



# Randomized Nyström Preconditioning with RPChloesky

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# Declaration

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## 1.1 Question 1

Using the result from L6S76, show that the approximation  $\hat{A}^{(k)}$  returned after  $k$  steps of RPCholesky satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\|_2 \right] \leq 3 \cdot \text{sr}_p(A) \cdot \lambda_p$$

for  $k \geq (p-1)(\frac{1}{2} + \log(\frac{\eta^{-1}}{2}))$  with  $\text{sr}_p(A)$  defined in [1].

Using the definition of  $\text{sr}_p(A)$  from [1] we can see that:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sr}_p(A) \cdot \lambda_p &= \left[ \lambda_p^{-1} \sum_{j>p}^n \lambda_j \right] \lambda_p \\ &= \sum_{j \geq p}^n \lambda_j \\ &= \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A)) \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\mathcal{T}_r(A)$  denotes the best rank- $r$  approximation of  $A$ . We then also note that:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\| \right] \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \text{trace}(A - \hat{A}^{(k)}) \right]$$

Then we can use the theorem from L6S76 to begin our proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\| \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \text{trace}(A - \hat{A}^{(k)}) \right] \\ &\leq (1 + \epsilon) \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A)) \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof we let  $\epsilon = 2$ , and then the equation above becomes:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\| \right] \leq 3 \cdot \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))$$

According to the theorem in L6S76, for the above bound to hold we need to choose:

$$\begin{aligned} k &\geq \frac{r}{\epsilon} + r \log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon\eta}\right) \\ &= \frac{p-1}{2} + (p-1) \log\left(\frac{\eta^{-1}}{2}\right) \\ &= (p-1)\left(\frac{1}{2} + \log\left(\frac{\eta^{-1}}{2}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta = \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))/\text{trace}(A)$ . Thus completing the proof.

## 1.2 Question 2

By mimicking the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [1], derive a sensible upper bound on:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \kappa_2(P^{-\frac{1}{2}} A_\mu P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \right]$$

where  $P$  is constructed as described in equations (1.3) of [1], with  $\hat{A}_{nys}$  replaced by  $\hat{A}^{(k)}$  for a suitable value for  $k$ . Explain what this bound means in terms of the quality of the preconditioner.

First we start by notcing that:

$$A_\mu = A + \mu I = \hat{A}^{(k)} + \mu I + \underbrace{A - \hat{A}^{(k)}}_E$$

This then allows us to rewrite  $S = P^{-\frac{1}{2}} A_\mu P^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  as:

$$P^{-\frac{1}{2}} A_\mu P^{-\frac{1}{2}} = P^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{A}^{(k)} + \mu I) P^{-\frac{1}{2}} + P^{-\frac{1}{2}} (E) P^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

with  $P = \frac{1}{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu} U(\Lambda + \mu I) U^\top + (I - UU^\top)$

Since  $P$  is PSD it has a well defined sqaure root. Using the formula given by Frangella for  $P^{-1}$  we can get:

$$P^{-\frac{1}{2}} = U \left( \frac{\Lambda + \mu I}{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu} + \mu \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} U^\top + (I - UU^\top)$$

By Weyl's inequality we can bound the largest eigenvalue of  $S$  as:

$$\lambda_1(S) \leq \lambda_1(P^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\hat{A}^{(k)} + \mu I) P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) + \lambda_1(P^{-\frac{1}{2}} (E) P^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

Let's consider the first half of the equation. We can substitute our expression for  $P^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  and compute the eigenvalue decomposition of  $\hat{A}^{(k)}$  to get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ U \left( \frac{\Lambda + \mu I}{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} U^\top + (I - UU^\top) \right] \cdot \\ & [U(\Lambda + \mu I) U^\top + (\mu I)(I - UU^\top)] \cdot \\ & \left[ U \left( \frac{\Lambda + \mu I}{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} U^\top + (I - UU^\top) \right] \end{aligned}$$

We have to split  $\hat{A}^{(k)} + \mu I$  into the component that lies in the subspace spanned by  $U$  and into the space spanned by  $U_\perp$ , this is done by projecting  $\mu I$  using the projector  $I - UU^\top$ . Now if we only look at the subspace spanned by  $U$  we can see that the largest eigenvalue will be  $\lambda_{p-1} + \mu$ :

$$U \left( \frac{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu}{\Lambda + \mu I} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} [\Lambda + \mu I] \left( \frac{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu}{\Lambda + \mu I} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} U^\top$$

The largest eigenvalue in the space spanned by  $U_\perp$  is  $\mu$ . So overall the largest eigenvalue achieved on both these space is  $\lambda_{p-1} + \mu$ . Now we have to find an expression for the second part of Weyl's inequality above.

$$\lambda_1(P^{-\frac{1}{2}} (E) P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = \lambda_1(P^{-1} E) \leq \lambda_1(P^{-1}) \|E\|_2$$

$$\text{with } P^{-1} = (\lambda_{p-1} + \mu) U(\Lambda + \mu I)^{-1} U^\top + (I - UU^\top)$$

To find  $\lambda_1(P^{-1})$  we perform a similar argument as before. On the subspace spanned by  $U$  the largest eigenvalue is  $(\lambda_{p-1} + \mu)/(\lambda_{p-1} + \mu) = 1$  on the subspace spanned by  $U_\perp$  we see that the largest eigenvalue is also 1. So the largest eigenvalue attained on both these subspaces is 1, hence  $\lambda_1(P^{-1}) = 1$  and so we can say that  $\lambda_1(P^{-\frac{1}{2}}(E)P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) = \|E\|_2$ . So we arrive at the bound:

$$\lambda_1(S) = \lambda_{p-1} + \mu + \|E\|_2$$

Now we need to bound the minimum eigenvalues of  $S$ . Once again we can use Weyl's inequality for this:

$$\lambda_n(S) \geq \lambda_n(P^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\hat{A}^{(K)} + \mu I)P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) + \lambda_n(P^{-\frac{1}{2}}(E)P^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

The smallest eigenvalue of  $P^{-\frac{1}{2}}(E)P^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  is 0 since the rank- $(p-1)$  approximation we have is rank deficient and so the smallest eigenvalue is 0. Once again analyse the first term by looking on the subspace spanned by  $U$  and the subspace spanned by  $U_\perp$

$$U\left(\frac{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu}{\Lambda + \mu I}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}[\Lambda + \mu I]\left(\frac{\lambda_{p-1} + \mu}{\Lambda + \mu I}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}U^\top$$

Since the approximations of RPCholesky are PSD, the minimum eigenvalue on the subspace spanned by  $U$  is  $\mu$ . In the subspace spanned by  $U_\perp$  we have  $\mu I(I - UU^\top)$  of which the minimum eigenvalue is  $\mu$ . Hence the smallest eigenvalue overall is just  $\mu$  and so  $\lambda_n(S) \geq \mu$ . Now we can finally bound the condition number as:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_2(P^{-\frac{1}{2}}A_\mu P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) &\leq \frac{\mu + \lambda_{p-1} + \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\|_2}{\mu} \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \mu + \lambda_{p-1} + \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\|_2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Then by using the linearity of the expectation operator we can say:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \kappa_2(P^{-\frac{1}{2}}A_\mu P^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left( \frac{\mu + \lambda_{p-1} + \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\|_2}{\mu} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \mu + \lambda_{p-1} + \mathbb{E} \left[ \|A - \hat{A}^{(k)}\|_2 \right] \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\mu} \left[ \mu + \lambda_{p-1} + 3 \cdot \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \geq (p-1)(\frac{1}{2} + \log(\frac{\eta^{-1}}{2}))$ , where  $\eta = \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))/\text{trace}(A)$ .

While this bound is good, we can get a simpler bound if we make some assumptions on  $p-1$ . We can leverage Lemma 2.1 Item 4 and Lemma 5.4 Item 1 in [1]. Since these items are agnostic of the approximation algorithm used, we can use them without proof. If we choose  $\gamma > 0$  and if we choose  $p-1 \geq (1 + \gamma^{-1}) \text{deff}(\mu)$  then  $\lambda_{p-1} \leq \gamma\mu$ . So if we choose  $\gamma = 1$  then we get:

$$\frac{1}{\mu} [\mu + \lambda_{p-1} + 3 \cdot \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))] = 2 + \frac{3}{\mu} \cdot \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))$$

Without preconditioning the condition number of  $A_\mu$  would be  $\lambda_1(A_\mu)/\lambda_n(A_\mu)$  which can be large if the smallest eigenvalue of  $A_\mu$  is small. However if we use RPChloesky, obtain a sufficiently good approximation of  $A$  and use this preconditioning then the condition number will be  $\leq 1 + \frac{3}{\mu} \cdot \text{trace}(A - \mathcal{T}_{p-1}(A))$  which could even be upperbounded by 1 since we already obtain a good approximation of  $A$  by using RPChloesky. However this does assume a quick decay of the singular values, which is the case for most scientific applications. Diaz et al. analyse a specific case of using RPChloesky and preconditioning in quantum chemistry in section (4.1) of their paper [2]. They show how RPChloesky and preconditioning can reduce the relative residual in a ridge regression task to an order of  $10^{-2}$  in 100 iterations, highlighting how good the method is. Also iterative solvers like the Conjugate Gradient method is proportional to the square root of the condition number so achieving a low condition number through preconditioning would be ideal for these solvers.

### 1.3 Question 3

The proof of Proposition 2.2 from [1] on the quality of the Nyström approximation (with Gaussian random sketches) uses a squared Chevet bound. Provide a detailed proof of this bound (see Section B.2 in [1]) in your own words. Include all missing details (such as verifying the conditions of Slepian's lemma).

We first begin by defining two vector sets:

$$U = \{S^T a : \|a\|_2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$V = \{Tb : \|b\|_2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

Where  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$  and  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$  are fixed matrices and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^r$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^s$  are vectors living on their respective  $\ell_2$ -normball. Now from these sets we choose two vectors  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$  and then we consider the Gaussian process:

$$Y_{uv} = \langle u, Gv \rangle + \|S\|_2 \|v\|_2 \gamma$$

$$X_{uv} = \|S\| \langle h, v \rangle + \|v\| \langle g, u \rangle$$

Where  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -Gaussian random matrix,  $g, h$  are  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$   $(0, 1)$ -Gaussian random vectors and  $\gamma \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We also assume that  $G, g, h$ , and  $\gamma$  are all independent.

Our first step is to analyze the conditions regarding Slepian's Lemma. The two conditions of Slepian's Lemma are:

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{u_1, v_1} X_{u_2, v_2}] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_{u_1, v_1} Y_{u_2, v_2}] \text{ for } u_1 \neq u_2 \text{ and } v_1 \neq v_2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{u, v} X_{u, v}] = \mathbb{E}[Y_{u, v} Y_{u, v}]$$

Let's first analyze the autocorrelation terms. For convenience sake we will abbreviate  $X_{u, v} = X_i$  similarly for  $Y_{u, v}$

$$X_i^2 = [\|S\| \langle h, v \rangle + \|v\| \langle g, u \rangle]^2$$

$$= \|S\|^2 \langle h, v \rangle^2 + 2\|S\| \langle h, v \rangle \|v\| \langle g, u \rangle + \|v\|^2 \langle g, u \rangle^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] = \|S\|^2 \mathbb{E}[\langle h, v \rangle^2] + 2\|S\| \|v\| \mathbb{E}[\langle h, v \rangle \langle g, u \rangle] + \|v\|^2 \mathbb{E}[\langle g, u \rangle^2]$$

We will analyse this equation term by term and use the fact that  $E[X] = \text{Var}[X] + \mathbb{E}[X]^2$ . We will also use the fact that if  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma_n)$  then for any fixed vector  $a$  we have that  $ax \sim \mathcal{N}(a\mu, a\Sigma_n a^\top)$ . Analysing the first term we see:

$$\mathbb{E}[\langle h, v \rangle] = \|v\|^2 + 0^2$$

The third term can be analyzed in much the same way:

$$\mathbb{E}[\langle g, u \rangle] = \|u\|^2 + 0^2$$

The second term can be analysed by first noting that  $h$  and  $g$  are independent as so:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[2\|S\|\|v\|\langle h, v \rangle \langle g, u \rangle] &= 2\|S\|\|v\|\mathbb{E}[\langle h, v \rangle] \mathbb{E}[\langle g, u \rangle] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And so we are left with:

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \|S\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|v\|^2\|u\|^2$$

$Y_i$  will be analysed in the same way:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i^2 &= \langle u, Gv \rangle^2 + 2\|S\|\|v\|\gamma \langle u, Gv \rangle^2 + \|S\|^2\|v\|^2\gamma^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[Y_i^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\langle u, Gv \rangle^2] + 2\|S\|\|v\|\mathbb{E}[\gamma \langle u, Gv \rangle] + \|S\|^2\|v\|^2\mathbb{E}[\gamma^2] \end{aligned}$$

The first and third terms are analysed in much the same way as before:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|S\|^2\|v\|^2\gamma^2] &= \|S\|^2\|v\|^2 \\ \mathbb{E}[\langle u, Gv \rangle^2] &= \|u\|^2\|v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The second term can be analyzed in the same way as before:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[2\|S\|\|v\|\gamma \langle u, Gv \rangle] &= 2\|S\|\|v\|\mathbb{E}[\gamma \langle u, Gv \rangle] \\ &= 2\|S\|\|v\|\mathbb{E}[\gamma] \mathbb{E}[\langle u, Gv \rangle] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

And so we are left with:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_i^2] = \|S\|^2\|v\|^2 + \|u\|^2\|v\|^2$$

Comparing  $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]$  with  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i^2]$  we see that the second condition of Slepian's lemma is satisfied. Now we will look at the first condition. We begin by letting:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \|S\|\langle h, v_1 \rangle + \|v_1\|\langle g, u_1 \rangle \\ X_2 &= \|S\|\langle h, v_2 \rangle + \|v_2\|\langle g, u_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

We can multiply and expand out the terms to get:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 X_2 &= \|S\|^2 \langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle h, v_2 \rangle + \|S\|\|v_2\| \langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle g, u_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \|S\|\|v_1\| \langle h, v_2 \rangle \langle g, u_1 \rangle + \|v_1\|\|v_2\| \langle g, u_1 \rangle \langle g, u_2 \rangle \\ \mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2] &= \|S\|^2 \mathbb{E}[\langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle h, v_2 \rangle] + \|S\|\|v_2\| \mathbb{E}[\langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle g, u_2 \rangle] \\ &\quad + \|S\|\|v_1\| \mathbb{E}[\langle h, v_2 \rangle \langle g, u_1 \rangle] + \|v_1\|\|v_2\| \mathbb{E}[\langle g, u_1 \rangle \langle g, u_2 \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

Once again we can analyse this term by term. Looking at the first term we have:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|S\|^2 \langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle h, v_2 \rangle] = \|S\|^2 \mathbb{E} [\langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle h, v_2 \rangle] = \|S\|^2 \mathbb{E} \left[ \underbrace{\langle h, h \rangle}_{\mathbb{E}[\cdot]=0} + \underbrace{\langle h, v_1 \rangle}_{\mathbb{E}[\cdot]=0} + \underbrace{\langle h, v_2 \rangle}_{\mathbb{E}[\cdot]=0} + \underbrace{\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle}_{\mathbb{E}[\cdot] \neq 0} \right]$$

By the properties of multiplication with standard gaussian random vectors the above equation simplifies to:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|S\|^2 \langle h, v_1 \rangle \langle h, v_2 \rangle] = \|S\|^2 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$$

Now we look at the second and third term, and by independence and the properties of multiplication with standard gaussian random vectors we have:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|S\| \|v_2\| \langle g, u_2 \rangle \langle h, u_1 \rangle] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E} [\|S\| \|v_1\| \langle g, u_1 \rangle \langle h, u_2 \rangle] = 0$$

Regarding the fourth term, once it is expanded all the terms multiplied with the gaussian vector in expectation will be zero so the only term left will be:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\|v_1\| \|v_2\| \langle g, u_1 \rangle \langle g, u_2 \rangle] &= \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \mathbb{E} [\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle] \\ &= \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So finally we are left with:

$$\mathbb{E} [X_1 X_2] = \|S\|^2 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle + \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$$

Now we will perform the same operations for  $Y_1 Y_2$ . Letting:

$$Y_1 = \langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle + \|S\| \|v_1\| \gamma$$

$$Y_2 = \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle + \|S\| \|v_2\| \gamma$$

We can multiply and expand out the terms to get:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 Y_2 &= \langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle + \|S\| \|v_1\| \gamma \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle \\ &\quad + \|S\| \|v_2\| \gamma \langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle + \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \gamma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [Y_1 Y_2] &= \mathbb{E} [\langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle] + \|S\| \|v_1\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle] \\ &\quad + \|S\| \|v_2\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma \langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle] + \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma^2] \end{aligned}$$

As before, due to the properties of independence and multiplication with standard gaussian random vectors, the second and third terms in expectation equal 0:

$$\|S\| \|v_1\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle] = 0 \quad \|S\| \|v_2\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma \langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle] = 0$$

The fourth term in expectation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \mathbb{E} [\gamma^2] &= \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\| [\text{Var}(\gamma) + \mathbb{E}[\gamma]] \\ &= \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\| \end{aligned}$$



The first term needs some careful consideration. We first see that the dot product can be written as:

$$\langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle = \sum_{i,j} u_i G_{ij} v_j$$

Next we begin by noting that  $\mathbb{E}[G_{ij}G_{kl}] = 0 \ \forall \ i \neq k \text{ and } j \neq l$ . So the first term, in expectation reduces to:

$$\mathbb{E}[\langle u_1, Gv_1 \rangle \langle u_2, Gv_2 \rangle] = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$$

Putting this all together we get:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2] = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle + \|S\|^2 \|v_1\| \|v_2\|$$

We can now use a double application of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality (one on  $\mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2]$  and another on  $\mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2]$ ) to see that  $\mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_1 Y_2]$ . Thereby fulfilling the second condition for Slepian's lemma. Thereby can also conclude that:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\max_{u,v} Y_{uv} > t\right) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\max_{u,v} X_{uv} > t\right)$$

For convenience we will also introduce the notation  $X_+ = \max\{X, 0\}$ . We will now begin to prove the squared Chevet bound. We start off by stating:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{u,v} (Y_{uv})_+^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} \left(\langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle + \|S\| \|Tb\| \gamma\right)_+^2\right]$$

Next the paper applies Jensen's inequality. However we should first make sure that Jensen's inequality is valid for this function. Let's first breakdown the function inside the expectation as a composition of functions:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\underbrace{\max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} \left\{(\langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle + \|S\| \|Tb\| \gamma)_+^2\right\}}_{g(x)}\right]$$

It is evident that  $g(x)$  is composed of  $f(x) = x_+^2$  and  $k(x) = \langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle + \|S\| \|Tb\| \gamma$ . The former is a convex function and the latter is a linear function (which is both convex and concave). Their composition is also a convex function, and taking the max leaves it as a convex function. Thus we can apply Jensen's inequality to in this context. In this next step we integrate out the terms with  $\gamma$  and we are left with:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} \left\{(\langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle + \|S\| \|Tb\| \gamma)_+^2\right\}\right] = \mathbb{E}_G\left[\max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} (\langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle_+^2)\right]$$

Now we can see that the dot product is just the 2->2 matrix operator norm. Thus we can write:

$$\mathbb{E}_G\left[\max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} (\langle S^\top a, GTb \rangle_+^2)\right] = \mathbb{E}_G[\|SGT\|^2]$$

So we can see that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{u,v} (Y_{uv})_+^2 \right]$  acts as a majorizer of  $\mathbb{E}_G [\|SGT\|^2]$ . Now we will perform the same calculation with  $X_{uv}$ . We can see that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max \left\{ (X_{uv})_+^2 \right\} \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \max \{X_{uv}^2\} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} \{(\|S\| \langle h, Tb \rangle + \|Tb\| \langle g, S^\top a \rangle)^2\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

We can expand out the terms and use Cauchy-Schwarz to turn the dot products into a product of norms:

$$(\|S\| \langle h, Tb \rangle + \|Tb\| \langle g, S^\top a \rangle)^2 = \|S\|^2 \langle h, Tb \rangle^2 + 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \langle h, Tb \rangle \langle g, S^\top a \rangle + \|Tb\|^2 \langle g, S^\top a \rangle^2$$

Let's analyse this term by term. We will make extensive use of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. The first term can be bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S\|^2 \langle h, Tb \rangle^2 &= \|S\|^2 \langle T^\top h, b \rangle^2 \\ &\leq \|S\|^2 \|T^\top h\|^2 \|b\|^2 \\ &= \|S\|^2 \|T^\top h\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The second term is bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \langle h, Tb \rangle \langle g, S^\top a \rangle &= 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \langle T^\top h, b \rangle \langle Sg, a \rangle \\ &\leq 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T^\top h\| \|b\| \|Sg\| \|a\| \\ &= 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T^\top h\| \|Sg\| \end{aligned}$$

The third term is bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tb\|^2 \langle g, S^\top a \rangle^2 &= \|Tb\|^2 \langle Sg, a \rangle^2 \\ &\leq \|Tb\|^2 \|Sg\|^2 \|a\|^2 \\ &= \|Tb\|^2 \|Sg\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

So we end up with:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{\|a\|=1, \|b\|=1} \{(\|S\| \langle h, Tb \rangle + \|Tb\| \langle g, S^\top a \rangle)^2\} \right] &\leq \mathbb{E} [\|S\|^2 \|T^\top h\|^2 + 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T^\top h\| \|Sg\|] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} [\|Tb\|^2 \|Sg\|^2] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h$  and  $g$  are independent and they are standard normal vectors, we have the equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\|T^\top h\|^2] &= \|T\|_F^2 \\ \mathbb{E} [\|Sg\|^2] &= \|S\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

Next we need to make use of Hölder's inequality for expectations which (in our particular case of the  $\ell_2$  norm) can be written as:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|XY\|] \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} [\|X\|^2]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E} [\|Y\|^2]}$$

Using this version of Hölder's inequality we can bound the middle term as:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \mathbb{E} [\|T^\top h\| \|Sg\|] &\leq 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \sqrt{\mathbb{E} [\|T^\top h\|^2]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E} [\|Sg\|^2]} \\ &= 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \sqrt{\|T\|_F^2} \sqrt{\|S\|_F^2} \\ &= 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T\|_F \|S\|_F \end{aligned}$$

Using the two facts above we can bound  $\mathbb{E} [\|S\|^2 \|T^\top h\|^2 + 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T^\top h\| \|Sg\| + \|Tb\|^2 \|Sg\|^2]$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} [\|S\|^2 \|T^\top h\|^2 + 2\|S\| \|Tb\| \|T^\top h\| \|Sg\| + \|Tb\|^2 \|Sg\|^2] &\leq \|S\|^2 \|T\|_F^2 + 2\|S\| \|T\|_F \|S\|_F \\ &\quad + \|Tb\|^2 \|S\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

As we can see this is a perfect square. After factorizing we are left with the following bound:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max \left\{ (X_{uv})_+^2 \right\} \right] \leq (\|S\| \|T\|_F + \|T\| \|S\|_F)^2$$

Next we use Corolary 3.12 on p.75 of [3] and some relations from probability theory to finish the question. The calculations of which are listed below. Recall that for a random variable  $Z$  we have:

$$\mathbb{E} [Z^2] = \int_0^\infty 2x\mathbb{P}(Z > x)dx$$

This then allows us to say:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|SGT\|^2] \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{u,v} \left\{ (Y_{uv})_+^2 \right\} \right] = \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (Y_{uv})_+ \right\} > t \right) dt$$

Since everything here is positive we can drop  $(\cdot)_+$  and apply Corolary 3.12:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (Y_{uv})_+ \right\} > t \right) dt &= \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (Y_{uv}) \right\} > t \right) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (X_{uv}) \right\} > t \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

Again we can bring in the  $(\cdot)_+$  without changing this integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (X_{uv}) \right\} > t \right) dt &= \int_0^\infty 2t\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{u,v} \left\{ (X_{uv})_+ \right\} > t \right) dt \\ &= 2 * \mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{u,v} \left\{ (X_{uv}) \right\} \right] \\ &\leq 2 * (\|S\| \|T\|_F + \|T\| \|S\|_F)^2 \end{aligned}$$

And so we have completed the proof showing that:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|SGT\|^2] \leq 2(\|S\| \|T\|_F + \|T\| \|S\|_F)^2$$

## 1.4 Question 4

The results of this section can be found by running the MATLAB script. The GitHub can be found at this link. To run the KRR in the script you must run "git submodule update --init --recursive" and then follow the instructions in this repo to convert the MNIST dataset into something you can work with in matlab.

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