# An Exploration of Optimization Algorithms for High Performance Tensor Completion

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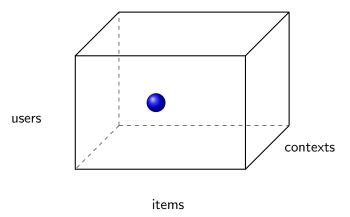
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#### **Tensor introduction**

- ▶ Tensors are the generalization of matrices to  $\geq 3D$ .
- ► Tensors have *m* dimensions (or *modes*).
  - ▶ We will use dimensions  $I \times J \times K$  in this talk.

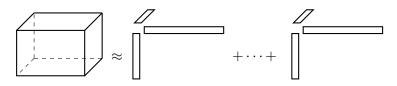


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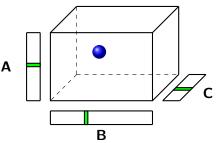
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- ► The canonical polyadic decomposition (CPD) models a tensor as the summation of rank-1 tensors.



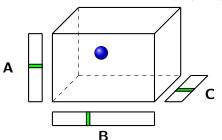
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We arrive at a non-convex optimization problem:

$$\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text{minimize} \\ \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \end{array}}_{\mathbf{Loss}} + \underbrace{\lambda \left( ||\mathbf{A}||_F^2 + ||\mathbf{B}||_F^2 + ||\mathbf{C}||_F^2 \right)}_{\text{Regularization}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathsf{nnz}(\mathcal{R})} \left( \mathcal{R}(i, j, k) - \sum_{f=1}^F \mathbf{A}(i, f) \mathbf{B}(j, f) \mathbf{C}(k, f) \right)^2$$

## **Challenges**

### Optimization algorithms

- ► Algorithms for *matrix* completion are relatively mature.
  - ▶ How do their tensor adaptations perform on HPC systems?
- ► Several properties to consider when comparing algorithms:
  - 1. Number of operations.
  - 2. Convergence rate.
  - 3. Computational intensity.
  - 4. Parallelism.

## **Experimental setup**

- Source code was implemented as part of SPLATT with MPI+OpenMP.
- ► Experiments are on the Cori supercomputer at NERSC.
  - ▶ Nodes have two sixteen-core Intel processors (Haswell).
- ► Experiments show a rank-10 factorization of the Yahoo Music (KDD cup) tensor.
  - ▶ 210 million *user-song-month* ratings.
  - More datasets and ranks in the paper.
- ► Root-mean-squared error (RMSE) on a test set measures solution quality:

$$\mathsf{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}, \boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}, \boldsymbol{\mathsf{B}}, \boldsymbol{\mathsf{C}})}{\mathsf{nnz}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}})}}$$

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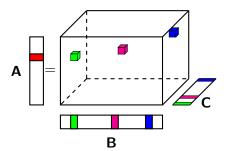
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# Alternating least squares (ALS)

- ► Each row of **A** is a linear least squares problem.
- ▶  $\mathbf{H}_i$  is an  $|\mathcal{R}(i,:,:)| \times F$  matrix:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{R}(i,j,k) \to \mathbf{B}(j,:) * \mathbf{C}(k,:)$  (elementwise multiplication).
- $\blacktriangleright \mathbf{A}(i,:) \leftarrow \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{H}_i^T \mathbf{H}_i + \lambda \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1}}_{\text{normal eq.}} \mathbf{H}_i^T \operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{R}(i,:,:)).$



# Alternating least squares (ALS)

- ▶ Normal equations  $\mathbf{N}_i = \mathbf{H}_i^T \mathbf{H}_i$  are formed one non-zero at a time.
- ►  $\mathbf{H}_{i}^{T} \operatorname{vec}(\mathcal{R}(i,:,:))$  is similarly accumulated into a vector  $\mathbf{q}_{i}$ .

## **Algorithm 1** ALS: updating A(i,:)

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1: \mathbf{N}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}^{F \times F}, \mathbf{q}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}^{F \times 1}

2: \mathbf{for} (i, j, k) \in \mathcal{R}(i, :, :) \mathbf{do}

3: \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{B}(j, :) * \mathbf{C}(k, :)

4: \mathbf{N}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{N}_{i} + \mathbf{x}^{T} \mathbf{x}

5: \mathbf{q}_{i} \leftarrow \mathbf{q}_{i} + \mathcal{R}(i, j, k) \mathbf{x}^{T}

6: \mathbf{end} \ \mathbf{for}

7: \mathbf{A}(i, :) \leftarrow (\mathbf{N}_{i} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{q}_{i}
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## **BLAS-3** formulation

- ► Element-wise computation is an outer product formulation.
  - ▶  $\mathcal{O}(F^2)$  work with  $\mathcal{O}(F^2)$  data per non-zero.
- ▶ Instead, append  $(\mathbf{B}(j,:) * \mathbf{C}(k,:))$  to a matrix  $\mathbf{Z}$ .
  - ▶ When **Z** is full, do a rank-k update:  $\mathbf{N}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{N}_i + \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$ .

## **Algorithm 2** ALS: updating A(i,:)

1: 
$$\mathbf{N}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{0}^{F \times F}$$
,  $q_i \leftarrow \mathbf{0}^{F \times 1}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ 

2: for 
$$(i,j,k) \in \mathcal{R}(i,:,:)$$
 do

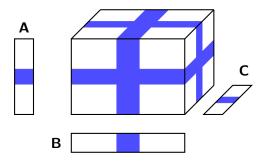
3: Append 
$$(\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{B}(j,:) * \mathbf{C}(k,:))$$
 to **Z**

4: 
$$q_i \leftarrow q_i + \mathcal{R}(i,j,k) \mathbf{x}^T$$

- 5: end for
- 6:  $\mathbf{N}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{N}_i + \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$
- 7:  $\mathbf{A}(i,:) \leftarrow (\mathbf{N}_i + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} q_i$

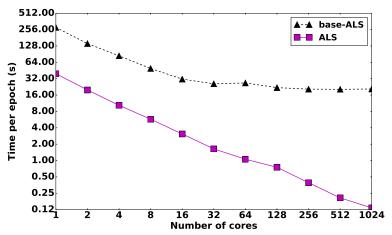
## Parallel ALS

- ▶ We impose a 1D partition on each of the factors.
- ► Non-zeros are then distributed according to the row partitionings.
- ▶ Only the updated rows need to be communicated.
- ► If mode is short, cooperatively form rows and aggregate the normal equations.



#### **ALS** evaluation

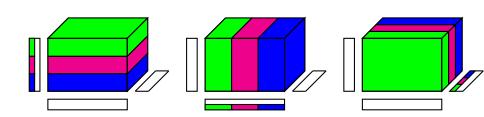
 $295 \times$  relative speedup and  $153 \times$  speedup over base-ALS.



**base-ALS** is a pure-MPI implementation in C++ [Karlsson '15]. **ALS** is our MPI+OpenMP implementation with one MPI rank per node.

# Coordinate descent (CCD++)

- ► Select an variable and update while holding all others constant.
  - ► Can be done exactly because problem is quadratic.
- ► Rank-1 factors are updated in sequence.



### CCD++ formulation

- $\blacktriangleright$   $\mathcal{O}(F)$  work per non-zero.
- ► Each epoch requires 3F passes over the tensor.
  - ► Heavily dependent on memory bandwidth.

$$\delta_{ijk} \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(i,j,k) - \sum_{f=1}^{F} \mathbf{A}(i,f) \mathbf{B}(j,f) \mathbf{C}(k,f)$$

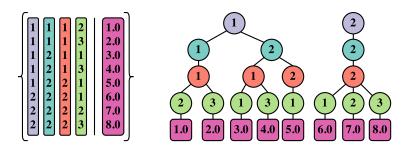
$$\alpha_{i} \leftarrow \sum_{\mathcal{R}(i,:,:)} \delta_{ijk} \left( \mathbf{B}(j,f) \mathbf{C}(k,f) \right)$$

$$\beta_{i} \leftarrow \sum_{\mathcal{R}(i,:,:)} \left( \mathbf{B}(j,f) \mathbf{C}(k,f) \right)^{2}$$

$$\mathbf{A}(i,f) \leftarrow \frac{\alpha_{i}}{\beta_{i} + \lambda}$$

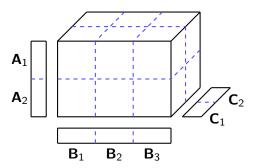
# Compressed sparse fiber (CSF)

- ► CSF is a generalization of the CSR structure for matrices.
- ▶ Paths from roots to leaves encode non-zeros.
- ► CSF reduces the memory bandwidth of the tensor and also structures accesses to the factors.



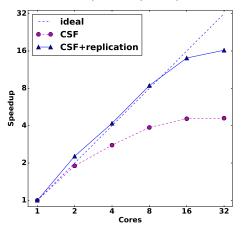
#### Parallel CCD++

- ▶ Shared-memory: each entry of A(:, f) is computed in parallel.
- ► Distributing non-zeros with a 3D grid limits communication to the grid layers.
  - ▶ Distributing non-zeros requires  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  to be aggregated.
  - ▶ Communication volume is  $\mathcal{O}(IF)$  per process.
- ► For short modes, use a grid dimension of 1 and fully replicate the factor.



## CCD++ shared-memory evaluation

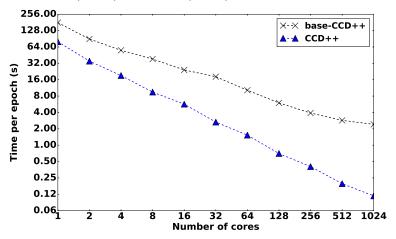
Replicating the short mode improves speedup from  $4\times$  to  $16\times$ .



**CSF** uses a CSF representation. **CSF+replication** uses a CSF representation and replicates  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for load balance.

## CCD++ distributed-memory evaluation

 $685 \times$  relative speedup and  $21 \times$  speedup over base-CCD++.



**base-CCD++** is a pure-MPI implementation in C++ [Karlsson '15]. **CCD++** is our MPI+OpenMP implementation with two MPI ranks per node.

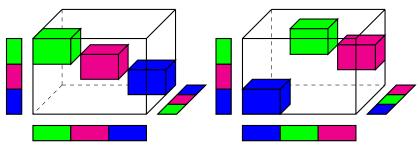
# Stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

- ▶ Randomly select entry  $\mathcal{R}(i,j,k)$  and update **A**, **B**, and **C**.
  - $\triangleright$   $\mathcal{O}(F)$  work per non-zero.

$$\begin{split} \delta_{ijk} \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(i,j,k) - \sum_{f=1}^{F} \mathbf{A}(i,f) \mathbf{B}(j,f) \mathbf{C}(k,f) \\ \mathbf{A}(i,:) \leftarrow \mathbf{A}(i,:) + \eta \left[ \delta_{ijk} \left( \mathbf{B}(j,:) * \mathbf{C}(k,:) \right) - \lambda \mathbf{A}(i,:) \right] \\ \mathbf{B}(j,:) \leftarrow \mathbf{B}(j,:) + \eta \left[ \delta_{ijk} \left( \mathbf{A}(i,:) * \mathbf{C}(k,:) \right) - \lambda \mathbf{B}(j,:) \right] \\ \mathbf{C}(k,:) \leftarrow \mathbf{C}(k,:) + \eta \left[ \delta_{ijk} \left( \mathbf{A}(i,:) * \mathbf{B}(j,:) \right) - \lambda \mathbf{C}(k,:) \right] \\ \eta \text{ is the step size; typically } \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}). \end{split}$$

# Stratified SGD [Beutel '14]

- Strata identify independent blocks of non-zeros.
- ► Each stratum is processed in parallel.

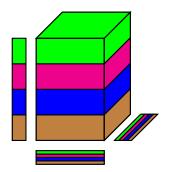


#### Limitations of stratified SGD:

- ▶ There is only as much parallelism as the smallest dimension.
- ► Sparsely populated strata are communication bound.

# Asynchronous SGD (ASGD)

- ► Processes overlap updates and exchange to avoid divergence.
  - ▶ Local solutions are combined via a weighted sum.
- ► Go Hogwild! on shared-memory systems.

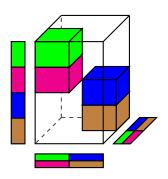


#### Limitations of ASGD:

► Convergence suffers unless updates are frequently exchanged.

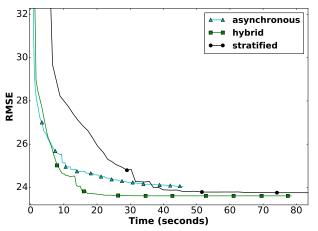
# Hybrid stratified/asynchronous SGD

- ▶ Limit the number of strata to reduce communication.
- ► Assign multiple processes to the same stratum (called a *team*).
- ► Each process performs updates on its own local factors.
- ▶ At the end of a strata, updates are exchanged among the team.



## Effects of stratification on SGD @ 1024 cores

Hybrid stratification combines the speed of ASGD with the stability of stratification.



Hybrid uses sixteen teams of four MPI processes.

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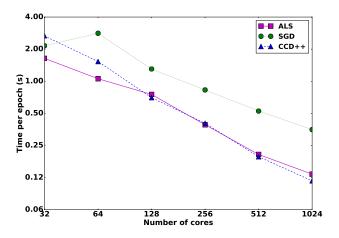
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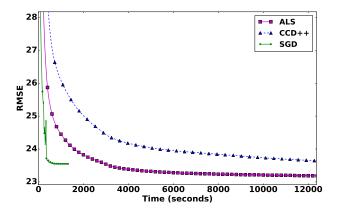
# Strong scaling

- ► SGD exhibits initial slowdown as strata teams are populated.
- ► All methods scale to (past) 1024 cores.



# Convergence @ 1 core

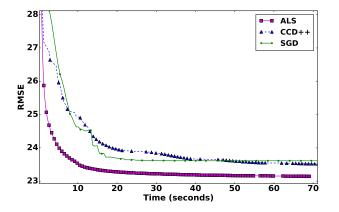
SGD rapidly converges to a high quality solution.



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# Convergence @ 1024 cores

- ► ALS now has the lowest time-to-solution.
- ► CCD++ and SGD exhibit similar convergence rates.



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## Wrapping Up

- ► Some of the principles in sparse matrix computations are useful here, but tensors bring many new challenges!
- ► Careful attention to sparsity and data structures can give over 10× speedups.
- ► ALS has a high convergence rate and performs well on modern architectures due to its high compute intensity.
- ► CCD++ may be best for very large scale systems or ranks, however.

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# Questions?

# Backup Slides

#### Communication volume on Yahoo!

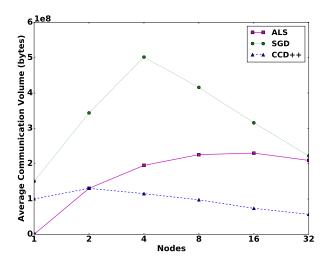
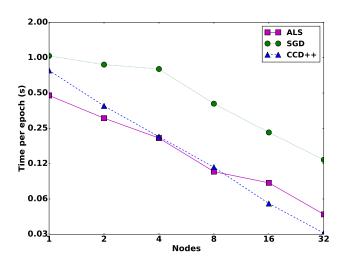
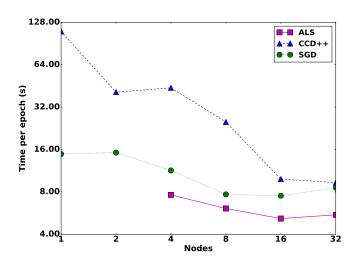


Figure: Average communication volume per node on the Yahoo! dataset. CCD++ and SGD use two MPI ranks per node and ALS uses one.

# **Netflix strong scaling**



# **Amazon strong scaling**



## Scaling factorization rank on 1024 cores

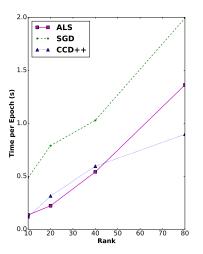


Figure: Effects of increasing factorization rank on the Yahoo! dataset.