Future Improvement

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1 Unsolved Review Summary

1.1 Comparisons

- 1. Add comparison on tensor-on-tensor regression (Lock, 2018; Llosa, 2018; Gahrooei et al., 2020; Raskutti et al., 2015). **NIPS R3**.
- 2. Add comparison on scalar-on-tensor regression (Chen et al., 2019; Zhou et al., 2013). ICML R1.
- 3. Add comparison on HOLRR (Rabusseau and Kadri, 2016). Though HOLRR is a special case of the proposed model, it is helpful to show the benefit of the incorporation of covariate on distinct modes, when all covariates are vectorized in a long vector in HOLRR. AISTAT R3.
- 4. Add comparison on HOPLS (Zhao et al., 2012) and TPG (Yu and Liu, 2016) from the perspective of the model. AISTAT R1.
- 5. Add comparison on paper (Smith et al., 2015). NIPS R4.

1.2 Experiments

- 1. Add comparisons on other scalar-on-tensor and tensor-on-tensor regressions in both simulations and real data analysis. **NIPS R2**, **R3**.
- 2. Add numerical results on large-scale or higher-order response. NIPS R2, AISTAT R3.
- 3. Show how many iterations and time are needed to converge. NIPS R2.

1.3 Explanations

- 1. Add explanations on hyperparameter selection for our method and other methods (e.g. HOLRR, TPG, HOPLS) we want to compare. **NIPS R2,R4**.
- 2. Add explanations on rank selection. Add necessary references. Explain why not use the proposed rank selection strategy in simulations. Explain the computational issues of grid search. NIPS R3, ICML R1, R3.
- 3. Discuss the existence of \mathcal{B}_{true} and discuss the mismatching loss $\sum \hat{\mathcal{B}}_{ijk} \neq \mathcal{B}_{trueijk}$. NIPS R4.
- 4. Compare the computational complexity with other methods. NIPS R2.
- 5. Explain how the 136 subjects in HCP are selected from thousands of subjects in the original data. **NIPS R3**.

2 Model Equivalence

2.1 Our method

Let $\mathcal{Y} = [\mathcal{Y}_{i_1,\dots,i_k}] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1,\dots,d_K}$ be the tensor observation, $\mathbf{X}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k \times p_k}, k \in [K]$ be the matrix covariates. Our tensor regression model is of form

$$g\left(\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Y}|\mathbf{X}_{1},...,\mathbf{X}_{K}]\right) = \mathcal{B} \times_{1} \mathbf{X}_{1} \times_{2} \cdots \times_{K} \mathbf{X}_{K},\tag{1}$$

where $g(\cdot)$ is the inverse link function, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \cdots \times p_K}$ is the order-K tensor-valued coefficient. Reformulating the model (1) into $\prod_{i=1}^K d_k$ univariate regressions, we have

$$g\left(\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Y}_{i_1,\dots,i_K}|\mathbf{X}_1,\dots,\mathbf{X}_K]\right) = \langle \mathcal{B}, \mathbf{X}_{1i_1} \circ \dots \circ \mathbf{X}_{Ki_K} \rangle, \quad \text{for } i_k \in [d_k], k \in [K],$$
(2)

where X_{ki_k} refers to the i_k -th row of X_k , for all $k \in [K]$, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ refers to the inner product of two tensors, and \circ refers to the outer product of two vectors.

2.2 Scalar-on-tensor regression

Let $y \in \mathbb{R}$ denote the scalar response, $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \cdots \times p_K}$ denote the order-K tensor predictor, and $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_0}$ denote the vector-valued covariate. Given the i.i.d. sample set $\{y^{(i)}, \mathcal{X}^{(i)}, \mathbf{Z}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$, the scalar-on-tensor regression model is

$$g\left(\mathbb{E}[y^{(i)}|\mathcal{X}^{(i)}]\right) = \alpha + \gamma^T \mathbf{Z} + \langle \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{X}^{(i)} \rangle, \quad \text{for } i = 1, ..., n$$
 (3)

where $g(\cdot)$ is the inverse link function, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is the scalar coefficient, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{p_0}$ is the vector-valued coefficient, and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \cdots \times p_K}$ is the order-K tensor-valued coefficient.

Ignoring the scalar parameter α and the vector-valued covariate \mathbf{Z} , our model (2) is equal to the scalar-on-tensor model (3) by defining

$$\mathbb{E}[y^{(i)}|\mathcal{X}^{(i)}] := \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{Y}_{i_1,\dots,i_K}|\boldsymbol{X}_1,\dots,\boldsymbol{X}_K] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{X}^{(i)} := \boldsymbol{X}_{1i_1} \circ \dots \circ \boldsymbol{X}_{Ki_K}, \quad \text{for } i = 1,\dots,n,$$

where $n = \prod_{i=1}^{K} d_k$.

2.3 Tensor-on-tensor regression

Let $\mathbb{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{K+1} \times \cdots \times d_N}$ be the tensor observation, $\mathbb{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K}$ be the tensor predictor. Given the i.i.d. sample set $\{\mathbb{Y}^{(i)}, \mathbb{X}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$, the tensor-on-tensor regression is of form

$$g\left(\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{Y}^{(i)}|\mathbb{X}^{(i)}]\right) = \langle \mathbb{X}^{(i)}, \mathbb{B} \rangle_K, \quad \text{for } i = 1, ..., n,$$
(4)

where $g(\cdot)$ is the inverse link function, $\mathbb{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_N}$ is the order-K tensor-valued coefficient, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_K$ refers to the contracted tensor product; i.e., for two tensors $\mathbb{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \cdots \times I_L \times d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times \cdots \times d_K \times J_1 \times \cdots \times J_M}$, the contracted tensor product $\langle \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \rangle_K \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \cdots \times I_L \times J_1 \times \cdots \times J_M}$ and the $(i_1, \dots, i_L, j_1, \dots, j_M)$ -the entry is

$$(\langle \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \rangle_K)_{i_1, \dots, i_L, j_1, \dots, j_M} = \sum_{a_1, \dots, a_K}^{d_1, \dots, d_K} \mathbb{P}_{i_1, \dots, i_L, a_1, \dots, a_K} \mathbb{Q}_{a_1, \dots, a_K, j_1, \dots, j_M}.$$

Let N = K. Then, the contracted product becomes usual inner product, and $\mathbb{Y}^{(i)}$ becomes a scalar for $i \in [n]$. Consequently, the model (4) degenerates to the scalar-on-tensor regression (3), which is equal to our model.

3 Iteration time table

See Table 1.

Setting	Gaussian	Bernoulli	Poisson
d = 30, r = 6	2.6	6.0	5.7
d = 30, r = 3	0.5	1.1	1.3
d = 25, r = 6	1.4	3.7	4.0
d = 25, r = 3	0.3	0.6	0.6

Table 1: Iteration time of Algorithm 1. Numerical values are the running time (seconds) required for one iteration in Algorithm 1 under different settings.

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