# Supplementary Material for the Tensor Granger Causality Algorithm with t-Product Algorithm used in the paper "Tensor Analysis and Fusion of Multimodal Brain Images"

This document is prepared for the explanation of the t-Product software presented in <a href="http://www.cneuro.cu/software/tensor">http://www.cneuro.cu/software/tensor</a>.

#### I. NOTATION

 $\mathbf{X}^T$  and  $\mathbf{X}^H$  are the transpose and conjugate (Hermitian) transpose of the matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , respectively.  $\mathbf{I}_K$  is  $K \times K$  dimensional identity matrix.  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  along the third dimension. diag $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is the block diagonal matrix in which the matrices  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  are on its main diagonal blocks.

• The *MatVec* operation matricizes a three dimensional tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  as defined below:

$$MatVec(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,2) \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,K) \end{pmatrix}$$

• The *Tplz* operation:

A three dimensional tensor  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  can be converted into a block toeplitz matrix of dimension  $I \cdot K \times J \cdot K$  by rearrangement of its faces as follows:

$$tplz(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) & \mathcal{X}(:,:,2)^{H} & \dots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^{H} \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,2) & \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) & \dots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,K-1)^{H} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,K) & \mathcal{X}(:,:,K-1) & \ddots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) \end{pmatrix}$$

• The *embed* operation:

A block Toeplitz matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \cdot K \times J \cdot K}$  of a tensor created by  $\operatorname{tplz}(\mathcal{X})$  can be embedded in a larger circulant matrix of dimension  $I \cdot (2K) \times J \cdot (2K)$  defined as follows (Dietrich & Newsam, 1997):

$$embed(\mathcal{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) & \mathcal{X}(:,:,2)^{H} & \dots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,2) \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,2) & \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) & \dots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,3) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,K) & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^{H} + \mathcal{X}(:,:,K))/2 & \mathcal{X}(:,:,K) & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^{H} & (\mathcal{X}(:,:,K) + \mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^{H})/2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^{H} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,2)^{H} & \mathcal{X}(:,:,3)^{H} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{X}(:,:,3)^{H} & \ddots & \mathcal{X}(:,:,1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall that circulant matrices can be diagonalized with the normalized discrete Fourier transform (DFT). We will use the same property to diagonalize the block circulant matrices found by embed( $\mathcal{X}$ ). Assume  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  and the DFT matrix to be  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{2K \times 2K}$ , the diagonalized tensor is formalized as:

$$(\mathbf{F} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{I}) \operatorname{embed}(\mathcal{X})(\mathbf{F}^{H} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{I}) = \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,1), \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,2), \dots, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,K), (\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,K)^{H} + \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,K)) / 2, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,K)^{H}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,2)^{H})$$

• The *unembed* operation undoes the *embed* operation:

 $\mathcal{X} = \text{unembed(embed(}\mathcal{X}\text{))}$ 

• **Tensor-product (t-product)** is a special type of product modified from (Kilmer, Braman, Hao, & Hoover, 2013).

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a tridimensional tensor of size  $I \times J \times K$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  of size  $J \times L \times K$ , then the t-product  $\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{X} *_{t} \mathcal{Y}$  is the  $I \times L \times K$  tensor found by:

$$\mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{X} *_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{Y} = \text{unembed(embed(}\mathcal{X}) \cdot \text{embed(}\mathcal{Y}\text{))}$$

*t-product* is calculated very efficiently by using the diagonalization provided by DFT of circulant matrices as described above.

$$\mathcal{Z}(:,:,k) = \text{unembed}(\text{ifft}(\breve{\mathcal{X}}(:,:,k)\cdot\breve{\mathcal{Y}}(:,:,k)))$$

- The *t-SVD* of  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  is:  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{U} *_{t} \mathcal{D} *_{t} \mathcal{V}^{T}$ , where  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times I \times K}$ ,  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times J \times K}$  are t-orthogonal tensors and  $\mathcal{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$  is a tensor with diagonal faces. As with the usual SVD it provides an optimal approximation of a tensor in the Frobenius norm of the difference. (see Theorem 4.3 in (Kilmer & Martin, 2011)).
- The **tensor nuclear norm** (TNN) is defined from the t-SVD as:  $\|\mathcal{X}\|_{\circledast} = \sum_{i=1}^{\min(I,J)} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widecheck{\mathcal{D}}(i,j,k)$

### II. GRANGER CAUSALITY WITH T-PRODUCTS

Assume that the fMRI data is sampled from  $I_{Cx}$  voxels of the cortical grid at  $I_{T\delta}$  time samples forming the data matrix as  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_{Cx} \times I_{T\delta}}$ . Lagged data values are collected in the tensor  $\mathbf{\mathcal{B}} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_{log} \times I_{Cx} \times I_{T}}$  and connectivity tensor is denoted as  $\mathbf{\mathcal{A}} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_{Cx} \times I_{Cx} \times I_{log}}$  as described in the Section IV of the paper.

Define the sample covariance  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{I_{Cx} \times I_{Cx} \times (I_{lag} + 1)}$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}(i_{Cx}, i_{Cx}, i_{lag}) = \frac{1}{I_T} \sum_{i_x=1}^{I_T} \mathcal{B}(i_{lag}, i_{Cx}, i_T) \mathbf{B}_t(i_{Cx}, i_T)$$

The Levinson-Durbin equations are represented in tensorial framework as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,0) & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,1)^{H} & \dots & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,I_{lag}-1)^{H} \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,1) & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,0) & \dots & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,I_{lag}-2)^{H} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,I_{lag}-1) & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,I_{lag}-2) & \dots & \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}(:,:,1) \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}(:,:,2) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{A}}(:,:,I_{lag}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,1) \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,2) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}(:,:,I_{lag}) \end{pmatrix}$$

By using the notation introduced in Section I these equations can be expressed in tensor operations:

$$\mathrm{tplz}(\mathcal{R}_1) \bullet_{\{I_{Cx}\cdot I_{lag}\}} \mathrm{MatVec}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathrm{MatVec}(\mathcal{R}_2)$$

where 
$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \mathcal{R}(:,:,0:I_{lag}-1)$$
 and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \mathcal{R}(:,:,1:I_{lag})$ .

The naïve solution of A is:

$$MatVec(\mathcal{A}) = tplz(\mathcal{R}_1)^{-1}MatVec(\mathcal{R}_2)$$

This equation can be represented in t-product notation:

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R}_1^{-1} *_{t} \mathcal{R}_2$$

Since  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is calculated from sample covariance, we propose to use tensor nuclear norm to obtain a stable solution.

Tensor nuclear norm regularization of  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is estimated by:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}}_{1} = \underset{\Lambda}{arg \, min} \left\{ \left\| \boldsymbol{\mathcal{R}}_{1} - \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \right\|_{2}^{2} + \boldsymbol{\lambda} \left\| \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \right\|_{\circledast} \right\}$$

 $\mathcal{R}_1$  is found by using the t-product:

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{1} = \mathcal{U} *_{t} \rho(\mathcal{D}) *_{t} \mathcal{V}^{T}$$

For the  $\rho(\cdot)$ , we used the shrinking function suggested by (Chi & Lange, 2014). The details can be found in the Algorithm.

Then the connectivity tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  is found as:

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{V} *_{t} \rho(\mathcal{D}) *_{t} \mathcal{U}^{T} *_{t} \mathcal{R}_{2}$$

III. ALGORITHM

Circulant Embedding of  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times J \times K}$ 

 $\mathcal{S} = \text{embed}(\mathcal{X})$ 

Inputs:  $\mathcal{X}$ 

Outputs:  ${\cal S}$ 

$$\mathcal{S}(:,:,1:K) = \mathcal{X}$$

$$S(:,:,K+1) = 0.5 \cdot (\mathcal{X}(:,:,K) + \mathcal{X}(:,:,K)^H);$$

$$S(:,:,K+2:2K) = \mathcal{X}(:,:,K:-1:2)^{H};$$

## **Granger Causality with t-Product**

Inputs:  $\mathbf{B}, I_{lag}, \lambda, \alpha$ 

Outputs:  $\mathcal{A}$ 

Normalize B

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{B} - \operatorname{mean}(\mathbf{B})}{\operatorname{var}(\mathbf{B})}$$

Calculate the Covariance

**for** 
$$i = 0: I_{lag}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(i \cdot I_{Cx} : (i+1) \cdot I_{Cx} - 1, :) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0}_i & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0}_{I_{lag} - i} \end{pmatrix}$$

end for

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{I_T} \operatorname{fold}(\mathbf{H}(1:I_{Cx},:)\mathbf{H}^T)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \mathcal{R}(:,:,0:I_{lag}-1)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \mathcal{R}(:,:,1:I_{lag})$$

Circulant Embedding of  $\mathcal{R}_1$ :  $\mathcal{S}_1$  = embed( $\mathcal{R}_1$ )

Circulant Embedding of  $\mathcal{R}_2$ :  $\mathcal{S}_2$  = embed( $\mathcal{R}_2$ )

TNN on  $S_1$ 

$$\breve{\mathcal{S}}_1 = \text{fft}(\mathcal{S}_1,[],3)$$

**for** 
$$i = 0: 2I_{lag} - 1$$

$$[\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{V}] = \operatorname{svd}(\mathbf{\mathcal{S}}_1(:,:,i))$$

$$d = [\operatorname{diag}(S)]^2$$

$$d = \frac{-I_{Cx} + \sqrt{I_{Cx}^2 + 4\lambda\alpha(I_{Cx}d + \lambda(1 - \alpha))}}{2\lambda\alpha}$$

$$S = diag(\sqrt{d})$$

$$t-inv[\breve{\mathcal{S}}_1(:,:,i)] = \mathbf{VSU}^T$$

end for

Calculate  ${\cal A}$ 

$$\check{\mathcal{S}}_2 = \mathrm{fft}(\mathcal{S}_2,[],3)$$

**for** 
$$i = 0: 2I_{lag} - 1$$

$$\breve{\mathcal{A}}(:,:,i) = \text{t-inv}[\breve{\mathcal{S}}_1(:,:,i)] \cdot \breve{\mathcal{S}}_2(:,:,i)$$

end for

$$\mathcal{A} = ifft(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}, [], 3)$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(:,:,0:I_{lag})$$

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