# Graph Connectivity in Sparse Subspace Clustering 

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(2) Sparse Subspace Clustering
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## Applications

- Motion Segmentation [Rene Vidal et al. 2008]
- Video Shot Segmentation [Le Lu and R. Vidal 2006]
- Illumination Invariant Clustering [J. Ho et al. 2003]
- Image Segmentation [Alen Yang et al. 2008]
- Image Representation and Compression [Wei Hong et al. 2005]
- Linear Hybrid Systems Identification [Rene Vidal et al. 2003]


## Solutions

- Random Sample Consensus (RANSAC) [Martin Fischler and R. Bolles 1981]
- Mixture of Probabilistic PCA [Michael Tipping and $c$. Bishop 1999]
- Generalized PCA (GPCA) [Rene Vidal et al. 2005]
- Locally Linear Manifold Clustering (LLMC) [Alvina Goh and R. Vidal 2007]
- Agglomerative Lossy Compression (ALC) [Yi Ma et al. 2007]
- Sparse Subspace Clustering (SSC) [Ehsan Elhamifar and R. Vidal 2009]
- Low-Rank Subspace Clustering (LLR) [Guangcan Li et al. 2010]


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- Sparse Representation
- Main Theorem
- Noise and Outliers
- Open Problems
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## Example

Figure: An example of an SSC graph

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## Open Problems

- Noise and Outliers
- Extension to manifolds
- Graph Connectivity in each subspace


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The facet of each polytope $\left(X_{-i}\right)$ on which $\mathbf{y}_{i}$ lies has exactly $d$ points on it.

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> Theorem
> Two points are neighbours iff their neighbourhood cones strictly intersect.

## Projection on Unit Hypersphere



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## 3D Case



- residual holes for one connected component
- Topologically open disks.
- Area: < half-sphere. ( $\Leftarrow$ Gauss-Bonnet Theorem)


## What about $d \geq 4$ ?

- No residual holes
- Search for counterexamples


## Towards a Counterexample

## Observations from 3D

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## $\geq 4 \mathrm{D}$ case

Counterexample

- Data around two great circles:
- $\left.\begin{array}{ccc}{[\cos \theta, \sin \theta,} & 0, & 0\end{array}\right]^{T}$
- $[0,0, \cos \theta, \sin \theta]^{T}$
- $X_{ \pm}=X_{C_{1}} \cup X_{C_{2}}$
- $X_{C_{1}}:\left[\begin{array}{lll}\cos \frac{k \pi}{m}, & \left.\sin \frac{k \pi}{m}, \quad \pm \delta, \quad \pm \delta\right]^{T}\end{array}\right.$
- $X_{C_{2}}:\left[\begin{array}{lll} & \pm \delta, & \pm \delta, \\ \cos \frac{k \pi}{m}, & \sin \frac{k \pi}{m}\end{array}\right]^{T}$


## $\geq 4 \mathrm{D}$ case <br> Counterexample


(a) $\delta=\Delta+\epsilon$

(c) $\delta=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}-\Delta-\epsilon$
(d) $\delta=\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}-\Delta+\epsilon$

Figure: Orthographic projection to 3D

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- A post processing stage, etc.


## Thanks

## Questions?

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