Improved analysis of randomized SVD for top-eigenvector approximation

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- ▶ PCA: $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T$ where $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ and $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- ▶ *k*-conflicting group (CG) detection [1, 10]:
 - ▶ A: undirected signed adjacency matrix
 - $ightharpoonup \mathcal{T} = \{q,0,-1\}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \text{ for } q \in [k-1]$
- 2-community detection:
 - ▶ A: modularity matrix [6] or Bethe-Hessian matrix [7, 8]

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▶ For 2-CG [1], using $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ (resp. \mathbf{u}_1) results in $\sqrt{n}/R(\hat{\mathbf{u}})$ -approx (resp. \sqrt{n} -approx) algorithm.

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▶ Randomized SVD yielding $R(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) \ge 1 - \mathcal{O}(\ln n/q)$ for any $\mathbf{A} \ge 0$ w.h.p., shown by [5, 9], is the state-of-the-art.



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- ► Converting classical metric to (1) by matrix perturbation theory yields not only additive but also eigengap-dependent bounds.

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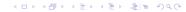
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Intuition due to [2]

Let $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_d$ sampled uniformly from d-dimensional orthonormal basis.

Observe that $\cos^2 \theta(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{S}) = \sum_{i \in [d]} \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}_i \rangle^2$. Then,

- ▶ by $\mathbb{E}[\cos^2 \theta(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{S})] = \sum_{i \in [d]} \mathbb{E}[\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}_i \rangle^2]$, and $\mathbb{E}[\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}_i \rangle^2] = \frac{1}{n}$, $\forall i \in [d]$,
- we know $\mathbb{E}[\cos^2 \theta(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{S})] = \frac{d}{n}$.

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Our results: indefinite matrices

Assumption 1

There exists a constant $\kappa \in (0,1]$ such that $\sum_{i=2}^{n} \alpha_i^{2q+1} \ge \kappa \sum_{i=2}^{n} |\alpha_i|^{2q+1}$.

(Theorem 4) For **A** with (i_0, γ) -power-law decay, $i_0 \in [n]$ and $\gamma > 1/2q$, and satisfying Assumption 1, there exists a constant $c_{\kappa} > 0$ such that

$$R(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \Omega\left(\frac{c_{\kappa}}{d+i_0}\left(\frac{d}{d+i_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{2q+1}}\right) \text{ with prob. } \geq 1-e^{-\Omega(\sqrt{d}\kappa^2)}.$$

Extension: RandSum

Exploiting prior knowledge of large $\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{1} \rangle^2$

If you know $\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{1} \rangle^2 = \Theta(n)$, is there a better choice of **S**?

(Remind that
$$\mathbf{Y}_{:,j} = \mathbf{A}^q \mathbf{S}_{:,j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^q (\mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{S}_{:,j}) \mathbf{u}_i$$
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Algorithm: RandSum(\mathbf{A}, q, d, p)

- 1 $\mathbf{S}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)^{n \times \lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil}$, $\mathbf{S}_2 \sim \mathsf{Bernoulli}(p)^{n \times \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor}$;
- 2 $S \leftarrow [S_1 \quad S_2];$
- 3 return RSVD(\mathbf{A} , \mathbf{S} ,q,d);

(Theorem 5) For $A \geq 0$, RandSum(A,q,d,p) returns $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ satisfying

$$R(\hat{\mathbf{u}}) = \left(\Omega\left(\frac{\max\left\{d, \langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{1}_n \rangle^2\right\}}{n}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2q+1}} \text{ with prob. } \geq 1 - e^{-\Omega(d)}.$$

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There exists a constant $\kappa' \in (0,1]$ such that $\sum_{i=2}^{n} \alpha_i^{2q+1} \xi_i \ge \kappa' \sum_{i=2}^{n} |\alpha_i|^{2q+1} \xi_i$ and $\langle \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{1}_n \rangle^2 = \Omega(1)$, where $\xi_i = \mathbb{E}\left[\langle \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{u}_i, \frac{\mathbf{1}_d}{\sqrt{d}} \rangle^2\right]$, $\forall i \in [n]$.

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(the dependency on κ, κ' are hidden here for simplicity).

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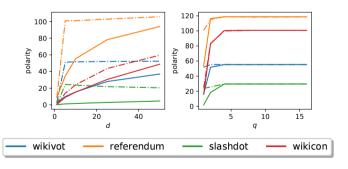
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Experiment: 2-conflicting group detection [1, 10]

	WikiVot	Referendum	Slashdot	WikiCon
V	7 115	10 884	82 140	116 717
<i>E</i>	100 693	251 406	500 481	2 026 646
(γ, i_0)	(4.6, 15)	(4.5, 16)	(5.3, 17)	(2.8, 22)
κ	0.397	0.620	0.204	0.034
$\cos heta(\mathbf{u}_1, 1_n)$	0.378	0.399	0.194	0.193



- ► RSVD: solid line
- RandSum: dashed line

Summary

Contributions

- ▶ Improve the analysis of RSVD, especially in the regime of $o(\ln n)$ passes, and provides the first analysis of (1) for indefinite matrices.
- ▶ Study the property of Bernoulli random projection and demonstrate its usefulness to the task of conflicting group detection [1, 10].

Future works

- It is an open problem to characterize the fundamental limit of $R(\hat{\mathbf{u}})$ for any q-pass $\mathcal{O}(nd)$ -space algorithm.
- ▶ It would be useful to extend our results to (row/column)-stochastic matrices and to top-*k* eigenvectors approximations.

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