

Matrix factorization

How to represent / approximate a large matrix M as a product of smaller or simpler matrices?

Today: singular value decomposition,
low-rank approximations (again),
metric multidimensional scaling

Office hours: 3-5:30pm today.
Come with HW questions.

Singular value decomposition

Thm: suppose M is a real $m \times n$ matrix
Then there exists a factorization

$$M = U \Sigma V^T$$

$(m \times n)$ $m \times m$ $m \times n$ $n \times n$

Here: U is an $m \times m$ orthogonal matrix
 V " " $n \times n$ " " " "

$$UU^T = U^T U = I_m$$

$$VV^T = V^T V = I_n$$

Σ is $m \times n$ non-negative "diagonal" matrix

if $m < n$:

$$\Sigma = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \emptyset & \\ \emptyset & \dots & \sigma_m & \\ \hline & & & \emptyset \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \uparrow m \\ \downarrow n \end{array}$$

$\leftarrow m \rightarrow$

if $n < m$:

$$\Sigma = \left(\begin{array}{c} \sigma_1 \quad \sigma_2 \quad \dots \quad \sigma_n \\ \hline \emptyset \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \uparrow n \\ \downarrow m \end{array}$$

$\leftarrow n \rightarrow$

Intuition:

V contains orthonormal "input" analysis vectors
 U contains orthonormal "output" vectors,
 σ_i singular values are "gain controls".

Hence: matrix M maps $\vec{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{v}_i$ columns of V
to $M\vec{x} = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_j \alpha_j \vec{u}_j$ columns of U

Convention:

sort singular values from largest to smallest:

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \sigma_3 \geq \dots \geq 0$$

Matrix approximation

- Problem: given matrix M , compute \tilde{M} with $\text{rank}(\tilde{M}) = r < \text{rank}(M)$ that is closest to M in minimizing

$$\min_{\tilde{M}} \|M - \tilde{M}\|_F^2 = \sum_{ij} (M_{ij} - \tilde{M}_{ij})^2 = \text{tr}[(M - \tilde{M})(M - \tilde{M})^T]$$

Rank constraint: \tilde{M} has r linearly independent rows or columns.

- Solution: take SVD of $M = U\Sigma V^T$

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

$$= \text{tr}[(U\Sigma V^T - \tilde{M})(U\Sigma V^T - \tilde{M})^T] = \text{tr}[(U\Sigma V^T - \tilde{M})(V\Sigma^T U^T - \tilde{M}^T)]$$

$$= \text{tr}[(UU^T)(U\Sigma V^T - \tilde{M})(VV^T)(V\Sigma^T U^T - \tilde{M}^T)(UU^T)]$$

$$= \text{tr}[U(\Sigma - U^T \tilde{M} V) \underbrace{V^T V}_{I} (\Sigma^T - V^T \tilde{M}^T U) U^T]$$

$$= \text{tr}[(\Sigma - U^T \tilde{M} V) (\Sigma^T - V^T \tilde{M}^T U) \underbrace{(U^T U)}_{I}]$$

$$= \|\Sigma - U^T \tilde{M} V\|_F^2$$

can cycle matrices
inside traces
 $\text{tr}(ABC) = \text{tr}(BCA)$

• change of variables:

$$\text{let } S = U^T \tilde{M} V$$

Note: $\text{rank}(S) = \text{rank}(\tilde{M})$.

$$\text{Also: } \tilde{M} = U S V^T$$

• Optimize over S subject to $\text{rank}(S) = r$:

$$\|M - \tilde{M}\|_F^2 = \|\Sigma - U^T (U S V^T) V\|_F^2$$

$$= \|\Sigma - S\|_F^2$$

Assume S is diagonal

since Σ is diagonal

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i - s_i)^2$$

(See handout for justification.)

where σ_i, s_i are diagonal elements.

From rank constraint: S has (at most) r non-zero diagonal elements.

$$\min_{\{s_i\}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma_i - s_i)^2 \right] = \min_{\{s_i\}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^r (\sigma_i - s_i)^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^n (\sigma_i - s_i)^2 \right]$$

← remaining error

$$\text{Choose } s_i = \begin{cases} \sigma_i & \text{if } i \leq r \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus best approximating \tilde{M}

$$M = U \Sigma V^T$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{M} = U S V^T$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \dots & \sigma_r & & \\ & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Metric multidimensional scaling

- Problem: given an $N \times N$ symmetric matrix D_{ij} , how to compute vectors $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ such that

$$\|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\| = D_{ij}?$$

Simplifying assumptions:

(i) $D_{ii} = 0$ for all i

(ii) $D_{ij} \geq 0$ for all i, j

(iii) $D_{ij} + D_{jk} \geq D_{ik}$ for all i, j, k (triangle inequality)
otherwise, no solution exists.

Solution:

Step 1. Derive inner product ("Gram") matrix from distance matrix.

Let $S_{ij} = D_{ij}^2 = \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|^2$ store square distances.

Let $G_{ij} = \vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j$ store inner products.

How to recover G from S ?

other direction (from G to S) is trivial:

$$S_{ij} = \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|^2 = \|\vec{x}_i\|^2 + \|\vec{x}_j\|^2 - 2\vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j$$

$$\boxed{S_{ij} = G_{ii} + G_{jj} - 2G_{ij}} \quad (*)$$

Without loss of generality, assume vectors are centered at origin:
 $\sum_{i=1}^N \vec{x}_i = \vec{0}$ (distances only determine vectors)
(up to translation and rotation)

From centering assumption:

$$\sum_i G_{ij} = \left(\sum_i \vec{x}_i\right) \cdot \vec{x}_j = 0$$

$$\sum_j G_{ij} = \vec{x}_i \cdot \left(\sum_j \vec{x}_j\right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{ij} G_{ij} = \left(\sum_i \vec{x}_i\right) \cdot \left(\sum_j \vec{x}_j\right) = 0$$

• Diagonal elements of Gram matrix

$$(i) \text{ sum } (*) \text{ over } i = \sum_i s_{ij} = \text{tr}(G) + N G_{jj} - 2 \sum_i G_{ij} \quad \circ$$

$$(ii) \text{ sum } (*) \text{ over } i, j = \sum_{i,j} s_{ij} = 2N \text{tr}(G)$$

$$\text{From (i): } G_{jj} = \frac{1}{N} \left[\sum_i s_{ij} - \text{tr}(G) \right]$$

$$\text{Apply (ii): } \boxed{G_{jj} = \frac{1}{N} \left[\sum_i s_{ij} - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{kl} s_{kl} \right]}$$

Useful shorthand:

$$S = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j} s_{ij} \quad \text{row \& column average}$$

$$s_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j s_{ij} \quad \text{row average}$$

$$\text{From above: } \boxed{G_{jj} = s_j - \frac{1}{2} S}$$

For non-diagonal elements:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad s_{ij} &= G_{ii} + G_{jj} - 2G_{ij} \\ &= (s_i - \frac{1}{2} S) + (s_j - \frac{1}{2} S) - 2G_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{G_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} [s_i + s_j - S - s_{ij}]}$$

• Compact notation

Let $\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ identity matrix

$\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ N -dim vector of all "ones"

$$\boxed{G = -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) S (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T)}$$
 matrix S

Now you have a similarity matrix from a distance matrix.

Step 2. Perform SVD on Gram matrix

$$G = V \Sigma V^T \quad (\text{here } U=V \text{ because } G \text{ is symmetric})$$

$$\text{Let } X = \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} V^T \quad (\text{since } \Sigma \text{ is diagonal, } \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ is easy to compute})$$

$$\text{Then: } G = X^T X$$

$$G_{ij} = \sum_k X_{ki} X_{kj} = \vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j \quad \text{where } \vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^N \text{ is } i\text{th column of } X = \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} V^T$$

$$\text{Hence: } \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|^2 = S_{ij}$$

• Approximately distance-preserving embedding

Problem: given distances $D_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, how to compute vectors $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ (with $d < N$) such that $\|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\| \approx D_{ij}$?

"Obvious" cost function:

$$\text{error}(X) = \sum_{ij} (D_{ij} - \|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j\|)^2 \quad \text{This is difficult to optimize, with many local minima.}$$

Instead minimize

$$\text{error}(X) = \sum_{ij} (G_{ij} - \vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j)^2 \quad \text{where } \begin{cases} S_{ij} = D_{ij}^2 \\ G = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) S (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T) \end{cases}$$

This asks for best rank d approximation of G .

Top d components from SVD of G give global minimum:

$$G = V \Sigma V^T \quad \text{with } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & & & \\ & \sigma_2 & & \\ & & \dots & \\ & & & \sigma_d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad \text{with } x_{i\alpha} = \sqrt{\sigma_\alpha} V_{i\alpha} \quad \begin{matrix} i=1..N \\ \alpha=1..d \end{matrix}$$