

Fast and Space Efficient NLA, Compressed Sensing

Lecture 24

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Some topics today

We have seen fast “approximation” algorithms for matrix multiplication

- random sampling
- Using JL

Today:

- Subspace embeddings for faster linear least squares and low-rank approximation
- Frequent directions algorithms for one/two pass approximate SVD
- Compressed Sensing

Subspace Embedding

Question: Suppose we have linear subspace E of \mathbb{R}^n of dimension d . Can we find a projection $\Pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ such that for every $x \in E$, $\|\Pi x\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon)\|x\|_2$?

- Not possible if $k < d$.
- Possible if $k = d$. Pick Π to be an orthonormal basis for E .
Disadvantage: This requires knowing E and computing orthonormal basis which is slow.

What we really want: *Oblivious* subspace embedding ala JL based on random projections

Oblivious Subspace Embedding

Theorem

Suppose E is a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^n of dimension d . Let Π be a DJL matrix $\Pi \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ with $k = O\left(\frac{d}{\epsilon^2} \log(1/\delta)\right)$ rows. Then with probability $(1 - \delta)$ for every $x \in E$,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \Pi x \right\|_2 = (1 \pm \epsilon) \|x\|_2.$$

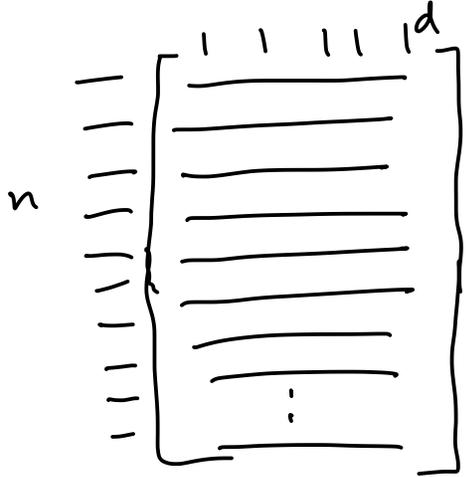
In other words JL Lemma extends from one dimension to arbitrary number of dimensions in a graceful way.

$$k = \frac{d \ln(1/\delta)}{\epsilon^2} \approx \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] \Pi$$

\mathbb{R}^n

Part I

Faster algorithms via subspace embeddings



A

$$\underline{\underline{n \times d}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{n \gg d}}$$

To reduce

$$n \approx \textcircled{d}$$

Linear least squares/Regression

Linear least squares: Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^d$ find x to minimize $\|Ax - b\|_2$.

Interesting when $n \gg d$ the over constrained case when there is no solution to $Ax = b$ and want to find best fit.

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Closest vector to b is the projection of b into the column space of A so it is “obvious” geometrically. How do we find it?

$$\begin{matrix} & & A & & \\ & & d & & \\ n & \left[\begin{array}{c} | \\ \bar{a}_1 \\ | \\ \bar{a}_2 \\ | \\ \dots \\ | \\ \bar{a}_d \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \bar{x} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] & = & \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ b \\ \\ \end{array} \right]
 \end{matrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\|Ax - b\|_2^2}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{n \gg d}}$$

$$n \approx \underline{\underline{d}}$$

$$Ax = \underline{\underline{x_1 \bar{a}_1 + x_2 \bar{a}_2 + \dots + x_d \bar{a}_d}}$$

project b into subspace of \mathbb{R}^n
 spanned by $\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_d$

$$\underline{\underline{nd^2}}$$

$$d^3 + \underline{\underline{nz(A)}}$$

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Linear least squares via Subspace embeddings

Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d be the columns of A and let E be the subspace spanned by $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d, b\}$

E has dimension at most $d + 1$.

Use subspace embedding on E . Applying JL matrix Π with $k = O(\frac{d}{\epsilon^2})$ rows we reduce a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d, b to $a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_d, b'$ which are vectors in \mathbb{R}^k .

Solve $\min_{x' \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|A'x' - b'\|_2$

$$k \begin{bmatrix} \Pi A \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} d \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

Low-rank approximation

Recall: Given $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and integer k want to find best rank matrix B to minimize $\|A - B\|_F$

- SVD gives optimum for all k . If $A = UDV^T = \sum_{i=1}^d \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$ then $A_k = \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$ is optimum for every k .
- $\|A - A_k\|_F^2 = \sum_{i>k} \sigma_i^2$.
- v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k are k orthogonal unit vectors from \mathbb{R}^d and maximize the sum of squares of the projection of the **rows** of A onto the space spanned by them
- u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are k orthogonal unit vectors from \mathbb{R}^n that maximize the sum of squares of the projections of the **columns** of A onto the space spanned

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

$$[\quad]$$

want to find a low rank matrix B
to approx A .

$$\min_{B, \text{rank}(B)=k} \|A - B\|_F$$

SVD: $A = U D U^T$

$$U^T \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{v}_1- \\ -\bar{v}_2- \\ \vdots \\ -\bar{v}_d- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_d \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

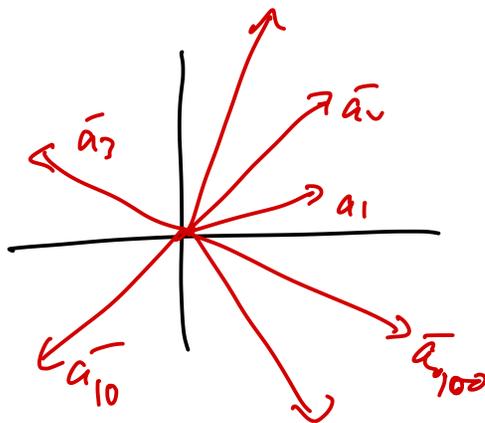
$$A \times \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_n \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \sigma_2 & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & \sigma_d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{bmatrix}$$

what are $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_d$

A

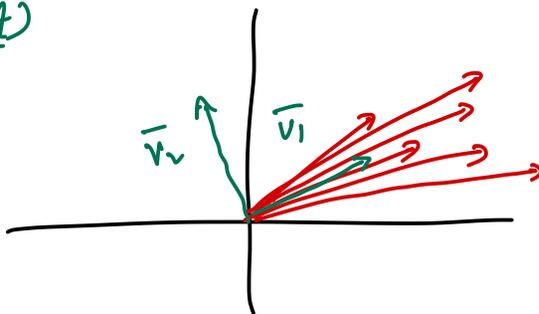
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(k)

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$$\bar{v}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle a_i, \bar{v} \rangle^2 = \sigma_1^2$$

$\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_k$

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Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d be the columns of A and let E be subspace spanned by them. $\dim(E) \leq d$ obviously.

Wlog $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k \in E$. Why?

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\bar{u}_1 is direction

that maximizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \langle a_i, \bar{u} \rangle^2$$

Let E be sup space spanned by
 $\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_d \quad d \leq n$

$$\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \dots, \bar{u}_d \in E$$

Use supspace embedding to

$$\text{map } \bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, \dots, \bar{a}_d \text{ to } a_1', \dots, a_d' \\ \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$k = d \left(\frac{d}{\epsilon^2} \ln \frac{1}{\delta} \right).$$

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Let Π be an ϵ -approximate subspace preserving embedding for E

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Hand-drawn diagram illustrating the matrix approximation process. A matrix A is shown with dimensions n by d . A submatrix A_k of size k by k is highlighted. The matrix is decomposed into a product of a matrix with k columns and a matrix with k rows. The matrix with k columns is labeled with the expression $k = \frac{d}{\epsilon^2 \ln \frac{1}{\delta}}$. The matrix with k rows is labeled with the expression ΠA .

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Running Time

- \mathbf{A} has d columns in \mathbb{R}^n and $\mathbf{\Pi A}$ has d columns in \mathbb{R}^k where $k = O(\frac{d}{\epsilon^2} \ln(1/\delta))$. Hence dimensionality reduction from n to k and one can run SVD on $\mathbf{\Pi A}$.
- $\mathbf{\Pi A}$ can be computed fast in time roughly proportional to $nnz(\mathbf{A})$ (number of non-zeroes of \mathbf{A}).

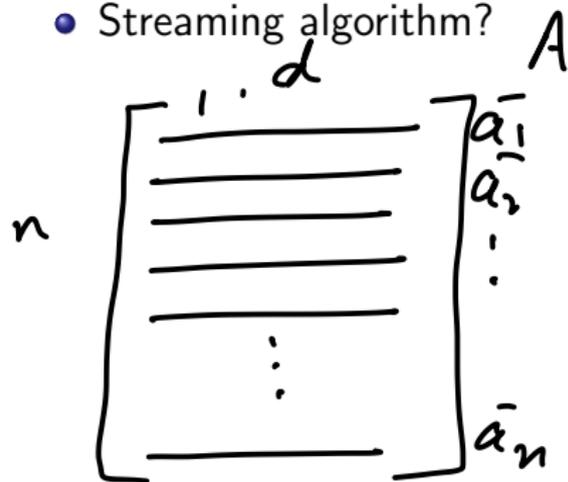
Part II

Frequent Directions Algorithm

Low-rank approximation

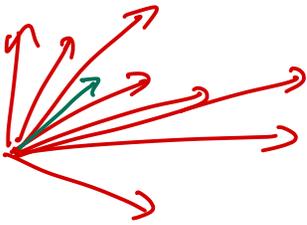
Faster low-rank approximation algorithms based on randomized algorithm: sampling and subspace embeddings

- Can we find a deterministic algorithm?
- Streaming algorithm?

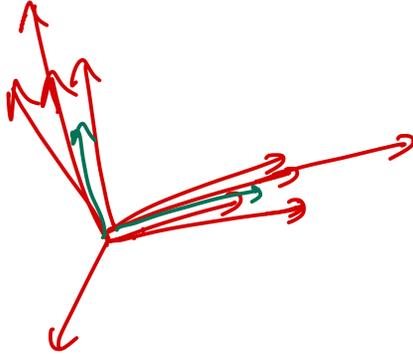


want to
compute low
rank approx
of A .

(K)



Need space
to store
 k vectors
 $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$
 $\in \mathbb{R}^d$.



Low-rank approximation and SVD

Given matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and (small) integer k

Row view of SVD: $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k$ are k orthogonal unit vectors from \mathbb{R}^d that maximize the sum of squares of the projections of the rows \mathbf{A} onto the space spanned

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Consider matrix $\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T$ whose rows are $\sigma_1 \mathbf{v}_1, \sigma_2 \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \sigma_k \mathbf{v}_k$.

$$\|\mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{V}_k^T\|_F^2 = \sum_{j=1}^k \sigma_j^2 = \|\mathbf{A}_k\|_F^2$$

Frequent Directions Algorithm

[Liberty] and analyzed for relative error guarantee by
[Ghashami-Phillips]

Liberty inspired by Misra-Greis frequent items algorithm.

Rows of A come one by one

Algorithm maintains a matrix $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times d}$ where $\ell = k(1 + 1/\epsilon)$.
Hence memory is $O(kd/\epsilon)$

At end of algorithm let Q_k be best rank k -approximation for Q .
Then $\|A - \text{Proj}_{Q_k}(A)\|_F \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|A - A_k\|_F$.

Thus a $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximate k -dimensional subspace for rows of A
be identified by storing $O(k/\epsilon)$ rows.

Misra-Gries algorithm

Stream a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n of items
and given k . want to find the
 k heavy hitters. $\geq \frac{n}{k}$

Maintain k counters
and k items in a data structure.

1, 2, 10, 10, 1, 1, 10, 5, 1, 10, 5, 2, 3, ..

$k=2$

C_1 10, 1

C_2 2

FD Algorithm

Frequent-Directions

Initialize Q^0 as an all zeroes $\ell \times d$ matrix

For each row $a_i \in A$ do

Set $Q_+ \leftarrow Q^{i-1}$ with last row replaced by a_i

Compute SVD of Q_+ as UDV^T

$C^i = DV^T$ (for analysis)

$\delta_i = \sigma_\ell^2$ (for analysis)

$D' = \text{diag}(\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 - \delta_i}, \sqrt{\sigma_2^2 - \delta_i}, \dots, \sqrt{\sigma_{\ell-1}^2 - \delta_i}, 0)$

$Q^i = D'V^T =$

EndFor

Return $Q = Q^n$

If $\ell = \lceil k(1 + 1/\epsilon) \rceil$ and Q_k is the rank k approximation to output Q then

$$\|A - \text{Proj}_{Q_k}(A)\|_F \leq (1 + \epsilon)\|A - A_k\|_F$$

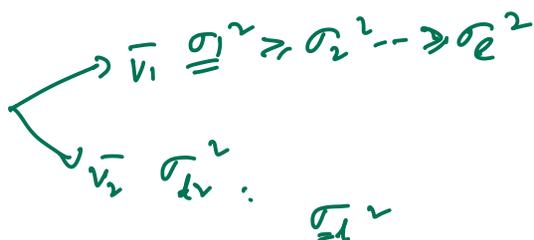
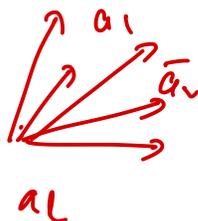
$\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n$

$l = k(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon})$

$Q \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & a_1 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & a_2 & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & \vdots & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & a_l & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{a_{l+1}}}$

Computes SVD of Q .

$\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_l$
 $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_l^2$



$\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_l^2} \bar{v}_1$
 $\sqrt{\sigma_2^2 - \sigma_l^2} \bar{v}_2$
 \vdots
 $\sqrt{\sigma_{l-1}^2 - \sigma_l^2} \bar{v}_{l-1}$

$Q' \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_l^2} & \bar{v}_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \bar{v}_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{v}_l \end{bmatrix}$

$d = \frac{k}{\epsilon} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & d \\ \text{---} & \\ \text{---} & \\ \text{---} & \\ \text{---} & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} k \\ (1+\epsilon)^n \end{matrix}$

$\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & v_1 & \sqrt{\sigma_l^2 - \sigma_{l-1}^2} \\ \text{---} & v_2 & \text{---} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{---} & v_{l-1} & \text{---} \\ \text{---} & a_{l+1} & \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$

(m)

A =

n



$k \ll d$.

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$$\frac{k d}{\epsilon}$$

(1+ε)

$A^T A$

n elements a_1, \dots, a_n — a_1 — f_1
 vector space — a_2 — f_2
 — \vdots — \vdots
 k elements v_1, \dots, v_k — a_n — f_n .

that max

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \langle a, v_i \rangle^2$$

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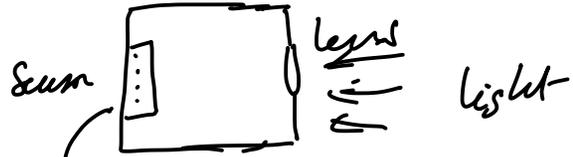
Running time

- One pass algorithm but requires second pass to compute actual singular values etc
- Space $O(kd/\epsilon)$
- Run time: n computations of SVD on $k/\epsilon \times d$ matrix. Can be improved (see home work problem).

Interesting even when $k = 1$. Alternative to power method to find top singular value/vector. Deterministic.

Part III

Compressed Sensing



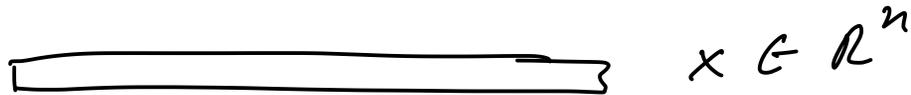
store the sensed signal.

↓ compressed.

\bar{x} is a high dim signal
 $\in \mathbb{R}^n$

Compressed signal $\bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ for some
 $k \ll n$

actual signal is space in a higher
 dimensional space.



y is k -space.

Sparse recovery

Recall:

- Vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and integer k
- x updated in streaming setting one coordinate at a time (can be positive or negative changes)
- Want to find best k -sparse vector \tilde{x} that approximates x .
 $\min_{y, \|y\|_0 \leq k} \|y - x\|_2$. Optimum solution is clear: take y to be the largest k coordinates of x in absolute value.
- Using Count-Sketch: $O\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon^2} \text{polylog}(n)\right)$ space one can find k -sparse z such that $\|z - x\|_2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|y^* - x\|_2$ with high probability.
- Count-Sketch can be seen as Πx for some $\Pi \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ where $m = O\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon^2} \text{polylog}(n)\right)$.

Compressed Sensing

Compressed sensing: we want to create projection matrix Π such that for any x we can create from Πx a good k -sparse approximation to x

Doable! With Π that has $O(k \log(n/k))$ rows. Creating Π requires randomization but once found it can be used. Called RIP matrices. First due to Candes, Romberg, Tao and Donoho. Lot of work in signal processing and algorithms.

$$m = \underline{k \log n}$$

$\Pi \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$m \approx \frac{k}{\epsilon^2}$

Compressed Sensing

Theorem (Candes-Romberg-Tao, Donoho)

For every n, k there is a matrix $\Pi \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with $m = O(k \log(n/k))$ and a polytime algorithm such that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the algorithm given Πx outputs a k -sparse vector \tilde{x} such that $\|\tilde{x} - x\|_2 \leq O(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}) \|x_{\text{tail}(k)}\|_1$. In particular it recovers x exactly if it is k -sparse.

Matrix that satisfies above property are called RIP matrices
(restricted isometry property)

Closely connected to JL matrices

$$y = \Pi x \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$\|\tilde{x} - x\|_2 \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \|x_{\text{tail}(k)}\|_1$$

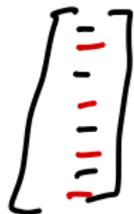
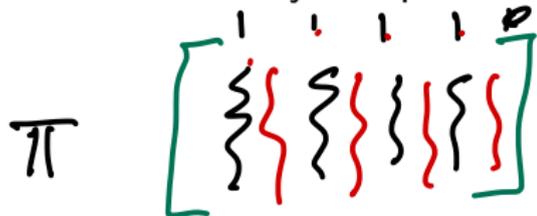
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Sufficient information theoretically. Computationally?

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Guaranteed to recover x by uniqueness but NP-Hard!

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which is a linear/convex programming problem and hence can be solved in polynomial-time.

If Π satisfies additional properties then one can show that above recovers x .

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Equivalent, whenever $|S| \leq k$ we have

$$\|\Pi_S^T \Pi_S - I_k\|_2 \leq \epsilon$$



which is equivalent to saying that if σ_1 and σ_k are the largest and smallest singular value of Π_S then $\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_k^2} \leq \underline{\underline{(1 + \epsilon)}}$

Π_S

Every k columns of Π are approximately orthonormal.

Recovery theorem

Suppose Π is $(\epsilon, 2k)$ -RIP with $\epsilon < \sqrt{2} - 1$ and let \tilde{x} be optimum solution to the following LP

$$\min \|z\|_1 \quad \text{such that} \quad \Pi z = \Pi x$$

Then $\|\tilde{x} - x\|_2 \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \|x_{\text{tail}(k)}\|_1$.

Called l_2/l_1 guarantee. Proof is somewhat similar to the one for sparse recovery with Count-Sketch.

More efficient “combinatorial” algorithms that avoid solving LP.

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Other techniques give $m = O(k^2/\epsilon^2)$.