

# Training a watershed layer

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# Previous work:

## The Maximum Margin Partition

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# Main theme of this talk

**Replacing the softmax classifier with a watershed**

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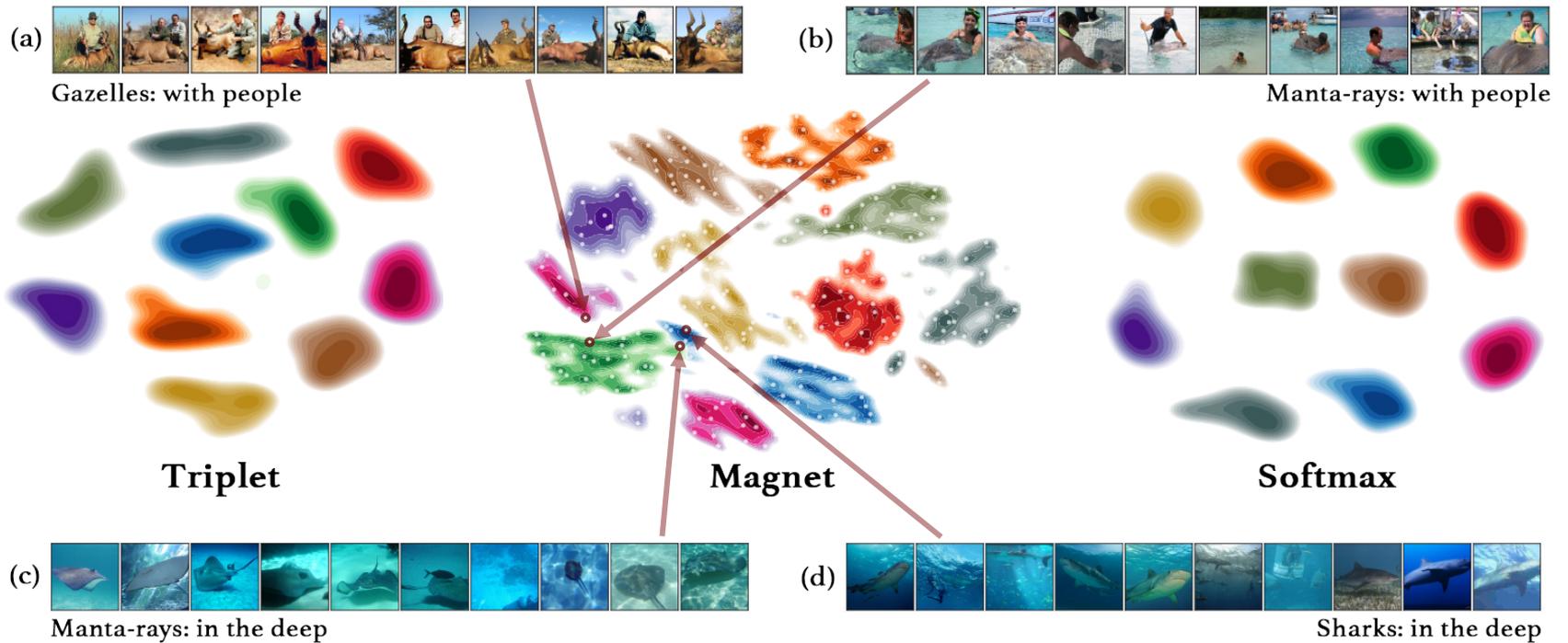
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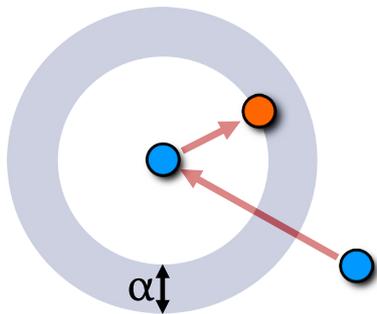
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# Magnet loss

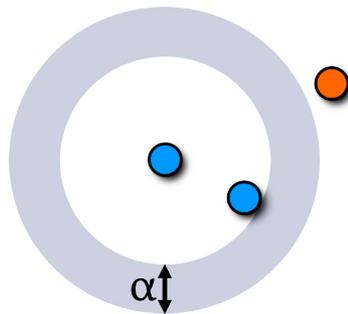
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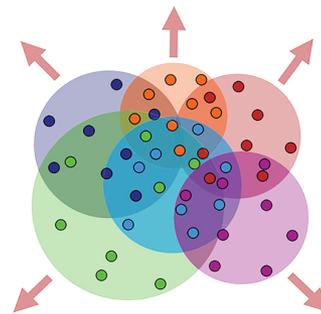
# Magnet loss: intuition



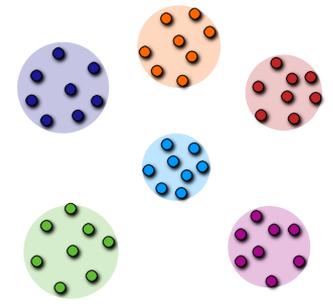
(a) Triplet: before.



(b) Triplet: after.



(c) Magnet: before.



(d) Magnet: after.

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \left\{ -\log \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{r}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_n)\|_2^2 - \alpha}}{\sum_{c \neq C(\mathbf{r}_n)} \sum_{k=1}^K e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{r}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^c\|_2^2}} \right\}_+$$

# Modifying magnet loss algorithm

- First possibility
  - Replace k-Means with iterated watershed
    - Sampri Soor, Aditya Challa, Sravan Danda, B Daya Sagar, Laurent Najman. *Iterated Watersheds, A Connected Variation of K-Means for Clustering GIS Data*. IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, In press, <10.1109/TETC.2019.2910147>
- Second possibility
  - Replace k-means with filtered watershed
    - No longer needs the “k” parameter

# Replacing KNN with iterated watershed in magnet loss

SSL 6 into 2 class classification				
Without L2 norm		With L2 norm		
Train	Val	Train	Val	
99.91	98.33	99	97.66	
99.75	99.33	99.75	99.33	
99.58	97	98.66	97.33	
99.08	97	99.66	98.66	
99	98	99.83	97.33	
99.91	98.66	100	99.33	
99.52875	97.91375	99.48333333	98.27333333	Average

- Watershed performs better than the original magnet loss
- We can also show that we can take advantage of a variable number of cluster implementation (filtered watershed)

# Watershed layer with a MST

- Using a MST / ultrametric is possible
- Unstable in practice
- Needs a regularization term
  - See B. Perret and G. Chierchia 2019 NeurIPS paper

# Watershed layer by probabilistic inference

$$P(x \in \text{class } l) = \frac{\exp(-\rho(x, X_l))}{\sum_i \exp(-\rho(x, X_i))}$$

Fully supervised classification

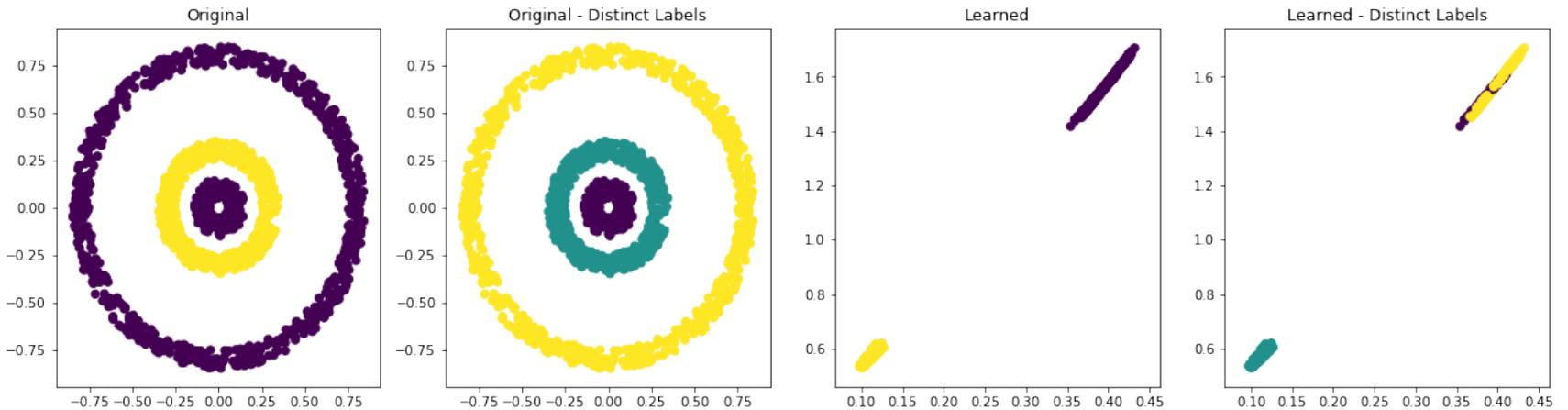
$$\text{Cost} = - \sum_{i,j} y_{i,j} \log(P_{i,j})$$

Semi-supervised classification

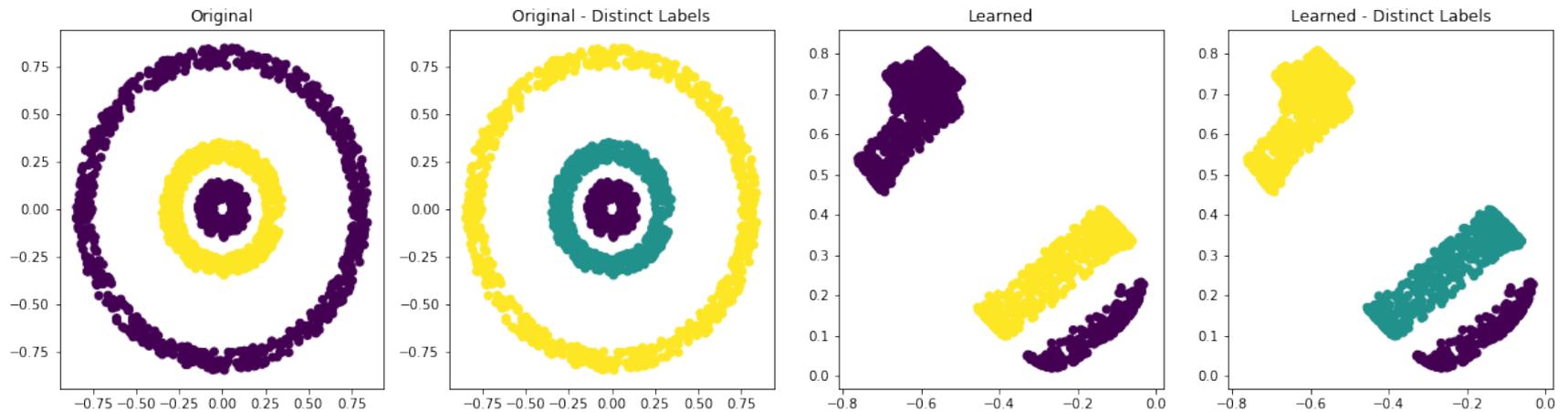
$$\text{Cost} = - \sum_{i \in \text{labelled}, j} y_{i,j} \log(P_{i,j}) + \sum_{i \in \text{unlabelled}, j} P_{i,j} \log(P_{i,j})$$

# Siamese network example

Contrastive loss (no watershed here)

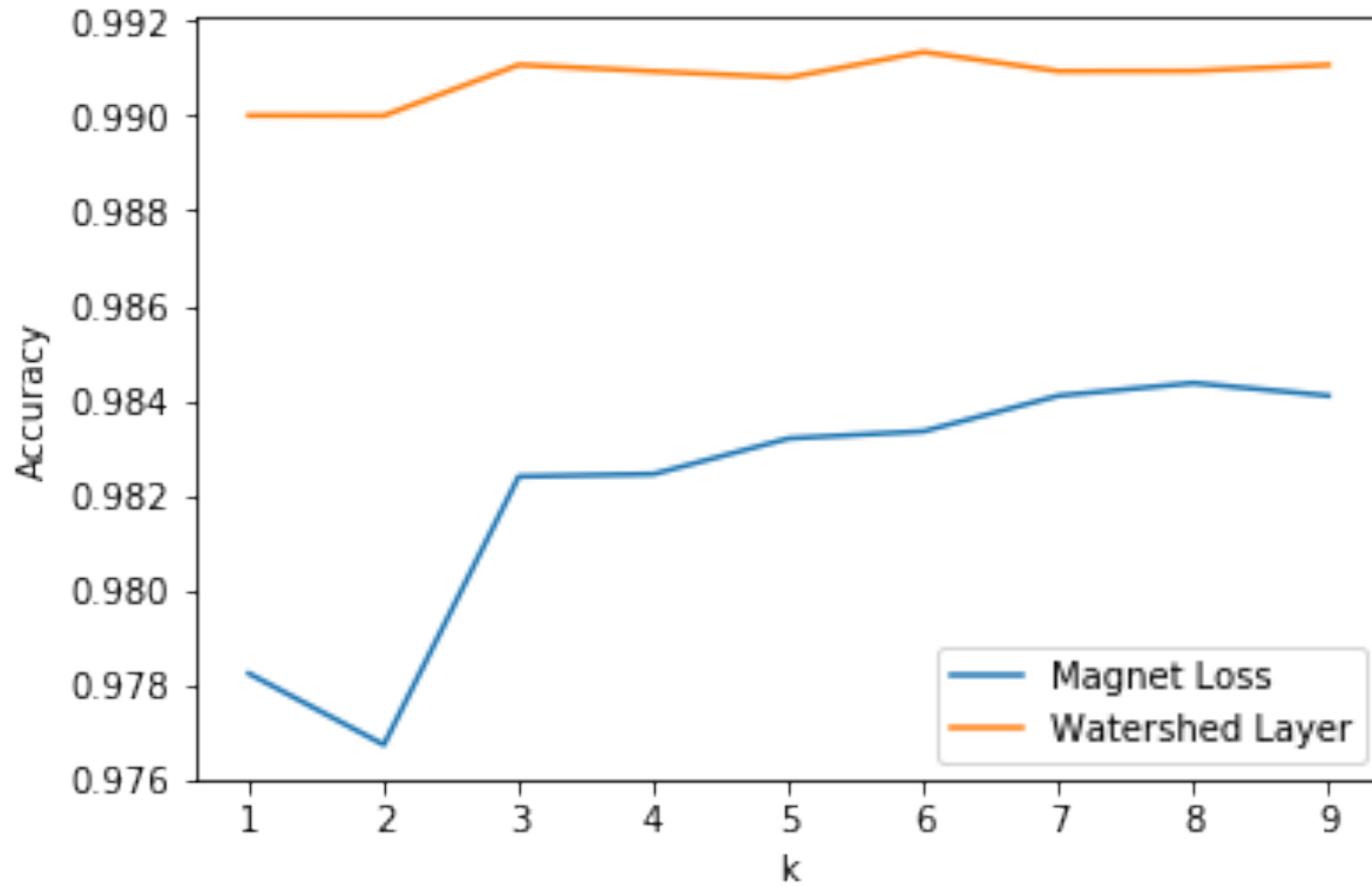


# Watershed example

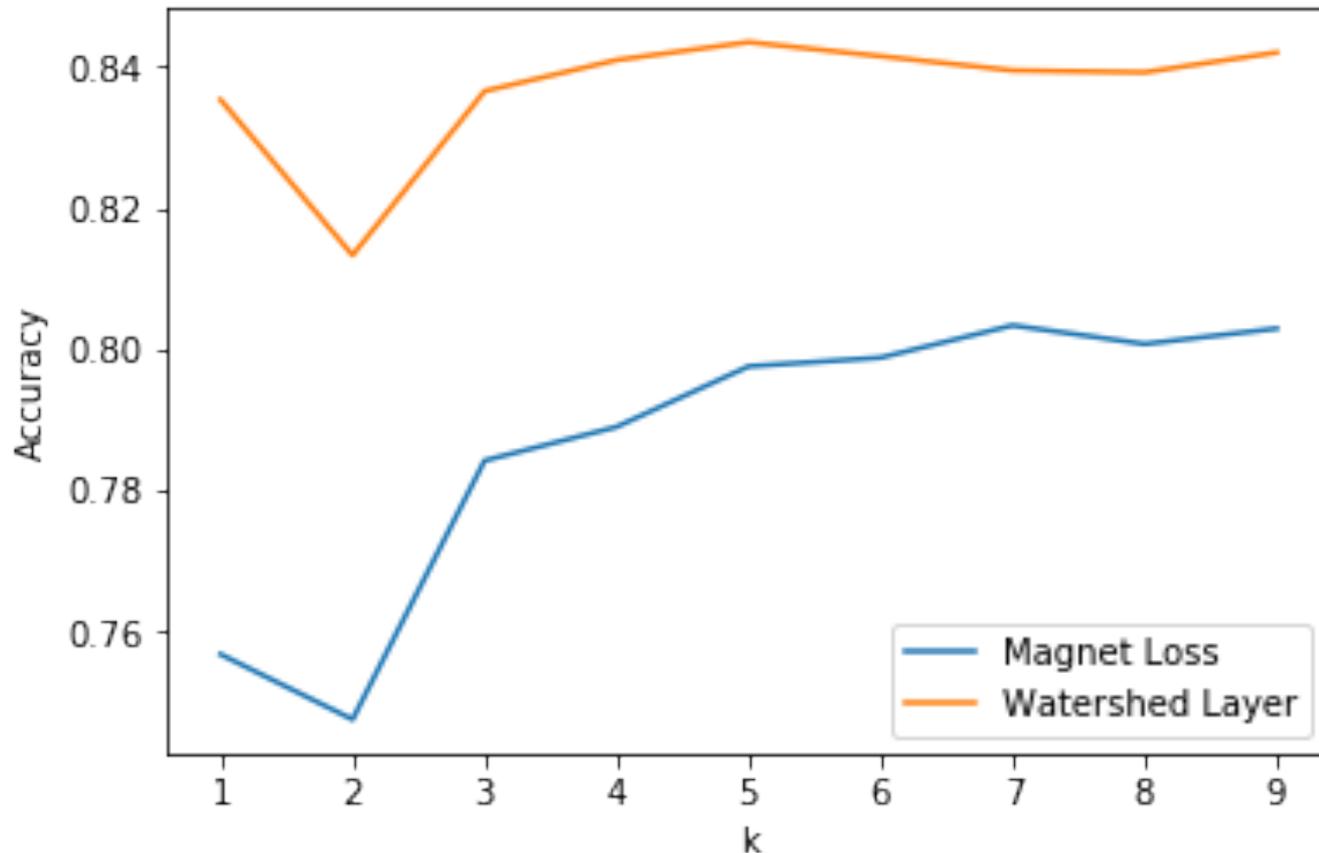


Watershed preserves the structure of the data while contrastive loss removes it

# MNIST Dataset: KNN accuracy



# Preserving the hierarchical structure



MNIST is split in two classes [0-4], [5-9]  
KNN accuracy for the original 10 classes

# Perspectives

- Batch mode
- Compactness properties of the clusters
- Hierarchical properties
  - Practically
  - Theoretically
- Regularization term
  - Connected filters
- Using watershed for regression
  - First results quite promising