Error analysis of target measure diffusion maps with applications to the committor problem

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Motivation: molecular dynamics

Butane:



The invariant density is the Gibbs density

 $\mu(x) = Z^{-1} e^{-\beta V(x)}$

The generator

$$\mathcal{L} = \beta^{-1} e^{\beta V(x)} \nabla \cdot \left(e^{-\beta V(x)} \nabla \right) = \beta^{-1} \Delta - \nabla V \cdot \nabla$$



Typically, molecular systems exhibit (1) metastability (2) ergodicity, and (3) low intrinsic dimensionality.

Tasks:

1. Find the transition rates:

(Vanden-Eijnden & E, 2006) The transition rate is given by

$$\nu_{AB} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{N_{AB}}{T} = \int_{\Sigma_{AB}} J(x) \cdot n(x) \, d\sigma(x) = \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{M}_{AB}} \|\nabla q(x)\|_2^2 \mu(x) d\operatorname{vol}(x)$$

Here *q* is the committor function which satisfies the **committor problem**

$$\mathscr{L}q(x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathscr{M}_{AB}, \quad q = 0, x \in \partial A, \quad q = 1, x \in \partial B$$

2. Find low dimensional coordinates

(Coifman, Kevrekedis, Maggioni, Nadler '08) The optimal low dimensional coordinates are given by the backward Fokker-Planck eigenfunctions $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^m$ satisfying

$$\mathscr{L}\psi_i = \lambda_i \psi_i, \quad \partial_n \psi_i = 0$$

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Approach: Use Diffusion Map (Coifman and Lafon '06)

The Gaussian kernel The kernel density estimate The reweighted kernel
$$k_{\epsilon}(x_{i}, x_{j}) = e^{-\frac{\|x_{i}-x_{j}\|^{2}}{c}} \rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_{i}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} k_{\epsilon}(x_{i}, x_{j})$$
 The reweighted kernel $k_{\epsilon,\alpha}(x_{i}, x_{j}) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\|x_{i}-x_{j}\|^{2}}{c}}}{(\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)})^{\alpha}(x_{j})}$ The generator $\mathcal{P}_{\epsilon,\alpha}f(x) = \frac{\int_{\mathscr{M}} k_{\epsilon,\alpha}(x_{i}, y)f(y)\rho(y) \, dy}{\int_{\mathscr{M}} k_{\epsilon,\alpha}(x_{i}, y)\rho(y) \, dy}$ $\mathcal{P}_{\epsilon,\alpha}f(x) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\epsilon,\alpha}f(x) - f(x)}{c}$

$$= \frac{f(x)\rho(x) + \frac{c}{2}\Delta(f(x)\rho(x)) + O(\epsilon^{2})}{\rho(x) + \frac{c}{2}\Delta\rho(x) + O(\epsilon^{2})}$$
 $(\pi\epsilon)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} k_{\epsilon}(x, y) g(y) \, dy = g + \frac{\epsilon}{4}\Delta g + O(\epsilon^{2})$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \lim_{n \to \infty} L_{\epsilon,\alpha} = \Delta f + (2 - 2\alpha) \langle \nabla \log \rho, \nabla f \rangle$$
 $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \rho = Z^{-1}e^{-\beta V} \Rightarrow \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \lim_{n \to \infty} L_{\epsilon,\frac{1}{2}}f = \frac{\beta}{4} \left(\beta^{-1}\Delta f - \nabla V \cdot \nabla f\right)$

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Samples from Gibbs density will result in poor accuracy in the transition region!

We need to use enhanced sampling data

How to combine this with diffusion map?

Answer: Target Measure Diffusion (TMD) Maps (Banisch et. al 2020)!

The Gaussian kernel

$$k_{\epsilon}(x, y) = e^{-\frac{\|x-y\|^2}{\epsilon}}$$

The reweighted kernel

$$k_{\epsilon,\alpha}(x_i, x_j) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{\epsilon}}}{\left(\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}\right)^{\alpha}(x_j)}$$
$$k_{\epsilon,\mu}(x_i, x_j) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{\epsilon}}}{\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_j)}\mu^{1/2}(x_i)$$

The kernel density estimate

$$\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{y_i} k_{\epsilon}(x, y_i)$$

The Markov operator

$$P_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) = \frac{n^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{n} k_{\epsilon,\mu}(x_i, x_j)f(x_j)}{n^{-1}\sum_{j=1}^{n} k_{\epsilon,\mu}(x_i, x_j)}$$

The generator

$$L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) = \frac{P_{\epsilon,\mu}f(x) - f(x)}{\epsilon}$$

Theorem [Banisch et al. 2020] As $n \to \infty$, $\forall x \in \Omega$

 $4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x)\to \mathcal{L}_{\epsilon,\mu}=\mathcal{L}+O(\epsilon).$

TMD map = Dmap + Importance sampling

Key advantage of TMD map: the sampling density ρ can be arbitrary!

Theorem [Banisch et al.] As $\epsilon \to 0$ and $n \to \infty$, $\forall x \in \Omega$

$$\mathscr{L}_{\epsilon,\mu}f(x) \to \frac{1}{4} \left(\Delta f + \nabla \log \mu \cdot \nabla f \right) \equiv \frac{\beta}{4} \mathscr{L}.$$

Questions:

- 1. How to choose ρ, ϵ ?
- 2. Can we quantify the **consistency error**

$$|4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) - \mathscr{L}f(x)| = E(n,\epsilon;\rho,\mu,f,x)$$

3. Can we quantify the solution error $|q_{n,\epsilon} - q|$ where

$$4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}q(x_i) = 0, \quad x_i \in \mathcal{M} \setminus (A \cup B),$$
$$q(x_i) = 0, \quad x_i \in A,$$
$$q(x_i) = 1, \quad x_i \in B$$

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Bias error and variance error

$$|4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) - \mathscr{L}f(x)| = E(n,\epsilon;\rho,\mu,f,x)$$

Bias error: $4\beta^{-1}\mathscr{L}_{\epsilon,\mu}f(x) - \mathscr{L}f(x)$ Variance error: $L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) - \mathscr{L}_{\epsilon,\mu}f(x)$

Discrete kernel density estimate:

$$\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} k_{\epsilon}(x, x_{j})$$

$$[L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f](x_{i}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{k_{\epsilon}(x_{i}, x_{j})\mu^{1/2}(x_{j})f(x_{j})}{\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_{j})}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{k_{\epsilon}(x_{i}, x_{j})\mu^{1/2}(x_{j})}{\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_{j})}} - f(x_{i}) \right)$$

Discrete TMDmap generator:

Continuous TMDmap generator:

$$[\mathscr{L}_{\epsilon,\mu}f](x_i) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\int_{\mathscr{M}} \frac{k_{\epsilon}(x_i, y)\mu^{1/2}(y)f(y)}{\rho_{\epsilon}(y)} dy}{\int_{\mathscr{M}} \frac{k_{\epsilon}(x_i, y)\mu^{1/2}(y)}{\rho_{\epsilon}(y)} dy} - f(x_i) \right)$$

Exact generator:

$$[\mathscr{L}f](x) = \beta^{-1} \Delta f(x) + \nabla \log \mu(x) \cdot \nabla f(x)$$

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The bias and variance errors including prefactors.

Scaling between ε and n

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If the manifold is locally flat, \mathcal{B}_2

 \mathcal{B}_3

 $\mathcal{Q} = \partial_i^i \partial_j^j f(x) + 2\partial_{ii}^{ii} f(x).$

The main theorem

Let \mathcal{M} be a compact *d*-dimensional manifold without boundary. Let $\mathcal{X}(n) \subset \mathcal{M}$ be a point cloud sampled i.i.d. with density ρ , $0 < \rho_{\min} \leq \rho(x) \leq \rho_{\max} < \infty$. Let $x \in \mathcal{M}$ be an arbitrary point. Let $f \in C^2(\mathcal{M})$ be an arbitrary function. Furthermore, let ϵ be the kernel bandwidth and μ be the target density used for constructing the TMDmap generator $L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}$. Then as $n \to \infty$ and $\epsilon \to 0$ so that

$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ \epsilon \to 0}} \frac{n\epsilon^{2+d/2}}{\log n} = \infty,$$

with probability greater than $1 - 2n^{-3}$, we have:
$$|4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) - \mathcal{L}f(x)| \leq \underbrace{\frac{\alpha\epsilon}{\rho^{1/2}(x_i)}}_{i} \left(2\|\nabla f(x)\|\epsilon^{1/2} + 11|f(x)|\right)$$

variance error + $\epsilon \underbrace{|\mathcal{B}_1[f,\mu] + \mathcal{B}_2[f,\mu,\rho] + \mathcal{B}_3[f,\mu,\rho]| + O(\epsilon^2)}_{\text{bias error}}$.

The expressions for $\alpha, \mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$, and \mathcal{B}_3 are given by:

$$\begin{split} \alpha &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/4}} \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n\epsilon^{4+d/2}}}, \\ \mathcal{B}_1[f,\mu] &:= \frac{1}{4} \left[\mathcal{Q} \left(f\mu^{1/2} \right) - f\mathcal{Q}(\mu^{1/2}) \right] + \frac{1}{16} \left(2\nabla f \cdot \nabla \left(\mu^{1/2} \omega \right) + (\mu^{1/2} \omega) \Delta f \right), \\ [f,\mu,\rho] &:= -\frac{1}{16} \left(2\nabla f \cdot \nabla \left(\mu^{1/2} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \right) + \left(\mu^{1/2} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \right) f \right), \\ [f,\mu,\rho] &:= \frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{\Delta(\mu^{1/2})}{\mu^{1/2}} - \left(\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} - \omega \right) \right] \left[f \frac{\Delta(\mu^{1/2})}{\mu^{1/2}} - \frac{\Delta(\mu^{1/2}f)}{\mu^{1/2}} \right]. \end{split}$$

Here, \mathcal{Q} is a non-linear differential operator and ω is a smooth function on \mathcal{M} .

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Why is the uniform sampling density good?

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If f is the committor, the manifold is flat, and the sampling density ρ is uniform:

$$\begin{split} |4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n)}f(x) - \mathcal{L}f(x)| &\leq \underbrace{\frac{\alpha\epsilon}{\rho^{1/2}(x_i)} \left(2\|\nabla f(x)\|\epsilon^{1/2} + 11|f(x)| \right)}_{\text{variance error}} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Minimized!} \\ &+ \underbrace{\epsilon \left| \mathcal{B}_1[f,\mu] + \mathcal{B}_2[f,\mu,\rho] + \mathcal{B}_3[f,\mu,\rho] \right| + O(\epsilon^2)}_{\text{bias error}}. \end{split}$$

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Error in the TMDmap solution to BVPs

$$\begin{cases} \mathscr{L}u = f, & x \in \Omega\\ u = g, & x \in \partial \Omega \end{cases}$$

u = The exact solution $v_{n,\varepsilon} =$ The TMDmap solution

Theorem [SS, Evans, Cameron, 2023]

$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ \epsilon \to 0}} \frac{n\epsilon^{2+d/2}}{\log n} = \infty.$$

Then $\exists \epsilon_0 > 0$ and $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$: $\forall \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$ and $n \geq n_0$ with probability $\geq 1 - 4n^{-2} - \exp(-n\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}_{\Omega}])$

$$|v_{n,\epsilon}(x_i) - u(x_i)| \le \epsilon \left[\max_{x \in \mathcal{M}} C_{u,\mu,\rho}(x) + 1\right] |\phi(x_i)|$$

where ϕ is the exact solution to $\mathcal{L}\phi = 1$, $x \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \Omega$ and $\phi = 0$, $x \in \Omega$, and

$$C_{u,\mu,\rho}(x) := \max_{\substack{\epsilon \le \epsilon_0 \\ n \ge n_0}} \left[\frac{\alpha \left(2 \| \nabla f(x) \| \epsilon^{1/2} + 11 | f(x) | \right)}{\rho^{1/2}(x)} + |\mathcal{B}_1[u,\mu](x) + \mathcal{B}_2[u,\mu,\rho](x) + \mathcal{B}_3[u,\mu,\rho](x)| + O(\epsilon) \right].$$

Proof: the maximum principle and the method of comparison functions

The 2nd-order kernel expansion formula

The key tool for computing the bias error

Lemma [SS, Evans, Cameron 2023]

Let $f \in C^{\infty}(\mathcal{M})$ and \mathcal{G}_{ϵ} be the integral operator defined by

$$\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}f(x) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} k_{\epsilon}(x, y) f(y) \, d\mathrm{vol}(y).$$

Then, for small enough ϵ , $\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}f$ admits the following expansion at x:

$$(\pi\epsilon)^{-d/2}\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}f(x) = f(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{4}(\Delta f(x) - \omega(x)f(x)) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{4}\mathcal{Q}f(x) + O(\epsilon^3),$$

where \mathcal{Q} is a fourth-order differential operator on \mathcal{M} . In particular, if \mathcal{M} is isometric to \mathbb{R}^d in a neighborhood of x (i.e \mathcal{M} is locally flat) then

$$\mathcal{Q} = \partial_i^i \partial_j^j + 2\partial_{ii}^{ii}.$$

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Goal: Expand the following integral:

$$\mathcal{G}_{\epsilon}f(x) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} k_{\epsilon}(x, y) f(y) \, d\mathrm{vol}(y).$$

Key idea 1: Keep track of fourth order correction factor to intrinsic/ extrinsic distance (Jost '08)

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - y\|_{2}^{2} &= (d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, y))^{2} - \frac{(d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, y))^{4}}{12} \|H(\dot{\gamma}_{xy}(0), \dot{\gamma}_{xy}(0))\|_{2}^{2} \\ &+ o((d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, y))^{4}) \end{aligned}$$

Key idea 2: Keep track of third order correction to volume form:

$$g_{ij}(u) = \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} R_{i\alpha\beta j} u^{\alpha} u^{\beta} + O(||u||^3)$$
$$d \operatorname{vol}(y) = \sqrt{\det g_{ij}} \, du := 1 + C_x^2(u), C_x^2 = O(||u||_2^2)$$

Variance error: key ideas

Bernstein's inequality:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \ge t\right) \le \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] + \frac{2}{3}Mt}\right] \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Amplification:

$$\mathbb{P}_{x_i}\left(\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x_i) - \rho_{\epsilon}(x_i) \ge t\right) = \mathbb{P}_{x_i}\left(\sum_{j \neq i} X_j \ge t - X_i\right) < \mathbb{P}_{x_i}\left(\sum_{j \neq i} X_j \ge t\right)$$

Unlike Singer (2006), or Berry & Harlim (2015), we don't remove the point from the point cloud!

Theorem [Discrete Kernel Density Estimate]

Let $\mathcal{X}(n) = \{x_j\}_{j=1}^n \sim \rho(x)$. Let $x \in \mathcal{M}$. Then for $\epsilon \to 0$ and $n \to \infty$ so that

$$\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ \epsilon \to 0}} \frac{n\epsilon^{2+d/2}}{\log n} = \infty$$

with probability at least $1 - n^{-4}$,

$$\left|\rho_{\epsilon}^{(n)}(x) - \rho_{\epsilon}(x)\right| < 5(\pi\epsilon)^{d/2} \rho^{1/2}(x)\epsilon^{2}\alpha$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/4}} \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n\epsilon^{4+d/2}}}.$$

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Two-well potential on the unit circle



If $n(\epsilon)/\log(n(\epsilon)) = 0.25\epsilon^{-5/2}$, the variance error ~ const, then the total error $4\beta^{-1}L_{\epsilon,\mu}^{(n(\epsilon))}f(x) - \mathscr{L}f(x) \sim a + \epsilon b$.



Prefactor **|***b***|** of the bias error

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Uniform density	0.778	0.398
Nonuniform density	1.024	1.148



 δ -net: Crosskey and Maggioni (2017)

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Key conclusions

Sharp estimates reveal that:

1. Bias error at a point is simplified when (1) \mathcal{M} is flat, the (2) sampling density ρ is uniform, or (3) when the test function is the committor.

2. Worst case variance error is minimized when $\rho \propto \text{vol} (\mathcal{M})^{-1}$, i.e the uniform density

3. The solution error is controlled by an $O(\epsilon)$ perturbation of the consistency error, so improving consistency will improve solution accuracy.

TMD map admits an arbitrary sampling density, so we can **post process our pointcloud to improve the accuracy** of the committor/eigenfunction by uniformizing.

In particular, **spatially uniform subsampling** improves both accuracy and stability to the bandwidth parameter. These gains in accuracy are practically realizable!

Future work

- 1. We post-process datasets generated using metadynamics into δ -nets.
 - δ -nets are spatially quasi-uniform random sets where points are dependent!
 - Numerical experiments suggest that δ -nets lead to a better scaling between n and ϵ .
 - What is the kernel density estimate and the variance error for δ -nets?
- 2. **Spectral convergence:** Belkin and Niyogi (2006) showed that control on the norm of the residual operator in the bias error leads to spectral convergence. Here we have a much more quantitative result. **Spectral convergence rate?**
- The sampling question: TMD map accepts arbitrary sampling densities, but in theory practice, the uniform density does best. Can we train a generative model to sample only the support of a distribution?



A δ -net, PC: Maria Cameron

Appendix A: Estimating the transition rate (Evans, Cameron, Tiwary 2021)

$$\nu_{AB} = \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{M}_{AB}} \|\nabla q(x)\|_{2}^{2} \mu(x) d\operatorname{vol}(x)$$
$$\hat{\nu}_{AB} = \frac{1}{|I_{AB}|} \sum_{i \in I_{AB}} \left[\hat{\Gamma}([q], [q])\right]_{i} = \frac{1}{|I_{AB}|} \sum_{i \in I_{AB}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} L_{ij} ([q]_{i} - [q]_{j})^{2},$$

Appendix B: Langevin on Manifold (Hsu '02)

 $\{Z_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is a *M*-valued diffusion process generated by L if $\{Z_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ is an \mathcal{F}_* -adapted semimartingale and $M^f(Z)_t := f(Z_t) - f(Z_0) - \int_0^t Lf(Z_s) \, ds$,

is an \mathcal{F}_* -adapted local martingale for all $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$.