

Last time: Low-rank approximation

Goal: Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $k < \min\{m, n\}$ (assume $m \geq n$)

$$\text{Find } \min_{\text{rank}(A_k) \leq k} \|A - A_k\| \quad (*)$$

Here we take $\|\cdot\|$ to be 2-norm or Frobenius norm

Or equivalently, find the optimal range:

$$\min_{\substack{Q_k \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k} \\ Q_k^T Q_k = I_k}} \|A - \underbrace{Q_k Q_k^T}_{=: P_Q} A\| \quad (**)$$

projection onto span of Q

Solution:

$$\text{Let SVD of } A \text{ be } A = U \Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

$$\text{where } U = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

$$V = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

The optimal rank- k approximation of A is given by

$$A_k := U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

$$\text{where } U_k = [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$$

$$V_k = [v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$$

$$\Sigma_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$$

$$\text{The optimal } Q_k = U_k = [u_1 \ \dots \ u_k]$$

Algorithm: (Randomized SVD)

Stage A: 1) Generate iid Gaussian random matrix

Optimal range
finder

$$\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (k+p)}$$

2) Compute $Y = A\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+p)}$

3) Compute QR fact. $Y = \hat{Q}_{k+p} R$, $\hat{Q}_{k+p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+p)}$

Stage B: 1) Compute $B = \hat{Q}_{k+p}^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{(k+p) \times n}$

Post-processing
(truncated
SVD)

2) Compute SVD: $B = \tilde{U}_{k+p} \hat{\Sigma}_{k+p} \hat{V}_{k+p}^T$

3) Compute $\hat{U}_{k+p} = \hat{Q}_{k+p} \tilde{U}_{k+p} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (k+p)}$

Output: $\hat{A}_k := \hat{U}_k \hat{\Sigma}_k \hat{V}_k^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i \hat{u}_i \hat{v}_i^T$

Error analysis: Let $P_Y := \hat{Q}_{k+p} \hat{Q}_{k+p}^T$

We split the final error into two parts

$$\|A - \hat{A}_k\| \leq \underbrace{\|A - P_Y A\|}_{\substack{\text{approximation err} \\ \text{of range finder} \\ \text{(Stage A)}}} + \underbrace{\|P_Y A - \hat{A}_k\|}_{\substack{\text{truncation err} \\ \text{(Stage B)}}$$

Given \hat{Q}_{k+p} , Stage B is computing the best rank k approximation of $P_Y A := \hat{Q}_{k+p} \hat{Q}_{k+p}^T A$

b.c. $P_Y A = \hat{Q}_{k+p} \tilde{U}_{k+p} \hat{\Sigma}_{k+p} \hat{V}_{k+p}^T \leftarrow \text{SVD of } P_Y A$

and the output truncates to the top k modes

Thus $\|P_Y A - \hat{A}_k\|$ is easy to control:

optimal rank k
approx. of A

$$\|P_Y A - \hat{A}_k\| \leq \|P_Y (A - A_k)\| \leq \|A - A_k\| \leq \begin{cases} \sigma_{k+1}, & \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2 \\ \left(\sum_{j=k+1}^n \sigma_j^2\right)^{1/2}, & \|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_F \end{cases}$$

\hat{A}_k is optimal projection is a contraction (length shrinking)

It remains to analyze the error in stage A, i.e. $\|A - P_Y A\|$

• Special case: $\text{rank}(A) = k$, $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$

$$\text{Then } Y = A\Omega = U_k \Sigma_k \underbrace{(V_k^T \Omega)}_{\text{rank}(V_k^T \Omega) = k \text{ almost surely}}$$

$$\text{so } \text{range}(Y) = \text{range}(U_k) = \text{range}(A) \text{ almost surely}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A - P_Y A\| = 0$$

• General case: $\text{rank}(A) > k$, oversampling $p > 1$

$$Y = A\Omega = [U_k, \bar{U}] \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_k \\ \bar{\Sigma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_k^T \\ \bar{V}^T \end{bmatrix} \Omega$$

$$= \underbrace{U_k \Sigma_k (V_k^T \Omega)}_{=: Y_k, \text{ range}(Y_k) = \text{range}(U_k)} + \underbrace{\bar{U} \bar{\Sigma} (\bar{V}^T \Omega)}_{\text{perturbation } O(\sigma_{k+1})}$$

Thm (Perturbation lemma)

For $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_2$ or $\|\cdot\|_F$,

and any $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (k+p)}$, s.t. $V_k^T \Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times (k+p)}$ has full row rank, then

$$\|(I - P_Y) A\|^2 \leq \|\bar{\Sigma}\|^2 + \underbrace{\|\bar{\Sigma} (\bar{V}^T \Omega) (V_k^T \Omega)^\dagger\|^2}_{\substack{(n-k) \times (k+p) \\ \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \Omega_2 := \\ \Omega_1 := \text{pseudo inverse} \\ \Omega_1, \Omega_2 \text{ iid Gaussian entry}}}$$

Use this lemma, we can prove average error bound:

$$\mathbb{E} [\|(I - P_Y) A\|_F^2] \leq \|\bar{\Sigma}\|_F^2 + \mathbb{E} [\|\bar{\Sigma} \Omega_2 \Omega_1^T\|_F^2]$$

Conditioned on Ω_1 , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\Sigma_2 \Omega_2 \Omega_1^\top\|_F^2 | \Omega_1] = \|\bar{\Sigma}\|_F^2 \|\Omega_1^\top\|_F^2$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|\Sigma \Omega T\|_F^2] \\ = \|\Sigma\|_F^2 \|T\|_F^2 \\ \text{(exercise)} \end{aligned}}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|(\mathbb{I} - P_T)A\|_F^2] &\leq \|\bar{\Sigma}\|_F^2 + \|\bar{\Sigma}_F\|_F^2 \mathbb{E}[\|\Omega_1^\top\|_F^2] \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Use} \\ \text{Inverse} \\ \text{Wishart} \\ \text{distribution} \end{array} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{k}{p-1}\right) \|\bar{\Sigma}\|_F^2 \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{k}{p-1}\right) \left(\sum_{j \geq k} \sigma_j^2\right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Omega_1^\top\|_F^2 \\ = \text{tr}[(\Omega_1^\top \Omega_1)^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Similar bound can be obtained for 2-norm

Thm $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. $k \geq 2, p \geq 2$ s.t. $k+p \leq \frac{1}{2} \min\{m, n\}$

Then Stage A produces $m \times (k+p)$ orthonormal basis, s.t.

$$\mathbb{E}[\|A - \hat{Q}_{k+p} \hat{Q}_{k+p}^\top A\|_2] \leq \sigma_{k+1} \left[1 + \frac{4 \sqrt{k+p}}{p-1} \sqrt{\min\{m, n\}}\right]$$

If $4 \log 4 \leq p \leq \min\{m, n\}$, then

$$\|A - \hat{Q}_{k+p} \hat{Q}_{k+p}^\top A\|_2 \leq \sigma_{k+1} [1 + 9 \sqrt{k+p} \sqrt{\min\{m, n\}}]$$

with probability $\geq 1 - 3p^{-p}$

For $p=10$, failure probability $\leq 3 \times 10^{-10}$!

In the proof above, essentially we want

$$\|(\bar{V}^\top \Omega)(V_k^\top \Omega)^\top\| = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

In the special case $k+p=n$, and $\Omega = I_n$

$$\|(\bar{V}^\top \Omega)(V_k^\top \Omega)^\top\| = \|\bar{V}^\top V_k\| = 0$$

\bar{V} — orthogonal basis

In general, we have

$$\bar{V}^T \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{v}_1^T & - \\ \vdots & \\ -\bar{v}_{n-k}^T & - \end{bmatrix} \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1^T \Omega \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_{n-k}^T \Omega \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-k) \times (k+p)}$$

$$V_k^T \Omega = \begin{bmatrix} v_1^T \Omega \\ \vdots \\ v_k^T \Omega \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times (k+p)}$$

In order for $\|\bar{V}^T \Omega (V_k^T \Omega)^+\| \leq \|\bar{V}^T \Omega\| \|V_k^T \Omega^+\| = O(1)$

we need $\bar{v}_i^T \Omega \perp v_j^T \Omega$ approximately holds true $\forall i, j$

and $\|\bar{v}_i^T \Omega\| \approx \|\bar{v}_i\|$, $\|v_j^T \Omega\| \approx \|v_j\|$, $\forall i, j$

In other words, we can view Ω as a map

from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^{k+p} , and hope that

the angles between v_1, \dots, v_k , $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{n-k}$

are approximately preserved.

We want the choice of Ω is such that it "sketch"

every given vector in an low-dimensional subspace

with small distortion, without knowing the subspace in advance.

Such choice of Ω is called oblivious subspace embedding.

Other than Gaussian matrices, there are other options

such as subsampled randomized Hadamard (or Fourier) transforms,

which allow fast evaluation of $A\Omega$.

i.e.
$$\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}} DFR \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times l} \quad (\text{assume complex } A \text{ for simplicity})$$

D : $n \times n$ diagonal iid uniform on unit circle

F : $n \times l$ unitary discrete FFT transform

R : $n \times l$ each column sample w/o replacement from I_n

when $l \sim k \log(k)$, we have

$$0.4 \leq G_k(V^* \Omega) \quad , \quad G_1(V^* \Omega) \leq 1.48$$