

Dissimilarity-based sparse  
Subset Selection

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goal is

- in this paper, given pairwise dissimilarities between the  $d_{ij}$  elements of "source set" and "target set". we consider the problem of finding a subset of source set, called "representative" that can efficiently describe the target set.

Formulations:

$$\text{Source set} \\ X = \{x_1, \dots, x_M\}$$

$$Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_N\}$$

target set

$$\text{or } X = [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \dots \quad x_M]$$

$$Y = [y_1 \quad y_2 \quad \dots \quad y_N]$$

We are given pairwise dissimilarities:  $\{d_{ij}\}_{i=1, \dots, M}^{j=1, \dots, N}$   
between each  $x_i$  to each  $y_j$

- $d_{ij}$  shows how well  $x_i$  represents  $y_j$ .
- Smaller  $d_{ij}$ , the better  $x_i$  represent  $y_j$

$$D \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} d_1^T \\ \vdots \\ d_M^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & \dots & d_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ d_{M1} & d_{M2} & \dots & d_{MN} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$$

is given

we have to find  $Z$  matrix that meets the following objectives :  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

$$- z_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$$

$- \sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j$  means every element in  $y$ , should be presented by only 1  $x_i$

$\Rightarrow d_{ij} z_{ij}$  is the cost encoding  $y_j$  by  $x_i$ .  
So if  $z_{ij}$  is not 0,  $d_{ij}$  should be small.

So we can formulate the problem as follows:

$$\min \underbrace{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^M I(\|Z_i\|_p)}_{\text{number of representative}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M d_{ij} z_{ij}}_{\text{total cost of encoding}} \quad (*)$$

s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij} = 1, \forall j; \quad z_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall i,j$

we want  $\sum_{i=1}^M I(\|Z_i\|_p)$  to be minimized so that we have less points involved on representing target set.

less points involved on representing target set  
in source set  
we want more all zero rows in  $Z$ .

Problem (\*) is NP-hard and non Convex:

Convex form :

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} \min_{\{z_{ij}\}} \lambda \sum_{j=1}^N \|z_{ij}\|_p + \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M d_{ij} z_{ij} \\ \text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij} = 1, \forall j; z_{ij} \geq 0 \forall i, j \end{cases}$$

equivalent Matrix form

$$\begin{cases} \min_z \lambda \|Z\|_{1,p} + \text{tr}(D^T Z) \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{1}^T Z = \mathbf{1}^T, Z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

where

$$\|Z\|_{1,p} \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^M \|z_{i\cdot}\|_p$$

$\lambda$  :  $\begin{cases} \text{if } \lambda \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{each } y_j \text{ chooses the nearest } x_i \\ \text{if } \lambda \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{only one representative will be selected.} \end{cases}$

as example:

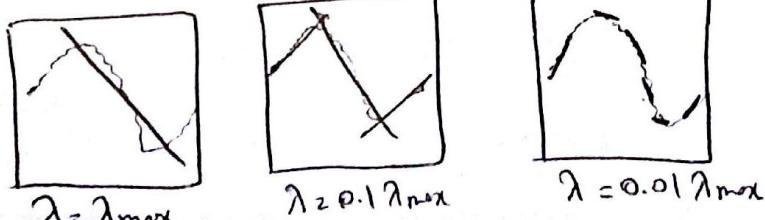
we have a noisy data  $\{y_j\}_{j=1}^N$  and  $X = \{\theta_i\}_{i=1}^N$  where each  $\theta_i$

$\theta_i = (a_i, b_i)$  represent a model. ~~but~~  $\theta_i$  are obtained by

as follows: for each  $y_j$  and its  $K=4$  nearest neighbors, we find

$\theta_i$  by minimizing  $l_\theta(y) = |a^T y - b|$  for the  $k+1$  points.

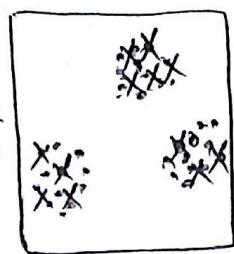
( $a_i, b_i$ ) by changing  $\lambda$  we see:



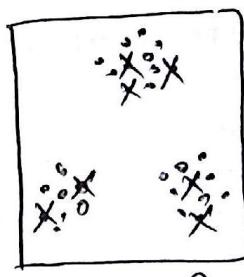
in another experiment:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} = 3$  gaussian representative

- $\gamma$

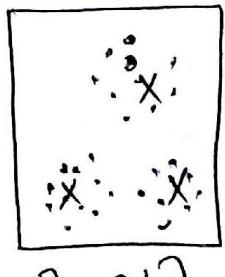
$x$  represent active



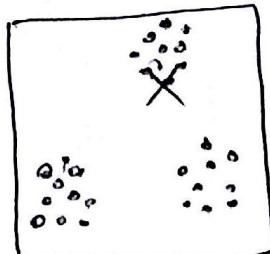
$$\lambda = 0.002\lambda_{\max}$$



$$\lambda = 0.01\lambda_{\max}$$

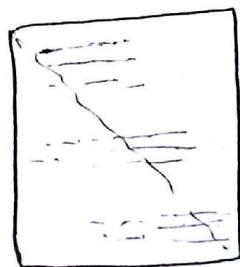


$$\lambda = 0.1\lambda_{\max}$$

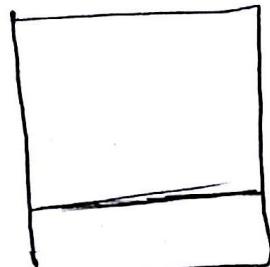
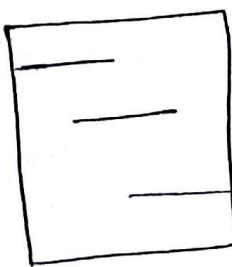
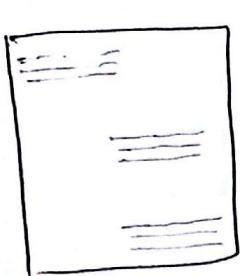


$$\lambda = \lambda_{\max}$$

$Z$  matrix



↳ non zero values



Dealing with outliers:

outlier in { Source set  $\rightarrow$  if  $x_i$  is outlier, it can not represent any  $y_j$ , therefore automatically removed not selected  
Target set }

↳ we define  $e_j$  Corresponding to each target  $y_j$  and set:  $\sum z_{ij} + e_j = 1$

⑩ optimization robust to outlier:  
(\*\*\*)

$$\min_{\{z_{ij}\}, \{e_j\}} \lambda \sum_{i=1}^M \|z_i\|_p + \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M d_{ij} z_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^N w_j e_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } \left( \sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij} \right) + e_j = 1, \forall j; z_{ij} \geq 0$$

$$e_j \geq 0, \forall j$$

Since  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij}\right) + e_j = 1$ ,

if  $y_j$  is outlier, minimization will put  $e_j = 1$  and

$\left(\sum_{i=1}^M z_{ij}\right) = 0$  therefore,  $y_j$  is not represented at all.

opt (\*\*\*) in Matrix form: (equivalent to \*\*\*)

$$\min_{z, e} \lambda \|z\|_{1,p} + \text{tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} D \\ w^T \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} z \\ e^T \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$z, e$

$$\text{s.t. } \gamma^T \begin{bmatrix} z \\ e^T \end{bmatrix} = \gamma^T, \quad \begin{bmatrix} z \\ e^T \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

also  $w_j$  in optimization (\*\*\*)  
can be chosen as

$$w_j = \beta e^{-\frac{\min_i d_{ij}}{\tau}} \quad \leftarrow \text{suggestion}$$

another choice:  $w_j = w$  for all  $j$ 's.

## clustering via Representative :

- ① Optimal solution  $\mathbf{z}^*$  indicates elements of  $\mathbf{x}$  that are representative to  $\mathbf{Y}$ .
- ② They also provides membership information.  
~~ie.~~ i.e. for  $y_j \rightarrow [z_{1j}^*, \dots, z_{mj}^*]$  is probability vector for presenting  $y_j$  by elements of  $\mathbf{x}$ .  $\Rightarrow$  This is like soft assignment for clustering.
- we can also do hard assignment by taking minimum  $d_{ij}$  for those selected  $\{x_{e1}, \dots, x_{ek}\}$  for presenting  $y_j$ . i.e. we take the closest among selected  $x_i$ s to  $y_j$  (hard assignment)

## DSS Implementation

author has introduced an algorithm to efficiently solve minimization (\*\*\*) using ADMM.

This algorithm is provided in page 7 of the paper.  
The computational complexity is of  $O(MN)$  very fast 61

in table 1, the average computational time of the proposed ADMM algorithm is compared to the CVX (Seadum Solver) which showed ~~that~~ that proposed ADMM outperforms significantly in all trials with  $\lambda = 0.01 \cdot \lambda_{\max}$ .  
 date ~~size~~ size  $N \times N$ , experient on : 
 
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} N = \{30, 50, 100, 200, 500, \\ 1000, 2000\} \\ P = \{2, \infty\} \end{array} \right\}$$

## Regularization parameter effect

regularization puts a trade off between the number of representative and encoding cost.

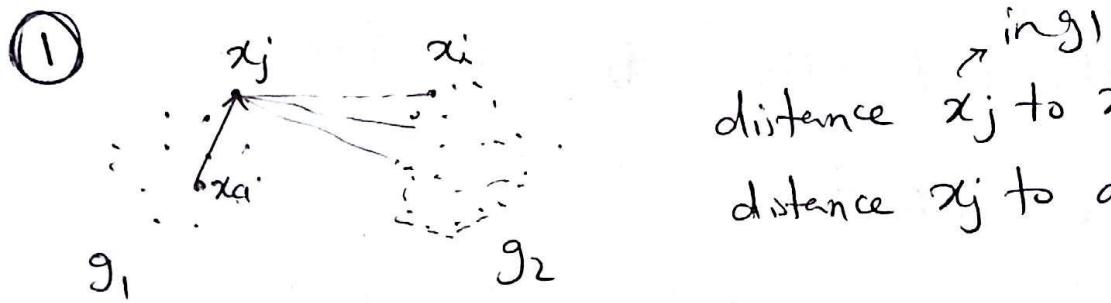
Theorem 1: if  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_{\max,2} \triangleq \max_{i \neq l} \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \frac{\|d_i - d_l^*\|_2^2}{\gamma^T (d_i - d_l^*)} \\ \lambda_{\max,\infty} \triangleq \max_{i \neq l} \frac{\|d_i - d_l^*\|_1}{2} \end{array} \right. \quad l^* = \arg \min_l \gamma^T d_l$

Then entire  $\gamma$  will be presented only by one single  $x^*$

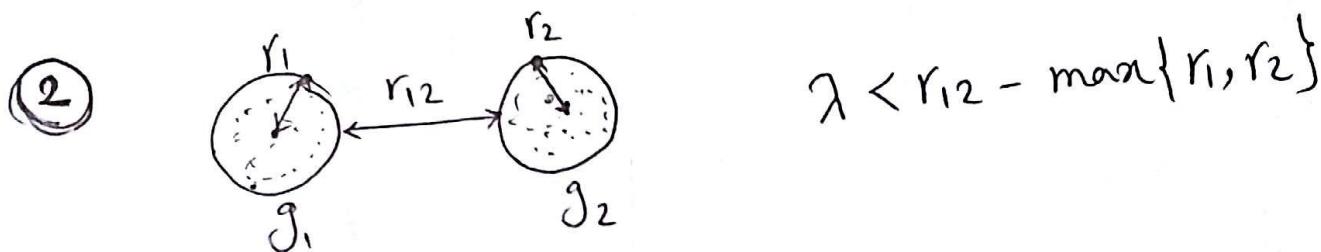
## Clustering Guarantee

under 2 conditions, clustering is guaranteed

figure 7 shows the conditions.



Same condition for  $g_2$  against  $g_1$



Experiments :

1) classification using representative:

$K = 15$  class      4485 images      210/410 images per class

80% training      20% test

we find representative of the training data in each class  
and use them as reduced data to perform NN  
classification on the test data.

after selecting  $\eta$  fraction of training samples in each  
class using each algorithm.

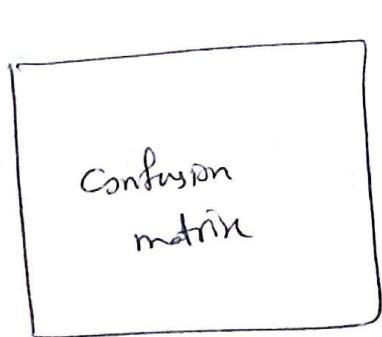
$$\text{err}(\eta) = \text{accuracy}(1) - \text{accuracy}(\eta)$$

Tabel 2 showed the classification performance using different methods:

Algorithm	Ravel	Kmedoids	AP	DS3
$\eta = 0.05$			*	
$\eta = 0.10$				*
$\eta = 0.20$				*
$\eta = 0.35$				*

(\*) → best performance

also



$$\eta = 0.05$$



$$\eta = 0.35$$



$$\eta = 1$$

## ② Modeling segmentation of dynamic data:

- modeling and segmentation of human activities in motion capture data

- data set = time series of different subjects each performing several activities.

OK

- used 14 most informative joints

Seg number	1	2	-	-	-	14
# frames	865	2115	-	-	-	1204
# activities	4	8	-	-	-	4

SC error/

SBiC error/

Kmedoid error/

AP error

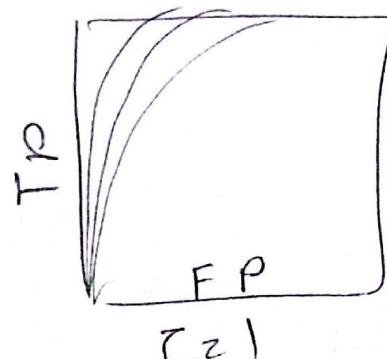
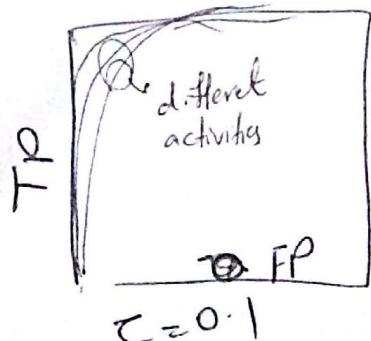
DSS error/

→ Outperformed others in almost all ~~exp~~  
sequences.

Outlier

The ~~author~~ also showed algorithms

robustness to outlier by plotting True positive rate  
vs ~~to~~ false positive for some outliers in  
prev. experiment for  $\sigma = 0.1$  &  $\sigma = 1.0$



Algorithm  
is very  
Robust to  
outlier