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ABSTRACT

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High-dimensional data sets can be difficult to visualize and analyze, while data in low-dimensional space tend to be more accessible. In order to aid visualization of the underlying structure of a dataset, the dimension of the dataset is reduced. The simplest approach to accomplish this task of dimensionality reduction is by a random projection of the data. Even though this approach allows some degree of visualization of the underlying structure, it is possible to lose more interesting underlying structure within the data. In order to address this concern, various supervised and unsupervised linear dimensionality reduction algorithms have been designed, such as Principal Component Analysis and Linear Discriminant Analysis. These methods can be powerful, but often miss important non-linear structure in the data. In this thesis, manifold learning approaches to dimensionality reduction are developed. These approaches combine both linear and non-linear methods of dimension reduction.

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1.1   Introduction

Of the several, non-linear dimensionality reduction techniques known, manifold learning is one of the most effective techniques [1]. A technique that is widely used and one that cuts across various fields of learning including computation, statistics, data mining, data science and geometry, manifold learning has been quite a success. The technique uses manifold algorithms that are based on the idea of several data sets being artificially high [60]. The technique is also applicable in the recovery of low dimensional manifold fixed in a high dimensional area [7]. These manifolds commonly found in high dimensional places can be both non-linear and linear and can be recovered using *spectral embedding.* Spectral embedding methods involves a set of tools; eigenvectors related to the few eigenvalues located at either the top or bottom of an appropriate matrix [60].

Other than the non-linear methods, there are also linear methods that are equally popular in dimensionality reduction. Two commonly used linear methods include Multi-dimensional scaling as well as the Principal Component Analysis. Of the two the latter is the most popular linear method and even in the linear category as a whole. Other linear methods used include Independent Component Analysis and Project Pursuit. For the former, Non-Gaussianity is maximized in order to identify the data's linear projections. The latter on the other hand works by engaging in linear projections bound on high dimensional data that are able to put to light specific Non-Gaussian features [60].

The Principal Component Analysis has been used in different fields. In the field of Bioinformatics, the method has been used in a number of ways including gene-expressions experiments that are done on several tissue sources. Also applied in Bioinformatics is multidimensional scaling known as geometry and originally applied in the field of psychology. In the representation of protein structure, multidimensional scaling has been applied [60]. This is done by a combination of accuracy and precision. Much needed information on the function and shape of the protein is gathered from points that are closely positioned [17]. Alternatively in the field of astronomy, supernova remnant images have been analyzed as well as the analysis of galaxies. Additionally, the method is also used in solving problems that involve visualization, compression, data interpolation and denoising [60]. For such problems, approximations are derived and advanced to nonlinear subspaces that are more complicated.

As earlier mentioned nonlinear learning methods are of different categories and can be used in different ways. These nonlinear methods are often considered as local methods whose sole purpose is to maintain the manifold's local structure found in tiny neighborhoods. Some of the non-linear manifold learning algorithms include but are not limited to Diffusion maps, Locally Linear Embedding, Hessian eigenmaps, Laplacian eigenmaps and Isomap. On the other hand, linear manifold learning works by preserving the manifold's global structure. In the event that the linear manifold learning does not lead to proper representation of high dimensional data it is then assumed that the data is found along or on the non-linear manifold. In this case non-linear manifold method is brought into play [7]. Finding real data that accurately lie on a non-linear manifold is not an easy task. For this reason, a comparison is made of

non-linear manifold learning algorithms through the use of simulated data. Simulated data in this case is data that has been drawn from manifolds that contain specific quirks designed in a way possible to reveal the weaknesses of several algorithms [60]. Examples of such data with specific quirks include open box, Swiss roll manifold, fishbowl, sphere and torus. Comparing all the aforementioned methods, there is no single method that can be pointed out to be entirely effective trouncing on all the other methods. However, it has been proven that depending on the situation, some methods come out as better and more effective. With this in mind, the question of the benefit of underlying knowledge on manifold comes up especially when dealing with supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms [60]. Should it be based on its closeness to a nonlinear manifold or where the data lies?

1.2   Spaces and Manifolds

Understanding manifolds and the concept of manifold learning can require looking at things from a different angle. To start with, is to visualize the concept of manifold. "*A human looking around at the immediate area would not see the curvature of the earth*" [8]. This visual representation can act as a perfect guide towards describing what a manifold is. However, we first need to understand that it is from differential geometry as well as topology where the concept of manifold learning is derived from [61]. Curves and figures existing in two and three dimensions are generalized to higher dimension through manifold learning. A manifold can therefore be thought of as topological space with it appearing to be locally flat and also lacking features [61].

1.3   Topological Space

A topological space is nonempty and at the same time a collection of subsets X that contains arbitrary unions, the space itself, finite intersections of the sets and empty sets [61]. This is what defines topological space. To express it, Topological space takes up the form of (χ, τ), where τ is the representation of the topology that is associated with χ. It is also possible for topological space to be defined in the form of a neighborhood. If a point x is present in a topological space χ then the neighborhood will be in the form of a set with an open set χ [61].

1.4   Topological Manifold

When put to higher levels of dimension, where there is a curved surface that is of three dimensions then it is referred to as manifold learning [62]. A topological space M becomes a topological manifold of dimension d. The Hausdorff ensures that differences present in the manifold can be isolated. On the other hand, existence of small local regions at every point means that the manifold will enjoy current conditions of Euclidean space. A $2d+1$ space is needed so as to install a d-dimensional manifold [62]. In the form of a topological space it therefore becomes possible for a manifold to take up a topological structure given its in a topological space.

1.5 Riemannian Manifolds

During usual application of a manifold is where calculus can come in and take the form of a smooth manifold M [63]. This smooth appearance is also known as Riemannian Manifolds that is on most occasions defined as a sub manifold. It is deemed to be encompassing Euclidean space, where the ideas of length, bend, and point are safeguarded, also additionally is where smoothness identifies with differentiability. In definition, a topological manifold M can be referred to as a smooth manifold only in the event that M is continually differentiable to any order [63]. All smooth manifolds are topological manifolds, but the reverse is not necessarily true [8].

1.6 Curves and Geodesics

Connection to an actuated topology means that the Riemannian manifold becomes a metric space. Additionally, a function d^M can be defined as along as the distance points found on M can be determined using its structure. A curve in M is defined as a smooth mapping from an open interval Ω in $\mathbb{R}$ into M [17]. The point $\lambda \in \Omega$ forms a *parametrization* of the curve [17]

2 DATA ON MANIFOLDS

Among the whole manifold learning calculations that will be talked about, the calculations will assume various finitely many data points, $\{z_i\}$ are arbitrarily chosen from a smooth t-dimensional manifold M that has a metric of geodesic separation d^M [17]. For this situation, data points are mapped into a higher dimensional space, possibly implicitly.

The purpose of this is to find M as well as identifying an explicit picture of the map ψ given the presence of the available input data $x_i \in X$. The application of these algorithms means that it is possible to have estimates that show us the manifold data reconstructions. Sometimes there exists the problem of impractical visualization purposes. In order to avoid this, only the first two or three points of the coordinate vectors of the reconstructions are taken up and then plotted on a two or three dimensional space [8].

3   LINEAR MANIFOLD LEARNING

A large portion of the factual applications that deals with the issue of dimensionality diminishment are chiefly centered on linear dimensionality lessening and are to some extent referred to as direct complex learning [8]. It is possible to picture a linear manifold as a line, a plane, or a hyper plane. In this case, data is projected into a lower dimensional manifold. Linear manifold learning can be thought of in several ways. The first position is to accept that the information is near a direct manifold, and that the distance from the manifold is dictated by an irregular error [7].

The second option is to consider it a straight manifold really a simple linear approximation to a more complicated type of nonlinear manifold that would probably be a better fit to the data [17]. In both circumstances, the inmate dimensionality of the immediate manifold is thought to be a great extent littler than the data dimensionality [8].

The way toward having the capacity to distinguish a direct manifold embedded in a higher dimensional space is nearly identifiable capable with the customary estimations issue of direct dimensionality reducing. With different strategies accessible, the recommended strategy for accomplishing direct dimensionality diminishing is to concoct a decreased arrangement of straight changes of the information elements. With direct manifold learning and in addition straight dimensionality lessening, there are various strategies that be used [7]. However In this section, we only portray two linear techniques, specifically, Principal Component Analysis and Multidimensional Scaling. The PCA is considered the most popular dimensionality reduction method, on the other side, multidimensional scaling works by presenting the core element of

the Isomap algorithm for non-linear manifold learning [7].

3.1   Principal Component Analysis

Principal Component Analysis(PCA) is one in a group of methods for taking high-dimensional information, and utilizing the conditions between the factors to have it in a more tractable, lower-dimensional frame, without losing excessive information. The general purpose of PCA are data reduction and interpretation [7].

It is possible to measure the quantity of information found in a random variable through the use of variance also known as the second order property. The Principal Component Analysis therefore becomes the most simple and effective way of reducing the dimensions [8].

As a strategy for dimensionality reduction, PCA has been utilized as a part of lossy information compression, design acknowledgment, and picture analysis [7]. In the field of chemometrics, PCA is utilized as a preparatory stride for building determined factors. This then leads to principal component compression. Additionally, PCA can be used to unearth unusual facets located in a set of data. This can be made possible by plotting the main few sets of key part scores in a scatter plot. With the scatter plot, it then becomes possible to distinguish whether X really is present on a low-dimensional linear manifold of $\mathbb{R}^r$ and additionally give assistance recognizing multivariate anomalies, distributional characteristics, and groups of points [8]. In the event that the base arrangement of key segments have variances of close to zero, then this infers those key segments are essentially consistent [7].

Mathematically, PCA are linear combinations of the p random variables

$$X = (X_1, \ldots, X_p) \tag{1}$$

These linear combinations represent the selection of a new coordinate system result-ing from the rotation of the original system with $X_1, X_2 \ldots, X_p$ as the coordinate axes. Principal Components depends on the covariance matrix Σ or the correlation matrix ρ of $X_1, X_2 \ldots, X_p$. The Principal Components are those *uncorrelated linear combinations* whose variances are as large as possible. Note that the first PCA is the linear combination with the maximum variance. The figure below is not easy to understand and interpret. Figure 1. Shows Principal Component Analysis applied to San Francisco Crime data.

Figure 1: Principal Component Analysis of San Francisco Dataset

3.2   Multidimensional Scaling

Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS) is as well a traditional approach that maps the first high dimensional space to a lower dimensional space but in a different way [8]. This is done by trying to protect pairwise distances [19]. A helpful inspiration for Multi-Dimensional Scaling can be seen using the following approach. Envision a map of a specific topographical locale, which incorporates a few urban communities and towns. It is normal for such a map to be joined by a two-path table of distances between the chosen pair sets of those towns and cities [18].

However, a big issue with MDS is that it switches that connection between the guide and table that shows the cities proximities. With the method, one is given just the table of vicinities, and the task is to reproduce the map to near likeness [8]. Generally, this is a technique best applied to analyze data similarity or the lack of it. It is important to understand that MDS endeavors to model data similarity or lack of it as separations in geometric spaces. The data can be of different nature.

Data algorithm exists in two forms that are *metric* and *non-metric*. In the scikit-learn, both are taken into account [48]. In the non-metric form, the calculations will aim at preserving the order of the separations, and therefore look for a monotonic connection between the distances in the implanted space and the dissimilarities. In metric MDS, the info similitude lattice emerges from a metric; the separations between two output points are then set to be as close to the likeness or difference of data. Presence of a monotonic relationship in terms of closeness of two entities as well as the corresponding value similarity and lack of it is the most important thing in Multi-Dimensional Scaling. Despite the fact that there are a few different forms

of Multi-Dimensional Scaling, we depict here just the traditional scaling strategy. Therefore, given p points $X_1, \ldots, X_p \in \mathbb{R}^p$ from which we compute an (n×n)- matrix $\nabla = (\nabla_{ij})$ of dissimilarities, where

$$\nabla_{ij} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{p} \left(X_{ik} - X_{jk}\right)^2} \tag{2}$$

is the dissimilarity between $X_i = (X_{i1}, \ldots, X_{ip})$ and $X_j = (X_{j1}, \ldots, X_{jr})$, for $i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, p$; Squaring and expansion of (2) yields

$$\nabla_{ij}^2 = ||X_i||^2 + ||X_j||^2 - 2X_i X_j \tag{3}$$

where $||X_i||^2$ is the squared distance from the point X_i to the origin. The figure below shows, MDS was successful in unearthing the underlying structure. This in comparison with the Principal Component Analysis shows that MDA does a better job. Even in terms of time, MDA is better with it taking 3.7 seconds for execution while PCA took 36 seconds. Figure 2. Shows Multidimensional Scaling applied to the San Francisco Crime data.
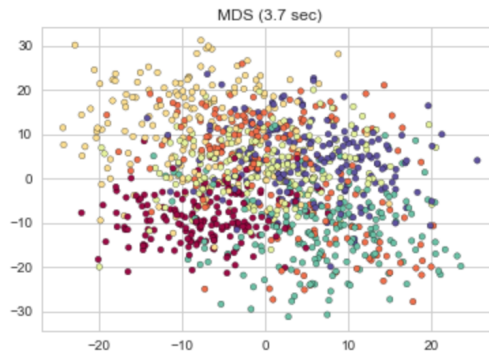

Figure 2: Multidimensional Scaling

4   NONLINEAR MANIFOLD LEARNING

In this section, we discuss algorithms that have turned out to be exceptionally important in the investigation of non-linear manifold learning [8]. These algorithms includes Diffusion Maps, Local Linear Embedding (LLE), Isomap, Hessian Eigenmaps, Laplacian Eigenmaps and the different forms of Non-Linear PCA. The main objective of nonlinear manifold learning is to recover low dimensional manifold from a high dimensional manifold where most of the linear manifold learning algorithms fails to recover the undelying structure of the manifold [8].

The nonlinear manifold learning embraces simplicity and stays away from optimization issues that could create nearby minima. The vast majority of the nonlinear manifold learning algorithms based upon different philosophies regarding how one should recover unknown nonlinear manifolds. However, all algorithms comprise of a three-stage approach with the exception of nonlinear PCA [8].

For the first and third steps, are common to all algorithms [7]. The first step works by step incorporating neighborhood information at each data point to build a weighted diagram that has all the information points as vertices [8]. As for the third step, it is an otherworldly installing venture that includes a $(n \times n)$-eigen equation calculation.

4.1 Isomap

When it comes to Isomap(*isometric feature mapping*) algorithm, an assumption is made. This assumption is that the smooth manifold M be a convex region of $\mathbb{R}^s$ ($s << r$) and also that the rooted $\phi : M \to X$ is an isometry [8]. The concept of convexity and isometry guides the assumption.

1. *Isometry:* For any pair of points on the manifold, $k, k_1 \in M$, the geodesic distance between those points equals the Euclidean distance between their corresponding coordinates [8], $r, r_1 \in X$ which is

$$\nabla_{k,k_1} = ||r - r_1||_\theta \tag{4}$$

2. *Convexity:* Under this concept , it is believed that the manifold M is a convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^s$.

Isomap sees M as an angled area possibly contorted in any number of courses. Notwithstanding, Isomap does not perform well if gaps exist, since this would damage the assumption of convexity [8]. On one hand the isometry assumption gives an impression of being sensible under certain circumstance. The presumptions of convexity and isometry are used to come up with a non-linear speculation of multidimensional scaling. Safeguarding geometric properties of the fundamental non-linear manifold is very important. To do so, an approximation is made of the geodesic separations found on the manifold. In this sense, Isomap gives a worldwide approach to complex learning [8]. Isomap algorithm is made up of three stages which are:

1. *Nearest-neighbor search* : In this case, neighbors are identified for each data points in a high dimensional data space.

2. *Compute graph distances* : At this stage, the geodesic pairwise differences between all points are calculated.

3. *Spectral embedding through multidimensional scaling*: In order to preserve the distances, data is then embedded through multi-dimensional scaling. Figure 3. Shows Isomap algorithm applied to San Francisco Crime data.
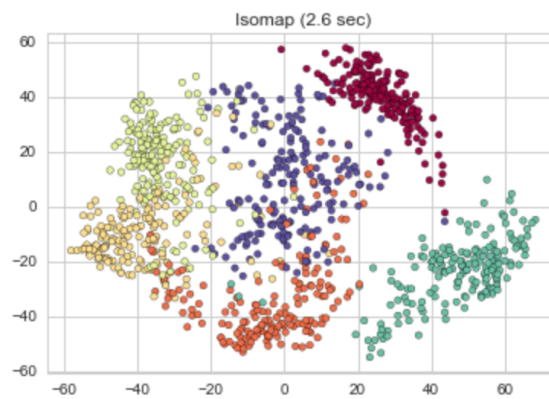

Figure 3: From the figure above, an isometric feature is used in the San Francisco Crime Dataset and it performs reasonably well to uncover structure with an execution time approximated to be 2.6 seconds.

4.2   Locally Linear Embedding

Local Linear Embedding Algorithm(LLE) can be compared to the Isomap algorithm [8]. However, the former's approach is of a local sense and not worldwide as is the case with the latter. This is because of how LLE strives to preserve near neighborhood data located on the manifold. In a similar fashion, LLE also comprises of three stages which are;

1. *Nearest-neighbor search.* The execution of LLE depends upon the decision of K. It is necessary for it to be sufficiently expansive so that the points can be all around reproduced. In addition, it also needs to be sufficiently little for the complex to have little curve. Where the points connecting to a graph remains intact is where LLE is most appropriate. In the event that the connectivity does not exist, the algorithm is then connected independently using the detached sub graphs.

2. *Constrained least-squares fits.* Reconstructed on X_i can be done by using a linear function of its K closest neighbors, This leads to

$$x_i = \sum_{r=1}^{k} \lambda_{ir} x_r \tag{5}$$

where λ_{ir} is a scalar weight for x_r with unit sum, $\sum_r \lambda_{ir} = 1$, for translation invariance.

3. *Spectral embedding.* For determining the weights $\lambda_{i,j}$ the cost function is minimized subject to two constraints. Optimal weights $\lambda_{i,j}$ subject to some constraints are found by solving a least-squares problem of embedding coordinates

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so that the objective function will be invariant [8]. Figure 4. Shows the the execution time of LLE, estimated to be 0.85 seconds which is much faster than Isomap algorithm.
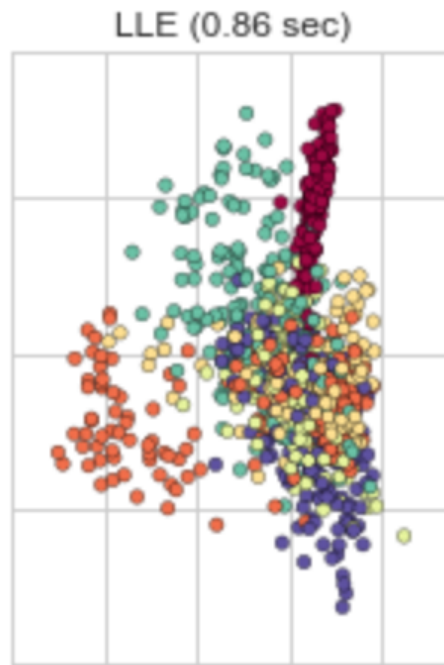
LLE (0.86 sec)

Figure 4: Locally Linear Embedding

4.3 Spectral Embedding(Laplacian Eigenmaps)

The Spectral Embedding algorithm consists of three steps. The algorithm has similarity with the LLE algorithm when it comes to the first and third steps [8]. The three phases of the algorithm include:

1. *Nearest-neighbor search:* For $\epsilon > 0$, Nodes i and j are connected if $||y_i - y_j||^2 < \epsilon$, where the norm is Euclidean norm.

2. *Weighted Adjacency Matrix:* Choose the weights $\Lambda_{i,j}$ for the weighted adjacency matrix defined by the heat kernel $e^{-\frac{||x_i - y_j||^2}{2\sigma^2}}$, where scale parameter is σ.

3. *Spectral Embedding:* Assume graph G is connected. Otherwise proceed with each connected component by computing eigenvalues and eigenvectors for the generalized eigenvector problem. Let $\nabla = (\nabla_{ij})$ be an $(n \times n)$ diagonal matrix and the weight matrix Λ. The $(n \times n)$ symmetric matrix $M_s = \nabla - \Lambda$ is known as the *graph Laplacian* for the graph G. The Laplacian is symmetric, positive semidefinite matrix which can be thought of as an operator on functions defined on vertices of G. Figure 5. Shows Spectral Embedding algorithm applied to the San Francisco Crime data.
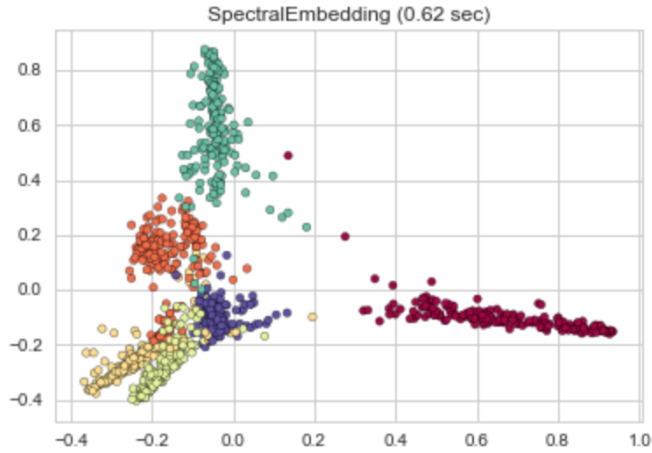
Figure 5: Spectral Embedding(Laplacian Eigenmaps)

4.4   Diffusion Maps

Diffusion maps works on the idea of the Markov Chain [8]. Diffusion map is a kernel method for nonlinear embedding and dimensionality reduction. It was based on the idea of spectral embedding of diffusion affinity kernel, which consists of normalized Gaussian affinities. Euclidean distance in the embedded space approximate diffusion distances in the data. These distances are similar in nature to the geodesic distances used in Isomap, but they are robust to noise. The algorithm just like the previously discussed ones above has three main phases with some steps being almost similar in every way. The three steps are:

1. *Nearest-Neighbor Search:* Similar to Laplacian Eigenmaps, an integer K is fixed and K-neighborhood is defined. In the same way, N_i denote the neighborhood of x_i.

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2. *Pairwise Adjacency Matrix:* This is a Gaussian part with width σ; be that different portions might be utilized. For comfort in composition, we will stifle the way that the components of the greater part of the frameworks rely on the estimation e. At that point, $\Lambda = (\lambda_{i,j})$ is a pairwise contiguousness network between n focuses. To make the lattice Λ much more scanty, estimations of its entrances that are littler than some given limit can be set to zero. The graph $G = G(V, E)$ with weight Λ gives data on the nearby geometry of the information.

3. *Spectral Embedding:* The diffusion probabilities and affinities between X data points can be arranged in $(n \times n)$ matrices P and A. P is a stochastic matrix with all row summing equal to one, and A is symmetric. Let $A = Q^{1/2}PQ^{-1/2}$, Q is a diagonal matrix. P and Q have the same eigen values and their eigen vectors are also related by $Q^{1/2}$ and $Q^{-1/2}$. For $t = 2, 3, \ldots$, we have

$$A^t = Q^{1/2}P^tQ^{-1/2} \tag{6}$$

since P^t contains t-step transition probabilities of the diffusion process [8].

4.5   Hessian Eigenmaps

We can remember that, in specific circumstances, the convexity supposition for Isomap might be excessively prohibitive. In contrast, we may require that the manifold M be locally isometric to an open, connected subset of $\mathbb{R}^s$. Well known cases include incorporated groups of articulated pictures that are found in a high-dimensional, digitized picture library [8].

To some degree, finding a fundamental picture complex relies on whether the pictures are sufficiently scattered around the complex and how great is the nature of digitization of each picture? Hessian Eigenmaps were proposed for recouping manifolds of high-dimensional libraries of enunciated pictures where the convexity supposition is frequently abused. Weaker requirements of convexity and isometry then come into play. In this case local isometry and connectedness takes shape [8].

1. *Local Isometry:* Δ is a locally isometric embedding of ω into $\mathbb{R}^s$. For any point y' in a sufficiently small neighborhood around each point y on the manifold M, the Euclidean distance between their corresponding parameter points $\omega, \omega' \in \Omega$; that is,

$$\Lambda^M(y, y') = ||\omega - \omega'||_\omega \tag{7}$$

   where $y = \Delta(\omega)$ and $y' = \Delta(\omega')$.

2. *Connectedness*: To recover the parameter vector Ω up to a rigid motion the parameter space is connected to subset $\mathbb{R}^s$.

Figure 6. Shows the The Hessian Locally Linear Embedding (HLLE) method applied to the San Francisco Crime dataset which executes $3.4sec$ much higher than other algorithms.
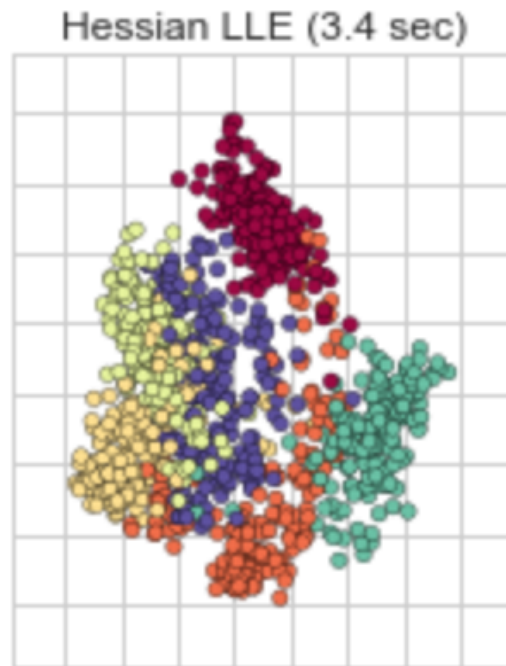

Figure 6: Hessian Eigenmaps

4.6 t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)

t-SNE (TSNE) converts affinities of data points to probabilities [45]. The affinities in the original space are represented by Gaussian joint probabilities and the affinities in the embedded space are represented by Student's t-distributions [46]. This allows t-SNE to be particularly sensitive to local structure and has a few other advantages over existing techniques:

1. Revealing the structure at many scales on a single map .

2. Revealing data that lie in multiple, different, manifolds or clusters.

3. Reducing the tendency to crowd points together at the center.

While Isomap and LLE are best suited to unfold a single continuous low dimensional manifold, t-SNE focuses on the local structure of the data and will tend to extract clustered local groups of samples. This ability to group samples based on the local structure might be beneficial to visually disentangle a dataset that comprises several manifolds at once [45]. The Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence of the joint probabilities in the original space and the embedded space will be minimized by gradient descent. Note that the KL divergence is not convex, i.e. multiple restarts with different initializations will end up in local minima of the KL divergence. As a result, it is sometimes useful to try different seeds and select the embedding with the lowest KL divergence [23].

The disadvantages to using t-SNE are :

1. t-SNE is computationally expensive, and can take several hours on million-sample datasets where PCA will finish in seconds or minutes.

2. t-SNE method is limited to two or three dimensional embeddings.

3. The algorithm is stochastic and multiple restarts with different seeds can yield different embeddings. However, it is perfectly legitimate to pick the the embedding with the least error.

4. t-SNE global structure is not explicitly preserved. This problem is mitigated by initializing points with PCA [45].

Figure 7. Shows t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding applied to the San Francisco Crime dataset.
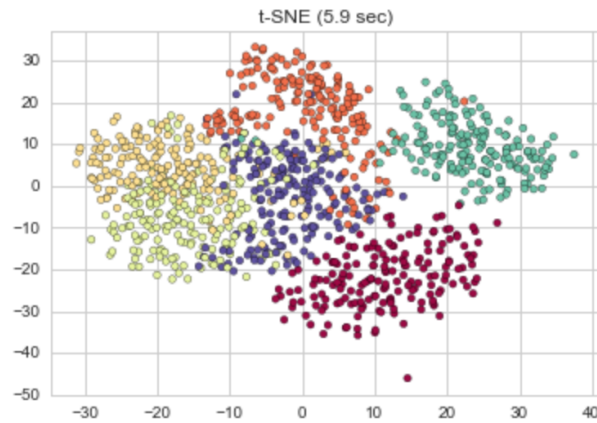

Figure 7: t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)

4.7 Nonlinear PCA (NLPCA)

Nonlinear PCA (NLPCA) is considered as a nonlinear generalization of the dimension reduction technique Principal Component Analysis (PCA) [8]. NLPCA tries to generalize the principal components from lines(linear) to curves(nonlinear). Neural network with auto-associative architecture is used to achieve this goal. Such auto-associative neural network applies multi-layer perceptron that performs identity mapping (ie. output of the network should be identical to the input). In the middle of this network, there is a layer which is responsible for the dimension reduction in the data. The question is, how do we generalize PCA to NLPCA?. There are several techniques that have been developed such as Polynomial PCA, Principal Curves and Surfaces, Multilayer Autoassociative Neural Networks, and Kernel PCA [8].

Polynomial PCA: There have been several different attempts made to generalize PCA to data living on or near nonlinear manifolds of a lower-dimensional space than the input space. Higher-degree polynomial transformation of the input variables, and the apply linear PCA, the resulting output is called *Polynomial PCA* [7].

Principal Curves and Surfaces: A principal curve is a smooth one-dimensional curve that passes through the "middle" of the data, and a principal surface (or principal manifold) is a generalization of a principal curve to a smooth two- or higher-dimensional manifold [16], and a principal surface (or *principal manifold*) is a generalization of principal curve to a smooth two, three or higher-dimensional space. We can therefore visualize principal curves and surfaces as defining a nonlinear manifold in higher-dimensional input space [8].

Autoassociative Multilayer Neural Networks: It is a multi-layer feed-forward

whose input layer and output layers are identical and used for nonlinear dimensionality reduction. The goal of this method is to perform input dimensionality reduction in a nonlinear way. This exceptional kind of artificial neural network comprises of more than a five-layer model in which the center three hidden layers of nodes are the mapping layer, the bottleneck layer, and the de-mapping layer, respectively, and each is characterized by a nonlinear activation functions [8].

Kernel PCA: A technique used to generalize polynomial PCA is called *Kernel PCA*. It's application expands to support vector machines [58]. This method has 2-stage process :

1. Given input data points nonlinearly transformation of input data into a point in N-dimensional feature space.

2. The second stage solves a linear PCA problem in a feature space which will have a higher dimensionality than that of the input space [8].

5 DATA AND RESULTS

This section entails the application of our manifold learning techniques and machine learning algorithms to the San Francisco Crime Dataset. We applied linear methods like PCA, MDS to the given dataset and non-linear methods like Isomap, Spectral embedding to this same dataset. Table 1. Shows the performance accuracy of each of the machine learning algorithms implemented.

Algorithms	Accuracy(Log-Loss)
Random Forest	13.90
Bernoulli Naive Bayes	2.550
Extra Tree	2.497
XGBoosting	2.504

Table 1: Machine Learning Algorithms Performance

Table 2. Shows the performance metrics of each of the manifold learning techniques implemented.

Linear methods	Time(seconds)
Principal Component Analysis(PCA)	36
Multidimensional Scaling(MDS)	3.7
Non-linear methods	
Isomap	2.6
Locally linear embedding(LLE)	0.86
Spectral Embedding(SE)	0.62
Hessian Eigenmaps(HE)	3.4
t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE)	5.9

Table 2: Manifold Learning Algorithms Performance

We can see from Table 1. Extra Tree was the best algorithm in terms of performance and the worst was Random Forest with log-loss accuracy of 13.90 sec.

Again, from Table 2. above, with non-linear methods like Spectral Embedding (SE)

was the fasted with execution time of 0.62 sec and the slowest was t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) with execution time of 5.9 sec. However, with linear methods, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was the worst and the slowest with execution time of 36 sec and Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) did perform better than PCA with execution time of 3.7 sec. It actually failed to project the data set into a low-dimensional space. The goal of implementing these manifold learning algorithms is speed and accuracy.

In conclusion, we cannot do better by choosing a better classifier, We can do better by choosing a better dimension reduction method. Figure 8. shows a combined graphs all the manifold learning algorithms implemented.
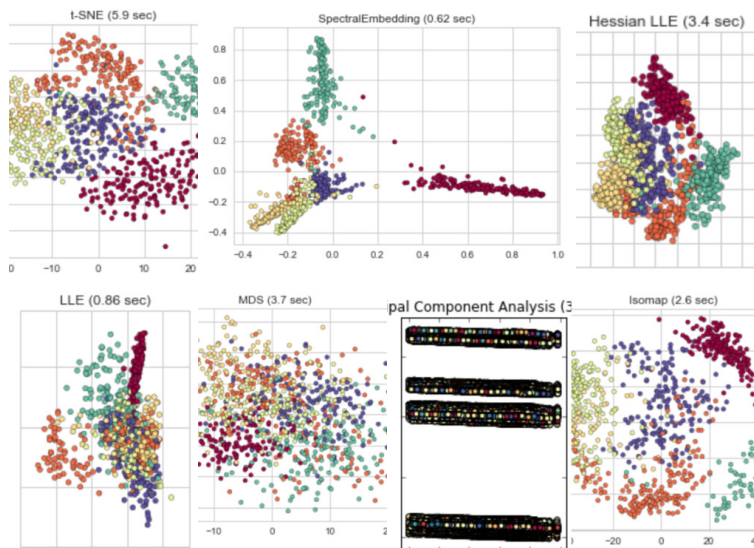

Figure 8: Diagram shows all manifold learning algorithm graphs.

6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

When high-dimensional data, such as those obtained from images or videos, lie on or near a manifold of a lower-dimensional space, it is important to learn the structure of that manifold. Data visualization is an aspect of machine learning and data mining that is gaining attention since data's insights cannot be achieved without some type of visualization. Dimension reduction is also another aspect that has gained attention in the field of big data ecosystem. We started out applying the usual method of feature engineering and machine learning techniques to the San Francisco Crime Data which only yielded a little above average results. We then applied the various manifold learning techniques to about $878,000$ data points and 105 columns. Among these techniques *Spectral Embedding* was the most efficient and optimal whereas *Principal Component Analysis* was the worst technique. It failed to uncover the underlying structure of the dataset. The entire data set was a sparse matrix due to the feature engineering techniques applied to the original dataset. Again this data set took much memory and space in terms of computations so there should be way to handle this problem in the future. We also made sure the same scale is used over all features. Because manifold learning methods are based on a nearest-neighbor search, the algorithm may perform poorly otherwise. The reconstruction error computed by each routine can be used to choose the optimal output dimension.

Future work could be done by applying manifold learning on noisy and/or incomplete data, which is an active area of research.

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APPENDICES

Listing 1: Sample Python code

```python
import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

from time import time

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.cross_validation import train_test_split

from sklearn import cross_validation

from sklearn.cross_validation import cross_val_score

from sklearn.metrics import log_loss #evaluation metric

from sklearn import manifold

from datetime import datetime

from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

from matplotlib.ticker import NullFormatter


# Next line to silence pyflakes. This import is needed.
Axes3D
```

```python
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(9, 12))

t0 = time()

pca = PCA(n_components=3)

P = pca.fit_transform(X)

t1 = time()

print("Principal Component Analysis:%.2g sec"%(t1 - t0))

ax = fig.add_subplot(259)

plt.scatter(P[:, 0], P[:, 1], c=y, cmap=plt.cm.Spectral)

plt.title("Principal Component Analysis (%.2g sec)"%(t1 - t0))

ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(NullFormatter())

ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(NullFormatter())

plt.axis('tight')

plt.show()
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