

1-Bit Matrix Completion

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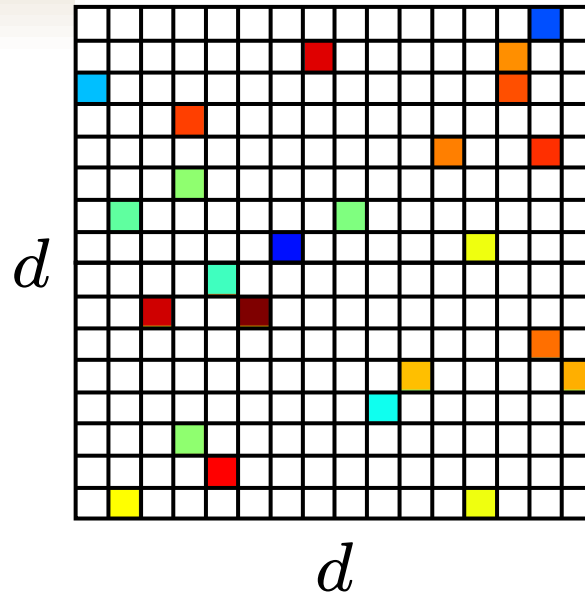
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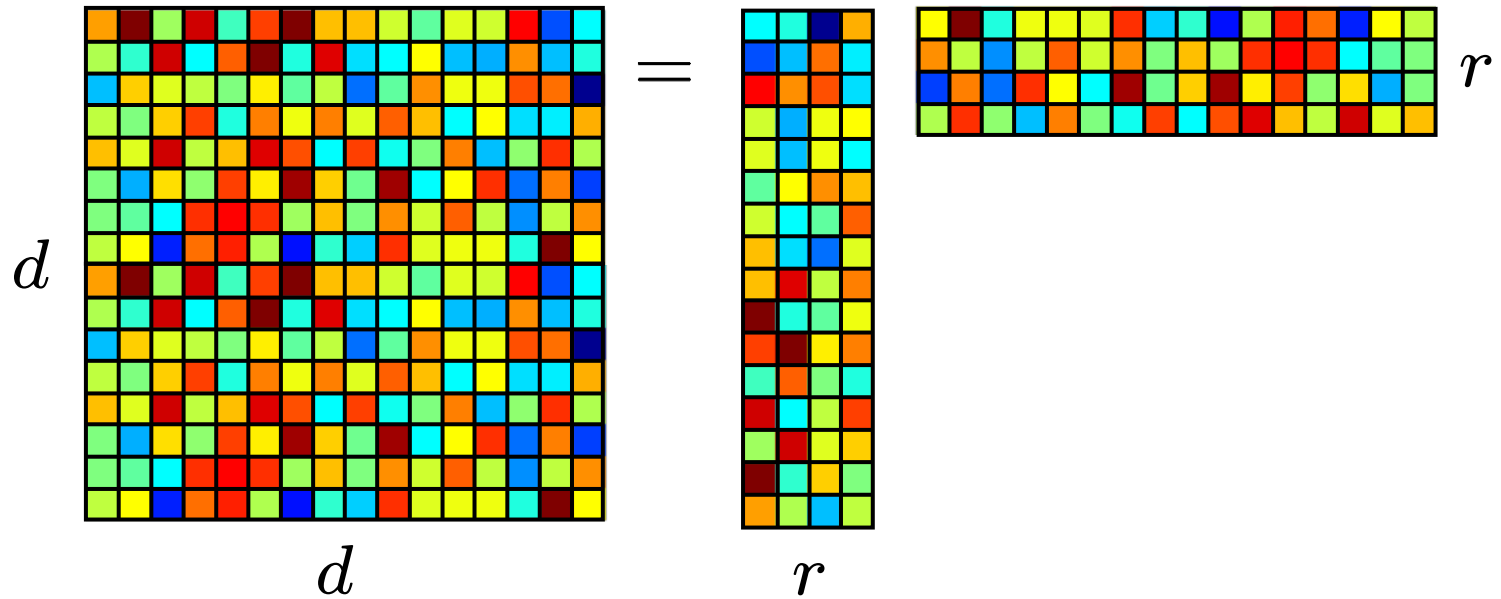


Matrix Completion



Under what assumptions can we recover the original matrix?

Low-Rank Matrices



Singular value decomposition:

$$M = U\Sigma V^*$$



$$\approx dr \ll d^2$$

degrees of freedom

Low-Rank Matrix Recovery

Given:

- a $d \times d$ matrix M of rank r
- samples of M on the set $\mathcal{X} : Y = M$

How can we recover M ?

$$\widehat{M} = \arg \inf_{X: X \in \mathcal{X}} \text{rank}(X)$$

Can we replace this with something computationally feasible?

Nuclear Norm Minimization

Convex relaxation!

Replace $\text{rank}(X)$ with $\|X\|_* = \sum_{j=1}^d |\sigma_j|$

$$\widehat{M} = \arg \inf_{X: X = Y} \|X\|_*$$

If $\|Y\|_* = O(r d \log d)$, this procedure can recover M !

Applications

- Collaborative Filtering (aka the “Netflix Problem”)
- Recovery of incomplete survey data
- Analysis of voting data
- Sensor localization
- Quantum state tomography
- ...

Matrix Completion in Practice

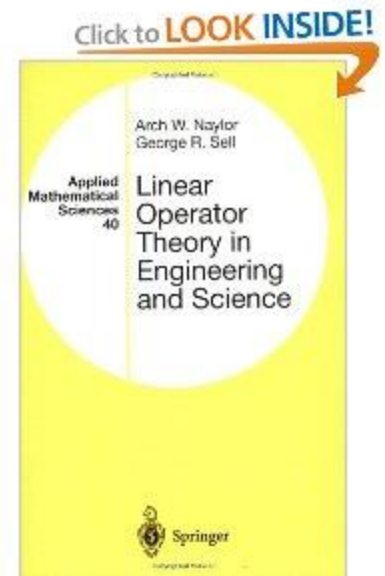
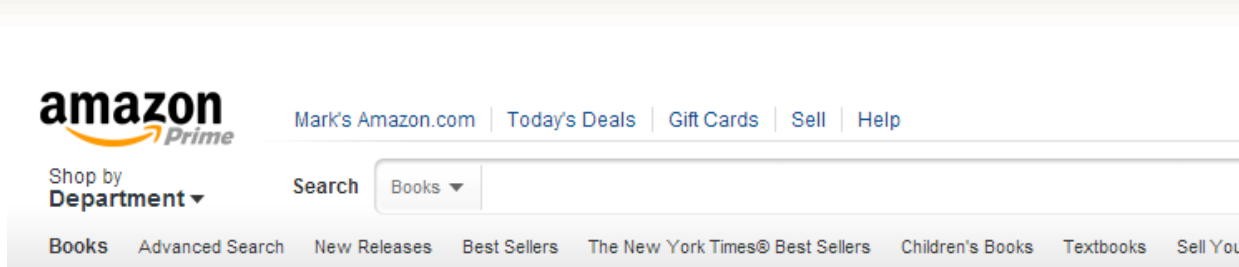
- Noise

$$Y = (M + Z)$$

- ***Quantization***

- Netflix/Amazon: Ratings are integers between 1 and 5
- Survey responses: True/False, Yes/No, Agree/Disagree
- Voting data: Yea/Nay
- Quantum state tomography: Binary outcomes

What's the Problem?



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I'm doing a PhD in econometrics and I need to apply operator theories in constructing a linear or nonlinear operator to help explain individual economic behaviour. This book contains numerous useful ideas and applications with exercises thoroughly designed; one of the questions in the exercise gave me an idea of creating a matrix for describing a nonlinear operator. That question asks for a matrix that describes a second order differential operator and that gave me an idea that Taylor series approximation can be used to linearise a nonlinear operator and hence a nonlinear operator may also be described by a matrix.

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1-Bit Matrix Completion

Extreme case

$$Y = \text{sign}(M)$$

Claim: Recovering M from Y is impossible!

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \lambda & \lambda & \lambda \\ \lambda & \lambda & \lambda & \lambda \\ \lambda & \lambda & \lambda & \lambda \\ \lambda & \lambda & \lambda & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

No matter how many samples we obtain, all we can learn is whether $\lambda > 0$ or $\lambda < 0$

Is There Any Hope?

If we consider a noisy version of the problem, recovery becomes feasible!

$$Y = \text{sign}(M + Z)$$

$$M + Z = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + Z_{1,1} & \lambda + Z_{1,2} & \lambda + Z_{1,3} & \lambda + Z_{1,4} \\ \lambda + Z_{2,1} & \lambda + Z_{2,2} & \lambda + Z_{2,3} & \lambda + Z_{2,4} \\ \lambda + Z_{3,1} & \lambda + Z_{3,2} & \lambda + Z_{3,3} & \lambda + Z_{3,4} \\ \lambda + Z_{4,1} & \lambda + Z_{4,2} & \lambda + Z_{4,3} & \lambda + Z_{4,4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Fraction of positive/negative observations tells us something about λ

Example of the power of *dithering*

Observation Model

For $(i, j) \in \mathcal{I}$ we observe

$$Y_{i,j} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{with probability } f(M_{i,j}) \\ -1 & \text{with probability } 1 - f(M_{i,j}) \end{cases}$$

If f behaves like a CDF, then this is equivalent to

$$Y_{i,j} = \text{sign}(M_{i,j} + Z_{i,j})$$

where $Z_{i,j}$ is drawn according to a suitable distribution

We will assume that $Z_{i,j}$ is drawn uniformly at random

Examples

- Logistic regression / Logistic noise

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}$$

$Z_{i,j} \sim$ logistic distribution

- Probit regression / Gaussian noise

$$f(x) = \Phi(x/\sigma)$$

$Z_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Log-likelihood function:

$$F(X) = \sum_{(i,j) \in +} \log(f(X_{i,j})) + \sum_{(i,j) \in -} \log(1 - f(X_{i,j}))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{M} &= \arg \max_X F(X) \\ \text{s.t. } & \frac{1}{d\alpha} \|X\|_* \leq \sqrt{r} \\ & \|X\|_\infty \leq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Recovery of the Matrix

Theorem (Upper bound achieved by convex ML estimator)

Assume that $\frac{1}{d^\alpha} \|M\|_* \leq \sqrt{r}$ and $\|M\|_\infty \leq \alpha$. If x is chosen at random with $\mathbb{E}|x| = m > d \log d$, then with high probability

$$\frac{1}{d^2} \|\widehat{M} - M\|_F^2 \leq C \alpha L_\alpha \beta_\alpha \sqrt{\frac{rd}{m}}$$

where

$$L_\alpha := \sup_{|x| \leq \alpha} \frac{|f'(x)|}{f(x)(1-f(x))} \quad \beta_\alpha := \sup_{|x| \leq \alpha} \frac{f(x)(1-f(x))}{(f'(x))^2}$$

Is this bound tight?

Recovery of the Matrix

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Assume that $\frac{1}{d^\alpha} \|M\|_* \leq \sqrt{r}$ and $\|M\|_\infty \leq \alpha$. If \mathcal{S} is chosen at random with $|\mathcal{S}| = m > d \log d$, then with high probability

$$\frac{1}{d^2} \|\widehat{M} - M\|_F^2 \leq C \alpha L_\alpha \beta_\alpha \sqrt{\frac{rd}{m}}$$

Theorem (Lower bound on any estimator)

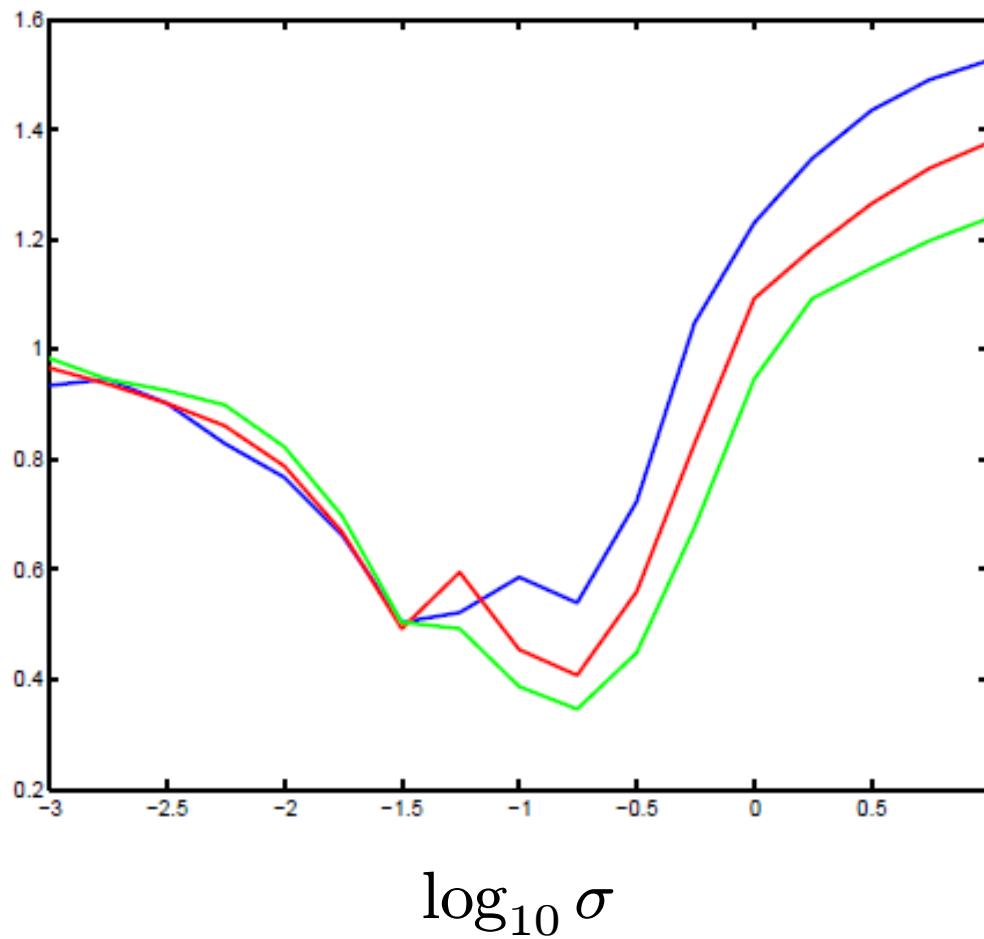
For any recovery algorithm \widehat{M} there exist M satisfying the assumptions above such that for any set \mathcal{S} with $|\mathcal{S}| = m$, we have (under mild technical assumptions) that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{d^2} \|\widehat{M} - M\|_F^2 \right] \geq c \alpha \sqrt{\beta_{\frac{3}{4}\alpha}} \sqrt{\frac{rd}{m}}$$

Synthetic Simulations

$$d = 500 \quad m = .15d^2$$

$$\frac{\|\widehat{M} - M\|_F}{\|M\|_F}$$



$r = 5$
 $r = 3$
 $r = 2$

MovieLens Data Set

- 100,000 movie ratings on a scale from 1 to 5
- Convert to binary outcomes by comparing each rating to the average rating in the data set
- Evaluate by checking if we predict the correct sign
- Training on 95,000 ratings and testing on remainder
 - “standard” matrix completion: 60% accuracy

1: 64% 2: 56% 3: 44% 4: 65% 5: 74%

- 1-bit matrix completion: 73% accuracy

1: 79% 2: 73% 3: 58% 4: 75% 5: 89%

Conclusions

- 1-bit matrix completion is hard!
- What did you really expect?
- Sometimes 1-bit is all we can get...
- We have algorithms that are near optimal
- Open questions
 - Are there simpler/better/faster/stronger algorithms?
 - What about 2.32-matrix completion?

Thank You!