

# Low rank approximations for tensors

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# Recap on Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- It decomposes a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  to the form  $U\Sigma V^T$ 
  - $U$  is an  $m \times m$  orthogonal matrix
  - $V$  is an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix
  - $\Sigma$  is an  $m \times n$  rectangular diagonal matrix
- The diagonal entries  $\sigma_i = \Sigma_{ii}$  of  $\Sigma$  are called singular values
  - $\sigma_i \geq 0$  and  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 \leq \dots \leq \sigma_{\min(m,n)}$
- The largest  $r$  such that  $\sigma_r \neq 0$  is called the rank of the matrix
- SVD represents a matrix as the sum of  $r$  rank one matrices

$$A = U_1 V_1^T + U_2 V_2^T + \dots + U_r V_r^T$$

# Properties of SVD

The SVD of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  can be written as  $A = U\Sigma V^T$ . Here  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  are orthogonal matrices and  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is a rectangular diagonal matrix.

- Columns of  $U$  are also eigen vectors of  $AA^T$
- Similarly, columns of  $V$  are eigen vectors of  $A^T A$
- If  $\sigma_i > 0$  is a singular value of  $A$  then  $\sigma_i^2$  is an eigen value of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$

$\Sigma\Sigma^T$  and  $\Sigma^T\Sigma$  are diagonal matrices. Their diagonal entries are the eigen values of  $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$ , respectively.

We can also express SVD as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{pmatrix}^T = U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T + U_2 \Sigma_2 V_2^T.$$

This is equivalent to

$$A = U_1 U_1^T A + U_2 U_2^T A = A V_1 V_1^T + A V_2 V_2^T.$$

# Properties of matrix Frobenius norm for real matrices

$$\|A\|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} A^2(i,j) = \text{Trace}(AA^T) = \text{Trace}(A^T A)$$

$$\|A + B\|_F^2 = \|A\|_F^2 + \|B\|_F^2 + 2\langle A, B \rangle_F$$

Here  $\langle A, B \rangle_F$  is known as Frobenius inner product and defined as  $\langle A, B \rangle_F = \text{Trace}(A^T B) = \text{Trace}(B^T A)$ .

If  $Q$  is an orthonormal matrix then,

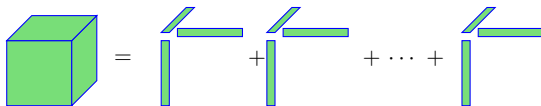
$$\|A\|_F^2 = \|QQ^T A\|_F^2 + \|(I - QQ^T)A\|_F^2.$$

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# CP decomposition of $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_d}$

It factorizes a tensor into a sum of rank one tensors.



CP decomposition of a 3-dimensional tensor.

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r U_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ \dots \circ U_d(:, \alpha)$$

It can be concisely expressed as  $\mathcal{A} = [[U_1, U_2, \dots, U_d]]$ . CP decomposition for a 3-dimensional tensor in matricized form can be written as:

$$A_{(1)} = U_1(U_3 \odot U_2)^T, \quad A_{(2)} = U_2(U_3 \odot U_1)^T, \quad A_{(3)} = U_3(U_2 \odot U_1)^T.$$

It is useful to assume that  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_d$  are normalized to length one with the weights given in a vector  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r$ .

$$\mathcal{A} = [[\lambda; U_1, U_2, \dots, U_d]] = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \lambda_{\alpha} U_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ \dots \circ U_d(:, \alpha)$$

# Tensor rank

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \lambda_{\alpha} U_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ \cdots \circ U_d(:, \alpha)$$

- The minimum  $r$  required to express  $\mathcal{A}$  is called the rank of  $\mathcal{A}$

The rank of a real-valued tensor may be different over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$ . For example, consider the frontal slices of  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2 \times 2}$

$$\mathcal{A}(:, :, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathcal{A}(:, :, 2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This has rank three over  $\mathbb{R}$  and two over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The CP decomposition over  $\mathbb{R}$  has the following factor matrices:

$$U_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, U_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } U_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The CP decomposition over  $\mathbb{C}$  has the following factor matrices:

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & i \end{pmatrix}, U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } U_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Rank and low-rank approximations

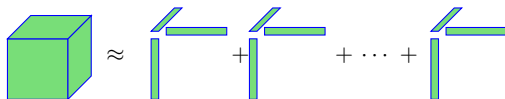
- Determining the rank of a tensor is an NP-complete problem
- If  $\mathcal{A} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \lambda_{\alpha} U_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ \cdots \circ U_d(:, \alpha)$ , summing  $k < r$  terms may not yield a best rank- $k$  approximation
- Possible that the best rank- $k$  approximation of a tensor may not exist



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# CP optimization problem for a 3-dimensional tensor



For fixed rank  $k$ , we want to solve

$$\min_{U_1, U_2, U_3} \|\mathcal{A} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^k \lambda_{\alpha} U_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ U_3(:, \alpha)\|.$$

- It is a nonlinear, nonconvex optimization problem
- In the matrix case, the SVD provides us the optimal solution
- In the tensor case, convergence to optimum not guaranteed

# Alternating Least Squares (ALS) method

Fixing all but one factor matrix, we have a linear least squares problem:

$$\min_{\hat{U}_1} \left\| \mathcal{A} - \sum_{\alpha=1}^k \hat{U}_1(:, \alpha) \circ U_2(:, \alpha) \circ U_3(:, \alpha) \right\|$$

or equivalently

$$\min_{\hat{U}_1} \|A_{(1)} - \hat{U}_1(U_3 \odot U_2)^T\|$$

ALS works by alternating over factor matrices, updating one at a time.

# CP-ALS algorithm

**Repeat** until maximum iterations reached or no further improvement obtained

- 1 Solve  $U_1(U_3 \odot U_2)^T = A_{(1)}$  for  $U_1 \Rightarrow U_1 = A_{(1)}(U_3 \odot U_2)(U_3^T U_3 * U_2^T U_2)^\dagger$
- 2 Normalize columns of  $U_1$
- 3 Solve  $U_2(U_3 \odot U_1)^T = A_{(2)}$  for  $U_2 \Rightarrow U_2 = A_{(2)}(U_3 \odot U_1)(U_3^T U_3 * U_1^T U_1)^\dagger$
- 4 Normalize columns of  $U_2$
- 5 Solve  $U_3(U_2 \odot U_1)^T = A_{(3)}$  for  $U_3 \Rightarrow U_3 = A_{(3)}(U_2 \odot U_1)(U_2^T U_2 * U_1^T U_1)^\dagger$
- 6 Normalize columns of  $U_3$

Here  $A^\dagger$  denotes the Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse of  $A$ . We use the following identity to get expressions for  $U_1$ ,  $U_2$  and  $U_3$ :

$$(A \odot B)^T (A \odot B) = A^T A * B^T B$$

# ALS for computing a CP decomposition

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**Algorithm 1** CP-ALS method to compute CP decomposition

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**Require:** input tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ , desired rank  $k$ , initial factor matrices

$$U_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times k} \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq d$$

**Ensure:**  $[[\lambda; U_1, \dots, U_d]]$  : a rank- $k$  CP decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$

repeat

for  $i = 1$  to  $d$  do

$$V \leftarrow U_1^T U_1 * \dots * U_{i-1}^T U_{i-1} U_{i+1}^T U_{i+1} * \dots * U_d^T U_d$$

$$U_i \leftarrow A_{(i)}(U_d \odot \dots \odot U_{i+1} \odot U_{i-1} \odot U_1)$$

$$U_i \leftarrow U_i V^\dagger$$

$$\lambda \leftarrow \text{normalize columns of } U_i$$

end for

**until** converge or the maximum number of iterations

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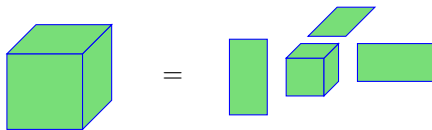
- $U_j$  can be chosen randomly or by setting  $k$  left singular vectors of  $A_{(j)}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$

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# Tucker decomposition of $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_d}$

It represents a tensor with  $d$  matrices (usually orthonormal) and a small core tensor.



Tucker decomposition of a 3-dimensional tensor.

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{G} \times_1 U_1 \cdots \times_d U_d$$

$$\mathcal{A}(i_1, \dots, i_d) = \sum_{\alpha_1=1}^{r_1} \cdots \sum_{\alpha_d=1}^{r_d} \mathcal{G}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) U_1(i_1, \alpha_1) \cdots U_d(i_d, \alpha_d)$$

It can be concisely expressed as  $\mathcal{A} = [[\mathcal{G}; U_1, \dots, U_d]]$ .

Here  $r_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$  denote a set of ranks. Matrices  $U_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times r_j}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$  are usually orthonormal and known as factor matrices. The tensor  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{r_1 \times r_2 \times \dots \times r_d}$  is called the core tensor.

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**Algorithm 2** HOSVD method to compute a Tucker decomposition

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**Require:** input tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ , desired rank  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$

**Ensure:**  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{G} \times_1 U_1 \times_2 U_2 \cdots \times_d U_d$

**for**  $k = 1$  to  $d$  **do**

$U_k \leftarrow r_k$  leading left singular vectors of  $A_{(k)}$

**end for**

$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \cdots \times_d U_d^T$

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- When  $r_i < \text{rank}(A_{(i)})$  for one or more  $i$ , the decomposition is called the truncated-HOSVD (T-HOSVD)
- Output of T-HOSVD can be used as a starting point for an ALS algorithm

# Sequentially T-HOSVD (ST-HOSVD) for Tucker decomposition

- This method is more work efficient than T-HOSVD
- In each step, it reduces the size of one dimension of the tensor

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**Algorithm 3** ST-HOSVD method to compute a Tucker decomposition

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**Require:** input tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ , desired rank  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$

**Ensure:**  $[[\mathcal{G}; U_1, \dots, U_d]]$  : a  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$ -rank Tucker decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$

$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}$

**for**  $k = 1$  to  $d$  **do**

$S \leftarrow B_{(k)} B_{(k)}^T$

$U_k \leftarrow r_k$  leading eigen vectors of  $S$

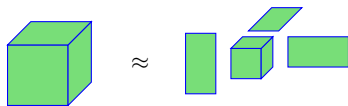
$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{B} \times_i U_i$

**end for**

$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \dots \times_d U_d^T$

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# Tucker decomposition optimization problem for a 3-dimensional tensor



For fixed ranks orthonormal matrices  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ , we want to solve

$$\min_{U_1, U_2, U_3} \|\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{G} \times_1 U_1 \times_2 U_2 \times_3 U_3\|, \text{ where } \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \times_3 U_3^T.$$

This is equivalent to

$$\max_{U_1, U_2, U_3} \|\mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \times_3 U_3^T\|.$$

It is a nonlinear, nonconvex optimization problem.

# Higher-order orthogonal iteration (HOOI) method

Fixing all but one factor matrix, we have a matrix problem:

$$\max_{\hat{U}_1} \|\mathcal{A} \times_1 \hat{U}_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \times_3 U_3^T\|$$

HOOI works by alternating over factor matrices, updating one by computing left singular vectors

# HOOI method for computing a Tucker decomposition

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**Algorithm 4** HOOI method to compute Tucker decomposition

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**Require:** input tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ , desired ranks  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$ , initial factor matrices  $U_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n_j \times r_j}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$

**Ensure:**  $[[\mathcal{G}; U_1, \dots, U_d]]$ : a  $(r_1, \dots, r_d)$ -rank Tucker decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$

repeat

for  $i = 1$  to  $d$  do

$$\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \cdots \times_{i-1} U_{i-1}^T \times_{i+1} U_{i+1}^T \cdots \times_d U_d^T$$

$U_i \leftarrow r_i$  left singular vectors of  $B_{(i)}$

end for

until converge or the maximum number of iterations

$$\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \times_1 U_1^T \times_2 U_2^T \cdots \times_d U_d^T$$

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- Outputs of HOSVD ( $U_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq d$ ) can be used as a starting point for this method