

1 Original Problem

The original problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{S,Y} \quad & \|X - ASY\|_F^2 + \alpha \|Y\|_F^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & S^T S = I, S \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{R}^{Dim \times n}$, $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{R}^{Dim \times m}$, $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbf{R}^{k \times n}$. And \mathbf{S} is a select matrix, $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times k}$, $m \geq k$.

2 Transformed Problem

The original problem is strongly NP-hard and also difficult to solve approximately. A popular method for this original problem is the Augmented Lagrange Multiplier Method (ALM). The original problem is transformed below:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{Y,S,Q,J,Z_1,Z_2} \quad & \|X - ASY\|_F^2 + \alpha \|Y\|_F^2 + \langle Z_1, S - Q \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\mu \|S - Q\|_F^2 + \langle Z_2, S - J \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\mu \|S - J\|_F^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & S = Q, S = J, Q^T Q = I, J \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{J} \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times k}$.