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Byzantine and Heavy-tailed Distributed Robust Learning via Gaussian Approximation

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摘要:

This study addresses the challenge of designing a Byzantine-robust learning procedure with optimal convergence rates under a Byzantine gradient descent framework. In contrast to prior research focusing on coordinatewise aggregation, our method entails computing the local averages of the sample gradients on local machines and aggregating them via an algorithmic robust mean estimation strategy. Coupled with a consistent estimator of the covariance of gradients, we show that the proposed aggregator achieves a nearly optimal rate that can only be obtained for sub-Gaussian data in the non-distributed learning setting, only provided that the $(2 + \kappa)$ -th moment of gradients is bounded for some $\kappa > 0$. The effectiveness of our approach is validated through extensive simulations and real-data analyses, showcasing its advantages and robust performance across various scenarios.

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