

Supplemental material - Improving training of deep neural networks via Singular Value Bounding

Lemma 1 For a matrix $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ with singular values of all 1, and a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ with nonzero entries $\{g_i\}_{i=1}^M$, let $g_{\max} = \max(|g_1|, \dots, |g_M|)$ and $g_{\min} = \min(|g_1|, \dots, |g_M|)$, the singular values of $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{W}$ is bounded in $[g_{\min}, g_{\max}]$. When \mathbf{W} is fat, i.e., $M \leq N$, and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}) = M$, singular values of $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}$ are exactly $\{|g_i|\}_{i=1}^M$.

Proof. We first consider the general case, and let $P = \min(M, N)$. Denote singular values of \mathbf{W} as $\sigma_1 = \dots = \sigma_P = 1$, and singular values of $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}$ as $\tilde{\sigma}_1 \geq \dots \geq \tilde{\sigma}_P$. Based on the properties of matrix extreme singular values, we have

$$\sigma_1 = \|\mathbf{W}\|_2 = \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = \min_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = \sigma_P = 1.$$

Let $\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$, we have

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 = \frac{\|\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2} = \frac{\|\mathbf{G}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{G}\|_2 \|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2},$$

where we have used the fact that $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{b}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\|_2 \|\mathbf{b}\|_2$ for any $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We thus have

$$\tilde{\sigma}_1 \leq \|\mathbf{G}\|_2 \frac{\|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2} \leq \|\mathbf{G}\|_2 \max_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = |g_{\max}|.$$

Since \mathbf{G} has nonzero entries, we have $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}$. Let $\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$, the properties of matrix extreme singular values give $\tilde{\sigma}_P = \frac{\|\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}$, and $\sigma_P = \min_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} = 1$. We thus have

$$1 = \min_{\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}} \frac{\|\mathbf{G}^{-1}\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{x}\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} \leq \frac{\|\mathbf{G}^{-1}\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2} \leq \|\mathbf{G}^{-1}\|_2 \frac{\|\widetilde{\mathbf{G}}\mathbf{x}^*\|_2}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2},$$

which gives $\tilde{\sigma}_P \geq |g_{\min}|$. Overall, we have

$$|g_{\max}| \geq \tilde{\sigma}_1 \geq \dots \geq \tilde{\sigma}_P \geq |g_{\min}|.$$

We next consider the special case of $M \leq N$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}) = M$. Without loss of generality, we assume diagonal entries $\{g_i\}_{i=1}^M$ of \mathbf{G} are all positive and ordered. By definition we have $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{I}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{W}$, where \mathbf{I} is an identity matrix of size $M \times M$. Let $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{W}^\top, \mathbf{W}^{\perp\top}]$, where \mathbf{W}^\perp denotes the orthogonal complement of \mathbf{W} , we thus have the SVD of $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}$ by construction as $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{I}[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{0}]\mathbf{V}^\top$. When some values of $\{g_i\}_{i=1}^M$ are not positive, the SVD can be constructed by changing the signs of the corresponding columns of either \mathbf{I} or \mathbf{V} . Since matrix singular values are uniquely determined (while singular vectors are not), singular values of $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}$ are thus exactly $\{|g_i|\}_{i=1}^M$. \square