

Linear Data Analysis
Matrices and Linear Regression Matrix
Approximation

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a Matrix Norms

this section will focus on how to use one matrix to approximate another matrix. We will look at the Axioms of a matrix.

Matrix Norms: Axioms how close are 2 matrices ? what is $\|A - C\|$? consider $A \in R^{m \times m}, C \in R^{m \times m}, a \in R$. the matrix norm $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies 4 axioms:

- $\|A\| \geq 0$
- $\|A\| = 0$ iff $A = 0$
- $\|\alpha A\| = |\alpha| \|A\|$
- $\|A + C\| \leq \|A\| + \|C\|$

additionally, compatible matrix and vector norms for $\vec{w} \in R^n$

$$\|A\vec{w}\| \leq \|A\| \|\vec{w}\|$$

b L2 Matrix Norm and Frobenius Matrix Norm

this section will explore 2 types of norms.

L_2 Norm For $A \in R^{m \times m}, \vec{w} \in R^n$ the L_2 norm $\|A\|_2$ is defined as:

$$\|A\|_2 =_{def} \frac{\|A\vec{w}\|}{\|\vec{w}\|}$$

such that $\|A\|_2$ is the largest possible value that can be computed given the equation and A . in summary, if we find the largest eigenvalue λ_{max} , then

$$\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_{max}(A^T A)} = \sigma_1$$

Frobenius Norm for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$:

$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (a_{ij})^2} = \sqrt{\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_n^2} = \vec{\sigma}$$

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_i \sum_j (a_{ij})^2 = \vec{\sigma}^\top \vec{\sigma}$$

thus we can see the L_2 norm is the largest singular value (σ_1) and the Frobenius Norm is the Euclidian Norm of the vector of singular values ($\vec{\sigma}$)

c Matrix Series from the SVD

this section will focus on how to write a matrix as a series. there are some applications that require this simplification.

Recall that the SVD is:

$$A = U \Sigma V^\top$$

where $\text{rank}(A) = r$ the matrices would look like the following:

Recall: $A = U \Sigma V^\top$

$\text{rank}(A) = r$

$\Sigma V^\top = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^\top \\ \vec{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_r^\top \end{bmatrix}$

$= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1^\top \\ \sigma_2 \vec{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_r \vec{v}_r^\top \end{bmatrix}$

$A = U [\Sigma V^\top]$

$= [\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_r] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1^\top \\ \sigma_2 \vec{v}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_r \vec{v}_r^\top \end{bmatrix}$

$= \vec{u}_1 \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1^\top + \vec{u}_2 \sigma_2 \vec{v}_2^\top + \dots + \vec{u}_r \sigma_r \vec{v}_r^\top$

thus we can see how the SVD is changed into a different decomposition of

$$A = U [\Sigma V^\top]$$

this thus (it does) show us that any matrix A with rank r can be summed as many rank 1 matrices using the above equation. (iff $\vec{u} \neq 0, \vec{v} \neq 0$)

d Rank- k approximations

we will cover how to approximate a matrix with a rank- k matrix.

Given: $A \in R^{m \times n}$, we will approximate A with $C \in R^{m \times n}$. We first want to measure $\|A - C\|$. Consider $\text{rank}(C) = 1$, build C from $\vec{z} \in R^m$, thus:

$$C = [\alpha_1 \vec{z}, \alpha_2 \vec{z}, \dots, \alpha_n \vec{z}] = \vec{z} \vec{\alpha}^\top$$

Alternatively; we can use $\|\vec{w}\| = 1$

$$\vec{\alpha} = \beta \vec{w} \quad C = \vec{z} \beta \vec{w}^\top$$

but what are the optimal values of \vec{z}, β, \vec{w} with the L_2 and Frobenius norm:

$$C = \vec{u}_1 \sigma_1 \vec{v}_1^\top$$

Once again, consider $A = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_r$ where each C_i is a rank one matrix (from using the matrix series equation from section c of this note. Thus we can define C_i as

$$C_i =^{def} \vec{u}_i \sigma_i \vec{v}_i^\top$$

The Eckart-Young Theorem states that the optimal rank k approximation for A is $C = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_k$ where C_i is derived from the SVD of A .

Note that, the column space of $C_1 + C_2$ is equal to $U = [\vec{u}_1 \vec{u}_2]$. This thus means that a rank- k approximation of A is *also* a rank- k approximation of the column space of A .

Scree Plot

this section explores guidelines for matrix approximation.

Given $A = U \Sigma V^\top$, form $\vec{\sigma}$.

We first want to rescale $\sigma \in [0, 1]$. to do this, we must find the explained variance

$$\Theta = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i = \|\vec{\sigma}\|_1$$

and the total variance

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^r (\sigma_i)^2 = \|\vec{\sigma}\|_2^2$$

if we plot $\vec{\sigma}/\Theta$ or $\vec{\sigma}/T$ we then get a **Scree plot** where the interesting thing to us is the *elbow* if it has one.

Examples mathematically, we can see that as we progress through i from C_i , we can see that the approximation of A gets better, and that a rank 2 approximation of A is pretty good

Consider $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Singular values are $\approx 10.68, 4.07, 0.53$

$$C_1 \approx \begin{bmatrix} 4.70 & 4.26 & 3.36 \\ 4.62 & 4.18 & 3.30 \\ 2.35 & 2.13 & 1.68 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_1 + C_2 \approx \begin{bmatrix} 5.23 & 4.75 & 2.00 \\ 4.73 & 4.29 & 3.00 \\ 1.07 & 0.92 & 5.00 \end{bmatrix}$$

visually in this second example, we can see the elbow mentioned earlier: this line represents the fit for the approximation of A by C_j . The elbow shows where the approximation gets closer.

