## Manopt

A Matlab toolbox to make optimization on manifolds feel as simple as unconstrained optimization

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To optimize, we only need the search space to be a Riemannian manifold

# $\min_{x\in M}f(x)$

We need...

A notion of directions along which we can move tangent space, tangent vector

A notion of steepest descent direction inner product, gradient

A means of moving along a direction Geodesics, retractions

#### The theory is mature at this point.



#### What's been missing is matching software.

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With generic solvers, a library of manifolds and diagnostics tools

#### Low-rank matrix completion

$$\min_{X \in M} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (X_{ij} - A_{ij})^2$$

$$M = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} : \operatorname{rank}(X) = r\}$$

Find a matrix *X* of rank *r* which matches *A* as well as possible on a subset of entries.

#### Independent component analysis

$$\min_{X \in M} \sum_{i=1,\dots,N} \|\text{offdiag}(X^T C_i X)\|^2$$

$$M = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : \operatorname{ddiag}(X^T X) = I_p\}$$

Find a demixing matrix X with unit-norm columns which simultaneously diagonalizes given  $C_i$ 's as well as possible.

#### **Distance matrix completion**

$$\min_{X \in M} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (X_{ij} - A_{ij})^2$$

$$M = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : q_1, ..., q_n \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ and } X_{ij} = \| q_i - q_j \|^2 \}$$

Find a Euclidean distance matrix X which matches A as well as possible on a subset of entries.

#### **Estimation of rotations**

$$\min_{R_1,\dots,R_N \in M} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \left\| R_i R_j^T - H_{ij} \right\|^2$$

$$M = \{Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} : Q^T Q = I \text{ and } \det(Q) = +1\}$$

Find rotation matrices  $R_i$  which match measurements of relative rotations  $H_{ij} \approx R_i R_j^T$  as well as possible.

#### Example code for dominant eigenvectors

 $\max_{x} \frac{x^{T}Ax}{x^{T}x}$ 

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$$\max_{\|x\|=1} x^T A x$$





## $\nabla f(x) = 2Ax$ grad $f(x) = (I - xx^T)\nabla f(x)$

```
import manopt.solvers.trustregions.*;
import manopt.manifolds.sphere.*;
import manopt.tools.*;
```

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% Generate the problem data.
n = 1000;
A = randn(n);
A = .5*(A+A');
```

```
% Create the problem structure.
manifold = spherefactory(n);
problem.M = manifold;
```

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% Define the problem cost function and its gradient.
problem.cost = @(x) -x'*(A*x);
problem.grad = @(x) manifold.egrad2rgrad(x, -2*A*x);
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#### Gradient check



Step size in the Taylor expansion

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% Solve.
[x xcost info] = trustregions(problem);

					f: 1.571531e+000	grad : 4.456216e+001	
REJ TR-	k:	1	num_inner:	1	f: 1.571531e+000	grad : 4.456216e+001	negative curvature
acc	k:	2	num_inner:	1	f: -2.147351e+001	grad : 3.053440e+001	negative curvature
acc	k:	3	num_inner:	2	f: -3.066561e+001	grad : 3.142679e+001	negative curvature
acc	k:	4	num_inner:	2	f: -3.683374e+001	grad : 2.125506e+001	exceeded trust region
acc	k:	5	num_inner:	3	f: -4.007868e+001	grad : 1.389614e+001	exceeded trust region
acc	k:	6	num_inner:	4	f: -4.237276e+001	grad : 9.687523e+000	exceeded trust region
acc	k:	7	num_inner:	6	f: -4.356244e+001	grad : 5.142297e+000	exceeded trust region
acc	k:	8	num_inner:	8	f: -4.412433e+001	grad : 2.860465e+000	exceeded trust region
acc	k:	9	num_inner:	20	f: -4.438540e+001	grad : 3.893763e-001	reached target residual-kappa
acc	k:	10	num_inner:	20	f: -4.442759e+001	grad : 4.116374e-002	reached target residual-kappa
acc	k:	11	num_inner:	24	f: -4.442790e+001	grad : 1.443240e-003	reached target residual-theta
acc	k:	12	num_inner:	39	f: -4.442790e+001	grad : 1.790137e-006	reached target residual-theta
acc	k:	13	num_inner:	50	f: -4.442790e+001	grad : 3.992606e-010	dimension exceeded

Gradient norm tolerance reached.

Total time is 2.966843 [s] (excludes statsfun)

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% Display some statistics.
semilogy([info.iter], [info.gradnorm], '.-');
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# Riemannian optimization is...

Well-understood

Theory is available for many algorithms

Useful We covered a few fashionable problems

Easy

With Manopt, you simply provide the cost

### Manopt is open source and documented

#### www.manopt.org



#### Maniwhat now?

Manifolds are mathematical sets with a smooth geometry, such as spheres. If you are facing a nonlinear (and possibly nonconvex) optimization problem with nice-looking constraints or invariance properties, Manopt may just be the tool for you. Check out the manifolds library to find out!

#### **Key features**

Manopt comes with a large library of manifolds and readyto-use Riemannian optimization algorithms. It is well documented and includes diagnostics tools to help you get started quickly and make sure you make no mistakes along the way. It is designed to provide great flexibility in describing your cost function and incorporates an optional caching system for more efficiency.

#### May I use it?

Sure! This is open-source software. Check out the license and let us know how you use Manopt.