

Supplementary Material: Efficient Stochastic Optimization for Low-Rank Distance Metric Learning

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Proof of Theorem 2

Note that $X \in \mathbb{S}_+ \cap \{W \mid \|W\|_2 \leq \tau\}$ is the optimal solution to the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|A - X\|_F^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A \succeq \mathbb{S}_+; \quad I - A \succeq \mathbb{S}_+; \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The Lagrangian function associated with (6) is

$$L(A; Y_1, Y_2) = \frac{1}{2} \|A - X\|_F^2 + \text{tr}(A Y_1) + \text{tr}((I - A) Y_2)$$

where $Y_1 \succeq \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $Y_2 \succeq \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ are dual variables for constraints $A \succeq \mathbb{S}_+$ and $I - A \succeq \mathbb{S}_+$. Let A^*, Y_1^*, Y_2^* be the optimal primal and dual solutions. The KKT conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} A^* & \succeq \mathbb{S}_+; \\ I - A^* & \succeq \mathbb{S}_+; \\ A^* & = X + Y_1^* - Y_2^*; \\ \text{tr}(A^* Y_1^*) & = \text{tr}(Y_2^* X) \end{aligned}$$

where $Y_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ are dual variables for constraints $A \in \mathbb{S}_+$ and $\|A\|_F \leq k$. Let A^*, Y_1^*, λ^* be the optimal primal and dual solutions. The KKT conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} A^* &\in \mathbb{S}_+; \\ \|A^*\|_F &\leq k; \\ A^* &= \frac{1}{1 + \lambda^*} (X + Y_1^*); \\ \text{tr}(A^* Y_1^*) &= 0; \\ \lambda^* (\|A^*\|_F^2 - k^2) &= 0; \\ Y_1^* &\in \mathbb{S}_+; \lambda^* \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We complete the proof by noticing that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1^* &= \sum_{i: \lambda_i < 0} \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T; \\ A &= X + Y_1^* = \sum_{i: \lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T; \\ \|A\|_F &\leq \sum_{i: \lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i \|\mathbf{u}_i\|_2^2 < \sum_{i: \lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i < k; \\ \lambda^* &= \frac{\|A\|_F}{k} < 1; \\ A^* &= \frac{1}{k} A < \frac{1}{k} \|A\|_F < 1; \end{aligned}$$

satisfy these KKT conditions.