

## Supplementary Material for MPC: Multi-view Probabilistic Clustering

### 1. Additional Algorithm Details

Given a multi-view dataset of  $N$  samples with  $M$  views  $S = \{V^{(1)}, V^{(2)}, \dots, V^{(M)}\}$ .  $V^{(m)} \in R^{d^{(m)} \times N}$  denotes the feature matrix in  $m$ -th view, where  $d^{(m)}$  is the feature dimension of the  $m$ -th view. Let  $W^{(m)} \in R^{N \times N}$  calculated by  $V^{(m)}$  using cosine similarity denotes the similarity matrix of the  $m$ -th view. The pairwise posterior probability of sample  $i$  and  $j$  can be expressed as:

$$P(i, j) = P(e_{ij} = 1 | w_{ij}^{(1)}, w_{ij}^{(2)}, \dots, w_{ij}^{(M)}) \quad (1)$$

where  $e_{ij}$  indicates that the two samples belong to the same class and  $w_{ij}^{(m)}$  denotes the similarity of the two samples in  $m$ -th view. As we all known, the Bayesian formula is:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)} \quad (2)$$

Taking two views as an example and let  $d_m = w_{ij}^{(m)}$ ,  $e_1 = (e_{ij} = 1)$ ,  $e_0 = (e_{ij} = 0)$  for short. Based on Bayesian formula, Eq. (1) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(i, j) &= P(e_1 | d_1, d_2) \\ &= \frac{P(d_1, d_2 | e_1)P(e_1)}{P(d_1, d_2)} \\ &= \frac{P(d_1 | e_1)P(e_1)}{P(d_1)} \frac{P(d_2 | e_1)}{P(d_2 | d_1)} \quad (3) \\ &= \frac{P(e_1 | d_1)P(d_2 | e_1)}{P(d_2 | d_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Based on conditional independence assumption,  $P(d_2 | d_1)$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(d_2 | e_1, d_1)P(e_1 | d_1) + P(d_2 | e_0, d_1)P(e_0 | d_1) \quad (4) \\ &= P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1) + P(d_2 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1) \end{aligned}$$

And then Eq. (1) can be expressed as:

$$P(i, j) = \frac{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1)}{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1) + P(d_2 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1)} \quad (5)$$

Extending the formula to three views, the pairwise probability of sample  $i$  and  $j$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(i, j) &= P(e_1 | d_1, d_2, d_3) \\ &= \frac{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1, d_3)}{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1, d_3) + P(d_2 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1, d_3)} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

Using Eq. (5),  $P(e_1 | d_1, d_3)$  and  $P(e_0 | d_1, d_3)$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(e_1 | d_1, d_3) &= \frac{P(d_3 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1)}{P(d_3 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1) + P(d_3 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1)} \quad (7) \\ P(e_0 | d_1, d_3) &= \frac{P(d_3 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1)}{P(d_3 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1) + P(d_3 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Naturally, Eq. (6) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(i, j) &= P(e_1 | d_1, d_2, d_3) \\ &= \frac{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1, d_3)}{P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1, d_3) + P(d_2 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1, d_3)} \\ &= \frac{P(d_3 | e_1)P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1)}{P(d_3 | e_1)P(d_2 | e_1)P(e_1 | d_1) + P(d_3 | e_0)P(d_2 | e_0)P(e_0 | d_1)} \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, extending the formula to multiple views, the pairwise probability of sample  $i$  and  $j$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(i, j) &= P(e_1 | d_1, d_2, \dots, d_M) \\ &= \frac{(\prod_{m=2}^M P(d_m | e_1))P(e_1 | d_1)}{\sum_{e \in \{e_0, e_1\}} (\prod_{m=2}^M P(d_m | e))P(e | d_1)} \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, Eq. (1) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(i, j) &= P(e_{ij} = 1 | w_{ij}^{(1)}, w_{ij}^{(2)}, \dots, w_{ij}^{(M)}) \\ &= \frac{(\prod_{m=2}^M P(w_{ij}^{(m)} | e_{ij} = 1))P(e_{ij} = 1 | w_{ij}^{(1)})}{\sum_{l \in \{0, 1\}} (\prod_{m=2}^M P(w_{ij}^{(m)} | e_{ij} = l))P(e_{ij} = l | w_{ij}^{(1)})} \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

which is the probability estimation algorithm we used in our proposed method.

Table 1. The incomplete multi-view clustering performance with different missing rates(0.1/0.3/0.7) on 100Leaves. The 1st/2nd best results are indicated in red/blue.

| Methods   | 0.1   |       |       |       | 0.3   |       |       |       | 0.7   |       |       |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|           | $F_P$ | $F_B$ | NMI   | ARI   | $F_P$ | $F_B$ | NMI   | ARI   | $F_P$ | $F_B$ | NMI   | ARI   |
| IMCCP [2] | 26.52 | 39.50 | 71.86 | 25.48 | 21.47 | 34.15 | 67.84 | 20.30 | 27.81 | 38.67 | 70.71 | 26.86 |
| OSLF [6]  | 57.65 | 61.16 | 83.75 | 57.23 | 37.64 | 42.48 | 73.32 | 36.99 | 27.12 | 33.13 | 69.27 | 26.38 |
| UEAF [5]  | 51.26 | 56.98 | 81.79 | 50.76 | 43.30 | 50.76 | 78.43 | 42.70 | 36.51 | 44.76 | 75.16 | 35.81 |
| EEIMC [3] | 67.96 | 71.71 | 88.52 | 67.64 | 59.78 | 63.94 | 84.67 | 59.38 | 43.36 | 48.27 | 76.50 | 42.79 |
| PIC [4]   | 75.79 | 79.14 | 91.27 | 75.55 | 63.64 | 67.44 | 86.22 | 63.28 | 38.46 | 44.77 | 76.12 | 37.84 |
| MPC       | 79.18 | 81.18 | 92.45 | 79.00 | 66.25 | 68.98 | 87.18 | 65.95 | 44.54 | 48.96 | 78.13 | 44.08 |

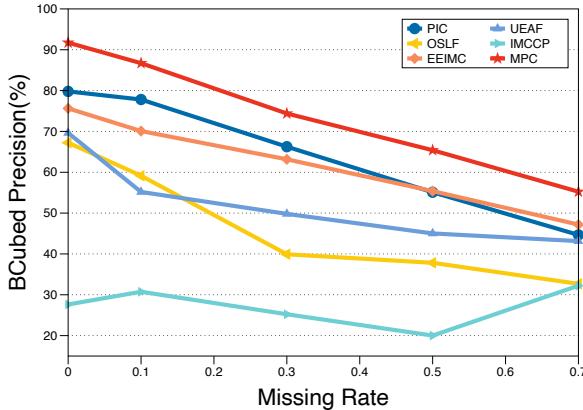


Figure 1. The clustering performance of BCubed Precision comparisons on 100Leaves with different missing rates.

Table 2. The clustering performance of BCubed Precision  $Pre_B$  and Fscore  $F_B$  comparisons on two additional datasets BUAA and BBCSport. MVC indicates complete multi-view clustering; IMVC indicates incomplete multi-view clustering with 0.5 missing rate. The 1st/2nd best results are indicated in red/blue.

| Dataset  | Type Methods | MVC     |       | IMVC    |       |
|----------|--------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
|          |              | $Pre_B$ | $F_B$ | $Pre_B$ | $F_B$ |
| BUAA     | IMCCP [2]    | 39.29   | 39.74 | 32.50   | 32.94 |
|          | OSLF [6]     | 23.39   | 24.75 | 30.55   | 31.08 |
|          | EEIMC [3]    | 34.09   | 34.49 | 32.33   | 32.73 |
|          | UEAF [5]     | 28.46   | 29.59 | 29.02   | 30.05 |
|          | PIC [4]      | 44.25   | 43.65 | 35.02   | 35.46 |
|          | MPC          | 58.36   | 44.52 | 40.56   | 36.84 |
| BBCSport | IMCCP [2]    | 28.67   | 35.42 | 25.13   | 34.20 |
|          | OSLF [6]     | 86.04   | 86.01 | 66.00   | 63.75 |
|          | EEIMC [3]    | 76.87   | 73.71 | 76.63   | 74.88 |
|          | UEAF [5]     | 82.69   | 83.88 | 87.51   | 87.20 |
|          | PIC [4]      | 90.41   | 90.39 | 86.80   | 86.96 |
|          | MPC          | 95.52   | 93.84 | 88.45   | 88.34 |

## 2. Additional Results and Analysis

**Results on 100Leaves and Two Additional Datasets.** The detailed incomplete clustering performance on 100Leaves is shown in Table 1. MPC surpasses the best baseline with

different missing rates. As shown in Figure 1, our method surpasses PIC [4] by about 10% with different missing rates in terms of BCubed Precision, which further proves the accuracy of refined multi-view pairwise posterior matching probability in our proposed MPC. We conduct some experiments on two additional datasets BUAA and BBCSport. **BUAA-visnir face dataset (BUAA)** [1] contains 1350 visual images and 1350 near infrared images of the 150 volunteers. The feature dimension of both views used in experiments is 100. **BBCSport**<sup>1</sup> contains 544 samples of 5 categories. The feature dimensions of the two views used in experiments are 3181 and 3202 respectively. Table 2 lists the experimental results (BCubed Precision  $Pre_B$  and Fscore  $F_B$ ) of different methods. Our method surpasses all tested baselines in terms of BCubed Precision and Fscore.

**Analysis of Similarity Measures.** To keep consistent with previous works PIC [4] and UEAF [5], we use cosine metric to estimate the similarity matrix. Overall, MPC is robust to the choice of metric. As listed in Table 3, we report the ARI obtained using similarity metric  $L_p$ , where  $L_p(x_i, x_j) = (\sum_{l=1}^n |x_i^{(l)} - x_j^{(l)}|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ ,  $x_i = (x_i^{(1)}, \dots, x_i^{(n)})$ .

Table 3. Analysis of similarity measures on Humbi240 and Handwritten.

| Similarity  | Cosine | $L_1$ | $L_2$ | $L_3$ | $L_\infty$ |
|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Handwritten | 83.04  | 81.06 | 81.28 | 81.37 | 55.77      |
| Humbi240    | 95.47  | 95.33 | 95.45 | 95.34 | 91.26      |

**Analysis of Parameter K.** The K is the only input parameter for MPC. After we obtain the estimated probability using Eq. (10) on each view, we can find an approximate K to make the pairwise probability of farthest point in the KNN of most samples at 0.5. Table 4 lists the analysis of K on Humbi240 and the result shows that MPC is robust to parameter K.

**Analysis of Convergence.** As discussed in Section Fast Probabilistic Clustering (FPC), FPC is theoretically guaranteed to converge. The number of clustering set v.s. it-

<sup>1</sup><http://mlg.ucd.ie/datasets/segment.html>

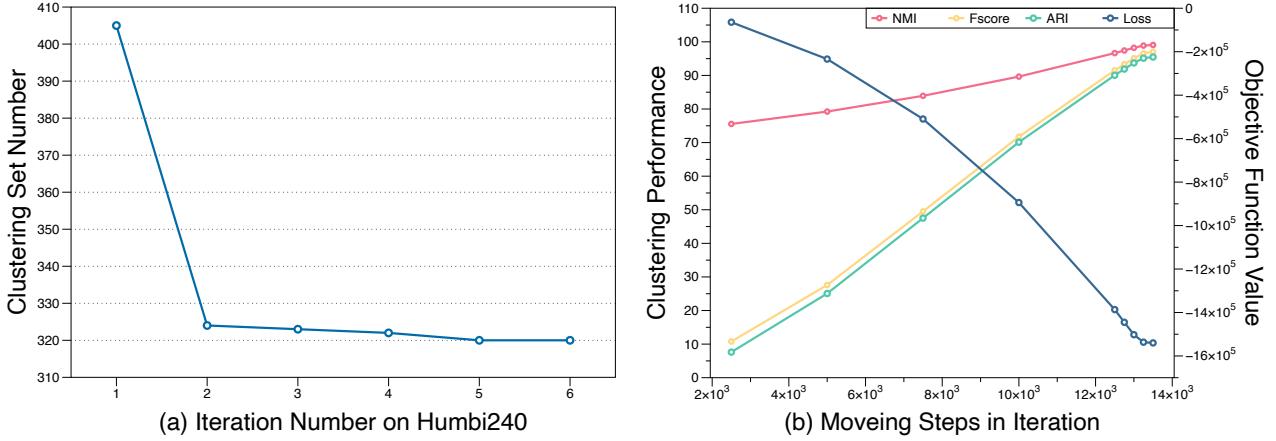


Figure 2. Analysis of Convergence. (a) The number of clustering set with increasing iterations on Humbi240. (b) The clustering performance of MPC with increasing moving steps on Humbi240. The x-axis denotes the moving steps in iteration, the left and right y-axis denote the clustering performance and corresponding objective function value, respectively.

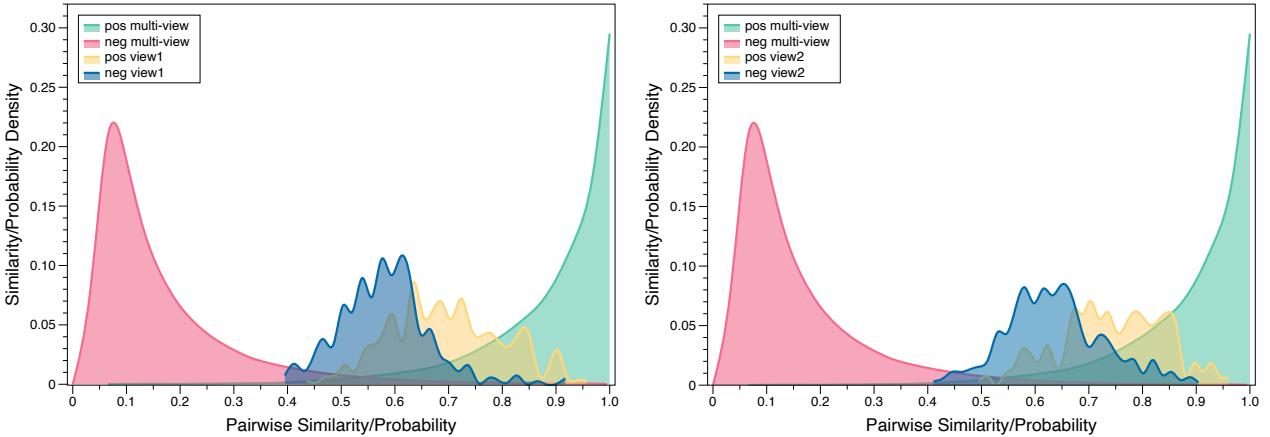


Figure 3. The pairwise similarity density in single view and the pairwise posterior probability density in MPC.

Table 4. Analysis of parameter K on Humbi240.

| K   | 160   | 140   | 120          | 100   | 80    | 60    |
|-----|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| ARI | 93.99 | 94.43 | <b>95.47</b> | 96.16 | 96.44 | 95.30 |

erations on Humbi240 is shown in Fig. 2(a) and it is clear that MPC converges in a few iterations, which sufficiently verifies the effectiveness of FPC. As shown in Fig. 2(b), the objective function value remarkably decreases during the moving steps in iteration, and meanwhile NMI, Fscore, and ARI continuously increase. And then the clustering performance keep stable in the last moving steps, which proves the good convergence property of our proposed FPC.

**Visualization on MPC.** As shown in Fig. 3, the experiments are conducted on Humbi240 dataset by visualizing the pairwise similarity density in single view and the pair-

wise posterior probability density in MPC. The pairwise similarity between positive pairs and negative pairs usually gather closely in view 1 and view 2, which makes it difficult to simply use a threshold to distinguish whether the pairwise samples are the same class. And using the probability estimation and refinement proposed in our method, the pairwise posterior probability between positive pairs and negative pairs naturally become polarized and the overlap area between them is much smaller than that in single view, which demonstrates the success in multi-view information excavation of our MPC.

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