

Eigencomputations (SVD/PCA)

Spectral clustering:

Input: Adjacency A, # clusters k

Output: Cluster assignments $\{c_i\}$

1. Compute D with node degrees from A

$D = \sum_j A_{ij}$

2. Compute Laplacian $L = D^{-1/2}AD^{-1/2}$

3. Compute λ for L, contract X with eigenvectors gives top eigenvalues

4. Perform K-means on rows of X

Epidemics on networks:

Pathogen spreads across edges threshold

B (infection rate) < (recovery rate)

Let A be adjacency (A_{ij}) probability

Normalise to unit row columns

Disease dies $P(A_{ij}) < 1/\lambda_{max}$

Pandemic $P(A_{ij}) > 1/\lambda_{max}$

Jacobi's method

W.T.F. A for symmetric λ

* Gradually turns A to diagonal

* Each transform contains rotation matrix

$R = \cos \theta \quad \sin \theta \quad -\sin \theta \quad \cos \theta$

= same λ gradually

* At first iteration, there is no transformation, then

$B = A^T$ with $B[1,1] = A[1,1]$, $B[2,2] = A[2,2]$

* Rotation effect round, $C[1,1] = B[1,1]$

$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = U^T A U = U^T B U$

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Unconstrained Optimisation

Unconstrained minimization:
 Solves $\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}^*)$
 With f convex and twice differentiable.

Convex $\Leftrightarrow Vf(x), \nabla^2 f(x) \geq 0$

$\nabla^2 f(x) \geq 0$ (def)

Strong convex $\Leftrightarrow \exists \gamma$

Jensen's inequality:

for $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(x_1) + f(x_2) \leq f(x_1 + \lambda x_2)$

Convex \Leftrightarrow Jensen's

Properties:

1) Convex local min \Rightarrow global min.

2) Convex unique global min

3) Convex + differentiable:

$\nabla^2 f(x) \geq 0$ & $\nabla f(x) = 0$ $\forall x$

strictly convex $\Leftrightarrow \exists \gamma$

Convex \Leftrightarrow strictly convex

Descent Methods

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Newton's Method

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Recall dual norm: $\|\mathbf{x}\|_D = \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{x}$

$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|_D = \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y}^\top \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{y}$

$= -\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|$

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$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}) \Delta \mathbf{x} = -\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \Delta \mathbf{x}_D$

$= -\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \Delta \mathbf{x}$

Newton's Method

Start from $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$, tolerance ϵ

repeat:

1. Compute step + descent direction $\Delta \mathbf{x} := -\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

2. Stopping criterion: quit if $\|\Delta \mathbf{x}\| \leq \epsilon$

3. Line search: choose step size t by backtracking line search.

4. Update: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + t\Delta \mathbf{x}$

Backtracking Line Search:

$f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x} + t\Delta \mathbf{x}) \leq \eta t \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2$

BLS exit condition:

General:

$f(\mathbf{x} + t\Delta \mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) + t\Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

GD version:

$f(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) + t\Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

$0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{L} \Rightarrow -t \frac{\Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{L} \leq t \Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

$\Rightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) - t\Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{t^2}{L} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) - t\Delta \mathbf{x}^\top \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$

$\leq f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) - t\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2$

Case 1:

$t = 1$, $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - t\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2$

Case 2:

$t = \frac{1}{M}$, $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq f(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{M} \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2$

$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^{(0)})\|^2$

$\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}') - \nabla f(\mathbf$

HW Problems

HW Prob 2:

Define g as gradient of f at x : $\nabla f(x)$

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + g(y-x)$$

Suppose g is a subgradient of f at x :

(let $g_i(x)$ be the i -th coordinate of $g(x)$,
Prove $g_i(x) \in E(1)$ and $g_i(x) = \text{sgn}(x)$)

When $x \neq 0$, $i=1, \dots, n$

$$g_i(x) = \text{sgn}(x_i)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x_i < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i > 0 \end{cases}$$

thus $g(x) = \text{sgn}(x)$ when $x \neq 0$

When $x=0$, $i=1, \dots, n$

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + g(y-x)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| - \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \geq 0 \quad (\forall i=1, \dots, n)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

$$g_i(y) = 1 \quad \forall i=1, \dots, n$$

$$g(y) \in E(1)$$

Q. Recall $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} \leq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{|h|} = \frac{f'(x)}{|h|}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) \leq f'(x)/|h|$$

Similarly at $x=b$

$$f'(b) \geq f(b)-f(a)$$

b). Result from a implies f non-decreasing

$$f''(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0+h)-f(x_0)}{h}$$

At $x_0=a$:

$$f'(a+h) - f'(a) \geq 0, h>0$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f'(a+h) - f'(a) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(a) \geq 0.$$

Similarly at $x_0=b$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} f'(b+h) - f'(b) \geq 0, h<0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(b) \geq 0$$

Q. Define $x^* = \arg\min f(x)$, $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - x_i^*|$

a). Prove x^* is median (x_1, \dots, x_n)

b). Prove continuity, f continuous but not differentiable.

c). Subgradient of $f(x)$

$$f'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sgn}(x_i - x_i^*)$$

d). $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\beta \in (0,1)$

$$f(\beta x_1 + (1-\beta)x_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - (\beta x_1 + (1-\beta)x_2)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\beta x_i - x_i^*| +$$

$$(1-\beta)x_i - (1-\beta)x_i^*|$$

$$= \theta \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - x_i^*| +$$

$$(1-\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - x_i^*|$$

$$= \theta f(x) + (1-\theta)f(x)$$

$-f(x)$ continuous as its sum of

continuous functions

$-f(x)$ NOT differentiable at $x=x_i^*$

"Kink" at 0.

Prob 2:

Show f is strongly convex with $H \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$

$\exists \alpha > 0$ bc of negative definiteness of $\nabla^2 f(x)$

Recall strongly convex implies

$$f(y) \leq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T(y-x) + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|y-x\|^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow 0 < \alpha \leq -\frac{\nabla f(x)^T(y-x)}{\|y-x\|^2}$$

Use what to find a subgradient bound on α .

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Thus $\alpha \geq 0$

From exercise, $\|\nabla f(x)\| \leq \sqrt{\alpha}$

$$\|\nabla f(x)\|^2 \leq \alpha$$

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