

Reporting assignment
Fundamentals of Mathematical and Computing Sciences:
Applied Mathematical Science

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Solve the following problems. Post that to the mailbox located on 3rd floor between East and West wings of W8 building.

Due date : August 11th (Monday).

The operator norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, the trace norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{Tr}}$ and the Frobenius norm $\|\cdot\|_F$ are defined as in the lecture:

$$\|A\|_\infty = \sigma_1(A), \quad \|A\|_{\text{Tr}} = \sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i(A), \quad \|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^p \sigma_i^2(A)},$$

for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ where $\sigma_i(A)$ is the i -th largest singular value, and $p = \min\{M, N\}$.

1. Prove that

$$\langle A, A' \rangle \leq \|A\|_{\text{Tr}} \|A'\|_\infty,$$

for all $A, A' \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$.

2. Prove that the i.i.d. standard normal random variable sequence $g_i \sim N(0, 1)$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) satisfies

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n g_i^2} \right] \geq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}.$$

3. Prove that Gaussian random matrix $G = (G_{i,j})_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, where $G_{i,j}$ is i.i.d. standard normal, satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[\|G\|_\infty] \leq \sqrt{M} + \sqrt{N}.$$

(Hint: use the fact that $\|G\|_\infty = \max_{u \in S^{M-1}, v \in S^{N-1}} u^\top G v$, and apply Slepian's inequality)

4. Prove that

$$\|A\|_{\text{Tr}} = \frac{1}{2} \min_{U, V: A = UV^\top} \{ \|U\|_F^2 + \|V\|_F^2 \}.$$

You may use the fact that for a symmetric matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ we have $\sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j(S) = \max_{U \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}, UU^\top = I} \text{Tr}[USU^\top]$ for $k \leq d$ where $\lambda_j(S)$ is the j -th largest eigenvalue of S .

5. Write your idea about an application of low rank matrix estimation that you think is interesting.