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# Multi-way block localization vis sparse tensor clustering

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## Abstract

We consider the task of simultaneously clustering each mode of a large noisy tensor. We assume that the tensor elements are distributed with a block-specific mean and propose a least-square estimation for multi-way clustering. An  $\ell_1$  penalty is applied to the block-means in order to select and identify important blocks. We show that our method is applicable to large tensors with a wide range of multi-way cluster structure, including a single block, multiple blocks, checkerboard clusters, 1-way or lower-way blocks. Our proposal amounts to a sparse, multi-way version of  $k$ -mean clustering, and a relaxation of our proposal yields the tensor Tucker decomposition. The performance of our proposals are demonstrated in simulations and on...

## 1 Introduction

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Here is an example of tensor clustering by using our proposed method.

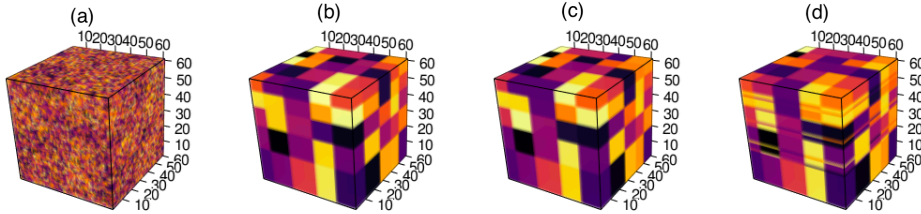


Figure 1: (a): a 60\*60\*60 tensor with 5 clusters in each mode; (b): true underlying mean signal within each cluster; (c): mean signal estimated by our proposed approach with true number of clusters: 5, 5, 5; (d): mean signal estimated by k-means clustering on each mode with true number of clusters: 5, 5, 5.

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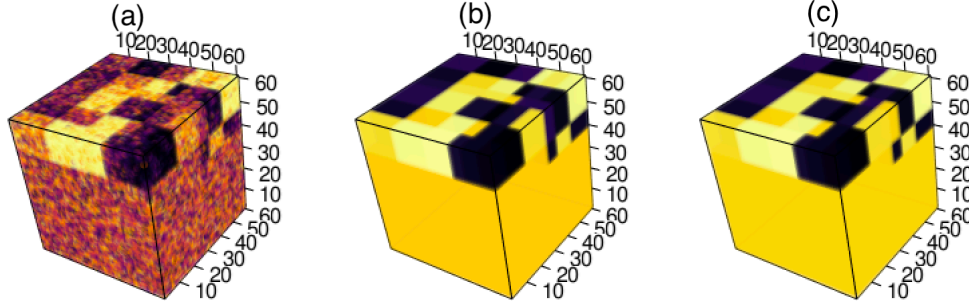


Figure 2: (a):  $60 \times 60 \times 60$  sparse tensor; (b) true underlying means; (c) mean signal estimated by our approach with estimated number of clusters and estimated  $\lambda$ .

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## 4 Tuning Parameter Selection

There are four tuning parameters in our tensor clustering proposal:

- the number of clusters in each modes: K (mode 1), R (mode 2), L (mode 3);
- the penalty coefficient  $\lambda$ .

### 4.1 Selection of K, R, L

We use BIC to select the best K, R, L here. Given a range of K, R, L, we use our former approach to do tensor clustering for all combinations of K, R, L and calculate the BIC for each of them separately using the formula:

$$BIC = npq \times \log(RSS) + (q + c)\log(npq)$$

Here n, p, q denote the dimension of the data in each mode; q is the number of clusters have non-zero means; c denotes the degrees of freedom while doing the clustering.

Because in non-sparse case, there may be many reasonable K, R, L, we choose the K, R, L which is the smallest among all K, R, L whose BIC is the smallest. The results are shown as Table 2.

### 4.2 Selection of $\lambda$

We use BIC to select the  $\lambda$ , too. After estimating the K, R, L, we use the estimated K, R, L to do tensor clustering. First we choose a reasonable range for  $\lambda$  according to the following theorem:

**Theorem 1** Let  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a response vector and  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  the design matrix. Assume the response vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  is mean-centered, i.e.,  $\sum_i Y_i = 0$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{X}$  is an orthogonal design matrix with  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = \text{diag}(n_1, \dots, n_p)$ . Define the ordinary least-square estimate  $\hat{\beta}_{ols} =$

$(\hat{\beta}_{ols,1}, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{ols,p}^T)^T$ . Consider the following constrained optimization:

$$\hat{\beta} = \operatorname{argmin}\left\{\frac{1}{2}\|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \operatorname{pen}(\beta)\right\}$$

1. Case 1: L-0 penalization.  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \|\beta\|_0$ :

Under the change of tuning parameter  $\lambda' := f(\lambda) = \sqrt{2\lambda}$  such that  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)^T$  has a closed-form solution:

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \hat{\beta}_{ols,i} \mathbb{I}_{|\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}| > \frac{\lambda'}{\sqrt{n_i}}} \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, p$$

2. Case 2: L-1 penalization.  $\operatorname{pen}(\beta) = \|\beta\|_1$ :

$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)^T$  has a closed-form solution:

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \operatorname{sign}(\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}) \left( |\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}| - \frac{\lambda}{n_i} \right)_+ \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

Next, we do the tensor clustering for all  $\lambda$  in the selected range of  $\lambda$  and calculate the BIC. Finally we choose the smallest  $\lambda$  with smallest BIC. The performance can be evaluated according to the  $\lambda$  in Table 4.

## 5 Simulation and Evaluation

Given the approach of clustering in the former section, we evaluate the performance of it under different conditions:

- given a non-sparse tensor and true cluster numbers of each mode, estimate the underlying mean signal;
- given a non-sparse tensor, estimate the cluster numbers of different modes;
- given a non-sparse tensor, estimate the underlying mean signal;
- given a sparse tensor, choose a appropriate  $\lambda$ , estimate the cluster numvers of different modes and estimate the underlying mean signal.

Here are the statistics we would use to evaluate the performance in different cases:

- CER(clustering error rate): the adjusted rand index between two paritions. This statistic measure the agreement between the true partition and estimated partition of the data tensor. In this case, we have three kinds of CER in total: CER of mode 1, CER of mode 2 and CER of mode 3. In non-sparse case, we use CER to evaluate the performance;
- Total Incorrect Rate (eg. Table 4): the proportion of misjudgement while determining whether the mean signal is zero. We use this in sparse case. Because when the data tensor is sparse, then different clusters can have the same mean: 0. In this case, we can have multiple reasonable partitions of the modes. Thus, CER is inapplicable at this time;
- Correct Zero Rate: the proportion of zero elements are correctly identified in the underlying mean tensor;
- Correct One Rate: the proportion of non-zero elements are correctly identified in the underlying mean tensor.

Here we give a brief elaboration on how to generate the data. As for non-sparse tensor, given the cluster numbers  $K, R, L$  and the size of the tensor  $n \times p \times q$ , we assign the labels to each modes randomly. Next we randomly select the mean signal of clusters from  $\operatorname{Unif}(-3, 3)$  and add noise which comes from normal distribution with given standard deviation. Then we get the non-sparse tensor. As for sparse tensor, we randomly assign 0 to the mean of some clusters with given sparsity rate (the proportion of 0 elements) and then follow the same steps.

n	p	q	noise	cer(mode 1)	cer(mode 2)	cer(mode3)
40	40	40	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
40	40	40	5	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
40	40	40	10	0.0021(0.0145)	0.0231(0.0393)	0.0106 (0.0368)
40	40	40	15	0.1983(0.1532)	0.1768(0.0834)	0.1906(0.1138)
50	50	50	0	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
50	50	50	5	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
50	50	50	10	0(0)	0.0043(0.0181)	0.0024(0.0173)
50	50	50	15	0.0133(0.0441)	0.0485(0.0514)	0.0258(0.0578)

Table 1: Results for Simulation 1 over 50 simulated data sets (k=3, r=5, l=4)

n	p	q	K	R	L	noise	overall accuracy	estimated K	estimated R	estimated L
40	40	40	3	5	4	1	0.98	3(0)	5(0)	4.02(0.02)
40	40	40	3	5	4	4	1	3(0)	5(0)	4(0)
40	40	40	3	5	4	8	0.7	3 (0)	4.72(0.0641427)	3.98(0.02)
40	40	40	3	4	2	1	1	3(0)	4(0)	2(0)
40	40	40	3	4	2	4	1	3(0)	4(0)	2(0)
40	40	40	3	4	2	8	0.88	3 (0)	3.88(0.0464)	2 (0)
50	50	50	3	4	2	1	1	3(0)	4(0)	2(0)
50	50	50	3	4	2	4	1	3(0)	4(0)	2(0)
50	50	50	3	4	2	8	0.98	3 (0)	3.98(0.02)	2 (0)

Table 2: Results for Simulation 2 over 50 simulated data sets

### 5.1 Simulation 1: clustering results with true cluster numbers in each mode (non-sparse tensor)

We generate 50 non-sparse tensors with the same noise, size and cluster numbers each time. Here we choose  $K = 3$ ,  $R = 5$ ,  $L = 4$  specifically. We use our approach (Algorithm 1) to do the clustering with given K,R,L and the result is shown as Table 1.

In both data size: 40\*40\*40 and 50\*50\*50, the CER on all modes are 0 when the noise is 0 and 5. As the noise goes up, the CER is increased. Furthermore, the CER becomes smaller as the data size become larger.

### 5.2 Simulation 2: estimation on cluster numbers (non-sparse tensor)

We generate 50 non-sparse tensors with the same noise, size and cluster numbers in each case in Table 2. As expected, the overall accuracy goes down as the noise increased, and goes up as the data size increased. Finally, we only evaluate the performance of estimation on cluster numbers on non-sparse tensor, because in sparse case, the reasonable cluster numbers may not be unique.

### 5.3 Simulation 3: clustering results without given true cluster numbers in each mode (non-sparse tensor)

In this simulation, the true cluster numbers are not given, so we estimate them first and then use the estimated true cluster numbers to estimate the parition of clusters as well as underlying mean signals. We set the true cluster numbers to be  $K = 3$ ,  $R = 5$ ,  $L = 4$ , and the results are shown in Table 3.

### 5.4 Simulation 4: clustering results without given true cluster numbers in each mode (sparse tensor)

We also test the performace of our approach under different  $\lambda$  when the data is sparse. The  $\bar{\lambda}$  in Table 4 is the mean  $\lambda$  we choose across 50 simulations on the same sparsity rate. According to Table 4, the correct zero rate is increased with the increment on  $\lambda$  while the correct one rate is exactly the opposite. As for the  $\lambda$  we choose, it shows that the total incorrect rate all are lower than 0.06 here, indicating approximately 94% accuracy among the three cases.

n	p	q	noise	cer(mode 1)	cer(mode 2)	cer(mode3)
40	40	40	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
40	40	40	4	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
40	40	40	8	0(0)	0.013(0.0226)	0.0106 (0.0368)
50	50	50	1	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
50	50	50	4	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
50	50	50	8	0(0)	0.0014(0.0102)	0.0024(0.0173)

Table 3: Results for Simulation 3 over 50 simulated data sets (K=3, R=5, L=4)

sparsity rate	error	method	estimated sparsity Rate	Correct Zero Rate	Correct One Rate	Total Incorrect Rate
0.5	1	$\lambda = 0$	0 ( 0 )	0 ( 0 )	1 ( 0 )	0.4925 ( 0.0676 )
0.5	1	$\lambda = 5$	0.5235 ( 0.0661 )	1 ( 0 )	0.9396 ( 0.0499 )	0.0310 ( 0.0269 )
0.5	1	$\lambda = 10$	0.5489 ( 0.0655 )	1 ( 0 )	0.8890 ( 0.0540 )	0.0564 ( 0.0297 )
0.5	1	$\lambda = 15$	0.5706 ( 0.0703 )	1 ( 0 )	0.8455 ( 0.0715 )	0.0781 ( 0.0386 )
0.5	1	$\bar{\lambda} = 4.0825$	0.5201 ( 0.0648 )	1 ( 0 )	0.9467 ( 0.0489 )	0.0276 ( 0.0266 )
0.5	3	$\lambda = 0$	0 ( 0 )	0 ( 0 )	1 ( 0 )	0.4925 ( 0.0676 )
0.5	3	$\lambda = 5$	0.4556 ( 0.0671 )	0.8647 ( 0.0828 )	0.9404 ( 0.0512 )	0.0975 ( 0.0507 )
0.5	3	$\lambda = 10$	0.5475 ( 0.0654 )	0.9997 ( 0.0024 )	0.8914 ( 0.0548 )	0.0554 ( 0.03 )
0.5	3	$\lambda = 15$	0.5717 ( 0.0672 )	1 ( 0 )	0.844 ( 0.0691 )	0.0792 ( 0.0388 )
0.5	3	$\bar{\lambda} = 10.71244$	0.5513 ( 0.0661 )	1 ( 0 )	0.8843 ( 0.0573 )	0.0588 ( 0.0311 )
0.8	1	$\lambda = 0$	0 ( 0 )	0 ( 0 )	1 ( 0 )	0.7971 ( 0.0541 )
0.8	1	$\lambda = 5$	0.807 ( 0.0558 )	1 ( 0 )	0.9477 ( 0.0658 )	0.0099 ( 0.0132 )
0.8	1	$\lambda = 10$	0.8148 ( 0.0573 )	1 ( 0 )	0.9057 ( 0.0925 )	0.0177 ( 0.0182 )
0.8	1	$\lambda = 15$	0.8249 ( 0.0587 )	1 ( 0 )	0.8537 ( 0.1164 )	0.0278 ( 0.0232 )
0.8	1	$\bar{\lambda} = 3.527265$	0.8034 ( 0.056 )	0.9978 ( 0.0105 )	0.9566 ( 0.0625 )	0.0099 ( 0.0139 )

Table 4: Results for Simulation 4 over 50 simulated data sets (n=40, p=40, q=40, K=3, R=5, L=4)

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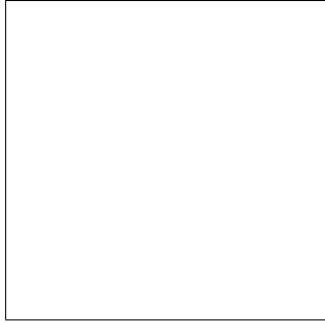


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```

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## A Proof of Theorems

**Proof 1** *The thing we want to minimize is*

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_0 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) + \lambda \|\beta\|_0 = L_1 + L_2$$

where  $L_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)$ ,  $L_2 = \lambda \|\beta\|_0$ . **Case 1:** Here we view the optimization problem as a case in linear regression. The  $L_1$  is exactly the  $RSS/2$  in this case. So we compare the increment of  $L_1$  when  $L_2$  takes different values. We denote  $z$  as the number of non-zero elements in  $\beta$ .

- (1) Consider the case we have no constraint on  $z$ . Thus we only have to minimize  $L_1$ . By the knowledge of linear regression, we know the unique minimizer is  $\hat{\beta}_{ols} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$ . Assume there are  $m$  zero elements in  $\hat{\beta}_{ols}$  where  $0 \leq m \leq p$
- (2) Consider the case we have constraint on  $z$ :  $z = i$ , where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Obviously, among these cases the  $L$  can be minimized if and only if  $i = m$ . So,  $z = m$  and  $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_{ols}$  is the minimizer of  $L$  when  $0 \leq z \leq m$ .
- (3) Consider the case that we have constraint on  $z$ :  $z = m + 1$ . Then we have to take one more non-zero element in  $\beta$  to be zero. Suppose we take  $\hat{\beta}_i \neq 0$  to be 0. Then we obtain

$$2L_1 - SSE(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i-1}, \beta_{i+1}, \dots, \beta_p) = SSR(\beta_i)$$

by the columns in  $\mathbf{X}$  are orthogonal to each other. Additionally,

$$SSR(\beta_i) = \mathbf{Y}^T (\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_i) \mathbf{Y}$$

where  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X} = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{x}_{(i)} \mathbf{x}_{(i)}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{H}_i = \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{x}_{(i)} \mathbf{x}_{(i)}^T$ ,  $\hat{\beta}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{Y}$ . Thus, we can simplify the second equation as:

$$SSR(\beta_i) = n_i \hat{\beta}_i^2$$

Thus, by taking  $\hat{\beta}_i$  as 0, there is  $\frac{n_i \hat{\beta}_i^2}{2}$  increment on  $L_1$ ,  $\lambda$  decrement on  $L_2$ . Obviously, if the increment of  $L_1$  is larger than the decrement  $L_2$ , we should not take  $\hat{\beta}_i$  as 0; conversely, if the increment of  $L_1$  is less than the decrement of  $L_2$ , taking  $\hat{\beta}_i$  as 0 can lessen the  $L$ .

- (4) As we discussed, if there is still at least one element in  $\beta_k$  that satisfies that  $\frac{n_k \hat{\beta}_k^2}{2} \leq \lambda$ , we can keep reducing  $L$  by taking  $\beta_k$  as 0 until all remain non-zero elements in  $\hat{\beta}$  do not satisfy  $\frac{n_k \hat{\beta}_k^2}{2} \leq \lambda$ . Then we can minimize  $L$ .

Over all, the  $\beta$  that minimized  $L$  is:

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \hat{\beta}_{ols,i} \mathbb{I}_{|\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}| > \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{n_i}}} \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, p$$

**Proof 2** Here we use the properties of subderivative. Taking subderivative of  $L$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_j} = \begin{cases} \{n_j \beta_j - \mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} + \lambda\} & \text{if } \beta_j > 0 \\ [n_j \beta_j - \mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} - \lambda, n_j \beta_j - \mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} + \lambda] & \text{if } \beta_j = 0 \\ \{n_j \beta_j - \mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} - \lambda\} & \text{if } \beta_j < 0 \end{cases}$$

Because  $\beta_j$  minimize  $L$  if and only if  $0 \in \frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta_j}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  is orthogonal, we get:

$$\hat{\beta}_j = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} + \lambda}{n_j} & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j = 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y} - \lambda}{n_j} & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j > 0 \end{cases}$$

Here,  $\hat{\beta}_{ols} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} = \text{diag}(1/n_1, \dots, 1/n_p) \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y}$ , so  $\hat{\beta}_{ols,j} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_{(j)}^T \mathbf{Y}}{n_j}$ . Then the solution of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  can be simplified as:

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}) (|\hat{\beta}_{ols,i}| - \frac{\lambda}{n_i})_+ \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

## B Algorithm

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### Algorithm 1 Block Localization

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Initialize  $C_1, \dots, C_K, D_1, \dots, D_R$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_L$  by performing one-way k-means clustering on the columns and on the rows of the data matrix  $X$ .

**repeat**

(a) Holding  $C_1, \dots, C_K, D_1, \dots, D_R$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_L$  fixed, solve (1) with respect to  $\mu$  using LASSO regression.

(b) Holding  $\mu, D_1, \dots, D_R$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_L$  fixed, solve (1) with respect to  $C_1, \dots, C_K$ , by assigning the  $i$ th observation to the row cluster for which  $\sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{j \in D_r} \sum_{m \in E_l} (X_{ijm} - \mu_{krl})^2$  is smallest.

(c) repeat (a).

(d) Holding  $\mu, C_1, \dots, C_K$  and  $E_1, \dots, E_L$  fixed, solve (1) with respect to  $D_1, \dots, D_R$ , by assigning the  $i$ th observation to the column cluster for which  $\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{i \in C_k} \sum_{m \in E_l} (X_{ijm} - \mu_{krl})^2$  is smallest.

(e) repeat (a).

(f) Holding  $\mu, C_1, \dots, C_K$  and  $D_1, \dots, D_R$  fixed, solve (1) with respect to  $E_1, \dots, E_L$ , by assigning the  $i$ th observation to the cluster of the third dimension for which  $\sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{i \in C_k} \sum_{j \in D_r} (X_{ijm} - \mu_{krl})^2$  is smallest.

**until** Convergence

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