

# Compiling Tensor Expressions into Einsum

Julien Klaus, Mark Blacher, Joachim Giesen

Friedrich Schiller University Jena

Think about it!

How would you write the following expression in Python?

$$\min_{Z,B,C,D} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K \left( A_{ijk} - \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^N Z_{lmn} B_{li} C_{mj} D_{nk} \right)^2}$$

## Compiling this Expression

### ✓ Parse Expression

```
sqrt(sum[i,j,k] ((A[i,j,k]
  -sum[n,m,l] (Z[n,m,l]*B[n,i]
    *C[m,j]*D[k,l]))^2))
```

### ✓ Transform Tree Representation

combine multiplications and summations

### ✓ Generate Code

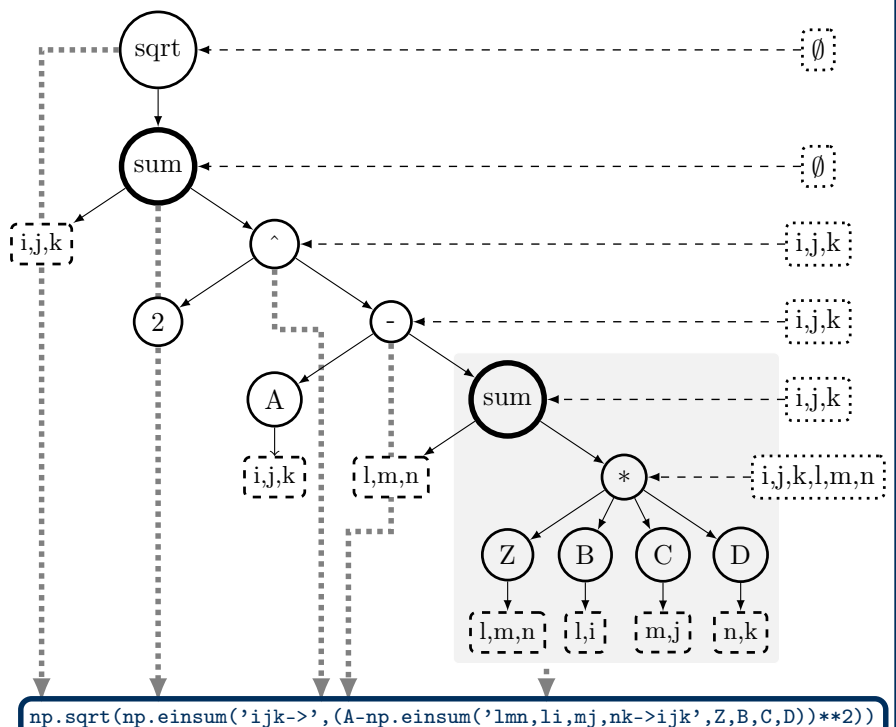
for different Python backends

Try it out



[tec.pythonanywhere.com](https://tec.pythonanywhere.com)

[github.com/julien-klaus/tec](https://github.com/julien-klaus/tec)



## Understanding Einsum Notation

Operation	Explicit expression	Einsum notation
Scalar times vector	$s*a[j]$	$,j \rightarrow j$
Vector times vector	$a[i]*b[i]$	$i,i \rightarrow i$
Vector outer product	$a[i]*b[j]$	$i,j \rightarrow ij$
Matrix times vector	$A[i,j]*b[j]$	$ij,j \rightarrow i$
Inner product	$\text{sum}[i] (a[i]*b[i])$	$i,i \rightarrow$
Batch matrix multiplication	$\text{sum}[k] (A[b,i,k]*B[b,k,j])$	$bik,bkj \rightarrow bij$
Marginalization (sum over axes)	$\text{sum}[i,l,n,o] (A[i,l,m,n,o])$	$ilmno \rightarrow m$
Mahalanobis distance	$\text{sum}[i,j] (a[i]*A[i,j]*b[j])$	$i,ij,j \rightarrow$

## Acknowledgments

This work was supported by the Carl Zeiss Foundation within the project Interactive Inference ([inference.uni-jena.de](https://inference.uni-jena.de)) and from the Ministry for Economics, Sciences and Digital Society of Thuringia (TMWWDG), under the framework of the Landesprogramm ProDigital (DigLeben-5575/10-9).