

## Matrix Approximation Problems

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- low-rank, $\hat{\boldsymbol{A}}=\boldsymbol{B C}$
- constraints, $\hat{\boldsymbol{A}} \in \mathcal{A}$


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Expected symmetric, orthogonal, real, posdef, etc., but obtained something else!

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■ Winners, and most top-performing methods: ultimately based on matrix approximation ideas!

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"Factors" B, C can be computed by solving

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Examples from original Lee/Seung paper on NMA

## Other Variants of NMA

■ KL-NMA - very interesting variant - more popular for modeling "co-occurrence" data

- Bregman NMA - examples from literature - spam filtering

■ Sparsity constrained NMA (Hoyer, etc.)

- Local NMA

■ Numerous other variations

## Sparsity Constrained Versions

- Sparse PCA
- Semi-discrete decomposition

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Algorithms \& Theory

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■ Hack: "Zero-out" TSVD

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■ Directly optimizing (won't cover)
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## NMA Algorithm: Zero-out SVD

Input: $\boldsymbol{A}, k$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1[\boldsymbol{U}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \boldsymbol{V}]=\operatorname{SVD}(\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{k}) \\
& 2 \boldsymbol{B} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{U}_{k} \Sigma_{k}, \boldsymbol{C} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{V}_{k}^{T} \\
& 3 \boldsymbol{B} \leftarrow \max (0, \boldsymbol{B}), \boldsymbol{C} \leftarrow \max (0, \boldsymbol{C})
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Advantages: Simple, deterministic Disadvantages: could be slow, no theoretical guarantees, solution can be really bad!

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The Fréchet derivative $D_{f}(\boldsymbol{X})$ (of $f$ at point $\boldsymbol{X}$ ) identified via:

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Applications \& Practical Concerns

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3 Signal processing (images, speech, music, etc.)
4 Computer graphics
5 Chemometrics
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■ Document modeling, text-analysis

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Via more advanced projection algorithm Time: 62.3 seconds, Objective: $6.85 \times 10^{-4}$

## Part of a face recognition system



■ 143 images from MIT face image database
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■ A rank-20 approximation to the input

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## Multiframe blind deconvolution - astronomy

long-time exposure (approx. 1 s)
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Courtesy of Karl-Ludwig Bath, IAS, Hakos, Namibia

## Multiframe blind deconvolution - astronomy

short-time exposure (approx. 10ms)
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real-time video (15 fps)<br>Problem: Atmospheric turbulences

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Video example

## Discussion \& Wrap-up

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- Background, motivation
- Truncated SVD; its properties

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- Alternating descent
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