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Analysis of Scaling Algorithms for Matrix & Operator Scaling





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One More Application of Scaling



Non-Negative Matrices & Scaling

$X \in M_n(\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$ is **doubly stochastic (DS)** if row/column sums of X are equal to 1.

Y is **scaling** of X if \exists positive $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ s.t. $y_{ij} = \alpha_i x_{ij} \beta_j$.

X has DS scaling if \exists scaling Y of X s.t. all row/column sums of Y equal 1.

$$ds(A) = \sum_i (r_i - 1)^2 + \sum_j (c_j - 1)^2$$

A has approx. DS scaling if $\forall \epsilon > 0$ there is scaling B_ϵ of A s.t. $ds(B_\epsilon) < \epsilon$.

1. When does X have approx. DS scaling?
2. Can we find it efficiently?

1/3	2/3
2/3	1/3



1/2	1
2	2
4	1

Analysis (Ankit's talk)

Algorithm S [Kruithof'37, ..., Sinkhorn'64]:

Repeat k times:

1. Normalize rows of A (make $r_i = 1$)
2. Normalize columns of A (make $c_j = 1$)

If at any point $\text{ds}(A) < \epsilon$, output the scaling so far.

Else, output: **no scaling**.

Analysis [LSW'00]:

1. $\text{Per}(A) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Per}(A) > \nu^{-n}$
2. $\text{ds}(A) \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow \text{Per}(A)$ grows by $\exp(O(\epsilon))$ after each normalization
3. $\text{Per}(A) \leq 1$ for any normalized matrix

Within $\text{poly}(n/\epsilon)$ iterations we will get our scaling!

Quantum Operators – Recap of Definition

Quantum operator: $\mathbf{T}: \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ given by (A_1, \dots, A_m) s.t.

$$\mathbf{T}(X) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} A_i X A_i^\dagger$$

Dual of $\mathbf{T}(X)$ is map $\mathbf{T}^*: \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ given by:

$$\mathbf{T}^*(X) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} A_i^\dagger X A_i$$

$\mathbf{T}: \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ is **doubly stochastic** if $\mathbf{T}(I) = \mathbf{T}^*(I) = I$.

Distance to doubly-stochastic:

$$ds(\mathbf{T}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|\mathbf{T}(I) - I\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{T}^*(I) - I\|_F^2$$

Scaling $\mathbf{T}_{L,R}(X)$ of $\mathbf{T}(X)$ consists of $L, R \in SL(n)$ s.t.

$$(A_1, \dots, A_m) \rightarrow (LA_1R, \dots, LA_mR)$$

Operator Scaling – Algorithm G

Problem: operator $\mathbf{T} = (A_1, \dots, A_m)$, $\epsilon > 0$, can \mathbf{T} be ϵ -scaled to double stochastic? If yes, find scaling.

Algorithm G [Gurvits' 04]:

Repeat k times:

1. Left normalize: $(A_1, \dots, A_m) \leftarrow (LA_1, \dots, LA_m)$ s.t. $\mathbf{T}(I) = I$
2. Right normalize: $(A_1, \dots, A_m) \leftarrow (A_1R, \dots, A_mR)$ s.t. $\mathbf{T}^*(I) = I$

If at any point $\mathbf{ds}(\mathbf{T}) < \epsilon$ output scaling.

Else output **no scaling**.

Potential Function (Capacity) [Gurvits'04]:

$$cap(\mathbf{T}) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\det(\mathbf{T}(X))}{\det(X)} : X \succ 0 \right\}.$$

For $\epsilon < 1/n^2$, can scale \mathbf{T} to ϵ -close to DS iff $cap(\mathbf{T}) > 0$.

Algorithm G – Analysis

Algorithm G:

Repeat k times:

1. Left normalize: $(A_1, \dots, A_m) \leftarrow (LA_1, \dots, LA_m)$ s.t. $T(I) = I$.
2. Right normalize: $(A_1, \dots, A_m) \leftarrow (A_1R, \dots, A_mR)$ s.t. $T^*(I) = I$.

If at any point $ds(T) < \epsilon$, output current scaling.

Else output no scaling.

Potential Function (Capacity) [Gur'04]:

$$cap(T) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\det(T(X))}{\det(X)} : X > 0 \right\}.$$

Analysis [Gur'04, GGOW'15]:

1. $cap(T) > 0 \Rightarrow cap(T) > e^{-poly(n)}$ (GGOW'15)
2. $ds(T) \geq \epsilon \Rightarrow cap(T)$ grows by $\times \exp(O(\epsilon))$ after normalization
3. $cap(T) \leq 1$ for normalized operators.

Analysis – Step 2

Lemma [LSW'00]: $a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$ s.t. $\sum a_i = n$ and $\sum(a_i - 1)^2 = \Delta$

$$\prod a_i \leq \exp(-\Delta/6)$$

Claim: assume $T^*(I) = I$.

$$ds(T) > \epsilon \Rightarrow \det(T(I)) \leq \exp(-\epsilon/6)$$

Proof sketch:

$$\text{tr}(T(I)) = \text{tr}(\sum A_i A_i^\dagger) = \text{tr}(\sum A_i^\dagger A_i) = \text{tr}(T^*(I)) = n$$

$$T(I) = \sum \lambda_i u_i u_i^\dagger \text{ where } \lambda_i > 0$$

$$\text{tr}(T(I)) = \sum \lambda_i = n, \quad ds(T) = \sum (\lambda_i - 1)^2 > \epsilon$$

$$\det(T(I)) = \prod \lambda_i \leq \exp(-\epsilon/6)$$

Analysis – Step 2

Claim: assume $T^*(I) = I$.

$$ds(T) > \epsilon \Rightarrow \det(T(I)) \leq \exp(-\epsilon/6)$$

Step 2: assume $T^*(I) = I$ and $ds(T) > \epsilon$. Normalizing increases capacity by $\exp(\epsilon/6)$.

Proof: Normalizing gives us

$$(A_1, \dots, A_m) \leftarrow (LA_1, \dots, LA_m), \quad L = T(I)^{-1/2}$$

$$T_L(X) = \sum (LA_i)X(LA_i)^\dagger = T(I)^{-1/2}T(X)T(I)^{-1/2}$$

$$\text{cap}(T_L) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\det(T_L(X))}{\det(X)} : X \succ 0 \right\} = \det(T(I))^{-1} \cdot \text{cap}(T)$$

$$\text{cap}(T_L) \geq \exp(\epsilon/6) \cdot \text{cap}(T)$$

Analysis – Step 3

Step 3: $T(X)$ normalized then $\text{cap}(T) \leq 1$

$$T(X) = I \Rightarrow \text{cap}(T) = \inf_{X > 0} \frac{\det(T(X))}{\det(X)} \leq \frac{\det(T(I))}{\det(I)} = 1$$

$$T^*(X) = I \Rightarrow \text{cap}(T) \leq \frac{\det(T(I))}{\det(I)} \leq \left(\frac{\text{tr}(T(I))}{n} \right)^n$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{tr}(T(I))}{n} \right)^n = \left(\frac{\text{tr}(T^*(I))}{n} \right)^n = 1$$

$$\text{tr}(T(I)) = \text{tr}(\sum A_i A_i^\dagger) = \text{tr}(\sum A_i^\dagger A_i) = \text{tr}(T^*(I)) = n$$

Properties of Potential Function

Properties used by Potential Function:

1. Zeroness/Nonzeroness gives answer to scaling
2. Invariant under $SL(n) \times SL(n)$:
 - $\text{cap}((L, R) \cdot T) = \det(L)^{2/n} \cdot \det(R)^{2/n} \cdot \text{cap}(T)$
3. If nonzero, then far from zero: if $\text{cap}(v) > 0$ for a vector with integer entries, then $\text{cap}(T) > \exp(-\text{poly}(n))$

Which functions satisfy these conditions?

- [Gurvits'04] $\text{cap}(T) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\det(T(X))}{\det(X)} : X \succ 0 \right\}$
- $\text{cap}'(T) = \inf \{ ||(L, R) \cdot T||^2 : (L, R) \in SL(n) \times SL(n) \}$

Are these functions the same? Yes!

Step 1 – Capacity Bounds From Invariants

Theorem 1: invariants of $SL(\mathbf{n}) \times SL(\mathbf{n})$ action generated by

$$p_Y(X_1, \dots, X_m) = \det \left(\sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} Y_i \otimes X_i \right), \quad Y_i \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$$

Theorem 2: $\text{cap}(T) > 0 \Leftrightarrow$ there exists $d \in \mathbb{N}$ and $Z_i \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$ s.t.

$$p_Z(A_1, \dots, A_m) = \det \left(\sum_{1 \leq i \leq m} Z_i \otimes A_i \right) \neq 0$$

Lemma 3: can take $Z_i \in M_d(\mathbb{N})$ s.t. entries of Z_i are in $[dn + 1]$.

$p_Z(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ has integer coefficients!

Step 1 – Capacity Bounds From Invariants

So far: found invariant $p_Z(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ with integer coefficients and degree dn s.t.

$$|p_Z(A_1, \dots, A_m)| \geq 1$$

Claim: $p_Z(A_1, \dots, A_m) > 0 \Rightarrow ||C|| \geq \exp(-\text{poly}(n))$ for any scaling $C = (C_1, \dots, C_m)$ of (A_1, \dots, A_m) .

Proof Sketch:

$$p_Z(C_1, \dots, C_m) = p_Z(A_1, \dots, A_m) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq |p_Z(C_1, \dots, C_m)|$$

$$1 \leq |p_Z(C_1, \dots, C_m)| \leq \binom{n+d}{d} (dn)^{dn} \cdot ||C||^{dn}$$

$$\frac{1}{(dn)^{2dn}} \leq ||C||^{dn} \Rightarrow ||C|| \geq \frac{1}{(dn)^2}$$

Refining this analysis gives us no dependence on d .

Questions/Teasers



- Efficient algorithms for group actions (G, V) which are **not** product groups (like $SL(n) \times SL(n)$)?
 - Can use $\text{cap}(v) := \inf\{\|g \cdot v\|^2 : g \in G\}$
 - Analog of DS?
 - See Michael's talk!
- Faster algorithms for scaling problems?
 - Algorithm shown has running time $\text{poly}(n \cdot 1/\epsilon)$
 - Can we get $\text{poly}(n \cdot \log(1/\epsilon))$?
 - See afternoon talk!

Thank you!