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1 Randomized SVD by Sampling

The LinearTimeSVD algorithm is a nice way to compute the SVD efficiently. Specifically it requires only one pass over the matrix \mathbf{A} making it useful in streaming contexts. The following result holds for any probability distribution on the sampling.

Proposition 1. Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and \mathbf{H}_k is computed from the LinearTimeSVD algorithm, then

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 + 2\sqrt{k} \|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T\|_F$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T\|_2$$

Proof. Begin by noticing that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 &= \text{Tr}[(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A})^T (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A})] \\ &= \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} - 2\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A}) \\ &= \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{H}_k^T \mathbf{A}) \\ &= \|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 - \|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k\|_F^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following relations between $\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k\|_F^2$ and $\sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C}) \right| &= \left| \sum_{t=1}^k (\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_t\|_2^2 - \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C})) \right| \\ &\leq \sqrt{k} \left(\sum_{t=1}^k (\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_t\|_2^2 - \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C}))^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{k} \left(\sum_{t=1}^k (\|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_t\|_2^2 - \|\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{H}_t\|_2^2)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{k} \left(\sum_{t=1}^k (\mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T) \mathbf{H})^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{k} (\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T\|_F) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{t=1}^k (\sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C}) - \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{A})) \right| &\leq \sqrt{k} \left(\sum_{t=1}^k (\sigma_t^2(\mathbf{C}) - \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{A}))^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \sqrt{k} (\|\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{C}^T\|_F) \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows by a similar argument as above. Combining we get

$$\left| \|\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{H}_k\|_F^2 - \sum_{t=1}^k \sigma_t^2(\mathbf{A}) \right| \leq 2\sqrt{k}(\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^T\|_F).$$

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2 Randomized SVD by Sketching

Proposition 2. Given $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$, let $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a sketching matrix such that if it is a Countsketch matrix with $m = O(k^2/\epsilon)$ or SRHT with $m = O(k \log k/\epsilon)$ or Gaussian sketch with $m = O(k/\epsilon)$, then

$$\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}_k\|_F \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F,$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_k$ is a rank- k approximation in row-space of $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{A}$.

Proof. Let \mathbf{U}_k be the top k left singular vectors of \mathbf{A} . Consider:

$$\|\mathbf{U}_k(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}\|_F^2.$$

We want to show that this is $(1 + \epsilon)\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2$.

Remark that $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{U}_k . Take

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{U}_k(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{U}_k(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 \\ &= \|\mathbf{U}_k(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U}_k \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 \\ &= \|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

So it suffices to show that $\|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2$ is $O(\epsilon)\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2$. Let $A = \mathbf{U}_k \sigma_k \mathbf{V}_k^T + \mathbf{U}_{n-k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{r-k} \mathbf{V}_{d-k}^T$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{A} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 &= \|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k \sigma_k \mathbf{V}_k^T + (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{n-k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{r-k} \mathbf{V}_{d-k}^T - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 \\ &= \|I \sigma_k \mathbf{V}_k^T + (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{n-k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{r-k} \mathbf{V}_{d-k}^T - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 \\ &= \|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{n-k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{r-k} \mathbf{V}_{d-k}^T\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

and $\|(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_{n-k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{r-k} \mathbf{V}_{d-k}^T\|_F^2$ can be shown to be $O(\epsilon)\|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2$ using the fact that $(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^\dagger$ and $(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}_k)^T$ have the same row space and applying the AMM property. ■