Relationship with nonnegative matrix factorization

First, for ease of explanation, let assume that the full representation" representation (L=1) is used. Suppose that each \boldsymbol{m} has unique appropriate index from 1 to $|\boldsymbol{M}| = \prod_{l=1}^{L} M_l$ (the number of possible mutation patterns), so that \boldsymbol{m} can be indices of matrices.

Let $G = \{g_{i,m}\}$ denote the $I \times |M|$ matrix, where $g_{i,m}$ is the number of mutations whose mutation patters are equal to m in the i-th cancer genome. Nonnegative matrix factorization aims to find low rank decomposition, $G \sim \tilde{Q}F$, where $\tilde{Q} = \{\tilde{q}_{i,k}\}$ and $F = \{f_{k,m}\}$ are nonnegative matrix, and row vectors of F are often restricted to be sum to one. We used the notation \tilde{Q} instead of Q to represent that the row vectors of \tilde{Q} are not normalized to sum to one in general.

For solving NMF, the previous study (Lee et al. 2000) used the following updating rule:

$$f_{k,m} \leftarrow f_{k,m} \frac{(\tilde{Q}^T G)_{k,m}}{(\tilde{Q}^T \tilde{Q} F)_{k,m}}, \quad \tilde{q}_{i,k} \leftarrow \tilde{q}_{i,k} \frac{(GF^T)_{i,k}}{(\tilde{Q}FF^T)_{i,k}},$$

that reduces the Euclidean distance $||G - \tilde{Q}F||$. Therefore, the optimization problem for the existing approach is

minimize
$$||G - \tilde{Q}F||$$

subject to $\sum_{\boldsymbol{m}} f_{k,\boldsymbol{m}} = 1, \ k = 1, \cdots, K$
 $f_{k,\boldsymbol{m}} \geq 0, \ k = 1, \cdots, K, \ \boldsymbol{m} \in M$
 $\tilde{q}_{i,k} \geq 0, \ i = 1, \cdots, I, \ k = 1, \cdots, K.$ (1)

On the other hand, there is another type of updating rule:

$$f_{k,m} \leftarrow f_{k,m} \frac{\sum_{i} \tilde{q}_{i,k} g_{i,m} / (\tilde{Q}F)_{i,m}}{\sum_{i} \tilde{q}_{i,k}},$$
$$\tilde{q}_{i,k} \leftarrow \tilde{q}_{i,k} \frac{\sum_{m} f_{k,m} g_{i,m} / (\tilde{Q}F)_{i,m}}{\sum_{m} f_{k,m}}.$$

that reduces the Kullback-Liebler Divergence:

$$KL(G||\tilde{Q}F) = \sum_{i,m} \left(g_{i,m} \log \frac{g_{i,m}}{(\tilde{Q}F)_{i,m}} - g_{i,m} + (\tilde{Q}f)_{i,m} \right).$$

In general cases including the independent representation, there is restrictions $f_{k,m} = \prod_l f_{k,l,m_l}$ by smaller set of parameters. Let us consider the following optimization problem with the Kullback-Liebler Divergence and the restrictions on F:

minimize
$$KL(G||\tilde{Q}F)$$

subject to $f_{k,\boldsymbol{m}} = \prod_{l} f_{k,l,m_{l}}, \ k = 1, \cdots, K, \ \boldsymbol{m} \in M$
 $f_{k,l,p} \geq 0, \ k = 1, \cdots, K, \ \boldsymbol{m} \in M$
 $\tilde{q}_{i,k} \geq 0, \ i = 1, \cdots, I, \ k = 1, \cdots, K.$ (2)

In fact, this is equivalent to the proposed method, whose optimization problem can be written as:

maximize
$$L(Q, F|G) \left(= \sum_{i,m} g_{i,m} \log(QF)_{i,m} \right)$$
subject to
$$f_{k,\boldsymbol{m}} = \prod_{l} f_{k,l,m_{l}}, \ k = 1, \cdots, K, \ \boldsymbol{m} \in M$$
$$f_{k,l,p} \geq 0, \ k = 1, \cdots, K, \ \boldsymbol{m} \in M$$
$$\sum_{k} q_{i,k} = 1, \ i = 1, \cdots, I$$
$$q_{i,k} \geq 0, \ i = 1, \cdots, I, \ k = 1, \cdots, K.$$
 (3)

Proposition 1 When $(Q, F) = (Q^*, F^*)$ is an optimal solution of the optimization problem (??), then $(\tilde{Q}, F) = (R^*Q^*, F^*)$ is an optimal solution of the optimization problem (??). On the other hand, when $(\tilde{Q}, F) = (\tilde{Q}^*, F^*)$ is an optimal solution of the optimization problem (??), then $(Q, F) = (R^{*-1}\tilde{Q}^*, F^*)$ is an optimal solution of the optimization problem (??), where $R^* = \operatorname{diag}(r_1^*, \dots, r_I^*), r_i^* = \sum_{m} g_{i,m}, i = 1, \dots, I$.

Proof. This is because

$$KL(G||\tilde{Q}F) = -\sum_i \Bigl((\sum_m g_{i,m}) \log \tilde{r}_i - \tilde{r}_i \Bigr) - L(Q,F|G) + (\text{constant value}),$$

where Q is row-normalized matrix for \tilde{Q} , $\tilde{r}_i = \sum_k q_{i,k}$ for each i, and $(\sum_m g_{i,m}) \log \tilde{r}_i - \tilde{r}_i$ takes its maximum at $\tilde{r}_i = r_i^*$.