

Lesson 1

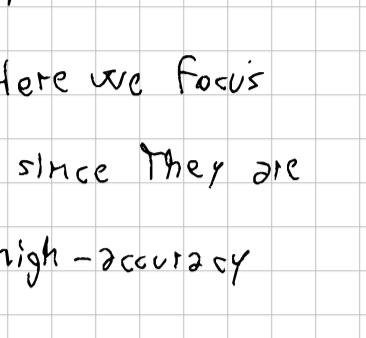
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In science, one is frequently asked to infer or learn a model M from a given set of data points

$$\{x_1, \dots, x_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

Usually there's more than one "good"

model fitting the data, so what is



Usually sought is the "optimal" model

in a set of low complexity ones. Here we focus on sets of low-dimension models, since they are fit for many purposes and obtain high-accuracy solutions to numerous problems.

Moreover, we will focus mainly on Geometric Models, leaving out the so-called Statistical " ".
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Statistical: x_i are usually drawn from a probability distribution to be inferred. $x_i \sim \mu$

The most popular method is to maximise the likelihood over a space of parameter (Θ) as

$$\arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | \theta) =: \theta_{ML}$$

prob. of generating x_i
given the parameters θ

or, given a prior on (Θ) (i.e. how is likely for θ to happen), through Bayes' rule you can look for the Maximum A Posteriori

$$\arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | \theta) \cdot p(\theta) =: \theta_{MAP}$$

~ Better with high-noise regimes

~ Use geometric properties to choose the set (Θ)

Geometric: Exploit topological/geometrical constraints of the data, e.g. if they lay on a (affine) subspace or a submanifold that are low-dimensional. They are set to capture

global algebraic/geometric/topological characteristics such as ^{e.g.} # of clusters, and to provide compact representations.

~ Better when the underlying geometric space is (locally) smooth.

~ Use statistical models to denoise the data

Depending on the problem at hand, we may want to extract different "features" and characteristics from the data. For clustering we only need a partition, for compression we want some key properties common to all data, for generating problems we need a probability to draw new data, for prediction (suggestions, ads) or completion (missing data) we may want different things etc.

Here we will talk mainly about linear models.

If there's time, we'll go through some non-linear at the end. Most of the course will be dedicated to find low rank/dimension spaces where the data lies (approximately).

We also will be talking mostly about unstructured models.

Some area, like control theory, communication protocol, model order reduction, have specific methods to deal with structured models that come from specific applications

(Toeplitz/Hankel).

Singular Value Decomposition

Theorem 1.1. Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ there exists U, Σ, V

$$\text{s.t. } A = U \Sigma V^T \quad \text{and}$$

- $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ orthogonal

- $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

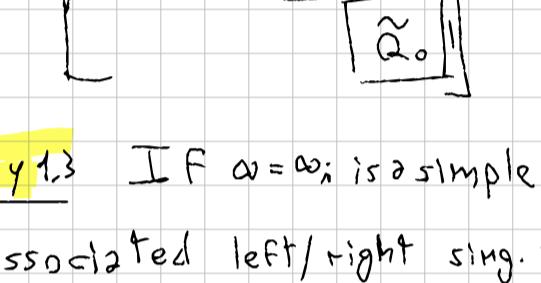
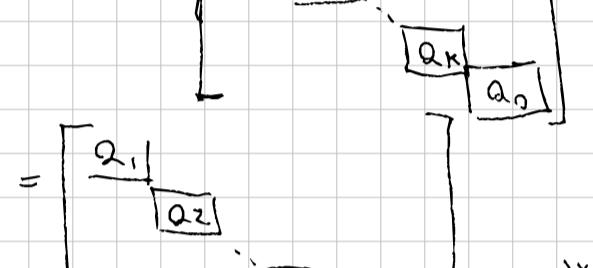
- $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\Sigma_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ \omega_i & i=j \end{cases}$

where $\omega_1 \geq \omega_2 \geq \dots \geq \omega_{\min\{m,n\}} \geq 0$

Moreover, $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{\min\{m,n\}}\}$ are unique and they are called **Singular Values** of A ,

The columns of U are the **left singular vectors** of A
 " " " " V " " **right** " " " of A

Visually $A = U \Sigma V^T$



A can also be written as

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \omega_i \cdot u_i \cdot v_i^T$$

where u_i, v_i are the left/right singular vectors

Notice that if Q is orthogonal, $U(\omega I)V^T = (UQ)(\omega I)(QV^T)$

Lemma 1.2 The SVD of A is unique up to

orthogonal block matrices Q_U, Q_V , i.e.

$$A = U \Sigma V = U Q_U \cdot \Sigma \cdot Q_V^T V^T$$

where $Q_U = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ Q_k \end{bmatrix}$ if there are k distinct non-zero s.v. in A , and

$Q_V = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ Q_k \\ \vdots \\ Q_0 \end{bmatrix}$ where n_i is the multipl. of the i -th distinct s.v.

Corollary 1.3 IF $\omega = \omega_i$ is a simple s.v. of A , then

the associated left/right sing. vectors are

$$\gamma u_i, \gamma v_i \text{ for a sign } \gamma = \pm 1,$$

(Theorem of Eckart-Young)

Theorem 1.4 Given a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and

a number $K \leq \min\{m, n\}$, then

$$\min_{\substack{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ \text{rk}(X) \leq K}} \|A - X\|_F^2, \quad \min_{\substack{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ \text{rk}(X) \leq K}} \|A - X\|$$

are both solved by the matrix A_K obtained through

SVD as $A = U \Sigma V^T \rightsquigarrow A_K = U \Sigma_K V^T$

where $\Sigma_K = \text{diag}\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_K, 0, \dots, 0\}$.

A_K is called the **K -Truncated SVD** of A .

The minimum is equal to

$$\|A - A_K\|_F^2 = \omega_{K+1}^2 + \dots + \omega_{\min\{m,n\}}^2, \quad \|A - A_K\| = \omega_{K+1}$$

Lemma 1.5 IF $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is positive semi-definite (PSD) then in the SVD $A = U \Sigma V^T$ one can take $U = V$ and find the eigen decomposition (EVD) $A = U \Sigma U^T$

Given $A = U \Sigma V^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, the K -truncated

$A_K = U \Sigma_K V^T$ can be expressed with the K -reduced

$$A_K = U_K \tilde{\Sigma}_K V_K^T, \quad U_K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times K}, \quad \tilde{\Sigma}_K \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}, \quad V_K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times K}$$

where $\tilde{\Sigma}_K = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_K & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ so $\tilde{\Sigma}_K$ is diagonal nonnegative

and U_K, V_K are the first K columns of U, V .

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

$$A_K = U \Sigma_K V^T = U_K \tilde{\Sigma}_K V_K^T$$

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Model Selection

In what we will discuss, we usually set a parameter K (rank or complexity) that defines the dimension of the reduced space where we suppose the data approximately lie. In decomposition/factorization it is the smallest size of the wanted matrices, e.g. $X \sim U \sum_{k=1}^K V^T$ the K -reduced SVD. But how to find the optimal K ?

$\rightsquigarrow K$ must be small to ensure compression of the data and 'meaningfulness' of the decomposition.

e.g. $X = I \cdot X$ gives us no information on X

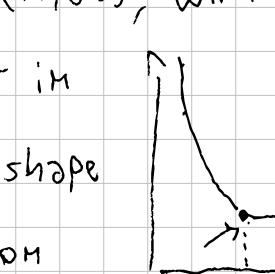
$\rightsquigarrow K$ must not be too small if we do not want to lose accuracy and important info on X .

In particular if the error $\|X - X_K\|_F$ is too large,

the data in X_K may lose important features present in X

$\rightsquigarrow K$ must not be too large to not fall into overfitting

e.g. Given n real points, there exists



always a $(n-1)$ -degree polynomial

interpolating them exactly, but

it's more probable that the data is distributed according

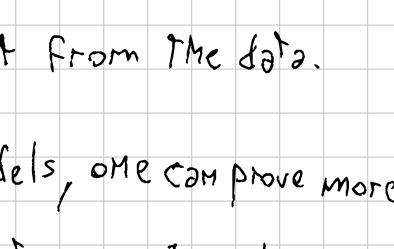
to a less complex polynomial with some perturbation.

For specific models we will discuss some ad hoc

techniques to choose K , but in general we can use

some good Empirical methods.

L-curve: Given $f(k) = \min_{M_k \in M_K} \text{err}(X, M_k)$, with $M_k \subseteq M_K$



Then $f(k)$ is decreasing. Its plot in

most applications presents an L-shape

with a sharp change in derivative on

one or few points, where the plot reaches the 'knee' of

the L. k^* is usually chosen as the knee.

Information Criterion: Given $I(k)$ the number of

parameters needed to express a generic model in M_k ,

k^* will minimize $f(k) + I(k) \cdot \alpha$ for some $\alpha > 0$

Since $I(k)$ increases in k , it balances the decreasing

error $f(k)$.

Thresholding: Fix a tolerance for the error γ and take

k^* as the minimum k s.t. $f(k) \leq \gamma$.

Which one is better? None, it depends on the models

and what info you need to extract from the data.

(For the exam: Using stat. models, one can prove more.)

Given $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. $X_0 = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is low rank

and also, E random matrix with 0 mean, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ var. and

$X = X_0 + \omega E$, suppose $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \beta$. Then the

thresholding minimizing $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X - X_k\|_F$ is

$$\gamma^* = \alpha \cdot \sqrt{2(\beta+1)} + \frac{8\beta}{\beta+1 + \sqrt{\beta^2 + 14\beta + 1}}$$

$$\text{If } \beta = 1, \text{ then } \gamma^* = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \alpha \quad [\text{see J}]$$

Suppose now we just want to find the numerical rank of a matrix A , i.e. the thresholding truncation for a tolerance γ . A classical algorithm is the QR with pivoting.

Fixing $\lambda > 0$, the QR is an iterative procedure that gives

$$A = QR + E, \quad \|E\|_F \leq \gamma, \quad Q \text{ with orth. columns}$$

R upper-triangular up to a perm. of columns

This is called Rank Revealing QR because for λ large enough, the number of steps K in the iterative algorithm corresponds to the numerical rank of A , and the cost is $O(Kdn)$.

From QR, a K -truncated SVD takes only $O(Kdn)$. Krylov

methods have the same complexity but are in general less robust.

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Given $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and $k \leq d$, find

$U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^k$ that minimize

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i - \mu - Uy_i\|^2$$

→ oldest and best known multivariate analysis technique

Theorem 5.1 A PCA of $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is attained

$$\text{by } \mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad \hat{X} = [\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_n], \quad \hat{x}_i = x_i - \mu, \\ \hat{X} = \hat{U} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{V}^T \text{ SVD}, \quad \hat{x}_k = U \hat{\Sigma}_k \hat{V}_k^T \text{ k-reduced SVD}, \\ y_i = (\hat{\Sigma}_k \hat{V}_k^T)_{:i}$$

Proof Let $Y = [y_1, \dots, y_m]$, $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i - \mu - Uy_i\|^2 = \|X - \mu e^T - UY\|_F^2$$

Fixing U, Y the derivative w.r.t μ gives

$$(A - \mu e^T)e = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{n} Ae, \quad A = X - UY$$

→ we need to minimize $\|(X - UY)(I - \frac{1}{n}ee^T)\|_F^2$

$$\text{or } \|\hat{X} - U\hat{Y}\|_F^2 \text{ where } \hat{X} = X(I - \frac{1}{n}ee^T) \text{ and } \hat{Y} \text{ is any } \hat{Y} \text{ s.t. } \hat{Y}e = 0.$$

Notice that $\text{rk}(U\hat{Y}) \leq k$, so given the k -reduced

$$\text{SVD of } \hat{X} = U(\Sigma V^T), \text{ we have } \hat{Y} = \hat{\Sigma} \hat{V}^T \\ \text{since } \hat{X}e = 0 = U(\Sigma V^T e) = U \cdot \hat{Y}e \Rightarrow \hat{Y}e = 0.$$

$$\text{Eventually, } \mu = \frac{1}{n}(X - UY)e = \frac{1}{n}(X - U\hat{Y})e = \frac{1}{n}(X - \hat{X})e$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}(X - \hat{X} + \frac{1}{n}Xee^T)e = \frac{1}{n}Xe \quad \blacksquare$$

This in particular says that

- The optimal μ is the average $\mu = \frac{1}{n}Xe$
- We are fitting the n -mean data $\hat{X} = X - \mu e^T$ on a proper subspace whose basis is U

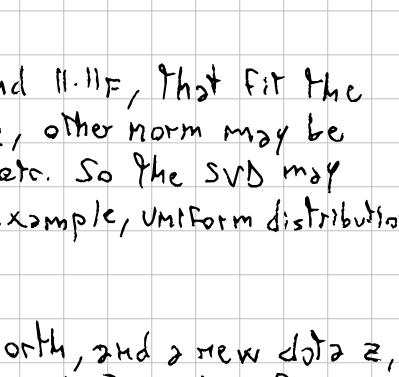
→ PCA is a ^{low} k -rank approximation of centered data

→ it coincides with the statistical

models, whose aim is to

find the directions with

most 'variance'



→ The SVD is tuned to minimize $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_F$, that fit the Gaussian noise. For other kind of noise, other norm may be better suited such as $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, $\|\cdot\|_p$, etc. So the SVD may not be the answer to all problems. For example, uniform distribution noise is better removed using ℓ^∞ norm.

→ Once we have μ , U with U column ortho, and a new data z , we can determine if z is an outlier or not. In fact, if z is an outlier, then $z \sim \mu + Uy$ for some y , or also said, the projection of $z - \mu$ on $\text{Span}(U)$ is close to 0, i.e. $\|U^T(z - \mu)\| \approx 0$.

If instead of U we have a low-rank L , we take the SVD $L = U \Sigma V^T$ truncated to k , and repeat the same.

This is similar to training a NN.

Incomplete PCA (Missing Entries)

Suppose the data matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ has some missing entries, i.e. we have $W \in \{0,1\}^{d \times n}$ such that

$$W_{i,j} = 1 \Rightarrow x_{i,j} \text{ is observed}$$

$$W_{i,j} = 0 \Rightarrow x_{i,j} \text{ is unobserved}$$

Netflix 2016: They offered 1M dollars for improving by 10%
the Recommendation System ↪ won by Matrix fact.
→ Missing entries: each user has seen/rated few movies with
low rank methods

Given k , we want to find an affine subspace with
of dimension $k+5$
translation μ and basis U such that there exists a
completion of X with columns approximately inside S .

$$\text{i.e. } \min_{\mu, U, Y} \| W \circ (X - \mu - UY) \|_F^2 \quad | \text{ N Matrix}$$

$$= \min_{\mu, U, Y} \sum_{\substack{i, j : \\ W_{i,j} = 1}} (x_{ij} - \mu_i - (UY)_{ij})^2 \quad | \text{ Completion}$$

Forget about μ for a moment, we need to find $\min_A \text{rk}(A)$: $X = A$ or Ω

This problem, like many other involving $\text{rk}(A)$, is NP-Hard, so we need some relaxation.

Nuclear Norm Given a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ with

singular values $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{\min\{n,m\}}$, Then The

Nuclear Norm of A (or ℓ -Schatten norm) is

$$\|A\|_* := \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{n,m\}} \omega_i$$

Convex Envelope : Given a function $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

where $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a convex set, The convex envelope of

f over C is $\text{Conv}_C(f) = g: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex

such that $\forall h: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex such that $h \leq f$,

we have $h \leq g \leq f$ or also

$$g(x) := \sup \left\{ h(x) \mid h \leq f \text{ on } C, h \text{ convex on } C \right\}$$

Optimising quantities involving $\text{rank}(A)$ is usually NP-hard, so it is common to relax the rank with its convex envelope.

Theorem 2.1 The convex envelope of $\text{rank}(A)$

in the domain $\{A : \|A\|_* \leq 1\}$ is $\|A\|_*$ (Fazel, '02)

proof for $C = \{A : \|A\|_* \leq 1\}$

First of all, notice that $\|A\|_* \leq 1 \Rightarrow \|A\|_F \leq \text{rank}(A)$.

Moreover, if $\text{rank}(A) = 1$, $\omega_1(A) = 1$, Then $A \in C$. We

can thus take $A \in C$ with svd $A = \sum_i \omega_i u_i v_i^T$

and notice that $\|A\|_* = \sum_i \omega_i \leq 1$ and $u_i v_i^T \in C \forall i$

and $0 \in C$. If $F := \text{Conv}_C(\text{rank})$ Then F is convex, so

$$F(A) = F\left(\sum_i \omega_i (u_i v_i^T) + (1 - \|A\|_*) \cdot 0\right)$$

$$\leq \sum_i \omega_i F(u_i v_i^T) + (1 - \|A\|_*) F(0)$$

$$\leq \sum_i \omega_i \text{rank}(u_i v_i^T) + (1 - \|A\|_*) \text{rank}(0)$$

$$= \sum_i \omega_i = \|A\|_*$$

Since $\|\cdot\|_*$ is a norm, it is a convex function and thus

$\|\cdot\|_*$ is the convex envelope of rank

0-Norm : Given $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\|x\|_0 := |\{i \mid x_i \neq 0\}|$

WARNING: This is NOT a norm since $\|\lambda x\|_0 = \|x\|_0 \quad \forall \lambda \neq 0$

Corollary 2.2 $\text{Conv}_C(\|\cdot\|_0) = \|\cdot\|_1$, For $C = \{\|x\|_\infty \leq 1\}$

[Not easy to prove]

Let's go back to $W \in \{0, 1\}^{d \times m}$ being the matrix saying if an entry is observed or not.

- ~ IF W is too sparse, The solution is far from unique, and the best X may be lower than wanted
- ~ IF the 'underlying' true X is too sparse, even few unobserved entries may modify the solution greatly
- e.g. $X = e, e^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. If $w_{1,1}=0$, the optimal solution will be the zero matrix.
- ~ IF the pattern of W is too 'structured', The solution is also likely to change

e.g. $W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$ we lose all info on the first component and U_1, V_1 will never be able to approximate the true X .

To solve this problems we will

- bound the number of 0 in W and in X
- suppose that the pattern of 0 in W is random

Incoherence wrt Sparse Matrices

A matrix is incoherent when it is "uniformly dense".

More specifically, we say that a matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$

of rank K and K -reduced SVD $X = U \Sigma V^T$

is \mathcal{D} -incoherent if

$$\max_i \|U_{i,:}\|^2 \leq \mathcal{D} \sqrt{\frac{K}{d}} \quad \max_j \|V_{:,j}\|^2 \leq \mathcal{D} \sqrt{\frac{K}{d}}$$

$$\|UV^T\|_\infty \leq \mathcal{D} \sqrt{\frac{K}{dn}}$$

The idea is that each element of U, V is bounded in abs. value by 1, and when this is reached it is the only nonzero on the associated row and column, so the matrix is already quite sparse. On the contrary, a column of U with all elements roughly of the same magnitude, will have entries with abs. value $\sim \sqrt{\frac{K}{d}}$, so the rows of a balanced full matrix will have norm $\sqrt{\frac{K}{d}} \leq 1$. In this sense, a bigger \mathcal{D} leads to a potentially sparser matrix. (This has sense on a statistical ground)

$n \geq d$

Theorem 3.1 Suppose $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ with rank K and \mathcal{D} -incoherent. Suppose we sample at random M entries

From X with $M \geq C \cdot \mathcal{D}^4 \cdot K \cdot n \log(n)^2$.

Then with probability $\geq 1 - \frac{1}{n^3}$ X is the unique solution of

$$\min_A \|A\|_* \text{ s.t. } A = X \text{ on the observed } M \text{ entries}$$

Notice that this is a convex problem, and it is a relaxation of the NP-hard problem

$$\min_A \text{rank}(A) \text{ s.t. } \|A\|_* \leq \|X\|_*$$

A similar result also holds for Compressive Sensing of low-rank matrices, i.e. $\min_A \|A\|_* : \Phi(A) = \Phi(X)$

as long as the linear operator Φ is "incoherent" with A

(For the exam: This can be found in [3e])

There are specific algorithms to solve IPCA (for the exam: Proximal Gradient (Cai, 2008) Power Factorization/Lemmer Method (Hastie, Schafferlitzky '03) Partition Alt. Min. (Jain, '12))

Thus, given the model

$$\min_{W, V, Y} \|W \circ (X - \mu e^T - UY)\|_F^2$$

We formulate an Alternating Method to solve it:

Given $f: \mathcal{S}_2 := S_1 \times \dots \times S_m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in $C^1(\mathcal{S}_2)$, $\sum n_i = m$, where $S_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$ are closed and convex, we want to minimize f over its domain \mathcal{S}_2 . If $x \in \mathcal{S}_2$, then $x = (x_i)_{i=1,\dots,m}$ where $x_i \in S_i \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n_i}$. A general framework of alternating method is

Alternating Method

Initialize $X^{(0)}$ randomly in \mathcal{S}_2

Repeat until convergence

For every $i = 1, \dots, m$

$$x_i^{(k+1)} = \underset{x}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_m)$$

Theorem 6.1 [4] Suppose all the min problem solved in the Alt. Met.

have an unique minimum. Then every limit point of $X^{(k)}$ is a local minimizer of $F(X)$ over \mathcal{S}_2 . If $m=2$ the unicity is not required.

In particular, the hypothesis is fulfilled whenever f is strongly convex in every x_i .

AM For IPCA

Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ and $W \in \{0, 1\}^{d \times m}$. The IPCA is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{W, U, Y} & \|W \circ (X - \mu e^T - UY)\|_F^2 \\ &= \min_{W, U, Y} \sum_{\substack{i,j: \\ W_{i,j}=1}} (x_{ij} - \mu_i - (UY)_{ij})^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $U \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$, $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^d$. One can see this as a function in $d+k(d+m)$ variables (or less depending on W).

Notice that we do not know all x_{ij} but only the observed ones ($W_{i,j}=1$) so we cannot use a truncated SVD. But we can optimize in an alternating fashion fixing everything but one among U , U^\top (rows of U), Y_j (columns of Y). In particular, taking the derivatives we find that

$$\partial_{\mu_i} = -2 \sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i - (UY)_{ij}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_i = \frac{\sum_j w_{i,j} (X - UY)_{ij}}{\sum_j w_{i,j}}$$

$$\partial_{w_{i,j}} = -2 \sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i - U^\top Y_j) \cdot (-Y_j) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum_j w_{i,j} Y_j Y_j^\top \right) \mu_i = \sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i) Y_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_i = \left(\sum_j w_{i,j} Y_j Y_j^\top \right)^{-1} \sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i) Y_j$$

$$\partial_{Y_j} = -2 \sum_i w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i - Y_j^\top \mu_i) (-\mu_i) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_j = \left(\sum_i w_{i,j} \mu_i \mu_i^\top \right)^{-1} \sum_i w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i) \cdot \mu_i$$

A problem to address is the loss of unique decomposition

$X \sim \mu e^T + UY$. In fact, for example

$$\mu e^T + UY = (\mu + Uv) e^T + U(Y - ve^T) = \mu + URR^\top Y$$

A common choice is $U^\top U = I$ that can be achieved through a reduced QR $U = QR = \mathbb{I}^d$ (that theoretically is a reduced SVD, but algorithmically it's better to compute) and $Y = 0$ that can be achieved with $Y \mapsto Y - Ye^T/m$ and it has sense statistically since μ is usually the mean of X and UY is zero-mean.

Power Iteration [7c]

Initialize Y, U

$$Y (X - \mu e^T)$$

Repeat until convergence

$$\mu_i \leftarrow \frac{\sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i^\top Y_j)}{\sum_j w_{i,j}} \quad \forall i$$

$$M_i \leftarrow \left(\sum_j w_{i,j} Y_j Y_j^\top \right)^{-1} \sum_j w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i^\top Y_j) Y_j \quad \forall i$$

$$U \leftarrow Q \begin{bmatrix} M_1^{(0)} \\ \vdots \\ M_n^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} = QR \quad \text{reduced QR}$$

$$Y_j \leftarrow \left(\sum_i w_{i,j} M_i^\top M_i \right)^{-1} \sum_i w_{i,j} (x_{ij} - \mu_i^\top M_i) \cdot M_i \quad \forall j$$

$$\text{Return } \mu + \frac{1}{m} UY, U, Y(I - ee^T/m)$$

This is fairly expensive $O(ndk)$, but not too much. The inv. are much more. Notice moreover that you need k .

→ We are going now to tackle a more general problem:

Sparse/Robust PCA.

Lesson 2

Robust PCA

Suppose the data matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ has corrupted entries, i.e. there exists a matrix $E \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$, usually sparse, and a low rank $L \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ such that

$$X \sim L + E$$

and we want to retrieve L .

~ This is harder than Incomplete PCA because we don't know the sparsity pattern of E . Moreover, if we take in IPCA W and set

$$x_{i,j} = \lambda \Rightarrow \|x\|_{\text{obs.}}^{\infty} \quad \forall i,j : w_{i,j} = 0$$

Then solving RPCA on X gives us the solution of IPCA.

It is not easy to formulate a model, since we want to minimize $\|X - L - E\|_F$, $\dim(L)$, $\|E\|_0$.

- A model is a generalization of IPCA fixing K

$$\min_{\mu, U, Y} \|W \circ (X - \mu - UY)\|_F^2 : W = f(\mu, U, Y)$$

This is the weight approach and ideally we want

$w_{i,j} \approx 1$ when $(X - \mu - UY)_{i,j} \approx 0$ and $w_{i,j} = 0$

otherwise. One way to define it is

$$E = X - \mu - UY \quad \begin{cases} \text{M-Estimators} \\ \text{Maximal-Likelihood} \\ -\text{type} \end{cases}$$

$$w_{i,j}^2 = p(E_{i,j}) / E_{i,j}^2$$

where $p(x)$ is a 'loss function' s.t. $x_{i,j}$ is $|x|$ and ≥ 0

In this case, the problem is rewritten as

$$\min_{\mu, U, Y} \sum_{i,j} p(X_{i,j} - \mu_i - (UY)_{i,j})$$

~ $p(x) = x^2$ is the standard PCA

~ other loss funct. are $|x|$, $x_0^2 \log(1 + \frac{x}{x_0})$, etc.

When W is fixed, this is an IPCA so a classical

algorithm is to alternatively solve the IPCA and then

$$\text{set } w_{i,j} = \sqrt{p(E_{i,j}) / E_{i,j}^2}.$$

Robust PCA with Power Iteration

Here we have X close to $\mu e^t + UY$ up to some entries that may be very large, so we want to find μ, U, Y and W where

$w_{i,j} \approx 0$ iff $(X - \mu e^t - UY)_{i,j} = E_{i,j}$ is large

The idea is to define $w_{i,j} = \frac{\varepsilon_0^2}{E_{i,j}^2 + \varepsilon_0^2}$ and minimize $\sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} E_{i,j}^2$

as in IPCA over all μ, U, Y and then reupdate W .

Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS)

Initialize μ, U, Y as classic PCA of X , $\varepsilon_0 > 0$

Repeat until convergence

$$E = X - \mu e^t - UY, \quad w_{i,j} = \frac{\varepsilon_0^2}{E_{i,j}^2 + \varepsilon_0^2} \quad \forall i,j$$

$$(\mu, U, Y) = \text{Power-Iteration-Step}(\mu, U, Y, W)$$

$$\text{Return } \mu + \frac{1}{n} UY e^t, U, Y(I - ee^t/n), E = X - \mu e^t - UY$$

Notice that the first step is the same as saying $w_{i,j} \leq 1$.

A different model is fixing $\varepsilon > 0$ and solving

$$\min_{L, E} \text{rank}(L) + \lambda \|E\|_0 : \|X - \mu - L - E\| \leq \varepsilon$$

where, in statistical terms, ε is a bound on the noise variance.

Let's now discuss the exact case and $\mu = 0$

As usual, this is not convex, so we relax it into the PCP

$$\min_{L, E} \|LN\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_1 \quad ; \quad X = L + E \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{vector norm!} \\ \text{Principal Component Pursuit} \end{matrix}$$

[4e] Theorem 3.2 Given $X = L_0 + E_0$ with L_0 \mathcal{D} -incoherent

and s.t. $\text{supp}(E_0)$ is uniform dist. among all patterns with

fixed $m = \|E_0\|_0$. If there exist constants p_d, p_s such

that $\text{rk}(L_0) \leq \frac{p_d \min\{d, n\}}{\sqrt{\log(\max\{d, n\})^2}}, \quad m \leq p_s \cdot n d$

Then there exists a constant c such that the solution to PCP

$$\min_{L, E} \|L\|_* + \|E\|_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\max\{n, d\}}} \quad ; \quad X = L + E$$

is the exact (L_0, E_0) with prob. $\geq 1 - c \max\{n, d\}^{-10}$.

Warning: Even if $\|\cdot\|_*, \|\cdot\|_2, \|\cdot\|_1$ are norms and thus convex

they are NOT differentiable, so gradient methods are not guaranteed to converge. One can turn to semidefinite programming, but those are typically very expensive.

The ADMM uses subgradient, but usually there's more than one subg. that get the derivative to zero, so it suffers from this ambiguity. This is usually why one turns to simpler AT.

When dealing with models using $\|\cdot\|_x$, $\|\cdot\|_1$ we may want to use gradient descend methods, but those norms are non-diff., so we need to resort to subdifferentials.

Subdifferential: $v \in \partial_{\text{sub}} f(x_0)$, f convex, if

$$f(x) \geq f(x_0) + v^T(x - x_0) \quad \forall x$$

→ For the minimum we have $0 \in \partial_{\text{sub}} f(x_0)$, and it's iff.

Lemma 2.3 $v \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|\cdot\|_1 \Leftrightarrow v_i = \begin{cases} \text{sgn}(x_i) & x_i \neq 0 \\ |x_i| \leq 1 & x_i = 0 \end{cases}$

Proof Suppose $v \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|\cdot\|_1$. If $x_i \neq 0$, then for $|\gamma| < |x_i|$

we have $\|x + \gamma e_i\|_1 = \|x\|_1 + \text{sgn}(x_i)\gamma \geq \|x\|_1 + \gamma v^T e_i$, so

$$\gamma [\text{sgn}(x_i) - v_i] \geq 0 \quad \forall \gamma \in [-|x_i|, |x_i|] \Rightarrow v_i = \text{sgn}(x_i)$$

If $x_i = 0$, then $\|x + \gamma e_i\|_1 = \|x\|_1 + |\gamma| \geq \|x\|_1 + \gamma v^T e_i \quad \forall \gamma$

so if $\gamma = 1$, $1 \geq v^T e_i$ and if $\gamma = -1$, $v^T e_i \geq -1 \Rightarrow |v_i| \leq 1$.

To prove that it is sufficient, notice that

$$\|x\|_1 + v^T y = \sum_i |x_i| + v_i \cdot y_i = \sum_{x_i \neq 0} v_i \cdot y_i + \sum_{x_i=0} \text{sgn}(x_i)(x_i + y_i)$$

$$\leq \sum_i |x_i + y_i| = \|x + y\|_1 \quad \blacksquare$$

Theorem 2.4 Given $X = U \Sigma V^T$ SVD, then

$$S \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|X\|_1 \Leftrightarrow S = U \left[\begin{array}{c|c} I & 0 \\ \hline 0 & W \end{array} \right] V^T$$

where W corresponds to the zero SVD block and $\|W\| \leq 1$

Proof (\Rightarrow) Given a s.v. $\omega_i \neq 0$ of X_0 , let $|\gamma| < \omega_i$. Then

$$\|x_0 + U_0(\Sigma_0 + \gamma E_{ii})V_0^T\|_\infty = \|x_0\|_\infty + \gamma \geq \|x_0\|_\infty + \gamma \leq \|x_0\|_\infty + \gamma S, V_0 \in \text{im } V_0^T > \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma [1 - \langle U_0^T S V_0, E_{ii} \rangle] = \gamma (1 - (V_0^T S V_0)_{ii}) \geq 0 \quad \forall |\gamma| < \omega_i$$

Since γ can be pos. and neg., then $\gamma = (V_0^T S V_0)_{ii}$. Take now $\omega_i \neq 0$ and ω_j that may be also zero. Then

$$\|x_0 + U_0(\Sigma_0 + \gamma E_{ii})V_0^T\|_\infty = \|x_0\|_\infty + \underbrace{\|\begin{bmatrix} \omega_i & \\ \gamma & \omega_j \end{bmatrix}\|_\infty}_{\leq \|\gamma\|} - \underbrace{\|\begin{bmatrix} \omega_i & \omega_j \end{bmatrix}\|_\infty}_{\leq \|\omega_j\|} \geq \|x_0\|_\infty + \gamma \leq \|x_0\|_\infty + \langle U_0^T S V_0, \gamma \rangle \quad \forall \gamma$$

$$\text{but } M_{ij}(\gamma) \leq \left(\|\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}\|_\infty - \|1\|_\infty \right) \|\begin{bmatrix} \omega_i & \omega_j \end{bmatrix}\|_\infty = \frac{Q(\gamma^2)}{\gamma \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow (U_0^T S V_0)_{ij} = Q(\gamma^2) \quad \text{so taking } \gamma \text{ pos. and neg., we find}$$

$$(U_0^T S V_0)_{ij} = 0. \quad \text{Now call } \tilde{P} = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{smallmatrix} \right] \text{ and } U_0^T S V_0 = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} * & * \\ * & \tilde{P} \end{smallmatrix} \right] \text{ so that}$$

$$\|x_0 + U_0(\Sigma_0 + \tilde{P})V_0^T\|_\infty \approx \|x_0\|_\infty + \|P\|_\infty \geq \|x_0\|_\infty + \langle U_0^T S V_0, \tilde{P} \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow \|P\|_\infty \geq \langle W, P \rangle \quad \forall P$. Let $W = U \Sigma V^T$ be its SVD and suppose $P = U D V^T$ where $D = \text{diag}(d)$ and d is not necessarily nonnegative

$$\|D\|_\infty = \|d\|_1 \geq \langle \sum_w d_w, 1 \rangle = d^T \omega_W \Rightarrow \omega_W \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|D\|_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_W)_i \leq 1 \quad \forall i \Rightarrow \|W\| \leq 1.$$

$$(\Leftarrow) \|x_0\|_\infty + \langle S, x - x_0 \rangle = \|\Sigma_0\|_\infty + \langle \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \Sigma \end{bmatrix}, U_0^T \times V_0 - \Sigma_0 \rangle = \langle \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \Sigma \end{bmatrix}, U_0^T \times V_0 \rangle = \langle \Sigma, \tilde{X} \rangle \quad \text{where } \|\Sigma\| \leq 1$$

notice that $\langle \Sigma, \tilde{X} \rangle = \omega_S^T \text{Diag}(\tilde{X}) \leq e^T |\text{Diag}(\tilde{X})|$, but to change sign to the diagonal of \tilde{X} it is enough to multiply by a diagonal sign matrix that is unitary so it is equal to $e^T \text{Diag}(\tilde{X})$ where \tilde{X} has the same sv of X .

$$e^T \text{Diag}(U \Sigma V^T) = \sum_{i,j} M_{ij} \omega_j^T V_{ij} = \sum_j \omega_j^T \sum_i M_{ij} V_{ij} = \sum_j \omega_j^T (U^T V)_{jj}$$

$$\leq \sum_j \omega_j^T = \|x\|_\infty \quad \text{because } U^T V \text{ is unitary, so } e_j^T (U^T V) e_j \leq \|U^T V\| = 1$$

Theorem 2.5 $\partial_{\text{sub}} \|v\| = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$ if $v \neq 0$ and $\partial_{\text{sub}} \|b\| = \{x \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}$

Proof $\nabla_x \|x\| = \nabla_x \sqrt{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{\sum x_i^2}} = \frac{x}{\|x\|}$ if $\|x\| \neq 0$. In fact

$$v \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|v\| \Leftrightarrow \|x\| \geq \langle x, v \rangle \quad \forall x \Leftrightarrow \|v\| \leq 1 \quad \blacksquare$$

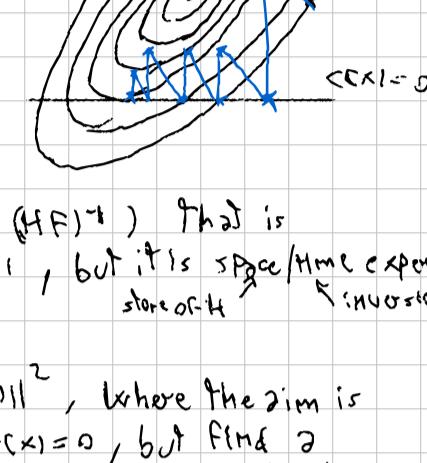
Lagrange and Penalization [1, 2]

Given the optimization problem ($\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $c: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$)

$$\min_x \phi(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c(x) = 0 \quad (1)$$

There are many techniques to approach it.

- When we have a projection $P: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ on the set $\{x : c(x) = 0\}$, we can use a (sub)-gradient method $\hat{x}_{k+1} = x_k - \alpha(\nabla_x \phi(x_k))$ and after each step project $x_{k+1} = P(\hat{x}_{k+1})$, where α is taken as the best possible, i.e. $\partial_{\delta y} \phi(x_k + \delta \nabla_x \phi(x_k)) = 0$ equivalent to $\nabla_x \phi(x_k) \perp \nabla_x \phi(x_k + \delta \nabla_x \phi(x_k))$ (DPG: deepest projected gradient). In general, it can be proved that the error goes as $O(k^{-2})$ for a general class.
- $\hat{x}_{k+1} = x_k - D \nabla_x \phi(x_k)$ where D psd is a matrix gives us Newton method ($D = (H F)^{-1}$) that is faster generally, like $\mathcal{O}(p^k)$, $0 < p < 1$, but it's space/time expensive store of H inversion



- Penalization: $\min_x \phi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \rho \|c(x)\|^2$, where the aim is not to stay exactly on the space $c(x) = 0$, but find a close solution. When ρ is very large, the problem finds a solution that is really close to $\min \phi(x)$. If x_ρ is the solution for a certain ρ , one can prove that for $c(x), \phi(x)$ cont. functions, every conv. subs. of x_ρ tends to a min of $\phi(x)$. The problem is that the problem is highly unstable for big ρ , because the algorithms tend to ignore $\phi(x)$ if it is $\ll \rho$.

with $\phi(x)$ differentiable $\phi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $c: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Then we can introduce the Lagrangian function

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \phi(x) + \lambda^T \cdot c(x)$$

Here we can recall the common multiplier method, that shows that x^* is a strict local min. of (1) if (x^*, λ^*) solves

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_x \phi(x) + \lambda^T \cdot \nabla_x c(x) = 0 \\ c(x) = 0 \end{cases} = \nabla_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda)$$

$$Z^T H_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) \cdot Z > 0 \quad \forall Z: Z^T \nabla_x c(x) = 0, Z \neq 0$$

Lemma 1 IF $Z^T H Z > 0 \quad \forall Z: Z^T J = 0$, then $\exists \rho > 0$

such that $H + \rho J \delta^+$ is psd

Proof $\theta(v) = -\frac{v^T H v}{v^T J \delta^+ v}$ on $\|v\|=1$ is a function that goes to $-\infty$

Near the kernel of $J \delta^+$ and it is continuous otherwise, so it has a max equal to ρ , since $\rho \geq -\frac{v^T H v}{v^T J \delta^+ v} \Rightarrow v^T H v + \rho v^T J \delta^+ v > 0 \quad \forall v$

If now we consider the augmented Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_\rho(x, \lambda) = \phi(x) + \lambda^T c(x) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|c(x)\|^2$$

and (x^*, λ^*) the solution above, we find

$$\nabla_x \mathcal{L}_\rho(x^*, \lambda^*) = \frac{\rho}{2} \nabla_x \|c(x^*)\|^2 = \rho c(x^*)^T \nabla_x c(x^*) = 0$$

$$H_x \mathcal{L}_\rho(x^*, \lambda^*) = H_x \mathcal{L}(x^*, \lambda^*) + \rho \nabla_x c(x^*)^T \nabla_x c(x^*) \succ 0$$

\Rightarrow IF λ is close to λ^* , we just need to minimize $\mathcal{L}_\rho(x, \lambda)$ over x . To update λ , notice that we want $\nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = 0$, so given x_ρ the minimum of $\mathcal{L}_\rho(\cdot, \lambda)$ we have

$$0 = \nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}_\rho(x_\rho, \lambda) = \nabla_\lambda \phi(x_\rho) + \lambda^T \nabla_x c(x_\rho) + \rho c(x_\rho)^T \nabla_x c(x_\rho)$$

$$= \nabla_\lambda \phi(x_\rho) + (\lambda + \rho c(x_\rho))^T \nabla_x c(x_\rho)$$

$$= \nabla_\lambda \mathcal{L}(x_\rho, \lambda + \rho c(x_\rho))$$

\rightsquigarrow the update of λ is $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \rho c(x_\rho)$

The advantage is that there is no need for ρ to go to ∞ , so we have a more stable method.

Theorem 4.2 Suppose (x^*, λ^*) satisfies the condition in $\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda)$ to be a local strict min, and let ρ be big enough as before. Then $\exists \delta, \epsilon, M$ s.t.

$$\|\lambda_k - \lambda^*\| \leq \rho_k \cdot \delta, \quad \rho_k \geq \rho$$

$\Rightarrow \min_x \mathcal{L}_{\rho_k}(x, \lambda_k)$ has a unique minimizer x_k with $\|x_k - x^*\| \leq M \|\lambda_k - \lambda^*\| / \rho_k$

and moreover if $\lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k + \rho_k c(x_k)$ then

$$\|\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda^*\| \leq M \|\lambda_k - \lambda^*\| / \rho_k \quad [3, \text{Prop. 4.2.3}]$$

\rightsquigarrow this shows a convergence $O(\epsilon^m)$

PCP : Principal Component Pursuit

$$\underset{\mu, L, E}{\text{min}} \quad \|L\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_1 \quad ; \quad X = L + E$$

$\|\cdot\|_*$ vector norm!

Let us write its augmented Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E, \Lambda) = \|L\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_1 + \langle \Lambda, X - L - E \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2} \|X - L - E\|_F^2$$

ADMM Algorithm

Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers

$$\text{Initialize } E_0 = \Lambda_0 = 0, \mu = \frac{m}{4\|X\|_1}, \lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \quad (m > d)$$

Repeat until convergence

$$L_{k+1} = \underset{L}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E_k, \Lambda_k)$$

$$E_{k+1} = \underset{E}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L_{k+1}, E, \Lambda_k)$$

$$\Lambda_{k+1} = \Lambda_k + \mu(X - L_{k+1} - E_{k+1})$$

Notice that \mathcal{L}_μ is convex in L, E . We can compute the argmin for L, E explicitly through the subgradient. In fact

$$\underset{L}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E, \Lambda) = \underset{L}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|L\|_* - \langle \Lambda, L \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2} \|X - L - E\|_F^2$$

given $L = U \Sigma V^\top$ the SVD, let $U SV^\top \in \partial_{\text{sub}} \|L\|_*$ and

$$\partial_{\text{sub}} = USV^\top - \Lambda + \mu L + \mu(X - E) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U(S + \mu \Sigma)V^\top = \Lambda + \mu(X - E)$$

$\Rightarrow \Lambda + \mu(X - E) = U \tilde{\Sigma} V^\top$ gives us U, V and $S + \mu \Sigma = \tilde{\Sigma}$, so

$$w_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \tilde{w}_i \leq 1 \\ \frac{\tilde{w}_i - 1}{\mu} & \tilde{w}_i > 1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow w_i = \frac{1}{\mu} \max\{0, \tilde{w}_i - 1\}$$

"soft Thresholding"

$$\rightsquigarrow \underset{L}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E, \Lambda) = D_\mu(\frac{1}{\mu} \Lambda + X - E)$$

$$\underset{E}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E, \Lambda) = \underset{E}{\operatorname{argmin}} \lambda \|E\|_1 - \langle \Lambda, E \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2} \|X - L - E\|_F^2$$

$$\partial_{\text{sub}} = \lambda \operatorname{sgn}(E) + \mu E - \Lambda + \mu(X - L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \operatorname{sgn}(E) + \mu E + \lambda V = \Lambda + \mu(X - L) = A$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 0 & |A_{i,j}| \leq \lambda \\ \frac{A_{i,j} - \lambda}{\mu} & A_{i,j} > \lambda \\ \frac{A_{i,j} + \lambda}{\mu} & A_{i,j} < -\lambda \end{cases} = \operatorname{sgn}(A_{i,j}) \max\{0, \frac{|A_{i,j}| - \lambda}{\mu}\}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \underset{E}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}_\mu(L, E, \Lambda) = S_\mu(\frac{1}{\mu} \Lambda + X - L)$$

ADMM Algorithm

$$\text{Initialize } E_0 = \Lambda_0 = 0, \mu = \frac{m}{4\|X\|_1}, \lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \quad (m > d)$$

Repeat until convergence

$$L_{k+1} = D_\mu(\frac{1}{\mu} \Lambda_k + X - E_k)$$

$$E_{k+1} = S_\mu(\frac{1}{\mu} \Lambda_k + X - L_{k+1})$$

$$\Lambda_{k+1} = \Lambda_k + \mu(X - L_{k+1} - E_{k+1})$$

Notice that the rk of L is not an input of the system.

Robust PCA To Outliers

When some of the data $\{x_i\}$ may be corrupted or badly sampled we say that we are in presence of Outliers.

A way to deal with it is with the weight matrix W as in the previous case, where now $W = \Sigma W^*$, i.e. there's a weight associated with every x_i and they are computed as

$$w_i = \rho(\varepsilon_i) \varepsilon_i^2, \quad \varepsilon_i = \|x_i - \mu - Uy_i\|$$

A similar algorithm can be adopted for dealing with outliers:

Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares with Outliers

Initialize μ, U, Y as classic PCA of X , $\varepsilon_0 > 0$
Repeat until convergence

$$E = X - \mu e^* - UY, \quad w_{ij} = \frac{\varepsilon_0^2}{\|\varepsilon_j\|^2 + \varepsilon_0^2} \quad \forall i, j$$

$$(\mu, U, Y) \rightarrow \text{Power-Iteration-Step } (\mu, U, Y, W)$$

$$\text{Return } \mu + \frac{1}{n} U Y e^*, U, Y(I - e e^* \frac{1}{n}), E = X - \mu e^* - UY$$

Another way is to solve the problem

$$\min_{L, E} \gamma \Omega_M(L) + \lambda \|E\|_{2,0} : X = L + E$$

where the idea is to find a low rank L and a column sparse E , in fact $\|E\|_{2,0}$ is the number of non-zero columns, or equivalently the 0-norm of $(\|E_1\|, \dots, \|E_m\|)$. As usual, this is NP-hard, so we relax to the convex hulls

$$\min_{L, E} \|L\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1} : X = L + E$$

where $\|E\|_{2,1} = \sum_{i=1}^m \|E_i\|$. This is called Outlier Pursuit Program.

See Th. 7.1 for when the OPP gives the correct underlying $X = L + E$. See ADMM for a way to solve this problem.

~ Some warning for ADMM and mom-diff. holds here.

Incoherence wrt Column Sparse Matrices

A rank K matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ with reduced SVD $L = U\Sigma V^T$ and $(1-\delta)n$ non-zero columns is said 2-incoherent wrt... if

$$\max_j \|\mathbf{v}_j\|^2 \leq \frac{\nu K}{(1-\delta)n} \quad \mathbf{v}_j \text{ rows of } V$$

Theorem 7.1 Let $X = L_0 + E_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ with L_0 2-incoherent wrt... and at least $(1-\delta)n$ columns non zero, and with E_0 supported on at least τn columns. IF

$$\gamma_K(L_0) \leq \left(\frac{3}{n}\right)^2 \frac{1-\delta}{\nu \cdot \tau}$$

Then the solution of the Outlier Pursuit Program with $\lambda = \frac{3}{\tau \sqrt{\delta n}}$

$$\min_{L, E} \|L\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1} : X = L + E$$

identifies the column space of L_0 and the outlier index in E_0 . [8c]

In case of Outliers, the OPP model is

$$\min_{L, E, \Delta} \gamma \Omega_\mu(L, E, \Delta) = \min_{L, E, \Delta} \|L\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_{2,1} + \gamma \Delta, X = L + E + \frac{\mu}{2} \|X - L - E\|_F^2$$

so we can apply an ADMM to minimize it. The updates of L and Δ are the same as above. The only difference is the update of E

$$\operatorname{argmin}_E \lambda \|E\|_{2,1} - \langle \Delta, E \rangle + \frac{\mu}{2} \|X - L - E\|_F^2$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{sub}} \lambda B - \Delta + \mu E + \mu(L - X) = 0 \quad / \quad E_j = 0 \Rightarrow \|B_j\| \leq 1 \quad E_j \neq 0 \Rightarrow B_j = E_j / \|E_j\|$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{\mu} B + E = \frac{1}{\mu} \Delta + X - L = A$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \|A_j\| > \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \Rightarrow E_j = \frac{A_j}{\|A_j\|} (\|A_j\| - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}) \\ \|A_j\| \leq \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \Rightarrow E_j = 0 \end{array} \right\} E = T_{\lambda/\mu}(A)$$

$$\Delta_{k+1} = \Delta_k + \mu(X - L_{k+1} - E_{k+1})$$

Notice that once we have L , one can determine if a new data y is an outlier: The idea is that an outlier is $y \sim L + v$ with $\|v\| \gg 1$. Given $L = U\Sigma V$ with Σ square, then a big $\|\Sigma^{-1}U^T y\|$ is an indicator of outliers. $\gg 1$

~ This is akin to a training of a NN