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Posted by [erano](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 11:41:55 GMT

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Posted by [Brian Borchers](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 14:46:45 GMT

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Since your matrix is extremely large, this could take a long time or simply fail to converge. If so, you might want to loosen the default tolerance, introduce a preconditioner, etc. The documentation on `lsqr` explains how to do these things.

Subject: Re: pseudo code for doing SVD on 2D sparse array

Posted by [spellucci](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 16:30:22 GMT

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In article <fb7c56d7-4124-4228-949b-aeb66116d298@t39g2000prh.googlegroups.com>, Brian Borchers <borchers.brian@gmail.com> writes:

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this is only the (unfortunately usual) sloppy kind to write down a linear least squares problem

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hth
peter

Subject: Re: pseudo code for doing SVD on 2D sparse array
Posted by [Jeremy Bailin](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 15:07:25 GMT
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-Jeremy.

Subject: Re: pseudo code for doing SVD on 2D sparse array
Posted by [Evgenii Rudnyi](#) on Mon, 22 Dec 2008 15:17:43 GMT
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It could be easier to compile SVDLIBC rather than the original SVDPACK

<http://tedlab.mit.edu/~dr/SVDLIBC/>

make under Cygwin happens to be enough and then

```
$ ./svd -r sth -o tt dat1.txt
```

seems to solve the problem matrix dat1.txt from SVDPACK

A good reference to SVD where I have found the link to SVDLIBC

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singular_value_decomposition

Best wishes,

Evgenii

<http://MatrixProgramming.com>

Subject: Re: pseudo code for doing SVD on 2D sparse array

Posted by [erano](#) on Tue, 23 Dec 2008 14:58:00 GMT

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On Dec 22, 5:07 pm, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Well, Yes and Not.

Basicly, the LINBCG is working after the adding, but for large array
the output seems with mistakes in some rows...
so I'm looking for something better
