

# EE270

## Large scale matrix computation, optimization and learning

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# Lecture 2

## Randomized Linear Algebra

### Approximate Matrix Multiplication

# Randomized Algorithms

- ▶ algorithms that employ a degree of randomness to guide its behavior
- ▶ we hope to achieve good performance in the *average case*
- ▶ the algorithm's performance is a random variable

# Randomized Algorithms

Are approximations satisfactory?

- ▶ depends on the application
- ▶ often acceptable for minimizing training error up to statistical precision
- ▶ implicit regularization effect
- ▶ when not satisfactory, they can be used as initializers for exact and costly methods
- ▶ moreover, exact methods might not work at all for very large scale problems

# Probability background and notation

- ▶  $X$  : discrete random variable taking values  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
- ▶ Expectation  $\mathbb{E}[X]$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_i x_i \mathbb{P}[X = x_i]$$

- ▶ Properties:
  - linearity
- ▶  $\mathbb{E}[cX] = c\mathbb{E}[X]$  where  $c$  is a constant
- ▶  $\mathbb{E}[X + Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables

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- ▶  $\mathbf{Var}[X + Y] = \mathbf{Var}[X] + \mathbf{Var}[Y]$  for  $X, Y$  uncorrelated ( $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$ )
- ▶ independence implies uncorrelatedness



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- ▶ Averaging independent realizations reduce variance  
Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent and identically distributed
- ▶  $\mathbf{Var}\left[\frac{X_1+X_2}{2}\right] = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{Var}[X_1 + X_2]$   
 $= \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{Var}[X_1] + \mathbf{Var}[X_2]) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Var}[X_1]$

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- ▶ *flip a coin* the number of times of the counter's current value. If it comes up Heads each time, then increment the counter. Otherwise, do not increment it.

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**Lemma 1**  $\mathbb{E}\tilde{n} = \mathbb{E}2^X - 1 = n$  (Unbiased)

$$\mathbf{Var}[\tilde{n}] \leq \frac{1}{2}n^2$$

- ▶ Variance can be reduced by averaging multiple trials

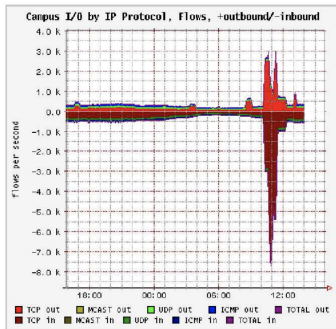
- ▶  $\tilde{n}_1, \dots, \tilde{n}_r$  i.i.d. trials,  $\mathbf{Var}(\frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r n_i) = \frac{1}{r} \mathbf{Var}(\tilde{n}_1)$

Morris's Algorithm (1977)

# A randomized counting application

From Estan-Varghese-Fisk: traces of attacks

Need number of active connections in time slices.



Incoming/Outgoing flows at 40Gbits/second.

Code Red Worm: 0.5GBytes of compressed data per hour (2001).

CISCO: in 11 minutes, a worm infected 500,000,000 machines.

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► Complexity:  $O(ndp)$

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- ▶ some are *galactic algorithms* (Lipton and Regan)  
only of theoretical interest and impractical due to large constants

Strassen showed<sup>1</sup> how to use 7 scalar multiplies for  $2 \times 2$  matrix multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

### classical algorithm

$$M_1 = A_{11}B_{11}$$

$$M_2 = A_{12}B_{21}$$

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$$M_4 = A_{12}B_{22}$$

$$M_5 = A_{21}B_{11}$$

$$M_6 = A_{22}B_{21}$$

$$M_7 = A_{21}B_{12}$$

$$M_8 = A_{22}B_{22}$$

$$C_{11} = M_1 + M_2$$

$$C_{12} = M_3 + M_4$$

$$C_{21} = M_5 + M_6$$

$$C_{22} = M_7 + M_8$$

### Strassen's algorithm

$$M_1 = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$M_2 = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$$

$$M_3 = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$M_4 = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$M_5 = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$$

$$M_6 = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$M_7 = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$C_{11} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7$$

$$C_{12} = M_3 + M_5$$

$$C_{21} = M_2 + M_4$$

$$C_{22} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6$$

<sup>1</sup>V. Strassen, Gaussian Elimination is not Optimal, 1969

# Classical Matrix Multiplication vs Strassen's Method and others

- ▶ The constants in fast matrix multiplication methods are high and for a typical application the classical method works better.
- ▶ The submatrices in recursion take extra space.
- ▶ Because of the limited precision of computer arithmetic on noninteger values, larger errors accumulate

# Notation

- ▶ For a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- ▶  $A^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  denotes the  $j$ -th column of  $A$  as a column vector
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- ▶  $A = [ A^{(1)} \quad \dots \quad A^{(d)} ]$
- ▶  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ A_{(n)} \end{bmatrix}$

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- ▶  $\|A\|_F = \|\mathbf{vec}(A)\|_2$   
where  $\mathbf{vec}$  reshapes  $A$  into an  $nd \times 1$  vector

# Approximate Matrix Multiplication by random sampling

- ▶ matrix multiplication formula

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$$AB = \sum_{k=1}^d A^{(k)} B_{(k)}$$

- ▶  $A^k B_k$  are rank-1 matrices

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- ▶ **basic idea:** sample  $m$  indices  $i_1, \dots, i_m \in \{1, \dots, d\}$

$$AB \approx? \sum_{t=1}^m A^{(i_t)} B_{(i_t)}$$

# Required probability background

- ▶ Probability, events, random variables
- ▶ Expectation, variance, standard deviation
- ▶ Conditional probability, independence

A probability refresher will be posted on the course webpage

# Approximate Matrix Multiplication by weighted sampling

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- ▶  $\mathbb{P}[i_t = k] = p_k$  for all  $t$   
 $p_1, \dots, p_d$  is a discrete probability distribution

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# Approximate Matrix Multiplication by weighted sampling

- ▶ yields a smaller matrix multiplication problem

$$AB \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m \frac{1}{p_{i_t}} A^{(i_t)} B_{(i_t)} \triangleq CR$$

- ▶  $C = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{mp_{i_1}}} A^{(i_1)} \quad \dots \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{mp_{i_m}}} A^{(i_m)} \right]$

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**Algorithm 4** Approximate Matrix Multiplication via Sampling

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**Output:** Matrices  $C, R$  such that  $CR \approx AB$

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- ▶ We can multiply  $CR$  using the classical algorithm
- ▶ Complexity  $O(nmp)$

# Sampling probabilities

- ▶ Uniform sampling  $p_k = \frac{1}{d}$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, m$ .

$$AB \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m \frac{1}{d^{t-1}} A^{(i_t)} B_{(i_t)} \triangleq CR$$

- ▶  $C = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{m}} A_{(i_1)} & \dots & \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{m}} A_{(i_m)} \end{array} \right]$

- ▶  $R = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{m}} A_{(i_1)} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{m}} A_{(i_m)} \end{array} \right]$

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# Uniform sampling guarantees

- ▶  $p_k = \frac{1}{d}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, d$

$$AB \approx CR = \frac{d}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m A^{(i_t)} B_{(i_t)}$$

- ▶ We can choose sampling set before looking at data (*oblivious*)
- ▶ AMM algorithm can be performed in one pass over data

$$\mathbb{E} \|AB - CR\|_F^2 = \frac{d}{m} \sum_{k=1}^d \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{m} \|AB\|_F^2$$



# Optimal sampling probabilities

- ▶ Optimal sampling probabilities to minimize  $\mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F$   
i.e., sum of variances

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_d \geq 0 \\ \sum p_k = 1}} \mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F \\ &= \min_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_d \geq 0 \\ \sum p_k = 1}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{1}{p_k} \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{m} \|AB\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Optimal sampling probabilities

Let  $q_1, \dots, q_d \in \mathbb{R}$  given

$$\min_{\substack{p_1, \dots, p_d \geq 0 \\ \sum p_k = 1}} \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{q_k^2}{p_k}$$

- ▶ introduce a Lagrange multiplier for the constraint  $\sum p_k = 1$

# Optimal sampling probabilities

- ▶ Nonuniform sampling

$$p_k = \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B^{(k)}\|_2}{\sum_i \|A^{(i)}\|_2 \|B^{(i)}\|_2}$$

- ▶ minimizes  $\mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F$

- ▶ 
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F^2 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{1}{p_k} \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2 \|B^{(k)}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{m} \|AB\|_F^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B^{(k)}\|_2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{m} \|AB\|_F^2\end{aligned}$$

is the optimal error

## Special case: computing $A^T A$

- ▶ Nonuniform sampling

$$p_k = \frac{\|A_{(k)}\|_2^2}{\sum_i \|A_{(k)}\|_2^2}$$

- ▶ minimizes  $\mathbb{E}\|A^T A - CR\|_F$   
note that  $C = R^T$

# Probability Bounds

- ▶ So far we have results on the expectation of the error
- ▶ Markov's Inequality
- ▶ If  $Z$  is a non-negative random variable and  $t > 0$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}[Z > t] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}Z}{t}$$

# Probability Bounds for AMM

- ▶ Upper-bounding the error

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F^2 &= \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2 \right)^2 - \frac{1}{m} \|AB\|_F^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \left( \sum_{k=1}^d \|A^{(k)}\|_2 \|B_{(k)}\|_2 \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m} \left( \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^d \|A^{(k)}\|_2^2} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^d \|B_{(k)}\|_2^2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2.\end{aligned}$$

Applying Markov's inequality

- ▶  $\mathbb{P} [\|AB - CR\|_F^2 > \epsilon^2 \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}\|AB - CR\|_F^2}{\epsilon^2 \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2} \leq \frac{1}{m\epsilon^2}$

# Final Probability Bound

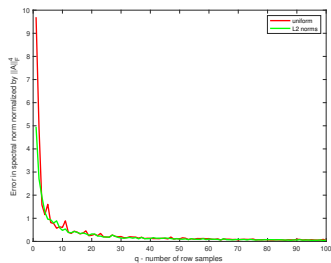
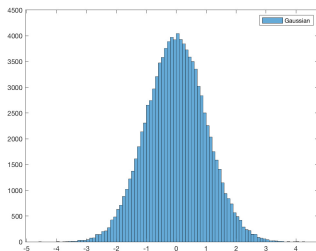
- ▶ For any  $\delta > 0$ , set  $m = \frac{1}{\delta \epsilon^2}$  to obtain

$$\mathbb{P}[\|AB - CR\|_F > \epsilon \|A\|_F \|B\|_F] \leq \delta \quad (1)$$

- ▶ i.e.,  $\|AB - CR\|_F < \epsilon \|A\|_F \|B\|_F$  with probability  $1 - \delta$ .

# Numerical simulations for AMM

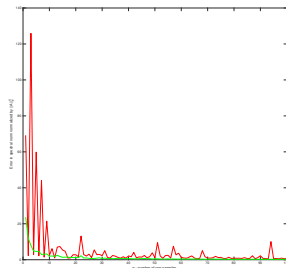
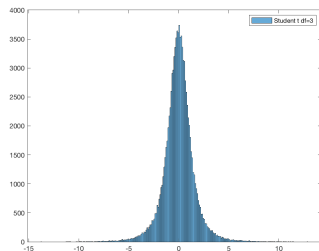
- ▶ Approximating  $A^T A$   
rows of  $A$  are i.i.d. Gaussian





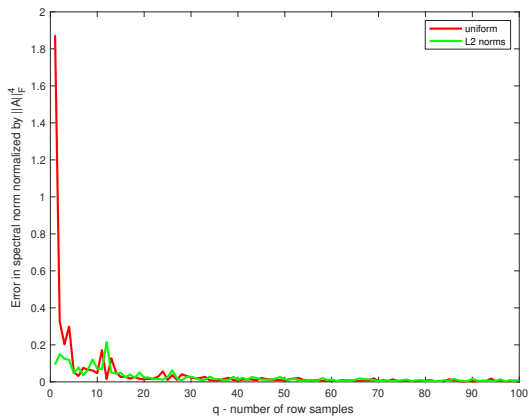
# Numerical simulations for AMM

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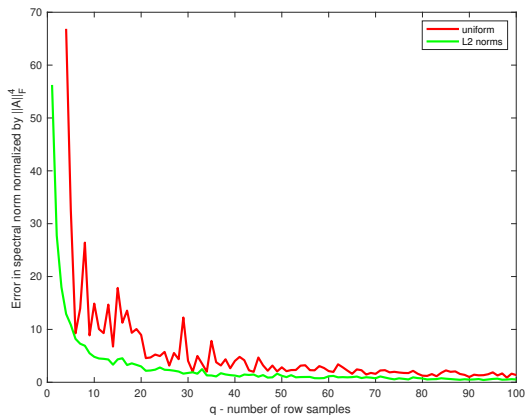
# Numerical simulations for AMM

- ▶ Approximating  $A^T A$   
a subset of the CIFAR dataset



# Numerical simulations for AMM

- ▶ Approximating  $A^T A$   
sparse matrix from a computational fluid dynamics model



Questions?