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## Heat kernel signature

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We define the **heat kernel signature** at a point  $x \in S$  as the vector

$$KS(x) = (k_{t_1}(x, x), \dots, k_{t_T}(x, x)) \in \mathbb{R}^T$$
$$_t(x, x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{\lambda_k t} \phi_k^2(x)$$

In this view, each evaluation of the heat kernel in the vector above describes **the amount of heat staying at point** *x* after time *t*, when starting with a unit heat source (dirac) at *x* itself.

The HKS also has an informative property. If the eigenvalues of the Laplacians on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are not repeated, then:

 $\Phi:S_1\to S_2$  is an isometry iff  $k_t^{S_1}(x,x)=k_t^{S_2}(\Phi(x),\Phi(x))$ 

# Distance to set, diameter

The distance from a point  $\boldsymbol{x}$  to a set  $\boldsymbol{S}$  in a metric space  $\boldsymbol{X}$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{dist}_{X}(x,S) = \inf_{y \in S} d_{X}(x,y)$$



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The diameter of a set S in a metric space X is defined by

 $\operatorname{diam}(S) = \sup d_X(x, y)$ 

 $x, y \in S$ 



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## Gromov Hausdorff distance

Can we define a Hausdorff distance between metric spaces?

The general idea is to embed the two metric spaces  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  into a new metric space  $(Z, d_Z)$  and compute the Hausdorff distance in the resulting embeddings.



Further we define  $d_{GH}(X,Y) < r$  if and only if there exists a metric space  $(Z,d_Z)$  and subspaces  $X',Y' \subset Z$  which are isometric to X and Y such that  $d_H^Z(X',Y') < r$ .

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# Fixed embedding space

The idea is closely related to multidimensional scaling (MDS). There however the metric space  $Z = \mathbb{R}^k$  is fixed (and euclidean).



Metric spaces

Let M be a set. The tupel set  $(M,d_M),\,d_M:M\times M\to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a metric space if

- identity of indiscernibles:  $d_M(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- symmetry:  $d_M(x,y) = d_M(y,x)$

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• triangle inequality:  $d_M(x,y) \le d_M(x,z) + d_M(z,y)$  for all  $x,y,z \in M$ 

Satisfying a subset of these properties leads to the definition of "semi"-metric spaces, "pseudo"-metric spaces, etc.

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- Gromov Hausdorff distance
- The **Gromov Hausdorff distance** between two metric spaces  $(X, d_X), (Y, d_Y)$  is defined by

$$d_{\mathcal{GH}}(X,Y) = \inf_{Z,f,g} d_{\mathcal{H}}^{Z}(f(X),g(Y))$$

The infimum is taken over **all** ambient spaces Z and isometric embeddings  $f: X \rightarrow Z, g: Y \rightarrow Z$ .

The Gromov Hausdorff distance is a metric on the space of equivalence classes of metric spaces.

 $X \equiv Y$  iff X and Y are isometric.

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### Coverings

Let  $x \in X$ . An open ball of radius r > 0 centered at x is defined by

 $B_r(x) = \{ z \in X : d_X(x, z) < r \}$ 

For a subset  $A \subset X$ , we define

$$B_r(A) = \bigcup_{a \in A} B_r(a)$$

A set  $C \subset X$  is an **r-covering** of X if  $B_r(C) = X$ .





## Covering of a shape

Let  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \subset X$  be a r-covering of the compact metric space  $(X, d_X)$ . Ther

**Optimal coverings** 

 $d_{GH}(X, \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) \le r$ 

This tells us that "shape samplings" are close to the underlying shapes in the Gromov-Hausdorff sense.



Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be a r-covering of X and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{n'}$  be a r-covering of Y. Then

$$\left| d_{\mathcal{GH}}(X,Y) - d_{\mathcal{GH}}(\left\{ x_i \right\}_{i=1}^m, \left\{ y_j \right\}_{j=1}^{m'}) \right| \le r + r'$$

This means  $d_{GH}$  is consistent to sampling.

If we have a way to compute  $d_{GH}$  for dense enough (small r) samplings of X and Y, then it would give us a good approximation to what happens in the continuous spaces.



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Can we devise an optimal sampling scheme in a metric sense?

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# Farthest point sampling

Fix n the number of points we want to have in our final covering  $X_n$ .

Intitialize  $X_1 = \{p_1\}$ For k = 2:n $p = \operatorname{argmax} d(x, X_{k-1})$  $X_k = X_{k-1} \cup \{p\}$ end

Non-uniqueness due to

- choice of starting point p<sub>1</sub>
- non-unique maximizer in iterations

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# **Optimal sampling**



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The optimal sampling (with n samples) is the one minimizing the maximum cluster radius:

 $\varepsilon_{\infty}(\{x_i\}) = \max_i \max_{x \in V_i} d_x(x, x_i)$ 

Optimal sampling is NP hard to compute.

However: FPS is "almost" optimal in the sense

 $\varepsilon_{\infty}(\{x_i^{fps}\}) \le 2\min_{\{x_i\}} \max_{x \in V_i} d_x(x, x_i)$ 



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## Voroni cells

Each sampling  $\{x_i\}$  of a shape X induces a set of regions  $\{V_i\}$ 

#### $V_i(X) = \{ x \in X : d_X(x, x_i) < d_X(x, x_j) \, \forall i \neq j \}$

These regions are known as Voronoi regions or Voronoi cells.

Each point  $x_i$  from the sampling can be seen as a representative for its Voronoi region.

Nearest neighbor search corresponds to identification of Voronoi cell  $\Rightarrow$  connection to kd-trees.

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Farthest point sampling



Final samling has progressively increasing density.

It is efficient to compute.

It is worse than optimal sampling by at most a factor of 2.





#### Correspondence

A correspondence between two sets X and Y is a subset of the product space  $R \subset X \times Y$  satisfying

- for every  $x \in X$  there exists at least one  $y \in Y$  such that  $(x,y) \in R$
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Any surjective map  $f: X \to Y$  defines a correspondence:

$$R = \{(x, f(x), x \in X)\}$$

However not every correspondence is associated with a map.

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 $d_{GH}(X,Y) < r$ 

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There exists a correspondence R such that  $|d_X(x,x') - d_Y(y,y')| < 2r$  for all pairs  $(x,y), (x',y') \in R$  of correspondence elements.

This allows us to speak about  $d_{GH}$  just by using correspondences R:

$$d_{GH}(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2}\inf_R \operatorname{dis} R$$

Intuition: Choose as embedding space  $(Z,d_Z)$  one of the metric spaces  $(X,d_X),\!(Y,d_Y).$ 

# A computational approach

For two coverings  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  (with sampling radii r and r') we can define a related distance

 $d_P(\{x_i\}, \{y_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \min_{\pi \in P_n} \max_{1 \le i, j \le n} |d_X(x_i, x_j) - d_Y(y_{\pi(i)}, y_{\pi(j)})|$ 

where  $P_n$  denotes the set of all permutations of  $\{1, \ldots n\}$ .

From the bounds we have for *r*-coverings it can be shown that

$$d_{GH}(X,Y) \le r + r' + d_P(\{x_i\},\{y_i\})$$

# Metric distortion



The **distortion** of a correspondence  $R \subset X \times Y$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{dis}(R) = \sup\{|d_X(x, x') - d_Y(y, y')| : (x, y), (x', y') \in R\}$$

#### Key observation:

dis(R) = 0 if and only if R is associated with an isometry.

We say that R is an  $\varepsilon$ -isometry if dis  $R \leq \varepsilon$ .

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# A computational approach



We want to compute a correspondence  $R \subset X \times Y$  minimizing

$$d_{GH}(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2}\inf_R \operatorname{dis} R$$

Let us rewrite

$$\begin{split} d_{GH}(X,Y) &= \frac{1}{2} \inf_R \dim R \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \inf_R \sup\{ |d_X(x,x') - d_Y(y,y')| : (x,y), (x',y') \in R \} \\ &\left( = \frac{1}{2} \inf_{f:X \to Y} \sup_{x,x'} |d_X(x,x') - d_Y(f(x),f(x'))| \right) \end{split}$$

The last equality assumes that the optimal R is associated with a surjective map f.





Gromov Hausdorff relaxed

We obtain a family of related problems by relaxing the max to a sum. Fix  $p \geq 1$  and define the costs as

$$C_{(il)(jm)}^{(p)} = |d_X(x_i, x_j) - d_Y(y_l, y_m)|^p$$

Then we can consider the distance

$$d_P^{(p)}(\{x_i\},\{y_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \min_{\pi \in P_n} \sum_{1 \le i,j \le n} C_{(il)(jm)}^{(p)} R_{ij} R_{lm}$$

## Quadratic Assignment Problem

 $d_P^{(p)}(\{x_i\}, \{y_i\}) = \frac{1}{2} \min_{\pi \in P_n} \sum_{1 \le i, j \le n} C_{(il)(jm)}^{(p)} R_{ij} R_{lm}$ 

Rewriting in matrix notation , we get to the quadratic programm:

$$\min_{\substack{R \in \{0,1\}^{n \times n}}} vec(R)^T Cvec(R)$$
  
s.t.  $R1 = 1, R^T 1 = 1$ 

where vec(R) is a column-stacked reshaping of R.

The quadratic optimization problem is also known as **Quadratic Assignment Problem (QAP)**.

