

Last time: Rand NLA : 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

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

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

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

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

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

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- An equivalent formulation of low-rank approximation is the Principal Component Analysis (PCA).

Let data points be m -dim vectors, stored in n columns of A .

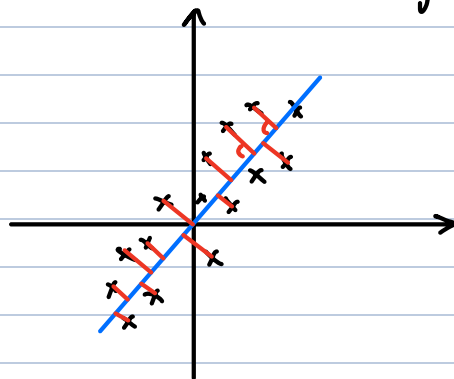
PCA aims to find k vectors whose span best contains the

data points in A . We can assume these vectors are orthonormal

basis and form the following problem:

$$\min_{\substack{Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k} \\ Q^T Q = I_m}} \|A - \underbrace{Q Q^T A}_{=: P_Q}\| \quad (**) \quad \text{projection onto span of } Q$$

that is, $A \approx Q Q^T A$, Q is an approximate basis for the range of A



PCA is essentially low-rank approximation:

- On one hand, $\min_{\text{rank}(\hat{A}) \leq k} \|A - \hat{A}\| \leq \min_{\substack{Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k} \\ Q^T Q = I_m}} \|A - \underbrace{Q Q^T A}_{\text{rank}(Q Q^T A) \leq k}\|$

- On the other hand, we take $Q = [\dot{u}_1 \dots \dot{u}_k] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \underbrace{Q Q^T}_{=: C} A &= [\dot{u}_1 \dots \dot{u}_k] \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{u}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -\dot{u}_k^T \end{bmatrix} [\dot{u}_1 \dots \dot{u}_m] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -\dot{v}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [\dot{u}_1 \dots \dot{u}_k] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\dot{v}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -\dot{v}_k^T \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{truncated SVD of } A \end{aligned}$$

The optimal $Q_k = U_k = [\dot{u}_1 \dots \dot{u}_k]$

- How to efficiently compute low-rank approximation of A ?
 - Apply SVD to A then truncate \leftarrow expensive! $\mathcal{O}(mn^2)$
 - Workaround: two stage algorithm from PCA

Stage A: compute orthonormal basis Q whose span approximates $\text{span}(A)$

$$\Rightarrow A \approx Q Q^T A \text{ and } Q^T Q = I$$

Stage B: Compute $C = Q^T A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ $\leftarrow O(kmn)$

then compute SVD of C (use whatever method):

$$B = \tilde{U} \Sigma V^T \leftarrow O(k^2 n)$$

$$\text{then } A \approx (Q \tilde{U}) \Sigma V^T \leftarrow O(k^2 m)$$

• How to find Q ? ("Randomized sketch")

Idea: Approximate $\text{span}\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$, the top k singular vectors of A , with a single power iteration

Intuition 1: Suppose A has exactly rank k , so the best rank k approximation of A is A itself. Suppose $\sigma_k > 0$

Compute $Y = A \Omega$, $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_1 & \dots & \dot{y}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_1 & \dots & \dot{u}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -v_1^T \\ \vdots \\ -v_k^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{w}_1 & \dots & \dot{w}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

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$\dot{w}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ random vectors
 Y has linearly independent columns as long as $\text{rank}(V^T \Omega) = k$

For iid normal entries of Ω , this happens almost surely.

To get orthonormal basis, we compute $Y = QR$

Clearly $\|A - Q Q^T A\|_2 = 0 = \sigma_{k+1}$ a.s.

$V^T \Omega$ still has iid normal entries

Intuition 2: Now let $A = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T}_{=: \hat{A}_k} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=k+1}^n \sigma_j u_j v_j^T}_{=: E}$
 $(\|E\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1} \text{ small})$

then $Y_i = A w_i = \hat{A}_k w_i + E w_i$

$$Y = \underbrace{\tilde{Y}}_{\substack{\text{basis for} \\ \text{span}(\hat{A}_k)}} + E \Omega$$

small perturbation

The span of Y is a good approximation to Y with high probability as long as we oversample, i.e. take $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (k+p)}$ instead (p is oversampling parameter)

Algorithm: (Randomized SVD)

Stage A: 1) Generate iid Gaussian random matrix $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (k+p)}$

Optimal range finder

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 completing 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:

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

\hat{A}_k is optimal optimal rank k approx. of A projection is a contraction (length shrinking)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\text{range}(Y_k) = \text{range}(U_k)$ as long as $V_k^T \Omega$ has full row rank

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

$$\|(I - P_Y)A\|^2 \leq \|\bar{\Sigma}\|^2 + \|\bar{\Sigma} (\bar{V}^T \Omega) (V_k^T \Omega)^{\dagger}\|^2$$

$\mathbb{R}^{(n-k) \times (k+p)} \Rightarrow \Omega_2 :=$ $\Omega_1 :=$ pseudoinverse
 Ω_1, Ω_2 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

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

$$\mathbb{E}[\|SGT\|_F^2] = \|\Sigma\|_F^2 \|T\|_F^2 \quad (\text{exercise})$$

Hence,

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

$\|\Omega_1^T\|_F^2 = \text{tr}[(\Omega_1^T \Omega_1)^{-1}]$

Remark: Randomness ensure $\mathbb{E}[\|\Omega_1^T\|_F^2]$ is small

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.

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

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

$$\|A - \hat{Q}_{k+p} \hat{Q}_{k+p}^T A\|_2 \leq 6\epsilon_{k+1} [1 + 9\sqrt{k+p} \sqrt{\min\{m, n\}}]$$

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

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

- In the proof above, essentially we want

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

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

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

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

we need $\|\bar{v}_i^T (\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Omega)\| \approx \|\bar{v}_i\|$, $\|v_j^T (\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Omega)\| \approx \|v_j\|$, $\forall i, j$

- In other words, we can view $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \Omega$ as a map from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^{k+p} , and hope that the norm (or angle) of $v_1, \dots, v_k, \bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_{n-k} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 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.

Intuitively, we know $\|V^T(\frac{1}{n}\Omega)\|_2 \approx \|V^T\|_2$ is requiring $\frac{1}{n}\Omega\Omega^T \approx I_k$, which can be seen from

$$\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[(\Omega\Omega^T)_{ij}] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{E}[w_{ik}w_{jk}] = \delta_{ij}$$

- 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. $\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}} DFR \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times l}$ (assume complex A 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

$$0.4 \leq \sigma_k(V^*\Omega), \sigma_1(V^*\Omega) \leq 1.48$$