**3.** Use T-SNE and symmetric SNE to project all your data mnist\_X.csv onto 2D space and mark the data points into different colors respectively. The color of the data points depends on which cluster it belongs to (mnist\_label.csv). The T-SNE code is provided. You need to modify it to symmetric SNE and discuss their differences. You also have to visualize the distribution of pairwise similarities in both high-dimensional space and low-dimensional space, based on both T-SNE and symmetric SNE.

## **Explanation of code.**

The teacher provided us the code 'tsne.py'. We just need to modify this code to symmetric SNE. According to the definition of symmetric SNE:

$$q_{ij} = \frac{\exp(-||y_i - y_j||^2)}{\sum_{k \neq l} \exp(-||y_l - y_k||^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial y_i} = 2\sum_j (p_{ij} - q_{ij})(y_i - y_j)$$

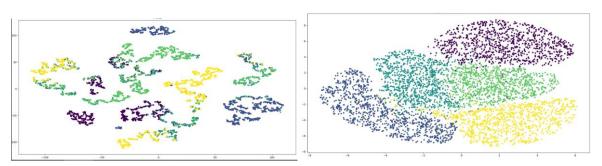
I added flag *Symmetric* and made it possible to switch from t-sne to s-sne. You must set this value to *True* if you want to work with s-sne. I also implemented PCA by using code from previous task. In 'tsne.pe' I modified function 'tsne' and changed the way to compute Q (the pairwise affinity) and Gradient.

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1. Computing Q for symmetric SNE:
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sum_Y = np.sum(np.square(Y), 1)
num = -2. * np.dot(Y, Y.T)
num = np.exp(-1. * np.add(np.add(num, sum_Y).T,
num[range(n), range(n)] = 0.
Q = num / np.sum(num)
Q = np.maximum(Q, 1e-12)
2. Computing Gradient for symmetric SNE:
PQ = P - Q
for i in range(n):
dY[i, :] = np.sum(np.tile(PQ[:, i], (no_dims, 1)).T * (Y[i, :] - Y), 0)

Results.
pylab.scatter(Y[:, 0], Y[:, 1], 20, mnist_label)
pylab.show()
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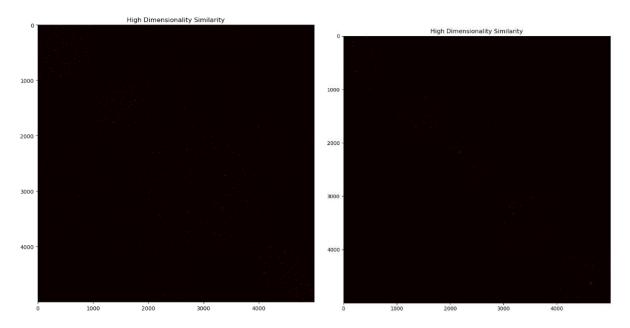
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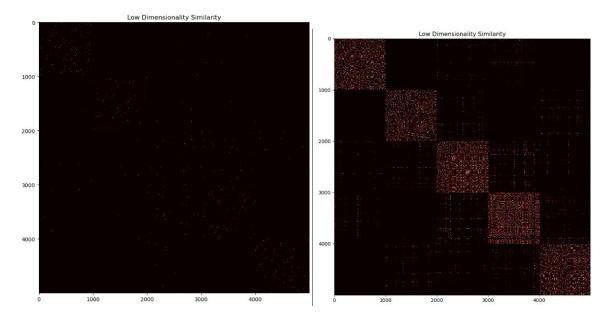


We can see very clearly the embedding of S-SNE has the crowding problems, which resulting in the occlusion problem, and the scale of output are also different, t-SNE ranges from -150 to 150; symmetric SNE ranges from -8 to 8. In handwriting digits dataset, the embedding space of tSNE is much larger than symmetric SNE, which is also make sense to property of t-distribution and Gaussian distribution.

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pylab.title('high-dimensional space')
pylab.imshow(P, cmap='hot', interpolation='nearest')
pylab.show()
pylab.title('low-dimensional space')
pylab.imshow(Q, cmap='hot', interpolation='nearest')
pylab.show()





For the low dimension representation of S-SNE, besides the diagonal part we can see a lot of relations (compare to T-SNE) between different digits, which will result in the occlusion in the 2D space.