

# Supplementary File for Learning Dynamic Coupling of Neural Oscillations for Motor Imagery Classification

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This supplementary file describes the optimized detail for the proposed CFC-based Tensor Decomposition (CTD) used in CFCNet. To ensure that the extractive features are discriminative, we employ the CSP technique to find the parameters of  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . To be more specific, the optimization objective of CTD is to maximize the following power ratios for class 1 and class 2:

$$\max_{\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B}} \frac{E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_1}[\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})]}{E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_2}[\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})] + E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_1}[\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})]} \quad (1)$$

Here,  $C_y$  is the set in training data, which contains the test belonging to class  $y \in \{1, 2\}$ ;  $\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}$  denotes the power calculated from the projection signal  $\mathbf{z}$ , i.e.,  $\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{z}^T \mathbf{z}$ ; and  $E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_y}[\cdot]$  denotes the expected covariance matrix over  $C_y$ . Since it is difficult to determine  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  simultaneously, a standard alternating optimization strategy is adopted in the optimization process.

While  $\mathbf{B}$  is fixed,  $\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})$  can be denoted by  $\mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{s}$ , where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathcal{X} \times_2 [\mathbf{B}^T] \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times L}$ . Let  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{A}, y)$  be the function that computes the average covariance matrix for class  $y$ . Then it follows that  $E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_1}[\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})] = \mathbf{s}^T \text{cov}(\mathbf{G}, 1) \mathbf{s}$  and  $E_{\mathcal{X} \in C_2}[\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B})] = \mathbf{s}^T \text{cov}(\mathbf{G}, 2) \mathbf{s}$ . Thus, (1) can be re-expressed as a Rayleigh quotient maximization problem.

$$\max_{\mathbf{s}_m} J(\mathbf{s}_m | \mathbf{B}_m) = \frac{\mathbf{s}_m^T \text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 1) \mathbf{s}_m}{\mathbf{s}_m^T [\text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 1) + \text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 2)] \mathbf{s}_m} \quad (2)$$

Problem (2) can be solved by generalized eigenvalue decomposition:

$$\text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 1) \mathbf{s}_m = \lambda [\text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 1) + \text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 2)] \mathbf{s}_m \quad (3)$$

The spatial factor  $\mathbf{s}$  is given by the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . The largest or smallest eigenvalues mean discriminability of the eigenvectors. We set  $M_s$  as an even number  $2r$ . And then half of the factors,  $\{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots, \mathbf{s}_r\}$ , are chosen as the eigenvectors corresponding to the largest  $r$  eigenvalues for class 1, and the other factors,  $\{\mathbf{s}_{r+1}, \mathbf{s}_{r+2}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{2r}\}$  are the eigenvectors corresponding to the smallest  $r$  eigenvalues for class 2.

Next, we find  $\{\mathbf{B}_m, m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  assuming that  $\{\mathbf{s}_m, m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  is given. Let  $\beta_m = \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{KN}$ , where  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{B}_m)$  denotes the vectorization operation that sequentially concatenates the column vectors of  $\mathbf{B}_m$  to form a new vector. Then it follows that  $\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}_m, \mathbf{B}_m) = \beta_m^T \mathbf{Q}_m \mathbf{Q}_m^T \beta_m$ , where the matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_m = [\mathbf{s}_{m,1} \mathbf{X}_1^T \quad \mathbf{s}_{m,2} \mathbf{X}_2^T \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_{m,K} \mathbf{X}_K^T]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{(KN) \times L}$ , with  $s_{m,k}$  being the  $k$ -th element of  $\mathbf{s}_m$ . Similarly, the optimization problem can be written as

$$\max_{\mathbf{B}_m} J(\mathbf{B}_m | \mathbf{s}_m) = \frac{\beta_m^T \text{cov}(\mathbf{Q}_m, 1) \beta_m}{\beta_m^T [\text{cov}(\mathbf{Q}_m, 1) + \text{cov}(\mathbf{Q}_m, 2)] \beta_m} \quad (4)$$

In addition, problem (4) is solved by generalized eigenvalue decomposition.  $\beta_m$  is chosen as the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue for  $m$  within the range of 1 to  $r$ , and the eigenvector corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue for  $m$  within the range of  $r + 1$  to  $2r$ . The  $k$ -th column of  $\mathbf{B}_m$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_{m,k}$ , can be restored from  $\beta_m$  by

$$\mathbf{b}_{m,k} = [\beta_{m,p} \quad \beta_{m,p+1} \quad \dots \quad \beta_{m,p+N-1}]^T, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r \quad (5)$$

where  $p = (k - 1)N + 1$ , and  $\beta_{m,p}$  is the  $p$ -th element of  $\beta_m$ .

To facilitate fast convergence, we initialize  $\{\mathbf{B}_m, m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  with effective initial values. Let us define a coupling factor  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{KN}$  as

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{s} \odot \text{vec}(\mathbf{B}) = [\mathbf{s}_1 \mathbf{b}_1^T \quad \mathbf{s}_2 \mathbf{b}_2^T \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_K \mathbf{b}_K^T]^T \quad (6)$$

where  $\odot$  denotes the KhatriRao product of two vectors. It is easy to find  $\alpha(\mathcal{X}; \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{w}$ , where  $\mathbf{R} = [\mathbf{X}_1; \mathbf{X}_2; \dots; \mathbf{X}_K] \in \mathbb{R}^{(KN) \times L}$ . Thus, (1) can be re-expressed as

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^T \text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 1) \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^T [\text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 1) + \text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 2)] \mathbf{w}} \quad (7)$$

**Algorithm 1** Optimization details for CTD

**Input:** The training set  $\{\mathbf{X}_{i\text{-th}} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times L}, i = 1, 2, \dots, I\}$  with their labels  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^I$ , the maximum number of iterations  $T$  and a small value  $\varepsilon$  for testing convergence, and the number of spatial-spectral factors  $2r$ .

**Output:**  $\{(\mathbf{s}_m, \mathbf{B}_m), m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  (note that  $M = 2r$ ).

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calculate  $\mathcal{X}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N \times L}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq I$ ;
calculate average covariance:  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 1)$  and  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 2)$ ;
calculate  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{2r}\}$  according to (7);
initialize  $\{\mathbf{B}_m, m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r\}$  according to (8);
for  $1 \leq t \leq T$  do
    calculate  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 1)$  and  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{G}_m, 2)$ ;
    obtain  $\{\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}, m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r\}$  by solving (2);
    calculate  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{Q}_m, 1)$  and  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{Q}_m, 2)$ ;
    obtain  $\{\mathbf{b}_{m,k}^{(t)}, k = 1, 2, \dots, K, m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r\}$  by solving (4) and (5);
    calculate  $\{\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)}, m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r\}$  according to (8);
    if  $t = T$  or  $J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)}) - J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}) \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $m$ 
        break;
end for
return  $\{(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}, \mathbf{B}_m^{(t)}), m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$ 

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Problem (7) also can be solved by generalized eigenvalue decomposition:  $\gamma[\text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 1) + \text{cov}(\mathbf{R}, 2)]\mathbf{w}$ . Half of the factors,  $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_r\}$ , are chosen as eigenvectors corresponding to the largest  $r$  eigenvalues for class 1, and the others are eigenvectors corresponding to the smallest  $r$  eigenvalues for class 2. The initial values of  $\mathbf{B}_m$  can be estimated from  $\mathbf{w}_m$ , as follows:

$$\mathbf{b}_{m,k} = [w_{m,p} \ w_{m,p+1} \ \dots \ w_{m,p+N-1}]^T / h_p, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K, \ m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r \quad (8)$$

where  $p = (k-1)N + 1$ ;  $w_{m,p}$  is the  $p$ -th element of  $\mathbf{w}_m$ ; and  $h_p = \sqrt{(w_{m,p})^2 + (w_{m,p+1})^2 + \dots + (w_{m,p+N-1})^2}$ . In this way,  $\mathbf{b}_{m,k}$  is assumed to be unit  $l_2$ -norm. The pseudo-code of the CTD finding  $\{(\mathbf{s}_m, \mathbf{B}_m), m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  is given in **Algorithm 1**. Similarly to CSP, CTD can easily be extended to multi-class applications, by adopting strategies, such as Pair-Wise and One-Versus-Rest.

The proposed CTD method finds spatial-spectral factors alternatively by solving a single Rayleigh quotient maximization objective function, where we never decrease the value of cost function between two successive iterations. The convergence of the alternating optimization process is proved in *Theorem 1*.

*Theorem 1:* The alternating optimization process for CTD guarantees monotonic convergence:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(1)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(0)}) \leq J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(1)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(1)}) \leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(2)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(1)}) \leq \dots \\ &\leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)}) \leq J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}) < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\sigma$  is a limiting value in the  $\mathbb{R}^+$  space ( $0 < \sigma < 1$ ), and  $J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)})$  is calculated with the given  $\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}$  in the  $t$ -th ( $t \geq 1$ ) iteration.  $\mathbf{B}_m^{(0)}$  is initialized according to (8).

*Proof:* Let  $\sigma_m = J(\mathbf{w}_m)$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, 2r$ , and it is easy to know that  $0 < \sigma_m < 1$ . Since  $\mathbf{s}_m^{(1)}$  is calculated by arg maximizing  $J(\mathbf{s}_m | \mathbf{B}_m^{(0)})$  with the given  $\mathbf{B}_m^{(0)}$ , we have the following inequality:  $\sigma \leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(1)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(0)})$ , where  $\sigma = \min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{2r})$ .

According to (4), we have  $J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}) < 1$ . In addition, because  $\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}$  maximizes  $J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)})$  with fixed  $\mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)}$  and then  $\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)}$  maximizes  $J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)})$  with calculated  $\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}$ , the relationship  $J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t-1)}) \leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)}) \leq J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)})$  is given. Hence, we finally obtain the following relationship:  $\sigma \leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(1)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(0)}) \leq J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(1)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(1)}) \leq \dots \leq J(\mathbf{s}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{B}_m^{(t-1)}) \leq J(\mathbf{B}_m^{(t)} | \mathbf{s}_m^{(t)}) < 1$ .