

# 1 PCA Generalizations

## 1.1 Robust PCA

If you run `python main -t 1` the code will load a dataset  $X$  where each row contains the pixels from a single frame of a video of a highway. The demo applies PCA to this dataset and then uses this to reconstruct the original image. It then shows the following 3 images for each frame:

1. The original frame.
2. The reconstruction based on PCA.
3. A binary image showing locations where the reconstruction error is non-trivial.

Robust PCA is a variation on PCA where we replace the L2-norm with the L1-norm,

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|,$$

and it has recently been proposed as a more effective model for background subtraction.

**“multi-quadric” approximation:**

$$|\alpha| \approx \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \epsilon},$$

where  $\epsilon$  controls the accuracy of the approximation (a typical value of  $\epsilon$  is 0.0001).

**Objective Function and Derivatives**

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|,$$

$$\approx \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon}$$

Let  $l$  and  $m$  be  $\{l \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq l \leq n\}$  and  $\{m \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq m \leq k\}$ . Since,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial Z_{lm}} \langle w^j, z_i \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_{lm}} \sum_{p=1}^k z_{ip} \cdot w_{pj} = \begin{cases} w_{mj} & \text{if } i = l, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial Z_{lm}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_{lm}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot 2 \cdot (\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_{lm}} \langle w^j, z_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \cdot \frac{\langle w^j, z_l \rangle - x_{lj}}{\sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_l \rangle - x_{lj})^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot w_{mj} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle w_m, \text{np.multiply}(\mathbf{R}[1, :], 1/\mathbf{f\_mat}[1, :]) \rangle$$

`np.multiply()` is element-wise multiplication of matrices. `f_mat` is the objective function before summation (matrix).

So,

$$\frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial Z} = \text{np.multiply}(\mathbf{R}, 1/\mathbf{f\_mat}) @ \mathbf{W.T}$$

`np.multiply(R, 1/f_mat)` is a  $(n \times d)$  matrix and `W.T` is a  $(d \times k)$  matrix. So we obtain a gradient matrix with the same size as  $Z$ .

As for  $\frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial W}$ , let  $p$  and  $q$  be  $\{p \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq p \leq k\}$  and  $\{q \in \mathbb{N} \mid 1 \leq q \leq d\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{pq}} \langle w^j, z_i \rangle &= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{pq}} \sum_{r=1}^k z_{ir} \cdot w_{rj} = \begin{cases} z_{ip} & \text{if } j = q, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ \frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial W_{pq}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{pq}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot 2 \cdot (\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{pq}} \langle w^j, z_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle w^q, z_i \rangle - x_{iq}}{\sqrt{(\langle w^q, z_i \rangle - x_{iq})^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot z_{ip} \end{aligned}$$

In the same way,

$$\frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial W} = \mathbf{Z.T} @ \text{np.multiply}(\mathbf{R}, 1/\mathbf{f\_mat})$$

`Z.T` is a  $(k \times n)$  matrix, `np.multiply(R, 1/f_mat)` is a  $(n \times d)$  matrix, so  $\frac{\partial f(Z, W)}{\partial W}$  is a  $(k \times d)$  matrix like we wanted.