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# Cutnorm Documentation

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Welcome to the Cutnorm package documentation. Please read the introduction and checkout the documentation.



## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Cutnorm

#### 1.1.1 Approximation via Gaussian Rounding and Optimization with Orthogonality Constraints

This package computes the approximations to the cutnorm using some of the techniques detailed by Alon and Noar [ALON2004] and a fast optimization algorithm by Wen and Yin [WEN2013].

Read the [documentation](#).

#### 1.1.2 Installation

Use `pip` to install the package. Install from terminal as follows:

```
$ pip install cutnorm
```

#### 1.1.3 Example Usage

Below is an example of using the cutnorm package and tools. Given two graphs A and B, we wish to compute a norm for the difference matrix (A - B) between the two graphs. An obvious example to represent the advantage of using a cutnorm over l1 norm is to consider A and B as [Erdos-Renyi random graphs](#). Under a fixed vertex set, an Erdos-Renyi random graph is one where a fixed probability determines the presence of an edge.

Given two Erdos-Renyi random graphs with fix n and p=0.5, the edit distance (l1 norm) of the difference (after normalization) is 1/2 with large probability. However, these two graphs have the same global structure. The edit distance fails as a notion of ‘distance’ between the two graphs in the perspective of global structural similarity as discussed by Lovasz [LOVASZ2009]. The cutnorm is a measure of distance that reflects global structural similarity. In fact, the cutnorm of the difference for this example approaches 0 as n grows.

```
import numpy as np
from cutnorm import compute_cutnorm, tools

# Generate Erdos Renyi Random Graph
n = 100
p = 0.5
erdos_renyi_a = tools.sbm.erdos_renyi(n, p)
erdos_renyi_b = tools.sbm.erdos_renyi(n, p)

# Compute l1 norm
normalized_diff = (erdos_renyi_a - erdos_renyi_b) / n**2
```

```
l1 = np.linalg.norm(normalized_diff.flatten(), ord=1)

# Compute cutnorm
cutn_round, cutn_sdp, info = compute_cutnorm(erdos_renyi_a, erdos_renyi_b)

print("l1 norm: ", l1) # prints l1 norm value near ~0.5
print("cutnorm rounded: ",
      cutn_round) # prints cutnorm rounded solution near ~0
print("cutnorm sdp: ", cutn_sdp) # prints cutnorm sdp solution near ~0
```

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## 2.1 cutnorm package

### 2.1.1 Subpackages

cutnorm.tools package

Submodules

cutnorm.tools.sbm module

cutnorm.tools.sbm.**erdos\_renyi** (*n*, *p*)

Generates Erdos Renyi random graph size *n* with probability *p*

**Parameters**

- **n** – int, size of the output matrix
- **p** – float, edge probability

**Returns** Erdos Renyi random graph matrix 2d array, shape (*n*,*n*)

cutnorm.tools.sbm.**make\_symmetric\_triu** (*mat*)

Makes the matrix symmetric upper triangular

**Parameters** **mat** – 2d array, shape (*n*,*n*)

**Returns** upper triangular symmetric matrix of the input 2d array, shape (*n*,*n*)

cutnorm.tools.sbm.**sbm** (*community\_sizes*, *prob\_mat*)

Generates a stochastic block matrix

Community\_sizes indicate the size of each community and the probability matrix indicate the probability that a 1 will be generated for each element within the community.

**Parameters**

- **community\_sizes** – 1d array, shape (*n*) sizes of community
- **prob\_mat** – 2d array, shape (*n*,*n*) probability of edges for each community

**Returns** stochastic block matrix, 2d array, shape depending on community sizes

cutnorm.tools.sbm.**sbm\_autoregressive** (*community\_sizes*, *prob\_list*)

Generates an autoregressive SBM

An autoregressive SBM has edge probability according to the `prob_list` on the diagonal but  $(\text{prob\_list}[i] * \text{prob\_list}[j])^{*(\text{abs}(i - j))}$  for the off-diagonal blocks entries.

This idea is similar to the autoregressive models

#### Parameters

- **community\_sizes** – 1d array, shape (n) sizes of community
- **prob\_list** – 1d array, shape (n), where n is the number of diagonal blocks

**Returns** An autoregressive SBM, 2d array, shape depending on community sizes

`cutnorm.tools.sbm.sbm_autoregressive_prob (community_sizes, prob_list)`

Generates the underlying probability matrix that gives rise to the autoregressive SBM

#### Parameters

- **community\_sizes** – 1d array, shape (n) sizes of community
- **prob\_list** – 1d array, shape (n), where n is the number of diagonal blocks

**Returns** A probability matrix for an autoregressive SBM, 2d array, shape depending on community sizes

`cutnorm.tools.sbm.sbm_prob (community_sizes, prob_mat)`

Generates a matrix indicating the underlying probability that gives rise to a stochastic block matrix

#### Parameters

- **community\_sizes** – 1d array, shape (n) sizes of community
- **prob\_mat** – 2d array, shape (n,n) probability of edges for each community

**Returns** probabilities of a stochastic block matrix, 2d array, shape depending on community sizes

## Module contents

### 2.1.2 Submodules

### 2.1.3 cutnorm.OptManiMulitBallGBB module

We do not claim any rights to this file.

The algorithm belongs to Zaiwen Wen and Wotao Yin who authored ‘A feasible method for optimization with orthogonality constraints’.

We have simply reinterpreted the algorithm from Matlab to Python.

`cutnorm.OptManiMulitBallGBB.cutnorm_quad (V: numpy.ndarray, C: numpy.ndarray) -> (<class 'numpy.float64'>, <class 'numpy.ndarray'>)`

Cutnorm function to compute objective function value and gradient

#### Parameters

- **V** – ndarray, Low rank model  $X = V^* * V$ ;
- **C** – ndarray, Objective matrix to compute maxcut

#### Returns

(f, g)

f: float, objective function value

g: ndarray, gradient

```
cutnorm.OptManiMulitBallGBB.maxcut_quad(V: numpy.ndarray, C: numpy.ndarray) -> (<class 'numpy.float64'>, <class 'numpy.ndarray'>)
```

Maxcut function to compute objective function value and gradient

maxcut SDP:  $X$  is  $n$  by  $n$  matrix  $\max \text{Tr}(C*X)$ , s.t.,  $X_{ii} = 1$ ,  $X$  psd

#### Parameters

- **V** – ndarray, Low rank model  $X = V^T * V$ ;
- **C** – ndarray, Objective matrix to compute maxcut

#### Returns

(f, g)

f: float, objective function value

g: ndarray, gradient

```
cutnorm.OptManiMulitBallGBB.opt_mani_mulit_ball_gbb(x: numpy.ndarray, fun, *args,
                                                    xtol=1e-06, ftol=1e-12, gtol=1e-06,
                                                    rho=0.0001, eta=0.1,
                                                    gamma=0.85, tau=0.001, nt=5,
                                                    mxitr=1000, record=0)
```

Line search algorithm for optimization on manifold Reinterpreted directly from Zaiwen Wen and Wotao Yin's Matlab implementation of their paper on 'A feasible method for optimization with orthogonality constraints'

#### Parameters

- **x** – Numpy array where each column lies on the unit sphere  $\|x_{:i}\|_2 = 1$
- **fun** – Function that returns the objective function value and its gradient. Params: [x, args]  
Returns: [f, g]
- **args** – args to be used in fun
- **kwargs** – Options record = 0, no print out mxitr max number of iterations xtol stop control for  $\|X_k - X_{k-1}\|$  gtol stop control for the projected gradient ftol stop control for  $\frac{\|F_k - F_{k-1}\|}{1 + \|F_{k-1}\|}$  usually,  $\max\{xtol, gtol\} > ftol$

#### Returns

(x, g, out)

x: solution

g: gradient of x

Out: output information

## 2.1.4 cutnorm.compute module

```
cutnorm.compute.compute_cutnorm(A: numpy.ndarray, B: numpy.ndarray, w1=None, w2=None,
                                max_round_iter=100, logn_lowrank=False, extra_info=False)
-> (<class 'numpy.float64'>, <class 'numpy.float64'>, <class 'dict'>)
```

Computes the cutnorm of the differences between the two matrices

#### Parameters

- **A** – ndarray, (n, n) matrix

- **B** – ndarray, (m, m) matrix
- **w1** – ndarray, (n, 1) array of weights for A
- **w2** – ndarray, (m, 1) array of weights for B
- **max\_round\_iter** – int, number of iterations for gaussian rounding
- **logn\_lowrank** – boolean to toggle log2(n) low rank approximation
- **extra\_info** – boolean, generate extra computational information

#### Returns

(cutnorm\_round, cutnorm\_sdp, info)

cutnorm\_round: objective function value from gaussian rounding

cutnorm\_sdp: objective function value from sdp solution

**info: dictionary containing computational information**

**Computational information from OptManiMulitBallGBB:** sdp\_augm\_n: dimension of augmented matrix sdp\_relax\_rank\_p: rank sdp\_solve: computation time sdp\_itr, sdp\_nfe, sdp\_feasi, sdp\_nrmG: information from OptManiMulitBallGBB

**Computational information from gaussian rounding:** round\_solve: computation time for rounding round\_approx\_list: list of rounded objf values round\_uis\_list: list of uis round\_vjs\_list: list of vjs round\_uis\_opt: optimum uis round\_vjs\_opt: optimum vjs

**Computational information from processing the difference:** weight\_of\_C: weight vector of C, the difference matrix

**Cutnorm information:** cutnorm\_sets (S,T): vectors of cutnorm

**Raises** `ValueError` – if A and B are of wrong dimension, or if weight vectors does not match the corresponding A and B matrices

```
cutnorm.compute.cutnorm_sets (uis: numpy.ndarray, vjs: numpy.ndarray) -> (<class 'numpy.ndarray'>, <class 'numpy.ndarray'>)
```

Generates the cutnorm sets from the rounded SDP solutions

#### Parameters

- **uis** – ndarray, (n+1, ) shaped array of rounded +- 1 solution
- **vjs** – ndarray, (n+1, ) shaped array of rounded +- 1 solution

#### Returns

(S, T) Reconstructed S and T sets that are  $\{1, 0\}^n$

S: Cutnorm set axis = 0

T: Cutnorm set axis = 1

```
cutnorm.compute.gaussian_round (U: numpy.ndarray, V: numpy.ndarray, C: numpy.ndarray, max_round_iter: int, logn_lowrank=False, extra_info=False) -> (<class 'numpy.float64'>, <class 'numpy.ndarray'>, <class 'numpy.ndarray'>, <class 'dict'>)
```

Gaussian Rounding for Cutnorm

The algorithm picks a random standard multivariate gaussian vector  $w$  in  $R^p$  and computes the rounded solution based on  $\text{sgn}(w \cdot u_i)$ .

Adopted from David Koslicki's cutnorm rounding code <https://github.com/dkoslicki/CutNorm> and Peter Diao's modifications

**Parameters**

- **U** – ndarray, (p, n) shaped matrices of relaxed solutions
- **V** – ndarray, (p, n) shaped matrices of relaxed solutions
- **C** – ndarray, original (n, n) shaped matrix to compute cutnorm
- **max\_round\_iter** – maximum number of rounding operations
- **logn\_lowrank** – boolean to toggle  $\log_2(n)$  low rank approximation
- **extra\_info** – boolean, generate extra computational information

**Returns**

(approx\_opt, uis\_opt, vjs\_opt, round\_info)

approx\_opt: approximated objective function value

uis\_opt: rounded u vector

vjs\_opt: rounded v vector

round\_info: information for rounding operation

## 2.1.5 Module contents



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