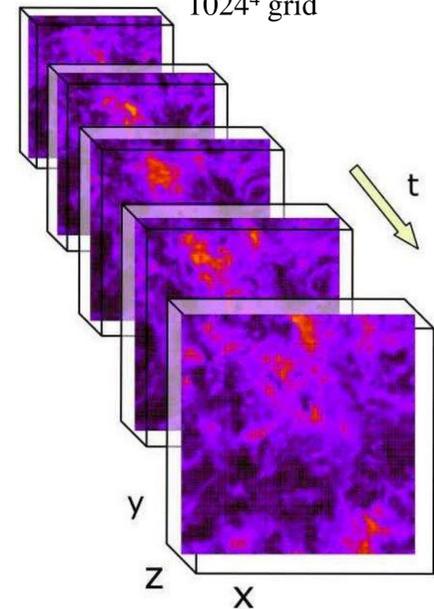


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JHU Turbulence Dataset [3]
1024⁴ grid



PROBLEM

Given a petabyte of simulation data

- what interesting happened?
- how often did it happen?
- when? where?

CONCEPT

- A “phenomenon” is a spatial group of data points from a grid or particle-based simulation
- Need machine learning algorithms (anomaly detectors, classifiers) to operate on groups of data points
- Treat a group as a set of i.i.d. samples from an underlying feature distribution for the groups
- Develop algorithms to do machine learning on distributions using only samples from them

METHOD

- Propose Support Distribution Machine (SDM)
- Develop non-parametric methods to estimate inner products between distributions using i.i.d. samples from them
- Use estimates to create Gram matrix
- Project estimated Gram matrix to SPD cone
- Use 2-class/1-class SVM for classification/anomaly detection

Benchmark 8-class scene classification problem [5]

- Use SIFT features from black&white images
- Reduce dimensionality to 19 with PCA
- Approximately 350 images in each of 8 categories
- 10-fold cross validation

- **SDM Accuracy:** **89.95%**
- Best published with similar feature set: 85.60%
- Best published using spatial dependence, color: 91.57%

SAMPLE IMAGES

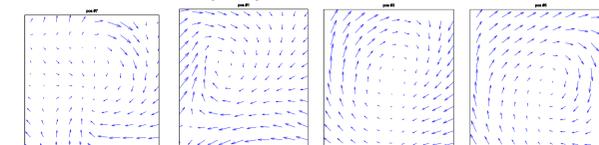


Finding Vortices in JHU Turbulence Simulation [5]

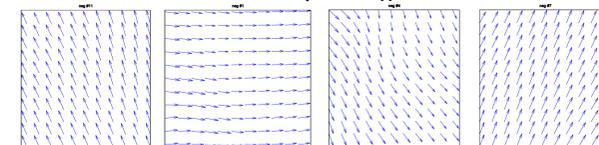
- Features are velocity field, pressure, distance from center
- Anomaly detection: train 1-class SDM on 100 randomly chosen regions
- Classification: train SDM with 20 hand-labeled negatives and 11 positives

- **SDM 2-class leave-one-out accuracy: 97%**

sample positives



sample negatives



Constructing Kernels

- must estimate K(p,q) for distributions p and q
- many useful kernels have a form that can be derived from:

$$D_{\alpha,\beta}(p \parallel q) = \int p^\alpha(x)q^\beta(x)p(x)dx$$

- linear: $K(p, q) = \int pq$
- polynomial: $K(p, q) = (\int pq + c)^s$
- Gaussian: $K(p, q) = \exp(-\frac{\mu^2(p, q)}{2\sigma^2})$

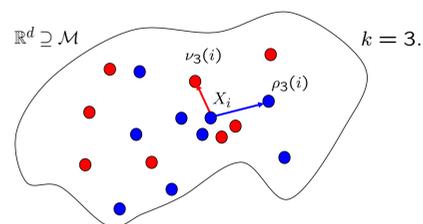
where $\mu =$

$$\text{Euclidean: } \mu(p, q) = \int (p - q)^2$$

$$\text{Hellinger: } \mu(p, q) = 1 - \int p^{1/2}q^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Renyi: } \mu(p, q) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} \log \int p^\alpha q^{1-\alpha}$$

Non-parametric Estimation



$k \geq 1$, fixed.

$\rho_k(i)$: the distance of the k -th nearest neighbor of X_i in $X_{1:n}$
 $\nu_k(i)$: the distance of the k -th nearest neighbor of X_i in $Y_{1:m}$

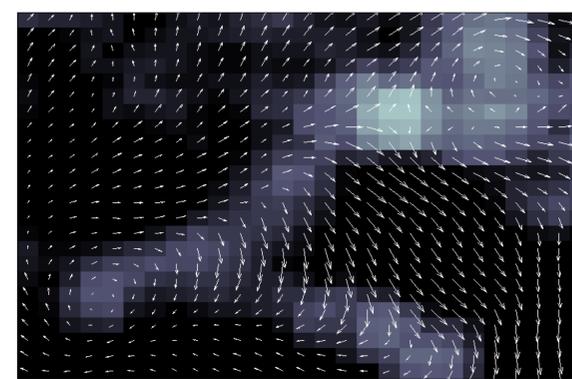
$$\hat{D}_{\alpha,\beta}(X_{1:n} \parallel Y_{1:m}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (n-1)^{-\alpha} m^{-\beta} \rho_k^{-d\alpha}(i) \nu_k^{-d\beta}(i) B_{k,\alpha,\beta}$$

Estimator is provably consistent with minor assumptions [1]

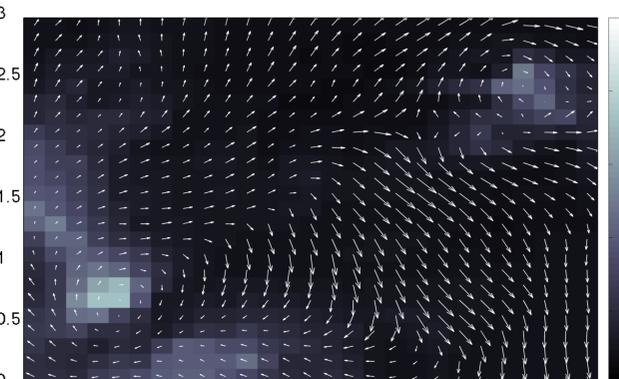
problem: resulting Gram matrix may not be positive semidefinite

solution: project back to the cone of positive semidefinite matrices using the alternating projections method of [2]

Anomaly Score



Vortex Class Probability



Support Distribution Machine (SDM)

- Use estimated Gram matrix
- Plug into standard dual form of the “soft SVM” [4]
- Result is a quadratic program that may be solved with many different tools

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