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This lecture's notes illustrate some uses of various L^AT_EX macros. Take a look at this and imitate.

16.1 Principal Component Analysis

16.1.1 Davis - Kahan Theorem

We show a theorem that provide a bound for the distance between two subspaces.

Theorem 16.1 *Davis - Kahan theorem*

Let Σ and $\hat{\Sigma}$ be $d \times d$ symmetric matrices with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \lambda_d$ and $\hat{\lambda}_1, \hat{\lambda}_2, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_d$ respectively. Fix $1 \leq r \leq s \leq d$, let V and \hat{V} be $d \times (s - r + 1)$ matrices with columns corresponding to eigenvectors for $\lambda_J, J = 1, \dots, s$ and $\hat{\lambda}_J, J = 1, \dots, s$. Let

$$\delta := \inf\{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}| : \lambda \in [\lambda_s, \lambda_r], \hat{\lambda} \in (-\infty, \hat{\lambda}_{s+1}] \cup [\hat{\lambda}_{r-1}, \infty)\}$$

By convention, $\hat{\lambda}_0 = -\infty, \hat{\lambda}_{d+1} = \infty$.

Then, let $\mathcal{E} = \text{range}(V)$ and $\mathcal{F} = \text{range}(\hat{V})$, we have following bound,

$$\|\sin\Theta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})\|_F \leq \frac{\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_F}{\delta}$$

Some intuitions behind this theorem:

1. We are interested in bounding distance between subspaces by leading r eigenvectors of Σ and $\hat{\Sigma} = \Sigma + E$.
2. When \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{F} can be regarded as close to each other?
Take $x \in \mathcal{R}^d$, $\Pi_{\mathcal{E}}x$ is projection of x onto \mathcal{E} . If \mathcal{F} is a good approximation to \mathcal{E} , then this quantity should be small.

$$\|\Pi_{\mathcal{E}}x - \Pi_{\mathcal{F}}(\Pi_{\mathcal{E}}x)\| = \|(\mathcal{I} - \Pi_{\mathcal{F}})\Pi_{\mathcal{E}}x\|$$

which means $\Pi_{\mathcal{F}}\Pi_{\mathcal{E}} \approx \Pi_{\mathcal{E}}\Pi_{\mathcal{E}} = \Pi_{\mathcal{E}}$. Last time we show,

$$\|\sin\Theta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})\|_F^2 = \|(\mathcal{I} - \Pi_{\mathcal{F}})\Pi_{\mathcal{E}}x\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|\Pi_{\mathcal{F}} - \Pi_{\mathcal{E}}\|_2^2$$

A useful variant of D.K. theorem.

$$\|\sin\Theta(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})\|_F^2 \leq \frac{2 \min\{\sqrt{q}\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_{op}, \|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_F\}}{\min\{\lambda_{r-1} - \lambda_r, \lambda_s - \lambda_{s+1}\}}$$

where $q = s - r + 1$. If $r = 1$, you are considering s leading eigenvalues of Σ and $\hat{\Sigma}$.

Also, $\exists O \in \mathcal{R}^{d \times d}$ orthogonal, s.t.

$$\min_{\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}} \|VO - \hat{V}\|_F \leq 2^{3/2} \frac{\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_F}{\delta}$$

Example.

If $s = r = 1$, we have,

$$\sin \angle(v_1, \hat{v}_1) \leq \frac{2\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_F}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

$$\min_{\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}} \|v_1 \epsilon - \hat{v}_1\|_F \leq 2^{3/2} \frac{\|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_F}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

16.1.2 Applications of D.K theorem - spiked covariance model

Sparse PCA

$$\Sigma = \theta v v^T + I_d$$

where $v \in S^{d-1}$. Then eigenvalues of Σ are $1 + \theta, 1, \dots, 1$.

We can view Σ as the covariance matrix of $\sqrt{\theta} \xi v + \epsilon$, where $\xi \sim N(0, 1), \epsilon \sim N(0, I_d)$ or $v(v^T y) + \epsilon$, where $y \sim N(0, \theta I_d)$. Eigen gap is $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 1 + \theta - 1 = \theta$. Let \hat{V} be leading eigenvector of $\hat{\Sigma}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}} \|\epsilon V - \hat{V}\| &\leq \frac{2^{3/2} \|\Sigma - \hat{\Sigma}\|_{op}}{\theta} \\ &\lesssim \frac{1 + \theta}{\theta} \max\left\{\sqrt{\frac{d + \log(1/\delta)}{n}}, \frac{d + \log(1/\delta)}{n}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

with prob $\geq 1 - \delta$.

16.2 Sparse PCA

Again, for sparse spiked covariance model where $\theta > 0, v \in S^{d-1}, \|v\|_0 \leq k \leq d/2$,

$$\Sigma = \theta v v^T + I_d$$

We estimate the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue: \hat{v} using

$$\hat{v} = \operatorname{argmax}_{z \in S^{d-1}} z^T \hat{\Sigma} z$$

with $\|z\|_0 \leq k' \leq d/2, k' \geq k$.

Theorem 16.2 Assume X_1, \dots, X_n are of zero-mean and covariance Σ , $X_i \in SG_d(\|\Sigma\|_{op})$. Then:

$$\min_{\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}} \|\epsilon v - \hat{v}\| \lesssim \frac{1 + \theta}{\theta} C \max\{\eta_n, \eta_n^2\}$$

with prob $\geq 1 - \delta$ for some C , where $\eta_n = \sqrt{\frac{(k' + k) \log(\frac{ed}{k' + k}) + \log(1/\delta)}{n}}$.

Proof: For all \hat{v} ,

$$\begin{aligned} v^T \Sigma v - \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v} &= \theta(1 - \cos^2(\angle(v, \hat{v}))) \\ &= \theta \sin^2(\angle(v, \hat{v})) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} v^T \Sigma v - \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v} &= v^T \hat{\Sigma} v - \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v} - \hat{v}^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) v \\ &\leq \hat{v}^T \hat{\Sigma} \hat{v} - \hat{v}^T \Sigma \hat{v} - \hat{v}^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) v \\ &= \hat{v}^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) \hat{v} - v^T (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) v \\ &= \langle \hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma, \hat{v} \hat{v}^T - v v^T \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{16.1}$$

where $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$. Also, observe that the Frobenius norm $\|A\|_F^2 = \langle A, A \rangle$.

Now, we know that v, \hat{v} are k, k' -sparse respectively, which implies that $\exists S \subset \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ with $|S| \leq k+k'$, s.t.

$$\text{Equation 16.1} = \langle \hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S, \hat{v}_S \hat{v}_S^T - v_S v_S^T \rangle$$

where $\hat{\Sigma}_S, \Sigma_S$ are sub-matrices of $\hat{\Sigma}, \Sigma$ respectively rows/columns in S and \hat{v}_S, v_S are sub-vectors of \hat{v}, v respectively with entries in S .

Now we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma, \hat{v} \hat{v}^T - v v^T \rangle &\leq \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \|\hat{v}_S \hat{v}_S^T - v_S v_S^T\|_1 \\ &\leq \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sqrt{2} \|\hat{v}_S \hat{v}_S^T - v_S v_S^T\|_2 \\ &= \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sqrt{2} \|\hat{v} \hat{v}^T - v v^T\|_2 \\ &= \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sqrt{2} \|\hat{v} \hat{v}^T - v v^T\|_F \\ &= \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{2 - 2(v^T \hat{v})^2} \\ &= \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{2 \sin^2(\angle(v, \hat{v}))} \\ &= 2 \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \sin(\angle(v, \hat{v})) \end{aligned} \tag{16.2}$$

Combine Equation 16.1 and Equation 16.2, we get the following result:

$$\theta \sin(\angle(v, \hat{v})) \leq 2 \|\hat{\Sigma}_S - \Sigma_S\|_{op} \tag{16.3}$$

S is random, because it is the union of $\text{supp}(v)$ and $\text{supp}(\hat{v})$, so in order to bound Equation 16.3, we need to sup-out the randoms, and bound the larger term.

To be continued next week... ■

References