Surface reconstruction in sub-Riemannian geometry

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Motivation

Part I

- Sub-Riemannian geometry
- Sub-Riemannian mean curvature flow
- Uniqueness in sub-Riemannian mean curvature flow

Part II

• Neurogeometry of primary visual cortex

Orientation preference map and pinwheels



Orientation preference map [Bosking et al., 1997]

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Orientation preference map [Bosking et al., 1997]

Pinwheels and hypercolumnar structure [Petitot, *Neurogéométrie de la vision*, 2008]

Receptive profile

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta) \\ \eta &= x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta) \\ \Psi_0(\xi, \eta) &= \mathrm{e}^{-\xi^2 - \eta^2} \big(\cos(\eta) + i \sin(\eta) \big) \end{aligned}$$



Experimental receptive profile



Gabor (real part) function

Set of receptive profiles: Fiber structure

$$A_{x,y,\theta}(\xi,\eta) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\xi} \\ \tilde{\eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Psi_{x,y,\theta}(\tilde{\xi},\tilde{\eta}) = (A_{x,y,\theta}\Psi_0)(\tilde{\xi},\tilde{\eta}))$$

$$G_2 = \{A_\theta: \ \theta \in S^1\}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{RP}_{(x,y)} &= \{ \Psi_{(x,y,\theta)}: \ (x,y) \quad \text{fixed}, \quad \theta \quad \text{variable} \} \\ &= \{ A_{(0,0,\theta)} \Psi_{(x,y,0)}: \ \theta \in S^1 \} \end{split}$$

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Set of receptive profiles: 1-form

$$\begin{split} \xi &= (\tilde{\xi} - x)\cos(\theta) + (\tilde{\eta} - y)\sin(\theta)\\ \eta &= -(\tilde{\xi} - x)\sin(\theta) + (\tilde{\eta} - y)\cos(\theta)\\ \Psi(\xi, \eta) &= \mathrm{e}^{-\xi^2 + \eta^2} \big(\cos(\eta) + i\sin(\eta)\big) \end{split}$$



$$X_3 = -\sin(\theta)\partial_x + \cos(\theta)\partial_y$$

$$\lambda = -\sin(\theta)d_x + \cos(\theta)d_y$$

SE(2) geometry: Horizontality and neural connectivity

Horizontal tangent space:

$$\begin{aligned} &\ker \lambda = \operatorname{span}\{X_1, X_2\} \\ &X_1 = \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y \\ &X_2 = \partial_\theta \end{aligned}$$



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$$X_1 = \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y$$
$$X_2 = \partial_\theta$$
$$[X_2, X_1] = X_3 = -\sin(\theta)\partial_x + \cos(\theta)\partial_y$$

Hörmander condition!



Surface reconstruction



Corrupted surface

Reconstructed surface

PART I

Uniqueness in sub-Riemannian mean curvature flow

Elements: (x, y, θ) ∈ SE(2), x, y ∈ ℝ, θ ∈ S¹
Horizontal plane:

span{ $X_1 = \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y, X_2 = \partial_\theta$ }

- For $u: SE(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - horizontal gradient: $abla_h u = (X_1 u, X_2 u)$
 - horizontal divergence:
 - $\operatorname{div}_h \nu = X_1 \nu_1 + X_2 \nu_2$
 - horizontal unit normal;

$$\nu_h = \frac{\nabla_h u}{|\nabla_h u|} = \frac{(X_1 u, X_2 u)}{\sqrt{(X_1 u)^2 + (X_2 u)^2}}$$

- horizontal Laplacian: $\Delta_h u = X_1^2 u + X_2^2 u$
- horizontal mean curvature: $K_h = \operatorname{div}_h(\nu_h) = \operatorname{div}_h\left(\frac{\nabla_h u}{|\nabla_h u|}\right)$



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• Elements:

 $(x, y, \theta) \in \mathsf{SE}(2), \qquad x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \theta \in S^1$

- Horizontal plane: span{ $X_1 = \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y, X_2 = \partial_\theta$ }
- For $u: SE(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 - full gradient: $\nabla u = (X_1 u, X_2 u, X_3 u)$
 - full divergence: div $\nu = X_1\nu_1 + X_2\nu_2 + X_3\nu_3$
 - full unit normal: $\nu = \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} = \frac{(X_1 u, X_2 u, X_3 u)}{\sqrt{(X_1 u)^2 + (X_2 u)^2 + (X_3 u)^2}}$
 - full Laplacian: $\Delta u = X_1^2 u + X_2^2 u + X_3^2 u$
 - full mean curvature: $K = \operatorname{div}(\nu) = \operatorname{div}\left(\frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|}\right)$



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Degenerate!

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 - full Laplacian: $\Delta u = X_1^2 u + \dot{X_2^2} u + X_3^2 u$
 - full mean curvature: $K = \operatorname{div}(\nu) = \operatorname{div}\left(\frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|}\right)$

Degenerate!

• Non-commutative Lie algebra:

$$[X_1, X_2] = -X_3 = \sin(\theta)\partial_x - \cos(\theta)\partial_y$$

Challenging but satisfies Hörmander condition!

Preliminaries: Sub-Riemannian mean curvature flow

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{X_i u X_j u}{|\nabla_h u|^2} \right) X_{ij} u & \text{in } G \times (0, \infty) \\ u = u_0 & \text{on } G \times \{0\} \end{cases}$$

Characteristic points: $|
abla_h u| = \sqrt{(X_1 u)^2 + (X_2 u)^2} = 0$

• Global description

BUT...

• Not defined when $\nabla_h u = 0!$

Regularized equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t^{\epsilon} = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{X_i u^{\epsilon} X_j u^{\epsilon}}{\epsilon^2 + |\nabla_h u^{\epsilon}|^2} \right) X_{ij} u^{\epsilon} \\ u^{\epsilon}(.,0) = u_0(.) \end{cases}$$

No characteristic points!

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{X_i \mathbf{v} X_j \mathbf{v}}{|\nabla_h \mathbf{v}|^2} \right) X_{ij} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v}(.,0) = \mathbf{v}_0(.) \end{cases}$$

Not defined when $\nabla_h v = 0!$

vanishing viscosity $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} u^{\epsilon}$

$$\frac{v}{v}$$

- Heisenberg group, existence of graph, Capogna-Citti
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Difficulties due to characteristic points!

What about general setting?

Theorem (Uniqueness of viscosity solution)

Let v be a Lipschitz continuous viscosity solution to the degenerate problem and constantly 0 outside a compact set and let u^{ϵ} be the vanishing viscosity solution. Then for every $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $0 < T < \infty$ there exists a constant $M = M(u_0, T, \alpha)$ such that

$$\sup_{\xi\in SE(2), 0\leq t\leq T} |(v-u^{\epsilon})(\xi,t)| \leq M\epsilon^{\alpha},$$

for all $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

Unique viscosity solution implies

Corollary (Stability of vanishing viscosity)

For every $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $0 < T < \infty$ there exists a constant $M = M(u_0, T, \alpha)$ such that

$$\sup_{\xi\in SE(2), 0\leq t\leq T} |(u^{\epsilon_1}-u^{\epsilon_2})(\xi,t)| \leq M(\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2)^{\alpha},$$

for all $0 < \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 < 1$ and $\epsilon_2 < \frac{\epsilon_1}{2}$.

Stability of vanishing viscosity

$$\sup_{\xi\in {\mathcal G}, 0\leq t\leq {\mathcal T}} \left| (u^{\epsilon_1}-u^{\epsilon_2})(\xi,t) \right| \leq M(\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2)^{\alpha}$$

$$\sup_{\xi \in G, 0 \le t \le T} \left| (u^{\epsilon_1} - u^{\epsilon_2})(\xi, t) \right| \le M(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2)^{\alpha}$$

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$$\sup_{\xi \in G, 0 \le t \le T} \left| (u^{\epsilon_1} - u)(\xi, t) \right| \le M(\epsilon_1)^{\alpha} \text{ as } \epsilon_2 \to 0$$

$$\Longrightarrow$$

$$u^{\epsilon_1} \to v \text{ as } \epsilon_1 \to 0$$

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PART II

Neurogeometry of primary visual cortex V1

Extension: Orientation-frequency-phase selectivity

$$\xi = (\tilde{\xi} - x)\cos(\theta) + (\tilde{\eta} - y)\sin(\theta)$$
$$\eta = -(\tilde{\xi} - x)\sin(\theta) + (\tilde{\eta} - y)\cos(\theta)$$
$$\Psi_{x,y,\theta,\omega,\phi}(\xi,\eta) = e^{-\xi^2 + \eta^2} \left(\cos(\omega\eta + \phi) + i\sin(\omega\eta + \phi)\right)$$



$$\lambda = -\omega\sin(\theta)\partial_x + \omega\cos(\theta)\partial_y - d\phi$$

Extended geometry: Horizontality and neural connectivity

Extended 5-dim geometry

- Elements: $(x, y, \theta, \omega, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R} \times S^1$
- Horizontal tangent space:

$$\begin{split} X_1 &= \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y \\ X_2 &= \partial_\theta \\ X_3 &= -\sin(\theta)\partial_x + \cos(\theta)\partial_y + \omega\partial_\phi \\ X_4 &= \partial_\omega \end{split}$$

$$\ker \lambda = \operatorname{span}\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\}$$

Extended geometry: Horizontality and neural connectivity

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \cos(\theta)\partial_x + \sin(\theta)\partial_y \\ X_2 &= \partial_\theta \\ X_3 &= -\sin(\theta)\partial_x + \cos(\theta)\partial_y + \omega\partial_\phi \\ X_4 &= \partial_\omega \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} [X_3, \ X_4] &= -\partial_\phi \\ [X_1, \ X_2] &= \sin(\theta)\partial_x - \cos(\theta)\partial_y \\ [X_2, \ X_3] &= -\cos(\theta)\partial_x - \sin(\theta)\partial_y \end{aligned}$$

Extended geometry: Horizontality and neural connectivity

$$X_{1} = \cos(\theta)\partial_{x} + \sin(\theta)\partial_{y}$$

$$X_{2} = \partial_{\theta}$$

$$X_{3} = -\sin(\theta)\partial_{x} + \cos(\theta)\partial_{y} + \omega\partial_{\phi}$$

$$X_{4} = \partial_{\omega}$$

$$[X_{3}, X_{4}] = -\partial_{\phi}$$

$$[X_{1}, X_{2}] = \sin(\theta)\partial_{x} - \cos(\theta)\partial_{y}$$

$$[X_{2}, X_{3}] = -\cos(\theta)\partial_{x} - \sin(\theta)\partial_{y}$$

Hörmander condition!

Extended geometry: Tangent planes



Extended geometry: Phase locked profiles



Extended geometry: Phase locked profiles



• Comparison of simulation results with neurophysiological data

• Image completion via horizontal diffusion in the 5-dim extended geometry

Thank you!