

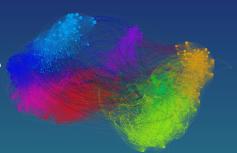
Graphs in Machine Learning

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Previous Lecture

- Semi-Supervised Learning
 - ▶ Why and when it helps?
 - Self-training
 - Semi-supervised SVMs
- Graph-based semi-supervised learning
- SSI with MinCuts
- Gaussian random fields and harmonic solution
- Regularization of harmonic solution
- Soft-harmonic solution
- Inductive and transductive semi-supervised learning
- Manifold regularization



This Lecture

- Max-Margin Graph Cuts
- Theory of Laplacian-based manifold methods
- ► Transductive learning stability based bounds
- Online Semi-Supervised Learning
- Online incremental k-centers



Previous Lab Session

- ▶ 24. 10. 2016 by Daniele.Calandriello@inria.fr
- Content
 - Graph Construction
 - ▶ Test sensitivity to parameters: σ , k, ε
 - Spectral Clustering
 - ▶ Spectral Clustering vs. *k*-means
 - Image Segmentation
- Short written report
- Questions to piazza (without giving away solutions)
- ► Deadline: 7. 11. 2016 Today!
- ▶ If you have 32bit OS, send a post to Daniele on piazza



Next Lab Session

- ▶ 14. 11. 2016 by Daniele Calandriello
- Content
 - Semi-supervised learning
 - Graph quantization
 - ► Online face recognizer
- AR: record a video with faces
- ▶ Install VM (in case you have not done it yet for TD1)
- Short written report
- Questions to piazza
- Deadline: 28. 11. 2016



Final Class projects

- detailed description on the class website
- preferred option: you come up with the topic
- theory/implementation/review or a combination
- one or two people per project (exceptionally three)
- ▶ grade 60%: report + short presentation of the **team**
- deadlines
 - ▶ 21. 11. 2016 strongly recommended DL for taking projects
 - 28. 11. 2016 hard DL for taking projects
 - ▶ 05. 01. 2017 submission of the project report
 - 09. 01. 2017 or later project presentation
- list of suggested topics on piazza



Master internships in Lille



Master internships in Machine Learning are offered at Inria Lille (Magnet team), with possibility to pursue a PhD. Lille is 1h away from Paris, 30min from Brussels, 1h30 from London and 2h30 from Amsterdam.

Available topics:

- ▶ Decentralized machine learning: Consider a large set of users in a peer-to-peer network, each with a personal dataset. How can users efficiently learn predictive models over the union of their datasets? How can we formally guarantee that their privacy is preserved? 2 offers: http://goo.gl/EgYFAs and http://goo.gl/EPjSZi
- ► Natural Language Processing: How to learn dense vector representations of words (or higher-order linguistic entities) from huge text corpora using graph-based spectral algorithms?

 1 offer: http://goo.gl/0hJjRf



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Checkpoint 1

Semi-supervised learning with graphs:

$$\min_{\mathbf{f} \in \{\pm 1\}^{n_l + n_u}} (\infty) \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} w_{ij} (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - y_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i,j=1}^{n_l + n_u} (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f(\mathbf{x}_j))^2$$

Regularized harmonic Solution:

$$\mathbf{f}_{u} = \left(\mathbf{L}_{uu} + \gamma_{\mathbf{g}}\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{W}_{ul}\mathbf{f}_{l}\right)$$



Checkpoint 2

Unconstrained regularization in general:

$$\mathbf{f}^{\star} = \min_{\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{y})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{f}$$

Out of sample extension: Laplacian SVMs

$$f^{\star} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \sum_{i}^{n_{l}} \max\left(0, 1 - yf\left(\mathbf{x}\right)\right) + \lambda_{1} \|f\|_{\mathcal{K}}^{2} + \lambda_{2} \mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f}$$



$$f^{\star} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{f \in \mathcal{H_K}} \sum_{i}^{n_l} \max\left(0, 1 - y f\left(\mathbf{x}\right)\right) + \lambda_1 \|f\|_{\mathcal{K}}^2 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f}$$

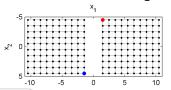
 $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is nice and expressive.

Can there be a problem with certain $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}$?

We look for f only in $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}$.

If it is simple (e.g., linear) minimization of f^TLf can perform badly.

Consider again this 2D data and linear K.











Linear $K \equiv$ functions with slope α_1 and intercept α_2 .

$$\min_{\alpha_1,\alpha_2} \sum_{i}^{n_l} V(f, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) + \lambda_1 \left[\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 \right] + \lambda_2 \mathbf{f}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f}$$

For this simple case we can write down $f^T L f$ explicitly.

$$\mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{L} \mathbf{f} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (f(\mathbf{x}_i) - f(\mathbf{x}_j))^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\alpha_1 (\mathbf{x}_{i1} - \mathbf{x}_{j1}) + \alpha_2 (\mathbf{x}_{i2} - \mathbf{x}_{j2}))^2$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_1^2}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_{i1} - \mathbf{x}_{j1})^2 + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_{i2} - \mathbf{x}_{j2})^2$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_{i1} - \mathbf{x}_{j1})^2 + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (\mathbf{x}_{i2} - \mathbf{x}_{j2})^2$$



2D data and linear \mathcal{K} objective

$$\min_{\alpha_1,\alpha_2} \sum_{i}^{n_l} V(f, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) + \left(\lambda_1 + \frac{\lambda_2 \Delta}{2}\right) \left[\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2\right]$$

Setting
$$\lambda^\star = \left(\lambda_1 + \frac{\gamma_2 \Delta}{2}\right)$$
:

$$\min_{\alpha_1,\alpha_2} \sum_{i}^{n_l} V(f, \mathbf{x}_i, y_i) + \lambda^* [\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2]$$

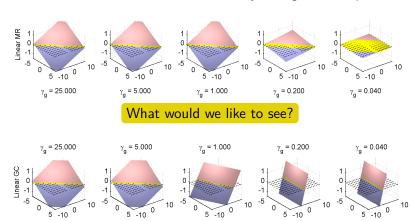
What does this objective function correspond to?

The only influence of unlabeled data is through λ^* .

The same value of the objective as for supervised learning for some λ without the unlabeled data! This is not good.



MR for 2D data and linear K only changes the slope



One solution: We use the unlabeled data **before** optimizing over $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}!$



SSL with Graphs: Max-Margin Graph Cuts

Let's take the confident data and use them as true!

$$f^* = \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{K}}} \sum_{i: |\ell_i^*| \ge \varepsilon} V(f, \mathbf{x}_i, \operatorname{sgn}(\ell_i^*)) + \gamma \|f\|_{\mathcal{K}}^2$$
s.t. $\ell^* = \arg\min_{\ell \in \mathbb{R}^N} \ell^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{L} + \gamma_g \mathbf{I})\ell$
s.t. $\ell_i = y_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n_I$

Wait, but this is what we did not like in self-training!

Will we get into the same trouble?

Representer theorem is still cool:

$$f^{\star}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i:|f_i^{\star}|>\varepsilon} \alpha_i^{\star} \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x})$$



Why is this not a witchcraft? We take GC as an example. MR or HFS are similar.

What kind of guarantees we want?

We may want to bound the risk

$$R_{P}(f) = \mathbb{E}_{P(\mathbf{x})} \left[\mathcal{L} \left(f \left(\mathbf{x} \right), y \left(\mathbf{x} \right) \right) \right]$$

for some loss, e.g., 0/1 loss

$$\mathcal{L}(y',y) = \mathbb{1}\{\operatorname{sgn}(y') \neq y\}$$

What makes sense to bound $R_P(f)$ with?

empirical risk + error terms



True risk vs. empirical risk

$$R_P(f) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (f_i - y_i)^2$$

$$\widehat{R}_P(f) = \frac{1}{n_I} \sum_{i \in I} (f_i - y_i)^2$$

We look for the bound in the form

$$R_P(f) \leq \widehat{R}_P(f) + \text{errors}$$

errors = transductive + inductive



Bounding inductive error (using classical SLT tools)

With probability $1 - \eta$, using Equations 3.15 and 3.24 [vapnik1995nature]

$$R_P(f) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), y_i) + \Delta_I(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{n}, \eta).$$

 $n \equiv$ number of samples, $h \equiv VC$ dimension of the class

$$\Delta_{I}(\textbf{h},\textbf{n},\eta) = \sqrt{\frac{\textbf{h}(\ln(2\textbf{n}/\textbf{h})+1) - \ln(\eta/4)}{\textbf{n}}}$$

How to bound $\mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), y_i)$? For any $y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ and ℓ_i^*

$$\mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), y_i) \leq \mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), \operatorname{sgn}(\ell_i^*)) + (\ell_i^* - y_i)^2.$$



Bounding transductive error (using stability analysis)

http://www.cs.nyu.edu/~mohri/pub/str.pdf

How to bound $(\ell_i^* - y_i)^2$?

Bounding $(\ell_i^{\star} - y_i)^2$ for hard case is difficult \rightarrow we bound soft HFS:

$$oldsymbol{\ell}^\star = \min_{oldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \, (oldsymbol{\ell} - \mathbf{y})^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{C} (oldsymbol{\ell} - \mathbf{y}) + oldsymbol{\ell}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{Q} oldsymbol{\ell}$$

Closed form solution

$$oldsymbol{\ell}^{\star} = \left(\mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{I}
ight)^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$



Bounding transductive error

$$\ell^\star = \min_{\ell \in \mathbb{R}^N} \ (\ell - \mathbf{y})^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{C} (\ell - \mathbf{y}) + \ell^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{Q} \ell$$

Think about stability of this solution.

Consider two datasets differing in exactly one labeled point.

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \mathbf{C}_1^{-1}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{I}$$
 and $\mathcal{C}_2 = \mathbf{C}_2^{-1}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{I}$

What is the maximal difference in the solutions?

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\ell}_2^{\star} - \boldsymbol{\ell}_1^{\star} &= \mathcal{C}_2^{-1} \mathbf{y}_2 - \mathcal{C}_1^{-1} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ &= \mathcal{C}_2^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1) - \left(\mathcal{C}_2^{-1} - \mathcal{C}_1^{-1} \right) \mathbf{y}_1 \\ &= \mathcal{C}_2^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1) - \left(\mathcal{C}_1^{-1} \left\lceil \left(\mathbf{C}_1^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_2^{-1} \right) \mathbf{Q} \right\rceil \mathcal{C}_2^{-1} \right) \mathbf{y}_1 \end{split}$$

Note that $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$, $\lambda_m(A) \|\mathbf{v}\|_2 \le \|A\mathbf{v}\|_2 \le \lambda_M(A) \|\mathbf{v}\|_2$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\ell}_{2}^{\star} - \boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}^{\star}\|_{2} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_{2} - \mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\lambda_{m}(\mathcal{C}_{2})} + \frac{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{C}_{1}^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_{2}^{-1}\|_{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\lambda_{m}(\mathcal{C}_{2})\lambda_{m}(\mathcal{C}_{1})}$$



Bounding transductive error

$$\boldsymbol{\ell}^{\star} = \min_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}} \; (\boldsymbol{\ell} - \boldsymbol{y})^{T} \boldsymbol{C} (\boldsymbol{\ell} - \boldsymbol{y}) + \boldsymbol{\ell}^{T} \boldsymbol{Q} \boldsymbol{\ell}$$

$$\|\ell_2^{\star} - \ell_1^{\star}\|_2 \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1\|_2}{\lambda_m(\mathcal{C}_2)} + \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{C}_1^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_2^{-1}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{y}_1\|_2}{\lambda_m(\mathcal{C}_2)\lambda_m(\mathcal{C}_1)}$$

Using
$$\lambda_{\textit{m}}(\mathcal{C}) \geq \frac{\lambda_{\textit{m}}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{\textit{M}}(\mathbf{C})} + 1$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\ell}_{2}^{\star} - \boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}^{\star}\|_{2} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_{2} - \mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{1})} + 1} + \frac{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{C}_{1}^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_{2}^{-1}\|_{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\left(\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{2})} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{1})} + 1\right)}$$



Bounding transductive error

$$\|\boldsymbol{\ell}_{2}^{\star} - \boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}^{\star}\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{\beta}{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_{2} - \mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{1})} + 1} + \frac{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{Q})\|\mathbf{C}_{1}^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_{2}^{-1}\|_{2} \cdot \|\mathbf{y}_{1}\|_{2}}{\left(\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{2})} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\lambda_{m}(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_{M}(\mathbf{C}_{1})} + 1\right)}$$

Now, let us plug in the values for our problem.

Take $c_l = 1$ and $c_l > c_u$. We have $|y_i| \le 1$ and $|\ell_i^{\star}| \le 1$.

$$\beta \leq 2 \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q}) + 1} + \sqrt{2n_I} \frac{1 - c_u}{c_u} \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{Q})}{(\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q}) + 1)^2} \right]$$

 ${f Q}$ is reg. L: $\lambda_m({f Q})=\lambda_m({f L})+\gamma_g$ and $\lambda_M({f Q})=\lambda_M({f L})+\gamma_g$

$$\beta \leq 2 \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\gamma_g + 1} + \sqrt{2n_l} \frac{1 - c_u}{c_u} \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{L}) + \gamma_g}{\gamma_g^2 + 1} \right]$$

This algorithm is β -stable!



Bounding transductive error

http://web.cse.ohio-state.edu/~mbelkin/papers/RSS_COLT_04.pdf

By the generalization bound of Belkin [belkin2004regularization]

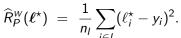
$$R_P^W(\ell^*) \leq \widehat{R}_P^W(\ell^*) + \underbrace{\beta + \sqrt{\frac{2\ln(2/\delta)}{n_l}}(n_l\beta + 4)}$$

transductive error $\Delta_T(\beta, n_l, \delta)$

$$\beta \leq 2 \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\gamma_g + 1} + \sqrt{2n_I} \frac{1 - c_u}{c_u} \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{L}) + \gamma_g}{\gamma_g^2 + 1} \right]$$

holds with probability $1 - \delta$, where

$$R_P^W(\ell^*) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} (\ell_i^* - y_i)^2$$





Bounding transductive error

$$R_P^W(\ell^*) \leq \widehat{R}_P^W(\ell^*) + \underbrace{\beta + \sqrt{\frac{2\ln(2/\delta)}{n_I}(n_I\beta + 4)}}_{\text{transductive error }\Delta_T(\beta, n_I, \delta)}$$

$$\beta \leq 2\left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\gamma_g + 1} + \sqrt{2n_I}\frac{1 - c_u}{c_u}\frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{L}) + \gamma_g}{\gamma_g^2 + 1}\right]$$

Does the bound say anything useful?

- 1) The error is controlled.
- **2)** Practical when error $\Delta_T(\beta, n_l, \delta)$ decreases at rate $O(n_l^{-\frac{1}{2}})$. Achieved when $\beta = O(1/n_l)$. That is, $\gamma_g = \Omega(n_l^{\frac{3}{2}})$.

We have an idea how to set $\gamma_g!$



Combining inductive + transductive error

With probability $1 - (\eta + \delta)$.

$$R_{P}(f) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} \mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_{i}), \operatorname{sgn}(\ell_{i}^{*})) + \widehat{R}_{P}^{W}(\ell^{*}) + \Delta_{T}(\beta, n_{I}, \delta) + \Delta_{I}(h, N, \eta)$$

We need to account for ε . With probability $1 - (\eta + \delta)$.

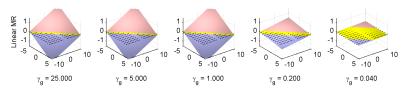
$$\begin{split} R_P(f) \leq & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i: |\ell_i^{\star}| \geq \varepsilon} \mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), \operatorname{sgn}(\ell_i^{\star})) + \frac{2\varepsilon n_{\varepsilon}}{N} + \\ & \widehat{R}_P^W(\ell^{\star}) + \Delta_T(\beta, n_I, \delta) + \Delta_I(h, N, \eta) \end{split}$$

We should have $\varepsilon \leq n_l^{-1/2}$!

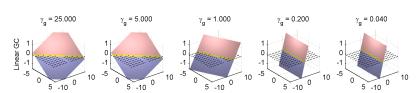


SSL with Graphs: LapSVMs and MM Graph Cuts

MR for 2D data and **linear** \mathcal{K} only changes the slope



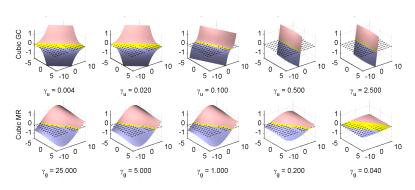
MMGC for 2D data and linear $\mathcal K$ works as we want





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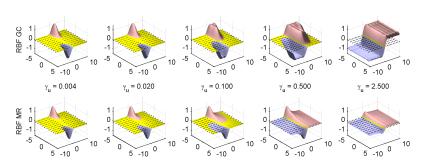
MR for 2D data and cubic \mathcal{K} is also not so good





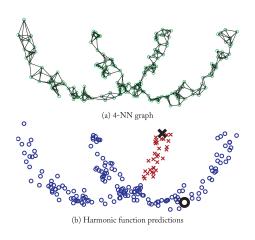
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MMGC and MR for 2D data and RBF \mathcal{K}





SSL with Graphs



Graph-based SSL is obviously sensitive to graph construction!



Offline learning setup

Given $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ from \mathbb{R}^d and $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{n_l}$, with $n_l \ll n$, find $\{y_i\}_{i=n_l+1}^N$ (transductive) or find f predicting y well beyond that (inductive).



Online learning setup

At the beginning: $\{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^{n_l}$ from \mathbb{R}^d At time t:

receive \mathbf{x}_t

predict y_t



Online HFS: Straightforward solution

- 1: **while** new unlabeled example \mathbf{x}_t comes **do**
- 2: Add \mathbf{x}_t to graph $G(\mathbf{W})$
- 3: Update \mathbf{L}_t
- 4: Infer labels

$$\mathbf{f}_{u} = \left(\mathbf{L}_{uu} + \frac{\gamma_{g}}{\mathbf{I}}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{W}_{ul}\mathbf{f}_{l}\right)$$

- 5: Predict $\hat{y}_t = \operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{f}_u(t))$
- 6: end while

What is wrong with this solution?

The cost and memory of the operations.

What can we do?



Let's keep only *k* vertices!

Limit memory to k centroids with $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}^{\mathrm{q}}$ weights.

Each centroids represents several others.

Diagonal $V \equiv multiplicity$. We have V_{ii} copies of centroid i.

Can we compute it compactly? Compact harmonic solution.

$$\ell^{\mathrm{q}} = (\mathbf{L}_{uu}^{\mathrm{q}} + \gamma_{g} V)^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{ul}^{\mathrm{q}} \ell_{l}$$
 where $\mathbf{W}^{\mathrm{q}} = V \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}^{\mathrm{q}} V$

Proof? Using electric circuits.

Why do we keep the multiplicities?



Online HFS with Graph Quantization

- 1: Input
- 2: **k** number of representative nodes
- 3: Initialization
- 4: V matrix of multiplicities with 1 on diagonal
- 5: **while** new unlabeled example \mathbf{x}_t comes **do**
- 6: Add \mathbf{x}_t to graph G
- 7: **if** # nodes > k **then**
- 8: quantize G
- 9: end if
- 10: Update \mathbf{L}_t of $G(\mathbf{VWV})$
- 11: Infer labels
- 12: Predict $\hat{y}_t = \operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{f}_u(t))$
- 13: end while



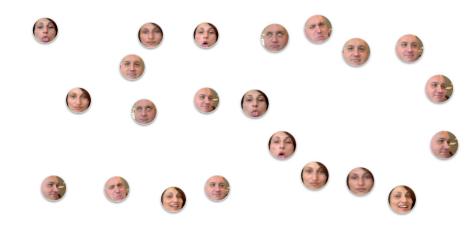
An idea: incremental k-centers

Doubling algorithm of Charikar et al. [charikar1997incremental]

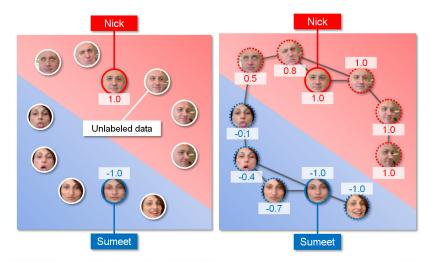
Keeps up to k centers $C_t = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots\}$ with

- ▶ Distance $\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_i \in C_t$ is at least $\geq R$
- ▶ For each new \mathbf{x}_t , distance to some $\mathbf{c}_i \in C_t$ is less than R.
- $|C_t| \leq k$
- ▶ if not possible, *R* is doubled

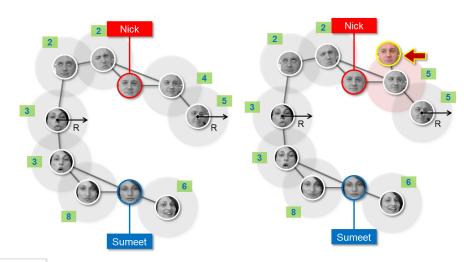




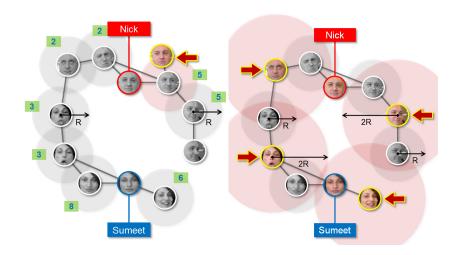














Doubling algorithm [charikar1997incremental]

To reduce growth of R, we use $R \leftarrow m \times R$, with m > 1

 C_t is changing. How far can x be from some \mathbf{c} ?

$$R + \frac{R}{m} + \frac{R}{m^2} + \dots = R\left(1 + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m^2} + \dots\right) = \frac{Rm}{m-1}$$

Guarantees: $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation algorithm.

Why not incremental *k*-means?



Online k-centers

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1: an unlabeled \mathbf{x}_t, a set of centroids C_{t-1}, multiplicities \mathbf{v}_{t-1}
 2: if (|C_{t-1}| = k+1) then
 3: R \leftarrow mR
     greedily repartition C_{t-1} into C_t such that:
 5:
            no two vertices in C_t are closer than R
            for any \mathbf{c}_i \in C_{t-1} exists \mathbf{c}_i \in C_t such that d(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_i) < R
 6:
       update \mathbf{v}_t to reflect the new partitioning
 8: else
 9: C_t \leftarrow C_{t-1}
10: \mathbf{v}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_{t-1}
11: end if
12: if \mathbf{x}_t is closer than R to any \mathbf{c}_i \in C_t then
13: \mathbf{v}_t(i) \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_t(i) + 1
14: else
15: \mathbf{v}_t(|C_t|+1) \leftarrow 1
16: end if
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