

CIS 700: “algorithms for Big Data”

Lecture 7: Sketching for Linear Algebra

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Least Squares Regression

- Solving an overconstrained linear system
- For $d \ll n$ given:
 - matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
 - vector $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Find $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^d$ that minimizes: $\| \mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b} \|_2$
- Normal equation: $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Ax}^* = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$
- If \mathbf{A} has rank d then $\mathbf{x}^* = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{b}$
- Takes $O(nd^2)$ time to compute (using naïve matrix multiplication)

Sketching for Least Squares Regression

- Use JL matrix $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$ where $r = \Theta\left(\frac{d}{\epsilon^2}\right) \ll n$
- Solve $\min_x \|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{b}\|_2$ instead
- Standard JL: time $O(nrd + rd^2) > O(nd^2)$
- Sparse JL: time $O(nd^2/\epsilon + rd^2)$
- Fast JL: time $O(nd \log n + rd^2)$
- Subspace embeddings from JL:
 - JL only gives a guarantee for a fixed vector
 - We need the guarantee for the column space of A

Oblivious Subspace Embeddings

- Subspace embedding for A :

$$||SAx||_2^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon) ||Ax||_2^2$$

- SE for $A \equiv$ SE for U where U is the orthonormal basis for the column space of A
- Least Squares Regression: use SE for (A,b)

$$\min_x ||Ax - b||_2 \rightarrow \min_x ||SAx - Sb||_2 = \min_x ||S(Ax - b)||_2$$

- Oblivious Subspace Embedding (OSE): matrix S chosen independently of A , works for any fixed A
- JL transforms can be used as oblivious subspace embeddings

JLT(ϵ, δ, f)

- JLT(ϵ, δ, f): $S \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ that for any f -element subset $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ for all $v, v' \in V$ satisfies that:

$$|\langle Sv, Sv' \rangle - \langle v, v' \rangle| \leq \epsilon \|v\|_2 \|v'\|_2$$

- For unit vectors v, v' :

$$|\langle Sv, Sv' \rangle - \langle v, v' \rangle| \leq \epsilon$$

- $\langle Sv, Sv' \rangle =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left(\|S(v + v')\|_2^2 - \|Sv\|_2^2 - \|Sv'\|_2^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left((1 \pm \epsilon) \|v + v'\|_2^2 - (1 \pm \epsilon) \|v\|_2^2 - (1 \pm \epsilon) \|v'\|_2^2 \right) \\ &= \langle v, v' \rangle \pm O(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

- Suffices to take regular JL of dimension $d = \Omega(1/\epsilon^2 \log f/\delta)$

OSE construction

- $S = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists x: y = Ax, \|y\|_2 = 1\}$
- ϵ -net argument: find a set $N \subseteq S$ such that if
$$\langle Sw, Sw' \rangle = \langle w, w' \rangle \pm \epsilon \quad \forall w, w' \in N$$

then $\|Sy\|_2^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|y\|_2^2 \quad \forall y \in S$

- $N = 1/2$ -net:

$$\forall y \in S \exists w \in N: \|y - w\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

- $y = y^0 + y^1 + y^2 + \dots$, where $\|y^i\| \leq \frac{1}{2^i}$ and each y^i is a multiple of a vector in N .

Net argument

- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^0 + \mathbf{y}^1 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \dots$, where $\|\mathbf{y}^i\| \leq \frac{1}{2^i}$ and each \mathbf{y}^i is a multiple of a vector in N .
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^0 + (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0)$ where $\mathbf{y}^0 \in N$, $\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$
- $(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0) = \mathbf{y}^1 + ((\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0) - \mathbf{y}^1)$ where $\mathbf{y}^1 \in N$ and $\|((\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0) - \mathbf{y}^1)\|_2 \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^0\|}{2} \leq 1/4$
- $\|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{y}^0 + \mathbf{y}^1 + \mathbf{y}^2 + \dots)\|_2^2$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq i < j < \infty} \|\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}^i\|_2^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}^i, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}^j \rangle$$

$$\leq \left(\sum_{0 \leq i < j < \infty} \|\mathbf{y}^i\|_2^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{y}^i, \mathbf{y}^j \rangle \right) \pm 2\epsilon \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq j < \infty} \|\mathbf{y}^i\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}^j\|_2 \right)$$

$$= 1 \pm O(\epsilon)$$

$\frac{1}{2}$ -Net construction

- For $0 < \gamma < 1$ there is a γ -net for S of size $\leq \left(1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}\right)^d$
- Choose a maximal set N' of points on S^d such that no two points are within γ of each other
- Balls of radius $\frac{\gamma}{2}$ around the points are disjoint
- Ball of radius $1 + \frac{\gamma}{2}$ around the origin contains all balls
- # points $\leq \left(\frac{1 + \frac{\gamma}{2}}{\frac{\gamma}{2}}\right)^d = \left(1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}\right)^d$
- Size of $\frac{1}{2}$ -net $\leq 5^d$
- JLT of dimension $\Omega((d + \log \frac{1}{\delta})/\epsilon^2)$ gives OSE

OSE constructions Running Times

$\text{nnz}(A)$ = # non-zero entries in A

- OSE from Sparse JL: time $O(\text{nnz}(A)d/\epsilon)$
- Fast JL: time $O(nd \log n)$
- [Clarkson, Woodruff'13] possible to construct OSE in time $O(\text{nnz}(A))$

Leverage Score Sampling

- **Def (Leverage Score):** For an $n \times k$ matrix Z with orthonormal columns let the leverage score $p_i = \frac{\ell_i^2}{k}$ where $\ell_i^2 = \left\| e_i^T Z \right\|_2^2 = \left\| Z_i \right\|_2^2$
- Note: leverage scores form a distribution
- If A doesn't have orthonormal columns we can still pick an orthonormal basis Z for it
- Choice of Z doesn't matter ($Z' = ZR$) where R is orthonormal gives same leverage scores
- All ℓ_i^2 are at most 1

Leverage Score Sampling

- Given: $\beta > 0$ distribution (q_1, \dots, q_n) with $q_i \geq \beta p_i$
- **Leverage Score Sampling** (Z, s, q) :
 - Constructs matrices $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$ and $D \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$
 - For each column indep. with replacement pick row i w.p. q_i
 - Set $\Omega_{i,j} = 1$ and $D_{jj} = 1/\sqrt{q_i s}$

LSS as a Subspace Embedding

- **Thm.:** If $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ has orthonormal columns then for $s > 144k \log\left(\frac{2k}{\delta}\right) / \beta \epsilon^2$ if Ω and D are constructed via $\text{LSS}(Z, s, q)$ then for all i w.p. $1 - \delta$:

$$1 - \epsilon \leq \sigma_i^2(D^T \Omega^T Z) \leq 1 + \epsilon$$

- **(Matrix Chernoff):** If X_1, \dots, X_s are i.i.d copies of a symmetric random matrix $X \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ with $E[X] = 0$, $\|X\|_2 \leq \gamma$ and $\|E[X^T X]\|_2 \leq s^2$ then for $W = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s X_i$ and $\epsilon > 0$:

$$\Pr\left[\|W\|_2 > \epsilon\right] \leq 2k \exp\left(-\frac{s\epsilon^2}{2s^2 + \frac{2\gamma\epsilon}{3}}\right)$$

Proof: LSS as a Subspace Embedding

- $U_i = i$ -th sampled row of Z in $\text{LSS}(Z, s, q)$
- $z_j = j$ -th row of Z
- $X_i = I_k - U_i^T U_i / q_i$
- $E[X_i] = I_k - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{q_j z_j^T z_j}{q_j} = I_k - Z^T Z = 0_{k \times k}$
- $\frac{z_j^T z_j}{q_j}$ is a rank-1 matrix with operator norm $\leq \frac{\|z_j\|_2^2}{q_j} \leq \frac{k}{\beta}$:

$$\|X_i\|_2 \leq \|I_k\|_2 + \left\| \frac{U_i^T U_i}{q_i} \right\|_2 \leq 1 + k/\beta$$

Proof: LSS as a Subspace Embedding

- $$\begin{aligned} E[X^T X] &= I_k - 2E\left[\frac{U_i^T U_i}{q_i}\right] + E\left[\frac{U_i^T U_i U_i^T U_i}{q_i^2}\right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{Z_j^T Z_j Z_j^T Z_j}{q_j} - I_k \\ &\leq \left(\frac{k}{\beta}\right) \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j^T Z_j - I_k \\ &= \left(\frac{k}{\beta} - 1\right) I_k \end{aligned}$$
- $\|E[X^T X]\|_2 \leq \left(\frac{k}{\beta} - 1\right)$
- Take $W = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^s X_i = I_k - Z^T \Omega D D^T \Omega^T Z$
- By Matrix Chernoff for $s = \Theta(k \log \frac{k}{\delta} / (\beta \epsilon^2))$:
$$\Pr\left[\|I_k - Z^T \Omega D D^T \Omega^T Z\|_2 > \epsilon\right] \leq \delta$$

LSS as a Subspace Embedding

- $A = Z\Sigma V^T$ (SVD of A)
- $\|D^T \Omega^T Ax\|_2 =$
 $=(1 \pm \epsilon) \|\Sigma V^T x\|_2$ (all sing. values up to $1 \pm \epsilon$)
 $=(1 \pm \epsilon) \|Ax\|_2$ ($\|Zy\|_2 = \|y\|_2$)
- How to compute q in $O(nnz(A) \log n + \text{poly}(k))$ time?