

# Tensor Singular Value Decomposition and Composition

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- 1 Tensor Singular Value Decomposition (t-SVD)
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$$\mathbf{A}^{(j)} \equiv \mathcal{A}(:, :, j), \quad \hat{\mathcal{A}} = \text{fft}(\mathcal{A}, [], 3)$$

$$\text{bcirc}(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{(1)} & \mathbf{A}^{(n)} & \mathbf{A}^{(n-1)} & \dots & \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \\ \mathbf{A}^{(2)} & \mathbf{A}^{(1)} & \mathbf{A}^{(n)} & \dots & \mathbf{A}^{(3)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}^{(n)} & \mathbf{A}^{(n-1)} & \dots & \mathbf{A}^{(2)} & \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{unfold}(\mathcal{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{A}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}^{(n)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{fold}(\text{unfold}(\mathcal{A})) = \mathcal{A}$$

## Definition. t-product

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be  $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be  $n_2 \times n_4 \times n_3$ . Then the t-product  $\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}$  is the  $n_1 \times n_4 \times n_3$  tensor

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \text{fold}(\text{bcirc}(\mathcal{A}) \cdot \text{unfold}(\mathcal{B})).$$

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2 \times 2}$  with frontal faces

$$\mathbf{A}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -2 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and let  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1 \times 2}$  with frontal faces

$$\mathbf{B}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ \hline -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{array} \right] \right)$$

$$= \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ -19 \\ -3 \\ \hline -9 \\ -19 \\ -6 \end{array} \right] \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1 \times 2}$$

is a  $3 \times 1 \times 2$  tensor. In other words, in this example,  $\mathcal{C} := \mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}$  is a  $3 \times 2$  matrix, oriented as a lateral slice of a third-order tensor.

## Theorem. t-SVD

For  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ , the t-SVD of  $\mathcal{A}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T,$$

where  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are orthogonal tensors of size  $n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3$  and  $n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3$  respectively.  $\mathcal{S}$  is a rectangular f-diagonal tensor of size  $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$ , and  $*$  denotes the t-product.

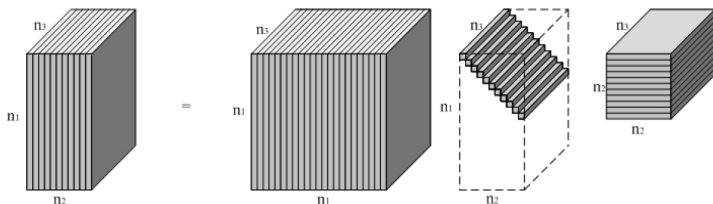


Figure: The t-SVD of an  $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$  tensor.

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**Algorithm 1** t-SVD

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**Require:** Tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ ;

**Ensure:**  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3}$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ ;

- 1:  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} := \text{fft}(\mathcal{A}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 2: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $n_3$  **do**
  - 3:      $[U, S, V] = \text{SVD}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}(:, :, i))$ ;
  - 4:      $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(:, :, i) := U$ ;
  - 5:      $\hat{\mathcal{S}}(:, :, i) := S$ ;
  - 6:      $\hat{\mathcal{V}}(:, :, i) := V$ ;
  - 7: **end for**
  - 8:  $\mathcal{U} := \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{U}}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 9:  $\mathcal{S} := \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 10:  $\mathcal{V} := \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{V}}, [], 3)$ ;
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**Example 2.** Take the tensor  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2 \times 2}$  same in Example 1. We have the Fourier transformation of  $\mathcal{A}$

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}} = \text{fold} \left( \left( \begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 1 & & \\ -2 & 9 & & \\ -1 & 2 & & \\ \hline & & 3 & -1 \\ & & 2 & -5 \\ & & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \right).$$

Now compute the  $i = 1$ -th frontal face's SVD using  $[U, S, V] = \text{SVD}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}(:, :, 1))$ .

$$\hat{U}(:, :, 1) := U = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1268 & 0.8066 & -0.5774 \\ -0.9653 & -0.2343 & -0.1155 \\ -0.2284 & 0.5427 & 0.8083 \end{bmatrix},$$



$$\hat{\mathcal{S}}(:, :, 1) := S = \begin{bmatrix} 9.5487 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9070 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}}(:, :, 1) := V = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2394 & -0.9709 \\ -0.9709 & -0.2394 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next, we can use the same method to get  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(:, :, 2)$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{S}}(:, :, 2)$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{V}}(:, :, 2)$ . Last, compute the inverse Fourier transformation of  $\hat{\mathcal{U}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{S}}$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{V}}$ , obtaining  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{U} &= \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{U}}, [], 3) \\
 &= \text{ifft}(\text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -0.1268 & 0.8066 & -0.5774 & & & \\ -0.9653 & -0.2343 & -0.1155 & & & \\ -0.2284 & 0.5427 & 0.8083 & & & \\ \hline -0.3089 & 0.9351 & -0.1735 & & & \\ -0.7600 & -0.1330 & 0.6361 & & & \\ 0.5718 & 0.3284 & 0.7518 & & & \end{array} \right], [], 3 \right) \\
 &= \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -0.2178 & 0.8709 & -0.3754 & & & \\ -0.8626 & -0.1837 & 0.2603 & & & \\ 0.1717 & 0.4355 & 0.7800 & & & \\ \hline 0.0911 & -0.0643 & -0.2019 & & & \\ -0.1026 & -0.0507 & -0.3758 & & & \\ -0.4001 & 0.1072 & 0.0282 & & & \end{array} \right] \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, [], 3)$$

$$= \text{ifft}(\text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 9.5487 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9070 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline 7.0727 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.4448 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \right), [], 3)$$

$$= \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 8.3107 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.6759 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1.2380 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.7689 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{V} &= \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{V}}, [], 3) \\
 &= \text{ifft}(\text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0.2394 & -0.9709 \\ -0.9709 & -0.2394 \\ \hline -0.4268 & 0.9044 \\ 0.9044 & 0.4268 \end{array} \right], [], 3 \right) \\
 &= \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc} -0.0937 & -0.0333 \\ -0.0333 & 0.0937 \\ \hline 0.3331 & -0.9376 \\ -0.9376 & -0.3331 \end{array} \right] \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Algorithm 2 Tensor Composition

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**Require:**  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_1 \times n_3}$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ ;

**Ensure:**  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$ ;

- 1:  $\hat{\mathcal{U}} := \text{fft}(\mathcal{U}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 2:  $\hat{\mathcal{S}} := \text{fft}(\mathcal{S}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 3:  $\hat{\mathcal{V}} := \text{fft}(\mathcal{V}, [], 3)$ ;
  - 4: **for**  $i = 1$  to  $n_3$  **do**
  - 5:      $U := \hat{\mathcal{U}}(:, :, i)$ ;
  - 6:      $S := \hat{\mathcal{S}}(:, :, i)$ ;
  - 7:      $V := \hat{\mathcal{V}}(:, :, i)$ ;
  - 8:      $\hat{\mathcal{A}}(:, :, i) = USV^T$ ;
  - 9: **end for**
  - 10:  $\mathcal{A} := \text{ifft}(\hat{\mathcal{A}}, [], 3)$ ;
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