

Chapter 7

Matrix deviation inequality and
geometric consequences.

- Matrix Deviation Inequality
- M^* -bound and escape theorem.

We would like to prove the following.

Thm: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have independent, isotropic, and σ -subGaussian rows. Then for any $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, we have:

$$\star \mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T} |\|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \|x\|_2| \leq C\sigma^2 \gamma(T)$$

where $\gamma(T) = \mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T} |\langle g, x \rangle|$ with $g \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

Remark:

- Clearly $\omega(T) \leq \gamma(T)$
- If $T = -T$, then $\omega(T) = \gamma(T)$
- $\omega(T) = \frac{1}{2} \omega(T-T) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma(T-T)$
- (HW) For any $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in T$ it holds:
$$\frac{1}{3} [\omega(T) + \|y\|_2] \leq \gamma(T) \leq 2 [\omega(T) + \|y\|_2]$$

Observe

$$\frac{\mathbb{E} \|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|} = \mathbb{E} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\langle A_i, x \rangle^2}{\|x\|_2^2}}$$

independent σ -subGaussian
and $\mathbb{E} \langle A_i, x \rangle^2 = \langle x x^T, \mathbb{E} A_i A_i^T \rangle$
 $= \|x\|_2^2$

concentration of norm

$$\frac{\sqrt{m} - C\sigma^2}{\|x\|_2} \leq \frac{\mathbb{E} \|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{m} + C\sigma^2}{\|x\|_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -C\sigma^2 \|x\|_2 \leq \mathbb{E} \|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \|x\|_2 \leq C\sigma^2 \|x\|_2$$

Notice

$$\gamma(T) = \mathbb{E} \sup_{y \in T} |\langle g, y \rangle| \geq \mathbb{E} |\langle g, x \rangle| = \hat{C} \|x\|_2$$

So \textcircled{A} amounts to

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T} |\|Ax\|_2 - \mathbb{E} \|Ax\|_2| \leq C\sigma^2 \gamma(T)$$

We will use Talagrand's comparison inequality. Define

$$W_x := \|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \|x\|_2$$

We must show

$$\|W_x - W_y\|_{\psi_2} \leq C\sigma^2 \|x - y\|_2 \quad \forall x, y \in T.$$

We prove a few special cases and then prove the general case.

Setting 1: $\|x\|_2 = 1$, $y = 0$

We need to show

$$\|\|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m}\|_2 \leq C\sigma^2.$$

Observe $\|Ax\|_2 = \|W\|_2$ where $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$ has independent σ -SubGaussian coordinates with $\mathbb{E} w_i^2 = 1$. So we already proved this.

Setting 2: $\|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1$

We must show

$$\| \|Ax\|_2 - \|Ay\|_2 \|_{\psi_2} \leq C\sigma^2 \|x-y\|_2$$

Let's analyze the squares first

$$Z := \frac{\|Ax\|_2^2 - \|Ay\|_2^2}{\|x-y\|_2} = \frac{\langle A(x-y), A(x+y) \rangle}{\|x-y\|_2} = \langle Au, Av \rangle$$

where $u = \frac{x-y}{\|x-y\|_2}$, $v = \frac{x+y}{\|x+y\|_2}$.

Claim: $P[|Z| \geq s\sqrt{m}] \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{Cs^2}{8}\right)$

for any $0 < s \leq \sqrt{m}$

pf: Observe $Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{\langle A_i, u \rangle \langle A_i, v \rangle}_{\text{independent}}$

and

$$E \langle A_i, x-y \rangle \langle A_i, x+y \rangle = E (\langle A_i, x \rangle^2 - \langle A_i, y \rangle^2) = 0$$

Notice $\langle A_i, u \rangle \langle A_i, v \rangle$ is subexponential with parameter $\|\langle A_i, u \rangle\|_{\psi_2} \cdot \|\langle A_i, v \rangle\|_{\psi_2} \leq 2\sigma^2$

Getting rid of the squares

Lemma: Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\|x\|_2 = \|y\|_2 = 1$.

Then

$$\left| \|Ax\|_2 - \|Ay\|_2 \right| \leq C \sigma^2 \|x - y\|_2.$$

pf: We want to prove

$$p(s) := \mathbb{P} \left[\frac{|\|Ax\|_2 - \|Ay\|_2|}{\|x - y\|_2} \geq s \right] \leq 4 \exp\left(-\frac{Cs^2}{46^2}\right)$$

Case 1: $s \leq 2\sqrt{m}$. Observe

$$p(s) = \mathbb{P} \left[\frac{|\|Ax\|_2^2 - \|Ay\|_2^2|}{\|x - y\|_2} \geq s(\|Ax\|_2 + \|Ay\|_2) \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{P} \left[|Z| \geq s(\|Ax\|_2 + \|Ay\|_2) \right]$$

$$\leq \mathbb{P} \left[|Z| \geq s\|Ax\|_2 \right]$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\mathbb{P} \left[|Z| \geq \frac{s\sqrt{m}}{2} \right]}_{p_1(s)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{P} \left[\|Ax\|_2 < \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2} \right]}_{p_2(s)}$$

We already prove $p_1(s) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{cs^2}{64}\right)$
Moreover [setting 2]

$$p_2(s) = P\left[\|Ax\|_2 < \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2}\right]$$
$$\leq P\left[|\|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m}| > \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2}\right]$$

setting 1

$$\leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{cs^2}{64}\right)$$

So $p(s) \leq 4 \exp\left(-\frac{cs^2}{64}\right)$

Case 2: $s > 2\sqrt{m}$.

Recall $p(s) = P\left[\frac{|\|Ax\|_2 - \|Ay\|_2|}{\|x-y\|_2} \geq s\right]$

Reverse Triangle Inequality

$$\Rightarrow |\|Ax\|_2 - \|Ay\|_2| \leq \|A(x-y)\|_2$$

So

$$p(s) \leq P[\|A\|_2 \geq s]$$

$$\leq P[\|A\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \geq \frac{s}{2}]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{setting 1}}{\leq} 2 \exp\left(-\frac{cs^2}{64}\right) \quad \square$$

Now let's prove the general case
Fix $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Can rescale and assume
 $\|x\|_2 = 1$ and $\|y\|_2 \geq 1$

Define $\bar{y} = \frac{y}{\|y\|_2}$.

$$\Rightarrow \|W_x - W_y\|_{\mathcal{F}_2} \leq \|W_x - W_{\bar{y}}\|_{\mathcal{F}_2} + \|W_{\bar{y}} - W_y\|_{\mathcal{F}_2}$$

$$\leq C\sigma^2 \|x - \bar{y}\|_2$$

$$= \|y\|^{-1}$$

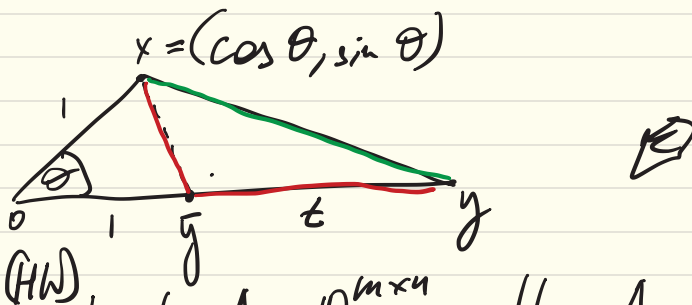
Notice

$$\|W_{\bar{y}} - W_y\|_{\mathcal{F}_2} = \|\bar{y} - y\|_2 \|W_{\bar{y}}\|_{\mathcal{F}_2}$$

We know: (Setting 1)

$$\|W_{\bar{y}}\|_{\Psi_2} \leq C \sigma^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \|W_x - W_y\|_{\Psi_2} &\leq C \sigma^2 (\|x - \bar{y}\|_2 + \|\bar{y} - y\|_2) \\ &\leq C \sqrt{2} \sigma^2 \|x - y\|_2 \end{aligned}$$



Cor: Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with A_i independent, isotropic, σ^2 -subGaussian. Then for any

$T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $u > 0$, we have

$$\sup_{x \in T} | \|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \|x\|_2 | \leq C \sigma^2 (\omega(T) + u \text{rad}(T))$$

w.p. $1 - 2 \exp(-u^2)$.

Some Consequences:

① Bounds on singular values

Let $T = S^{n-1}$ ← sphere. Then we learn

$$\sqrt{m} - C\sigma^2(\sqrt{n} + u) \leq \|Ax\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} + C\sigma^2(\sqrt{n} + u)$$

$\forall x \in S^{n-1}$ w.p. $1 - 2\exp(-u^2)$

② Diameter of random projections

$$\text{Define } P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} A.$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E} \text{diam}(PT) \leq \sqrt{\frac{m}{n}} \text{diam}(T) + C\sigma^2 \mathcal{S}(T)$$

pf:

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{x \in T} \|Ax\|_2 \leq \sqrt{m} \sup_{x \in T} \|x\|_2 + C\sigma^2 \mathcal{S}(T)$$

replace T by $T-T$ and divide by \sqrt{n} .

③ Johnson-Lindenstrauss

Let $S = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$.

Set $T = \left\{ \frac{x-y}{\|x-y\|} : x, y \in S \right\}$

Recall $\chi(T) \leq C \sqrt{\log n}$. So

$$\sup_{x, y \in S} \left| \frac{\|Ax - Ay\|_2}{\|x - y\|_2} - \sqrt{m} \right| \leq C \sqrt{\log N}$$

w.h.p.

\Rightarrow

$$(1 - c \sqrt{\frac{\log N}{m}}) \|x - y\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax - Ay\| \leq (1 + c \sqrt{\frac{\log N}{m}}) \|x - y\|_2 \quad \forall x, y \in S$$

Accuracy ε requires $m \geq \frac{\log N}{\varepsilon^2}$

Prop: Fix a set $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have independent, isotropic, σ -subGaussian rows A_i . Then with probability 0.99 we have

$$\|x-y\|_2 - \delta \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \|Ax - Ay\|_2 \leq \|x-y\|_2 + \delta \quad \forall x, y \in T$$

where $\delta = \frac{C\sigma^2 \omega(T)}{\sqrt{m}}$

pf: Apply matrix deviation to $T-T$

Remark: Choose $m \geq \frac{C\sigma^4}{\epsilon^2} d(T)$

Then $\delta = C\epsilon \text{diam}(T)$.

Random Sections:

The following two consequences of the matrix deviation inequality will be the main tools for sparse recovery.

Thm (M^* -bound) Consider $T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have independent, isotropic, σ -subGaussian rows. Then $E = \ker(A)$ satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \operatorname{diam}(T \cap E) \leq \frac{C \sigma^2 \omega(T)}{\sqrt{m}}$$

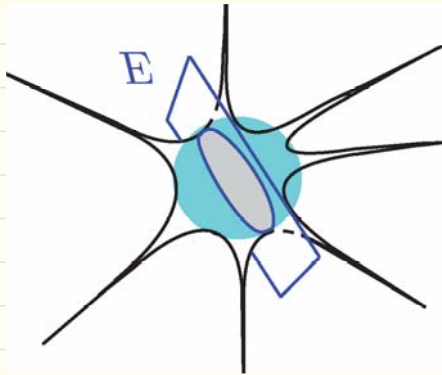
pf: We'll actually prove

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{z \in E} \operatorname{diam}(T \cap (z + E)) \leq \frac{C \sigma^2 \omega(T)}{\sqrt{m}}$$

Matrix deviation with $T - T$ gives $\approx 2\omega(T)$

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_{x, y \in T} \left| \|Ax - Ay\| - \sqrt{m} \|x - y\| \right| \leq C \sigma^2 \sqrt{\omega(T - T)}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \sup_z \sup_{x, y \in (z + E) \cap T} \sqrt{m} \|x - y\| = \sqrt{m} \mathbb{E} \sup_z \operatorname{diam}((z + E) \cap T) \quad \square$$



Ex: Let $T = B^n$. Then

$$\# \text{diam}(T \cap E) \leq C \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{m}}$$

so if $m = \delta n$, then $\text{dim} E = (1 - \delta)n$

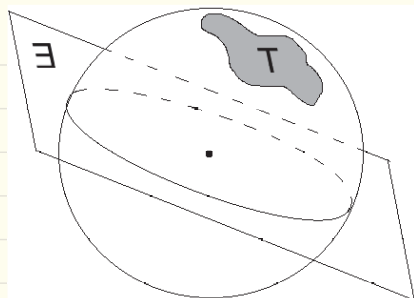
but $\# \text{diam}(T \cap E) \leq C \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{\delta n}}$

Remark: How big must m be to guarantee

$$\# \text{diam}(T \cap E) \leq \epsilon \text{diam}(T)$$

Answer: $m \geq C \frac{\epsilon^4}{\epsilon^2} \cdot d(T)$

$$\frac{w(T)}{\text{diam} T}$$



Thm (Escape Thm) Consider $T \in S^{h-1}$ and let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ have independent, isotropic, σ -subGaussian rows. If

$$m \geq C \sigma^4 \omega(T)^2$$

then $E = \ker(A)$ satisfies $T \cap E = \emptyset$ w.p. $1 - 2 \exp\left(-\frac{cm}{\sigma^4}\right)$.

pt: High Probability Matrix Deviation gives $\sup_{x \in T} |\|Ax\|_2 - \sqrt{m} \|x\|_2| \leq C \sigma^2 (\omega(T) + u)$

w.p. $1 - \exp(-u^2)$. In this event, for and $x \in T \cap E$, it holds

$$\sqrt{m} \leq C \sigma^2 (\omega(T) + u)$$

Set $u = \frac{\sqrt{m}}{2C\sigma^2}$ and get a contradiction \square