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Context

Dimension reduction methods rely on **symmetric affinity matrices**.

Starting point **Cost matrix**: $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}$ such that $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^\top$ and $C_{ij} = 0 \iff i = j$.

Example: $C_{ij} = \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2$.

Dataset \mathbf{X} (size p , large) \rightarrow Embedding \mathbf{Z} (size d , small)

Doubly Stochastic Affinity

Sinkhorn Algorithm init $\mathbf{K} = \exp(-\mathbf{C}/\sigma)$

While not converged:

- $\mathbf{K} \leftarrow \text{diag}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{1})^{-1}\mathbf{K}$ # normalize rows
- $\mathbf{K} \leftarrow \mathbf{K} \text{diag}(\mathbf{1}\mathbf{K})^{-1}$ # normalize columns

converges $\mathcal{DS} = \{\mathbf{P} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{P}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{P}^\top\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}\}$.

\mathbf{P}^{ds} solves the optimal transport problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}} \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{C} \rangle - \sigma \sum_i H(\mathbf{P}_{i:}) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{DS}.$$

$H(\mathbf{p}) = -\langle \mathbf{p}, \log \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{1} \rangle$ is the Shannon entropy.

Entropic Affinity

Controls the entropy in each point with **adaptive bandwidths**.

Definition [Hinton, Roweis 2002]

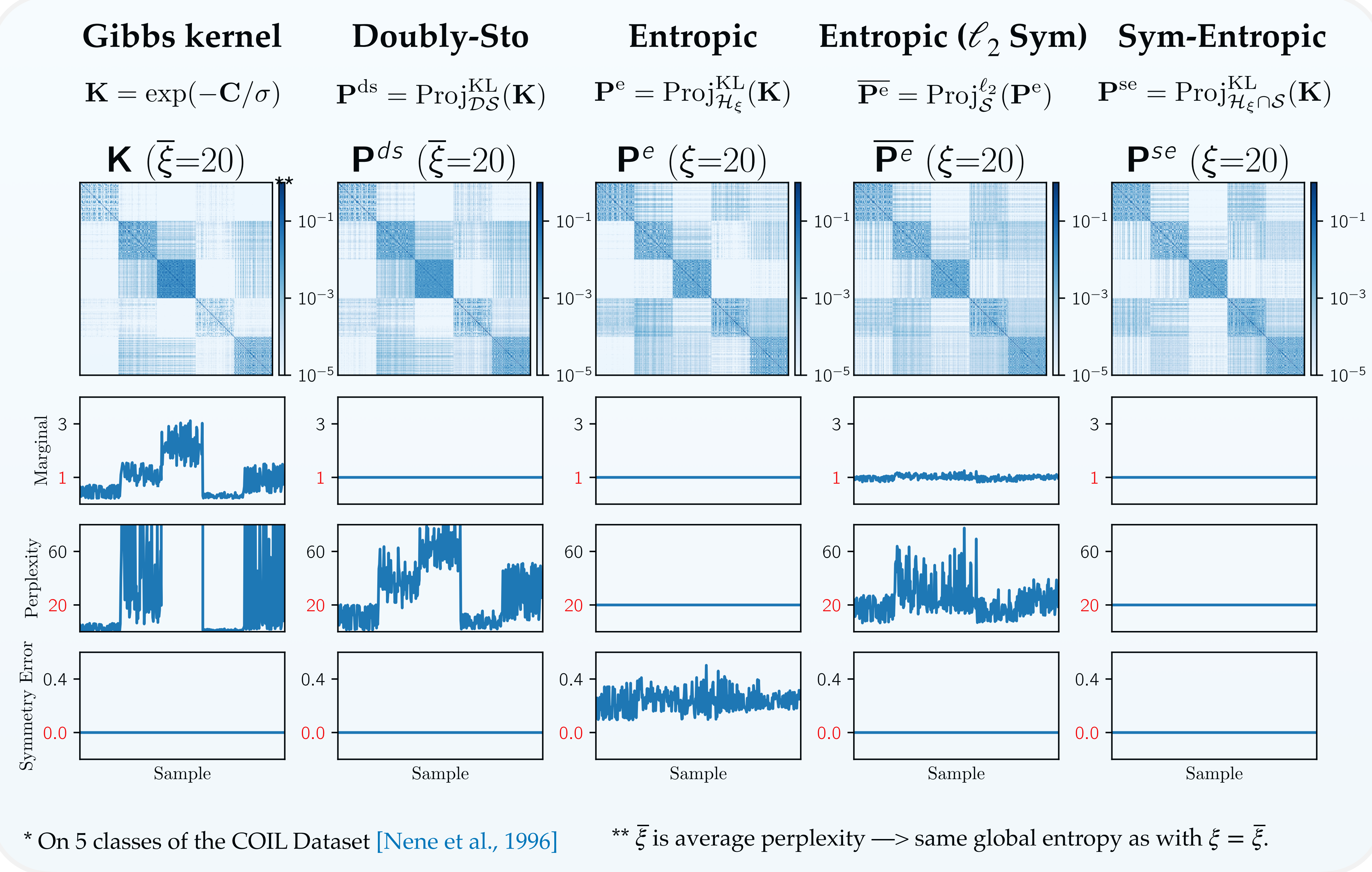
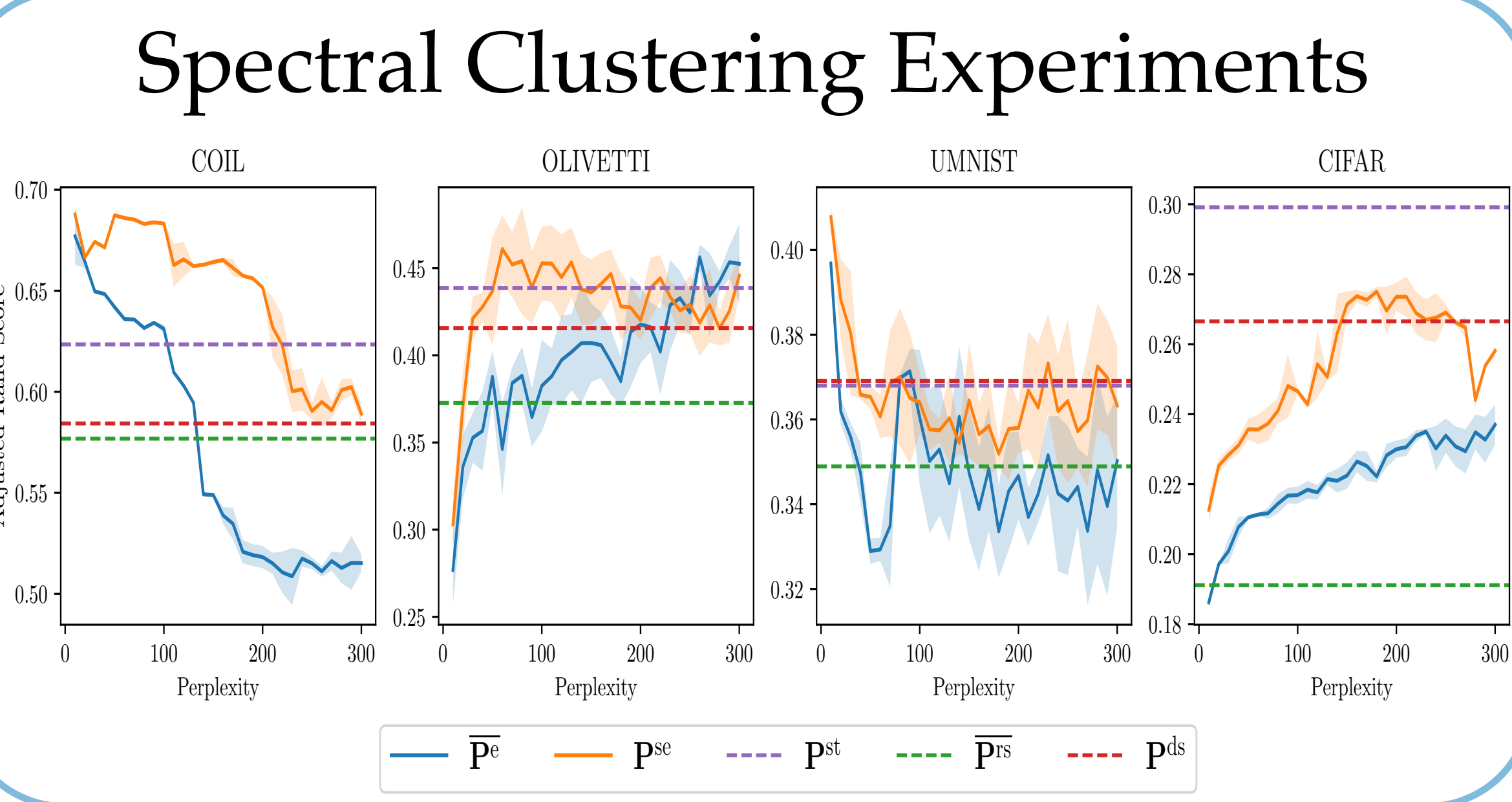
$$\forall i, \forall j, P_{ij}^e = \frac{\exp(-C_{ij}/\varepsilon_i^*)}{\sum_\ell \exp(-C_{i\ell}/\varepsilon_i^*)}$$

with $\varepsilon_i^* \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ s.t. $H(\mathbf{P}_{i:}^e) = \log \xi + 1$.

$\xi \in [1, n]$ is the **perplexity** parameter. **t-SNE algorithm** [Van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008]

\mathbf{P}^e is **not symmetric**.

$\bar{\mathbf{P}}^e = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{P}^e + \mathbf{P}^{e\top})$ is used in practice. $\bar{\mathbf{P}}^e = \text{Proj}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\ell_2}(\mathbf{P}^e)$



Can we build a symmetric affinity with controlled ℓ_1 norm and entropy in each point?

Symmetric Entropic Affinity

$\mathcal{H}_\xi := \{\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{P}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \text{ and } \forall i, H(\mathbf{P}_{i:}) \geq \log \xi + 1\}$

Entropic Affinity as OT

$$\mathbf{P}^e = \arg \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{H}_\xi} \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{C} \rangle.$$

The constraints in \mathcal{H}_ξ are **saturated** at the optimum.

Symmetric matrices $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{P} \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^\top\}$.

Definition

$$\mathbf{P}^{se} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{H}_\xi \cap \mathcal{S}} \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{C} \rangle.$$

Enforce Symmetry

Property

For at least $n - 1$ indices $i \in [n]$, it holds $H(\mathbf{P}_{i:}^{se}) = \log \xi + 1$.

In practice, we have n saturated entropies.

Dual Ascent

$$\mathbf{P}^{se} = \exp((\lambda^* \oplus \lambda^* - 2\mathbf{C}) \odot (\gamma^* \oplus \gamma^*))$$

where λ^* and γ^* are computed using dual ascent.

SNE & SNEkhorn

Cost matrix between embeddings: $[\mathbf{C}_Z]_{ij} = \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{z}_j\|_2^2$.

Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (SNE)

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \text{KL}(\bar{\mathbf{P}}^e | \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_Z)$$

where $[\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_Z]_{ij} = \exp(-[\mathbf{C}_Z]_{ij}) / \sum_{\ell, t} \exp(-[\mathbf{C}_Z]_{\ell t})$.

SNEkhorn

$$\min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \text{KL}(\mathbf{P}^{se} | \mathbf{Q}_Z^{ds})$$

where $\mathbf{Q}_Z^{ds} = \exp(\mathbf{f}_Z \oplus \mathbf{f}_Z - \mathbf{C}_Z)$ is the DS affinity.

Extension to t-SNE / t-SNEkhorn with heavy-tailed kernels: [Van der Maaten and Hinton, 2008]

$$[\mathbf{C}_Z]_{ij} = (\log(1 + \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{z}_j\|_2^2))_{ij}.$$
