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1 Assignment 2

Let us introduce the *column-major* convention for writing matrices in the indices notation. For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , which has  $n^2$  entries can be written down in the *column-major* convention as

$$A = [a_{i+n(j-1)}]_{i,j=1,\dots,n}. \quad (1)$$

1.1 Matrix multiplication tensor

The matrix multiplication  $AB = C$ , for  $B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a bilinear operation, thereby there exists a tensor  $T = [t_{ijk}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2 \times n^2}$  such that the matrix multiplication can be represented as

$$c_k = \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} \sum_{j=1}^{n^2} t_{ijk} a_i b_j. \quad (2)$$

The tensor  $T$  is referred to as the matrix multiplication tensor of order  $n$ .

For  $n = 2$  we can easily see the non-zero entries by writing out the matrix multiplication in the column major convention

$$c_1 = a_1 b_1 + a_3 b_2, \quad (3)$$

$$c_2 = a_2 b_1 + a_4 b_2, \quad (4)$$

$$c_3 = a_1 b_3 + a_3 b_4, \quad (5)$$

$$c_4 = a_2 b_3 + a_4 b_4. \quad (6)$$

So the non-zero entries in e.g.  $k = 1$  are  $(1, 1)$  and  $(3, 2)$ , and so on. Thus the matrix multiplication Tensor

of  $n = 2$  is

$$t_{ij1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

$$t_{ij2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

$$t_{ij3} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

$$t_{ij4} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (10)$$

The *CPD* (Canonical Polyadic Decomposition) of rank- $n^3$  of the multiplication tensor of order  $n = 2$ , specified by matrices  $U, V, W \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 8}$  can be represented in such a way that the columns of these matrices satisfy

$$T = \sum_{\alpha=1} u_{\alpha} \otimes v_{\alpha} \times w_{\alpha}. \quad (11)$$

Each nonzero entry in  $u_{\alpha}$  represents the column of the nonzero entry in  $T$ , each nonzero entry in  $v_{\alpha}$  represents the row of the nonzero entry in  $T$  and each nonzero entry in  $w_{\alpha}$  represents the location of the  $k$ -th slice of the nonzero entry, so we have

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

## 1.2 Mode Contraction

Let us introduce a notion of multiplying a matrix with a tensor which is called the mode- $k$  contraction. For  $d \in \mathbb{N}, n_1, \dots, n_d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  the mode- $k$  contraction of a  $d$ -dimensional tensor  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$  with a matrix  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n_k}$  is an operation

$$\times_k : [s_{i_1, \dots, i_d}]_{i_1 \in I_1, \dots, i_d \in I_d} \mapsto \left[ \sum_{i_k=1}^{n_k} z_{\alpha i_k} s_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \right]_{i_1 \in I_1, \dots, i_{k-1} \in I_{k-1}, \alpha \in \{1, \dots, r\}, i_{k+1} \in I_{k+1}, \dots, i_d \in I_d}, \quad (15)$$

where  $I_l = \{1, \dots, n_l\}$  for  $l \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ . Now that we know the definition we may write

$$T = Z \times_k S, \quad (16)$$

and  $T$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_{k-1} \times r \times n_{k+1} \times \dots \times n_d}$ . The algorithm constructed for the mode- $k$  contraction is structured as follows

1. initialize an empty array  $T$
2. iterate  $\alpha$  from 1 to  $r$
3. initialize a zero array  $s$  of size  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_{k-1} \times n_{n+1} \times \dots \times n_d$
4. for each  $j \in \{1, \dots, n_k\}$  add  $Z_{\alpha,j} S_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}, j, i_{n+1}, \dots, i_d}$  to  $s$
5. append  $s$  to  $T$
6. end iteration
7. reshape  $T$  to  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_{k-1} \times r \times n_{k+1} \times \dots \times n_d$  and return it

### 1.3 Evaluating a CPD

Let us now implement a function that will convert a rank- $r$  CPD of a  $d$ -dimensional tensor  $S$  of size  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_d$ , given  $U^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times r}$  for  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ .

$$S = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r u_{\alpha}^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes u_{\alpha}^{(d)}. \quad (17)$$

The implementation of this is straight forward. While iterating over  $\alpha$  all we have to do is call a function that will do a Kronecker product of the  $\alpha$ -th column slice of a matrix  $U^{(k)}$  with the same order column slice of the matrix  $U^{(k+1)}$ , for each  $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ . In “julia” the only thing we have to be aware of is that the *kron* function reverses the order for the Kronecker product that is it does the following

$$u \otimes v = \text{kron}(v, u). \quad (18)$$

Meaning that if we pass a list of CPD matrices  $[U^{(1)}, \dots, U^{(d)}]$  as arguments, we need to reverse its order [1].

### 1.4 Implementing the multiplication tensor and its CPD

Once again to recapitulate the multiplication tensor is of the size  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2 \times n^2 \times n^2}$ . With some tinkering we see that the nonzero entries in the  $k$ -th end-dimension corresponds to the matrix multiplication in the column major convention, and with some more tinkering we found a way to construct an multiplication tensor for an arbitrary dimension (finite) using three loops.

1. loop over the column indices in the first row in the column major convention  $m = 1 : n : n^2$
2. loop over the row indices in the first column in the column major convention  $l = 1 : n$
3.  $I = l : n : n^2, J = m : (m+n), K = (l-1) + m$
4.  $T_{i,j,k} = 1$  for every  $i \in I, j \in J, k \in K$

Additionally we can even construct a CPD of this tensor in the same loop since we know the indices  $i, j, k$  of the nonzero entries,  $U$  would be filled with the  $i$ -th row entry of each  $n^3$  columns,  $V$  would be filled in the  $j$ -th row entry of the each  $n^3$  columns and finally  $W$  would be filled in the corresponding  $k$ -th row entry of the each  $n^3$  columns [1].

Furthermore we can evaluate the matrix multiplication only with the CPD of the matrix multiplication tensor  $T$ , with  $U, V, W$  without computing  $T$ . This is done by rewriting the matrix multiplication in the row-major convention with  $U, V, W$  into

$$c_k = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} a_i u_{i\alpha} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n^2} b_j v_{j\alpha} \right) \cdot w_{k\alpha}. \quad (19)$$

The implementation is straight forward it uses one loop and only a summation function [1].

## 1.5 Interpreting the Strassen algorithm in terms of CPD

For  $n = 2$  we will write the Strassen algorithm and its CPD in the column major convention. This algorithm allows matrix multiplication of square  $2 \times 2$  matrices (even of order  $2^n \times 2^n$ ) in seven essential multiplication steps instead of the stubborn eight. The Strassen algorithm defines seven new coefficients  $M_l$ , where  $l \in 1, \dots, 7$

$$M_1 := (a_1 + a_4)(b_1 + b_4), \quad (20)$$

$$M_2 := (a_2 + a_4)b_1, \quad (21)$$

$$M_3 := a_1(b_3 - b_4), \quad (22)$$

$$M_4 := a_4(b_2 - b_1), \quad (23)$$

$$M_5 := (a_1 + a_3)b_4, \quad (24)$$

$$M_6 := (a_2 - a_1)(b_1 + b_3), \quad (25)$$

$$M_7 := (a_3 - a_4)(b_2 + b_4). \quad (26)$$

Then the coefficients  $c_k$  can be calculated as

$$c_1 = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7, \quad (27)$$

$$c_2 = M_2 + M_4, \quad (28)$$

$$c_3 = M_3 + M_5, \quad (29)$$

$$c_4 = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6. \quad (30)$$

$$(31)$$

This ultimately means that there exists an rank-7 CPD decomposition of the matrix multiplication tensor  $T$ , with matrices  $U, V, W \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 7}$ . By that  $U$  represents the placement of  $a_i$  in the definition of  $M_l$  filled in the columns of  $U$ ,  $V$  represents the existence of  $b_j$  in the definition of  $M_l$  filled in the columns  $V$  and  $W$  represents the  $M_l$  placement in the coefficients  $c_k$ . Do note that these matrices have entries  $-1, 0, 1$  corresponding to the addition/subtraction as defined in the  $M_l$ 's. The matrices  $U, V, W$  are the following

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (32)$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (33)$$

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (34)$$

## 1.6 Tucker Structure and CP rank !!(NO real idea what should be done here)!!

Let  $\hat{a} = (1 \ 0)^T$  and  $\hat{b} = (0 \ 1)$ , we can define a Laplace-like tensor  $T$  using the Kronecker product

$$\hat{T} = \hat{b} \otimes \hat{a} \otimes \hat{a} + \hat{a} \otimes \hat{b} \otimes \hat{a} + \hat{a} \otimes \hat{a} \otimes \hat{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2 \times 2}, \quad (35)$$

which represents  $T$  as a CPD of rank 3. The CPD is a special case of the Tucker decomposition with a super diagonal tucker core, in this case the tucker core is

$$S_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i_1 = i_2 = i_3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

for  $i_1, i_2, i_3 = 1, 2, 3$ . We may write the Tucker decomposition of  $T$  in terms of matrices  $U_1, U_2, U_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$  constructed by the  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  as in 35 in each of the summation steps. Then  $U_1$  would have  $\hat{b}, \hat{a}, \hat{a}$  in the columns and so on. Now we may write the Tucker decomposition for  $T_{ijk}$  for  $i_1, i_2, i_3 = 1, 2$  as

$$\hat{T}_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = \sum_{\alpha_1=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha_2=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha_3=1}^3 (U_1)_{i_1 \alpha_1} (U_2)_{i_2 \alpha_2} (U_3)_{i_3 \alpha_3} S_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3}. \quad (37)$$

With this we can derive the first, second and third Tucker unfolding matrix by rewriting the Tucker decomposition

$$\hat{T}_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = \sum_{\alpha_k=1}^3 (U_k)_{i_k \alpha_k} \sum_{\alpha_{k-1}=1}^3 \sum_{\alpha_{k+1}=1}^3 (U_{k-1})_{i_{k-1} \alpha_{k-1}} (U_{k+1})_{i_{k+1} \alpha_{k+1}} S_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3} \quad (38)$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha_k=1}^3 (U_k)_{i_k \alpha_k} (Z_k)_{i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \alpha_k}, \quad (39)$$

for  $k = 1, 2, 3$  cyclic. We call

$$\mathcal{U}_k^T := U_k Z_k^T \quad (40)$$

the  $k$ -th Tucker unfolding. It turns out in our case all of them are unique and thereby the CPD decomposition is unique, thereby the CPD rank of  $\hat{T}$  is three.

Let us consider a richer structure, for  $2 < d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_d \in \mathbb{N}$  all greater then one. For  $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  consider  $a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$  linearly independent and for  $\mathbb{N} \ni k \geq 4$  consider  $c_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$  nonzero. Then we define a Laplace-like tensor

$$T = b_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes a_3 \otimes c_4 \otimes \dots \otimes c_d + a_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes a_3 \otimes c_4 \otimes \dots \otimes c_d + a_1 \otimes a_2 \otimes b_3 \otimes c_4 \otimes \dots \otimes c_d. \quad (41)$$

The matrices  $U^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times 3}$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$  are the following

$$U^{(1)} = (b_1 \ a_2 \ a_3), \quad (42)$$

$$U^{(2)} = (a_1 \ b_2 \ a_3), \quad (43)$$

$$U^{(3)} = (a_1 \ a_2 \ b_3). \quad (44)$$

$$(45)$$

The matrices  $U^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times 3}$  for  $k = 4, \dots, d$  are

$$U^{(4)} = (c_4 \ c_4 \ c_4). \quad (46)$$

$\vdots$

$$U^{(d)} = (c_d \ c_d \ c_d). \quad (47)$$

The Tucker core  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3 \times 3}$  is a superdiagonal tensor of order three. We can write the Tucker decomposition of  $T$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}_{i_1 \dots i_d} &= \sum_{\alpha_k=1}^3 (U^{(k)})_{i_k \alpha_k} \\ &\cdot \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{k-1}, \alpha_{k+1}, \dots, \alpha_d}^3 (U^{(1)})_{i_1 \alpha_1} \dots (U^{(k-1)})_{i_{k-1} \alpha_{k-1}} (U^{(k+1)})_{i_{k+1} \alpha_{k+1}} \dots (U^{(d)})_{i_d \alpha_d} S_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_d} \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha_k=1}^3 (U^{(k)})_{i_k \alpha_k} (Z_k)_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_d \alpha_k}. \quad (49)$$

All the Tucker unfoldings  $\mathcal{U}_k$  for  $k \geq 4$  are non-unique, because the matrices  $U^{(k)}$  for  $k \geq 4$  are constructed with the same column vectors. On the other hand we may write the Tucker decomposition in with the Kronecker product like this

$$T_{(k)} = U^{(k)} \cdot S_k \cdot (U^{(1)} \otimes \dots \otimes U^{(k-1)} \otimes U^{(k+1)} \otimes \dots \otimes U^{(d)}) \quad (50)$$

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