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

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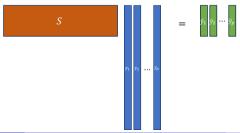
## Recall: Embeddings

### **Embedding**

A matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -embedding of set  $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  if, for all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{P}$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|\mathbf{y}\|_2.$$

We will call S a "sketching matrix".



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$$\|Sy\|_2^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|y\|_2^2.$$

**Proof:** We know that  $\mathbb{E}[\|S\boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2] = \|\boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2$ . We have

$$\|m{S}m{y}\|_2^2 = rac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^m (\langle m{s}_i, m{y} 
angle)^2 = rac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^m (\mathcal{N}(0, \|m{y}\|_2^2))^2$$

Chi-squared random variable with m degrees of freedom.

# Chi-squared random variable

Let z be a Chi-squared random variable with m degrees of freedom

$$\Pr\{|z - \mathbb{E}[z]| \ge \epsilon \mathbb{E}[z]\} \le 2 \exp(-\epsilon^2 m/16).$$

We have 
$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}] = \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}\|_2^2] = \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2$$
.

So, setting 
$$m = O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$
, we obtain the result.

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$$(1 - \epsilon) \| \boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{x}_j \|_2 \le \| \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{x}_j \|_2 \le (1 + \epsilon) \| \boldsymbol{x}_i - \boldsymbol{x}_j \|_2$$

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**Proof:** Fix  $i, j \in [d]$ , let  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j$ . By the Distributional JL Lemma, with probability  $1 - \delta$ :

$$\|S(x_i - x_j)\|_2^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon) \|x_i - x_j\|_2^2.$$

Set  $\delta = 1/n^2$ . Since there are  $< n^2$  total i, j pairs, by a union bound we have that with probability 9/10, the above will hold for all i, j, for:

$$m = O\left(\frac{\log(n)}{\epsilon^2}\right).$$

# Gaussian - Subspace embedding

### Subspace embedding

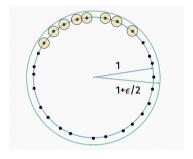
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$$\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2.$$

Embedding a d-dimensional subspace  $\mathcal{U} \equiv span(\mathbf{A}) = span(\mathbf{U}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|\mathbf{x}\|_2$$
 or  $\|\mathbf{U}^{\top}\mathbf{S}^{\top}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{I}\|_2 \le \epsilon$ 

Recall the  $\epsilon$ -Net argument.



We know  $|\mathcal{N}(\epsilon)| \leq (1 + \frac{2}{\epsilon})^d$ .

If S is distributional JL with failure probability  $\delta'$ , taking union of the  $\epsilon$ -net size, we get the result, with

$$m = O\left(\frac{d\log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2}\right).$$

## AMM to embedding

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  with  $n \geq d$ , rank $(\mathbf{A}) = r$ ;  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d' \times n}$ ;  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ . Let  $\mathbf{S}$  be chosen (with oblivious distribution) such that, with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ :

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Set  $\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{A}^{\top}$ , and since  $\boldsymbol{S}$  is oblivious, let us assume  $\boldsymbol{A}$  is orthonormal. Then,

$$\|\boldsymbol{A}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{I}\|_{2} \leq \|\boldsymbol{A}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{I}\|_{F} \leq \epsilon \|\boldsymbol{A}\|_{F}^{2} = \epsilon r.$$

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For  $\ell = 2$ , and if  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}\|_2] = 1$  we have

$$\operatorname{Var}(\|\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2) \le \epsilon^2 \delta$$
 or  $sd(\|\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2) \le \epsilon \sqrt{\delta}$ .

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Minkowski's inequality :  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_p \le \|\mathbf{x}\|_p + \|\mathbf{y}\|_p$ .

For unit vectors  $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

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Then,

$$|\!|\!|\!|| \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{S}^{\top} \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{A} |\!|\!|_F^2 |\!|\!|\!|_{\ell/2} =$$

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Using

$$\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^{\ell} = \|\|\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{A} - \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2\|_{\ell/2}^{\ell/2},$$

and Markov's inequality we get the result.

### Gaussian sketch and AMM

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ ;  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d' \times n}$ ;  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ .

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For Gaussian sketch, with  $\ell = 2$ , JL moment is

$$\operatorname{Var}(\|\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{y}\|_2^2) \le 2/m.$$

Since 
$$\operatorname{Var}(\frac{1}{m}\chi_m^2) = \frac{1}{m^2}\operatorname{Var}(\chi_m^2) = 2m/m^2 = 2/m$$
.

We set  $2/m \le \epsilon^2 \delta/6$ .

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Consider  $\ell = \Theta(\log(1/\delta))$ . Then, the  $\ell$ -th central moment of  $\chi_m^2$  is of the form  $2^{\ell}(c_1m^{\ell/2}+c_2)$ . So, if we choose  $m=O\left(\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ , we have:

$$\frac{2^{\ell}}{m^{\ell/2}} = \epsilon^{\ell} 2^{\ell/2} (2/\ell)^{\ell/2} \le \epsilon^{\ell} \delta.$$

## Two approaches

We have seen two approaches to go from vector embeddings to subspace embeddings. Let  $\|U\|_F^2 = d$ , rank(A).

• Using  $\epsilon$ -nets:

$$\Pr[\|\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{I}\|_{\mathcal{N}_{\epsilon}} \ge \epsilon] \le C^{d}e^{-m\epsilon^{2}}$$

$$\implies \Pr[\|\boldsymbol{U}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}^{\top}\boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{I}\|_{2} \ge 2\epsilon] \le C^{d}e^{-m\epsilon^{2}}$$

• using JL moment:

$$\left\| \frac{1}{d} \| \boldsymbol{U}^{\top} \boldsymbol{S}^{\top} \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{I} \|_{2} \right\|_{\ell}^{\ell} \leq \epsilon^{\ell} \delta$$

$$\implies \Pr\left[ \frac{1}{d} \| \boldsymbol{U}^{\top} \boldsymbol{S}^{\top} \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{I} \|_{2} \geq \epsilon \right] \leq \delta$$

# SHRT: Subsampled Randomized Hadamard Transform

#### Original JL:

- S is picked to be random matrix (orthogonal columns), i.i.d entries.
- Computing SA takes O(mnd) time.

Faster scheme: pick a random orthogonal matrix, but:

- fewer random bits.
- faster to apply.

Fast JL: Using Subsampled Randomized Hadamard Transform (SRHT)

### SRHT

#### The SRHT is a matrix PHD, where

- $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is diagonal matrix with i.i.d  $\pm 1$  on diagonal
- $\boldsymbol{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a Hadamard matrix
- $P \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  uniformly samples the rows of HD.

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & \cdots & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\sqrt{n}H} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \pm 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{D}$$

#### Hadamard matrices

Hadamard matrices have recursive structure.

- Let  $\mathbf{H}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$  be [1].
- Let  $\mathbf{H}_{i+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_i & \mathbf{H}_i \\ \mathbf{H}_i & -\mathbf{H}_i \end{bmatrix}$  for  $i \geq 0$ .

So,

In general,  $\mathbf{H}_k$  is  $2^k \times 2^k$  matrix with  $\pm 1$  entries scaled by  $1/2^{k/2}$ .

## Hadamard properties

• Hadamard matrices are orthogonal.

$$oldsymbol{H}_i^{ op} oldsymbol{H}_i = oldsymbol{H}_i^2 = oldsymbol{I}.$$

- For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 2^k$ , we have  $||Hx||_2 = ||x||_2$ , also  $||HDx||_2 = ||x||_2$ .
- Matvecs  $\boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{x}$  can be computed in  $O(n\log n)$  time for  $\boldsymbol{x}\in\mathbb{R}^n, n=2^k$ .

Suppose 
$$\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2^k}$$
, where  $\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2^{k-1}}$ .

Then, 
$$\mathbf{H}_{i+1}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{1} + \mathbf{H}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{2} \\ \mathbf{H}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{1} - \mathbf{H}_{i}\mathbf{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
.

So, we can compute  $H_{i+1}x$  in linear time from  $H_ix_1, H_ix_2$ .

# Randomized Hadamard analysis

### SHRT mixing lemma

Let  $\boldsymbol{H}$  be an  $(n \times n)$  Hadamard matrix and  $\boldsymbol{D}$  a random  $\pm 1$  diagonal matrix. Let  $\boldsymbol{z} = \boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{x}$  for  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . With probability  $1 - \delta$ , for all i simultaneously,

$$z_i^2 \le \frac{c \log(n/\delta)}{n} \|\boldsymbol{z}\|_2^2.$$

for some fixed constant c.

The vector is very close to uniform with high probability.

$$\|\boldsymbol{z}\|_{2}^{2} = \|\boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{x}\|_{2}^{2} = \|\boldsymbol{x}\|_{2}^{2}.$$

# Randomized Hadamard analysis

 $z_i$  is a random variable with mean 0 and variance  $\|\boldsymbol{x}\|_2^2/n$ , which is a sum of independent random variables.

Can apply Bernstein type concentration inequality to prove the bound:

#### Rademacher Concentration

Let  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$  be Rademacher random variables (i.e. uniform  $\pm 1$ 's). Then for any vector  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i a_i \ge t \|\boldsymbol{a}\|_2\right] \le e^{-t^2/2}$$

 $z_i = \boldsymbol{h}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{D} \boldsymbol{x}$  and let  $\boldsymbol{h}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{D} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} [r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n]$ , where  $r_i$ 's are random  $\pm 1$ 's.

 $t = \sqrt{\log(n/\delta)}$  and apply union bounds over all n entries.

### Fast JL

#### The Fast JL Lemma

Let  $S = PHD \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a subsampled randomized Hadamard transform with  $m = O\left(\frac{\log(n/\delta)\log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ . Then for any fixed  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . With probability  $1 - \delta$ ,

$$\|Sx\|_2^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon) \|x\|_2^2.$$

**Proof:** Apply Hoeffding's inequality for the sum of m entries.

# SRHT embeddings

### SRHT - subspace embedding

For  $S = PHD \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , if  $m = O\left(\frac{d \log(n/\delta) \log(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ , then with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ :

$$\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2.$$

We can compute the sketch SA in  $O(mn \log(d))$  time.

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Questions?