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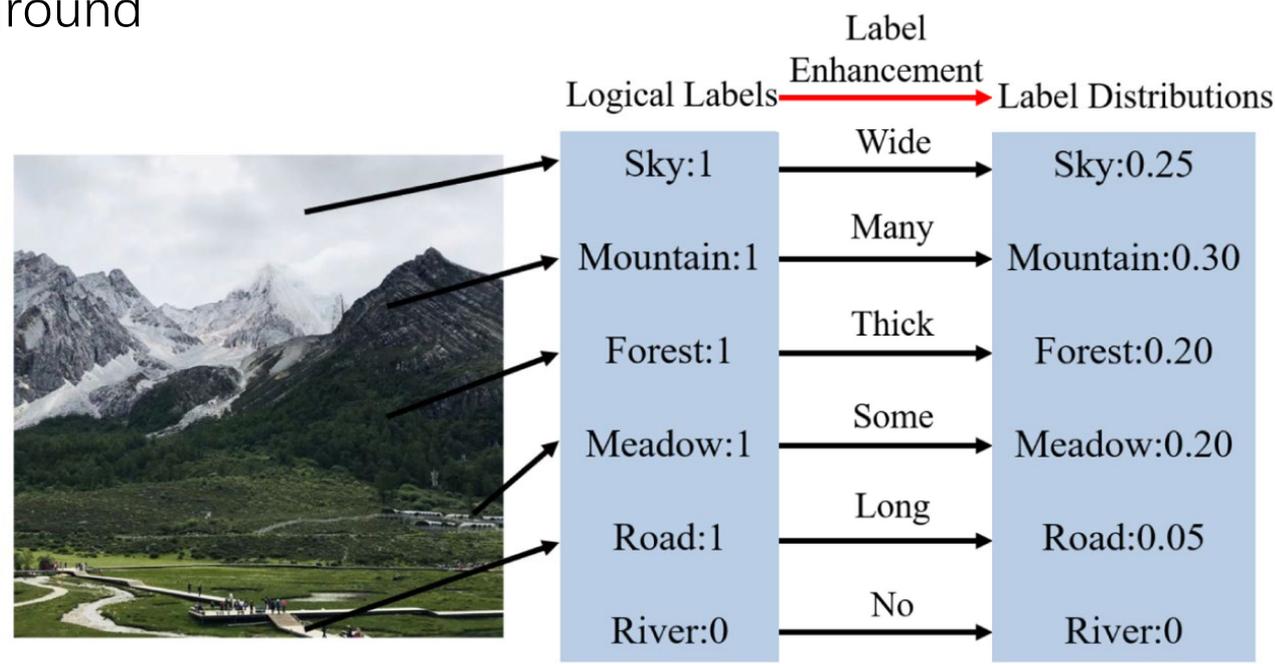
# Label Information Bottleneck for Label Enhancement

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- Github codes: <https://github.com/qinghai-zheng/LIBL>

- ✓ Label Information Bottleneck for Label Enhancement
  - Motivation
  - Contributions
  - The Proposed Framework
  - Comparison with Existing LE Methods
  - Experimental Results

## ✓ Background



- It is unpractical to annotate data with label distributions manually.
- Most existing datasets in the field of computer vision and machine learning are annotated by single-label or multi-labels
- It is promising to recover the desired label distributions exactly from existing logical labels

## ✓ Existing LE Methods

- The objectives of most existing LE methods (GLLE, LESC, gLESC, and LEVI) can be concisely summarized as follows:

$$\min_{\theta} \|f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{L}\|_F^2 + \underline{\gamma \text{reg}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X}))}$$

1. GLLE:  $\text{reg}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X})) = \sum q_{i,j} \|f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_j)\|_2^2$

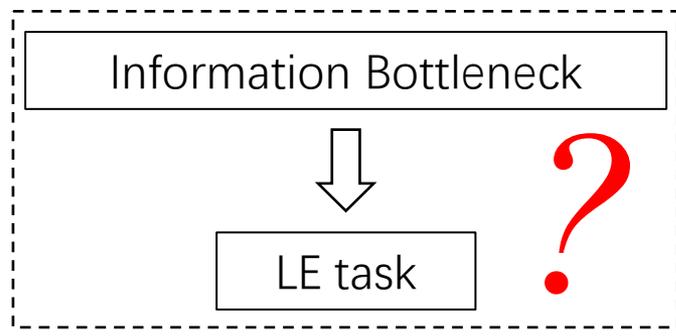
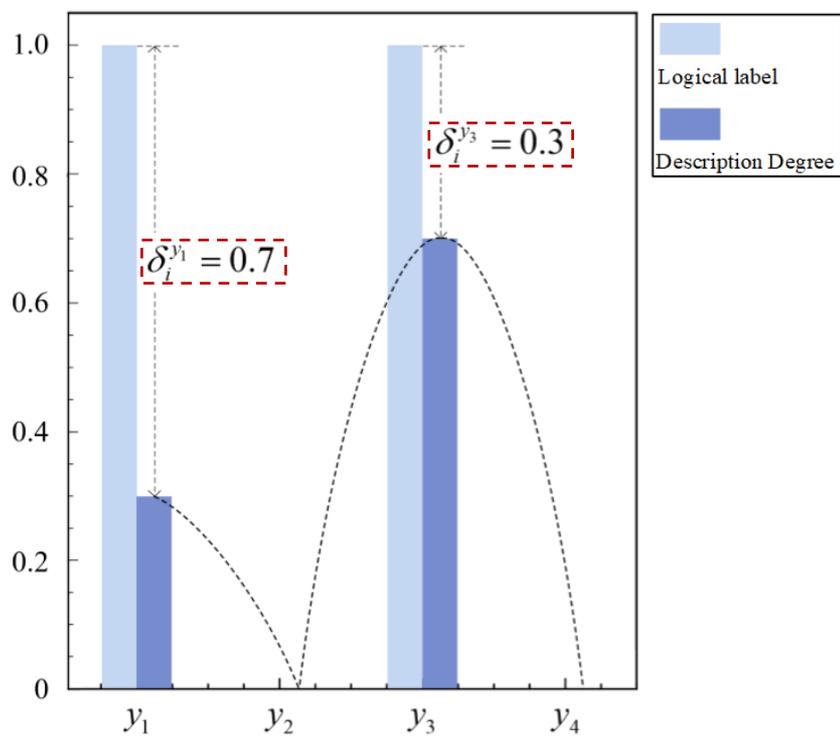
2. LESC and gLESC:  $\text{reg}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X})) = \|f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X}) - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{X})\mathbf{G}\|_F^2$

- Limitations:

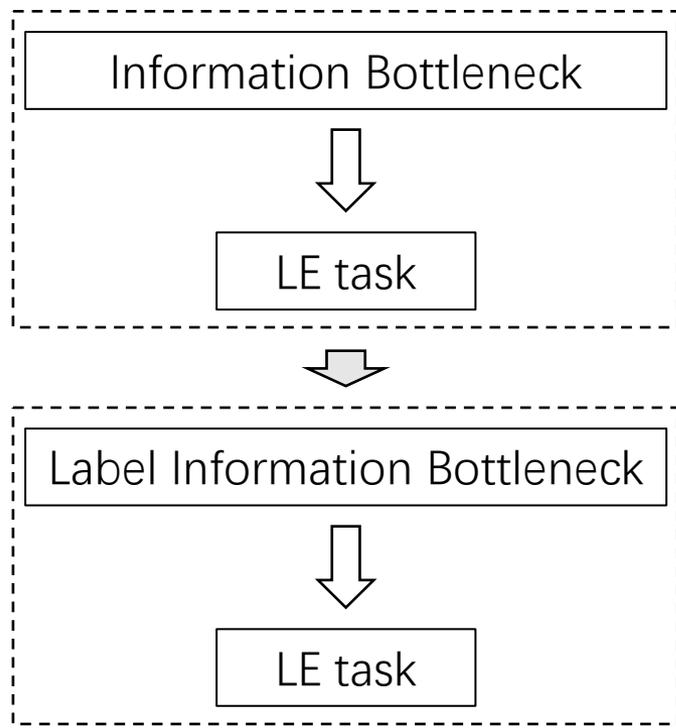
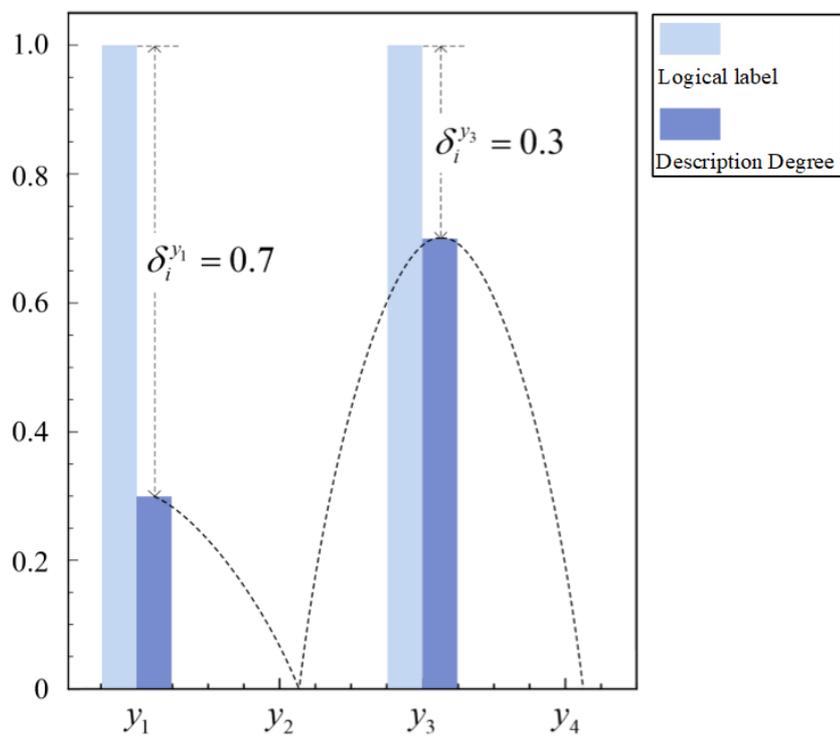
1. neglect the label irrelevant information contained in  $\mathbf{X}$

2. Require the extra constraint:  $\|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{l}\|_2^2$

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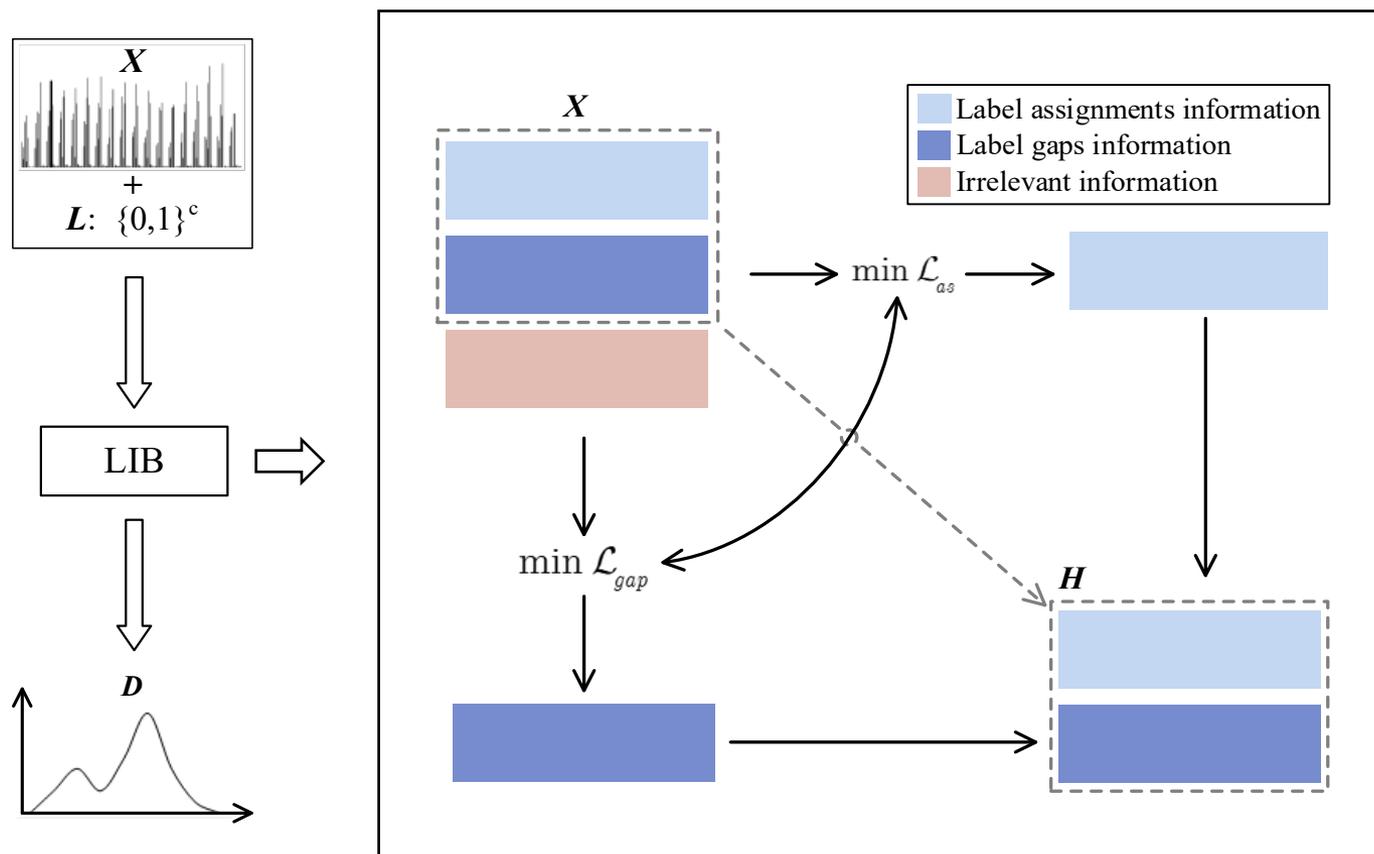


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## ✓ Framework of LIB

- Fully consider the label relevant information during the LE process



## ✓ Objective of LIB

- LIB formulates the LE problem as the following two joint processes:
  1. Learn the representation with the label relevant information
  2. Recover label distributions based on the learned representation

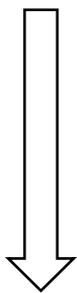
$$\min_{\mathbf{H}} \mathcal{L}_{as} + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{gap}, \text{ s.t.}, I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) \leq I_c$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{as}$ : label assignments information modeling.
  - † It excavates the information about the assignments of labels to the instance
- $\mathcal{L}_{gap}$ : label gaps information modeling.
  - † It investigates the information about the label gaps between the logical labels and distribution labels
- $I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) \leq I_c$ : label irrelevant information modeling.

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- $\mathcal{L}_{as}$ :  $\mathcal{L}_{as} = -I(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{L}) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{as} = -\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{l}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{l})}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{KL}(p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})||q(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})) &= \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})}{q(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})} \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}) \log p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}) &\geq \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}) \log q(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}), \\ \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{l})}[-\log p(\mathbf{l})] &= -\sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{l}) \log p(\mathbf{l}) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$



1. KL divergence and the entropy are positive
2. Markov chain  
 $\mathbf{L} \leftarrow \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{as} \leq -\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}) \log q(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h})$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{gap}$ :  $\mathcal{L}_{gap} = I(\Delta|\mathbf{H}) = -\log p(\Delta|\mathbf{H})$   
 $= -\sum_{\delta} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \log p(\delta|\mathbf{h})$   
 $= -\sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \log p(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}|\mathbf{h})$

$$\begin{aligned} &\max_{\Delta} \log p(\mathbf{H}, \Delta) \\ \Rightarrow &\max_{\Delta} \log p(\Delta|\mathbf{H}) + \log p(\mathbf{H}) \\ \Rightarrow &\max_{\Delta} \log p(\Delta|\mathbf{H}). \end{aligned}$$

- † We consider the conditional self-information here
- † It can be also interpreted and derived from the view of the probability distribution

## ✓ Objective of LIB

- $I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) \leq I_c$ : label irrelevant information modeling.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{h})} \\
 &\quad \Downarrow \\
 I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) &\leq \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x})}{q(\mathbf{h})} \\
 &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) \text{KL}(p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}) || q(\mathbf{h}))
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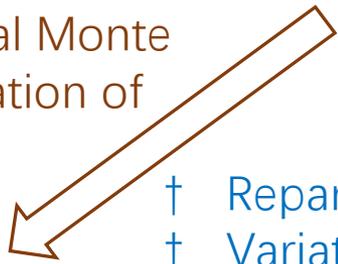
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{as} + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{gap} + \beta I(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{H}) \\
 &\leq - \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) \log q(\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}) \\
 &\quad - \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \log p(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}|\mathbf{h}) \\
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 &\quad - \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \log p(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}|\mathbf{h}) \\
 &\quad + \beta \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{l}) \text{KL}(p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}) || q(\mathbf{h})).
 \end{aligned}$$

† Use the empirical Monte Carlo approximation of sampling



† Reparameterization trick  
 † Variational Inference

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{LIB} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ - \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}_i) \log q(\mathbf{l}_i|\mathbf{h}) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \beta \text{KL}(p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}_i) || q(\mathbf{h})) \right] - \alpha \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \log p(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}|\mathbf{h})
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\min_{\theta_{en}, \theta_{de}, \theta_{gd}, \theta_{ld}} \mathcal{L}_{LIB} \\
 &\Rightarrow \min_{\theta_{en}, \theta_{de}, \theta_{gd}, \theta_{ld}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{l}|\mathbf{h}} - \mathbf{l}\|_2^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \alpha \left( \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}})^T (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\delta|\mathbf{h}}^{-2} \mathbf{I}) (\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}) + \log \det(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\delta|\mathbf{h}}^2 \mathbf{I}) \right) \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}}^T \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}} + \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{I}) - \log \det(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{I}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- ✓ Main difference between LIB and existing methods
  - LIB deals with the problem of LE from the perspective of information bottleneck
  - $\|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{l}\|_2^2$  ← Extra constraint: information in the label distributions is inherited from the initial logical labels.



$$\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}})^T (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\delta|h}^{-2} \mathbf{I})(\mathbf{l} - \hat{\mathbf{d}}) + \log \det(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\delta|h}^2 \mathbf{I}) \quad \leftarrow$$

It can be deduced by excavating the label relevant information about the label gaps between logical labels and label distributions reasonably.

## ✓ Metrics and datasets

$$D_{\text{Chebyshev}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \max_i |d^{y_i} - \hat{d}^{y_i}|,$$

$$D_{\text{Canberra}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \sum_{i=1}^c \frac{|d^{y_i} - \hat{d}^{y_i}|}{d^{y_i} + \hat{d}^{y_i}},$$

$$D_{\text{Clark}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^c \frac{(d^{y_i} - \hat{d}^{y_i})^2}{(d^{y_i} + \hat{d}^{y_i})^2}},$$

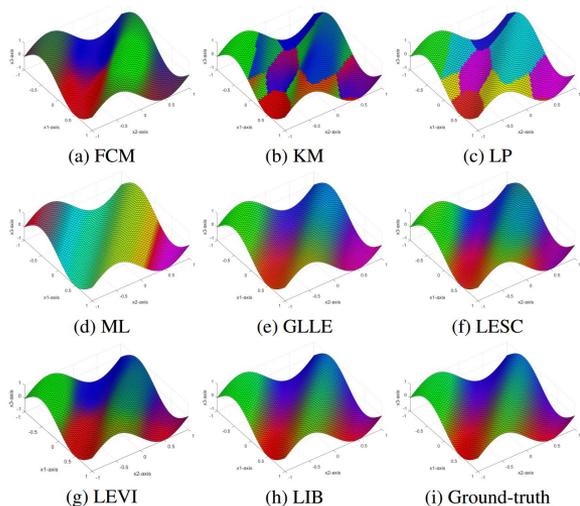
$$D_{\text{Kullback-Leibler}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \sum_{i=1}^c d^{y_i} \ln \frac{d^{y_i}}{\hat{d}^{y_i}},$$

$$S_{\text{Cosine}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^c d^{y_i} \hat{d}^{y_i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^c (d^{y_i})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^c (\hat{d}^{y_i})^2}},$$

$$S_{\text{Intersection}}(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = \sum_{i=1}^c \min(d^{y_i}, \hat{d}^{y_i}).$$

Dataset	# dimension $q$	# instance $n$	# labels $c$
Artificial_toy	3	2601	3
Movie	1869	7755	5
SBU-3DFE	243	2500	6
SJAFPE	243	213	6
Yeast-alpha	24	2465	18
Yeast-cdc	24	2465	15
Yeast-cold	24	2465	4
Yeast-diau	24	2465	7
Yeast-dtt	24	2465	4
Yeast-elu	24	2465	14
Yeast-heat	24	2465	6
Yeast-spo	24	2465	6
Yeast-spo5	24	2465	3
Yeast-spoem	24	2465	2

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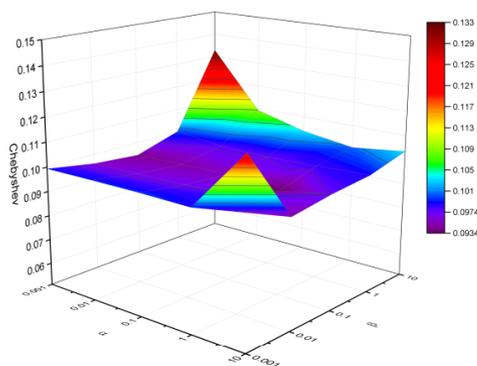


Metric	Chebyshev ↓							
Method	FCM	KM	LP	ML	GLE	LESC	LEVI	LIB
Movie	0.230	0.234	0.161	0.164	0.122	0.121	0.110	<b>0.107</b>
SUB-3DFE	0.135	0.238	0.123	0.233	0.126	0.122	0.095	<b>0.094</b>
SJAFFE	0.132	0.214	0.107	0.186	0.087	<b>0.069</b>	0.075	0.071
Yeast-alpha	0.044	0.063	0.040	0.057	0.020	0.015	<b>0.012</b>	0.017
Yeast-cdc	0.051	0.076	0.042	0.071	0.022	0.019	<b>0.016</b>	0.017
Yeast-cold	0.141	0.252	0.137	0.242	0.066	0.056	0.082	<b>0.054</b>
Yeast-diau	0.124	0.152	0.099	0.148	0.053	<b>0.042</b>	0.044	0.049
Yeast-dtt	0.097	0.257	0.128	0.244	0.052	0.043	0.084	<b>0.034</b>
Yeast-elu	0.052	0.078	0.044	0.072	0.023	0.019	<b>0.017</b>	0.018
Yeast-heat	0.169	0.175	0.086	0.165	0.049	0.046	0.052	<b>0.039</b>
Yeast-spo	0.130	0.175	0.090	0.171	0.062	0.060	0.055	<b>0.053</b>
Yeast-spo5	0.162	0.277	0.114	0.273	0.099	0.092	0.091	<b>0.076</b>
Yeast-sopem	0.233	0.408	0.163	0.403	0.088	0.087	0.115	<b>0.069</b>
Avg.Rank	6.077	8.000	5.000	6.846	3.769	2.308	2.463	<b>1.538</b>

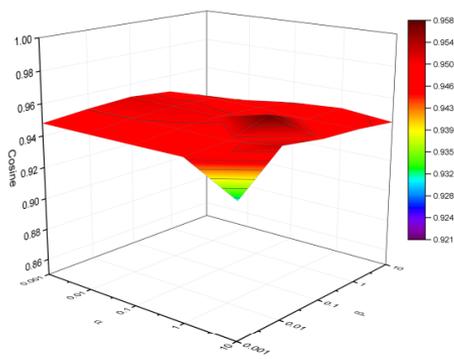
Metric	Chebyshev ↓		Clark ↓		Canberra ↓		Kullback-Leibler ↓		Cosine ↑		Intersection ↑	
Method	LIB <sub>gap</sub>	LIB										
Movie	0.120	<b>0.107</b>	0.563	<b>0.517</b>	1.029	<b>0.920</b>	0.099	<b>0.077</b>	0.938	<b>0.955</b>	0.834	<b>0.859</b>
SUB-3DFE	0.130	<b>0.094</b>	0.395	<b>0.297</b>	0.849	<b>0.611</b>	0.079	<b>0.041</b>	0.923	<b>0.958</b>	0.846	<b>0.887</b>
SJAFFE	0.113	<b>0.071</b>	0.391	<b>0.262</b>	0.816	<b>0.531</b>	0.066	<b>0.027</b>	0.938	<b>0.973</b>	0.860	<b>0.909</b>
Yeast-alpha	0.018	<b>0.017</b>	0.281	<b>0.275</b>	0.920	<b>0.893</b>	0.010	<b>0.009</b>	0.991	<b>0.992</b>	0.950	<b>0.951</b>
Yeast-cdc	0.019	<b>0.017</b>	0.254	<b>0.242</b>	0.782	<b>0.747</b>	0.009	<b>0.008</b>	0.991	<b>0.992</b>	0.948	<b>0.951</b>
Yeast-cold	0.061	<b>0.017</b>	0.162	<b>0.146</b>	0.280	<b>0.250</b>	0.016	<b>0.012</b>	0.985	<b>0.988</b>	0.930	<b>0.938</b>
Yeast-diau	0.050	<b>0.049</b>	0.288	<b>0.273</b>	0.659	<b>0.621</b>	0.025	<b>0.022</b>	0.977	<b>0.979</b>	0.908	<b>0.913</b>
Yeast-dtt	0.045	<b>0.034</b>	0.124	<b>0.092</b>	0.217	<b>0.158</b>	0.010	<b>0.005</b>	0.991	<b>0.995</b>	0.946	<b>0.961</b>
Yeast-elu	0.019	<b>0.018</b>	0.237	<b>0.224</b>	0.714	<b>0.670</b>	0.009	<b>0.008</b>	0.992	<b>0.992</b>	0.949	<b>0.952</b>
Yeast-heat	0.045	<b>0.039</b>	0.193	<b>0.165</b>	0.388	<b>0.327</b>	0.014	<b>0.011</b>	0.986	<b>0.990</b>	0.936	<b>0.946</b>
Yeast-spo	0.059	<b>0.053</b>	0.253	<b>0.224</b>	0.523	<b>0.454</b>	0.025	<b>0.019</b>	0.976	<b>0.982</b>	0.914	<b>0.925</b>
Yeast-spo5	0.097	<b>0.076</b>	0.193	<b>0.158</b>	0.300	<b>0.241</b>	0.032	<b>0.021</b>	0.971	<b>0.983</b>	0.903	<b>0.924</b>
Yeast-sopem	0.088	<b>0.069</b>	0.130	<b>0.104</b>	0.181	<b>0.144</b>	0.027	<b>0.018</b>	0.977	<b>0.985</b>	0.912	<b>0.931</b>

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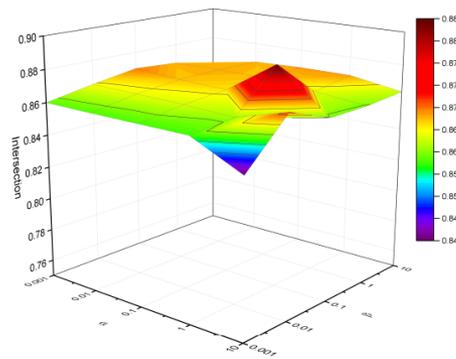
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SUB-3DFE	0.135	0.238	0.123	0.233	0.126	0.122	0.095	<b>0.094</b>	0.482	1.907	0.580	1.848	0.391	0.378	0.303	<b>0.297</b>
SJAFFE	0.132	0.214	0.107	0.186	0.087	<b>0.069</b>	0.075	0.071	0.522	1.874	0.502	1.519	0.377	0.276	0.290	<b>0.262</b>
Yeast-alpha	0.044	0.063	0.040	0.057	0.020	0.015	<b>0.012</b>	0.017	0.821	3.153	1.185	3.088	0.337	<b>0.253</b>	0.319	0.275
Yeast-cdc	0.051	0.076	0.042	0.071	0.022	0.019	<b>0.016</b>	0.017	0.739	2.885	1.014	2.825	0.306	0.251	0.323	<b>0.242</b>
Yeast-cold	0.141	0.252	0.137	0.242	0.066	0.056	0.082	<b>0.054</b>	0.433	1.472	0.503	1.440	0.176	0.152	0.269	<b>0.146</b>
Yeast-diau	0.124	0.152	0.099	0.148	0.053	<b>0.042</b>	0.044	0.049	0.838	1.886	0.788	1.844	0.296	<b>0.224</b>	0.295	0.273
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Yeast-heat	0.169	0.175	0.086	0.165	0.049	0.046	0.052	<b>0.039</b>	0.580	1.802	0.568	1.764	0.213	0.199	0.288	<b>0.165</b>
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(a) Chebyshev ↓



(b) Cosine ↑



(c) Intersection ↑



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