

Using high-dimensional probability to study complex data: matrices, tensors, linear systems, and beyond

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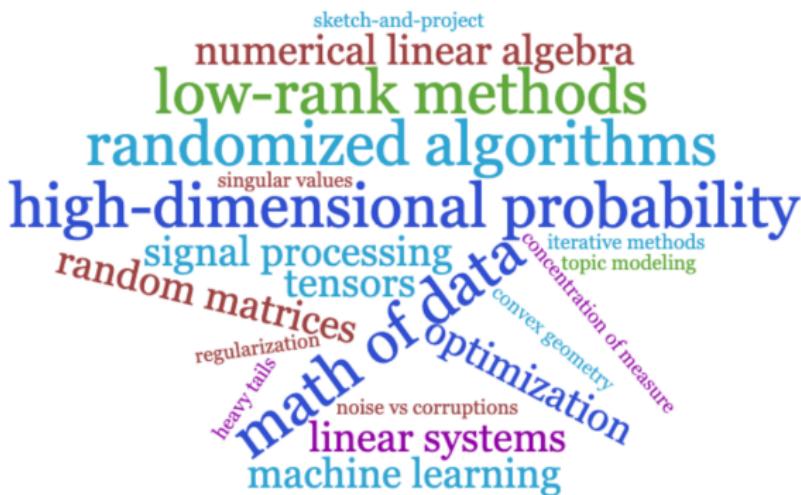
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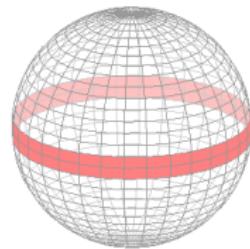
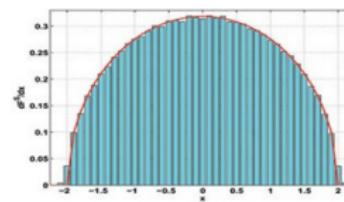
- Study the structure of large high-dimensional objects in the presence of randomness
- Use this understanding to develop (randomized) methods that work with complex data efficiently



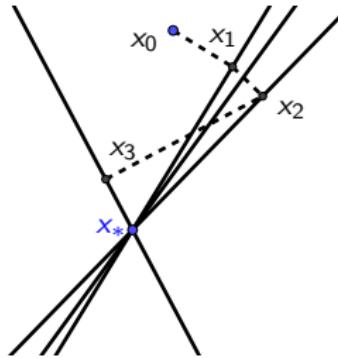
Large high-dimensional objects:

- Sets
 - Matrices
 - Tensors
 - Graphs
 - Systems of linear equations
 - Neural nets
 - ...

High-dimensional probability
helps revealing their structure:



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 3. **Tensors:** (UCLA)
 - Modewise (structure preserving) methods for tensor dimension reduction
 - Matrix and tensor low rank decomposition for interpretable machine learning

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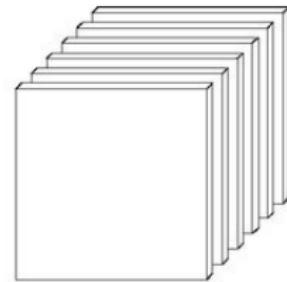
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So,

- Converting it to a vector (vectorization) or to a matrix (matricization) destroys the structure of such data!
- Moreover, tensorized computations are memory- and time-efficient. For example, **tensorized random projections**



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CP-rank r tensor is a smallest number of rank-one tensors that generate \mathcal{X} as their sum:

$$\mathcal{X} = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_1^i \bigcirc \dots \bigcirc \mathbf{x}_d^i$$

Normalization: we assume $\|\mathbf{x}_j^i\|_2 = 1$. Clearly, $r \leq n^d$. Note that low-rank tensor has rnd degrees of freedom instead of n^d .

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- There are other rank notions: HOSVD (Tucker decomposition), TT, hierarchichal versions . . .

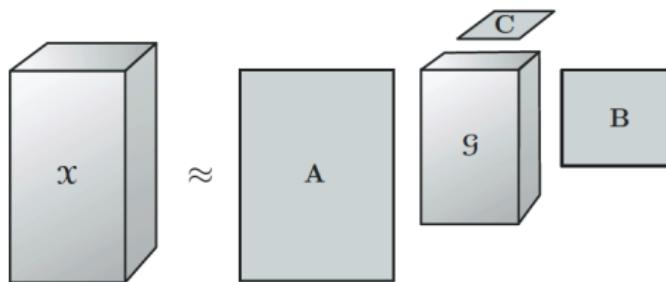


Fig. 4.1 *Tucker decomposition of a three-way array.*

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These random projections are typically constructed as

$m \times m'$ (random) matrices.

If the data is vectorization of a $n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_d$ -dimensional tensor, then $m' = \prod n_i$, resulting in a **huge** $m \times \prod n_i$ projection matrix.

Modewise products: tensor \times_j matrix

Definition (j -mode product, $j = 1, \dots, d$)

A tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n^d}$ can be multiplied by a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ to get a tensor $(\mathcal{X} \times_j \mathbf{A}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \dots \times m \times \dots \times n}$ with the coordinates

$$(\mathcal{X} \times_j \mathbf{A})(\dots, i_{j-1}, \ell, i_{j+1}, \dots) = \sum_{i_j=1}^n \mathbf{A}(\ell, i_j) \mathcal{X}(\dots, i_j, \dots).$$

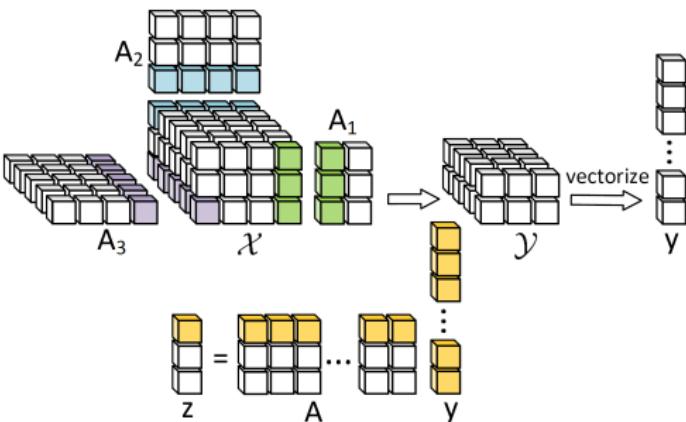
- For a 2 way tensor (a matrix)

$$\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{A}_2 = \mathbf{A}_1 \mathcal{X} \mathbf{A}_2^T$$

- For the CP representation, it is equivalent to

$$\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}_1 \times_2 \mathbf{A}_2 \dots \times_d \mathbf{A}_d = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i(\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{x}_1^i) \bigcirc \dots \bigcirc (\mathbf{A}_d \mathbf{x}_d^i)$$

Modewise dimension reduction: $L(\mathcal{X}) = \mathbf{A}(\text{vect}(\mathcal{X} \underset{j=1}{\overset{d}{\times}} \mathbf{A}_j))$



Combined size of dimension reduction matrices is

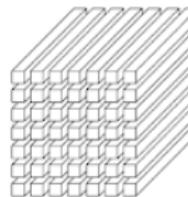
$$m \times \prod_{i=1}^d n_i \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d m_i n_i + m' \prod_{i=1}^d m_i \quad \text{total}$$

Here, $n_1 = 3, n_2 = 4, n_3 = 5$. Then, $m_1 = 2, m_2 = 3, m_3 = 4$.

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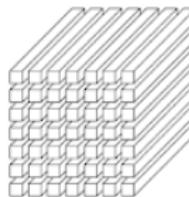
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We propose simple, efficient and provable **modewise** framework for tensor data.

Tensor dimension reduction and low-rank tensor fitting problem¹

¹M. Iwen, D. Needell, E. Rebrova, A. Zare, *Lower Memory Oblivious (Tensor) Subspace Embeddings with Fewer Random Bits: Modewise Methods for Least Squares*, accepted to SIMAX

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This problem includes finding the best set of unit norm vectors $\{\mathbf{x}_j^i\}$ (basis) and the best set of coefficients $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^r$:

$$\arg \min_{\mathcal{X}} \|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{Y}\|^2 = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}_j \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \bigcirc_{j=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j^i - \mathcal{Y} \right\|_F^2$$

Dimension reduction for tensor fitting problem

Goal: use the geometry preserving modewise dimension reduction to fit a smaller tensor.

Directly reusing the previous result would not work:

- Here, tensor \mathcal{Y} is not low rank
- Tensor \mathcal{X} is low rank, but not from a fixed low-rank subspace

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This turns out to be equivalent to solving n_j separate problems of the form:

Find

$$\arg \min_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \mathbb{R}} \|\mathcal{Z}\| := \arg \min_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \mathbb{R}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \bigcirc_{j=1, j \neq j'}^d \mathbf{x}_j^i - \mathcal{Y}' \right\|^2$$

That is, looking for the best fit in some **fixed basis**

Subspace oblivious dimension reduction for tensors

What dimension reduction do we need?

- in a **geometry preserving** and **modewise** way
- in a **subspace oblivious** way (to have the same simple operation for the multiple applications in various bases)
For example, in classical Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma random matrices are taken from general models

Theorem: general model

Let $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{X} - \mathcal{Y}$,

- for a fixed tensor \mathcal{Y}
- and any low r -rank tensor \mathcal{X} from a fixed CP subspace (basis)
- for $m \times n$ matrices \mathbf{A}_j 's taken from some general (subspace oblivious!) model

we want

$$\left| \|\mathcal{Z}\|^2 - \left\| \mathcal{Z} \bigtimes_{j=1 \neq j}^d \mathbf{A}_j \right\|^2 \right| \leq \varepsilon \|\mathcal{Z}\|^2. \quad (1)$$

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Tensor norm

We consider $\|\mathcal{X}\| = \text{sum of squares of the elements}$ (generalization of the Frobenius norm)

For a rank r tensor,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathcal{X}\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^r \alpha_i \alpha_j \left\langle \bigcup_{\ell=1}^d \mathbf{x}_i^\ell, \bigcup_{\ell=1}^d \mathbf{x}_j^\ell \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{i \neq j}^r \alpha_i \alpha_j \prod_{\ell=1}^d \left\langle \mathbf{x}_i^\ell, \mathbf{x}_j^\ell \right\rangle + \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Swartz, one can estimate

$$(1 - \mu'_{\mathcal{X}}) \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathcal{X}\|^2 \leq (1 + \mu'_{\mathcal{X}}) \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2.$$

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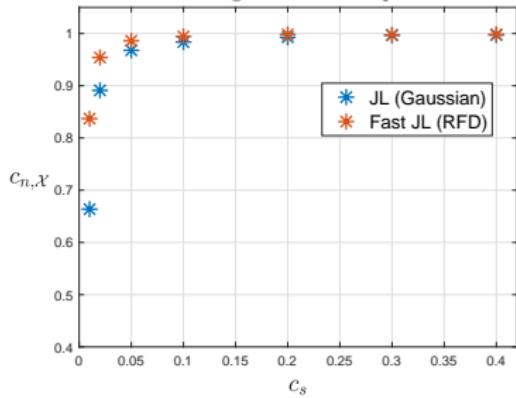
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- random (sub)gaussian tensors are incoherent enough with exponentially high probability:

Lemma

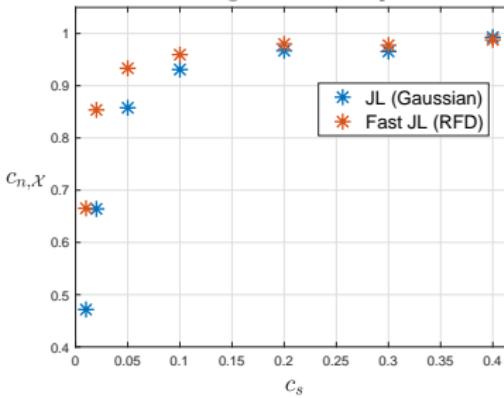
If all components of all vectors $\mathbf{x}_k^{(j)}$ are normalized independent mean zero K -subgaussian random variables, with probability at least $1 - 2r^2 d \exp(-c\mu^2 n)$ maximum modewise coherence parameter of the tensor \mathcal{X} is at most μ .

Experiments: gaussian and coherent tensors compression

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$c_s = m/n$ – compression ratio

$c_{n,\mathcal{X}} = \|\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{A}_1 \dots \times_d \mathbf{A}_d\| / \|\mathcal{X}\|$ – relative norm

Both data sets contain 10 tensors with $d = 4$, $r = 10$, $n = 100$

Coherent tensors constructed as $1 + \sqrt{0.1} \cdot g$, $g \sim N(0, 1)$

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The best dependence on ε (distortion) and r (rank) can be estimated as:

- (Larsen, Nelson, 2016) ε^{-2} is optimal for vectors
- A set of all rank r matrices of the size $n \times n$ can be recovered from $O(rn)$ linear measurements.

Theorem: KFJL operators, log-optimal in ε and r

Define (inspired by Jin, Kolda, Ward, 2019):

$$L_{\text{KFJL}}(\mathcal{X}) := \mathbf{R}(\text{vect}(\mathcal{X} \times_1 \mathbf{F}_1 \mathbf{D}_1 \cdots \times_d \mathbf{F}_d \mathbf{D}_d)),$$

\mathbf{R} is a matrix containing m random rows from $Id_{n^d \times n^d}$,
 $\mathbf{F}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a unitary discrete Fourier transform matrix,
 $\mathbf{D}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is a diagonal matrix with n random ± 1 entries.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{L} be an r -dimensional subspace of d order tensor space $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n \dots n}$. Assume that $n^d \gtrsim \eta^{-1}$ and $2r^2 < n^d$. Let $L_{\text{KFJL}}^1 : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \dots n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_1}$ and $L_{\text{KFJL}}^2 : \mathbb{R}^{m_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$, then for $m_1 \gtrsim_{\log} c^d r^2 \varepsilon^{-2}$ and $m_2 \gtrsim_{\log} c^d r \cdot \varepsilon^{-2}$, we have

$$|\|\mathcal{Z}\|^2 - \|L_{\text{KFJL}}^2(L_{\text{KFJL}}^1(\mathcal{Z}))\|^2| \leq \varepsilon \|\mathcal{Z}\|^2,$$

for $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{X}$ and all $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{L}$ with probability at least $1 - \eta$.

Full compression process

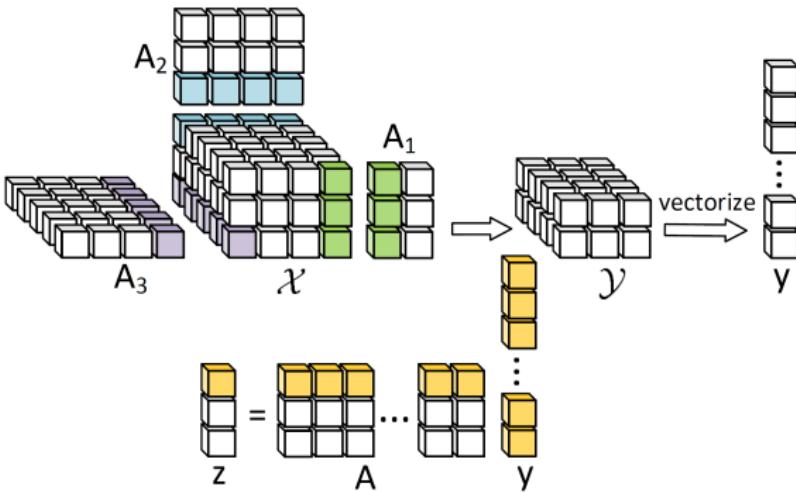
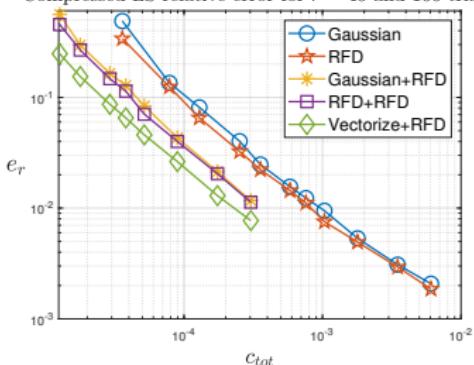
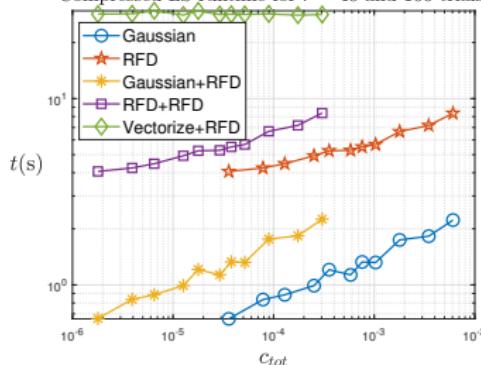


Figure: An example of 2-stage JL embedding applied to a 3-dimensional tensor $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4 \times 5}$. Next, the resulting tensor is vectorized (leading to $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{24}$), and a 2nd-stage JL is then performed to obtain $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ where $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 24}$, and $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Comparing various compression models

Compressed LS relative error for $r = 40$ and 100 trials.

(a) error

Compressed LS runtime for $r = 40$ and 100 trials.

(b) time

Figure: Effect of JL embeddings on the relative reconstruction error of least squares estimation of CPD coefficients. In the 2-stage cases, $c_2 = 0.05$ has been used, $r = 40$.

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- Based on supremum of chaos concentration inequality (cf [Krahmer, Mendelson, Rauhut, 2012])
- Preliminary results for low HOSVD rank: partial vectorization seems required, but modewise approach still crucial for memory saving
- Second stage deals with nearly orthogonal decomposition ("generalized HOSVD"), our key lemma proves new complexity estimate for such tensors

Connected research-2: machine learning

Topic modeling on text data²

²L. Kassab, A. Kryscenko, H. Lyu, D. Molitor, D. Needell, E. Rebrova, *On Nonnegative Matrix and Tensor Decompositions for COVID-19 Twitter Dynamics*, submitted

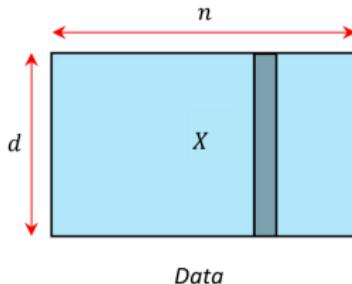
Twitter data related to COVID-19 (Feb-May 2020)

Tweet → vector (bag-of-words/TFIDF/word embeddings)

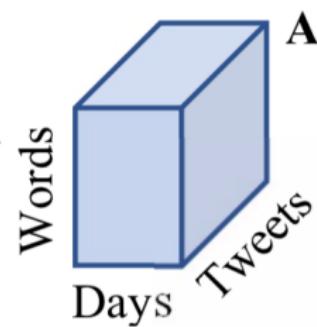
- $d = 5000$ words/terms (dictionary size)
- $n = 90K$ tweets (1000 top retweeted tweets \times 90 days)

All data ...

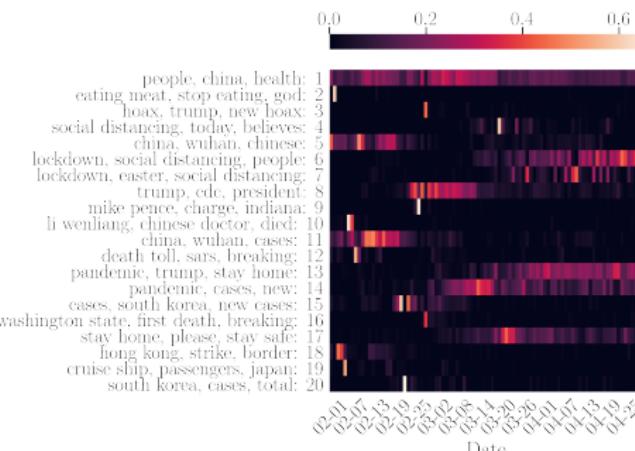
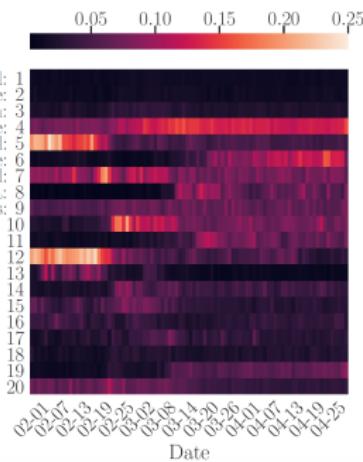
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... as a tensor with temporal component:



Dynamic topic modeling on matrix/tensor data



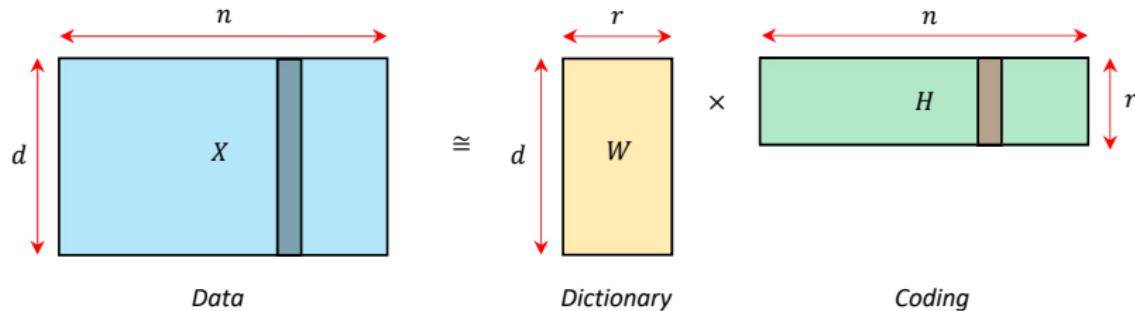
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2 Feb	'No Meat, No Coronavirus' (Wire 2020)
3 Feb	COVID-19 cruise ship outbreak (Kakimoto et al. 2020)
7 Feb	Death of Dr. Li Wenliang (BBC 2020)
8 Feb	COVID-19 death toll overtakes SARS (CNBC 2020)

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| 18 Feb | Spike of cases in South Korea (Statista 2020) |
| 26 Feb | Mike Pence appointed to lead coronavirus task force (Politico 2020) |
| 28 Feb | 'Trump calls Coronavirus Democrats' 'new hoax' (NBCNews 2020a) |
| 29 Feb | First COVID-19 death in the U.S. (NBCNews 2020b) |
| 11 Mar | WHO declares a pandemic (WHO 2020) |

Non-negative Matrix Factorization

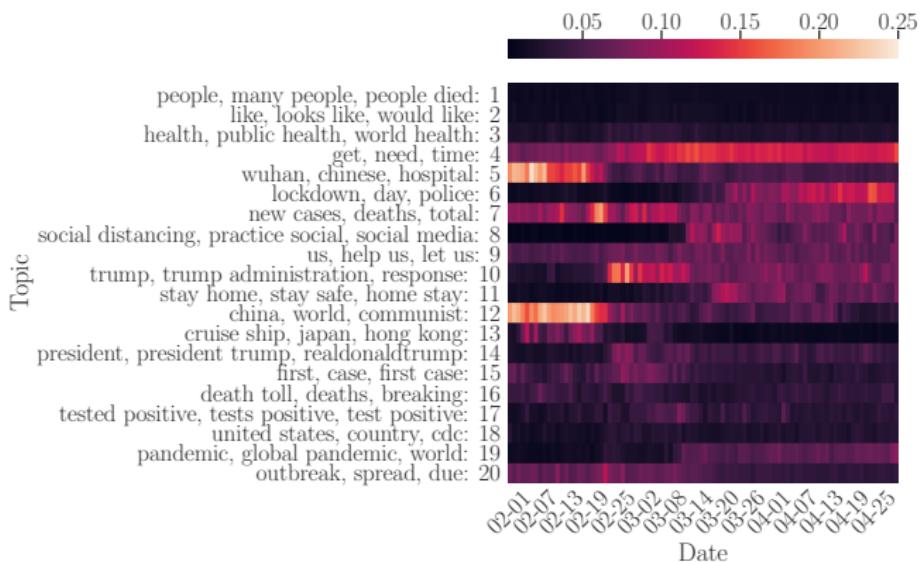
$$\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times n} \approx \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{d \times r}, \mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{r \times n}$$

assuming that X is approximately low rank (r)



Provides soft interpretable clustering of the data into r "topics"

Dynamic topic modeling with NMF



H matrix is split into blocks per day and averaged over the rows of the blocks, showing prevalent topics for each day

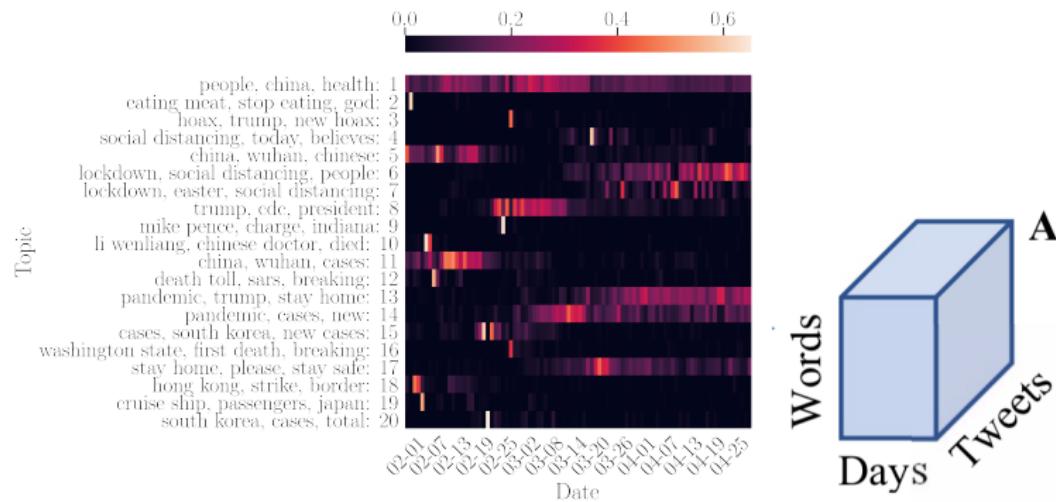
Non-negative low rank CP decomposition (NCPD)

Find **non-negative** factor matrices $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_r] \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 \times r}$,
 $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_2 \times r}$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_3 \times r}$ minimizing the **reconstruction error**

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}} \left\| \mathcal{X} - \sum_{k=1}^r \mathbf{a}_k \odot \mathbf{b}_k \odot \mathbf{c}_k \right\|_F^2$$

- **A** is **time** representation of topics, i.e. the prevalence of each topic through time (emerging, trending, fading away, etc.)
- **B** is **term** representation of the topics, i.e. words that characterize each topic
- **C** is **tweet** representation of the topics, i.e. tweets associated with each topic.

Picking up short-term topics from tensor data



Topic 1:	people (0.29)	china (0.22)	health (0.17)	outbreak (0.17)	like (0.15)
Topic 2:	eating meat (0.55)	stop eating (0.13)	god (0.12)	ji maharaj (0.10)	sin (0.10)
Topic 3:	hoax (0.55)	trump (0.18)	new hoax (0.10)	called hoax (0.10)	democrats (0.08)
Topic 4:	social distancing (0.83)	today (0.04)	believes (0.04)	practice social (0.04)	currently (0.04)
Topic 5:	china (0.51)	wuhan (0.24)	chinese (0.14)	pakistan (0.06)	pakstandswithchina (0.05)
Topic 6:	lockdown (0.70)	social distancing (0.12)	people (0.07)	government (0.06)	trump (0.06)
Topic 7:	lockdown (0.75)	easter (0.08)	social distancing (0.07)	day (0.06)	stayhome (0.05)
Topic 8:	trump (0.43)	cdc (0.18)	president (0.18)	realdonaldtrump (0.11)	administration (0.10)
Topic 9:	mike pence (0.46)	charge (0.20)	indiana (0.13)	hiv (0.13)	response (0.08)
Topic 10:	li wenliang (0.34)	chinese doctor (0.23)	died (0.17)	dr li (0.16)	warn (0.10)
Topic 11:	china (0.42)	wuhan (0.18)	cases (0.14)	chinese (0.13)	new (0.13)



Further directions

Modewise tensor dimension reduction can help here:

- Dimension reduction for **non-negative tensor fitting** problem would speed up finding NCPD decomposition significantly

Warning: practically, non-negative decompositions are frequently done via multiplicative updates, not alternating least squares with thresholding

- Modewise dimension reduction on the data itself can reduce memory and enforce privacy on specific modes (such as, user/tweet mode)

Connected research-3: numerical linear algebra

Solving the fitting problem, we deal with many least square problems

$$\arg \min_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in \mathbb{R}} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \bigcirc_{j=1, j \neq j'}^d \mathbf{x}_j^i - \mathbf{y}' \right\|^2$$

Essentially, we solve many inconsistent linear systems of the type $A\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$. Let $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = A\alpha$, where α is its least square solution. Two natural cases are:

- **Noise:** $A\mathbf{x} = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}$ and $\|\tilde{\mathbf{b}} - \mathbf{b}\| \leq \varepsilon$
- **Corruptions:** \mathbf{b} is obtained by large changes on some of the entries of $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}$

See appendix!

Current directions

1. Matrices:

- Delocalization of eigenvectors of graph Laplacians with the applications to signal processing on graphs (uncertainty principle, with P. Salanevich)

2. Optimization beyond linear systems:

- Theoretical guarantees for stochastic gradient methods (with H.Lyu, W. Swartworth, D. Needell)
- Algorithms for more general noise/corruption models, randomization of other projection-based algorithms (e.g., Douglas-Rachford method)

3. Tensors:

- Tensor restricted isometry property (with M.Iwen, W. Swartsworth, M. Perlmutter)
- Tensor fitting for scientific data (with Y.H. Tang)

4. Machine learning beyond topic modeling:

- Non-negative low rank methods for regression problems, guided clustering, etc (collaborators from UCLA)

Literature

Low-rank methods

- Structure preserving **tensor** dimension reduction
- Matrix and tensor low rank non-negative decompositions for interpretable machine learning

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Iterative methods for optimization

- Solving **linear systems** with randomized iterative methods (Randomized Kaczmarz and SGD)
- Sketch-and-project framework: Gaussian block (matrix) sketches
- Avoiding adversarial corruptions

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Tensor dimension reduction
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Topic modeling
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Conclusion
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Thanks for your attention!
Questions?