

CMSC5743 2021F Homework 2

Due: Nov. 11, 2021

Solutions

All solutions should be submitted to the blackboard in the format of **PDF/MS Word**.

Q1 (13%)

(a) (4%) Consider a formulation as follows.

$$\min_{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + 3(|\beta_1| + |\beta_2| + |\beta_3|).$$

Please transfer above formulation as ADMM formulation form, that is

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}} \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) + g(\mathbf{z}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bz} = \mathbf{c}. \end{aligned}$$

Show that in your ADMM formulation form, $f(\cdot)$ and $g(\cdot)$ are convex.

- (b) (7%) Please use ADMM to handle the formulation in (a). The stopping criterion is set to 2 iterations. All variables are initialized to be 0.
- (c) (2%) Compare the coordinate descent method and ADMM to handle the formulation in (a) by discussing the advantages and disadvantages.

A (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 + 3(|\beta_1| + |\beta_2| + |\beta_3|) \\ = \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \beta \right\|_2^2 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^3 |\beta_i| \\ \min_{\beta, \alpha} \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \beta \right\|_2^2 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^3 |\alpha_i| \quad \text{st. } \beta - \alpha = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The answer is not unique since it relies on your predefined ρ . Let $\rho = 1$, and initializes all variables to zero.

Iteration 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.2598425197 & 0.188976378 \\ -0.007874015748 & 0.05118110236 \\ 0.2440944882 & -0.08661417323 \end{bmatrix} y \\ \alpha^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.7795275591 & 0.5669291339 \\ -0.02362204724 & 0.1535433071 \\ 0.7322834646 & -0.2598425197 \end{bmatrix} y \\ w^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.5196850394 & 0.3779527559 \\ -0.0157480315 & 0.1023622047 \\ 0.4881889764 & -0.1732283465 \end{bmatrix} y \end{aligned}$$

Iteration 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta^2 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} -0.4772769546 & 0.3148986299 \\ -0.02985305972 & 0.06412362791 \\ 0.4175708352 & -0.1866513731 \end{bmatrix} y \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} -0.4772769546 & 0.3148986299 \\ -0.02985305972 & 0.06412362791 \\ 0.4175708352 & -0.1866513731 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1525203052 \\ 0.0983941961 \\ 0.044268089 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \alpha^2 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} -2.990885982 & 2.078554157 \\ -0.1368032736 & 0.4994574978 \\ 2.717279435 & -1.079639159 \end{bmatrix} y \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} -2.990885982 & 2.078554157 \\ -0.1368032736 & 0.4994574978 \\ 2.717279435 & -1.079639159 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.166222332 \\ 0.862111722 \\ 0.558001117 \end{bmatrix} \\
 w^2 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1.993923988 & -1.385702772 \\ 0.09120218243 & -0.3329716652 \\ -1.811519623 & 0.7197594391 \end{bmatrix} y \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1.993923988 & -1.385702772 \\ 0.09120218243 & -0.3329716652 \\ -1.811519623 & 0.7197594391 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.777481556 \\ -0.574741148 \\ -0.3720007448 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Coordinate descent: Easy to implement The algorithm is scalable since no need to

► lasso problem:

$$\text{minimize } (1/2)\|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \lambda\|x\|_1$$

► ADMM form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{minimize } (1/2)\|Ax - b\|_2^2 + \lambda\|z\|_1 \\
 &\text{subject to } x - z = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

► ADMM:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{k+1} &:= (A^T A + \rho I)^{-1}(A^T b + \rho z^k - y^k) \\
 z^{k+1} &:= S_{\lambda/\rho}(x^{k+1} + y^k/\rho) \\
 y^{k+1} &:= y^k + \rho(x^{k+1} - z^{k+1})
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1: Q1 answer

read the whole dataset into memory Cannot solve two convex functions problem ADMM: ADMM is often slow to converge to high accuracy ADMM has a penalty value ρ which requires to be carefully tuned

Q2 (12%)

(a) (4%) Considering the matrix A :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 8 \\ -4 & 3 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write down the singular values, and corresponding left and right singular vectors for A .

(b) (4%) Show A in orthogonal rank 1 form, that is, show A as a sum of outer products that are mutually orthogonal.

(c) (4%) Show the 2-norm and the Frobenius norm of the error in replacing A by the rank 1 approximation in (b).

A (a) $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{62 + \sqrt{1193}}$. Left singular vector: $\begin{bmatrix} 0.981444490820115 \\ 0.191746476992005 \end{bmatrix}$ Right singular vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.021826804688847 \\ 0.258321361638367 \\ 0.479923777349034 \\ 0.838132944498311 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{62 - \sqrt{1193}}$$

Left singular vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.191746476992005 \\ 0.981444490820115 \end{bmatrix}$$

Right singular vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.785750364850703 \\ 0.488687171358743 \\ -0.370245449695075 \\ 0.08185059356211 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Rank-one form to $A \approx \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \sigma_2 u_2 v_2^T$ where σ_1 is the first singular value, u_1 is the first left singular vector, and v_1 is the first right singular vector of A

$$A \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1.003 & 1.995 & 4.999 & 7.994 \\ -3.999 & 3 & -0.996 & 2.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) 2-norm of the error:

$$\begin{aligned} \|A - \hat{A}\|_2 \\ = 5.24 \end{aligned}$$

Frobenius norm of the error:

$$\begin{aligned} \|A - \hat{A}\|_F \\ = 5.24 \end{aligned}$$

Q3 (13%)

- (a) (4%) Assume $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and rank is 2. Computing Singular Value Decomposition for \mathbf{A} , that is $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$.
- (b) (4%) Given a matrix \mathbf{A} , prove that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ and $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}$ have the same singular values.
- (c) (5%) Given a matrix \mathbf{A} , prove that $\sigma_1 \geq |\lambda|_{\max}$, namely, its largest singular value dominates all eigenvalues.

A (a) $\mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{45} & \\ & \sqrt{5} \end{bmatrix}$, and $\mathbf{V} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (b) Assume $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top\mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^\top = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{U}^\top$, and $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{U}^\top\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Sigma}^2\mathbf{V}^\top$. By the above two equations, we can have a conclusion that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top$ and $\mathbf{A}^\top\mathbf{A}$ have the same singular values.
- (c) Recall that multiplying by an orthogonal matrix (\mathbf{Q}) does not change length. In other words, $\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{x}\|$ since $\|\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x}\|^2 = \mathbf{x}^\top\mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^\top\mathbf{x} = \|\mathbf{x}\|^2$. With $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$, we can write

$$\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top\mathbf{x}\| = \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top\mathbf{x}\| \leq \sigma_1 \|\mathbf{I}\mathbf{V}^\top\mathbf{x}\| = \sigma_1\|\mathbf{x}\|, \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{I} is an identity matrix. An eigenvector has $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\| = |\lambda|\|\mathbf{x}\|$. So Eq. (1) says that $|\lambda|\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \sigma_1\|\mathbf{x}\|$. Then $\sigma_1 \geq |\lambda|_{\max}$.

Q4 (12%)

- (a) (4%) Given $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$. Calculate $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A}$ (Kronecker product).
- (b) (4%) Let us have a rank-1 tensor $\mathcal{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 2 \\ 2 & 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$. Calculating $\|\mathcal{X}\|_F$ (Frobenius norm)
- (c) (4%) Write down the 1-flattening of \mathcal{X} (1-flattening means only the first dim to flatten).

A (a) $\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 10 & 12 & 14 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 16 & 18 & 20 \\ 15 & 18 & 21 & 20 & 24 & 28 \\ 24 & 27 & 30 & 32 & 36 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 10 & 6 & 12 & 7 & 14 \\ 15 & 20 & 18 & 24 & 21 & 28 \\ 8 & 16 & 9 & 18 & 10 & 20 \\ 24 & 32 & 27 & 36 & 30 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $\|\mathcal{X}\|_F = \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 + 2^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 + 2^2 + 2^2 + (2\sqrt{2})^2} = 3\sqrt{3}$.

(c) $\mathcal{X}_{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} & 2 \\ \sqrt{2} & 2 & 2 & 2\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

Q5 (12%) This exercise provide an example to show the benefit of SVD over Eigen-decomposition.

Suppose $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Assume in real-world scenarios, due to some trouble,

the $A[4, 1]$ entry changes from zero to $\frac{1}{60000}$ and mark the new matrix as A' . Now A' is a full-rank matrix.

- (a) (4%) Calculate the eigenvalue of A and A' .
- (b) (4%) Calculate the singular value of A and A' .
- (c) (4%) What do you observe from the calculation results.

A (a) Eigenvalue of A is 0, 0, 0, 0.

Eigenvalue of A' is $\frac{1}{10}, \frac{i}{10}, -\frac{1}{10}, -\frac{i}{10}$.

(b) Singular Value of A is 3, 2, 1, 0.

Singular value of A' is 3, 2, 1, $\frac{1}{60000}$.

(c) The change of the singular value is more stable even if the entry in A change.

Q6 (13%) Construct a rank-1 matrix A satisfying all the following conditions.

- $Av = 12u$;
- $v = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$;
- $u = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

A A matrix with $Av = 12u$ would have u in its column space. Since rank of matrix A is 1, $A = uv^T$ for some vector w . Since v is a unit vector and $Av = 12uv^T v$, then

$$A = 12uv^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q7 (12%) Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ be a matrix, and let A^T be the transposed matrix of A .

- (a) (4%) Show that both $A^T A$ and AA^T are positive semidefinite.
- (b) (4%) Show that $A^T A$ and AA^T have exactly the same nonzero eigenvalues.
- (c) (4%) If we know that $m = n$ and A is positive semidefinite, show that the eigenvalues and singular values of A are exactly the same.

A Answer

- (a) Take any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have $x^T A^T A x = \|Ax\|_2^2 \geq 0$. Similarly, take any $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, we have $x^T A A^T x = \|A^T x\|_2^2 \geq 0$.
- (b) Let $A^T A x = \lambda x$, where $\lambda \neq 0, x \neq 0$. Absolutely, $Ax \neq 0$, otherwise $\lambda x = 0$, which is a contradiction. Obviously, We have $AA^T(Ax) = \lambda(Ax)$. Therefore, λ is also an eigenvalue of AA^T , and Ax is the corresponding eigenvector. It is very similar to show that eigenvalues of AA^T are also eigenvalues of $A^T A$.

- (c) \mathbf{A} is PSD, so $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^2$. Let $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$, then $\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda^2\mathbf{x}$. Therefore λ^2 is an eigenvalue of \mathbf{A}^2 . Obviously $\lambda \geq 0$ as \mathbf{A} is PSD, therefore the corresponding singular value $\sigma = \sqrt{\lambda^2} = \lambda$.

Q8 (13%) Assume that $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a matrix, and $\text{tr}(\cdot)$ is the trace function, *i.e.* $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$ is the sum of diagonal entries.

- (a) (3%) Show that $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})$.
- (b) (3%) Assume that $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is positive semidefinite, show that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$, where $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ are eigenvalues of \mathbf{M} .
- (c) (7%) (**Hard**) You are given the following inequality,

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i(\mathbf{A})\sigma_i(\mathbf{B}),$$

where $\sigma_1(\mathbf{A}) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n(\mathbf{A})$ and $\sigma_1(\mathbf{B}) \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n(\mathbf{B})$ are singular values of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , respectively. Find an optimal solution to the following low rank approximation,

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) \leq k}} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2,$$

where matrix $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is fixed and has a full rank. The rank upper bound $k \leq \min\{m, n\}$. (Hint: use the results in the above questions, and consider singular values of the two matrices.)

A Answer

- (a) The i -th diagonal entry of $\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}$ is the squared sum of the i -th column of \mathbf{A} , *i.e.* $\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ki}^2$. Then we have

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ki}^2 = \|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2.$$

- (b) \mathbf{M} is PSD, so we have the eigendecomposition $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^\top$, where $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ is a diagonal matrix with entries being eigenvalues of \mathbf{M} , and \mathbf{Q} is orthogonal. Then we have

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{M}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^\top\mathbf{Q}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{\Lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i.$$

- (c) (**Hard**) Assume that the rank of matrix \mathbf{X} is r , *i.e.* $\text{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = r \leq k$. Let $l = \min\{m, n\}$ be the (full) rank of matrix \mathbf{Y} .

$$\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y}) - 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y})$$

Suppose that singular values of \mathbf{X} are $\tilde{\sigma}_1 \geq \dots \tilde{\sigma}_r > \tilde{\sigma}_{r+1} = \dots = \tilde{\sigma}_l = 0$, and singular values of \mathbf{Y} are $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \sigma_l > 0$. According to the given inequality, we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^l \tilde{\sigma}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \sigma_i^2 - 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y}) \\
&\geq \sum_{i=1}^l \tilde{\sigma}_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^l \sigma_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \sigma_i \tilde{\sigma}_i = \sum_{i=1}^l (\tilde{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i)^2 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^r (\tilde{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i)^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^l \sigma_i^2 \geq \sum_{i=r+1}^l \sigma_i^2 \geq \sum_{i=k+1}^l \sigma_i^2.
\end{aligned}$$

To make the equality hold, we must have $r = k$, and $\tilde{\sigma}_i = \sigma_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$. Assume that the SVD of \mathbf{Y} is $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$ where \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are orthogonal. Take the first k columns of \mathbf{U} as \mathbf{U}_k , the first k columns of \mathbf{V} as \mathbf{V}_k , and let $\mathbf{\Sigma}_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k)$. You can check that $\mathbf{X}^* = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^\top$ is of rank k , and the equality holds. Therefore, $\mathbf{X}^* = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{\Sigma}_k \mathbf{V}_k^\top$ must be an optimal solution.