

# $\ell_1$ -NMF for Sparse Data

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# Summary

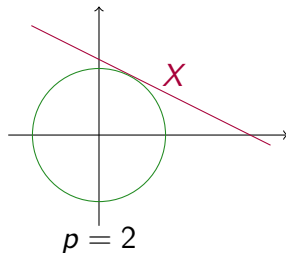
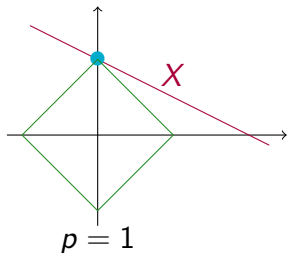
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# The $\ell_1$ -norm induces sparsity

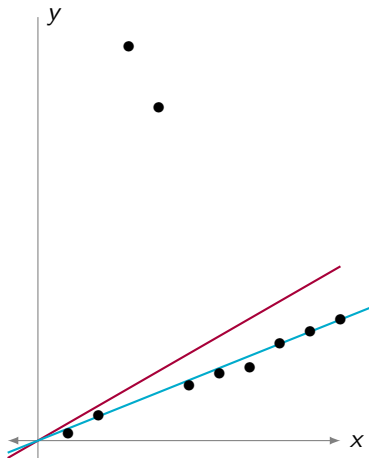
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_x & \|x\|_p \\ \text{s.t.} & x \in X \end{array}$$



The  $\ell_1$ -norm has a special shape: it has **spikes at sparse points**.

# The $\ell_1$ -norm is more robust to outliers

Given  $n$  points  $(x_i, y_i)$ , we want to fit the model  $y = \alpha x$ .



For  $\ell_2$ -norm,  $\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\alpha} (y_1 - \alpha x_1)^2 + \dots + (y_n - \alpha x_n)^2 = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|y - \alpha x\|_2$ .

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## Focus on these 1-variable problems

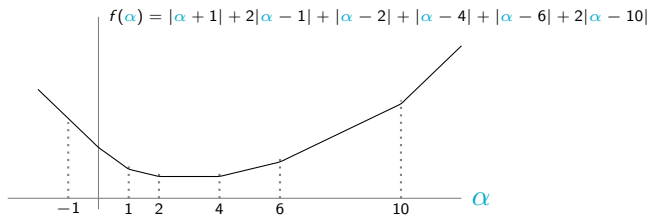
Given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , find  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\alpha x$  is *as close as possible* to  $y$ .

- With the  $\ell_2$ -norm, solving  $\min_{\alpha} \|y - \alpha x\|_2^2$  is a quadratic problem:

$$\alpha^* = \frac{x^T y}{\|x\|_2^2}.$$

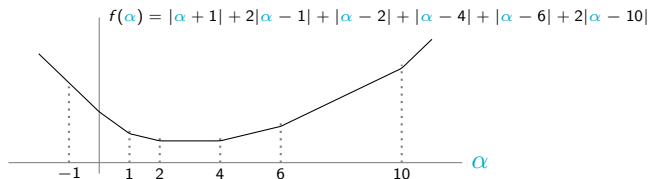
- With the  $\ell_1$ -norm,  $f(\alpha) = \|y - \alpha x\|_1$  is a sum of absolute values:

$$f(\alpha) = |y_1 - \alpha x_1| + \dots + |y_n - \alpha x_n| = |x_1| \left| \frac{y_1}{x_1} - \alpha \right| + \dots + |x_n| \left| \frac{y_n}{x_n} - \alpha \right|.$$



→  $\alpha^*$  is at one of the breakpoints  $\frac{y_i}{x_i}$ .

# The weighted median algorithm



How to find  $\alpha^*$  ?

- Brute-force:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  ( $n$  breakpoints to evaluate in  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ )
- $\mathcal{O}(n)$  algorithm related to the median of medians (but unpractical)
- The weighted median algorithm running in  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$  :

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**Data:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

**Result:**  $\arg \min_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \alpha x_i|$  (w.l.o.g., we suppose  $x_i > 0$  for all  $i$ )

$[S, \text{indices}] \leftarrow \text{sort} \left( \left\{ \frac{y_i}{x_i} \right\} \right);$

$x \leftarrow x(\text{indices});$

$t \leftarrow$  smallest index such that  $\sum_{i=1}^t x_i \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i;$

**return**  $S_t;$

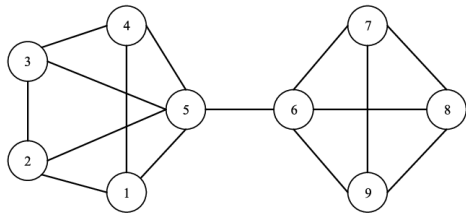
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# Communities and clusters identification via Matrix Factor.



$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A model/method taking into account the following properties:

- Large-scale data
- Sparse data
- Laplacian noise / Binary noise

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# The $\ell_1$ -NMF model

Given a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,

$$\min_{W \geq 0, H \geq 0} \|X - WH\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |X - WH|_{ij}.$$

Examples with  $r = 1$ :

$X$

$\ell_2$ -NMF  
solution

$\ell_1$ -NMF  
solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1.03 & 0.92 & 0.92 & 0.92 & 0.44 \\ 1.15 & 1.02 & 1.02 & 1.02 & 0.50 \\ 1.03 & 0.92 & 0.92 & 0.92 & 0.44 \\ 0.40 & 0.36 & 0.36 & 0.36 & 0.17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

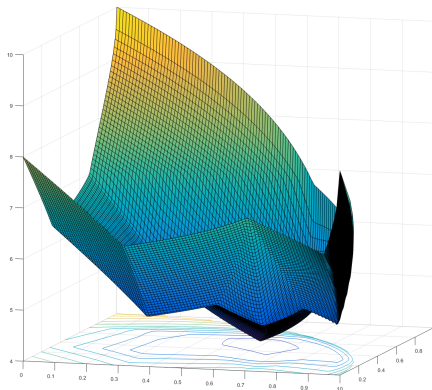
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- This model is much more robust to outliers and non-Gaussian noise
- NP-hard even for  $r = 1$

## Picture in the rank-1 case

Let us consider the  $\ell_1$ -NMF model with  $r = 1$  for  $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



Three local minima:  $(\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}})$ ,  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}})$  and  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$  which is the only global min.

# Main contribution: an algorithm for the $\ell_1$ -NMF model

As for the  $\ell_2$ -norm, the general problem in both  $W$  and  $H$  is nonconvex

$$\min_{W \geq 0, H \geq 0} \|X - WH\|_1.$$

but when one of the two factors is given, the subproblems becomes convex :

$$\min_{W \geq 0} \|X - WH\|_1 \qquad \min_{H \geq 0} \|X - WH\|_1.$$

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**Data:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n}$  and factorization rank  $k$ .

**Result:**  $(W, H) \geq 0$ : a rank- $r$   $\ell_1$ -NMF of  $X \approx WH$

$(W^{(0)}, H^{(0)}) \geq 0 \leftarrow$  initialization step;

**for**  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  **do**

$H^{(k)} \leftarrow \text{update}(X, W^{(k-1)})$  ;  
     $W^{(k)T} \leftarrow \text{update}(X^T, H^{(k-1)T})$  ;

**end**

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In the following:

- how to *update* ?
- how to *initialize* ?

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# How to update ? Not exactly.

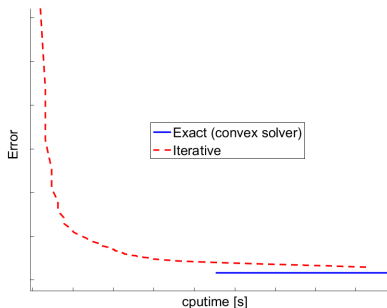
The update of one factor can be separated into  $n$  independent subproblems

$$\min_{H \geq 0} \|X - WH\|_1 \rightarrow \min_{H(:,j) \geq 0} \sum_{j=1}^n \|X(:,j) - WH(:,j)\|_1,$$

each of them is a convex problem, which can be modeled as an LP

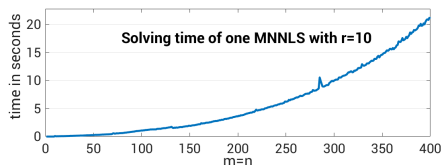
$$\min_{x \geq 0} \|Ax - b\|_1 \rightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \min & t_1 + \dots + t_m \\ \text{s.t.} & \begin{pmatrix} -A & I \\ A & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ t \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -b \\ b \end{pmatrix}. \end{array}$$

**The end of the story ? No.**



No need to update exactly the factors:

- alternate scheme
- cost



## How to update ? One coordinate at a time.

The idea is to update iteratively the coordinates  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$ .

For the  $k$ th coordinate, the objective function becomes:

$$\min_{x_k \geq 0} \|Ax - b\|_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \min_{x_k \geq 0} \left\| A(:, k)x_k - \left( b - \sum_{i \neq k} A(:, i)x_i \right) \right\|_1,$$

which is exactly the 1-variable problem  $\min_{\alpha \geq 0} \|y - \alpha x\|_1$ .

Considering the update of the  $k$ th entry of the  $j$ th column of  $H$ , we have:

$$\min_{H_{kj} \geq 0} \left\| W(:, k)H_{kj} - \left( X(:, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(:, i)H_{ij} \right) \right\|_1.$$

- If the residual  $X(:, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(:, i)H_{ij}$  is available in  $\mathcal{O}(m)$ , there is an  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  algorithm to find the optimal value of  $H_{kj}$
- Overall, updating once every entry of  $H$  takes  $\mathcal{O}(mnr)$  operations



# A first algorithm running in $\mathcal{O}(mnr)$ operations

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**Data:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $W \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times r}$ ,  $H_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^{r \times n}$

**Result:**  $H \in \mathbb{R}_+^{r \times n}$

$H \leftarrow H_0$ ;

**for**  $j = 1 : n$  **do**

$v = WH(:, j)$  ( $\mathcal{O}(mr)$  oper.);

**for**  $k = 1 : r$  **do**

$x = W(:, k)$ ;

$y = X(:, j) - v + W(:, k)H_{k,j}$  ( $\mathcal{O}(m)$  oper.);

$H_{k,j}^+ \leftarrow \text{weighted\_median}(x, y)$  ( $\mathcal{O}(m)$  oper.);

$v \leftarrow v + W(:, k)(H_{k,j}^+ - H_{k,j}^{\text{old}})$  ( $\mathcal{O}(m)$  oper.);

**end**

**end**

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- The **residual** is available in  $\mathcal{O}(m)$ , it allows to update one factor in  $\mathcal{O}(mnr)$
- But, unlike HALS for the  $\ell_2$ -norm,  
it is not obvious to use the fact that  $X$  can be sparse

## First advantage: modif. to scale with sparse matrices

Let  $\mathcal{K}^+ = \{i \mid X_{i,j} > 0\}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^0 = \{i \mid X_{i,j} = 0\}$  such that  $\mathcal{K}^+ \cup \mathcal{K}^0 = \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

The objective function becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| W(:, k) \mathbf{H}_{kj} - \left( X(:, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(:, i) H_{ij} \right) \right\|_1 \\ = & \left\| W(\mathcal{K}^+, k) \mathbf{H}_{kj} - \left( X(\mathcal{K}^+, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(\mathcal{K}^+, i) H_{ij} \right) \right\|_1 + \left\| W(\mathcal{K}^0, k) \mathbf{H}_{kj} + \sum_{i \neq k} W(\mathcal{K}^0, i) H_{ij} \right\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

And since  $\mathbf{W} \geq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{H} \geq \mathbf{0}$ , the 1-variable optimization problem becomes

$$\min_{\mathbf{H}_{kj} \geq 0} \left\| W(\mathcal{K}^+, k) \mathbf{H}_{kj} - \left( X(\mathcal{K}^+, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(\mathcal{K}^+, i) H_{ij} \right) \right\|_1 + \left\| W(\mathcal{K}^0, k) \right\|_1 \mathbf{H}_{kj}.$$

- The size of this problem is  $|\mathcal{K}^+| + 1$ .
- When  $X$  is sparse,  $|\mathcal{K}^+| \ll m$ .

## A new version running in $\mathcal{O}(\text{nnz}(X)r)$ operations

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**Data:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $W \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times r}$ ,  $H_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+^{r \times n}$

**Result:**  $H \in \mathbb{R}_+^{r \times n}$

$H \leftarrow H_0$ ;

$nW(k) = \|W(:, k)\|_1$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, r$  ( $\mathcal{O}(mr)$  oper.);

**for**  $j = 1 : n$  **do**

$\mathcal{K}^+ = \{i \mid X_{i,j} > 0\}$ ;

$v = W(\mathcal{K}^+, :)H(:, j)$  ( $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{K}^+|r)$  oper.);

**for**  $k = 1 : r$  **do**

$x = W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)$ ;

$y = X(\mathcal{K}^+, j) - v + W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)H_{k,j}$  ( $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{K}^+|)$  oper.);

$c = nW(k) - \|W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)\|_1$  ( $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{K}^+|)$  oper.);

$H_{k,j}^+ \leftarrow \text{weighted\_median}([x \ c], [y \ 0])$  ( $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{K}^+|)$  oper.);

$v \leftarrow v + W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)(H_{k,j}^+ - H_{k,j}^{\text{old}})$  ( $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{K}^+|)$  oper.);

**end**

**end**

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Updating once every entry of one factor can be done in  $\mathcal{O}(\text{nnz}(X)r)$  operations.

## Second advantage: when $X, W^{(0)}, H^{(0)}$ are binary

Let's take the update in its elementary form:

$$x = W(:, k)$$

$$y = X(:, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(:, i) H_{i,j}$$

$$H_{k,j}^+ \leftarrow \text{weighted\_median}(x, y)$$

and the weighted-median algorithm:

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**Data:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$[S, \text{indices}] \leftarrow \text{sort}\left(\left\{\frac{y_i}{x_i}\right\}\right);$

$x \leftarrow x(\text{indices});$

$t \leftarrow \text{smallest index such that } \sum_{i=1}^t x_i \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i;$

**return**  $\max(0, S_t);$

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- the entries of  $x$  belong to  $\{0, 1\}$
- the entries of  $y$  belong to  $\{-r + 1, -r + 2, \dots, 0, 1\}$
- the entries of the ratios  $S$  belong to  $\{-r + 1, -r + 2, \dots, 0, 1\}$
- because of  $\max(0, S_t)$ ,  $H_{k,j}^+$  belongs to  $\{0, 1\}$

The factors  $W, H$  remain binary along the iterations.

## Observation: the initialization is important

Let's take the update in its "sparse" form:

$$x = W(:, k)$$

$$y = X(:, j) - \sum_{i \neq k} W(:, i) H_{i,j}$$

$$c = \|W(:, k)\|_1 - \|W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)\|_1$$

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- The ratio  $\frac{0}{c} = 0$  is always sorted in first position, that is,  $x_1 = c$  and  $S_1 = 0$
- Observe that the r.h.s of the inequality is  $\frac{1}{2} \|W(:, k)\|_1$
- If we have  $c = \|W(:, k)\|_1 - \|W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)\|_1 \geq \frac{1}{2} \|W(:, k)\|_1$ , that is,

$$\|W(\mathcal{K}^+, k)\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|W(:, k)\|_1,$$

then  $t = 1$  and  $H_{k,j}^+ = 0$ .

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# How to initialize ? Not randomly.

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.28 & 0.35 & 0.73 \\ 0.45 & 0.80 & 0.54 \\ 0.98 & 0.98 & 0.89 \\ 0.82 & 0.49 & 0.25 \\ 0.91 & 0.55 & 0.52 \\ 0.56 & 0.33 & 0.49 \\ 0.86 & 0.94 & 0.93 \\ 0.57 & 0.82 & 0.87 \\ 0.52 & 0.62 & 0.20 \\ 0.62 & 0.83 & 0.68 \end{pmatrix} \quad H^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.59 & 0.29 & 0.22 & 0.52 & 0.66 & 0.68 & 0.99 & 0.53 & 0.83 & 0.58 \\ 0.29 & 0.42 & 0.14 & 0.12 & 0.62 & 0.40 & 0.46 & 0.31 & 0.92 & 0.32 \\ 0.22 & 0.20 & 0.53 & 0.17 & 0.56 & 0.44 & 0.82 & 0.54 & 0.79 & 0.84 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we update  $H$ , we obtain:

$$H^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## How to update ? Another idea: with the $\ell_2$ -norm

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.05 & 0.08 & 0 \\ 1.11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.10 & 1.03 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.93 & 0 \\ 0.10 & 1.03 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.96 & 0.30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.74 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.11 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.11 \\ 0.45 & 0 & 0.79 \end{pmatrix} \quad H^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.84 & 0 & 0 & 0.45 & 0 & 0.37 & 0 & 0.03 & 0.03 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0.48 & 1 & 0.99 & 0 & 0 & 0.17 \\ 0.11 & 0 & 0.002 & 0.002 & 0 & 0.002 & 0 & 0.79 & 1 & 0.86 \end{pmatrix}$$

If we update  $H$ , we obtain:

$$H^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.95 & 0.89 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.96 & 0.96 & 0.96 & 0.96 & 0.96 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.89 & 0.89 & 0.89 \end{pmatrix}.$$



How to update ? In a greedy way: one rank-1 factor at a time

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Data:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{m \times n}$     **Result:**  $w \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$

$w \leftarrow 0^m$  ;

$i^* \leftarrow \arg \max_{i=1,\dots,m} \|X_{i,:}\|_1$  ;

$w(i^*) \leftarrow 1$  ;

$h \leftarrow X(i^*, :)$  ;

$[w, h] \leftarrow \arg \min \|X - wh\|_1$  via alternate optimization ;

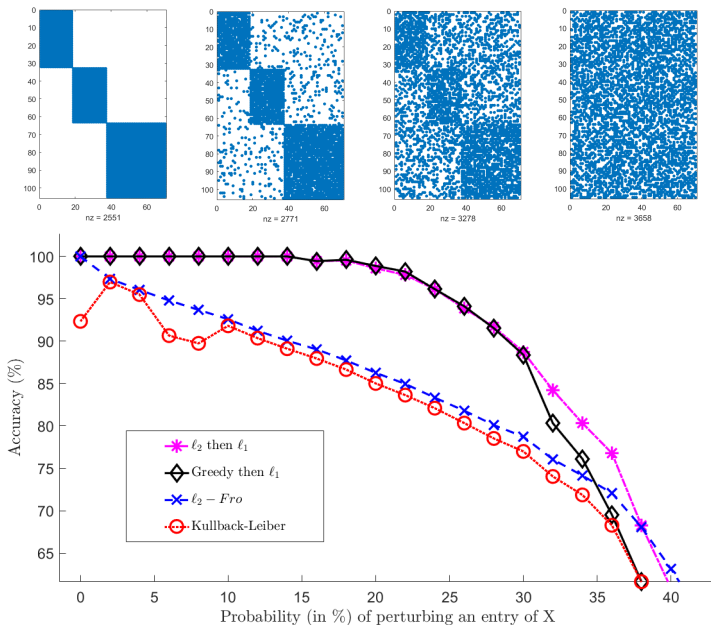
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$$W^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad H^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

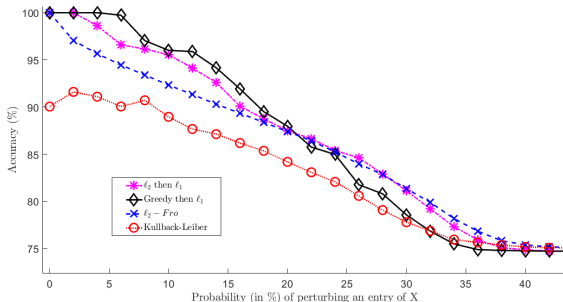
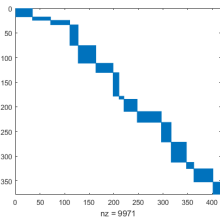
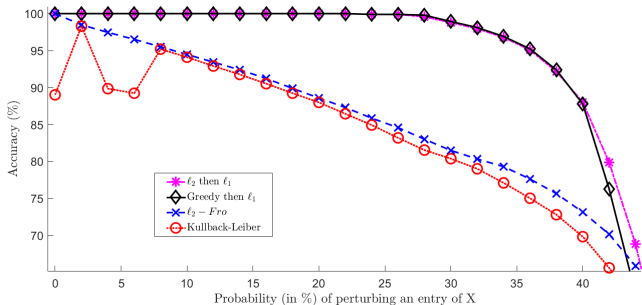
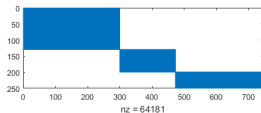
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- An algorithm for the  $\ell_1$ -NMF model
- which scales and can handle sparse data
- some pros and cons
- using the  $\ell_1$ -NMF model is *like doing sparse-NMF*

In the near future:

- not wait 6 months before the next iteration on this work
- convince myself about the greedy initialization (and dig a little deeper)
- more compelling *Numerical Experiments* section

Thank you! Questions ?