2\pi h}{H}\right)$$



$\phi_{1,0}, \phi_{0,1}$  are independent thus should be chosen, while, e.g.,  $\phi_{1,0}, \phi_{2,0}$  are not.

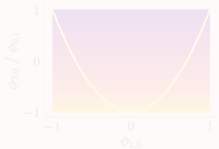


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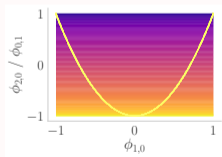


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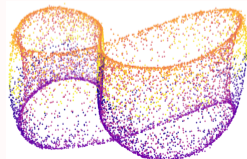
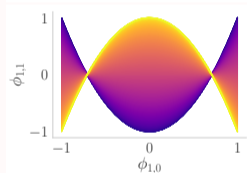
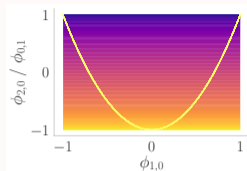
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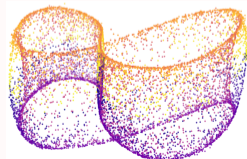
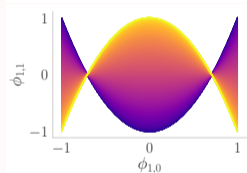
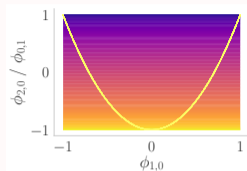
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# RIEMANNIAN METRIC



# THE PUSHFORWARD RIEMANNIAN METRIC [PM13]

- Associate with  $\phi(\mathcal{M})$  a *pushforward Riemannian metric*  $\mathbf{g}_{*\phi}$  that preserves the geometry of  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{g})$ . Here  $\mathbf{g}_{*\phi}$  is defined by

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{\mathbf{g}_{*\phi}(\mathbf{x})} = \langle \mathbf{D}\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{D}\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{v} \rangle_{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})}$$

for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{T}_{\phi(\mathbf{x})}\phi(\mathcal{M})$

- ▶  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T}_{\phi(\mathbf{x})}\phi(\mathcal{M})$  are tangent subspaces.
  - ▶  $\mathbf{D}\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$  maps vectors from  $\mathcal{T}_{\phi(\mathbf{x})}\phi(\mathcal{M})$  to  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{M}$ .
- $\mathbf{g}_{*\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  in local coordinate is a PSD matrix  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{i})$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{\mathbf{g}_{*\phi}(\mathbf{x}_i)} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{i}) \mathbf{v}$$



- Local Coordinate  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{i})$  (tangent plane) on embedding  $\mathbf{y}_i = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$  and distortion  $\Sigma(\mathbf{i})$  can be obtained by SVD of co-metric  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{i}) = \text{pseudo\_inv}(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{i}))$ .
- Local coordinate  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{i})$  projects onto coordinates set  $\mathcal{S}$  is

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{i})[\mathcal{S}, :]$$

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**Algorithm 1:** Riemannian metric estimation

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RMetric( $\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{L}, d$ )

for all  $\mathbf{y}_i \in \mathbf{Y}, k = 1 \rightarrow m, l = 1 \rightarrow m$  do

$$| \quad [\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{i})]_{kl} = \sum_{j \neq i} L_{ij} (\mathbf{y}_{jl} - \mathbf{y}_{il})(\mathbf{y}_{jk} - \mathbf{y}_{ik})$$

end

for  $i = 1 \rightarrow n$  do

$$| \quad \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{i}), \Sigma(\mathbf{i}) \leftarrow \text{ReducedRankSVD}(\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{i}), d)$$

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end

Return:  $\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{i}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  for  $i \in [n]$

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# LOSS FUNCTION BASED ON VOLUME





The loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(S; \zeta) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{U}_S(i)^\top \mathbf{U}_S(i))}}_{\mathfrak{R}_1(S) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{R}_1(S; i)} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^d \log \|\mathbf{u}_k^S(i)\|_2}_{\mathfrak{R}_2(S) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathfrak{R}_2(S; i)} - \zeta \sum_{k \in S} \lambda_k \quad (1)$$

The chosen independent coordinates

$$S_*(\zeta) = \underset{S \subseteq [m]; |S|=s; 1 \in S}{\operatorname{argmax}} \mathcal{L}(S; \zeta)$$

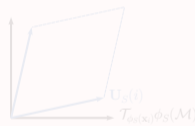


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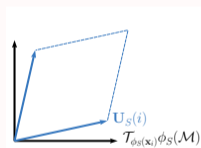
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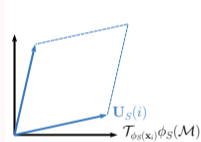
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# PSEUDO-CODE FOR BRUTE-FORCE SEARCH

**Algorithm 2:** Independent Eigencoordinates Search

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IndEigenSearch( $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{d}$ ,  $s$ ,  $\zeta$ )
 $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ ,  $\mathbf{L}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^m \leftarrow \text{DiffMap}(\mathbf{X}, \varepsilon)$ 
 $\mathbf{U}(1), \dots, \mathbf{U}(n) \leftarrow \text{RMetric}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{d})$ 
for  $S \in \{S' \subseteq [m] : |S'| = s, 1 \in S'\}$  do
     $\mathfrak{R}_1(S) \leftarrow 0; \mathfrak{R}_2(S) \leftarrow 0$ 
    for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
         $\mathbf{U}_S(i) \leftarrow \mathbf{U}(i)[S, :]$ 
         $\mathfrak{R}_1(S) += \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \log \det (\mathbf{U}_S(i)^\top \mathbf{U}_S(i))$ 
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## THEOREM 1 (LIMIT OF $\mathfrak{R}$ )

Under Assumptions 1-3,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \ln \mathfrak{R}(S, \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathfrak{R}(S, \mathcal{M})$$

and

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- Because  $j_S \geq \tilde{j}_S$  the divergence  $D$  is always positive



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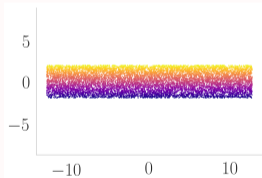
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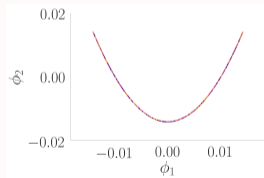


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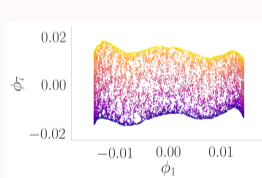
- The synthetic *2D long strip* with aspect ratio  $W/H = 2\pi$ .
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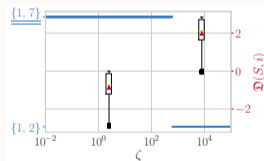
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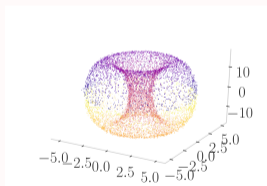
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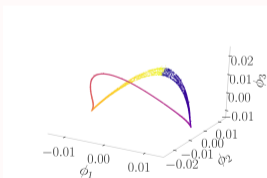
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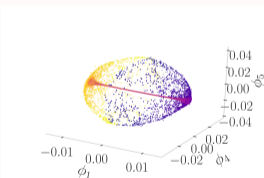
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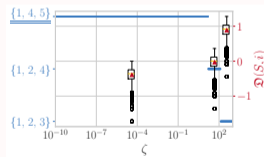
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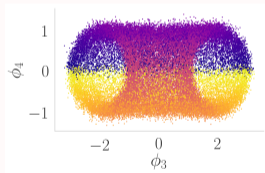
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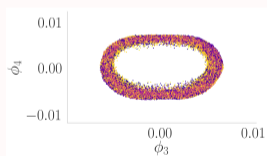
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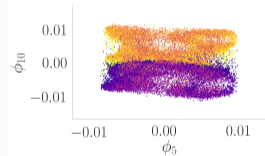
- The synthetic *Three torus* dataset: example of manifold having higher intrinsic dimension  $\mathbf{d}$ , which cannot be visualized easily.
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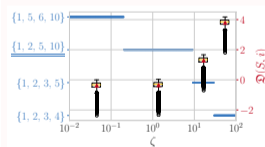
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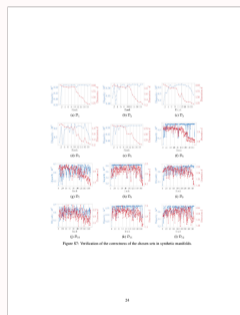
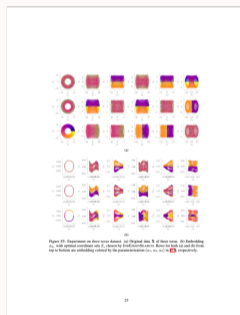
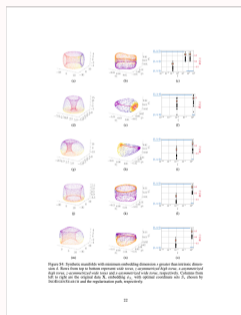
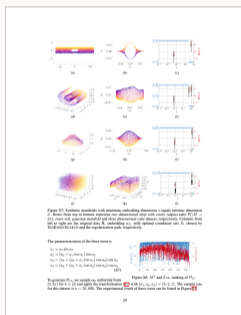
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Experiments on more synthetic datasets can be found on the paper [CM19].



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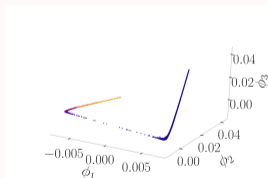
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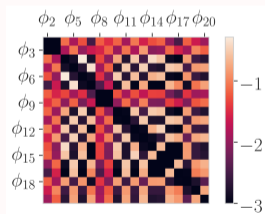
- MD simulation of the following reaction



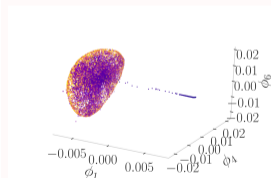
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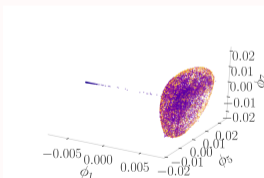
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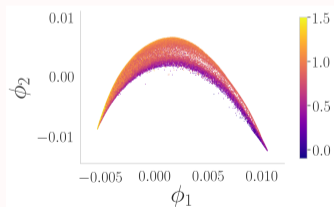
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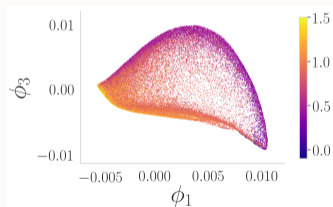
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# GALAXY SPECTRA FROM THE SDSS [AAA<sup>+</sup>09]

- Data can be downloaded here<sup>3</sup> and are preprocessed the same way as [MMVZ16].
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(q)  $\phi_{[2]}$



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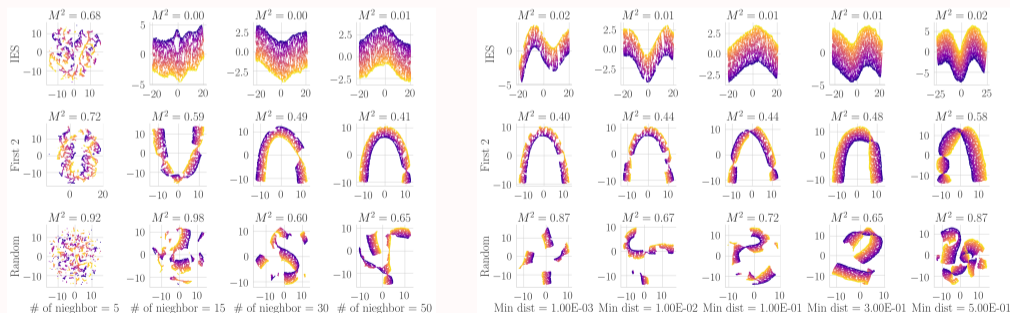
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- The bad initialization cannot always be fixed by more iterations.
  - ▶ In this simple example, it can. However, one needs way more iterations for it to converge.
- Figure below shows the experiment result of different initialization methods and choices of hyper-parameters with **fixed** iterations.



**kneigh:** # of neighbors in kNN graph.

**min\_dist:** minimum separation in  $Y$ .

## RELATED WORKS



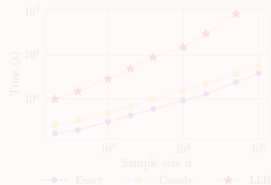
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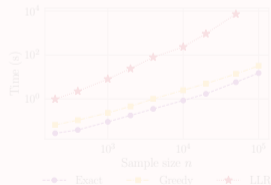
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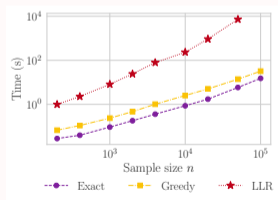
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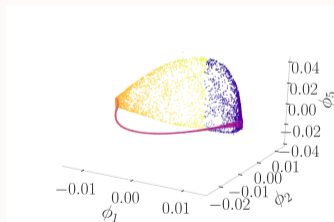


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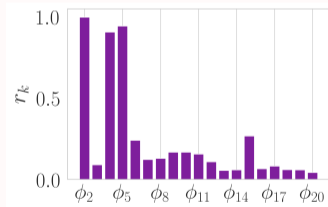


# COMPARISON WITH [DTCK18]

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- This is because the algorithm searches in a sequential fashion; the noise eigenvector  $\phi_2$  in this example appears before the signal eigenvectors e.g.,  $\phi_4$  and  $\phi_5$ .



(u)  $\phi_{S_*}$  by [DTCK18]



(v) Leave one out error

# CONCLUSION



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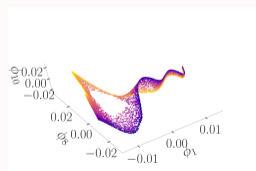
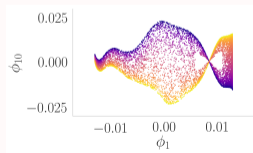
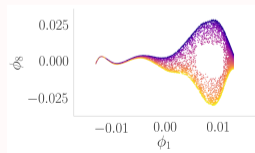
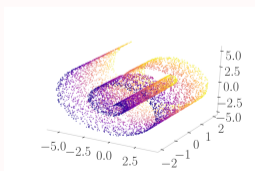
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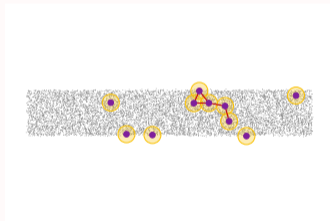
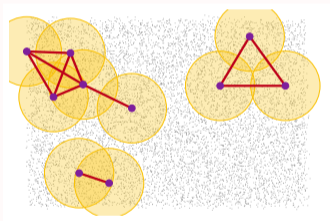
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## SOME INTUITIONS FOR IES PROBLEM



# SOME INTUITIONS — I

- Two point clouds  $\mathbf{X}_1 \stackrel{p}{\sim} \mathcal{M}_1, \mathbf{X}_2 \stackrel{p}{\sim} \mathcal{M}_2$  sampled from two manifold w.r.t. same density  $p$ .
- The neighborhood graph  $G(V, E)$  should be built with similar  $\epsilon$ .
- Short edges behave like noises.



It is possible to remove the defect by constructing a anisotropic kernel, however

- An isotropic kernel is needed for the convergence of graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L}$  [THJ11].
- Difficult to obtain/design such kernel since we do not know  $\mathcal{M}$ .





## SOME INTUITIONS — II

Another way to think of it is to consider the Rayleigh quotient of the min-eigenvalue problem. The  $k$ -th minimum eigenvalue for graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L}$  is

$$\phi_k = \underset{\varphi \perp \phi_1 \cdots \phi_{k-1}; \|\varphi\|_2=1}{\operatorname{argmin}} \varphi^\top \mathbf{L} \varphi = \underset{\varphi \perp \phi_1 \cdots \phi_{k-1}; \|\varphi\|_2=1}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2$$

- $\|\varphi\|_2 = 1$ , in some sense it “normalizes” the manifold to equal aspect ratio.
- The density along the short edges are now sparser than the original density  $\mathbf{p}$ .
- The term  $(\varphi_i - \varphi_j)^2$  penalizes the function  $\varphi(\cdot)$  parametrized short edges.



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HOW TO CHOOSE  $\zeta$



# REGULARIZATION PATH AND CHOOSING $\zeta$

- Define the *leave-one-out regret* of point  $i$

$$\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{S}, i) = \mathfrak{R}(\mathcal{S}_*^i; [n] \setminus \{i\}) - \mathfrak{R}(\mathcal{S}; [n] \setminus \{i\})$$

$$\text{with } \mathcal{S}_*^i = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathcal{S} \subseteq [m]; |\mathcal{S}|=s; i \in \mathcal{S}} \mathfrak{R}(\mathcal{S}; i)$$

- $\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{S}, i)$  is the gain in  $\mathfrak{R}$  if all the other points  $[n] \setminus \{i\}$  choose the un-regularized optimal coordinates set in terms of point  $i$ .
- The optimal  $\zeta'$  is then chosen by

$$\zeta' = \max_{\zeta \geq 0} \text{Percentile}(\{\mathfrak{D}(\mathcal{S}_*(\zeta), i)\}_{i=1}^n, \alpha) \leq 0$$

