

# Matrix Approximations - II

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# Sampling Based Methods

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So Far...

- Methods that primarily depend on matrix-vector products
- Not suitable when input matrix is large and dense
  - Kernel Matrix  $n = 20M \Rightarrow 1600 \text{ TB}$  200,000, 8GB machines!!
- Matrices may be so big that storage becomes a big problem
- One may want to reduce the computational cost significantly

## Sampling-Based Methods

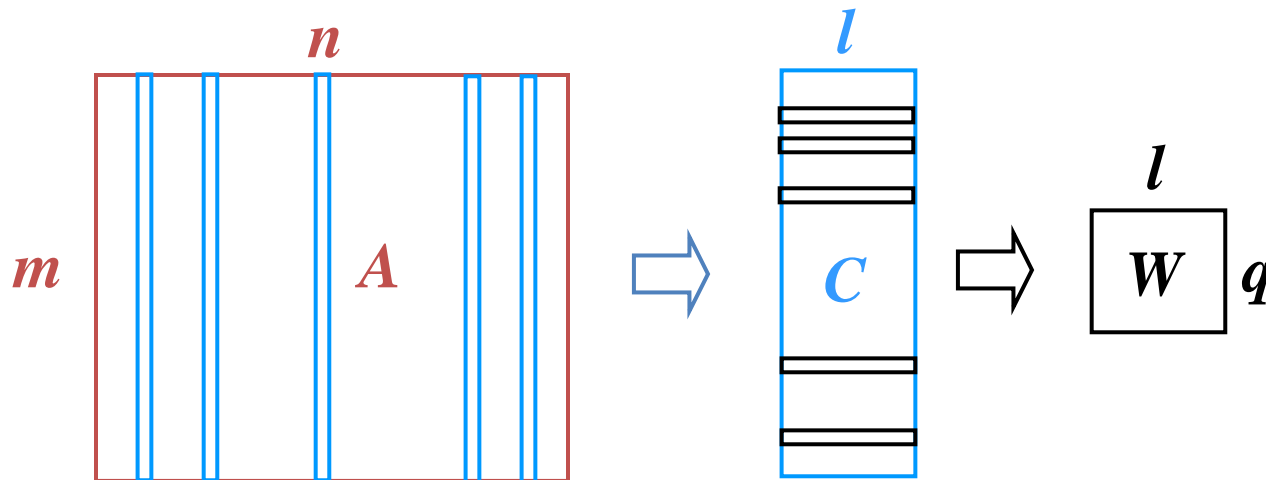
- Sample a few columns or rows or both according to some distribution (without replacement in practice)
- Approximate the desired quantity by manipulating just the sampled vectors
  - No need to even create the entire matrix !!
- If done carefully, the error in approximation can be bounded

Can approximate multiplication, low-rank matrix,  
singular values, singular vectors

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Sample  $l$  columns/rows randomly



## Main Issues

- How to sample columns and rows?
  - Uniformly?
  - From a fixed non-uniform distribution e.g., column/row norm?
  - From adaptive distribution: distribution changes after picking a sample subset
- What is the algorithm and how much error are we making?

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## Basic Idea

1. Sample  $l$  columns from  $A$  and form a submatrix  $C$
2. Pick the corresponding rows from  $B$  and form a submatrix  $R$
3. Scale the submatrices appropriately
4. Output the multiplication of two scaled submatrices

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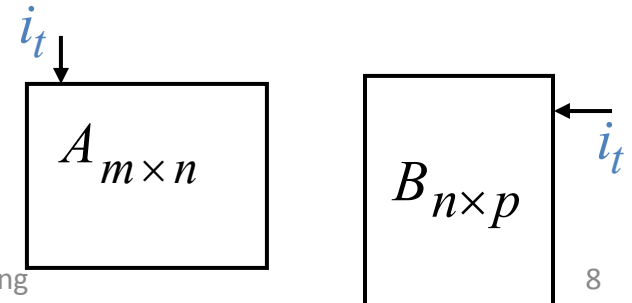
For  $t = 1, \dots, l$

– Pick  $i_t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $P(i_t = k) = p_k$  independently, with replacement

– Set  $C^{(t)} = A^{(i_t)} / \sqrt{l p_{i_t}}$   $R_{(t)} = B_{(i_t)} / \sqrt{l p_{i_t}}$   
column row

in practice, without replacement !

Return  $C$ ,  $R$





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Standard proof strategy (based on concentration of measures)

Show

$$E[\|AB - CR\|_F^2] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^p E[(AB - CR)_{ij}^2] = \text{small quantity}$$

$$\text{Var}[\|AB - CR\|_F^2] \text{ is small for right choice of } p_k$$

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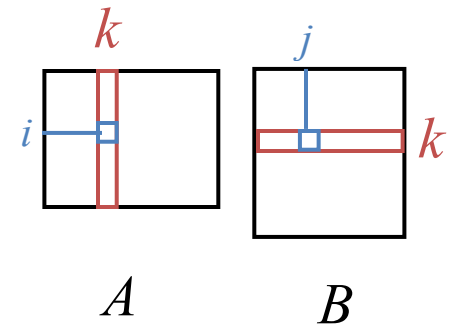
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$$(CR)_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^l X_t$$

$$Var(X_t) = E[X_t^2] - E[X_t]^2$$

Next, get  
 $E[\|AB - CR\|_F^2]$

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Find  $p_k$  that minimizes above  $p_k = |A^{(k)}| |B_{(k)}| / \sum_{k'=1}^n |A^{(k')}| |B_{(k')}|$

with positivity and unit sum constraints

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{l} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |A^{(k)}| |B_{(k)}| \right)^2 - \frac{1}{l} \|AB\|_F^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{l} \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Theoretical Guarantee

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Given  $A, B$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq n$ ,  $\{p_i\}_{i=1}^n$  s.t.  $\sum_i p_i = 1$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $\beta \leq 1$

$$\text{if } p_k \geq \beta \frac{\|A^{(k)}\|_{B^{(k)}}}{\sum_{k'=1}^n \|A^{(k')}\|_{B^{(k')}}}$$

$$\text{then } E[\|AB - CR\|_F^2] \leq (1/\beta l) \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2$$

Let  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and  $\eta = 1 + \sqrt{(8/\beta) \log(1/\delta)}$ , then with probability at least  $1 - \delta$

$$\|AB - CR\|_F^2 \leq (\eta^2 / \beta l) \|A\|_F^2 \|B\|_F^2$$

Proof based on showing that changing one column/row does not change the product  $CR$  by much, and then applying concentration of measures: either Doob Martingale or Mcdiarmid's inequality

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- Special case  $B = A^T$

$$AA^T \approx CC^T \quad p_k = |A^{(k)}|^2 / \|A\|_F^2$$

$$E[\|AA^T - CC^T\|_F] \leq (1/\sqrt{\beta l}) \|A\|_F^2$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} C^T C = V_c \Sigma_c^2 V_c^T \\ l \times l \\ O(nl^2) \quad O(l^3) \\ \text{parallelize} \end{array}$$

For rank- $k$ ,  $k \leq l$  reconstruction, pick top singular vectors and/or singular values !



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pseudo-inverse  
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Reconstructs  $W$  and  $G_{21}$  i.e.,  $C$  exactly!

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Not Orthonormal !

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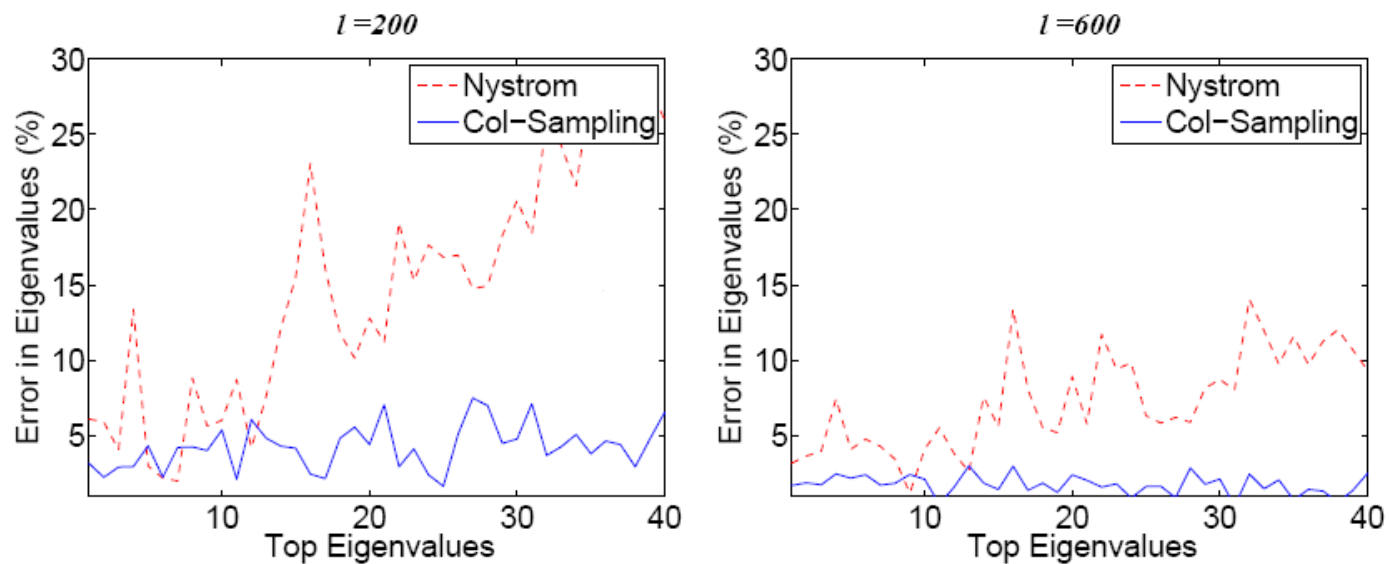
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## Experimental Comparison

- PIE-7K: 7K face images under different pose/illumination
- Linear kernel:  $k(x, y) = x^T y$
- $G$  is a dense 7K x 7K symmetric positive semi-definite matrix
- Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, and low-rank approximations (spectral-reconstruction)

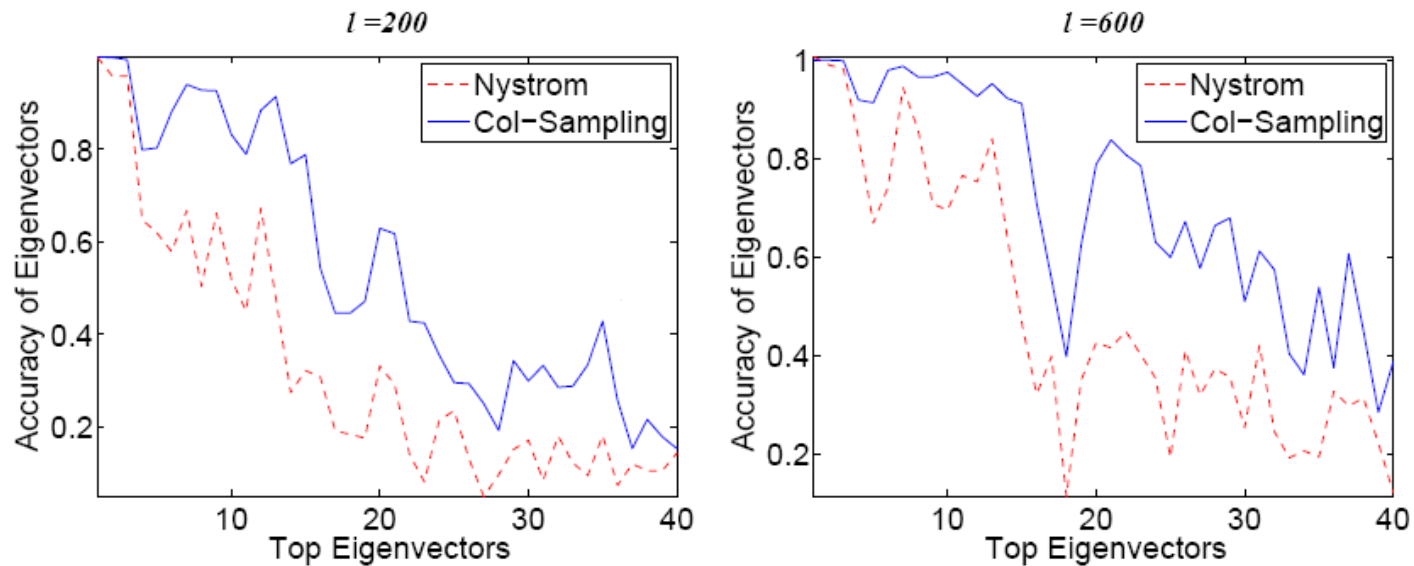
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**% deviation from exact**



# Eigenvectors Comparison

## Principal angle with exact

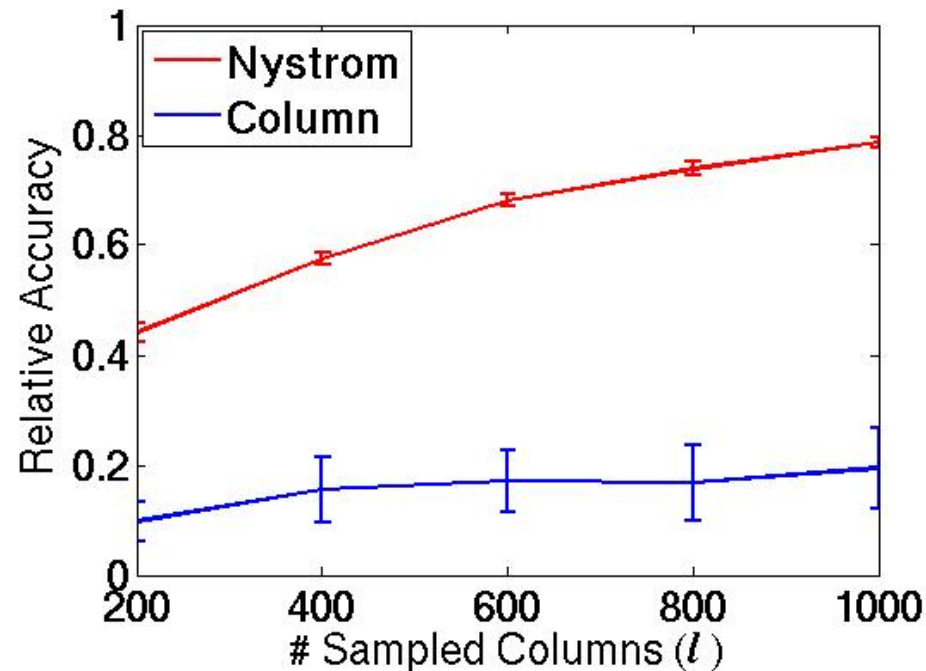




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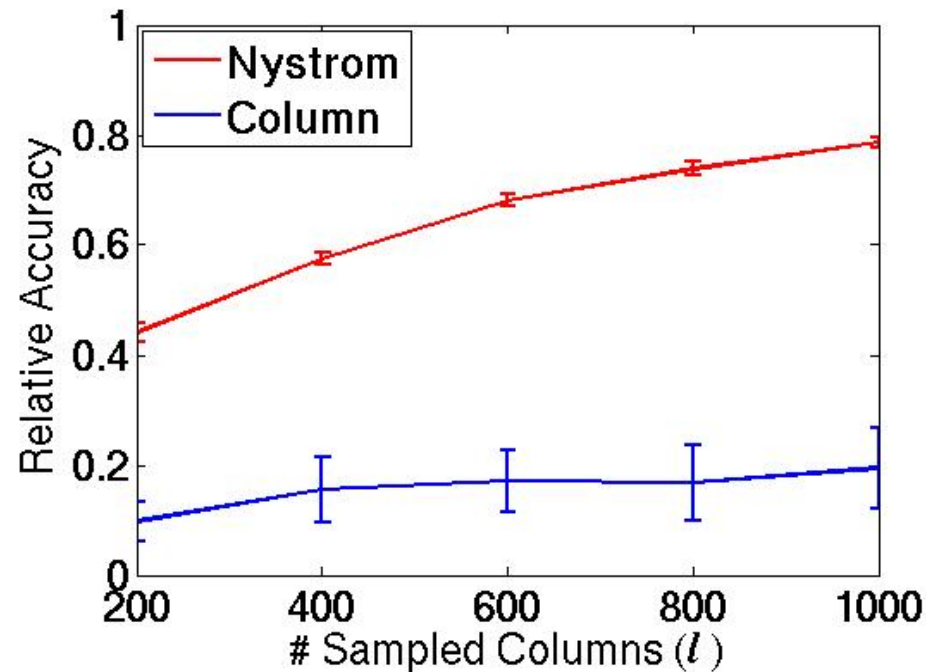
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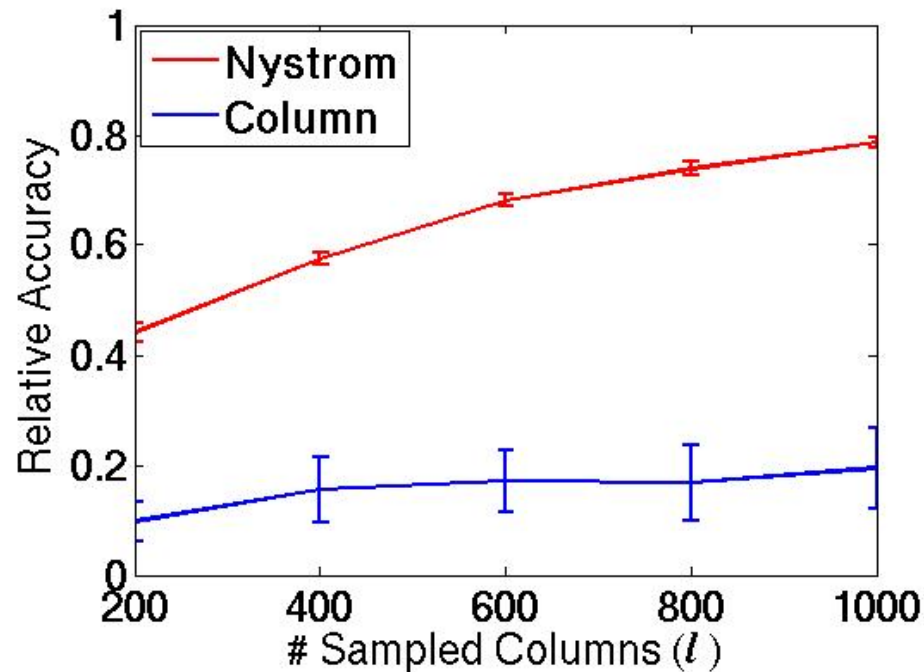
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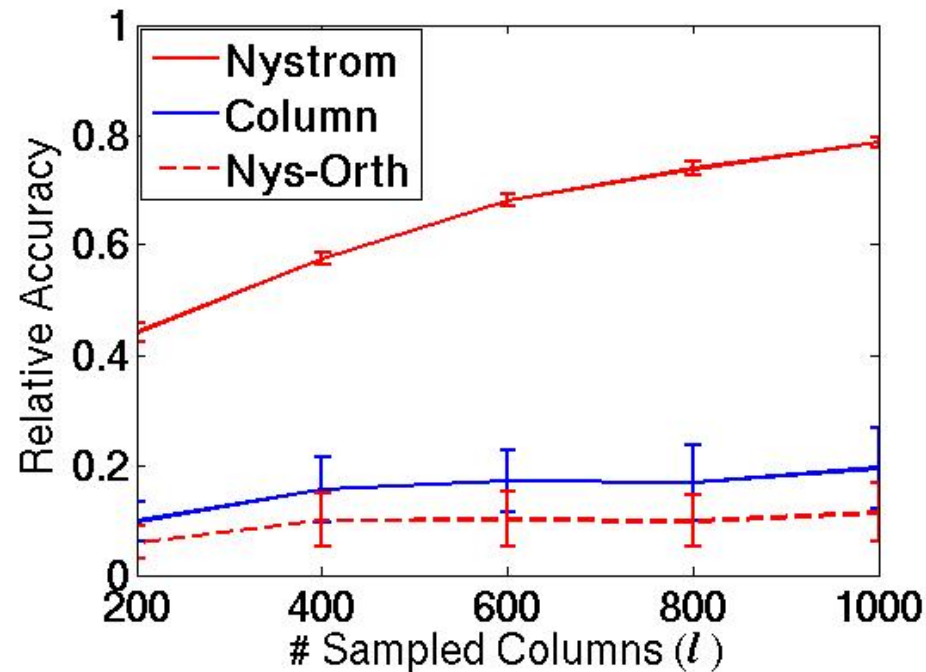
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How about orthonormalized Nystrom eigenvectors?

# Orthogonalized Nystrom

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Nystrom-orthogonal gives worse reconstruction than Nystrom !

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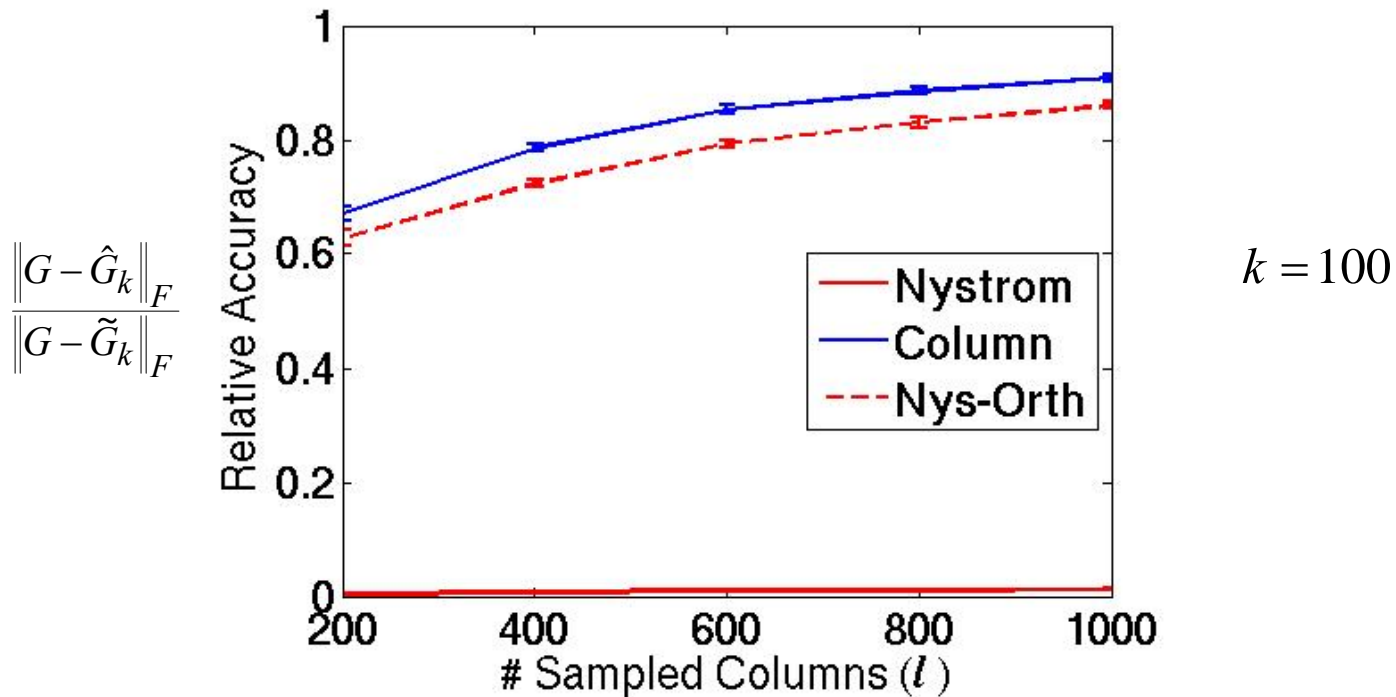
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If  $k = l$ , Col-Sampling and Nystrom-orthogonal give the same answer !

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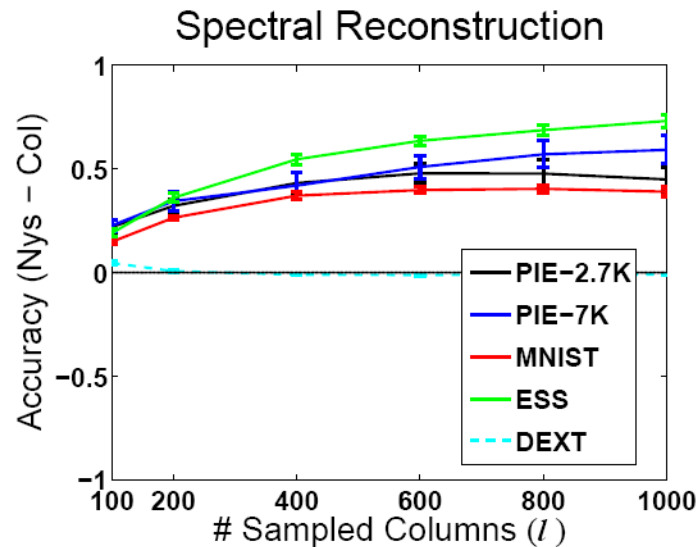
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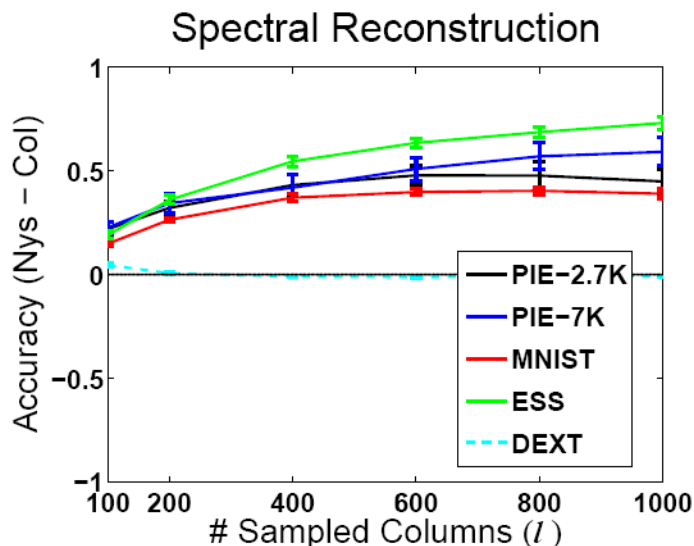
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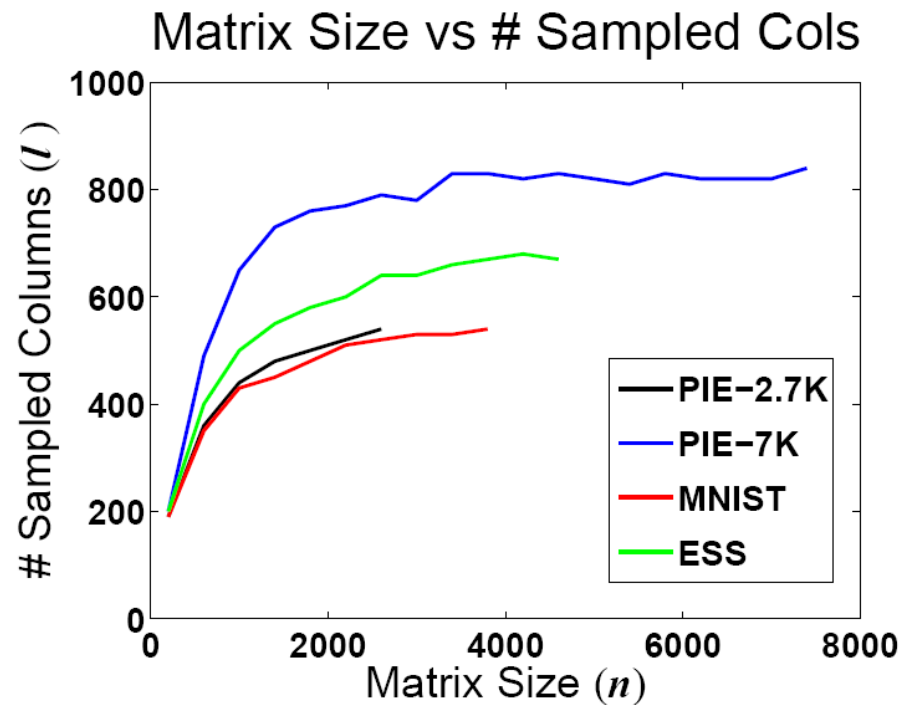


**Theorem:** Suppose,  $r = \text{rank}(G) = \text{rank}(W)$ ,  $r \leq k \leq l$ , then Nystrom approximation gives **exact** Spectral Reconstruction. In contrast, Col-sampling gives the same result iff it reduces to Nystrom form, i.e.,

$$W = ((l/n)C^T C)^{1/2}$$

# How many columns are needed?

Columns needed to get 75% relative accuracy



# Formal Statements

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Formal procedures for Nystrom and Col-sampling methods

Bounds on Errors

# Column-Sampling Method

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Output  $\tilde{U}_k$ ,  $\tilde{\Sigma}_k$

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Output  $\tilde{U}_k$ ,  $\tilde{\Sigma}_k$

For  $t = 1, \dots, l$

- Pick  $i_t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $P(i_t = k) = p_k$  independently, with replacement  
fixed non-uniform distribution
- Set  $C^{(t)} = A^{(i_t)} / \sqrt{l p_{i_t}}$

Compute  $C^T C$  and decompose  $C^T C = V_c^T \Sigma_c^2 V_c$

Return  $\tilde{\Sigma}_k = \Sigma_{c,k}$  and  $\tilde{U}_k = U_{c,k} = C V_{c,k} \Sigma_{c,k}^{-1}$



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– Set  $C = [G^{(i)} / \sqrt{l p_i}]$

– Select corresponding rows of  $C$  and form  $W$  such that each entry is

$$W_{ij} = G_{ij} / l \sqrt{p_i p_j} \quad i, j \in I$$

Return  $\tilde{G}_k = C W_k^{-1} C^T$

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If  $p_i = G_{ii}^2 / \sum_i G_{ii}^2$ ,  $\eta = 1 + \sqrt{8 \log(1/\delta)}$  and  $l \geq 64k\eta^2 / \varepsilon^4$

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# Sampling Techniques

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## Fixed-Distribution Sampling methods

- Pick the columns randomly with equal probability
- Pick the columns proportional to their  $L_2$  norm
- Pick the columns proportional to their diagonal entries

## Advantages

- Uniform sampling – **very fast** (constant time and space) and has been shown to work well in practice
- Data-dependent methods also provide fast sampling

## Disadvantages

- $L_2$ -norm based methods need one pass through the **entire matrix**
- **Expensive** for large scale applications since each entry of the matrix is to be reconstructed  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

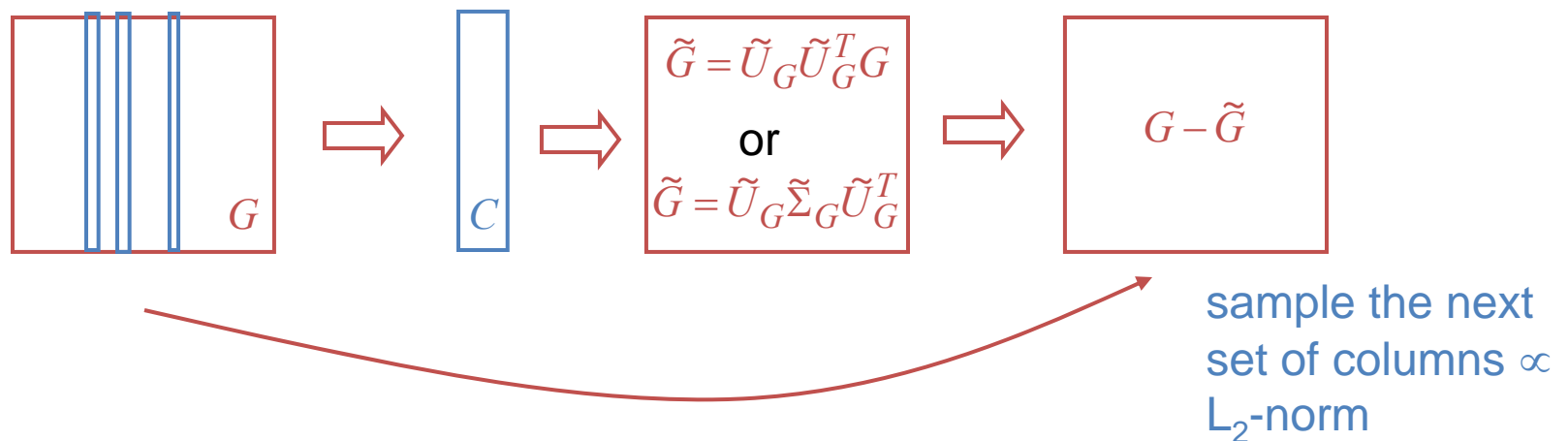


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## Tighter Error Bound

$$l \geq kt / \varepsilon$$

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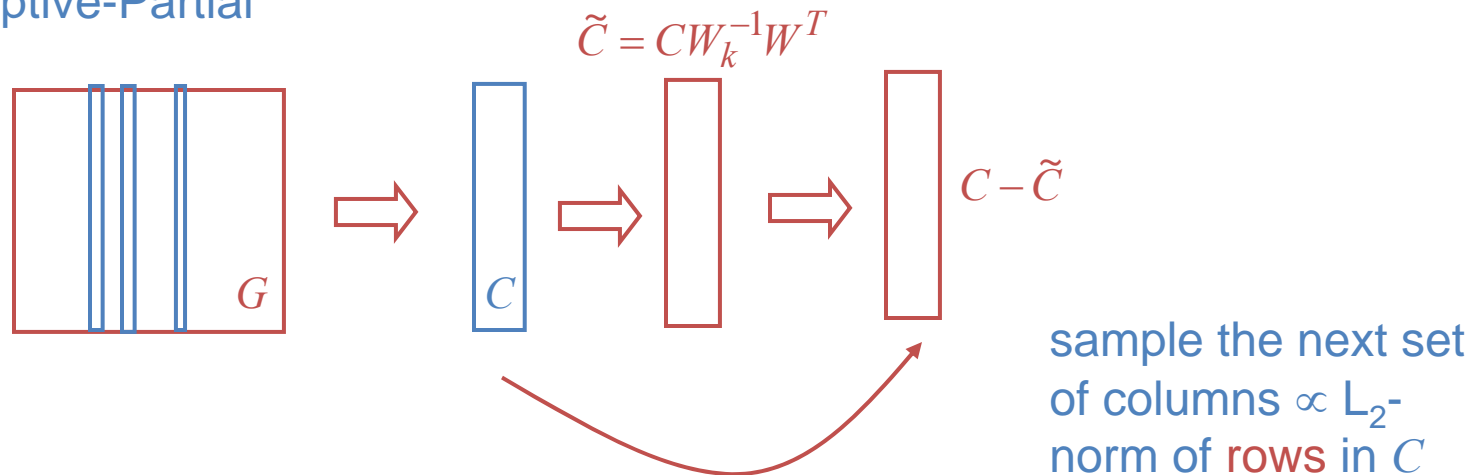
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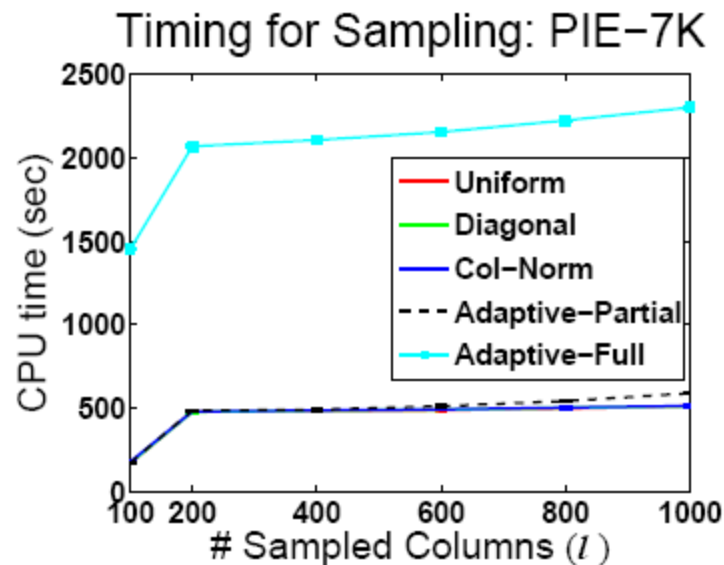
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# Experiments - Sampling Methods

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	PIE-7K	57.5 ( $\pm 1.1$ )	50.8 ( $\pm 1.9$ )	56.8 ( $\pm 1.6$ )	62.8 ( $\pm 0.9$ )	<b>64.3 (<math>\pm 0.7</math>)</b>
	MNIST	67.4 ( $\pm 0.7$ )	67.4 ( $\pm 0.4$ )	65.3 ( $\pm 0.5$ )	<b>69.3 (<math>\pm 0.7</math>)</b>	69.2 ( $\pm 0.7$ )
	ESS	61.0 ( $\pm 1.7$ )	61.5 ( $\pm 1.5$ )	57.5 ( $\pm 1.9$ )	<b>65.0 (<math>\pm 1.0</math>)</b>	63.9 ( $\pm 0.9$ )
800	PIE-2.7K	84.1 ( $\pm 0.5$ )	77.8 ( $\pm 0.6$ )	73.9 ( $\pm 1.0$ )	86.5 ( $\pm 0.4$ )	<b>87.7 (<math>\pm 0.4</math>)</b>
	PIE-7K	73.8 ( $\pm 1.2$ )	64.9 ( $\pm 1.8$ )	71.8 ( $\pm 3.0$ )	<b>78.5 (<math>\pm 0.5</math>)</b>	74.1 ( $\pm 0.6$ )
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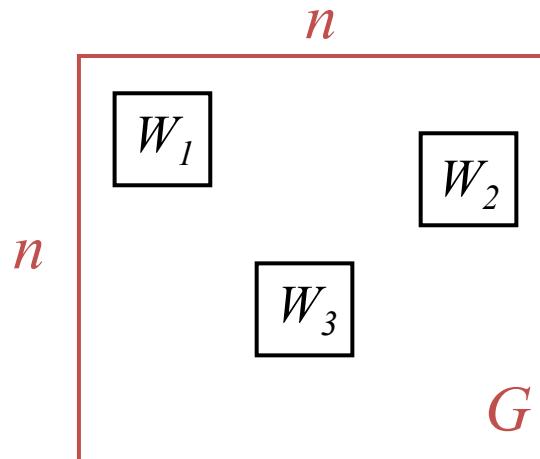
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So far...

- Nytrrom Method picks a single square (usually non-contiguous) matrix from  $A$



- Can we pick more such blocks and combine results to get better accuracy?
  - If yes, how to combine the results ?
  - Computational cost ?

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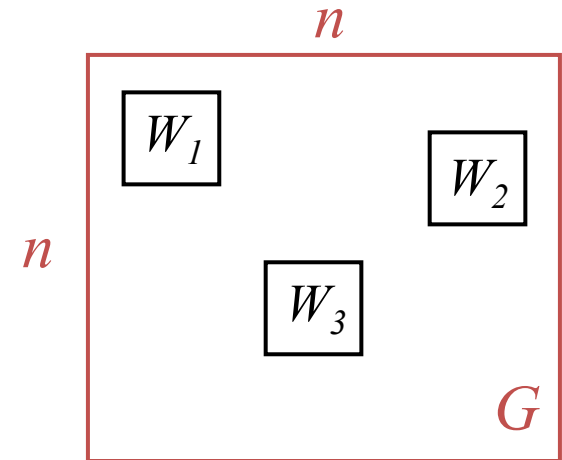
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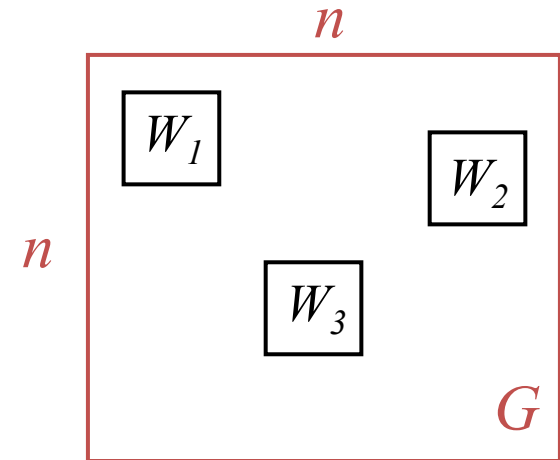
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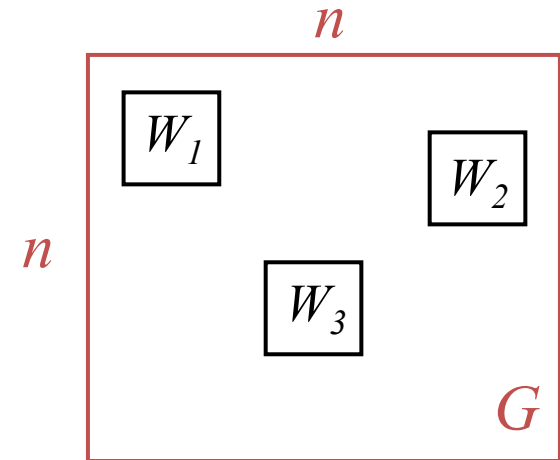
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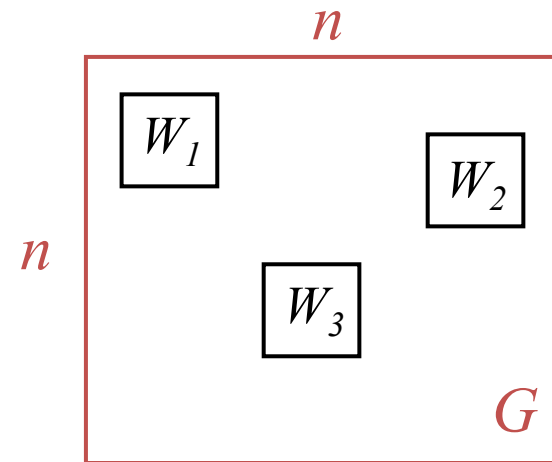
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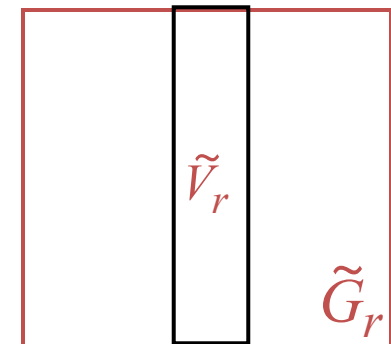
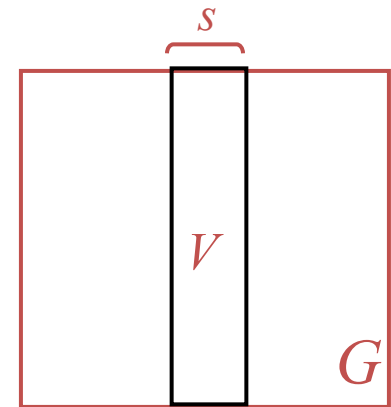
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- Learn using “training data”
- Sample  $s$  columns separate from previous  $lp$  columns, and measure error in reconstructing those by each “expert” in ensemble

# Learning of Mixture Weights

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Error in reconstruction for an expert

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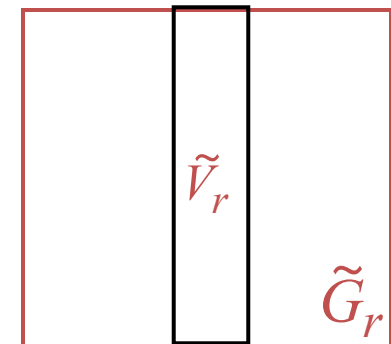
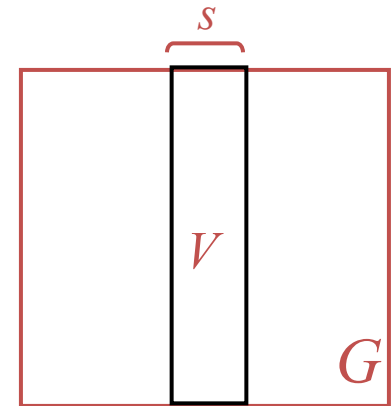
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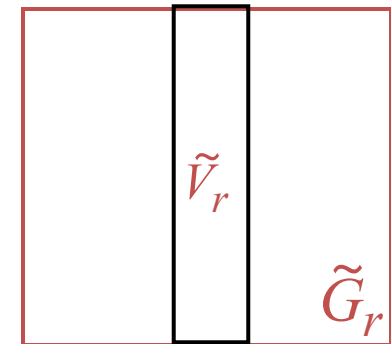
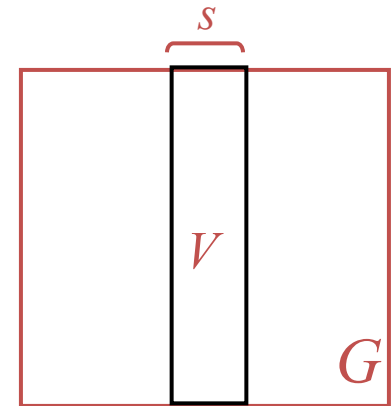
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Linear (Ridge) Regression

- Try to find weights that best reconstruct  $V$

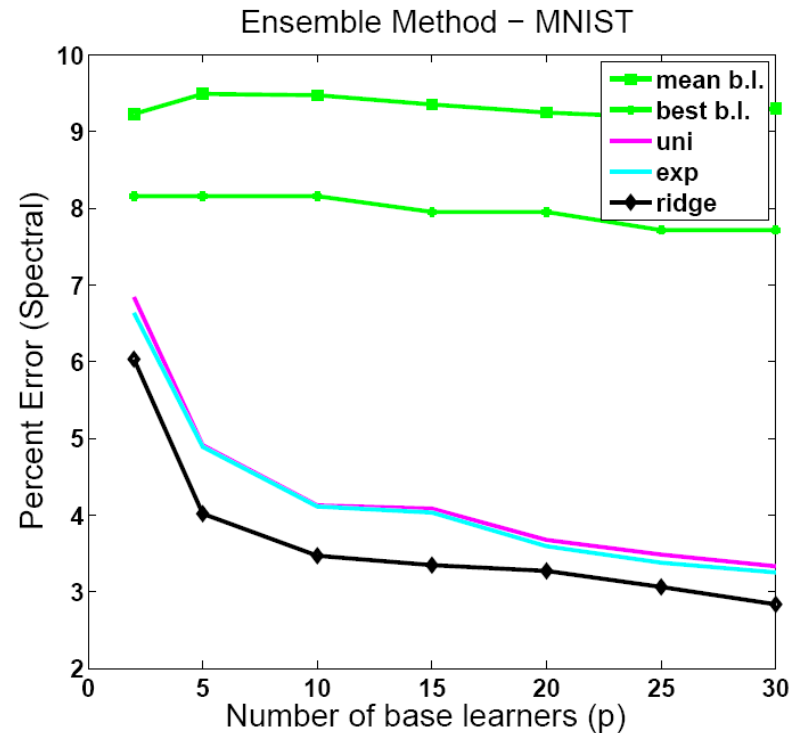
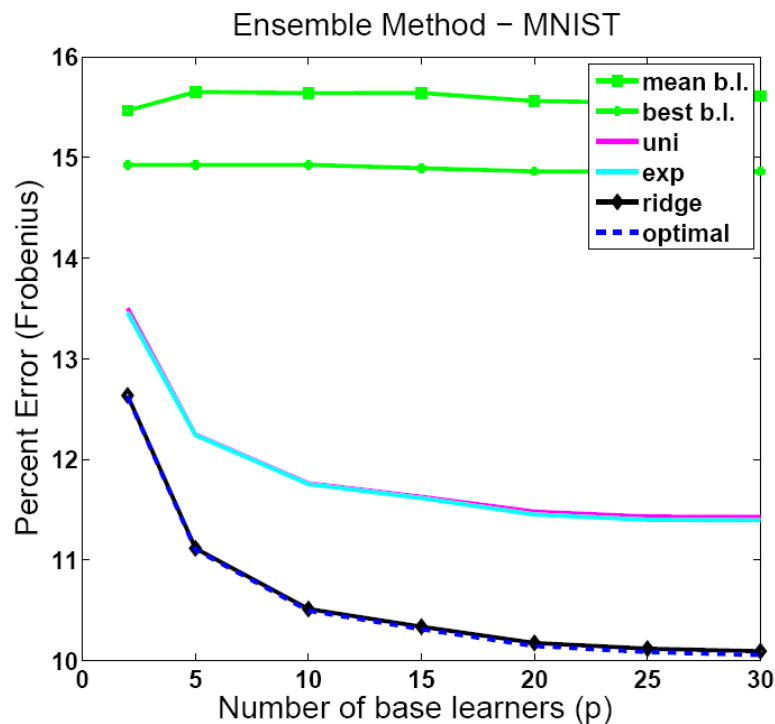
$$\mu = [\mu_1, \dots, \mu_p]^T$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \arg \min_{\mu} \left( \left\| \sum_r \mu_r \tilde{V}_r - V \right\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mu\|_2^2 \right)$$



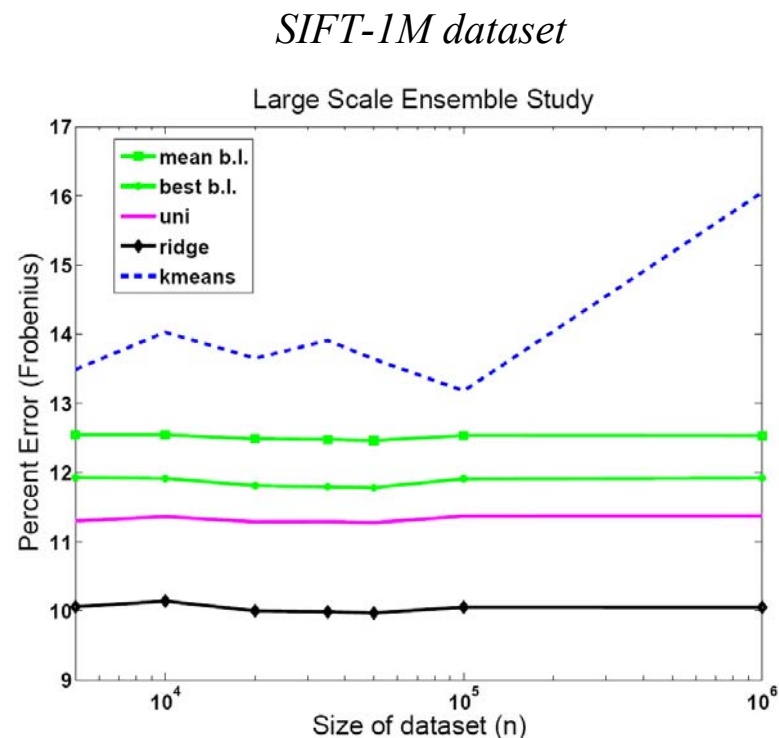
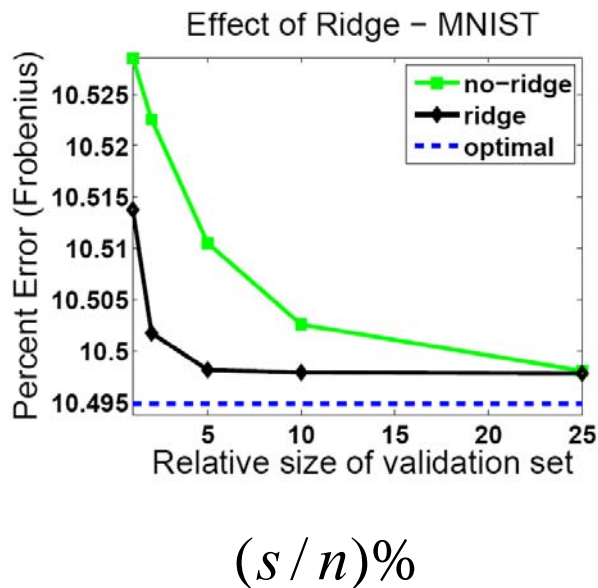
# Examples

- MNIST dataset:  $n = 4000$ ,  $s = 20$ ,  $k = 50$
- Optimal weights: linear regression with  $s = n$



# Examples

- How important is ridge penalty?
- Large-scale comparison



Fixed-time experiment  
 $k = 50, p = 10, s = 2$

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