

# ELEG 867 - Compressive Sensing and Sparse Signal Representations

Introduction to Matrix Completion and Robust PCA

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# Matrix Completion Problems - Motivation

## Recomender Systems



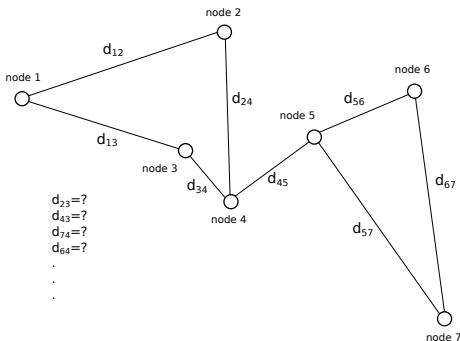
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- Collaborative filtering (Amazon, last.fm)
- Content based (Pandora, [www.nanocrowd.com](http://www.nanocrowd.com))
- Netflix prize competition boosted interest in the area

<http://www.ima.umn.edu/videos/index.php?id=1598>  
<http://sahd.pratt.duke.edu/Videos/keynote.html>

# Matrix Completion Problems - Motivation

## Sensor location estimation in Wireless Sensor Networks



## Distance matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	$d_{1,2}$	$d_{1,3}$	?	?	?	?
2	$d_{2,1}$	0	?	$d_{2,4}$	?	?	?
3	$d_{3,1}$	?	0	$d_{3,4}$	?	?	?
4	?	$d_{4,2}$	$d_{4,3}$	0	$d_{4,5}$	?	?
5	?	?	?	$d_{5,4}$	0	$d_{5,6}$	$d_{5,7}$
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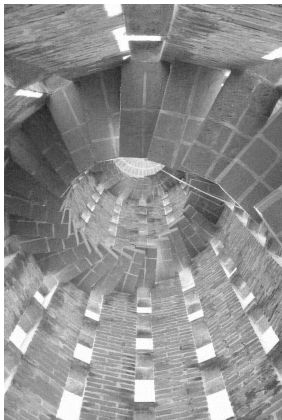
- The problem is to find the positions of the sensors in  $R^2$  given the partial information about relative distances
- A distance matrix like this has rank 2 in  $R^2$
- For certain types of graphs the problem can be solved if we know the whole distance matrix



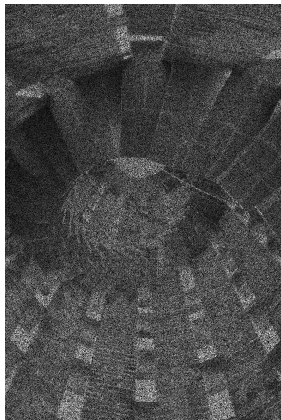
# Matrix Completion Problems - Motivation

## Image reconstruction from incomplete data

Reconstructed image



Incomplete image 50% of the pixels



# Robust PCA - Motivation

## Foreground identification for surveillance applications

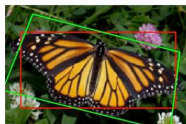


E.J. Candes, X. Li, Y. Ma, and Wright, J. "Robust principal component analysis?" <http://arxiv.org/abs/0912.3599>

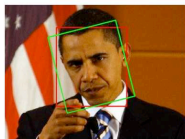


# Robust PCA - Motivation

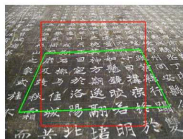
## Image alignment and texture recognition



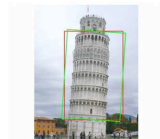
(a) Input ( $r = 35$ )



(b) Input ( $r = 15$ )



(c) Input ( $r = 53$ )



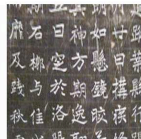
(d) Input ( $r = 13$ )



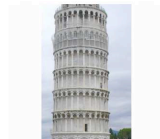
(e) Output ( $r = 14$ )



(f) Output ( $r = 8$ )



(g) Output ( $r = 19$ )



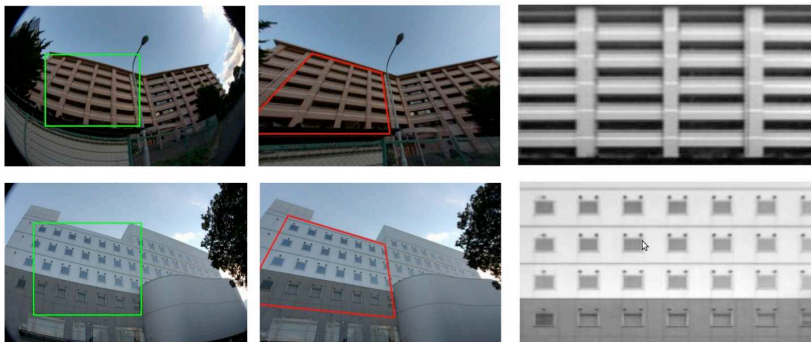
(h) Output ( $r = 6$ )

Z. Zhang, X. Liang, A. Ganesh, and Y. Ma, "TILT: transform invariant low-rank textures" Computer Vision-ACCV 2010



# Robust PCA - Motivation

## Camera calibration with radial distortion



J. Wright, Z. Lin, and Y. Ma “Low-Rank Matrix Recovery: From Theory to Imaging Applications” Tutorial presented at International Conference on Image and Graphics (ICIG), August 2011



# Motivation

Many other applications

- System Identification in control theory
- Covariance matrix estimation
- Machine Learning
- Computer Vision

Videos to watch

*Matrix Completion via Convex Optimization: Theory and Algorithms* by Emmanuel Candes

[http://videlectures.net/mlss09us\\_candes\\_mccota/](http://videlectures.net/mlss09us_candes_mccota/)

*Low Dimensional Structures in Images or Data* by Yi Ma, Workshop in Signal Processing with Adaptive Sparse Structured Representations (June 2011)

<http://ecos.maths.ed.ac.uk/SPARS11/YiMa.wmv>





# Problem Formulation

## Matrix completion

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega \end{array} \quad (1)$$

## Robust PCA

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{E}\|_0 \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} + E_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega \end{array} \quad (2)$$

- Very hard to solve in general without any assumptions, some times NP hard.
- Even if we can solve them, are the solutions always what we expect?
- Under which conditions we can have exact recovery of the real matrices?



- Convex Optimization concepts
- Matrix Completion
  - Exact Recovery from incomplete data by convex relaxation
  - ALM method for Nuclear Norm Minimization
- Robust PCA
  - Exact Recovery from incomplete data and corrupted data by convex relaxation
  - ALM method for Low rank and Sparse separation

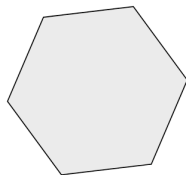


# Convex sets and Convex functions

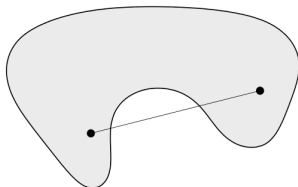
## Convex set

A set  $C$  is convex if the line segment between any two points in  $C$  lies in  $C$ .  
For any  $x_1, x_2 \in C$  and any  $\theta$  with  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$  we have

$$\theta x_1 + (1 - \theta)x_2 \in C.$$



convex



non convex



non convex



# Convex sets and Convex functions

## Convex combination

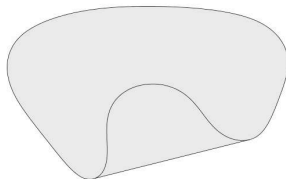
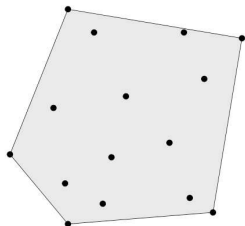
A convex combination of  $k$  points  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  is defined as

$$\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_k x_k, \text{ where } \theta_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_k = 1$$

## Convex hull

The convex hull of  $C$  is the set of all convex combinations of points in  $C$

$$\mathbf{conv} C = \{\theta_1 x_1 + \dots + \theta_k x_k \mid x_i \in C, \theta_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, k, \theta_1 + \dots + \theta_k = 1\}$$



# Convex sets and Convex functions

## Operations that preserve convexity

### Intersection

If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are convex, then  $S_1 \cap S_2$  is convex.

In general if  $S_\alpha$  is convex for every  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} S_\alpha$  is convex.

Subspaces, affine sets and convex cones are therefore closed under arbitrary intersections.

### Affine functions

Let  $f : R^n \rightarrow R^m$  be affine,  $f(x) = Ax + b$ , where  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  and  $b \in R^m$ . If  $S \subseteq R^n$  is convex, then the image of  $S$  under  $f$

$$f(S) = \{f(x) | x \in S\}$$

is convex

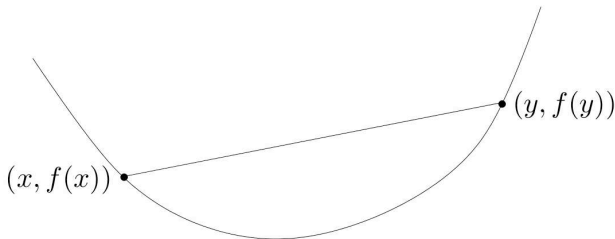
# Convex sets and Convex functions

## Convex functions

A function  $f : R^n \rightarrow R$  is convex if  $\mathbf{dom}f$  is a convex set and if for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{dom}f$ , and  $\theta$  with  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$ , we have

$$f(\theta x + (1 - \theta)y) \leq \theta f(x) + (1 - \theta)f(y)$$

we say that  $f$  is strictly convex if the strict inequality holds whenever  $x \neq y$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$



# Operations that preserve convexity

## Composition with an affine mapping

Suppose  $f : R^n \rightarrow R$ ,  $A \in R^{n \times m}$  and  $b \in R^n$ . Define  $g : R^m \rightarrow R$  by

$$g(x) = f(Ax + b)$$

with  $\text{dom } g = \{x | Ax + b \in \text{dom } f\}$ . Then if  $f$  is convex, so is  $g$ .

## Pointwise maximum

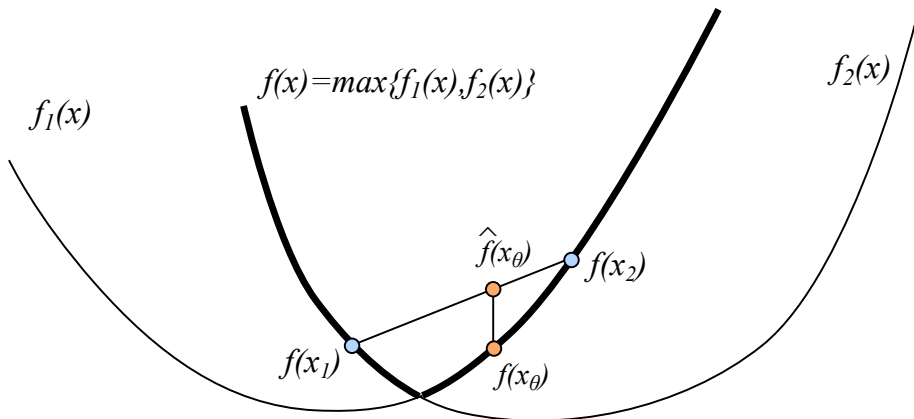
if  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are convex functions then their pointwise maximum  $f$  defined by

$$f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), f_2(x)\}$$

with  $\text{dom } f = \text{dom } f_1 \cap \text{dom } f_2$  is also convex. This also extends to the case where  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  are convex, then

$$f(x) = \max\{f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)\}, \quad \text{is also convex}$$

# Pointwise maximum of convex functions





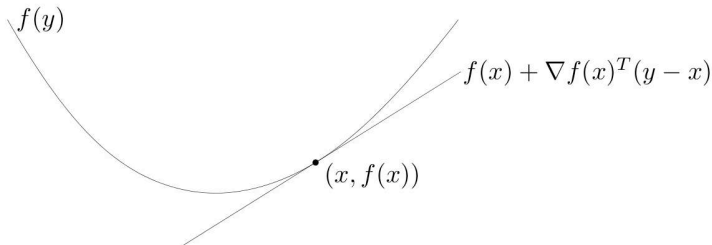
# Convex sets and Convex functions

## Convex differentiable functions

If  $f$  is differentiable (*i.e.* its gradient  $\nabla f$  exist at each point in  $\mathbf{dom}f$ ). Then  $f$  is convex if and only if  $\mathbf{dom}f$  is convex and

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + \nabla f(x)^T (y - x)$$

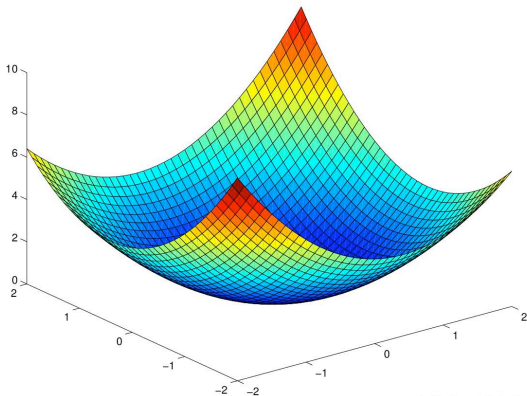
holds for all  $x, y \in \mathbf{dom}f$ .



## Second order conditions

If  $f$  is twice differentiable, *i.e.* its Hessian  $\nabla^2 f$  exist at each point in  $\text{dom}f$ . Then  $f$  is convex if and only if  $\text{dom}f$  is convex and its Hessian is positive semidefinite for all  $x \in \text{dom}f$

$$\nabla^2 f(x) \succeq 0$$



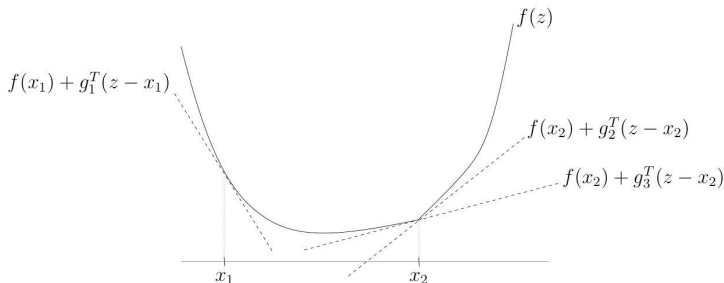
# Convex non-differentiable functions

The concept of gradient can be extended to non-differentiable functions introducing the subgradient

## Subgradient of a function

A vector  $g \in R^n$  is a *subgradient* of  $f : R^n \rightarrow R$  at  $x \in \mathbf{dom}f$  if for all  $z \in \mathbf{dom}f$

$$f(z) \geq f(x) + g^T(z - x)$$



# Subgradients

## Observations

- If  $f$  is convex and differentiable, then its gradient at  $x$ ,  $\nabla f(x)$  is its only subgradient

## Subdifferentiable functions

A function  $f$  is called subdifferentiable at  $x$  if there exist at least one subgradient at  $x$

## Subdifferential at a point

The set of subgradients of  $f$  at the point  $x$  is called the subdifferential of  $f$  at  $x$ , and is denoted  $\partial f(x)$

## Subdifferentiability of a function

A function  $f$  is called subdifferentiable if it is subdifferentiable at all  $x \in \text{dom} f$

# Basic properties

## Existence of the subgradient of a convex function

If  $f$  is convex and  $x \in \mathbf{int\, dom} f$ , then  $\partial f(x)$  is nonempty and bounded.

The subdifferential  $\partial f(x)$  is always a closed convex set, even if  $f$  is not convex. This follows from the fact that it is the intersection of an infinite set of halfspaces

$$\partial f(x) = \bigcap_{z \in \mathbf{dom} f} \{g \mid f(z) \geq f(x) + g^T(z - x)\}.$$



# Basic properties

## Nonnegative scaling

For  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\partial(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha \partial f(x)$

## Subgradient of the sum

Given  $f = f_1 + \dots + f_m$ , where  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  are convex functions, the subgradient of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by  $\partial f(x) = \partial f_1(x) + \dots + \partial f_m(x)$

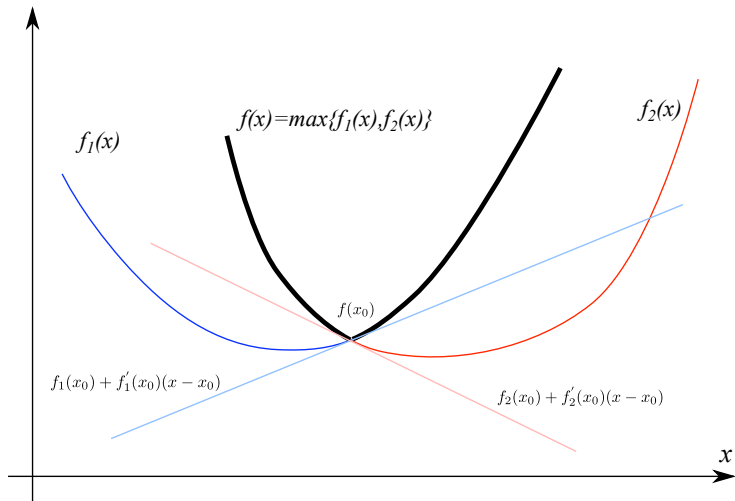
## Affine transformations of domain

Suppose  $f$  is convex, and let  $h(x) = f(Ax + b)$ . Then  $\partial h(x) = A^T \partial f(Ax + b)$ .

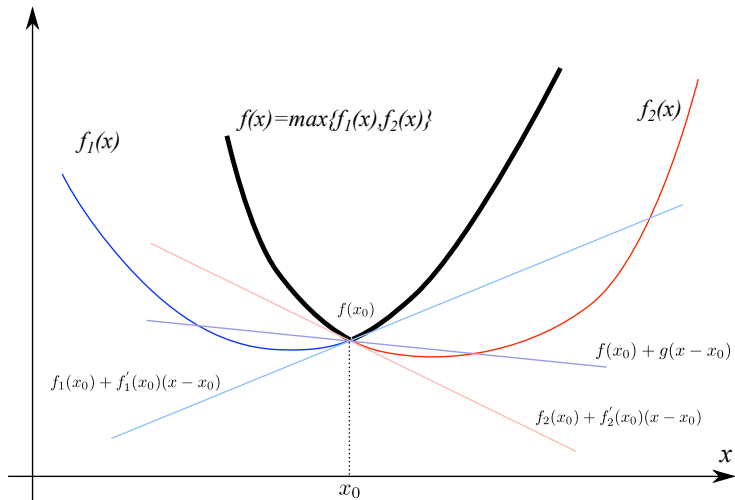
## Pointwise maximum

Suppose  $f$  is the pointwise maximum of convex functions  $f_1, \dots, f_m$ ,  $f(x) = \max_{i=1, \dots, m} f_i(x)$ , then  $\partial f(x) = \mathbf{Co} \cup \{\partial f_i(x) | f_i(x) = f(x)\}$

# Subgradient of the pointwise maximum of two convex functions

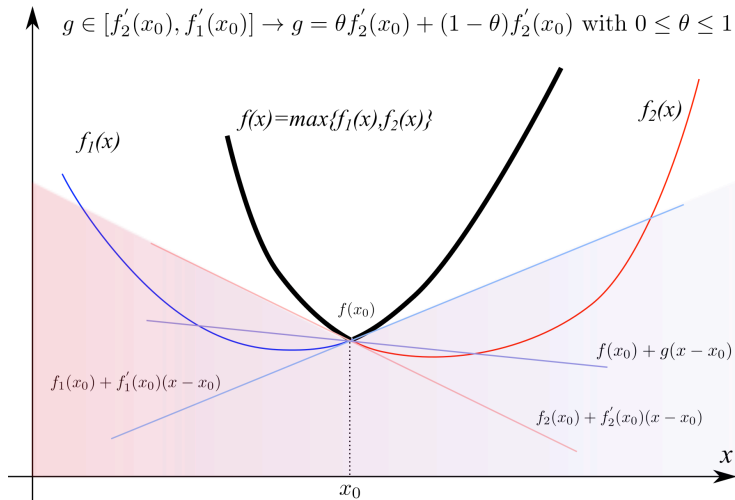


# Subgradient of the pointwise maximum of two convex functions





# Subgradient of the pointwise maximum of two convex functions



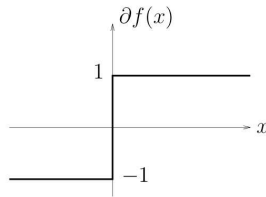
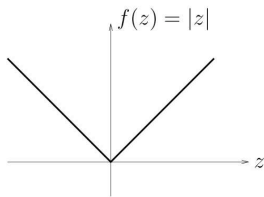
# Examples

Consider the function  $f(x) = |x|$ . At  $x_0=0$ , the subdifferential is defined by the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &\geq f(x_0) + g(z - x_0), & \forall z \in \text{dom } f \\ |z| &\geq gz, & \forall z \in R \\ \partial f(0) &= \{g \mid g \in [-1, 1]\} \end{aligned}$$

then for all  $x$

$$\partial f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ \{g \mid g \in [-1, 1]\} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$



## Example: $\ell_1$ norm

Consider  $f(x) = \|x\|_1 = |x_1| + \dots + |x_n|$ , and note that  $f$  can be expressed as the maximum of  $2^n$  linear functions

$$\|x\|_1 = \max\{f_1(x), \dots, f_{2^n}(x)\}$$

$$\|x\|_1 = \max\{s_1^T x, \dots, s_{2^n}^T x \mid s_i \in \{-1, 1\}^n\}$$

The active functions  $f_i(x)$  at  $x$  are the ones for which  $s_i^T x = \|x\|_1$ . Then denoting

$$s_i = [s_{i,1}, \dots, s_{i,n}]^T, \quad s_{i,j} \in \{-1, 1\}$$

the set of indices of the active functions at  $x$  is

$$\mathcal{A}_x = \left\{ i \mid \begin{array}{ll} s_{i,j} = -1 & \text{for } x_j < 0 \\ s_{i,j} = 1 & \text{for } x_j > 0 \\ s_{i,j} = -1 \text{ or } 1 & \text{for } x_j = 0 \end{array}, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$



## subgradient of the $\ell_1$ norm

The subgradient of  $\|x\|_1$  at a generic point  $x$  is defined by

$$\partial\|x\|_1 = \mathbf{co} \cup \{ \partial f_i(x) \mid i \in \mathcal{A}_x \}$$

$$\partial\|x\|_1 = \mathbf{co}\{ \nabla f_i(x) \mid i \in \mathcal{A}_x \}$$

$$\partial\|x\|_1 = \mathbf{co}\{ s_i \mid i \in \mathcal{A}_x \}$$

$$\partial\|x\|_1 = \{ g \mid g = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}_x} \theta_i s_i, \theta_i \geq 0, \sum_i \theta_i = 1 \}$$

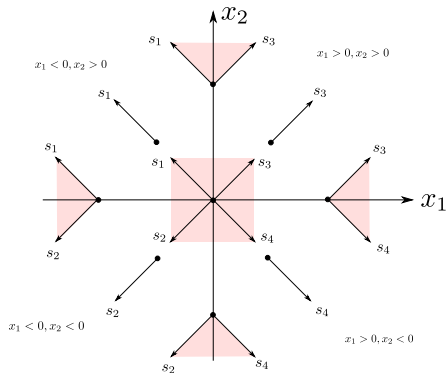
or equivalently

$$\partial\|x\|_1 = \left\{ g \left| \begin{array}{ll} g_j = -1 & \text{for } x_j < 0 \\ g_j = 1 & \text{for } x_j > 0 \\ g_j = \zeta \in [-1, 1] & \text{for } x_j = 0 \end{array} \right. \right\}$$



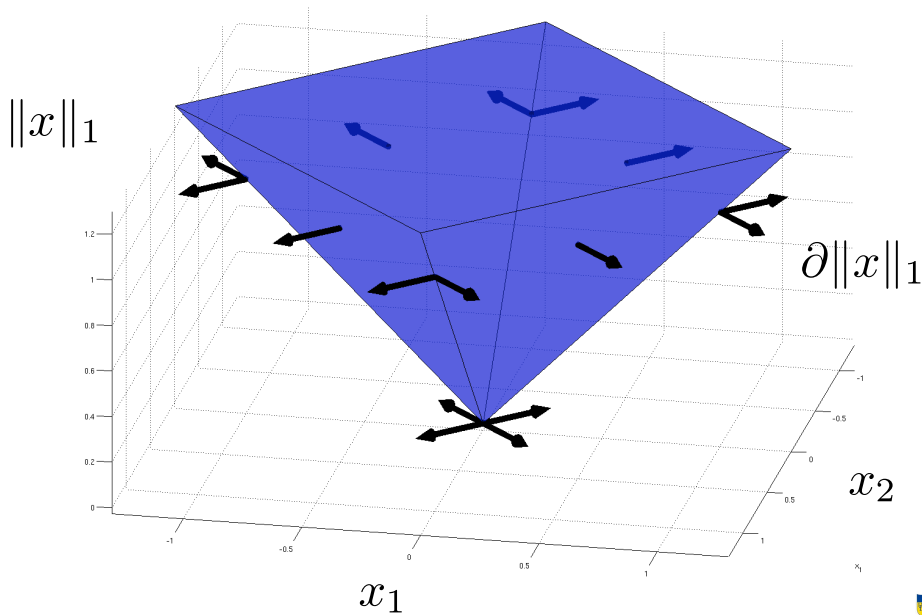
# $\ell_1$ norm on $R^2$

in  $R^2$  the set of subgradients are



$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1, & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \\ s_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -1, & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T \\ s_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1, & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \\ s_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1, & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T \end{aligned}$$





# Convex optimization problems

An optimization problem is convex if its objective is a convex function, the inequality constraints  $f_j$  are convex and the equality constraints  $h_j$  are affine

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f_0(x) \quad (\text{Convex function}) \\ \text{s.t.} & f_i(x) \leq 0 \quad (\text{Convex sets}) \\ & h_j(x) = 0 \quad (\text{Affine}) \end{array}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f_0(x) \quad (\text{Convex function}) \\ \text{s.t.} & x \in C \quad C \text{ is a convex set} \\ & h_j(x) = 0 \quad (\text{Affine}) \end{array}$$



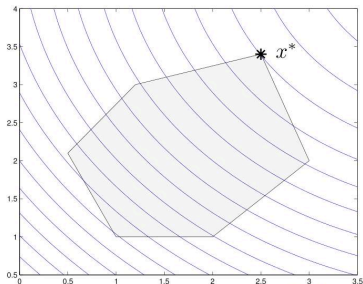
## Theorem

If  $x^*$  is a local minimizer of a convex optimization problem, it is a global minimizer.

## Optimality conditions

A point  $x^*$  is a minimizer of a convex function  $f$  if and only if  $f$  is subdifferentiable at  $x^*$  and

$$0 \in \partial f(x^*)$$





# Convex optimization problems

Given the convex problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & f_0(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & f_i(x) \leq 0, \quad i = \{1, \dots, k\} \\ & h_j(x) = 0, \quad j = \{1, \dots, l\}\end{array}$$

its Lagrangian function is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, \nu) = f_0(x) + \sum_{j=1}^l \lambda_j h_j(x) + \sum_{i=1}^k \nu_i f_i(x)$$

where  $\nu_i \geq 0, \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$



# Augmented Lagrangian Method

Considering the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && f(x) \\ & \text{s.t.} && x \in C \\ & && \mathbf{h}(x) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The augmented lagrangian is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(x, \lambda, c) = f(x) + \lambda^T \mathbf{h}(x) + \frac{\mu}{2} \|\mathbf{h}(x)\|_2^2$$

where  $\mu$  is a penalty parameter and  $\lambda$  is the multiplier vector



# Augmented Lagrangian Method

The augmented lagrangian method consist of solving a sequence of problems of the form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} & \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda_k, \mu_k) = f(x) + \lambda_{\mathbf{k}}^T \mathbf{h}(x) + \frac{\mu_k}{2} \|\mathbf{h}(x)\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} & x \in C \end{array}$$

where  $\{\lambda_{\mathbf{k}}\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $R^l$  and  $\{\mu_k\}$  is a penalty parameter sequence satisfying

$$0 < \mu_k < \mu_{k+1} \quad \forall k, \quad \mu_k \rightarrow \infty$$



# Augmented Lagrangian Method

The exact solution to problem (3) can be found using the following iterative algorithm

set  $\rho > 1$

**while** not converged **do**

    solve  $x_{k+1} = \underset{x \in C}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda_{\mathbf{k}}, \mu_k)$

$\lambda_{\mathbf{k}+1} = \lambda_{\mathbf{k}} + \mu_k \mathbf{h}(x_{k+1})$

$\mu_k = \rho \mu_k$

**end while**

Output  $x_k$



# Matrix completion

## Optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega \end{array} \quad (4)$$

- We look for the simplest explanation for the observed data
- Given enough number of samples, the likelihood of the solution to be unique should be high



# Matrix completion

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & \text{rank}(A) \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega\end{array}$$

- The minimization of the  $\text{rank}(\cdot)$  function is a combinatorial problem, with exponential complexity in the size of the matrix!
- Need for a convex relaxation

$$\begin{array}{lcl}\text{rank}(A) = ||\text{diag}(\Sigma)||_0 & A = U\Sigma V^T \\ \Downarrow \\ ||A||_* = ||\text{diag}(\Sigma)||_1\end{array}$$

## Convex relaxation

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & ||A||_* \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega\end{array} \tag{5}$$

# Matrix Completion

## Nuclear Norm

The nuclear norm of a matrix  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  is defined as  $\|A\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_i(A)$ , where  $\{\sigma_i(A)\}_{i=1}^r$  are the elements of the diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  from the SVD decomposition of  $A = U\Sigma V^T$

## Observations

- $r = \text{rank}(A)$  can be  $r < m, n$ . If this is the case we say that the matrix is low rank
- the singular values  $\sigma_i(A) = \sqrt{\lambda_i(A^T A)}$  are obtained as the square root of the eigenvalues of  $A^T A$  and are always  $\sigma_i \geq 0$
- the left singular vectors  $U$  are the eigenvectors of  $AA^T$
- the right singular vectors  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $A^T A$



# Matrix Completion

## Spectral Norm

The spectral norm of a matrix  $A \in R^{m \times n}$  is defined as  $\|A\|_2 = \sigma_{\max}(A)$ , where  $\sigma_{\max} = \max(\{\sigma_i(A)\}_{i=1}^r)$

## Dual Norm

Given an arbitrary norm  $\|\cdot\|_\diamond$  in  $R^n$ , its dual norm  $\|\cdot\|_\dagger$  is defined as

$$\|z\|_\dagger = \sup\{z^T x \mid \|x\|_\diamond \leq 1\}$$

## Observations

- The nuclear norm is the dual norm of the spectral norm

$$\|A\|_* = \sup\{\text{tr}(A^T X) \mid \|X\|_2 \leq 1\}$$





# Matrix Completion

Convex relaxation of the rank

## Convex envelope of a function

Let  $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ . The convex envelope of  $f$  (on  $\mathcal{C}$ ) is defined as the largest convex function  $g$  such that  $g(x) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}$

## Theorem

*The convex envelope of the function  $\phi(X) = \text{rank}(X)$  on  $\mathcal{C} = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \mid \|X\|_2 \leq 1\}$ , is  $\phi_{\text{env}}(X) = \|X\|_*$ .*

## Observations

- The convex envelope of  $\text{rank}(X)$  on the set  $\{X \mid \|X\|_2 \leq M\}$  is given by  $\frac{1}{M} \|X\|_*$
- By solving the heuristic problem we obtain a lower bound on the optimal value of the original problem (provided we can identify a bound  $M$  on the feasible set).

M. Fazel, H. Hindi and S. Boyd "A Rank Minimization Heuristic with Application to Minimum Order System Approximation" American Control Conference, 2001.



# Matrix completion

## Convex relaxation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \|A\|_* \\ \text{subject to} & A_{ij} = D_{ij} \quad \forall (i,j) \in \Omega \end{array} \quad (6)$$

- The original problem is now a problem with a non-smooth but convex function as the objective
- The remaining problem is the number of measurements and in which positions have to be taken in order to guarantee that the solution is equal to the matrix  $D$ ?



# Matrix completion

Which types of matrices can be completed exactly?

Consider the matrix

$$M = e_1 \cdot e_n^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Can it be recovered from 90 % of its samples ?
- Is the sampling set important?
- Which sampling sets work and which ones doesn't?



# Matrix completion

## Sampling set $\Omega$

The sampling set  $\Omega$  is defined as  $\Omega = \{(i,j) \mid D_{ij} \text{ is observed} \}$

Consider

$$D = xy^T \quad x \in R^m, y \in R^n$$

$$D_{ij} = x_i y_j$$

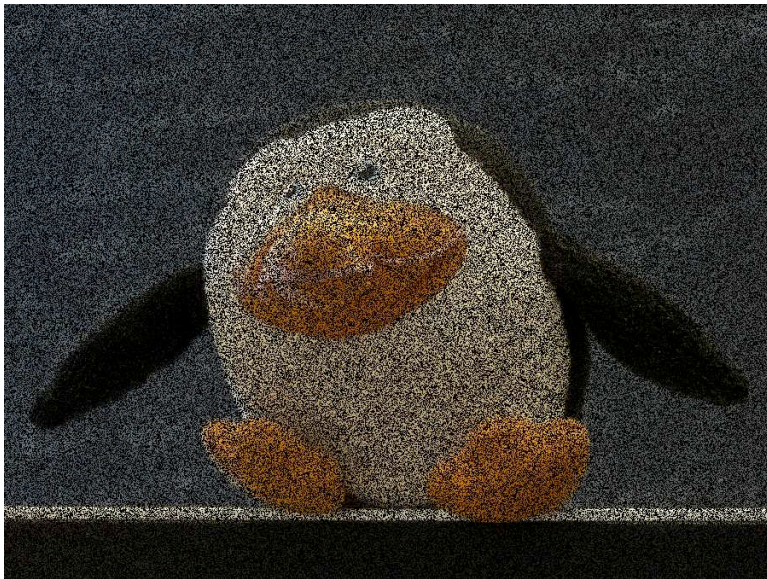
- If the sampling set avoids row  $i$ , then  $x_i$  can not be recovered by any method whatsoever

Observation

- No columns or rows from  $D$  can be avoided in the sampling set
- There is a need for a characterization of the sampling operator with respect to the set of matrices that we want to recover



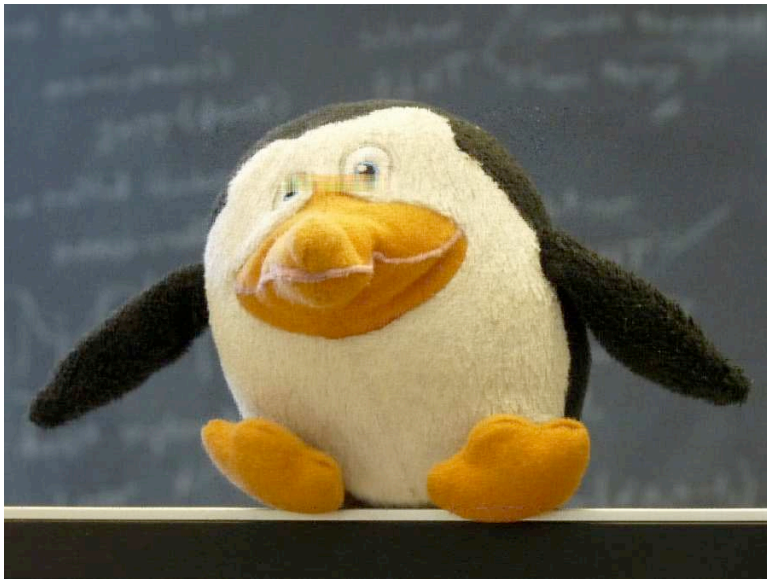


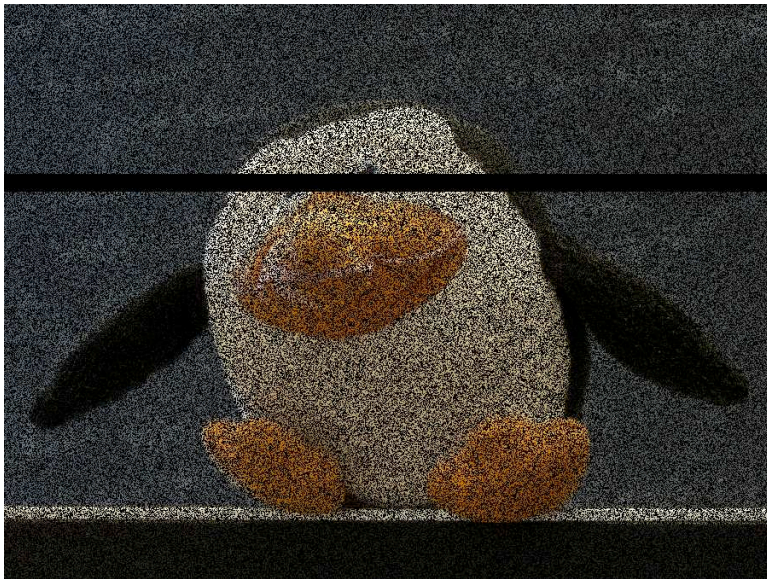


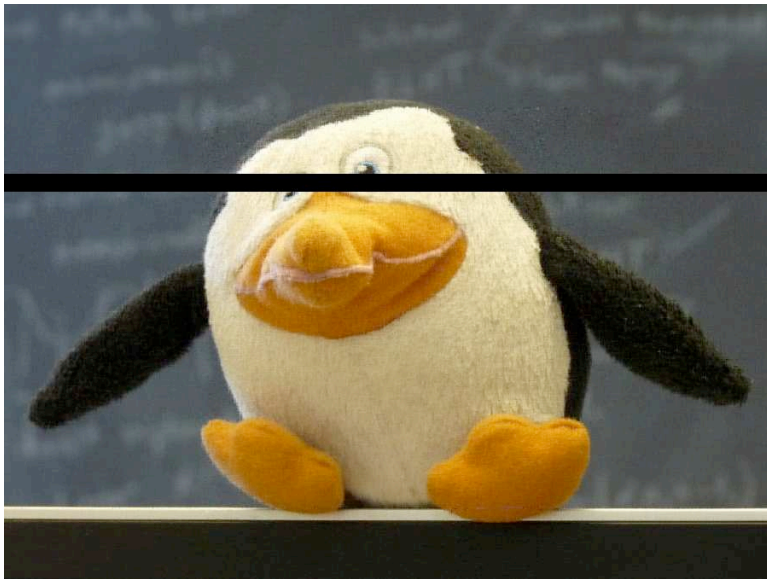








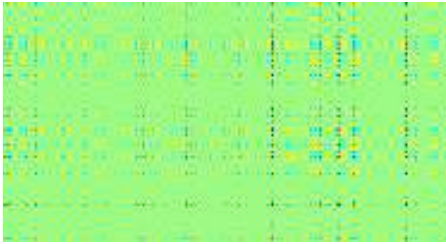




# Matrix completion

- To recover a low rank matrix, this matrix cannot be in the null space of the sampling operator
- If the singular vectors of  $D = USV^T$  are highly concentrated, then  $D$  is more likely to be in the null space of a given sampling operator

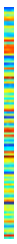
$D$



$m \times n$

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$U$



$m \times r$

$*$


$S$



$r \times r$

$*$

$V^T$



$r \times n$



# Matrix completion

## Intuition

- the singular vectors need to be sufficiently spread, *i.e.* uncorrelated with the standard basis in order to minimize the number of observations needed to recover a low rank matrix

## Coherence of a subspace

Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of dimension  $r$  and  $P_U$  be the orthogonal projection onto  $U$ . Then the coherence of  $U$  is defined to be

$$\mu(U) = \frac{n}{r} \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \|P_U e_i\|^2$$

## Observations

- The minimum value that  $\mu(U)$  can achieve is 1 for example if  $U$  is spanned by vectors whose entries all have magnitude  $1/\sqrt{n}$
- The largest possible value for  $\mu(U)$  is  $n/r$  corresponding to a subspace that contains a standard basis element.



# Matrix completion

## $\mu_0$ coherence

A matrix  $D = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq r} \sigma_k u_k v_k^T$  is  $\mu_0$  coherent if for some positive  $\mu_0$

$$\max(\mu(U), \mu(V)) \leq \mu_0$$

## $\mu_1$ coherence

A matrix  $D = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq r} \sigma_k u_k v_k^T$  has  $\mu_1$  coherence if

$$\|UV^T\|_{\infty} \leq \mu_1 \sqrt{r/mn}$$

for some  $\mu_1 > 0$

## Observation

- If  $D$  is  $\mu_0$  coherent then it is  $\mu_1$  coherent for  $\mu_1 = \mu_0 \sqrt{r}$



# Matrix completion

## Theorem

Let  $D \in R^{m \times n}$  of rank  $r$  be  $(\mu_0, \mu_1)$ -coherent and let  $N = \max(m, n)$ . If we observe  $M$  entries of  $D$  with locations sampled uniformly at random. Then there exist constants  $C$  and  $c$  such that if

$$M \geq C \max(\mu_1^2, \mu_0^{1/2} \mu_1, \mu_0 N^{1/4}) N r (\beta \log N)$$

for some  $\beta > 2$ , then the minimizer of (6) is unique and equal to  $D$  with probability at least  $1 - cn^{-\beta}$ . If in addition  $r \leq \mu_0^{-1} N^{1/5}$  then the number of observations can be improved to

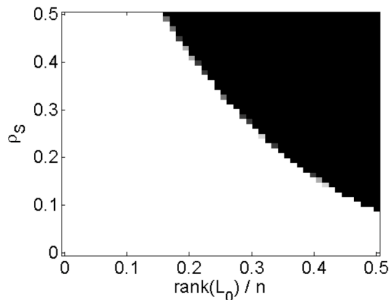
$$M \geq C \mu_0 N^{6/5} r (\beta \log N)$$

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## Recovery performance



**Figure:** The  $x$  axis corresponds to  $\text{rank}(A) / \min\{m, n\}$  and the  $y$  axis to  $\rho_s = 1 - M/mn$  (probability that an entry is omitted from the observations)

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