



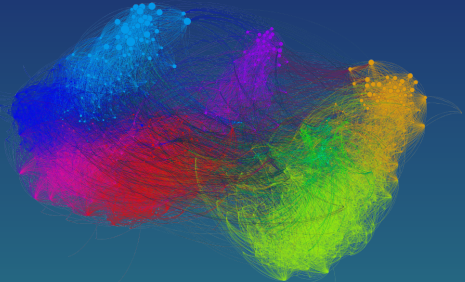
# Graphs in Machine Learning

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## Previous Lecture

- ▶ Graph-based semi-supervised learning
- ▶ SSL with MinCuts
- ▶ Gaussian random fields and harmonic solution
- ▶ Regularization of harmonic solution
- ▶ Soft-harmonic solution
- ▶ Inductive and transductive semi-supervised learning
- ▶ Manifold regularization
- ▶ Max-Margin Graph Cuts
- ▶ Theory of Laplacian-based manifold methods
- ▶ Transductive learning stability based bounds

# This Lecture

- ▶ Theory of Laplacian-based manifold methods
- ▶ Transductive learning stability based bounds
- ▶ Online Semi-Supervised Learning
- ▶ Online incremental  $k$ -centers
- ▶ Examples of applications of online SSL
- ▶ Analysis of online SSL
- ▶ SSL learnability
- ▶ When does graph-based SSL provably help?
- ▶ Scaling harmonic functions to millions of samples

# Previous Lab Session

- ▶ 24. 10. 2018 by Pierre Perrault
- ▶ Content
  - ▶ Graph Construction
  - ▶ Test sensitivity to parameters:  $\sigma$ ,  $k$ ,  $\varepsilon$
  - ▶ Spectral Clustering
  - ▶ Spectral Clustering vs.  $k$ -means
  - ▶ Image Segmentation
- ▶ Short written report
- ▶ Questions to piazza (without giving away solutions)
- ▶ *Deadline:* 7. 11. 2018 **Today!**

# Next Lab Session

- ▶ 14. 11. 2018 by Pierre Perrault
- ▶ 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. 2018**

# 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. 2018 - strongly recommended DL for taking projects
  - ▶ 28. 11. 2018 - hard DL for taking projects
  - ▶ 07. 01. 2019 - submission of the project report
  - ▶ 11. 01. 2019 or later - project presentation
- ▶ list of suggested topics on piazza

# SSL with Graphs: Generalization Bounds

Bounding **transductive** error

$$\|\ell_2^* - \ell_1^*\|_\infty \leq \beta \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1\|_2}{\frac{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C}_1)} + 1} + \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{Q}) \|\mathbf{C}_1^{-1} - \mathbf{C}_2^{-1}\|_2 \cdot \|\mathbf{y}_1\|_2}{\left(\frac{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C}_2)} + 1\right) \left(\frac{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C}_1)} + 1\right)}$$

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

Take  $c_l = 1$  and  $c_l > c_u$ . We have  $|y_i| \leq 1$  and  $|\ell_i^*| \leq 1$ .

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

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

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

This algorithm is  $\beta$ -stable!

# SSL with Graphs: Generalization Bounds

## Bounding **transductive** error

[http://web.cse.ohio-state.edu/~mbelkin/papers/RSS\\_COLT\\_04.pdf](http://web.cse.ohio-state.edu/~mbelkin/papers/RSS_COLT_04.pdf)

By the generalization bound of Belkin [BMN04]

$$R_P(\ell^*) \leq \hat{R}_P(\ell^*) + \underbrace{\beta + \sqrt{\frac{2 \ln(2/\delta)}{n_I}} (n_I \beta + 4)}_{\text{transductive error } \Delta_T(\beta, n_I, \delta)}$$
$$\beta \leq 2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\gamma_g + 1} + \sqrt{2n_I} \frac{1 - c_u}{c_u} \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{L}) + \gamma_g}{\gamma_g^2 + 1} \right]$$

holds with probability  $1 - \delta$ , where

$$R_P(\ell^*) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (\ell_i^* - y_i)^2$$
$$\hat{R}_P(\ell^*) = \frac{1}{n_I} \sum_{i \in I} (\ell_i^* - y_i)^2.$$



# SSL with Graphs: Generalization Bounds

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Does the bound say anything useful?

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

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

# SSL with Graphs: Generalization Bounds

Combining **inductive** + **transductive** error

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

$$R_P(f) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{x}_i), \text{sgn}(\ell_i^*)) + \widehat{R}_P(\ell^*) + \Delta_T(\beta, n_I, \delta) + \Delta_I(h, N, \eta)$$

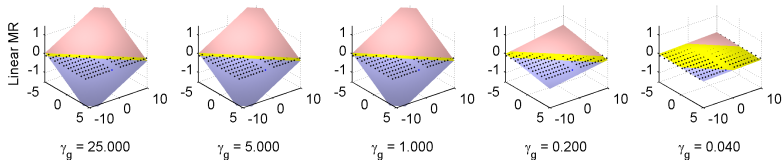
We need to account for  $\varepsilon$ . With probability  $1 - (\eta + \delta)$ .

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

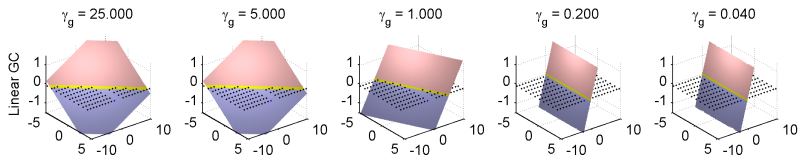
We should have  $\varepsilon \leq n_I^{-1/2}$ !

# SSL with Graphs: LapSVMs and MM Graph Cuts

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

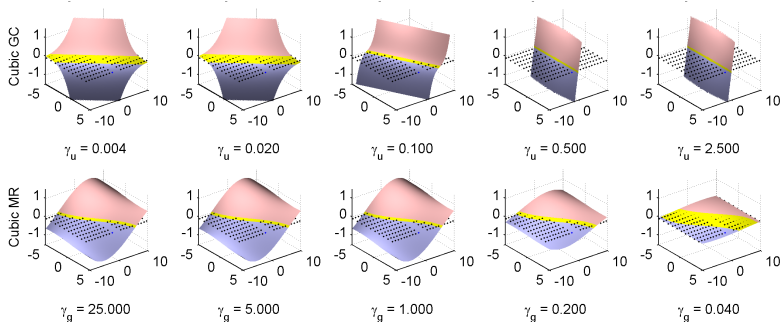


MMGC for 2D data and **linear**  $\mathcal{K}$  works as we want



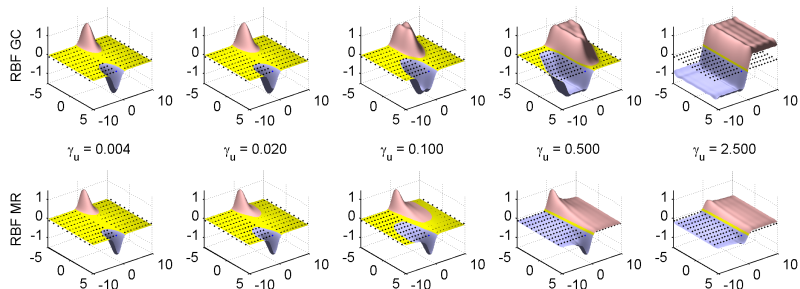
# SSL with Graphs: LapSVMs and MM Graph Cuts

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

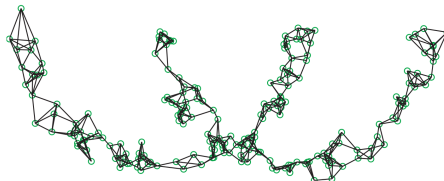


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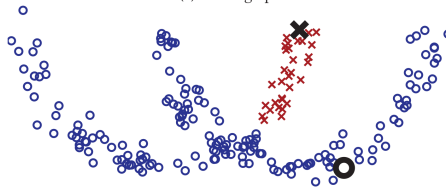
MMGC and MR for 2D data and RBF  $\mathcal{K}$



# SSL with Graphs



(a) 4-NN graph



(b) Harmonic function predictions

Graph-based SSL is obviously sensitive to graph construction!

# OnlineSSL( $\mathcal{G}$ )

when we can't access future  $x$

...and we want the results in real time

# Online SSL with Graphs

## 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 SSL with Graphs

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## Online HFS: Straightforward solution

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- 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

$$\mathbf{f}_u = (\mathbf{L}_{uu} + \gamma \mathbf{g} \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{W}_{ul} \mathbf{f}_l)$$

- 5: Predict  $\hat{y}_t = \text{sgn}(\mathbf{f}_u(t))$
  - 6: **end while**
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What is wrong with this solution?

The cost and memory of the operations.

What can we do?

## Online SSL with Graphs

Let's keep only  $k$  vertices!

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

Each centroid represents *several* others.

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

Can we compute it compactly? Compact harmonic solution.

$$\ell^q = (\mathbf{L}_{uu}^q + \gamma_g V)^{-1} \mathbf{W}_{ul}^q \ell_l \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{W}^q = V \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}^q V$$

**Proof?** Using electric circuits.

Why do we keep the multiplicities?

# Online SSL with Graphs

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## Online HFS with Graph Quantization

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- 1: **Input**
  - 2:  $k$  number of representative nodes
  - 3: **Initialization**
  - 4:  $\mathbf{V}$  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  $G(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V})$
  - 11:   Infer labels
  - 12:   Predict  $\hat{y}_t = \text{sgn}(\mathbf{f}_u(t))$
  - 13: **end while**
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# Online SSL with Graphs: Graph Quantization

An idea: incremental  $k$ -centers

Doubling algorithm of Charikar et al. [Cha+97]

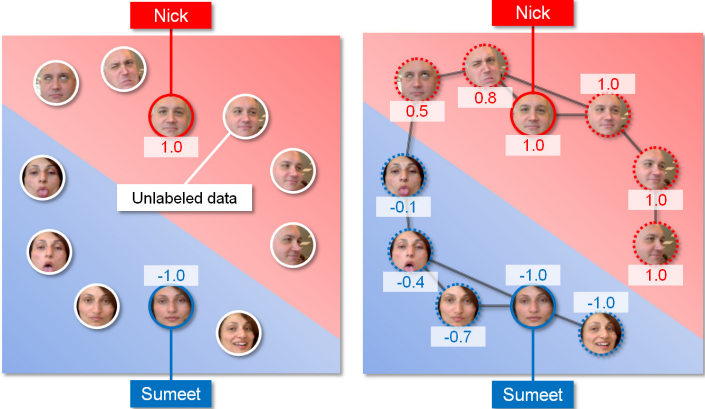
Keeps up to  $k$  centers  $C_t = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots\}$  with

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

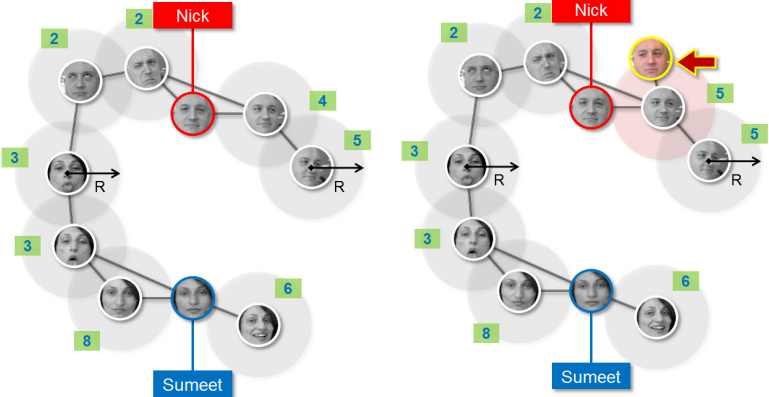
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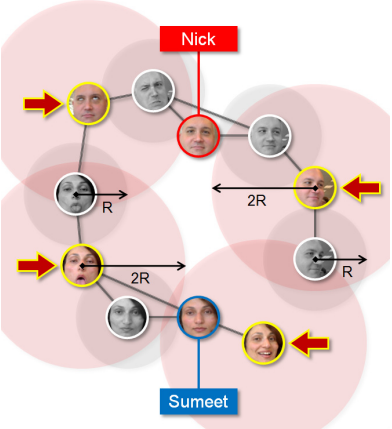
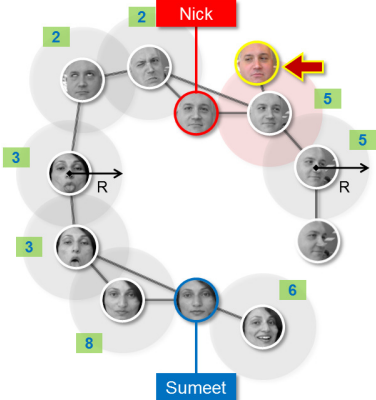
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# Online SSL with Graphs: Graph Quantization

Doubling algorithm [Cha+97]

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

$C_t$  is changing. How far can  $x$  be from some  $c$ ?

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

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

Why not incremental  $k$ -means?

# Online SSL with Graphs: Graph Quantization

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## 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:      $R \leftarrow mR$
  - 4:     greedily repartition  $C_{t-1}$  into  $C_t$  such that:
  - 5:         no two vertices in  $C_t$  are closer than  $R$
  - 6:         for any  $\mathbf{c}_i \in C_{t-1}$  exists  $\mathbf{c}_j \in C_t$  such that  $d(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_j) < R$
  - 7:     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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# Online SSL with Graphs

## Video examples

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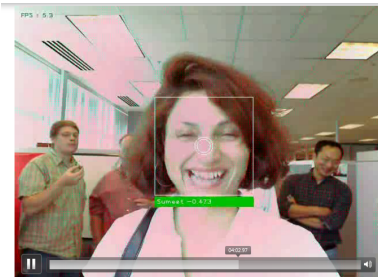
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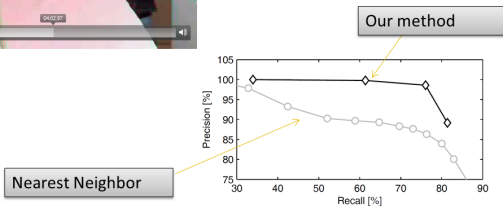
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# SSL with Graphs: Some experimental results

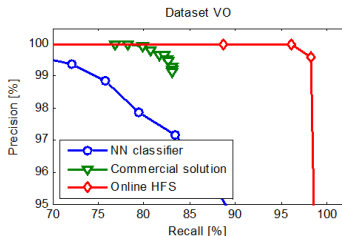
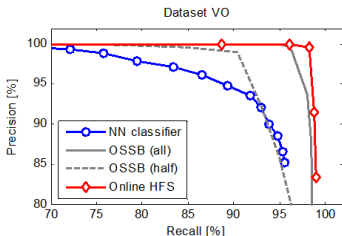
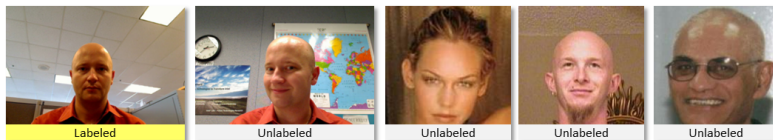


- 8 people classification
- Making funny faces
- 4 faces/person are labeled



# SSL with Graphs: Some experimental results

- One person moves among various indoor locations
- 4 labeled examples of a person in the cubicle

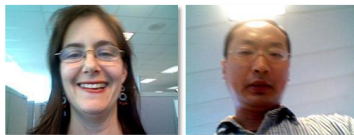


Online HFS outperforms OSSB (even when the weak learners are chosen using future data)

Online HFS yields better results than a commercial solution at 20% of the computational cost

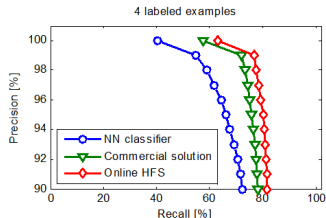
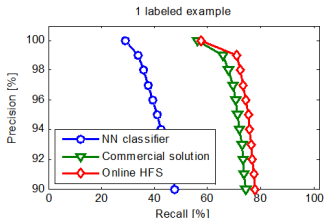
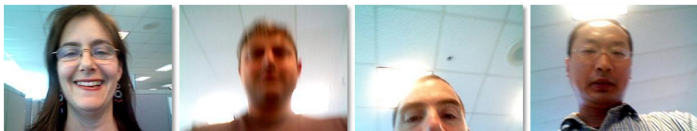
# SSL with Graphs: Some experimental results

- **Logging in** with faces instead of password
- Able to **learn** and improve



# SSL with Graphs: Some experimental results

- 16 people log twice into a tablet PC at 10 locations



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# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

What can we guarantee?

Three sources of error

- ▶ generalization error — if all data:  $(\ell_t^* - y_t)^2$
- ▶ online error — data only incrementally:  $(\ell_t^o[t] - \ell_t^*)^2$
- ▶ quantization error — memory limitation:  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

All together:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^q[t] - y_t)^2 \leq \frac{9}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^* - y_t)^2 + \frac{9}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^o[t] - \ell_t^*)^2 + \frac{9}{2N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$$

Since for any  $a, b, c, d \in [-1, 1]$ :

$$(a - b)^2 \leq \frac{9}{2} [(a - c)^2 + (c - d)^2 + (d - b)^2]$$



# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding **transduction error**  $(\ell_t^* - y_t)^2$

If all labeled examples  $l$  are i.i.d.,  $c_l = 1$  and  $c_l \gg c_u$ , then

$$R(\ell^*) \leq \hat{R}(\ell^*) + \underbrace{\beta + \sqrt{\frac{2 \ln(2/\delta)}{n_l}} (n_l \beta + 4)}_{\text{transductive error } \Delta_T(\beta, n_l, \delta)}$$

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

holds with the probability of  $1 - \delta$ , where

$$R(\ell^*) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_t (\ell_t^* - y_t)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{R}(\ell^*) = \frac{1}{n_l} \sum_{t \in l} (\ell_t^* - y_t)^2$$

How should we set  $\gamma_g$ ?

# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding **online error**  $(\ell_t^o[t] - \ell_t^*)^2$

Idea: If  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{L}^o$  are regularized, then HFSs get closer together.

since they get closer to zero

Recall  $\ell = (\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{L} + \gamma_g\mathbf{I}$

and also  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $\lambda_m(A)\|\mathbf{v}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{Av}\|_2 \leq \lambda_M(A)\|\mathbf{v}\|_2$

$$\|\ell\|_2 \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\lambda_m(\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{I})} = \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\frac{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q})}{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C})} + 1} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n_l}}{\gamma_g + 1}$$

Difference between offline and online solutions:

$$(\ell_t^o[t] - \ell_t^*)^2 \leq \|\ell^o[t] - \ell^*\|_\infty^2 \leq \|\ell^o[t] - \ell^*\|_2^2 \leq \left(\frac{2\sqrt{n_l}}{\gamma_g + 1}\right)^2$$

Again, how should we set  $\gamma_g$ ?

# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding **quantization error**  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

How are the quantized and full solution different?

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

**In Q!**  $\mathbf{Q}^o$  (online) vs.  $\mathbf{Q}^q$  (quantized)

We have:  $\ell^o = (\mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^o + \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$  vs.  $\ell^q = (\mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^q + \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$

Let  $\mathbf{Z}^q = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^q + \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}^o = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}^o + \mathbf{I}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ell^q - \ell^o &= (\mathbf{Z}^q)^{-1} \mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1} \mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{Z}^q \mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1} (\mathbf{Z}^o - \mathbf{Z}^q) \mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{Z}^q \mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{Q}^o - \mathbf{Q}^q) \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

## Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding quantization error  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\ell^q - \ell^o &= (\mathbf{Z}^q)^{-1}\mathbf{y} - (\mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1}\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{Z}^q\mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}^o - \mathbf{Z}^q)\mathbf{y} \\ &= (\mathbf{Z}^q\mathbf{Z}^o)^{-1}\mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{Q}^o - \mathbf{Q}^q)\mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\|\ell^q - \ell^o\|_2 \leq \frac{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C}^{-1})\|(\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o)\mathbf{y}\|_2}{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Z}^q)\lambda_m(\mathbf{Z}^o)}$$

$\|\cdot\|_F$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  are compatible and  $y_i$  is zero when unlabeled:

$$\|(\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o)\mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o\|_F \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n_l}\|\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o\|_F$$

Furthermore,  $\lambda_m(\mathbf{Z}^o) \geq \frac{\lambda_m(\mathbf{Q}^o)}{\lambda_M(\mathbf{C})} + 1 \geq \gamma_g$  and  $\lambda_M(\mathbf{C}^{-1}) \leq c_u^{-1}$

$$\text{We get } \|\ell^q - \ell^o\|_2 \leq \frac{\sqrt{n_l}}{c_u\gamma_g^2} \|\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o\|_F$$

# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

**Bounding quantization error**  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

The quantization error depends on  $\|\mathbf{Q}^q - \mathbf{Q}^o\|_F = \|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F$ .

When can we keep  $\|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F$  under control?

Charikar guarantees **distortion** error of at most  $Rm/(m-1)$

For what kind of data  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  is the distortion small?

Assume manifold  $\mathcal{M}$

- ▶ all  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  lie on a smooth  $s$ -dimensional compact  $\mathcal{M}$
- ▶ with boundary of bounded geometry Def. 11 of Hein [HAL07]
  - ▶ should not intersect itself
  - ▶ should not fold back onto itself
  - ▶ has finite volume  $V$
  - ▶ has finite surface area  $A$

# Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding **quantization error**  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

Bounding  $\|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F$  when  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{M}$

Consider  $k$ -sphere packing\* of radius  $r$  with centers contained in  $\mathcal{M}$ . \*only the centers are packed, not necessarily the entire ball

What is the maximum volume of this packing\*?

$kc_s r^s \leq V + Ac_{\mathcal{M}}r$  with  $c_s, c_{\mathcal{M}}$  depending on dimension and  $\mathcal{M}$ .

If  $k$  is large  $\rightarrow r <$  **injectivity radius** of  $\mathcal{M}$  [HAL07] and  $r < 1$ :

$$r < ((V + Ac_{\mathcal{M}}) / (kc_s))^{1/s} = \mathcal{O}(k^{-1/s})$$

$r$ -packing is a  $2r$ -covering:

$$\max_{i=1, \dots, N} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}\|_2 \leq Rm / (m-1) \leq 2(1+\varepsilon)\mathcal{O}(k^{-1/s}) = \mathcal{O}(k^{-1/s})$$

But what about  $\|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F$ ?

## Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding **quantization error**  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

If similarity is  $M$ -Lipschitz,  $\mathbf{L}$  is normalized,  $c_{ij}^o = \sqrt{\mathbf{D}_{ii}^o \mathbf{D}_{jj}^o} > c_{\min} N$

$|\mathbf{W}_{ij}^q - \mathbf{W}_{ij}^o| < 2MRm/(m-1)$  and  $|c_{ij}^q - c_{ij}^o| < 2nMRm/(m-1)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}_{ij}^q - \mathbf{L}_{ij}^o &= \frac{\mathbf{W}_{ij}^q}{c_{ij}^q} - \frac{\mathbf{W}_{ij}^o}{c_{ij}^o} \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbf{W}_{ij}^q - \mathbf{W}_{ij}^o}{c_{ij}^q} + \frac{\mathbf{W}_{ij}^o (c_{ij}^o - c_{ij}^q)}{c_{ij}^o c_{ij}^q} \\ &\leq \frac{4MRm}{(m-1)c_{\min} N} + \frac{4M(NMRm)}{((m-1)c_{\min} N)^2} \\ &= O\left(\frac{R}{N}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Finally,  $\|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F^2 \leq N^2 O(R^2/N^2) = O(k^{-2/s})$ .

Are the assumptions reasonable?

## Online SSL with Graphs: Analysis

Bounding quantization error  $(\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2$

We showed  $\|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F^2 \leq N^2 \mathcal{O}(R^2/N^2) = \mathcal{O}(k^{-2/s}) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^q[t] - \ell_t^o[t])^2 \leq \frac{n_l}{c_u^2 \gamma_g^4} \|\mathbf{L}^q - \mathbf{L}^o\|_F^2 \leq \frac{n_l}{c_u^2 \gamma_g^4}$$

This converges to zero at the rate  $\mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2})$  with  $\gamma_g = \Omega(N^{1/8})$ .

With properly setting  $\gamma_g$ , e.g.,  $\gamma_g = \Omega(N^{1/8})$ , we can have

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N (\ell_t^q[t] - y_t)^2 = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2}).$$

What does that mean?



# SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

Why and when it helps?

Can we guarantee benefit of SSL over SL?

Are there cases when **manifold** SSL is provably helpful?

Say  $\mathcal{X}$  is supported on manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ . Compare two cases:

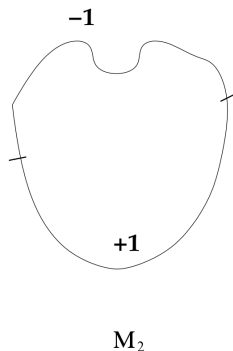
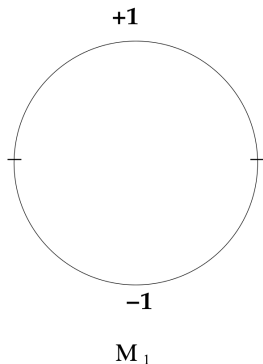
- ▶ SL: does not know about  $\mathcal{M}$  and only knows  $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$
- ▶ SSL: perfect knowledge of  $\mathcal{M} \equiv$  humongous amounts of  $\mathbf{x}_i$

<http://people.cs.uchicago.edu/~niyogi/paperssps/ssminimax2.pdf>

## SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

Set of learning problems - collections  $\mathcal{P}$  of probability distributions:

$$\mathcal{P} = \cup_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}} = \cup_{\mathcal{M}} \{p \in \mathcal{P} \mid p_{\mathcal{X}} \text{ is uniform on } \mathcal{M}\}$$



## SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

**Set of problems**  $\mathcal{P} = \cup_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}} = \{p \in \mathcal{P} \mid p_{\mathcal{X}} \text{ is uniform on } \mathcal{M}\}$

**Regression function**  $m_p = \mathbb{E}[y|x]$  when  $x \in \mathcal{M}$

**Algorithm A** and **labeled examples**  $\bar{z} = \{z_i\}_{i=1}^{n_l} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{n_l}$

**Minimax rate**

$$R(n_l, \mathcal{P}) = \inf_A \sup_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}} \left[ \|A(\bar{z}) - m_p\|_{L^2(p_{\mathcal{X}})} \right]$$

Since  $\mathcal{P} = \cup_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}$

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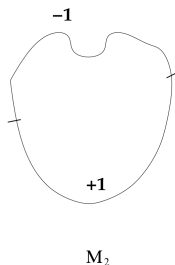
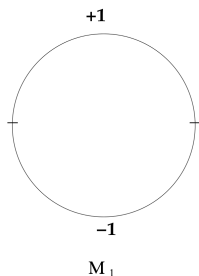
(SSL) When A is allowed to know  $\mathcal{M}$

$$Q(n_l, \mathcal{P}) = \sup_{\mathcal{M}} \inf_A \sup_{p \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}} \left[ \|A(\bar{z}) - m_p\|_{L^2(p_{\mathcal{X}})} \right]$$

In which cases there is a gap between  $Q(n_l, \mathcal{P})$  and  $R(n_l, \mathcal{P})$ ?

# SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

Hypothesis space  $\mathcal{H}$ : half of the circle as  $+1$  and the rest as  $-1$



**Case 1:**  $\mathcal{M}$  is known to the learner ( $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{M}}$ )

What is a VC dimension of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{M}}$ ?

$$\text{Optimal rate } Q(n, \mathcal{P}) \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{3 \log n_I}{n_I}}$$

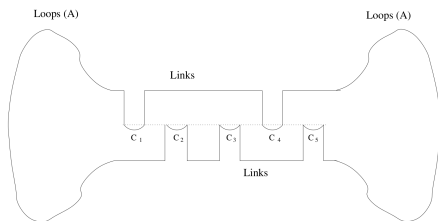
# SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

Case 2:  $\mathcal{M}$  is **unknown** to the learner

$$R(n_l, \mathcal{P}) = \inf_A \sup_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{z}} \left[ \|A(\bar{z}) - m_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)} \right] = \Omega(1)$$

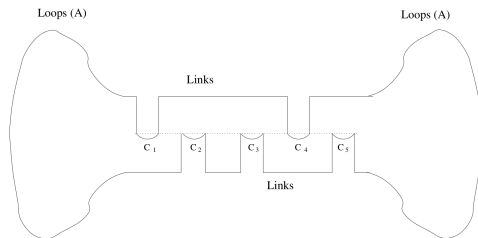
We consider  $2^d$  manifolds of the form

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Loops} \cup \text{Links} \cup C \text{ where } C = \cup_{i=1}^d C_i$$



**Main idea:**  $d$  segments in  $C$ ,  $d - l$  with no data,  $2^l$  possible choices for labels, which helps us to lower bound  $\|A(\bar{z}) - m_\rho\|_{L^2(\rho_X)}$

# SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?



## Knowing the manifold helps

- ▶  $C_1$  and  $C_4$  are close
- ▶  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  are far
- ▶ we also need: **target function varies smoothly**
- ▶ altogether: **closeness on manifold** → **similarity in labels**

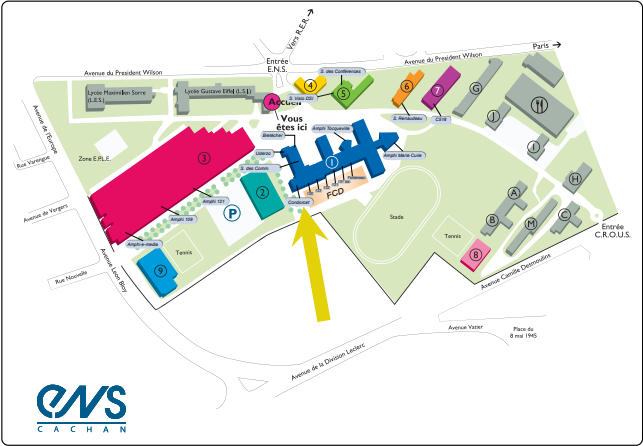
# SSL with Graphs: What is behind it?

What does it mean to **know**  $\mathcal{M}$ ?

## Different degrees of knowing $\mathcal{M}$

- ▶ set membership oracle:  $\mathbf{x} \stackrel{?}{\in} \mathcal{M}$
- ▶ approximate oracle
- ▶ knowing the harmonic functions on  $\mathcal{M}$
- ▶ knowing the Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}$
- ▶ knowing eigenvalues and *eigenfunctions*
- ▶ topological invariants, e.g., dimension
- ▶ metric information: geodesic distance

# Next lecture: Wednesday, November 21th at 14:00!





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