Algorithms for Big Data

Spring Semester 2022

Exercise Set 8

Consider a regression problem of

$$\arg\min_{X} \quad \|AX - B\|_{F} \tag{1}$$

where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$.

Exercise 1:

Show that $X = A^{\dagger}B$ is a solution to (1).

Exercise 2:

Show that X from previous exercise minimizes $||X||_F$ among all the solutions.

We move to low-rank approximation:

$$A_k = \arg\min_{B: \operatorname{rank}(B) \le k} ||A - B||_F$$

Exercise 3:

Show that Σ_k (as defined on the lecture) is a low-rank approximation to Σ wrt to Frobenius norm (that is it solves the problem for diagonal matrices).

Exercise 4:

Use previous exercise to show that $A_k = U\Sigma_k V^T$ is indeed low-rank approximation to $A = U\Sigma V^T$.

We move to Fourier transform. Let $\omega = e^{-\frac{2\pi}{n}}$. Let F be such that $F_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\omega^{ij}$. Then $\hat{a} = Fa$ is a (Discrete) Fourier transform of a.

Exercise 5:

Show that $||a||_2 = ||\hat{a}||_2$.

Exercise 6:

Let \hat{a}_k is \hat{a} with all but k largest-magnitude coefficients zeroed. Show that $a_k = F^{-1}\hat{a}_k$ is a solution to

$$\arg\min_{x:fs(x)\leq k}\|a-x\|_2$$

where $fs(x) = ||\hat{x}||_0$ is the size of Fourier support.