



CPSC 340 – Tutorial 9

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Agenda

1. Robust PCA
2. Gradient for Robust PCA

Robust PCA

Very similar objective function but we use L1 distance rather than L2

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|,$$

Like the PCA you've seen before we need to optimize W and Z !

Approximating Robust PCA

Very similar objective function but we use L1 distance rather than L2

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|,$$

But we want a smooth approximation using:

$$|\alpha| \approx \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \epsilon},$$

Evaluating Robust PCA

Given the definition of f and the smooth approximation we have to compute f

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|, \quad |\alpha| \approx \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \epsilon},$$

Putting these together we get:

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 + \epsilon}$$

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(SLIDE 6 of Lecture “More PCA”)

- The 3 different ways to write the **PCA objective function**:

$$\begin{aligned} f(W, Z) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d (\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij})^2 && \text{(approximating } x_{ij} \text{ by } \langle w^j, z_i \rangle) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|W^T z_i - x_i\|^2 && \text{(approximating } x_i \text{ by } W^T z_i) \\ &= \|ZW - X\|_F^2 && \text{(approximating } X \text{ by } ZW) \end{aligned}$$

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Putting these together we get (with some abuse of notation):

$$f(Z, W) = \sum \sqrt{(ZW - X)^2 + \epsilon}$$

Gradient of Robust PCA

Combining the equations we already have:

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d |\langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}|, \quad |\alpha| \approx \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \epsilon},$$

We get:

$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\alpha)^2 + \epsilon}$$
$$\alpha = \langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}$$

Gradient of Robust PCA

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$$f(Z, W) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^d \sqrt{(\alpha)^2 + \epsilon} \quad \alpha = \langle w^j, z_i \rangle - x_{ij}$$

We get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df(\alpha)}{dw^j} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} (\alpha^2 + \epsilon)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2\alpha \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dw^j} \\ \frac{df(\alpha)}{dw^j} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{dw^j} \end{aligned}$$

What is da/dw^j ?

Gradient of Robust PCA

If we were to take the gradient w.r.t W_j

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How does this formula change when we take the derivative w.r.t z_i ?

Gradient of Robust PCA

Again we can see that this scenario is similar to what we've seen in class before

HINT (slide 36 of More PCA lecture)

PCA Computation: Alternating Minimization

- With centered data, the PCA objective is:

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$$\nabla_W f(W, Z) = Z^T Z W - Z^T X$$

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Demo

Eigenfaces