

Cavity method for low-rank matrix factorization

Computing the information-theoretic threshold

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Introduction

Model

Spiked Wigner model

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}}_{\text{observations}} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} \underbrace{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top}_{\text{signal}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}}_{\text{noise}}$$

- ▶ \mathbf{X} : vector of dimension n with entries i.i.d. P_0 (discrete prior)
- ▶ $Z_{i,j} \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Universality: [Krzakala et al., 2016](#); [Lesieur et al., 2015a](#)
- ▶ λ : signal-to-noise ratio.

The prior P_0 can encode many interesting problems!

MMSE and information-theoretic threshold

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Information-theoretic threshold

1. Compute $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MMSE}_n$
2. Deduce the **information-theoretic threshold**, i.e. the critical value λ_c such that
 - ▶ if $\lambda > \lambda_c$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MMSE}_n < \text{Dummy MMSE}$
 - ▶ if $\lambda < \lambda_c$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MMSE}_n = \text{Dummy MMSE}$

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Part 1.

Motivation

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B.B.P. phase transition

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- ▶ if $\lambda \leq 1$
$$\begin{cases} \mu_n & \longrightarrow 2 \\ (\mathbf{X} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n)^2 & \longrightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$
- ▶ if $\lambda > 1$
$$\begin{cases} \mu_n & \longrightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} > 2 \\ (\mathbf{X} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n)^2 & \longrightarrow 1 - 1/\lambda > 0 \end{cases}$$

Baik et al., 2005; Benaych-Georges and Nadakuditi, 2011

Sparse PCA

Exploiting sparsity

- ▶ Setting: $P_0 = \text{Ber}(\epsilon)$.
- ▶ Can we beat naive PCA under this sparsity assumption?

Some previous works

- ▶ Impossible to exactly recover the support of \mathbf{X} (Amini and Wainwright, 2008).
- ▶ AMP achieves MMSE for $\epsilon > \epsilon^*$ (Rangan and Fletcher, 2012, Deshpande and Montanari, 2014).
- ▶ AMP is conjectured to be sub-optimal below ϵ^* (Lesieur et al., 2015b).

What is the **best achievable performance** in the $\epsilon < \epsilon^*$ regime?

Community detection in the stochastic block model

Asymmetric case

Asymmetric SBM

- ▶ n people are divided in two classes of sizes pn and $(1 - p)n$.
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Equivalence (Deshpande and Abbe, 2016)

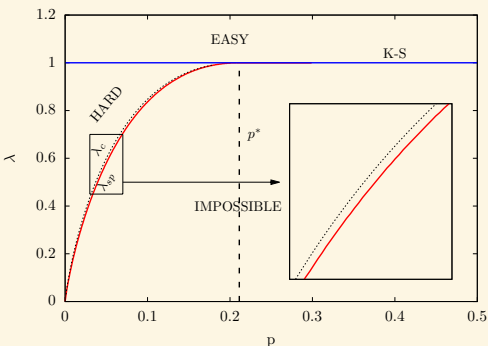
When $n, d \rightarrow \infty$ with λ fixed, the community detection problem is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{Y} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{n}} \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^\top + \mathbf{Z}$$

where $\begin{cases} P_0(\sqrt{(1-p)/p}) &= p \\ P_0(-\sqrt{p/(1-p)}) &= 1 - p \end{cases}$

Phase diagram for asymmetric SBM

Apparition of a “hard region”



Caltagirone et al., 2016

Some previous works

- For $p = 1/2$, KS bound by Massoulié, 2014; Mossel et al., 2015.
- Easy above KS, Bordenave et al., 2015.
- Possible but hard below KS, Neeman and Netrapalli, 2014.

We would like to find the information-theoretic threshold.

Part 2.

Locating the information-theoretic threshold

Available proof techniques

- ▶ **Random matrix theory**. Provides bounds. Not expected to be tight in presence of hard phase.
- ▶ **Second moment computations and contiguity**. Provides a finer description: “detection/recovery” (Banks et al., 2016; Perry et al., 2016). May not be tight in our regime.
- ▶ **Message-passing algorithms**: provide tight bounds in absence of hard phase. In presence of hard phase, need for **spatial coupling** techniques (Barbier et al., 2016).

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- Compute the limit of the **free energy** $F_n = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \log Z_n$ because

$$\text{Constant} - F_n = \frac{1}{n} I(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{Y}) \xrightarrow[\text{I-MMSE theorem}]{\partial \lambda} \text{MMSE}$$

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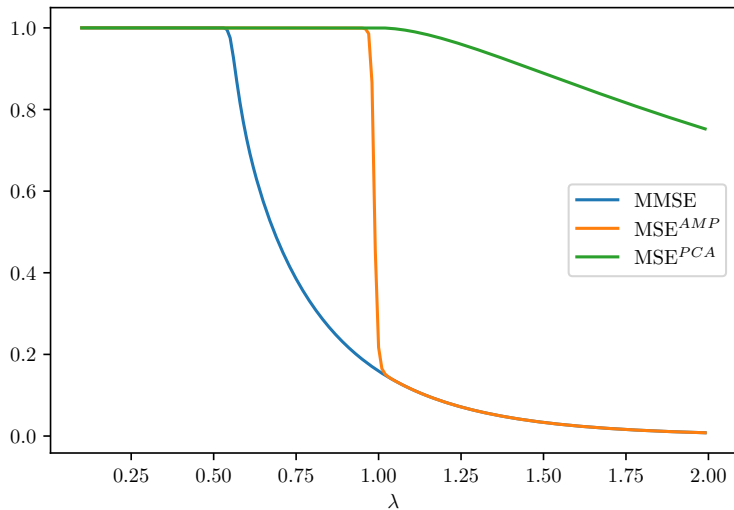
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$$\text{MMSE}_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[X^2]^2 - q^*(\lambda)^2$$

Proved by Barbier et al., 2016 using spatial coupling techniques.



MMSE, MSE^{PCA} and MSE^{AMP} , asymmetric SBM: $p = 0.05$.

Part 3.

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- **Lower bound:** Guerra's interpolation technique. Adapted in [Korada and Macris, 2009](#); [Krzakala et al., 2016](#).

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Consequence: under a **small perturbation** of the inference model:

$$\mathbb{E} \left\langle (\mathbf{x}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{(2)} - Q)^2 \right\rangle, \mathbb{E} \left\langle (\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{X} - Q)^2 \right\rangle \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

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$$\text{Remark that } F_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\mathbb{E} \log Z_{k+1} - \mathbb{E} \log Z_k \right)$$

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- Using the **overlap concentration**:

$$\mathbb{E} \log Z_{n+1} - \mathbb{E} \log Z_n \simeq \mathbb{E} \left[\underbrace{\mathcal{F}(\lambda Q) - \frac{\lambda}{4} Q^2}_{\text{because we cheated}} \right]$$

- **Upper bound:** $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n \leq \sup_{q \geq 0} \mathcal{F}(\lambda q) - \frac{\lambda}{4} q^2$



Conclusion

- ▶ Overlap concentration + cavity computations = robust arguments. See [Coja-Oghlan et al., 2016](#).
- ▶ The **non-symmetric case** $\mathbf{Y} = \sqrt{\lambda/n} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{V}^\top + \mathbf{Z}$ can be treated (almost) the same way.
- ▶ Can be extended to **low-rank tensor factorization**, see [Lesieur et al., 2017](#).
- ▶ Challenge: extension to **extensive rank**, see Christian Schmidt poster and [Kabashima et al., 2016](#).

Thank you for your attention.

Any questions?

Part 4.

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