#### CSE 392/CS 395T/M 397C: Matrix and Tensor Algorithms for Data

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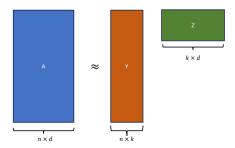
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#### Low rank approximation

Given a large data matrix, we wish to compute its low rank approximation for:

- Compression
- De-noising
- Pattern finding clustering
- Make hard problems tractable, e.g., matrix completion.



# Types of low rank approximations

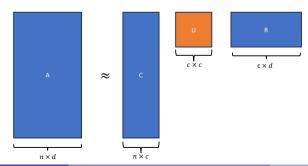
Depending on the applications, we can consider different types of low rank matrix approximations. Most common ones are:

- Truncated SVD (PCA)
- CUR decomposition
- Non-negative matrix factorization

# CUR decomposition

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , a particular type of low rank approximation:

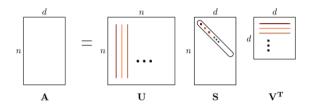
- A row sampling matrix  $S_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times n}$ , and  $R = S_1 A \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times d}$
- A column sampling matrix  $S_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times c}$ , and  $C = AS_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times c}$
- A matrix  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times c}$ , such that  $A \approx CUR$  and  $c \ll \{n, d\}$ .



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#### Low rank approximation

- Given a data matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and integer k, find a rank-k approximation of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- $\bullet \ \boldsymbol{A}_k = \boldsymbol{U}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \boldsymbol{V}_k^\top = \boldsymbol{U}_k \boldsymbol{U}_k^\top \boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{V}_k \boldsymbol{V}_k^\top.$



$$oldsymbol{U}_k = rg\min_{oldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n imes k}} \|oldsymbol{A} - oldsymbol{U} oldsymbol{U}^ op oldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 = rg\max_{oldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n imes k}} \|oldsymbol{U} oldsymbol{U}^ op oldsymbol{A}\|_F^2.$$

$$\|A - A_k\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sigma_i^2.$$

# Randomized SVD: Proto-algorithm

Input: Data matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and target rank k. Output: Approximate rank-k SVD:  $H_k \hat{\Sigma}_k W_k^{\top}$ .

- Draw a random matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ .
- Form the sketch  $Y = AS \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ .
- Compute an orthonormal matrix Q such that Y = QR.
- Form  $m \times d$  matrix  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{Q}^{\top} \mathbf{A}$ .
- Compute SVD of the small matrix  $\boldsymbol{B} = \hat{\boldsymbol{H}}_k \hat{\Sigma}_k \boldsymbol{W}_k^{\top}$ .
- Form  $\boldsymbol{H}_k = \boldsymbol{Q}\hat{\boldsymbol{H}}_k$ .

S is a sampling/sketching matrix.

#### LinearTimeSVD

- Input: Data matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and integers m, k such that  $1 \leq k \leq m \leq d$ , and  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^d$  with  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum_i p_i = 1$ .
- Output:  $H_k$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}_k$ .
- For t = 1 to m, Pick  $i \in [d]$ , with  $\Pr[i = j] = p_j$ . Set  $C_{*t} = A_{*i}/\sqrt{mp_i}$
- Compute  $C^{\top}C$  and its SVD:  $C^{\top}C = W_k \hat{\Sigma}_k^2 W_k^{\top}$ .
- Compute  $\boldsymbol{H}_k = \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{W}_k\hat{\Sigma}_k^{-1}$ .

Single pass over  $\boldsymbol{A}$ .

# Sampling - Analysis

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and  $\mathbf{H}_k$  is computed from the LinearTimeSVD algorithm, then

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^{\top} \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 \le \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 + 2\sqrt{k} \|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^{\top} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^{\top}\|_F$$
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**Proof:** First, we note that

$$\|oldsymbol{A} - oldsymbol{H}_k oldsymbol{H}_k^ op oldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 = \|oldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 - \|oldsymbol{A}^ op oldsymbol{H}_k\|_F^2$$

Next, we relate  $\|\mathbf{A}^{\top}\mathbf{H}_{k}\|_{F}^{2}$  and  $\sum_{t=1}^{k} \sigma_{t}^{2}(\mathbf{C})$  as:

$$\left| \| \boldsymbol{A}^{\top} \boldsymbol{H}_{k} \|_{F}^{2} - \sum_{t=1}^{k} \sigma_{t}^{2}(\boldsymbol{C}) \right| \leq \sqrt{k} \| \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{A}^{\top} - \boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{C}^{\top} \|_{F}.$$

We also have

$$\left| \sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{C}) - \sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(\boldsymbol{A}) \right| \leq \sqrt{k} \|\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{A}^\top - \boldsymbol{C}\boldsymbol{C}^\top\|_F.$$

Combining,

$$\left|\|oldsymbol{A}^{ op}oldsymbol{H}_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(oldsymbol{A})
ight| \leq 2\sqrt{k}\|oldsymbol{A}oldsymbol{A}^{ op} - oldsymbol{C}oldsymbol{C}^{ op}\|_F.$$

# Length squared sampling

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , let  $\mathbf{H}_k$  is computed from the LinearTimeSVD algorithm using length squared sampling, i.e.,  $p_i = \frac{\beta \|\mathbf{A}_{*i}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2}$  for some  $\beta \leq 1$ . If  $m \geq ck/\beta\epsilon^2$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{H}_k \boldsymbol{H}_k^{\top} \boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2] \leq \|\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{A}_k\|_F^2 + \epsilon \|\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2,$$

and if  $m \ge c_1 k \log(1/\delta)/\beta \epsilon^2$  with probability  $1 - \delta$ :

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In addition, if  $m \ge c_2 \log(1/\delta)/\beta \epsilon^2$  with probability  $1 - \delta$ :

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#### Recall AMM

For length squared sampling, i.e., compute  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with  $p_i = \frac{\beta \|A_{*i}\|^2}{\|A\|_F^2}$ , then we have

$$\|oldsymbol{A}oldsymbol{A}^ op - oldsymbol{C}oldsymbol{C}^ op\|_F \leq rac{1}{\sqrt{eta m}}\|oldsymbol{A}\|_F^2.$$

Combining with the previous results, we get the expectation bounds. We then use the Markov's inequality to get the probabilistic bounds.

Recall, we obtained similar results for CUR decomposition using length squared sampling.

# Randomized SVD using sketching

Suppose  $\hat{A}_k = H_k \hat{\Sigma}_k W_k^{\top}$  is the rank-k approximation we obtain from randomized SVD. We wish to obtain relative error guarantees of the form:

$$\|\boldsymbol{A} - \hat{\boldsymbol{A}}_k\|_F \le (1+\epsilon)\|\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{A}_k\|_F$$

We use sketching and the subspace embedding property.

#### SVD by sketching

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , let  $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a sketching matrix such that if it is a Countsketch matrix with  $m = O(k^2/\epsilon)$  or SRHT with  $m = O(k\log k/\epsilon)$ , or Gaussian sketch with  $m = O(k/\epsilon)$ , then with high probability:

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**Proof:** Let  $U_k$  be the top k left singular vectors of A. Consider:

$$\|\boldsymbol{U}_k(\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{U}_k)^{\dagger}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{A}-\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2.$$

We wish to show this is  $(1+\epsilon)\|\boldsymbol{A}-\boldsymbol{A}_k\|_F^2$ .

Since the columns of  $A - A_k$  are orthogonal to the columns of  $U_k$ , by the matrix Pythagorean theorem :

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.

Note that,  $(SU_k)^{\dagger}$  and  $(SU_k)^{\top}$  have the same row space. We can write  $(SU_k)^{\top} = G(SU_k)^{\dagger}$ .

For a subspace embedding S, we have

$$\|\boldsymbol{U}_k^{ op} \boldsymbol{S}^{ op} \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{U}_k - \boldsymbol{I}\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

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Using the AMM property, we have with high probability

$$\|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{k})^{\top}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{n-k}\Sigma_{r-k}\mathbf{V}_{d-k}^{\top}\|_{F}^{2} \leq 9\frac{\epsilon}{k}\|\mathbf{U}_{k}\|_{F}^{2}\|\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{A}_{k}\|_{F}^{2} \leq 9\epsilon\|\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{A}_{k}\|_{F}^{2}.$$

#### Two sided sketching

Let  $S_2$  be a  $O(\epsilon)$ - subspace embedding for the row space of  $S_1A$ , where  $S_1$  is as in the above result. Then,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}_{2}(\mathbf{S}_{1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}_{2})^{\dagger}\mathbf{S}_{1}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}\|_{F}^{2} \leq (1+\epsilon)\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_{k}\|_{F}^{2}.$$

We can compute  $AS_2$ ,  $(S_1AS_2)^{\dagger}$ ,  $S_1A$  in  $O(nnz(A) + (n+d)poly(k/\epsilon))$  time.

#### Further Reading

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Matlab Demo