

Semi-Supervised Learning Using Gaussian Fields and Harmonic Functions

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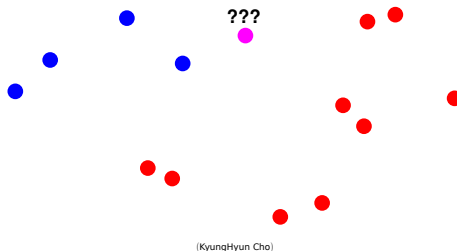
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Motivation



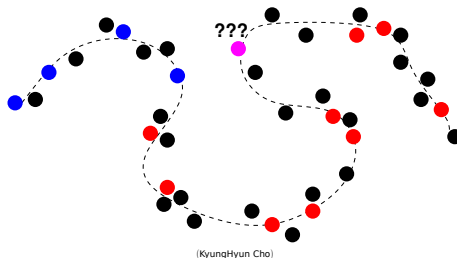
- Machine learning needs labeled data to train the models
- Labeled data is usually *difficult* to collect
- Some times and *expert* has to annotate the labels
- We are surrounded of a *huge amount of unlabeled data*

Semi-Supervised Learning



- Classification of a point *without* unlabeled data

Semi-Supervised Learning



- Classification of the same point *with* unlabeled data

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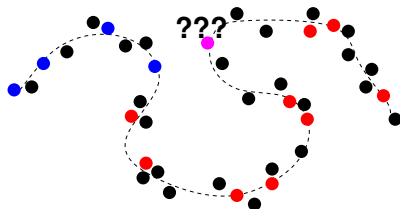
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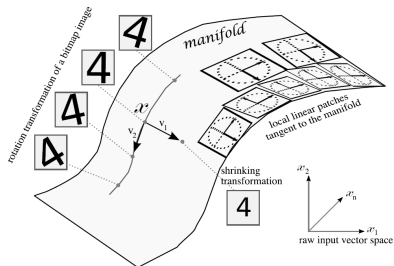
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Data Manifold



(KyungHyun Cho)



(Bengio, 2009)

- Data live in a manifold

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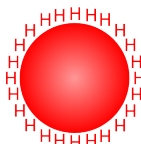
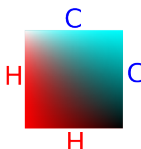
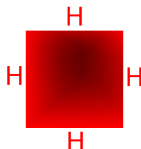
Harmonic Functions

- Twice continuous differentiable function
- Satisfies Laplace's equations:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} + \cdots + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_n^2} = 0$$

$$\Delta f = 0$$

Example of Harmonic Function



$$\text{Temp}_c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w_{ci} \text{Temp}_i$$

$$\text{Temp}_c = \frac{H + H + H + H}{4}$$

$$\text{Temp}_c = \frac{2H + 2C}{4}$$

$$\text{Temp}_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \text{Temp}(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

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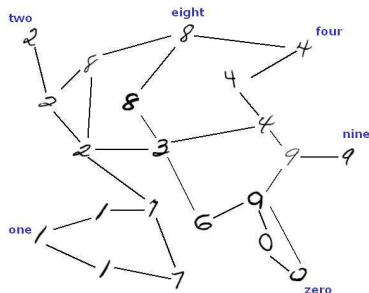
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Definitions

- **points** $(x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, \dots, x_{1,d}, y_1), \dots, (x_{n,1}, x_{n,2}, \dots, x_{n,d}, y_n)$
- ***l*** labeled points
- ***u*** unlabeled points
- $n = l + u$
- $G = (V, E)$
- $V = \{L, U\}$
- $L = \{1, \dots, l\}$
- $U = \{l+1, \dots, l+u\}$



Weights as a distance measure

$$w_{ij} = \exp \left(- \sum_{d=1}^m \frac{(x_{id} - x_{jd})^2}{\sigma_d^2} \right)$$

Definitions

Energy of the system

$$E(f) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (f(i) - f(j))^2$$

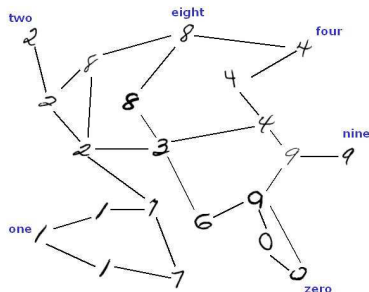
where $f(i) = f_l(i) = y_i$

Gaussian field

$$p_\beta(f) = \frac{e^{-\beta E(f)}}{Z_\beta}$$

f in *unlabeled points* is the average of the neighbors

$$f(j) = \frac{1}{d_j} \sum_{i \sim j} w_{ij} f(i), \text{ for } j = l+1, \dots, l+u$$



Harmonic solution

Minimum energy function is *harmonic*

$$f = \arg \min_{f|L=f_l} E(f)$$

it satisfies

$$\Delta f = 0$$

on unlabeled data points U

Where Δ is the *combinatorial Laplacian*

$$\Delta = D - W$$

Harmonic solution

$$\Delta = D - W$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{ll} & \Delta_{lu} \\ \Delta_{ul} & \Delta_{uu} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{ll} & D_{lu} \\ D_{ul} & D_{uu} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} W_{ll} & W_{lu} \\ W_{ul} & W_{uu} \end{bmatrix}$$

And given the known and unknown labels

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_l \\ f_u \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution to $\Delta f = 0$ s.t. $f|_L = f_l$ is given by

$$f_u = (D_{uu} - W_{uu})^{-1} W_{ul} f_l$$

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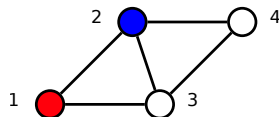
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Simple example

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{ll} & \Delta_{lu} \\ \Delta_{ul} & \Delta_{uu} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{ll} & D_{lu} \\ D_{ul} & D_{uu} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} W_{ll} & W_{lu} \\ W_{ul} & W_{uu} \end{bmatrix}$$

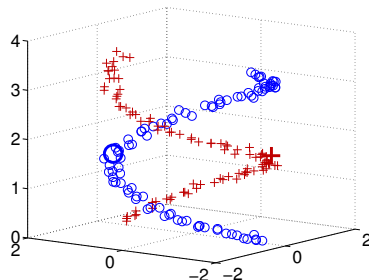
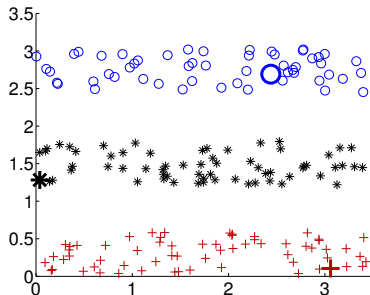


$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_u = (D_{uu} - W_{uu})^{-1} W_{ul} f_l$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_3 \\ f_4 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.6 \\ 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Harmonic energy minimization



- Figure 1: $l = 3$, $u = 178$ and $\sigma = 0.22$
- Figure 2: $l = 2$, $u = 184$ and $\sigma = 0.43$
- *Large symbols* indicate *labeled* data, other points are unlabeled

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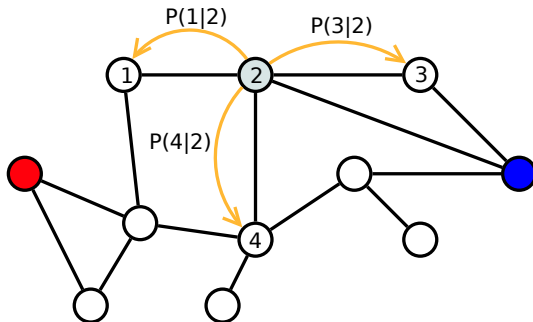
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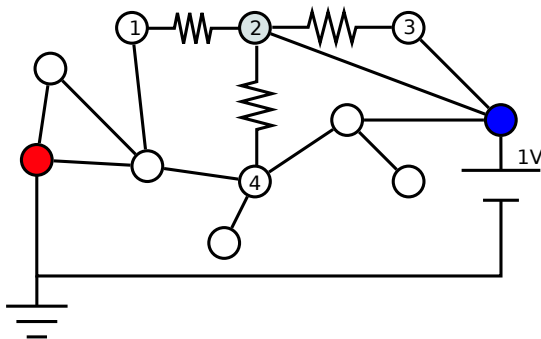
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Random Walks



- $f(i)$: probability that particle starting in node i hits node with label 1
- We fix the value of f in labeled points
- The walk depends on the time parameter t

Electric Networks



- G are resistors with conductance W
- Connect nodes labeled 1 to $1V$ and 0 to **Ground**
- f_u is the *voltage* in the resulting electric network
- Minimizes the energy dissipation
- Follows from *Kirchoff's and Ohm's* laws

Other interpretations

- Graph Kernels:
 - ▶ Using kernel $\hat{f}_t(j) = \sum_{i \in L} \alpha_i y_i K_t(i, j)$
 - ▶ Solution to heat equations with initial heat sources $\alpha_i y_i$
- Spectral clustering:
 - ▶ Objective function is minimization of the Raleigh quotient
 - ▶ $R(f) = \frac{f^T \Delta f}{f^T D f} = \frac{\sum_{ij} w_{ij} (f(i) - f(j))^2}{\sum_i d_i f(i)^2}$
 - ▶ Second smallest eigenvector $\Delta f = \lambda D f$
- Graph Mincuts:
 - ▶ Source (-1) and Sink (+1) nodes are labeled points

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Class Mass Normalization (CMN)

- Without prior knowledge assign **1** if $f(i) \geq \frac{1}{2}$, ow **0**
call this rule *“harmonic threshold”*
- If classes not separated produces *unbalanced classifications*
- If we know that *proportions* of class 1 and 0 are q and $(1 - q)$

$$\text{Mass of class 1} = \sum_i f_u(i)$$

$$\text{Mass of class 0} = \sum_i (1 - f_u(i))$$

- Then assign class 1 iff

$$q \frac{f_u(i)}{\sum_i f_u(i)} \geq (1 - q) \frac{1 - f_u(i)}{\sum_i (1 - f_u(i))}$$

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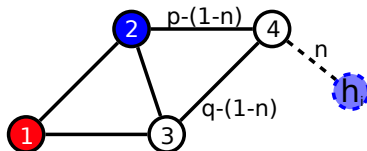
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External Classifier



- Use *external classifier* to produce h_u labels
- Attach a “*dongle*” node with this label
- *Assign a transition probability* n and subtract to the rest
- Can be seen as “*Assignment costs*” to the energy function

If we doubt on the original labels:

- Attach “dongles” to labeled nodes and **remove labels**

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Learning weight functions

- Learn the σ_d 's from labeled and unlabeled data

$$H(f) = \frac{1}{u} \sum_{i=l+1}^n H_i(f(i))$$

$$H_i(f(i)) = -f(i) \log f(i) - (1 - f(i)) \log(1 - f(i))$$

- Small entropy* implies more “confidence” labeling
- H has a minimum at 0 as $\sigma_d \rightarrow 0$
- Replace P with a smoothed matrix \tilde{P}

$$\tilde{P} = \epsilon U + (1 - \epsilon)P$$

$$U_{ij} = \frac{1}{l+u}$$

Gradient Descent

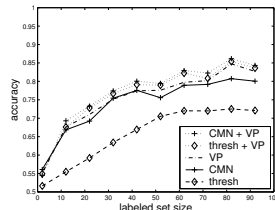
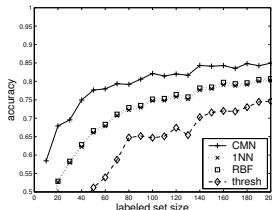
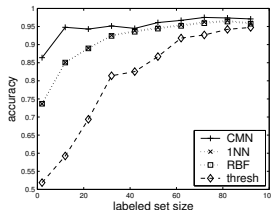
$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial \sigma_d} = \frac{1}{u} \sum_{i=l+1}^{l+u} \log \left(\frac{1 - f(i)}{f(i)} \right) \frac{\partial f(i)}{\partial \sigma_d}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_u}{\partial \sigma_d} = (I - \tilde{P}_{uu})^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{uu}}{\partial \sigma_d} f_u + \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_{ul}}{\partial \sigma_d} f_l \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial p_{ij}}{\partial \sigma_d} = \frac{\frac{\partial w_{ij}}{\partial \sigma_d} - p_{ij} \sum_{n=1}^{l+u} \frac{\partial w_{in}}{\partial \sigma_d}}{\sum_{n=1}^{l+u} w_{in}}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_{ij}}{\partial \sigma_d} = \frac{2w_{ij}(x_{di} - x_{dj})^2}{\sigma_d^3}$$

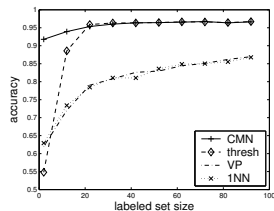
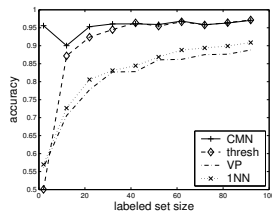
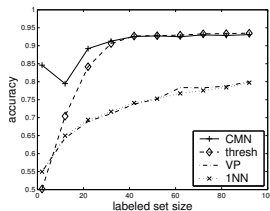
Handwritten digits dataset



(a) digits “1” vs. “2” (b) all 10 digits (c) odd vs. even

- $\sigma_d = 380$
- 10 random trials
- Unbalanced class sizes 455, 213, 129, \dots , 353
- *CMN improves* incorporating class priors

Document categorization



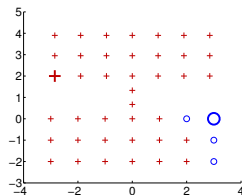
(a)

PC vs. MAC (b) baseball vs. hockey (c) MS-Windows vs. MAC

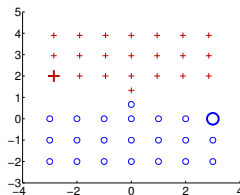
- Processed into a “tf.idf” vector
- u, v are connected by edge if they are in 10 nearest neighbors

$$w_{uv} = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{0.03} \left(1 - \frac{u^T v}{\|u\| \|v\|} \right) \right)$$

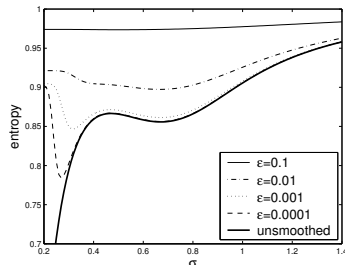
Learning the weight matrix



(a)



(b)



(c)

- (a) Unsmoothed, $H \rightarrow 0$ as $\sigma \rightarrow 0$
- (b) Optimal $\sigma_y = 0.67$, $\sigma_x \rightarrow \infty$, smoothed with $\epsilon = 0.01$
- (c) Smoothing helps to remove the entropy minimum

Conclusion

1. Promising experimental results
2. Using random field gives *coherent probabilistic semantics*
3. Probabilistic framework suggests ways of incorporating *class priors* and learning *hyperparameters*

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