

Performance of greedy algorithm for Kolmogorov widths

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Results from two papers

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Main Estimate

Let $d = d_m(\mathcal{F})$ and let $N > m$. Let $A_N = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^N$. We have $\det A_N = \prod_{j=1}^N \sigma_j$. Assume that there exists m dimensional space X such that each row of the matrix A_N is closer then $d = d_m$ to X in ℓ_2 norm.

$$\prod_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2 \leq \left\{ \frac{N}{m} \right\}^m \left\{ \frac{N}{N-m} d^2 \right\}^{N-m}. \quad (4)$$

Proof of (4): Fix an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^N which first spans X . Let C denotes the matrix G written in this basis. We denote by \mathbf{c}_j , the j -th column of C . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2 &= (\det A_N)^2 = (\det C)^2 \leq \prod_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2}^2 \cdot \prod_{j=m+1}^N \|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2}^2 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2}^2 \right)^m \cdot \left(\frac{1}{N-m} \sum_{j=m+1}^N \|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2}^2 \right)^{N-m} \end{aligned}$$

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Example

It is classical (**Kashin-Gluskin**) that for $\mathcal{F} = \{\pm e_j\}_{j=1}^n$ we have $d_s(\mathcal{F})_{\ell_n^\infty} \leq C \sqrt{\ln \frac{n}{s}} s^{-1/2}$ for $1 \leq s \leq n/2$. Obviously $\sigma_s(\mathcal{F}) = 1$ for $1 \leq s < n$. We use this to show

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For any $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ there exists a compact set $\mathcal{F}_\alpha \subset c_0$ such that $\sigma_n(\mathcal{F}) \sim n^{-\alpha}$ and $d_n(\mathcal{F}_\alpha) \leq Cn^{-\alpha-1/2}$.

Why greedy selection is unrealistic?

Let $\mathcal{K} =: \{f_\mu : \mu \in E\}$ comes from our PDE.

- We cannot compute $\max\{\|f\| : f \in \mathcal{K}\}$ because
 - ① It requires solving $D_\mu = f$ for all μ (or at least infinitely many).
 - ② The solution is a function in infinite dimensional space so we cannot compute its norm.
- Next steps even more problems.
- We cannot compute f_μ exactly.

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All above results hold for weak greedy algorithm but γ must be incorporated into the constant

Realistic scheme

We have one more problem: when we compute f_j we obtain some errors.
We have $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ and accuracy $\epsilon > 0$

- 1 At the first step we determine $f_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\|f_1\| \geq \gamma \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \|f\|$.
However, from computation we receive the noisy version \hat{f}_1 which is not even necessarily in \mathcal{F} . All we know about \hat{f}_1 is that

$$\|f_1 - \hat{f}_1\| \leq \epsilon.$$

- 2 Given $\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n$ we define $\hat{E}_n = \text{span}\{\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n\}$ and determine $f_{n+1} \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $\text{dist}(f_{n+1}, \hat{E}_n) \geq \gamma \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \text{dist}(f, \hat{E}_n)$. Rather than f_{n+1} we receive the noisy version \hat{f}_{n+1} for which we only know $\|f_{n+1} - \hat{f}_{n+1}\| \leq \epsilon$.

Let us define

$$\hat{\sigma}_n(\mathcal{F}) := \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \text{dist}(f, \hat{E}_n),$$

which is the performance of this realistic scheme on \mathcal{F} .

Theorem (BCDDPW)

Suppose we are given $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Suppose that

$$d_n(\mathcal{F}) \leq Mn^{-\alpha}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (7)$$

for some M and $\alpha > 0$. Then,

$$\hat{\sigma}_n(\mathcal{F}) \leq C \max\{Mn^{-\alpha}, \epsilon\}, \quad n \geq 0, \quad (8)$$

with some $C = C(\alpha, \gamma, \epsilon)$.

Happy Birthday Freddy

