

Computing the Best Rank— (r_1, r_2, r_3) Approximation of a Tensor

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Best rank- k approximation of a matrix

Assume $X_k^T X_k = I$ and $Y_k^T Y_k = I$

$$\min_{X_k, Y_k, S_k} \|A - X_k S_k Y_k^T\|_F =: \min_{X_k, Y_k, S_k} \|A - (X_k, Y_k) \cdot S_k\|_F$$

(Almost) equivalent problem:

$$\max_{X_k, Y_k} \|X_k^T A Y_k\|_F = \max_{X_k, Y_k} \|A \cdot (X_k, Y_k)\|_F$$

Solution by SVD: $X_k S_k Y_k^T = U_k \Sigma_k V_k^T = (U_k, V_k) \cdot \Sigma_k$

Eckart-Young property

Sketch of “proof”:

Determine u_1 and v_1 ($k = 1$)

Put u_1 and v_1 in orthogonal matrices $(u_1 \hat{U})$ and $(v_1 \hat{V})$

$$(u_1 \hat{U})^T A (v_1 \hat{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}$$

Optimality \implies zeros \implies deflation: continue with B

Orthogonality of vectors comes automatically

Number of degrees of freedom in U_k and V_k is equal to the number of zeros produced.

Best rank- (k, k, k) approximation of a tensor

Assume $X^T X = Y^T Y = Z^T Z = I_k$

$$\min_{X, Y, Z, \mathcal{S}} \|\mathcal{A} - (X, Y, Z) \cdot \mathcal{S}\|_F \quad \iff \quad \max_{X, Y, Z} \|\mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z)\|_F$$

Why is this problem much more complicated?

Not enough degrees of freedom in X, Y, Z to zero **many** ($O(k^3) + O(kn^2)$) elements in \mathcal{A}



Deflation is impossible in general



Orthogonality constraints must be enforced

Talk outline

- Some basic tensor concepts (For simplicity: only tensors of order 3)
- Best rank- (r_1, r_2, r_3) approximation problem
- Optimization on the Grassmann manifold
- Newton-Grassmann for solving the best rank- (r_1, r_2, r_3) approximation problem
- Numerical examples
- Ongoing work

“Old and New” Research Area

- Tensor methods have been used since the 1960's in psychometrics and chemometrics! Only recently in numerical community.
- Available mathematical theory deals very little with computational aspects. Many fundamental mathematical problems are open!
- Applications in signal processing and various areas of data mining.

Two aspects of SVD

Singular Value **Decomposition**: $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n} X = U \Sigma V^T$

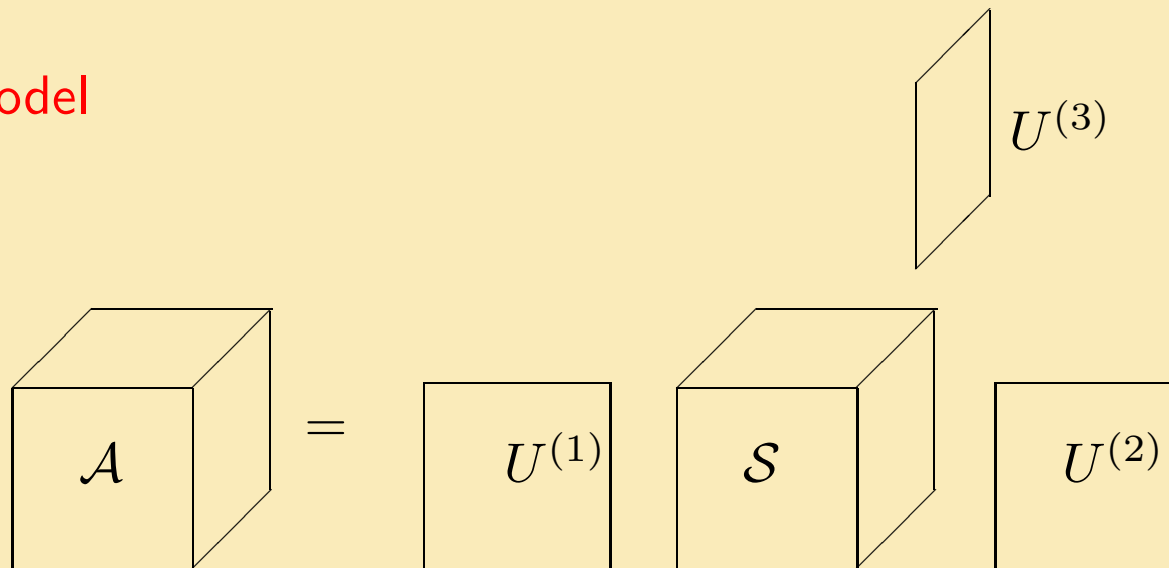
$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{X} \\ m \times n \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{U} \\ m \times m \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \diagdown \\ 0 \end{array}} \\ m \times n \end{array} \boxed{V^T}$$

Singular value **expansion**: sum of **rank-1 matrices**:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \begin{array}{|c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c} \text{---} \\ | \end{array} + \dots$$

Two approaches to tensor decomposition

Tucker Model



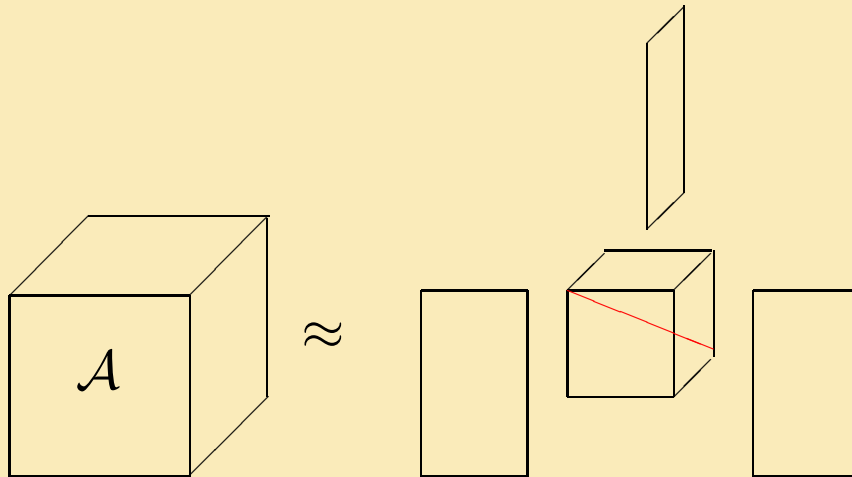
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- Tucker 1966, numerous papers in psychometrics and chemometrics
 - De Lathauwer, De Moor, Vandewalle, SIMAX 2000: notation, theory.

Expansion in rank-1 terms

The diagram shows a 3D cube labeled A on the left. To its right is an equals sign, followed by a series of terms: a rank-1 tensor symbol (a vertical line with a horizontal line and a diagonal line), a plus sign, another rank-1 tensor symbol, a plus sign, and an ellipsis (\dots). This represents the expansion of the tensor A into a sum of rank-1 tensors.

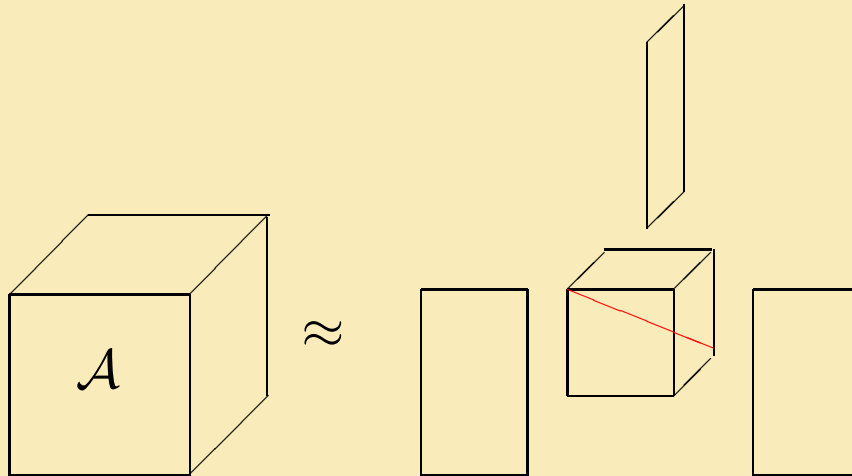
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- Parafac/Candecomp/Kruskal: Harshman, Carroll, Chang 1970
 - Numerous papers in psychometrics and chemometrics
 - Kolda, SIMAX 2001, Zhang, Golub, SIMAX 2001, De Silva and Lim 2006

Parafac/... model: low rank approximation



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Why is it difficult to obtain this?

Because we do not have enough degrees of freedom to zero the tensor elements: $O(k^2)$ and $O(k^3)$

The Parafac approximation problem may be ill-posed!¹

Theorem 1. *There are tensors \mathcal{A} for which the problem*

$$\min_{x_i, y_i, z_i} \|\mathcal{A} - x_1 \otimes y_1 \otimes z_1 - x_2 \otimes y_2 \otimes z_2\|_F$$

does not have a solution. The set of tensors for which the approximation problem does not have a solution has positive volume.

The problem is **illposed!** (in exact arithmetic)

A well-posed problem (in floating point) near to an ill-posed one is ill-conditioned: \implies unstable computations.

Still: **There are applications (e.g. in chemistry) where the Parafac model corresponds closely to the process that generates the tensor data.**

¹See De Silva and Lim (2006), Bini (1986)

Mode- I multiplication of a tensor by a matrix²

Contravariant multiplication

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n} \ni \mathcal{B} = (W)_{\{1\}} \cdot \mathcal{A}, \quad \mathcal{B}(i, j, k) = \sum_{\nu=1}^n w_{i\nu} a_{\nu j k}.$$

All column vectors in the 3-tensor are multiplied by the matrix W .

Covariant multiplication

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n} \ni \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (W)_{\{1\}}, \quad \mathcal{B}(i, j, k) = \sum_{\nu=1}^n a_{\nu j k} w_{\nu i}.$$

²Lim's notation

Matrix-tensor multiplication performed in all modes in the same expression:

$$(X, Y, Z) \cdot \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X^T, Y^T, Z^T)$$

Standard matrix multiplication of three matrices:

$$XAY^T = (X, Y) \cdot A$$

Inner product, orthogonality and norm

Inner product (contraction: $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

$$\langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \rangle = \sum_{i,j,k} a_{ijk} b_{ijk}$$

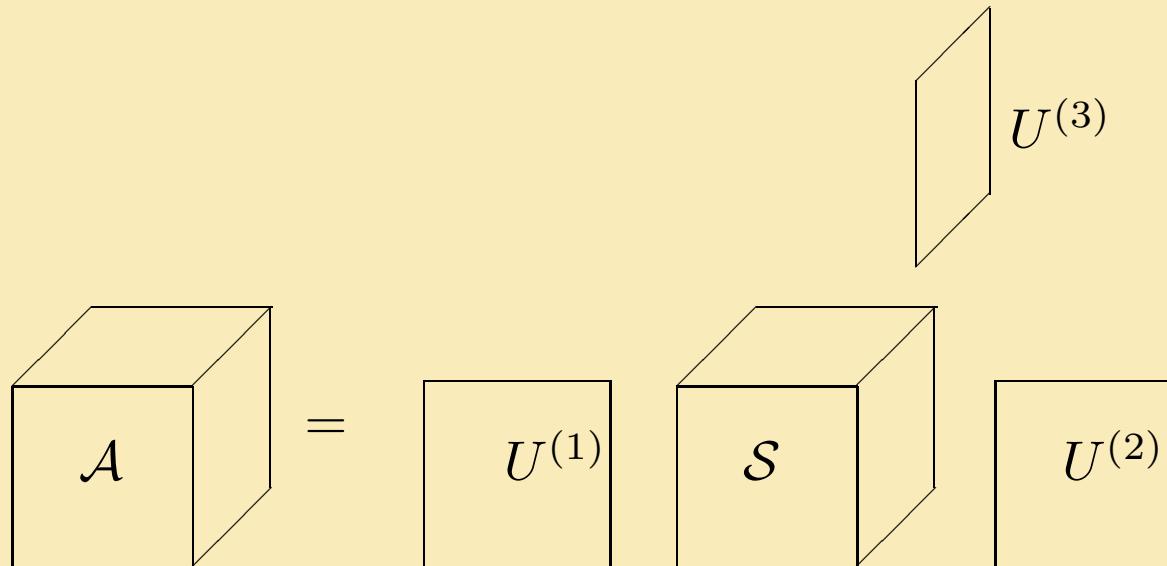
The Frobenius norm of a tensor is

$$\|\mathcal{A}\| = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A} \rangle^{1/2}$$

Matrix case

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(A^T B)$$

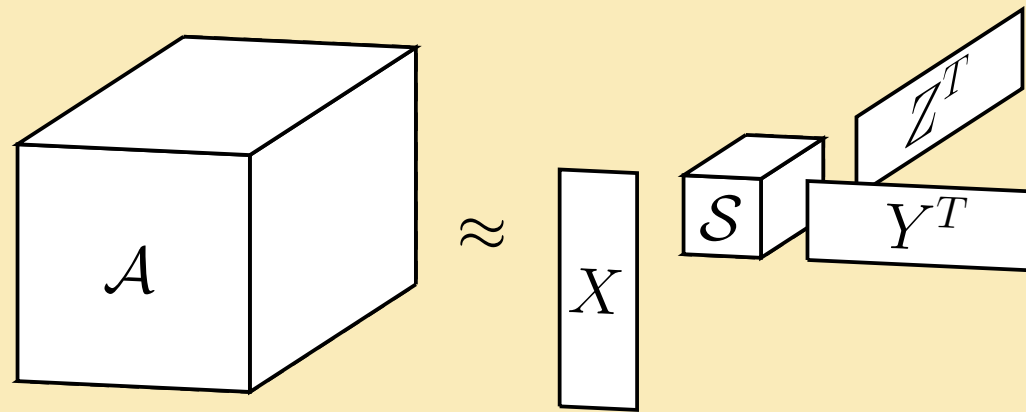
Tensor SVD (HOSVD)³: $\mathcal{A} = (U^{(1)}, U^{(2)}, U^{(3)}) \cdot \mathcal{S}$



The “mass” of \mathcal{S} is concentrated around the $(1, 1, 1)$ corner.

Not optimal: does not solve $\min_{\text{rank}(\mathcal{B})=(r_1,r_2,r_3)} \|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{B}\|$

³De Lathauwer et al (2000)



Best rank- (r_1, r_2, r_3) approximation:

$$\min_{X, Y, Z, S} \| \mathcal{A} - (X, Y, Z) \cdot S \|, \quad X^T X = I, \quad Y^T Y = I, \quad Z^T Z = I$$

The problem is **over-parameterized!**

Best approximation: $\min_{\text{rank}(\mathcal{B})=(r_1,r_2,r_3)} \|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{B}\|$

Equivalent to

$$\max_{X,Y,Z} \Phi(X, Y, Z) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k,l} A_{jkl}^2,$$

$$A_{jkl} = \sum_{\lambda,\mu,\nu} a_{\lambda\mu\nu} x_{\lambda j} y_{\mu k} z_{\nu l},$$

subject to

$$X^T X = I_{r_1}, \quad Y^T Y = I_{r_2}, \quad Z^T Z = I_{r_3}$$

Grassmann Optimization

The Frobenius norm is invariant under orthogonal transformations:

$$\Phi(X, Y, Z) = \Phi(XU, YV, ZW) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{A} \cdot (XU, YV, ZW)\|^2$$

for orthogonal $U \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times r_1}$, $V \in \mathbb{R}^{r_2 \times r_2}$, and $W \in \mathbb{R}^{r_3 \times r_3}$.

Maximize Φ over equivalence classes

$$[X] = \{XU \mid U \text{ orthogonal}\}.$$

Product of Grassmann manifolds: $\text{Gr}^3 = \text{Gr}(J, r_1) \times \text{Gr}(K, r_2) \times \text{Gr}(L, r_3)$

$$\max_{(X,Y,Z) \in \text{Gr}^3} \Phi(X, Y, Z) = \max_{(X,Y,Z) \in \text{Gr}^3} \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle$$

Newton's Method on one Grassmann Manifold

Taylor expansion + linear algebra on tangent space⁴ at X

$$G(X(t)) \approx G(X(0)) + \langle \Delta, \nabla G \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \Delta, H(\Delta) \rangle,$$

Grassmann gradient:

$$\nabla G = \Pi_X G_x, \quad (G_x)_{jk} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_{jk}}, \quad \Pi_X = I - XX^T$$

The Newton equation for determining Δ :

$$\Pi_X \langle \mathcal{G}_{xx}, \Delta \rangle_{1:2} - \Delta \langle X, G_x \rangle_1 = -\nabla G, \quad (\mathcal{G}_{xx})_{jklm} = \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial X_{jk} \partial X_{lm}}.$$

⁴Tangent space at X : all matrices Z satisfying $Z^T X = 0$.

Newton-Grassmann Algorithm on Gr^3

Here: local coordinates

Given tensor \mathcal{A} and starting points $(X_0, Y_0, Z_0) \in \text{Gr}^3$

repeat

compute the Grassmann gradient $\nabla \hat{\Phi}$

compute the Grassmann Hessian $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$

matricize $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ and vectorize $\nabla \hat{\Phi}$

solve $D = (D_x, D_y, D_z)$ from the Newton equation

take a geodesic step along the direction D , giving new iterates (X, Y, Z)

until $\|\nabla \hat{\Phi}\|/\Phi < \text{TOL}$

Implementation using TensorToolbox and object-oriented Grassmann classes in Matlab

Newton's method on Gr^3

Differentiate $\Phi(X, Y, Z)$ along a geodesic curve $(X(t), Y(t), Z(t))$ in the direction $(\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z)$:

$$\frac{\partial x_{st}}{\partial t} = (\Delta_x)_{st},$$

and

$$\left(\frac{dX(t)}{dt}, \frac{dY(t)}{dt}, \frac{dZ(t)}{dt} \right) = (\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z),$$

Since $\mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z)$ is linear in X, Y, Z separately:

$$\frac{d(\mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z))}{dt} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z) + \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, \Delta_y, Z) + \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, \Delta_z).$$

First Derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Phi}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle = \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle \\ &+ \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, \Delta_y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, \Delta_z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We want to write $\langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle$ in the form $\langle \Delta_x, \Phi_x \rangle$

Define the tensor $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z)$ and write

$$\langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{F} \rangle =: \langle \mathcal{K}_x(\Delta_x), \mathcal{F} \rangle = \langle \Delta_x, \mathcal{K}_x^* \mathcal{F} \rangle,$$

Linear operator:

$$\Delta_x \longmapsto \mathcal{K}_x(\Delta_x) = \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z)$$

Adjoint Operator

Linear operator:

$$\Delta_x \longmapsto \mathcal{K}_x(\Delta_x) = \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z)$$

with **adjoint**

$$\langle \mathcal{K}_x(\Delta_x), \mathcal{F} \rangle = \langle \Delta_x, \mathcal{K}_x^* \mathcal{F} \rangle = \langle \Delta_x, \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1} \rangle$$

where the **partial contraction** is defined

$$\langle \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \rangle_{-1}(i_1, i_2) = \sum_{\mu, \nu} b_{i_1 \mu \nu} c_{i_2 \mu \nu}$$

Grassmann Gradient

X -part: multiply by $\Pi_x = I - XX^T$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_X \Phi_x &= \Pi_X \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1} \\ &= \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} - XX^T \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1} \\ &= \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} X - X \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1},\end{aligned}$$

Complete gradient (recall $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z)$):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Pi_X \Phi_x \\ \Pi_Y \Phi_y \\ \Pi_Z \Phi_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} X - X \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1} \\ \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, I, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, I, Z) \rangle_{-2} Y - Y \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-2} \\ \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, I), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, I) \rangle_{-3} Z - Z \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Second Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^2\Phi}{dt^2} &= \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, \Delta_y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle \\
 &+ \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, \Delta_y, Z) \rangle + \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, \Delta_z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle \\
 &+ \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, \Delta_z) \rangle + \dots,
 \end{aligned}$$

plus 10 analogous terms.

First term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z) \rangle &= \langle \Delta_x, \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \Delta_x, \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} \Delta_x \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

“ xx ” Part of Grassmann Hessian

Sylvester operator:

$$\mathcal{H}_{xx}(\Delta_x) = \Pi_X \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} \Delta_x - \Delta_x \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1},$$

“ xy ” Part of Grassmann Hessian

Second term:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (\Delta_x, \Delta_y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle &= \langle \Delta_x, \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, \Delta_y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} \rangle \\ &= \langle \Delta_x, \langle \mathcal{F}_{xy}^1, \Delta_y \rangle_{2,4;1:2} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{F}_{xy}^1 is the 4-tensor

$$\mathcal{F}_{xy}^1 = \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, I, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle_{-(1,2)} = \langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, I, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z) \rangle_3,$$

and

$$(\langle \mathcal{B}, \Delta \rangle_{2,4;1:2})_{ik} = \sum_{\mu\nu} b_{i\mu k\nu} \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

Grassmann Hessian

$$\mathcal{H}(\Delta) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}_{xx}(\Delta_x) + \mathcal{H}_{xy}(\Delta_y) + \mathcal{H}_{xz}(\Delta_z) \\ \mathcal{H}_{yx}(\Delta_x) + \mathcal{H}_{yy}(\Delta_y) + \mathcal{H}_{yz}(\Delta_z) \\ \mathcal{H}_{zx}(\Delta_x) + \mathcal{H}_{zy}(\Delta_y) + \mathcal{H}_{zz}(\Delta_z) \end{pmatrix},$$

“Diagonal part”:

$$\mathcal{H}_{xx}(\Delta_x) = \Pi_x \langle \mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_x \rangle_{-1} \Delta_x - \Delta_x \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1}, \quad \mathcal{B}_x = \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, Z),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{yy}(\Delta_y) = \Pi_y \langle \mathcal{B}_y, \mathcal{B}_y \rangle_{-2} \Delta_y - \Delta_y \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-2}, \quad \mathcal{B}_y = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, I, Z),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{zz}(\Delta_z) = \Pi_z \langle \mathcal{B}_z, \mathcal{B}_z \rangle_{-3} \Delta_z - \Delta_z \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-3}, \quad \mathcal{B}_z = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, I).$$

Grassmann Hessian, “upper triangular part”,

$$\mathcal{H}_{xy}(\Delta_y) = \Pi_x \left(\langle \langle \mathcal{C}_{xy}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(1,2)}, \Delta_y \rangle_{2,4;1:2} + \langle \langle \mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_y \rangle_{-(1,2)}, \Delta_y \rangle_{4,2;1:2} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{xz}(\Delta_z) = \Pi_x \left(\langle \langle \mathcal{C}_{xz}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(1,3)}, \Delta_z \rangle_{2,4;1:2} + \langle \langle \mathcal{B}_x, \mathcal{B}_z \rangle_{-(1,3)}, \Delta_z \rangle_{4,2;1:2} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{yz}(\Delta_z) = \Pi_y \left(\langle \langle \mathcal{C}_{yz}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(2,3)}, \Delta_z \rangle_{2,4;1:2} + \langle \langle \mathcal{B}_y, \mathcal{B}_z \rangle_{-(2,3)}, \Delta_z \rangle_{4,2;1:2} \right),$$

where we have also introduced $\mathcal{C}_{xy} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, I, Z)$, $\mathcal{C}_{xz} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (I, Y, I)$ and $\mathcal{C}_{yz} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, I, I)$.

Linear operator: Fourth order tensor $\langle \mathcal{C}_{xy}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(1,2)}$ acting on matrix giving matrix:

$$\langle \langle \mathcal{C}_{xy}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(1,2)}, \Delta_y \rangle_{2,4;1:2}$$

Local Coordinates

Hessian is singular in Euclidean space, but non-singular on the tangent space

$(\Delta_x, \Delta_y, \Delta_z)$ to be determined, live on the tangent space:

$$\Delta_x^T X = 0, \quad \Delta_y^T Y = 0, \quad \Delta_z^T Z = 0$$

X_\perp determined so that (X, X_\perp) is a (square) orthogonal matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_x &= X_\perp D_x, & D_x &\in \mathbb{R}^{(J-r_1) \times r_1}, \\ \Delta_y &= Y_\perp D_y, & D_y &\in \mathbb{R}^{(K-r_2) \times r_2}, \\ \Delta_z &= Z_\perp D_z, & D_z &\in \mathbb{R}^{(L-r_3) \times r_3}; \end{aligned}$$

Grassmann Hessian in local coordinates

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}}(D) = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{xx}(D_x) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{xy}(D_y) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{xz}(D_z) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{yx}(D_x) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{yy}(D_y) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{yz}(D_z) \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{zx}(D_x) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{zy}(D_y) + \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{zz}(D_z) \end{pmatrix}$$

where the diagonal operators are

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{xx}(D_x) &= \langle \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_x, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_x \rangle_{-1} D_x - D_x \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-1}, & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_x &= \mathcal{A} \cdot (X_{\perp}, Y, Z), \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{yy}(D_y) &= \langle \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_y, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_y \rangle_{-2} D_y - D_y \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-2}, & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_y &= \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y_{\perp}, Z), \\ \widehat{\mathcal{H}}_{zz}(D_z) &= \langle \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_z, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_z \rangle_{-3} D_z - D_z \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-3}, & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_z &= \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z_{\perp}). \end{aligned}$$

Grassmann Hessian, “upper triangular” operators

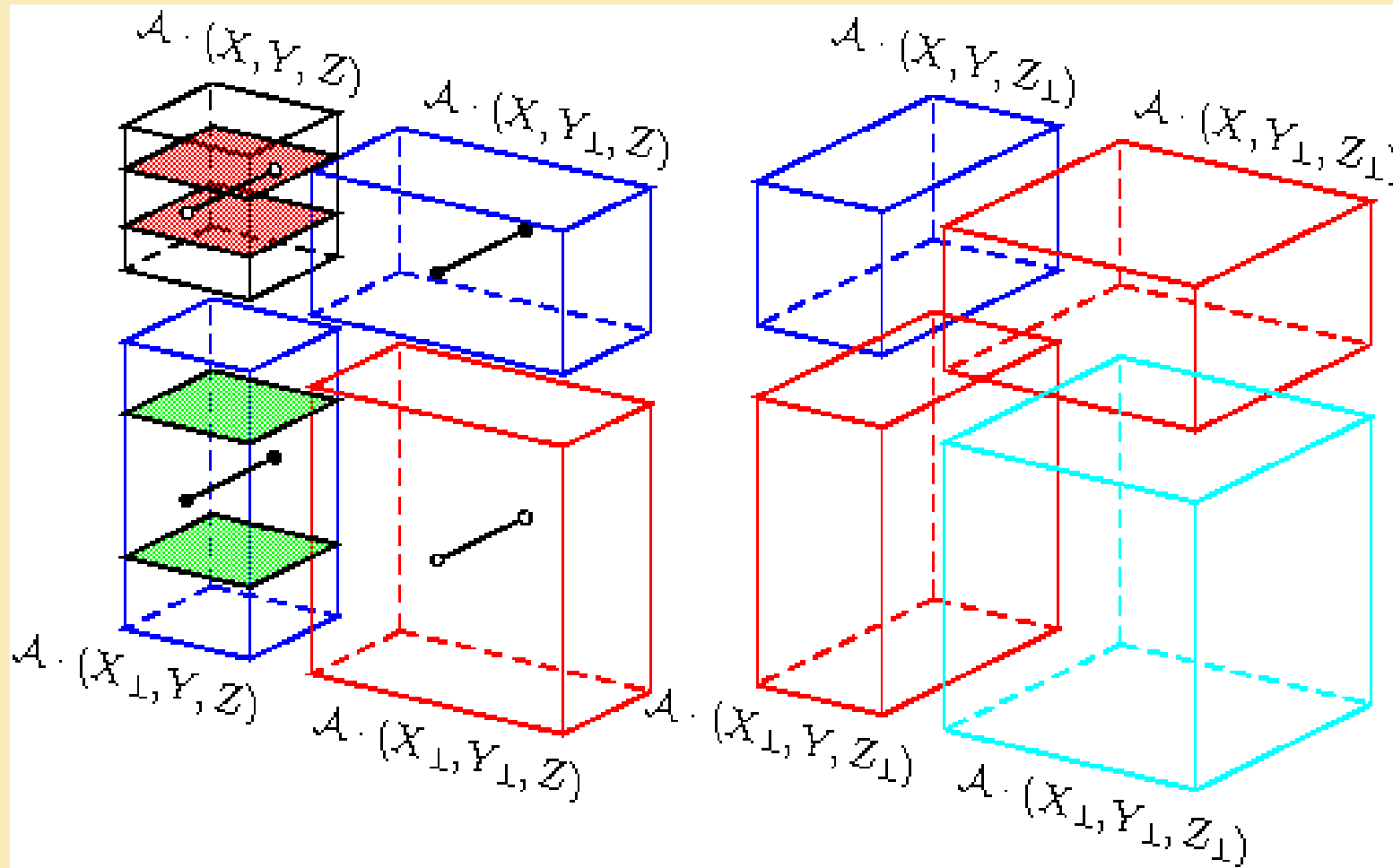
$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{xy}(D_y) = \left(\langle \langle \hat{\mathcal{C}}_{xy}, \mathcal{F} \rangle_{-(1,2)}, D_y \rangle_{2,4;1:2} + \langle \langle \hat{\mathcal{B}}_x, \hat{\mathcal{B}}_y \rangle_{-(1,2)}, D_y \rangle_{4,2;1:2} \right),$$

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where $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{xy} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X_{\perp}, Y_{\perp}, Z)$, $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{xz} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X_{\perp}, Y, Z_{\perp})$ and $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_{yz} = \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y_{\perp}, Z_{\perp})$.

Illustration of Hessian



Numerical Examples. Test 1

Simulate a “signal tensor” with low rank and normally distributed noise.

Two $20 \times 20 \times 20$ tensors:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_1 &= \mathcal{B}_1 + \rho\mathcal{E}_1, & \text{rank}(\mathcal{B}_1) &= (10, 10, 10) \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= \mathcal{B}_2 + \rho\mathcal{E}_2, & \text{rank}(c\mathcal{B}_2) &= (15, 15, 15)\end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{E}_i are noise tensors, and $\rho = 0.1$

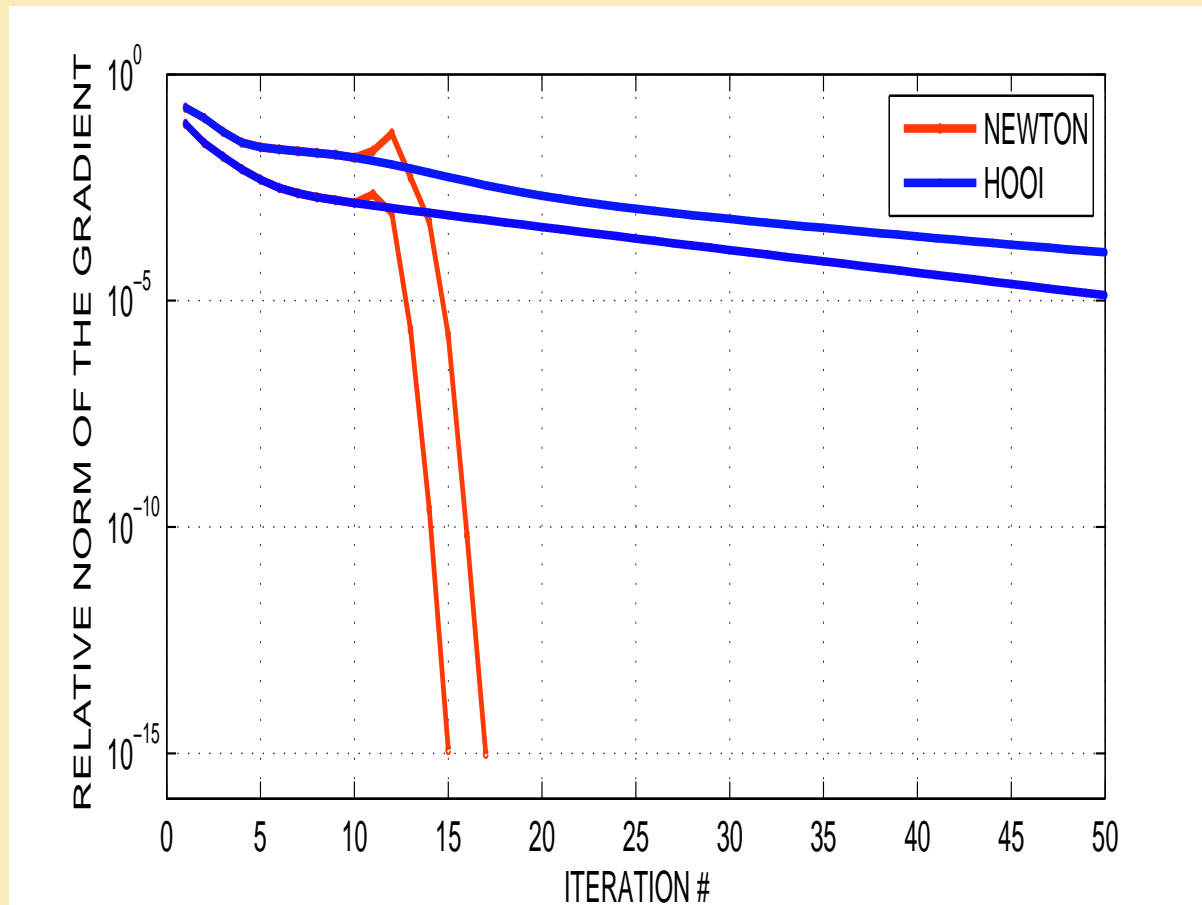
A rank- $(5, 5, 5)$ approximation was computed

Initial approximation: random tensor

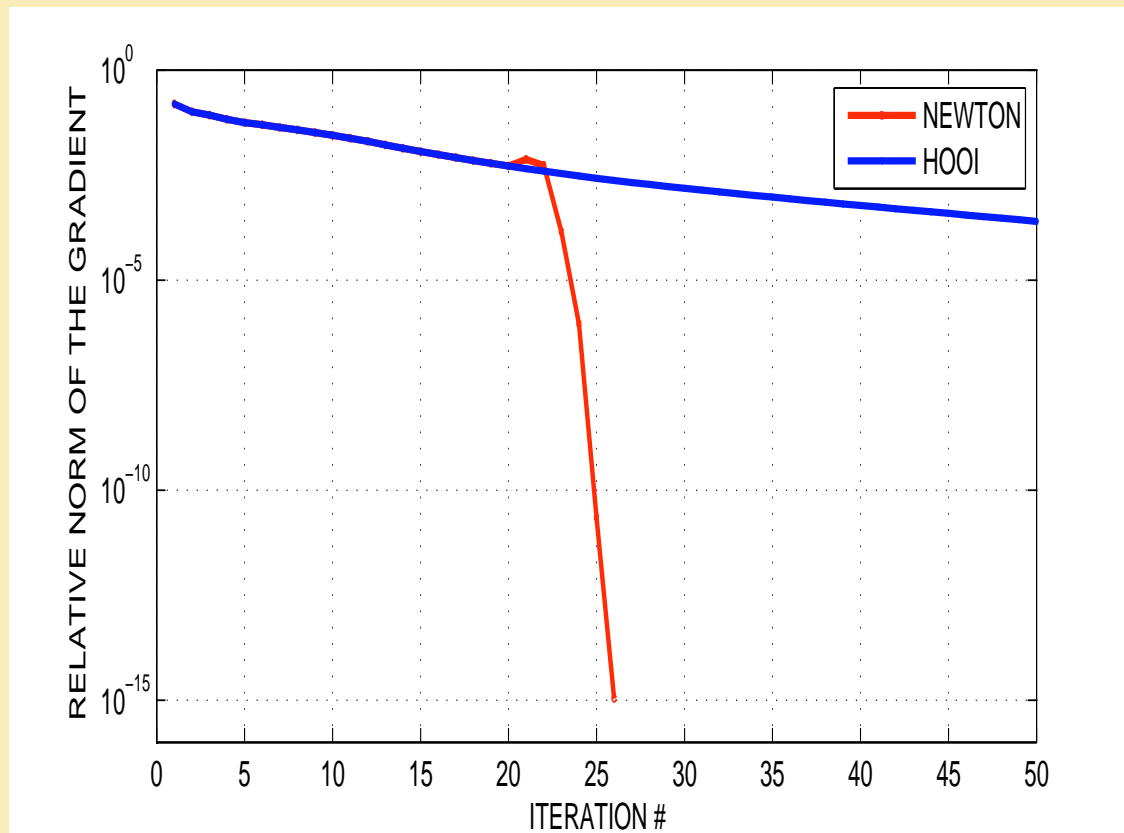
10 HOOI iterations were performed before the Newton method was started.

HOOI: “Alternating least squares” approach (De Lathauwer)

Convergence history for Test 1



Test 2: Random $20 \times 20 \times 20$ Tensor



Initialization: HOSVD and 20 HOOI iterations

Ongoing work

Matrix case:

$$\min_{\text{rank}(B)=k} \|A - B\|_F = \|A - U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T\|_F$$

Put

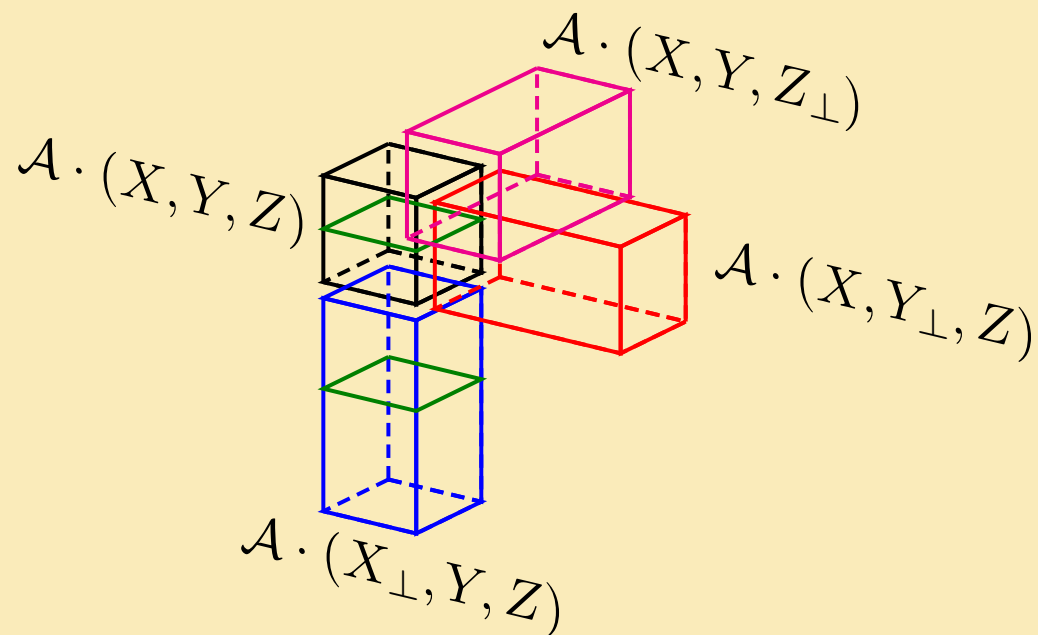
$$\tilde{U} = (U_1 \quad U_{\perp}), \quad \tilde{V} = (V_1 \quad V_{\perp})$$

Then

$$\tilde{U}^T A \tilde{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$$

How much can be generalized to tensors?

Tensor “SVD”?



All slices orthogonal: $\langle \mathcal{A} \cdot (X, Y, Z), \mathcal{A} \cdot (X_{\perp}, Y, Z) \rangle_{-1} = 0$.

Conclusions

- To exhibit structure: matricize as late as possible
- Tensor framework without extensive index wrestling
- Partial contractions play the role of adjoints
- Newton-Grassmann \implies unconstrained optimization. Quadratic convergence
- Generalization to higher order tensors is straightforward
- Present work: investigation of theoretical properties and implementation of other methods (Quasi-Newton: Savas & Lim, trust-region: Ishteva (Louvain))