

# Fair Constrained Spectral clustering

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# Spectral Clustering

Data set  $X$  is converted into a graph or similarity matrix  $W$ . Let us denote  $D$  as degree matrix of  $W$  and  $L$  as the laplacian matrix

$$L = D - W \quad (1)$$

**Spectral clustering find an embedding space in which the data points are easily separable by k means algorithm.** This embedding space is given by the  $k$  smallest eigen vectors of  $L$ .

# Spectral Clustering

Let us define an encoding  $H$  as follows

$$H_{il} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_l|}}, & i \in C_l \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

# Spectral Clustering

From "A tutorial on spectral clustering" [1]

Spectral clustering problem



finding minimum cost cut



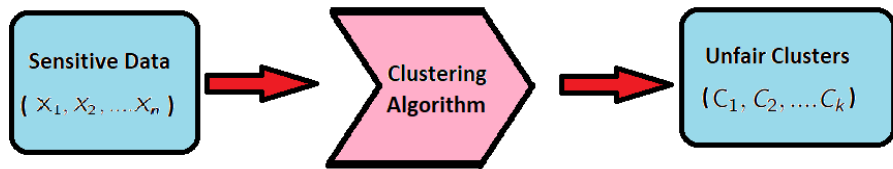
Objective Function of Spectral clustering

finding  $H$  that minimize  $Tr(H^T L H)$

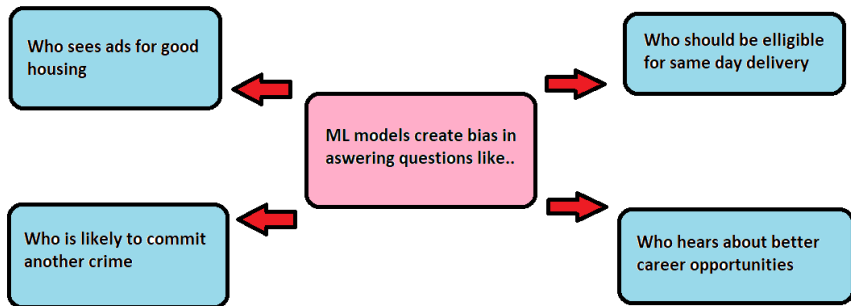


$K$  eigen vectors of  $L$

# Why to incorporate fairness

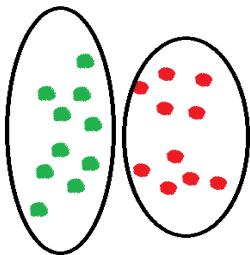


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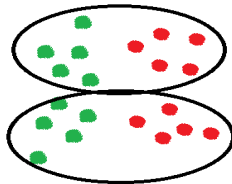


# Fairness in clustering

## Unfair clustering



## Fair clustering





# Fairness notion

**Balance (A fairness notion):** According to Chierichetti et al. (2017) [2], fairness notion is ensured if every cluster contains nearly the same number of data from each group  $V_s$ . Balance of any cluster  $C_i$  is defined as

$$Balance = \min_{i \in k} \left( \min_{s \in [h]} \frac{|C_i \cap V_s|}{|C_i|} \right) \quad (3)$$

# Incorporating fairness in Spectral clustering

Let  $f^{(s)}$  defines the group membership of  $V_s$  such that

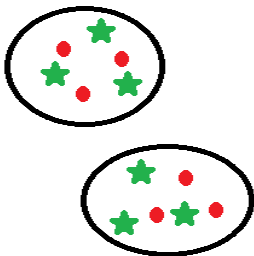
$$f_s^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v_i \in V_s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

then the bellow equation guarantees fairness for each cluster, l

$$\forall s \in [h - 1] : \sum_{i=1}^n (f_i^s - \frac{V_s}{n}) H_{il} = 0 \quad (5)$$

# Fairness in clustering

## Example



## Explanation

Defining for star data point and above cluster

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= 3 * \left(1 - \frac{6}{12}\right) * \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) + \\
 &3 * \left(0 - \frac{6}{12}\right) * \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right) + \\
 &3 * \left(1 - \frac{6}{12}\right) * 0 + \\
 &3 * \left(0 - \frac{6}{12}\right) * 0
 \end{aligned}$$

# Incorporating fairness in Spectral clustering

## Objective function for Fair sepctral clustering

$$\underbrace{\min_H \text{Tr}(H^T L H)}_{\text{SC}} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \underbrace{F^T H = 0_{(h-1) \times k}}_{\text{FSC}} \quad (6)$$

We can substitute  $H = ZY$ , where  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-h+1)}$  and forms the orthonormal subspace of  $F^T$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-h+1) \times k}$

$$\min_Y \text{Tr}(Y^T Z^T L Z Y) \quad \text{subject to} \quad Y^T Y = I_k \quad (7)$$

Embedding space is given by the  $k$  smallest eigenvectors of  $Z^T L Z$

# Increasing accuracy of spectral clustering

In constrained spectral clustering we impose some information as constraints to the data in the form of **Must-link** and **Cannot-link** to enhance accuracy.

If  $M$  is the set of must-link constraints then

$$M = (x_i, x_j) \mid x_i \text{ and } x_j \text{ are similar} \quad (8)$$

If  $C$  is the set of cannot-link constraints then

$$C = (x_i, x_j) \mid x_i \text{ and } x_j \text{ are dissimilar} \quad (9)$$

# Increasing accuracy of spectral clustering

The constraint matrix  $Q$  is defined as

$$q_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in C \\ +1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

# Increasing accuracy of spectral clustering

## Constrained spectral embedding for K-way data clustering[3]

$$J_{cSC} = \gamma J_{SC} + (1 - \gamma) J_{CM} \quad (11)$$

$$J_{cSC} = \gamma \text{Tr}(H^T L H) + (1 - \gamma) \text{Tr}(H^T L_Q H) \quad (12)$$

where  $L_Q = D_Q - Q$

$$J_{cSC} = H^T (\gamma L + (1 - \gamma) L_Q) H = H^T L_{cSC} H \quad (13)$$

where

$$L_{cSC} = D_{cSC} - W_{cSC} \quad (14)$$

$$D_{cSC} = \gamma D + (1 - \gamma) D_q \quad (15)$$

$$W_{cSC} = \gamma W + (1 - \gamma) Q \quad (16)$$

# Increasing accuracy of spectral clustering

## Objective function of constrained spectral clustering

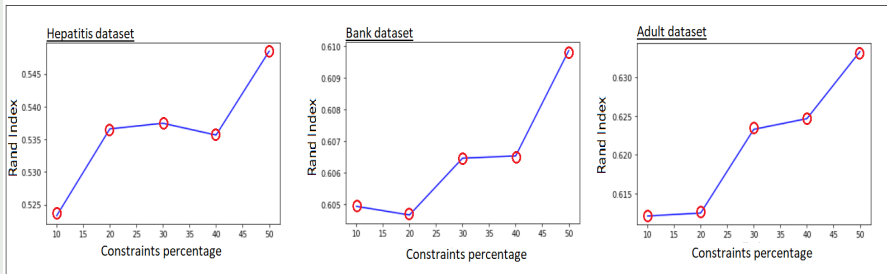
$$\min H^T L_{cSC} H \quad (17)$$

The linearly separable embedding space is given by the eigenmap of  $L_{cSC}$



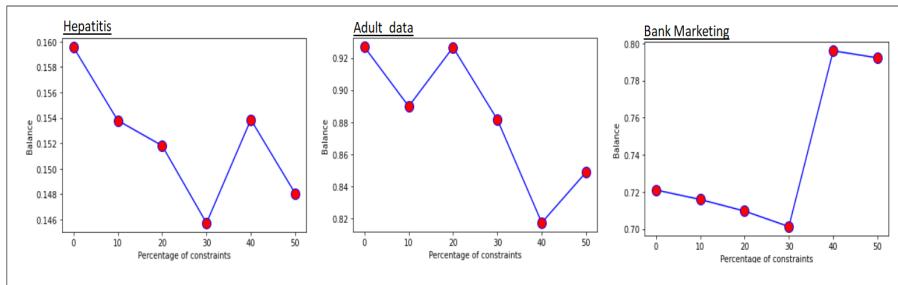
# Increasing accuracy of spectral clustering

## Results for constrained



# Fairness in constrained spectral clustering

## Fairness in constrained spectral clustering



# Incorporating fairness in constraint set

## Definition of fairness in constraints set

In order to improve fairness, the fraction of  $(v_i, v_j)$  where  $i \neq j$  data pairs in must-link constraints set should be close to the fraction of  $(v_l, v_l)$  data pairs in cannot-link constraints set if  $V$  contains  $h$  groups  $V_s$  and  $1 \leq i, j, l \leq h$ .

## Defining few matrices

Let the data  $V = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  has  $[h]$  groups. The constraint matrix  $Q$  is defined as

$$q_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in C \\ +1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Let us defined two separate matrix  $Q_M$  and  $Q_C$

$$Q_M = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

and

$$Q_C = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } (x_i, x_j) \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

# Defining few matrices

$group(v_i)$  indicates the group to which the data point  $v_i$  belongs to.

$$e = [1, 1, \dots, 1]_{1 \times n} \quad (21)$$

Let  $Q_M^S$  can be given as

$$Q_M^S(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } group(v_i) \neq group(v_j), (v_i, v_j) \in M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

Let  $Q_C^S$  can be given as

$$Q_C^S(i, j) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } group(v_i) = group(v_j), (v_i, v_j) \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

# Defining few matrices

$$\text{Total number of must-link constraints} = |e^T Q_M e| \quad (24)$$

$$\text{Total number of cannot-link constraints} = |e^T Q_C e| \quad (25)$$

Proportion of  $(v_i, v_j)$  where  $i \neq j$  data pairs in must-link constraints set

$$= \frac{e^T (Q_M \odot Q_M^S) e}{|e^T Q_M e|} \quad (26)$$

Proportion of  $(v_l, v_l)$  data pairs in cannot-link constraints set

$$= \frac{e^T (Q_C \odot Q_C^S) e}{|e^T Q_C e|} \quad (27)$$

# Defining few matrices

Difference between the fractions

$$= \left| \frac{e^T (Q_M \odot Q_M^S) e}{|e^T Q_M e|} - \frac{e^T (Q_C \odot Q_C^S) e}{|e^T Q_C e|} \right| \quad (28)$$

We can define a matrix  $Q_e$  such that

$$Q_e = \left| \frac{Q_M \odot Q_M^S}{|e^T Q_M e|} - \frac{Q_C \odot Q_C^S}{|e^T Q_C e|} \right| \quad (29)$$

# Spectral clustering with fair constraints

$$\min_H \gamma_1 \text{Tr}(H^T L H) + \gamma_2 \text{Tr}(H^T L_Q H) + \gamma_3 \text{Tr}(H^T L_{Q_e} H)$$

subject to  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = 1$ , and  $H^T H = I_k$

Taking  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \frac{1}{3}$  Then the above objective function will become

$$\frac{1}{3} \min_H \text{Tr}(H^T (L + L_Q + L_{Q_e}) H) \quad \text{subject to} \quad H^T H = I_k \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \min_Y \text{Tr}(H^T L_r H) \quad \text{subject to} \quad H^T H = I_k \quad (31)$$

Where  $L_r = L + L_Q + L_{Q_e}$



# SCFC

- **Input:** 1. Data set  $V = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$   
2. Group membership vectors  $f_s$  as given by 2.3  
3. Constraints in the form of ML and CL.
- Make similarity graph
- Find laplacian matrix,  $L_r$
- Compute the k smallest eigenvectors of  $L_r$ . (columns of Y)
- Apply k-means clustering to the rows of Y
- **Output:**  
Final Clusters

# Fair spectral clustering with fair constraints

$$\min_H \gamma_1 \text{Tr}(H^T L H) + \gamma_2 \text{Tr}(H^T L_Q H) + \gamma_3 \text{Tr}(H^T L_{Q_e} H)$$

$$\text{subject to } \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = 1, H^T H = I_k \quad \text{and} \quad F^T H = 0_{(h-1) \times k}$$

Substituting  $H = ZY$

$$\frac{1}{3} \min_Y \text{Tr}(Y^T Z^T (L + L_Q + L_{Q_e}) Z Y) \quad \text{subject to } Y^T Y = I_k$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \min_Y \text{Tr}(Y^T Z^T L_P Z Y) \quad \text{subject to } Y^T Y = I_k$$

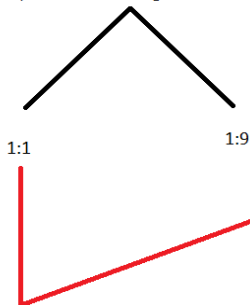
Where  $L_P = L + L_Q + L_{Q_e}$

# FSCFC

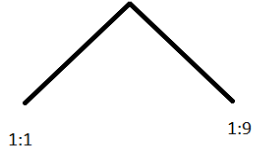
- **Input:**
  1. Data set  $V = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
  2. Group membership vectors  $f_s$  as given by 2.3
  3. Constraints in the form of ML and CL.
- Make similarity graph
- Find laplacian matrix,  $L_p$
- Find  $F \in R^{n \times (h-1)}$  having column vectors  $f^{(s)} - \frac{|V_s|}{n} \cdot 1_n$   $s \in [h-1]$
- Compute  $Z$  whose columns form the orthonormal basis of  $F^T$ .
- Compute the  $k$  smallest eigenvectors of  $Z^T L_p Z$ . (columns of  $Y$ )
- Apply  $k$ -means clustering to the rows of  $H = ZY$
- **Output:**  
Final Clusters

# Experimental setup

Spectral clustering with fair constraints

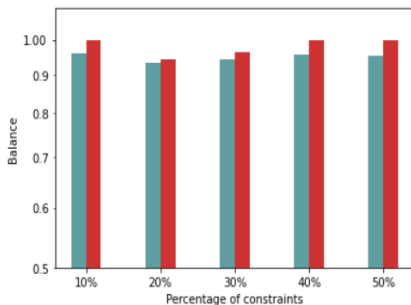


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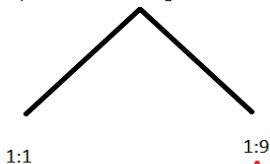
# Results

## Adult data set

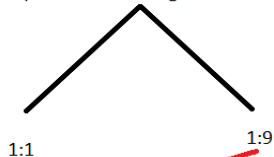


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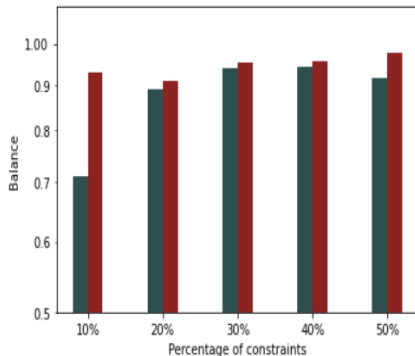


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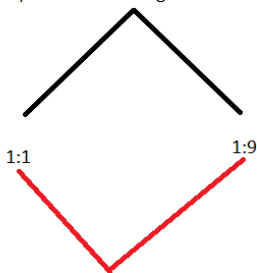
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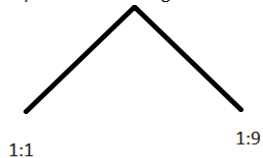


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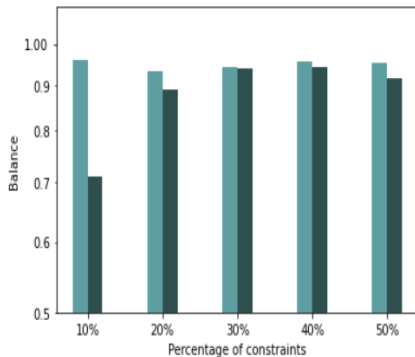
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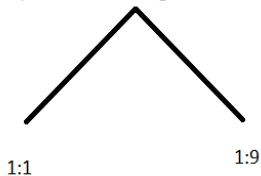
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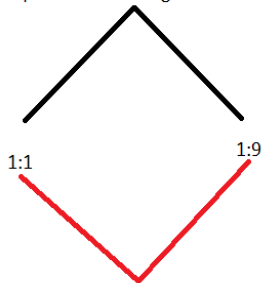


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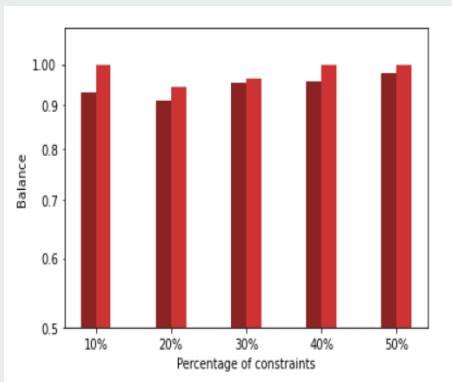


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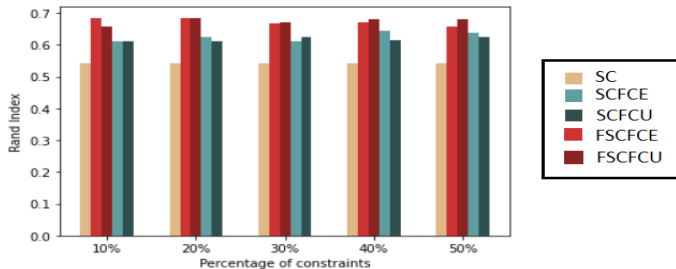
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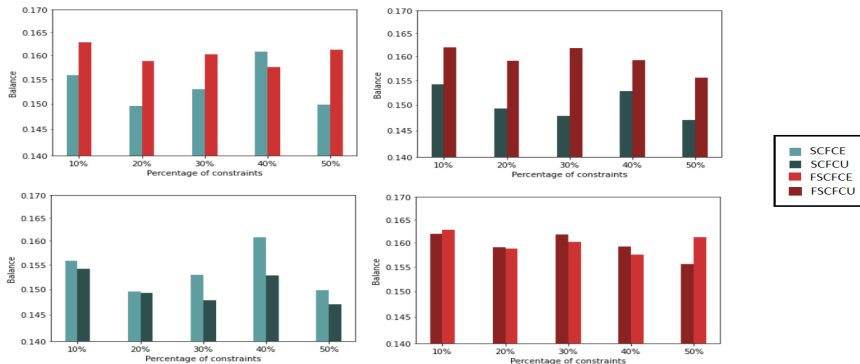
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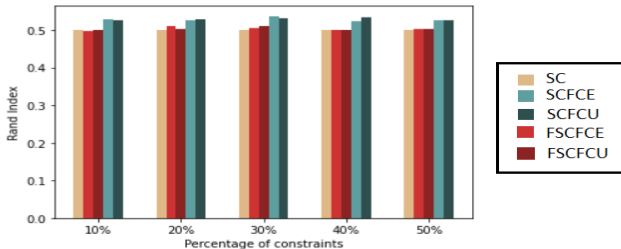
# Results

## Hepatitis set



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## Hepatitis data set



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