

## Motivations & Contributions

### ◆ Two Issues of graph-based methods

1. Most existing graph-based methods perform dimensionality reduction and graph construction separately.
2. One usually constructs a graph by KNN criteria. However, due to the noise and redundant information in the original data, such a predefined graph has no clear structure.

### ◆ Our Contributions

1. We perform dimensionality reduction and graph construction simultaneously. Both the optimal graph and the projection matrix can be obtained.
2. We take the rank constraint to learn a structured graph. The learned graph is also sparse.
3. A simple algorithm is derived for the problem with rank constraint. Extensive experiments demonstrate its effectiveness.

## Notations & Background

- Notations:  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$  is the data matrix, where the first  $l$  samples are labeled and the last  $u$  samples are unlabeled.  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{e \times n}$  is the label matrix defined as  $y_{ji}=1$  if  $x_i$  has label  $j$  and  $y_{ji}=0$ , otherwise.  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times c}$  is the projection matrix.  $L$  is the graph Laplacian and  $S$  is the similarity matrix. The  $i$ -th column of matrix  $M$  is  $m_i$ , and the  $(i, j)$ -th entry is  $m_{ij}$ .

### ◆ Linear Manifold Regularization (LMR)

We take linear Laplacian regularized least squares (LapRLS/L) as an example to briefly introduce LMR.

$$\min_{W,b} \gamma_A \|W\|_F^2 + \gamma_l \text{Tr}(W^T X L X^T W) + \frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l \|W^T x_i + b - y_i\|^2.$$

### ◆ Adaptive Neighbor Learning (ANL)

We consider the probabilistic neighbors to learn the similarity matrix  $S$ , and we simply have  $s_{ii}=0$ .

$$\min_{s_i} \sum_{i=1, 0 \leq s_{ij} \leq 1}^n (\|x_i - x_j\|_2^2 s_{ij} + \gamma s_{ij}^2).$$

## Formulation of LMRAG

- Incorporate ANL into LMR. Take the rank constraint as a structure constraint.

$$\min_{W,b,S \geq 0, S^T \mathbf{1}=1, \text{rank}(L)=n-c} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|_2^2 s_{ij} + \gamma \|S\|_F^2 + \beta \|W\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y) U (W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y)^T$$

- Transform the rank constraint.

$$\sum_{i=1}^c \sigma_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(L) = n - c$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^c \sigma_i = \min_{FF^T=I_c} \text{Tr}(FLF^T)$$

- The final objective.

$$\min_{W,b,S \geq 0, S^T \mathbf{1}=1, FF^T=I_c} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|_2^2 s_{ij} + \gamma \|S\|_F^2 + \beta \|W\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y) U (W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y)^T + 2\lambda \text{Tr}(FLF^T)$$

- $U$  is a diagonal matrix that picks out the labeled data.  $\sigma_i$  is the  $i$ -th smallest eigenvalue of  $L$ .  $F$  is a kind of embedding of  $X$ .
- The first term of the objective function is actually conducting ANL in the projected space.
- The multiplicity of eigenvalue zero of graph Laplacian  $L$  is equal to the number of connected components in the graph. Thus we can take the rank constraint as a structure constraint.
- The graph and the projection matrix can be both optimized.

## Optimization

Update  $F$  with  $W, b, S$  fixed  $\rightarrow \min_{FF^T=I_c} \text{Tr}(FLF^T)$  (1)

Update  $W, b$  with  $F, S$  fixed  $\rightarrow \min_{W,b} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|_2^2 s_{ij} + \beta \|W\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y) U (W^T X + b \mathbf{1}^T - Y)^T$  (2)

Update  $S$  with  $W, b, F$  fixed  $\rightarrow \min_{S \geq 0, S^T \mathbf{1}=1} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|_2^2 s_{ij} + \gamma \|S\|_F^2 + 2\lambda \text{Tr}(FLF^T)$  (3)

$$\Rightarrow \min_{s_i} \left\| s_i + \frac{1}{2\gamma} d_i \right\|_2^2, \left( d_{ij} = \|W^T x_i - W^T x_j\|_2^2 + \lambda \|f_i - f_j\|_2^2 \right)$$

- the optimal  $F$  is formed by the eigenvectors of  $L$  corresponding to the first  $c$  smallest eigenvalues.
- The optimal  $W$  and  $b$  can be obtained by setting the derivatives of the objective equal to zero, respectively.
- It is independent to learn  $s_i$  for each sample. The quadratic problem with linear constraint has closed form solution. [Huang et al., 2015]
- Initialization: We learn an initial graph by ANL. The parameter  $\gamma$  can be initialized adaptively, and  $\lambda$  can be tuned dynamically.

## Experimental Results

- Comparison methods: (1) SDA [Cai et al., 2007]. (2) TR-FSDA [Huang et al., 2012]. (3) SSDL [Gao et al., 2015]. (4) FME [Nie et al., 2010], and (5) LapRLS/L [Sindhwani et al., 2005].

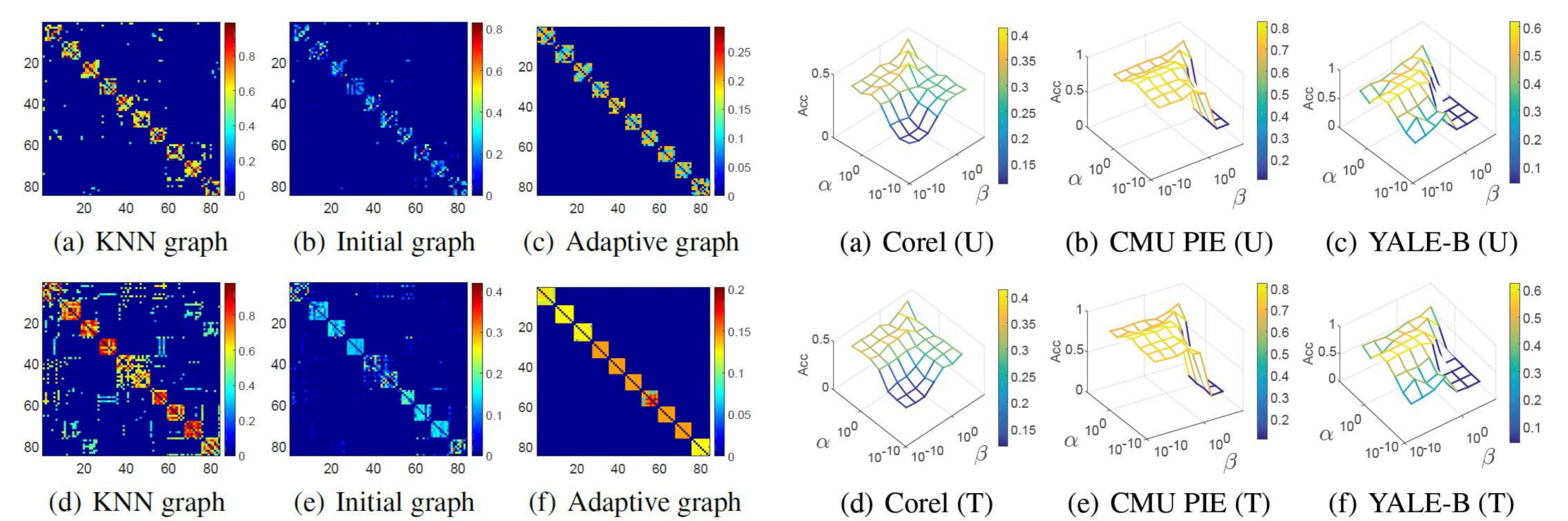


Figure 1. Practical illustrations

Figure 2. Parameter effect

Table 1 Classification Accuracy (Part of the results)

Dataset	Method	1 labeled sample		2 labeled sample		3 labeled sample	
		Unlabeled	Test	Unlabeled	Test	Unlabeled	Test
Corel	SDA	25.44 ± 3.42	25.42 ± 2.81	34.86 ± 3.67	34.58 ± 2.71	39.61 ± 4.68	38.39 ± 1.43
	TR-FSDA	25.44 ± 4.46	25.70 ± 2.97	33.83 ± 3.16	33.46 ± 3.27	38.07 ± 4.00	38.55 ± 3.56
	SSDL	26.75 ± 1.93	27.20 ± 2.84	34.89 ± 2.55	34.08 ± 2.26	38.32 ± 1.79	37.62 ± 2.74
	FME	23.65 ± 3.13	24.44 ± 2.56	30.15 ± 3.16	31.83 ± 4.46	33.79 ± 1.06	32.60 ± 1.26
	LapRLS/L	26.90 ± 1.60	26.60 ± 3.65	33.83 ± 2.34	34.31 ± 0.55	40.49 ± 1.42	39.94 ± 3.52
	LMRAG	<b>27.86 ± 3.49</b>	<b>27.73 ± 3.00</b>	<b>36.12 ± 2.56</b>	<b>36.46 ± 1.06</b>	<b>41.13 ± 1.28</b>	<b>41.27 ± 2.08</b>
COIL-20	SDA	69.75 ± 3.46	68.42 ± 2.35	77.85 ± 2.87	76.70 ± 3.29	82.23 ± 2.50	81.79 ± 2.74
	TR-FSDA	69.54 ± 2.36	68.53 ± 2.01	76.52 ± 3.11	76.69 ± 3.62	83.00 ± 1.18	82.77 ± 3.23
	SSDL	65.29 ± 2.54	64.56 ± 2.53	75.11 ± 2.04	75.56 ± 2.08	79.69 ± 3.37	80.12 ± 1.53
	FME	69.36 ± 4.12	69.35 ± 2.28	78.48 ± 1.95	76.98 ± 2.38	84.38 ± 1.74	84.35 ± 2.70
	LapRLS/L	68.68 ± 4.29	66.38 ± 1.69	75.85 ± 1.29	75.98 ± 2.67	79.69 ± 1.33	79.30 ± 1.61
	LMRAG	<b>70.75 ± 1.80</b>	<b>70.12 ± 2.57</b>	<b>79.70 ± 2.73</b>	<b>77.84 ± 3.09</b>	<b>84.58 ± 1.86</b>	<b>85.00 ± 1.45</b>
JAFFE	SDA	91.62 ± 1.76	88.06 ± 4.05	95.94 ± 2.84	97.36 ± 1.41	98.52 ± 1.55	99.22 ± 1.88
	TR-FSDA	87.84 ± 3.02	86.05 ± 7.25	96.88 ± 3.66	96.28 ± 2.76	98.15 ± 3.21	99.22 ± 1.34
	SSDL	83.24 ± 3.65	84.65 ± 3.97	94.69 ± 2.61	94.26 ± 2.72	98.89 ± 1.01	98.29 ± 1.77
	FME	80.27 ± 8.23	82.48 ± 5.20	92.19 ± 5.18	90.23 ± 3.54	94.81 ± 4.22	94.57 ± 1.98
	LapRLS/L	86.49 ± 6.12	86.51 ± 4.98	95.63 ± 5.11	94.57 ± 3.84	<b>99.26 ± 2.69</b>	98.29 ± 1.01
	LMRAG	<b>97.84 ± 2.80</b>	<b>98.45 ± 1.55</b>	<b>99.38 ± 2.09</b>	<b>98.45 ± 1.45</b>	<b>99.26 ± 1.66</b>	<b>99.69 ± 0.43</b>
CMU PIE	SDA	31.53 ± 3.71	32.29 ± 1.68	68.40 ± 2.31	68.38 ± 1.78	77.47 ± 2.32	77.57 ± 2.63
	TR-FSDA	18.98 ± 0.92	22.56 ± 1.37	67.55 ± 2.85	67.51 ± 1.35	79.27 ± 1.79	78.13 ± 1.30
	SSDL	53.78 ± 1.98	53.17 ± 2.35	70.28 ± 2.83	70.69 ± 2.10	77.49 ± 1.14	78.14 ± 1.11
	FME	53.49 ± 1.47	52.26 ± 1.24	69.92 ± 2.17	69.06 ± 1.36	78.06 ± 2.39	77.19 ± 1.92
	LapRLS/L	53.31 ± 2.19	52.80 ± 2.68	69.15 ± 2.09	68.63 ± 1.77	77.35 ± 2.33	76.57 ± 2.20
	LMRAG	<b>61.30 ± 2.29</b>	<b>61.29 ± 1.08</b>	<b>72.61 ± 2.50</b>	<b>72.61 ± 2.71</b>	<b>82.42 ± 1.06</b>	<b>81.93 ± 1.15</b>

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