## Riemannian geometry to robust estimation covariance matrices with application in machine learning

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## Introduction

## Context of the PhD

In the last few years many images have been taken from the earth with different technologies (SAR, multi-spectral/hyperspectral imaging, ...).

#### Problematics

The objective is to develop clustering methods specific to these new data. More particularly we focus on 2 specific topics:

- Change detection.
- Semantic segmentation.



Figure 1: Raw image.



**Figure 2:** Segmented image. One color = one class (grass, woods, ...).

## **Objectives for parameter estimation**



**Figure 3:** Example of a SAR image (from nasa.gov).



**Figure 4:** Example of a hyperspectral image (from nasa.gov).

#### Remark

To segment an image we begin with an estimation step. Because of the data, we have to develop:

- robust estimators, i.e estimators that handle strong noise of SAR images,
- "low-rank" estimators, i.e estimators that handle high dimension of hyperspectral images.

Riemannian geometry, optimization, and Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bounds

## **Riemannian geometry**

A tool of interest for contrained parameters estimation is the Riemannian geometry. Briefly, a Riemannian manifold is a couple  $(\mathcal{M}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}})$  where

• *M* is a *smooth manifold* (*i.e.* a locally Euclidean set),

• 
$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}}$$
 is an inner product, on  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}$ , called the *Riemannian metric*.



**Figure 5:** A manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  with its tangent space  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}$ .

The vector space  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}$  is called the tangent space and is the linearization of  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $\theta$ .

Then we define some important objects:

exp<sup>M</sup><sub>θ</sub>(.): T<sub>θ</sub>M → M, the Riemannian exponential mapping (extension of straight lines to Riemmanian manifolds),
 log<sup>M</sup><sub>θ</sub>(.): M → T<sub>θ</sub>M, the Riemannian logarithm mapping,
 d(.,.)<sup>M</sup> : M × M → ℝ, the Riemannian distance.

Let f be a real-valued function to minimize over its parameter space:

 $\min_{\theta\in\mathcal{M}}f(\theta)$ 

where  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{M}}$  is a Riemannian manifold which include the constraints of our problem.

Examples of smooth manifolds  $\mathcal{M}$ :

- linear space (no constraints):  $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$
- orthogonality constraints (1):  $U_n = \{ \boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \boldsymbol{X}^H \boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{I}_n \}$
- orthogonality constraints (2):  $St_{p,k} = \{ \boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times k} : \boldsymbol{X}^{H} \boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{I}_{k} \}$
- symmetry constraints:  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{ \boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{X}^H \}$
- positivity constraints:  $\mathcal{H}_n^{++} = \{ \boldsymbol{X} \in \mathcal{S}_n : \forall x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ x^H \boldsymbol{X} x > 0 \}$
- norm constraints:  $S^{n^2-1} = \{ \boldsymbol{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \| \boldsymbol{X} \|_F = 1 \}$

• invariance: 
$$Gr_{p,k} = St_{p,k}/U_k$$









To minimize  $f:\mathcal{M}\to\mathbb{R},$  where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a Riemannian manifold, we need :

- $R^{\mathcal{M}}_{\theta}(\cdot)$ :  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{M}$ : a retraction (generalization of the exponential mapping),
- grad<sub>M</sub> f(θ) : the Riemannian gradient of f at θ ∈ M<sub>p,k,n</sub>, defined as,

$$\forall \xi \in T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}, \quad \mathsf{D}\,f(\theta)[\xi] = \langle \mathsf{grad}_{\mathcal{M}}\,f(\theta), \xi \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}}.$$

#### Remark

**Input:** Initialisation  $\theta_0 \in \mathcal{M}$ , step size  $\alpha > 0$ , number of iterations K **Output:**  $\theta_K \in \mathcal{M}$  **for** k = 0 : K - 1 **do**   $| \quad \theta_{k+1} = R_{\theta_k}^{\mathcal{M}} (-\alpha \operatorname{grad}_{\mathcal{M}} f(\theta_k))$  **end Algorithm 1:** Algorithm of steepest descent with a constant step size.

For a full review on this topic: Optimization algorithms on matrix manifolds [AMS08].

## Intrinsic Cramér-Rao Bound (ICRB)

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}})$  be an *n*-dimensional Riemannian manifold with  $\{e_{\theta}^{q}\}_{1 \leq q \leq n}$  an orthonormal basis of  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $X \in \mathbb{C}^p$  be a random variable that admits a probability density function (pdf)  $p(x|\theta)$  which depends on a parameter  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}$ .

We can compute the Fisher Information Metric,  $\forall \xi, \eta \in T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}$ :

 $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathsf{FIM}} = \mathbb{E}[\mathsf{D} L(\theta)[\xi] \mathsf{D} L(\theta)[\eta]],$ 

where L is the log-likelihood associated to the pdf.

Then, we can lower bound the variance of an unbiased estimator  $\hat{ heta} \in \mathcal{M}$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[d_{\mathcal{M}}^{2}(\theta,\hat{\theta})\right] \geq \mathsf{Tr}(\boldsymbol{F}_{\theta}^{-1}),$$

where the Fisher information matrix  $\boldsymbol{F}_{\theta}$  is defined as  $(\boldsymbol{F}_{\theta})_{ql} = \langle e_{\theta}^{q}, e_{\theta}^{l} \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathsf{FIM}}$ .

For a full review on this topic: Covariance, Subspace, and Intrinsic Cramér-Rao Bounds [Smi05].

# A Tyler-type estimator of location and scatter

## Compound Gaussian distribution - Data model

Let *n* data points  $x_i \in \mathbb{C}^p$  distributed according to the model:

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{i}} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sqrt{\tau_{\boldsymbol{i}}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{\frac{1}{2}} \boldsymbol{u}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$$
(1)

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}^p$ ,  $\tau \in (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ ,  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{SH}_p^{++}$  and  $u_i \sim \mathbb{CN}(0, I_p)$ , with

$$(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n = \{ \boldsymbol{\tau} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \boldsymbol{\tau}_i > 0 \},$$
(2)

$$\mathcal{SH}_{p}^{++} = \{\Sigma \in \mathcal{H}_{p}, \Sigma \succ 0, \det(\Sigma) = 1\}.$$
 (3)

Thus,  $x_i$  follows a Compound Gaussian distribution, *i.e.* 

$$\mathbf{x}_{i} \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \tau_{i}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$
 (4)

#### Definition

$$\mathcal{M}_{p,n} = \mathbb{C}^p \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n \times \mathcal{SH}_p^{++}$$
(5)

#### Remark

The textures  $\tau_i$  are assumed to be unknown and deterministic.

## Data model - Log-likelihood

Hence,  $orall heta = (oldsymbol{\mu}, oldsymbol{ au}, \Sigma) \in \mathcal{M}_{p,n}$  the negative log-likelihood is

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \log \det \left( \tau_i \Sigma \right) + \frac{(\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)^H \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mu)}{\tau_i} \right].$$
(6)

And the Maximum Likelihood Estimate satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \mu = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\tau_i}\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i}{\tau_i} \\ \Sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^H}{\tau_i} \\ \tau_i = \frac{1}{p} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^H \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}). \end{cases}$$
(7)

#### Remark

(7) does not satisfy Maronna's conditions [Mar76], and the associated fixed-point iterations generally diverge in practice !

The goal is to minimize the negative log-likelihood:

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \mathcal{M}_{p,n}}{\arg\min} L(\theta).$$
(8)

The tangent space of  $\mathcal{M}_{p,n}$  at  $\theta$  is the product of the tangent spaces of  $\mathbb{C}^p$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$  and  $\mathcal{SH}^{++}_p$  i.e,

$$T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}_{\rho,n} = \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{C}^{p} \times \mathbb{R}^{n} \times \mathcal{H}_{\rho} : \operatorname{Tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}) = 0 \right\},$$
(9)

where  $\mathcal{H}_p$  is the Hermitian set.

#### Remark

 $\mathcal{M}_{p,n}$  is a product manifold of sets which have well known Riemannian manifolds.

## $\mathcal{M}_{p,n}$ : Riemannian parameter manifold

#### Definition

Let  $\xi, \eta \in T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}_{p,n}$ , the Riemannian metric at  $\theta$  is defined as,

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\rho,n}} = \langle \xi_{\mu}, \eta_{\mu} \rangle_{\mu}^{\mathbb{C}^{\rho}} + \langle \xi_{\tau}, \eta_{\tau} \rangle_{\tau}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}} + \langle \xi_{\Sigma}, \eta_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{H}^{++}_{\rho}},$$
(10)

with

• 
$$\langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mu}, \eta_{\mu} \rangle_{\mu}^{\mathbb{C}^{p}} = \mathfrak{Re}\{\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mu}^{H}\eta_{\mu}\},$$
  
•  $\langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau}, \eta_{\tau} \rangle_{\tau}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+})^{n}} = (\tau^{\odot - 1} \odot \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau})^{T} (\tau^{\odot - 1} \odot \eta_{\tau}),$  where  $\odot$  and  $.^{\odot t}$   
denote the elementwise product and power operators respectively,  
•  $\langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}, \eta_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{H}^{++}_{p}} = \operatorname{Tr} (\Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma} \Sigma^{-1} \eta_{\Sigma}).$ 

#### Remark

 $\left(\mathcal{M}_{p,n}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{\mathcal{M}_{p,n}}\right)$  is a Riemannian manifold and all its geometrical elements (exponential mapping, parallel transport, and distance) are derived from Riemannian geometries of  $\mathbb{C}^p$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ , and  $\mathcal{SH}_p^{++}$ .

## **Riemannian optimization**

## **Definition (Retraction)**

$$\forall \theta \in \mathcal{M}_{p,n}, \forall \xi \in T_{\theta} \mathcal{M}_{p,n}, \\ R_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}_{p,n}}(\xi) = \left( R_{\mu}^{\mathbb{C}^{p}}(\xi_{\mu}), R_{\tau}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}}(\xi_{\tau}), R_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{SH}_{p}^{++}}(\xi_{\Sigma}) \right),$$
(11)  
with  
$$R_{\mu}^{\mathbb{C}^{p}}(\xi_{\mu}) = \mu + \xi_{\mu}, \\ R_{\mu}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}}(\xi_{-}) = \tau + \xi_{-} + \frac{1}{2}\tau^{\odot - 1}\xi^{\odot 2}.$$

$$R_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{SH}_{\rho}^{++}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}) = \det\left(\Sigma + \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}\right)^{-\frac{1}{\rho}}\left(\Sigma + \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma} + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}\Sigma^{-1}\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}\right).$$

#### Definition (Parallel transport)

$$\forall \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{p,n}, \forall \xi \in \mathcal{T}_{\theta_1} \mathcal{M}_{p,n}, \\ \mathcal{T}_{\theta_1, \theta_2}^{\mathcal{M}_{p,n}}(\xi) = \left( \mathcal{T}_{\mu_1, \mu_2}^{\mathbb{C}^p}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mu}), \mathcal{T}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau}), \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2}^{\mathcal{SH}_p^{++}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}) \right),$$
(12)

with

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{T}_{\mu_{1},\mu_{2}}^{\mathbb{C}^{p}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mu}) &= \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\mu}, \\ \mathcal{T}_{\tau_{1},\tau_{2}}^{(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\star})^{n}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau}) &= \boldsymbol{\tau}_{2} \odot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{1}^{\odot-1} \odot \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau}, \\ \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma_{1},\Sigma_{2}}^{S\mathcal{H}_{p}^{++}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma}) &= \left(\Sigma_{2}\Sigma_{1}^{-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\Sigma} \left(\left(\Sigma_{2}\Sigma_{1}^{-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{H}. \end{split}$$

**Input** : Initial iterate  $\theta_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{p,n}$ . **Output:** Sequence of iterates  $\{\theta_k\}$ k := 1:  $\xi_1 := -\operatorname{grad} L(\theta_1);$ while no convergence do Compute a step size  $\alpha_k$  (e.g see [AMS08, §4.2]) and set  $\theta_{k+1} := R_{\rho_k}^{\mathcal{M}_{p,n}}(\alpha_k \xi_k);$ Compute  $\beta_{k+1}$  (e.g see [AMS08, §8.3]) and set  $\xi_{k+1} := -\operatorname{grad} L(\theta_{k+1}) + \beta_{k+1} \,\mathcal{T}^{\mathcal{M}_{\rho,n}}_{\theta_{k},\theta_{k+1}}(\xi_{k});$ k := k + 1:

end

Algorithm 2: Riemannian conjugate gradient [AMS08]

#### Remark

grad  $L(\theta_k)$  is the Riemannian gradient of the negative log-likelihood.



**Figure 6:** Example of a set of points generated with a heavy-tailed distribution with real probability density function (p.d.f.) in orange. Estimated p.d.f. are in red: Gaussian estimators on the left, our estimators on the right.

We compare the mean squared errors of different estimators on simulated data according to model (17).

- 1. Gaussian estimators: sample mean  $\mu^{\mathsf{G}}$  and SCM denoted  $\Sigma^{\mathsf{G}}.$
- 2. Two-step estimation: the sets  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are centered with  $\mu^{G}$  and then we estimate  $\Sigma$  using Tyler's *M*-estimator [Tyl87]. The estimator is denoted  $\Sigma^{\text{Ty},\mu^{G}}$ .
- 3. Tyler's joint estimators of location and scatter matrix [Tyl87] denoted  $\mu^{Ty}$  and  $\Sigma^{Ty}$ . It converges in practice unlike fixed-point equations of the MLE.
- 4. Tyler's *M*-estimator with location known [Tyl87]. The sets  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  are centered with  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and then we estimate  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ . The estimator is denoted  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{\text{Ty},\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ .
- Our estimators μ<sup>CG</sup> and Σ<sup>CG</sup>: a Riemannian conjugate gradient to minimize (6) on M<sub>p,n</sub> performed with the library Pymanopt [TKW16].



**Figure 7:** Mean squared errors over 200 simulated sets  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n (p = 10)$  with respect to the number *n* of samples for the considered estimators  $\hat{\mu} \in \{\mu^G, \mu^{Ty}, \mu^{CG}\}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma} \in \{\Sigma^G, \Sigma^{Ty, \mu^G}, \Sigma^{Ty, \mu}, \Sigma^{Ty}, \Sigma^{CG}\}$ .

#### Remark

 $\mu^{\text{CG}}$  and  $\Sigma^{\text{CG}}$ , Riemannian Conjugate Gradient estimators, perform better than other estimators. For  $n\geq 3p,\,\Sigma^{\text{CG}}$  perform as good as Tyler's estimator with  $\mu$  known,  $\Sigma^{\text{Ty},\mu}$ , [Tyl87] !

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## Unitary matrices and complex Stiefel manifold

#### Definition

The unitary matrices are defined as:

$$\mathcal{U}_k = \{ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times k} : \boldsymbol{U}^H \boldsymbol{U} = \boldsymbol{I}_k \}$$
(13)

The complex Stiefel manifold is defined as:

$$\mathsf{St}_{p,k} = \{ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times k} : \boldsymbol{U}^H \boldsymbol{U} = \boldsymbol{I}_k \}$$
(14)

The complex Grassmann manifold is defined as:

$$\operatorname{Gr}_{p,k} = \operatorname{St}_{p,k} / \mathcal{U}_k = \{ \pi(\boldsymbol{U}) : \boldsymbol{U} \in \operatorname{St}_{p,k} \},$$
(15)

where  $\pi$  is such that

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{U}) = \{ \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{O} : \boldsymbol{O} \in \mathcal{U}_k \}.$$
(16)

#### Data model

Let *n* data points  $\{x_i\} \subset \mathbb{C}^p$  that are distributed as

$$\boldsymbol{x_i} = \sqrt{\tau_i} \boldsymbol{U} \boldsymbol{g_i} + \boldsymbol{n_i} \tag{17}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{g}_{i} \sim \mathbb{CN}(0, \boldsymbol{I}_{k})$  and  $\boldsymbol{n}_{i} \sim \mathbb{CN}(0, \boldsymbol{I}_{p})$  are independent.  $\tau \in (\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}$ and  $\boldsymbol{U} \in \text{St}_{p,k}$ .

Hence,

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{i}} \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{0}, \overline{\psi}_{\boldsymbol{i}}(\overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \triangleq \boldsymbol{I}_{\boldsymbol{p}} + \tau_{\boldsymbol{i}}\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^{H}\right)$$
(18)

where  $\bar{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n} \triangleq \mathsf{St}_{p,k} \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ .

#### Remark

For all 
$$\boldsymbol{U} \in \text{St}_{p,k}$$
 and  $\boldsymbol{O} \in \mathcal{U}_k$ ,  $\overline{\psi}_i(\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) = \overline{\psi}_i(\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\tau})$ .

Hence, each  $\overline{\psi}_i$  induces a function  $\psi_i$  on the product manifold  $\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n} \triangleq \operatorname{Gr}_{p,k} \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$  such that  $\psi_i(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}), \boldsymbol{\tau}) = \overline{\psi}_i(\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\tau}).$ 

The negative log-likelihood function, defined on  $\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$ , of our model is

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{i} \log \det \psi_i(\theta) + \mathbf{x_i}^H(\psi_i(\theta))^{-1} \mathbf{x_i}.$$
 (19)

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## Riemannian geometry of manifold $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n} = \mathsf{St}_{p,k} \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$

Since 
$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n} = \operatorname{St}_{p,k} \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$$
, the tangent space of  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  at  
 $\overline{\theta} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  is  
 $T_{\overline{\theta}} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n} = T_{U} \operatorname{St}_{p,k} \times T_{\tau}(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ 
(20)

where  $T_{\boldsymbol{U}} \operatorname{St}_{p,k} = \{ \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times k} : \boldsymbol{U}^{H} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} + \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}^{H} \boldsymbol{U} = 0 \}$ , and  $T_{\tau}(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}$  is identified to  $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ .

#### Definition

 $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\rho,k,n}$  is endowed with the Riemannian metric defined, for  $\overline{\theta} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\rho,k,n}$ ,  $\overline{\xi} = (\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}), \overline{\eta} = (\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}) \in T_{\overline{\theta}} \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\rho,k,n}$ , by

$$\langle \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta} \rangle_{\bar{\theta}}^{\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}} = \alpha \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \rangle_{\boldsymbol{U}}^{\mathrm{St}_{p,k}} + \beta \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \rangle_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(\mathbb{R}^{++})^{n}}$$
(21)

#### where

$$\begin{split} & \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \rangle_{\boldsymbol{U}}^{\mathsf{St}_{p,k}} = \mathfrak{Re}(\mathsf{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}^{H}\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}})), \\ & \langle \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \rangle_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}} = (\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\odot-1} \odot \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}})^{\mathsf{T}} (\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\odot-1} \odot \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}), \\ & \alpha > 0, \ \beta > 0. \end{split}$$

From [EAS98; AMS04], the tangent space  $T_{\pi(U)}$ Gr<sub>*p*,*k*</sub> is represented by a subspace of  $T_U$ St<sub>*p*,*k*</sub>: the horizontal space, which is

$$\mathcal{H}_{\boldsymbol{U}} = \{ \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times k} : \boldsymbol{U}^{H} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} = 0 \}.$$
(22)

A vector  $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \in \mathcal{H}_{\boldsymbol{U}}$  uniquely defines the tangent vector  $\xi_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})} = \mathsf{D} \pi(\boldsymbol{U})[\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}] \in T_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}\mathsf{Gr}_{\rho,k}.$ 



 $\theta = (\pi(\boldsymbol{U}), \boldsymbol{\tau}) \in \mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$  is represented by  $\bar{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\tau}) \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$ .

#### Corollary

The tangent space  $T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$  is represented by  $\mathcal{H}_{U} \times T_{\tau}(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}$  which is included in  $T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n} = T_{U}St_{p,k} \times T_{\tau}(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}$ .

## Riemannian geometry of manifold $\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n} = \mathsf{Gr}_{p,k} \times (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$

From [AMS04; EAS98] and properties of product manifolds:

#### Corollary (Exponential mapping)

For  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}, \xi \in T_{\theta}\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$ , the exponential mapping is,

$$\exp_{\theta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\rho,k,n}}(\xi) = \left(\exp_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{\rho,k}}(\xi_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}), \exp_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(\mathbb{R}^+)^n}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}})\right)$$
(23)

$$\begin{aligned} \exp_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}}(\xi_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}) &= \pi(\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{Y}\cos(\Sigma) + \boldsymbol{X}\sin(\Sigma)), \text{ with } \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}} \stackrel{SVD}{=} \boldsymbol{X}\Sigma\boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{T}}, \\ \exp_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}) &= \boldsymbol{\tau} \odot \exp(\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\odot-1} \odot \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}). \end{aligned}$$

#### Corollary (Logarithm mapping)

Let  $\theta_1 = (\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_1), \boldsymbol{\tau}_1), \theta_2 = (\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_2), \boldsymbol{\tau}_2) \in \mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$ , the logarithm map is,

$$\log_{\theta_1}^{\mathcal{M}_{\rho,k,n}}(\theta_2) = \left(\log_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_1)}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{\rho,k}}(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_2)), \log_{\boldsymbol{\tau}_1}^{(\mathbb{R}^+_+)^n}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_2)\right)$$
(24)

$$\begin{split} \log_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_1)}^{\mathrm{Gr}_{p,k}}(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_2)) &= \mathsf{D}\,\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_1)[\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\Theta}\boldsymbol{Y}^H] \text{ where } \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\Theta}\boldsymbol{Y}^H \in \mathcal{H}_{\boldsymbol{U}_1} \text{ is defined} \\ through the SVD \left(\boldsymbol{I}_p - \boldsymbol{U}_1\boldsymbol{U}_1^H\right)\boldsymbol{U}_2(\boldsymbol{U}_1^H\boldsymbol{U}_2)^{-1} \stackrel{SVD}{=} \boldsymbol{X} \tan(\boldsymbol{\Theta})\boldsymbol{Y}^H, \\ \log_{\tau_1}^{(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n}(\tau_2) &= \tau_1 \odot \log(\tau_1^{\odot-1} \odot \tau_2). \end{split}$$

From [AMS04; EAS98] and properties of product manifolds:

### **Corollary** (Distance)

Finally, the corresponding distance between  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  is

$$d_{\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}}^{2}(\theta_{1},\theta_{2}) = \alpha d_{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}}^{2}(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_{1}),\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_{2})) + \beta d_{(\mathbb{R}^{+}_{*})^{n}}^{2}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1},\boldsymbol{\tau}_{2}), \qquad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}}^2\left(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_1),\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_2)\right) = \|\Theta\|_2^2 \text{ where } \boldsymbol{U}_1^H \boldsymbol{U}_2 \stackrel{\mathsf{SVD}}{=} \boldsymbol{O}_1 \cos(\Theta) \boldsymbol{O}_2^H, \\ & d_{(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n}^{2^+}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1,\boldsymbol{\tau}_2) = \|\log(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1) - \log(\boldsymbol{\tau}_2)\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

From [Smi05]:

4 steps to get an Intrinsic Cramér-Rao Bound:

1. compute the Fisher Information Metric:

$$\langle \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta} \rangle_{\bar{\theta}}^{\mathsf{FIM}} = \mathbb{E}[\mathsf{D}\,\bar{L}(\bar{\theta})[\bar{\xi}]\,\mathsf{D}\,\bar{L}(\bar{\theta})[\bar{\eta}]],\tag{26}$$

- 2. provide an orthonormal basis  $\{e^q_{\bar{\theta}}\}_{1 \leq q \leq 2(p-k)k+n}$  of  $\mathcal{T}_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$ ,
- compute the Fisher information matrix *F*<sub>θ</sub>. The *q*/<sup>th</sup> element of *F*<sub>θ</sub> is defined as

$$(\boldsymbol{F}_{\bar{\theta}})_{ql} = \langle e_{\bar{\theta}}^{q}, e_{\bar{\theta}}^{l} \rangle_{\bar{\theta}}^{\mathsf{FIM}}, \qquad (27)$$

4. lower bound the variance:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[d_{\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}}^{2}(\theta,\hat{\theta})\right] \geq \mathsf{Tr}(\boldsymbol{F}_{\bar{\theta}}^{-1}).$$
(28)

## Fisher information metric and orthonormal basis of $T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$

#### Proposition (Fisher information metric)

Given  $\theta = (\pi(\boldsymbol{U}), \tau) \in \mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$ ,  $\bar{\xi} = (\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau}) \in T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  and  $\bar{\eta} = (\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\tau}) \in T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  the Fisher information metric on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  corresponding to the log-likelihood is

$$\langle \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta} \rangle_{\bar{\theta}}^{\mathsf{FIM}} = 2nc_{\tau} \mathfrak{Re}(\mathsf{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\boldsymbol{U}}^{H}\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\boldsymbol{U}})) + k(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\tau} \odot (1+\tau)^{\odot-1})^{T}(\boldsymbol{\eta}_{\tau} \odot (1+\tau)^{\odot-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} -\frac{\tau_{i}^{2}}{2}$$
(29)

where  $c_{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\tau_i^2}{1+\tau_i}$ .

## **Proposition (Orthonormal basis of** $T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$ )

Given 
$$\bar{\theta} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$$
, an orthonormal basis of  $T_{\bar{\theta}}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  is  

$$\left\{ \{ (\alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}} \boldsymbol{U}_{\perp} \boldsymbol{K}_{ij}, 0), (\alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}} i \boldsymbol{U}_{\perp} \boldsymbol{K}_{ij}, 0) \}_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p-k, \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}}, \{ (0, \beta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tau_i \boldsymbol{e}_i) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \right\}$$
where  $\boldsymbol{U}_{\perp} \in \operatorname{St}_{p,p-k}$  is such that  $\boldsymbol{U}^H \boldsymbol{U}_{\perp} = 0$ ,  $\boldsymbol{K}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{(p-k) \times k}$  with  $ij^{\text{th}}$   
element is 1, zeros elsewhere and  $\boldsymbol{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ : its  $i^{\text{th}}$  element is 1, zeros  
elsewhere.

### **Proposition (Fisher information matrix)**

The Fisher information matrix  $\mathbf{F}_{\bar{\theta}}$  on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{p,k,n}$  admits the structure

$$\boldsymbol{F}_{\bar{\theta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{U}} & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{F}_{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(31)

with

$$F_{U} = 2 \alpha^{-1} n c_{\tau} I_{2(p-k)k}$$
, and  
 $F_{\tau} = \beta^{-1} k \operatorname{diag} (\tau^{\odot 2} \odot (1+\tau)^{\odot -2})$ ,  
where  $\operatorname{diag}(\cdot)$  returns the diagonal matrix formed with the elements of  
its argument.

#### Proposition (Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bound on $Gr_{p,k}$ )

Given  $\hat{\boldsymbol{U}} \in St_{p,k}$  an estimation of  $\boldsymbol{U} \in St_{p,k}$ , the Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bound which lower bounds the subspace estimation error is

$$\mathbb{E}\left[d_{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}}^{2}(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}),\pi(\hat{\boldsymbol{U}}))\right] \geq \frac{(p-k)k}{nc_{\tau}} \triangleq \mathsf{CRB}_{\boldsymbol{U}}$$
(32)

where  $c_{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\tau_i^2}{1+\tau_i}$ .

#### **Proposition (Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bound on** $(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ )

Given  $\hat{\tau} \in (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$  an estimation of  $\tau \in (\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n$ , the Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bound is

$$\mathbb{E}\left[d_{(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n}^2(\tau,\hat{\tau})\right] \ge \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(1+\tau_i)^2}{\tau_i^2} \triangleq \mathsf{CRB}_{\tau} \tag{33}$$

We generate sets  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , with,

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{i}} \sim \mathbb{C}\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{0}, \boldsymbol{I}_{p} + \tau_{\boldsymbol{i}}\boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^{H})$$
(34)

and

$$au_i \sim \text{Log-normal}\left(\frac{-s^2}{2}, s^2\right)$$
 (35)

$$\tau_i \leftarrow \mathsf{SNR} \times \tau_i. \tag{36}$$

Here are the considered estimators in the simulations:

- SCM: the k first principal eigenvectors of the SCM of {x<sub>i</sub>}<sup>n</sup><sub>i=1</sub> are concatenated to get U<sup>SCM</sup>.
- 2. BCD: the MLE estimate is done using a block coordinate descent (BCD) on  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  [Bre+13]. The estimators are denoted  $\boldsymbol{U}^{\text{BCD}}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{BCD}}$ .
- 3. RO: Riemannian optimization (RO) is performed on  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  using a Riemannian conjugate gradient. Pymanopt library [TKW16] (builds upon the Manopt library [Bou+14]) achieves this optimization. The estimators are denoted  $\boldsymbol{U}^{\text{RO}}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\tau}^{\text{RO}}$ .



**Figure 8:** MSE over N = 100 simulated sets  $\{x_i\}$  (p = 100 and k = 20) with respect to the number of samples *n* for the three considered estimators. The textures are generated with  $s^2 = 4$  (left part),  $s^2 = 2$  (right part), SNR = 1 (upper part), SNR = 10 (lower part).



**Figure 9:** MSE over N = 100 simulated sets  $\{x_i\}$  ( $n = 10^4$ , p = 100 and k = 20) with respect to the SNR for the BCD and RO estimators. The textures are generated with  $s^2 = 4$  (left) and  $s^2 = 2$  (right).

## Application in machine learning: mean computation of $\{\theta_i\}$

Clustering framework: the aim is to partition the descriptors  $\{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^{M}$  in  $S = \{S_1, S_2, \cdots, S_K\}$ . Let  $m = \#S_j$ , the variance  $V_j$  of  $S_j$  at  $\theta \in \mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$  is defined as,

$$V_{j}(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\theta_{i} \in S_{j}} d_{\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}}^{2}(\theta,\theta_{i}).$$
(37)

The mean  $c_j$  of the set of points  $S_j$  is obtained from the minimization of the variance,

$$c_j = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\theta \in \mathcal{M}_{\rho,k,n}} \frac{1}{2} V_j(\theta). \tag{38}$$

As in the case of [Kar77], the gradient is

grad 
$$V_j( heta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{ heta_i \in S_j} \log_{ heta}^{\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}}( heta_i).$$
 (39)

Consequently,  $c_j = (\pi(oldsymbol{U}), oldsymbol{ au})$  satisfies,

$$\sum_{\theta_i \in S_j} \log_{c_j}^{\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}}(\theta_i) = 0.$$
(40)

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Hence,

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{\theta_i \in S_j} \log_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U})}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{\boldsymbol{p},k}}(\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_i)) = 0, \\ \sum_{\theta_i \in S_j} \log_{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{(\mathbb{R}^+_*)^n}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_i) = 0. \end{cases}$$
(41)

Therefore, au is the geometric mean defined as

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \left(\prod_{\theta_i \in S_j}^{\odot} \boldsymbol{\tau}_i\right)^{\odot 1/m},\tag{42}$$

where  $\prod^{\odot}$  is the elementwise product. To estimate the mean of subspaces  $\{\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_i)\}$  we use a Riemannian gradient descent. Given  $\pi(\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}) \in \mathrm{Gr}_{p,k}$ , the iterate  $\pi(\boldsymbol{U}^{(t+1)}) \in \mathrm{Gr}_{p,k}$  is obtained with

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{U}^{(t+1)}) = \exp_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}} \left( \frac{\nu_t}{m} \sum_{\theta_i \in S_j} \log_{\pi(\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})}^{\mathsf{Gr}_{p,k}} (\pi(\boldsymbol{U}_i)) \right),$$
(43)

where  $\nu_t$  is the step size.

## K-means++ on $\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$



Figure 10: Indian Pines [BBL15] segmentation results achieved using different geometries/features.

To conclude, we presented:

- 1. the notion of Riemannian geometry,
- 2. the framework of optimization on matrix manifolds,
- 3. the concept of Intrinsic Cramér-Rao bound,
- 4. an algorithm of clustering on a Riemannian manifold with a K-means++ on  $\mathcal{M}_{p,k,n}$  with an application on hyperspectral data.

Questions ?

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## **Quotient manifold**

Let  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  be a smooth manifold and let  $\sim$  define an equivalence relation over  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ . Every point  $\overline{\theta} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}$  belongs to an equivalence class

$$\pi(\bar{\theta}) = \{\bar{\theta}' \in \overline{\mathcal{M}} : \bar{\theta} \sim \bar{\theta}'\}.$$

Under conditions, the quotient space  $\mathcal{M} = \overline{\mathcal{M}} / \sim := \{\pi(\bar{\theta}) : \bar{\theta} \in \overline{\mathcal{M}}\}$ , with the metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\bar{\theta}}^{\overline{\mathcal{M}}}$ , admits a unique Riemannian manifold structure. Then, the vertical space  $\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\theta}}$  is defined as  $\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\theta}} = T_{\bar{\theta}}\pi^{-1}(\pi(\bar{\theta}))$ . The horizontal space  $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{\theta}}$  is such that  $T_{\bar{\theta}}\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{V}_{\bar{\theta}} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{\bar{\theta}}$ .

