The Why and How of Nonnegative Matrix Factorization Topic Presentation

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Summary

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Applications
- 3 Algorithms
- 4 Connections to other problems

Agenda

Use: Analysis of high-dimensional data by automatically extracts sparse and meaningful features from a set of nonnegative data vectors

- What : Definitions and properties
- Why : Applications
- How : Algorithms
- What next : Connections with Problems in Mathematics and Computer Science
- Conclusion



What: Definitions and properties

Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) is a Linear dimensionality reduction (LDR)

LDR:

- From a set of data points $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^p$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$
- lacksquare To a set of dimension r < min(p, n)
- Thanks to $w_k \in R^p$ for $1 \le k \le r$
- Such that : $\forall j, x_j \approx \sum_{k=1}^r w_k h_j(k)$, for some weights $h_j \in R^r$

Equivalent to low-rank matrix approximation : $X \approx WH$

- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n} : X(:,j) = x_j \text{ for } 1 \le j \le n$
- $W \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r} : W(:,k) = w_k \text{ for } 1 \le k \le r$
- $\blacksquare H \in R^{r \times n} : H(:,j) = h_j \text{ for } 1 \le j \le n$

NMF : decomposing a given nonnegative data matrix X as $X \approx WH$

Applications - Image processing

Goal: Facial Feature Extraction



Data matrix : $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}_+$

- lacksquare p: total number of pixels
- \blacksquare n : number of faces
- lacksquare X(i,j) : the gray-level of the i-th pixel in the j-th face



Applications - Image processing

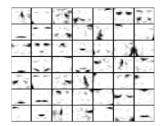






W(:,k)

facial features



H(k,j)

importance of features in jth image

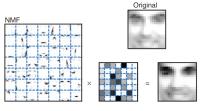


WH(:,j)

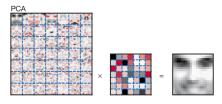
approximation of jth image



Applications - Image processing



NMF decomposition



PCA decompostion

Applications - Text Mining

Goal: Topic Recovery and Document Classification

Data matrix : $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}_+$

- each column: a document
- each line: a word
- lacksquare X(i,j) : number of times the i-th word appears in the j-th document

$$\underbrace{X(:,j)}_{j\text{th document}} \approx \sum_{k=1}^{r} \underbrace{W(:,k)}_{k\text{th topic}} \underbrace{\underbrace{H(k,j)}_{importance \ of \ k\text{th topic}}}_{importance \ of \ k\text{th topic}}, \quad \text{with } W \geq 0 \text{ and } H \geq 0.$$

Applications - Hyperspectral Unmixing

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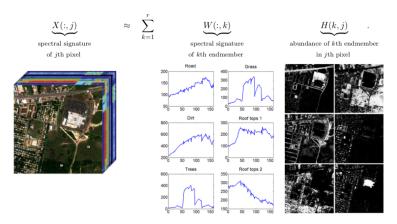
- Identify the constitutive materials present in an image
- Classify the pixels according to their constitutive materials

Spectral signature of a pixel: fraction of incident light being reflected by that pixel at different wavelengths

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each column: spectral signature of a pixel



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- Other possibilities:
 - Kullback–Leibler divergence, used in text mining;
 - Itakura–Saito distance, used in music analysis;
 - ℓ_1 norm to improve robustness against outliers;
 - etc.



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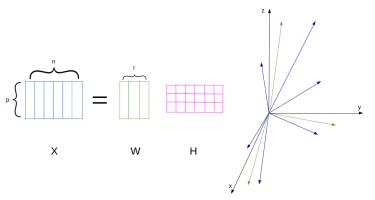
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- Choice of factorization rank r.

Nonnegative rank

Definition (Nonnegative rank)

Given $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}_+$, the nonnegative rank of X, denoted $\operatorname{rank}_+(X)$ is the minimum r s.t. $\exists W \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}_+, H \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}_+$ with X = WH.



Graph Theory: Bipartite dimension

Let $G(X) = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ be a bipartite graph induced by X (i.e. $(i, j) \in E \Leftrightarrow X_{ij} \neq 0$).

Definition (Biclique and bipartite dimension)

- A biclique (or a complete bipartite graph) is a bipartite graph s.t. every vertex in V_1 is connected to every vertex in V_2 .
- The bipartite dimension (or the minimum biclique cover) bc(G(X)) is the minimum number of bicliques needed to cover all edges in E.

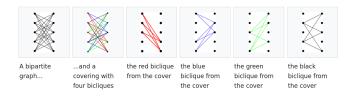


Figure: Example for biclique edge cover [biclique]

Theorem (Rectangle covering bound)

$$bc(G(X)) \leq rank_{+}(X)$$

Linear Optimization : Extended formulation

(LP) max
$$c^T x$$
 $s.t.$ $Ax \leq b$ $x \in \mathbb{R}^n > 0$

Definition (Extended formulation)

The extended formulation of a polytope P is a higher dimensional polytope Q and a linear projection π s.t. $\pi(Q)=P$.

In our LP problem, an extended formulation of the polytope $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by the constraints $Ax \leq b$, is a polytope $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+r}$ defined by $Cx + Dy \leq d$ with $y \in \mathbb{R}^r$, s.t. $\pi(Q) = P$.

The slack matrix $X(i,j)=b_i-A_iv_j$. With v_j , the j^{th} vertex of P and $\{x\in\mathbb{R}^n|b_i-A_ix\geq 0\}$ its i^{th} facet. The (i,j) entry measures the slack of the i^{th} inequality for the j^{th} vertex.

Theorem (Yannakis)

The minimum size of an extended formulation Q of P is equal to $rank_+(X)$.

When P has exponentially many facets, finding extended formulations allows to solve the LP in polynomial time.

Connections to other problems