

# Effective use of figures for research

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## 1. Design a figure to summarize the following paragraph:

“...Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \llbracket \mathcal{Y}_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \dots \times p_d}$  be an order- $d$   $(p_1, \dots, p_d)$ -dimensional data tensor of interest. The tensor block model assumes an underlying checkbox structure in the signal tensor. Specifically, suppose there are  $r_k$  clusters in the  $k$ th mode of the signal for all  $k \in [d]$ . Then,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a realization from the following block model:

$$\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{S} \times_1 \mathbf{M}_1 \times_2 \dots \times_d \mathbf{M}_d + \mathcal{E}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{S} = \llbracket \mathcal{S}_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times \dots \times r_d}$  is the core tensor,  $\mathbf{M}_k \in \{0, 1\}^{p_k \times r_k}$  is the membership matrix indicating the block allocations along mode  $k \in [d]$ , and  $\mathcal{E} = \llbracket \mathcal{E}_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \rrbracket \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \dots \times p_d}$  is the noise tensor. We assume  $\varepsilon_{i_1, \dots, i_d}$  are independent, mean-0,  $\sigma$ -subgaussian random variables; i.e.

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(\lambda \varepsilon_{j_1, \dots, j_d}) \leq \exp(\lambda^2 \sigma^2 / 2), \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that the tensor block model (1) is related, but distinct from, classical low-rank Tucker model. The factor matrix  $\mathbf{M}_k$  has one copy of 1's and  $(r_k - 1)$  copies of 0's in each of the rows. The membership matrix  $\mathbf{M}_k$  is equivalently represented by a label vector  $z_k \in [r_k]^{p_k}$ , where the  $j$ -th entry of  $z_k$  is the cluster label to which element  $j$  is assigned,  $j \in [p_k]$ .

There are two main tasks in the inference of tensor block model:

- Question 1 [Clustering]. Estimate the membership matrix  $\mathbf{M}_k$ , or equivalently the label vector  $z_k$ .
- Question 2 [Denoising]. Estimate the signal tensor  $\Theta = \mathbb{E}\mathcal{Y}$  given the estimated membership.

We will focus on the theory and algorithm for the clustering problem in this paper....”

## 2. Design a figure to summarize the following paragraph:

**Definition 1.** For each mode  $k$ , the separation between two mode- $k$  slides is quantified by

$$\Delta_k^2 := \min_{i_1 \neq i_2} \|\mathcal{S} \times_k (e^{(r_k, i_1)} - e^{(r_k, i_2)})\|_F^2 > 0,$$

where  $e^{(r, i)} = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$  is the  $i$ th canonical orthogonal basis in  $\mathbb{R}^r$ ; i.e. a length- $r$  vector with  $i$ -th entry 1 and others 0.

**Theorem 1** (Exact label recovery). Consider a tensor block model (1). Let  $p_* = \prod_{k \in [d]} p_k$ ,  $r_* = \prod_{k \in [d]} r_k$ ,  $\bar{p} = \max_k p_k$ ,  $\bar{r} = \max_k r_k$ ,  $\underline{p} = \min_k p_k$ . Suppose the signal-to-noise ratio satisfies

$$\Delta_{\min}^2 := \min_k \Delta_k^2 \geq C \sigma^2 \frac{r_* \bar{p}}{p_*} (r_* \bar{r} + \log \bar{p}),$$

and the initialization satisfies the assumption 1 (not specified here for our purpose). Let  $z_k^{(T)}$  be the  $T$ -th iterate generated from the non-polynomial Algorithm 1, where  $T \geq \lceil 2\bar{p} \rceil$ . With probability at least  $1 - \exp(-c\underline{p}) - \exp\left(-\frac{cp_*}{4r_*\bar{p}}\Delta_{\min}^2\right)$ , the labels in each of the  $d$  modes are exactly recovered; that is, there exist a set of permutations  $\pi_k: [r_k] \rightarrow [r_k]$ , such that

$$\hat{z}_k^{(T)} = \pi_k \circ z_k^*, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, d.$$

Here given a  $\pi: [r] \rightarrow [r]$  label permutation,  $(\pi \circ z)_j := \pi(z_j)$  for all  $j \in [r]$ .

**Theorem 2** (Lower bound). Consider a Gaussian tensor block model (1), where the entries of the noise tensor  $\mathcal{E}$  follow i.i.d.  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Define  $p_{-k} = p_*/p_k$ ,  $r_{-k} = r_*/r_k$ . Suppose  $r_k = o(p_k^{1/3})$  and there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{\Delta_k^2 p_{-k}}{\sigma^2 r_{-k}} < c_0.$$

Then,

$$\inf_{\hat{z}_k} \sup_{\Theta} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{\pi_k \in \Pi_{r_k}} \sum_{j=1}^{p_k} \mathbb{I}\{(\hat{z}_k)_j \neq (\pi_k \circ z_k)_j\} \right] \geq 1,$$

where  $\Pi_{r_k}$  is the collection of all permutations of the cluster label  $[r_k]$ , and the infimum is taken over all estimators  $\hat{z}_k$  based on Gaussian tensor block model.

**Theorem 3** (Guarantee for polynomial-time algorithm). Suppose the numbers of clusters  $r_k$  are fixed and  $p_1 = \dots = p_d = p$ ,  $\Delta_{\min}^2/\sigma^2 \geq C(p^{-d/2} \vee p^{-(d-1)} \log p)$ . Let  $z_k^{(T)}$  be the  $T$ -th iterate generated from the polynomial-time Algorithm 2, where  $T \geq \lceil 2 \log \bar{p} \rceil$ . With probability at least  $1 - \exp(-cp) - \exp\left(-\frac{cp_*}{4r_*\bar{p}}\Delta_{\min}^2\right)$ , the labels in each of the  $d$  modes are exactly recovered; that is, there exist a set of permutations  $\pi_k: [r_k] \rightarrow [r_k]$ , such that

$$\hat{z}_k^{(T)} = \pi_k \circ z_k^*, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, d.$$

**Conjecture 1.** *There exists no polynomial-time algorithm which can exactly recover the block labels in tensor block model when  $\Delta_{\min}^2/\sigma^2 = \mathcal{O}(p^{-d/2-\varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$ .*