

# unsupervised and semi-supervised learning on manifolds

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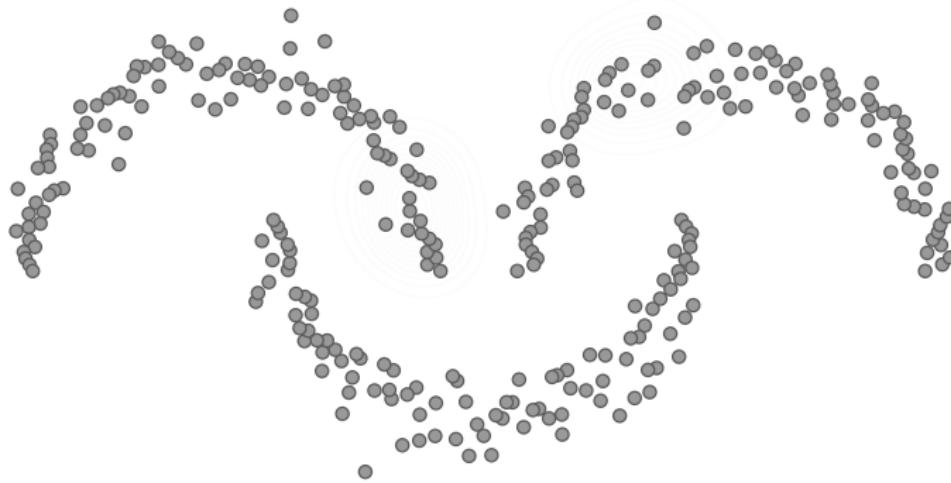


# outline

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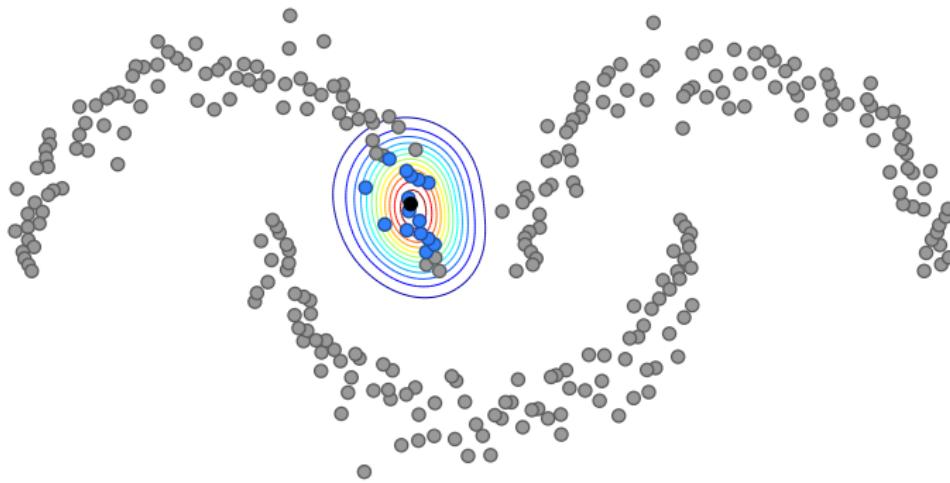
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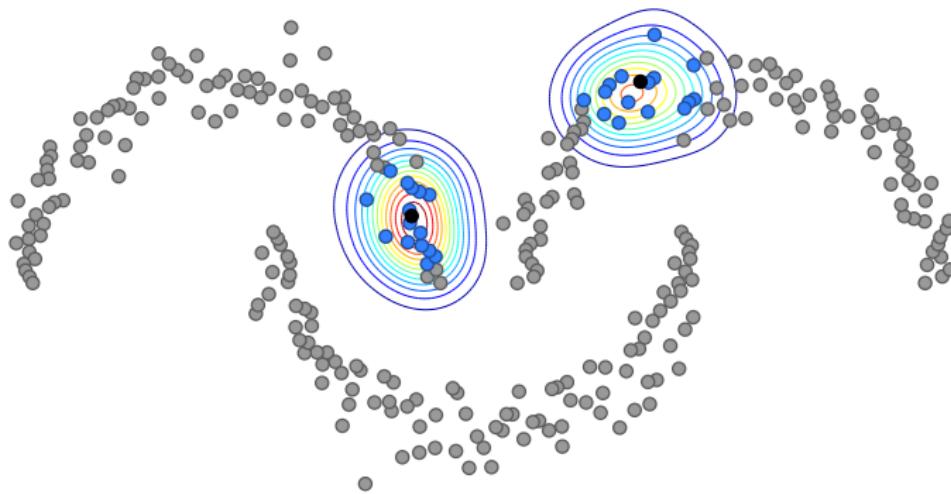
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## ranking on manifolds: multiple queries



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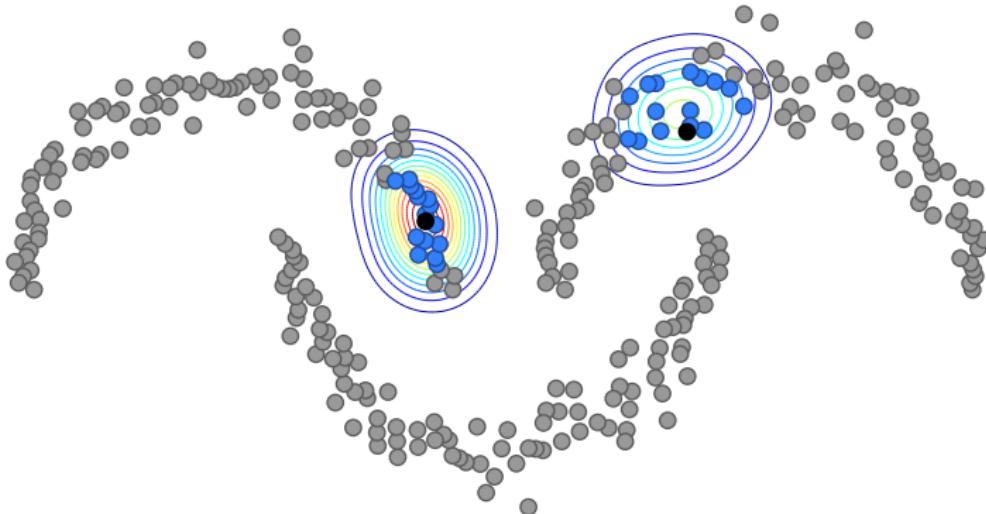
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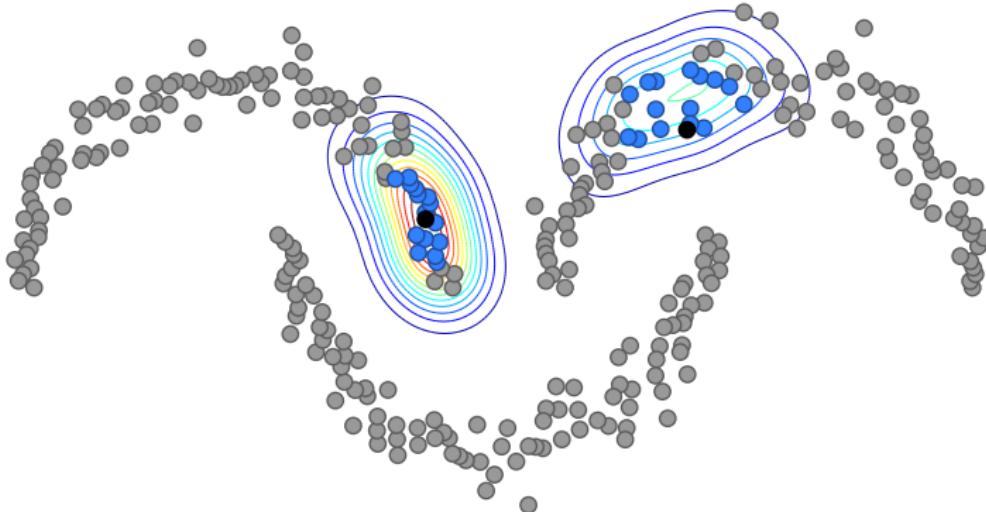
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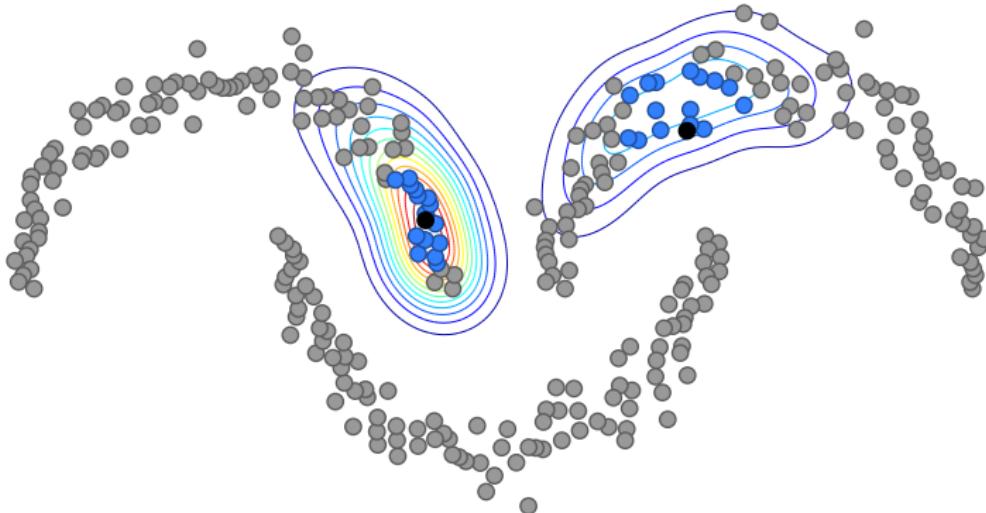
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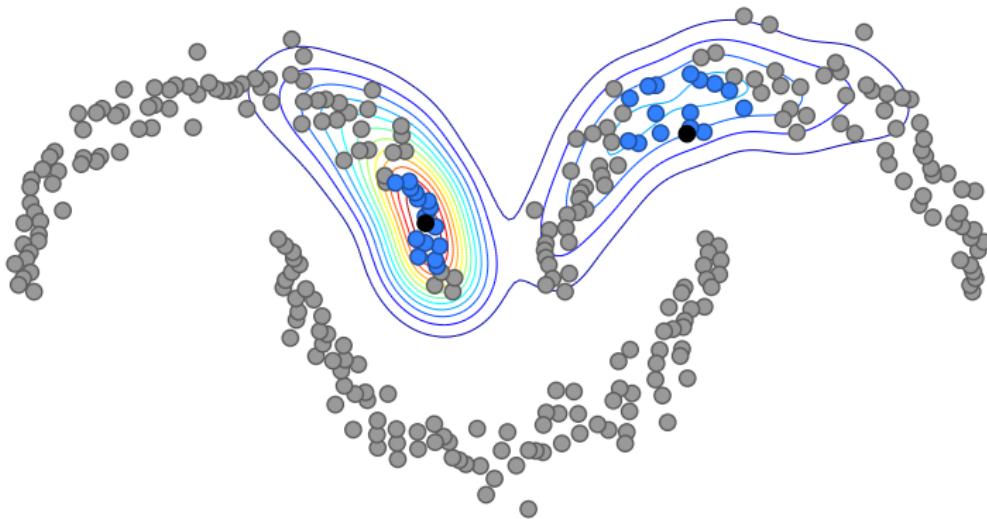
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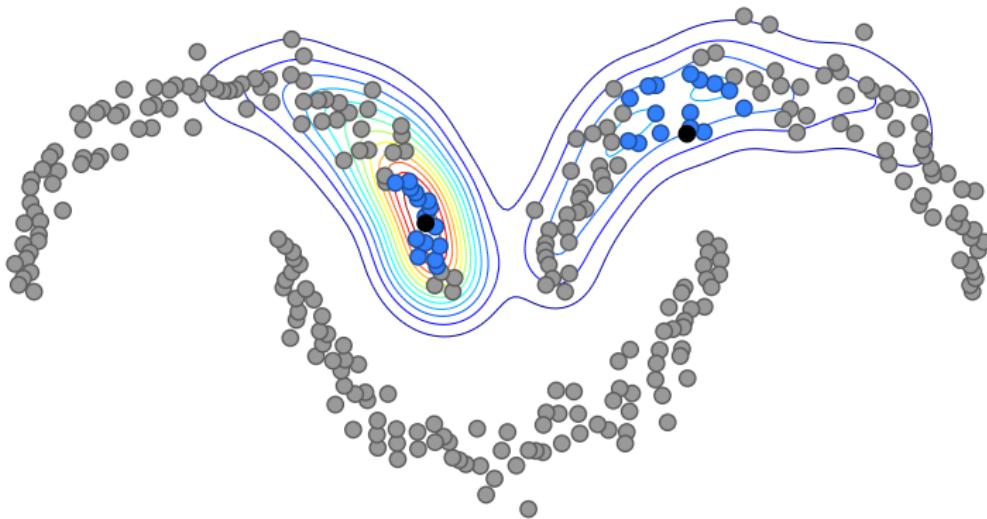
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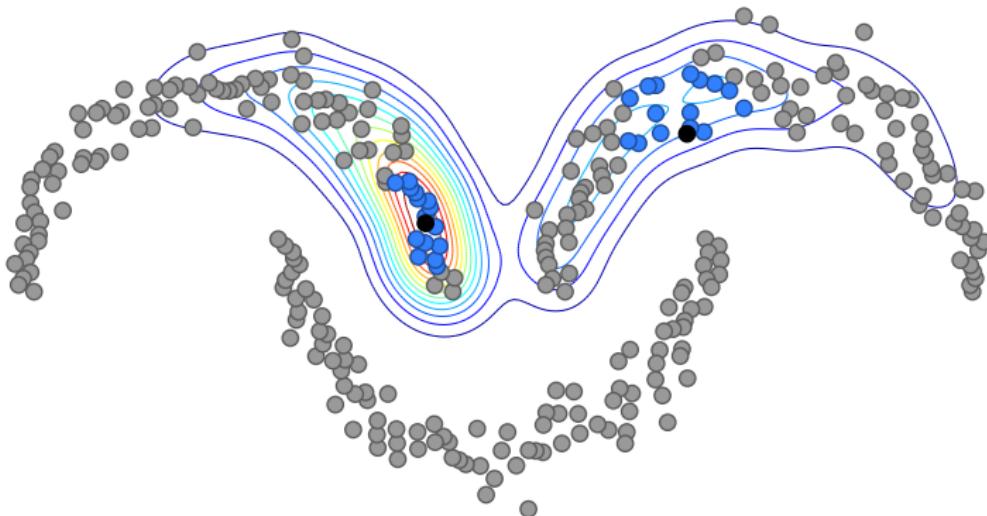
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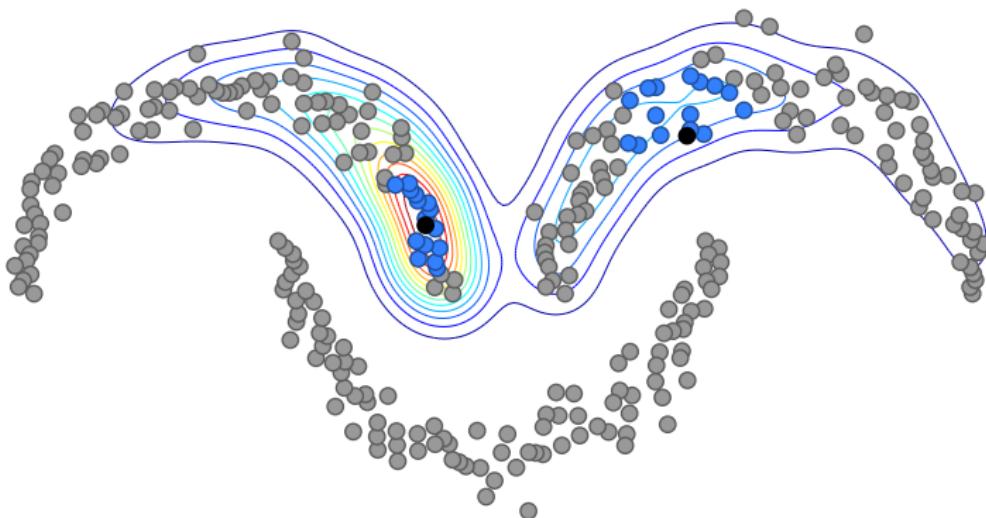
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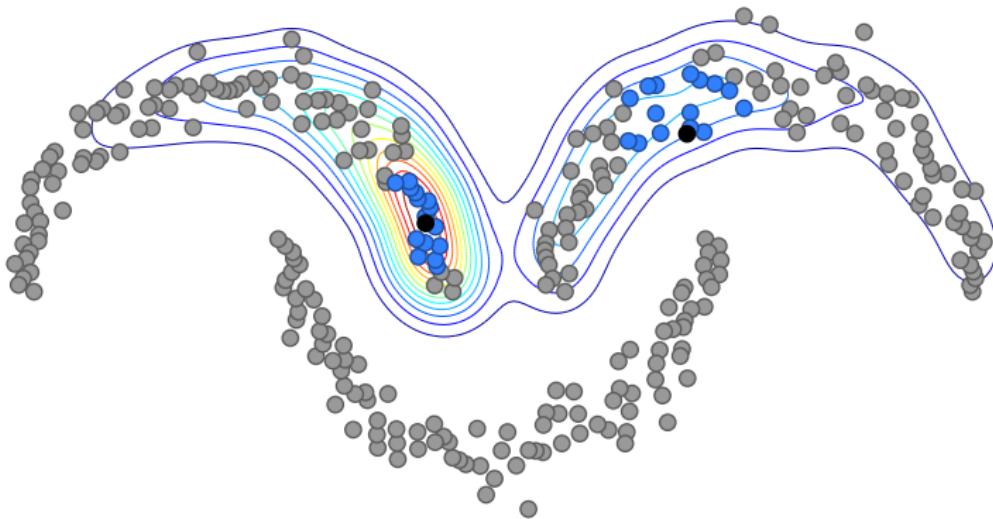
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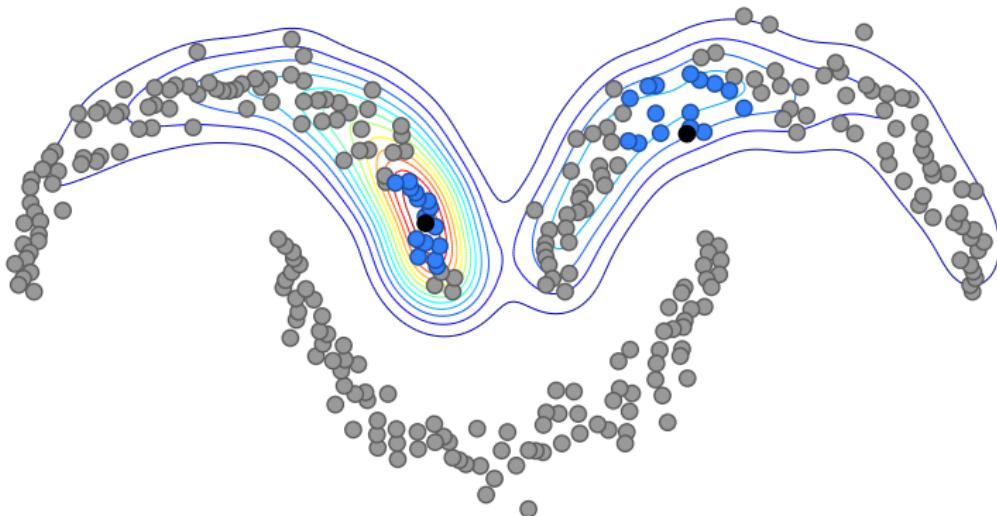
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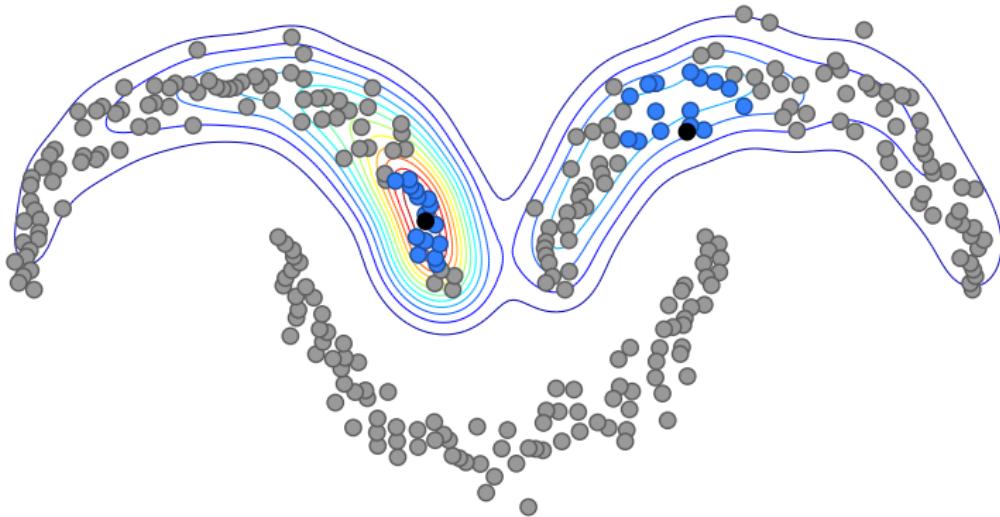
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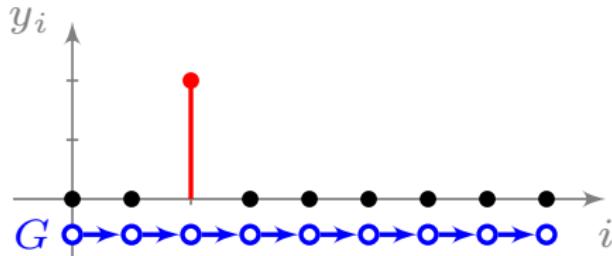


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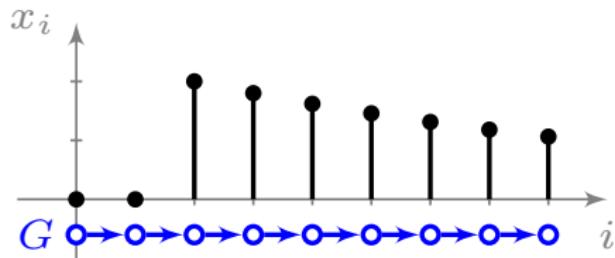
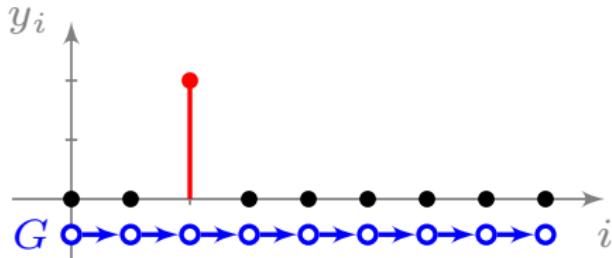
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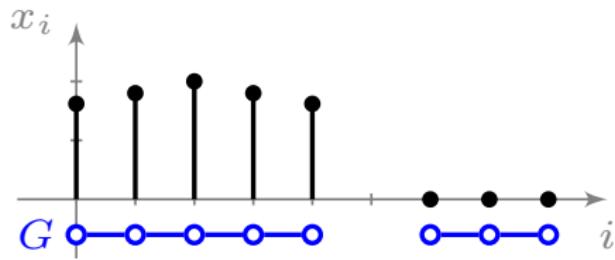
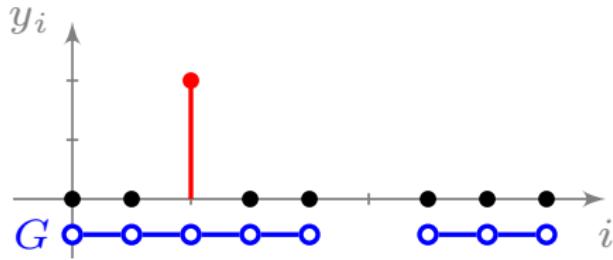
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- using a weighted undirected **graph**  $G$  instead
- information “flows” in all directions, controlled by edge weights

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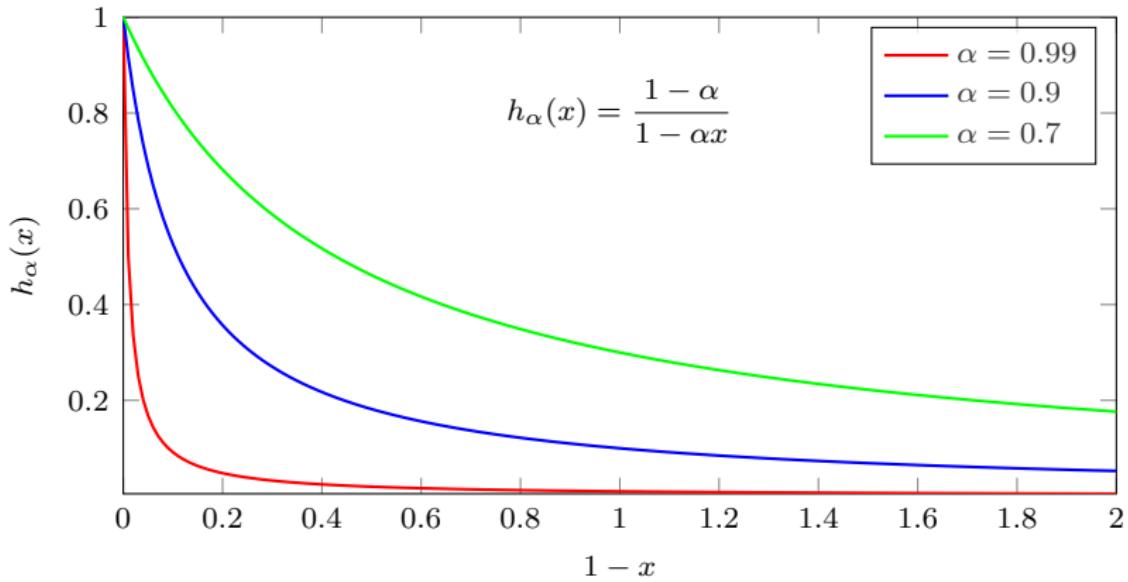
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## interpretation: graph signal processing



- low-pass filtering in the frequency domain
- or, “soft” dimensionality reduction

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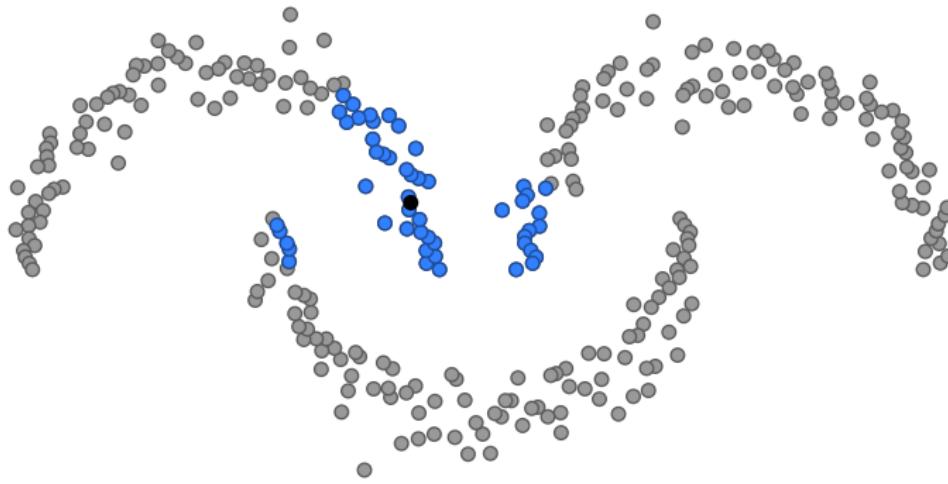


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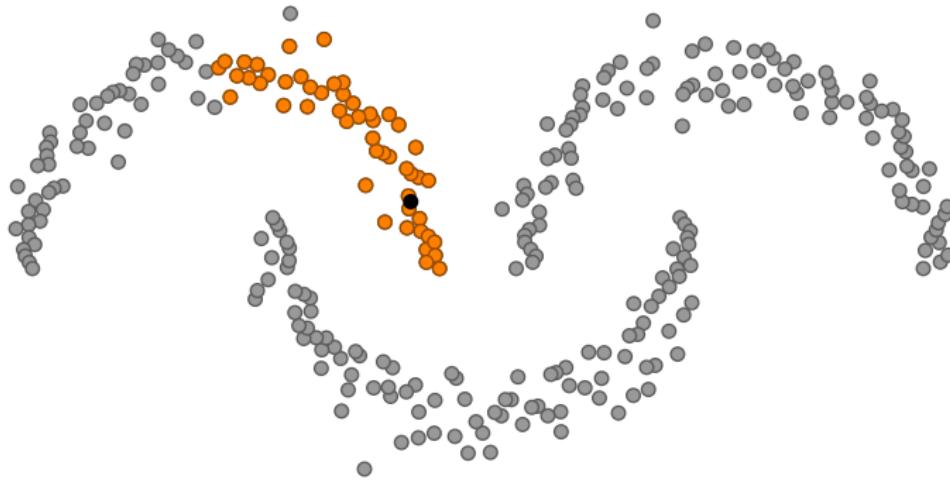
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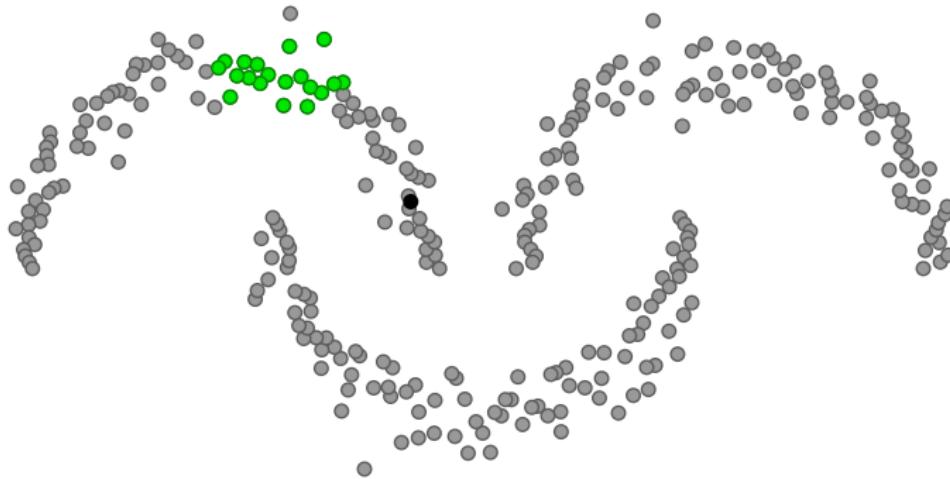
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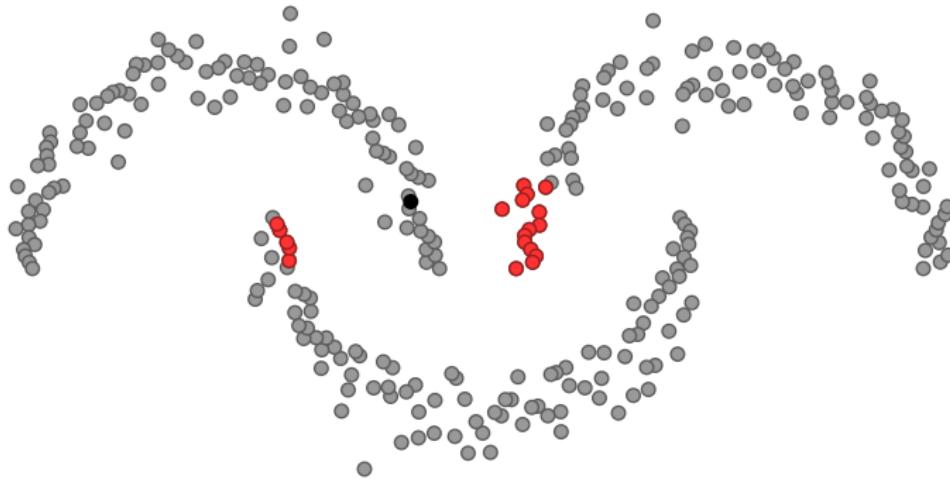
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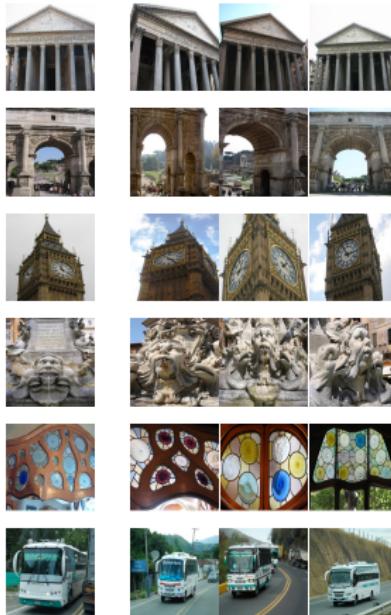
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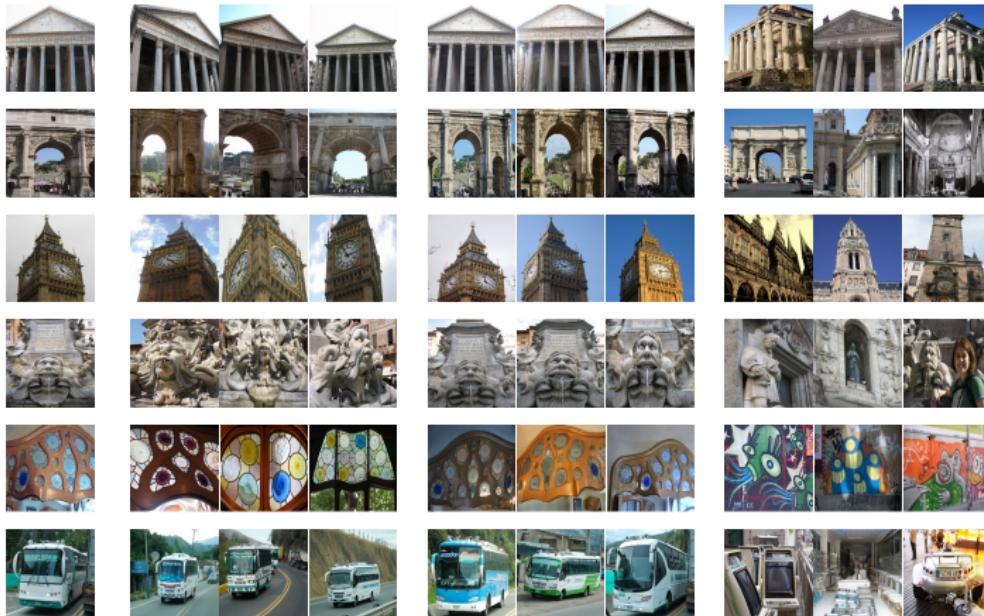
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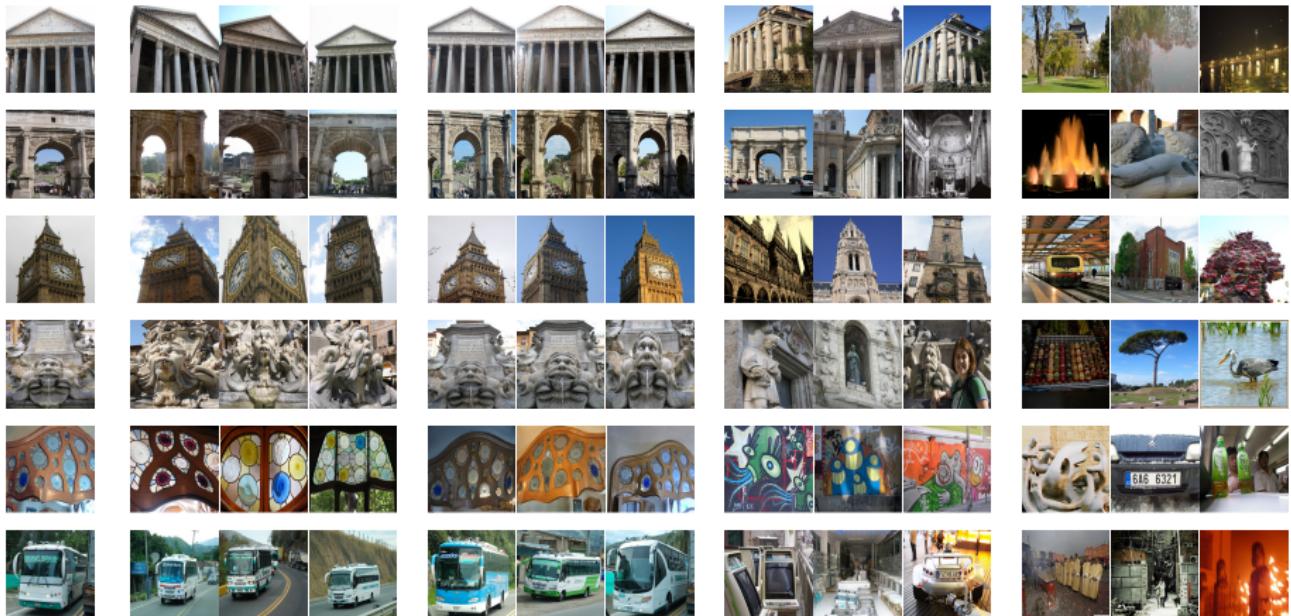
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Initial	No	35.0	46.8	59.3	72.0	48.1
Triplet+semi-hard	Yes	42.3	55.0	66.4	77.2	55.4
Lifted-Structure	Yes	43.6	56.6	68.6	79.6	56.5
Triplet+	Yes	45.9	57.7	69.6	79.8	58.1
Clustering	Yes	48.2	61.4	71.8	81.9	59.2
Triplet+++	Yes	49.8	62.3	74.1	83.3	59.9
Cyclic match	No	40.8	52.8	65.1	76.0	52.6
Ours	No	45.3	57.8	68.6	78.4	55.0

- CUB200-2011 dataset, 200 bird species, 100 training / 100 testing
- GoogLeNet pre-trained on ImageNet, then fine-tuned with triplet loss

## particular object retrieval results

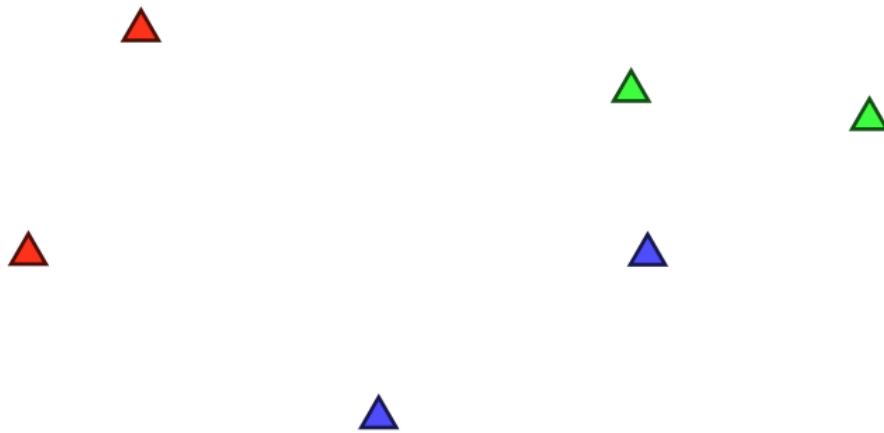
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- VGG-16 pre-trained on ImageNet, then fine-tuned with contrastive loss on a 1M unlabeled dataset with MAC representation
- at test time, either MAC or R-MAC used

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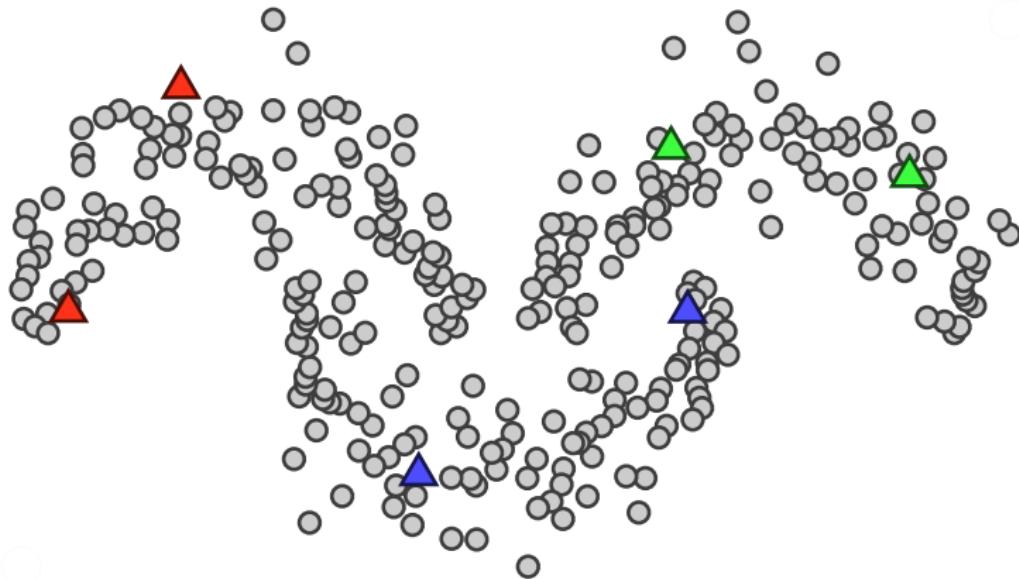
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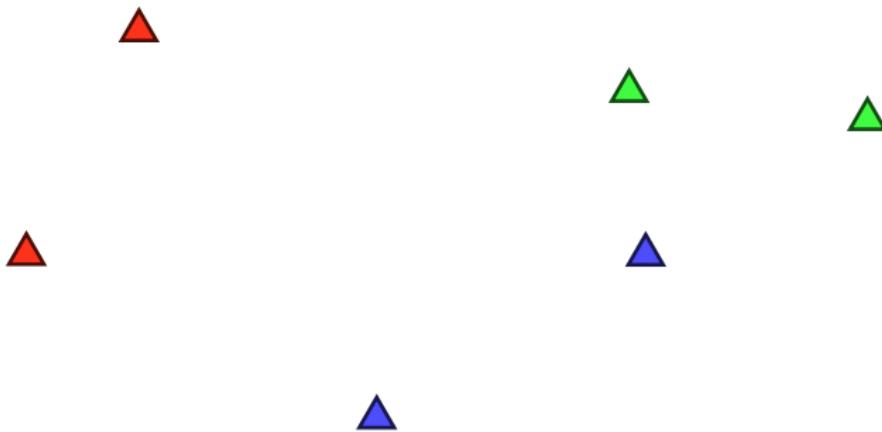
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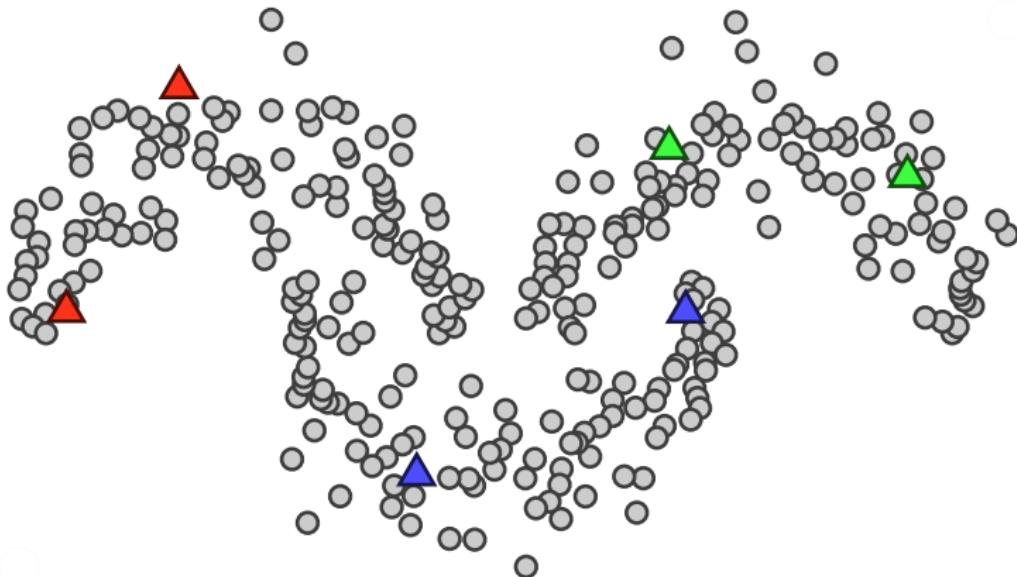
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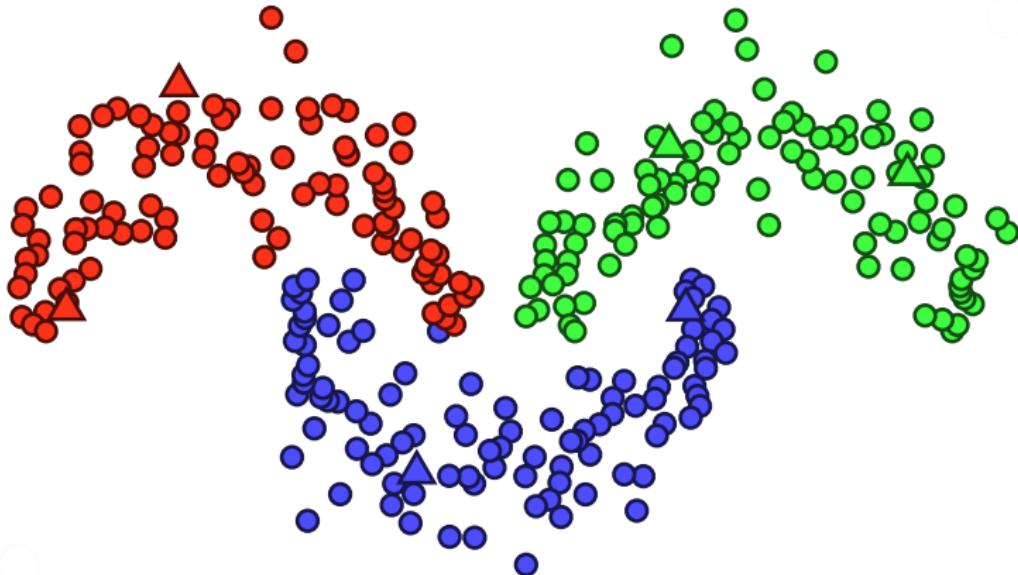
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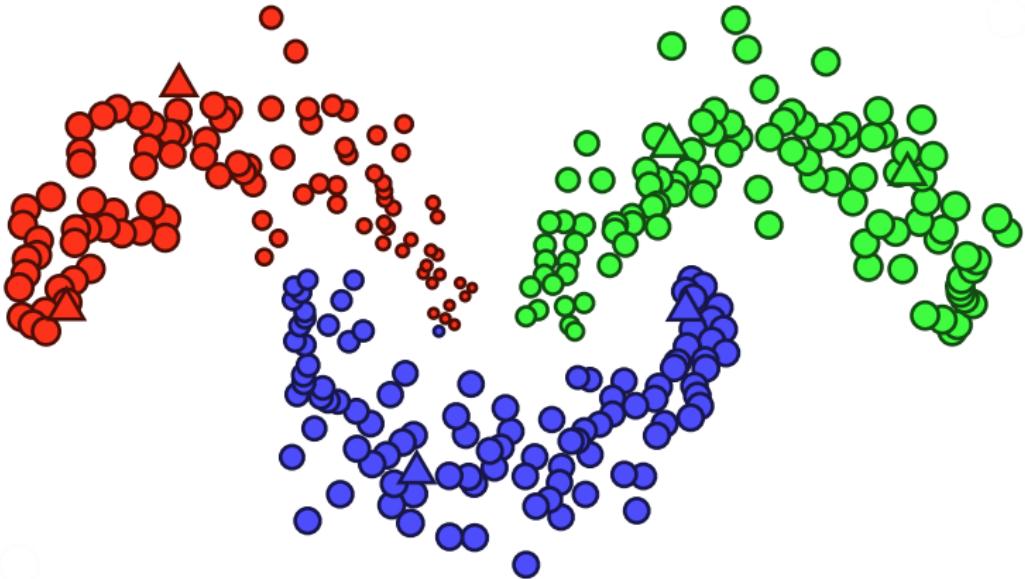
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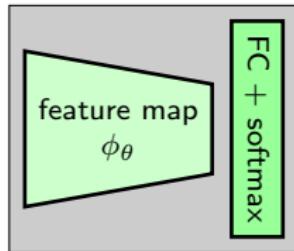
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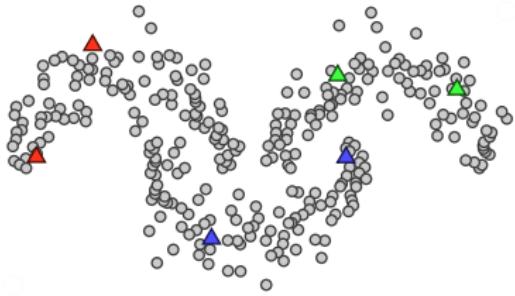
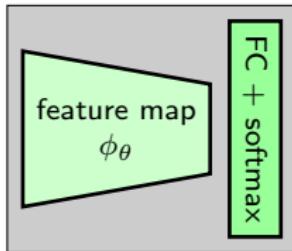
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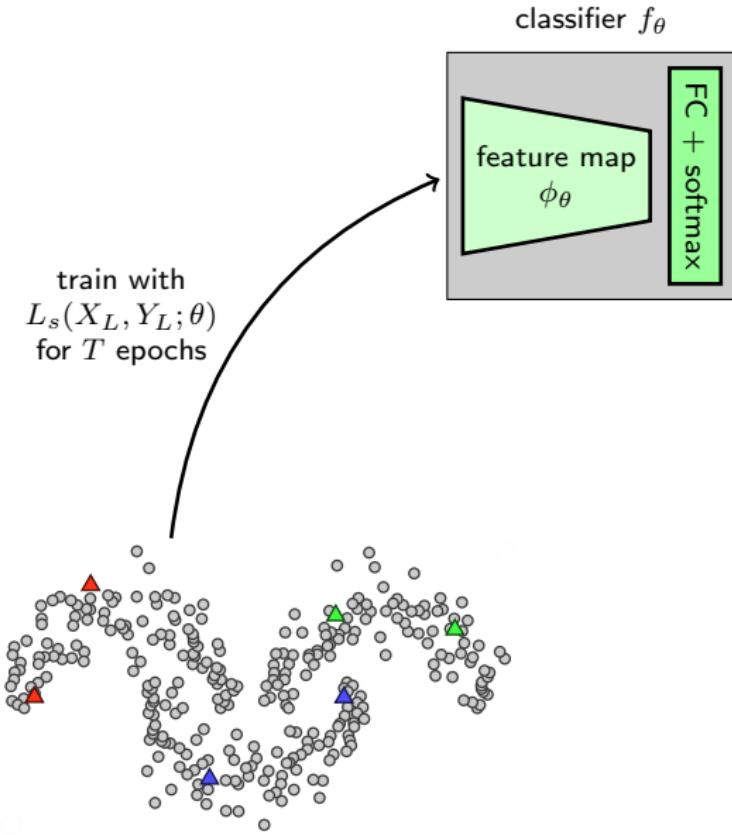


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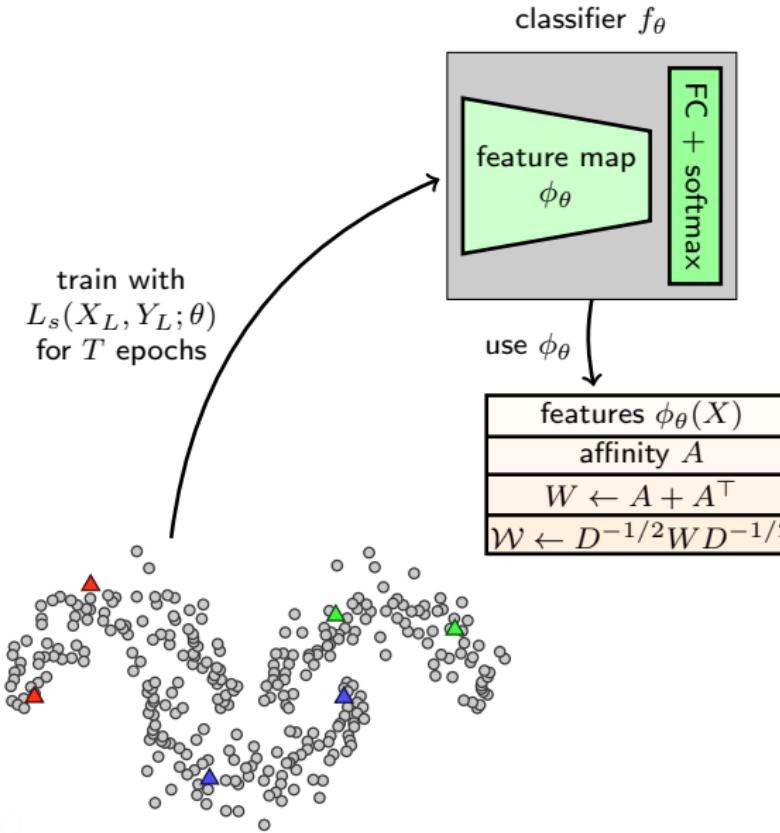
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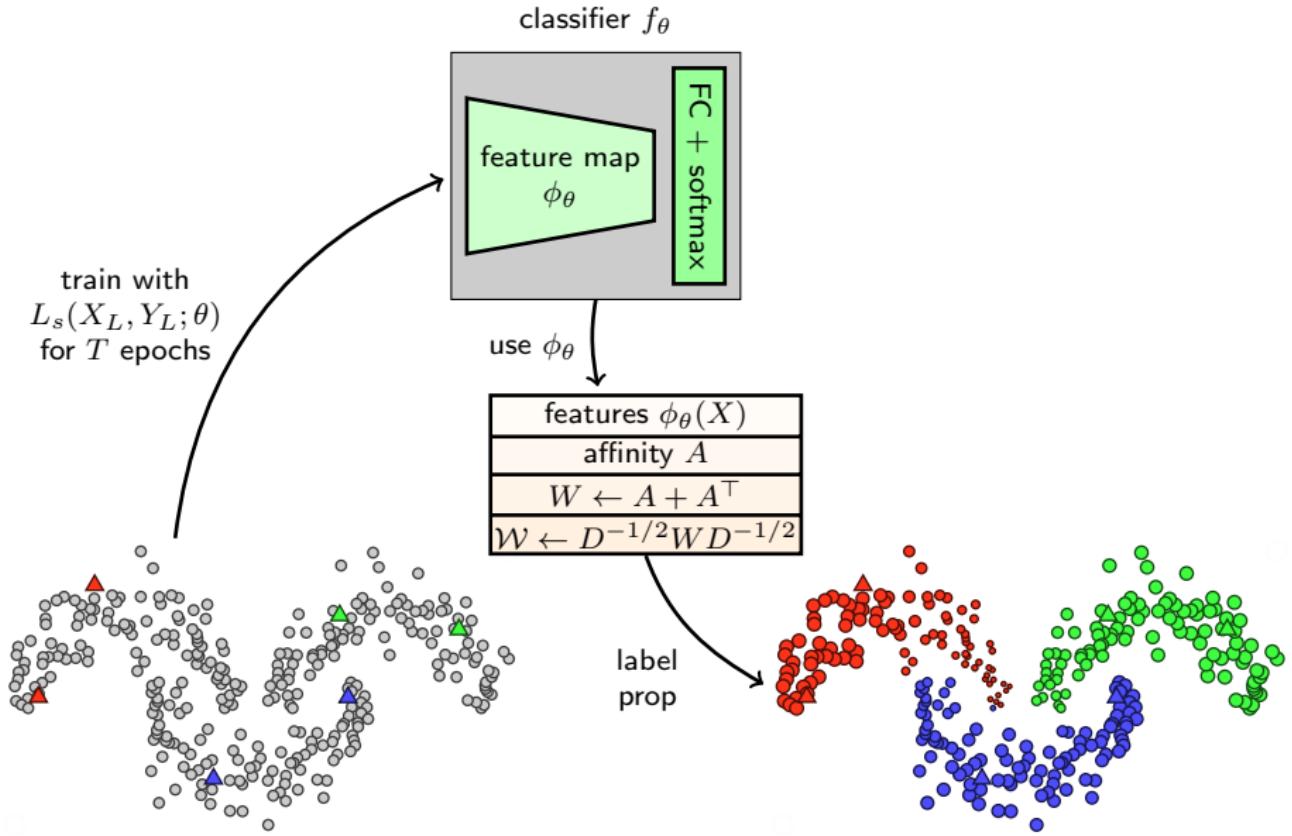
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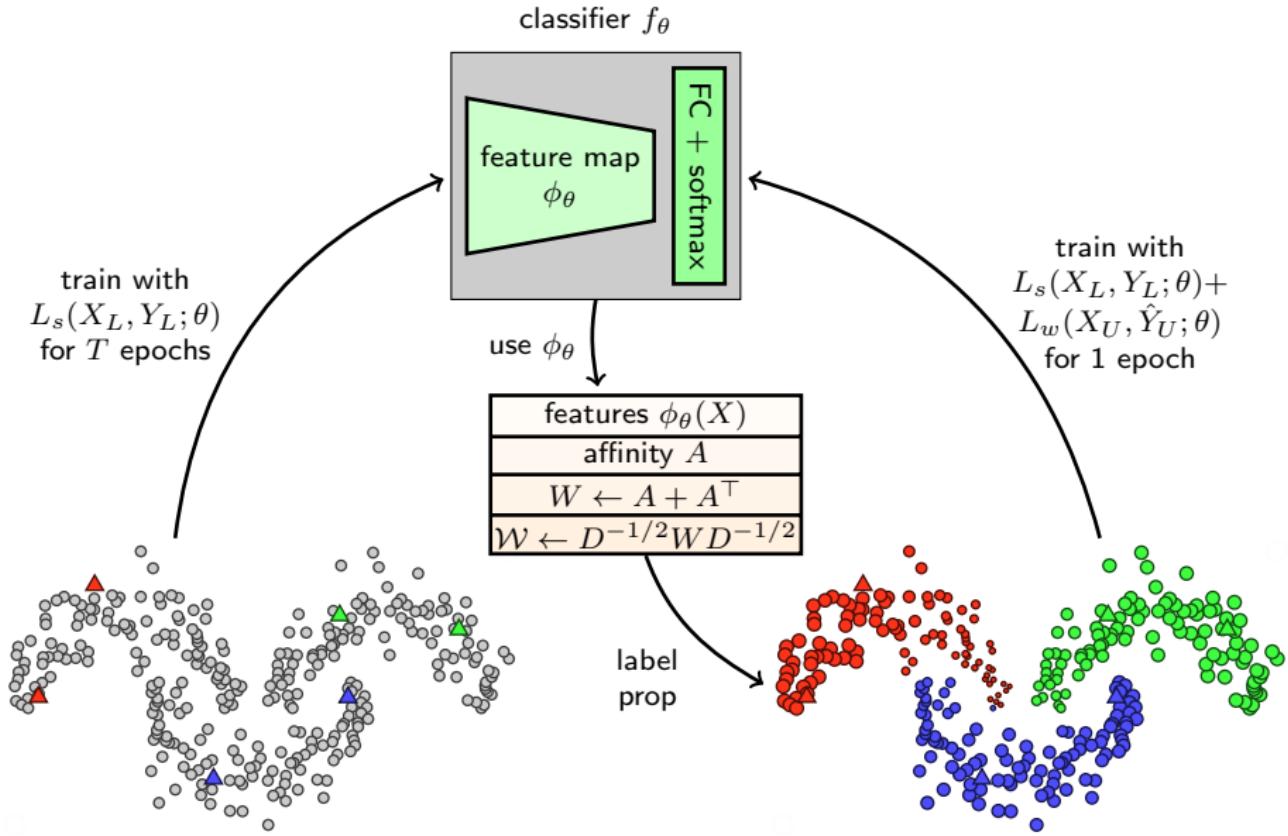
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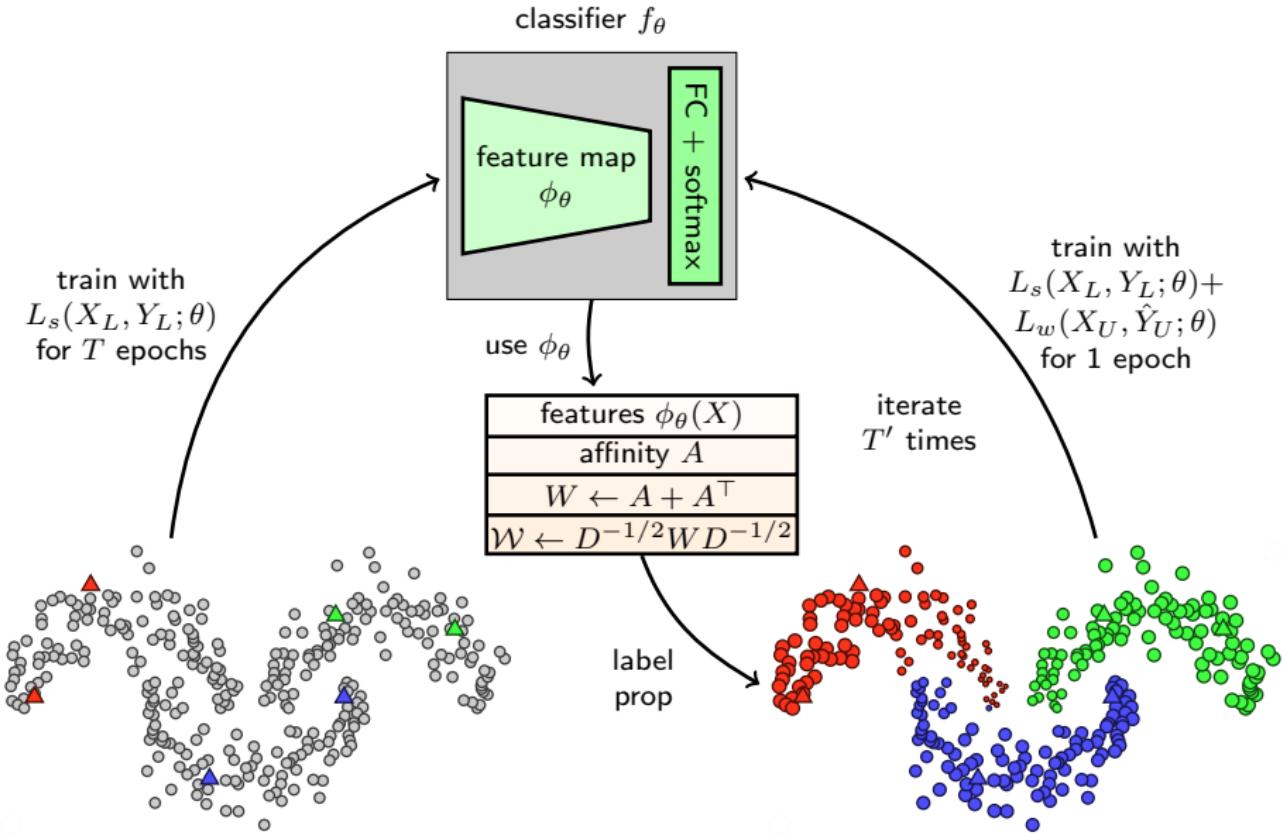
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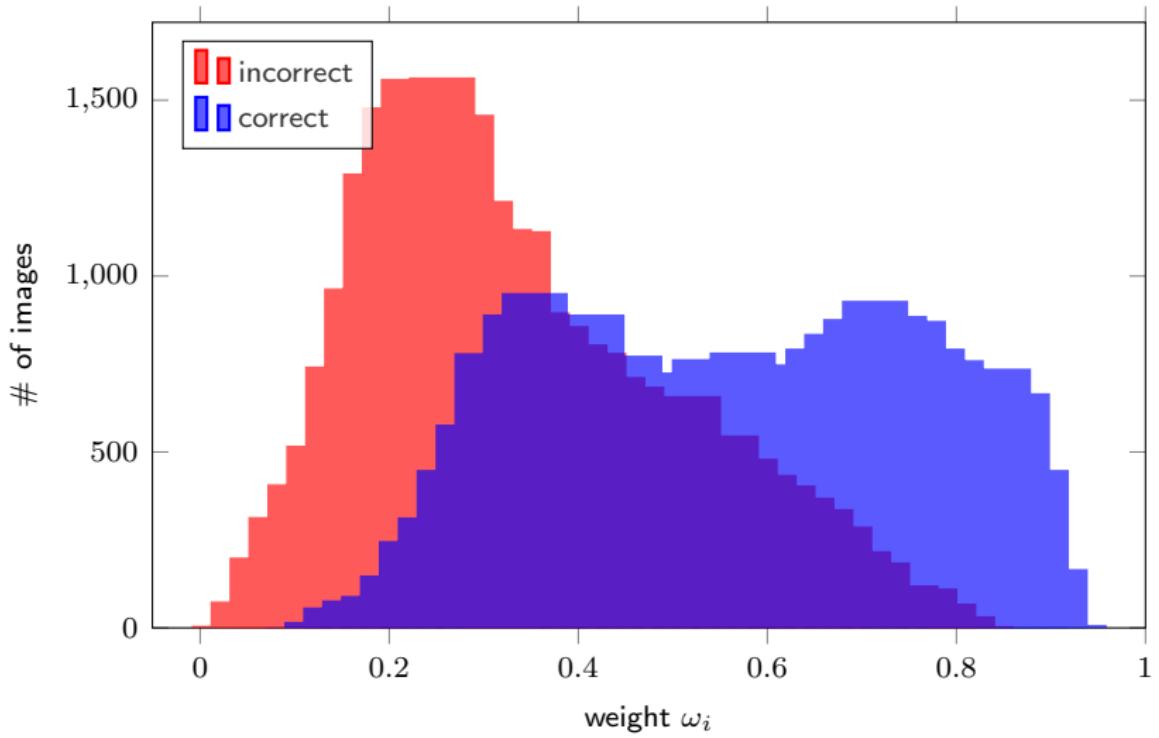
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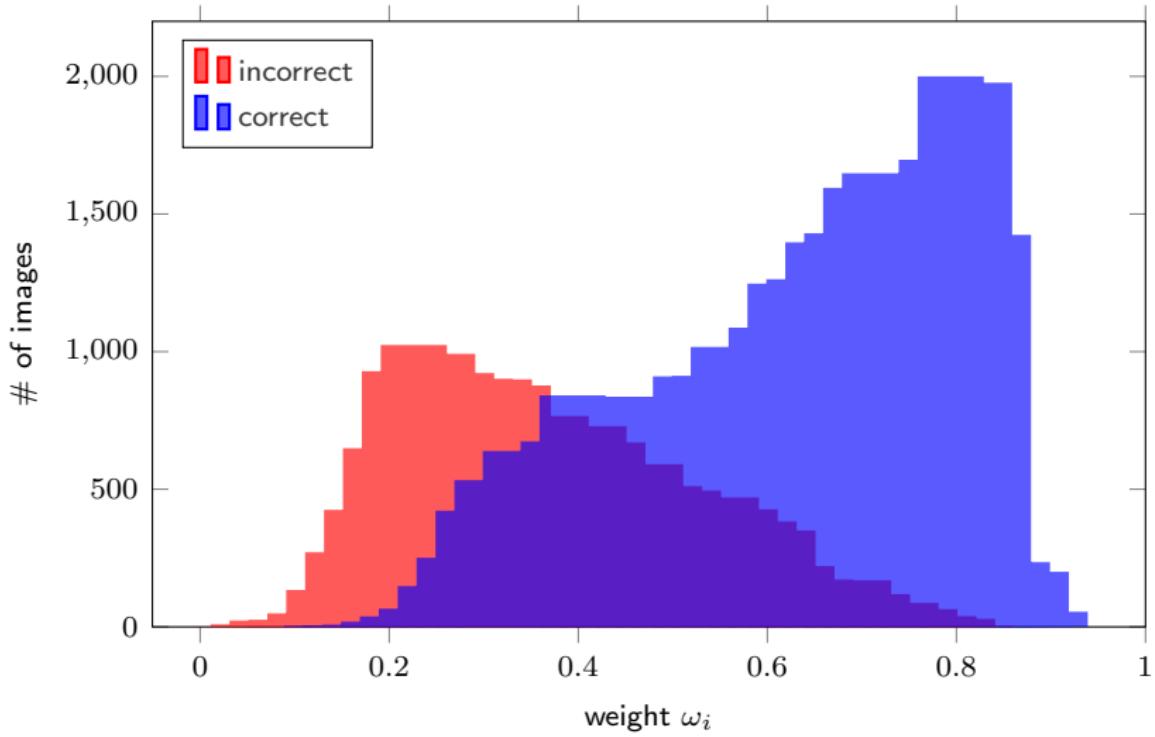
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# classification error on CIFAR10

Dataset	CIFAR-10			
	500	1000	2000	4000
Nb. labeled images				
Fully supervised	49.08 ± 0.83	40.03 ± 1.11	29.58 ± 0.93	21.63 ± 0.38
TDCNN [33] <sup>†</sup>	-	32.67 ± 1.93	22.99 ± 0.79	16.17 ± 0.37
Ours-(1)	35.17 ± 2.46	23.79 ± 1.31	16.64 ± 0.48	13.21 ± 0.61
<b>Ours</b>	32.40 ± 1.80	22.02 ± 0.88	15.66 ± 0.35	12.69 ± 0.29
VAT [23] <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	11.36
II model [20] <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	12.36 ± 0.31
Temporal Ensemble [20] <sup>†</sup>	-	-	-	12.16 ± 0.24
MT [35] <sup>†</sup>	-	27.36 ± 1.30	15.73 ± 0.31	12.31 ± 0.28
MT [35]	27.45 ± 2.64	19.04 ± 0.51	14.35 ± 0.31	11.41 ± 0.25
<b>MT + Ours</b>	<b>24.02 ± 2.44</b>	<b>16.93 ± 0.70</b>	<b>13.22 ± 0.29</b>	<b>10.61 ± 0.28</b>

# classification error on CIFAR100/minilmageNet

Dataset	CIFAR-100		Mini-ImageNet- <i>top1</i>	
	4000	10000	4000	10000
Fully supervised	55.43 ± 0.11	40.67 ± 0.49	74.78 ± 0.33	60.25 ± 0.29
Ours	46.20 ± 0.76	38.43 ± 1.88	<b>70.29 ± 0.81</b>	57.58 ± 1.47
MT [35]	45.36 ± 0.49	36.08 ± 0.51	72.51 ± 0.22	57.55 ± 1.11
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