

OVERVIEW

Sparse Subspace Clustering (SSC)

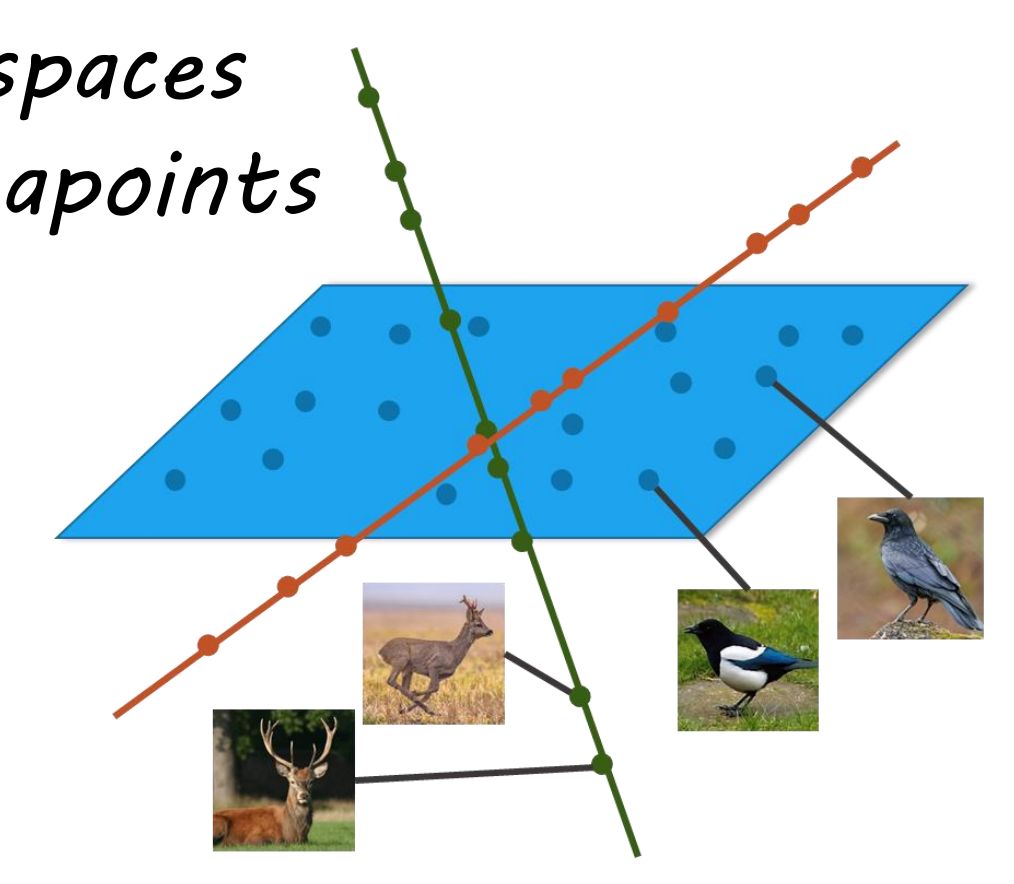
- ✓ High performance clustering for high dimensional data with strong theoretical guarantees
- ☹ Quadratic complexity w.r.t. number of data points

Selective Sampling-based Scalable Sparse Subspace Clustering (S⁵C)

- ✓ Theoretical Guarantee → Theoretical Scalability
- ✓ Low computational cost → Experimental Scalability
- ✓ Good clustering performance

SUBSPACE CLUSTERING

L subspaces
 N datapoints



Assumption: high-dimensional data points lie in the union of low-dimensional subspaces.

Goal: identify subspaces and assign data points to the subspaces

Algorithm:

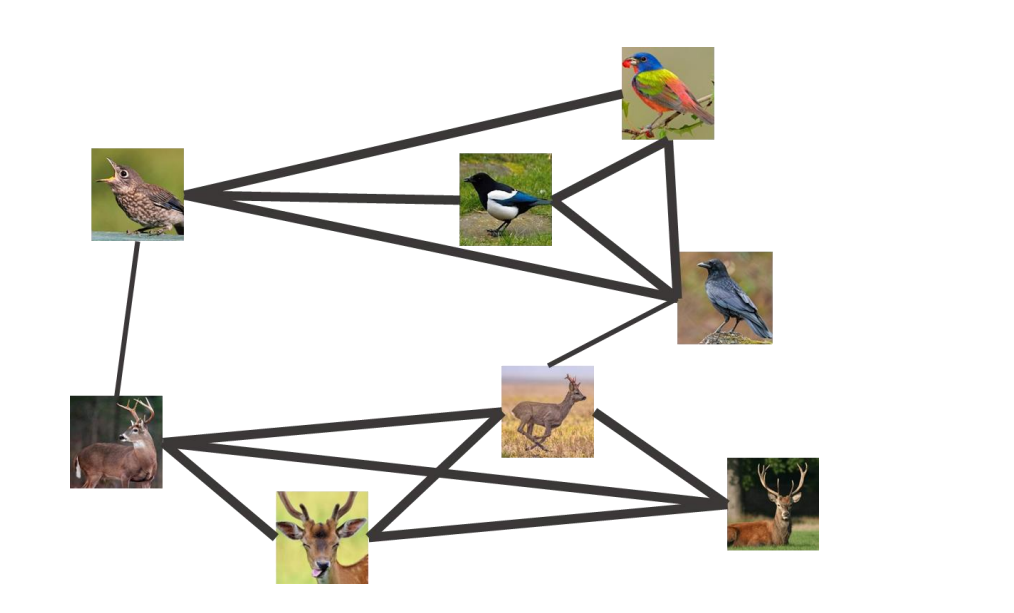
- Representation learning
- Derive an affinity graph
- Spectral clustering

Applications:




- Clustering images
- Clustering documents...

$-0.1 \times \text{bird} + 0.3 \times \text{cat} + 0.8 \times \text{dog} \approx \text{bird}$

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representation of



KEY IDEA

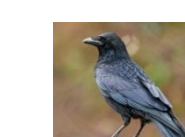








Represent data point as a linear combination of a **small number of subsamples** {, , 

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \text{bird} + c_2 \text{cat} + c_3 \text{dog} \\ + c_5 \text{cat} + c_6 \text{dog} + c_7 \text{dog} + c_8 \text{dog} \end{pmatrix} - \text{bird} \right\|^2$$

+ L1 regularizer on \mathbf{c}

To generate subsamples, perform **selective sampling** so that all data points are represented well

S⁵C ALGORITHM

- Randomly sample a data point 
- Solve $\min_{\mathbf{c}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} c_2 \text{cat} + c_5 \text{cat} + c_7 \text{dog} \end{pmatrix} - \text{bird} \right\|^2$ among current collection of subsamples {, , 
- Find **selective sample**  that helps representation of  **best**
- Add  to current collection of subsamples {, 
- Repeat 1.-4. T times starting from { }
- Solve $\min_{\mathbf{c}} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} c_2 \text{cat} + c_3 \text{cat} + c_5 \text{cat} + c_7 \text{dog} \end{pmatrix} - \cdot \right\|^2$ w.r.t. final subsamples for all data points

According to the absolute value of the gradient

→ $O(NT)$ algorithm!

Iteratively select a subsample which seems to improve the current representation!

- Initialize N -by- L matrix \mathbf{V} as a random orthogonal matrix
- $\mathbf{V} \leftarrow (2\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{V}$
- Orthogonalize \mathbf{V} by QR decomposition
- Repeat 2.-3. until convergence
- Apply K-means for \mathbf{V}

Graph Laplacian L has $O(N)$ nonzero elements → $O(N)$ algorithm!

RELATED WORK

	SSC	SSC-OMP	SSC-ORGEN	SSSC	S ⁵ C
Theoretical Scalability	X	X	X	X	✓
Experimental Scalability	X	✓	✓	✓	✓

THEORETICAL SCALABILITY

S⁵C Algorithm performs perfect clustering in $O(N)$ running time in high probability under some generative model

Required number of subsamples ($\approx T$) is $O(1)$ w.r.t. N

Semi Random model

Data points are uniformly randomly generated from unit ball in each subspace

Subspace detection property (SDP)

- c_i for i -th data is nonzero only when i and i' share the same subspace
- \mathbf{c} is not all zeros

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CLUSTERING PERFORMANCE

	Nystrom	AKK	SSC	SSC-OMP	SSC-ORGEN	SSSC	S ⁵ C
Yale B	76.8	85.7	33.8	35.9	37.4	59.6	39.3
Hopkins 155	21.8	20.6	4.1	23.0	20.5	21.1	14.6
COIL-100	54.5	53.1	42.5	57.9	89.7	67.8	45.9
Letter-rec	73.3	71.7	/	95.2	68.6	68.4	67.7
CIFAR-10	76.6	75.6	/	/	82.4	82.4	75.1
MNIST	45.7	44.6	/	/	28.7	48.7	40.4
Devanagari	73.5	72.8	/	/	58.6	84.9	67.2

SPARSE SUBSPACE CLUSTERING

Solve for all data points → $O(N^2)$ algorithm! → not scalable ☹

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Represent data point as a linear combination of all data points

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Only some data points in the same subspace remain

Find eigenvectors corresponding to L smallest eigenvalues of graph Laplacian L

Perfect clustering is theoretically proven (SDP property)

