

Graphical Semisupervised Learning

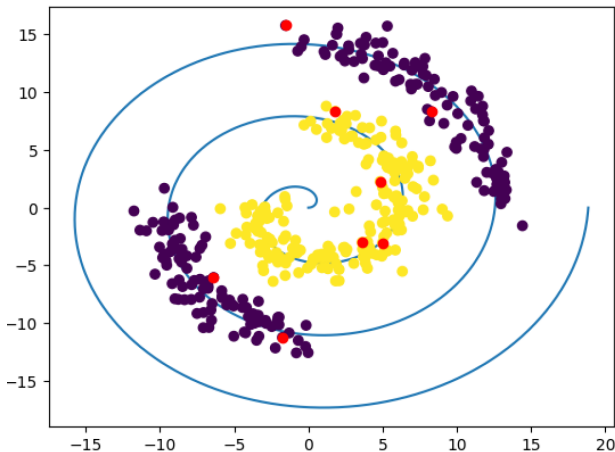
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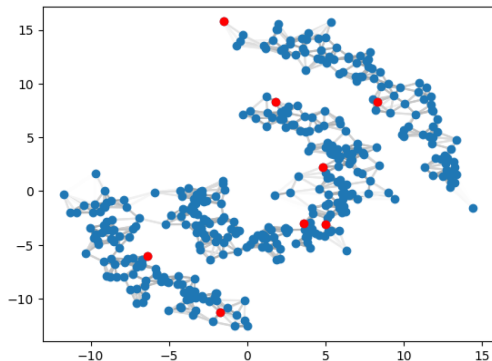
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Introduction to Problem

- Goal in SSL is, given $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^M$ and $\{x_i\}_{i=M+1}^N$, to predict $y_i(x_i)$ for $i = M + 1, \dots, N$ where $M \ll N$.



- We leverage spectral geometric properties of the graph Laplacian matrix L .
- First, we construct our graphs by KNN or Proximity graph construction.



- General optimization

$$\vec{f}^* = \arg \min_{\vec{f} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \mathcal{L}(\vec{f}; y) + \lambda \vec{f}^T C^{-1} \vec{f}$$

where \mathcal{L} is a loss function, either Probit or Regression loss in our case.

- Probit loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{f}, y) = - \sum_{j=1}^M \log \Psi(\vec{f}_j y_j)$$

- Regression loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{f}, y) = \sum_{j=1}^M \left(\vec{f}_j - y_j \right)^2$$

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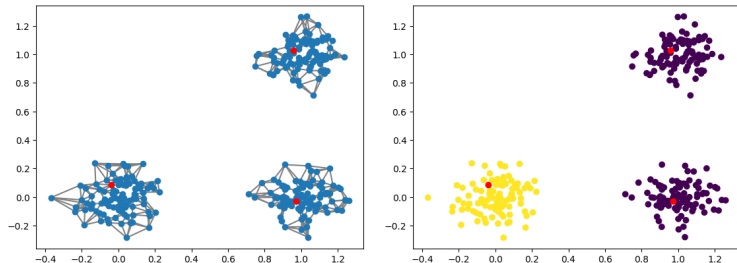
where $C = (L + \tau^2 I)^{-\alpha}$, where L is the graph Laplacian.

- In class, we showed C is a kernel matrix. In fact, C belongs to a class of kernels called the Matérn family that have the form

$$K(x, y) = \kappa(\|x - y\|), \kappa(t) = \frac{2^{1-\nu}}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu} \frac{t}{\gamma} \right) K_\nu \left(\sqrt{2\nu} \frac{t}{\gamma} \right)$$

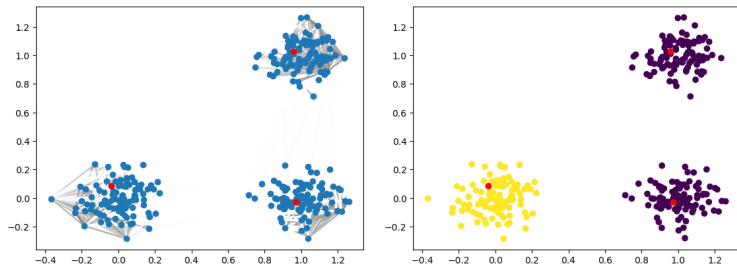
where Γ is the Gamma function and K_ν is the modified Bessel function of the second kind.

Using the K-Nearest Neighbors Graph with Uniform Weights



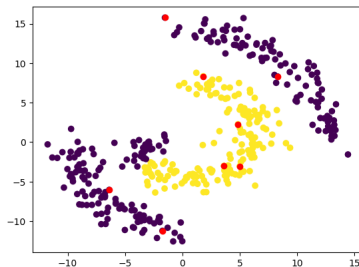
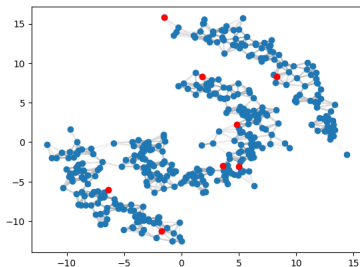
Loss Function	Classification Accuracy (over 50 trials)
Probit	100%
Regression	100%

Using the Proximity Graph with RBF Weights



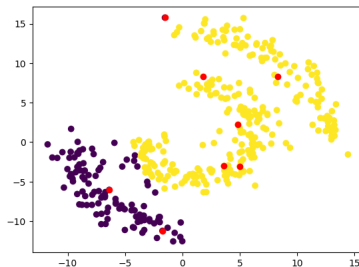
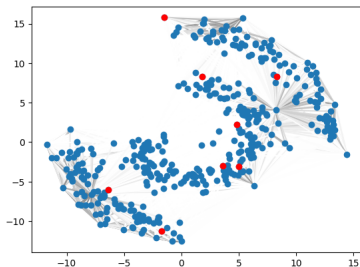
Loss Function	Classification Accuracy (over 50 trials)
Probit	100.0%
Regression	100.0%

Using the K-Nearest Neighbors Graph with RBF Weights



Loss Function	Classification Accuracy (over 50 trials)
Probit	96.3%
Regression	95.8%

Using the Proximity Graph with RBF Weights



Loss Function	Classification Accuracy (on 1 trial)
Probit	73.0%
Regression	63.0%

- Conclusions
 - For well separated clusters, the method is effective, even without careful tuning
 - Not the case for more difficult scenarios
- Challenges Encountered
 - Tuning of paramters - especially for real data
 - Majority labelling
- Next Steps
 - Plan to apply this approach to MNIST to test on real data
 - Anticipate tuning challenges for more difficult pairs of numbers



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