

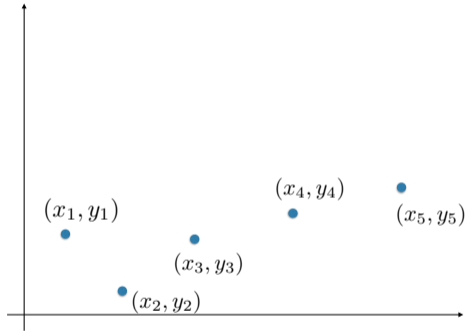
Algorithmic Regularization for Fast Large-Scale Machine Learning

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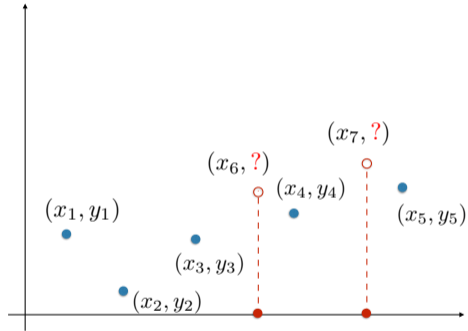
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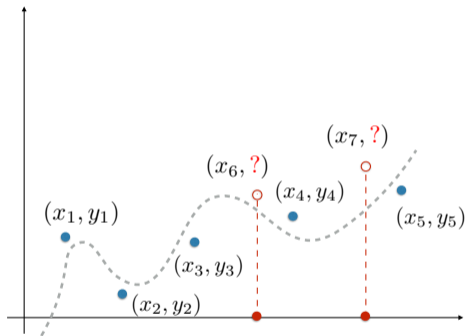
Learning



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Problem: given $\{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$ find $f(x_{\text{new}}) \sim y_{\text{new}}$

Learning problem

The problem \mathcal{P}

Let $(x, y) \sim \rho$. Learn a non-linear function

$$f_{\mathcal{H}} = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{E}(f), \quad \mathcal{E}(f) = \int d\rho(x, y)(y - f(x))^2$$

with ρ **unknown** but given $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^n$ i.i.d. samples.

Remarks:

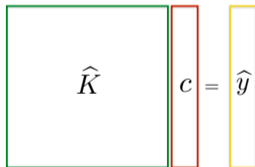
- ▶ $(\mathcal{H}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}})$ RKHS with bounded kernel K (e.g. $K(x, x') = e^{-\gamma \|x - x'\|^2}$)
- ▶ $\mathcal{H} = \overline{\operatorname{span}\{K(x, \cdot) | x \in X\}}$

Kernel ridge regression

$$\hat{f}_\lambda = \operatorname{argmin}_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2 + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$$

$$\hat{f}_\lambda(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n K(x, x_i) c_i$$

$$(\hat{K} + \lambda n I) c = \hat{y}$$



Complexity: **Space** $O(n^2)$

Kernel eval. $O(n^2)$

Time $O(n^3)$

KRR: Statistics

Theorem[Caponnetto, De Vito '05] Under basic assumptions and

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E} \mathcal{E}(f_{\hat{\lambda}}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}})}_{\text{excess risk}} \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda n} + \lambda.$$

By selecting $\lambda_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\mathbb{E} \mathcal{E}(f_{\hat{\lambda}_n}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

► Minmax bound.

Random projections

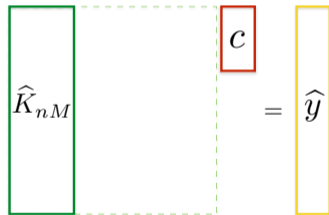
Solve $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_n$ on $\mathcal{H}_M = \text{span}\{K(\tilde{x}_1, \cdot), \dots, K(\tilde{x}_M, \cdot)\}$

$$\hat{f}_{\lambda, M} = \underset{f \in \mathcal{H}_M}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2 + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$$

► ... that is, pick M columns at random

$$\hat{f}_{\lambda, M}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^M K(x, \tilde{x}_i) c_i$$

$$(\hat{K}_{nM}^\top \hat{K}_{nM} + \lambda n \hat{K}_{MM}) c = \hat{K}_{nM}^\top \hat{y}$$



Complexity: Space $O(M^2)$

Kernel eval. $O(nM)$

Time $O(nM^2)$

- **Nyström methods** (Smola, Scholköpfung '00)
- Gaussian processes: inducing inputs (Quiñonero-Candela et al '05)
- Galerkin methods and Randomized linear algebra (Halko et al. '11)

Nyström KRR: Statistics

Theorem[Rudi, Camoriano, Rosasco '15] Under basic assumptions and

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{E}(\hat{f}_{\lambda, M}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda n} + \lambda + \frac{1}{M}.$$

By selecting $\lambda_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, $M_n = \sqrt{n}$

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{E}(\hat{f}_{\lambda_n, M_n}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

- ▶ Same minmax bound of KRR [Caponnetto, De Vito '05].

Computations required for $O(1/\sqrt{n})$ rate

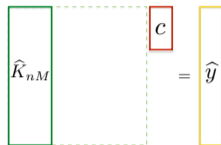
Space: $O(n)$
Kernel eval.: $O(n\sqrt{n})$
Time: $O(n^2)$
Test: $O(\sqrt{n})$

Possible improvements:

- ▶ adaptive sampling
- ▶ **optimization**

Optimization to rescue

$$\underbrace{\widehat{K}_{nM}^\top \widehat{K}_{nM} + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM}}_H c = \underbrace{\widehat{K}_{nM}^\top \widehat{y}}_b.$$



Idea: First order methods

$$c_t = c_{t-1} - \frac{\tau}{n} \left[\widehat{K}_{nM}^\top (\widehat{K}_{nM} c_{t-1} - y_n) + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM} c_{t-1} \right]$$

Pros: requires $O(nMt)$

Cons: $t \propto \kappa(H)$ arbitrarily large- $\kappa(H) = \sigma_{\max}(H)/\sigma_{\min}(H)$ condition number.

Preconditioning

Idea: solve an equivalent linear system with better condition number

Preconditioning

$$Hc = b \quad \mapsto \quad P^\top H P \beta = P^\top b, \quad c = P \beta.$$

Ideally $PP^\top = H^{-1}$, so that

$$t = O(\kappa(H)) \quad \mapsto \quad t = O(1)!$$

Note: Preconditioning KRR (Fasshauer et al '12, Avron et al '16, Cutaját '16, Ma, Belkin '17)

$$H = K + \lambda n I$$

Can we precondition Nystrom-KRR?

Preconditioning Nystrom-KRR

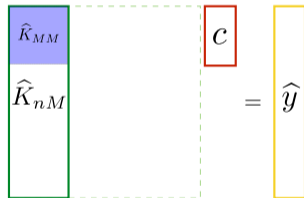
Consider $H := \widehat{K}_{nM}^\top \widehat{K}_{nM} + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM}$

Proposed Preconditioning

$$PP^\top = \left(\frac{n}{M} \widehat{K}_{MM}^2 + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM} \right)^{-1}$$

Compare to naive preconditioning

$$PP^\top = \left(\widehat{K}_{nM}^\top \widehat{K}_{nM} + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM} \right)^{-1}.$$



Baby FALKON

Proposed Preconditioning

$$PP^\top = \left(\frac{n}{M} \widehat{K}_{MM}^2 + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM} \right)^{-1},$$

Gradient descent

$$\widehat{f}_{\lambda, M, t}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^M K(x, \tilde{x}_i) c_{t, i}, \quad c_t = P\beta_t$$

$$\beta_t = \beta_{t-1} - \frac{\tau}{n} P^\top \left[\widehat{K}_{nM}^\top (\widehat{K}_{nM} P\beta_{t-1} - y_n) + \lambda n \widehat{K}_{MM} P\beta_{t-1} \right]$$

FALKON

- ▶ Gradient descent \mapsto conjugate gradient
- ▶ Computing P

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}T^{-1}A^{-1}, \quad T = \text{chol}(K_{MM}), \quad A = \text{chol}\left(\frac{1}{M}TT^{\top} + \lambda I\right),$$

where $\text{chol}(\cdot)$ is the Cholesky decomposition.



Falkon statistics

Theorem

Under (basic), when $M > \frac{\log n}{\lambda}$,

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{E}(\widehat{f}_{\lambda_n, M_n, t_n}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda n} + \lambda + \frac{1}{M} + \exp \left[-t \left(1 - \frac{\log n}{\lambda M} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

By selecting

$$\lambda_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad M_n = \frac{2 \log n}{\lambda}, \quad t_n = \log n,$$

then

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{E}(\widehat{f}_{\lambda_n, M_n, t_n}) - \mathcal{E}(f_{\mathcal{H}}) \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Remarks

- ▶ Same rates and memory of NKRR, much smaller time complexity, for $O(1/\sqrt{n})$:

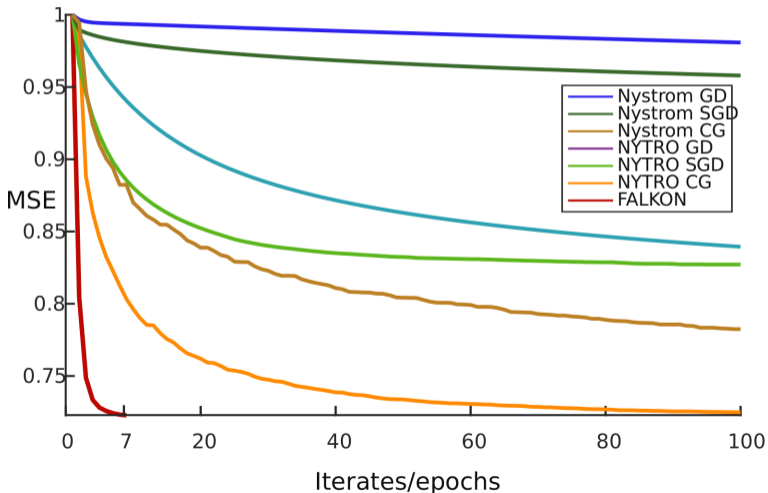
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Model:} & O(\sqrt{n}) \\ \text{Space:} & O(n) \\ \text{Kernel eval.:} & O(n\sqrt{n}) \\ \text{Time:} & \cancel{O(n^2)} \rightarrow O(n\sqrt{n}) \end{aligned}$$

Related

- ▶ EigenPro (Belkin et al. '16)
- ▶ SGD (Smale, Yao '05, Tarres, Yao '07, Ying, Pontil '08, Bach et al. '14-... ,)
- ▶ RF-KRR (Rahimi, Recht '07; Bach '15; Rudi, Rosasco '17)
- ▶ Divide and conquer (Zhang et al. '13)
- ▶ NYTRO (Angles et al '16)
- ▶ Nyström SGD (Lin, Rosasco '16)
- ▶ SGD-RF (Carratino, Rosasco '18)

In practice

Higgs dataset: $n = 10,000,000$, $M = 50,000$



Some experiments

	MillionSongs ($n \sim 10^6$)			YELP ($n \sim 10^6$)		TIMIT ($n \sim 10^6$)	
	MSE	Relative error	Time(s)	RMSE	Time(m)	c-err	Time(h)
FALKON	80.30	4.51×10^{-3}	55	0.833	20	32.3%	1.5
Prec. KRR	-	4.58×10^{-3}	289 [†]	-	-	-	-
Hierarchical	-	4.56×10^{-3}	293 [*]	-	-	-	-
D&C	80.35	-	737 [*]	-	-	-	-
Rand. Feat.	80.93	-	772 [*]	-	-	-	-
Nyström	80.38	-	876 [*]	-	-	-	-
ADMM R. F.	-	5.01×10^{-3}	958 [†]	-	-	-	-
BCD R. F.	-	-	-	0.949	42 [‡]	34.0%	1.7 [‡]
BCD Nyström	-	-	-	0.861	60 [‡]	33.7%	1.7 [‡]
KRR	-	4.55×10^{-3}	-	0.854	500 [‡]	33.5%	8.3 [‡]
EigenPro	-	-	-	-	-	32.6%	3.9 [‡]
Deep NN	-	-	-	-	-	32.4%	-
Sparse Kernels	-	-	-	-	-	30.9%	-
Ensemble	-	-	-	-	-	33.5%	-

Table: MillionSongs, YELP and TIMIT Datasets. Times obtained on: ‡ = cluster of 128 EC2 r3.2xlarge machines, † = cluster of 8 EC2 r3.8xlarge machines, † = single machine with two Intel Xeon E5-2620, one Nvidia GTX Titan X GPU and 128GB of RAM, * = cluster with 512 GB of RAM and IBM POWER8 12-core processor, * = unknown platform.

Some more experiments

	SUSY ($n \sim 10^6$)			HIGGS ($n \sim 10^7$)		IMAGENET ($n \sim 10^6$)	
	c-err	AUC	Time(m)	AUC	Time(h)	c-err	Time(h)
FALKON	19.6%	0.877	4	0.833	3	20.7%	4
EigenPro	19.8%	-	6 [‡]	-	-	-	-
Hierarchical	20.1%	-	40 [†]	-	-	-	-
Boosted Decision Tree	-	0.863	-	0.810	-	-	-
Neural Network	-	0.875	-	0.816	-	-	-
Deep Neural Network	-	0.879	4680 [‡]	0.885	78 [‡]	-	-
Inception-V4	-	-	-	-	-	20.0%	-

Table: Architectures: † cluster with IBM POWER8 12-core cpu, 512 GB RAM, ‡ single machine with two Intel Xeon E5-2620, one Nvidia GTX Titan X GPU, 128GB RAM, ‡ single machine.

Contributions

- ▶ Best computations so far for optimal statistics

Space $O(n)$	Time $O(n\sqrt{n})$
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Other flavours:

- ▶ SGD, mini-batching, random features [Carratino, Rudi, Rosasco 18']
- ▶ adaptive sampling [Rudi, Calandriello, Carratino, Rosasco 18']

- ▶ In the pipeline: accelerated stochastic methods, distributed optimization
- ▶ TBD: other loss, other regularizers, other problems, other solvers. . .