Using machine learning methods in geometric modeling

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 - Using SVMs to classify point clouds to geometric primitive classes.
 - Using stacked auto-encoders (SAEs) to learn geometric features used for classification.

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Part 1: Learning knot placements for b-spline curve and t-spline surface approximation

2d-input Given a sequence of points \mathbf{p}_i for curve approximation.

3d-input Given an array of sequences of points for surface skinning (lofting).

Output: Good knot vector(s) for spline approximation.



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Curve approximation

Curves: Compute the control points c_j of a b-spline curve of degree l

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minimizing

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Skinning: Later...

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3. For noisy data add slack ξ_i , i.e. minimize

 $\omega^t \omega/2 + C \sum \xi_i$ s.t. $y_i(\omega^t \mathbf{x}_i + b) \ge 1 - \xi_i$.



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Support vector machines (SVMs) (2)

4. For non-linearly-separable data, replace the scalar product with a kernel $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$, i.e. use the decision function

sign
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- 5. The **score** measures the signed distance to the separating hyper-surface.



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See e.g. [Park/Lee2007; Piegl/Tiller2000+2012; Razdan; Yuan/Chen/Zhou2013; etc.].

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- Features derived from the LCM
 - Angles to closest LCM.
 - Euclidean, arc-length, or parametric point distances to the closest LCM.



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Subsequent knot selection

- Use salient features as knots and, in regions without salient features, sample uniformly,
- ... or use averages of uniform parameter averages...

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Score-based knot placement

How well do points with salient geometric features perform for approximation?

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- For knot insertion, find closest score peak to middle point of knot segment with maximum score-sum.
- In regions without score peaks, sample uniformly or score-weighted.



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Results for SVM curves knot placement

Score from high score (red) to low score (blue)



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Results for b-spline curve approximation



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Surface skinning

Approximation and approach analog to curves.

Curves: ... done.

Skinning: Compute the control points $c_{i,j}$ of a t-spline surface of degree (k, l)

$$S(u,v) = \sum_{j=0}^J \sum_{i=0}^{I_j} c_{i,j} \cdot N_{i,j}^k(u) \cdot N_j^l(v)$$

minimizing

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m} \sum_{i=0}^{n_j} \|\mathbf{p}_{i,j} - S(u_i, v_j)\|^2$$

where each $N_{i,j}^k$ has its own knot vector $\mathbf{u}^{(j)}$.

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Part 2: Learning surface primitive classification

Input: Point clouds sampled from a patch of a primitive surface.







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SVM primitive classification (1)

General approach analog to knot-placement.

- Design geometric point cloud features for primitive classification.
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SVM primitive classification (2)

Point clouds are mapped to feature vectors.

See e.g. [Koenderink/van Doorn1992; Osada et al. 2002; Wahl et al. 2003; etc.].

- Point relation features:
 - Point distances, point angles, triangle areas, etc.
- Normal based features:
 - Normal directions, normal angles, etc.
- Curvature based features:
 - Curvature directions, curvature angles, shape index, etc.
- Hybrid features:
 - Surflet pairs, etc.

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Results of SVM primitive classification (1)

Separating hyper-surfaces projected to 3d.



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Results of SVM primitive classification (2)

Classification of a manual 3d-scan.



planes, cones, spheres.



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Learning geometric features for classification.



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Stacked auto-encoders (SAEs).



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Feature engineering using SAEs

- A stacked auto-encoder (SAE) is
 - a multi-layer perceptron
 - for un-supervised learning
 - of representations.

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① Perceptron

 T_{2}

 x_n

inputs .

► A **perceptron** implements for the inputs $x_1, ..., x_n$ the function



summation

 w_2

synaptic weights

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• Deep neural nets: multiple layers of perceptrons.



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- Training via back-propagation and gradient descent.



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- The features learned by the SAE are used to train a second DNN to classify the data.



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Learned geometric features (1)

 The auto-encoder is capable of representing geometric primitives.



DAE, 4100 neurons



SDAE, 3 layers, 4100 neurons



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Learned geometric features (2)

How can we interpret the un-supervised learned geometric features?

SDAE 3x4100 (Gaussian noise = 0.5)



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Learned geometric features (2)

Saliency maps.

SAE 3x4100 (no noise)



SDAE 3x4100 (Gaussian noise = 0.5)



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Questions?

