

Matrix Multiplication Approximation

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Algorithm 1: MatrixMultiplicationApproximation

Data: An $m \times n$ matrix A , and $n \times p$ matrix B , a positive integer c , and probabilities $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^n$
Result: Matrix C and R such that $CR \approx AB$
for $t = 1$ **to** c **do**
 Pick $i_t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with probability $\Pr[i_t = k] = p_k$, in i.i.d. trials, with replacement;
 Set $C^{(t)} = A^{(i_t)} / \sqrt{cp_{i_t}}$ and $R_{(t)} = B_{(i_t)}$;
end

Lemma 1 Given matrices A and B , by applying the algorithm to construct matrices C and R . Then,

$$\mathbf{E}[(CR)_{ij}] = (AB)_{ij}$$

and

$$\text{Var}[(CR)_{ij}] = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_{ik}^2 B_{kj}^2}{p_k} - \frac{1}{c} (AB)_{ij}^2$$

Proof: Fix i, j . For $t = 1, \dots, c$, define $X_t = \left(\frac{A^{(i_t)} B_{(i_t)}}{cp_{i_t}} \right)_{ij} = \frac{A_{i i_t} B_{i_t j}}{cp_{i_t}}$. Thus,

$$\mathbf{E}[X_t] = \sum_{k=1}^n p_k \frac{A_{ik} B_{kj}}{cp_k} = \frac{1}{c} (AB)_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{E}[X_t^2] = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_{ik}^2 B_{kj}^2}{c^2 p_k}$$

Since by construct $(CR)_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^c X_t$, we have $\mathbf{E}[(CR)_{ij}] = \sum_{t=1}^c \mathbf{E}[X_t] = (AB)_{ij}$. Since $(CR)_{ij}$ is the sum of c independent random variables, $\text{Var}[(CR)_{ij}] = \sum_{t=1}^c \text{Var}[X_t]$. Since $\text{Var}[X_t] = \mathbf{E}[X_t^2] - \mathbf{E}[X_t]^2$, we have:

$$\text{Var}[X_t] = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_{ik}^2 B_{kj}^2}{c^2 p_k} - \frac{1}{c^2} (AB)_{ij}^2$$

Thus,

$$\text{Var}[(CR)_{ij}] = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{A_{ik}^2 B_{kj}^2}{p_k} - \frac{1}{c} (AB)_{ij}^2$$

Lemma 2 Given matrices A and B , by applying the algorithm to construct matrices C and R . Then,

$$\mathbf{E}[\|AB - CR\|_F^2] = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2}{cp_k} - \frac{1}{c} \|AB\|_F^2$$

And if,

$$p_k = \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2}{\sum_{k'=1}^n \|A^{(k')}\|_2 \|B_{(k')}\|_2}$$

then,

$$\mathbf{E}[\|AB - CR\|_F^2] = \frac{1}{c} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{c} \|AB\|_F^2$$

Proof: Firstly, according to the property of Variance,

$$\mathbf{E} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbf{E} [(AB - CR)_{ij}^2] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^p \mathbf{Var} [(CR)_{ij}]$$

From **Lemma 1** we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2] &= \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{p_k} \left(\sum_i A_{ik}^2 \right) \left(\sum_j B_{kj}^2 \right) - \frac{1}{c} \|AB\|_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{p_k} \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{c} \|AB\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

If the value $p_k = \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2}{\sum_{k'=1}^n \|A^{(k')}\|_2 \|B_{(k')}\|_2}$ is applied in the expression (the proof for the magic value p_k will be introduced in **Lemma 3**), then,

$$\mathbf{E} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2] = \frac{1}{c} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{c} \|AB\|_F^2$$

The expression shows that with the given value p_k , the algorithm minimize the expected value of the Frobenius norm of the error between AB and CR .

Lemma 3 Sampling probabilities $p_k = \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2}{\sum_{k'=1}^n \|A^{(k')}\|_2 \|B_{(k')}\|_2}$ minimize $\mathbf{E} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2]$

Proof: Define the function:

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{p_k} \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2$$

Function $f(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ dominate the value of $\mathbf{E} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2]$ on the p_k 's for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. To minimize the function, notice that $\sum_{k=1}^n p_k = 1$, we will apply the Lagrange multiplier λ and define the function:

$$\mathcal{L}(p_1, \dots, p_n) = f(p_1, \dots, p_n) - \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^n p_k - 1 \right)$$

Let the partial derivative on p_k equals to 0, we can solve the optimal p_k :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p_i} = \frac{-1}{p_i^2} \|A^{(i)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(i)}\|_2^2 + \lambda = 0$$

Notice again that $\sum_{k=1}^n p_k = 1$, we can solve λ by applying this fact:

$$p_i = \frac{\|A^{(i)}\|_2 \|B_{(i)}\|_2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = \frac{\|A^{(i)}\|_2 \|B_{(i)}\|_2}{\sum_{i'=1}^n \|A^{(i')}\|_2 \|B_{(i')}\|_2}$$