

# Mixture Models and SVD

Monday, August 30, 2021 6:57 AM

you

Gaussian Mixture Model:  $N(\mu_1, \Sigma_1), N(\mu_2, \Sigma_2) \dots$

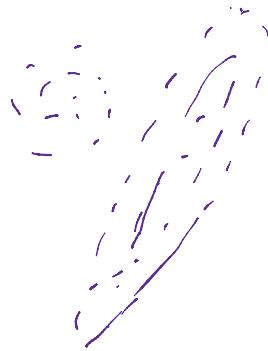
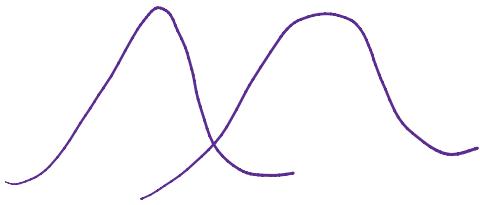
$$\omega_1 \geq 0 \quad \omega_2 \geq 0 \dots \omega_k$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \omega_i = 1.$$

Problem: Given random samples from an unknown k-GMM estimate its parameters.

$k=1$ :  $\omega_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu$  = Sample mean  $\Sigma$  = sample covariance

$k=2$ ?



special case: Separable GMMs.

The components are pairwise separated.  
Has to measure separation.

1-dim  $|\mu_i - \mu_j| > ? \cdot \max\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\}$

d-dim. (Geometric)

(probabilistic)  $d_{TV}(F_i, F_j) \geq 1 - \epsilon$ .

$$d_{TV}(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} \int |p(x) - q(x)| dx$$

...  $\tau$  1-dim.  $d_{TV}$  "large"

Lem. In 1-dim,  $d_{\mathcal{V}}$  "large"

$\Rightarrow$  either  $\|r_i - r_j\|$  is large

or  $\max\left\{\frac{r_i}{t_j}, \frac{r_j}{t_i}\right\}$  is large.

Thm. (concentration) .  $\Pr_{x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I)} (|x - \mu| > t \sigma \sqrt{d}) \leq e^{-\frac{dt^2}{2}}$

$$\Pr_{x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I)} (||x - \mu||^2 - d\sigma^2) > t \sigma^2 \sqrt{d} \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{8}}$$

How to solve P1?

In the separable case, cluster and estimate each component separately.

P2. Cluster a sample from a K-GMM by component of origin.

How? Suppose mean separated

$$x, y \in F_i \quad \mathbb{E}(\|x - y\|^2) = \mathbb{E}(\|x - r_i - (y - r_i)\|^2)$$
$$= \mathbb{E}(\|x - r_i\|^2) + \mathbb{E}(\|y - r_i\|^2) + 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} X, Y \in F_i &= E((\|X - Y\|)^2) + E(\|Y - Y_i\|^2) + 0. \\ &= 2d\sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$X \in F_0, Y \in F_j \quad \begin{aligned} E(\|X - Y\|^2) &= E(\|X - Y_i - (Y - Y_j) + Y_j - Y_i\|^2) \\ &= E(\|X - Y_i\|^2) + E(\|Y - Y_j\|^2) + \|Y_i - Y_j\|^2 \\ &= 2d\sigma^2 + \|Y_i - Y_j\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

By conc. with prob  $\geq 1 - e^{-t^2/8}$

$$\|X - Y\|^2 \leq 2d\sigma^2 + 2t\sqrt{d}\sigma^2 \quad X, Y \in F_i$$

$$\|X - Y\|^2 \geq 2d\sigma^2 + \|Y_i - Y_j\|^2 - 2t\sqrt{d}\sigma^2. \quad \begin{matrix} X \in F_i \\ Y \in F_j \end{matrix}$$

$\therefore$  it suffices to have

$$\|Y_i - Y_j\|^2 > 4t\sqrt{d}\sigma^2$$

to ensure that pairs from same gaussian are closer.

### Cluster using distances

- put nearest pair in same cluster
- Repeat till only  $K$  clusters.

Thm. with prob  $1 - \delta$ , random sample with  $m$  points

$$\text{and } \|Y_i - Y_j\| \geq C \left( \log \frac{m}{\delta} \cdot d \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \max \{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\}$$

can be clustered using pairwise distances in

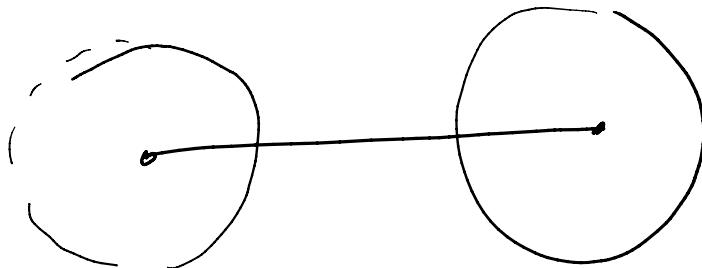
Can be clustered using polynomial time.

Pf. Set  $t = \sqrt{C \log \frac{m}{\delta}}$ .

---

Is this the right answer?  
Separation grows with  $d^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

No!



Project to line joining  $\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j$ .

Separation needed is  $O(\sigma)$ . Not  $d^{\frac{1}{4}}\sigma$ .

---

Q. But how to find line joining means?

---

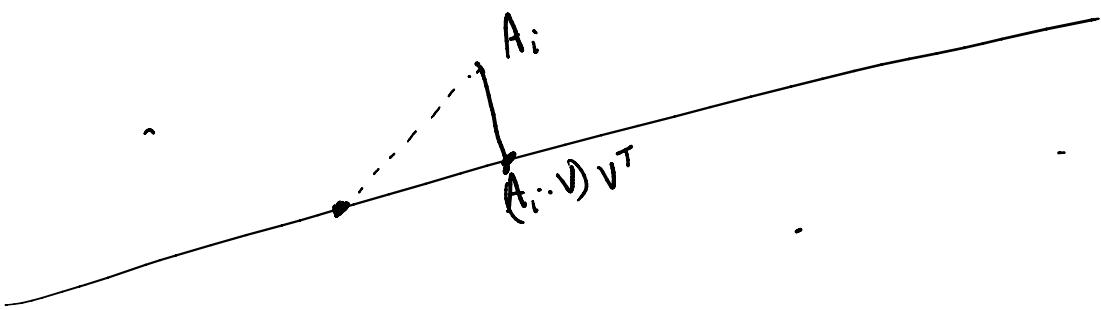
Best fit line:  $v = \underset{\|v\|=1}{\operatorname{argmax}} \|Av\|^2$

maximizes sum of squared projections of rows of  $A$ .

In each row  $A_i$ :

$$\|A_i v\|^2 = (A_i v)^2 + \|A_i - (A_i v)v^T\|^2$$

$$\|A_i\| = (\lambda_i^0) + \|A_i - (\lambda_i^0)v v^T\|$$



$$\arg \max \|Av\|^2 = \arg \min \|A - (Av)v^T\|^2$$

least squared error.

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

$u, v$  : left, right singular vectors of  $A$

$$Av = \sigma u \quad \sigma \geq 0.$$

$$A^T u = \sigma v$$

Lemma  $v = \arg \max_{\|v\|=1} \|Av\|^2$  is a right singular vector of  $A$  with largest singular value.

Pf.

$$A^T A v = A^T (\sigma u) = \sigma^2 v$$

$v$  is an eigen vector of  $A^T A$ .

go both ways:  $A^T A v = \sigma^2 v$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \dots u = A v$

define  $u = \frac{1}{\sigma} Av$

$$\text{Then } A^T u = \frac{1}{\sigma} A^T A v = \sigma v.$$

$$\text{Now consider } f(v) = \|Av\|^2 = v^T A^T A v.$$

$$\nabla_v f(v) = 2A^T A v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at any local max/min } \nabla_v f(v) &= \lambda v \\ &\Rightarrow A^T A v = \lambda v. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the maximizer is an eigenvector.

$$\begin{aligned} &\|Av\|^2 + \lambda(1 - \|v\|^2) \\ &2A^T A v + 2\lambda v = 0 \\ &\|v\|^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

SVD:

$$v_1 = \arg \max \|Av_1\| \quad \sigma_1 = \|Av_1\|$$

$$v_2 = \arg \max \|Av_2\| \quad v_2 \perp v_1$$

$$v_k = \arg \max \|Av_k\| \quad \sigma_k \quad v_k \perp v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$$

$$V_k = \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ v_k \perp v_1, \dots, v_{k-1} \end{matrix} \quad k$$

Thm (SD)  $V_k = \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  satisfies

$$V_k = \underset{\substack{V: \dim(V) = k}}{\arg \min} \sum_i d(A_{(i)}, V)^2$$

minimizes sum of squared distances among all  $k$ -dim subspaces.  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are singular vectors with singular values  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k$

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$


---

Pf. By induction on  $k$ .

$V_1$  ✓

Suppose true for  $V_{k-1}$ .

Consider  $V'_k$  OPT  $k$ -dim subspace.

Let  $w_1, \dots, w_k$  be an orthonormal basis

of  $V'_k$  with  $w_k \perp V_{k-1}$ . ( $\exists$  such a  $w_k$ ).

$\therefore V'_k$  maximizes

$$\|Aw_1\|^2 + \|Aw_2\|^2 + \dots + \|Aw_k\|^2$$

$$\|A\omega_1\|^2 + \|A\omega_2\|^2 + \dots \|A\omega_k\|^2$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n d(A_{(i)}, V_{k-1})^2 + \|A\omega_k\|^2$$

$$= \|Av_1\|^2 + \dots + \|Av_{k-1}\|^2 + \|Av_k\|^2$$

Hence wlog  $V'_k = \text{Span } V_{k-1} \cup \{\omega_k\}$

But  $\omega_k \perp V_{k-1}$  and must be a maximizer.

$$\therefore V_k = V'_k.$$

$(\sum \alpha_i v_i^\top) v_j$  is the same as  $A v_j$

Hence also for any  $x$  ( $= \sum \alpha_j v_j$ ) .

□

Back to k-GMMs.

Thm.  $V_k$  for a mixture of spherical gaussians  
 $\geq \text{Span } \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ .

Algorithm. - Project sample to top k-dim SVD

subspace.

- Cluster according to distances in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ .

1

- Unions occurring no more than

Thm.  $(\text{SVD} + \text{cluster})$   $|\mu_i - \mu_j| > C \left( \log \frac{m}{8} \cdot K \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \max\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\}$

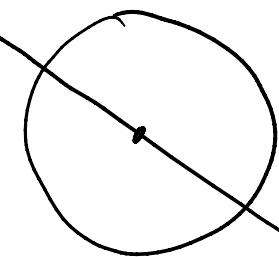
suffices!

Pf (of Thm. [Mean Subspace])

$K$  instead of  $d$ .

Suppose  $k=1$ . Q. What is the best subspace?

A. line through  $\mu$ !



$$\begin{aligned} v &= \arg \min \mathbb{E} (\|x - (\bar{x} \cdot v)v\|^2) \\ &= \arg \max \mathbb{E} (\|x \cdot v\|^2) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \|(\bar{x} - \mu) \cdot v + \mu \cdot v\|^2 \right] \\ &= \sigma^2 + (\bar{x} \cdot v)^2 + 0. \end{aligned}$$

To maximize set  $v = \frac{\bar{x}}{\|\bar{x}\|}$ .

For 1 Gaussian

best  $K$ -d subspace is any subspace containing  $\mu$ .

Eigenvalues of  $\mathbb{E}(XX^T)$  are  $\sigma^2 + \|\mu\|^2$

$$\vdots$$

$$\sigma^2.$$

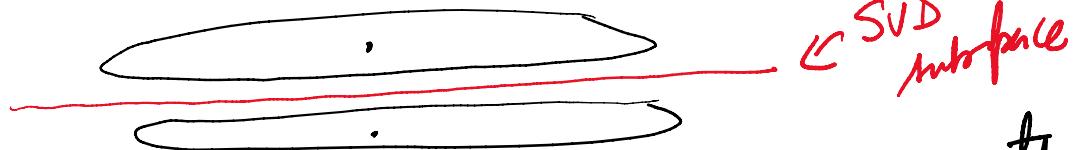
So for  $K$  Gaussians, best  $K$ -dim Subspace  
is any subspace containing all their means!



Q. Does SVD work for general Gaussians

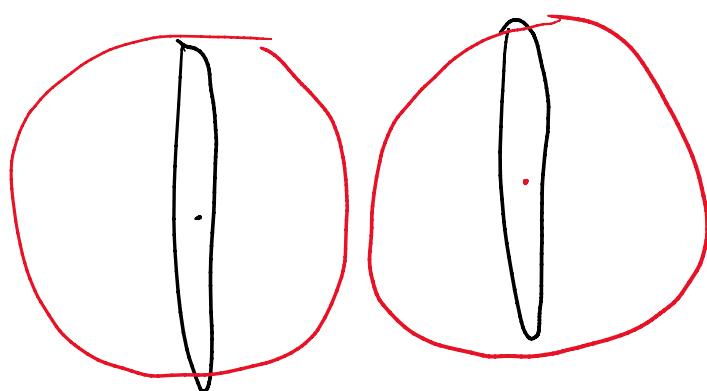
A. Only if the pairwise separation grows  
with the largest variance of each component.

E.g.



Projecting to SVD subspace simply merges the  
two "pancakes".

Need:



Two questions:

- 1) smaller separation?
- ~ ... and Gaussians?

- 1) SVD  
 2) general Gaussians?

Idea: SVD is about second moments.

$$(\mathbb{E}((x \cdot v)^2))$$

Q. Would higher moments help?

Mixture of  $k$  spherical Gaussians

$$w_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2 I)$$

Assume  $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\}$  are lin. ind.

① Make isotropic i.e.  $\mathbb{E}_F(x) = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}_F(x x^T) = I$$

Thin [isotropic transformation]

Any distribution with bounded second moments can be made isotropic via an affine transformation.

Pf. Suppose  $\mathbb{E}(x) = \mu$   $\mathbb{E}((x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T) = A$ .

Then  $y = x - \mu$  has  $\mathbb{E}(y) = 0$ .

and  $y = A^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x - \mu)$  is isotropic!

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(y) &= 0 & \mathbb{E}(yy^T) &= A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathbb{E}((x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T) (A^{-\frac{1}{2}})^T \\ & & &= A^{-\frac{1}{2}} A (A^{-\frac{1}{2}})^T = I\end{aligned}$$

$$= \tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} A (\tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}})^T = I$$

What is  $\tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ?

Note  $E((x-\mu)(x-\mu)^T) \succ 0$

Positive Definite matrix.

$\therefore A = BB^T$  for some  $B$ .

$$\tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \tilde{B}^{-1}$$

So  $\tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}} A (\tilde{A}^{\frac{1}{2}})^T$   
 $\tilde{B}^{-1} B B^T (\tilde{B}^{-1})^T = I$

---

So assume that  $F = \sum_i w_i F_i$  is isotropic.

Next consider  $E(x \otimes x \otimes x) = T$

this is a 3-dim array, a tensor of size  $d \times d \times d$ .

$$T_{ijk} = E(x_i x_j x_k)$$

$$T = \sum_i w_i E_{F_i}(x \otimes x \otimes x)$$

So we need

$$E(x \otimes x \otimes x) \quad x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I)$$

$$= E((x-\mu+\mu) \otimes (x-\mu+\mu) \otimes (x-\mu+\mu))$$

$$= E(\otimes^3(x-\mu)) + E((x-\mu) \otimes (x-\mu) \otimes \mu) \\ + E((x-\mu) \otimes \mu \otimes (x-\mu))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \mathbb{E}((x-\mu) \otimes \nu \otimes (x-\mu)) \\
 & + \mathbb{E}(\nu \otimes (x-\mu) \otimes (x-\mu)) \\
 & + \mathbb{E}((x-\mu) \otimes \mu \otimes \nu) \\
 & + \vdots \\
 & + \mathbb{E}((x-\mu) \otimes \nu \otimes \nu)
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \right\} = 0$$

$$+ \nu \times \nu \times \nu.$$

$$\mathbb{E}((x-\mu)_i (x-\mu)_j (x-\mu)_k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i, j, k \text{ are not all equal} \\ \mathbb{E}((x-\mu)^3) & \text{if } i=j=k \end{cases} = 0$$

So we are left with

$$\mathbb{E}(x \otimes x \otimes x) = \sigma^2 I \otimes \nu + \nu \otimes \sigma^2 I$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \mathbb{E}((x-\mu) \otimes \nu \otimes (x-\mu)) \\
 & + \nu \otimes \nu \otimes \nu.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E}((x-\mu)_i \nu_j (x-\mu)_k) = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \nu_j & \text{if } i=k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^d \nu_i \otimes \nu_i \otimes \nu_i - \sigma^2 \nu \text{ if } i=k=l$$

$$= \left( \sigma^2 \sum_{l=1}^d e_l \otimes v \otimes e_l \right)_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \sigma^2 v_j & \text{if } i=k=l \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Note  $I = \sum_{l=1}^d e_l \otimes e_l$ .

So,

Lemma - (a)  $E(X \otimes X \otimes X) = v \otimes v \otimes v$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2 I) \quad + \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^d e_i \otimes e_i \otimes v + e_i \otimes v \otimes e_i + v \otimes e_i \otimes e_i.$$

(b)  $X \sim \sum w_i N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2 I)$

$$E(X \otimes X \otimes X) = \sum_i w_i \mu_i \otimes \mu_i \otimes \mu_i$$

$$+ \sum_i w_i \sigma_i^2 \sum_{j=1}^d e_j \otimes e_j \otimes \mu_i + e_j \otimes \mu_i \otimes e_j + \mu_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_j$$

Can we estimate this ?!

---

For any tensor  $T = (T_{ijk}) \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$T(x, y, z) = \sum_{i,j,k} T_{ijk} x_i y_j z_k \quad \leftarrow \text{scalar}$$

$$T(\cdot, y, z) = \sum_{j,k} T_{ijk} y_j z_k \quad \leftarrow \text{vector}$$

... this

$$t(\cdot, \cdot, t) = \sum_{j,k} T_{jk} \sigma_j \tau_k$$

$$T(\cdot, \cdot, z) = \sum_k T_{ijk} z_j \quad \text{matrix.}$$

$$\text{Consider } \mathbb{E}(X \otimes (X - \mu) \otimes (X - \mu)) [\cdot, v, v]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(X \otimes X \otimes X) [\cdot, v, v]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}(X \otimes -\mu \otimes (X - \mu)) [\cdot, v, v]$$

We choose  $v \perp \mu_i$        $+ \mathbb{E}(X \otimes (X - \mu) \otimes -\mu) [\cdot, v, v]$

$$= \mathbb{E}(X \otimes X \otimes X) [\cdot, v, v]$$

use Lemma (b):

$$= 0 + \underbrace{\sum_i w_i \sigma_i^2 \mu_i}_{\text{call this vector } u}.$$

Then  $\mathbb{E}(X \otimes X \otimes X) = \sum w_i \mu_i \otimes \mu_i \otimes \mu_i$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^d u \otimes e_j \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes u \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes e_j \otimes u$$

We know this!

and this!

$$\text{So, we have } T = \sum w_i \mu_i \otimes \mu_i \otimes \mu_i$$

So, we have  $T = \sum w_i p_i \otimes r_i \otimes s_i$

and  $E(x\bar{x}) = \sum_i w_i p_i \otimes p_i + \sum_i w_i \sigma_i^2 I$

$$E((x-\mu) \cdot v)^2 = \sum_i w_i \sigma_i^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2$$

$\therefore$  we also have  $\sum w_i p_i \times p_i = I$ .  
and by linear transformation we have  $= I$ .

Claim.  $\sum_{i=1}^K w_i p_i \times p_i = I \Rightarrow p_i$  are orthogonal  
 $\sqrt{w_i} p_i$  are orthonormal.  
 $\|p_i\|^2 = \frac{1}{w_i}$

$$\sum a_i a_i^T = I$$

$$A A^T = I \Rightarrow \|a_i\|^2 = 1 \quad a_i^T a_j = 0 \quad i \neq j.$$

---

$p_i$  are orthogonal and we know  $\sum w_i p_i \otimes p_i \otimes p_i$

Is this enough?

Thm. [Tensor Decomposition] Given  $T = \sum_i \alpha_i u_i \otimes u_i \otimes u_i$   $\{u_i\}$  orthogonal

there is a polytime algorithm to recover  
 $\alpha_i, u_i$

Pf. Consider the iteration

$x_1, \dots, x_n$

Pf. Consider the iteration

$$x = \frac{T(\cdot, x, x)}{\|T(\cdot, x, x)\|} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{starting with } x_0 \\ \text{random.} \end{array}$$

assume  $\|u_i\|=1$

$$x = \sum \beta_i u_i$$

$$x^{(1)} \propto T(\cdot, x, x) = \sum_i \alpha_i \beta_i^2 u_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(2)} \propto T(\cdot, x^{(1)}, x^{(1)}) &= \sum_i \alpha_i^3 \beta_i^4 u_i \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i^7 \beta_i^8 u_i \\ &= \sum (\alpha_i \beta_i)^{2^{-k}} \cdot \beta_i \cdot u_i \end{aligned}$$

So  $i$  with largest  $\alpha_i \beta_i$  will quickly dominate!

$$x^{(t)} \rightarrow u_i$$

Peel off and repeat.

(\*) need to be careful about error accumulation.

---

So now we have an algorithm!

$$F = \sum w_i N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^{-2} I) \quad \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\} \text{ lin.}$$

$$F = \sum_i w_i N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2 I) \quad \left\{ \mu_1 \dots \mu_k \right\} \text{ lin. ind.}$$

①  $M = E_S(X \otimes X)$  find top  $k$  eigenvectors.  
 $\hat{\sigma}^2 = (k+1)^{-1}$  eigenvalue  $v_1, v_2 \dots v_k$ .

$$\text{compute } \hat{S} = \tilde{w}^T S \xrightarrow{\text{(sample)}}$$

$$\text{③ } v \perp \{ \tilde{w}^T v_1, \dots, \tilde{w}^T v_k \}$$

$$u = \underset{\hat{S}}{E} \left( X ((X - \mu) \cdot v)^2 \right)$$

$$T = E_{\hat{S}} (X \otimes X \otimes X) - \left( \sum_j u \otimes e_j \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes u \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes e_j \otimes u \right)$$

④ Decompose  $T$  using tensor decomposition

for vector  $y$  set  $\hat{p}_i = T(y, y, y) y$

$$\text{and } w_i = \frac{1}{\|\hat{p}_i\|^2}$$

$$\text{and finally } \sigma_i^2 = u \cdot \hat{p}_i = w_i \sigma_i^2 \|\hat{p}_i\|^2 = \sigma_i^2.$$

Note: complexity depends on the condition number

Note: complexity depends on the condition number  
of  $\begin{pmatrix} -n_1 & - \\ -n_k & - \end{pmatrix}$ .