

Asymptotic Theory for Statistics of Geometric Structures

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- Graph and networks. $L_G(\mathcal{X}) :=$ length of graph G on \mathcal{X} . What is the behavior of $L_G(\mathcal{X})$ for large \mathcal{X} ?

- The random variable X has density $\kappa(x)$ if

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A \kappa(x) dx.$$

- Theorem (Beardwood, Halton, Hammersley (1959)): $X_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, i.i.d. with density $\kappa(x)$ on $[0, 1]^d$. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L_{MST}(\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})}{n^{(d-1)/d}} \stackrel{P}{=} \gamma_{MST}(d) \int_{[0,1]^d} \kappa(x)^{(d-1)/d} dx.$$

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- Rényi, Sulanke

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We have:

$$(k-2) \left(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \log \frac{D_k}{D_j} \right)^{-1} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} d(k-2)(\Gamma_{k-1,1})^{-1}.$$

Expectation of LHS is d .

In other words the LHS is an unbiased estimator of dimension for any $k \geq 3$ (Bickel + Levina).

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Questions (i) Fix $k \geq 3$. What conditions on \mathcal{M} insure

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [\xi_k(X_1, \mathcal{X}_n)] = \dim \mathcal{M}?$$

(ii) Are the sums $\sum_{i \leq n} \xi_k(X_i, \mathcal{X}_n)$ asymptotically normal?

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- What is the distribution of these sums for large random pt configurations \mathcal{X} ?
- Laws of large numbers?
- Central limit theorems?

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Tractable problems must be *local* in the sense that points far away from x should not play a role in the evaluation of the score $\xi(x, \mathcal{P} \cap W_n)$.

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Main idea: under stabilization conditions on ξ , the sums

$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{P} \cap W_n} \xi(x, \mathcal{P} \cap W_n)$$

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$\epsilon_n = O(n^{-1/d})$ if ξ is exponentially stabilizing wrt \mathcal{P} .

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It is the case that for stabilizing, trans. invariant ξ we have as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\xi(n^{1/d}x, n^{1/d}\mathcal{P}_{ng}) = \xi(\mathbf{0}, n^{1/d}(\mathcal{P}_{ng} - x)) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \xi(\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{P}_{g(x)}).$$

Stabilization is a surrogate for continuity.

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It is possible to simplify the right-hand side....

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Penrose + Y (2005), Penrose (2007): $\epsilon_n = O(\frac{(\log n)^{3d}}{\sqrt{n}})$.

Lachièze-Rey, Schulte, + Y (2019): $\epsilon_n = O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Var} H_n^\xi}})$.

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