# Math 690: Concentration (11/7/2017)

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### 0.1 Review of last class

Last time we discuss the concentration problem of F(x), where it satisfies:

$$F: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are independent.

Today's topic focus on the concentration of spectral edge (The largest or smallest eigenvalues), which includes the following sections:

- Widger matrix: The reason why the norm of the Widger matrixes is concentrated
- $\lambda_2$  of Erdos-Renyi random graph theory
- Randomized fast SVD(PCA)

**Lemma 0.1**  $\lambda_1(A)$  (The largest eigenvalue) is a "1-lipchitz" function

- What the expectation of the spectral edge look like
- The fluctuation of the these eigenvalues (measure by high probability) would not be far away from its expectation (Concentration)

#### Widger's theorem:

$$W_{mxn}$$
,  $W^T = W$ ,  $W_{ij} \sim N(0,1)$ ,  $iid$ ,  $i \le j$ ,  $(\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \cdots \ge \lambda_n \text{ of } W)$ 

## Wigner's semi-circle law:

Spectral distribution of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}W \to \rho_{s.c}$  (Weakly converge).

### TW(Tracy-Widom distribution) law:

Spectral edge  $\lambda_1$  (similarly to  $\lambda_n$ ) concentrates at 2 (-2 for  $\lambda_n$ ). Based on the previous review, our goal is to show that:

$$\lambda_1(W) = 2\sqrt{n} + O(n)$$

We want to show that high order term O(n) is going to be O(1) with high probability.

Compared with the Tracy-widom result and we get:

$$\lambda_1 = 2\sqrt{n} + O(n^{-\frac{1}{6}})$$

This is like the true scaling of the concentration. But we are going to see our argument by Gaussian concentration equality to show the term O(1) and how we control the deviation.

To show the above results, we have two steps:

**Step 1**: Show the expectation of  $\lambda_1$ 

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_1(W) \approx 2\sqrt{n}$$

**Step 2**: Use 1 - Lipchitz lemma to show the concentration

$$\lambda_1 \text{ is } 1 - Lipchitz function : } \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \to \mathbb{R}$$

### 0.2 The first step

We start by using some theory from References.

Proposition[Ref[1],Tao]:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_1 \leq 2\sqrt{n}$$

#### Proof(Moment method[Ref[2]]:

We first consider the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  as the ith sample and take the moment of each sample and we get:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i^k = Tr(W^k)$$

This operation here is just the tool for the proof. Since we want to prove the upper bound and we relate  $\lambda_1$  and get the upper bound argument(k can be considered as a very large even number):

$$\lambda_1^k \le \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^k = Tr(W^k), \ (k > 0)$$

Take expectation of both sides and we get:

$$\mathbb{E}\,\lambda_1^k\!\leq\!\mathbb{E}\,Tr(W^k)$$

By Jensen's inequality:

$$(\mathbb{E}\lambda_1)^k \le (\lambda^k) \Rightarrow (\mathbb{E}\lambda_1)^k \le Tr(W^k)$$

Recommend to take  $k = 2, 4(or\ higher\ number)$  as an example for understanding the proof.

We use another *Lemma* without showing the details:

$$\mathbb{E} Tr(W^k) = (C_{\frac{k}{2}} + O_k(1))n^{\frac{k}{2}+1}$$

Where k > 0 and k is fixed here. We also know(Catolan number):

$$C_{\frac{k}{2}} = \frac{k!}{(\frac{k}{2}+1)!(\frac{k}{2})!}$$

If we take  $(C_{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{1}{k}} \to 2 + O(1)$  when  $k \to \infty$  (This is true without providing details here). That is the reason we have the number 2 for the upper bound in the inequality.

Take both sides multiplied by order  $\frac{1}{k}$  and we get:

$$\mathbb{E} Tr(W^k)^{\frac{1}{k}} = \left[ (C_{\frac{k}{2}} + O_k(1)) n^{\frac{k}{2} + 1} \right]^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

The right hand side will be:

$$[C_{\frac{k}{2}} + O_k(1)]^{\frac{1}{k}} \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{k}}$$

As  $k \to \infty$  and we get:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_1 \leq (2 + O(1)) \cdot \sqrt{n}$$

In practice, we usually take  $k\rightarrow (lg^n)^2$  (missing details here) and we have:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_1 \leq (2+\epsilon)\sqrt{n}$$

This argument is corresponding to our purpose, i.e control  $\lambda_1$  and its expectation value. That also explains why the semi-circle law we have the number 2.

Lower bound(similar argument with moment method):

$$Tr(W^k) = \sum_i \lambda_i^k \le n \cdot \lambda_1^k$$

Similarly, take expectation on both sides and we can show that:

$$\mathbb{E} \lambda_1 > (2 - \epsilon) \sqrt{n}$$

So far we have finished the step 1.

#### 0.3 The second step

One lipschitz function problem:

**Lemma 0.2** 
$$|\lambda_1(A) - \lambda_1(B)| \le ||A - B||_{Fros}$$

Where  $\lambda_1$  is a one – lipschitz function of matrix A).  $A_{nxn}$  and  $B_{nxn}$  are symmetric. We also have  $\lambda_1: \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \to \mathbb{R}$  is 1-Lipschitz. The 1-Lipschitz mentioned here means the lipschitz constant C here is 1.

### Proof of Lemma(Courant-Fisher):

$$|\lambda_1(A) - \lambda_1(B)| \leq ||A - B||_{op}$$

Where op symbol means operator norm.

$$\lambda_1(A) = \sup_{||v||_2 = 1} v^T A v$$

$$\lambda_1(B) = v_0^T B v_0 = v_0^T A v_0 + v_0^T (B - A) v_0$$

Where the first term  $v_0^T A v_0 < \lambda_1(A)$ .

### Remark(Operator norm is bounded by Frobos norm):

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\lambda_i(A) - \lambda_i(B)|^2 \le ||A - B||_{Fro}^2$$

Then we have (Citing the results from reference):

$$|\lambda_i(A) - \lambda_i(B)|^2 \le ||A - B||_{Fro}^2$$

We use the above propositions to prove the lemma in step 2, and for i=1 we have:

$$Pr[|\lambda_1 - \mathbb{E} \lambda_1| > \alpha] \le 2 \cdot e^{-\frac{\alpha^2}{2}}$$

Therefore, the probability of the deviation from  $\lambda_1$  and its expectation is bounded and also decay exponentially (The concept of concentration).

# 0.4 The Cheager's constant number

#### Remark:

 $\lambda_2$  is the second eigenvalue of the normalized graph Laplacian.

$$L_{rw} = D^{-1}(D - W) = I - P$$

The symbol rw means random walk laplacian. And we have:

$$0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_n \leq 1$$

The  $\lambda_2$  here is strongly related to how much you can cut your graph.

#### Remark: Cheager's law

$$G = (V, E), W_{nxn}, W_{ij} \ge 0, W = W^T$$

Define:

$$h(A) = \frac{|\partial A|}{\min\{Vol(A), Vol(A^c)\}}$$

Where:

$$(\partial A) \stackrel{def}{\Longrightarrow} \sum_{i \in A, j \in A^c} W_{ij}$$

$$Vol(A) = \sum_{i \in A} d_i, \ d_i \stackrel{def}{\Longrightarrow} \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij}$$

We define Cheager's constant as  $h_G = \min_{A \subset v} h(A)$ . It measures how cutting a graph or manifold it is.

Theorem: Cheager Inequality

$$\frac{1}{2}h_G^2 \le \lambda_2 \le 2h_G$$

The hint of proving  $\lambda_2 \leq 2h_G$ :

$$\lambda_2 = \inf_f \frac{f^T L f}{f^T D f} \leq \frac{g^T L g}{g^T D g}, \ L = D - W$$

Where g is:  $\lambda_2$  gives implication on how cutting it is for the graph.

### 0.5 Application with fast PCA

Key ideas:

- PCA: We want to compute the low rank factorization of  $A_{nxn}$
- Compute the first k singular values

Key idea: Tall gaussian matrix is well-conditioned

$$x_{ij} \sim N(0,1), iid (k \ll n)$$

We have the demo showing the follow properties:

$$\sigma_1(x) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_k(x)$$

$$\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{k} - O(1) \le \sigma_k(x) \le \sigma_1(x) \le \sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n} + O(1)$$

Based on the MP(mention in 9/7's note)density:

$$\begin{cases}
\sigma_1^2 \approx (1 + \sqrt{\frac{k}{n}})^2 \\
\sigma_k^2 \approx (1 - \sqrt{\frac{n}{k}})^2
\end{cases}$$
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# 0.6 Appendix

- Lipschitz continuty
- Courant-Fischer Minimax Theorem(9/5's note)
- $L_{rw}$  random walk laplacian matrix
- Jensen's inequality
- Wigner's Semicircle Law
- Tracy–Widom distribution
- $\bullet$  Method of moments
- MP law(9/7's note)