



A Dual Framework for Low-Rank Tensor Completion

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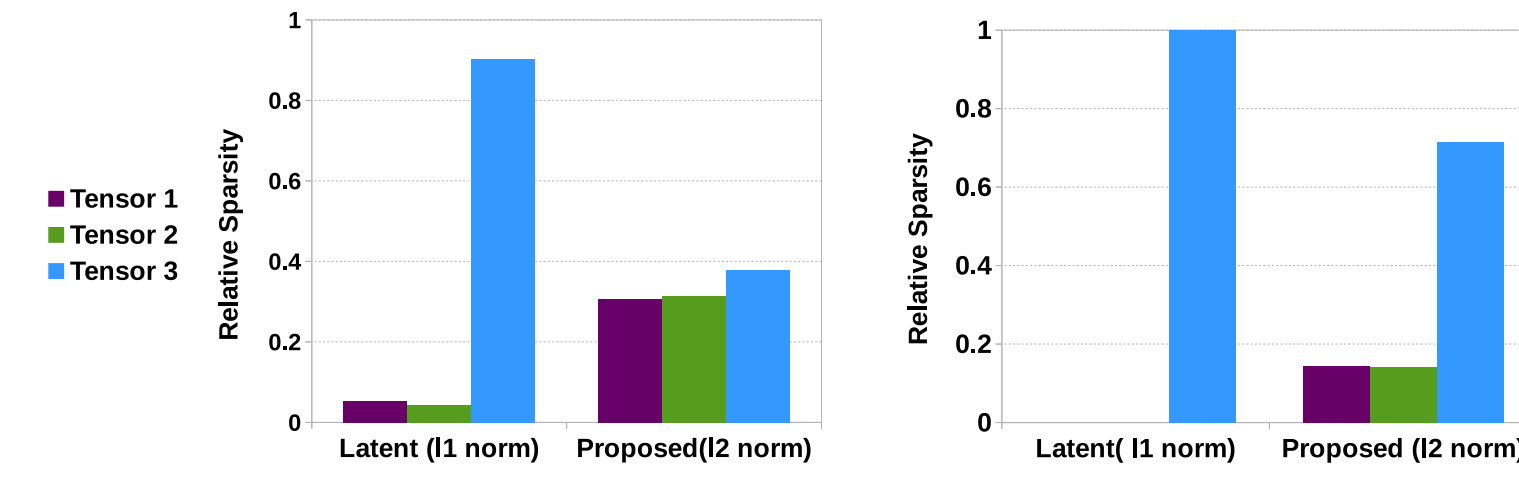
Contributions

- We propose a novel formulation for low-rank tensor completion by using a non-sparse “mixture of tensors” as the regularizer.
- We propose a dual framework for analyzing the problem formulation.
- The dual allows to develop large-scale algorithms by exploiting the versatile Riemannian optimization framework.

Motivation

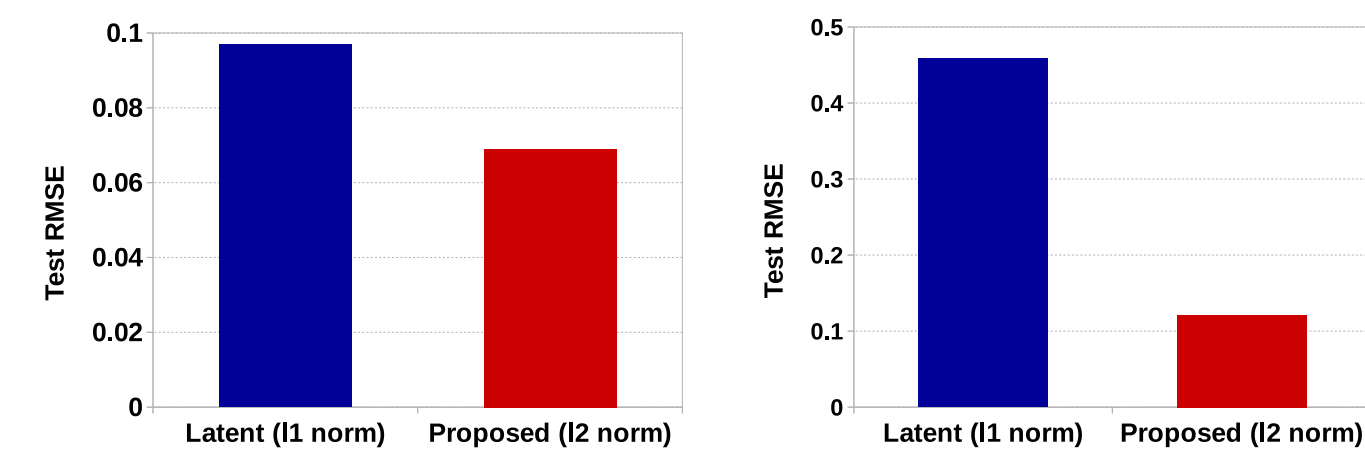
- **Latent Trace Norm:** $\min_{\mathcal{W}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_K}} \sum_k \|\mathcal{W}_k^{(k)}\|_*$
- **Proposed Regularizer:** $\min_{\mathcal{W}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_K}} \sum_k \|\mathcal{W}_k^{(k)}\|_*^2$

where \mathcal{W}_k denotes mode- k unfolding. Latent trace norm is highly sparse across modes.



(a) Ribeira (b) Baboon

Relative Sparsity



(a) Ribeira (b) Baboon

Test RMSE

Non-sparse Latent Trace Norm and Duality

Given is a partially observed tensor $\mathcal{Y}_\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_K}$.

- **Proposed Primal Formulation:**

$$\min_{\mathcal{W}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_K}} \|\mathcal{W}_\Omega - \mathcal{Y}_\Omega\|_F^2 + \sum_k \frac{1}{\lambda_k} \|\mathcal{W}_k^{(k)}\|_*^2, \quad (1)$$

where $\sum_{k=1}^K \mathcal{W}^{(k)} = \mathcal{W}$.

- **Equivalent Min-Max Formulation:**

$$\min_{\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_K} \max_{\mathcal{Z} \in \mathcal{C}} \langle \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y}_\Omega \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \|\mathcal{Z}\|_F^2 - \sum_k \frac{\lambda_k}{2} \langle \Theta_k, \mathcal{Z}_k \mathcal{Z}_k^\top \rangle,$$

where \mathcal{Z} is sparse dual tensor variable and Θ_k are auxiliary variables for all k , Θ_k are P.S.D and $\text{trace}(\Theta_k) = 1$.

- **Representer Theorem:** The optimal solution of the primal problem (1) admits a representation of the form: $\mathcal{W}^{(k)*} = \lambda_k (\mathcal{Z} \times_k \Theta_k) \forall k$. Where, the set \mathcal{C} constrains \mathcal{Z} to be sparse tensor with $|\Omega|$ non-zero entries.

Fixed-rank Dual Formulation

- Constraining the rank of Θ_k by $\Theta_k = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{U}_k^\top$, where $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathcal{S}_{r_k}^{n_k}$ and $\mathcal{S}_n^r := \{\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r} : \|\mathbf{U}\|_F = 1\}$ leads to

$$\min_{u \in \mathcal{S}_{r_1}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{S}_{r_K}^{n_K}} g(u),$$

where $u = (\mathbf{U}_1, \dots, \mathbf{U}_K)$ and g is the convex function

$$g(u) := \max_{\mathcal{Z} \in \mathcal{C}} \langle \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{Y}_\Omega \rangle - \frac{1}{4} \|\mathcal{Z}\|_F^2 - \sum_k \frac{\lambda_k}{2} \|\mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathcal{Z}_k\|_F^2.$$

Proposed Riemannian Trust Region algorithm (TR-MM)

Input: \mathcal{Y}_Ω , rank (r_1, \dots, r_K) , regularization parameter λ , and tolerance ϵ .
Initialize : $u = (\mathbf{U}_1, \dots, \mathbf{U}_K) \in \mathcal{S}_{r_1}^{n_1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{S}_{r_K}^{n_K}$.

repeat

1: Solve for \mathcal{Z} by computing $g(u)$

2: Compute $\nabla_u g(u)$.

3: **Riemannian TR step:** Compute the search direction $v = (\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_K)$ which minimizes the trust-region subproblem and set step size $\alpha = 1$. It makes use of $\nabla_u g(u)$ and its directional derivative $D\nabla_u g(u)[v]$.

4: Update u as $\mathbf{U}_k \leftarrow (\mathbf{U}_k + \alpha \mathbf{V}_k) / \|\mathbf{U}_k + \alpha \mathbf{V}_k\|_F$, for all k .

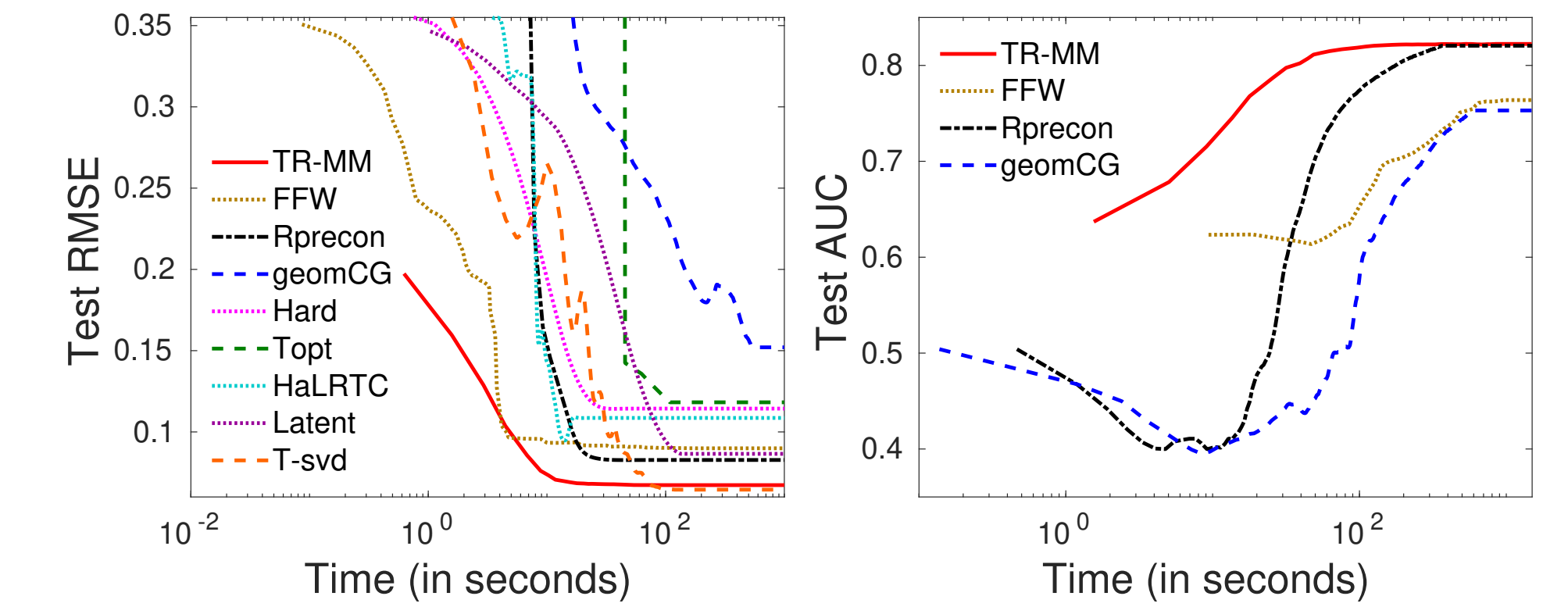
until $\|\nabla_u g(u)\| < \epsilon$

Output: $u^* = (\mathbf{U}_1^*, \dots, \mathbf{U}_K^*)$ and \mathcal{Z}^* .

Solution to primal problem :

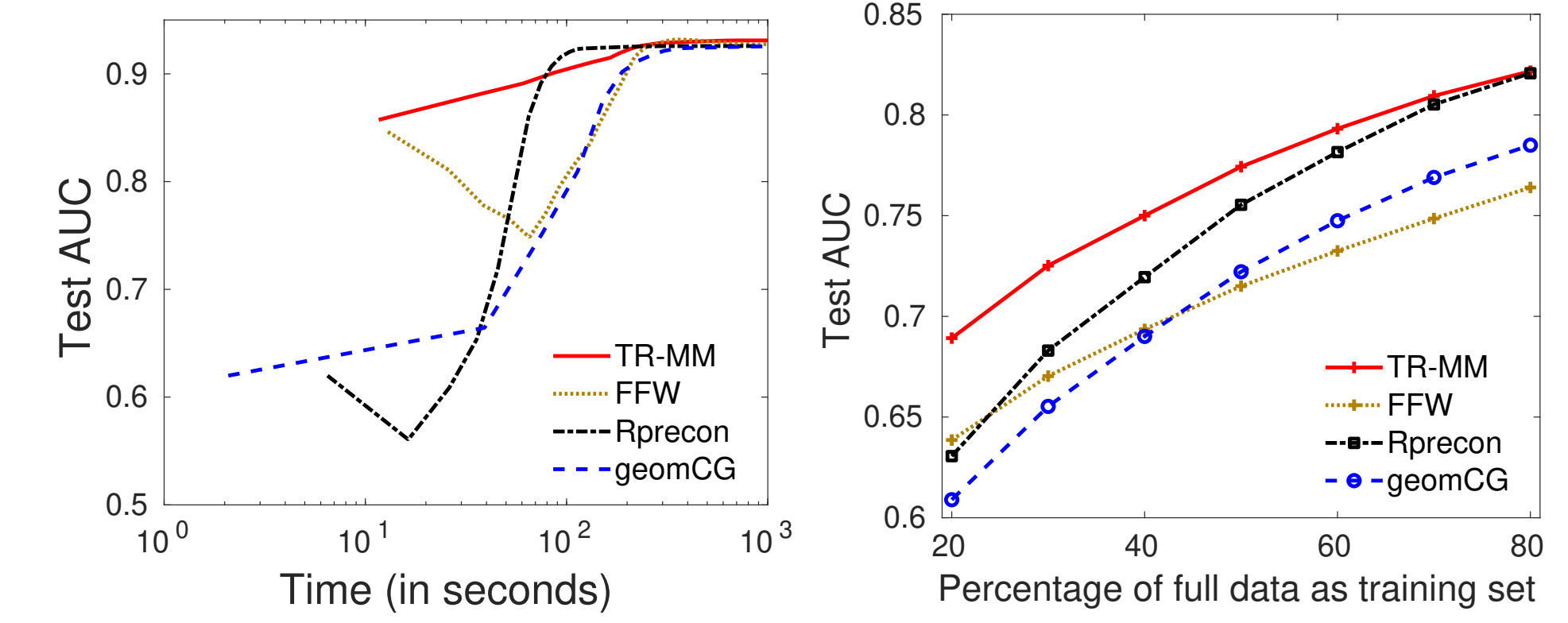
$$\mathcal{W}^{(k)*} = \lambda_k (\mathcal{Z}^* \times_k \mathbf{U}_k^* \mathbf{U}_k^{*\top}) \text{ and } \mathcal{W}^* = \sum_k \mathcal{W}^{(k)*}.$$

Results



(a) Ribeira

(b) FB15k-237



(c) YouTube (full)

(d) FB15k-237

(a) Evolution of test RMSE on Ribeira; (b) & (c) Evolution of test AUC on FB15k-237 and YouTube, respectively. (d) Variation of test AUC as percentage of training data changes on FB15k-237.

Generalization performance across several applications:

hyperspectral-image/video/image completion, movie recommendation, and link prediction.

	TR-MM	FFW	Rprecon	geomCG	Hard	Topt	HaLRTC	Latent	T-svd	BayesCP
RMSE reported										
Ribeira	0.067	0.088	0.083	0.156	0.114	0.127	0.095	0.087	0.064	0.154
Tomato	0.041	0.045	0.052	0.052	0.060	0.102	0.202	0.046	0.042	0.103
Baboon	0.121	0.133	0.128	0.128	0.126	0.130	0.247	0.459	0.146	0.159
ML10M	0.840	0.895	0.831	0.844	—	—	—	—	—	—
AUC reported										
YouTube (subset)	0.957	0.954	0.941	0.941	0.954	0.941	0.783	0.945	0.941	0.950
YouTube (full)	0.932	0.929	0.926	0.926	—	—	—	—	—	—
FB15k-237	0.823	0.764	0.821	0.785	—	—	—	—	—	—

Results on outlier robustness experiments.

	x	TR-MM	FFW	Rprecon	geomCG	Hard	Topt	HaLRTC	Latent	T-svd	BayesCP
Ribeira (RMSE)	0.05	0.081	0.095	0.157	0.258	0.142	0.169	0.121	0.103	0.146	0.201
	0.10	0.111	0.112	0.172	0.373	0.158	0.188	0.135	0.120	0.182	0.204
FB15k-237 (AUC)	0.05	0.803	0.734	0.794	0.764	—	—	—	—	—	—
	0.10	0.772	0.711	0.765	0.739	—	—	—	—	—	—

- Our algorithms use the Manopt toolbox at manopt.org.
- Codes: <https://pratikjawanpuria.com/>.