

# Combining Adagrad and Sketched ALS for CP Tensor Decomposition

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# What is a Tensor

## Matrix Representation

A matrix over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  is written as the rectangular grid of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ .

## Generalization

A tensor can be similarly represented as a multidimensional array of elements of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Thus a tensor is sometimes called the generalization of a matrix

# Definitions

## Order

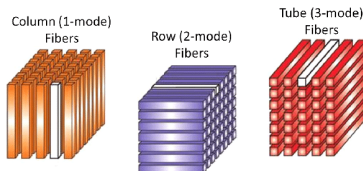
Equivalent to the dimensionality of the tensor. For example, a vector is an order-1 tensor, while a matrix is an order-2 tensor.

## Fiber

A fiber of a tensor is a vector obtained by fixing all the indices of all except for one.

## Mode n-Fiber

A fiber obtained by fixing all but the  $n$ th dimension.



# Tensor Rank

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an order- $n$  Tensor.

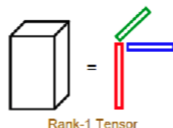
## Rank 1 Tensors

The tensor  $\mathcal{X}$  is rank 1 if  $\mathcal{X}$  can be written as the outer product of  $n$  vectors. Thus  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{x}_1 \otimes \mathbf{x}_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}_n$ .

## Tensor Rank

The rank of tensor  $\mathcal{X}$  is the minimum number of rank 1 tensors summed to obtain  $\mathcal{X}$ . The rank  $R$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  is the minimum  $r$  for which

$$\mathcal{X} = \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{x}_{1,i} \otimes \mathbf{x}_{2,i} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{x}_{n,i}$$



<sup>1</sup>We assume all tensors from now are in  $\mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times I_2 \times \cdots \times I_n}$

# Tensor Rank Decomposition

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an order- $n$  rank  $r$  Tensor.

## CP Decomposition<sup>1,2</sup>

We want to find the value of

$$\mathbf{x}_{1,1}, \mathbf{x}_{1,2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{1,n}, \mathbf{x}_{2,1}, \mathbf{x}_{2,2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{2,n}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{r,1}, \mathbf{x}_{r,2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{r,n}.$$

## Kruskal Form

For simplicity let  $X_i$  be the matrix with each  $j$ th column be the vector  $\mathbf{x}_{i,j}$ . Let  $\llbracket X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rrbracket$  be the sum of the outer product of the corresponding columns.

We want to find  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , but this is a hard problem ☹

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<sup>1</sup>Also sometimes called the CANDECOMP or PARAFAC decomposition

# Optimization Problem

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an order- $n$  rank  $r$  tensor.

Instead solve optimization problem:  $\min_{X_i \in \mathbb{R}^{I_i \times r}} \|\mathcal{X} - \llbracket X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rrbracket\|_F$

This problem is still hard, possibly ill-posed and non-convex but we can still try to solve it. Even computing the rank of a tensor is NP-Hard.

# Low Rank Approximation

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an order- $n$  rank  $r$  Tensor.

Model the tensor  $\mathcal{X}$  as a low-rank tensor with a small noise tensor,  $\mathcal{X} = [\![\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n]\!] + \epsilon$ . Where the number of columns of  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n \ll r$ .

Then try to recover  $[\![\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n]\!]$  as our low-rank approximation.



# Data as Tensors

## Temporal Data

Whenever data at a single point of time can be represented as a matrix the tensor allows us to also show how the data changes over time.

## Multi-relational Data

Constructing data into tensor form can reveal the relationships in multiple ways. Such as in hyper graphs or complex social networks.

# Decomposition Applications

## Latent Variable Modeling

Latent variables are indirectly observed variables that can be revealed through a decomposition. For example, we could construct a tensor from neuron activity over time and over multiple trials. Decomposing this would reveal constituent parts that have between-trial factors, temporal factors, and factors between neurons.

## Compression

Finding an efficient method to decompose a tensor into smaller arrays can decrease data sizes by orders of magnitude, while minimizing loss. This technique is also used in decreasing computational complexity in deep neural networks.

# ALS<sup>1</sup>

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a third order tensor. We want to find the factor matrices  $A, B, C$  such that  $\mathcal{X} = \llbracket A, B, C \rrbracket$ .

## ALS algorithm

We solve the Alternating Least Squares problem:

$$A_{t+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{A_{t+1}} \|\mathcal{X} - \llbracket A_{t+1}, B_t, C_t \rrbracket\|_F \quad (1)$$

$$B_{t+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{B_{t+1}} \|\mathcal{X} - \llbracket A_{t+1}, B_{t+1}, C_t \rrbracket\|_F \quad (2)$$

$$C_{t+1} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{C_{t+1}} \|\mathcal{X} - \llbracket A_{t+1}, B_{t+1}, C_{t+1} \rrbracket\|_F \quad (3)$$

Each problem can be solved either using the psuedo inverse or by solving the linear system by other means for both the regularized and unregularized case.

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<sup>1</sup>For the rest of the presentation we will be assuming all tensors are order 3

# Sketched ALS

## Sketching ALS Subproblems

Each subproblem in ALS involves solving a linear system that is often over determined. We can sketch the columns of the linear system.

We can also add regularization to make decomposing ill-conditioned tensors easier and still converge to the same local minimum.

# AdaGrad

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**Algorithm 1:** input :  $N$  -order tensor  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{I_1 \times \dots \times I_N}$ ; rank  $F$ ; sample size  $B$ , initialization  $\{\mathbf{A}_{(n)}^{(0)}\}$

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**Result:** factor matrices  $A_{(n)}^{(i)}$ , an array of factor matrices.

**while** *until stopping conditions satisfied* **do**

    sample  $n$  from  $\{1, \dots, N\}$  ;

▷ Pick mode

    sample  $\mathcal{F}_n$  uniformly from  $\{1, \dots, J_n\}$  ;

▷ pick fibers

    form the stochastic gradient  $G^{(r)}$

    determine the step size

**end**

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# How to Pick Sketching rates

## Use many different sketching rates

Assign each of  $N$  sketching rates that you want to use a weight such that the  $\sum_{i=1}^N w_{i,0} = 1$ . Then each iteration treat these weights as a probability distribution and randomly pick a sketching rate

## Updating the Weights

Let  $\epsilon \in (0, 1]$  be the probability a iteration updates the weights of the sketching rates.

## Update algorithm

$w_{i,t+1} = w_{i,t} \exp\left(-\frac{\eta \ell_t(s_i)}{\epsilon}\right)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Where  $\eta$  is our aggressiveness and  $\ell_t$  is the per unit time change in the loss function

$$\ell_t(s) = \frac{\|\mathcal{X} - [\mathbf{A}_{t+1}, \mathbf{B}_{t+1}, \mathbf{C}_{t+1}]\|_F - \|\mathcal{X} - [\mathbf{A}_t, \mathbf{B}_t, \mathbf{C}_t]\|_F}{\text{runtime}(t) \|\mathcal{X}\|_F}$$

for the  $i$ th sketching rate.

# Combining First and Second Order methods

## Treat Adagrad as another arm

We can use the same update algorithm as the original CPDMWU paper and instead treat both sketched ALS and Adagrad as possible branches to choose.

## Reasoning

- 1 ALS's per iteration cost is higher than adagrad
- 2 If at a certain time a gradient algorithm would perform better than sketched ALS on a per unit time basis then we should choose it.
- 3 We would expect initially gradient approaches would perform better than sketched ALS and over time the algorithm would weight sketched ALS and larger sketching rates higher.

# Decomposition on Video

We convert a black and white video to a tensor and then decompose it.  
We try to find the low rank approximation with the parameters:

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Rank            | 400                            |
| Size            | $568 \times 568 \times 568$    |
| Time Cap        | 1000 seconds                   |
| Sketching rates | 0.1 , 0.325, 0.55 , 0.775, 1.0 |



# Adagrad (with MWU)

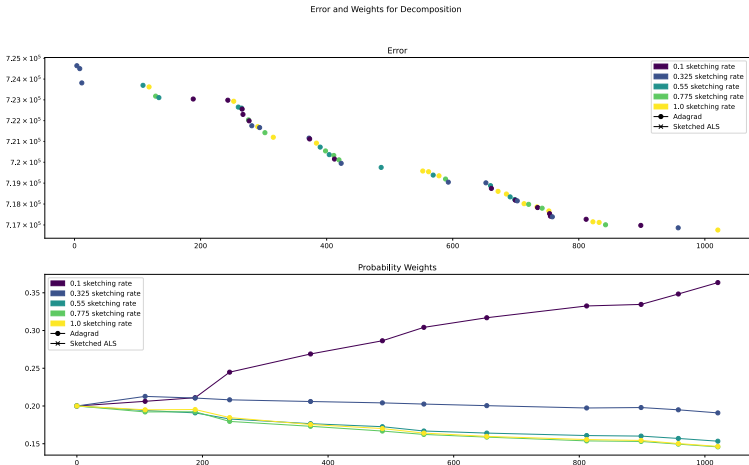
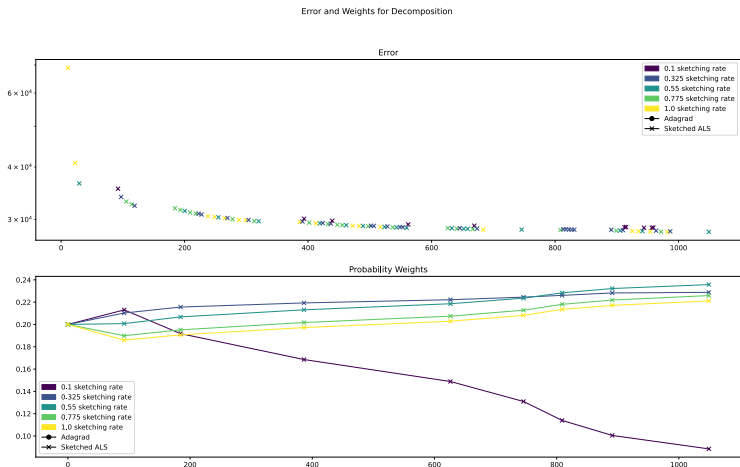


Figure: Decomposition of a video tensor using just adagrad

## CPDMWU



**Figure:** Decomposition of a video tensor using just sketched ALS

# Both algorithms

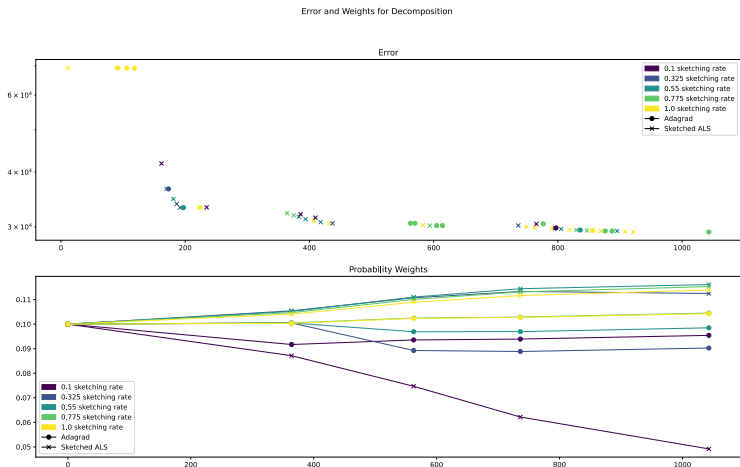


Figure: Decomposition of a video tensor using both adagrad and sketched ALS

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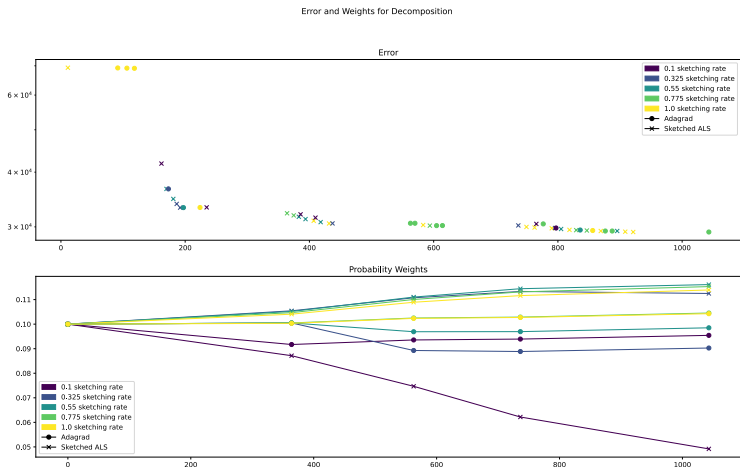


Figure: Decomposition of a video tensor using both adagrad and sketched ALS

# Decomposition with known rank

We decompose tensors of varying sizes and ranks. In all cases CPDMWU with just sketched ALS performed better.

# Adagrad

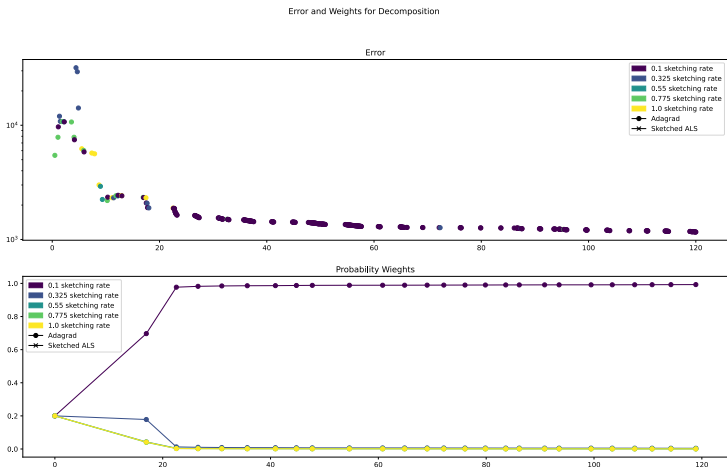


Figure: Adagrad with Rank = 50 and size = 200

# Sketched ALS

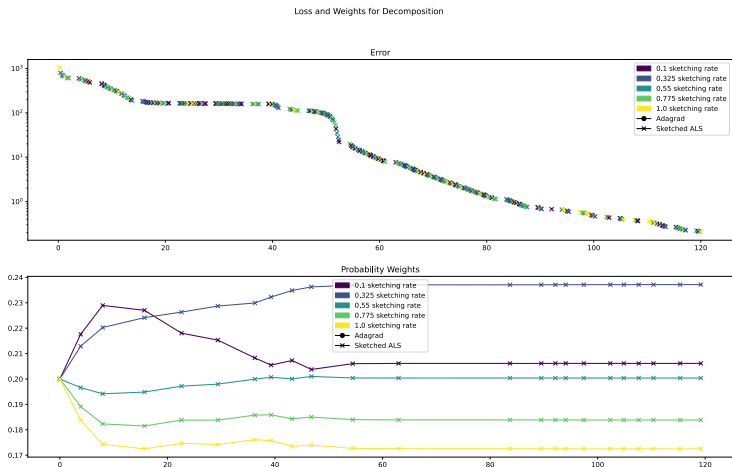


Figure: Sketched ALS with rank = 50 and size = 200

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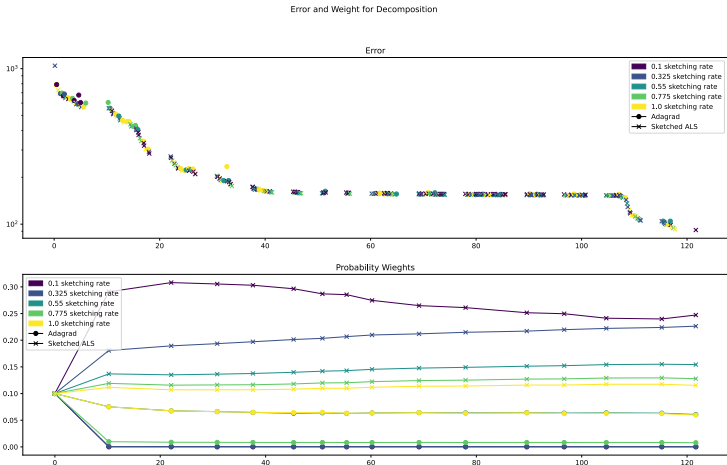


Figure: Sketched ALS with rank = 50 and size = 200



# Adagrad

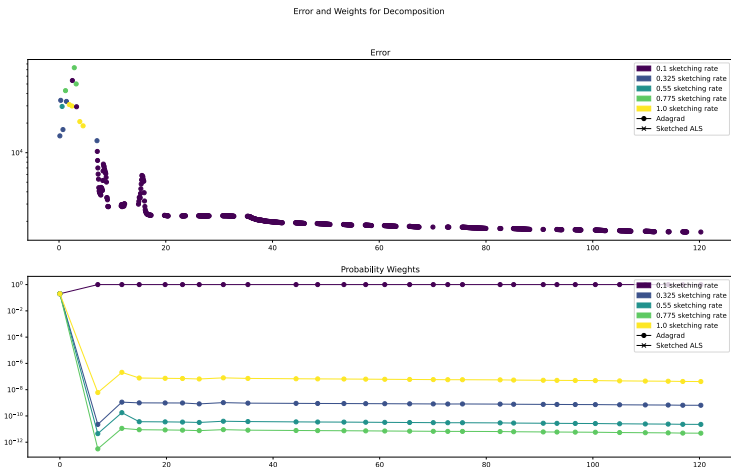


Figure: Adagrad with rank = 100 and size = 200

# Sketched ALS

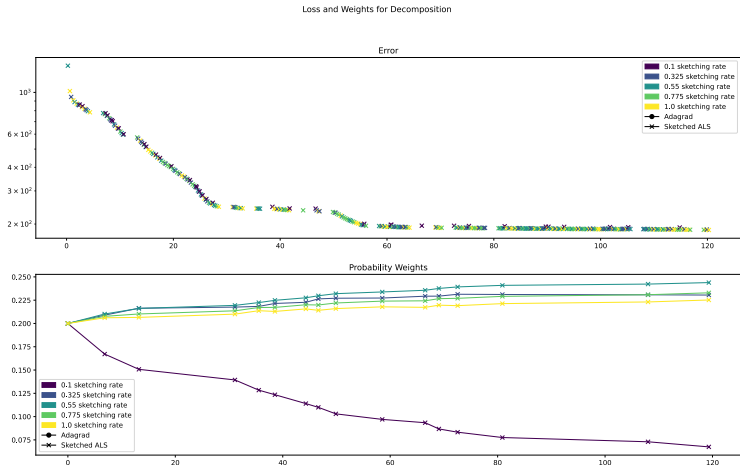


Figure: Sketched ALS with rank = 100 and size = 200

## Both

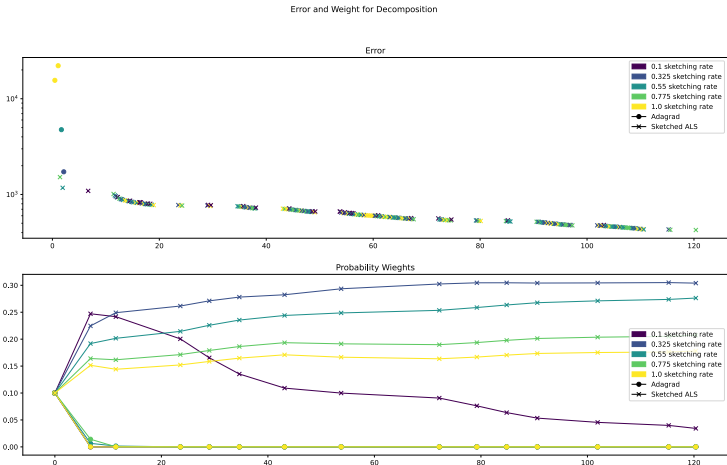


Figure: Adagrad and Sketched ALS with Rank = 100 and size = 200

## Both

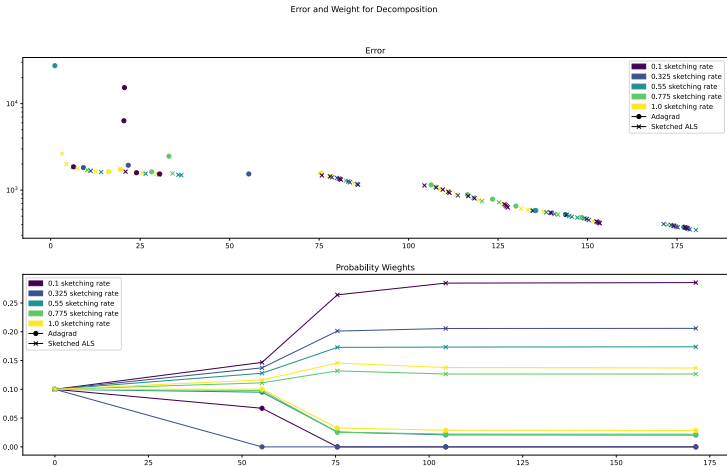


Figure: Adagrad and Sketched ALS with Rank = 300 and size = 50

# Large Number of Trials - Loss

|              | average  | median   | standard deviation |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Sketched ALS | 1401.93  | 1501.96  | 308.18             |
| Adagrad      | 26701.94 | 16282.73 | 24386.11           |
| Both         | 2245.94  | 2295.10  | 262.60             |

**Table:** Statistics for the decompositions of 100 200x200x200 rank 100 tensors after 90 seconds

# Conclusion

- 1 The initial benefits of using a faster gradient based algorithm quickly faded.
- 2 For the range of sizes and ranks of tensor tested, it is better to use sketched ALS.
- 3 Gradient algorithms would quickly not make any or very little improvements (less than 0.01% after a few iterations), while sketched ALS would.
- 4 The increase cost of updating the weights encouraged less frequent testing for optimal weights.
- 5 One iteration of Adagrad is significantly faster than ALS. So even if it made a small improvement, the algorithm was biased towards it.
- 6 The increased number of hyperparameters to tune also increase the complexity and could lead to numerical issues.

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