

Random Projections for Classification: A Recovery Approach

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Randomized Algorithms in Large-Scale Learning



Large-Scale Learning



- Two main issues in modern data: **size** and **dimensionality**.
- Large data sizes can cause access and storage problem: parallelization (divide and conquer) or stochastic methods
- High-dimensional data suffer from statistical issues: make structural assumptions about the data such as *sparsity* or *low-rank*



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- Randomized low-rank approximations for kernelized learning
- Random projections for high-dimensional learning
- Sketching for numerical linear algebra and matrix computation



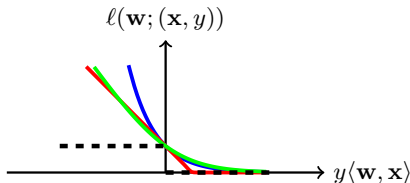
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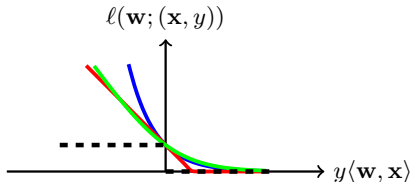


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- **Convex learning problems:**

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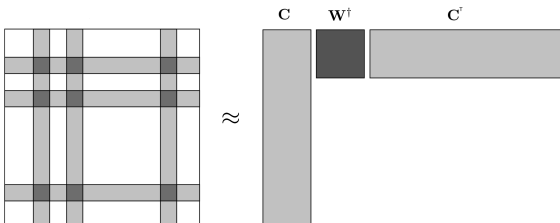
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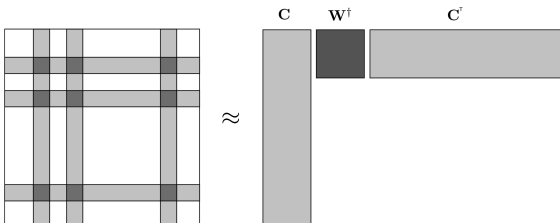
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- ✓ $O(n^3)$ versus $O(nmk) + O(m^3)$: efficient large-scale learning!
- ✓ SVMs, kernel ridge regression, KPCA, spectral clustering, and etc



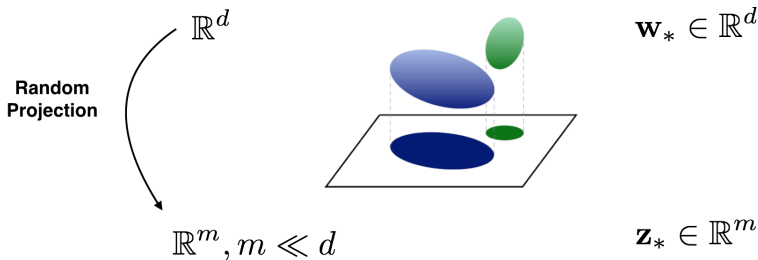
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- ✓ The gist of proof: the squared length of a vector is sharply concentrated around its mean when projected onto a random m -dimensional subspace
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[Johnson and Lindenstrauss 1984, Achlioptas 2003]



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Random Projections and Recovery Problem



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$$m \geq \frac{12}{3\epsilon^2 - 2\epsilon^3} \ln \frac{6n}{\delta},$$

w.p at least $1 - \delta$, the data set $\{(\mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ is linearly separable by margin

$$\gamma - \frac{2\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon}.$$

■ We note this holds for normalized margin defined as $\gamma = y_i \frac{\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{x}_i}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{x}_i\|}$

■ The argument can be generalized to error allowed margin

[Balcan et. al, COLT'04, Shi et. al, ICML'12]

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Theorem 3 (Distance of a Random Subspace to a Fixed Point)

For any $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/3$, with a probability at least $1 - \exp(-(d-r)/32) - \exp(-m/32) - \delta$, we have

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provided

$$m \geq \frac{(r+1) \log(2r/\delta)}{c\varepsilon^2},$$

where constant c is at least $1/4$.



A Natural Question

■ From low-dimensional solution to original high-dimensional optimal solution

The Recovery Problem

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Possible applications: feature selection [?]



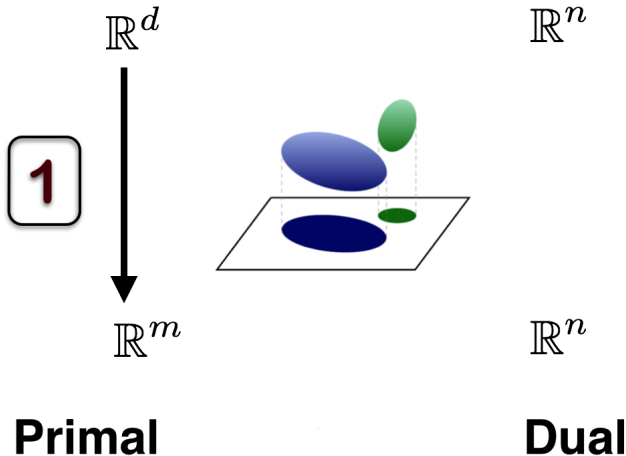
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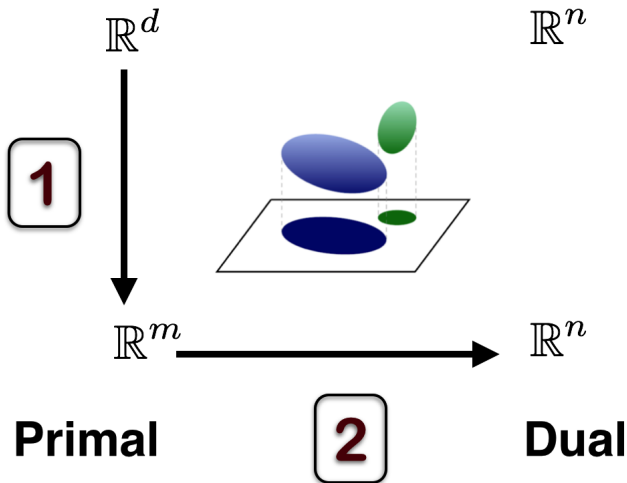
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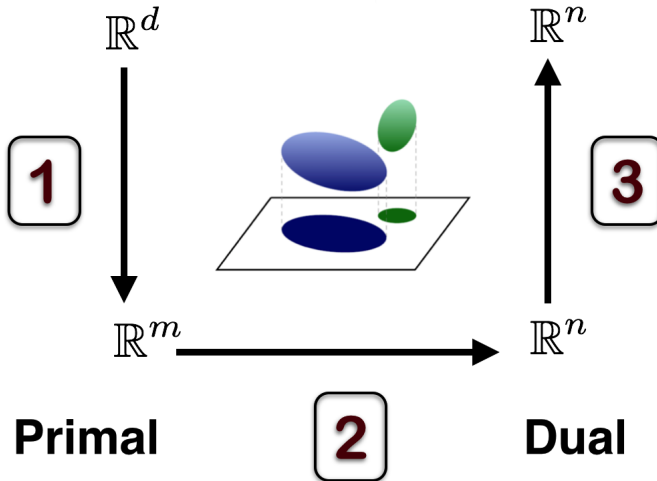
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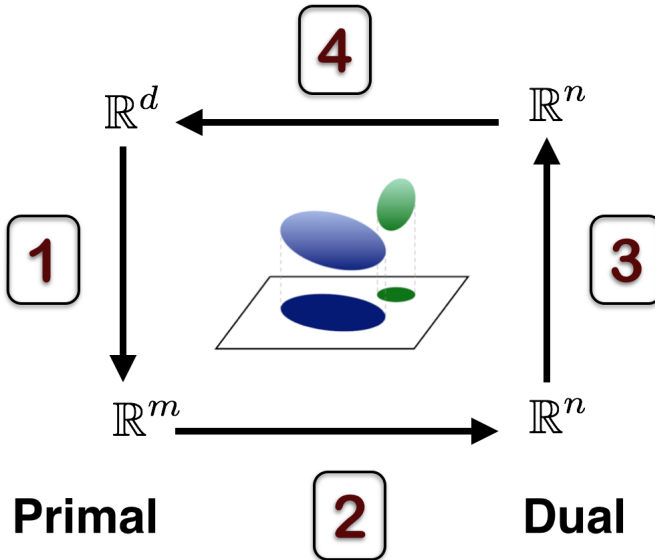
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where $\mathbf{G} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \text{diag}(\mathbf{y})$.



From Primal to Dual

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Let $\mathbf{w}_* \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be the optimal primal solution to (P1), and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be the optimal dual solution to (D1). We have

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Relation between Primal and Dual Solutions

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The main idea

- 1 Construct $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ from $\mathbf{z}_* \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- 2 Use $\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to approximate $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- 3 Construct $\mathbf{w}_* \in \mathbb{R}^d$ from $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_* \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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- The naive solution

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} \propto \mathbf{R}\mathbf{z}_*$$

- The recovered solution by DRP

$$\tilde{\mathbf{w}} \propto \mathbf{X}(\hat{\alpha}_* \circ \mathbf{y})$$



Example: Square Loss

- ✓ The square loss

$$\ell(z) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - z)^2$$

- ✓ The low-dimensional optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{z}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - y_i \mathbf{z}^\top \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i)^2$$

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We can reduce the reconstruction error *exponentially* by running Dual Random Projection *iteratively*.



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- 4: **for** $t = 1, \dots, T$ **do**
- 5: Obtain $\mathbf{z}_*^t \in \mathbb{R}^m$ by solving the following optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m} \frac{\lambda}{2} \left\| \mathbf{z} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \mathbf{R}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{w}}^{t-1} \right\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \ell \left(y_i \mathbf{z}^\top \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i + y_i [\tilde{\mathbf{w}}^{t-1}]^\top \mathbf{x}_i \right)$$

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Implication

To accurately recover \mathbf{w}_* , when number of required random projections is $\Omega(r \log r)$, we have:

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{w}} - \mathbf{w}_*\|_2 \leq O\left(\sqrt{\frac{r}{m}}\right) \|\mathbf{w}_*\|_2$$



The Sketch of the Proof

✓ Show

$$\widehat{\mathbf{G}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{X}^\top \left(\frac{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}^\top}{m} \mathbf{X} \right) \text{diag}(\mathbf{y}) \approx \text{diag}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} \text{diag}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{G}$$

A concentration inequality

Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times m}$ be a standard Gaussian random matrix. For any $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1/2$, with a probability at least $1 - \delta$, we have

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provided

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where c is a constant whose value is at least $1/4$.

which implies $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_* \approx \boldsymbol{\alpha}_*$

✓ Show

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{w}} = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbf{X} \text{diag}(\mathbf{y}) \widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_* \approx -\frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbf{X} \text{diag}(\mathbf{y}) \boldsymbol{\alpha}_* = \mathbf{w}_*$$



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We can recover the optimal solution with a relative error ϵ , i.e.,

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by using $\log_{(1-\varepsilon)/\varepsilon} 1/\epsilon$ iterations.



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Theorem 6

Assume \mathbf{w}_* lies in the subspace spanned by the first k left singular vectors of \mathbf{X} , and the loss $\ell(\cdot)$ is γ -smooth. For any $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$, with a probability at least $1 - \delta$, we have

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{w}} - \mathbf{w}_*\|_2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\sqrt{\gamma}\sigma_k} \right) \|\mathbf{w}_*\|_2,$$

provided

$$m \geq \frac{\bar{r}\sigma_1^2}{c\varepsilon^2(\lambda/\gamma + \sigma_1^2)} \log \frac{2d}{\delta},$$

where σ_i is the i -th singular value of \mathbf{X} , $\bar{r} = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\lambda/\gamma + \sigma_i^2}$, and the constant c is at least $1/32$.



- ✓ Similar to the low-rank case, the number of required random projections is $\Omega(\bar{r} \log d)$

$$\bar{r} = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\lambda/\gamma + \sigma_i^2}$$

- ✓ The number \bar{r} is closely related to the numerical $\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma}}$ -rank of \mathbf{X} [?].

- \mathbf{X} has numerical ν -rank r_ν if

$$\sigma_{r_\nu} > \nu \geq \sigma_{r_\nu+1}.$$

- Using the notation of numerical rank, we have

$$\bar{r} \leq r \sqrt{\lambda/\gamma} + \sum_{i=r \sqrt{\lambda/\gamma}+1}^d \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\lambda/\gamma + \sigma_i^2} = O(r \sqrt{\lambda/\gamma})$$

$$\text{if } \sigma_i \ll \sqrt{\lambda/\gamma} \text{ for } i > r \sqrt{\lambda/\gamma}.$$

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Reconstruction Error for Sparse Solutions

- Recovery error when the optimal solution is known to be sparse i.e., $\|\mathbf{w}_*\|_0 \leq s$

Theorem 7

When the optimal solution \mathbf{w}_ is s -sparse, we can bound the error by*

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{w}} - \mathbf{w}_*\|_2 \leq O\left(\sqrt{\frac{r}{m}}\right) \|\mathbf{w}_*\|_2$$

provided

$$m \geq O(s \log d).$$

- It can be generalized to cases where \mathbf{w}_* is approximately sparse



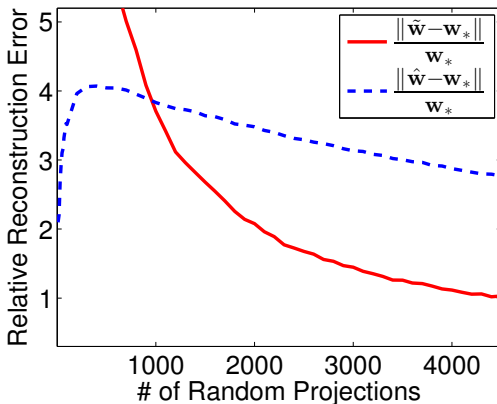
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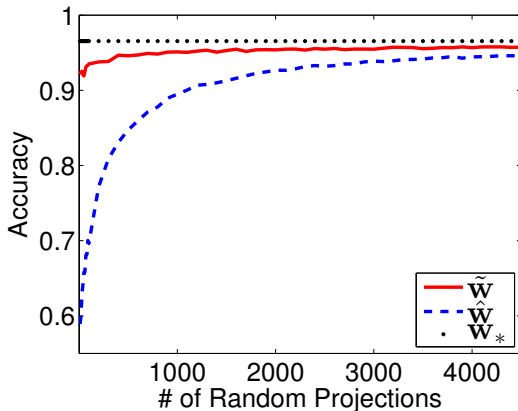
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Relative Error Recovery

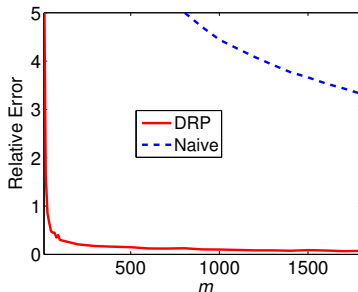
■ Synthetic data set

✓ $d = 20,000$

✓ $n = 50,000$

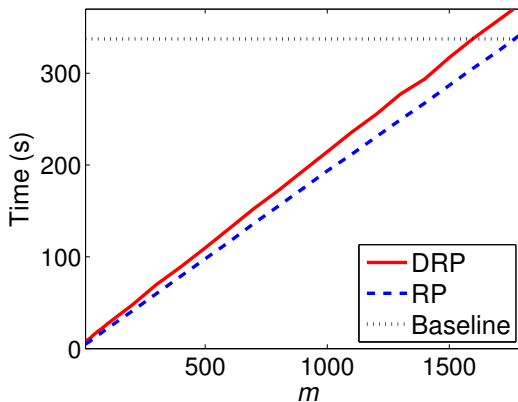
✓ $r = 10$

✓ $\ell(x) = \ln(1 + \exp(-x))$, $\lambda = 1/n$



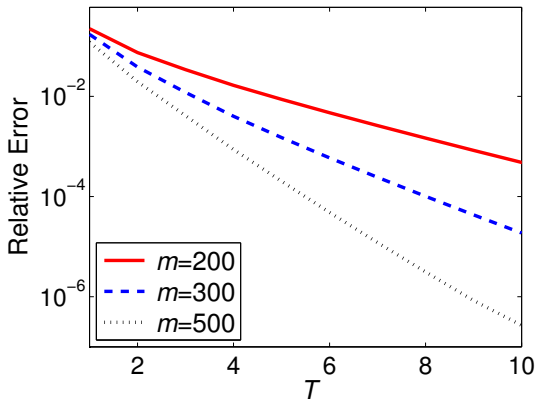
■ Relative error: $\frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{w}}_* - \mathbf{w}_*\|}{\|\mathbf{w}_*\|}$ and $\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{w}}_* - \mathbf{w}_*\|}{\|\mathbf{w}_*\|}$

Running Time

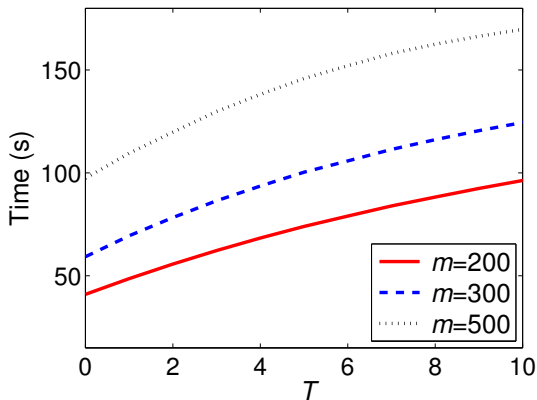


■ Majority of running time of DRP is spent on random projection!

Relative Error of Iterative Extension



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- ✓ We considered a novel problem for classification
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