

# Robust Principal Component Analysis on Graphs

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Figure 1: Low-rank reconstruction of corrupted images using the proposed method of [1].

## 1 ABSTRACT

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a very popular method for dimensionality reduction, and is used by thousands across the world to provide 2D or 3D visualisations and insights about high-dimension data. It is used in a variety of different fields, such as image processing, finance, biology, and computer vision, to name only a few of them. In this work, we present a benchmark of different variants of PCA, which aim to tackle some of the issues of the original PCA algorithm that prevent it from being used in many real-life situations.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

As mentioned in the abstract, PCA is a useful tool for dimensionality reduction. More specifically, given a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , it solves the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \|X - L\|_F^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \text{rank}(L) \leq k \end{aligned}$$

where  $k$  is an integer parameter of the algorithm. It can be shown that this problem actually has a closed-form solution given by the first  $k$  principal components of  $X$ .

However, the main drawback of PCA is that it is very sensitive to noise, corrupted data and outliers and thus cannot be used in many real-world applications. The sensitivity to noise has been partially solved by the introduction of a robust variant of PCA, RPCA [3]. However, this algorithm is very slow on large datasets, which makes it impractical for many applications. This motivated

the introduction of another PCA variant called GLPCA [2] which uses graph Laplacian regularization to improve the robustness of the algorithm while keeping the computational cost low. Finally, a third variant of PCA similar to the previous ones has been proposed by the authors of [1] to improve the robustness of the algorithm while keeping the computational cost low.

This project aims to provide a simple and efficient implementation of those main variants of the PCA algorithm, as well as a benchmark of those methods on different tasks (clustering and low-rank recovery for corrupted data on real-life and artificial datasets).

## 3 ALGORITHMS

In this section, we are going to present the algorithms we implemented and compared for the benchmark.

- **Classical PCA:** We used Scikit-Learn implementation of PCA, which computes the SVD of  $X$  and returns the first  $k$  principal components.
- **RPCA:** We implemented (see algorithm 1) the algorithm described in [3] using the ADMM (Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers) and following as closely as possible the pseudo-code provided in the paper. This algorithm solves the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{L, S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & L + S = X \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is the nuclear norm and  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is the  $\ell_1$  norm. This problem is solved iteratively by alternating phases of optimization over  $L$  and over  $S$ .

- **GLPCA**: We also implemented (see algorithm 2) the algorithm described in [2] using the closed-form solution proved in the original paper.

This algorithm solves the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{Q, U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}} \quad & \|X - UQ^T\|_F^2 + \alpha \text{Tr}(Q^T(D - W)Q) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & Q^T Q = I \end{aligned}$$

Where  $W$  is the adjacency matrix of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $D$  is the degree matrix of  $\mathcal{G}$ , and  $\alpha$  is a hyperparameter of the algorithm. In practice, we followed the pseudo-code provided in paper [2] and used the closed-form solution obtained when reformulating the problem using  $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta} \frac{\lambda_n}{\xi_n}$  (where  $\lambda_n$

and  $\xi_n$  are respectively the maximum eigenvalues of  $X^T X$  and  $D - W$ ) and differentiating the objective function with respect to  $Q$  and  $U$ .

- **RGLPCA**: We also implemented (see algorithm 3) the robust version of the previous algorithm also mentioned in [2]. This algorithm solves the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{Q, U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}} \quad & \|X - UQ^T\|_{2,1} + \alpha \text{Tr}(Q^T(D - W)Q) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & Q^T Q = I \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{2,1}$  is the  $\ell_{2,1}$  norm defined by  $\|A\|_{2,1} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p A_{ij}^2}$ .

This problem is solved using the ADMM algorithm, following the pseudo-code provided in the paper.

- **Proposed PCA**: Finally, we implemented (see algorithm 4) the algorithm described in [1] which claims to be more robust than the previous ones while keeping the computational cost low. This algorithm solves the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{L, S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}} \quad & \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 + \gamma \text{Tr}(L\phi L^T) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & X = L + S \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\phi$  is the graph Laplacian of  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\gamma$  is a hyperparameter of the algorithm. As the previous methods, it uses the ADMM algorithm to solve this problem by alternating phases of optimization over  $L$  and over  $S$ .

In order to make notations more concise, we will define the following shrinkage and singular value thresholding operators (defined on the space of square matrices):

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{S}_\tau(Z) = \text{sign}(Z) \times \max(0, |Z| - \tau \mathbf{I}) \\ \mathcal{D}_\tau(Z) = \mathbf{U} \mathcal{S}_\tau(\Sigma) \mathbf{V}^T \text{ with } Z = \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^T \end{cases}$$

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#### Algorithm 1 RPCA algorithm

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**Require:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\varepsilon$ ,  $n_{iter}$

$\lambda \leftarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max(m, n)}}$   
 $\mu \leftarrow \frac{\max(m, n)}{4 \times \|X\|_1}$   
 $S \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$   
 $Y \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n_{iter}$  **do**  
 $L \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_\mu(X - S + \frac{1}{\mu} Y)$   
 $S \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}(X - L + \frac{1}{\mu} Y)$   
 $Y \leftarrow Y + \mu(X - L - S)$   
**if**  $\|X - L - S\|_F \leq \varepsilon$  **then**  
break  
**end if**  
**end for**  
**return**  $L, S$

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#### Algorithm 2 GLPCA algorithm

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**Require:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\beta$

$W \leftarrow \text{adj}(\mathcal{G})$   
 $D \leftarrow \text{diag}(\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_{nodes}}\})$   
 $L \leftarrow D - W$   
 $\lambda_n \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(\max(\text{eigenval}(X^T X)))$   
 $\xi_n \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(\max(\text{eigenval}(L)))$   
 $G_\beta \leftarrow (1 - \beta)(I - \frac{1}{\lambda_n} X^T X) + \frac{\beta}{\xi_n} L$   
 $Q \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(\text{eigenvect}(G_\beta))$   
 $U \leftarrow XQ$   
**return**  $Q, U$

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#### Algorithm 3 RGLPCA algorithm

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**Require:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $k$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $n_{iter}$

$X_0 \leftarrow X$   
 $\beta_0 \leftarrow \beta$   
 $E \leftarrow \mathbf{1}$   
 $C \leftarrow \mathbf{1}$   
 $\mu \leftarrow 1$   
 $W \leftarrow \text{adj}(\mathcal{G})$   
 $D \leftarrow \text{diag}(\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_{nodes}}\})$   
 $L \leftarrow D - W$   
 $\xi \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(\max(\text{eigenval}(X_0^T X_0)))$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n_{iter}$  **do**  
 $X_i \leftarrow X - E - \frac{1}{\mu} C$   
 $\lambda \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(\max(\text{eigenval}(X_i^T X_i)))$   
 $\alpha \leftarrow \frac{2\beta_0 \lambda}{\mu(1 - \beta_0)\xi}$   
 $\beta \leftarrow \frac{\alpha \xi}{\lambda + \alpha \xi}$   
 $Q, U \leftarrow \text{GLPCA}(X, \mathcal{G}, \beta, k)$   
 $A \leftarrow X_k - UQ^T - \frac{1}{\mu} C$   
 $a \leftarrow (\|A_1\|_2, \|A_2\|_2, \dots, \|A_m\|_2)$   
 $E \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_{\frac{1}{\mu}}(a)$   
 $C \leftarrow C + \mu(E - X - UQ^T)$   
 $\mu \leftarrow \rho \mu$   
**end for**  
**return**  $Q, U, E$

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**Algorithm 4** Proposed PCA algorithm

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**Require:**  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $n_{iter}$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\varepsilon$

$A \leftarrow adj(\mathcal{G})$   
 $D \leftarrow diag(\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n_{nodes}}\})$   
 $\phi \leftarrow D^{-\frac{1}{2}} A D^{-\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\lambda \leftarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max(p, n)}}$   
 $L \leftarrow random(p, n)$   
 $W \leftarrow random(p, n)$   
 $S \leftarrow random(p, n)$   
 $r_1 \leftarrow 1$   
 $r_2 \leftarrow 1$   
 $Z_1 \leftarrow X - L - S$   
 $Z_2 \leftarrow W - L$   
**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n_{iter}$  **do**  
     $H_1 \leftarrow X - S + \frac{1}{r_1} Z_1$   
     $H_2 \leftarrow W + \frac{1}{r_2} Z_2$   
     $H \leftarrow \frac{1}{r_1 + r_2} (r_1 H_1 + r_2 H_2)$   
     $L \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\frac{2}{r_1 + r_2}}(H)$   
     $S \leftarrow S_{\frac{\lambda}{r_1}}(X - L + \frac{1}{r_1} Z_1)$   
     $W \leftarrow r_2 (\gamma \phi + r_2 I)^{-1} (L - \frac{1}{r_2} Z_2)$   
     $Z_1 \leftarrow Z_1 + r_1 (X - L - S)$   
     $Z_2 \leftarrow Z_2 + r_2 (W - L)$   
    **if**  $\|X - L - S\|_F \leq \varepsilon$  **then**  
        break  
    **end if**  
**end for**  
**return**  $L, S$

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## 4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

## 5 RESULTS

## 6 LIMITATIONS

## 7 CONCLUSION

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