



PCA-Based Seed Region Classification

- Classification using Eigen value analysis of the dispersion of 3D neighboring points relative to their centroid:
- Define a spherical neighborhood for the point of interest – the neighborhood includes n points (number of points needed for reliable seed region classification)
- Calculate the dispersion matrix of the points in the spherical neighborhood relative to the centroid point

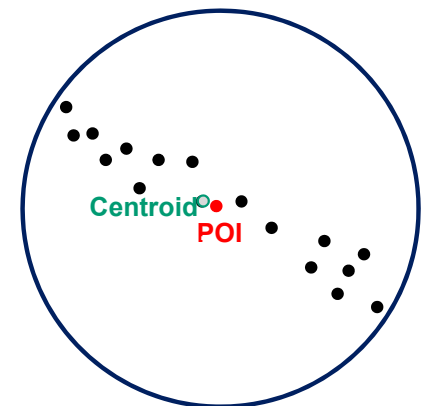
$$C_{3 \times 3} = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{centroid})(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{centroid})^T$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i = [X_i \quad Y_i \quad Z_i]^T$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{centroid} = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \mathbf{r}_i$$

- Eigen value decomposition of the dispersion matrix

$$C = W \Lambda W^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1 & \mathbf{r}_2 & \mathbf{r}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_1^T \\ \mathbf{r}_2^T \\ \mathbf{r}_3^T \end{bmatrix}$$



- If $\lambda_3 (\approx 0) \ll \lambda_1, \lambda_2$ the point of interest (POI) is considered to belong to a planar surface.



PCA-Based Seed Region Classification: 1st Option

- **Threshold-based PCA**

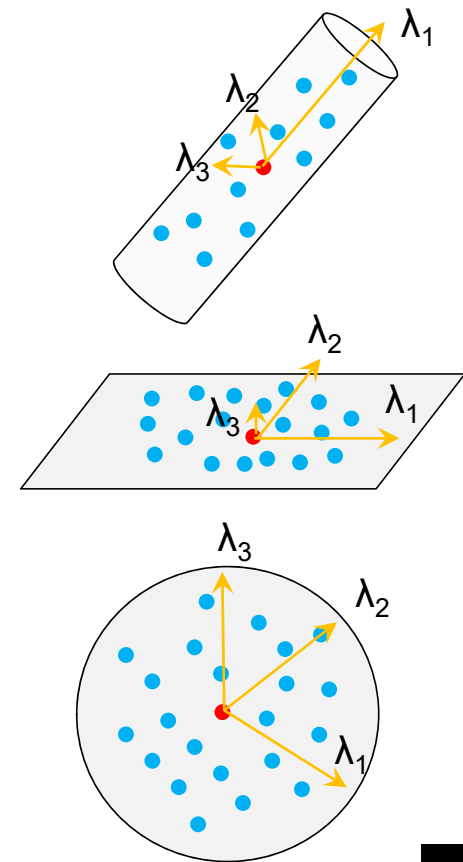
- Normalize the ordered eigenvalues

$$\lambda_{1n} \geq \lambda_{2n} \geq \lambda_{3n} > 0 \text{ - where } \lambda_{in} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3}$$

Linear/cylindrical: $\lambda_{1n} > Threshold_1$

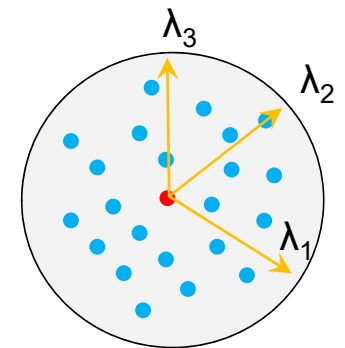
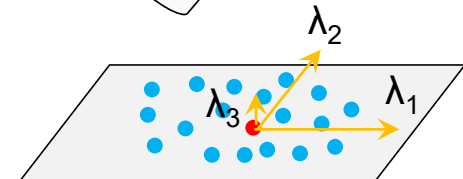
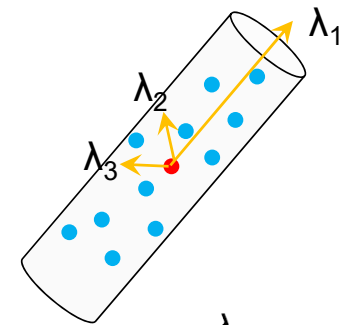
Planar : $\lambda_{3n} < Threshold_2$ $\frac{\lambda_{2n}}{\lambda_{1n}} > Threshold_3$

Note: the thresholds are based on a trial and error process



PCA-Based Seed Region Classification: 2nd Option

- Use PCA → decide whether the point belongs to a planar, linear/cylindrical, or rough neighborhood
 - Derive eigenvalues (λ_1 , λ_2 , and λ_3), where $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 > 0$
- Dimensionality-based PCA (Demantke et al., 2011)
 - a_{1D} (linear/cylindrical), a_{2D} (planar), and a_{3D} (rough)
 - The largest value indicates the type of the neighborhood



$$a_{1D} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_1} - \sqrt{\lambda_2}}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \quad a_{2D} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_2} - \sqrt{\lambda_3}}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \quad a_{3D} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_3}}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}$$

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