

# Kernel-based regression

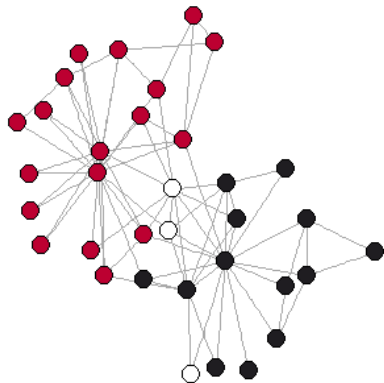
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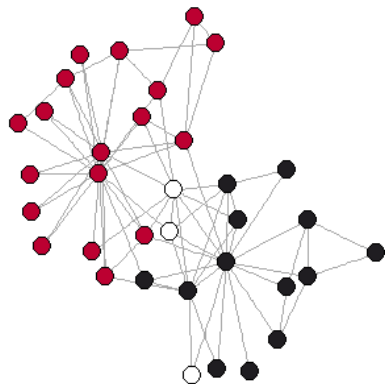
# Goal: predict unobserved vertex attributes

Simple solution: nearest neighbor



- 4 black, 5 red, 1 unknown
- 3 black, 1 red, 1 unknown
- 2 black

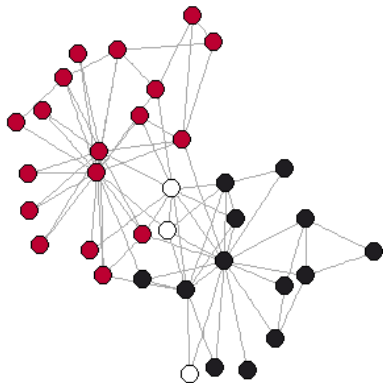
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Another solution: regression

1. Generalized notion of predictor variables
2. Regression of response to these predictors

# Notation



- Graph  $G = (V, E)$
- Vertex attributes  
 $X = (X_1, \dots, X_{N_v})$
- Observed labels  $V^{\text{obs}} \subset V$ ,  
 $|V^{\text{obs}}| = n$
- Goal: learn  $\hat{h} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

# Which class to choose estimated function from?

## Definition (Kernel)

Function  $K : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a **kernel** if for all  $m = 1, \dots, N_V$ , subsets  $\{i_1, \dots, i_m\} \subset V$ , the  $m \times m$  matrix  $K^{(m)} = (K(i_j, i_{j'}))$  is symmetric positive semi-definite

# Which class to choose estimated function from?

Estimate function  $\hat{h}$  using kernel  $K = \Phi\Delta\Phi^T$

Definition (Reproducing kernel Hilbert space)

$$\mathcal{H}_K = \{h \in \mathbb{R}^{N_v} : h = \Phi\beta, \beta^T \Delta^{-1} \beta < \infty\}$$

# Representer theorem

Choose  $\hat{h} = \Phi\hat{\beta}$

$$\min_{\beta} \left[ \sum_{i \in V^{\text{obs}}} C(x_i; (\Phi\beta)_i) + \lambda\beta^T \Delta^{-1}\beta \right]$$

Theorem (Representer theorem, Kimeldorf and Whaba, 1971)

*Solution  $\hat{h}$  will be of the form  $h = K^{(N_v, n)}\alpha$*

$$\min_{\alpha} \left[ \sum_{i \in V^{\text{obs}}} C(x_i; (K^{(n)}\alpha)_i) + \lambda\alpha^T K^{(n)}\alpha \right]$$

# Examples

## Kernel ridge regression

- $C(x; a) = (x - a)^2$
- $\hat{\alpha} = \Phi \Delta^{-1/2} (\Delta + \lambda I)^{-1} \Delta^{1/2} \Phi^T X$
- $\hat{h} = K^{(N_v, n)} \hat{\alpha}$

## Kernel logistic regression

- $C(x; a) = \log(1 + e^{-xa})$
- No closed-form expression for solution
- $\hat{h} = K^{(N_v, n)} \hat{\alpha}$
- $\hat{\mathbb{P}}(X_i = 1 | X^{\text{obs}} = x^{\text{obs}}) = \frac{e^{\hat{h}_i}}{1 + e^{\hat{h}_i}}$



# Another example

## Support Vector Machines (SVM)

- Machine Learning
- $C(x; a) = \max(0, 1 - xa)$
- Prediction of the form  $\text{sign}(\hat{h}_i)$

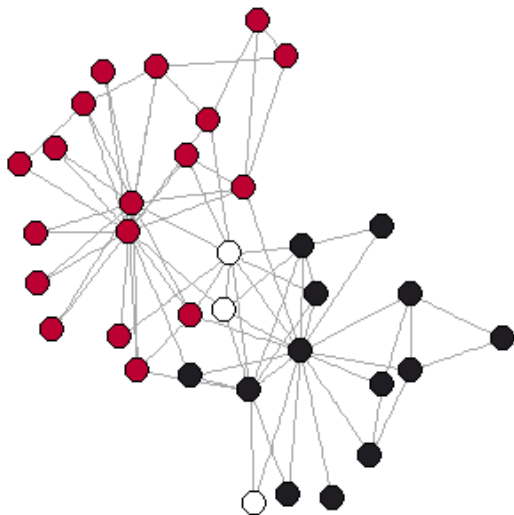
# How to choose tuning parameter?

$$\min_{\alpha} \left[ \sum_{i \in V^{\text{obs}}} C \left( x_i; \left( K^{(n)} \alpha \right)_i \right) + \lambda \alpha^T K^{(n)} \alpha \right]$$

Loss versus complexity penalty

- Cross-validation
- Expectation propagation (empirical Bayes)
- Learn from data (full Bayes)

## How to choose kernel?



# Laplacian kernel

$$L = D - A$$

- $K = L^{-1}$
- Proximity is encoded in adjacency matrix  $A$
- Discrete analog of Laplacian operator  $\nabla^2$
- $\nabla^2$  is the unique self-adjoint second order differential operator invariant under transformations of the coordinate system under action of  $SO_m$  (rotations)
- Similar result for  $L$  under  $S_n$  (permutations) (Smola and Kondor, 2003)
- Penalty term  $\beta^T \Delta^{-1} \beta = h^T L h = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (h_i - h_j)^2$

## Related kernels

- $L$  incorporates knowledge of 1-step neighbors
- $L^k$  incorporates knowledge of  $k$ -step neighbors
- $L = \Phi\Gamma\Phi^T \Rightarrow L^k = \Phi\Gamma^k\Phi^T$
- Diffusion kernel  $K = e^{-\zeta L}$  is solution to  $\frac{d}{d\zeta} K = -LK$
- General class of kernels  $r(L) = \Phi r(\Gamma)\Phi^T$

# Multiple kernels

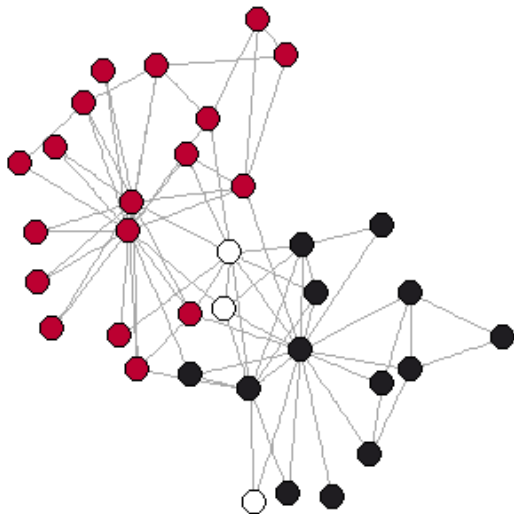
$K_1, \dots, K_p$  potential kernels

Definition (Kernel alignment)

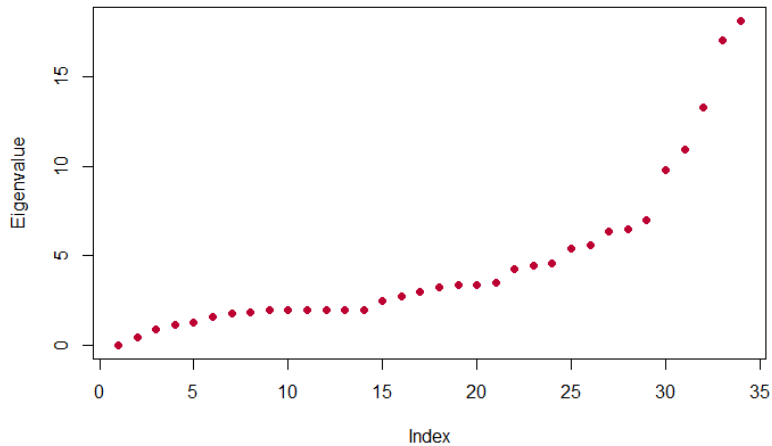
$$a(K_1, K_2) = \frac{\langle K_1, K_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle K_1, K_1 \rangle \langle K_2, K_2 \rangle}}$$

- High target alignment  $a(K, xx^T)$  suggests a good kernel (Cristianini et al., 2006)
- $K = \sum_{i=1}^p \omega_i K_i$

# Karate club

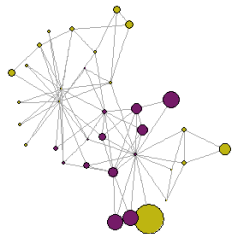
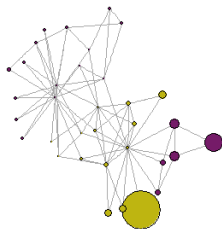
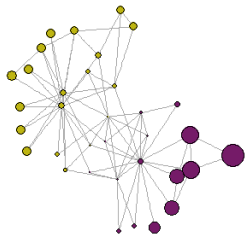


# Eigenvalues





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# Estimate

