

Intrinsic Persistent Volumes

Ongoing work with David Cohen-Steiner

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The context

Say we know of K a compact set approximating an ideal object \tilde{K} in \mathbb{R}^d . We want to know a geometric quantity $\varphi(\tilde{K})$.

How do we estimate $\varphi(\tilde{K})$ from K ?

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Offsets

Let $r \geq 0$. We put $A^r = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid d_A(x) \leq r\}$.

The Hausdorff distance

We put $d_H(\tilde{K}, K) = \inf\{r \geq 0, K \subset \tilde{K}^r, \tilde{K} \subset K^r\}$ the Hausdorff distance between \tilde{K} and K .

Plug-In Method

Denoting $\varepsilon = d_H(\tilde{K}, K)$, we seek an estimator $\hat{\varphi}(K)$ such that

$$|\varphi(\tilde{K}) - \hat{\varphi}(K)| \leq f_{\varphi, \tilde{K}}(\varepsilon)$$

with $f_{\varphi, \tilde{K}}(s) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 0} 0$ as fast as possible.

Simply take $\hat{\varphi}(K) = \varphi(K)$?

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-> We thus need a **consistent** and **non-parametric** definition of quantities akin to areas and perimeters.

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Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a compact set with reach $r > 0$.

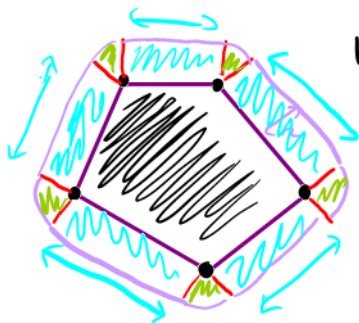
Steiner's Formula

Over $[0, r]$, $t \mapsto \text{Vol}(A^t)$ is a polynomial whose coefficients define the **intrinsic volumes** of A .

$$\text{Vol}(A^t) = \sum_{i=0}^d \omega_i V_{d-i}(A) t^i$$

Intrinsic Volumes : Example

Computing Steiner's Polynomial of a convex polygon in \mathbb{R}^2 .



$$\text{Vol}(K^r) = \underbrace{\text{Vol}(K)}_{\text{2-Vol}} + \underbrace{\text{perim}(K)}_{\text{1-Vol}} r + \underbrace{\pi}_{\text{0-Vol}} r^2$$

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Figure 1 – A Happy Man

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- $V_{d-1}(K)$ is the area.

Difficulties

Steiner's Formula **fails** when $\text{reach} = 0$

Could this condition be relaxed?

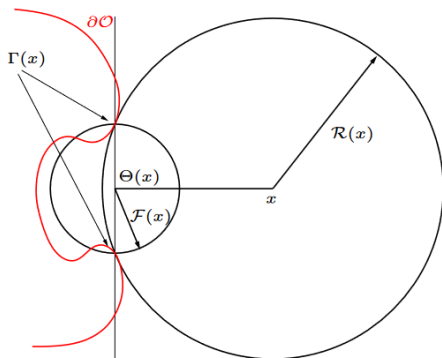
Solution we have come up with

- Considering set with "positive μ - reach", for $\mu \in]0, 1]$.
- Using a novel formula, the **Principal Kinematic Formula**.

About the μ -reach

Definition

$\text{reach}_\mu(A)$ is the distance to A under which, for any x , and given two closest points a, b to x on K , the cosine of the half angle between $\vec{x}a$ and $\vec{x}b$ is bigger than μ .



Principal Kinematic Formula

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Let A, B be compact sets of positive μ -reach for any $\mu \in]0, 1]$. Denote G the group of affine isometries of \mathbb{R}^d equipped with an invariant measure μ . Then,

$$\int_{g \in G} \chi(A \cap gB) \, d\mu = \sum_{i=0}^d c_{d,i} V_i(A) V_{d-i}(B)$$

Using the Kinematic Formula

Rediscovering Steiner's Polynomial

Let $r \geq 0$. We arrive at Steiner's Polynomial through another road by taking $B = B_r$ a ball of radius r .

$$\int_{g \in G} \chi(A \cap gB_r) \, d\mu = \sum_{i=0}^d \omega_i V_{d-i}(A) r^i$$

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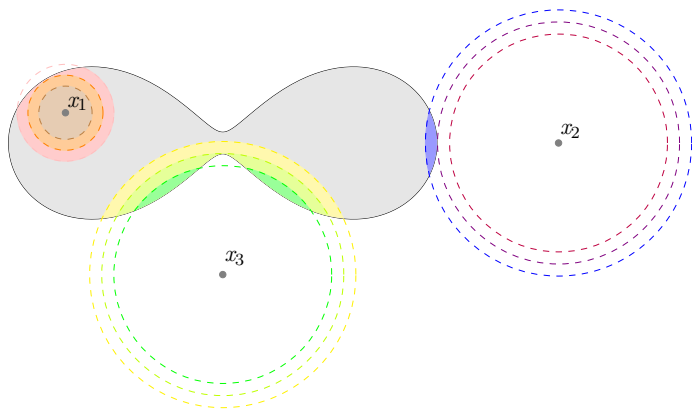
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Given a fixed g , $r \mapsto \chi(A \cap gB_r)$ is in fact the alternated sum of Betti Numbers of the persistence diagram associated to the function :

$$d_{g(0)}^A = \begin{cases} A & \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \\ x & \mapsto \|x - g(0)\| \end{cases}$$

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Key Idea

We have

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \omega_i V_{d-i}(A) r^i = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \chi(\text{diag}_y^A) dy = Q_A(r)$$

and thus it **suffices to uniformly approximate the diagram of d_y^A** : our surrogate for Steiner's polynomial will be

$$\hat{Q}_A(r) = \int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^d} \chi(\widehat{\text{diag}}_y^A) dy$$

given a diagram approximate $\widehat{\text{diag}}_y^A$.

Let's not forget our aim

How do we approximate the diagram ?



Image Persistence

Let's go back to \tilde{K} and K . Denote H_\bullet^s the persistence module induced by the function $d_y^{K^s}$ applying any homology functor, meaning $H_a^s = H(K^s \cap B(y, a))$.

We obtain the *image persistence module*, denoted $\widehat{\text{diag}}_y^K$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \boxed{\dots\dots\dots \rightarrow H_a^{3\varepsilon} \longrightarrow H_b^{3\varepsilon} \dots\dots\dots} \\
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 \end{array}$$

Noisy Domains Theorem

Taking inspiration from a previous article, we have the following result :

Noisy Domains Theorem

$$d_B(\text{diag}_y^{\tilde{K}^{2\varepsilon}}, \widehat{\text{diag}}_y^K) \leq \frac{4\varepsilon}{\mu}$$

L1 Approximation of Steiner's Polynomial

L1 Linear Approximation

For any $R > 0$, we have

$$\|Q_{\tilde{K}^{2\varepsilon}} - \hat{Q}_K\|_{1,[0,R]} \leq \frac{4\varepsilon}{\mu} \int_{y \in \mathbb{R}^d} G_y^R dy$$

Computing back the coefficient

Computing the coefficients of \hat{Q}_K through a linear projection ensures that we have an estimation **converging at a linear rate** :

$$\left| V_i(\tilde{K}^{2\varepsilon}) - \hat{V}_i(K) \right| \leq O_{i, \tilde{K}}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\mu}\right)$$



Conclusion and questions

- Does not require any regularity on K : could be voxels, point clouds.
- Is there a way to optimize the computation over the parameter R ?
- How close is $V_i(\tilde{K}^{2\varepsilon})$ to $V_i(\tilde{K})$?

Remerciements

Thank you for listening!

