

# MAT-INF4130

## Mandatory Assignment 2

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We are presented the general problem

Find a  $k$ -dimensional subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  so that the sum of the (squared) distances from a set of  $n$  given points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $W$  is as small as possible. We define the matrix of observations  $\mathbf{X}$  as

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_2^{(1)} & \cdots & x_n^{(1)} \\ x_1^{(2)} & x_2^{(2)} & \cdots & x_n^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{(m)} & x_2^{(m)} & \cdots & x_n^{(m)} \end{pmatrix}$$

### 1 Problem 1

First we assume that  $W$  is known such that  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^k$  is an orthonormal basis for  $W$ , and let  $\{w_i\}_{i=k+1}^m$  be an orthonormal basis for  $W^\perp$ . We define the projection operator  $proj_u v = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\langle u, u \rangle} u$  as the projection of a vector  $v$  onto the vector  $u$ .

Now using this operator to find the projection of the columns of the matrix of observations  $x_i$  on the space  $W^\perp$  we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|proj_{W^\perp} x_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\langle x_i^T, W^\perp \rangle}{\langle W^\perp, W^\perp \rangle} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=k+1}^m \frac{\langle x_i^T, w_j \rangle}{\langle w_j, w_j \rangle}$$

Since  $\{w_i\}_{i=k+1}^m$  spans an orthonormal basis for  $W^\perp$ , by definition  $\langle w_i, w_i \rangle = 1$ . From this we can rewrite the last sum in a more compact form as the Frobenius norm of the matrix product  $\|X^T \mathbf{W}\|$ , where  $\mathbf{W}$  is the matrix with columns  $\{w_i\}_{i=k+1}^m$ .

## 2 Problem 2

As introduced, if  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^*$  is and SVD of  $\mathbf{X}$  then  $\mathbf{X}^T = \mathbf{V}\Sigma^T\mathbf{U}^*$  we have the relation

$$\|\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 = \|\Sigma^T\mathbf{U}^*\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k+1}^m \sigma_i^2 \langle \mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{w}_j \rangle^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^2 \|\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \mathbf{u}_i\|^2$$

From SVD we know that the unitary matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  spans an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbf{X}$  such that  $(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$  for  $k = \text{rank}(X)$ . Now to minimize  $\|\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{W}\|_F^2$  we want in some sense to construct  $W$  such that  $W$  is in the same span as  $\mathbf{X}$ , hence we want to construct  $W$  such that  $W$  spans the same space as the orthonormal basis  $\mathbf{U}$  of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Since  $W$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , we can orientate  $W$  such that  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^k$  spans the same space as the components  $\mathbf{u}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , in other words  $W = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ .

Then  $\sum_{i=1}^k \|\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \mathbf{u}_i\|^2 = 0$  (Mark the upper limit of the sum)

Now  $\mathbf{u}_i$  for  $i = k+1, k+2, \dots, m$  will lie in  $\text{span}(W^\perp)$ , and therefore  $\sum_{i=k+1}^m \|\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \mathbf{u}_i\|^2 = m - k$  since both  $\{w_i\}_{i=k+1}^m$  and  $\{u_i\}_{i=k+1}^m$  spans an orthonormal basis.

From this argumentation, finding the optimal subspace of  $W$  is equivalent to minimizing the system  $\sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^2 x_i$  which will happen when the conditions  $x_1 = \dots = x_k = 0$ ,  $x_{k+1} = \dots = x_m = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m x_i = m - k$ .

And finally since  $\|\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \mathbf{u}_i\|^2 = 1$  for  $i = k+1, k+2, \dots, m$ ,

$$\sum_{i=k+1}^m \sigma_i^2 \|\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \mathbf{u}_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=k+1}^m \sigma_i^2 = \|\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{W}\|_F^2$$

### 3 Problem 3

In exercise 2 we introduced the a vector  $\mathbf{c}$  to help find the best approximation for the matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  on  $\mathbf{W}$  such that the distance from  $\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}$  to  $\mathbf{W}$  is as small as possible. Using the results from exercise 2 we replace  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}$ . This relation is the same as replacing  $\mathbf{X}$  with  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{c}(1 \ 1 \cdots 1)$  Using this relation we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{w}_i\|^2 &= (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{w}_i)^T (\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{w}_i) = \mathbf{w}_i^T \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{w}_i \\ &= \mathbf{w}_i^T (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{c}(1 \ 1 \cdots 1)) (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{c}(1 \ 1 \cdots 1))^T \mathbf{w}_i \\ &= \mathbf{w}_i^T (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{c}(1 \ 1 \cdots 1)) (\mathbf{X}^T - (1 \ 1 \cdots 1)^T \mathbf{c}^T) \mathbf{w}_i \\ &= \mathbf{w}_i^T (\mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T - \mathbf{X} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1)^T \mathbf{c}^T - \mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1) \mathbf{X}^T + \mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1) (1 \ 1 \cdots 1)^T \mathbf{c}^T) \mathbf{w}_i \end{aligned}$$

1.  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{w}$  falls out directly from multiplication
2. From  $\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1) (1 \ 1 \cdots 1)^T \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{w}_i$   
we observe that the matrix multiplication  $\mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1) \mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1)^T$   
(which is a scalar  $(1 \times n)(n \times 1)$ ) will just be sum  $n$ , and by rearranging the terms we get  
 $n \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c}$
3. The two final terms can be rewritten into one term. By a closer look at the  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{c} (1 \ 1 \cdots 1) \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{w}$   
we change the order of multiplication and still get the equivalent expression  
 $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{(i)} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{(i)} \cdots \sum_{i=1}^n x_m^{(i)}) \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c}$ . Equivalent argument yields for the last term

And we find that

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{w}_i\|^2 = n \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c} - 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_1^{(i)} \sum_{i=1}^n x_2^{(i)} \cdots \sum_{i=1}^n x_m^{(i)} \right) \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c} + n \mathbf{c}_i^T \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c}$$

## 4 Problem 4

In general the Lagrange method or method of Lagrange multipliers we want to find a local maxima or minima of a function  $f$ , with some constraints evaluated from a function  $g$ . We define a Lagrange function  $\mathcal{L}$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i g_i(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

where  $\lambda_i$  yields some scalar value to each constraint. Here the function  $g$  is limited to the set of points such that  $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$ . Further from a mathematical evaluation these local maxima or minima occur when the function  $f$  and  $g$  are parallel, which is equivalent to that the gradient of  $f$  and  $g$  are parallel. Hence the problem is reduced on the form

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad (1)$$

In our case these multiple constraints is defined as  $\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c} = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$  as set in exercise 3 by the assumption that vector  $\mathbf{c} \in W$ . Further the function  $f$ , generalized to our problem is to minimize  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{W}\|_F^2$ , and the gradient is taken with respect to  $\mathbf{c}$ , as this is the value of interest to find the best approximation.

Now by (1) we easily see that the left hand side is just the gradient of  $\|\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^T \mathbf{W}\|_F^2$  with respect to  $\mathbf{c}$  as defined in exercise 3. For the right hand side we get the result by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{c}} g(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{w}_i^T \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \nabla g_i(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \mathbf{w}_i^T = (\mathbf{w}_1 \ \mathbf{w}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{w}_k) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_k \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$