

Online Robust Reduced-Rank Regression

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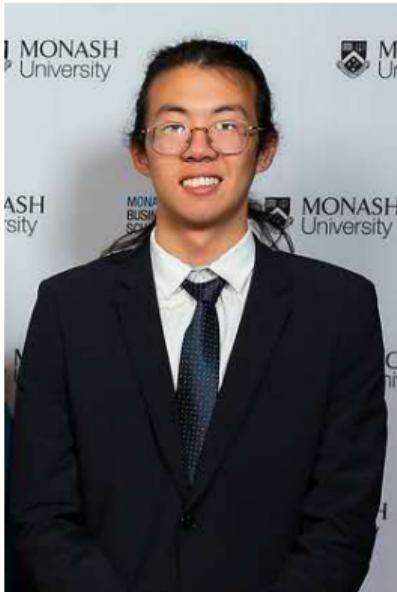
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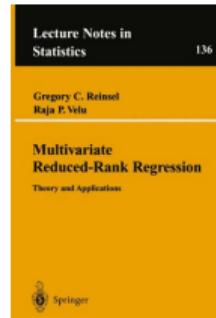
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The Reduced-Rank Regression Models in Data Science

- Reduced-rank regression (RRR) [VelRei'13] is a multivariate linear regression model with a reduced-rank coefficient matrix

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{AB}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{Dz} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad (\text{RRR})$$

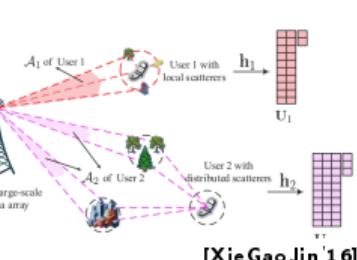
where $\boldsymbol{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^P$, loading matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times r}$, factor matrix $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{Q \times r}$, $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{Q \times R}$ are coefficients, and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ denotes the model innovation.



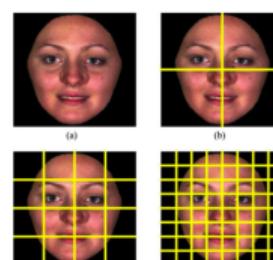
- The \mathbf{AB}^T forms a Stiefel (low-rank) manifold to realize dimension reduction via factors $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x}$.



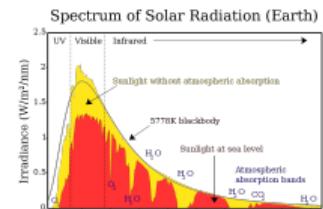
Financial econometrics
[Johansen'92]



Wireless systems
[StankovicHaardt'08]



Computer vision
[Dong Torre'10]



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- Substituting $\{\mu, \mathbf{D}, \Sigma\}$ into the objective, we have the subproblems w.r.t. $\{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}\}$

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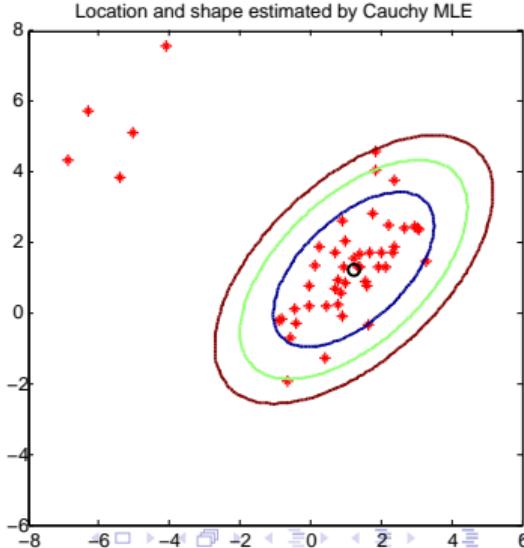
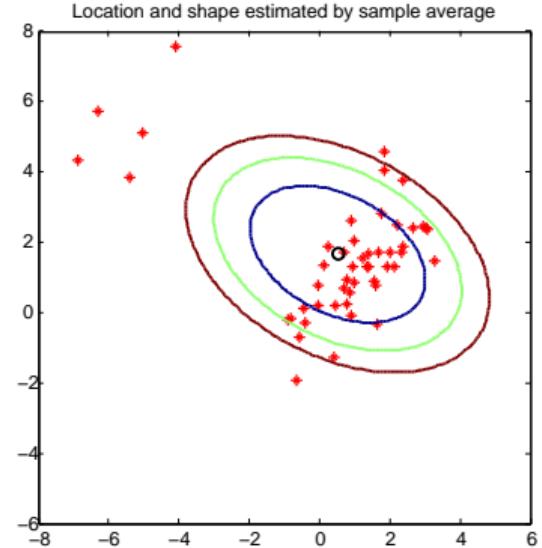
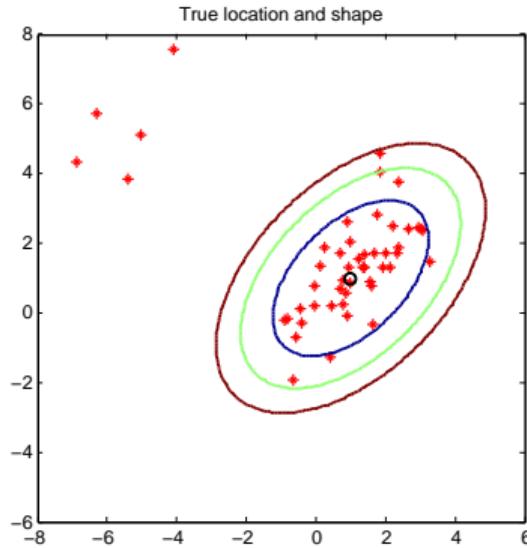
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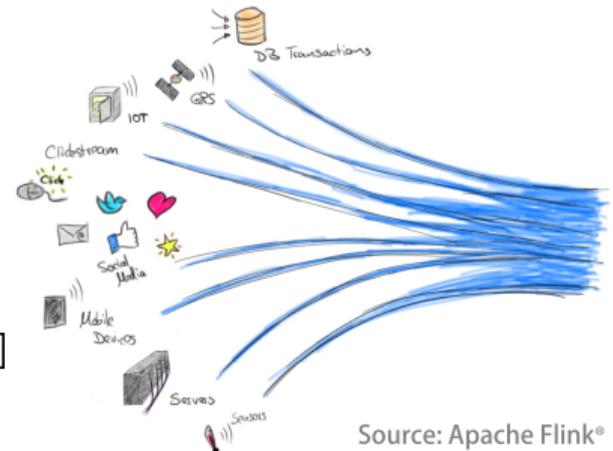
Target 1: Robust Against Heavy-tails and Outliers

- For applications especially involved in big data, the data to analyze often exhibit features of heavy-tails and outliers [George'14].
- Robust pursuit for RRR is essential in scenarios like
 - statistical robust channel estimation [Garcia'06],
 - erratic seismic noise attenuation [ChenSacchi'15],
 - genetic analysis [SheChen'17], etc.



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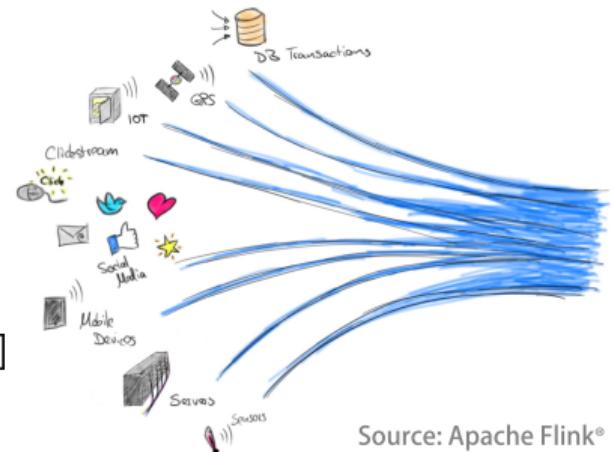


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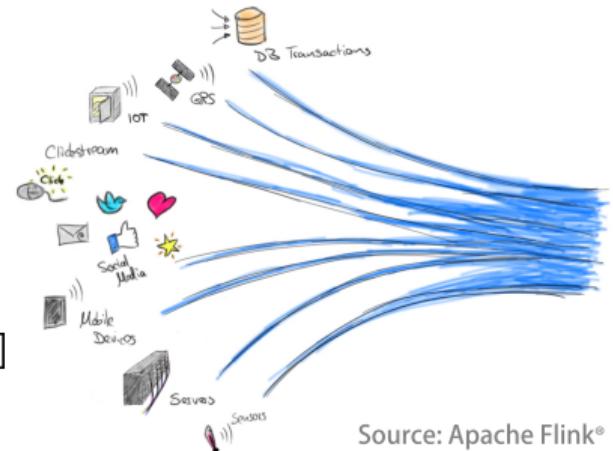
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Online RRRR: Robust Reduced-Rank Regression with Data Streams

- To promote robustness, Cauchy distribution assumption is used [Huber'11].
- Assume $\epsilon \sim \text{Cauchy}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$ with $\Sigma \in \mathbb{S}_{++}^P$, then its p.d.f. is

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{\Gamma[(1+P)/2]}{\Gamma(1/2)\pi^{P/2}\det(\Sigma)^{1/2}} (1 + \epsilon^T \Sigma^{-1} \epsilon)^{-\frac{1+P}{2}},$$

and the negative log-likelihood function of a single observation $\xi \triangleq \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$ is defined as

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \xi) \triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log \det(\Sigma) + \frac{1+P}{2} \log [1 + (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{z})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{z})].$$

Problem formulation for Online RRRR

Given the loss function $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \xi)$ for one sample ξ , the online estimation problem is given as

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\text{minimize}} \quad [L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \triangleq \mathbb{E}_{\xi}[\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \xi)]] \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \Sigma \succeq \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned} \tag{CMLE}$$

- This is a highly nonconvex constrained stochastic optimization problem.

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Stochastic Estimation via SMM

- A classical approach for solving the “CMLE” problem is the SAA method [Plambeck’96].

Sample Average Approximation (SAA)

For function $\ell(\cdot)$ of parameter θ and data ξ_i , the optimization step at iteration k with $N^{(k)}$ samples is

$$\theta^{(k)} \leftarrow \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{N^{(k)}} \sum_{i=1}^{N^{(k)}} \ell(\theta, \xi_i).$$

- Since the function $\ell(\cdot)$ is non-convex, per-iteration SAA computation is computationally expensive.

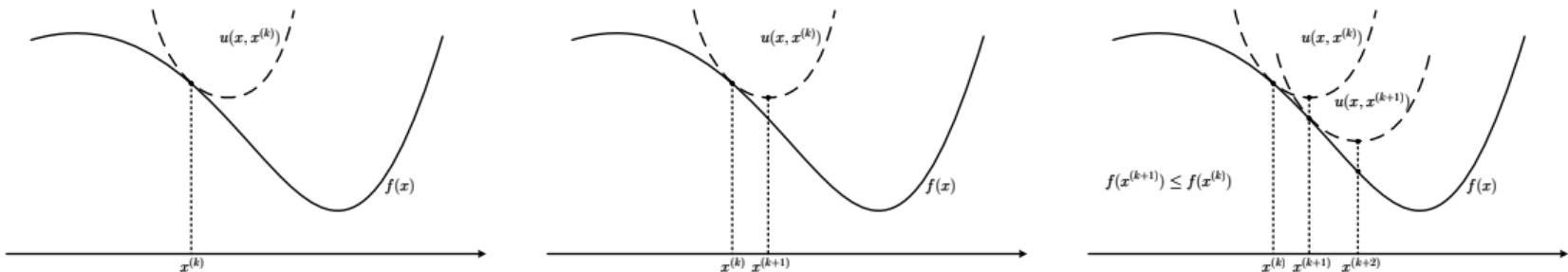
Stochastic Majorization Minimization (SMM) [Razaviyayn’16]

SMM in each iteration optimizes over a surrogate majorizing (upper-bound) function $\bar{\ell}(\theta, \theta^{(k-1)}, \xi_i)$ as

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The majorizing function is commonly chosen to be strictly convex or one leading to a closed-form solution.

Find a Majorizing Function in SMM



- It is easy to see that the key in using SMM is to find a good majorizing function $\bar{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, \xi_i)$.

Lemma: Linear majorization [ZhaoPalomar'17]

Given $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}$, the loss function $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \xi_i)$ can be majorized as

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}, \xi_i) &\triangleq \frac{1}{2} \log \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) + \frac{1+P}{2} \left(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i^{(k)} - \sqrt{w_i^{(k)}} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{D} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i^{(k)} \right)^T \\ &\quad \times \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \left(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i^{(k)} - \sqrt{w_i^{(k)}} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B}^T \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^{(k)} - \mathbf{D} \bar{\mathbf{z}}_i^{(k)} \right) + \text{const.},\end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i^{(k)} \triangleq \sqrt{w_i^{(k)}} \mathbf{y}_i$, $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i^{(k)} \triangleq \sqrt{w_i^{(k)}} \mathbf{x}_i$, $\bar{\mathbf{z}}_i^{(k)} \triangleq \sqrt{w_i^{(k)}} \mathbf{z}_i$, and the weight $w_i^{(k)}$ is a function of $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k-1)}$.

Solving the Subproblem in SMM

- The majorized objective function becomes

$$\bar{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) \triangleq \frac{1}{N^{(k)}} \sum_{i=1}^{N^{(k)}} \bar{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}, \xi_i)$$

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$$\bar{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \frac{N^{(k)}}{2} \log \det \left[\frac{1+P}{N^{(k)}} (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)} - \mathbf{AB}^T \bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)}) (\bar{\mathbf{Y}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)} - \mathbf{AB}^T \bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)})^T \right] + \text{const.}$$

The subproblem now becomes

$$\underset{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \det \left[(\mathbf{N}^{(k)} - \mathbf{AB}^T \mathbf{M}^{(k)}) (\mathbf{N}^{(k)} - \mathbf{AB}^T \mathbf{M}^{(k)})^T \right], \quad (\text{Majorized } \mathbf{AB}^T\text{-Subprob. in CMLE})$$

where $\mathbf{N}^{(k)} = \bar{\mathbf{Y}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)}$ and $\mathbf{M}^{(k)} = \bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k)} \mathbf{P}^{(k)}$.

The solution to “Majorized \mathbf{AB}^T -Subproblem in CMLE” is the solution in “ \mathbf{AB}^T -Subproblem in GMLE”!

Solving CMLE is just iteratively solving the GMLE!

SMM-Based Algorithm for Online RRRR

Online RRRR via SMM

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- ① Calculate $\{\mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \bar{\mathbf{Y}}^{(k)}, \bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(k)}, \bar{\mathbf{Z}}^{(k)}, \mathbf{Q}^{(k)}, \mathbf{P}^{(k)}\}$ based on the parameter $\theta^{(k)}$ and data $\{\xi_i\}_{i=1}^{N^{(k)}}$;
- ② Calculate $\{\mathbf{M}^{(k)}, \mathbf{N}^{(k)}, \mathbf{R}_{mm}^{(k)}, \mathbf{R}_{mn}^{(k)}, \mathbf{R}_{nn}^{(k)}\}$;
- ③ Compute r left singular vectors of $\mathbf{R}_{mm}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{R}_{mn} \mathbf{R}_{nn}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$;
- ④ Update $\theta^{(k+1)}$; $k \leftarrow k + 1$;

Output: $\theta^{(k)} = \{\mu^{(k)}, \mathbf{A}^{(k)}, \mathbf{B}^{(k)}, \mathbf{D}^{(k)}, \Sigma^{(k)}\}$.

Can we design a **unified algorithm framework** for Online RRRR via CMLE GENERAL loss function?

A class of cases can be solved by the SMM algorithm with OLSE/GMLE solutions [ZhouZhaoPal'18]!

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Simulation Setup

- A RRR model is specified with $P = Q = 10$ and $r = R = 1$.
- A path of 1000 samples is generated where innovations follow a Student's t -distribution with degree of freedom of 3 mimicking the real data scenarios.
- In the online estimation, we start with 25 samples and 1 sample is added in each iteration.

Comparisons on Convergence and Estimation Accuracy

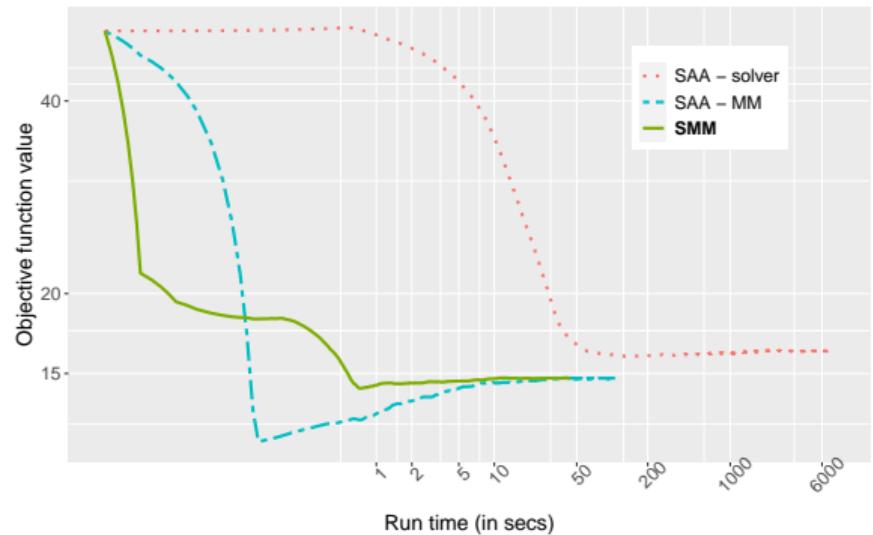


Figure: Alg. convergence (average over 30 MC runs)

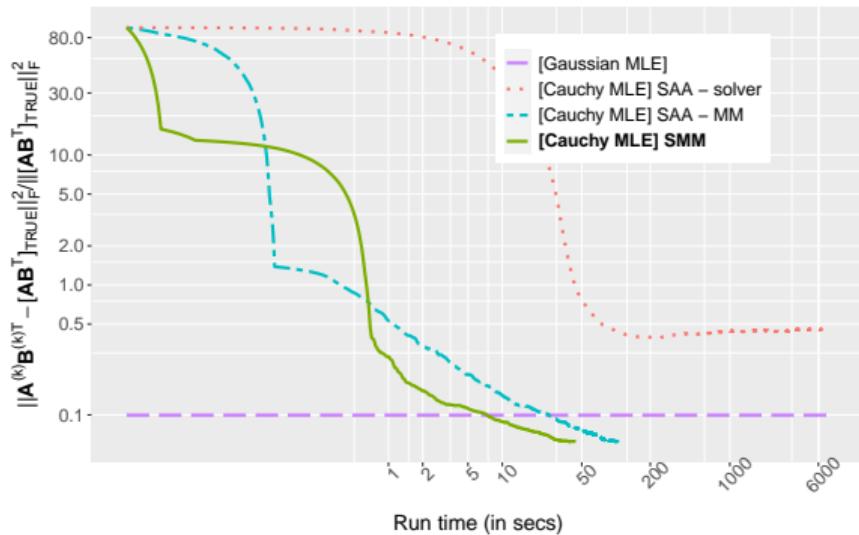


Figure: Estimation accuracy (average over 30 MC runs)

Comparisons on Runtime

- To show the computational efficiency, the estimation time is compared by varying the parameter dimensions where $P = Q$ and $r = R = 1$ based on 100 Monte Carlo simulations.

Table: Average runtime (in secs) with standard error in parentheses

(P, Q)	(5, 5)	(10, 10)	(20, 20)	(30, 30)
SAA - MM	48.0 (16.8)	69.9 (17.7)	153.2 (27.6)	264.9 (27.2)
SMM	17.2 (6.85)	25.4 (7.49)	54.0 (11.04)	88.5 (11.06)

- SMM consistently runs faster and more stable than the SAA and scales well with the dimension.

An R Package

The proposed algorithm has been provided in open source 😊.

- You are welcome to download it from the GitHub 

```
devtools::install_github("finyang/RRRR")
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or from the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) .

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install.packages("RRRR")
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-  On CRAN, the package has achieved a total download of downloads 1134.

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Conclusions

- We have discussed the online robust reduced-rank regression problem.
- An efficient algorithm based on the stochastic majorization minimization has been proposed.
- The effectiveness of the model and algorithm has been demonstrated via simulations.

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