

Homework Set 2, CPSC 8420, Fall 2023

Your Name

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iiii a94e53495861e67c9080da4ee1a437570a728d2a Given matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ (assume each column is centered already), where n denotes sample size while p feature size. To conduct PCA, we

need find eigenvectors to the largest eigenvalues of $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$, where usually the complexity is $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$. Apparently when $n \ll p$, this is not economic when p is large. Please consider conducting PCA based on $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T$ and obtain the eigenvectors for $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$ accordingly and use experiment to demonstrate the acceleration.

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1. Please show that if  $p > n$ , then vanilla solution  $(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{y}$  is not applicable any more.
2. Let's assume  $\mathbf{A} = [1, 2, 4; 1, 3, 5; 1, 7, 7; 1, 8, 9]$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = [1; 2; 3; 4]$ . Please show via experiment results that Gradient Descent method will obtain the optimal solution with Linear Convergence rate if the learning rate is fixed to be  $\frac{1}{\sigma_{max}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 = [0; 0; 0]$ .
3. Now let's consider ridge regression: minimize  $\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2$ , where  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_0$  remains the same as above while learning rate is fixed to be  $\frac{1}{\lambda + \sigma_{max}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})}$  where  $\lambda$  varies from 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 200, please show that Gradient Descent method with larger  $\lambda$  converges faster.

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$$\min_{\mathbf{Z}} \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z})\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{Z}\|_* \quad (1)$$

People have found that instead of finding optimal  $\mathbf{Z}$ , it might be better to make use of *Burer-Monteiro* method to optimize two matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times r}$  ( $r \geq \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}^*)$ ) such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{Z}$ . The new objective is:

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}} \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T)\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{B}\|_F^2). \quad (2)$$

- Assume  $[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V}] = \text{svd}(\mathbf{Z})$ , show that if  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then Eq. (2) is equivalent to Eq. (1).
- The *Burer-Monteiro* method suggests if we can find  $\mathbf{A}^*, \mathbf{B}^*$ , then the optimal  $\mathbf{Z}$  to Eq. (1) can be recovered by  $\mathbf{A}^*\mathbf{B}^{*T}$ . It boils down to solve Eq. (2). Show that we can make use of least squares with ridge regression to update  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  row by row in an alternating minimization manner as below. Assume  $n = d = 2000, r = 200$ , please write program to find  $\mathbf{Z}^*$ .

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T ← 100, i ← 1 % you can also set T to be other number instead of 100
if i ≤ T then
    update A row by row while fixing B
    update B row by row while fixing A
    i ← i + 1
end if
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### 4.1

It is easy to prove that the parts in front of the plus sign in the two objects are equal

$$\frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z})\|_F^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T)\|_F^2 \quad (3)$$

since  $P_\Omega(\mathbf{X}) - P_\Omega(\mathbf{Z}) = P_\Omega(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Z}) = P_\Omega(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T)$ .

For the part behind the addition sign, since

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{U}\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_F^2 = \text{trace}(\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{U}^T\mathbf{U}\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \text{trace}(\Sigma) \\ \|\mathbf{B}\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{V}\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_F^2 = \text{trace}(\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{V}\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \text{trace}(\Sigma) \\ \|\mathbf{Z}\|_* &= \text{trace}(\Sigma)\end{aligned}$$

, we can get

$$\frac{\lambda}{2}(\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{B}\|_F^2) = \lambda\|\mathbf{Z}\|_* \quad (4)$$

From (3) and (4), we can tell (1) is equivalent to (2) ===== [jlllllll a94e53495861e67c9080da4ee1a437570a728](#)