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**ELLIPSOID-SIMPLEX HYBRID FOR HYPERSPECTRAL ANOMALY DETECTION**

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**Abstract:** The problem of anomaly detection in hyperspectral imagery is expressed in terms of a minimal volume set in a high-dimensional space that encloses the bulk of the data samples. The venerable RX algorithm employs an ellipsoid for this volume, but endmember methods can be used to create a simplex volume. This talk describes a hybrid ellipsoid-simplex volume and characterizes its performance on hyperspectral imagery by computing a plot of volume versus false alarm rate. This plot provides a generic measure of quality (smaller volumes are better) without requiring the identification of specific anomalies in the data.

## ELLIPSOID-SIMPLEX HYBRID FOR HYPERSPECTRAL ANOMALY DETECTION

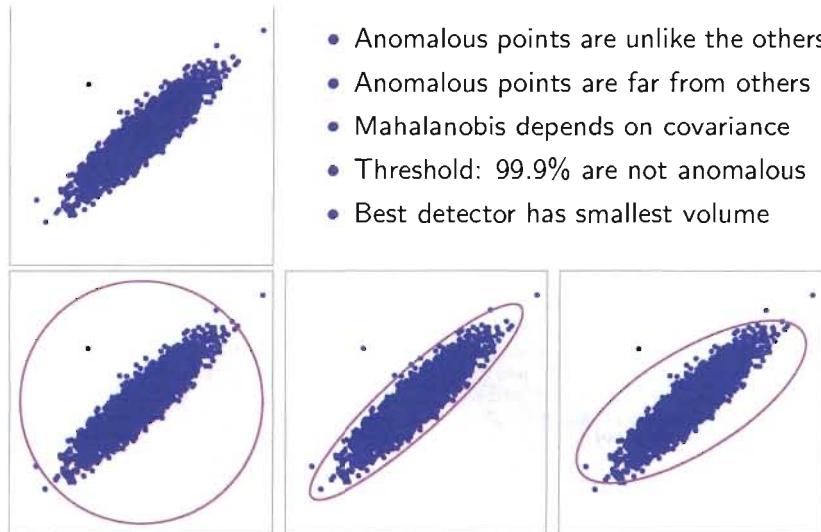
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### Anomaly detection



- Anomalous points are unlike the others
- Anomalous points are far from others
- Mahalanobis depends on covariance
- Threshold: 99.9% are not anomalous
- Best detector has smallest volume

## Family of concentric ellipsoids

- Gaussian distribution:  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |W|}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}\right]$
- Mahalanobis distance:  $r(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^T W^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu) \right]^{1/2}$
- Covariance matrix:  $W$
- Volume:  $V(r) = \frac{\pi^{d/2} |W|^{1/2}}{\Gamma(1 + d/2)} r^d$   
constant actually matters



## Endmember math

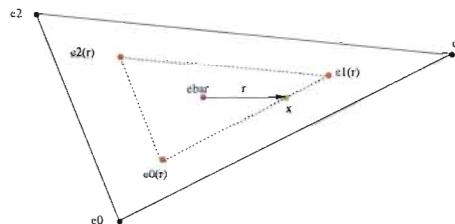
- Model data with a  $k$ -dimensional simplex
- There are  $k + 1$  vertices:  $\mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_k$ .
- Let  $E = [\mathbf{e}_0 \mathbf{e}_1 \cdots \mathbf{e}_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times (k+1)}$
- Point  $\mathbf{x}$  is in *subspace* of simplex if  $E\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{x}$   
for some  $\mathbf{a}$  that satisfies sum-to-one constraint:  $\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{a} = 1$ ; i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}^T \\ E \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Point  $\mathbf{x}$  is in *interior* of simplex if  $\mathbf{a} \succeq 0$
- Interpret  $\mathbf{a}$  as vector of *abundances*  
of endmember materials in pixel  $\mathbf{x}$



## Family of concentric simplices



- Simplex delineated by endmembers:  $\mathbf{e}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_2$ .
- Centroid at  $\bar{\mathbf{e}}$ .
- “Radius”  $r$  associated with point  $\mathbf{x}$  in subspace of simplex
  - Defined so  $\mathbf{x}$  is just inside the simplex of  $\mathbf{e}_0(r)$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_1(r)$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_2(r)$ ,
  - where  $\mathbf{e}_i(r) = (1 - r)\bar{\mathbf{e}} + r\mathbf{e}_i$ .
- Radius given by formula  $r(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - (k + 1)\min[\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x})]$ 
  - note:  $\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{x}) \succeq 0$  implies  $r(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$



## Volume of simplex

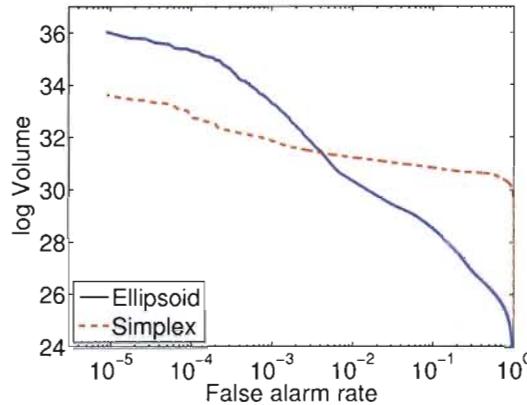
- Define  $\hat{\mathbf{E}} = [\mathbf{e}_1 - \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{e}_2 - \mathbf{e}_0, \dots, \mathbf{e}_k - \mathbf{e}_0] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$ .
- Volume:  $V = |\hat{\mathbf{E}}^T \hat{\mathbf{E}}|^{1/2} / k!$
- For simplex of “radius”  $r$ , volume is:

$$V(r) = \underbrace{\frac{|\hat{\mathbf{E}}^T \hat{\mathbf{E}}|^{1/2}}{k!}}_{\text{constant}} r^k$$

- Because we were careful about the constant pre-factors, we can compare ellipsoid-based anomaly detection to simplex-based anomaly detection: the smaller the volume, the better the detector.



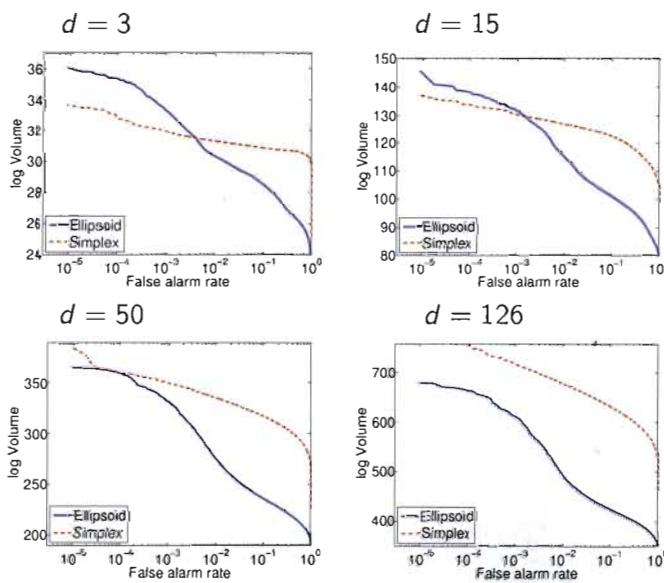
### Coverage plot



- To cover fraction  $1 - \alpha$  of data requires volume  $V$  (i.e., to achieve a false alarm rate of  $\alpha$ )
- Plot volume  $V$  versus false alarm rate  $\alpha$
- At very low false alarm rates, simplex is better (i.e., smaller) than ellipsoid



### Coverage plot (cont'd)





## Ellipsoid-simplex hybrid

While hyperspectral data is not typically Gaussian, there is a sense (e.g., see [Adler-Golden 2009, Bajorski 2008, Theiler et al 2005]) that it can be Gaussian in “some directions,” particularly the directions with lower variance. This intuition suggests a hybrid model for characterizing hyperspectral data: simplex-like in the large-variance directions and ellipsoid-like in the low-variance directions.



## What does an ellipsoid-simplex hybrid look like?

- In 2-d
  - pure ellipse, pure triangle
  - hybrid: rectangle
- In 3-d
  - pure ellipsoid, pure tetrahedron
  - hybrid: cylindrical ellipse (elliptical cylinder?)
  - hybrid: triangular prism
- In  $d$  dimensions
  - First  $k$  dimensions are modeled as  $k + 1$  endpoint simplex
  - Remaining  $d - k$  dimensions are modelled with covariance matrix



Volume

Ellipsoid

Simplex

Coverage

Hybrid

## Ellipsoid-simplex hybrid: how do you make one?

- Find  $k + 1$  endmembers:  $E = [\mathbf{e}_0 \mathbf{e}_1 \cdots \mathbf{e}_k]$ 
  - Some algorithms ask you to project to a  $k$  dimensional subspace; some do not.
- Let  $\mathbf{x}_s$  correspond to the projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  to the  $k$  dimensional simplex subspace:
  - $\mathbf{x}_s = \mathbf{e}_0 + \hat{E}\hat{E}^\#(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{e}_0)$
- Let  $\mathbf{x}_e = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_s$  be the (off-plane) residual
- Compute covariance  $W = \langle \mathbf{x}_e \mathbf{x}_e^T \rangle$
- For  $\mathbf{x}_s$  and  $\mathbf{x}_e$ , can compute simplex radius  $r_s$  and Mahalanobis radius  $r_e$ .
  - $r_s$  indicates in-plane anomalousness
  - $r_e$  indicates off-plane anomalousness
- How to combine them into a single measure?



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## Ellipsoid-simplex hybrid (cont'd)

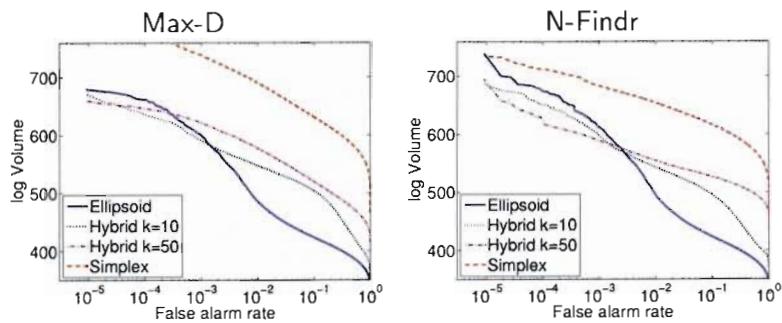
- $r_s$  indicates in-plane anomalousness
- $r_e$  indicates off-plane anomalousness
- How to combine them into a single measure?
- Detector fusion:  $r = \max(r_s, r_e)$ 
  - Volume is product of simplex volume and ellipsoid volume
- Variant:  $r = \max(\beta r_s, r_e)$ 
  - Accounts for different "scale" of  $r_s$  and  $r_e$
  - Choose  $\beta$  so that  $\text{median}(\beta r_s) = \text{median}(r_e)$
  - Volume formula is modified:

$$V(r) = \frac{\pi^{(d-k)/2} |W|^{1/2}}{\Gamma(1 + (d-k)/2)} \frac{|\hat{E}^T \hat{E}|^{1/2}}{k!} r^d$$



Volume Ellipsoid Simplex Coverage Hybrid

## Coverage plots for Ellipsoid-Simplex hybrids



- Full  $d = 126$  hyperspectral datacube
- Ellipsoids best characterize the “core” of the data ( $\alpha > 0.01$ )
- Hybrids are better at characterizing the “periphery”
- N-Findr is better than Max-D (by this metric)



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## Recap

- Simplex-based anomaly detection
  - Better coverage at smaller volume than ellipsoid-based (RX) anomaly detection
  - Better performance *only* at low dimensions
- Ellipsoid-simplex hybrid for anomaly detection
  - Simplex for  $k$  high-variance dimensions,
  - Ellipsoid for  $d - k$  low-variance dimensions
- Emphasis on volume as a measure of anomaly detector performance
  - Do you have a better anomaly detector?  
Volume versus false alarm rate provides a way to compare
  - And perhaps, a way to compare endmember algorithms



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## To Do

- Consider modified fusion of  $r_s$  and  $r_e$ ;  
e.g., find better ways to choose  $\beta$
- Use coverage plots to compare endmember finding algorithms
- Develop coverage plots as a metric for use in *local*  
(segmented, or moving-window) anomaly detection schemes
- Characterize/visualize distinction between ellipsoid-dominated  
(off-plane) and simplex-dominated (in-plane) anomalies.
- Develop simplex-based model for  $p(\mathbf{x})$  for hyperspectral data
  - e.g., ellipsoid  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian; simplex  $\rightarrow$  ??
  - Use this  $p(\mathbf{x})$  for target detection, change detection, etc.

