

(Semi-)Nonnegative Matrix Factorization and K-mean Clustering

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Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

Data Matrix: *n* points in *p*-dim:

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n)$$

 X_i is an image, document, webpage, etc

Decomposition (low-rank approximation)

$$X \approx FG^T$$

Nonnegative Matrices

$$X_{ij} \ge 0, F_{ij} \ge 0, G_{ij} \ge 0$$

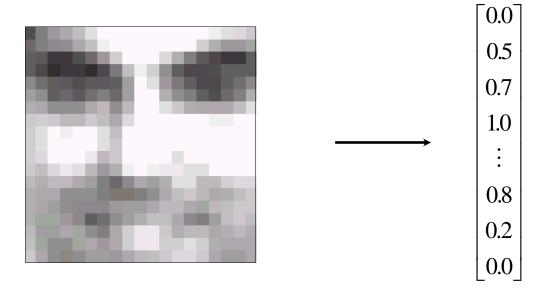
$$F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k)$$
 $G = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k)$



Some historical notes

- Earlier work by statistics people (G. Golub)
- P. Paatero (1994) Environmetrices
- Lee and Seung (1999, 2000)
 - Parts of whole (no cancellation)
 - A multiplicative update algorithm

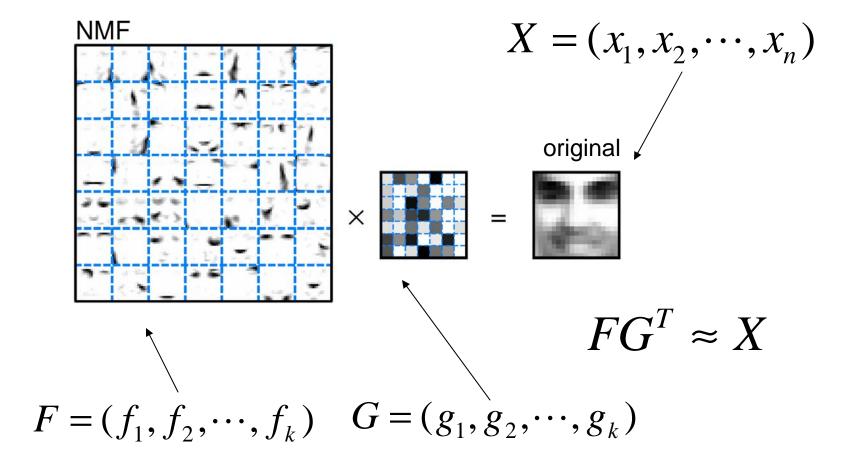




Pixel vector



Lee and Seung (1999): Parts-based Perspective



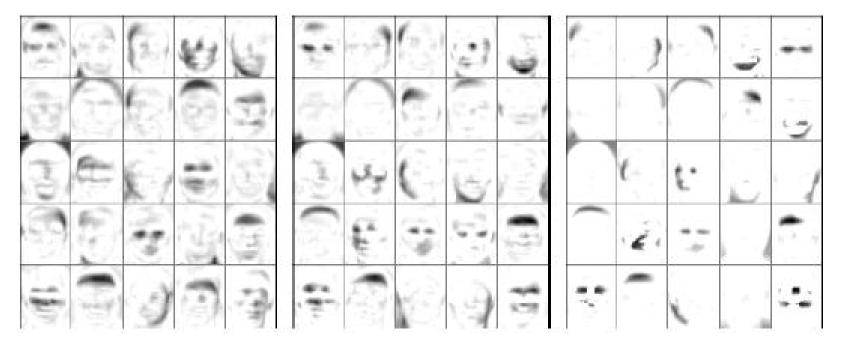
C. Ding,



"Parts of Whole" Picture

(Li, et al, 2001; Hoyer 2003)

Straightforward NMF doesn't get parts-based picture Several People explicitly sparsify *F* to get parts-based picture Donono & Stodden (2003) study condition for parts-of-whole



$$X \approx FG^T$$

$$F = (f_1, f_2, \cdots, f_k)$$



Meanwhile

A number of studies empirically show the usefulness of NMF for pattern discovery/clustering:

Xu et al (SIGIR'03)

Brunet et al (PNAS'04)

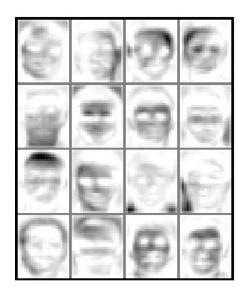
Many others

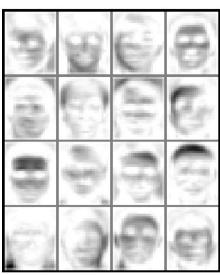
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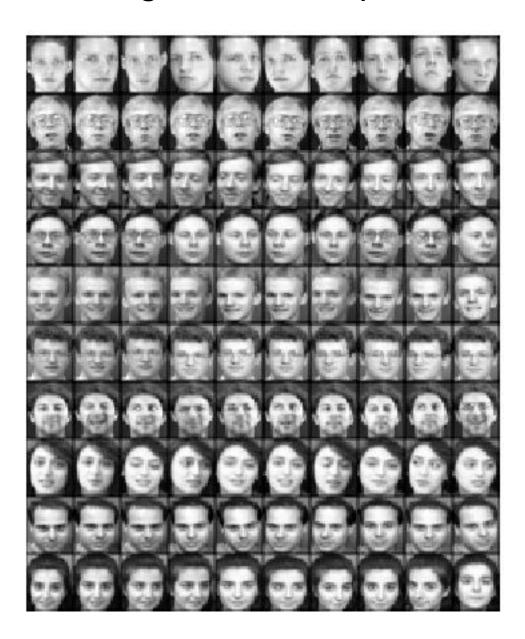
NMF factors give holistic pictures of the data



Our Experiments: NMF gives holistic pictures



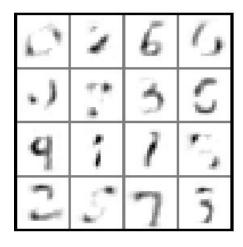


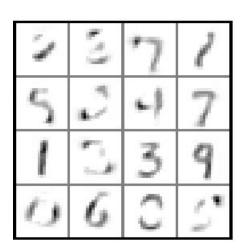


C. Ding, NMF => Unsupervised Clustering



Our Experiments: NMF gives holistic pictures









Task:

Prove NMF is doing "Data Clustering"

NMF => K-means Clustering



NMF-Kmeans Theorem

G-orthogonal NMF is equivalent to relaxed K-means clustering.

Proof.

$$\min_{\substack{F \geq 0 \\ G^T G = I, G \geq 0}} \|\mathbf{X} - FG^T\|^2$$

$$\min_{G^TG=I,G\geq 0} \operatorname{Tr}(X^TX-G^TX^TXG)$$

(Ding, He, Simon, SDM 2005)



K-means clustering

- Computationally Efficient (order-mN)
- Most widely used in practice
 - Benchmark to evaluate other algorithms

Given *n* points in *m*-dim:
$$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$$

K-means objective
$$\min J_K = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i \in C_k} ||x_i - c_k||^2$$

- Also called "isodata", "vector quantization"
- Developed in 1960's (Lloyd, MacQueen, Hartigan, etc)



Reformulate K-means Clustering

$$J_K = \sum_{i} ||x_i||^2 - \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i,j \in C_k} x_i^T x_j$$

Cluster membership indicators: $H = (h_1, \dots, h_K)$

$$h_k = (0 \cdots 0, 1 \cdots 1, 0 \cdots 0)^T / n_k^{1/2}$$

$$J_{K} = \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} - \sum_{k=1}^{K} h_{k}^{T} X^{T} X h_{k}$$

Solving K-mean =>
$$\max_{H^T H=I, H \ge 0} \operatorname{Tr}(H^T X^T X H)$$



Reformulate K-means Clustering

Cluster membership indicators:

$$C_1$$
 C_2 C_3

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
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Kernel K-means Clustering

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Kernal *K*-means optimization:

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Symmetric NMF:
$$W \approx HH^T$$
Symmetric Nonnegative matrix

Orthogonal symmetric NMF is equivalent to Kernel K-means clustering.

Symmetric NMF
$$\min_{H^TH=I, H\geq 0} ||W-HH^T||^2$$

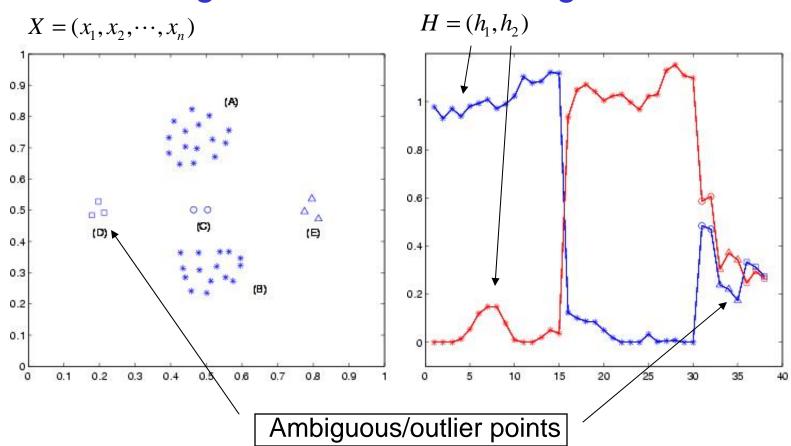
Is Equivalence to
$$\max_{H^T H = I, H \ge 0} \operatorname{Tr}(H^T W H)$$



Orthogonality in NMF

Strict orthogonal G: hard clustering

Non-orthogonal G: soft clustering





K-means Clustering Theorem

G-orthogonal NMF is equivalent to relaxed K-means clustering.

$$\min_{G^T G = I, G \ge 0} \| \mathbf{X}_{\pm} - F_{\pm} G_{+}^T \|^2$$

Proof requires only G-orthogonality and nonnegativity

$$F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k) \implies \text{cluster centroids}$$

$$G = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k) \implies \text{cluster indicators}$$

(Ding, Li, Jordan, 2006)



NMF Generalizations

SVD:
$$X_{\pm} = F_{\pm}G_{\pm}^T = U\Sigma V^T$$

Semi-NMF:
$$X_{\pm} = F_{\pm}G_{+}^{T}$$
 (Ding, Li, Jordan, 2006)

Convex-NMF:
$$X_{\pm} = X_{\pm}W_{+}G_{+}^{T}$$

Kernel-NMF:
$$\phi(X_{\pm}) = \phi(X_{\pm})W_{+}G_{+}^{T}$$

Tri-NMF:
$$X_{\pm} = F_{\pm}S_{\pm}G_{\pm}^T$$

(Ding, Li, Peng, Park, KDD 2006)

Semi-NMF:
$$X_{\pm} = F_{\pm}G_{\pm}^{T}$$

- For any mixed-sign input data (centered data)
- Clustrering and Low-rank approximation

$$\min \| X - FG^T \|$$

Update F:
$$F = XG(G^TG)^{-1}$$

Update G:
$$G_{ik} \leftarrow G_{ik} \sqrt{\frac{(F^T X)_{ik}^+ + [G(FF)^-]_{ik}}{(F^T X)_{ik}^- + [G(FF)^+]_{ik}}}$$

(Ding, Li, Jordan, 2006)



Convex-NMF

In NMF
$$X_+ = F_+ G_+^T$$
 $F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k)$
In Semi-NMF $X_{\pm} = F_{\pm} G_+^T$ is in a large space

For f_k factor to capture the notion of cluster centroid, Require f_k to be a convex combination of input data

$$f_k = w_{1k}x_1 + \dots + w_{1n}x_n, F = XW_+$$

For F interpretability,

(Affine combination $F = XW_{\pm}$)

$$X_{\pm} = X_{\pm} W_{+} G_{+}^{T}$$

Convex-NMF: $X_{\pm} = X_{\pm}W_{+}G_{+}^{T}$

Computing algorithm

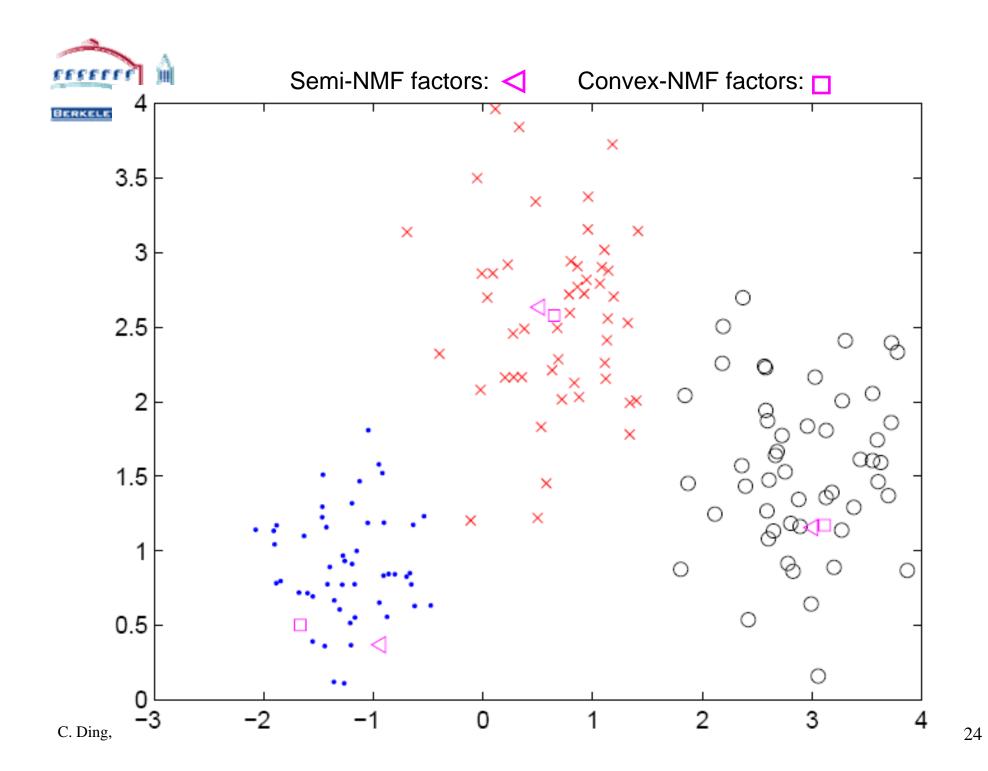
$$\min || X - XWG^T ||$$

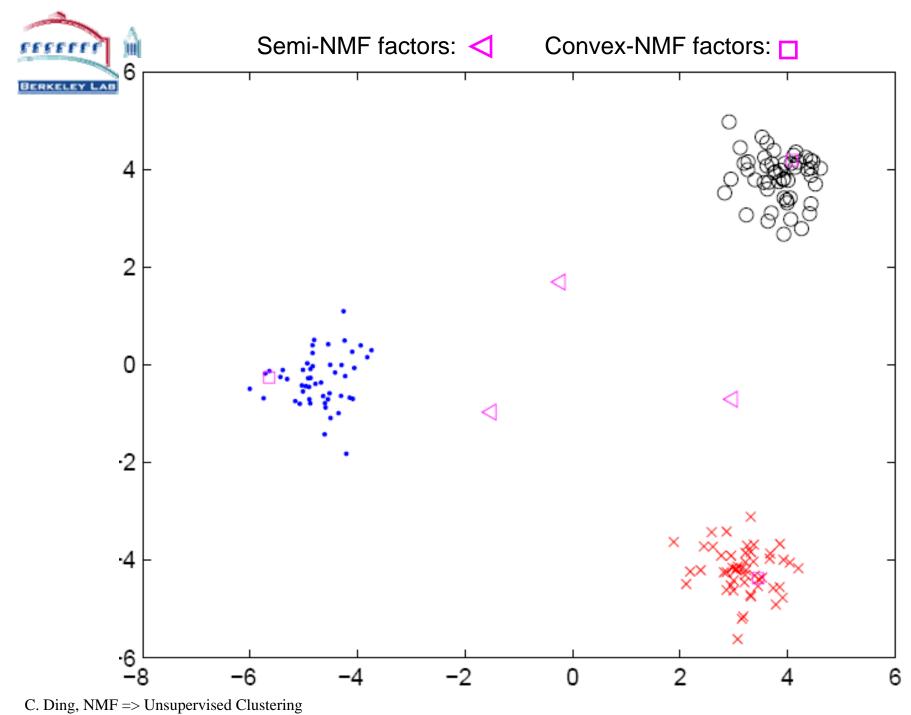
Update F:

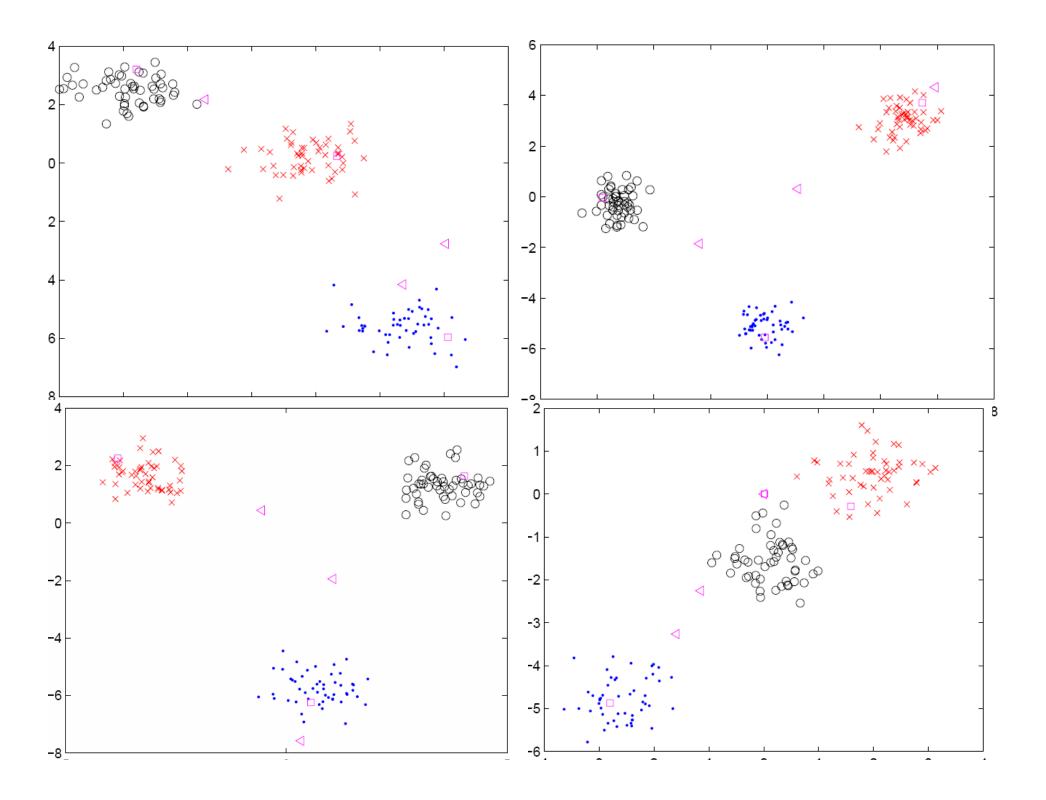
$$W_{ik} \leftarrow W_{ik} \sqrt{\frac{[(X^T X)^+ G]_{ik} + [(X^T X)^- W G^T G]_{ik}}{[(X^T X)^- G]_{ik} + [(X^T X)^+ W G^T G]_{ik}}}$$

Update G:

$$G_{ik} \leftarrow G_{ik} \sqrt{\frac{[W^{T}(X^{T}X)^{+}]_{ik} + [GW^{T}(X^{T}X)^{-}W]_{ik}}{[W^{T}(X^{T}X)^{-}]_{ik} + [GW^{T}(X^{T}X)^{+}W]_{ik}}}$$









Sparsity of Convex-NMF

- Sparse factorization is a recent trend.
- Sparsity is usually explicitly enforced
- Convex-NMF factors are naturally sparse

$$||X - XWG^{T}||_{F}^{2} = |I - WG^{T}||_{X^{T}X}^{2} = \sum_{k} \sigma_{k}^{2} ||v_{k}^{T}(I - WG^{T})||^{2}$$

Consider
$$||I - WG^T||^2 = \sum_{k} ||e_k^T (I - WG^T)||^2$$

Solution is
$$G = W = (e_1, \dots, e_k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From this we infer convex NMF factors are naturally sparse



A Simple Example

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1.3 & 1.8 & 4.8 & 7.1 & 5.0 & 5.2 & 8.0 \\ 1.5 & 6.9 & 3.9 & -5.5 & -8.5 & -3.9 & -5.5 \\ 6.5 & 1.6 & 8.2 & -7.2 & -8.7 & -7.9 & -5.2 \\ 3.8 & 8.3 & 4.7 & 6.4 & 7.5 & 3.2 & 7.4 \\ -7.3 & -1.8 & -2.1 & 2.7 & 6.8 & 4.8 & 6.2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{\mathrm{svd}} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.41 & 0.50 \\ 0.35 & 0.21 \\ 0.66 & 0.32 \\ -0.28 & 0.72 \\ -0.43 & -0.28 \end{pmatrix}, \ F_{\mathrm{semi}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.05 & 0.27 \\ 0.40 & -0.40 \\ 0.70 & -0.72 \\ 0.30 & 0.08 \\ -0.51 & 0.49 \end{pmatrix}, \ F_{\mathrm{cnvx}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.31 & 0.53 \\ 0.42 & -0.30 \\ 0.56 & -0.57 \\ 0.49 & 0.41 \\ -0.41 & 0.36 \end{pmatrix}, \ C_{\mathrm{Kmeans}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.29 & 0.52 \\ 0.45 & -0.32 \\ 0.59 & -0.60 \\ 0.46 & 0.36 \\ -0.41 & 0.37 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$||G_{semi}^{T}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 & 0.05 & 0.22 & -.45 & -.44 & -.46 & -.52 \\ 0.50 & 0.60 & 0.43 & 0.30 & -0.12 & 0.01 & 0.31 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$||F_{semi} - C_{Kmeans}|| = 0.53$$

$$||G_{semi}^{T}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.61 & 0.89 & 0.54 \\ 0.12 & 0.53 & 0.11 & 1.03 & 0.60 & 0.77 & 1.16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$||G_{convex}^{T}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.31 & 0.31 & 0.29 & 0.02 & 0 & 0 & 0.02 \\ 0 & 0.06 & 0 & 0.31 & 0.27 & 0.30 & 0.36 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$||X - FG^T|| = 0.27940, 0.27944, 0.30877$$

SVD Semi Convex



Experiments on 7 datasets

1							
	Reuters	URCS	WebKB4	Log	WebAce	Ionosphere	Wave
data sign	+	+	+	+	+	±	±
# instance	2900	476	4199	1367	2340	351	5000
# class	10	4	4	9	20	2	2
Clustering Accuracy							
K-means	0.4448	0.4250	0.3888	0.6876	0.4001	0.4217	0.5018
NMF	0.4947	0.5713	0.4218	0.7805	0.4761	-	-
Semi-NMF	0.4867	0.5628	0.4378	0.7385	0.4162	0.5947	0.5896
Convex-NMF	0.4789	0.5340	0.4358	0.7257	0.4086	0.5470	0.5738
Sparsity (percentage of nonzeros)							
Semi-NMF	0.9720	0.9688	0.9993	0.9104	0.9543	0.8177	0.9747
Convex-NMF	0.6152	0.6448	0.5976	0.5070	0.6427	0.4986	0.4861
Orthogonality							
Semi-NMF	0.6578	0.5527	0.7785	0.5924	0.7253	0.9069	0.5461
Convex-NMF	0.1979	0.1948	0.1146	0.4815	0.5072	0.1604	0.2793

NMF variants always perform better than K-means



Kernel NMF -- Generalized Convex NMF

Map feature vector to higher-dim space

$$x_i \rightarrow \phi(x_i)$$
 $\phi(X) = [\phi(x_1), \phi(x_2), \dots, \phi(x_n)]$

NMF/semi-NMF
$$\phi(X) = FG^T$$
 depends on the explicit mapping function $\phi(\bullet)$

Kernel NMF:
$$\phi(X) = [\phi(X)W]G^T$$

Minimization objective depends on kernel only:

$$\|\phi(X) - \phi(X)WG^T\|^2 = \operatorname{Tr}(I - GW^T)\langle\phi(X),\phi(X)\rangle(I - WG^T)$$



Kernel K-means Clustering

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NMF and PLSI: Equivalence

So far we only use the Frobenius norm as the NMF objective function. Another objective is the KL divergence

Kernel K-means objective:

$$\min J_{K}^{\phi} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{i \in C_{k}} \|\phi(x_{i}) - \phi(c_{k})\|^{2} \qquad \phi(c_{k}) \equiv \frac{1}{n_{k}} \sum_{i \in C_{k}} \phi(x_{i})$$

$$J_{K}^{\phi} = \sum_{i} |\phi(x_{i})|^{2} - \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{1}{n_{k}} \sum_{i,j \in C_{k}} \phi(x_{i})^{T} \phi(x_{j})$$

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Kernel-NMF Algorithm

Computing algorithm depends only on the kernel

$$\langle \phi(X), \phi(X) \rangle$$

Update F:

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Orthogonal Nonnegative Tri-Factorization

3-factor NMF with explicit orthogonality constraints

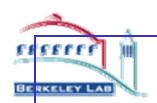
$$\min_{\substack{F^TF=I,F\geq 0\\G^TG=I,G\geq 0}}||\mathbf{X}_{\pm}-F_{+}S_{\pm}G_{+}^T||^2$$
 1. Solution is unique 2. Can't reduce to NMF

Simultaneous K-means clustering of rows and columns

$$F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k) \implies \text{Row cluster indicators}$$

$$G = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k) \implies \text{Column cluster indicators}$$

(Ding, Li, Peng, Park, KDD 2006)



K-means clustering objective function

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \text{input data}$$

$$F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k) = \text{cluster centroids}$$

$$G = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k) = \text{cluster indicators}$$

$$J_K = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{i=0}^K ||x_i - f_k||^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^n |g_{ik}| ||x_i - f_k||^2 = ||X - FG^T||^2$$

NMF-like algorithms are different ways to relax F, G!

$$f_{k} = Xg_{k} / n_{k}, F = XGD_{n}^{-1}, D_{n} = diag(n_{1}, \dots, n_{k})$$

$$J_{K} = ||X - XGD_{n}^{-1}G^{T}||^{2} = ||X - X\tilde{G}\tilde{G}^{T}||^{2}, \tilde{G}^{T}\tilde{G} = I$$



NMF \Leftrightarrow PLSI

NMF objective functions

Frobenius norm

• Frobenius norm
• KL-divergence:
$$J_{KL} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x_{ij} \log \frac{x_{ij}}{(FG^T)_{ij}} - x_{ij} + (FG^T)_{ij}$$

Probabilistic LSI (Hoffman, 1999) is a latent variable model for clustering:

$$J_{PLSI} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} x(w_i, d_j) \log p(w_i, d_j)$$
$$p(w_i, d_j) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} p(w_i | z_k) p(z_k) p(d_j | z_k)$$

We can show

$$J_{PLSI} = -J_{NMF-KL} + \text{constant}$$



Summary

- NMF is doing K-means clustering (or PLSI)
- Interpretability is key to motivate new NMFlike factorizations
 - Semi-NMF, Convex-NMF, Kernel-NMF, Tri-NMF
- NMF-like algorithms always outperform Kmeans clustering
- Advantage: hard/soft clustering
- Convex-NMF enforces notion of cluster centroids and is naturally sparse

NMF: A new/rich paradigm for unsupervised learning



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Data Clustering: NMF and PCA

NMF is useful due to nonnegativity.

$$\min_{G^T G = I, G \ge 0} \| \mathbf{X}_{\pm} - F_{\pm} G_{+}^T \|^2$$

G-orthogonality and nonnegativity

$$F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k) \implies \text{cluster centroids}$$

$$G = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k) = \text{cluster indicators}$$

What happens if we ignore nonnegativity?



K-means clustering ⇔ PCA

Ignore nonnegativity => orth. transform R

$$\min_{G^T G = I, G \ge 0} || \mathbf{X}_{\pm} - (F_{\pm} R) (G_{+} R)^T ||^2$$

Equivelevant to $\max_{GR} \operatorname{Tr} [(GR)^T X^T X (GR)]$

(Ding & He, ICML 2004)

Solution is given by SVD: $X = U\Sigma V^T$, U = FR, V = GR

Cluster indicator projection: $GG^T = (GR)(GR)^T = VV^T$

Centroid subspace projection: $FF^T = (FR)(FR)^T = UU^T$

PCA/SVD is automatically doing K-means clustering



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SVD Semi Convex



NMF = Spectral Clustering (Normalized Cut)

$$J_{\text{Ncut}}(h_1, \dots, h_k) = \frac{h_1^T (D - W) h_1}{h_1^T D h_1} + \dots + \frac{h_k^T (D - W) h_k}{h_k^T D h_k}$$

cluster indicators:

(Gu, et al, 2001)

$$y_k = D^{1/2} (0 \cdots 0, 1 \cdots 1, 0 \cdots 0)^T / || D^{1/2} h_k ||$$

Re-write:

$$J_{\text{Ncut}}(y_1, \dots, y_k) = y_1^T (I - \widetilde{W}) y_1 + \dots + y_k^T (I - \widetilde{W}) y_k$$
$$= \mathbf{Tr}(Y^T (I - \widetilde{W})Y) \qquad \qquad \widetilde{W} = D^{-1/2} W D^{-1/2}$$

Optimize: $\max_{Y} \mathbf{Tr}(Y^T \widetilde{W} Y)$, subject to $Y^T Y = I$

Normalized Cut
$$\implies \min_{H^T H = I, H \ge 0} ||\widetilde{W} - HH^T||^2$$