









**Seven Lemmas on  
Nonlinear Models for Matrix Completion  
You Won't Believe  
(Number Six Will Blow Your Mind!)**

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# Nonlinearities in recommender systems

						
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Low-rank matrix models predict Roummel's rating as a weighted sum of other users' ratings.

Nonlinear models can yield more accurate predictions of human preferences

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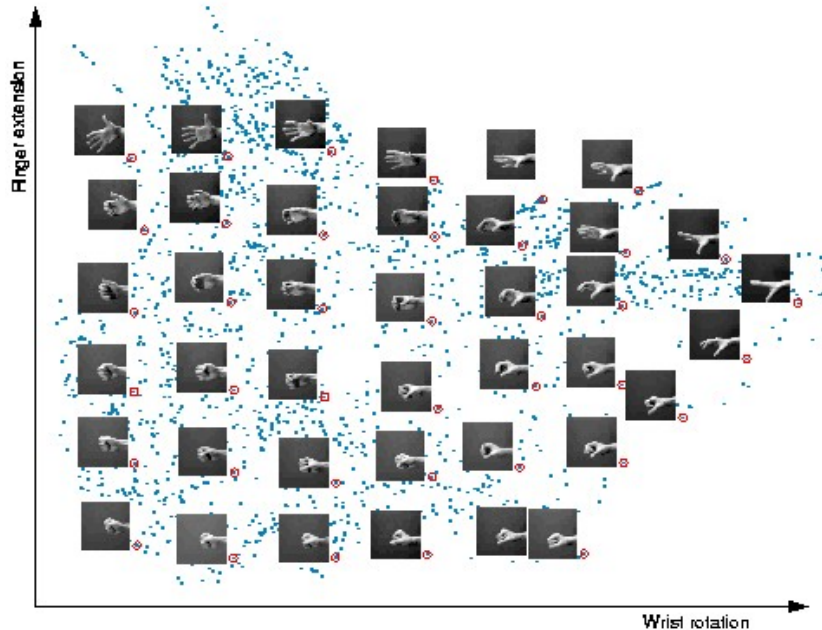
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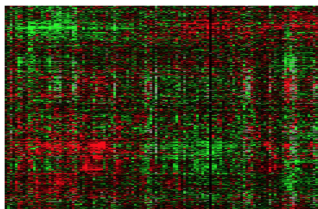
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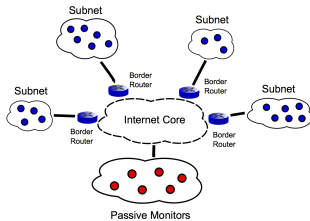
# Nonlinearities abound



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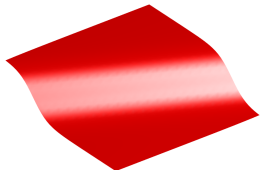
# Can we extend the successes of low-rank matrix completion to **non-linear** structures?

We currently lack a unified, systematic framework for learning nonlinear models with missing data

How much missing data can be tolerated?

Efficient optimization algorithms?

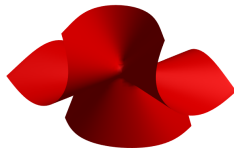
Today: Three nonlinear models



Single Index Models



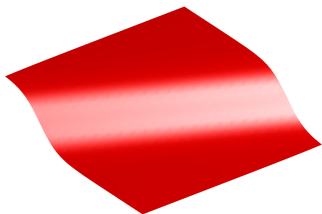
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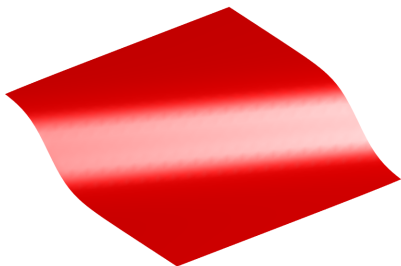


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# Single index models<sup>1</sup>



$$\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$$

is a latent low-rank matrix

$$\mathbf{X} = g(\mathbf{Z}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$$

is a monotonic nonlinear transformation

$$X_{i,j} = g(Z_{i,j})$$

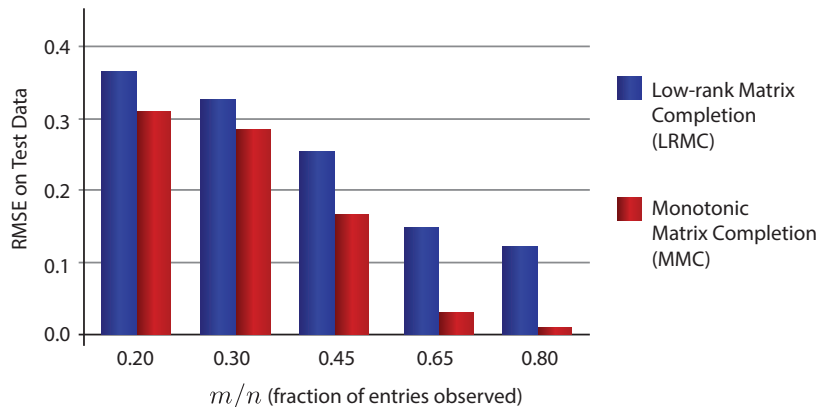
of each element of  $\mathbf{Z}$

$$(\hat{g}, \hat{\mathbf{Z}}) = \underset{\substack{(g \text{ monotonic,} \\ \mathbf{Z} \text{ rank-}r)}}{\text{arg min}} \quad \|\mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(X_0 - g(\mathbf{Z}))\|_F^2$$

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<sup>1</sup>[Ichimura, 1993, Horowitz and Härdle, 1996, Kalai and Sastry, 2009, Kakade et al., 2011, Ganti et al., 2015]

# Monotonic matrix completion in action (synthetic data)



$$n = 30, s = 20, r = 5, g(z) = (1 + e^{-z})^{-1}$$

## Monotonic matrix completion in action (real data)

Dataset	Dimensions	Effective rank	Low-rank matrix completion	Monotonic matrix completion
PaperReco	$3426 \times 50$	47	0.4026	0.2965
Jester-3	$24938 \times 100$	66	6.8728	5.2348
ML-100k	$1682 \times 943$	391	3.3101	1.1533
Cameraman	$1536 \times 512$	393	0.0754	0.06885

RMSE of different methods on real datasets.

Roughly 10% of the entries were observed in each case.

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**Challenge:** need more flexibility than single index models provide

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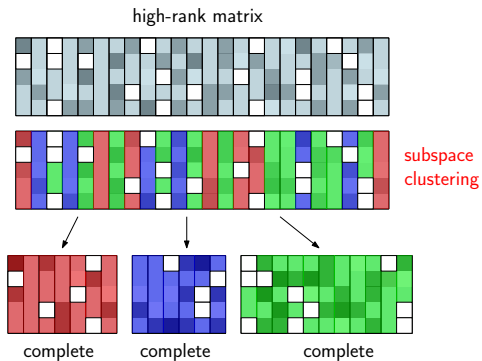
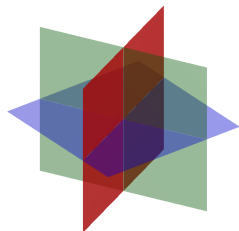


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# Unions of subspaces

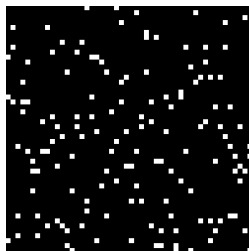




# Clustering followed by low-rank matrix completion <sup>3</sup>

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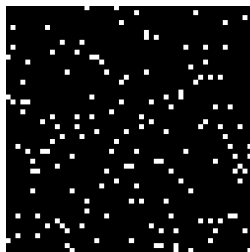
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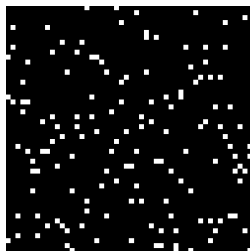
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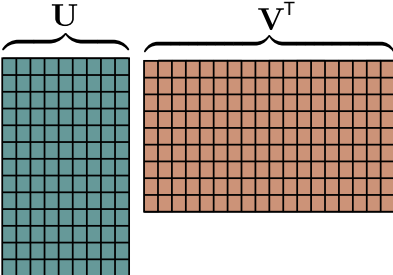
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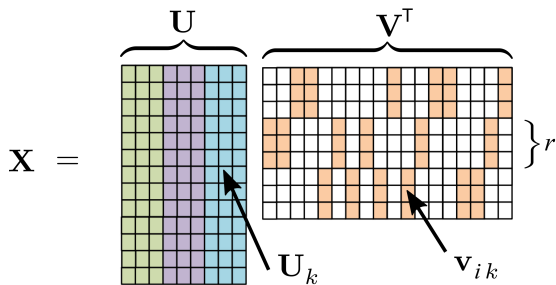
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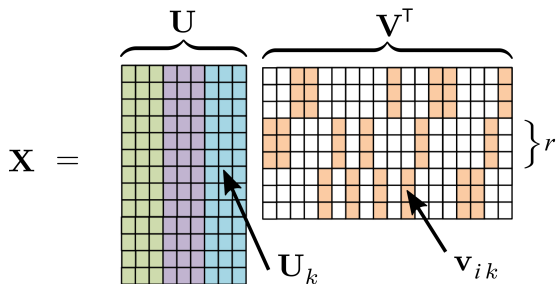
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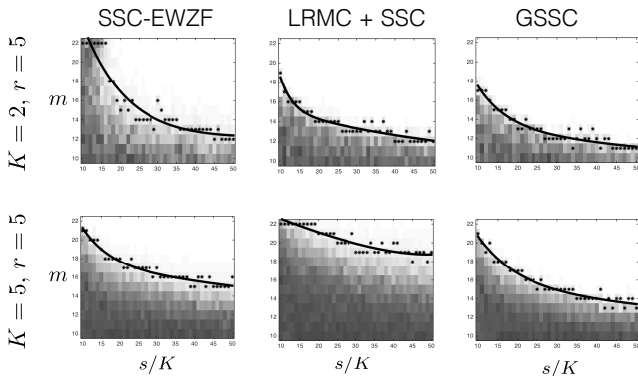


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**Lemma 2:** Accumulation point exists and is a critical point of the objective function.

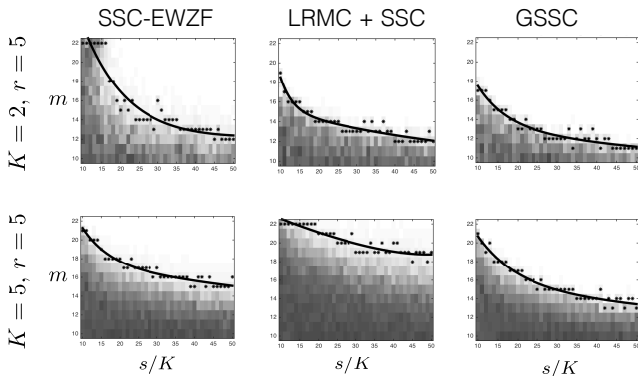
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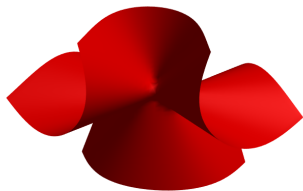


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# Matrix completion for algebraic varieties



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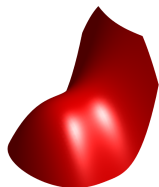
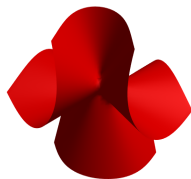
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# Algebraic Varieties

An **algebraic variety** is the solution set of a system of polynomial equations:

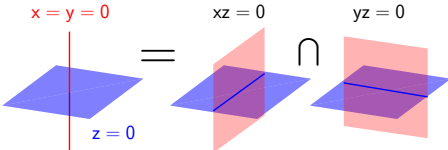
$$V = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : p_1(\mathbf{x}) = \dots = p_K(\mathbf{x}) = 0\}$$

for some polynomials  $p_1, \dots, p_K$  in variables  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .



# A union of subspaces is a variety<sup>5</sup>

Example: Union of line and plane

$$\begin{aligned}U &= \{z = 0\}, \\V &= \{x = 0, y = 0\}, \\U \cup V &= \underbrace{\{xz = 0, yz = 0\}}_{\text{system of quadratic eqns}}\end{aligned}$$


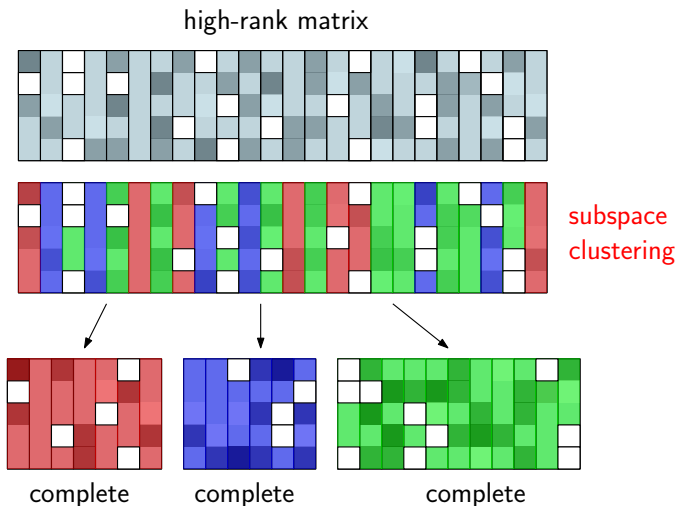
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**Lemma 3:** If  $U_1, \dots, U_K$  are subspaces, then

$$\cup_{k=1}^K U_k = \{x : \underbrace{\ell_1(x) \cdots \ell_K(x)}_{\text{product of linear forms}} = 0, \\ \ell_k \text{ linear, } \ell_k \text{ vanishes on } U_k\}$$

<sup>5</sup>Algebraic Subspace Clustering/Generalized PCA [Vidal et al., 2016]

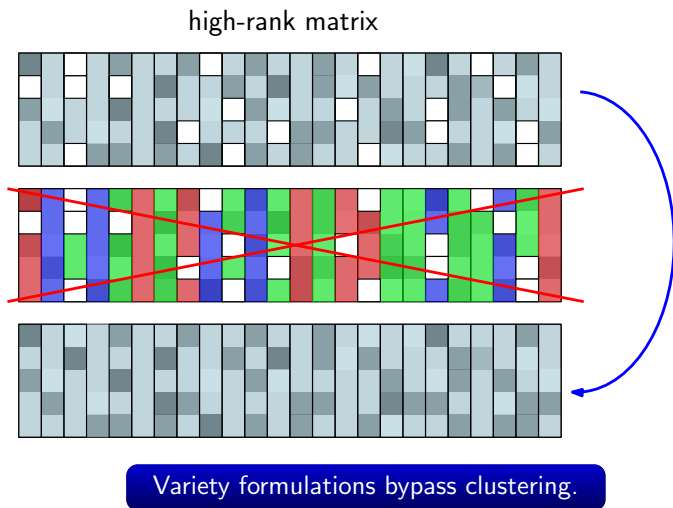
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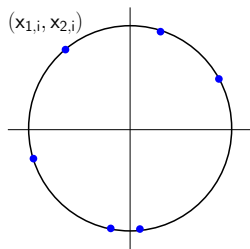
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- ▶ Map each point to all **monomials** with degree  $\leq 2$ :

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- ▶  $\mathbf{X}$  is full rank, but  $\mathbf{Y}$  is rank deficient:  
 $\mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{0}$  with  $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, \dots, c_5)^T \implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{Y}) \leq 5$ .

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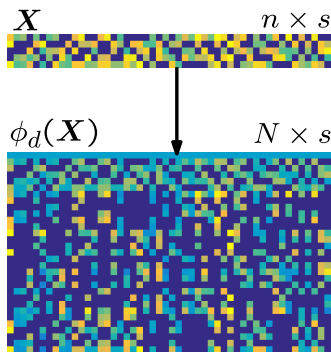
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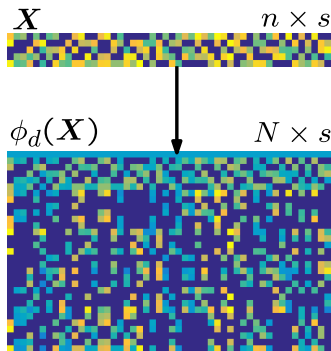
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**Lemma 4:**  $\phi_d(\mathbf{X})$  is rank deficient if and only if columns of  $\mathbf{X}$  lie on a variety generated by polynomials of degree  $\leq d$ :

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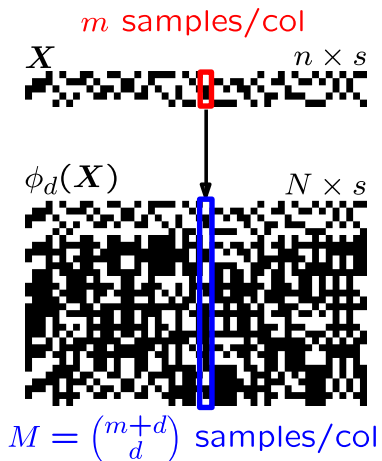


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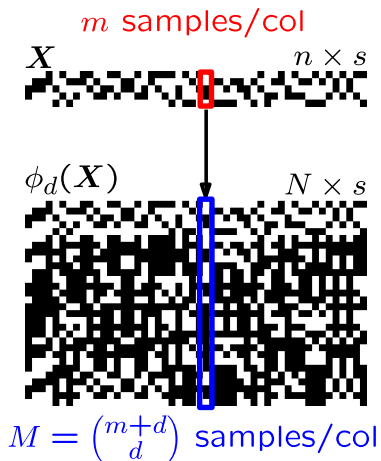
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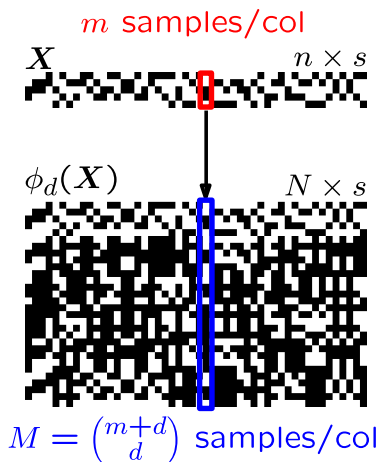


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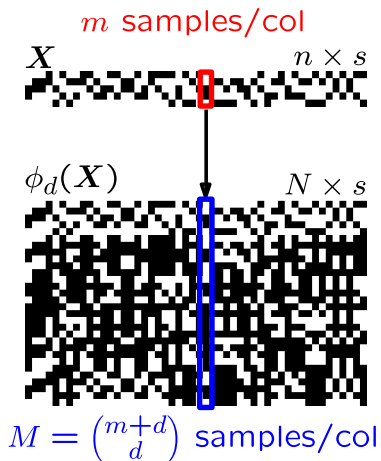


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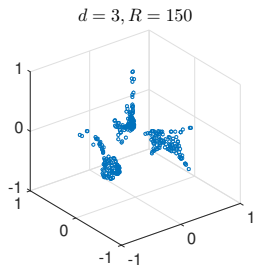
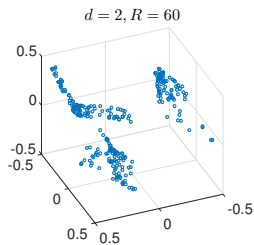
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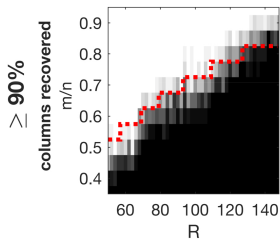
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# Phase transitions - Parametric Curves/Surfaces

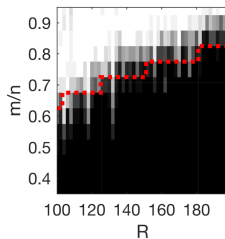
Example Datasets:



**VMC, d=2**



**VMC, d=3**



ambient dimension	$n = 20$
datapoints	$s = 300$
embedding space rank	$R$
samples per column	$m/n$



# Unions of Subspaces

Recall that a union of subspaces is a variety.

**Lemma 6:** If the columns of  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$  belong to a union of  $K$  subspaces, each with dimension at most  $r$ , then

$$R = \text{rank } \phi_d(\mathbf{X}) \leq K \binom{r+d}{d}.$$

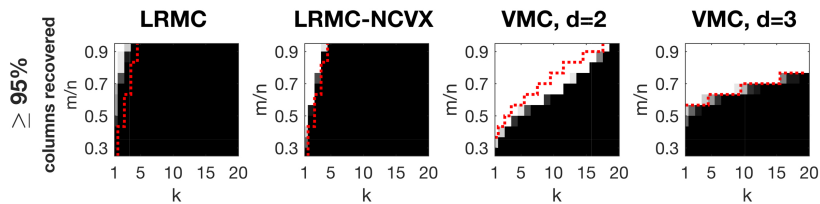
Then the minimal number of observed entries per column is

$$m \geq n \left( \frac{R}{N} \right)^{\frac{1}{d}} \approx K^{1/d} r$$

- ▶ To perform low-rank matrix completion in  $\mathbf{X}$ , we'd need  $m \approx Kr$
- ▶ Bigger  $d$  isn't always better, as we need  $s = O(Kr^d)$

# Phase transitions - Union of Subspaces

Predicted sampling rate:  $m/n = O(K^{1/d_r})$



Randomly generate UoS data:

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ambient dimension	$n = 15$
subspace dimension	$r = 3$
number of subspaces	$K = 1, \dots, 20$
samples per column	$m/n$

# Schatten- $p$ quasi-norm minimization

- ▶ Relaxed formulation:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \|\phi_d(\mathbf{X})\|_{\mathcal{S}_p}^p \text{ subject to } \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}_0)$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{S}_p}$  is the Schatten- $p$  quasi-norm defined as

$$\|\mathbf{Y}\|_{\mathcal{S}_p} := \left( \sum_i \sigma_i(\mathbf{Y})^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 0 < p \leq 1$$

with  $\sigma_i(\mathbf{Y})$  denoting the  $i^{\text{th}}$  singular value of  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

- ▶ For  $p = 1$  we recover the nuclear norm; for  $p < 1$  penalty is non-convex.
- ▶ We call this optimization formulation variety-based matrix completion (VMC).

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# IRLS for Variety Completion

## IRLS for low-rank matrix completion

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## IRLS for variety-based matrix completion

**while** not converged **do**

$$W \leftarrow (\phi_d(\mathbf{X})^T \phi_d(\mathbf{X}))^{\frac{p}{2}-1}$$

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Challenge: embedding space dimension  $N = \binom{n+d}{d} = O(n^d)$  is large.

## The Kernel Trick<sup>8</sup>

Efficiently compute inner-products with **polynomial kernel**:

$$k_d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \langle \phi_d(\mathbf{x}), \phi_d(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y} + 1)^d.$$

For matrices  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$ :

$$k_d(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) := \phi_d(\mathbf{X})^T \phi_d(\mathbf{Y}) = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{1})^{\odot d}$$

where  $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$  is the matrix of all ones and  $(\cdot)^{\odot d}$  denotes the entrywise  $d$ -th power of a matrix.

Substantially reduces working dimension:

$$k_d(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s} \text{ vs. } \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times s}.$$

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## Kernelized IRLS for variety-based matrix completion

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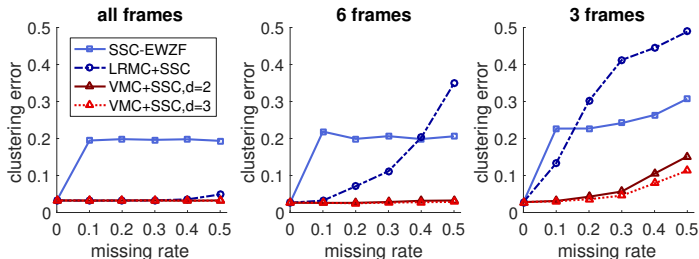
**Lemma 7:** Every limit point of the iterates generated by the kernelized IRLS algorithm is a stationary point of the  $\epsilon$ -smoothed Schatten- $p$  norm objective function

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \operatorname{tr}(k_d(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \epsilon \mathbf{I})^{\frac{p}{2}} \text{ s. t. } \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathcal{P}_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}_0)$$

# Subspace clustering with missing data

Bootstrap into a subspace clustering algorithm with missing data (VMC+SSC)

1. Fill in missing data with VMC
2. Sparse Subspace Clustering (SSC)<sup>9</sup>



Motion segmentation on Hopkins 155 dataset

<sup>9</sup>[Elhamifar and Vidal, 2009]

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- ▶ **Open questions:** Are convex formulations possible? Or stronger guarantees for non-convex formulations? Will Roummel like Wonder Woman?

# Thank you

More details:

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