Positive Collaborative Representation for Subspace Clustering

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Abstract

1 Introduction

2 Motivation

- Positive collaborative representation could achieve sparse representation since similar points are sparse while dissimilar points are dense.

- Positive supports are positive to self-reppresentation while negative supports are negative to self-representation.

- Better performance. Faster?

3 LSR Model

The least squares regression (LSR) model [1] is proposed by Lu et al. can be formulated as follows:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A}} \|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 \text{ s.t. } \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}. \quad (1)$$

Here we denote by $\mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A})$ both a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the diagonal entries of $\boldsymbol{A}$ and the vector consisted of the diagonal elements. According to [1], the above problem has the optimal solution as

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{A}} = -\boldsymbol{Z}(\mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{Z})) \text{ s.t. } \mathrm{diag}(\hat{\boldsymbol{A}}) = \boldsymbol{0}, \quad (2)$$

where $\boldsymbol{Z} = (\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X} + \lambda\boldsymbol{I})^{-1}$.

The constraint of $\mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ in (1) could be removed and the LSR model achieves similar performance.

4 Collaborative Representation based Clustering with Constraint $\mathbf{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}$

The LSR model can be reformulated as a collaborative representation model [2] for subspace clustering with an additional constraint of $\mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}$. The constraint of $\mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ is used to avoid the samples to represent themselves.

By introducing auxiliary variables into the optimization program, we can set $\boldsymbol{C} = \boldsymbol{A}$. The LSR model (1) can be transformed into

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C}} &\|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^F + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 \\ \text{s.t. } &\boldsymbol{C} = \boldsymbol{A} - \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

whose solution for $\boldsymbol{A}$ coincides with the solution of Eq. (1). By introducing a Lagrangian multipliers $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$ and a penalty parameter ρ, the Lagrangian function of the Eq. (31) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C},\boldsymbol{\Delta},\rho) = &\|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^F + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 \\ &+ \langle\boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{C} - (\boldsymbol{A} - \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}))\rangle \\ &+ \frac{\rho}{2}\|\boldsymbol{C} - (\boldsymbol{A} - \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{A})) + \rho^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\|_F^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Denote by $(\boldsymbol{C}_k, \boldsymbol{A}_k, \boldsymbol{E}_k)$ the optimization variables at iteration k, by $(\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k, \boldsymbol{\delta}_k)$ the Lagrangian multipliers at iteration k, and by ρ_k the penalty parameter at iteration k. Taking detivatives of $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to the variables and setting the derivatives to be zeros, we can alternatively update the variables as follows:

(1) Obtain $\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{A}$, while fixing $(\boldsymbol{C}_k, \boldsymbol{E}_k, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k, \boldsymbol{\delta}_k)$. This is equivalent to solve

the following problem:

$$A_{k+1} = J - \mathrm{diag}(J),$$
$$J = (\rho_k + 2\lambda)^{-1}(\rho_k C_k + \delta_k) \tag{5}$$

(2) Obtain C_{k+1} by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to C, while fixing $(A_{k+1}, E_k, \Delta_k, \delta_k)$. This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$C_{k+1} = \arg\min_{C} \frac{\rho_k}{2}\|E_k - X + XC + \rho_k^{-1}\Delta_k\|_F^2$$
$$+ \frac{\rho_k}{2}\|C - A_{k+1} + \rho_k^{-1}\delta_k\|_F^2 \tag{6}$$

This is a least squares regression problem which has a closed-form solution as

$$C_{k+1} = H - \mathrm{diag}(H),$$
$$(X^\top X + I)H = X^\top P_k + Q_k, \tag{7}$$

where $P_k = X - E_k - \rho_k^{-1}\Delta_k$ and $Q_k = A_{k+1} - \rho_k^{-1}\delta_k$.

(3) Obtain E_{k+1} by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to E, while fixing $(C_{k+1}, A_{k+1}, \Delta_k, \delta_k)$. This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{E} \frac{1}{2}\|(X - XC_{k+1} - \rho_k^{-1}\Delta_k) - E\|_F^2 + \rho_k^{-1}\|E\|_1. \tag{8}$$

The solution of E can be computed in closed-form as

$$E_{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_{\rho_k^{-1}}(X - XC_{k+1} - \rho_k^{-1}\Delta_k), \tag{9}$$

where $\mathcal{S}_\tau(x) = \mathrm{sign}(x) * \max(|x| - \tau, 0)$ is the soft-thresholding operator.

(4) Obtain the Lagrangian multipliers $(\Delta_{k+1}, \delta_{k+1})$ while fixing $(C_{k+1}, A_{k+1}, E_{k+1})$:

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k + \tau\rho_k(E_{k+1} - X + XC_{k+1}),$$
$$\delta_{k+1} = \delta_k + \tau\rho_k(C_{k+1} - A_{k+1}), \tag{10}$$

where $\tau \in (0, \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2})$ is the dual step size and is usually set as $\tau = 1$.

(5) Update the penalty parameter ρ as $\rho_{k+1} = \mu\rho_k$, where $\mu > 1$.

5 Large Scale Subset Selection Via Woodbury Identity

The Woodbury Identity is

$$(A + UCV)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U(C^{-1} + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}VA^{-1}. \tag{11}$$

We can also restrict that $\mathrm{diag}(A) = 0$ to avoid the samples to be self-represented. However, I want to mention that the proposed model solved by ADMM algorithm with three variables and does not have convergence results.

Then the model above can be

$$\min_{A} \|X - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda\|A\|_{p,1}. \tag{12}$$

By introducing an auxiliary variable C into the optimization program, we can get

$$\min_{A,C} \|X - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda\|C\|_{p,1} \text{ s.t. } C = A, \tag{13}$$

whose solution for A coincides with the solution of Eq. (31). By introducing two Lagrangian multipliers Δ, the Lagrangian function of the Eq. (31) can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}(A, C, \Delta, \rho) = \|X - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda\|C\|_{p,1}$$
$$+ \langle \Delta, C - A \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2}\|C - A\|_F^2 \tag{14}$$

Denote by (C_k, A_k) the optimization variables at iteration k, by Δ_k the Lagrangian multipliers at iteration k, and by ρ_k the penalty parameter at iteration k. Taking detivatives of $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to the variables and setting the derivatives to be zeros, we can alternatively update the variables as follows:

(1) Obtain A_{k+1} by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to A, while fixing (C_k, Δ_k). This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{A} \|X - XA\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2}\|A - (C_k + \rho_k^{-1}\Delta_k)\|_F^2, \tag{15}$$

which is equalivalently to solve the following problem

$$A = (X^\top X + \frac{\rho_k}{2}I)^{-1}(X^\top X + \frac{\rho_k}{2}C_k + \frac{1}{2}\Delta_k) \tag{16}$$

Since the matrices $X^\top X$ is of $N \times N$ dimension. It is computational expensive when N is very large. By employing the Woodbury Identity mentioned above, we can

have

$$(\frac{\rho_k}{2}\boldsymbol{I}+\boldsymbol{X}^\top \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} = \frac{2}{\rho_k}\boldsymbol{I}-(\frac{2}{\rho_k})^2\boldsymbol{X}^\top(\boldsymbol{I}+\frac{2}{\rho_k}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{X}^\top)^{-1}\boldsymbol{X}. \tag{17}$$

and transform this problem as

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{A} =&(\frac{2}{\rho_k}\boldsymbol{I} - (\frac{2}{\rho_k})^2\boldsymbol{X}^\top(\boldsymbol{I} + \frac{2}{\rho_k}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{X}^\top)^{-1}\boldsymbol{X})\\ &*(\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X} + \frac{\rho_k}{2}\boldsymbol{C}_k + \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

which will save a lot of computational costs.

(2) Obtain $\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{C}$, while fixing $(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)$. This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{C}} \frac{1}{2}\|(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} - \rho_k^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta} k) - \boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho_k}\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_{p,1}. \tag{19}$$

Since the $\ell_{p,1}$ norm is separable with respect to each row, we can write the above problem as

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{C}} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{1}{2}\|(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1})_{i*} - \rho_k^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)_{i*} - \boldsymbol{C}_{i*}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho_k}\|\boldsymbol{C}_{i*}\|_p, \tag{20}$$

where $\boldsymbol{F}_{i*}$ is the ith row of the matrix $\boldsymbol{F}$. Since this step is separable w.r.t. each row, we can employ parallel processing resources and reduce its computational time.

(3) Obtain the Lagrangian multipliers $(\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1})$ while fixing $(\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1})$:

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k + \rho_k(\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1} - \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}). \tag{21}$$

(5) Update the penalty parameter ρ as $\rho_{k+1} = \mu\rho_k$, where $\mu > 1$.

6 Robust Large Scale Subset Selection via Dissimilarity based Outlier Detection

We can also introduce a dissimiarlity based matrix $\boldsymbol{D}$ to replace the ℓ_p or $\ell_{2,1}$ norms to ensure robustness. This can also remore the additional term $\boldsymbol{Z}$ on modeling the outliers with the restriction of ℓ_1 norm. The matrix $\boldsymbol{D}$ should better be diagonal matrix. How to design the matrix $\boldsymbol{D}$ is another problem need to be solved.

Then the proposed model can be formulated as

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A}} \|(\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A})\boldsymbol{D}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{A}\|_{p,1}. \tag{22}$$

By introducing an auxiliary variable $\boldsymbol{C}$ into the optimization program, we can get

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C}} \|(\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A})\boldsymbol{D}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_{p,1} \text{ s.t. } \boldsymbol{C} = \boldsymbol{A}. \tag{23}$$

By introducing a Lagrangian multiplier $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$, the Lagrangian function of the Eq. (31) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C},\boldsymbol{\Delta},\rho) =& \|(\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A})\boldsymbol{D}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_{p,1}\\ &+ \langle\boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{A}\rangle + \frac{\rho}{2}\|\boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Denote by $(\boldsymbol{A}_k, \boldsymbol{C}_k)$ the optimization variables at iteration k, by $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k$ the Lagrangian multiplier at iteration k, and by ρ_k the penalty parameter at iteration k. Taking detivatives of $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to the variables and setting the derivatives to be zeros, we can alternatively update the variables as follows:

(1) Obtain $\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{A}$, while fixing $(\boldsymbol{C}_k, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)$. This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A}} \|(\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A})\boldsymbol{D}\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2}\|\boldsymbol{A} - (\boldsymbol{C}_k - \rho_k^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)\|_F^2, \tag{25}$$

which is equalivalently to solve the following problem

$$\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{D}^\top + \frac{\rho_k}{2}\boldsymbol{A} = \boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{D}^\top + \frac{\rho_k}{2}(\boldsymbol{C}_k - \rho_k^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k) \tag{26}$$

Since the matrices $\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X}$ and $\boldsymbol{D}^\top\boldsymbol{D}$ are positive semidefinite and positive definite, respectively. The above equation is a standard Sylvester equation which has a unique solution.

(2) Obtain $\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{C}$, while fixing $(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)$. This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{C}} \frac{1}{2}\|(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} + \rho_k^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta} k) - \boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho_k}\|\boldsymbol{C}\|_{p,1}. \tag{27}$$

Since the $\ell_{p,1}$ norm is separable with respect to each row, we can write the above problem as

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{C}} \sum_{i=1}^{M} \frac{1}{2}\|(\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1})_{i*} + \rho_k^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k)_{i*} - \boldsymbol{C}_{i*}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho_k}\|\boldsymbol{C}_{i*}\|_p, \tag{28}$$

where $\boldsymbol{F}_{i*}$ is the ith row of the matrix $\boldsymbol{F}$. Since this step is separable w.r.t. each row, we can employ parallel processing resources and reduce its computational time.

(3) Obtain the Lagrangian multipliers ($\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1}$) while fixing ($\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}$):

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k + \rho_k(\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1} - \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}). \tag{29}$$

(5) Update the penalty parameter ρ as $\rho_{k+1} = \mu\rho_k$, where $\mu > 1$.

7 Large Scale Subset Selection Via Row-Column Separation

We can also restrict that $\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}$ to avoid the samples to be self-represented. However, I want to mention that the proposed model solved by ADMM algorithm with three variables and does not have convergence results.

Then the model above can be

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A}} \|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{A}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{A}\|_{p,1} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \boldsymbol{0}. \tag{30}$$

By introducing an auxiliary variable $\boldsymbol{C}$ into the optimization program, we can get

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C}} \|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{A}\|_{p,1} \\ \text{s.t. } \boldsymbol{C} = \boldsymbol{A} - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}), \tag{31}$$

whose solution for $\boldsymbol{A}$ coincides with the solution of Eq. (31). By introducing two Lagrangian multipliers $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$, the Lagrangian function of the Eq. (31) can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{A},\boldsymbol{C},\boldsymbol{\Delta},\rho) = \|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\boldsymbol{A}\|_{p,1} \\ + \langle\boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{C} - (\boldsymbol{A} - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{A}))\rangle + \frac{\rho}{2}\|\boldsymbol{C} - (\boldsymbol{A} - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{A})\|_F^2 \tag{32}$$

Denote by ($\boldsymbol{C}_k, \boldsymbol{A}_k$) the optimization variables at iteration k, by $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k$ the Lagrangian multipliers at iteration k, and by

ρ_k the penalty parameter at iteration k. Taking detivatives of $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to the variables and setting the derivatives to be zeros, we can alternatively update the variables as follows:

(1) Obtain $\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{A}$, while fixing ($\boldsymbol{C}_k, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k$). This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{J} - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{J}), \\ \boldsymbol{J} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{J}} \frac{1}{2}\|\boldsymbol{C}_k + \rho_k^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k - \boldsymbol{J}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda}{\rho_k}\|\boldsymbol{J}\|_{p,1}. \tag{33}$$

(2) Obtain $\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}$ by minimizing $\mathcal{L}$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{C}$, while fixing ($\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k$). This is equivalent to solve the following problem:

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{C}} \|\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{C}\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho_k}{2}\|\boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} + \frac{1}{\rho_k}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k\|_F^2 \tag{34}$$

This is a least squares regression problem which has a closed-form solution as

$$\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1} = (\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X} + \frac{\rho_k}{2}\boldsymbol{I})^{-1}(\boldsymbol{X}^\top\boldsymbol{X} + \frac{\rho_k}{2}\boldsymbol{A}_{k+1} - \frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\Delta}_k). \tag{35}$$

(3) Obtain the Lagrangian multipliers ($\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1}$) while fixing ($\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}$):

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}_k + \rho_k(\boldsymbol{C}_{k+1} - \boldsymbol{A}_{k+1}). \tag{36}$$

(5) Update the penalty parameter ρ as $\rho_{k+1} = \mu\rho_k$, where $\mu > 1$.

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