

Lecture 16

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1 Compressed Sensing

1.1 Randomized Construction of the sampling matrix A

One way of randomized construction is making A a random Gaussian matrix with m rows and n columns. Each cell of A is from $\mathcal{N}(0, 1/m)$. We can show that if $m = O(k \log \frac{n}{k})$, A will with high probability have δ_{2k} -RIP with $\delta_{2k} \leq \sqrt{2} - 1$.

The δ_{2k} -RIP means

$$(1 - \delta_{2k})\|x\|_{l_2}^2 \leq \|Ax\|_{l_2}^2 \leq (1 + \delta_{2k})\|x\|_{l_2}^2$$

where x is $2k$ -sparse vector. To simplify this, we can use a compact x' by taking the $2k$ non zero values from x , and a compact matrix B by the $2k$ columns from A at the non zero coordinates of x . So that

$$Bx' = Ax$$

and there is no constraint on x' . The δ_{2k} -RIP condition becomes

$$2 - \sqrt{2} \leq \frac{x'^T B^T B x'}{x'^T x'} \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$0.586 \leq \frac{x'^T B^T B x'}{x'^T x'} \leq 1.414$$

By Rayleigh-Ritz theorem, we know for any symmetric matrix D

$$\max_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T D x}{x^T x} = \max \text{ eigenvalue of } D$$

$$\min_{x \neq 0} \frac{x^T D x}{x^T x} = \min \text{ eigenvalue of } D$$

Now we reduce the sufficient condition for RIP into the bound of eigenvalues of $B^T B$ (or singular values of B) for any set of $2k$ columns B of A .

For an iid Gaussian $\mathcal{N}(0, 1/m)$ matrix of size $m \times 2k$, the probability that the singular value is greater than $1 + \epsilon$ or less than $1 - \epsilon$ is at most $e^{-\alpha n}$ for some $\alpha > 0$ that depends on the $\epsilon > 0$.

Hence for a Gaussian matrix A , the probability of δ_{2k} -RIP being violated is

$$P_e \leq \binom{n}{2k} e^{-\alpha m}$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{ne}{2k}\right)^{2k} e^{-\alpha m}$$

$$= e^{-\alpha m + 2k \log \frac{ne}{2k}}$$

We can let $m = \frac{4}{\alpha} k \log \frac{n}{k}$ to make P_e bounded by a small value. Therefore $m = O(k \log \frac{n}{k})$ suffices.

1.2 Explicit Construction of A

If we have a binary code (m, N, d) with large d , we can construct matrix A explicitly.

Let f be a bitwise mapping which maps 0 to $1/\sqrt{m}$ and 1 to $-1/\sqrt{m}$. We can construct A by using $f(x)$ as columns for every codeword x . If d is large enough, this matrix has RIP.

By the definition of f , we know the inner product between $f(x)$ and $f(x')$, where x, x' are two codewords, is

$$1 - \frac{2d(x, x')}{m}$$

We choose any $2k$ columns from A to form matrix B and compute $B^T B$. It has 1 on diagonal and $1 - 2d^*/m$ elsewhere. d^* is the distance between two different codewords. By Gershgorin circle theorem, we know the eigenvalue of A must be in at least one of the Gershgorin discs $D(a_{ii}, R_i)$. The discs are centered at the diagonal elements a_{ii} with radius $R_i = \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}|$. In our case, a_{ii} is always 1 and there are $2k$ columns. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda_i - 1| &< \sum_{i \neq j} \left(1 - \frac{2d(c_i, c_j)}{m}\right) \\ &\leq (2k - 1) \left(1 - \frac{2d}{m}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We want $|\lambda_i - 1| \leq 0.414$, which means the sufficient condition for RIP is

$$\begin{aligned} (2k - 1) \left(1 - \frac{2d}{m}\right) &\leq 0.414 \\ 1 - \frac{2d}{m} &\leq \frac{0.414}{2k - 1} \\ d &\geq \frac{m}{2} \left(1 - \frac{0.414}{2k - 1}\right) \\ d &\geq \frac{m}{2} \left(1 - \frac{0.2}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can construct such code using the explicit construction for GV bound. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log N}{m} &= 1 - h\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{0.1}{k}\right) \\ m &= \frac{\log N}{1 - h\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{0.1}{k}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

The time complexity of such construction is in polynomial w.r.t. N . Note that in the context of coding theory, this complexity is bad because we care about the dimension of the code k , then it's in exponential w.r.t. k . However in compressed sensing, we care about the dimension of signal, which is N .

We can expand $h(\frac{1}{2} - x)$ to $1 - \Theta(x^2)$. Therefore,

$$m = O(k^2 \log N)$$

There is no explicit construction of RIP matrix with $m = O(k \log N)$.