

# Towards Practical Alternating Least-Squares for CCA

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## Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)

**Problem:**  $\max_{\Phi^\top C_{xx} \Phi = \Psi^\top C_{yy} \Psi = \mathbf{I}} \text{tr}(\Phi^\top C_{xy} \Psi)$

- Given data matrix pair  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_y \times n}$
- Canonical variable pair  $(\Phi, \Psi) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x \times k} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_y \times k}$ ,  $k \geq 1$
- Cross/auto-covariance matrices

$$C_{xy} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y}^\top, C_{xx} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\top + r_x \mathbf{I}, C_{yy} = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^\top + r_y \mathbf{I}$$

- Ground truth  $(\Phi^*, \Psi^*) = (\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})$  a.k.a. canonical subspaces

$$C_{xy} = C_{xx} \mathbf{U} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^\top C_{yy} + C_{xx} \mathbf{U}_\perp \Sigma_\perp \mathbf{V}_\perp^\top C_{yy}$$

## Alternating Least-Squares (ALS)

### Update equations

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}_t = C_{xx}^{-1} C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1} + \xi_{t-1}, & \Phi_t = \tilde{\Phi}_t (\tilde{\Phi}_t^\top C_{xx} \tilde{\Phi}_t + \tilde{\Psi}_t^\top C_{yy} \tilde{\Psi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \tilde{\Psi}_t = C_{yy}^{-1} C_{xy}^\top \Phi_{t-1} + \eta_{t-1}, & \Psi_t = \tilde{\Psi}_t (\tilde{\Phi}_t^\top C_{xx} \tilde{\Phi}_t + \tilde{\Psi}_t^\top C_{yy} \tilde{\Psi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

$$\square \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_t \\ \Psi_t \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{u}_k & -\mathbf{u}_k \\ \mathbf{v}_1 & \mathbf{v}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_k & \mathbf{v}_k \end{pmatrix}$$

- Generalized eigenvalues  $\sigma_1, -\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_k, -\sigma_k$

$$\square \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} & C_{xy} \\ C_{xy}^\top & \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{xx} & \\ & C_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Variable size  $(\Phi_t, \Psi_t) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x \times \boxed{2k}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_y \times \boxed{2k}}$

### Post-processing

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\Phi}_T = \Phi_T \mathbf{G} \\ \hat{\Psi}_T = \Psi_T \mathbf{G} \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{U}} = \hat{\Phi}_T (\hat{\Phi}_T^\top C_{xx} \hat{\Phi}_T)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{V}} = \hat{\Psi}_T (\hat{\Psi}_T^\top C_{yy} \hat{\Psi}_T)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

- Projection with random Gaussian matrix  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k \times k}$

## Truly Alternating Least-Squares (TALS)

### Coupled equations of half the size

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}_t = C_{xx}^{-1} C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1} + \xi_{t-1}, & \Phi_t = \tilde{\Phi}_t (\tilde{\Phi}_t^\top C_{xx} \tilde{\Phi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \tilde{\Psi}_t = C_{yy}^{-1} C_{xy}^\top \Phi_t + \eta_t, & \Psi_t = \tilde{\Psi}_t (\tilde{\Psi}_t^\top C_{yy} \tilde{\Psi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

- Minimize  $l_t(\tilde{\Phi}) = \frac{1}{2n} \|\mathbf{X}^\top \tilde{\Phi} - \mathbf{Y}^\top \Psi_{t-1}\|_F^2 + \frac{r_x}{2} \|\tilde{\Phi}\|_F^2$  for  $\tilde{\Phi}_t$  with  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(0)} = \Phi_{t-1} (\Phi_{t-1}^\top C_{xx} \Phi_{t-1})^{-1} (\Phi_{t-1}^\top C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1})$

- Minimize  $s_t(\tilde{\Psi}) = \frac{1}{2n} \|\mathbf{Y}^\top \tilde{\Psi} - \mathbf{X}^\top \Phi_t\|_F^2 + \frac{r_y}{2} \|\tilde{\Psi}\|_F^2$  for  $\tilde{\Psi}_t$  with  $\tilde{\Psi}^{(0)} = \Psi_{t-1} (\Psi_{t-1}^\top C_{yy} \Psi_{t-1})^{-1} (\Psi_{t-1}^\top C_{xy}^\top \Phi_t)$

- $(\Phi_t, \Psi_t) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_x \times \boxed{k}} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_y \times \boxed{k}}$  more memory efficient

- $(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \hat{\mathbf{V}}) = (\Phi_T, \Psi_T)$  no need of the post-processing

- Roughly  $\frac{\sigma_k}{\sigma_k + \sigma_{k+1}}$  faster esp. when a small gap exists

## Faster Alternating Least-Squares (FALS)

### Momentum acceleration

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}_t = C_{xx}^{-1} C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1} - \beta \Phi_{t-2} + \xi_{t-1}, & \Phi_t = \tilde{\Phi}_t (\tilde{\Phi}_t^\top C_{xx} \tilde{\Phi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \tilde{\Psi}_t = C_{yy}^{-1} C_{xy}^\top \Phi_t - \beta \Psi_{t-1} + \eta_t, & \Psi_t = \tilde{\Psi}_t (\tilde{\Psi}_t^\top C_{yy} \tilde{\Psi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

- Minimize

$$l_t(\tilde{\Phi}) = \frac{1}{2n} \|\mathbf{X}^\top (\tilde{\Phi} + \beta \Phi_{t-2}) - \mathbf{Y}^\top \Psi_{t-1}\|_F^2 + \frac{r_x}{2} \|\tilde{\Phi} + \beta \Phi_{t-2}\|_F^2$$

for  $\tilde{\Phi}_t$  with  $\tilde{\Phi}^{(0)} = \Phi_{t-1} (\Phi_{t-1}^\top C_{xx} \Phi_{t-1})^{-1} (\Phi_{t-1}^\top C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1})$

- Minimize

$$s_t(\tilde{\Psi}) = \frac{1}{2n} \|\mathbf{Y}^\top (\tilde{\Psi} + \beta \Psi_{t-1}) - \mathbf{X}^\top \Phi_t\|_F^2 + \frac{r_y}{2} \|\tilde{\Psi} + \beta \Psi_{t-1}\|_F^2$$

for  $\tilde{\Psi}_t$  with  $\tilde{\Psi}^{(0)} = \Psi_{t-1} (\Psi_{t-1}^\top C_{yy} \Psi_{t-1})^{-1} (\Psi_{t-1}^\top C_{xy}^\top \Phi_t)$

- $\hat{\beta} = \frac{1}{4} \min_i (\Sigma_{ii}^{(T_{tals}, 1)})^2$  or  $\frac{1}{4} \min_i (\Sigma_{ii}^{(T_{tals}, 2)})^2$  with a small  $T_{tals}$

### Quality measures

$$\sin^2 \theta_u \triangleq \sin^2 \theta_{\max}(\Phi_t, \mathbf{U}), \quad \sin^2 \theta_v \triangleq \sin^2 \theta_{\max}(\Psi_t, \mathbf{V})$$

## Adaptive Alternating Least-Squares (AALS)

### Adaptive momentum

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}_t = C_{xx}^{-1} C_{xy} \Psi_{t-1} - \beta_{t-1}^\phi \Phi_{t-2} + \xi_{t-1}, & \Phi_t = \tilde{\Phi}_t (\tilde{\Phi}_t^\top C_{xx} \tilde{\Phi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ \tilde{\Psi}_t = C_{yy}^{-1} C_{xy}^\top \Phi_t - \beta_t^\psi \Psi_{t-1} + \eta_t, & \Psi_t = \tilde{\Psi}_t (\tilde{\Psi}_t^\top C_{yy} \tilde{\Psi}_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

- Optimal momentum parameter is around  $\sigma_{k+1}^2/4$

$$\Sigma^{(t,1)} = (\Phi_t^\top C_{xx} \Phi_t)^{-1} \Phi_t^\top C_{xy} \Psi_t,$$

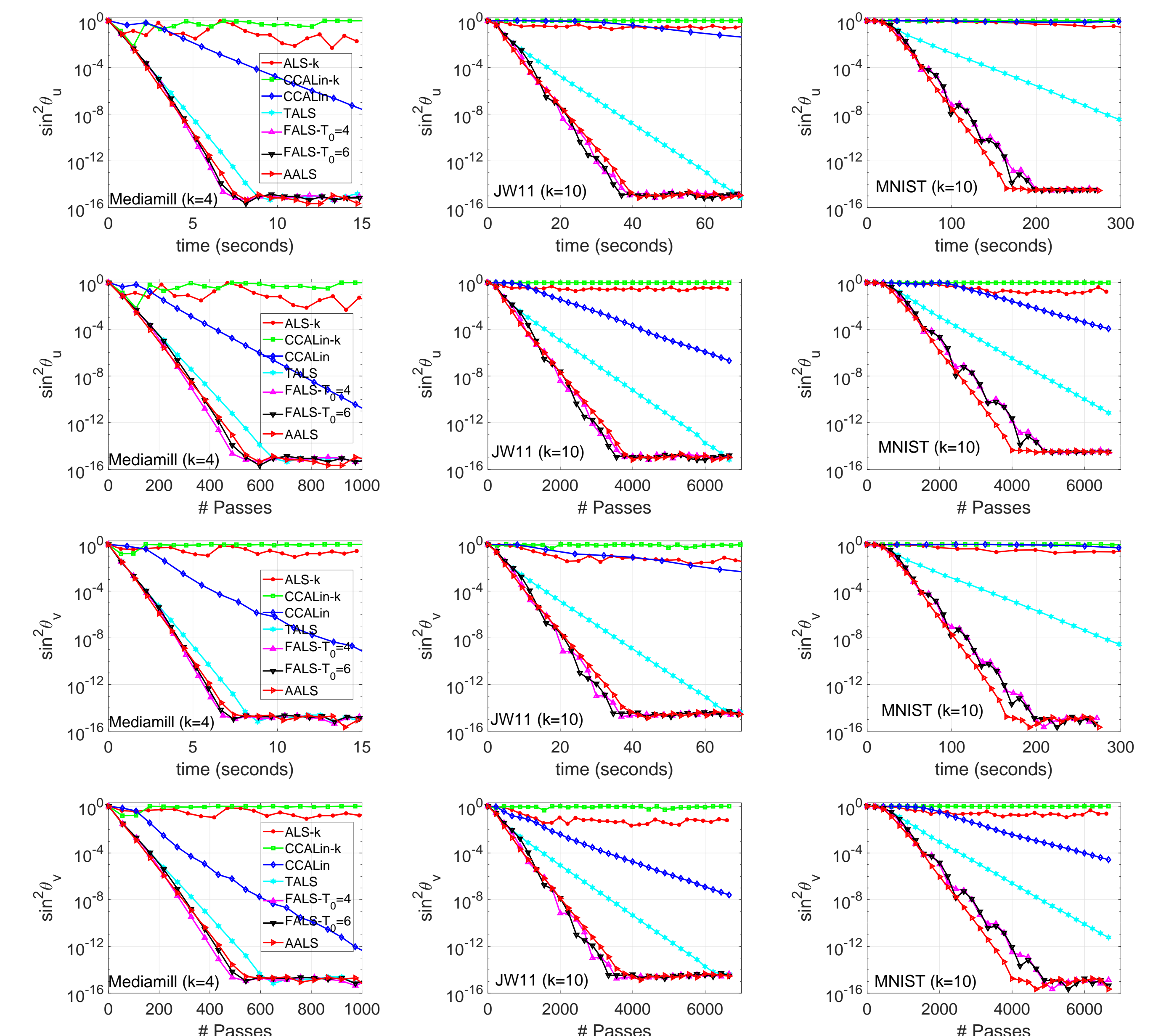
$$\Sigma^{(t+1,2)} = (\Psi_t^\top C_{yy} \Psi_t)^{-1} \Psi_t^\top C_{xy}^\top \Phi_{t+1}$$

- $\beta_t^\phi = \frac{1}{4} \min_i (\Sigma_{ii}^{(t,1)})^2$  and  $\beta_t^\psi = \frac{1}{4} \min_i (\Sigma_{ii}^{(t,2)})^2$

- $\tilde{\Phi}^{(0)} = \Phi_{t-1} \Sigma^{(t-1,1)}$  and  $\tilde{\Psi}^{(0)} = \Psi_{t-1} \Sigma^{(t,2)}$

## Experiments

- ALS- $k$  is ALS in Wang et al. NIPS 2016 with block size  $k$
- CCALin- $k$  is CCALin in Ge et al. ICML 2016 with block size  $k$



DATA	Description	$d_x$	$d_y$	$n$
Memdiamill	images and its labels	100	120	30000
JW11	acoustic and articulation	273	112	30000
MNIST	left&right halves of images	392	392	60000