

## Review: Summary questions of the last Lecture

- Explain the meaning of Spectral Clustering in one sentence. Why spectral?  
→ It means that the clustering of nodes in a graph is done **on the basis of frequency components** of the graph signal representing the cluster labels of the nodes.
- What is represented by the solution of Laplacian formulation relaxing Balanced Graph cut problem?  
→ It represents **the second eigenvector of an appropriate Laplacian**, which gives the **given balancing condition**.
- What does the solution of MinCut problem mean?  
→ It is the second eigenvector of Laplacian, which gives **the balanced cardinalities** of the clustered groups.
- What does the solution of NormalizedCut problem mean?  
▪ It is the second eigenvector of **Symmetric Laplacian**, which gives **the balanced volumes** of the clustered groups.

# Spectral Clustering: Relaxing Balanced Cuts

Optimization formulation for spectral clustering

$$\min_f \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f} \text{ subject to } f_i \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{f} \perp \mathbf{1}_N, \|\mathbf{f}\| = \sqrt{N}$$
$$f_i \in \{1, -1\}$$

The solution

$$\lambda_2 = \min_{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1, \mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{u}_1} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}, \text{ where } \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{1}_N \text{ for } \lambda_1 = 0$$

→ second eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $\mathbf{L}$

Since the elements in  $\mathbf{x}$  are not integer and  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{f}$  can be obtained by

$$f_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x_i < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \|\mathbf{f}\| = \sqrt{N} \quad \rightarrow \boxed{|A| = |B|}$$

# Spectral Clustering: Approximating RatioCut

## RatioCut

$$\min_{A,B} RCut(A, B) = \min_{A,B} \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{|A|} + \frac{1}{|B|} \right)$$

Define graph function  $f$  for cluster membership of RatioCut:  $f_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{|B|}{|A|}} & \text{if } v_i \in A \\ -\sqrt{\frac{|A|}{|B|}} & \text{if } v_i \in B \end{cases}$

$$f^T L f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2 = (|A| + |B|) RCut(A, B)$$

Since  $(|A| + |B|)$  is constant,

$$\min_{A,B} RCut(A, B) = \min_f f^T L f,$$

$$\text{subject to } f_i \in \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{|B|}{|A|}}, -\sqrt{\frac{|A|}{|B|}} \right\}$$



$$|A| = |B|$$

Still NP hard...Require relaxation.

# Spectral Clustering: Approximating RatioCut

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$$\|\mathbf{f}\|^2 = \sum_i f_i^2 = |A| \frac{|B|}{|A|} + |B| \frac{|A|}{|B|} = |A| + |B| = N \rightarrow \text{not sufficient for } f_i \in \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{|B|}{|A|}}, -\sqrt{\frac{|A|}{|B|}} \right\}$$

Optimization formulation for **RatioCut** (same with balanced **mincut**)

$$\min_{\mathbf{f}} \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f} \quad \text{subject to, } f_i \in \mathbb{R}, \|\mathbf{f}\| = \sqrt{N}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f} \neq (|A| + |B|) \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{|A|} + \frac{1}{|B|} \right) \rightarrow |A| = |B|$$

# Spectral Clustering: Approximating RatioCut

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# Spectral Clustering: Approximating NormalizedCut

## NormalizedCut

$$\min_{A,B} NCut(A, B) = \min_{A,B} \sum_{i \in A, j \in B} w_{ij} \left( \frac{1}{vol(A)} + \frac{1}{vol(B)} \right)$$

Balancing the clusters by considering the degrees of nodes

Define graph function  $f$  for cluster membership of NCut:  $f_i = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{vol(B)}{vol(A)}} & \text{if } v_i \in A \\ -\sqrt{\frac{vol(A)}{vol(B)}} & \text{if } v_i \in B \end{cases}$

$$f^T L f = \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \left( \sqrt{\frac{vol(B)}{vol(A)}} + \sqrt{\frac{vol(A)}{vol(B)}} \right)^2 = \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \left( \frac{vol(B) + vol(A)}{\sqrt{vol(A)}\sqrt{vol(B)}} \right)^2$$

$$\min_{A,B} f^T L f = vol(\mathcal{V}) NCut(A, B) \quad , f_i \in \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{vol(B)}{vol(A)}}, -\sqrt{\frac{vol(A)}{vol(B)}} \right\} \rightarrow vol(B) = vol(A)$$

NP hard of assignment  $f_i$ .

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Necessary condition for  $f_i \in \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{vol(B)}{vol(A)}}, -\sqrt{\frac{vol(A)}{vol(B)}} \right\}$

$$(Df)^T \mathbf{1}_N = 0, \quad f^T Df = vol(\mathcal{V})$$



# Spectral Clustering: Approximating NormalizedCut

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## Optimization formulation for **NormalizedCut**

$$\min_f f^T L f \text{ subject to } f_i \in R, \quad Df \perp \mathbf{1}_N, \quad f^T Df = vol(\mathcal{V})$$

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Can we apply Rayleigh-Ritz now?

Define  $\mathbf{h} = D^{1/2} f$

Optimization formulation for **NormalizedCut**

$$\min_h h^T D^{-1/2} L D^{-1/2} h \text{ subject to } h_i \in R, \quad \mathbf{h} \perp \mathbf{u}_{1, L_{sym}}, \quad h^T h = \text{vol}(\mathcal{V})$$

$$\min_h h^T L_{sym} h \text{ subject to } h_i \in R, \quad \mathbf{h} \perp \mathbf{u}_{1, L_{sym}}, \quad \|\mathbf{h}\| = \sqrt{\text{vol}(\mathcal{V})}$$

# Spectral Clustering: Approximating NormalizedCut

Optimization formulation for **NormalizedCut**

$$\min_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{h}^T \mathbf{L}_{sym} \mathbf{h} \text{ subject to } h_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{h} \perp \mathbf{u}_{1, L_{sym}}, \quad \|\mathbf{h}\| = \sqrt{\text{vol}(\mathcal{V})}$$

Solution by **Rayleigh-Ritz?**

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{u}_{2, L_{sym}}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{D}^{-1/2} \mathbf{h}$$

→ eigenvector of  $L_{rw}$   
→  $L\mathbf{u} = \lambda D\mathbf{u}$

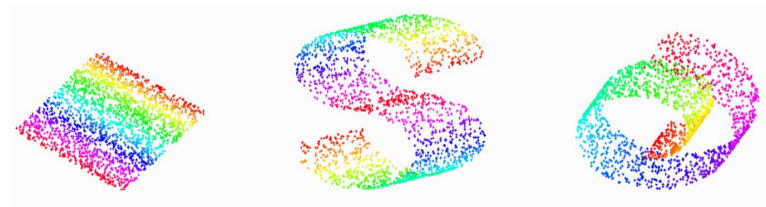
$$f_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\text{vol}(\mathbf{B})}{\text{vol}(\mathbf{A})}} & \text{if } h_i \geq 0 \\ -\sqrt{\frac{\text{vol}(\mathbf{A})}{\text{vol}(\mathbf{B})}} & \text{if } h_i < 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{f} = \text{vol}(\mathcal{V}) \not\rightarrow \text{vol}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{vol}(\mathbf{B})$$

# Outline of Lecture

- Graph Spectral Theory
  - Definition of Graph
  - Graph Laplacian
  - Laplacian Smoothing
- Graph Node Clustering
  - Minimum Graph Cut
  - Ratio Graph Cut
  - Normalized Graph Cut
- Manifold Learning
  - Spectral Analysis in Riemannian Manifolds
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- Semi-supervised Learning (SSL)
  - Self-Training Methods
  - SSL with SVM
  - SSL with Graph using MinCut
  - SSL with Graph using Harmonic Functions
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  - SSL with Graph using Soft Harmonic Functions
  - SSL with Graph using Manifold Regularization
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  - Online SSL and SSL for large graph
- Graph Convolution Networks (GCN)
  - Graph Filtering in GCN
  - Graph Pooling in GCN
  - Spectral Filtering in GCN
  - Spatial Filtering in GCN
- Recent GCN papers

# Manifold Learning

$$\mathbb{R}^d \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$



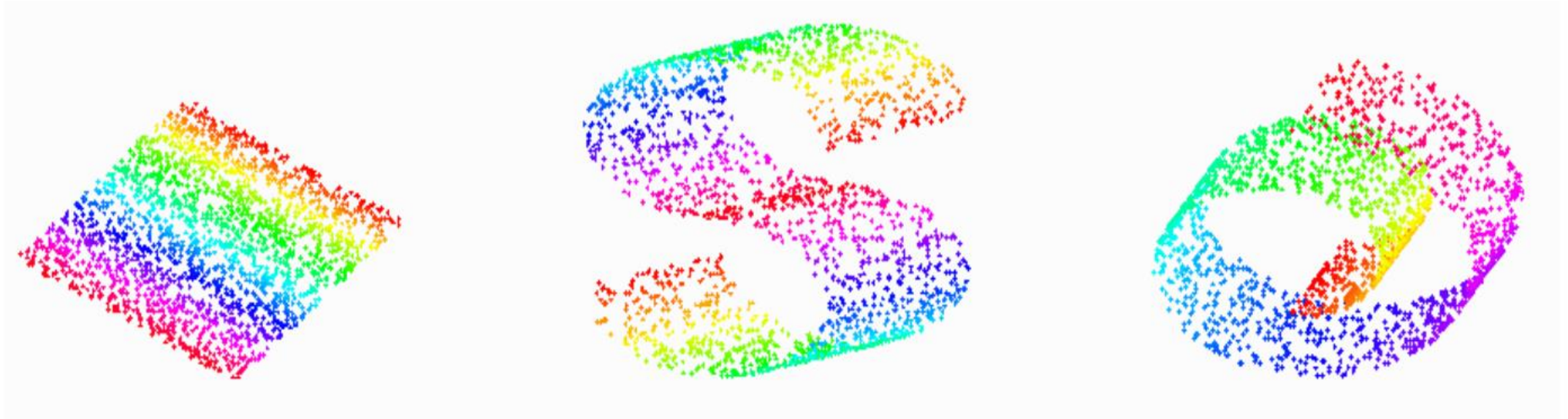
# Manifold Learning

problem: definition reduction/manifold learning

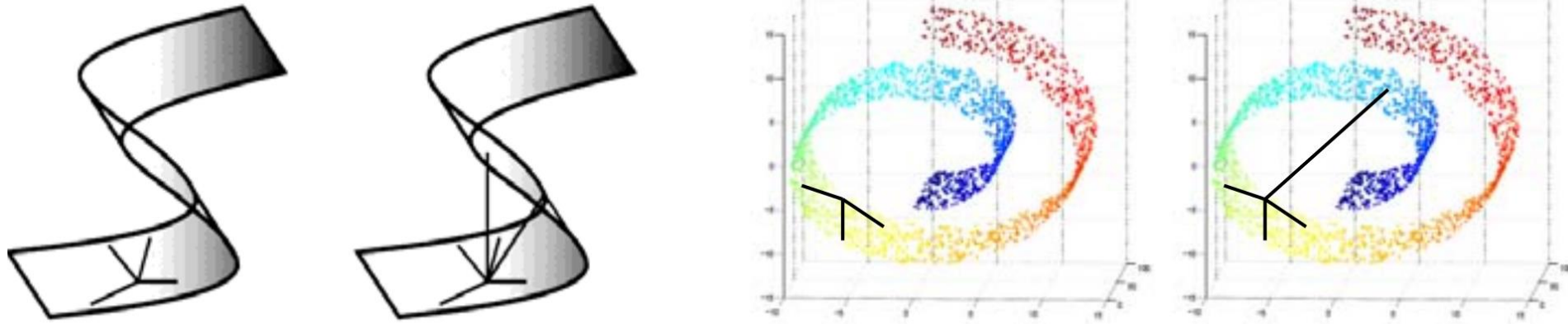
Given  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$  from  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , find  $\{\mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^N$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $m \ll d$ .

- What do we know about the dimensionality reduction?
  - representation/visualization (2D or 3D )
  - an old example: globe to a map (3D  $\rightarrow$  2D)
  - often assuming  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$
  - feature extraction
  - linear vs. nonlinear dimensionality reduction
- What do we know about linear vs. nonlinear methods?
  - linear: ICA, PCA, LDA, SVD, ...
  - nonlinear often preserve only local distances

# Manifold Learning: Linear vs. Non-linear



# Manifold Learning: Preserving (just) local distances



$d(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) = d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$  only if  $d(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$  and  $d(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j)$  are small.

$$\min \sum_{i,j} w_{ij} \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_j\|^2$$

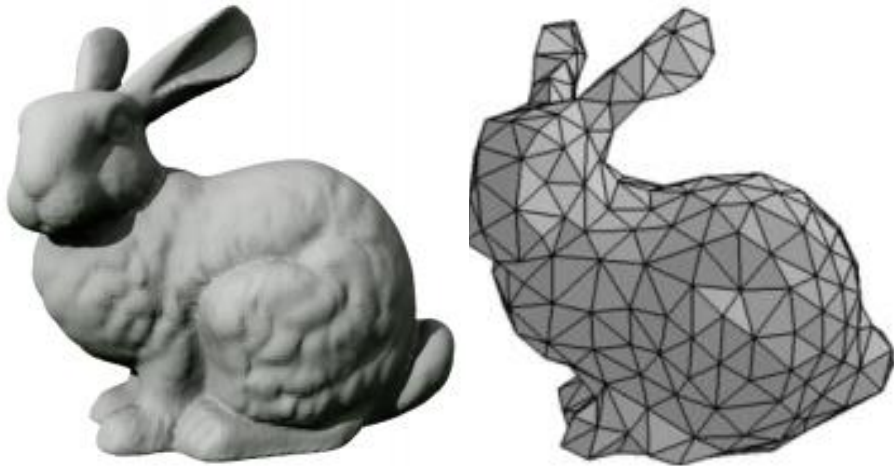
$\mathbf{y}_i$  looks similar to  $\mathbf{y}_j$ ?

**Yes** in Euclidean space, but **No** in Manifolds

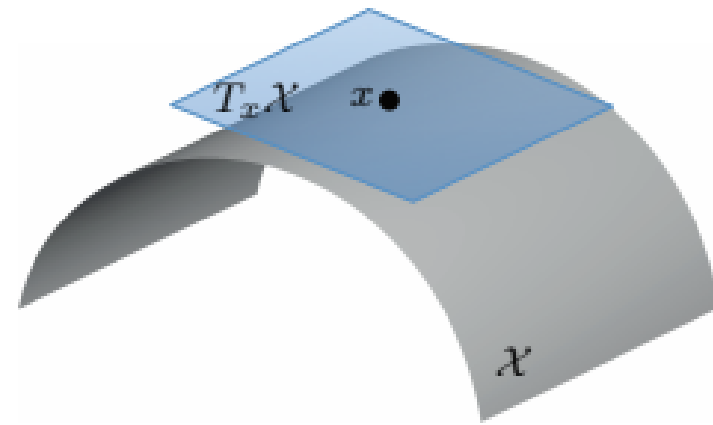


# Manifold Learning: Riemannian manifolds

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Manifolds



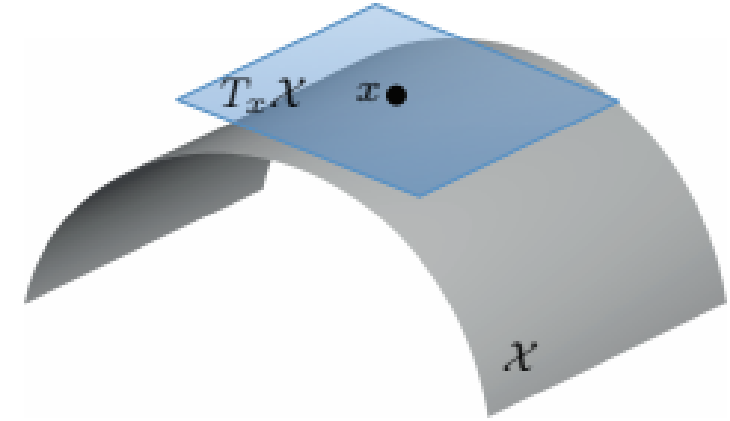
Tangent space

[Geometric deep learning on graphs and manifolds](#), Michael Bronstein et al.,  
SIAM Tutorial 12 July 2018, Portland

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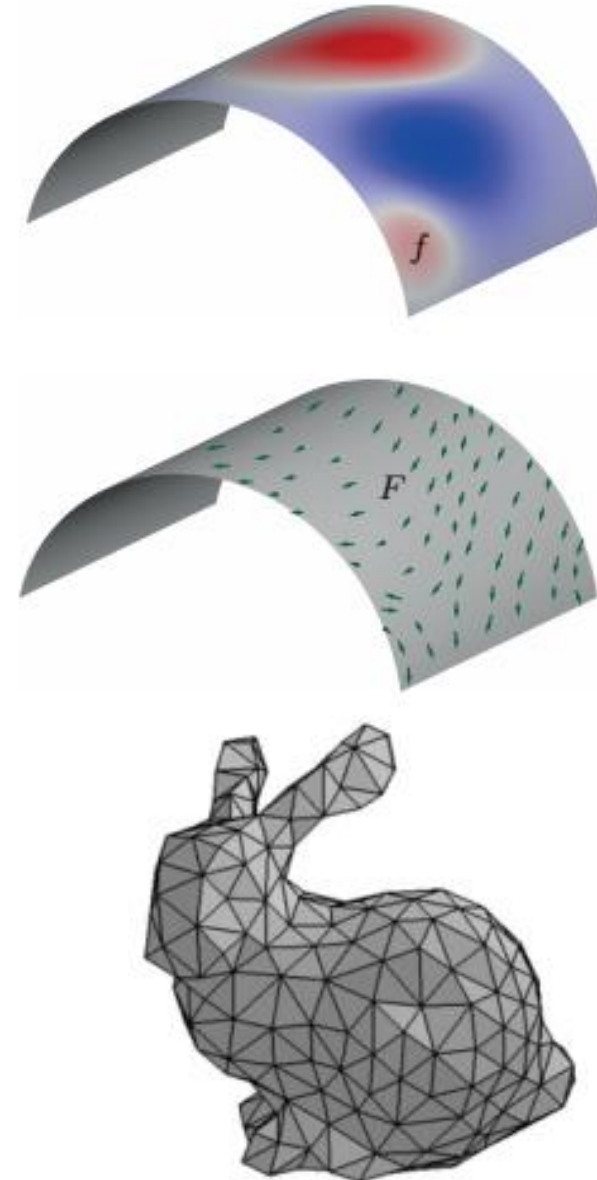
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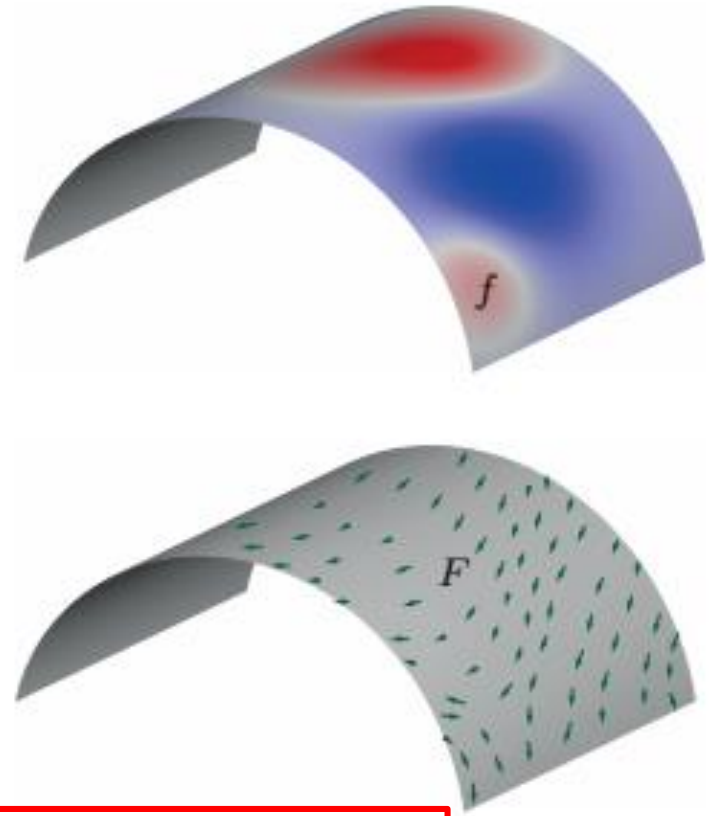
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- Hilbert spaces with inner products

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X}, \mu)} = \int f(\mathbf{x})g(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\langle F, G \rangle_{L^2(T\mathcal{X}, \mu)} = \int \langle F(\mathbf{x}), G(\mathbf{x}) \rangle_{T_x \mathcal{X}} d\mathbf{x}$$



$L^2(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$ :  
square integrable  
in **measure space**  $\mathcal{X}$   
w.r.t. **measure**  $\mu$ .

Is  $f(x) = 1/t$  in  $L^2([0, 1], \mu)$ ?

# Manifold Learning: **Manifold Laplacian**

- **Laplacian**  $\Delta: L^2(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{X})$

$$\Delta f(\mathbf{x}) = -\text{div} \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$$

where **gradient**  $\nabla: L^2(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow L^2(T\mathcal{X})$

and **divergence**  $\text{div}: L^2(T\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathcal{X})$

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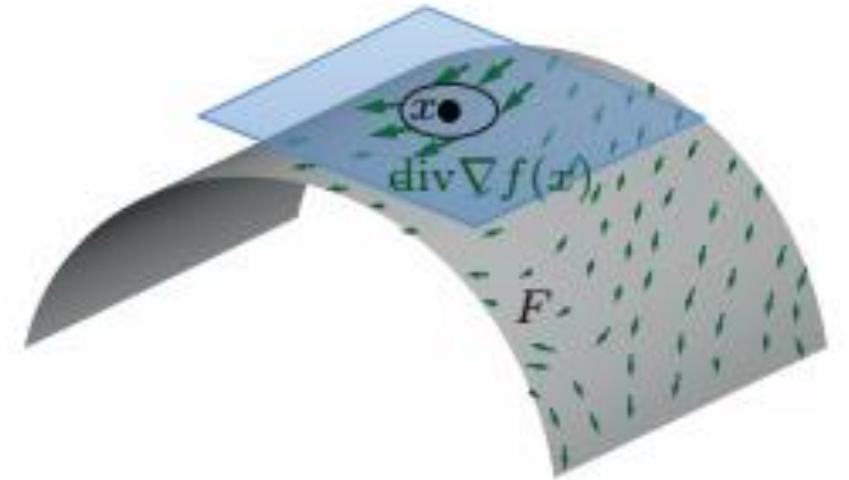
$$\langle \nabla f, G \rangle_{L^2(T\mathcal{X})} = \langle f, -\text{div} G \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}$$

(ex) Let  $F$  be a differentiable vector field

$$\mathbf{F} = F_x \mathbf{i} + F_y \mathbf{j} + F_z \mathbf{k}$$

Then

$$\text{div} \mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial F_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial z}$$



[Book: Laplacian on Riemannian Manifold](#)

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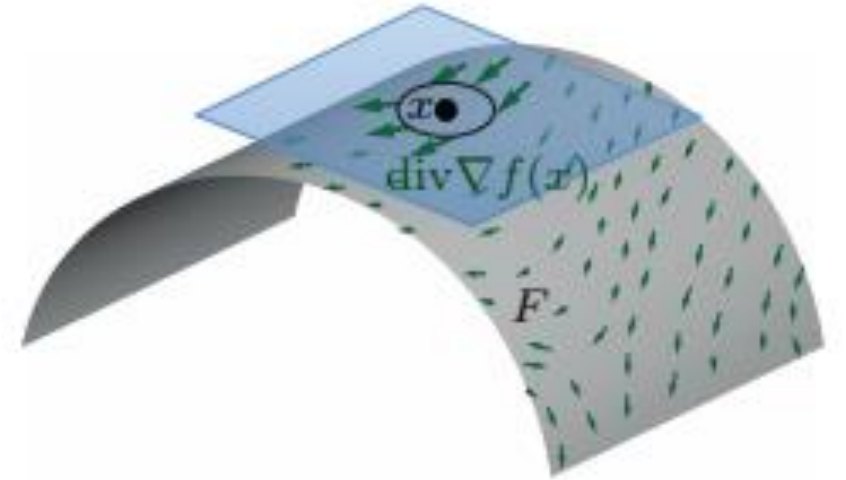
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- **Manifold Laplacian is self-adjoint**

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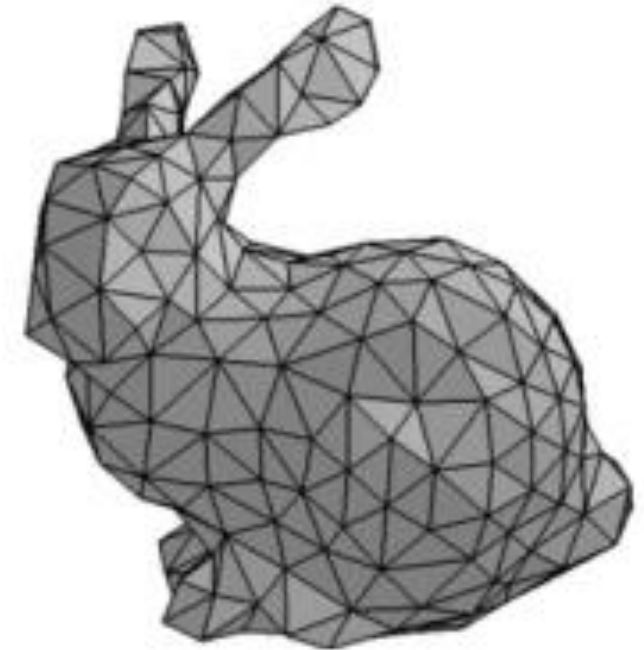
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- Laplacian is **self-adjoint**

$$\langle \Delta f, f \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})} = \langle f, \Delta f \rangle_{L^2(\mathcal{X})}$$

- **Dirichlet energy** of  $f$

$$\langle \nabla f, \nabla f \rangle_{L^2(T\mathcal{X})} = \int f(\mathbf{x}) \Delta f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{f}$$



# Manifold Learning: Laplacian Eigenmaps

**Step 1** (Adjacency Graph): Given  $N$  points  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$  in  $R^l$ , we construct a graph of  $N$  nodes  $\{x_i\}$  and weighted edges  $\{w_{ij}\}$ , where

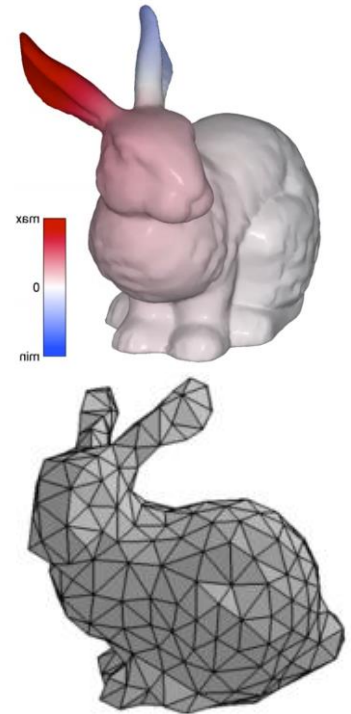
$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} e^{\frac{-\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{t}} \text{ or } 1 & \text{if } \|x_i - x_j\| \leq \epsilon \text{ or } j \in kNN_i \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

**Step 2:** Solve generalized eigenproblem (Normalized Cut):

$$L\mathbf{f} = \lambda D\mathbf{f} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \dots, \mathbf{f}_N\}, \text{ where } 0 = \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$$

**Step 3:** Assign  $m$  new coordinates: use  $m$  eigenvectors for embedding  $x_i$  in  $m$  dimensional Euclidean space.

$$x_i \rightarrow \{\mathbf{f}_2(i), \dots, \mathbf{f}_{m+1}(i)\}$$

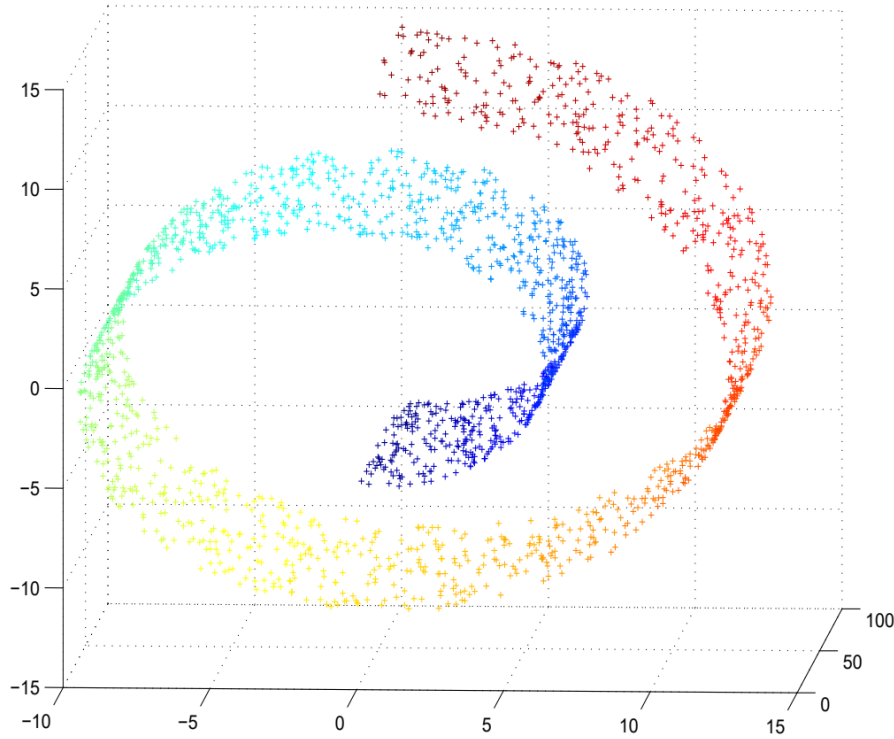


[Laplacian Eigenmaps](#) for Dim. Reduction (Belkin et al., ohio-state doc., 2002)

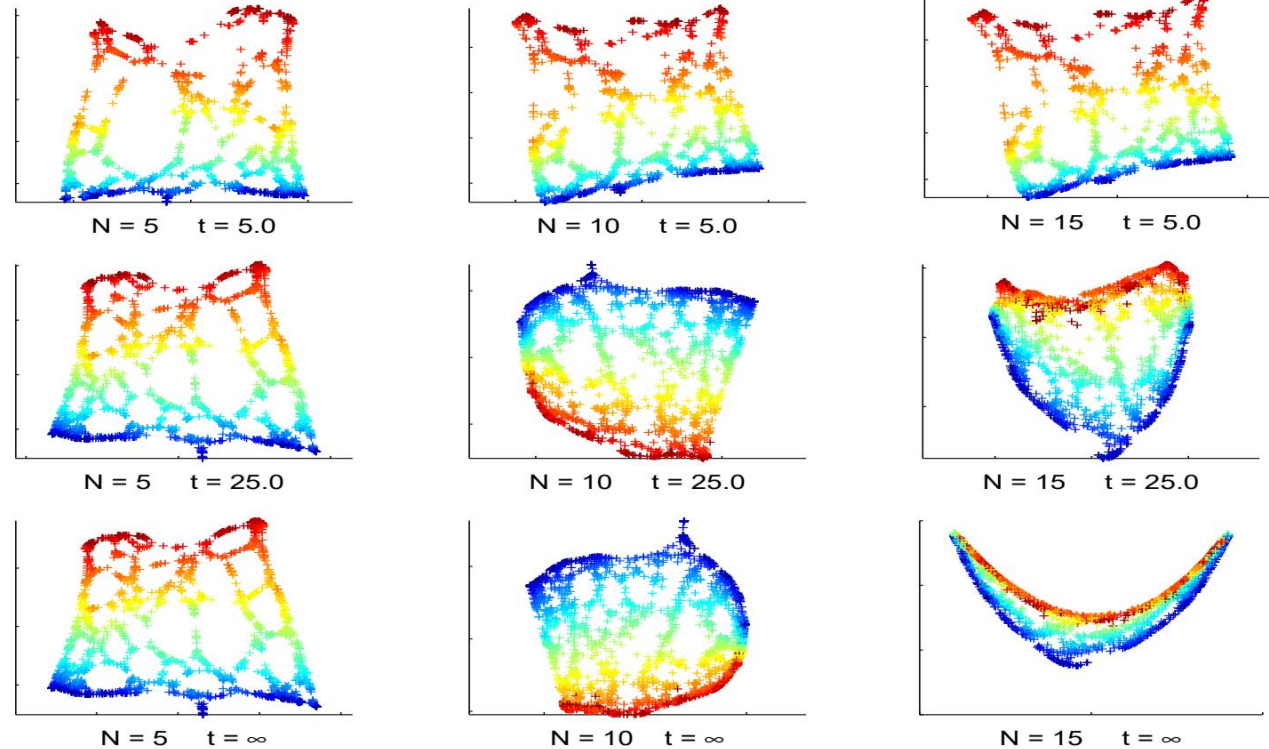


# Manifold Learning: Laplacian Eigenmaps

## Swiss Roll

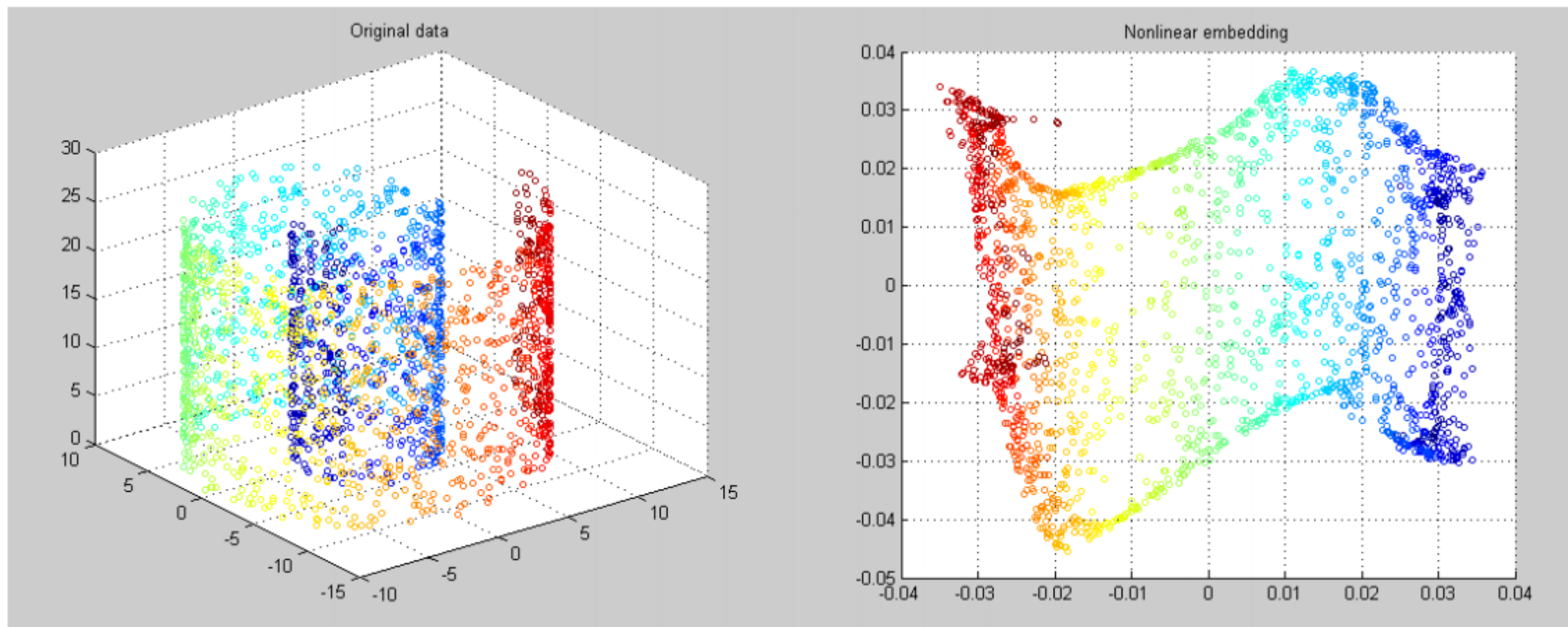


## 2D embeddings



$N$  –nearest neighbors,  $t$ : heat kernel parameter

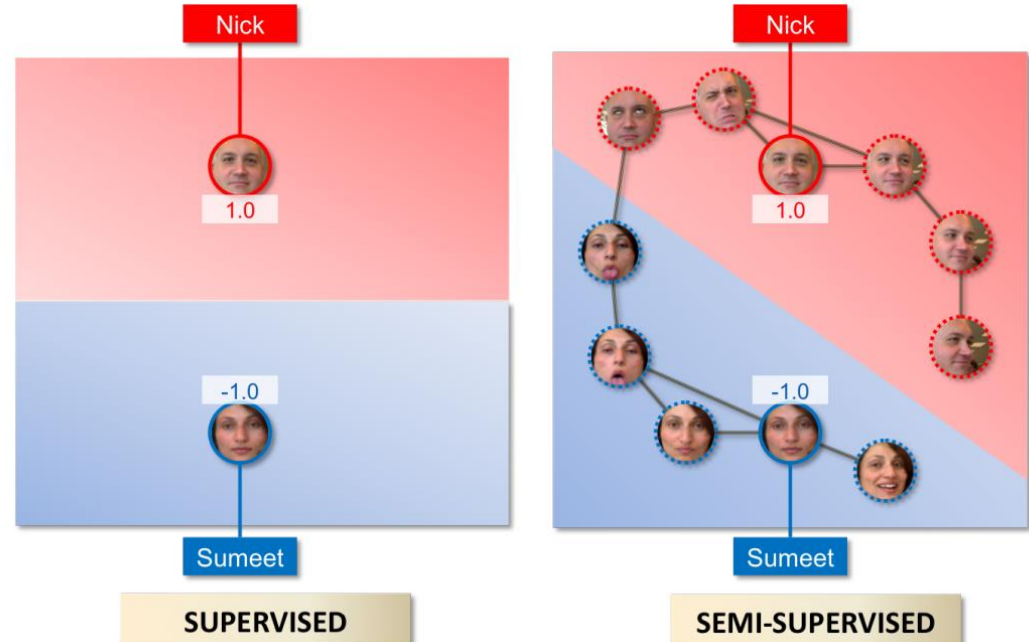
# Manifold Learning: Laplacian Eigenmaps



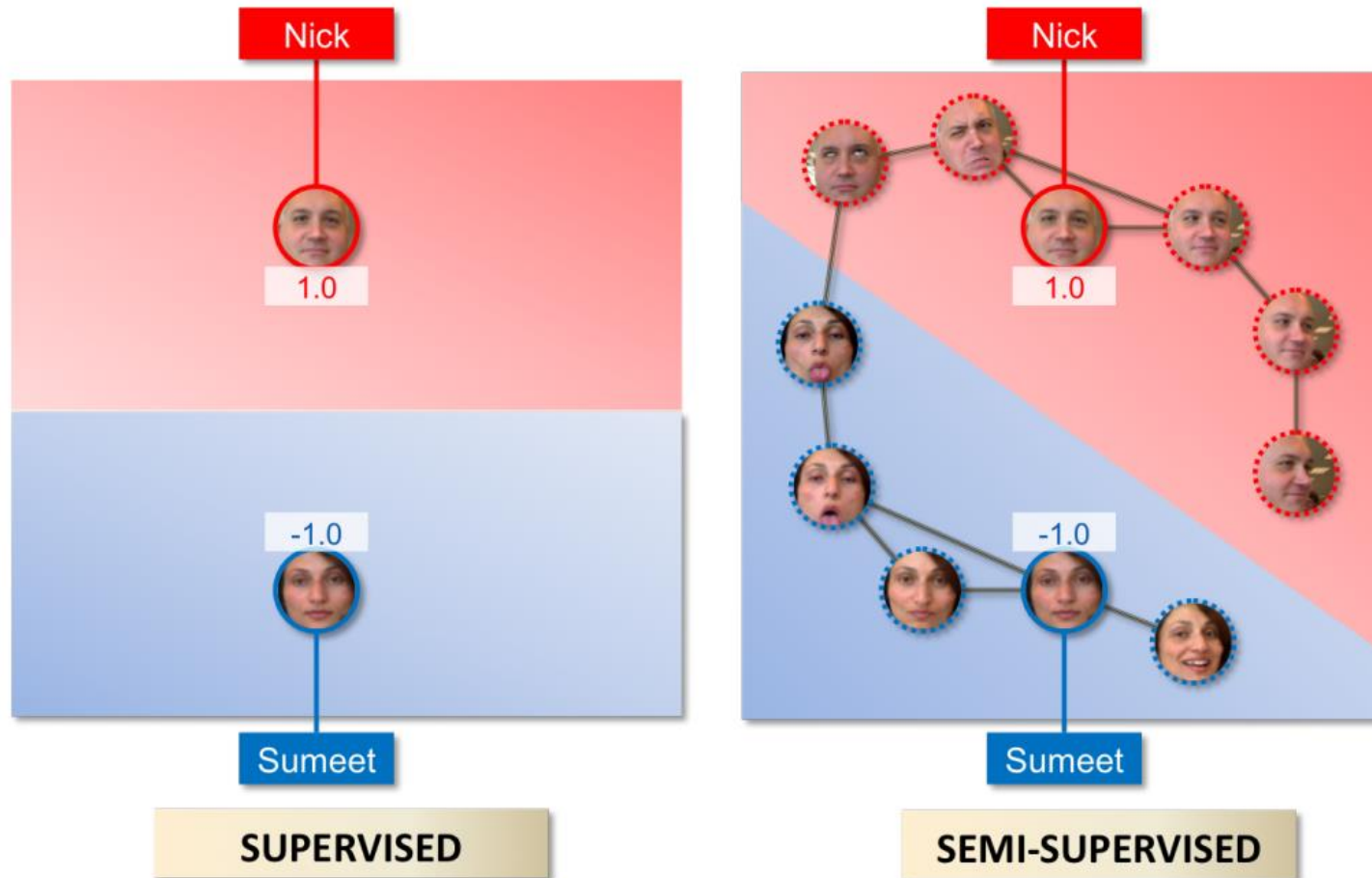
[Laplacian-eigenmap-diffusion-map-manifold-learning](#), (Taylor, Mathworks, 2002)

# SSL

## semi-supervised learning



# Semi-supervised learning: How is it possible?



This is how children learn! hypothesis

# Semi-supervised learning (SSL)

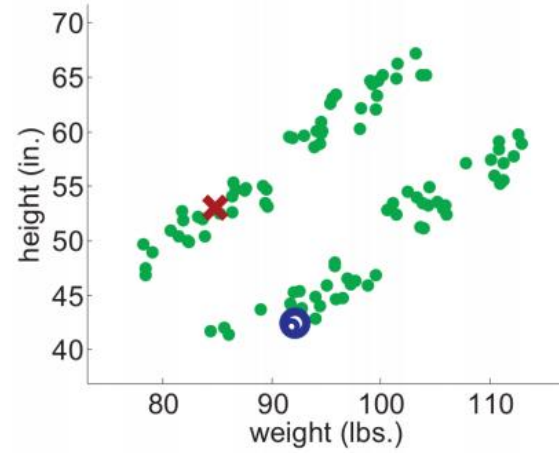
## SSL problem: definition

Given  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$  from  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ , with  $n \ll N$ , find  $\{y_i\}_{i=n+1}^N$  (**transductive**) or find  $f$  predicting  $\{y_i | y_i = f(\mathbf{x}_i), i = n + 1, \dots, N\}$  well (**inductive**).

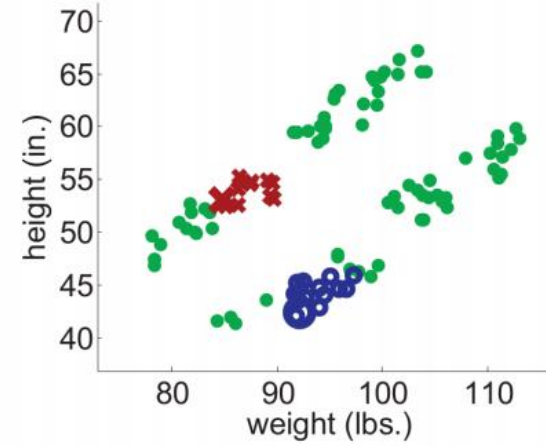
## Some facts about SSL

- assumes that the unlabeled data is useful
- works with data geometry assumptions
  - cluster assumption — low-density separation
  - manifold assumption
  - smoothness assumptions, ...
  - inductive or transductive/out-of-sample extension

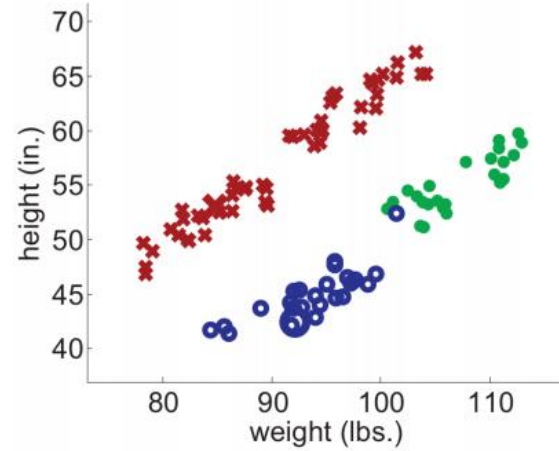
# SSL: Self-Training



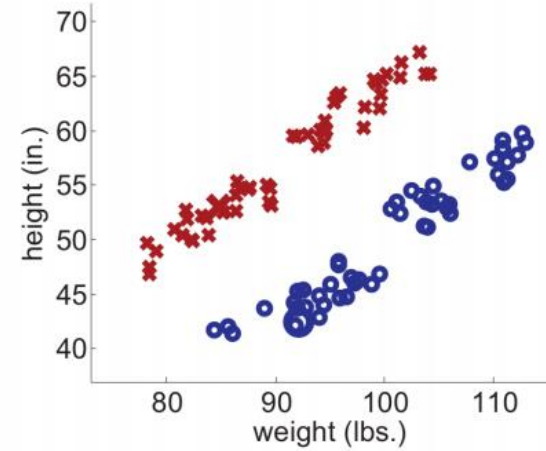
(a) Iteration 1



(b) Iteration 25



(c) Iteration 74



(d) Final labeling of all instances

# SSL: Self-Training

## SSL: Self-Training

**Input:**  $\mathcal{L} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=n+1}^N$

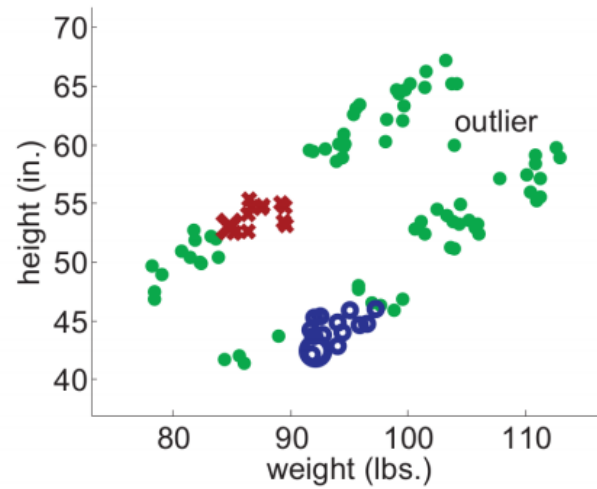
**Repeat:**

- train  $f$  using  $\mathcal{L}$
- apply  $f$  to some of  $\mathcal{U}$  and add them to  $\mathcal{L}$

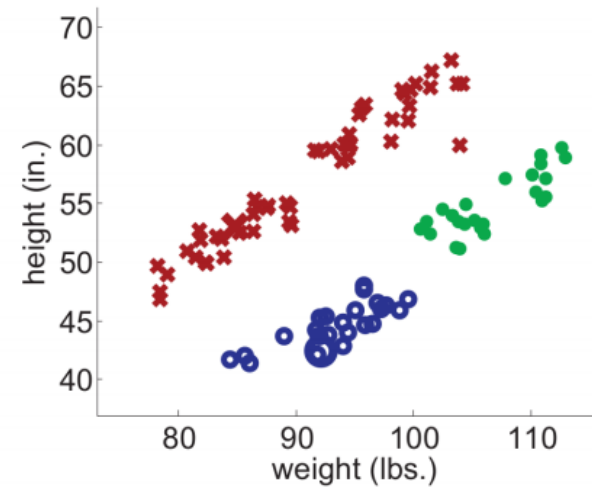
What are the **properties** of self-training?

- heavily depends on the classifier
- **nobody uses** it anymore
- **errors propagate** (unless the clusters are well separated)

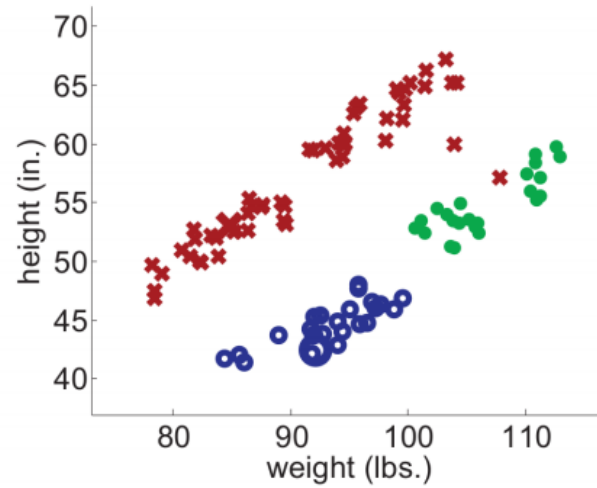
# SSL: Self-Training : Bad Case



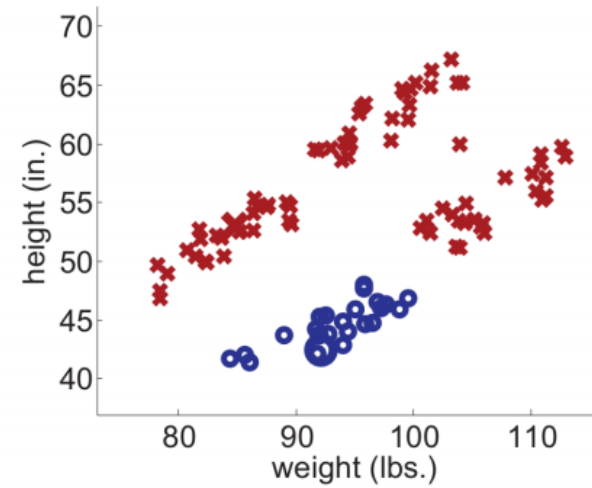
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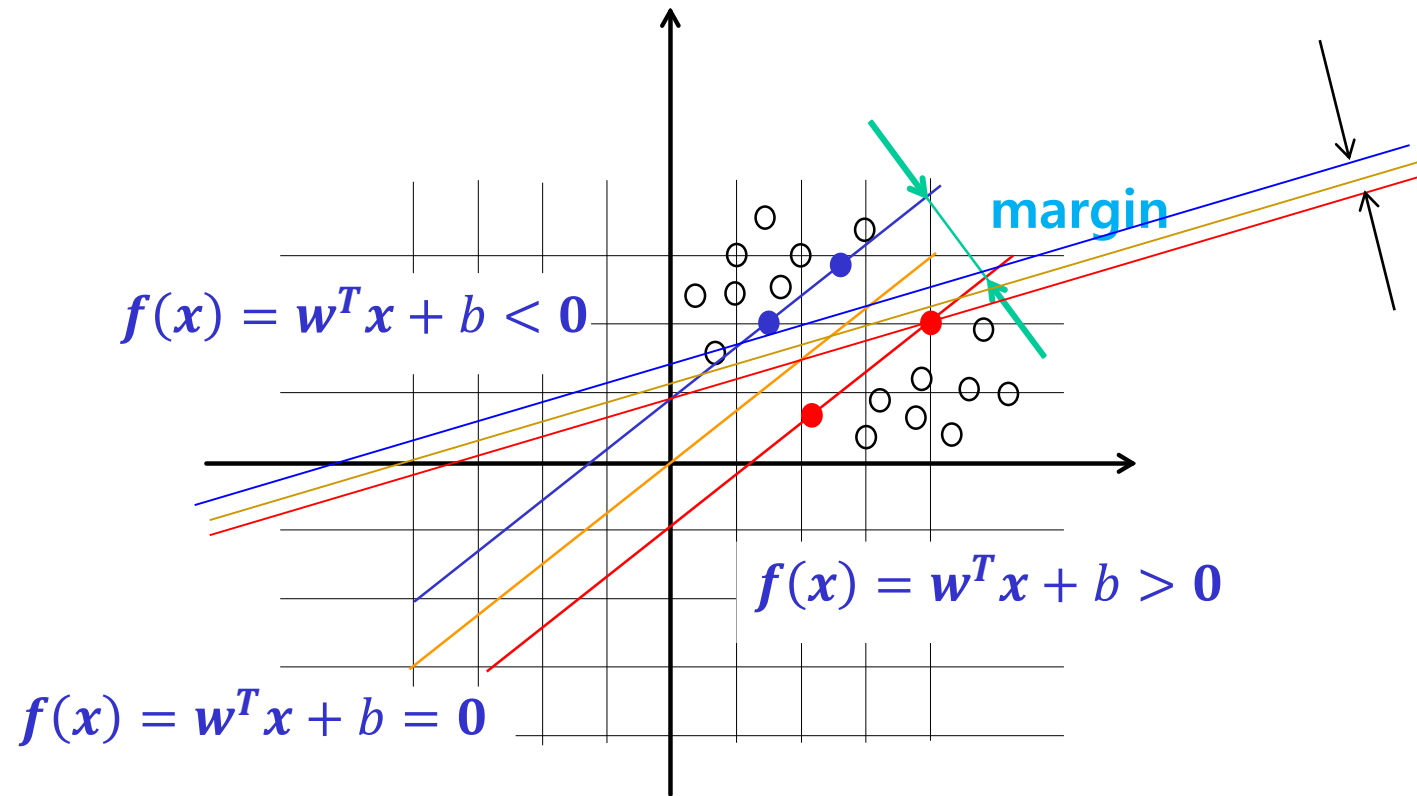
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# SSL: Classical SVM (Review)



Maximal Margin Hyperplane = Optimal Hyperplane

# Summary questions on the lecture

- What is **manifold learning**?
- What is **Riemannian Manifold**?
- What is **the role of heat kernel**?
- What is **cluster assumption** for **semi-supervised learning**?
- What is **manifold assumption** for semi-supervised learning?