

# Matrix completion

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# Degrees of freedom in a matrix( $n \times n$ ) of rank $r$

$$r(2n-r)$$

Proof of  $r(2n-r)$

$$\Rightarrow nr + (n-r)r$$

$$\Rightarrow nr + nr - r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2nr - r^2$$

- This will be of  $\Theta(nr)$  for a  $n \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ .
- which is much smaller than  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

Example

practical situations of low ranks

For a matrix  $1000 \times 1000$  of rank 20 we need just 40000 numbers instead of 1000000 numbers.

# Which set of $r(2n - r)$ numbers?

Ofcourse not all sets of such numbers will work.

- 1 If a **complete** row or column is **missing**, then you can't recover. There is no hope. **how there is no hope**
- 2 If the matrix is something like this.

$$M = e_1 e_n^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3 or

$$M = e_1 x^* = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**explain how?  
by comparing  
with another  
matrix**

- 4 So there are bunch of cases in which matrix recovery isn't going to work, whatsoever the method is..

# Sample the matrix at random?

- Only **some combinations** of  $r(2n - r)$  numbers are going to be the right choice. (**Good** cases/ **Bad** cases)
  - Matrix.
  - No of enteries. ( $> r(2n - r)$ )
  - Which combination of these enteries.
- What is **Probability** of exact matrix completion. Randomly sample
  - 1 Matrix - Number of combinations of numbers that are GOOD cases.
  - 2 Number of samples ( $> r(2n - r)$ , otherwise its 0)

## Central Idea!!

If I want the matrix to get completed for **most of cases (fixed probability)**, we will need **different amount of enteries** ( $> r(2n - r)$ ) for different matrices.

explain  $P = m \cdot x(M)$

$Sampls \propto \Psi_X(M)$  given some P

$$L \in R^{n \times n} = U \Sigma V^*$$

Coherence parameter  $\mu \geq 1$

$$\| P_U e_i \|^2 \leq \frac{\mu r}{n} \quad \| P_V e_i \|^2 \leq \frac{\mu r}{n} \text{ where}$$

- $P_i$  is projection onto corresponding space.
- $e_i$  is  $i_{th}$  unit vector.

Alternatively

$$\mu(U) = \frac{n}{r} \max(\| P_U e_i \|)$$

explain max n min  
values of mu  
 $\mu = \max(\mu_1, \mu_2)$   
do correction

- Weak coherence property, 2008.
- Strong coherence property, 2009. Result improved.

# Mathematical results

Lemma: Information theoretic limit (C and Tao, 2009)

**Coupon collector's effect**, No method whatsoever can work if no of sampled entries in the matrix is

$$m \lesssim \mu \times nr \times \log(n)$$

Candes and Recht, 2008

Recovering  $M$  exactly is possible with probability at least  $1 - cn^{-3}$  when sampled entries

$$m \gtrsim \mu \times n^{6/5} \times r \log(n) \quad \text{sometimes } \left( \frac{6}{5} \text{ instead of } \frac{5}{4} \right)$$

Improving the result, Candes and Tao, 2009

Recovering  $M$  exactly is possible with probability at least  $1 - n^{-10}$  when sampled entries

$$m \gtrsim \mu \times n \times r \log^a(n) \quad a \leq 6 \text{ (sometimes 2)}$$

If we have right  $r(2n - r)$  numbers

If we chose the **right numbers**, we can hope to find **only one matrix** that will be the solution to the problem below.

Otherwise there could be multiple matrices that are consistent with those missing values and we can never know which one out of them all.

### Rank minimisation problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize rank}(X) \\ & \text{subject to } X_{ij} = M_{ij} \quad \forall (i, j) \in \Omega_{\text{known}} \end{aligned}$$

### Conclusions

**Not all directions are covered**

- If there are more than one matrix that satisfies the above convex optimisation problem then it means you can't recover.
- It means the choice of number is not right.

# How to minimise rank, NP hard

We were minimising the  $L_2$  norm using gradient descent, which can be visualized as rank minimisation due to constraints. **(not sure though)**

$$\min \| M' - X \| \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega_{known}$$

## Nuclear norm

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \| X \|_* \\ & \text{subject to } X_{ij} = M_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega_{known} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where, } \| X \|_* = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i^2$$

$l_0$  norm  
 $l_1$  norm

- This will be proxy for  $l_0$  norm of singular values matrix.
- $l_0$  norm is number of non zero values, which is essentially rank of matrix.



# Applications

- High dimensionality, but low rank structure.
  - ① Netflix matrix
  - ② Triangulation with sensor net.
  - ③ Quantum state tomography
  - ④ Machine learning
  - ⑤ Corrupted videos
- Robust PCA
  - ① Recovering foreground from background
  - ② Removing shadows from face images.
  - ③ Batch face alignment
- Transform invariant low rank textures.
- 3D reconstruction
- Latent semantic analysis