#### **GRAPH LAPLACEANS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS**

# Graph Laplaceans - Definition

- "Laplace-type" matrices associated with general undirected graphs useful in many applications
  - ightharpoonup Given a graph G = (V, E) define
    - lacksquare A matrix W of weights  $w_{ij}$  for each edge
    - lacksquare Assume  $w_{ij} \geq 0,$ ,  $w_{ii} = 0,$  and  $w_{ij} = w_{ji} \ orall (i,j)$
    - lacksquare The diagonal matrix  $D = diag(d_i)$  with  $d_i = \sum_{j 
      eq i} w_{ij}$
- Corresponding graph Laplacean of G is:

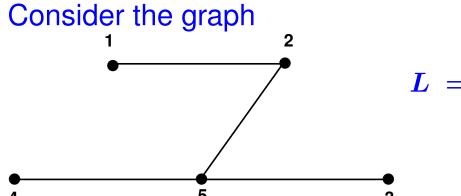
$$L = D - W$$

ightharpoonup Gershgorin's theorem ightharpoonup L is positive semidefinite.

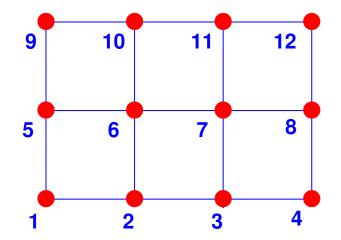
#### > Simplest case:

$$w_{ij} = egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } (i,j) \in E\&i 
eq j \ 0 & ext{else} \end{cases} \quad D = ext{diag} \quad d_i = \sum_{j 
eq i} w_{ij} \quad$$

### Example:



Define the graph Laplacean for the graph associated with the simple mesh shown next. [use the simple weights of 0 or 1]. What is the difference with the discretization of the Laplace operator for case when mesh is the same as this graph?



#### Proposition:

- (i) L is symmetric semi-positive definite.
- (ii) L is singular with 1 as a null vector.
- (iii) If G is connected, then  $\operatorname{Null}(L) = \operatorname{span}\{\ 1\ \}$
- (iv) If G has k>1 connected components  $G_1,G_2,\cdots,G_k$ , then the nullity of L is k and Null(L) is spanned by the vectors  $z^{(j)},\,j=1,\cdots,k$  defined by:

$$(z^{(j)})_i = \left\{egin{array}{ll} 1 & ext{if } i \in G_j \ 0 & ext{if not.} \end{array}
ight.$$

Proof: (i) and (ii) seen earlier and are trivial. (iii) Clearly u=1 is a null vector for L. The vector  $D^{-1/2}u$  is an eigenvector for the matrix  $D^{-1/2}LD^{-1/2}=I-D^{-1/2}WD^{-1/2}$  associated with the smallest eigenvalue. It is also an eigenvector for  $D^{-1/2}WD^{-1/2}$  associated with the largest eigenvalue. By the Perron Frobenius theorem this is a simple eigenvalue... (iv) Can be proved from the fact that L can be written as a direct sum of the Laplacian matrices for  $G_1, \dots, G_k$ .

## A few properties of graph Laplaceans

*Define:* oriented incidence matrix H: (1)First orient the edges  $i \sim j$  into  $i \to j$  or  $j \to i$ . (2) Rows of H indexed by vertices of G. Columns indexed by edges. (3) For each (i,j) in E, define the corresponding column in H as  $\sqrt{w(i,j)}(e_i-e_j)$ .

Example: In previous example (4

p. back) orient  $i \rightarrow j$  so that j > i [lower triangular matrix representation]. Then matrix H is:

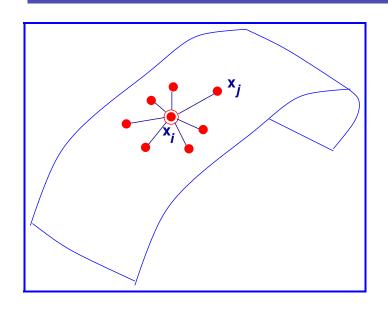
$$H = egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Property 1

$$L = HH^T$$

Re-prove part (iv) of previous proposition by using this property.

## A few properties of graph Laplaceans



Strong relation between  $x^T L x$  and local distances between entries of x

Let L = any matrix s.t. L = D - W, with  $D = diag(d_i)$  and

$$w_{ij} \geq 0, \qquad d_i \ = \ \sum_{j 
eq i} w_{ij}$$

*Property 2:* for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$x^ op L x = rac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} |x_i - x_j|^2$$

**Property 3:** (generalization) for any  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ :

$$\mathsf{Tr}\left[YLY^{ op}
ight] = rac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \|y_i - y_j\|^2$$

Note:  $y_j = j$ -th column of Y. Usually d < n. Each column can represent a data sample.

**Property 4:** For the particular  $L = I - \frac{1}{n} \, \mathbb{1} \, \mathbb{1}^{\top}$ 

$$XLX^{\top} = \bar{X}\bar{X}^{\top} == n \times \text{Covariance matrix}$$

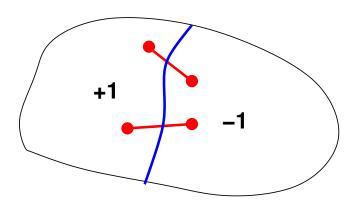
Property 5: L is singular and admits the null vector

$$1 = \operatorname{ones}(n, 1)$$

**Property 6:** (Graph partitioning) Consider situation when  $w_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ . If x is a vector of signs  $(\pm 1)$  then

$$x^ op Lx = 4 imes$$
 ('number of edge cuts') edge-cut = pair  $(i,j)$  with  $x_i 
eq x_j$ 

Consequence: Can be used to partition graphs



- Mould like to minimize (Lx,x) subject to  $x \in \{-1,1\}^n$  and  $e^Tx = 0$  [balanced sets]
- > WII solve a relaxed form of this problem

What if we replace x by a vector of ones (representing one partition) and zeros (representing the other)?

Let x be any vector and  $y = x + \alpha$  1 and L a graph Laplacean. Compare (Lx,x) with (Ly,y).

- Consider any symmetric (real) matrix A with eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n$  and eigenvectors  $u_1, \cdots, u_n$
- Recall that: (Min reached for  $x = u_1$ )

$$\min_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n}rac{(Ax,x)}{(x,x)}=\lambda_1$$

In addition: (Min reached for  $x = u_2$ )

$$\min_{x\perp u_1}rac{(Ax,x)}{(x,x)}=\lambda_2$$

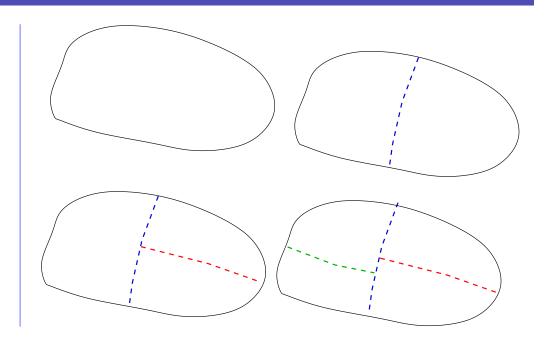
- For a graph Laplacean  $u_1 = 1 = 1$  vector of all ones and
- ightharpoonup ...vector  $u_2$  is called the Fiedler vector. It solves a relaxed form of the problem -

$$\min_{oldsymbol{x} \in \{-1,1\}^n; \ \ extstyle extstyle$$

lacksquare Define  $v=u_2$  then lab=sign(v-med(v))

# Recursive Spectral Bisection

- Form graph Laplacean
- Partition graph in 2 based on Fielder vector
- 3 Partition largest subgraph in two recursively ...
- 4 ... Until the desired number of partitions is reached



## Three approaches to graph partitioning:

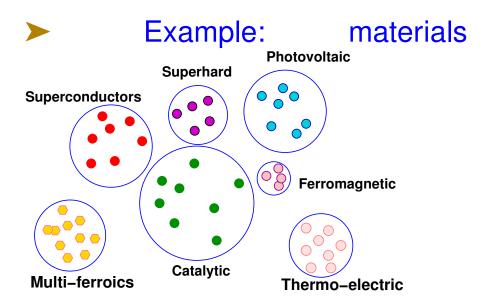
- 1. Spectral methods Just seen + add Recursive Spectral Bisection.
- 2. Geometric techniques. Coordinates are required. [Houstis & Rice et al., Miller, Vavasis, Teng et al.]
- 3. Graph Theory techniques multilevel,... [use graph, but no coordinates]
  - Currently best known technique is Metis (multi-level algorithm)
  - Simplest idea: Recursive Graph Bisection; Nested dissection (George & Liu, 1980; Liu 1992]
  - Advantages: simplicity no coordinates required

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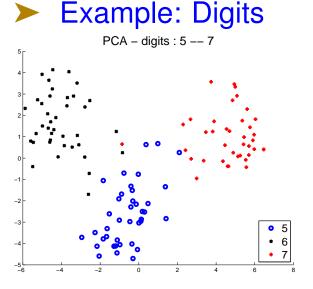
APPLICATIONS OF GRAPH LAPLACEANS: CLUSTERING

### Clustering

Problem: we are given n data items:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Would like to 'cluster' them, i.e., group them so that each group or cluster contains items that are similar in some sense.



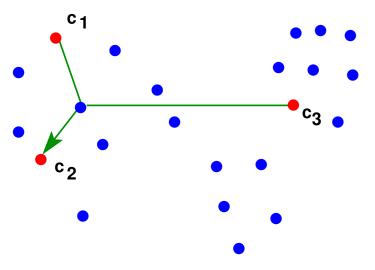
Each group is a 'cluster' or a 'class'



'Unsupervised learning'

#### A basic method: K-means

- ➤ A basic algorithm that uses Euclidean distance
  - 1 Select p initial centers:  $c_1, c_2, ..., c_p$  for classes  $1, 2, \cdots, p$
  - Provided Pr
  - 3 Redefine each  $c_k$  to be the centroid of class k
  - 4 Repeat until convergence



- Simple algorithm
- Works well (gives good results) but can be slow
- Performance depends on initialization

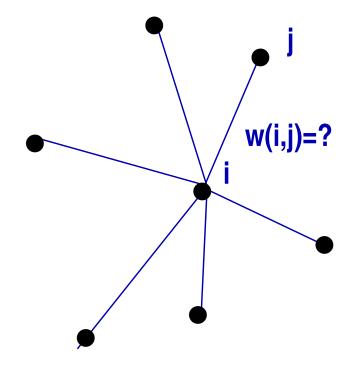
# Methods based on similarity graphs

- ➤ Class of Methods that perform clustering by exploiting a graph that describes the similarities between any two items in the data.
- Need to:
- 1. decide what nodes are in the neighborhood of a given node
- 2. quantify their similarities by assigning a weight to any pair of nodes.

**Example:** For text data: Can decide that any columns i and j with a cosine greater than 0.95 are 'similar' and assign that cosine value to  $w_{ij}$ 

# First task: build a 'similarity' graph

➤ Goal: to build a similarity graph, i.e., a graph that captures similarity between any two items



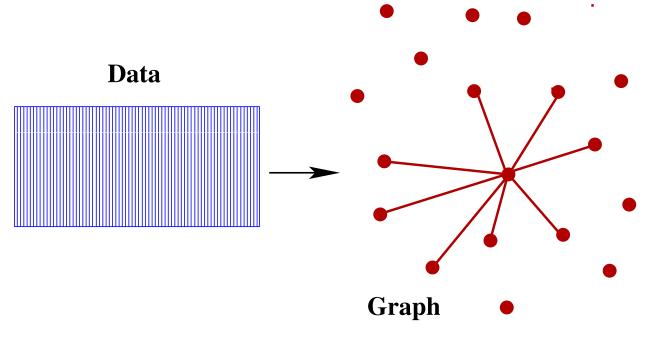
Two methods: K-nearest Neighbor graphs or use Gaussian ('heat') kernel

### K-nearest neighbor graphs

- ightharpoonup Given: a set of n data points  $X = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} o$  vertices
- ightharpoonup Given: a proximity measure between two data points  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  as measured by a quantity  $dist(x_i,x_j)$
- Mant: For each point  $x_i$  a list of the 'nearest neighbors' of  $x_i$  (edges between  $x_i$  and these nodes).
- Note: graph will usually be directed → need to symmetrize

## Nearest neighbor graphs

➤ For each node, get a few of the nearest neighbors → Graph



- Problem: How to build a nearest-neighbor graph from given data
- We will revisit this later.

Two types of nearest neighbor graph often used:

Edges consist of pairs  $(x_i, x_j)$  such that  $\rho(x_i, x_j) \leq \epsilon$ 

**kNN** graph: Nodes adjacent to  $x_i$  are those nodes  $x_\ell$  with the k with smallest distances  $\rho(x_i, x_\ell)$ .

- $\succ$   $\epsilon$ -graph is undirected and is geometrically motivated. Issues: 1) may result in disconnected components 2) what  $\epsilon$ ?
- $\triangleright$  kNN graphs are directed in general (can be trivially fixed).
- $\triangleright$  kNN graphs especially useful in practice.

### Similarity graphs: Using 'heat-kernels'

Define weight between i and j as:

$$w_{ij} = f_{ij} \; imes \; egin{cases} e^{rac{-\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{\sigma_X^2}} ext{ if } \|x_i - x_j\| < r \ 0 & ext{ if not } \end{cases}$$

- Note  $||x_i x_j||$  could be any measure of distance...
- $ightharpoonup f_{ij}$  = optional = some measure of similarity other than distance
- Only nearby points kept.
- Sparsity depends on parameters

## Edge cuts, ratio cuts, normalized cuts, ...

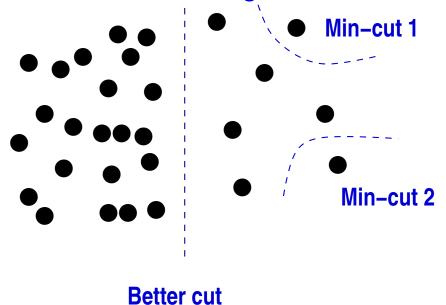
- Assume now that we have built a 'similarity graph'
- > Setting is identical with that of graph partitioning.
- Need a Graph Laplacean: L=D-W with  $w_{ii}=0, w_{ij}\geq 0$  and D=diag(W\*ones(n,1)) [in matlab notation]
- Partition vertex set V in two sets A and B with

$$A \cup B = V$$
,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ 

Define

$$cut(A,B) = \sum_{u \ \in A, v \in B} w(u,v)$$

- First (naive) approach: use this measure to partition graph, i.e.,
- ... Find A and B that minimize cut(A, B).
- Issue: Small sets, isolated nodes, big imbalances,



#### Ratio-cuts

 $\triangleright$  Standard Graph Partitioning approach: Find A, B by solving

Minimize cut(A,B), subject to |A|=|B|

- ightharpoonup Condition |A|=|B| not too meaningful in some applications too restrictive in others.
- Minimum Ratio Cut approach. Find A, B by solving:

Minimize  $\frac{cut(A,B)}{|A|.|B|}$ 

- ➤ Difficult to find solution (original paper [Wei-Cheng '91] proposes several heuristics)
- Approximate solution : spectral .

**Theorem** [Hagen-Kahng, 91] If  $\lambda_2$  is the 2nd smallest eigenvalue of L, then a lower bound for the cost c of the optimal ratio cut partition, is:

$$c \geq rac{\lambda_2}{n}.$$

ldea is to use eigenvector associated with  $\lambda_2$  to determine partition, e.g., based on sign of entries. Use the ratio-cut measure to actually determine where to split.

## Normalized cuts [Shi-Malik,2000]

ightharpoonup Recall notation  $w(X,Y) = \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} w(x,y)$  - then define:

$$\mathsf{ncut}(A,B) = rac{cut(A,B)}{w(A,V)} + rac{cut(A,B)}{w(B,V)}$$

Goal is to avoid small sets A, B

Mhat is w(A,V) in the case when  $w_{ij}==1$  ?

➤ Let *x* be an indicator vector:

$$x_i = \left\{egin{array}{ll} 1 & if & i \in A \ 0 & if & i \in B \end{array}
ight.$$

- ightharpoonup Recall that:  $|x^TLx = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} |x_i x_j|^2$  (each edge counted once)
- Using this in ncut + calculations ...

Need to solve:

$$\min_{egin{subarray}{c} y_i \ \{0,-eta\} \end{array}} rac{oldsymbol{y}^T L oldsymbol{y}}{oldsymbol{y}^T D oldsymbol{y}} \ ext{Subject to} \quad oldsymbol{y}^T D \, \mathbb{1} = 0 \ \end{aligned}$$

→ Relax → need to solve Generalized eigenvalue problem

$$Ly = \lambda Dy$$

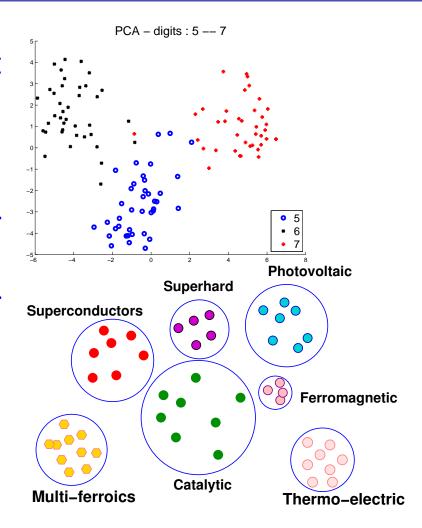
- $ightharpoonup y_1 = 1$  is eigenvector associated with eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 0$
- $ightharpoonup y_2$  associated with second eigenvalue solves problem.
- Method quite popular for segmentation

**DIMENSION REDUCTION - A.K.A. EMBEDDING** 

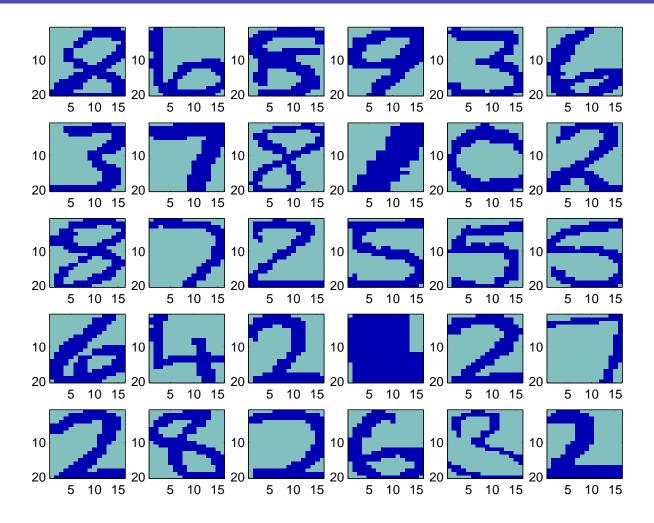
# Recall: Unsupervised learning

"Unsupervised learning": methods do not exploit labeled data

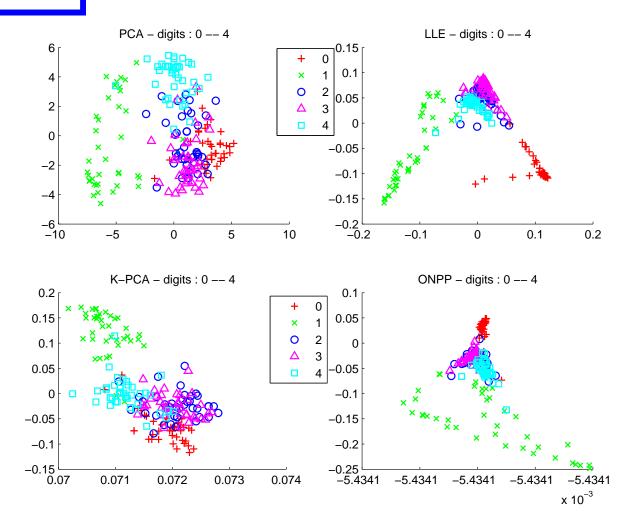
- Example of digits: perform a 2-D projection
- Images of same digit tend to cluster (more or less)
- Such 2-D representations are popular for visualization
- Can also try to find natural clusters in data, e.g., in materials
- Basic clusterning technique: K-means



## Example: Digit images (a random sample of 30)



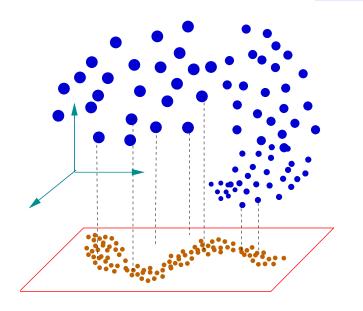
#### 2-D 'reductions':

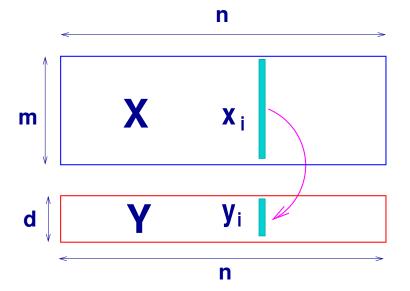


## Major tool of Data Mining: Dimension reduction

- ightharpoonup Given:  $X=[x_1,\cdots,x_n]\in\mathbb{R}^{m imes n}$ , find a low-dimens. representation  $Y = [y_1, \cdots, y_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d imes n}$  of X







- lacksquare may be linear :  $y_j = W^ op x_j, \ orall j, \ extit{or,} \ Y = W^ op X$
- ... or nonlinear (implicit).
- ightharpoonup Mapping  $\Phi$  required to: Preserve proximity? Maximize variance? Preserve a certain graph?
- $\blacktriangleright$  We say that the data  $(x_i$ 's) is embedded into  $\mathbb{R}^d$  (the  $y_i$ 's)

#### Basics: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

In *Principal Component Analysis W* is computed to:

Maximize variance of projected data:

$$\max_{W \in \mathbb{R}^{m imes d}; W^ op W = I} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| y_i - rac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j 
ight\|_2^2, \;\; y_i = W^ op x_i.$$

Leads to maximizing

$$\mathsf{Tr}\left[W^ op(X-\mu e^ op)(X-\mu e^ op)^ op W
ight], \quad \mu=rac{1}{n}\Sigma_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Solution  $W=\{$  dominant eigenvectors  $\}$  of the covariance matrix  $\equiv$  Set of left singular vectors of  $\bar{X}=X-\mu e^{\top}$ 

# SVD:

$$ar{X} = U \Sigma V^{ op}, \quad U^{ op} U = I, \quad V^{ op} V = I, \quad \Sigma = \mathsf{Diag}$$

- ightharpoonup Optimal  $W=U_d\equiv$  matrix of first d columns of U
- Solution W also minimizes 'reconstruction error' ...

$$\sum_i \|x_i - WW^Tx_i\|^2 = \sum_i \|x_i - Wy_i\|^2$$

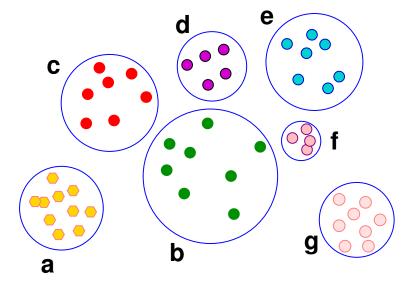
 $\blacktriangleright$  In some methods recentering to zero is not done, i.e.,  $ar{X}$  replaced by X.

**SUPERVISED LEARNING** 

#### Supervised learning

We now have data that is 'labeled'

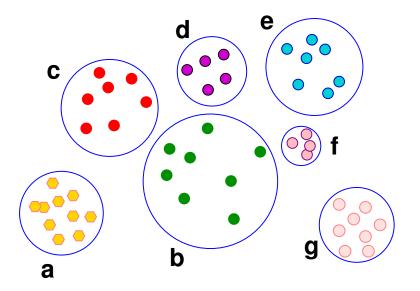
Examples: Health Sciences ('malignant'- 'non malignant'); Materials ('photovoltaic', 'hard', 'conductor', …); Digit Recognition ('0', '1', …, '9')

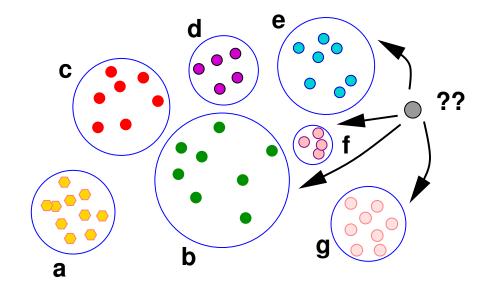


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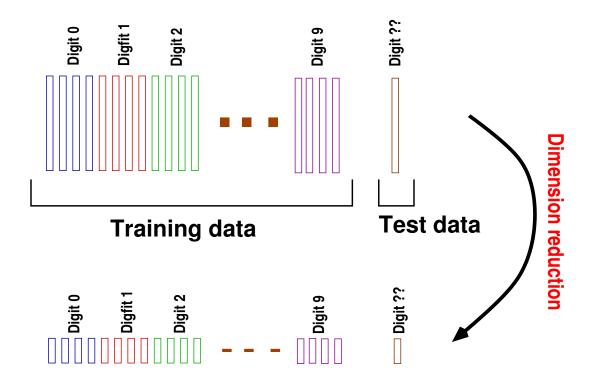


#### Supervised learning: classification

Best illustration: written digits recognition example

Given: set of labeled samples (training set), and an (unlabeled) test image x.

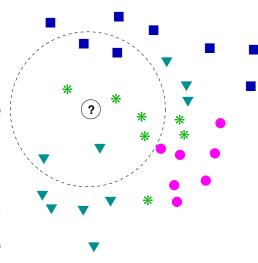
Problem: label of x = ?



➤ Roughly speaking: we seek dimension reduction so that recognition is 'more effective' in low-dim. space

#### Basic method: K-nearest neighbors (KNN) classification

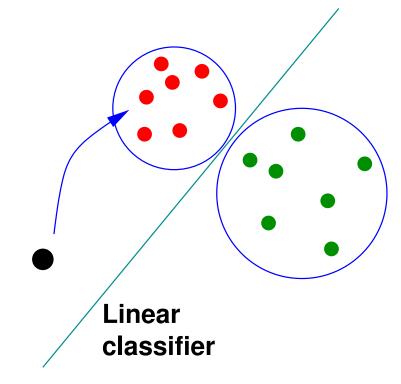
- ldea of a voting system: get distances between test sample and training samples
- Fig. 6. Get the k nearest neighbors (here k = 8)
- ➤ Predominant class among these *k* items is assigned to the test sample ("\*" here)



#### Supervised learning: Linear classification

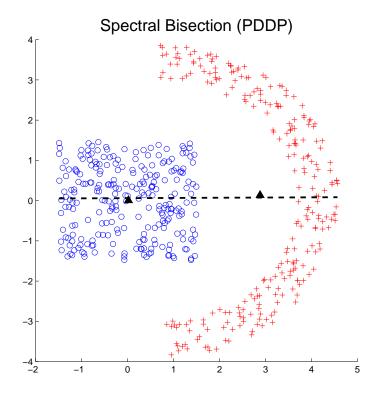
**Linear classifiers:** Find a hyperplane which best separates the data in classes A and B.

Example of application: Distinguish between SPAM and non-SPAM e-mails

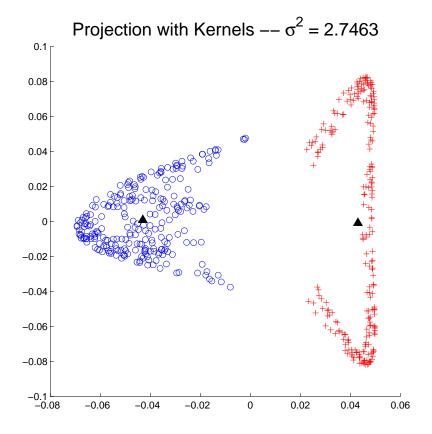


➤ Note: The world in non-linear. Often this is combined with Kernels – amounts to changing the inner product

#### A harder case:



Use kernels to transform

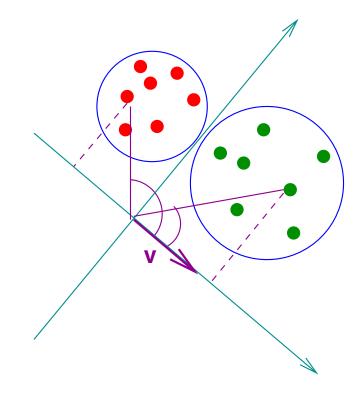


Transformed data with a Gaussian Kernel

### Simple linear classifiers

- ightharpoonup Let  $X=[x_1,\cdots,x_n]$  be the data matrix.
- $\blacktriangleright$  and  $L=[l_1,\cdots,l_n]==$  labels.  $l_i=\pm 1$
- ▶ 1st Solution: Find a vector u such that  $u^Tx_i$  close to  $l_i$ ,  $\forall i$
- Common solution: SVD to reduce dimension of data [e.g. 2-D] then do comparison in this space. e.g.

A:  $u^T x_i \geq 0$  , B:  $u^T x_i < 0$ 



[For clarity: principal axis u drawn below where it should be]

#### Fisher's Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

Principle: Use label information to build a good projector, i.e., one that can 'discriminate' well between classes

- ➤ Define "between scatter": a measure of how well separated two distinct classes are.
- ➤ Define "within scatter": a measure of how well clustered items of the same class are.
- Objective: make "between scatter" measure large and "within scatter" small.

*Idea:* Find projector that maximizes the ratio of the "between scatter" measure over "within scatter" measure

$$S_B \, = \, \sum_{k=1}^c n_k (\mu^{(k)} - \mu) (\mu^{(k)} - \mu)^T,$$

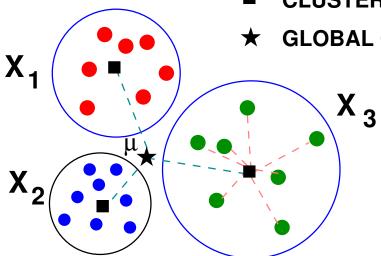
$$S_W \, = \, \sum_{k=1}^{} \sum_{x_i \, \in X_k} (x_i - \mu^{(k)}) (x_i - \mu^{(k)})^T$$

- $\mu = \text{mean}(X)$
- $\mu^{(k)}$  = mean  $(X_k)$
- $X_k = k$ -th class
  - $ullet n_k = |X_k|$

#### **CLUSTER CENTROIDS**

where:

**GLOBAL CENTROID** 



Consider 2nd moments for a vector a:

$$egin{aligned} a^T S_B a &= \sum_{i=1}^c n_k \ |a^T (\mu^{(k)} - \mu)|^2, \ a^T S_W a &= \sum_{k=1}^c \sum_{x_i \in X_k} |a^T (x_i - \mu^{(k)})|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $ightharpoonup a^T S_B a \equiv$  weighted variance of projected  $\mu_j$ 's
- $ightharpoonup a^T S_W a \equiv \text{w. sum of variances of projected classes } X_j$ 's
- LDA projects the data so as to maximize the ratio of these two numbers:

$$\max_a rac{a^T S_B a}{a^T S_W a}$$

ightharpoonup Optimal a = eigenvector associated with top eigenvalue of:

$$S_B u_i = \lambda_i S_W u_i$$
 .

#### LDA – Extension to arbitrary dimensions

Criterion: maximize the ratio of two traces:

$$\frac{\mathsf{Tr}\left[U^TS_BU\right]}{\mathsf{Tr}\left[U^TS_WU\right]}$$

- ightharpoonup Constraint:  $U^TU = I$  (orthogonal projector).
- ightharpoonup Reduced dimension data:  $Y = U^T X$ .

Common viewpoint: hard to maximize, therefore ...

... alternative: Solve instead the ('easier') problem:

$$\max_{U^T S_W U = I} \mathsf{Tr}\left[U^T S_B U
ight]$$

ightharpoonup Solution: largest eigenvectors of  $S_B u_i = \lambda_i S_W u_i$ .

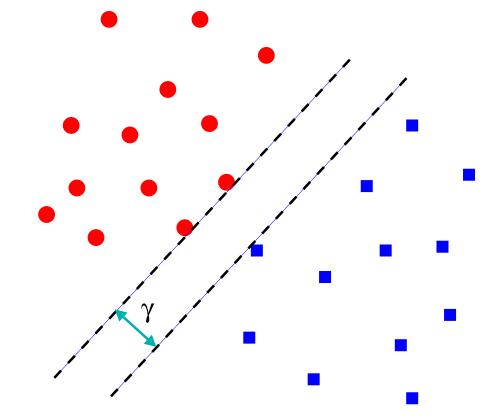
## In Brief: Support Vector Machines (SVM)

- Similar in spirit to LDA. Formally, SVM finds a hyperplane that best separates two training sets belonging to two classes.
- ➤ If the hyperplane is:

$$w^Tx + b = 0$$

- Then the classifier is  $f(x) = sign(w^Tx + b)$ : assigns y = +1 to one class and y = -1 to other
- Normalize parameters w, b by looking for hyperplanes of the form  $w^Tx + b \ge 1$  to include one set and  $w^Tx + b \le -1$  to include the other.
- With  $y_i = +1$  for one class and  $y_i = -1$  for the other, we can write the constraints as  $y_i(w^Tx_i + b) \ge 1$ .

- The margin is the maximum distance between two such planes: goal find w, b to maximize margin.
- Maximize margin subject to the constraint  $y_i(w^Tx_i + b) \ge 1$ .



As it turns out the margin is equal to:

$$\gamma=rac{2}{\|w\|_2}$$

₱ Prove it.

Need to solve the constrained quadratic programming problem:

$$egin{array}{ll} \min_{w.b} & rac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2 \ ext{s.t.} & y_i(w^Tx_i+b) \geq 1, \; orall x_i. \end{array}$$

#### *Modification 1:* Soft margin. Consider hinge loss: $\max\{0, 1 - y_i[w^Tx_i + b]\}$

 $\triangleright$  Zero if constraint satisfied for pair  $x_i, y_i$ . Otherwise proportional to distance from corresponding hyperplane. Hence we can minimize

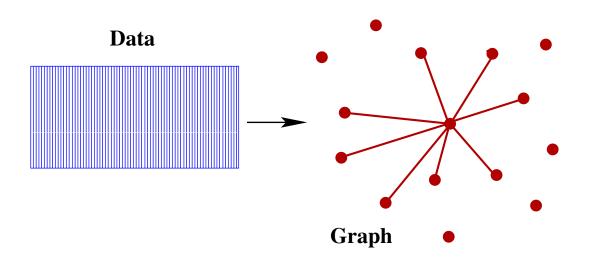
$$\lambda \|w\|^2 + rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max\{0, 1 - y_i[w^Tx_i + b]\}$$

Suppose  $y_i = +1$  and let  $d_i = 1 - y_i[w^Tx_i + b]$ . Show that the distance between  $x_i$  and hyperplane  $w^Tx_i + b = +1$  is  $d_i/||w||$ .

Modification 2: Use in combination with a Kernel to improve separability

#### Building a nearest neighbor graph

Question: How to build a nearest-neighbor graph from given data?



➤ Will demonstrate the power of a divide a conquer approach combined with the Lanczos algorithm.

Recall: Two common types of nearest neighbor graphs

Edges consist of pairs  $(x_i, x_j)$  such that  $\rho(x_i, x_j) \leq \epsilon$ 

**kNN** graph: Nodes adjacent to  $x_i$  are those nodes  $x_\ell$  with the k with smallest distances  $\rho(x_i, x_\ell)$ .

- $\succ$   $\epsilon$ -graph is undirected and is geometrically motivated. Issues: 1) may result in disconnected components 2) what  $\epsilon$ ?
- $\triangleright$  kNN graphs are directed in general (can be trivially fixed).
- $\triangleright$  kNN graphs especially useful in practice.

### Divide and conquer KNN: key ingredient

- Key ingredient is Spectral bisection
- lacksquare Let the data matrix  $X=[x_1,\ldots,x_n]\in\mathbb{R}^{d imes n}$
- Each column == a data point.
- Center the data:  $\hat{X} = [\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n] = X ce^T$ where c = centroid; e = ones(d, 1) (matlab)

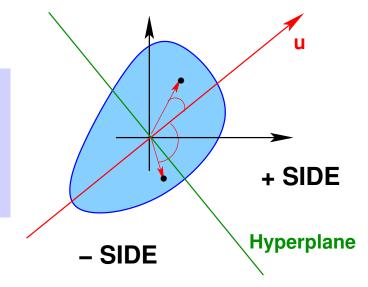
Goal: Split  $\hat{X}$  into halves using a hyperplane.

Method: Principal Direction Divisive Partitioning D. Boley, '98.

*Idea:* Use the  $(\sigma, u, v)$  = largest singular triplet of  $\hat{X}$  with:  $u^T \hat{X} = \sigma v^T$ .

Hyperplane  $\langle u, x \rangle = 0$  splits data points in 2 subsets:

$$egin{aligned} X_+ = & \{x_i \mid u^T \hat{x}_i \geq 0\} \ X_- = & \{x_i \mid u^T \hat{x}_i < 0\} \end{aligned}$$



lacksquare Note that  $u^T\hat{x}_i=u^T\hat{X}e_i=\sigma v^Te_i
ightarrow$ 

$$X_+ = \{x_i \mid v_i \geq 0\}$$
 and  $X_- = \{x_i \mid v_i < 0\},$ 

where  $v_i$  is the *i*-th entry of v.

In practice: replace above criterion by

$$X_+ = \{x_i \mid v_i \geq \mathsf{med}(v)\} \ \& \ X_- = \{x_i \mid v_i < \mathsf{med}(v)\}$$
 where  $\mathit{med}(v) = \mathsf{med}(v)$ 

- For largest singular triplet  $(\sigma, u, v)$  of  $\hat{X}$ : use Golub-Kahan-Lanczos algorithm or Lanczos applied to  $\hat{X}\hat{X}^T$  or  $\hat{X}^T\hat{X}$
- ightharpoonup Cost (assuming s Lanczos steps) :  $O(n \times d \times s)$  ; Usually: d very small

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