

# Low-Rank Matrix Completion project

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# Problem Statement

## Task

Given the amount of observed matrix entries to reconstruct low-rank matrix approximation.

## Applications:

- recommender systems;
- image-processing;
- imputation of NAs for genomic data;
- rank estimation for SVD.

# Problem Statement

## Notations:

- $M$  —  $n \times m$  unknown matrix;
- $\Omega \in \{1, \dots, n\} \times \{1, \dots, m\}$  indices of observed elements;
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$$P_{\Omega}(M) = \begin{cases} M_{ij}, & \text{if } (i, j) \in \Omega; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Optimization Task (*NP – hard*)

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \text{rank}(X) \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Related Works

- 1 Candes E. J., Recht B. Exact matrix completion via convex optimization. 2009.
- 2 Cai J. F., Candes E. J., Shen Z. A singular value thresholding algorithm for matrix completion. 2010.
- 3 Mazumder R., Hastie T., Tibshirani R. Spectral regularization algorithms for learning large incomplete matrices. 2010.
- 4 Jain P., Meka R., Dhillon I. S. Guaranteed rank minimization via singular value projection. 2010.
- 5 Takacs G. et al. Scalable collaborative filtering approaches for large recommender systems. 2009.
- 6 Vandereycken B. Low-rank matrix completion by Riemannian optimization. 2013.

# Convex Relaxation (Candes E. J., Recht B., 2009)

## Original Task

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} & \text{rank}(X) \\ \text{subject to} & P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M)\end{array}$$

## Relaxation

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} & \|X\|_* \\ \text{subject to} & P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M)\end{array}$$

**Motivation:** (analogue for  $l_0$  and  $l_1$  regularizations)

$$\text{rank}(X) = |\{i : \sigma_i(X) \neq 0\}|$$

$$\|X\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i(X)$$

## Problems:

- expensive computations;
- only for small matrices.

# SVP (Jain P., Meka R., Dhillon I. S., 2010)

## Original Task

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## Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \|P_{\Omega}(X) - P_{\Omega}(M)\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \text{rank}(X) \leq k \end{aligned}$$

## Steps

- gradient descent for convex function;
- *SVD* projection on the  $k$ -dimensional space;

## Features:

- sensitive to given rank  $k$ ;
- guaranteed rank minimization for *RIP*-matrices.

# SVT (Cai J. F., Candes E. J., Shen Z., 2010)

## Original Task

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \text{rank}(X) \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \tau \|X\|_* + \|X\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Steps

- proximal gradient descent method;
- soft-thresholding for singular values.

## Features:

- sensitive to noise;
- robust to matrix rank.

# SoftImpute (Hastie T., Tibshirani R., 2010)

## Original Task

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \text{rank}(X) \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \|X\|_* \\ & \text{subject to} && \|P_{\Omega}(X) - P_{\Omega}(M)\|_F \leq \delta \end{aligned}$$

## Motivation:

The method is the same as *SVT* with  $\delta = 0$ . When  $\delta > 0$  the overfitting is less possible.

## Steps:

- proximal gradient descent method;
- soft-thresholded *SVD*;
- warm starts.



## Original Task

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}}{\text{minimize}} && \text{rank}(X) \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(X) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\substack{U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \\ V \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}}}{\text{minimize}} && \|U\|_F^2 + \|V\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && P_{\Omega}(UV) = P_{\Omega}(M) \end{aligned}$$

## Steps:

- incremental gradient descent;
- updating  $U$  and  $V$  in rotation.

## Features:

- need to choose learning rate;
- sensitive to regularization factor.

# Numerical Experiments

- Synthetic data  
Low-rank matrices with random noise.
- Low-rank images  
Visual demonstration of algorithms.
- Assessment dataset  
Real dataset for collaborating filtering.

# Synthetic Data

# Images

# Assessment data