Optimal transport and dimension reduction: Entropic Wasserstein Component Analysis

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A few reminders

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Subspace learning from data: $(\mathbf{x}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{x}_n) \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n$.

Goal: find a subspace \boldsymbol{U} such that $\boldsymbol{x}_i \approx \boldsymbol{U} \boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_i$.



PCA: solution to

$$oldsymbol{U}^{\mathsf{PCA}} \in \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{oldsymbol{U}\in\mathsf{St}(d,k)} \sum_{i=1}^n \|oldsymbol{x}_i - oldsymbol{U}oldsymbol{U}^ opoldsymbol{x}_i\|_2^2$$

with
$$\mathsf{St}(d,k) \triangleq \Big\{ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k} \mid \boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{U} = \boldsymbol{I}_k \Big\}.$$

Solution computation:

$$\boldsymbol{X} \triangleq [\boldsymbol{x}_1, \cdots, \boldsymbol{x}_n] \stackrel{\text{SVD}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{U}^{\text{PCA}} \mid \boldsymbol{U}_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{V}^{\top}$$

Optimal Transport (OT): Wasserstein distance

Given (x_1, \cdots, x_n) and (z_1, \cdots, z_n) in \mathbb{R}^d and their empirical measures

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\mathbf{z}_{i}}$$

the squared 2-Wasserstein distance with the ℓ^2 metric is

$$\mathcal{W}_2^2(\mu,\nu) = \underset{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n,\frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n)}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i,j}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{z}_j\|_2^2$$

with

$$\boldsymbol{\Pi}(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b}) \triangleq \left\{ \boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \pi_{ij} \geq 0, \, \boldsymbol{\pi} \boldsymbol{1}_n = \boldsymbol{a}, \, \boldsymbol{\pi}^\top \boldsymbol{1}_n = \boldsymbol{b} \right\}.$$

[Peyré et al. 2019]

Optimal Transport (OT): entropic regularization

Entropic regularized OT:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\pi}\in\boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n,\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n)}\sum_{i,j}^{n,n}\pi_{ij}\|\boldsymbol{x}_i-\boldsymbol{z}_j\|_2^2-\varepsilon\,\mathsf{H}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$$

with $H(\pi) \triangleq -\sum_{i,j}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \log \pi_{ij}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$.



Figure adapted from POT library [Flamary et al. 2021]

Optimal Transport (OT): Sinkhorn-Knopp algorithm

Solution to the entropic regularized OT problem:

 $\pi = \operatorname{diag}(u) \mathbf{K} \operatorname{diag}(v)$

with

$$K_{ij} \triangleq \exp(-\|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{z}_j\|_2^2/\varepsilon)$$

and \boldsymbol{u} and \boldsymbol{v} obtained by iterating

$$oldsymbol{u} \leftarrow rac{1}{n} oldsymbol{1}_n \oslash oldsymbol{K} oldsymbol{v}$$

 $oldsymbol{v} \leftarrow rac{1}{n} oldsymbol{1}_n \oslash oldsymbol{K}^ op oldsymbol{u}$

[Cuturi 2013]

Entropic Wasserstein Component Analysis (EWCA)

Motivation

Given the empirical measures

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\mathbf{x}_{i}} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^{\top}\mathbf{x}_{i}}$$

we have

$$\boldsymbol{U}^{\mathsf{PCA}} \in \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\boldsymbol{U}\in\mathsf{St}(d,k)} \left\{ \mathcal{W}_2^2(\mu,\nu) = \operatorname*{minimize}_{\boldsymbol{\pi}\in\boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n,\frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n)} \sum_{i,j}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^\top\boldsymbol{x}_j\|_2^2 \right\}$$

and optimal coupling

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}^{\star} = \frac{1}{n} \boldsymbol{I}_n$$

Motivation: add entropy to have $\pi^* \neq \frac{1}{n}I_n$ and thus minimize reconstruction error of clusters (and not points).

Entropic Wasserstein Component Analysis (EWCA) problem

Entropic Wasserstein Component Analysis (EWCA):

$$\min_{\substack{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n, \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n)\\ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathsf{St}(d,k)}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_j\|_2^2 - \varepsilon \,\mathsf{H}(\boldsymbol{\pi}).$$

where H is the entropy function.



Entropic Wasserstein Component Analysis (EWCA) problem

Limit cases:

$$(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{U}_{\varepsilon}) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\substack{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n, \frac{1}{n}\boldsymbol{1}_n)\\ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathsf{St}(d,k)}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_j\|_2^2 - \varepsilon \operatorname{H}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$$

- $\varepsilon \to 0 \implies \pi_{\varepsilon} \to \frac{1}{n} I_n$ and $U_{\varepsilon} \to \text{top } k$ eigenvectors $\frac{1}{n} X X^{\top}$; we recover PCA !
- $\varepsilon \to +\infty \implies \pi_{\varepsilon} \to \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{1}_n^{\top}$ and $\boldsymbol{U}_{\varepsilon} \to \text{last } k$ eigenvectors of $\frac{1}{n} \boldsymbol{X} \boldsymbol{X}^{\top}$.





(a) $\varepsilon = 0.1$ (b) $\varepsilon = 50$ 8/19

$$\min_{\substack{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \boldsymbol{\Pi}(\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n, \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_n)\\ \boldsymbol{U} \in \mathsf{St}(d,k)}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_j\|_2^2 - \varepsilon \operatorname{H}(\boldsymbol{\pi})$$

Given the current estimate $(\pi^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})$,

- π -step: compute $\pi^{(t+1)}$ using Sinkhorn-Knopp algorithm,
- **U**-step: compute $U^{(t+1)}$ as the k first eigenvectors of

$$\boldsymbol{X}\left(2\operatorname{sym}(\boldsymbol{\pi}^{(t+1)})-\frac{1}{n}\mathbf{1}_{n}\mathbf{1}_{n}^{\top}\right)\boldsymbol{X}^{\top}.$$

Problem: **U**-step requires SVD of a $d \times d$ matrix.

Majorization-minimization (MM) algorithm

Majorization-minimization over the Stiefel manifold

 $\min_{\pmb{U}\in\mathsf{St}(d,k)} f(\pmb{U})$

Given iterate $\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}$,

• Majorization:

$$f(\boldsymbol{U}) \leq g(\boldsymbol{U}|\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})$$
 for all $\boldsymbol{U} \in \operatorname{St}(d,k)$

such that

$$g(\boldsymbol{U}|\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}) = 2 \operatorname{Tr}(\boldsymbol{U}^{\top} \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}) + \text{const.}$$
 (linearity)

for some $\boldsymbol{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$.

• Minimization:

$$\boldsymbol{U}^{(t+1)} = \mathsf{pf}(-\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\boldsymbol{U} \in \mathsf{St}(d,k)} g(\boldsymbol{U}|\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})$$

where pf returns the orthogonal factor of the polar decomposition.

[Breloy et al. 2021]



Figure 2: A quadratic form over St(2, 1) (pink) and its surrogate (black). Figure from [Breloy et al. 2021].

U-step:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{U}\in\mathsf{St}(d,k)} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^{n,n} \pi_{ij} \|\boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{U}\boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{x}_j\|_2^2 \propto \mathsf{Tr}(\boldsymbol{U}^\top \boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{U}) \right\}$$

for some $\boldsymbol{M}^{\top} = \boldsymbol{M}$ and $\boldsymbol{M} \preccurlyeq \boldsymbol{0}$ (negative semi-definite). Given the current estimate $\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}$,

• Majorization (by concavity):

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{U}) \leq 2\operatorname{Tr}(\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)}) + \operatorname{const.},$$

• Minimization:

$$\boldsymbol{U}^{(t+1)} = \mathsf{pf}(-\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{U}^{(t)})$$

BCD vs block-MM: computational complexity

Overall computational complexity per iteration:

- BCD: $O(n^2d + nd^2 + d^3)$,
- Block-MM: $\mathcal{O}(n^2d)$.

Lower complexity of the block-MM but requires more iterations...



Numerical experiments

Datasets of gene expressions:

- Breast: *d* = 54675, *n* = 151, and 6 classes [Feltes et al. 2019],
- Khan2001: *d* = 2308, *n* = 63, and 4 classes [Khan et al. 2001].

Classification pipeline:

- 1-Nearest neighbor classifier on the projected data $\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}_{i}$,
- two algorithms: PCA and EWCA,
- evaluation over 100 random splits of the data (50% training, 50% testing),
- hyperparameter ε tuned by cross-validation on the training set.

Numerical experiments: classification



Figure 3: Misclassification rate (%) versus subspace dimension k (the lower the better). Mean, 1st and 3rd quartiles are reported.

Numerical experiments: transport plan



Figure 4: Transport plan π (%) computed with EWCA (k = 5). The red squares enclose the data belonging to the same class.

Numerical experiments: TSNE



Figure 5: TSNE of the projected data $(\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}_1,\cdots,\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}_n)$ (k = 5) computed with EWCA on the *Khan2001* dataset. The grey links represent the intensity of the values of the transport plan.



Figure 6: Misclassification rate (%) versus subspace dimension k and entropy intensity ε on the *Breast* dataset (the lower the better).

- Generalization of PCA that takes into account the neigbourhood of data,
- optimization with a BCD and a block-MM,
- use in place of PCA in a classification pipeline on two gene expressions datasets.

Preprint available at

https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.05119

Code available at

github.com/antoinecollas/Entropic_Wasserstein_Component_Analysis

Implemented in POT library

https://pythonot.github.io/master/auto_examples/others/plot_EWCA.html

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