

# Segmentation of Subspace Arrangements II – GPCA

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## Representation of Subspace Arrangements

- ① For a single subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ , if  $\dim(V) = d$  and  $r = D - d$ :

$$(\mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \wedge (\mathbf{u}_2^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\mathbf{u}_r^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_1^T \mathbf{z} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}_r^T \mathbf{z} = 0 \end{cases}.$$

- ② For a subspace arrangement  $\mathcal{A} = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \cdots \cup V_K$ ,

$$(\mathbf{V}_1^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee (\mathbf{V}_2^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee \cdots \vee (\mathbf{V}_K^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0).$$

This constraint can also be written as a system of polynomial constraints:

## Example (Hyperplane Arrangements)

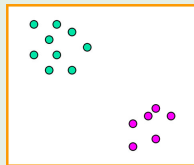
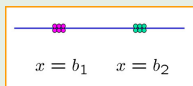
- A hyperplane is a subspace of  $D - 1$  dimension  $\Rightarrow r = 1$ .
- For a hyperplane arrangement  $\mathcal{A} = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \cdots \cup V_K$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee (\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee \cdots \vee (\mathbf{u}_{K,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0), \\ \Rightarrow & (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z}) \cdots (\mathbf{u}_{K,1}^T \mathbf{z}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

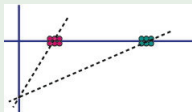
- $p(\mathbf{z}) \doteq (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z}) \cdots (\mathbf{u}_{K,1}^T \mathbf{z})$  is degree- $K$  homogeneous polynomial.
- For any polynomial vanishing on  $\mathcal{A}$  (i.e.,  $\forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{A}, p'(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ ),  $p'(\mathbf{z}) = p(\mathbf{z})g(\mathbf{z})$  for some polynomial  $g$ .

## Example (Point Clusters)

- Point clusters can be treated as **zero-dimensional affine** subspaces.



- Recall the standard procedure: Homogenization.  
For the 1-D case, change the sample coordinates to:  $\mathbf{x} = [x, 1]^T$ .



- All noise-free samples  $\mathbf{z} = [x, y]^T \in V_1 \cup V_2$  satisfy:

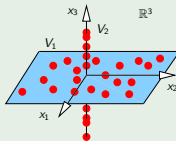
$$p(\mathbf{z}) \doteq (x - b_1y)(x - b_2y) = 0.$$

## Kth Degree Vanishing Polynomials

## Example (De Morgan's Law)

Let  $\mathcal{A} = V_1 \cup V_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\dim(V_1) = 2$ ,  $\dim V_2 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee \{ (\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \wedge (\mathbf{u}_{2,2}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \} \\ \Rightarrow & \{ (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee (\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \} \wedge \{ (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee (\mathbf{u}_{2,2}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} p_1(\mathbf{z}) \doteq (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z}) = 0 \\ p_2(\mathbf{z}) \doteq (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,2}^T \mathbf{z}) = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



- De Morgan's law: The constraint for a subspace arrangement can be rewritten as

$$(\mathbf{V}_1^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee (\mathbf{V}_2^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \vee \cdots \vee (\mathbf{V}_K^\perp{}^T \mathbf{z} = 0) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} p_1(\mathbf{z})=0 \\ \vdots \\ p_l(\mathbf{z})=0 \end{cases},$$

where  $\deg(p_i) = K$ , and  $l \doteq r_1 r_2 \cdots r_K$ .

- $p_1, \dots, p_l$  are all  $K$ th degree homogeneous polynomials. Define

$$p' = c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + \cdots + c_l p_l,$$

then  $\forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $p'(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ .

Any scalar combination also vanishes on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## Vanishing Polynomials

### $K$ th Component of Vanishing Polynomials

- Denote  $J_K = \text{Span}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_l)$ .  $J_K$  is a polynomial subspace.
- $h \doteq \dim(J_K)$ ,  $h \leq l = r_1 r_2 \cdots r_K$ .
- **Completeness:** Given  $K$ th degree homogeneous  $f$ , if  $\forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ , then  $f \in J_K$ .

### Vanishing Polynomials

- Define a vanishing polynomial of  $\mathcal{A}$  as  $f(\mathbf{z}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{A}$ .
- Is it possible that  $\deg(f) > K$ ?
- Is it possible that  $\deg(f) < K$ ?
- Particularly, given  $p \in J_K$ ,  $g(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z}) = 0 \Rightarrow gp$  is a vanishing polynomial.
- All vanishing polynomials form a special polynomial set  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ , called an *ideal* in algebra.

## Properties of Vanishing Polynomials

- $\mathcal{A}$  and  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$  are completely determined by  $J_K$ .
- [Derksen, 2005] If  $\mathcal{A} = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_K$  is in general position, then,

$$h \doteq \dim(J_K) = \sum_S (-1)^{|S|} \binom{K + D - 1 - c_S}{D - 1 - c_S},$$

where  $c_S = \sum_{j \in S} c_j$  and the sum is over all  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  (including the empty set) for which  $c_S < D$ .

### Example ( $\dim(J_K)$ for three subspaces in $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

From Derksen's equation,  $\dim(J_3(\mathcal{A}))$  can only take four possible values:



$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_3$	$h$
1	1	1	1
1	1	2	2
1	2	2	4
2	2	2	7

## Veronese Map

Since  $J_K$  completely determines  $\mathcal{A}$ , we consider estimating  $J_K$  from samples.

- $J_K$  is a polynomial subspace, hence only need to get hold of a set of basis vectors.
- The basis vectors for  $J_K$  are homogeneous  $K$ th degree polynomials that are *linearly independent*.

Example (Basis Vectors of  $J_K$ )

- ① For hyperplane arrangements,  $\dim(J_K) = 1$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z}) \cdots (\mathbf{u}_{K,1}^T \mathbf{z}).$$

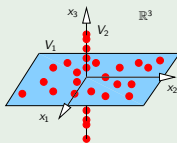
$$\Rightarrow J_K = \text{Span}(p).$$

- ② Let  $\mathcal{A} = V_1 \cup V_2$ , then  $\mathbf{u}_{1,1} = [0, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{2,1} = [1, 0, 0]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{2,2} = [0, 1, 0]^T$ , and  $\dim(J_2) = 2$ .

$$p_1 = (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,1}^T \mathbf{z}) = x_1 x_3,$$

$$p_2 = (\mathbf{u}_{1,1}^T \mathbf{z})(\mathbf{u}_{2,2}^T \mathbf{z}) = x_2 x_3.$$

$$\Rightarrow J_K = \text{Span}(p_1, p_2).$$



- What is the space of all homogeneous polynomials of degree  $K$  containing  $J_K$ ?

$$\mathbb{R}_K[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D] \doteq \text{Span}(x_1^K, x_1^{K-1}x_2, \dots, x_D^K).$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\mathbb{R}_K[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D]) \doteq M_K^{[D]} = \binom{K+D-1}{D-1}$$

## Definition (Veronese Map)

The Veronese map of order  $k$  is the map  $\nu_k : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{M_k^{[D]}}$  given by

$$\nu_k([x_1, \dots, x_D]^T) = [x_1^k, x_1^{k-1}x_2, x_1^{k-1}x_3, \dots, x_D^k]^T,$$

where the list of  $x_1^k, x_1^{k-1}x_2, x_1^{k-1}x_3, \dots, x_D^k$  are all the monomials of degree  $k$ .

Recovering  $J_K$  via the Veronese map

- Given the number of subspaces  $K$  known and  $N$  samples  $V = \{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N\}$ , construct the data matrix

$$L_K(V) = [\nu_K(\mathbf{z}_1), \nu_K(\mathbf{z}_2), \dots, \nu_K(\mathbf{z}_N)] \in \mathbb{R}^{M_K^{[D]} \times N}.$$

- Any  $K$ th degree vanishing polynomial is expressed by the monomials.

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} c_1, \dots, c_{M_K^{[D]}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^K \\ x_1^{K-1}x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_D^K \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Since  $p(\mathbf{z}) = 0$  for all  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1, \dots, c_{M_K^{[D]}} \end{bmatrix} L_K(V) = [p(\mathbf{z}_1), p(\mathbf{z}_2), \dots, p(\mathbf{z}_N)] = \mathbf{0}_{1 \times N}.$$

- Hence, the coefficients of a vanishing polynomial as a vector are recovered from  $\text{Null}(L_K)$ !  
 $\dim(\text{Null}(L_K)) = \dim(J_K)$ , and the basis vectors of  $\text{Null}(L_K)$  correspond to the basis vectors of  $J_K$ .

## Derivatives of Polynomials

We have learned how to recover vanishing polynomials from the data. Next, how to recover the bases.

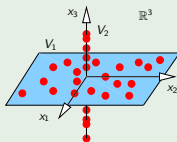
- Estimation of the bases for  $V_1^\perp, \dots, V_K^\perp$  depends on the *derivatives* of the vanishing polynomials.

## Example

- The null space of  $L_2(V)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c}_1 &= [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0] \Rightarrow p_1 = \mathbf{c}_1 \nu_2(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 x_3 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 &= [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0] \Rightarrow p_2 = \mathbf{c}_2 \nu_2(\mathbf{x}) = x_2 x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\mathbf{x}) \doteq [p_1(\mathbf{x}) \ p_2(\mathbf{x})] = [x_1 x_3, \ x_2 x_3]$$



- $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P = [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p_1 \ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p_2] = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 \\ x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Suppose  $\mathbf{z} = [1, 1, 0]^T \in V_1$ , then  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{z} = [0, 0, 1]^T \in V_2$ , then  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- Hence,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} P(\mathbf{z})$  returns a set of basis vectors for  $V_1^\perp$  and  $V_2^\perp$ .

- How to compute derivatives of vanishing polynomials?

Derivatives of monomials are created alongside with the Veronese map:

$$\nu_k(\mathbf{x}) = [x_1^k, x_1^{k-1}x_2, \dots, x_D^k] \leftrightarrow \nabla \nu_k(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{k-1} & x_1^{k-2}x_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & x_1^{k-1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & x_D^{k-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Given a vanishing polynomial  $p(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 x_1^K + \cdots + c_{M_K^{[D]}} x_D^K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla p(\mathbf{x}) &= c_1 \nabla x_1^K + \cdots + c_{M_K^{[D]}} \nabla x_D^K \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{k-1} & x_1^{k-2} x_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & x_1^{k-1} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & x_D^{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_{M_K^{[D]}} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

- Finally, evaluate  $\nabla_x P(\mathbf{z}) = \nabla_x [p_1, \dots, p_n]$  at one point per subspace, we then successfully recover  $V_1^\perp, \dots, V_K^\perp$ !

### Polynomial Differentiation Algorithm (PDA)

