# assignment3-solution

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## 1 Foundations of Data Mining: Assignment 3

Please complete all assignments in this notebook. You should submit this notebook, as well as a PDF version (See File > Download as).

### 1.1 Random Projections with 1-NN (6 points, 3+3)

Implement random projections for dimensionality reduction as follows. Randomly generate a  $k \times d$  matrix **R** by choosing its coefficients

$$r_{i,j} = egin{cases} +rac{1}{\sqrt{d}} & ext{with probability} & rac{1}{2} \ -rac{1}{\sqrt{d}} & ext{with probability} & rac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

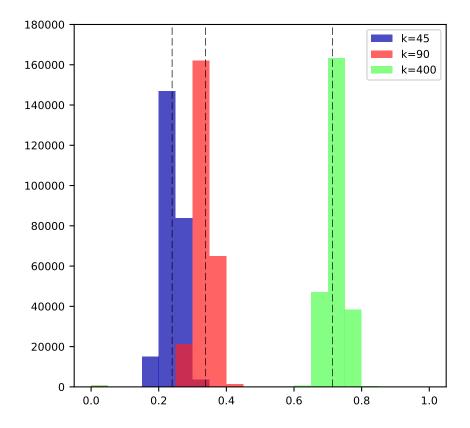
Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^k$  denote the linear mapping function that multiplies a d-dimensional vector with this matrix  $f(p) = \mathbf{R}p$ . For the following exercises use the same data set as was used for Assignment 1 (MNIST). Use the following values of k = 45,90,400 in your experiments. You should *not* use sklearn.random\_projection for this assignment.

#### 1.1.1 Study the effect on pairwise distances

Evaluate how well the Euclidean distance is preserved by plotting a histogram of the values  $\phi(p,q) = \frac{\|f(p)-f(q)\|}{\|p-q\|}$  for all pairs of the first 500 images of the MNIST data set. These values should be concentrated around a certain value for fixed k. What is this value expressed in terms of k and d? Explain your answer.

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In [2]: mnist_data = oml.datasets.get_dataset(554)
          X, y = mnist_data.get_data(target=mnist_data.default_target_attribute);
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In [10]: def get_random_proj(dimfrom, dimto):
             rand = np.random.randint(0, 2, size=(dimto, dimfrom))
             proj = (2 * rand - 1) / math.sqrt(dimfrom)
             return proj
         plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
         for i, k in enumerate([45, 90, 400]):
             reduced = X[:500].dot(get_random_proj(X.shape[1], k).T)
             assert reduced.shape == (500, k)
             distances = []
             for img in range(reduced.shape[0]):
                 dists_proj = np.sqrt(((reduced - reduced[img])**2).sum(axis=1))
                 dists_orig = np.sqrt(((X[:500] - X[img])**2).sum(axis=1))
                 dists = np.divide(dists_proj, dists_orig, out=np.zeros(500),
                                   where=dists_orig != 0)
                 distances.extend(dists)
             plt.hist(distances, bins=np.arange(0, 1.01, 0.05),
                      label='k=\%d' % k, alpha=0.7);
             exval_phi = math.sqrt(float(k) / X.shape[1])
             plt.plot([exval_phi, exval_phi], [0, 200000], 'k--');
         plt.ylim((0, 180000));
         plt.legend();
         plt.show();
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We now prove that the expected value of  $\phi(p,q)$  is  $(k/d)^{1/2}$ , for fixed p and q. By linearity of f,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\|f(p) - f(q)\|^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\|f(p - q)\|^2\right]$$

Let  $\alpha = p - q$  and  $\mathbf{r_i}$  be the i-th row of  $\mathbf{R}$ , then, by definition of squared norm and linearity of the expectation, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}\big[\|f(\alpha)\|^2\big] = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}\left[(\mathbf{r_iff})^2\right]$$

Following the same proof presented in class,  $\mathbb{E}\left[(\mathbf{r_iff})^2\right] = d^{-1}\|\alpha\|^2$ , thus:

$$\mathbb{E}[\|f(\alpha)\|^{2}] = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{1}{d} \|\alpha\|^{2} = \frac{k}{d} \|\alpha\|^{2}$$

Therefore, the expected value of  $\phi(p,q)^2$  is k/d, and  $\mathbb{E}\left[\phi(p,q)\right]=(k/d)^{1/2}$ .

### 1.2 PCA of a handwritten digits (7 points, 3+2+2)

Analyze the first two principal components of the class with label 4 of the MNIST data set (those are images that each depict a handwritten "4"). Perfom the steps (a), (b), (c) described below. Note that these steps are similar to the analysis given in the lecture. Include all images and plots in your report. You may use sklearn.decomposition.PCA for this assignment. Do not scale the data.

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In [9]: def plot_digit(digit):
           pixels = np.array(digit, dtype='float').reshape((28, 28))
            return plt.imshow(pixels, cmap='gray_r')
        def buildFigure5x5(fig, subfiglist):
            for i, digit in enumerate(subfiglist):
                a = fig.add_subplot(5, 5, i + 1)
                plot_digit(subfiglist[i])
                a.axes.get_xaxis().set_visible(False)
                a.axes.get_yaxis().set_visible(False)
       digit_4 = X[y == 4]
        buildFigure5x5(plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5)), digit_4[:25])
       plt.show()
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#### 1.2.1 Step (a)

Generate a scatter plot of the data in the space spanned by the first two principal components of PCA. Reconstruct 25 points on a  $5 \times 5$  grid in this space that cover the variation of the data. Render each point as an image. Arrange the images in a  $5 \times 5$  grid.

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In [10]: pts = PCA(n_components=2).fit_transform(digit_4)
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plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
plt.scatter(*pts.T, marker='.');

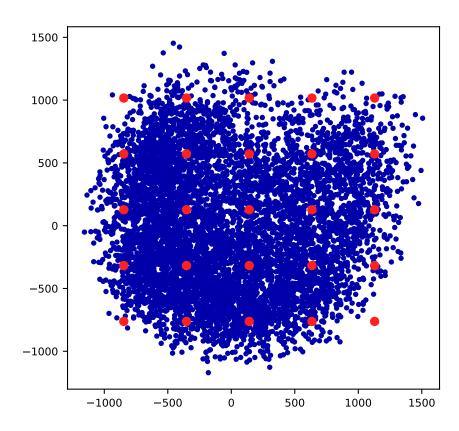
stdx1, stdx2 = np.std(pts.T, axis=1)
meanx1, meanx2 = np.mean(pts.T, axis=1)

minx1, maxx1 = meanx1 - 1.5 * stdx1, meanx1 + 2 * stdx1
minx2, maxx2 = meanx2 - 1.5 * stdx2, meanx2 + 2 * stdx2

gridx1 = np.arange(minx1, maxx1 + 1, (maxx1 - minx1) / 4)
gridx2 = np.arange(maxx2, minx2 - 1, -(maxx2 - minx2) / 4)

grid = np.array(list(itertools.product(gridx1, gridx2)))
plt.scatter(*grid.T, marker='o');

plt.show();
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#### 1.2.2 Step (b)

For each of the reconstructed points, find the original instance that is closest to it in the projection on the first two components (measured using Euclidean distance). Render the instances arranged in a  $5 \times 5$  grid such that their position matches the rendering in (a).

### 1.2.3 Step (c)

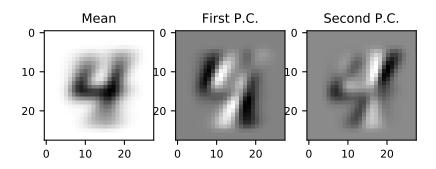
Render the mean and the first two principal components as images. What is your interpretation of the first two components, i.e., which aspect of the data do they capture? Justify your interpretation, also using your results of Steps (a) and (b).

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In [8]: plt.subplot(1, 3, 1);
    plt.title('Mean')
    plot_digit(digit_4.mean(axis=0))

pca = PCA(n_components=2).fit(digit_4)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 2);
    plt.title('First P.C.')
    plot_digit(pca.components_[0]);
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plt.subplot(1, 3, 3);
plt.title('Second P.C.')
plot_digit(pca.components_[1]);
plt.show();
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The first principal component captures the tilt of the digit four, while the second captures the width of the top part of the digit.

#### 1.3 Projection onto a hyperplane (4 points)

Let *F* be a *k*-dimensional hyperplane given by the parametric representation

$$g(\lambda) = \mu + \mathbf{V}\lambda$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and the columns of **V** are pairwise orthogonal and unit vectors  $\mathbf{v_1}, \dots, \mathbf{v_k} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to F$  be the projection that maps every point  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  to its nearest point on F (where distances are measured using the Euclidean distance). We can write the projection into the subspace spanned by  $\mathbf{v_1}, \dots, \mathbf{v_k}$  as follows

$$f(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{V}^T(\mathbf{p} - \mu).$$

Prove that for any  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , it holds that

$$||f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q})|| \le ||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}||.$$

(Hint: Assume first that  $\mu = 0$ . Rewrite f using a rotation followed by an orthogonal projection. What happens to the distance in each step? Generalize to arbitrary  $\mu$ .)

#### 1.3.1 Solution

Suppose that  $\mu = 0$ , then  $f(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{p}$ , which can be seen as a rotation followed by an axis-orthogonal projection; in other words  $\mathbf{V}^T = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{R}$ . Since the length of a vector is preserved under rotations, we have  $\|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}\| = \|\mathbf{p}\|$ . Note that  $\mathbf{P}$  is a diagonal matrix whose entries  $\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_d$  are either 0 or 1; this implies that

$$\|\mathbf{P}\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i v_i \le \sum_{i=1}^d v_i = \|\mathbf{v}\|^2$$

Therefore  $\|\mathbf{V}^T\mathbf{p}\| \le \|\mathbf{p}\|$ . Since f is a linear transormation (when  $\mu = 0$ ),  $f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q}) = f(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$ , thus  $\|f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q})\| \le \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|$ .

Now suppose  $\mu \neq 0$ , we then can write  $f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q})$  as follows:

$$f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{V}^{T}(\mathbf{p} - \mu) - \mathbf{V}^{T}(\mathbf{q} - \mu)$$

$$= \mathbf{V}^{T}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{V}^{T}\mu - \mathbf{V}^{T}\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{V}^{T}\mu$$

$$= \mathbf{V}^{T}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{V}^{T}\mathbf{q}$$

$$= \mathbf{V}^{T}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})$$

Thus, in light of what was proven earlier,  $||f(\mathbf{p}) - f(\mathbf{q})|| = ||\mathbf{V}^T(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q})|| \le ||\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}||$ .

### 1.4 Locality-sensitive hashing (3 points, 1+2)

*H* is a family of  $(d_1, d_2, p_1, p_2)$ -locality-sensitive hash functions if it holds that

if 
$$d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \le d_1$$
 then  $\Pr[h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})] \ge p_1$  (1)

if 
$$d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \ge d_2$$
 then  $\Pr[h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})] \le p_2$  (2)

#### **1.4.1** Case: $p_2 = 0$

Assume that  $p_2 = 0$  and assume we have a total numer of m hash functions from this family available. Which combination of AND-constructions and OR-constructions should we use to amplify the hash family?

**Solution** We will consider two ways of combining the AND and OR construction similar to the banding technique. The banding essentially first takes groups of AND constructions and then OR constructions on the resulting sensitive families.

When  $p_2 = 0$ , We need only consider the  $p_1$  since no matter how we combine the AND and OR construction the resulting new  $p_2$  is always 0.

If we first take AND construction and then OR construction, the new  $p_1$  then equals to  $1 - (1 - p_1^r)^L$  where r \* L = m. In order to amplify the success probability, we need to take greater L and smaller r. The best we can have is then  $1 - (1 - p_1)^m$ .

If we first take OR construction and then AND construction, the result becomes  $(1 - (1 - p_1)^r)^L$ . We then need smaller L and greater r to get higher success rate. The best we can get is then  $1 - (1 - p_1)^m$ .

Thus with the given setting, it does not matter which way of combination we use to amplify the hash function family. We will get the same maximal amplified success rate.

## **1.4.2** Case: $p_2 = \frac{1}{n}$

Now assume that  $p_2 = \frac{1}{n}$  and assume we have n data points  $\mathbf{P}$  which are stored in a hash table using a randomly chosen function h from H. Given a query point  $\mathbf{q}$ , we retrieve the points in the hash bucket with index  $h(\mathbf{q})$  to search for a point which has small distance to  $\mathbf{q}$ . Let X be a random variable that is equal to the size of the set

$$\{\mathbf{p} \in \mathbf{P} : h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q}) \land d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \ge d_2\}$$
(3)

which consists of the false positives of this query.

Derive an upper bound on the expected number of false-positives  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  using  $p_2$ . Explain each step of your derivation.

**Solution** Consider a point **q**, such that  $h(\mathbf{q}) = h(\mathbf{p})$ . Then

$$Pr[d(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) \ge d_2|h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})] = \underbrace{\frac{Pr[h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})|d(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) \ge d_2]}{Pr[h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})]} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\le 1}{Pr[d(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) \ge d_2]}}_{\le 1} \le \frac{1}{n}$$

Since the size of the bucket  $h(\mathbf{p})$  is at most n, and every point in the bucket has at most a probability of 1/n to have a collision with  $\mathbf{p}$ , the size of X follows a binomial distribution with parameters n and 1/n, which has an expected value of  $n \cdot 1/n = 1$ .