

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
 - Σ is an $m \times n$ rectangular diagonal matrix
- The diagonal entries $\sigma_i = \Sigma_{ii}$ of Σ 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

The diagram shows a large green square representing a matrix A . To its right is an equals sign, followed by a sum of rank-one matrices. Each rank-one matrix is represented by a vertical green rectangle (a column vector) multiplied by a horizontal green rectangle (a row vector). The first two terms are shown explicitly, followed by an ellipsis and a plus sign, and then a third term, indicating a sum of r such matrices.

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 σ_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,

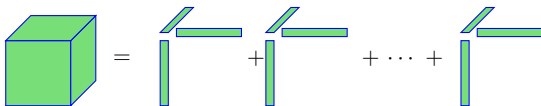
$$\|A\|_F^2 = \|QQ^T A\|_F^2 + \|(I - QQ^T)A\|_F^2.$$

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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:

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

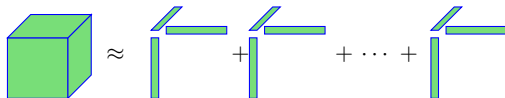
Rank and low-rank approximations

- 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

Algorithm 1 CP-ALS method to compute CP decomposition

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

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

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

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

$\lambda \leftarrow$ normalize columns of U_i

end for

until converge or the maximum number of iterations

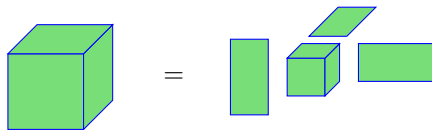
- U_j can be chosen randomly or by setting k left singular vectors of $A_{(j)}$ for $1 \leq j \leq d$

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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

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

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

- 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

Algorithm 3 ST-HOSVD method to compute a Tucker decomposition

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**

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

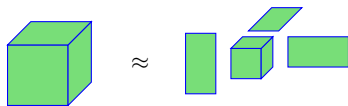
$U_k \leftarrow r_k$ leading eigen vectors of S

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

end for

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

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

Algorithm 4 HOOI method to compute Tucker decomposition

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

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

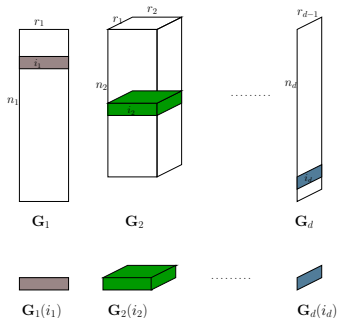
- Outputs of HOSVD (U_j for $1 \leq j \leq d$) can be used as a starting point for this method

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Tensor Train (TT) decomposition: Product of matrices view

- A d -dimensional tensor is represented with 2 matrices and $d-2$ 3-dimensional tensors.



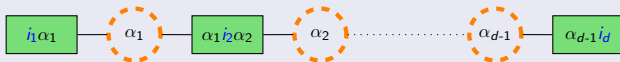
$$\mathcal{A}(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d) = G_1(i_1)G_2(i_2) \cdots G_d(i_d)$$

An entry of $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \cdots \times n_d}$ is computed by multiplying corresponding matrix (or row/column) of each matrix/tensor.

Tensor Train decomposition

$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_d}$ is represented with cores $\mathcal{G}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_{k-1} \times n_k \times r_k}$, $k=1, 2, \dots, d$, $r_0=r_d=1$ and its elements satisfy the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(i_1, \dots, i_d) &= \sum_{\alpha_0=1}^{r_0} \dots \sum_{\alpha_d=1}^{r_d} \mathcal{G}_1(\alpha_0, i_1, \alpha_1) \dots \mathcal{G}_d(\alpha_{d-1}, i_d, \alpha_d) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha_1=1}^{r_1} \dots \sum_{\alpha_{d-1}=1}^{r_{d-1}} \mathcal{G}_1(1, i_1, \alpha_1) \dots \mathcal{G}_d(\alpha_{d-1}, i_d, 1)\end{aligned}$$



The ranks r_k are called TT-ranks.

- The number of entries in this decomposition = $\mathcal{O}(n_1 r_1 + n_2 r_1 r_2 + n_3 r_2 r_3 + \dots + n_{d-1} r_{d-2} r_{d-1} + n_d r_{d-1})$