

Class Notes

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1 Review & Introduction (2020/03/31)

1.1 Review

Orthogonal: Vectors are orthogonal when the dot product = 0.

1.1.1 Basis

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{y}_{(n \times 1)} &= A_{(n \times p)(p \times 1)} \vec{x} \\ &= B\vec{c} \\ &= \sum c_i \vec{b}_i \text{ (most } c_i = 0\text{)}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

A: Basis Matrix

Properties of a Good Basis

- not all are orthogonal
- Allows for a sparse vector to be used as the constant vector \vec{c}

Identity Matrices are the *worst* basis because most coefficients are non-zero.

2-Sparse Vector

$$\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\tag{2}$$

Very important!

When dealing with Natural images and a good basis, there is a sparse vector.

1.1.2 Kernel

The kernel of a linear mapping is the set of vectors mapped to the 0 vector. The kernel is often referred to as the **null space**. Vectors should be linearly independent.

$$Ker(A) = \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad (3)$$

A must be designed such that the Kernel of A does not contain any s-sparse vector other than $\vec{0}$

Main Idea: For (1), reduce \vec{y} to a K-Sparse matrix to reduce the amount of non-zero numbers.

1.2 Linear Algebra Review

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{(1 \times 3)(3 \times 1)}{\vec{u}^T \vec{v}} &= [1 \quad 2 \quad -1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 2 - 2 = 1 \\ &= \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\underset{(3 \times 1)(1 \times 3)}{\vec{u} \vec{v}^T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 1 \quad 2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\vec{u} \vec{v}^T \neq \vec{u}^T \vec{v}$$

1.2.1 Inner Product

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \\ &= \vec{a}^T \vec{b} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

1.2.2 Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle| &\leq \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} \times \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} \\ |\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle| &\leq \|\vec{a}\|_2 \|\vec{b}\|_2 \text{ (euclidean/l2-norm)} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

1.2.3 Norms

Why is the l1 norm preferred for ML opposed to the classic l2 norm?

Philosophically,

If we looked at a sphere in l2 norm, the shadow casted would be a circle regardless of the direction of the light.

Looking at a sphere in the l1 norm is shaped as a tetrahedron. The shadow cast by a tetrahedron is different for different angles so observing the shadow provides a lot more context about the sphere.

1. Euclidean/l2

Sphere: $||\vec{x}||_2 = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$

(a) FOIL Given 2 fixed vectors x,y. Consider the l2-norm squared:

$$f(t) = ||x + ty||_2^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= ||x + ty||_2^2 \\ &= \langle x + ty, x + ty \rangle \\ &= \langle x, x \rangle + t \langle x, y \rangle + t \langle y, x \rangle + t^2 \langle y, y \rangle \\ &= ||x||_2^2 + 2t \langle x, y \rangle + t^2 ||y||_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Note: $t \langle x, y \rangle$ and $t \langle y, x \rangle$ can be combined because their dot-products are equivalent. $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}$

When using Machine Learning, don't use l2 norms. Use l1

(b) Derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (||x + ty||_2^2) &= 2 \langle x, y \rangle + 2t ||y||_2^2 \\ &= 2x^T y + 2ty^T y \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

2. Simplex/l1

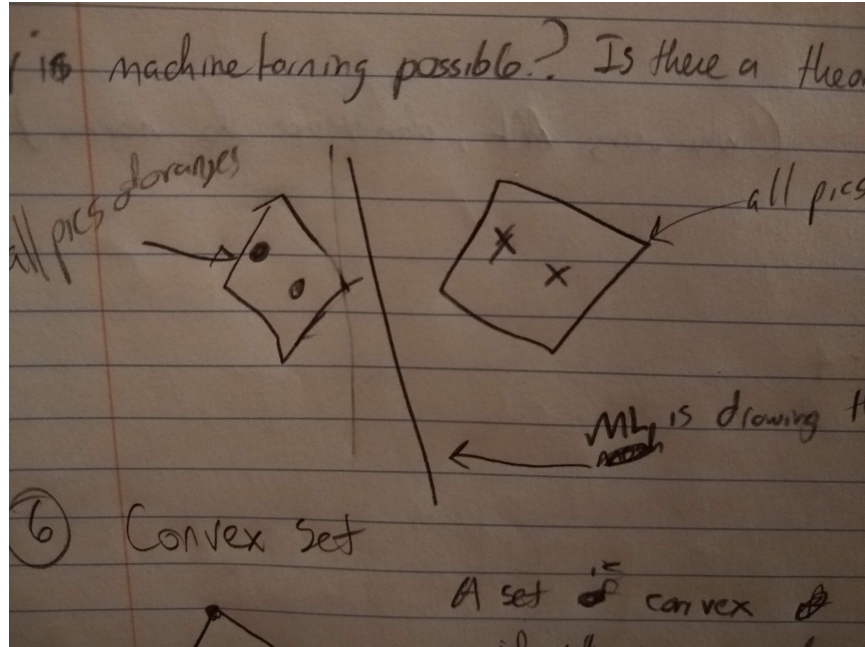
Sphere: $||\vec{x}||_1 = |-4| + |3| = 7$

3. Infinity

Sphere: $||\vec{x}||_\infty = \max|-4|, |3| = 4$

1.3 Optimization

Why is Machine Learning Possible? Is there a theoretical guarantee?



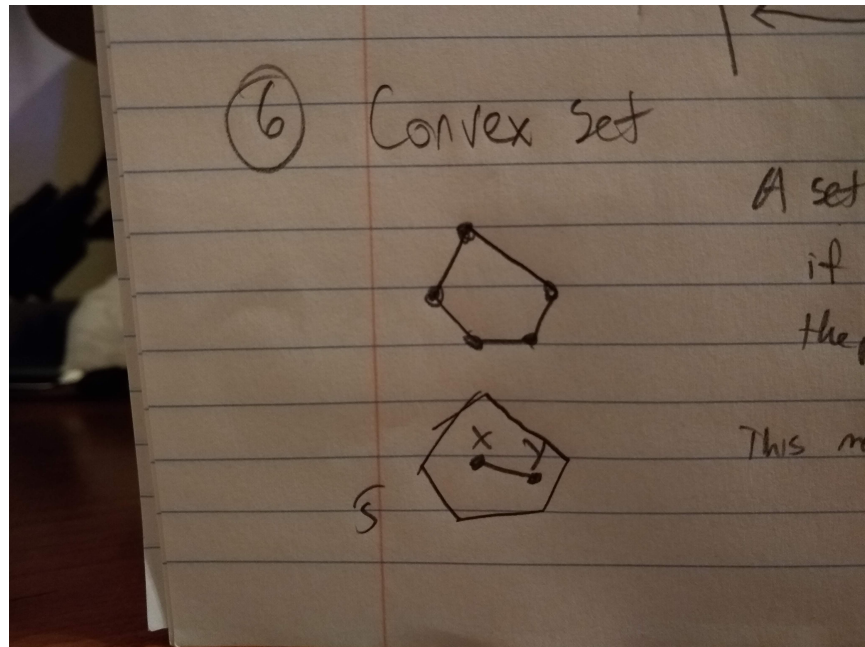
Imagine A is the set of all dogs and B is the set of all Cats

If the sets are convex and do not overlap, there exists a line between them which acts as a divider for determining whether a new pic belongs in A or B.

1.4 Convex Set

A set is convex if whenever X and Y are in the set, then for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ the points $(1-t)x + ty$ must also be in the set.

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1.5 Separating Hyper-plane Theorem

Let C and D be 2 convex sets that do not intersect. i.e. the sets are **disjoint**.

Then there exists a vector $\vec{a} \neq 0$ and a number \underline{b} such that.

$$a^T x \leq b \forall x \in C$$

and

$$a^T x \geq b \forall x \in D$$

The Separating Hyper-plane is defined as $x: a^T x = b$ for sets C, D .

This is the theoretical guarantee for ML

vector a is perpendicular to the plane b .

2 Why Separating Hyperplane Theorem & Subspace Segmentation Example (2020/04/07)

2.1 Why is Separating Hyper-plane Theorem true?

2.1.1 Math Background

Let $x = d - c$, $y = u - d$

1. Square of the ℓ_2 -norm is the inner product

$$\|x\|_2^2 = \langle x, x \rangle = x^T x$$

$$(d - c)^T (d - c) = \|d - c\|_2^2$$

2. Expansion of Vectors

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x + ty\|_2^2 \\ &= \langle x + ty, x + ty \rangle \\ &= \|x\|_2^2 + 2t\langle x, y \rangle + t^2\|y\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

3. Derivative of vector products

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\|x + ty\|_2^2) = 2x^T y + 2ty^T y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\|x + ty\|_2^2)|_{t=0} = 2x^T y$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\|d + t(u - d) - c\|_2^2)|_{t=0} = 2(d - c)^T (u - d)$$

2.1.2 Separating Hyper-plane Theorem

C, D are convex disjoint sets. Thus there exists a vector $\vec{a} \neq 0$ and a number b such that

$$a^T x \leq b, \forall x \in C$$

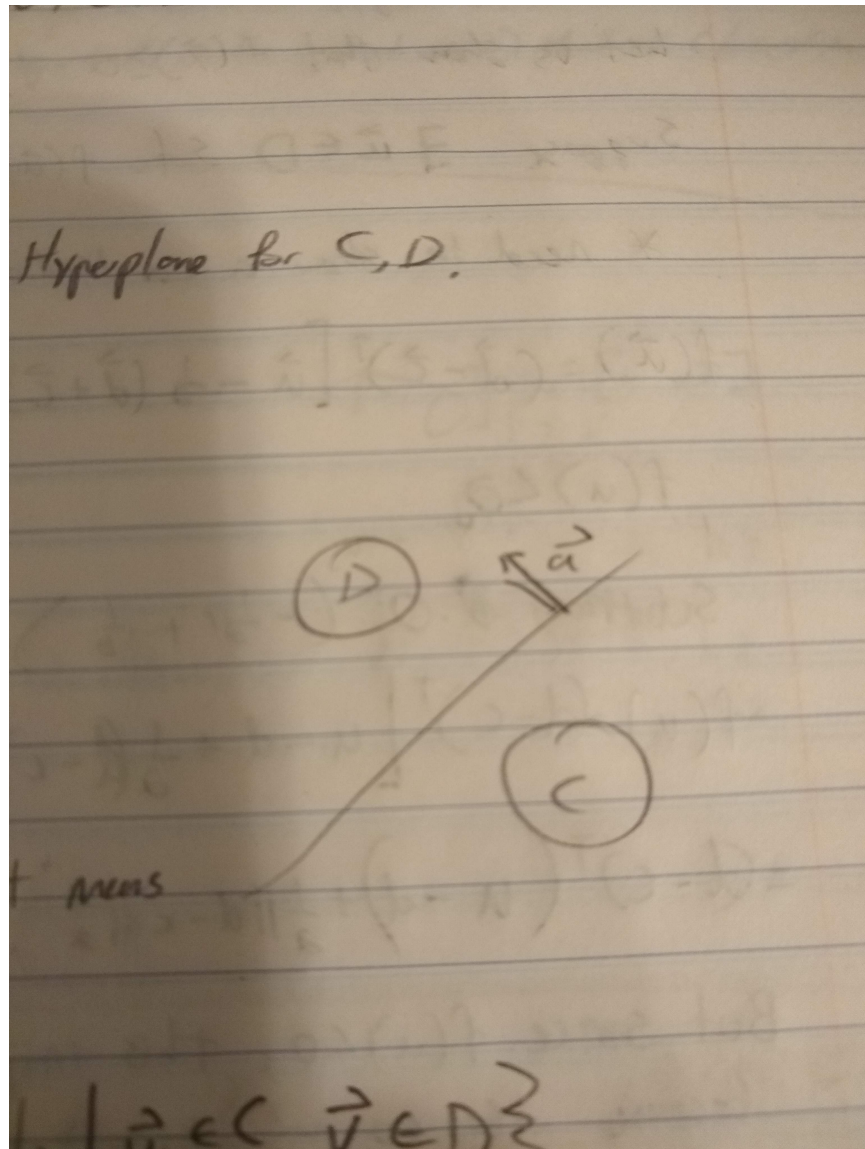
and

$$a^T x \geq b, \forall x \in D$$

$x : a^T x = b$ is the separating hyper-plane for C,D.

When $b = 0$, then inconclusive answer.

2.1.3 Why is it true?



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}^T \vec{x} &\leq b \text{ on side C} \\ \vec{a}^T \vec{x} &\geq \text{ on side D}\end{aligned}\tag{13}$$

Goal: Prove \vec{a} exists as that means a separating hyperplane exists.

$$\text{dist}(C, D) = \min \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|_2 \mid \vec{u} \in C, \vec{v} \in D = \|\vec{c} - \vec{d}\|_2$$

where $\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|_2$ is the euclidean distance.

Let $\vec{a} = \vec{d} - \vec{c}$, $b = \frac{1}{2}(\|\vec{d}\|_2^2 - \|\vec{c}\|_2^2)$

We will show that

$$f(\vec{x}) = \vec{a}^T \vec{x} - b$$

has the property that

$$f(\vec{x}) \leq 0, \forall \vec{x} \in C$$

and

$$f(\vec{x}) \geq 0, \forall \vec{x} \in D$$

Note: $(\vec{d} - \vec{c})^T \frac{1}{2}(\vec{d} + \vec{c}) = \frac{1}{2}(\|\vec{d}\|_2^2 - \|\vec{c}\|_2^2)$

What does showing something mean?

Let us show that $F(\vec{x}) \geq 0, \forall \vec{x} \in D$ (Argue by Contradiction)

Suppose $\exists \vec{u} \in D$ such that $f(\vec{x}) < 0$

$$f(\vec{u}) = (\vec{d} - \vec{c})^T [\vec{u} - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{d} + \vec{c})] = (\vec{d} - \vec{c})^T \vec{u} - \frac{1}{2}(\|\vec{d}\|_2^2 - \|\vec{c}\|_2^2)$$

Subtract 0

$$f(u) = (d - c)^T [u - d + \frac{1}{2}\|d - c\|]$$

$$\begin{aligned}u - \frac{1}{2}d + \frac{1}{2}c \\ u - d + \frac{1}{2}d - \frac{1}{2}c\end{aligned}$$

$$f(u) = (d - c)^T (u - d) + \frac{1}{2}\|d - c\|_2^2$$

Now we observe that

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\|d + t(u - d) - c\|_2^2)|_{t=0} = 2(d - c)^T (u - d) < 0$$

and so for some small $t > 0$,

$$\|d + t(u - d) - c\|_2^2 < \|d - c\|_2^2$$

$g'(t) < 0$ means decreasing. Thus $g(t) < g(0)$.

Let's call point $p = d + t(u - d)$

Then

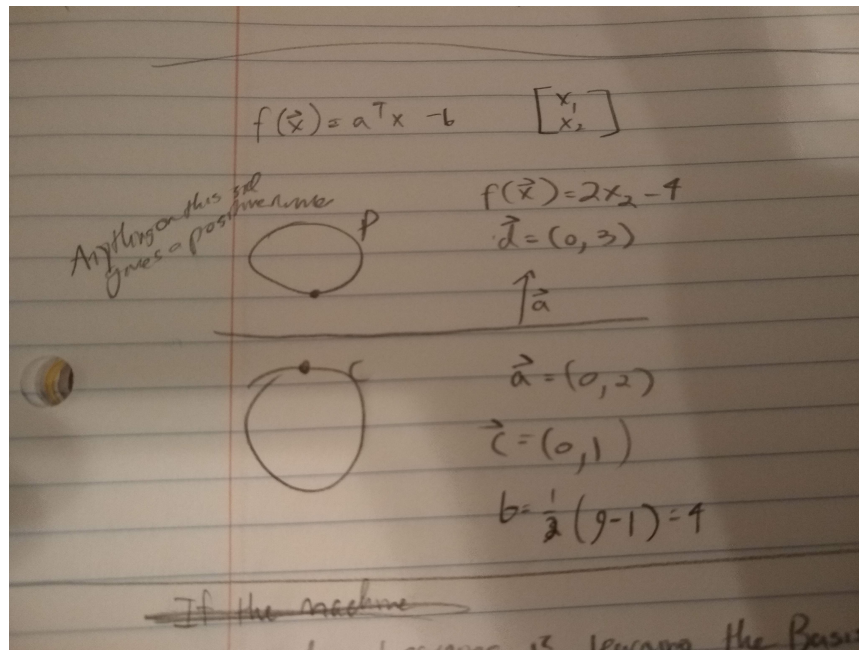
$$\|p - c\|_2^2 < \|d - c\|_2^2$$

This is a contradiction. Both d and u are in set D . Thus by the definition of convexity, $p = (1 - t)d + tu$

D is a convex set so p must also be in D . This situation is impossible since d is the point in D that is closest to c .

2.1.4 Example

Let $f(\vec{x}) = a^T x - b$



2.2 Subspace Segmentation Example

Machine Learning is learning the Basis A . If we can deduce that a vector \vec{x} is a linear combination of A , then a vector is a subspace of Basis A and we

know that it belongs to A.

$$V_1 = (x, y, z) \in R^3 : z = 0$$

$$V_2 = (x, y, z) \in R^3 : x = 0, y = 0$$

V_i is the affine variety (it is also a Ring, Module)

Apply a Veronese map with degree 2 to lift up from 3 to 6 dimensions.

$$\nu_n \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ y^2 \\ z^2 \\ xy \\ xz \\ yz \end{bmatrix}, \nu_n : R^3 \rightarrow R^6$$

$$z_1 = (3, 4, 0), z_2 = (4, 3, 0),$$

$$z_3 = (2, 1, 0), z_4 = (1, 2, 0),$$

$$z_5 = (0, 0, 1), z_6 = (0, 0, 3), z_7 = (0, 0, 4)$$

(14)

Plug the sample points into the Veronese map to produce a matrix L

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 16 & 4 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 9 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 & 6 \\ 12 & 12 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in R^{6 \times 7}$$

solve for \vec{c} , where $\vec{c}^T L = \vec{0}$

$$\vec{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank(L) = 4 (since there are 4 linearly independent rows)

$$q_1(X) = \vec{c}_1^T \nu_n(X)$$

$$= xz$$

$$q_2(X) = \vec{c}_2^T \nu_n(X)$$

$$= yz$$

(15)

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} q_1(X) &= xz & V_1 &= (z = 0) \\ q_2(X) &= yz & V_2 &= (x = 0, y = 0) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Observe:

$$V_1 \cup V_2 = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 : q_1(X) = 0, q_2(X) = 0\}$$

Construct the Jacobian matrix

$$J(Q)(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial q_1}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial q_2}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z & 0 & x \\ 0 & z & y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1. \text{ When } z = z_1 = (3, 4, 0), J(Q)(z_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{When } z = z_3 = (2, 1, 0), J(Q)(z_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{The right null space of } J(Q)(z_1) \text{ has basis } \vec{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. \text{ When } z = z_5 = (0, 0, 1), J(Q)(z_5) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{When } z = z_7 = (0, 0, 4), J(Q)(z_7) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ The right null space of}$$

$$J(Q)(z_5) \text{ has basis } \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [\vec{c}_1 | \vec{c}_2]$$

3 Sparse Representation & Problem P0 . P1 (2020/04/14)

3.1 Big Idea

Your Data is a vector $x \in R^N$ where all vectors are column vectors. Each x is s -sparse i.e. each vector has at **most** s non-zero entries. Let $s = 5000$.

We don't know where the non-zero entries are located.

Let $A_{(m \times N)}$, $m < N$

$N = 100,000$, $m = 20,000$

Short + Wide Matrix

This is the opposite of the kinds of matrices seen in Linear Regression which are tall and skinny.

What if we can design a matrix $A \in R^{m \times N}$ so that for each s-sparse $\vec{x} \in R^N$, you can store \vec{y} instead? ($A\vec{x} = \vec{y}$)

Q: Is there a way to get back \vec{x} from \vec{y} ? We observe \vec{y} .

A: Yes!

Properties of A

- A cannot be the 0 matrix.
- if \vec{x}_1 is s-sparse and $\vec{x} \neq 0$, what if \vec{x}_1 is in $\ker(A)$? No! that would return $\vec{0}$ which means we cannot reconstruct the original matrix since there are multiple vectors in $\ker(A)$.

Using Techniques from 1955

1. Is \vec{x} the inverse of \vec{y} or psuedo-inverse, or Moore-Penrose inverse, or...?

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{y} &= A\vec{x} \\ A^\# \vec{y} &= A^\# A \vec{x} \text{ where } A^\# A = I\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

Doesn't work! This is because there is no way to guarantee that \vec{x} is a s-sparse vector.

1. Can we use gradient descent to solve for \vec{x} to minimize $\|\vec{y} - A\vec{x}\|_2$

No! Why?

pick any vector $\vec{v} \in \ker(A)$. $\vec{y} = A(\vec{x} + \vec{v})$ however, $(\vec{x} + \vec{v})$ may not be sparse.

New math was needed to solve this problem so it was created in 2005 by Donoho, Candes, and Tao using the l_1 -norm instead of the euclidean norm (l_2).

3.2 Background

l_1 -norm: $\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + |x_3|$
 l_2 -norm: $\|x\| = \sqrt{|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + |x_3|^2}$
 For $\vec{x} \in R^n$, $\vec{y} \in R^N$, then

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \leq \|x\|_1 + \|y\|_1$$

For a norm to be valid, it must uphold the **Triangle Inequality**.
 \vec{a} is one side of a triangle, \vec{b} is a second side, third side, ...

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| &\leq |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}| \\ \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_1 &\leq \|\vec{x}\|_1 + \|\vec{y}\|_1 \\ \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_2 &\leq \|\vec{x}\|_2 + \|\vec{y}\|_2 \\ \|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|_2 &\leq \|\vec{x}\|_\infty + \|\vec{y}\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

It also must be distributive:

If $\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2 = \vec{y}$, then $(\vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2) \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{a}$ for any \vec{a}

$$\langle \vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2, \vec{a} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{a} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \vec{x}_1, \vec{a} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}_2, \vec{a} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{a} \rangle$$

3.3 Warm-up

$$A = [\vec{a}_1 | \dots | \vec{a}_N]$$

$$\|\vec{a}_j\|_2 = 1 = \langle \vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_j \rangle$$

$$\text{Let } \vec{v} \in \text{Ker}(A), \vec{v} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume \vec{a}_j are unit vectors.

Pick $i = 3$ observations.

1. Multiply by 1. Be Sneaky.

$$v_i = v_i \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \rangle$$

2. $\vec{v} \in \text{Ker}(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 a_1 + v_2 a_2 + \dots + v_N a_N &= \vec{0} \\ \rightarrow \langle v_1 a_1 + \dots + v_N a_N, a_i \rangle &= \langle \vec{0}, a_i \rangle \\ \rightarrow \langle v_1 a_1, a_i \rangle + \dots + \langle v_N a_N, a_i \rangle &= \langle \vec{0}, a_i \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Keep $v_3 \langle a_3, a_i \rangle$ on the left side. Move everything to the other side. Thus,

$$v_i = \langle v_i a_i, a_i \rangle = - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i} v_j \langle a_j, a_i \rangle$$

Since $i = 3$, $v_3 \langle a_3, a_i \rangle = v_i$

$$|v_i| \leq \sum_{j=1, j \neq i} |v_j| \cdot |\langle a_j, a_i \rangle|$$

What is the absolute value of a single number in $Ker(A)$? There is a relation between v_i and the rest of the entries in \vec{v} .

Why “=” becomes \leq

For example, if $-2 = 3 + (-5)$, then

3.4 Getting Ready to Formulate the Problem

3.4.1 Problem P0

Find the s-sparse $\vec{x} \in R^N$ such that $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$.

Ex. Problem 1 HW 1.

Find a 2-sparse vector $\vec{x} \in R^8$ such that $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$.

There are $\binom{8}{2}$ 2-sparse vectors. (28).

Imagine $N = 100,000$ and $s = 5000$. Not feasible to try all sparse-vectors.

3.4.2 Problem P1 (Convex Optimization)

Given $A \in R^{m \times N}$ and measurement $\vec{y} = R^m$, solve the optimization problem,

$$\min_{x \in R^N} \|x\|_1$$

subject to constraint $y = A\vec{x}$

Find a condition on matrix A, so that solving P1 will recover the s-sparse vector $x \in R^N$

3.5 Null Space Property of Order s

3.5.1 Setting up Notation

Let $\vec{v} \in Ker(A)$, $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$

Let the set of indices S , where $\vec{v}[j] \neq 0$ to be S .

e.g. $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$S = \{3, 5, 7\}$ (non-zero indices. Also called the support vector of \vec{v}).

$|S| = s$ (number of elements. i.e. sparsity)

$\bar{S} = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$ (complement. i.e zero indices)

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v}_{\bar{S}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_S + \vec{v}_{\bar{S}}$$

3.5.2 Definition

Let A be a $m \times N$ matrix.

Let S be a subset of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$. Suppose $N = 50$, and $S = \{3, 5, 7\}$

1. We say that a matrix A satisfies the null space property with respect to a set S if

$$\|\vec{v}_S\|_1 < \|\vec{S}\|, \forall \vec{v} \in \text{Ker}(A)$$

2. If it satisfies the null space property with respect to any set S of size s where S is a subset of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$. $s < N$

If a matrix satisfies this property, what does it buy us?

If a matrix A satisfies the Null Space property of order s , then solving problem P1 will solve P0. i.e. you can recover any s -sparse vector \vec{x} from the measurement y where $y = A\vec{x}$

If A has a small coherence, then it satisfies the Null Space Property of order s .

Let $A = [\vec{a}_1 | \dots | \vec{a}_N]$

$$\mu_1 = \max_{j \neq k} |\langle \vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_k \rangle|$$

Assume \vec{a}_j has ℓ_2 -norm equal to 1.

3.5.3 Theorem

Same assumptions as above.

Suppose $\mu_1 \cdot s + \mu_1 \cdot (s - 1) < 1$

The matrix satisfies the Null Space property of order s .

Remarks

1. $\mu_1(2s - 1) < 1$ if true, then A satisfies NSP of order s . It is not a necessary condition. It is a sufficient condition.
2. From the warm up, if we fix an index i , then for $\vec{v} \in \text{Ker}(A)$,

$$|v_i| \leq \sum_{j=1, j \neq i} |v_j| \cdot |\langle \vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i \rangle| \quad (20)$$

1. Note that $|v_i|$ is just one term in $\|\vec{v}\|_1$ because

$$\|\vec{v}\|_1 = |v_1| + |v_2| + \dots$$

3.5.4 Proof

Given A is an $m \times N$ matrix. $A = [\vec{a}_1 | \dots | \vec{a}_N]$.

Suppose $\|\vec{a}_j\| = 1$, $\mu_1 \cdot s + \mu_1 \cdot (s - 1) < 1$

Show that NSP of order s holds.

i.e.

$$\|\vec{v}_S\| < \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\|, \forall \vec{v} \in \text{ker}(A) \setminus \{\vec{0}\}$$

and for every set

$$S \subset \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\} \text{ with } |S| = s$$

Let $\vec{v} \in \text{Ker}(A)$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \dots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$A\vec{v} = v_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + v_N\vec{a}_N = \vec{0}$
 Let $S \subset \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, $|S| = s$. Pick any $\vec{a}_i, i \in S$
 Then $v_i = v_i\langle\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i\rangle$. Also, $v_1\langle\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i\rangle + \dots + v_N\langle\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i\rangle = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \rightarrow v_i = v_i\langle\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i\rangle = - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i} v_j\langle\vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i\rangle \\
& \rightarrow v_i = - \sum_{l \in S} v_l\langle\vec{a}_l, \vec{a}_i\rangle - \sum_{j \in S, j \neq i} v_j\langle\vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i\rangle \\
& \rightarrow |v_i| \leq \sum_{l \in S} |v_l| |\langle\vec{a}_l, \vec{a}_i\rangle| + \sum_{j \in S, j \neq i} |v_j| |\langle\vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i\rangle|
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

sum over all $i \in S$ to get
 $\|\vec{v}_S\|_1 = \sum_{i \in S} |v_i|$

This adds up all the inequalities for one inequality to rule them all.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \leq \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{l \in \bar{S}} |v_l| \cdot |\langle\vec{a}_l, \vec{a}_i\rangle| + \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \in S, j \neq i} |v_j| \cdot |\langle\vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i\rangle| \\
& = \sum_{l \in \bar{S}} |v_l| \sum_{i \in S} |\langle\vec{a}_l, \vec{a}_i\rangle| + \sum_{j \in S} |v_j| \sum_{i \in S, i \neq j} |\langle\vec{a}_j, \vec{a}_i\rangle| \\
& \leq \sum_{l \in \bar{S}} |v_l| \mu_1 \cdot s + \sum_{j \in S} |v_j| \mu_1 (s-1) \\
& \|\vec{v}_S\|_1 \leq \mu_1 \cdot s \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\| + \mu_1 (s-1) \|\vec{v}_S\|
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

$$(1 - \mu_1(s-1)) \|\vec{v}_S\| \leq \mu_1 \cdot s \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\|$$

Since $\mu_1(s-1) + \mu_1(s) < 1$ by hypothesis, so $1 - \mu_1(s-1) \geq \mu_1(s)$ and hence $\|\vec{v}_S\|_1 < \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\|_1$

3.6 Ways to Solve P1

There are 8 algos to solve P1. The worst performing one is Linear programming.

This is one of the Algos

3.6.1 Algos

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{11} = a_{12} = 1$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{w_1} & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{w_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Minimize $\|\vec{x}_1\|$ subject to $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y} &= (AA^T)(AA^T)^{-1}\vec{y} \\ \vec{y} &= A(A^T(AA^T)^{-1}\vec{y}) \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Why not let $\vec{x} = (A^T(AA^T)^{-1}\vec{y})$

maybe we can do better.

$$\vec{y} = AQA^T(AQA^T)^{-1}\vec{y}$$

Why not let $\vec{x} = (QA^T(AQA^T)^{-1}\vec{y})$

How to choose Q?

1. $\min \sum_{i=1}^N W_i x_i^2$ subject to $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$

This is not the ℓ_1 -norm but it would be if $w_i = \frac{1}{|x_i|}$.

solve 2. then substitute w_i

2. $\min: w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 x_2^2$ subject to $y = a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2$

$$f(x_1) = w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 (y - x_1)^2$$

$$f'(x_1) = 0 \text{ solve for } x_1$$

$$2w_1 x_1 + 2(y - x_1)(-1)w_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{w_2}{w_1 + w_2} y, \quad x_2 = \frac{w_1}{w_1 + w_2} y$$

$$\begin{aligned} AQA^T &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{w_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{w_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{w_1 + w_2}{w_1 w_2} \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$QA^T(AQA^T)^{-1}y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{w_1} \\ \frac{1}{w_2} \end{bmatrix} \frac{w_1 w_2}{w_1 + w_2} y \tag{25}$$

4 Sparse Representation pt 2 (2020/04/21)

4.1 Historical Perspective

Why is the visual system so powerful? Hypothesis is our brain uses sparse representation of Visual Data.

Let a picture $\vec{y} = c_1\vec{b}_1 + \dots + c_n\vec{b}_n$

so that most c_j are zero.

Sparse representation used to be called Sparse Coding.

Robust Facial Recognition uses Sparse Subspace Clustering.

Given 19 x 19 images, let $Y = [\vec{Y}_1 | \dots | \vec{Y}_{45}]$, $\vec{y}_j \in R^{361}$

$19 * 19 = 361$

Given Y, solve for matrix C

$$Y = YC, \text{diag}(C) = \vec{0}$$

Since we don't want $Y_i = Y_i$, that is why the constraint $\text{diag}(C) = \vec{0}$ is introduced. It ensures that a group of vectors can be a linear combination of others.

Each column of C is sparse since we want all column vectors to be a linear combination of a smaller set of columns.

4.2 Example - Handwritten Digit Recognition

Given 28 x 28 images, Let $B = [\vec{y}_1 | \dots | \vec{y}_{4000}]$ where each $\vec{y}_j \in R^{784}$

- 800 images of 0, 1-800
- 800 images of 1, 801-1600
- 800 images of 2, 1601-2400
- 800 images of 3, 2401-3200
- 800 images of 8, 3201-4000

Let \vec{f} be a new image of 2. Solve for X such that $\vec{f} = B\vec{x}$

Assume \vec{x} is 20-sparse.

We would like to see the only **non-zero** entries at position 1601-2400.

Columns outside the range may be non-zero as well. There is a 95% probability that a digit will be 2, 5% it will be another digit.

4.2.1 Qualitative Theorem

Given $A^{m \times N}$ with $m \ll N$. If A is a Gaussian random matrix, then with overwhelming high probability, it satisfies some Exact Recovery Condition for s-sparse Vectors.

For most large undetermined systems of linear equations, the minimal ℓ_1 -norm solution is also the sparsest solution.

Topics of Research:

- Theory of Random Matrices
- Banach Spaces

4.3 Solving P1 solves P0. Why?

P0

Find the s-sparse $\vec{x} \in R^N$ such that $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$.

P1

$A \in R^{m \times N}$ and measurement $\vec{y} \in R^m$. Solve optimization problem,

$$\min_{x \in R^N} \|x\|_1$$

subject to the constraint $y = A\vec{x}$

Suppose $\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$ and $\vec{y} = A\vec{z}$. Suppose \vec{x} is a sparse vector and \vec{z} is **not**.

We want to show that $\|\vec{x}\|_1 < \|\vec{z}\|_1$ - Null Space property of order S

$\|\vec{x}\|_1 = \|\vec{x} - \vec{z}_S + \vec{z}_S\|_1$ - \vec{z} restricted to some Set S. (Subtract 0 so we can use triangle inequality).

Let $\vec{v} = \vec{x} - \vec{z}$, $\vec{v} \in Ker(A)$

$A(\vec{x} + \vec{z}) = A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$$\|\vec{x}\|_1 \leq \|\vec{x} - \vec{z}_S\|_1 + \|\vec{z}_S\|_1 \quad (26a)$$

$$= \|\vec{v}_S\|_1 + \|\vec{z}_S\|_1 \quad (26b)$$

$$< \|\vec{z}_S\|_1 + \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\|_1 \quad \text{via Null Space Property} \quad (26c)$$

$$= \|\vec{z}_{\bar{S}}\|_1 + \|\vec{v}_S\|_1 \quad \|\vec{v}_{\bar{S}}\|_1 = 0 \text{ since } \vec{v} \text{ is sparse} \quad (26d)$$

$$= \|\vec{z}\|_1 \quad (26e)$$

4.4 Adjoint

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$. For example, T can be a matrix from R^3 to R^2 . In this case, V is R^3 and W is R^2

We write T^* for the adjoint of T .

$$\forall x \in V, \forall y \in W, \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle$$

Horrible way to think of it, when T is a matrix, the adjoint is the same as the transpose.

Q: When A is an orthogonal matrix, what is A^*A ? I

Hint: each column has ℓ_2 -norm 1, distinct cols are perpendicular.

Q: When A is an orthogonal matrix, why is $\|Ax\|_2 = \|x\|_2$ for every vector x ? (This is known as an isometry)

$$\|Ax\|_2^2 = \langle Ax, Ax \rangle = \langle x, A^*Ax \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|_2^2$$

This shows that $\|Ax\|_2^2$ is not too different than $\|x\|_2^2$

4.5 Restricted Isometry Property (RIP)

$A \in R^{m \times N}$ satisfies the restricted isometry property of order s and level δ_s ($0 < \delta_s \leq 1$)

$$(1 - \delta_s)\|x\|_2^2 \leq \|Ax\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta_s)\|x\|_2^2, \forall \text{ s-sparse } x \in R^N$$

Any s columns of the matrix A are **nearly** orthogonal to each other.

Q: What can we say about $|(I - A^*A)x, x|$ when vector is s -sparse?

This is a small number.

Let $u, v \in R^N$ and $S \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$, $|S| = s$

What can we say about the following?

$$|\langle u, (I - A^*A)v \rangle|$$

We would like to be able to say

$$|\langle u, (I - A^*A)v \rangle| \leq \delta_t \|u\|_2 \|v\|_2$$

4.5.1 How to think about RIP?

Suppose A satisfies the restricted isometry property of order s .

Intuition: **Hopefully**, the matrix A^*A behaves like the Identity Matrix. $(I - A^*A)$ is small.

If you take some s -sparse vector \vec{x} and multiply it by $I - A^*A$, hopefully, the resulting vector will also be small.

4.5.2 Algorithm

Consider the following vectors,

$$\vec{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -20 \\ 3 \\ -4 \\ 5 \\ -6 \\ -7 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -20 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -7 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hard Threshold

$\tau_s(\vec{x})$ is the vector that keeps the s entries that are the largest in Absolute Value.

Example: When $s = 4$, $\tau_s(\vec{x}_1) = \vec{x}_2$

$\tau_s(\cdot)$ is an operator that takes a vector and will output a sparse vector.

$$\vec{u}_n = \vec{x}_n + A^*(\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_n), \text{ where } \vec{y} = A\vec{x} \quad (27a)$$

$$= \vec{x}_n + (A^*A\vec{x} - A^*A\vec{x}_n) \quad (27b)$$

$$= (I - A^*A)\vec{x}_n + A^*A\vec{x} \quad (27c)$$

- expect \vec{u}_n close to \vec{x}
- however, \vec{u}_n may not be sparse. Thus use $\tau_s(\cdot)$

Iterative Hard Thresholding

$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \tau_x(\vec{x}_n + A^*(\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_n))$$

4.6 Operator Norm

$$\|A\| = \max_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2}$$

How much influence does A have on a vector x? Shrink, stretch, compress?

Describes how big a matrix is. If A is 2 x 3, then take $\vec{x} \in R^3$, $x \neq 0$

What is

$$\|A\| = \max\{\|Ax\|_2 : \|x\|_2 = 1\}$$

4.6.1 Inner Product

Let A be a matrix . The inner product of two vectors Ax and y has this property,

$$|\langle Ax, y \rangle| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|x\|_2 \|y\|_2$$

Where $\|A\|$ is the operator norm of A.

By Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality,

$$\|\langle Ax, y \rangle\| \leq \|Ax\|_2 \cdot \|y\|_2$$

By def,

$$\|Ax\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|x\|_2$$

Thus,

$$\|\langle Ax, y \rangle\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|x\|_2 \cdot \|y\|_2$$

5 Sparse Representation Pt 3 (2020/04/28)

5.1 Expanding on RIP

Expanding upon RIP

Any S columns of the matrix A are nearly orthogonal to each other.

5.2 Expanding on IHT

Expanding upon the IHT Algorithm,

$\tau_x(\cdot)$ is an non-linear operator that outputs a sparse matrix. The operator is non-linear because it does not *change* the dimensions on the vector. i.e. $R^n \rightarrow R^n$. You will not be able to find a matrix that will return the same output as this operator.

$$\tau_s(\vec{x}_1) = \vec{x}_2$$

Which means both \vec{x}_1 and \vec{x}_2 have an inner product.

The IHT algorithm is described below:

$$\vec{u}_n = \vec{x}_n + A^*(\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_n), \text{ where } \vec{y} = A\vec{x} \quad (28a)$$

$$= \vec{x}_n + (A^*A\vec{x} - A^*A\vec{x}_n) \quad (28b)$$

$$= (I - A^*A)\vec{x}_n + A^*A\vec{x} \quad (28c)$$

We expect \vec{u}_n is close to \vec{x} .

What does it mean for a matrix A to be small? matrix A is small when $A\vec{x}$ is small.

5.3 IHT Proof

Suppose A satisfies RIP of order $3s$ with

$$\delta_{3s} < \frac{1}{2}$$

δ_{3s} : relaxation.

$3s$: every $3s$ columns need to be orthogonal

$\frac{1}{2}$: how far from orthogonality the difference can be.

Then the sequence $\{\vec{x}_n\}$ defined by

$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \tau_S(\vec{x}_n + A^*(\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_n))$$

will converge to \vec{x}

Note: $3s$ -sparse vectors and s -sparse vectors are **not** the same.

5.3.1 How to think about this?

u and v are $2s$ -sparse.

Let S_1 be the support of u . Meaning $S_1 = \{j : u(j) \neq 0\}$

Let S_2 be the support of v .

Let S be the union of S_1 and S_2 . Assume $|S| = 3s$

If A satisfies RIP of order $3s$. Then

$$|\langle u, (I - A^*A)v \rangle| \leq \delta_{3s} \|u\|_2 \cdot \|v\|_2$$

$$\|\langle u, (I - A^*A) \rangle\| \leq \|u\|_2 \|v(I - A^*A)\|_2 \quad (29a)$$

$$\leq \|u\|_2 \|v\delta_{3s}\|_2 \quad (29b)$$

$$\leq \delta_{3s} \|u\|_2 \|v\|_2 \quad (29c)$$

5.3.2 Explanation: Why is the theorem true?

We want to find a constant λ , $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ s.t.

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 \leq \lambda \|x_n - x\|_2, \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_4 - x\|_2 &\leq \lambda \|x_3 - x\|_2 \\ \|x_3 - x\|_2 &\leq \lambda \|x_2 - x\|_2 \\ \|x_2 - x\|_2 &\leq \lambda \|x_1 - x\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Therefore,

$$\|x_4 - x\|_2 \leq \lambda^{n-1} \|x_1 - x\|_2 \quad (31)$$

In general,

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 \leq \lambda^{n-1} \|x_1 - x\|_2 \quad (32)$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ (because $\lambda < 1$)

$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \tau_S(\vec{x}_n + A^*(\vec{y} - A\vec{x}_n))$$

and

$$x_{n+1} = \tau_S(u_n)$$

x_{n+1} , x are s-sparse.

Key Observation: Which one (x_{n+1} or x) is a better approximation to u_n ?

x_{n+1}
Thus,

$$\|u_n - x_{n+1}\|_2^2 \leq \|u_n - x\|_2^2 \quad (33)$$

What is $u_n - x$?

$$u_n - x = x_n + A^*A(x - x_n) - x \quad (34a)$$

$$= (I - A^*A)x_n + (A^*A - I)x \quad (34b)$$

$$= (I - A^*A)(x_n - x) \quad (34c)$$

What is $u_n - x_{n+1}$?

$$\|u_n - x_{n+1}\|_2^2 = \|u_n - x_{n+1} - (x - x)\|_2^2, \quad \text{subtract 0} \quad (35a)$$

$$= \|(u_n - x) - (x_{n+1} - x)\|_2^2, \quad \text{square of l2 norm os inner product} \quad (35b)$$

$$= \langle (u_n - x) - (x_{n+1} - x), (u_n - x) - (x_{n+1} - x) \rangle \quad (35c)$$

$$= \|u_n - x\|_2^2 - 2\langle u_n - x, x_{n+1} - x \rangle + \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2^2 \quad (35d)$$

From the above two formulas, we getattr

$$-2\langle u_n - x, x_{n+1} - x \rangle + \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2^2 \leq 0 \quad (36)$$

This is the same as

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|_2^2 \leq 2\langle u_n - x, x_{n+1} - x \rangle$$

What is $u_n - x$?

$$u_n - x = (I - A^*A)(x_n - x)$$

$$\langle u_n - x, x_{n+1} - x \rangle = \langle (I - A^*A)(x_n - x), x_{n+1} - x \rangle$$

Thus,

$$u = x_n - x, \quad v = x_{n+1} - x$$

Why? $x_n - x$ is 2s-sparse and $x_{n+1} - x$ is also 2s-sparse.
We have shown that

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u_n - x, x_{n+1} - x \rangle &\leq \delta_{3s} \|x_n - x\|_2 \cdot \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 \\ \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2^2 &\leq 2\delta_{3s} \|x_n - x\|_2 \cdot \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 \\ \|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 &\leq 2\delta_{3s} \cdot \|x_n - x\|_2\end{aligned}\tag{37}$$

The hypothesis is $\delta_{3s} < \frac{1}{2}$ and so $0 \leq \lambda < 1$

$$\|x_{n+1} - x\|_2 \leq \lambda \|x_n - x\|_2\tag{38}$$

Explanation succeeded

5.4 Convex Functions

Pick any norm, $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$

We have the triangle inequality

$$\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|\tag{39}$$

Suppose we define $f(x) = \|x\|$ for any $x \in R^d$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) &= \|\theta x + (1 - \theta)y\| \leq \|\theta x\| + \|(1 - \theta)y\| \\ &= \theta \|x\| + (1 - \theta) \|y\|\end{aligned}\tag{40}$$

Hence, $f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1 - \theta)f(y)$ so $f(x)$ is a convex function.

5.5 Convex Optimization

Suppose you have a convex function defined over a convex set C, and you want to find the minimum of the function over the set C.

What do you have? A convex optimization problem!

Let $f(x)$ be a convex function over R^d . Minimize $f(x)$ subject to $Ax = b$.

The domain D is the set of $x \in R^d$ such that $Ax = b$.

If $Ax = b$, and $Ay = b$, then $A(tx + (1 - t)y) = b$. Thus D is a convex set.

If x and y are both in D, then the line segment joining x and y is entirely in D.

5.6 Why is convex optimization important?

Fundamental property of Convex optimization:

Any local minimum of a convex function f over a convex set C **must** also be a global minimum of f over C .

6 Gradient Descent (2020/05/05)

6.1 Method of Steepest Descent

Let $x \in R^3$, $y \in R^3$. these are column vectors in R^3

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= f(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\f(y) &= f(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\G(y) &= G(y_1, y_2, y_3)\end{aligned}\tag{41}$$

$\nabla f(x)$ is a gradient vector. The convention is that the gradient is a **row** vector.

$$G(y) = f(y) - \nabla f(x)y$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(x) &\equiv \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \right) \\ \nabla f(x)y &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}y_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}y_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3}y_3 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}\tag{42}$$

6.1.1 Warm Up

$$\nabla G(y) = \nabla[f(y) - \nabla f(x)y] = \nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x)$$

We assume

$$f(x) - f(y) - \nabla f(y)(x - y) \leq \frac{b}{2} \|x - y\|_2^2$$

This assumption drives from Taylor's Theorem where the Hessian Matrix (Matrix of 2ND Derivatives) is bounded by the largest Eigenvalue.

For any given x , consider the function

$$G(y) = f(y) - \nabla f(x)y$$

G is convex.

$G(y) \equiv G_x(y)$ because G depends on x .

Suppose x is the minimizer of $G(y)$

$$G(x) \leq G(y - \frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y))$$

and

$$\nabla G(y) = \nabla[f(y) - \nabla f(x)y] = \nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x)$$

We assume $f(x)$ is C^1 and satisfies the condition:

$$\forall x, y, f(x) - f(y) \leq \nabla f(y)(x - y) + \frac{b}{2}\|x - y\|_2^2$$

C^1 : continuously differentiable.

$$G(y - a) - G(y)$$

$$\text{Let } x = y - a, a = \frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)$$

When making an assumption, make an assumption that allows you to learn something interesting.

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \nabla G(y)(x - y) + \frac{b}{2}\|x - y\|_2^2 \\ &= \nabla G(y)(-a) + \frac{b}{2}\|x - y\|_2^2 \\ &= \nabla G(y)(-\frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)^T) + \frac{b}{2} \frac{1}{b^2}\|\nabla G(y)\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

We just demonstrated

$$\begin{aligned} &G(y - \frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)) - G(y) \\ &\leq \nabla G(y)(-\frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)^T) + \frac{b}{2} \frac{1}{b^2}\|\nabla G(y)\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

6.1.2 Proving Gradient Descent

$$\nabla G(y) = \nabla[f(y) - \nabla f(x)y] = \nabla f(y) - \nabla f(x)$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) - f(y) - \nabla f(x)(x - y) \quad (45a)$$

$$= f(x) - \nabla f(x)x - (f(y) - \nabla f(x)y) \quad (45b)$$

$$= G(x) - G(y) \quad (45c)$$

$$= G(y - \frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)) - G(y) \quad (45d)$$

$$\leq \nabla G(y)(-\frac{1}{b}\nabla G(y)^T) + \frac{b}{2} \frac{1}{b^2} \|\nabla G(y)\|_2^2 \quad (45e)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla G(y)\|_2^2 \quad (45f)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2 \quad (45g)$$

[g] says

$$f(x) - f(y) - \nabla f(x)(x - y) \leq -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2$$

We define a sequence of vectors

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{b}g_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{b}\nabla f(x_k)$$

Using ~~1~~**bold.The old style updated the step at each iteration which results in less iterations but more compute.**

$$h = \frac{1}{b}$$

Let us write

$$d_k = x_k - x^*$$

How far the current estimate is from the minimum

$$\delta_k = f(x_k) - f(x^*) \quad (46)$$

Actual Error

Thus,

$$d_{k+1} = x_{k+1} - x^*$$

Apply [g] with $x = x_k$, $y = x^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x_k) - f(x^*) - g_k^T(x_k - x^*) &\leq -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla f(x_k) - \nabla f(x^*)\|_2^2 \\
\rightarrow \delta_k &\leq g_k^T d_k - \frac{1}{2b} \|g_k\|_2^2
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

because $g_k = \nabla f(x_k)$ and $d_k = x - x^*$

G: scalar everything else: vector

Look Closer!

$$x_{k+1} - x_k = -\frac{1}{b} g_k$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&<= \text{Using } x_{k+1} - \frac{1}{b} g_k \\
&g_k = -b(x_{k+1} - x_k)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_k \leq g_k^T d_k - \frac{1}{2b} \|g_k\|_2^2 \tag{48a}$$

$$= -b(x_{k+1} - x_k)^T d_k - \frac{b}{2} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\|_2^2 \tag{48b}$$

$$= -\frac{b}{2} (\|x_{k+1} - x_k\|_2^2 + 2(x_{k+1} - x_k)^T d_k) \tag{48c}$$

$$= -\frac{b}{2} (\|d_{k+1} - d_k\|_2^2 + 2(d_{k+1} - d_k)^T d_k) \tag{48d}$$

$$= \frac{b}{2} (\|d_k\|_2^2 + \|d_{k+1}\|_2^2) \tag{48e}$$

$$= \|d_{k+1} - d_k\|_2^2 + 2(d_{k+1} - d_k)^T d_k \tag{48f}$$

$$= (\langle d_{k+1}, d_{k+1} \rangle - 2\langle d_{k+1}, d_k \rangle + \langle d_k, d_k \rangle) + (2d_{k+1}^T d_k - d_k^T d_k) \tag{48g}$$

why [f]?

To summarize,

$$\delta_k \leq \frac{b}{2} (\|d_k\|_2^2 - \|d_{k+1}\|_2^2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i \leq \frac{b}{2} (\|d_0\|_2^2 - \|d_n\|_2^2) \leq \frac{b}{2} \|d_0\|_2^2$$

What do we know about convergent series?

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \delta_k$ is convergent, then $\delta_k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$

6.2 Global Convergence

Start with any x_0 . We define the sequence of vectors

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{b}g_k$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{b}\nabla f(x_k)$$

Then, $f(x_k) - f(x^*) \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$

We can pick N as large as we want,

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \delta_k \leq \frac{b}{2} \|d_0\|_2^2$$

Recall that $g_k \equiv \nabla f(x_k)$ and $g_{k+1} \equiv \nabla f(x_{k+1})$

We can also show that $\|g_{k+1}\| \leq \|g_k\|$

The length of the gradient vectors are monotone decreasing.

We've shown that

$$f(x) - f(y) - \nabla f(x)(x - y) \leq -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2$$

Similarly,

$$f(y) - f(x) - \nabla f(y)(y - x) \leq -\frac{1}{2b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2$$

Summing the above inequalities yields

$$-\nabla f(x)(x - y) - \nabla f(y)(y - x) \leq -\frac{1}{b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2$$

which means,

$$(\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y))(x - y) \geq \frac{1}{b} \|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\|_2^2 \quad **$$

Let $x = x_{k+1}$, $y = x_k$. Then, from (**),

$$(x_{k+1} - x_k)^T (g_{k+1} - g_k) \geq \frac{1}{b} \|g_{k+1} - g_k\|_2^2$$

But $x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{1}{b}g_k$ so that

$$-\frac{1}{b} (g_k)^T (g_{k+1} - g_k) \geq \frac{1}{b} \|g_{k+1} - g_k\|_2^2$$

$$\|g_{k+1}\|_2^2 \leq g_{k+1}^T g_k \quad (49a)$$

$$\leq \|g_{k+1}\| \|g_k\| \quad \text{By Cauchy-Schwartz} \quad (49b)$$

Why is a true?

That means, $\|g_{k+1}\| \leq \|g_k\|$, which is the desired conclusion

6.3 About Gradient Descent

Gradient Descent is *not* a single method. It is a large collection of methods.

1. Steepest Descent with a constant step size

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - h \nabla f(x_k)$$

2. Use a different step size at each iteration

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(x_k)$$

6.3.1 Example

Select α_k to minimize $f(x_k - d_k g_k)$, where $g_k = \nabla f(x_k)$. Lots of algorithms to choose α_k

We assume $f(x)$ is C^1 and satisfies

$$f(x) - f(y) \leq \nabla f(y)(x - y) + \frac{b}{2} \|x - y\|_2^2$$

If we assume f is convex, differentiable, and its gradient vector satisfies the Lipschitz Condition

$$\|\nabla f(x) - \nabla f(y)\| \leq b \|x - y\|$$

for any two points x, y , then the condition (*) is true.

6.4 Challenge

We have already demonstrated

$$\sum_{i=1}^{100} \delta_i \leq \frac{b}{2} \|d_0\|_2^2$$

and $\|g_{k+1}\| \leq \|g_k\|$. Our notation is $\delta_k = f(x_k) - f(x^*)$.
 You can show that the rate of convergence is given by

$$\delta_k \leq \left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right) \frac{b}{2} \|d_0\|_2^2$$

TODO: Prove this out.