Spectral Embedding and Locally Linear Embedding

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Mathematically, a manifold is a space that looks locally like a patch. The dimension of this patch is called the dimension of the manifold.

Surfaces are examples of manifolds. In particular,

surfaces are 2-manifolds.









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Locally linear embedding does not require the computation of the pair-wise distance matrix of the data such as ISOMAP and MDS.

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$$min \sum_{i} W_{i}^{T} G W_{i}$$

Subject to
$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} W_{ij} = 1$$

This is a well-known optimization problem and it can be solved using least square methods

LLE and its variation in Sklearn

MDS is implemented in Sklearn



Example

Part II : Spectral Embedding



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• The spectral embedding can unfold the nonlinear structures in a data in a highdimensional feature space so that they become much easier to handle and understand.



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But how exactly do we construct this new vector *w* ?

Spectral Embedding : general steps

- Construct a similarity graph phase : A similarity graph for the data X is chosen from the many available neighborhood graphs we studied in earlier lectures.
- The spectral embedding phase :In this step we use the eigenvectors of the Laplacian of the similarity graph to construct new coordinates.

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•Each row w_i in the matrix W is, by definition, the spectral embedding of the point x_i from the original data

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Spectral embedding usually put the points that are highly similar closer to each other and the points that are dissimilar far away from each other

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Spectral Embedding :graphs

We can use spectral embedding to give an embedding for a graph.



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