

A Geometric View of Data Complexity:

Efficient Local Intrinsic Dimension Estimation with [Diffusion Models](#)

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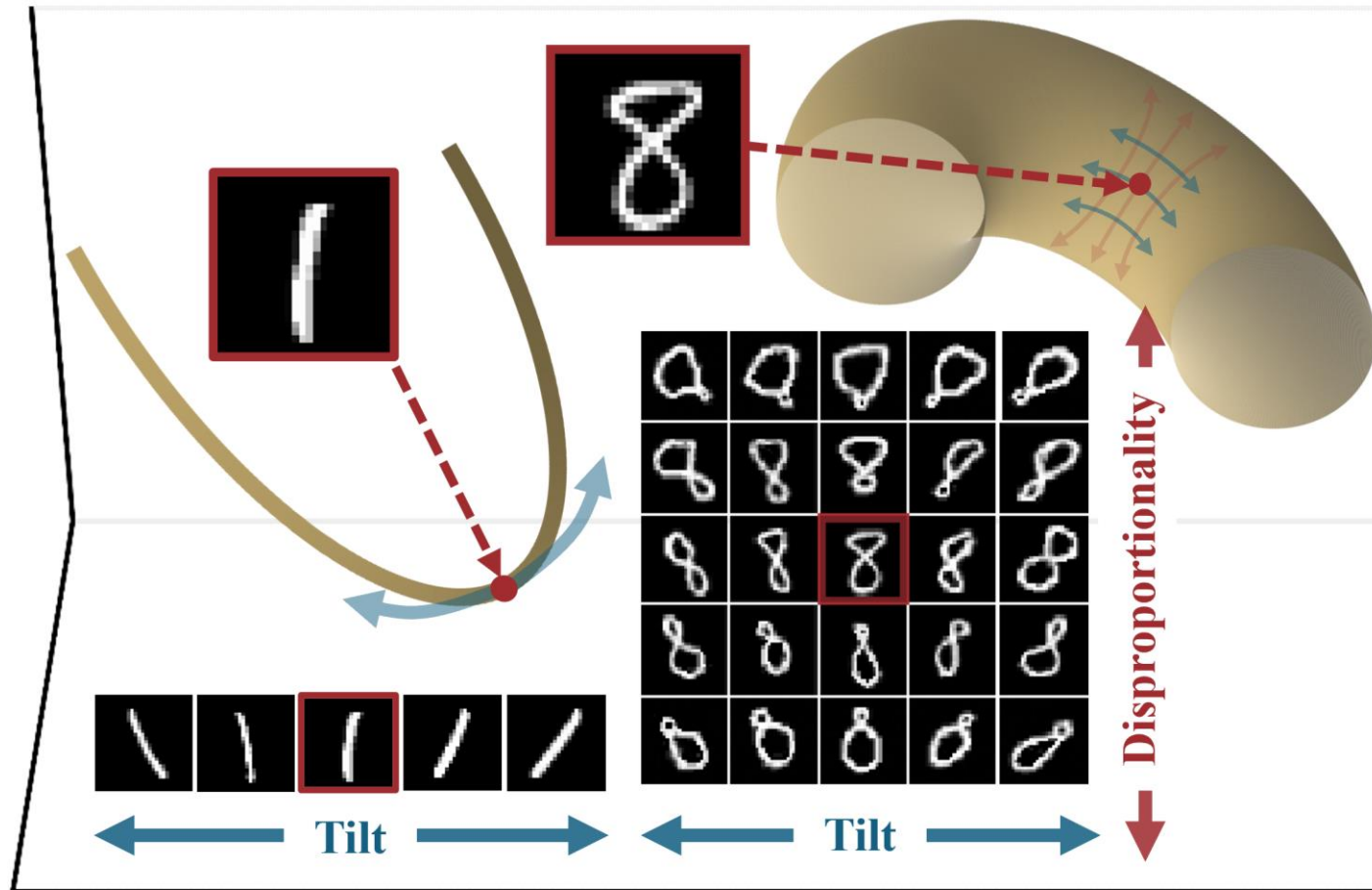
The Manifold Hypothesis

*Data used in machine learning often lies on **low-dimensional** submanifolds of their ambient space [1]*

(Definition) Local Intrinsic Dimension $LID(x)$

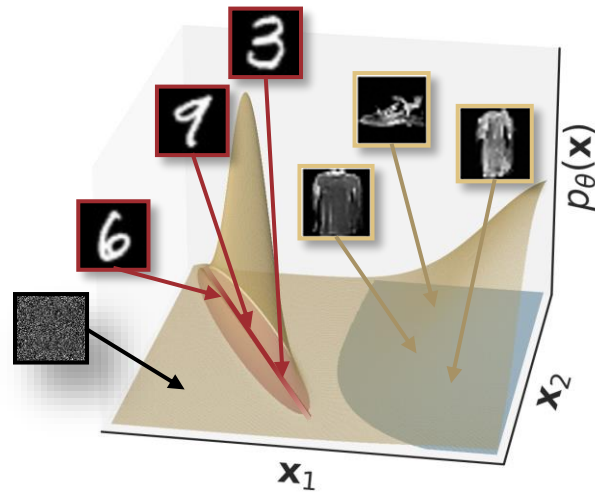
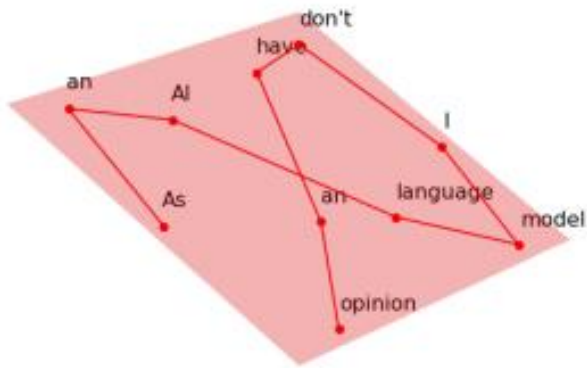
The dimension of the submanifold datapoint x belongs to

Local Intrinsic Dimension: Relative Complexity



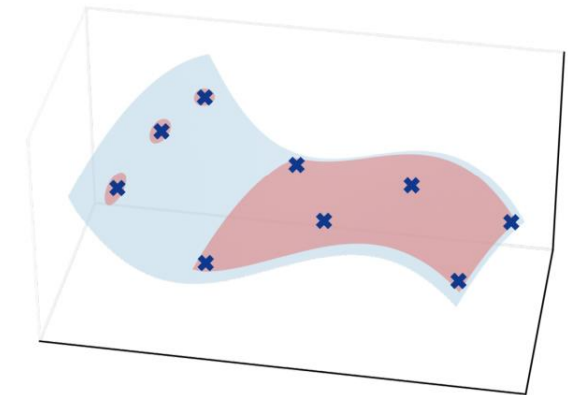
Applications

LID is useful for:



Detecting *out-of-distribution* samples [2]

Detecting *AI-generated* content [3, 4]



Detecting *memorization* [5]

Use a diffusion model trained on the data manifold, to extract the LID.

Fokker-Planck LID

The forward process: $t \in [0, 1], \quad dX_t = f(X_t, t)dt + g(t)dW_t$



The transition kernel: $p_{X_t|X_0}(x_t|x_0) = \mathcal{N}(x_t; \psi(t)x_0, \sigma^2(t))$

Diffusion learns the score [6]: $\hat{s}_\theta(\cdot, t) \approx s(\cdot, t) := \nabla \log p(\cdot, t)$

$$\widehat{\text{LID}}(\mathbf{x}; \delta) := D + \sigma^2(t(\delta)) \left(\underbrace{\text{tr } \nabla \hat{s}_\theta(\psi(t(\delta))\mathbf{x}, t(\delta))}_{\text{Use Hutchinson with a few JVPs!}} + \|\hat{s}_\theta(\psi(t(\delta))\mathbf{x}, t(\delta))\|_2^2 \right)$$

$$\text{LID}(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow -\infty} \widehat{\text{LID}}(\mathbf{x}; \delta)$$

LID of LAION Images

Smallest LIDs



Largest LIDs

A *single JVP* on Stable Diffusion yields data complexity on **~1 million dimensional** images.



LID for Synthetic Data

Synthetic Manifold	Model-based						Model-free			
	FLIPD		NB		LIDL		ESS		LPCA	
String within doughnut $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$	0.06	1.00	1.48	0.48	1.10	0.99	0.02	1.00	0.00	1.00
$\mathcal{L}_5 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{10}$	0.17	-	1.00	-	0.10	-	0.07	-	0.00	-
$\mathcal{N}_{90} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{100}$	0.49	-	0.18	-	0.33	-	1.67	-	21.9	-
$\mathcal{U}_{10} + \mathcal{U}_{30} + \mathcal{U}_{90} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{100}$	1.30	1.00	61.6	0.34	8.46	0.74	21.9	0.74	20.1	0.86
$\mathcal{N}_{10} + \mathcal{N}_{25} + \mathcal{N}_{50} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{100}$	1.81	1.00	74.2	0.34	8.87	0.74	7.71	0.88	5.72	0.91
$\mathcal{F}_{10} + \mathcal{F}_{25} + \mathcal{F}_{50} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{100}$	3.93	1.00	74.2	0.34	18.6	0.70	9.20	0.90	6.77	1.00
$\mathcal{U}_{10} + \mathcal{U}_{80} + \mathcal{U}_{200} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{800}$	14.3	1.00	715	0.34	120	0.70	1.39	1.00	0.01	1.00
$\mathcal{U}_{900} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{1000}$	12.8	-	100	-	24.9	-	14.5	-	219	-

Summary

Our LID estimator

- ✓ *qualitatively extracts **data complexity** with a **pre-trained** model*
- ✓ *correlates strongly with **PNG Compression** size*
- ✓ *is theoretically grounded*
- ✓ *achieves **SOTA** on synthetic data*
- ✓ *is the first to **scale** to extremely high dimensions* ←
- ✓ *is **differentiable** by design.* ←

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