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- Spectral norm LRA can be much stronger:

$$\min_{\mathbf{B}, \text{rank-}k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2 = \min_{\mathbf{B}, \text{rank-}k} \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B})x\|_2$$

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First observe that the optimum solution is the same as in Frobenius LRA:

$$\min_{\mathbf{B}, \text{rank-}k} \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_k\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1}(\mathbf{A})$$

Where \mathbf{A}_k is the truncated SVD, and $\sigma_{k+1}(\mathbf{A})$ the $k + 1$ largest singular value of \mathbf{A} .

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- Formally, we could project $\mathbf{AP}_{\mathbf{SA}} = (\mathbf{SA})^{-}\mathbf{SA}$, and then compute

$$[\mathbf{AP}_{\mathbf{SA}}]_k = [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{SA})^{-}\mathbf{SA}]_k$$

Spectral Norm Low Rank Approximation

Part 1: Let $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ be the best Spectral rank- k approx to \mathbf{A} in the row span of some matrix \mathbf{B} :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{B}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{Y} = \arg \min_{\text{rank-}k \mathbf{Y}'} \|\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}\|_2$$

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Hint: Just show each of the last two terms are $\leq \|\mathbf{A} - \tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|_2^2$

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$x\mathbf{A}P_{\mathbf{B}}$ is the closest point to $x\mathbf{A}$ in the row span of \mathbf{B} , but $x\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = x\mathbf{Y}'\mathbf{B}$ is also point in the row span of \mathbf{B} , so $x\mathbf{A}P_{\mathbf{B}}$ is at least as close to $x\mathbf{A}$ as $x\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is to $x\mathbf{A}$.

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Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^T$. Let \mathbf{V}_k^T be top k rows of \mathbf{V}^T , and \mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T the bottom $n - k$. Then for any S with $\text{rank}(\mathbf{V}_k^T S) = k$, if \mathbf{P} is the projection onto columns of $\mathbf{A}^r S$, then:

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where \mathbf{P} is the projection onto columns of $\mathbf{A}^r\mathbf{S}$, then: write $(\mathbf{A}^r - [\mathbf{A}^r]_k) = \mathbf{U}_{n-k}\Sigma'\mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathbf{A}^r - [\mathbf{A}^r]_k)G(\mathbf{V}_k^T\mathbf{G})^{-1}\|_2^2 &\leq \|\mathbf{U}_{n-k}\Sigma'\mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T G(\mathbf{V}_k^T\mathbf{G})^{-1}\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{U}_{n-k}\Sigma'\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T G\|_2^2 \|(\mathbf{V}_k^T\mathbf{G})^{-1}\|_2^2 \\ &= \|(\mathbf{A}^r - [\mathbf{A}^r]_k)\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T G\|_2^2 \|(\mathbf{V}_k^T\mathbf{G})^{-1}\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Putting this together with eqn 11, we have

$$\|\mathbf{A}^r - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}^r\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}^r - [\mathbf{A}^r]_k\|_2^2 (1 + \|\mathbf{V}_{n-k}^T G\|_2^2 \|(\mathbf{V}_k^T\mathbf{G})^{-1}\|_2^2)$$

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- To compute $\mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{G}$, can compute $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ in $O(k \text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}))$ time, then $\mathbf{A}^2 \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G})$ in $O(k \text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}))$ time, and so on.
- Thus, can compute $\mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{G}$ in $O(\frac{k \log(n)}{\epsilon} \text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}))$ time.
- Then we can output $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{G})(\mathbf{A}^r \mathbf{G})^{-1} \mathbf{A}$ in factored form in $O(\frac{k \log(n)}{\epsilon} \text{nnz}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{nnz}(\mathbf{A})k^2)$ time for pseudoinverse.