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Dimension Reduction and Nearest Neighbors

1. Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma

Projecting n points in a d-dimensional space into $K \geq 2\varepsilon^{-2} \ln n$ dimensions. There is a mapping $f: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\forall u, v; (1-\varepsilon)||u-v||^2 \leq ||f(u)-f(v)||^2 \leq (1+\varepsilon)||u-v||^2$

Idea:

- (a) project onto random heperplane, measure distance, and multiply by $\frac{d}{K}$
- (b) Show that squared length of random vector is sharply concentrated around the mean, not distorted by more than $(1 \pm \varepsilon)$ with probability $\frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\begin{split} pr[Y \geq t] & \leq \frac{E[Y]}{t} \text{- Markov Inequality} \\ pr[X - \mu_x \geq t \sigma_x] & \leq \frac{1}{t^2}, \sigma_x = \sqrt{E[(x - \mu_x)^2]}, \text{ ChebyChev Inequality} \\ E[L_k^2] & = \frac{k}{d}, \, x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \ldots + x_d^2 = 1, \text{ choosing } k \text{ from } d \text{ (view this process as the flipping coins)}. \end{split}$$

2. Chernoff Bounds

 $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ independent posisson trials (0 or 1 outcome, each with probability p of being 1). $X = \sum_{i=1}^n nx_i, \mu_x = np$

$$pr[X > (1+\sigma)\mu] < (\frac{e^{\sigma}}{(1+\sigma)^{1+\sigma})^{\mu}} pr[X < (1-\sigma)\mu] < e^{-\mu\sigma/2} \text{ i.e. } n = 1000, p = 0.5, \sigma = 0.1$$

3. proof of Chernoff bounds

Consider $E[e^{tx}]$, the moment generating function = $1 + tE[x] + \frac{t^2}{2}e[x^2] + \frac{t^3}{6}e[x^3]$

$$e^{tx} = 1 + tx + \frac{t^2x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^ix^i}{i!}$$

 $E[e^{tX}] = E[e^{t\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}] = E[\prod_{i=1}^{n} e^{tx_i}] = \prod_{i=1}^{n} E[e^{tx_i}] = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (pe^t + (1-p)) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 + p(e^t - 1)) = (1 + p(e^t - 1))^n < e^{p(e^t - 1)n} = e^{\mu(e^t - 1)}$

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$$pr[x > (1+\sigma)\mu] = pr[e^{tx} > e^{t(1+\sigma)\mu}] < \frac{E[e^{tx}]}{e^{t(1+\sigma)\mu}} = (\frac{e^{(e^t-1)}}{e^{t(1+\sigma)}})^{\mu}$$