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Matrix Completion

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Matrix Decompositions, Approximations, and Completion

Given an $m \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{Z} = \{z_{ij}\}$, find a matrix $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$ that approximates \mathbf{Z} .

- ▶ $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$ may have simpler structure.
- ▶ Missing entries in \mathbf{Z} , a problem known as *matrix completion*.

Approach based on optimization:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{M}\|_F^2 \text{ subject to } \Phi(\mathbf{M}) \leq c \quad (1)$$

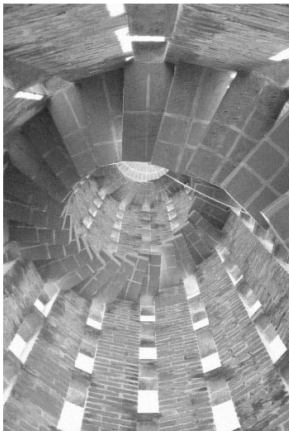
where $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \sum \sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2$ is the Frobenius Norm, and $\Phi(\cdot)$ is a constraint function that encourages $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$ to be sparse in some sense.

Constraint $\Phi(\mathbf{Z})$	Resulting method
(a) $\ \hat{\mathbf{Z}}\ _{\ell_1} \leq c$	Sparse matrix approximation
(b) $\text{rank}(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}) \leq k$	Singular value decomposition
(c) $\ \hat{\mathbf{Z}}\ _* \leq c$	Convex matrix approximation

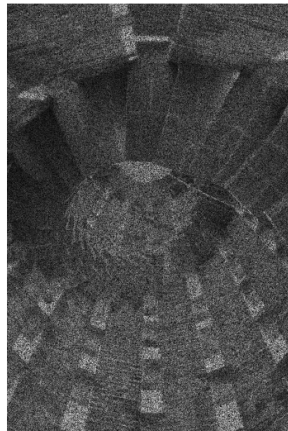
- ▶ (a) ℓ_1 -norm of all entries of $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$. Leads to a soft-thresholding $\hat{z}_{ij} = \text{sign}(z_{ij})(|z_{ij}| - \gamma)_+$, where $\gamma > 0$ is such that $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n |\hat{z}_{ij}| = c$.
- ▶ (b) Bounds the rank of $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$, or the number of nonzero singular values in $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$. Approximation is non-convex, but solution found by computing the SVD and truncating it to its top k components.
- ▶ (c) Relaxes the rank constraint to a *nuclear norm* ($\|\mathbf{A}\|_* = \sum_{i=1}^{\min\{m,n\}} \sigma_i$). Solved by computing the SVD and soft-thresholding its singular values.

Motivation: Image Reconstruction from Incomplete Data

Reconstructed image



Incomplete image 50% of the pixels



Matrices with missing elements can be solved exactly using method (c), whereas methods based on (b) are more difficult to solve in general.

Constraint	Resulting method
(d) $\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^T$, $\Phi_1(\mathbf{u}_j) \leq c_1$, $\Phi_2(\mathbf{v}_k) \leq c_2$	Penalized SVD
(e) $\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$, $\Phi_1(\mathbf{L}) \leq c_1$, $\Phi_2(\mathbf{S}) \leq c_2$	Additive matrix decomposition

- ▶ (d) Imposes penalties on the left and right singular vectors of $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$. Examples of penalty functions Φ_1 and Φ_2 include the usual ℓ_2 or ℓ_1 norms.
- ▶ (e) Seeks an additive decomposition of the matrix, imposing penalties on both components in the sum.

The Singular Value Decomposition

Given an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{Z} with $m \geq n$, its *singular value decomposition* takes the form

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^T \quad (2)$$

- ▶ \mathbf{U} is an $m \times n$ orthogonal matrix ($\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_n$) whose columns $\mathbf{u}_j \in \mathbb{R}^m$ are the *left singular vectors*.
- ▶ \mathbf{V} is an $n \times n$ orthogonal matrix ($\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_n$) whose columns $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are the *right singular vectors*.
- ▶ The $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{D} is diagonal, with $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n \geq 0$ known as the *singular values*.

The Singular Value Decomposition

- ▶ If columns of \mathbf{Z} are centered (zero mean), then the right singular vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_j\}_{j=1}^n$ define the *principal components* of \mathbf{Z} .
- ▶ The unit vector \mathbf{v}_1 yields the linear combination $\mathbf{s}_1 = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{v}_1$ with highest sample variance among all possible choices of unit vectors.
- ▶ \mathbf{s}_1 is the *first principal component* of \mathbf{Z} , and \mathbf{v}_1 is the corresponding *direction* or *loading* vector.

The Singular Value Decomposition

Suppose $r \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}) = 800$, and let \mathbf{D}_r be a diagonal matrix with all but the first r diagonal entries of \mathbf{D} set to zero. The optimization problem

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_r = \min_{\text{rank}(M)=r} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{M}\|_F \quad (3)$$

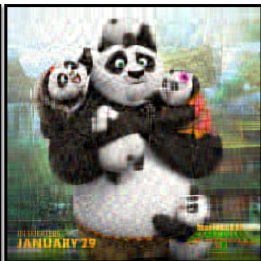
has a closed form solution $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_r = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_r\mathbf{V}^T \triangleq$ the rank- r SVD. $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_r$ is sparse in the sense that all but r singular values are zero.



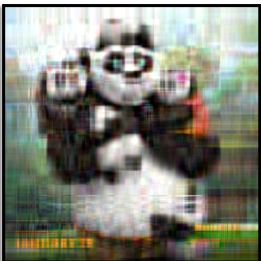
800 Singular Values



164 Singular Values



24 Singular Values



12 Singular Values

Matrix Completion

Problem Formulation: Recover an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{Z} when we only get to observe $p \ll mn$ of its entries.

- ▶ Impossible without additional information!
- ▶ Assumption: Matrix is known to be low-rank or approximately low-rank.
- ▶ Matrix Completion: Fill the missing entries.
- ▶ Used in: System Identification in control theory, covariance matrix estimation, machine learning, computer vision...

Optimization Problem

- ▶ Observe the entries of the $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{Z} indexed by the subset $\Omega \subset \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\}$.
- ▶ Seek the lowest rank approximating matrix $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}$ that interpolates the entries of \mathbf{Z}

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad m_{ij} = z_{ij}, (i, j) \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

- ▶ Rank minimization problem is NP-hard.
- ▶ Forcing interpolation leads to overfitting.

Optimization Problem

- ▶ Better to allow \mathbf{M} to make some errors on the observed data:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (z_{ij} - m_{ij})^2 \leq \delta, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (z_{ij} - m_{ij})^2, \\ & \text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) \leq r && \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

- ▶ Both problems are non-convex, and exact solutions are generally not available.

Netflix Movie Challenge

- ▶ Dataset: $n = 17,770$ movies (columns) and $m = 480,189$ customers (rows).
- ▶ Customers rated movies on a scale from 1 to 5. Matrix is very sparse with “only” 100 million of the ratings present in the training set.
- ▶ Goal: Predict the ratings for unrated movies.

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Netflix Prize COMPLETED

Home Rules Leaderboard Update

Leaderboard

Showing Test Score. [Click here to show past scores](#)

Display top: 20 leaders.

Rank	Team Name	Best Test Score	Improvement	Best Submit Time
Grand Prize - RMSE = 0.8937 - Winning Team: Bellkor's Pragmatic Chaos				
1	Bellkor's Pragmatic Chaos	0.8937	10.06	2009-07-26 18:19:38
2	The Overlord	0.8937	10.06	2009-07-26 18:30:22
3	Claris Film Team	0.8932	9.90	2009-07-10 21:24:40
4	Claris Solutions and Variables Limited	0.8988	9.84	2009-07-10 01:12:31
5	Trachway Industries I	0.8991	9.81	2009-07-10 00:30:20
6	Pragmatic Chaos	0.8984	9.77	2009-06-24 12:06:00
7	Bellkor in StarChase	0.8921	9.70	2009-05-13 08:14:08
8	Claris	0.8912	9.59	2009-07-24 17:15:43
9	FredFl	0.8922	9.48	2009-07-12 13:11:51
10	BuChase	0.8923	9.47	2009-04-07 12:30:59
11	Claris Solutions	0.8923	9.47	2009-07-24 00:34:07
12	Bellkor	0.8924	9.46	2009-07-26 17:19:11
Progress Prize 2008 - RMSE = 0.8427 - Winning Team: Bellkor in StarChase				
13	WangPeng	0.8492	9.27	2009-07-19 14:53:22
14	Claris	0.8493	9.26	2009-04-22 10:51:32
15	Claris	0.8501	9.18	2009-06-21 19:24:53
16	Trachway Industries	0.8503	9.15	2009-07-18 18:53:04
17	JANE & JAY P.A. INCORP	0.8502	9.08	2009-05-24 10:22:34
18	J.Chen@Bu	0.8508	9.02	2009-03-07 17:16:17
19	Claris Commercial	0.8508	9.02	2009-07-26 16:00:04
20	netwell	0.8508	9.02	2009-03-21 16:20:50
Progress Prize 2007 - RMSE = 0.8723 - Winning Team: Korbelt				
Cinematch score - RMSE = 0.9425				

- ▶ (2006) “Cinematch” algorithm used by Netflix RMSE=0.9525 over a large test set.
- ▶ Competition started in 2006, winner should improve this RMSE by at least 10%.
- ▶ 2009 “Bellkor’s Pragmatic Chaos,” uses a combination of many statistical techniques to win.

Netflix Movie Challenge

The rating of user i on movie j is given by:

$$z_{ij} = \sum_{\ell=1}^r c_{i\ell} g_{j\ell} + w_{ij}, \text{ In Matrix form: } \mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{CG}^T + \mathbf{W}$$

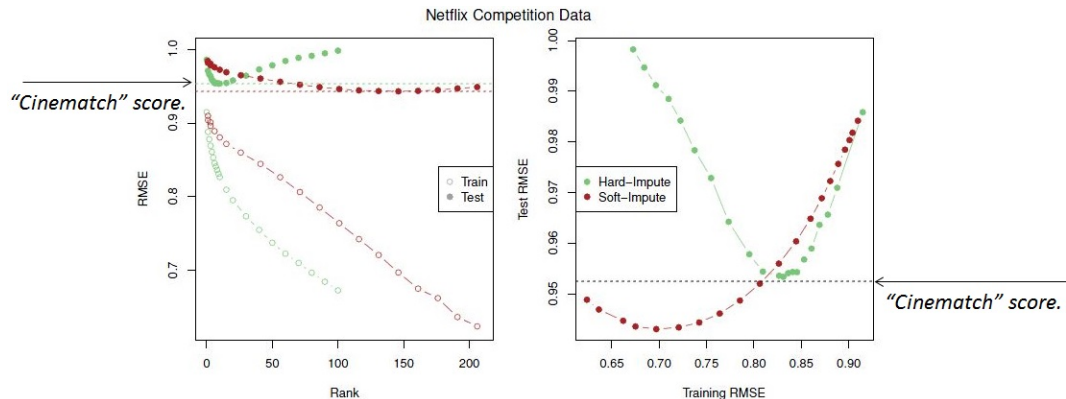
There are r genres of movies, and corresponding to each is a “clique” (small group of people, with shared interests or other features in common) of viewers who like them; a viewer i has a membership weight of $c_{i\ell}$ for the ℓ^{th} clique, and the genre associated with this clique has a score $g_{j\ell}$ for movie j . The overall user rating is obtained by summing these products over ℓ (cliques/genres), and then adding some noise.

	Dirty Dancing	Meet the Parents	Top Gun	The Sixth Sense	Catch Me If You Can	The Royal Tenenbaums	Con Air	Big Fish	The Matrix	A Few Good Men
Customer 1	•	•	•	•	4	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 2	•	•	3	•	•	•	3	•	•	3
Customer 3	•	2	•	4	•	•	•	•	2	•
Customer 4	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 5	5	5	•	•	4	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 6	•	•	•	•	•	2	4	•	•	•
Customer 7	•	•	5	•	•	•	•	3	•	•
Customer 8	•	•	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	3
Customer 9	3	•	•	•	5	•	•	5	•	•
Customer 10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

The table shows the data for the 10 customers and 10 movies with the most ratings. (Each rating in the table corresponds to a score z_{ij})

Netflix Movie Challenge

(Left) RMSE over the training and test sets as the rank of the SVD was varied (Hard-impute). Also shown are estimates based on nuclear norm regularization (soft-impute). Training data is double centered, by removing row and column means ($z_{ij} = \alpha_i + \beta_j + \sum_{\ell=1}^r c_{i\ell} g_{j\ell} + w_{ij}$). (Right) Test error only, plotted against training error, for the two methods.



Matrix Completion Using the Nuclear Norm

- ▶ Recall $\text{rank}(\mathbf{M}) = \#$ of non-zero singular values of \mathbf{M} .
- ▶ The nuclear norm $\|\mathbf{M}\|_*$ is the sum of the singular values. It constitutes a relaxation of $\text{rank}(\mathbf{M})$.
- ▶ Consider the symmetric matrix \mathbf{M} :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ y & z \end{pmatrix}$$


These matrices can be thought of as points in a 3D space, and the coordinate values tell us about the entries in the matrix.

- ▶ The singular values for such matrix are:

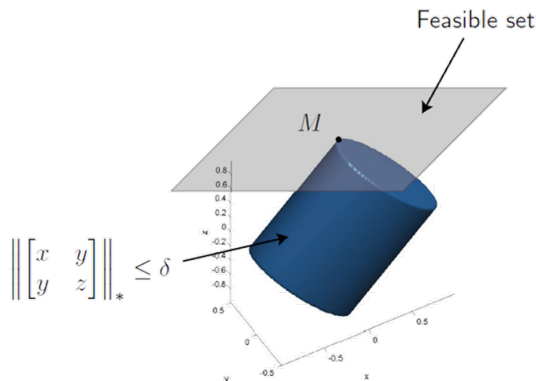
$$s_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 \pm |x+z| \sqrt{(x-y)^2 + 4z^2}} \quad (7)$$

- ▶ The unit nuclear norm implies $s_1 + s_2 = 1$. Thus

$$x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 + 2|y^2 - xz| = 1. \quad (8)$$

- ▶ This equation in the 3D plane describes a cylinder. 

Matrix Completion Using the Nuclear Norm



The blue cylinder shows the level set of the nuclear norm unit-ball for a symmetric 2×2 matrix. The tangent plane is the feasible set $z = z_0$ for the matrix imputation problem where we observe z and wish to impute x and y . The point M is the solution that we seek, leading to the minimum value for δ .

Matrix Completion Using the Nuclear Norm

- ▶ Nuclear norm of $\mathbf{M}_{m \times n}$:

$$\|\mathbf{M}\|_* = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k(\mathbf{M}) \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Convex relaxation of the rank minimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \|\mathbf{M}\|_* \\ & \text{subject to} && m_{ij} = z_{ij}, (i, j) \in \Omega, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

- ▶ Whereas the rank counts the number of nonzero singular values, the nuclear norm sums their amplitude.
- ▶ Analogous to the ℓ_1 norm as a relaxation for the ℓ_0 norm as sparsity measure.

Notation

Given an observed subset Ω of matrix entries, define the projection operator as:

$$[P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z})]_{i,j} = \begin{cases} z_{ij} & \text{if } (i,j) \in \Omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

P_{Ω} replaces the missing entries in \mathbf{Z} with zeros, and leaves the observed entries alone.

The optimization criterion is then :

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (z_{ij} - m_{ij})^2 = \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{M})\|_F^2 \quad (11)$$

where $\|\cdot\|_F$ is the Frobenius norm of a matrix defined as the element-wise sum of squares.

Singular Value Thresholding for Matrix Completion,⁺

- ▶ Solves the optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \|\mathbf{M}\|_* \\ & \text{subject to} \quad P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{M}) = P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

- ▶ The SVD of a matrix \mathbf{M} of rank r is:

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{diag}(\{\sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}) \tag{13}$$

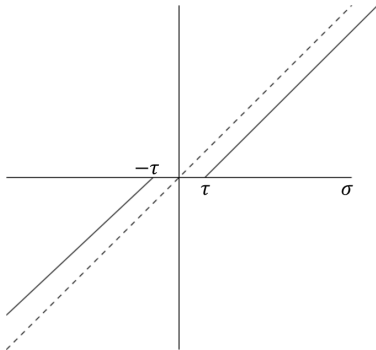
⁺Cai et al. (2010), SIAM Journal on Optimization, Vol. 20, No. 4

Singular Value Thresholding (SVT)

- ▶ For each $\tau \geq 0$, the soft-thresholding operator D_τ is defined as:

$$D_\tau(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{U}D_\tau(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})\mathbf{V}^* , \quad D_\tau(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \text{diag}(\{\sigma_i - \tau\}_+) \quad (14)$$

where t_+ is the positive part of t , $t_+ = \max(0, t)$. Operator applies soft-thresholding to the singular values of \mathbf{M} , effectively shrinking them towards zero.



SVT Algorithm - Shrinkage Iterations

Fix $\tau > 0$ and a sequence $\{\delta_k\}$ of positive step sizes. Starting with $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, inductively define for $k = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{M}^k = D_\tau(\mathbf{Y}^{k-1}) \\ \mathbf{Y}^k = \mathbf{Y}^{k-1} + \delta_k P_\Omega(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{M}^k) \end{cases}$$

until a stopping criterion is reached. At each step, we only need to compute an SVD and perform elementary matrix operations.

SVT Algorithm - Shrinkage Iterations



Spectral Regularization

- ▶ Problem: Unrealistic to model observed entries as being noiseless.
- ▶ Relaxed version of (5)

$$\underset{\mathbf{M}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (z_{ij} - m_{ij})^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{M}\|_* , \quad (15)$$

- ▶ Introduce bias to decrease variance.
- ▶ Avoids over-fitting.

Soft SVD

- ▶ Consider the SVD $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$ of a rank r matrix \mathbf{M} .
- ▶ The convex optimization problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{M}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{M})\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{M}\|_* \quad (16)$$

- ▶ Solution is the **Soft-thresholded SVD**

$$D_{\lambda}(\mathbf{M}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}^T \quad (17)$$

where, $\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\lambda} = \text{diag}\{(\sigma_1 - \lambda)_+, \dots, (\sigma_r - \lambda)_+\}$

Convex Optimization Problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{M}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{M})\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{M}\|_* \quad (18)$$

- ▶ This is a semi-definite program (SDP), convex in \mathbf{M} .
- ▶ Complexity of existing off-the-shelf solvers:
 - ▶ interior-point methods: $O(n^4) \dots O(n^5) \dots$
 - ▶ (black box) first-order methods complexity: $O(n^3)$
- ▶ Use an iterative soft SVD (next slide), with cost per soft SVD $O[(m+n)\hat{A}\Delta r + |\Omega|]$ where r is rank of solution.

Soft-Impute for Matrix Completion,⁺

1. Initialize \mathbf{Z}^{old} and create a decreasing grid $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_K$
2. For $k = 1, \dots, K$, set $\lambda = \lambda_k$ and iterate until convergence:

Compute $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_\lambda \leftarrow D_\lambda(P_\Omega(\mathbf{Z}) + P_\Omega^\perp(\mathbf{Z}^{old}))$

Update $\mathbf{Z}^{old} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_\lambda$

3. Output the sequence solutions $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda_1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{\lambda_k}$

P_Ω^\perp projects onto the complement of the set Ω . ⁺Mazumder et al. Journal of Machine Learning Research 2010

Soft-Impute for Matrix Completion,⁺

- ▶ Each iteration requires an SVD of a large dense matrix, even though $P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z})$ is sparse.

$$P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) + P_{\Omega}^{\perp}(\mathbf{Z}^{old}) \quad (19)$$

- ▶ Strategy:

$$P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) + P_{\Omega}^{\perp}(\mathbf{Z}^{old}) = \underbrace{\left\{ P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}) - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{Z}^{old}) \right\}}_{\text{Sparse}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{Z}^{old}}_{\text{Low Rank}} \quad (20)$$

- ▶ The first component is sparse, with $|\Omega|$ non-missing entries. The second component is a soft-thresholded SVD, so can be represented using the corresponding components.
- ▶ Each component's special structure can be exploited to efficiently perform left and right multiplications by a vector, and thereby apply iterative Lanczos methods to compute a (low rank) SVD efficiently.

⁺Mazumder et al. Journal of Machine Learning Research 2010

Impediments and Solutions

- ▶ How many samples N do we need in order to be able to recover the matrix of dimensions $p \times p$ when $N \ll p^2$?
- ▶ It is impossible to recover the matrix exactly if there are no observed entries in some row or column, even if it is rank one.
- ▶ Example: Consider the rank one matrix $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_1^T$ with a single one in its upper left corner:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{Z}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_2 & \mathbf{v}_3 & \mathbf{v}_4 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ If we only observe $N \ll p^2$ entries of this matrix, with the entries chosen uniformly at random, then with high probability, we will not observe the single nonzero entry.
- ▶ $\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{v}^T$, where $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is an arbitrary p vector.

Theoretical Results for Matrix Completion

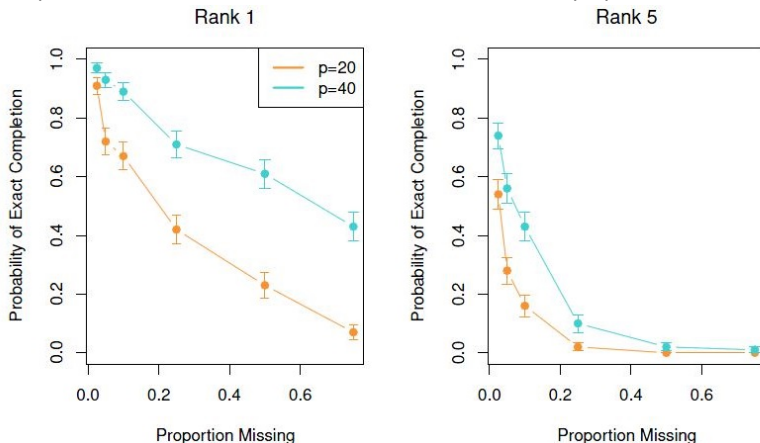
- ▶ To exclude troublesome matrices \rightarrow draw matrices from random ensemble e.g. construct a random matrix of the form $\mathbf{Z} = \sum_{j=1}^r \mathbf{a}_j \mathbf{b}_j^T$ where the random vectors $a_j \sim N(0, I_p)$ and $b_j \sim N(0, I_p)$ are all independently drawn.
- ▶ Gross (2011), shows that the nuclear norm relaxation succeeds in exact recovery if:

$$N \geq Crp \log p, \quad (21)$$

where $C > 0$ is a fixed universal constant.

Theoretical Results for Matrix Completion

- ▶ Set to missing a fixed proportion of entries and applied *Soft-Impute* with λ chosen small enough so that $\|P_{\Omega}^{\perp}(\mathbf{Z} - \hat{\mathbf{Z}})\|_F^2 / \|P_{\Omega}^{\perp}(\mathbf{Z})\|_F^2 < 10^{-5}$.
- ▶ Process repeated 100 times for various values of rank r and the proportion set to missing.

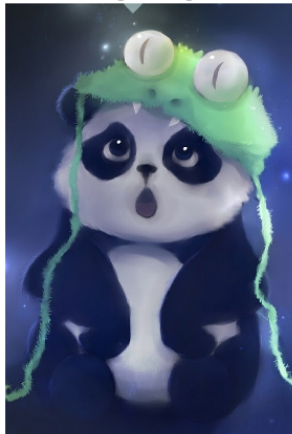


Convex matrix completion in the no-noise setting. Shown are probabilities of exact completion (mean \pm one standard error) as a function of the proportion missing, for $n \times n$ matrices with $n \in \{20, 40\}$. The true rank of the complete matrix is one in the left panel and five in the right panel.

Image Inpainting - Convex Optimization Solver

With 70% of the Information.

Original Image



Noisy Image



Reconstructed

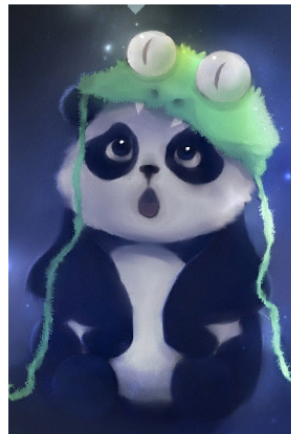
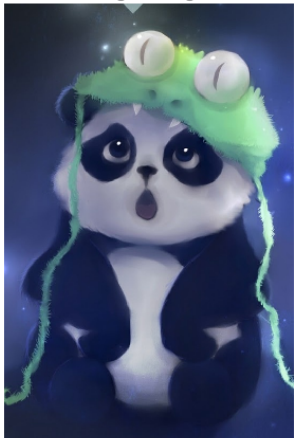


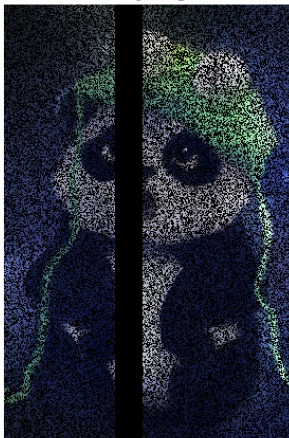
Image Inpainting - Convex Optimization Solver

With 50% of the Information. And multiple columns missing.

Original Image



Noisy Image



Reconstructed

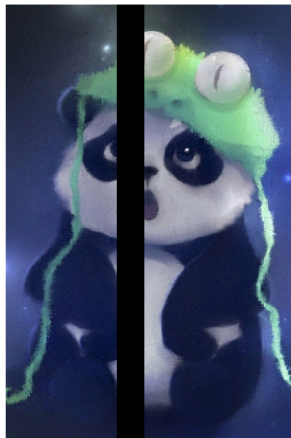
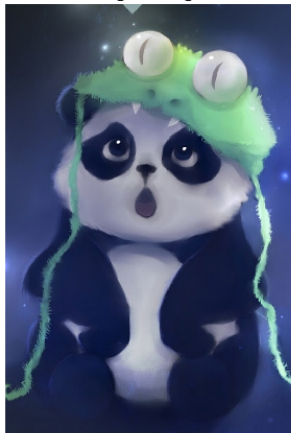


Image Inpainting - Convex Optimization Solver

With 50% of the Information. PSNR=35.9 dB.

Original Image



Noisy Image



Reconstructed

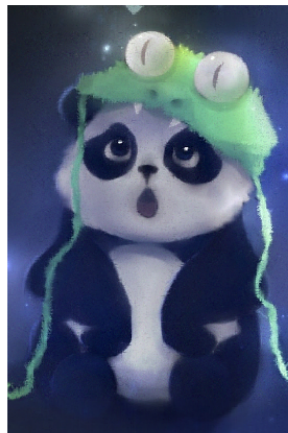
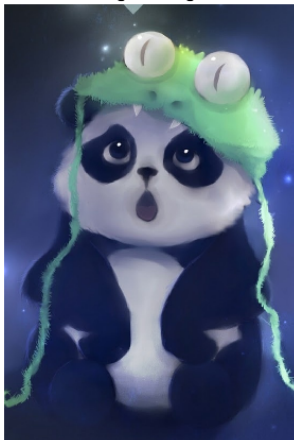


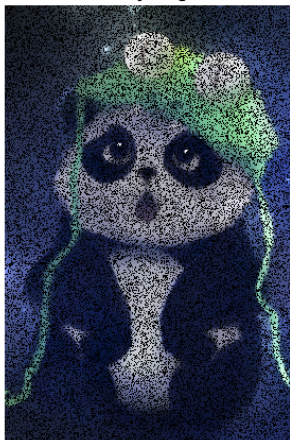
Image Inpainting - SVT Algorithm⁺

With 50% of the Information. PSNR=38.1 dB.

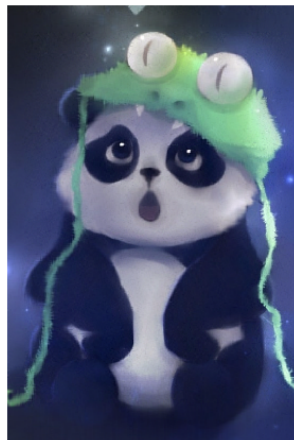
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Noisy Image



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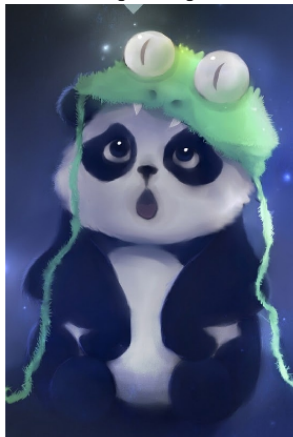


⁺Cai et al. (2010), SIAM Journal on Optimization, Vol. 20, No. 4

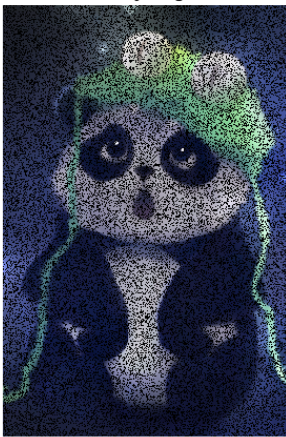
Image Inpainting - Soft Impute Algorithm⁺

With 50% of the Information. PSNR= 35.7 dB.

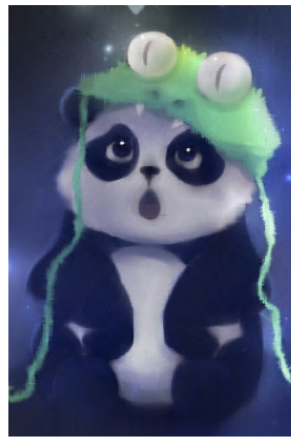
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⁺Mazunder et al. Journal of Machine Learning Research 2010

Text Removal - Convex Optimization Solver

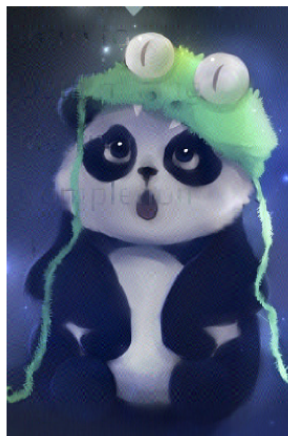
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Additive Matrix Decomposition

- ▶ Objective: Decompose a matrix into the sum of two or more matrices:
 $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{L}^* + \mathbf{S}^*$.
- ▶ Components should have complementary structures: eg. sum of a low-rank matrix with a sparse matrix.
- ▶ Applications: Factor analysis, Robust forms of PCA and matrix completion, and multivariate regression.
- ▶ These applications can be described in a noisy linear observation model $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{L}^* + \mathbf{S}^* + \mathbf{W}$, where the pair $(\mathbf{L}^*, \mathbf{S}^*)$ specifies the additive matrix decomposition into low rank and sparse components, and \mathbf{W} is a noise matrix.

Additive Matrix Decomposition

- ▶ Estimate the pair $(\mathbf{L}^*, \mathbf{S}^*)$ as:

$$\min_{\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Z} - (\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S})\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \Phi_1(\mathbf{L}) + \lambda_2 \Phi_2(\mathbf{S}) \right\} \quad (22)$$

where Φ_1 and Φ_2 are penalty functions each designed to enforce type of generalized sparsity.

- ▶ In the case of low rank and sparse matrices, the penalty functions are:
 $\Phi_1(\mathbf{L}) = \|\mathbf{L}\|_*$ and $\Phi_2(\mathbf{S}) = \|\mathbf{S}\|_1$

Factor Analysis With Sparse Noise

- ▶ Widely used form of linear dimensionality reduction that generalizes PCA.
- ▶ Generative model: Generate random vectors $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^p$ using the noisy subspace model:

$$y_i = \mu + \mathbf{\Gamma}u_i + w_i, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (23)$$

- ▶ $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is a mean vector, $\mathbf{\Gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}$ is a loading matrix, and the random vectors $u_i \sim N(0, \mathbf{I}_{r \times r})$ and $w_i \sim N(0, \mathbf{S}^*)$ are independent.
- ▶ Given N samples, the goal is to estimate the column of the loading matrix $\mathbf{\Gamma}$, or equivalently, the rank r matrix $\mathbf{L}^* = \mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{\Gamma}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ that spans the column space of $\mathbf{\Gamma}$.

Factor Analysis With Sparse Noise

- ▶ The covariance matrix of y_i has the form $\Sigma = \Gamma\Gamma^T + \mathbf{S}^*$
- ▶ When \mathbf{S}^* is sparse, the problem of estimating $\mathbf{L}^* = \Gamma\Gamma^T$ can be understood as an instance of our general problem $p = N$.
- ▶ Let our observation matrix $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ be the sample covariance matrix $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i y_i^T$.
- ▶ Thus, $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{L}^* + \mathbf{S}^* + \mathbf{W}$, where $\mathbf{L}^* = \Gamma\Gamma^T$ is of rank r and $\mathbf{W} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i y_i^T - \{\mathbf{L}^* + \mathbf{S}^*\}$

Robust PCA

Standard PCA:

- ▶ Find SVD of $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times p}$, where row i represents the i^{th} sample of a p -dimensional data vector.
- ▶ Rank- r SVD is obtained by minimizing the squared Frobenius norm $\|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{L}\|_F^2$ subject to a rank constraint on \mathbf{L} .
- ▶ If some entries of \mathbf{Z} are corrupted, its solution is very sensitive to noise.

Robust PCA

- ▶ Additive decompositions provide one way in which to introduce robustness to PCA.
- ▶ Instead of approximating \mathbf{Z} with a low-rank matrix, approximate it with the sum $\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$ of a low-rank matrix with a sparse component.
- ▶ In the case of element-wise corruption, the component \mathbf{S} would be modeled as a row-sparse matrix. Given some target rank r and sparsity k , the direct approach solves the optimization problem.

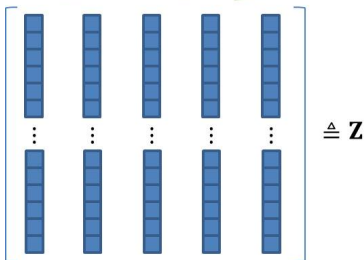
$$\min_{\text{rank}(\mathbf{L}) \leq r, \text{card}(\mathbf{S}) \leq k} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Z} - (\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S})\|_F^2 \quad (24)$$

- ▶ Criterion is non-convex, due to both the rank and cardinality constraints. A natural convex relaxation is provided $\Phi_1(\mathbf{L}) = \|\mathbf{L}\|_*$ and $\Phi_2(\mathbf{S}) = \sum_{i,j} |s_{i,j}|$ for element wise sparsity.

Robust PCA: Video Surveillance

Columns of \mathbf{Z} are frames from a video.

Video



Robust PCA: Video Surveillance

