Random Matrix Theory for Big-Data and Machine Learning

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Figure 1: Histogram of the eigenvalues of $\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}$ for n = p = 1000.

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 $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ with i.i.d. zero mean, unit variance entries. As $p, n \to \infty$ with $n/p \to c \in (0, \infty)$, e.s.d. μ_n of $\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}$ satisfies

$$\mu_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu_c$$

weakly, where μ_c has continuous density f_c with compact support $[\lambda^-, \lambda^+] = [(1 - \sqrt{c})^2, (1 + \sqrt{c})^2]$

$$f_c(x) = rac{1}{2\pi c x} \sqrt{(x-\lambda^-)(\lambda^+-x)}$$

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We have then

$$\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} = \underbrace{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2 \, \bar{\mathbf{y}} \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\mathsf{T}}}_{\text{(Low-rank) Information}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{Z}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{Z} + \ast}_{\text{Noise}} \text{ where } \bar{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{y} / \sqrt{p}$$



Figure 3: Histogram of the eigenvalues of $\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}$ for n = p = 1000.



Figure 4: Histogram of the eigenvalues of $\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}$ and its dominant eigenvector for n = p = 1000.

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$$\lambda_{\ell} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} \right) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{a.s.}} 1 + \|\mathbf{m}\|^2 + c \frac{1 + \|\mathbf{m}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2} > (1 + \sqrt{c})^2$$

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$$\mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{b} - \frac{1-c\|\mathbf{m}\|^{-4}}{1+c\|\mathbf{m}\|^{-2}}\mathbf{a}^{\mathsf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{m}\|^{2} > \sqrt{c}} \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$$

In particular,

$$|\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{u}|^2 \xrightarrow{a.s.} rac{1-c\|\mathbf{m}\|^{-4}}{1+c\|\mathbf{m}\|^{-2}} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{m}\|^2 > \sqrt{c}}.$$
Spiked Models



Figure 5: Simulated versus limiting $|\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{u}|^2$, p/n = 1/3, varying $\|\mathbf{m}\|^2$.

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Figure 6: Leading four eigenvectors of K for MNIST data (red) and theoretical findings (blue).

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Recall

$$\mathbf{m} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{k} \frac{n_{\ell}}{n} \mathbf{m}_{\ell}, \ \bar{\mathbf{m}}_{\ell} = \mathbf{m}_{\ell} - \mathbf{m}, \ \mathbf{C} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{k} \frac{n_{\ell}}{n} \mathbf{C}_{\ell}, \ \bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\ell} = \mathbf{C}_{\ell} - \mathbf{C}$$

Assumption (Growth rate)

As $n \to \infty$,

- **1. Data:** $\frac{p}{n} \to c_0 \in (0,\infty)$, $\frac{n_\ell}{n} \to c_\ell \in (0,1)$
- **2. Mean:** $\|\bar{\mathbf{m}}_{\ell}\| = \mathcal{O}(1)$, $\mathbb{E}\|\mathbf{x}_i\| = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{p})$
- **3.** Covariance: $\|\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\ell}\| = \mathcal{O}(1)$, $\operatorname{tr}\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{\ell} = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\rho})$, $\operatorname{tr}\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{a}\bar{\mathbf{C}}_{b} = \mathcal{O}(\rho)$

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We generate data as

Generated images = $\mathcal{G}(Gaussian)$



Figure 7: Images generated by a GAN model [Brock et al.'18].

CNN Representations



We consider data as (commonly used in Computer Vision)

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \underbrace{\mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{G}}_{\text{Lipschitz}} (\text{Gaussian})$$



Figure 8: Spectral clustering on GAN-generated images. $f(t) = \exp(-t)$, k = 3, n = 3000 and p = 1024.



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Application to Real Images



Figure 11: Spectral clustering on real images. $f(t) = \exp(-t)$, k = 3, n = 3000 and p = 1024.

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- Use the concentration framework to understand the dynamics of neural networks and GANs.

Thanks for your attention!