

1 Supplement

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1.1.1 Impact Considerations

Since an inherent goal in our method is to identify and characterize human activity, there are privacy considerations could be brought up. These concerns apply to both the potential for unwanted monitoring of activity, as well as potential exposure in identifying information with regard to the nature of, and sequence of tasks performed.

1.1.2 Data Acquisition

The Microsoft Research Human Activity (MSR) dataset¹ (Morris et al., 2014) was obtained under a CDLA-Permissive license. The time series included in this submission have been truncated to the first 5 minutes of activity.

¹<https://msropendata.com/datasets/799c1167-2c8f-44c4-929c-227bf04e2b9a>

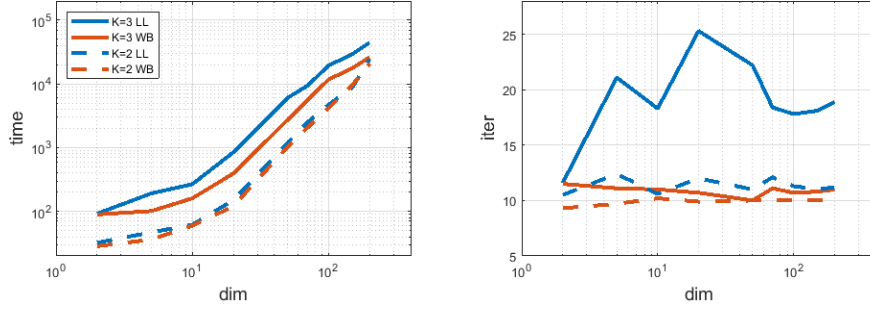


Figure 1: (left) Total time required for convergence optimizing simulated data outlined in Sec. 1.2 across data dimensions ranging from 2 to 200. Optimization with respect to Wasserstein-Bures geometry (red) for PSD matrices converges much faster than using Euclidean geometry (blue) parameterized by the Cholesky (LL) decomposition for both 2-state (dotted), and 3-state (solid) problems. (right) total number of line-search iterations required to reach convergence. Both methods converge to similar results.

49 The Beep Test (BT) dataset is a proprietary dataset and thus is not included in this submission and is
 50 unfortunately not available to share with the public. It was collected under approval by an affiliated
 51 institution’s Institutional Review Board (IRB). All data has been deidentified before it was shared
 52 with study authors. All study authors are approved by their institutional IRB to use this deidentified
 53 wearable sensor data for research purposes.

54 1.1.3 Compute Time and Resources

55 Results were obtained using 4 CPU cores with 16 GB RAM, replicated for each time series on an
 56 internal cluster using slurm. On average convergence was reached in 6 hours.

57 1.2 Optimization Simulations

Algorithm 1: Riemannian Manifold Line Search (Absil et al., 2008)

Given : $(\mathcal{M}, g_p^{\mathcal{M}}(\cdot, \cdot))$: Riemannian manifold

$f(p)$: Smooth scalar function on the manifold

$\exp_p^{\mathcal{M}}$: Exponential map

α_0 : Initial step

β : Sufficient decrease

c : Contraction factor

η : Convergence threshold

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1 while  $f(p^{(n)}) - f(p^{(n+1)}) > \eta$  do
2    $\alpha = \alpha_0$ 
3   while
4      $\left( f(p^{(n)}) - f\left(\exp_{p^{(n)}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\alpha \text{grad} f(p^{(n)}))\right) \right) > \alpha \beta g_{p^{(n)}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\text{grad} f(p^{(n)}), \text{grad} f(p^{(n)}))$  do
5        $\alpha = c\alpha$ 
6   end
7    $p^{(n+1)} = \exp_{p^{(n)}}^{\mathcal{M}}(\alpha \text{grad} f(p^{(n)}))$ 
8 end
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58 To motivate the choice of the Wasserstein-Riemannian manifold for optimization, we compare the
 59 optimization speeds in terms of wall-clock time and number of line search iterations with the more
 60 standard Euclidean geometry for covariance matrices (Arsigny et al., 2007) parameterized by the
 61 Cholesky decomposition. We evaluate performance on a set of simulated time series following our
 62 data model similar to that shown in Fig. 1 from the main paper where the system state linearly
 63 interpolates between two pure states over the course of 100 time steps. We vary the dimensionality of

the data ranging from $d = 2$ to 200, and number of states for $K = 2, 3$, repeating the experiment 10 times for each case.

To construct the data, we start by creating a random Gaussian distribution by generating a random mean vector $\mathbf{m}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$, and a random PSD matrix \mathbf{S}_1 generated by the method described in (Davies and Higham, 2000) with eigenvalues given by $\Lambda = \text{diag}([\lambda, \dots, \lambda_d])$ where $\lambda_i \sim U[0.5, 1.5]$. A second Gaussian distribution is generated a set distance away such that $\mathcal{W}_2^2((\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{S}_1), (\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{S}_2)) = 5$ where $\mathcal{E}^2(\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2) = 1$, and $\mathcal{B}^2(\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2) = 4$. This is achieved by generating a random vector in the tangent space and traveling the specified distance, along the geodesic on the manifold in the tangent direction. Specifically, for a random tangent vector to the mean $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we set $\mathbf{m}_2 = \mathbf{m}_1 + \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_2} \mathbf{v}$, and for a random symmetric matrix \mathbf{V} , $\mathbf{S}_2 = \exp_{\mathbf{S}_1}^{\mathcal{B}} \left(\frac{2}{g_{\mathbf{S}_1}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V})} \mathbf{V} \right)$, where $\exp_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ and $g_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ are the corresponding exponential map and Riemannian metric on the Wasserstein-Bures Manifold (Takatsu, 2011). For the three-state example, this process is repeated to generate a third Gaussian distribution such that $\mathcal{W}_2^2((\mathbf{m}_2, \mathbf{S}_2), (\mathbf{m}_3, \mathbf{S}_3)) = 5$.

For the simulated data, the state interpolates between \mathbf{e}_1 to \mathbf{e}_2 over 100 equi-spaced steps. The three-state problem, continues on and interpolates from \mathbf{e}_2 to \mathbf{e}_3 over an additional 100 steps. The empirical Gaussian distributions at each of these intermediate points is generated from $20d$ samples drawn from ρ_{B_t} according to the Wasserstein barycentric model described in the main paper. Since this optimization choice only pertains to Θ , for the purposes of this experiment we fix \mathbf{X} as the ground truth thus eliminating the need to estimate $\mathbf{\Gamma}, \mathbf{H}$.

Fig. 1 shows that estimating the for Θ using Wasserstein Riemannian geometry for Gaussians has improved performance in terms of converge speed in terms of both wall-clock and number of line-search iterations needed to converge. We found no significant difference in the solutions to which the two methods converged.

The python files used to generate the simulated data as well as run the simulated experiments are included in the supplemental code with instructions provided in Sec. 1.5.

1.3 Parameter Initialization and Optimization Parameters

Model Params	Initialization	Constraint	Description
$\gamma_t[k]$	$1e-6$	$[0, 1]$	State innovation
$\mathbf{x}_0[k]$	$\frac{1}{K}$	$\sum_k \mathbf{x}_0[k] = 1$	Initial state
$(\mathbf{a}_1[k], \mathbf{b}_1[k])$	$(10, 20)$	$\frac{\mathbf{a}_1[k]}{\mathbf{a}_1[k] + \mathbf{b}_1[k]} > 1.1$ $\frac{\mathbf{a}_1[k]}{\mathbf{a}_1[k] + \mathbf{b}_1[k]} > 0.15$	Beta prior for transition dynamics
w	0.5	$[0.01, 0.99]$	Weight for Beta mixture prior
(μ_k, \mathbf{S}_k)	Time series clustering given (Cheng et al., 2020b)	$\mu_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ $\mathbf{S}_k \in \text{Sym}_+^d$	Pure state distribution

Table 1: Initialization and constraints of learned model parameters. Time index, $t = 1, \dots, T$ and pure-state index $k = 1, \dots, K$

The initialization and constraints for the learned model parameters are provided in Table 1. Other fixed parameters for the algorithm are included in Table 2.

For the optimization parameters, we use a learning rate of $2e-3$ for the ADAM optimization (Kingma and Ba, 2017) of $\mathbf{\Gamma}, \mathbf{H}$ and a convergence criterion of $\eta = 0.05$.

The Riemannian line search used to estimate Θ is given in Alg. 1. Our implementation sets $\alpha_0 = 1e-1$, $\beta = 1e-10$ $c = 0.5$, $\eta = 0.05$

1.4 Additional Results

1.4.1 MSR Results with Ground Truth Initialization

Model Params	Value	Description
\mathbf{m}_0	$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{y}_t$	Used as reference distribution mean for Θ
σ_0	average eigenvalue of covariance matrices of K-component GMM fit to \mathbf{y}_t (Pedregosa et al., 2011)	$\sigma_0 \mathbf{I}$ used as reference distribution covariance for Θ
η	0.05	Convergence threshold
$(\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{b}_0)$	(1.1, 20)	Beta prior for stationary dynamics
	10	# fixed point iterations for covariance Wasserstein barycenter computation (Álvarez Esteban et al., 2016)
	5000	# Monte Carlo samples used to compute Wasserstein distance between GMM and Gaussian (Sriperumbudur et al., 2010)

Table 2: Value of fixed algorithm parameters.

99 In order to stay true to the unsupervised nature
100 of our problem, in our real-world experiments,
101 we initialize the pure-state Gaussian model
102 parameters using the time-series segmentation
103 algorithm using the unsupervised methods
104 described in (Cheng et al., 2020a). Since our
105 problem is non-convex, poor initialization
106 could lead to local minimum. To ensure that
107 our reported results are not a result of biased
108 initialization, we also run the same experiments
109 initializing Θ according to the sample mean
110 and covariance matrices of each activity given
111 the ground truth discrete labels of the MSR
112 data. As shown in Fig. 2, the results given by
113 this ground truth initialization do not deviate
114 much from Fig. 6 from the main paper where
115 the average absolute difference between the
116 two initialization methods for $e_W(DWB)$ and
117 $e_W(GMM)$ are 0.011 and 0.022 respectively.
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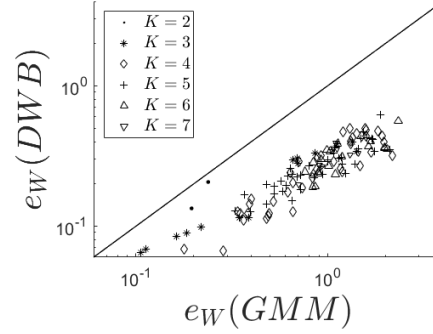


Figure 2: Evaluation comparison between the GMM and Wasserstein barycenter model for the MSR data when using the ground truth discrete labels to initialize the pure-state distribution parameters. Results shown here are close to that shown in the main paper using an unsupervised approach for parameter initialization.

119 1.4.2 Innovation Prior Ablation Study

120 Here Fig. 4 shows the comparison when using
121 fixed \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} parameters for a single-modal Beta
122 distribution for the prior on γ_t versus using
123 the two-component Beta mixture with learnable
124 $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, w$ parameters for the transition component
125 as specified in the main paper in Sec. 4.1.

126 When using a fixed single component Beta prior,
127 there is a single mode to learn the system dy-
128 namics in both transition regions (where one
129 expects more rapid changes in state) and station-
130 ary regions (where changes are much smaller).
131 Because of this compromise, the transitions be-
132 tween states are more sluggish while compared
133 to the two-component Beta model. The learned pure-state distribution parameters do not differ
134 much but the overall model fit is improved in the two-component model due to better tracking in
135 the transition regions. For the two-component Beta prior, the average across all MSR datasets is
136 $e_W = 0.50$ compared to the average $e_W = 0.27$ for the single-component fixed Beta model.

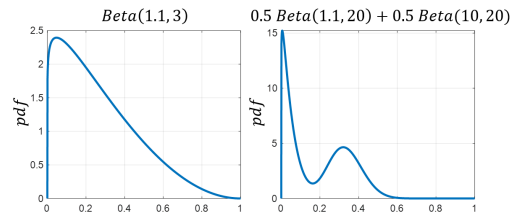


Figure 3: Sample pdfs of single a single component and two-component Beta mixture. Beta distributions are defined on the domain $[0, 1]$ and are uni-modal for parameters $a, b > 1$. The Beta mixture allows us to separately model the stationary and transition dynamics.

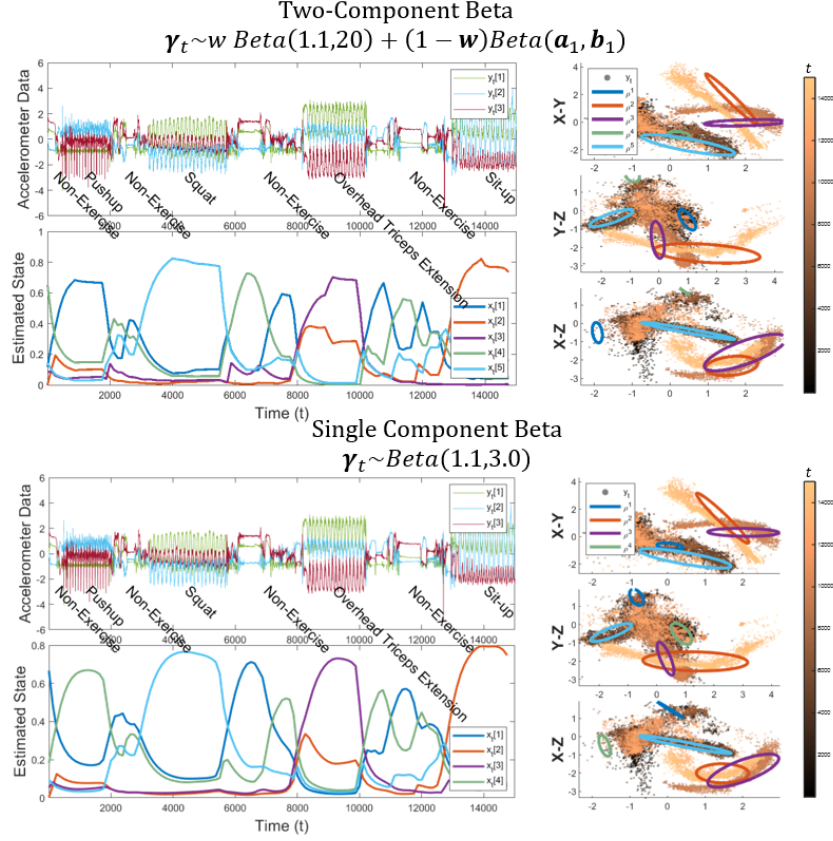


Figure 4: Comparison of model output using a single-component fixed prior versus a two-component learnable prior for the innovations γ_t . While the pure state results in the right column are comparable between the two approaches, the state-variable is more sluggish in adapting to faster transitions in the single-component model.

1.4.3 Deep State Space Benchmark

We emphasize that in addition to the characterization of the underlying distribution shown in the above evaluation, our DWB approach identifies a set of discrete pure states in the system and yields a directly-interpretable per-sample state representation; the Wasserstein barycentric mixing weights for each pure-state is directly given by the corresponding component of the simplex-state vector. In contrast, there is no direct interpretation of the latent state and no equivalent comparison to the learned pure-state in the DSS model. Additional ad hoc processing (e.g. clustering) of the DSS latent state space would be required to achieve this, which is beyond the scope of our present paper. Tab. 3 highlights additional similarities and differences between the two models.

As mentioned, we run the DSS with two parameter settings. The first uses 2 hidden layers each with 5 neurons for a total of 94 learned parameters for each transmission and emission networks. The second uses the default parameters included with the code² which contains 3 hidden layers for the transition and emission networks with a hidden state dimension of 200 for a total of for each neural network. In both cases, the latent space has dimension $(K-1)$ (to match the dimensionality of the K -simplex), an RNN of 2 layers and 600 nodes each is used as the variational approximation network, and training occurs over 1000 epochs with a learning rate of 0.008. Plots of the variational lower bound show convergence under these conditions

²<https://github.com/clinicalml/dmm>

	DWB	DSS
State Space	K-simplex	R^n
State Transition Dynamics	Beta mixture	Gaussian distribution
State Transition Parameters	Learnable Beta parameters	Neural network parameterizing mean and diagonal covariance of Gaussian
Emission distribution model	Gaussian with full covariance	Gaussian with diagonal covariance
Number of learned parameters	$O(d^2 K)$ d =data dimension K = # clusters	$O(m^2)$ m =NN hidden layer size

Table 3: Comparison between DWB and DSS models

1.4.4 Additional Results for MSR Data

We provide the results for learned model parameters for the entire MSR dataset. All plots follow the same format as Fig. 4 from the main paper, where the raw accelerometer data is included in the top right, the learned state in the bottom left, and the scatter plot of the time series overlayed with the estimated pure states projected onto each of the pair-wise axes in the right column.

The plots produced through initialization using change point detection and time series clustering (CPD) discussed in (Cheng et al., 2020a) are in the “MSR_Plots” folder, and those produced through ground truth discrete labels (GT) are in “MSR_GT_Plots”.

1.5 Code Instructions

1.5.1 MSR

To run the code ³ and replicate the results reported in our paper,

```
# usage: DynamicalWassersteinBarycenters.py dataSet dataFile debugFolder
↪ interpModel [--ParamTest PARAMTEST] [--lambda LAM] [--s S]

# Sample run on MSR data
>> python DynamicalWassersteinBarycenters.py MSR_Batch
↪ ../Data/MSR_Data/subj090_1.mat ../debug/MSR/subj001_1.mat Wass

# Sample run for parameter test
>> python DynamicalWassersteinBarycenters.py MSR_Batch
↪ ../Data/MSR_Data/subj090_1.mat ../debug/ParamTest/subj001_1.mat Wass
↪ --ParamTest 1 --lambda 100 --s 1.0
```

The “interpMethod” is either “Wass” for the Wasserstein barycentric model or “GMM” for the linear interpolation model.

1.5.2 Optimization Simulations

The simulated data and experiment included in this supplement can be replicated using the following commands.

```
# Generate 2 and 3 state simulated data
>> python GenerateOptimizationExperimentData.py
>> python GenerateOptimizationExperimentData_3K.py

# usage: OptimizationExperiment.py FileIn Mode File
```

³Code available at https://github.com/kevin-c-cheng/DynamicalWassBarycenters_Gaussian

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170 # Sample run for optimization experiment
171 >> python OptimizationExperiment.py
    ↪ ../data/SimulatedOptimizationData_2K/dim_5_5.mat/ WB
    ↪ ../debug/SimulatedData/dim_5_5_out.mat

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170 The “Mode” is either “WB” for Wasserstein-Bures geometry and “Euc” for Euclidean geometry using
171 Cholesky decomposition parameterization.

172 1.5.3 Computation Environment

173 We use Python 3.8 with the package requirements included in "requirements.txt" and copied below.

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