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## Solution of Problem 1

(Isomap) Consider five vectors A, B, C, D and E given as follows



a) The following figure shows when 1NN and 2NN is used for graph construction. For



1NN graph  $\delta(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{D})$  is determined by a single path and is given by  $\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{17}$ . For 2NN graph,  $\delta(\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{D})$  is the minimum of  $\sqrt{32}$  and  $\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{17}$ , which is already known from triangle inequality, and it is  $\sqrt{32}$ . In both examples, it is clear that the geodesic estimation is wrong and particularly worse for 2NN.

b) The smallest distance is given by the distance of **D** and **B**. Therefore for  $\epsilon < \sqrt{5}$ , the graph consists of isolated points.

For  $\epsilon \in [\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{10})$ , there is only a single edge between **D** and **B**; for  $\epsilon \in [\sqrt{10}, \sqrt{13})$  two edges appear between **D**, **B** and **C**, **D**. The analysis go on accordingly. The graph becomes connect only if  $\epsilon \ge \sqrt{17}$ ; for  $\epsilon = \sqrt{17}$ , the following graph is obtained. When  $\epsilon$ 



starts to go above 5 more edges appear and the graph becomes ultimately fully connected for  $\epsilon > \sqrt{52}$ .

## Solution of Problem 2

(Diffusion Map)

- a) A kernel function  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$  of a diffusion map must follow the following properties:
  - Symmetry:  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = K(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{x}_i),$
  - Non-negativity:  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \ge 0$ ,
  - Locality: If  $\|\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i\|_2 \to \infty$  then  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \to 0$ . If  $\|\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i\|_2 \to 0$  then  $K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \to 1$ .
- **b)**  $K_1(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = ||\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i||^2$ : No, locality is violated.
  - $K_2(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = 1 \|\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i\|_2$ : No, non-negativity and locality are violated.
  - $K_3(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} ||\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i||_2)$  for  $||\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_i||_2 \le 1$ , and zero elsewhere: : Yes, this could be a kernel function.
  - $K_4(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \max\{1 (\|\mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 \mathbf{x}_j^T \mathbf{x}_i), 0\}$ : No, symmetry is violated.

**c**)

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} K(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & K(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) & K(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ K(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1) & K(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) & K(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ K(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_1) & K(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2) & K(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

d) We know that  $\mathbf{M}$  can be decomposed as  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{\Phi} \Delta \Psi^{\mathrm{T}}$ , where  $\mathbf{\Phi}$  and  $\Psi$  are bi-orthogonal (i.e.,  $\mathbf{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}} \Psi = \mathbf{I}_3$ ). We observe that the provided expression follows the same form, sicne the columns corresponding to the left and right eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{M}$  are orthogonal. Nevertheless, these columns are not properly scaled since

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2\mathbf{I}_{3}$$

Therefore, by properly normalizing the provided relation we obtain  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{\Psi}^{\mathrm{T}}$  as

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M} &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1\\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0\\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \left(2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1\\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0\\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)^{\mathrm{T}} \\ &= \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{\Psi}^{\mathrm{T}} \end{split}$$

Therefore, since  $\Delta = \text{diag}(\lambda_k)_{k=1,2,3}$ , we have that  $\lambda_1 = 6$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 4$  and  $\lambda_3 = 2$ .

## Solution of Problem 3

First of all, see that:

$$\sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\deg(l)} \left( \mathbb{P}(X_{t} = l | X_{0} = i) - \mathbb{P}(X_{t} = l | X_{0} = j) \right)^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\deg(l)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t} \phi_{k,i} \psi_{k,l} - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t} \phi_{k,j} \psi_{k,l} \right)^{2} = \sum_{l=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\deg(l)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t} (\phi_{k,i} - \phi_{k,j}) \psi_{k,l} \right)^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{l=1}^{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t} (\phi_{k,i} - \phi_{k,j}) \frac{\psi_{k,l}}{\sqrt{\deg(l)}} \right)^{2} = \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t} (\phi_{k,i} - \phi_{k,j}) \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \psi_{k} \right\|^{2}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \Psi$  is equal to  $\mathbf{V}$ , the eigenvalue matrix in spectral decomposition of  $\mathbf{S}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \psi_k$ 's are orthonormal, and we have:

$$\left\|\sum_{k=1}^{n} \lambda_{k}^{t}(\phi_{k,i} - \phi_{k,j}) \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \boldsymbol{\psi}_{k}\right\|^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\lambda_{k}^{t})^{2} (\phi_{k,i} - \phi_{k,j})^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\lambda_{k}^{t} \phi_{k,i} - \lambda_{k}^{t} \phi_{k,j})^{2} = \|\boldsymbol{\phi}_{t}(v_{i}) - \boldsymbol{\phi}_{t}(v_{j})\|^{2}.$$