

# Homework 1

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- 1) (a) (i) *Proof.* Let symmetric matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

The inverse of  $A$  is,

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d}{ad-b^2} & \frac{-b}{ad-b^2} \\ \frac{-b}{ad-b^2} & \frac{a}{ad-b^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}$ ,  $A^{-1}$  is a symmetric matrix, the statement is *True*.  $\square$

- (ii) *Proof.* We assume that matrix  $A \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is orthogonal

Hence

$$AA^{-1} = AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + b^2 & ac + bd \\ ac + bd & c^2 + d^2 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Then we have equations

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 &= 1 \\ c^2 + d^2 &= 1 \\ ac + bd &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We can see that point  $(a, b), (c, d)$  are two points on unit circle. So  $\exists \theta, \theta' \in \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \cos\theta, b = \sin\theta \\ c &= \cos\theta', d = \sin\theta' \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} ac + bd &= \cos\theta \cos\theta' + \sin\theta \sin\theta' \\ &= \cos(\theta' - \theta) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

From the equation above we have

$$\theta' = \theta + (k + \frac{1}{2})\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

When  $k$  is even,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \cos\theta' & \sin\theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

When  $k$  is odd,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \cos\theta' & \sin\theta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore the statement is *True*. □

(iii) *Disproof*. Assume that there exists matrix  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  satisfies

$$A = CC^T$$

Then for any vector  $X \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} XAX^T &= XCC^TX^T \\ &= (XC)(XC)^T \\ &= \langle XC, XC \rangle \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

But if we let

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then

$$XAX^T = -8 < 0$$

contradicts the inequality  $XAX^T \geq 0$

Therefore the statement is *False*. □

2) (a) (i) *Proof*.

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) &= \int_y p(x, y) dy \\ &= \int_y p_{X|Y}(x|y) p_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_x x p_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_x x \int_y p_{X|Y}(x|y) p_Y(y) dy dx \\ &= \int_y p_Y(y) \int_x x p_{X|Y}(x|y) dx dy \\ &= \int_y p_Y(y) \mathbb{E}_X[X|Y] dy \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]] \end{aligned}$$

□

(ii) *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[I[X \in \mathcal{C}]] &= \int_{\mathcal{C}} I[x \in \mathcal{C}] p_X(x) dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}} p_X(x) dx \\
&= P(X \in \mathcal{C})
\end{aligned}$$

□

(iii) *Proof.* We first prove  $\text{var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}[X] &= \int_{\mathcal{C}} (x - \mathbb{E}[X])^2 p_X(x) dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}} (x^2 - 2x\mathbb{E}[X] + [\mathbb{E}[X]]^2) p_X(x) dx \\
&= \mathbb{E}(X^2) - 2(\mathbb{E}[X])^2 + (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\
&= \mathbb{E}(X^2) - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}_Y[\text{var}_X[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X^2|Y]] - \mathbb{E}_Y[(\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}_Y[(\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y])^2]$$

$$\text{var}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]^2] - \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]]^2 = \mathbb{E}_Y[(\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y])^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2$$

$$\text{Therefore } \mathbb{E}_Y[\text{var}_X[X|Y]] + \text{var}_Y[\mathbb{E}_X[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 = \text{var}[X]. \quad \square$$

(iv) *Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, we obtain  $p(x, y) = p_x(x)p_y(y)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[XY] &= \int_{\mathcal{C}} \int_{\mathcal{C}} xyp(x, y) dy dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}} \int_{\mathcal{C}} xp_X(x)yp_Y(y) dy dx \\
&= \int_{\mathcal{C}} xp_X(x) \left[ \int_{\mathcal{C}} yp_Y(y) dy \right] dx \\
&= \mathbb{E}[Y] \int_{\mathcal{C}} xp_X(x) dx \\
&= \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]
\end{aligned}$$

□

(v) *Proof.* Since  $X$  and  $Y$  takes value in  $\{0, 1\}$ , we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = P(X = 1), \quad \mathbb{E}[Y] = P(Y = 1)$$

Then we can get

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = P(X = 1, Y = 1) = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = P(X = 1)P(Y = 1)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 1, Y = 0) &= P(X = 1) - P(X = 1, Y = 1) = P(X = 1)P(Y = 0) \\ P(X = 0, Y = 1) &= P(Y = 1) - P(X = 1, Y = 1) = P(X = 0)P(Y = 1) \\ P(X = 0, Y = 0) &= P(X = 0) - P(X = 0, Y = 1) = P(X = 0)P(Y = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $P(X, Y) = P(X)P(Y)$ ,  $X, Y$  are independent.  $\square$

- (b) (i)  $P(H = h, D = d) \leq P(H = h)$

*Proof.* We can obtain that

$$P(H = h) = \sum_d P(H = h, D = d)$$

For any  $d$ ,  $P(H = h, D = d) \geq 0$ ,

Therefore  $P(H = h) = \sum_d P(H = h, D = d) \geq P(H = h, D = d)$ .  $\square$

- (ii) It depends.

Since  $P(H = h|D = d) = \frac{P(H=h, D=d)}{P(D=d)}$  and we can't decide the value of  $P(D = d) \in (0, 1)$ , it depends.

- (iii)  $P(H = h|D = d) \geq P(D = d|H = h)P(H = h)$ ,

*Proof.*

$$P(H = h|D = d) = \frac{P(H = h, D = d)}{P(D = d)}$$

Therefore

$$P(D = d|H = h)P(H = h) = P(H = h, D = d) \leq P(H = h|D = d)$$

$\square$

- 3) (a) *Proof.* Since  $U^T U = U U^T = I$ , we can obtain that for any column vector  $\mathbf{u}_i$ . So

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = 1$$

We first assume that matrix  $A$  is PSD, then for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T A \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \geq 0$$

Then we assume for each  $i$ ,  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ . For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x}^T U \Lambda U^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{x}^T \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i) (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since for each  $i, \lambda_i \geq 0$ . Hence for each  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^2 \geq 0$$

Therefore  $A$  is PSD iff  $\lambda_i \geq 0$  for each  $i$ .  $\square$

(b) *Proof.* We first assume that matrix  $A$  is PD, then for each eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{u}_i^T A \mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i > 0$$

Then we assume for each  $i, \lambda_i > 0$ . For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{x}^T U \Lambda U^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= \mathbf{x}^T \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{x} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i) (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that there is no  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i = 0$  for each  $i$ .

Assume that for each  $i$ , we have  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}$  that  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i = 0$ , we can let matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be

$$X = [\mathbf{x} \cdots \mathbf{x}]$$

Then

$$X^T U U^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^T \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{u}_2 \cdots \mathbf{u}_d] U^T = \mathbf{0} \cdot U^T = \mathbf{0}$$

However,

$$X^T U U^T = X^T I = X^T \neq \mathbf{0}$$

which contradicts the equation above. Hence there is no  $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i = 0$  for each  $i$ .

Therefore

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_i)^2 > 0$$

implies  $A$  is PD.  $\square$

4) (a) *Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{a}^T(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) + b \\ &= t(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + b) + (1-t)(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{y} + b) \\ &= tf(\mathbf{x}) + (1-t)f(\mathbf{y}) \end{aligned}$$

□

So affine function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + b$  is convex. And

$$\begin{aligned} -f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) &= -(\mathbf{a}^T(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) + b) \\ &= -t(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x} + b) - (1-t)(\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{y} + b) \\ &= t(-f(\mathbf{x})) + (1-t)(-f(\mathbf{y})) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex and concave.

Since for all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  in the domain of  $f$ ,

$$f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) = tf(\mathbf{x}) + (1-t)f(\mathbf{y})$$

$f(\mathbf{x})$  is not strictly convex.

- (b) *Proof.* Assume that  $f$  has more than one global minimizers, we denote two of them as  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ .

For any  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we let  $\mathbf{x}_t = t\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-t)\mathbf{x}_2$ . Since  $f$  is strictly convex, we can obtain that inequality:

$$f(\mathbf{x}_t) = f(t\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-t)\mathbf{x}_2) < tf(\mathbf{x}_1) + (1-t)f(\mathbf{x}_2) = f(\mathbf{x}_1) = f(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

which contradicts the statement that  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$  are global minimizers.

Therefore, if  $f$  is strictly convex, then  $f$  has at most one global minimizer. □

- (c) *Proof.* Since  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is a local minimizer, we can obtain

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$$

For all  $\mathbf{x}$  in the neighborhood of  $\mathbf{x}^*$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}^*) &= \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \rangle + o(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \rangle + o(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^*} \frac{f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}^*)}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2} &= \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^*} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2} + \frac{o(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2)}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}^*} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2} \right] \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \rangle \geq 0$ .

So for all direction  $\mathbf{h}$ ,

$$\langle \mathbf{h}, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*) \mathbf{h} \rangle \geq 0$$

Therefore  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x}^*)$  is positive semi-definite. □

- (d) *Proof.* We first assume that  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  is positive semi-definite for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Denote  $g(t) = f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y})$ , we can obtain

$$g'(t) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T \nabla f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y})$$

$$g''(t) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^T \nabla^2 f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

Since  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  is positive semi-definite for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we can get that for all  $t$ ,  $g''(t) \geq 0$ .

Then according to Taylor series, we obtain

$$g(0) = g(t) + g'(t)(-t) + \frac{1}{2}g''(t - \theta t)t^2 \geq g(t) + g'(t)(-t)$$

$$g(1) = g(t) + g'(t)(1-t) + \frac{1}{2}g''(t + \theta(1-t))(1-t)^2 \geq g(t) + g'(t)(1-t)$$

Thus for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$(1-t)g(0) + tg(1) \geq (1-t)g(t) + g'(t)(1-t)(-t) + tg(t) + g'(t)(1-t)t = g(t)$$

which implies

$$f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) \leq tf(\mathbf{x}) + (1-t)f(\mathbf{y})$$

Hence  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex.

Now we assume  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex, by definition, for any  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) \leq tf(\mathbf{x}) + (1-t)f(\mathbf{y})$$

We can rewrite the inequality into

$$f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) \leq t[f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})] + f(\mathbf{y})$$

Then for any  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) \geq \frac{f(t\mathbf{x} + (1-t)\mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{y})}{t}$$

When  $t \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y}) \geq \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

implies

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rangle}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2} + \frac{o(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2)}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2}$$

Limit  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

Therefore,  $\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})$  is positive semi-definite for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  □

- (e) *Solution.* The first derivative  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  is  $A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ , while the Hessian is  $A$ .

When  $A$  is a positive semi-definite matrix,  $f$  is convex.

When  $A$  is positive definite,  $f$  is strictly convex. □

5) (a) The result and ratio for  $k$ -approximation are shown below:

(i)  $k = 2, \frac{\|X - \tilde{X}\|_F}{\|X\|_F} = 0.281484,$

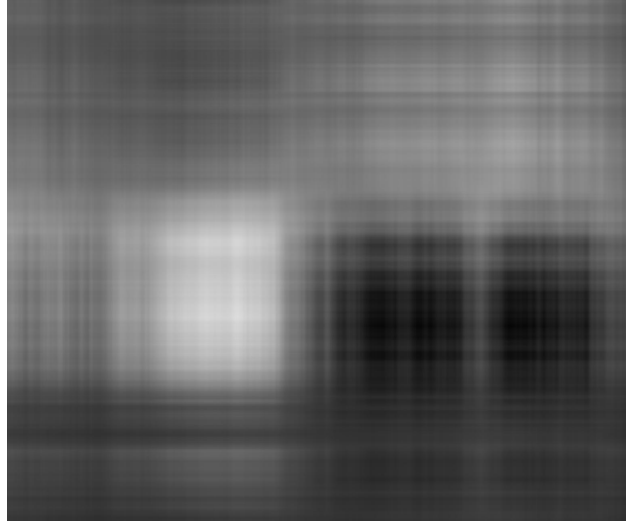


Figure 1: Approximation image for  $k=2$

(ii)  $k = 10, \frac{\|X - \tilde{X}\|_F}{\|X\|_F} = 0.158739,$

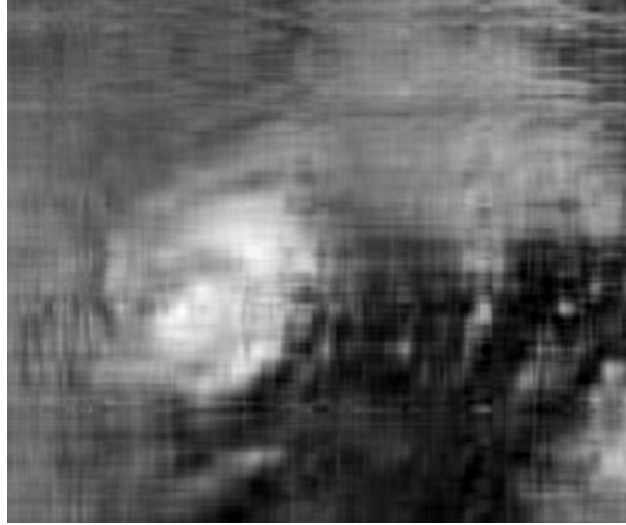


Figure 2: Approximation image for  $k=10$

(iii)  $k = 40, \frac{\|X - \tilde{X}\|_F}{\|X\|_F} = 0.083671,$





Figure 3: Approximation image for  $k=40$

- (b) The numbers to describe the approximation  $\tilde{X}_k$  for  $k = \{2, 10, 40\}$  are  $\{5690, 28450, 113800\}$
- (c) The code are shown below:

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1 X = double(rgb2gray(imread('harvey-saturday-goes7am.jpg')));
2 [U, S, V] = svd(X);
3
4 k = [2 10 40];
5
6 for i=1:3
7     app_x = zeros(size(X));
8     sum_num = 0;
9     for j = 1:k(i)
10        app_x = app_x + S(j, j) * U(:, j) * V(:, j)';
11        sum_num = sum_num + 1 + size(U(:, j)) + size(V(:, j));
12    end
13    s = sprintf('%d_app.jpg', k(i));
14    imwrite(app_x / 256, s);
15    ratio = norm(X - app_x, 'fro') / norm(X, 'fro');
16    fprintf('Top %d approximation, error: %f\n', k(i), ratio);
17    fprintf('numbers to store: %d\n', sum_num(1));
18 end

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