

Multivariate regression

• Simple linear regression: $y^{(i)} = \beta^T x^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}$, $i=1, \dots, m$
 $\in \mathbb{R}$ \uparrow \uparrow
 $\in \mathbb{R}^p$ $\in \mathbb{R}^p$

• Multivariate regression: $y^{(i)} = A^T x^{(i)} + \epsilon^{(i)}$, $i=1, \dots, m$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^T$ \uparrow \uparrow $\in \mathbb{R}^p$
 $\mathbb{R}^{p \times T}$

matrix formulation:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (y^{(1)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (y^{(m)})^T \end{bmatrix}}_{=: Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times T}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (x^{(1)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (x^{(m)})^T \end{bmatrix}}_{=: X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}} A + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\epsilon^{(1)})^T \\ \vdots \\ (\epsilon^{(m)})^T \end{bmatrix}}_{=: E \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times T}}$$

① Maximum Likelihood Estimation

• Statistical model: $Y = XA^T + E$ with $E_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

• Likelihood (A) = $\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{T/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|y^{(i)} - A^T x^{(i)}\|^2}$

So

$$-\log \text{Likelihood (A)} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m \|y^{(i)} - A^T x^{(i)}\|^2}_{=: \|Y - XA\|_F^2} + \frac{mT}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

where $\| \Pi \|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} \pi_{ij}^2 = \text{Tr}(\Pi^T \Pi)$

So $\hat{A}^{MLE} \in \underset{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}}{\text{argmin}} \|Y - XA\|_F^2$

Remark: We denote by A_k the k -th column of A : $A_k := A(:, k)$

The NLE optimisation is separable since $\|Y - XA\|_F^2 = \sum_{k=1}^T \|Y_k - XA_k\|^2$

so $\hat{A}_k^{NLE} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \|Y_k - X\beta\|^2$, for $k=1, \dots, T$

$\Leftrightarrow T$ simple regressions.

Estimation with hidden low dimensional structures?

② Sparse estimation

a/ Coordinate sparsity

• Assume that $|A^*|_0 = \operatorname{Card}\{(i, j): A_{ij}^* \neq 0\}$ small.

• l_1 penalisation:

$$\hat{A}^{l_1} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left\{ \|Y - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda |A|_1 \right\}$$

$$\text{with } |A|_1 = \sum_{j,k} |A_{jk}| = \sum_k |A_k|_1 \quad \leftarrow \text{separable}$$

• T Lasso problems:

$$\hat{A}_k^{l_1} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ \|Y_k - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda |\beta|_1 \right\}, \quad k=1, \dots, T$$

b/ Row sparsity

$$y^{(i)} = (A^*)^T x^{(i)} + \varepsilon^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^p (A_{j:}^*)^T x_j^{(i)} + \varepsilon^{(i)}$$

variable selection \Leftrightarrow row sparsity of A^* : $\operatorname{card}\{j: A_{j:}^* \neq 0\}$ small

$$\leadsto \hat{A}^{RS} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left\{ \|Y - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \|A_{j:}\| \right\}$$

1) Looks like group Lasso?

• Define $\text{vect}(\Pi) := \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \pi_T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{dT}$.
 \uparrow
 $\in \mathbb{R}^{d \times T}$

Then,

$$\text{vect}(Y) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} X & 0 & & 0 \\ 0 & X & & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & 0 & X \end{bmatrix}}_{=: \tilde{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{mT \times Tp}} \text{vect}(A) + \text{vect}(E).$$

Setting $G_j = \{k: k \equiv j \pmod{p}\} \leftarrow$ indices corresponding to A_j :

$$\text{vect}(\hat{A}^{RS}) \in \underset{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{Tp}}{\text{argmin}} \left\{ \|\text{vect}(Y) - \tilde{X}\beta\|^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \|\beta_{G_j}\| \right\}$$

\leadsto group-Lasso in dimension pT .

• Look at Theorem 8.6 for a risk bound

③ Low rank regression

Other structures?

• a common situation is that the signal $A^T x$ remains close to some linear span $V \subset \mathbb{R}^T$, for all x .

• if $A^T x \in V \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and $\dim(V) \ll T$, then

• $\text{range}(A^T) \subset V$

• $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$ small.

\leadsto estimation with rank constraint. \leftarrow non linear!

b/ Some results on random matrices

• $W_{m \times T} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times T}$ with $[W_{m \times T}]_{ij} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

• classical asymptotic: T fixed, $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\left[\frac{1}{m} W^T W \right]_{ab} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m W_{ia} W_{ib} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{a=b} \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (\text{L.L.N.})$$

i.e. $\frac{1}{m} W_{m \times T}^T W_{m \times T} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} I_T \quad \text{a.s.}$

and $\sigma_k \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} W_{m \times T} \right) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 1 \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \text{for } k=1, \dots, T$

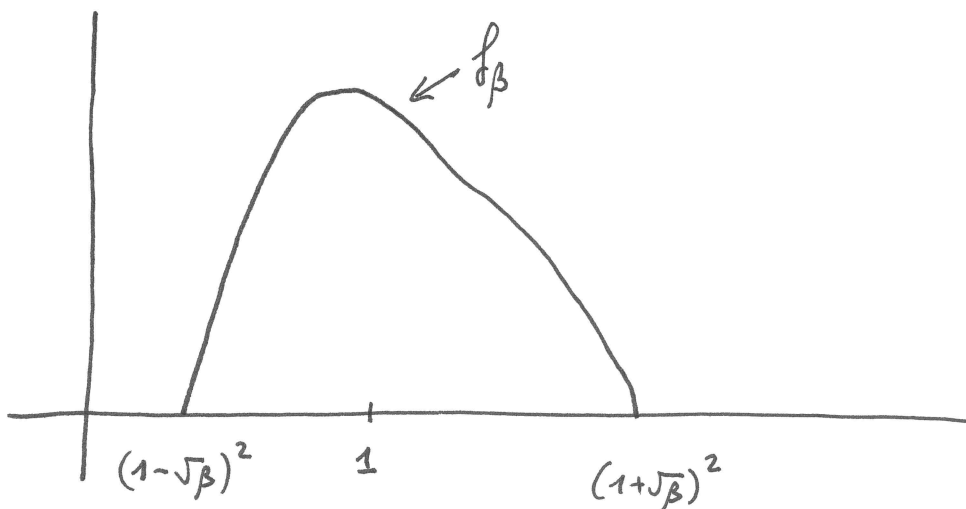
• Marchenko-Pastur asymptotic: $T \sim \beta m$, with $\beta \leq 1$, $\beta > 0$

• no convergence of $\frac{1}{m} W_{m \times T}^T W_{m \times T}$: we look at the empirical distribution of the singular values

$$d\mu_\omega(x) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=1}^T \delta_{\sigma_k^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} W_{m \times T}(\omega) \right)} \implies f_\beta(x) dx \quad \text{a.s.}$$

where $f_\beta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta x} \sqrt{(x - (1 - \sqrt{\beta})^2)((1 + \sqrt{\beta})^2 - x)} \mathbb{1}_{(x) \in [(1 - \sqrt{\beta})^2, (1 + \sqrt{\beta})^2]}$

i.e. For all $F \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$: $\int F(x) d\mu_\omega(x) \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \int F(x) f_\beta(x) dx$



Marchenko-Pastur distribution

• Non-asymptotic: Weyl + Gaussian concentration inequality:

• there exists $\zeta, \zeta' \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_1(W_{m \times T})] - \sqrt{2\zeta'} \leq \sigma_1(W_{m \times T}) \leq \mathbb{E}[\sigma_1(W_{m \times T})] + \sqrt{2\zeta}$$

• Lemma 8.3 Davidson - Szpanik

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_1(W_{m \times T})] \leq \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{T}$$

We will prove the weaker bound $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_1(W_{m \times T})] \leq \sqrt{m} + 5\sqrt{T} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}}$

Lemma: There exists $\zeta \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ such that

$$\cdot \|W_{m \times T}^T W_{m \times T} - m I_T\|_{\text{op}} \leq 2\sqrt{18mT + 8m(1+\zeta)} + 9T + 4(1+\zeta)$$

$$\cdot \sigma_1(W_{m \times T}) \leq \sqrt{m} + 5\sqrt{T} + \frac{1+\zeta}{\sqrt{T}}$$

Proof: Since $W^T W - m I_T$ is symmetric, we have

$$\|W^T W - m I_T\|_{\text{op}} = \sup_{u \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)} | \langle (W^T W - m I_T)u, u \rangle |$$

$$= \sup_{u \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)} | \|Wu\|^2 - \underbrace{m}_{=1} \|u\|^2 |$$

• concentration of $\|Wu\|^2 - m$: $[Wu]_i = (W_{i:})^T u \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \underbrace{\|u\|^2}_{=1})$

so $Wu \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_m)$ and from Exercise 1.6.6 we have

$\exists \zeta_u, \zeta'_u \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ such that

$$-2\sqrt{m\zeta'_u} \leq \|Wu\|^2 - m \leq \sqrt{8m\zeta_u} + 2\zeta_u$$

$$\text{so } | \|Wu\|^2 - m | \leq \sqrt{8m\zeta_u \zeta'_u} + 2\zeta_u$$

• How can we handle $\sup_{u \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)} \dots$?



discretization of $\partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)$ + union bound.

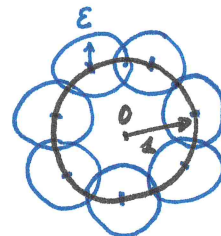
i) discretization: For any A symmetric

$$|A|_{op} \leq \frac{1}{1-2\varepsilon} \sup_{u \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon} |\langle Au, u \rangle|$$

where \mathcal{N}_ε is an ε -net of $\partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)$, i.e.

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon \subset \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)$$

$$\rightarrow \forall x \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1), \exists y \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon \text{ such that } \|y-x\| \leq \varepsilon$$



Proof: $|A|_{op} = |\langle Au^*, u^* \rangle|$

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{y \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon, \|y-u^*\| \leq \varepsilon} |\langle Ay, y \rangle + \langle A(u^*-y), y \rangle + \langle Au^*, u^*-y \rangle| \\ & \leq |\langle Ay, y \rangle| + |A|_{op} \varepsilon + |A|_{op} \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

ii) union bound:

Lemma: There exists \mathcal{N}_ε an ε -net of $\partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)$ with cardinality

$$|\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon| \leq \left(1 + \frac{2}{\varepsilon}\right)^T$$

Proof:

• Take $x_1 \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1)$, then $x_2 \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1) \setminus B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(x_1, \varepsilon), \dots$

then $x_j \in \partial B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0,1) \setminus \bigcup_{i \leq j-1} B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(x_i, \varepsilon), \dots$, until impossible.

$$\bullet \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$$

• by construction: \mathcal{N}_ε is an ε net

$$\bullet \|x-y\| \geq \varepsilon \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon, x \neq y.$$

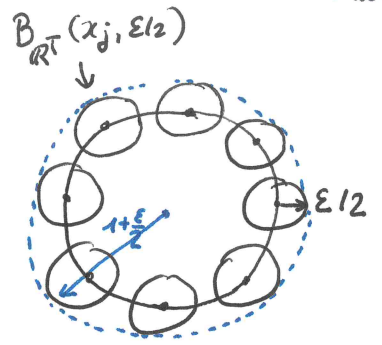
Hence

$$\bigsqcup_{x \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon} B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(x, \varepsilon/2) \subset B_{\mathbb{R}^T}(0, 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

comparing the volumes

$$|\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon| \times \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^T V_T(1) \leq \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)^T V_T(1)$$

□



- In particular, we can choose $\mathcal{N}_{1/4}$ with $|\mathcal{N}_{1/4}| \leq 9^T$

and

$$\|W^T W - m I_T\|_{op} \leq 2 \max_{u \in \mathcal{N}_{1/4}} \left(\sqrt{8m \zeta_u^v \zeta_u'} + 2 \zeta_u \right)$$

- union bound

$$\mathbb{P} \left[\max_{u \in \mathcal{N}_{1/4}} \zeta_u^v \zeta_u' \geq \log(2|\mathcal{N}_{1/4}|) + t \right] \leq 2|\mathcal{N}_{1/4}| e^{-\log(2|\mathcal{N}_{1/4}|) - t} = e^{-t}$$

so $\exists \zeta \sim \text{Exp}(1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|W^T W - m I_T\|_{op} &\leq 2 \sqrt{8m (\log(2 \cdot 9^T) + \zeta)} + 4 \log(2 \cdot 9^T) + 4 \zeta \\ &\leq 2 \sqrt{18mT + 8m(1+\zeta)} + 9T + 4(1+\zeta) \end{aligned}$$

- In addition:

$$\|W^T W\|_{op} \leq \left(\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{18T + 8(1+\zeta)} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \sigma_1(W) = \|W^T W\|_{op}^{1/2} &\leq \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{18T + 8(1+\zeta)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{18T} + \frac{8(1+\zeta)}{2\sqrt{18T}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{m} + \sqrt{18T} + \frac{1+\zeta}{\sqrt{T}} \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary:

Let $P \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ be a projector on a linear span of dimension d .

Then $\mathbb{E}[\|PW_{m \times T}\|_{op}] \leq \sqrt{d} + \sqrt{T}$

Proof: $P = UU^T$ with $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ with orthonormal columns

$$\|PW_x\| = \|U^T W_x\| \text{ so } \|PW\|_{op} = \|U^T W\|_{op}$$

$$\cdot [U^T W]_j = \underbrace{U^T W_j}_{\sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_m)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \underbrace{U^T U}_{I_d})$$

so $U^T W_{m \times T} \stackrel{(d)}{=} W_{d \times T}$ and the result follows from Davidson-Szarek lemma □

c/ Estimation with known rank

Reminder: we have in mind that $\text{range}(A^T) \subset V$ with V a linear span of dimension $r \ll T$.

$\rightarrow S_V = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T} : \text{range}(A^T) \subset V\}$ is a linear span.

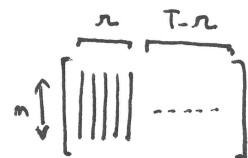
but the family $\{S_V : \dim(V) = r\}$ is uncountable, so we cannot apply model selection on it.

\rightarrow instead we directly look at

$$\mathcal{S}_r := \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T} : \text{rank}(A) = r\}$$

⚠ it is not a linear span

It is a submanifold of dimension $= rm + (T-r)r$
 $= r(m+T) - r^2$



constrained PLE:

$$\hat{A}_r \in \underset{\text{rank}(A) \leq r}{\text{argmin}} \|Y - XA\|_F^2 \quad \leftarrow \triangle \text{ non convex!}$$

Computation: (Lemma 8.1)

Set $P := X(X^T X)^+ X^T = \text{Proj}_{\text{range}(X)}$ - Then

$$\cdot X \hat{A}_r = (PY)_{(r)}$$

$$\cdot \hat{A}_r = (X^T X)^+ X^T (PY)_{(r)}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \|Y - XA\|_F^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^T \|Y_k - XA_k\|^2 \stackrel{\text{Pythagore}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^T (\|Y_k - PY_k\|^2 + \|PY_k - XA_k\|^2) \\ &= \|Y - PY\|_F^2 + \|PY - XA\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

• We observe that

$$\rightarrow \|Y - (PY)_{(r)}\|_F^2 \leq \|Y - X \hat{A}_r\|_F^2 \quad \text{since } \text{rank}(X \hat{A}_r) \leq r$$

$$\rightarrow \|PY - (PY)_{(r)}\|_F^2 \stackrel{\text{Pyth.}}{=} \|PY - P(PY)_{(r)}\|_F^2 + \|(I - P)(PY)_{(r)}\|_F^2$$

with $\text{rank}(P(PY)_{(r)}) \leq r$, so

$$(PY)_{(r)} = P(PY)_{(r)} = X \underbrace{(X^T X)^+ X^T (PY)_{(r)}}_{\text{rank} \leq r}$$

conclusion: $X \hat{A}_r = (PY)_{(r)}$ and $\hat{A}_r = (X^T X)^+ X^T (PY)_{(r)}$ □

• \hat{A}_r can be computed from a partial SVD of PY

• $\{\hat{A}_r : r = 1, \dots, \text{rank}(PY)\}$ can be computed from a single SVD of PY

Proposition 8.2 - Corollary 8-4 :

$$(i) \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\|X\hat{A}_n - XA^*\|_F^2 \right] \leq 9 \min_{\text{rank}(A) \leq r} \|XA - XA^*\|_F^2 + 12r |PE|_{op}^2$$

(ii) Setting $q = \text{rank}(X)$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\|X\hat{A}_n - XA^*\|_F^2 \right] \leq 9 \min_{\text{rank}(A) \leq r} \|XA - XA^*\|_F^2 + 36r (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2 \sigma^2$$

Proof: (ii) follows from (i) and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[|PE|_{op}^2 \right] &\stackrel{\text{Gaussian concentration}}{\leq} \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\mathbb{E} \left[|PE|_{op} \right] + \sigma \sqrt{2\zeta} \right)^2 \right] \leq 2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E} \left[|PE|_{op} \right]^2}_{\leq \sigma^2 (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2} + 4\sigma^2 \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[\zeta]}_{=1} \\ &\leq 3\sigma^2 (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2 \end{aligned}$$

• Let us prove (i). Let B_n be such that $(XA^*)_{(r)} = XB_n$ with $\text{rank}(B_n) \leq r$. Starting from $\|Y - X\hat{A}_n\|_F^2 \leq \|Y - XB_n\|_F^2$ and $Y = XA^* + E$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|XA^* - X\hat{A}_n\|_F^2 &\leq \|XA^* - XB_n\|_F^2 + 2 \underbrace{\langle E, X\hat{A}_n - XB_n \rangle}_F \\ &= \langle PE, X\hat{A}_n - XB_n \rangle_F \\ \text{rank}(X\hat{A}_n - XB_n) \leq 2r &\rightarrow \leq \|PE\|_{(2,2r)} \|X\hat{A}_n - XB_n\|_{(2,2r)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2r} |PE|_{op} \|X\hat{A}_n - XB_n\|_F \\ &\leq \|X\hat{A}_n - XA^*\|_F + \|XA^* - XB_n\|_F \end{aligned}$$

$$2xy \leq ax + \frac{1}{a}y$$

$$\rightarrow \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{b}\right) \|XA^* - XB_n\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{a} \|X\hat{A}_n - XA^*\|_F^2 + (a+b) \times 2r |PE|_{op}^2$$

Set $a = 3/2$ and $b = 1/2$ to conclude.

□

d/ Rank selection

$$\hat{r} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{r=1, \dots, q \wedge T} \left\{ \|Y - X \hat{A}_r\|_F^2 + \lambda r \right\}$$

where $\lambda = K (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q})^2 \sigma^2$ with $K > 1$ and $q = \operatorname{rank}(X)$

Theorem 8.5: Oracle risk bound

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\|X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X A^*\|_F^2 \right] &\leq C_K \min_{r=1, \dots, q \wedge T} \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left[\|X \hat{A}_r - X A^*\|_F^2 \right] + r (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q})^2 \sigma^2 \right\} \\ &\leq C'_K \min_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left\{ \|XA - XA^*\|_F^2 + \operatorname{rank}(A) (T+q) \sigma^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Same arguments as before = since $\|Y - X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}}\|_F^2 + \lambda \hat{r} \leq \|Y - X \hat{A}_r\|_F^2 + \lambda r$

$$\begin{aligned} \|X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X A^*\|_F^2 &\leq \|X \hat{A}_r - X A^*\|_F^2 + \lambda r + 2 \underbrace{\langle PE, X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X \hat{A}_r \rangle}_F - \lambda \hat{r} \\ &\leq \|PE\|_{(2, r+\hat{r})} \|X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X \hat{A}_r\|_{(2, r+\hat{r})} \\ &\leq \sqrt{r+\hat{r}} \|PE\|_{\text{op}} (\|X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X A^*\|_F + \|X A^* - X \hat{A}_r\|_F) \end{aligned}$$

with $2xy \leq ax + \frac{1}{a}y$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{a}\right) \|X \hat{A}_{\hat{r}} - X A^*\|_F^2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{b}\right) \|X \hat{A}_r - X A^*\|_F^2 + \lambda r + \underbrace{(a+b)(r+\hat{r}) \|PE\|_{\text{op}}^2}_{Z_r} - \lambda \hat{r}$$

It remains to check that $\mathbb{E}[Z_r] \leq c (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2 \sigma^2 r$

• Since $\hat{r} \leq q \wedge T$ and $\|PE\|_{\text{op}} \leq (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q}) \sigma + \sigma \sqrt{2\zeta}$, with $a = \frac{3+K}{4}$ and $b = \frac{K-1}{4}$

$$(a+b) \hat{r} \|PE\|_{\text{op}}^2 - \lambda \hat{r} \leq \hat{r} \left(\frac{1+K}{2} (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q} + \sqrt{2\zeta})^2 - K (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q})^2 \right) \sigma^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2xy \leq ax + \frac{1}{a}y &\rightarrow \leq (q \wedge T) * \frac{2K(1+K)}{K-1} \} \sigma^2 \\ \text{with } a = \frac{K-1}{K+1} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \mathbb{E}[Z_r] \leq 3 \frac{K+1}{2} r (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{2K(1+K)}{K-1} (q \wedge T) \sigma^2$$

$$\leq C_K r (\sqrt{q} + \sqrt{T})^2 \sigma^2$$

□

③ Low rank and row sparse matrices

Can we handle matrices simultaneously Low rank and row sparse?

With model selection: yes, but prohibitive computational cost.

Benchmark: if $r^* = \text{rank}(A^*)$ and $k^* = \text{card}\{j: A_{j:}^* \neq 0\}$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\|X\hat{A}^{ns} - XA^*\|_F^2 \right] \leq C \left(\underbrace{r^*(T+k^*)}_{\text{low rank with } k^* \text{ rows}} + \underbrace{k^* \log \frac{eP}{k^*}}_{\text{complexity of rows identification}} \right) \sigma^2 \quad (\text{Theorem 8.7})$$

convex relaxation?

with group lasso:

$$\text{argmin}_A \left\{ \|Y - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^P \|A_{j:}\| \right\}$$

$A: \text{rank}(A) \leq r$

→ non convex!

relaxation?

$$\text{rank}(A) = \sum_k \mathbb{1}_{\sigma_k(A) \neq 0} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \|A\|_* = \sum_k \sigma_k(A)$$

(nuclear norm).

Does nuclear norm penalization work?

$$\hat{A}_\lambda^{NN} \in \text{argmin}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}} \left\{ \|Y - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda \|A\|_* \right\}$$

Theorem 8.8

For $\lambda = 2k \sigma_1(x) (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q}) \sigma$, with $k > 1$, $q = \text{rank}(x)$, we have with $\mathbb{P} \geq 1 - \exp(- (k-1)^2 \frac{T+q}{2})$

$$\|X\hat{A}_\lambda - XA^*\|_F^2 \leq \inf_A \left\{ \|XA - XA^*\|_F^2 + 3k^2 \underbrace{\left(\frac{\sigma_1(x)}{\sigma_q(x)} \right)^2}_{\text{price for convexification}} (\sqrt{T} + \sqrt{q})^2 \sigma^2 \text{rank}(A) \right\}$$

(proof similar as for Lasso)

price for convexification

convex criterion for low-rank and row sparse

$$\hat{A}^{\text{cvx}} \in \underset{A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times T}}{\text{argmin}} \left\{ \underbrace{\|Y - XA\|_F^2 + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \|A_{j:}\| + \mu \|A\|_*}_{\text{convex}} \right\}$$

∴ can be computed

∴ no improvement % low rank or row sparse alone

∴ why?

→ bias cumulate



Iterative algorithm?

idea 1: decompose $A = UV$ with $U \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}$ and $V \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times T}$

problem $UV = (\alpha U)(\frac{1}{\alpha} V)$ so the sizes of U and V must be stabilized

idea 2: Consider $F(U, V) = \underbrace{\|Y - XUV\|_F^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\|U^T U - V^T V\|_F^2}_{\text{scale stabilization}}$

idea 3: proximal iterations related to

$$\min_{u, v} F(u, v) + \lambda |S(u)| \quad \text{where } |S(u)| = \text{card}\{j: A_{j:} \neq 0\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} U^{t+1} \\ V^{t+1} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} H_{\lambda}^G(U^t - \eta \nabla_U F(U^t, V^t)) \\ V^t - \eta \nabla_V F(U^t, V^t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } H_{\lambda}^G = \text{group thresholding.}$$

Good properties: for t large enough ($\geq C \log n$) and under some restricted isometry property + initialisation with \hat{A}^{RS}

$$\|XU^t V^t - XA^*\|_F^2 \leq C(r^*(T+k^*) + k^* \log p) \sigma^2 \quad \text{∴}$$

Conclusion:

Convex relaxation	Iterative algorithm
0 0	0 1