

# Computing geodesics on the Stiefel manifold

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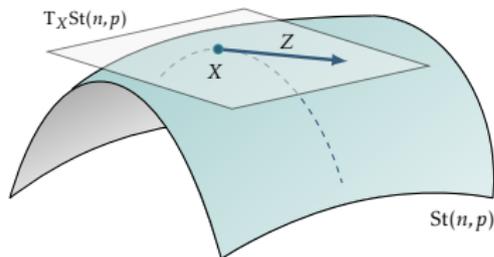
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- ▶ Many applications in diverse fields deal with data belonging to the **Stiefel manifold**

$$\text{St}(n, p) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T X = I_p\}.$$



- ▶ Evaluation of the **distance** between two points on  $\text{St}(n, p)$ .
- ▶ **No closed-form solution is known for  $\text{St}(n, p)$  !**

# Shooting method for computing geodesics on Stiefel/2

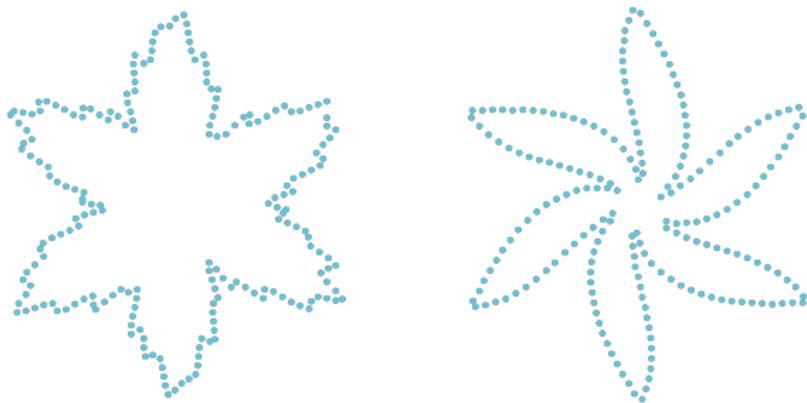
## This talk:

- I. **Motivating examples**: shape analysis and interpolation on manifolds.
- II. Geometry of the **Stiefel manifold**.
- III. **Computational framework** based on the classical **shooting method** for BVPs, with an **approximate formula** for the Fréchet derivative of the geodesic involved.
- IV. **Numerical experiments** show that the algorithm is competitive with other state-of-the-art methods.

# I. Motivation

## A motivating example: imaging/1

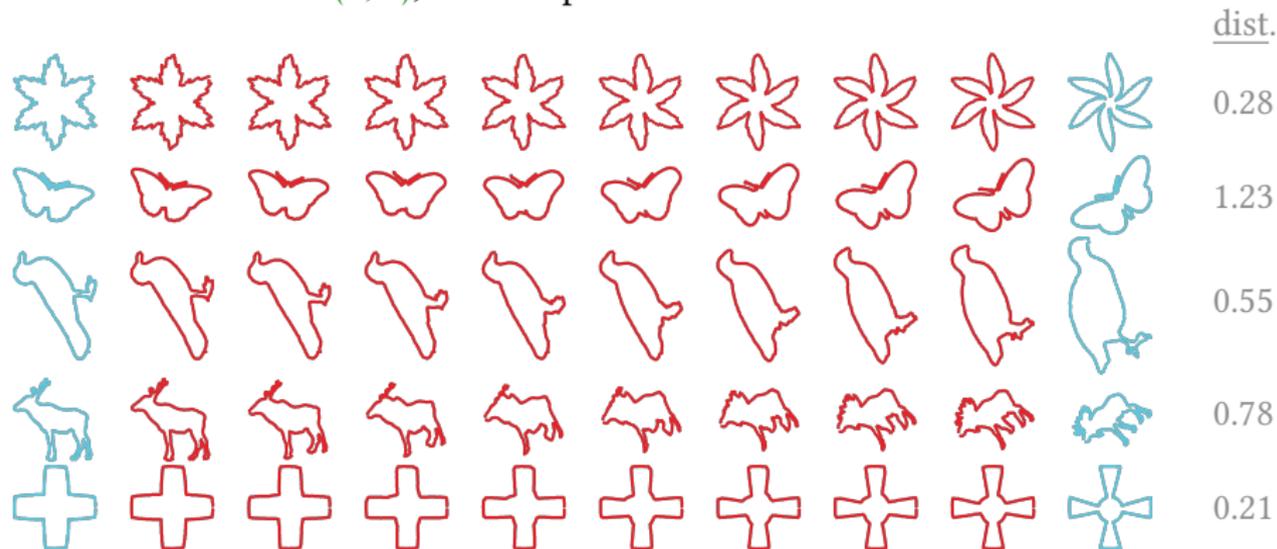
- ▶ Need to deal with transformations that are more complicated than similarity transformations (translation/rotation/scaling).
- ▶ E.g., **distortion**, or imaging the same scene from different viewing angles.
- ▶ **Example:** two shapes from the MPEG-7 dataset, with a certain degree of similarity.



~> How “far” are they from each other?

## A motivating example: imaging/2

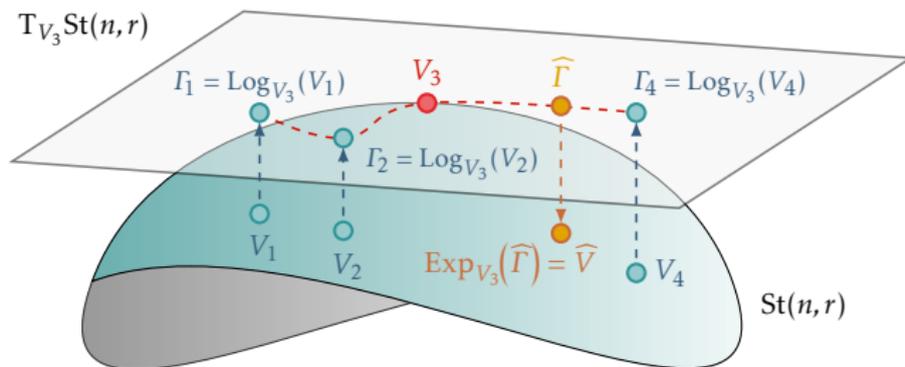
- ▶ One usually goes beyond the similarity group to define shape equivalences.
- ▶ Geodesics on  $St(n, 2)$ , with shapes from the MPEG-7 dataset.



MPEG-7: [Bober 2001], affine-standardized shapes: [Bryner 2017]

# A motivating example: interpolation on manifolds

- ▶ **Model order reduction (MOR)** for dynamical systems parametrized according to  $p = [p_1, \dots, p_d]^\top$ .
- ▶ Suppose we have a set of local orthonormal basis matrices  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_K\}$ .
- ▶ Given a new parameter value  $\hat{p}$ , a basis  $\widehat{V}$  can be obtained by **interpolating** the local basis matrices on a tangent space to  $\text{St}(n, r)$ .
- ▶ For interpolation on  $T_{V_3}\text{St}(n, r)$ , the distance is needed.



MOR, POD: [Benner/Gugercin/Willcox 2015]

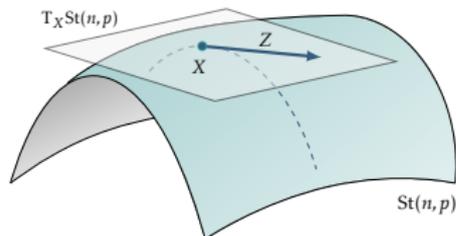
Interpolation on manifolds: [Hüper/Silva Leite 2007, Amsallem 2010, Amsallem/Farhat 2011]

## II. The Stiefel manifold

# The Stiefel manifold and its tangent space

- ▶ Set of matrices with orthonormal columns:

$$\text{St}(n,p) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T X = I_p\}.$$



- ▶ Tangent space to  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $x$ : set of all tangent vectors to  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $x$ , denoted  $T_x \mathcal{M}$ . For  $\text{St}(n,p)$ ,

$$T_X \text{St}(n,p) = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p} : X^T \xi + \xi^T X = 0\}.$$

- ▶ Alternative characterization of  $T_X \text{St}(n,p)$ :

$$T_X \text{St}(n,p) = \{X\Omega + X_\perp K : \Omega = -\Omega^T, K \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-p) \times p}\},$$

where  $\text{span}(X_\perp) = (\text{span}(X))^\perp$ . An orthogonal completion of  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  is  $X_\perp \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-p)}$  s.t.  $[X \ X_\perp] \in O(n)$ .

- ▶ The projection onto the tangent space  $T_X \text{St}(n,p)$  is

$$P_X \xi = X \text{skew}(X^T \xi) + (I - XX^T) \xi.$$

# Riemannian manifold

A manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  endowed with a **smoothly-varying inner product** (called **Riemannian metric  $g$** ) is called **Riemannian manifold**.

$\rightsquigarrow$  A couple  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$ , i.e., a manifold with a Riemannian metric on it.

$\rightsquigarrow$  For the **Stiefel manifold**:

- ▶ **Embedded metric** inherited by  $T_X \text{St}(n, p)$  from the embedding space  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \text{Tr}(\xi^\top \eta), \quad \xi, \eta \in T_X \text{St}(n, p).$$

- ▶ **Canonical metric** by seeing  $\text{St}(n, p)$  as a quotient of the orthogonal group  $O(n)$ :  $\text{St}(n, p) = O(n)/O(n-p)$

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_c = \text{Tr}(\xi^\top (I - \frac{1}{2}XX^\top) \eta), \quad \xi, \eta \in T_X \text{St}(n, p).$$

# Metrics and geodesics on $\text{St}(n, p)$

Embedded metric:

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = \text{Tr}(\xi^\top \eta).$$

Canonical metric:

$$\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_c = \text{Tr}(\xi^\top (I - \frac{1}{2}XX^\top) \eta).$$

Length of a tangent vector  $\xi = X\Omega + X_\perp K$ :

$$\|\xi\|_F = \sqrt{\langle \xi, \xi \rangle} = \sqrt{\|\Omega\|_F^2 + \|K\|_F^2}.$$

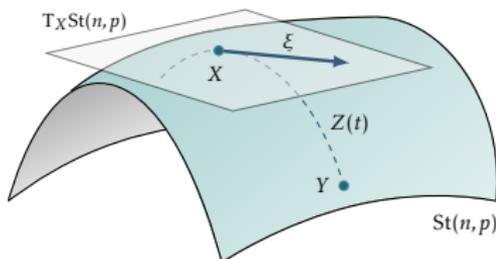
$$\|\xi\|_c = \sqrt{\langle \xi, \xi \rangle_c} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\|\Omega\|_F^2 + \|K\|_F^2}.$$

- Closed-form solution (with the canonical metric) for a geodesic  $Z(t)$  that realizes  $\xi$  with base point  $X$ :

$$Z(t) = Q \exp_m(A(\xi)t) I_{n,p},$$

$$\text{where } Q := [X \ X_\perp], A(\xi) := \begin{bmatrix} X^\top \xi & -(X_\perp^\top \xi)^\top \\ X_\perp^\top \xi & O \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\text{and } I_{n,p} := [I_p \ O_{p \times (n-p)}]^\top.$$



# Riemannian exponential and logarithm

- ▶ Given  $x \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\xi \in T_x \mathcal{M}$ , the **exponential mapping**  $\text{Exp}_x: T_x \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $\text{Exp}_x(\xi) := \gamma(1)$ , with  $\gamma$  being the geodesic with  $\gamma(0) = x$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \xi$ .
- ▶ **Corollary:**  $\text{Exp}_x(t\xi) := \gamma(t)$ , for  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
- ▶  $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ , the mapping  $\text{Exp}_x^{-1}(y) \in T_x \mathcal{M}$  is called **logarithm mapping**.

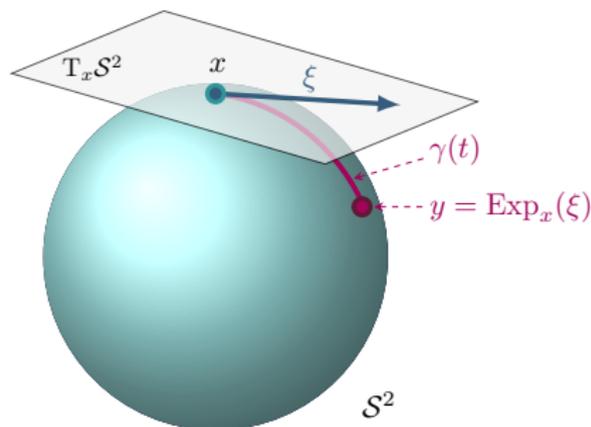
**Example.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = S^{n-1}$ , then the exponential mapping at  $x \in S^{n-1}$  is

$$y = \text{Exp}_x(\xi) = x \cos(\|\xi\|) + \frac{\xi}{\|\xi\|} \sin(\|\xi\|),$$

and the Riemannian logarithm is

$$\text{Log}_x(y) = \xi = \arccos(x^\top y) \frac{P_x y}{\|P_x y\|},$$

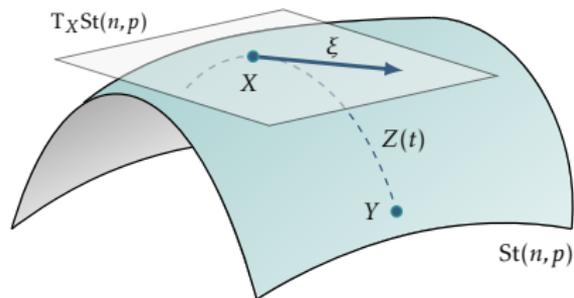
where  $y \equiv \gamma(1)$  and  $P_x$  is the projector onto  $(\text{span}(x))^\perp$ , i.e.,  $P_x = I - xx^\top$ .



## Riemannian distance on $\text{St}(n, p)$

- **Property:** Given  $X, Y \in \text{St}(n, p)$ , s.t.  $\text{Exp}_X(\xi) = Y$ , the **Riemannian distance**  $d(X, Y)$  equals the length of  $\xi \equiv \dot{Z}(0) \in T_X \text{St}(n, p)$ :

$$d(X, Y) = \|\xi\|_c = \sqrt{\langle \xi, \xi \rangle_c}.$$



**Equivalent to:** Compute the length of the **Riemannian logarithm** of  $Y$  with base point  $X$ , i.e.,

$$\text{Log}_X(Y) = \xi.$$

- **No closed-form solution is known for  $\text{St}(n, p)$  !**

→ How do we compute  $d(X, Y)$  in practice / numerically?

### III. The shooting method

# Single shooting for BVPs

- ▶ **Boundary value problem (BVP):** Find  $w(x): [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies

$$w'' = f(x, w, w'), \quad \text{with BCs} \quad \begin{cases} w(a) = \alpha, \\ w(b) = \beta. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ **Recast it as an initial value problem (IVP):** Find  $w(x)$  that satisfies

$$w'' = f(x, w, w'), \quad \text{with ICs} \quad \begin{cases} w(a) = \alpha, \\ w'(a) = s. \end{cases}$$

↪ In general, this has a **unique solution**  $w(x) \equiv w(x; s)$  which depends on  $s$  (Picard–Lindelöf theorem). Analytical or numerical solution (e.g., Runge–Kutta).

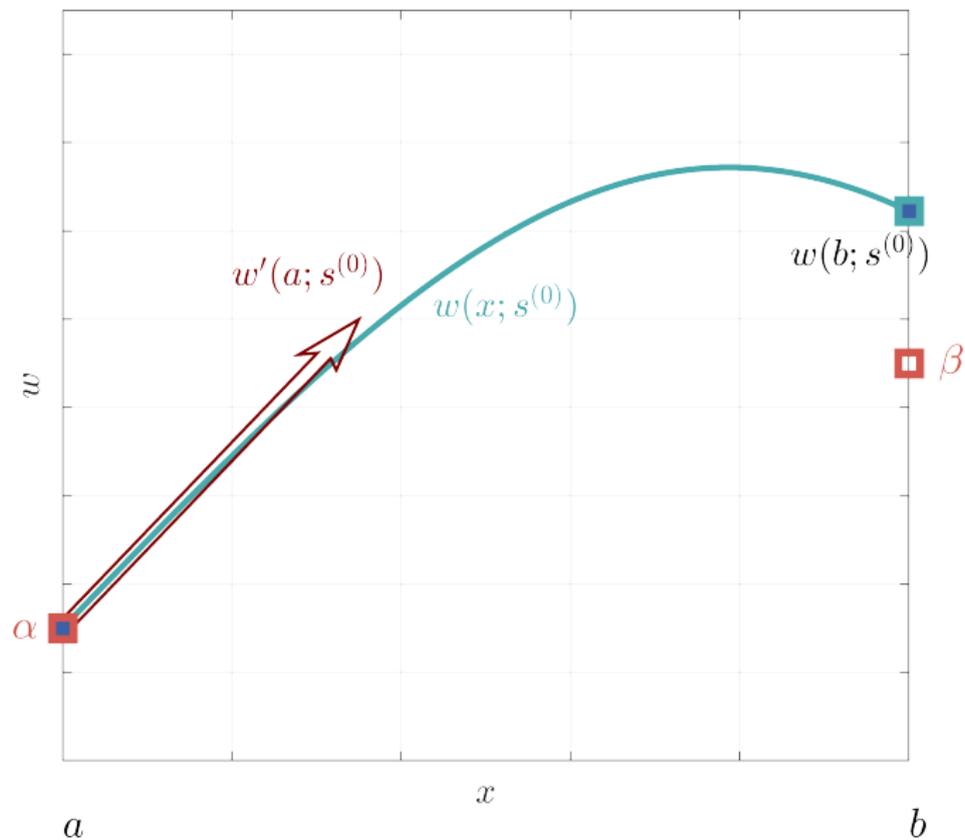
↪ **Single shooting method for BVPs:**

- ▶ Define  $F(s) = w(b; s) - \beta$ .
- ▶ Find  $\bar{s}$  s.t.  $F(\bar{s}) = 0$ . Usually, with **Newton's method**.

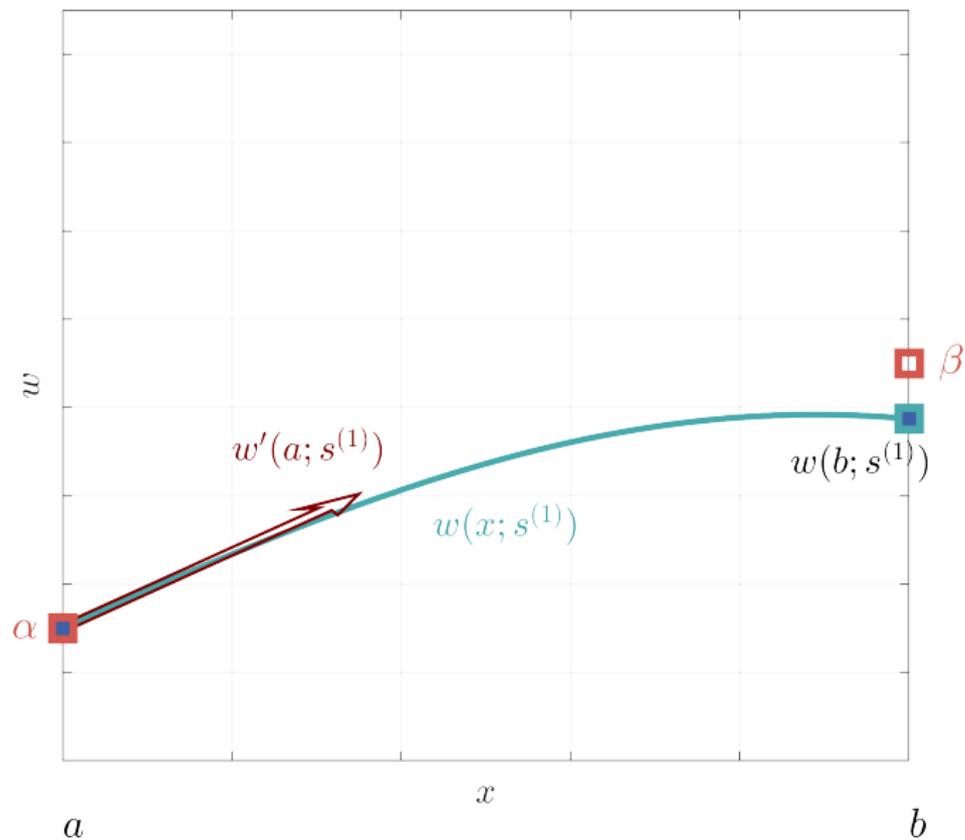
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BVPs and shooting methods: see, e.g., [Stoer/Bulirsch 1991]

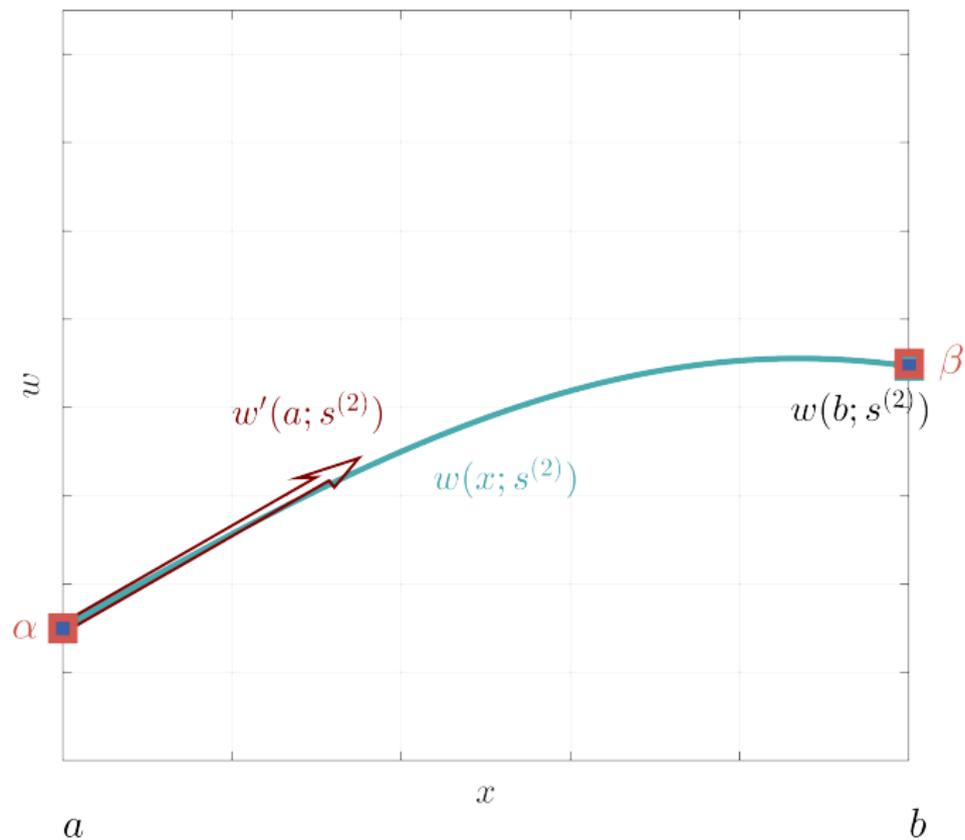
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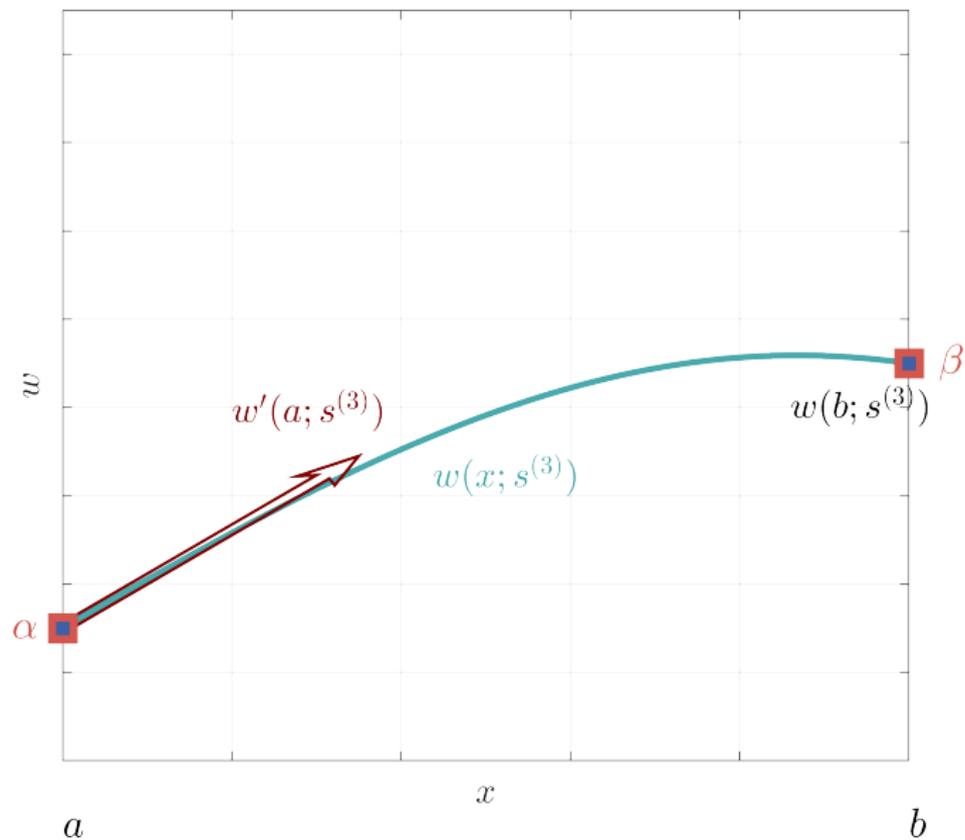
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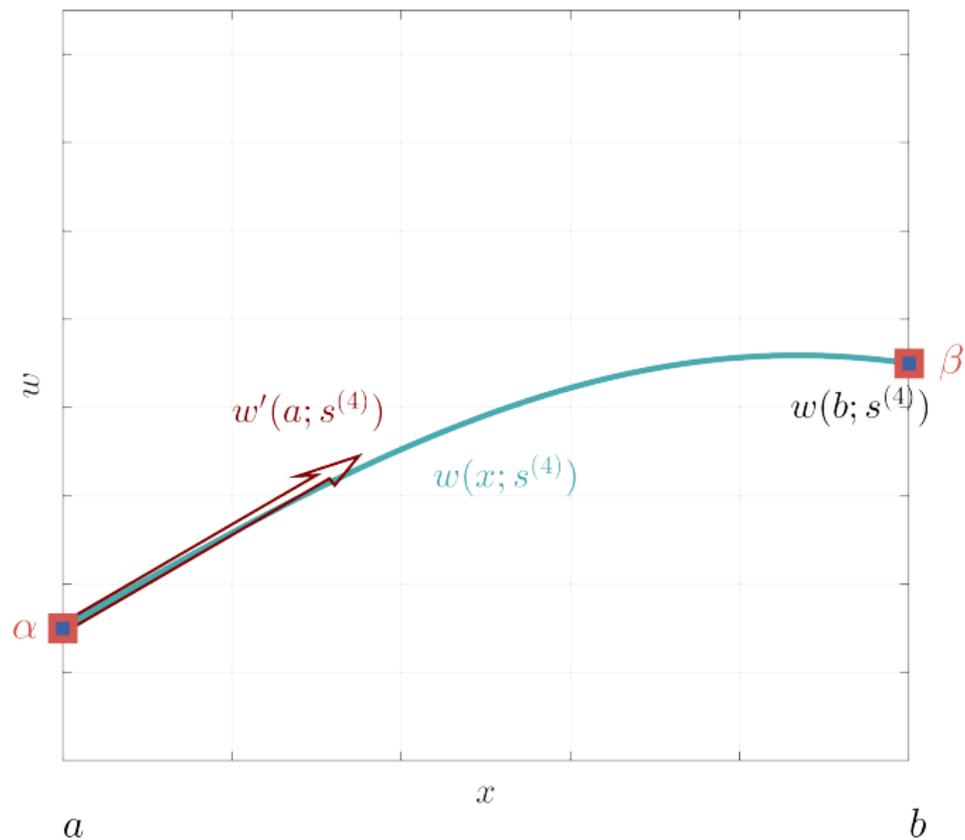
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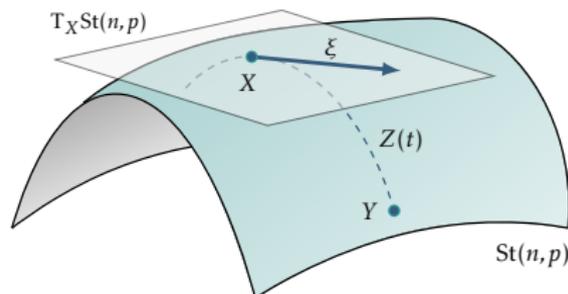
# Stiefel geodesics via single shooting

► **Problem statement:**

Find  $\xi \equiv \dot{Z}(0) \in T_X \text{St}(n, p)$   
that satisfies the BVP

$$\ddot{Z} = -\dot{Z}\dot{Z}^\top Z - Z((Z^\top \dot{Z})^2 + \dot{Z}^\top \dot{Z}),$$

$$\text{with BCs } \begin{cases} Z(0) = X, \\ Z(1) = Y. \end{cases}$$



► **Recall:** we have the explicit solution:  $Z(t) = Q \exp_m(A(\xi)t) I_{n,p}$ , where

$$Q := [X \ X_\perp], \quad A(\xi) := \begin{bmatrix} X^\top \xi & -(X_\perp^\top \xi)^\top \\ X_\perp^\top \xi & O \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and } I_{n,p} := [I_p \ O_{p \times (n-p)}]^\top.$$

~> **Single shooting for Stiefel geodesics:**

- Define  $F(\xi) = Z_{(t=1, \xi)} - Y$ .  $\leftarrow$  **main difference w.r.t. the previous example!**
- Find  $\bar{\xi}$  s.t.  $F(\bar{\xi}) = 0$  with **Newton's method**.

# Linearization and approximation/1

- ▶ Starting from the **nonlinear matrix equation**

$$F(\xi) = Z_{(t=1,\xi)} - Y,$$

- ▶ we **linearize it** using matrix perturbation theory

$$Z(\xi + \delta\xi) = Z(\xi + \delta\xi) - Y = 0,$$

where

$$Z(\xi + \delta\xi) = Z(\xi) + \text{DZ}[\delta\xi] + o(\|\delta\xi\|).$$

- ▶ Neglecting the higher-order terms in  $\delta\xi$ , we get

$$Z(\xi) + \text{DZ}[\delta\xi] - Y = 0,$$

$$Z(\xi) + \text{QD exp}_m(A(\xi)) \left[ \text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi] \right] \cdot I_{n,p} - Y = 0.$$

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## Linearization and approximation/2

- ▶ The **perturbation of the matrix exponential** by a matrix  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is

$$\exp_m(A + E) = \exp_m(A) + D\exp_m(A)[E] + o(\|E\|).$$

- ▶ Representation for the **Fréchet derivative of the matrix exponential**

$$D\exp_m(A)[E] = E + \frac{AE + EA}{2} + \frac{A^2E + AEA + EA^2}{3!} + \dots$$

- ▶ **Approximation**: keep only the first two terms in the expansion, i.e.,

$$D\exp_m(A)[E] \approx E + \frac{AE + EA}{2}.$$

## Linearization and approximation/3

- ▶ Identifying  $E$  with  $\text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi]$ , the formula  $\text{Dexp}_m(A)[E] \approx E + \frac{1}{2}(AE + EA)$  can be used to approximate  $\text{Dexp}_m(A(\xi))[\text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi]]$  in

$$Z(\xi) + Q \text{Dexp}_m(A(\xi))[\text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi]] \cdot I_{n,p} - Y = 0,$$

obtaining

$$Q \cdot \left( \text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi] + \frac{1}{2}(A \cdot \text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi] + \text{DA}(\xi)[\delta\xi] \cdot A) \right) \cdot I_{n,p} = Y - Z.$$

- ▶ This is now a **linear matrix equation** to be solved for  $\delta\xi$ . In practice, we work with the factors  $\delta\Omega$  and  $\delta K$  of  $\delta\xi$ ; see Appendix B in [S. 2024].
- ▶ We obtain a (small-sized) **Sylvester equation** which can be efficiently solved with MATLAB's command `lyap` to obtain the update  $\delta\xi$ .
- ▶ Then the tangent vector is updated as

$$\xi^{(k+1)} = \xi^{(k)} + Q \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \delta\Omega^{(k)} \\ \delta K^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Algorithm pseudocode

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**Algorithm 1:** A single shooting method on the Stiefel manifold with an approximation of the Fréchet derivative (SSAF method).

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1 Given  $X, Y$ ;

**Result:**  $\xi^*$  such that  $\text{Exp}_X(\xi^*) = Y$ .

2 Compute the initial guess  $\xi^{(0)}$ ;

3 Set  $k = 0$ ;

4 **while** a stopping criterion is met **do**

5     Compute  $F^{(k)} = Z(1, \xi^{(k)}) - Y$ ;

6     Solve  $F^{(k)} + \text{DZ}[\delta\xi^{(k)}] = 0$  for  $\delta\xi^{(k)}$ ;

7     Update  $\xi^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \xi^{(k)} + \delta\xi^{(k)}$ ;

8     Project  $\xi^{(k+1)}$  onto  $\text{T}_X\text{St}(n, p)$ :  $\xi^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \text{P}_X(\xi^{(k+1)})$ ;

9      $k = k + 1$ ;

10 **end while**

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- The code was implemented in MATLAB and is freely available on the repository [https://github.com/MarcoSutti/SSAF\\_2024\\_repo](https://github.com/MarcoSutti/SSAF_2024_repo)

## IV. Numerical experiments

# Comparisons with other methods/1

Comparisons with existing algorithms:

- ▶ Bryner's method ("shooting", based on discretized parallel transport).
- ▶ Zimmermann's method (matrix-algebraic approach, based on the matrix logarithm).

**Table:** Comparisons on  $\text{St}(1500, p)$  with large values of  $p$ , for a prescribed  $d(X, Y) = 0.5\pi$ . Results are averaged over 10 pairs of randomly generated endpoints on  $\text{St}(1500, p)$ .

$p$	Avg. comput. time (s)			Avg. no. of iterations		
	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>
500	12.09	3.30	<b>1.89</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
700	31.27	8.21	<b>4.56</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
1000	77.37	20.39	<b>8.82</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>

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Existing algorithms: [Bryner 2017], [Zimmermann 2017]

This is Table 5.2 in the paper [S. 2024].

## Comparisons with other methods/2

**Table:** Comparisons on  $\text{St}(n, 2)$ , for doubling values of  $n$ , for a prescribed  $d(X, Y) = 0.5\pi$ .  $T = 20$ , tolerance  $\tau = 10^{-3}$ . Results are averaged over 100 experiments.

$n$	Avg. comput. time (s)			Avg. no. of iterations		
	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF,</b> <b>2024</b>	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF,</b> <b>2024</b>
10	0.00400	0.00091	<b>0.00080</b>	4.08	3.73	<b>7.77</b>
20	0.00367	0.00093	<b>0.00091</b>	3.85	3.87	<b>7.35</b>
40	0.00337	0.00095	<b>0.00075</b>	3.49	3.61	<b>6.96</b>
80	0.00312	0.00101	<b>0.00081</b>	3.30	3.61	<b>6.90</b>
160	0.00310	0.00105	<b>0.00086</b>	3.15	3.42	<b>6.86</b>
320	0.00328	0.00107	<b>0.00096</b>	3.02	3.08	<b>6.86</b>
640	0.00371	0.00105	<b>0.00091</b>	3.00	3.02	<b>6.89</b>
1 280	0.00543	0.00104	<b>0.00100</b>	3.00	2.72	<b>6.87</b>
2 560	0.00856	0.00135	<b>0.00121</b>	3.00	2.47	<b>6.87</b>
5 120	0.01056	0.00131	<b>0.00132</b>	3.00	2.34	<b>6.93</b>
10 240	0.01596	0.00144	<b>0.00141</b>	3.00	2.12	<b>6.97</b>

- ▶ As the ratio  $p/n \rightarrow 0$ , solving the endpoint geodesic problem requires fewer iterations. Similar observation in [Nguyen 2022] and [Zimmermann 2017].

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This is Table 5.4 in the paper [S. 2024].

## Comparisons with other methods/3

**Table:** Comparisons on  $\text{St}(500, p)$ , for doubling values of  $p$ , for a prescribed  $d(X, Y) = 0.5\pi$ .  $T = 20$ , tolerance  $\tau = 10^{-3}$ . Results are averaged over 100 experiments.

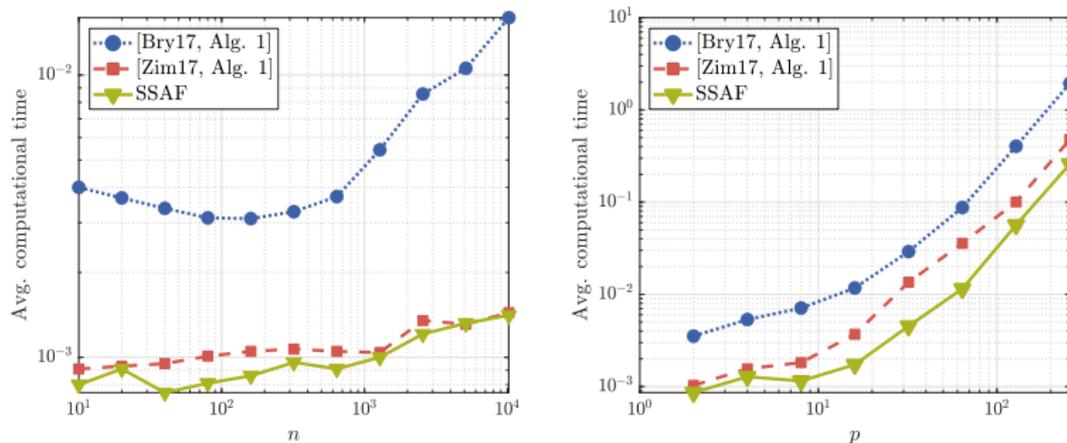
$p$	Avg. comput. time (s)			Avg. no. of iterations		
	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>
2	0.00353	0.00103	<b>0.00086</b>	3.01	2.95	<b>6.78</b>
4	0.00533	0.00156	<b>0.00128</b>	3.00	2.81	<b>5.28</b>
8	0.00711	0.00182	<b>0.00115</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.08</b>
16	0.01173	0.00369	<b>0.00173</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
32	0.02912	0.01354	<b>0.00453</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
64	0.08762	0.03582	<b>0.01150</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>3.00</b>
128	0.40437	0.10052	<b>0.05657</b>	3.00	1.00	<b>3.00</b>
256	1.94025	0.47720	<b>0.25847</b>	3.00	1.00	<b>3.00</b>

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This is Table 5.5 in the paper [S. 2024].

# Comparisons with other methods/4

Plots of the data from Tables 5.4 and 5.5.



**Figure:** Average computation times for Bryner's shooting method, Zimmermann's matrix algebraic algorithm, and our SSAF method on  $\text{St}(n, p)$ .

- ▶ Bryner did not use the smaller formulation on  $\text{St}(2p, p)$  when  $p < n/2$ , which makes its algorithm's complexity  $\mathcal{O}(Tnp^2)$ .
- ▶ All the other algorithms considered here use the smaller formulation on  $\text{St}(2p, p)$  when possible, and hence they are essentially  $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$ .

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This is Figure 5.1 in the paper [S. 2024].

## Comparisons with other methods/5

Experiment for larger value of  $n$ , i.e.,  $n = 1000$ , and doubling values of  $p$ .

**Table:** Comparisons on  $\text{St}(1000, p)$ , for doubling values of  $p$ , for a prescribed  $d(X, Y) = 0.5\pi$ .  $T = 20$ , tolerance  $\tau = 10^{-5}$ . Results are averaged over 100 experiments.

$p$	Avg. comput. time (s)			Avg. no. of iterations		
	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>	Bryner, 2017	Zimmermann, 2017	<b>SSAF, 2024</b>
20	0.03897	0.00641	<b>0.00391</b>	4.00	3.00	<b>5.02</b>
40	0.09512	0.02957	<b>0.01284</b>	3.00	3.00	<b>5.00</b>
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160	0.76246	0.24119	<b>0.13763</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
320	3.99810	1.07286	<b>0.64483</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>
640	23.36386	5.62897	<b>2.80133</b>	3.00	2.00	<b>4.00</b>

- The numerical results demonstrate the competitiveness of our SSAF method in terms of both average computation time and number of iterations w.r.t. the existing algorithms considered here.

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This is Table 5.6 in the paper [S. 2024].

# Shooting for computing geodesics on Stiefel - summary

## Main contributions:

- ▶ Computational framework with the classical **shooting method** for BVPs to compute the **Riemannian distance on the Stiefel manifold**.
- ▶ **Computational trick**: approximation of the Fréchet derivative of the geodesic.
- ▶ **Competitiveness** and **efficiency** w.r.t. other state-of-the-art algorithms.

## Outlook and ongoing work:

- ▶ Explore the connection between shooting algorithms for computing geodesics and domain decomposition methods.
  - ▶ **Nonlinear Schwarz methods to compute geodesics on manifolds**. Joint work with Tommaso Vanzan.
- ▶ Target other manifolds that do not have an explicit formula for the distance.

## V. Bonus material

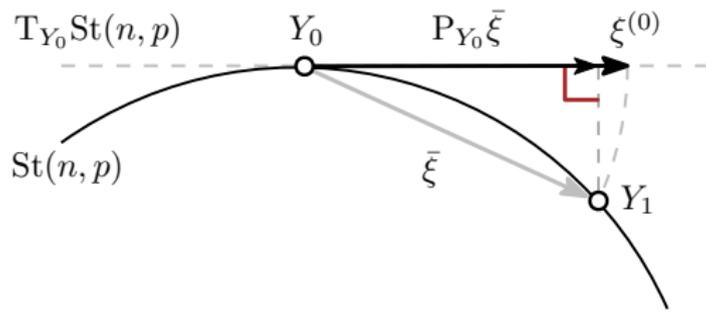
## Initial guess

- ▶ In Newton's method, selecting a "good enough" initial guess is crucial.
- ▶ We use a first-order approximation of  $\exp_m(A) \approx I + A$  and solve for  $\xi$ .
- ▶ This yields a first-order approximation  $\bar{\xi}$  to the solution  $\xi^*$  as  $\bar{\xi} = Y_1 - Y_0$ .
- ▶ We project  $\bar{\xi}$  onto  $T_{Y_0}\text{St}(n, p)$  to obtain a tangent vector:

$$P_{Y_0}\bar{\xi} = Y_0 \text{skew}(Y_0^\top(Y_1 - Y_0)) + (I_n - Y_0 Y_0^\top)(Y_1 - Y_0) = Y_1 - Y_0 \text{sym}(Y_0^\top Y_1).$$

- ▶ To get  $\xi^{(0)}$ , we rescale  $P_{Y_0}\bar{\xi}$  so that its norm is equal to the norm of  $\bar{\xi}$ , i.e.,

$$\xi^{(0)} = \frac{\|\bar{\xi}\|}{\|P_{Y_0}\bar{\xi}\|} P_{Y_0}\bar{\xi}.$$



# Model order reduction/1

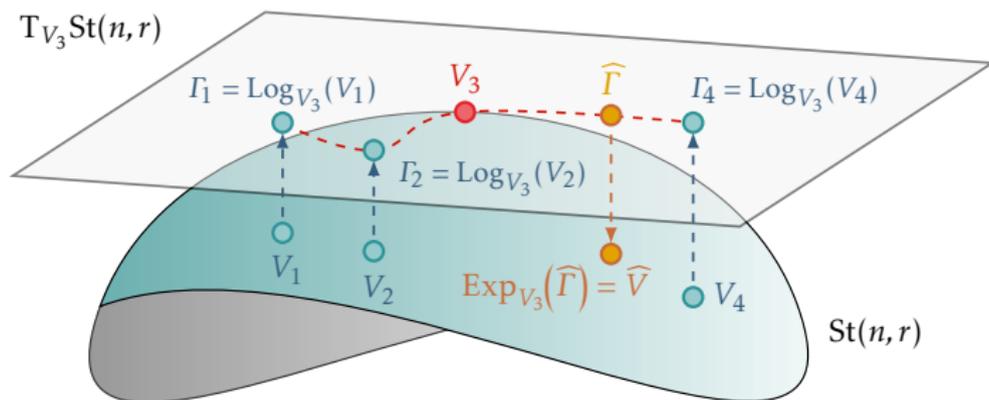
- ▶ **Model order reduction (MOR)** for dynamical systems parametrized according to  $p = [p_1, \dots, p_d]^\top$ .
- ▶ For each parameter  $p_i$  in a set  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$ , use **proper orthogonal decomposition (POD)** to derive a reduced-order basis  $V_i \in \text{St}(n, r)$ ,  $r \ll n$ .

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t; p) = A(p)x(t; p) + B(p)u(t), \\ y(t; p) = C(p)x(t; p), \end{cases} \quad \text{reduction} \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \dot{x}_r(t; p) = A_r(p)x_r(t; p) + B_r(p)u(t), \\ y_r(t; p) = C_r(p)x_r(t; p), \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{aligned} x(t; p) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q, \\ A(p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B(p) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \quad C(p) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}. \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} x_r = V^\top x, \quad A_r = V^\top A V, \quad B_r = V^\top B, \\ C_r = C V, \quad V \equiv V(p) \in \text{St}(n, r), \quad r \ll n. \end{aligned}$$

↪ This gives a set of local basis matrices  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_K\}$ .

## Model order reduction/2

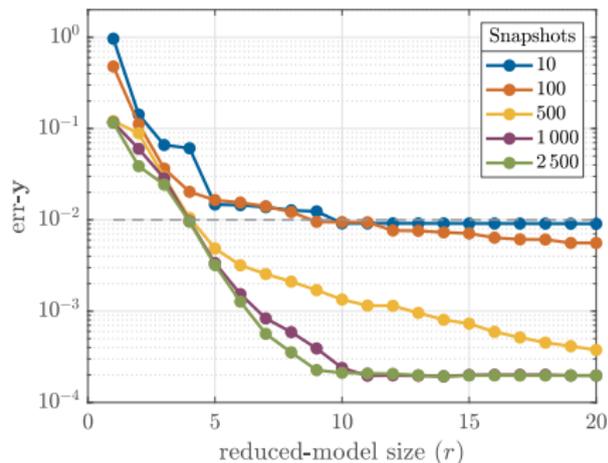
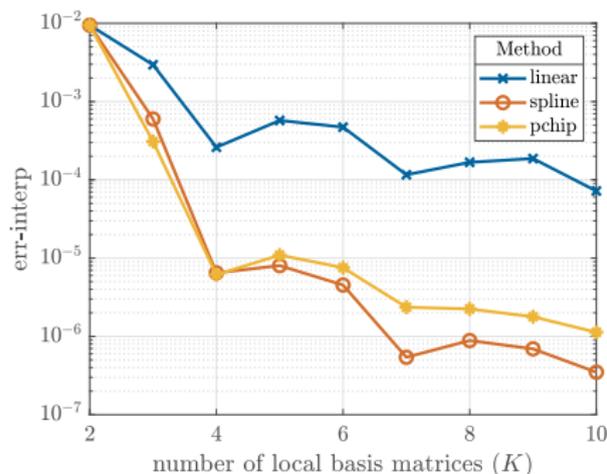
- ▶ Given a new parameter value  $\hat{p}$ , a basis  $\widehat{V}$  can be obtained by **interpolating** the local basis matrices on a tangent space to  $\text{St}(n, r)$ .
- ▶ For interpolation on  $T_{V_3}\text{St}(n, r)$ , the distance is needed.



# Model order reduction/3

Transient heat equation on a square domain, with 4 disjoint discs.

- ▶ FEM discretization with  $n = 1169$ . Simulation for  $t \in [0, 500]$ , with  $\Delta t = 0.1$ .
- ▶ 500 snapshot POD over 5000 timeframes, with a reduced model of size  $r = 4$ .
- ▶ Relative error between  $y(\cdot; \hat{p})$  and  $y_r(\cdot; \hat{p})$  is about 1%.



## Riemannian center of mass

- ▶ Notion of **mean on a Riemannian manifold**  $\mathcal{M}$ , defined by the optimization problem

$$\mu = \operatorname{argmin}_{p \in \mathcal{M}} \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N d^2(p, q_i),$$

where  $d(p, q_i)$  is the **Riemannian distance** on  $\mathcal{M}$ , and  $q_i \in \mathcal{M}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

- ▶ For  $\operatorname{St}(n, p)$ , the distances  $d(p, q_i)$  are computed with our algorithm.

**⚠ Caveat:** On manifolds of positive curvature the Riemannian center of mass is general not unique. But if the data points are close enough, then uniqueness is guaranteed.

- ▶  $\operatorname{St}(n, p)$  has also positive curvature (an upper bound on its sectional curvature is given by  $5/4$ ).

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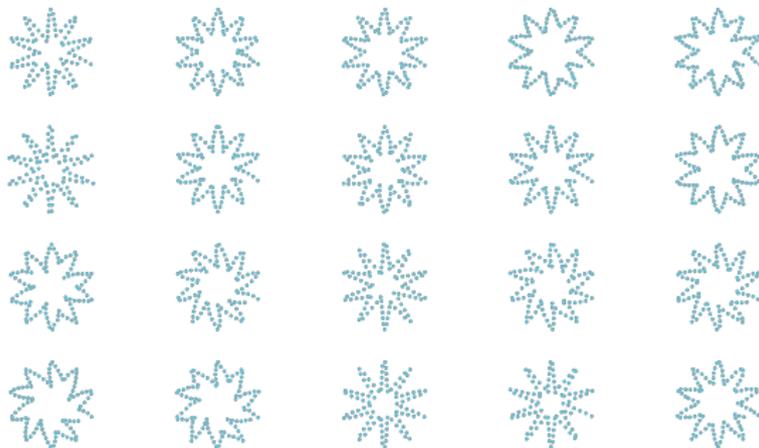
Riemannian center of mass: [Cartan 1920s, Calabi 1958, Grove/Karcher 1973]

Uniqueness of the Riemannian center of mass: [Afsari/Tron/Vidal 2013]

Upper bound on the sectional curvature of  $\operatorname{St}(n, p)$ : [Rentmeesters 2013]

# Riemannian center of mass of a shape set

► “device7” shape set from the MPEG-7 dataset.



► Riemannian center of mass:

