

# CountSketch Satisfies the JL Property

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$$\mathbb{E}_S \left| \|Sx\|_2^2 - 1 \right|^\ell \leq \epsilon^\ell \cdot \delta$$

- We show this property holds with  $\ell = 2$ . First, let us consider  $\mathbb{E}_S [\|Sx\|_2^2]$

- For CountSketch matrix  $S$ , let

- $h: [n] \rightarrow [k]$  be a 2-wise independent hash function
- $\sigma: [n] \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  be a 4-wise independent hash function

- Let  $\delta(E) = 1$  if event  $E$  holds, and  $\delta(E) = 0$  otherwise

- $$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\|Sx\|_2^2] &= \sum_{j \in [k]} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \sum_{i \in [n]} \delta(h(i) = j) \sigma_i x_i \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{j \in [k]} \sum_{i_1, i_2 \in [n]} \mathbb{E} [\delta(h(i_1) = j) \delta(h(i_2) = j) \sigma_{i_1} \sigma_{i_2}] x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \\ &= \sum_{j \in [k]} \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbb{E} [\delta(h(i) = j)^2] x_i^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) \sum_{j \in [k]} \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i^2 = \|x\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

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- $$E[|Sx|_2^4] = E[\sum_{j \in [k]} \sum_{j' \in [k]} (\sum_{i \in [n]} \delta(h(i) = j) \sigma_i x_i)^2 (\sum_{i' \in [n]} \delta(h(i') = j') \sigma_{i'} x_{i'})^2] =$$

$$\sum_{j_1, j_2, i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4} E[\sigma_{i_1} \sigma_{i_2} \sigma_{i_3} \sigma_{i_4} \delta(h(i_1) = j_1) \delta(h(i_2) = j_1) \delta(h(i_3) = j_2) \delta(h(i_4) = j_2)] x_{i_1} x_{i_2} x_{i_3} x_{i_4}$$
- We must be able to partition  $\{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}$  into equal pairs
- Suppose  $i_1 = i_2 = i_3 = i_4$ . Then necessarily  $j_1 = j_2$ . Obtain  $\sum_j \frac{1}{k} \sum_i x_i^4 = |x|_4^4$
- Suppose  $i_1 = i_2$  and  $i_3 = i_4$  but  $i_1 \neq i_3$ . Then get  $\sum_{j_1, j_2, i_1, i_3} \frac{1}{k^2} x_{i_1}^2 x_{i_3}^2 = |x|_2^4 - |x|_4^4$
- Suppose  $i_1 = i_3$  and  $i_2 = i_4$  but  $i_1 \neq i_2$ . Then necessarily  $j_1 = j_2$ . Obtain  $\sum_j \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{i_1, i_2} x_{i_1}^2 x_{i_2}^2 \leq \frac{1}{k} |x|_2^4$ . Obtain same bound if  $i_1 = i_4$  and  $i_2 = i_3$ .
- Hence,  $E[|Sx|_2^4] \in [|x|_2^4, |x|_2^4(1 + \frac{2}{k})] = [1, 1 + \frac{2}{k}]$
- So,  $E_S ||Sx|_2^2 - 1|^2 \leq (1 + \frac{2}{k}) - 2 + 1 = \frac{2}{k}$ . Setting  $k = \frac{2}{\epsilon^2 \delta}$  finishes the proof

# Where are we?

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- (From vectors to matrices) For  $\epsilon, \delta \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , let  $D$  be a distribution on matrices  $S$  with  $k$  rows and  $n$  columns that satisfies the  $(\epsilon, \delta, \ell)$ -JL moment property for some  $\ell \geq 2$ . Then for  $A, B$  matrices with  $n$  rows,

$$\Pr_S \left[ \left| \|A^T S^T S B\|_F^2 - \|A^T B\|_F^2 \right| \geq 3 \epsilon^2 \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2 \right] \leq \delta$$

- We showed CountSketch has the JL property with  $\ell = 2$ , and  $k = \frac{2}{\epsilon^2 \delta}$

- Matrix product result we wanted was:

$$\Pr \left[ \|CS^TSD - CD\|_F^2 \leq \frac{6}{\delta k} \|C\|_F^2 \|D\|_F^2 \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

- We are now done with the proof CountSketch is a subspace embedding

# Course Outline

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- Subspace embeddings and least squares regression
  - Gaussian matrices
  - Subsampled Randomized Hadamard Transform
  - CountSketch
- **Affine embeddings**
  - Application to low rank approximation
- High precision regression
- Leverage score sampling
- Distributed low rank approximation
- L1 Regression
- M-Estimator regression

# Affine Embeddings

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- Want to solve  $\min_X \|AX - B\|_F^2$ , A is tall and thin with d columns, but B has a large number of columns
- Can't directly apply subspace embeddings
- Let's try to show  $\|SAX - SB\|_F = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|AX - B\|_F$  for all X and see what properties we need of S
- Can assume A has orthonormal columns
- Let  $B^* = AX^* - B$ , where  $X^*$  is the optimum
- $$\begin{aligned} \|S(AX - B)\|_F^2 - \|SB^*\|_F^2 &= \|SA(X - X^*) + S(AX^* - B)\|_F^2 - \|SB^*\|_F^2 \\ &= \|SA(X - X^*)\|_F^2 + 2\text{tr}[(X - X^*)^T A^T S^T SB^*] \text{ (use } \|C + D\|_F^2 = \|C\|_F^2 + \|D\|_F^2 + 2\text{Tr}(C^T D)) \\ &\in \|SA(X - X^*)\|_F^2 \pm 2\|X - X^*\|_F \|A^T S^T SB^*\|_F \text{ (use } \text{tr}(CD) \leq \|C\|_F \|D\|_F) \\ &\in \|SA(X - X^*)\|_F^2 \pm 2\epsilon \|X - X^*\|_F \|B^*\|_F \text{ (if we have approx. matrix product)} \\ &\in \|A(X - X^*)\|_F^2 \pm \epsilon (\|A(X - X^*)\|_F^2 + 2\|X - X^*\|_F \|B^*\|_F) \text{ (subspace embedding for A)} \end{aligned}$$

# Affine Embeddings

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- We have

$$|S(AX - B)|_F^2 - |SB^*|_F^2 \in |A(X - X^*)|_F^2 \pm \epsilon(|A(X - X^*)|_F^2 + 2|X - X^*|_F|B^*|)$$

- Normal equations imply that

$$|AX - B|_F^2 = |A(X - X^*)|_F^2 + |B^*|_F^2$$

- $|S(AX - B)|_F^2 - |SB^*|_F^2 - (|AX - B|_F^2 - |B^*|_F^2)$   
 $\in \epsilon(|A(X - X^*)|_F^2 + 2|X - X^*|_F|B^*|_F)$   
 $\in \pm\epsilon(|A(X - X^*)|_F + |B^*|_F)^2$   
 $\in \pm 2\epsilon \left( |A(X - X^*)|_F^2 + |B^*|_F^2 \right)$   
 $= \pm 2\epsilon |AX - B|_F^2$

- $|SB^*|_F^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)|B^*|_F^2$  (this holds with constant probability)

# Affine Embeddings

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- Know:  $|S(AX - B)|_F^2 - |SB^*|_F^2 - (|AX - B|_F^2 - |B^*|_F^2) \in \pm 2\epsilon|AX - B|_F^2$
- Know:  $|SB^*|_F^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)|B^*|_F^2$
- $|S(AX - B)|_F^2 = (1 \pm 2\epsilon)|AX - B|_F^2 \pm \epsilon|B^*|_F^2$   
 $= (1 \pm 3\epsilon)|AX - B|_F^2$
- Completes proof of affine embedding!

# Affine Embeddings: Missing Proofs

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- Claim:  $|A + B|_F^2 = |A|_F^2 + |B|_F^2 + 2\text{Tr}(A^T B)$

- Proof:  $|A + B|_F^2 = \sum_i |A_i + B_i|_2^2$

$$= \sum_i |A_i|_2^2 + \sum_i |B_i|_2^2 + 2\langle A_i, B_i \rangle$$

$$= |A|_F^2 + |B|_F^2 + 2\text{Tr}(A^T B)$$



# Affine Embeddings: Missing Proofs

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- Claim:  $\text{Tr}(AB) \leq |A|_F |B|_F$
- Proof:  $\text{Tr}(AB) = \sum_i \langle A^i, B_i \rangle$  for rows  $A^i$  and columns  $B_i$   
 $\leq \sum_i |A^i|_2 |B_i|_2$  by Cauchy-Schwarz for each  $i$   
 $\leq \left( \sum_i |A^i|_2^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_i |B_i|_2^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  another Cauchy-Schwarz  
 $= |A|_F |B|_F$

# Affine Embeddings: Homework Proof

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- Claim:  $|SB^*|_F^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)|B^*|_F^2$  with constant probability if CountSketch matrix  $S$  has  $k = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2})$  rows
- Proof is Homework Problem
- $|SB^*|_F^2 = \sum_i |SB_i^*|_2^2$
- By our analysis for CountSketch and linearity of expectation,  $E[|SB^*|_F^2] = \sum_i E[|SB_i^*|_2^2] = |B^*|_F^2$

# Low rank approximation

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- A is an  $n \times d$  matrix
  - Think of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- E.g., A is a customer-product matrix
  - $A_{i,j}$  = how many times customer  $i$  purchased item  $j$
- A is typically well-approximated by low rank matrix
  - E.g., high rank because of noise
- **Goal:** find a low rank matrix approximating A
  - Easy to store, data more interpretable

# What is a good low rank approximation?

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## Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Any matrix  $A = U \Sigma V^T$

- $U$  has orthonormal columns
  - $\Sigma$  is diagonal with non-increasing positive entries down the diagonal
  - $V$  has orthonormal rows
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- Rank- $k$  approximation:  $A_k = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T$ 
    - rows of  $V_k$  are the top  $k$  principal components

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U}_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_k \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \end{pmatrix}$$

# What is a good low rank approximation?

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$$A_k = \operatorname{argmin}_{\text{rank } k \text{ matrices } B} \|A-B\|_F$$

$$(\|C\|_F = (\sum_{i,j} C_{i,j}^2)^{1/2})$$

Computing  $A_k$  exactly is expensive

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{U}_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_k \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Low rank approximation

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- **Goal:** output a rank  $k$  matrix  $A'$ , so that

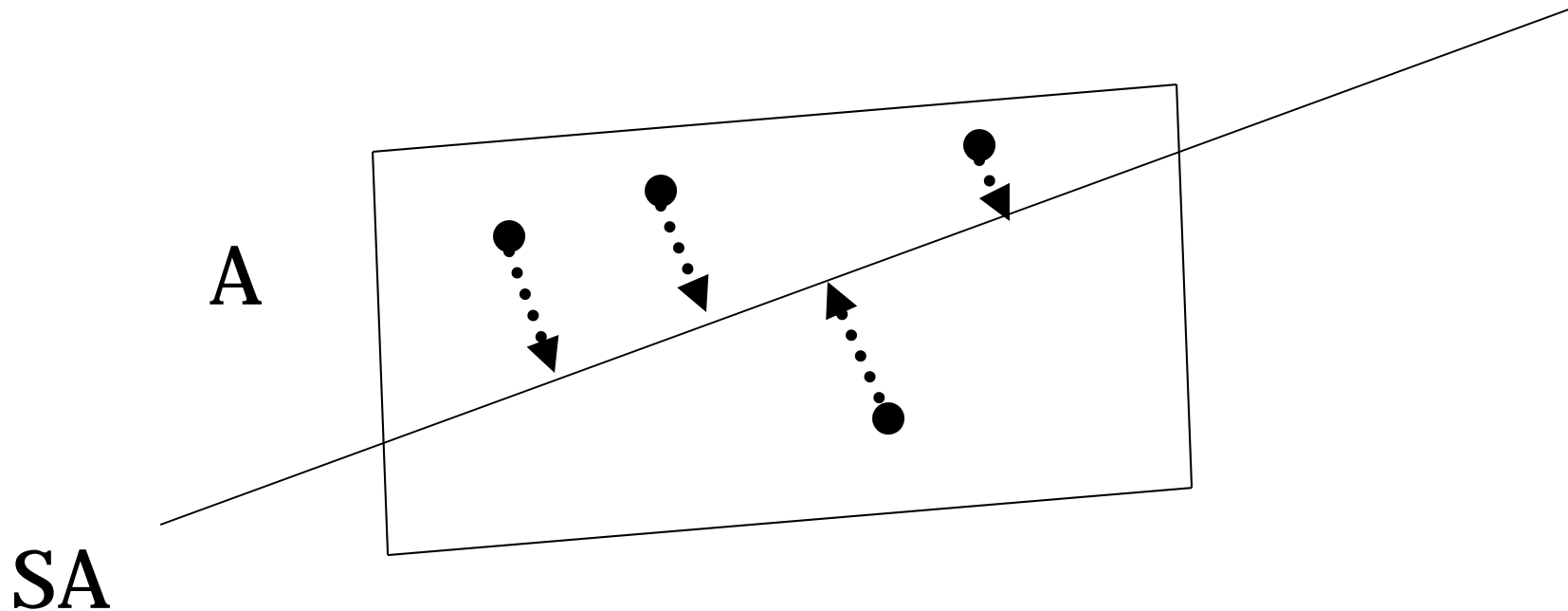
$$\|A-A'\|_F \leq (1+\varepsilon) \|A-A_k\|_F$$

- Can do this in  $\text{nnz}(A) + (n+d) \cdot \text{poly}(k/\varepsilon)$  time [S,CW]
  - $\text{nnz}(A)$  is number of non-zero entries of  $A$

# Solution to low-rank approximation [S]

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- Given  $n \times d$  input matrix  $A$
- Compute  $S^*A$  using a random matrix  $S$  with  $k/\epsilon \ll n$  rows.  $S^*A$  takes random linear combinations of rows of  $A$



- Project rows of  $A$  onto  $SA$ , then find best rank- $k$  approximation to points inside of  $SA$ .

# What is the matrix $S$ ?

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- $S$  can be a  $k/\epsilon \times n$  matrix of i.i.d. normal random variables
- [S]  $S$  can be a  $\tilde{O}(k/\epsilon) \times n$  Fast Johnson Lindenstrauss Matrix
- [CW]  $S$  can be a  $\text{poly}(k/\epsilon) \times n$  CountSketch matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$S \cdot fA$  can be computed in  $\text{nnz}(A)$  time



# Why do these Matrices Work?

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- Consider the regression problem  $\min_X |A_k X - A|_F$
- Let  $S$  be an affine embedding
- Then  $|SA_k X - SA|_F = (1 \pm \epsilon) |A_k X - A|_F$  for all  $X$
- By normal equations,  $\operatorname{argmin}_X |SA_k X - SA|_F = (SA_k)^{-1} SA$
- So,  $|A_k (SA_k)^{-1} SA - A|_F \leq (1 + \epsilon) |A_k - A|_F$
- But  $A_k (SA_k)^{-1} SA$  is a rank- $k$  matrix in the row span of  $SA$ !
- **Let's formalize why the algorithm works now...**

# Why do these Matrices Work?

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- $\min_{\text{rank-}k X} |XSA - A|_F^2 \leq |A_k(SA_k)^{-1}SA - A|_F^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon)|A - A_k|_F^2$
- By the normal equations,  
$$|XSA - A|_F^2 = |XSA - A(SA)^{-1}SA|_F^2 + |A(SA)^{-1}SA - A|_F^2$$
- Hence,  
$$\min_{\text{rank-}k X} |XSA - A|_F^2 = |A(SA)^{-1}SA - A|_F^2 + \min_{\text{rank-}k X} |XSA - A(SA)^{-1}SA|_F^2$$
- Can write  $SA = U \Sigma V^T$  in its SVD
- Then, 
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\text{rank-}k X} |XSA - A(SA)^{-1}SA|_F^2 &= \min_{\text{rank-}k X} |XU\Sigma - A(SA)^{-1}U\Sigma|_F^2 \\ &= \min_{\text{rank-}k Y} |Y - A(SA)^{-1}U\Sigma|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$
- Hence, we can just compute the SVD of  $A(SA)^{-1}U\Sigma$
- But how do we compute  $A(SA)^{-1}U\Sigma$  quickly?

# Caveat: projecting the points onto SA is slow

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- Current algorithm:
  1. Compute  $S^*A$
  2. Project each of the rows onto  $S^*A$
  3. Find best rank-k approximation of projected points inside of rowspace of  $S^*A$

- Bottleneck is step 2

$$\min_{\text{rank-}k \times} |X(SA)R-AR|_F^2$$

Can solve with affine embeddings

- [CW] Approximate the projection
  - Fast algorithm for approximate regression

$$\min_{\text{rank-}k \times} |X(SA)-A|_F^2$$

- Want  $\text{nnz}(A) + (n+d) \cdot \text{poly}(k/\epsilon)$  time

# Using Affine Embeddings

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- We know we can just output  $\arg \min_{\text{rank-}k X} \|XSA - A\|_F^2$

- Choose an affine embedding R:

$$\|XSAR - AR\|_F^2 = (1 \pm \epsilon) \|XSA - A\|_F^2 \text{ for all } X$$

- Note: we can compute AR and SAR in  $\text{nnz}(A)$  time

- Can just solve  $\min_{\text{rank-}k X} \|XSAR - AR\|_F^2$

- $\min_{\text{rank-}k X} \|XSAR - AR\|_F^2 = \|AR(SAR)^-(SAR) - AR\|_F^2 + \min_{\text{rank-}k X} \|XSAR - AR(SAR)^-(SAR)\|_F^2$

- Compute  $\min_{\text{rank-}k Y} \|Y - AR(SAR)^-(SAR)\|_F^2$  using SVD which is  $(n + d)\text{poly}\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)$  time

- Necessarily,  $Y = XSAR$  for some  $X$ . Output  $Y(SAR)^-SA$  in factored form. We're done!

# Low Rank Approximation Summary

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1. Compute SA
2. Compute SAR and AR
3. Compute  $\min_{\text{rank-}k Y} \|Y - AR(SAR)^{-1}(SAR)\|_F^2$  using SVD
4. Output  $Y(SAR)^{-1}SA$  in factored form

Overall time:  $\text{nnz}(A) + (n+d)\text{poly}(k/\epsilon)$