







Using machine learning to find a mapping between states of polarization and atmospheric model variables

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Solar Influences on Earth's Space Environment

- Space weather originated by sun:

• Flare

• Coronal Mass Ejections



- These phenomena triggered by magnetic field

Measuring magnetic field

- Using Polarizations:
 - Produced by symmetry-breaking processes
- State of Polarization: The Stokes vector{I, Q, U, V}^T

Forward problem and Inversion problem



Goals

- Validating notable structures in Atmospheric model and polarized spectra
- How much diversity exist in solar atmosphere and how this varies by time
- Detecting any outlier or new structure can be found
- Ultimate goal: Finding a mapping



Methods: Clustering

Clustering:

- K-means:
 - Number of clusters
 - Tolerance
- DBSCAN:
 - Epsilon
 - Minimum points





Methods: Evaluation

- Using domain experts knowledge
 - finding familiar structures like magnetic regions and granulations
- Inertia
- Silhouette

$$s(i) = \frac{b(i) - a(i)}{Max(b(i), a(i))}$$

Hinode data-set

- HOP 336 dataset
- 3 sets of samples: North(+37°), South(-37°), and Equator
- Features: Magnetic field (strength, inclination, azimuth, fill factor),
 Doppler shift, Continuum intensity
- 300 maps in total, 153 maps in North, and almost 132 million samples

Hinode data-set: Distributions



Magnetic Field 1e6 2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00 0.75 0.50 0.25 0.00 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000



SLFF



Continuum Intensity





Inclination

Preprocessing: First Setting

- Obtaining Cos of Azimuth
- Using B*cos(inc) instead of B and inclination separately.
- Subtracting a regression line from each row for Doppler shift (for each map individually).
- Tried 3, 4, 5, and 10 clusters using k-means.
- Result: Centers were really close to each other and no structure found! Maybe due to local minima problem in k-means.

First Setting: Results

For K = 10 clusters



Preprocessing: Second Setting

- Using B and cosine of inclination Separately
- Removing Azimuth due to noisy characteristic.
- Putting constraint over magnetic field. | B | < 200 G should be treated as noise:
 SLFF = 0, B = 0, and Inclination = 90.
- Try higher number of clusters: 25, 50, 100, 150, 200
- For better visualization, we ordered the same clustering results in 3 different order: based on B and CI centers

Second Setting: Results

For K = 50 clusters



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Second Setting: Results

- A strange artifact found when k = 50 clusters with a very low continuum intensity(450 compared to average of 21000)
- We used Inertia as a metric.
- This setting, improved inertia by 50x, compared to first setting: It was expected since we removed Azimuth and zeroing features related to B < 200 G.

Optimal number of clusters: Inertia



Optimal number of clusters: Silhouette



DBSCAN result

- Reaching to 2 clusters!

10% improvement in silhouette 200 Compared to K-means



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Future directions

- Using a grid search to find optimal parameters for DBSCAN
- Categorize our pixels/samples to two different data-set and apply clustering to them separately
- Using other clustering methods like Hierarchical methods

Thanks for your time



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