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# A Tensor SVD

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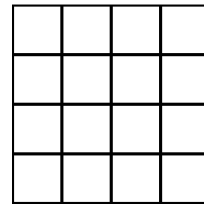
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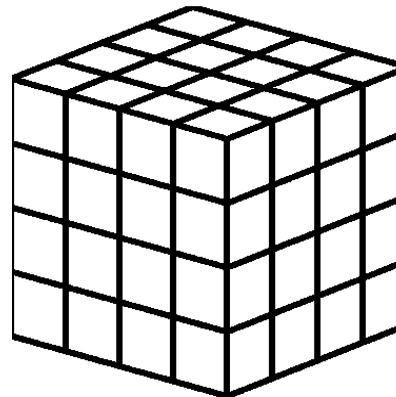
# What are Tensors?

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- Second-order tensor  $A = (a_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2}$



- Third-order tensor  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijk}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3}$



- $p^{th}$ -order tensor  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_p}$

# Leading Applications

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- Chemometrics
- Psychometrics
- Computer Vision
- Signal Processing
- Data Mining
- Neuroscience
- Other applications using multiway data analysis

# Motivation: A two-way decomposition

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Suppose  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  are orthogonal, and  $\Sigma = U^T A V$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} A = U \Sigma V^T &= \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_{ij} u_i v_j^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_{ij} (u_i \circ v_j) \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_i = U(:, i)$ ,  $v_j = V(:, j)$

# Tensor Decompositions

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N \times P}$

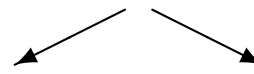
Goal: To find  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$ , and  $\Sigma = (\sigma_{ijk}) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N \times P}$  such that

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^P \sigma_{ijk} (u_i \circ v_j \circ w_k)$$

where  $u_i = U(:, i)$ ,  $v_j = V(:, j)$ ,  $w_k = W(:, k)$

# Orthogonal *or* Diagonal for Tensors

$$\begin{matrix} m \times n & m \times r & r \times r & r \times n \\ \boxed{A} & = & \boxed{U} & \begin{matrix} \boxed{\Sigma} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{V^T} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$



Case 1:  
Diagonal  $\Sigma$  (CP)

Case 2:  
Orthogonal  $U, V, W$

$$\begin{matrix} m \times n \times p & m \times r & r \times r \times r & n \times r \\ \boxed{A} & = & \boxed{U} & \begin{matrix} \boxed{W^T} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{V^T} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} m \times n \times p & m \times r_1 & r_1 \times r_2 \times r_3 & n \times r_2 \\ \boxed{A} & = & \boxed{U} & \begin{matrix} \boxed{W^T} \\ \text{---} \\ \boxed{V^T} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

# A new Tensor SVD

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## Questions:

- Is there another rank-revealing “SVD-like” tensor decomposition?
- How does it compare to existing decompositions (HOSVD, PARAFAC, etc.)?
- Is it useful?

# Tensor-tensor Multiplication

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Contracted product in the *first-mode*:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &\in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M_1 \times N_1} \\ \mathcal{B} &\in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M_2 \times N_2} \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{M_1 \times N_1 \times M_2 \times N_2}$$

$$(\mathcal{AB})_{m_1 n_1 m_2 n_2} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \mathcal{A}_{\ell m_1 n_1} \mathcal{B}_{\ell m_2 n_2}$$

$$m_1 = 1, \dots, M_1$$

$$m_2 = 1, \dots, M_2$$

$$n_1 = 1, \dots, N_1$$

$$n_2 = 1, \dots, N_2$$

# Tensor-tensor Multiplication

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Using contracted product...

- Set of all third-order tensors is not closed
- No notion of inverse possible

*New multiplication operation defined that is closed, inverse exists, that gives way to a new way of thinking about the SVD*

# New tensor-tensor multiplication

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$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N} \\ \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times P \times N} \end{array} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times P \times N}$$

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- Multiplication defined in terms of the tensor “slices”
- Circulant matrices play a role
- Operation is associative
- Can define an inverse
- Set of  $N \times N \times N$  invertible tensors form a group under this multiplication

# fold operator

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Given a set of  $p$  matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{fold}(\{A_1, \dots, A_N\}, i) \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$$

creates a tensor  $\mathcal{A}$  from the  $N$  matrices along the  $i$ -th dimension.

## Example:

Suppose  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{fold}(\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}, 3) = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\phantom{A_3}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{A_2}} \\ \boxed{\phantom{A_1}} \end{array} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times 3}$$

# fold operator

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Similarly,

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{fold}(\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}, 2) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline A_3 \\ \hline A_2 \\ \hline A_1 \\ \hline \end{array} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times 3 \times M}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{fold}(\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}, 1) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline A_1 \\ \hline A_2 \\ \hline A_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times L \times M}$$

# New tensor-tensor multiplication

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$  with  $L \times M$  faces  $A_1, \dots, A_N$ , and  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times P \times N}$  with  $M \times P$  faces  $B_1, \dots, B_N$ . Then

$$A * B = \text{fold} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} A_1 & A_N & A_{N-1} & \dots & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_1 & A_N & \dots & A_3 \\ \vdots & A_2 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{N-1} & \vdots & \ddots & A_1 & A_N \\ A_N & A_{N-1} & \dots & A_2 & A_1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \\ \vdots \\ B_N \end{array} \right], 3 \right)$$

$$A * B \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times P \times N}$$

# Example

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$$\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times 3} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \begin{array}{l} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times 3} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} = \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \square \\ \square \end{array} \begin{array}{l} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \text{fold} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} A_1 & A_3 & A_2 \\ A_2 & A_1 & A_3 \\ A_3 & A_2 & A_1 \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_3 \end{array} \right] & , 3 \end{array} \right)$$

# Identity

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The  $N \times N \times P$  **identity Tensor**,  $\mathcal{I}$ , is the tensor whose frontal face is the  $N \times N$  identity matrix and whose other faces are zeros.

## Example:

The  $2 \times 2 \times 3$  identity tensor is defined by

$$\mathcal{I} = \text{fold} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, 3 \right)$$

In general,  $\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I} * \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}$

# Inverse

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$ . Then the tensor inverse of  $\mathcal{A}$  is any tensor  $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$  such that

$$\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B} * \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{I}$$

We denote the inverse of  $\mathcal{A}$  as  $\mathcal{A}^{-1}$ .

It follows that  $(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B})^{-1} = \mathcal{B}^{-1} * \mathcal{A}^{-1}$

# Transpose

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$  with faces  $A_1, \dots, A_N \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{A}^T = \text{fold}(\{A_1^T, A_N^T, \dots, A_2^T\}, 3) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L \times N}$$

It follows that  $(\mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B})^T = \mathcal{B}^T * \mathcal{A}^T$

# Permutation Tensors

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Let  $\mathcal{P} = (p_{ijk}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times P}$ .

$\mathcal{P}$  is a **permutation tensor** if there are exactly  $N$  entries of unity, such that there is at most one nonzero entry in row  $i$ , column  $j$ , and slice  $k$ .

## Example:

A  $3 \times 3 \times 2$  permutation tensor:

$$\mathcal{I} = \text{fold} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, 3 \right)$$

# Frobenius Norm

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Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{ijk}) \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$ .

Then the **Frobenius norm** of  $\mathcal{A}$  is

$$\|\mathcal{A}\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^L \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^N a_{ijk}^2}$$

# Orthogonality

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Let  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times P}$ .

$Q$  is **orthogonal** if

$$Q^T * Q = Q * Q^T = \mathcal{I}$$

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a tensor, then it follows that

$$\|Q * \mathcal{A}\|_F = \|\mathcal{A}\|_F$$

# Tensor SVD

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  can be factored as

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

where  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L \times N}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M \times N}$  are orthogonal tensors and  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$  has diagonal matrix faces.

If  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{U}(:, i, :) * \mathcal{S}(i, i, :) * \mathcal{V}(:, i, :)^T$$

# Tensor SVD: computation

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- Computation of the tensor SVD involves SVDs of block diagonal elements obtained from block diagonalizing the circulant matrix generated by  $\mathcal{A}$
- Using the SVDs of the blocks leads to algorithms for compression
- Operation extends recursively to order- $p$  tensors when  $p > 3$

# One Compression Strategy

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Suppose  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$

Can prove that if  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{U} * \mathcal{S} * \mathcal{V}^T$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{U}(:, :, i) \quad \text{is orthogonal.}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{A}(:, :, i) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{U}(:, :, i) \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{S}(:, :, i) \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{V}(:, :, i) \right)^T$$

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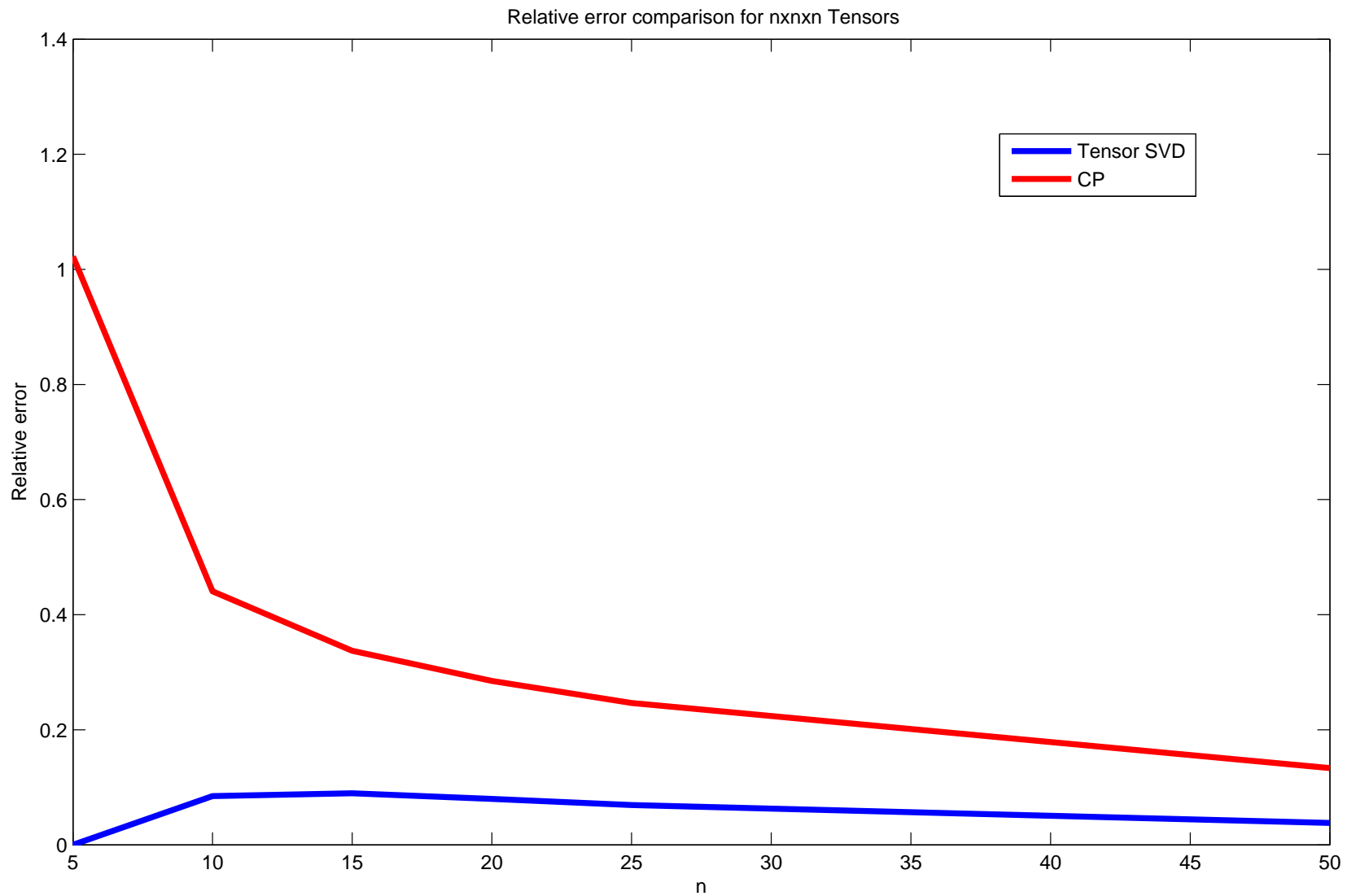
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- Take rank- $k$  approximation and “build” back approximation to the tensor  $\mathcal{A}$
- Can rewrite “compressed” tensor  $\mathcal{A}_c$  as sum of outer products:

$$\mathcal{A}_c = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k \tilde{U}(:, i) \circ \tilde{V}(:, j) \circ \mathcal{M}(i, j, :)$$

# CP and Tensor SVD

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# Tensor QR

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Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times M \times N}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A}$  can be factored as

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q} * \mathcal{R}$$

where  $\mathcal{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L \times N}$  is an orthogonal tensor and  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M \times N}$  has upper triangular matrix faces.

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Q} * \mathcal{R}$$

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Thank you!  
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