

1 We thank the reviewers for their positive and valuable feedback. We recall that our paper proposes a general framework
 2 to learn **ultrahyperbolic** representations. The proposed representations lie on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold with
 3 constant nonzero curvature, they generalize both hyperbolic and spherical representations that are popular in machine
 4 learning. The main difficulty of learning such representations is that they lie on a manifold whose metric need not be
 5 positive definite, and the manifold is non-Riemannian in most cases (except for the hyperbolic and spherical cases as
 6 explained in the paper). We introduce the necessary differential geometry tools (e.g. geodesics, exponential/logarithm
 7 maps) to measure dissimilarity between points, and also propose optimizers for differentiable functions defined on such
 8 manifolds. In particular, we explain why the pseudo-Riemannian gradient is not a descent direction. We then propose a
 9 simple, efficient and non-trivial descent direction defined in the tangent space (see Eq. (12)).

10 **Improving readability:** Our contributions are mainly theoretical, and we agree with most reviewers (**R1,R3**) that the
 11 pseudo-Riemannian optimizer introduced in Section 4.2 is a major contribution. Due to lack of space, we provided the
 12 detailed explanations with proofs in the supp. material. However, according to the NeurIPS 2020 website, camera-ready
 13 versions are allowed a ninth content page. To improve readability, we will include the extended version of the optimizer
 14 subsection in the main paper, if accepted. We will also account for the suggestions of the reviewers as follows.

15 **R1:** Thank you for your suggestions. **(1)** We will indicate in Section 2 that for any $\beta < 0$, $\mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q}$ is homothetic to
 16 $\mathcal{Q}_{-1}^{p,q}$, β can then be considered to be -1 . **(2)** We did not exploit the extrinsic distance in Eq. (4), except in the null
 17 geodesic case since the formulation is similar in this particular case. The goal of lines 83-88 was to explain that many
 18 machine learning approaches consider the extrinsic geometry (i.e. ambient space distance) of the spherical or hyperbolic
 19 manifold, or its intrinsic geometry (i.e. geodesic distance). Since both distances are increasing functions of each other
 20 in the Riemannian cases, choosing one or the other has no major impact. This is not the case in the ultrahyperbolic case,
 21 which is why we only consider the intrinsic geometry. **(3)** We explained in the paper how the hyperbolic and spherical
 22 cases are special cases of $\mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q}$ (lines 87-88 and lines 68-70). We will make it more explicit as suggested. **(4)** Our code
 23 is in the supp. material and will be publicly available. We reported some training times in the supp. material (line 540).
 24 On Zachary’s dataset, the (Euclidean) optimizer in Section 4.1 is 10% faster than the optimizer in Section 4.2 (165 vs
 25 182 seconds) in the setup of line 540 since it requires less computations. We will report the comparisons. **(5)** Lastly, we
 26 will explicitly mention that $\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q}$, $g_{\mathbf{x}}(\cdot, \cdot) = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_q$ where $g_{\mathbf{x}} : T_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q} \times T_{\mathbf{x}}\mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

27 **R3:** **(1)** Thank you for mentioning Feragen’s work that was among the first to study tree-data in the CV and ML
 28 community. We will cite it in the introduction when we mention other machine learning works that were also heavily
 29 inspired by Gromov’s work. Nonetheless, Feragen et al. consider CAT(0) spaces (e.g. hyperbolic spaces). Our work
 30 generalizes both hyperbolic and spherical spaces, the latter is not CAT(0). **(R4,R3) (2) Motivation of Eq. (9):** As
 31 explained in the paper, there exist pairs of points $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q}$ for which $\log_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y})$ is not defined. Eq. (9) approximates the
 32 dissimilarity when $\log_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y})$ is not defined but other choices are possible. When a geodesic does not exist, a standard way
 33 in differential geometry to calculate curves (and distances) is to consider broken geodesics. One might then consider
 34 instead the dissimilarity $d_\gamma(\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{x}) + d_\gamma(-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \pi\sqrt{|\beta|} + d_\gamma(-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ if $\log_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y})$ is not defined (see line 422 of the
 35 supp. material) since $-\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{Q}_\beta^{p,q}$ and $\log_{-\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y})$ is defined. **(3)** We disagree about the fact that we used hacks to create
 36 symmetric weights. Our second dataset has an undirected (hence symmetric) weight matrix by default. Moreover, in
 37 Zachary’s paper, \mathbf{C} was constructed in an *ad hoc* manner and is almost identical to its transpose (i.e. almost symmetric).
 38 The weight matrix \mathbf{C} is illustrated in Fig. 3 of Zachary’s paper. Our symmetrized matrix $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^\top$ is very similar to
 39 $2\mathbf{C}$, which is why we considered it. In conclusion, our approach can be applied to any undirected weighted graph.

40 **(R2,R3,R4) Motivation of ultrahyperbolic representations for graphs:** The choice of geometry to represent graphs
 41 is still an open problem in general. It depends on the topology of the graph and the kind of relationships between
 42 nodes. For instance, hyperbolic geometry was mathematically shown to be appropriate for tree-like graphs, but not
 43 for other types of graphs. Ultrahyperbolic geometry has the advantage of generalizing both hyperbolic and spherical
 44 geometries and can describe relationships specific to those geometries. In particular, the geodesic *distance* can be
 45 written in the same way as the Poincaré and spherical distances as shown in Eq. (8); some parts of the manifold are
 46 hyperbolic or spherical as explained in the paper. The converse is not true. The framework might then automatically
 47 learn representations to be part of a same hyperbolic or spherical part of the manifold depending on the context. Those
 48 reasons led us to consider hierarchical graphs that were similar to trees, but where the presence of cycles in the graph
 49 limited the relevance of hyperbolic geometry. We experimentally validated our intuition. The choice of geometry with
 50 constant nonzero curvature (i.e. the optimal number of time and space dimensions q and p) then seems to depend on
 51 how much the graph is similar to a tree or to a graph where spherical geometry is appropriate, such as cycle graphs
 52 (or a mix of both). We would also like to emphasize that ultrahyperbolic geometry can describe some graph concepts
 53 differently, if not better, than hyperbolic and spherical geometries. For instance, it is known that *triadic closure* is a
 54 concept in social network theory that is too extreme to hold true across very large, complex networks. In other words, if
 55 (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) and (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) are strongly tied, triadic closure would induce that (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) are strongly tied. As explained in line 144,
 56 the fact that we can find triplets that satisfy $d_\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d_\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = 0$ but $d_\gamma(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) > 0$ avoids triadic closure.