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Data Projection and Visualization Using Self-Organizing Neural Networks

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In this talk, an overview of techniques for non-linear projection of high-dimensional data based on self-organizing neural networks will be presented. These methods aim at making projections that preserve the inter-point distances and/or the neighborhood measured in the original space. Most methods have two phases: a) vector quantization and b) projection onto a lower dimensional map. The vector quantization step is usually carried out by using self-organizing maps (SOM), competitive learning or neural gas networks. The projection part is made by methods such as curvilinear component analysis (CCA), curvilinear distance analysis (CDA), Isotop, or online visualization neural gas (OVING). Advanced methods for nonlinear projection represent the manifold topology by a graph, and use the geodesic distance as a metric. In addition, nonlinear projections obtained by using particle swarm optimization will be presented. The results of the different methods will be compared using both artificial and real data.

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