COMPSCI 514: Algorithms for Data Science

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Lecture 18

- Problem Set 3 is due Monday at 11:59pm.
- No quiz due Monday.
- I will hold additional office hours on Thursday from 11:30am-12:40pm.

Summary

Last Class

• The Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and its connection to eigendecomposition of X^TX and XX^T, and low-rank approximation.

This Class: Application of Low-Rank Approximation Beyond Compression

- Low-rank matrix completion (predicting missing measurements using low-rank structure).
- Entity embeddings (e.g., word embeddings, node embeddings).
- Low-rank approximation for non-linear dimensionality reduction.
- Eigendecomposition to partition graphs into clusters.

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Under certain assumptions, can show that **Y** well approximates **X** on both the observed and (most importantly) unobserved entries.

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Classic Approach: Convert each item into a (very) high-dimensional feature vector and then apply low-rank approximation.









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Another View: Each column of Y represents a 'topic'. $\vec{y}_i(j)$ indicates how much doc_i belongs to topic j. $\vec{z}_a(j)$ indicates how much $word_a$ associates with that topic.



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 - Replacing X^TX with these different metrics (sometimes appropriately transformed) leads to popular word embedding algorithms: word2vec, GloVe, fastText, etc.





Note: word2vec is typically described as a neural-network method, but can be viewed as just a low-rank approximation of a specific similarity matrix. *Neural word embedding as implicit matrix factorization*, Levy and Goldberg.

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A common way of automatically identifying this non-linear structure is to connect data points in a graph. E.g., a Q-nearest neighbor graph.

• Connect items to similar items, possibly with higher weight edges when they are more similar.

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In LSA example, when X is the term-document matrix, $X^T X$ is like an adjacency matrix, where $word_a$ and $word_b$ are connected if they appear in at least 1 document together (edge weight is # documents they appear in together).

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- $\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^{\mathsf{T}}$. The rows of $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}$ can be thought of as \mathbf{n} 'embeddings' for the vertices.
- Similar vertices (close with regards to graph proximity) should have similar embeddings.

Spectral Embedding



Step 1: Produce a nearest neighbor graph based on your input data in \mathbb{R}^d . Step 2: Apply low-rank approximation to the graph adjacency matrix to produce embeddings in \mathbb{R}^k . Step 3: Work with the data in the embedded space. Where distances represent distances in your original 'non-linear space.'

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What other methods do you know for embedding or representing data points with non-linear structure?



Questions?